

**Training in God's Whole Counsel,
Emphasizing Growing in Christ-Likeness**

CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES

**Becoming Mature in Christ-Likeness
By Learning to Live God's Best
In Biblical Head-Subordinate Relationships
Part Four: Living by Faith**



Theme: Learning to walk as Christ walked.

1 John 2:6

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PRAISE THE LORD

(Tune of Edelweiss)

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.
Joy each day, He is bringing.
Praise the Lord, He is God.
Come Before Him with Singing.**

**We His people should praise His Name.
Always be thanksgiving.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.
He is Faithful and Giving.**

PRAISE THE LORD

(Tune of Edelweiss)

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, Alleluia.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Praise His Name forever.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, Alleluia.



BASIC QUESTIONS

**If someone were to ask you these questions,
how would you answer them in depth?**

- 1. What is God's major purpose for putting us on the earth?**
- 2. How do we walk close to God and come to know Him?**
- 3. How do we become spiritually mature in Christ-likeness?**
- 4. How do we build godly families, living in unity?**
- 5. How do we solve spiritual relationship problems in our families?**
- 6. How do we walk by faith and live by love?**
- 7. How do we have purity and avoid immorality?**
- 8. How do we find God's work that He wants us to do?**
- 9. How do we train others to witness the Gospel?**
- 10. What do we do when things go wrong; how do we make corrections?**
- 11. What happens to us when we become Christians? Can we lose our salvation?**
- 12. What is the meaning of redemption & atonement for iniquity?**
- 13. What the biblical characteristics of God's choice for a husband and wife?**



THE BOTTOM LINE

Apart from us having mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living so we can know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity, living holy and righteously in close fellowship with Him and each other, there is nothing. We must pay attention and cooperate with God to gain this spiritual ability.



CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIPS BIBLE TRAINING COURSE CONTENT

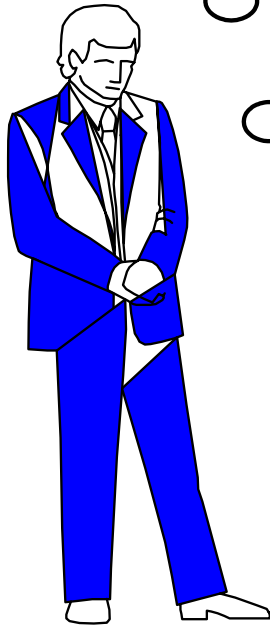
HOW TO LIVE BY FAITH

- **Technique**
- **Promises**
- **Trials and Testings**
- **Prayer**
- **Witnessing**

HOW DO WE LIVE BY FAITH



HOW DO WE LIVE BY FAITH?



HOW &
WHERE
DO WE
BEGIN?

Romans 1:17



***"But The Righteous Man
Shall Live By Faith."***



INJUNCTIONS TO WALK BY FAITH

Habakkuk 2:4 "But The Righteous Will Live By His Faith."

Romans 1:17 "But The Righteous Man Shall Live By Faith"

Galatians 3:11 "The Righteous Man Shall Live By Faith."

Hebrews 10:38 "But My Righteous One Shall Live By Faith;"

Hebrews 11:6 "And Without Faith It Is Impossible To Please Him,"

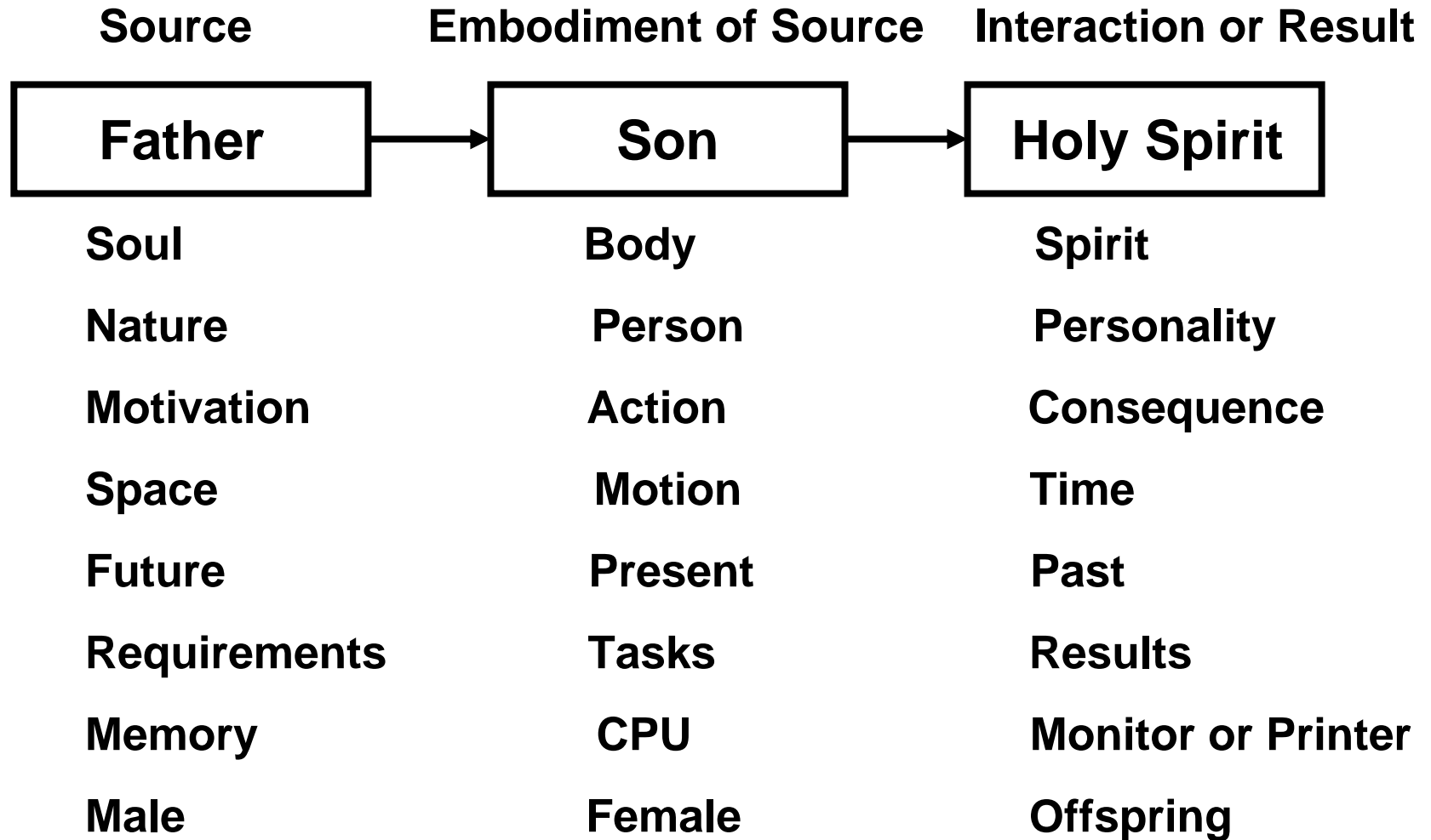


REASONS TO LIVE BY FAITH

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| 1. Live Without Sin | Romans 14:23 |
| 2. To Please God | Hebrews 11:6 |
| 3. Receive Revelation From God | Romans 1:17 |
| 4. Live By The Righteousness Of God | Philippians 3:9 |
| 5. Have Testings Increase Our Spiritual Maturity | James 1:2-4 |
| 6. Have God Act In Our Lives | Proverbs 3:6;
Romans 8:28 |
| 7. Have An Exciting Life With God | Mark 9:23 |
| 8. Know Christ And The Power Of His Resurrection | Philippians 3:9,10 |
| 9. Have Our Prayers Answered | Matthew 21:22 |
| 10. Have Peace Of Mind In Our Lives | Isaiah 26:3 |

