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TO GLORIFY GOD IS TO MIRROR HIS IMAGE



Mission Statement

"To be especial witnesses of



Jesus Christ

so that we may be

vital and active participants

in the building up of the

Kingdom of God for the redemption of Zion."

PURPOSE - GOALS - HOPE - for LIVING HOPE

[Hebrews 11:1]

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

[Ether 5:6]

And now I, Moroni, would speak somewhat concerning these things; I would shew unto the world that faith is things which are hoped for and not seen;...

WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE/HOPE/FAITH FOR THE LIVING HOPE RESTORATION BRANCH?

WHO ARE WE - WHO DO WE HOPE TO BE AS A PEOPLE?

Why do we even exist?

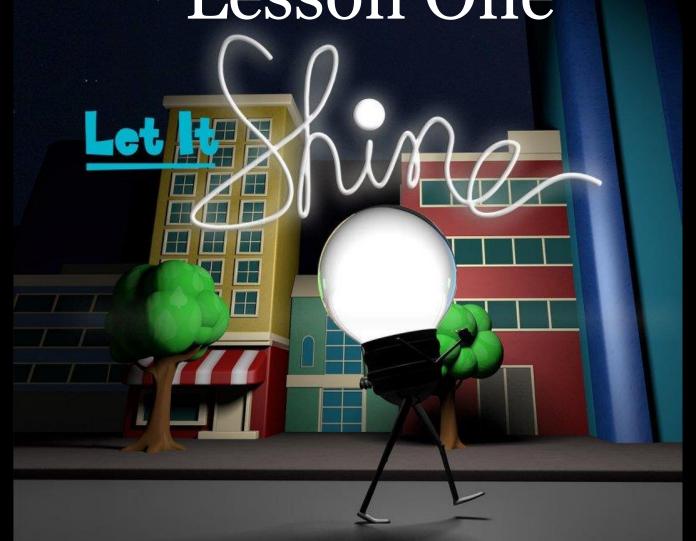
WHAT IS THE HOPE FOR OUR REPUTATION AT LIVING HOPE?

WHAT DOES GOD HOPE THAT WE WILL BE DOING TO BRING FORTH HIS KINGDOM-THE HOLY CITY OF ZION?

a-FOR BEHOLD, THIS IS WORK AND MY GLORY— TO BRING TO PASS IMMORTALITY ETERNAL OF MAN.



Let Your Little Light Shine Lesson One





What would you think if,

I would say something to you like this...

I say unto you, that if ye should serve him who has created you from the beginning, and art preserving you from day to day, by lending you breath, that ye may live and move, and do according to your own will, and even supporting you from one moment to another;

I say, if ye should serve him with all your whole soul, yet ye would be

umprofitable servants.

(King Benjamin)

[Mosiah 1:53]

For I say unto you, except your righteousness shall exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

[Matthew 5:22]



It is a most difficult task to bring, secure saints/saved saints, to a serious search of their own state towards God.

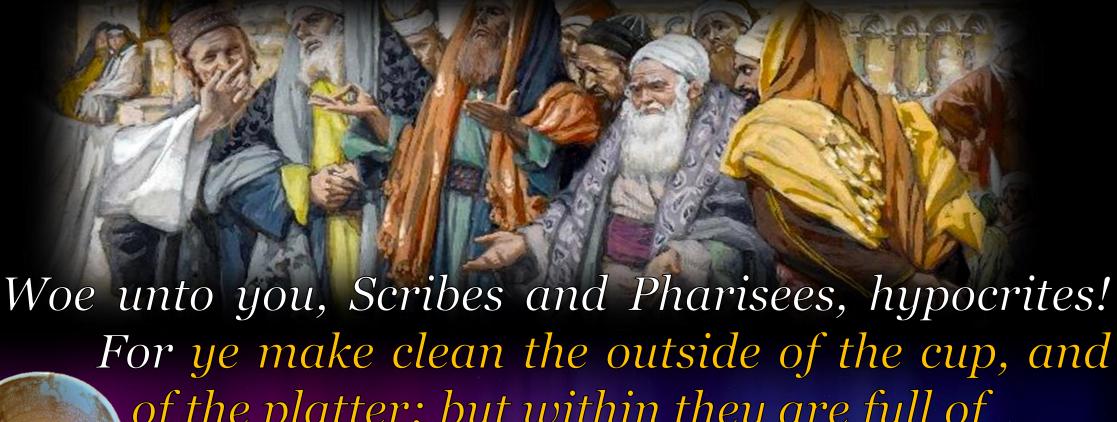
But let a man examine himself...

[1 Corinthians:28]

FIRST cleanse the inner vessel.

Now I would that ye should remember that God has said that the inward vessel shall be cleaned first, and then shall the outer vessel be cleansed also.

[Alma 27:43]



of the platter; but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Ye blind Pharisees! Cleanse first the cup and platter within, that the outside of them may be clean also.

[Matthew 23:22-23]

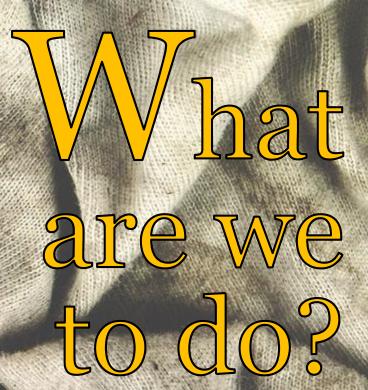
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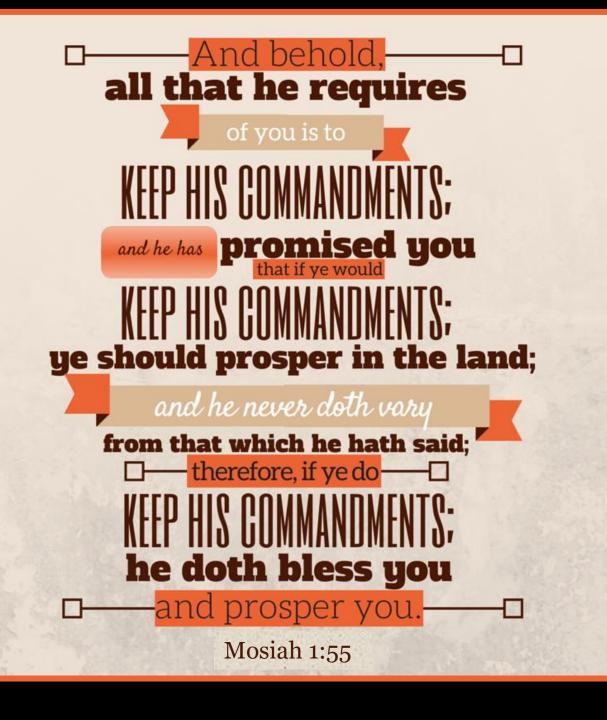
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RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

(Isaiah 64:6)





The greatest gift we can give our heavenly father is to WITNESS of the greatest gift He gave us...

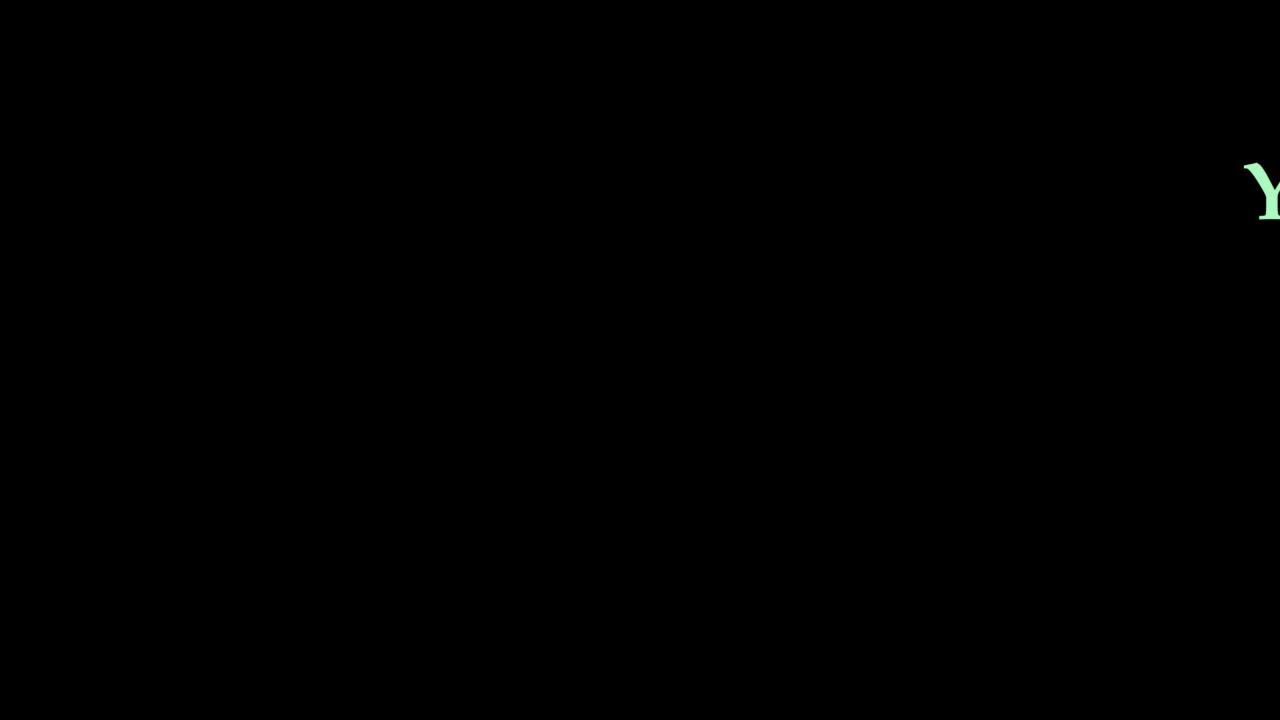
Jesus Christ!

To be an effective witness, we need to be more like Jesus, every day and every hour!

To wante the property of the p His love (heavenly light from above),

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS





...Be one; and if ye are not one, ye are not mine.





[2 Nephi 7:3-4] Wherefore, as it has been shown unto me that many of our children shall perish in the flesh, because of unbelief, nevertheless God will be merciful unto many; And our children shall be restored, that they may come to that which will give them the true knowledge of their





721-691 BC - Hezekiah became the king of Judah at the age of twenty-five and reigned in Jerusalem for 29 years.

Thus saith the Set thine house in order

2 Kings 201

D&C Section 90 - May 4, 1833

Frederick G. Williams, you shall set in order your own house, for there are many things that are not right in your house.

Sidney Rigdon, that in some things he hath not kept the commandments, concerning his children; therefore, firstly set in order thy house.

Joseph Smith, Jr., You have not kept the commandments, and must needs stand rebuked before the Lord. Your family must needs repent and forsake some things, and give more earnest heed unto your sayings, or be removed out of their place.

