



Longest Service:

Dan? ~~John?~~ ~~Noah?~~

56:18 April 27th
"The Bush That Wouldn't Burn"

Shortest Service:

~~Dan?~~ **John?** ~~Noah?~~

36:33 March 31st
"The Flood"



of Series this Year?

Genesis
What Genesis tells us about God and life

THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO
ABRAHAM

THE COMPLICATED LIFE OF
Jacob
A LIFE LIKE YOURS AND MINE

MOSES
Finding God in the Journey

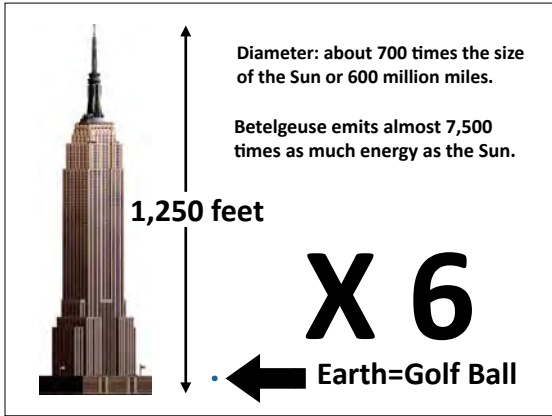
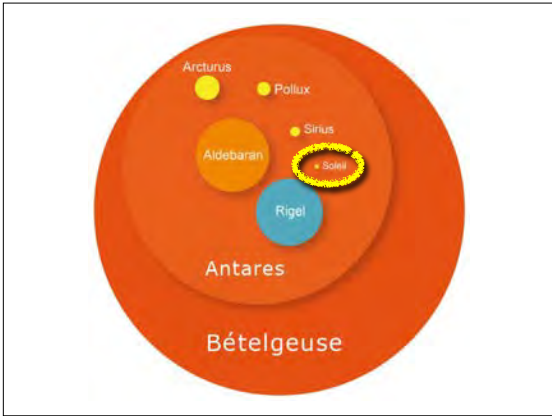
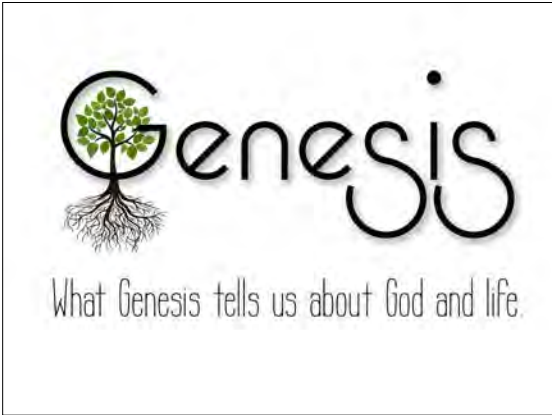
Common Questions
Feeling God's presence and grace

Joseph
Life in a dream


THE CHRISTMAS
LIGHT

Slides Today?

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Although accounting for just one fourth-thousandth of an adult's weight, it is the medium which processes some 80% of the information received by its owner from the outside world. The tiny retina contains about 130 million rod-shaped cells, which detect light intensity and transmit impulses to the visual cortex of the brain by means of some one million nerve fibres, while nearly six million cone-shaped cells do the same job, but respond specifically to color variation. The eyes can handle 500,00 messages simultaneously, and are kept clear by ducts producing just the right amount of fluid with which the lids clean both eyes simultaneously in one five-thousandth of a second.




1. We're built to experience a deep, personal relationship with God.

2. You're also made for deep unity with other human beings.

3. You need relationships with people that are different from you.



Sin is Powerful and Invasive



"But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:7

Does this sound familiar?



Socrates

425 BC

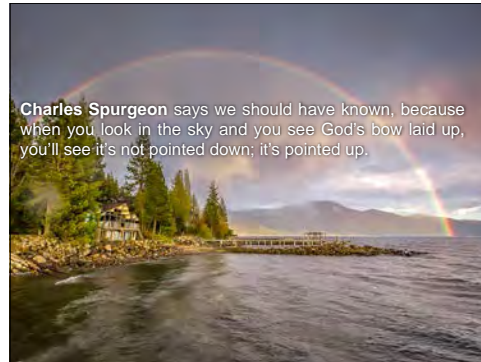
"Our youth now loves luxuries. They have bad manners, contempt for authority. They show disrespect for elders and they love to chatter instead of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants, of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up their food, and tyrannize their teachers."



Jean-Jacques Rousseau
1712 - 1778

"Civilization is a hopeless race to discover remedies for the evils it produces."

"Everything is good as it comes from the hands of the Maker of the world, but degenerates once it gets into the hands of man"



Charles Spurgeon says we should have known, because when you look in the sky and you see God's bow laid up, you'll see it's not pointed down; it's pointed up.



