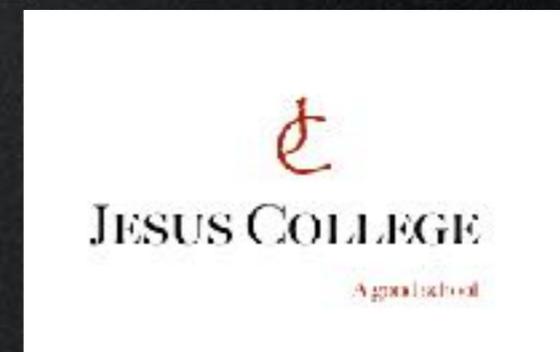
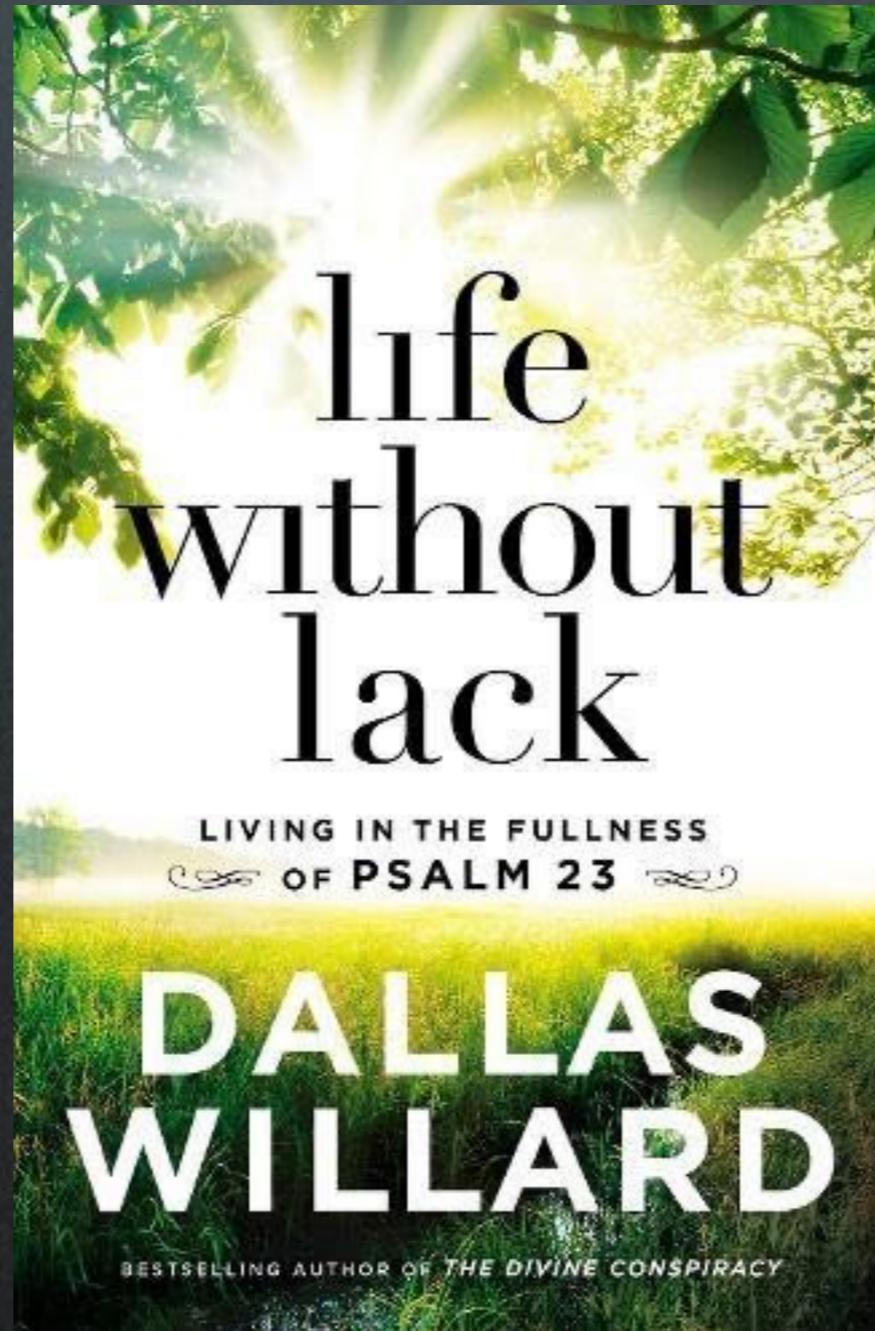


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Agape Love is in people whose lives are already marked by certain qualities of the whole self, chief of which are Faith in our all-sufficient God and joyful embracing of Death to Self.

