



CONSECRATE
YOURSELF

Consecrate yourselves
for tomorrow
the lord will do wonders
among you
-Josh 3:5





Joshua Chapter 5

Verse 2-11





Physical Circumcision is a sign of God's covenant with his people

Genesis 12:1-2 *"I will make of you a great nation.."*

Genesis 17:10-13 *"So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant"*

- Private reminder
- Permanent marking
- Generational Blessing



'Circumcision of the Heart' is a metaphor for a whole person choosing staying close to God

Romans 2:28-29 *"Circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit"*

Proverbs 4:23 *"..guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."*

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Paul believed that through Jesus the **Messiah** Israel's God had renewed the **covenant**, and was now welcoming into that new family all those, irrespective of ethnic background and hence of outward badges like circumcision, who believed the **gospel**. He is here sketching in, very briefly, the much fuller picture of Christian **life**, of the renewal of the heart by God's spirit, to which he will return in passages like chapters 8 and 12.

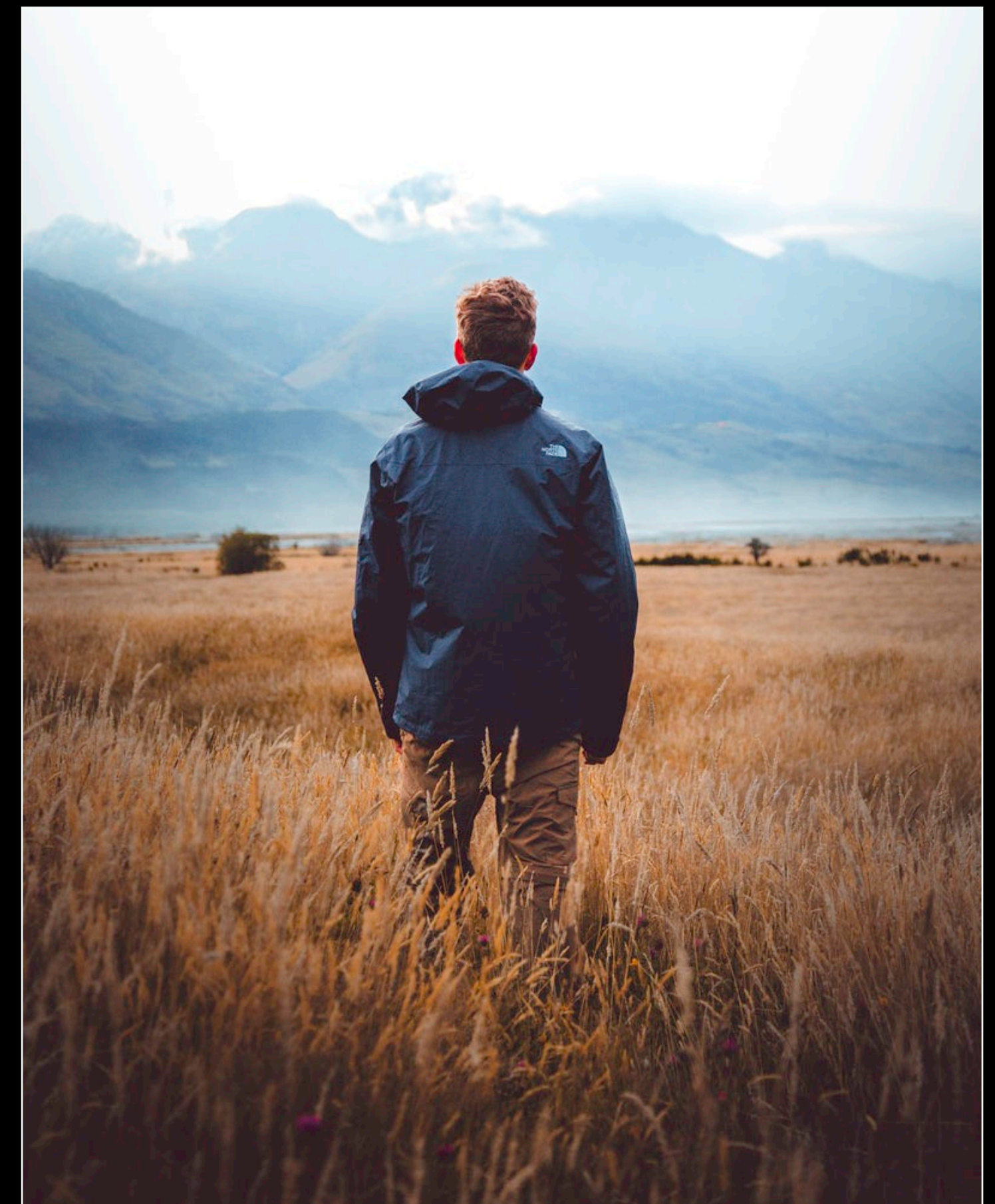


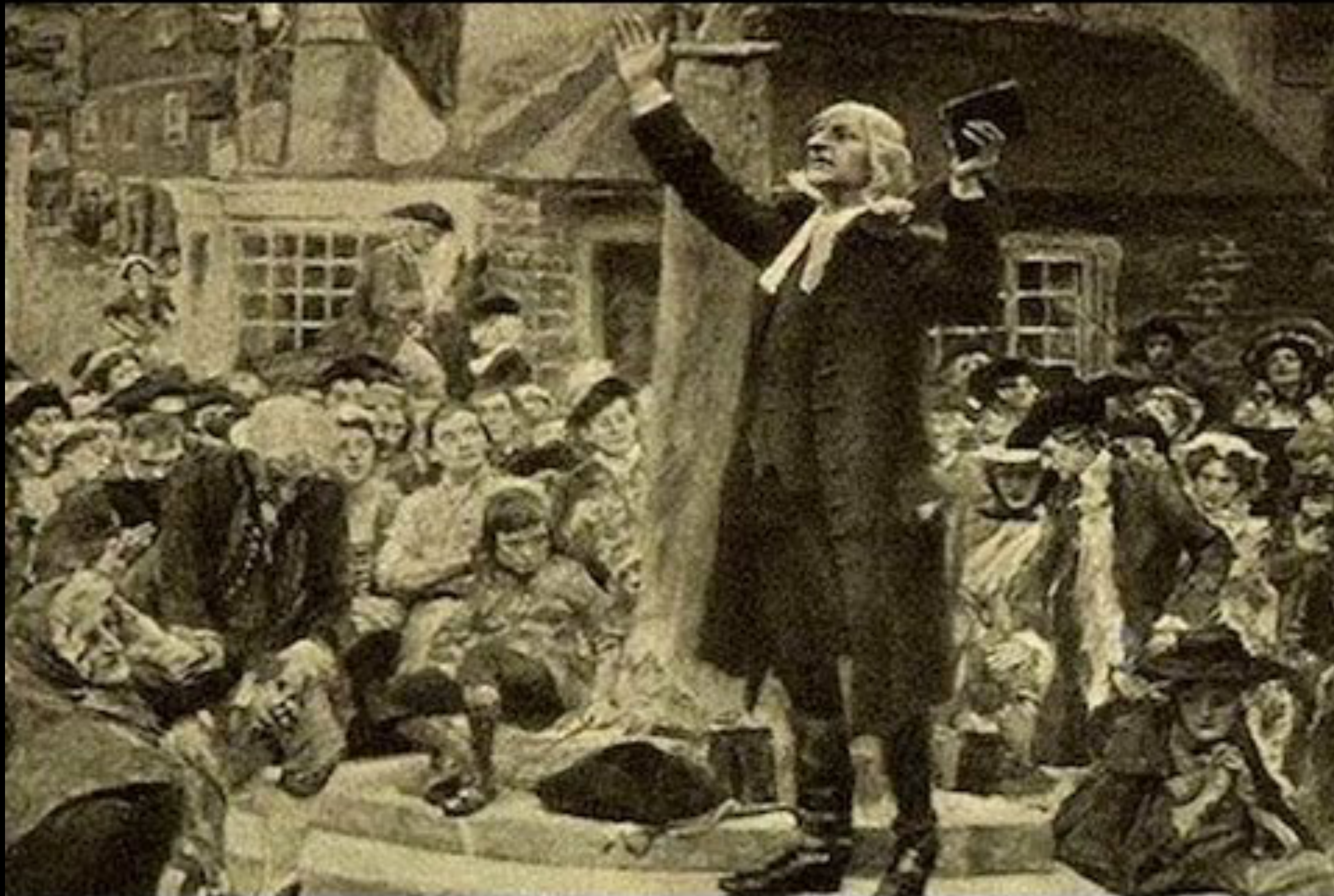
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Deut 20:6 And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Ezek 36:26-27 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.