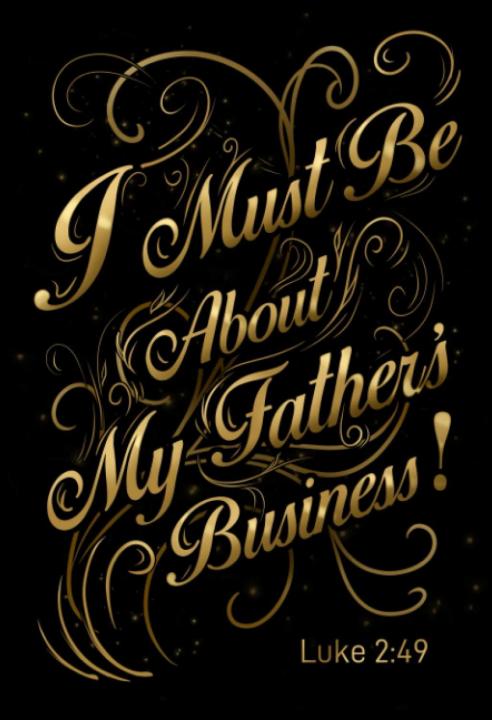
Newel K. Whitney, also a bishop of my church, hath need to be chastened, and set in order his family, and see that they are more diligent and concerned at home, and pray always, or they shall be removed out of their place.



The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth; [Sec 65:1b]







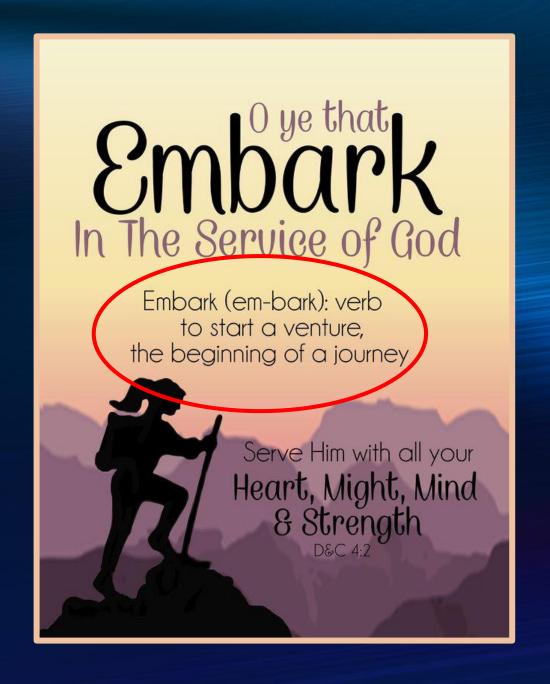
BEHOLD, THIS IS WORK AND MY GLORY— TO BRING TO PASS THE IMMORTALITY ETERNAL

Revelation given to Joseph Smith, Sr., through his son, the prophet, at Harmony, Pennsylvania, February 1829.

194 years ago:

[Sec 4:1a]

Now, behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men,



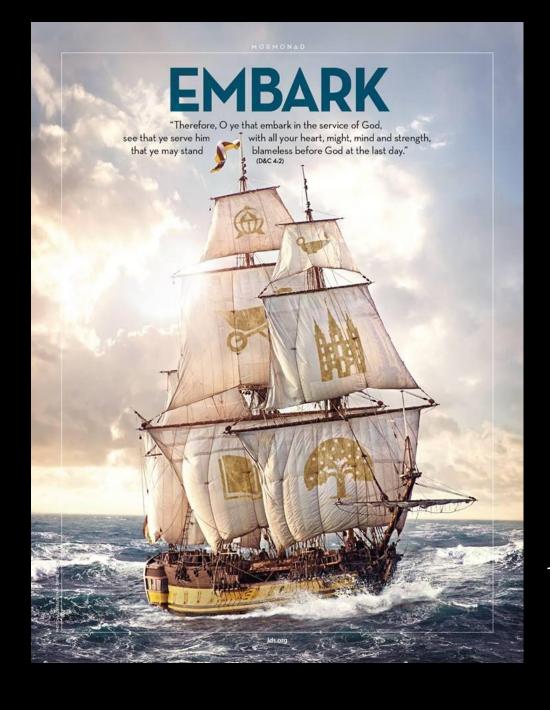
[Sec 4:1b]
therefore, O ye that

EMBARK
in the service of God,

see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind, and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day;



Embark: To begin a course of action,
especially one that is important or demanding



[Sec 4:1c-d] therefore, if ye have desires to serve God, ye are called to the work, for, behold, the field is white already to harvest, and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perish not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;

[Acts 20:35]

I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus,

how he said, It is more blessed

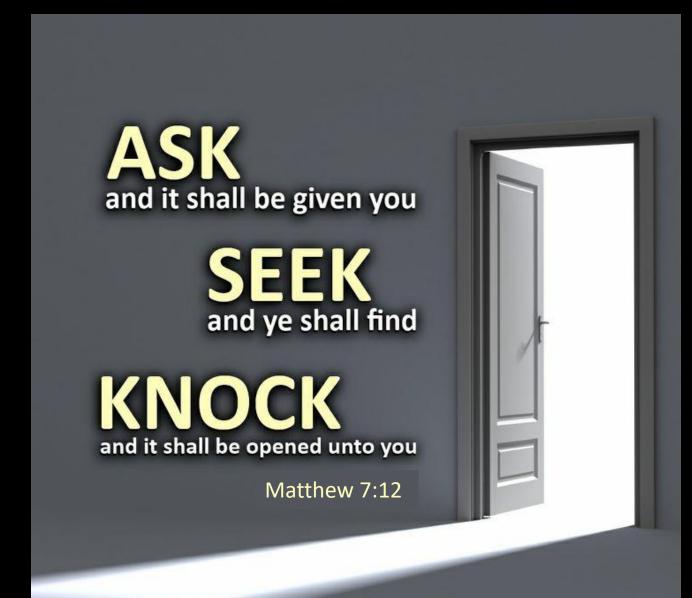
to give than to receive.



Using your time and talents is the best way to avoid getting too **wrapped up in yourself**.

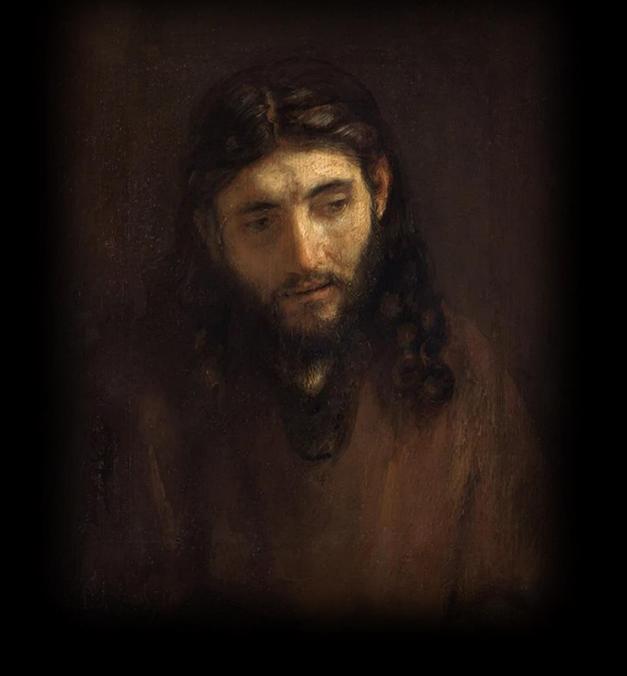
patience, or otherty kinarless, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

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[Sec 4:2b]
Ask and ye shall
receive, knock and
it shall be opened
unto you. Amen.

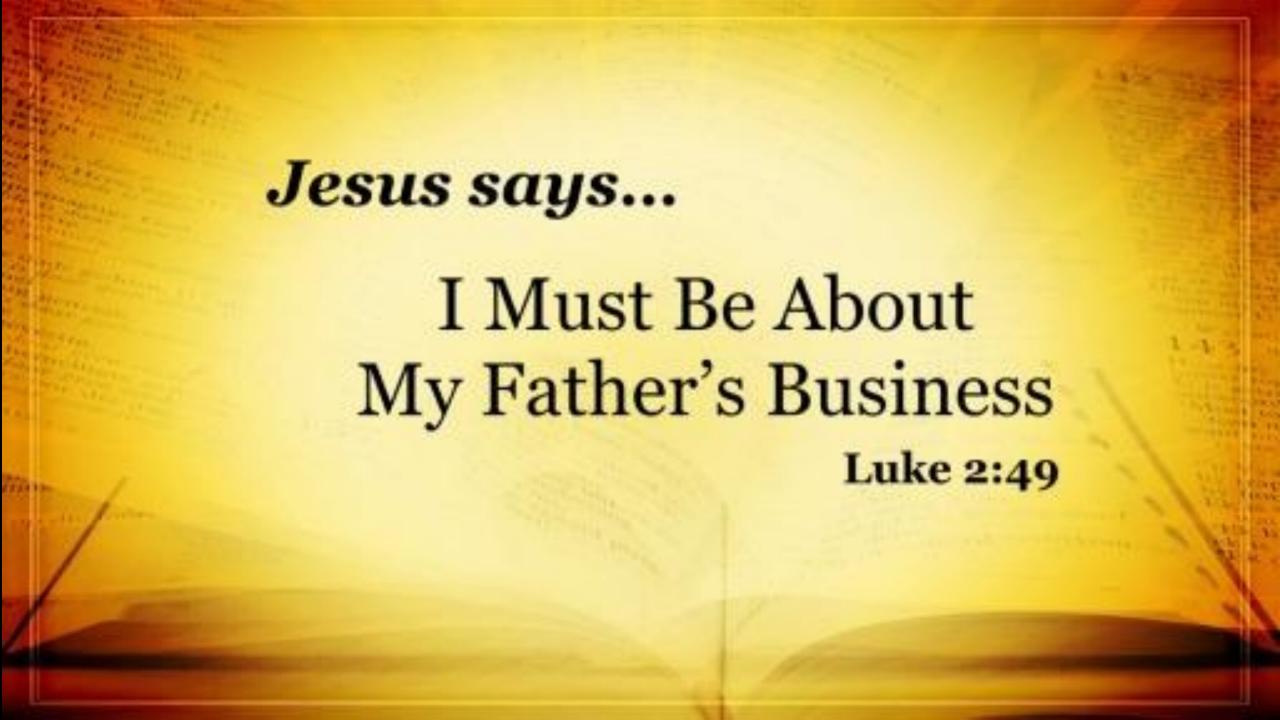




What manner of men ought ye to be?

Verily I say unto you, Even as I am.

[3 Nephi 13:5]



What would you do?

