

## THE PATTERN IS HEBREW

Joshua 7:14	Tribes, Clans, Families, Men
Psalms 68:6	Included according to life
Mark 10:29-31	Relational inheritance of this age
I Corinthians 16:15-18	Proper objects of submission
Romans 16:1-27	Variety in relationship
I Timothy 5:17-22	Ruling elders
Hebrews 13:7	Leading by example
Hebrews 13:17	Accountability
I Peter 5:1-11	Elders & youngers

### Life Links

1SA 18:1 *“After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.”*

1SA 18:3 *“And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.”*

1SA 20:17 *“And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.”*

2SA 1:26 *“I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than the love of women.”*

### Sons of God

JOH 1:12, 13 *“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.”*

GAL 4:7 *“So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.”*

EPH 6:2 *“Honor your father and mother”*--which is the first commandment with a promise—

EPH 6:4 *“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”*

COL 3:21 *“Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.”*

HEB 12:5, 6 *“And you have forgotten **that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons**: ‘My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.’”*

REV 21:7 *“He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”*

### **Jesus is Lord of Relationship**

JOH 19:26, 27 *“When Jesus saw his **mother** there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his **mother**, ‘Dear woman, here is your **son**,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your **mother**.’ From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.”*

EPH 4:16 *“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”*

COL 2:19 *“He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.”*

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### **Mothers, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Sons & Daughters**

MAR 10:29, 30 *“I tell you the truth,’ Jesus replied, ‘no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or **mother** or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, **brothers**, **sisters**, **mothers**, **children** and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.”*

MAR 3:33-35 *“Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.’*”

LUK 8:21 He replied, *“My **mother and brothers** are those who hear God's word and put it into practice.”*

ACT 22:1 *“Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense.”*

ROM 16:13 *“Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.”*

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### **The Cost**

LUK 12:53 *“They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”*

LUK 14:26 *“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple.”*

### **Paul & the Corinthians**

1CO 4:15 *“Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.”*

### **Paul & Timothy**

1CO 4:17 *“For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.”*

PHI 2:22 *“But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.”*

1TI 1:2 *“To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

1TI 1:18 *“Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight.”*

2TI 1:2 *“To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

2TI 2:1 *“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”*

### **Paul & Titus**

TIT 1:4 *“To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.”*

### **Paul & Onesimus**

PHM 1:10 *“I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains.”*

### **Peter & Mark**

1PE 5:13 *“She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.”*

### **God the father - God the Son**

ACT 13:33 *“He has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: ‘You are my Son; today I have become your Father.’*

ROM 1:4 *“and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

1CO 15:28 *“When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.”*

HEB 1:5 *“For to which of the angels did God ever say, ‘You are my Son; today I have become your Father’? Or again, ‘I will be his Father, and he will be my Son’?”*

HEB 5:5 "So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'"

## Fathers & Sons

1JO 2:13, 14 "I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one."

## STRUCTURES

Eze 20:32 "You say, 'We want to be like the nations, like the peoples of the world, who serve wood and stone'..."

PSA 135:15 "The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by the hands of men."

EPH 4:17 "So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking

### Stephen's Message

ACT 7:48 "However, the Most High does not live in houses made by men. As the prophet says:

ACT 7:49 "'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be?

ACT 7:50 "Has not my hand made all these things?'"\* \*  
Isaiah 66:1,2

### Paul Takes Stephen's Message to The Gree

ACT 17:24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and do not live in temples built by hands.

ACT 17:25 "And he is not served by human hands, if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

### Paraphrase For Application

The God who made everything is Lord of all and does not live in structures made by men.

When everything is mine, what can you do for me? says the Lord.

And he is not served by human doing, as if he needed our help, because he is our life source.



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performed in God made structures. The structures are already there. God is their source. All we need do is open our eyes and see.

God puts us together by His Spirit, through The Blood of His Son, not by the wisdom of men and their paper work, the work of man's hands.

**HOW SOON CAN WE MOVE IN?**

<b>Bible</b>	<b>Traditional Understanding</b>	<b>Paraphrase For Present Application</b>
<p>JOH 14:2-6 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and answered, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father through me.</p>	<p>My Father's house in Heaven has many rooms; otherwise, I would have told you. I am going to Heaven to prepare your place there. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back to earth and take you to Heaven with me that you also may be in Heaven where I am. You already know the way to get there." Thomas to him, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to Heaven to see the Father except through me.</p>	<p>There are many places in my Father's house: if it were not so I would have told you. I have always lived there, and now I am going back to His house in order to prepare a place for you. And if I go and do this, I will return and put you in your place, so that we can live there together. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one can come except home to the Father except with me.</p>

**"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,.."<sup>1</sup>.**

<p>1PE 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>You also, like living stones, are being built into a cathedral in order to be a holy priesthood, offering religious rituals acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>You then, as living stones are being placed into The Father's house offering yourselves in His service which is acceptable to God through Jesus Christ</p>
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HEB 3:6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are

1. Colossians 3:1 his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

Christ is even more faithful than Moses. And we are his congregation, if we hold on

to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

But Christ is the faithful firstborn of The Father's house. And, even now, already,

we are His house, if we don't chicken out, having lost our hope that this really is the best place to live.