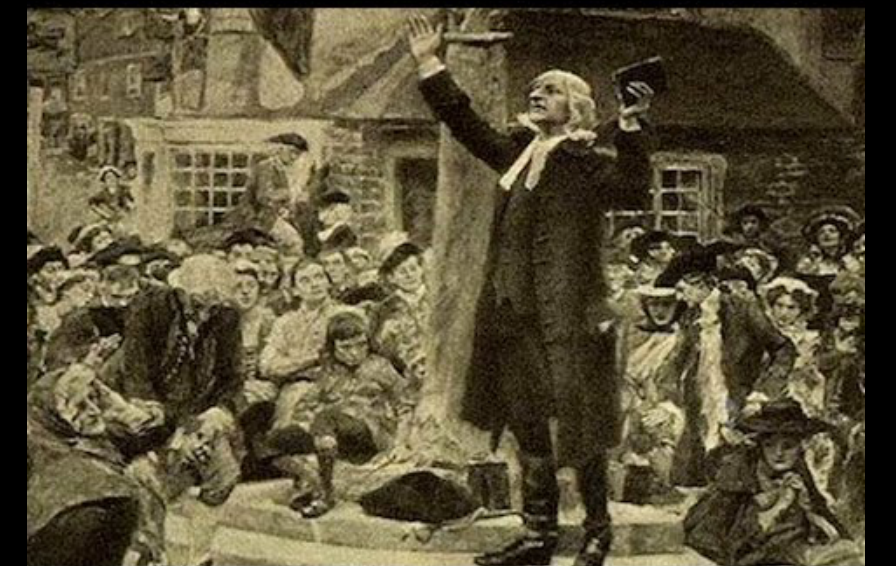


The circumcision of the heart is "a right state of soul: 'a mind and spirit renewed after the image that created it,' is one of those important truths that can be 'spiritually discerned.'"

John Wesley

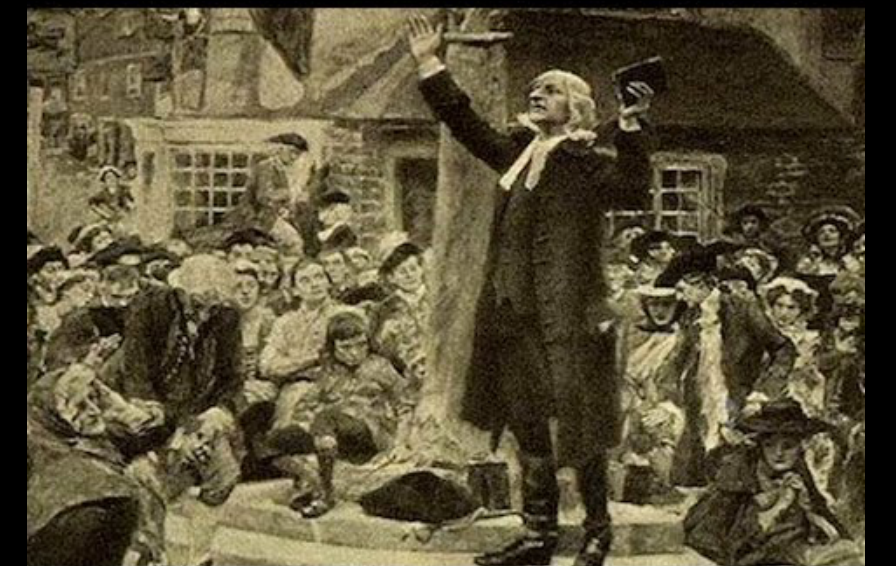
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Response 1: Baptism

Colossians 2: 11 -13. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses.



