

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in The Lord's Table
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

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Don't Settle. Press On!

Gen 19; 2 Thess 2

Undaunted Series

Life Change: We practice disciplined good works and words.

2 Timothy 1:7 is the undaunted action plan.

No spirit of timidity.

God's power.



Willem van de Velde "Ships in a Stormy Sea" (1671-72)

Love.

Discipline.

Discipline involves not looking back.

Gen 19:17, 23-26

Get out of the circle of influence.

Don't long for evil left behind.

Discipline involves sanctification by grace.

2 Thess 2:13-14

Discipline involves holding tight.

Hold to scriptural traditions.

2 Thess 2:15-17

Hold to the fruits of God's grace.

Hold forth with good works and words.

1. Forgive.
2. Serve.
3. Do a great job at work.
4. Share the gospel.
5. Give money regularly.
6. Appropriately use Jesus' name.
7. Observe nature.
8. Memorize scripture.
9. Commit to and prepare for assembly worship.
10. Practice undeserved good deeds.

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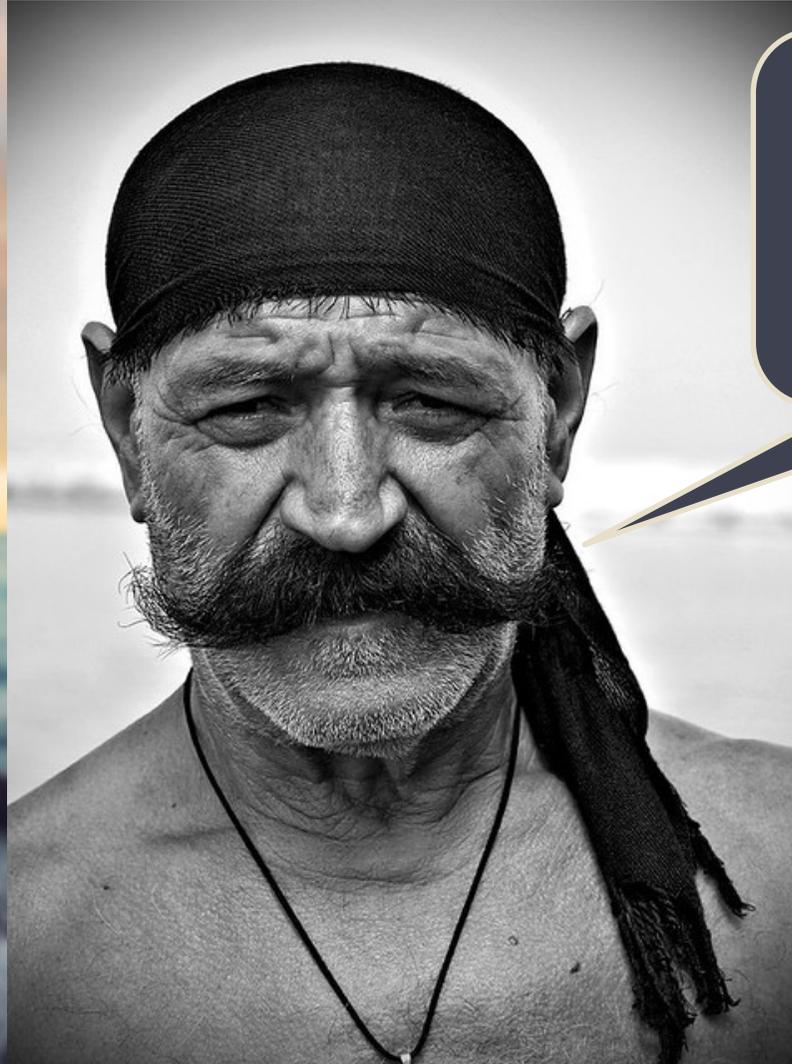
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**No wind, so
no power!**



Greek Sailor
Morten Saxild
2012



**How can we
properly fill
our sails?**

courtesy flickr

For millennia, ships could only sail with the wind astern – behind them. Tacks were long and laborious, because the ship couldn't get more than 80 degrees off of wind direction. Turn more than 80 degrees away from wind astern, and you're dead in the water.



But enterprising Dutchmen took experimental Mediterranean technology and turned it into the fore-and-aft rig with moveable booms on the mast. That allowed ships to still find power at almost 300 degrees of wind direction.





