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***35 All his sons and daughters came to comfort him,
but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "in
mourning will I go down to the grave to my son." So
his father wept for him. Genesis 37:35***

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***9 When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week,
he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom
he had driven seven demons. 10 She went and told
those who had been with him and who were
mourning and weeping. Mark 16:10***

Paradoxical

Pronouncements...not probabilities

Progressive

Poor in spirit

Mourning

Meek & Gentle

Hunger & Thirst

Merciful

Pure in Heart

Peacemakers

Persecuted

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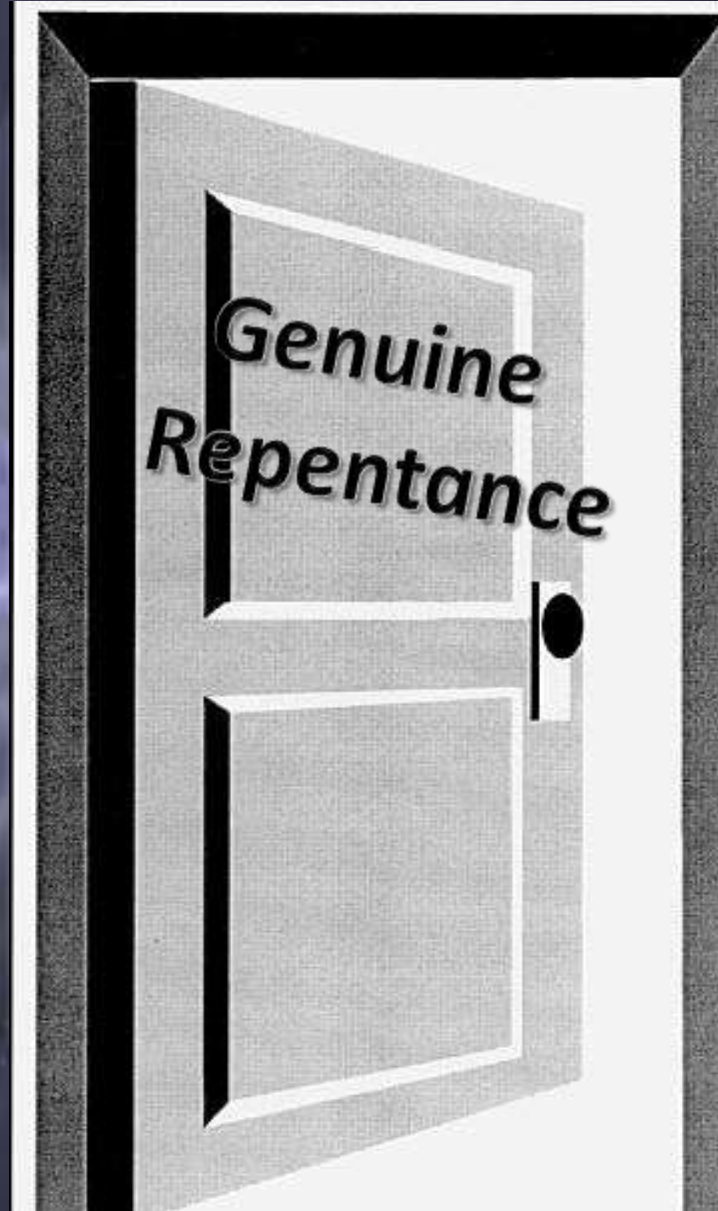
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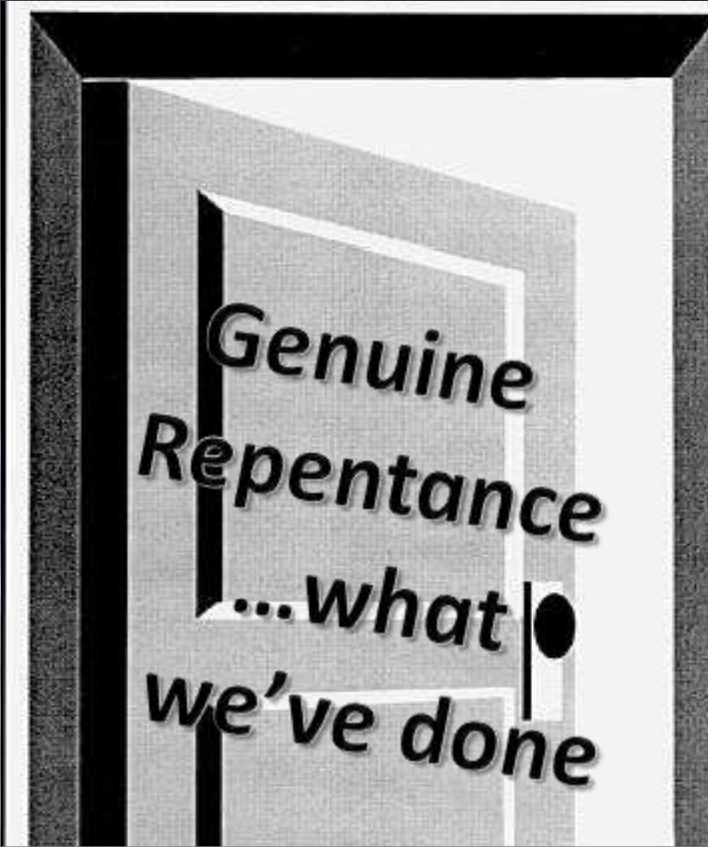
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¹⁰Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

