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A woman with long dark hair, wearing a long white dress, stands on a glowing globe of the Earth. The background is a dark blue space filled with stars. The text is overlaid on the globe.

Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and The Life

The simple truth



We are to
Put on the Belt of Truth

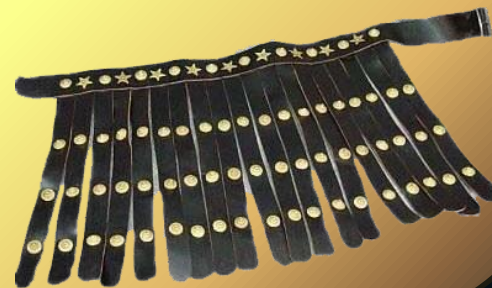
A woman with long dark hair, wearing a long white dress, stands on a path that leads from the dark, starry space down to the Earth. The Earth is shown from a high-angle perspective, with the blue and white horizon of the planet curving across the frame. The path is illuminated with a soft, ethereal light, and the woman's figure is reflected on the surface of the Earth below. The overall scene is set against a deep blue, star-filled background.

All True Roads lead to Jesus Christ

The Parable of Nassir

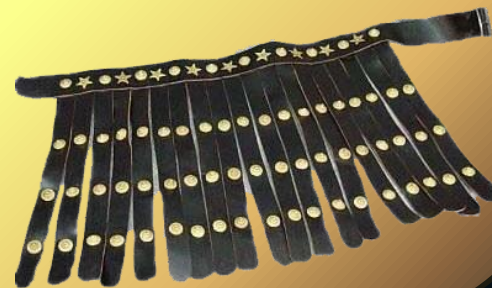
Take heart, for it is in the heart that you will find the answer. The following is a simple parable.

As the story goes, there once was a man named Nassir who for whatever reason or reasons found himself trapped in a deep, dark, slimy pit with absolutely no visible means of escape. Nassir began to cry out for help— begging and pleading to anyone who might come along and hear his sobbing.



The Parable of Nassir

Alas, along came a friend, someone he just knew would help him out— after all it was his best friend. The closer the friend neared the edge of the pit, the more he realized the dire predicament that Nassir was in, and he became too afraid to help his friend for fear of falling in himself. And so, the friend, out of his own perceived need of self-preservation, decided to turn away and not be a part of Nassir and his “situation.”



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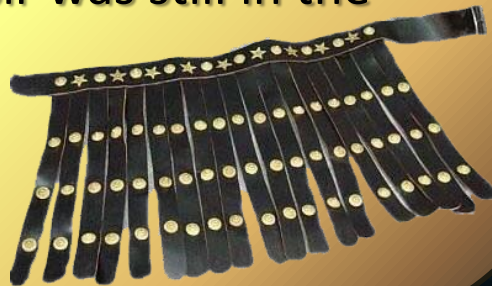
Again Nassir began to cry out, this time with more intensity. As time passed, along came a counselor- a learned advisor to many of the people in the nearby village. He heard Nassir's pleas and asked him just how he got into the pit in the first place. The counselor began to analyze the many possible reasons why and how Nassir ended up in this pit.



The Parable of Nassir

After pondering Nassir's situation, the counselor gave him a list of possible solutions for dealing with his circumstance and he even tossed in some medicinal herbs to help Nassir to cope with his dire predicament.

But these strategies only served to frustrate Nassir even further. The counselor, although very learned in his profession, could only go so far to assist Nassir in finding his way out. Never quite comprehending the entire picture, the counselor could provide Nassir with limited answers to only part of his dilemma, the result: Nassir was still in the pit.



The Parable of Nassir

As time passed, Nassir began to feel that his situation was hopeless, yet he continued to cry out for help. To his relief, he heard the voice of the local clergyman whom he had heard so many previous times in church. Nassir was certain that this man of God who gave such awe inspiring sermons and tearful testimonials would indeed help him to get out of the pit.



