



KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Deuteronomy 33-34
- Joshua 1-6
- II Corinthians 3

Title:

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

- Diagnosis: "Cyclitis"
- Pattern Interrupt
- Wall-Breakers

"It's time to go over the wall." Those were his words after I explained what had transpired over the past six weeks. The whole thing seemed to climax on the previous Friday night after I presented "Scorched Earth." And when I woke on Saturday morning it felt like the first day of Summer vacation. The pressure was off and I was relaxed for the first time in more than a month. I instantly had a vision of a sprinter running through the finish line, breaking the tape. "You run through the tape, not to the tape," I heard. And then the thought settled in, "Now I can slowly glide to a stop over the next few weeks as we complete this year's cycle, like a sprinter who slows down gently, so he does not hit the wall." Run through the tape, not to the tape, and then ease up slowly. This is what I thought would happen, until I woke up on Sunday morning. Summer vacation was over.

"It's time to go over the wall." My dear brother's words at dinner that night, just days after my vision of the sprinter, had vibrated my eardrums, but not instantly reached my brain. I shook loose from my momentary vacant stare. "Maybe you have to climb the wall, not stop at the wall." His clarifying words testified to what I already knew to be true. Between those two moments, the vision Saturday morning and dinner the following Thursday night, I had already composed the first of the final two messages, and there was no indication that anything was slowing down. Naturally, the only possibilities would be to climb over or break through, but stopping at the wall was clearly not an option. Something new was coming!

Friday evening I delivered "Post Mortem Imperative." Then, Saturday morning God gave me yet another vision, this for the young adult study that morning—W. A. R. (Warring Against Repentance). It's about the internal war against our own repentance, the craving we have to erase our repentant hearts, just so we can cycle back to our lustful sins—cycle back. I woke again Sunday morning to begin preparation, this time for the final chapter in the saga, this very message. As usual, I had great anticipation that the Lord would speak. Although, I have to admit, what He was about to reveal far exceeded anything I could ever imagine.

This short introduction will not suffice; you will need to listen to the message in its entirety. However, I will say this; the plan of cycling through the Torah portions, year-after-year, ending with Deuteronomy 34 and beginning immediately again with Genesis 1, is a double-edged sword. On one edge, by repeating the cycle we learn to recognize and rehearse the amazing patterns from the Torah that inspire New Testament teachings again and again. And, on the other edge, it seems to have engrained something ominous into mankind's psyche. Why? Because just when it's time to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land, we learn to STOP! Go back to the beginning and start all over again.

And isn't that precisely what all of mankind has done, repeatedly? It's the story of man: command, fail, repent, forgiven... repeat. What are the possibilities if we just keep going? Instead of Deuteronomy and back to Genesis, let's march

straight ahead into Joshua. Let's go over the wall! Let's break free of this earth's gravitational pull. Gravity is a natural phenomenon by which all things with mass are brought toward one another, the force of attraction between any two masses. One mass is mankind, the other is sin! In other words, we are strongly attracted to the gravitational pull of being a sinful human; but what if we just went forward? What if we accepted that we are no longer just human? What if we brought an end to the beginning? Let's dare to cross the finish line, accelerate a little, and scale that wall. What's on the other side? I think it's what we've all been looking for. Dare we believe? Might we look in the mirror one day and see the glory of the Lord staring back at us? Dare we believe?

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"Now Joshua the son of Nun **was full of the spirit of wisdom**, for **Moses had laid his hands on him**; so **the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses**." Deuteronomy 34:9 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

"But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

DIAGNOSIS: "CYCLITIS"

1. The Amazon Christian

A. CFO Christianity (Cheap, Fast, Options) See: [Seeker Friendly](#)

(1) Cheap

- (a) **I don't think what I got should cost me anything**: "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as **he was not able to pay**, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The **servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'** Then the master of that servant was **moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt**. "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants **who owed him a hundred denarii**; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, '**Pay me what you owe!**' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, '**Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.**' And **he would not**, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. **Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'** And his master was angry, and **delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him**. "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, **does not forgive his brother his trespasses**.'" Matthew 18:23-35 NKJV
- (b) "And **whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple**. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not **sit down first and count the cost**, whether he has enough to finish it—"...So likewise, **whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple**." Luke 14:27-28, 33 NKJV

(c) “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own? For you were bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV

(d) “For to me, **to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**” Philippians 1:21 NKJV

(2) Fast

(a) “**You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss,** that you may **spend it on your pleasures.**” James 4:3 NKJV

