

Discipleship Nuggets

1. Discipleship/Salvation
2. Evangelism
3. Famous Last Words/ Finishing the Race

Nugget: A concise, bottom line bullet point to remember from each presentation.

Session 1 Friday Evening



Overview of Discipleship

1. The word discipleship does not appear in the bible
2. Discipleship is the developmental process where God alone progressively brings Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity so that they know how to evangelize and train others to reproduce the process.
3. God commands us to participate in the process for our benefit, However, He does not need our help at all. It is all God.



Discipleship Requirements

1. The process must have disciples.
2. A disciple is one who follows a teacher and desires to emulate teacher's lifestyle.
3. Disciple of Jesus must be Saved.
4. Must obey all commands of Jesus.
5. Must do this till we die. There is no retirement from the Ministry.



What is Salvation or Being Saved?

(Luke 19:10) Jesus mission on earth was to seek and to save that which was lost

1. Salvation is a process initiated by God whereby a person is brought into the family of God because he has faith in God.
2. He believes that Jesus died on the cross to save the sinner from his sins, and that Christ arose from the grave on the third day after crucifixion.
3. That person is saved from the consequences of his sins, which include death and separation in hell from God.



Saved People are called both Disciples and Christians

- Prior to Jesus death, his followers were called disciples
- Several years after the resurrection in Antioch they were referred to as Christians
- Some say it was a derogatory word used by the crowd of non-believers
- Others say it was the fulfillment of Isa 62:2 “The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory and you will be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will designate’
- The word Christian and Disciple are interchangeable



You are saved by having faith in God

- Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- Eph 2:8-9 NASB For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God (9) not as a result of works, so that no one may boast
- (John 5:24 NASB) "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life
- John 11:25-26 NASB) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, {26} and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"



Faith or Belief Ties all Previous Salvation Verses Together

- When you read the bible or talk with God about salvation He asks you if you believe Him.
- You can believe God tells the truth without having to understand how it can be true
- Believing God or anyone else is not an emotional issue, it is an act of the will. You can believe anything you want to believe.
- Heb 4:12 states that God knows the intent of your heart. You can't fool Him when you ask to be saved.



What are Some of the Things that Occur Spiritually When you are Saved?

1. Our sins are forgiven
2. We are born again and become a new creation
3. We become a friend and an heir of God
4. We receive the Holy spirit which indwells within us
5. We inherit eternal life in heaven
6. We receive spiritual gifts, we are justified and sanctified among other things



Mental and Physical things that can occur when you are saved

1. Have a passion for God's Word
2. God lifts the veil of ignorance to allow understanding of the Bible
3. Addiction to drugs, alcohol, foul language or other sins may be cured instantly or over time.
4. You are a new creation:
(2 Cor:5:17) Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creature; the old things passed away, new things have come.



Final Destination—Heaven or Hell?

- Joh 14:6 NASB Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- (Mat 7:13-14) "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. (14) But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
- 78% of Americans believe in heaven and believed they would go to heaven when they died.
- 60% of Americans believe in hell but only 4% believe they will go to hell when they die.



Why are the masses missing the boat on salvation?

- Were large crowds but very few were saved in Jesus' days. Luke 13:22 J Macarthur says always been this way
- Jesus came to save but lost refused Him
- They would not admit their sin
- They would not admit their self righteous
- They would not abandon their false religion
- They would not repent
- They would not deny themselves
- They would not confess Jesus as Lord.
- They would not recognize their Pridefulness
- John 9:27b They did not want to be Jesus's DISCIPLE



The Broad Road

- It is an easier walk down the broad road than the narrow road
- They believe they are Christians because they have always gone to church
- They believe they are good enough to get into heaven without obeying all that Jesus said
- They believe a diluted gospel that says: don't worry about repentance or confessing your sin
- They believe God's purpose is to fulfil their personal dreams
- They believe they can pray a little prayer asking Jesus to come into their heart and they are on their way to heaven. But hell is their destination!!

