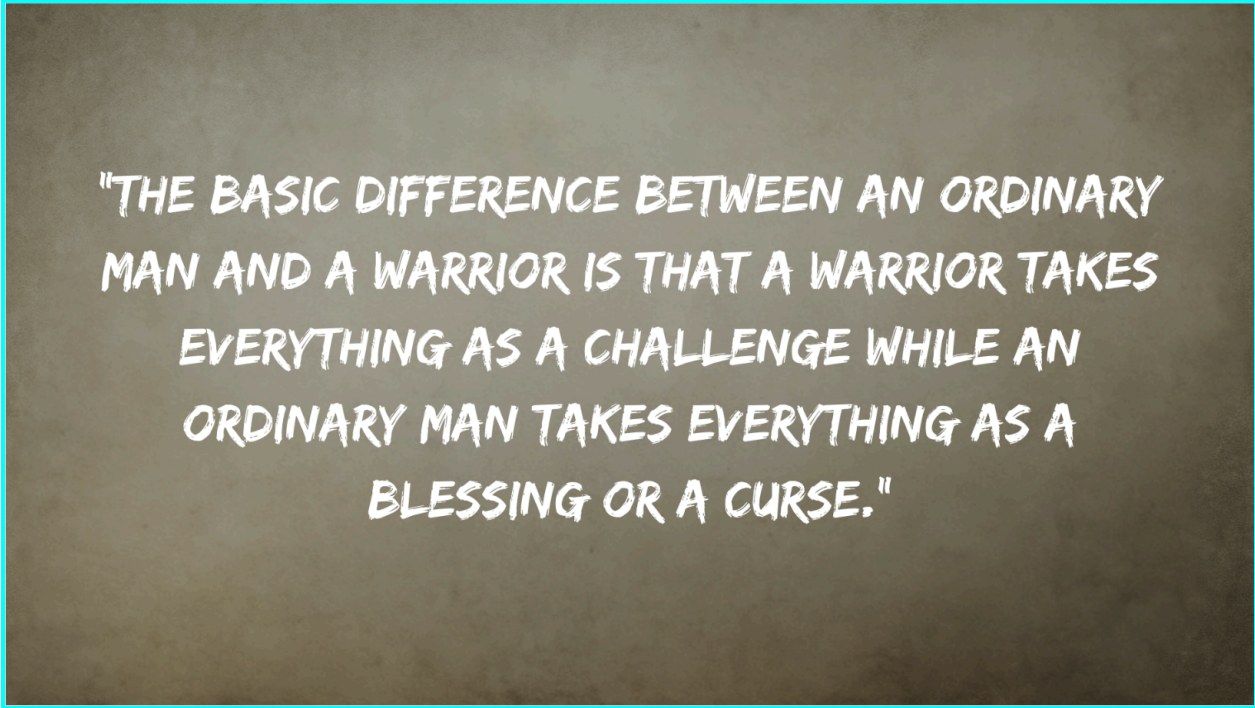


## Theme/Title: DEEPENING CONVICTIONS

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Good morning Arising Church! Today is August 17th 2025, we are excited and ready to let out the fire that God has placed in our bones. As a body we have been championing the fact that we are no longer a church that just loves worship and community, but that we will be those who become and develop warriors in this house with a deep and abiding love for the Word of God! A few weeks ago, we heard from Elder Mark and Pastors Peter and Nick in a sermon called Developing Warriors. This sermon showed us that we have not just been saved by Adonai but have been conscripted into His army.

(READ SLIDE)



"THE BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ORDINARY MAN AND A WARRIOR IS THAT A WARRIOR TAKES EVERYTHING AS A CHALLENGE WHILE AN ORDINARY MAN TAKES EVERYTHING AS A BLESSING OR A CURSE."

We are learning that as the Lord is making us warriors he is allowing enemies to remain so we can be tested and taught warfare (Judges 3:1-2 slide ). The aim is to ultimately reflect His character.

We then heard a sermon from Pastor Peter, Asa the Brave and Ike the Plumbline Naselli called Live, Die, Repeat. Our brothers taught us that without death, life means nothing; without justice, mercy means nothing; without war, to be a warrior means nothing. A man of God must face death to ever receive life. No longer can we have a pusillanimous and passive approach in the kingdom and instead raise the banner of our 2025 Offensive which we are adopting and owning to establish our ethos.

And last we heard from Pastor Matthew Slap you with the Torah Perot and Pastor Nick Brickwall to your Excuses Slaughterhouse, I mean, Slaughter in a sermon called More

than Conquerors. We heard about worldly conquerors, along with their mindset and approach to taking what they saw fit. If men, merely set on their own carnal passions could be this dedicated and zealous about worldly things, how much more so for us who serve the True conquering King to whom every knee will bow. Our pastors shed light to the fact that we need to be done with low living and that the battles we are facing are not so gray.

God is opening our eyes to His standard and our calling as we grow in becoming warriors and adopting a warfare mentality. We are not there yet, but this church is committed to getting every man, woman and child there so that we all can join in on the fight of giving glory to King Jesus. And today we will continue our development into warriors through deepening our convictions.

**1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (NIV 1984):** 'For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. '

- Effective ministers of the gospel have power, the Holy Spirit, and deep conviction
- This is the spirit of what God is wanting to do today: develop and deepen convictions

**Title Slide: DEEPENING CONVICTIONS**





**Daniel 11:32 (ESV)** He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

God is calling us to deepen our convictions by **knowing, standing, and acting**

- **Know** God and his word (sonship)
- **Stand** firm, increasing and deepening our convictions, strengthening your stance
- **Act**: seize the kingdom, exert intensely, work diligently, "carry out great exploits"

**EXAMPLE:** Caleb the Kenizitte (y'all remember that Quality Gentile Dog?)

**Joshua 14:7-8 (NIV)** 'I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. '

- From this event back in Numbers 14, we learn...
- Caleb **knew** that the LORD delights in His people
- Caleb **stood firm on a conviction** that the LORD's delight guaranteed their victory over their enemies who would become bread for them!
- Caleb **acted** by exploring the land and bringing a truthful report about the obstacles—and also—the exceedingly good blessings that the LORD destined them to inherit!
- Action proves that a belief is not merely a good idea or well meaning suggestion that we would share but that it is actually a conviction we are willing to stand on.

**As our pastors** have been exhorting us lately: we are not there yet. We are not all resolute warriors like Caleb, but we are becoming warriors together. WE are **deepening** our convictions like Caleb: to know God intimately, stand firm on His Word, and actually do it!

When we've studied the war waged on the Egyptian gods in Exodus and read excerpts from Revelation about the dragon and beast waging war against the

saints, we are susceptible to think this is merely what ancient Israel did or what Jesus and his angelic armies will do in the future. No, we need to wake from our slumber and wage the good warfare we're currently in.

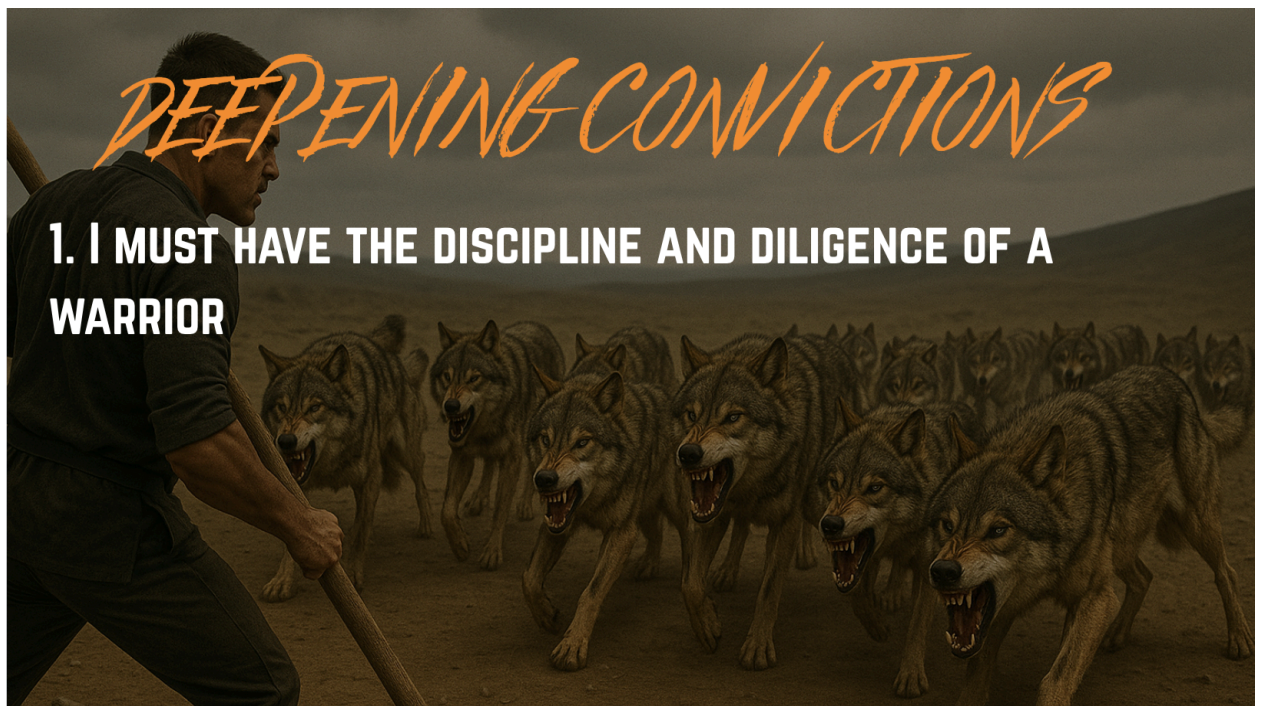
**Today**, we want to share with you why **developing** convictions matter and how **deepening** convictions in your SELF and within your FAMILY (even this family) is imperative for completing the great commission unto the NATIONS!

