

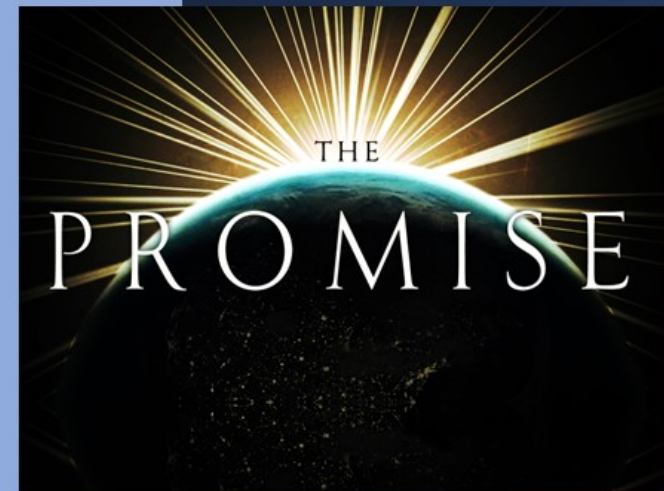
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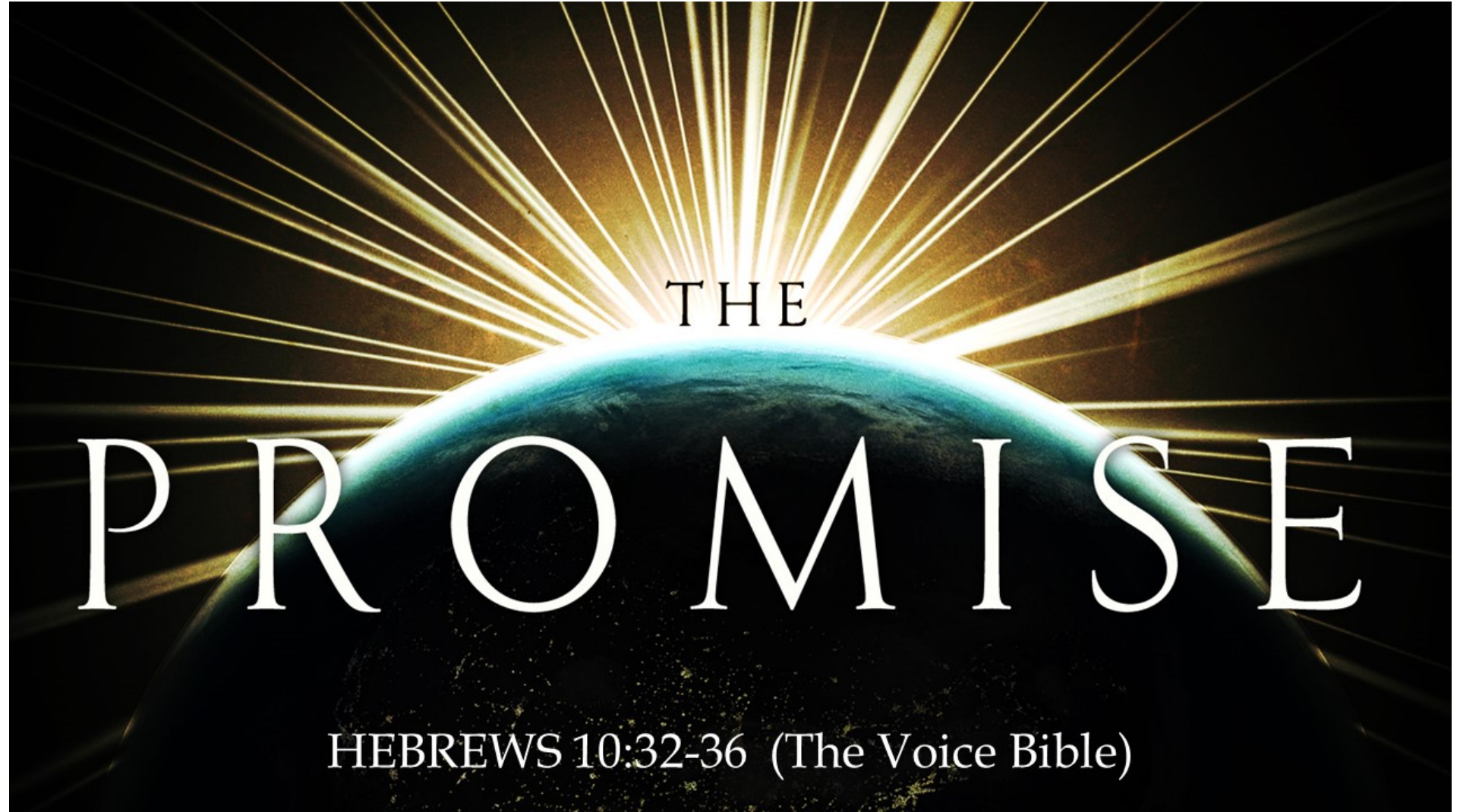
In its **noun form**, a **promise** is a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen; it's an indication that something specified is expected or likely to occur.

