

## **Better Friendships**

Better - (# 2)

**February 11, 2024**

**OPENING SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**KEY VERSE:** 1 Corinthians 13:13

**TEXT:** Romans 12:1-2, Romans 12:9-14

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**Romans 12:9** *Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*

**Better friendships begin with better choices.**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ **Helps Us.**

2) **Think** \_\_\_\_\_.

3) **Walk In** \_\_\_\_\_.

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God, which is your reasonable  
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world: but be ye transformed by the  
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9 Let love be without dissimulation.  
Abhor that which is evil; cleave to  
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10 Be kindly affectioned one to  
another with brotherly love; in  
honour preferring one another;

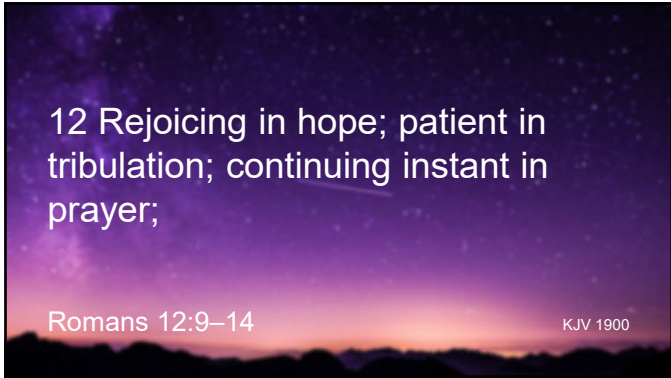
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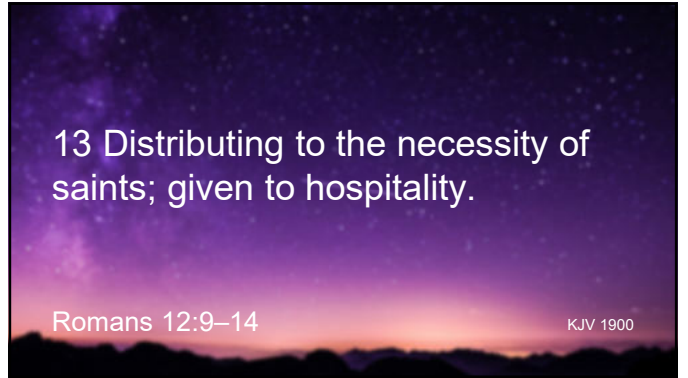
11 Not slothful in business; fervent  
in spirit; serving the Lord;

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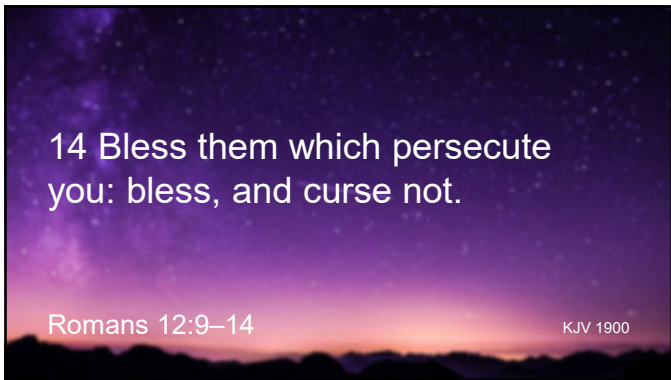
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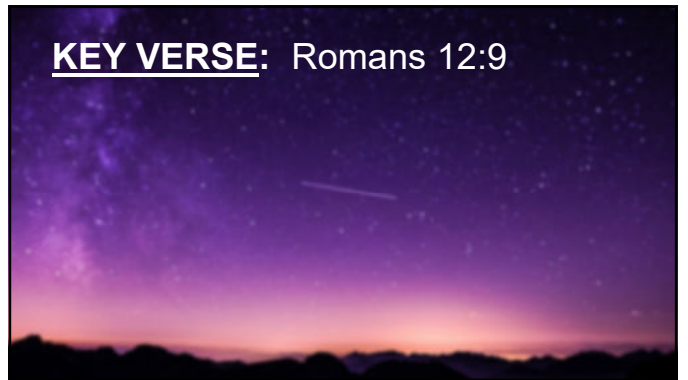
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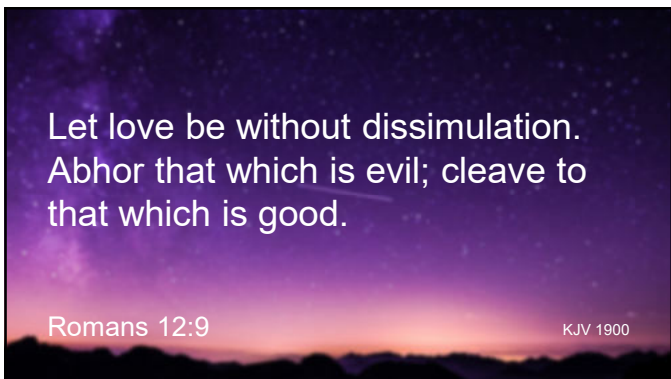
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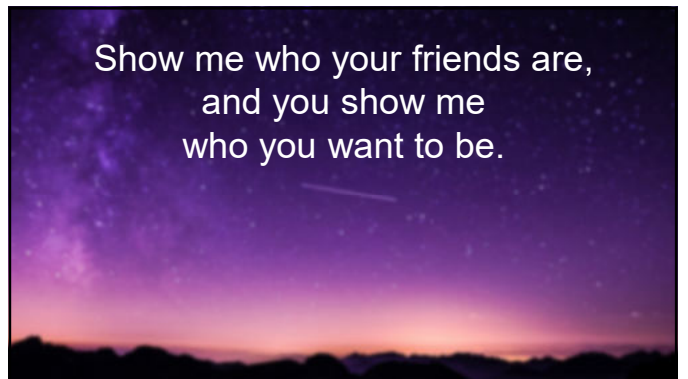
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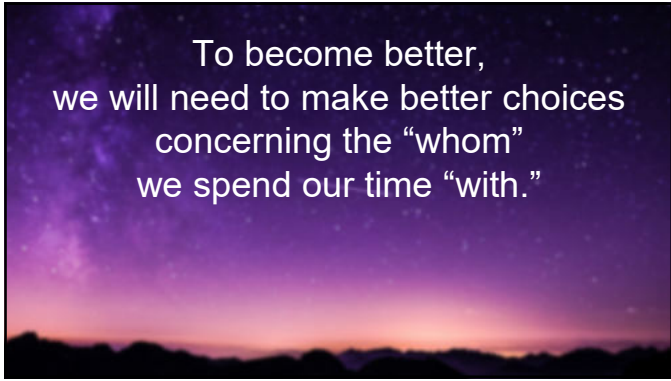
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To become better,  
we will need to make better choices  
concerning the “whom”  
we spend our time “with.”

