



WELCOME to a 9 session course
BEYOND BELIEF

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with the Jesus College student body of Christ



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A good school

Review of Session 1

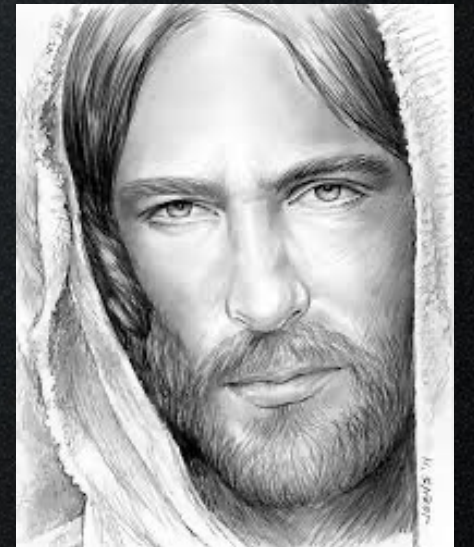
You are an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe.

You are spiritual in substance.

You are never ceasing in duration.

You are ruling, creative governance in destiny.

Your purpose is to learn* to rule and live
with Christ and with God
forever and forever.



“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...”



BEYOND BELIEF

Session 2 - Why You Are Here and What's the Problem?

Video 2 [45:18] (Dallas 1B)

I - God's Kingdom and Our Kingdom/Queendom

II - Indicators of the Visible World

III - The Six Dimensions of You

IV - Why Are We Here?

V - The Body Dimension and Its Training

VI - Subordination to God in Proper Order

VII - Five Dimensions of Eternal Life

VIII - Beyond Belief into "Life!"

*“We are not human beings having a spiritual experience,
we are spiritual beings having a human experience.”*

Teilhard de Chardin



May 1, 1881 -
April 10, 1955



Session 2 - Why You are Here...

I - God's Kingdom and Our Kingdom/Queendom

What is the Kingdom of God?

The range of God's effective will.

The same can be said for our Kingdom/Queendom.

Where want we want done is done. *Like household furniture.*

“A spiritual being, I am meant to live rooted in God. Faith in Jesus Christ is meant to bring me back to that. It is by trusting Jesus Christ who brings us into the rule of God and through our discipleship to him enables us to fulfill the covenant creation of Genesis for eternity.”

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Fulfilling Our Creation Covenant

We were created to reign—‘exercising creative will with God in this universe’—with Jesus over a new heaven and earth from the Creation Covenant to have dominion.

We are “glorious” — To “glow!”

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things that are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of the Father, set your affections on things above not on things on the earth, for you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall you also appear with him, glorious."

Colossians 3:4



Session 2 - Why You are Here...

II - Indicators of the Visible World

1. The nature of spirit is not pushy.
2. The physical world is dependent on the spirit.
3. The power of beauty is redemptive in the Kingdom of God.
4. Self awareness. You are not physical, you are spiritual.
5. Experiencing co-laboring with God by seeking His Kingdom first. *Events happening not of my power.*

What is “spirit”? Un-bodily, personal power

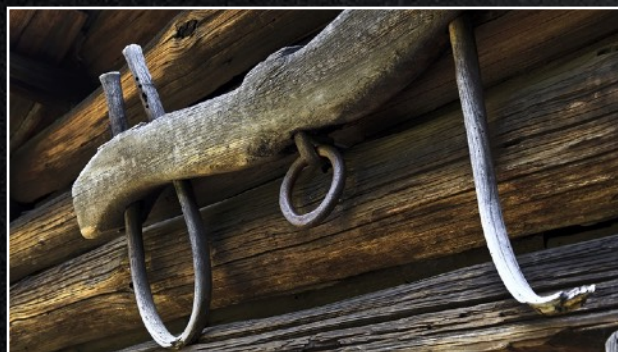
“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things will be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

How do we seek first the Kingdom of God?

Get involved with what God is doing, first in the person of Jesus Christ, but also in the fields of science, and business, and medicine, and education, and the church, and all of the things that go on in human life.

Begin to walk in the yoke of Jesus in those places. Co-laboring with God is a primary way in which we come to know the reality of the spiritual.

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A Review

Who are we?

