



This is the Year of God's Favor!

**How many of us have experienced
some form of favor since Jan 2015?**

Video
Unique Connection
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Learn from mothers
Their nurturing nature

Word for both Man and Woman BUT ...

The image features a photograph of a mother kissing a sleeping baby on the forehead. The background is a soft, pinkish-purple gradient with heart shapes and bokeh effects. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.



Men like to come together
to do man's thing
- *which is nothing* -



"We are fathers and we have heard
the message for us already!"

"Mothering is for Mothers just as Fathering
is for Fathers!"

Really?



1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. **8** So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

2 Timothy 3:13-17

13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. **14** You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, **15** and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.



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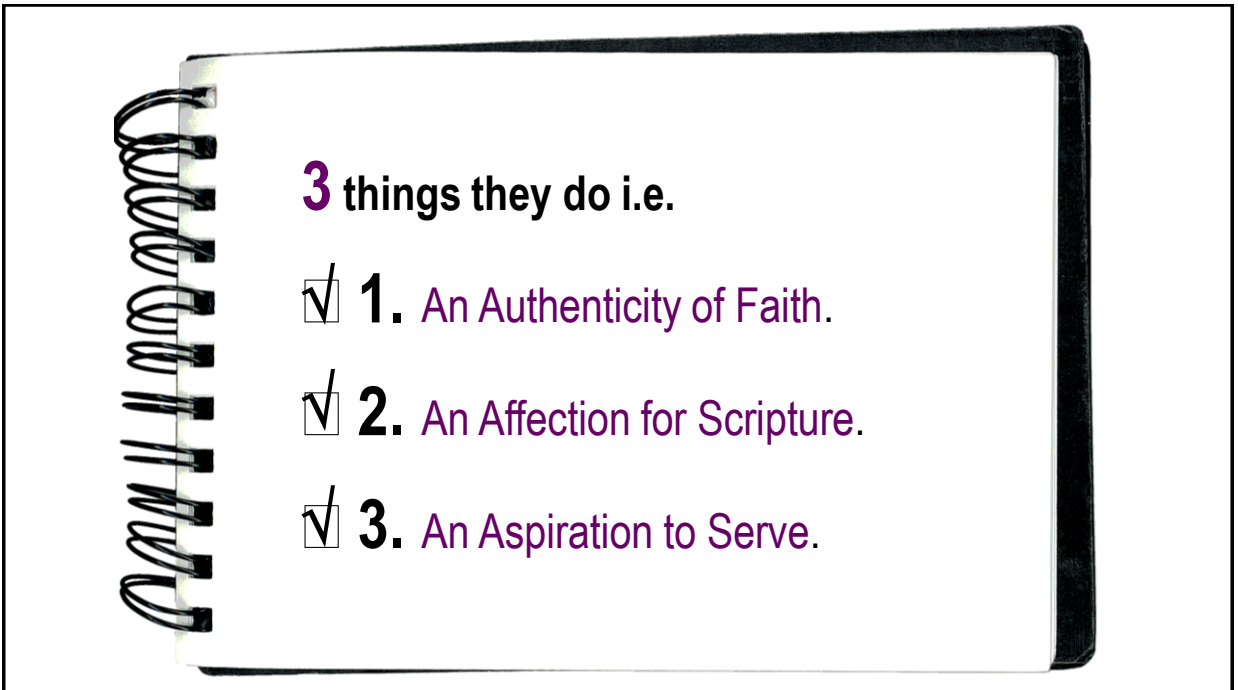