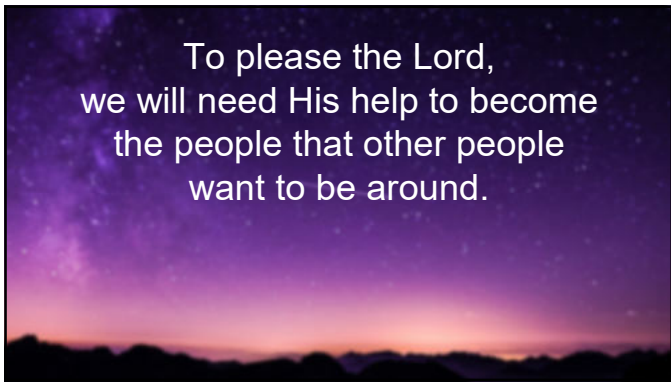
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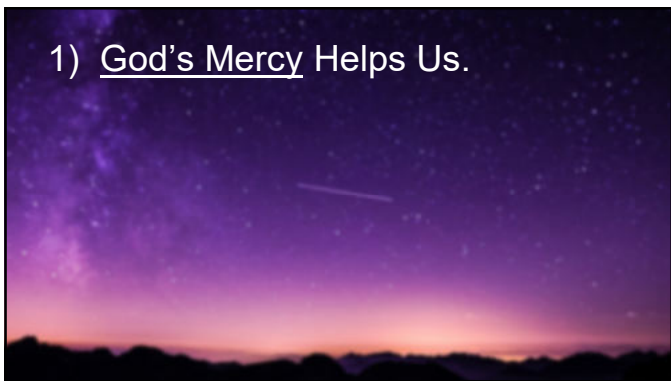
To please the Lord,  
we will need His help to become  
the people that other people  
want to be around.

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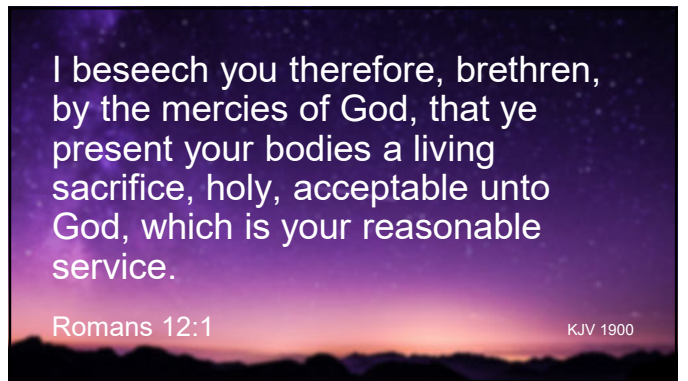
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1) God's Mercy Helps Us.

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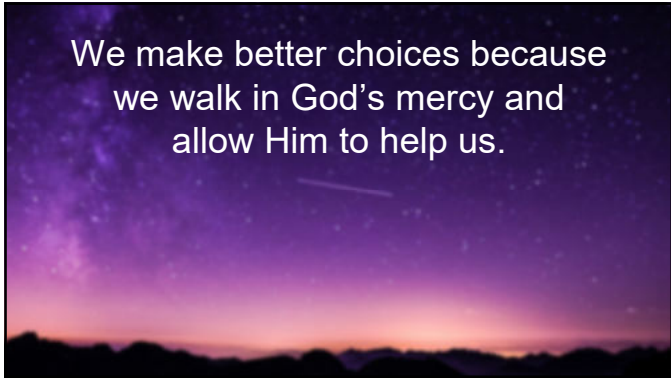


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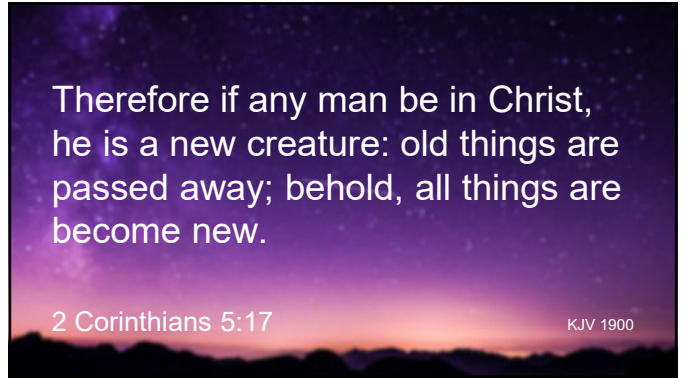
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We make better choices because we walk in God's mercy and allow Him to help us.

