

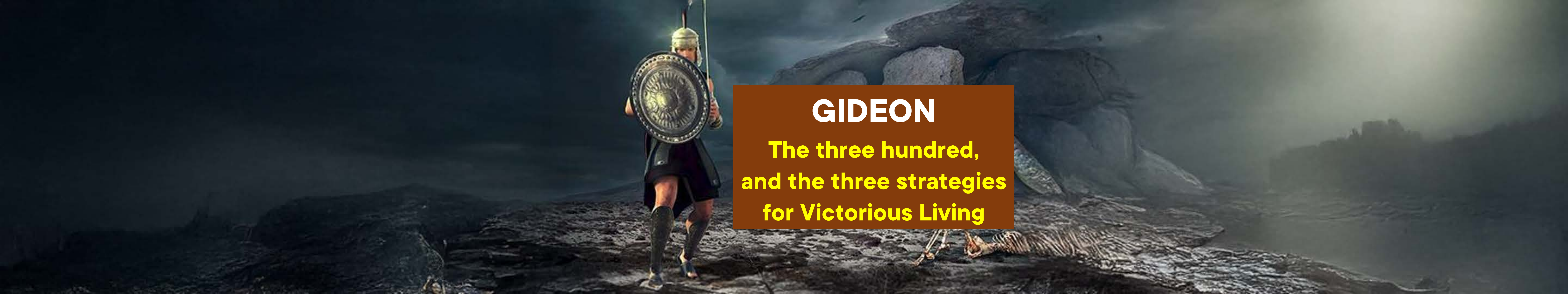


*Theme: Developing your inner-life*

## **3 STRATEGIES FOR VICTORIOUS LIVING**

Blow the Trumpet. Break the Jar. Light the Torch





# GIDEON

**The three hundred,  
and the three strategies  
for Victorious Living**



### Judges 7:2-18

**2** And the LORD said to Gideon, “The **people** who are with you are **too many** for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, **lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me**, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ **3** Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, “Whoever is **fearful and afraid**, let him turn and **depart at once** from Mount Gilead.” And **twenty-two thousand** of the people returned, and **ten thousand** remained.



**Judges 7:2-18**

**4** But the LORD said to Gideon, “The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, “This one shall go with you, the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, “This one shall not go with you, the same shall not go.” **5** So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, “Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink.”





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**6** And the number of **those who lapped, putting their hand** to their mouth, was **three hundred men**; but all **the rest** of the people got **down on their knees to drink water**. **7** Then the LORD said to Gideon, **“By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand.** Let all the other people go, every man to his place.”



**Judges 7:2-18**

**8** So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all the rest of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley. **9** It happened on the same night that the Lord said to him, “Arise, go down against the camp, **for I have delivered it into your hand (Promise).**”





Judges 7:2-18

10 **But (trial of faith)** if you are **afraid** to go down, **go down to the camp with Purah your servant**, 11 and you shall **hear** what they say; and afterward **your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp.**”

**(assurance and encouragement)** Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who were in the camp.



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**12** Now the **Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East**, were lying in the valley as **numerous as locusts; (BIG problem)** and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude. **13** And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a **dream** to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."





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14 Then **his companion answered and said,**

**“This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon  
the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand  
God has delivered Midian and the whole camp.”**



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**15** And so it was, when **Gideon heard** the **telling of the dream and its interpretation**, that he worshipped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and **said (by faith)**, “Arise, for **the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand.**” **16** Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put **a trumpet** into every man's hand, with **empty pitchers**, and **torches** inside the pitchers.