Ship in irons



Ship free sailing

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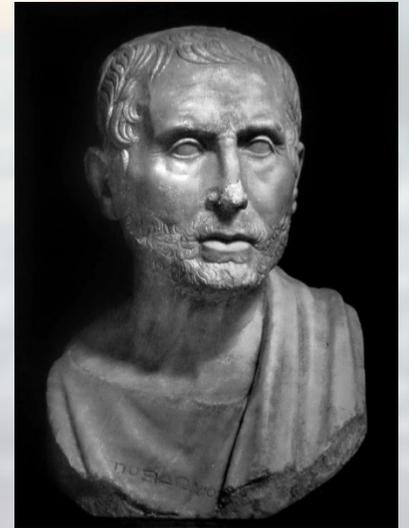
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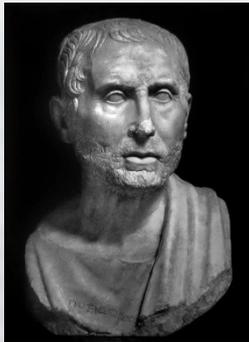


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Yellow areas show strong adherence to Posidonius' philosophy.



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Paul is purposefully using pneuma – a term Jesus used for God the Spirit – in conjunction with dynamis, Posidonius' term for the universal power to which one must relate. The Apostle is succinctly declaring that God the Holy Spirit is the force Posidonius referenced.



Willem van de Velde the Younger "Ships in a Stormy Sea" 1671-2, courtesy Leiden Collection

Although traveling on the Zuiderzee could be turbulent because of its notoriously choppy waters, many fully embraced this adventure...Van de Velde depicted one such



passenger, the standing man wearing a broad-brimmed brown hat and coat, gesturing excitedly toward the wave crashing over the bow. – Arthur Wheelock, “Charting a Course With Assurance”

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Greek: ἀγάπη agape = purposeful, other-centered, unconditional, self-sacrificial love

Wayne, a friend of mine, Jonathan Dove, pastors a church in Auckland, New Zealand. In their services they often use Māori words during their music and sermons. Recently, you talked about agape love, which clicked a memory of a Māori phrase that I think describes agape love perfectly. In Māori it is Kia aroha noa (key-ah ah-row-ah no-ah) which translates “love without limits.” – Nate Couch

