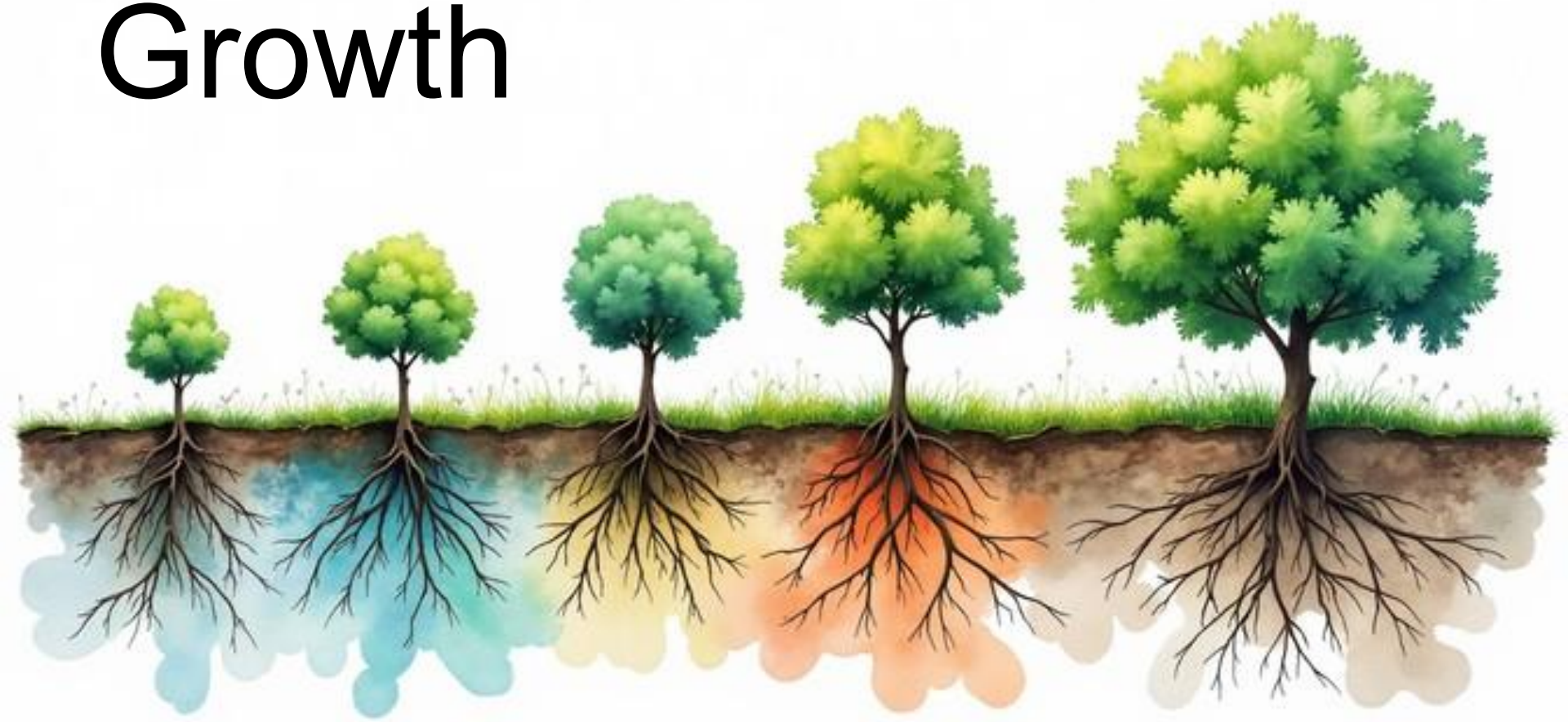
Fundamentals Of Spiritual Growth



Agenda

- Recap
- Central Question
- Forty
- Squash, Oak and, a Tortoise
- Brakes and Roots
- Fuses

Course Preview

- 7: Holy Spirit--Agent of Growth
- 8: Abiding in Christ / Rest
- 9: How the Word Transforms
- 10: Prayer
- 11: Purpose of Suffering
- 12: God's Timing

Course Preview

- 13: How God Sees Us
- 14: What Maturity Looks Like
- 15: Living Out Maturity
- 16: Pressing On

Philippians 1:6

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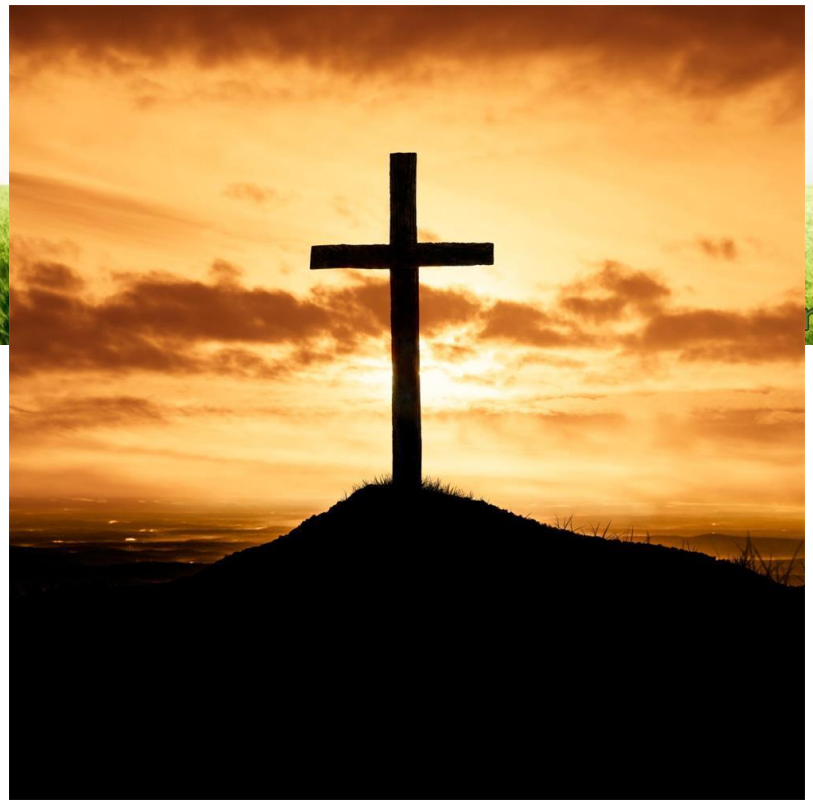

OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE
CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