### And What About?

EPH 2:19-22 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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Because of what Jesus has done, we are no longer outsiders, but part of the family, God's children and members of God's household. As his building, we are built on a foundation of the apostles Jesus and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief whole cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him we are also being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

ZEC 4:6, 8-10 So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty....Then the word of the Lord came to me: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent

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What God is saying through Zerubbabel is: that all of this is accomplished, not by might nor by power, but by His Spirit. As the last Adam, Jesus became a life giving Spirit, even a house building Spirit. His intention was, and remains, that we would become parts of The Father's growing house so that there would be room enough for all. We are the many places as

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we practice hospitality,  
in order that there might  
be homes for all who are  
"the least of these, His  
brethren".

## STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY

### Romans 16

ACT 22:1 "**Brothers and fathers**, listen now to my defense."

ROM 16:1-27 "**I commend to you our sister Phoebe, one of the deacons** of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me."

ROM 16:3 "Greet Priscilla\* and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but **all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them**. Greet also **the church that meets at their house**. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. Greet **Mary, who worked very hard for you**."

"Greet **Andronicus and Junias**, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was."

"Greet Ampliatus, whom I love in the Lord."

"Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys."

"Greet Apelles, tested and approved in Christ. Greet **those who belong to the household of Aristobulus**."

"Greet Herodion, my relative. Greet **those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord**."

"Greet **Tryphena and Tryphosa**, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend **Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord**."

"Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and **his mother, who has been a mother to me, too**."

*“Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brothers with them.”*

*“Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them.”*

*“Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.”*

*“I urge you, brothers, to **watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.**”*

*“Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.”*

*“The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Timothy, my fellow worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my relatives.”*

*“I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.”*

*“Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.”*

*“Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him--to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.”*

*1CO 4:15 “Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, **you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.**”*

## **HOUSEHOLDS**

*TIT 1:11 “They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole **households** by teaching things they ought not to teach--and that for the sake of dishonest gain.”*

Joshua 7:14 *“In the morning, present yourselves tribe by tribe. The tribe that the Lord takes shall come forward clan by clan; the clan that the Lord takes shall come forward family by family; and the family that the lord takes shall come forward man by man.”*

### **Leadership by relationship**

The Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, sets us free from institutional bondage

One Father

Twelve sons

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Twelve sons

Twelve tribes

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Many clans

C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 C10 C11 C12 C13 C14 ETC.

C1

Multiplied families

F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7 F8 F9 F10 F11 F12 F13 F14 F15 F16 F17 F18 ETC.

By faith, the entire government works by honor.

The law, or external constraint is meant only for evil doers.

Unbelief works by the law.

Ultimately, those who are not in relationship, will be cut off. (*“How can you*

*love God Who you have not seen if you do not love your brother who you have seen?”)*

The quality of relationship needs to be both substantial and vital. The day is soon coming when our ability to communicate with each other will be only in the Spirit whether to face to face, apart, or by hand carried letter.

1SA 3:21 *“The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, (tranquil, peaceful, quiet, save) and there he revealed himself to Samuel through his word.”*

EZE 14:7-11 *“When any Israelite or any alien living in Israel separates himself from me and sets up idols in his heart and puts a wicked stumbling block before his face and then goes to a prophet to inquire of me, I the Lord will answer him myself. I will set my face against that man and make him an example and a byword. I will cut him off from my people. Then you will know that I am the Lord. ”And if the prophet is enticed to utter a prophecy, I the Lord have enticed that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him and destroy him from among my people Israel. They will bear their guilt--the prophet will be as guilty as the one who consults him. Then the people of Israel will no longer stray from me, nor will they defile themselves anymore with all their sins. They will be my people, and I will be their God, declares the Sovereign Lord.”*

LUK 2:17 *“**When they had seen him, they spread the word** concerning what had been told them about this child,”*

LUK 7:22 *“So he replied to the messengers, ‘Go back and report to John **what you have seen and heard**: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.’”*

JOH 1:18 *“**No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.**”*

JOH 3:29 *“The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.”*

JOH 8:47 *“**He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.**”*

JOH 9:25 *"He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. **One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"***

JOH 9:26-28 *"Then they asked him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered, 'I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?' Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!"*

### **Commendation & Betrayal**

JOH 13:18-20 *"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.' 'I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He. I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."*

ACT 4:19, 20 *"But Peter and John replied, '**Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.**'"*