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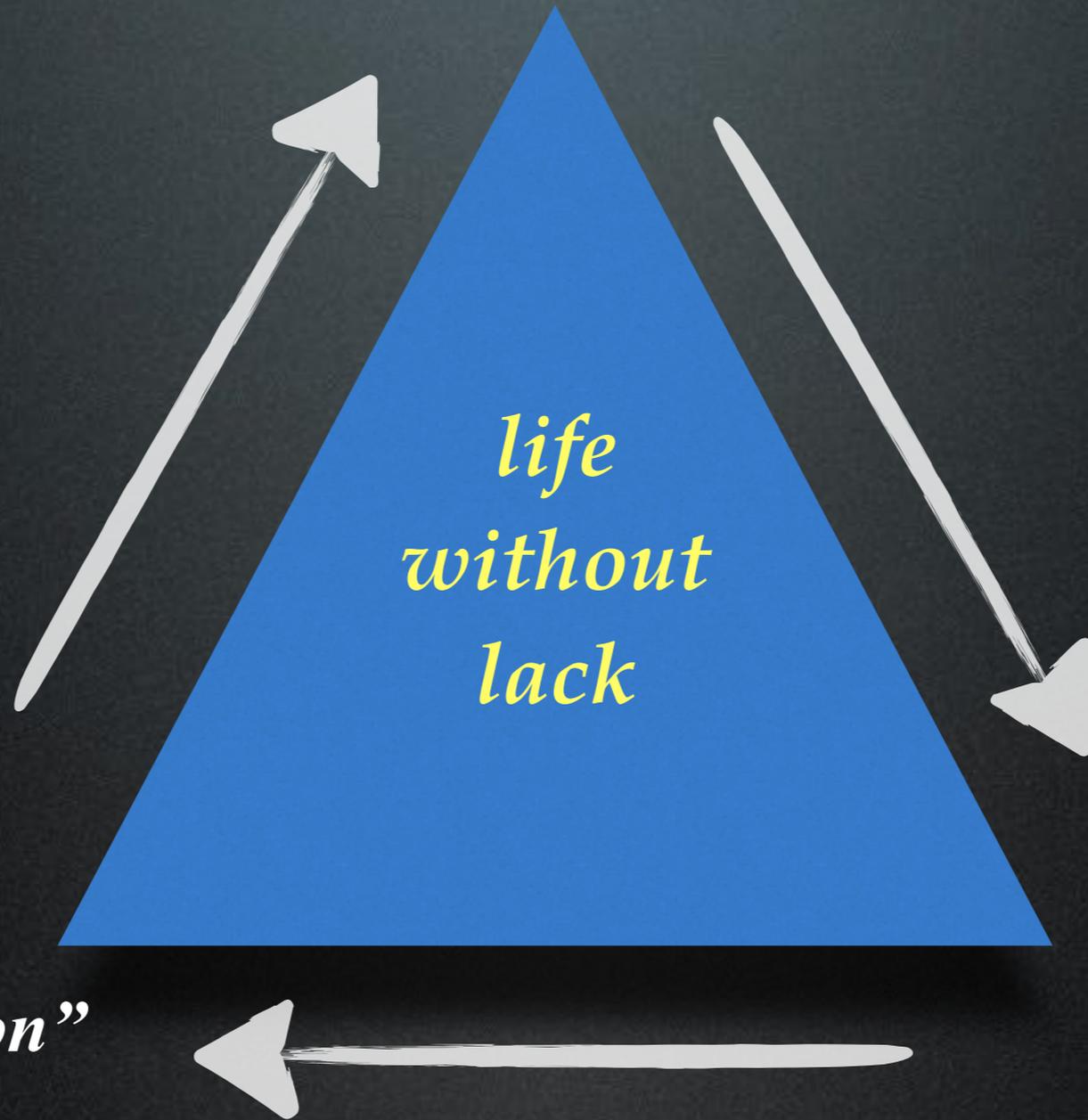
The Triangle of Sufficiency

Faith
“Trust”

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Love
“Good Disposition”

Death to Self
“Humility”



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ANATOMY of LOVE DEFINED — poised...
a source...condition...disposition...an idea to live.
(168)

We are called and enabled to love as God loves
by becoming like God as loving persons. (169)

“Love as God loves you...walk in the way of love as
Christ loved us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to
God.” Ephesians 5:1-2

ANATOMY of LOVE DEFINED (continued)