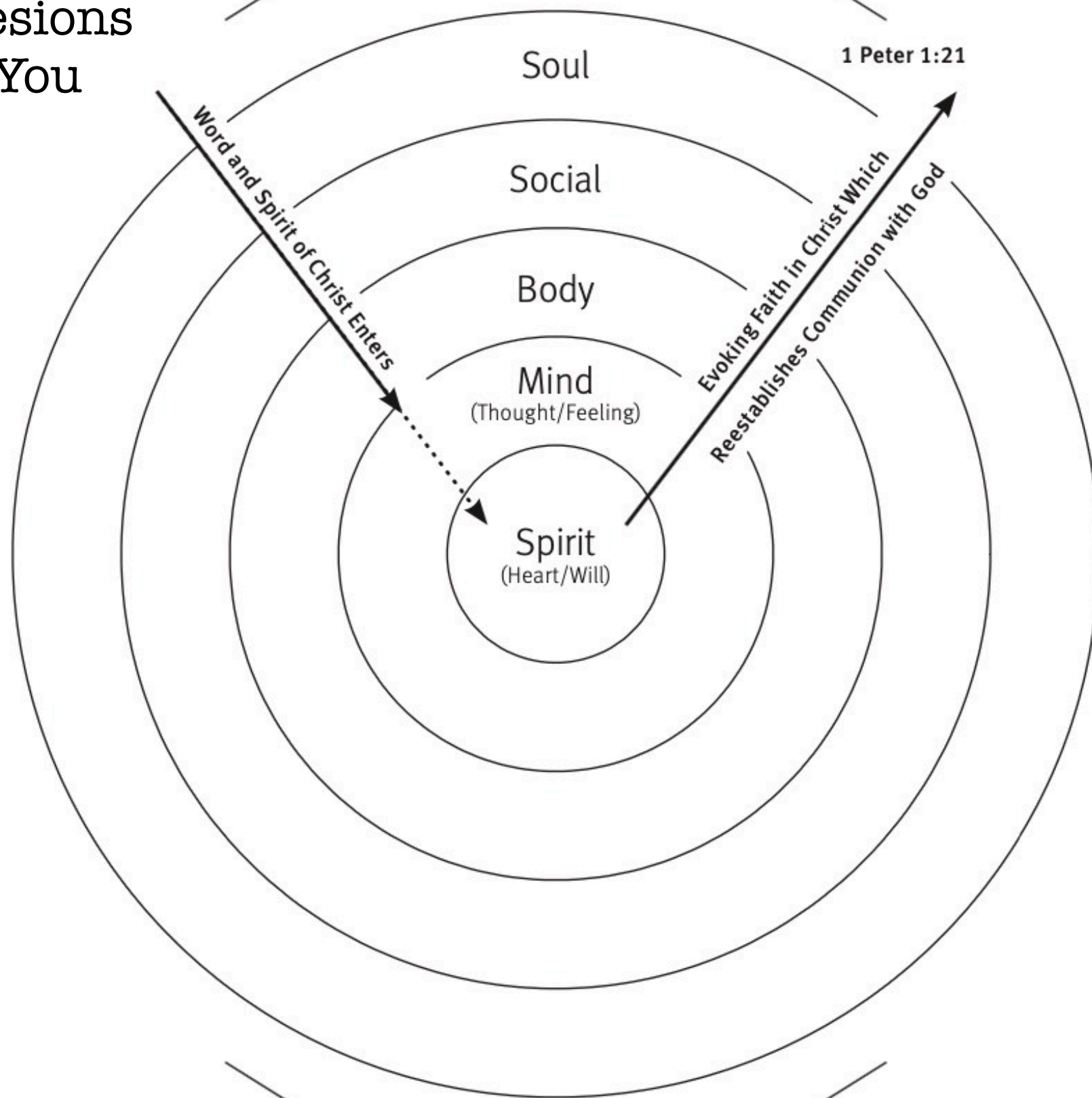
We are unceasing spiritual beings with an eternal destiny in God's universe.

Why are we here?

We are here to become the person God wanted us to be in our body and the social context.