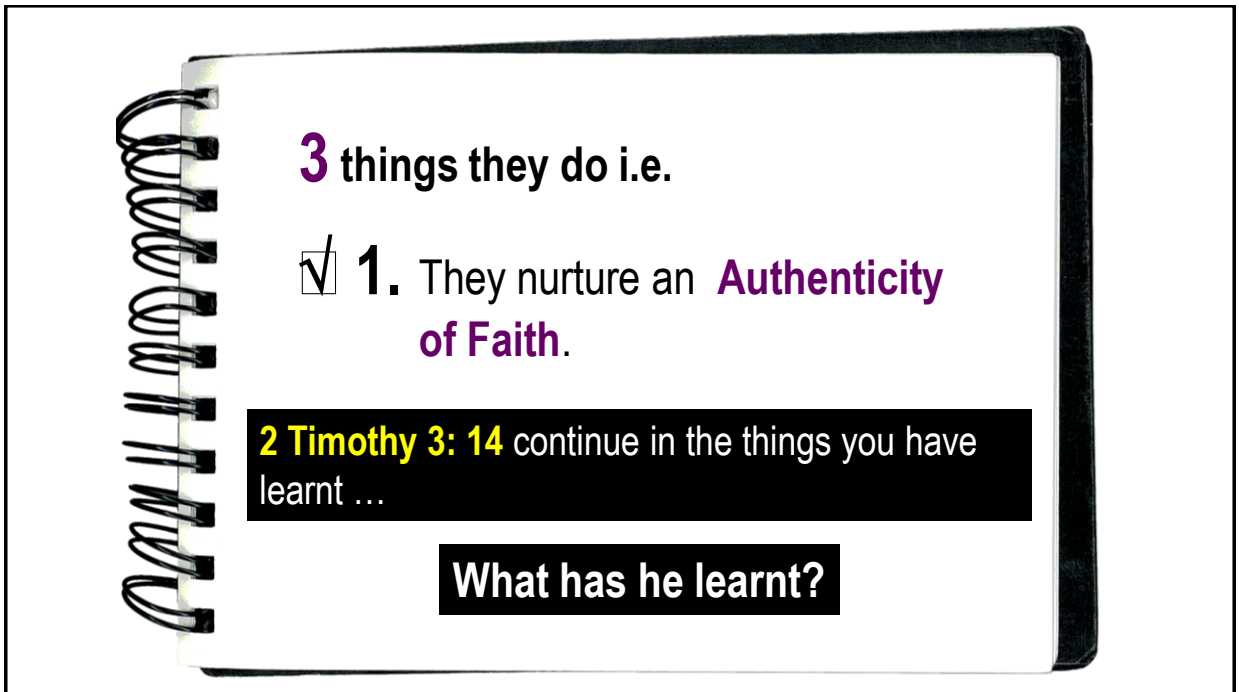
Context - 2 Timothy 3

v1 talked about difficult times are coming.

v13 repeated that with “**evil men**”, “**bad to worse**”, “**deceiving and being deceived**”.







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Sincere

**A mother can make a significant spiritual impact
on her children!**



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But where are the men? His father?



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Authentic Faith begins with Mom (& Dad)!