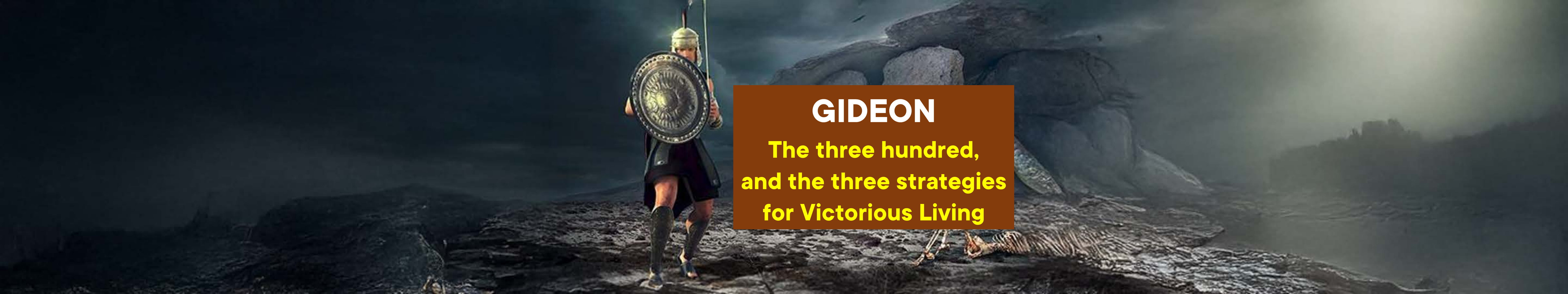


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**17** And he said to them, “**Look at me and do likewise; watch**, and when I come to the edge of the camp **you shall do as I do**: **18** When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and **say**,  
**“The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!”**







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## Judges 7

Gideon against the Midianites

= 32,000 men - 22,000 men

= 10,000 men - 9,700 men

**Left with three hundred men**



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and **torches inside the pitchers**.





## **Judges 7:16: The three strategies**

Typological Lessons

Symbolic Representations

Spiritual Applications

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**Typology: Speak the Word**  
**Proclamation - speaking forth, communication**

In the context of **warfare for victory** for the people of God

**Isaiah 58:1**

Cry aloud ... **lift up your voice** like a **trumpet** ...





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In the Old Testament, the trumpet is used for  
**communication:**

**e.g. 1:** Signal to **move** camp

**e.g. 2 :** Signal to **attack** in war

**1 Corinthians 14:8** For if the trumpet makes  
an **uncertain sound**, who will prepare for **battle**?





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## Three applications:

### 1. **Continually commune with God**

- in devotion (prayer - details)
- to receive mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16)
- for breakthroughs (as Priest and King)





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To dismantle strongholds: bring salvation, deliverance, healing ...

e.g. Jehoshaphat in battle

2 Chronicles 20:22





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**Psalm 149:6** Let the **high praises** of God be in their mouth,  
And a **two-edged sword** in their hand (***sing and pray the Word***)

#### **EG1: Goodness of God**

Psalm 100:5

James 1:17

Romans 8:28

Psalm 23:6

Romans 12:2

Luke 11:13

Romans 2:4

#### **EG2: Hope**

1 Peter 1:3

Hebrews 6:19

Hebrews 11:1

Romans 15:13

Colossians 1:27





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- **The Man of War** (Exodus 15:3)
- **Jehovah Nissi** (Exodus 17:15)
- **The Commander of the Lord's Army** (Joshua 5:14)
- **The Battle belongs to the Lord!** (2 Chronicles 2:15; 1 Samuel 17:47)
- **Jehovah Tsebaoth: The Lord of Hosts** (1 Samuel 17:45)
- **The God of Peace** (Romans 16:20)





Three applications:

1. **Continually commune with God**

Three applications:

2. **To build personal faith**

**2 Corinthians 4:13** And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, “**I believed and therefore I spoke,**” **we also believe and therefore speak ...**





**Three applications:**

**2. To build personal faith**

**Believe the Word and speak it:**

- I am deeply loved by God
- I have been completely forgiven in Christ
- I am a child of God
- I am the righteousness of God in Christ
- I can come to God 24/7/365
- The devil has no ground in me
- God's love in my life casts out every fear in me
- I have divine wisdom
- I walk in God's favour
- I am always protected in Christ

John 3:16

1 John 1:9

John 1:12

2 Corinthians 5:21

Hebrews 4:16

John 14:30

1 John 4:18

1 Corinthians 1:30

Psalms 5:12

Psalms 91





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#### 3. **To minister to others: Speak words of victory**

- to value-add (Proverbs 18:21)
- to edify, encourage and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3)
- build each other up (Ephesians 4:29)
- impart grace and wisdom (salt) (Colossians 4:6)



Three applications:

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**1 Peter 4:10-11**

**10** As each one has received a gift, **minister** it to one another, as good **stewards of the manifold grace of God**. **11** If anyone speaks, let him **speak as the oracles of God**. If anyone **ministers**, let him do it as **with the ability which God supplies ...**

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**Three applications:**

- 1. Continually commune with God**
- 2. To build personal faith**
- 3. To minister to others**

**Isaiah 55:11** So shall **My word** be that goes forth from My mouth; it **shall not return to Me void**, but it **shall accomplish what I please**, and it **shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it**.

