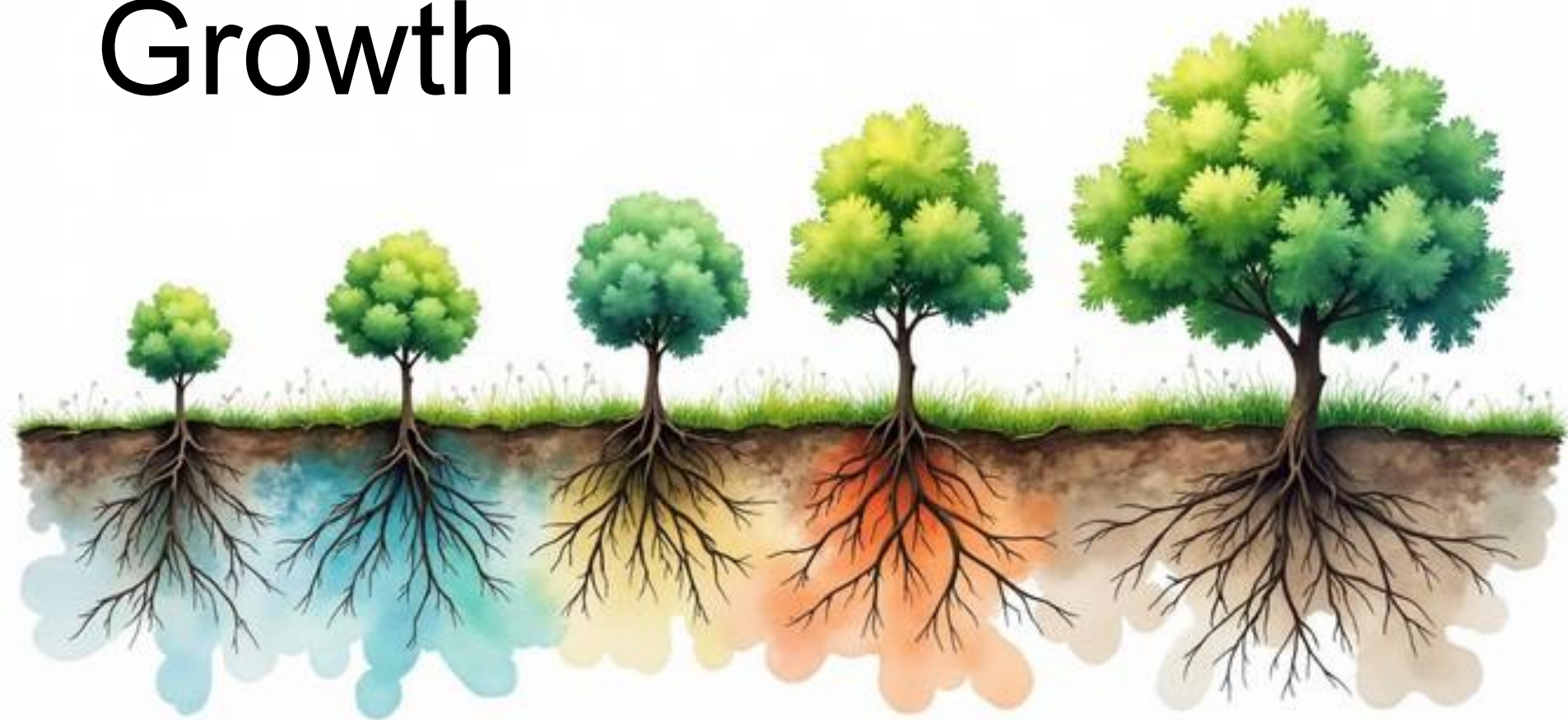


Fundamentals Of Spiritual Growth



Agenda

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Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

A close-up photograph of a car's side-view mirror. The mirror is oval-shaped with a black frame and a gold-colored outer casing. It reflects a desert landscape with a long, straight road stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by dry, sandy terrain. In the bottom right corner of the mirror's reflection, there is a white warning text.

OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE
CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

The Journey So Far

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MADE COMPLETE
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Colossians 2:9



The Journey So Far



The Weekly Journey

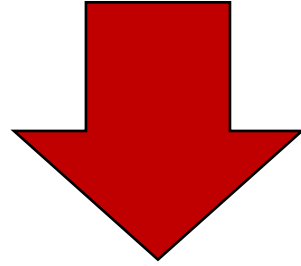
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- **3-4:** *How* to take possession of it and *how* to gain freedom
- **5:** The ground you *stand* on
- **6:** The mechanism of *faith*
- **7:** The *agent* who does the work
- **8:** The *posture* that follows

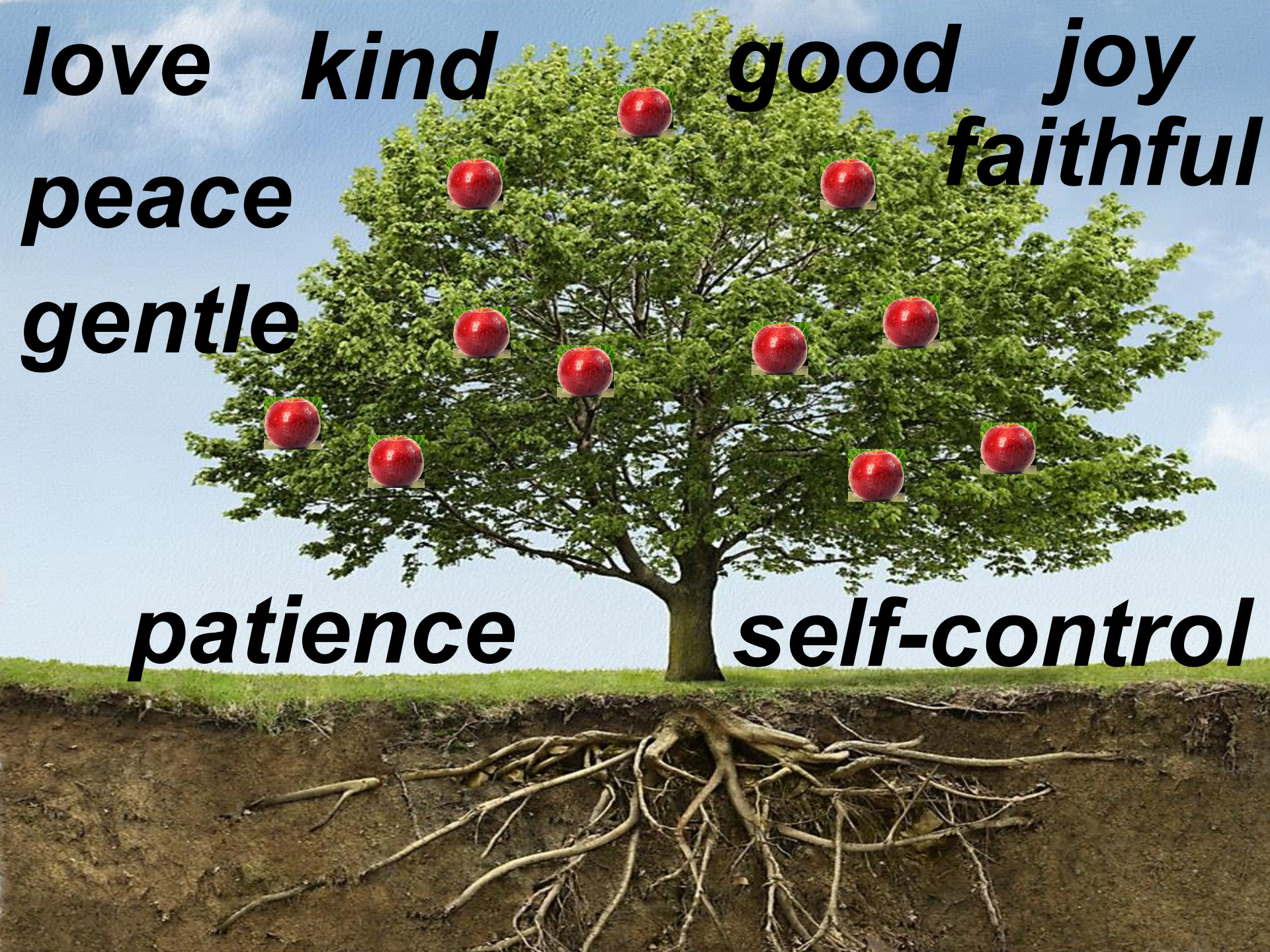
The Holy Spirit



- Reveals truth
- Convicts / Regenerates
- Indwells / Seals / Assures
- Sanctifies / Produces fruit
- Equips / Empowers
- Points to Christ

