

Crossway
Multinational
Church

We will begin around 10AM
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The Lord is my shepherd,
I lack nothing.

Psalm 23:1

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Our greeting time will begin shortly,
thank you for coming early!

June 21, 2020

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Welcome to
Crossway Multinational Church!

We strive to be a **church** that is
for, of and by
the **peoples** of many **nations**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
JULY	5				9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Prayer Gathering, 4:30pm (June 28)

The Lord's Supper (July 5)

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GREETINGS

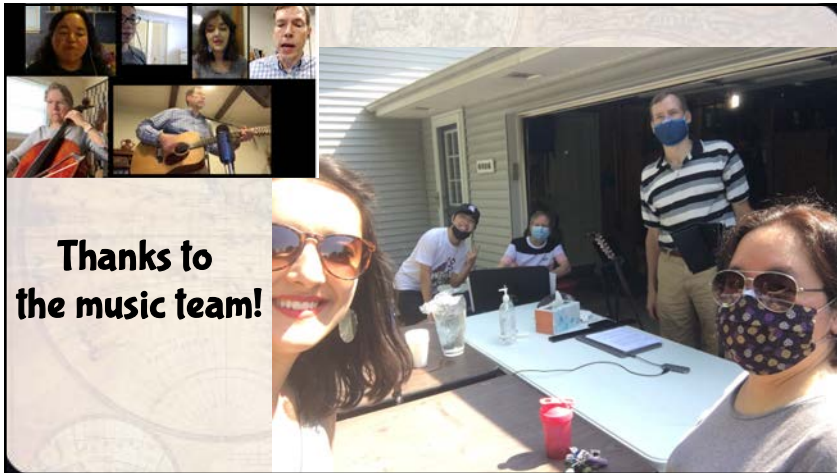
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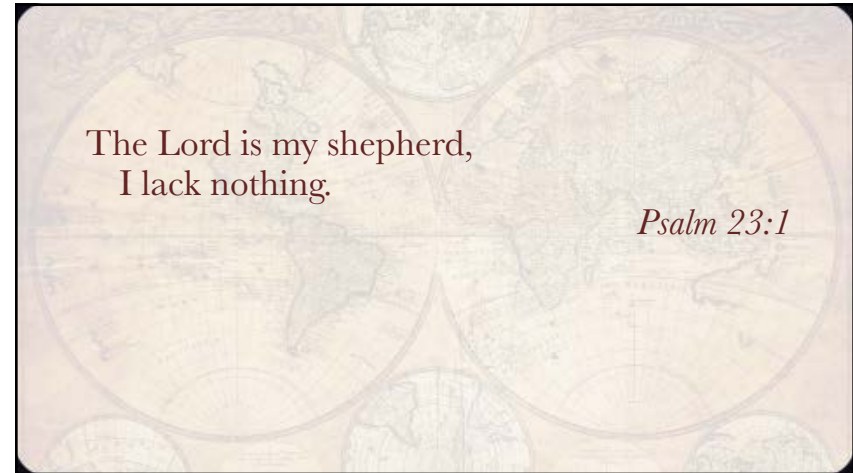
Waving poll: **Give a big wave if ...**

- **You have a new haircut!**
- **You have gotten more exercise than usual**
- **You have gotten less exercise than usual**
- **You need to meet with God today**

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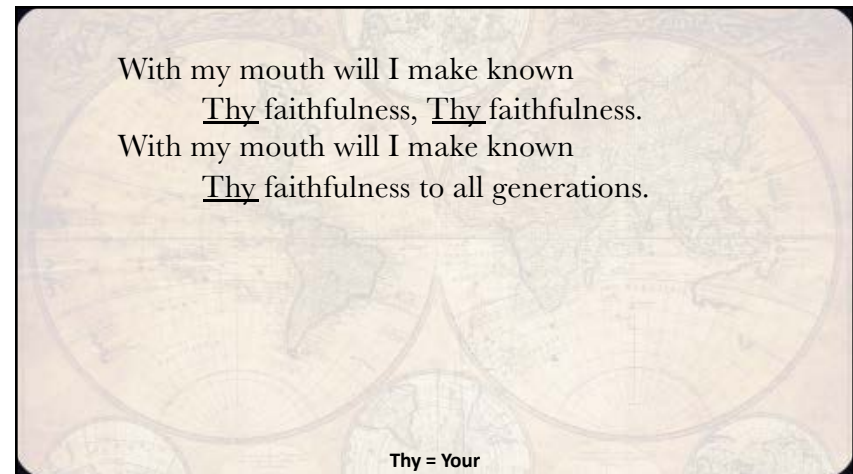
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I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
 I will sing, I will sing.
 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

