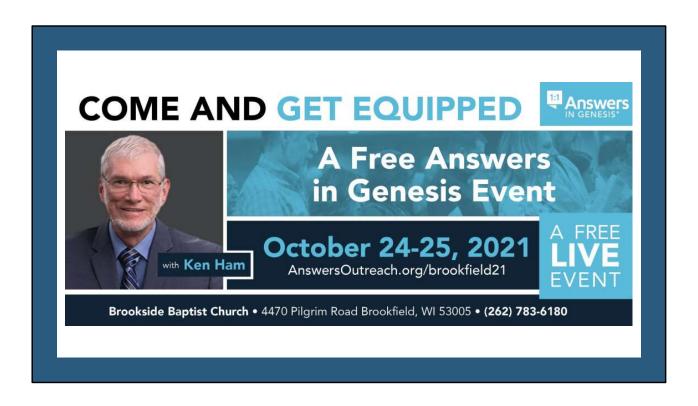
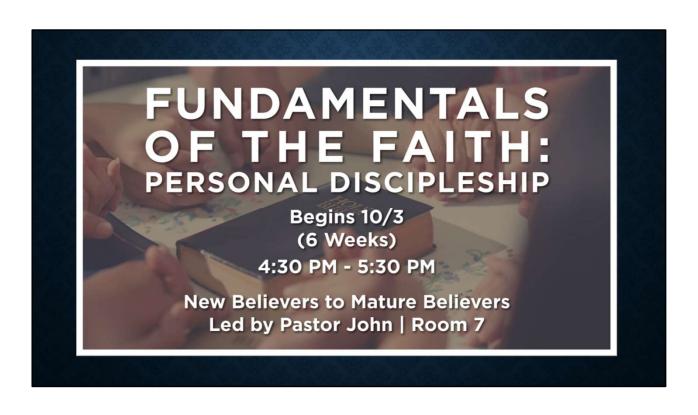


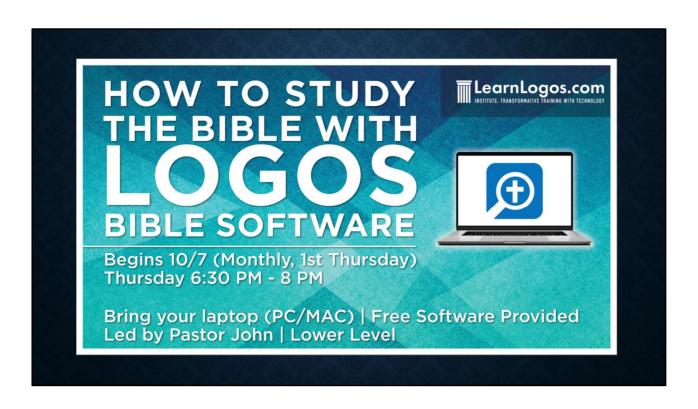
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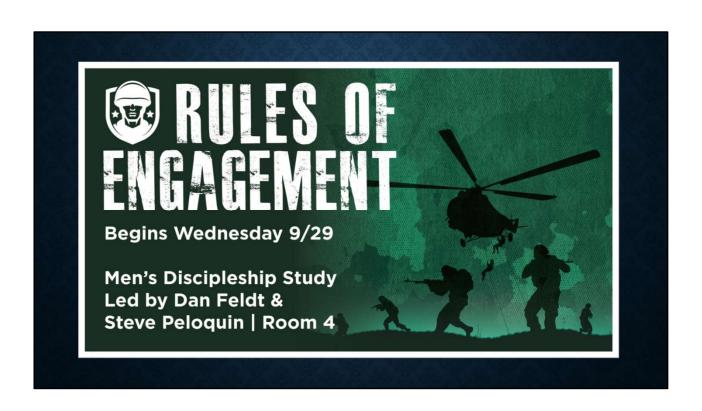
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Feed you Physically! I suspect Mission Accomplished! Feed you Spiritually!

Today I have a two-fold purpose: explain the context of this passage, and then explain the first fruit!

So it will be a little top heavy on the context of this passage..



Not rotten fruit



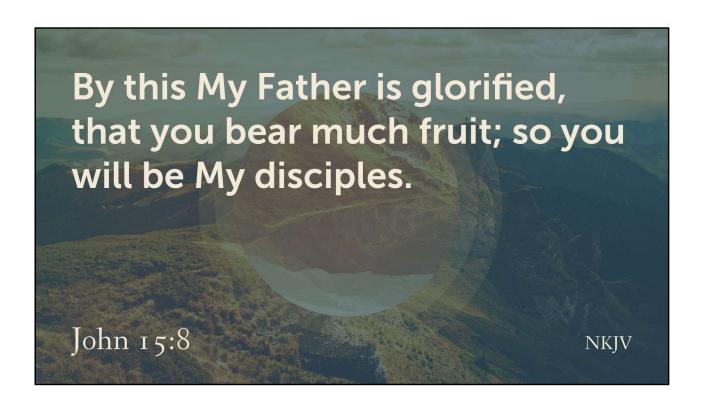
Not fake fruit...and our Lord can tell!

