**FOCUS Bible Study - April 20**

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[@0:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=0.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Good morning, Lori.

[@0:02](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2.56) - **Laurie Nelson**

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How are you doing?

[@0:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=6.14) - **Laurie Nelson**

Good. How are you guys doing?

[@0:08](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=8.3) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Good. thought your last name was different on Facebook.

[@0:12](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=12.36) - **Laurie Nelson**

What does it say on here?

[@0:14](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=14.52) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Nelson.

[@0:15](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=15.9) - **Laurie Nelson**

Yeah, that's my maiden name.

[@0:17](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=17.68) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Oh, okay.

[@0:18](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=18.76) - **Laurie Nelson**

Yeah. It might just have never changed.

[@0:20](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=20.6) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I don't know. Gotcha. Morning, Brian. Good morning, Erin. Good to see you guys this morning. Well, at least I can see Erin.

Brian's not in camera yet, but that's okay.

[@0:39](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=39.32) - **Erin Ashcraft**

don't have to be. He's walking around the house. He's making his way.

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Good morning, Rob. There's Brian.

[@0:52](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=52.12) - **Brian**

Morning. How's everyone doing this morning?

[@1:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=60.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

If you're anything like me, you're dragging a little bit. I'm dragging a little bit this morning. feel tired. Excuse me.

[@1:07](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=67.16) - **Erin Ashcraft**

I drag every Saturday morning. like to get up and sit with my coffee for at least an hour.

[@1:13](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=73.48) - **Brian**

Amen.

[@1:14](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=74.48) - **Erin Ashcraft**

And then everybody's like, let's do this. Let's do that.

[@1:18](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=78.24) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

breakfast. I'm like, yeah, OK. I'm not a coffee person, but I spend an hour on the weekends just playing my video games on my phone.

[@1:26](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=86.22) - **Erin Ashcraft**

Oh, there we go. What game do you play? That's it? What game do you play?

[@1:31](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=91.28) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I play Cribbage and I don't know the name of it, but it's colors that you put into different vials and you try to sort out the colors.

[@1:38](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=98.9) - **Erin Ashcraft**

Oh, yeah, I've seen that one on an ad. I play this one called Project Makeover.

[@1:43](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=103.62) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So you play like Candy Crush, then you earn coins, and then you remodel a home and a person's outfit.

Gotcha.

[@1:53](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=113.16) - **Erin Ashcraft**

But that's like my I want to vech out game.

[@1:57](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=117.06) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Gotcha. Good morning, Jeanette. Good morning. in the. Glad you guys are here this morning. We're just talking about how we kind of like to get started in the weekends here.

Some of us are dragging a little bit, some of us are playing video games and whatever it might take, just sipping coffee, whatever it takes to wake up and get going, right?

Yeah, you guys can't see Julie is in the room, she's here. I've got to leave early. She's got a bridal shower to go to later for our niece.

So we are one minute away from nine, but we'll give it a few minutes as people hopefully jump on.

We had a bunch of new people sign up on the meetup, so we'll see if they come in today.

A lot of people sign up, but then they don't jump in, so I don't know. So now you're trying to say something to us because you might be on you.

[@2:59](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=179.06) - **Janette Dennis**

I don't know if you're just talking No, no, I'm talking to you. It's very common on meetup. It can be very disappointing and confusing because many, many, go, yeah, I want to join something and then they don't follow through.

[@3:11](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=191.54) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So it's not personal.

[@3:13](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=193.96) - **Janette Dennis**

It's just people.

[@3:15](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=195.32) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

It's just people. Thank you. I appreciate the encouragement.

[@3:17](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=197.82) - **Janette Dennis**

It's not personal. Thank you.

[@3:21](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=201.96) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

where do you live?

[@3:23](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=203.9) - **Janette Dennis**

Where do you call it? in Huntley. I don't live far from you.

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I live in Huntley, Illinois, which is between Chicago and Rockford. Yeah, I'm kind of familiar.

[@3:32](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=212.72) - **Janette Dennis**

grew up in Rockford. Okay, sure.

[@3:35](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=215.08) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Relatives in McHenry.

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Yeah, yeah. You're on the north side of Chicago area.

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So I'm glad you called in this morning.

[@3:45](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=225.7) - **Janette Dennis**

Thank you. Can I be seen? Yeah, I see you right now. Okay, because last week I had the most difficult time.

I still don't understand zoom fully, even though I've used it a number of times. So if I'm invisible, I'm

I'm perplexed and then I don't want to touch any buttons, you know.

[@4:03](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=243.34) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I understand.

[@4:04](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=244.02) - **Janette Dennis**

I totally understand.

[@4:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=246.26) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

sometimes do it same way. I'm trying to figure out how to get my timer thing working and I can't figure that out either.

[@4:10](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=250.84) - **Janette Dennis**

So we all have that.

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During a meeting is not the time to do these things.

[@4:15](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=255.58) - **Janette Dennis**

Right.

[@4:16](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=256.78) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Right. That's why I got on a half hour early. Julie said, boy, we were on really early this morning.

I was like, well, yeah, trying to figure a few things out, but still couldn't. morning. I'm glad you guys are on this morning.

[@4:29](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=269.98) - **Erin Ashcraft**

Hi, come on early so I can make sure I can check my hair. Yeah, absolutely.

[@4:35](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=275.16) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

It's awesome.

[@4:35](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=275.66) - **Erin Ashcraft**

Tommy said too.

[@4:38](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=278.32) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, Rod and I have the same issue.

[@4:40](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=280.24) - **Janette Dennis**

We got a really big . Oh, goodness. Low maintenance.

[@4:45](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=285.0) - **Erin Ashcraft**

Yeah, low maintenance.

[@4:46](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=286.56) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I like that. All right. We're at 9-1. I'll just give it one more minute and then we'll go ahead and pray and get started.

[@4:55](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=295.1) - **Janette Dennis**

Excuse me.

[@4:56](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=296.14) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I'm really excited about what I'm going to share this morning. I was telling others less. Night at our music practice that I came across this just haphazardly again on Facebook of all places And it just blew my mind and then the very next day I saw the same thing and I'd never seen it before in my life I haven't seen it since so just like boom boom confirmation, know that it and it's into what we're gonna talk about today So it's really kind of cool.

At least I think it is. I don't know if else will think the same thing But you're gonna suffer along with me anyway What verses so you don't mind me asking?

Yeah, that's a great. Thanks for the reminder I am going to copy from my work versus if you don't mind me asking I'm gonna put it in the chat.

Okay, so one second here. I'm gonna copy it from my document and I will post it in the chat for everybody All right, now let me type it in the chat Hit enter and let me know if you guys can see it in the chat

[@6:02](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=362.14) - **Janette Dennis**

Yes, well, it's a lot.

[@6:04](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=364.18) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah. It's a lot of, a lot of verses.

[@6:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=366.46) - **Janette Dennis**

we cover Why we ask?

[@6:10](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=370.2) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

We covered half of it last time.

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Part one and two. Okay.

[@6:13](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=373.5) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

three this time. if you scroll down. And we got a couple more people joining here. So we'll just wait one more minute.

I see. So welcome Luke. Welcome Amazon. Kathy. appreciate you guys joining us this morning. We were just about to get ready to get going here.

I just posted in the chat the scriptures will be covering. We covered parts one and two last time. We're going to start with part three today.

After we quick summarize what we covered. Okay. So Luke, where are you calling in from if you can remind us.

[@7:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=420.44) - **Luke Huffman**

I'm in the Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Okay, so you're not too far from us. Yeah, like Brookfield, right?

[@7:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=426.56) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, well, we're in Johnson Creek. So we're between Madison and Milwaukee.

[@7:10](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=430.98) - **Luke Huffman**

Okay.

[@7:12](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=432.12) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

not too far from us. And Kathy, where are you calling in from today?

[@7:16](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=436.36) - **amazon cathy**

I'm from Japan.

[@7:18](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=438.16) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Japan? Well, what time is it there?

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you don't mind. I'm at 11 o'clock.

[@7:22](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=442.38) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

11 p.m. 11 p.m. we're very glad that you called in.

[@7:28](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=448.74) - **amazon cathy**

Thank you for taking the time. Oh, thank you for having me.

[@7:32](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=452.52) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

All right, let's go ahead. Let's go ahead and pray and we'll get started, okay? Lord Jesus, we thank You for this day.

We thank You for bringing us together from all around the world. Lord God, You are a God that is incredible, who can reach everybody, anywhere, God, Your Spirit can just flow.

And that's what we ask this morning that Your Spirit would flow in us through us all around us, God, to change us and to impact us.

Help us to receive Your Word. Speak to Let us God and just let it mold us and shape us.

We give you glory and praise because we know it's all about you in Jesus name. Amen.

[@8:07](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=487.6) - **Janette Dennis**

Amen.

[@8:08](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=488.6) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

All right. So we are on the topic of the cross topic of the cross. And last time we talked about part one and part two, like I said, which we pointed out in Genesis, Genesis two, seven through nine.

That man was created formed by God out of the dust of the ground and he breathed life into him.

And so man became both a living, a fleshly being and a living spiritual being combined in one. And God gave him the tree of knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life.