mercies = steadfast love and care

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With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
 With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

Thy = Your

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John 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 and does not own 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.

hired hand = temporary employee

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“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.

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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.”

my own accord = my own choice

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Oh, Worship the King
齊來同敬拜

(Chinese)

Oh, worship the King all glorious above,
齊當俯伏拜，榮耀大君王！
and gratefully sing His wonderful love.
主權能慈愛，我等當頌讚！

gratefully = with a thankful heart

15

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
主亙古如盾牌，護我免災害，
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
榮光罩若宮闈，頌聲環如帶。

Ancient of Days = a title for God
pavilioned = clothed
girded = surrounded

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Oh, tell of His might, and sing of His grace,
 主權能慈愛，我等當頌讚！
 whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
 光輝是主袍，穹蒼是主幔；

robe = clothing of high honor
canopy = decorative covering for a throne

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His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
 我主若發義怒，雷雲當車乘，
 and dark is the path on the wings of the storm.
 狂風追逐暴雨，主在其中行。

chariots of wrath = God's work to bring justice
wings of the storm = actions of judgment

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Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
 人舌何能述，我主關切心，
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 主使風吹拂，主使光生明；

Thy = Your
bountiful = generous and good
recite = describe
breathes = provides for us

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it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
 主使高山泉源，下注遍平壤，
 and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
 又让甘霖時雨，潤澤各地方。

streams = flows like water
plain = large flat area of land
sweetly distills = quietly and pleasantly arrives

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Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 我原是微塵，懦弱無力量，
 in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
 專心依靠主，必能獲健康，

Frail = easily injured
feeble = weak, quick to fail
nor find thee to fail = God is always faithful

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Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 因主慈愛覆育，永遠無變更！
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
 至尊造化主宰，我救主大君。

how tender = kind and compassionate
firm = reliable
Redeemer = Rescuer

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恩典之路
The Path of Grace

Chinese

你是我的主
 Ni shi wo de zhu
Lord, You are my guide,
 引我走正義路
 yin wo zou zheng yi lu
the shepherd of my life.

shepherd = protector and provider

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高山或低谷
 Gao shan huo di gu
Through the hills and valleys,
 都是你在保護
 Dou shi ni zai bao hu
You're always by my side.

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萬人中唯獨

Wan ren zhong wei du

Calling me by name,

你愛我認識我

Ni ai wo ren shi wo

You've chosen me with love.

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永遠不變的應許

Yong yuan bu bian de ying xu

Blessing me abundantly,

這一生都是祝福

Zhe yi sheng do shi zhu fu

Your promise will never change.

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一步又一步

Yi bu you yi bu

Every step we take,

這是恩典之路

Zhe shi en dian zhi lu

You lead us with Your grace.

grace = forgiveness and generous kindness

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你愛.你手.將我緊緊抓住

Ni ai ni shou jiang wo jin jin zhua zhu

Your love, Your hand will hold us close to You.

