



ENTERING
the promised LAND

REVIEW : CROSSING THE RIVER JORDAN

- I. KNOW what is the Promised Land.
- II. Making the DECISION – COMMITMENT.
- III. Focus your eyes on GOD.
- IV. CONSECRATE yourself.
- V. CROSS OVER your River Jordan.

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The difference between

Moses Generation

Live by Sight

Joshua Generation

Live by Faith

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This is a transition from

- Natural Life
- Tree of Knowledge
- Walk by Sight
- Remain in Comfort Zone
- Worried and anxious of things and issues of this life

- Spiritual Life
- Tree of Life
- Walk by Faith
- Crossing Over
- Seeking first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness

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Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



Cutting the Flesh

Joshua 5:1 - 9

¹So it was, when all the kings of the Amorites who were on the west side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel until we had crossed over, that their heart melted; and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the children of Israel.

Joshua 5:1 - 9

²At that time the LORD said to Joshua,
“Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise
the sons of Israel again the second time.”

³So Joshua made flint knives for himself,
and circumcised the sons of Israel
at the hill of the foreskins.

Joshua 5:1 - 9

⁴And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt.

Joshua 5:1 - 9

⁵For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised.

Joshua 5:1 - 9

⁶For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the LORD— to whom the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, “a land flowing with milk and honey.”

Joshua 5:1 - 9

- ⁷Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.
- ⁸So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed.

Joshua 5:1 - 9

⁹Then the LORD said to Joshua,
“This day I have rolled away
the reproach of Egypt from you.”
Therefore the name of the place
is called Gilgal to this day.

I. BACKGROUND - Situation:-

- Israel has now crossed the River Jordan.
- The Canaanite Nations were totally terrified, demoralized and resigned to their fate.
- It would appear to be the perfect time for Joshua and Israel to attack.

I. BACKGROUND - Situation:-

- Instead, God commanded them to stay at Gilgal.
- It appeared that this stay at Gilgal will put them at risk before the enemy.
- The Ways of the Lord may seem strange.
- God is always right on time.

I. BACKGROUND - Situation:-

- Ours is not to argue what God wants us to do but to be obedient.
- God never gets into a hurry.
- In reality, God was preparing the army to fight.
- It was to be a Spiritual Battle first before the Physical Battle.

II. WHY CUT THE FLESH?

Genesis 17:10 – 11

¹⁰This is My Covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ¹¹and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a Sign of the Covenant between Me and you.

II. WHY CUT THE FLESH?

1. RENEWING their Covenant with God.

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- God reminded Israel that all the men born in the wilderness had to be circumcised.
- This was a sign of their covenant with God.
- The cutting of the flesh is the sign to remove those things that stand between God and us.
- To the Jews, circumcision was a reminder that they were a “**Marked People.**”

II. WHY CUT THE FLESH?

1. RENEWING their Covenant with God.
2. REAFFIRMING their Confidence in the LORD.

Joshua 5:8

So it was, when they had finished
circumcising all the people,
that they stayed in their places in the camp
till they were healed.

2. REAFFIRMING their Confidence in the LORD.

- At this time, Israel was camped in the midst of enemy territory.
- After the men were circumcised, they were temporarily unable to fight.
- So it took Great Faith to obey God.
- They had to demonstrate their faith and confidence in God to protect them.

II. WHY CUT THE FLESH?

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REPROACH OF EGYPT

Two events that nearly invoked God's Judgment to destroy Israel :-

- a. When they made the GOLDEN CALF.
(Exodus 32)
- b. When they refused to ENTER the Promised Land at Kadesh-Barnea.
(Numbers 13 - 14)

3. REMOVING their Condemnation by the LORD.

- On both occasions, God threatened to destroy Israel.
- Up to this point in Gilgal, they were still under reproach (*condemnation*).

III. LESSON PRINCIPLES

1. Know what is the FLESH in our lives.

The Flesh in our lives is :

**Completely focused
in the natural,
no different from
the non-believer.**

**Giving in to the lust
of the eyes and
ignoring the voice
of the conscience
e.g. indulging in
pornography.**

**Not aware at all of the spiritual
and the supernatural until
something major happens.**

**Not vigilant, unguarded
and giving in to the lust
of the flesh
e.g. committing adultery,
fornication, stealing, lying..**

Galatians 5:19 – 21

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Galatians 5:19 – 21

²¹envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries,
and the like; of which I tell you beforehand,
just as I also told you in time past,
that those who practice such things will not inherit
the Kingdom of God.