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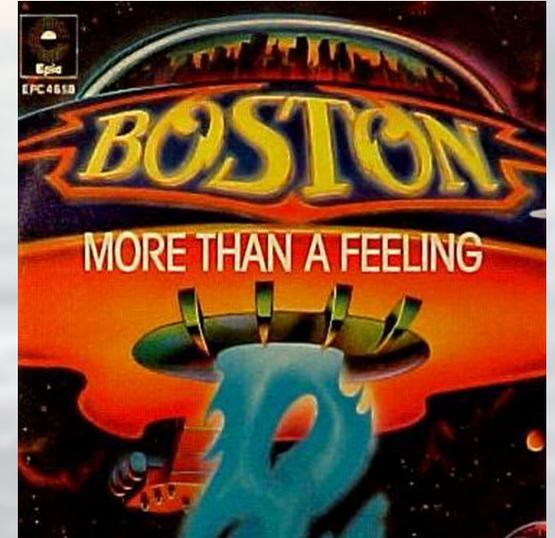
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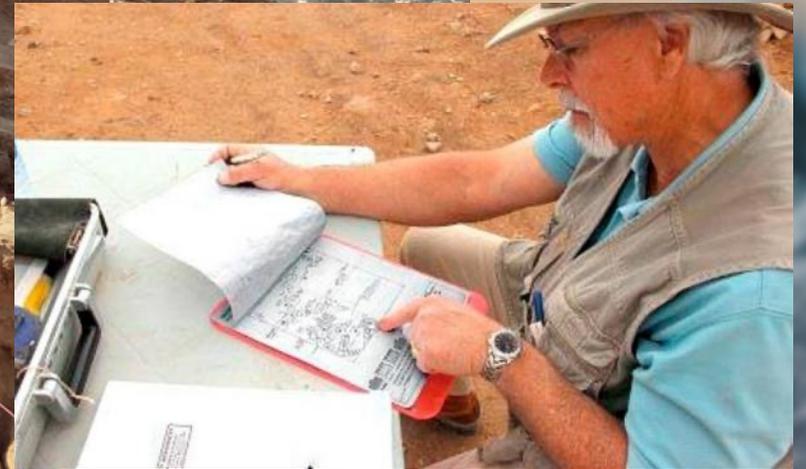
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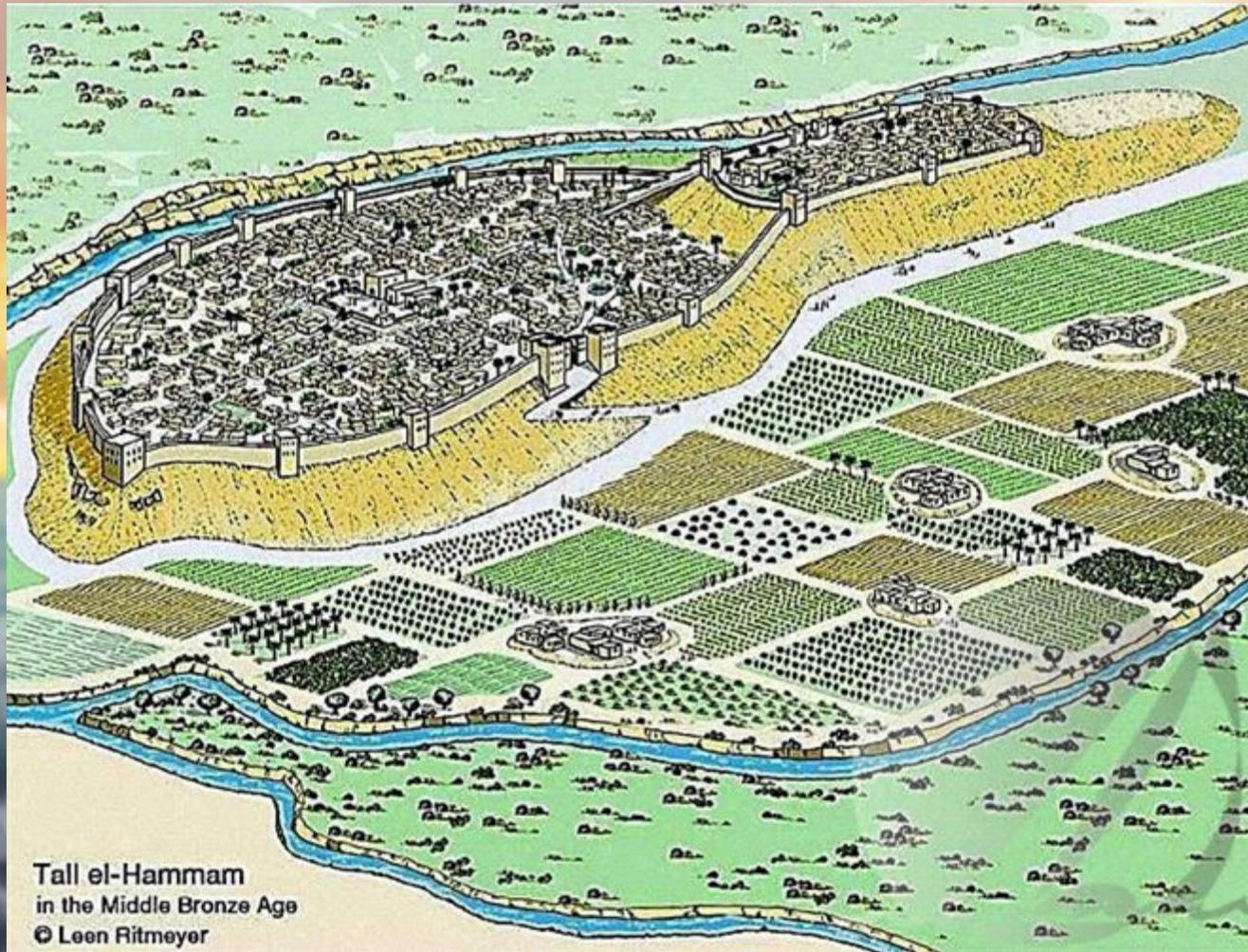
Tall el-Hammam



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***Tall el-Hammam
is biblical Sodom***