III - The
Six
Dimensions
of You

Infinite Environment



1 Peter 1:21

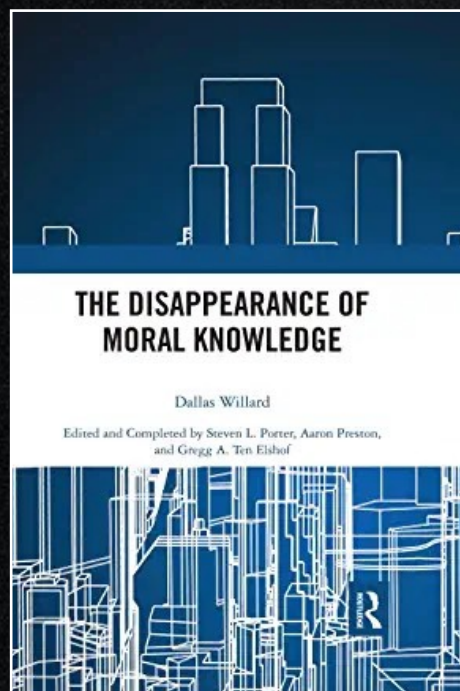
*The
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*You are
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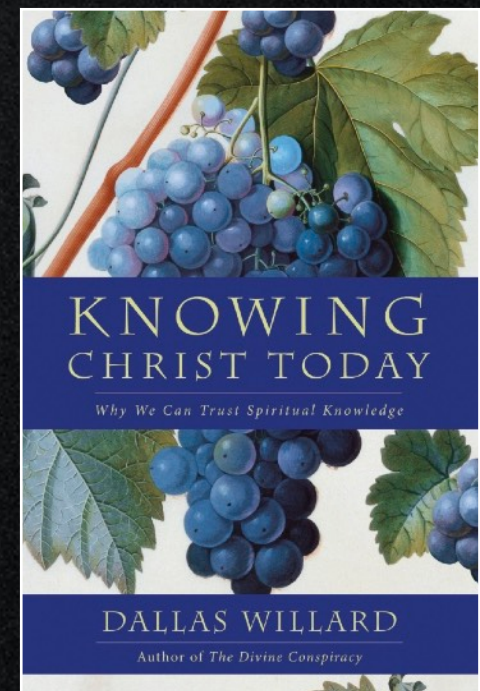
Infinite Environment

The Problem — The Lost Soul *Matthew 16:26*

We fall away from God and moral knowledge disappears in teaching institutions leaving humankind without the right categories of the person and a concept of sin corrupting the soul. The soul is something we have to take care of from the heart.



