

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2 NLT)

CHOOSE TODAY: **Will Culture push you, or will ONLY GOD lead you?**



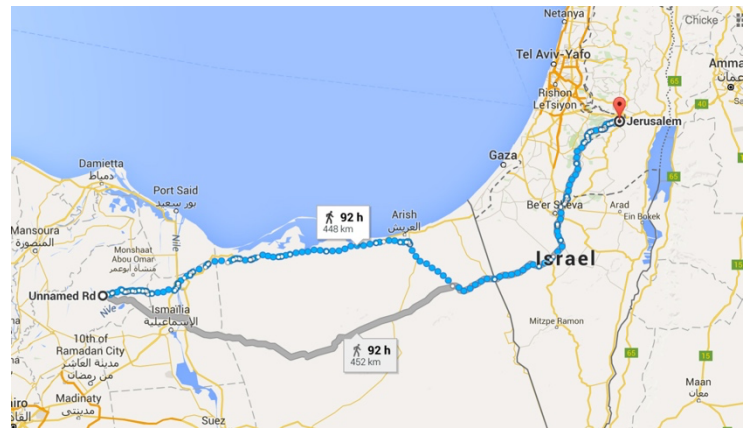
*"The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and **even greater works**, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father." (John 14:12-13)*

1. GRACE > GUILT

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

2. FAITH > FEAR

"But Caleb tried to encourage the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land, he said "We can certainly conquer it." But the other men who had explored with him answered, "we can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are! So they spread discouraging reports about the land among the Israelites. The land we explored will swallow up any who go to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there the descendants of Anak. We felt like grasshoppers next to them, and that's what we looked like to them!" (Numbers 13:30-33)



"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." (Hebrews 11:1)

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

3. _____ > _____

*"Trust in the LORD **with all your heart**; do not depend on your own understanding.*

⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"...faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17 NKJV)

"Now King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. ² The LORD had clearly instructed the people of Israel, "You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods." **Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway.** ³ He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. **And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the LORD.**" (1 Kings 11:1-3)

Grace>guilt, Faith>fear, Trusting>trying..... THE LAST THING IS.....

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⁷ We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. ⁸ We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹ We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. ¹⁰ Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

¹⁴ "We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. ¹⁵ All of this is for your benefit. **And as God's grace reaches more and more people**, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. ¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever". (2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 14-18)

C.S. Lewis says, "God whispers to us in pleasure, and shouts to us in pain."

"For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. ² We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. ³ For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies". (2 Corinthians 5:1-3) ⁶ So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. ⁷ For we live by believing and not by seeing. ⁸ Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, **our goal is to please Him.**" (2 Corinthians 5:6-9)

WE LIVE _____ IN LIGHT OF _____

²⁰ You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, **but you will restore me to life again** and lift me up from the depths of the earth.

²¹ **You will restore me to even greater honor** and comfort me once again. (Psalm 71:20-21)

Hebrews 9:27 says, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this comes judgment."

"How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone." (James 4:14)