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ATTRIBUTES WE NEED TO CULTIVATE TO BE LIKE JESUS





Dear friends,

since God so loved us, we also ought to

O Williams

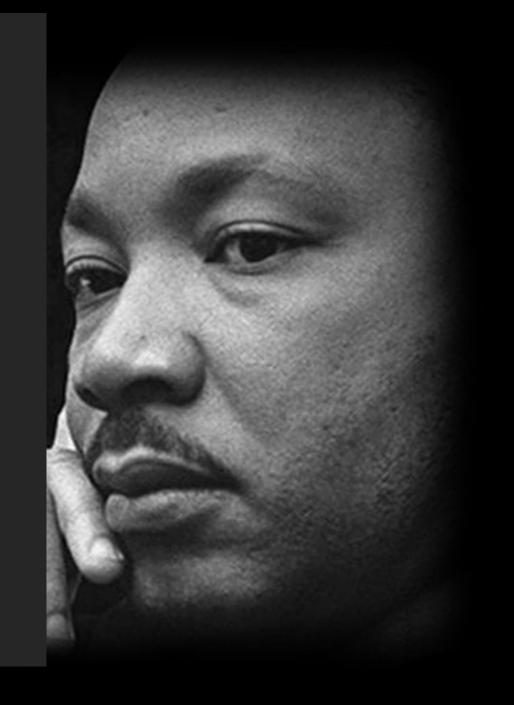
John 4:11





IN THE END,
WE WILL REMEMBER
NOT THE WORDS
OF OUR ENEMIES,
BUT THE SILENCE
OF OUR FRIENDS.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.





"I could have gotten more.

If I had made more money. I threw away so much money. Y have no idea.

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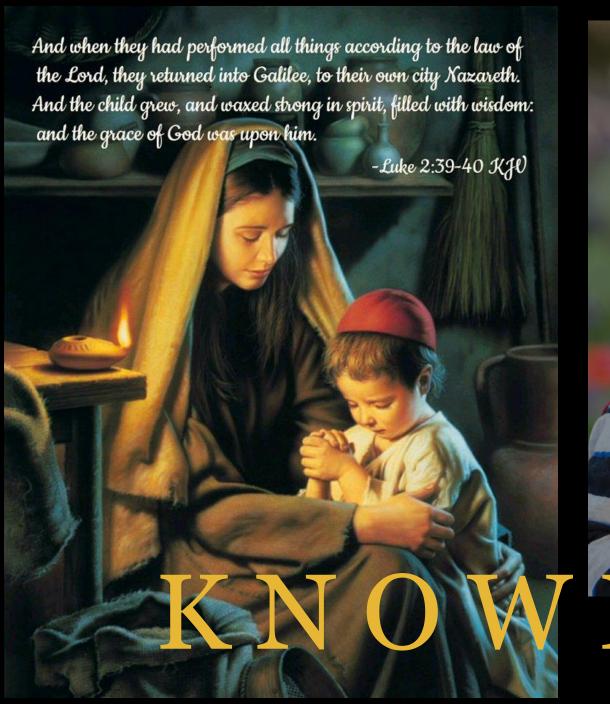
Ten more [Jews]

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Oskar Schindler (1908-1974) was a German businessman who saved the lives of approximately 1200 Jews by employing them in his factories in Poland and the Greater German Reich during World War II.







NA

O, REMEMBER, MY SON,

AND WISDOW INTHY YOUTH;

YEA,

COMMANDMENTS of GOD.

[Alma 17:68] O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support;

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O, REMEMBER, MY SON,

AND WISDOW INTHY YOUTH;

— YEA

COMMANDMENTS of GOD.

[Alma 17:69] Yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever; counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good:

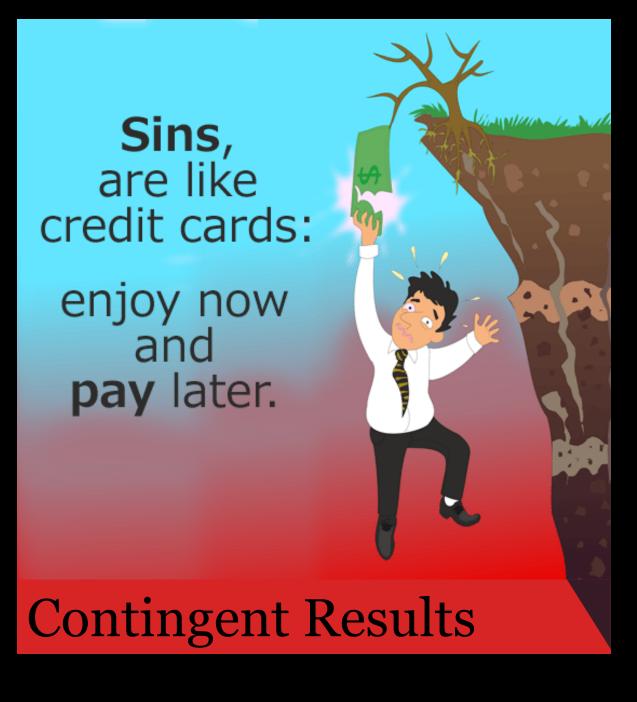
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O, REMEMBER, MY SON,

AND WISDOW IN THY YOUTH;

COMMANDMENTS of GOD.

[Alma 17:70] Yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou riseth in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day.



[Isaiah 45:6-7]

That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me.

I am the Lord, and there is none else.

I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I the Lord do all these things.



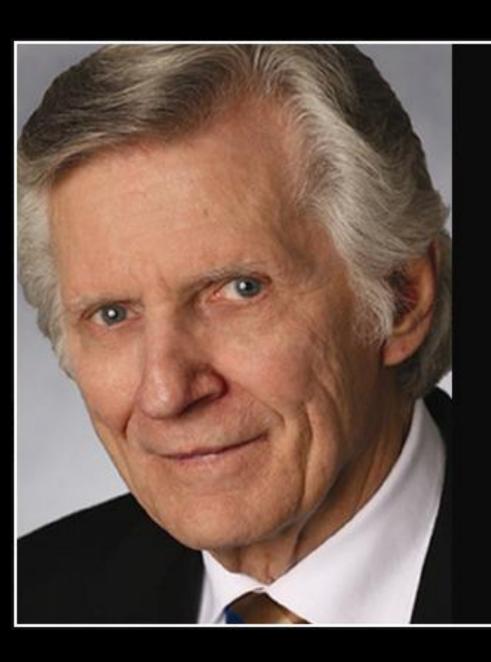
[Hebrews 11:24-26]

By faith Moses, when he was come to years of discretion, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.





Most Christians never associate joy with repentance. But repentance is actually the mother of all joy in Jesus. Without it, there can be no joy. Yet, any believer who walks in repentance will be flooded with the joy of the Lord.

— David Wilkerson —

Author of

The Cross and the Switchblade



Our fullness of joy in God and His Holy Spirit comes when that Joy outweighs and overcomes all other competing passions, emotions, and activities, and overflows into a love for all people which causes us to witness to them, every day and every hour.



And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee; 90, and sin no more. And the woman glorified God from that hour, and believed on his name. [John 8:11]

And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus, knowing their faith, said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee; go thy way and sin no more.

[Matthew 9:2]



FORGIMENESS

Ye call upon my name for revelations, and I give them unto you; and inasmuch as ye keep not my sayings which I give unto you, ye become transgressors, and justice and judgment is the penalty which is affixed unto my law:

FORGIMENESS

therefore, what I say unto one I say unto all, Watch, for the adversary spreadeth his dominions and darkness reigneth; and the anger of God kindleth against the inhabitants of the earth; and none doeth good, for all have gone out of the way.

FORGIMENESS

And now, verily I say unto you, I, the Lord, will not lay any sin to your charge; go your ways and sin no more;

but unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return, saith the Lord your God. [Sec 81:1d-2]

Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus

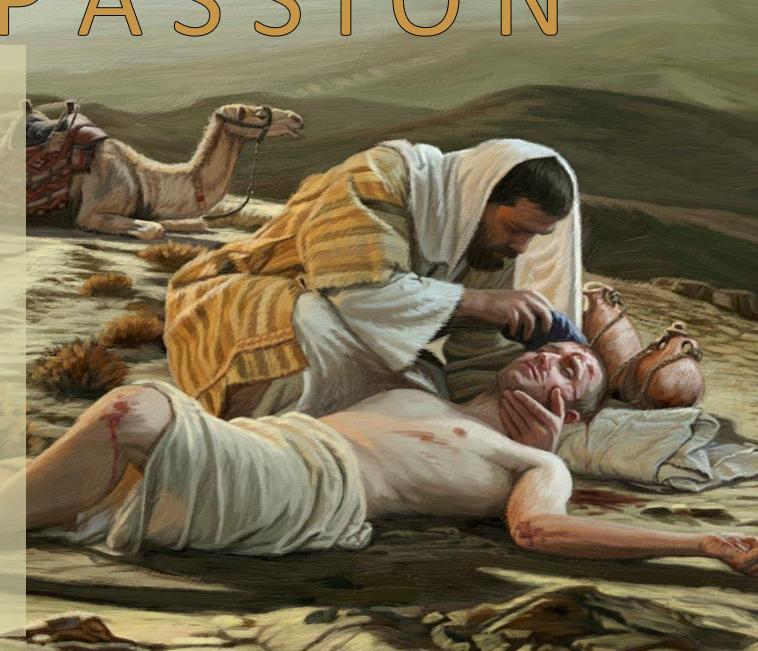
HUMILITY

Serving the Lord with all humility of mind
Acts 20:19

COMPASSION

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. [Luke 10:34-35]



GENTLENESS



PATIENCE

Bearing pains or trials calmly without complaint.

Showing forbearance under provocation or strain.

Not hasty or impetuous. Steadfast despite opposition or adversity.

OBEDIENCE

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:8

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30



For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind.

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord....

[2 Timothy 1:7-8]

Witnessing is our Sacred Stewardship

...this is my work and my glory,

to bring to pass
the immortality,
and
eternal life of man.

[Sec 22:23b]

Witnessing is our Sacred Stewardship

How think ye? If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains and seeketh that which is gone astray?

And if it so be that he find it, verily, I say unto you, he rejoiceth more over that which was lost, than over the ninety and nine which went not astray.

[Matthew 18:12-13]



And it came to pass that there was **no contention** in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.

And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness;

And surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God:

There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God;

[4 Nephi 1:17-20]

Witnessing is our Sacred Stewardship

And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth. Wherefore you are called to cry repentance unto this people.

And if it so be that you should labor all your days, in crying repentance unto this people, and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!

And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy, if you should bring many souls unto me!

[Sec 16:3e-a]





Do what?

