

MY GOD IN MOTION...

God's Children Are Slaves To Sin!

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Virtual Home Group Bible Study

10-28-2025

Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How,
- Resources
- Discussion
- Group Prayers
- Feedback, Next Session & Closing

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:

Lord, Thank you for this opportunity.

Give me Words to deliver Your message.

Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective

and Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

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

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

and bring You glory in all we do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Topic

What:

My Children Are Slaves To Sin!

Why:

- My children are trapped in cycles of sin.
- It helps to understand the cycle and how to break it.
- Jesus is the truth, and the truth will set you free.
- Help them see what is going on so they will let me help them

(From Journaling with Jesus 10/21)

Approach: What, Why, How

What: Slaves, Free

John 8:34-36

“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a **slave** to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you **free**, you will be **free** indeed.’”

From Strongs Concordance

Slave = Doulos (DOO-los), From Deo = bound

If Involuntary = Slave, Owned By, Subjected Under

If Out of Necessity = Bond-Servant

If Figuratively = A voluntary fully devoted servant

Free = eleuthero (el-yoo-ther-OH-o) = deliver, make free, liberate, exempt from liability

Illustrative translation:

Everyone who continues to practice sinful behaviors is bound in a cycle and serving those sinful activities as a master, Jesus will set you free from the cycle that traps you in sin. If you choose to give up the sinful course and follow Jesus, you will be with Him forever.

Set Free From What? How?

- Fear of Death: There Is Eternal Life.
- God's Wrath: We Have Earned Hell, Jesus Paid Your Debt.
- Guilt and Shame: Past Forgiven / Washed By Jesus' Blood.
- Bondage of Sin: Power to Resist Temptation.
- Spiritual and Mental Slavery: Free from mental slavery of lies, ignorance, addictions, and other things that control the mind.

Your Flawed Inner-Self Works Against God

Romans 8:7

For the **mind** that is **set on the flesh** is **hostile to God**, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

Mark 7:21-22

For **from within**, out of the heart of man, **come evil thoughts**, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, **pride**, foolishness.

Psalms 10:4

In the pride of his face **the wicked does not seek Him**; all his thoughts are, “**There is no God.**”

2 Timothy 3:2-5

For people will be **lovers of self**, lovers of money, **proud, arrogant**, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, **unholy**, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, **without self-control**, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.** Avoid such people.

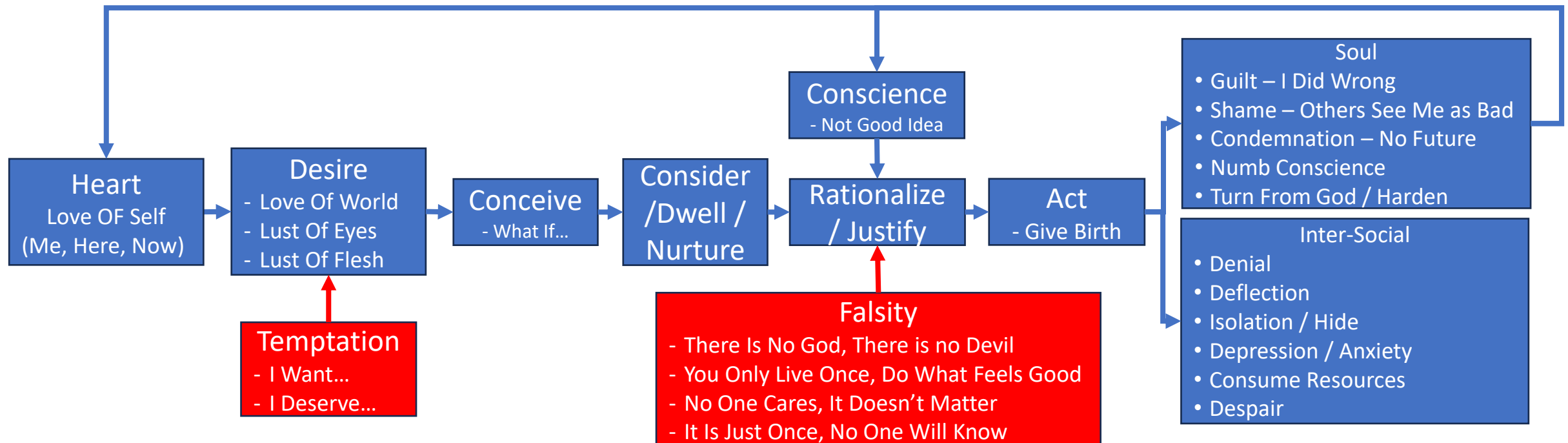
Colossians 1:21

And you, who once were **alienated and enemies in your mind** by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.