And he said, look, you can have every tree except don't eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Right. But we know what happened. The snake slithered in and tempted Adam and Eve and they gave in to sin and they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

And we've waited that to saying that what that really means is thinking that we know best, right? Without God, we think we know best.

God is the source of life. So really, we needed the tree of life to help us interpret the knowledge of good and evil.

And so, because they separated from God and they only wanted to do what they thought was best, that created sin in their lives.

And so, as a result, God was true to his word. He said the day you eat, the day you die.

And so, they didn't physically die, but he covered them with coats of skin of an animal that died in their place.

And so, they died through substitution, and then he drove them out of the garden of Eden, away from God's presence, because God can't dwell with sin.

So, they died spiritually through separation. So, you know, what God says, we sometimes think it's like, oh, this is because God's word says this, I expect it to be this way.

What God can fulfill his word in so many different ways that we could demon imagine. And we said in Isaiah 55, he says his thoughts are higher than our thoughts, his ways are higher than our ways, right?

And so, we talked about the... the punishments or the judgments that came out as a result of that sin in the garden of Eden, that the devil would eat dust and crawl on his belly, right?

The woman would have pain, increased pain in childbearing, the human's mankind would have to now die mortally, they'd be mortal instead of immortal, and that the man would have to work the ground to make it produce, and the ground therefore itself was also cursed, right?

And that it wasn't just going to produce on its own. So there was a result of their sin, but we saw in the middle of all that, in Genesis 3.15, that God had given us a promise, and it says, and I will put empty between the end, the woman in between nice seed and her seed, and it's a bruise I had, not so bruise's heel, and we see that little phrase of scripture as being hope.

That is the promise of the Messiah, that everything was going to be set back right, but how? That's the question, right?

And the how was indicated in the fact that the snake would try to attack, be able to strike the heel, but...

the one that had the heel struck would be able to crush the head of the serpent. So how did he go about striking the heel?

We see that through the process of crucifixion. We see that as such a terrible thing, but really just a striking of the heel.

So that was all part one. And then part two, we read the story in Numbers 21, verses 1 through 9, about how the Israelites were journeying to the Promised Land.

They had to take a detour because the enemy will cause us to sometimes get off kilter, get off the step of God, get off our path as we were traveling.

And so sometimes we end up on a detour, but it's all about how we keep the right perspective and the right mindset when we encounter those things.

because they complained, because they were rumbling, God sent fiery serpents into the camp and someone were dying because they were struck by those serpents.

And so they cried out to God in their pain and their suffering. And Moses was instructed to put up a snake on a pole.

of a cross, right, in the middle of the camp, and anybody who came to that place and looked upon it was healed.

And so we saw that the Old Testament had indications of the cross. They could only look forward to what God was going to do versus the New Testament.

We see the actual events that God fulfilled in the cross, and that gives us hope in the future. So we see past, present and future all in the cross.

And so that's kind of where we have left off in the Old Testament. They had hope of Jesus permanently paying price, New Testament.

We have the reality that Jesus paid the price. But now here we are in the future from that event.

And how do we apply that? How do we apply Jesus payment for our price to our sins? So we're going to talk a little bit about that today.

But to make that transition, this is really what I want to share with you. Something I just learned and added to the Scriptures today.

We're going to read Genesis chapter 40. That's where we're going start. We're going read the whole chapter. It's not a very long Genesis chapter 40 and we do take terms reading scripture if you're new and so if you want to read I'll just call on you as and you can go ahead and read if you're not comfortable reading just say pass and then I won't call on you going forward okay and the president's got 23 verses we'll break it into say four verses each okay so I'll call on Laurie first if you read the first four verses I appreciate that of chapter 40 in Genesis and it came to pass after these things that the butler of the king of egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of egypt and pharaoh was wrath against two of his officers against the chief of the butlers and against the chief of the bakers and he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard into the prison the place where joseph was bound and the captain of the guard charged joseph with them and he served them and they continued a season in ward

And Aaron, would you continue five through eight?

[@14:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=846.0) - **Erin Ashcraft**

And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each man has dreamed in one night, each man according to the of his dream, the butler and the baker of the King of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.

And Joseph came in unto them in the morning and looked upon them and behold, they were sad. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his Lord's house saying, wherefore, look ye so sadly today.

And they said unto him, we have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, do not do not interpretations belong to God.

Tell me them.

[@14:44](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=884.44) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

pray you. Hey, and Rod, would you read nine through twelve, please?

[@14:50](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=890.06) - **Erin Ashcraft**

Sure. And the cheap butler told his dream to Joseph and said to him, in my dream behold, a vine was before me.

And in the vine. Ryan was three branches and it was as though it budded and her blossom shot forth.

And the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes and Pharaoh's cup was in my hand and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand and Joseph said unto him, this is the interpretation of it.

[@15:22](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=922.48) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

The three branches are three days. Okay, and Brian, would you mind reading 13 through 16?

[@15:33](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=933.58) - **Brian**

Now within three days, Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your place and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand according to the former madder when you were his butler.

But remember when it is well with you and please show kindness to me, make mention to me to Pharaoh and let

when we get out of his house. For indeed, I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews. And also, I have done nothing here that they should put me into the dungeon.

When the chief baker saw that interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also was in my dream. And there were three white baskets on my head.

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And Julie, would you read 17 through 20? In the top asker, well, kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh. the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.

This is what it means, Joseph said. The three baskets are three days. Within three days, Pharaoh will lift off your head and hang you on a tree.

And the birds will eat away your flesh. Now, the third day was Pharaoh's And he gave a feast for all the officials.

He lifted up the head of the chief cup bearer and the chief baker in the presence of the officials.

Hey, and Jamie, would you finish us up 21, 3, 3, 23?

[@17:10](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1030.68) - **Brian**

He restored the chief to his position and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. But he hanged the chief baker as Joseph had interpreted to them.

Yet the chief cup bearer did not remember Joseph but forgot him.

[@17:24](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1044.5) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay. Now, maybe some of you already see where I'm going with this because what did I say? We were going talk about how do we apply what Jesus did for our lives, right?

The crucifixion. How do we apply the payment of sin to our lives? The Old Testament pointed to the fact that they had the promise of Jesus.

The New Testament was the actual fulfillment of that promise. But how do we apply? And everything in the Old Testament is alluded to what was going to happen, what God was going to do, right?

fulfillment of what it's all. So this, this just totally blew my mind because I never made this association before.

So here you've got the story, right? Joseph has been sold into slavery. And we know that what preceded this story is that he was sold in the slavery, he was sold to Potiphar, was it?

Potiphar, thank you. To Potiphar, who is kind of a higher up in the courts of Pharaoh and his wife wanted to have an affair with Joseph, but Joseph was a man of integrity.

And even though they were alone in the house and she made moves on him, he ran out of the house, right?

He left behind and ran out. And so he got falsely accused, he was thrown into prison. And so he's done his best even in prison to serve, and he was elevated to basically taking care of the other prisoners.

And so here now two prisoners are brought in. Pharaoh is the king of Egypt, right? So he represents the king.

And the baker, right, is representing a bread. He makes bread for the king. Association is bread. The cup bear was the taster of the beverages for the king.

And primarily, it was wine representing wine, right? It was flowing out of the king's house, right? have the best wine you were probably in the king's house.

would have some wine, right, if you're commoner, but it wouldn't be the best wine. The very best wine was always presented to the king.

So here the cup bear represents the wine of the king, right? So now what happens? They have a dream and God allows an interpretation.

And so in both dreams, notice the similarity here. In both dreams represents three days. Is that significant that to anybody?

Does that bring up any thoughts about the crucifixion? What is it? What is it? Yeah, resurrection. resurrection in three days, um,

Does that make an association with anybody? What does that kind of in your mind?

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The body.

[@20:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1206.2) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah body, right? How about the wine?

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Does that counter up anything right?

[@20:12](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1212.52) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay, so We know that the crucifixion right was that Jesus was hung upon a tree. What happened to the baker?

He was hung on a tree right, but what happened to the butler?

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He was restored.

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He was restored. So now do you get it? The flesh died So the wine which represents the spirit because you read in the scripture wine represents the flowing of the spirit Remember Jesus said talked about new wine putting in wineskins, right?

It wine over always represents the flow of the spirit So the flesh had to die so the spirit could flow from the king

Isn't that is not mind-boggling, but but there's even more to it. I'm kidding. Let's break this down, right? So Think about the dream here and verse 9 Where it starts the chief butlers telling his dream, right?

Three branches, right? Butlers talking about branches didn't Jesus say I am the vine and you are the branches so three one connection to heaven through Jesus to you Right Jesus was the connection to heaven.

He's he said I am the vine. You are the branches So what's the root the root is heaven that it brought forth the vine You are the branch of the vine.

So you see the connection one two and three All right, and that's how the spirit flows How does sap throw flow through a living vessel through a living plant through the sap right from the root?

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You

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Through the line to the branches. That's how the sap travels. How does the spirit flow from heaven through Jesus to you?

There's no other way. No other way. All right, and so Then branches and they butted right they blossom and the brought forth fruit right the brought for food.

How are you going to bring fruit in your lives? Cuz it didn't Jesus say that you know he came that we might have life and have it more abundantly representing fruit and how Paul talked About we have the fruit of the spirit.

