



YOUR KINGDOM COME; YOUR WILL BE DONE.
OASIS CHURCH 17.11.24.



2001 Biblical text-messaging Competition



The competition was for re-writing the Lord's Prayer for the mobile phone, using just 160 characters or less. It was judged by the Churches' Broadcasting Conference. The task was not easy. The traditional version of the Lord's Prayer is 372 characters long, so whittling it down to 160 characters meant cutting the prayer by more than half but without losing anything important.

THE WINNER – out of a strong field of over 100 entries, Matthew Campbell, a history student at York University, came up with the winning entry, which is...

In 1st place:
Matthew
Campbell
York,
England

dad@hvn,ur spshl.
we want wot u
want&urth 2b like
hvn.giv us food&4giv
r sins lyk we 4giv
uvaz. don't test us!
save us! bcos we kno
ur boss, ur tuf&ur
cool 4 eva! ok?


WE WANT WHAT YOU WANT.

Do we? What does He want? What does The King want?

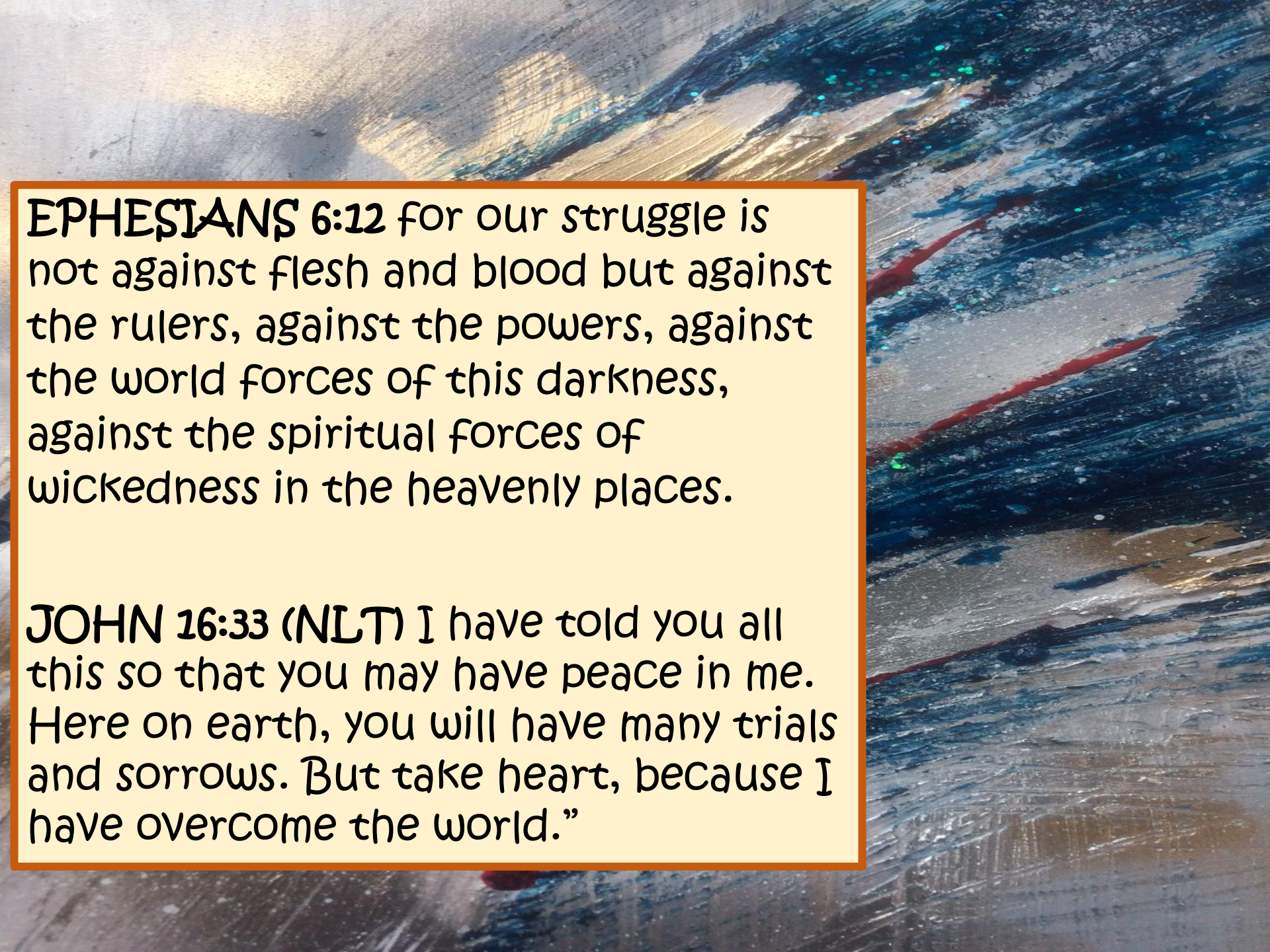
MATTHEW 6:33 (NKJV) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

