The Great Cloud of Witnesses

1 As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds, each affirming faith’s reality. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life’s marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us.

2 We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith’s perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was filled with the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!

3 So consider carefully how Jesus faced such intense opposition from sinners who opposed their own souls, so that you won’t become worn down and cave in under life’s pressures, forgetting your destiny. 4 After all, you have not yet reached the point of sweating blood in your opposition to sin. 5 And have you forgotten his encouraging words spoken to you as his children? He said,

“My child, don’t underestimate the value of
The discipline and training of the Lord God.
Or get depressed when he has to correct you.
6 For the Lord’s training of your life
Is the evidence of his faithful love
And when he draws you to himself
It proves you are his delightful child.”
7 Fully embrace God’s correction as part of your training, for he is doing what any loving father does for his children. For who has ever heard of a child who never had to be corrected? 8 We all should welcome God’s discipline as the validation of authentic sonship. For if we have never once endured his correction it only proves we are strangers and not sons.

9 And isn’t it true that we respect our earthly fathers even though they corrected and disciplined us? Then we should demonstrate an even greater respect for God, our spiritual Father, as we submit to his life-giving discipline. 10 Our parents corrected us for the short time of our childhood as it seemed good to them. But God corrects us throughout our lives for our own good, giving us an invitation to share his holiness. 11 Now all discipline seems to be more pain than pleasure at the time, yet later it will produce a transformation of character, bringing a harvest of righteousness and peace to those who yield to it.

12 So be made strong even in your weakness by lifting up your tired hands in prayer and worship. And strengthen your weak knees, 13 for as you keep walking forward on God’s paths all your stumbling ways will be divinely healed!

14 In every relationship be swift to choose peace over competition, and run swiftly toward holiness, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. 15 Watch over each other to make sure that no one misses the revelation of God’s grace. And make sure no one lives with a root of bitterness sprouting within them which will only cause trouble and poison the hearts of many.

16 Be careful that no one among you lives in immorality, becoming careless about God’s blessings, like Esau who traded away his rights as the firstborn for a simple meal. 17 And we know
that later on when he wanted to inherit his father’s blessing, he was turned away, even though he begged for it with bitter tears, for it was too late then to repent.

**Entering into God’s Presence**

18 As we approach God we leave the natural realm behind. For we are not coming, as Moses did, to a physical mountain with its burning fire, thick clouds of darkness and gloom, and with a raging whirlwind. 19 We are not those who are being warned by the jarring blast of a trumpet and the thundering voice warning the people to keep their distance; the fearful voice that they begged to be silenced. 20 They couldn’t handle God’s command that said,

“If so much as an animal approaches the mountain
It is to be stoned to death!”

21 The astounding phenomena Moses witnessed caused him to shudder with fear and he could only say, “I am trembling in terror!”

22 By contrast, we have already come near to God in a totally different realm, the Zion-realm, for we have entered the city of the Living God, which is the New Jerusalem in heaven! We have joined the festal gathering of myriads of angels in their joyous celebration!

23 And as members of the Church of the Firstborn all our names have been legally registered as citizens of heaven! And we have come before God who judges all, and who lives among the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect in his eyes!
24 And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “Forgiveness,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “Justice.”

25 Make very sure that you never refuse to listen to God when he speaks! For the God who spoke on earth from Sinai is the same God who now speaks from heaven. Those who heard him speak his living Word on earth found nowhere to hide, so what chance is there for us to escape if we turn our backs on God and refuse to hear his warnings as he speaks from heaven?

26 The earth was rocked at the sound of his voice from the mountain, but now he has promised,

“Once and for all I will not only shake
The systems of the world,
But also the unseen powers
In the heavenly realm!”

27 Now this phrase “once and for all” clearly indicates the final removal of things that are shaking, that is, the old order, so only what is unshakeable will remain. 28 Since we are receiving our rights to an unshakeable kingdom we should be extremely thankful and offer God the purest worship that delights his heart as we lay down our lives in absolute surrender, filled with awe. 29 For our God is a holy, devouring Fire!
Salvation

We will make a list and pray with intentionality for the salvation of our unsaved family members. Father, we join You in calling for Your lost sons and daughters to come home. Let revival begin in our families!

