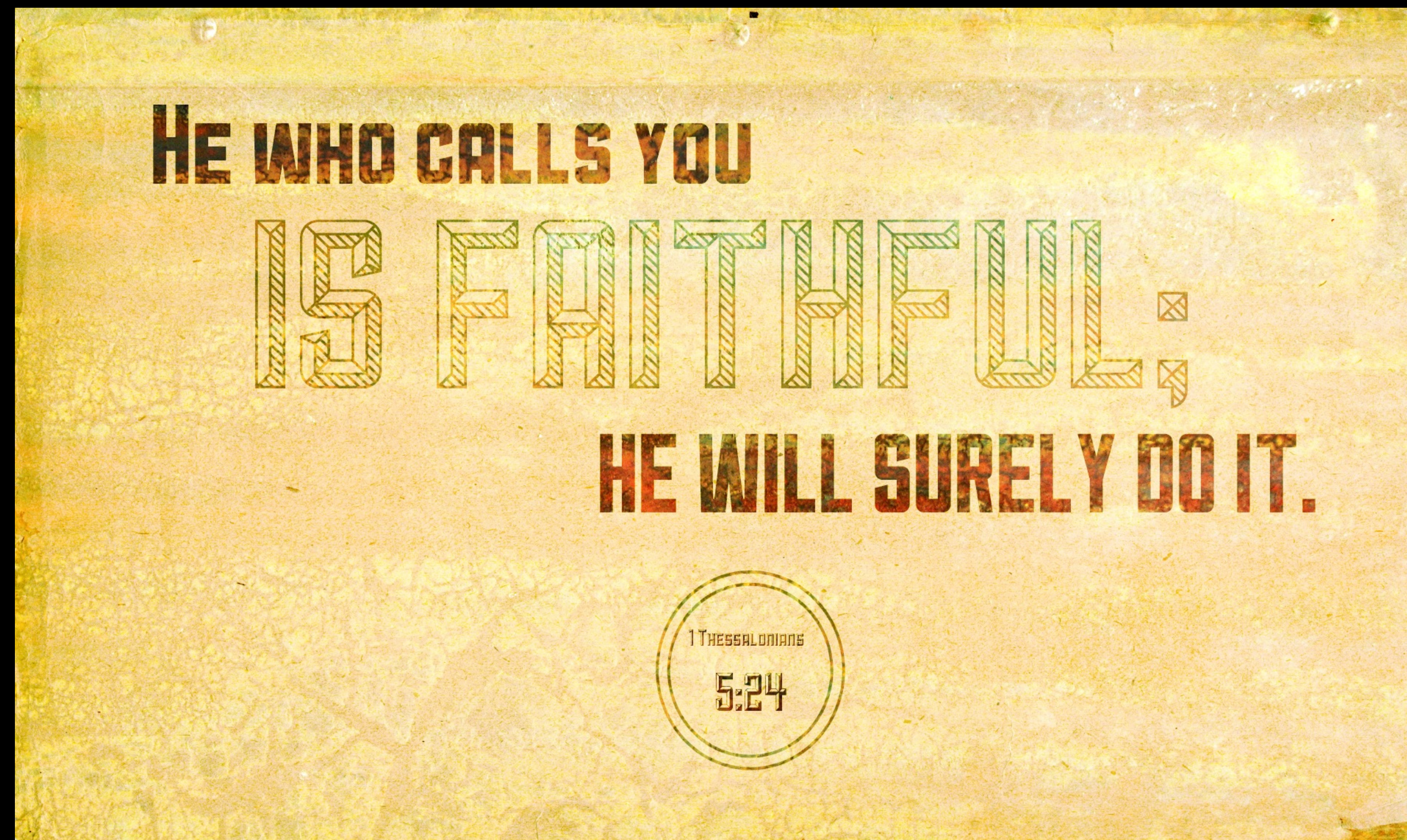


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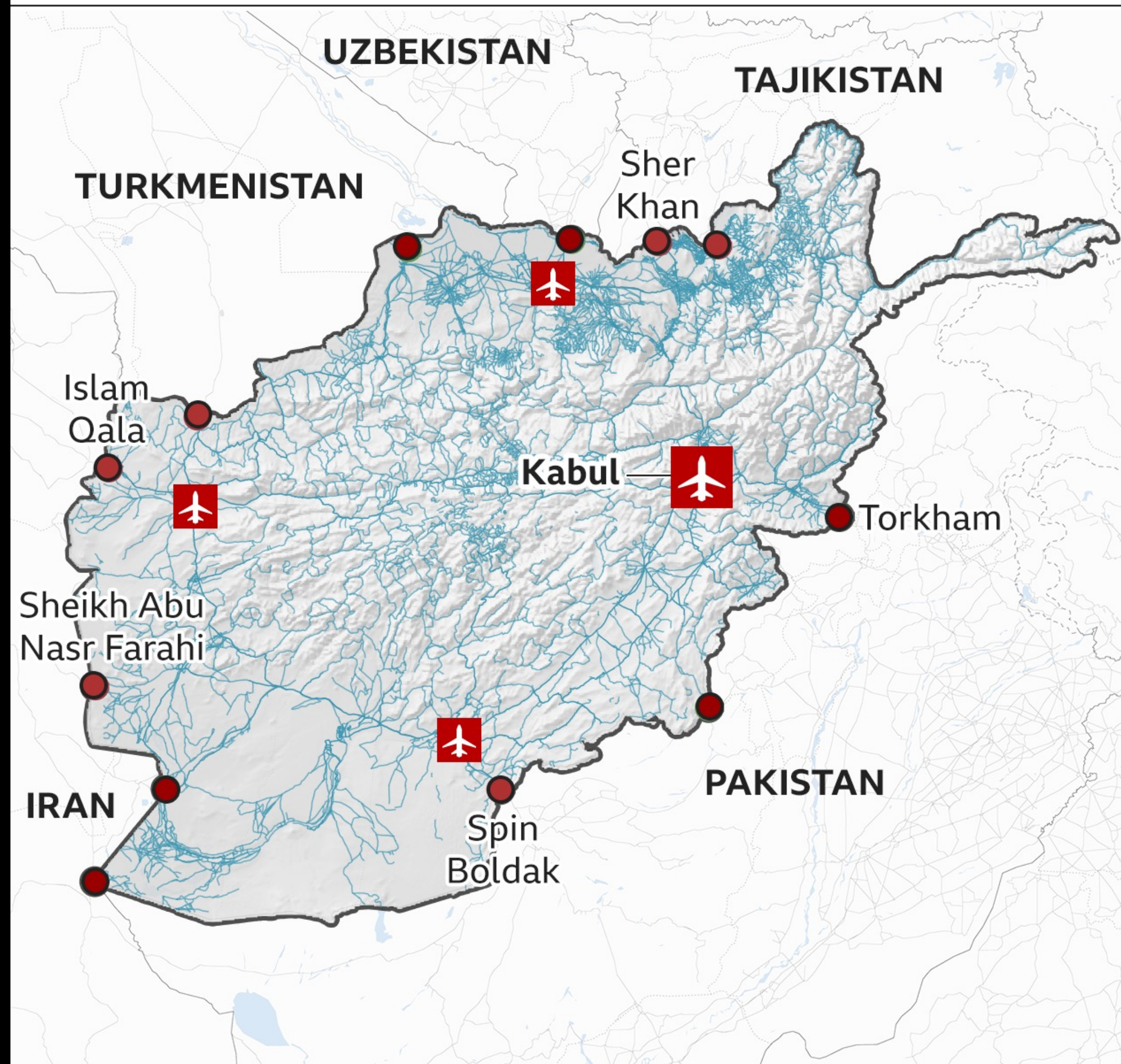
Closing Implications for the Church



Lord's Day – Morse – September 5, 2021

Afghans fleeing the Taliban have few options

- Taliban controlled crossings
- ✈ Taliban controlled airports
- Roads



Key Verses: 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.



