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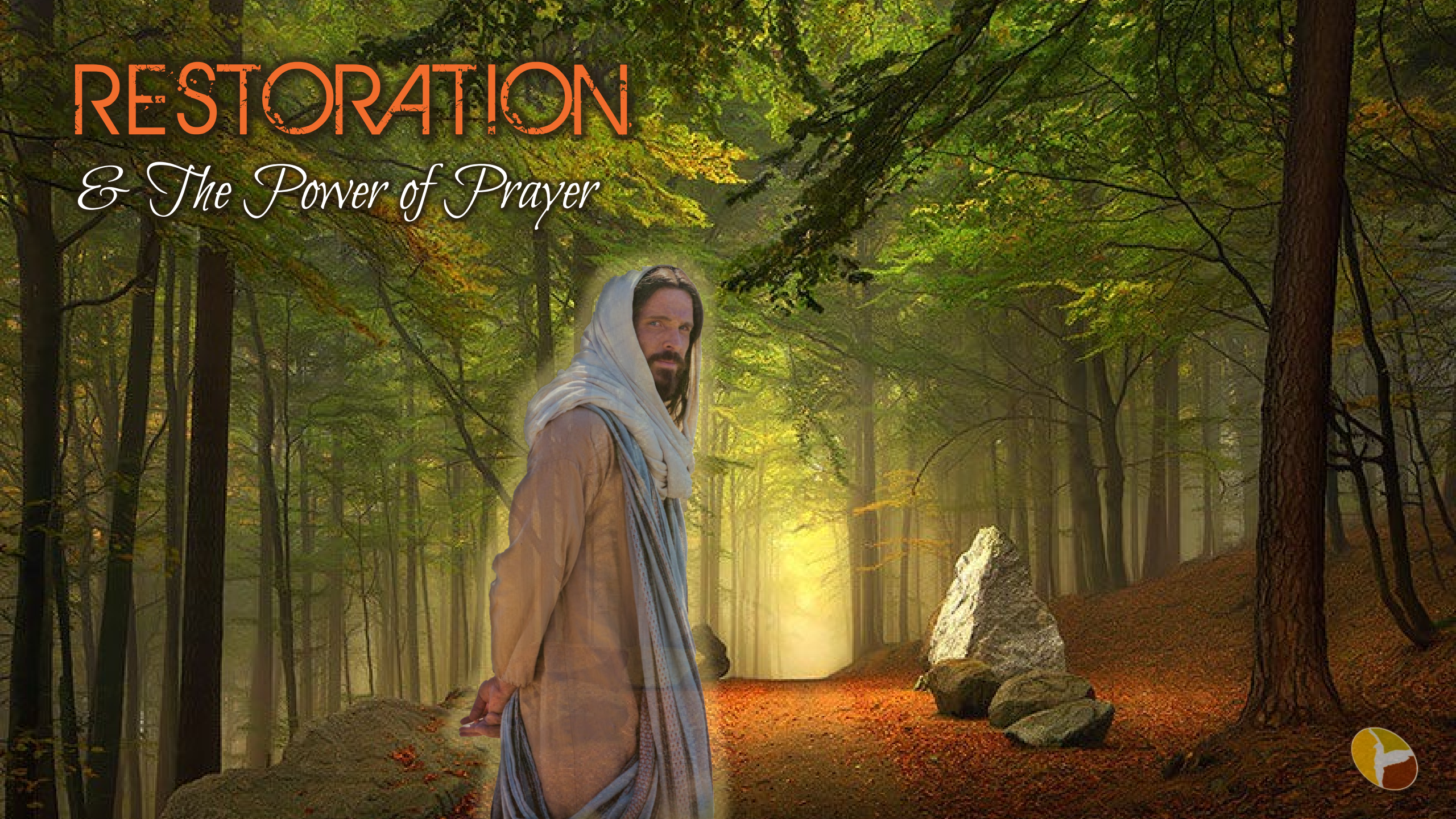




SLIDE DECK

RESTORATION

& The Power of Prayer




"Come follow Me"


Keep fighting the "Good Fight"
of faith in Jesus Christ
one-day-at-a-time!