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Regret - Mind

Remorse – Mind & Heart

Repentance – Mind, Heart & Will

¹¹Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. . ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.

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"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:20-24

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“penthountes”- continuing mourning

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⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5

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¹Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— Galatians 1:1

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⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 1 Corinthians 15:9

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⁸Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
Ephesians 3:8

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¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 1:15

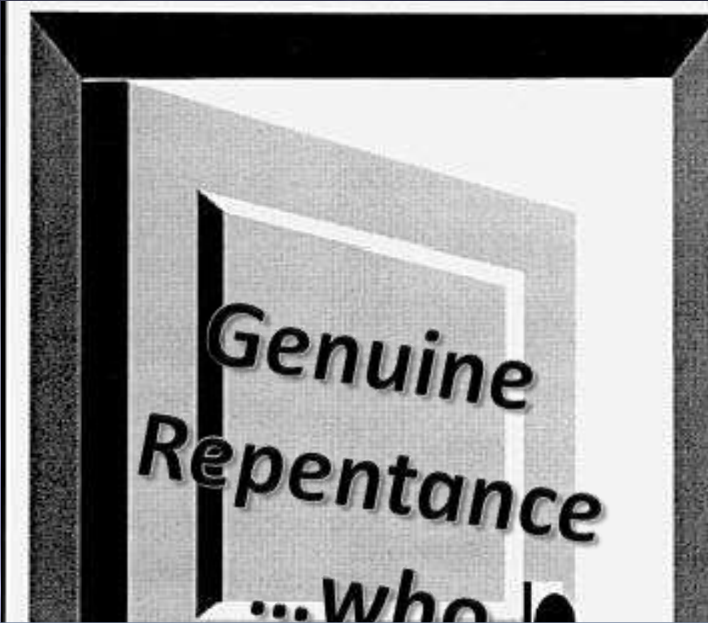
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¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Romans 7:15

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¹⁸I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Romans 7:18-19

