

**Let's Demonstrate
Reverence
For Our
Creator**

A glowing, translucent fetus is shown in a curled position inside a womb. The fetus is illuminated from within, creating a bright, warm glow. The background is a dark, reddish-brown color, possibly representing the interior of the womb or the Earth's surface. The word "Wonderful" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font to the right of the fetus.

Wonderful

**For you created
my inmost being;
you knit me together
in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made...
Your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me were written
in your book before one of them came to be.**

Psalms 139: 13 – 14 NIV®

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Praise God For All His Gifts!

*Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits --
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love
and compassion,
who satisfies your desires
with good things
so that your youth is
renewed like
the eagle's.*

Psalms 103: 2-5 NIV®

A dark piggy bank is positioned on top of a thick stack of US dollar bills. The stack is bound with rubber bands, and some of the bills are visible, showing the number '500'. The scene is lit from the bottom, creating a warm glow and a shadow on the surface below.

You Made That Yourself?

**You may say to yourself,
“My power and the
strength
of my hands have
produced
this wealth for me.”
But remember the Lord
your God,
for it is He who gives you
the ability to produce
wealth.**



Let There Be Light, Indeed

*“Let your light shine
before men,
that they may see
your good deeds
and praise your Father
in heaven,” Jesus*

Matthew 5: 16 NIV®

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James 1: 19 – 20 NIV®

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Mark 6:34 NAB/CFE©

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A young girl with dark hair is looking intently at a pufferfish in an aquarium. The fish is yellow and white with dark spots and is inflated, showing its characteristic defense mechanism. The background is a blueish-grey water tank.

Darwin's Theory Of "Common Ancestry" Smells Pretty Fishy

In the beginning, God created
the heavens and the earth... And God said,
"Let the water teem with living creatures."
Then God said, *"Let us make mankind in our image..."*

Genesis 1: 1, 20 & 26 NIV®



Talk About Love

*Love the Lord
your God with
all your heart,
and with all
your soul
and with all
your strength.
These
commandments
are to be upon
your hearts.
Talk about them...
when you walk
along the road...
Write them on the
doorframes of your
houses and on your gates.*

Deuteronomy 6: 5-9 NIV®/

A dark piggy bank is positioned on top of a large stack of US dollar bills. The stack is thick and has several rubber bands around it. The scene is lit from the bottom, creating a strong glow and shadow.

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of my hands have produced
this wealth for me.”
But remember the Lord
your God,
for it is He who gives you
the ability to produce wealth.**

Deuteronomy 8: 17, 18 NIV®



**Together,
We Can Do It!**

**With my God,
I can scale a wall.**

2 Samuel 22: 30 NIV®

Holiness

May We All Live Lives Of Selfless Love, Just Like Mary

May we, too,
become vessels
God can use to bring His
“living water, welling up to eternal life”
to a thirsty and dying world.
May we live our lives modeled after Mary,
who selflessly brought God’s love to people
everywhere, through her
Holiness, Humility and Obedience
(H₂O).

The angel said to her,
*“Do not be afraid, Mary;
you have found favor with God...
You will conceive and give birth
to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus...
because He will save His people
from their sins.”*

Mary said, *“Behold, I am
the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.”*

Luke 1: 30, 31, 38; MT 1:21 NAB, NIV®

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May We live Our lives Pouring Out Selfless Love, Just like Mary

The Bible emphasizes Mary's selfless love for God and humanity

The angel said to her, *"Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women... You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus... the Son of God."*

Mary said, *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word... My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."*

Luke 1: 28, 30, 31, 35, 38, 46 NAB, USCCB, NIV®

May we all live our lives modeled after Mary, a willing vessel God used to bring Jesus – "living water, welling up to eternal life" – to all the world, through her Holiness, Humility and Obedience. (H₂O)

May we, too, become vessels God can use to carry His refreshing, saving love to a very thirsty world.