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



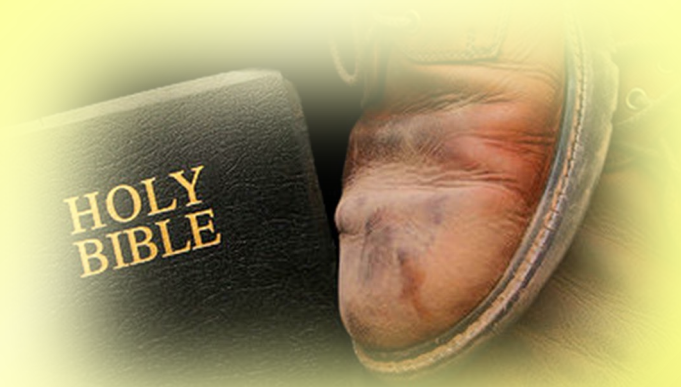
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and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Ephesians 6:15



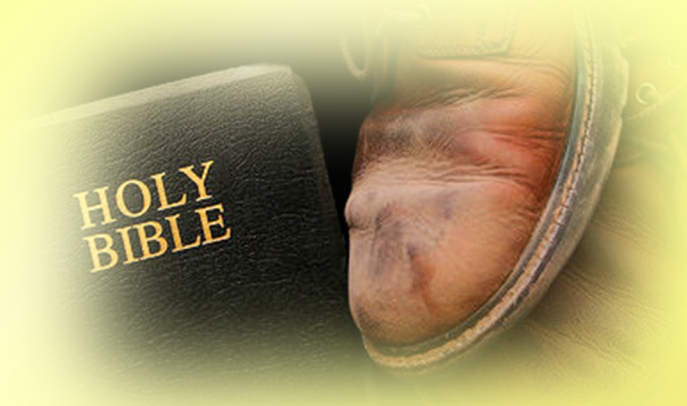
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Everywhere we go, or whatever we do, we now have the power of the Holy Spirit within us**; as we spend time with the Lord, we can clearly see the opportunities to**

bring the Good News Gospel of Jesus Christ into our own lives and the lives of others.



Obstacles in our path are turned into opportunities…

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What is the Gospel of Peace?

Gospel (meaning good news, good story) is the story of Christ's life and teachings, esp. as contained in the first four books of the New Testament, namely *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*.

In Spiritual warfare, the Good News Gospel is like strong, sturdy footgear that keeps us steady and moving forward on our Christian journey and our "Call" in life.

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Gospel of peace is the Good News of Jesus Christ, meaning:

- First and foremost, complete SALVATION from sin and death
- Continual forgiveness and freedom from all bondages
- Healing everywhere we hurt
- Righteousness and abundant living

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Gospel of peace is the Good News of Jesus Christ, meaning:

- Peace that surpasses all understanding
- Joy that knows no bounds.
- The perfect Love that fills our void to overflowing

It is that Kingdom of God found within and around us in Christ Jesus – choosing the “effective will of God” in ourselves and to all in our sphere of influence.

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As Spiritual warriors, in a Kingdom where surrender to Jesus Christ is the key, our part is to walk in that Peace each day throughout every opportunity that comes into our path.

THE KEY: Remember, this is a ONE DAY AT A TIME journey with all the grace of God we need and more (Matthew 6:34).

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Obstacles versus Opportunities

Opportunity is defined as a ***favorable occasion when we have the option of making a decision that could have a positive impact*.**

While we all experience obstacles in our day-to-day lives, it is the Holy Spirit led Believer that sees obstacles as opportunities.

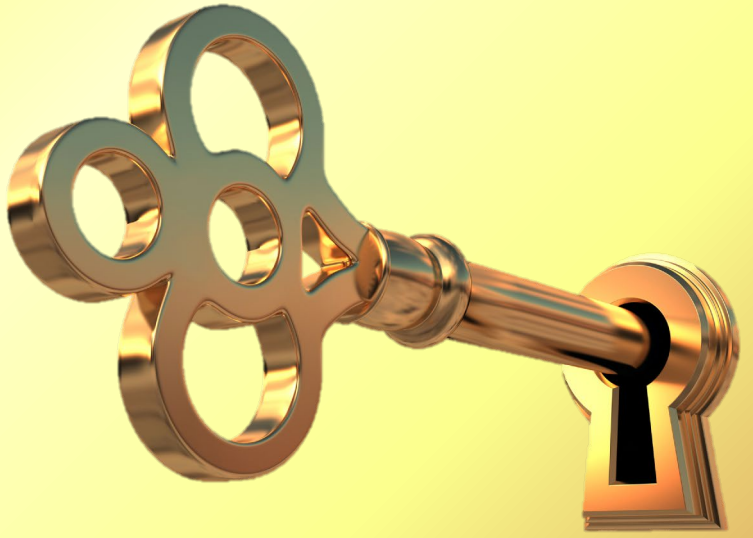
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The challenge is the approach to obstacles

THE KEY: **Remember, it is not in our own power, but in Christ's power that He enables us to walk victoriously**



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The challenge is the approach to obstacles

1. **How do we discern or perceive the situation when an obstacle is encountered?**
   a) In Numbers 13 – 14, when a member of each of the 12 tribes of the Israelites were called to check out the land God had promised them, all but Caleb and Joshua, saw the situation as impossible. The negative opinion of the 10 caused a rebellion among the people. They failed to realize that God does not operate from our limited human perspective. They suffered a failure of faith, as a result of fear and lack of trust in the Lord.