“How Moral Knowledge Disappeared”
Chapter 3

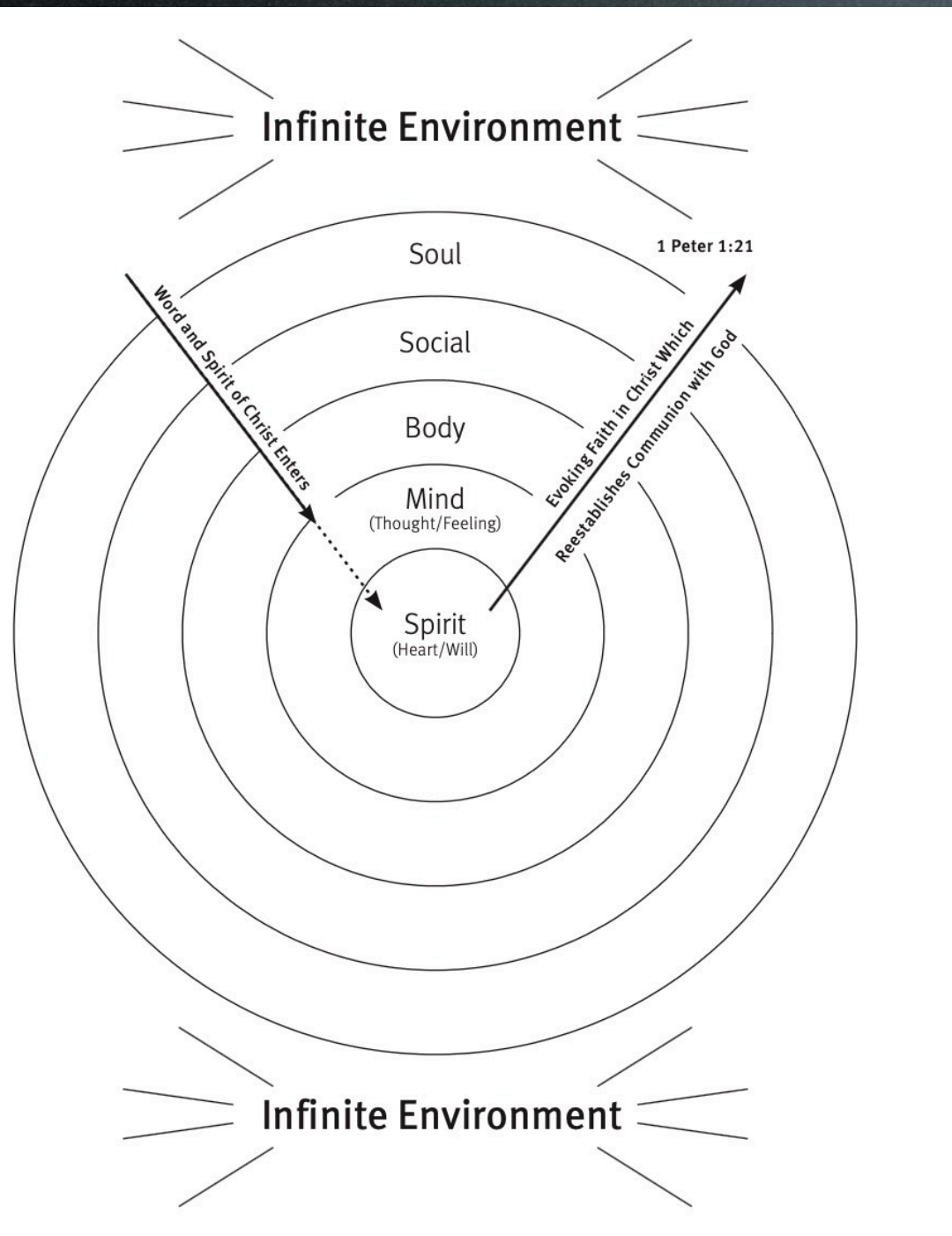


In Your Home vs. In the World

In your homes, you try to teach your children what's right and wrong. They go out in the world, they learn that was just mama's ideas. And we're in total confusion on this and the social realm and the bodily realm come to dominate life. And that is primarily where sin comes to dwell and soaks into the whole person, of course, the heart gives it permission, because it turns away from God.

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The Soul

The soul is the part of the self that runs the whole person — the principle of unity, interrelating all of our feelings, sensations, evaluations, representations, concepts, beliefs, conations, willings, character, including those that involve our body, and the social context.

Like the computer that runs the whole show.

"What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

Matthew 16:26

The Problem — The Lost Soul

—> The Loss of the Soul and Self in today's culture.

We're blindly struggling along because we have set ourselves to understand the human self in ways that are inapplicable... without the categories that would actually deal with it.

—> The Absence of Understanding Sin - You have to have the concept of sin to understand society.

We cannot recognize the things that are governing human life because we don't have the right categories.

Why is this important?

Because the soul is something we have to take care of.

1B, video 2 @ 19:13

The Problem of Passivity in Believers

Whatever's going to be done is going to be done to them.
They're going to be passive.

We Southern Baptists not only believe you're saved by
grace, we believe you're paralyzed by it.

And so you just come and be passive.

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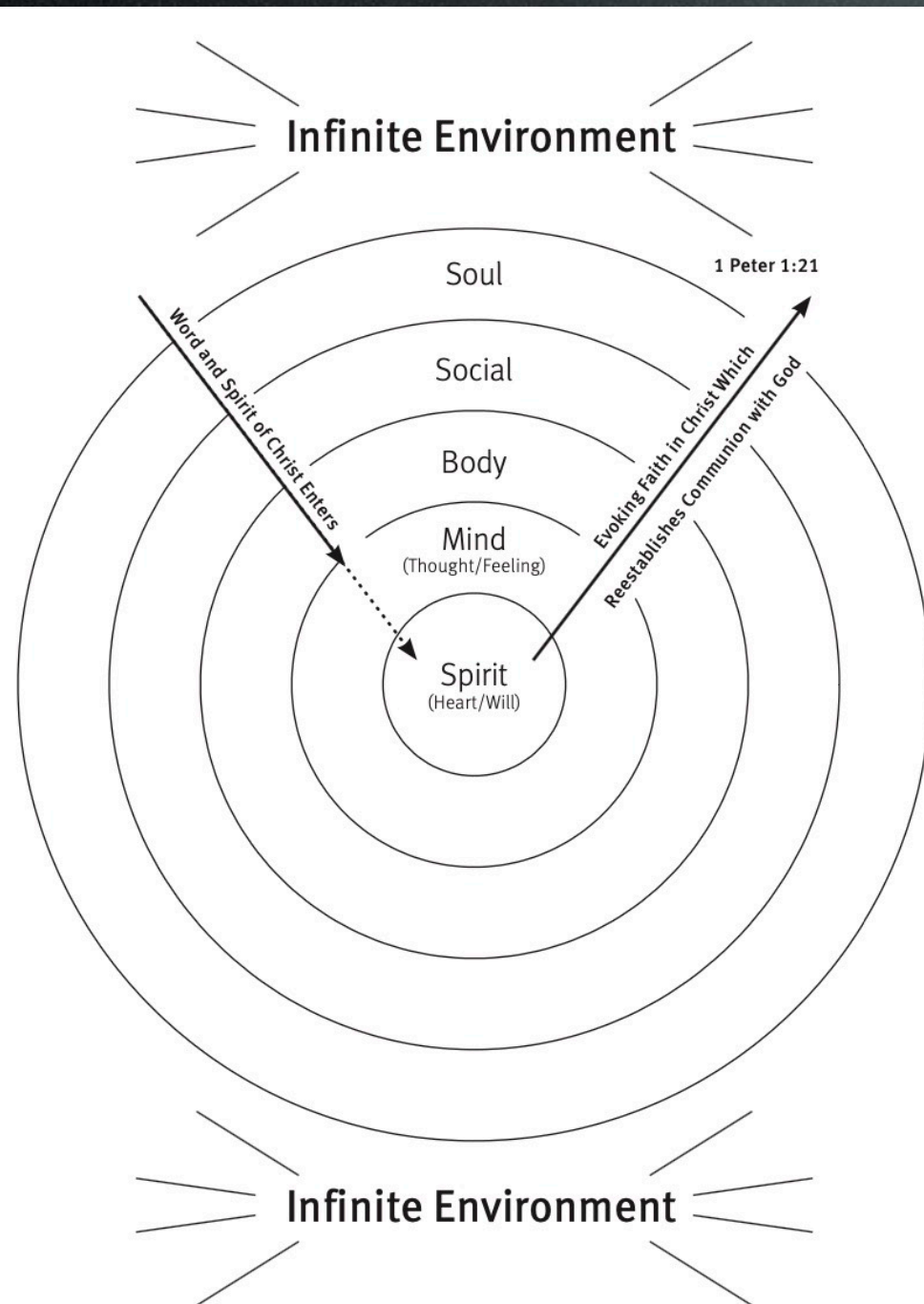
*Watch over your heart with all diligence,
for from it flow the springs of life.*

