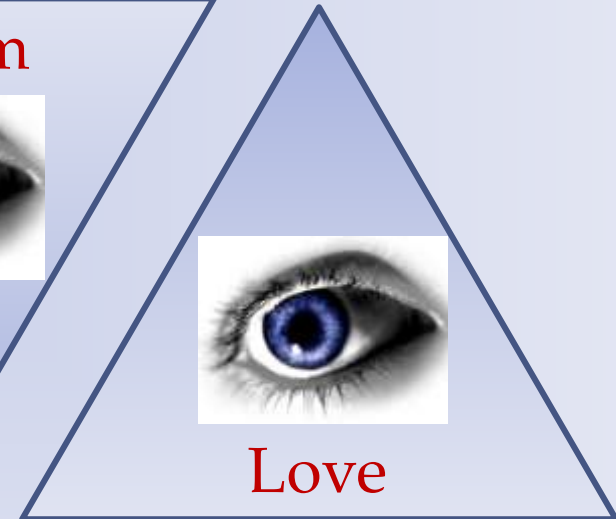
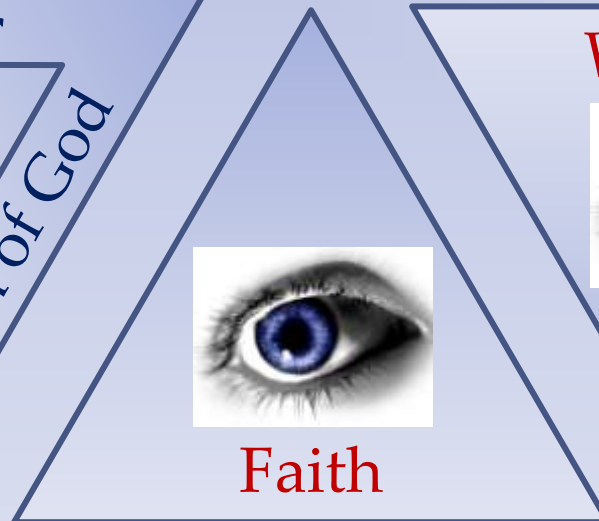
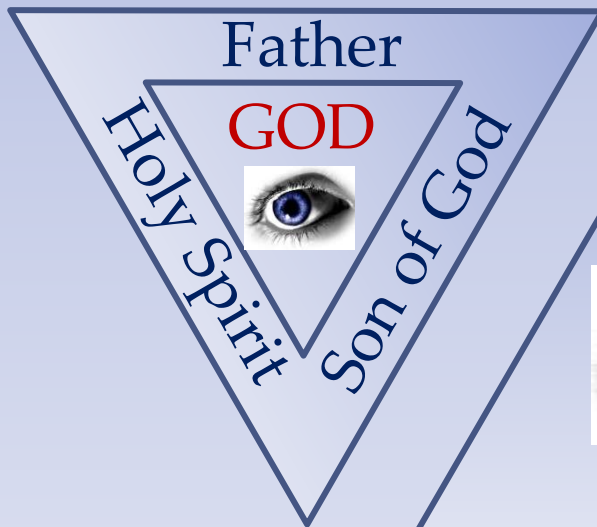


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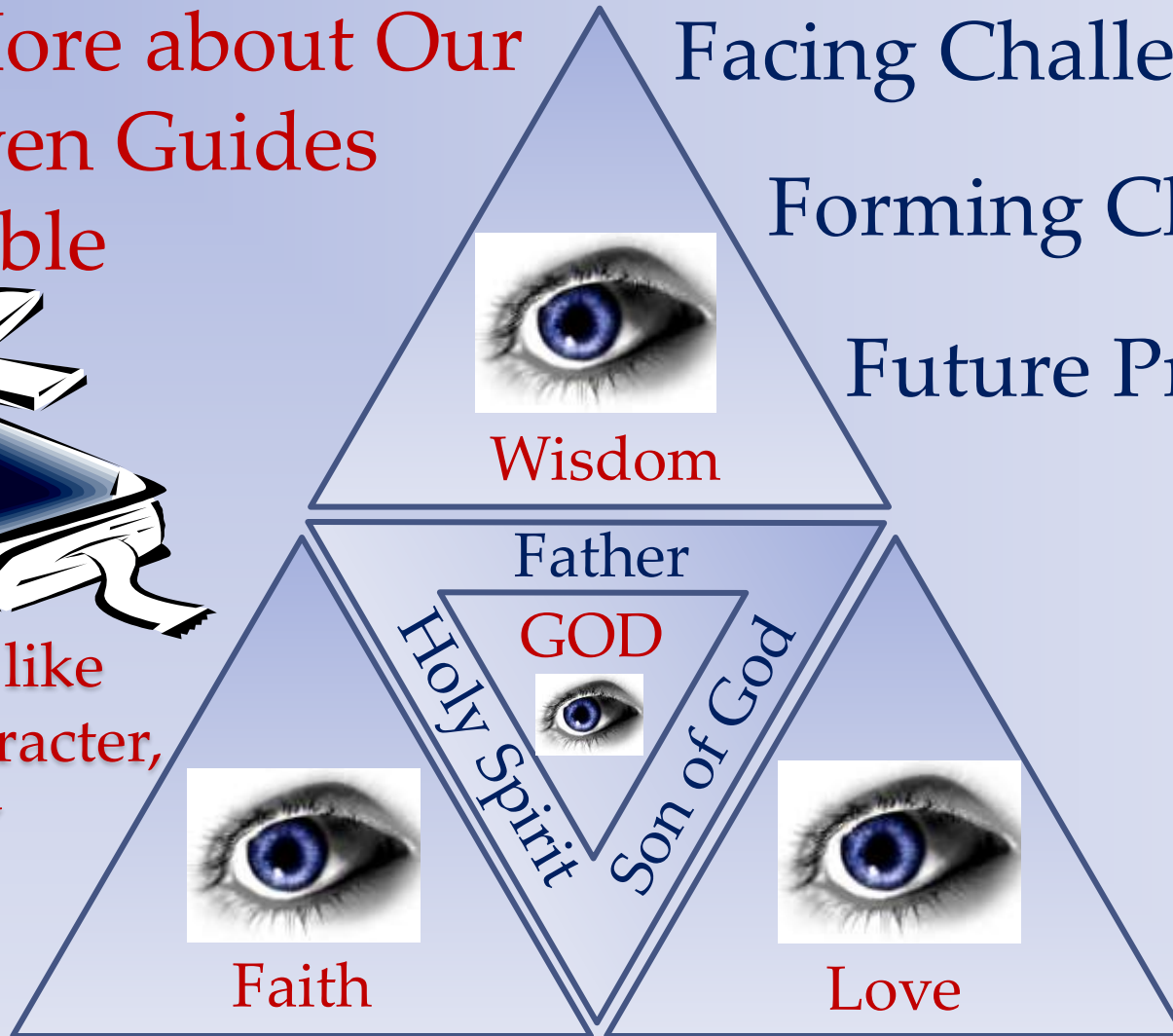
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Learn More about Our
God Given Guides
in the Bible

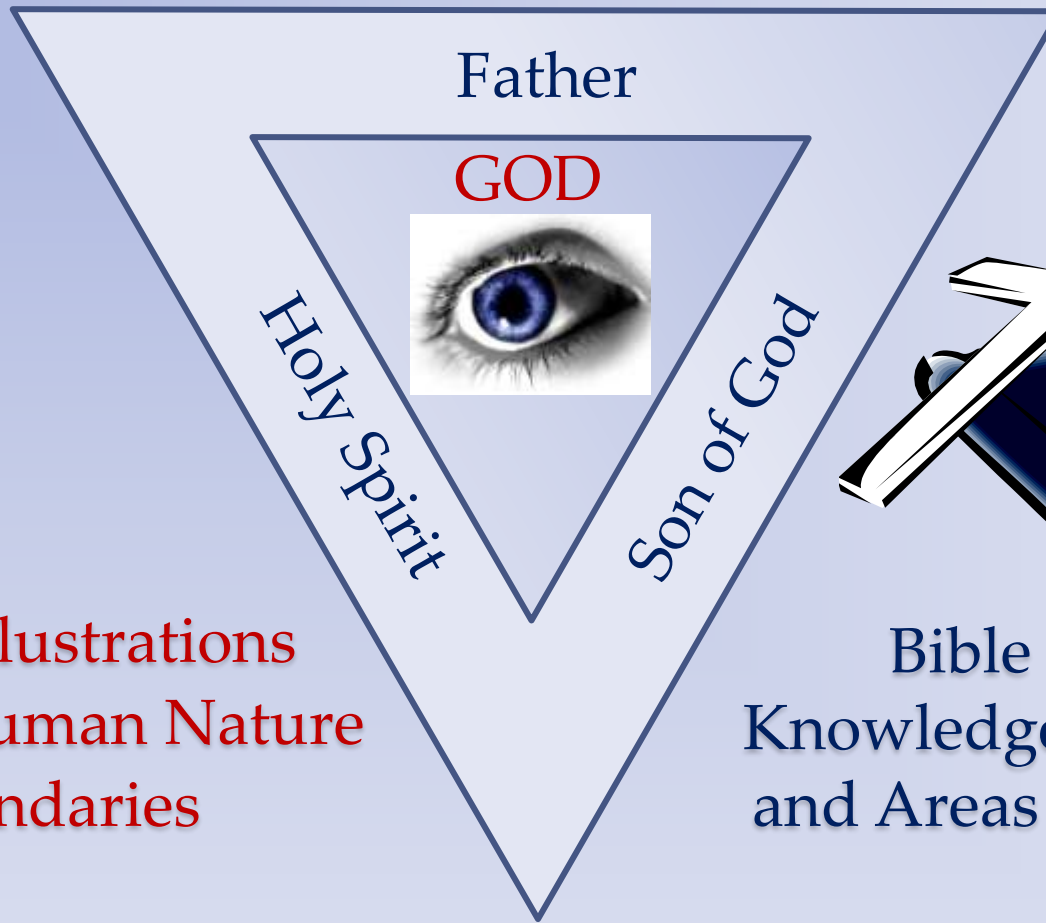


Want to be like
God in character,
to properly
follow?

Facing Challenges?
Forming Character?
Future Preparing?



The Three Guides **God View**



Great Advice
Real-World Illustrations
Insights to Human Nature
Decision Boundaries

Bible Instructs in
Knowledge Absolutes
and Areas of Latitude

What does God Guide ?

What "Guides" does God provide on what to be in "Character" and how to "Make Decisions" in life as imitate Jesus' & apostles?

The Three Guides

Decision Questions



What to do & how to think in areas of latitude?

Ponder Possibilities
Remain Faithful to God
Optimize Decisions
Factor in Relationships
Integrate Choices
Trade-off Concerns



Wisdom

What does Wisdom Guide ?