"No one can kill Me without My consent. I lay down My life voluntarily for I have the right and the power to lay it down when I want to and also the right and the power to take it again. For the Father (the first person of the Godhead, who administers the marching orders) has given Me this right." John 10:18



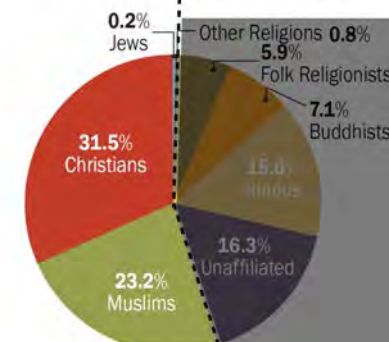
#PrayForParis



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ABRHAM'S RELIGIONS




David 57 times
 Abraham 72 times
 Moses 85 times



Blessing

1. The gift (“a great nation”) is only made possible because of God’s intervention. On his own, Abraham had no legitimate way to obtain it because Sarah couldn’t conceive.- Genesis 11:30

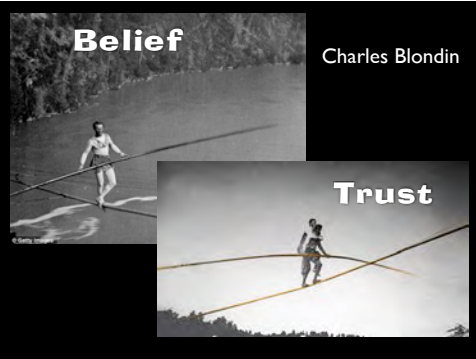
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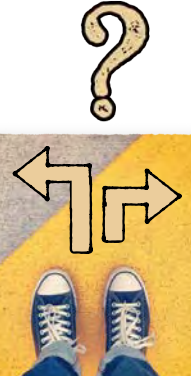
Belief Charles Blondin



Trust

Doubt

God is not disturbed by our doubts & questions. In fact being honest about our doubts & questions allows us to respond with genuine faith(fulness).




The New York Times

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Business Opinion Technology Science Health Sports Arts Show Food Travel

You need more than a data plan. You need a technology partner.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS A RIGHT, THE SUPREME COURT RULES, 5-4

Long-Sought Victory for Gay Rights

The decision came against the backdrop of fast-moving changes in public opinion, with polls indicating that most Americans now approve of same-sex marriage.

Live Coverage: Reaction to Ruling

The Supreme Court Saves Obamacare, Again


The decision made a powerful defense of a law that has helped millions.

Krugman: Hoax for Obamacare

The reality of Obamacare is that it's a tremendous success, which was conservative big lie.

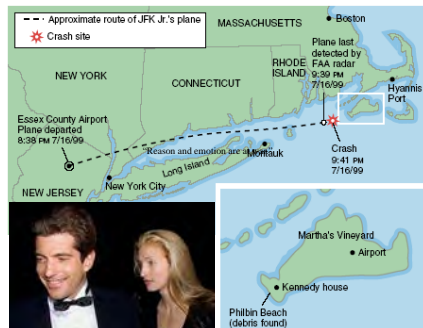
Brooks: The Robert E. Lee Problem

Looking at where we Live.



Examine the timeless truth of the Bible in the ever changing world we live in.

July 16, 1999 JFK Jr., wife and sister die in Plane Crash



Approximate route of JFK Jr.'s plane

Crash site

Essex County Airport Plane departed 8:38 PM 7/16/99

Reason and emotion are

Plane last detected by FAA radar 9:30 PM 7/16/99

Crash 9:41 PM 7/16/99

Massachusetts: Boston, Hyannis Port


Connecticut: Rhode Island

New York: New York City, Long Island

New Jersey: Philadelphia

Martha's Vineyard: Airport, Kennedy house

Philbin Beach (debris found)



“Heart over Mind: The Death of JFK, Jr.”

Here is the crux of the matter: the pilot's emotions drowned out the flight instruments' story about banking and diving at high speed, and screamed out, “No way! It can't be! I'm actually flying straight and level! I know it! I feel it's true!... Reason and emotion are at war.”

<http://www.heartovermind.com/brain/JFKCrash.htm>

"Heart over Mind: The Death of JFK, Jr."

Recovering from unusual attitudes consists of one essential belief: your feelings cannot be trusted as the final authority on what the airplane is doing. **Your mind is boss. The instruments are your window on reality**, and you desperately need to understand the data they provide. The only power that can grasp and integrate this evidence correctly is reason, which evaluates experience by logic.

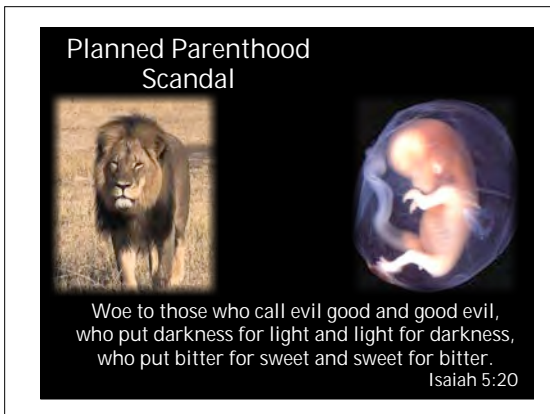
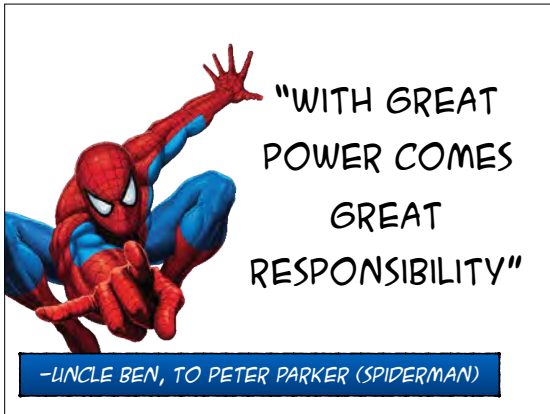
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"Heart over Mind: The Death of JFK, Jr."

