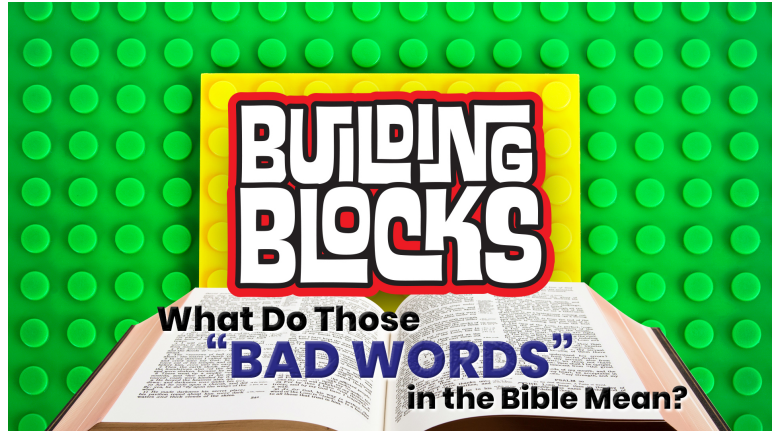


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## Transgression

“Transgression.” That’s a big word we hear every once in a while in sermons or Bible classes, but what does it mean? Most importantly, what does God mean when he talks about “transgression”?



**TRANSGRESSION** means to “\_\_\_\_\_.”

In [Proverbs 8](#), Solomon tells us that our Creator “assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not \_\_\_\_\_ his command” ([8:29](#); [Job 38:10-11](#)). When a “line” has been drawn by someone in authority and that line gets crossed? That’s an example of “transgression.”



Throughout the Bible, God gives us examples of people “transgressing against” other people. A good example can be found in [Genesis 50:17](#). Do you remember Joseph? As a very young person, he was sold by his own brothers who hated him. Many years later, Joseph became a prince in Egypt and the same brothers who sold him NEEDED Joseph to save them. Listen to what they said:

“Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did \_\_\_\_\_ to you.”

These brothers knew they had “transgressed” against Joseph their brother—they had “crossed the line” in the way they had treated him.

But we can also “transgress” against God, our Creator. God has drawn a line for the seas, and he’s also established boundaries for people. When we decide not to listen to him and disobey his commands or warnings, what are we doing? We are “transgressing” ([Joshua 23:16](#)). And what do “transgressors” deserve? Transgressors deserve to be punished.

But what did God’s own Son do for us? “He was pierced for \_\_\_\_\_ transgressions” ([Isaiah 53:5](#)). “He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors” ([53:12](#)). Jesus Christ is willing to pay the penalty we deserve to pay for our transgressions.

# FOUNDATION STONES

- Have you ever seen a sign like this?



What does that mean? What is “trespassing”?

- Let’s open our Bibles back to [Genesis 2](#) and read [2:15-17](#). What was God saying? And what did Adam and Eve do in [Genesis 3:1-6](#)? What “line” drawn by God did they cross?
- Can you find [Exodus 20](#) in your Bible? Can you find any “lines” God drew for the children of Israel in that chapter? What are those “lines” that God drew called?
- We heard in [Isaiah 53:12](#) that Jesus was “numbered with the transgressors” when he died. What does that mean?
- But we also heard that Jesus “makes intercession for the transgressors.” Why is that such good news?