Father

GOD



Holy Spirit

Son of God



Faith

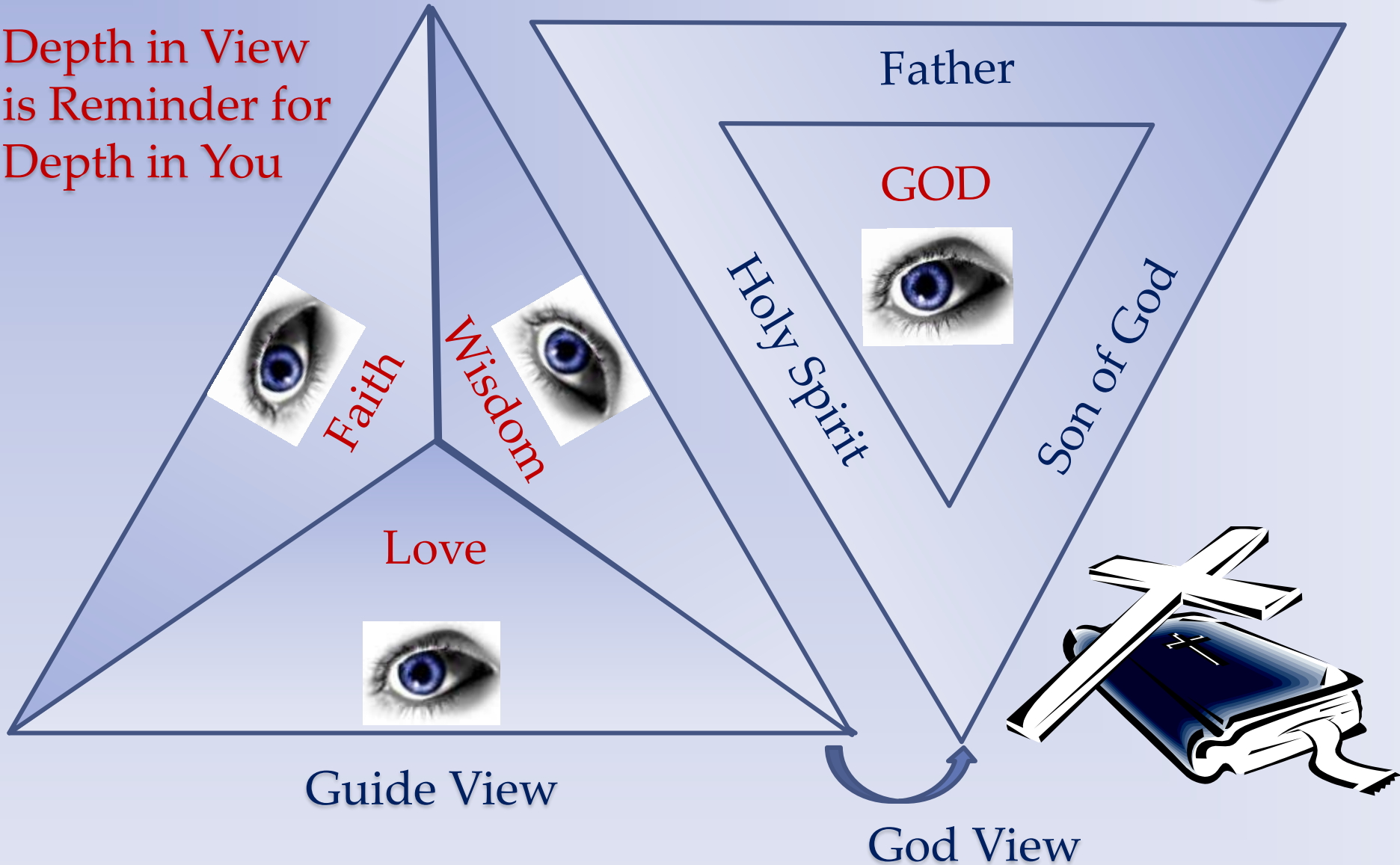


Love

What does Faith Guide ? What does Love Guide ?

The Three Guides 3D Triangle

Depth in View
is Reminder for
Depth in You



The Three Guides Star View

In Bible, Explore Psalms & David's Advice to Son King Solomon in Proverbs

Advised Son to Seek Wisdom



Wisdom

God View

Father

Love God's Commandments

GOD



Holy Spirit

Son of God



Faith

Love

Trust in God

Guide View



How did King David show these Guides?

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Three Guides Work Together

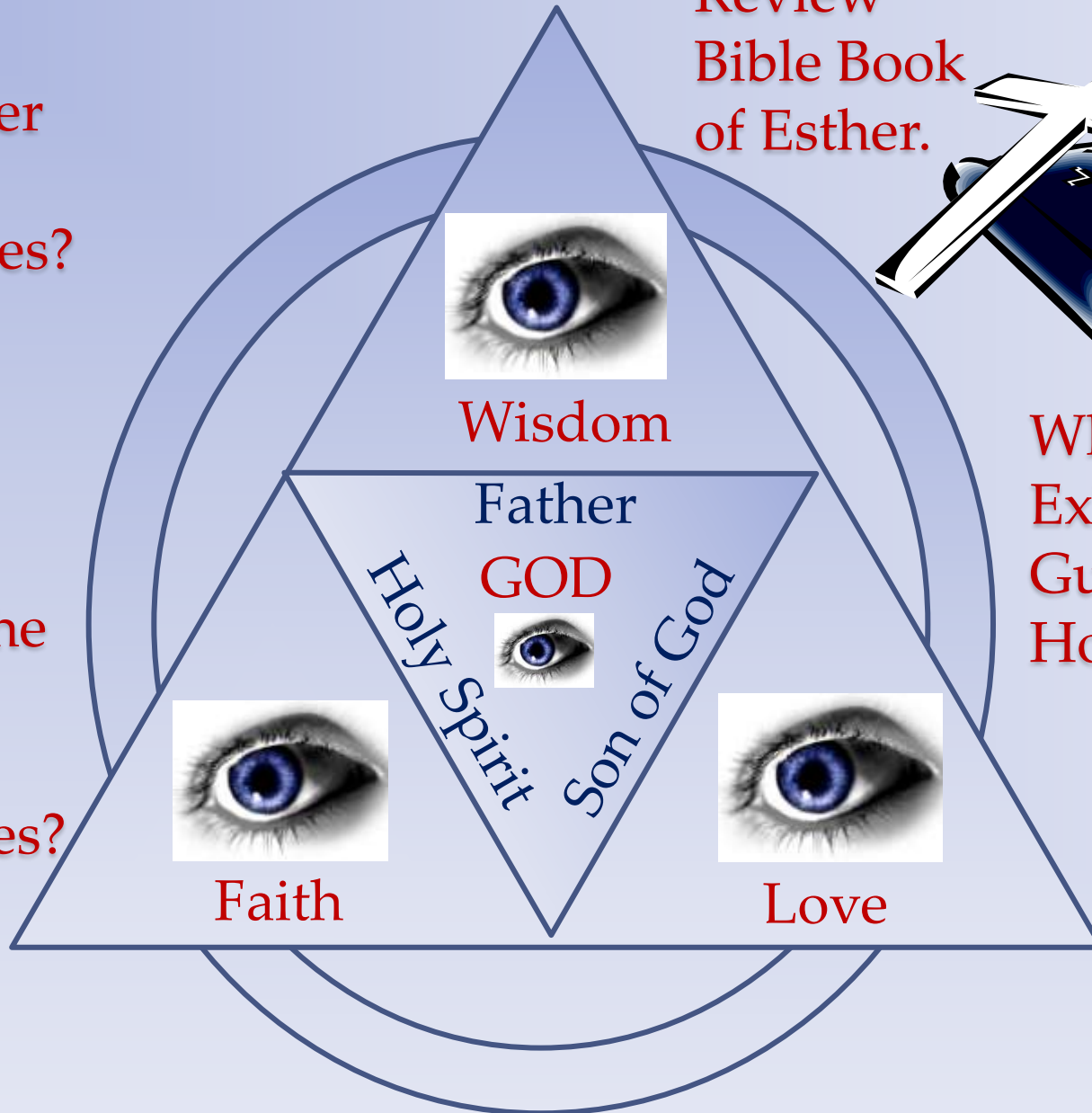
How did Queen Ester exhibit all these guides?

Review Bible Book of Esther.



How did the Centurion illustrate these guides?

Who else Exhibited Guides & How?



The Three Guides

Matthew 6:33 (ESV):
33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Seek First
Righteousness &
Kingdom of God

Seek 1st His
Kingdom &
Righteousness



Wisdom

Righteousness

Holy

Father

GOD



Holy Spirit

Son of God

Holy



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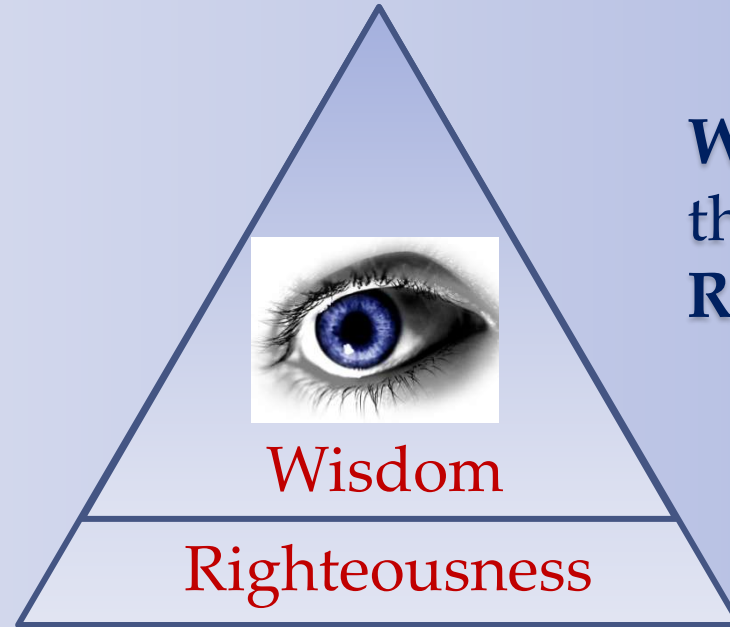
Righteousness

Righteousness



Love

The Three Guides Share Righteousness



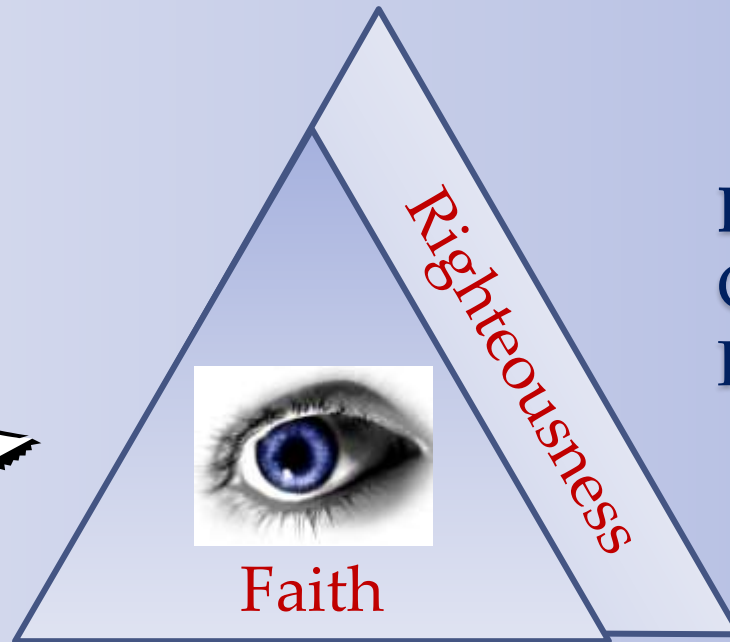
Wisdom *discerns*
the Lord's Way is
Righteousness

Wisdom  Righteousness

- Hosea 14:9 (ESV):** 9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk
- in them, but transgressors stumble in them. •

The Three Guides Share Righteousness

Faith → Righteousness



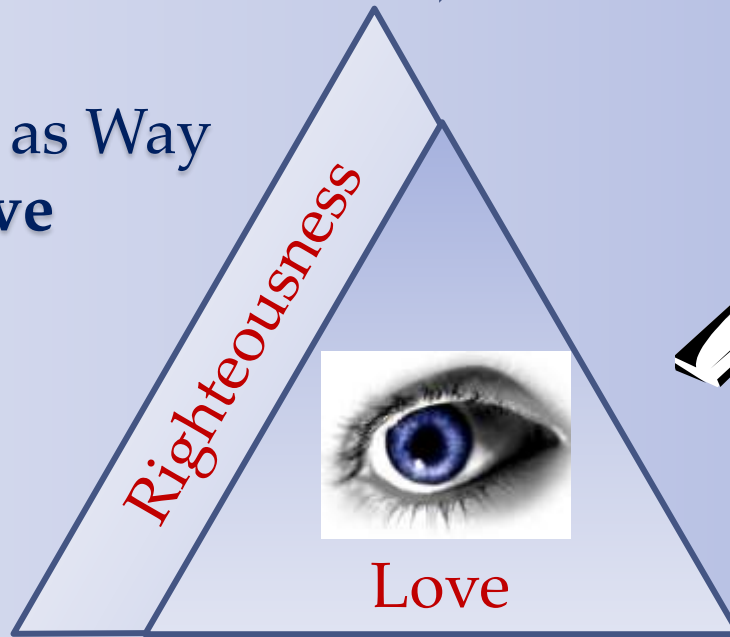
Faith in Jesus
Christ is Way to
Righteousness