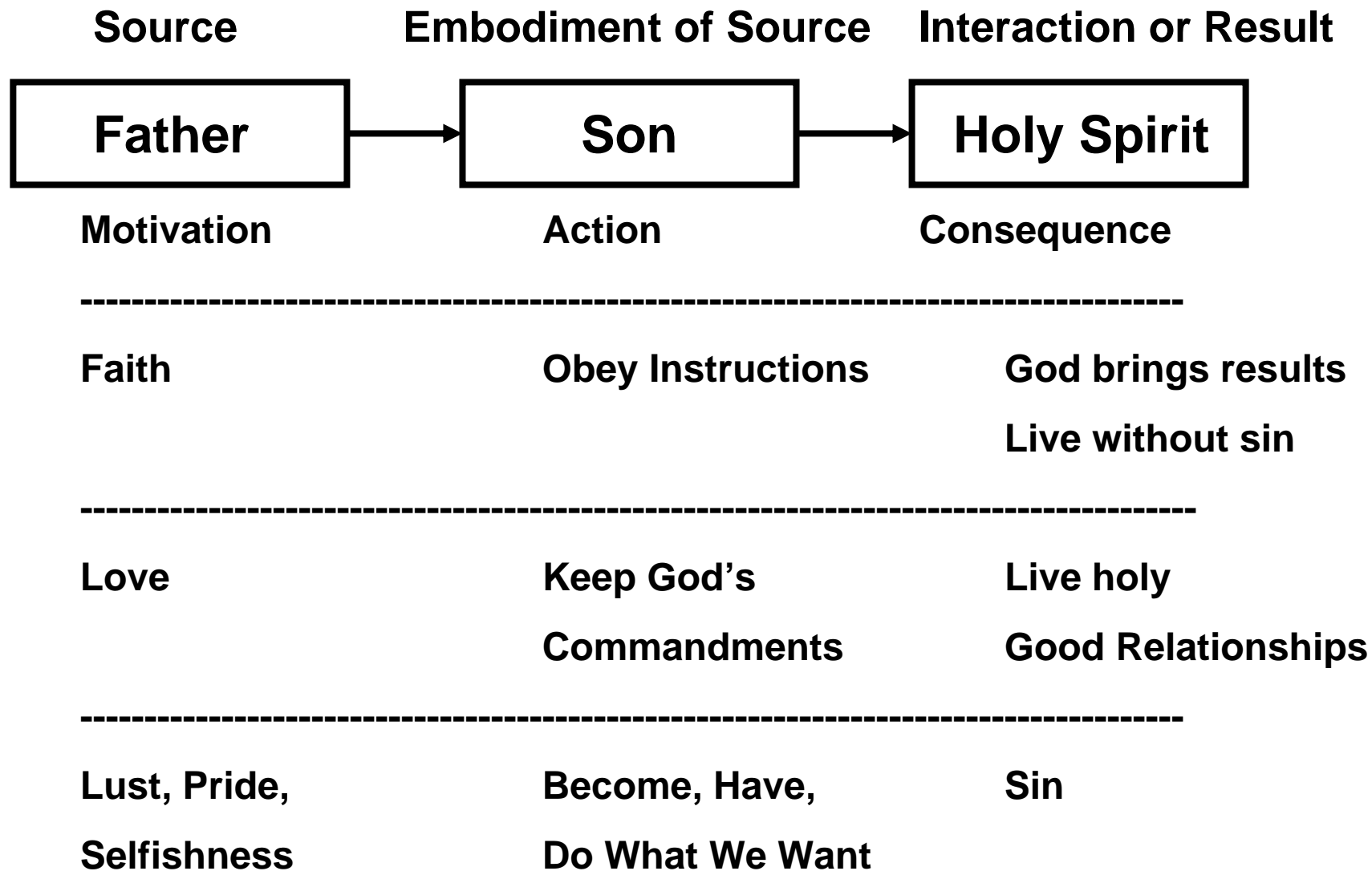


GOD & ALL THAT LIVES & ACTS IS A TRIUNITY - GOD'S IMAGE





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ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES FOR BELIEVERS

1 SAMUEL 16:7

LIVING AND ABIDING

SOURCE

EMBODIMENT OF SOURCE

INTERACTION

Interaction with God
 God's Righteousness
 Love
 Faith (in God's Word)
 Hope (in God's Word)

Preach
 Teach
 Study
 Work
 Praise

SERVANT ROLE
 Fruit of the Holy Spirit
 (Love, Joy, Peace)
 Work of God

Worship

Sing

Pray

Read Bible

Witness

Do not smoke

Do not drink

MAN EXAMINES ACTIONS

GOD ROLE

Fruit of the Flesh
 (Worry, Fear, Anger)

Carnal

GOD EXAMINES THE HEART

No interaction with God
 Self Righteousness
 Selfishness
 Pride
 Lust
 Hate



TWO WAYS TO LIVE; ONLY GOD'S WAY BRINGS US RIGHTEOUS LIVING

Man's Way

**INDEPENDENT
SYSTEM**

We work all things together for good using our intellect based on our knowledge of good and evil. This leads to sin and destruction. We live under our leadership and kingdom.

God's Way

**FAITH
SYSTEM**

We trust the perfect God to work all things together for good, and we obey His instructions. This leads to life and righteousness. We live under His leadership and kingdom.



THE BATTLE OF JERICHO GIVES US THE MODEL FOR HOW TO WALK BY FAITH

Joshua 6

God Gives a Promise of Victory and Instructions

God instructed the Israelites to take the City and promised to give it into their hands; but they had to obey God's instructions to gain the promise.

We Respond in Faith Believing God Will Bring the Victory by Obeying His Instructions

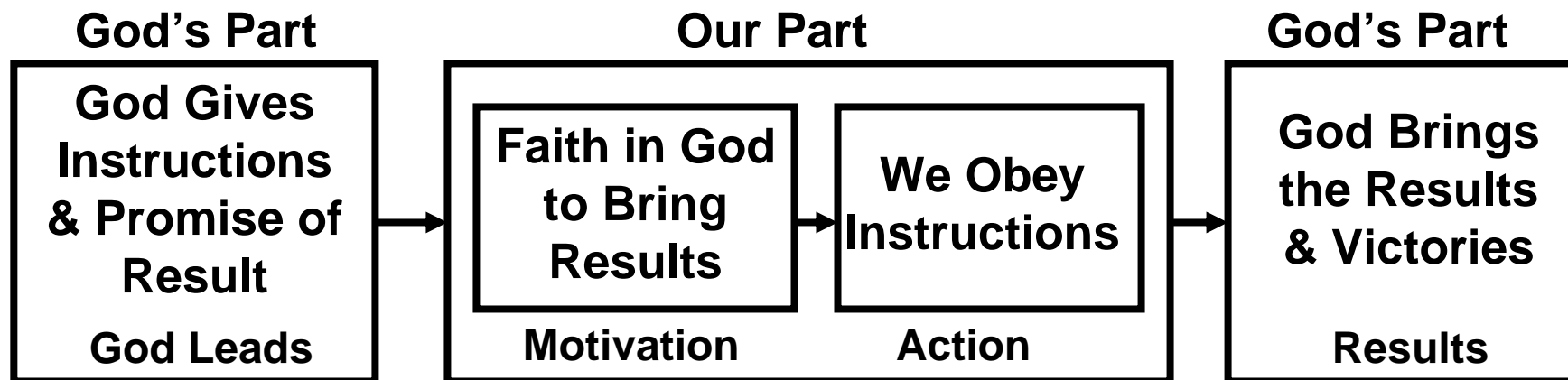
The Israelites believed God would give them the city, so they obeyed His instructions about marching around the city. They did not know in advance how God would bring them the victory.