Tall el-Hammam
in the Middle Bronze Age
© Leen Ritmeyer

courtesy East Carolina State University

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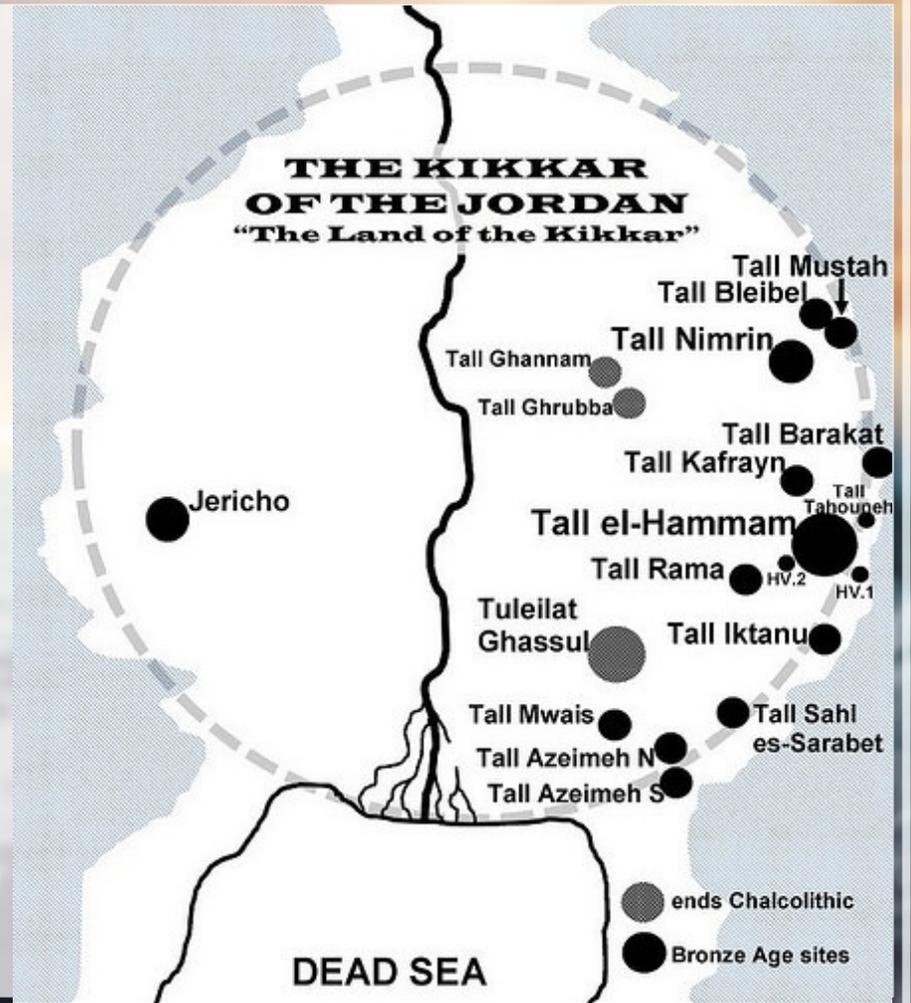
We're not certain yet, but we think the explosion may have vaporized or splashed toxic levels of Dead Sea salt water across the valley. Without crops, no one could live in the valley for up to 600 years, until the minimal rainfall in this desert-like climate washed the salt out of the fields. – Christopher R. Moore, “A giant space rock...the biblical story of Sodom”

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**A way of looking at
life influences:
Blue = chaotic
Green = bad
Red = wicked
Orange = good
Yellow = holy**

