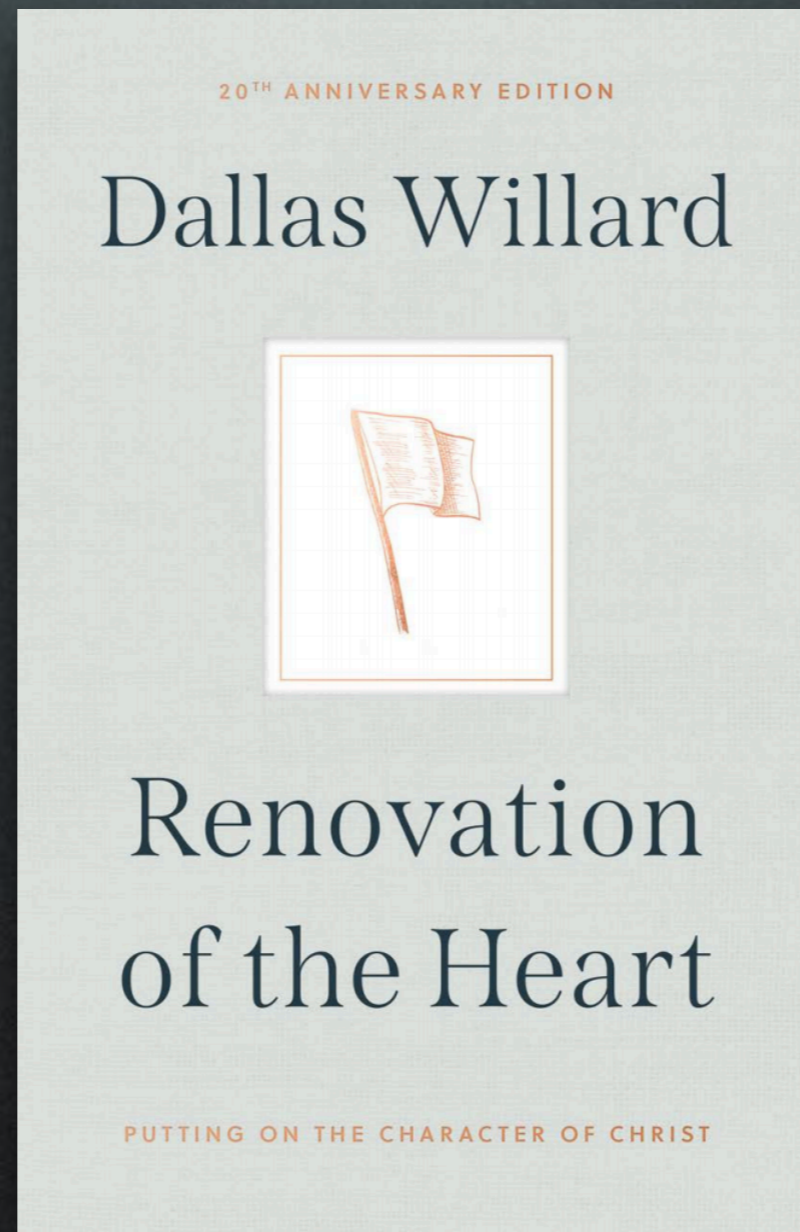


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