

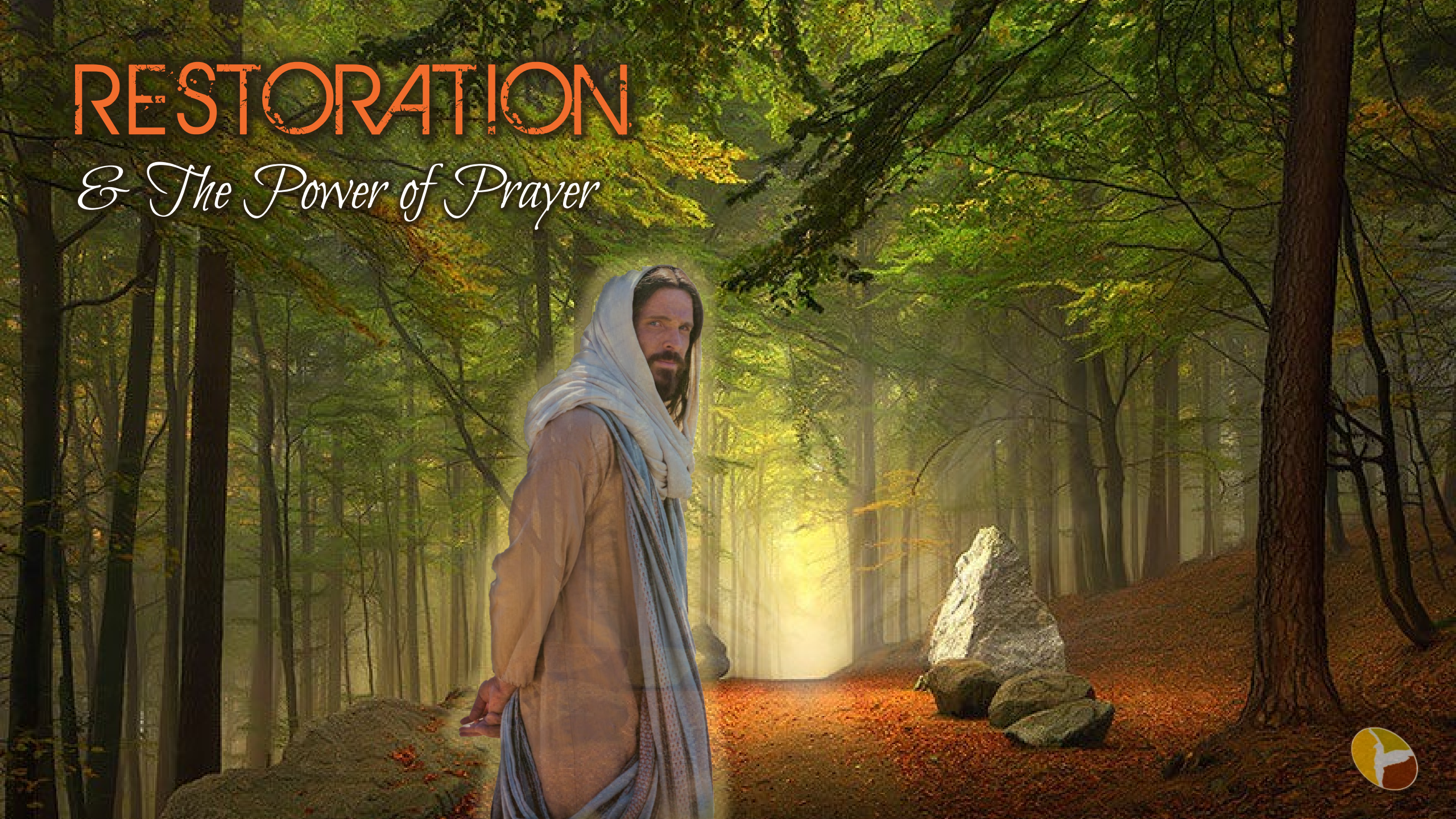
PUT ON

SLIDE DECK

THE BELT OF TRUTH

RESTORATION

& The Power of Prayer




"Come follow Me"



