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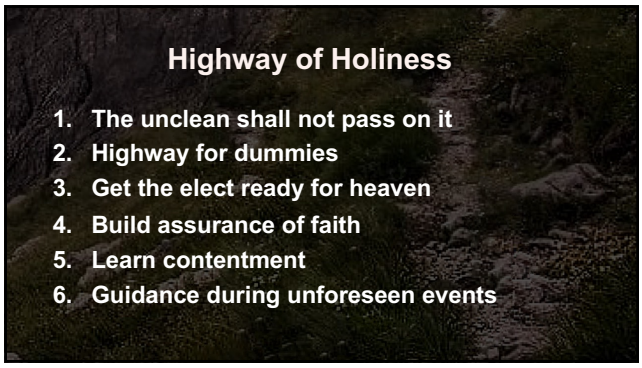
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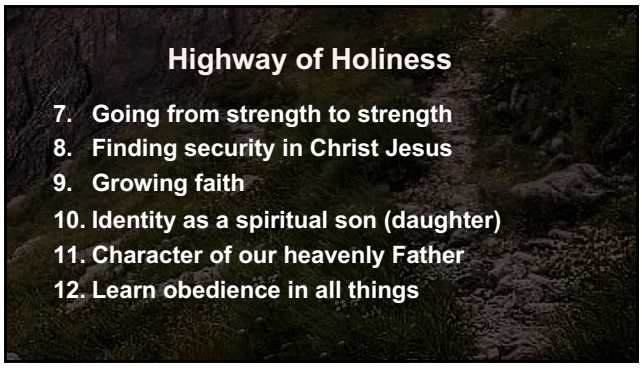
Highway of Holiness

The highway of holiness is God's pre-prepared passageway where we are separated, made morally and spiritually pure from the world, saved from the power of sin, as we travel toward heaven.

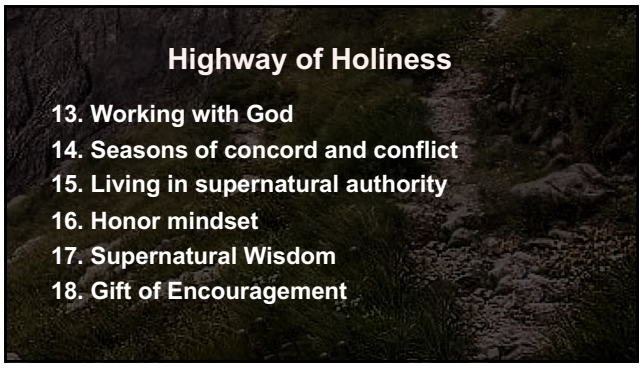
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Highway of Holiness
1. The unclean shall not pass on it
2. Highway for dummies
3. Get the elect ready for heaven
4. Build assurance of faith
5. Learn contentment
6. Guidance during unforeseen events

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Highway of Holiness
7. Going from strength to strength
8. Finding security in Christ Jesus
9. Growing faith
10. Identity as a spiritual son (daughter)
11. Character of our heavenly Father
12. Learn obedience in all things

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Highway of Holiness
13. Working with God
14. Seasons of concord and conflict
15. Living in supernatural authority
16. Honor mindset
17. Supernatural Wisdom
18. Gift of Encouragement

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John 14:16 AMP

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever

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Comforter

Greek Parakletos: Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby. Name for the Holy Spirit

Literally means 'one called alongside' to give help. In secular Greek it most often referred to a legal advocate or helper in court.

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Encouragement

inspiring someone with courage, spirit, or hope, or providing support that helps them to continue or improve.

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Gift of Encouragement

The Gift of Encouragement, also known as the gift of exhortation, is one of the spiritual gifts mentioned in the New Testament. It is a special ability given by the Holy Spirit to uplift, motivate, and inspire others in their faith journey. This gift is essential for the edification and unity of the Church, as it helps believers persevere in their walk with Christ and remain steadfast in their faith.