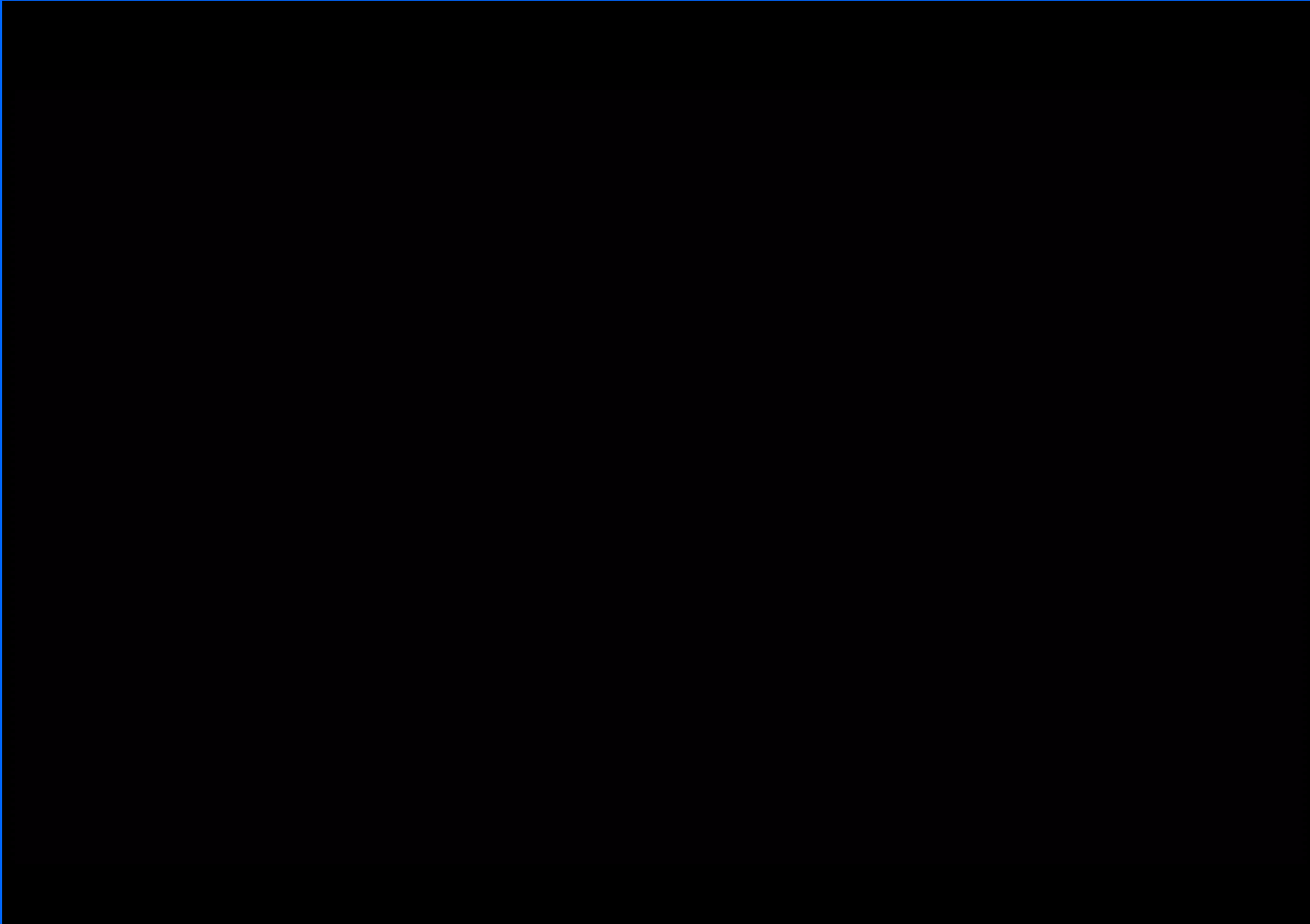


Some Character Traits that Keep One from being Saved?

- Psa 18:{27} You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are HAUGHTY
- Proverbs 16:5 Everyone who is PROUD in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished
- 1Pe 5:5b for God is opposed to the PROUD, but gives grace to the humble..
- Prov 27:2 “Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.”



What about me



Remember this from Salvation Session

- Walt Henrichsen says that: Your emotions are the obedient servant of the mind,
- Your mind is the obedient servant of the will.
- Belief is act of your Will. You can believe what the world says, or you can believe what Jesus says.

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Where you spend eternity does not depend on what you believe but WHO YOU BELIEVE!!



Discipleship Nuggets

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History of Evangelism/ Discipleship

- Jesus started his ministry when he was 12 years old –although not official yet.
- At 30 he performed a miracle at a wedding again before his ministry officially started.
- The Holy Spirit testified who Jesus was when John Baptized Jesus
- After being tempted by the devil, Jesus went to the temple and when reading from scripture, testified that He was the promised Messiah Isaiah had written about.