Today we have three convictions the Spirit has highlighted for THIS body. This is by no means an exhaustive list. These convictions should spur on more convictions. They should become personalized to YOU and your family.

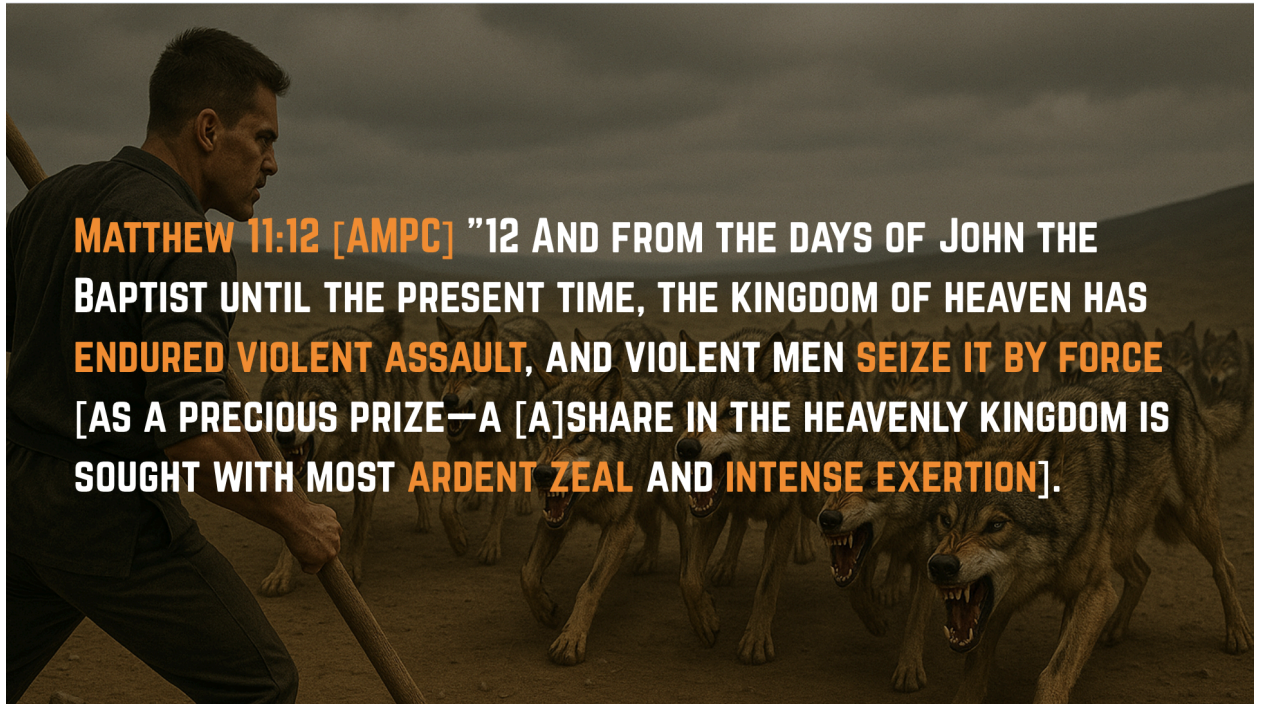
- I must have the discipline and diligence of a warrior
- We are ridiculously responsible FOR our children and TO one another
- You must accomplish your international assignment

#### SELF

**Deepening Conviction #1:** I must have the discipline and diligence of a warrior.



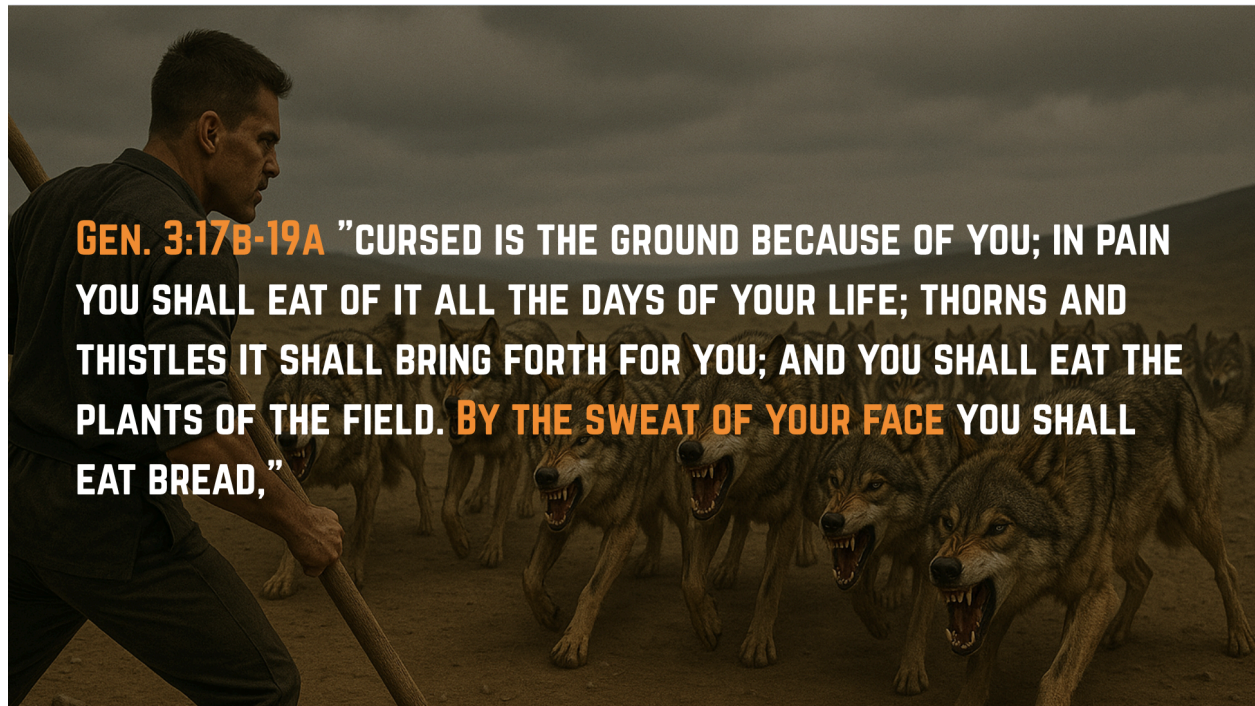




**MATTHEW 11:12 [AMPC]** "12 AND FROM THE DAYS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAS **ENDURED VIOLENT ASSAULT, AND VIOLENT MEN SEIZE IT BY FORCE** [AS A PRECIOUS PRIZE—A [A]SHARE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM IS SOUGHT WITH MOST **ARDENT ZEAL AND INTENSE EXERTION**].

**Matthew 11:12 [AMPC]** "12 And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the **kingdom of heaven** has endured violent assault, and violent men **seize it by force** [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most **ardent zeal** and **intense exertion**].

