

Word of God vs new revelation

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What would an archeologist
want to find above all else?

Pottery

Skull / bones

Religious relics

Weapons

House

What would an archeologist
want to find above all else?

Writing!

Acts 17:11

Galatians 1:8-9

John 20:30-31

2 Tim 3:15

2 Tim 3:17

Jude v. 3

Faith = Believe (base word in Greek)

“The faith” = “The things we believe”

The long-term propagating effects of our lives and decisions

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The long-term propagating effects of our lives and decisions

Both bad and good

2 Tim 4:8, Gen 12:1-3, 10-20

When is the Judgment Seat of Christ?

Is it that we have our individual Judgment Seat of Christ right after we die?

Or is it that all who die wait, and we all have ours together?

2 Tim 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Why is the Judgment Seat of Christ held till the end?

Answer: Because it is only at the end when the propagating effects of our lives are known!

Example: Missionary in Syria

Led to evangelistic influence in my grandparents household, where my father grew up. Affected the life of my father. Affected lives of his children (and others). And their children and others, etc.

The purpose of today's message is to encourage our hearts in understanding that we should judge nothing before the time. That God can use our efforts that at times seem of little fruit to His glory even in generations to come.

Abraham will be our example of one who saw little fruit immediately, but that God used in tremendous ways throughout generations

First – The propagation of bad decisions

Gen 12 – Abraham (Abram) going to Egypt

All's well that ends well? Abraham left unscathed, with gifts, wife protected.

Gen 13:1 – Lot was with him

Both increased with goods (12:16, 20, 13:5)

Goods divided them (13:6-9)

Lot had taste for Egypt -> Sodom (13:10-11)

Lot soon in Sodom, in gate, his own relatives destroyed, etc.

Any good done in Sodom destroyed

First – The propagation of bad decisions

Gen 12 – Abraham (Abram) going to Egypt

Propagating effect on Lot

Propagating effect on the rest of the world

Received servants in Egypt (12:16)

Hagar from Egypt (16:1)

Ishmael born – Wild man/people (16:12)

He shall be a wild donkey of a man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

Much of the Muslim world today traces to Ishmael

Now – The good news in propagation

Gen 12 – Abraham (Abram) as the father of a line – Christ would come through this line. Blessing to the world! But judge nothing before the time!

Abraham

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Isaac Abraham is 100

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Jacob Abraham is 160

Abraham dies at 175. So 15 years overlap with Jacob – they dwelt together in tents (Hebrews 11:9)

Now – The good news in propagation

Abraham

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Isaac Abraham is 100

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Jacob Abraham is 160

Within Abraham's life he saw little fruit in terms of his physical line. But that is not the end!

The same is true concerning spiritual fruit in countless lives throughout the centuries of the church!

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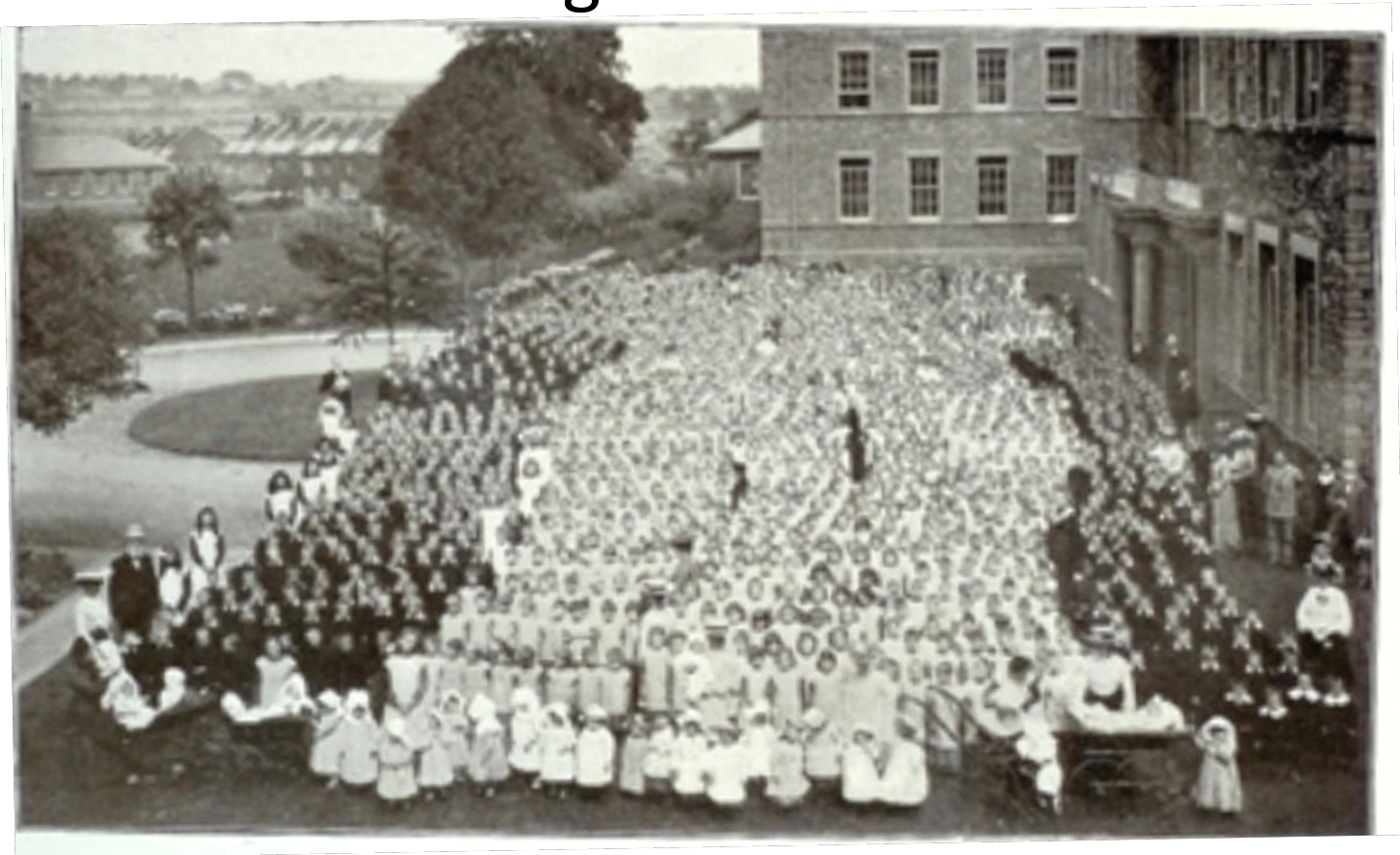
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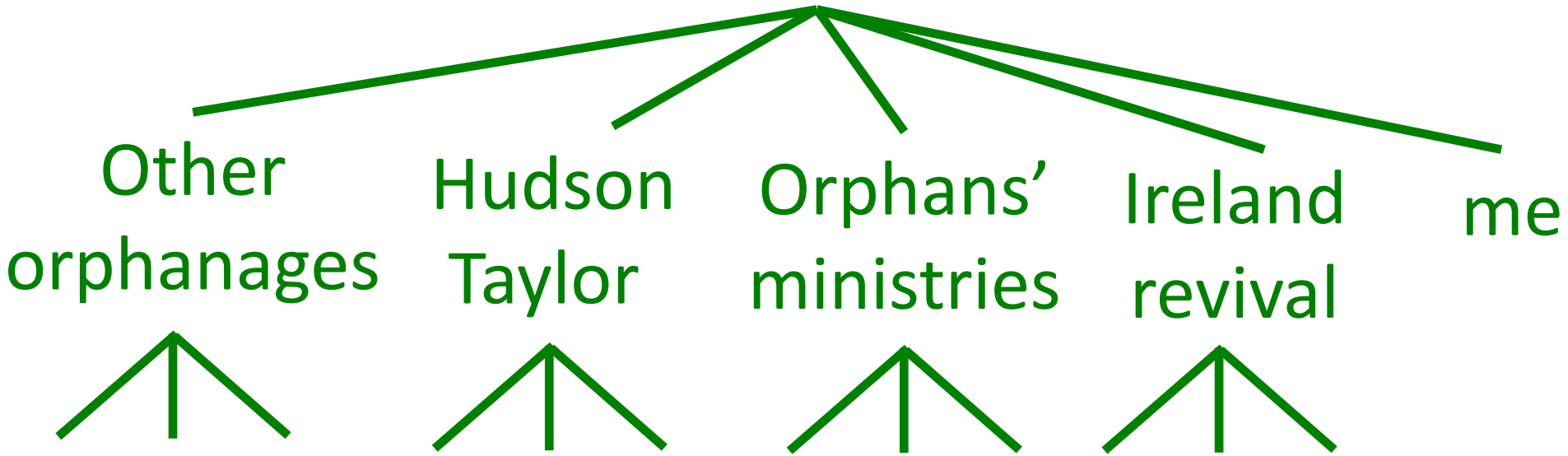
OK – let's not talk about August Francke

Let's talk about George Mueller!