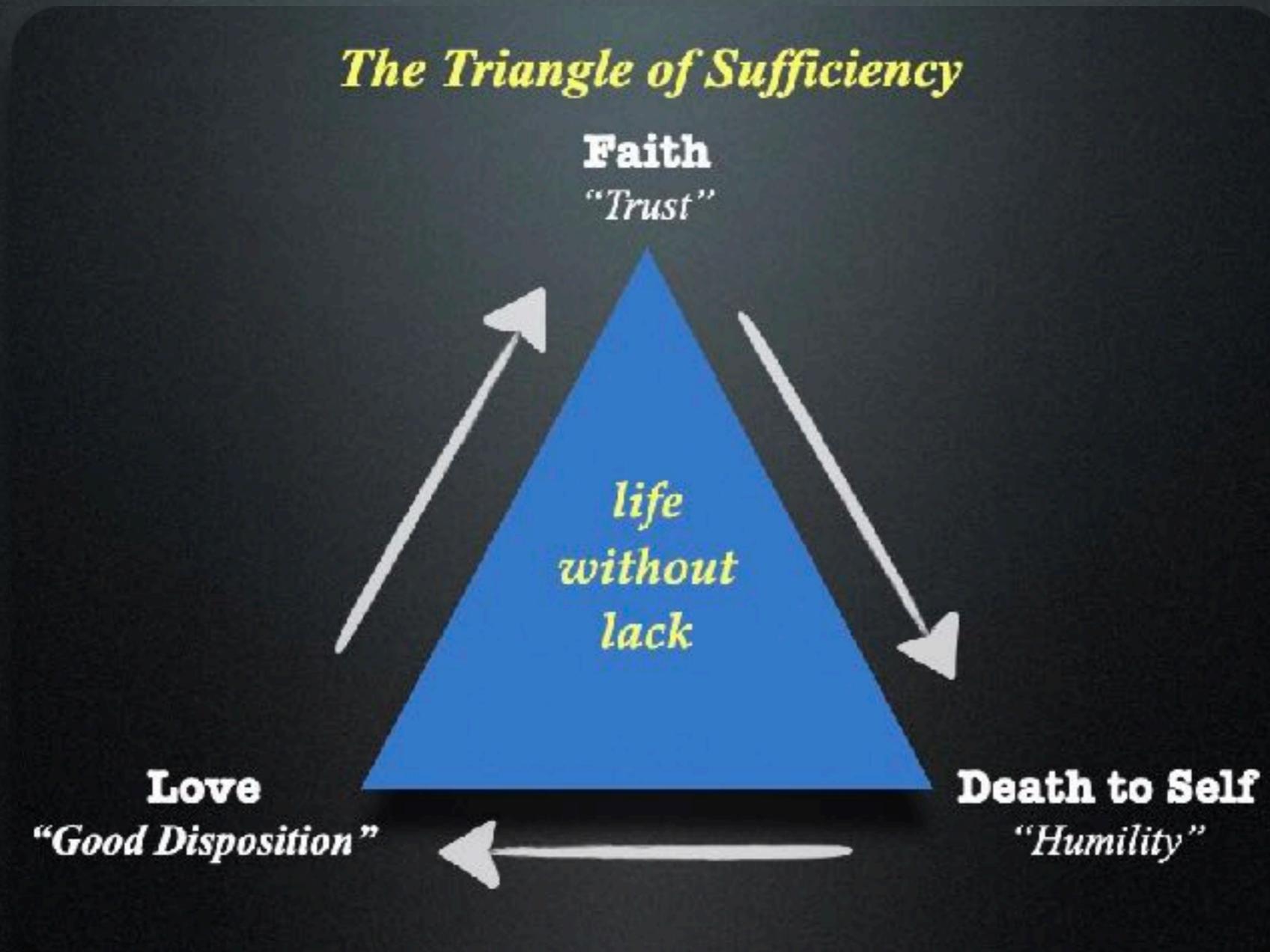
Achieve the DISPOSITION of AGAPE love... NOT by direct effort, but by TRAINING:

Attending to and putting into place the **CONDITIONS** out of which it arises.

—> Regular practice of the spiritual disciplines comes strong into play.

The goal is not to be people who do loving things but to become the “kind of people” who naturally, joyfully, and easily love. (169)

We “pursue love” by advancing our faith and dying to self through appropriate training and practice. The love we receive from God takes care of the rest. (170)



The overall disposition of love by its nature seeks what is good and right before God. (170)

LOVE WILLED

Love is a condition of the “will”, embodied in the fundamental dimensions of the human personality, guiding them for serving the good.

