



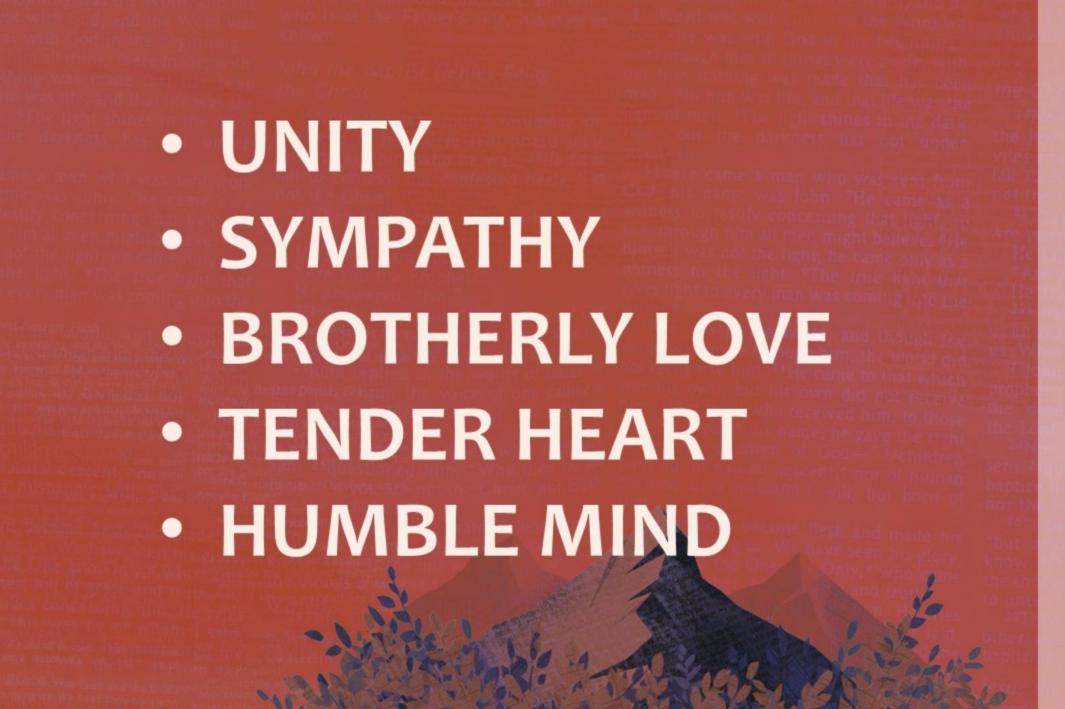
Encouragement to live out the Gospel.

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing...



For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

1 Peter 3:8-12



Don't repay evil for evil!

"Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Hebrews 13:1,2

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."

