

**DNA DISCOVERY
CHANGES
EVERYTHING!**



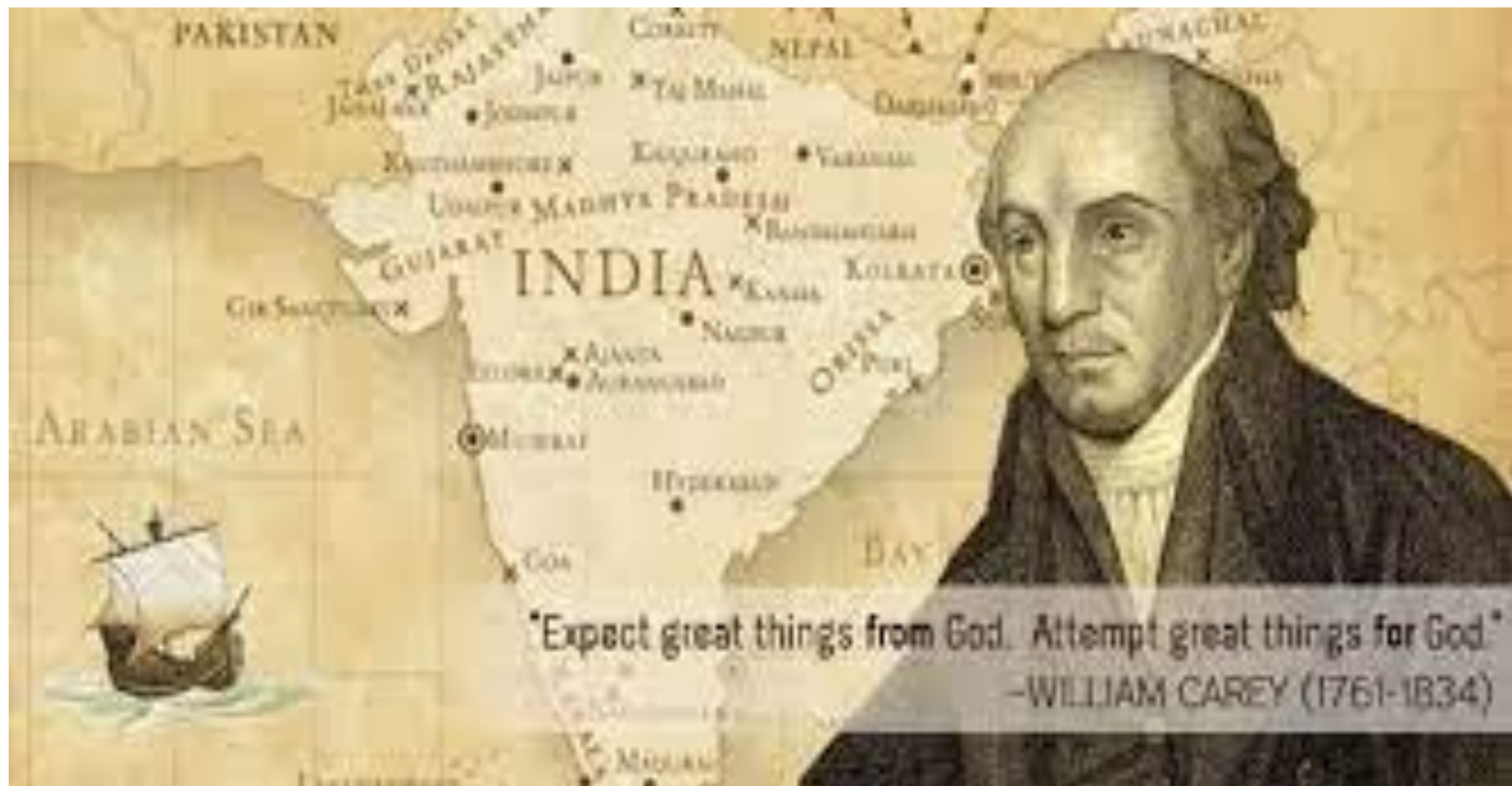
DNA Strand #1

Spiritual Preparation

Wait, Pray and Expect God to Work



The Church at Jerusalem



"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."
-WILLIAM CAREY (1761-1834)

CONDITIONS FOR REVIVAL

■ IF

■ Then

WAITING ON GOD—ACTS 7 STEPHEN'S SERMON

- **1. Abraham (25 years and 400 years)**
- **2. Joseph (13 years)**
- **3. Moses (40 years desert and 40 years wilderness)**