(b) “And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, **he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also,** that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter said to him, “**Your money perish with you,** because **you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!** You **have neither part nor portion** in this matter, for **your heart is not right in the sight of God.**” Acts 8:18-21 NKJV

(c) ...“**We must through many tribulations** enter the kingdom of God.”” Acts 14:22 NKJV

(d) “Therefore, having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and **rejoice in hope** of the glory of God. And not only that, but **we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.** Now **hope does not disappoint,** because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:1-5 NKJV

(e) “**Be anxious for nothing,** but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

(f) “But **those who wait on the Lord** Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31 NKJV

(3) Options

(a) “**When they heard these things** they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth... ...Then **they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord;** and they **cast him out of the city and stoned him.** And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.” Acts 7:54, 57-58 NKJV

(b) “And they all cried out at once, saying, “**Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas**”— who had been thrown into prison for a **certain rebellion** made in the city, and for murder. Pilate, therefore, **wishing to release Jesus,** again called out to them. But they shouted, saying, “**Crucify Him, crucify Him!**” Then he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.” **But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified.** And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. And **he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder** had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.” Luke 23:18-25 NKJV

(c) **What is the truth?!** “Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that **I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**” Pilate said to Him, “**What is truth?**” And when he had

said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, **“I find no fault in Him at all.** But you have a custom that I should **release someone to you at the Passover.** Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **Then they all cried again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas!”** Now Barabbas was a robber.” John 18:37-40 NKJV

- (d) “Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, **“Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”** ...But the **chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes** that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ...And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children.” Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.” Matthew 27:17, 20, 25-26 NKJV
- (e) “But **the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas** to them. ...So Pilate, **wanting to gratify the crowd,** released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.” Mark 15:11, 15 NKJV
- (f) **“Against You, You only, have I sinned,** And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.” Psalms 51:4 NKJV
- (g) “You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. **You shall not follow a crowd** to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice.” Exodus 23:1-2 NKJV
- (h) “There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called in **one** hope of your calling; **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; **one** God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Ephesians 4:4-6 NKJV
- (i) “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they **teach no other doctrine,**” 1 Timothy 1:3 NKJV
- (j) “Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know **concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law,** yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”” John 7:16-19 NKJV (*“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”* John 5:46-47 NKJV)
- (k) **“Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!** For what good is the day of the Lord to you? It will be darkness, and not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? **“I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.** Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. **Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.**” Amos 5:18-23 NKJV
- (l) [Woe to you]... **“Who sing idly** to the sound of stringed instruments, And **invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;**” Amos 6:5 NKJV

(4) What's got to change?!

- (a) “and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that **he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’**—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.” Deuteronomy 29:19 NKJV
- (b) “For **the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**” Romans 11:29 NKJV
- (c) “For **it is impossible** for those who were **once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away,** to renew them again to repentance, **since they crucify again** for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.” Hebrews 6:4-6 NKJV
- (d) “**They went out from us, but they were not of us;** for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, **that none of them were of us.**” I John 2:19 NKJV

B. Cyclitis

(1) Command, Fail, Repent, Forgiven...[IMMATURE] Repeat

- (a) “For **though by this time you ought to be teachers,** you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **But solid food belongs to those who are of full age,** that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV
- (b) “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection,** not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **And this we will do if God permits.**” Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV

(2) Command, Fail, Repent, Forgiven...[GRACE] Repeat

- (a) Don’t you think it’s time to stop the excuses? “Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, **so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign** through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 5:20-21 NKJV
- (b) Grace is NOT an excuse to stay the way you are! “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!** How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” Romans 6:1-2 NKJV

PATTERN INTERRUPT

2. Why stop at the wall, AGAIN?

A. Why me?

(1) Prophetic Moments in History

- (a) “Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, **and the Lord had given him rest** from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “**See now,** I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.” **Then Nathan said** to the king, “**Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you.**”” II Samuel 7:1-3 NKJV