- **Acts 16:25-34 (MSG)**

Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and singing a robust hymn to God. The other prisoners couldn’t believe their ears. Then, without warning, a huge earthquake! The jailhouse tottered, every door flew open, all the prisoners were loose. Startled from sleep, the jailer saw all the doors swinging loose on their hinges. Assuming that all the prisoners had escaped, he pulled out his sword and was about to do himself in, figuring he was as good as dead anyway, when Paul stopped him: “Don’t do that! We’re all still here! Nobody’s run away!” The jailer got a torch and ran inside. Badly shaken, he collapsed in front of Paul and Silas. He led them out of the jail and asked, “Sirs, what do I have to do to be saved, to really live?” They said, “Put your entire trust in the Master Jesus. Then you’ll live as you were meant to live—and everyone in your house included!” They went on to spell out in detail the story of the Master—the entire family got in on this part. They never did get to bed that night. The jailer made them feel at home, dressed their wounds, and then—he couldn’t wait till morning!—was baptized, he and everyone in his family. There in his home, he had food set out for a festive meal. It was a night to remember: He and his entire family had put their trust in God; everyone in the house was in on the celebration.

- **Isaiah 45:8 (AMP)**

Let fall in showers, you heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness [the pure, spiritual, heaven-born possibilities that have their foundation in the holy being of God]; let the earth open, and let them [skies and earth] sprout forth salvation, and let righteousness germinate and spring up [as plants do] together; I the Lord have created it.
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- Acts 3:19 (AMP)
  So repent (change your mind, attitude and purpose); turn around and return [to God], that your sins may be erased (blotted out, wiped clean), that times of refreshing (of recovering from the effects of heat, of reviving with fresh air) may come from the presence of the Lord.

- Luke 15:11-32 (TLB)
  To further illustrate the point, he told them this story: “A man had two sons. When the younger told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now, instead of waiting until you die!’ his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

  “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and took a trip to a distant land, and there wasted all his money on parties and prostitutes. About the time his money was gone a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him to feed his pigs. The boy became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the swine looked good to him. And no one gave him anything.

  “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired men have food enough and to spare, and here I am, dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired man.”’

  “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long distance away, his father saw him coming, and was filled with loving pity and ran and embraced him and kissed him.
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- Luke 15:11-32 (TLB) continued...

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and you, and am not worthy of being called your son—’

“But his father said to the slaves, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. And a jeweled ring for his finger; and shoes! And kill the calf we have in the fattening pen. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has returned to life. He was lost and is found.’ So the party began.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working; when he returned home, he heard dance music coming from the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on.

“‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the calf we were fattening and has prepared a great feast to celebrate his coming home again unharmed.’

“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve worked hard for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to; and in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after spending your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the finest calf we have on the place.’

“‘Look, dear son,’ his father said to him, ‘you and I are very close, and everything I have is yours. But it is right to celebrate. For he is your brother; and he was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’”
Deliverance & Restoration

We cry out for the deliverance and restoration of our families. Father, please set us free from any generational curses. Remove any root of bitterness that has defiled us. Jesus, Your blood proclaims a better Word over us; we want the DNA of Heaven to replace ours and be perpetuated in our lineages. This is the year of Jubilee; bring us out of bondage and debt as we repent of our sins and forgive our debtors. Baptize us afresh in the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord!

- **2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP)**

  Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

- **Exodus 15:22-26 (NLT)**

  Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the desert of Shur. They traveled in this desert for three days without finding any water. When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means “bitter”). Then the people complained and turned against Moses. “What are we going to drink?” they demanded. So Moses cried out to the Lord for help, and the Lord showed him a tree. Moses threw it into the water, and this made the water good to drink. It was there at Marah that the Lord set before them the following decree as a standard to test their faithfulness to him. He said, “If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you.”
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- **Leviticus 25:1, 8-13 (TLB)**

While Moses was on Mount Sinai, the Lord gave him these instructions for the people of Israel...

“Every fiftieth year, on the Day of Atonement, let the trumpets blow loud and long throughout the land. For the fiftieth year shall be holy, a time to proclaim liberty throughout the land to all enslaved debtors, and a time for the canceling of all public and private debts. It shall be a year when all the family estates sold to others shall be returned to the original owners or their heirs. What a happy year it will be! In it you shall not sow, nor gather crops nor grapes; for it is a holy Year of Jubilee for you. That year your food shall be the volunteer crops that grow wild in the fields. Yes, during the Year of Jubilee everyone shall return home to his original family possession; if he has sold it, it shall be his again!”

- **Matthew 6:14-15 (AMP)**

For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses.
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- **Matthew 18:21-35 (TLB)**

Then Peter came to him and asked, “Sir, how often should I forgive a brother who sins against me? Seven times?”