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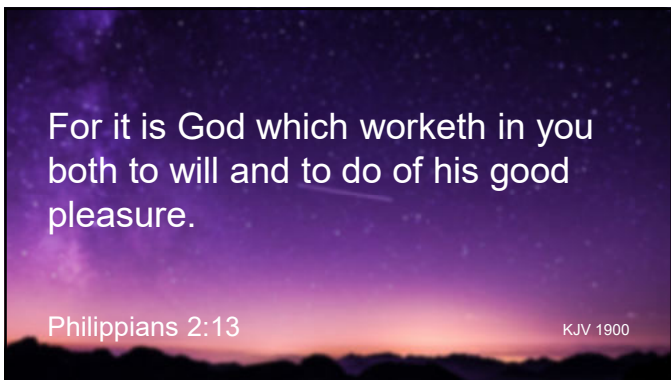


Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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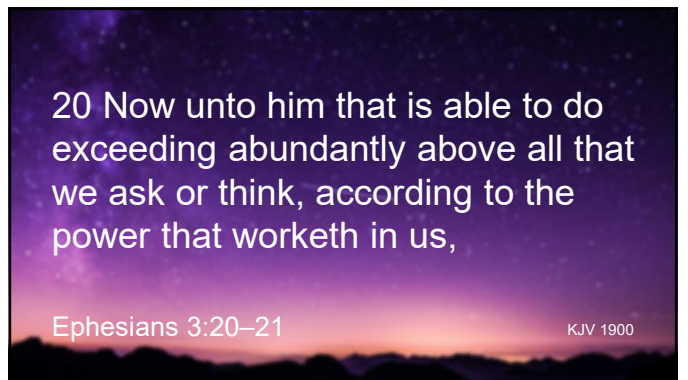


For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

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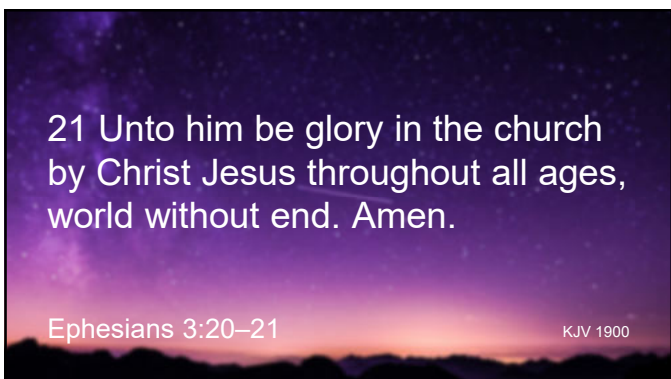


20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Ephesians 3:20–21

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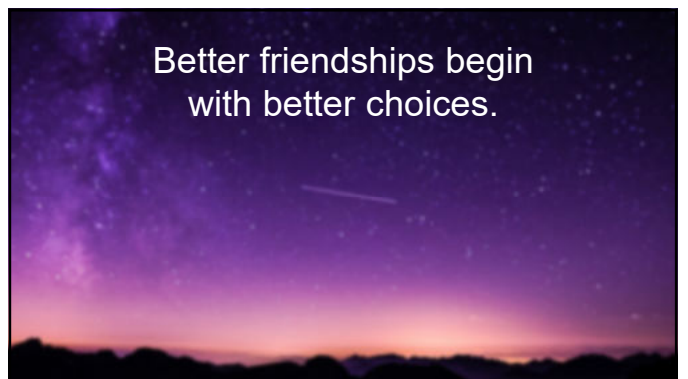


