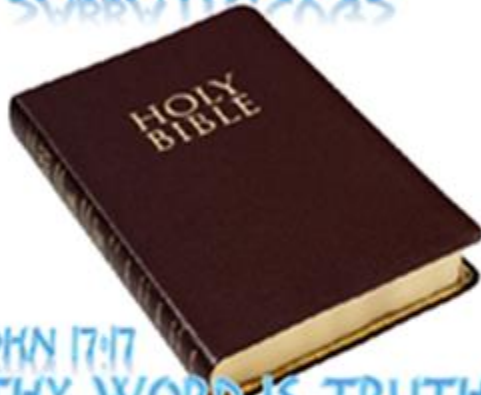


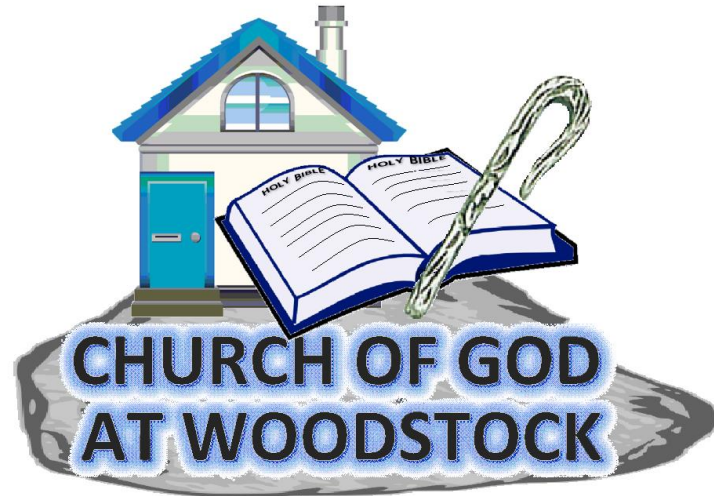
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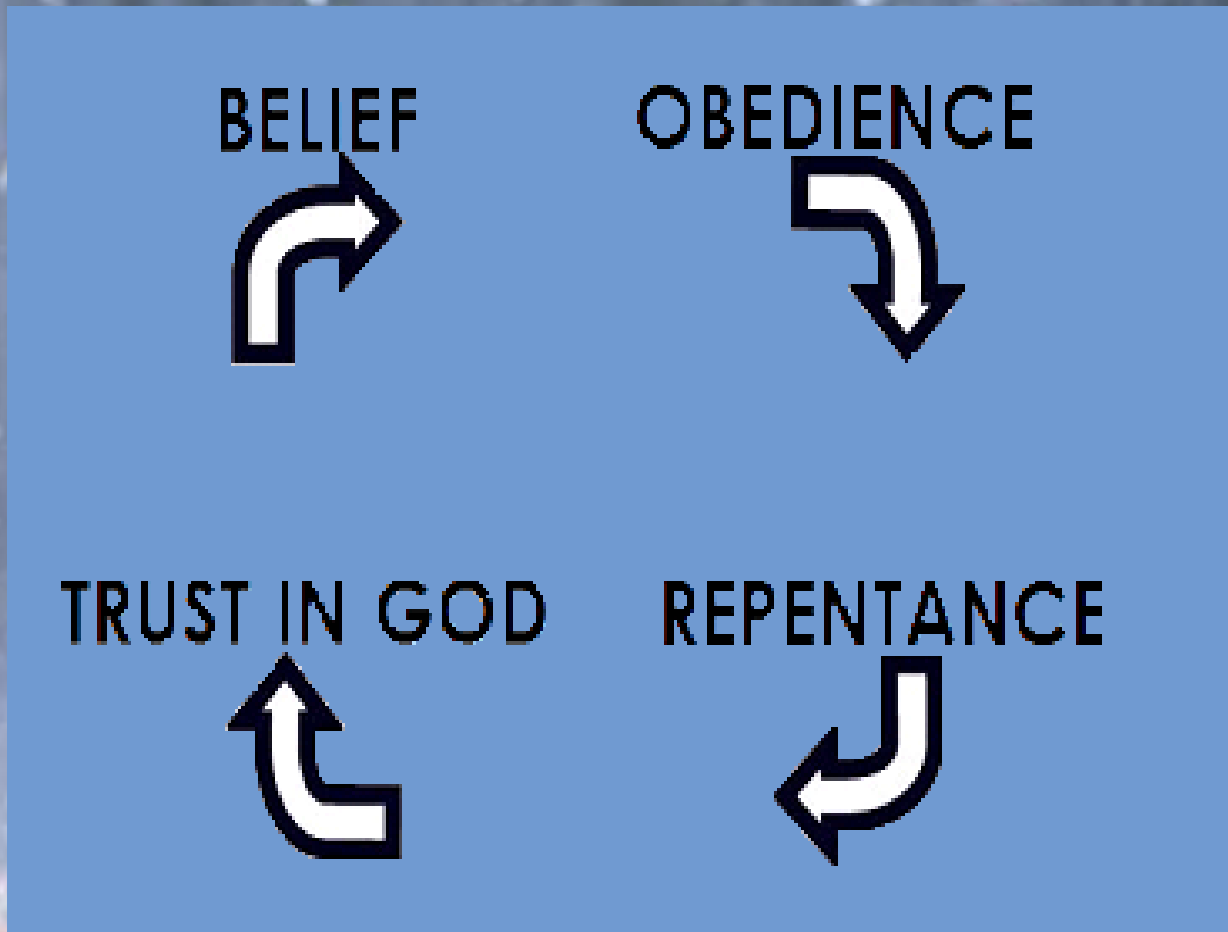
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PREPARING YOUR HEART



TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS

FAITH CYCLE



- Psalms 10:17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt **prepare their heart**, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

Romans 16:25-27

- Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, **made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:** To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

DELIGHT IN HIM

- Psalms 40:8 **I delight to do thy will**, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
- Isaiah 58:13-14 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath **a delight**, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: **Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD**; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

DELIGHT IN HIM

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But **his delight is in the law of the LORD**; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 37:4-6 **Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.** Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

WHAT IS FAITH?

- **(KJV)Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**
- **(TYN)Hebrews 11:1 Fayth is a sure confidence of thynges which are hoped for and a certayntie of thynges which are not sene.**

WHAT IS FAITH?

- "FAITH is the ASSURANCE that the things which God said in His Word are TRUE! And that God WILL ACT according to what He has said IN HIS WORD. This assurance, this RELIANCE ON GOD'S WORD, this confidence, is FAITH!" That's George Mueller's definition! And it is a true Bible definition. Romans 4:21 -- "And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

• (from the booklet, "What is Faith?" by Herbert W. Armstrong.)⁸

FACTS OF FAITH

READ THE WORD

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

In this scene, pirates Ragetti and Pintel are in a longboat on the open sea. Having just escaped from jail, they are headed for Cannibal Island in search of Jack Sparrow's ship, *The Black Pearl*. Both pirates had roles in the first movie as part of a cursed set of sailors who were unable to die. At the end of that movie, however, the curse was lifted before they were sent to jail

Ragetti appears to be "reading" a Bible, which is upside-down. He pauses for a moment and says, **"Well, I say it was divine providence what escaped us from jail."** Pintel responds, **"And I say it was me bein' clever."**

Pintel asks the dog, **"Ain't that right, poochie?"**

"Well, how'dya know it weren't divine providence what inspired you to be clever?" Ragetti asks. **"Anyways, I ain't stealin' no ship."**

"It ain't stealin'" Pintel replies, **"It's 'salvagin'! And since when do you care?"**

Ragetti says, **"Since we're not immortal no more. We gotta take care of our immortal souls."**

Pintel says, **"You know you can't read."**

"It's the Bible," Ragetti counters. **"You get credit for trying."**

Pintel retorts: **Pretending to read the bible is a lie! That's a mark against** (points up)!

Citation: *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* (Walt Disney, 2006),

References: Psalm 119:105, Romans 2:13, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12, James 1:22

Deuteronomy 11:13-15

- And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, **to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain**, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

FAITH IN ACTION: PREPARING FOR RAIN

Facing the Giants: One scene in this movie depicts the coach, Grant Taylor, listening to Mr. Bridges, a prayerful man, telling him a parable about two farmers who desperately needed rain.