Response 2: Communion

From 1 Cor 11:24-26

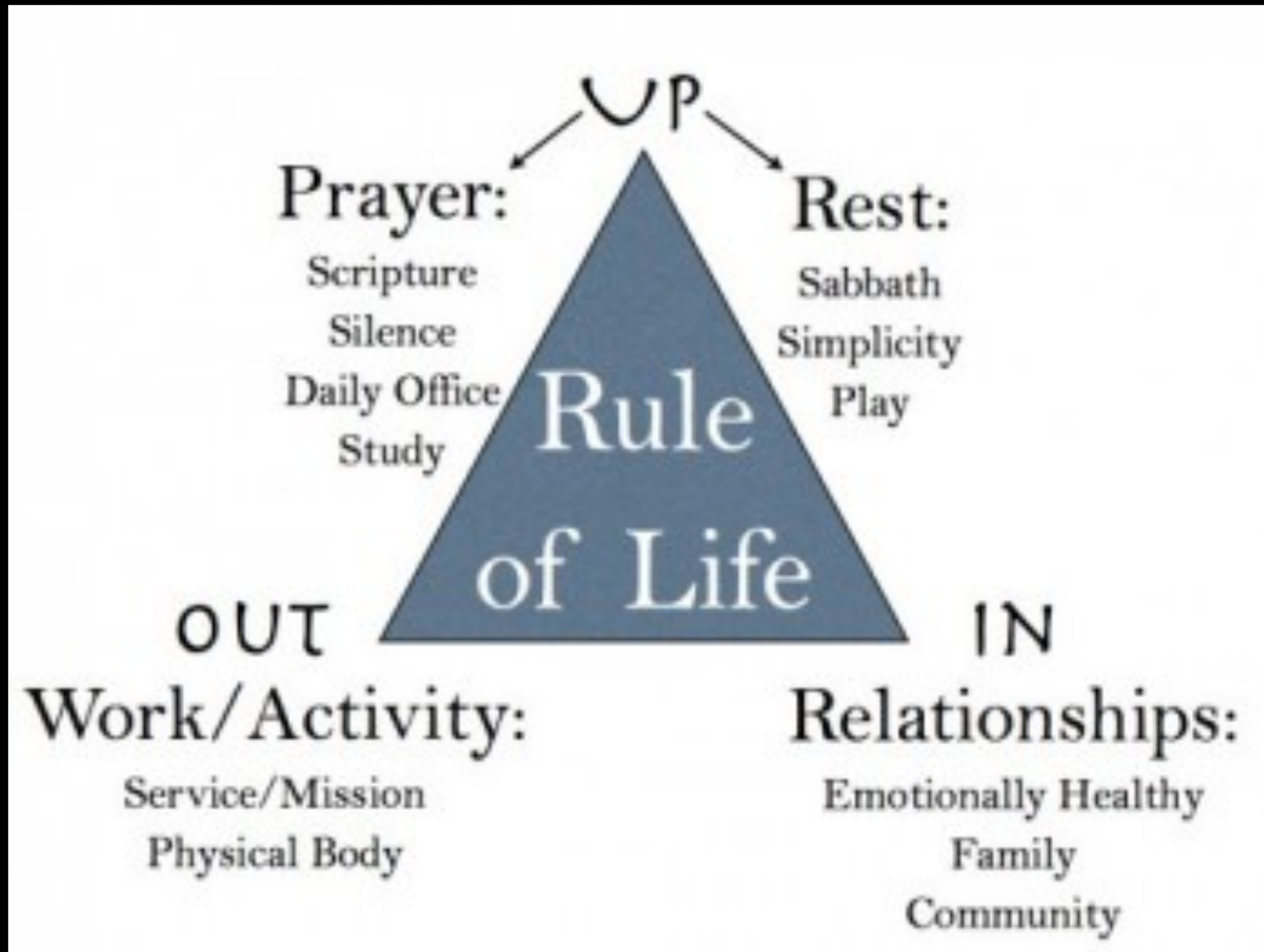
"This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Response 3: Rule of Life



An intentional
plan to keep
God at the
centre of all I do