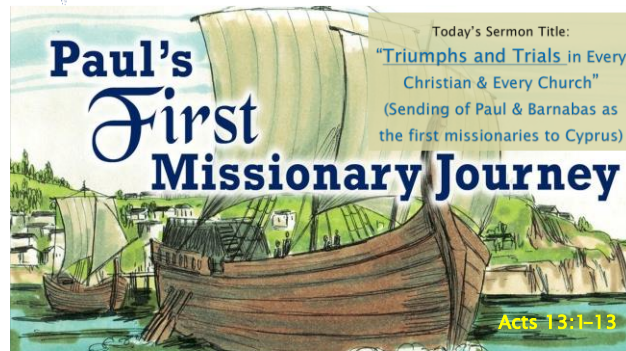


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What can TBC learn from Paul's home church at Antioch and their example of sending out Paul and Barnabas on the 1st Missionary Journey?

II. Review: Background of Acts (Bible Quiz)

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6. What two chapters cover the Paul's 1st Missionary Journey? ____ - ____ What years were the 1st Missionary Journey? ____ - ____ A.D.?
7. Why is the book of Acts both Descriptive (not everything described is to be duplicated by the early church) and Prescriptive (there are many commands and examples of the early church that the modern church should imitate/obey)?

What has stood out to you most of all as far as examples of the early church that you want to be true of TBC or your life?

III. Introductions: Trials & Triumphs, Ups & downs, valleys & mountain tops, griefs & celebrations in every church and family

- A. Conversion of Sergius Paulus vs fierce spiritual opposition by the magician Bar-Jesus/Elymus
- B. Sending, embarking, and fruitfulness of the 1st Missionary journey vs John Mark deserting at the very beginning
- C. Acts 12:24 But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied. Vs abuse (13:44-50), expulsion (14:2-7), and physical persecution (stoned/left for dead – 14:19) reminder of Acts 9:16 "I will show him/Saul how much he must suffer for my name."
- D. Mother's Day – many joys and trials in loving husbands, raising children, and serving in the church. (Ex. of Susanna Wesley)

What are some of the most important things that your mom taught you? What is the hardest thing you have had to endure/overcome so far in life? What are your greatest victories/celebrations so far in your life? How can we move forward better in hope and strength knowing there are inevitable difficult times coming – even your own physical death or loss of beloved ones, but also knowing that your ultimate salvation/reward in the coming Kingdom is a sure thing!

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 - d. Future Prophets during the Tribulation - 2 witnesses (Joel, 2:28, Rev. 10:7, 11:10, 11:18, 16:6, 18:20-24, 22:6-9)

Here at start of the early church in Jerusalem (Acts 6) we see Apostles (prototype Elders) teaching/giving themselves to the Word and Prayer (6:4) and servants like Stephen (a prototype Deacon) leading ministries like the food distribution ministry (6:1-3). Later Antioch we have the office of Apostle (Saul/Paul) and Prophets and Teachers (Barnabas, Simeon/Niger, Lucius, Manaen), Later in Corinth (1 Cor. 12:28) we see

Apostles, NT prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healers, helpers, administrators, and tongue speakers and interpreters, even later in Eph. 4:1 we see Apostles, NT prophets, Evangelists/Missionaries, and Pastors/Teachers, and finally in Philippians 1:1 and 1 Timothy 3 we see just Elders (Pastors/Teachers) and Deacons (Servant Helpers). **What can we conclude as far as these descriptions of differing and changing church government in Acts versus the PRESCRIPTION/command of church government in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1 to test, train, and select a plurality of Biblically qualified Elders and Deacons?**

The sermon showed different forms of church governments 1. Catholic Model – Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals, Pope, 2. Episcopalian/Anglican Model – Rectors, Bishops, Archbishop, 3. Presbyterian Model – Plurality of Elders/Session, Presbytery, General Assembly, 4. Congregational Model - Single Elder/Pastor and Deacons – most Southern Baptists, 5. Corporate Models – run the church like a business or military, 6. House Church models – pure democracy or no government, and 7. Biblical model – Elder Rule/local plurality of Elders and Deacons leading congregation/members who have confessed Jesus as Lord and been baptized by immersion.

What do you think is the most Biblical form of church government? (defend your position from Scripture)

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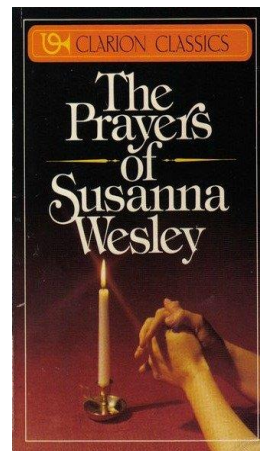
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 - a. Selected out of the church leadership—those already faithful (apostle – Paul, prophets and teachers – Barnabus, Simeon/Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen/close to Herod the Tetrarch)
 - b. Selected while they were ministering/serving the Lord in the church
 - c. Selected while they were praying/fasting
 - d. Selected after then entire church fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them (commissioning) before sending them (fast, pray, lay, send)
 - e. Ultimately selected by God/sent out by the Holy Spirit – who directed them to the location/target area of God’s choosing
5. **(13:5) Target locations of early Missions Work**
 - a. Where people gather to worship, talk/discuss spiritual things, have some Biblical knowledge and background – in this case Jewish Synagogues
 - b. Unreached Areas (met people as they traveled Cyprus from one end of the island to the other in order to reach the whole island) (make disciples as you are going—Mt.28:18-20)
6. **(13:6-7) Evangelism in the church - The Two Kinds of People who we should expect when witnessing/sharing the Gospel**
 - a. Those who listen (seekers like Sergius Paulus)
 - i. God does use people of high positions, those with authority or great influence in the home, community, government (Influencers)
 - ii. seeking – sought to hear the word of God
 - b. Those who don't really listen (rejecters like Bar-Jesus (false prophet, magician) aka Elymas)
 - i. Antagonists/Opponents/Enemies of God/the gospel/the cross
 - ii. specific pushback /strategies to steal the seed/blind/mute the gospel
7. **(13:8-13) Triumphs and Trials in the early church**
 - a. Triumph - Saul /aka Paul – filled with the Spirit for a specific time/purpose/mission
 - i. The Holy Spirit – reveals people’s true hearts, motivations, unmask, reveals, exposes, uncovers – deceit, fraud, sons of the devil, enemies of righteousness, seeking to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord (confuse, mislead, redefine, subtly change the clear, true, straight words/doctrine/truths of God, Jesus, the Bible)
 - ii. Punishing Miracle - Penalty on False Teacher – blinding mist of darkness (physical blindness)
 - b. Triumph - Conversion of the proconsul – he believed when he saw this penalizing miracle/judgment. But also amazed at the teaching of the Lord.
 - c. Trial - Often at every major victory (especially conversion of new believers) there are ministry discouragements
 - i. Here John Mark deserts them and goes back home to momma and her nice house.
 - ii. We all will have trials in the church - Working through relationship struggles – forgiving/giving GRACE, overcoming, not quitting when we feel low, feel alone, feel betrayed/hurt/abandoned by others – especially hurts/painful when coming from other Christians (who usually don't do it intentionally, malevolently, but Satan manipulates and turns circumstances to pit Christian against Christian.



V. Application: 2 Tim. 1:5-18, Gal. 6:9 - Encouragement to Mothers to stay true/faithful to the Lord during Trials & Triumphs

- Leaving a Legacy of Prayer: The Praying Example of Susanna Wesley by Jackie Green & Lauren Green-McAfee www.faithgateway.com/blogs/christian-books/leaving-a-legacy-of-prayer-praying-example-susanna-wesley

Susanna Wesley's 16 Rules of Parenthood - Susannah Wesley was the 25th child of twenty-five, and the mother of nineteen children, including John and Charles Wesley. Through much adversity, she dedicated her life to instilling a sense of Christian Destiny into each of her children. Her children went on to change the world. Here are 16 rules she laid down in her home. **1.** Eating between meals not allowed. **2.** As children they are to be in bed by 8 p.m. **3.** They are required to take medicine without complaining. **4.** Subdue self-will in a child, and those working together with God to save the child's soul. **5.** To teach a child to pray as soon as he can speak. **6.** Require all to be still during Family Worship. **7.** Give them nothing that they cry for, and only that when asked for politely. **8.** To prevent lying, punish no fault which is first confessed and repented of. **9.** Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished. **10.** Never punish a child twice for a single offense. **11.** Comment and reward good behavior. **12.** Any attempt to please, even if poorly performed, should be commended. **13.** Preserve property rights, even in smallest matters. **14.** Strictly observe all promises. **15.** Require no daughter to work before she can read well. **16.** Teach children to fear the rod. On Discipline Susannah Wesley believed that for a child to grow into a self-disciplined adult, he/she must first be a parent-disciplined child. To her, the stubborn flesh was the hardest battle for Christians to fight, and godly parents would do well to equip their children to overcome it early. She writes: "When the will of a child is totally subdued, and it is brought to revere and stand in awe of the parents, then a great many childish follies ... may be passed by...I insist on the conquering of the will of children betimes, because this is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education ... when this is thoroughly done, then a child is capable of being governed by reason and piety." www.openarmsmagazine.com/Susanna%20Wesley%20Rules.pdf



What encouraged or challenged you the most from the example of Susanna Wesley who was a woman of prayer through many trials and triumphs.

TRUTH BIBLE CHURCH



FOLLOWERS OF JESUS SEEKING TO...

