

MY GOD IN MOTION...

God IS Real, I CAN Trust Him!

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding”  
Proverbs 3:5*

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

20 Nov 2024

# Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How
- Discussion
- Resources
- Feedback & Future Topics
- Closing & Send off

# Purpose & Opening

## Purpose: Exhort one another into Love and Good Works

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,  
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,  
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

## Opening Prayer:

Thank you for the opportunity

Give me Words to deliver Your message

Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective

Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

Help us be transformed into the people You intended us to be

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

Help us bring You glory in all we do

# Topic

- What: God IS Real, I CAN Trust Him!
  - Why:
    - My children are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
    - In all your getting, get understanding.
    - The purpose of all your instruction is to know Me.
    - Get personal with Me, Get to Know Me.
    - Know Me, Trust me, So I can Help you...Save you, Grow you, Make you the person you could be, The person you should be, The person I imagined when I put you here.
- From my 11/14 journaling with God....
- How: Reasons to Believe, Ways to Trust, How To Trust

# We Must Believe God Is Real

## Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.

## Jeremiah 29:13

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

## Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that **He is, and that He is a rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him

# We Should Be Able To Defend Our Belief

## 1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready to give a defense** to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

Do You Believe God is Real?

Do You Believe He Rewards Those Who Love/Pursue Him?

Why? What is your Evidence / Logic?

# Evidence For God

- Creation Reveals God's Glory
  - Big Bang, Cosmos, Solar System, Earth, Life, Micro-Biology, Complex Life, Consciousness
- Bible Reveals God's Nature and Intention – Amazing and Powerful
  - 66 Books, 40 Authors, Consistent message, 63K Hyperlinks, Layers of meaning, Wisdom when applied
  - Well preserved, Archeology validates many people, places, events in bible
- Jesus Was Real Person, Strong Case For Resurrection
  - Extra-biblical accounts of His life, death, followers who believe resurrection
  - Gospels record his life and remarkable teachings, miraculous events and prophecies fulfilled.
  - Eyewitnesses willing to suffer torture to point of death for claim of his resurrection
- Philosophy/Logic
  - Cosmological: Everything with beginning has cause outside of it - Universe had beginning before space, time, matter
  - Teleological: Everything appears arranged for a purpose – there must be an intelligent designer
  - Morality: Absolute morality exists – demands an absolute rule maker
- Testimony of Others
  - Supernatural Life Experiences
  - Near Death Experiences reveal God / Heaven / Hell
  - Practical Application / Lessons Learned
- Personal Experience
  - Sense of Purpose / Calling / Meaning
  - Recognize His Hand In Your Life – Providence, Prayers Answered, Transformation
  - Experience His Presence - Hear His Voice, Sense Holy Spirit, See Effect

# We Have No Excuse...God Left Evidence

## Romans 1:18-20

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

## Psalms 19:1-5

19 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

## Job 12:7-12

But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;  
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
or let the fish in the sea inform you.

Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?

In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?



# Resources – Existence of God

- Evidence For God Summary from “Got Questions”  
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Does-God-exist.html#:~:text=Evidence%20of%20God%20exists%20in,;%20Psalm%2014:1>).
- Reasons To Believe – Scientific Approach to Christianity  
[https://www.youtube.com/@RTB\\_official](https://www.youtube.com/@RTB_official)
- Intelligent Design
  - Hoover Institute – Stephan Meyer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCBHNDTEgWk>
- Fine Tuning
  - A Simple Explanation from Cold Case - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azBWPrgnyUk>
- Cold Case Christianity – J Warner Wallace
  - Summary Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APMD\\_UatIhA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APMD_UatIhA)
  - Website: <https://coldcasechristianity.com/>
- Is The Bible Corrupted?
  - Daily Dose Of Wisdom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YF7Jd-XugYI>
  - Genesis Apologetics: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAH\\_-Du2428](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAH_-Du2428)
  - William Lane Craig:- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuY8KPx\\_rtU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xuY8KPx_rtU)
- My Blog Entry: <https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/know-god-is-real/>