How does fruit happen only because of the sap running through the vine? You follow you can't bear fruit if there's no sap running through So if you're not connected to the vine that you're never gonna have fruit But not only that not only do you have to be connected you've got to have the sap running through you in other words You got have the spirit running through you because these are spiritual gifts.

These are spiritual fruit love joy people He's suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, you can't have any of that on your own.

You might try to do your best in one of those areas, but you can't have the fullness of that fruit without the Spirit of God flowing through you and your connection to Jesus.

Does that make sense? Okay. And so now let's look at the of Baker's dream, right? Three, again, three days.

He says three branches. Same thing, right? The three branches. But it's in the difference between the butler and the baker is one living for God because he's serving the Spirit.

He's serving the wine. He's serving the Spirit. But the butler, even though he's connected to the branch, he's the branch connected to the vine.

He's serving what? He's serving the flesh. So there are Christians who think they are living for God, but they're

They're empty of the spirit because they're serving the flesh. Does that make sense? Everybody with me. So if we really want to be on fire for God, we really want to produce fruit and have results in our life.

We can't be serving the flesh, even though we're going to be Christian, we have to be serving the spirit.

That's how we apply the crucifixion to our lives because Jesus died to provide this for us. But it's up to us to make the choice or we're going to live for the spirit or we're going to live for the flesh.

That decision is a life and death decision because what happened to the butler? He got restored, taken back into the palace of the king.

That's our destination is heaven. If we are serving the spirit and allowing the spirit to flow through us and producing fruit, our ultimate destination is in the palace of the king heaven.

But if we are serving the flesh, even though we say we are Christians and we're serving the the flesh, what's the ultimate destination?

Death. The butler was hung on a tree suffered death. Right? And again, how do I know this is a spiritual implication?

Because of the decision, because what happened to the bake? He had the bread. He had the bread, the word of God.

It was represented on his head. He had it in his mind. But the birds came and picked at it, right?

The ravens. Instead of doves, these were ravens. When you think of the dove versus a raven, what do you, what do you picture?

Give me some descriptive differences.

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Purity and evil?

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How is that represented in looking at a dove versus a raven?

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Raven's Eve.

[@25:48](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1548.76) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah. Raven's Eve, uh, rotted flesh. Yep. So doves, typically, we think of a dove as a white bird, a raven as a black.

So you can see the contrast just even in color, right? And then you see doves eating berries and fruits, right?

But you see ravens eating dead flesh on the side of the road even, right? Right? in the book, even in the Bible, when I think it was Elijah, right, had to run in the famine from Ahab, God had told him, go to this riverbank and the ravens will feed you flesh because they would bring the flesh over, right?

So here we have birds, ravens picking at the word of God on the top of the head of the baker.

So you see, as a Christian if you are living for the flesh, the word of God is going to be stolen from you.

What you think you have in knowledge, instead of having a connection to the heart, because you need both, but if all you have is a head knowledge, the ravens are picking at it.

You follow? All right.

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like the three soils, right?

[@27:02](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1622.16) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, yeah, exactly. Because one soil was totally unproductive, right? And then the birds came and picked at it, took it away, right?

It's exactly right. So I thought that was a pretty cool connection to how do we actually see the crucifixion applying to our lives, okay?

So now part three, what I wanted to get into too is the prophecy. How did we know that that God would come and fulfill this plan, right?

That he would provide the sacrifice himself. But how do we connect it from Old Testament to New Testament that Jesus was the fulfillment of all of this?

Well, we have prophecy. If we are given indication in the Old Testament prophecy that Jesus actually fulfilled, then we know we can make that connection.

We can know that this led to this, right? So let's read some of those prophecies. Deuteronomy chapter 21. Deuteronomy chapter 21, we read verses 22 and 23, Jeanette, when you have that, do you mind reading for us?

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Okay, 21, but 22 in there, after 21, verses 22 and 23. Okay, if someone guilty of a capital offense is put to death and their body is exposed on a pole, you must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight.

Be sure to bury it at same day, because anyone who's hung on a pole is under God's curse. You must not desecrate the land, the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.

[@28:44](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1724.1) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay, now your version uses the word pole, but another version would use the word tree. So anyone who's hung on a tree or a pole was represented as a curse, right?

We see that happening in Joseph's interpretation of the baker's dream, right? He was hung on a tree. But here's the connection.

Anyone hung in the tree is related to the curse. What did we say in Genesis was the curse on man?

That he would have to die spiritually and physically, right? So we see the fulfillment of the curse having to be that somebody is put on a tree.

Okay? Let's go to Psalm 16, Psalm 16, verse 10. And Cindy, do you mind reading that? 16, verse 10.

Cindy, we are probably unmuted.

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Can you give me your name?

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don't want to happen to me.

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Some people have this debate, did Jesus go to hell after he died, and there is scripture that would indicate to us that he went to hell to preach to the captives because how could Jesus be the savior of the entire world without everybody knowing the message?

Because at the point when Jesus died, there were generations upon generations that had already passed into the afterlife. They were already dead, right?

So they had to be given a choice, right? Just like everybody from the moment Jesus died, the future had given a choice for God because we talked about it in Joseph's dream, that it's a choice you make, right?

You're either going to live for the flesh or going to live for the spirit. So going to hell meant he had to have an opportunity to preach to everybody there and love them to make that choice.

Okay? I know that's a little controversial, but so we're not going to dive into that right now, but I just want you to think about that.

Okay, because this is what scripture says. I didn't say it. Verse 10, chapter 16, Psalm said it, right? All right, so but at least we know he's going to rise from the dead.

Let's go to Psalm 22. Psalm 22, let's read verse 1. Luke, you mind reading that? You might have to come off and mute if that's okay.

[@32:15](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1935.12) - **Luke Huffman**

No problem. said Psalm 22 verse 1.

[@32:19](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1939.1) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yes, thank you.

[@32:20](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1940.54) - **Luke Huffman**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I've grown for help?

[@32:27](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1947.64) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Well, I mean, so this person is going to be saying these words, right, and they're going to have this feeling.

We know Jesus said that. going to connect all these things to Jesus in a minute, but pretty powerful words.

Let's also read verses 7 and 8 of that same scripture. Mike, would you mind reading that?

[@32:47](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1967.1) - **Owner’s iPhone**

Hey, okay, what are you doing?

[@32:51](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1971.52) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Hey, Kat, do you mind putting yourself on mute?

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Oh, I thought I was.

[@32:56](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1976.74) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Sorry. No problem. Mike, would you mind reading verse verses seven and eight.

[@33:01](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1981.76) - **Mike**

All who see me snare at me, they separate with the lift. They wagged they had saying, commit yourself to the Lord.

Let him deliver him. Let him rush to him because he delights him in.

[@33:17](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=1997.38) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Thank you. And let's drop down to verses 14 through 18.

[@33:21](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2001.8) - **amazon cathy**

Kathy, you mind reading that, please? Okay. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart is like wax. It is melted within my breast. My strength is dried up like a poached shirt.

And my tongue sticks to my jaws. You lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompassed me, a company of evil doors.

In circles me, they have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones. They spare and grow too.

opened me, they divide my garments among them and for my clothing they cast the laws.

[@34:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2046.58) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay, thank you. So here in these verses out of Psalm 22, we see that this person's going to be forsaken.

He's going to feel forsaken. He's going to be mocked, chided in verse 7 and 8. They're going to ridicule them in verses 14 through 18.

This person is going to feel like they've been beaten up. Their bones are out of joint. Their heart is just sapped of strength.

They're going to be associated with the wicked. In the group of the wicked, they're going to be able to see their bones.

They're going to be their bones are exposed. They're going to have the garments cast lots and their hands and feet pierced.

mean, these are some very specific details of how the fulfillment of God's promise was going to come about. All right, let's go to Psalm 31.

Psalm 31, and let's read verse five.

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Carla, do you mind reading up? Yeah. Into your hands, I commit my spirit, redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

[@35:10](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2110.2) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So again, this person fulfilling this promise is going to say something like this, right? to be committed, committing their spirit to God.

Okay. And let's go to Psalm 34. Psalm 34 verse 20. Alicia, do you mind reading that, please?

[@35:31](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2131.06) - **Alicia**

Sir, you said 20.

[@35:34](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2134.08) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Verse 20. Verse 20 of Psalm 34.

[@35:38](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2138.34) - **Alicia**

Okay. He protects all my bones, not one of them will be broken.

[@35:43](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2143.68) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay. And so why is that important? Because in the Old Testament, when they brought a lamb to sacrifice, no bones of that lamb could be broken.

So here, if a lamb is to be sacrificed for our sin, then he's got to meet all these criteria we've been talking about and not

one of his bones should be broken. Even though he can see his bones exposed, none of them should be broken.

Okay, let's go to Psalm 69. Psalm 69, let's read verses 20 through 21. And Kat, would you mind reading that for us, please?

Kat, this time you might need to come off of me if you want to read for us.

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Yeah, hang on.

[@36:30](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2190.74) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Thank you.

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You said 20?

[@36:33](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2193.66) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

20 and 21, Psalm 69.

[@36:37](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2197.4) - **Owner’s iPhone**

Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of having us. I looked for some to take pity, but there was none.

And for comforters, but I found none. That gave me also gall for my meat. And my thirst to give me vinegar to drink.