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1. **How do we discern or perceive the situation when an obstacle is encountered?**
   b) As Believers in Jesus Christ, we have the renewal of the mind, our perspective is not based on our limited natural abilities, but rather on God's supernatural power. Our part is wholehearted commitment to obey.

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2. **How do we know what to say or do when faced with an obstacle we are called to overcome?**

    a) Sensitivity to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit reveals insight that we would never achieve otherwise. A divine connection for a divine opportunity.

    b) Sensitivity to the voice of Holy Spirit requires abiding in Christ each day in prayer.

My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me… John 10:27

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2. **How do we know what to say or do when faced with an obstacle we are called to overcome?**

    c) We are given not only faith, but everything we need, as we are used as instruments of peace. Our intellect, our pride, our knowledge has nothing to do with this victory. Example: Apostle Paul in Greece experience

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2. **How do we know what to say or do when faced with an obstacle we are called to overcome?**

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1Corinthians 2:1-5

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2. **How do we know what to say or do when faced with an obstacle we are called to overcome?**

    d) Since this is a divine appointment, it is through God that we are given direction what to say, what not say, or when to say something in due season.

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3. **If we are not surrendered, we cannot be used for God's purposes.**

    a) We are in a battle that is going on in the spiritual realms whether we want to believe it or not. To overcome requires continual surrender to the leading, guiding, prompting and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12

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3. **If we are not surrendered, we cannot be used for God's purposes.**

    b) Jesus is the Lord of our lives. While it is up to us not to ignore God-given opportunities, our perfect surrender is required to step out in faith.

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4. Jesus is our way-maker, the fountain of living waters.

a) We possess spiritual gifts which we can use to ignite the Gospel of Peace in the lives of others.

b) The Lord gives us everything we need to do what He calls us to do.

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4. Jesus is our way-maker, the fountain of living waters.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a ***message of wisdom****, to another a* ***message of knowledge*** *by means of the same Spirit, to another* ***faith*** *by the same Spirit, to another* ***gifts of healing*** *by that one Spirit, to another* ***miraculous powers****, to another* ***prophecy****, to another* ***distinguishing between spirits****, to another* ***speaking in different kinds of tongues****, and to still* ***another the interpretation of tongues****. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit,* ***and he distributes them to each one, just as He determines.***

1 Corinthians 12: 7-11

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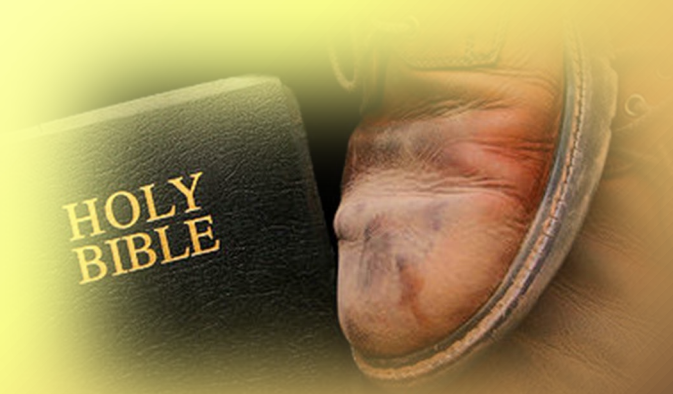
5. **The battle belongs to God, our part is to stay in line with His will and His way.**
   a) It is in keeping our priority to God first that He fills us with the unconditional love He has for others. In other words, God loves others (whoever they might be) just as much as He loves us. Our motives are made pure as we trust Him.
   b) To be used as instruments of this perfect love in seamless servanthood to others reflects His love for them.
   c) This reaches beyond all barriers!

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Since we live by faith, and not by fear, opportunities at the onset may be disguised in obstacles of inconvenience, difficulties, or even danger.

This is where the **power of prayer** takes us beyond our natural inclinations of self-preservation into the realm of supernatural instruments of peace. From self-serving to God-serving for the greater glory of His Kingdom without end.