How Do We Get Into Slavery Of Sin?

James 1:15

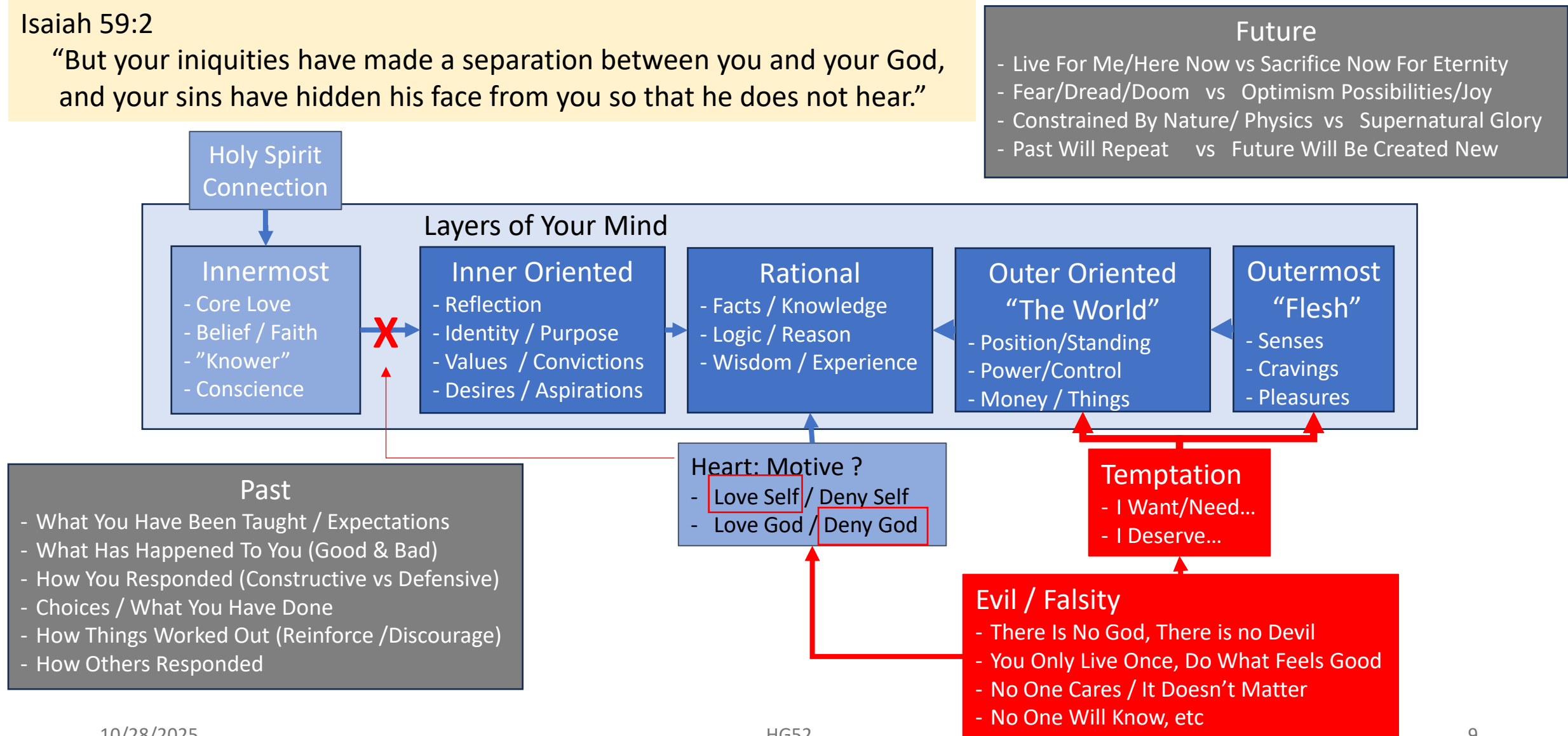
But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



How Are We Enslaved To Sin?