Now – The good news in propagation

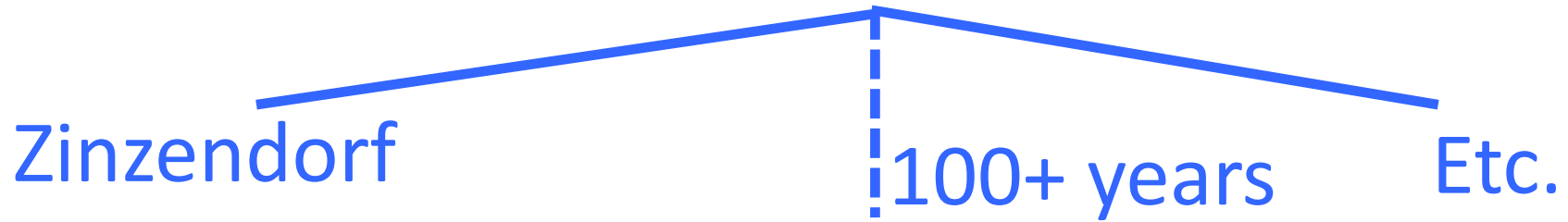
Mueller and his orphanages



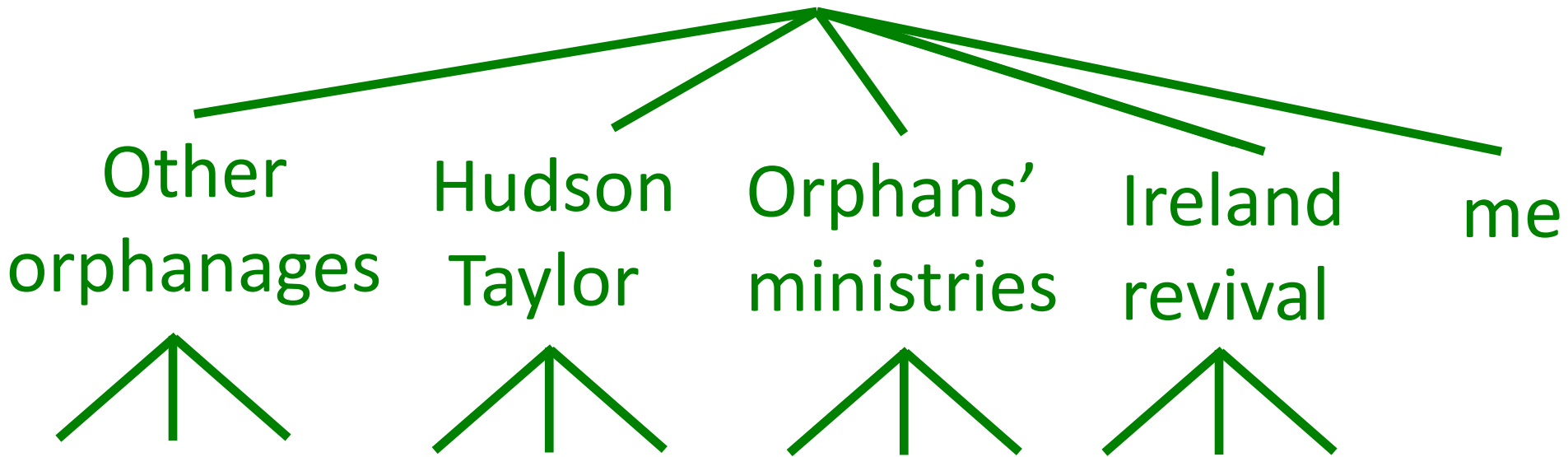
Mueller's building on the foundation cannot be evaluated until the end of the church!

Now – Back to August Hermann Francke

Orphanage – August Francke (1663-1727)



Mueller and his orphanages



Judge nothing before the time

1 Cor 4:5 Therefore, judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

1 Cor 15:58 ... be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Biblical advice for young believers

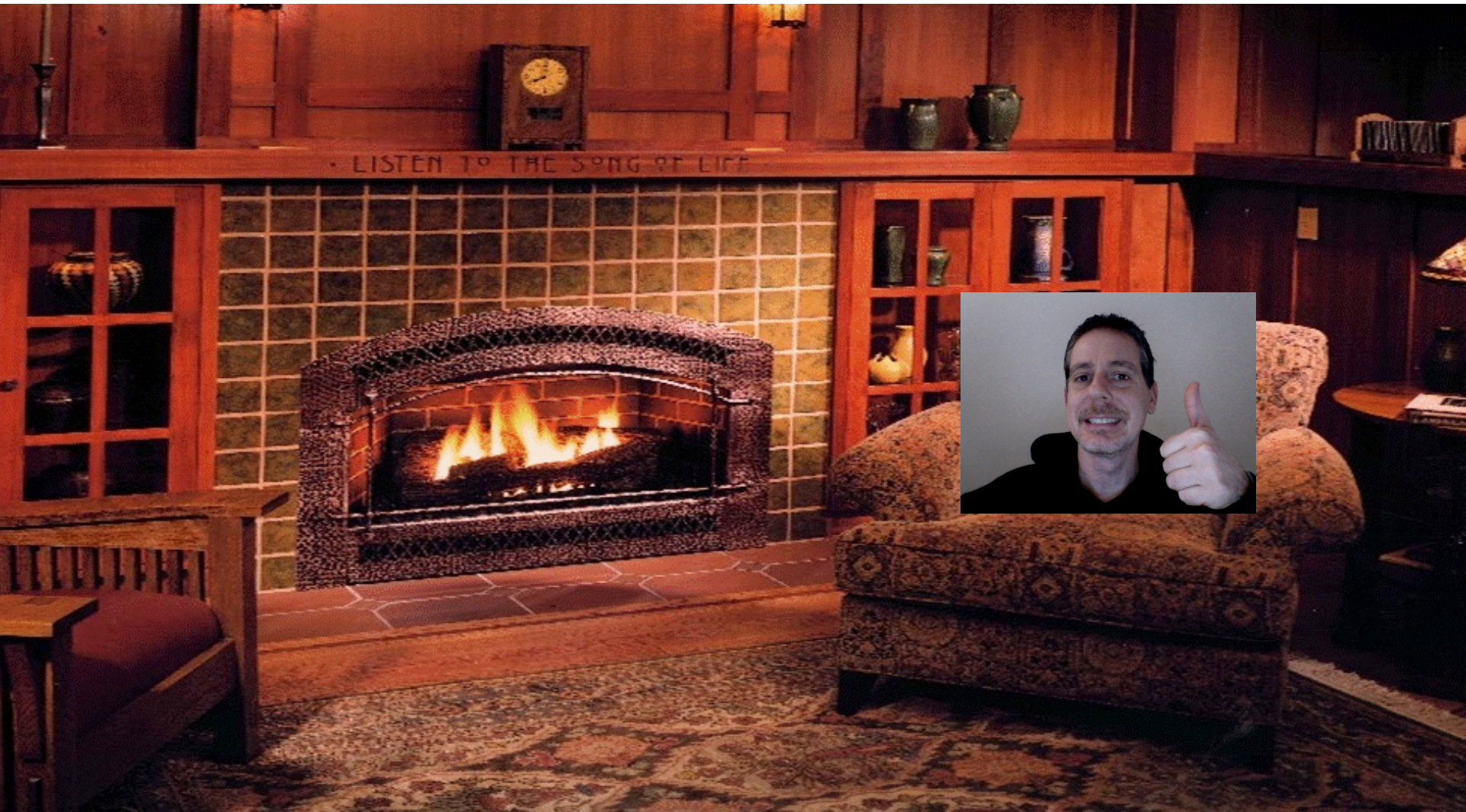
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Fireside chat



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I was born at a young age



I went to public school



My first day of middle school

My first day of middle school



I ran track in high school



I studied math and sciences

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \ln f_{a, \sigma^2}(\xi_1) = \frac{(\xi_1 - a)}{\sigma^2} f_{a, \sigma^2}(\xi_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\xi_1 - a)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$$
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I went to lots of school!

University of
Maryland



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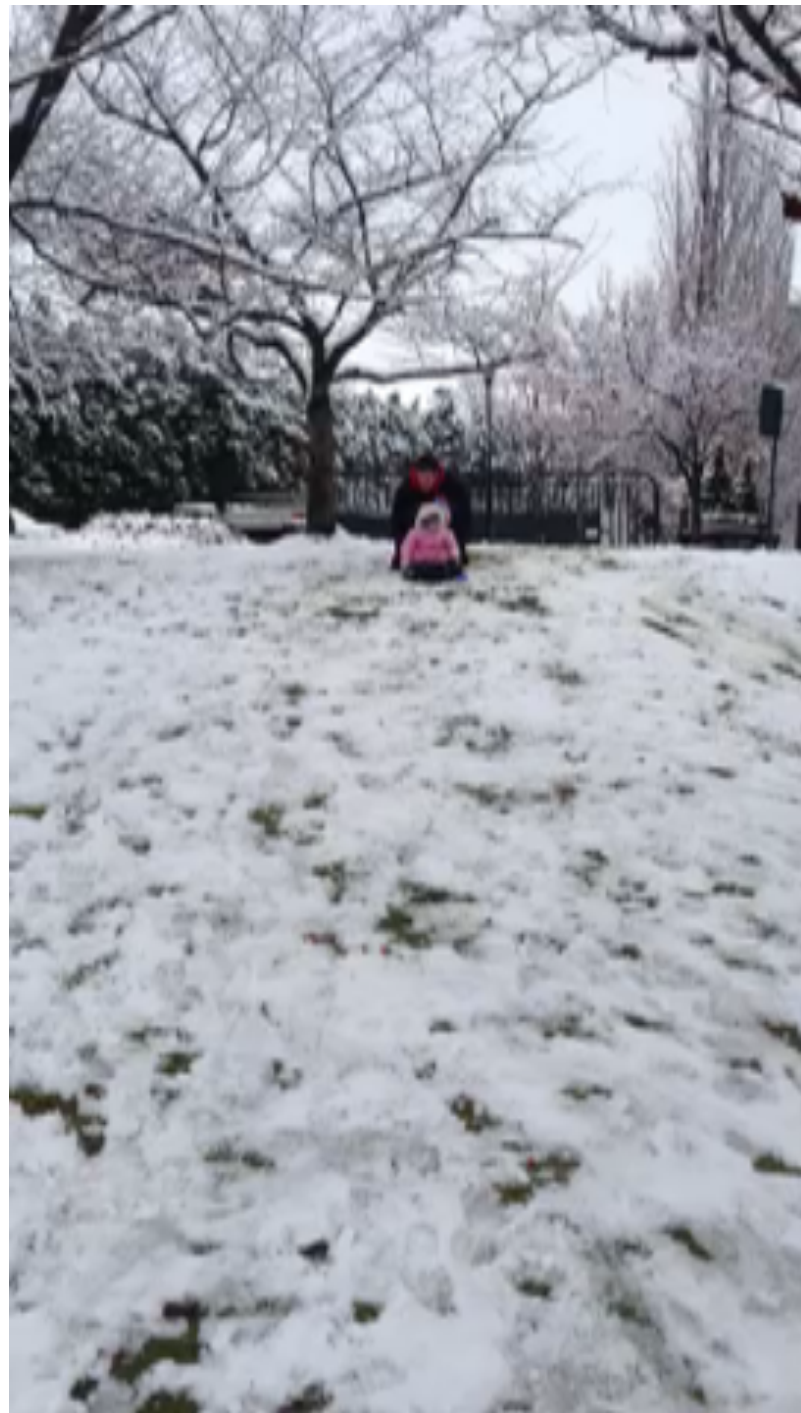
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Now I do
math for
a living



Married
with
children



In school they will teach you how to make a living ... They will NOT teach you how to live.

1st Piece of advice – Matt 7:22-23

Make
absolutely,
positively sure
you're saved

**Important: Seek
the Lord for the
removal of
doubts!**



“Success is knowing
for sure that you are
going to heaven after
this life.”

2nd piece of advice – Matt 28:19

Get
baptized!



Wear the
uniform!



Nail your
flag to the
mast!

3rd piece of advice – Proverbs 23:23

Find a way of
getting into God's
Word **that you**
really enjoy – and
go for it!