Genesis 15:6 (ESV): 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

The Three Guides Share Righteousness

Righteousness → Love

Sow **Righteousness** as Way
to Reap *Steadfast Love*



Hosea 10:12 (ESV): 12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

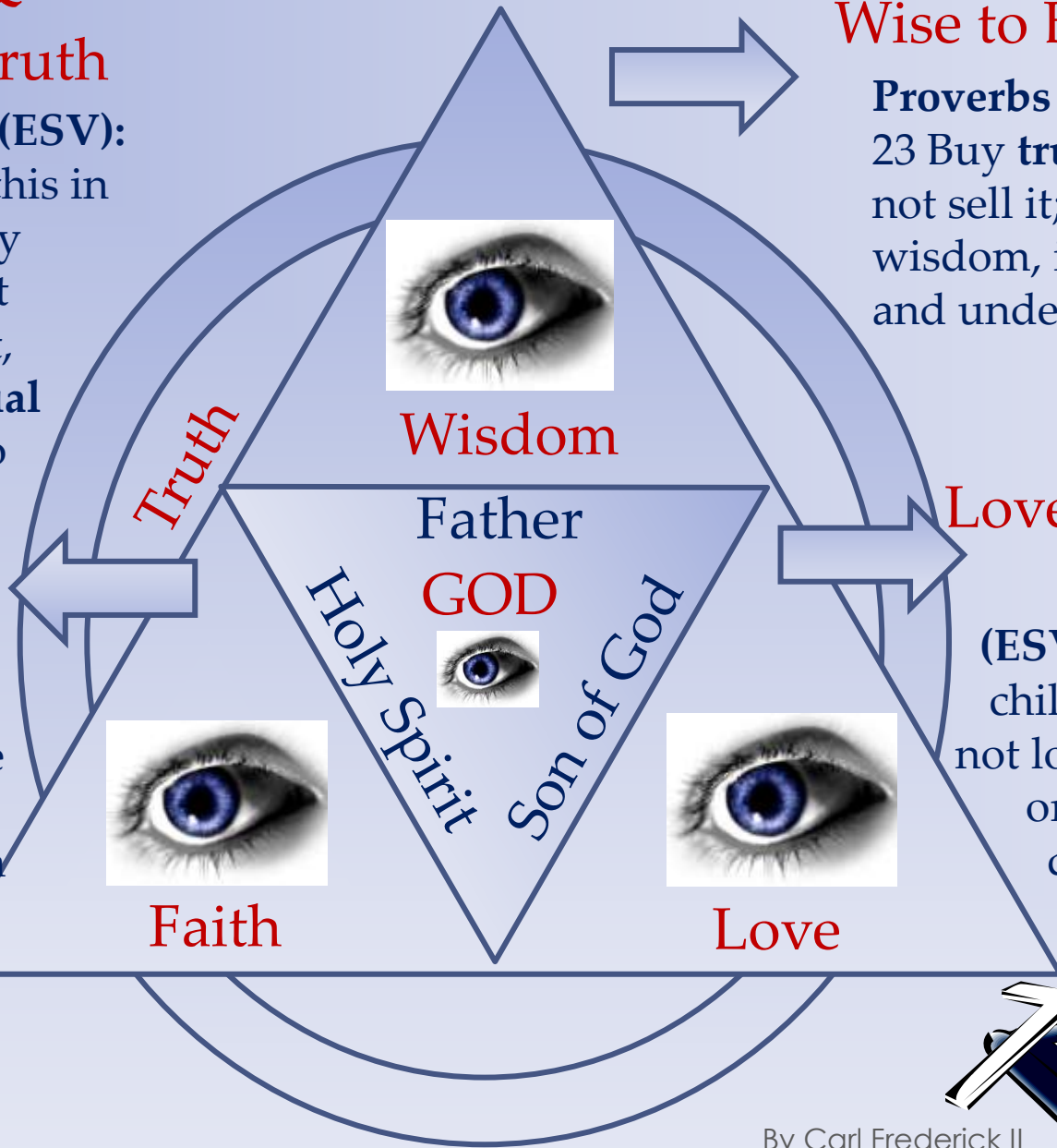
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Three Guides Share Hope

Hope in the God of Jacob

Psalms 146:5 (ESV): 5

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ...

Wisdom Leads to Hope

Proverbs 24:14 (ESV):

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Love Hopes

1 Corinthians 13:7

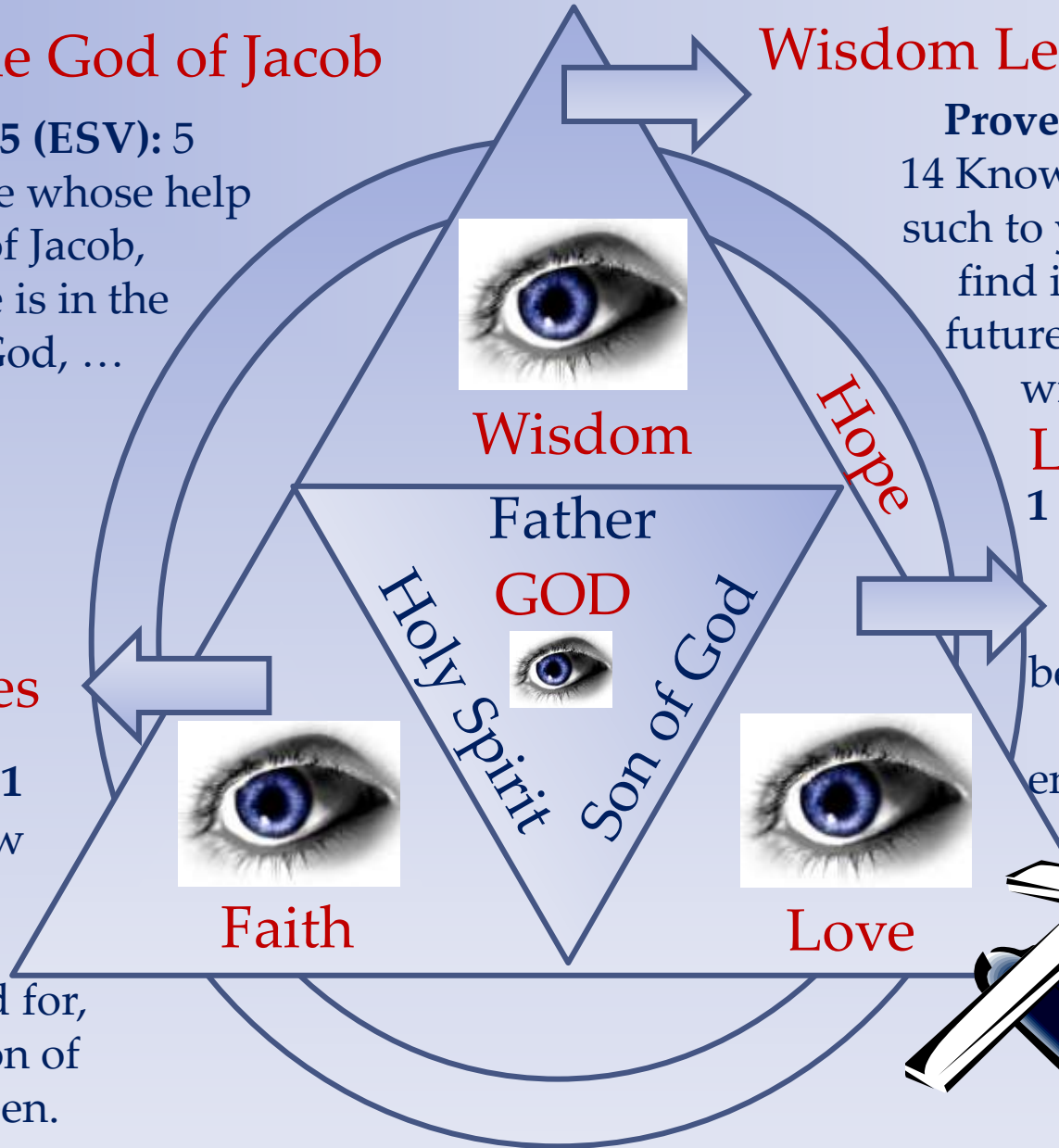
(ESV): 7 Love

bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Faith Hopes

Hebrews 11:1

(ESV): 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.



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Three Guides Share Three

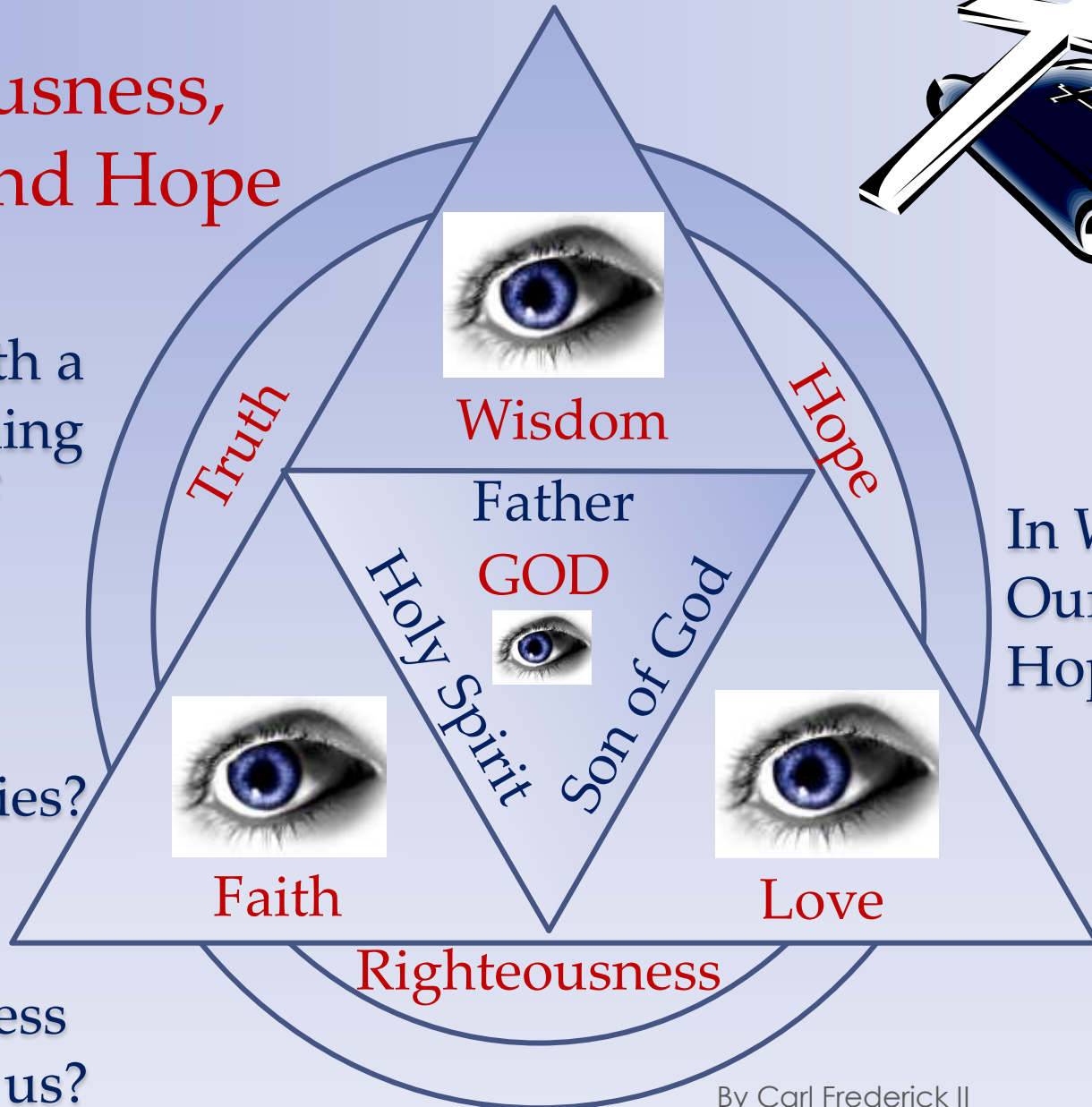
Share
Righteousness,
Truth, and Hope



How is truth a
distinguishing
attribute of
God?

Who is the
Father of Lies?

How is
righteousness
credited to us?



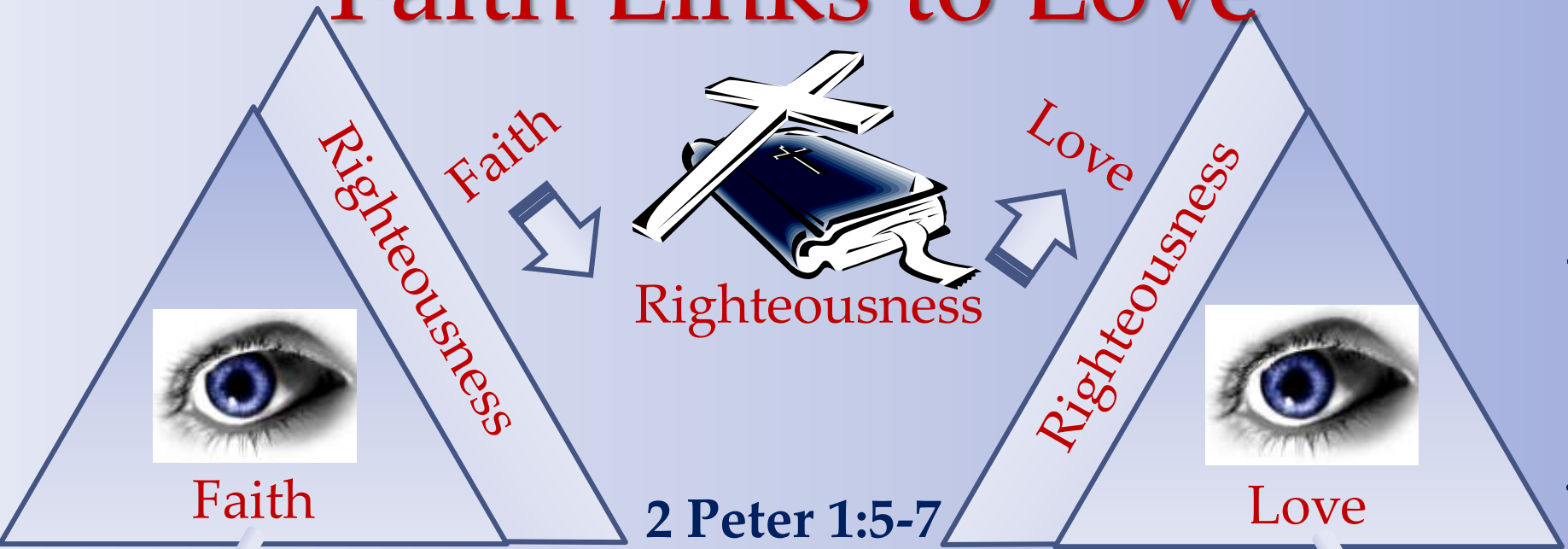
In Whom is
Our Ultimate
Hope?



