

The background of the slide features a warm, orange-toned sunset or sunrise sky. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a person, likely a parent, lifting a small child into the air. The child is positioned above the parent's head, with their legs bent and arms outstretched. The overall mood is joyful and hopeful.

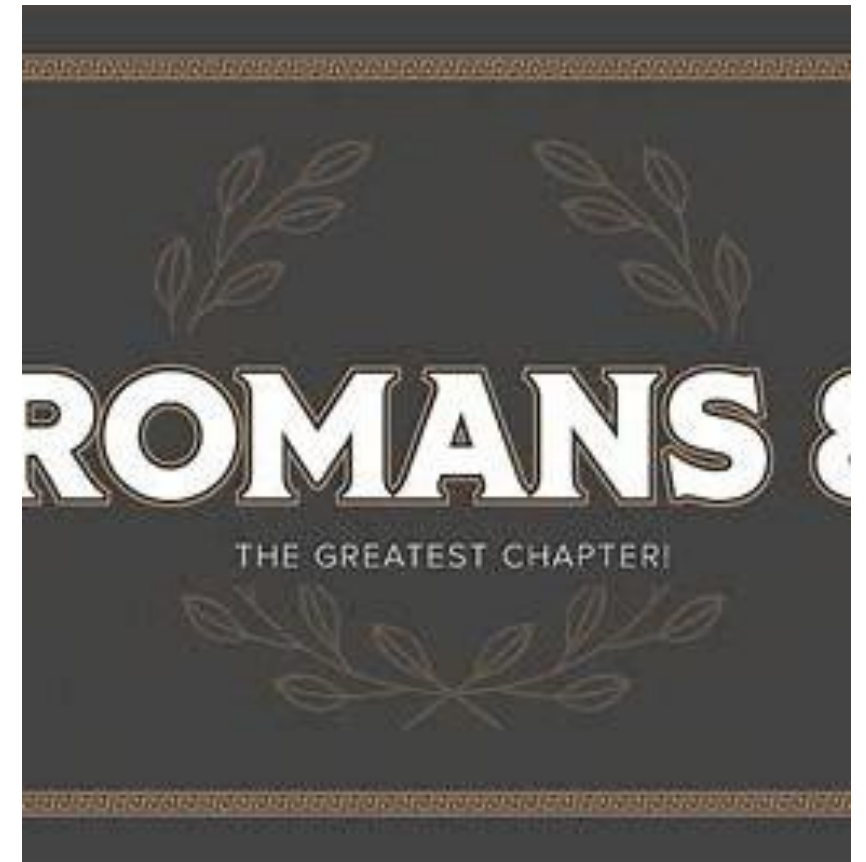
# The SALVATION Series

Part 12 - Adopted

# Introduction...

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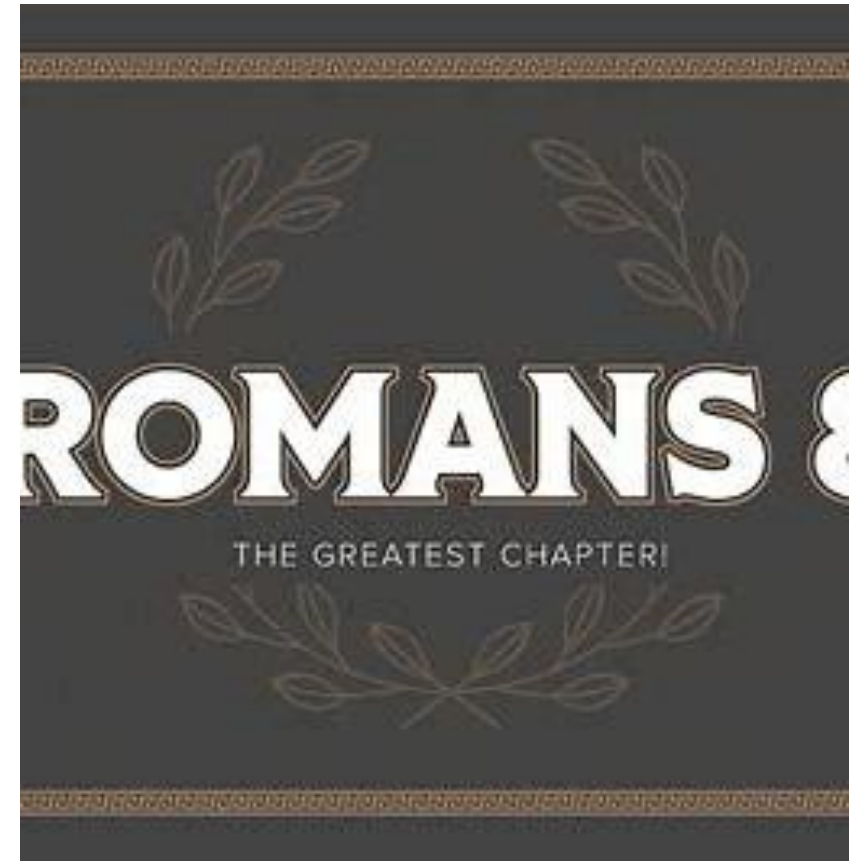
- *<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.*
- *<sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*
- *<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*
- *<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba,<sup>[e]</sup> Father.”*
- *<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:12-16*



