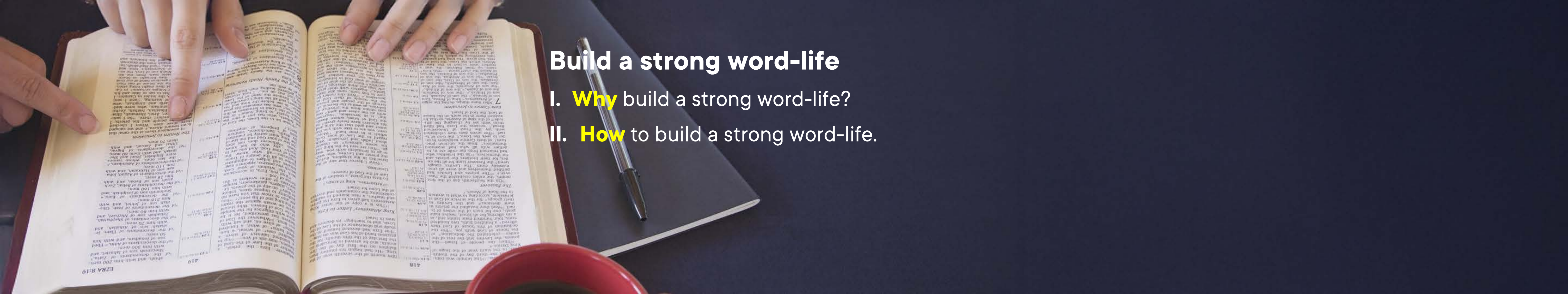


Build A Strong WORD-LIFE

Develop the Spirit of Faith





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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

II. **How** to build a strong word-life.

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- Because we are **commanded** to

Colossians 3:16 Let the **Word of God dwell richly in you.**

Proverbs 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, **write them on the tablet of your heart.**

Proverbs 7:3 Bind them on your fingers; **write them on the tablet of your heart.**



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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

- Because the Word **strengthens** our spirit-man

John 6:63 It is the **Spirit** who gives **life**; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are **spirit**, and they are **life**.



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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

- Because it makes our way **victorious & successful**

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your **mouth**; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to **do** everything written in it. Then you will be **prosperous and successful**.



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Psalm 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the man ... **2 [whose]** delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he **meditates** day and night. **3** He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its **fruit** in its **season**, whose **leaf** also shall **not wither**; and whatever he does shall **prosper**.



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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

- Because it brings **revelation** for direction and decision-making

John 1:1, 4

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.**

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a **lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**



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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

- Because it brings **life** and **health**

Proverbs 4:22 for **they are life to those who find them**, and **health to all their flesh.** **Proverbs 3:8**

Proverbs 18:21 **Death and life** are in the power of the **tongue**, and those who **love it** will **eat its fruit.**



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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

- Because it **guards** our heart from sin

Psalm 119:11 Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might **not sin** against You.



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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

- Because it readies us for **battle**

Revelation 12:11 **They overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb and **by the word of their testimony**; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death ...

Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.



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I. **Why** build a strong word-life?

- Because it is the key to **answered prayer**

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and **My words abide in you**, you will **ask** what you desire, and it shall be **done** for you.

Pray the Word



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II. How to build a strong word-life.

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- Questions
- Ungodly beliefs about God, self and others
- Idols in our hearts



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Acts 17:11

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Bible Reading Plan

- 1. WALK:** *2 chapters a day*
- 2. RUN:** *Read through the Bible in a year*

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Frequently Asked Questions



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#1 - Knowing and Understanding God

Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus says the Lord: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; **24** But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising **loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.



Frequently Asked Questions

#2 - In the **sovereignty of God**, He has delegated-permitted-allowed-authorized:

- **Man to have a Free will**
- **Placed laws & principles of life on earth for Man**

Thereafter, man is responsible and in control:

- **Choices & Consequences**
- **Sowing & Reaping**



Frequently Asked Questions

#2 - Free will of man and laws-principles of life

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose** life, that both you and your descendants may live ...