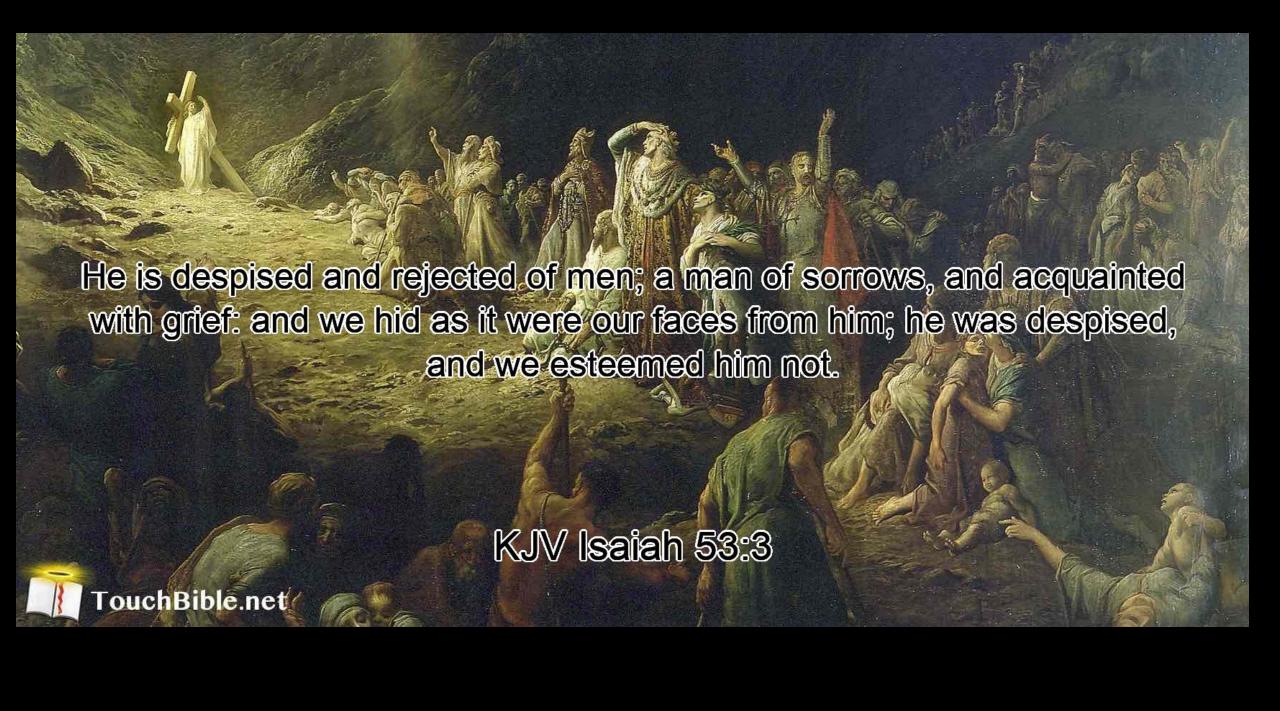
We've never done it this way before!

We've always done it this way!!

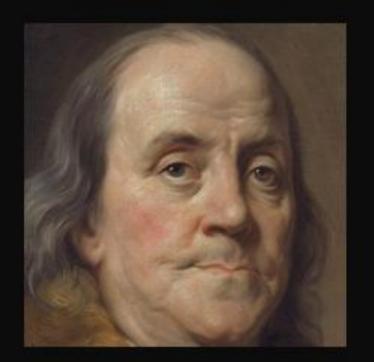


NEVER DISCUSS RELIGION OR POLITICS TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT DON'T AFFECT YOU INSTEAD



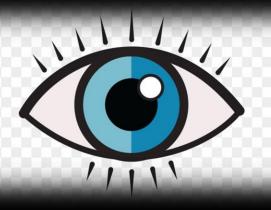






Many have quarreled about religion that never practice it.

~ Benjamin Franklin



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Behold, I speak with boldness, having authority from God; and I fear not what man can do; for perfect love casteth out all fear; and I am filled with charity, which is everlasting love; wherefore all children are alike unto me; wherefore I love little children with a perfect love; and they are all alike, and partakers of salvation.

[Moroni 8:18]

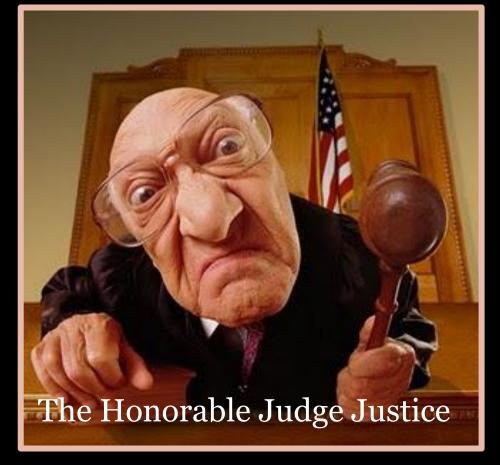
An atheist became incensed over the preparation for Easter/Resurrection Days and Passover holidays and decided to contact the local ACLU about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while the atheists had no holiday to celebrate.



The ACLU jumped on the opportunity to once again pick up the cause of the godless and assigned their sharpest attorneys to the case.







The lead ACLU lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said,

"Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? Surely the Christians have Christmas, Easter/Resurrection Sunday and many other observances.

And the Jews — why in addition to Passover they have Yom Kippur and Hanukkah . . . and yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!"



The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said "Obviously your client is too confused to know about, or for that matter, even celebrate the atheists' holiday!"



The ACLU lawyer pompously said:

"We are aware of no such holiday for atheists.

Just when might that be, Your Honor?"





The judge said,
"Well, it comes
every year on
exactly the same
date!

April 1st!"

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1, Psalm 53:1

THE DEFINITION OF WITNESSING

Brethren, this is the testimony which we give of that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

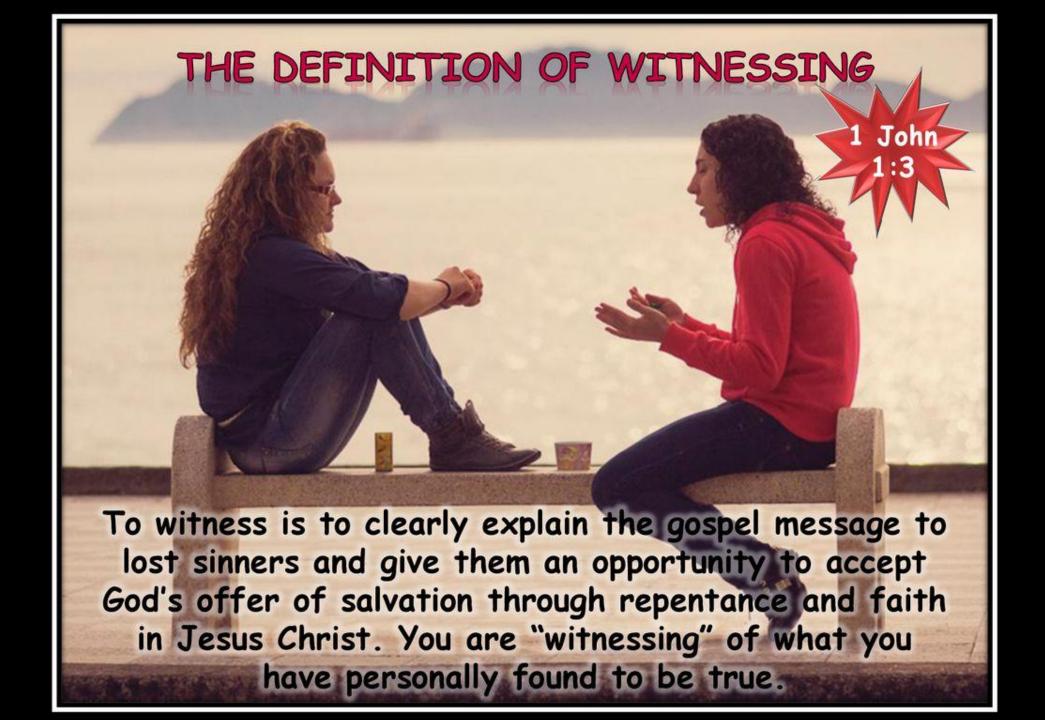
THE DEFINITION OF WITNESSING

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

THE PURPOSE

And these things write (witness) we unto you, that your joy may be full.

[[1 John 1:1-4]



Let your light

SHINE

they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven

Matthew 5:18w 5:16



Next Sunday School – PLEASE Come early Invite a friend and

CATCH THE EXCITEMENT OF WITNESSING





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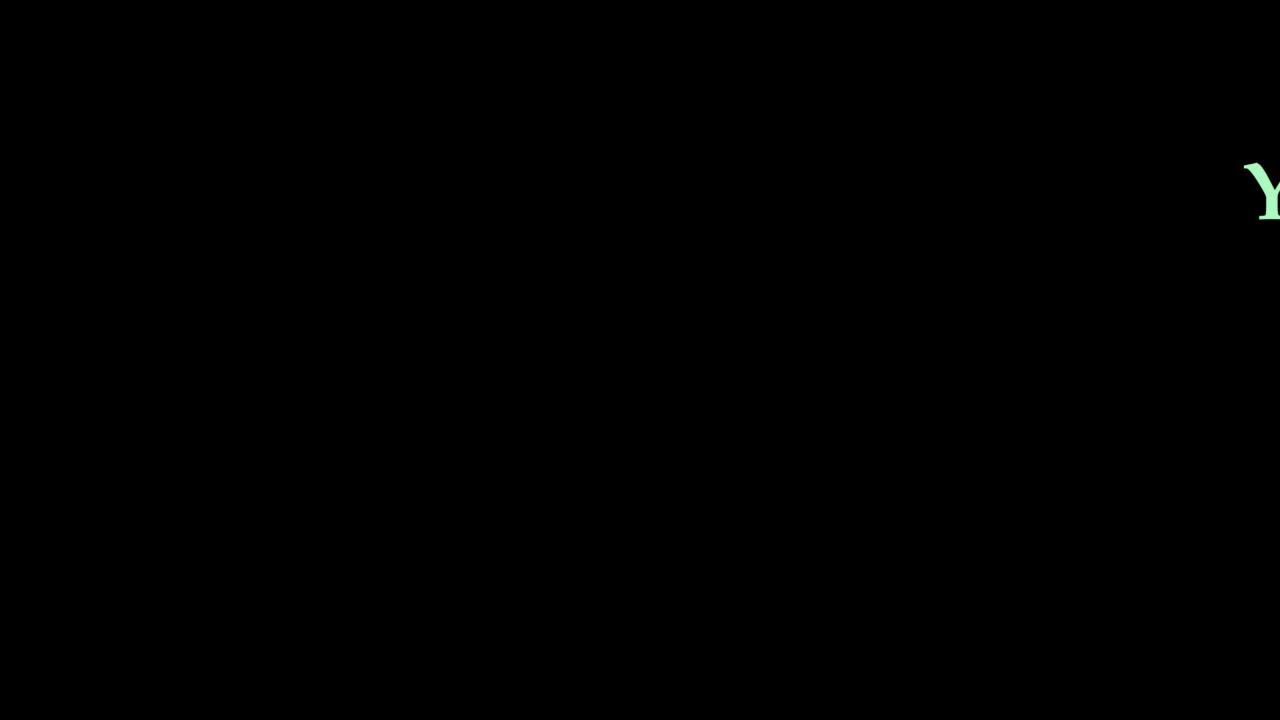
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Let My Little Light Shine Lesson Two



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What is the Church?