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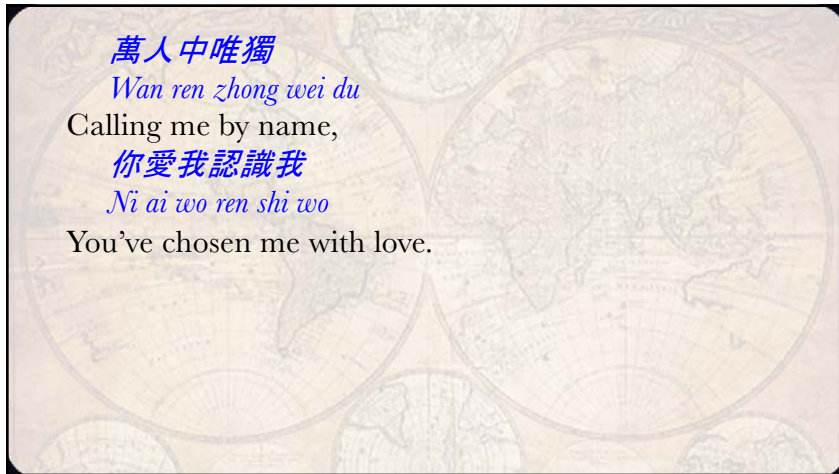
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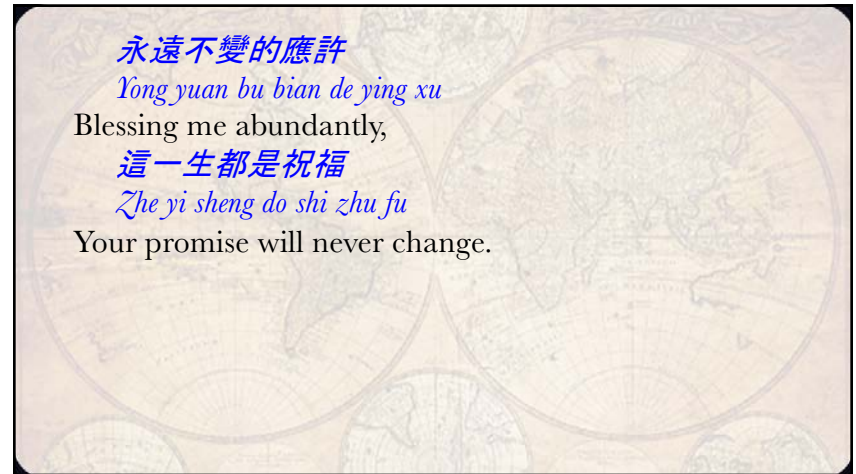
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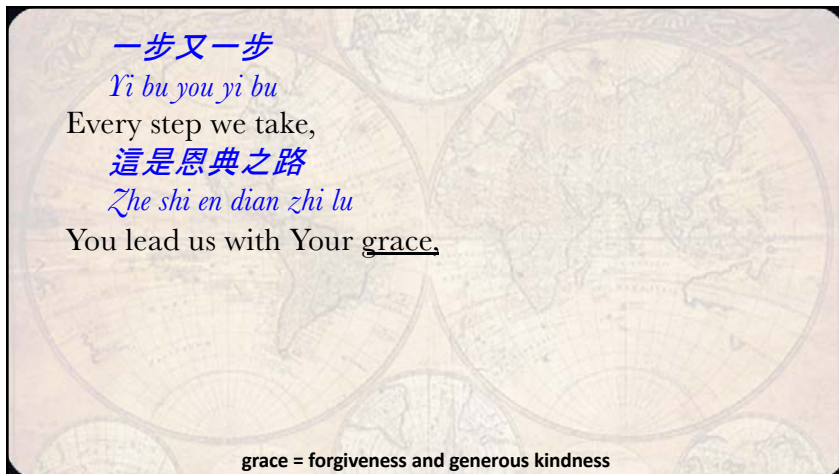
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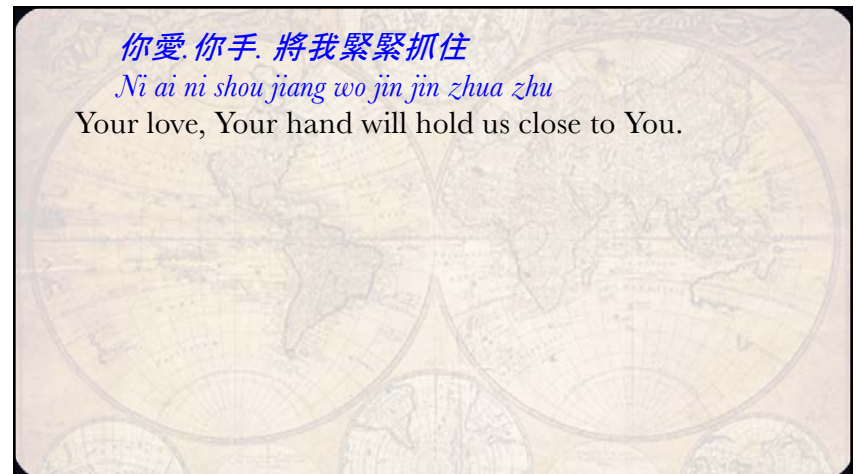
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:28b-31

