

ARE YOU READY FOR JESUS?

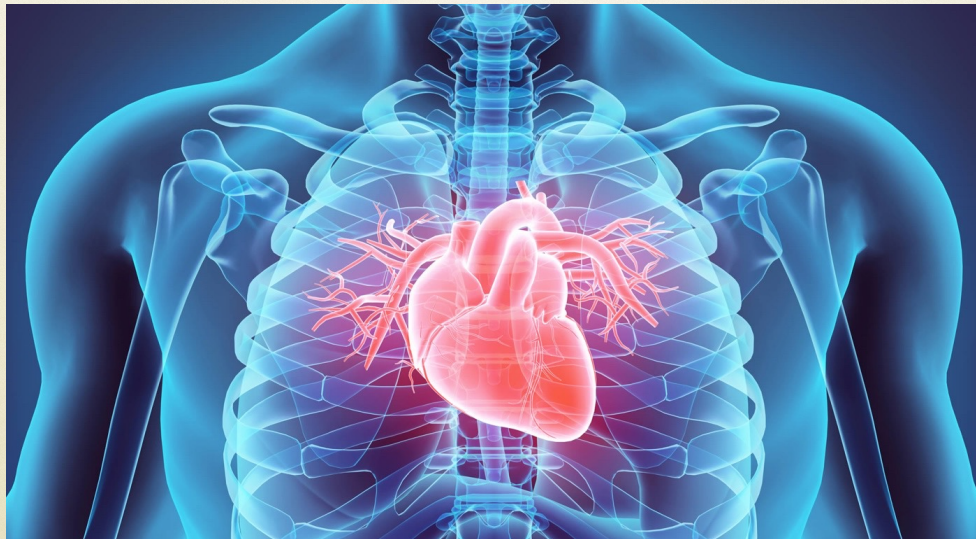


OUR GREATEST HOPE

- The greatest event that could happen in the life of a believer, besides deciding to follow Jesus, is seeing His return.

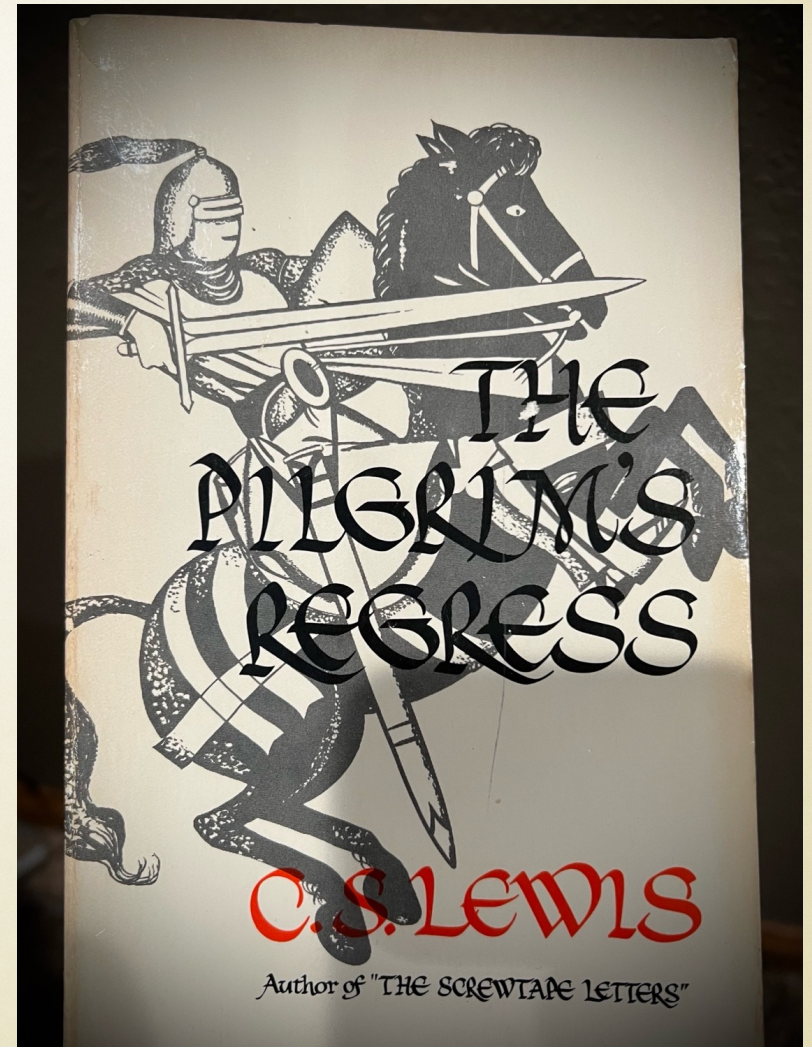


HEART TEST: DO YOU HAVE A
ROMANTIC OR REAL LONGING
FOR CHRIST'S RETURN?