HOW DO WE RECOGNISE HIS KINGDOM?

ROMANS 14:17.(NKJV) for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

A dramatic photograph of a bright sun breaking through a thick layer of dark, heavy clouds. The sun is positioned in the upper left quadrant, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the edges of the clouds. The overall scene is one of light overcoming darkness.

COLOSSIANS 1:13 (NKJV) He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

An abstract painting with a textured surface. The background is a mix of light and dark blue, white, and grey tones, with visible brushstrokes and some red streaks. The overall effect is dynamic and somewhat somber.

EPHESIANS 6:12 for our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

JOHN 16:33 (NLT) I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

2 TIMOTHY 3:11-12.(NKJV)

persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

WARREN WIERŚBE (May 16, 1929 – May 2, 2019)
an American church leader, Bible teacher,
conference speaker and a prolific writer of
Christian books. He is perhaps best known for his
series of 50 books in the "BE" series: *Be Real*,
Be Rich, *Be Obedient*, *Be Mature*, *Be Joyful*, etc.

The Christian life is not a playground it is a battlefield.

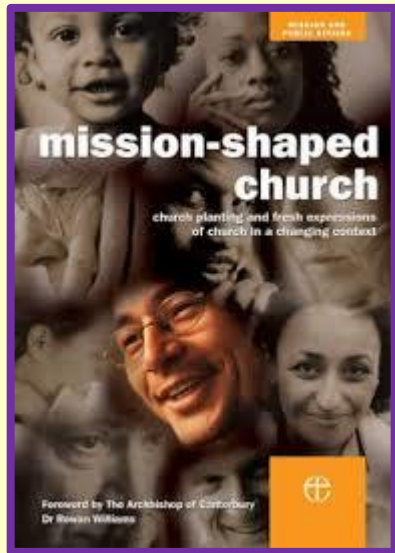


1 CORINTHIANS 4:20 (NKJV)
**For the kingdom of God is not in word but in
power.**

LUKE 4:18-19 (LB)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the suffering and afflicted. He has sent me to comfort the broken hearted, to announce liberty to captives, and to open the eyes of the blind. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of God's favor to them has come.






BISHOP GRAHAM CRAY



It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world but The God of mission who has a church in the world.

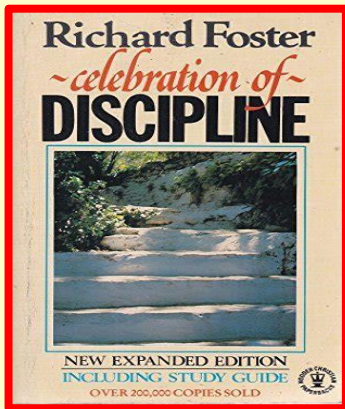
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- An abstract background featuring a central golden starburst or sunburst pattern. The background is composed of various colors including purple, blue, green, and yellow, with fine, radiating lines and brushstrokes. The overall effect is vibrant and textured.
1. Listening to God.
 2. Listening to ourselves.
 3. Listening to others.

1. LISTENING TO GOD

ST JOHN OF THE CROSS (1542-1591)

“Silence is God’s first language,” writes St John of the Cross. And that takes some pondering. It’s such a strange thing to get our restless, chattering minds around; if we really want to fathom it, it seems we have little choice but to stop talking about the silence and to enter in.





RICHARD FOSTER: Celebration of Discipline.



In contemporary society our adversary majors in three things: noise, hurry and crowds. If he can keep us engaged in 'muchness' and 'manyness' he will rest satisfied. Psychiatrist Carl Jung once remarked "Hurry is not of the devil it is the devil!" If we hope to move beyond the superficialities of our culture, including our religious culture we must be willing to go down into recreating silences, into the inner world of contemplation. In their writings all the masters of contemplation beckon us to be pioneers in this frontier of The Spirit.