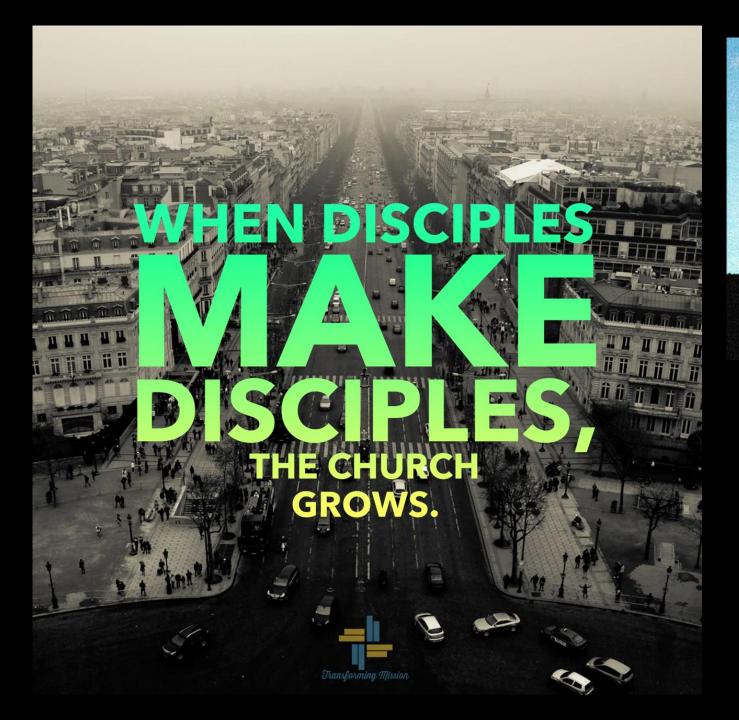
"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS; BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MATTHEW 23:19

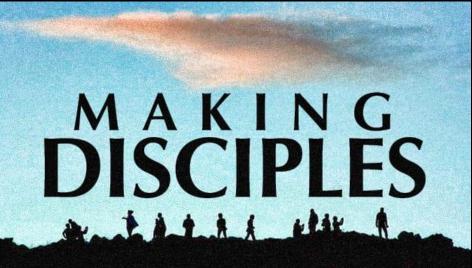


·SEEK · PEOPLE · WHO · ARE · OPEN · TO · HEARING · ABOUT · JE'SUS · AND · BE · AVAILABLE · TO · SHARE · THE · GOOD · NEWS :

·THE · PRESENCE · OF · JESUS · IN · US · WILL · SHINE · THROUGH · AND · TOUGH · THEM : KEEP · YOUR · SPIRITUAL · EYES ·

·AND · EARS · OPEN · AND · TRUST · GOD · TO · DO · MOST · OF · THE · WORK ·





Are you
Making
Disciples?

The Angry Missionary

One Sunday morning a good wife wakes up her husband to get ready for church.



"Why not?" she asked.



"I'll give YOU two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church!
One, you're 45 years old,
and number two,
YOU ARE THEIR PASTOR!"

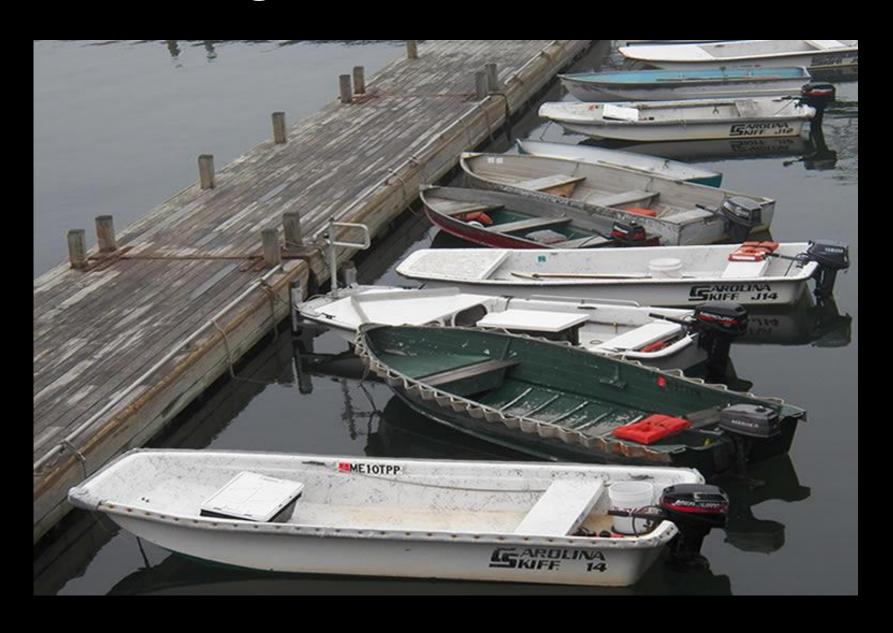
Please don't shoot the messenger!



Dogwood Terrace Resort



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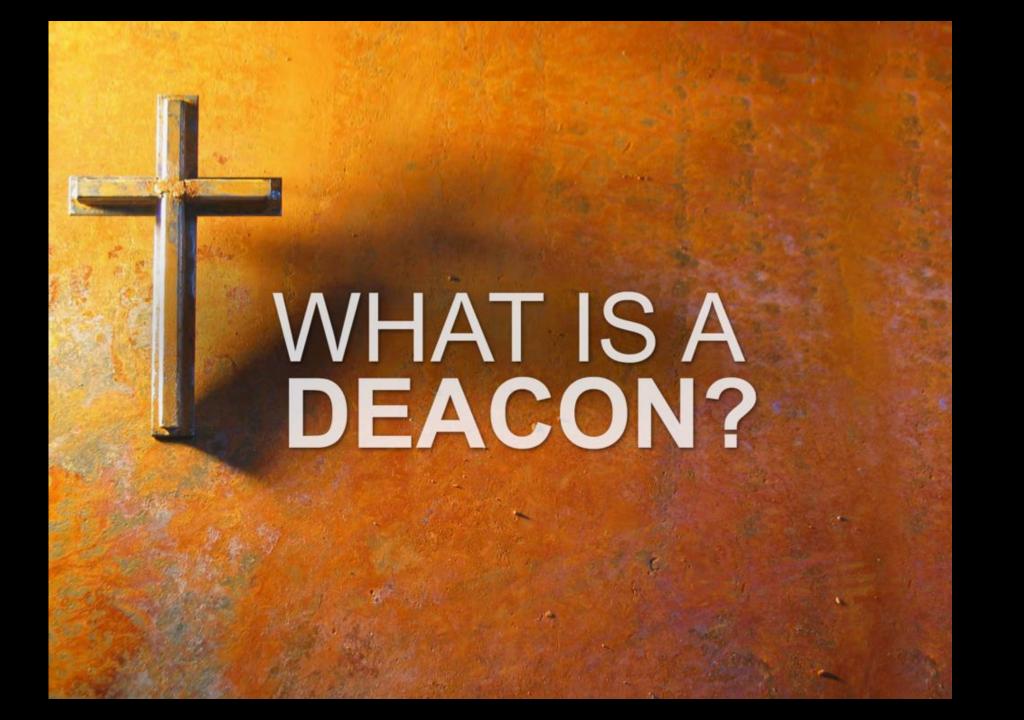




