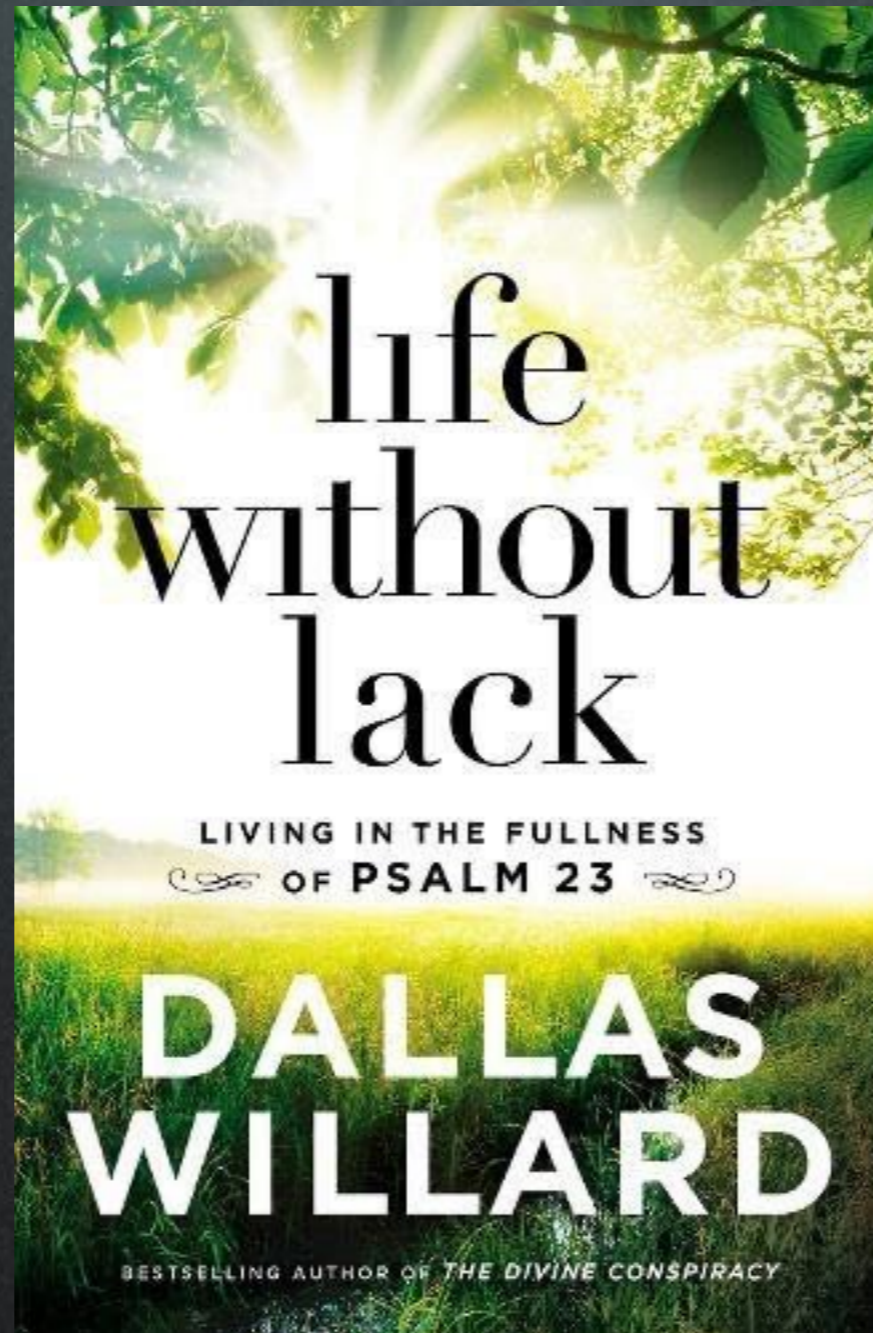


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Session 5 — “Trust in God: The Key to Life” - Chapter 5



“A Prayer for Faith” by Dallas Willard

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Session 5 Audio Teaching – Introduction

Lord, we are your children and we are glad that you told us that you love us. We might not know otherwise. We often feel that somehow we are out of your orbit but we are glad to know that is never the truth. And now as we have been dwelling on the truths that undergird a life without lack, we come to deal with this most important matter of faith and what faith is. Lord, this is the center of it all and you know that and we have to be taught of you. You must teach us this. Keep us away from any cleverness on my part and give us the delicate guidance of your Spirit for each one that our thoughts might track the truth which you would you give us. We ask that in dependence upon you. Lord, come through now, we need you. Amen

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REVIEW Session 4 - Why Such Lack & Evil? - Chapter 4

To succeed in walking in the way of Jesus and know the LIFE WITHOUT LACK, it is essential that we understand and believe the devil is real and at work.