[@36:54](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2214.82) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So again, this person is going to be reproach even in his Desperate state, nobody's going to have pity, they're going to go even further and offer them gall or vinegar, right?

gall is like a vomit, right? Vomit mixed with vinegar to offer them to drink. Isaiah, let's go to Isaiah, chapter 50.

Isaiah 50, let's read verse 6, and I think I'm back up to Lori, please.

[@37:30](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2250.0) - **Laurie Nelson**

I gave my back to the smiteers and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair. I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

[@37:38](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2258.56) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So back offered to the smiteers, even his beard plucked, right? Because he would grab his beard and pull on it.

Isaiah 52, verse 14. Aaron, would you read that, please?

[@37:53](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2273.3) - **Erin Ashcraft**

As many of us are stoned at thee, his visage was so marred more than any any man and his form more than the sons of men.

[@38:03](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2283.84) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Sorry. I feel like I forgot how to read today. No problem. No problem. So that basically means he was so beaten you wouldn't even recognize him because you know when you get punched in the eye how it turns black and blue right even swells.

He was so beaten you couldn't even recognize the shape of his face or who he was simply by looking okay and Isaiah 53.

Isaiah 53 let's read verses 3-10. Rodney do you mind reading that?

[@38:34](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2314.06) - **Erin Ashcraft**

And he is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief and we hid as it were our faces from him he was despised and we esteemed him not.

Surely he had born our agrees and carried our sorrows yet we did esteem him stricken smitten of God and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray, and we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth, he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so openeth not his mouth.

He was taken from prison, and from judgment, and all who shall declare his generation, where he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people he was stricken, and he made his grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth, yet it pleased the

Lord to bruise him that had put him to grief when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." Thank you.

[@40:16](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2416.12) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So here we have even more detail that he was despised, rejected, right? He's acquainted with grief. He carried our weight, our burden.

He was wounded for our transgressions, pierced for our iniquity as it says, and we can relate because we are in sheep, turned away, we are oppressed, like he was oppressed, but even as an oppression, he didn't even open his mouth to complain.

That's what that means. He didn't open his mouth, means he didn't complain. Think about that. How many of us, especially like me, I get a sliver, oh my goodness, why do I have to have this sliver?

Why, you know, this thing hearts, why in the world do I have to deal with this, right? And a sliver can cause that out of me, you know, and yet he bore the cross, he bore the

the whipping post, he bore the crown of thorns, all that, right, and didn't open his mouth to complain. I was listening to another preacher this week, he used a good example of giving God praise and glory for everything.

And he used the example of Corey Tenboom, who is a very well-known Christian, right? I think they wrote songs and articles and things for God, but she and her sister were in the concentration camps because they had Harvard and housed Jews, they were caught, right?

So her and her sister were in the concentration camp. And, you know, they were talking about God and how they were to give God glory and praise for everything.

And so, you know, Corey was trying to, but she said, I'm not going to get praise for the lights because it just can't stand the lights.

And her sister said, no, you need to give praise, even for the lights. And even though Corey didn't want to, she went ahead and said, okay, God, I need

Thank you for the lice, you know, for whatever you're going to do, because you can turn all things around for good, right?

And so, as the end of the war was approaching, you know, the Germans were in panic mode and they exterminated a lot of Jews that they had in the concentration camps because they were trying to hide their crimes.

But Corey, Corey's sister died, I think, but Corey survived and wasn't exterminated in that last round of push. And so after the war, she found out the whole reason the Germans did not put them in the gas chambers was because the guards did not like going into her bunker because of all the lice.

Think about that, right? I mean here, that sliver that I have could be life and death for me. It's all in how I look at it.

It's on all, you know, what's going to come out of my mouth. That's why Scripture says the power of life and death is in the tongue.

You know, we have to be very careful about what we're saying and how we're saying it and all those things.

And if we say the wrong thing, you know, God has given us repentance. We can apologize. can say, God, I made a mistake.

Help me be stronger. Help me to learn. Right? doesn't expect perfection. He expects growth. That's what the producing of fruit is, right?

go back to the story in Joseph and the butler and the grapes and the bread, right? It's all about producing fruit.

Well, fruit doesn't happen overnight. You can't expect to come to God and be perfect immediately. You can't expect to be living for God even for 30 years like I have and expect to be perfect after 30 years.

No, I'm sorry. It's a process of growth. As long as you keep growing, as long as you keep acknowledging, hey, I'm not maybe where I need to be, but I want to keep progressing.

want to keep moving forward in you, God. I need your help. And you're totally honest. with God. He's going to honor that.

Because that was the whole purpose. When you read this, I say, and you read about what was done. What did his flesh look like?

It was raw. It was raw flesh. He's trying to show an example even in his flesh to be raw, to be open, to be vulnerable to God in every way, shape and form.

Let's read a couple more prophecies and then let's make some equations here. Amos, it's about six books away from Isaiah to the right.

It's not a book we jump into a whole lot, but Amos 8. And we're going to read verse 9.

And Brian, would you read verse 9 for us when you have it?

[@44:44](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2684.2) - **Brian**

And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord God, that I will make the sun go down at noon and I will darken the earth in broad daylight.

[@44:55](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=2695.5) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So here we're having scriptures and prophecies about the man and the events that are going to happen around it.

And God has even given us detail of what the day is going to be like, what's what signs are going to happen in the day that the sun's going to go down in the middle of the day, right?

So God is going to fulfill his word to the umpt detail, right? Even in your life, right? do we read these prophecies and relate this to Jesus is because if we are in the Spirit, if the Spirit is in us, that means God is even concerned about the very details of your life, right?

Even the day that you're having, he's down to the very minute details of your life. He knows, he sees, he plans, he understands, he's guiding and directing every minute detail of your life, just like he did even on the day of crucifixion.

Last prophecy I want us to read is Zechariah. It's the second to book of the last book before we get into the New Testament.

So Zechariah chapter 12. And Julie, would you read verse 10 when we have Zechariah 12? 12 verse 10 and I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication they will look on me the one day have pierced and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child in grief bitterly for him as one griefs for a firstborn son okay so we see that he's going to be pierced so Old Testament showing us that the promise of Jesus coming why this is a connection here why because he wants to pour out grace upon us how can he do that only through the crucifixion only through the cross you're going to experience grace of God only when you connect to the cross because when you see what God did for you for me for all of us what he did for us personally when it becomes personal like the Israelite who had to run to the center of the camp after being bitten by the

Make you had to make it personally couldn't send a delegate. Hey, go run to the snake for me Go look at that hole for me.

he had to go personally It has to become a personal thing across because when you get that revelation of what didn't what God did for you now You can understand grace Because what is grace?

You graces you deserve a punishment, but God is not going to give you the punishment He's going to take the punishment himself.

That's grace. How can you fully understand grace if you don't get to the cross? Right? Hallelujah So we understand I'm not going to make us read it, but that's all part three I wanted to show the prophecy and connection.

How do we now in part four connect to what Jesus did? This is homework for you in part four because these are long chapters and you really need to spend some time Reading through these on your own Right set aside a good hour somewhere during the week next two weeks and read these Read and mark chapter 27 through chapter 28 verse 6

You'll see them listed in part 4 here. Mark 14, chapter 14, verse 32, chapter 16, verse 6. Read Luke's chapter 22 through 24.

John chapters 13 through 20. All of those deal with the whole passion, last supper through the resurrection. That's a short period of time.

That's a period of right? If you, but look at in the gospels, how much verbiage they take up in the gospels.

Just look at the gospel of John, for example. It's, I think it's only 21 chapters. Yeah, it's 21 chapters.

But here from the last supper to the resurrection, it's seven chapters out of 21. It's a third of his gospel.

He's dealing with the crucifixion and the resurrection. That tells me that there's a lot of emphasis to be placed there and allowed for us to learn from it.

I'm going to summarize for you the prophecies that we read. We know that back in Psalm 16 that Jesus died and he was risen from the dead.

he fulfilled Psalm 16 verse 10. He did not see corruption. We know in Psalm 21 verse 1 that he said these very words, God-wise, offer sickening.

In verse 7 and 8 that they laughed him to scorn when he was hanging him across. They said these very words.

He saved others, but he can't save himself. And we know that as he said, I thirst on the cross that they soak a sponge in vomit and vinegar and they offered it to him.

That was the best mankind had to offer to God, is there a vomit and vinegar, right? And yet he didn't drink it.

And his strength was literally seeping out of his body as blood ran down, right? they gambled for his clothing, right, they parted his clothing and you could see his bones, cat of the whip, cat of nine tails, because it had hooks and pieces of metal and pieces of bone in it as it would come against the flesh, into the flesh and rip flesh out as they whip that whip back, right?

So 39 stripes and minimum that he had on his back, exposed ribs, bones being exposed, right? It's very common for those who went through that type of punishment to just die from that exposure.

Psalm 31, we know Jesus said, into thy hands, Lord, commit my spirit, right? He said those very words. And we know in Psalm 33, he fulfilled the fact that none of his bones were physically broken.

So he was the lamb presented for the sacrifice. Psalm 69, he was again, as I mentioned, given gall, right, for inventor to drink.