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, “I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord.”
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

sin, iniquity, transgressions = immoral and disloyal actions, attitudes, and words

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Jesus, Thank You (Spanish)

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
El misterio de la cruz no puedo comprender
 the agonies of Calvary.
La angustia que llegó a sufrir
 You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,
El perfecto Dios, Su Hijo entregó
 Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.
La copa amarga Él bebió por mí

agonies of Calvary = Jesus' suffering when he was crucified
 crushed your son = God the Father punished Jesus in our place
 bitter cup = painful punishment

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Your blood has washed away my sin.
Tu sangre, mi maldad lavó
 Jesus, thank You.
Gracias, Cristo
 The Father's wrath completely satisfied.
Fue satisfecha la ira de Dios
 Jesus, thank You.
Gracias, Cristo

washed away = forgave
 wrath = just punishment
 satisfied = an obligation that is completely met

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Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table,
Tu enemigo fui y hoy me siento a Tu mesa
 Jesus, thank You.
Gracias, Cristo

seated at Your table = welcomed in God's family

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By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near,
Por Tu sacrificio me acercaste a Ti
 Your enemy You've made Your friend.
Quitaste toda enemistad
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Tu gloriosa gracia derramaste en mí
 Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.
Tu misericordia es sin igual

sacrifice = Jesus' death in my place
 brought near = treated like family
 pouring out = giving with abundance
 know no end = endless

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Lover of my soul,
Amante de mi ser
 I want to live for You.
Quiero vivir por Ti

(3 times)

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Woman to Woman

by
 KW Bell



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Listening to Diverse Voices

“In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right,
 until someone comes forward and cross-examines.” *Proverbs 18:17*

it might not be obvious

To whom are we listening?
Who ‘cross-examines’ what we have heard?

- People in the majority **don’t have to** listen to minority voices
- People in the minority **can’t avoid** listening to the majority
- About joys & sorrows & struggles, theology, politics, ...
- What you read, watch, ‘like’ and ‘follow’

Essential for Crossway: listening across differences: race, ethnicity, nationality, socio-economic status, communities, denominations, ...

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater **honor to the parts that lacked it**, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have **equal concern for each other**. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. *1 Corinthians 12:22-26*

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How Hard a Challenge

If you love someone...

when is it good to make things **easier** for them?

- When a task is too hard
- When the effort is better spent on other things

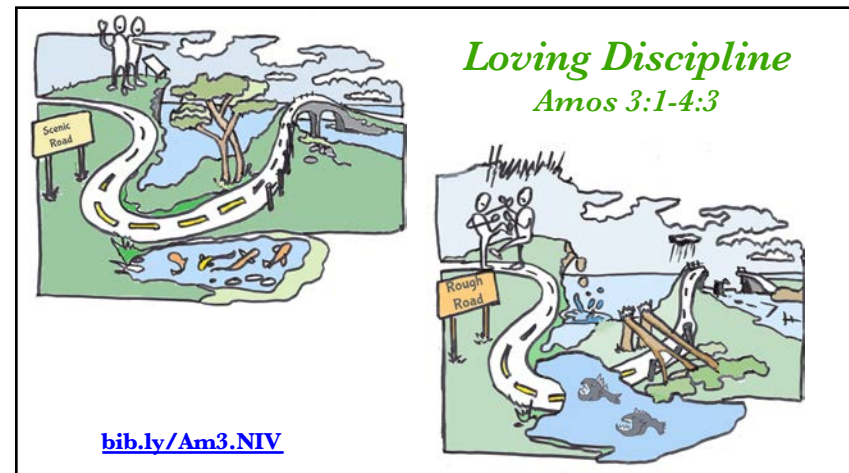
when is it good to make things **harder** for them?