May this life-giving H₂O flow through us today.

Let's Be
Vessels Of
Life-Giving

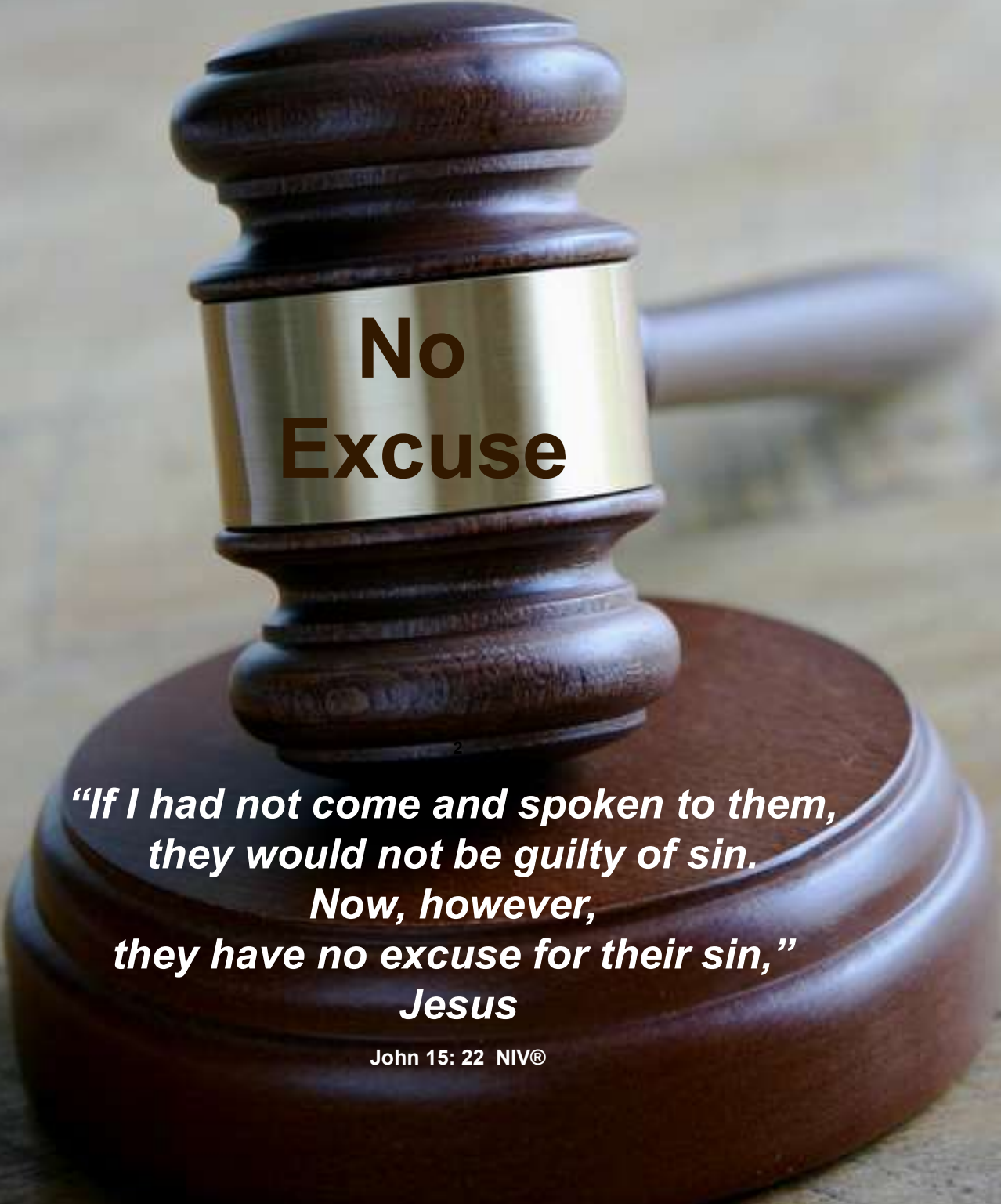
H₂O



Come Clean

**If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1John 1: 8-9 NIV®



**No
Excuse**

***“If I had not come and spoken to them,
they would not be guilty of sin.***

***Now, however,
they have no excuse for their sin,”***

Jesus

John 15: 22 NIV®

Stop Playing With Fire

If we deliberately keep on sinning
after we have received
the knowledge of the truth,
no sacrifice for sins is left,
but only a fearful expectation
of judgment and of raging fire
that will consume
the enemies of God.

Hebrews 10: 26 – 27 NIV®

Let Once Be Enough

*It is impossible for those
who have once been
enlightened, who
have tasted the
heavenly gift,
who have
shared in
the Holy
Spirit...*

*who have
tasted the
goodness of
the word of God
and the powers
of the coming age,
if they fall away,
to be brought back
to repentance,
because to their loss
they are
crucifying the Son of God
all over again
and subjecting him to
public disgrace.*

Hebrews 6: 4 – 6 NIV®



Watch Out, Because Sin Can Look So Tempting

*“Watch and pray
so that you will not fall
into temptation.*

*The spirit is willing,
but the body is weak,”*

Jesus

Matthew 26: 41 NIV®



It's Time America Blesses God

**If my people,
who are called by my name,
will humble themselves
and pray and seek my face
and turn from
their wicked ways,
then will I hear from heaven
and will forgive their sin
and will heal their land.**

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV©

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Prepare Now For The Good Life

**“A time is coming
when all who are in their graves
will hear His voice and come out —
those who have done good will rise to live,
and those who have done evil
will rise to be condemned.”**

-- Jesus

John 5: 28-29 NIV®



Find Victory Amid The Uprights!


**The Lord holds victory in
store for the upright, he is
a shield to those whose
walk is blameless.
Upright men will see
his face.**

Proverbs 2: 7; Psalm 11:7 NIV®

Cruise Control Rules

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James 1: 19 – 20 NIV®

A hand is shown gripping a blue rope, set against a dark, textured background that resembles a rock face or a similar rugged surface. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the rope and the skin of the hand.

Mastering Survival Techniques Takes Book Smarts

**Jesus said,
“If you hold to my teaching,
you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free.”**

John 8: 31-32 NIV®



Be Careful!