It is the operation of **the Law of Sin
and Death.**

III. LESSON PRINCIPLES

1. Know what is the FLESH in our lives.
2. Know and acknowledge the HOLY
SPIRIT to live the Spiritual Life.

This begins when we believe and
receive Christ Jesus as
Savior and Lord of our lives.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him,
to them He gave the right to become children of God,
to those who believe in His Name ...

Romans 10:9 - 10

⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your heart that God has raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness,
and with the mouth confession
is made unto salvation.

John 3:3, 5

³Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁵Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

This is the Christian life

Galatians 2:20

- Christ dwells in us.

1 Corinthians 6:19

- The Holy Spirit is in us.

John 14:23

- The Father God also dwells with us as we walk in obedience.

This is the Law of the Spirit of Life
in Christ Jesus

This is the Christian life

Romans 8:5 – 6

Mind set on the Spirit = Peace and Life

Mind set on the flesh = Death

Intentionally be sensitive to the Holy Spirit

Come to your senses especially when drawn by
own evil sinful desires - **James 1:14 - 15**

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Galatians 5:16, 18, 25

Walk, live, be led, keep in step with the Spirit

1 John 2:27

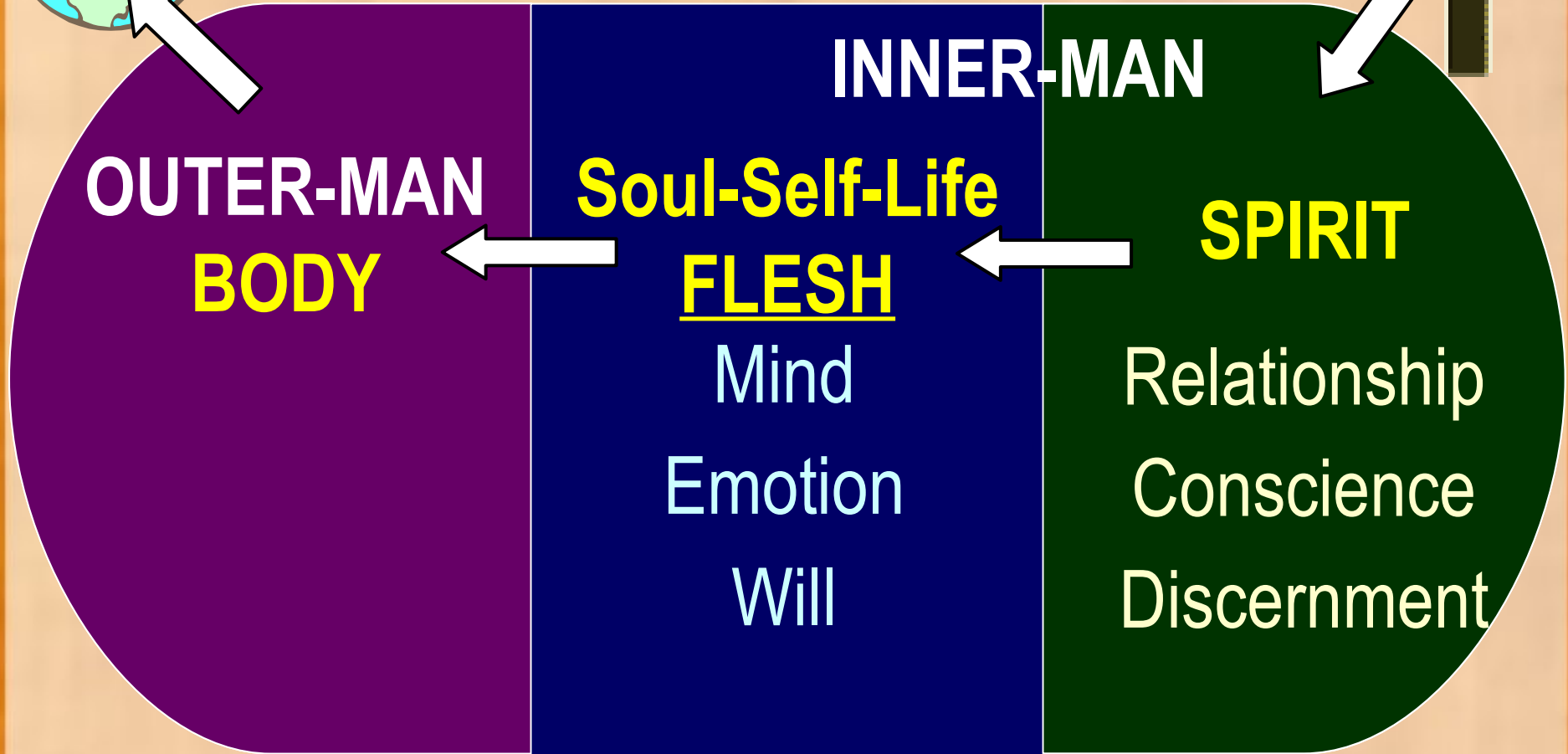
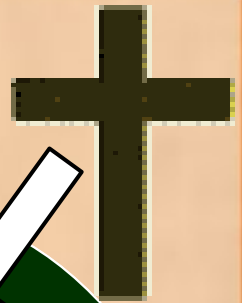
The Holy Spirit is the Anointing
to teach us **ALL** things