Our feelings, indulged without examination, will kill us. Feelings, intuition, and emotions are inputs that should be fully heard, but they must never govern our behavior.

Roman 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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104-year-old Elizabeth Sullivan, who told CNN this week that she's been drinking three Dr. Peppers a day for decades and that she's never been to the hospital unless it's to give birth or have her tonsils removed. And that's not all: In one of history's great drop-the-mic moments, Sullivan boasts to CNN that she's had "two doctors who have told me that if I drink it I will die, but they died first."

UNEXPECTED



THE COMPLICATED LIFE OF

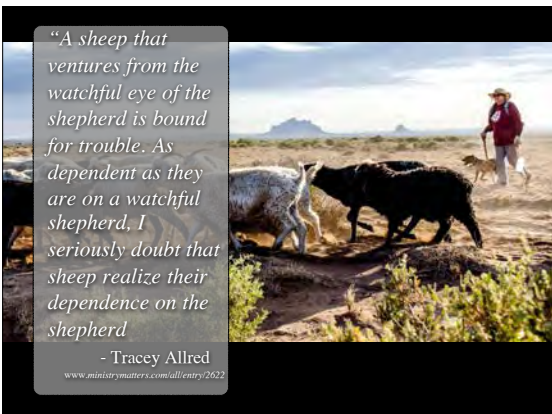
Jacob

A LIFE LIKE YOURS AND MINE

Lessons from Jacob to Us

1. Grace changes the way Jacob viewed life.
 - a. *Jacob describes God as having been his shepherd.*

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"A sheep that ventures from the watchful eye of the shepherd is bound for trouble. As dependent as they are on a watchful shepherd, I seriously doubt that sheep realize their dependence on the shepherd"

- Tracey Allred
www.ministrymatters.com/allentry/2622

Joseph

life in a canyon

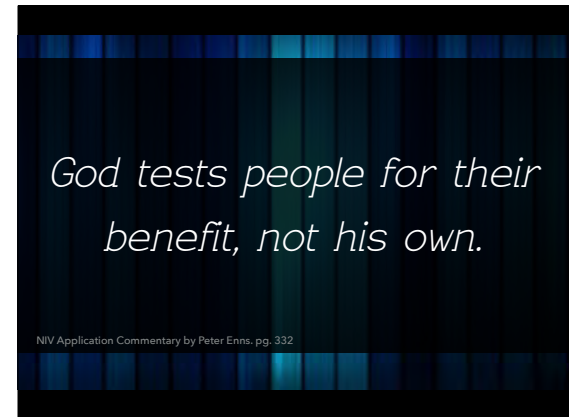
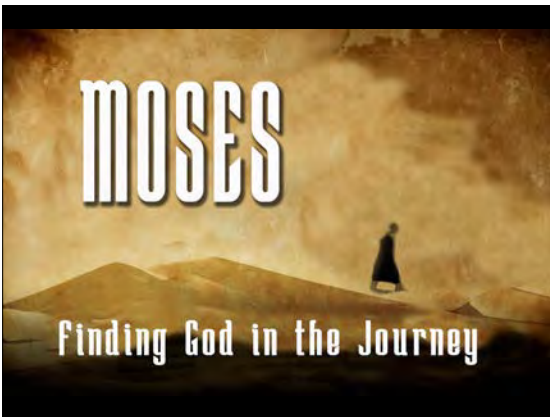


when you can't see ahead, look up.

3 Take Away's:

1. Leave the outcomes to God.
2. Feelings of God's love and presence come and go.
3. Don't fear circumstances especially in your family .

*That means if right now, today, you're in a pit and you're crying out in neglect. "Why?" and you feel completely alone, you're not, because **Christianity is the only faith that even claims God has suffered.** That God has gone into that pit, that God is there in the dark beside you. God knows what it's like. God suffered with you. God suffered for you.*

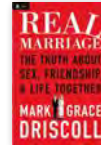




Before you leave 2015

Every home accumulates trash, so we must take it out often. Failure to do so stinks up the entire house. Sin is like trash, and every home has it too. Repentance and forgiveness is how a couple takes their trash out. If you are married, you will have conflict.

You cannot avoid it because marriage is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person.



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“. . . progress means getting nearer to the place where you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turning, then to go forward does not get you any nearer. If you are on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road . . . We have all seen this when doing arithmetic. When I have started a sum the wrong way, the sooner I admit this and go back and start again, the faster I shall get on.”



C. S. Lewis. Mere Christianity



Commitment to reading the bible.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.