Sanctification





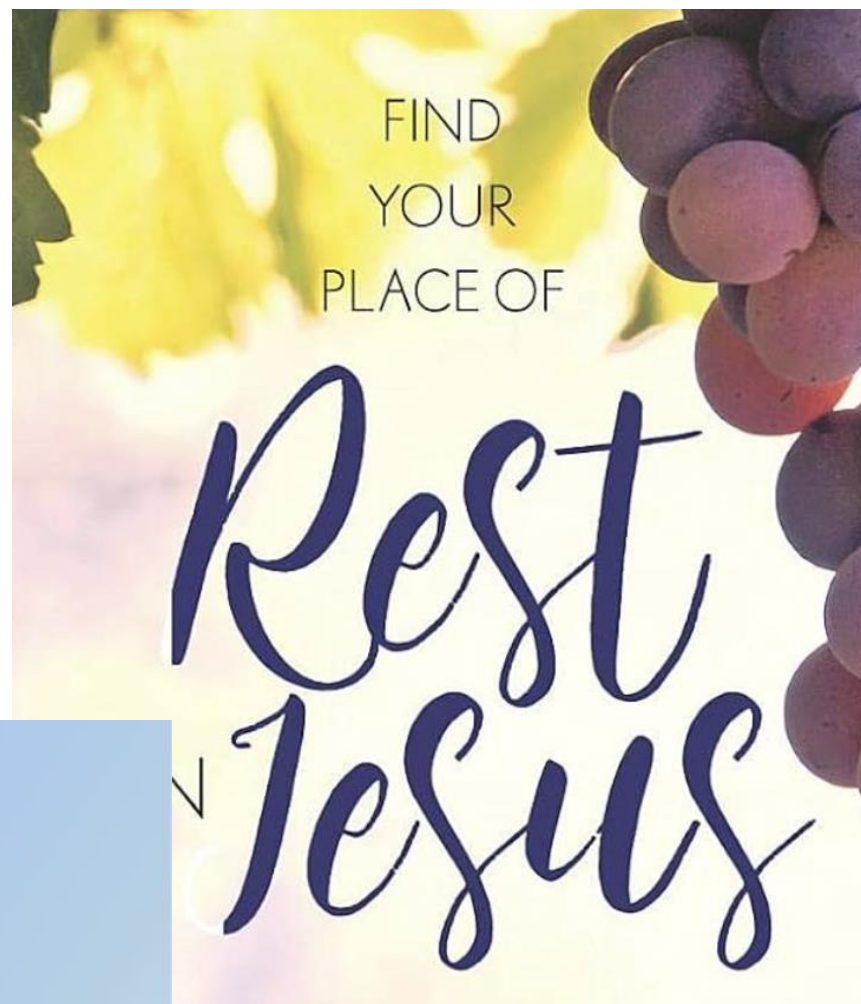
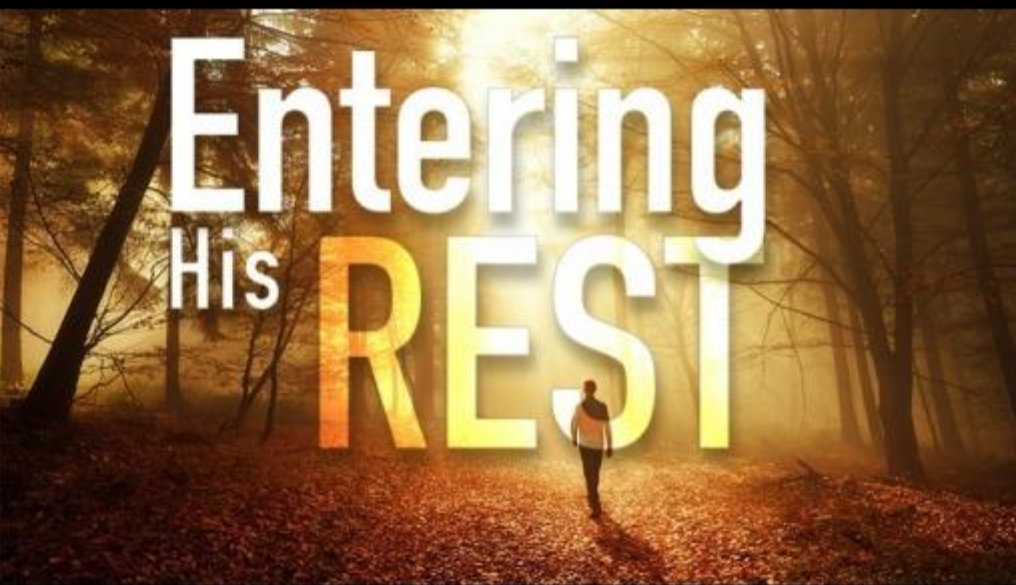
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peace ***faithful***
gentle
patience ***self-control***

