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1 Peter 4:7-11
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The process of shooting arrows...

Psalm 58:7-8
2 Chronicles 26:15

How to create value – focus

1 Peter 4:7

Focus with timeliness

Focus with clarity

Focus for prayer

How to create value – alignment

1 Peter 4:8-10

Maintain continual love

Be hospitable

Without complaint

Use your gifts to promote well-being

How to create value – release

1 Peter 4:11



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VALUE

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Valued.

Value.



Values.

V = value
P = price

$$\frac{V}{P} \geq 1 \text{ (yes)}$$

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**Heartsill Wilson's
value formula**



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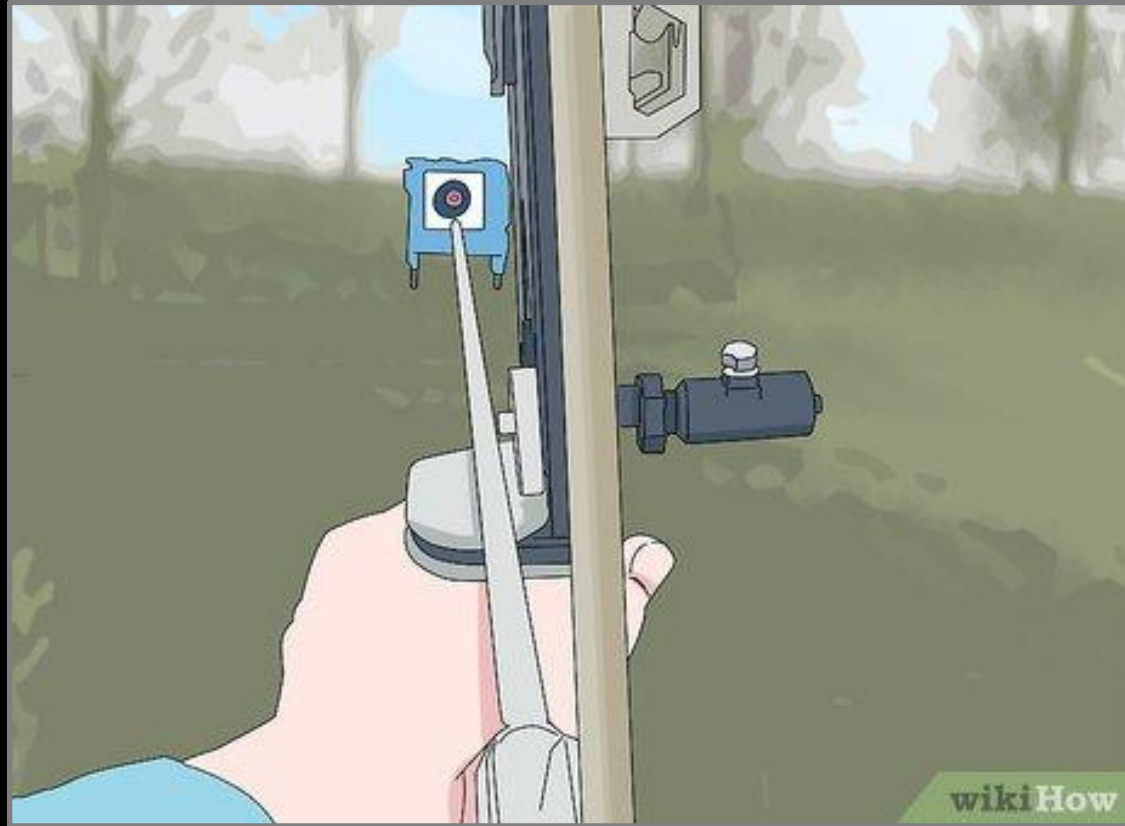
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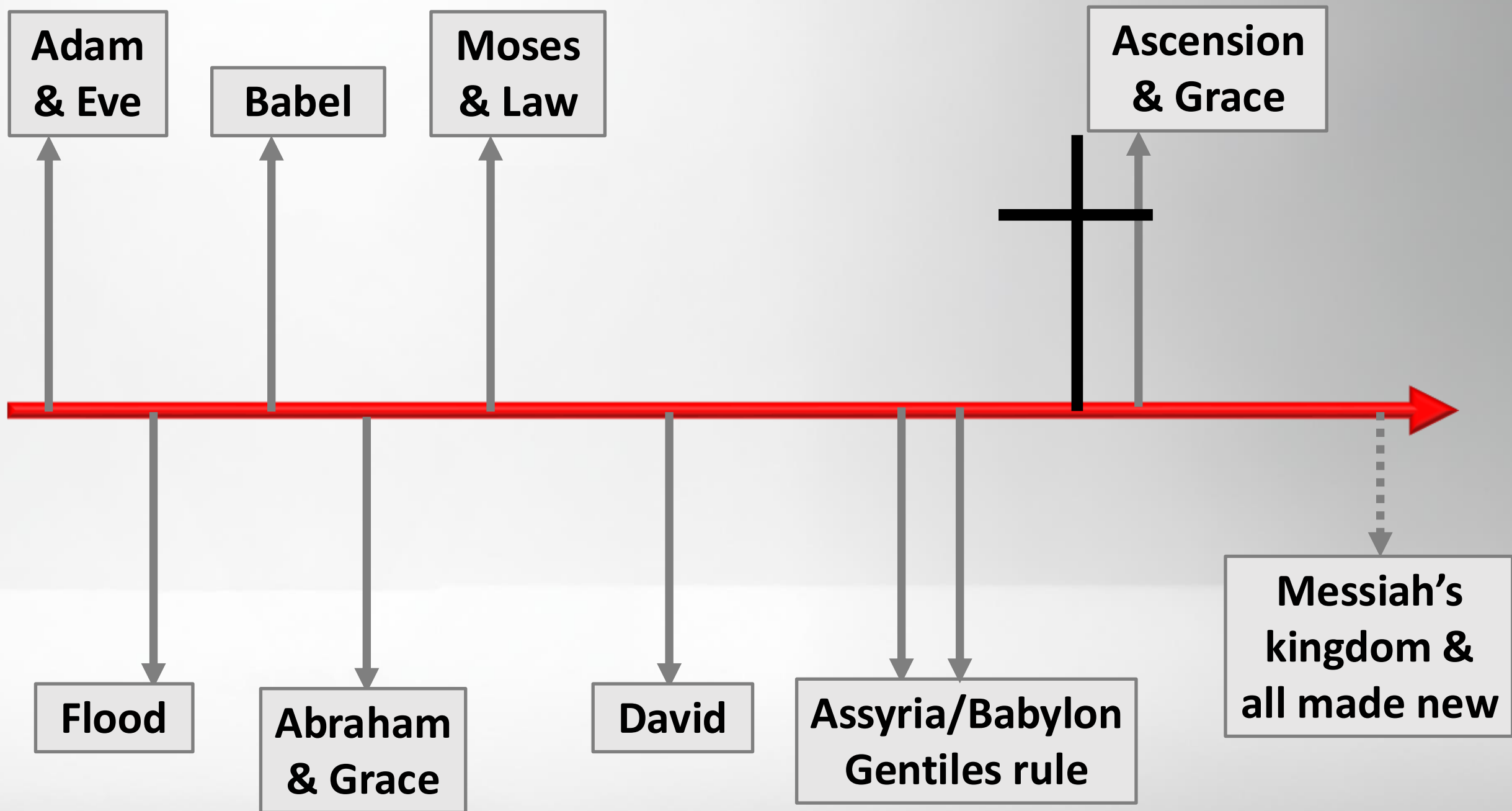


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What does that
have to do with
focus and value?



³² From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.

1 Chronicles 12 CSB

We must focus on creating value with timeliness.