21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20–21

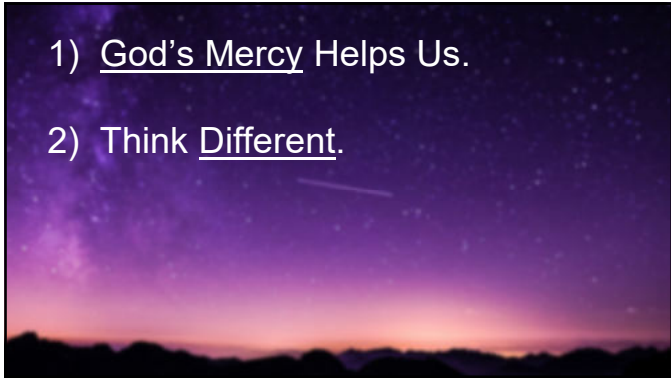
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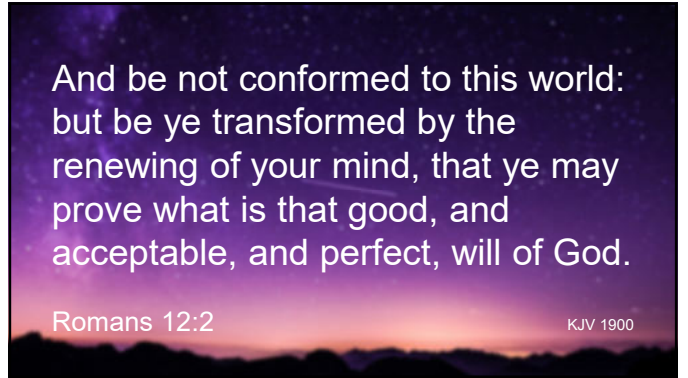
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- 1) God's Mercy Helps Us.
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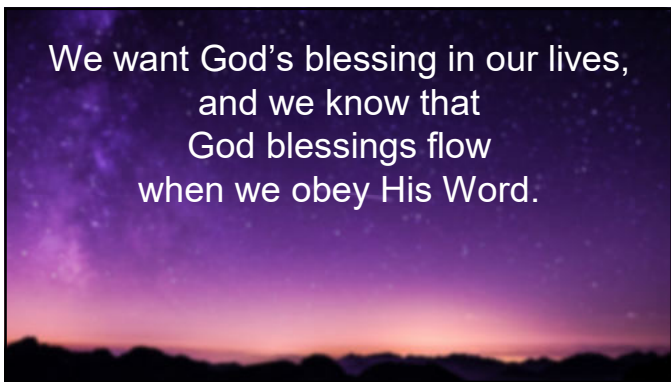


And be not conformed to this world:  
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Romans 12:2

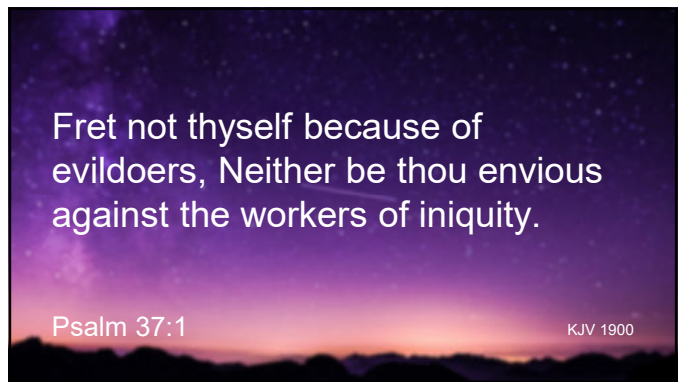
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We want God's blessing in our lives,  
and we know that  
God blessings flow  
when we obey His Word.

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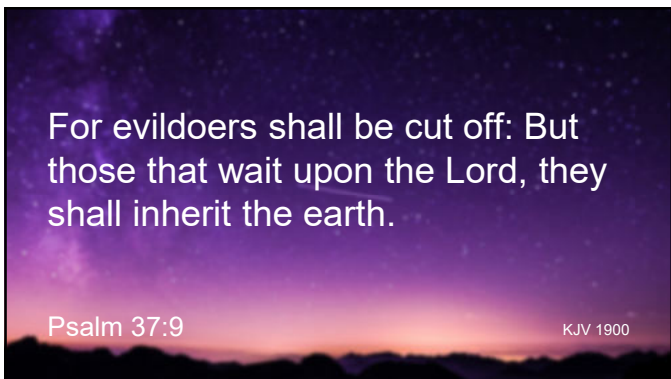


Fret not thyself because of  
evildoers, Neither be thou envious  
against the workers of iniquity.

Psalms 37:1

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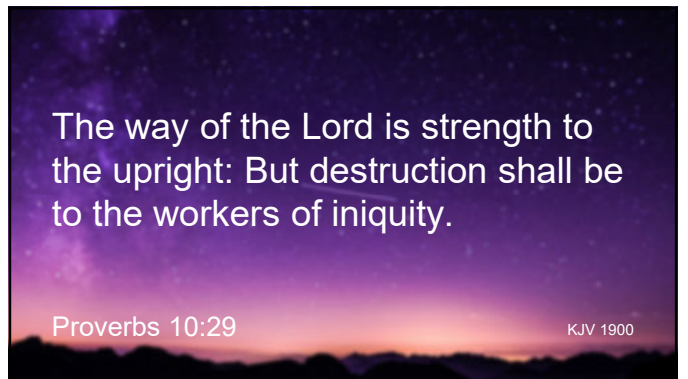


For evildoers shall be cut off: But  
those that wait upon the Lord, they  
shall inherit the earth.

Psalms 37:9

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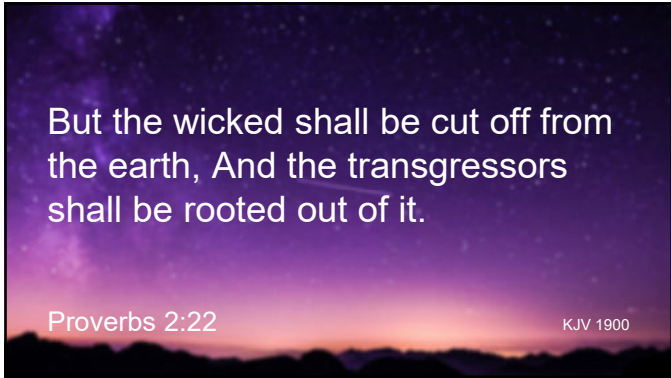


The way of the Lord is strength to  
the upright: But destruction shall be  
to the workers of iniquity.