ABIDING IN THE VINE



John 15:2







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Hebrews 4:11

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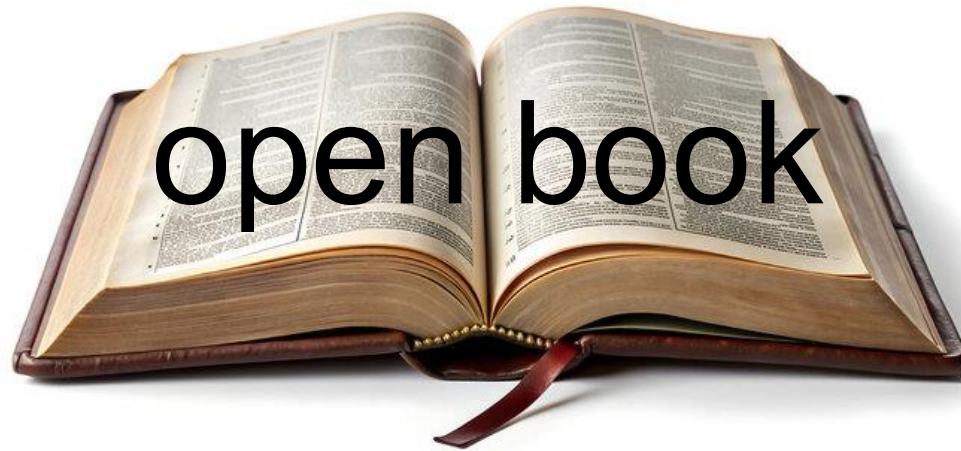
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Hebrews 5:12-14

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word...

Hebrews 5:12-14

...of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.



DISAPPOINTMENT

Hebrews 6:1-2

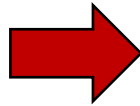
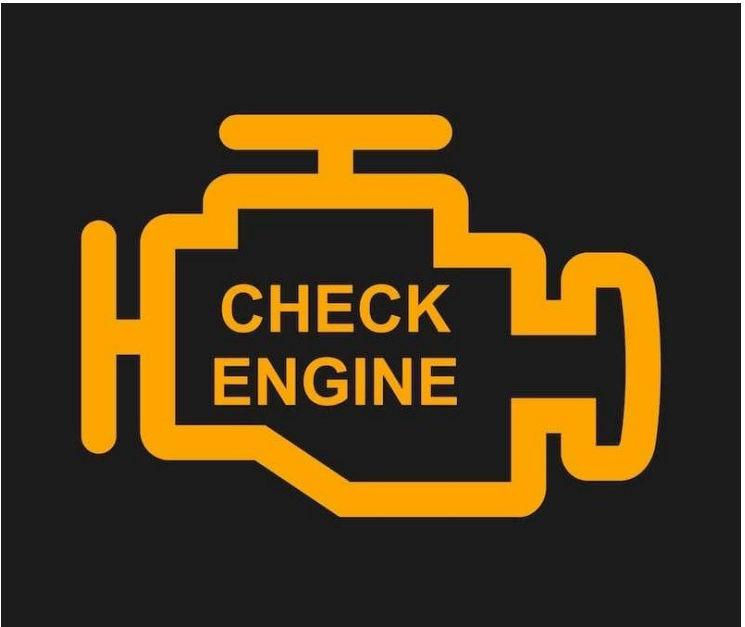
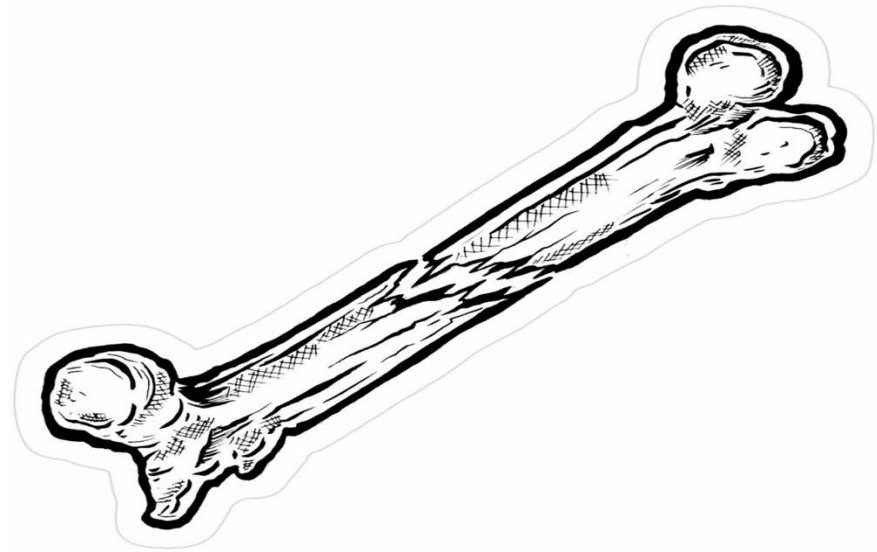
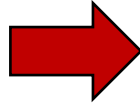
¹ Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² and of instruction about washings, the laying on...