- When you want them to grow stronger

Where is your life **harder** than it seems like it ought to be?

What do we expect God to do in our lives?

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Amos, the minor prophet

What was the setting?

- Time of peace and prosperity (~760BC)
- Israel (north) will be conquered in 722BC
- Judah (south) will be conquered 586BC

Who is Amos?

- Shepherd & fig farmer from Judah (southern kingdom) whom God told to go to Israel (northern kingdom)

What was the message?

- God's judgment is coming against His own people



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Amos, the minor prophet

Chapters 1–2 (October 6, 2019)

- God's perfect ways will come and judgment will come to the unjust, the oppressors, and the rebellious in all the earth

Chapter 3 (today)

Chapter 5 (June 28, Allan Greig)

Plans still forming for the rest

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Amos 3 bib.ly/Am3.NIV

1-2: Israel's special relationship brought special punishment

3-8: • Judgment is for Israel and for Judah

9-12: • Yet a special message for Israel

13-15: came through a man called from Judah

4:1-3: • God's emphasis:

- You are the ones I chose and I rescued
- You rebelled against me
- Therefore, you are the ones I will punish

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God selected & rescued the children of Israel as a gift to them
 God promised that they would be a blessing to the whole earth

Amos told Israel they will be destroyed

Israel will be conquered & destroyed

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Amos 3

1-2: Israel's special relationship brought special punishment

3-8: Israel's coming destruction is from God

9-12: • Walking in fellowship requires agreement

13-15: • Israel & God are no longer in agreement

4:1-3: • A lion's roar, a sprung trap, the warning trumpet all show that **disaster is near**

- The prophet's warning shows that **disaster is near**
- Will the people appropriately fear God?
 - Believe even when God speaks hard words
 - Take seriously the warning of coming disaster

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God selected & rescued the children of Israel as a gift to them
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Israel's religious activity was false/empty
 Israel oppressed its own people to amass wealth

God chose to judge Israel

God told Amos of the coming judgment of Israel

Amos told Israel they will be destroyed

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9-12: Israel's enemies witness against them, and destroy them

13-15: • Even their enemies who don't know God

4:1-3: can see the trouble and oppression that is in Israel

- Key: Unjust (but socially acceptable) wealth
- Enemies will do God's work of judgment
- Tear down walls and take away wealth
- Literally: "stored up violence and robbery"
- Leg bones and piece of ear:
evidence of total destruction

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13-15: God is the one bringing judgment

4:1-3: • He will destroy their **empty religion**

- The problems with their religion:
 - Vertical ["worship"] without horizontal [justice]
 - Vertical is empty and corrupt
- He will destroy their **unjust wealth**
 - Gathered through oppression of the weak

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4:1-3: Indirect oppressors will be judged as well

- Women oppress the poor through their husbands
 - They are just as guilty
- Having treated others as animals,
they will be captured and treated as animals

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The Big Idea

**God will judge the rebellious
and He will also discipline His children
so they will grow in Him**

**A special relationship with God (being children)
brings extra responsibility and discipline
not less**

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Jesus said: “The servant who **knows the master’s will** and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows.

**From everyone who has been given much,
much will be demanded; and
from the one who has been entrusted with much,
much more will be asked.”** *Luke 12:47-48*
**Christians have greater responsibility before God
not less!**

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Sometimes because we have done wrong

Sometimes because we are making good progress!