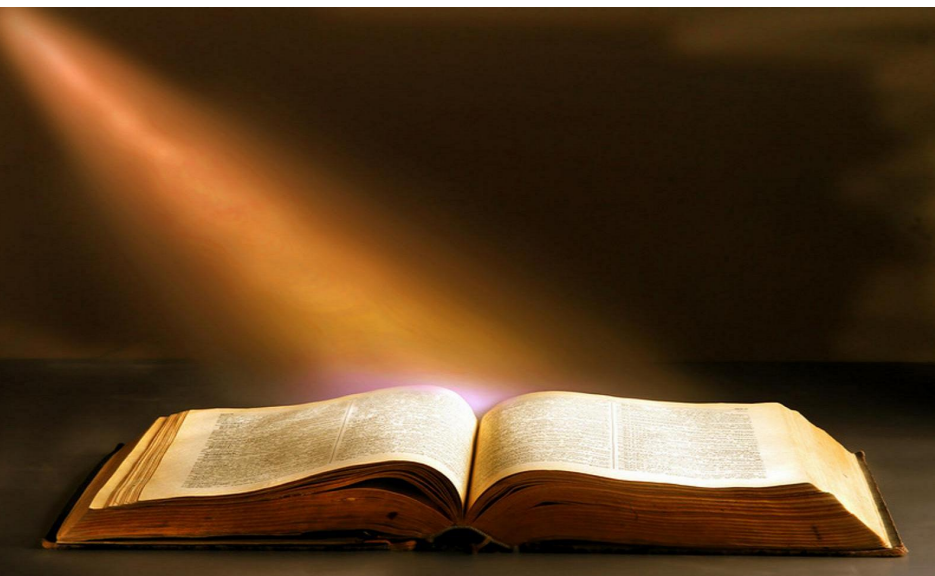
Different for everyone!

Readers vs listeners

History vs Science vs
Prophecy vs Biography

MacDonald, Lennox,
Gooding, Nicholson, Reese

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4th piece of advice – John 4:34

Find ways of getting active **that you really (or sort of) enjoy** – and go for it!

Different for everyone

Encouraging ministry

Practical service

Prayer

Witnessing

Teaching





The life of Jacob

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Jacob's spiritual growth throughout his life



Firstborn vs Born First

Firstborn = First in importance

| Born First | Firstborn |
|------------|------------|
| Cain | Abel |
| Ishmael | Isaac |
| Esau | Jacob |
| Adam | Christ |
| Old Nature | New Nature |

First = Fleshly

Second = Spiritual

The elder shall serve the younger!

One day our younger nature will prevail over our older nature!

Jacob's spiritual growth throughout his life



Jacob's skill or God's blessing?

- 29:30-35 Leah's words
- 30:1-2 Rachel's plight
- 30:27 Laban's words
- 31:7-9 Laban's changing wages
- 31:10-13 Jacob's dream
- 31:29 Laban's dream
- 32:1 Jacob sees angels – gets word from God

Interplay between our work and God's involvement

“Prayed and set a watch” (Nehemiah)

Fear of Esau

God's could have taken away the situation but did not

God used the heart state of Jacob to meet him – wrestling

Yet we still have Jacob still the manipulator

33:1-2 Divides company

33:3 Bows 7x

33:8 Large gifts

33:13-17 Jacob the liar

The Dinah incident

Simeon and Levi – Sadists

Gen 49:5-7 “Simeon and Levi are brothers; Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place. Let not my soul enter their council; Let not my honor be united to their assembly; **For in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they hamstrung an ox.** Cursed be their anger for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel!

for their pleasure



Four sons born in Bethlehem

Benjamin

Son of my sorrow

Son of my right
hand

Boaz

Love story

David

Beloved

Anointed king privately

Royalty

Jesus Christ



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graph TD; Benjamin[Benjamin] --> Jesus[Jesus Christ]; Boaz[Boaz] --> Jesus; David[David] --> Jesus;
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Genesis: 3 stories of creation; 3 patriarchs;

First creation story: 1:1 – 2:3

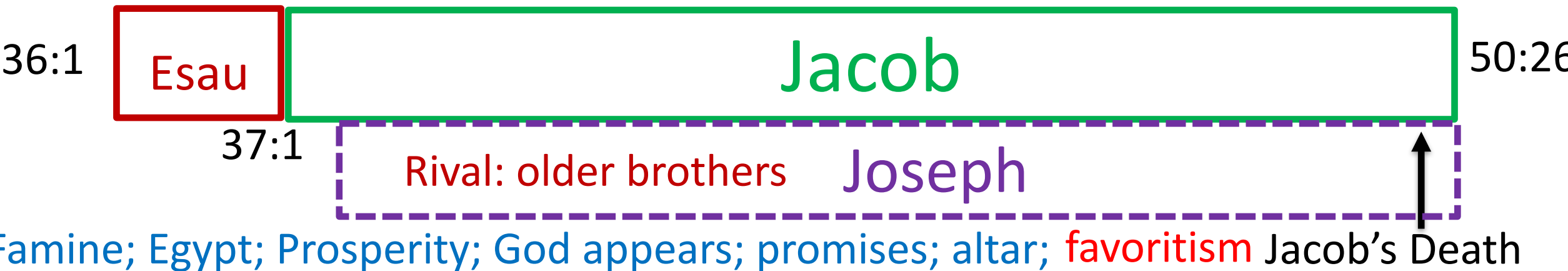
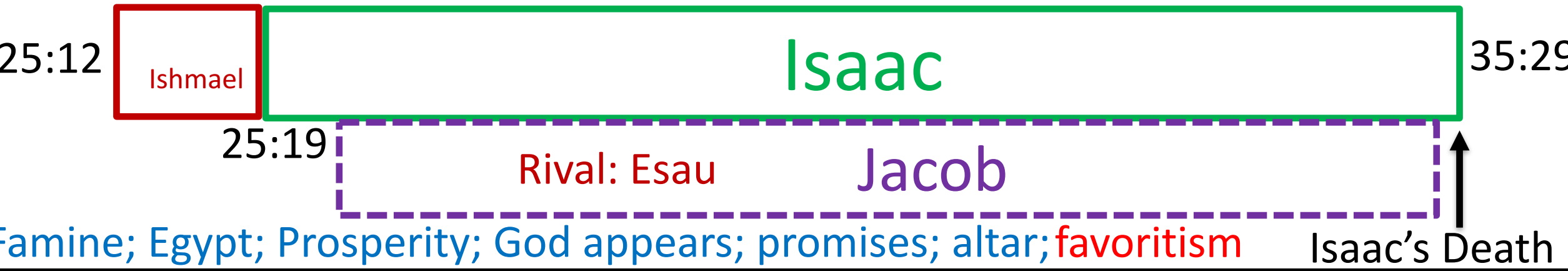
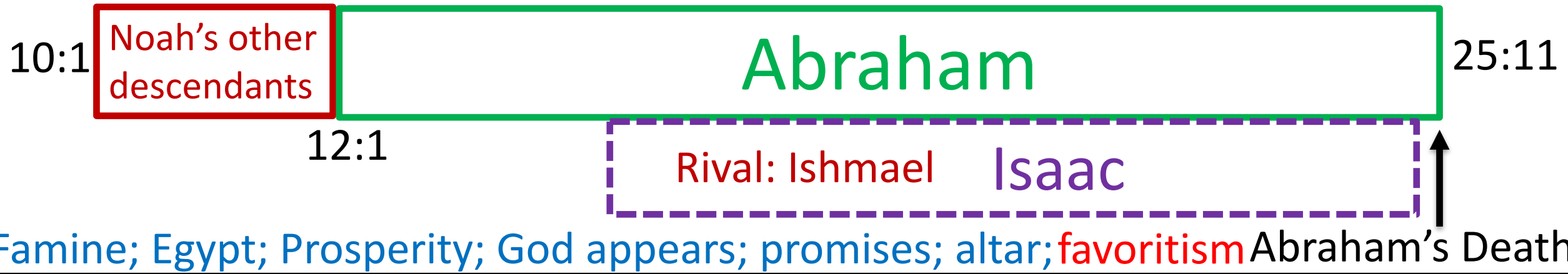
How did we get here? God made us

Second creation story: 2:4 – 4:26

How did we get here? The fall

Third creation story: 5 – 9

How did we get here? The pre-flood world was destroyed, and we came from Noah and his three sons



Abraham - FAITH

Isaac - PATIENCE

Jacob - BUSINESS
ACUMEN

Joseph has ALL of
these qualities!

And he got Rachel's looks, to boot!

Joseph is the most complete, extensive, and pure picture of the coming Lord Jesus Christ by a character in all of the Old Testament

(Other candidates? - Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Boaz, David, Solomon)

And Joseph is never identified in the NT as a picture of Christ

Young Joseph's influence on Jacob

Two very different paths to maturity

1. Jacob leaves his father as a grown man
2. Jacob leaves fleeing his brother
3. Jacob leaves for his own self preservation
4. Jacob left due to his own sin and deception of his father
5. Leaves spiritually weak
6. Slow, meandering path to maturity

1. Joseph leaves his father as a youth
2. Joseph leaves seeking his brothers
3. Joseph leaves to consult his brothers' welfare
4. Joseph left due to his obedience to his father
5. Leaves spiritually strong
6. Mature and entrusted with all Egypt at the age of 30

Joseph (Gen 39-40) and Christ

1. Joseph was a servant (39:1)
 2. Joseph was a Prosperous Servant (39:2-3)
“The Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand”
 3. Joseph's master was well pleased with him (39:4)
 4. Joseph, the servant, was made a blessing to others (39:5)
 5. Joseph was handsome (39:6)
1. Phil 2:6-7 “took on the form of a servant”
 2. Ps 1:3 “whatsoever He doeth shall prosper”
Isa 53:10 “the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand”
 3. John 8:29 “I do always those things that please Him”
 4. Numerous instances of Christ’s blessings
(Where do we begin? The world would be without any hope without Him.)
Acts 10:38 He “went about doing good”
 5. The Lord’s character was flawless

6. Joseph was sorely tempted yet sinned not (39:7-12)
7. Joseph was falsely accused (39:16-18)
8. Joseph attempted no defense (39:19)
9. Potiphar condemned Joseph to prison [by the pressures of his wife] (39:20)
10. Joseph suffered at the hands of the Gentiles

6. Matthew 4 – Satan’s temptations
7. Matthew 26:59, 60 “But at last two false witnesses came forward”
8. Isa 53:7 “He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth”
Christ silent before Herod
9. Pilate condemns Jesus by the pressures of the priests/crowd
10. Acts 4:26-27 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom Thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were gathered together” (Acts 4:26, 27).