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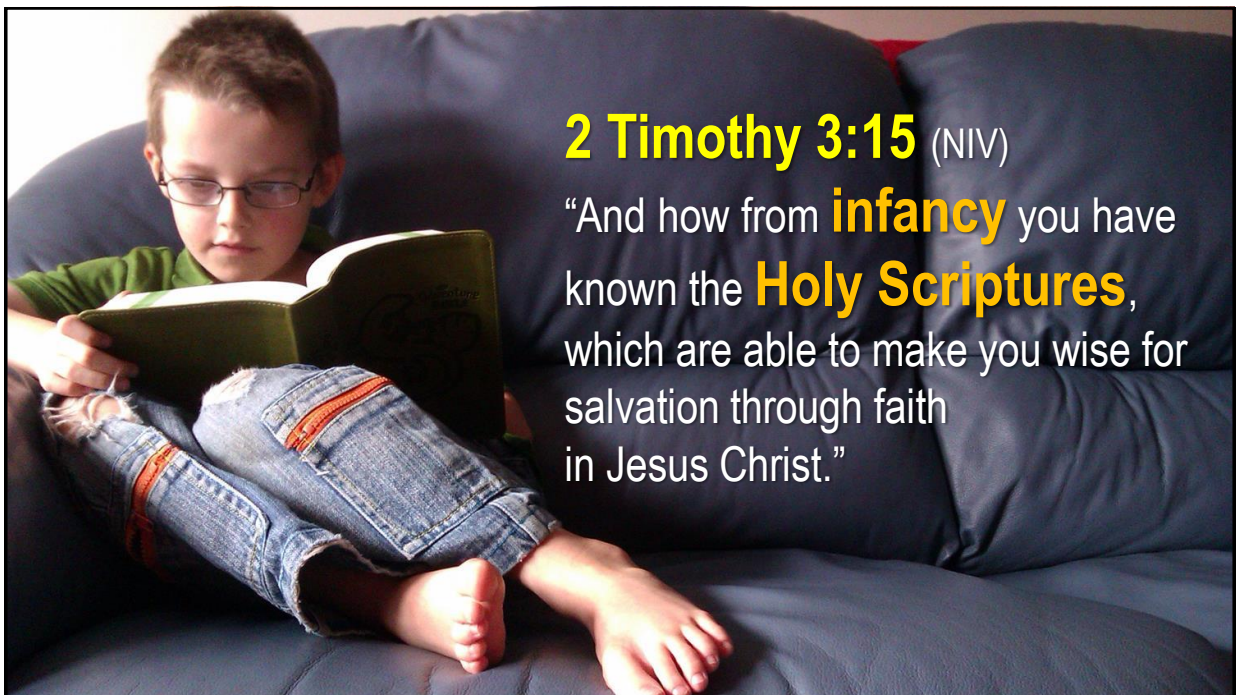
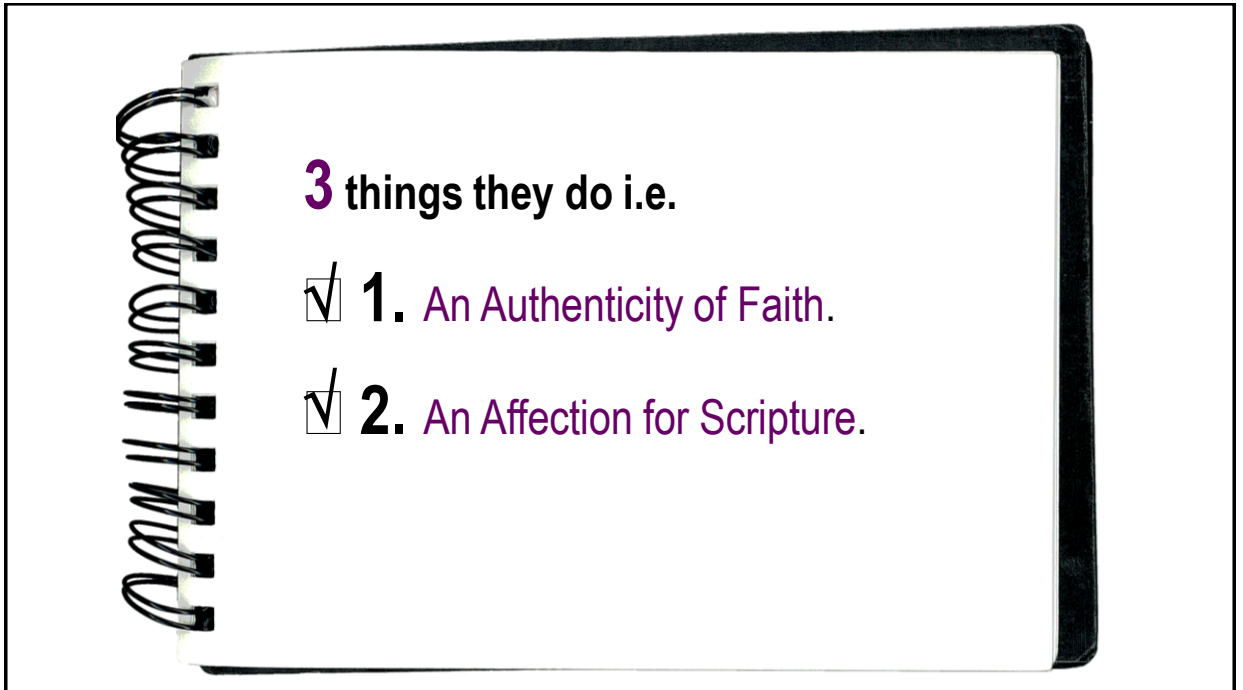
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Share our struggles e.g. in QT, Purity, Pain, etc.