The Journey So Far





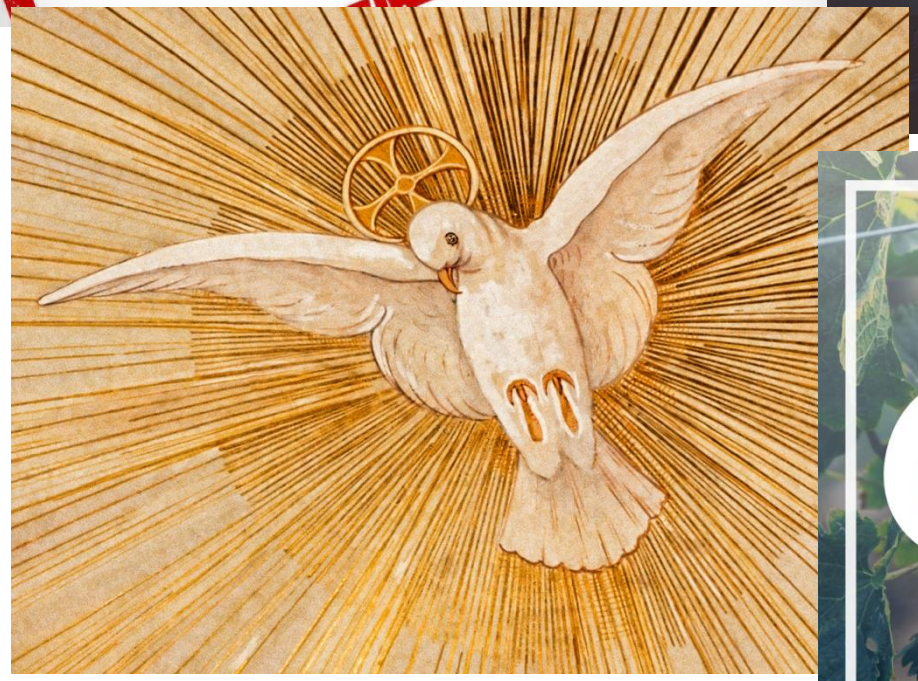


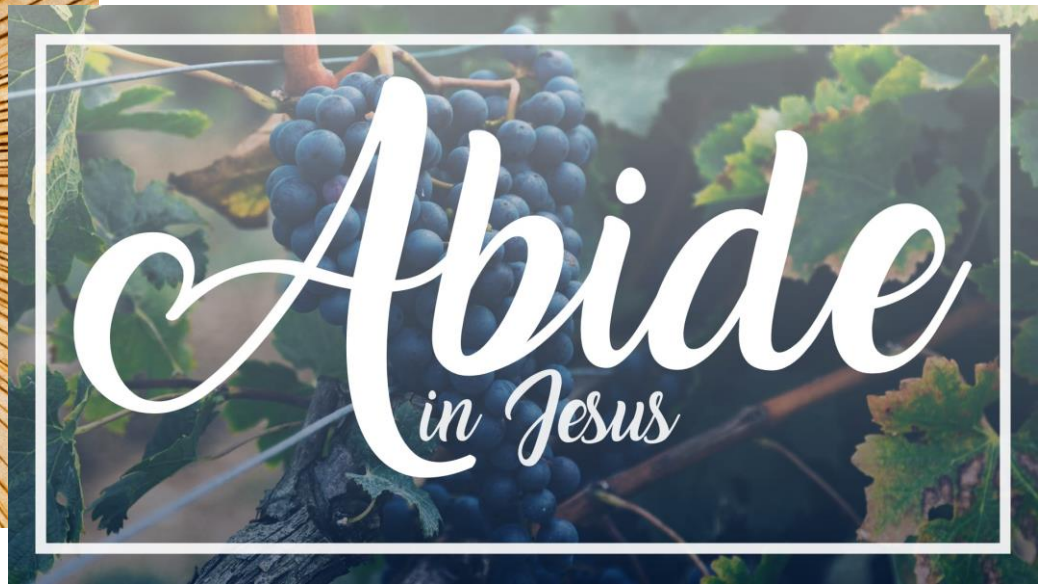


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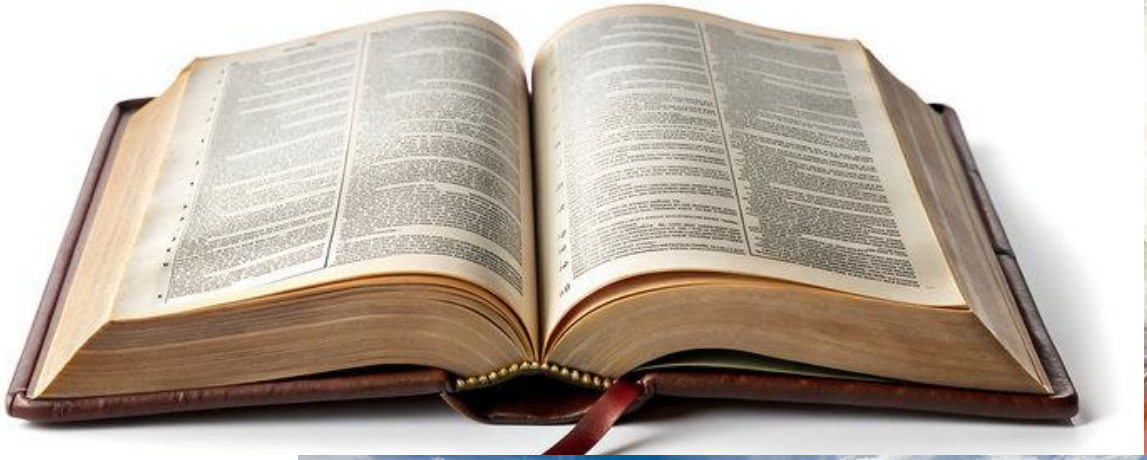


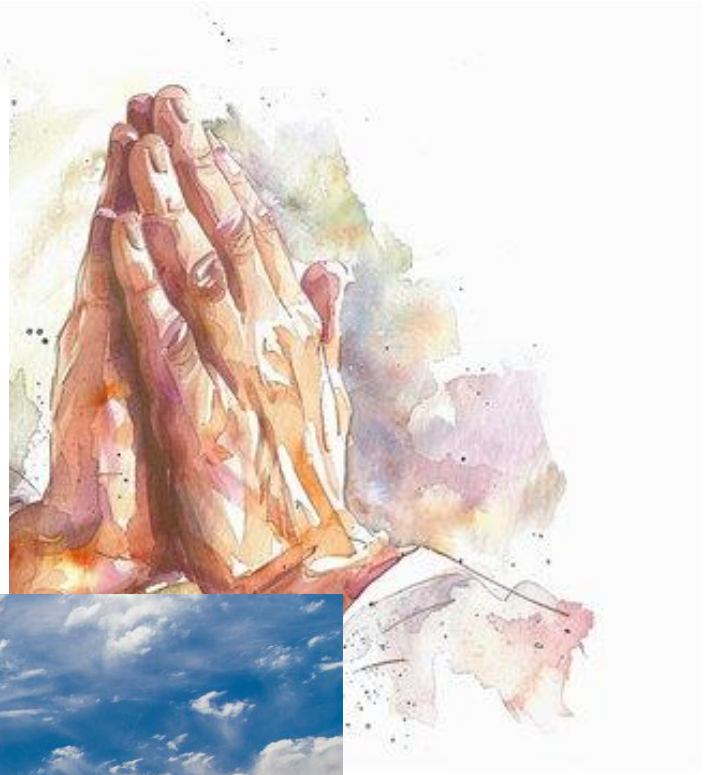






The Journey So Far







Weekly Journey

- **1-2:** *Who* you are
- **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