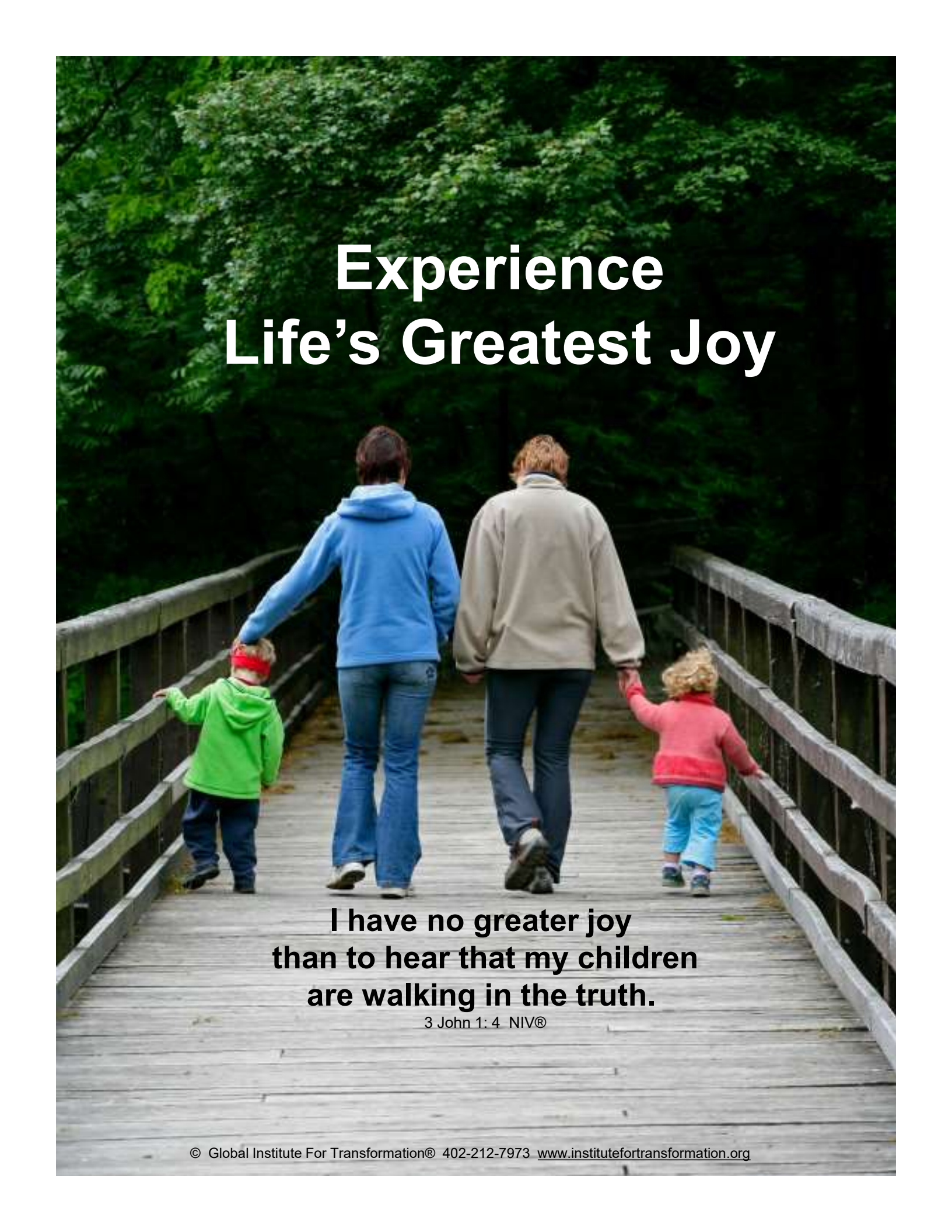
So, if you think you
are standing firm,
be careful
that you don't fall!

No temptation
has seized you
except what
is common to man.

And God is faithful;
He will not
let you be tempted
beyond what
you can bear.

But when you are tempted
He will also provide
a way out
so that you can
stand up under it.

1 Corinthians 10:12 -14 NIV®

A photograph of a family of four walking away from the camera on a wooden bridge. The bridge has wooden railings and is surrounded by dense green trees. The family consists of a woman in a blue hoodie, a man in a grey jacket, and two young children, one in a green hoodie and one in a pink hoodie. The text "Experience Life's Greatest Joy" is overlaid in white on the upper part of the image.

Experience Life's Greatest Joy

**I have no greater joy
than to hear that my children
are walking in the truth.**

3 John 1: 4 NIV®



**Confront
Your
Enemies
With
Hand-To-Hand
Combat**

*“Love your enemies and pray
for those who persecute you,
that you may be sons of your
Father in heaven.” -- Jesus*

Matthew 5: 44, 45 NIV©

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Commitment And Acts Of Love

A person is seen from behind, walking through a dark tunnel with arched openings. They are holding a large white envelope in front of them, which is brightly lit, creating a strong contrast with the dark surroundings. The tunnel's walls and floor are made of dark, textured material, possibly metal or concrete, with a grid-like pattern. The lighting is dramatic, with the envelope being the primary light source, casting long shadows and highlighting the person's hands and the envelope's texture.