History of Discipleship cont'd

- Jesus had been a one man show and picked 12 disciples to follow Him.
- He continued to forgive sins and heal people. His following grew.
- In Luke 9, Jesus instituted a trial run of discipleship when he sent the 12 to preach the kingdom of God and perform healing.
- Later in Luke 10 he sent 70 others out to heal and preach the kingdom of God was near.



The Great Commission



Matt 28:19-20 Go ye therefore into all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age



The two Commandments that Constitute our Ministry.

- Evangelism—Preach the Gospel to every creature
- Edification---Teach them to observe all things I have commanded you
- A disciple of Christ is to help others come to know Him or help them to grow in Christ.
- Only way what you do can be called ministry



Evangelism

- (Luke 19:10 NASB) "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost
- (Rom 1:16) The Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first for the Jews, then to the Greeks
- Evangelize means to preach or spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.
- The object of evangelism is to populate heaven and depopulate hell.



The Driving Forces of Spreading the Gospel

- The Great Commission is the driving force of Evangelism
- Evangelism is the driving force of Discipleship
- Discipleship is the developmental process where God alone progressively brings Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity so that they know how to evangelize and train others to reproduce the process.
- God allows us to participate in the process for our benefit. He doesn't need our help.



Strategy of Multiplication

- Discipleship is the process or strategy Jesus uses to grow his church.
- (2 Tim 2:2 NASB) And the things which **you** have heard from **me** in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to **faithful men**, who will be able to **teach others** also.
 - You, Me, Faithful men, Others
- Paul's strategy is twice as effective as 1 man winning one soul/day over the same time frame as Paul's strategy.



