



WELCOME to “The Humans Side of Holiness”
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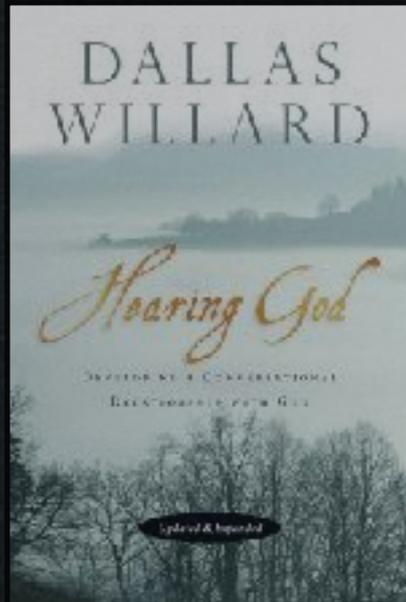
Session 2 Review

Seeing the invisible landscape is to live with Jesus as a disciple now in the present Kingdom of God.

He makes me
lie down in
green pastures...

Session 1 Review

By grace we can move from a legalistic view of holiness to a life giving experience of holiness when we understand what it means to live as an apprentice of Jesus in His Kingdom.



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The Two Landscapes

The visible world daily bludgeons us with its things and events. Few people rise in the morning as hungry for God as they are for cornflakes or toast and eggs. But instead of shouting and shoving, the spiritual world whispers at us ever so gently. And it appears both at the edges and in the middle of events and things in the so-called real world of the visible.

The greatest divide between human beings and human cultures is between those who regard the visible world as being of primary importance and those who do not, those who view what is visible as all that's real or at least the touchstone of reality, and those who do not. But neither God or the human mind and heart are visible.

God is not insensitive to our problems of overcoming the power of the visible world. He invades the visible. Jesus constantly presses us toward a life with our "Father who is in secret", Matthew 6:6, toward an eternal kind of life in the invisible and incorruptible realm of God.

SESSION 3 — THE HUMAN SIDE OF HOLINESS (PART 3)



Session Theme — “The will surrendered to a good God engages the holiness process.”

1 “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:1-4

Knowing God — Interaction with

Amos 3:2 - "You only have I known"

Adam knew Eve Mary - "I know not a man"

The Human Part of Holiness - *Something for us to do*

"Growing in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18

Active not Passive - "Put off the old, put on the new"

Romans 5:1-5 - The picture of what "holiness" looks like

Rejoicing in hope & troubles, perseverance, character



Q & A with Dallas

- > Character - What you do without having to think about it — Identity
- > Perseverance in Prayer Luke 11, 18, Col. 3, II Peter 3
Churches help us grow in grace & knowledge of Jesus

Does this Gospel I preach have a natural tendency to produce disciples or just consumers of religious goods and services?

“Excuse me, do you want to learn Algebra?”

- > Giving & Prayer - 2 primary steps into the Kingdom
Prayer is a power sharing device that God has worked out for a world of recovering sinners.

Life in the Church

“How do we bring people into our fellowships?”

“What are we going to do with the people who are already there?”

“How do we deal with people who, in all sincerity, have responded to the gospel they’ve heard and wind up stuck in their spiritual life and can’t get anywhere?”

That’s where we need to be able to go back and help them listen to Christ and see what he’s saying and begin to respond to that.



More Q & A with Dallas

—> God is God [28:45] We need to do with people is help them begin to see that God is really good. You can't trust God if you don't believe he's good. Now, this is really fundamental stuff.

If you want to help people get on the right track you start with "God is good."*

You want to talk about Creation, about Christ, about history, and finally it will come around to the individual. Because if you're going to trust God you're going to have to believe that he's done well by you.

Forgiveness of sins - enough to convince you God is good.

But it's uncommon today to find someone really troubled by the guilt of their sins.



God is Good — God is Love

Many people, for example, their theory of Christ's death is that it shows that God loved you because he died for you. And that's true, but it doesn't make a beginning. The surprise is not that God loved me, the surprise would have been if he didn't. Because the issue is not that God loves me, it's that God is love.

