

## HISTORY · HOW WE GOT HERE

# Why the Old Testament Is Not Optional

Catechesis Track, Lesson 2 · About 30 min

Marcion tried to cut the Old Testament out of the Christian Bible in the second century. The Church said no, and we should too.

## Marcion is not dead

He just teaches an adult Sunday-school class now. The temptation to quietly set the Old Testament aside is as old as the second century, and the Church's answer has not changed.

### READ THE SCRIPTURES

*Romans 15:4 | Genesis 22:1-14 | Hebrews 1:1-2*

### FROM THE PRAYER BOOK

#### Collect for Proper 28

*“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning.”*

### FOR A PARISH SMALL GROUP: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Marcion's proposal was so tempting to some early Christians?
2. What do we lose if the Church quietly does what Marcion proposed?