

SELF

THE CHRISTIAN “LOOK”



Bible on the table



Cross on the wall



Worship music playing



Scriptures quoted



Prayers prayed

BUT SITTING ON THE THRONE:

ME



WHAT I GET

WHAT DO I NEED GOD TO DO FOR ME TODAY?

MY HEALING

MY ANSWER

MY BREAKTHROUGH

MY DIRECTION

MY PROVISION

MY BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ☐ Health
- ☐ Finances
- ☐ Marriage
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Job
- ☐ Direction
- ☐ Breakthrough
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Wisdom
- ☐ Strength
- ☐ Favor
- ...and more

I CAN DO
ALL THINGS
THROUGH
CHRIST
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

EVERYTHING POINTS INWARD
WHAT DO I NEED GOD TO DO FOR ME?

VS.

WHO I BECOME

HOW CAN CHRIST BE REVEALED THROUGH ME?

LOVE

HUMILITY

MERCY

KINDNESS

FORGIVENESS

SERVICE

PATIENCE

CHRISTLIKENESS

GRACE

JOY

EVERYTHING MOVES OUTWARD
HOW CAN CHRIST BE REVEALED THROUGH ME?

THE GOAL ISN'T JUST RECEIVING FROM CHRIST
IT IS BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

John 12:24

**PRESERVE
YOURSELF**

IT ABIDES ALONE

PROTECT • DEFEND • JUSTIFY • CONTROL

DENY YOURSELF

"Take up his cross daily..."

**SURRENDER
YOURSELF**

**IT BRINGS FORTH
MUCH FRUIT**

**THE SEED MUST RELEASE WHAT IT IS
TO BECOME WHAT IT WAS CREATED TO BE**

THE MIRROR

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME
DOESN'T GET TO DECIDE
WHO I BECOME

REJECTION

OFFENSE

DISAPPOINTMENT

BETRAYAL

HURT

CRITICISM

*Since Eden,
we've been trying
to cover SELF.*

WHO GETS TO **DEFINE** MY RESPONSE?

LOVE

MERCY

FORGIVENESS

PEACE

GRACE

IDENTITY
IN CHRIST

WE KNOW THE VERSES

BUT HAVE WE HEARD THE VOICE?

*We're not attacking
favorite Scriptures.
We're rescuing them.*



Phil. 4:13

ROM. 8:28
ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER
FOR GOOD.

1 COR. 10:13
GOD WON'T GIVE ME
MORE THAN I CAN
HANDLE..

MATT. 18:20
WHERE 2 OR 3
ARE GATHERED
TOGETHER...

HIDE THESE
IN MY HEART...
PS. 119:11

SCRIPTURE WAS NEVER MEANT TO SERVE MY STORY
IT WAS GIVEN TO REVEAL **HIS.**

JOHN 5:39-40

SCRIPTURE RESCUE #1

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

“I CAN DO ALL THINGS...”

WHAT WE MADE IT SAY

CHRIST WILL GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT I WANT

🏆 SUCCEED

🎯 ACHIEVE

🚩 WIN

🏔️ OVERCOME



ACHIEVEMENT → CONTENTMENT

“...THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME.”

WHAT PAUL WAS REALLY TALKING ABOUT

I KNOW HOW TO BE ABASED
I KNOW HOW TO ABOUND

FULL OR HUNGRY
PLENTY OR NEED

CHRIST SUSTAINS ME
WHETHER I HAVE MUCH OR LITTLE



WHEN CHRIST IS ENOUGH
CIRCUMSTANCES LOSE THE THRONE

“Not that I speak in respect of want:
for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am,
therewith to be content.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:11



THE PROMISE IS NOT THAT I WILL ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT. ✦ THE PROMISE IS THAT CHRIST WILL ALWAYS BE ENOUGH.

SCRIPTURE RESCUE #2

ROMANS 8:28-29

“ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER
FOR GOOD...”

WHAT WE MADE IT SAY

GOD WILL MAKE SURE
MY LIFE TURNS OUT WELL.

- ✓ JOB WORKS OUT
- ♥ MARRIAGE RECOVERS
- ⊕ DIAGNOSIS CHANGES
- \$ MONEY ARRIVES
- 🚪 DOORS OPEN
- 😊 PAIN ENDS

I just need
things to
get better.

ROMANS
8:28

“...TO BE CONFORMED
TO THE IMAGE OF
HIS SON...”

WHAT THE CONTEXT REVEALS

GOD'S PURPOSE IS NOT
MY COMFORT—IT IS
MY TRANSFORMATION.

- MY CHARACTER
- ♥ MY DESIRES
- 🌳 MY PRIORITIES
- ✝ MY LIFE
- 👑 TO BE MORE LIKE
JESUS EVERY DAY

Lord, change me
into the image
of Your Son.

