



Building Depth in our

Relationship

with God

Introduction

- Prophetic Word
- Season of Breakouts and Breakthroughs

BBTC is entering into another season of:-

- a. 40 Days Fast & Prayer.
- b. 24/7 Prayer for the week of 15 July to 22 July 2007.
- c. Each CG / Ministry Cluster to cover a 24-Hour Day of Prayer per month from August 2007 to June 2008.

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- d. To persevere in all prayer sessions:-
- i. Council Prayer Meeting
 - ii. Weekly HOP
 - iii. Monthly Corporate W & I
 - iv. Prayer at CGs / Ministries etc ...
 - v. Pre-Service & Post-Service Prayer
 - vi. Altar-Call Ministry
 - vii. Prayer in 2s, 3s ... at all times ...



Building Depth in
Prayer Communion
with God
(Part I)

TODAY'S MESSAGE

- (I) **Principles & Laws of Prayer**
- (II) **To focus on areas of Prayer to build depth in relationship with God**

(I) Principles & Laws of Prayer

1. The Infinite yet Personal God desires a Personal Relationship with us.

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- Our God is the **Sovereign Creator** of the heavens and the earth.
- He is the **Almighty, Powerful and**
Most High God.

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 - Yet He is the **Personal** God who created us in His Image.
 - He **loves us** very deeply and desires a **personal relationship** with each of us.

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- **His Person** longs for intimacy with **our person**.
- **His Spirit** calls out to **our spirit**.
- The **Deep in Him** stirs and beckons the **deep in us**.

(I) Principles & Laws of Prayer

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- His Word is Law. He will not alter it.
- The earth realm now belongs to Man.
- It was lost to Satan when Adam fell.

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- Our Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of Man has reclaimed it.
- He has delegated this ownership and authority on earth to the Church.

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- Hence, God will not unilaterally intervene in the affairs of earth unless man asks Him to do so i.e. *Pray*.

Genesis 1:28

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth** and **subdue** it; have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Psalm 115:16

The heaven, even the heavens,
are the LORD's;

But the earth He has given

to the children of men.

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Matthew 6:10

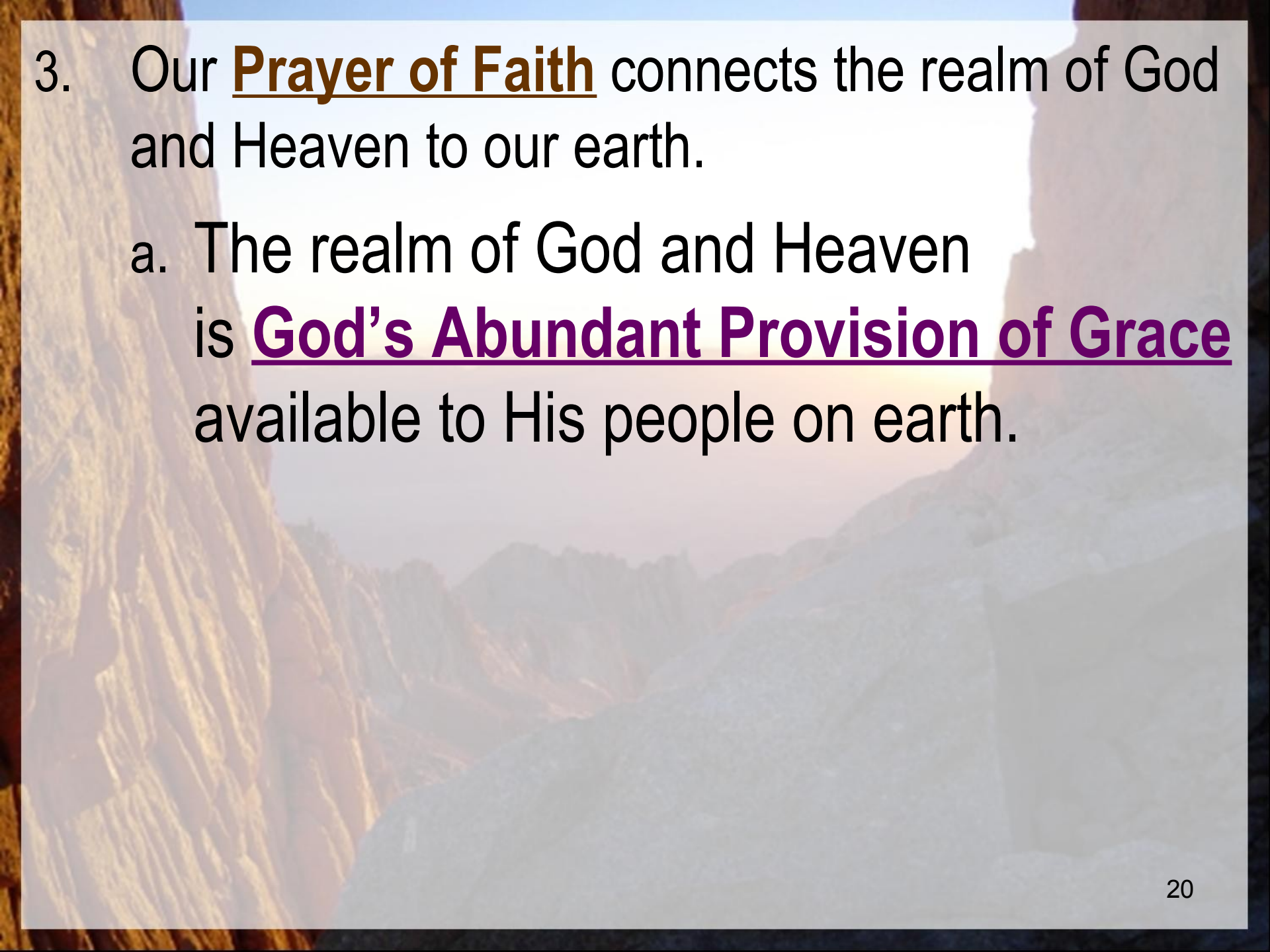
Your kingdom come.

