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Maximize Christ Potential in You



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Before God Does a New Thing



NOAH'S ARK?

Bible researchers studying a boat-shaped formation in Turkey say that new data increases the likelihood that the formation, originally dismissed as a geological anomaly, is a man-made structure that appears to match the Biblical description of



Video Clip – Altar at Noah's Ark

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The background image is a dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, a stone altar is lit with a large fire. In the distance, a cross stands on a hill, silhouetted against the bright, hazy sky. The overall tone is somber and spiritual.

Big Idea
Before God sends fire...
...He restores the altar.

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Three Points of Resetting the Altar

POINT 1 – THE DRIFT OF DEVOTION

- How devotion to God is displaced

POINT 2 – THE REBUILDING OF RELATIONSHIP

- How renewal begins

POINT 3 – THE FIRE OF FIRST PRIORITY

- The result of restoration of the Altar

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POINT 1 – THE DRIFT OF DEVOTION

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1 Kings 18:30 (NLT) “Then Elijah called to the people, ‘Come over here!’ They all gathered around him as he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been torn down.”

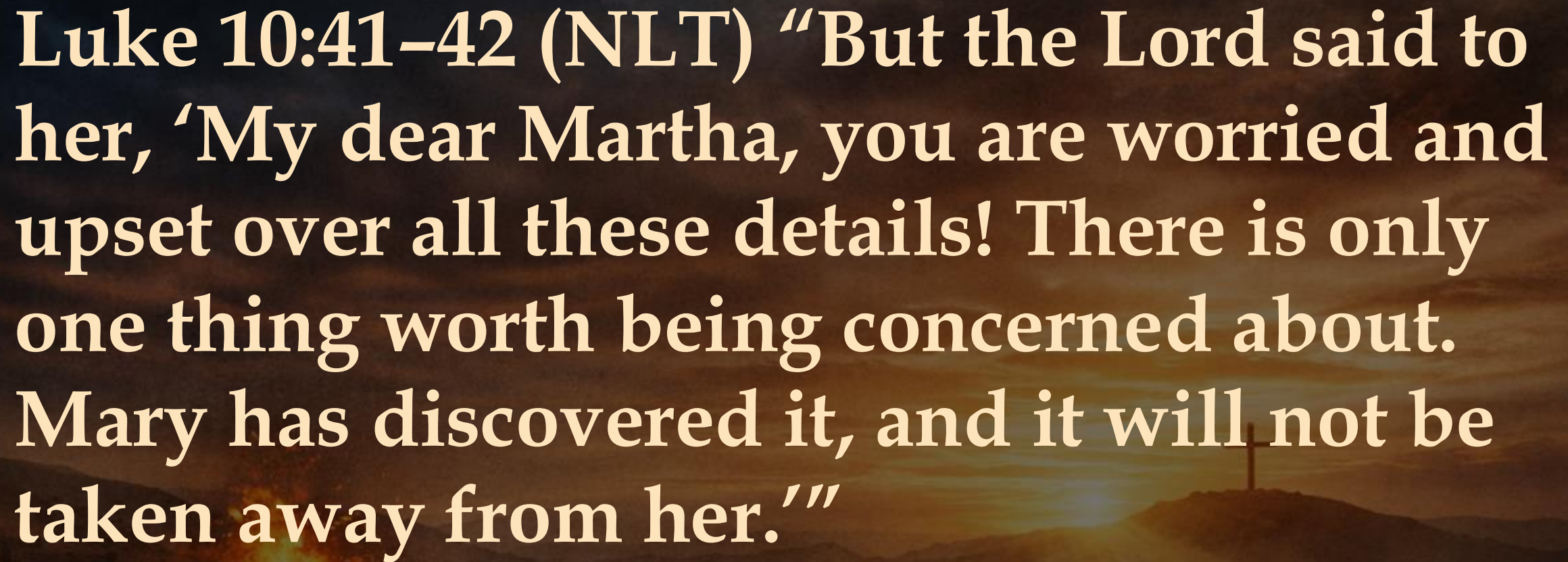


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A desert landscape at sunset. In the foreground, a bonfire burns brightly within a circular stone structure. The ground is rocky and uneven. In the distance, a cross stands atop a hill, silhouetted against the glowing orange and yellow sky. The overall atmosphere is serene yet somber.

Luke 10:41–42 (NLT) “But the Lord said to her, ‘My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.’”

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Big Idea

Activity for God never replaces
intimacy with God.

