

WALK ON WATER



Life Lessons

Matthew 14:22-24

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.



Matthew 14:25-28

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."



Matthew 13:58

"He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

Mark 6:5

"Jesus could not do mighty works there, except to heal a few sick folk, because of their unbelief."



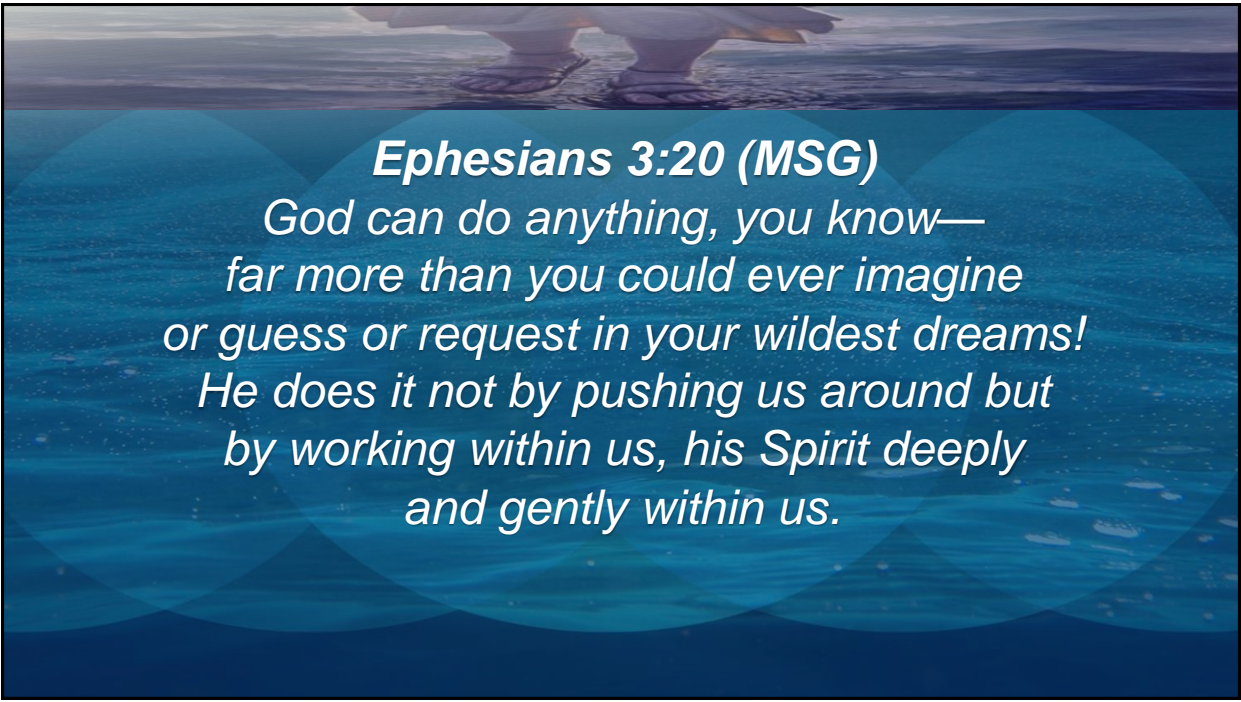
God invites us to ask **BIG!**

Psalm 81:10 (AMP)

“...Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.”

Jeremiah 33:3 (AMP)

³ Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand).



Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)

*God can do anything, you know—
far more than you could ever imagine
or guess or request in your wildest dreams!
He does it not by pushing us around but
by working within us, his Spirit deeply
and gently within us.*

① **Foggy** - Those who never dream big things for God.

② **Frustrated** - those who dream, but seldom see things happen.

③ **Fulfilled** - Those who dreams and see it comes to pass and live with a sense of purpose.

Three Types of Christians

a. **Exhaustion** - they are worn out.

b. **Excuses** - they are full of excuses.

c. **Envy** - they compare with others.

d. **Eagerness** - passion but no direction.

**Frustrated
ones...**

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top portion shows a person's legs and feet walking on a calm body of water, with ripples visible. The bottom portion is a solid dark blue color with a subtle, repeating pattern of light blue circles or ripples.