Path to Anyone's Salvation

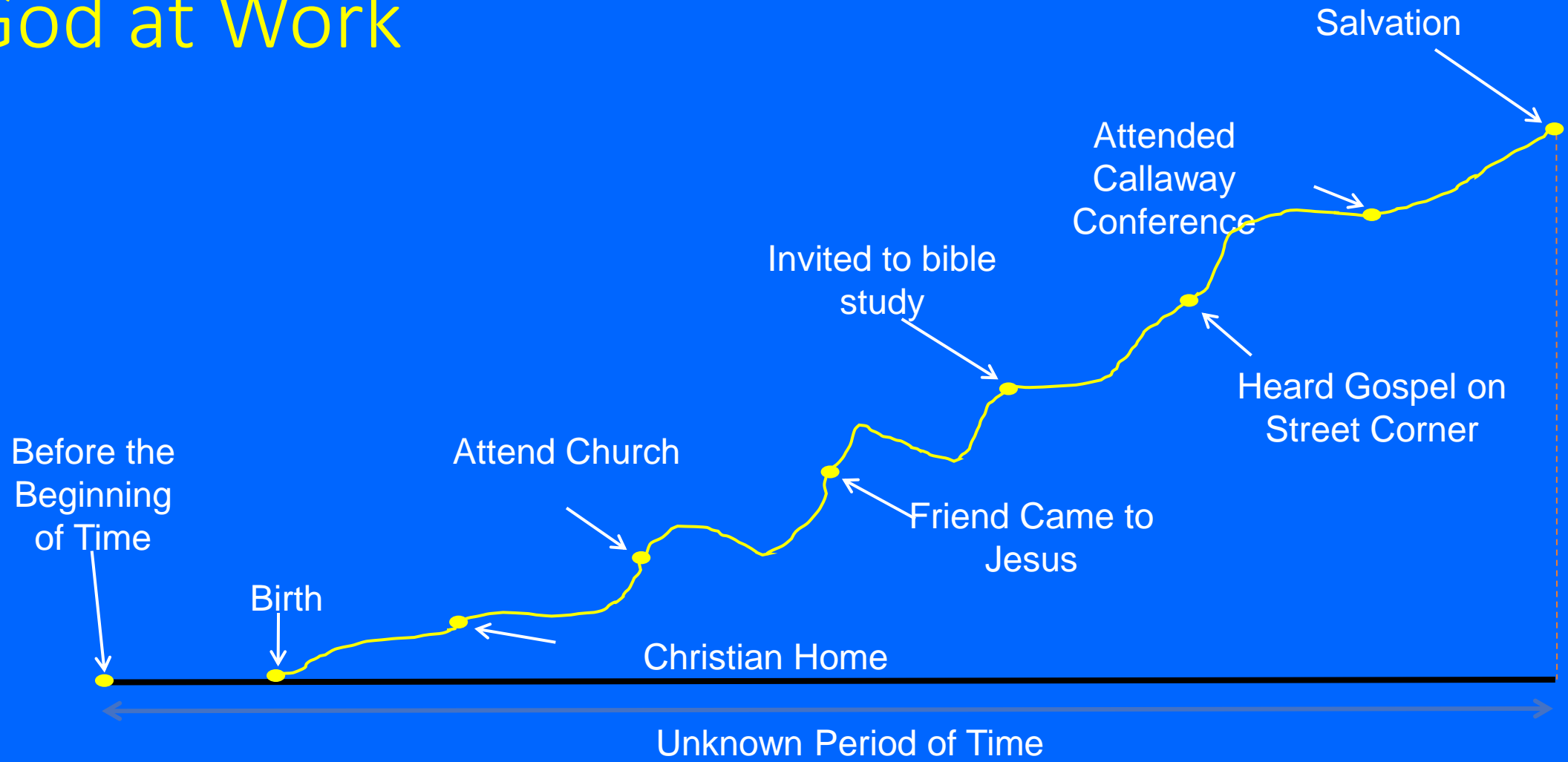
1Co 3:6-8 NASB

I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. (7) So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. (8) Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.



Salvation Timeline

God at Work



Path to Someone's Salvation

- Every point in the process is necessary and God ordained
- No part more important than the other, God causes the growth
- Participant not responsible for the end product
- Rewarded for participation in saying only what you know
- No way for participant to mess it up
- Last person that participated watched God push sinner over the edge



Stages of Spiritual Growth



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I'm a babe in Christ and I have Something very Important to Share

- A Babe in Christ has a story to tell
- **Luke 2:15-18** Shepherds were first evangelists.
 - Went to Bethlehem, saw Jesus, told everyone they saw what the angels told them
- **John 4:39-42**—Woman at the well
- **Personal experience-My renter**
- Pray for “boldness” tell people what you know. God will cover you up with opportunities.



Let the Word of Christ Dwell in you Richly
Col 3:16 Psalms 23



Receive Salvation and Start Evangelizing

“Nugget”

Always remember when evangelizing. Tell them what you know. It is the MESSAGE that matters, not the MESSENGER.



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Jesus

Do you know Him?

Does He know you?

Phil 2:9-11



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Session 3

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Jesus Teaching in Parables



Famous Last Words



John 18: 30B. He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.



Why was it Important for Jesus to Finish?

- Jesus had to accomplish his mission on earth he had been given by His Father to fulfill the scriptures before he died.
- Fulfilling his mission was an example for all Christians to Finish the Race
 - We all have a destiny prior to death (Jer 29:11)
- 2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought the good fight I have finished the race, I have kept the faith
- Mat 10:22 "You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved."
 - Finishing race provides assurance we are saved.



Is There a Short Cut for Finishing the Race?

Isa 28:9-10 KJV

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? It is *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts. (10) For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:



Growth of a Babe in Christ



Salvation
Babe in Christ

Should be
Ready for
Solid Food

Drinking Spiritual Milk (3 yrs)