Your will be done **on earth**
as it is in heaven.

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Matthew 16:19, 18:18

And I will give you
the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you **bind on earth**
will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you **loose on earth**
will be loosed in heaven.”

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Protection

Peace

Favor

Wisdom

Revelation

Tangible
Presence of God

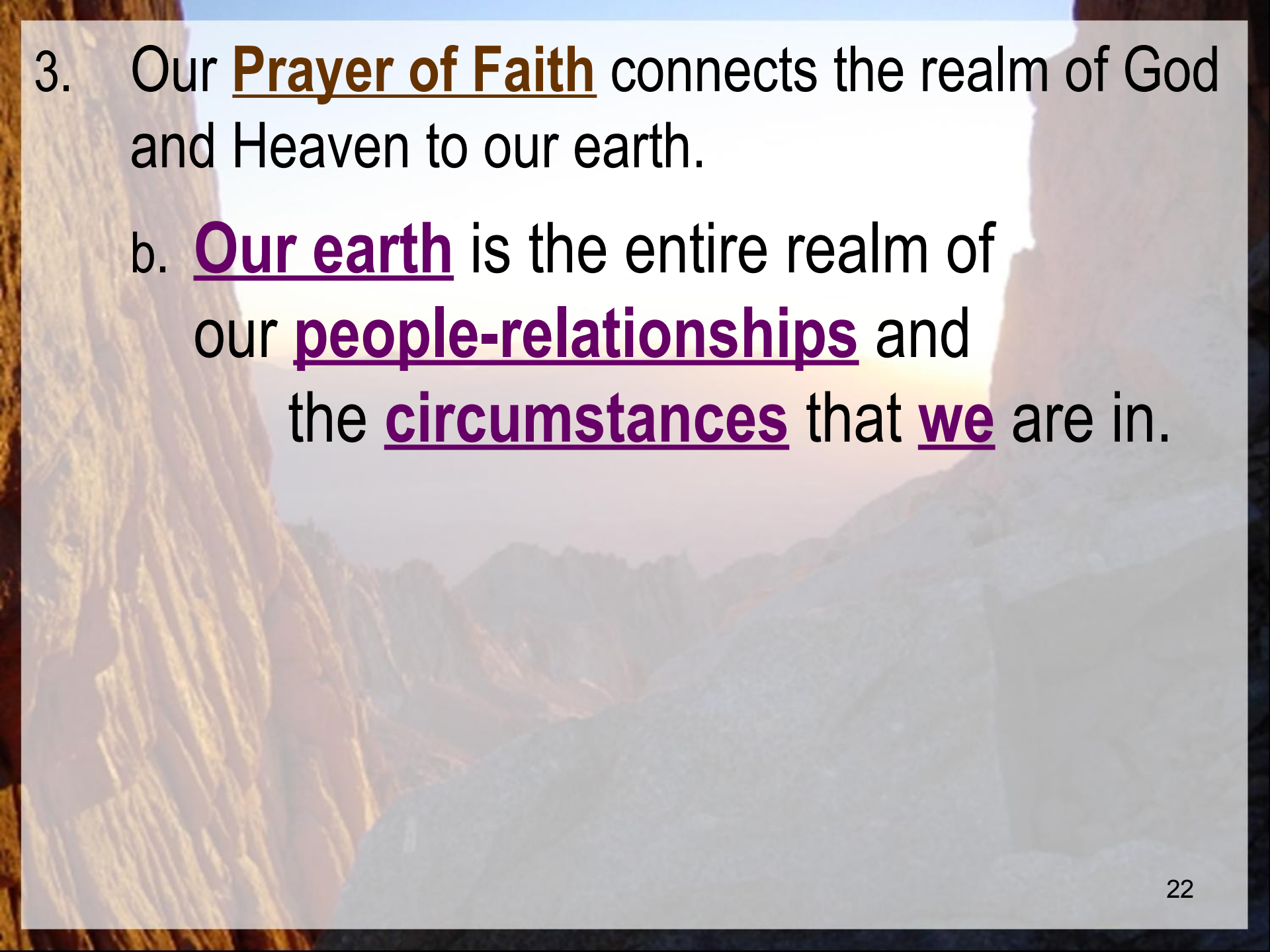
Provision

Intervention through People
& Circumstances

Deliverance from
a bondage

Salvation

Miracles & Healings

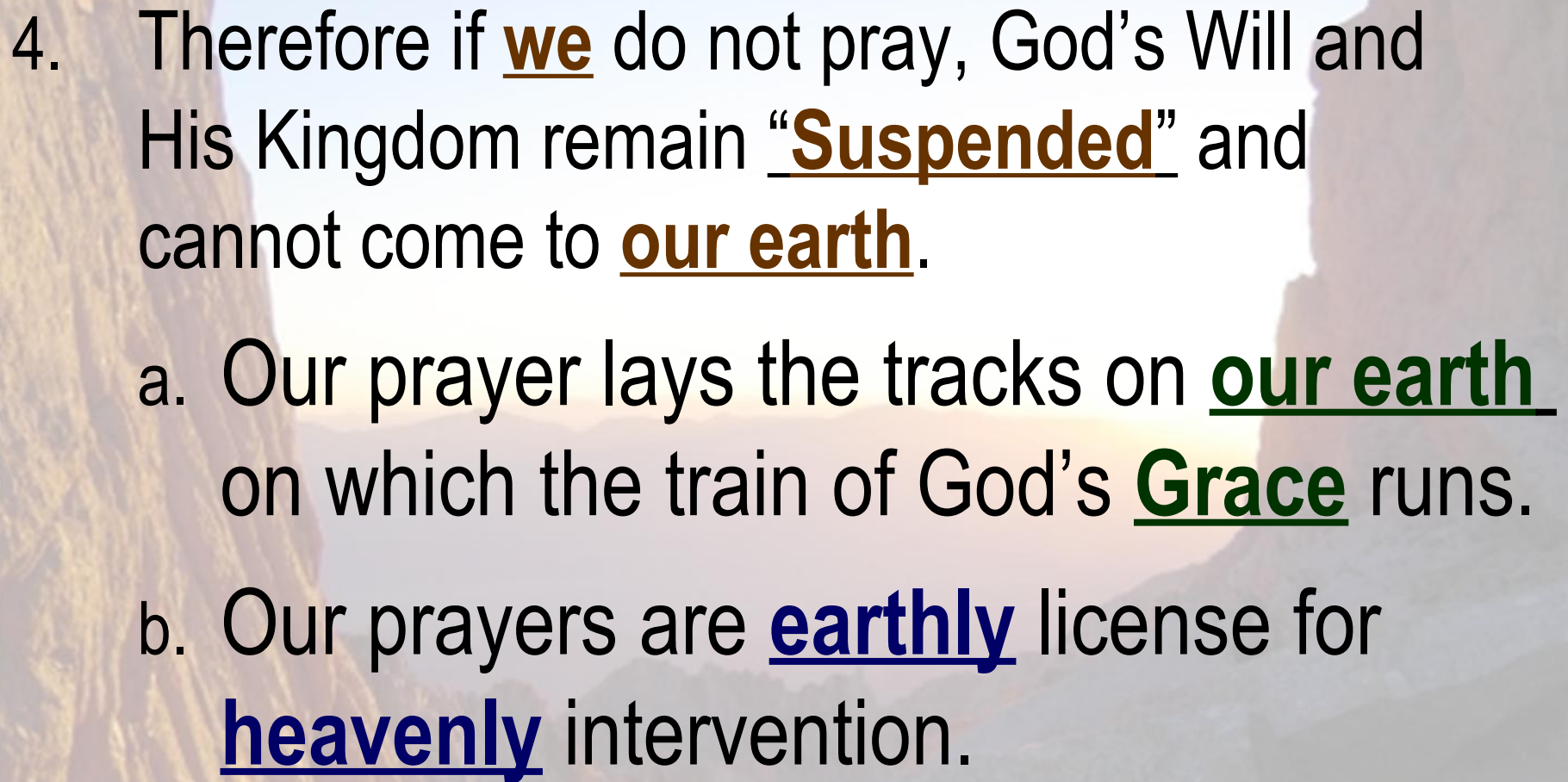
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Family	Children	Singapore	Work
Spouse	Friends	Colleagues	BBTC
Possessions	Neighbourhood	House	
Situations that we are in	People who cross our paths		
Relationships			