Isaiah 59:2

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.”



Blind To The Truth: Confirmation Bias



Confirmation Bias:

Tendency to process information by looking for, or interpreting, information that is consistent with existing beliefs. This biased approach to decision making is largely unintentional, and it results in a person ignoring information that is inconsistent with their beliefs. These beliefs can include a person's expectations in a given situation and their predictions about a particular outcome. People are especially likely to process information to support their own beliefs when an issue is highly important or self-relevant.

2 Corinthians 4:4

"...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

Ex:

God Doesn't Exist, or Doesn't Care

I Will Be Fine, I Am Good Person, My Good Will Offset Your Bad

Sin Is Ok, Not A Big Deal, No One Will Know

I Am A Victim I Deserve...

I Are Defined By My Past – Not Worthy, Stuck, Can Not Change

Love of “Self”, “Flesh” and “World” Oppose God

Philippians 2:3

“Let nothing be done through **selfish** ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”

Galatians 5:17-25

For the **flesh** lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

1 John 2:15

“Do not love **the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

Jeremiah 17:5

“Cursed is the one who **trusts in man**, who draws strength from mere **flesh** and whose heart turns away from the Lord.”

The Devil Lies

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is **no truth in him**. When he **lies**, he speaks out of his own character, for **he is a liar and the father of lies**.

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, **the deceiver** of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil **prowls** around like a roaring lion, **seeking someone to devour**.

Truth – The Word Of God, Which Became Flesh

Matthew 4:4

But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Ephesians 6:17

And take .. the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,”

Hebrews 4:12

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.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

John 1:1 - 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 8:32

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

How Do We Break The Death Spiral Of Sin

Slavery = Corruption = Death Spiral

- Focus On Self
- Listen To Temptation – Needs/Desires
- Conceive Of Ideas To Explore
- Dwell / Focus / Revisit - Nurture/Develop Thoughts
- Rationalize - Just Once, No one will know, No Harm
- Execute Action – Give Birth To Sin – Now Has A Life
- Consequences Flow
 - Sinned against God, Turned, Pushed Him Away
 - Adultery With Devil, Partnered Against God
 - Ignored God's input, Conscience Knows Better
 - YOU chose to be your own God (Idolatry)
 - Harmed Self or Others – Physical, Mental, Emotion
 - Guilt – You did wrong
 - Shame – Others will look down on you
 - Condemnation – Can Not Be Fixed / Not worthy
- Lie to cover it up
- Build life around support for new practices
- Convince Yourself It Is OK, Evil Is Ok – No Choice, All Do It
- Cut Off Input From Conscience/Holy Spirit
- Convince yourself Evil is Good
- Soul corrupted for eternity = Spiritual Death

Falsity – Lies

- God Is Not Real
- Bible Is Not Credible, Fiction, Corrupted
- Jesus is Not Real / Not God / Not Risen
- I Am Not Loved
- I Am a Good Person, Don't Need Jesus
- My Sin is harmless enough
- God won't punish, He is love
- I know Jesus' Name, I will get in
- This Is My Life – I Do What I Want
- I Was Born this Way
- I am Defined By My Past
- I am going to live for ME / Here / Now
- You live once, Do what feels Good
- God gave me feelings I will follow them
- Guilt / Shame / Condemnation
- I Am Not Worthy
- I Can Not Change
- Love Means Accepting My Behavior
- I am not strong enough to resist
- I am Alone
- I have no defense against evil