REDISCOVERING THE 1ST CENTURY CHURCH FOR 21ST CENTURY SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

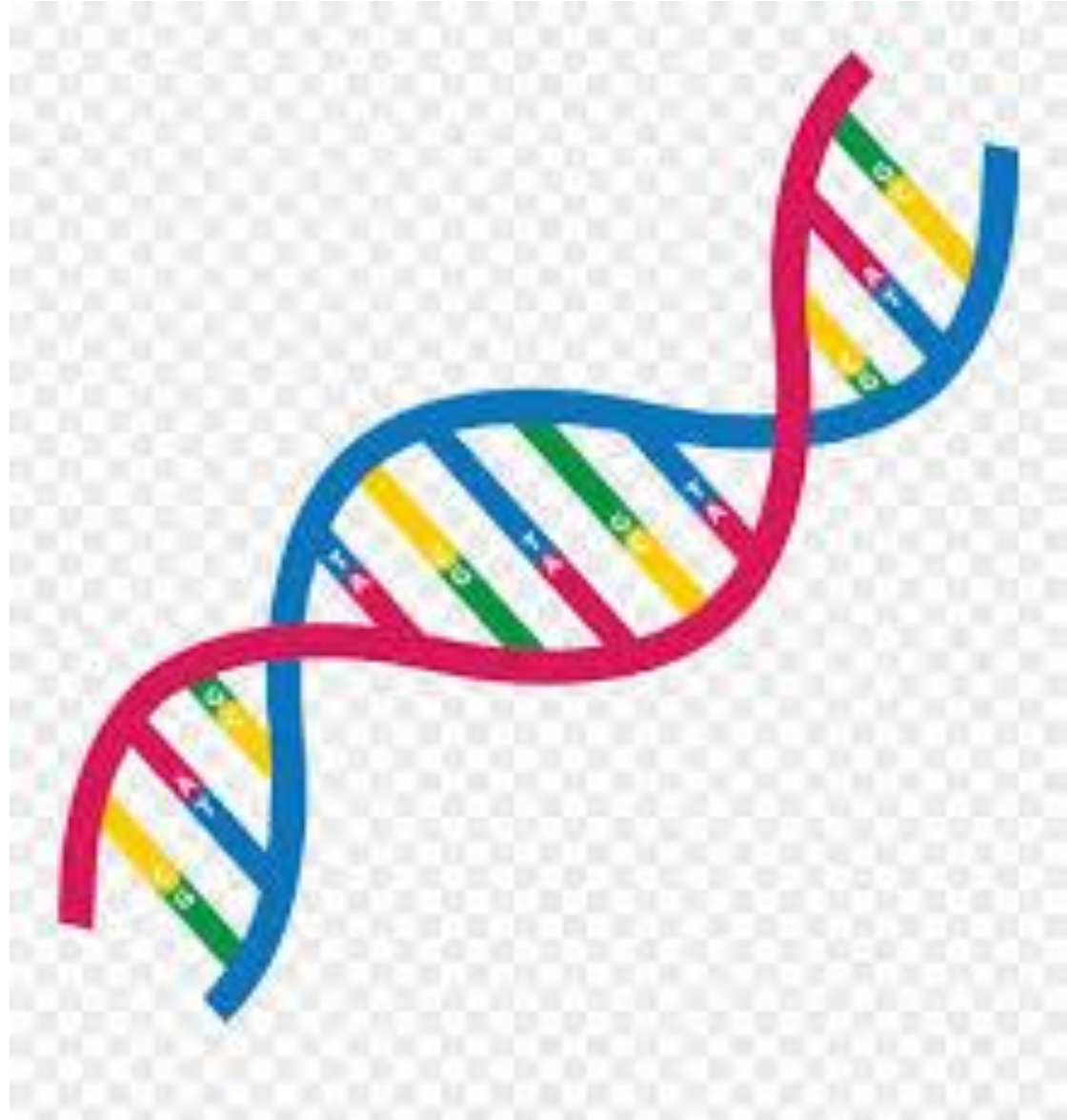


DNA Thread #1 Spiritual Preparation

1. SPIRITUAL PREPARATION--

LEADS TO
SPECIFIC
DIRECTION

ACTS 1:4-5; 15-26



⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:4-5

*Selecting
the First
Deacons
(Acts 6)*



*Sending the
First
Missionary
Team*

(Acts 13)



*Deciding the
Next Place to
Take the
Gospel*

(Acts 16)