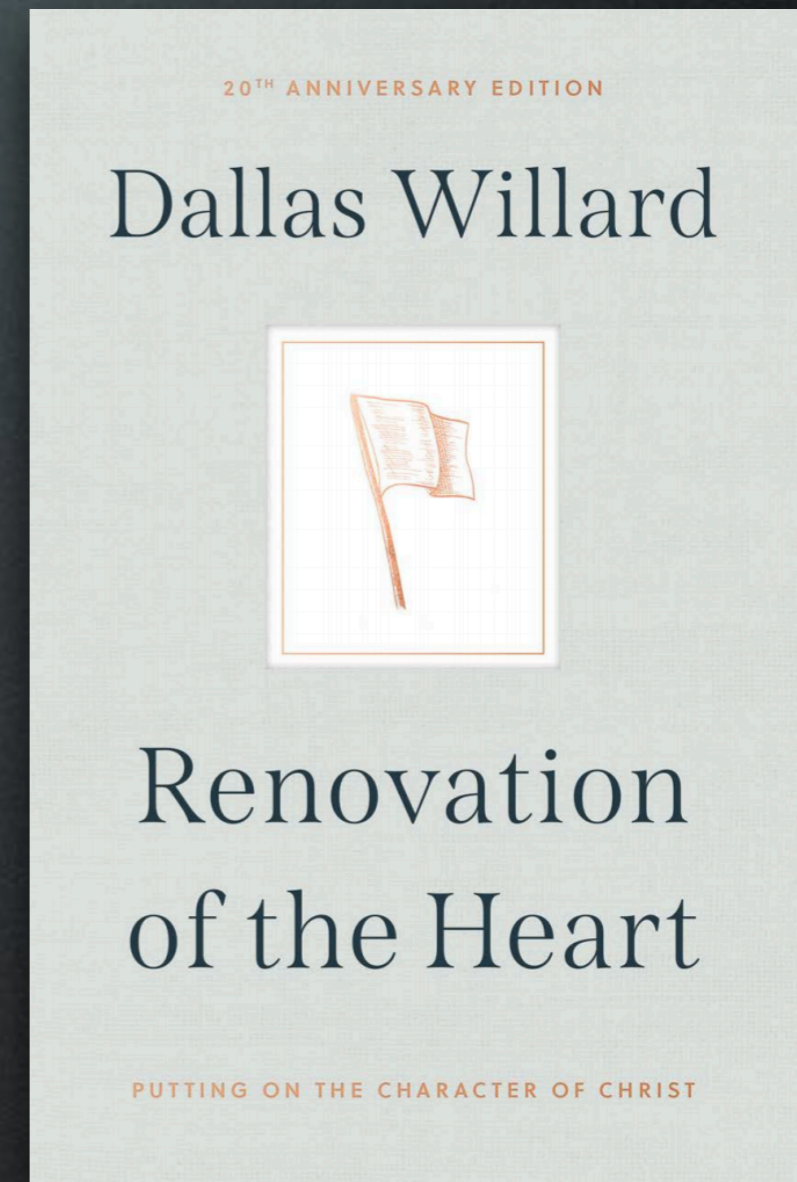