11. Joseph, the innocent one,
suffered severely. Ps 105:17-18
“whose feet they hurt with
fetters; he was laid in iron”

12. Joseph won the respect of his
jailor (Gen 39:21)

13. Joseph was numbered with
transgressors (Gen 40:1-3)

11. Sufferings of the cross and
leading up to it

12. Matt 27:54 “This man truly was
the Son of God”
Luke 23:47 “Certainly this was a
Righteous Man”

13. Isa 53:12 “He was numbered
with the transgressors”

14. Joseph was the means of blessing to one, but the pronouncer of judgment on the other (Gen 40)

15. Joseph gave knowledge of the future but gave glory to God (40:8 “Do not interpretations belong to God”)

16. Joseph's predictions came true (40:20-22)

17. Joseph desired to be Remembered (40:14)

14. Christ pronounces to repentant thief “today you will be with Me in paradise”

15. John 12:49 “For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak”

16. Matt 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away”

17. Luke 22:19 “Do this in remembrance of Me”

Two comparisons that cause confusion

Gen. 37:20: Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into a pit

Joseph is cast down into the pit by his brothers and is later drawn out of the pit.

Christ Jesus is crucified, buried, and raised.

Gen. 39:20: Then Joseph's Master took him and put him into prison

Joseph is cast down into prison by Potiphar and is later brought up out of the prison and exalted.

Christ Jesus is crucified, buried, and raised.

Why have two events in Joseph's life picture the same thing?

Christ's death at the hands of Jews

Christ's death at the hands of Gentiles

One death seen broken into two parts

Similar to multiple offerings that show multiple aspects of Christ's one death

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Christ's death at the hands of Gentiles

One death seen broken into two parts

Acts 4:27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together"

Pilate, like Potiphar, did not himself find fault in the accused, but delivered him up after to the pressures and false accusations of others

The people of Israel, like Joseph's brothers, delivered up Jesus because of envy (Mark 15:10)

Joseph (Gen 41) and Christ

1. Joseph in due time was delivered from prison (hastily)
2. Joseph was delivered by the hand of God (through Pharaoh)
3. Joseph is seen as the Revealer of secrets
4. Joseph gives the interpretation that was from God

1. "He is not here, but is risen"
2. "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death" (Acts 2:24). "This Jesus hath God raised up" (Acts 2:32). "Him God raised up the third day, and showed Him openly" (Acts 10:40)
3. Col 2:3 "In [Christ] is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"
4.
 1. "I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me" (John 17:8).
 2. "As the Father hath taught Me, I speak these things" (John 8:28).
 3. "For I have not spoken of Myself: but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (John 12:49)

Joseph (Gen 41) and Christ

5. Joseph warned of a coming danger, and urged his hearers to make suitable provision to meet it
6. Joseph was seen as the “wonderful counselor”
7. Joseph's counsel commended itself to Pharaoh and his officers. "And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?"

Joseph had spoken with a discretion and wisdom far different from that possessed by the court philosophers, and this was freely owned by the king and his servants

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11. Joseph is duly exalted, and set over all Egypt.

12. Joseph was invested with such insignia as became his new position. "And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck" (Gen. 40:42).

11. God has highly exalted Him. He is "gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him" (1 Pet. 3:22).

12. "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince, and a Savior" (Acts 5:31). And again, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor" (Heb. 2:9).

13. Joseph's authority and glory are publicly owned. "And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee; and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt"

14. Joseph received from Pharaoh a new name. "And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-paaneah" (Gen. 41:45), "the Savior of the world."

13. God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

"that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth" (Phil. 2:10).

14. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him the Name which is above every name. . . Jesus" (Phil. 2:9, 10).
John 4 "He is the Savior of the world"

Joseph and Daniel

- Both are handsome and are bright even in their youth
- Both are transported to foreign lands as slaves
- Both have visions/interpret dreams
- Both interpret dreams for the ruler
- Both point out the interpretation is from God and not themselves
- Both rise to the second in command under gentile rule ... twice!
- Both are appointed over the whole kingdom of a sole world power
- Both are given new, gentile names
- Both are given a gold chain around their necks
- Both had impeccable character
- Both are envied by their peers
- Both lives are plotted against due to that envy
- Both are thrown into a pit for dead
- Both are drawn from the pit and are exalted above the perpetrators

Remember the 12 sons of Israel in order

Reuben,

See me on leave – I and Judah.

Dawn's enough till I get ashore.

Is a car zipping along?

[Joseph Benjamin]

Jacob blesses the twelve sons and prophecies

- We now have 13 sons – Joseph replaced by Ephraim and Manasseh
- Always be one left out
- Jacob to 12 tribes in OT vs Jacob (James) to 12 tribes in NT
- Moses also blesses the twelve tribes – always one left out ...
Simeon
- Names on the gates of pearl – 12 names (Dan left out)
- Backward ... Apostles foundation stones ... tribes above (Naomi and Ruth)

Living Deliberately

(The use of bright line convictions)

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Proverbs 14:15 The simple believes every word,
But the prudent considers well his steps.

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.

Title: Living Deliberately

There are some areas of life where we need to develop a special kind of “bright line” personal conviction to aid us in living deliberately

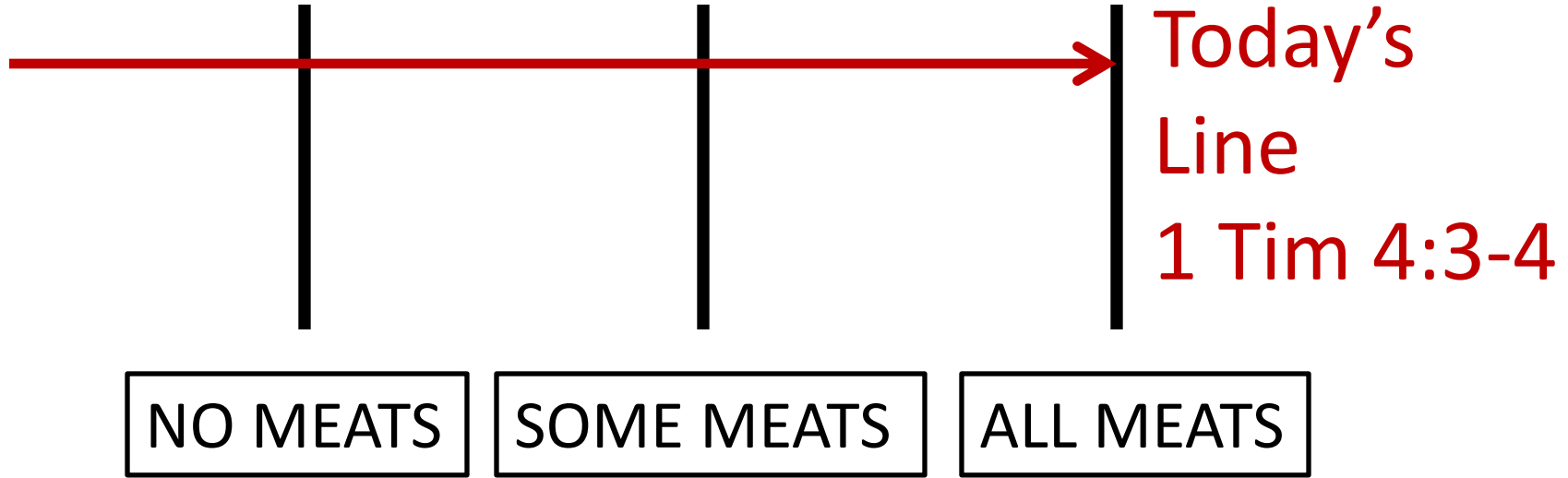
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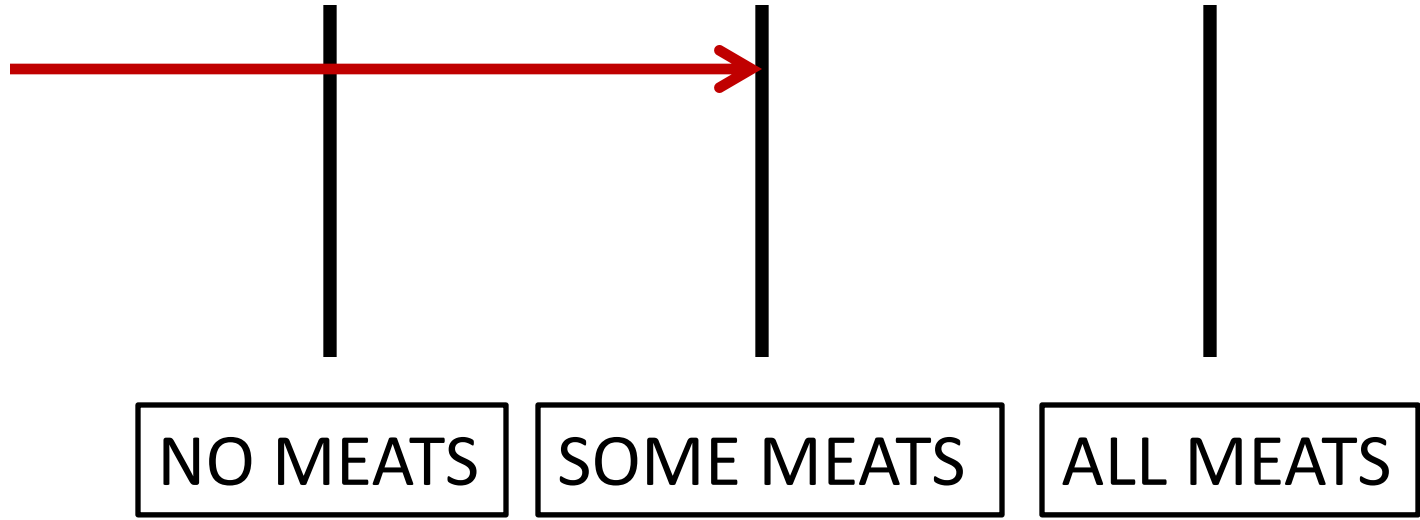
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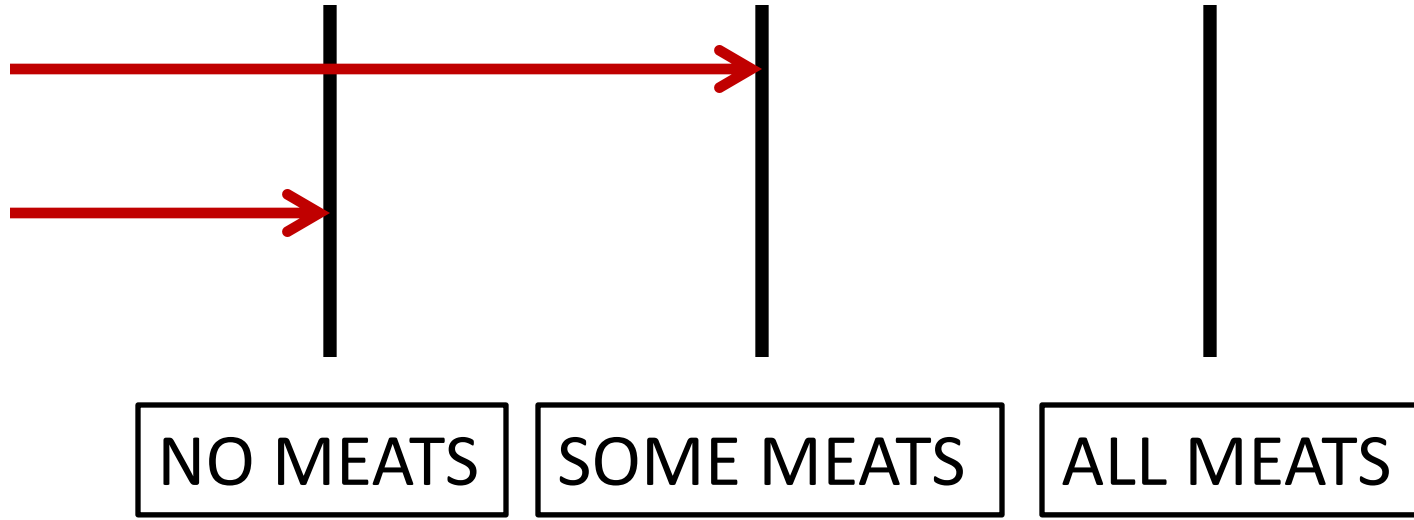
Often personal convictions or their lack become visible in the college years.