**Mail
Call!**

**You show that
you are a letter from Christ...
written not with ink,
but with the Spirit of the living God,
not on tablets of stone,
but on tablets of human hearts.**

2 Corinthians 3: 3 NIV®



It's Cool To Be On Fire For The Lord

***"I know your deeds,
that you are neither
cold nor hot.
I wish you were either
one or the other!
So, because you are
lukewarm — neither
hot nor cold — I am
about to spit you
out of my mouth."***

-- Jesus

Revelation 3:15-16

***(Be Advised,
He Checks
Temperatures)***



Follow The Leader

*“If anyone would come after me,
he must deny himself, take up
his cross and follow me.*

*For whoever wants
to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life
for me will find it.*

*What good will it be for a man
if he gains the whole world
yet forfeits his soul?” -- Jesus*

Matthew 16: 24, 25 NIV®

A crown of thorns, made of dry, light-brown branches with sharp, pointed thorns, is laid out on a rich, deep purple fabric. The fabric is draped and wrinkled, creating a textured background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the thorns and the folds of the cloth.

Live Like A King

**In fact, everyone who wants
to live a godly life in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted.**

2 Timothy 3: 12 NIV®

Encourage Loving Kindness

Let us consider
how we may
spur one another
on toward love
and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24 NIV®



Grasp What Repentance Is All About

**“I preached that
they should repent
and turn to God and
prove their repentance
by their deeds.”**

Acts 26:10 NIV®

A photograph of a young child sitting on the ground in a camp, with text overlaid. The child is looking towards the camera. The background shows other people and supplies in a tent.

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If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

1 John 3:
16 – 17
NIV®

Perseverance

**You need to persevere
so that when you have done
the will of God, you will receive
what he has promised.**

Hebrews 10:36 NIV®



***Highlight
Your
Unfading
Beauty***

***Your beauty
should not come
from outward
adornment,
such as
braided hair
and the
wearing of gold
jewelry and
fine clothes.
Instead,
it should be
that of
your inner self,
the unfading
beauty of a gentle
and quiet spirit,
which is of
great worth
in God's sight.***

1 Peter 3: 3 - 4 NIV®

A hand is shown from the top left, holding the top handle of a brown leather bag. The bag is suspended in the air against a clear, bright blue sky. The bag has a simple, rectangular shape with a flap on top and a strap that loops around the handle. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

Get A Grip

**“You eat, but never have enough.
You drink, but never have your fill.
You put on clothes, but are not warm.**

**You earn wages,
only to put them in a purse
with holes in it.”**

-- The Lord Almighty

Haggai 1: 6 NIV®



Now More Than Ever, Make The Right Housing Investment

**“Is it a time for you to be living
in your paneled houses,
while God’s house remains a ruin?
Go up into the mountains
and bring down timber
and build God’s house,
so that I may take pleasure in it
and be honored,” says the Lord.**

Haggai 1: 4 – 8 NIV®



Receive Power For Life

**I want to know Christ
and the power
of his resurrection
and the fellowship
of sharing in his sufferings,
becoming like him
in his death,
and so, somehow,
to attain to
the resurrection
from the dead.**

Philippians 3: 10, 11 NIV®

Arrange It So You Make An Impact

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you, their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians
9: 11 – 15
NIV®

Thank You!

A close-up photograph of a person's hands lighting a candle. The person is wearing blue scrubs. They are holding a blue-handled lighter to the wick of a candle. The candle is in a brass holder. The background is a tiled wall with a sink faucet. The lighting is warm, highlighting the flame and the hands.