PUT ON

THE BELT OF TRUTH

FULL ARMOR OF GOD

S P I R I T U A L A R M O R Y

- **PUT ON** The Helmet of Salvation
- **PUT ON** The Breastplate of Righteousness
- **PUT ON** The Belt of Truth
- **SHOD YOUR FEET** with the Gospel of Peace
- **HOLD UP** The Shield of Faith to extinguish the fiery darts from the evil one
- **WIELD** The Sword of the Spirit, the Double-edged Word of God



FULL ARMOR OF GOD

R E C A P

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Understanding WHO WE ARE in Jesus Christ

1. Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.
2. By faith, as a divine gift of God's Grace, through the power of Holy Spirit we, as True Believers, now have the "Righteousness of Jesus Christ" is living within us.



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3. We are Worthy as *true Believers in Jesus Christ*. But be aware we have an ancient enemy, Satan the Master of deception, who wants to keep us in the dark. While his best lie is that one degree from the truth, we have the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but The Truth in Christ Jesus.

L E A R N T O D I S C E R N !



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Understanding WHO WE ARE in Jesus Christ

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in HIS SUFFERINGS in order that we may also share in His glory.

Roman 8:17



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1. OPEN DOORS for deception creating footholds which can lead to strongholds:
   - derogatory *thoughts that enter in our mind, and we receive them*
   - *unhealed wounds from the past*
   - *from the words or actions of others in our life*



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2. RED FLAGS in our character (character defects) can provide insight into areas of our lives in need of healing. A few include excessive fear, anxiety, controlling, critical, mocking, addictive behavior, obsession, depression, oversensitive, relationship issues, etc.
3. ROOT CAUSES of wounds in need of healing coming from hurts perpetrated by individuals or circumstances we have encountered in our past.



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So, how do we get TRUE freedom?

As children of God, we have the right to a healthy emotional life, knowing that we belong, have worth, and are competent individuals. Yet, this concept is fleeting in a temporal world because it is built on man's competence. Our righteousness will never measure up.

However, in Christ, we are **justified** through the *Righteousness of Jesus Christ that resides within us* through FAITH*, not works*.



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The Law set the standard of righteousness, but Jesus is the only one who fulfilled the Law because He was Righteousness Himself. Therefore, by faith in the Messiah and not through the letter of the Law, we have Righteousness abiding within us.

Therefore, we are worthy!



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But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to **ALL WHO BELIEVE**.

Romans 3:21-26

P U T I T O N !



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… in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:37





PUT ON

THE BELT OF TRUTH


What is Truth?



What is Truth?

DAY 145

THE SILENCE OF THE TRUTH

"WHAT IS TRUTH?" I asked.

"Ah," said the teacher, "a question asked by philosophers throughout the ages. Do you know what the word *philosophy* means? It comes from two Greek words: *sophia*, which means knowledge, and *philo*, which means love. So *philosophy* can be taken to mean the love of knowledge or wisdom. Man has been pondering and seeking after the truth for thousands of years. And after all those years, do you know what the conclusion of philosophy is?"

"No."

"No conclusion," he said. "They all came up with different answers . . . no answer. And yet in the midst of all this, the question was once posed, in a very unique context, not by a philosopher, but by a man of bloodshed. He asked the question to one of his prisoners. The man was Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea . . . and the prisoner was the Messiah. So Pilate posed the question, 'What is truth?' Then he went outside to the multitude and said, 'I find no basis for a charge against Him.' So what was the answer to his question?"

"He didn't give an answer," I said. "There was no answer."