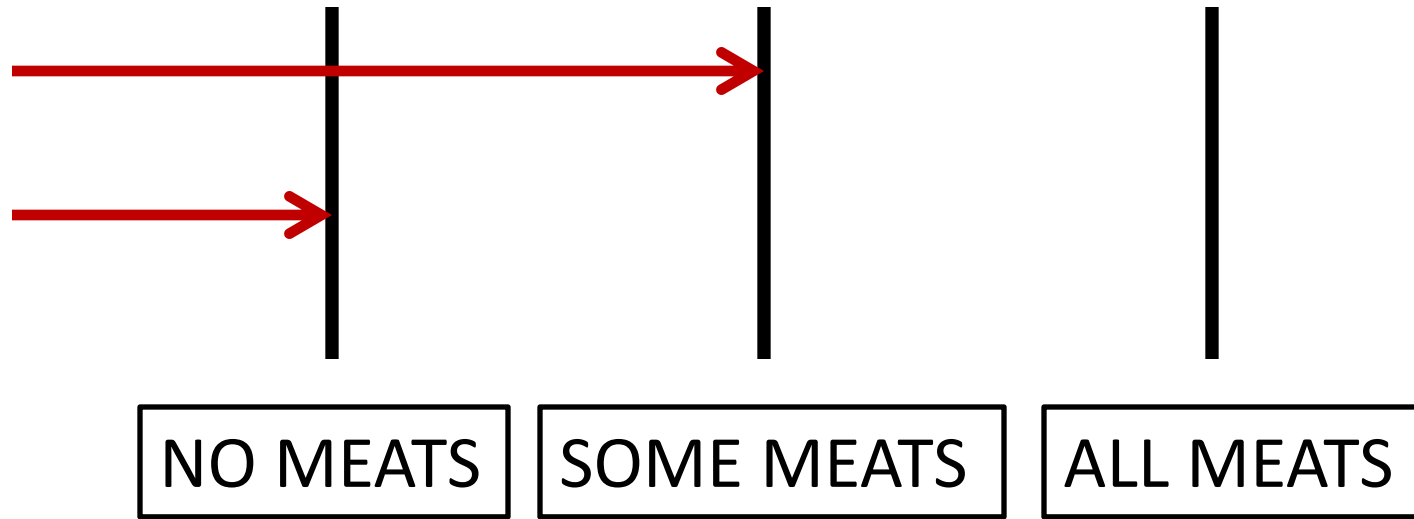
Daniel 1

Dan 1:8a “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank”









Daniel made a decision ahead of time to restrict himself more than the law demanded apparently in order to be sure to keep God's law under the difficult or confusing circumstances.

Daniel had a bright line

Bright Line Rule

- Eat a sensible dessert
- Eat a dessert having at most 200 calories

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Often in life bright line rules are not the best—they are inflexible. They do not adjust to various circumstances. But some areas of life are helped with such rules.

Bright line

Safe line

For a finite time (possibly)

Determined ahead of time

Determined before the Lord

Determined for oneself

Scripturally based

Example:

Daniel's "no
meat" rule

Example:

Crossword

Puzzles

“Let us lay aside every **weight**, and the **sin** which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” Heb 12:1b

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Alcohol

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Example:

Physical
boundaries in
relationships

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Example:

TV

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Example:

Giving

Bright line

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A personal conviction like this can be helpful in areas of weakness

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Remember the Christian life is **NOT** a set of rules. But there can be a few key areas of life where such personal convictions can aid us in our Christian walk.

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Scripturally based

Question 1:

Is there an area in your Christian walk that could benefit from this kind of a personal conviction?

Bright line

Safe line

For a finite time (possibly)

Determined ahead of time

Determined before the Lord

Determined for oneself

Scripturally based

Question 2:

Have you ever
developed
such a
personal
conviction?

Is He your God or your parents' God?

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Jacob had to grow into his own relationship with the LORD. So do we.

31:5 }
31:29 } “God of
31:42 } my father”
31:53 } (Abraham/
32:9 } Isaac)
33:20 - God of Jacob!
(Israel)

Some children raised in Christian households may believe because parents believed.

Have we grown up in our Christian lives to believe on our own?

Are our convictions our own or borrowed from our parents?

Examples:

- Alcohol
- Whether to go to church
- Which church to be part of

What happened to the Canaanites?

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What happened to the Canaanites?

Dt 20:16-17 [7:1-4]

Josh 15:63, 16:10; 17:12-16

Judg 1:19, 21, 27-35

Judg 3:5-7

Psa 106:34

Matt 15:21ff


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SCIENTISTS have unearthed a false claim in the Bible after scientists discovered living descendants of a civilisation that was supposedly wiped out by the Israelites following 'God's orders'.

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Remnants from an ancient Canaanite found in the Sidon excavation site. A genetic analysis found that the Canaanites survived a divine call for their extinction and that their descendants live in Lebanon. Claude Doumet-Serhal/Sidon Excavation

There is a story in the Hebrew Bible that tells of God's call for the [annihilation of the Canaanites](#), a people who lived in what are now Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Israel and the [Palestinian](#) territories thousands of years ago.

"You shall not leave alive anything that breathes," God said in the passage. "But you shall utterly destroy them."

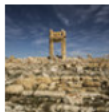
But a genetic analysis published on Thursday has found that the ancient population survived that divine call for their extinction, and their descendants live in modern Lebanon.

"We can see the present-day Lebanese can trace most of their ancestry to the Canaanites or a genetically equivalent population," said [Chris Tyler-Smith](#), a geneticist with the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute who is an author of the paper. "They derive just over 90 percent of their ancestry from the Canaanites."

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A new study found that over 90 percent of the genetic ancestry of modern Lebanese people derives from Canaanites. The Bible says that God ordered the Israelites to kill all Canaanites, and people believed they had been destroyed.



However, according to the new paper published on Thursday in the American Journal of Human Genetics, the Canaanites survived, and their descendants live in Lebanon.



DNA vs the Bible: Israelites did not wipe out the Canaanites

Genetic sequencing shows descendants of Canaanites live on, in Lebanon.



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A [study published Thursday](#) found that the ancient Canaanites were not destroyed by the Israelites as the Bible says, but rather that they went on to become modern-day Lebanese.

In a study conducted by the American Journal of Human Genetics, UK's Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute sent researchers to extract DNA from remains of five people found in the former Canaanite city state of Sidon, a coastal city in Lebanon. The remains were estimated to be 3,700 years old.



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Modern-day Lebanese are descendants of the Canaanites, proving that they weren't wiped out after all.






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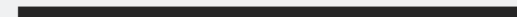
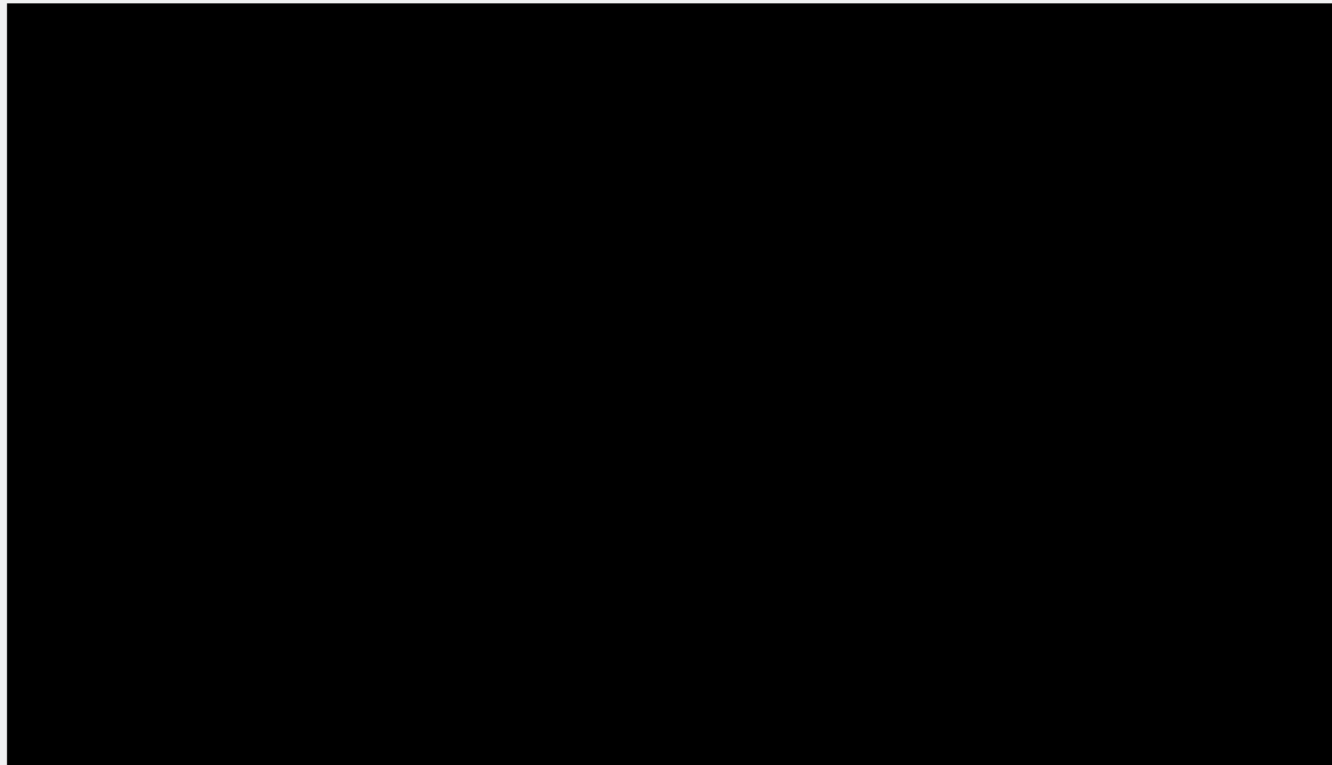
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Genetic evidence suggests the Canaanites weren't destroyed after all

Analysis of ancient DNA reveals that the Biblical account isn't the whole story.