Hebrews 6:1-2

...of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.







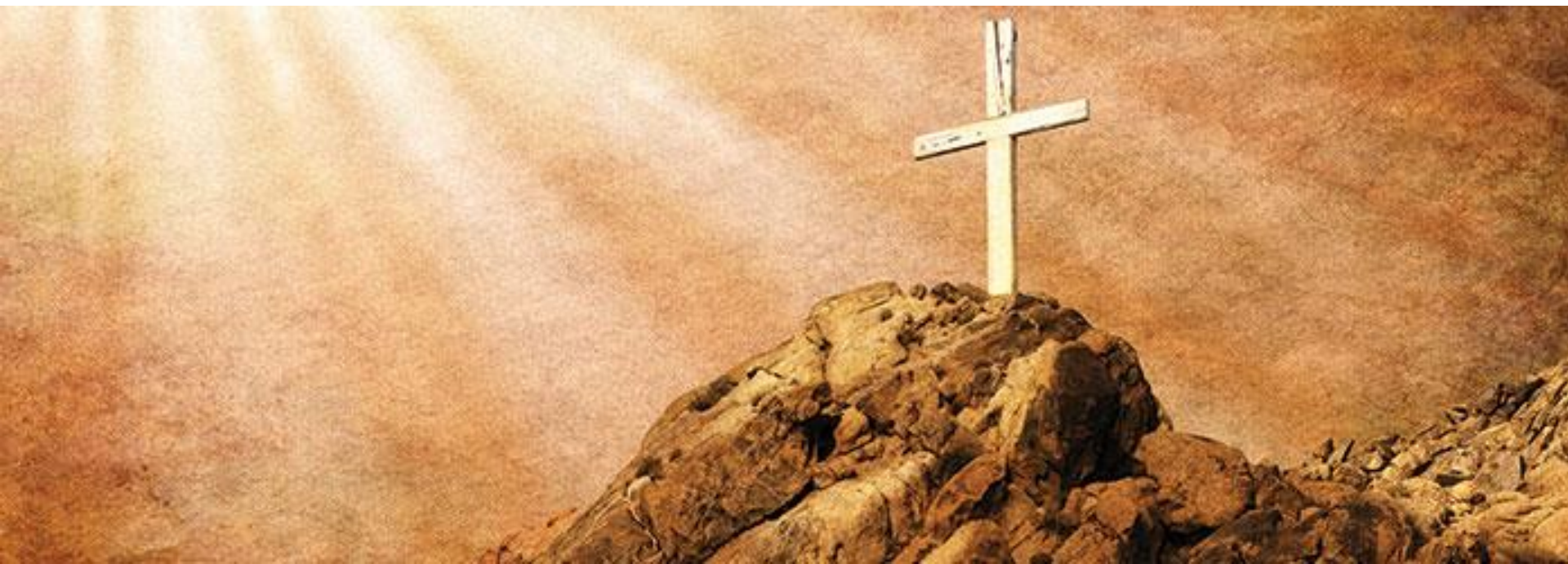


Hebrews 4:11-12

¹¹ Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest...¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart

2 Timothy 2:19

¹⁹ But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His."



Deuteronomy 8:3

³ ...man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Matthew 4:4

⁴ But Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”



Do we feel accepted...



...when things are going well?



...when things are NOT going well?

God's Basis





Hebrews 12:5-11

⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

Hebrews 12:5-11

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we...

Hebrews 12:5-11

...have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share His...

Hebrews 12:5-11

...holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines... ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Remain Under

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James 1:2-4

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