LOVE GOD SUPREMELY

Matthew 22:37-38 ³⁷ And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

SERVE PEOPLE SINCERELY

Matthew 22:39 ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

John 13:34-35 ³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

REACH THE LOST URGENTLY

Matthew 28:19-20 ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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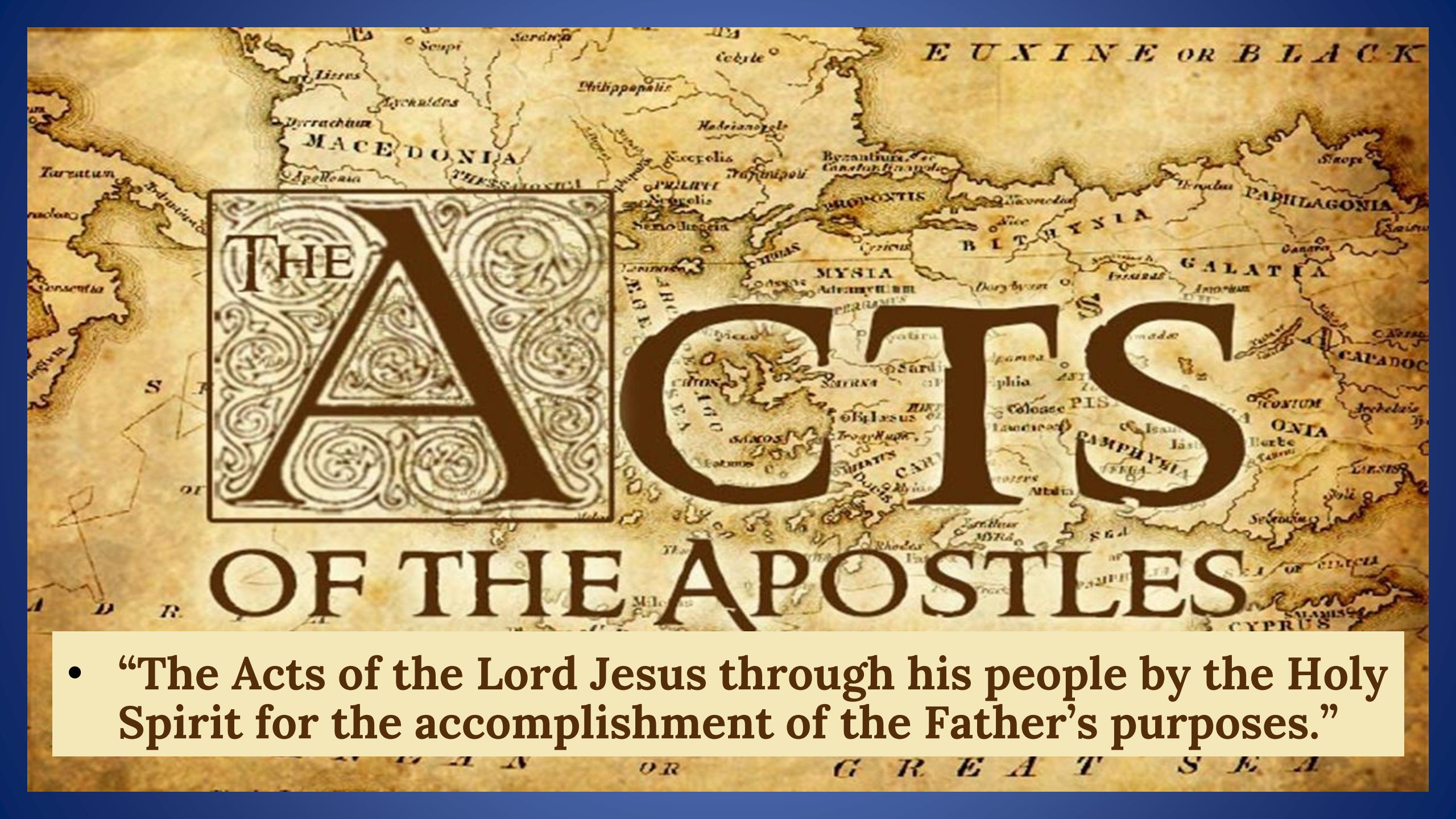
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THE ACTS
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Acts

Theme

Power to witness, 1:8; Jerusalem to Rome. Birth and Growth of the Church / Acts of the Apostles.

Outline_memorize

Jerusalem (1-7)

Judea and Samaria (8-12)

Ends of the Earth (13-28)

Notes

Peter: Chs 1-12, Paul Chs 13-28

Outline

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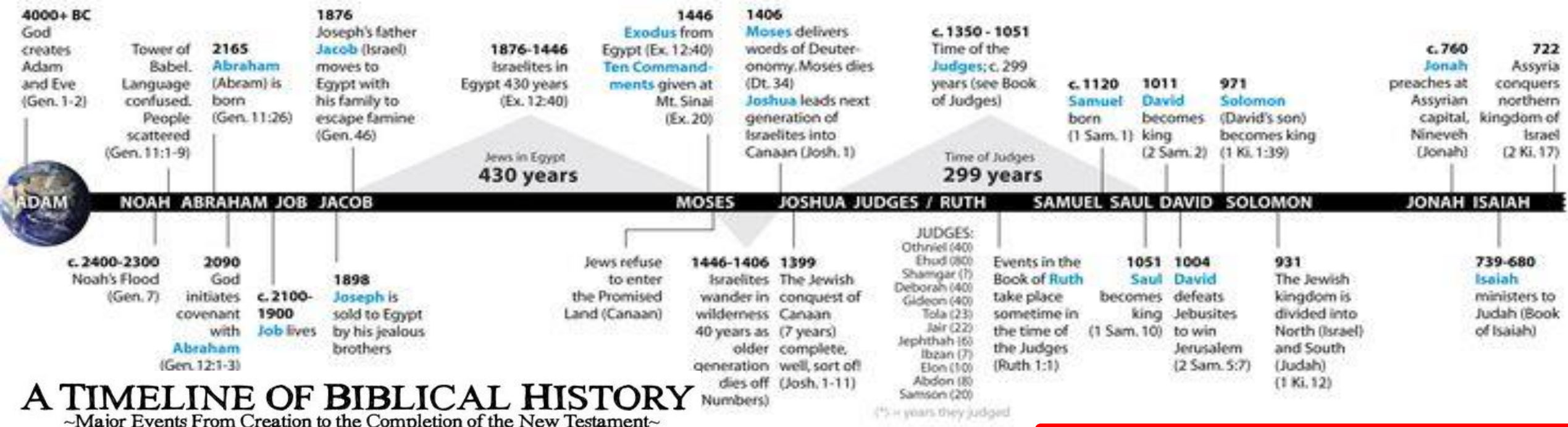
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- A. The Gospel to the Samaritans (8:4–25)
- B. The Conversion of a Gentile (8:26–40)
- C. The Conversion of Saul (9:1–31)
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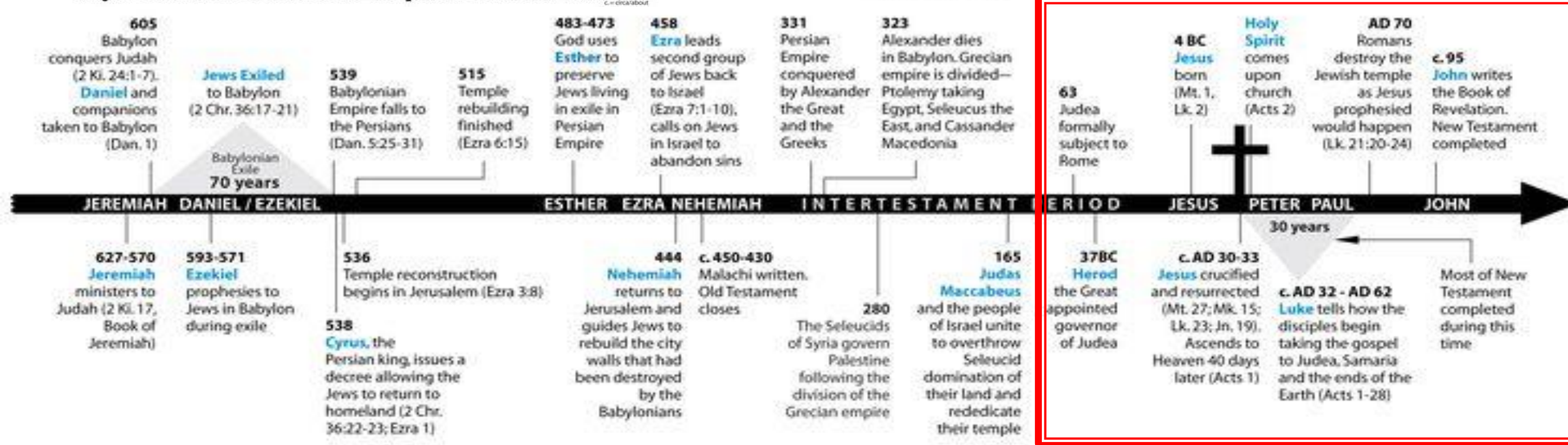
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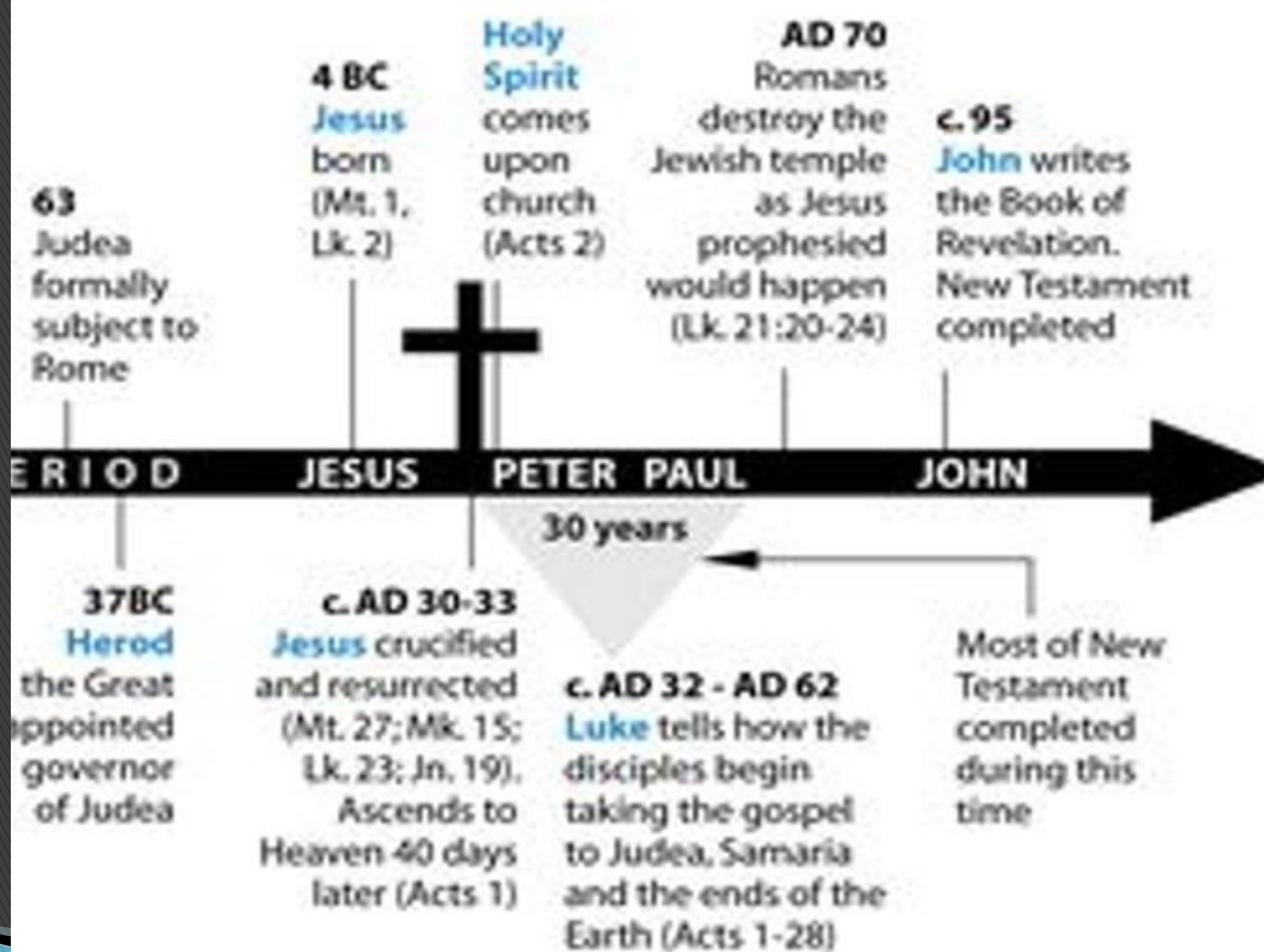
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A TIMELINE OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