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- a. Our prayer lays the tracks on our earth on which the train of God's Grace runs.
 - b. Our prayers are earthly license for heavenly intervention.

(I) Principles & Laws of Prayer

5. **Unforgiveness** towards others will block our Prayer Communion with God.

Matthew 6:12; Mark 11:25 - 26

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- *1 John 5:14 – 15*

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b. In line with the Word-our Lord Jesus

- *John 15:7*

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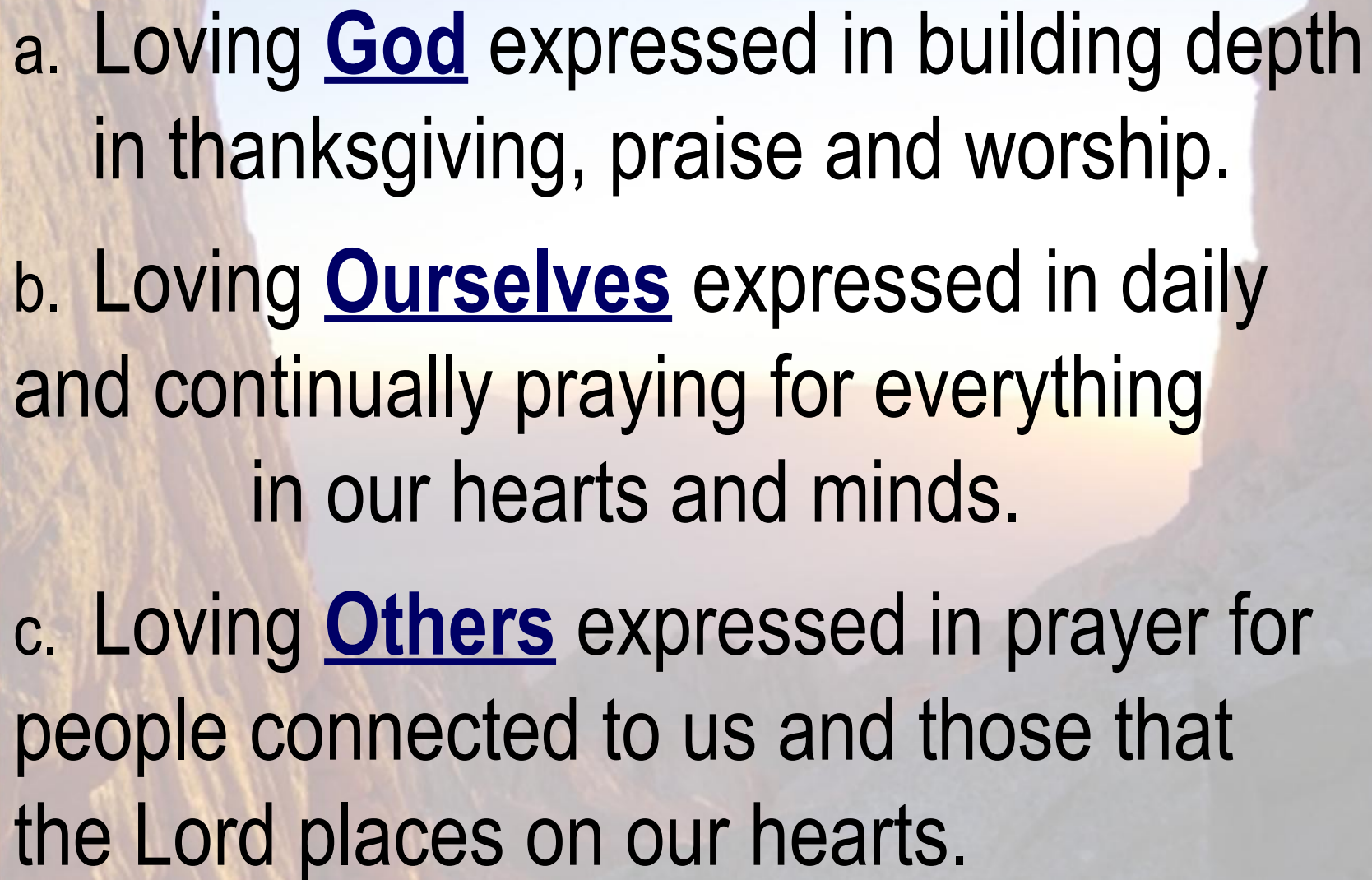
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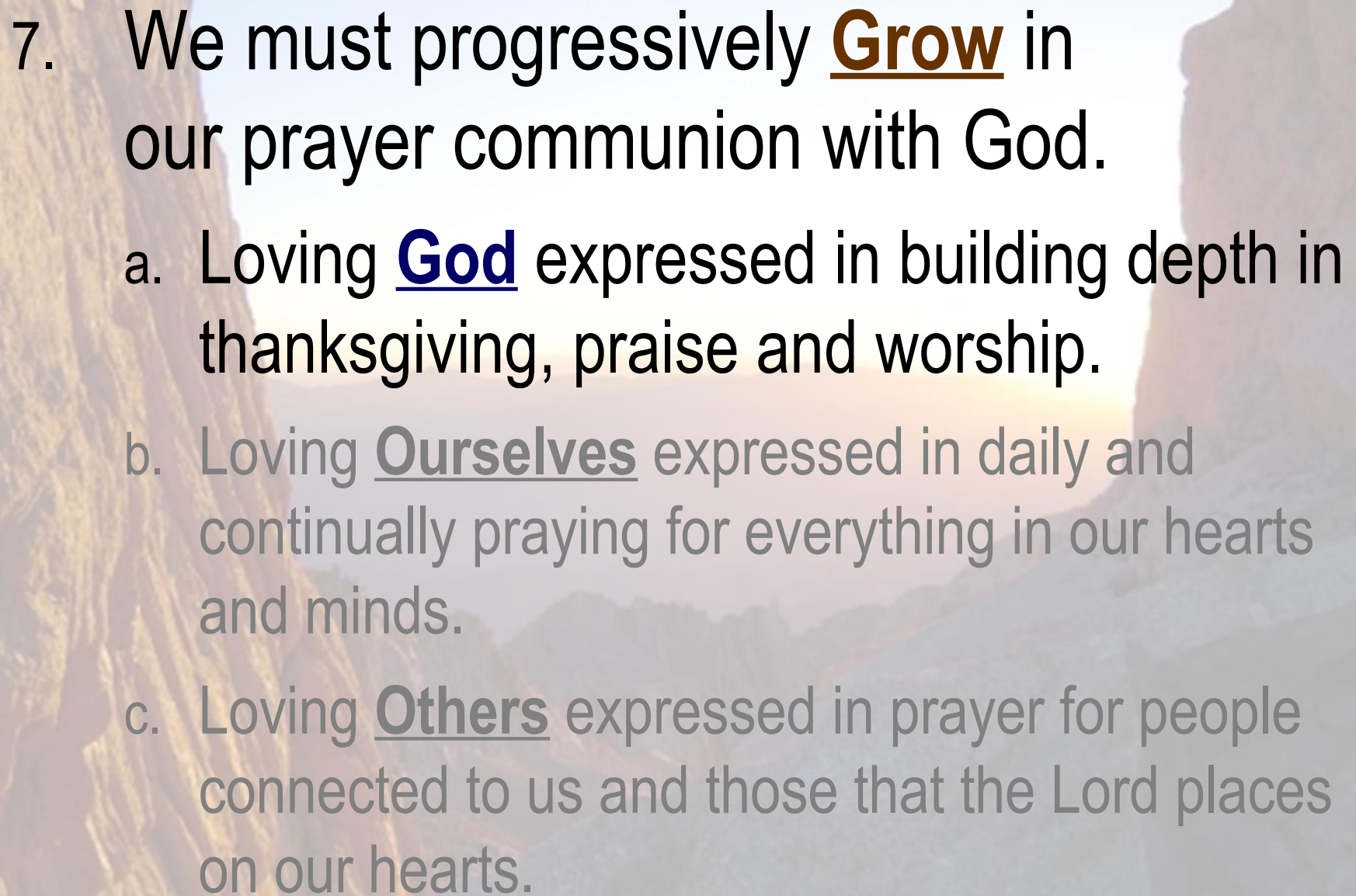
- *Ephesians 6:18; Jude 20*