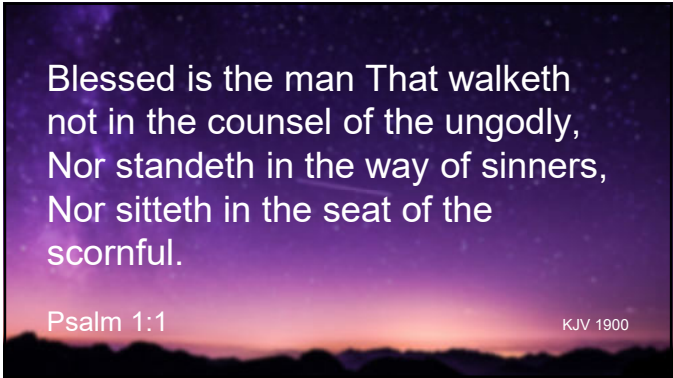
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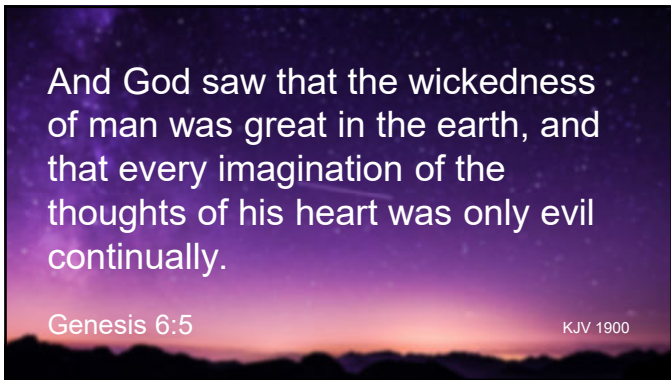
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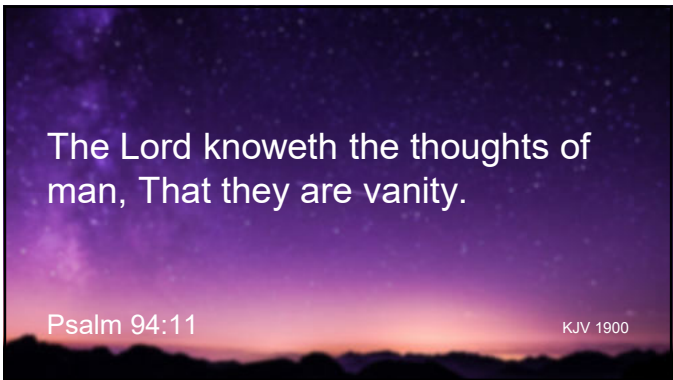
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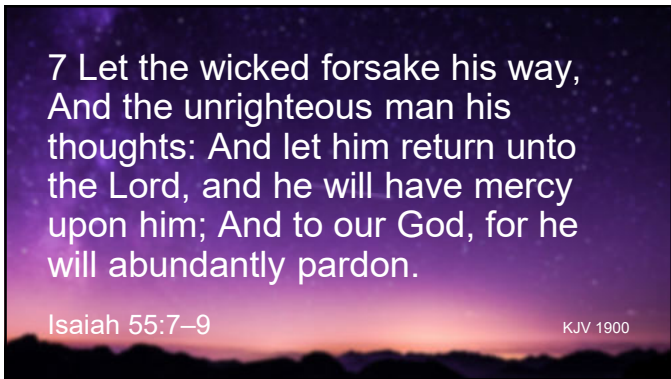
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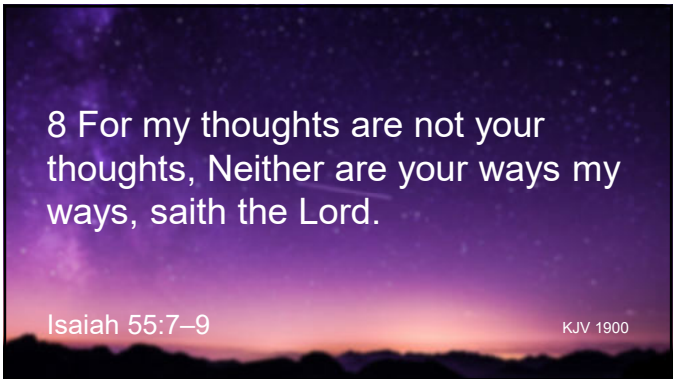
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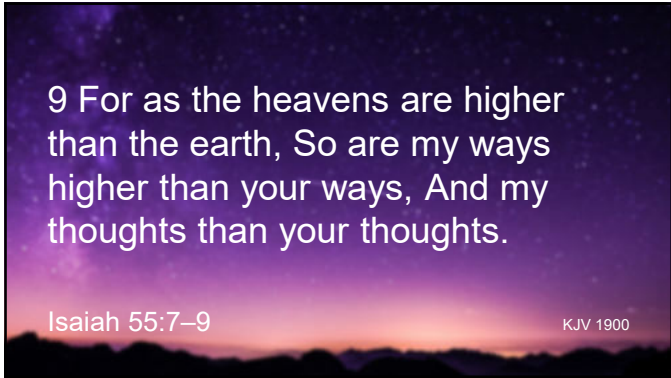
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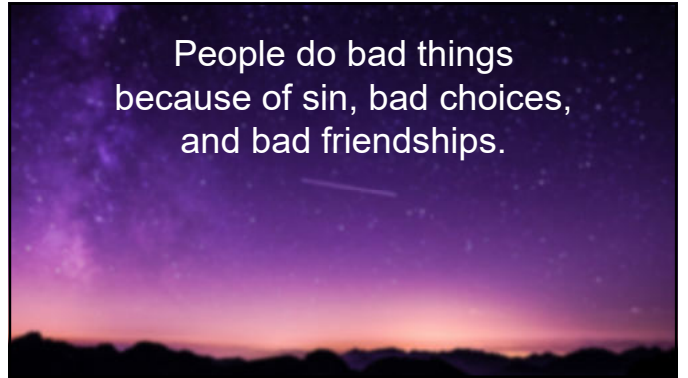