**Isaiah 44:26a** Who **confirms the word of His servant**, and **performs the counsel of His messengers**.

**Psalms 103:20** Bless the Lord, you **His angels**, who excel in strength, who do His Word, **heeding the voice of His Word**.





### 3. To minister to others

**Isaiah 50:4** The Lord God has given Me the **tongue of the learned**, that I should **know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary**. He awakens Me morning by morning, **he awakens My ear to hear as the learned**.

**Don't strike the Rock!**  
**Speak to the Rock!**

Numbers 20; 1 John 1:20





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## #2 - Empty Pitchers/Jars of Clay

**Typology: Surrender the self!**

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## **#2 - Empty Pitchers/Jars of Clay – Surrender the self**

- **WE** are the earthen vessels and jars of clay
- **WE** were made from the dust of the earth
- The **treasure** in the jars of clay is the **life of God** in the believer





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Empty jars suggest the need to be **emptied of our self** so that **the life of God can flow from within us**



**Luke 9:23** Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must **deny himself** and **take up his cross daily** and **follow me**.





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**Galatians 2:20** I **have been** crucified with Christ; it is **no longer I who live**, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I **live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.





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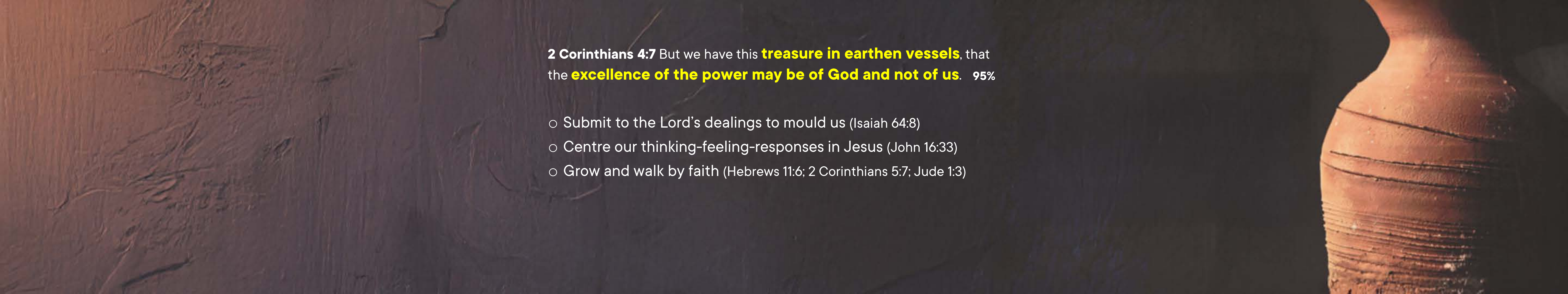
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**Romans 6:11** Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead  
indeed to sin**, but **alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord**.

**Do not react from our self-life.  
Respond from the Christ-life in us by the Word and the Spirit.**





**2 Corinthians 4:7** But we have this **treasure in earthen vessels**, that the **excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.** 95%

- Submit to the Lord's dealings to mould us (Isaiah 64:8)
- Centre our thinking-feeling-responses in Jesus (John 16:33)
- Grow and walk by faith (Hebrews 11:6; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Jude 1:3)

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**The Word of God operating in our lives**

**Jeremiah 23:29** “Is not **My word like a fire?**”  
says the LORD, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”



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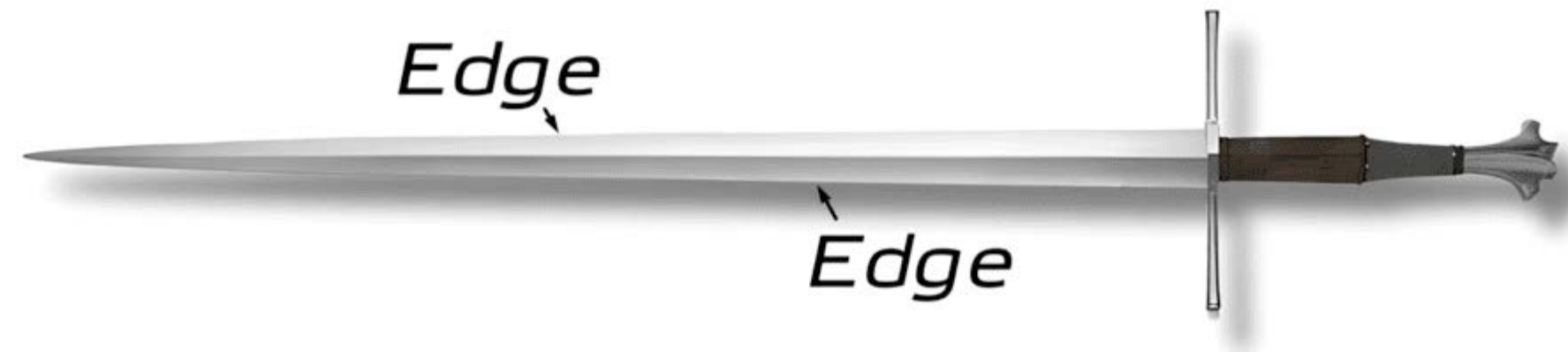
**The Word of God is**