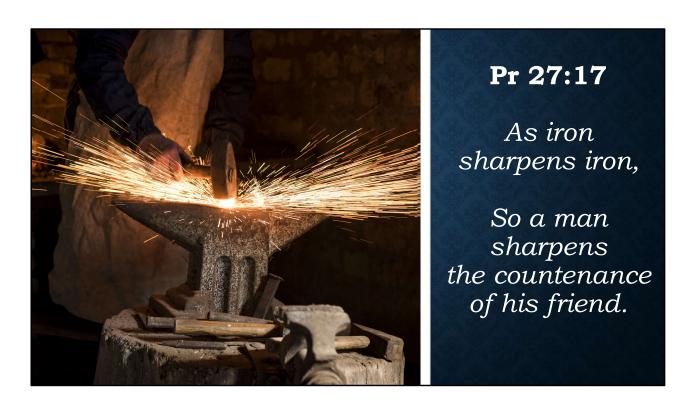


But genuine fruit! Real, plenty, and a variety!

Galatians 5:22-23

This passage was chosen for this year because of our Lord and Savior who redeemed you, calls you to bear fruit. It is his desire for each of you to make a personal impact in this life for the kingdom for God's glory.





Our desire for you in this series...is to help you know, grow, and go!



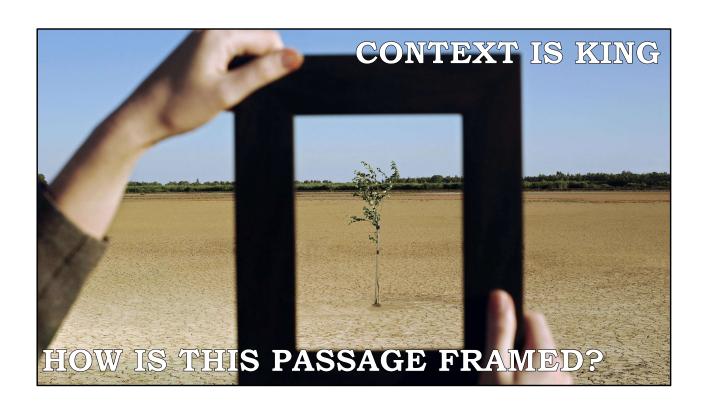
Let's read our passage..

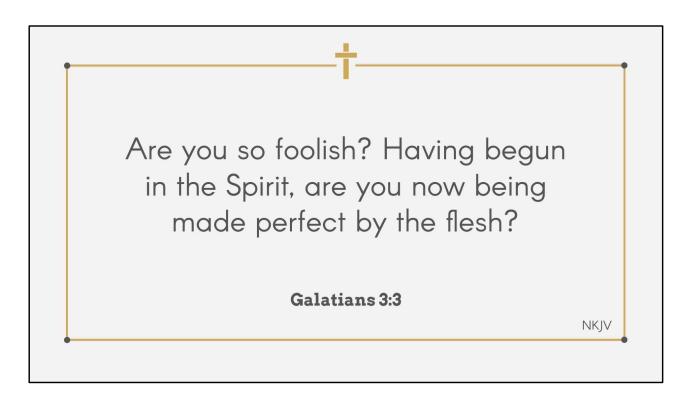
Volunteers made headlines Sunday (1/14/2018) when 12 of them were charged with misdemeanor offenses after feeding homeless people in El Cajon, California, but the ban against feeding the homeless is not unique to the city. Dozens across the United States have similar policies that ban foodsharing in public places.

Newsweek



9 Fruits!





This is a warning and trap for each one of us!

If we are not careful, we can become pharisees.

Let me give you a scriptural example:



"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

Matthew 23:23

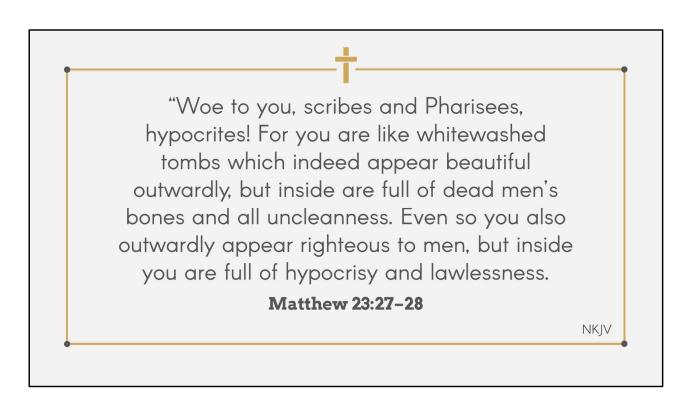
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"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

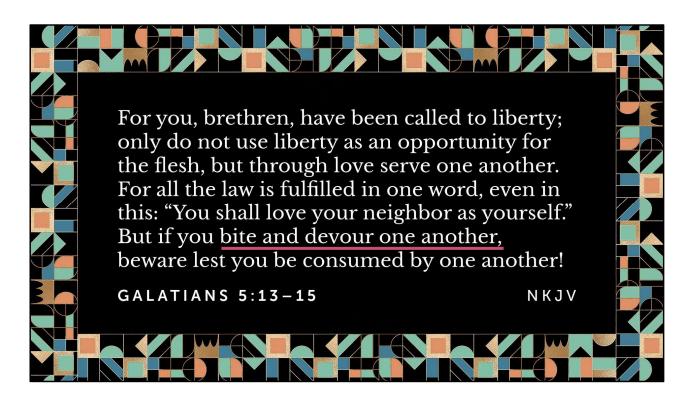
Matthew 23:25

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Do you see the trap of the flesh. We can focus on the outside, but neglect the inside.