He gave his back in Isaiah 50 and verse 6, he gave us back at the Whippy post they in in the trial when he was before Caiaphas They they struck him they hit him and they pulled his beard And so you can imagine his face swelling up because they hit him because they were pulling on his beard Not just a gentle pole ripping chunks of beard out right so his face became marred and as verse 52 said in Isaiah chapter 52 verse 14 that nobody could recognize him because he was so puffy so Beaten so badly, right?

But here's the here's the important part in Isaiah 53 He was wounded and that word wounded in Isaiah in the Old Testament means pierced for our transgressions and For and with the stripes we are healed so his piercings meant we could have healing Think about this Thorne pierced his head The piercing meant we could have healing for our mental states.

We don't have to suffer anxiety Don't have to suffer oppression. We're depression worried fear. We can be healed of that Because Jesus paid the price Remember God said in in Genesis the punishment was death not all this anguish and suffering So he took it to an extreme so that we could have complete healing all he had to do is die in the cross for our sin But he took it to the extreme to to show us his love and to show us that he wanted us to be complete Mental healing can be ours his back was pierced by these bones and these pieces metal on the whip Why the flesh didn't have to be beaten like this why so we could have physical healing in our flesh His hands were pierced all he had to do is be strung up on a cross Why was his hands pierced?

Right so we could have relational healing because of hands represent reaching out to one another We can have relational healing In our marriages in our families

In our friendships, we can have healing. Why was his feet pierced? Because wherever we go, our future, our past, could be healed.

All the things in the past that we think were too great for us. No, that could be healed, washed away, because Jesus paid the price for it.

Everything thinking in the future, He's already laid out the path for us. Don't let the enemy lie to you and say, you could never be what God promised you to be.

Yes, you can. When you get to the cross, it's already been paid for. Why was his side pierced, his heart pierced?

Because your emotions can be healed. You don't have to be caught up in oppression and depression, like I said.

Every part of who you are, Jesus paid the price for your healing. Isn't that awesome? And we know that the sun went down at noon.

In fact, I want to point this out, and we talked about an Amos, right? The very sun going down at noon you will read if you read those chapters.

assigned to you. You will see that One Jesus had to cross over the brook Sedron which means storm or or torrent to get into Gethsemane Which Gethsemane means oil press it was on the Mount of Olives the grew olive groves there That's why it was called the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane was repressed there where they would take those olives They've harvested and they press them into oil.

So what what Jesus is just crossing over Into the storm to be pressed so that the oil could be released a oil wine and oil represent the Holy Spirit So again so that the spirit could be released oil opera also represents healing So wine specifically represents the spirit oil represents spirit and healing because it's a spirit flows it brings healing right so he was crushed the oil Was pressed released through the crucifixion for this healing all the piercing

happened. So the oil could be released, the healing could be released through the spirit into your life, right? But notice the events that happened.

Think about this. Jesus wakes up the day that they're going to have the Last Supper. It says in Scripture, his customers wake up early before anybody else can go pray.

So imagine, let's say it's 3 a.m. Before anybody gets up, right? To pray. So by the time he's crucified, he's been up at least 24 hours to 36 hours.

Those two numbers are significant. I'm a numbers guy, right? Have I ever shown anything in numbers before? you know I'm a numbers guy.

24 represents priesthood or rulership. Jesus was our priest dying for our sacrifice. awesome. 36 represents spiritual growth. The crucifixion was for our spiritual growth.

Everybody with me? So he was Up 36 hours, more than likely, he got up really early before anybody else to pray, went through his day, had the last supper, had the judgment, and then was crucified.

about how tired you be after 36 hours. When I've traveled and sometimes I've traveled that long, I'm exhausted. I can't even think clearly, right?

So think about that. Then it says that crucifixion started at the third hour or at 9 a.m. And the darkness hit at noon, just like Amos said, until that was at the sixth hour, and it was there until the ninth hour.

So it was darkness occurred for three hours. means, and Jesus, it says, he died on the ninth hour. So from 9 a.m.

3 p.m., he hung him across. That's six hours, six representing man, right? was the spiritual perfection for man, dying for man sin.

But notice this, if you lay out the numbers, third hour, sixth hour, ninth hour, and you actually out the time of day, nine E.M., noon, and three P.M., and you split noon into six.

You would have nine, three, six, six, three, nine. Take a piece of paper and write it out. You would have nine, three, nine E.M.

is a third hour, noon representing six, six, at the sixth hour, six, at three P.M. at the ninth hour, nine.

What do you have? You have everything pointing from outside to inside. You have nine on the outside, fullness. Fullness of something at one end, fullness at the other end.

You have three representing spiritual. The fullness of something spiritual happening. The spiritual something coming to the fullness. And then you have not six, six, in the middle.

So you can see the highlight of the enemy, the pinnacle of what the enemy thought, the fullness of the spirit of man, the destruction of man.

man thought was the very pinnacle. you see, that's why the devil thinks that that was his victory. He thought the crucifixion of Jesus was his victory.

That's why some organizations carry around a crucifixion, not just the cross, but the body showing on the cross. They carry that around because they think that's their victory.

That's what they see. That's what they live with, right? But they forget about what happened after that. Because what happened after that, you have another three and nine, spiritual perfection of fullness, God releasing his spirit to mankind.

So what the enemy thought was his highlight was his defeat because at that very point that he thought was a victory, God poured out his spirit.

He said, nope, I invalidate that. And here's my spirit to prove it. Because then he rose from the grave.

He said, I triumphed. Also realize darkness came at that very time, the height of the darkness came. But the moment Jesus

died. Remember the darkness was only there until the ninth hour and Jesus died of the ninth hour. So picture this.

get we see movies in that that inaccurately paint this. They showed Jesus on a cross and crucified and they showed the darkness all the way through until the resurrection.

No. Read the words that are written there. It says he died at the ninth hour and darkness was until the ninth hour.

So picture what really happened is darkness occurred until Jesus died. Then light came on the scene instantly. The moment he died light sprang forth.

The darkness was removed. Light occurred. Jesus was the light of the world and by dying releasing the flesh, releasing the spirit light came to the world.

Hallelujah. We have to notice the shift from dead leading to dead to now the dead becoming alive or having new birth.

Matthew eight. We're at this up very soon and we're at the top of the hour. Let's go to Matthew chapter eight verse 22.

Is everyone appreciating this? you getting this? Does this make sense?

[@1:00:04](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3604.58) - **Carla Buchanan**

Yeah.

[@1:00:05](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3605.4) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay, So Matthew chapter, chapter eight, verse 22. I think I'm at Julie, or did I already have you read?

So Jamie, would you read Matthew chapter eight verse 22?

[@1:00:25](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3625.62) - **Brian**

And Jesus said to him, and follow me and leave the dead to bury their own dead.

[@1:00:31](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3631.36) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay. So this is a statement Jesus makes when somebody comes to him and says, I'm gonna follow you wherever they go.

But first I gotta go back, right? And bury my father or something. Yeah, go bury my father in the verse before.

But Jesus gives a very interesting response here. Let the dead bury their dead. He's talking to a living person who said, I need to go bury a physically dead person.

So what is he saying here? He's saying without God, you're a walking zombie. Without the spirit in you, you're already dead.

You don't realize it, but if you haven't come to God already if you haven't given your life to God You are already dead.

You just don't realize it So how does God get us from being dead back to life through the crucifixion Matthew chapter 27?

Matthew 27 versus 50 through 52 and Jeanette would you read that for us, please? I Matthew 27 versus 50 through 52 Jesus replied do what you came for a friend Then the men strip them and man's set forward See I'm gonna pause you there.

Are you sure you're after 27?

[@1:01:49](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3709.38) - **Janette Dennis**

Oh, sorry, I'm 26 50 correct correct 53 52 okay, when Jesus

[@1:02:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3720.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

says had cried out again in a loud voice he gave up his spirit at that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom the earth shook the rocks split and the tombs broke open the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life and go ahead read the next verse they came out of the tombs after jesus and went into the holy city and appeared to many people okay so here the last thing jesus does as it's finished on a cross and he dies right and what what event happened light comes on the scene as i've described but also at the very same time in the temple there was a curtain that separated the holy place from the holy of holies and the holy of holies is where the mercy seat was where god was claimed to dwell right it was it was his throne he sits on a throne of mercy and he sits on his word

Because he is his word. It's all one. And so at that very moment, the veil is torn, not from bottom to top, which would have been man being able to do that.

Because this thing was huge, right? This thing was tall. It was taller than a man could reach. So there's no way a man could have reached up and torn it from the top.

He would have had to start at the bottom. Bottom up, man could never have gotten his ascent to heaven by doing his own way.

It was God who came and the promise, the sacrifice. he tore it from top to bottom, showing it was God doing this from top to bottom.

What did that allow when that veil was torn? Before that event, it was only the high priest who could go in and minister in the holy of holies.

And he could only do it once a year. would bring blood. would go behind the veil and he poured on the mercy seat as an atonement for sin.

To understand what happened here, you also have to understand in the Old Testament. Testament that the high priest was not allowed to rend or rip his garment, okay Let's go to Let's go to mark 14 Mark 14.

I want to show you something this all connects if you bear with me for a minute mark 14 verses 63 63 Cindy do you mind reading that for us mark 14?

60 through 63 Cindy and you might have to come off mute Okay, maybe she had to step away let a look do you mind?

