

FOURTH STREAM FINDING HOPE



Friend!

Throughout our lives we have systematically examined the Bible as the Living God's authentic Word to mankind.

*His Story is true. It is epic. It is redemptive.
It is powerful and complete.
God's Story is our story!*

All of the books, characters, and letters of the Hebrew Scriptures flow into the story of God's Son. This was His plan before the world was created.

Long before arriving on earth in human form, the eternal Son reigned with His Father and His Holy Spirit. His visit to earth completed in space-time what was planned from eternity: *God's Son must die for the sins of the world - or all would be lost.*

These woven threads podcasts examine this one integrated story, with the Lord Jesus Christ in the center of all things.

We begin with His **four gospels** and wrap each part of the God Story **characters** and **books** (from the Law, the prophets, the kings, and His apostles) into one seamless communication from God: *this is Who I AM and this is what I am bringing about!*

You could learn more about the God Story in just a short time than many learn in a lifetime.

Seriously.

*Welcome to the Jesus-Centric journey,
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WOVEN THREADS

There is only *one testament* identified in the Word of God - it is the testament of the Living God, His eternal Son, and His Holy Spirit. The designations *old* and *new* are man-made.

√ **The Bible is woven as one hyper-linked communication from and with God**

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.” - Ephesians 4:4-6

√ **The Bible must be allowed to interpret itself to assure authenticity**

“For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such a shining testimony as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased” and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” - 2 Peter 1:16-21

√ **Jesus taught there is one testament to the Living God**

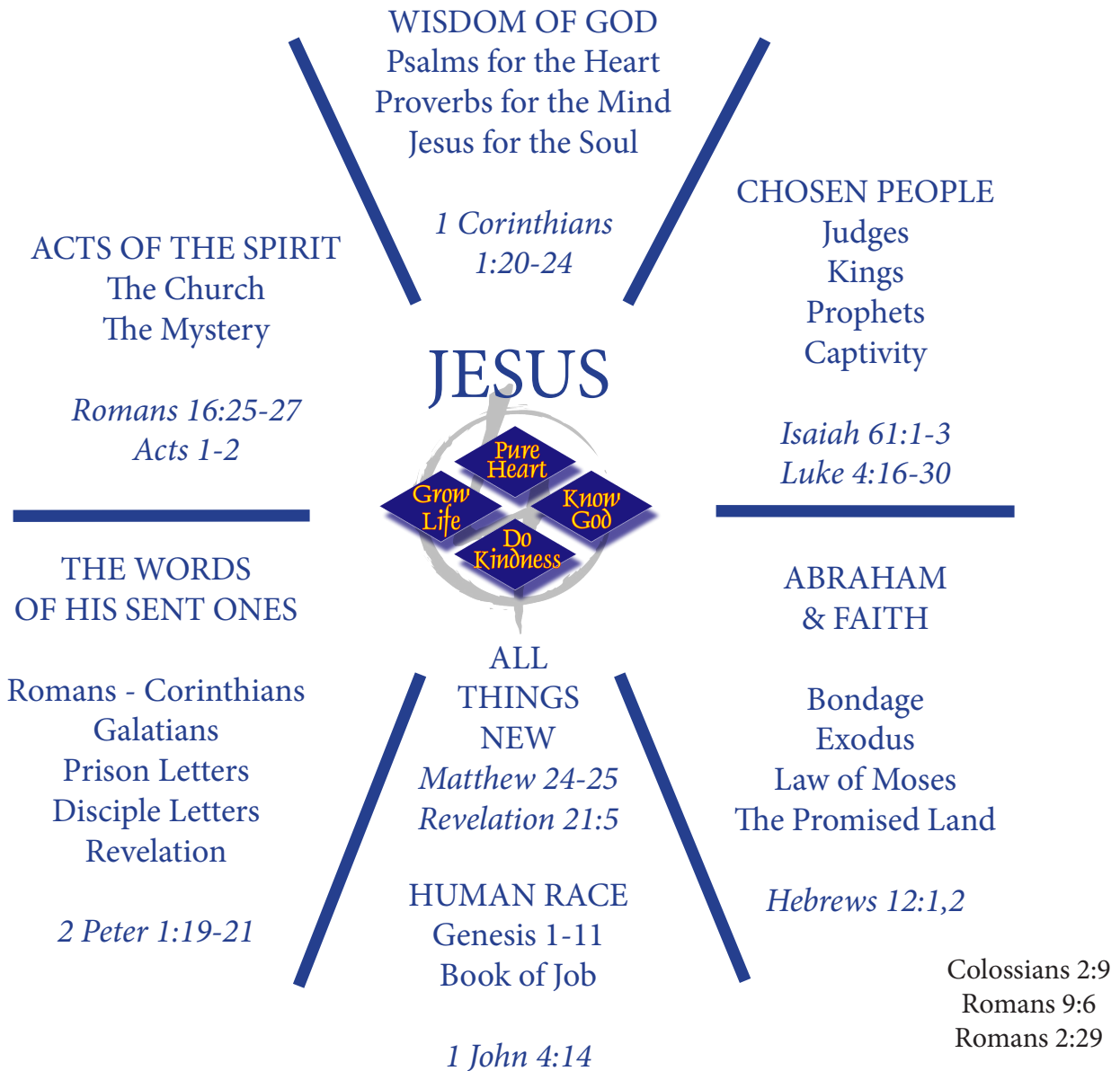
“The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John (the baptist); since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.” - Luke 16:16,17