~Major Events From Creation to the Completion of the New Testament~





Acts 12 – the Hinge between
Peter's Ministry and Paul's Ministry
(Peter's Arrest, Imprisonment, Escape, Leaving Jerusalem)

Acts 1–11

The
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Apostle to
the Jews,
focus on
Jerusalem



Acts 13–28

The Ministry
of Paul,
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the Gentiles,
focus on 3
Missionary
Journeys to
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Last Week's Sermon Title:

“Providence & Judgment”
(Peter's Angelic Escape &
Herod's Wormy Demise)

Acts 12:1-25





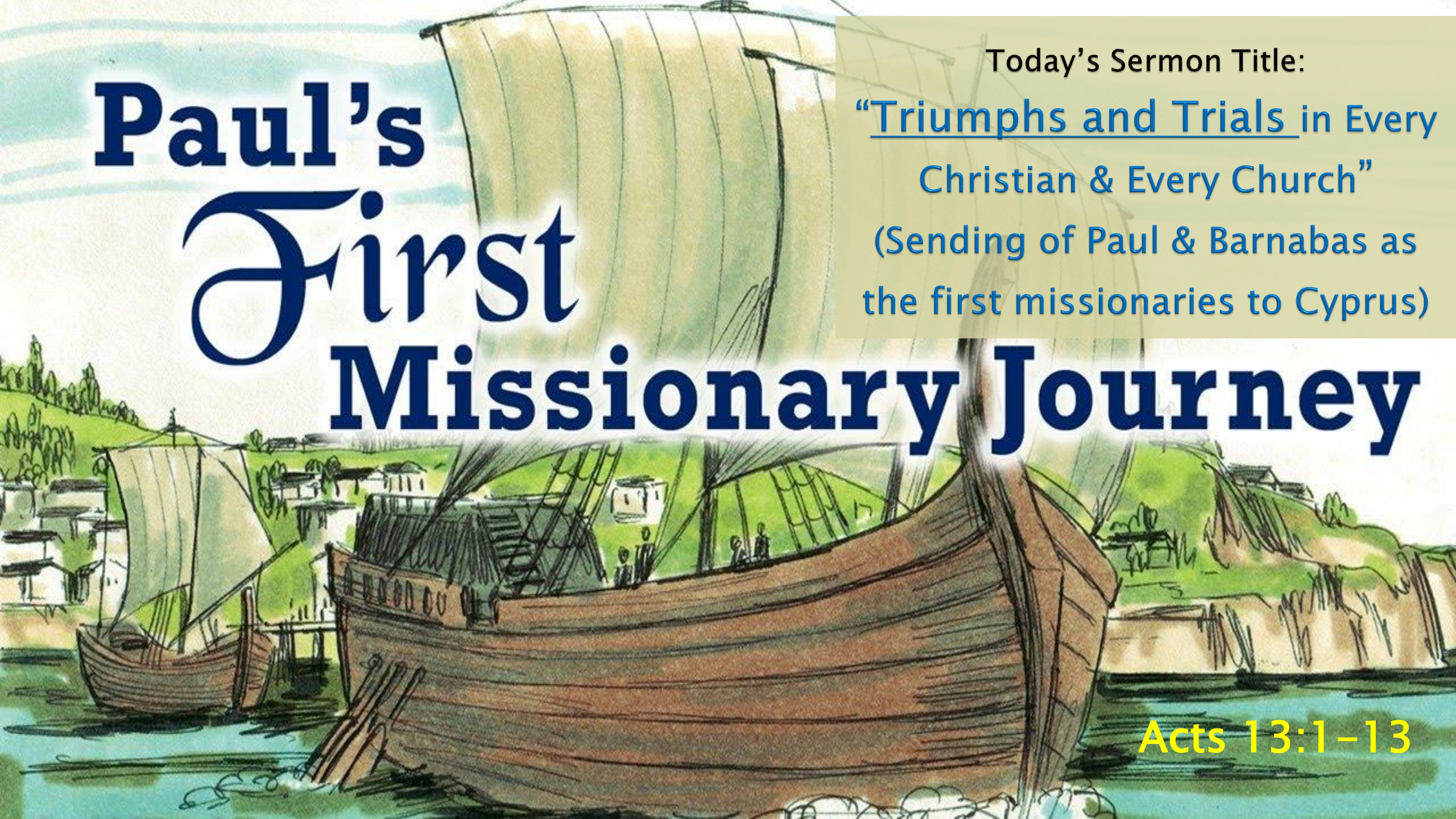
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5. (12:11–16) The Prayers of the Church
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Paul's First Missionary Journey

Today's Sermon Title:

“Triumphs and Trials in Every
Christian & Every Church”

(Sending of Paul & Barnabas as
the first missionaries to Cyprus)

Acts 13:1-13

Paul's First Missionary Journey • AD 47–49 • Acts 13:1–14:28





WHAT HAPPENED ON PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY?

CITIES/PLACES:

1. **Antioch in Syria:** The Holy Spirit sets apart Paul and Barnabas to be missionaries. John Mark goes along as their helper.
2. **Sailed from Seleucia to Salamis and Paphos (on Cyprus):** Paul confronts a sorcerer named Elymas and blinds him. (From this point the Bible calls him Paul, rather than Saul.)
3. **Perga in Pamphylia:** John Mark deserts the group and returns to Jerusalem.
4. **Antioch of Pisidia:** Paul preaches his longest recorded sermon, and many respond. Jewish leaders drive them out of the city. The Lord calls Paul to focus his ministry on Gentiles. The Gentiles are glad and many become believers.
5. **Iconium:** More plots force them to flee.
6. **Lystra:** When Paul heals a lame man, the townspeople think he and Barnabas are Greek gods. Jews from Antioch stir up the crowd, and Paul is stoned and left for dead. But Paul survives and goes back into the city.
7. **Derbe:** Paul preaches and many disciples are added to the church.
8. **Lystra, Iconium, Antioch of Pisidia, Pamphylia, Perga, Attalia:** On the return trip, Paul and Barnabas appoint elders in the churches they had planted.
9. **Antioch (Syria):** Paul remains there for a while, reporting what God had done. (Possibly writes Galatians from here.)
10. **Jerusalem, via Phoenicia and Samaria:** In AD 49, Paul and Barnabas report to the leaders of the Jerusalem church. This meeting is known as the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1–35).