1 John 5:4 (AMP)

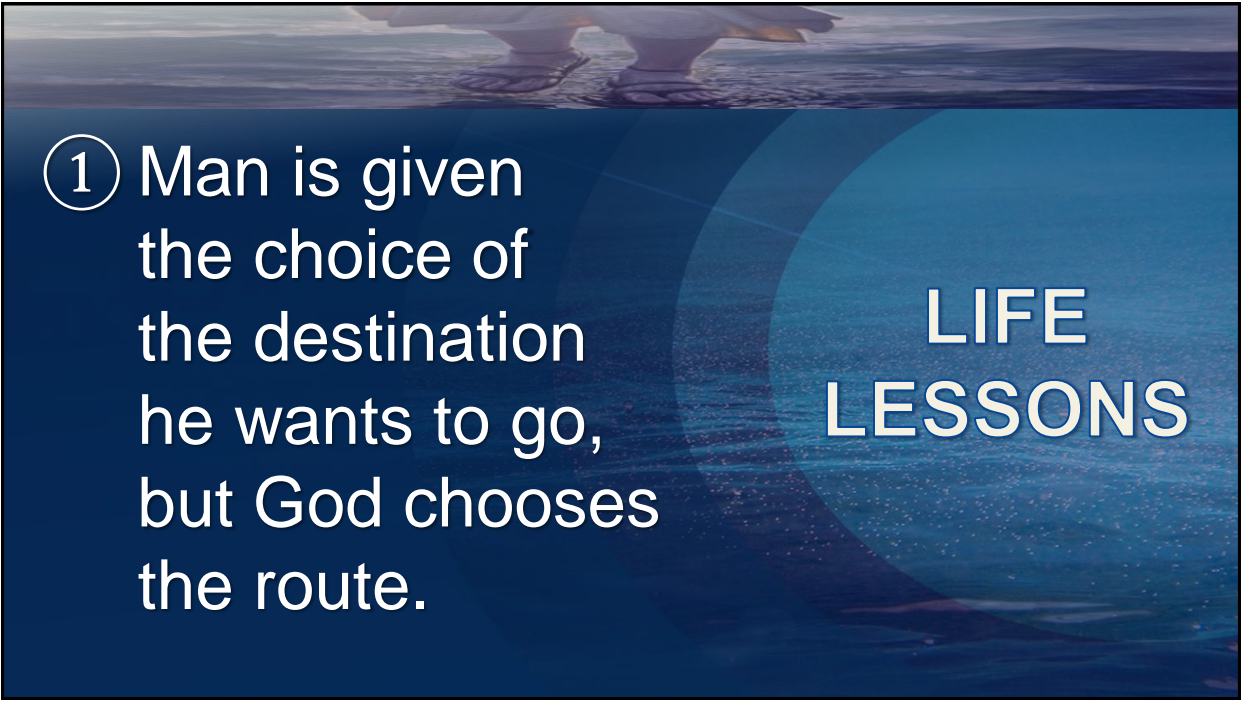
For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world;
and this is the victory that conquers the world,
even our faith.

1 John 5:4 Lexham English Bible (LEB)

*everyone who is fathered by God
conquers the world*

Bible has records of Unforgettable walks

- a) Abraham took a walk with his son
- b) Moses took the liberating walk thru the wilderness
- c) Enoch walked with God
- d) Joshua and Israelites walked around Jericho
- e) Two disciples walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus
- f) Paul's walk to Damascus was interrupted
- g) Jesus' walk the via dolorosa