God Brings The Results and Victory

After the Israelites obeyed God, God brought the Jericho walls down allowing the Israelites to win the battle.



BASIC CONCEPT OF WALKING BY FAITH



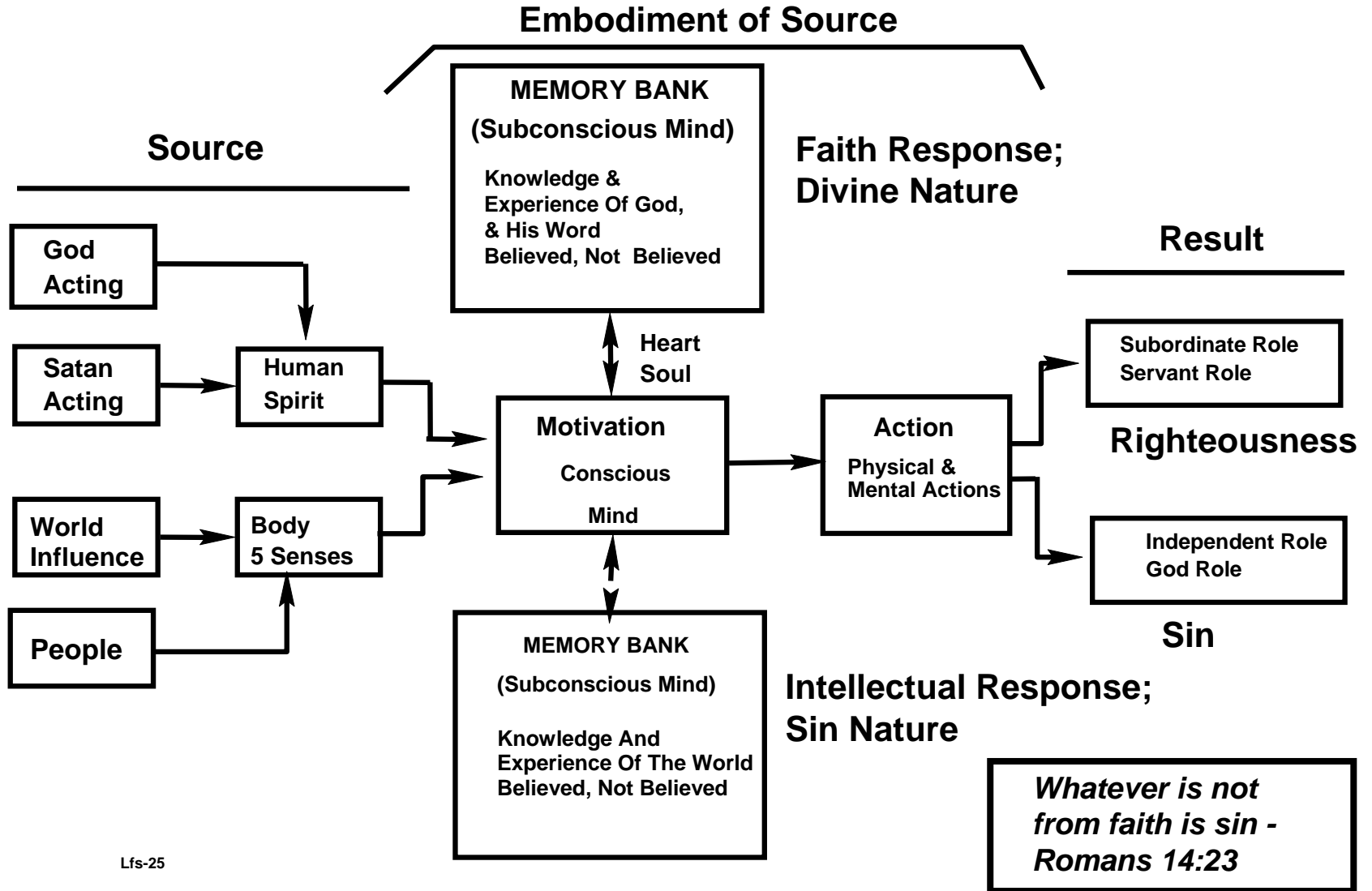
Faith Resulting in Action Is Living-Faith to Which God Responds

GOD'S PART is to give us Promise of Victory without telling us how He will bring it and the instructions we are to follow for Him to bring the victory working through them.

OUR PART is to believe God will bring the result and act in obedience to His instructions without knowing in advance how He will bring the victory.



ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES FOR BELIEVERS





Memorize Key Verses

Faith

***Romans 10:17 - So Faith Comes From Hearing, And Hearing
From The Word of Christ***

Control

***Hebrews 11:1 - Now Faith Is The Assurance Of Things Hoped For,
The Conviction of things not seen.***

Action

***James 2:26 - For Just As The Body Without The Spirit Is Dead, So Also
Faith Without Works Is Dead.***

***Hebrews 11:8 - By Faith Abraham, When He Was Called, Obeyed By Going
Out To A Place Which He Was To Receive For An Inheritance,
And He Went Out, Not Knowing Where He Was Going.***

Rest

***Hebrews 4:10 - For The One Who Has Entered His Rest Has Himself Also
Rested From His Works, As God Did From His.***



SUMMARY

PRINCIPLES OF WALKING BY FAITH

FAITH	Built Upon Knowledge Accepted As Being True So That We Are Willing And Do Act Upon It.
OBJECT	God As The Object Of Our Faith Will Act Upon His Behalf (And Ours) For He Carries The Responsibility For Life By His Character.
ACTION	Requires Action On Our Part To Demonstrate That Faith Is Alive And Genuine.
OBEDIENCE	Requires A Responsive Obedience To God As He Leads With His Instructions And Commands.
CONTROL	The Total Situation Is Outside Of Our Manipulative Control And The Results Are Not Clearly Seen In Advance, But Some Based On Our Experience May Be Predictable.
FULFILLMENT	Using Verses In The Bible Is An Absolute Guarantee Of Results (When In Fellowship With God) And The Results Of Action From Our Faith Is A Proof Of Our Convictions Of Faith. God produces the Results
REST	When We Walk By Faith, We Have A Relaxed Mental Attitude For Success, For Our Success Is In The Person Of God, Not In Ourselves.



TRUSTING GOD TO WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Romans 8:28 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God (those who keep His commandments), to those who are called according to His purpose (those who do His work).

John 4:34 - Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me (includes keeping God's commandments), and to accomplish His work.

John 15:10 - "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.



LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED BY KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS

True love leads to sacrificial service

Matthew 22:37 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:39 - "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

John 14:15 - "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

John 15:10 - "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."

2 John 1:6 - And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

1 John 4:19 - We love, because He first loved us.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."



ROMANS 8:28 FAITH-CONCEPT

God's Job

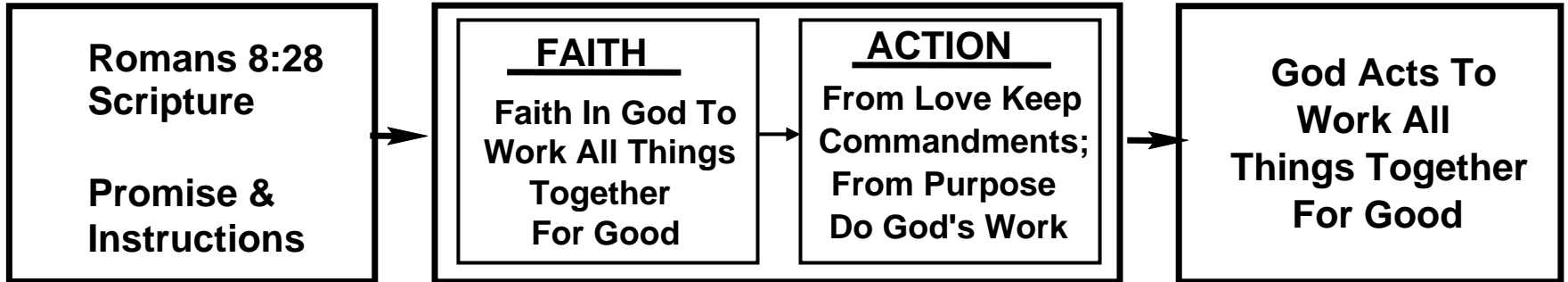
Our Job

God's Job

GOD'S LEADING

LIVING FAITH

GOD PRODUCES
SCRIPTURE'S CLAIMS



Source

Faith-Process

Result

Source - Embodiment

God Works Through The Faith-Process Channel

Romans 8:28 - God Causes All Things To Work Together For Good To Those Who Love God; To Those Who Are Called According To His Purpose.



EXPECTATIONS IN REALITY

Can we expect God to work all things together for our ultimate good if we do not keep His commandments, and also accomplish His work?

If God does work all things together for our ultimate good if we do not adequately keep His commandments from love and do His work from purpose, can we expect to have His best He provides in eternity?

If we are not involved in God's work, will we not give less glory to God?

Can we expect to gain the maximum maturity in Christ-likeness if we are not adequately involved in God's work?



THE SPIRITUAL NORMAL WAY TO LIVE

FAITH



LOVE



PURPOSE

We have faith in God to produce results in our lives according to His promises or we sin. God must be the source of all we do. We must have the sense by faith that God is always working all together for good in our lives.

We show our love for God by keeping His commandments and to others by our sacrificial service. This brings us holy, righteous, and godly lives. We do this because we believe that God is perfect and others are of very high value.

We glorify God when we live for His purposes & accomplish His work. When we do, we show that He is most important in our lives.

We embrace our faith in God as our head to act by our faith-obedience in love and purpose. We are always to live this way in the subordinate role.

Galatians 5:6 - but faith working through love.



THE VINE & THE BRANCHES

Vine

Branches Abiding in Vine

God Produces Fruit

GOD'S LEADING

LIVING FAITH

**GOD PRODUCES
SCRIPTURE'S CLAIMS**

Romans 8:28
Scripture

Promise &
Instructions



FAITH
Faith In God To
Work All Things
Together
For Good

ACTION
From Love Keep
Commandments;
From Purpose
Do God's Work



God Acts To
Work All
Things Together
For Good
Produces Fruit

Source

Faith-Process

Result

Source - Embodiment

God Works Through The Faith-Process Channel

John 15:5 - "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."



GOD WORKS ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD IN US AS BELIEVERS

- 1. God gives us gifts and trains us individually to bring us to high levels of maturity in head-subordinate relationships.**
 - He works all things together for good in our personal lives.**
- 2. God leads and trains us individually to accomplish selected tasks or ministries.**
- 3. He works all that we do as a group together for good in order to accomplish an overall greater work.**
 - We need to live out our part in excellence if God is to accomplish to the degree He desires.**

God works in us as individuals and together as a whole to accomplish His work.



EXAMPLES OF GOD WORKING ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD

ORCHESTRA

1. God works to have each person play their instrument to high capability.
2. Each player plays his instrument with mature responsive capability.
3. God works to have all the instruments play together so that a symphony is played in excellence.

TEAM SPORT

1. God works to have each person play their position to high capability.
2. Each player plays his position with mature responsive capability.
3. God works to have all the team positions play together so that the team wins games.



WE ARE TO WALK BY FAITH USING GOD'S MANY PROMISES

2 Peter 1:3-4 - seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Each promise states what God will do and gives us instructions for what we are to do. God brings the promise if from our faith we carry out His instructions.



PROMISES TO MEMORIZE

2 Peter 1:3-4 - According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Joshua 1:8; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Job 19:25-26; Psalm 27:14; Psalm 37:4-5;

Psalm 37:23-24; Psalm 55:22; Psalm 56:3; Psalm 84:11; Psalm 118:8;

Palm 119:105; Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 8:17; Proverbs 16:7; Isaiah 26:3;

Isaiah 40:31; Isaiah 41:10.; Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 4:19; Matthew 6:33;

Matthew 7:7-9; Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 21:22; John 14:1-3; John 15:7;

Romans 8:18; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Galatians 6:9;

Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 4:6-7; Philippians 4:19;