COMFORT → CONFORMITY

WE KEPT THE PROMISE.
WE JUST **CHANGED THE DESTINATION.**

“GOD DIDN'T PROMISE EVERYTHING WOULD FEEL GOOD.
HE PROMISED NOTHING WOULD BE WASTED IN **FORMING CHRIST IN YOU.**”

ROMANS 8:28-29

MY DEFINITION OF GOOD

MY CIRCUMSTANCES
BECOME MORE COMFORTABLE.

GOD'S DEFINITION OF GOOD

I BECOME MORE LIKE
CHRIST.

CONTEXT DOESN'T WEAKEN THE PROMISE. CONTEXT **REVEALS** THE PROMISE.

SCRIPTURE RESCUE #3

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

“GOD WON'T GIVE YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE.”

WHAT WE MADE IT SAY

GOD WON'T PUT MORE ON ME THAN I CAN HANDLE.

- 💪 I'M STRONG ENOUGH
- 🛡️ I CAN HANDLE IT
- ✅ I JUST NEED TO TRY HARDER
- 🏆 I'VE GOT THIS
- 🧑 I DON'T NEED ANYONE

I can handle anything.

STRONG ENOUGH

THINKS HE STANDS → ESCAPE TEMPTATION

PAUL HIMSELF KNEW PRESSURE
BEYOND HIS STRENGTH.

We were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life...

— 2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-9 —

THAT WE SHOULD NOT TRUST IN OURSELVES, BUT **IN GOD** WHICH RAISETH THE DEAD.

“GOD IS FAITHFUL; HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR...”

WHAT THE CONTEXT REVEALS

GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES A WAY OF ESCAPE SO YOU CAN ENDURE—NOT SO YOU CAN BOAST IN YOUR STRENGTH.

- 🚪 A WAY OUT
- ✝️ A WAY THROUGH
- 🧑 A WAY TO TRUST HIM
- ❤️ A WAY TO DEPEND ON HIS POWER

NOT BY MY POWER
BUT BY HIS GRACE



MY DEFINITION OF STRENGTH
I DON'T NEED HELP.
I CAN HANDLE IT.



GOD'S DEFINITION OF STRENGTH
I TRUST THE ONE
WHO RAISES THE DEAD.
I DEPEND ON HIS POWER.

THE GOAL WAS NEVER TO DISCOVER HOW STRONG I AM. ✦ THE GOAL IS TO DISCOVER HOW FAITHFUL HE IS.

SCRIPTURE RESCUE #4

MATTHEW 18:20

“WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED I AM THERE.”

WHAT WE MADE IT SAY

IF I GO TO CHURCH,
JESUS WILL SHOW UP.

-  BE IN THE BUILDING
-  SIT IN MY SEAT
-  SING THE SONGS
-  ENJOY THE MESSAGE
-  FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT



MY DEFINITION OF ATTENDANCE

I SHOW UP.
I CHECK THE BOX.
I GO HOME THE SAME.



ATTENDANCE



ACCOUNTABILITY/ RESTORATION

WHEN WE GATHER IN HIS NAME,
IT'S NOT ABOUT ME BEING THERE—
IT'S ABOUT **HIM BEING AT WORK.**

“Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 18:19

“FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME...”

WHAT THE CONTEXT REVEALS

THIS WAS NEVER ABOUT
ATTENDANCE.
IT WAS ABOUT **OBEEDIENCE.**

-  AGREE TOGETHER IN FAITH
-  SEEK HIS WILL TOGETHER
-  HELP ONE ANOTHER WALK IN TRUTH
-  RESTORE WHAT SIN HAS DAMAGED
-  REFLECT HIS HEART TOGETHER



GOD'S DEFINITION OF GATHERING
WE COME TOGETHER IN HIS NAME
TO SEEK HIM, SPEAK TRUTH,
RESTORE THE BROKEN, AND
REFLECT HIS HEART.

JESUS DIDN'T PROMISE HIS PRESENCE TO A CROWD. HE PROMISED HIS PRESENCE TO HIS PURPOSE. ✦ MATTHEW 18:20



PHILIPPIANS 4:13

ACHIEVEMENT



CONTENTMENT



1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

SELF-SUFFICIENCY



DEPENDENCE

WE'RE NOT ATTACKING FAVORITE SCRIPTURES WE'RE RESCUING THEM

CONTEXT DOESN'T WEAKEN THE PROMISE
CONTEXT REVEALS THE **GREATER PROMISE**



ROMANS 8:28-29

COMFORT



CONFORMITY



MATTHEW 18:20

ATTENDANCE



ACCOUNTABILITY/
RESTORATION

BEFORE

JESUS WAS PRESENT,
BUT **SELF** HAD
THE PREEMINENCE.



BIBLE
PRAYER
WORSHIP
SERVICE
CROSS

- ✗ MY AGENDA
- ✗ MY DEFINITION
- ✗ MY WORD
- ✗ MY COMFORT

MOVEMENT FOUR

THE EXCHANGE

THE THRONE CHANGES OCCUPANTS



THE THRONE

I no longer need Jesus
to serve my agenda.



THE MIRROR

I no longer need circumstances
or people to define me.