I'm reading for us mark 14 I'm gonna have to pass. I'm sorry. No problem. We'll move on to Mike.

Mike. Would you read that for us, please?

[@1:05:09](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3909.26) - **Mike**

But he kept silent and did not answer again The high priest was questioning and saying to him are you the Christ the son of the blessed one and Jesus said I am and you shall see the son of man sitting at the right hand of power And coming with the clouds of heaven Tearing his clothes the high priest said what further need do we have a witness?

[@1:05:37](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=3937.78) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

that's good. Thank you, Mike. So here they're questioning Jesus at the trial, right and They they can't find any false witnesses They brought in all kinds of people to try to lie about it and but nobody could get their story straight, right?

Nobody could come in agreement. So finally the high priest says hey look, you know Are you the son of God and and understand the high priest kind of?

This is so set on trying to make sure that Jesus dies, right? Because that was his purpose. And he's so full of emotion and rage that he doesn't listen to the words, right?

But he's just trying to find something he can hook into. And so when Jesus says, makes his response, his emotions just get the better of him.

And he rips his garment. He just is like, yeah, and it was not an easy thing to do because the high priest garment was double sewn around the collar.

It was a thick collar, right? So to do this meant you, you were in anguish. You were really emotionally charged.

You were showing how much your heart was rent, right? In the Old Testament, we'll read about it in a second, but that was typically to show them a good thing, an emotional thing, positive thing.

But here his heart is so full of negativity and anger and frustration, that his emotions and he's so full of anguish of that, he rips us.

Why is that significant? Because now if we go to Leviticus, Leviticus chapter 21 Let's read verse 10 Carla with you mind reading that please when we get there Leviticus 21 verse 10 The High Priest the one among his brother who has had a 19 oil poured on his head and who has been ordained to wear the priestly garments Must not let his hair become uncapped or tear his clothes So the high priest is not supposed to tear his clothes.

He's not supposed to rent it. Why? The question is answered because it disqualified him from being the high priest And the next one in line would become the high priest the next true person to become the high priest So in the presence of Jesus When this happens because the high priest in the room tears his

Church tears his robe. Who's next in line to be high priest? Jesus. So that's why his scripture says Jesus became both the sacrifice and the high priest at that very moment.

So now go back to what we read about the curtain being torn. So at the very moment, so Jesus is a high priest until he makes that sacrifice.

He makes the sacrifice. It's complete. It's finished. He says, now the curtain is torn from top to bottom. God did it.

Who's next in line to be high priest? Because the veil represented the flesh. But and if Jesus was high priest and it gets torn at that point, we are made to be priests directly with God.

Because who was supposed to go into the Holy of Holies? The priest only. But if now we have access, because the curtains have been torn, everybody has access, we have been made the priest if we associate with the cross.

If we lined up with the Holy Spirit, we now, that's why scripture says, you You have become a holy nation of people set apart a priesthood unto God See I told you this all comes together There's all a purpose and see by this by the sacrifice of Jesus The the curse had I see your hand up Carla.

We'll get to you in a minute. I'm gonna wrap up and then I'll take questions So the the curses in the garden that we started with Jesus has redeemed the curse on man That now we have back into fellowship back into right relationship if we get to the cross We connect with the cross the blood of Jesus flowing through us We're producing fruit by being raw and honest saying God.

need you every moment of our lives And we are growing in perfection. We're growing in relationship We then can minister unto God and God can minister unto us It becomes a two-way street that it flows white the oil and the wine they flow for our healing for our deliverance

For everything that we need You can read 1 Peter 2 9 that's where it talks about us being a royal priesthood But I want to finish with this verse in the Hebrews chapter 4 verse 16 Last verse we're going to read Hebrews chapter 4 verse 16 and Alicia would you read that for us, please?

[@1:10:34](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4234.32) - **Alicia**

All right, it's taking me a minute to find Hebrews, but I got it. No problem. Give us chapter 4 verse 16 Says Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need Thank you, and that word

[@1:11:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4260.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

confidence in another translation also means boldly. How can we approach the throne of grace or the throne of mercy boldly by knowing what Jesus did for us, by understanding what the cross means, by seeing how in the Old Testament it was promised, how Jesus fulfilled it, and how now it applies to our life.

That gives us the confidence to come to Him and say, God, I need your help. I need you, and knowing He will respond to our cry because we understand, we don't just have a head knowledge, we have a connection in the heart, we understand what He did, we connect it, we now have that 18-inch divide connected, we can come boldly, and He will answer our prayers.

All right, questions? Carla, you had your hand up previously?

[@1:12:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4320.55) - **Carla Buchanan**

When Jesus was sacrificed, or questioned by Kiyepus, he was appointed by the Romans, correct? He wasn't the original High Priest.

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True, that is true, but he was fulfilling whole of the High Priest, yes.

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Was he also Jewish, though? Was he, okay, all right?

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Other questions? Thoughts? How does this impact you? What is it? What's happening in your heart right now? Or even in your mind?

Rod?

[@1:12:43](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4363.66) - **Erin Ashcraft**

So going back to that quick scripture that you mentioned 1 Peter 2 and 9, but you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, a peculiar people that you should show forth the praises of him, who have

That calls you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I don't know what's resonating with me right now is Two things and that is what does God call me out of or brought me out of and what is he calling me into?

So as an encouragement for all this today, what has God brought us out of and what is he taking us into as a whole?

[@1:13:24](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4404.66) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Say with this group of believers right here. Yeah, Oh, that's good That's a question that's a reside or to be going through our heads, right?

Anybody else what do you what's resonating with you today, Mike?

[@1:13:39](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4419.1) - **Mike**

So is there anything where I'm no longer a royal priesthood? So that I can do a work. Do you believe I know the answer for myself?

I'm just seeing what what you'll say is there anything I can do to lose that place where Jesus has me through faith in him Well, the thing that we

[@1:14:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4440.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

see in Ezekiel is that if a man sins, even though he's righteous, will he continue in his righteousness through sin?

No, he loses his righteousness because of sin. But if he turns back from being in sin, back to his righteousness, back to the way in God, then he's back into the right relationship.

So sin is the thing that keeps us from God and that takes us. scripture talks about us coming in and out, right?

What does that mean? Well, think about in terms of the camp of the Old Testament, right? The Israelites were in a camp.

And as a body, they were God's people, but they could go out of the camp and perhaps they'd be representing the camp, or perhaps they wouldn't be representing themselves, depending on whether they were in sin or not.

If they were sinning, they were representing themselves, if you will, right? Because the camp represented God. If they were not in sin, they were representing the camp, were representing God.

So sin is the dividing line, right? If you have unrepented sin is going to keep you from God. That's why we have to not only get to the cross, we have to stay at the cross because it's understanding that we live at that cross of what Jesus did for us.

Does that make sense, Mike?

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Yeah, but you're talking about position like it talks about in 1 John rather than salvation, right?

[@1:15:20](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4520.18) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

No, not necessarily position because sin is not a physical position.

[@1:15:25](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4525.62) - **Mike**

Well, your relationship with God changes just like it did with David as even Uriah. Right. He was still when he repented.

I'm not sure that I believe in the fact that as Christians through faith, he said we lose our salvation, you know what I'm saying?

[@1:15:46](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4546.9) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, I do. I understand what you're saying.

[@1:15:49](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4549.36) - **Mike**

It's been every day.

[@1:15:51](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4551.18) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, unfortunately, none of us are the judge. You know, that position was not given to us when the curtain was torn.

[@1:15:58](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4558.04) - **Mike**

Jesus would be the judge.

[@1:16:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4560.0) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I'm a judge. So we just are responsible for building that relationship with God, right? And we know in our hearts whether not we're building the right relationship, whether that relationship is being maintained, right?

And so sin can damage that relationship. To what extent, you know, that's a personal thing.

[@1:16:17](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4577.76) - **Mike**

Right. Right. relationship.

[@1:16:20](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4580.44) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yep. Okay, Laurie, you got a question?

[@1:16:24](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4584.84) - **Laurie Nelson**

Yeah, just to piggyback off of, um, off of that question and everything. Jesus, there's in the scriptures that says something along the lines of you can't crucify Jesus twice.

So if it was never good enough for, for a person the first time, then it's not good enough ever, right?

So Jesus can't be crucified twice for a person. That's not, you put him to shame if you return to a lifestyle and a nature of sin.

If you put on that old flesh again and you decide, this is better. This is the way. This is better than the cross.

This is better than redemption. This is better than what Christ offers me and he can't be you know How do you be redeemed out of that?

[@1:17:09](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4629.8) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Right. That's a good point Right, that's a good point because you know, Jesus did say there is one sin that cannot be forgiven that is blasphemy, right?

Blasphemy the Holy Spirit so think about this if you if you came to repentance you came to know God and you've been filled with a spirit But then you turn around and blaspheme and kind of like that Laurie's saying Where you decide I don't want to live for God anymore and now you blaspheming God.

How can you ever go back, right? So, you know, again, I don't think we're the judge, but you are held accountable to what you know.

I Believe that's God's premise. You're held accountable to what you know. So for example There are lot of churches who baptize in the name of Father Son the Holy Spirit and Maybe that's all they know and God is not condemning them for that

He's leading them in relationship. It's to relationship is one step after the other drawing closer and closer and closer You know as a journey, right?