MINISTRY

OPPOSITION

Background to the Journey

Acts 9:1-19 Paul Converted	Preach to Gentiles & Jews	9:15 - my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel	Suffer	9:16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.
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The First Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14)

Acts 13:4-12 Cyprus	Preached in Synagogue Gentile believe	13:5 - preaching in Salamis synagogue 13:7 - Sergius Paulus (a Gentile ruler) wants to hear 13:12 - Sergius Paulus believed - amazed at the teaching	OPPOSED	13:8 - Jewish sorcerer Elymas tried to prevent the proconsul believing
Acts 13:13-52 Pisidian Antioch	Preached in Synagogue Jews & converts to Judaism believe Gentiles believe	13:14-41 - 'message of encouragement' in synagogue 13:43 - many Jews + 'devout converts to Judaism' believe 13:46 - Paul explains why Jewish opposition drives him to preach to Gentiles: because God anticipated light to the Gentiles (v47) 13:48 - Many Gentiles honoured the word and believed	ABUSED	13:44-45 - Jewish jealousy and abuse 13:49-50 - word spread but persecution stirred - expelled from region
Acts 14:1-7 Iconium	Preached in Synagogue Jews & Gentiles believe	14:1 - Spoke in synagogue and now many Jews AND Gentiles believed	EXPELLED	14:2 - Jews who refused to believe stirred up and poisoned others' minds 14:5-7 - City divided, and there's a plot to stone them, but they escape to preach elsewhere
Acts 14:8-20 Lystra & Derbe	Preached to crowds	14:16 - Paul explains why Gentiles should listen: God had let them go own way, but now there's good news for them! 14:18 - crowds listened though many misunderstood.	STONED & LEFT for DEAD	14:19 - Iconium & Antioch Jews travel down to Lystra, win crowd over and instigate the stoning of Paul

Acts 14:21-28 Return & Debrief	14:27 - they reported all that God had done and how he opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.	14:22 - "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God"
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 - seeking – sought to hear the word of God
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7 TBC Take Aways from the 1st Missionary Journey:

1. **(13:1) Offices** in the early church vs modern church – Prophets & Teachers (later with cessation of 3 gifts/1 Cor. 13:8 and completion of the NT canon – transition to Elders & Deacons – Phil.1:1, 1 Tim 3)

a. **OT Prophets** who wrote the OT (numerous references – for ex. just in Mt. 1:22, 2:5,15,17, 23, 3:3, 4:14, 5:12,17, 7:12, 8:17, 10:41, 11:9, 13, 12:17, 39, 13:17, 35, 57, 14:5, 16:14, 21:4, 11, 26, 46, 22:40, 23:29, 30, 31, 34, 37, 24:15, 26:56, 27:9)

b. **Early Church Prophesying Prophets** – Predictions of the future – Agabus (Acts 11:27–28, Acts 21:10)

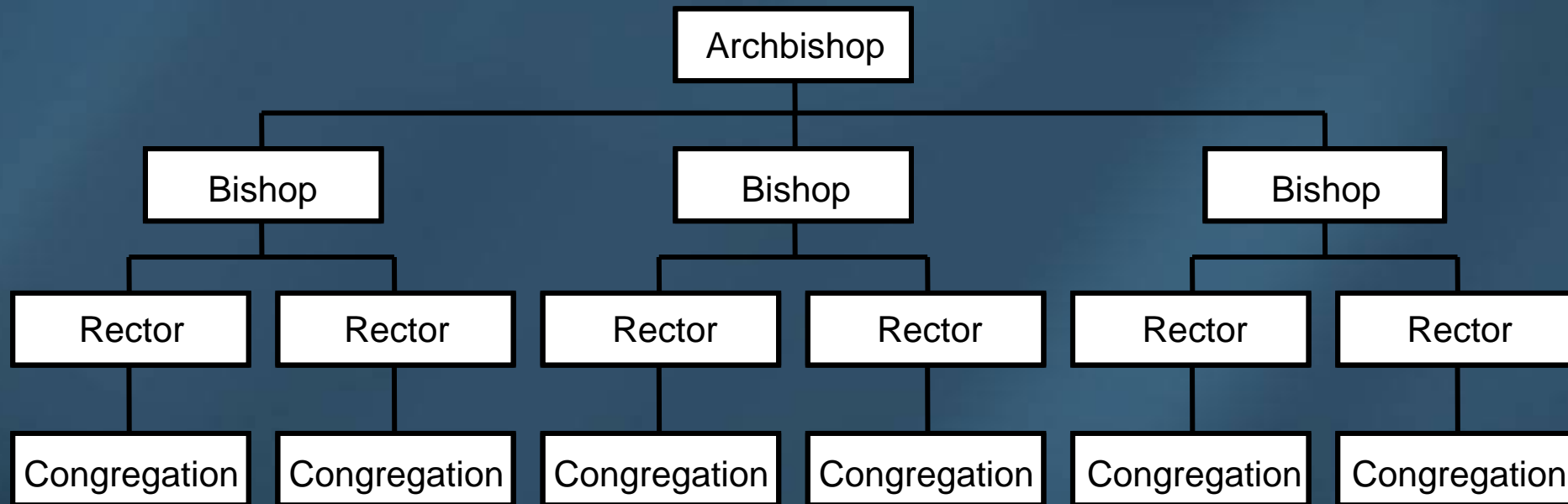
c. **Early Church Teaching Prophets** – Proclaiming NT doctrine without the NT (Acts 13:1, 15:32, 1 Cor. 12:28–29, 14:29–40, Eph. 2:20, 3:5, 4:11, 1 Thess. 2:15)

d. **Future Prophets for Israel** during the Tribulation/2 witnesses (Joel, 2:28, Rev. 10:7, 11:10, 11:18, 16:6, 18:20–24, 22:6–9)

Church Governance

Episcopalian

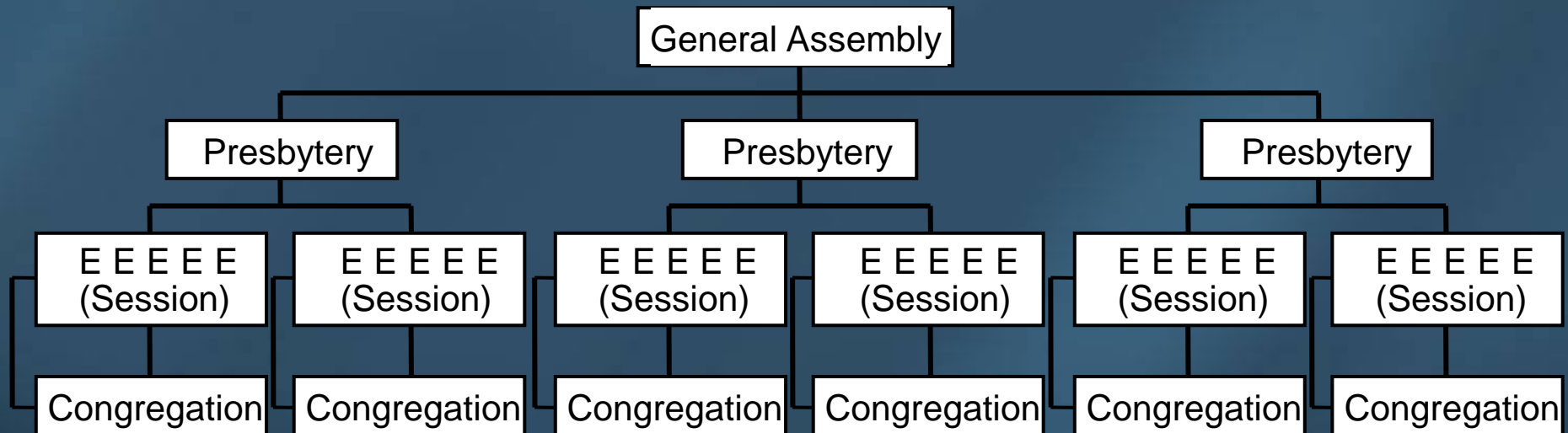
(Similar to Roman Catholicism Hierarchy minus the Pope)



Church Governance

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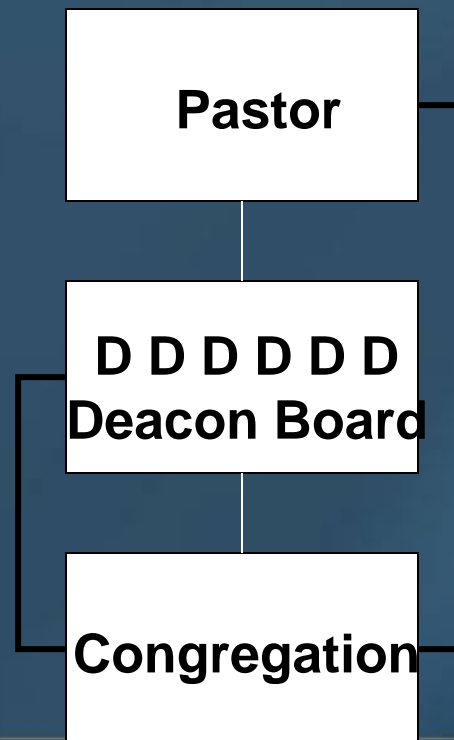
(Elder Ruled/Plurality of Elders but authority & offices above local Elders)



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Congregational Single-Elder (Single-Pastor)