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Cause it's time, it's time in time with your time
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“Those lyrics are about getting people to focus on the times so they can see through time...to God and be of use to Him.” – Jon Roy Anderson



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The subject of νήφω is the individual and his λογισμός (logismos; calculus), and what is in view is the unequivocal and immediately self-evident antithesis to all kinds of mental fuzziness. – Otto Bauernfeind, “Nepho”

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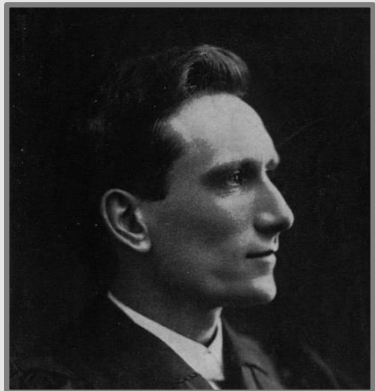
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**IS
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We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't



want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours.

– Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*



I cannot see anymore. I can't move around very well. But I am quite useful because I can pray. I can pray for and with others, storming the gates of hell.

The [New Testament] letters are saturated with references to prayer; these range from praise to petition, from celebration of God's grace and benevolence to urgent requests for the needs of the churches. Conscious at all times that the exalted Jesus is making intercession for his church (Rom. 8:34), Paul saw prayer as arising through the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit (sent from Christ) within the body of Christ and within the individual believer (Rom. 8:15-16).

– Walter Elwell, *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*



**So just how are we
supposed to pray?**



¹ He [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

² He said to them, “Whenever you pray, say,
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When believers contemplate how to spend their lives in light of the Lord's coming, in their few days as sojourners, they should remind themselves of the priority of love. – Tomas Schreiner, *1,2 Peter and Jude*

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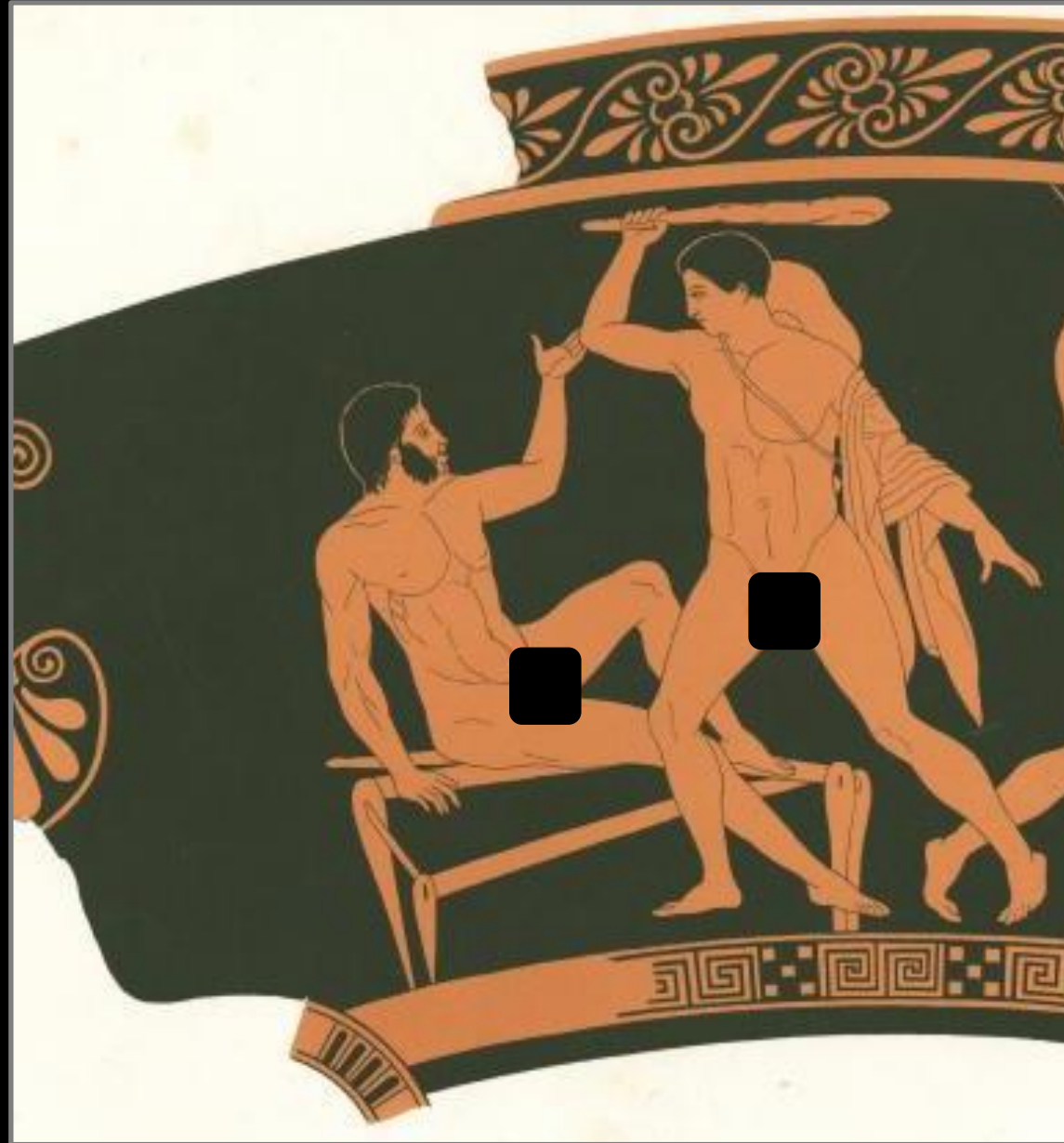
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But it was a trap. If the guest was too tall for the bed, Procrustes would cut off their limbs to make them fit. If they were too short, he would stretch their bodies until they matched the bed's length. Either treatment killed the guest, after which Procrustes stole their belongings. Each person who walked into his trap got this horrible treatment, making Procrustes a scary figure in the region of Attica. As Theseus traveled to Athens, he aimed to clear the land of its many dangerous robbers.