“No!” Jesus replied, “seventy times seven!

“The Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him $10 million! (literally 10,000 talents) He couldn’t pay, so the king ordered him sold for the debt, also his wife and children and everything he had.

“But the man fell down before the king, his face in the dust, and said, ‘Oh, sir, be patient with me and I will pay it all.’

“Then the king was filled with pity for him and released him and forgave his debt.

“But when the man left the king, he went to a man who owed him $2,000 (literally 100 denarii) and grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.
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- **Matthew 18:21-35 (TLB) continued...**

“The man fell down before him and begged him to give him a little time. ‘Be patient and I will pay it,’ he pled.

“But his creditor wouldn’t wait. He had the man arrested and jailed until the debt would be paid in full.

“Then the man’s friends went to the king and told him what had happened. And the king called before him the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil-hearted wretch! Here I forgave you all that tremendous debt, just because you asked me to— shouldn’t you have mercy on others, just as I had mercy on you?’

“Then the angry king sent the man to the torture chamber until he had paid every last penny due. So shall my heavenly Father do to you if you refuse to truly forgive your brothers.”

- **Colossians 3:13 (TLB)**

Be gentle and ready to forgive; never hold grudges. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.
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- **Proverbs 14:27 (AMP)**
  Reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death.

- **Proverbs 19:23 (AMP)**
  The reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it rests satisfied; he cannot be visited with [actual] evil.

- **Deuteronomy 6:2 (TLB)**
  The purpose of these laws is to cause you, your sons, and your grandsons to reverence the Lord your God by obeying all of His instructions as long as you live; if you do, you will have long, prosperous years ahead of you.
We want our family members to run with endurance in the race that is set before them; therefore, we pray for the health and vitality of their spirits, souls (minds, wills & emotions) and bodies. We intercede especially for those who are weak and sick, asking You, O God, to strengthen and heal them. Merciful Father, rich in Grace, we also ask You to make our paths smooth and straight.

- Isaiah 35:3-10 (VOICE)

So, with confidence and hope in this message, strengthen those with feeble hands, shore up the weak-kneed and weary.
Tell those who worry, the anxious and fearful, “Take strength; have courage! There’s nothing to fear. Look, here—your God! Right here is your God! The balance is shifting; God will right all wrongs. None other than God will give you success. He is coming to make you safe.”
Then, such healing, such repair: the eyes of the blind will be opened; the ears of the deaf will be clear.
The lame will leap like deer excited; they will run and jump tirelessly and gracefully.
The stutterer, the stammerer, and the tongue of the mute will sing out loud and clear in joyful song.
Waters will pour through the deserts; streams will flow in godforsaken lands.
Burning sands and hardened wastelands will become pools, shimmering with life; the thirsty ground will drink deep from refreshing springs.
Abandoned villages where predators once lurked will become grassy playgrounds. Dry, arid land will turn lush and green.
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- **Isaiah 35:3-10 (VOICE) continued...**

And the road to this happy renovation will be clearly signed.
   People will declare the way itself to be holy—the route, “sacred.”
Only those who are right with God
   will be able to walk its pleasant path,
And nobody—no visitor, no dimwit—will get lost along it.
There’ll be no lions lying in wait, no predators or dangers in sight.
   Only those made right with God will journey there.
Those whom the Eternal One has recalled from a punishing exile,
   they will go along so easily. They will walk this path,
Come waltzing to Zion, singing their way
   to that place of right relation to God.
An aura of joy never-ending will attend them;
   they will clasp gladness and joy to their hearts,
While sadness and despair evaporate into thin air.

- **3 John 1:2 (NKJV)**

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
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- **Proverbs 4:20-27 (VOICE)**

  My son, pay attention to all the words I am telling you.
  Lean in closer so you may hear all I say.
  Keep them before you; meditate on them;
  set them safely in your heart.
  For those who discover them, they are life.
  They bring wholeness and healing to their bodies.
  Above all else, watch over your heart; diligently guard it
  because from a sincere and pure heart come the good and noble things of life.
  Do away with any talk that twists and distorts the truth;
  have nothing to do with any verbal trickery.
  Keep your head up, your eyes straight ahead,
  and your focus fixed on what is in front of you.
  Take care you don’t stray from the straight path, the way of truth,
  and you will safely reach the end of your road.
  Do not veer off course to the right or the left;
  step away from evil, and leave it behind.
Health & Healing (Spirit, Soul + Body)

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- Acts 4:7-10 (AMP)

And they set the men in their midst and repeatedly demanded, ‘By what sort of power or by what kind of authority did [such people as] you do this [healing]?’