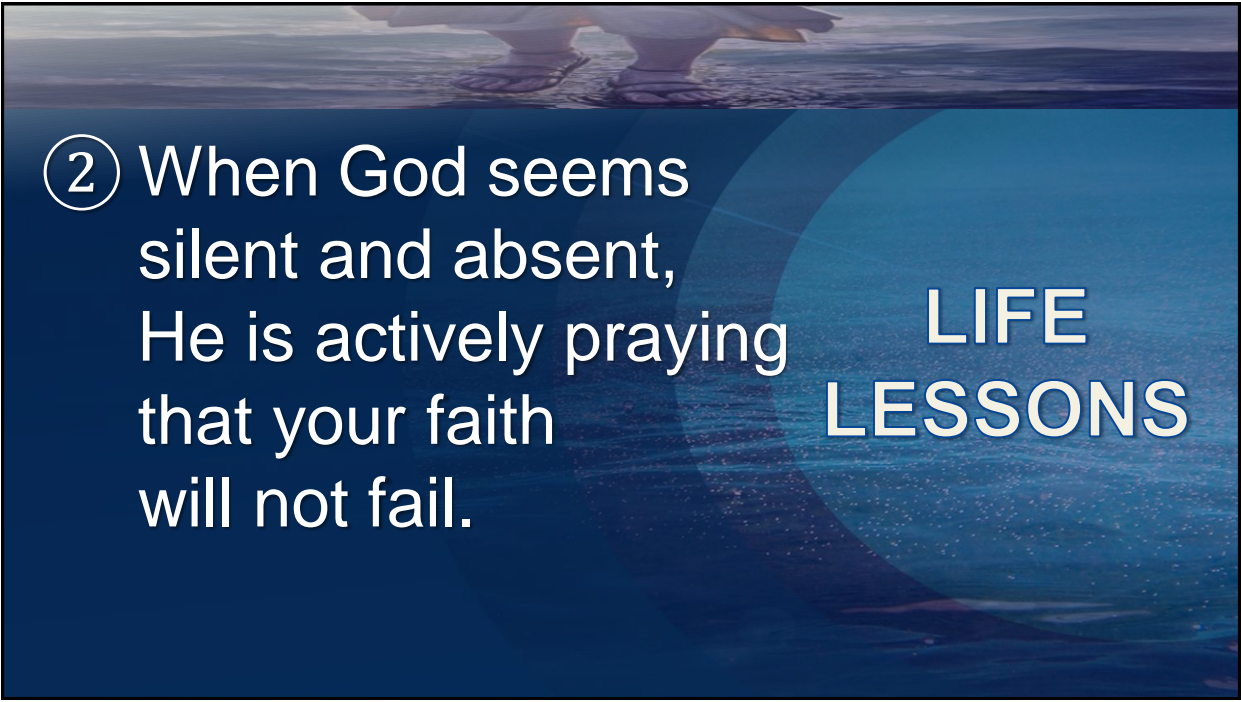
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- ① Man is given the choice of the destination he wants to go, but God chooses the route.