As Theseus went forward on his journey and came to the river Cephissus, he was met by men of the race of the Phytalidae [descendants of Phytalus, the god-fearer who freely gave hospitality], who greeted him first, and when he asked to be purified from bloodshed, cleansed him with the customary rites, made propitiatory sacrifices, and feasted him at their house. This was the first kindness which he met with on his journey.

– Plutarch, *Lives*, Theseus



Procrustes



Phytalus

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Greek: γογγυσμός gongysmos = a relatively new word in the first century. It was an onomatopoeia, the sound of the word representing the mumbling, grumbling of the heart.



The grouchy grumbler. The negative naysayer. The gloomy pessimist. Complaining has many forms. Not every complaint is toxic. Sometimes, a complaint is warranted and can help to identify problems. Additionally, everyone needs to vent from time to time.

But many churches have at least one person who complains about everything...They are like a young child discovering a live mic in a room full of people. The noise is loud, overbearing, and impossible to ignore.

– Sam Rainer, “A Constant Complainer in the Church”

Respond Yes or No:

- **I keep track (even subconsciously) of what I have given/sacrificed.**
- **I should spend more time emphasizing gratitude and appreciation.**
- **I sometimes weigh others down with negativity.**
- **I am good at justifying my complaints.**
- **I like to gather sympathy.**
- **I dominate discussions.**
- **No solution to a problem is acceptable unless it meets all or almost all of my desires.**
- **I have solicited others to agree with my complaints.**

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When investors DE-value the thing in which they have invested, they pull out. Too many churches have [spent] decades leaning on the value generated by their forebears, without carrying on that legacy. The end result is like cotton candy. It looks like there's a lot there, but it's mostly empty air – the exact opposite of value. – Michael Berry



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We don't have *work* and *life* as though the two can be extracted from each other...Each person has, obvious as it may seem, one life. Work is part of it, not separate from it...[By] honestly embracing our God-given agency, sense of purpose, and desires, we'll find ourselves less consumed with the myth of a perfectly-mixed formula and more in tune with God who has called us vocationally, relationally, and everywhere in between. – Abby Perry, "You Don't Want Work-Life Balance"

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**“Lord, I submit
this to You. Your
sovereign hands
must guide this
[person/job/etc.]
because I can’t.”**

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We insignificant people with our daily words and acts are preparing the lives of many...For the growing of good in the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts. Things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been [greatly because of] the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs. – George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans), *Middlemarch*

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