—> Love is not something you choose to do, it is what you become - a loving person.

—> Your WILL...

...your capacity to bring things and events and processes into existence.

...the control center of the self: the “heart” or the human spirit.

...directs all aspects of the self.

LOVE WILLED (continued)

When love pervades our WILL, all these other dimensions:

MIND (thoughts, images, feelings, desires, emotions),
BODY, SOCIAL and SOUL

...work in harmony with and in service to the Kingdom of God, and your life becomes a testimony to the God who meets your every need. (170-171)

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“Will” + “Won’t” = “I Shall Not Want”

Training your will to “won’t” what you want until you want what He wills.



“He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies” Psalm 23:5

An honored guest at the feast...with my enemies.
Having been served, he is [we are] free to serve.

Jesus our master and model in this regard. (171)

“Do as I have done to you.” John 13:16
Washing the disciples feet.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.



The Brand New Old Commandment

World religious leaders - None of these leaders were willing to die for their disciples.

Jesus was the only one living in the realm of agape love. If we do not choose to become as loving as Jesus, we will never know a LIFE WITHOUT LACK.

Such a life is realized through love filling our lives. Faith is only completed in love, because our faith is in a God of love – no other. The more this faith grows in us, the more we will experience the carefree joy of Christ's love.

(175)



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CROSS FIT — Agape Love Training How to Love Somebody, Not Everybody

Decide:

- 1) We want to love people
- 2) Who we are going to love
- 3) How we are going to do it

We are not called to love everybody,
we love somebody — our “neighbor”. (176)



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Finding that Special Somebody to Love — Step One

1.) Which “somebody”? (177)

“Love our enemies” (Matthew 5:44)

“Forgive” (Mark 11:25)

- A promise to lift hatred & enmity
- A promise to lift un-forgiveness

- Takes Time, Training, Grace & Humility
- We fail because it does not work the way we thought it would

Finding that Special Somebody to Love — Step Two

2.) Love One Person for One Week (178)

Caring for them starts with deciding to love them.

Ask God to show you something in them that is good and be thankful for them.

What can you do to help them?

Use your resources & abilities to serve His Kingdom
by serving others.



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Love Means...

...Being Able to Say No (179-180)

...the Joy of Loving (180-182)

...Getting to Say “I forgive you” (182-184)

Not required to:

- 1) Reconcile
- 2) Forget
- 3) Stop Hurting



The person who has the
most power over your
life is the person you
have not forgiven.

(182)