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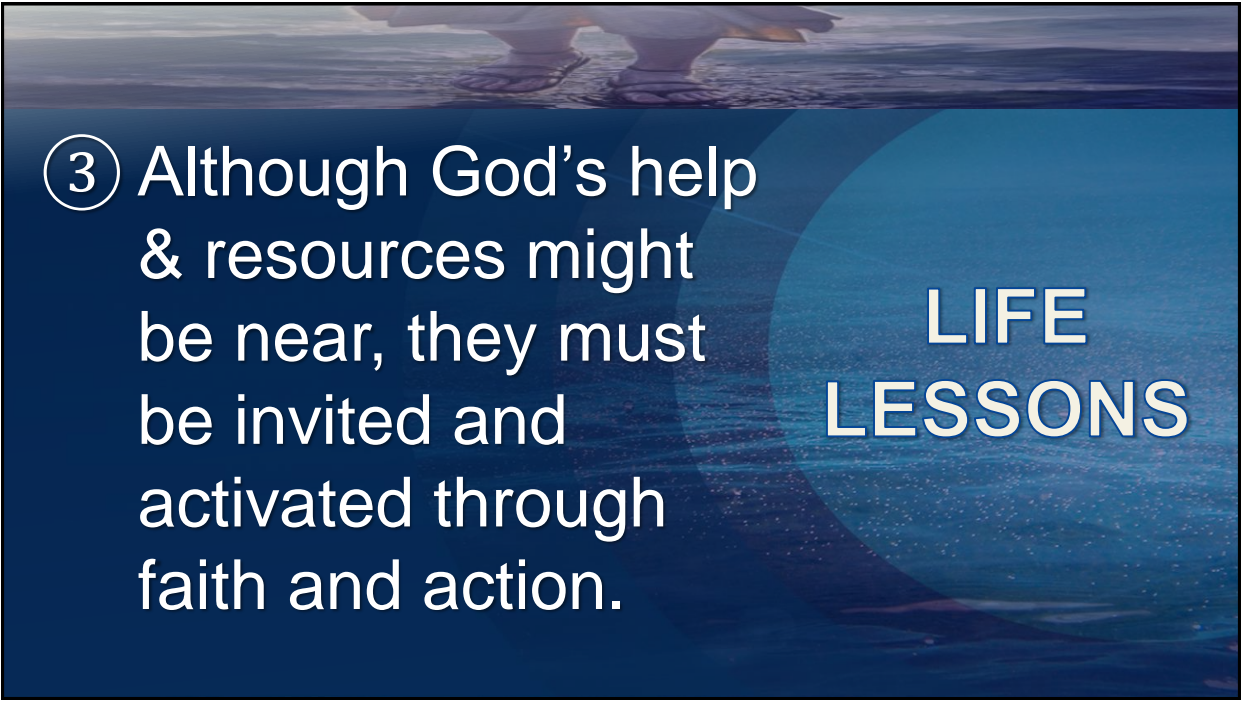
② When God seems
silent and absent,
He is actively praying
that your faith
will not fail.

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Matthew 14:23

*“ ... when He sent the multitudes away,
He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.
Now when the evening came,
He was alone there ...”*


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- ③ Although God's help & resources might be near, they must be invited and activated through faith and action.

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Mark 6:48

*“...He saw them toiling in rowing;
for the wind was contrary unto them;
and about the fourth watch of the night
He cometh unto them, walking upon the sea,
and would have passed by them”*



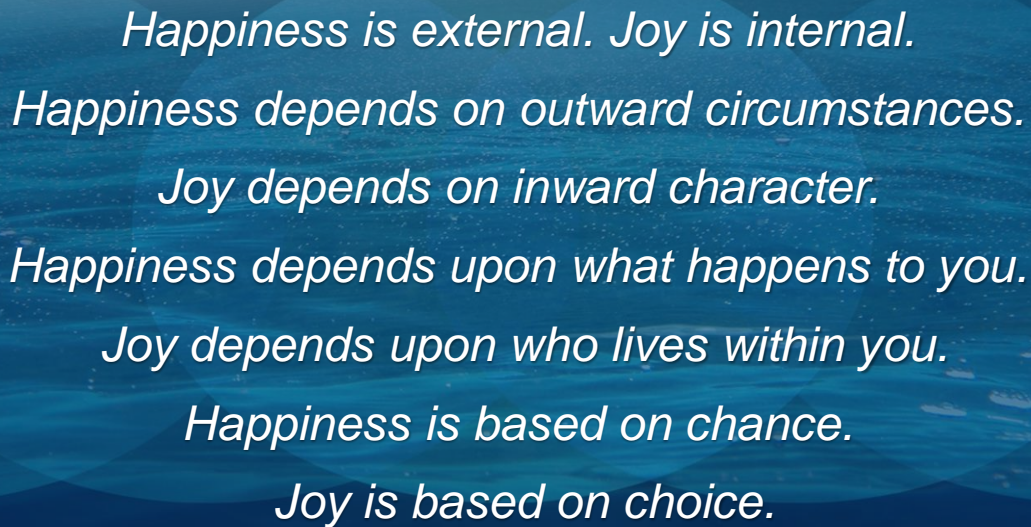
④ Joy is the key factor
that creates an
environment for God
to work in.