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Love and Marriage

Let's Get This Marriage Thing Right



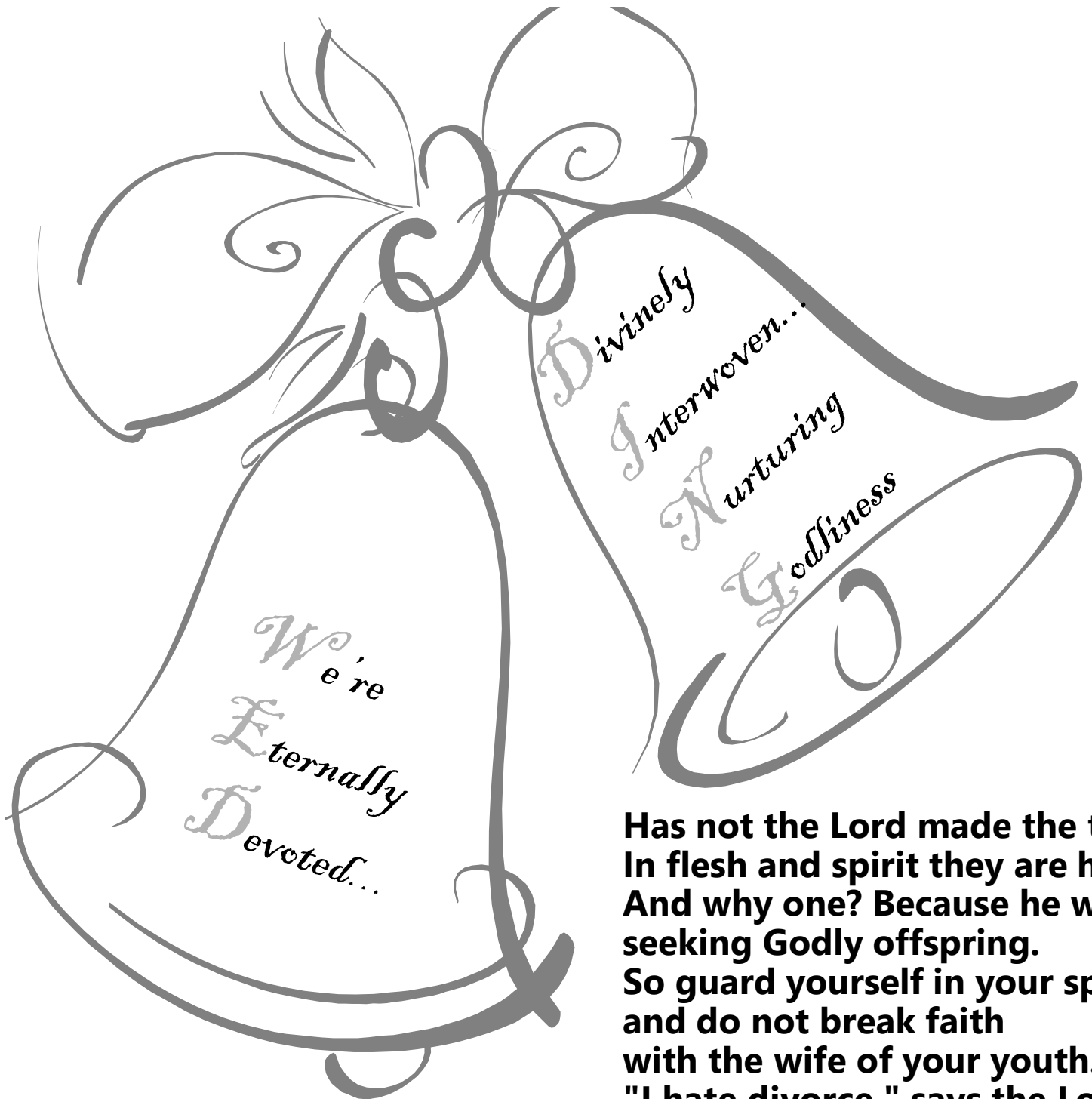
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Kiss and make up, already.
"I hate divorce,"
says the Lord.