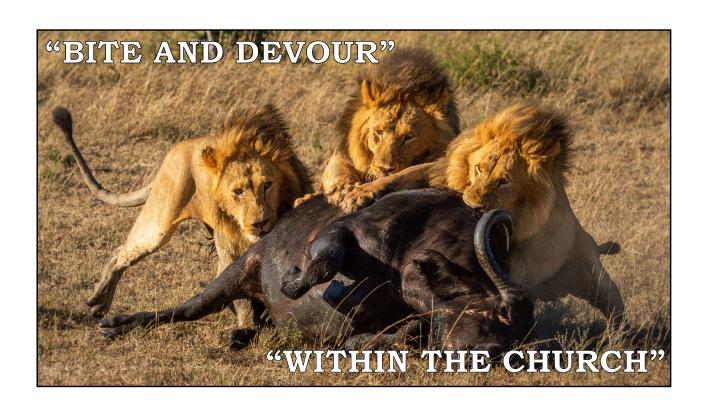


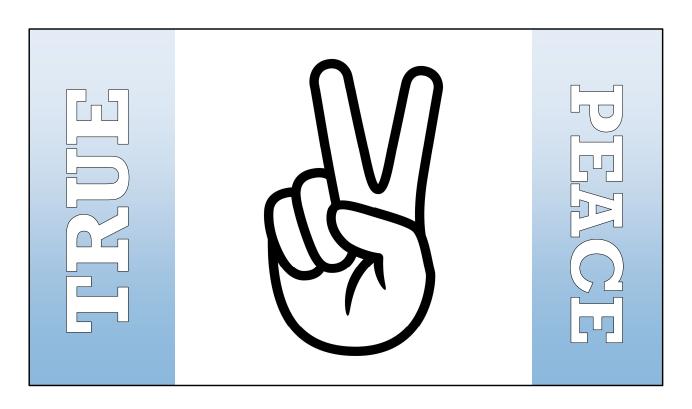


If we are not spirit filled, we become flesh fueled...and that never ends well!

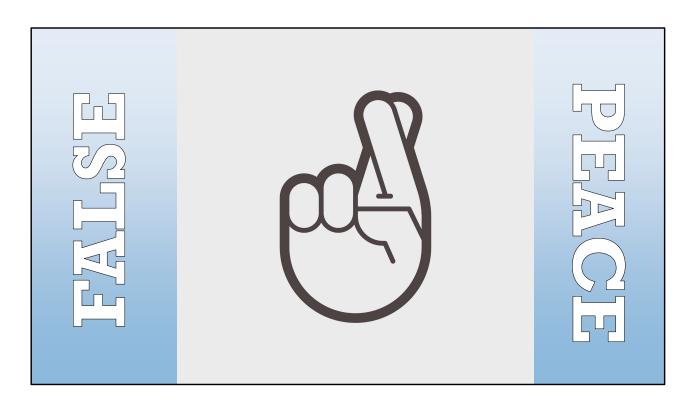
This biting and devouring is not abbot godly confrontation attempting to deal with sin and to see God glorified, this is self-serving, selfish individuals with selfish means working for their self-ends at the cost to others!

Judaizers – who believed you could be spiritual through the law, through the flesh, through the external!





True peace in the church is when we are all walking in the spirit according to God's word



Is when the flesh is ruling and reigning...



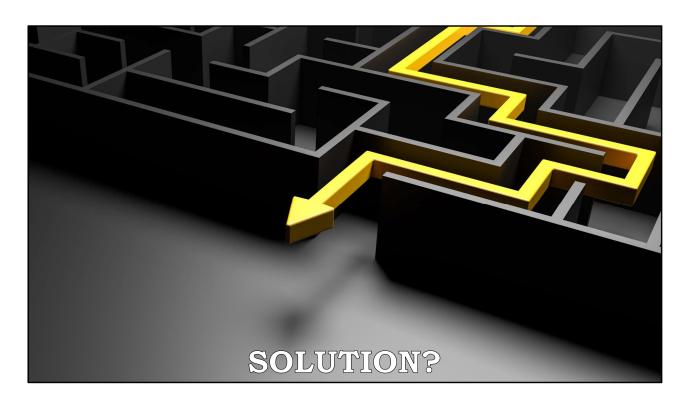
HITLER'S FALSE PEACE

- Ceasefire of Hostilities: Temporary
- Scheming, Undermining, & Plotting: Secretive
- False Narratives, Perception vs. Reality: Lying

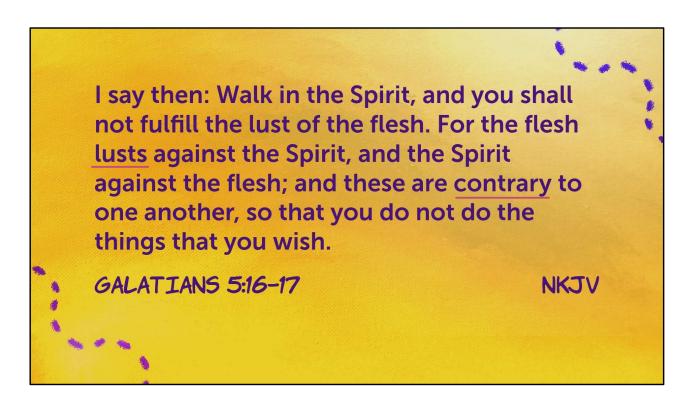
Cain & Abel, Absalom & Amnom, Jezebel & Naboth, Leaders of Israel & Jesus

Winston Churchill

"You were given the choice between war and dishonor.
You chose dishonor and you will have war."