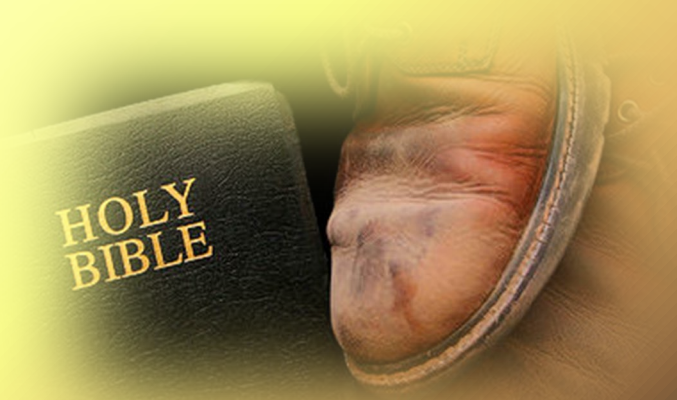


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Opportunities Abound

The Process: We all think we are going through this process to get to the end, constantly looking to the end, when **to God the process itself is the end**. In other words, *"It is the little things that count,"* in our personal lives.



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My purpose is that they may be ***encouraged in heart and united in love****, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that* ***they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ****, in whom are hidden* ***all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*** *I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.*

Colossians 2:2-4



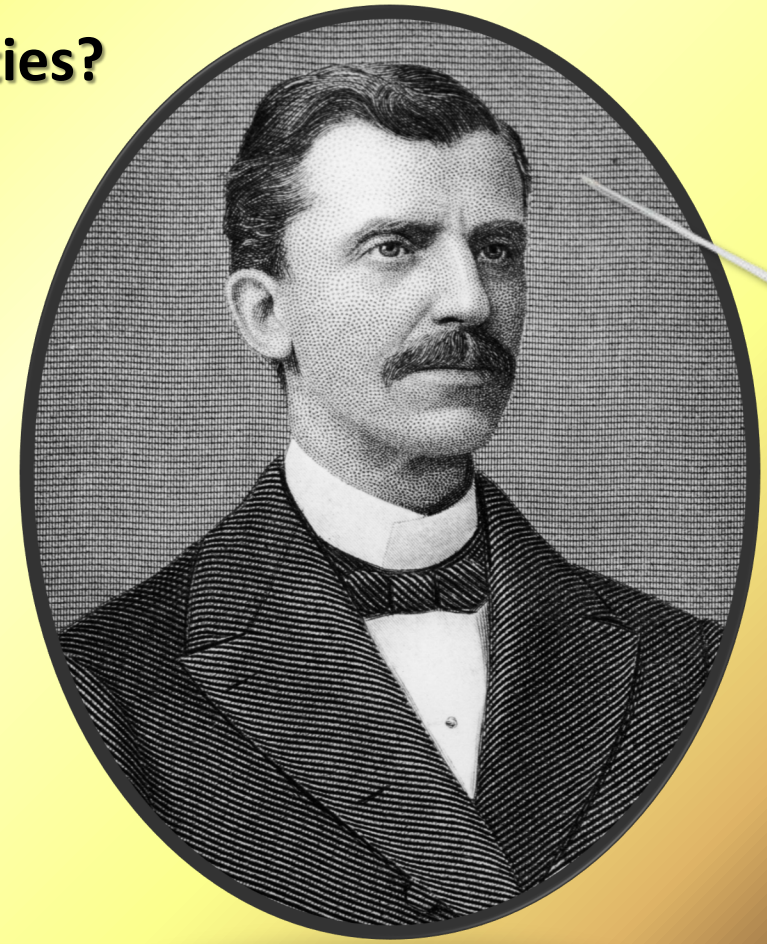
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How close are your opportunities?

Acres of Diamonds Story

Russell Conwell
(1843 – 1925)



Russell Herman Conwell was an American Baptist minister, orator, philanthropist, lawyer, and writer. He is best remembered as the founder and first president of Temple University in Philadelphia, as the Pastor of The Baptist Temple, and for his inspirational lecture, "Acres of Diamonds“ Over 6,000 times he delivered this story to graduates and entrepreneurs.

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Opportunities Abound

Examples of potential divine opportunities:

- Time given to an elderly relative or a neighbor.
- Patience in a check-out line when you find yourself in a hurry.
- Paying attention to your children or young people that cross your path.
- Listening to a spouse, whether you agree or not.
- Taking the extra step to help someone with the gifts you have been given.
- Stepping away from a group that have fallen into gossip.

Giving of your time, your talent, and your treasures



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The idea is to remain in a state of abiding in Christ in our time of prayer and throughout the day. This translates into a ripple effect of God's perfect love in our lives and the lives of others.

Our heavenly Father imparts to us more treasures than we could have ever imagined –riches in pearls of wisdom, sapphires of serenity, rubies of restoration, emeralds of endurance, diamonds of truth and a heart refined like gold.

"…there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

2 Timothy 4:8



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