

Let Your  
Light Shine

*Lift up the **light** of your face upon us, O LORD!*

*Psalm 4.6*

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# Matthew 5.14-16

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Nor do people light a lamp  
and put it under a basket, but on a stand,  
and it gives light to all in the house.

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# Matthew 5.14-16

In the same way, *let your light shine*  
before others, so that  
they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father  
who is in heaven.

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3. Examples of the Light

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1. Repentance in the Light

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# Galatians 5.13

For you were called to freedom, brothers.  
Only do not use your freedom as an  
opportunity for the flesh,  
but through love serve one another.

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I have freedom to love...

But do I use this freedom only  
to love myself?

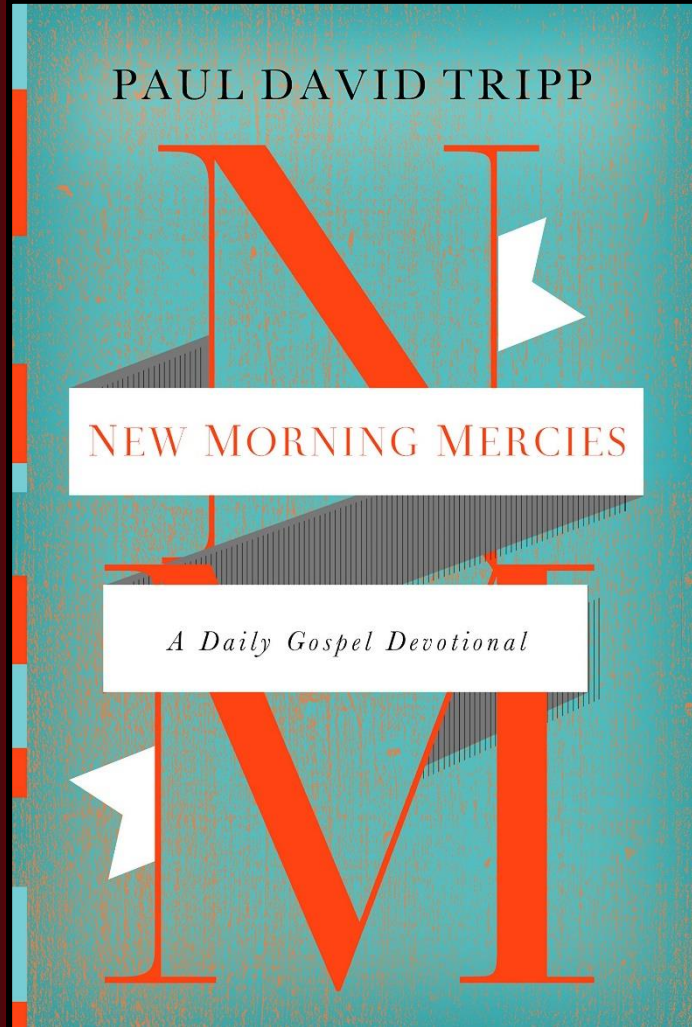
Letting His Light shine must start  
with *turning away from*...  
and turning to.

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In other words,  
I must repent of my  
sinful unrighteousness...  
and my sinful righteousness.



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# New Morning Mercies...

*Paul David Tripp*

June 15<sup>th</sup>

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“Ask God to defeat your **fear of being exposed**, of being known.  
Cry for the grace to be willing to stop, look, listen, receive, grieve, confess and turn.

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Stand with **courage** and **hope**  
before the searching and exposing  
mirror of the Word of God,  
and be unafraid.

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Stand naked before God and know  
that all that is **exposed** has been  
fully and completely covered  
by the shed blood of your Savior.

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Because of Him, you don't need to be afraid of your unrighteousness;

no, it is your

delusions of righteousness

that are the grave danger.”

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# Proverbs 28.13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will  
not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them  
will obtain mercy.

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unconfessed sin = unforgiven sin?

Confession does not create  
forgiveness...

Forgiveness creates confession.