# We Are Called To Trust In The Lord

Proverbs 3:5-6

**Trust** in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make straight your paths.

Trust = Batach (Hebrew) = Trust, Rely, Be confident, Feel secure

# Opportunities to Trust the Lord

Salvation

Purpose / Identity

Personal Integrity

Significant Decisions

Finances

Career Path

Attitude During Trials / Challenges

Separation from “Worldly” Activities

Molding of Inner Thoughts / Motives

Approach to Problem Solving

Approach to Relationships

Approach To Business

Approach to Health

Engaging Others

Sharing Testimony

# How: We Must Trust HIM for Salvation, Not Us

## Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

## 1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

## Ephesians 2:1-3

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

## Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## Psalms 62:1

Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

# You Must Change How You Think

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## Isaiah 55:8

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord

## Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death

## Romans 8:5-6

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

## Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

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## James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

## Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

## Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

# In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him

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## Psalms 56:3-4

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

## Jeremiah 17:7-8

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord.  
8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river,  
And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green,  
And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

When challenged, Actively shift your focus to God: Praise His Word, His promise of working all things for good, His promise of Heaven someday, Recognize the temporary nature of earthly life.

# He Will Make Your Paths Straight

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In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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## Psalms 37:5

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and He will act.

## Matthew 6:10

**Your** kingdom come. **Your** will be done. On earth as it is in heaven

## Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

When you submit your will and trust God, He will guide you onto the right path, and arrange things to best help your journey.



# God's Promises – Rewards Those Who Pursue Him

## Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

## Isaiah 64:8

But now, O Lord, You are our Father;  
We are the clay, and You our potter;  
And all we are the work of Your hand.

## Philippians 1:6

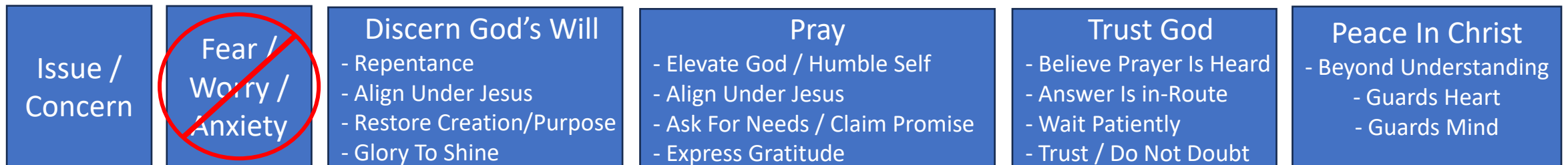
...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

# How: Purposefully Put Your Trust In God

## Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



# Track Your Prayers and Results

Date	Situation, Prayer	Date	Result
10/23/24	Thyroid still abnormal, Pray for Healing Of Thyroid	11/6/24	Blood Test, Hormones normal, Off med
6/10/23	Blood sugar out of control, 450. Not able to manage via diet or meds. Word of Wisdom, Living Water, Pray to Heal Diabetes, Imagine Cleansing in water	6/11/23	Blood Test Next Day, Blood sugar level normal, Stopped special diet and meds

# God's Promises – Provides Wisdom Liberally

## Ephesians 5:17

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

## James 1:5-6

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

## Some Resources

Hear God's Voice: <https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/principles/hear-the-word-of-god/>

Ask for Word Of Wisdom: <https://mygodinmotion.org/info/building-a-relationship-with-god/listen-for-his-input/word-of-wisdom/>

My Word of Wisdom Video: <https://youtu.be/V5fjxHbx3bo>

# Word's Of Wisdom (Small sample)

Date M/YY	Situation	Word Of Wisdom	Result
6/19	Loss of arm function due to bicycle accident	"The Surgeon"	Pursue recovery of function through surgery
11/19	Fear / Anxiety over surgery and recovery process	Image: God holding His right Hand... Isaiah 41:10	Prayer of Isaiah 41:10, Fear left, confidence flowed in
10/19	Advanced Cancer Diagnosis, Isolated in covid ward, Struggling with salvation	Image: Jesus with parade of followers, watching from sideline. Not worthy.	Focus on "Whoever calls on Jesus name". Gained faith, then Salvation. Converted family members on deathbed.
7/21	Boat Engine Not Starting, Cause Not Obvious	"Starter Solenoid"	Replaces solenoid, started right up
11/20	Advanced Cancer Diagnosis	"The Healer"	Prayer, Faith carried for several years
11/20	Prostrate Cancer Diagnosis	"Shall not die"... John 3:16	Prayer and Faith. Full Recovery after treatment
6/23	Blood sugar out of control, 450. Not able to manage via diet or meds.	Image: Waterfall, Living Water. Prayer to Heal, Imagine Cleansing in water	Blood Test Next Day, Blood sugar level normal, Stopped special diet and meds
7/24	Loss of spouse and sister, Struggle with role/path forward	Image: Children Fishing, Jesus, Role is to help them find him	1 month later, New role on town council and in church, children were council members
7/24	Loss of Spouse, struggle with role/path forward,	Image: Serving as Deacon	Signing up for deacon program