Malachi 2:16 NIV®

THE TRUE MEANING OF A WEDDING



**Has not the Lord made the flesh and spirit one?
In flesh and spirit they are henceforth one.
And why one? Because he will be joined to her,
seeking Godly offspring.
So guard yourself in your spirit and do not break faith
with the wife of your youth.
"I hate divorce," says the Lord God of Israel.**

Malachi 2:14-16 NIV®

FAITH SHARING

Fear less

*“Do not be afraid of those who
kill the body and after that
can do no more...Fear
Him who, after the
killing of the body,
has the power
to throw you
into hell.”*

-- Jesus
Luke 12: 4-5 NIV®



Come Out From Under There

**“If anyone is ashamed of me (Jesus)...
The Son of Man will be ashamed of him
when he comes in his Father’s glory.”**

Mark 8:38 NIV®

**GIFT
and
TRANSFORMATION**

REFLECTING ON TWO FAITH PILLARS – GIFT AND TRANSFORMATION
By Appreciating And Sharing The Many Gifts Of God,
We'll Want To Be Transformed To Live And Love Like Christ,
And Then Transform Hearts, Lives, And Communities

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

James 1:17

"If you knew the Gift of God... he would have given you living water...welling up to eternal life."

John 4:10

For it is by grace you have been saved... It is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15

The wages of sin is death, But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Repent and be baptized... in the name of Jesus Christ... and you will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.

1 Peter 4:10

But eagerly desire the greater gifts... the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 12:31; 13:13

In him you have been enriched in every way... Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift...

•1 Corinthians 1:5-7

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

Ephesians 3:7

Try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

1 Corinthians 14:12//

Fan into flame the Gift of God.

2 Timothy 1:6

Do not neglect your gift... Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them.

1 Timothy 4:14-15

We have different gifts... Let us use them in proportion to our faith.

Romans 12:6

How much more will those who receive God's grace and gift of righteousness reign in life through Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17

All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Cor 3:18

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Rom 12: 2

EVEN THE REFORMATION CITED OUR NEED FOR A **TRANSFORMATION**

Excerpts From Martin Luther's 95 Theses
Emphasize Our Need For A Transformation
-- Via True Repentance And Works Of Love!

*"Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ willed
that the whole life of believers should be repentance...
Yet its meaning is not restricted to repentance in one's heart;
for such repentance is null unless it produces outward signs...
The imperfect health of the soul, that is to say,
the imperfect love of the dying
brings with it, of necessity, great fear;
and the smaller the love, the greater is the fear...
No one is sure that his own contrition is sincere;
much less that he has attained full remission...
Rare is the man that is truly penitent...
Every truly repentant Christian
has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt...
Every true Christian, whether living or dead,
has part in all the blessings of Christ and the Church...
Love grows by works of love...
Christians should be taught that he who sees a needy person
but passes him by incurs the wrath of God...
Christians are to be exhorted
that they be diligent in following Christ,
their Head, through penalties, deaths, and hells...
And thus be confident of entering into heaven
rather through many tribulations,
than through a false assurance of peace."
Martin Luther's 95 Theses.*

**Let us ask God to continually transform
our hearts so we can live more like Christ.
Let us live out our faith manifesting
true repentance and works of love!**

**God's Love
&
His Gift Of Salvation**

An open white box is shown from a high-angle perspective, revealing a single, vibrant red heart inside. The heart is positioned in the center of the box, and its glossy surface reflects light, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The box's flaps are open, and the background is a soft, light gray gradient.

What A Gift!

***For God so loved
the world, that He gave
His one and only Son,
that whosoever
believes in Him
shall not perish
but have eternal life.***

John 3: 16 NIV®



**You
Ain't Seen
Nothing
Yet**

**No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for
those who love him.**

1 Corinthians 2: 9 NIV®

The Ultimate Wellness Plan

“If you knew the gift of God... He would have given you living water. Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

-- Jesus John 4: 10-14 NIV®

Extreme Makeover

**Our citizenship is in heaven.
And we eagerly await
a Savior from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will transform our lowly bodies
so that they will be like His glorious body.**

Philippians 3: 20 – 21 NIV®