Galatians 6:7-8 *(Sowing and Reaping)*

This includes principles-laws of prayer & relationship with God



Frequently Asked Questions

#3 - Interpreting Scriptures

Psalm 119:160 The **entirety - sum** of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Every truth/doctrine/principle must be based on the weight of Scriptures



Frequently Asked Questions

#4 - Hebraic Writings

- They attribute everything to the Sovereignty of God as though He personally did that specific action.
- But it is **NOT** God who did it directly.
- The action is a result of the **out-working** of the **laws and principles of life** that God has already established.
- When we read a “**troubling**” verse/passage, we must look for the underlying **principle** that is out-working there



#4 - Hebraic Writings

Look for the underlying **principle** at work here.

e.g. 1 - 1 Samuel 2:25, 17, 22

25 If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?" Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, **because the Lord desired to kill them.**

17 Therefore the **sin of the young men was very great before the Lord**, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.

22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and **how they lay with the women** who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.



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e.g. 2 - 1 Samuel 18:10, 8; Ephesians 4:26-27

10 And it happened on the next day that **the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul**, and he prophesied inside the house ...

8 Then **Saul was very angry**, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands ...

Ephesians 4:26-27

26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do **not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil.**



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Direct Sources of Pain & Suffering

A. **Common** to Man
- Fallen World

B. Due to the **evil one**

C. Due to our own "**faults & failures**"

D. For **righteousness'** sake



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1 Peter

3:14 suffer for righteousness' sake

4:13 partake of Christ's sufferings,

4:14 reproached for the name
of Christ

4:16 suffers as a Christian

2 Timothy 3:12 suffer persecution

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1 Peter 2:20a **For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults**

Fallen world

C. Due to our own **“faults & failures”**

1 Peter 4:15 But let none of you **suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters**



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John 10:10 **steal, kill** and to **destroy**

John 8:44 the **devil**, ... a **murderer**, he is a **liar and the father of it** *1 Peter 5:8*

Ephesians 4:27 do not give the devil a ground-open doors-foothold.

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- All kinds of **conflicts** between man
- Aging, **sickness**, disease, death
- Deterioration of the earth's environment
Romans 8:22
- Extreme weather
- Accidents
- Toil in man's labour

God is **NOT** the direct source of sickness or all the evil, accidents, wickedness and calamities on the earth (**James 1:17; Isaiah 5:20**)



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All suffering by a believer is a trial of his **faith**

This includes:

1. suffering in a **fallen world** - **No** choice
2. suffering due to our own "**faults**" - **Wrong** choice
3. suffering for **righteousness** - **Right** choice

God is **NOT** glorified in All our sufferings!
Only for Christ and Righteousness' sake!



Frequently Asked Questions

#6 - Distinguish between:

- **Commandments** *(to be obeyed)*
- **Principles** *(lessons to learn and apply as appropriate)*

EG1 : Rich young ruler

EG2 : Widow & 2 copper mites

EG3 : Peter walking on water



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To **meditate** means to:

Contemplate

Sit on it

Reflect

Ponder

Muse Over

Think
Deeply

Active Use of Heart
and Mind

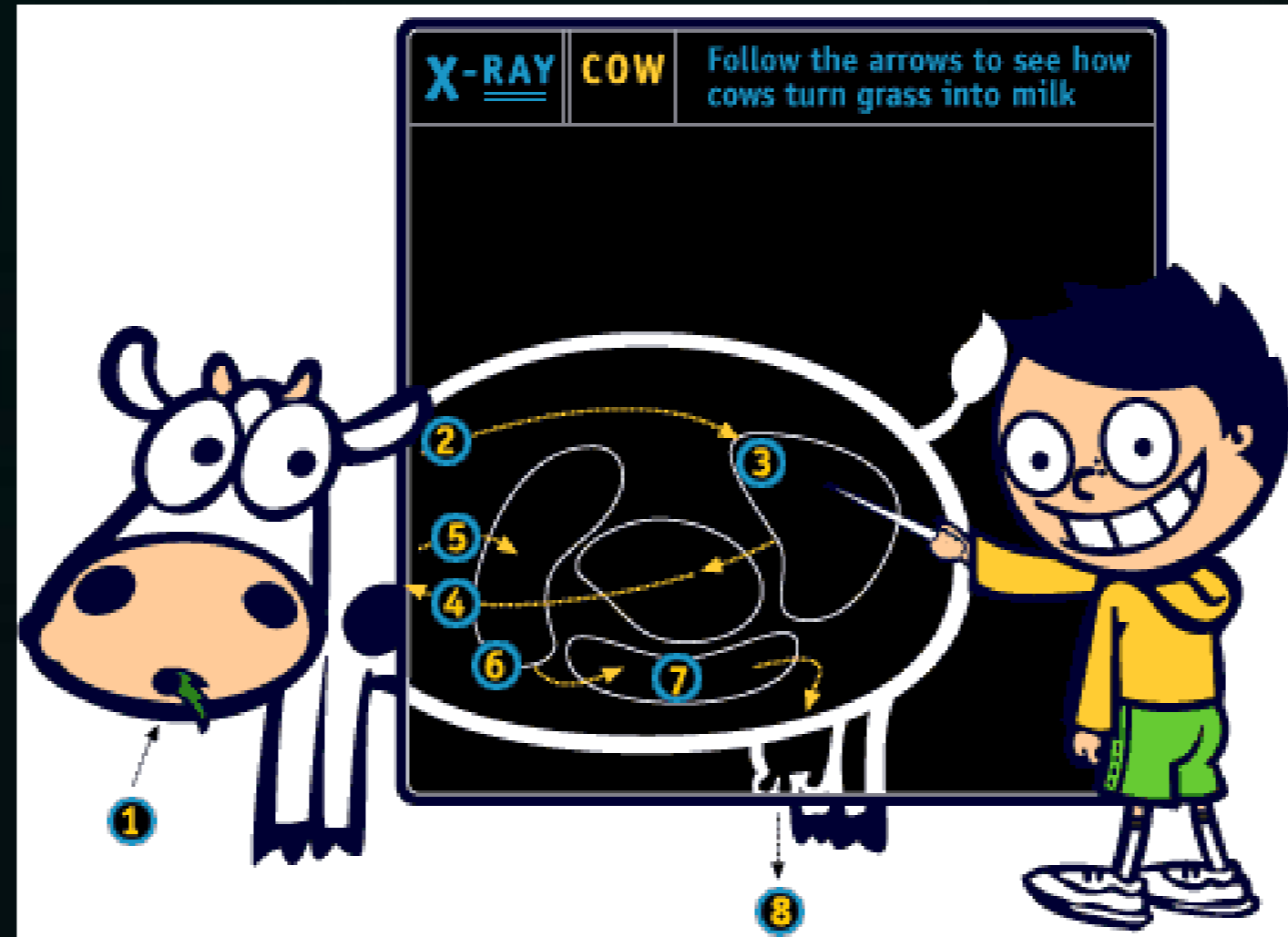
Consider over and
over again



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II. **How** to build a strong word-life.

Meditate like the cow chewing



The **purpose of meditation** is to have the Word
“**written/hidden**” on the tablets of our hearts
(*Matthew 12:34b*)

Proverbs 3:3; 7:3

Psalms 119:11



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Pray

Thanksgiving

Whisper

Spiritual Songs

Praise

Declare

Mutter

Sing

Proclaim

Shout

Worship

Read

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the **power of the tongue**, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Matthew 12:34b ... **the mouth speaks** from the **overflow of our hearts** *(from our meditation)*



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: Song-Goodness of God

Psalm 100:5

James 1:17 Luke 11:13

Romans 8:28 Romans 2:4

Psalm 23:6

Romans 12:2

EG2: Songs of Hope

1 Peter 1:3

Hebrews 6:19

Hebrews 11:1

Romans 15:13

Colossians 1:27



Confession: the principle of believing and speaking

Developing
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Developing
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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** ...



Confession: the principle of believing and speaking

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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.**

Hebrews 3:1; 4:14; 10:23



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



Experience the Word to develop **Faith Convictions**

1 Peter 2:2-3

2 as newborn babes, desire the **pure milk of the word**, that you may **grow thereby**, **3** if indeed you have **tasted-experienced** that **the Lord is gracious**.