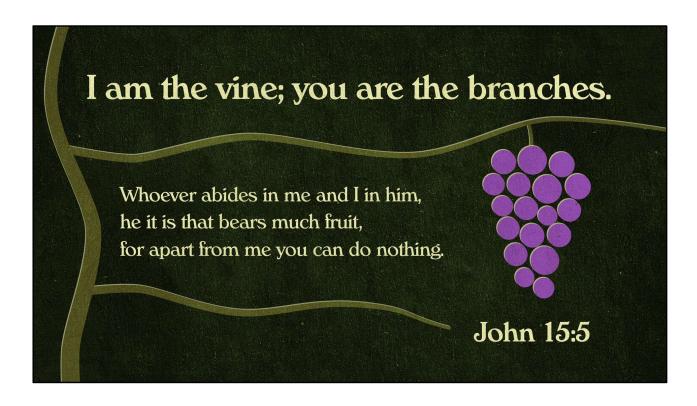
How do break the cycle of the flesh?



Paul's solution - is the Spirit

"Lust against" – desires anything and everything against & opposed to the Spirit

Contrary: Hostile, Flesh and Spirit at War!

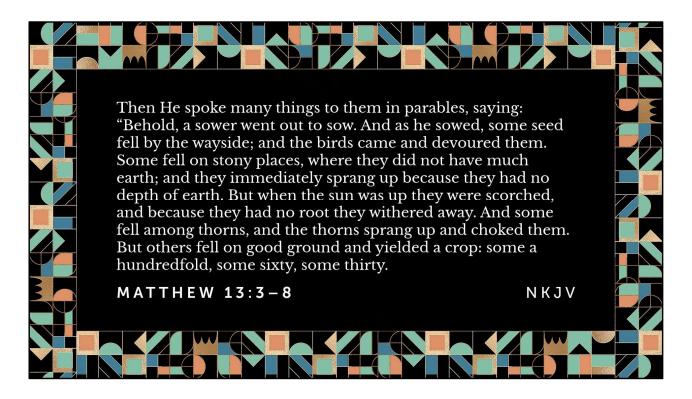


Unless you are born again, born from above, by the Holy Spirit through Repentance Faith, any so-called fruit is false fruit.

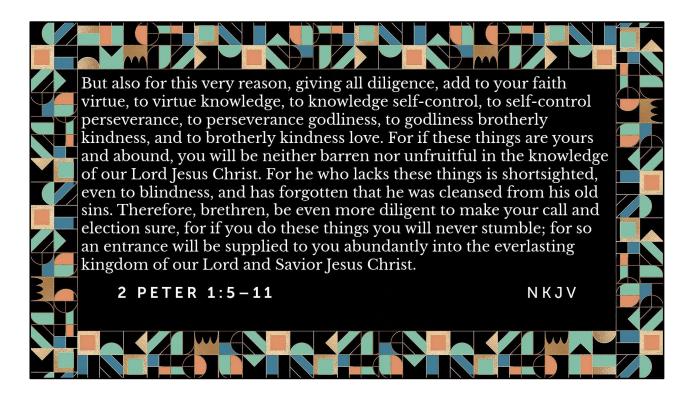
As believers, we are wholly and solely dependent upon the spirit for our spiritual life and spiritual fruit.



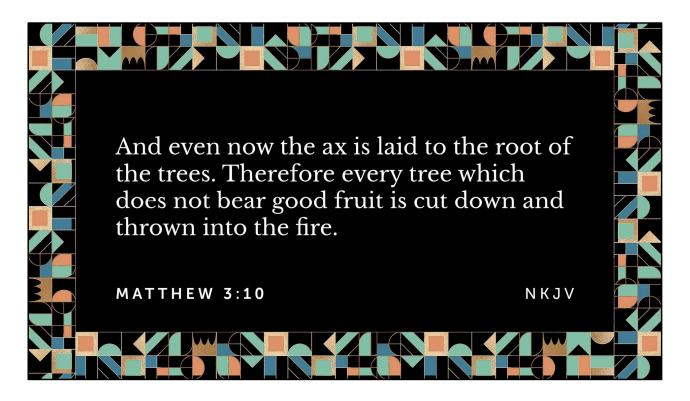
Flesh vs. Spirit within your, inside your territory, then your war carries on to others, and not to mention the spiritual battle all around us:



Salvation...