Weekly Journey

- **9:** The *food* that sustains it
- **10:** The *conversation* you have
- **11:** The *purpose* of pressure

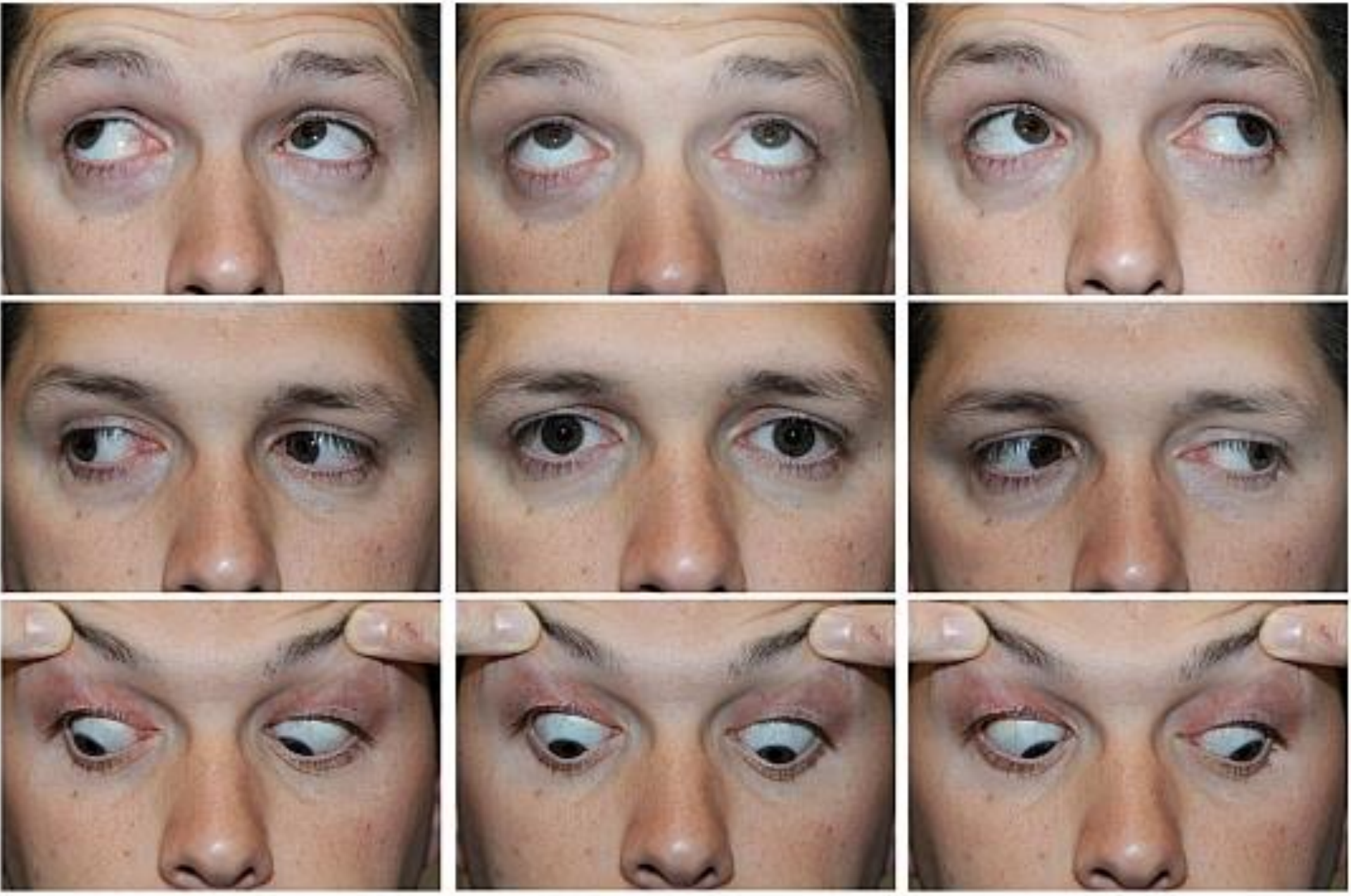
Alignment



-Purposeful

-Intentional

-Targeted

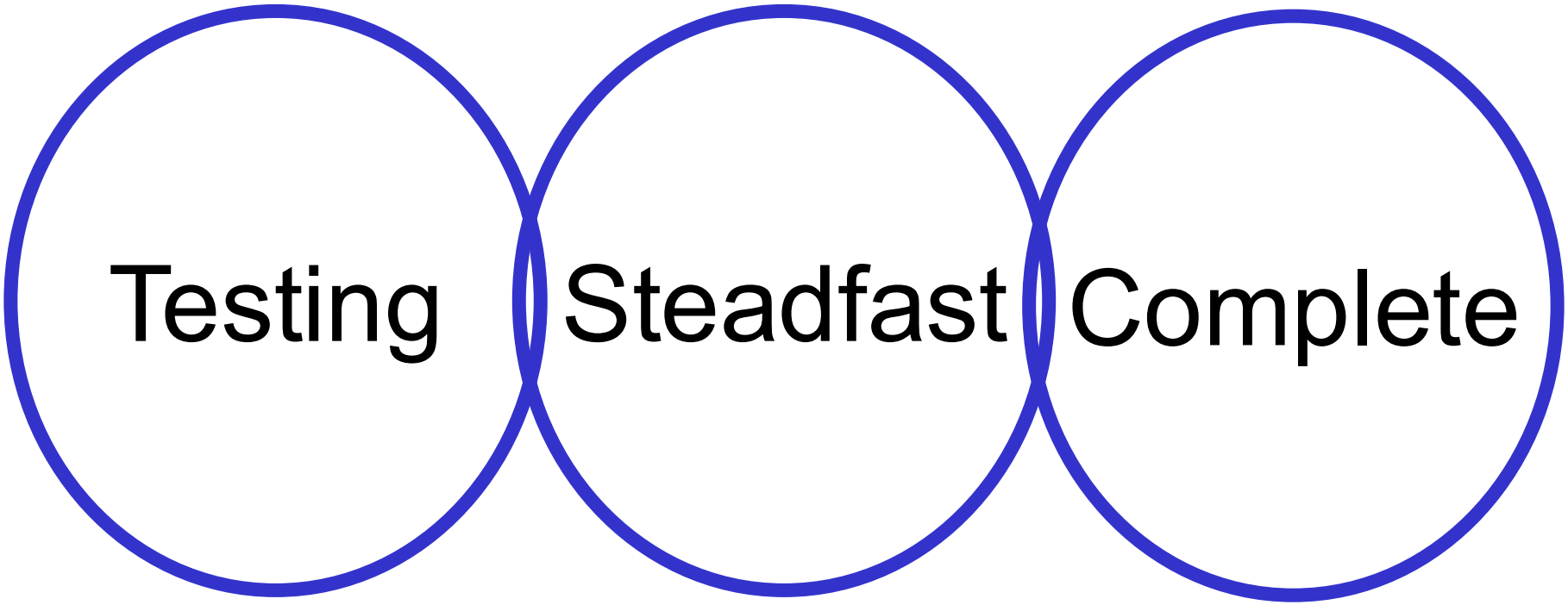



CAUTION
FALL
HAZARD


CAUTION
TRIPPING
HAZARD