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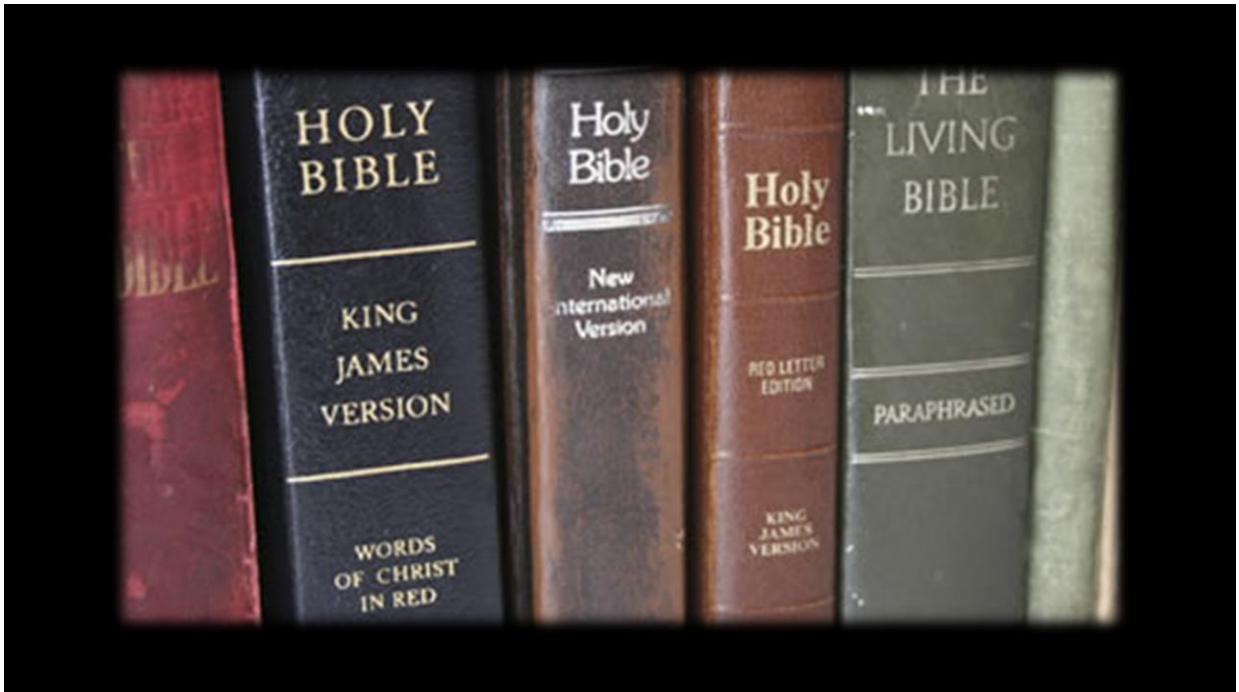
2 Timothy 3:14 “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and **become convinced of**, because **you know those from whom you learned it.**”











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1. Point them to Christ.
2. Pray.
3. Acknowledge that something is wrong.
4. Don't expect them to be Christ-like.
5. Welcome them home.
6. Plead with them more than you rebuke them.



John Piper

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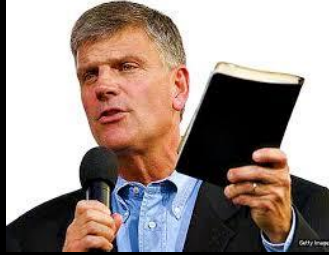
7. Connect them to believers who have better access to them.
8. Respect their friends.
9. Email them.
10. Take them to lunch.
11. Take an interest in their pursuits.
12. Point them to Christ.