But many people, their image of God...



He's just waiting for you to do something which you've probably already done.

The Wesleyan Movement

“I do preach to as many as desire to hear, every night and morning. I would make them virtuous and happy, easy in themselves, and useful to others. Whither would I lead them? To heaven—to God the judge, the lover of all, and to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant. What religion do I preach? The religion of love, law of kindness brought to light by the gospel. What is it good for?

[Dallas - See, these are wonderful, wonderful questions.]

To make all who receive it and enjoy God...

[Dallas - And you know, you almost have to just stop there. Just enjoy God. See, that's back to your point. That's in the Great Confession, isn't it? To love God, enjoy him forever.]

...and themselves: to make them like God; lovers of all; contented in their lives, and crying out after death, in calm assurance, 'O grave, where is thy victory! Thanks be unto God, who gives me the victory, through my Lord Jesus Christ!'"

Spiritual Formation (def.)

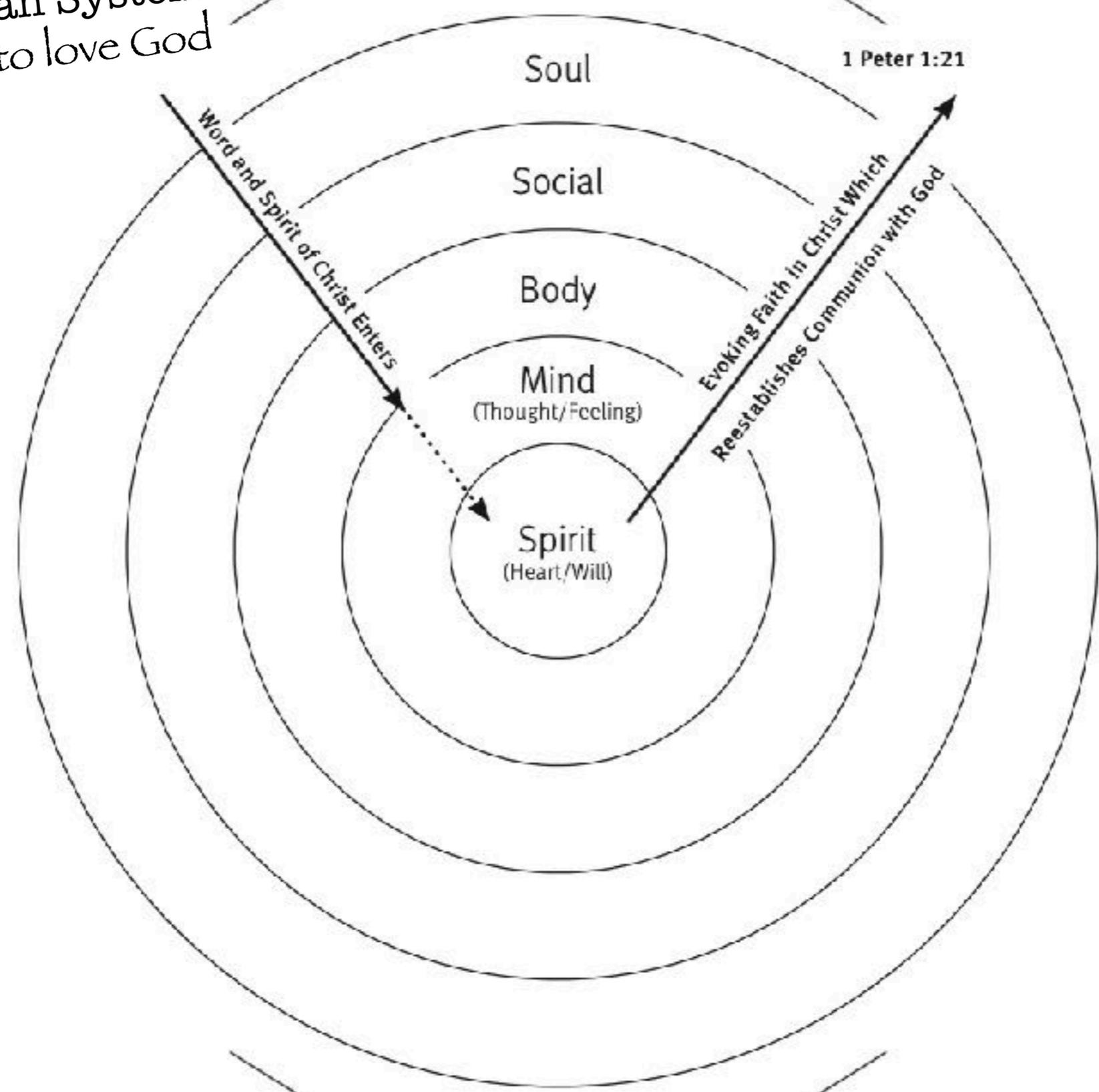
“The process through which people go in taking on the character of Christ in all the dimensions of their personality.”