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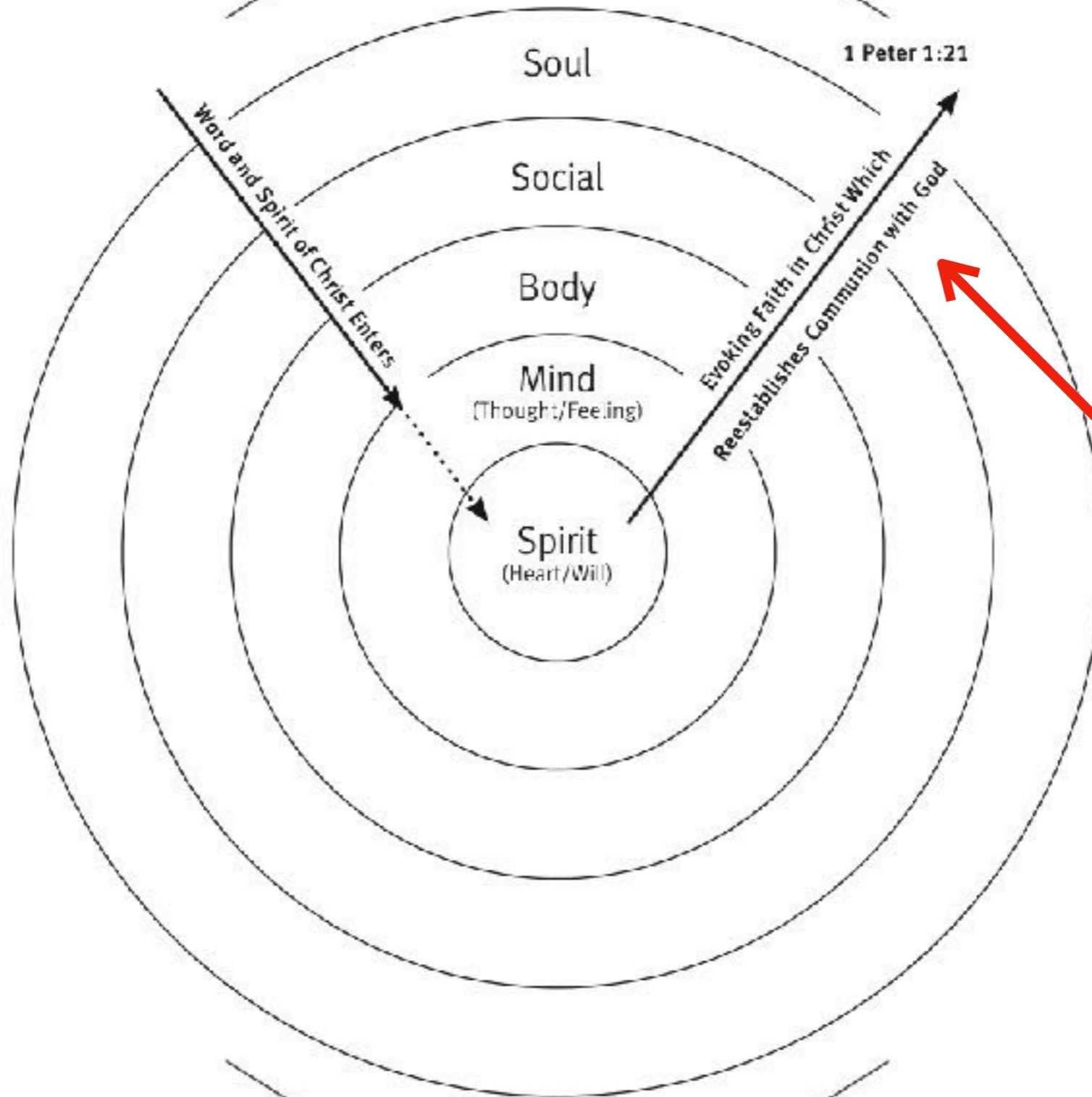
To heal the open sore of social existence, congregations of apprentices to Jesus must return to the transcendent power of Christ in which they stand. They must drain the assault and withdrawal, the attacks and coldness, from the individual men and women who form families under their ministry of Jesus and His Kingdom.