Proverbs 4:23



Session 2 - Why You are Here...

IV - Why are We Here?

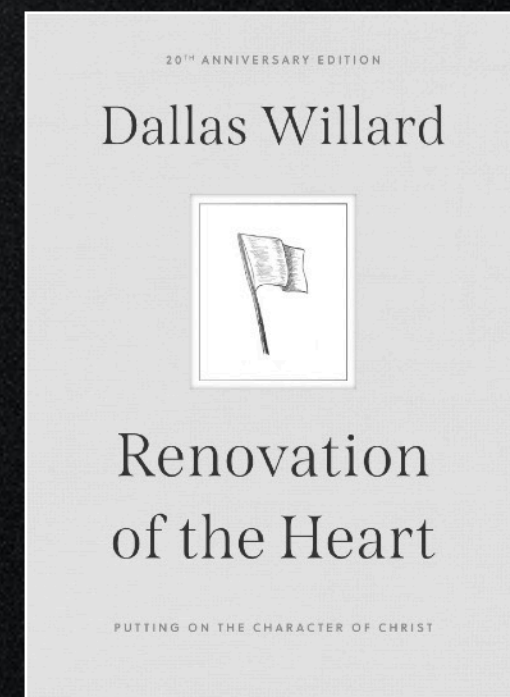


We have to understand this little diagram, in order to know where we must take hold of our life, by grace, indeed, through faith in Jesus Christ, and begin to change into His likeness.

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<— *Renovation of the Heart* —>
presents six dimensions of the
whole person.

Diagram, p. 34, 2021 ed.





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IV - Why are We Here?

The aim of God in placing us in this world is that we should become people that He could empower to do what we want to do.