Confession is *alignment!*

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Repentance:

Stop

Look

Listen

Receive

Grieve

Confess

Turn



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Repentance:

**Stop**... The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

Look

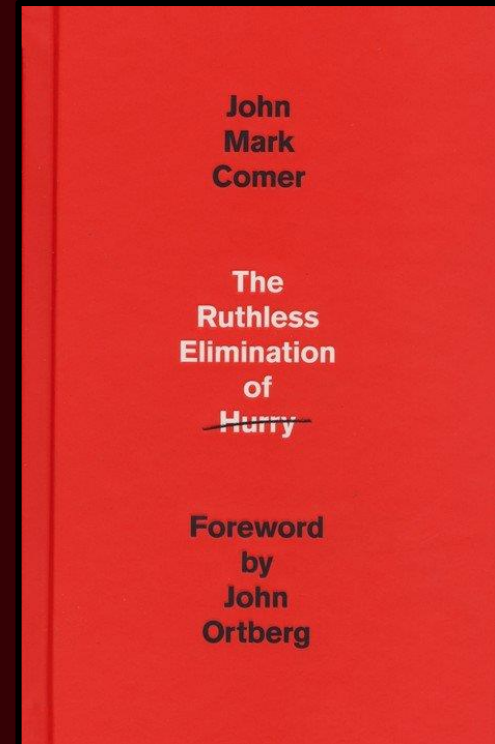
Listen

Receive

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Repentance:

Stop

Look

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Repentance:

Stop

**Look**...up, at, in (*look for the sin behind the sin*)

Listen

Receive

Grieve

Confess

Turn

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Repentance:

Stop

Look

**Listen**

Receive

Grieve

Confess

Turn

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# Repentance:

Stop

Look

**Listen**... The Word, Holy Spirit, loved ones

Receive

Grieve

Confess

Turn

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Repentance:

Stop

Look

Listen

**Receive**

Grieve

Confess

Turn

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Repentance:

Stop

Look

Listen

**Receive**...love, mercy, grace, renewal, courage

Grieve

Confess

Turn



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Repentance:

Stop

Look

Listen

Receive

**Grieve**

Confess

Turn

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Repentance:

Stop

Look

Listen

Receive

**Grieve**...sin always hurts (self and others)

Confess

Turn

Let Your Light Shine

Repentance:

Stop

Look

Listen

Receive

Grieve

**Confess**

Turn

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Repentance:

Stop

Look

Listen

Receive

Grieve

**Confess**... (say the same thing – be specific)

Turn

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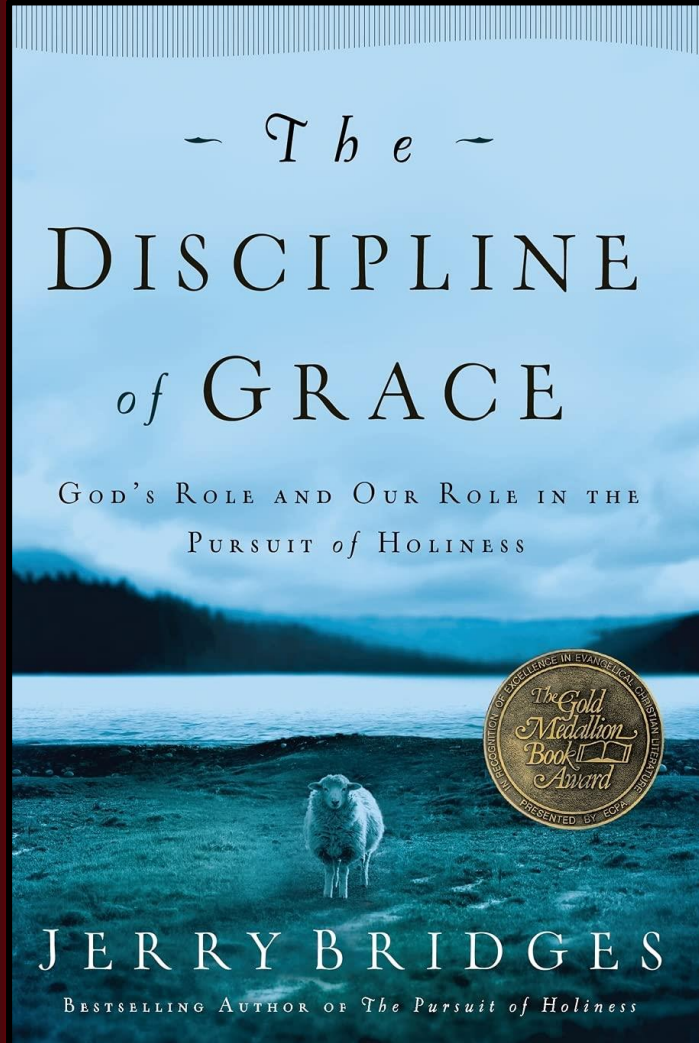
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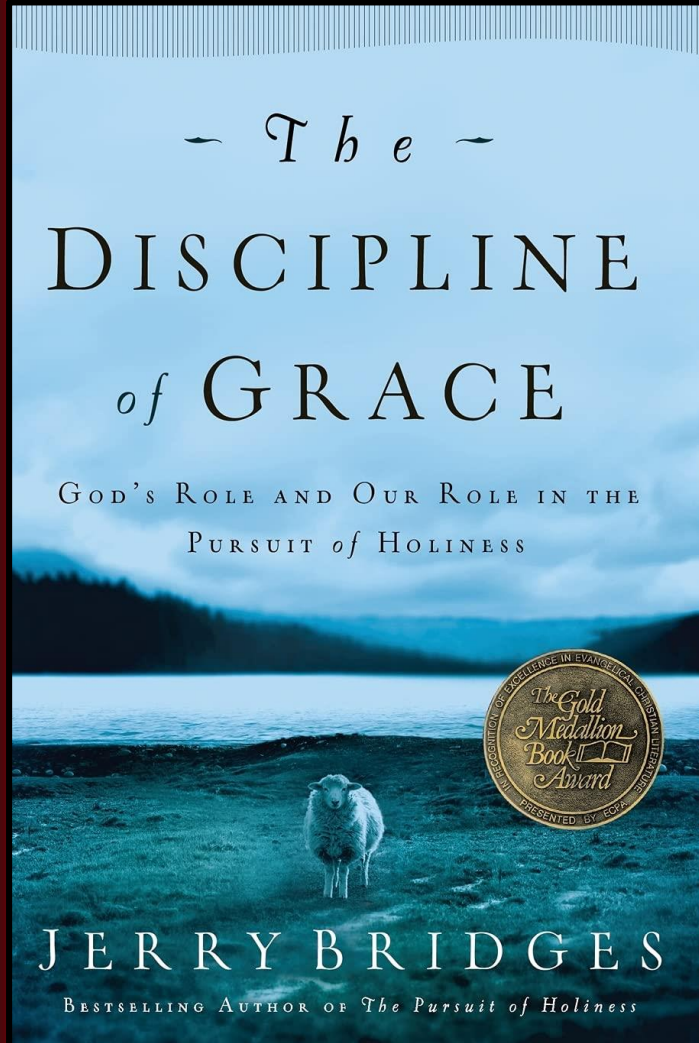
**Turn**...my affections away from — and toward

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Sin grieves God. We must not down-play the seriousness of it in the life of a believer. But we must come to the terms with the fact that God's Grace is greater than all our sins.

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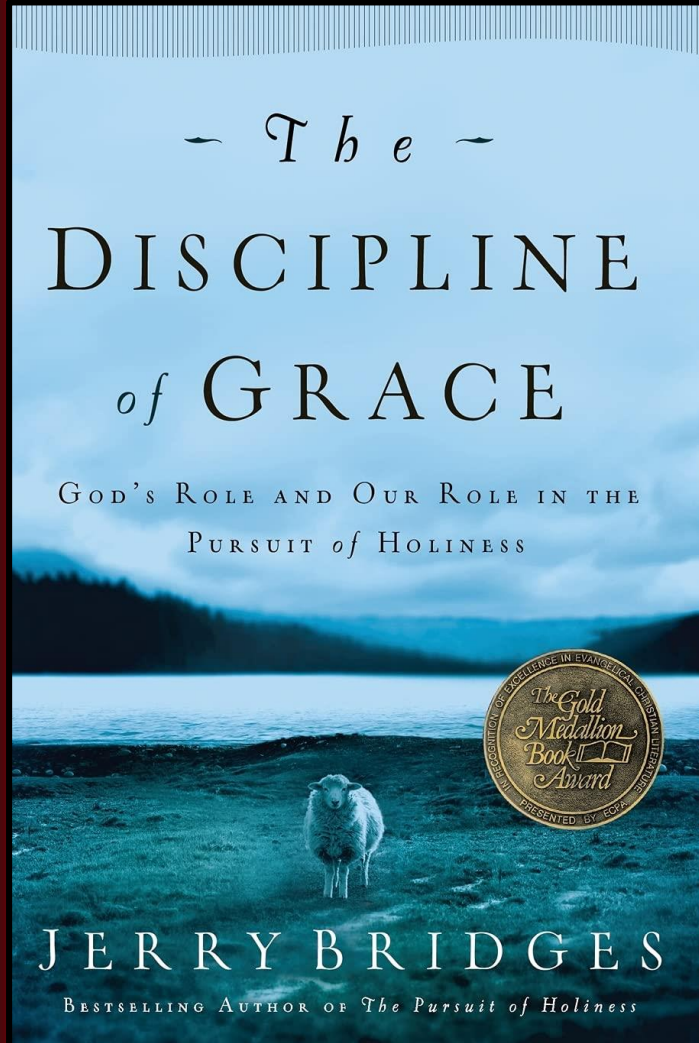