Then Peter, [because he was] filled with [and controlled by] the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and members of the council (the Sanhedrin), if we are being put on trial [here] today and examined concerning a good deed done to benefit a feeble (helpless) cripple, by what means this man has been restored to health, let it be known and understood by all of you, and by the whole house of Israel, that in the name and through the power and authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, [but] Whom God raised from the dead, in Him and by means of Him this man is standing here before you well and sound in body.’
Awaken Love

Father, stir the embers of hearts so that our loved ones will burn hot with wholehearted love and devotion for Jesus! We want them to have a vibrant relationship with the triune God, to have abundant life in Jesus and to bear much fruit that remains.

- Revelation 3:14-22 (VOICE)

Write down My words, and send them to the messenger of the church in Laodicea. “These are the words of the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of God’s creation:

“I know your works. You are neither cold with apathy nor hot with passion. It would be better if you were one or the other, but you are neither. So because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. You claim, ‘I am rich, I have accumulated riches, and I need nothing’; but you do not realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked. So here is what I suggest you do: buy true gold from Me (gold refined by fire so that you can be truly rich), white garments (to cover you so that you can keep the shame of your nakedness from showing), and eye ointment (to treat your eyes so that you may see clearly).

“Those I love I also correct and discipline. Therefore, be shamelessly committed to Me, and turn back. Now pay attention; I am standing at the door and knocking. If any of you hear My voice and open the door, then I will come in to visit with you and to share a meal at your table, and you will be with Me.

“The one who conquers through faithfulness even unto death I will place next to Me on My throne, just as I Myself conquered and took a place of honor with My Father on His throne.

“Let the person who is able to hear, listen to and follow what the Spirit proclaims to all the churches.”
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- Mark 12:28-34 (VOICE)

One of the scribes who studied and copied the Hebrew Scriptures overheard this conversation and was impressed by the way Jesus had answered.

Scribe: Tell me, Teacher. What is the most important thing that God commands in the law?

Jesus: The most important commandment is this: “Hear, O Israel, the Eternal One is our God, and the Eternal One is the only God. You should love the Eternal, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second great commandment is this: “Love others in the same way you love yourself.” There are no commandments more important than these.

Scribe: Teacher, You have spoken the truth. For there is one God and only one God, and to love God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves are more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice we could ever give.

Jesus heard that the man had spoken with wisdom.

Jesus: Well said; if you understand that, then the kingdom of God is closer than you think.

Nobody asked Jesus any more questions after that.
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- **Song of Solomon 8:5-7 (GW)**

  Who is this young woman coming from the wilderness with her arm around [leaning on] her Beloved?

  ...Wear me as a signet ring [seal] on your heart, as a ring on your hand.

  Love is as overpowering as death.

  Devotion is as unyielding as the grave.

  Love’s flames are flames of fire, [blazing] flames that come from the Lord.

  Raging water cannot extinguish love, and rivers will never wash it away.

  If a man exchanged all his family’s wealth for love, people would utterly despise him.

- **John 15:5,8,16-17 (VOICE)**

  I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I in you, you will bear great fruit. Without Me, you will accomplish nothing... Your abundant growth and your faithfulness as My followers will bring glory to the Father... You did not choose Me. I chose you, and I orchestrated all of this so that you would be sent out and bear great and perpetual fruit. As you do this, anything you ask the Father in My name will be done. This is My command to you: love one another.
Father, stir the embers of hearts so that our loved ones will burn hot with wholehearted love and devotion for Jesus! We want them to have a vibrant relationship with the triune God, to have abundant life in Jesus and to bear much fruit that remains.

- Ephesians 3:14-21 (VOICE)

It is for this reason that I bow my knees before the Father, after whom all families in heaven above and on earth below receive their names, and pray:

Father, out of Your honorable and glorious riches, strengthen Your people. Fill their souls with the power of Your Spirit so that through faith the Anointed One will reside in their hearts. May love be the rich soil where their lives take root. May it be the bedrock where their lives are founded so that together with all of Your people they will have the power to understand that the love of the Anointed is infinitely long, wide, high, and deep, surpassing everything anyone previously experienced. God, may Your fullness flood through their entire beings.

Now to the God who can do so many awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things, things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us, to Him be all glory in the church and in Jesus the Anointed from this generation to the next, forever and ever. Amen.
Protection from the Evil One

We are establishing a firewall in the spirit to protect our loved ones against deception, ensnaring sin, compromise and the oppression of the enemy. Our desire is for our families to walk in righteousness, purity and holiness before our God who is a consuming fire.