C.S. Lewis
understood the
difference between
true longing and
romanticism...

TAKEN FROM *THE PILGRIM'S
REGRESS*, PREFACE TO THE THIRD
EDITION, 1958, BY C.S. LEWIS



ROMANTIC LONGING IS NOT TRUE DESIRE

- ROMANTICISM IS THE EXPERIENCE OF INTENSE LONGING, AND IT IS DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER LONGINGS BY TWO THINGS:
 1. "Though the sense of want is acute and even painful, yet the mere wanting is felt to be somehow a delight. Other desires are felt as pleasures only if satisfaction is expected in the near future: hunger is pleasant only while we know (or believe) that we are soon going to eat. But this desire, even when there is no hope of possible satisfaction, continues to be prized, and even to be preferred to anything else in the world, by those who have once felt it."

2. The supposed object of our Desire is inadequate to it and not really what we want. Consider a far hillside that looks so pleasant from afar, which you wish you were standing on. "An easy experiment will show that by going to the far hillside you will either get nothing, or else a recurrence of the same desire which sent you thither." The moment we endeavor to think out seriously what it would be like if (the things we desire) were actual, we discover that they aren't really things that we desire.

C.S. Lewis went on to say, "Once grant your fairy, your enchanted forest, your satyr, faun, wood-nymph and well of immortality *real*, and amidst all the scientific, social and practical interest which the discovery would awake, the Sweet Desire would have disappeared, would have shifted its ground, like the cuckoo's voice or the rainbow's end, and be now calling us from beyond a *further* hill."

– Excerpts and synopsis from C.S. Lewis, *The Pilgrim's Regress*, *Preface to the Third Edition*, 1958

DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS

- This video is the follow up to this revelation of a second set of Daniel's seventy weeks.



YouTube: End Times Berean Channel: The Decree Everyone Missed: Counting Down to 2027 and the Return of Jesus

THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

- Counting one generation from the budding of the fig tree.

This MYSTERY tells us WHEN JESUS is COMING BACK...



YouTube: End Times Berean Channel: The Fig Tree Mystery: Is 2027 the Year Jesus Will Return?

THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

WE MISSED IT!

- October 7 –
Check out my
case:



YouTube: End Times Berean Channel: Did We Miss
The Abomination of Desolation on October 7?

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SO WHAT?

HOW YOU
RESPOND TO THE
EVIDENCE THAT
WE REALLY
COULD BE IN THE
TRIBULATION IS
A GOOD TEST.

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"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep."

— Matthew 25:1-5

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"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'"— Matthew 25:6-9

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"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet.

And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." – Matthew 25:10-13

LESSONS FROM THE TEN VIRGINS

1. EVERYONE fell asleep.
2. The ten virgins all looked the same.
3. Oil couldn't be shared, just like faith can't be shared.
4. At some point, it was TOO LATE to go buy more oil.
5. Half of them missed the Bridegroom.
6. Missing Him means... ?

WHY CAN'T THEY SHARE THEIR OIL?



WHAT DOES OIL REPRESENT?

- The Holy Spirit
- Faith
- Hope
- Love
- Perseverance
- Knowledge
- Wisdom

Not things
you can
just give
someone...

TRIMMING OUR WICKS

- Cleaning ourselves up - Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.
– 1 Peter 1:22 NIV
- Too Much Wick – Flame smokes & darkens the glass and burns oil too fast.
- Not Enough Wick – Flame is weak & casts little light and is in danger of going out.

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE?

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you? To
act justly and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8

BE HOLY

- But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." – 1 Peter 1:15-16
- But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. – Ephesians 5:3
- For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.
– 1 Thessalonians 4:7
- Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; **without holiness no one will see the Lord.** – Hebrews 12:14

IF YOU DO THESE THINGS...

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. – 1 Peter 1:3-4 NIV

IF YOU DO THESE THINGS...