John Piper



John Piper
Pastor



Franklin Graham
Evangelist

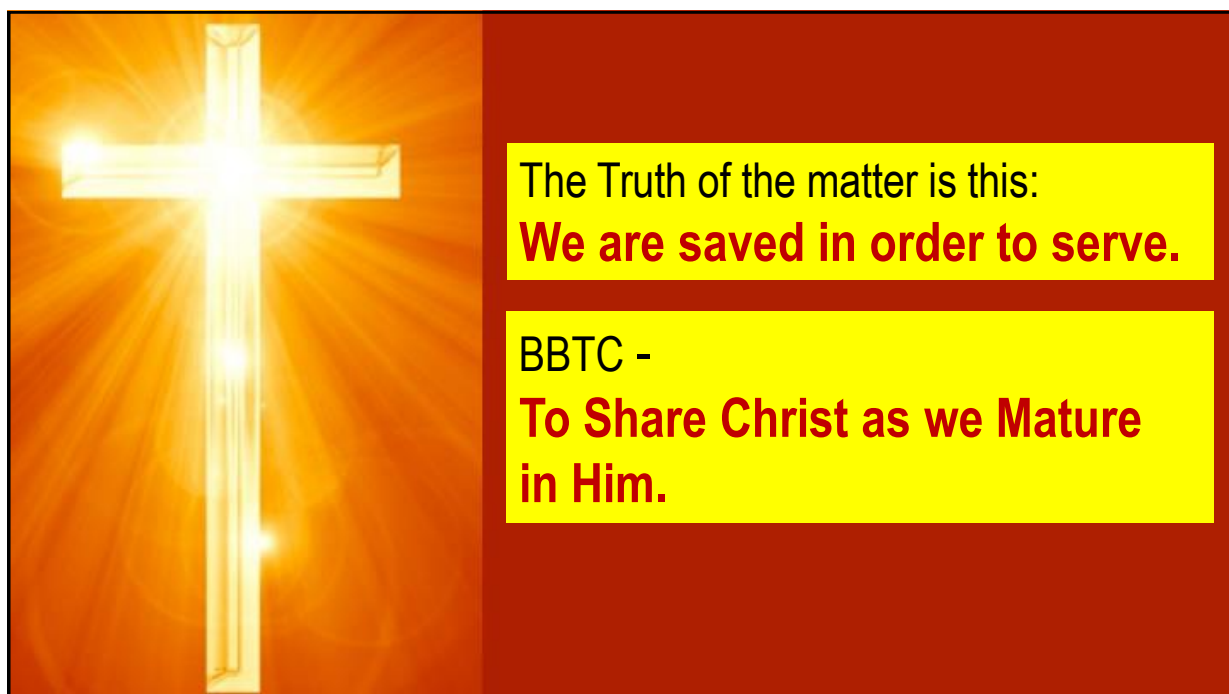
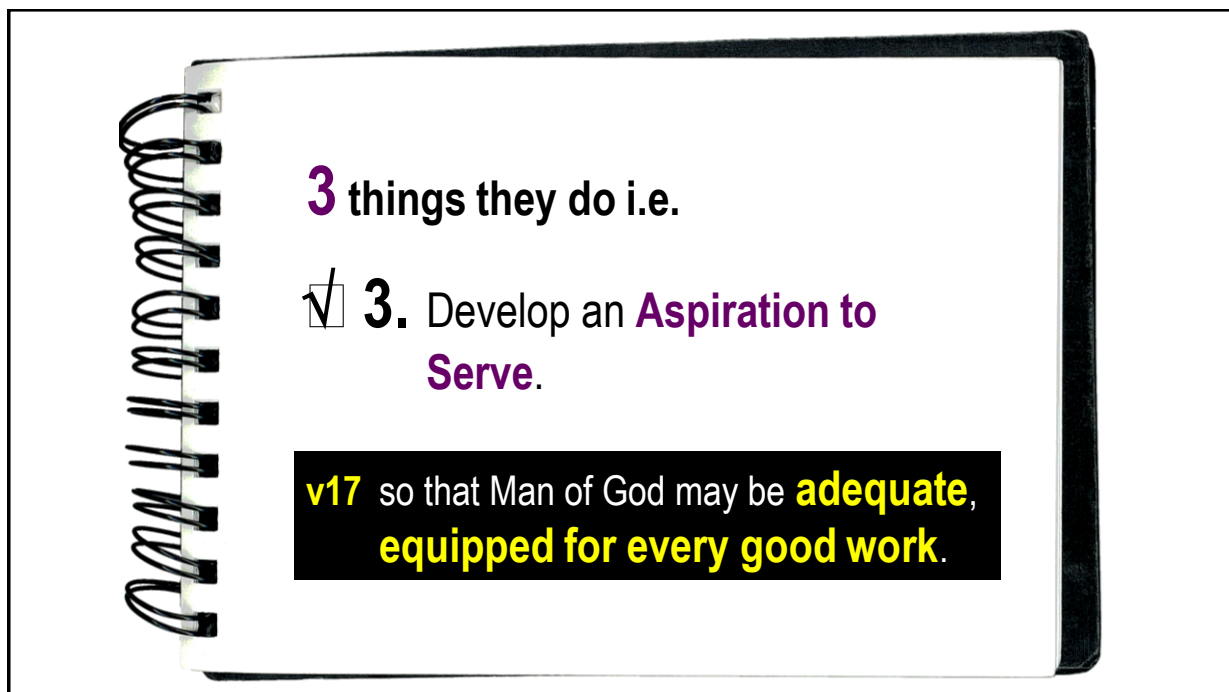