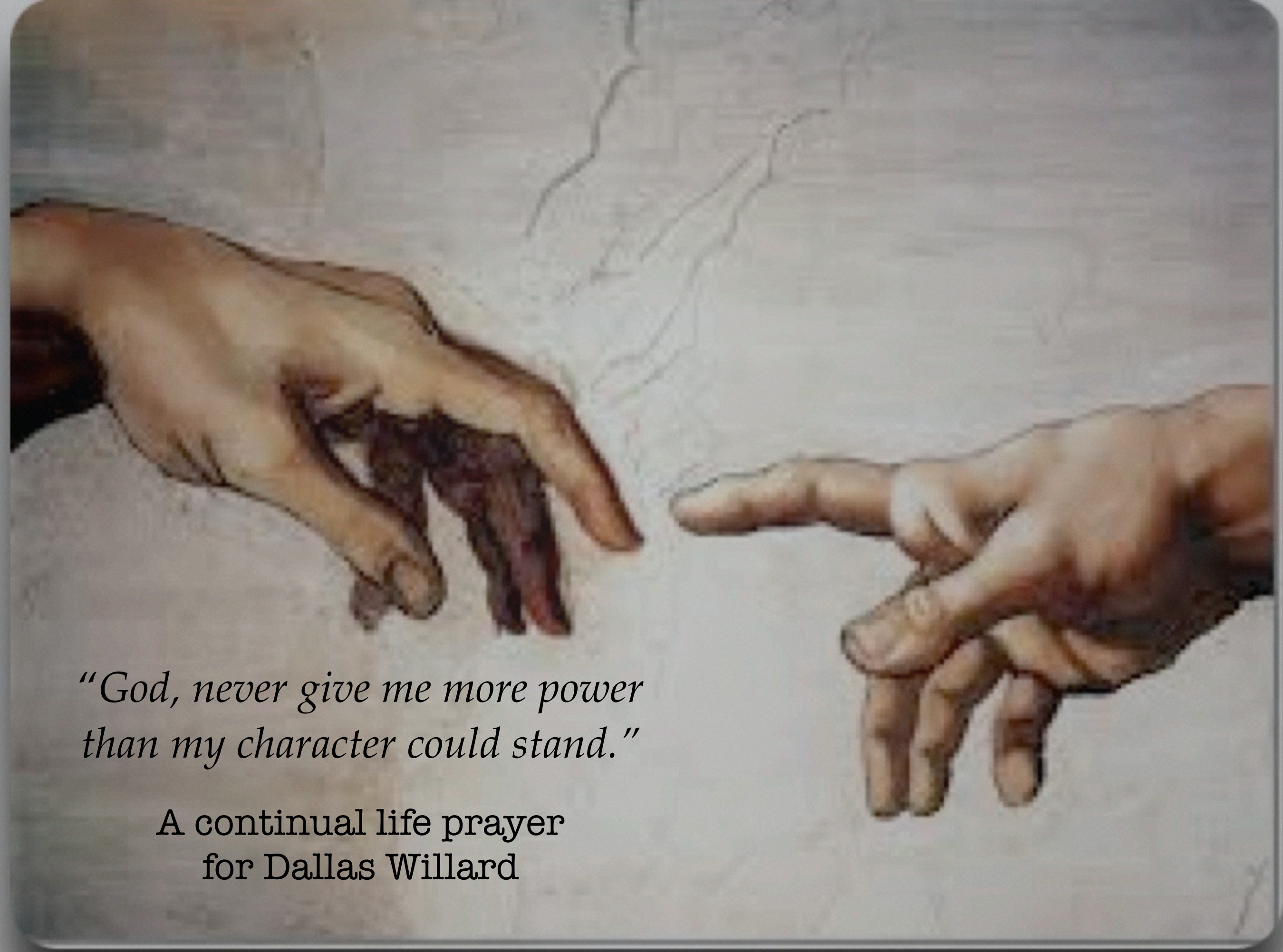
“The glory of God is a human being who is fully alive”
...like Jesus!

Saint Irenaeus

L'chaim! - “To life” in Hebrew

Kainotes zoe! - “New Life” in Greek *Romans 6:4*

Joie de vivre! - “The joy of life” in French



*“God, never give me more power
than my character could stand.”*

A continual life prayer
for Dallas Willard



Session 2 - Who You are Here and What's the Problem?

V - The Body Dimension and Its Training

- > The body is good, not bad.
- > Aspects of the Power & Potential in the Human Body
Our body bears the out working of our character.
- > Wanting to do good, ready to do evil

When the flesh has been formed by the wrong things, then it automatically does what is wrong. And that is why people remain locked into their habits that keep them from God.

The problem - our body is inhabited by what is wrong.

Peter's body ruled, not his heart. *Matthew 26:31-35*

A little girl in Sunday School is asked,

“What is a lie?”

“An abomination to God...
and a very present help in time of trouble.”

The Human Condition — We want to be good but we are ready to do evil, and we come prepared with lengthy justifications. *