# Intro...

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- As we continue our verse-by-verse study, we want to ensure that we are on the same page.
- We have studied Romans 8 up to verse 14 which spoke about being led and guided by the Holy Spirit as mature 'sons' of God.
- That part of us which was instantly transformed when we truly believed is the spirit man.
- We now have been empowered and equipped through that transformation along with the Holy Spirit of God that now indwells us.
- Let us now continue from verse 15...



# HOLY...

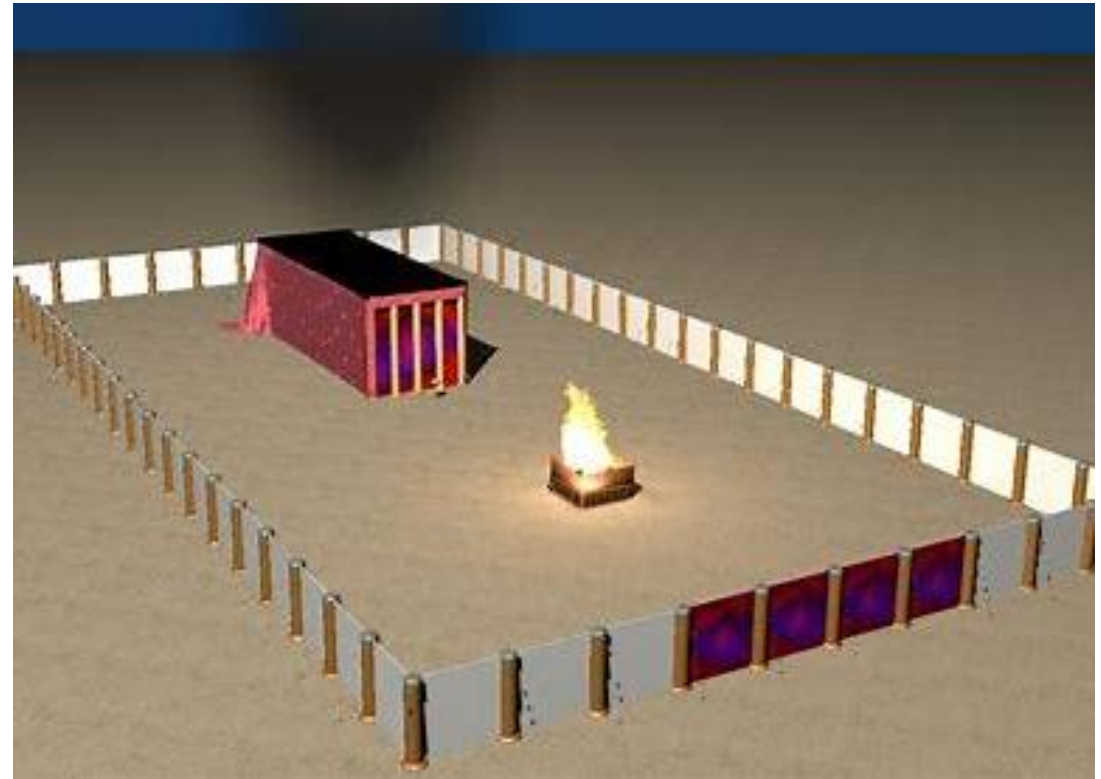
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- *<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”*
- We have RECEIVED the HOLY Spirit of GOD...let that sink in.
- The Holy Presence of God cannot stay within an unholy place.
- Your eyes are too pure to look on evil: you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Habakkuk 1:13