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Infinite Environment



“Our Soul” Dimension

Six Dimensions of Human Nature

Infinite Environment

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“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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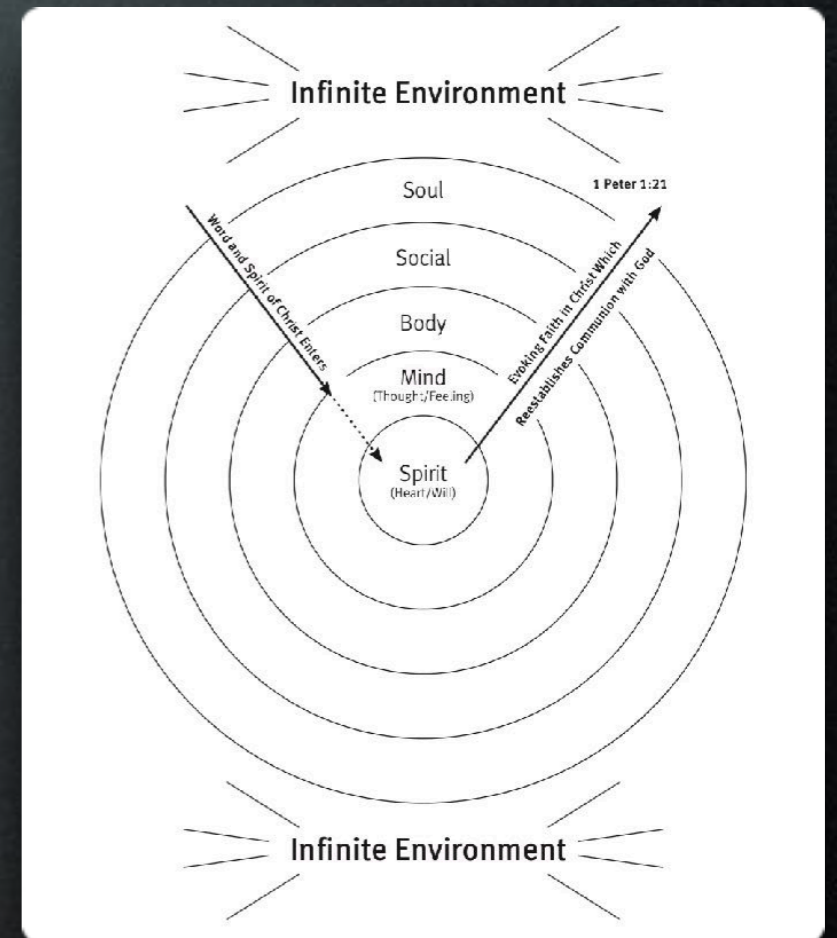


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What is running your life at any given moment is your soul.

The soul correlates, integrates and enlivens everything going on in our →
Six Dimensions.



A “well-kept heart” gives proper order to the soul under God in harmony with reality.

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RENOVATION OF THE HEART

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The Proper Order of the Person:

The soul is subject to God.

The Mind - Thoughts & Feelings - is subject to the Soul.

The Social Context & the Body are subject to the Thoughts & Feelings (Mind) that are agreement with Truth and God's intent & purposes for us.

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The Psalm 1 Man & Woman

We do not live as though God does not exist.

We do not stand with those who do
wrong with doses of contempt.

We delight in the law.