# God's Promises – Path Out of Temptation

## 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

## James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

## 2 Corinthians 10:5

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ,

# How: Use Word Of God As A Sword

## 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

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## Ephesians 6:17

"And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God"

## Luke 8:15

15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience

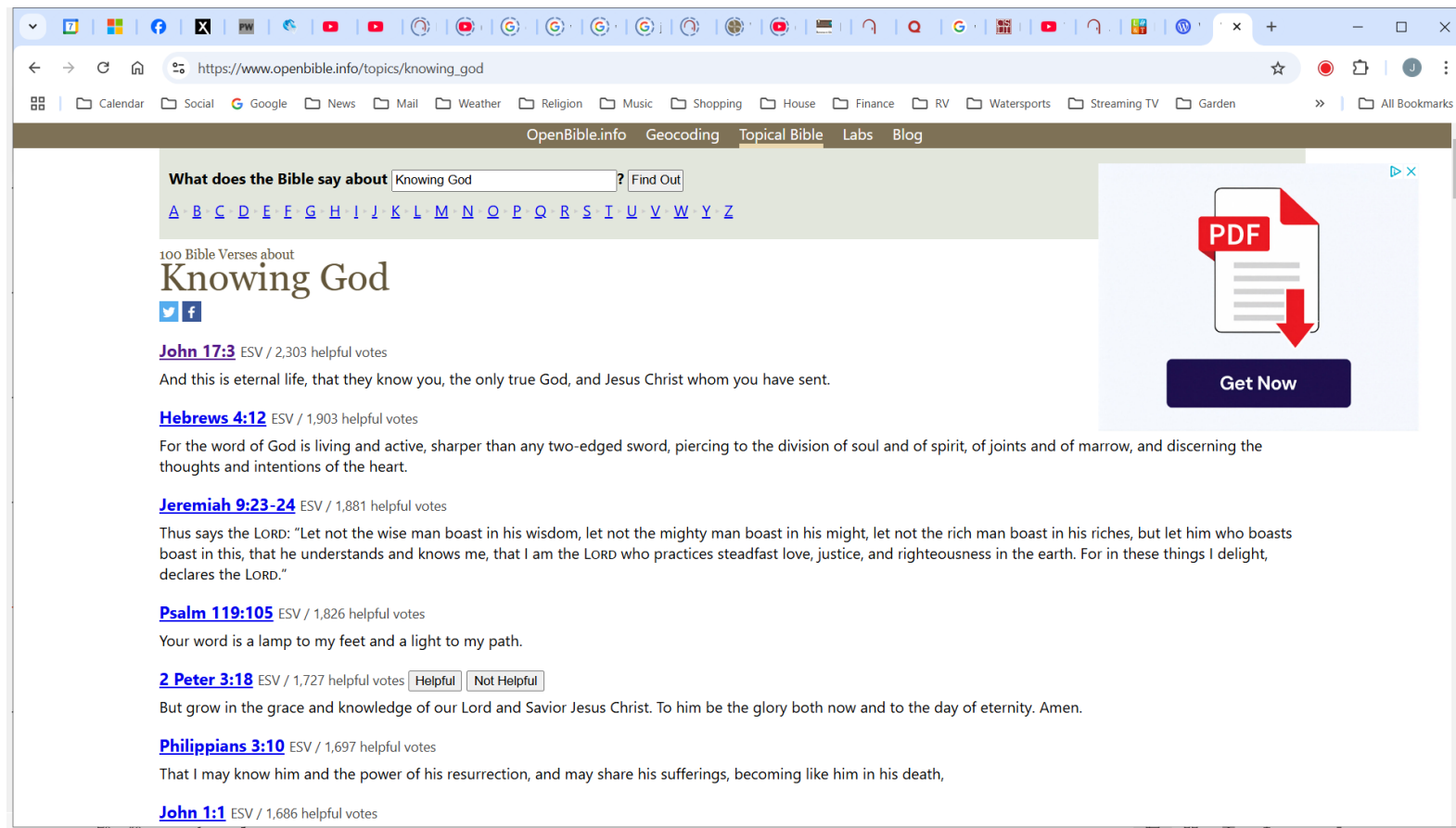
# Sword Of Spirit

When	Situation	God's Word	Effect
8/19	Seeking credit for doing good works done	Matthew 6:3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,	Catch thought as it enters, Take it captive, Hold better intentions
1Q22	Overheated Kiteboarding with 14M Kite in wetsuit	Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield	Got kite recovered safely, disassembled, into car, drove home, rehydrated, recovered
6/23	Transporting very ill friend in pain after kidney failure 100 miles from one hospital to another on unfamiliar rural roads in massive T-Storm	Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield	Safe Arrival, Friend released from destination hospital in 2 hrs.
ongoing	Driving RV	Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield	So Far So Good