PSALM 46:10 Be Still and know that I am God.

ISAIAH 28:23 Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear my speech.

ISAIAH 55:3 Give ear and come to me; hear me that your soul may live.

MATTHEW 11:15, 13:9, 13:43 MARK 4:9, 14:35. He who has ears let him hear.

JOHN 10:27 My sheep hear my voice.

REVELATION 2:7 He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.



2 CHRONICLES 20

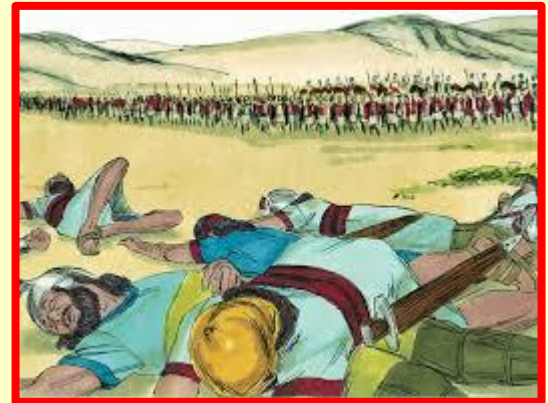


King Jehoshaphat needed to hear from God because the armies of the Moabites, Ammonites, and some of the Meunites declared war on Jehoshaphat and were marching against him. He was terrified by this news and begged the LORD for guidance. He ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting and people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the LORD's help.

The Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel (He was listening)

He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Do not be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow, march out against them but you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the LORD's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out against them tomorrow, for the LORD is with you!"

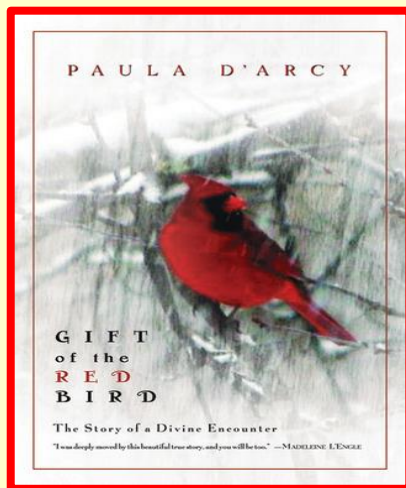
After consulting the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendour. At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. The armies of Moab and Ammon turned against their allies from Mount Seir and killed every one of them.



2. LISTENING TO OURSELVES.

**LEARNING TO
LISTEN TO
OURSELVES**

Your kingdom come in my life.

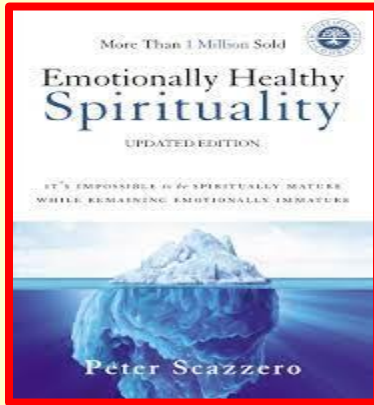
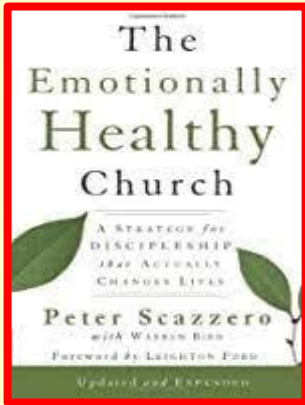


Paula D'Arcy Gift of the Red Bird: The Story of a Divine Encounter

In the introduction she says: I first asked myself why we are able to master great technology, but do not understand our own hearts. Why after centuries are we still so far from understanding the nature of love? And why are we willing to make endless outer journeys, but we are loath to make the significant one: the journey within. The inward journey may frighten us, yet it is this journey which holds the real treasure. There God's Spirit waits to reveal mysteries and beauty beyond our imagination: the secrets of what is holy, and the encounters with truth that change everything. It is the journey that opens the eye of the heart.

Following an inner call is not an easy task. It is contrary to all our conditioning and especially to our culture's belief that logic is supreme. I had always admired those who were learned and wise and was convinced that those attributes of the mind would reveal the truth I sought. How unexpected to discover that the mind only supplied knowledge about God. Knowing God was different, and its sole requirement was to be open like a child. That is the great step of faith: to become open and innocent in spirit.