Luke 9:23

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires
to come after Me, let him **deny himself**,
and **take up his cross daily**, and **follow Me**.”



FLOW OF SPIRITUAL LIFE





WHY

The biggest obstacle to growing spiritually is the **FLESH**

i.e. the corrupted self-soul-natural life, our old man.

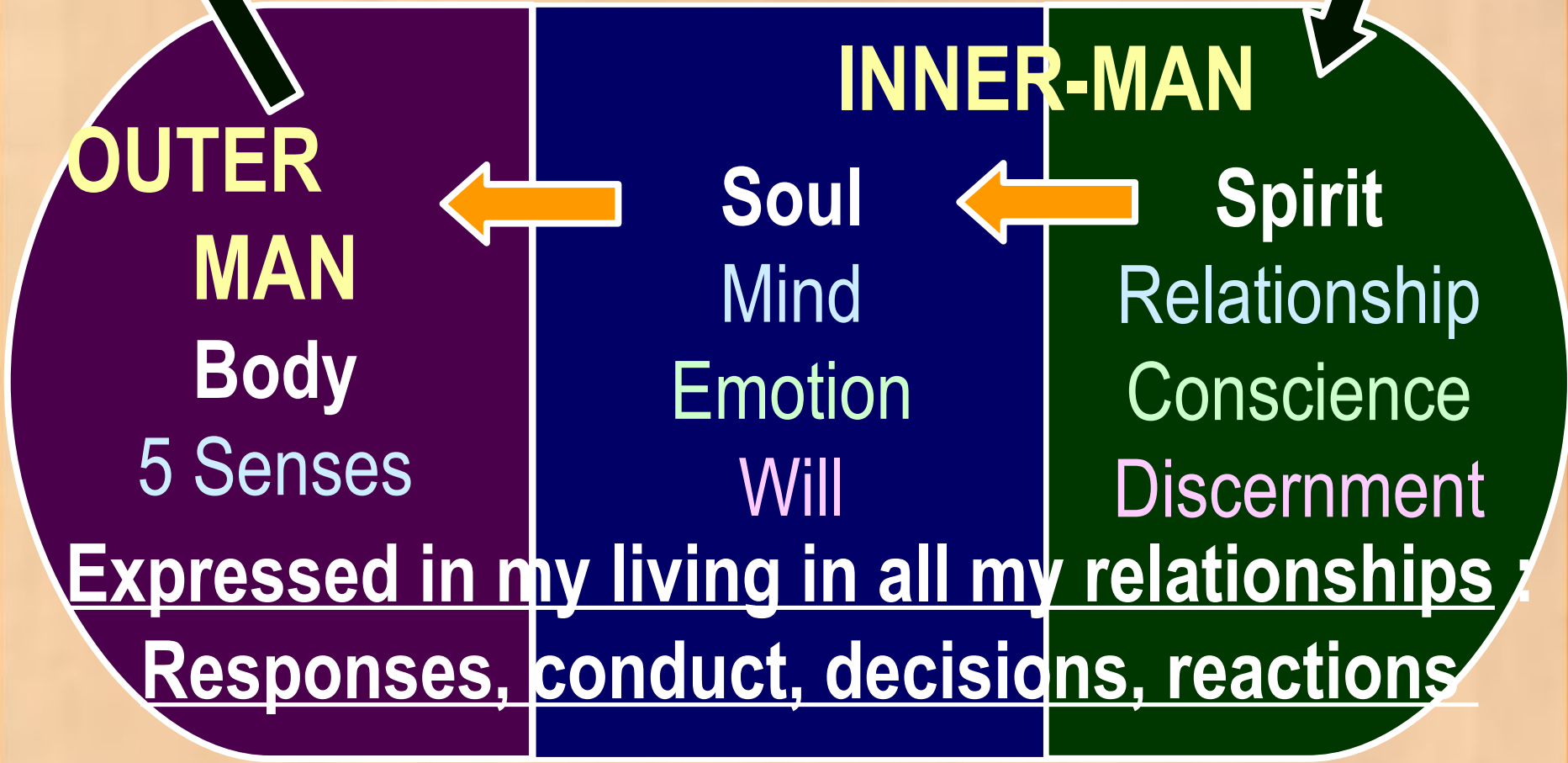
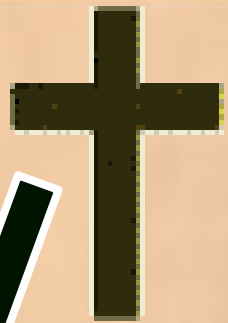
The **Flesh** is a blockage to Spiritual Life flowing through