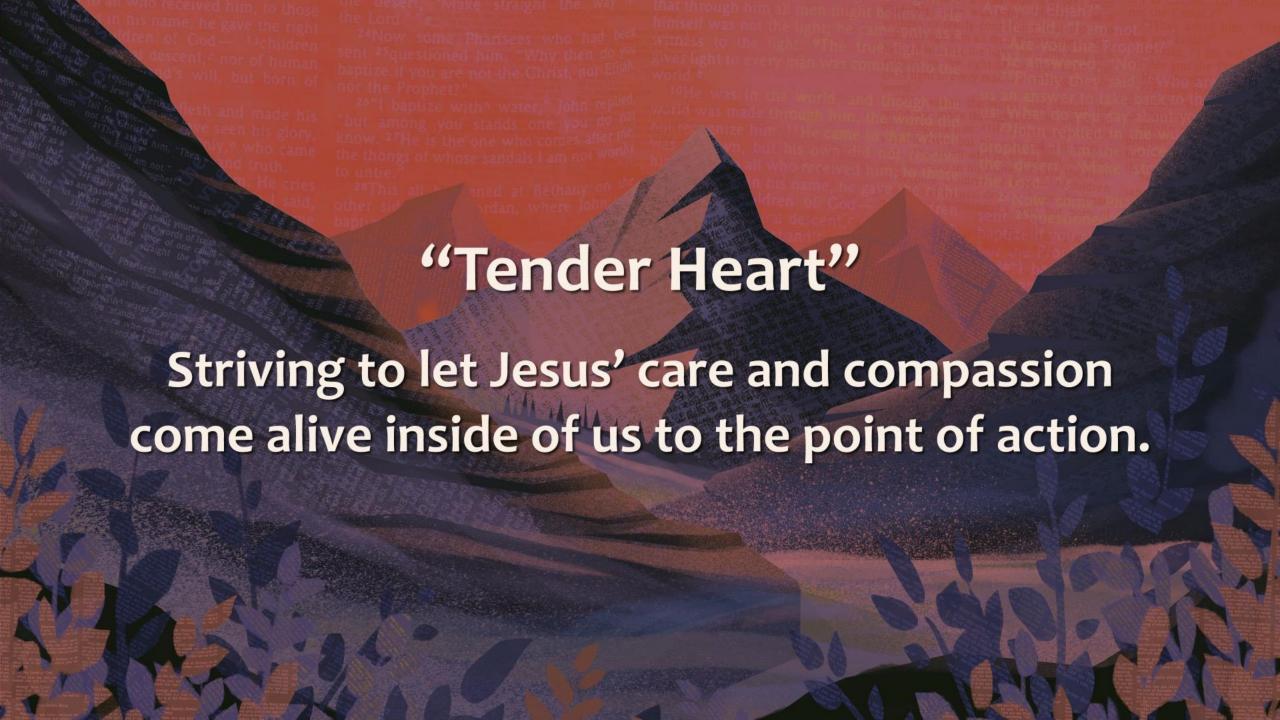
Luke 6:27,28

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

"God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance." Romans 2:4

Blessings from righteous conduct:

- Love Christ: Unutterable Joy 1:8
- Holy Life: Avoiding God's Discipline 1:17
- Trust in Suffering: God's Approval 2:19,20
- Living Considerate: Unhindered Prayers 3:7
- Resist the Devil: Restoration/Strength 5:9,10



"Turn away from evil."

"Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart" 2 Timothy 2:22

"Seek peace and pursue it."

"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight." Romans 12:16



Effects of living out the Gospel.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

1 Peter 3:13

"Suffering Unjustly"

"For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly."

1 Peter 2:19

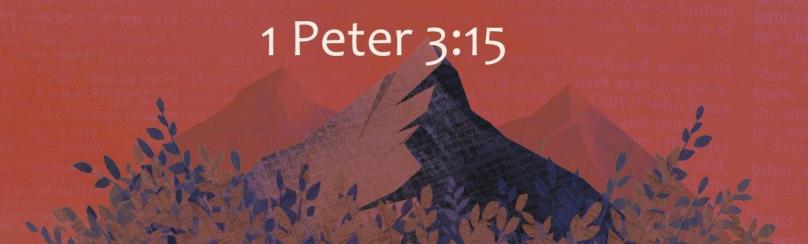


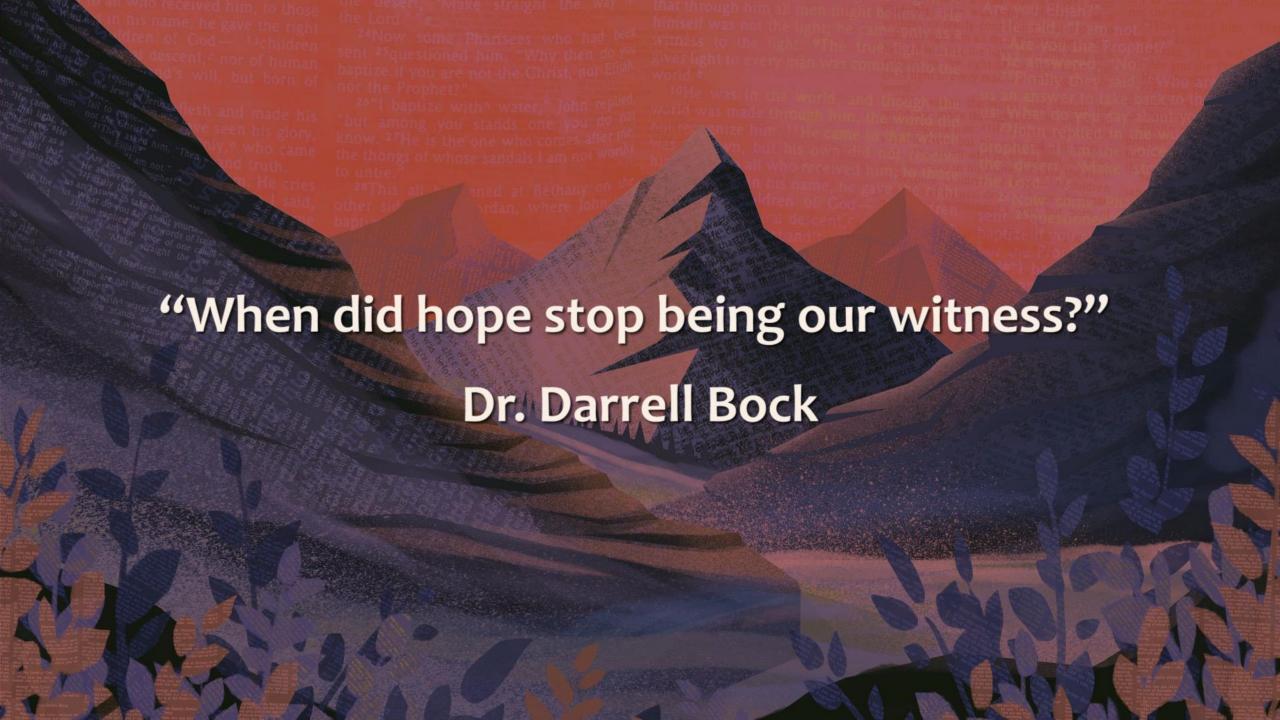
"You will be blessed."