Spiritual Frustration (desc.)

Perhaps the single greatest error and problem in spiritual formation is believing, or leading others to believe, that it's all a matter of the will.

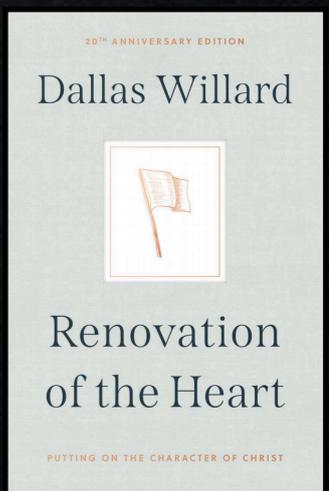
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Human System
All is to love God

Infinite Environment



1 Peter 1:21

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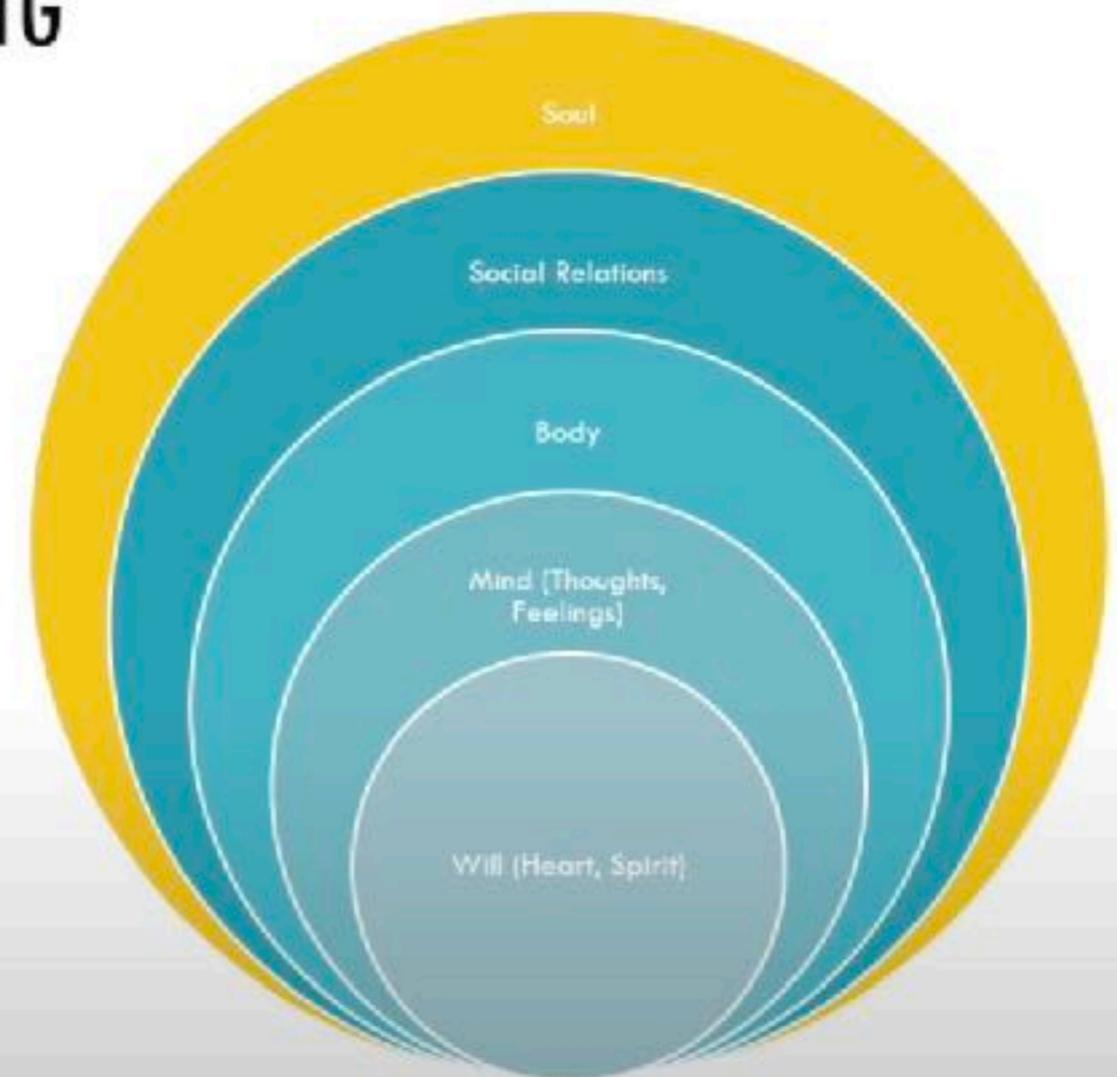