Repentance is one of the Christian's highest privileges.

A repentant Christian focuses on God's mercy and God's grace.



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Any moment in our lives when we bask in God's mercy and grace is our highest moment. Higher than when we feel snug in our decent performance and cannot think of anything we need to confess. (p. 26-27)

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# 1 Corinthians 4.5

...[the Lord] will **bring to light** the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Then each one will receive his  
\_\_\_\_\_ from God.

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Then each one will receive his **commendation** from God.

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1 John 1.5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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First simple (but not easy) **question**:

*Since we know darkness is in us...*

*how do we walk in the light?*

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First simple (but not easy) answer:

*We live our lives with*

*Transparency*

(Absorption and Reflection of Light)

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What do we normally do instead?

*Hide in shame, guilt and fear*

Why?

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Second simple (but not easy) **question**:

*Since we know our hearts are sick and  
broken...*

*how can we seek God with ALL of it?*



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Second simple (but not easy) answer:

*My heart has been penetrated by **light**.*

*God's Light has and will continue  
to overwhelm the darkness...*

***aka...GRACE***

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What do we normally do instead?

*Believe the lie that God is ok with a heart  
that is partially His.*

*(Immediately, Completely, Sweetly)*

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## 2. Vision for the Light

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# Be Thou my Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

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May my eyes see only You especially since  
my heart is so prone to wander...

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*Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;*

All that this world has to offer is nothing  
compared to You...

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*Thou my best thought, by day or by night*

May my busy days and my sleepless nights  
be filled with thankful praise...



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# Be Thou my Vision

*Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Whether awake or asleep, may I be constantly aware of, and drawn to, Your Glorious Beauty.

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# Jonathan Edwards

The Beatifical Vision of God: *that* is the tip of  
happiness!

To see a God of infinite glory and majesty  
face to face, to see him as he is,  
and to know him as we are known;

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# Jonathan Edwards

there to be admitted into the most intimate  
acquaintance with him,

to be embraced as in his arms:

this is such a privilege as Moses himself  
could not be admitted to while on earth.

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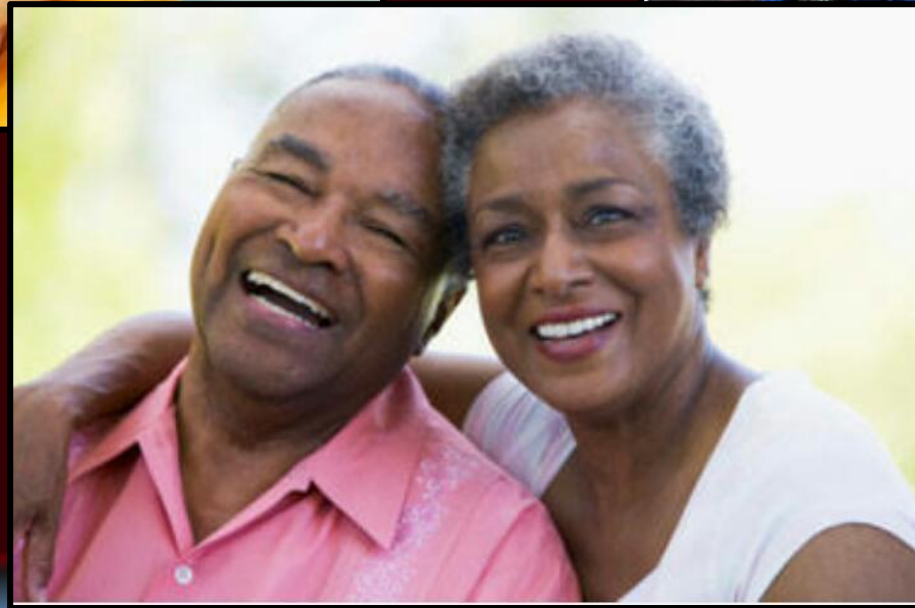
The vision and fruition of God will be so intimate and clear as to transform the soul into the likeness of God:

“We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is,” says the Apostle (1 John 3.2).