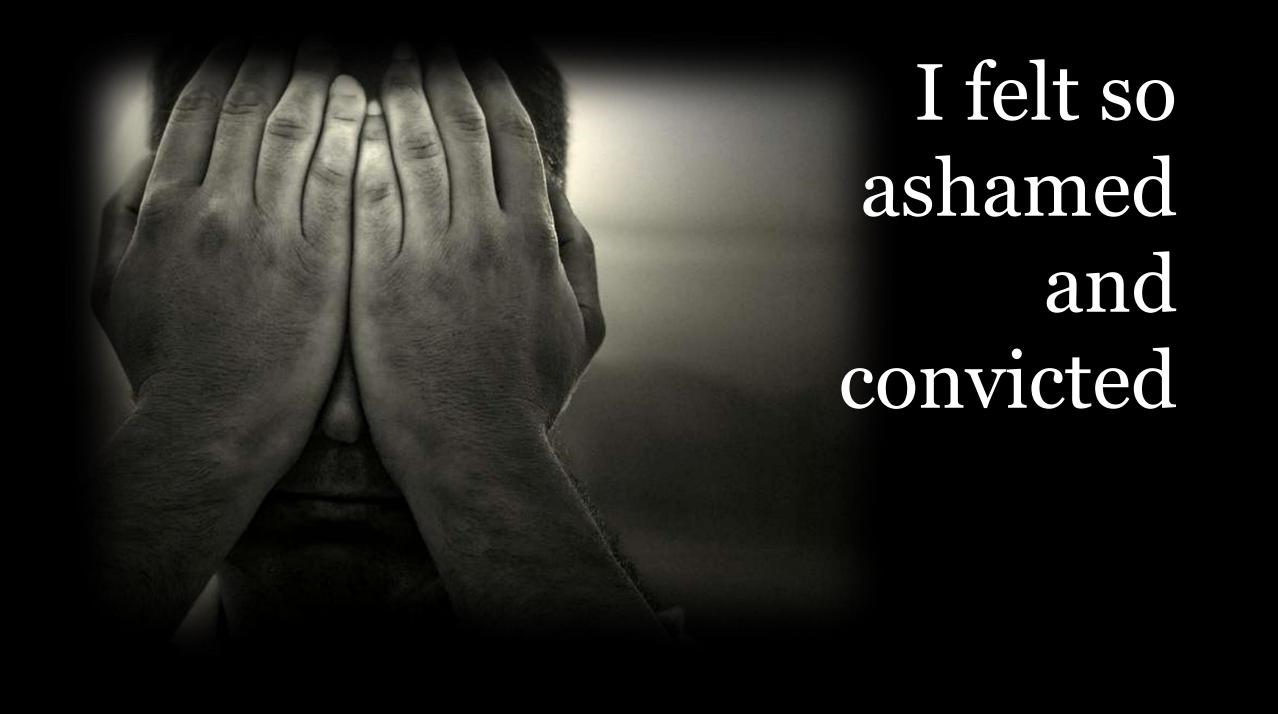






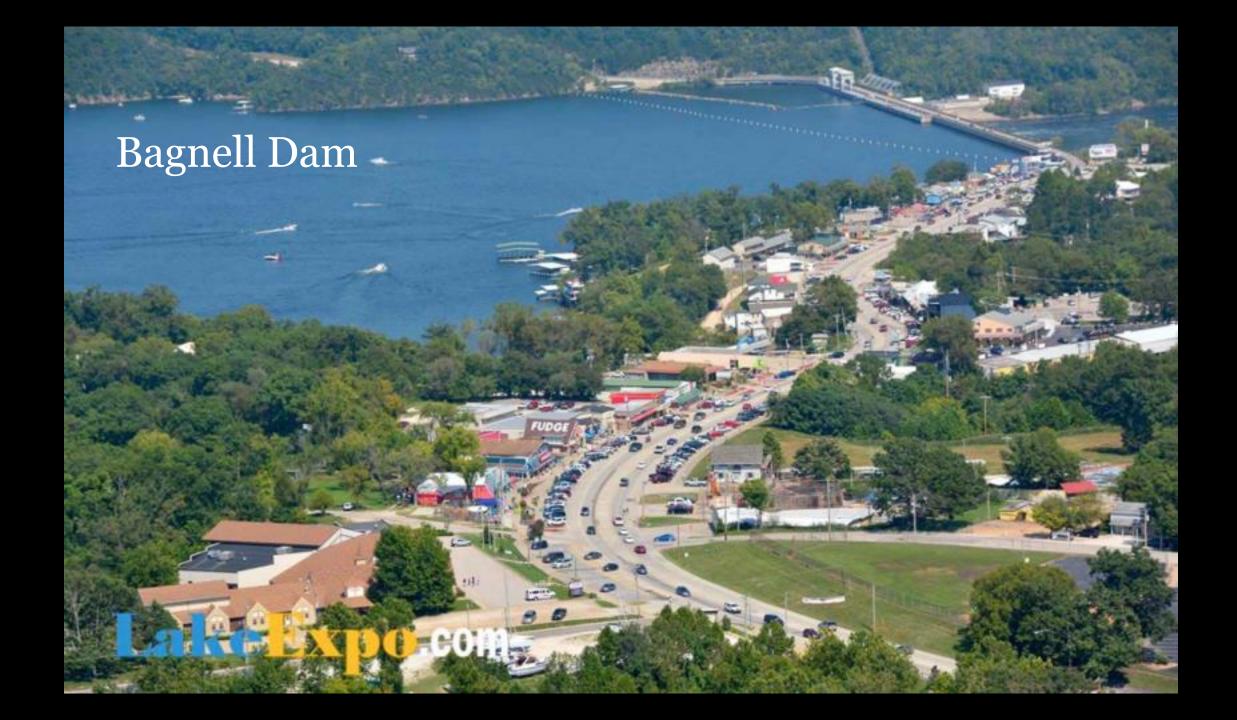


















This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

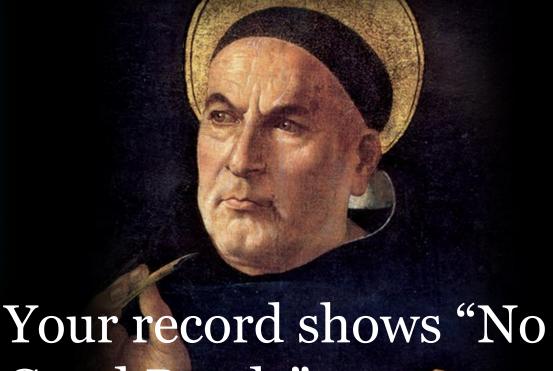
Ye are my friends, command you.

if ye do whatsoever I

[John 15:12-14]



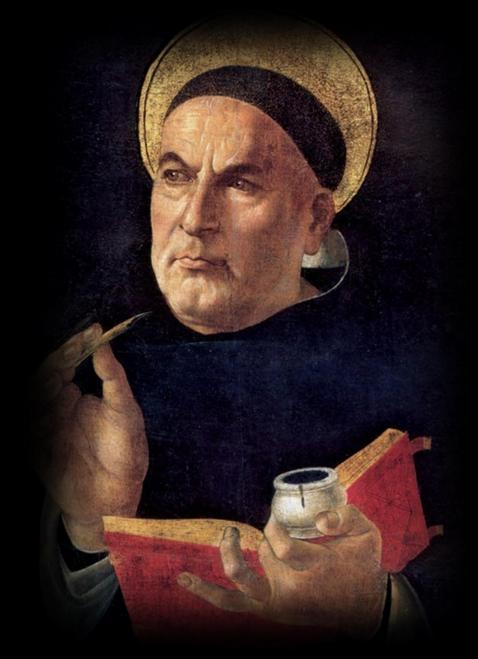




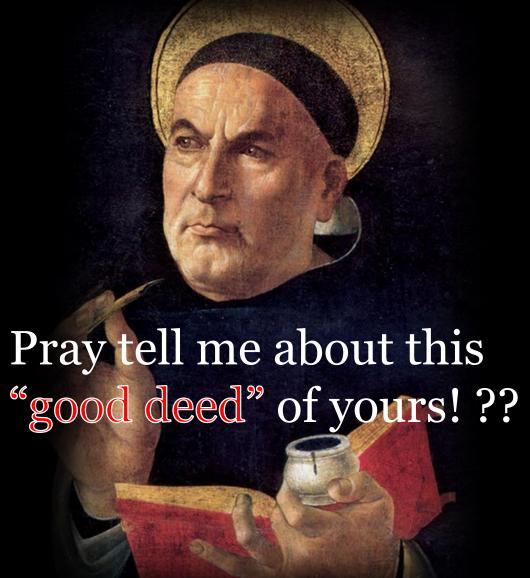
Good Deeds"....
Shows no witness or help to those in need!



But sir, I have, I have done a good deed!







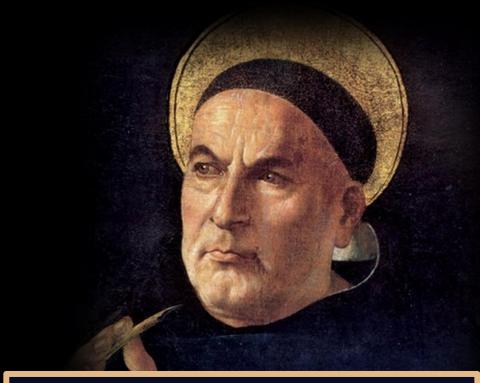








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And when did this, "GOOD DEED" take place?

Courageous Witness



the life of Jesus of Nazareth

EXTRAORDINARY:

Beyond what is ordinary or usual;

Extraordinary authority;

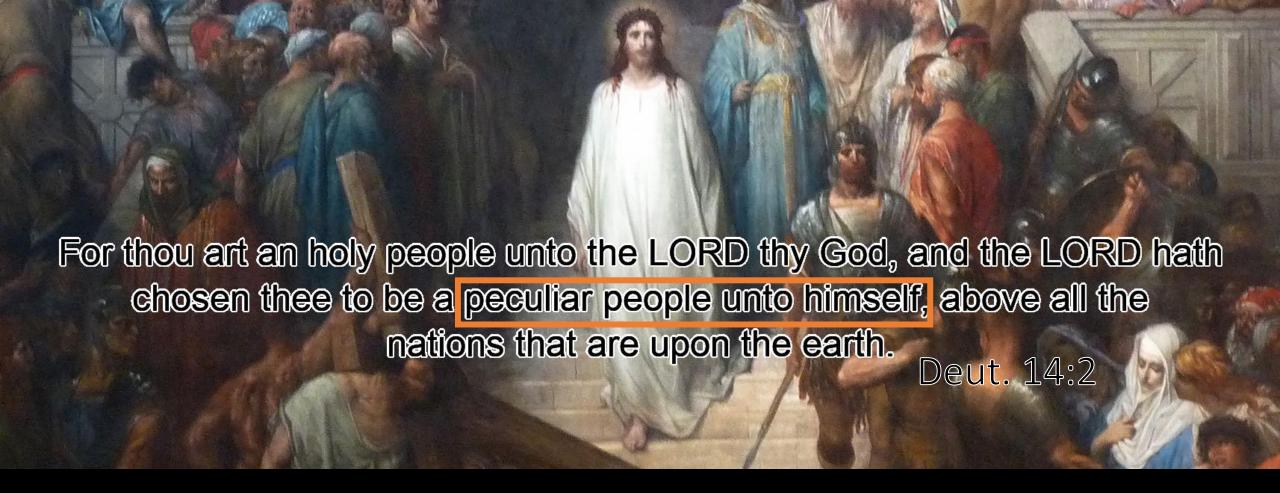
Highly exceptional;

Remarkable;

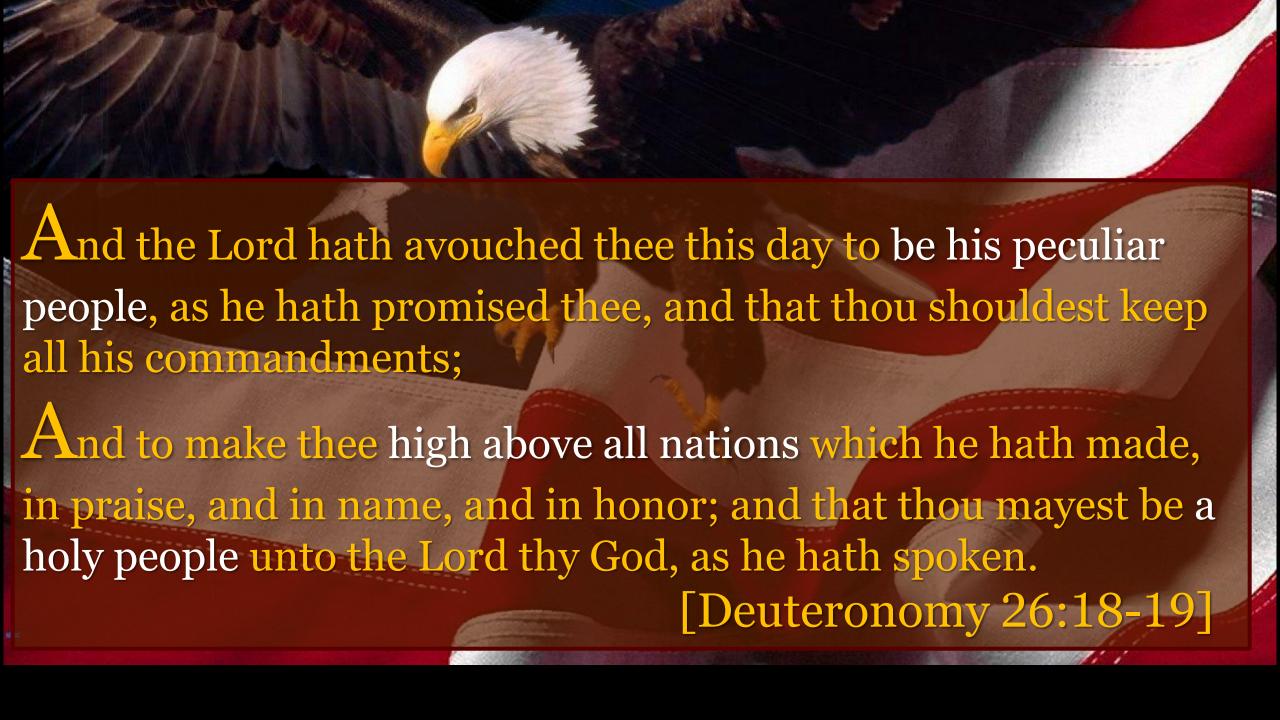
An extraordinary achievement.

KEEP MY COVENANT

- ·Take upon us the name of Christ.
- ·Always remember Him.
- ·Serve Him and keep His commandments.
- ·Bear one another's burdens.
- •Mourn with those that mourn, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort.
- •Stand as witnesses of God at all times, in all things, and in all places.



A Peculiar People - being a peculiar people is contingent upon obedience and belonging to Him.