(74)

We occupy a world in “the snare of the devil”. It is, indeed, a battle of hearts and minds — false beliefs and images and feelings — the very things that rob us of knowing the LIFE WITHOUT LACK — except by the power of God. This power comes to those who have been trained to fix our minds on God.

(92)



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When **Faith, Death to Self & Love** are alive in you, you will find that hope and joy pervade your entire life as a natural result. Each one is a gift from God, and our privilege and calling is to become the kind of people who can receive these gifts and work with God to develop them as we learn to live a LIFE WITHOUT LACK.

—> Faith — *Trust* — the key that unlocks our readiness to receive God's sufficiency in our lives.

(94)



Love

*life
without
lack*

Faith

Death to Self

The Triangle of Sufficiency

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1*

FAITH is...

...the substance of things hope for in this way we have faith, we act in relationship with God to bring what we hope for into reality.

...the evidence of things not seen.

...a gift; God creates it in our hearts. (95)

Flashback

Chapter 1 - Envisioning the Invisible

“Faith born out of experience is the means
by which the mind contacts reality.” (13-15)

* Dallas' Hebrews commentary "[Reality of Spirit - Visible & Invisible](#)" [18:19-25:50]



Just Enough Faith

A great part of faith lies in the intensity with which we want something.

The nature of faith involves love and the desire for good.
(96)

“When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13



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The Power of Words — “Praise”

If you have enough faith to speak it, you have enough faith to do it.

You are primarily a mind with a will in a body.

If you remember the cry of this desperate father (Mark 9:22), and follow his example in words and action, you will know that all sufficient love and power of God.

(97)



Clearing Up the Confusion About Faith

Faith is not...

A mystery. We experience it day in and day out.

Faith is...

Simply reliance upon something in Attitude & Action.

(97)

You cannot live without faith.

Faith is tied to the future by two elements:

Vision - seeing reality as it is or could be;

Desire [conviction] - wanting reality as is or will be.

*Vision comes from our contact with reality or words about reality,
which brings about certain attitude and action. (99)*

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ."

Romans 10:17

The Three Faiths of Job – From ritual to relationship

Faith is a gift from God. (100, 95, 120, 122)

God is more concerned with who you are becoming than what you can accomplish with your faith. He desires that you become the kind of person who can joyfully and easily receive an abundance of Faith & Power - the gift of great faith from God, who knows when, what kind, and how much to give us. (101)

Propriety - 3:25 - religiously; Pharisee (101-103)

Desperation - 13:15 - difficulty trusting (105-106)

Sufficiency - 42:5 - experientially (107-110)

Trust is where Satan and God are struggling
for the soul of man! (106)

Run with Perseverance

A LIFE WITHOUT LACK is all about knowing the unlimited sufficiency of God in the moment of need... And in trusting, you will know God.

When you have nowhere else to turn except to God, and when you turn to Him, your faith of desperation will meet the fullness of God, and you will taste the LIFE WITHOUT LACK as you discover the depths of the faith of sufficiency. (107)

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...” Psalm 46:1-2



“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”

Job 13:15



In Your Presence is Fullness of Joy

Job hung in there and
his faith of desperation carried him.

God showed up and Job said,
“I’ve heard about You, but now I’ve seen You.” (42:5)

1.) “I repent.” “I abhor myself and repent...” (42:6)

How? Job stopped pressing his case with God. He stopped trying to get God to make everything right. Having seen God, he let go of desperation. He saw that whatever needed to be taken care of would be taken care of. Job saw the greatness of God, and in that vision he was able to rest in the all-sufficiency of Yahweh. (Job 42:5-6)

“I’ve heard about you, but now I’ve seen you.”