The Parable of Nassir

As the clergyman came to the edge of the pit and solemnly listened to his plight, Nassir thought, “Yes, this clergyman has a direct line to God, and God will surely help me out of this pit.” Much to Nassir’s amazement, the clergyman began to speculate and to judge why God would put poor Nassir into this pit in the first place and thus preached his well-versed sermon on just “How God works.”



The Parable of Nassir

He filled Nassir with many antidotes for pleasing God. With jubilant anticipation Nassir was certain that if he could just follow all of the instructions, and keep all of the commands, God would be happy with him and *get him out*. But to no avail, for poor Nassir was still in the pit. Filled with anger and disappointment, he admonished the clergyman for trying to *be* God rather than helping him to *find* God.



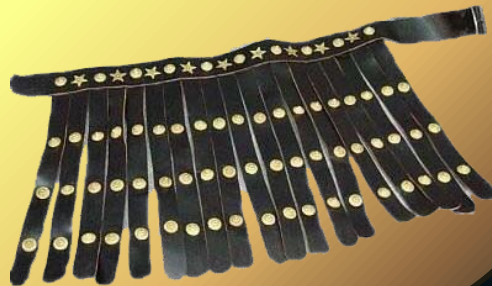
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Despair, desperation, and hopelessness were now permeating Nassir's every thought until he felt as if the very life was being drained out of him. Eventually, with what he felt was his last breath, he cried out, "Lord God, my heavenly Father, I surrender everything! Help me get out of this pit!"



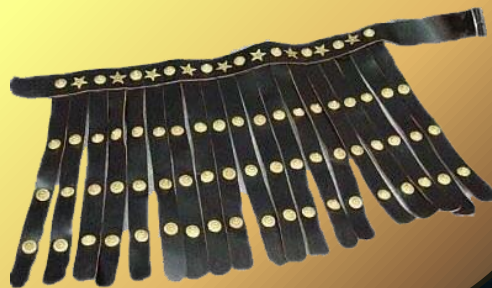
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Deep within the very core of his being, he heard a still, quiet voice clearly say, “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10, NIV).



The Parable of Nassir

Nassir could now feel new life being poured into his being—a peace that surpassed all understanding and a joy that filled him with unspeakable strength. He knew his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, was there in his midst- that He had been there all along, patiently waiting for Nassir to call upon him, because He loved Nassir.



The Parable of Nassir

Christ was not at the edge of the pit calling out instructions. He was in the very midst of the pit *with him*. God had sent Nassir the right hand of righteousness, His only Son Jesus Christ, to personally help him out of the pit.

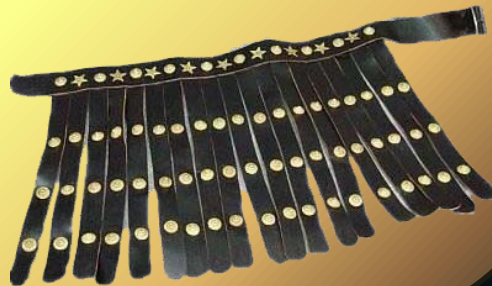


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And Christ took his hand, his heart and his soul and delivered him from this miry pit of despair and hopelessness. Nassir now knew that he was on the path of salvation and that only Christ would take him every step of the way.

This is The Personal Journey with Jesus Christ!

The Way, the Truth, and The Life!



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Why should we know Jesus personally, and intimately?

We can never really know ourselves intimately until we know Jesus Christ intimately, because He knows us better than we know ourselves.

Old Testament Versus New Testament
God's Forgiveness compared to Jesus' salvation

Jesus = Salvation

Walking continually with Him = The Fullness of Salvation

The entire Gospel of Jesus Christ

Major Ian Thomas – The Grain of Wheat

*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a **grain of wheat** falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much **grain**. John 12:24 (NKJV)*



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The Personal Journey is about knowing Jesus Christ intimately.

Jesus is “Living Waters,” breaking beyond the limits of our understanding never to be thirsty again.