9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:7-9

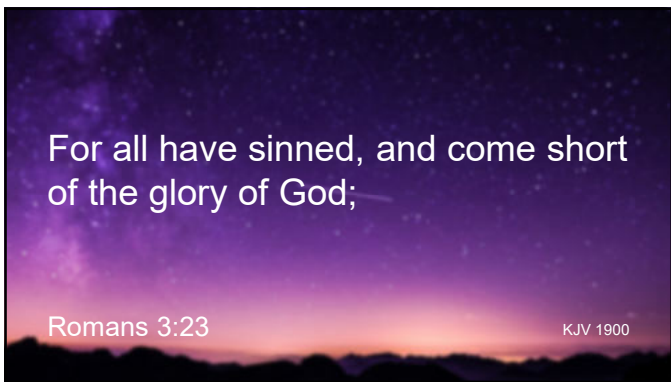
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People do bad things because of sin, bad choices, and bad friendships.

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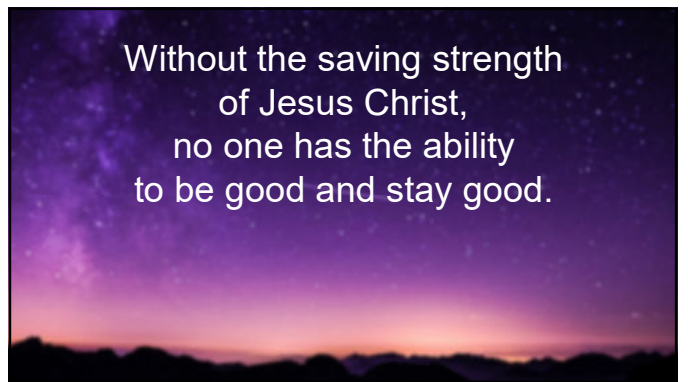


For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:23

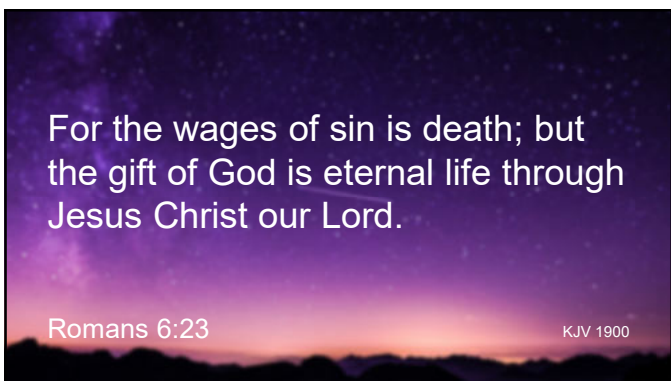
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Without the saving strength of Jesus Christ, no one has the ability to be good and stay good.

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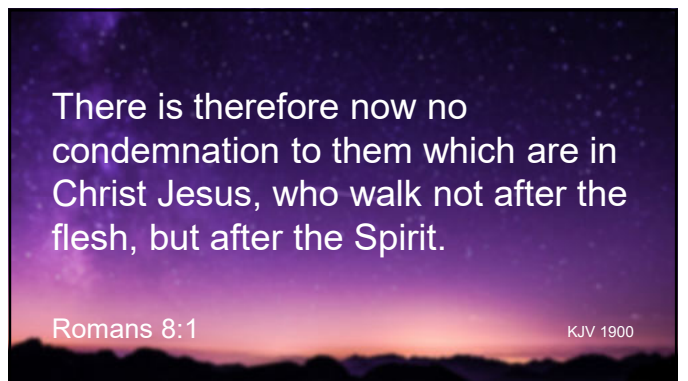


For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

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There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