Our life flourishes. Psalm 1:3

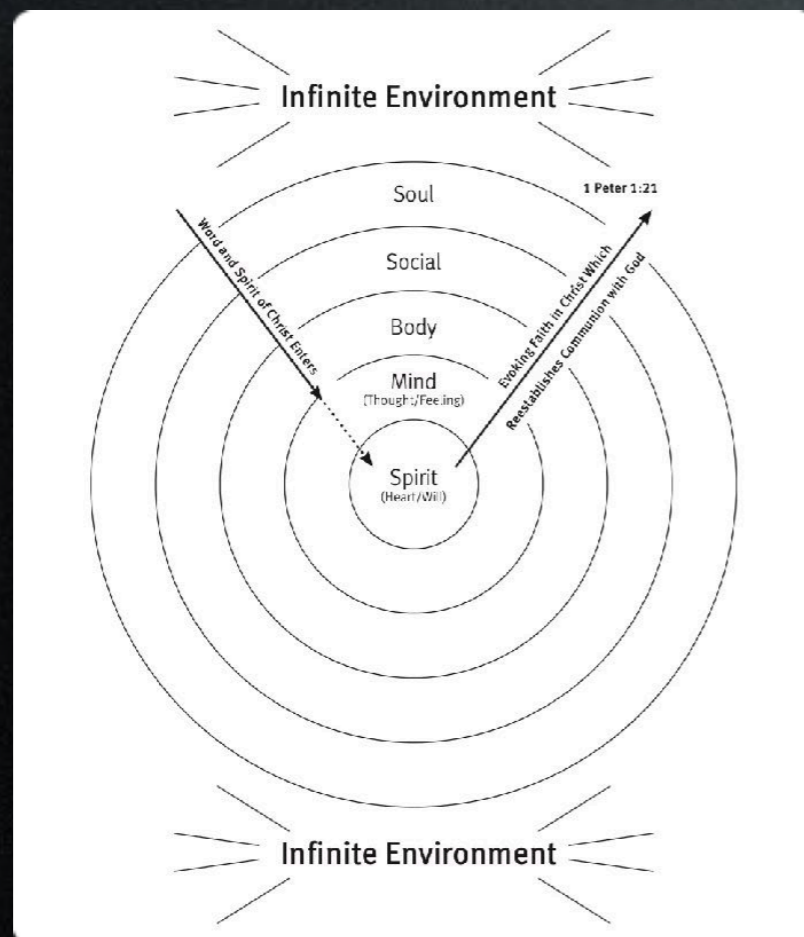
We prosper. Joshua 1:8

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The Psalm 1 Man & Woman are Not Ordinary

The Soul's specific formation - false ideas, distorted images and misinformation featuring unfulfilled desires and poisonous relationships - is seen in how thoughts, feelings, social relations, bodily behaviors, and choices unfold and interact with each other.



The failure of good intention is an outcome of the disordered soul.

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Flashback to Chapter 3

Underneath it all is the radical evil of the human heart.



Chapter 3

2021::52, 56, 57

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Flashback to Chapter 3

REMORSE PATH

Without this realization of our utter ruin and without the genuine revising and redirecting of our lives that this bitter realization naturally gives rise to, no clear path to enter transformation can be found.

It is psychologically and spiritually impossible.

We will steadfastly remain on the throne of our universe, so as far as we are concerned, perhaps trying to use a little God here and there.

Chapter 3 - 2021::57-58; 2002::60

However, one must not underestimate the powers of recovery of the soul under grace.



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The Soul Today

An enduring, nonphysical, center that organizes life into a whole — is not found in the outcome of modern thought under the influence of empiricism and naturalism.

Art, sleep, sex, ritual, family (“roots”), parentings, community, health, and meaningful work all are in fact soul functions.

Soul really is no longer present in the individual lives of modern intellectuals.

Where life meaning is lacking, performance is at a premium...leading to fanaticism.

Those who deny the soul still have to live a life, and they need to find the resources for it. The soul will strike back.



THE SOUL STRIKES BACK

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Our Soul Strategy

FIRST — The Image of the Soul - An Inner Stream

The spiritual life in the Kingdom - the self-initiating, self-sustaining, self-directing “Life” from the hand of God in His Kingdom.

The Soul - the deepest level of life and power in us!

God has a soul...and only God has “life” in Himself.

What is reality? The “Life” in the Kingdom of God.

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Our Soul Strategy (continued)

SECOND – The Soul as found in The Bible

Lot fleeing from Sodom that his soul may live.

Isaac blessing Esau from his soul.

Jesus teaching on gaining & losing the soul.

Mary magnifying the Lord with her soul.

James “the engrafted word to save your souls”.

Paul strengthening the souls of disciples.

Peter - purifying their souls in obedience.

Psalms - The “Soul Book”



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The Cries of the Soul

In spiritual transformation, it is necessary to take the soul seriously and deal with it regularly and intelligently, to be mindful of it. (216/207)

We as individuals must “own” our souls and take responsibility before God for them. (217/208)

Once we clearly acknowledge the soul, we can learn to hear its cries. (217/209)

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Matthew 11:28-30



Abandoning the Outcomes

What we most learn in His yoke, beyond acting with Him, is to abandon outcomes.

“Entrust our souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.” 1 Peter 4:19

Humility is the framework within which all virtue lives.

“God gives grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5

Humility is a great secret of rest of soul because it does not presume to secure outcomes.



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What is the root of disobedience?

Pride.