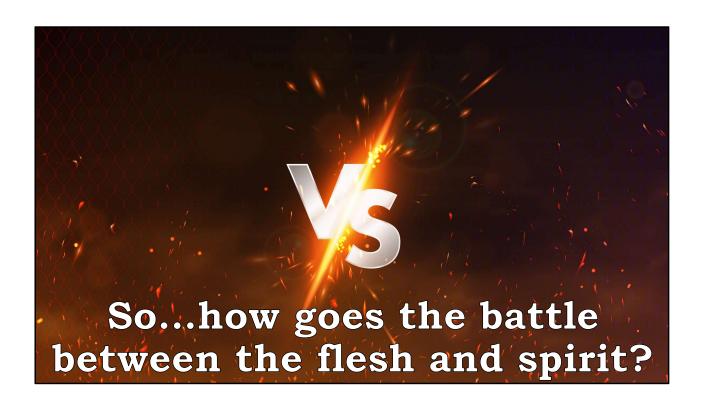


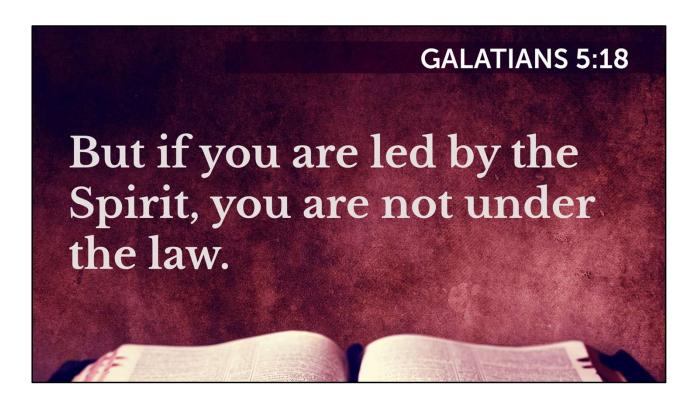
Christians can lose their way, and for a season not bear fruit...but beware...if there is no fruit ever...the tree may be rotten!



UNBELIEVERS - NO FRUIT / DEAD TREE

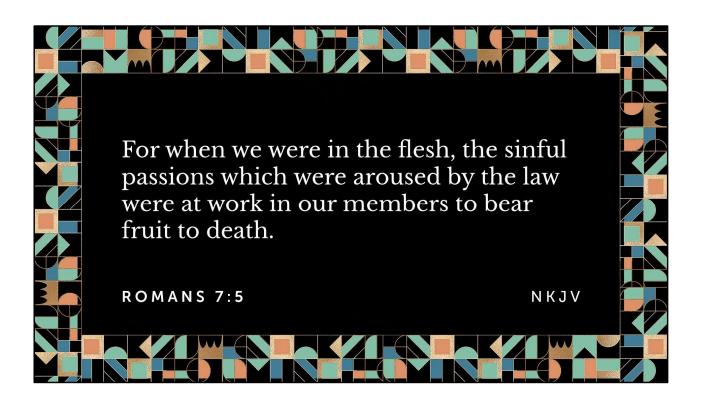
BELIEVERS - FRUIT

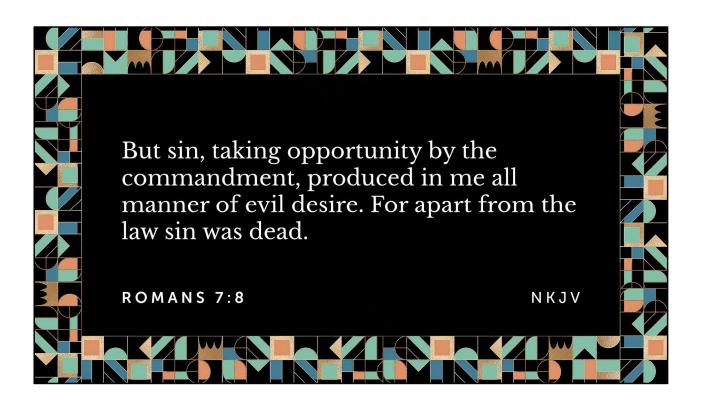


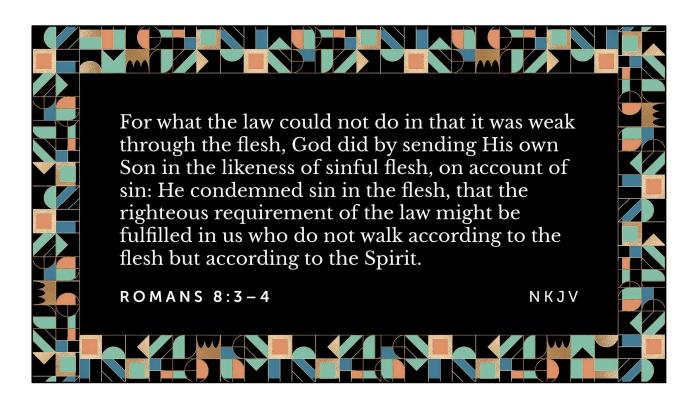


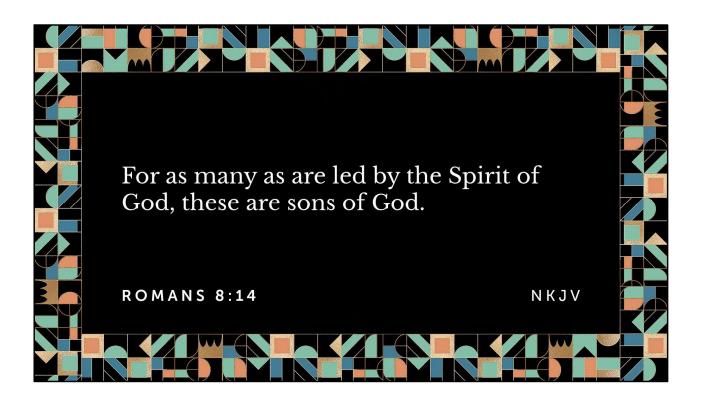
Under the law: It's rules and it's condemnation. The fruit of the spirit can not be accomplished by the external law.