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Application

Believe that God is using ‘easy’ and ‘hard’ situations to make us more like Christ

- Very often what makes us grow is what we find challenging or hard or painful
- God is genuinely working for our good
 - His goal is not ‘making life easier for us’
 - Yet He is still a generous God

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And we know that **in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also **glorified.**

Romans 8:28-30

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- God wants us to be holy and faithful and loving like Christ
 - That growth comes through challenges

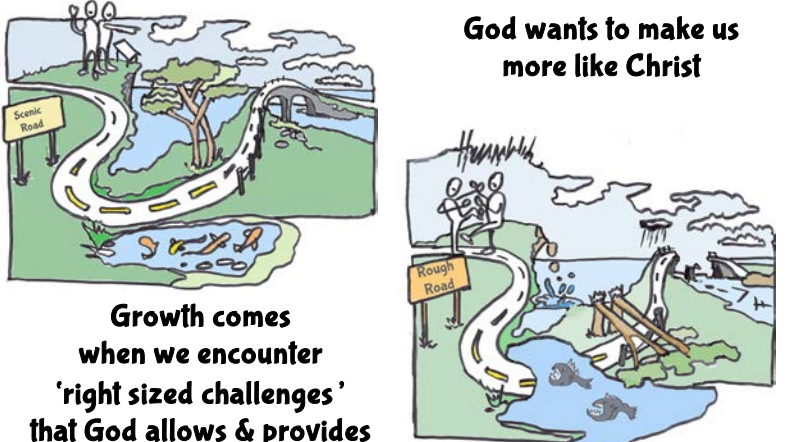
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What do you notice about these two roads?

- Why might a loving God **let** His children end up on the rough road?
- Might a loving God **send** His children onto the rough road?

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God wants to make us more like Christ

Growth comes when we encounter ‘right sized challenges’ that God allows & provides

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Application

Believe that God is using ‘easy’ and ‘hard’ situations to make us more like Christ
 Take growth in Christ and obedience to Christ seriously

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Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize.** Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, **I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave** so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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Take growth in Christ and obedience to Christ seriously

- We should seek growth in Christ the way people train for the Olympics, or to become a distinguished professor, or to be the top artist, or to get a job, or ...
- NOT** so that we can try to earn God’s love
- But BECAUSE** we already are God’s deeply loved children, and He wants us to flourish!

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Take growth in Christ and obedience to Christ seriously

Submit to God when confronted or disciplined

- “The lion has roared—
who will not fear?” *Amos 3:8*

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In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood [as Jesus did]. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
because **the Lord disciplines the one he loves,**
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

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Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but **God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness.** No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, **it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace** for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. *Hebrews 12:4-13*

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- “The lion has roared—
who will not fear?” *Amos 3:8*
- So when we encounter trouble, we should ask...
 - Is there sin in my life that requires repentance?
 - How might God be using this to help me grow in Him?

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Use times of trouble to reinforce our prayer and trust

- For you, is crying out to God automatic in trouble?
- If not, then clearly more training is needed!

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The Big Idea

**God will judge the rebellious
and He will also discipline His children
so they will grow in Him**

**Where is life challenging for us today? for you?
How might God be using that challenge to make
you and me more like Christ?**

*Holy, faithful, persevering in hope, compassionate,
comforting to others, free from sin, ...*

How might you and I join God in that work?

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Eternal Father, Gracious King

Eternal Father, gracious King,
 we come to you in prayer.
 Accept the pleas your children bring,
enfold us in your care.

pleas = urgent requests
 enfold = surround

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 hear our prayer.
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 To your throne of grace we come,
 by your Spirit, through your Son,
 in your mercy, hear our prayer.

throne of grace = authority that gives new life

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We come to you in Jesus' name,
 we plead his precious blood.
 We leave behind our guilt and shame,
 secure within your love.

precious blood = Jesus' death for us

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We come because the Spirit speaks
 to calm our doubt and fear,
 puts Abba Father on our lips,
 and calls us to draw near.

Abba = Aramaic word for Father

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