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We look more and more like  
what we look at.

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While you may be familiar with the old saying, “opposites attract,” in reality, what the heart wants is someone who resembles its owner – and that resemblance increases the longer two lovebirds stay together.

University of Michigan psychologist Robert Zajonc conducted an experiment to test this phenomenon.

He analyzed photographs of couples taken when they were newlyweds and photographs of the same couples taken 25 years later.

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The results showed that the couples had grown to look more like each other over time.

And, the **happier** that the couple said they were, the more likely they were to have increased in their physical similarity.



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Zajonc suggested that older couples looked more alike because **people in close contact mimic each other's facial expressions**.

In other words, if your [spouse] has a good sense of humor and laughs a lot, he or she will probably develop laugh lines around their mouth — and so will you.

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How happy is your God?

Can you see His facial expressions?

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Psalm 89.15

*Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in **the light of your face***

Psalm 4.6

*Lift up the **light of your face** upon us, O LORD!”*

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You and I are the visible  
representations of an invisible God  
who exists in unapproachable light.

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What specifically do people see  
when they look at us?

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First impression: our face.

Test of time: our fruit.

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# Galatians 5.22-23, 25

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patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control;  
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Two thoughts:

1. The following examples are people who not only can **speak** about the fruit they exhibit, they passionately **live it** out.

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Two thoughts:

2. They would also say that any fruit demonstrated is completely a work of the Spirit and not mere self-effort.

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*“I want to be more like \_\_\_\_\_.”*

1 Corinthians 11.1

Be imitators of me [Paul],  
as I am of Christ.



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*“I’m not as good  
as you think I am.”*

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*“The character of a person being energized to act for the benefit of another person.”*

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*A saint is not  
someone who is  
good...  
but who experiences  
the goodness of God.*

*~Thomas Merton*

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## Growing My Faith in the Face of Death

I spent a lifetime counseling others before my diagnosis.  
Will I be able to take my own advice?

MARCH 7, 2021

**Timothy Keller**

Founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church



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I HAVE SPENT a good part of my life talking with people about the role of faith in the face of imminent death. Since I became an ordained Presbyterian minister in 1975, I have sat at countless bedsides, and occasionally even watched someone take their final breath. I recently wrote a small book, *On Death*, relating a lot of what I say to people in such times. But when, a little more than a month after that book was published, I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, I was still caught unprepared.

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*“Had I been slipping  
unconsciously into the  
supposition that God  
lived for me rather  
than I for Him...*

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*that life should go well  
with me, that I knew  
better than God does  
how things should go?*