God's Way

James 1:2-4



peirasmos *hupomone* *teleos*

Remain Under

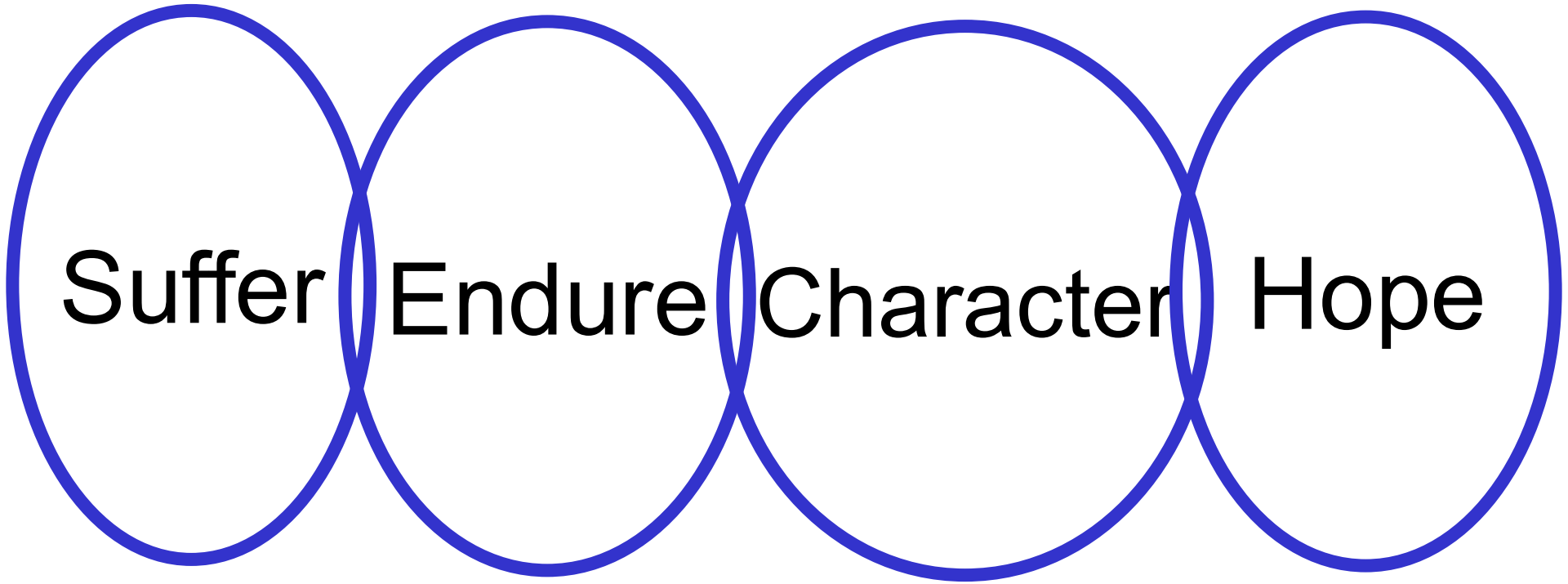
hupomone

ὑπομονή



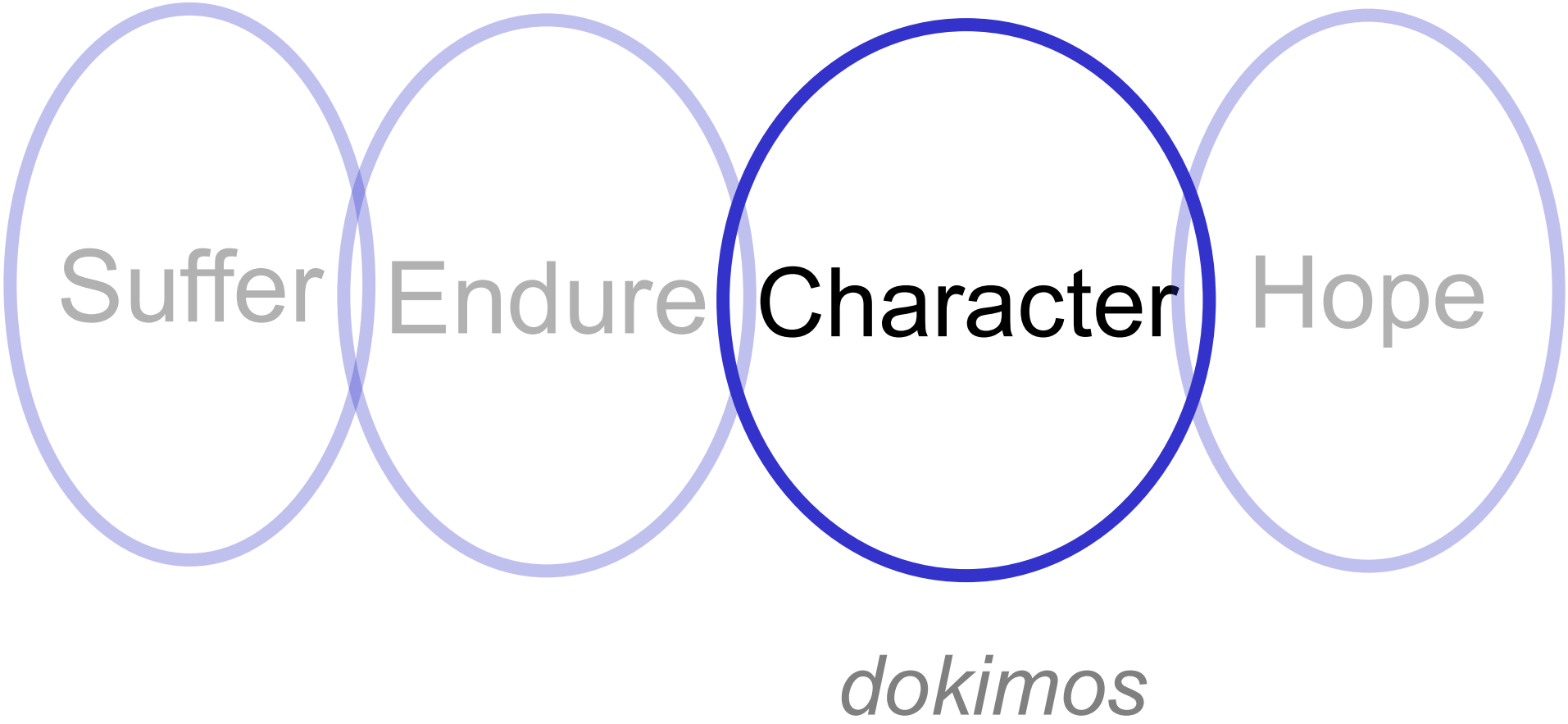


Romans 5:3-5



thlipsis *hupomone* *dokimos* *teleos*

Romans 5:3-5



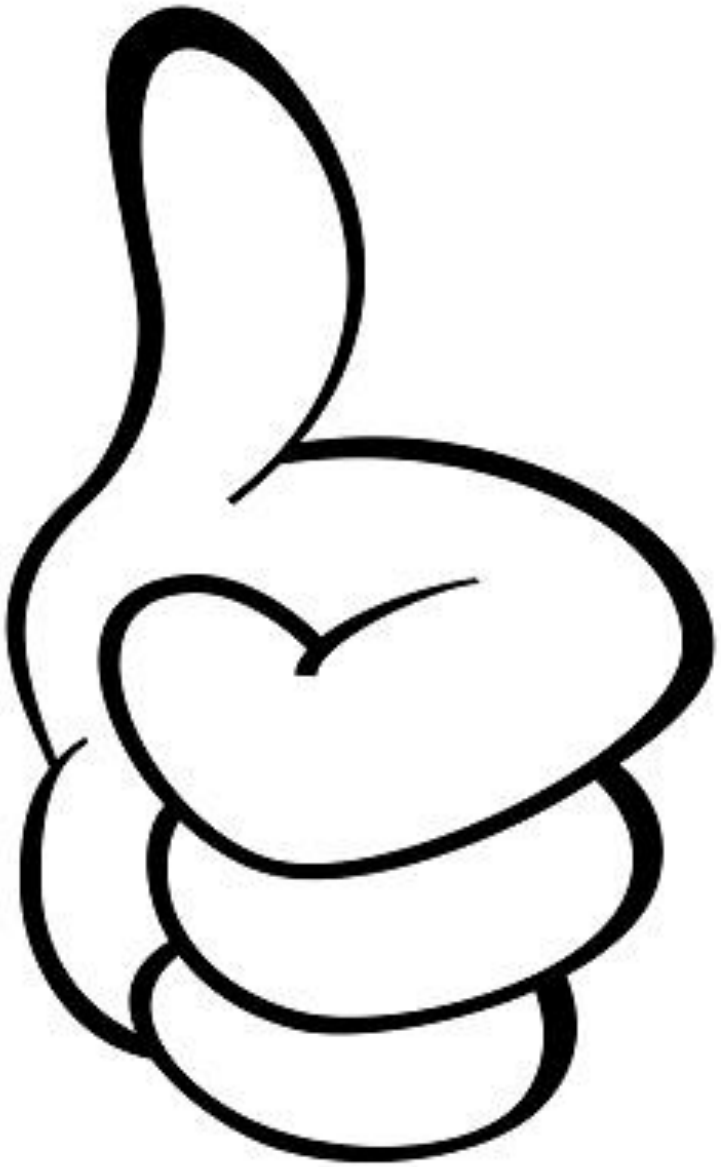
“testing”

“refining”