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The Problem:

**We don't walk away from God...
...we crowd Him out.**

The Solution:

**Repair what already belongs to God...
...You are the altar**

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Application

1. What once mattered deeply about God that now feels optional?
2. Where has devotion drifted because of distraction? What distractions?
3. What altar in my life needs repair — not replacement?

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1 Kings 18:31–32 (NLT) “He took **twelve stones**, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel, and he used **the stones to rebuild the altar** in the name of the LORD.”



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The Number Twelve

Twelve means:

- Divine Order, Covenant Fullness,
God's Governing Structure.

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In Biblical Numerology:

7 = spiritual completeness

10 = totality

12 = governmental completeness

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Revelation 21:12–14 (NLT) “The wall of the city had **twelve** gates... On the gates were written the names of the **twelve** tribes of Israel... The wall of the city had **twelve** foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the **twelve** apostles of the Lamb.”

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The background image is a dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, there is a stone altar made of stacked stones with a fire burning on it. In the distance, a cross stands on a hill, silhouetted against the bright, hazy sky. The overall tone is somber and spiritual.

1 Peter 2:5 (NLT) “And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.”

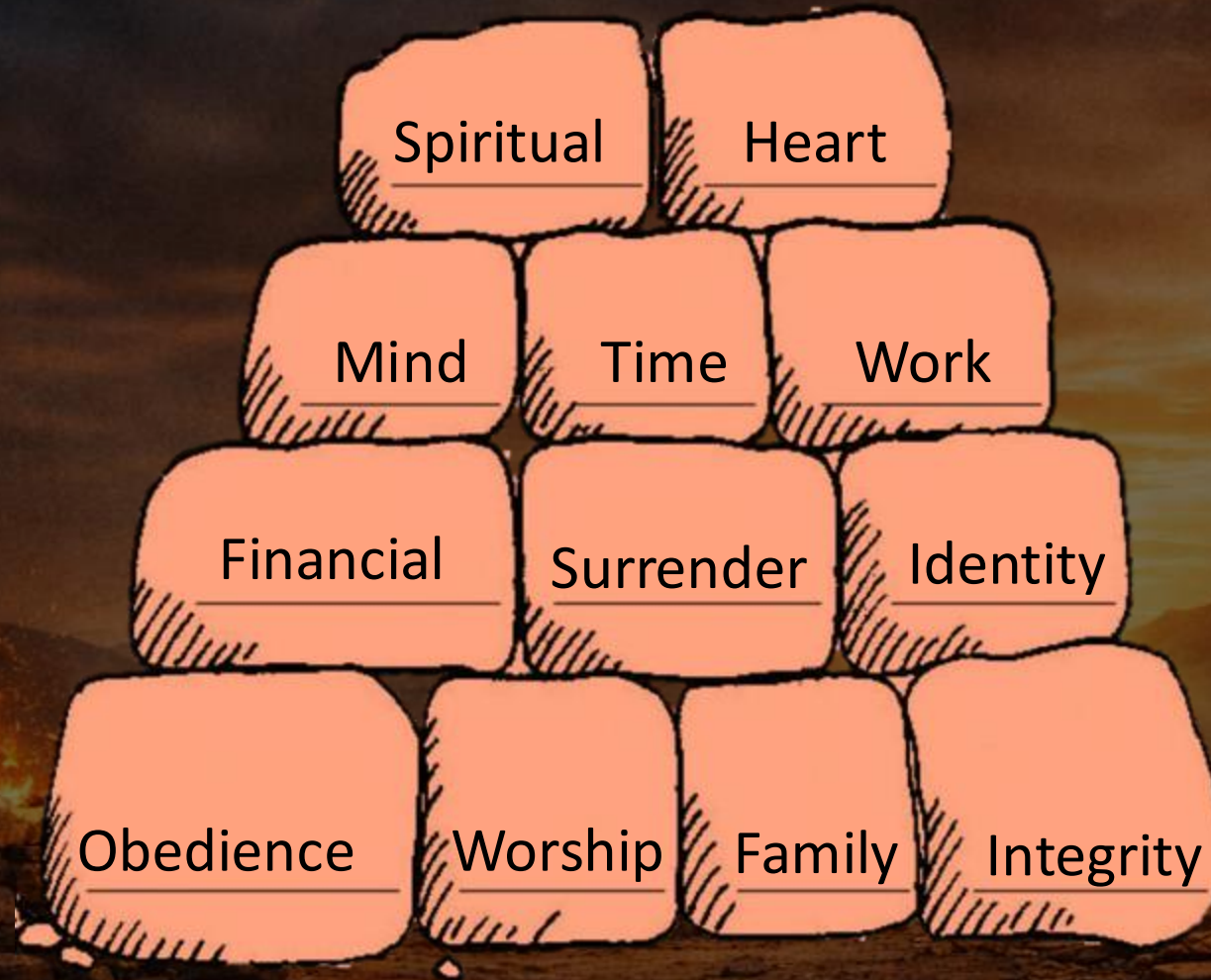
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The 12 stones to complete an Altar to God