- (b) "Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, **have I ever spoken a word to anyone** from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, **saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"** II Samuel 7:7 NKJV
 - (c) ""When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, **I will set up your seed after you**, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **He shall build a house for My name**, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." II Samuel 7:12-13 NKJV
 - (d) "**For Your word's sake**, and **according to Your own heart**, **You have done** all these great things, **to make Your servant know them.**" II Samuel 7:21 NKJV
 - (e) "**Then David gave his son Solomon the plans** for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; ... "All this," said David, **"the Lord made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."**" I Chronicles 28:11-12, 19 NKJV
- (2) The Story of Mankind
- (a) **Faith: (Hebrews 11:1-3)** "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 NKJV
 - (b) **Adam: (Hebrews 11:4-6)** "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks." Hebrews 11:4 NKJV
 - (c) **Noah: (Hebrews 11:7)** "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." Hebrews 11:7 NKJV
 - (d) **Abraham (Isaac/Jacob/Israel named): (Hebrews 11:8-22)** "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8 NKJV
 - (e) **Moses: (Hebrews 11:23-26)** "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter," Hebrews 11:24 NKJV
 - (f) **Israel (as bride): (Hebrews 11:27-40)** "By faith he kept the **Passover** and the **sprinkling of blood**, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them." Hebrews 11:28 NKJV
 - (g) **Disciples/Church: (Hebrews 12:1-2)** "**looking unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2 NKJV
 - (h) **Revealing of God's Children: Hebrews (12:3-17)** "But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, **then you are illegitimate and not sons.**" Hebrews 12:8 NKJV
 - (i) **Glorious liberty of God's Children:)Hebrews 12:18-29)** "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, **to the spirits of just men made**

perfect,” ...“Therefore, since **we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”** Hebrews 12:22-23, 28 NKJV

B. Deuteronomy 33 & 34 (Portions of Today's Torah Portion!)

(1) The last steps before the wall!

- (a) “Moses **commanded a law for us, A heritage of the congregation of Jacob.**” Deuteronomy 33:4 NKJV
- (b) “**What advantage then has the Jew,** or what is the profit of circumcision? **Much in every way!** Chiefly because to them were committed **the oracles of God.**” Romans 3:1-2 NKJV
- (c) “So **Moses** the servant of the Lord **died** there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 34:5 NKJV
- (d) “Moses was **one hundred and twenty years** old when he died. **His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.**” Deuteronomy 34:7 NKJV
- (e) “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; **yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.**”” Genesis 6:3 NKJV
- (f) “And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So **the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.**” Deuteronomy 34:8 NKJV
- (g) “Now Joshua the son of Nun was **full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him**; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.” Deuteronomy 34:9 NKJV
- (h) “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy **with the laying on of the hands** of the eldership.” I Timothy 4:14 NKJV
- (i) “**Do not lay hands on anyone hastily,** nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.” I Timothy 5:22 NKJV
- (j) “For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**” Acts 8:16-17 NKJV
- (k) “And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and **laying his hands on him** he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may **receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”” Acts 9:17 NKJV
- (l) “And **when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them,** and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.” Acts 19:6 NKJV
- (m) “But **since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,** in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, **and by all that mighty power** and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.” Deuteronomy 34:10-12 NKJV [THE END]

C. Something more...Hebrews 4 like never before!

(1) Joshua was a stepping stone, but not the destiny...

- (a) The “Therefore, since **a promise remains of entering His rest,** let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed **the gospel was preached to us as well as to them;** but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in those who heard it.” Hebrews 4:1-2 NKJV
- (b) “For **we who have believed do enter that rest,** as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.** For He has spoken in a certain place

of the seventh day in this way: “And **God rested on the seventh day from all His works**” [Gen. 2:2]; and again in this place: “**They shall not** *[never, NIV]* **enter My rest. [Ps. 95:11]**” Hebrews 4:3-5 NKJV

- (c) “For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. **Today, if you will hear His voice:** “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ‘**It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.**’ So I swore in My wrath, ‘**They shall not enter My rest.**’ ”” Psalms 95:7-11 NKJV
- (d) “For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those **who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**” Hebrews 3:16-19 NKJV
- (e) “**Since therefore it remains** that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached **did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day,** saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts.**”” Hebrews 4:6-7 NKJV
- (f) “For **if Joshua had given them rest,** then He would not afterward have spoken **of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.** For **he who has entered His rest** has himself also ceased from his works **as God did from His.**” Hebrews 4:8-10 NKJV
- (g) “Let us therefore **be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.** For **the word of God is living** and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is **no creature hidden from His sight,** but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:11-13 NKJV
- (h) “Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,** but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,** that we may obtain mercy and find grace **to help in time of need.**” Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV

(2) The “Something more”...