“proving”

dokimos





summorphos



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Psalm 13:1-2

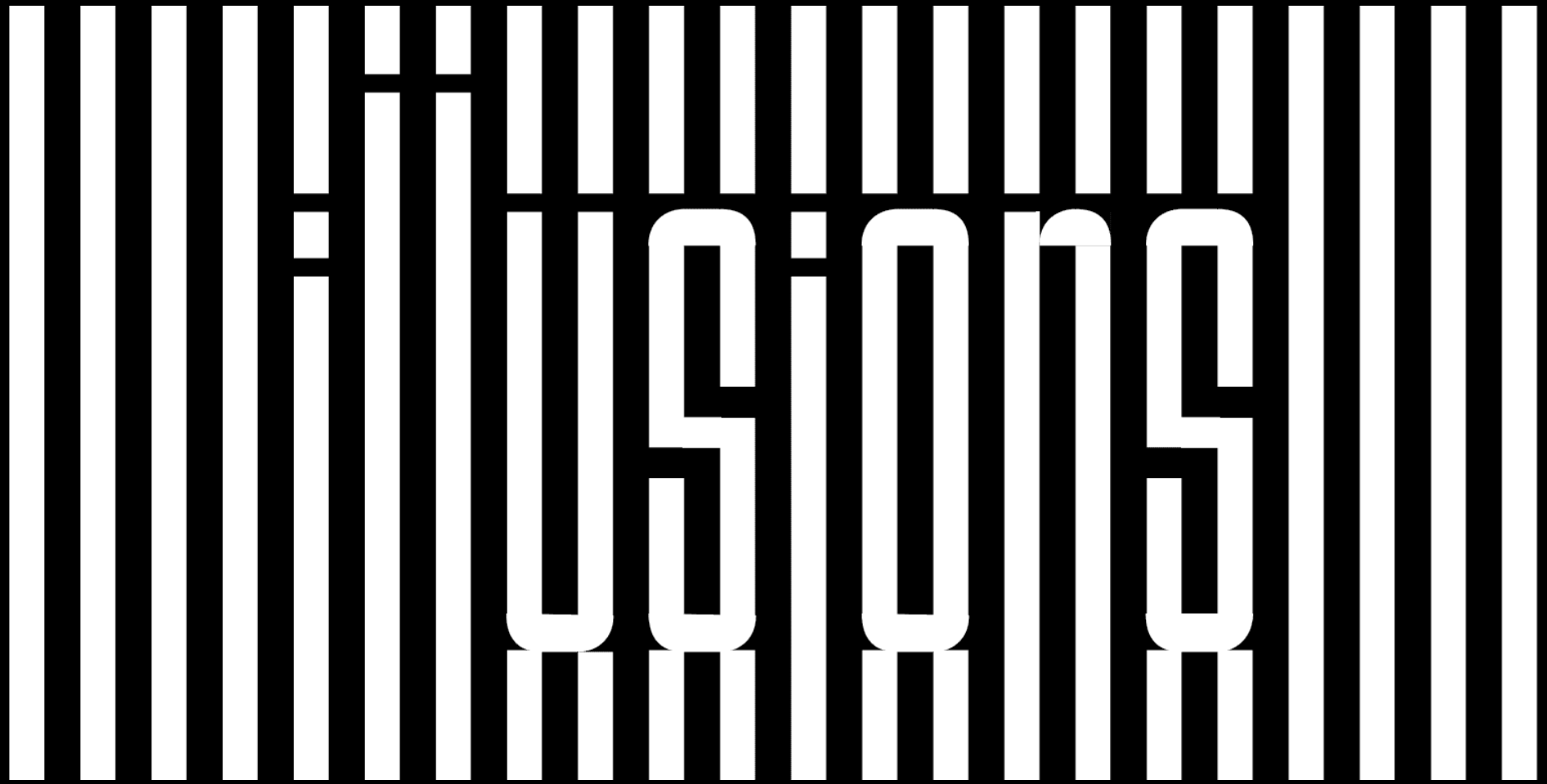
1 How long, O LORD? Will You
forget me forever? How long will
You hide Your face from me? 2
How long must I take counsel in
my soul and have sorrow in my
heart all the day?