1 Thessalonians 5:18; James 1:5; James 4:8; 1 Peter 3:12; 1 Peter 5:7; 2 Peter 1:4;

1 John 1:9



EXAMPLE USING PROMISES IN THE ROMANS 8:28 FAITH-PROCESS

God's Part

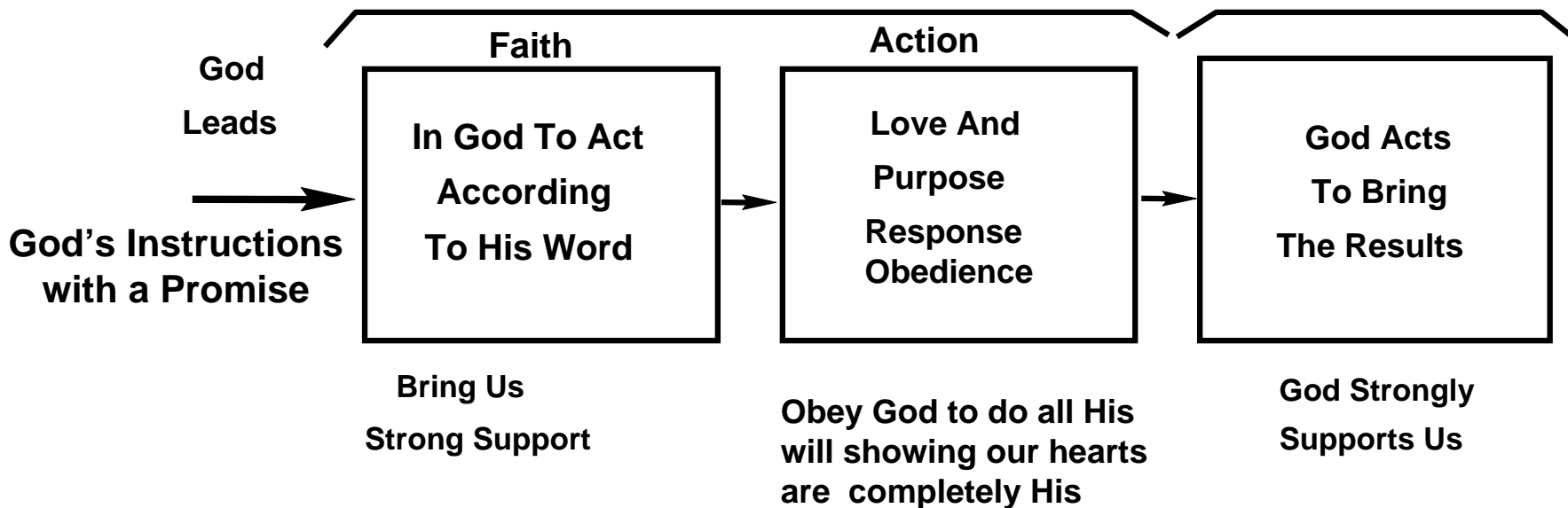
Our Part

God's Part

2 Chronicles 16:9

Abiding In Christ's Love
Living Faith - Faith-process

Result



2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.... "Acts 13:22 " a man after My heart, who will do all My will."



EXAMPLE USING PROMISES IN THE ROMANS 8:28 FAITH-PROCESS

God's Part

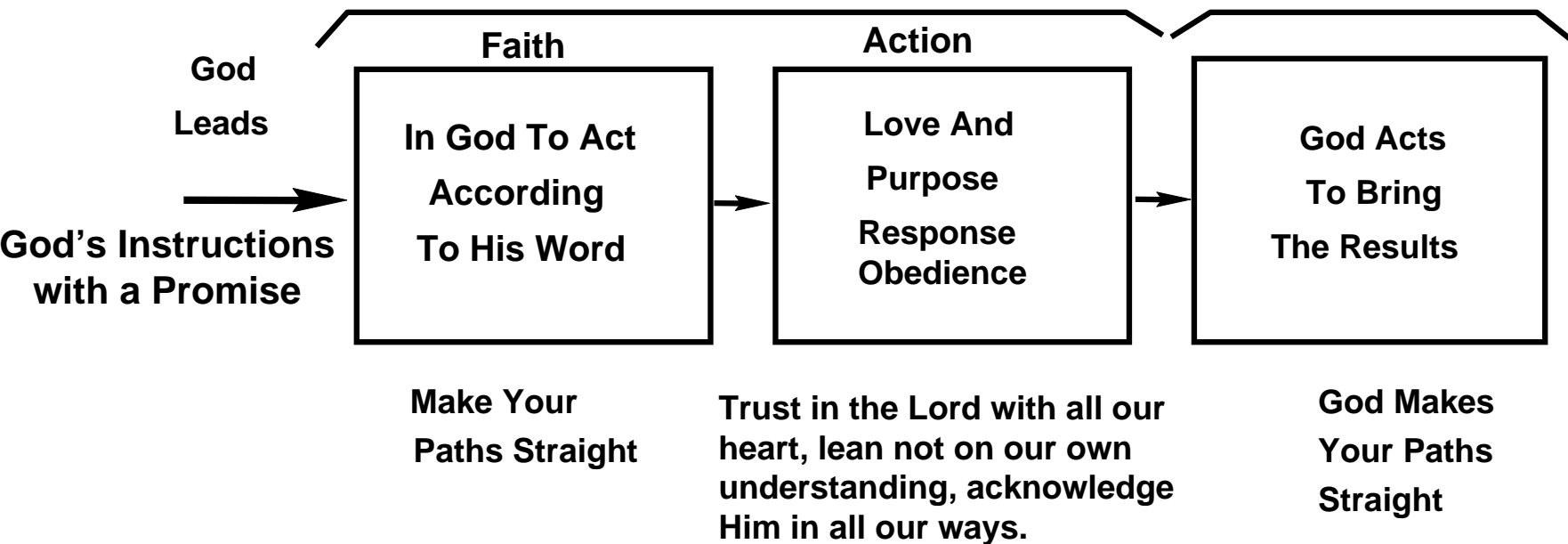
Proverbs 3:5-6

Our Part

Abiding In Christ's Love
Living Faith - Faith-process

God's Part

Result



Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.



KEY ASPECTS WHEN LIVING BY FAITH

- 1. We will never have all the information in advance that we will need or desire so that we can work all things together for good. This situation requires our faith-obedience without knowing everything in advance.**
- 2. What results is outside of our ability to manipulate or to control. God will bring results of overcoming the giants, something that we cannot do.**
- 3. We are to faith-rest in God to always lead and bring the results. We are not to depend upon ourselves. Thus, we live with peace of mind.**
- 4. We will not know that we live by faith until after the fact. We will not know before we activate our faith with action.**

Obedience from our intellect without coming from faith, love, and hope does not please God.



LIVE AT THE BELIEF LEVEL

We Must Walk Even As The Lord Jesus Walked, Not As Man Walks

- * **Believe That God Is Always Working In Me To Do His Will** **Philippians 1:6; 2:11,12**

- * **Believe That I Am Now Doing What God Is Doing In My Direction And He Is Leading Me To Do What He Is Doing Or Wants To Do** **1 John 2:6; John 5:19,20**

- * **Believe That I Am Always Being Led By The Holy Spirit Of God** **Romans 8:14**

- * **Believe Everything I Am Doing Is Associated With God Because I Can Do Nothing Apart From Christ And God** **John 15:5**

- * **Believe That I Must Pray About All Things To Determine His Leading, I Can Do Nothing In Myself That Is Spiritual Or Of God** **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

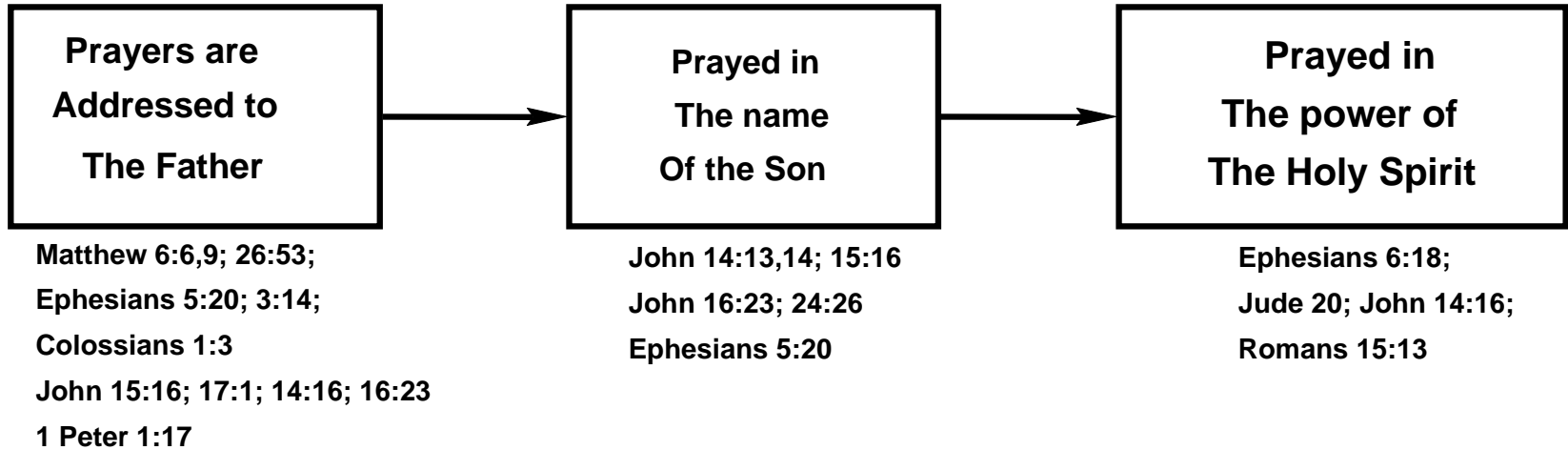
- * **Believe That All Things Are Possible With God If I Can Believe** **Mark 9:23**