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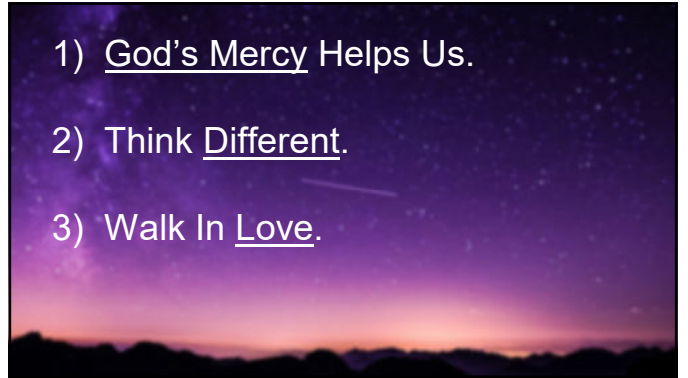
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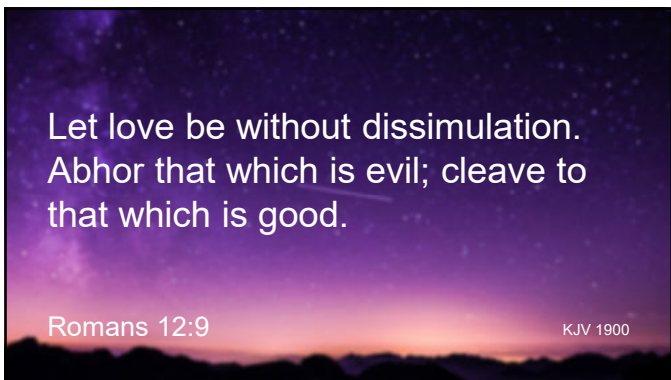
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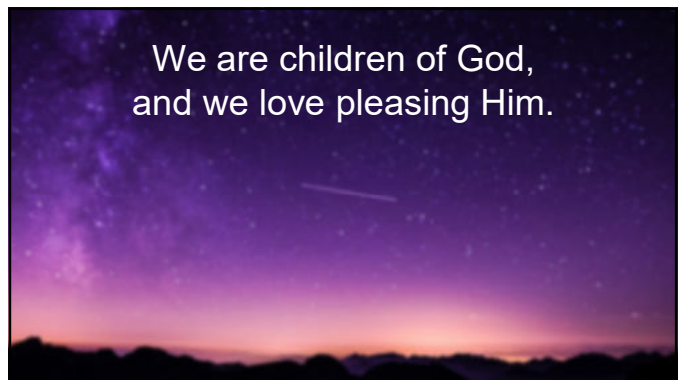


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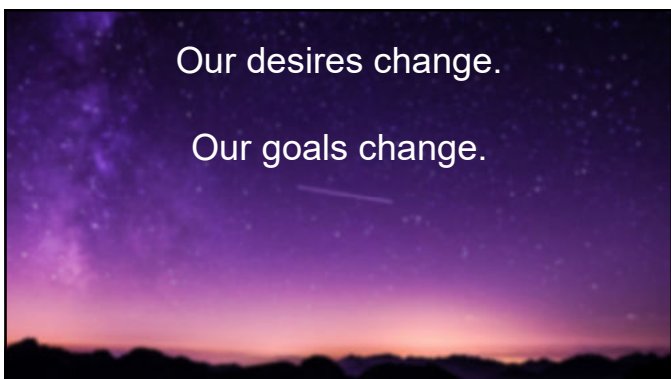
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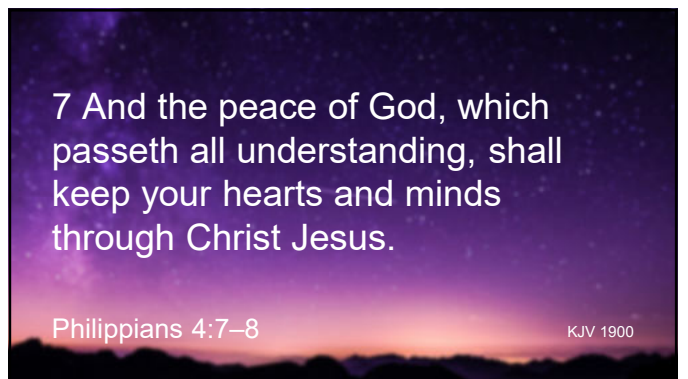
We are children of God,  
and we love pleasing Him.

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Our desires change.  
Our goals change.

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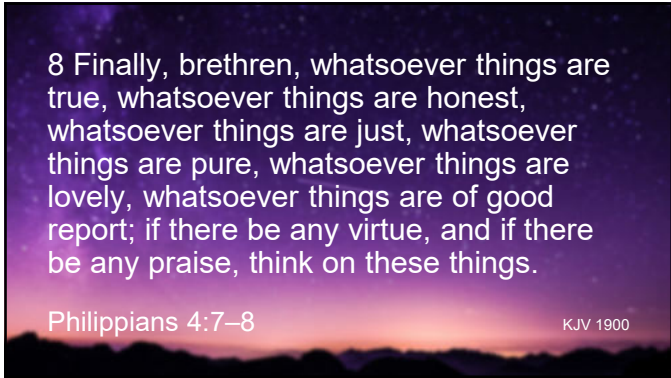


7 And the peace of God, which  
passeth all understanding, shall  
keep your hearts and minds  
through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7-8

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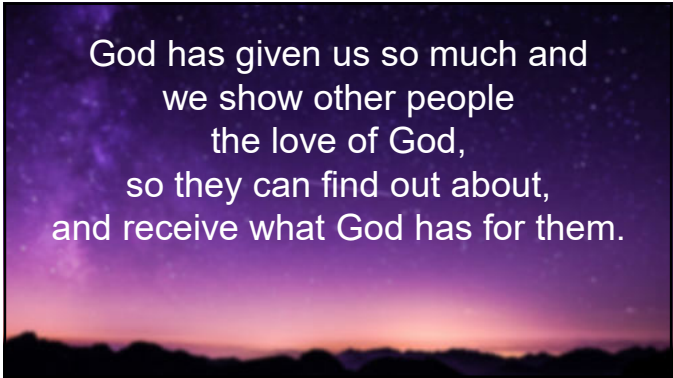
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8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:7-8 KJV 1900

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God has given us so much and we show other people the love of God, so they can find out about, and receive what God has for them.

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Look for opportunities to love and bless other people.

