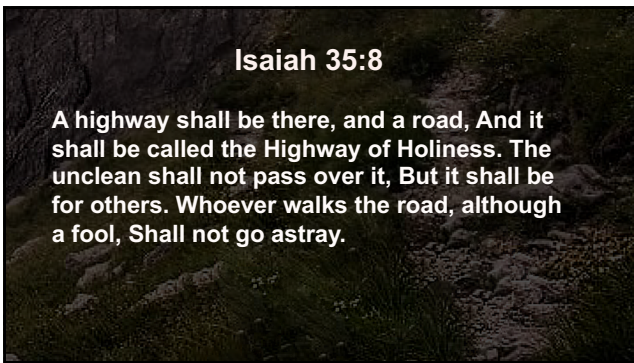
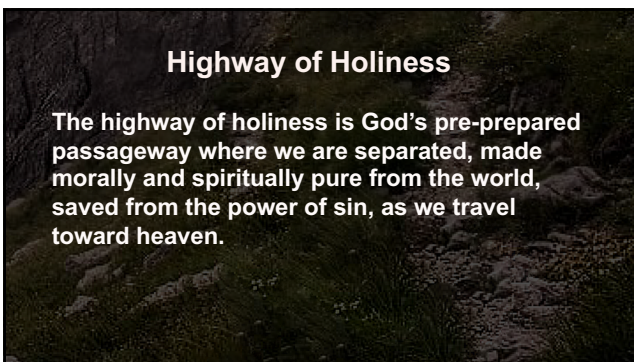




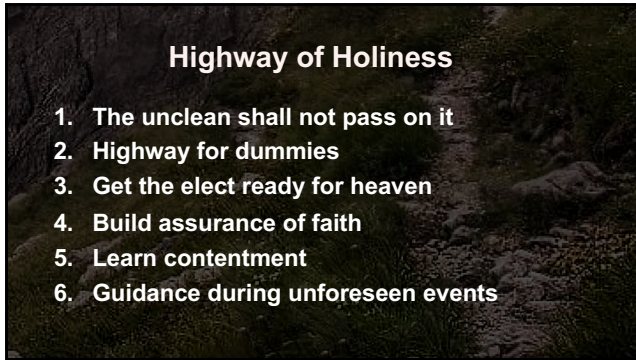
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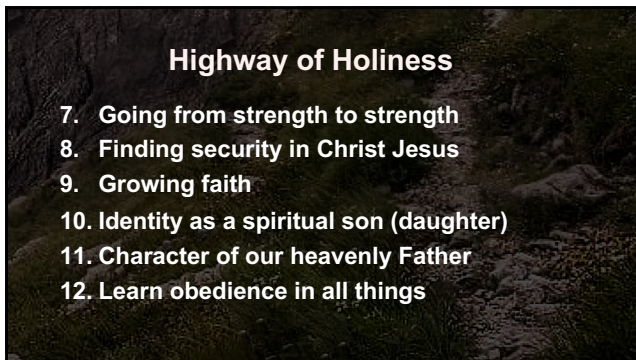
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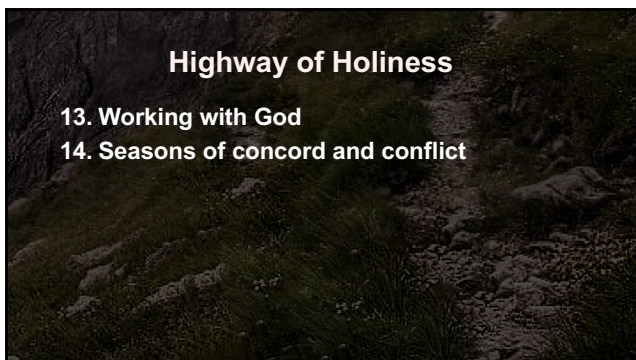
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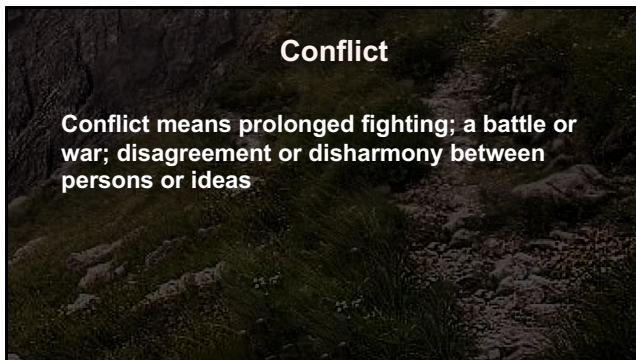
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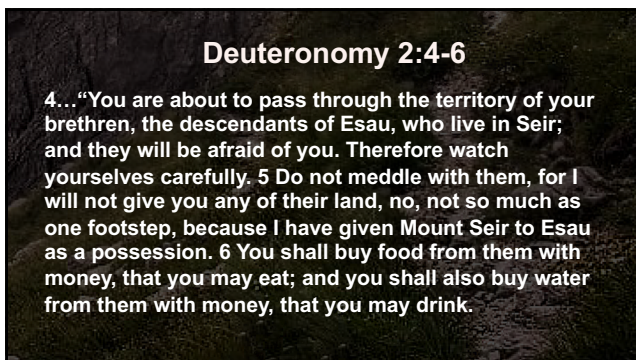
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Deuteronomy 2:8-9

