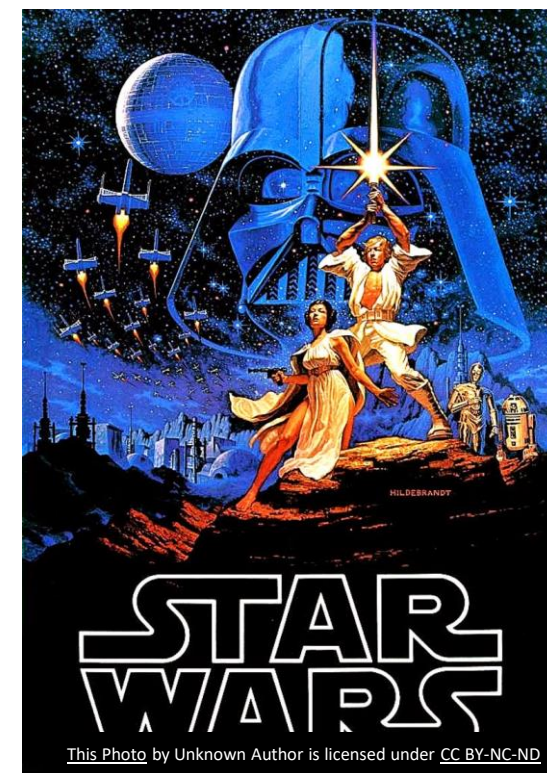
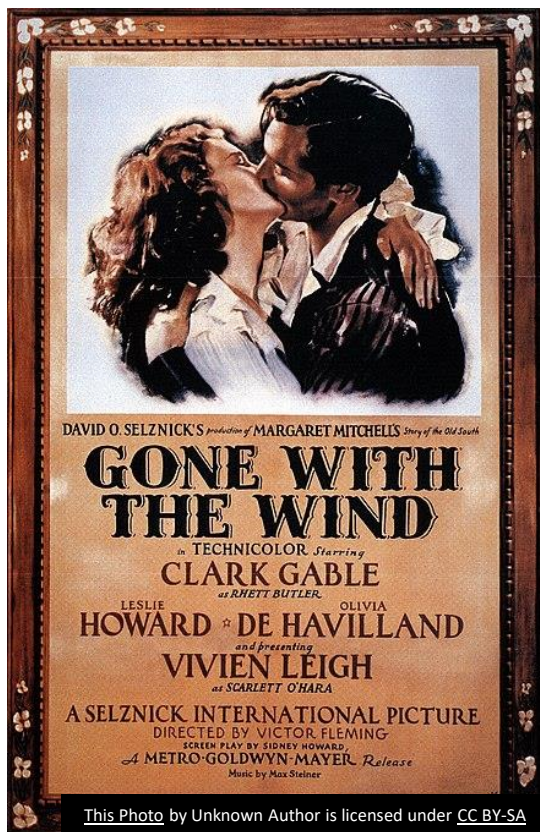


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*Faith for
Today*

&

*Hope for
Tomorrow*





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“remembering before our God
and Father your work of faith and
labor of love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 1:3

**God's message for us today: we are a family
on a dangerous journey to our true home.**

**We need to grow in hope, love and faith to
make it all the way home.**

**I. For our journey to our true
home we need to grow in hope by
following Godly leaders 12-13**

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

“For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

"For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory." 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12



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II. For our journey home, we
need to grow in love, by caring for
one another and for the world vv
14-18

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

“Imagine yourself as a parent, watching your child playing in a group with other children. . . You might accurately say, you have unconditional love for all the children in the group . . . But when it comes to your own child, something more goes on. You take much more notice of your own child. Injury, danger, bullying, or injustice arouses strong feelings of protection—because you love your child. If your child throws a tantrum or mistreats another child, you are again aroused to intervene because you love. If your child thrives, you are filled with joy—again because you love. . . . In comparison, Unconditional love . . . is detached, general, impersonal. God’s love is much better than unconditional.”

David Powlinson



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III. For our journey home together,
we need to grow in our faith in
God's truth, through the work of
the spirit vv 19-22

“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22



God's message for us today: we are a family on a dangerous journey to our true home.

To make it all the way home, We need to grow in **hope** through godly leaders, grow in **love** through active loving involvement in one another's lives, and grow in **faith** through an openness to the spirit speaking through the word



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“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; **he will surely do it.** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.