Don't Stay on Milk Must Transition to Solid Food

Heb 5:11-14 NASB

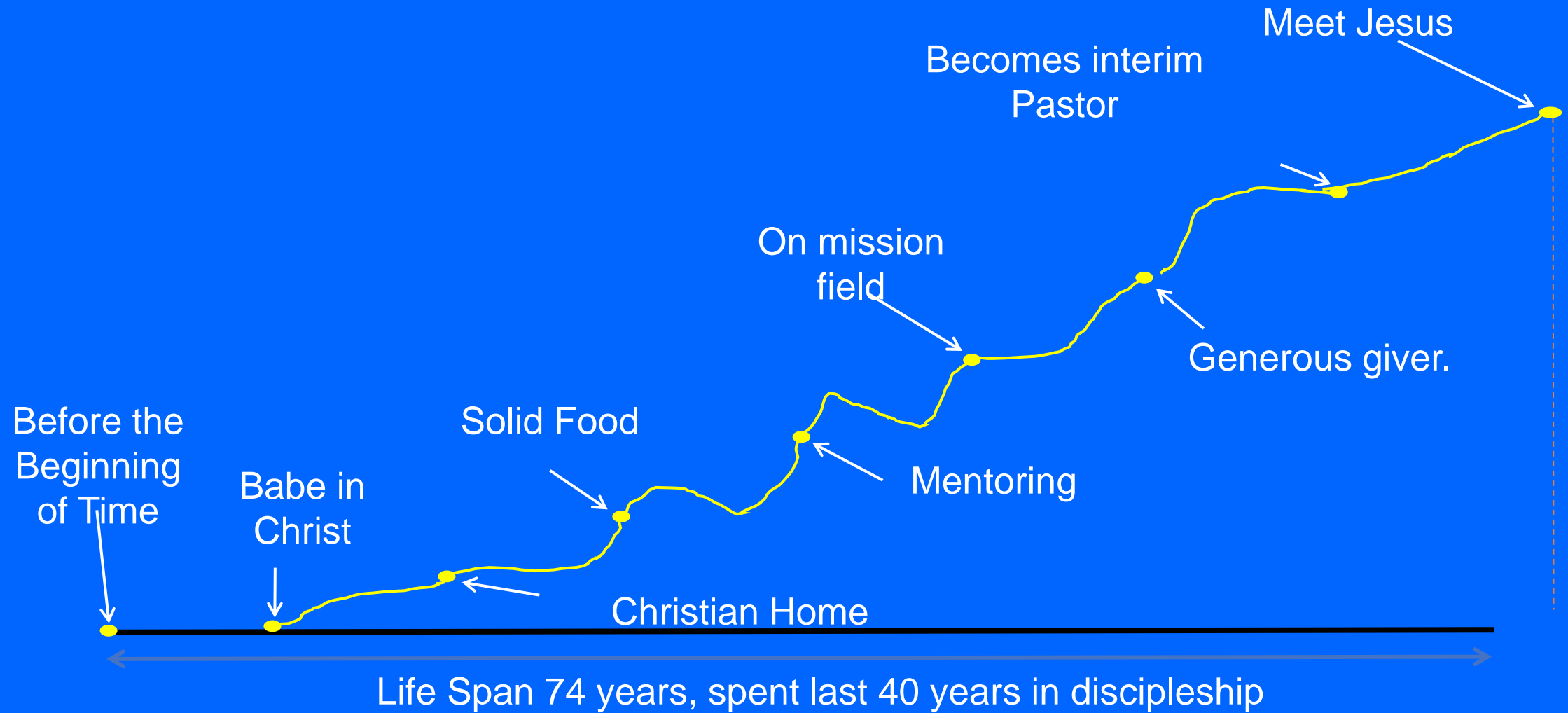
Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. (12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. (13) For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. (14) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil



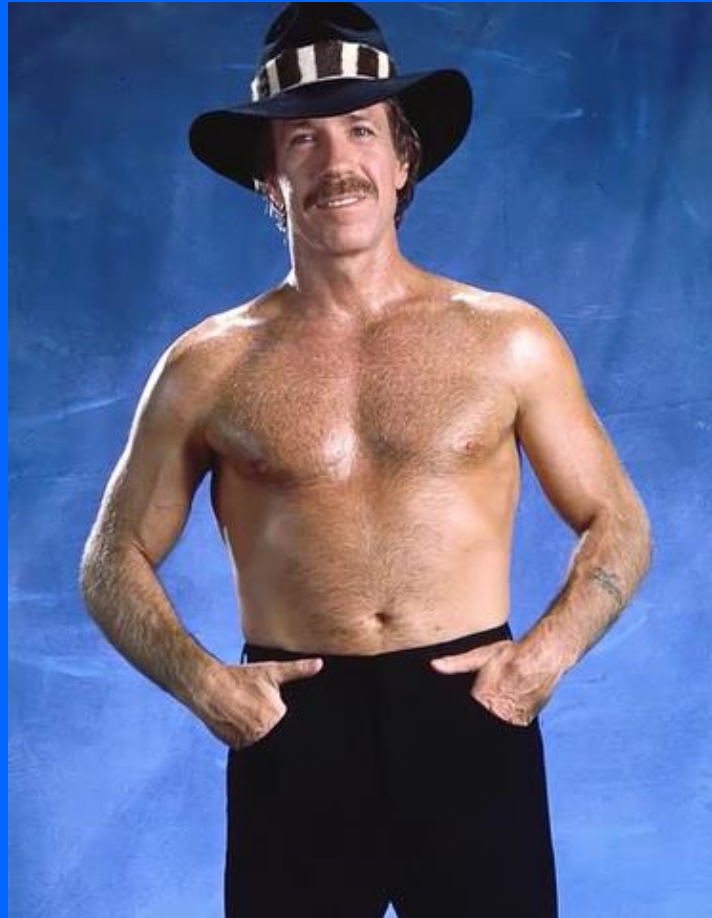
Still Wants Milk Rather than Solid Food



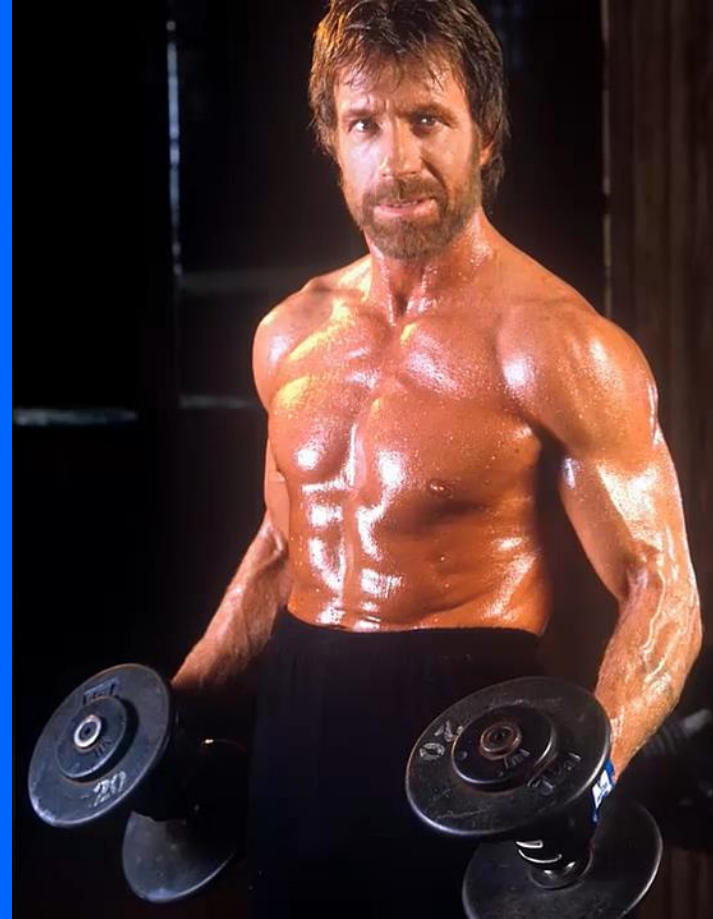
Timeline of Disciple who Finished the Race