Habakkuk 2:3

3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end – it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

2 Peter 3:8-9

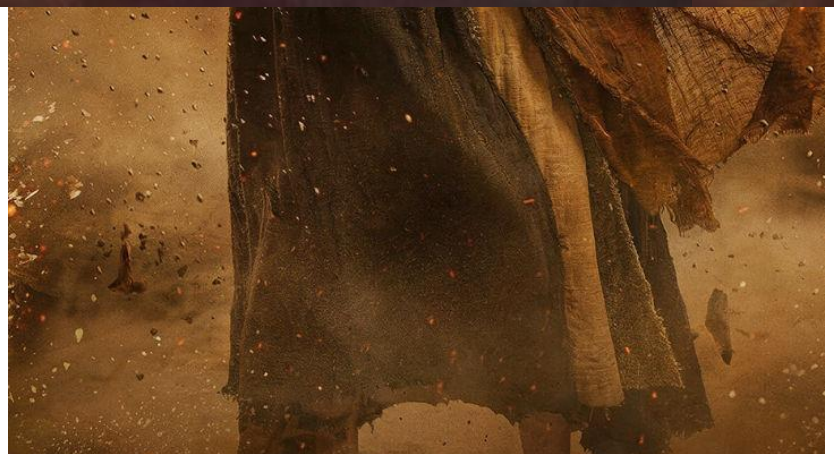
8 Do not overlook this one fact, be-
loved, that with the Lord one day is
like a thousand years, and a thou-
sand years like one day. **9** The Lord
is not slow to fulfill His promise, as
some count slowness, but is patient
toward you, not willing for any to
perish, but for all to come to
repentance.


illusions


the 40/40 club
FORTY HOME RUNS + FORTY STOLEN BASES




40/40/40



Galatians 1:17-18

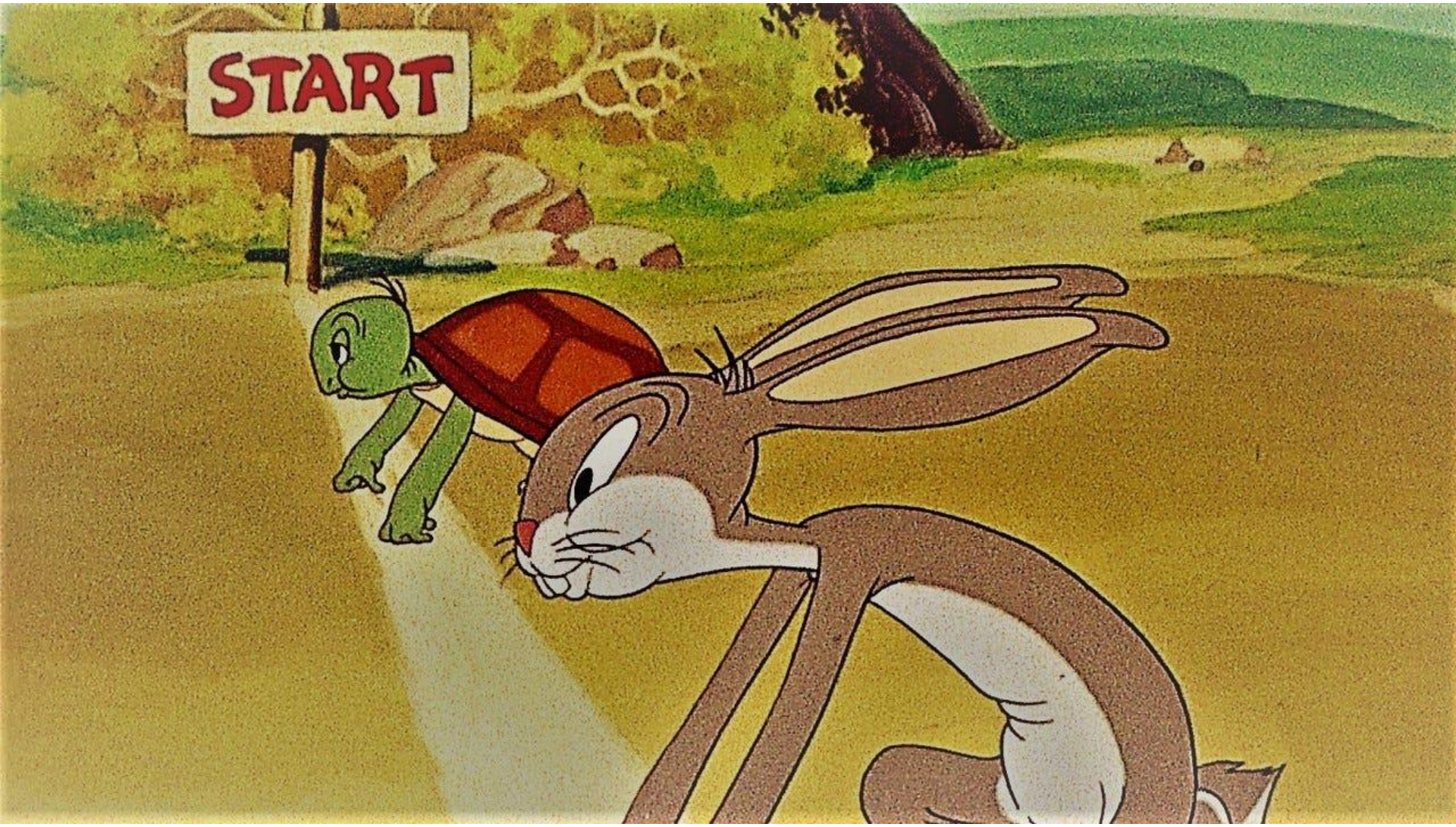
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to
those who were apostles before
me, but I went away into Arabia,
and returned again to Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went
up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas
and remained with him fifteen
days.