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The Canaanites are famous as the bad guys of the Book of Joshua in the *Tanakh*, or the Hebrew Bible. First, God orders the Hebrews to destroy the Canaanites along with several other groups, and later we hear that the Canaanites have actually been wiped out. Among archaeologists, however, the Canaanites are a cultural group whose rise and fall has remained a mystery. Now, a group of archaeologists and geneticists has discovered strong evidence that the Canaanites were not wiped out. They are, in fact, the ancestors of modern Lebanese people.

The Canaanites were a people who lived three to four thousand years ago off the coast of the Mediterranean, and their cities were spread across an area known today as Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, and Syria. Though they were one of the first civilizations in the area to use writing, they wrote most of their documents on papyrus leaves that didn't survive. As a result, our only information about these people has come from their rivals and enemies, like the Hebrews, whose accounts were likely biased.

The Canaanites are still here

Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute geneticist Marc Haber and his colleagues decided to find out who the Canaanites were by sequencing ancient DNA from five persons whose bodies were found buried in the Canaanite seaside town of Sidon. An ongoing archaeological dig at the site had uncovered the burials of three women and two men who lived roughly 3,700 years ago in the bustling area. After sequencing DNA from all five people, the researchers compared the results with the genomes of 99 modern-day Lebanese people.

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Seeking Him

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Isa 45:15, 19 Hide and Seek

Wise Men Still Seek Him



God is a person – not a thing

We get to know things whether they want to be known or not

We only get to know people when they choose to reveal themselves

God engages in selective revelation

Matt 11:25-27

John 14:21-23

Etc.

God promises that those who seek with all their heart will find

- Deut 4:29
- 1 Chron 28:9b
- 2 Chron 15:2
- Zech 1:3
- James 4:8

The lost seeking

The believer seeking

All in the Word who genuinely sought Him found Him

Seeker

- Wise men (Mt 2)
- Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8)
- Cornelius (Acts 10)
- Zacchaeus (Luke 19)
- Mary Magdalene (Jn 20)

They did not find Him by being good seekers. He made sure they found!

Seeker

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How God made sure they found

- Star
- Philip
- Peter
- Lord found him
- Lord revealed Himself

Seeking and finding today

Lost can seek and find
Even atheists can seek and find

Believers can also seek and find
Not for salvation – but intimacy

Psalm 63:1 O God, *You are* my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

How should I seek?

- Word (John 20:31) Ethiopian Eunuch
- Attitude (John 7:17) Cornelius
Zacchaeus
- Time (John 7:24) Wise men
Mary Magdalene

The Bible does not promise that those who WANT to find Him will. It is to those who SEEK that the promise is made

Herod – Matt 2:8

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

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Herod – Matt 2:8

Herod – Luke 23:8

Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long *time* to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.

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Psalm 27:4

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek after

That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

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The importance of reading biographies in our Christian lives

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Especially for getting and
staying motivated

Hebrews 12:1-2

Hebrews 11

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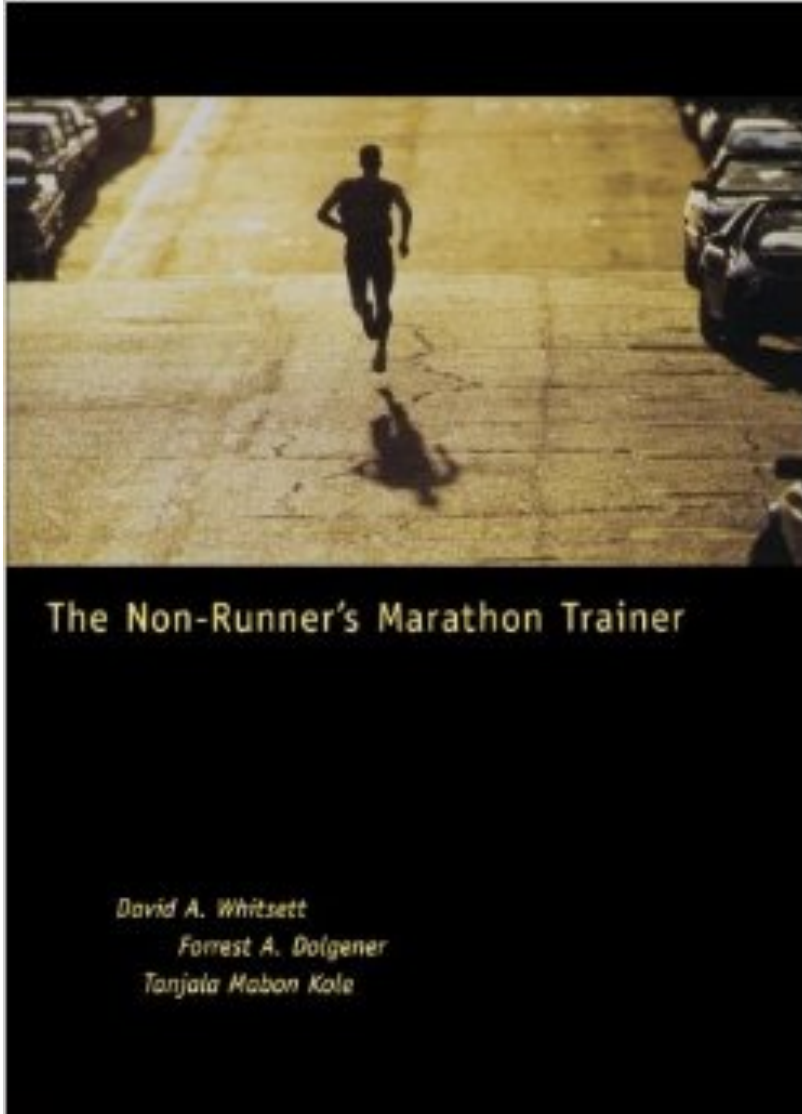


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Training for and running a
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How did I get motivated and stay motivated through the many months of hard training needed to run the marathon?

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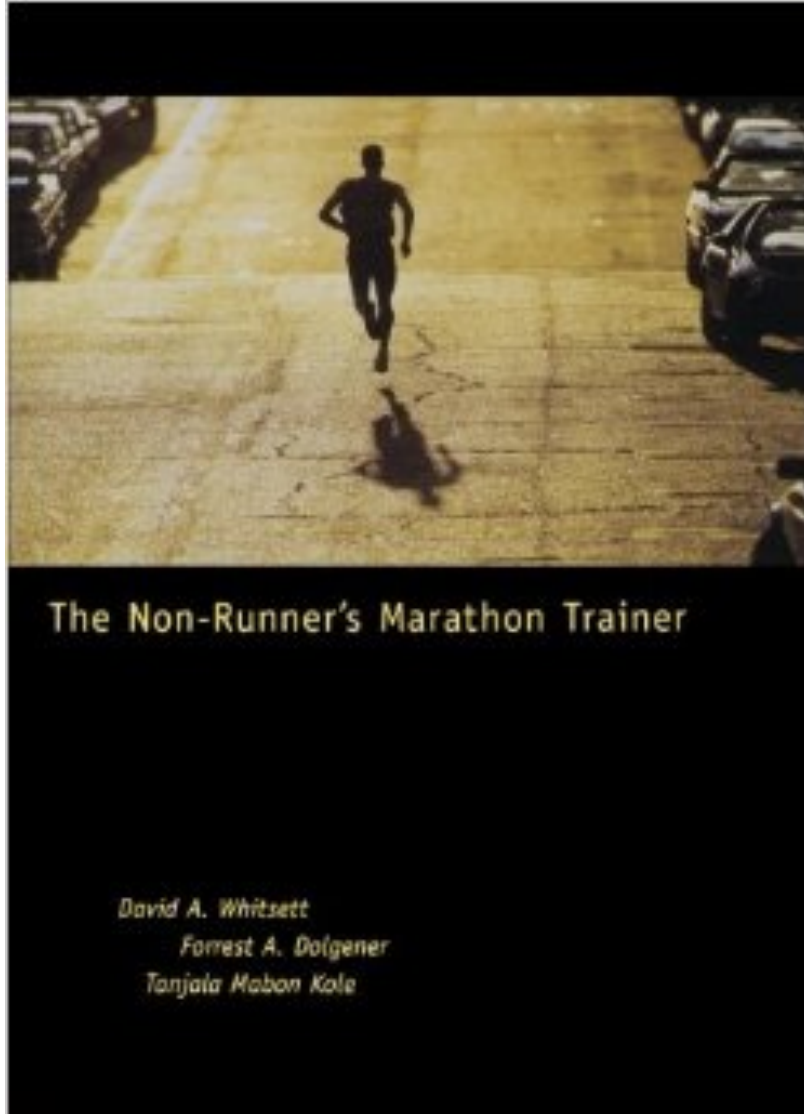
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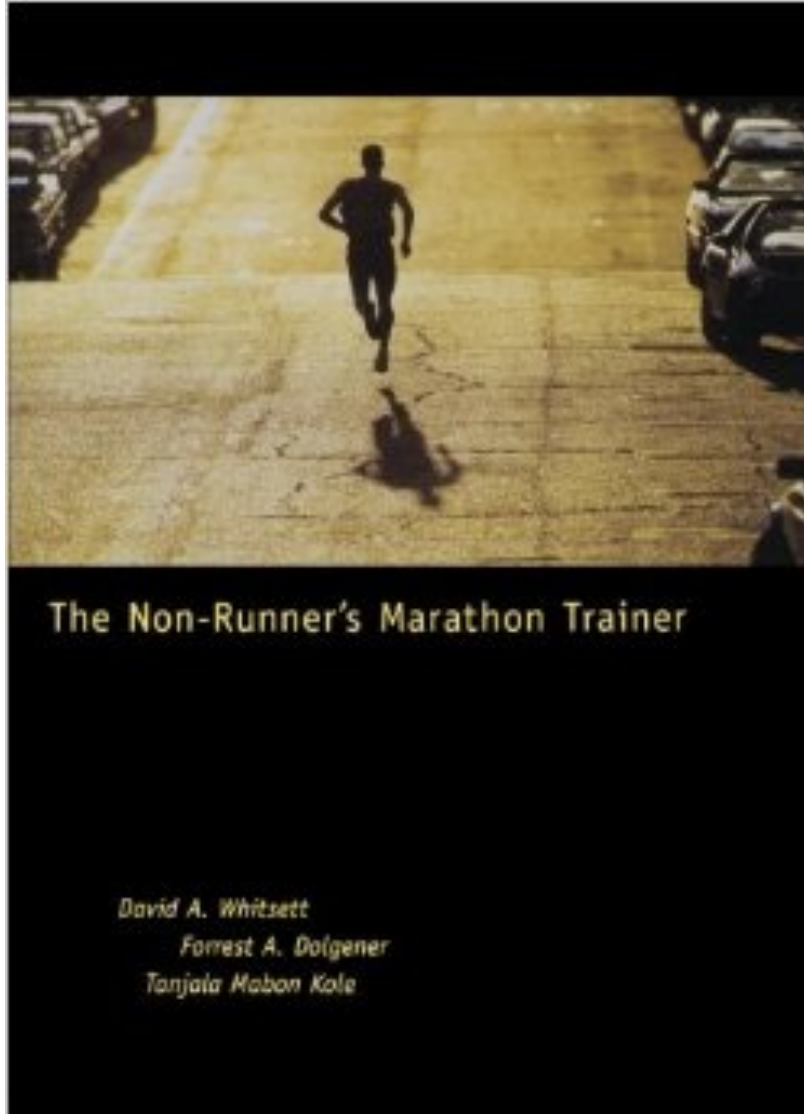
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The importance of testimonials to the motivation of others to run the race