For the grace of God which bringeth salvation to all men, hath appeared;

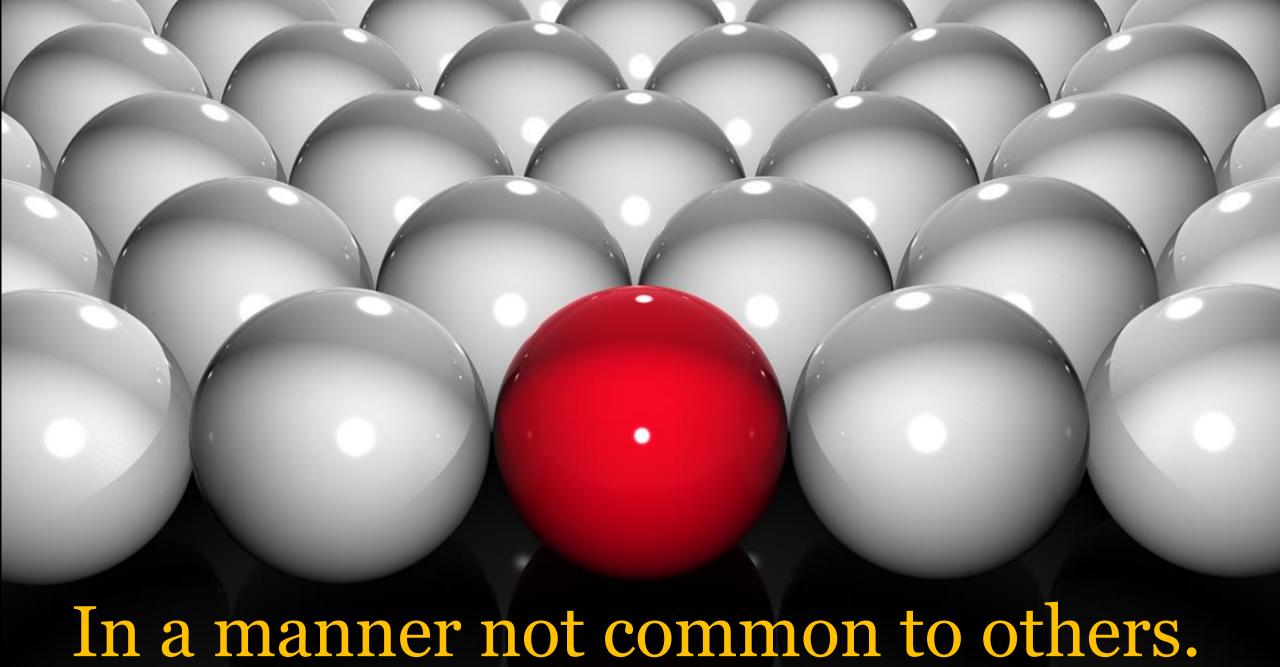
Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

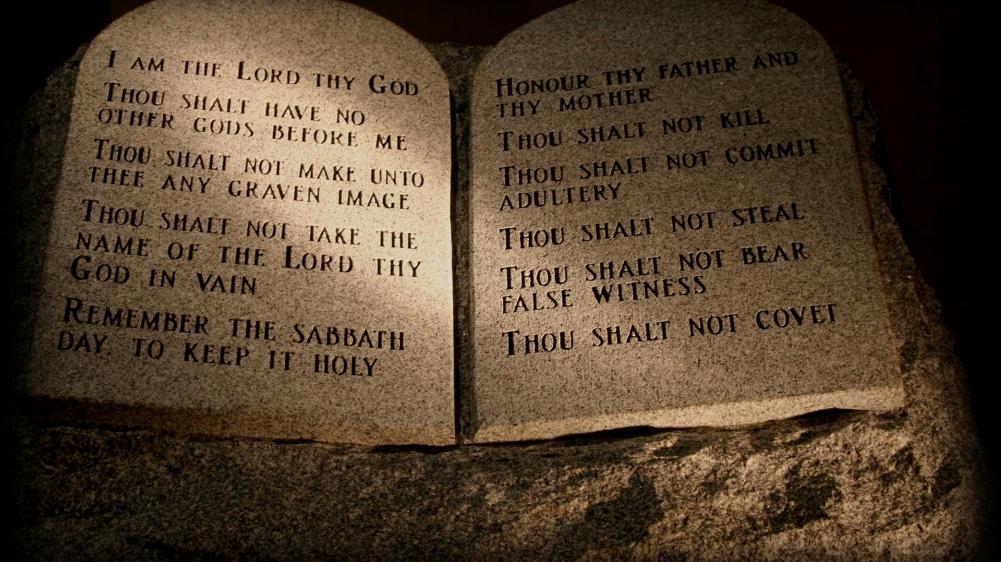
Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

[Titus 2:11-14]

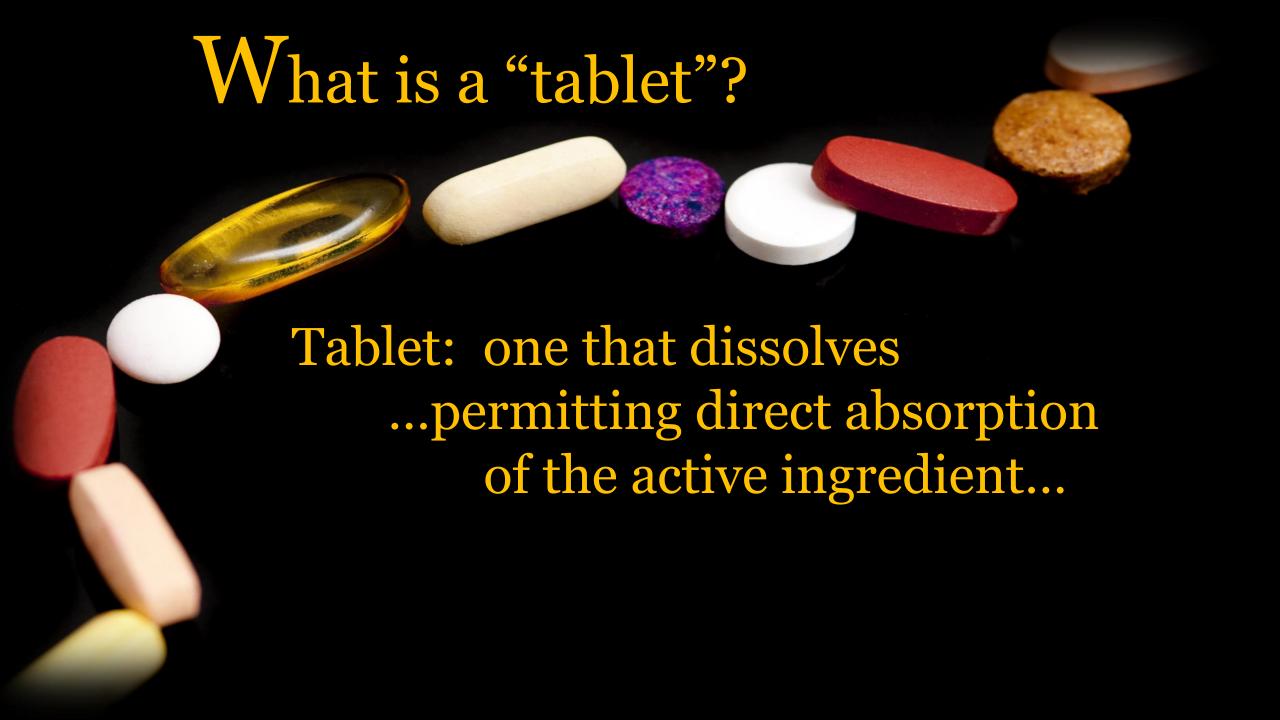
But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;