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. – 1 Peter 1:5-9 NIV

IF YOU DO THESE THINGS...

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. – 1 Peter 1:3-11 NIV

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WATCH AND TO BE READY?



“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.

– Luke 12:35-37a

And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF FATHERS BACK TO THEIR CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. – Luke 1:17 NIV

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH NEED TO BE READY?

1. Fathers need to turn their attention to their children and teach them about the Lord.
2. The disobedient need to repent and adopt an attitude of the righteous.
3. We all need to get our hearts prepared to meet the lord.

⁵ For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they were to teach them to their children, ⁶ so that the generation to come would know, the children yet to be born, that they would arise and tell them to their children, ⁷ so that they would put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, but comply with His commandments, ⁸ and not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart and whose spirit was not faithful to God. – Psalm 78:5-8 NASB

WISE AND READY

- We must put our confidence in God
- We must not forget His works
- We must obey His commands

FOOLISH AND APOSTATE

- We **MUST NOT** be stubborn or rebellious
- We **MUST NOT** be unfaithful
- We **MUST NOT** let our hearts be far from Him

WHAT ARE YOU HOPING FOR IN THIS PRESENT
LIFE THAT IS WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH
WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR US?

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to
be revealed to us. – Romans 8:18 NASB

But just as it is written, “Things that no eye has seen, or
ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has
prepared for those who love him.” – 1 Corinthians 2:9 NET

DON'T WORRY, HE'S GOT THIS!

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" – Matthew 6:25-26

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD

⁴ You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? – James 4:4-5 NIV

PURIFY YOUR HEARTS

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. – James 4:7-10 NIV

DON'T SET YOUR HEART ON TOMORROW

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

– James 4:13-16 NIV

STORING UP TREASURE ON EARTH

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

- Then Jesus told a parable about a certain rich man who wanted to lay up treasures for himself for many years...

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." – Luke 12:15-21 NIV

WARNING ABOUT WEALTH IN THE LAST DAYS

¹ Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴ Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵ You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.— James 5:1-5 NIV

ENDURE PATIENTLY

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. – James 5:7-8,10-11 NIV

WE MUST DENY OURSELVES

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.** – Matthew 16:24 NIV

DO NOT FORSAKE GATHERING TOGETHER

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

—Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

DON'T JUDGE ONE ANOTHER

Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! – James 5:9 NIV

Who are you to pass judgment on another's servant? Before his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. – Romans 14:4 NET

⁴⁸ But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' ⁴⁹ and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. ⁵⁰ The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.

– Matthew 24:48-50 NIV

MANY MISSED THE MESSIAH

- Despite Knowing the Prophecies...
- Few of Israel's religious leaders recognized the Messiah that they had studied about so diligently.



BIBLE SIGNS FOR THE LAST DAYS

- 2000 years ago, the Pharisees missed the Messiah...
- **Why?** Because things didn't go the way they expected.



Are we **making the same mistake today** and missing the signs that Jesus warned us to watch for?

COULD WE ALSO MISS THE SIGNS OF HIS RETURN?

- There were no NEON SIGNS in the days of Jesus announcing His arrival.
- There were PROPHETIC SIGNS, but they were missed or forgotten about.

1. THE SHEPHERDS

2. WISE MEN FROM THE EAST

3. SIMEON AND ANNA IN THE
TEMPLE

4. JOHN THE BAPTIST

5. DANIEL'S SEVENTY SEVENS

6. THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

7. MESSIANIC PROPHECY

- CHRIST'S RETURN ON THE CLOUDS WILL NOT BE MISSED

MANY WILL SAY “LORD! LORD!”

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ – Matthew 7:21-23 NIV


IT TAKES FAITH TO RECOGNIZE PROPHETIC FULFILLMENTS...

Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as
righteousness. — Romans 4:3

Without faith it is impossible to please God. — Hebrews 11:6

Prophecy is a sign for believers, not unbelievers.
— 1 Corinthians 14:22

Do not treat prophecies with contempt. — 1 Thessalonians 5:20



*JESUS IS
COMING BACK*

Are you ready?

WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM

- **We have broken God's perfect law.** We may be “good people” but we've done a lot of bad things.
- **We've sinned and broken His ten commandments.**
(We've lied, stolen, committed violence, lusted, hated one another, disrespected our parents, disrespected and blasphemed God by ignoring Him and using His name as a curse word, coveted what wasn't ours, and much more.)
- **God is holy and just and He must punish sin.**

WHY MUST SIN BE PUNISHED?