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Faith Links to Love



Faith + virtue + knowledge + self-control + steadfastness + godliness + brotherly affection + Love

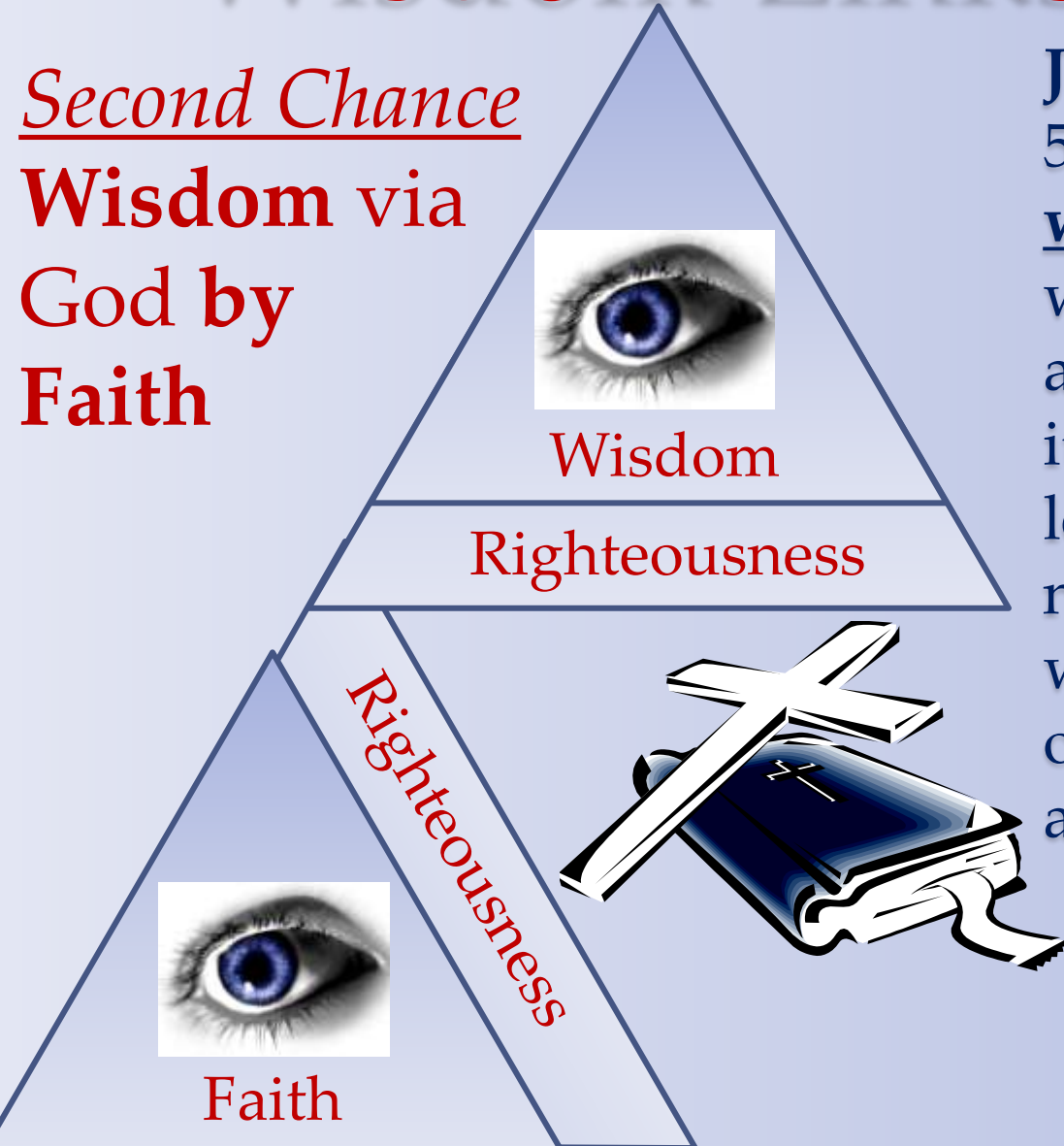
Your Effort to Add in Increasing Measure

Be Productive & Effective & Make Certain

The Three Guides

Wisdom Links to Faith

Second Chance
Wisdom via
God by
Faith



James 1:5-6 (ESV):
5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.



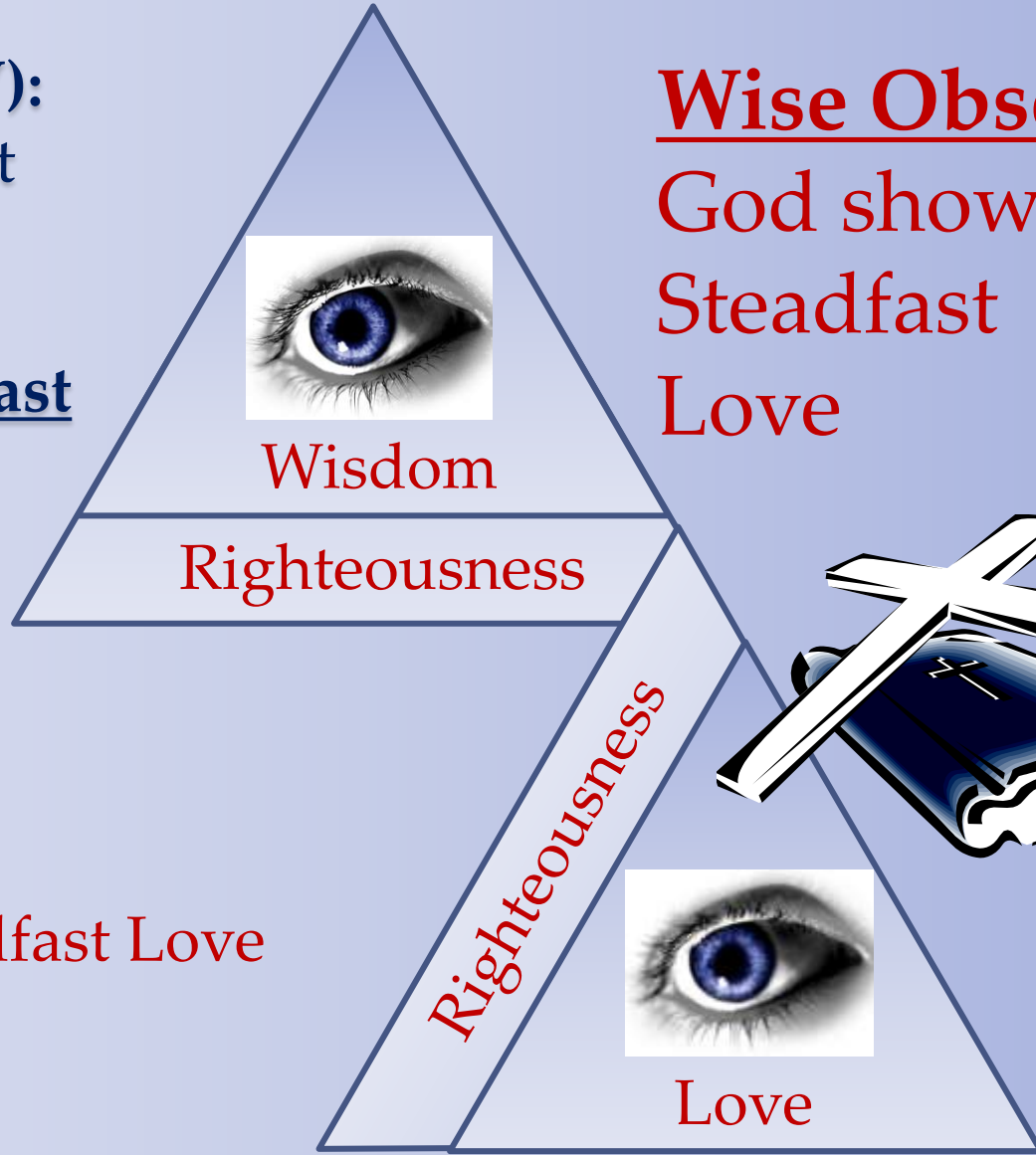
Ask God

Faith → Wisdom • *

The Three Guides

Wisdom Links to Love

Psalms 107:43 (ESV):
Whoever is wise, let
him attend to these
things; let them
consider the steadfast
love of the LORD.



Observe God

Wisdom  **Steadfast Love**

Three Guides: **Armor of God**

Devil's Schemes



Stands Firm

Put On

- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of Spirit
- Shield of Faith**
- Belt of Truth**
- Breastplate of Righteousness**
- Readiness of Gospel of Peace

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Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV): 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Three Guides Rejoice thru Sufferings