- Kingdom = God's reign, and how we live in that reality daily.
- Force = ardent zeal & insensate exertion

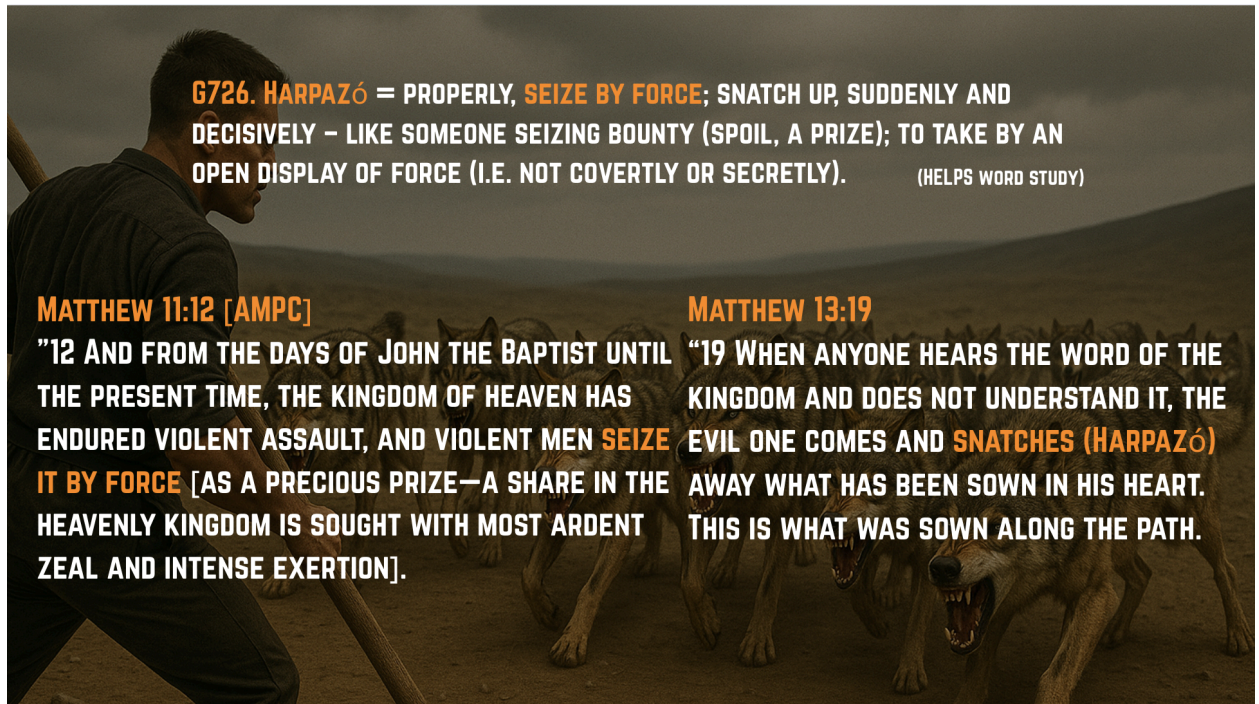


**GEN. 3:17b-19a** "CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU; IN PAIN YOU SHALL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE; THORNS AND THISTLES IT SHALL BRING FORTH FOR YOU; AND YOU SHALL EAT THE PLANTS OF THE FIELD. **BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR FACE** YOU SHALL EAT BREAD,"

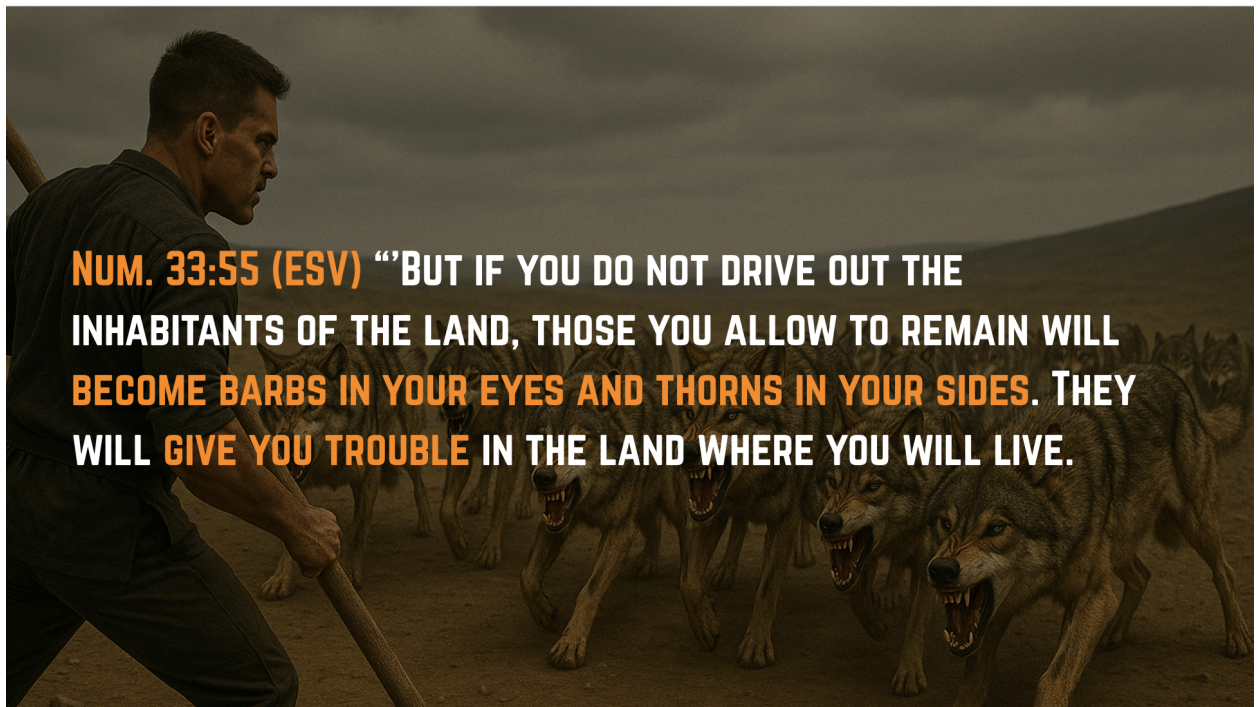
**Gen. 3:17b-19a (ESV)** "cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. **By the sweat of your face** you shall eat bread,"

- Working conditions. NKJV "for your sake"
- sweat --> Jesus prays in the garden and his sweat is like drops of blood (Luke 22:44)
- Our effort must be unto perspiration (at a minimum)
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- **Matthew 13:19 (ESV)**
  - Four soils: the path, rocky ground, thorns, and good soil
- "19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and **snatches** away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path."





- G726. Harpazó = properly, seize by force; snatch up, suddenly and decisively – like someone seizing bounty (spoil, a prize); to take by an open display of force (i.e. not covertly or secretly). (HELPS word study)
- Harpazo in Matthew 11: Kingdom is seized by force
- Seed = **Know**. Daniel 11 --> Know, Stand, Act. Guard the seed.
- **Matthew 13:20-21 (ESV)**  
 "20 'As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has **no root in himself**, but **endures** for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away."  
  - Not just developing conviction but DEEPENING
  - Deep-rooted conviction --> making it through trials
- **Matthew 13:22**  
 "22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the **cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches** choke the word, and it **proves unfruitful**."  
  - NOT relaxing hobby gardening. WAR



**NUM. 33:55 (ESV) "BUT IF YOU DO NOT DRIVE OUT THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND, THOSE YOU ALLOW TO REMAIN WILL BECOME BARBS IN YOUR EYES AND THORNS IN YOUR SIDES. THEY WILL GIVE YOU TROUBLE IN THE LAND WHERE YOU WILL LIVE."**

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  - The plant is NOT dead. It is unfruitful
  - ADAM: One really weird pepper. Emphasize: Where is the fruit?
- **Prov. 28:19 (ESV)**

"Whoever **works** his land will have **plenty** of **bread**, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty"