**The Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)**

**and**

**The double-edged sword**

**(Psalm 149:6; Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 2:12)**





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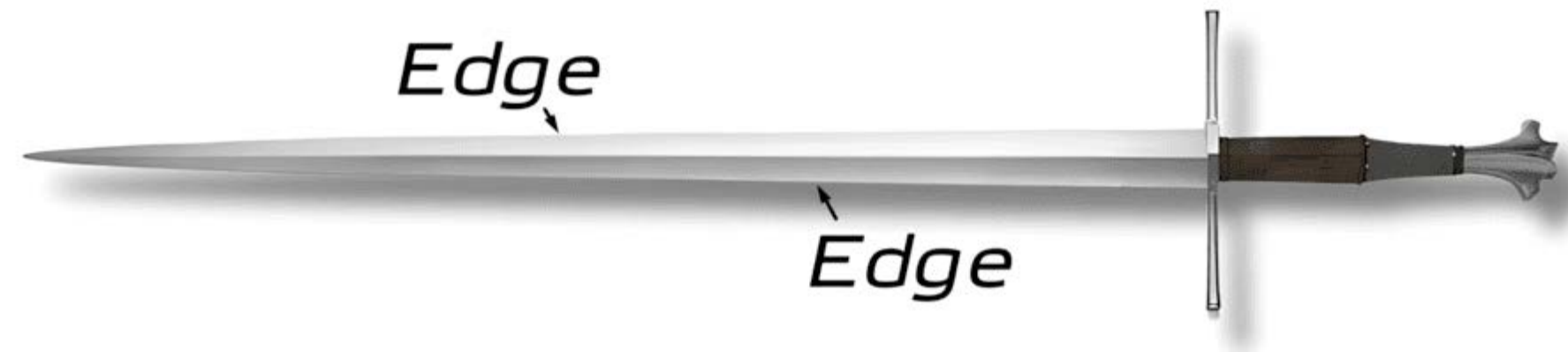
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To have a doubled-edged sword **in our hands**

is to build up a **strong** foundation in the Word of God

This means that we should have a **working knowledge** of how to use the Word of God as a double-edged sword





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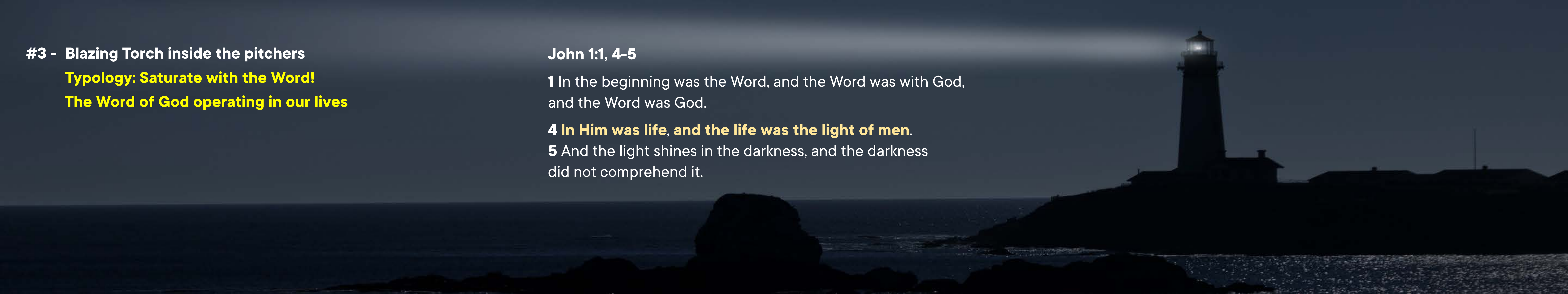
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### **John 1:1, 4-5**