# Temple...

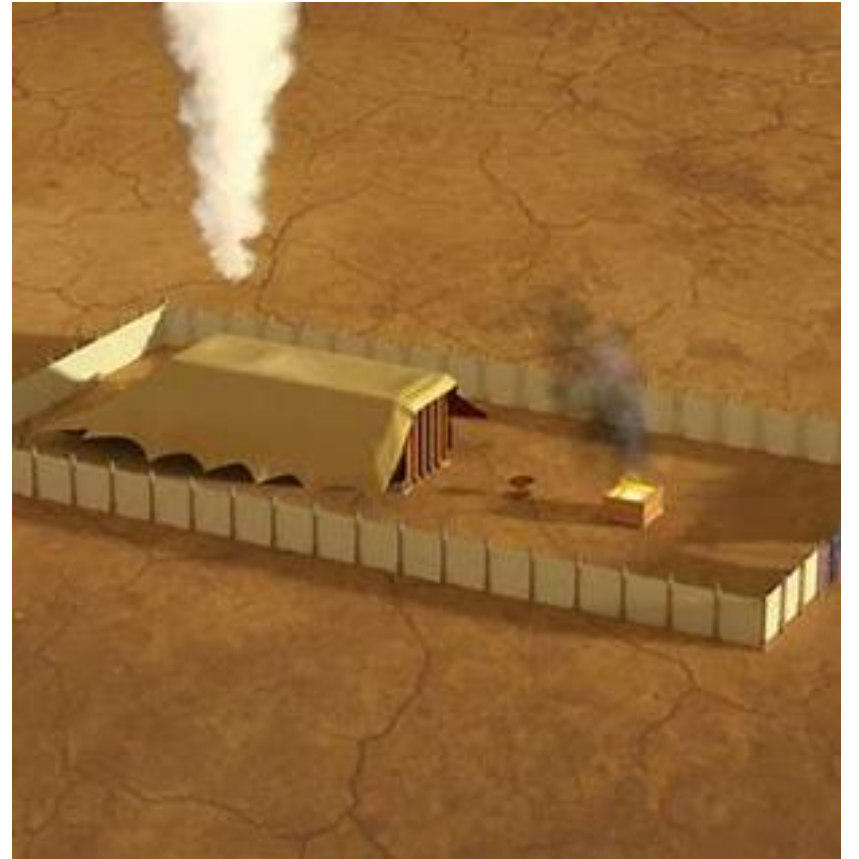
- The OT is the NT concealed or coded. The NT is the OT revealed or decoded.
- Let us now look at a curious Old Testament analogy.
- As many of us know, the Tabernacle or mobile temple in the wilderness was in three parts – Hebrews 9:2-3, Ex 27:9
- The Outer court, the Holy Place, Holy of Holies.
- The Bible in the NT calls us the Temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 3:16



# Temple...

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- Bible thinkers would teach us that this temple model represents us too.
- The outer court is our Body
- The Holy Place is our Soul
- The Holy of Holies is our spirit.
- God comes to 'dwell' in the most Holy place; the inner sanctum.
- In the same way the Holy Spirit of God comes to dwell in our inner man.
- *But the person who is joined to the Lord is ONESPIRIT with Him*  
1 Corinthians 6:17
- *And because you are sons, God has sent, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying "Abba Father"* Galatians 4:6





# Abba...

- ...the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father
- ADOPTION is a big word!!
- In the Roman world of the first century AD, the adopted son was deliberately chosen by his adoptive Father.
- He was to take on the name of his new Father and inherit his estate and perpetuate his name.
- This was a completely new life where all the old legal connection with past family were totally erased.
- All new legal rights applied, and all debts were cancelled.