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EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY CHURCH P71

For the first fifteen years of my life as a Christian (and the previous nineteen apart from Jesus) I rarely took time to look deeply into (as the psalmist calls it) my interior, my heart, my depths or my soul. Yes, I spent an average of two to three hours a day with God in prayer, scripture reading, listening to God's voice, confessing my sins and journaling. Regularly I spent a day in prayer and fasting at a Jesuit retreat centre near my home (and still do!) The sad reality however was that Jesus had not transformed the deep layers under the surface. My life was like an ice burg with many weightier portions hidden under the surface of the waterline. Even though they were beneath the surface, they dominated my visible life.

MAHATMA GHANDI 1869-1948

Led peaceful protests against the British in India. He was brought up in a Christian mission school, loved the Beatitudes and read the passage every day. When asked why he had never become a Christian he said, 'If I could see the Redeemer in the redeemed, I would become a Christian.'



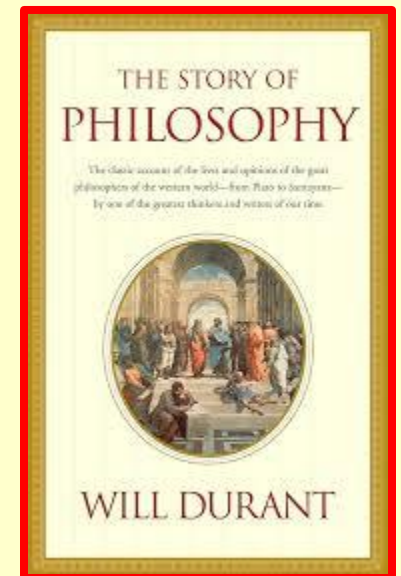
WHY LISTEN TO OURSELVES?

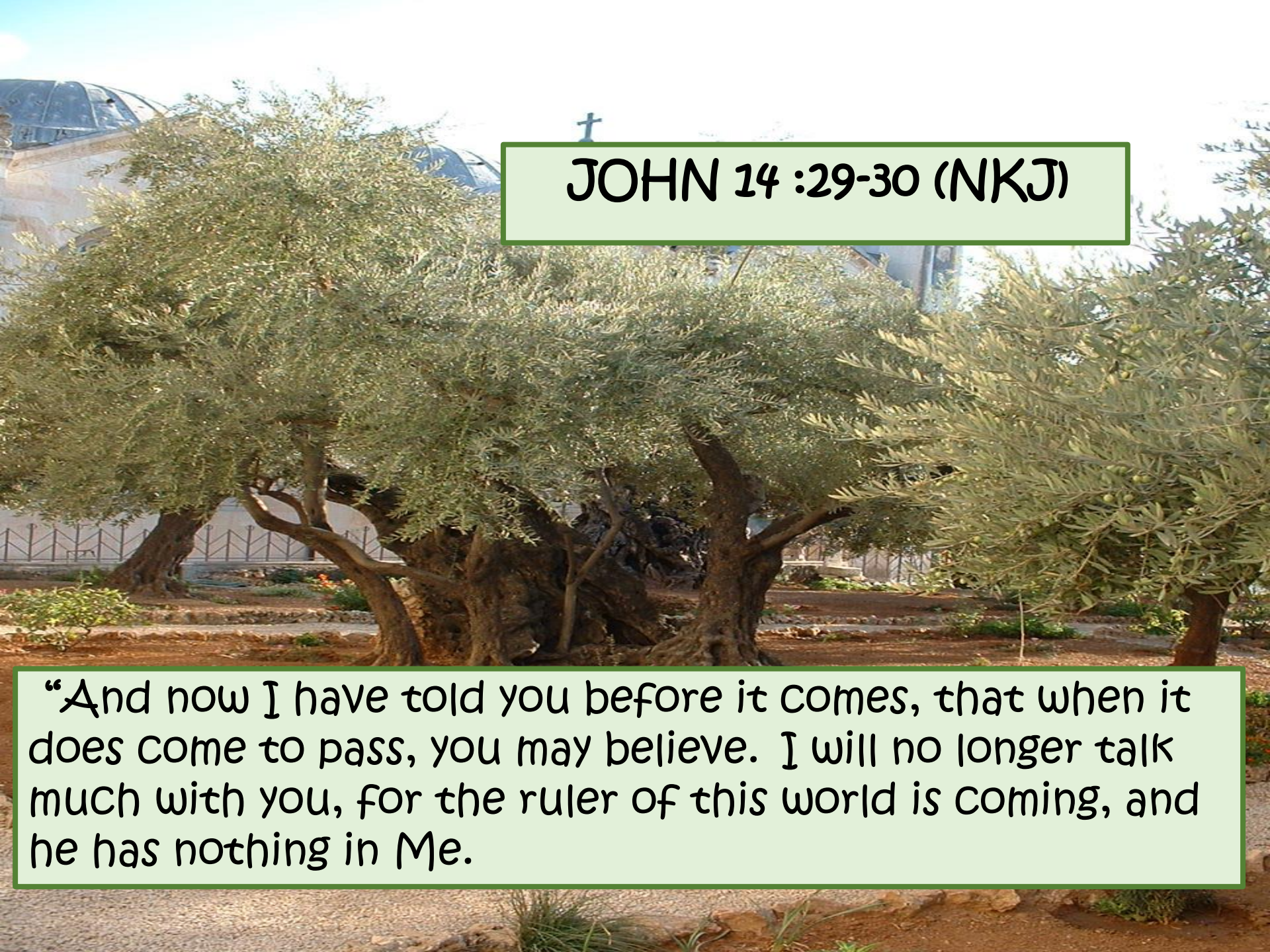
1. Love your neighbour as yourself (need to love neighbour is dependent on loving ourselves!)
2. In listening to and for others we need to know ourselves well to know which voice I am listening to God, the devil or my own.
3. It is important to know which part of our lives our sinful patterns originate from so that we can deal with them correctly and get our inner child parts healed and released from trauma.