Sufferings

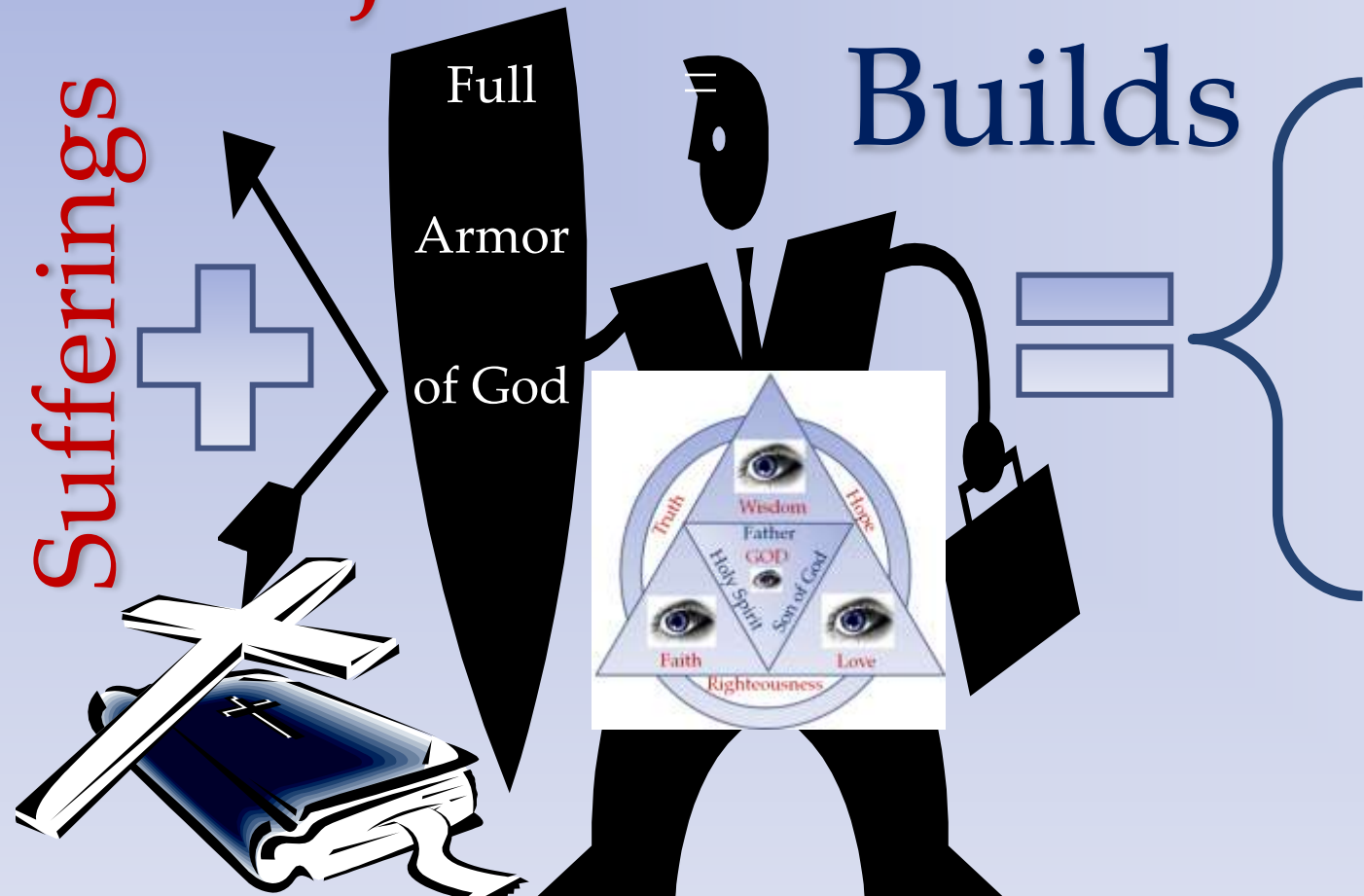
Full
Armor
of God

Builds

Endurance

Character

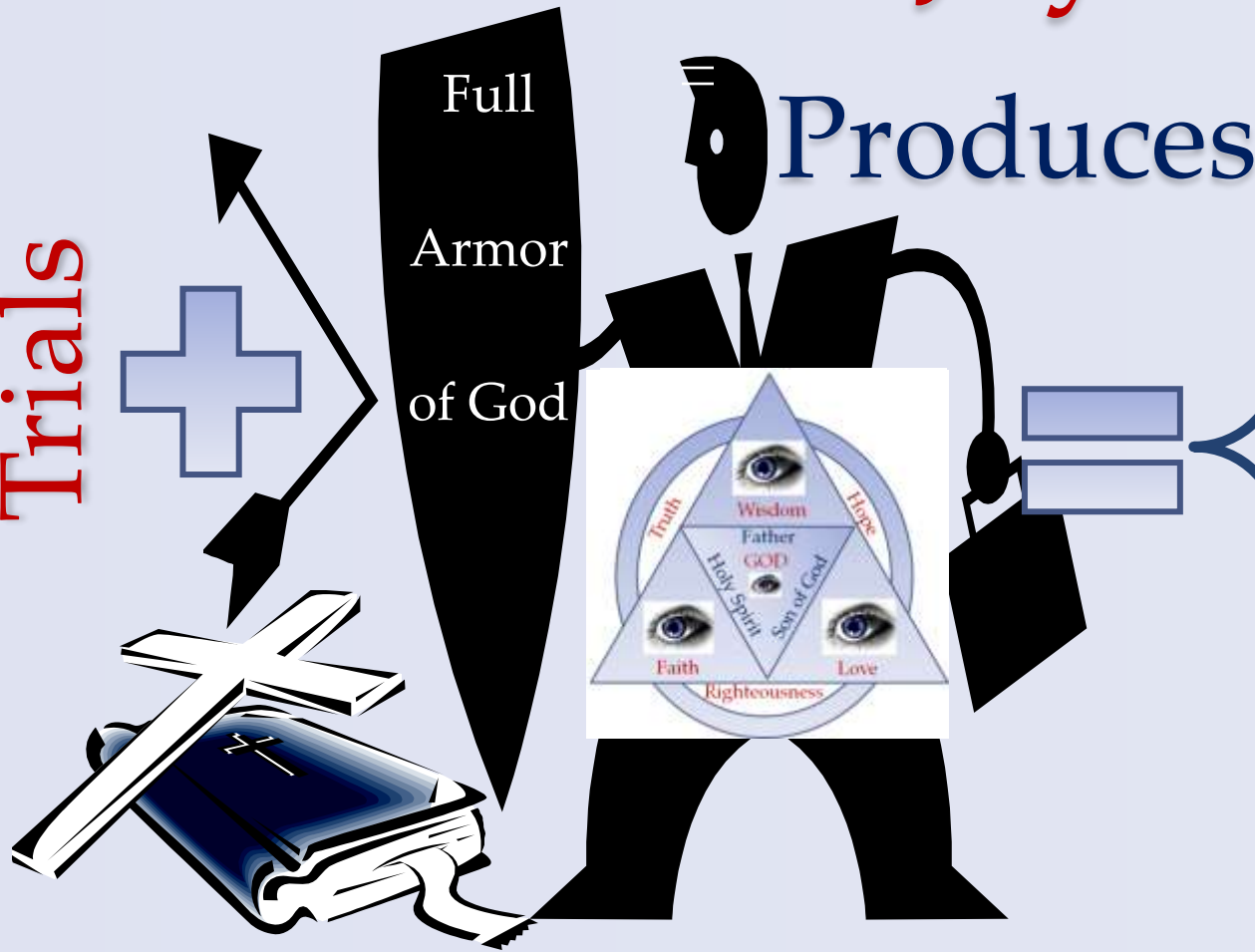
Hope



Romans 5:3-4 (ESV): 3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope ...

Three Guides: Joy thru Trials

Trials



Produces

Steadfastness

Perfect

& Complete

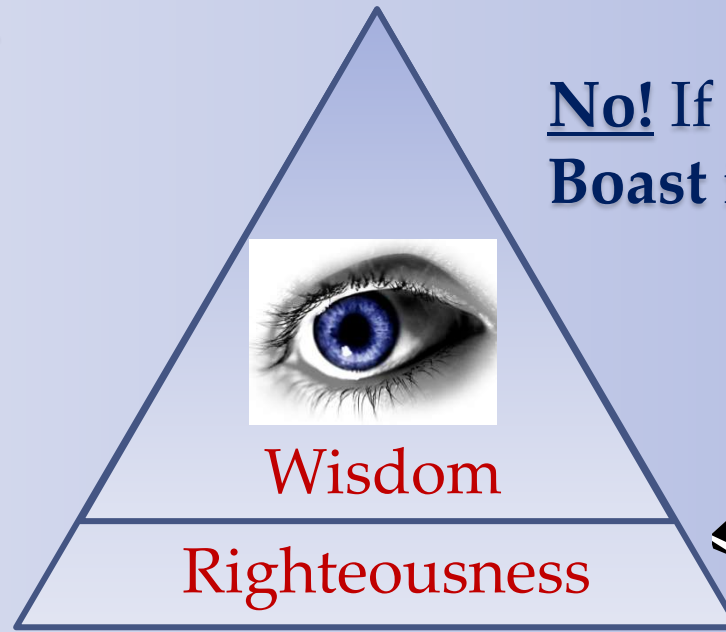
Lacking Nothing

James 1:2-4 (ESV): 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

The Three Guides

Boasting

Boast in
wisdom,
riches, or
might?



No! If will boast,
Boast in the Lord!



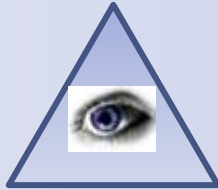
Wisdom → Knows the Lord

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV): 23 Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts **boast** in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the **LORD** who practices **steadfast love, justice, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the **LORD.**”

The Three Guides Greater Wisdom

Wisdom of God > Foolishness of God
> Wisdom of the World

- Know God → Get Wisdom
- Beginning of Wisdom is the Fear of the Lord



Wisdom of the World

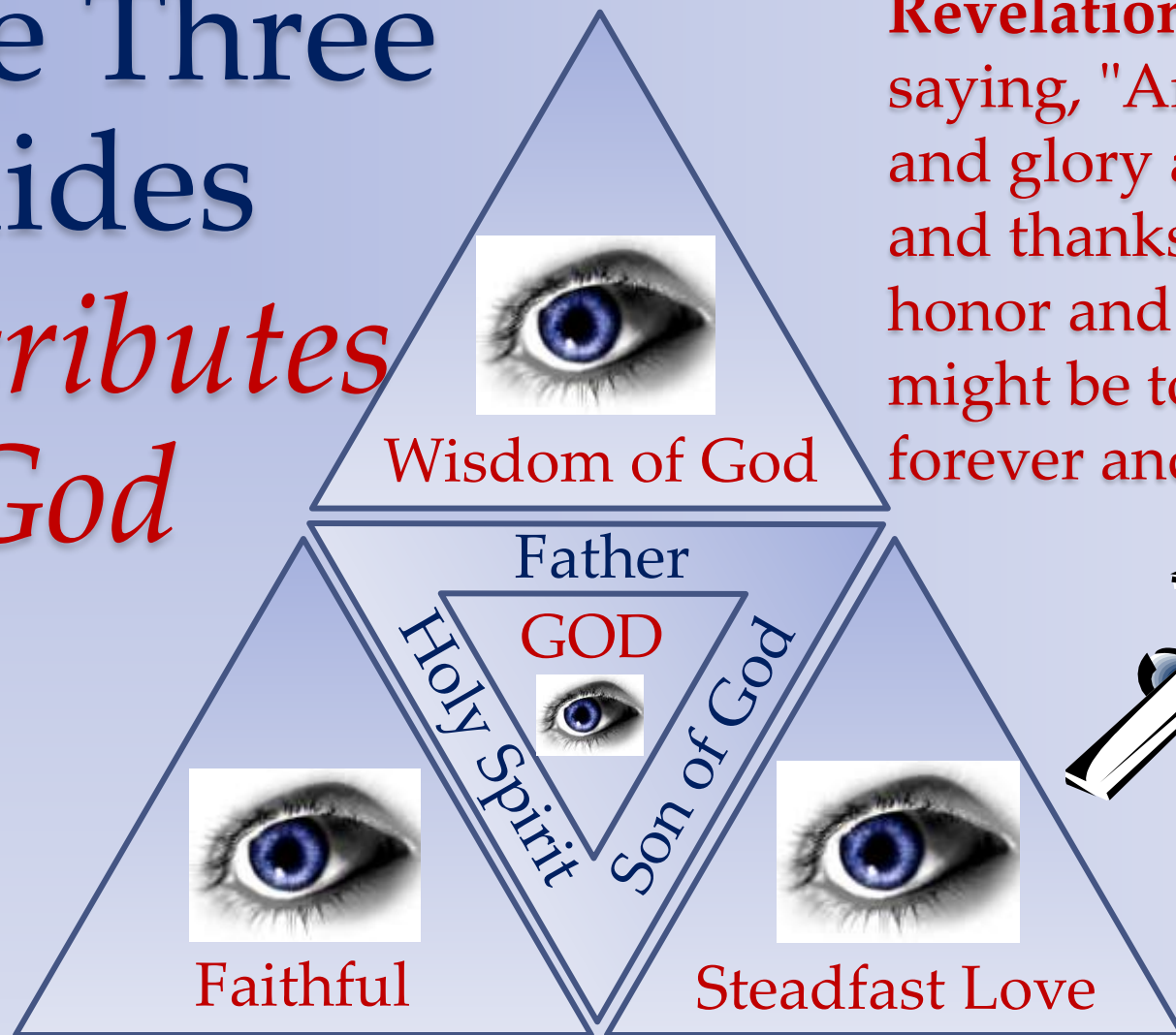


Wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 1:20-21 (ESV): 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made *foolish* the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

The Three Guides

Attributes of God



Revelation 7:12 (ESV): 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."