Our Self - Soul Life - Flesh - Carnal Nature

our self-justification	our opinions	our human arguments
our forceful will	our low self-esteem	our strong-minds
our low self-image	our self-defense	our deep emotion
our insecurity	our cleverness	our ways
		our self-love



3. Daily, we are to intentionally **DIE** to the flesh and **LIVE** by the Spirit of God.



The FLESH - our Natural Personality must be transformed

- Our **MINDS** must be *renewed* after Christ's.
- Our **EMOTIONS** must be *molded* by the Holy Spirit.
- Our **WILLS** must be *aligned* to the Father's.

90% of Relational Problems and Conflicts are due to The Flesh :

In Our Marriages

In Our Families

In Society

Amongst neighbors and nations

In Our Parenting

In Our Churches, Para-Churches and Mission Agencies

**In BBTC –
in our CGs and Ministries**

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4. As we do so, no more
CONDEMNATION but
CONFIDENCE to live our lives and
reign and rule with Christ.

Romans 8:1 - 3

¹There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh

4. As we do so, no more **CONDEMNATION** but **CONFIDENCE** to live our lives and reign and rule with Christ.

a. No condemnation because we have the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** in Christ.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21

We have peace with God
when we know that in Christ,
we have the Righteousness of God.

Romans 5:17

This Gift of Righteousness gives us
the Confidence in life.

Together with the abundance of Grace,
we reign in life with Christ.

No Condemnation!

But a clear and good conscience always !
We are over-comers and follow Christ
in triumph in daily living.

4. As we do so, no more **CONDEMNATION** but **CONFIDENCE** to live our lives and reign and rule with Christ.

a. No condemnation because we have the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** in Christ.

b. Confidence and **BOLDNESS** in **RELATIONSHIP** with God.

Hebrews 10:19, 22 – 23

¹⁹Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is Faithful.

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c. Confidence and boldness to **LIVE** and to **SERVE** God.

Hebrews 10:24 – 25

²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Confidence and boldness to **LIVE** and to **SERVE**
God

This is Opposite from the Situation of :

1 Corinthians 3:1 – 4

¹And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to **carnal**, as to **babes in Christ**. ²I fed you with **milk** and **not with solid food**; for until now you were **not able to receive it**, and **even now you are still not able**;

Confidence and boldness to LIVE and to SERVE
God

This is Opposite from the Situation of :

1 Corinthians 3:1 – 4

³for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

⁴For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not carnal?

SUMMARY : LESSON PRINCIPLES

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2. Know and acknowledge the **HOLY SPIRIT** to live the Spiritual Life.
3. Daily, we are to intentionally **DIE** to the flesh and **LIVE** by the Spirit of God.
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SUMMARY : LESSON PRINCIPLES

- **If there is No Cutting of the Flesh In Our Lives**
 - **We Cannot Conquer Jericho**
 - **There is No Blessing In Our Lives**
 - **No Victory – No Spiritual Progress**
 - **No Wisdom – No Favor**
- **The Flesh Blocks Out The Grace Of God To Us!**

CONCLUSION

Romans 2:28 – 29

²⁸For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;

²⁹but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

CONCLUSION

Ephesians 4:22 – 24

²²that you put off [cut the flesh],
concerning your former conduct,
the old man which grows corrupt according to
the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed
in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and that you put on
the new man which was created according to
God, in true righteousness and holiness.

CONCLUSION

Pray the **WORD OF GOD**
to **CUT** the **FLESH**

Luke 9:23; Romans 6:11; Romans 6:13,19
Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 4:10-11;
2 Corinthians 5:7