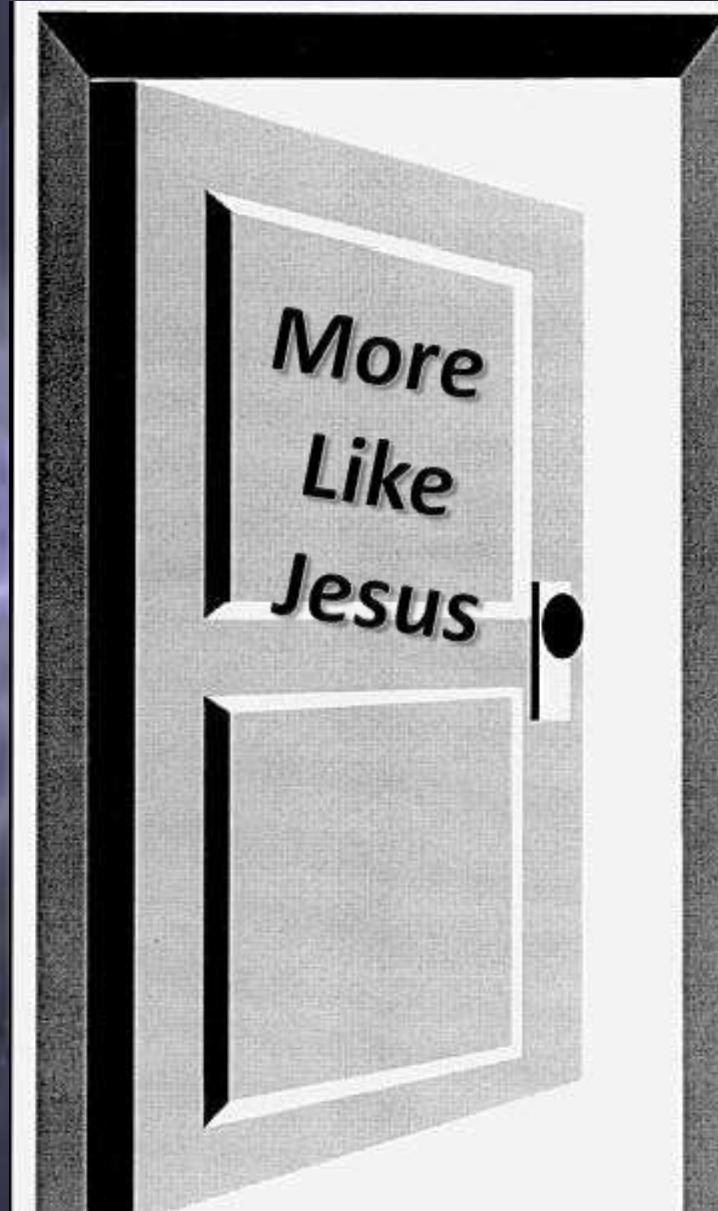
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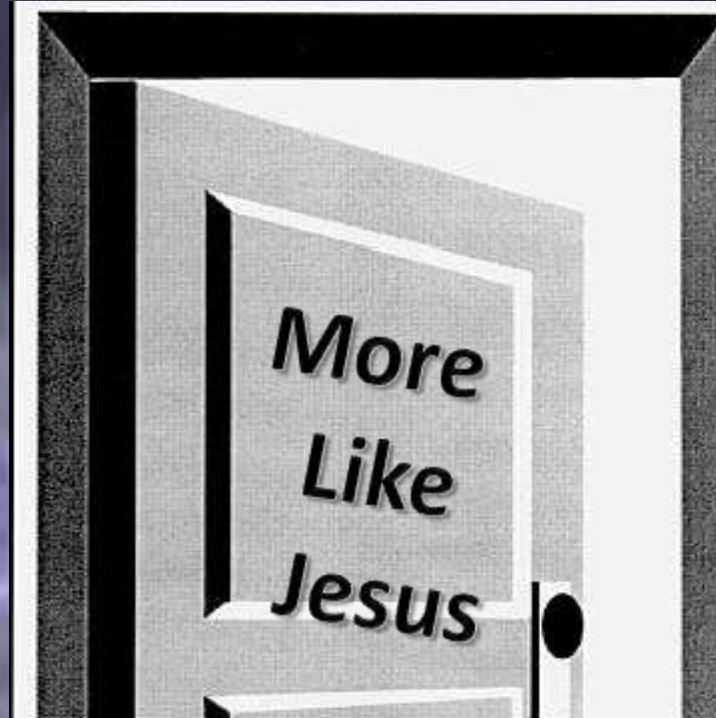
²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:24-²⁵ ³Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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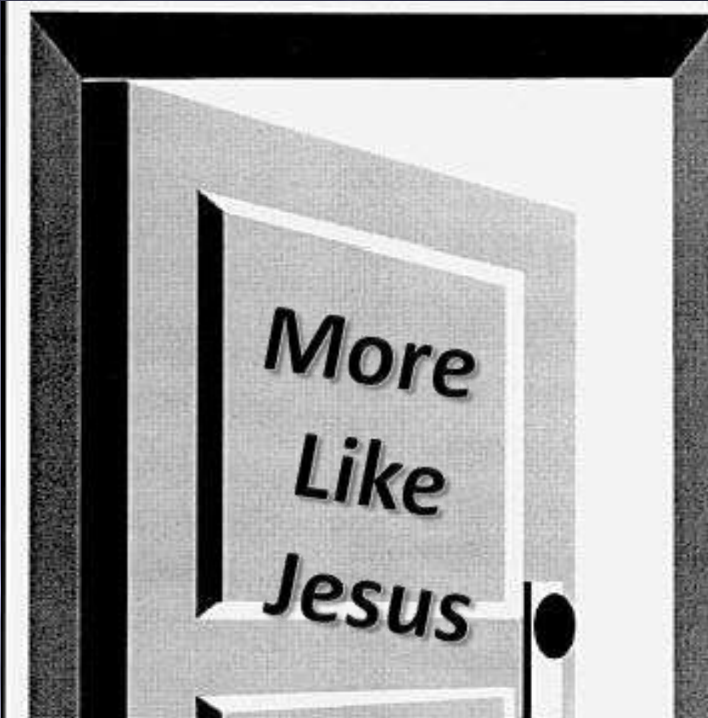