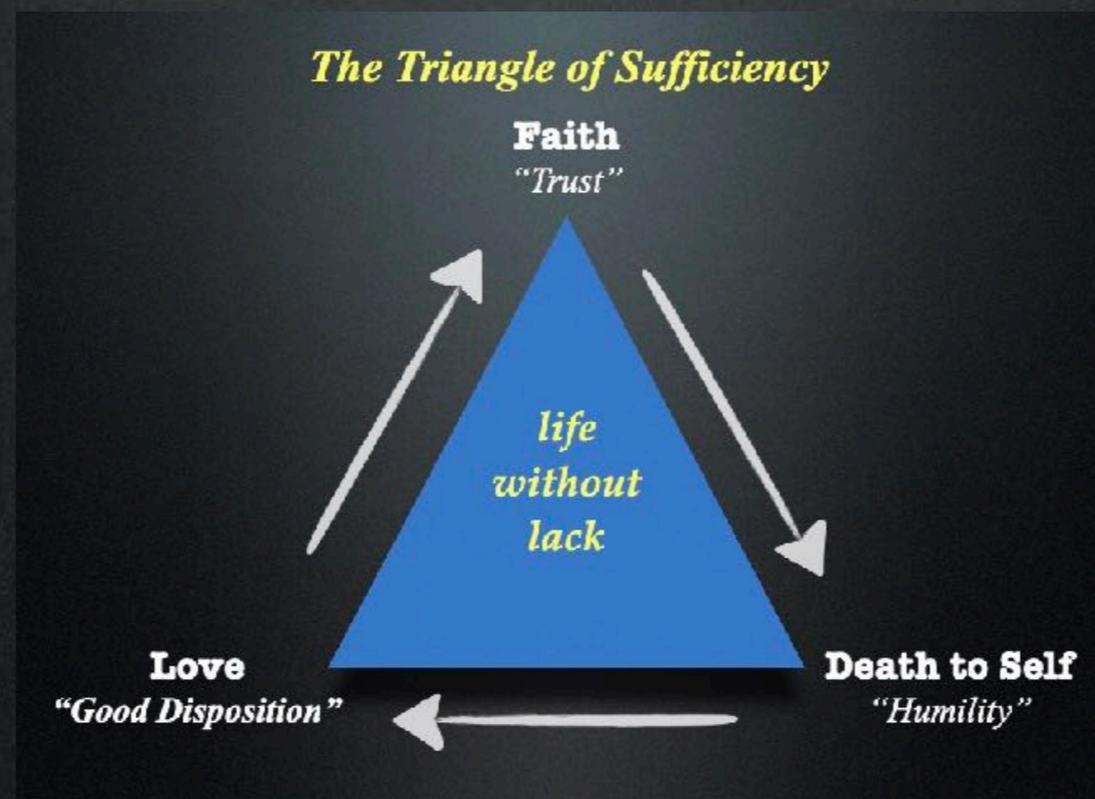
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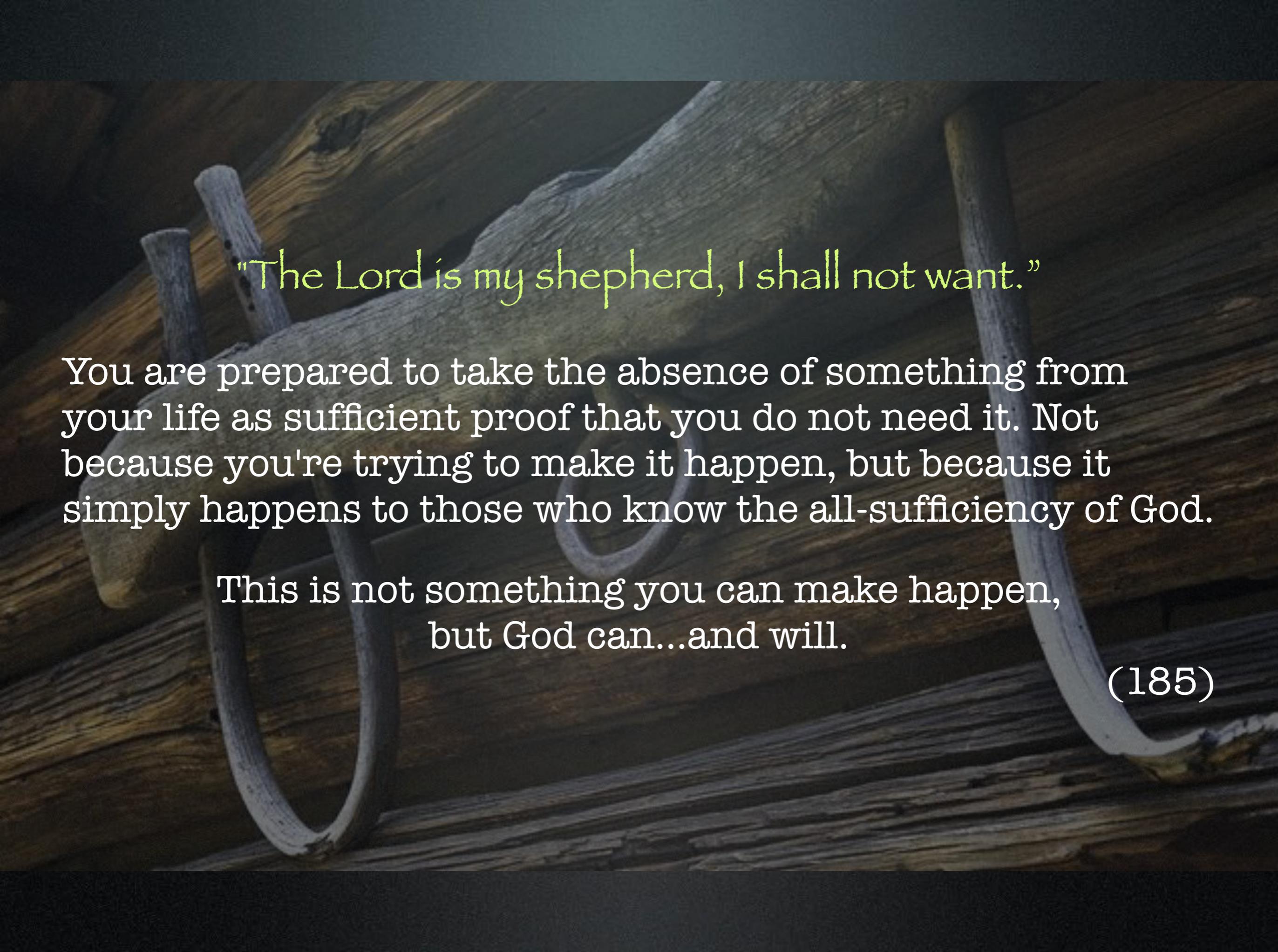
Faith feeds death to self, death to self feeds love, love feeds faith, and on it gloriously goes.