Truth

- God Is Very Real, Evidence All Around
- Bible Is Word Of God, Powerful, Well Preserved
- Jesus Is At The Right Hand: Evidence, Witnesses
- God Loves You – Sent His Son
- No One is Good, All Fall short, Deserve Hell
- All Sin is rebellion against God: Love God = Hate Sin
- God demands Justice, Jesus Body Paid The Price
- No, Submit and Follow So He Knows Your Name
- This Is HIS life, Purchased With His Blood
- You need to be Born Again
- New Identity: Born Again Child of God
- New Purpose: Deny Self, Bring God Glory, Shine
- You Live Forever, Judgment for Choices
- Adam gave you feelings, Be transformed
- You are forgiven, Cleansed By Blood
- Are Who Believe Are Welcome
- Jesus Will Form In You; Potter and Clay
- Love Means Helping People Recognize Issues
- Holy Spirit Brings Power, Anything is possible
- Jesus/Holy Spirit Are with you always
- The Word Of God is The Sword Of The Spirit

We Must Get Our Selves Out of The Way

Mark 12:30-31

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Philippians 2:3-4

“Do nothing from **selfish ambition** or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

2 Corinthians 5:15

And He died for all, that those who live might **no longer live for themselves** but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

Romans 6:6

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.”

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live **by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Your Thoughts Shape Your Life

Proverbs 23:7

For as he **thinks** in his heart, so is he....

Romans 12:2

...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

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**,

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy**—meditate on these things.

Who Am I?

Why Am I Here?

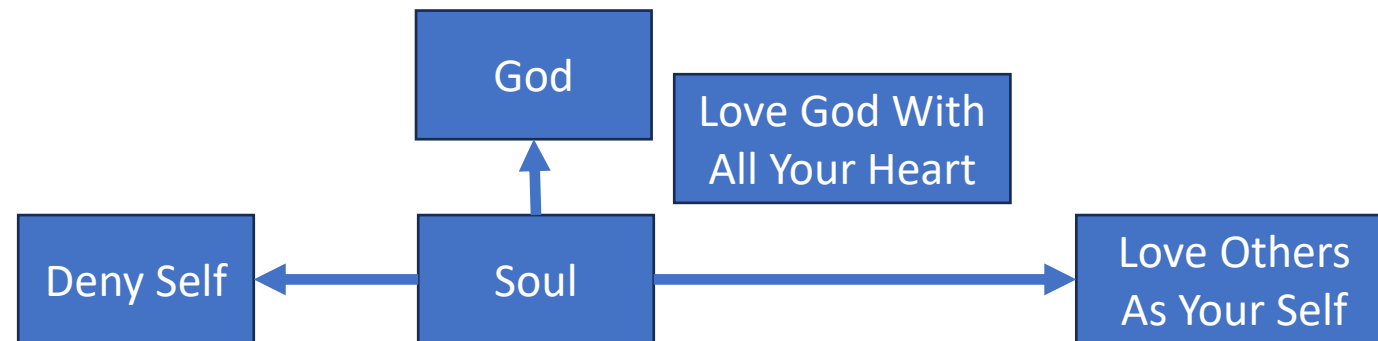
What Did Jesus Do For Me?

Am I Worthy?

How Can I Serve Him?

How: Listen to Your Own Words / Thoughts

- Listen for “Self” in your thoughts and words
 - Me, Myself, I
 - My situation, My Problems, My Past, My Plans
 - I want..., I need..., I deserve..., I Will..., I Won't..
 - What happened to Me, What he/she/they did to Me or said To Me
- Take mental note, keep a log if you wish
 - Was my self-centered thought aligned under God...or just serving me



How Are We Set Free?

- We Were Created In God's Image With A Purpose, To Glorify Him
- We Became Self Centered, Defeats The Purpose, Causes Problems
- God Loves Us – He Sent His Son To Rescue Us!
- Jesus Allowed His Body To Be Broken To Pay The Price
- Jesus' Innocent Blood Covers Our Past – when Choose to Suffer With Him
- Repent of Sinful Ways, Accept Jesus As Lord
- Be Born Again – New Spirit / New Heart
- Deny Self, Pick Up Your Cross (Suffer for higher purpose), Follow Jesus
- Renew Mind – See From His Perspective: New Identity, New Purpose
- Be Transformed By Grace: Put Off Old, Put On New
- Be Led By The Spirit: Ask, Listen, Yield, Follow
- Jesus Will Form / Restore The Original Image
- Become Love, Walk In The Light, Be A Beacon