2.) Live in Clear View of the Cross †

When we look at what Christ did for us, there are not many things will bother us, or even matter at all.

When we realize that Christ went willingly to the Cross on our behalf, trusting in the greatness of His Father, it casts a transformative light on our own sufferings.

(112)



“I’ve heard about you, but now I’ve seen you.”

3.) From the Faith of Desperation to the Faith of Sufficiency – A fundamental change: we take our minds off of ourselves and place them on God.

“God has dealt graciously with me, and I have enough.”

From “Jacob” to “Israel” - Genesis 33:11

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.”



(112-113)

JESUS

...SIMPLY JESUS

Now It's Your Turn

1.) Seek God and be prepared to go with Him. (117)

Ask Him to reveal Himself to you and give you the faith of sufficiency that knows no bounds. (116)

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

John 14:23

"Who do you say that I am?"


Now It's [still] Your Turn

2.) Complain - Faith and complaining are not mutually exclusive.

Even if you have strong faith,
you may still complain to God.

(118)

“Oh that I knew where I might find Him. I would present my case before Him and fill my mouth with arguments.” Job 23:3-4

A night landscape featuring a starry sky with long exposure light trails, a mountain range, and a calm lake reflecting the scene. The text is overlaid in the center.

It will not upset [God]
to hear you complain.
It is one of the ways
that we seek God.

(118)

When faith begins to move, it moves on groups.

(119)



A person in silhouette stands on a wooden pier, looking out at a sunset over a body of water. The scene is framed by the dark wooden structure of the pier, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and water. The person's hand is resting on the railing of the pier.

Ask, Seek, Knock...
but Don't Pretend

As we experience more of the reality of God: our faith grows according to our vision. As our vision grows, our will – our ability to decisively act – grows, and we become increasingly capable of choosing and doing good. (120)

Grace is opposed to earning
but it is not opposed to effort,
because effort is action and
earning is attitude

(121)

Increase Our Faith

If you want faith, ask God for it. When you ask, be willing to let Him take you through what is necessary to prepare you for it. (121)

You know you believe something. No faking or forcing is necessary. You simply believe it. You also know what you do not believe. Please do not try to believe anything. Simply say to God,

“Lord, give me faith. I’m ready for it. Take me through whatever I need for it.” (123)