- * **Believe That When I Am Doing What God Is Doing, People See Him And Not Me Because I Am Doing Nothing On My Own Initiative, Christ Is In Me And I Am In Him** **John 14:9,10,11,12,20**



STRUCTURE OF PRAYER

Prayers Are Prayed in a Triunity



SHOW REVERENCE IN PRAYER

- 1. Address the Father as holy and righteous Father*
- 2. Ask in the name of the Lord Jesus*

We pray to have an intimate relationship with God as we admit we cannot handle life and work all things together for our good; we believe Only He can.



USING PRAYER PROMISES

God's Part

Our Part

God's Part

LIVING FAITH - FAITH-PROCESS

RESULT

God Gives Instructions & Promise of Result

GOD LEADS
ULTIMATE SOURCE

IN GOD TO ACT ACCORDING TO HIS WORD
FAITH

LOVE AND PURPOSE RESPONSE
OBEDIENCE

GOD ACTS TO BRING THE RESULTS
INTERACTION

PSALM 55:22

God Will Sustain And Protect Us

Cast Our Burdens Upon The Lord

God Acts To Sustain Us And Cause Us Not To Be Shaken

MATTHEW 21:22

What We Desire To Receive

Ask In Prayer Believing

God Brings The Results

I JOHN 5:14

Believe That God Hears Us

Ask According To God's Will

God Answers Our Prayers

FROM OUR FAITH, WE SHOULD ACT UPON WHAT WE ARE PRAYING ABOUT



DID YOU PRAY THIS MORNING?

Begin Each Day With Prayer

I woke up early one morning
And rushed right into the day,
I had so much to accomplish
I forgot to pray.

Problems tumbled about me
And heavier came each task,
Why doesn't God help, I wondered
He said, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and gladness
But the day toiled grey and black,
Why doesn't God help I asked
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I wanted to come into God's
presence

I tried all my keys in the lock,
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning
And I paused before entering the day,
I had so much to accomplish
I had to take time to pray.

*Luke 11:9 - And I say unto you, Ask,
and it shall be given you; seek, and
ye shall find; knock, and it shall be
opened unto you.*

(From my friends the Bagby's in the
Atascadero-Paso Robles area.)



REDEMPTIVE WITNESSING

God's Part

Our Part

God's Part

LIVING FAITH - FAITH-PROCESS

RESULT

Source

GOD LEADS

God Gives Instructions & Promise of Result

IN GOD TO ACT
ACCORDING
TO HIS WORD
FAITH

LOVE AND
PURPOSE
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GOD ACTS
TO BRING
THE RESULTS
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Lead PEOPLE
To Believe The
Gospel And
Trust God To
Save Them

Lead PEOPLE
To Act From
Their Faith;
Pray To God
Or Confess
Christ

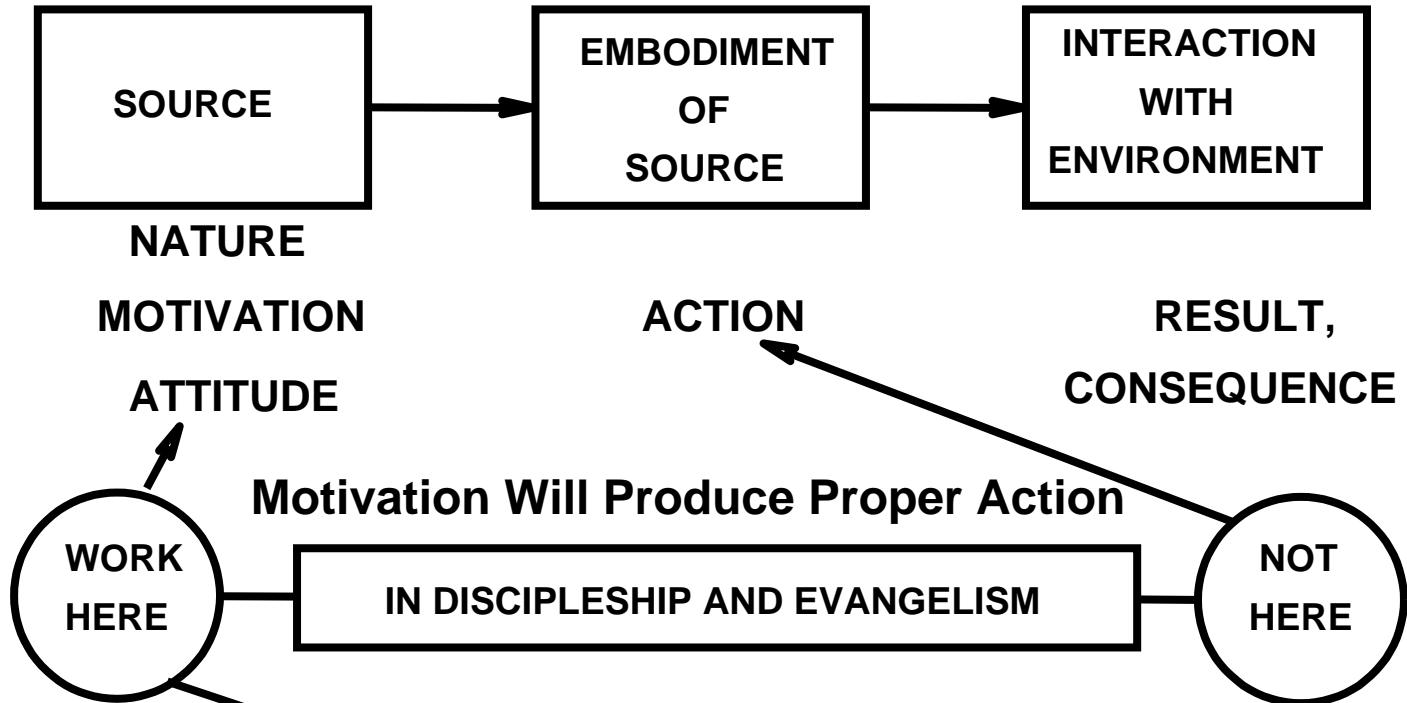
Lead PEOPLE
To Look To
God To Save
Them

God
Promises to
Save Us If
We Act From
Our Faith

PEOPLE ARE SAVED BY FAITH, MADE ALIVE THROUGH ACTION; ALWAYS GIVE PEOPLE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ACT AND BE SAVED WITHOUT YOU



DISCIPLESHIP - EVANGELISM



Motivation Will Produce Proper Action

Explaining the consequences of our actions

Discipleship - Evangelism Approach Is To Work With The Source, Nature, Motivations, Attitudes And Reasons --- Do Not Work Directly With What A Person Does --- Except To Bring Control To The Situation Such As In Emergencies --- But always explaining the consequences of our actions.



DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

- 1. A divine appointment is when God brings us together with someone else such that we can share the Gospel or a teaching, or that they can share a teaching with us. (Example: the woman at the well.)**
- 2. We need to recognize these divine appointments by faith and need.**
- 3. When witnessing, look for entry points, and have a preliminary conversation to learn something about the person. You can use humor.**
- 4. These appointments show up everywhere in our normal lives. This technique can be called On-The-Way Witnessing.**
- 5. It is helpful to carry a good booklet about salvation that you can give to every divine appointment. It should be a complete booklet that gives them guidance before they become a Christian, how to become a Christian, and what they should do after becoming one.**



GOD TESTS OUR FAITH AND OUR LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE

James 1:2-4

Consider It All Joy My Brethren, When You Encounter Various Trials; Knowing That The Testing Of Your Faith Produces Endurance. And Let Endurance Have Its Perfect Result, That You May Be Perfect And Complete, Lacking In Nothing.

1 Peter 1:6,7

.... Even Though Now For A Little While, If Necessary, You Have Been Distressed By Various Trials, That The Proof Of Your Faith, Being More Precious Than Gold, Even Though Tested By Fire, May Be Found To Result In Praise And Glory And Honor At The Revelation Of Jesus Christ.

**FAITH MUST HAVE A LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE
BOTH ARE TESTED**

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Biblical Training

**ALL TESTS OF FAITH ARE WHO WILL
WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR
GOOD; GOD OR MAN**

In all tests we chose between:

TRUSTING GOD to work all things together for good such as we from love keep His commandments and from purpose accomplish work such that we become, have, and do what God wants – we live the servant role

TRUSTING SELF to work all things together for good such as from fear we use our own value system such that we become, have, and do what we want – we live the god role.



WE GET THREE TESTS IN LIFE

Will we do, have, and become what God wants or what we want. In Scripture they are called the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life.

1 John 2:15 - Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

The Lord Jesus got this test (Matthew 4:1-11), the Israelites got this test (1 Corinthians 10:1-10), Adam and Eve got this test (Genesis 3:1-7), and we get this test (1 John 2:15-17).

When we do what we want etc, we act as a god and work all things together for good instead of trusting God to do it.



GOD TESTS OUR FAITH AND OUR LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE

THE TEST GIVEN TO ADAM AND EVE

SERVANT RULE - GOD IS SOURCE

Obeying God And Not Eating Of The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil - Because The Knowledge Is Not Necessary To Have A Love Relationship With God And Do What God Desires

VERSUS

GOD ROLE - MAN IS SOURCE

Disobeying God And Eating Of The Tree - Because The Knowledge Of Good And Evil Is Necessary To Act Independent Of God And Do What We Desire



TESTS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

SERVANT ROLE

Faith-obedience

From Love And Hope →

Trusts in the Greatness of God

Allows God To
Accomplish
(Work All Things
Together For
Divine Good)

GOD ROLE

Disobedience;

Lack Of Obedience →

Trusts in his own abilities

Allows Satan To
Accomplish
(Work Things
Together For Human
And Satan's Good)

* Those Not In Active Service Are Casualties
In The Warfare

* Those Not In Active Service Will Have Little
Contact With The Enemy To Be Thwarted
And Persecuted

Exodus 17:8-13; Romans 8:28;
Ephesians 6:10-20



GOD TESTS OUR FAITH AND OUR LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE

TESTS GIVEN TO ADAM AND EVE AND THE LORD JESUS

1, BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE - BECOME WHAT YOU WANT

- Make One Wise
- *Rule The World - Worship Satan*

WORSHIP GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY

2. LUST OF THE FLESH - BE ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT

- Have The Knowledge Of Good And Evil
- *Command These Stones To Become Bread*

DO NOT TEMPT GOD

3. LUST OF THE EYES - HAVE WHAT YOU WANT

- Fruit Was A Delight To The Eyes Genesis 3; Matthew 4
- *Throw Yourself Down*

DO NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY GOD'S WORD



KEY UNDERSTANDING

1. The lust and things of this world will pass away and will not make it into eternity.

1 John 2:17 - And the world is passing away, and also it lusts, but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

2. Apart from salvation and knowing and relating to God in a mature and righteous manner, there is nothing.

Relationship living, not technology or technical things, is the only thing that is important. Relationship living takes us to maturity in Christ.

3. We only need the knowledge by which we relate to God and to each other, and to do our secular work.

4. We do not need a broad knowledge of the world (the knowledge of good and evil) to walk with God. It is an impediment.

We only need such knowledge if we want to act independent of God and to work all things together ourselves, doing what we want.



TEST OF THE GIANTS AT KADESH-BARNEA

God Said: Go in and possess the land (1:7).

The Spies said: It is a good land which the Lord is to give us (1:25).

**The People said: The people in the land are bigger and taller than we;
The cities are large and fortified to heaven (1:28).**

The Lord your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf; just as He did in Egypt before your eyes But in all of this, you did not trust the Lord your God (1:30, 32).

You were not willing to go up (against the fortified cities and the giants), but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God.... None of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land (1:26, 35).

**The people did not trust God to bring the victory He promised,
a victory they could not bring.**

Deuteronomy 1:19-36



APPLICATION TODAY'S TEST OF THE GIANTS

UNBELIEVERS (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)
IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

CHRIST SAID

Go Into The World, Preach The Gospel, And
Make Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)

THE SPIES SAID

The People Are Difficult And Worship Other Gods

THE PEOPLE RESPONDED

We Are Too Busy To Get Involved; The People
Will Not Respond To Christ Anyway; We Will
Enjoy Our Worship And Fellowships



APPLICATION TODAY'S TEST OF THE GIANTS

**UNBELIEVERS (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)
IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

GOD SAID

**The Disobedient Shall Not Enter His Rest
(Shall Not Proceed To Maturity And Live In His
Fellowship) (Hebrews 3:7-4:13)**

GOD SAID

**Let Us Therefore Be Diligent To Enter
His Rest, Lest Anyone Fall Through The
Same Example Of Disobedience (Hebrews 4:11)**

APPLICATION: To Salvation And The Christian Life



PRINCIPLE BASED ON THE TEST OF THE GIANTS

THIS MUST BE LEARNED AND DEVELOPED!

God Regularly Brings Us Tasks (Tests) That Only He Can Do, Working Through Our Faith-obedience - It Is A Way Of Life.

We Are To Believe What God Wants Us To Do And Go And Do It, Trusting God To Bring The Results; Results That We Cannot Bring.

This Response Is Necessary If We Are To Reach Spiritual Maturity And Live In His Fellowship And Abide In His Love.

OTHERWISE WE ARE DISOBEDIENT AND WE SIN!



LIVING DURING ADVERSITY

THE TIMES AHEAD MAY BRING PERSECUTION, INCARCERATION, MARTYRDOM, AND DIFFICULT TIMES.