In its **verb form**, a **promise** is an assurance that someone will definitely do, give, or arrange something; to undertake or declare that something will happen.

Hebrews 10:32-36 (The Voice)

³² Instead, think back to the days after you were first enlightened ***and understood who Jesus was***: when you endured all sorts of suffering ***in the name of the Lord***, ³³ when people held you up for public scorn and ridicule, or when they abused your partners and companions in the faith. ³⁴ Remember how you had compassion for those in prison and how you cheerfully accepted the seizure of your possessions, knowing that you have a far greater and more enduring possession. ³⁵ Remember this, and do not abandon your confidence, which will lead to rich rewards. ³⁶ Simply endure, for when you have done as God requires of you, you will receive **the promise**.

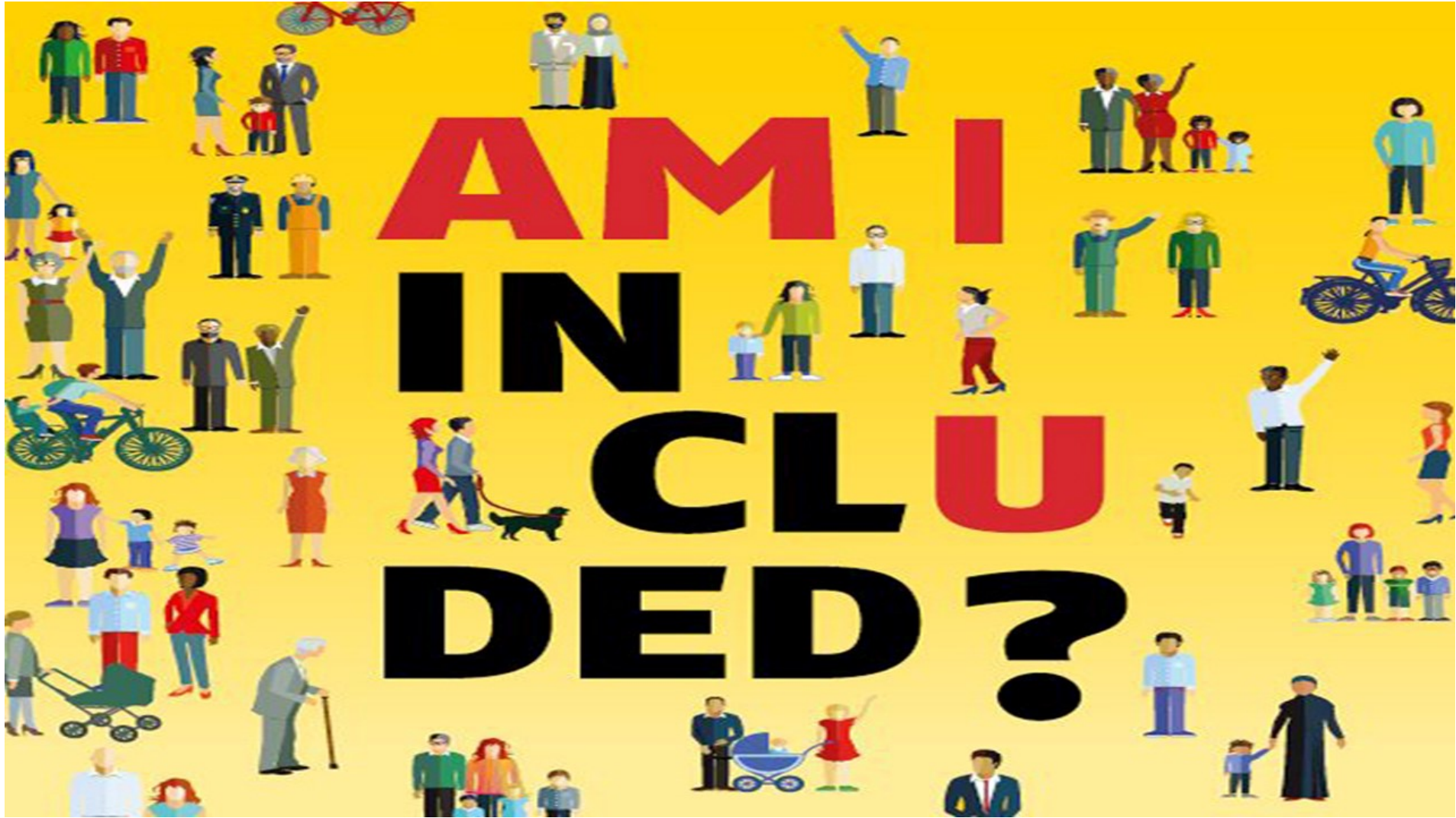




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PROMISE

HEBREWS 10:32-36 (The Voice Bible)