# Adoption...

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- Adoption means Relocation
- It means a name change
- It means love and security
- It is a legal process
- There is a Beneficiary
- There is a Benefactor
- There is now Acceptance
- There is no more rejection
- There is Peace and Hope
- There is Joy and Rejoicing

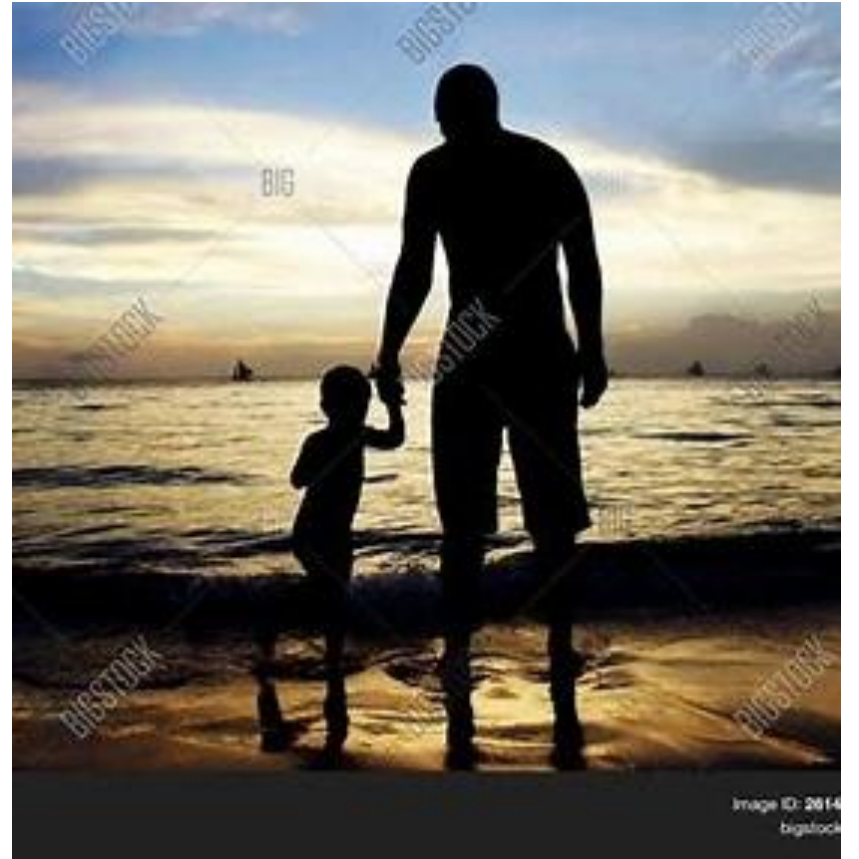


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# Daddy...

- We will touch on this theme of fatherhood later within Paul's epistles.
- The general idea is that your Soul no longer feels like an orphan and now has a Daddy!
- The deep deep sense of someone who is there for you and has a plan for your life
- This is not a fleeting feeling but a knowing that has come to stay.



# Heart to Heart...

- *<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*
- The SPIRIT bears witness with our spirit...
- This is a very deep and revealing text!



# SPIRIT to spirit...

- One of the first obvious things to note is that the HOLY SPIRIT is a different entity to our spirit.
- There is COMMUNICATION between the Holy Spirit and our spirit.
- The Holy Spirit says “you are mine forever”.
- Our spirit echoes “Thank You forever...”
- Deep in your heart is the unmovable knowing that you are loved, accepted and belong to the most powerful being in the universe.
- This CENTRES you completely irrespective of what the world or people throw at you.