- **Because if sin, wrongdoing, isn't punished, then it doesn't matter, does it?**
- Why not?
- **Because a law that isn't enforced is no law at all.**
- **Can't wrong deeds be outweighed by good deeds?**
- No. Will a judge pardon a murderer because he saved a child from drowning? Ten children? Built an orphanage?

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

– Romans 3:23 NET

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23 NIV

Indeed according to the law almost everything was purified with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.** – Hebrews 9:22 NET

ONLY ONE WAY TO BE FORGIVEN...

- God made man in His own image and loves us, but He knew we would sin against Him if He gave us free will.
- So before He even made the world, He planned to redeem mankind Himself, through His son Jesus Christ, who would be born with the flesh of man, through the virgin Mary.
- For having been born into mortal flesh, God himself lived the perfect life that we could not, and he was crucified and died on our behalf to take the punishment for our sin.
- For all of those who would be given the faith to answer His call and receive His free gift of salvation.

SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE?

- We know we are sinful, so there are a few logical possibilities:
 1. **It doesn't matter** because nothing at all matters in life anyway. *That would mean all of life is completely meaningless, which is obviously and logically FALSE.*
 2. **It matters and all sin will be punished**, but everyone makes mistakes, so we are ultimately completely doomed. TRUE, *but there is no hope and life is still meaningless because we all encounter the same end.*
 3. **It all matters, but God in His great mercy** has made a way for us to escape death and punishment for our sin. TRUE, *life has meaning and there is hope and a future after this life.*

ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. – Romans 10:9

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.
– Acts 4:12

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

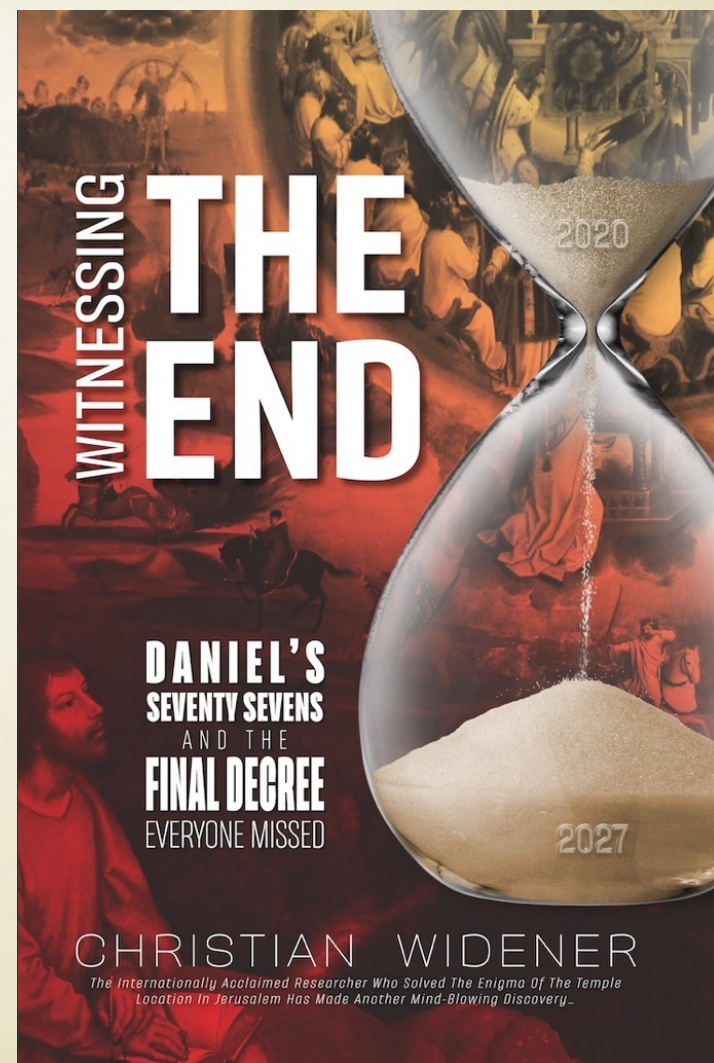
- Know that by your expression of faith God now indwells you with His Holy Spirit and He will begin to help and guide you.
- Start talking to God in prayer and reading the Bible everyday.
- Ask God for help to find a church that believes in the truth and authority of Scripture and some other Christians who can help encourage and disciple you.

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