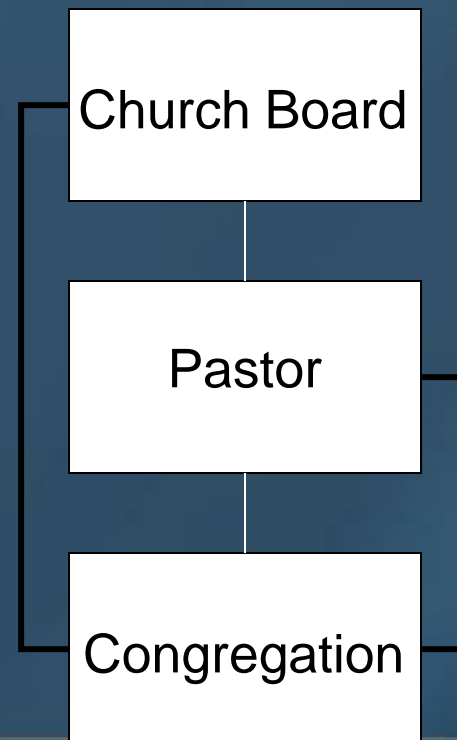
(No plurality of Elders - Most Southern Baptist Churches, extreme of Moses model or Deacons overruling Pastors)



Church Governance

Congregational Corporate Board Model of Church

(Run the Church like a Business or Military - Boards and Committees – Ex. MD Trustees)



Church Governance

Congregational Pure Democracy

(Congregation Votes on Everything – Pastors/Elders have little to no Authority)

Congregation

Church Governance

Congregational
No Government but the Holy Spirit
(House Church Model - Often no Biblically Qualified Elders or Deacons)



Church Governance

Elder Rule Local Plurality of Elders

Chart 7



*Lead Pastor

7 TBC Take Aways from the 1st Missionary Journey:

2. (13:2) Fasting in the church / Role of Leaders in the church (ministering to the Lord/Word and prayer/fasting – Acts 6:4) (serving, praying, fasting)

a. **OT Fasting:** Nehemiah 1:4, 9:1, Esther 4:3, 9:31, Psalm 35:13, 69:10, 109:24, Daniel 6:18, 9:3, *Is. 58, Jer. 14:12, 36:6–9, Joel 1:14, 2:12–15, 3:5, Zech. 7:5, 8:19

b. **NT Fasting:** Matthew 4:2, 6:16–18, 9:14–15, 17:21, Mark 2:18–20, Luke 2:37, 5:33–35, Acts 13:2, 27:9, 14:23

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CHRIST'S CHURCH NEEDS PRAYER



C is for Courage

Pray God would make the church strong and courageous. Ask Him to empower us to boldly proclaim the true gospel without timidity, fear, shame, or compromise. (Deut. 31:6; Phil. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 1:16)



H is for Holiness

Ask the LORD to set the church apart, to sanctify us through His Truth, and to wash us with water and the Word so that we might be a glorious church, pure and blameless, without stain, wrinkle, or blemish. Pray that God would make us holy as He Himself is holy. (John 17:17; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Peter 1:15-16;)



U is for Unity

Pray that God would unify His church completely in love for Him and for one another. Ask Him to grant us a singleness of spirit and purpose so that we will do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit. May the LORD cultivate in us the mind of Christ and conform us to His image. (John 17:23; John 13:35; Philippians 2:1-8)



R is for Resolve

Pray that God would help us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, knowing that He who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it. May we be resolved to know Christ and Him crucified, confident He will guard everything we have entrusted to Him. (Hebrews 10:23; Philippians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 2:2; 2 Timothy 1:12)



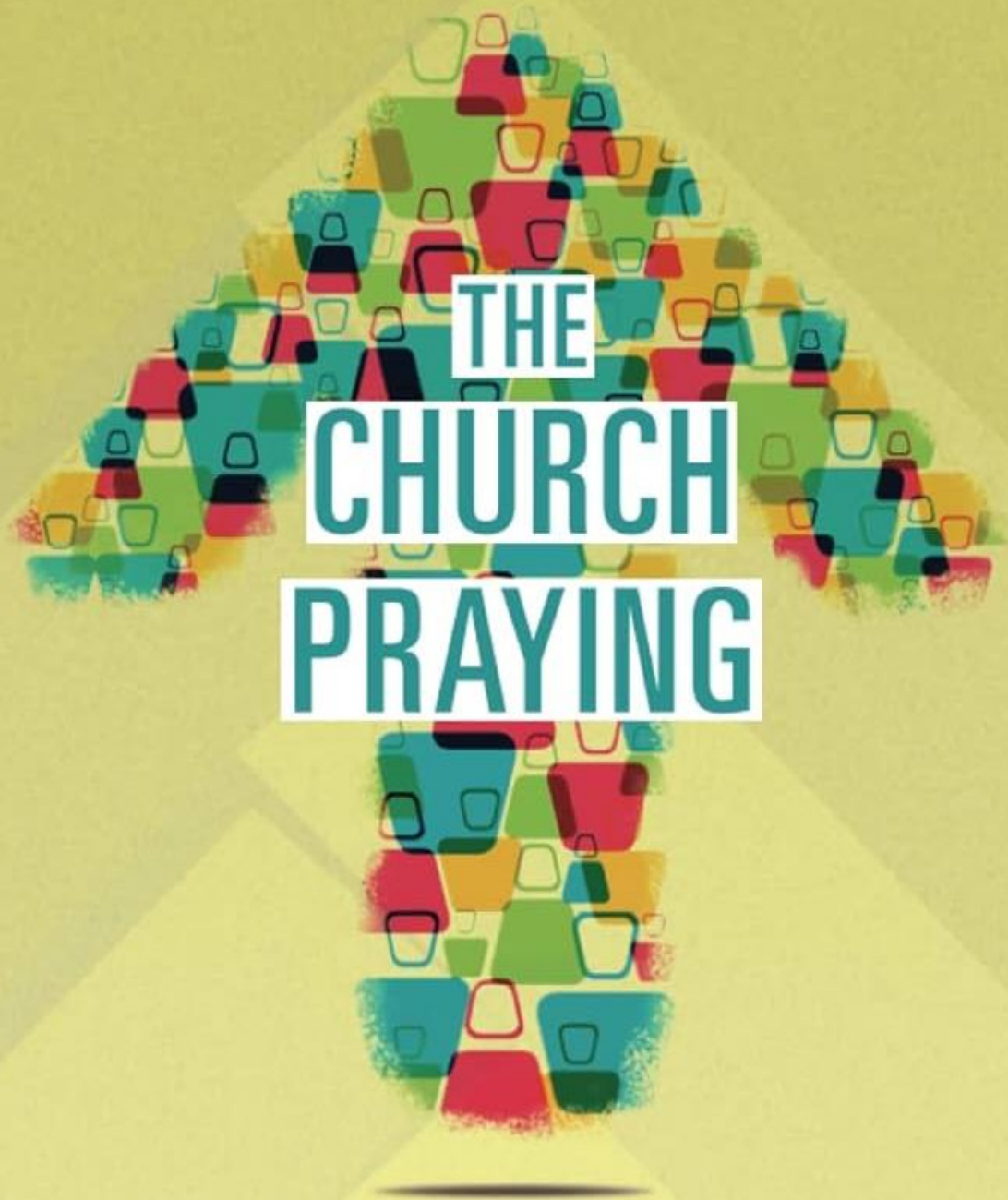
C is for Compassion

Ask God to develop in His church a heart of compassion and make us gentle, kind, and patient. Pray He'll teach us to consider the needs of others as more important than our own, to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to address both the physical and spiritual needs of the poor. (Col. 3:12; Phil. 2:3-4; James 1:27; James 2:15-17)