*From Spirit to Spirit*

# Deep...

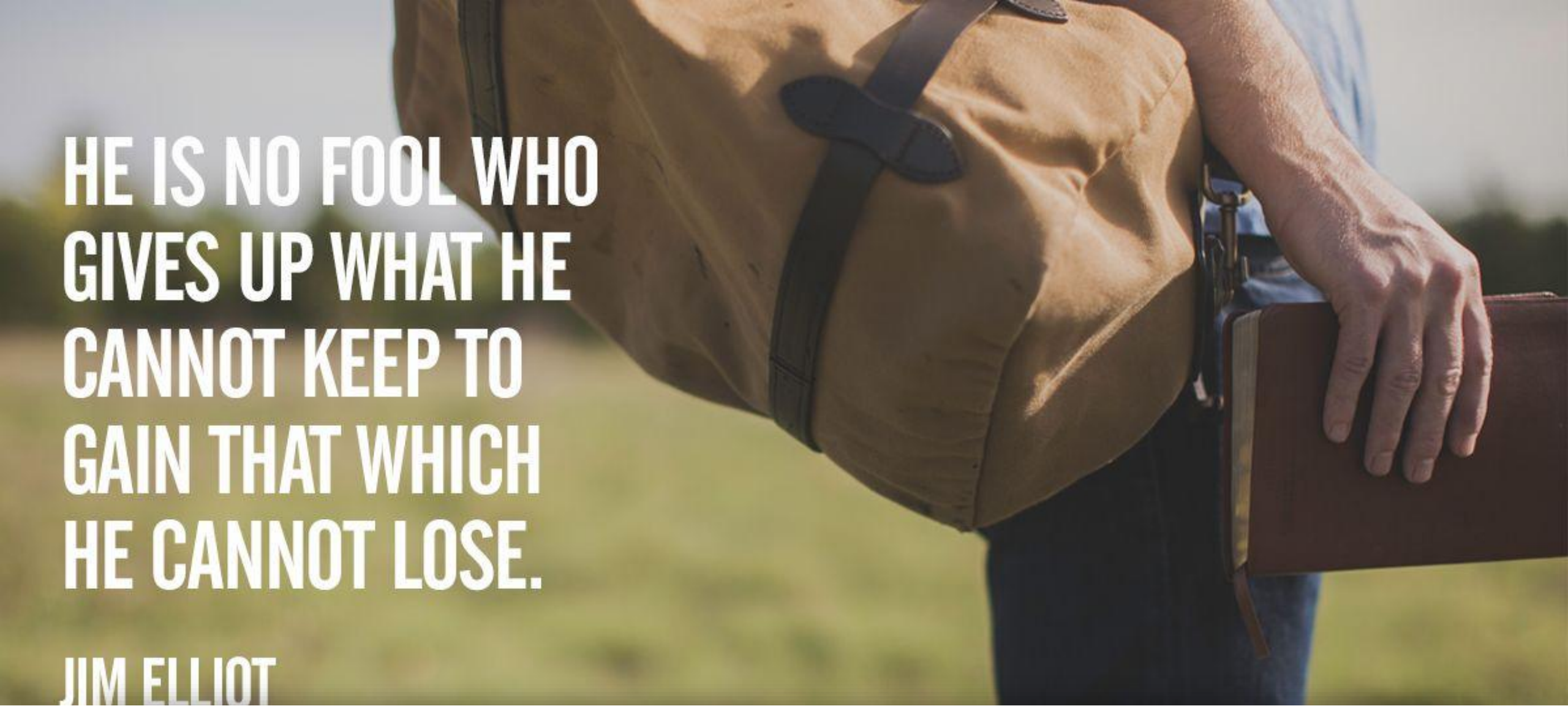
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- There is deep communication from God to your heart.
- We all need to cultivate this and learn to tune out the noise of our minds and the world!
- Allow the deep inner Peace of God to settle your soul, emotions, fears, random thoughts and distractions.
- The main AFFIRMATION we need is from God through His Spirit that dwells within our hearts.



# My Father...

- We are heirs and joints heirs with Christ...
- This revelation will make you wholly content with whatever God allows in your earthly life.
- Imagine you are the Child of the richest Man on the planet.
- You go on a trip to a poor nation and spend a year there on a mission.
- You sleep in the huts, eat the food and totally identify with the natives.
- You know that your time there is limited but you serve the poor and underprivileged.
- All that time, you never lose sight of your earthly worth or identity. You know you will go home one day.
- This is the mindset of a true believer. You ARE the Child of the RICHEST being in the whole universe.
- Whatever your lot, you bear it knowing that you are going HOME one day to RICHES beyond imagination.