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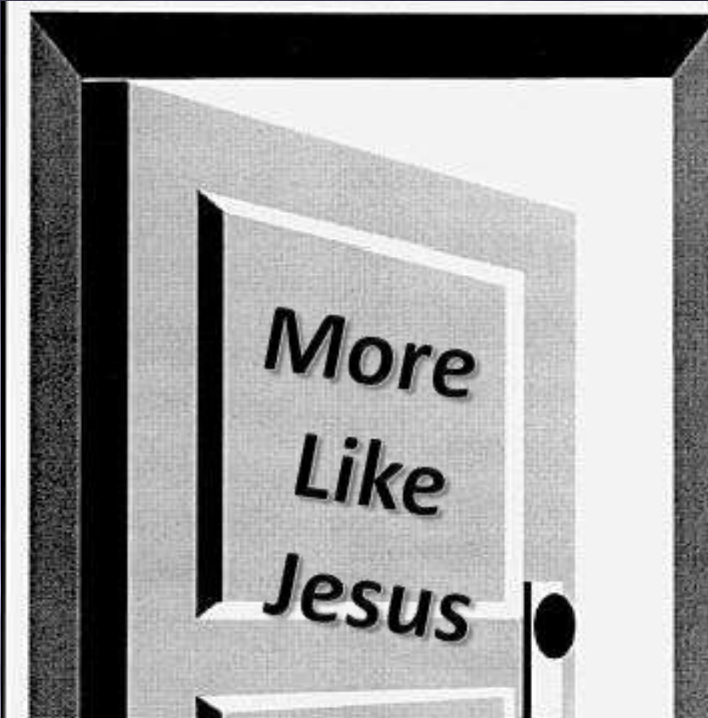
³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Isaiah 53:3

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¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Matthew 16:14