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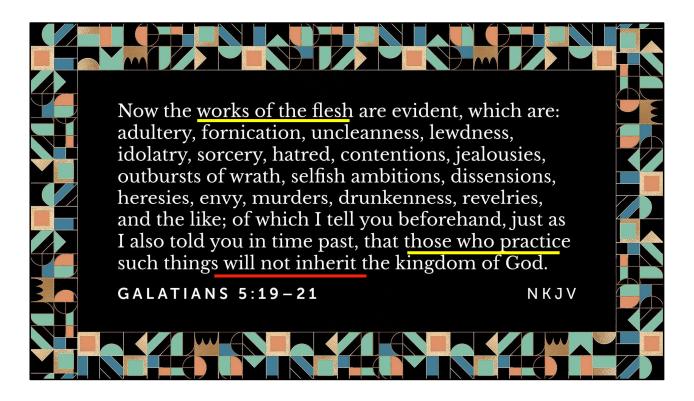








Now Pual in Galatians gives us two list...the "do notes" and the "do"



The do nots!

"works of the flesh" vs. "Fruit of the Spirit"



The Do



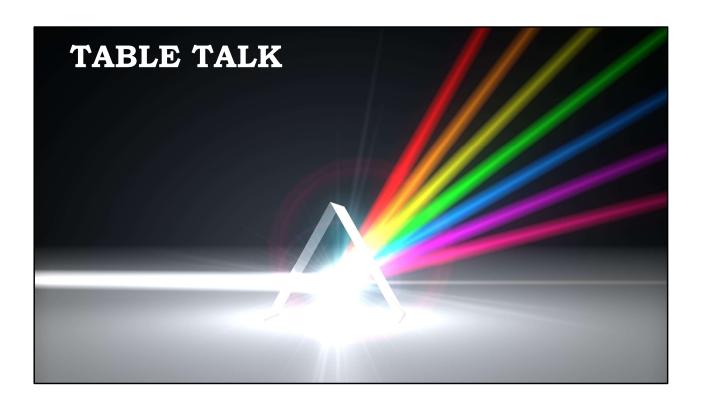
All these are interconnected and dependent upon one another.

For example, you can't have self-control without love.

You can't have longsuffering without faithfulness.

You must not look at these as independent of one another as if you could focus on peace apart from joy or goodness without kindness.

Now this word for love is not emotional, physical, or familial, but a sacrificial serving love combining all your heart, mind, soul and strength. Loving your wife is not just physical, its praying for her, helping her around the house, being kind to her...



I think when it comes to love, we limit the range of meaning both in our thoughts and our actions.

This morning I want to challenge you in how you think about love.

Like a prism that takes light and reveals a multitude of colors, I want to take the concept of love and reveal a multitude of related thoughts, words and actions.

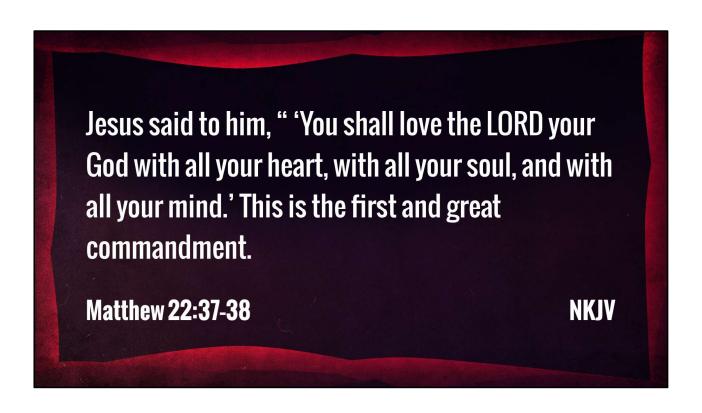
I have a handout for you that includes these for your personal mediation.

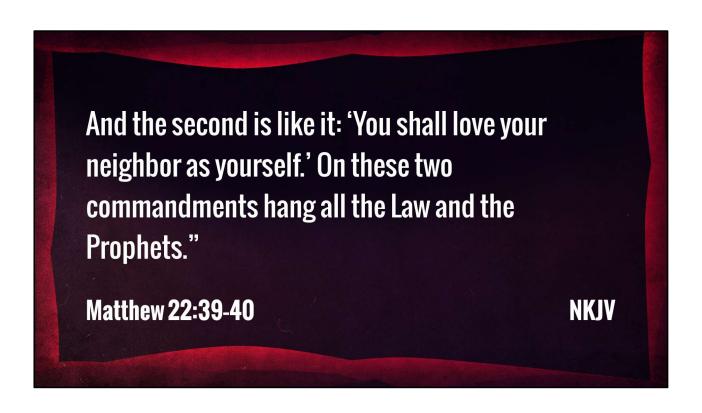
At your tables, read and discuss the passages and which aspects

of love are the most challenging.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:7-11 NKJV





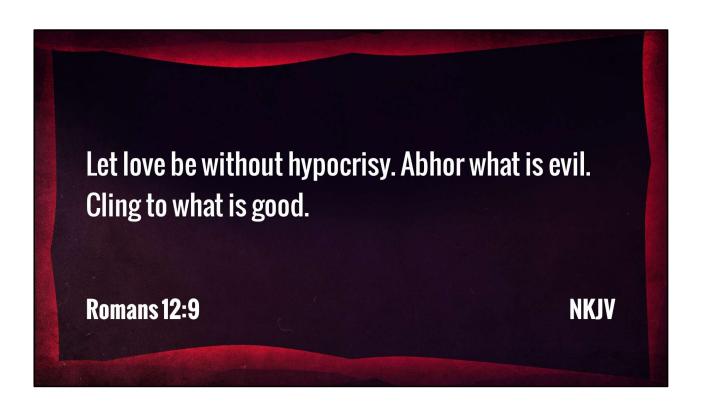
4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; 5 love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails...13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