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Matthew 14:27

*“ ... Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“be of good cheer!
It is I;
do not be afraid”*

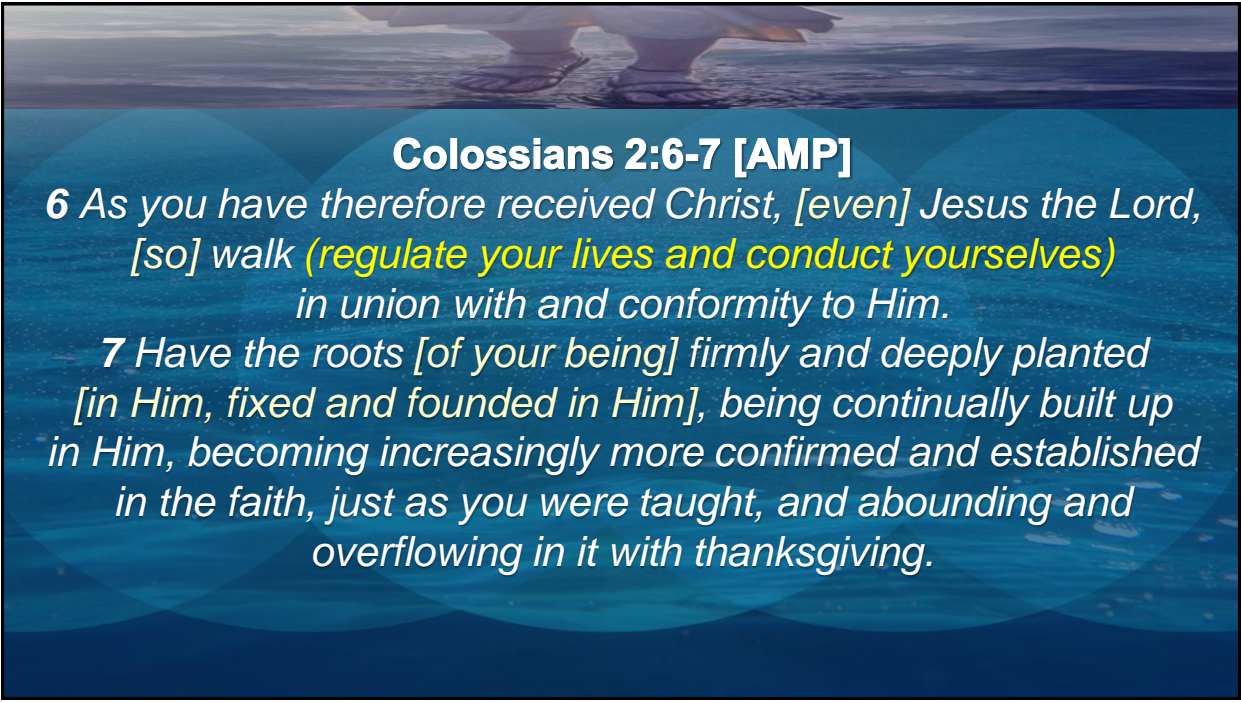


Happiness is external. Joy is internal.
Happiness depends on outward circumstances.
Joy depends on inward character.
Happiness depends upon what happens to you.
Joy depends upon who lives within you.
Happiness is based on chance.
Joy is based on choice.



Four Things about Joy

- 1. Joy is learned*
- 2. Joy is all about perspective*
- 3. Joy & gratefulness go hand in hand*
- 4. Worry is a killjoy*



Colossians 2:6-7 [AMP]

6 As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk *(regulate your lives and conduct yourselves)* in union with and conformity to Him.

7 Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving.