Paul goes to Europe

Thessalonica to Corinth:
400 miles (645 km) mainly by sea
300 miles (480 km) by land



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route



Thessalonians - Book Outline:

I. Paul's Greeting

1:1

II. Paul's Personal Thoughts

1:2-3:13

A. Thanksgiving for the Church

1:2-10

B. Reminders for the Church

2:1-16

C. Concerns for the Church

2:17-3:13

1. **Reminiscing** his Continued Absence

2:17-20

2. **Recalling** his reason to send Timothy

3:1-5

3. **Recording** their reaction of Timothy's encouraging update

3:6-13

III. Paul's Practical Instructions

4:1-5:22



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IV. Final Greetings

5:25-28

Proposition:

Question: How does our Lord Jesus Christ expect believers to conduct themselves while serving in the church?

Answer: Our Lord provides a “How-To-Guide” of how a church should grow and excel following His written Word. Believers are instructed in how to live obediently before their spiritual leaders, before one another, and before their God.

Implication: The success of the believer’s growth is ultimately guaranteed by our Lord Jesus Christ who calls us and will bring our sanctification to pass.

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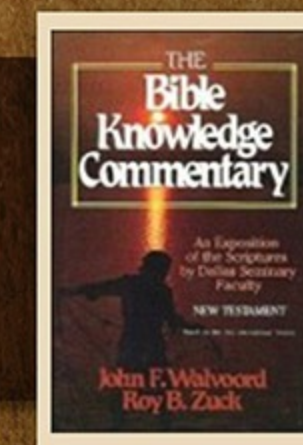
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In this passage Paul reminded his readers of their present responsibilities as believers in Christ. He turned from instructions regarding the future to exhortations for the present. His cryptic, almost abrupt style in this section may have been intended to bring them back from considerations of the future to the realities of their immediate responsibilities.

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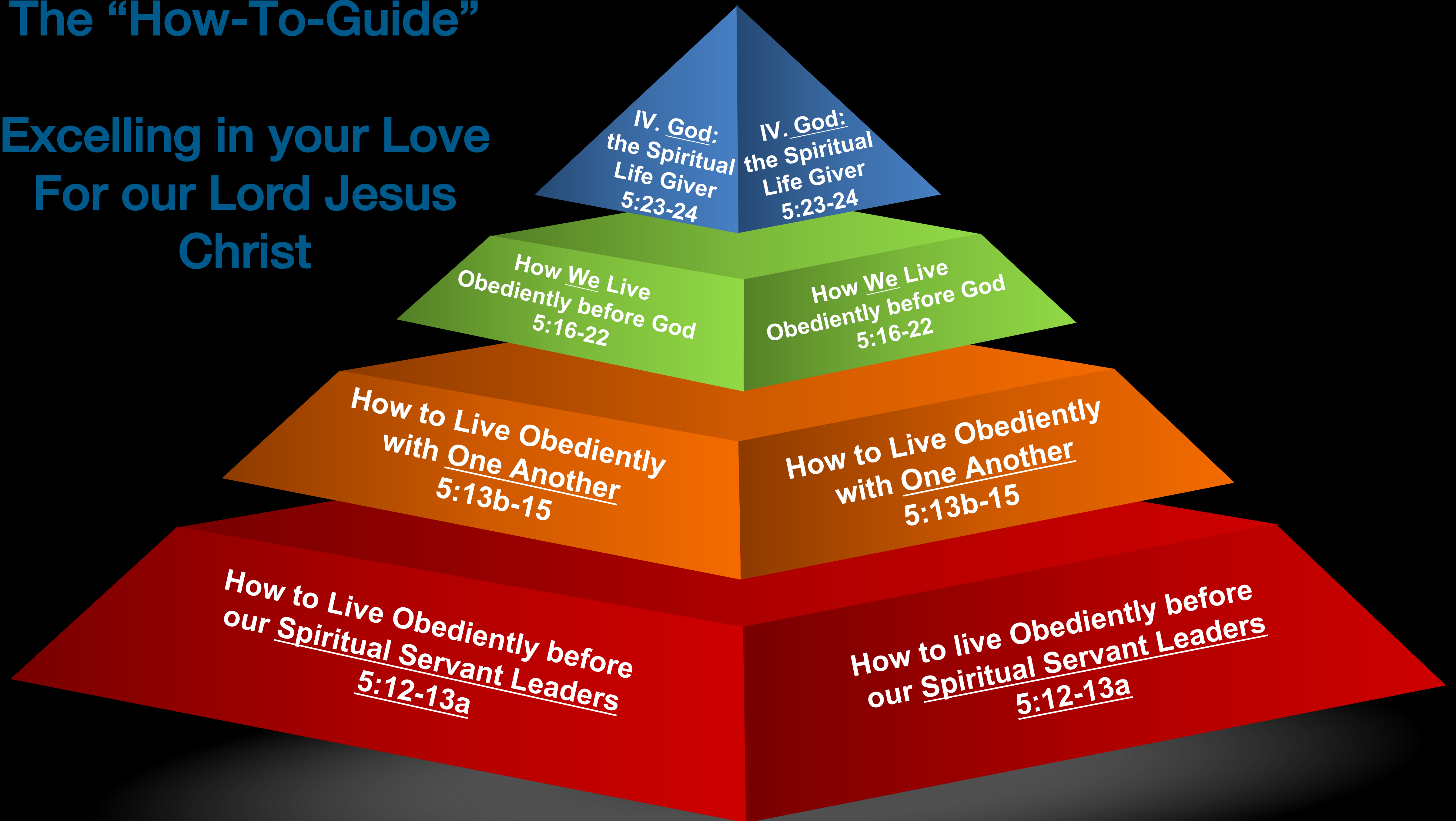
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Pastor MacArthur