8 "And when we passed beyond our brethren, the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir, away from the road of the plain, away from Elath and Ezion Geber, we turned and passed by way of the Wilderness of Moab.
9 Then the Lord said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession.' "

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Deuteronomy 2:24-31

24 " 'Rise, take your journey, and cross over the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess it, and engage him in battle.

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Deuteronomy 2:24-31

25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'

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Deuteronomy 2:24-31

26 "And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 27 'Let me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left.

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Deuteronomy 2:24-31

28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; only let me pass through on foot, 29 just as the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir and the Moabites who dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the Jordan to the land which the Lord our God is giving us.'

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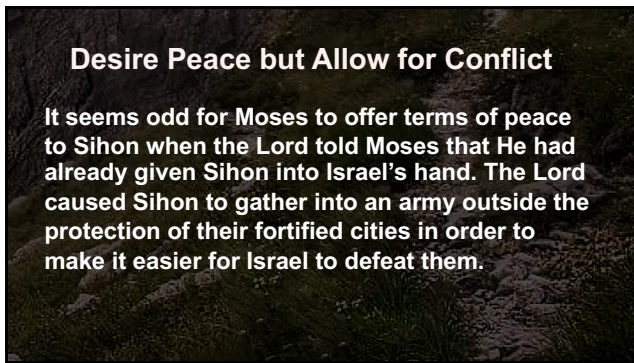
Deuteronomy 2:24-31

30 "But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for the Lord your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day. 31 "And the Lord said to me, 'See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.'

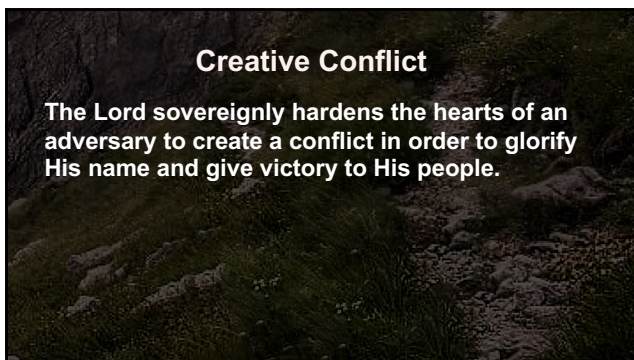
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Examples of Creative Conflict

Romans 12:18 gives the Elect their default strategy	Romans 12:18
Philistines burn Samson's bride and start a 20-year revenge war	Judges 13–16, Judges 14:4
Amalekites attack Ziklag causing David to pursue and defeat them	1 Samuel 30
Spoil financed his rise to be King	
King Asa rebuked for forming alliance with Syria thus prohibiting a future defeat	2 Chronicles 16:7

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Romans 12:18

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

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Pursuing Peace Is Not Passivity

Pursing peace should never devolve into pursuing passivity out of fear of conflict. We can walk in the Lord's victory when men rise up against us despite our best efforts at concord because we know the Lord is sovereign over all our affairs.

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John 15:18-25

18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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John 15:18-25

20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

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John 15:18-25

22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.

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John 15:18-25

24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. 25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

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John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

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Isaiah 54:15 NIV

"If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing [to defeat you]; whoever attacks you will surrender to you."

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Isaiah 54:17

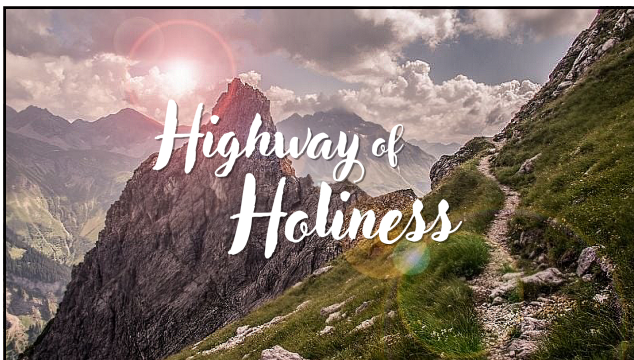
"No weapon formed against you shall prosper,
And every tongue which rises against you in
judgment You shall condemn. This is the
heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their
righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.

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Isaiah 35:8

A highway shall be there, and a road, And it
shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The
unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be
for others. Whoever walks the road, although a
fool, Shall not go astray.

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