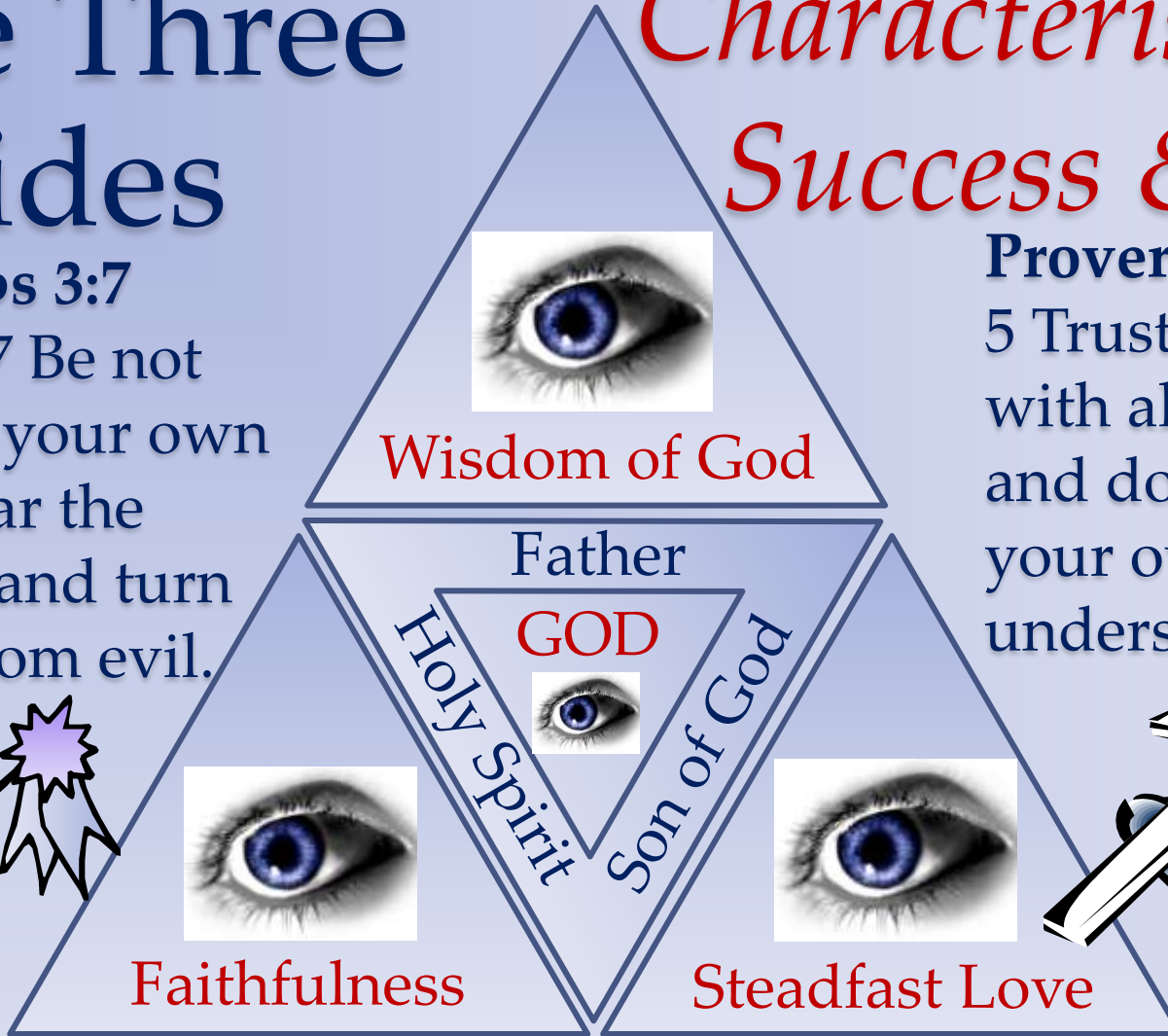
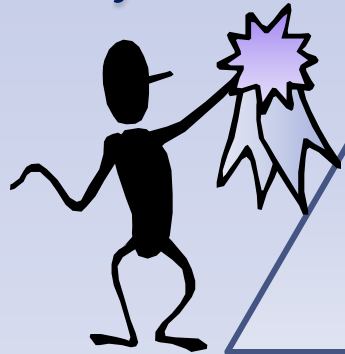
Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV): 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ...

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The Three Guides

Characteristics for Success & Favor

Proverbs 3:7 (ESV): 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.



Proverbs 3:5 (ESV): 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.



Proverbs 3:3-4 (ESV): 3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

The Three Guides:

Facets

Apply Guides of Wisdom, Faith & Love
To Be Wise, Faithful, and Loving, as
Character Embraces Wisdom of God,
Faithfulness, and Steadfast Love.

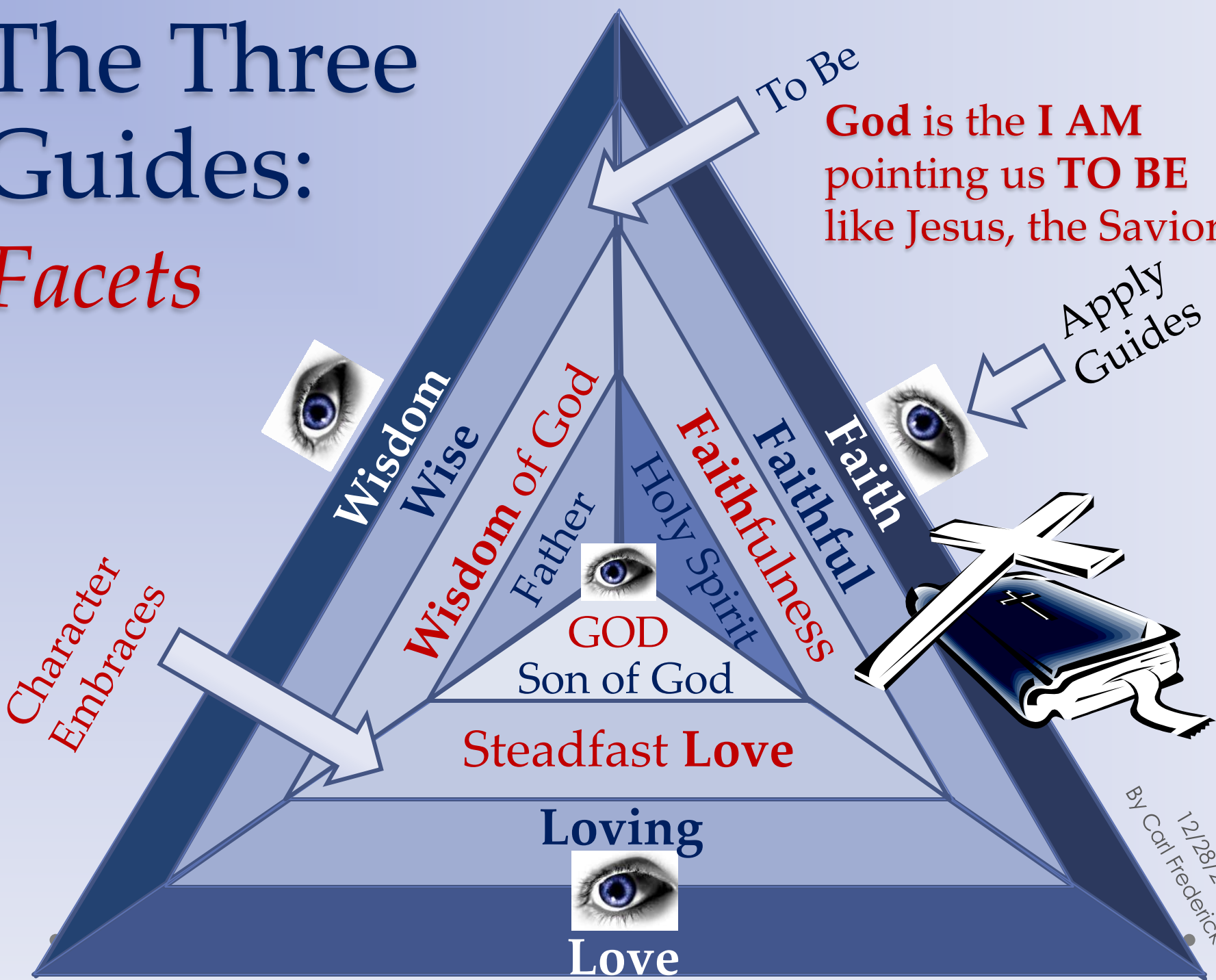


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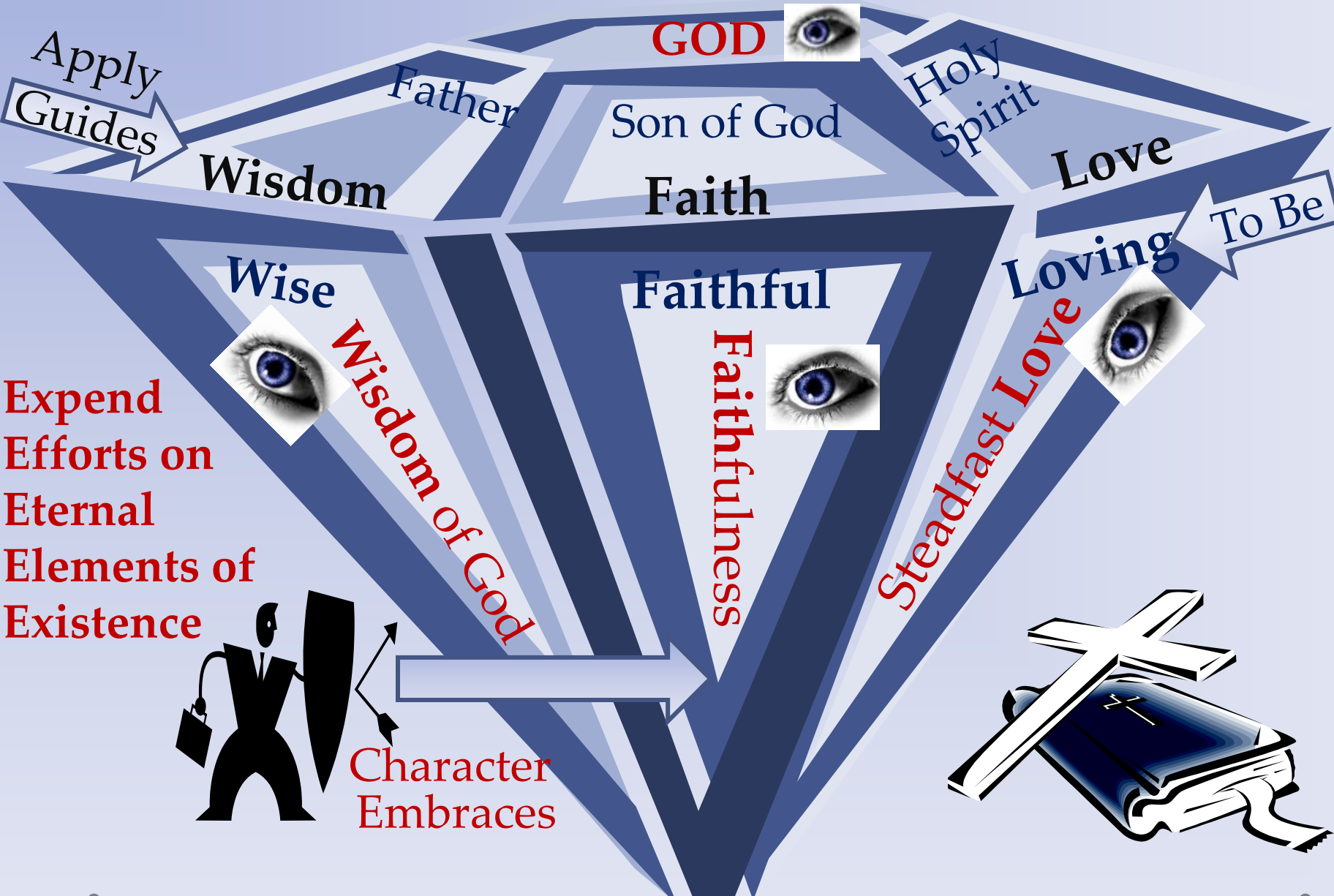
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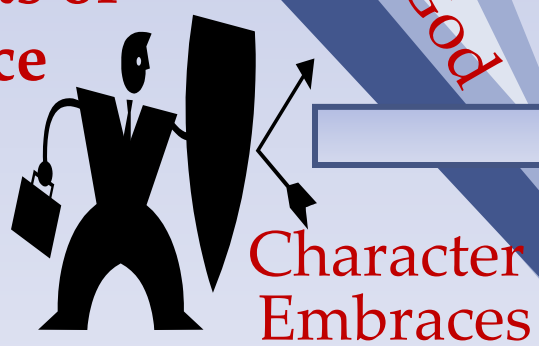