Mr. Bridges (visiting the Coach's office): Revelation Chapter 3 says: "We serve a God that opens doors that no one can shut, and he shuts doors that no one can open. He says: 'Behold, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know you have a little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.'" Coach Taylor, the Lord is not through with you yet. You still have an open door here, and until the Lord moves you, you're to bloom right where you're planted. I just felt led to come and tell you that today."

Coach Taylor: "Mr. Bridges. Do you believe God told you to come tell me that?"

Mr. Bridges: "I do."

Coach Taylor: "I admit to you I have been struggling. But I've also been praying. I just don't see Him at work here."

Mr. Bridges: "Grant, I heard a story about two farmers who desperately needed rain. And both of them prayed for rain. But only one of them went out and prepared his fields to receive it. Which one do you think trusted God to send the rain?"

Coach Taylor: Well, the one that prepared his fields for it."

Mr. Bridges: "Which one are you? God will send the rain when He's ready. And you need to prepare your field to receive it."

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 10:22-23

Let us draw near with a **true heart** in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. **Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;**
(for he is faithful that promised;)

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

BELIEF AND FAITH

Isaiah
40:3-4

Mountains of Arrogance
"...every mountain and hill shall
be made low..."

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I NEED HIM

Repentance

Valleys of Despair
"...every valley shall be
exalted..."

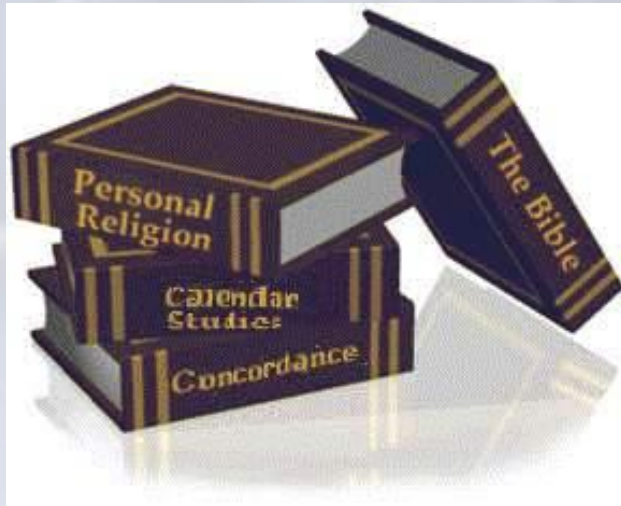
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Mark 9:23

**Jesus said unto him,
If thou canst believe,
all things are possible
to him that believeth.**

Proverbs 4 20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; **keep them in the midst of thine heart.** 22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 **Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.** .



Romans 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, **let God be true,** **but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. ¹⁸

THE POTTER AND THE CLAY



Matthew 18:3-4

- **And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven**

WORD IN HEART

Deuteronomy 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

For this commandment which I command thee this day, **it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven**, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? **But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.**

Romans 10:6-11 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, **Who shall ascend into heaven?** (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) **Or, Who shall descend into the deep? But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:** that is, **the word of faith**, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart **man believeth unto righteousness**; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

WORD IN HEART

- Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Jeremiah 15:16 **Thy words** were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the **joy** and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

FEAR NOT

- **1 John 4:18-19** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.
- **2 Timothy 1:7** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

FAITH

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ *from another?* and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?

[KJV] Colossians 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

In other words: “Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done” [TLB]

YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS US!

- Proverbs 16:1-3 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

PUT ON THE MIND OF CHRIST

Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

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BE YE HOLY!

WALK IN THE SPIRIT!

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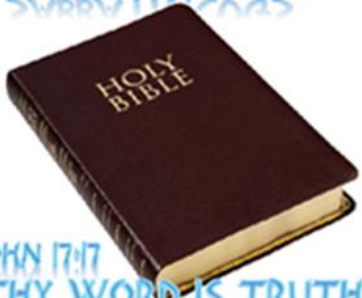
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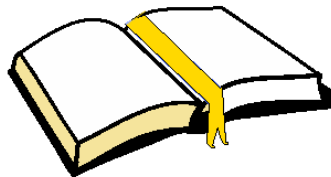
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