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1. **The Spiritual Stone** - Prayer, Scripture, worship, devotion.
2. The Heart Stone - Desires, affections, loves, longings.
3. **The Mind Stone** - Thought patterns, worries, fears, beliefs.
4. The Time Stone - Schedule, margin, priorities, pace.
5. **The Work / Calling Stone** - Career, ambition, ministry, purpose.
6. The Financial Stone - Money, spending, generosity, stewardship.
7. **The Family & Relationship Stone** - Marriage, parenting, friendships.
8. The Identity Stone - Self-worth, labels, past failures or successes.
9. **The Obedience Stone** - Areas God has spoken clearly, delayed yeses.
10. The Worship Stone - Praise, gratitude, awe, reverence.
11. **The Surrender Stone** - Control, future, outcomes, plans.
12. The Integrity Stone - Private life, hidden habits, unseen decisions.

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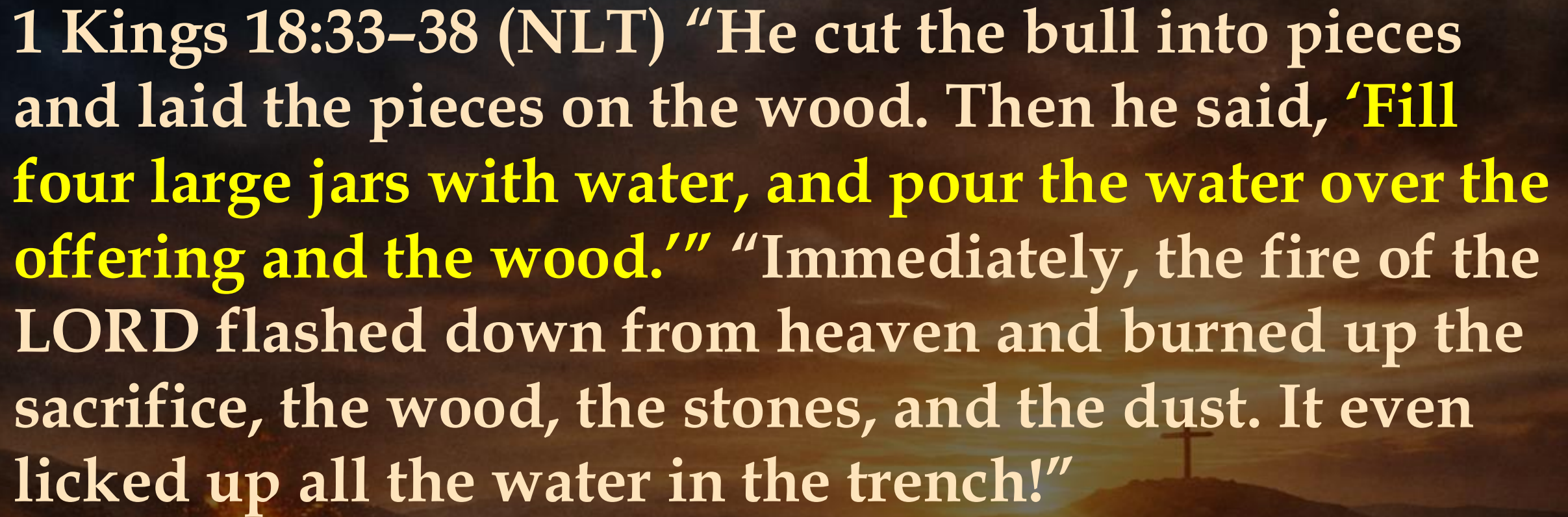
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1 Kings 18:33–38 (NLT) “He cut the bull into pieces and laid the pieces on the wood. Then he said, **‘Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood.’**” “Immediately, the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench!”

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Big Idea

Our responsibility is not to create the fire...
...Our responsibility is to assemble the altar.

A landscape photograph with a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the foreground, a stone altar with a fire burning on it is visible on the left. In the background, a cross stands on a hill under a sunset sky with rays of light. The text "RESET THE ALTAR" is in the bottom right corner.

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Have I been asking God for fire - while still trying to control the outcome?

Or am I willing to assemble my life (the stones) completely under Him and trust Him to do what only He can do?

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