WILL DURRANT 1885-1981
The Story of Philosophy



A great civilization is not conquered
from without until it has destroyed
itself from within.



A row of olive trees with thick, gnarled trunks and dense green foliage. In the background, a building with a cross on its roof is visible. The scene is outdoors with a clear sky.

JOHN 14 :29-30 (NKJ)

“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

PETER SCAZZERO: Emotionally Healthy Church.

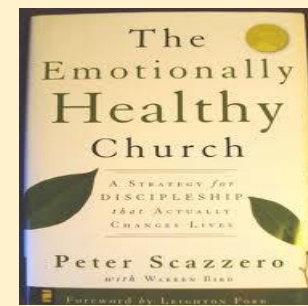
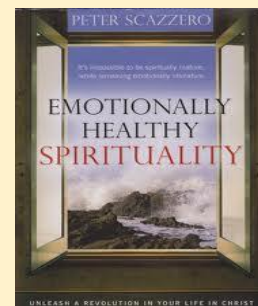


It is not possible for a Christian to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.

How can you enter someone else's' world when you have not entered your own?

Because of Christ's life, death and resurrection for me; Knowing that I stand before God as His beloved has freed me to explore some of the disturbing and dark aspects of who I am.

We need to make sure we are dying to the right things



You should, you ought, you never, you always, you....

It is always your fault.
Stupid.



You are no good.

Failure.

Who do you think you are?

You are never grateful enough.

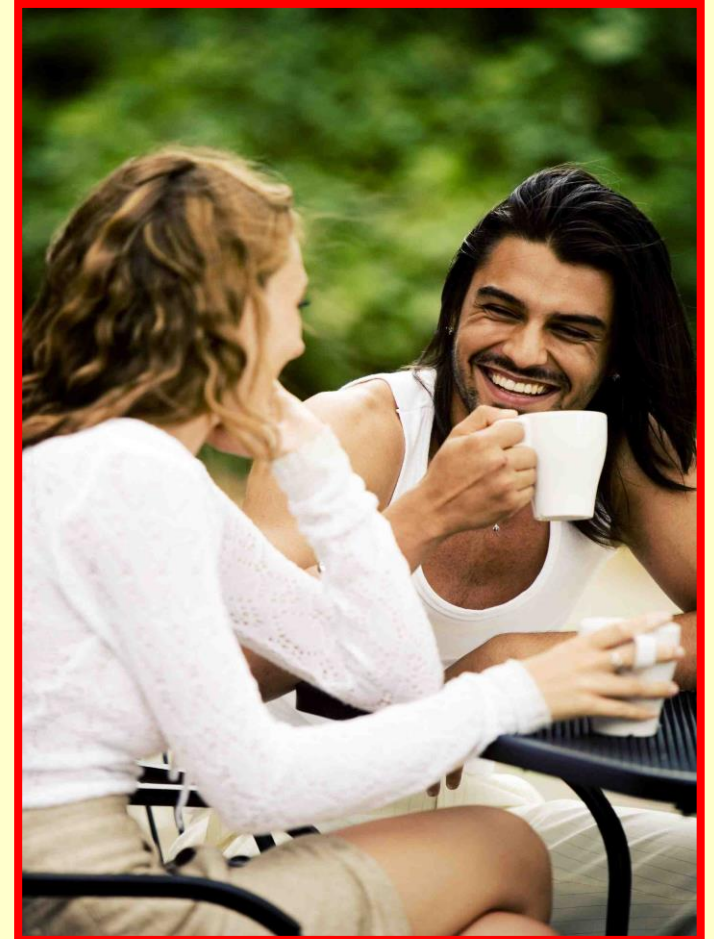
MATTHEW 5:43-44 (NKJV) “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,