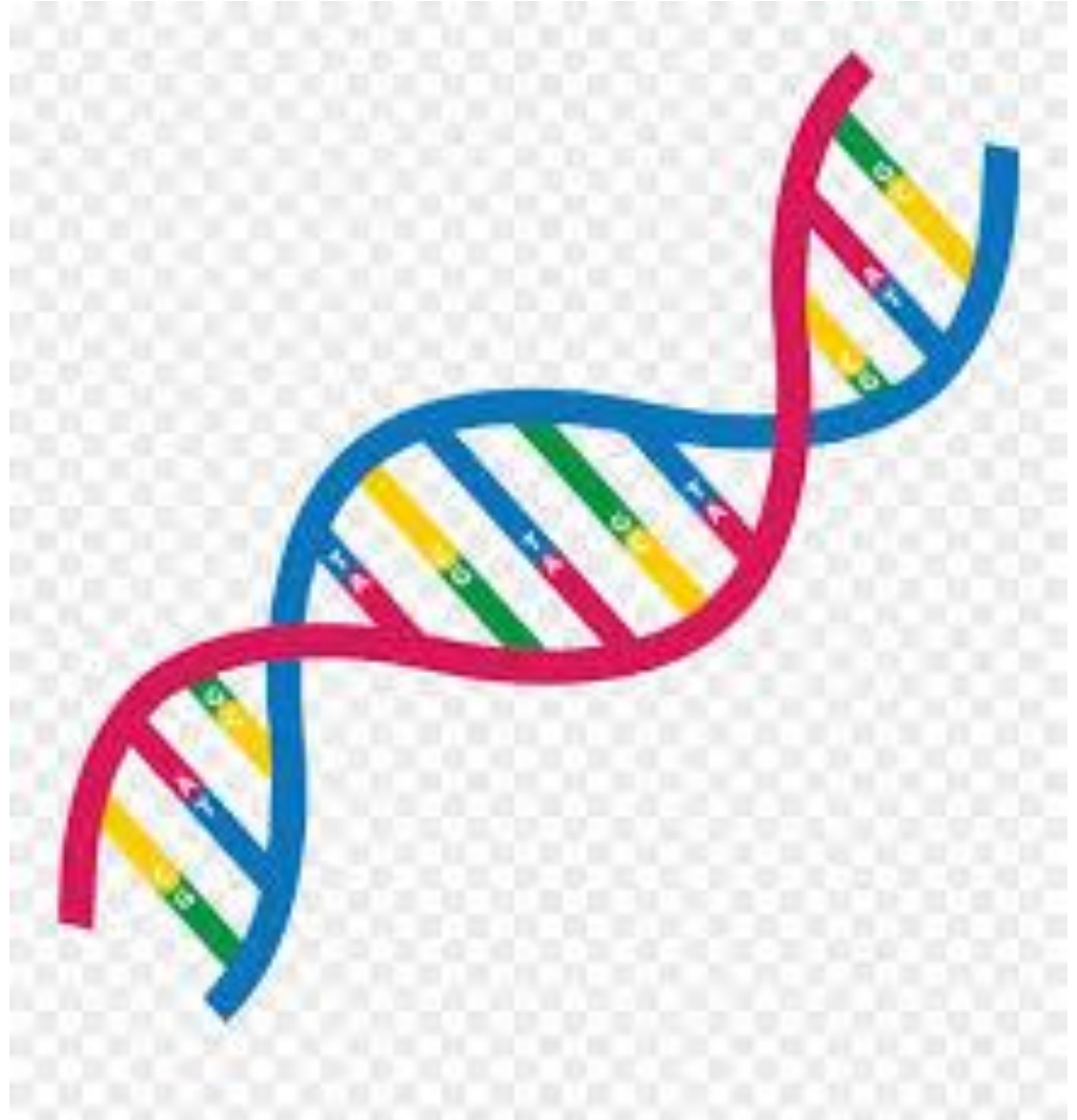




2. SPIRITUAL PREPARATION--

**LEADS TO
KINGDOM
FOCUS**

ACTS 1:6-8



⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

Acts 1:6-7

A scenic landscape featuring a rocky coastline in the foreground, waves crashing against the shore, and a range of mountains in the background under a hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the central part of the image.

The seeking of the kingdom
of God is the chief business
of the Christian life.