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The Triangle of Sufficiency

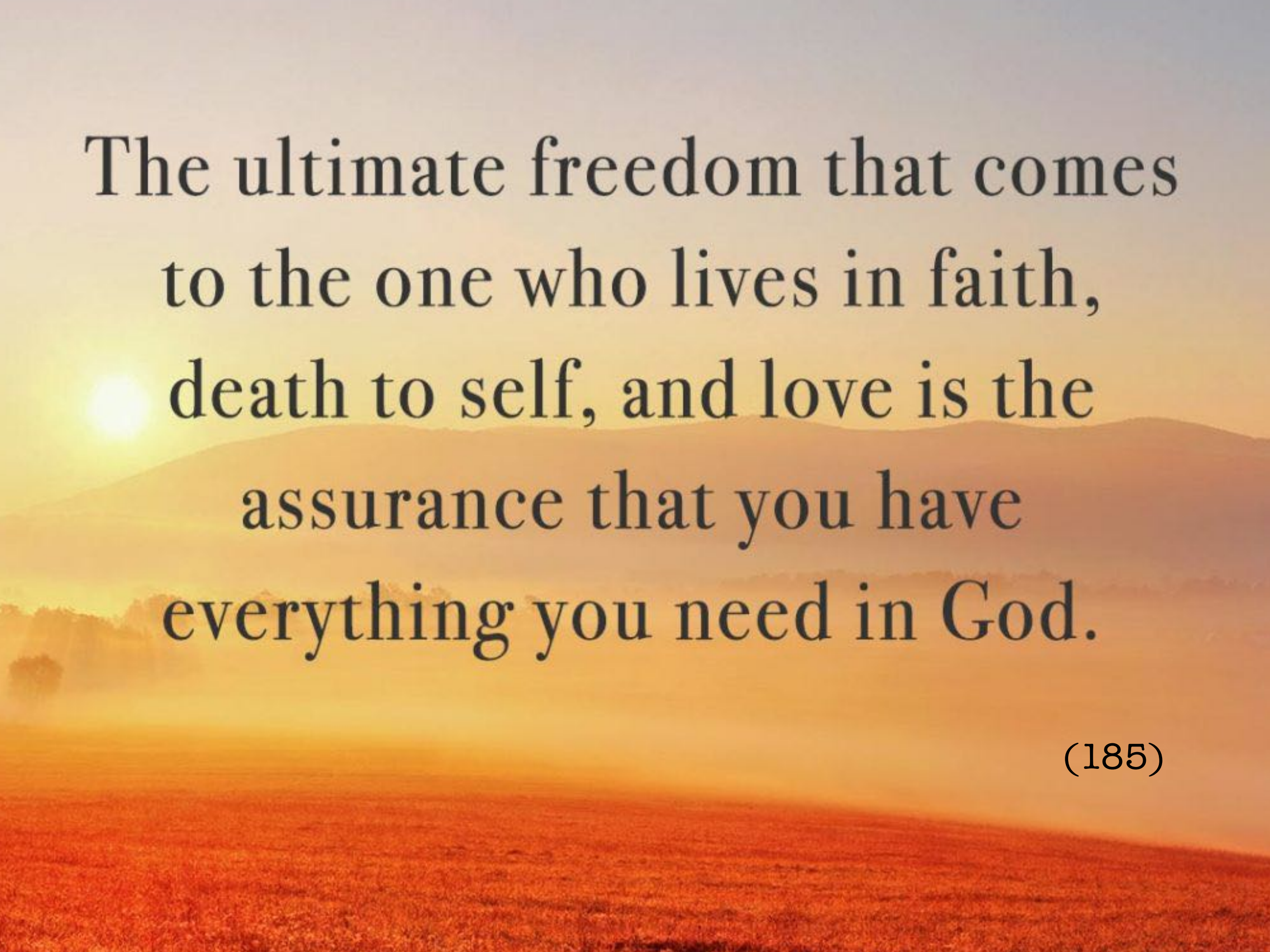
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Faith

Death to Self

Asking...Seeking...Knocking

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The ultimate freedom that comes
to the one who lives in faith,
death to self, and love is the
assurance that you have
everything you need in God.

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Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — Psalm 23:4, John 14:23, Overview of Job

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — In what situation(s) do I find my faith in this season? “Propriety” “Desperation” “Sufficiency”

INTENTION — Am I ready to pray this Faith of Sufficiency prayer? *“Lord, give me faith. I’m ready for it. Take me through whatever I need for it.”*

MEANS — What act of trust will I practice this week while asking for a great gift of faith?

- a.) Hearing His Word
- b.) Seeing His work
- c.) Experiencing the Kingdom of God