Spiritual Growth Shown as Earthly Body from Mature Christian to Death



age 34



Age 74



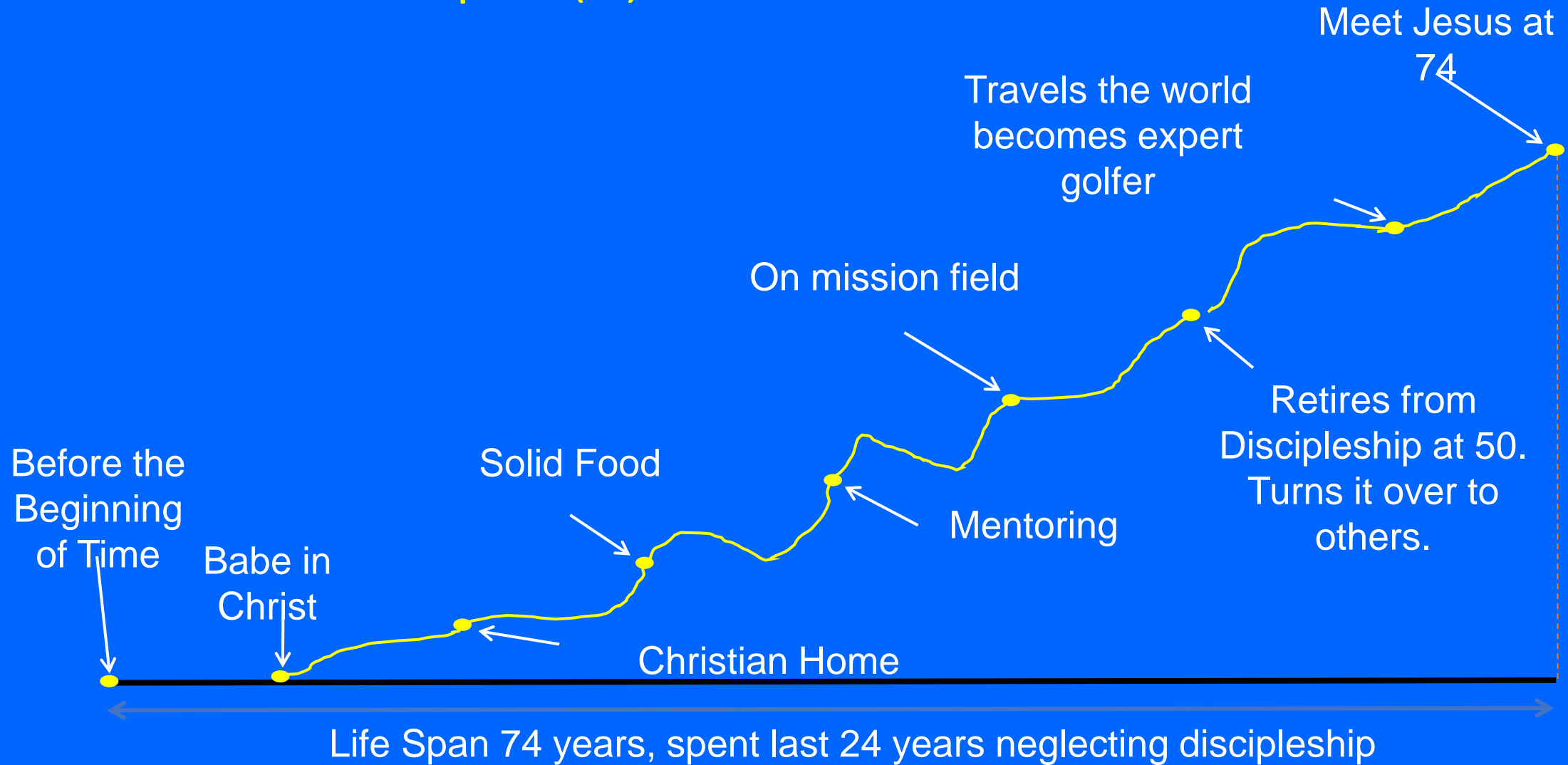
Conversation with Jesus and Faithful Disciple

Disciple to Jesus: I believe I have completed my mission on earth as a disciple. It is finished. I completed my mission

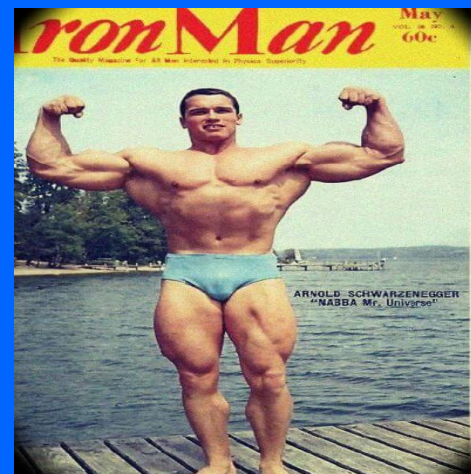
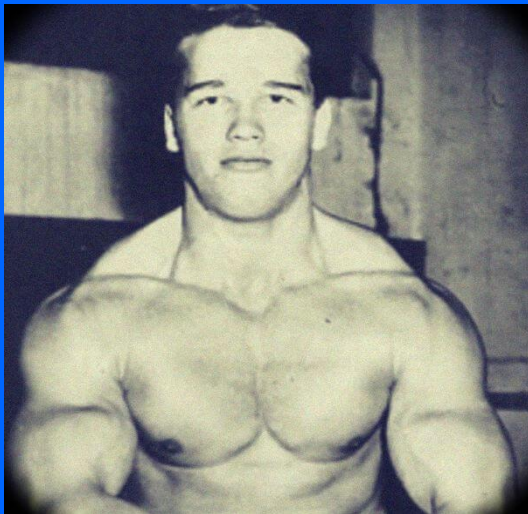
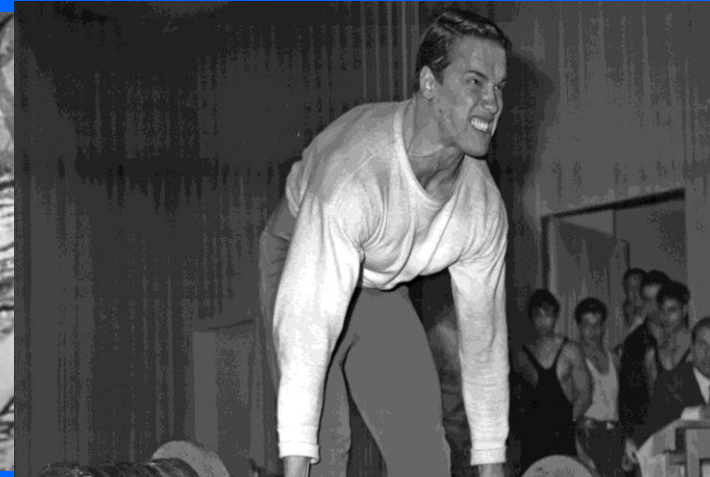
Jesus to Disciple: Well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord.