- Isaiah 59:19 (NKJV)

So shall they fear
The name of the Lord from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun;
When the enemy comes in like a flood,
The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

- Psalm 60:4-5 (VOICE)

You have unfurled a banner for [over] those who revere You,
a signal to gather in safety out of the enemy’s reach.
So that Your treasured ones may be saved,
rescue us with Your right hand, and answer our pleas!

- 1 John 5:18 (VOICE)

We all know that everyone fathered by God will not make sin a way of life because God protects His children from the evil one, and the evil one can’t touch them.
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- **John 17:15-19 (TLB)**
  
  “[Holy Father,] I’m not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from Satan’s power. They are not part of this world any more than I am. Make them pure and holy through teaching them Your words of truth. As You sent Me into the world, I am sending them into the world, and I consecrate Myself to meet their need for growth in truth and holiness.”

- **Matthew 6:13 (NLT)**
  
  And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

- **Psalm 119:133 (EXB)**
  
  Guide my steps [Steady my feet] as You promised; don’t let any sin control [dominate] me.
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- **Psalm 3 (VOICE)**

Eternal One, my adversaries are many, too many to count.
   Now they have taken a stand against me!
Right to my face they say,
   “God will not save you!”
But You, Eternal One, wrap around me like an impenetrable shield.
   You give me glory and lift my eyes up to the heavens.
I lift my voice to You, Eternal One,
   and You answer me from Your sacred heights.
I lie down at night and fall asleep.
   I awake in the morning—healthy, strong, vibrant—because the Eternal supports me.
No longer will I fear my tens of thousands of enemies
   who have surrounded me!
Rise up, O Eternal One!
   Rescue me, O God!
For You have dealt my enemies a strong blow to the jaw!
   You have shattered their teeth! Do so again.
Liberation truly comes from the Eternal.
   Let Your blessings shower down upon Your people.
Walking in the Fullness

We are contending for the greatness (maturity, growth, destiny) of our families! We want them to fulfill the purposes of God in their generations as well as to lay hold of those things for which Christ has laid hold of them.

- **Ephesians 4:11-16 (VOICE)**

It was the risen One who handed down to us such gifted leaders—some emissaries [apostles], some prophets, some evangelists, as well as some pastor-teachers—so that God’s people would be thoroughly equipped to minister and build up the body of the Anointed One. These ministries will continue until we are unified in faith and filled with the knowledge of the Son of God, until we stand mature in His teachings and fully formed in the likeness of the Anointed, our Liberating King. Then we will no longer be like children, tossed around here and there upon ocean waves, picked up by every gust of religious teaching spoken by liars or swindlers or deceivers. Instead, by truth spoken in love, we are to grow in every way into Him—the Anointed One, the head. 16 He joins and holds together the whole body with its ligaments providing the support needed so each part works to its proper design to form a healthy, growing, and mature body that builds itself up in love.

- **Hebrews 5:12-6:1 (GW)**

By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word. You need milk, not solid food. All those who live on milk lack the experience to talk about what is right. They are still babies. However, solid food is for mature people, whose minds are trained by practice to know the difference between good and evil. With this in mind, we should stop going over the elementary truths about Christ and move on to topics for more mature people. We shouldn’t repeat the basics about turning away from the useless things we did and the basics about faith in God.
Walking in the Fullness

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- **Philippians 3:12-16 (VOICE)**

I’m not there yet, nor have I become perfect; but I am charging on to gain anything and everything the Anointed One, Jesus, has in store for me—and nothing will stand in my way because He has grabbed me and won’t let me go. Brothers and sisters, as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there’s one thing I am doing: I’m leaving my old life behind, putting everything on the line for this mission. I am sprinting toward the only goal that counts: to cross the line, to win the prize, and to hear God’s call to resurrection life found exclusively in Jesus the Anointed. All of us who are mature ought to think the same way about these matters. If you have a different attitude, then God will reveal this to you as well. [If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you’ll see it yet!] For now, let’s hold on to what we have been shown and keep in step with these teachings. [Now that we’re on the right track, let’s stay on it.]

- **Acts 13:36 (NIV)**

“Now when [after] David had served God’s purpose [will] in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.”

- **2 Peter 3:14-18 (AMP)**

But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge (become better acquainted with) and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Messiah. To Him be glory, honor, majesty, and splendor both now and to the day of eternity. Amen!