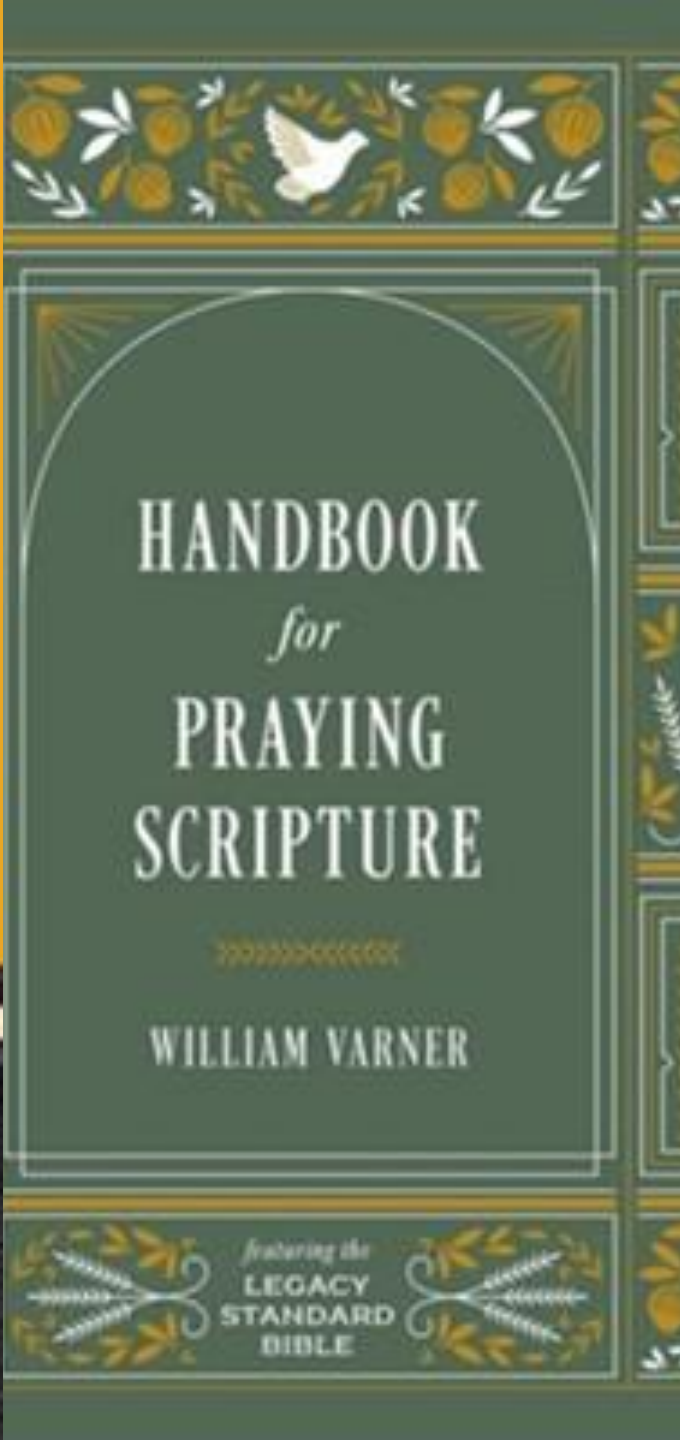
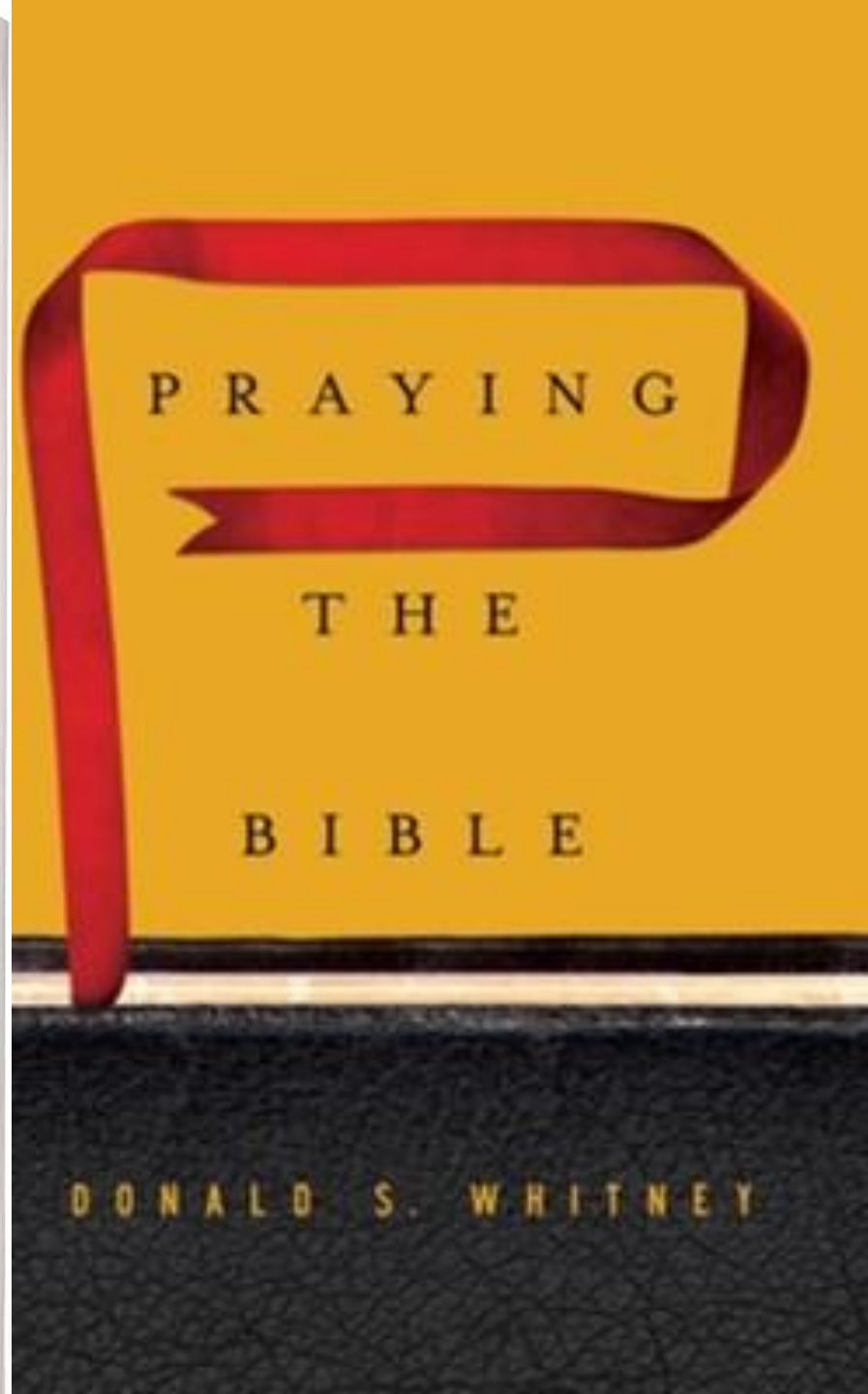
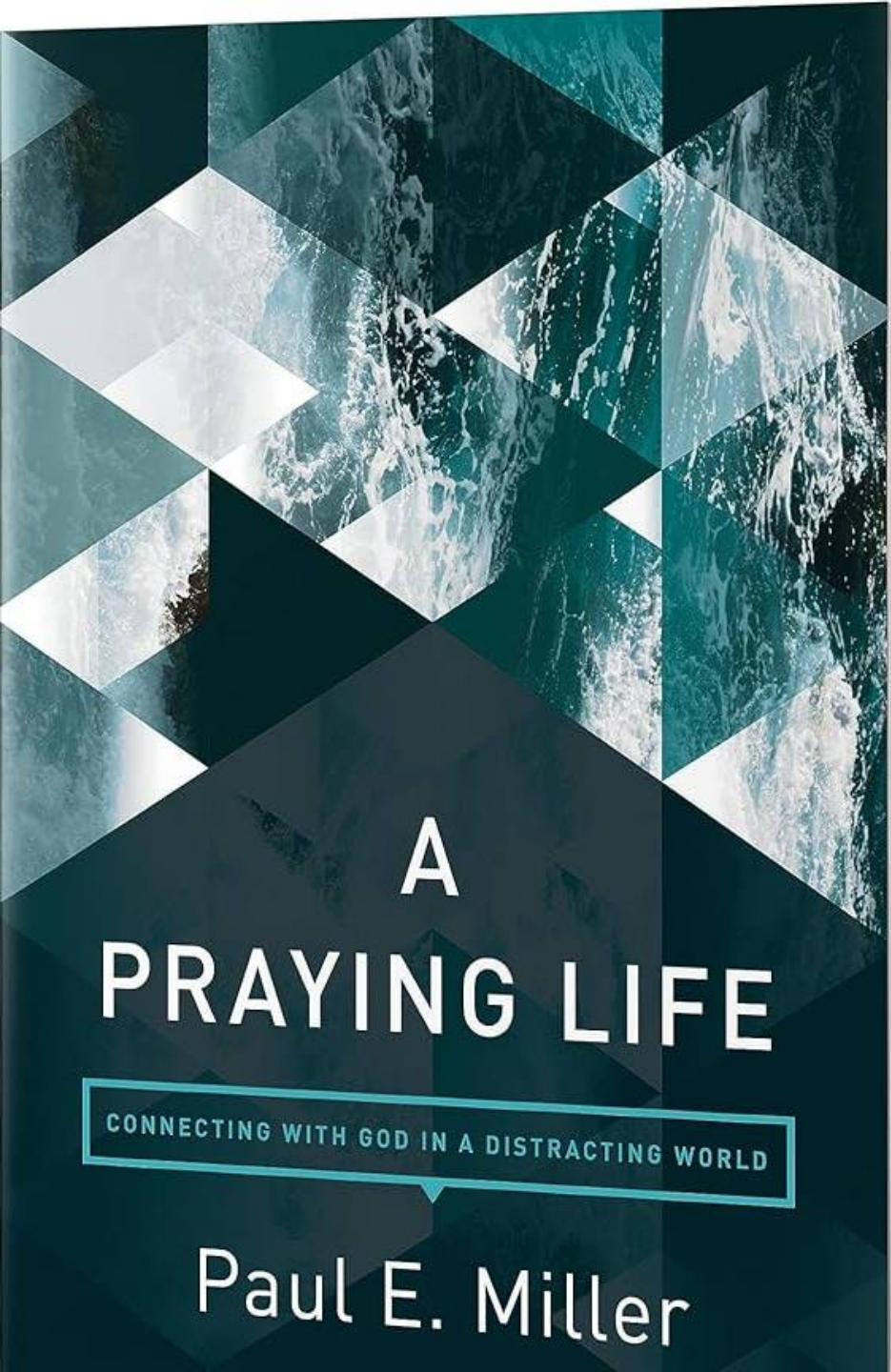
H is for Humility

Remembering that "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble," ask the LORD to cultivate in His church a spirit of humility and meekness. May we draw near to God, so that He will draw near to us. (James 4:6; Proverbs 29:23; Isaiah 57:15; James 4:8)



How do we get our church to actually **PRAY**...