Moving from trying to believe to Knowing without a shadow of doubt. Discovering the “**Peace That Surpasses All Understanding.**”

1. Whatever we are focused on the rest of our world will revolve around it.
 - a. Anything that you allow to come in between you and your relationship with Christ has the potential to become an idol. What are some potential idols?
 - b. DO NOT let your problems become your idol.



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2. There is a big different between trying to believe and knowing without a shadow of doubt.
 - a. Trying to believe involves studying, reading, researching, attending seminars, following the latest popular preacher. May end up with the paralysis of analysis. – Remember King Jehoshaphat Battle.
 - b. We are not to worship the tool, but rather the source of the tools.
 - c. Knowing without a shadow of doubt involves personal EXPERIENCE WITH CHRIST!

It is through the personal journey that we are transformed from the old man (World Belief System) to the new man (Kingdom of God). It is a transformation taking place through the power of the Holy Spirit from the inside out – fullness of salvation.



Kingdom of God's Provisions



*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and His righteousness;
And all things shall be added unto you.
Matthew 6:33 (KJV)*

Self-actualization

Morality,
Creativity,
Problem solving,
Purpose

Individual need to be what we were
"born to be" – Purpose, Calling, Gifts and
Talents. Artist, poet, writer, singer,
Minister, mission or ministry.

Esteem

Self-esteem, confidence,
respect of others, respect by
others.

Our society's definition of esteem
is usually measured in money and
material things.

Love/Belonging

Friendship, family, mate, sexual,
emotional, physical intimacy, love

**Love- this involves both
giving and receiving love**

Safety

Security of body, of employment, of
resources, of morality, of family,
of health, of property

**Health, family, resources,
community (social structure)**

Physiological

air, food, water, clothing, sleep, shelter,
etc.

Strongest most basic needs



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Kingdom of God – referred to as the upside down kingdom because it is opposite of this world belief system.

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in his all splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**" (Matthew 6:28-34, NIV)*



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Old Testament

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4 (KJV)

New Testament

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; And all things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)



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*Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
(Matthew 6:27, NIV)*

*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will
worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
(Matthew 6:34, NIV)*

**Worry is only a form of pride, thinking that we can stand in
the place of God in our lives and control our circumstances, as
well as others.**



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It takes SURRENDER to win! The very first thing that we surrender is our own understanding, which is the very beginning of true divine revelation.

**DO WE TRUST GOD ENOUGH TO HAND OVER
THE DESIRES OF OUR HEARTS?**





LITANY OF PRAISE





The following is an example of a Litany of Praise that will help you begin your Praise and Worship. Begin by saying these words aloud, and then continue as the stirring in your heart to worship God moves you.





Praise you Lord Jesus; You are my Life, my Love.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Name of above all Names.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are Emmanuel, God with us.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Messiah.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Real Life.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Bright Morning Star.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Lamb of God.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Champion and Shield.





Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Prince of Peace.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Almighty.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Wonderful Counselor.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Living God.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Salvation.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Redemption.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Sanctification.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Justification.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the King of the Universe.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Anointed One.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Holy One of Israel.





Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Victory.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Wisdom.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Door.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the great I AM.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the great High Priest.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Cornerstone.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are Sure Foundation.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Joy.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Portion and our Cup.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are my Healing and Wholeness.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Covenant.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Promise of the Father.





Praise you Lord Jesus; You are my Hiding Place.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Savior of the World.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Strong Tower.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Strength and our Song.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are you are Good Shepherd.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Mountain Refuge.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Bread of Life.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Font of all holiness.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Living Water.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are my Spouse, my Maker.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Fortress.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Deliverer.





Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Most High God.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Lamb that was slain.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Just Judge.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Balm of Gilead.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Mighty Warrior.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are my Defense.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Bridegroom.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Solid Reality.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are my Provider.
Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Giver of great gifts.





Praise you Lord Jesus; You are our Joy.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the True Vine.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Resurrection and the Life.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Alpha and the Omega.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are the Beginning and the End.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are all that I need.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are all that I want.

Praise you Lord Jesus; You are worthy of all praise.

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