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” - Matthew 5:17-20

*“Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
- Luke 24:44*

√ **The Bible is the revelation of the Living God**

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come - let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.” - Revelation 22:17-21



His Words. His Miracles. His impact.
His authority. Connection.

*“But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.
For this reason it says, Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

- Ephesians 5:13-14 -

Luke 2:26/Master’s Christ
John 5:25/The Dead Will Hear the Voice
Hebrews 2:1-9/Son of Man
Revelation 19:11-16/Judge of Mankind
Colossians 1:15-20/1 Corinthians 15

JESUS



MATTHEW - the King Comes

“Turn away and turn toward, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” - 3:2;4:17

MARK - the Servant is Sacrificed

“If anyone wants to be first among you, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” - 9:33-37

LUKE - The Man Suffers

“The son of man must suffer...” - 9:18-27

JOHN - God Comes Near

“In the beginning was the Word...” - 1:1-5

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He is Before All Things (*Colossians 1:17; John 1:1-5*)

He has disarmed ALL rule and authority (*Colossians 2:8-15*)

He covers us with His grace (*1 Peter 1:17-21*)

We are living in His shared victory *with him* (*1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 5:4*)

He discloses God to us (*1 John 14:19-21; John 16:13-15*)

The Name of Jesus (*Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*)

He hands over the Kingdom (*1 Corinthians 15:18-28*)

His sons and daughters will reign with Him (*2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 20:6*)

THE WISDOM OF JESUS

1 Corinthians 1:20-24

- √ Receive Me. *John 1:12*
- √ Be born a second time. *John 3:1-9*
- √ Turn, follow Me, and fish for men. *Matthew 4:17-19*
- √ Come to Me to find rest. *Matthew 11:28-30*
- √ Grow as good seed: Listen and Do. *Luke 8:8*
- √ Be hungry and thirsty and satisfied. *Matthew 5:6*
- √ Deny yourselves: *Matthew 5-7; 16:24-27*
- √ Wash one another's feet. *John 13:14*
- √ Be baptized. *Matthew 3:11,12*
- √ Go. *Matthew 28:16-20*
- √ Be of good courage. *John 16:33*
- √ Be on the alert and endure to the end. *Matthew 24:13, 42-43*
- √ My reward is with Me. *Revelation 22:12; 2 Timothy 2:12*

What would you add to this list from the directives of the Master?!