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Hebrews 11

Heb 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

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John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad

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John 8:56

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God

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The Scriptures are clearly indicating that we can and should be motivated by the biographies of believers recorded in the Bible. Is there any Scriptural evidence that we should also look to more contemporary believers for motivation?

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Heb 13:7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

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Heb 6:12 That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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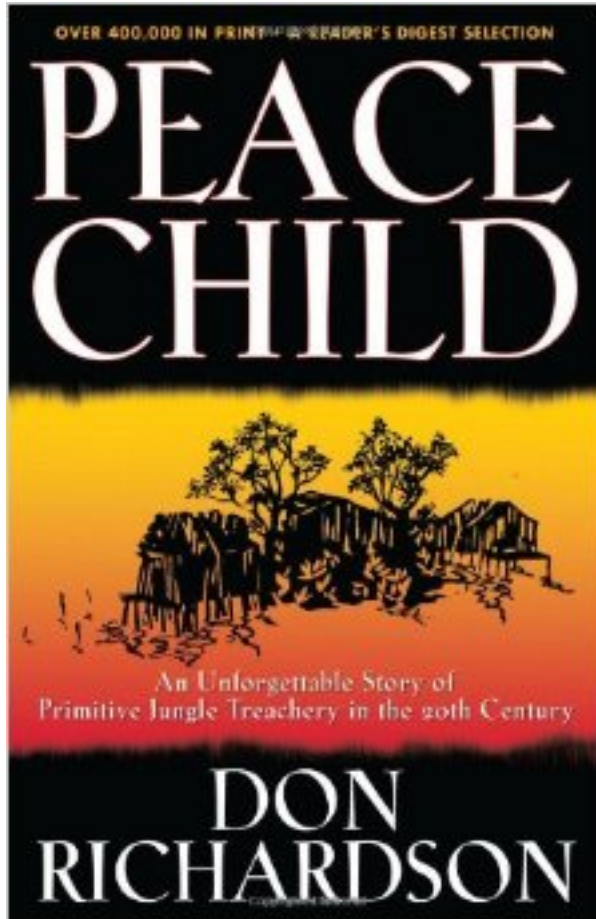
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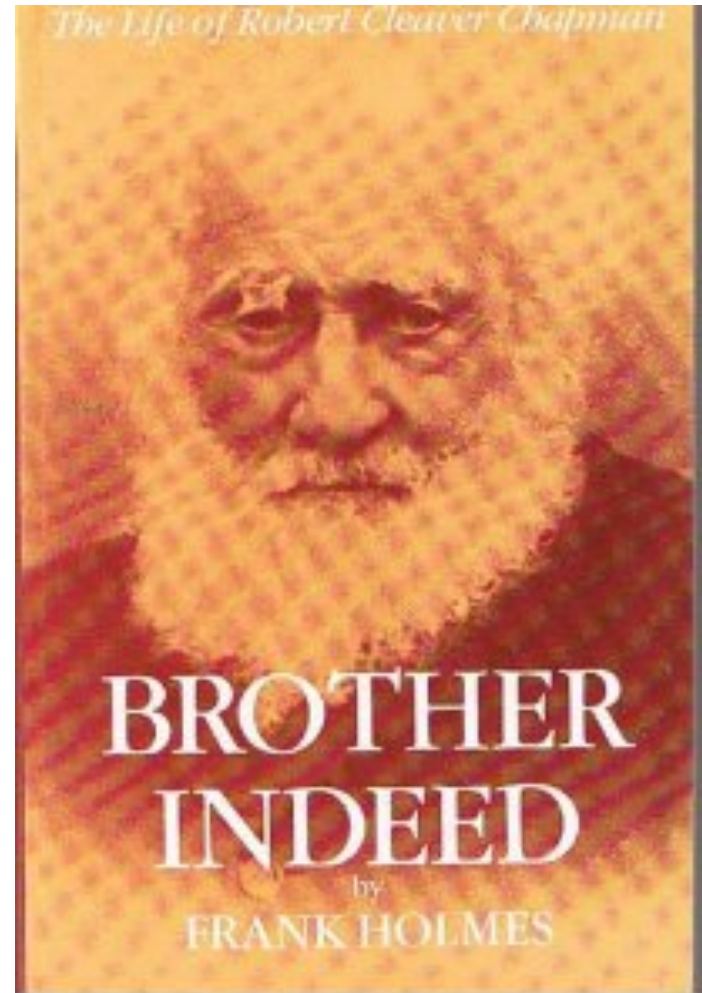
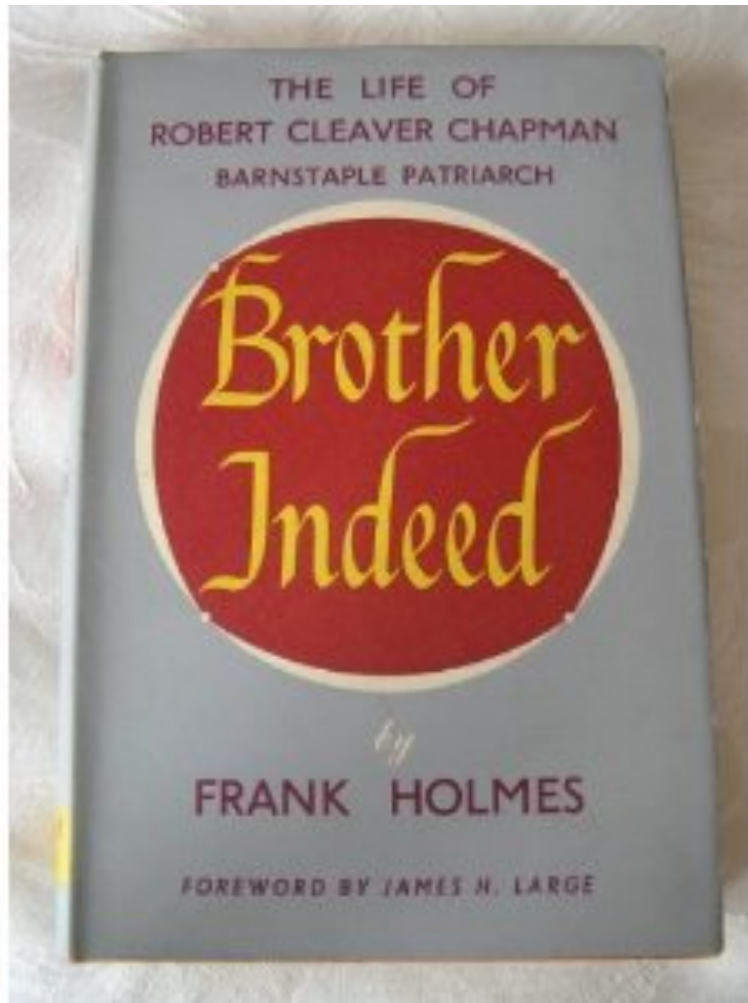
Phil 3:17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