"But there *was* an answer," said the teacher, "in the absence of the answer . . . in the silence of the truth. It was in His *not* saying anything, that He said everything, in His *not* answering, that the question was answered. Truth is deeper than words. The truth wasn't the truth about something, or even the truth about Him—it *was* Him, standing there right in front of Pilate's eyes, in flesh-and-blood reality. You see, the *idea* of truth, the *talk* of truth, and the *study* of truth . . . is *not* the truth. Philosophies and religions may be *about* the truth, but that which is about the truth can blind you from seeing the truth itself. Never let yourself end up in the realm of the about and lose that which the about is all about. The truth is that which is . . . as God is. The truth is Him. And so the only way to know the truth . . . is to know Him . . . directly, personally, in His presence, face-to-face, heart to heart . . . What is truth?" asked the teacher, "*He* is the truth. And what is the answer to all philosophy, the love of knowledge? It is to love the truth. Therefore . . . the answer . . . is to love Him."

The Mission: Today, leave the "realm of the about" and go beyond the talk and words to the bare truth of His presence. Be still and know that He is God.

Psalm 46:10; John 18:38

Him

THE BELT OF TRUTH



Every day we are to buckle the Belt of Truth around our waist, standing firm… Ephesians 6:14

What is the Truth?

Jesus is the center of our belief, the chief cornerstone upon which our faith is built, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. **HE IS TRUTH!**

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Jesus Christ IS the Way, He is the Truth, and He is the Life. The only way to God is through Him.

John 14:6

THE CORNERSTONE UPON WHICH OUR FAITH IS BUILT

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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.

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The Parable of Nassir

Alas, along came a friend, someone he knew would help him; 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 for self-preservation, decided to turn away and not be a part of Nassir or his “situation.”

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The Parable of Nassir

Again, Nassir began to cry out, this time with more intensity. As time passed, along came a counselor- a learned advisor to many 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 noted counselor began to analyze the many possible reasons why Nassir ended up in this pit.

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



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The Parable of Nassir

But these strategies only served to frustrate Nassir even further. Although very learned in his profession, the counselor could only go so far as 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.

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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 sure that this man of God who gave such awe-inspiring sermons and tearful testimonials would indeed help him to get out of the pit.

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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.”

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The Parable of Nassir

He filled Nassir with many antidotes for pleasing God. With jubilant anticipation, Nassir was sure that if he could 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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The Parable of Nassir

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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The Parable of Nassir

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).



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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.

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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.