God is the I AM
pointing us **TO BE**
like Jesus, the Savior

The Three Guides: Facets



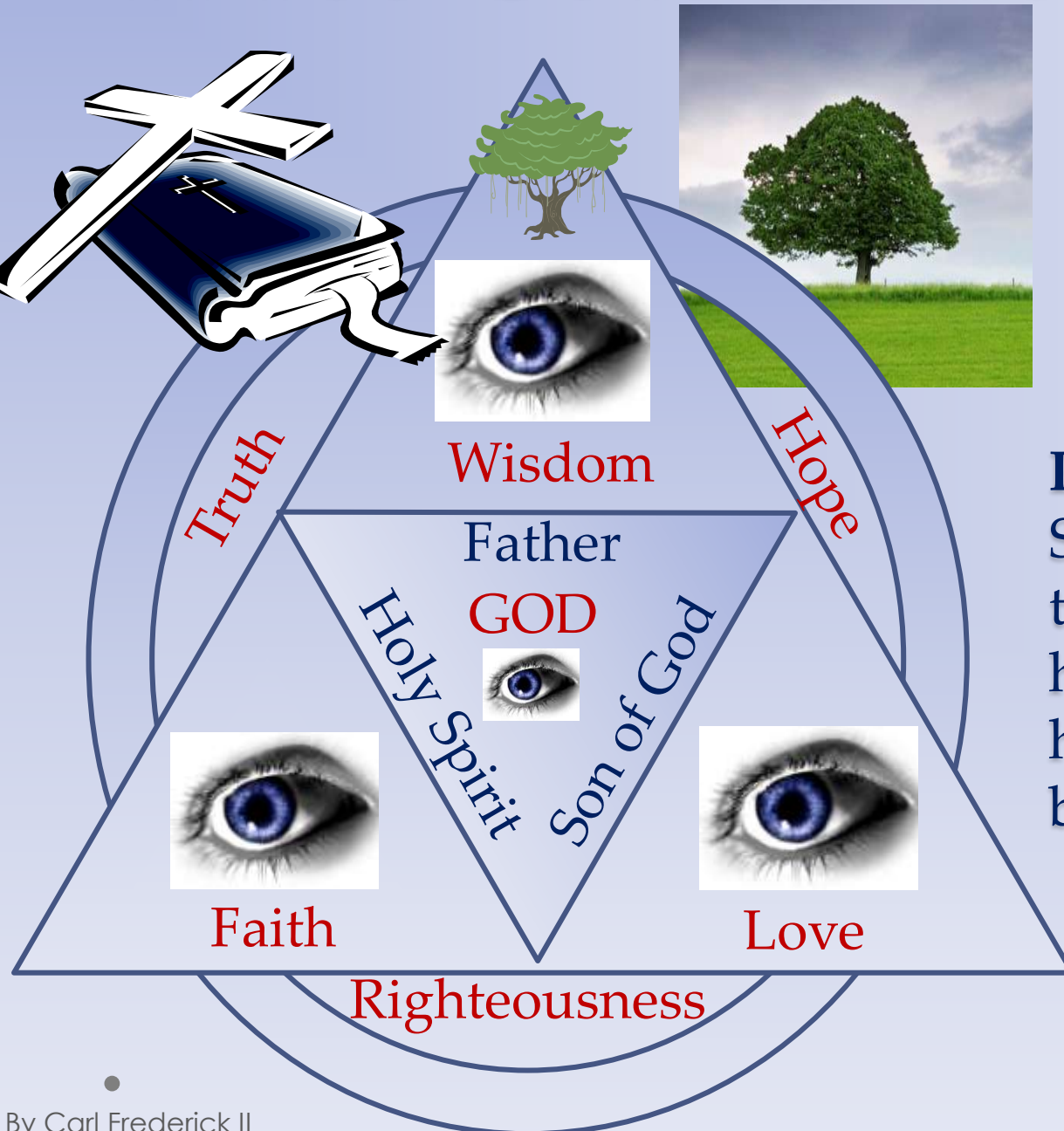
Expend Efforts on Eternal Elements of Existence



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Three Guides Trees of Life

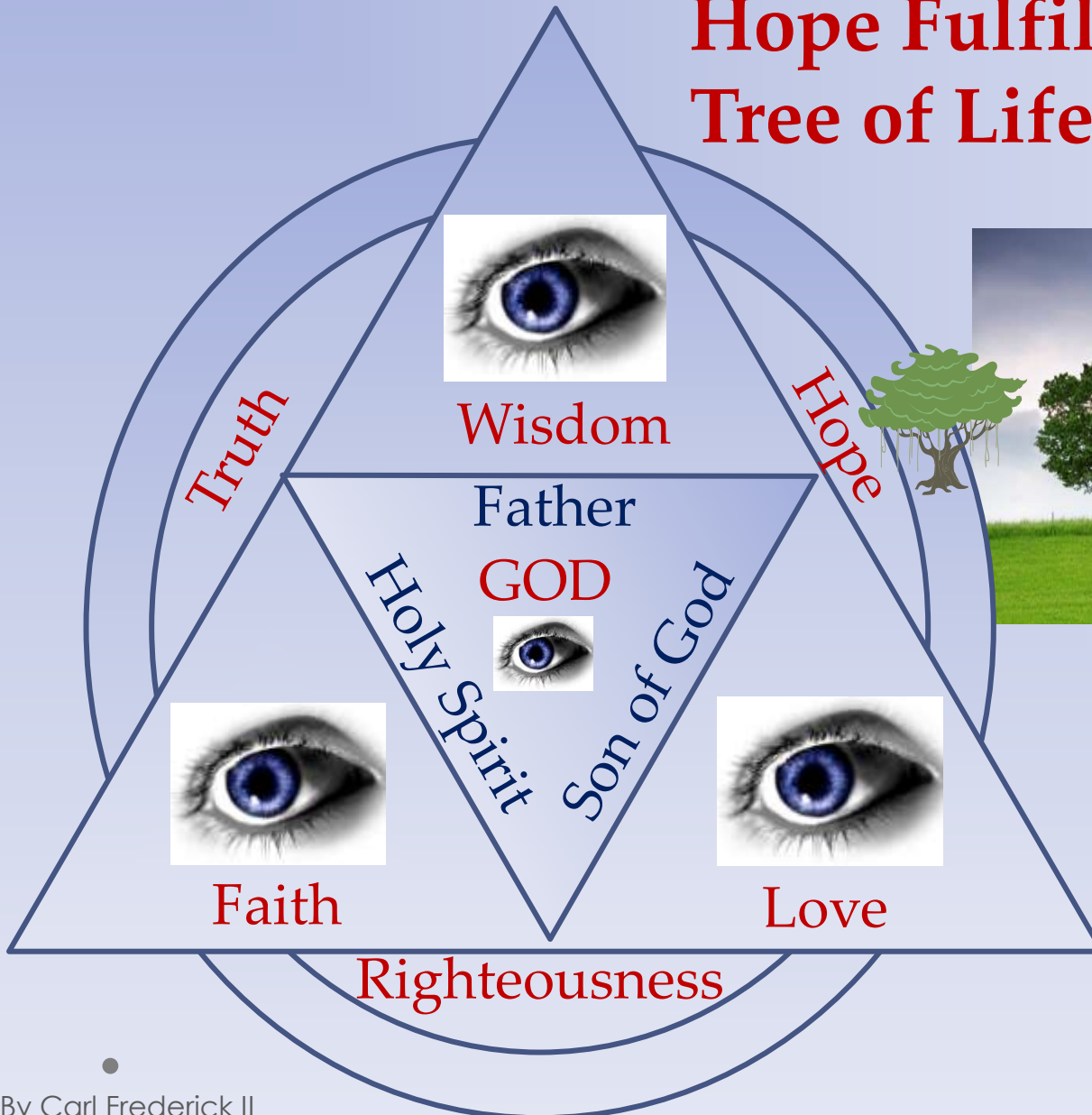


**Wisdom is a
Tree of Life**

Proverbs 3:18 (ESV):
She is a tree of life to
those who lay hold of
her; those who hold
her fast are called
blessed.

Three Guides Trees of Life

Hope Fulfilled is a Tree of Life



Proverbs 13:12
(ESV):