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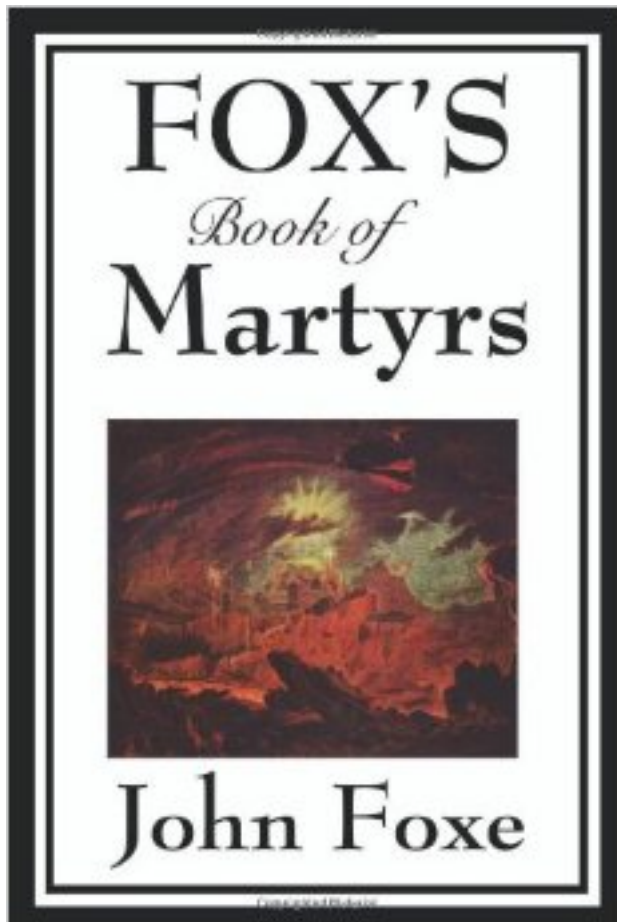
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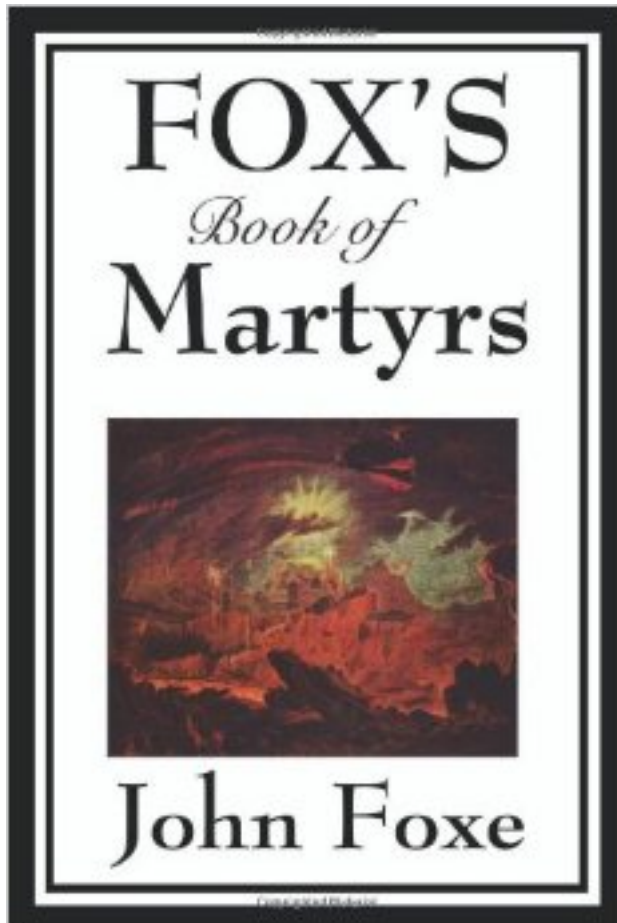
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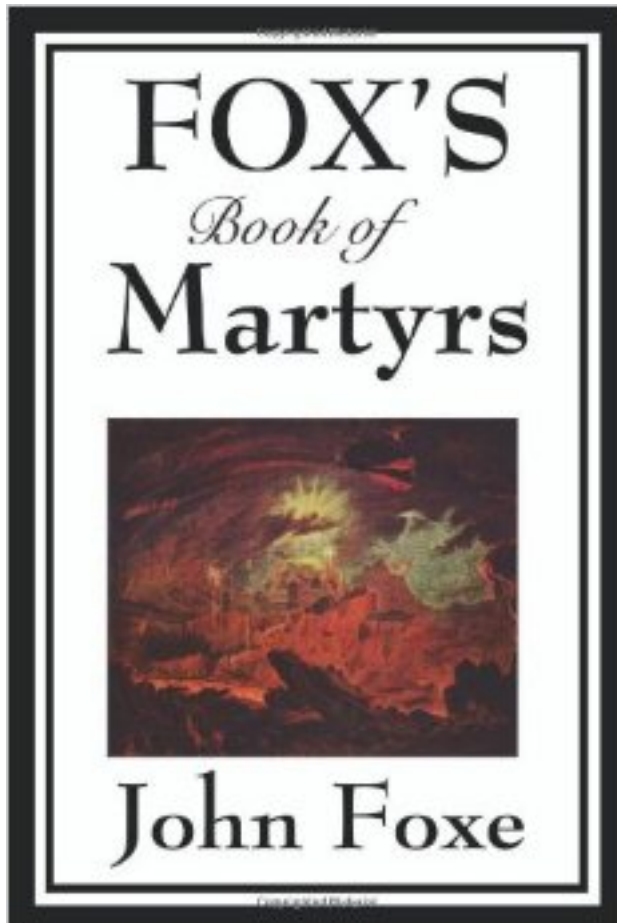


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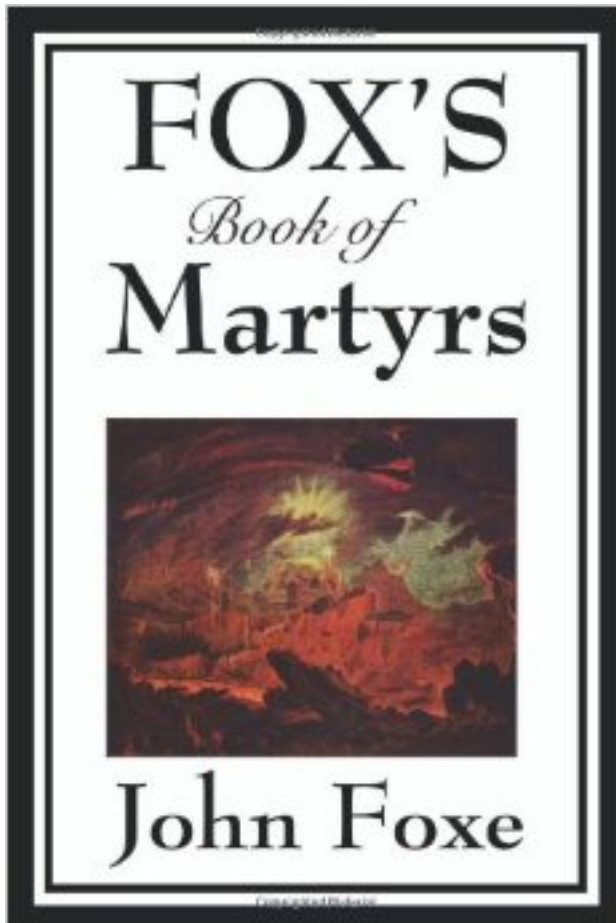
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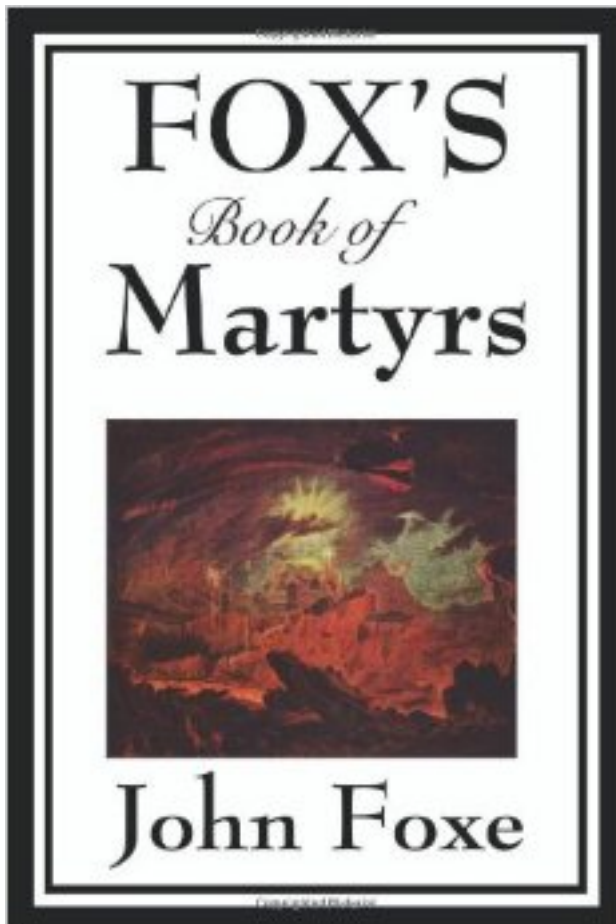


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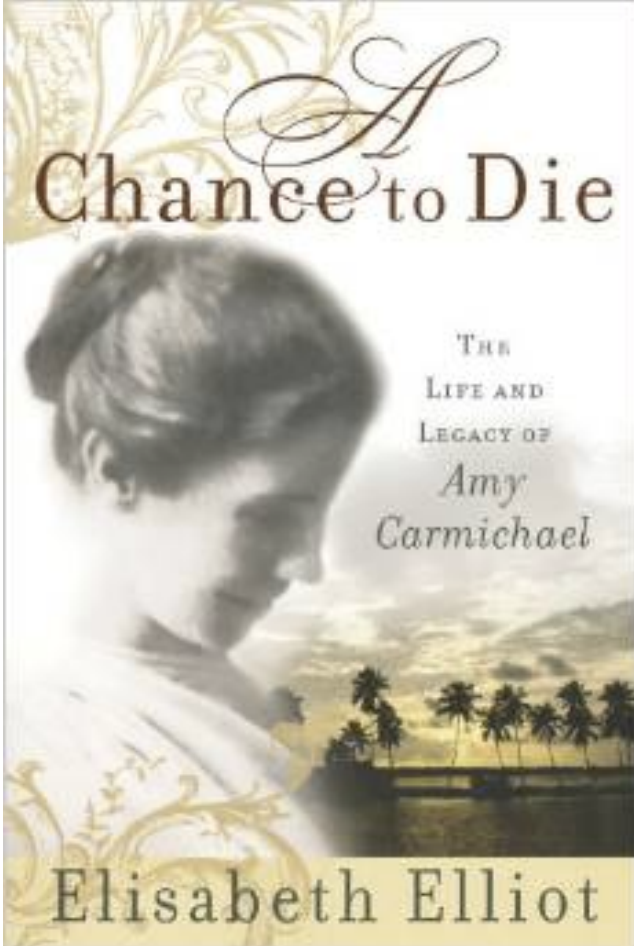


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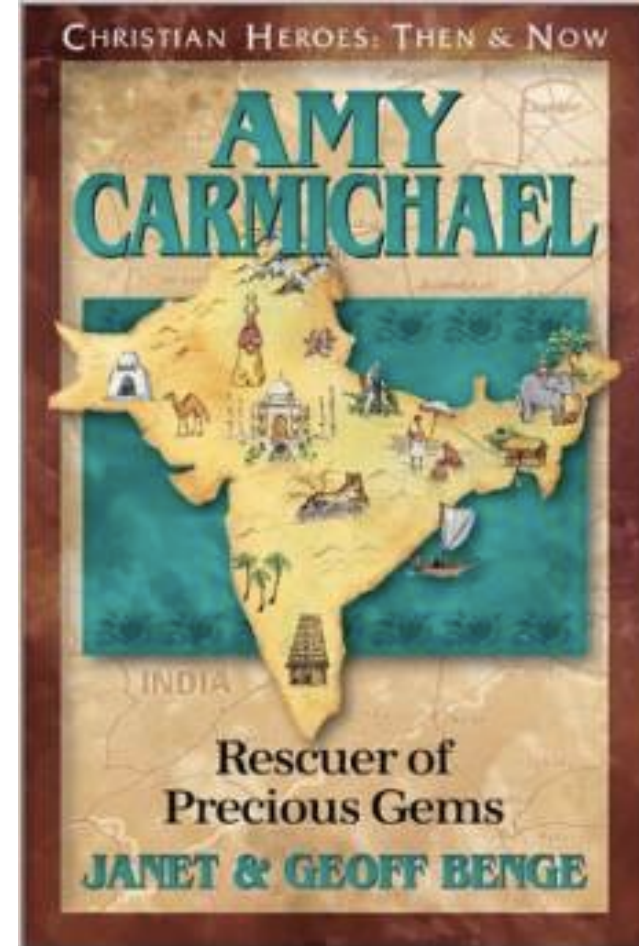
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