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JIM ELLIOT

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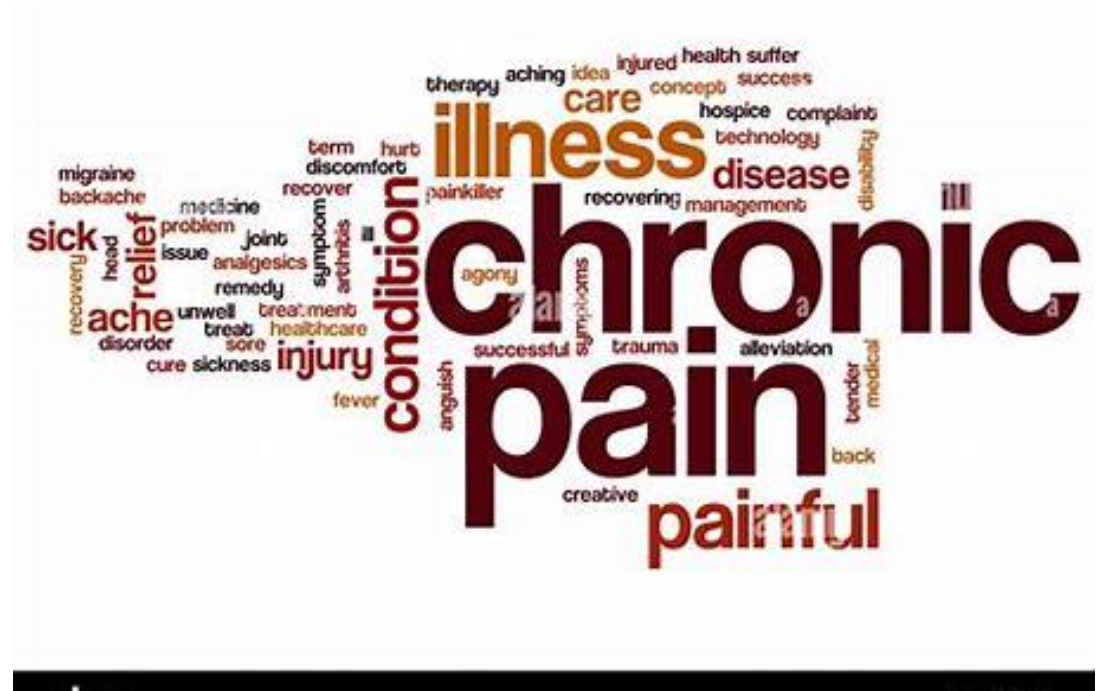
*“He is no fool, who gives what he cannot  
keep to gain what he cannot lose..”*

Jim Elliot



# I consider...

- 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- This verse is worth a whole week of seminars and sermons!
- It is the root of Jim Elliot's quote earlier on.
- Lets end on this note...



# Sufferings like...

- Slavery
  - Torture
  - Violence
  - Rape
  - Persecution
  - Betrayal
  - Injustice
  - Wars
- Bereavement
  - Accidents
  - Disasters
  - Poverty
  - Imprisonment
  - Racism
  - Chronic Sickness
  - Pain
  - Etc etc....

# Are You Serious?

- Sufferings not worthy to be compared!!??
- Burnt in oil!
- Sawn in two!
- Eyes gouged out!
- Family killed!
- Paul is saying by the Spirit of God that what we will be compensated with, will make any and all sufferings pale into insignificance
- THAT IS A BIG BIG CLAIM!!



# A Dream....

- Let's look at a scenario where you cut your little finger as a child and your parents got you the best doctor and nurses who made the pain go away with some local analgesic.
- They then took you to Disneyland with your best friends for a week, followed by a first-class trip to America and said you could all eat as much ice cream and sweets and chocolate as you like.
- By this time, your little cut has fully healed and then they say you don't have to go to school for a Year, but they will take you on to ten holiday trips and cruises just because of the little cut on your finger.
- By this time, you have forgotten the pain of the cut and caught up in a dream of enjoyment and fun and love



# Glory....

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- The Glory to be revealed...
- Eye has not seen, ear has not heard FULLY...
- We've got some of it but we only see through a dark pane of glass according to Paul.
- What dwells in Eternity will cause every tear and crying to stop.
- Every pain to be swallowed up with Joy!
- Its not a fantasy folks, this is real and worth dying for!!





# Family Time...

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- Talk about Heaven and what everyone imagines it may feel like...
- Allow everyone to share their fantasy of wonder and awe
- A trillion ice cream flavours, every thrill imaginable etc
- Then tell them everything they've imagined, will be multiplied by a billion times!
- Share how wonderful God is and how He has made a way through Christ for us to go there.
- Allow your kids to fantasize about God and Heaven in a healthy way