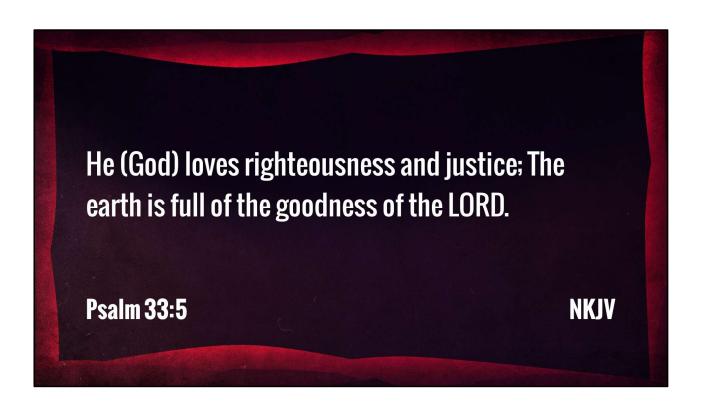
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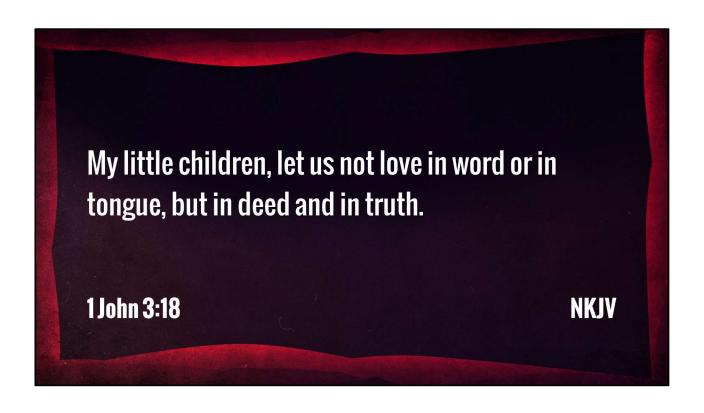
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"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