When these are fundamental realities in your life, you are exactly where David was when he said,

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

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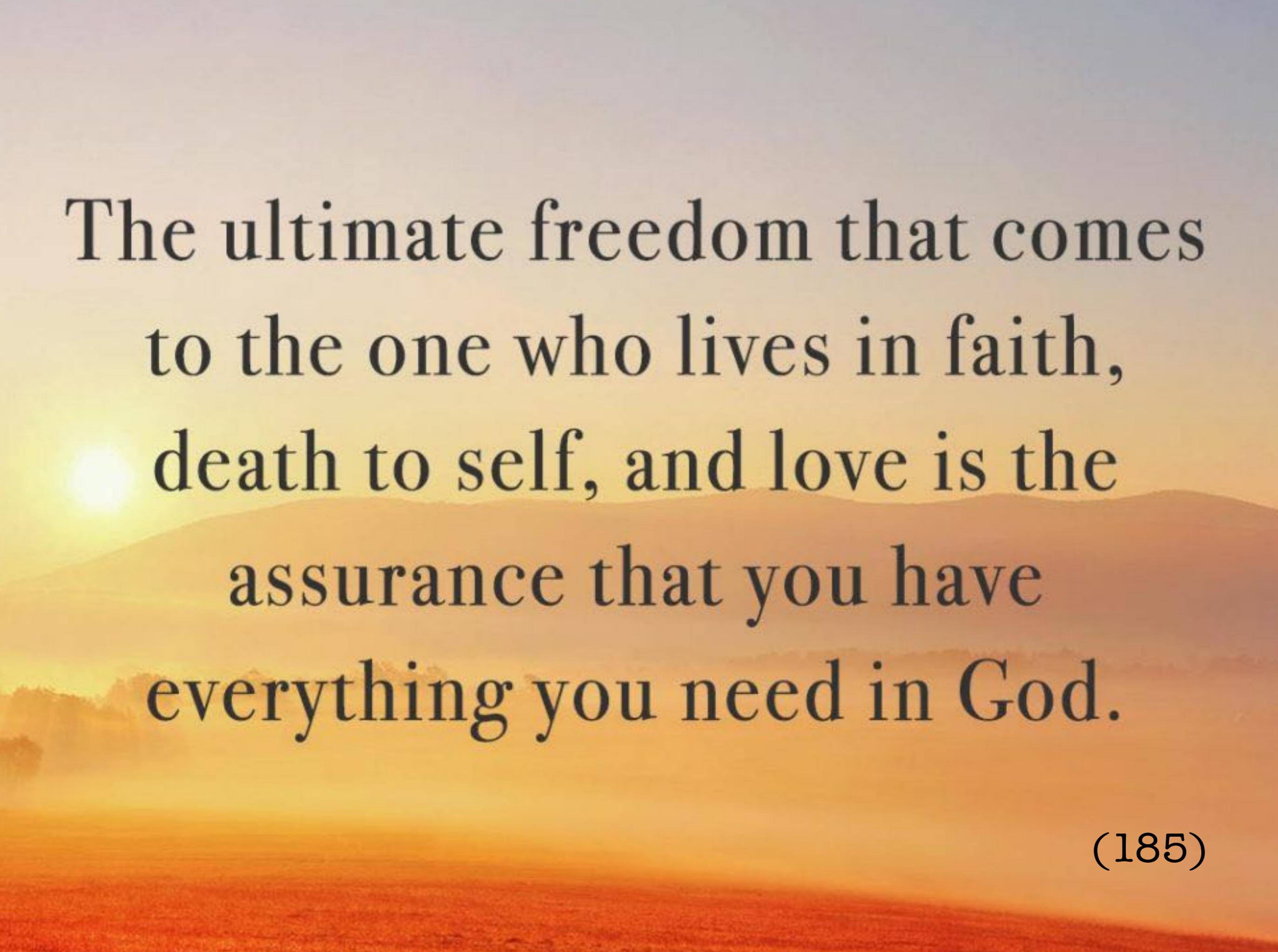


"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

You are prepared to take the absence of something from your life as sufficient proof that you do not need it. Not because you're trying to make it happen, but because it simply happens to those who know the all-sufficiency of God.

This is not something you can make happen,
but God can...and will.