Timeline of Disciple (?) Who Quit the Race



Spiritual Growth Shown as Earthly Body from Christian until Intentionally Quit Race



Spiritual body from time quit race till Died
and Met Jesus. Been out of Race 24 years



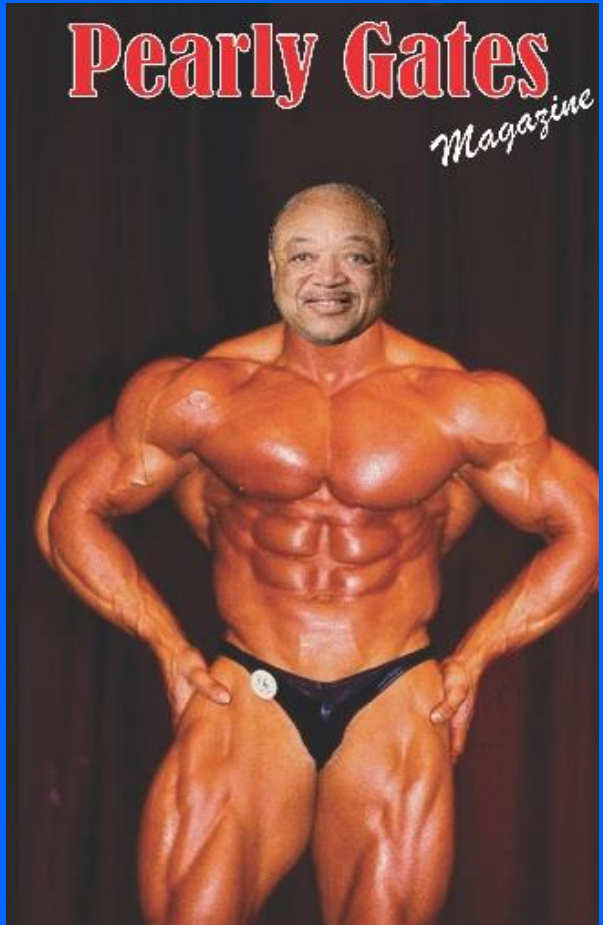
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Waiting in Line to see Jesus



Spiritual body from time quit race till Died and
Met Jesus. Been out of Race 24 years



Age 50



Age 74



Conversation between Jesus and Disciple(?) that Retired from the Race

What will Jesus say to the Quitter

1. Well done thy good and faithful servant
2. Welcome my son, enter into heaven, your quitting greatly diminished your rewards regarding how you spend eternity (1 Cor 3)
3. Your quitting the race and disobeying my commandments, as a lifestyle for 24 years, is no different than being a liar, thief, fornicator, or an adulterer. Depart from me I never knew you.



- GOOD NEWS! If you have quit the race before you died, God can redeem the years the locusts have eaten if you choose to get back in the race and finish with the right attitude.
- BAD NEWS! If you don't, You are playing Russian Roulette with God.

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MacArthur says: Salvation is not an experiment. Salvation is a life long commitment. Salvation is not try Jesus and see if it works. Salvation is a life long transformation.



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