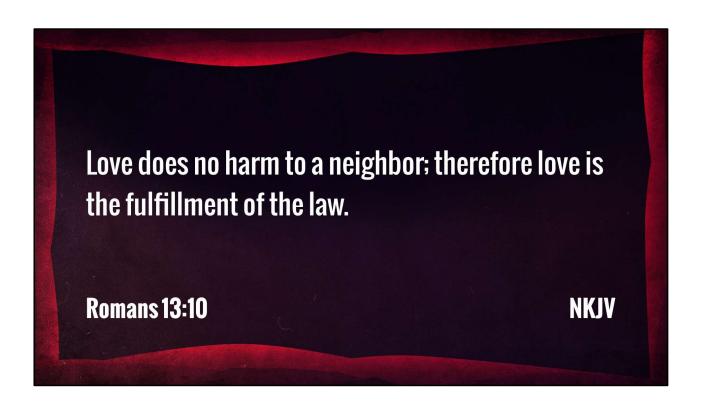
John 15:9-11 NKJV

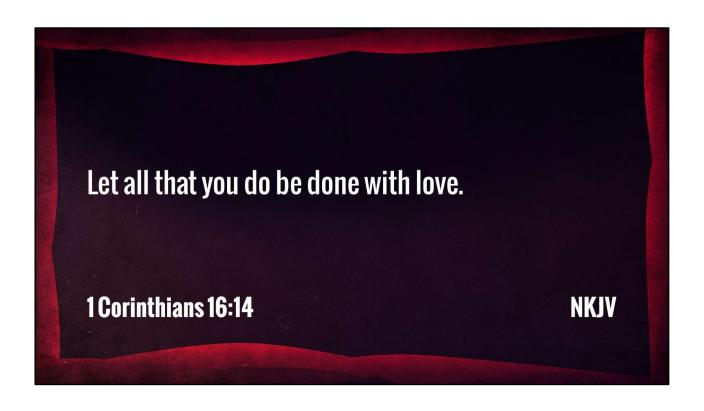


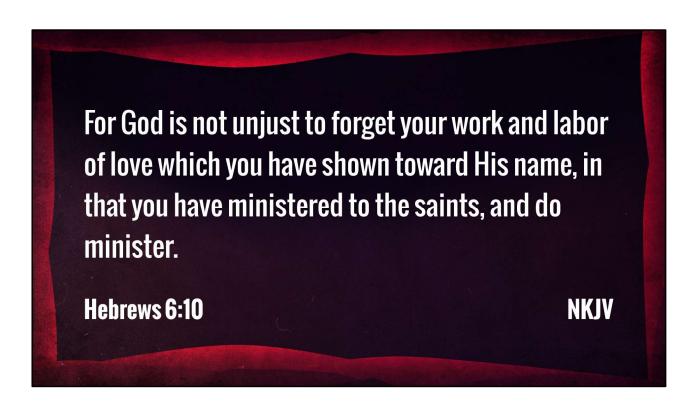


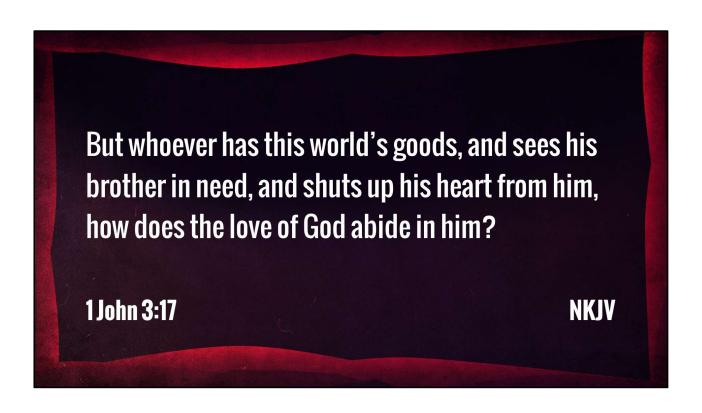


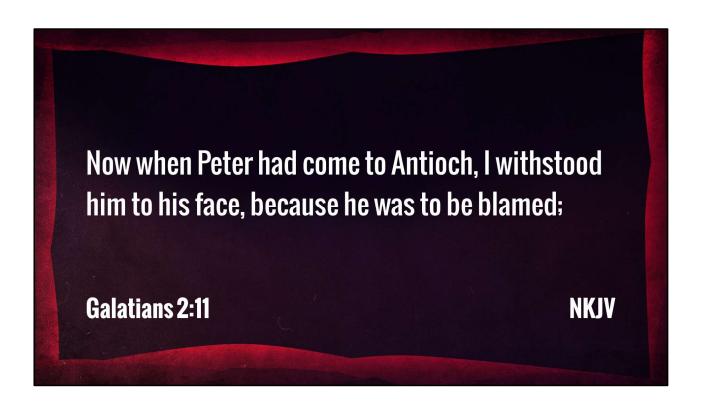










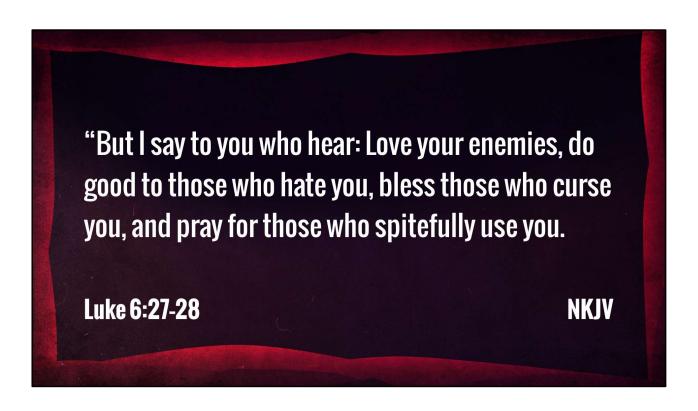


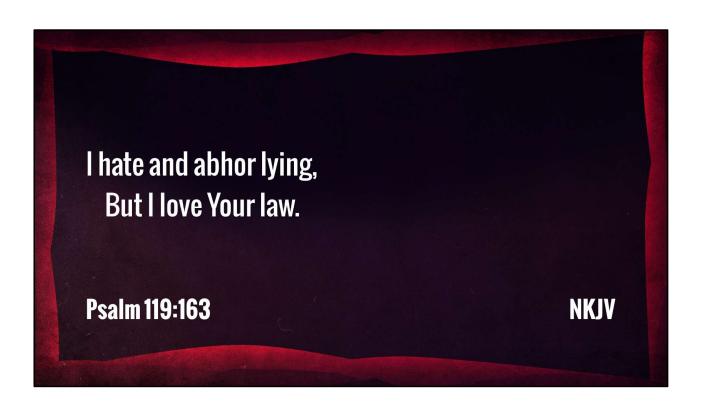
"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

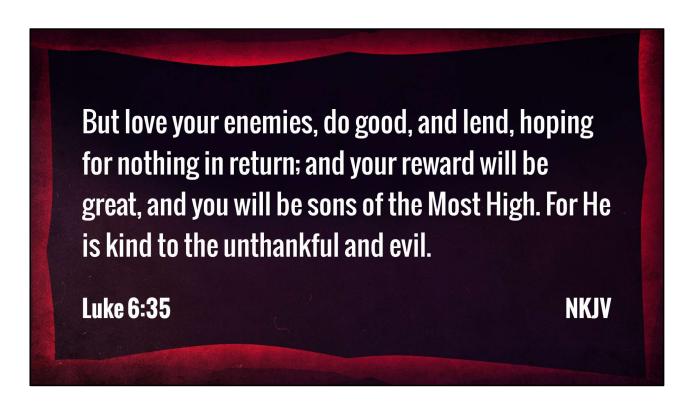
Matthew 18:15-17

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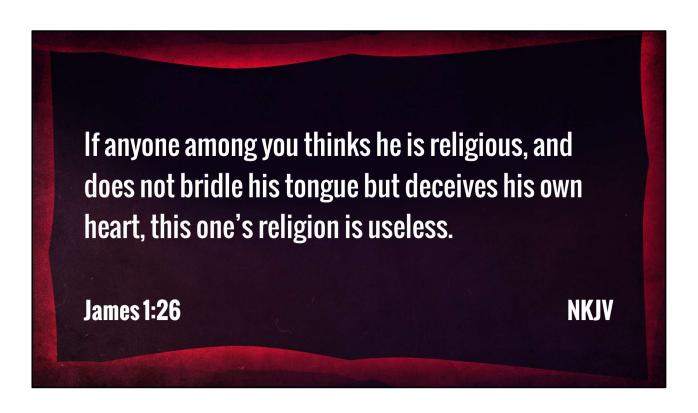




So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Ephesians 5:28-29

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