- ▶ **Regularly** (Col. 4:2, 1 Thes. 5:7)
- ▶ **Earnestly** (Col. 4:12, 1 Thess. 3:10, James 5:17)
- ▶ **Expectantly**/in faith (Phil. 1:19, James 5:15)
- ▶ **In the Spirit**/by the H.S./according to God's Will/Name/Glory (Mt. 6:10, 26:42, Luke 22:42, Rom. 8:26, Eph. 6:18, Jude 1:20, John 14:14, 16:23, 1 John 5:14, James 4:2-3)
- ▶ **With/by Fasting** (Neh. 1:4, 9:1, Est. 4:3, 9:31, Ps. 35:13, 69:10, 109:24, Dan. 6:18, 9:3, Joel 2:12, Matt. 6:16-18, 17:21, Mk. 2:18, Acts 13:2, 14:23)
- ▶ **So we gain and maintain God's Perspective, Power, Protection, Perseverance, and PROGRESS!**



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Ten Prayers of Jesus & Paul in the New Testament:

1. Jesus prayer before the cross: MT 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and **prayed**, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

2. Jesus prayer for Peter: Luke 22:32 But I **have prayed** for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.

3. Jesus prayer for himself: JN 17:1-5 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and **prayed**:

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

4. Jesus prayer for his disciples: JN 17:6-19 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I **pray** for them. **I am** not **praying** for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ **My prayer is** not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

5. Jesus prayer for all believers: JN 17:19-26 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

"**My prayer is** not for them alone. I **pray** also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world

6. Paul's prayers for the Romans: Romans 1:9-10 God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰ in my **prayers** at all times; and **I pray** that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

RO 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and **prayer** to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

7. Paul's prayers for the Ephesians: Eph 1:16-19 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my **prayers**. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ **I pray** also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

EPH 3:14-19 For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ **I pray** that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And **I pray** that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

8. Paul's prayers for the Philippians: PHP 1:9-11 And this **is my prayer**: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

9. Paul's prayers for the Colossians: COL 1:9-14 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped **praying** for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰ And we **pray** this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

10. Paul's prayers for the Thessalonians: 2TH 1:11-12 With this in mind, **we** constantly **pray** for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. ¹² We **pray** this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

5 L's of A Good Church...

- ▶ **Loves** God and People
- ▶ **Learns** the Word of God
- ▶ **Lives** the Word of God
- ▶ **Looks** for Jesus' Return
- ▶ **Longs** for Jesus' Kingdom

5 Prayers for Truth Bible Church:

Lord for your greatest glory grant our church regular...

- 1. Confessions** (New Converts committing to live for Jesus as their personal Lord)
- 2. Baptisms** (New Christians publicly identifying with Christ and other Christians)
- 3. Memberships** (Obeying Christ's command to meet regularly with other Christians, practice the "one another" commands, and rank under a plurality of Elders)
- 4. Discipleship** (Mentorship helping Christians grow and mature in the faith)
- 5. Leadership** (developing the next generation of Evangelists/Missionaries, Elders/Pastors, and Deacons/Ministry Leaders)

The MODEL Staff Member we are looking for, praying for, and preparing for:

We are looking for a Barnabas... a Man of:

- ▶ Character – “A Good Man” (Leadership by example, above reproach, blameless, not accusable – Titus 1, 1 Tim. 3)
- ▶ Power – “Full of the Holy Spirit” (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control – Gal. 5:22)
- ▶ Obedience – Full of Faith (prayer, trust, reliance, dependence, action – James 2:26)
- ▶ Evangelism – He added a considerable multitude to the Lord — Acts 11:24, 13:49, 20:26, Romans 15:20, Col. 1:5-6, 23 – can we say like Paul we have preached to the entire region and the entire region has heard the gospel?

Practically we are praying for and looking for a new Pastor who...

- ▶ Loves God (all heart, soul, strength)
- ▶ Loves the Word (trembles, treasures, and teaches the Word)
- ▶ Love the Church, Loves People – specifically our People
- ▶ Will commit and stay for a good length of time to be faithful and fruitful (discipleship takes TIME)

7 TBC Take Aways from the 1st Missionary Journey:

3. (13:3) Laying on of hands in the church – commissioning for service (Hebrews 6:1–2) – the work God has called you to in the church/under the oversight and authority of the local church

- a. Blessing Children – Mt. 19:13–15, Mark 10:16,
- b. Healing the Sick – Mark 5:23, 8:23, 16:18, Lk. 4:40, Acts 9:12,
- c. Receiving the Holy Spirit – Acts 8:17–19, 9:17, 19:6,
- d. Receiving Spiritual Gifts – 1 Tim. 4:14, 2 Tim. 1:6
- e. Appointing/Commissioning Elders and Deacons and Missionaries – Acts 6:6, Acts 13:3, 1 Tim. 5:22,
 - a. Doing the work God has called you to do in the church under the oversight of the Elders – Hebrews 6:1–2



The ordination charge given by Pop to Justin:

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the elders. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. (II Timothy 4:12-16)

Justin, here are two things Paul urges Timothy to do with the utmost seriousness: *Take heed to your life and to your doctrine.* Justin, you are to watch out, and you are to continually watch out, and your life and your doctrine are to be the primary target of your vigilant watching. Paul is telling Timothy that there is nothing more important than for him to carefully target his life and his teaching, to make sure that his life and his teaching is thoroughly biblical and upright. And he is to persevere in doing so, making sure nothing slips in that would deter him from God's word and God's message.

Justin, as you receive your ordination, it brings you to a new place in your ministry; it is a final verification, or vindication, of your status in this ministry. The word 'ordain' means 'to appoint.' There is a deadly serious appointment involved in ministry, and tonight's ordination further deepens that holy appointment that has followed your ministry these last four and a half years. My charge to you as you go out into the ministry, bearing this ordination, is that you must demonstrate evidence of two realities: first, that you are watching your life, and second, that you are doctrinally sound.

First, you must be watching your life, disciplining it in order to grow more and more holy.

See your life as set apart for the masters use, for the Lord Jesus Christ. And strive, by the grace of God, to grow more and more like Jesus as you do all for God's glory. Be determined to always continue in this direction, no matter what the pressures are that will inevitably come upon you and test you, even as you have already been tested.

Hear these words of Spurgeon: *"The great enemy of souls takes care to leave no stone unturned for the preacher's ruin."* Justin, watch your life!

Secondly, you must demonstrate that you are doctrinally sound by steadfastly adhering to biblical truth.

Justin, your teaching must, as the entirety of I Timothy 4 warns, stay away from anything and everything that veers you from the pristine magnificence of the word of God, no matter how intriguingly interesting or appealing another doctrine might be, no matter how intellectually inviting another teaching might seem, no matter how supposedly freeing a 'new' orthodoxy appeals to you, no matter how many people might be embracing some new teaching they want you to consider, no matter how obstinate or out of date your teaching might appear to others to be because of your tenacity in holding on faithfully to the entire corpus of the scripture. Don't let yourself be swayed or deceived by any of it. None of it is new or what the church needs to become vibrant and alive. Further, never let yourself work to make your message seemingly more acceptable because people might object to the hard truths of the scriptures, but rather speak the truth in love. Remember just how subtle the attacks can be.

Why not a more appealing, embracing, and acceptable message? Why not something new? Why not just a sweet, soothing message of love? The words in 1 Timothy 4:16 answer this question completely: 'Because in doing this... you will save both yourself and your hearers.' Justin, watch your doctrine!

My charge to you is the same as Paul's charge to Timothy: Justin, watch your life and watch your doctrine. Justin, remember these things and live them. You have done well in these first four and a half years of ministry, but never assume you have attained the goal. Instead, as Paul says, *press on toward the goal.*

Speaking about preachers, John MacArthur says this: *"We are the agents by which God brings the grace of salvation to lost people. That's the sum of the ministry. And holiness and commitment to truth moves us along the persevering path of true salvation and makes us a blessing to all who hear our message."*

Justin, may God bless you as you seek to live and minister for him as an ordained minister of the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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4. (13:1–4) Sending out of missionaries in the early church