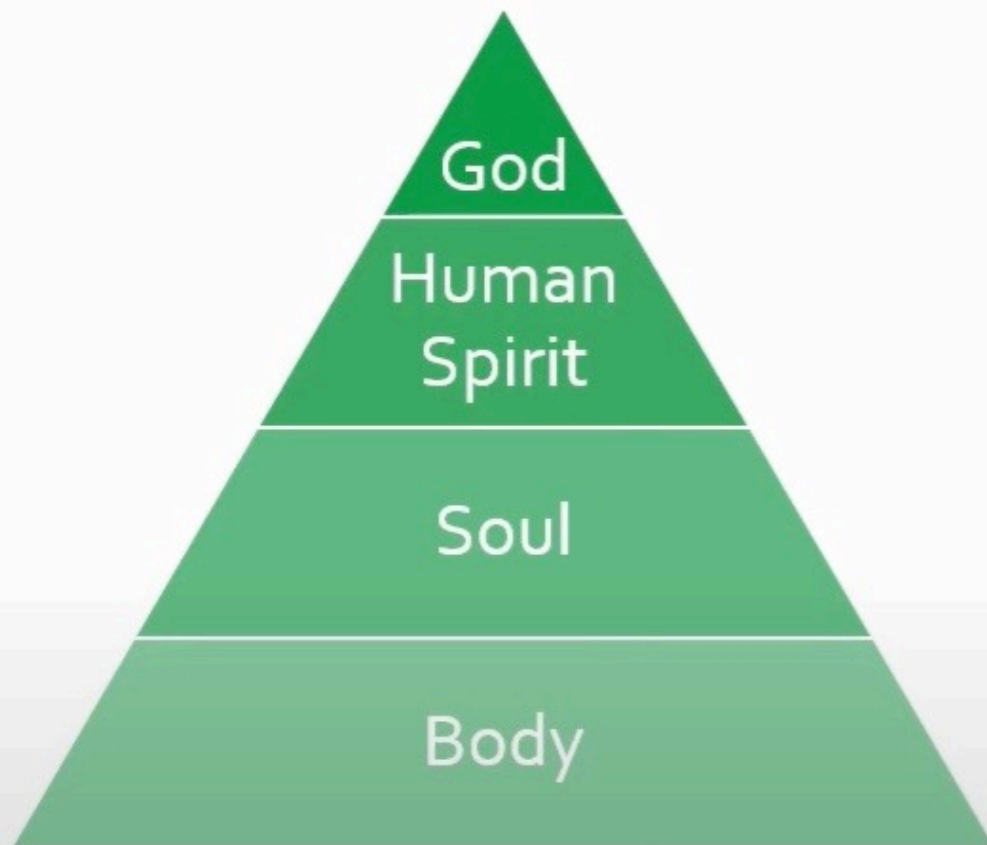
Beyond Belief 1B (video 2 @ 24:30)
and * - *The Divine Conspiracy*
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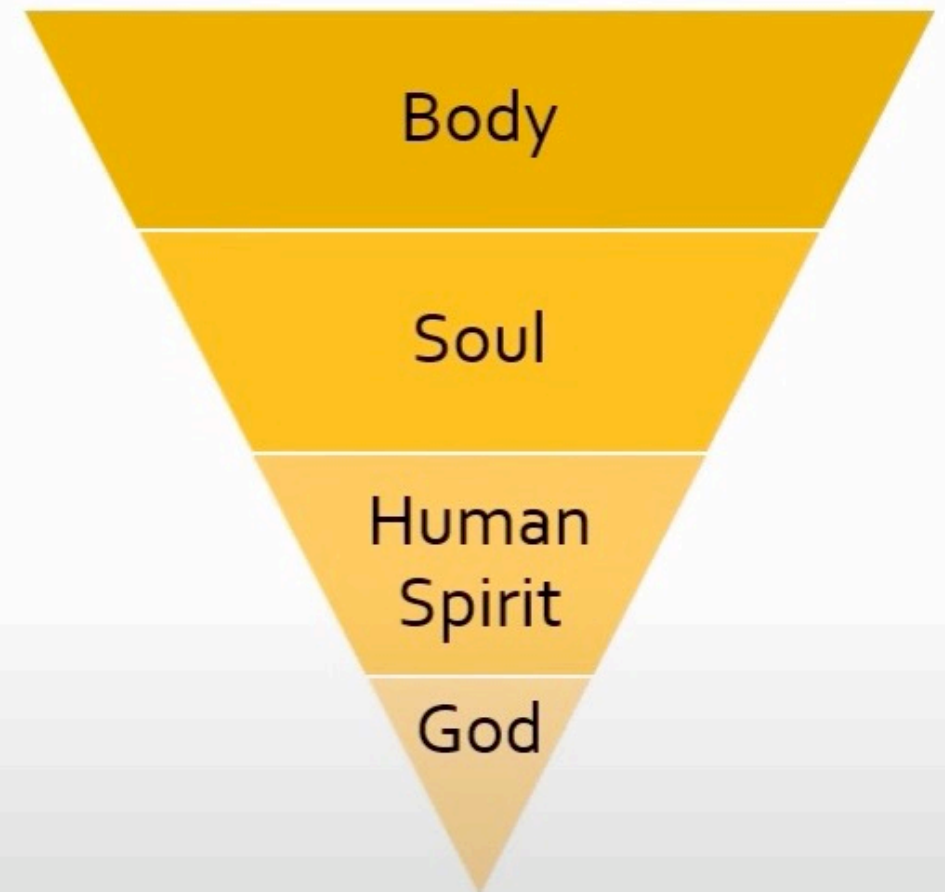
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VI - Subordination to God in Proper Order


Proper Subordination Under God



Improper – Most Common



"Don't pay attention to those who can destroy the body." Matt. 10:28
The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, the pride of life. 1 John 2:16



Session 2 - Why You are Here and What's the Problem?

VII - Five Dimensions of Eternal Life



Stages of Apprenticeship to Jesus

Five Dimensions of Eternal Life

» Faith

- Confidence in and reliance upon Jesus

» Apprenticeship

- On the basis of faith we become disciples of Jesus
- Desire to be his apprentice in living in and from the Kingdom of God

» Obedience

- Comes as result of faith and discipleship
- Obedience to what Jesus said and did

» Inner Transformation

- The Fruit of the Spirit ~ Galatians 5:22-23
- Pervasive inner transformation of the will/spirit/heart/soul

» Power

- Power comes to accomplish the work of God in ways that we cannot on our own.