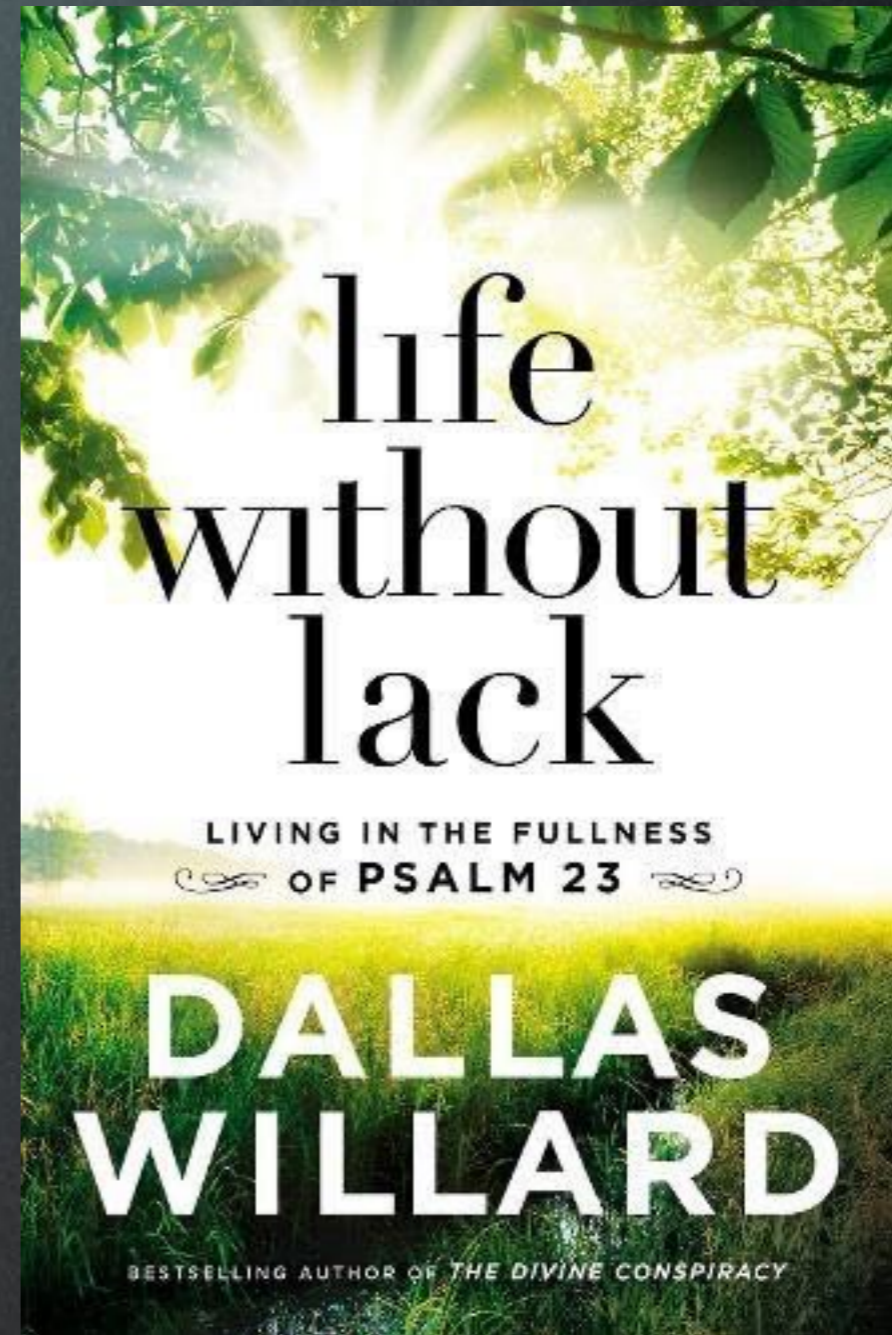
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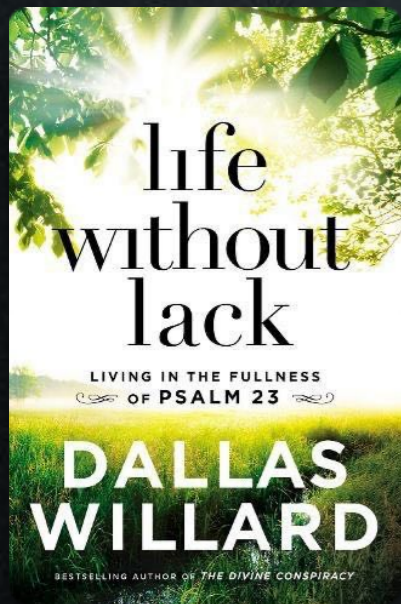
Session 5 Summary

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Next Week — Session 6

“Trust Completed in Death to Self”
Chapter 6 (p. 124-156)

Audio — “Life Without Lack” by Dallas Willard
Session 6 - <https://dwillard.org/life-without-lack>



May you have the vision and desire to receive the gift of a faith of sufficiency the Lord wants to grace you with in your next 10,000 minutes.

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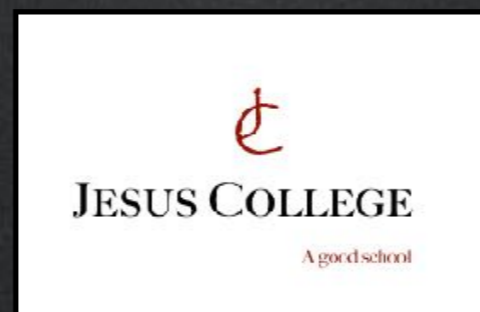
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