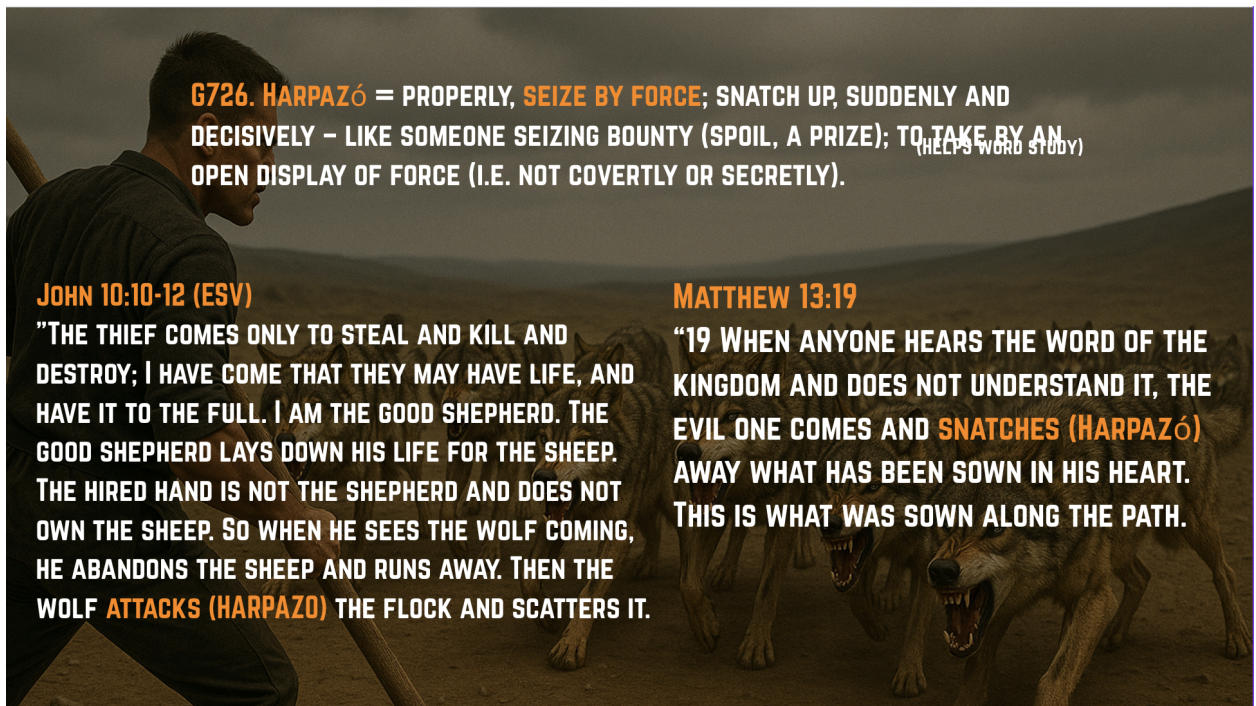
  - Word --> bread
  - What else are you pursuing?
- **Prov. 12:24 (ESV)**

"**Diligent** hands will rule, but laziness ends in **forced labor**."

  - If you do NOTHING, thorns will grow.
  - Laziness --> forced labor
  - Laziness is allowing sin to come, put you in chains, and drag you away
- **Common Objections**
  - Do we need to take it this seriously?
  - Do we need to be so aggressive?
  - It's just not my personality.
- **Rebuttal**
  - Our God is a warrior
  - His kingdom requires force



- Your enemy is relentless
- **John 10:10-12 (ESV)**  
 "The thief comes only to **steal and kill and destroy**; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **The hired hand** is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he **abandons the sheep and runs away**. Then the wolf **attacks (Harpazó)** the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is **a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep**."



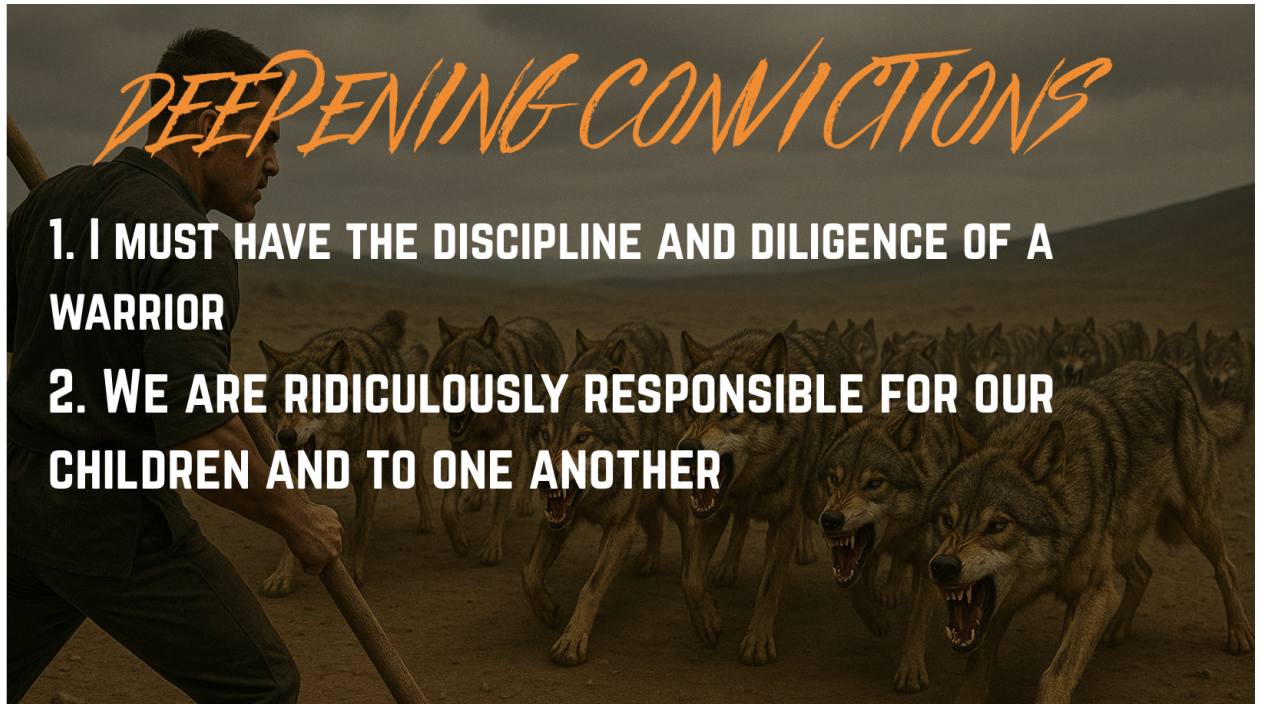
- The Devil wants to snatch the seed; he's a wolf on the attack, and thorns are trying to choke you out.
- YOU cannot afford to sit back and do nothing.
- YOU must reach, grab the kingdom, and pull it down until sweat is pouring from your face.
- **1 Thes. 5:3-6 (ESV)**  
 3 While people are saying, "**There is peace and security,**" then sudden **destruction will come upon them** as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children[b] of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. **6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.**

- 1 strategy = promote a false sense of security and comfort, causing you to relax and ease up.
- You have weeds and wolves attacking you while the Devil is saying relax, take it easy.
- You have lacked diligence to pull out any thorns that spring up and fight off the wolves that surround.
- **Application**
  - You indulge in comforts when you know it is feeding your flesh
  - You give up ministering to your family when you're tired, it's inconvenient, or it's not going how you expected it to.
  - You hear fear, faithless speech, or gossip, and decide to address it later, but never do.
  - You see attitudes and behavior in your kids, but you'll get to training them someday.
  - Sundays are long. Coming back at night is hard. The kids are challenging.
  - You ARE trying, but you know you could be exerting yourself more
  - You are spending your energy on so many things that don't matter and leave so little for the kingdom.
- **My Convictions**
  - I can no longer afford to be lax about my study and prayer
  - I can no longer afford to feed my flesh and care about worldly things
  - A day will not go by that I do not aggressively fight to wash my wife with the word
  - A day will not go by that I do not aggressively fight to train my children in the Lord.
  - Evangelism and sharing the word are not optional
  - My family WILL take hold of our mission, pushing aside every hindrance, and press forward.
  - Through making judgements, I will lead my family, taking full responsibility and ownership

## FAMILY

**Deepening Conviction #2:** We are ridiculously responsible *FOR* our children and *TO* one another!





**DO NOT SAY** {Part 1: For our Children//Individual family}

**Ephesians 6:4 (NKJV)** 'And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.'

- Parents, we've been reminded lately and frequently that we are "ridiculously responsible" for our children. When you hear the word ridiculous, don't think "silly" or "hilarious" or "absurd" but think of this more like an "extreme extent"
- recall 'ardent zeal' from Matt. 11:12 or when Elder Jay exhorts us to have 'extreme ownership'
- The truth is our kids are called to belong to Jesus (Romans 1:6), who calls them into His kingdom and glory (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12), which is to be more than conquerors who destroy the works of the Devil just like our King (1 John 3:8)
- And, there is a war against our children...the Enemy is like a wolf trying to seize your sheep and he is seeking to steal, kill, and destroy them
- It takes effort to an "extreme extent" to combat the Enemy's schemes: seeking to deceive and entice the sinful nature of our children...that's right, the problem is not the internet, toys, or fashion...it's within their hearts!
- Something that has to be ruthlessly eliminated in THIS BODY is seeing our children's ignorance, weakness, and rebellion as a big inconvenience

- When YOU see YOUR child's needs for healing, teaching, and disciplining as secondary to whatever other activity YOU ARE engrossed in, no wonder YOU ARE provoking YOUR kids to wrath and discouragement
- YOU ARE ridiculously responsible for bringing up YOUR children through the training and admonition of the LORD, we need to know what God's expectation of your child is and act accordingly to maintain that standard...