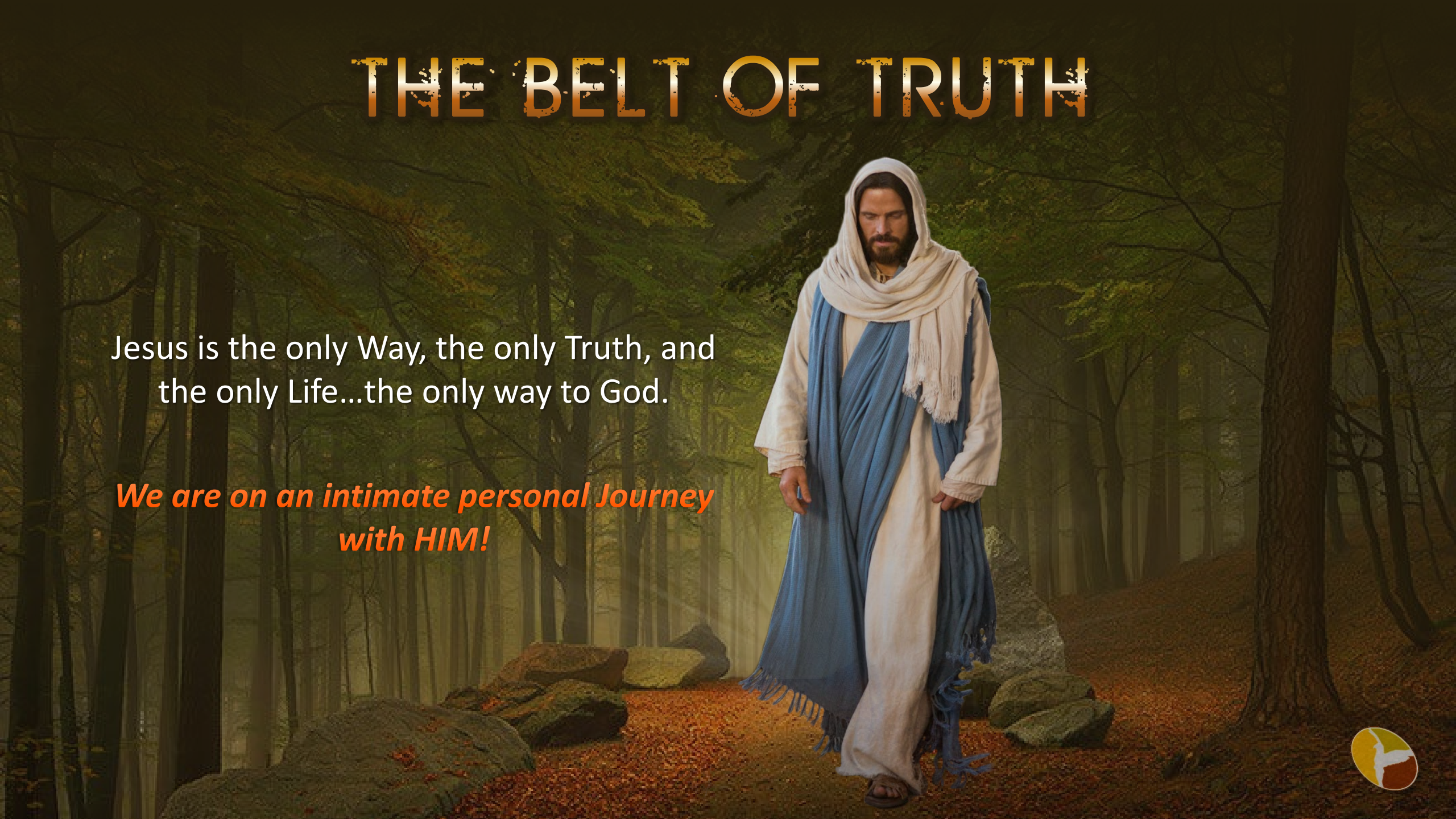


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The Parable of Nassir

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.

THE BELT OF TRUTH



Jesus is the only Way, the only Truth, and the only Life…the only way to God.

We are on an intimate personal Journey with HIM!



Why should we know Jesus personally, and intimately?

Because we can never really know ourselves intimately until we know Jesus Christ intimately.

W H Y ?

Because He knows us better than we know ourselves.



The Personal Journey is about knowing Jesus Christ intimately; therefore, knowing the TRUTH.

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



It is about knowing Jesus Christ intimately through your **Journey called life.**

A life abiding in Christ that moves us from trying to believe into knowing without a shadow of doubt.

Encountering the
“Peace That Surpasses All Understanding.”



KEEP IN MIND:

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.

KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON JESUS!



KEEP IN MIND:

2. There is a significant difference between trying to believe and knowing without a shadow of doubt.
    a. Trying to believe often involves studying, reading, researching, attending studies, or following the latest popular preachers with their schools of thought (works from the outside in).
    b. However, unfortunately, you often end up with the paralysis of analysis, losing hope because you leaned on man for the answers instead of going to the Answer!



KEEP IN MIND:

2. There is a significant difference between trying to believe and knowing without a shadow of doubt.
    c. We are not to worship the tools, but rather the source of the tools…God; Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
    d. Knowing without a shadow of doubt involves personal EXPERIENCE WITH CHRIST!



KEEP IN MIND:

3. Believing without a shadow of doubt brings mountain-moving faith in your prayers.

So, Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and DOES NOT DOUBT in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.
Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask for when you pray believe you receive them, and you shall have them.”

Mark 11:22-24



Through this personal journey, we are transformed from the “Old man” (World Belief System, carnal nature, believing the Devil) to the “New man” (new creation in the Kingdom of God).



By God's grace the journey is a transformation taking place through the Holy Spirit's power (sanctification) from the inside out –

This is the
FULLNESS OF SALVATION



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

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