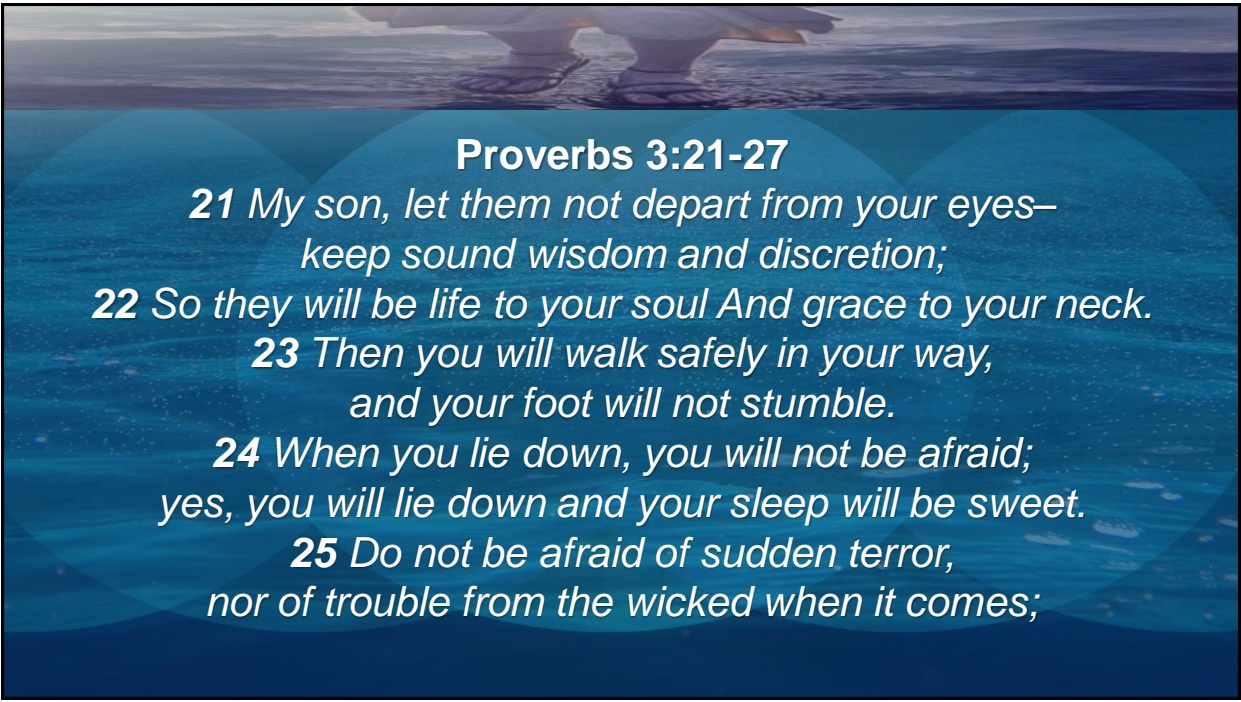
⑤ Fear is disempowered by voice command.

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Matthew 14:27

*“ ... Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“ ... do not be afraid”*



Proverbs 3:21-27


- 21** *My son, let them not depart from your eyes—
keep sound wisdom and discretion;*
- 22** *So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.*
- 23** *Then you will walk safely in your way,
and your foot will not stumble.*
- 24** *When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.*
- 25** *Do not be afraid of sudden terror,
nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;*



Proverbs 3:26-27

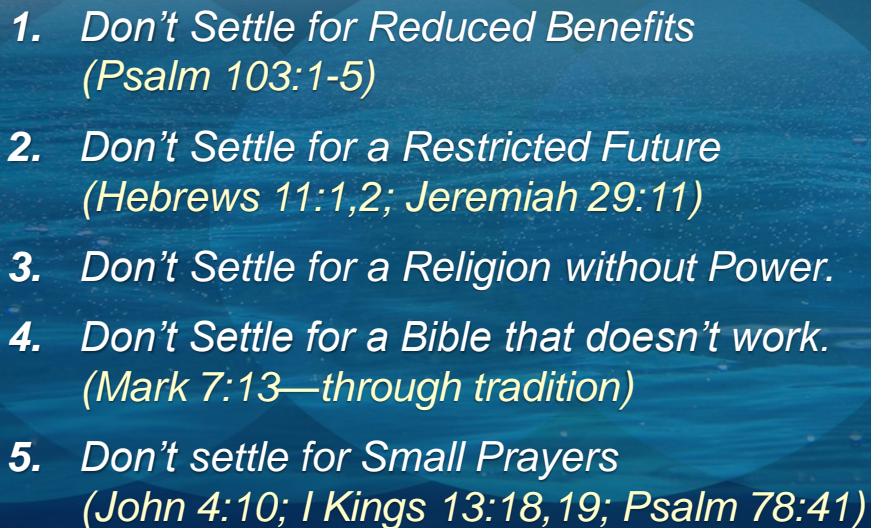
*26 For the LORD will be your confidence,
and will keep your foot from being caught.*

*27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in the power of your hand to do so.*



⑥ You must learn
to recognize life
changing
opportunities around
desperate
circumstances.