You're you're taking this journey in our wide road coming to a narrow road, right? And so God's not condemning them for that, but now let's say they get the understanding of Buried in Jesus name baptism because we see a lot of scripture pointing to that and I'm not going to argue about What that path is right now?

just saying like let's say they see that right? That's something new that they know now If they're willing to take that next step and adhere to now what they know that relationship keeps developing But if they say nope, that's as far as I want to go.

I'm good with where I'm at even now. know this. I'm not going to adhere to it What happens to the relationship?

It becomes damaged right just like any husband and wife Relationship if you will my wife tells me I love roses, you know, but I go and buy her lilies Is that helping the relationship maybe a little bit because I bought her some lilies bought her flowers when I wouldn't have

But now she says, you know, I appreciate these lilies, but I really love roses and lilies, they kind of make me sick.

I don't want lilies, please anymore. I just, I don't like them. They, I'm allergic to them, whatever, right? I don't want them.

But I still buy lilies, even though now she's told me she wants roses. What's happened to the relationship? She starts thinking, you're doing this on purpose.

I told you, these things make me sick. Why do you keep bringing them to me? And I keep bringing them.

Now it gets in a big heated argument. Hey, stop this.

[@1:19:30](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4770.96) - **Carla Buchanan**

Would you please? You know, it's damaging the relationship.

[@1:19:35](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4775.46) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

That's why you're held accountable to what you know.

[@1:19:39](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4779.66) - **Mike**

And if you're not going to read his word, what he says, and telling through prayer your words, there is no relationship really, isn't it?

[@1:19:48](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4788.46) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

You got it. That's right, Mike. Other thoughts, questions, concerns? Yeah, Rodney.

[@1:19:55](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4795.48) - **Erin Ashcraft**

I just wanted to say to, oh, We know when we're out of relationship with our Lord and Savior, one of the first signs of that is we want to hide.

We want to separate ourselves. So it don't matter where we go, whether it's in the prison system, if we hide in a cave the rest of our lives, we can't hide ourselves from the love of Jesus, but we can separate ourselves because of what we're doing, the sin that we're allowing in our life has separated.

I'll use me as able. I can separate myself from the love of Jesus because of sin in my camp.

You know what I'm saying? So even though Jesus never stops loving me, he's a jealous God too, and he's desiring of us, all of us.

He wants every bit, and no man can come to the Father except by I mean, we have to go through Jesus, even if we feel as if we've done something to separate us from God or not, we can't go off of our feelings or our own thought process.

[@1:21:12](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4872.36) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

What does the words say? yeah, Laurie.

[@1:21:18](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4878.74) - **Laurie Nelson**

Yeah, I thought it was pretty profound when you pointed because I had never seen the scripture before or connected it in this way, but where the priest rents his garments earlier in scripture, those are what made him holy and those are the only thing that made him holy.

He was actually reliant on what he was wearing in his seat in the synagogue in order to be the high priest.

didn't have any, he didn't have the inside of his cup washed out. But now we see that that outward appearance is being torn away from him.

And what's left is nothing. What's left is nothing, and so he has to yield to Jesus. Jesus is the high priest now.

You know, I think it's funny that the only thing that he had was torn away from him, which was the outer.

And God says he's an all-consuming fire, and he's going to test our work here with fire, and whatever blows away, it's going to get burnt up and blown away like chaff, and I think that was a great picture of that with the high priest.

[@1:22:28](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4948.22) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Thank you for sharing that. What you're by your sharing that you revealed something else to me. So the outer garment represented the spirit of the man, right?

And when he ripped it away, what was exposed, flesh. But Jesus, when he ripped away the flesh, what was exposed, the spirit.

It's pretty cool. cool. Anybody else? Question, thought, or comment? Pretty soon. I'll take prayer requests after if anybody wants anybody else.

There's one question. Sydney?

[@1:23:09](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4989.58) - **Sindy**

I just mentioned the lady just mentioned where can I find that?

[@1:23:16](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=4996.46) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

You're breaking up a little bit so I didn't catch everything. you? you hearing me? No, we can hear you.

[@1:23:23](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5003.74) - **Sindy**

The first step, she just asked where can I find it?

[@1:23:28](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5008.1) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Out the tearing of the garment. Is that the verse you're looking for?

[@1:23:37](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5017.48) - **Sindy**

Yes, what she just mentioned.

[@1:23:39](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5019.58) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Mark. So if you look at Mark 14 verses 60 through 63. That's the scripture that talked about how the high priest ripped his garment.

In Leviticus 21, 10, talks about how the high priest was not supposed to rip his garment.

[@1:24:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5040.0) - **Mike**

Matthew 27 verse 51 talks about how the temple curtain was torn like the garment and first Peter chapter 2 verse 9 talks about how we are made a royal priesthood and all of these are in the list of the scriptures in the chat so if you can see the chat you'll get all those as well okay what do you think about I've heard that there's a movement within American Christianity that's more work face even in evangelical churches I guess I'm not a hundred percent sure what you're asking there but I know if you read the book of James that there's a combination between faith and works right and first John about if we say we have no sin we call him a liar and there's no truth in us but it seems like a lot of things I'm reading and hearing that works

the way that you can tell, which in fact, I cannot change my own heart. know that from the Bible.

And for Martin Luther's life, I've learned a lot of Christian autobiographies will get you on the right road, I think, great Christian men and women, because it's kind of almost to the point with some of a perfectionism, or holiness as a perfectionism, sanctification, know, we're glorified in heaven.

So I think there's a leaning toward that on earth.

[@1:25:34](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5134.48) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I think it's very fair sittical type thing, right? Because that's what they were concerned about is works, right? making sure that you tithe to the mint and the cumin, and making sure that you didn't, know, lift your bed on it, even though you got healed, right?

They were into the works. And I think that's the modern Christianity is because it covers all that stuff. stuff covers over the state of the heart.

If if I can show outwardly, my garment outwardly that I'm Christian, that I am, you know, what I'm portraying is supposed to be what I am, but deep inside my hearts in the wrong condition, I don't have a real relationship, then God, that's, that makes God want a vomit, right?

Because he's always concerned about the relationship, concerned about the heart. And that starts with faith. Proper faith will move you into the right works.

[@1:26:32](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5192.2) - **Mike**

Yeah, and they would give to the church and not to their, uh, their elderly parents and psychotic, what a Corbin.

Doing a kind of good work, but they weren't following, like you say, the spirit of what God wants us to do.

[@1:26:47](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5207.88) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Right. Lori?

[@1:26:49](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5209.12) - **Laurie Nelson**

I think it matters to what your works are meant for, what the intention is, who, who are your works intended to glorify?

Are Are they intended to glorify yourself? Or are you yielding to God? Like I had just heard a story about, can you imagine if the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem that day was like, oh wow, these people are all cheering for me.

And wow, this is great. But no, the donkey was very humble and carried Jesus into the city so that Jesus could get the glory, right?

But if we're sort of carrying Jesus in our hearts to the world, but we're taking all the glory and praise, and that's why we're motivated to do works.

I think it's really a check on your heart.

[@1:27:38](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5258.96) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Well, I think you said the key word, their motivation, I always ask yourself, you know, what is the motivation?

Why am I doing what I'm doing? Why am I saying what I'm saying? Well, you know, and it's hard because as Mike pointed out, the heart is deceptively wicked.

We don't even know our own hearts. So you constantly have to rely on God to help clarify your motivations.

[@1:28:12](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5292.52) - **Carla Buchanan**

I'm going along with that our church. It seems like whenever we have to submit reports on what we're doing, it's like we have to blow our own whistle in order to I feel that it's wrong because that's not why we're doing it.

don't understand that part of it, I guess. I enjoy the work, but to have to report that I don't know, maybe it's to make us accountable for that we're in the right path, but it still seems like we have to

and blow our own whistle that we're, you know, doing stuff.

[@1:29:06](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5346.32) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, I think it comes back to motivation. So there's, I don't think there's anything wrong with so many reports, but it's the motivation.

I don't know what kind of reports you submit, so I can't speak to that as exactly. But this is the example that came to my mind, is like the Old Testament talks about it, the requirement to tithe, right?

That you are under a curse if you don't tithe. But yet scripture also says God loves a cheerful, beautiful giver.

So you've got the challenge of tithing and the challenge of being cheerful. Now how many likely just give money away?

Not most of us, right? Especially when you're told you have to do it. So how do you get to the place where you can obey God and still be cheerful?

The only way is by having the right attitude. And that comes by motivation, right? Why do I wanna tithe?

Because I love God, because I wanna honor Him, right? Not because I have to. But sometimes you have to start with.

with the place of, Oh, this is what God wants of me. Okay, I'll do it. Even though, you know, I'm not 100% sure of it, even though I don't fully get it, I'm going to do it out of obedience.

But then as you learn about God, you go, Oh, now I understand it. Now I get it. Now I can do it out of a heart of love.

Now I can become really cheerful about it. Right. But that's a process. That's why it's is a process. And as you, that's why you're held accountable to what you know.

Right. And so as you grow, as you know, you develop into what God wants you to be. But at some point, if you never develop into that, all you're doing is giving the tide without being cheerful, God rather have you sit on your money.