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Three Guides Trees of Life

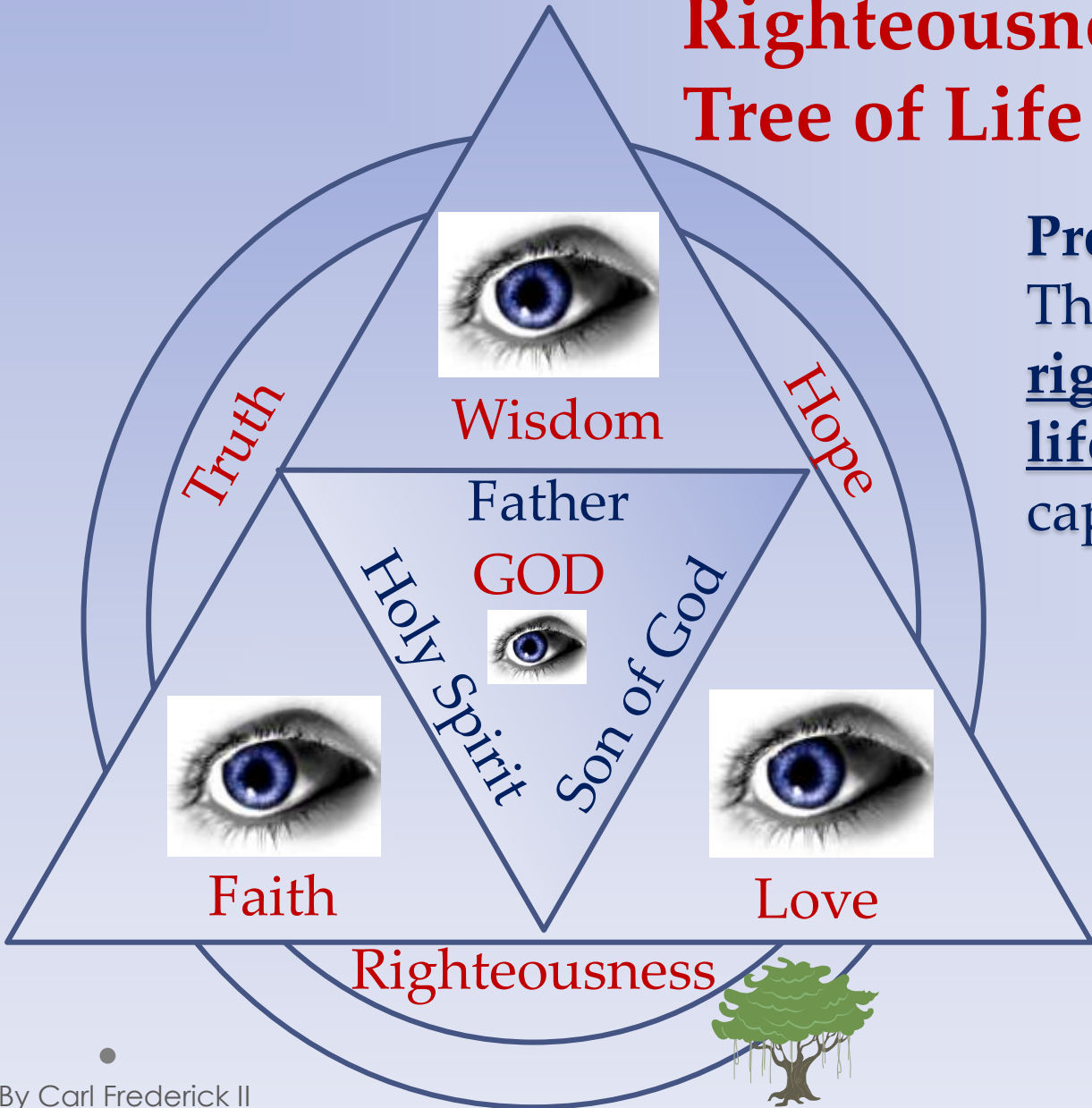
Righteousness' Fruit is a Tree of Life

Proverbs 11:30 (ESV):
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise



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Three Guides Trees of Life

A Pure Gentle Tongue is a Tree of Life

1 Peter 1:22 (ESV):
22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a **pure** heart, ...

Proverbs 13:12 (ESV):
A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



Wisdom

Father

GOD



Holy Spirit

Son of God



Faith



Love

Righteousness



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Trees of Life

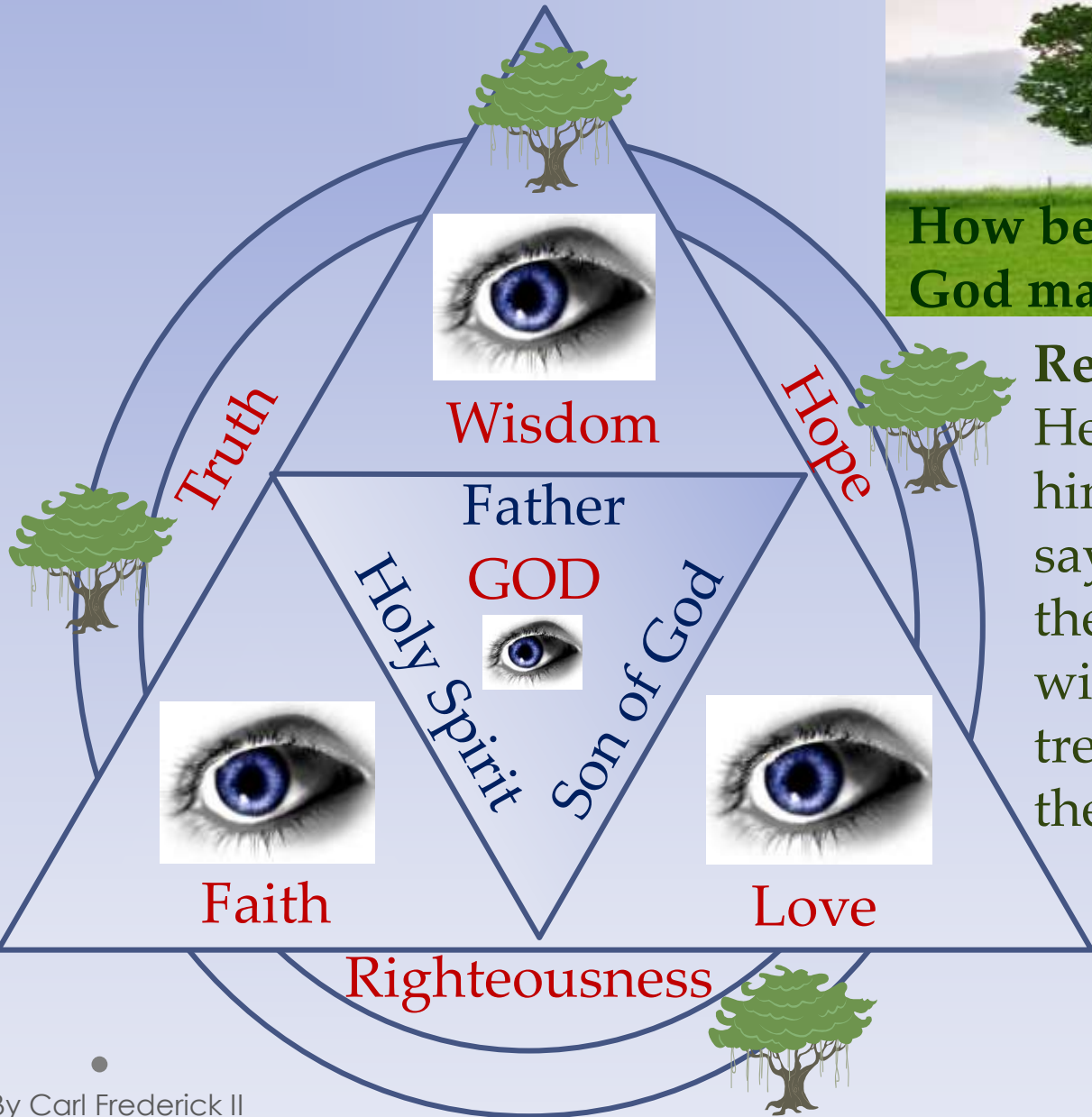


Revelation 2:7 (ESV):
He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.':

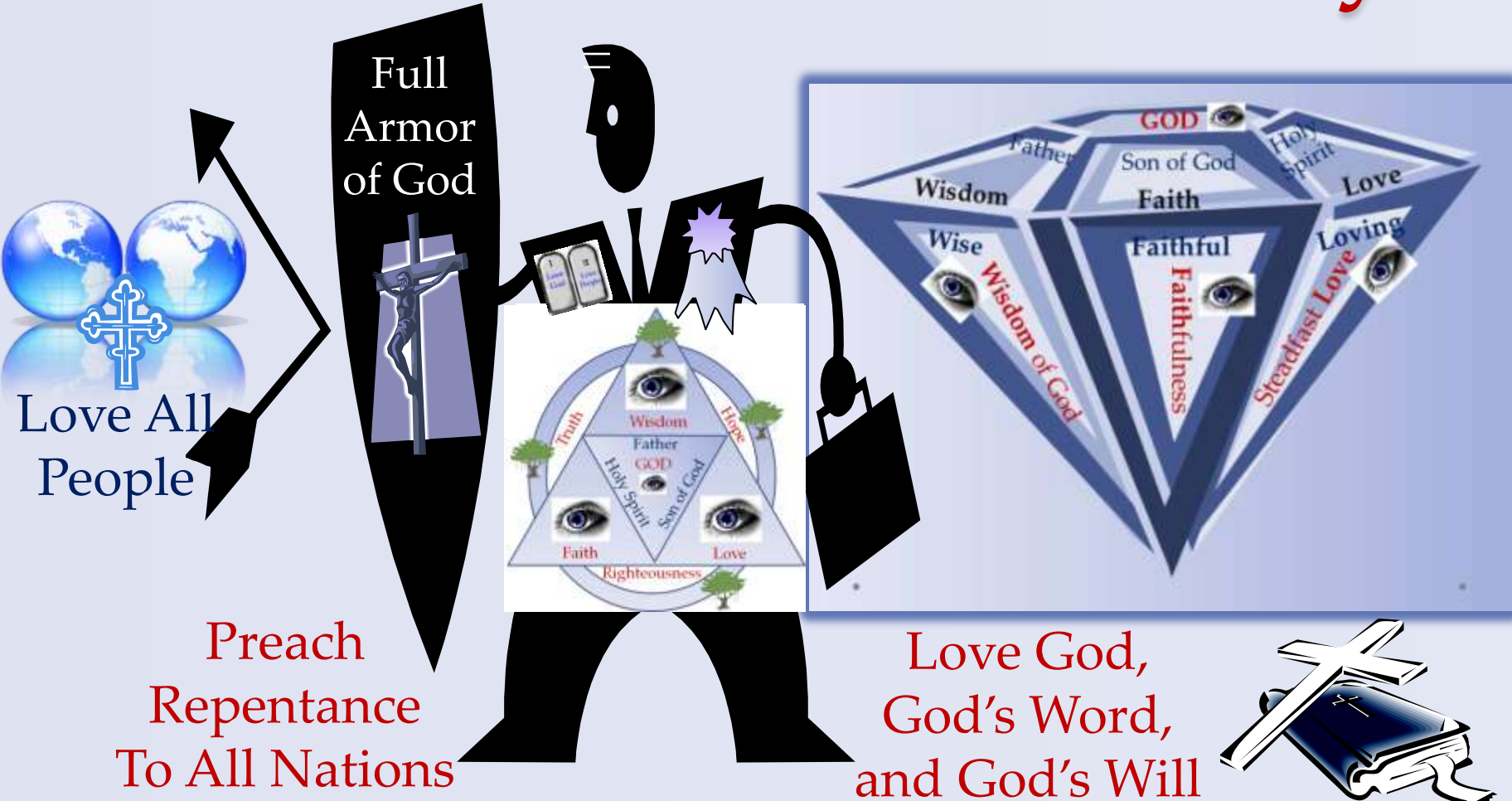


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Three Guides: Be Ready



Full
Armor
of God

Love All
People

Preach
Repentance
To All Nations

Love God,
God's Word,
and God's Will

1 Timothy 4:15-16 (ESV): 15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Three Guides

Further References



The Three Guides **Star View**

Proverbs 4:1-9 (ESV): 1 Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain insight,
2 for I give you good precepts;
do not forsake my teaching.
3 When I was a son with my father,
tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,
4 he taught me and said to me,
“Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments, and live.
5 Get wisdom; get insight;
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
6 Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.
7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.
8 Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.
9 She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”



Three Guides Share Truth

God is Truth &
Witnesses to Truth

See 1 Corinthians 2:13
See John 14:1-7, 16:13,
18:36-38



Wise to
Buy Truth

See Proverbs
23:22-24



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Three Guides Share Truth

God is Truth & Witnesses to Truth

John 16:13 (ESV): 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 18:36-38 (ESV): 36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” 37 Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” 38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”



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4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.



Three Guides **Share Truth**

Wise to Buy Truth

Proverbs 23:22-24 (ESV):

22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

23 Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.



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17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

19 By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;

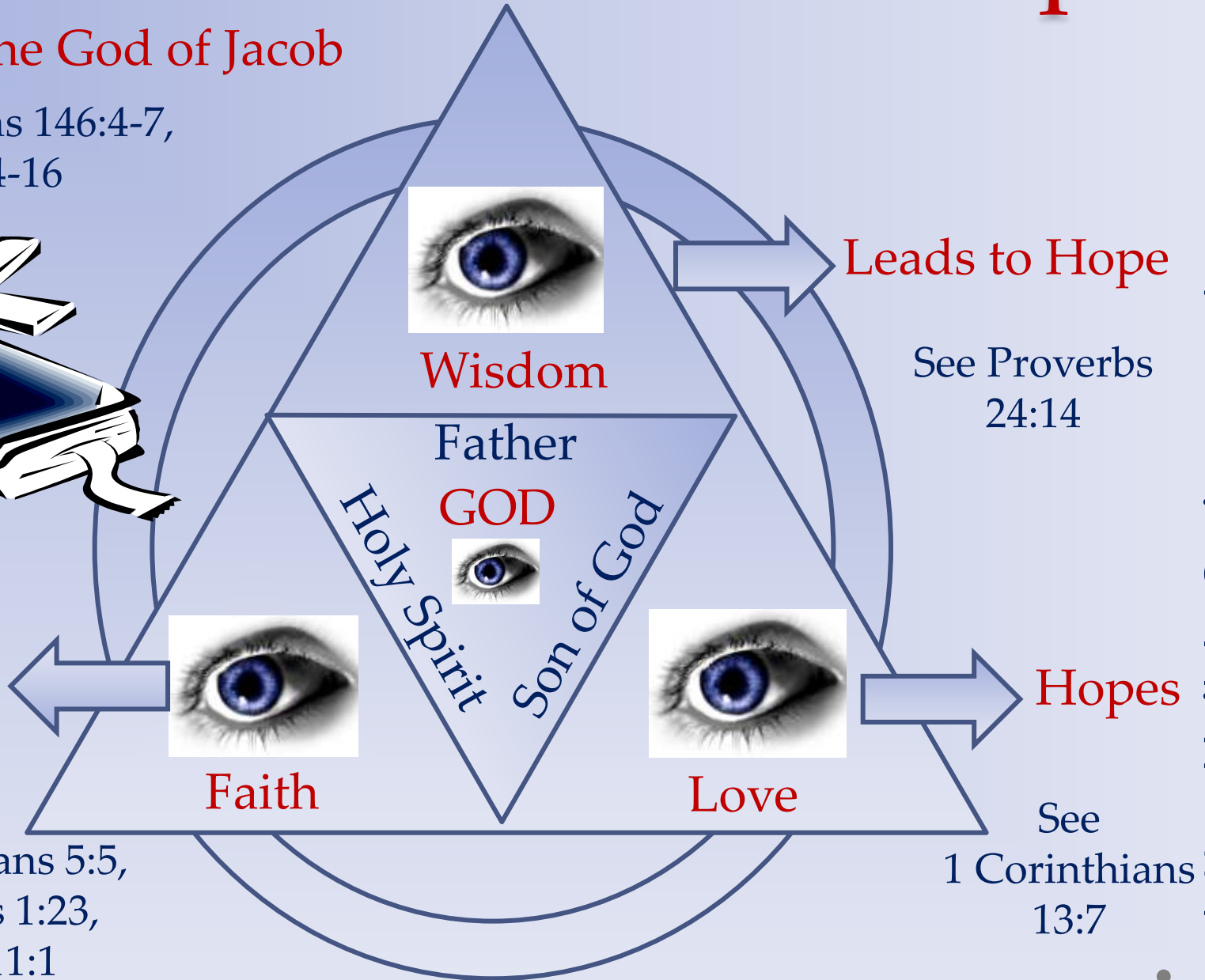
20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.



Three Guides Share Hope

Hope in the God of Jacob

See Psalms 146:4-7,
Acts 24:14-16



See Galatians 5:5,
Colossians 1:23,
Hebrews 11:1

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Hope in the God of Jacob

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4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;



Three Guides **Share Hope**

Hope in the God of Jacob

Acts 24:14-16 (ESV):

14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,

15 having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.

16 So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.



Three Guides **Share Hope**

Faith Hopes

Galatians 5:5 (ESV):

5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

Colossians 1:23 (ESV):

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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Three Guides on Love

1 Corinthians 13 (ESV): 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



Three Guides on Wisdom

Wisdom's Beginnings

Proverbs 1:1-7 (ESV): 1 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
- 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
- 4 to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
- 5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
- 6 to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

- 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.



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Wisdom on Enticement from Sinners

Proverbs 1:8-19 (ESV): 8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and forsake not your mother's teaching,
9 for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
11 If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood;
let us ambush the innocent without reason;
12 like Sheol let us swallow them alive,
and whole, like those who go down to the pit;
13 we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder;
14 throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse" —
15 my son, do not walk in the way with them;
hold back your foot from their paths,
16 for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.
17 For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird,
18 but these men lie in wait for their own blood;
they set an ambush for their own lives.
19 Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain;
it takes away the life of its possessors.



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Wisdom's Call



Proverbs 1:20-33 (ESV): 20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; 21 at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 22 “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? 23 If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you. 24 Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, 25 because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, 27 when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. 29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, 30 would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, 31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. 32 For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; 33 but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Three Guides on Faith

Faith and Creation through Noah

Hebrews 1:1-7 (ESV): 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.





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Abraham & Faith

Hebrews 1:8-16 (ESV): 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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Hebrews 1:17-22 (ESV): 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. 20 By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. 21 By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.



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Moses & The Promised Land & Faith

Hebrews 1:23-31 (ESV): 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. 9 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies



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Gideon & Many More Exhibiting Faith

Hebrews 1:31-39 (ESV): 32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated — 38 of whom the world was not worthy — wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.



39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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