Session 2 - Why You are Here and What's the Problem?

VIII - Beyond Belief into "Life!"

"I have come to bring you life, and life abundantly."

John 10:10

We learn to follow Jesus into his practices, and as we do that, we come to the fullness of life, which Jesus Christ intended for all of us.

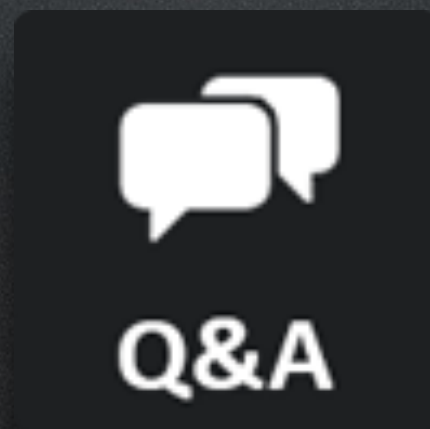
This is not a religious thing, it is a life thing!

1B, video 2 @ 43:29

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *Colossians 3:1-4*

Application

VISION - What will my life look like glorious, “fully alive?”

INTENTION - Have I decided,
“I want to be God’s person”...?

MEANS - Pray Colossians 3:1-4
Asking God to reveal “things above”.



† Cross Fit

Summary of Session 2

Life is here...what you do in your job, in your life, dealing with your body, with your family, with your community, with work to be done, with all of the things. You and I can learn to deal with every bit of that in the power of God.

1B, video 2 @ 44:20





Session 1 & 2 - Who You Are, Why You are Here, and What's the Problem?

† Who Am I? - I am an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe.

† Why Am I Here? - To become the person God meant for me to become, so that God can empower me to do what I want to do, as I learn to live and reign with God for eternity.

† What's the problem? Our bodies have been trained in the wrong way with the wrong life.

† What's the solution? Learn to follow Jesus into his practices, and as we do that, we come to the fullness of life, which Jesus Christ intended for all of us.

More Dallas teaching to complement Session 2

1.) Renovation of the Heart series (13 sessions)
“The Six Dimensions of the Whole Person”

“Spiritual Formation & Thought Life” Video 6 [01:00-11:04]

“Spiritual Formation & Feelings” Video 7 [01:00-10:15]

“Transforming the Will” Video 8 [01:00-0:09:30]

“Transforming the Body” Video 9 [01:00-10:40]

“Transforming Our Social Dimension” Video 10 [01:00-10:30]

“Transforming The Soul” Video 11 [01:00-10:30]

Source - conversatio.org/renovationoftheheart

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2.) “The Human System Six Dimensions” session 3 [39:50-50:30]

3.) Who are You and Why are You Here? session 7 [6:30-12:20]

Source - [The Human Side of Holiness](#) 17 session Jesus College course



Next Week — Session 3

Getting the Gospel Right

Video 3 [19:12]

Video 4 [45:23]

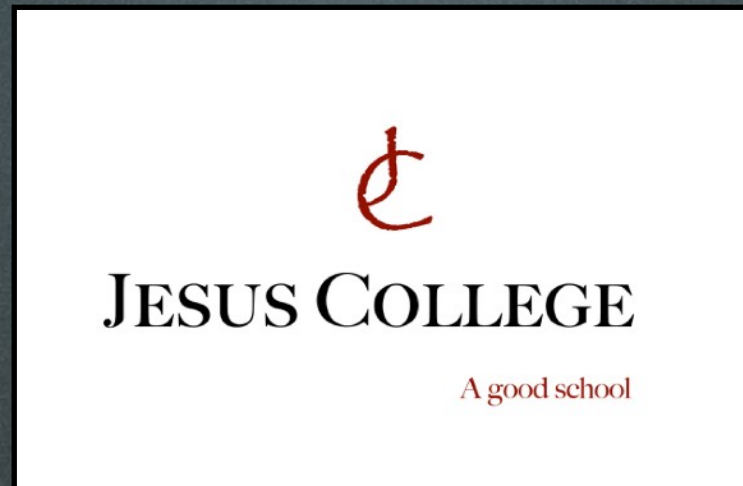
Invite others?

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In your next 10,000 minutes, may the six dimensions of your whole person lived out in your body accomplish what God and you want as you train to reign with the anointed Christ forever and ever!

Doug





Apprentice to Master Love — //Nouns
“A Student of the Superior Benefactor”

Apprentice to Master Love — //Verbs
“Training to be proficient in willing the good”

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