1 Peter 1:6

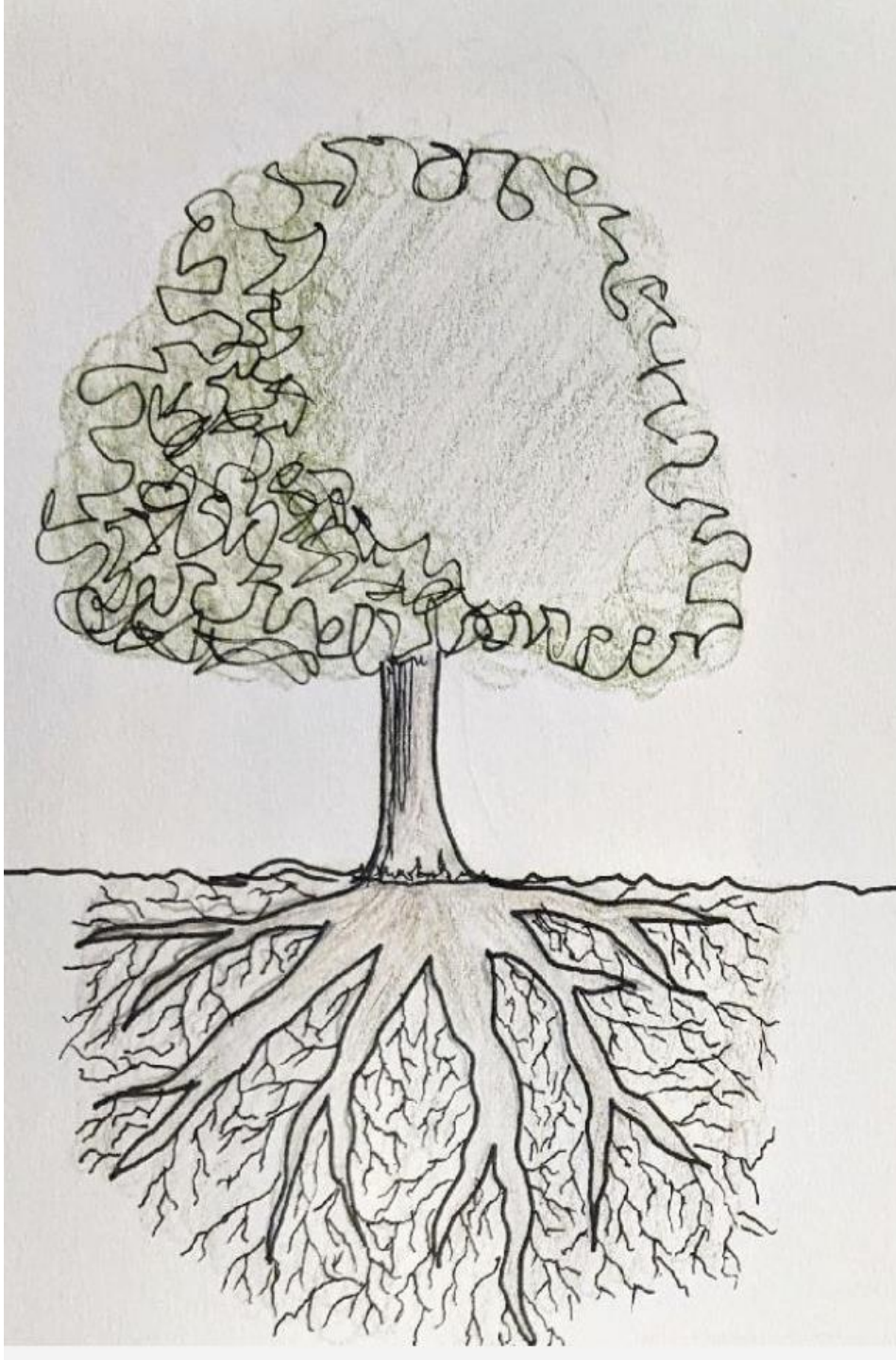
6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials…






START





Matthew 5:6

6 Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Patience

hupomone

"remain under"

- Endurance
- Steadfastness

Focus: circumstances

makrothumia

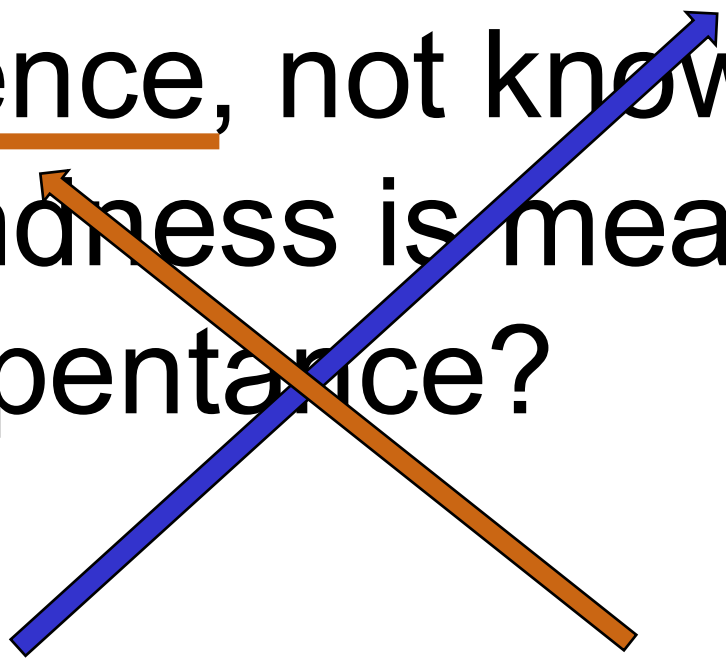
"long fuse"

- Longsuffering
- Forbearance

Focus: people

Romans 2:4

4 Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?