MATTHEW 18:3 (NIV) And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.





**LISTENING
TO
OTHERS.**





Matthew 13:31-33 (NLT)

Parable of the Mustard Seed

Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

Parable of the Yeast

Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”

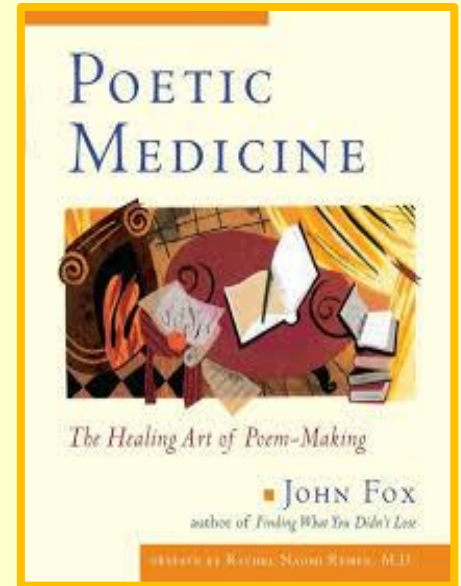
JOHN FOX The Institute for Poetic medicine

When someone Deeply listens to you
it is like holding out a dented cup
you've had since childhood
and watching it fill up with cold, fresh water.

When it balances on top of the brim
You are understood.

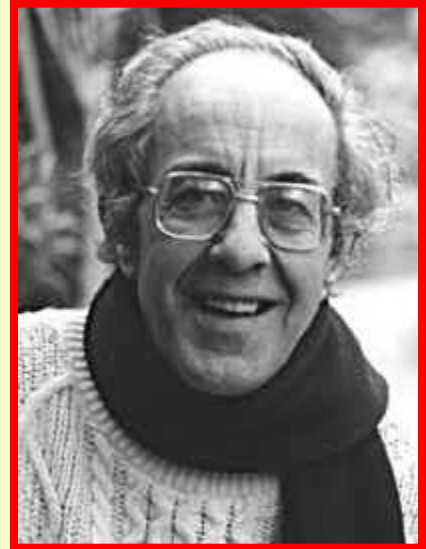
When it overflows and touches your skin
you are loved.

When someone deeply listens to you
Your bare feet are on the earth
And a beloved land that seemed distant
Is now at home within you.