We think we are “big enough” to take our lives into our own hands, and so we disobey what we know to be right. This distances us from God and forces us to live on on our own. Soul rest becomes impossible.

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The Soul & The Law

The Gift of the Jews - the Written Law of God

The written law that God gave to the Israelites is one of the greatest gifts of grace God has ever conveyed to the human race....a picture of reality: of how things are with God and His creation...a spiritual power in its own right common as is the Word of God - Hebrews 4:12. (220/211)

The path of spiritual transformation –
Spirit, Covenant & Law. (222/212)

The Western world today is an antinomian culture.
(222/213)

Law & Grace go together in inward transformation.
(224/214)

- Love of the law restores the soul. (225/215)



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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Q&A



A Story of a Prodigal Princess

Our teenage daughter left home and for three years lived either on the streets or with various people who took her in. I trusted God. I asked God for those things [safe return], but I didn't trust in those results. God could be my comfort and strength without my telling God what to do.

(She did come home and made an impressive turnaround.)

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Today's Experiment

What expectations am I holding onto?

Can I still trust God even if "X" never happens?

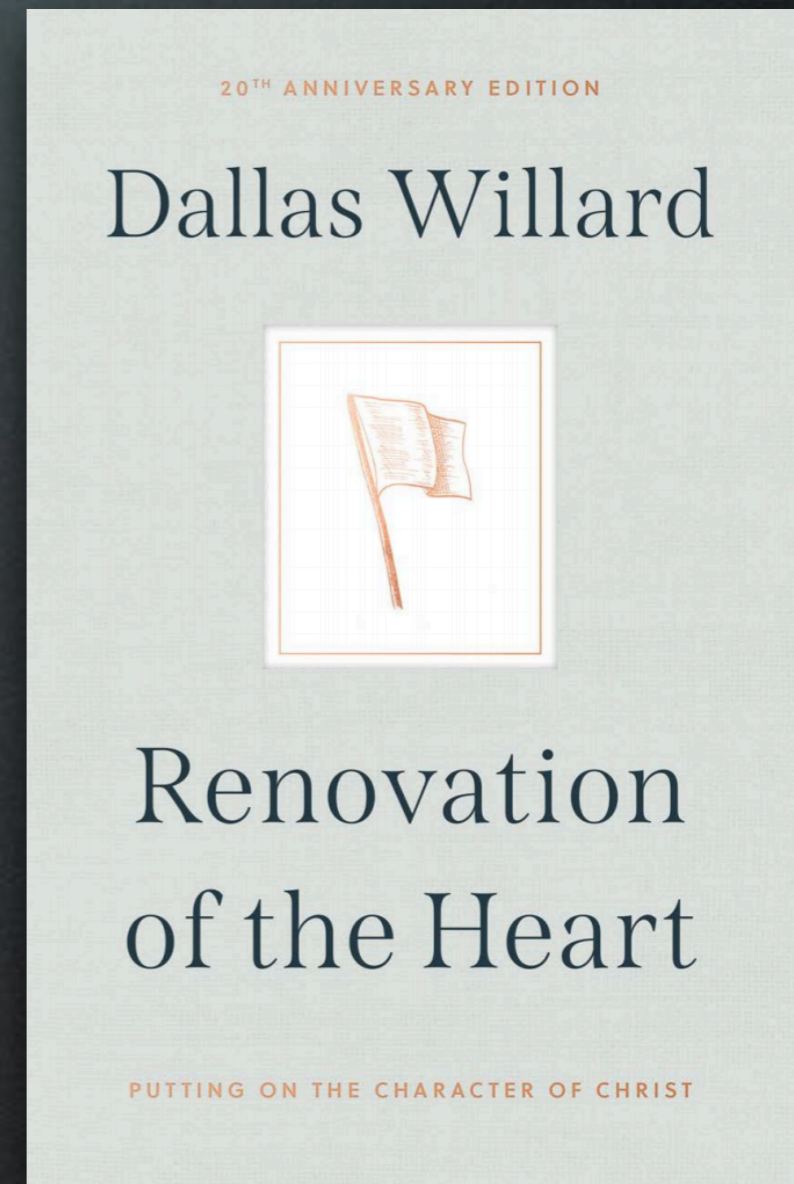
Is there an "X Factor" I am using to verify
God's goodness to me?