(I) Principles & Laws of Prayer

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HOW?

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Exercises to help us

Build Depth

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Exercise I

GIVE thanks to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:20

giving thanks always for all things
to God the Father

in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:18

in everything **give thanks**; for this is
the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Exercise I : **Give** thanks to the Lord

Psalm 50:14

Offer to God **thanksgiving**,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

Romans 1:21 : Ungrateful & Unthankful

2 Timothy 3:1 - 5 : Lovers of Selves, Ungrateful



Exercise I : **Give** thanks to the Lord

For 5 minutes, give thanks to the Lord
in words only

(It may be helpful to write it down)

Exercise II

RENDER praise to God.

Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus, therefore,
let us continually offer to God
a **Sacrifice of Praise** –
the fruit of lips that **confess His Name.**

We praise the Lord –

His Name and His Attributes

in relation to:-

- (i) What He has **DONE** for us?
- (ii) What He has **GIVEN** to us?



Exercise II : **Render** praise to God.

For 3 minutes, render praise to God
in words only

(It may be helpful to write it down)

Exercise III

WORSHIP God.

There are **several aspects** to worship:-

1. Ascribing worship to God – His Worth
2. Adoring the Lord
3. Intercession and Warfare
4. Spiritual Songs

1. **Ascribe** worship to God - His Worth

Worship has got to do with the **Holiness of God**

Leviticus 10:3

And Moses said to Aaron,

“This is what the LORD spoke, saying:

‘By those who come near ME,

I must be regarded as holy;

and before all the people I must be glorified.’”

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Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be **exalted** among the nations,
I will be **exalted** in the earth!

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose Name is Holy:
“I dwell in the High and Holy place, with Him who has a Contrite and Humble Spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Exercise III : Worship God

1. Ascribe worship to God - His Worth

For 1 minute, **ascribe** worship to the Lord.

Express in words only

(It may be helpful to write it down)

2. Adore the Lord.

This has to do with **expressing our love and admiration of the Lord.**

- This is when we see **His Beauty.**
- We are **enthralled, mesmerized.**
- We are captivated when we “**see**” Him.

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD,
that will I seek:
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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3. Intercession and Warfare.

For 1 minute, be still and sense what the Lord may lay on your heart to pray – **intercede** and just do it.

Psalm 25:14

The LORD confides in those
who fear Him;
He makes His Covenant known
to them.

4. Spiritual Songs

This is a window of time for our personal intimate expression of worship:-

- It is a Spontaneous Expression of our spirit that it is not improvised, not rehearsed, not premeditated.
- It is a Creative Expression to tell God what we think / feel about Him.

4. Spiritual Songs

- It may be words that we sing, a prayer, a hum, a sigh, personal prayer tongues, or just being still but consciously connecting to God.
- Born out of Faith and the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The place of **Spiritual / Spontaneous Songs**:-

Ephesians 5:18 - 20

... be **filled with the Spirit** ... in psalms and hymns and **spiritual songs**, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord ...

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ... in psalms and hymns and **spiritual songs**, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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CONCLUSION

Luke 18:1

Then He spoke a parable to them,
that men always ought to pray
and not lose heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

pray without ceasing