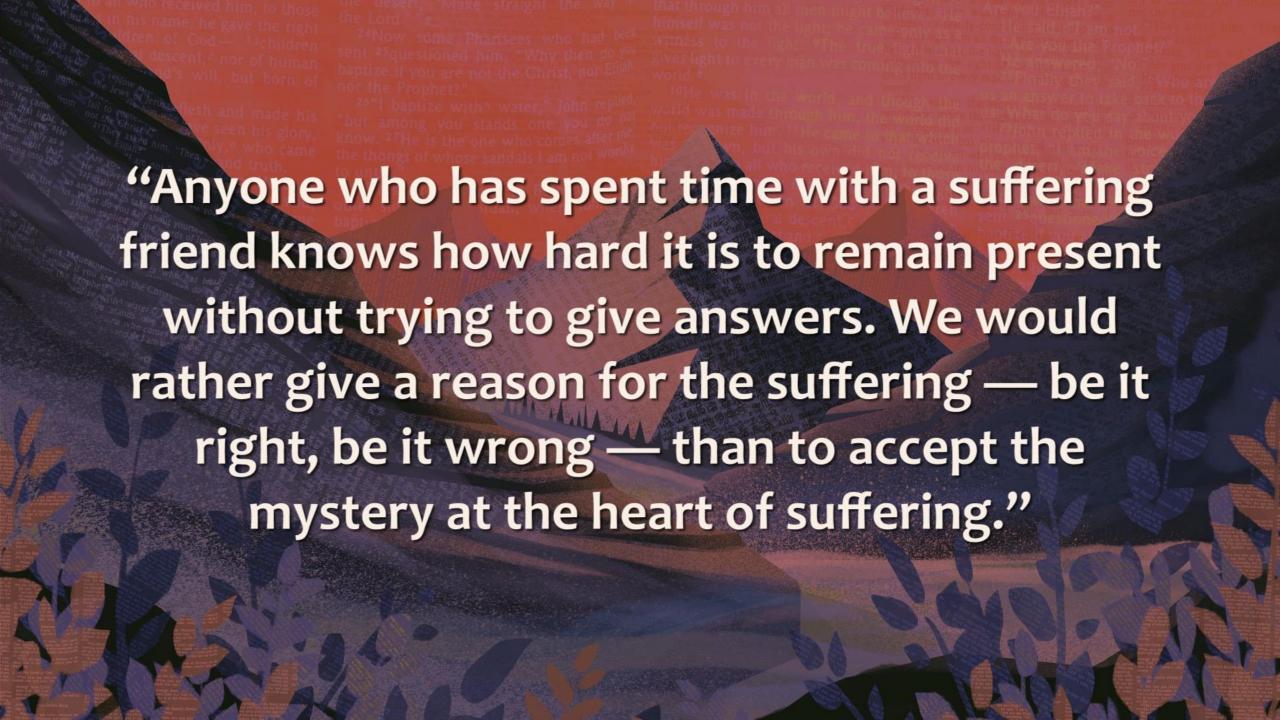
The blessings are less fear and less worry because you know who you belong to.



"... but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you..."







When you can't look on the bright side, I will sit with you in the dark. - Author Unknown

"It is better to suffer for doing good."

"For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly."



- 1. Do you embrace hope in an eternal Father?
- 2. Do you understand that salvation frees you from an obsession with stuff?
- 3. Are you established in the hope that Jesus has provided through His blood?
- 4. Do you make it a habit to continually stretch yourself thin in loving others?
- 5. Does your understanding of eternity free you to eternal hope found in Jesus?