anoche

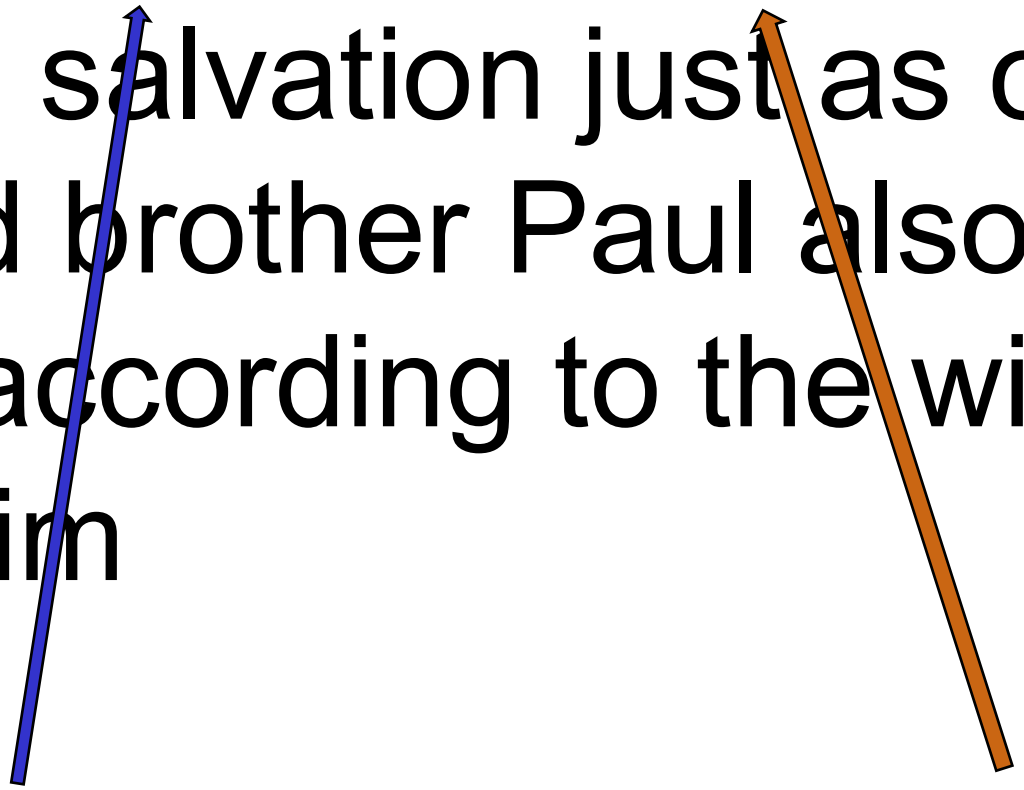
"hold back"

makrothumia

"long fuse"

2 Peter 3:15

15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him



hegeomai

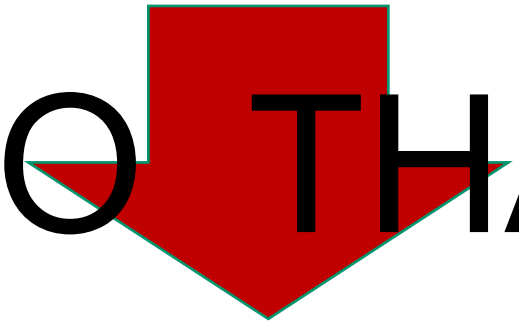
"decide"

makrothumia

"long fuse"

Colossians 1:9-11 Flow

"may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding"

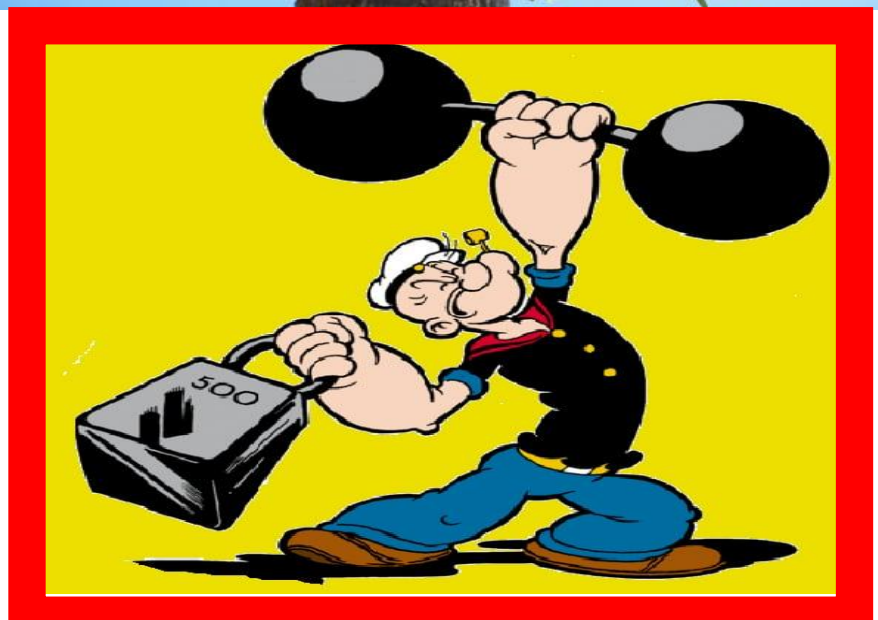


"you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing to Him"

Results of the Worthy Walk



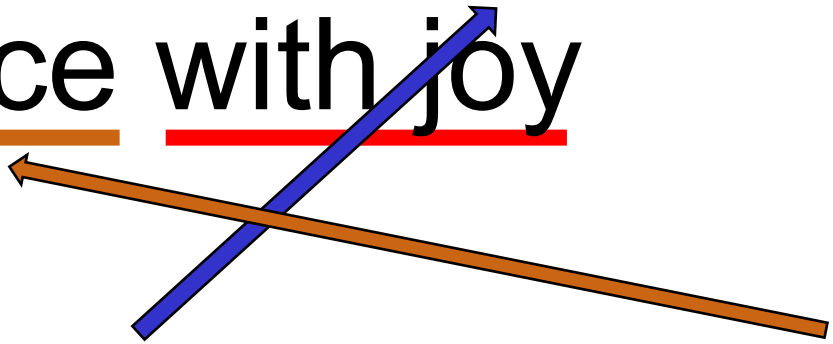






Colossians 1:11

11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy



hupomone ***makrothumia***

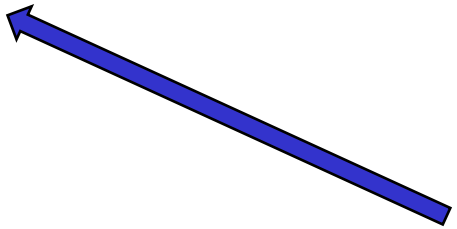
"remain under" *"long fuse"*

Waiting with Joy

- Keep trusting (6)
- Keep depending on the Spirit (7)
- Keep abiding (8)
- Keep feeding on the Word (9)
- Keep talking to Him (10)
- Keep remaining under (11)

Hebrews 12:2

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross…



hupomone

"remain under"

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- Keep looking to Jesus (12)


NEXT
WEEK