- (a) “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue,** to virtue **knowledge,** to knowledge **self-control,** to self-control **perseverance,** to perseverance **godliness,** to godliness **brotherly kindness,** and to brotherly kindness **love.**” II Peter 1:5-7 NKJV

D. Aligning Forward Progress

- (1) **Virtue (II Peter 1:5-7):** *What is right in God’s eyes? What is on God’s heart? What does God think about it (anything)?*
 - (a) “After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that **the Lord spoke** to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, **saying:**” Joshua 1:1 NKJV
 - (b) “**In the beginning** God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.” Genesis 1:1-2 NKJV
 - (c) “**Then God said,** “Let there be light”; and there was light.” Genesis 1:3 NKJV

- (d) "Then **God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.** So the evening and the morning were the sixth day." Genesis 1:31 NKJV
- (2) **Knowledge (II Peter 1:5-7):** *I need to know what to do with what I know is on God's heart!*
- (a) "'Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, **arise, go over this Jordan,** you and all this people, to **the land which I am giving** to them—the children of Israel." Joshua 1:2 NKJV
- (b) "Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, **were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day** from all His work which He had done. Then **God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested** from all His work which God had created and made." Genesis 2:1-3 NKJV
- (c) Lie in the garden: "**The Lord God planted a garden** eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. **And out of the ground** the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. **The tree of life** was also in the midst of the garden, and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**" Genesis 2:8-9 NKJV
- (d) Rules in the Garden: "Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, **'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,** for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'" Genesis 2:15-17 NKJV
- (3) **Self-Control (II Peter 1:5-7):** *You know what to do, now do it!*
- (a) "**Every place** that the sole of your foot will tread upon **I have given you,** as I said to Moses." Joshua 1:3 NKJV
- (b) "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, **'Has God indeed said,** 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" Genesis 3:1 NKJV
- (c) "And the woman said to the serpent, **'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree** which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, **'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it,** lest you die.' "" Genesis 3:2-3 NKJV
- (d) "So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, **and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.**" Genesis 3:24 NKJV
- (4) **Perseverance (II Peter 1:5-7):** *You know what to do, now do it, and keep doing it, forever. Perseverance is permanent self-control.*
- (a) "From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, **shall be your territory.**" Joshua 1:4 NKJV
- (b) "Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now **Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.**" Genesis 4:1-2 NKJV
- (c) "**And in the process of time** it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And **Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.**" Genesis 4:3-5 NKJV

- (d) **“So now you are cursed from the earth [land],** which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”” Genesis 4:11-12 NKJV
- (e) “And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has appointed **another seed** for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.” And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Ē ‘nosh. **Then men began to call on the name of the Lord.**” Genesis 4:25-26 NKJV
- (5) **Godliness (II Peter 1:5-7):** *Godliness is when a man lives with wholistic integrity. His spirit, soul and body are in complete alignment with God’s will.*
- (a) life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. **I will not leave you nor forsake you.**” Joshua 1:5 NKJV
- (b) “This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. **In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.** He created them male and female, **and blessed them and called them Mankind** in the day they were created.” Genesis 5:1-2 NKJV
- (c) “Therefore, just as **through one man sin** entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. **Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses,** even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam [*sin was stuck in man’s DNA*], **who is a type of Him who was to come.** But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the **one man’s offense many died,** much more the grace of God and the gift by the **grace** of the **one Man,** Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. **For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one,** much more those who receive abundance of **grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**” Romans 5:12-17 NKJV
- (6) **Brotherly Kindness (II Peter 1:5-7):** *A life of godliness lived for others who look on and can emulate your example!*
- (a) **“Be strong and of good courage,** for to this people **you shall divide** as an **inheritance** the land which **I swore** to their fathers to give them.” Joshua 1:6 NKJV
- (b) “Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, **“My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,** for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”” Genesis 6:1-3 NKJV
- (c) “There were **giants on the earth** in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.” Genesis 6:4 NKJV
- (d) **“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man** was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, **“I will destroy man** whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” Genesis 6:5-8 NKJV

- (e) **“This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.”** Genesis 6:9-12 NKJV

E. Love, Fruitfulness and Sin (II Peter 1:7-9)

- (1) This concludes our journey through Joshua 1:1-6 and Genesis 1-6!
- (a) “[add] to brotherly kindness **love**. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:7-9 NKJV