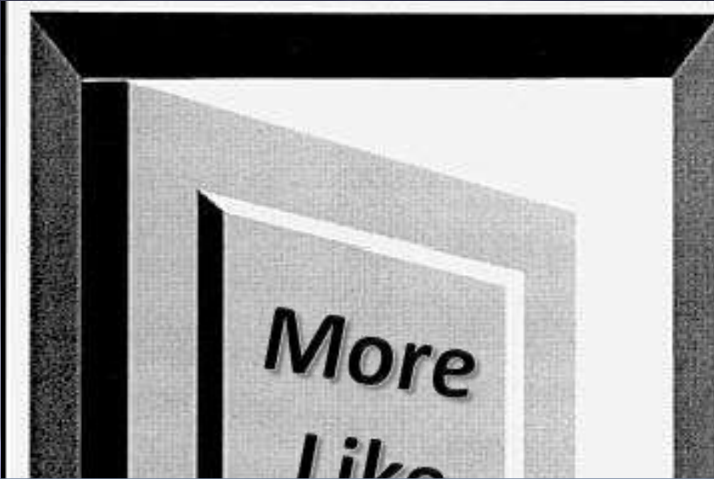
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⁴¹As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴²and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

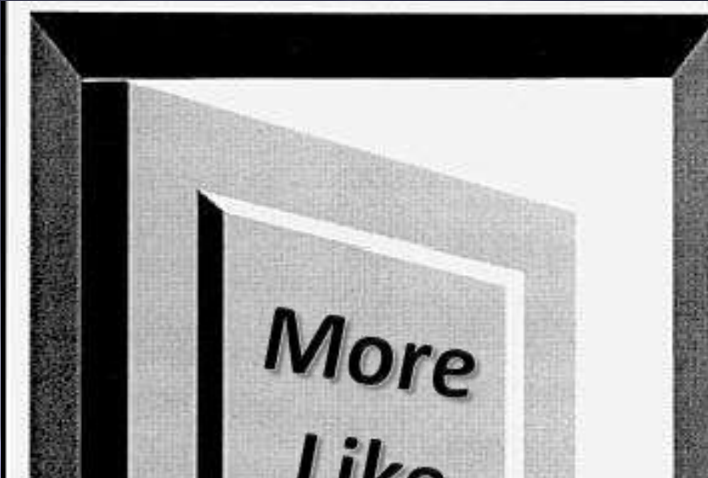
Luke 19:41-42

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***⁴³The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.
⁴⁴They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.” Luke 19:43-44***

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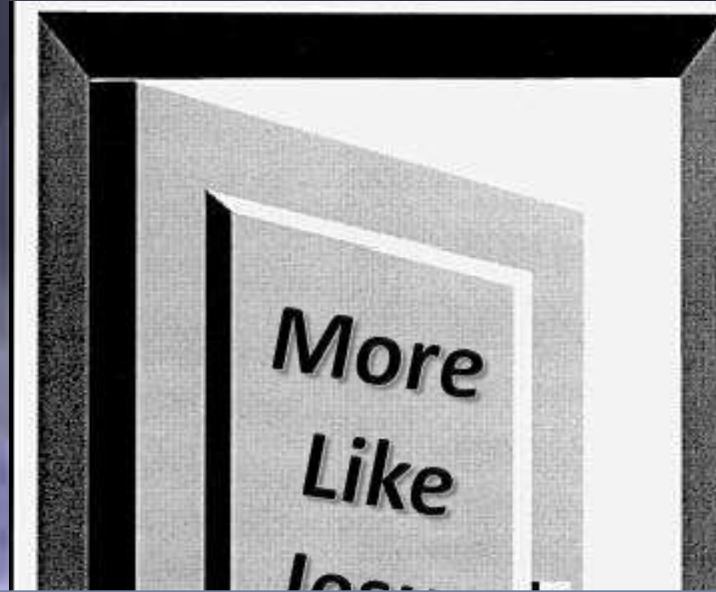


³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

³⁴"Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵Jesus wept.

John 11:33-35

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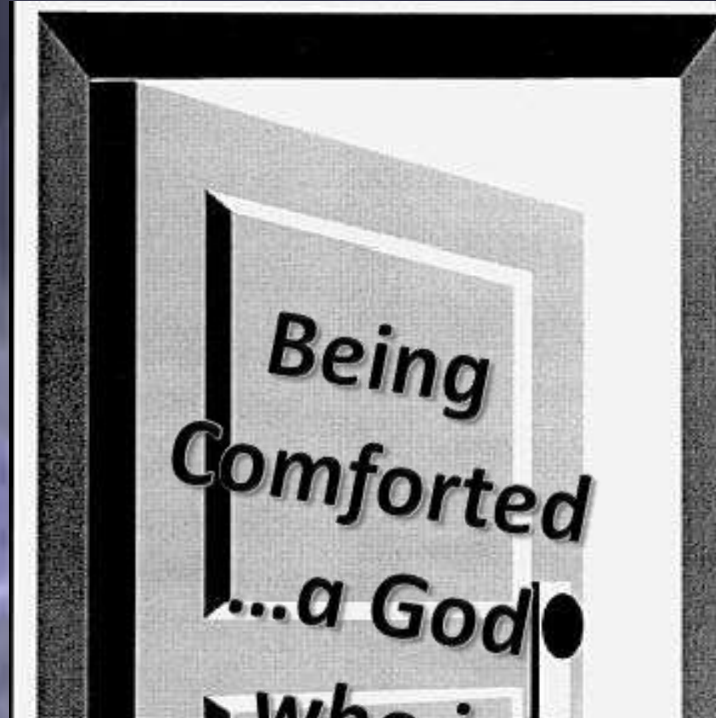


⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Hebrews 5:7

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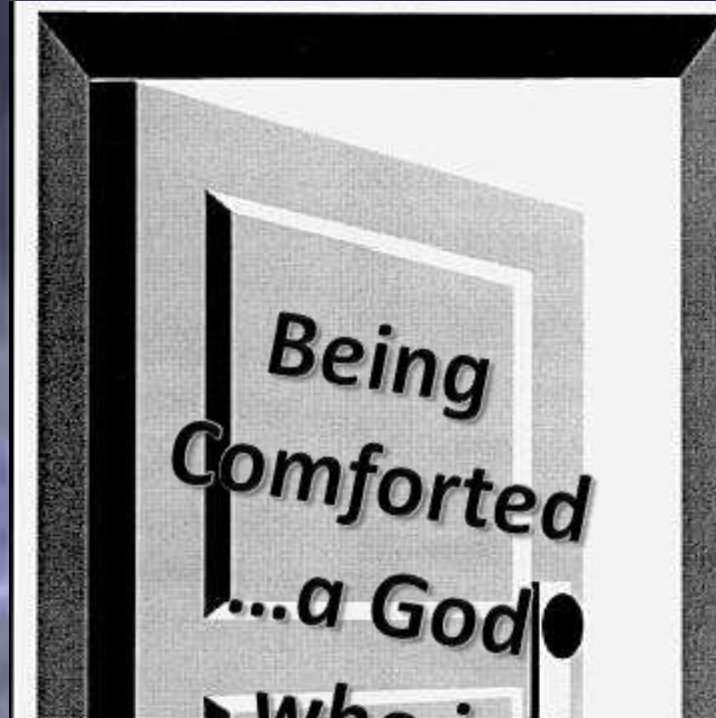


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***³¹What, then, shall we say in response to this?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31***

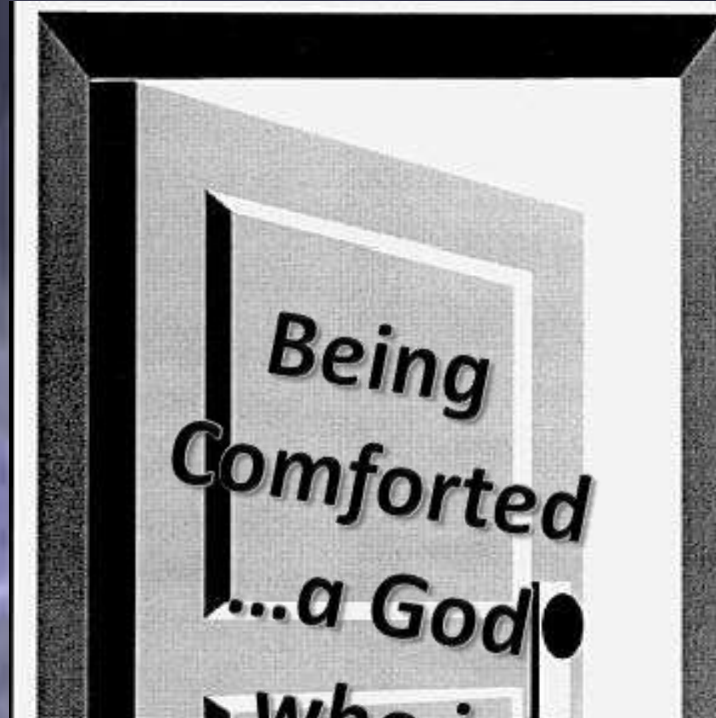
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²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