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THE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF A HUMAN BEING

As per Jesus: Luke 10:27 and Matthew 27:37-39

- Will / Heart /Spirit: The capacity to make decisions.
- Mind: Thoughts, Feelings
- Body: Your power pack for life.
- Social Relations: No one stands alone.
- Soul: The part of the person that puts all the other parts together (if it's not broken) and makes one life.



The Will

It was never meant to govern our life or our world. It was meant to give a direction back to God, and then a connection with God, which will make our world manageable.

The surrender of the will to God is the single most important thing that you can do to begin the journey.



That's why the Cross is so central. And we have to be careful and understand it rightly, because the Cross is not your neighbor with a barking dog. The Cross is not what troubles you. The Cross is what sets aside your will as the ultimate guide to life. That's the Cross. It says,

"No, God's will is the ultimate guide to life."

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Renovation
of the Heart

PUTTING ON THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

It is the central point of this book that spiritual transformation only happens as each essential dimensions of the human being is transformed to Christlikeness under the direction of a regenerate will interacting with constant overtures of grace from God.

Such transformation is not the result of mere human effort and cannot be accomplished by putting pressure on the will, heart, spirit alone.

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The Will — The Executive Center of the Self

The most precious part of you and God respects it. So much so that he will allow people who do not want to be with him to be away from him.

Praying for a Relative — One of the hardest things.

For many reasons, but one of the things that we wind up praying for is the overriding of their will, and he doesn't do that. That's why in human affairs, the will is so precious and so sacred. It's because it's the one place that you—and uniquely you—exercise your kingdom in the creation of what is good or what is not good. And then your body is given to you so that your will can gain a wider sway and your environment is meant to fit into that. But at the root of it all is your will.

Not God

Jesus' language is graphic and strong.

“If you don't hate your mother and your father and your sisters and your brothers and your own life, also you cannot be my disciple.”

“If you don't take your cross daily and follow, you cannot be my disciple.”

The problems you will have to solve as his disciple cannot be solved if you are still on the throne.

Alcoholics Anonymous — *“Not God”*



More Q & A with Dallas

—> The Will and Actions [50:30]

—> The Will, Willpower and the Body [51:40]

—> Praying for Our Relative [52:30]

The surrender of the will now, is crucial. That's really what we're talking about when we talk about making a disciple. Talking about someone who says,

"I give up. I don't have any resources. I trust you. You are my Lord. I am not my lord. You are my Lord."