WALL-BREAKERS

3. It's time to go over the wall, FINALLY!

A. Love, Fruit & Reminders

- (1) **Love**— “...and to brotherly kindness [add] **love**. II Peter 1:7 *Love is God's divine nature. God is love! Love is obedience!*
- (a) **“Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do** according to **all** the law which Moses My servant commanded you; **do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left**, that you may prosper wherever you go.” Joshua 1:7 NKJV
- (b) **“But without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 NKJV
- (c) *If you love God you will obey Him...* **“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”** John 14:15 NKJV
- (d) *If you love others you will obey God and not say His commands are a burden...* **“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”** I John 5:2-3 NKJV
- (e) *Love is perfection...* **“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”** Colossians 3:14 NKJV
- (f) *Love is the greatest of all...* **“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ...And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”** I Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 NKJV
- (g) *God is love...* **“He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ...And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”** I John 4:8, 16 NKJV
- (h) *The Divine Nature is love, and we can partake...* **“by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”** II Peter 1:4 NKJV

- (i) “Then the Lord said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because **I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.**” Genesis 7:1 NKJV
- (j) “So **He destroyed all living things** which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. **Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.**” Genesis 7:23 NKJV
- (2) **If then—** “For **if these things are yours and abound** [*if you build those seven things on top of your faith*], you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” II Peter 1:8 NKJV
 - (a) “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, **but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do** according to all that is written in it. For then you **will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**” Joshua 1:8 NKJV
 - (b) “Then **God remembered Noah, and every living thing**, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.” Genesis 8:1 NKJV
 - (c) “And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried. Then God spoke to Noah, saying, “**Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.** Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so **that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.**” So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, “**I will never again** curse the ground for man’s sake, although the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. “**While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.**”” Genesis 8:13-22 NKJV
- (3) **Don’t ever forget—** “For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has **forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**” II Peter 1:9 NKJV
 - (a) “Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed**, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**”” Joshua 1:9 NKJV
 - (b) “So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “**Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.**” Genesis 9:1 NKJV
 - (c) “**Thus I establish My covenant with you:** Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”” Genesis 9:11 NKJV

B. Time to leave Genesis and climb over the wall...

- (1) One final exclamation point from Peter!
 - (a) “Therefore, brethren, **be even more diligent** to make your call and election sure, for if you **do these things you will never stumble**; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the **everlasting kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” II Peter 1:10-11 NKJV

(2) Into Joshua and the Jericho Narrative...

- (a) "And Joshua said to the people, **"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."** Then Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, **"Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over before the people."** So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people. And the Lord said to Joshua, **"This day I will begin to exalt you** in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, **as I was with Moses, so I will be with you."** Joshua 3:5-7 NKJV
- (b) **"Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan.** Now therefore, **take for yourselves twelve men** from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe. And it shall come to pass, as soon **as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark** of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, **shall rest in the waters** of the Jordan, that **the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off**, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."" Joshua 3:11-13 NKJV
- (c) "So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, **and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), that the waters which came down from upstream stood still**, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. **Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground**, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan." Joshua 3:14-17 NKJV
- (d) "Then **Joshua called the twelve men** whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; and Joshua said to them: **"Cross over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone** on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, **'What do these stones mean to you?'** Then you shall answer them that **the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant** of the Lord; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. **And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.**"" Joshua 4:4-7 NKJV
- (e) "It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; **then the wall of the city will fall down flat.** And the people shall go up every man straight before him."" Joshua 6:5 NKJV

C. Go Over the Wall!

- (1) Finally breaking free of the gravitational pull of sin (getting over the wall).
 - (a) "again He designates a certain day, saying in David, **"Today,"** after such a long time, as it has been said: **"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."**" Hebrews 4:7 NKJV
 - (b) "For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. **For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.**" Hebrews 4:8-10 NKJV
 - (c) "You have not yet **resisted to bloodshed**, striving against sin." Hebrews 12:4 NKJV

- (d) **“See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.** For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, **much more shall we not escape** if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, **“Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.”** Now this, **“Yet once more,”** indicates **the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.** Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:25-29 NKJV

(2) Creation is waiting!

- (a) **“For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”** Romans 8:19
- (b) **“But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?** For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, **the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.** For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, **what remains is much more glorious.** Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. **But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. **Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”** II Corinthians 3:7-17 NKJV
- (c) **“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,** are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

D. What's Next?

(1) Believe

- (a) **“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,** to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV

(2) Sell All

- (a) **“Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.** He who has ears to hear, let him hear! **“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,** which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and **sells all that he has and buys that field.** **“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,** who, when he had **found one pearl of great price,** went and **sold all that he had and bought it.”** Matthew 13:43-46 NKJV

(3) It's been three years...and we are not going back to Genesis.

- (a) **““When you come into the land,** and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. **Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you.** It shall not be eaten. **But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the Lord.** And **in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase:** I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:23-25 NKJV