Romans 8:26

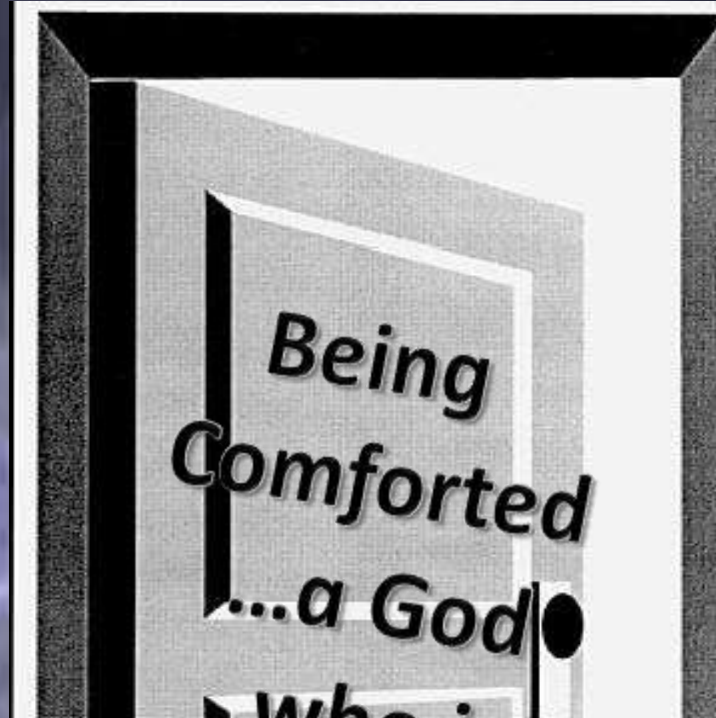
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³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32

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³⁴Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34

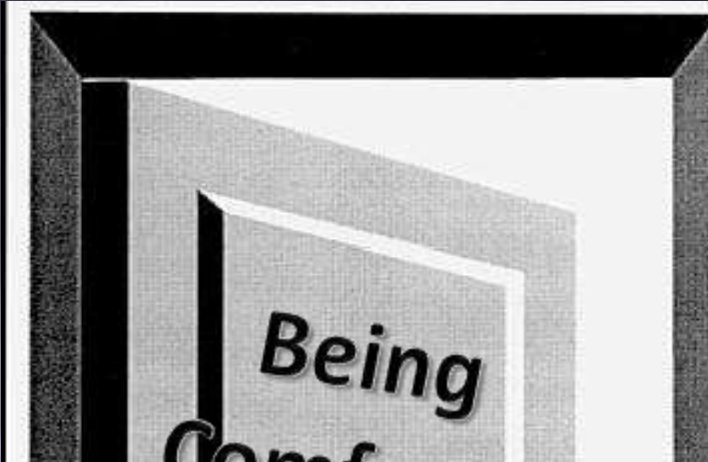
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³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . .³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 38-39

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³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

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²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

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*⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;
⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9*

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¹²But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 8:12

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⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:4

1. When was the last time you shed tears or felt sorrow over sin in your life? Did it lead to repentance or merely regret or remorse?
2. How much do you laugh or make fun of sin in the lives of others?
3. Do you see yourself as having arrived or still having a ways to go?
4. How much do you feel like God is on your side?

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