- Thirsty? • Impulsive Children in our World •



Q & A with Dallas (continued)

- > Surrendered Will a One Time Thing? [59:00]
 - Children in a godly home
 - CS Lewis in a motorcycle sidecar

- > Surrendering the Will; Taking it back; Other parts?
[1:01:00-1:07:00]
 - Dallas' Conversion Journey [1:01:50]

"For God so loved the world..." That's a big idea.
All ideas always come with emotions.

- > The Process of Change [1:07:00] Romans 5 & 12
Fellowship - Really being with others



Dallas on Youth Ministry

Well, now you have provoked me.

I think, if I may say so, youth ministry is one of the great wastelands and problems. It is partly based upon that fact that young people are not respected. They are not presented with opportunities to think things through, to come to honest convictions. And so, we wind up trying to entertain them, and keep them coming back with the hope they won't get pregnant, or get on drugs or something of that sort. That's often what parents want us to do for their kids in the church. We have to respect young people much more and allow them to come to decision. There is a time to ask a person,

“Wouldn't you like to decide now to become a disciple of Jesus?”

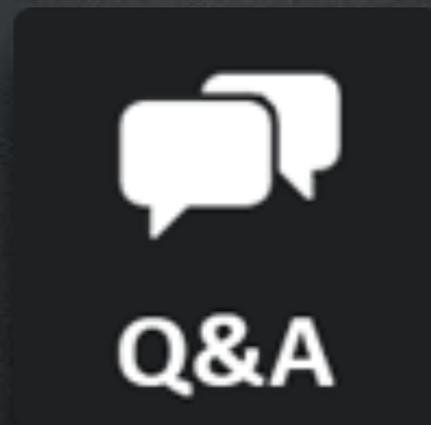
With young people, the primary form of witnessing is listening, not talking. Communicating to them this idea that they have the kingdom is one of the most helpful things in bringing them to the point to where they can make a decision. [1:11:00 - 1:14:30]



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *Romans 5:1-5, 12:1-2, Deut. 4:29*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — What holiness characteristics do I see in Romans 5:1-5?

INTENTION — What cross(es) capture(s) most of my focus?

MEANS — How and when will I proclaim the Kingdom to the next generation?



† Cross Fit

Session 3 Summary

The will surrendered to God connects us with the power of God to change all the dimensions of our lives to be able to do what Jesus commanded.



*"I give up. I don't have any resources. I trust you.
You are my Lord. I am not my lord. You are my Lord."*

Next Week — Session 4

“LOVE AS LIFE PART 1” (PART 1) [58:57]

“TAKING IN A CERTAIN KIND OF LIFE”

Here comes agape!

May your next 10,000 minutes be filled with your willful surrender to God to further see a Romans 5 hope fulfilled in you.

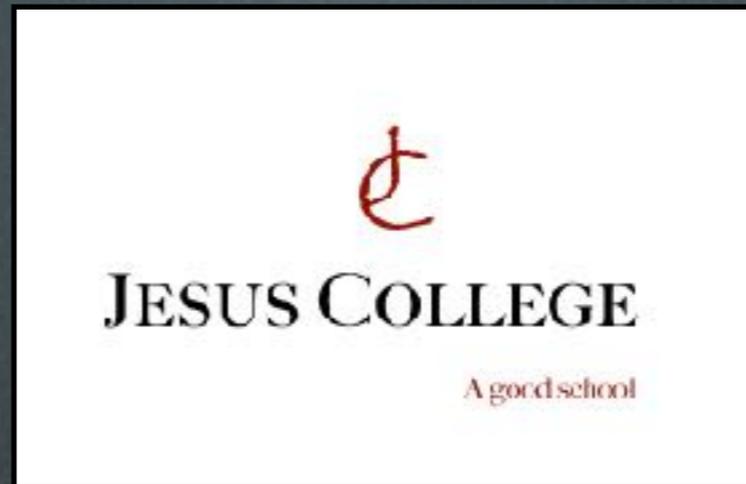
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