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#### PERSONAL TESTIMONY

- Natalie and I have been developing a Holy Spirit inspired sensitivity about this—but more importantly—a deepening conviction that we are standing on to remove the thorns that are blinding our children and drive out the wolf who is trying to seize them!
- We have been framing our parenting of our children as “training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:14-17) and “training in godliness” (1 Timothy 4:7b-8).
- In 2 Timothy 3:14-15, Paul implores Timothy to continue in what he's learned from his leaders and the Holy Scriptures and become “convinced of” (NIV, NASB, LSB); “firmly believed” (CSB, ESV); “confident about” (NET)
- Are you “convinced of” the things you've learned from our leadership team and from the Holy Scriptures?
- YOU need a deepening conviction like Timothy to implement the Word in teaching, rebuking, and correcting YOUR children so that they may be trained in righteousness!
- From LCM's “Perfecting Parenting 2025” on the Moses Stage we know the goal for children is obedience and respect, but they cannot achieve that goal without parents achieving their goal: developing and deepening convictions and maintaining consistency.

- Remember, this stage is called the “Moses Stage” because you—the parents—are Moses. Your children are like the Israelites.

Many of you have already “learned” this like Timothy, but have you become convinced of it!?. Pastor Abimbola also said, “Just because I can memorize something doesn't mean it shows up in my actions. There is an immense difference between what the Word says and doing what the Word says (James 1:22)

- YOUR child's success is intrinsically linked to YOUR convictions derived from knowing the Word of God and your consistency to stand on your conviction and act on what the Word of God says daily!

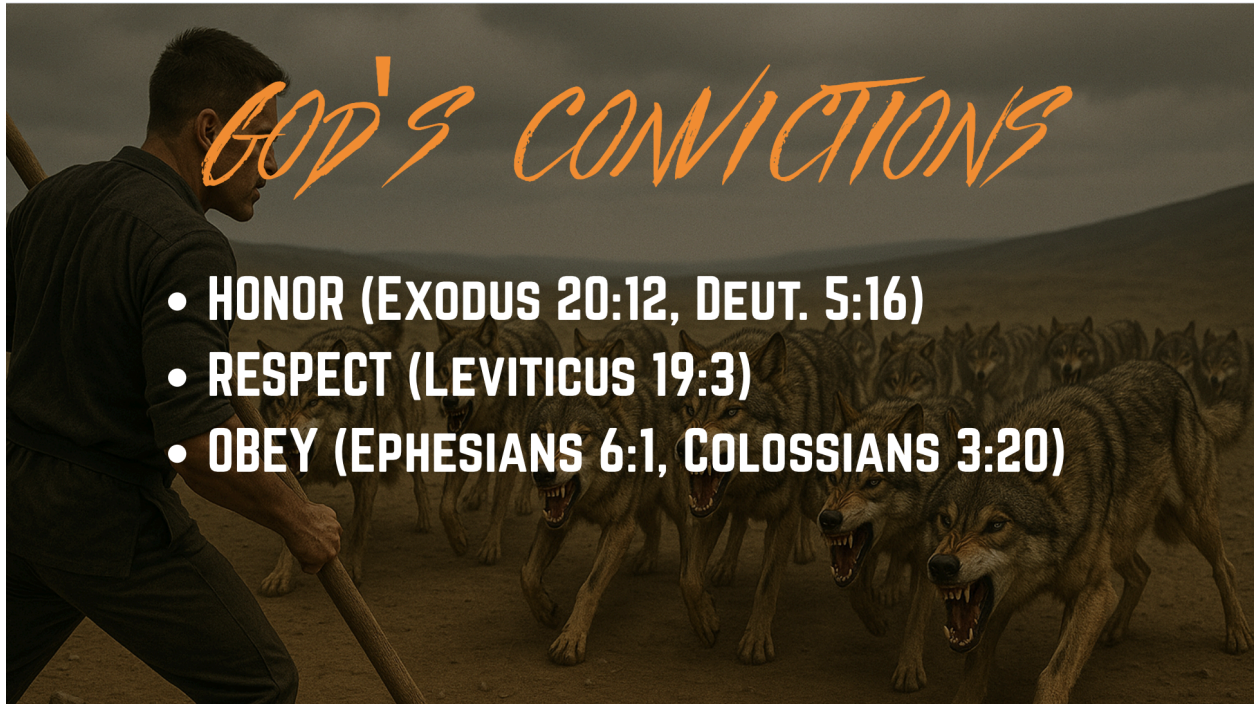
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#### WHAT WE ARE CONVINCED OF/CONFIDENT ABOUT

- **Proverbs 13:24 (ESV)** 'Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him. '
  - If we know the LORD chastises those he loves and the son he accepts, then why do we demonstrate hate by withholding immediate, external, impactful discipline from our children?
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- **Proverbs 22:15 (ESV)** 'Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him. '
  - We know the Enemy is hard at work enticing the sinful desires of our kids; therefore we must go to war to drive it out just like a shepherd must drive away the wolf seeking to seize the sheep! This requires discipline and diligence on YOUR part as a parent
- **Proverbs 23:13-14 (ESV)** 'Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol. '
  - Educator Dennis Prager once asked his dad, "What's the main difference between me and you when you were my age?" His dad replied, "parents weren't afraid of their children"
  - Many of you are just as afraid of your children, including the fear of disciplining them
  - While the world is increasingly withholding discipline because of fear from the Word we learn that this is life-saving work!
  - Delivering your child from death requires YOU to "seize by force" the folly bound up in your child's heart
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## GOD'S EXPECTATIONS





- **HONOR (EXODUS 20:12, DEUT. 5:16)**
- **RESPECT (LEVITICUS 19:3)**
- **OBEY (EPHESIANS 6:1, COLOSSIANS 3:20)**

- All 3 of us have children primarily in the Moses Stage (approximately 0-5 years old), and even recently, I challenged my 5 y.o. daughter, that entering the Joshua Stage is less about her turning 6 and more about her being characterized by obedience and respect.
- True obedience implies joyful, immediate action, and respect implies fearful reverence.
- **God reveals his expectation** for children interacting with their parents starting with the 10 commandments, think “code of wisdom” but the question is do YOU actually share the same expectation as God?
  - **HONOR** (Exodus 20:12, Deut. 5:16)
    - We learned this from Light & Heavy...the word for honor is “heavy” (Strong’s H3513, Heb. “kah-vahd”)
    - Parents, are your children treating your speech with weight?
    - If not, then they might forfeit the blessing that they may live long in the land
  - **RESPECT** (Leviticus 19:3)
    - This is “to put in fearful reverence” (Strong’s H3372, Heb. “yaw-ray”)
    - Parents, do your children have this kind of regard for you?
    - If not, then they might not see the LORD as holy, let alone God.
  - **OBEY** (Ephesians 6:1, Colossians 3:20)
    - Are your children doing what you said?