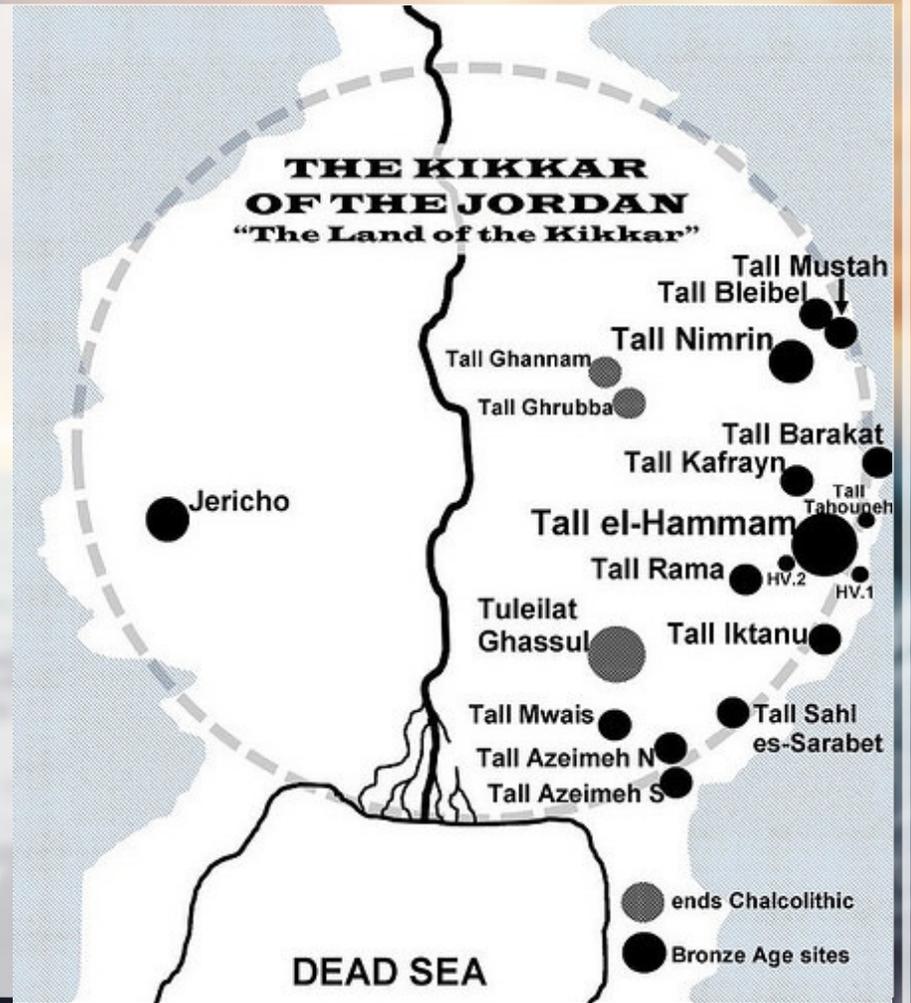


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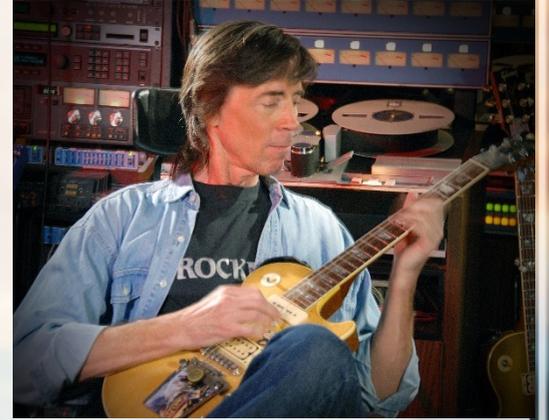
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Hebrew: נָבַט nabat = gaze, ruminates on something, to settle in for a while



**It's a new horizon and I'm awaking now
Oh I see myself in a brand-new way
The sun is shining
The clouds are breaking
Cause I can't lose now, there's no game to play**

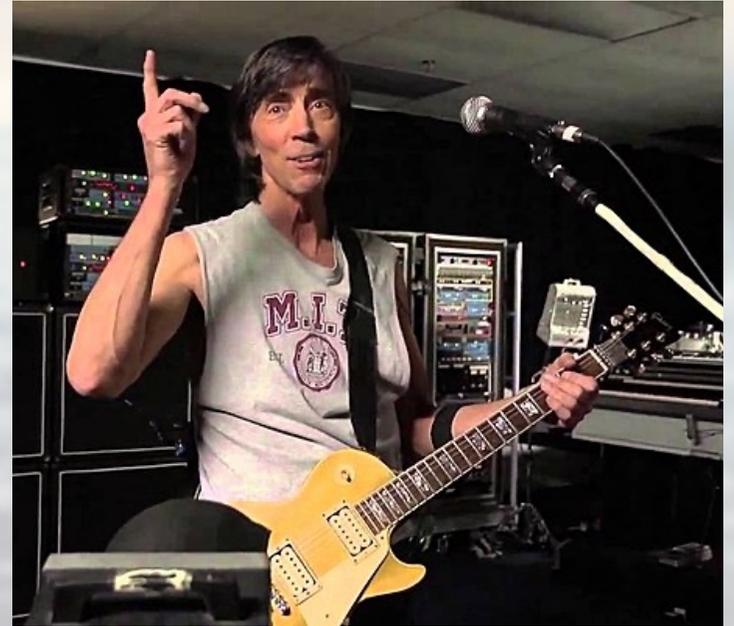


**I can tell
There's no more time left to criticize
I've seen what I could not recognize
Everything in my life was leading me on
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Everyone seems to want to tell me what I deserve...When I listen to the hundreds of marketers and politicians telling me what I deserve because I'm worth it, my self-esteem enjoys a boost. But then I wonder how all these folks I've never met know what I deserve. Evidently, I deserve all good things just for being within the range of their voices or being eligible for automobile financing.

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whatever it is...
YOU deserve it...