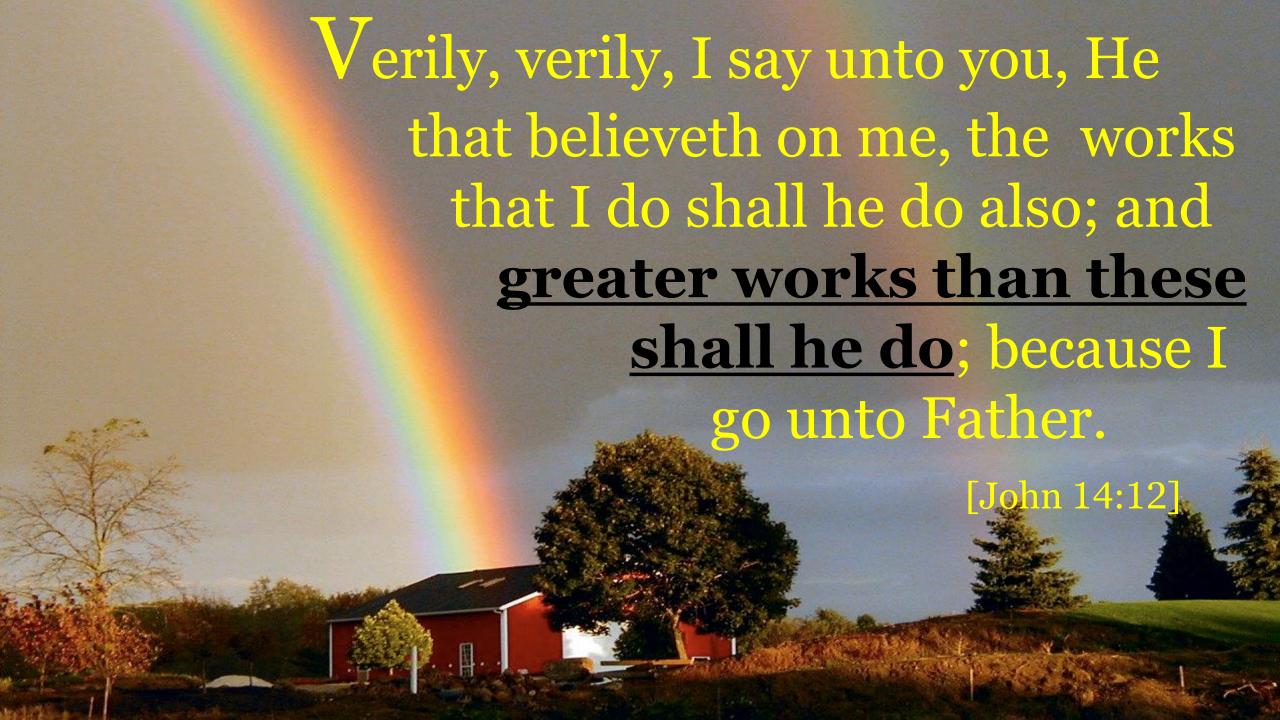


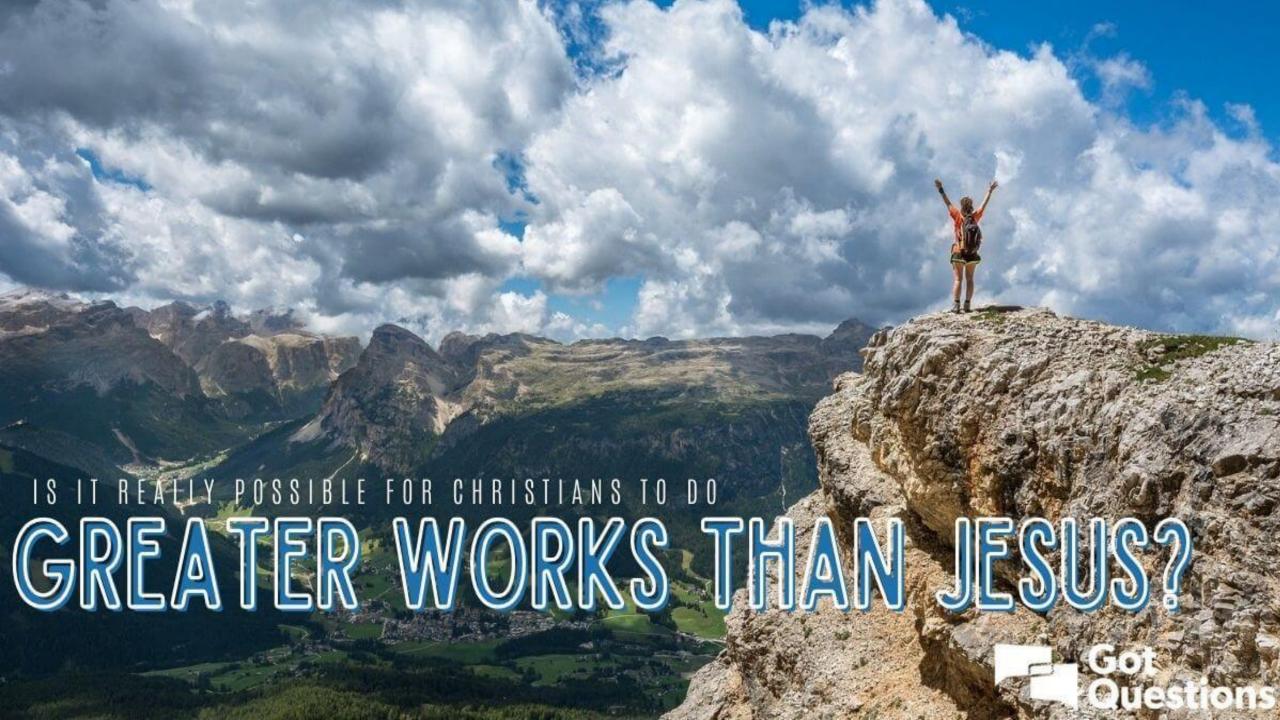


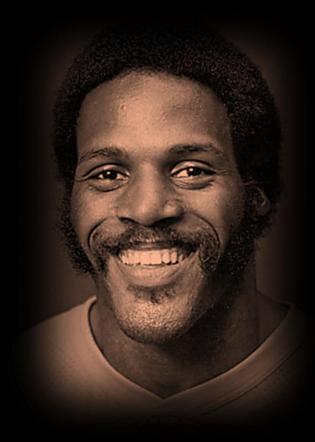


Take two tablets and call me in the morning!









Joe Delaney

In 1981 Joe Delaney joined the Kansas City Chiefs as a rookie running back.

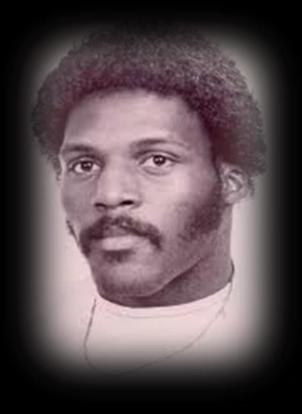
He immediately became a superstar...

...setting a single-season rushing record

...He won Rookie of the Year

...and earned a starting position for the American Football Conference team at the Pro Bowl. Within just two short years Joe was rich and famous.

He was on his way to being one of the greatest football players to ever have played the game.



Joe Delaney



On June 29th, 1983 while relaxing and picnicking near his hometown of Monroe, Louisiana, ...a crowd of people running up a hill startled him.



By the time Joe reached the pit, many people had crowded around, but no one had jumped in to rescue the boys.

They just stood by and watched.



He yelled to the crowd for someone to call for help...and...

Without hesitating or breaking stride, Joe dove headlong into the water.

He struggled with all his heart, might, mind and soul and finally managed to pull one boy back to the edge ...saving his life.



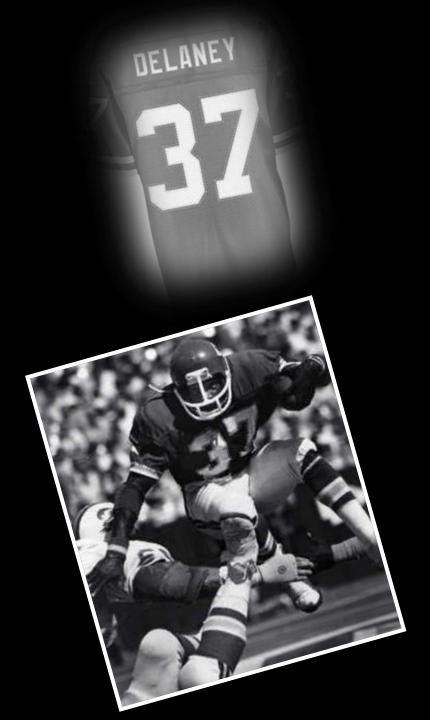


Desperately, he struggled, gasped for air...took a deep breath and dove back down for another boy.

Still no one else bothered to help.

A minute went by.... Two minutes...then three... No one helped... No boy No Joe Delaney... No one returned to the surface.







Joe Delaney, who, in that splinter of a moment, when a hero was needed, didn't stop to ask why.

Nobody -- not his wife, not his mother -- had ever seen him so much as dog-paddle.

A year and a half earlier, when he went to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii as the AFC's starting halfback and Rookie of the Year, he never set even a toe in the ocean or the pool.

"Never had," says his wife, Carolyn, who'd known Joe since they were both seven. "In all my years, I never had seen him swim." What made Delaney that kind of person?

Why did he mow that lonely woman's lawn when he was back home in Haughton, La., rich as he was?



Why did he check in on that old man every day he was in town?



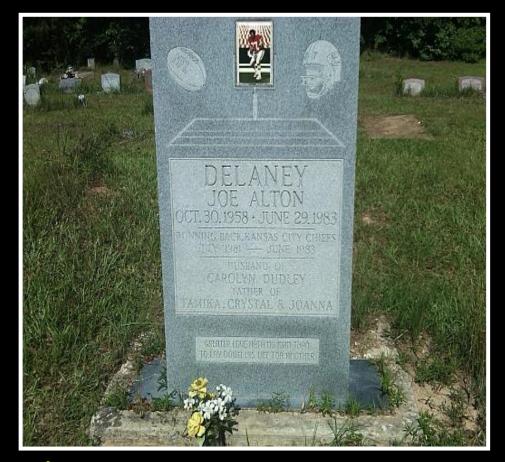
Why did he show up on the Haughton streets one day with a bag full of new shoes and clothes for kids whose names he'd never heard?

Why didn't Joe ask somebody else to help those kids?

Hundreds of people were at the park that day, and not another soul dived into that watery pit to help.

Nobody helped but Delaney.

Why?



Delaney was buried on the Fourth of July 1983.

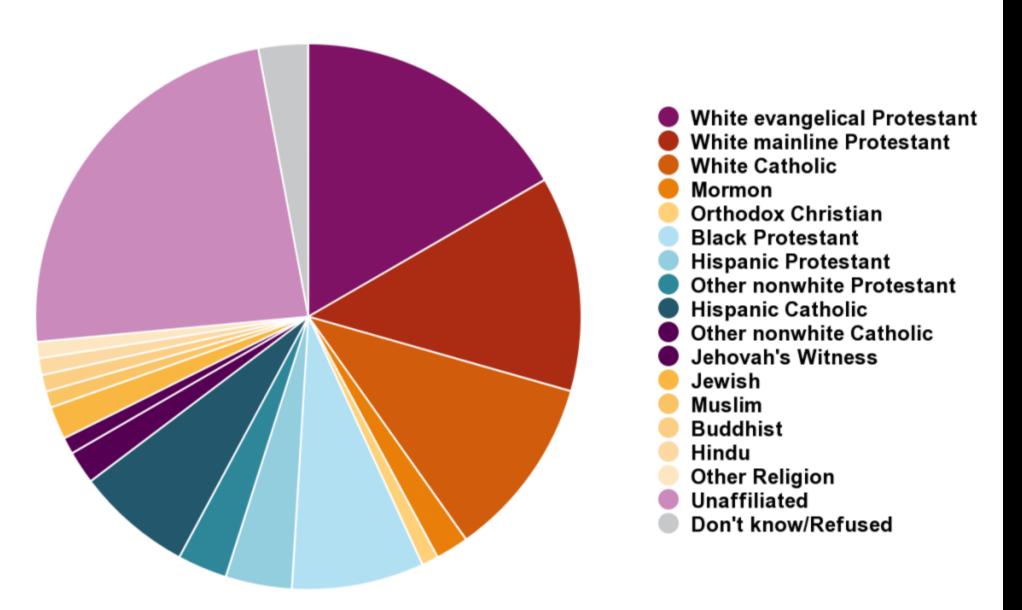
A telegram from President Reagan was read at the memorial service.

The Presidential Citizens Medal was awarded posthumously. Three thousand people came to his funeral.

A park in Haughton was named after him. No Chiefs player has worn number 37 since. The 37 Forever Foundation, a nonprofit group in Kansas City, honors him to this day by providing free swimming lessons to inner-city kids.

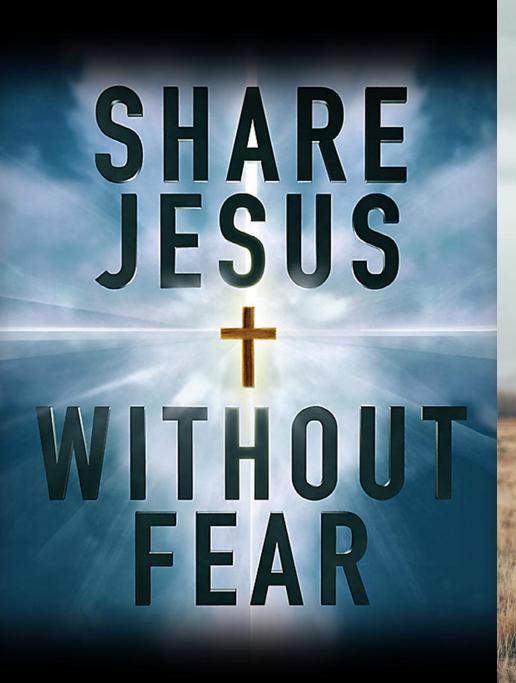


The American Religious Landscape in 2016











Fear?

Common Fears:

- rejection
- the unknown
- confrontation
- embarrassment
- being tongue-tied
- saying the wrong thing
- finding the right time



