



**Another Way to See the Bible
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Richard Rohr: In this series we'd like to address as best we can a subject that I think intrigues, frustrates, attracts almost everyone in the Judeo-Christian tradition, and that is this issue of the Bible. What do we do with the Bible? How is it helpful? How is it not helpful? We've seen so many violent and tragic things justified by a line from the Bible. We've seen people who can remain racist, sexist, hateful, I have to say it, who are Bible-quoting people. So, it's created in our culture a rather broad—I think I'm being honest, a rather broad mistrust of using a quote from the Bible. Much of our culture just dismisses it as soon as you do it. I'm sort of disappointed in that, because I've had a lot of years to reflect on the Bible, to study the Bible, to pray with the Bible, to preach on the Bible. And so that frequent contact has given me time to what I always call connect the dots and find the trajectories. What are the great themes of the Bible. That was actually the first book I ever wrote back in the mid-1980s: *The Great Themes of the Bible*. So if you'll allow, we'd love to invite you on a journey to approach the Bible with faith, with trust, but not with naivete. Because naivete, a simple—it means what it says, usually ends up it means what your culture wants it to say, and that is not usually very helpful. When we don't allow the Bible to critique the ego, the culture, we end up with a rather unhelpful; let me leave it at that, unhelpful use of the Bible. So, I hope you can trust us. I'll do the best I can and I hope it'll re-offer you the Bible in a way that is both critical, but faith filled. And I know that's what you want to keep and deepen your faith.