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1. *Don't Settle for Reduced Benefits*
(*Psalm 103:1-5*)
 2. *Don't Settle for a Restricted Future*
(*Hebrews 11:1,2; Jeremiah 29:11*)
 3. *Don't Settle for a Religion without Power.*
 4. *Don't Settle for a Bible that doesn't work.*
(*Mark 7:13—through tradition*)
 5. *Don't settle for Small Prayers*
(*John 4:10; I Kings 13:18,19; Psalm 78:41*)

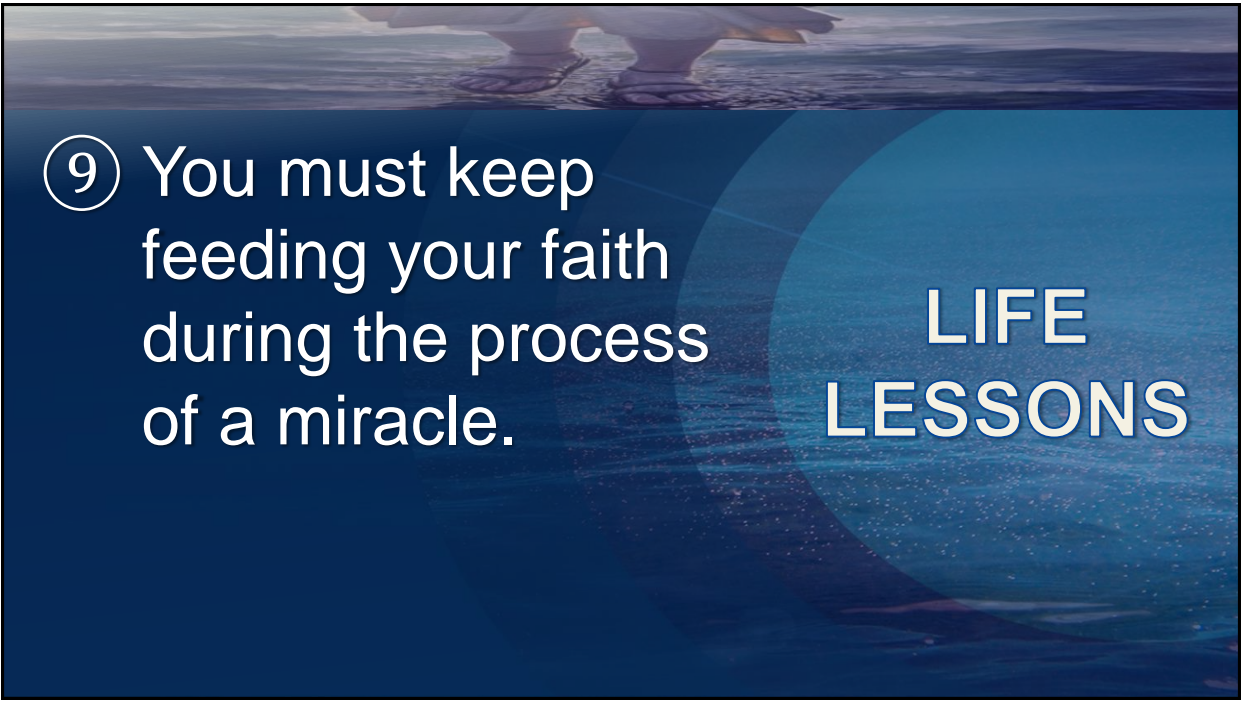


⑦ Learn to ask right ...

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- ⑧ You must leave something behind to move forward.

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- ⑨ You must keep feeding your faith during the process of a miracle.

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Hebrews 12:1-3 [NKJV]

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.



God
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HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK