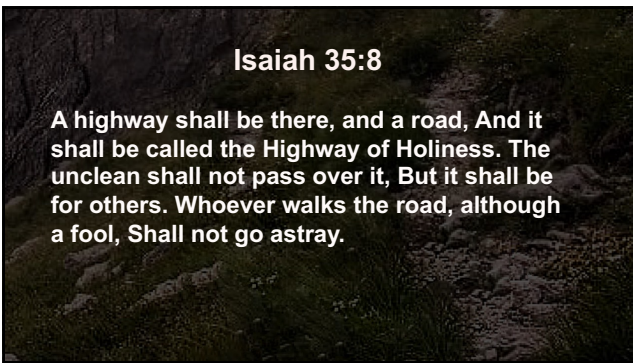
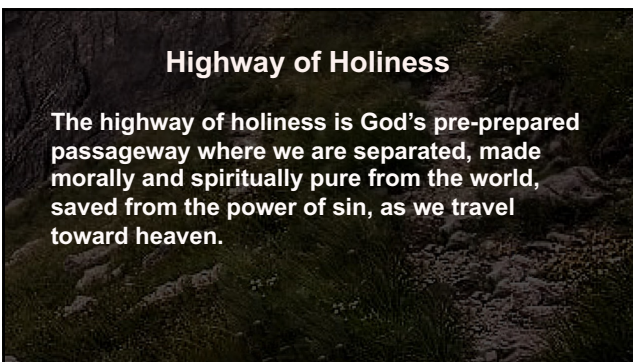




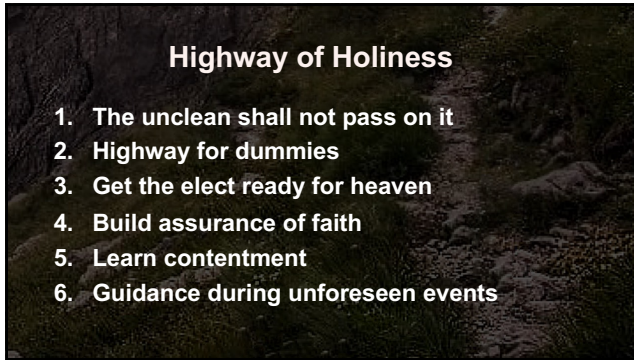
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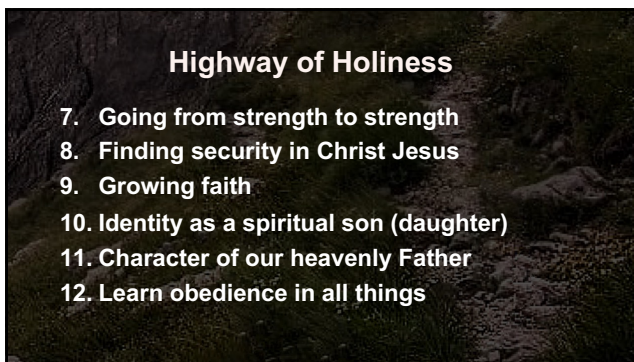
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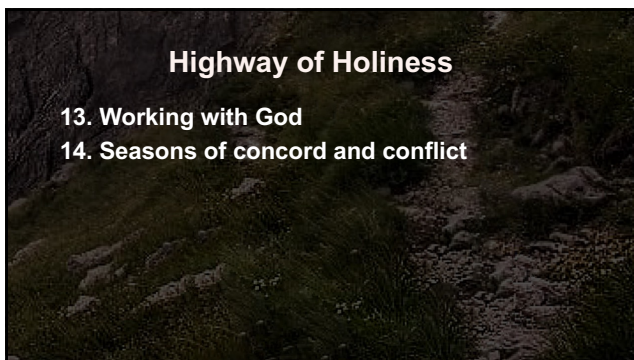
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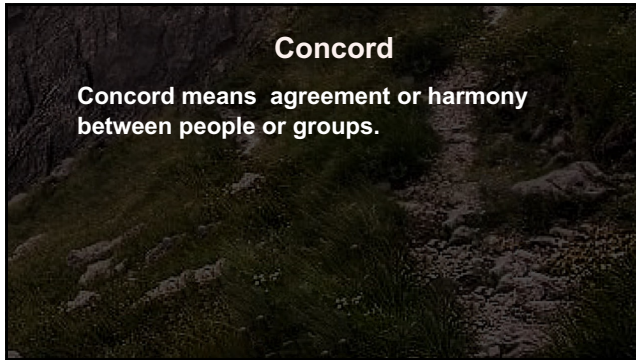
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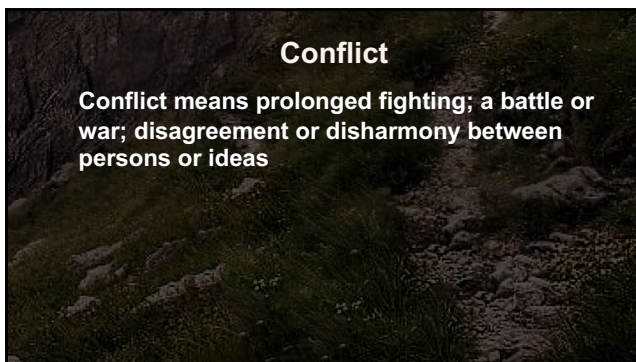
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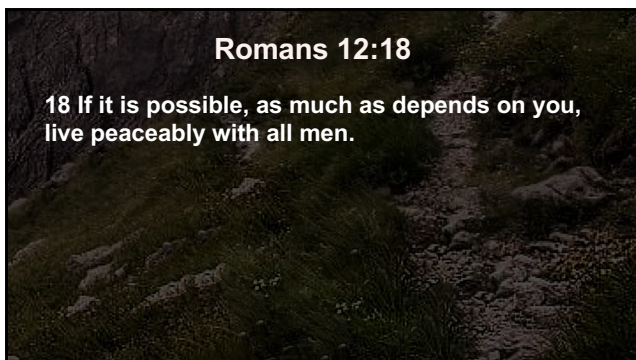
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Pursuing Peace Is Not Passivity