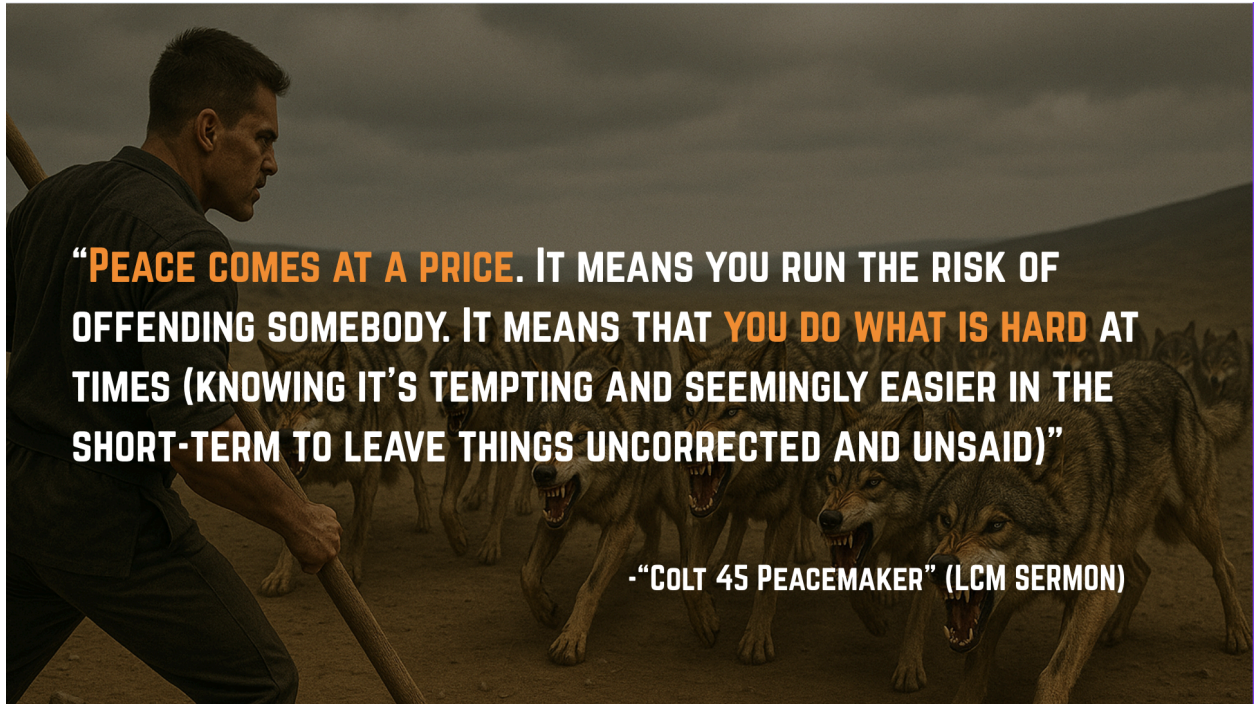
- If not, then they forfeit the opportunity to please God! (Colossians 3:20)
  - Do you excuse disobedience and tolerate disrespectful behavior?
  - Have you considered that you are maligning the Word of God?
- CALL OUT & UP
  - Fathers, I see many of YOU simply showing up to WARTIME (being in public, whether here at church, a park, store, workday) without running BOOTCAMP at home
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  - PROBLEM 1: You are negligent at home, so you are negligent here
  - PROBLEM 2: You are negligent at home, and you are merely improvising here
  - PROBLEM 3: Or, you skip services to avoid being seen, instead of embracing the opportunity for your progress to be seen by all
- **SOLUTION & HOPE:** you are part of a family whose mission is to equip and mature YOU for the works of service (NIV) and the work of ministry (ESV) [Eph. 4:12]

BROTHERS, say with me: "I can do this" (repeat) and "I need a team"

**DO NOT SAY** {Part 2: For One Another//Family of Faith }

We are not the only men responsible *FOR* training children in righteousness and godliness. Therefore, we have a responsibility *TO* one another to lovingly confront one another when there is slackness in this.

Quote from LCM Sermon, "Colt 45 Peacemaker"



**“PEACE COMES AT A PRICE. IT MEANS YOU RUN THE RISK OF OFFENDING SOMEBODY. IT MEANS THAT YOU DO WHAT IS HARD AT TIMES (KNOWING IT’S TEMPTING AND SEEMINGLY EASIER IN THE SHORT-TERM TO LEAVE THINGS UNCORRECTED AND UNSAID)”**

**-“COLT 45 PEACEMAKER” (LCM SERMON)**

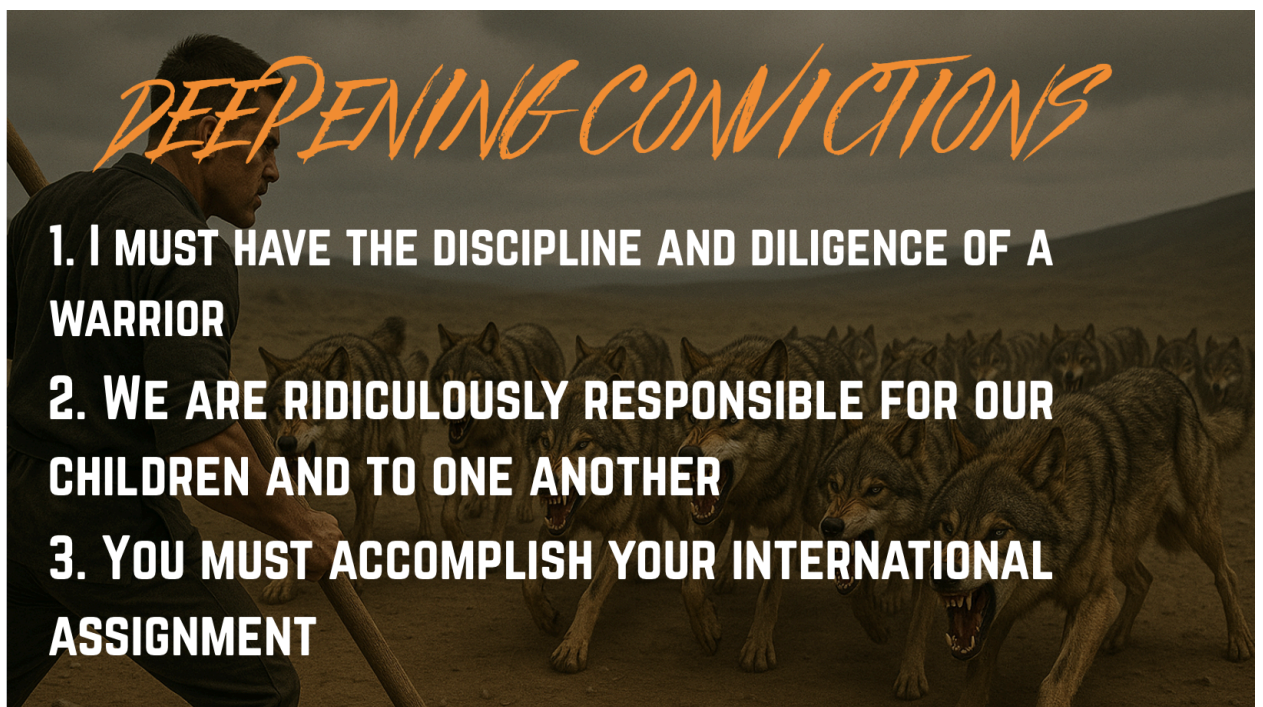
- “Peace comes at a price. It means you run the risk of offending somebody. It means that you do what is hard at times (knowing it's tempting and seemingly easier in the short-term to leave things uncorrected and unsaid)”
- I say I want to model to others the Way of Christ, and I should, but that includes speaking up!
- The deepening conviction is that I’m ridiculously responsible *TO* you by lovingly confronting you when I see that you are not walking in the Way
- **Ephesians 4:25 (ESV)** 'Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you *speak the truth with his neighbor*, for we are members one of another. '
  - Know that we are both neighbors and family!
  - Stand firm by putting away falsehood!
  - Act in love by speaking the truth!
  - Expand on the idea that our growth and maturity is connected to the growth of our brothers.
  - Your brothers left weak leaves YOU weak
- **Ephesians 4:15 (ESV)** 'Rather, *speaking the truth in love*, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, '
  - When you notice sinful behavior in your brother or sister, you are ridiculously responsible to call them out and call them up
  - And it is love that compels you to speak
  - If you remain silent it is unloving