Edmund Chan
Pastor

They were once prodigal sons!

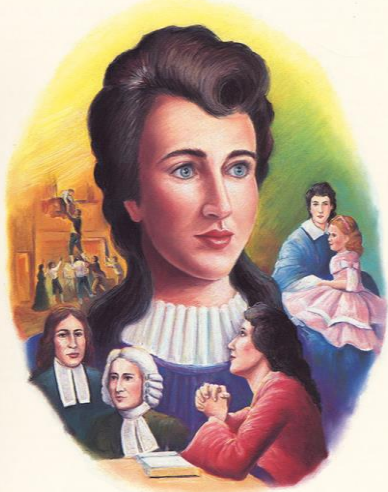
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SUSANNA WESLEY

A Mother Who Overcame Hardships and Impacted the World

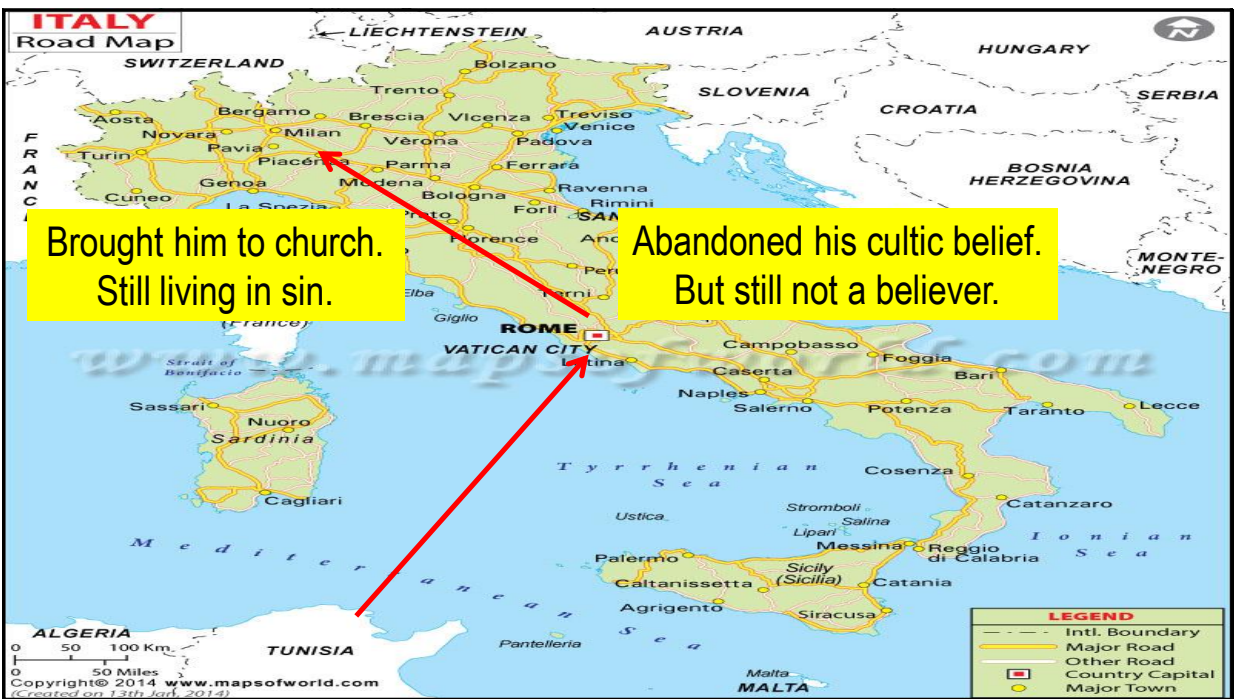


HEROES OF FAITH

Susanna Wesley (20 January 1669 - 23 July 1742), born Susanna Annesley, was the daughter of Dr. Samuel Annesley and Mary White, and the mother of John and Charles Wesley. "... although she never preached a sermon or published a book or founded a church, (she) is known as the Mother of Methodism. Why? Because two of her sons, John Wesley and Charles Wesley, as children consciously or unconsciously will, **applied the example and teachings and circumstances of their home life** i.e. SERVING."

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More education = less happy

More travelling = more tired

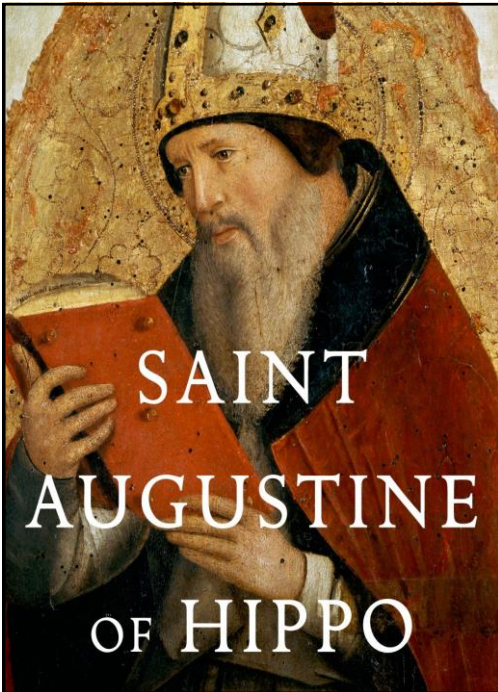
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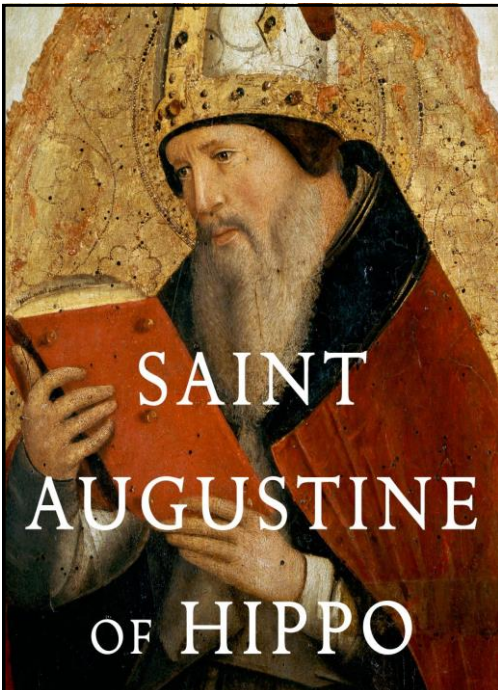
Romans 13:13 Let us behave properly as in the day,
not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and
sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus
Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.





St Augustine (354-430) was an early Christian theologian and philosopher whose writings influenced the development of Western Christianity and Western philosophy. He was the bishop of Hippo (Roman province of Africa). He is viewed as one of the most important Church Fathers in the Western Christianity for his writings .

His writings are well accepted by the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion, as well as Protestants, especially Calvinists.



God uses the prayers of His people to accomplish His purpose.

We cannot convert the soul of man.

Monica **SERVED** through Prayers.



Summary

How does mother nurture their children:

- 1.** By developing An Authenticity of Faith
- 2.** By developing An Affection for Scripture
- 3.** By developing An Aspiration to Serve