Resources

Dan Mohler

How To Be Free From Sin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRNKAh7QICA>

The Power Of Baptism, Freedom From Sin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BuOa8B7xHm0>

You Must Kill Your Old Life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73ZHOadmO1c>

Put Off The Old Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKCaiz3RI3E>

Put Off Sin and Put On Christ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUje32dtKb0>

You Have To Give Up The Old To Step Into The New

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzr3xkAovTU>



Call to Action:

- Be Bold
 - Love God = Hate Sin
 - Ask Him For Input On Any Remaining Sin
 - Deny Yourself / Crucify Your Flesh / Worldly Ways – Nail It To The Cross
 - Put Off The Old Man / Bury It In The Grave With Jesus
 - Be Raised Into New Life With Jesus
- Take All Thoughts Captive to Reality Of Jesus Finished Work On The Cross
 - Do not let negativity from past enter, bury it
 - Identity: Born Again - Raised With Him Into New Life
 - Purpose: Bring Him Glory In All You Do

Discussion

This Topic:

- Questions / Clarification
- Practical Experiences: Struggles, Success, Lessons Learned

Other Topics:

- Questions / Comments ?
- Testimony To Share ?
- Group Prayers: Updates, New
- Journaling: Calling, Visions/Dreams, Gifts, Opportunities
- Feedback: What Is Working / Opportunities To Improve

Next Session: **Tues 11/04/25**

Closing:

Closing Prayer

- Heavenly Father, Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, and 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,
shine as a bright beacon in this dark world, and
do all things in Jesus' name to bring glory to the Father who sent Him.

“...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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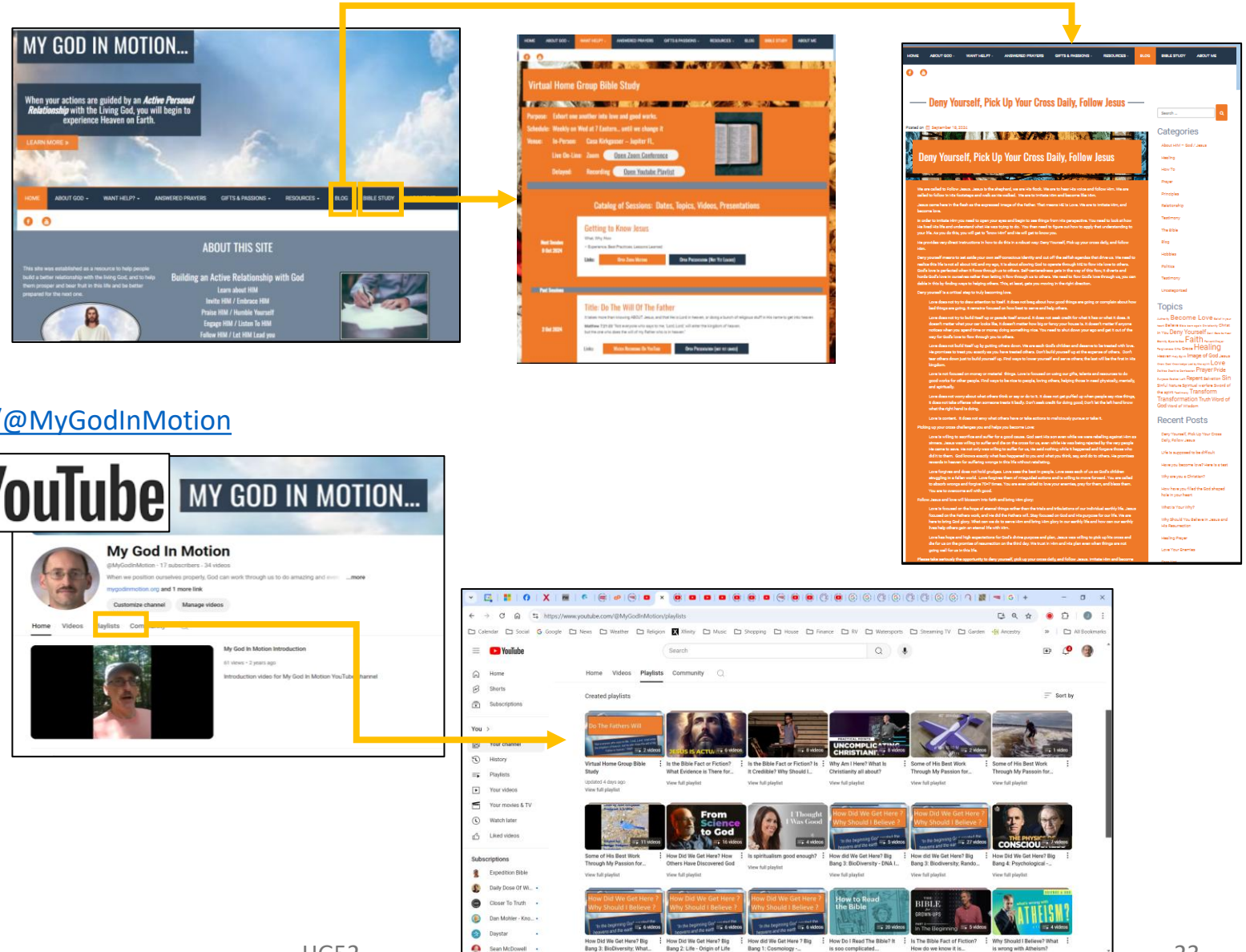
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Group Prayer Activity - Page 1