HEBREWS 10:26-31 (VOICE)

²⁶ Now if we willfully persist in sin after receiving such knowledge of the truth, then there is no sacrifice left for those sins— ²⁷ only the fearful prospect of judgment and a fierce fire that will consume God's adversaries. ²⁸ *Remember that* those who depart from the law of Moses are put to death without mercy based on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ Just think how much more severe the punishment will be for those who have turned their backs on the Son of God, trampled on the blood of the covenant by which He made them holy, and outraged the Spirit of grace *with their contempt*. ³⁰ For we know the God who said, "Vengeance belongs to Me—I will repay," also said, "The Eternal One will judge His people." ³¹ It is truly a frightening thing to be on the wrong side of the living God.

A photograph showing a person with their hands covering their face, appearing distressed or in pain. They are positioned behind a blue sign with white text. The sign reads "APOSTASY" in large, bold, blue letters, and below it, in smaller black letters, "WHAT IS APOSTASY AND HOW CAN I RECOGNIZE IT?". The background is dark and out of focus.

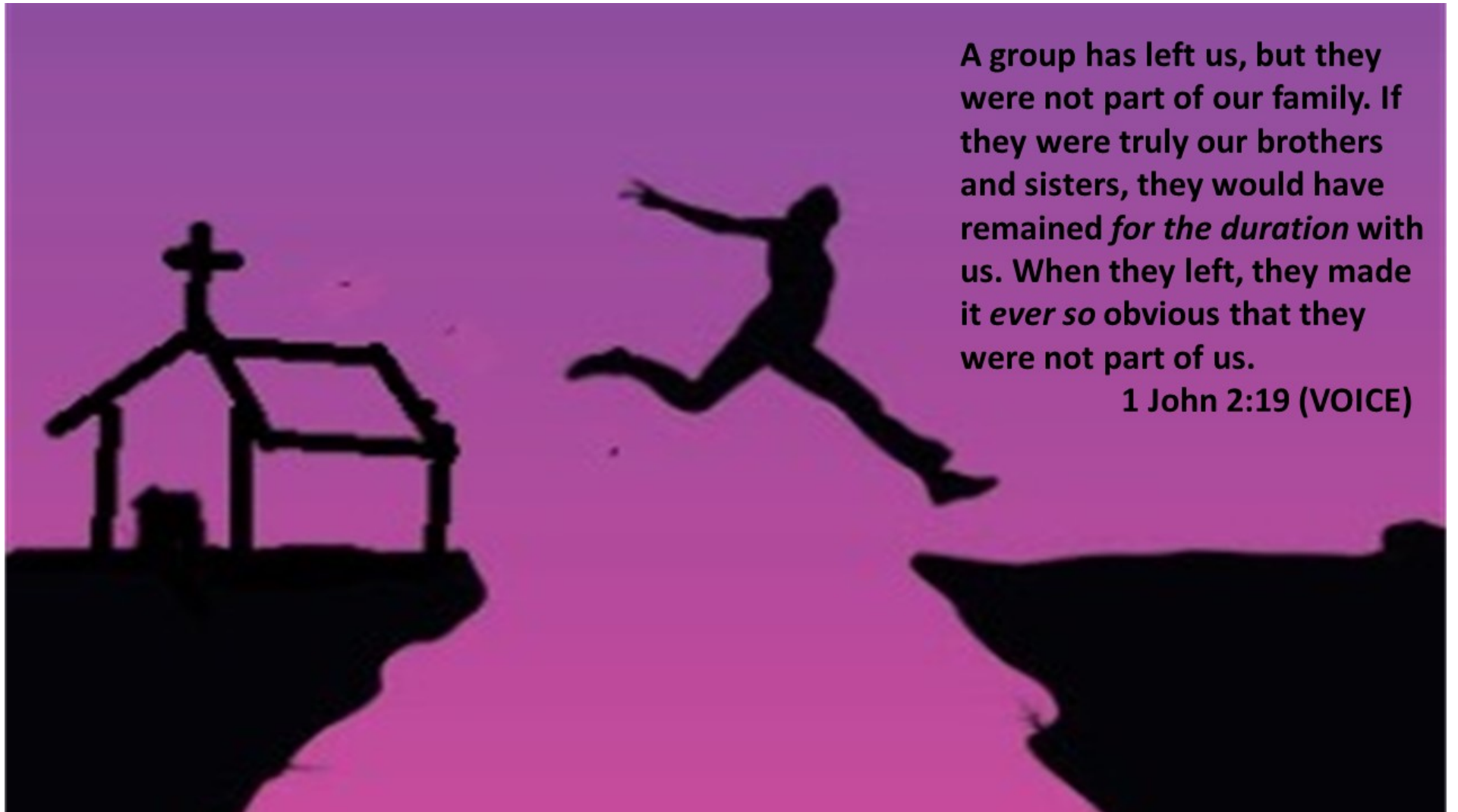
APOSTASY

"WHAT IS APOSTASY AND HOW CAN I RECOGNIZE IT?"

DRIFTING



So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.
Hebrews 2:1 (NLT)



A group has left us, but they were not part of our family. If they were truly our brothers and sisters, they would have remained *for the duration* with us. When they left, they made it *ever so* obvious that they were not part of us.

1 John 2:19 (VOICE)

ACCESS DENIED

Matthew 7:21-23 (VOICE)

²¹ Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven. *Simply calling Me “Lord” will not be enough.* Only those who do the will of My Father who is in heaven *will join Me in heaven.* ²² *At the end of time, on that day of judgment,* many will say to Me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name? Did we not drive demons out *of the possessed* in Your name? Did we not perform miracles in Your name?” ²³ But I will say to them, “I never knew you. And now, you must get away from Me, you evildoers!”

HOLD FAST

Holy Bible



HEBREWS 6:9-12 (VOICE)

⁹ But *listen*, my friends—we don't mean to discourage you completely with such talk. We are convinced that you are made for better things, the things of salvation, ¹⁰ because God is not unjust *or unfair*. He won't overlook the work you have done or the love you have carried to each other in His name while doing His work, as you are still doing. ¹¹ We want you all to continue working until the end so that you'll realize the certainty that comes with hope ¹² and not grow lazy. We want you to walk in the footsteps of the faithful *who came before you*, from whom you can learn to be steadfast in pursuing the promises *of God*.