- a. Selected out of the church leadership – those already FAITHFUL in the church (apostle – Paul, prophets and teachers – Barnabus, Simeon/Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen/close to Herod the Tetrarch)
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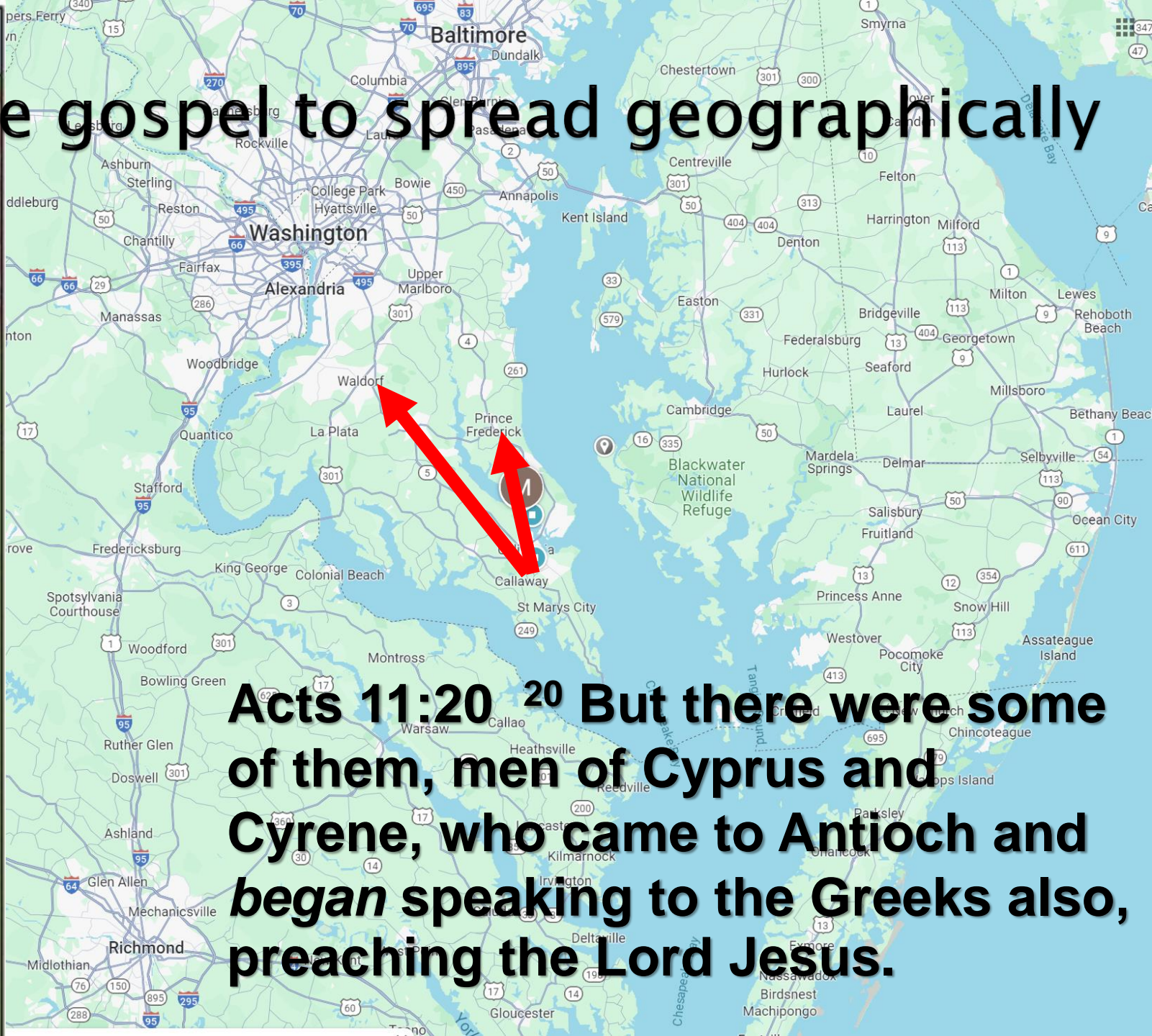


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5. (13:5) Target locations of early Missions Work

- a. Where people GATHER to worship, talk/discuss spiritual things, have some Biblical knowledge and background – in this case Jewish Synagogues
- b. Unreached Areas (met people as they traveled Cyprus from one end of the island to the other in order to reach the whole island) (make disciples as you are GOING – Mt. 28:18–20)

God's will is for the gospel to spread geographically



Acts 11:20²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

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6. (13:6–7) **Evangelism** in the church – The Two Kinds of People who we should expect when witnessing/sharing the Gospel

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 - 1. Influencers – God does use people of high positions, those with authority or great influence in the home, community, government
 - 2. Seekers – Sergius sought to hear the word of God

- b. Those who don't really listen (rejecters like Bar-Jesus (false prophet, magician – aka Elymas))
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16 House Rules



Here are 16 rules she laid down in her home.

1. Eating between meals not allowed.
2. As children they are to be in bed by 8 p.m.
3. They are required to take medicine without complaining.
4. Subdue self-will in a child, and those working together with God to save the child's soul.
5. To teach a child to pray as soon as he can speak.
6. Require all to be still during Family Worship.
7. Give them nothing that they cry for, and only that when asked for politely.
8. To prevent lying, punish no fault which is first confessed and repented of.
9. Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished.
10. Never punish a child twice for a single offense.
11. Comment and reward good behavior.
12. Any attempt to please, even if poorly performed, should be commended.
13. Preserve property rights, even in smallest matters.
14. Strictly observe all promises.
15. Require no daughter to work before she can read well.
16. Teach children to fear the rod.

ON DISCIPLINE---Susannah Wesley believed that for a child to grow into a self-disciplined adult, he/she must first be a parent-disciplined child. To her, the stubborn flesh was the hardest battle for Christians to fight, and Godly parents would do well to equip their children to overcome it early.

“I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all of the theologians in England.”

John Wesley

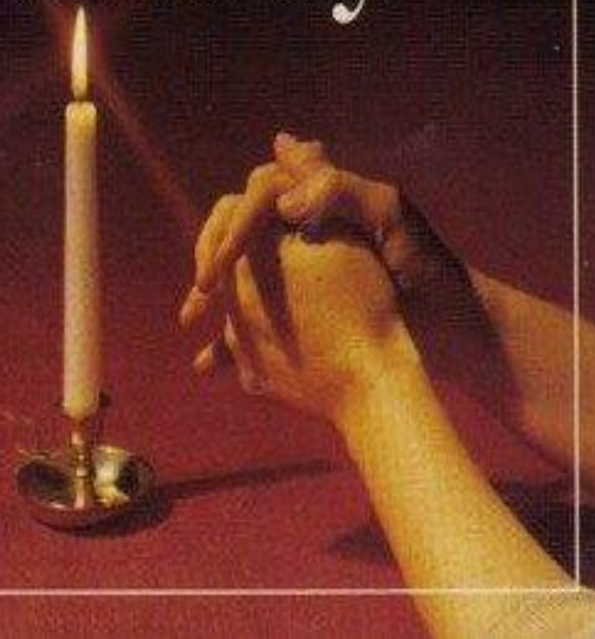
**"HELP ME, LORD, TO REMEMBER THAT RELIGION IS NOT TO BE
CONFINED TO THE CHURCH... NOR EXERCISED ONLY IN PRAYER AND
MEDITATION, BUT THAT EVERY WHERE I AM IN THY PRESENCE."**

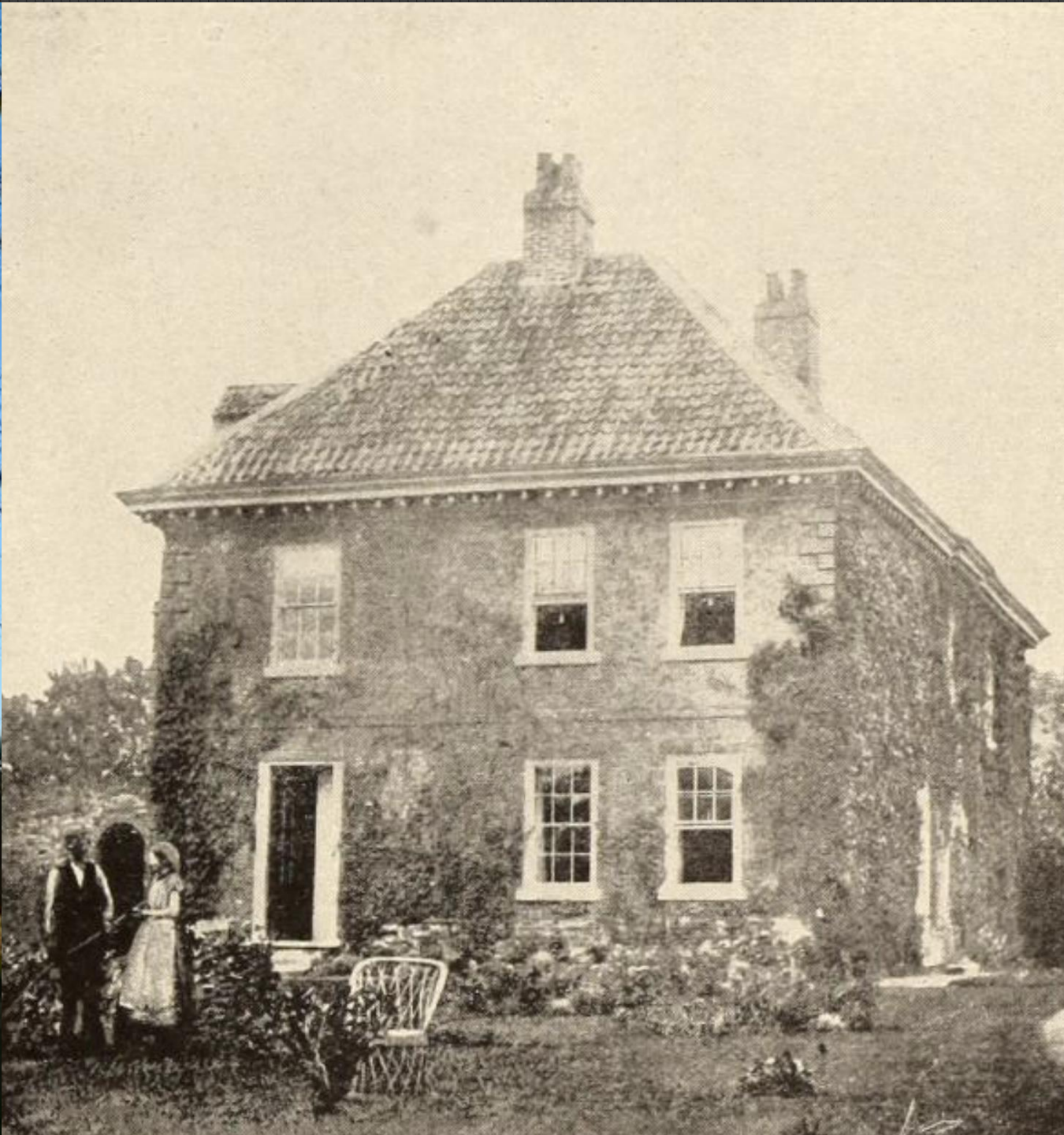
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SO WHAT?

Application



2 Timothy 1:5-18 5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. 6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, 10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

Galatians 6:9-10 9 And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. 10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.