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

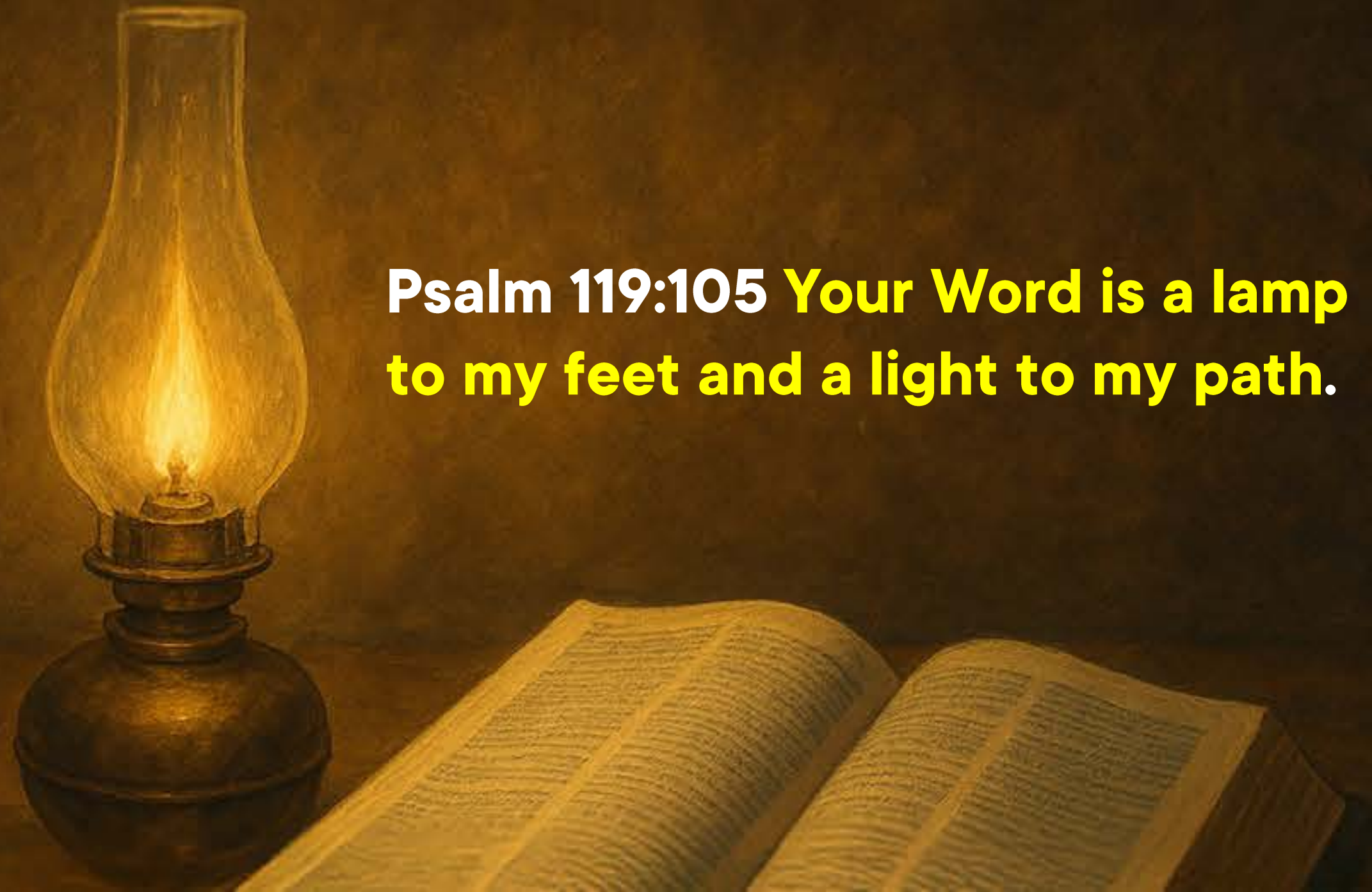
**5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
did not comprehend it.



