

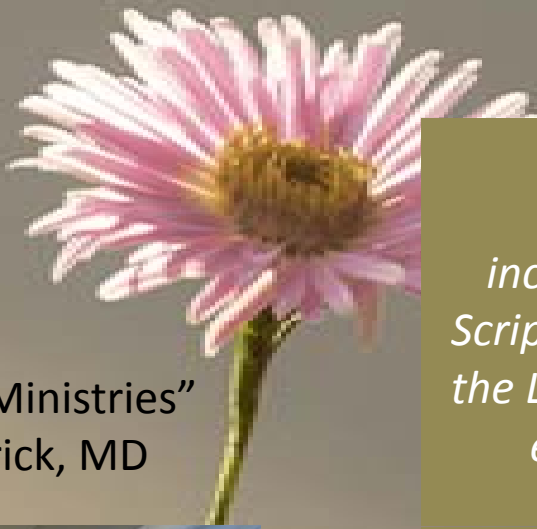


*Gather the Saints at the Lord's Table!*



- 1. Why do we gather?*
- 2. Why do we give?*
- 3. Why do we reconcile?*
- 4. Why do we remember the past?*
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- 6. Why do we give thanks?*
- 7. Why do we make commitment?*

*Leaving Vital Faith...*  
*Sermon Series*



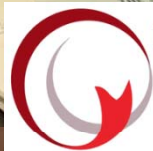
“Hispanic and Latino Ministries”  
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*“Holy conferencing is a practice John Wesley included, along with prayer, Scripture reading, fasting and the Lord’s Supper, as a way of experiencing God’s grace.*”

*Every Christian should practice it, within and beyond the walls of the church.”*

*“Holy Conferencing: Bringing Grace through Conversations,”  
Sep-Oct, Interpretation, 2012*



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

✠ We are One in Christ

*Holy*  
CONFERRING

There are 65 million people displaced in the world today.

The Council of Bishops designating a Sunday (Dec. 2) for prayers about the global migration crisis and for a special offering to address suffering caused by forced migration.

**“Gather your congregation for an intergenerational lunch on Global Migration Sunday, December 2, 2018.”**



See,  
the Sovereign  
Lord  
COMES WITH  
POWER...  
He gathers the  
lamb in His arms  
and carries them close  
to His heart...  
ISAIAH 40:10-11





# ★ ELECTION DAY ★

2018 General Election

**November 6, 2018**

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.



[montgomerycountymd.gov/elections](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/elections)

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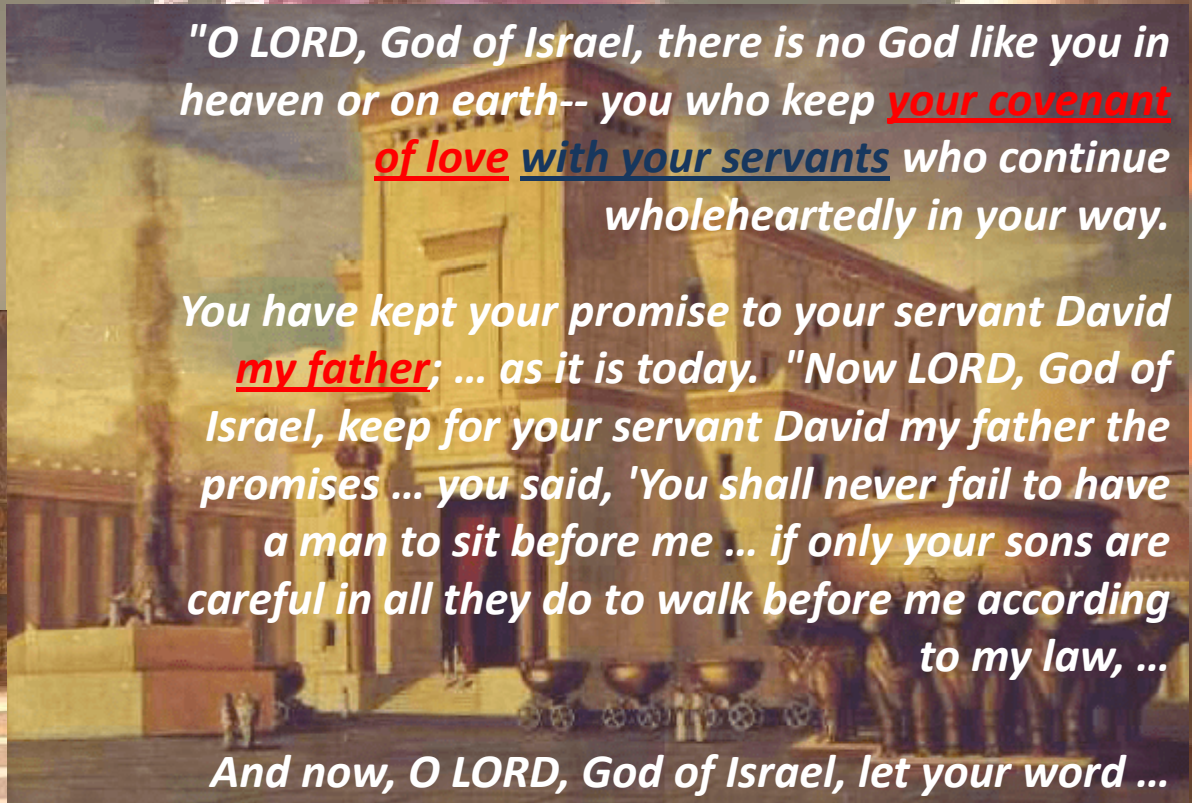
## Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