1JO 2:7-9 *"Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness."*

1JO 2:10 *"Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble."*

1JO 2:11 *"But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him."*

1JO 4:20 *"If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen."*

1CO 10:14-17 *"Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we*

*break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”*

1CO 11:17 *“In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good.”*

1CO 11:20 *“When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat,”*

1CO 11:28, 29 *“A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without **recognizing the body of the Lord** eats and drinks judgment on himself.”*

## **Who Do We think We Are?**

### **God's Purpose - A Place that doesn't shake**

#### **UNSHAKABLE**

Viewed from one perspective, the central conflict of the Scripture is that between the work of God and the *“work of Man's hands”* In one example, perhaps the greatest one, the work of God is presented to us a *“a city with foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”*

By the time we arrive in the New Testament we see that this city is the New Jerusalem which come down out of heaven. That its builder and maker is God, clearly distinguishes it from the cities or things that man builds. That it has foundations, clearly contrasts it with everything else, which has no foundation. Again, it is clear, by the time that we reach the book of Hebrews, that the importance of its foundations is the unshakable quality of this city. What God builds does not shake, what man builds shakes.

Looking once again at the central conflict of Scripture, it is clear that, understood in a broad sense, God's purpose is to bring people to a place which does not shake. Frailty lies at the root of our very mortality. As mortals we are shakable. God wants to bring us to a place which does not shake, not emotionally, not spiritually, not morally, not mentally, not relationally, neither in our clarity of vision nor our vitality nor in the abundance of our life.

In another expression, God had promised to build David a house. *“we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.”* This is to say, *“if we don't shake.”*

The “*work of man's hands,*” on the other hand, in its ultimate expression is identified as the “*mark of the beast.*” The beast is man. “*All men are beasts.*” The mark of man is man's doing. The people of God need to learn how to recognize the difference, not only in the actions of others, but in their own actions as well. We have become very label and trade mark conscious, we need to become even more label conscious where the work of God is concerned. To have the Mark of the Beast is to have the mark of man. Paul said to the Corinthians, “*you are acting like mere men.*” A Christian is not to have the mark of man on his life, his thoughts, words, and actions, but rather the mark of God.

If it has the Name of The Lord on it, it must be made in Heaven, things made of earth are unacceptable, even biblically illegal, counterfeits. Don't invest or waste one minute of your life in them. Paul calls them the basic elements of this world.

From still another perspective, it is a matter of control. The reign of Grace is the reign of the Holy Spirit. Everything else “*lies in*” or is under the control of the evil one. In Galatians, speaking for God, Paul said that the reason that the judaizers were doing the things they were doing was to alienate the Galatians from us. It was a matter of control.

### **Relationships from God - Mothers Fathers Brothers Sisters, Sons & Daughters**

1JO 2:12 “*I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.*”

1JO 2:13 “*I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father.*”

1JO 2:14 “*I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.*”

### **Who do you say that I am? - Seeing God in one another**

#### **My sheep hear my voice - Ears that hear**

JOH 10:1-5 “*I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters*

*by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. **He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.** When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."*

*JOH 10:6-10 "Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, 'I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'"*

*JOH 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd. **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.** The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me--just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. **I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen.** I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. **The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again.** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."*

*JOH 10:19-21 "At these words the Jews were again divided. Many of them said, 'He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?' But others said, 'These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. **Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?**'"*

### **Servants - The Authority of Honor**

*JOH 13:14-17 "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."*

### **Don't you know me? - Eyes that see**

JOH 14:7-12 *“If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus answered: ‘**Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.**”*

2CO 4:18 **“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”**

1JO 1:1-3 *“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched--this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.**”*

PHI 4:9 *“**Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.**”*

REV 22:8-9 *“I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. **And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, ‘Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers the prophets and of all who keep the words of this book. Worship God!’**”*

### **Hearers & Doers - Examples**

1CO 11:1 *“**Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.**”*

PHI 3:17 *“**Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.**”*

2TH 3:7 “For you yourselves know how you ought to **follow our example**. We were not idle when we were with you,”

1TI 4:12 “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but **set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.**”

TIT 2:7 “In everything **set them an example** by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness.”

1PE 2:21 “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, **leaving you an example**, that you should follow in his steps.”

1PE 5:1 “To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed:”

1PE 5:2 “Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;”

1PE 5:3 “not lording it over those entrusted to you, but **being examples to the flock.**”

1PE 5:4 “And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

1PE 5:5 “Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’”

1PE 5:6 “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”

1PE 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

1PE 5:8 “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

1PE 5:9 “Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

1PE 5:10 *“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”*

### **A sea of Glass - Transparency**

REV 11:19 *“Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and **within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant.** And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.”*

### **I saw a city from God - The New Jerusalem**

REV 22:10 *“Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.”*

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