*The answer was yes —  
to some degree.”*



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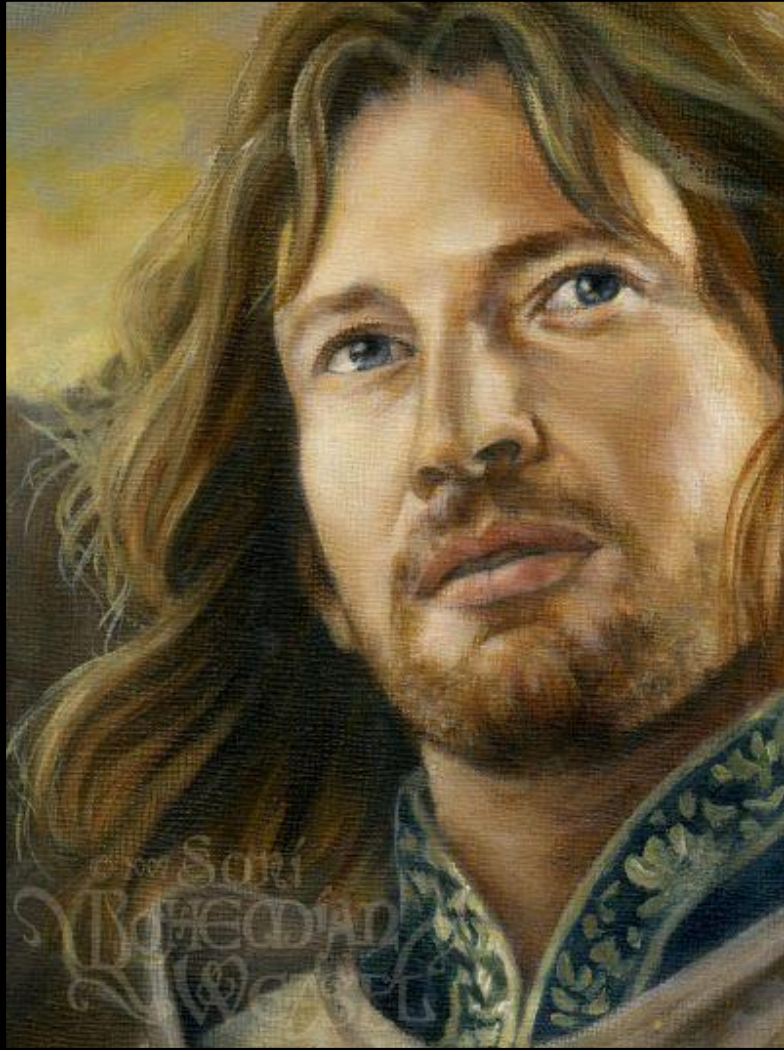
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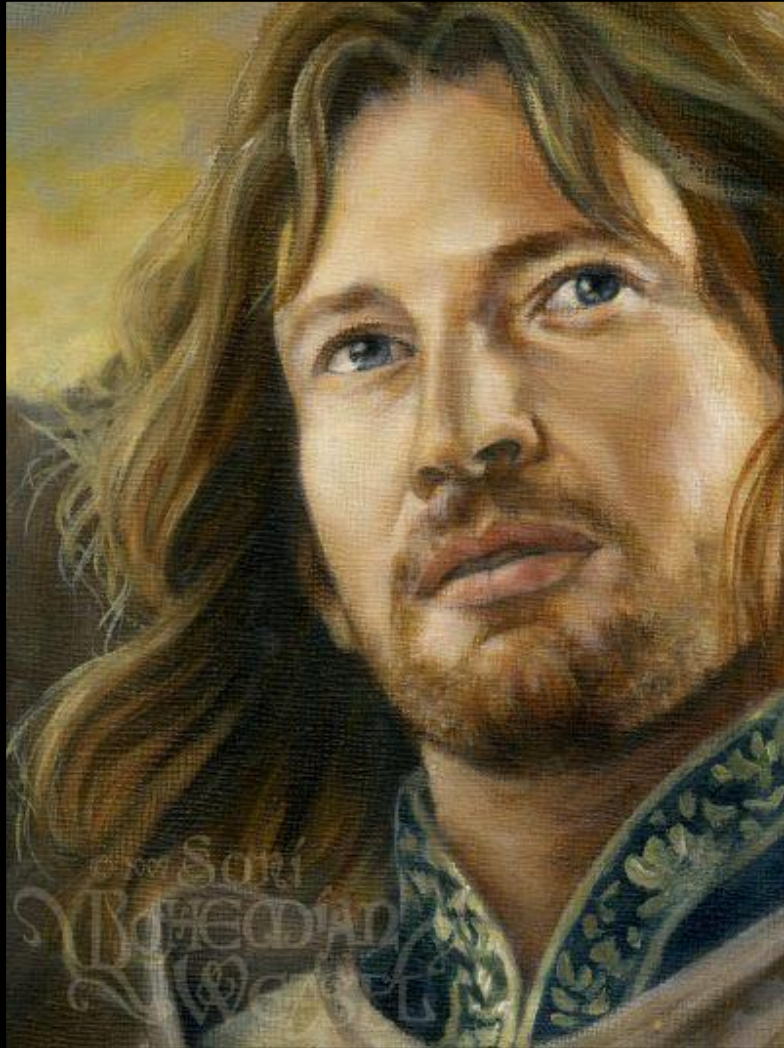


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*“A chance for  
Faramir,  
Captain of Gondor,  
to show his  
quality.”*

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*“I am wise enough  
to know that there  
are some perils  
from which a man  
must flee.”*

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What modern day perils should we  
be wise enough to resist using  
the fruit of *self-control*?

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4 men

3 real

1 fictional

All fruitful examples of light



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