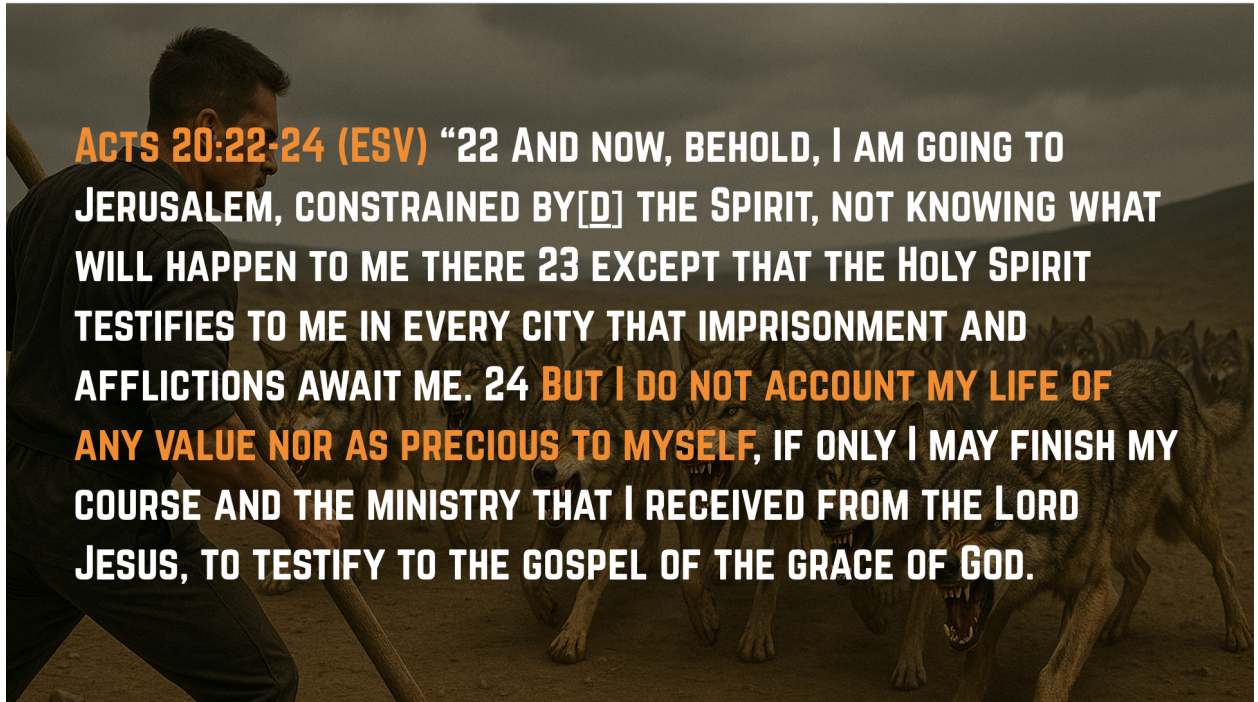
- **Leviticus 19:17-18 (NIV 2011)** "'Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord . '
- Quote from LCM Sermon, "Red and Green Should Never Be Seen"
- "This is what it means to love your neighbor...that you would care more about the other person if you don't act, than what happens to you if you do act."

## NATIONS

**Deepening Conviction #3:** You must accomplish your 'international' assignment



**Acts 20:22-24 (ESV)** "22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by [\[d\]](#) the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.



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- Paul knew what his assignment, Jerusalem
- Paul knew the Cost (imprisonment & afflictions)
- He was determined to finish his course.
- **Philippians 3:8 (ESV)** 'Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ '

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#### **Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)**

19 Go therefore and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them in[b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- “The Great Commission” is not a missionary thing, but for all Christians
- cf. Luke 4:18-19 “setting others free”
- cf. 1 Tim. 2:3-4 “God desire ALL to be saved and know the truth”

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#### **Ephesians 4:12-13 (ESV)**

12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,<sup>[e]</sup> to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

- This is the mission of our church—to equip and mature each one of you unto the work of ministry
- Q: What work of ministry?
- A: Shared vision of One Association, which is The Balkan Bow and to rebuild a road from Rome leading to Jerusalem
- *GET SLIDE WITH ASSOCIATION VISION*
- This is relevant to everyone here, because “we are members of one another,” we are family!
- You have to KNOW God’s ultimate plan of ruling in and out of Jerusalem, and you have to know your international assignment that contributes to God’s intergenerational mission

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### **Bryan’s Testimony**

- Tell about convictions and holding onto
- No cost is too high sweat for the kingdom, maze of mediocrity, new desperations
- Be ready in season and out (2 Timothy 4:2)
  - Money for plane ticket
  - Different jobs (Barber and TEFL)
- Do here what you will do here (Luke 16 faithful with little)
  - Lifestyle
  - Kid sitting in church
  - Luke 10 eat what is set before you (principles to go out)
- Elizazer hand frozen to church will always fight to go
  - Desperate zealous
  - If I cant what can I do here
- 2 Corinthians 11:28 Anxiety for the churches, prayer intercede, maps and globes
- Lay down our lives willing even if literal (Daniel 3:16 or Revelation 12:11)
- 1 John 2:15 Love not the world or the things in the world
  - No house or possessions
- Matthew 19:27 Lord we have given up everything
  - Left KY and willing to do again if God would grant us that blessing



# THE ONE ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

## OATHS FROM OUR ARTICLES

Having tasted of the age to come, I will never fail to boldly advocate for the personal and corporate manifestations of His gifts. (*Hebrews 2:2-4*)

Having been adopted into the Holy family, I will not rest until every nation in the world is represented before His throne. (*Revelation 5:9*)

I will not be bribed, intimidated, or seduced away from the daily implementation of the undeniable truths of Scripture. (*Hebrews 3:12-15*)

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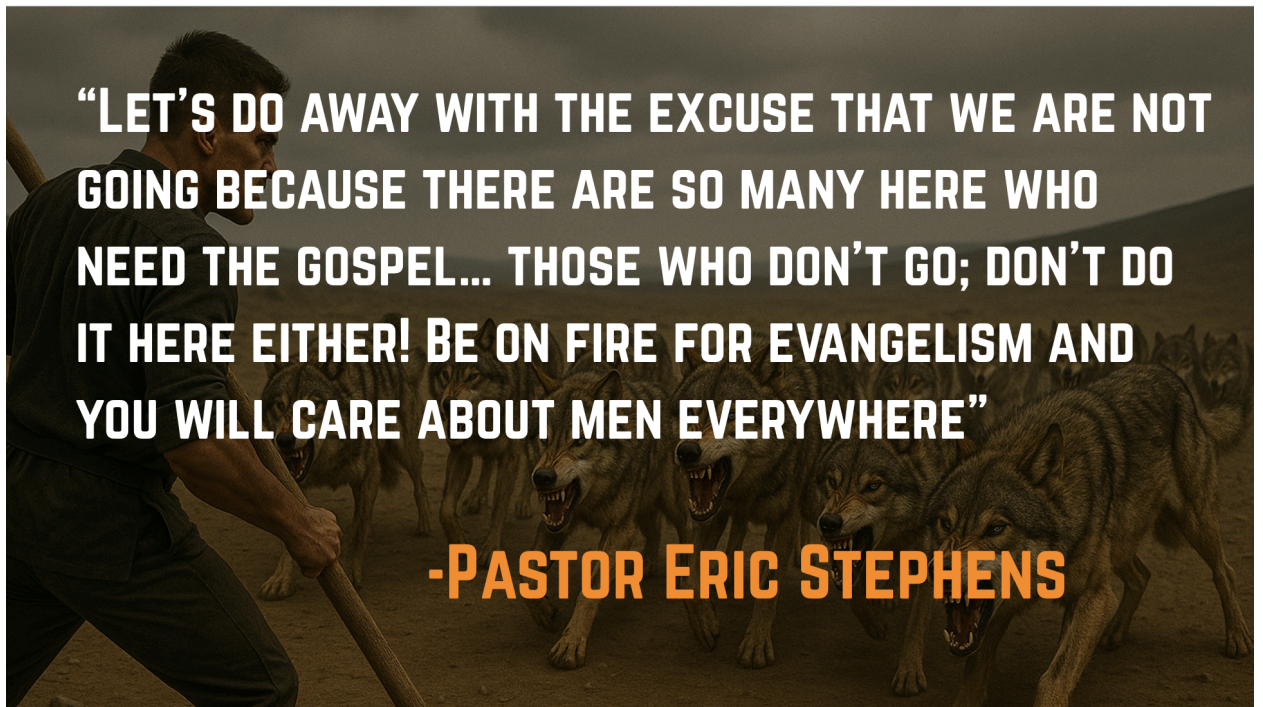
“Having been adopted into the Holy Family, I will not rest until every nation in the world is represented before His throne.” (Revelation 5:9)

This is not just for Paul or Bryan. It is for YOU.