Session 11 Summary

Transformation of the soul is when we take it into the yoke of Jesus, learning from His humility and the abandonment of “outcomes” to God. This brings rest to the soul.

We receive the law and the Word as the structure of a life of grace in the Kingdom of God...*to walk in righteousness upheld by grace.*

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“The Children of Light
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Thursday, November 2, 2023

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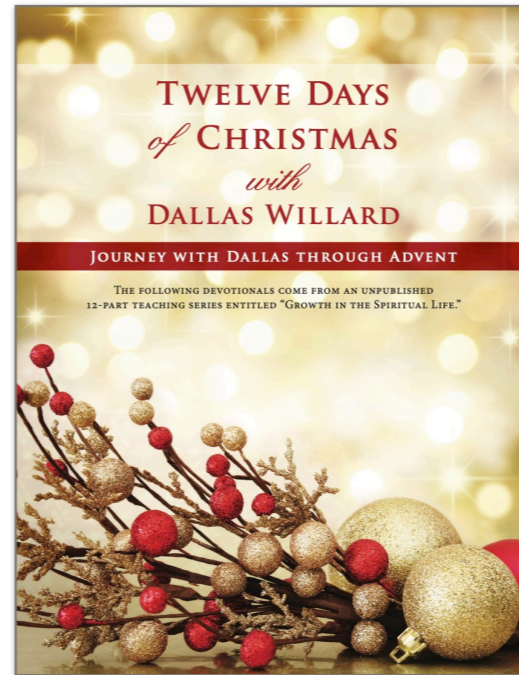
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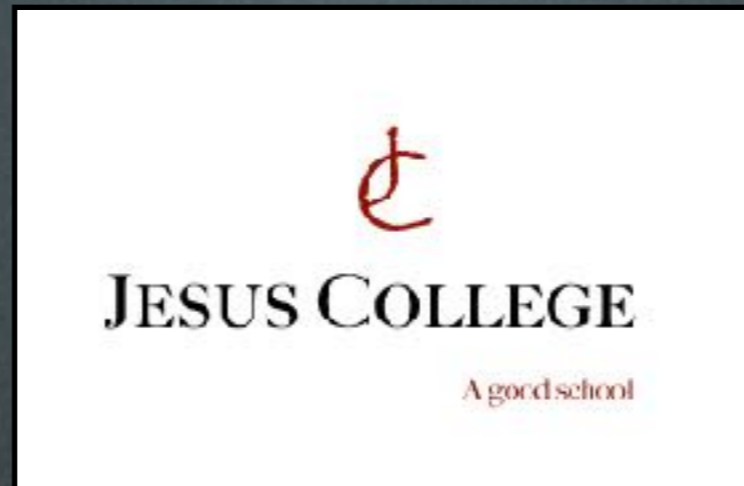
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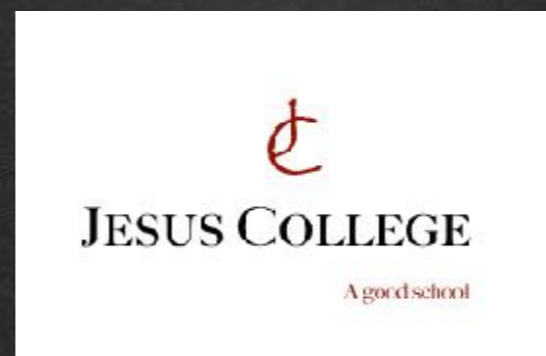
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