**You deserve everything.
You need no other power.
You make self holy.**

**2 Thess 2:13 from the beginning
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Philippians 3

**12 Not that I have already reached the goal
or am already perfect,
but I make every effort
to take hold of it
because I also have been
taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ^{CSB}**

Sanctification, the pursuit of holiness, requires sustained and vigorous effort. It allows for no indolence, no lethargy, no halfhearted commitment, and no laissez faire attitude toward even the smallest sins. In short, it demands the highest priority in the life of a Christian, because to be holy is to be like Christ — God's goal for every Christian...

And that sanctified pursuit is all by grace. Nothing so motivates us to deal with sin in our lives as does the understanding and application of the two truths that our sins are forgiven and the dominion of sin is broken because of our union with Christ.

— Jerry Bridges, *The Discipline of Grace*



**I know that there's something that's just out of sight
And I feel like I'm finally seeing the light
And I feel like we're trying to do something right
Come on make it if we hold on tight
We're ready!**

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Tradition is the living faith of the dead.

Traditionalism is the dead faith of the living.

– Jaroslav Pelikan, *Emergence of the Catholic Tradition*







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Why does that help?

Job 37

**⁵ God thunders wondrously with his voice;
he does great things that we cannot comprehend.**

**⁶ For he says to the snow, “Fall to the earth,”
and the torrential rains, his mighty torrential rains,**

⁷ serve as his sign to all mankind,

**so that all men may know his
work. ^{CSB}**



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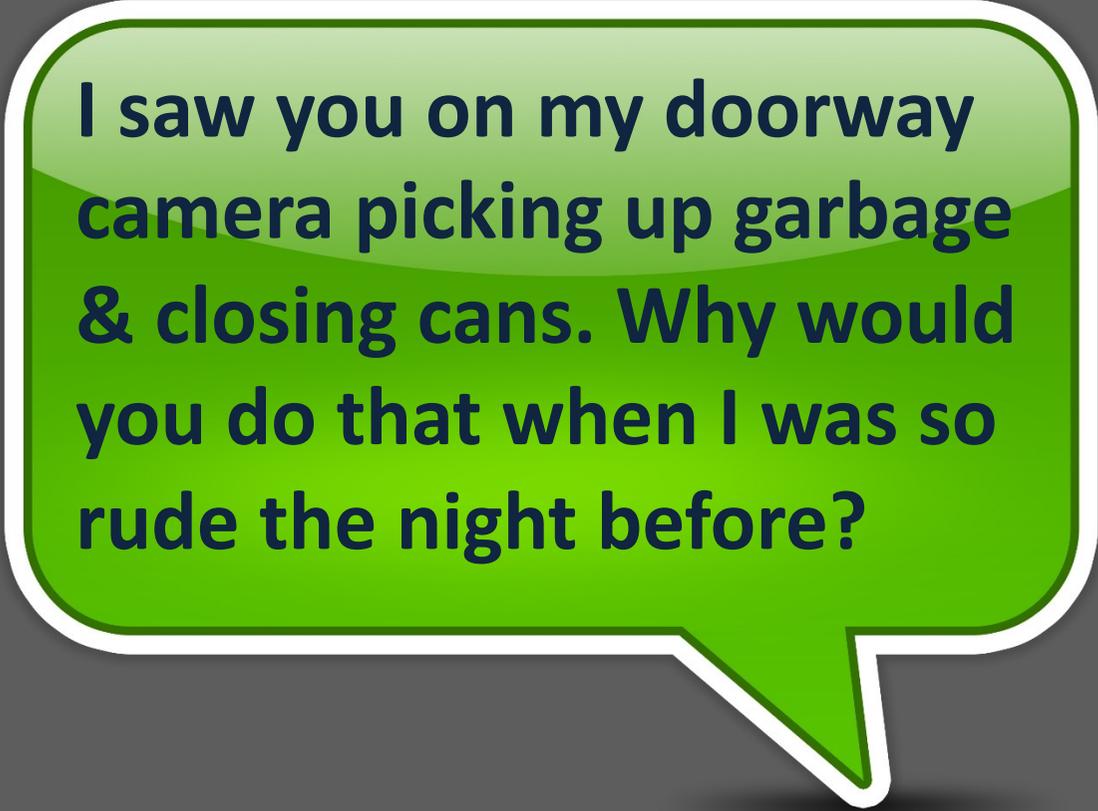
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camera picking up garbage
& closing cans. Why would
you do that when I was so
rude the night before?**

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