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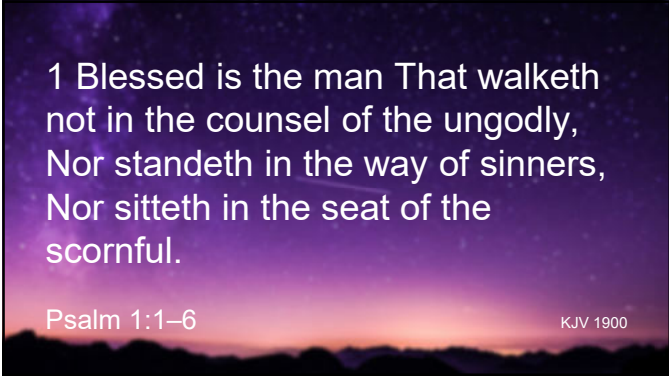
Be willing and ready to help a neighbor.

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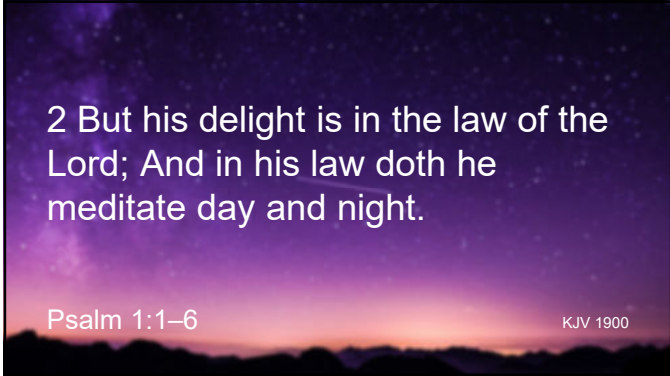


1 Blessed is the man That walketh  
not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,  
Nor sitteth in the seat of the  
scornful.

Psalm 1:1–6

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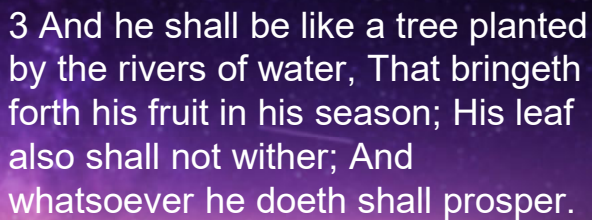


2 But his delight is in the law of the  
Lord; And in his law doth he  
meditate day and night.

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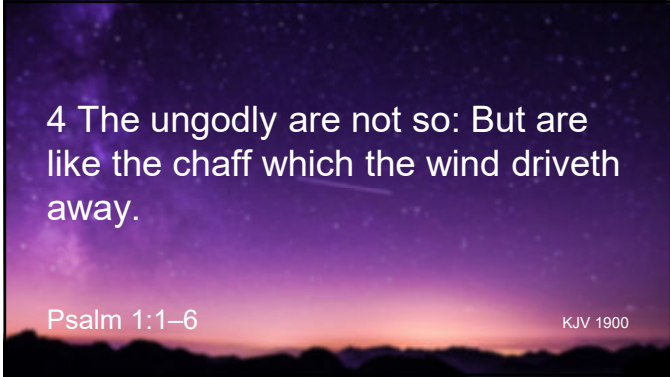


3 And he shall be like a tree planted  
by the rivers of water, That bringeth  
forth his fruit in his season; His leaf  
also shall not wither; And  
whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1–6

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4 The ungodly are not so: But are  
like the chaff which the wind driveth  
away.

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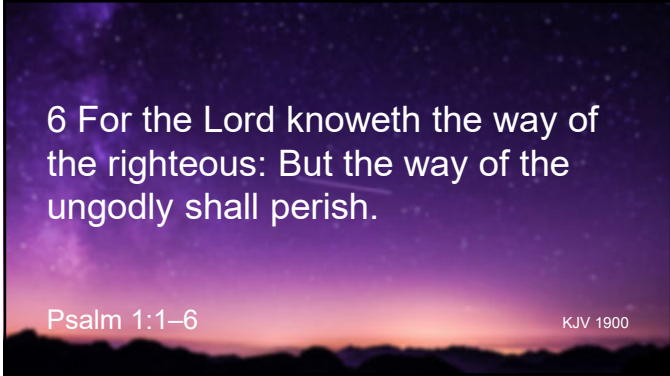


5 Therefore the ungodly shall not  
stand in the judgment, Nor sinners  
in the congregation of the righteous.

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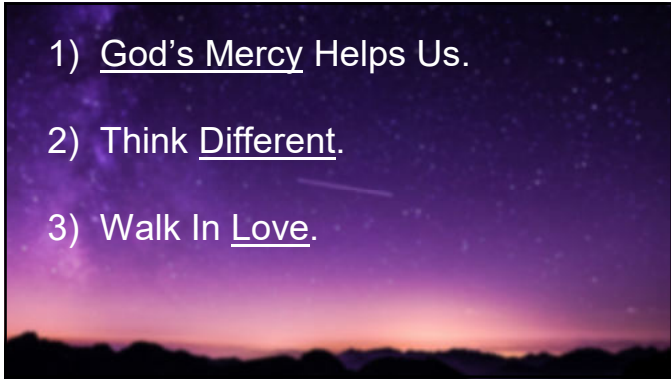


6 For the Lord knoweth the way of  
the righteous: But the way of the  
ungodly shall perish.

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