# Find Relevant Verses

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**[John 17:3](#)** ESV / 2,303 helpful votes  
And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

**[Hebrews 4:12](#)** ESV / 1,903 helpful votes  
For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.


**[Jeremiah 9:23-24](#)** ESV / 1,881 helpful votes  
Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

**[Psalm 119:105](#)** ESV / 1,826 helpful votes  
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**[2 Peter 3:18](#)** ESV / 1,727 helpful votes    
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

**[Philippians 3:10](#)** ESV / 1,697 helpful votes  
That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

**[John 1:1](#)** ESV / 1,686 helpful votes



# How: Keep A Journal

Daily two-way dialog, Capture significant events, prayers, answers to prayers, learnings/revelations.

Ex:

11/15/2024

Lord, I want to serve you well. I believe we made a few points last night, but the prep was still a bit rough.

A: Yes.

How can I get the right content. A: Stay closer to me.

Can we just journal the why for next week. A: Sure.

I heard the topic: God is real, I can trust Him. Is that correct. A: Yes.

Why? A: My children are destroyed for their lack of knowledge. In all things you do, get knowledge. The purpose of your instruction is to know me. Get personal with me. Know me, so I can help you...save you, grow you, make you the person you could be, the person you should be. The person I imagined when I put you here.

Thank you Lord. A: You are welcome my son

# How: Focus Forward

## Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Aspect	Do	Don't
True	Pursue Truth, Share Truth Recognize when God's word is proven right	Accept, Believe, Propagate Lies
Honorable	Be dignified and worthy of respect. Recognize when someone is being honorable	Act inappropriately Don't dwell on actions of others
Just	Do the right thing. Follow God's rules and mans rules. Acknowledge when you see others do the right thing.	Compromise integrity, Become corrupted, Create, Allow, Celebrate Injustice
Pure	Separate from worldly ways. Pursue Holiness, Godliness. Acknowledge Purity when you see it	Become conformed to the world, Become distracted, consumed, destroyed
Lovely	Pursue, Admire, Recognize what is good and what is beautiful	Ignore, Diminish, Destroy Focus on what is ugly, marred, destroyed
Commendable	Be thankful for any things going well, Progress on issues	Focus entirely on negative, dwell on glass half empty
Excellence	Apply yourself to each task, Be Jesus in Action Recognize when others exhibit virtue	Do half the job, Sit back Ignore excellence when you see it
Praiseworthy	Publicly acknowledge God, Jesus, and others contributions	Steal credit, Withhold credit, Stay silent

# How Real Are These In Your Heart?

- God is Real
  - God Created This Place And Put Me Here
  - God loves us so much He sent His son
  - Jesus came, died for our sins, was resurrected and ascended to heaven
  - Jesus is now seated in Heaven , has all power, and has released the Holy Spirit
- God Rewards Those Who Diligently Seek Him
- I Put My Trust In The Lord
  - His Is The Source For Everything – I Can Do Nothing Without Him
  - I am A Sinner and Deserve Eternity In Hell, He Died For My Sins and He Will Save Me
  - He Works All Things For The Good Of Those Who Love Him and Pursue His Purpose
  - I Ask Him Questions To Understand His Will and His Intentions
  - I Listen to Him to Gain Insight and Understanding
  - I Align Myself With His Will So We Can Maximize Results
  - I Submit My Mind and My Heart To Him so He can Shape Me
  - I Trust Him to Work Through Me
  - I Trust Him to Help Me Overcome Whatever Obstacles I Face

# Build Trust

- Start With Salvation – Believe Into Salvation
- Establish Relationship – Dialog: Praise, Ask, Listen, Do
- Journal to Track Conversation
- Track Prayer Effectiveness – Date / Prayer, Date / Answer
- Shift To Attitude To Trust –
  - Find Key Verses
  - Learn Them, Lean On Them
- Trust in Promises

# Discussion

## Does this make sense?

- Questions
- Clarification
- Other Inputs

## Practical Experiences?

- Struggles / Barriers
- Strategies to Overcome
- Success / Lesson Learned

### Q&A

How do you do your journal?