- 1. We are still to walk by faith and trust God to work all things together for good.**
- 2. We should realize that the testings that we receive during adversity, can take us to much higher levels of maturity.**
- 3. During times of adversity, including when in prison, we are still to witness the Gospel and lead people to Christ.**



THE CENTURION'S FAITH

*"Not Even In All Of Israel
Have I Found Such Great Faith"*

- * **He Understood Authority Being In The Military;
Believed Christ Could Do What He Claimed**
- * **A Humble Spirit Believing Christ Is Greater**
- * **A Love For The Nation And Its People;
Willing To Serve Them Without Payment**
- * **Servant's Attitude; Willing To Do Things
For Others' Benefit; Cared For His Servant**



THE RED SEA INCIDENT

When You Are Doing God's Will, And The Enemy Is Upon You, Do Not Fear Because The Lord Will Fight For You And Deliver You.

Do Not Fear! Stand By And See The Salvation Of The Lord Which He Will Accomplish For You Today!

THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU

WHY ARE YOU CRYING OUT TO ME?

TELL THE SONS OF ISRAEL TO GO FORWARD.

The Sea Parted As Moses Raised His Hand In Faith-obedience To God



LIFE'S BATTLES ARE THE LORD'S

BATTLE OF JERICHO

**God Fought The Battle, But Israel Had To Be
Faith-obedient For It To Happen**

**God Worked Through Their Faith-obedience
As A Living-faith Channel**

JOSHUA 6

BATTLE AGAINST MOAB AND AMMON

**Do Not Fear Or Be Dismayed Because Of This Great
Multitude, For The Battle Is Not Yours, But God's.**

Put Your Trust In The Lord Your God

The Lord Is With You

2 Chronicles 20:1-24



GOD OFTEN REQUIRES VALOR THE STORY OF ESTHER

ESTHER 4:16

"And Thus, I Will Go Into The King Which Is Not According To The Law. And If I Perish, I Perish."

(IT WAS ACCORDING TO GOD'S LAW)

**Esther Went To The King To Intercede
For The Jews. It Could Have Meant Her Death.**

"And If I Perish, I Perish"



GOD OFTEN REQUIRES VALOR STORIES FROM DANIEL

DURING TIMES OF PERSECUTION

**We Are Not To Deny God, Christ, And
The Gospel Even In The Face Of Death**

**The Three Hebrew Boys Would Not Bow
Down To The Image - They Were Put
Into The Fiery Furnace. (Daniel 3)**

**Daniel Continued His Custom Of Prayer - He
Was Put Into The Lion's Den. (Daniel 6)**

GOD DELIVERED THEM!



GOD WORKS THROUGH VARIABLES THE STORY OF GIDEON

God Told Gideon To Reduce His Forces From 32,000 To 300 To Battle The Superior Force Of The Midianites.

At Night, They Surrounded The Midianite Camp, Blew Trumpets, Held Torches, And Broke Pitchers.

The Midianite Army, Thinking They Were Being Attacked By A Superior Force, Fled.

Judges 6-8



GOD OFTEN REQUIRES VALOR

DURING TIMES OF PERSECUTION

**WE ARE NOT TO DENY GOD, CHRIST, AND
THE GOSPEL EVEN IN THE FACE OF DEATH**

***"Do Not Fear What You Are About To Suffer. Behold,
The Devil Is About To Cast Some Of You Into Prison,that
You May Be Tested Be Faithful Until Death, And I Will
Give You The Crown Of Life." (Revelation 2:10)***

**If We Endure (All Things For The Sake Of The Chosen),
We Shall Reign With Him; If We Deny Him, He Will Deny Us.
2 Timothy 2:12 With 2:10**



MAINTAIN OUR FAITH STAND FIRM IN ADVERSITY

MANY ARE CALLED TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST

* Three Hebrew Lads	Daniel 3	* Esther	Esther
* Daniel	Daniel 6	* Bible Heroes	Hebrews 11:9,10,35-37
* Faithful Witness	Revelation 2:10	* Polycarp	Burned At The Stake
* Stephen	Acts 7:54-60	* Fox's Book Of Martyrs	Died For Their Faith
* Peter	John 21:28	* Martyrs During Apostasy	Revelation 6:9-11
* Paul	Acts 20:19-27	* Injunction	Matthew 5:10-12
* Joseph	Genesis 39	* Rahab	Joshua 2

***NO ONE CAN STOP US FROM DOING GOD'S CHOSEN WORK
EPHESIANS 2:10***



HAVE "GREAT," NOT "LITTLE" FAITH

TIMES THAT "GREAT FAITH" IS NEEDED

**God Will Protect Us And Give Us Peace
In The Midst Of The Storm**

Matthew 8:23-27; 14:22-33

**Do Not Be Anxious For God Will Supply
Our Needs Of Life**

Matthew 6:30-33; 16:8-10

THIS FAITH MAY BE TESTED



CONTINUE TO TRUST IN GOD REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

WALKING ON WATER EXAMPLE

MATTHEW 14:22-33

*Trust In God Regardless Of The Raging
Storm Around Us*

*Keep Our Eyes On God, Not On The Rubble
That Surrounds Us*

*Trust In God To Manage The Circumstances;
According To His Calling For Us*

**WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ONLY ABOUT OUR CALLING;
WE MUST DO WHAT HE HAS ASKED US TO DO!**

***WE CANNOT HANDLE THE STORM; BUT WE CAN
LIVE IN PEACE WITH GOD IN THE MIST OF THE STORM***



GOOD APPROACH FOR THE COMING CHAOTIC TIMES

- 1. Trust God to work all things together for good in all aspects of your life.**
- 2. Pursue spiritual maturity and seek to obey God's will in all that you know, learning and keeping the commandments with great commitment and earnest from love.**
- 3. Pursue doing on-the-way witnessing. Demonstrate your love for others that they not perish.**
- 4. Obey the authorities over you – keep from overt sin. Glorify God and your other heads in all that you do.**
- 5. Pray about all things and all relationships without ceasing.**
- 6. Pursue studying, learning, and implementing Christian-Life Relationship Principles and Christian-Faith Doctrines.**
- 7. Put God first in everything. Avoid lukewarmness, compromise, and double-mindedness – attempting to please God and self.**



SUMMARY THOUGHTS

1. Apart from knowing God and relating to Him, there is nothing.
2. ***There is a price to be paid for growing in maturity; the price is infinitely greater if we do not.***
3. God must work all things together for good if we are to live without sin and progress to maturity. We must learn to do, have, and become what He wants.
4. We need to have mature responsive capabilities to live by faith, love, and hope in head-subordinate relationships if we are to have high levels of maturity.



SUMMARY THOUGHTS

- 5. It is only possible to gain high levels of maturity if we live in head-subordinate relationships using the character qualities of God, such as love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, everlasting kindness, and longsuffering.**
- 6. We should greet testings and trials with joy, because they build endurance and lead us to maturity in Christ.**
- 7. It is only possible to be used greatly of God if we maintain purity and morality.**
- 8. Because we will not sin in heaven, there is the strong possibility that our maturity in response to God will not increase after we die. We will receive much more knowledge. Thus, we should pursue maturity with high priority in our lives.**



THE BOTTOM LINE

Apart from us having mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living so we can know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity, living holy and righteously in close fellowship with Him and each other, there is nothing. We must pay attention and cooperate with God to gain this ability.