Pursuing 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.

11

Creative Conflict

The Lord sovereignly hardens the hearts of an adversary to create a conflict in order to glorify His name and give victory to His people.

12

Creative Concord

The Lord sovereignly allows a conflict in order bring about a realignment to truth and a healthier relationship.

13

Galatians 2:1-5

1 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me. 2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

14

Acts 4:36-37

36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

15

Barnabus

Bar (son) Nabus (encouragement)

Jew from the tribe of Levi born in Cyprus as Joseph or Joses,

Apostle on missionary journeys as a companion of Paul the Apostle, evangelizing among the "God-fearing" Gentiles.

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Acts 11:22

22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

18

Titus

Means Strong, Honorable, (Titans), warrior

Gentile convert from Crete who was not circumcised

missionary journeys as an assistant of Paul the Apostle, evangelizing among the "God-fearing" Gentiles.

19

2 Corinthians 8:16

16 But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.

20

Barnabus and Titus Needed for Concord

We need to be both an encourager and a (gentle) warrior to bring lasting concord.

We pursue peace with all men but we are not passive.

21

Gentle Warrior

This was remarkable love and sensitivity on Paul's part. It would have been easy for him to say, "I'm right and anyone who disagrees with me is wrong, and I can't wait to confront them publicly." But he didn't. He knew that being right didn't give you the privilege of being rude.

Peace through strength

22

Galatians 2:1-5

3 Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4 And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), 5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

23

Humble not Hostile Approach

Paul demonstrated remarkable love and sensitivity with the brothers in Jerusalem. It would have been easy for him to say, "I'm right and anyone who disagrees with me is wrong, and I can't wait to confront them publicly." Instead he confronted humbly and privately to avoid embarrassment. Being right doesn't give us the privilege of being rude. "but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain."

24

Why Do We Need Gentle Warriors?

There's a real battle with a real enemy with real false brothers and victory and real defeat.

25

False Brothers

Pseudádelphos: Pseudo (false, pretend) a delphos (same womb) Brother

1. Men secretly brought in, came in by stealth
2. Spy out our liberty which we have in Christ
3. Goal: Bring us into bondage to legalism

26

Jude 1

3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

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Jude 1

4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

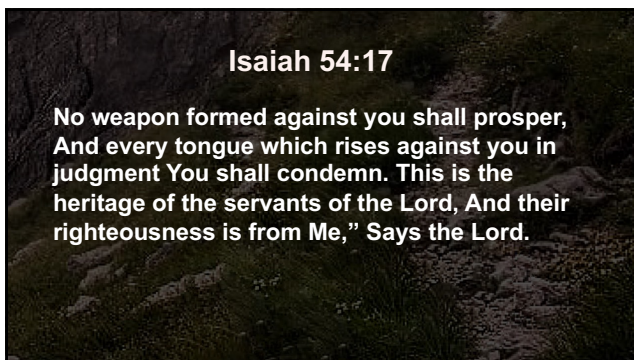
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Contend for the Faith	
Legalism	License
Demote Jesus to prophet	Promote men equal to God
Saved by (good) works	Unity of all religions
Holy Days, more sacraments, Mary	Mix sensuality with spirituality
Veneration relics, idols	Creatives as theologians
Saved by (good) works	Worship technology

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31

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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