- I do in computer using a word document
- I enter today at the top, and push yesterday down

When?

- I do early in AM before my mind gets cluttered

Session next week on eve of thanksgiving?

- Yes. Several folks are available

# Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
  - ✓ Good Content - Food for thought
  - ✓ Good Mix - Content & discussion
  - ✓ Good Format - Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
  - ✓ Graphics are good/helpful - Draw the story together
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
  - ✓ Me: Let folks do a quick intro to get familiar
  - ✓ Me: Host to log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time
    - Me: Set dog up for success to avoid distraction
    - Me: Leave more time for discussion

# Future Topics

Candidate topic for next week:

*“You are your own worst enemy”*

Recent Activity / Potential Topics:

- Act in Faith to Make Room For Grace!
- How do you Eat the Word of God?
- How do you Restore the Image of God?
- What does it mean to be a Branch of Jesus' Vine?
- How is God's Love perfected through us?
- Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom!
- Top 10 Lies from Satan, and The Truth

Any hot topics on your mind?

- How to stand in Faith in end times



# Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, sharing
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into our flesh
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light
- May we shine as a light in this dark world
- May we become bright beacons for Your kingdom
- May we do all in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

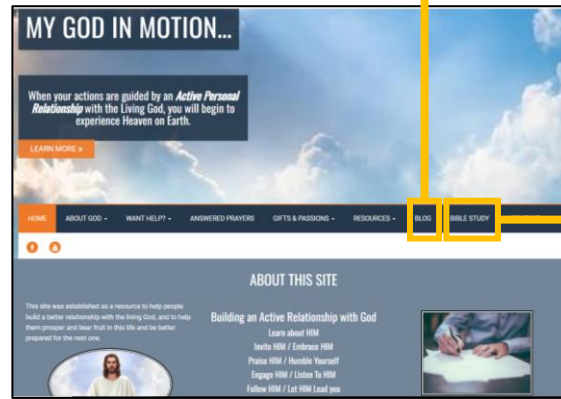
“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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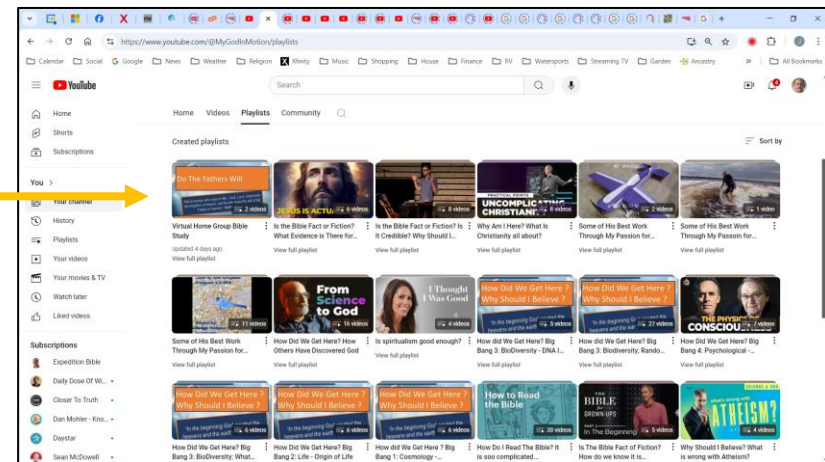
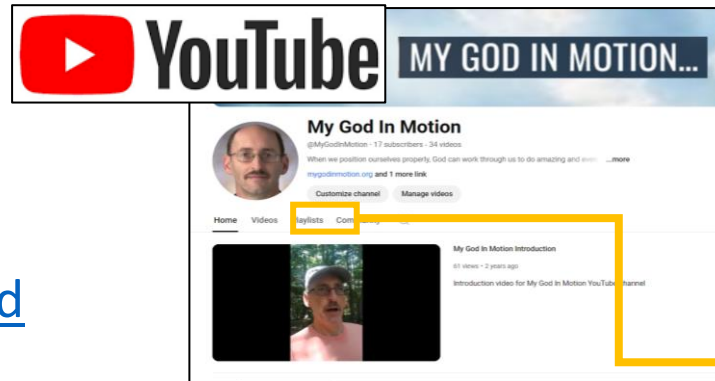
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