(185)



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.

For God so loved the world He gave his only begotten Son.

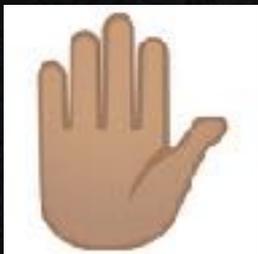
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Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!



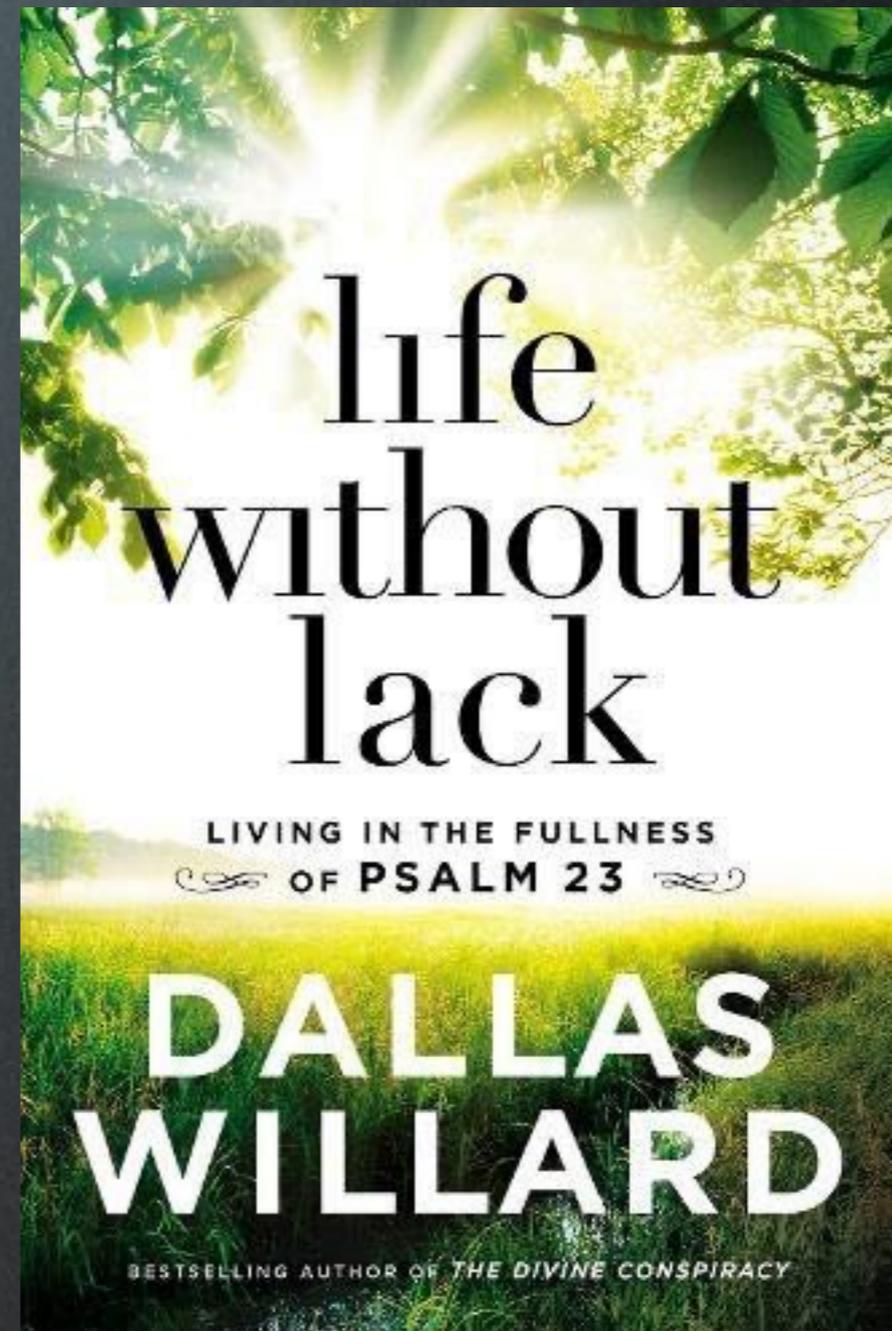
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- 1.) What Somebody will I choose to love this week?
- 2.) Is healthy, correct forgiveness involved?
- 3.) What can I say “No” to as a part of love?