He doesn't watch your money if you're not giving when you're cheerful. You see, so everything is kind of like, you've got to measure it in the right balance, the right.

You can't just, you can't take one scripture and say, I'm going to charge forward with this and I have to tie it.

And so I'm going to make everybody tired and everybody's got to do it this way and everybody's got to give these reports and everybody's got to do the blah, blah, blah, blah.

No, I'm sorry. We all come from different perspective. We're all in different stages of learning and growing, and we have to be giving grace to one another, loving one another, provoking each other to do these good works, right?

are created for good works, but it can't just be good works to say, this is God I'm approved because I'm doing all this stuff.

When it's a connection with God, it's helping others with these works.

[@1:31:22](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5482.58) - **Mike**

And it's not about numbers, it's not a stadium. He started with 12, and at the time, he could have held no lunches, yeah.

[@1:31:30](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5490.68) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Right. I agree. Jeanette, go ahead. You mean to come off of mute?

[@1:31:37](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5497.56) - **Janette Dennis**

I spent my career in philanthropy working for charitable organizations, including churches. The reason we ask you to report and to come forth with what you've done is the power of the to others, and to show others, hey, this is possible.

You're not going to run out of money. You're not going to run out of energy. You're going to be below.

Last by what you're giving and you're going to show others the way and that's what it is. It's not bragging It's becoming an example And there are some who hold that motivation.

[@1:32:11](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5531.04) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

That's the that's the right motivation There are some who hold the motivation and making people report because they want it as I think might put it that about numbers Hey look how many people we had so everybody has a different perspective You have two people in the same organization in that like you you have a person with the right perspective In this person right next to you in the same organization doing the same reporting looking at it a different way Right because they hold the wrong motivation.

So that's why it's personal. It's personal motivation You've got it. It's your own heart and your own relationship with God, right?

So, thank you for that example. That was great All right, are hour and a half into this and I really would love to take Prayer requests right after we get to the last question with Cindy Cindy You Yes, thank you

[@1:33:00](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5580.0) - **Sindy**

Great. Sorry if I wasn't like all in in the meeting because I was I'm getting my car fixed. So I was logged in, but I'm sorry if I wasn't able to be there 100%.

That's correct.

[@1:33:10](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5590.84) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I'm so confused. You appreciate you even when you're getting your car fixed. That's that shows commitment.

[@1:33:16](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5596.26) - **Sindy**

Thank you. And but I'm still confused because about like regarding the question that I made before the that lady Carla mentioned something about like something about our garments, but what's something related to what's in our spiritual interior.

I was wondering still like where specifically can I find that because you kind of gave me like a general area where to look at it, but I don't know specifically still where to find it.

[@1:33:49](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5629.34) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay. I need to refine your question a little bit more than so like trying to understand how we personally change

within. I'm not sure if I'm understanding the question.

[@1:34:03](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5643.84) - **Sindy**

When I asked my question, there was a lady, Carla, that was, I don't know if she remembers what she was mentioning about how there's a part in the Bible about something related to garments, and then God seen like our spiritual interior.

[@1:34:20](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5660.04) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Well, I think what Lori, I picked up it, Lori was talking yeah, and she was talking about maybe it was okay.

It's okay. So when Lori was talking, she was talking about how the high priest when he tore his garment, right, how his garment was supposed, he was the high priest, he was supposed to represent God, he was supposed to represent the purity of the spirit.

But his motivation, see what his motivation was to go and crucify Jesus and retain their position because they felt the priesthood at that time felt that Jesus was taking away the crowns, they were taking away their position right there that what they saw, how the people would look at them in their position.

So his motivation was to get rid of Jesus. He was not portraying what he was supposed to be truly on the outside.

He had let his spirituality only be represented by the clothes he was wearing, not by the heart condition he had.

I think that was the essence of what she was saying. And so when he tore his garment, it was really revealing his motivation because underneath, as I pointed out, was his flesh.

His flesh was driving him. His personal earthly desires were driving him. So that's why Jesus said whatever his hidden will become revealed.

And so his very act of just tearing his spirituality, the groves that represented his spirituality, by him tearing that, showing his flesh, it showed his true motivation.

He wasn't concerned about what Jesus really said, because if he had been, he would have wanted to know more.

But he used it as only what he said to grab a hold of that and drive his motivation further to send him to

Crucifixion does that make sense and him taking off.

[@1:36:04](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5764.22) - **Sindy**

Yes him taking off that garment Where can I find that exactly?

[@1:36:10](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5770.26) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Where's the verse that was in Matthew 27?

[@1:36:13](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5773.78) - **Sindy**

verse I'm sorry mark 14 60 for 63 That's where the high priest tore his garment after in Jesus's response Sorry repeat that because I couldn't hear Mark 14 verses 60 through 63 Yeah, well you're looking that up.

[@1:36:46](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5806.78) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

I'm gonna take one more question from Jeanette So anything further Sydney Okay All right, so unless Sydney comes back on the

Say anything more. Let's go ahead and take prayer requests. Okay, thank you, Sydney. So any other prayer requests, things we should be praying about.

Anybody? Brian?

[@1:37:22](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5842.68) - **Brian**

Yeah, pray for my father-in-law, Bob. For his heart surgery or recovery, I should say.

[@1:37:32](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5852.4) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Thank you, got that. Anybody else?

[@1:37:37](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5857.28) - **Laurie Nelson**

Yeah, for the, I think, unity of believers, for the, for the unity, I think there's a lot of fighting brothers and sisters and, you know, the Civil War, as Aaron was talking about earlier, but just the Civil War between believers, like,

There's the most carnage in a civil war for a reason and I think that we need to, you know, set aside the vain arguments and things like that to really become unified to reach the lost.

[@1:38:12](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5892.38) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

So that's been on my heart lately. Okay. Thank you for sharing that. We'll pray for that.

[@1:38:17](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5897.02) - **Mike**

Anybody else? Prayer requests? And the politics that's dividing some true questions also.

[@1:38:23](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5903.84) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

know that. Yeah. Okay. Thank you, Mike. Anybody else? Prayer requests? I will suggest one for myself. don't usually, but I've been having abdominal issues.

I'm not 100% sure I go for a CT scan. Monday, I know, Kat, you helped me with some discussion earlier, but so it's not what we talked about earlier, but I still don't know what it is.

So just pray that we get to the bottom of it and God heals it. Okay. All right. If there are no others, let's go ahead and pray.

Last chance. anybody else? Okay, let's pray.

[@1:39:05](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5945.32) - **Owner’s iPhone**

I'm having knee surgery Tuesday.

[@1:39:07](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5947.78) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Yeah, you are.

[@1:39:08](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5948.9) - **Owner’s iPhone**

Yeah, my replacement.

[@1:39:11](https://fathom.video/share/VsK9sAntc7qnezhMdSd2Q8MxeQiwX5of?timestamp=5951.66) - **Rick Stephenson (wisdomwell.guru)**

Okay. Thank you. Anybody else? All right, let's pray. Lord Jesus, thank you for your word. Thank you for the revelation of your word.

Thank you for speaking to our hearts today. Thank you for the gathering of my friends here Lord God. I pray a special blessing on all of them.

God, we carry things in our hearts whether we express them or not that you know we have needs. And God, just pray that you need those needs.

I pray that you would draw us closer in relationship with you, God. Lord, we lift up Bob to you right now.

Brian's father-in-law. God, to heal his heart, strengthen him, God. him to gain full recovery. his energy and vitality return.

God, let him use his time. Dig into your word. Let him use his time to hear from you. Speak to him with clarity, with precision.

Lord God. Let him understand how real you are that he would develop a deeper relationship with you God. Thank you for healing his heart.

Lord, lift up the request of Laurie, as she put it, Lord God, we need unity amongst all your body, Lord God, that we wouldn't squibble over meaningless points, Lord God, but that we focus on what is truly important to you, no matter what background we have, or that we would just all desire to take a step closer to you God and build a relationship God that would not let politics, as Mike put it, come in the middle of us causing separation God, but that we would see past politics into the spiritual realm God, into your kingdom that we would desire to bring others along with us and into that journey of drawing closer to you God, that your Holy Spirit would be released in us through us and around us God.

I thank you up in surgery done that our knee would be recovered, that our knee would be healed. that leads you to guide the doctors, the nurses, all those who are part of this surgery, God, that they would be attentive to your spirit, that the response of God and be accurate, be precise Lord God and be careful God.

Thank you Jesus for helping your recovery to go well and giving your positive physical therapy opportunity, God, through all of this, that should be of good witness, being able to share your word, a testimony of how good, how gracious and how kind you are through all of this in the name of Jesus.

And I pray God should heal my abdomen, the God that you heal in the intestinal walls that you heal, whatever is causing this God, you get right to the source.

We'll move any negative bacteria or virus and let the positive bacteria be there that are supposed to be there and just strengthen the cells God.

thank you God for hearing us, for moving on our behalf today. I ask blessing on my friends over the next couple of weeks here that they would be attentive to what you're speaking to their lives, that they'd be attentive to the people that you send to them, Lord God, that they'd be able to witness.

and share your love and kindness in the name of Jesus. Amen. Well, thank you again everybody for coming. We really appreciate you.

We love you all. We pray that you have a good couple of weeks and we'll see you in two weeks, okay?

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Thank you.

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Bye-bye.

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