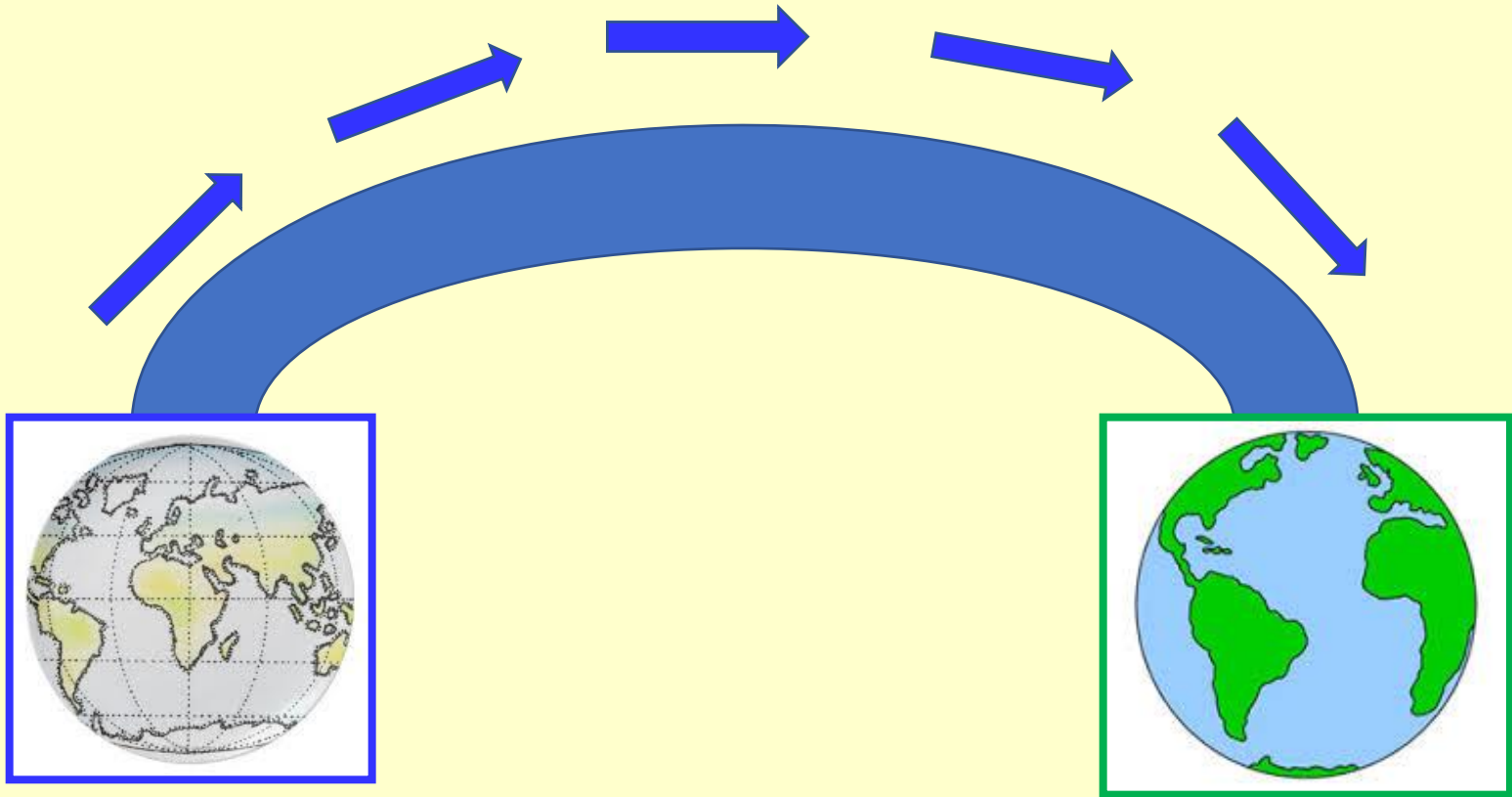
HENRI NOUWEN 1932-1996.

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Listening is the highest form of hospitality, the sort that does not set out to change people but to offer them the space where change can take place.... Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the lifestyle of the host but the gift of a chance for the guest to find His own.

TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP, I HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOUR HEART.



MY WORLD

YOUR WORLD

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Let us not underestimate how hard it is to listen and to be compassionate. Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely and broken. But ... our spontaneous response ... is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it.

Listen by Author Unknown

When I ask you to listen to me
and you start giving advice,
you have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me
and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way,
you are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me
and you feel you have to do something to solve my problem,
you have failed me, strange as that may seem.

Listen! All I asked was that you listen.

Not to talk or do-just hear me.

Advice is cheap. Ten cents will get you both Dear Abby and
Billy Graham in the same newspaper.

And I can do for myself. I'm not helpless.

Maybe discouraged and faltering, but not helpless.

When you do something for me that I can and need to do for myself,

you contribute to my fear and weakness.

But, when you accept as a single fact that I do feel what I feel, no matter how irrational, then I can quit trying to convince you and get to the business of understanding what's behind this irrational feeling.

And when that's clear, the answers are obvious and I don't need advice.

Irrational feelings make sense when we understand what's behind them.

So, please listen and just hear me. And if you want to talk, wait a minute for your turn; and I'll listen to you.

LISTENING TO THE GOOD
SHEPHERD.