²³ Let us hold strong to the confession of our hope, never wavering, since the One who promised it to us is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23
(VOICE)



Point #1 – remember how God has worked in the past

KEY

POINTS

Point #2 – focus on confidently doing God's will in the present as you look to receive the promise in the future

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**REMEMBER HOW GOD
ENLIGHTENED YOU
WITH A NEW, GODLY
UNDERSTANDING OF
LIFE.**



2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6 (VOICE)

³ Now if our gospel remains veiled, it is only veiled from those who are *lost and dying*, ⁴ because the *evil* god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers. As a result the light of the good news, the radiant glory of the Anointed—who is the very image of God—cannot shine down on them. ⁵ We do not preach about ourselves. The subject of all our sermons is Jesus, the Anointed One. He is Lord *and Master* of all. For Jesus' sake we are here to serve you. ⁶ The God who spoke *light into existence*, saying, “Let light shine from the darkness,” is the very One who sets our hearts ablaze to shed light on the knowledge of God's glory *revealed* in the face of Jesus, the Anointed One.

**REMEMBER YOUR
NEWFOUND JOY IN THE
FAITH, NO MATTER WHAT
YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES**





Revelation 2:4-5

Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

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2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-5 (VOICE)

⁴ This is the kind of confidence we have in and through the Anointed toward our God. ⁵ *Don't be mistaken;* in and of ourselves we know we have little to offer, but any competence *or value* we have comes from God.

1 PETER 5:10 (VOICE)

¹⁰ After you have suffered for a little while, the God of grace who has called you [to His everlasting presence] through Jesus the Anointed will restore you, support you, strengthen you, and ground you.



EPAGGELIA – THE PROMISE



ROMANS 10:9-10 (VOICE)

⁹ So if you believe deep in your heart that God raised Jesus from the *pit of* death and if you voice your allegiance by confessing *the truth* that “Jesus is Lord,” then you will be saved! ¹⁰ Belief begins in the heart and leads to *a life that’s* right with God; confession departs from our lips and brings *eternal* salvation.



HEAVEN

Our Eternal Home

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1
(VOICE)

We know that if our earthly house—a mere tent *that can easily be taken down*—is destroyed, we will then live in an eternal home in the heavens, a building crafted by divine—not human—hands.