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How the Gift of Encouragement Works

1. Perceive the needs of others
2. Provide timely words comfort, hope reassurance
3. Empathetic with a deep understanding of the struggles of others
4. Speak into seemingly hopeless situations to remind of God's promises and faithfulness

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"Be Stirred, Not Shaken"

"We ask you not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled..." 2 Thessalonians 2:2

"But stir up the gift of God that is within you by the laying on of hands..." 2 Timothy 1:6

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works," Hebrews 10:24

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1 Samuel 23:6

6 Now it happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, that he went down with an ephod in his hand.

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High Priest Ephod



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Hearing the voice of God

The most important way to encourage than helping someone hear the voice of God.

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NT Ways to Hear From God

Inner Witness	Holy Spirit speaks to the believer's spirit
Written Word of God	Revelation through the written Word
Spoken Word of God	Revelation thru preaching, dreams, vision or prophesy
Signs	God arranges a specific physical sign as direction
Audible Voice of God	God speaks in an audible voice
Divine Messenger	Angel or Christ Himself

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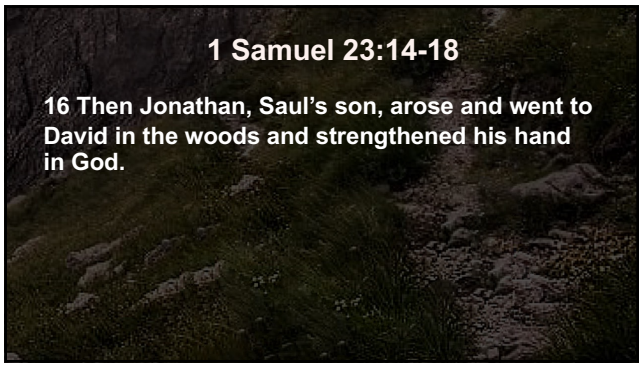
1 Samuel 23:14-18

14 And David stayed in strongholds in the wilderness, and remained in the mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.
15 So David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. And David was in the Wilderness of Ziph in a forest.

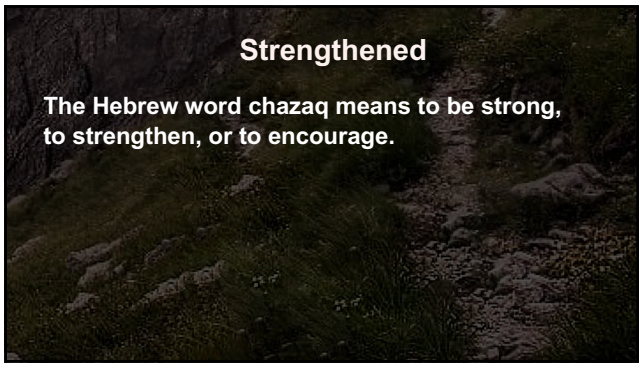
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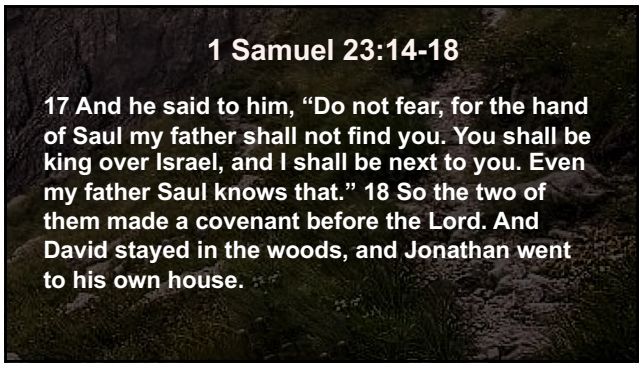
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1 Samuel 23:14-18
16 Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God.

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Strengthened
The Hebrew word chazaq means to be strong, to strengthen, or to encourage.

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1 Samuel 23:14-18
17 And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Even my father Saul knows that." 18 So the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. And David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his own house.

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Psalm 54

…A Contemplation of David when the Ziphites went and said to Saul, "Is David not hiding with us?"
1 Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength. 2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life;
They have not set God before them. Selah

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Psalm 54

4 Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life.

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Helper (Hebrew Azar)

1. Support: Physical or emotional support.
2. Aid: Assisting in times of need or distress.
3. Active Involvement: God's active role in sustaining and upholding life.

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2 Corinthians 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

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God is the source of all comfort

Our goal in encouragement is to keep the eyes of those we help on the God of all comfort

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