**Matthew 25:14-18 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants<sup>c</sup> and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents,<sup>d</sup> to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money.

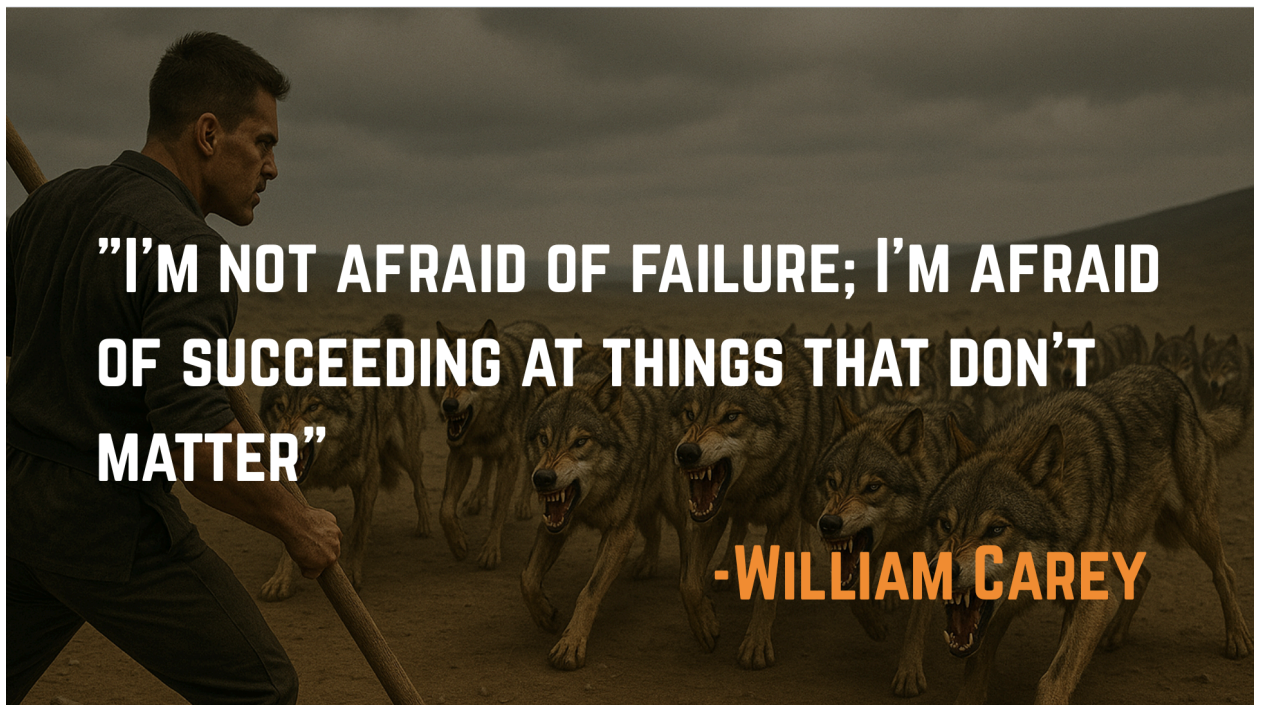
- The talent is a gift to multiply! What a privilege.
- No cost is too high and we cannot sweat too much for the Kingdom
- One servant with one sees too much risk in doing anything with his one talent that he buries it.
- There is price you are unwilling to pay
- Not even start the race because you know the cost

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You already said Yes when you became a believer, the only choice you have now  
I how quickly you will obey

(SLIDE)



- *Bread Making*
- *Pickleball*
- *Wealth building*
- *Golf*
- *Hobby farming (or really any hobby)*
- *Apocalypse ('end times') prepping.*
- **Application**
  - Chomp at the bit to go
  - Practice what you will do there, here.
  - Funding OA missions
  - Preparing your children to go
  - Strengthening the saints in this house
  - Regularly Praying/Interceding
- You live in the nations! Everywhere is a mission field

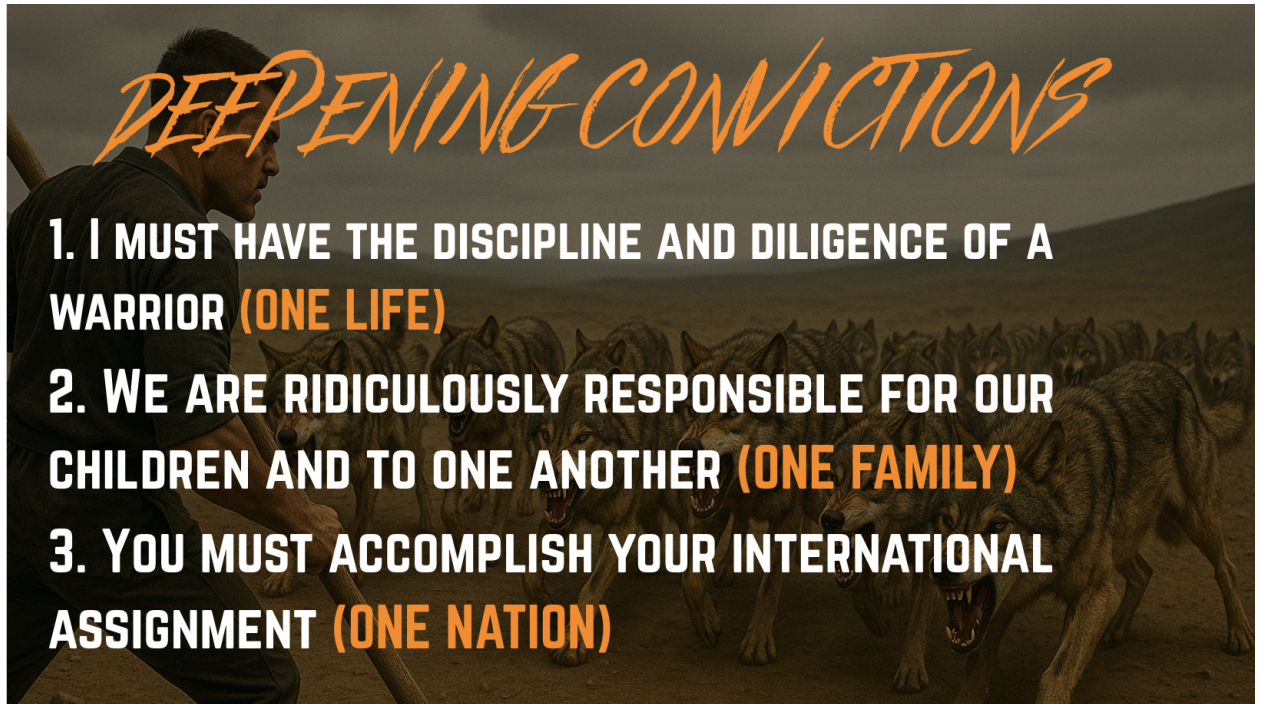
## **CLOSING/RECAP**

**Daniel 11:32 (ESV)** He [think of the Enemy, the Wolf] shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

God is calling us to deepen our convictions by **knowing Him, standing firm according to His Word, and acting upon it!**

Have you seen how these convictions build: One life, One Family, One Nation





**1. I MUST HAVE THE DISCIPLINE AND DILIGENCE OF A WARRIOR (ONE LIFE)**

**2. WE ARE RIDICULOUSLY RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND TO ONE ANOTHER (ONE FAMILY)**

**3. YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH YOUR INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENT (ONE NATION)**

**Deepening Conviction #1:** I must have the discipline and diligence of a warrior. [One life]

- Thorns are growing to choke you out
- Wolves are preparing to snatch
- Sin is a lion crouching at the door
- You cannot afford to do nothing!
- Get the word in you, your wife, and your family, get with other believers, root out sin, murder your flesh
- Start SWEATING for the kingdom

**Deepening Conviction #2:** We are ridiculously responsible *for* our children and *to* one another. [One family]

- We must go to war against the Enemy who seeks to entice the sinful desires of our children
- We must drive the folly out of their hearts with immediate, external, and impactful discipline; this is going to require you to get out of your seat and sweat!
- We must hold one another accountable to the convictions and consistency necessary to develop obedient and respectful children
- We must lovingly confront one another when this standard is not being held

**Deepening Conviction #3: You must accomplish your international assignment [One Nation]**

- From TAC Warrior Ethos: "I'm on the war path for the cause of Christ"  
Jeremiah 48:10