“Sanctification is the ongoing spiritual refining of the soul. Looking at it negatively, it is getting rid of something. In the positive, it is bringing something in, the spiritual refinement of the soul. This the New Testament calls ‘the renewing of the mind.’ The purging part is cleansing ourselves of sin. On the one hand we are purging out the sin, on the other we're renewing the mind. Paul used these terms, ‘Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.’ Sanctification is that two-fold process by which we're purging out sin in the power of God, and by which we are implanting spiritual refinement through the power of God.”

“Moreover, sanctification lies chiefly in the heart. It is the inner person. It is the adorning, as 1 Peter 3 says, of the ‘hidden man of the heart.’ It is an inward grace, it is not an outward show. It ultimately shows up on the outside, but in and of itself it is an inward grace.”

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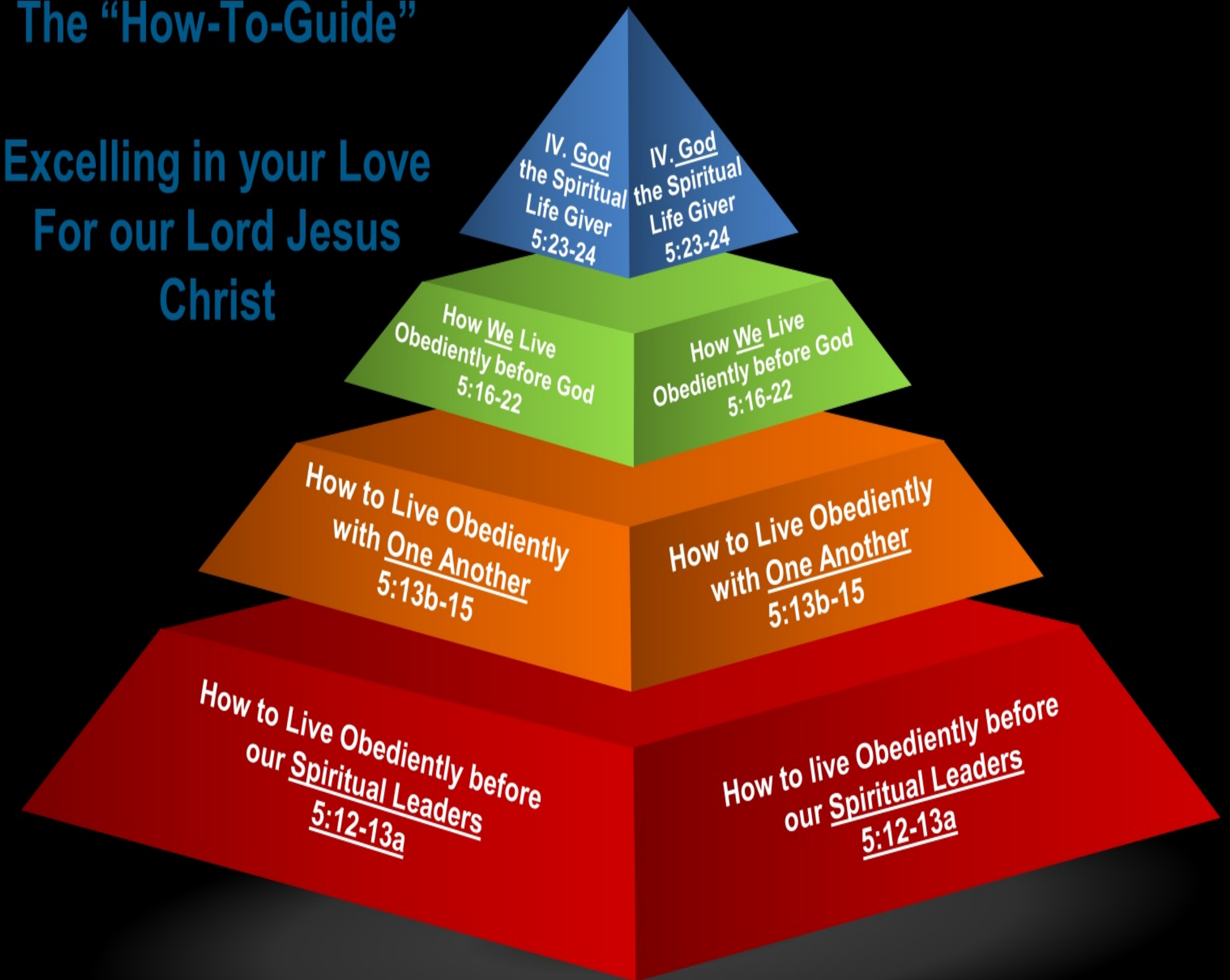
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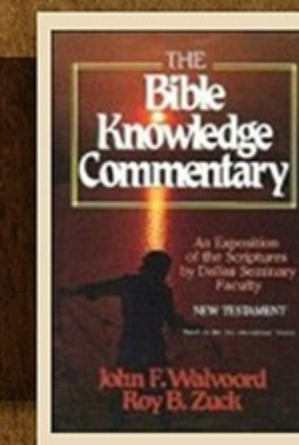
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This is the first time in the letter that the greeting brothers (used 15 times in 1 Thes.; see comments on 1:4) occurs at the beginning of a sentence in the original. It is emphatic in this position. The force of the present tense here is a strong “keep on praying.” Paul’s appeal for prayer was to those he regarded as his brothers. Doubtless much of the success of his missionary work could be attributed to the prayers of the Thessalonians and other believers. Paul understood both his personal insufficiency and God’s sufficiency (cf. 2 Cor. 3:5). He requested prayer for his fellow workers as well as for himself.

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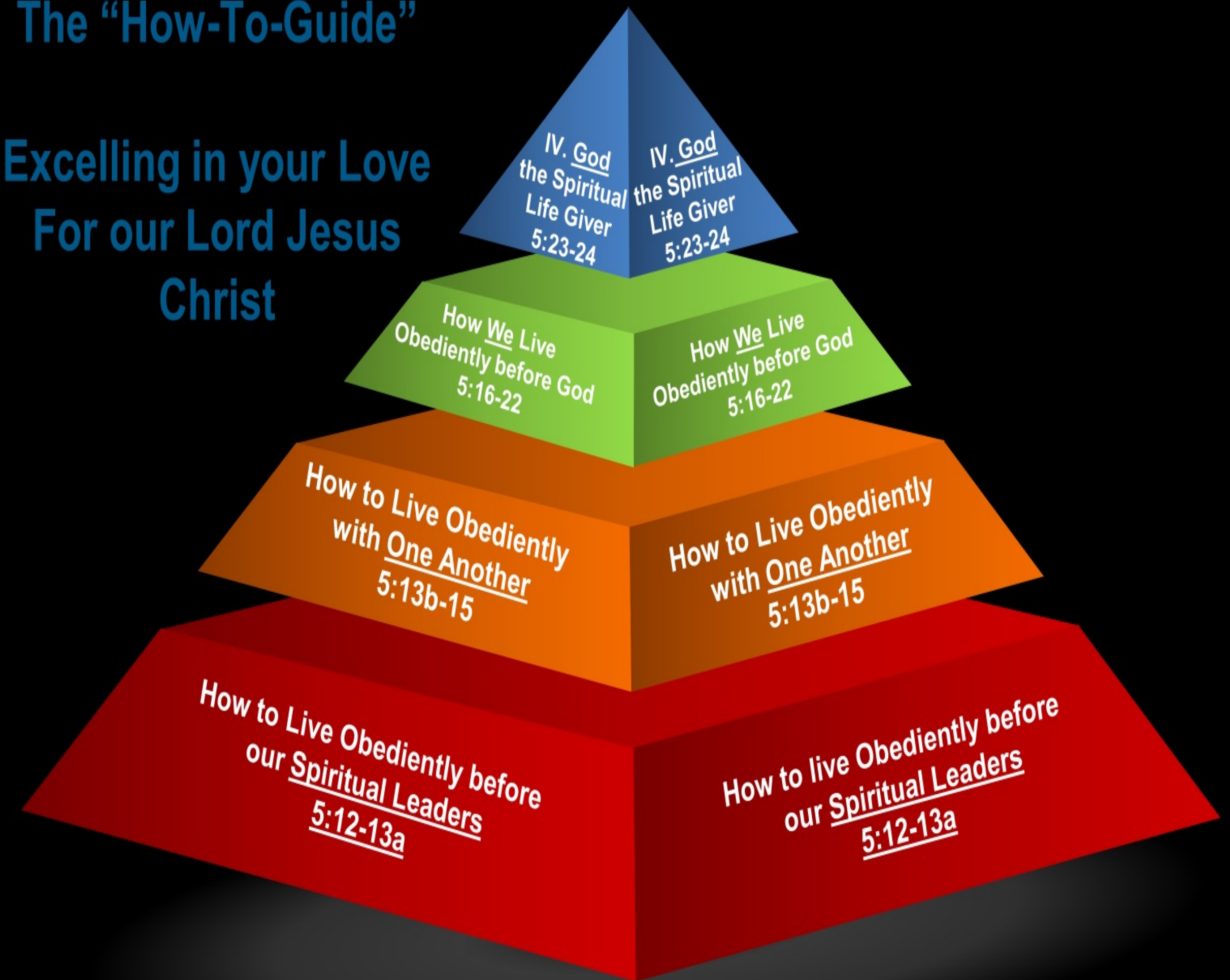
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Personal Application

1. Value your servant leaders (elders) who work hard to provide you the nourishment necessary for spiritual growth.
 - o You determine how you can best value the servant leaders who are vested in your loves.
 - o _____
 - o _____
 - o _____

Personal Application

2. Pray for your elders as they work hard to serve you and provide what's needed for your spiritual growth in Christ. Categories include:

- o Purity
- o Passion
- o Time Management and Consistency in life
- o Ongoing family relationships
- o Spiritual return on teaching ministry
- o Accuracy and clarity in preaching/teaching
- o Overall spiritual effectiveness and God's blessing in ministry

Personal Application

3. Prepare to Benefit from the Preaching/Teaching Ministry of those who serve you.

- o Preparations and plans you make before Sunday morning
- o Praying for messages presented and their application in your life
- o Coming ready to learn and apply messages
- o Re-listening to missed messages

Personal Application

4. Taking an active role in mentoring others in the body life of our local church.
 - o Lovingly warn those who are immature and close to disappearing
 - o Consoling those who are sometimes discouraged
 - o Investing in the discipleship of those who are less mature

Personal Application

5. Personal Spiritual Habits and dispositions grown in God's Spirit.
 - o Joyful
 - o Reading, Studying, and Meditating in the Word
 - o Praying
 - o Thankful
 - o Spirit Controlled (Obedient to the Word)
 - o Discerning
 - o Clinging to Good
 - o Shunning all forms of Evil