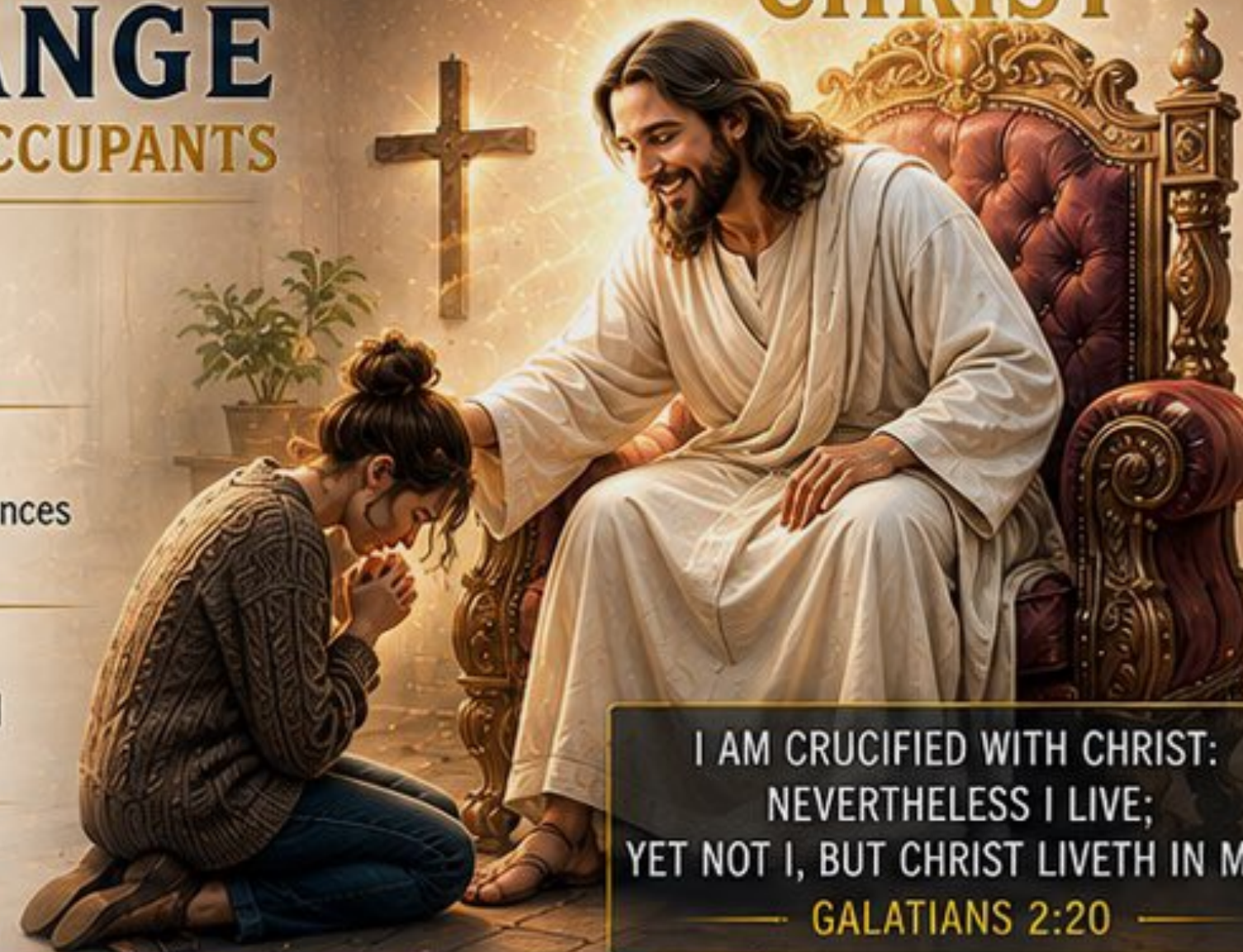


THE SCRIPTURES

I no longer need the Word
to validate my story.

MY LIFE HAS BEEN
BROUGHT INTO **HIS**.

CHRIST



BIBLE
PRAYER
WORSHIP
SERVICE
CROSS

AFTER

JESUS HAS THE
PREEMINENCE.

- ✓ HIS AGENDA
- ✓ HIS DEFINITION
- ✓ HIS WORD
- ✓ HIS PURPOSE

I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST:
NEVERTHELESS I LIVE;
YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME...
— GALATIANS 2:20 —



HE DOESN'T MERELY DESIRE **PRESENCE**. HE DESERVES **PREEMINENCE**.

“...that in all things he might have the preeminence.”

— COLOSSIANS 1:18 —



CHRIST

WHO IS ON THE THRONE?

*“...that in all things
he might have the preeminence.”*

— COLOSSIANS 1:18 —



HE DESIRES
NOT JUST **PRESENCE.**



HE DESERVES
PREMINENCE.



HE IS WORTHY OF
OUR ALL.



EVERY HEART.
EVERY AREA. **EVERY DAY.**