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**Psalms 119:105 Your Word is a lamp  
to my feet and a light to my path.**

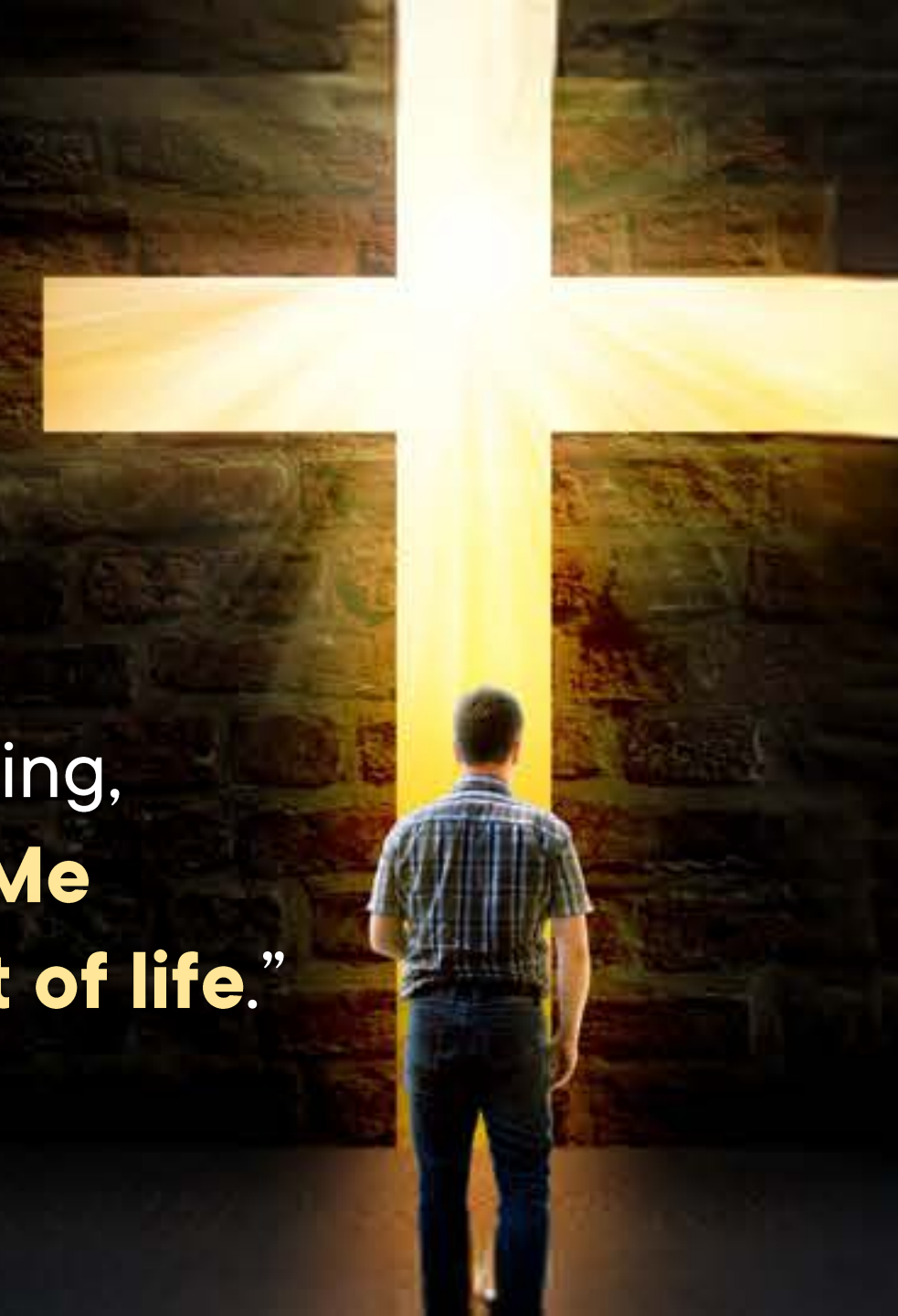


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**Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and  
my salvation; whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**John 8:12** Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying,  
**“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me  
shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”**



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#### Joshua 1:7-8

**7** Only be strong and **very courageous**, that you may observe to **do** according to all the law .. do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may **prosper** wherever you go. **8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate in it day and night**, that you may **observe to do** according to all that is written in it. For then **you will make your way prosperous**, and then **you will have good success**.





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**LIGHT OF GOD in us overcomes:**

- darkness
- the evil one
- lies
- deception
- errors
- untruths
- UGBs



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**LIFE OF GOD in us overcomes:**

- doubts
  - discouragement
  - despondency
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- depression
  - death





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