When we continually **stand** on the Word and **experience** God coming through for us, we grow **Faith Convictions!**



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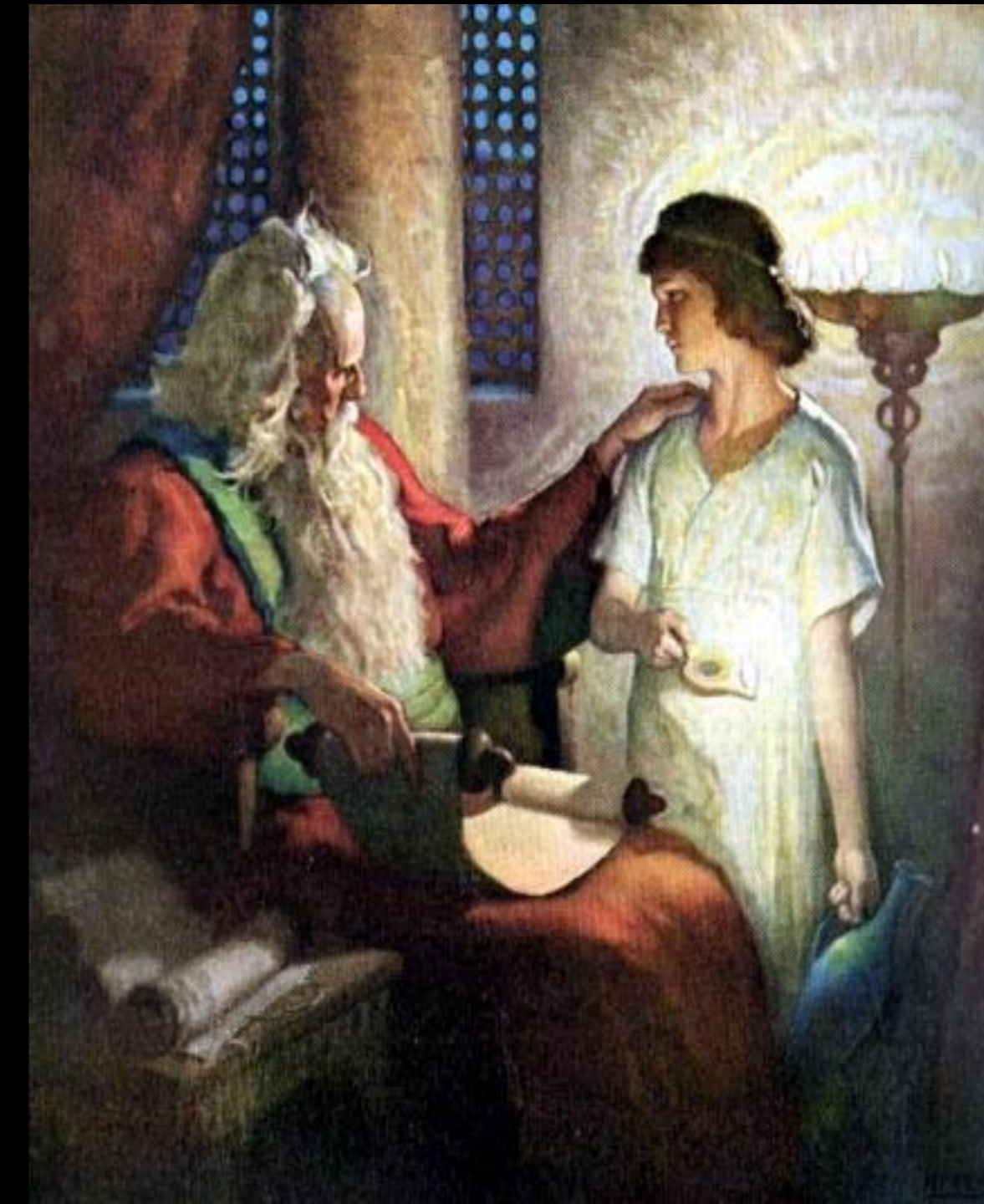
	Issues in Life	Faith Convictions
e.g. #1	Regarding needs	Experiencing God as Provider
e.g. #2	Regarding sickness	Experiencing God as Healer
e.g. #3	Regarding dangers to life	Experiencing God as Protector
e.g. #4	Regarding stress, anxieties and fears (SAF)	Experiencing God as Peace



BOTTOM-LINE

1 Samuel 3:19

The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let **none of his words fall to the ground.**



BOTTOM-LINE

Isaiah 61:3

That they may be called
trees of righteousness, the
planting of the LORD
that He may be glorified.

**Passion-Hunger-thirst-
deeper-stronger**