Date	Person	Situation	"Word" Received	Prayer	Date	Answer
	Jay	Phantom limb pain	Go Around	Lord, Your will is always healing, by your stripes we are already healed. You told us to go around the pain. Help us see the path you have set before us to go around this pain.	1 week	Dr offered new pain med, significant improvement.
	Tammy Neighbor	Fall from unprotected balcony		Lord, we speak healing in Jesus' name.		Upbeat, minor surgery, expecting full recovery.
	World	Geopolitical Upheaval		Lord, help the world repent and find you. Help the US find its path back to leading the world in goodness.		
	Ashley	Vascular calcium		Lord, Help us find your path forward for Ashley.		Cardiac Dr Not Excited, Ordered Echo cardiogram tests to eval.
6/20	Lana	UTI	Aster testimony	Lord, help Lana find you and your path to healing. If Aster's supplement is the answer help her embrace it. We speak healing in Jesus' name.	1 Day	Felt significantly better
July	Guy	Back	Pray and be patient	Back be healed	1 Wk	Back pain free after church service
					9/8	Back recovered, back in gym
	Bergie	Heart		Help her get proper treatment, heal her heart	9/16	She is in a better situation now

Group Prayer Activity - Page 2

Date	Person	Situation	"Word" Received	Prayer	Date	Answer
7/23	Tamra	Elbow Injury		Elbow be healed		Returned to urgent care, found fracture, wrapped differently, healed in 1 wk
7/23	Ashley	Broken Ankle		Path through surgery and recovery		Surgery successful, working PT
8/12	Tom	Kidney Issues		Lord, Help Tom find your path through these issues.		
	Donna	Heart		Lord, May new medical intervention enable success with heart and continuing this race	9/9	Stable, improved.
8/19	Michael	Cardiac Issues, Catheterization procedure failed, scheduling second attempt		Lord, Help Michael gain success through this procedure, help the Dr's be successful in addressing the issues.	8/23	Procedure was a success, Stints set up. Recovering.
9/9	USA	Urban Violent Crime, Woman Killed no train		Lord, May her death be a turning point bringing awareness and better systems of justice and mgmt of mental illness		
9/23	Tamra	Long drive ahead		Safe and Sound	10/1	Accomplished despite severe storms
10/8	Luis (Lori's Friend)	In Hospice		Peace On His Journey Home		
10/14	Jim	Life Struggles		Holy Spirit Help Jim: Housing, Employment, Mental, Financial, Trust You	10/21	Moved to hotel for week, improving