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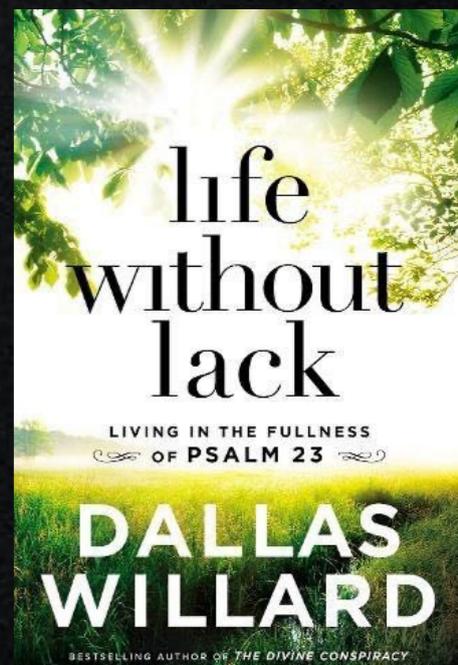
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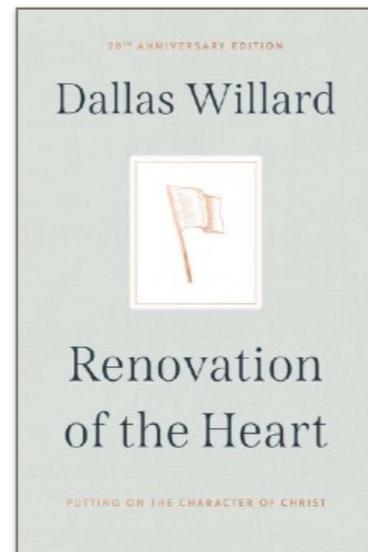
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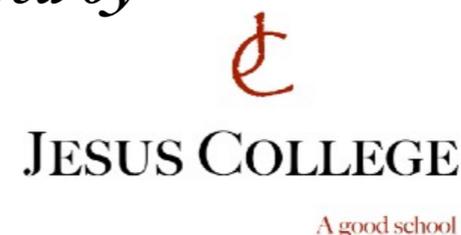
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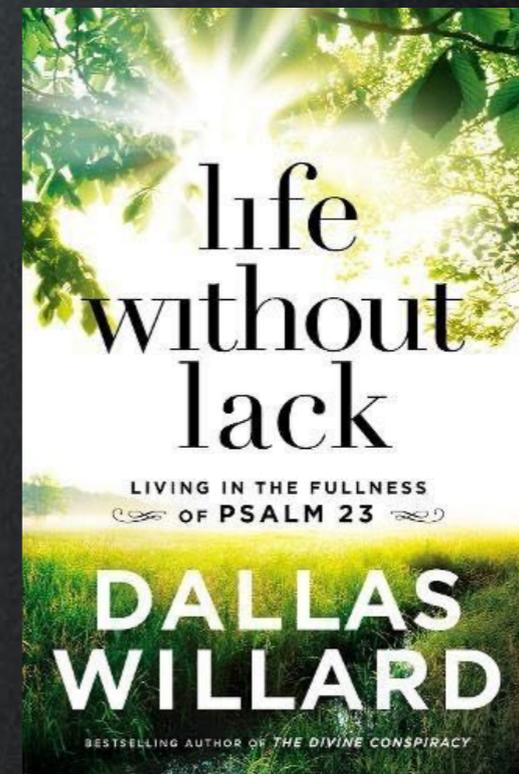
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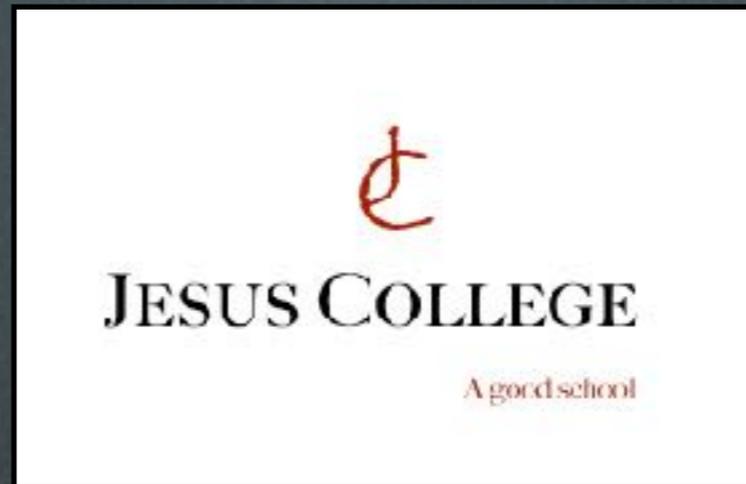
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