Jonathan Edwards

20 One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will the Kingdom of God come?”

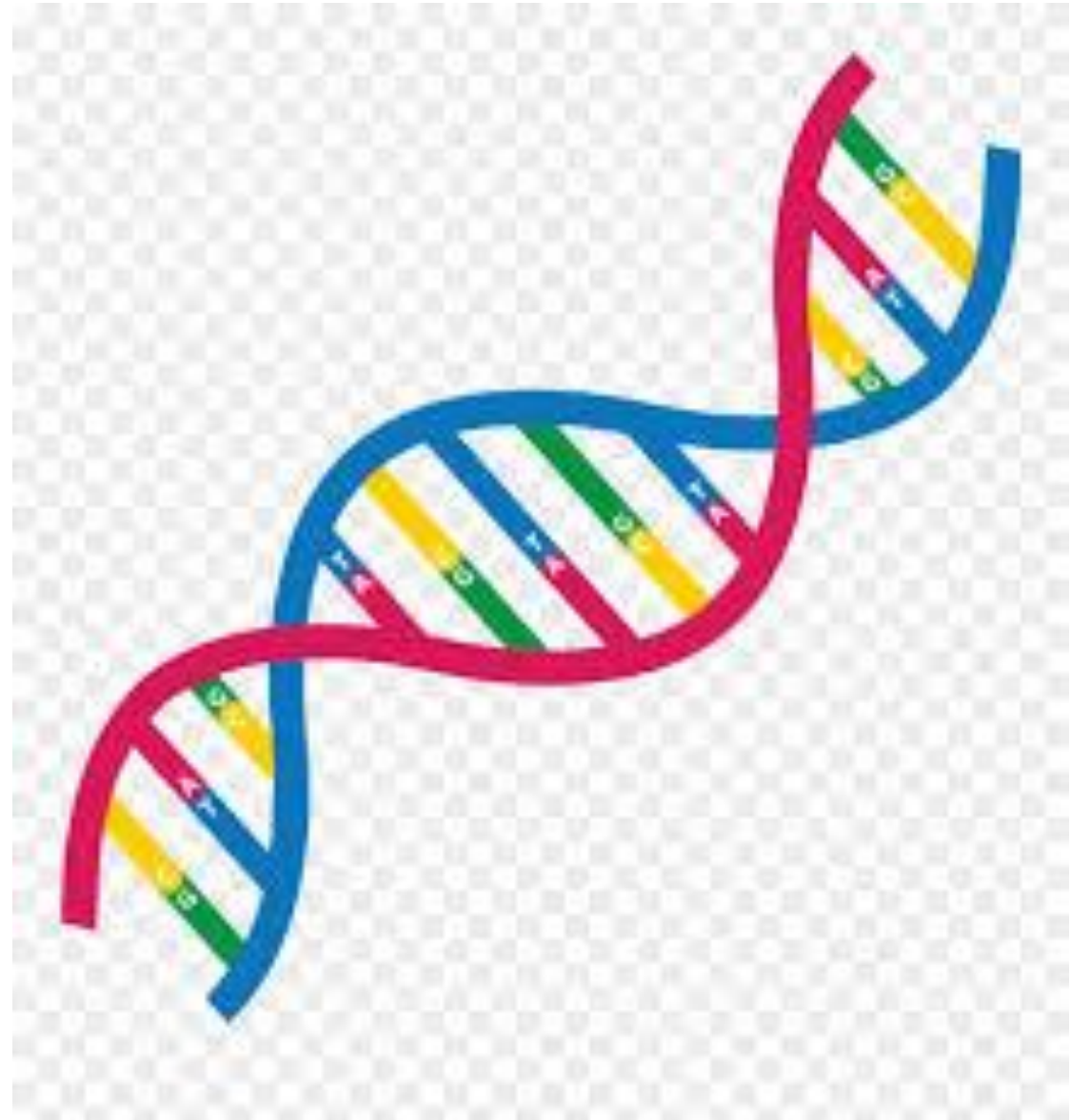
Jesus replied, “The Kingdom of God can’t be detected by visible signs. 21 You won’t be able to say, ‘Here it is!’ or ‘It’s over there!’ For the Kingdom of God is already among you.

Luke 17:20-21

3. SPIRITUAL PREPARATION--

**LEADS TO
UNITY**

ACTS 1:14; 2:1

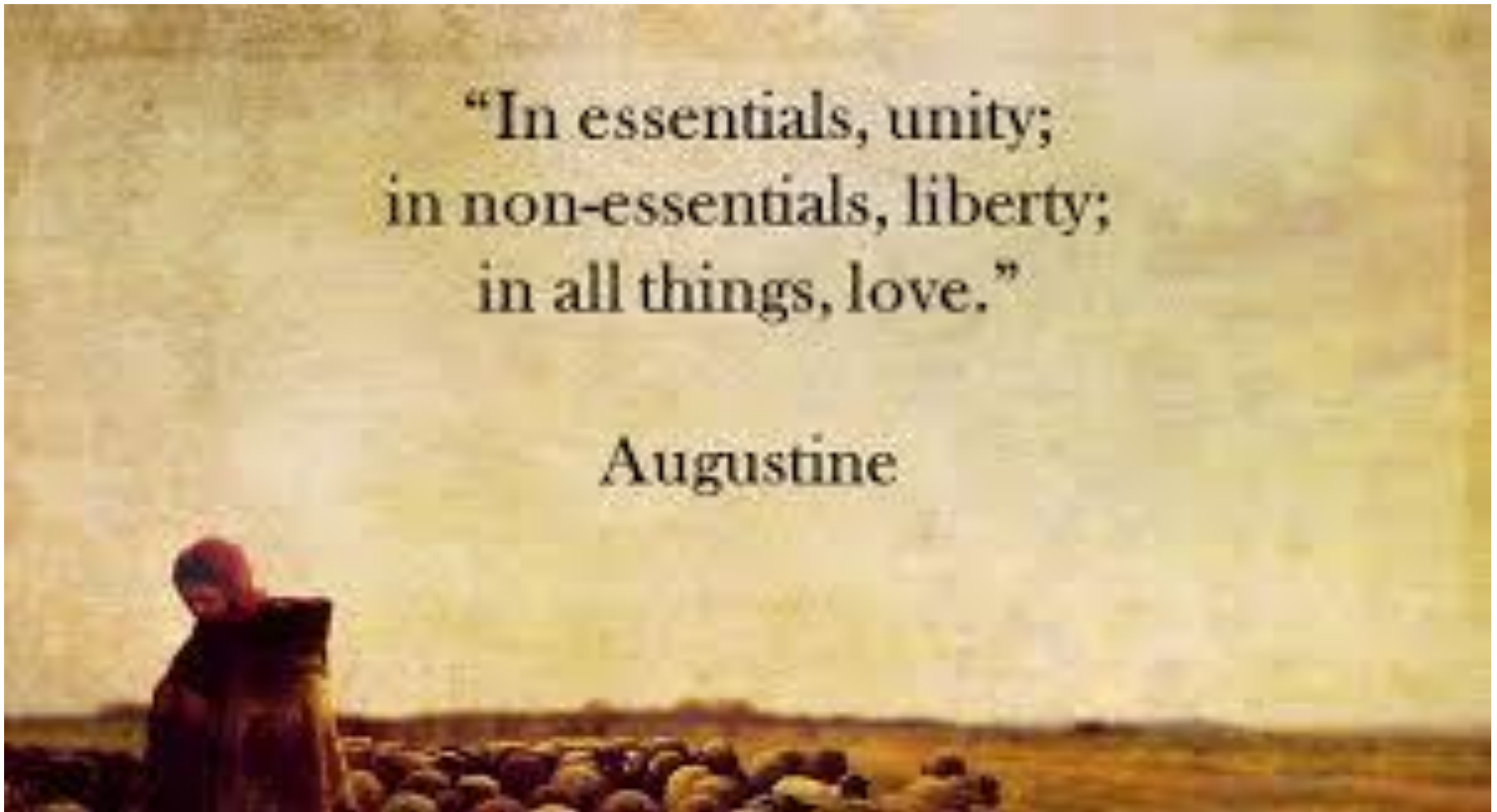


14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

Acts 1:14

“In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials, liberty;
in all things, love.”

Augustine



Arthur Tappan Pierson



There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer.

AZ QUOTES

20 “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. 21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17:20-21

22 “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be **one as we are one. 23 I am in them, and you are in me. May they experience such **perfect unity** that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. 24 Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!**

John 17:22-24

IF GOD SAID, STOP EVERYTHING AND PRAY FOR TEN DAYS?

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(Acts 1:14)

Pray the Price



UPPER ROOM OR LOWER ROOM CHURCH





James Watson and Francis Crick in 1953 discovered the image and structure of DNA and boldly proclaimed that they had “discovered the secret of life”.





DNA Principles

- Life of Christ
- His Disciples (Sending of the 12 and 70)
- Churches of Acts

First Helix

- Love God
- Love Neighbor

Second Helix

- Authority
- Sent
- Make Disciples
- All Nations
- Obedience

CALL TO ACTION—NEXT TEN WEEKS

- Commit to a Season of Missional Revival
- Read Acts Using the ACTS Reading Guides
- Pray Using the ACTS Prayer Guides
- Listen to These Sermons from Acts
- Participate in an ACTS Small Group
- Do the Weekly Missionary Activity