"O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth-- you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; ... as it is today. "Now LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises ... you said, 'You shall never fail to have a man to sit before me ... if only your sons are careful in all they do to walk before me according to my law, ...

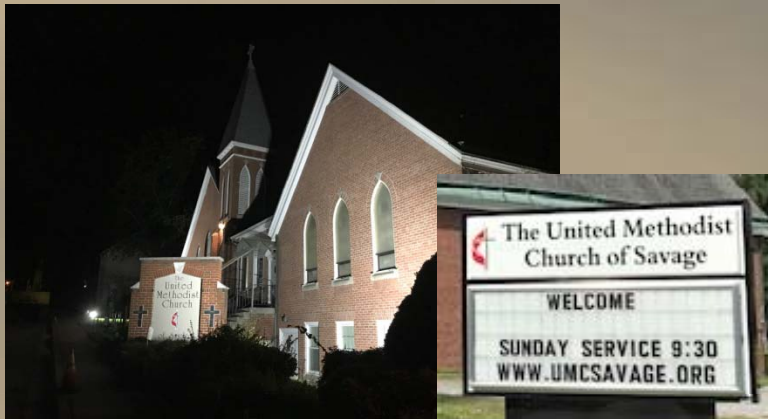
And now, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word ... come true.

2 Chronicles 6:14-17



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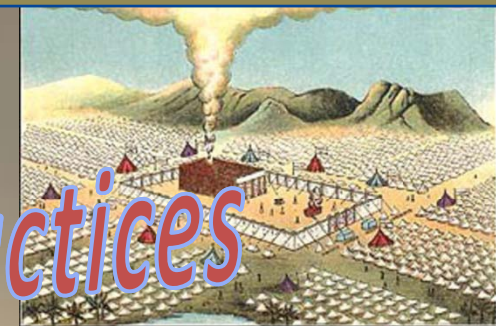
## Presence of God among the Saints



*"... May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there.*

*May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place."*

*2 Chronicles 6:20*



*Leave Vital Faith & Practices*

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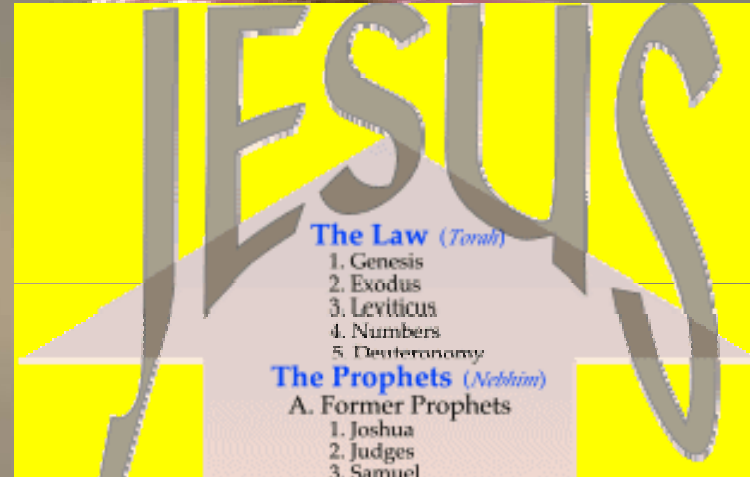
## Offering Space for Salvation



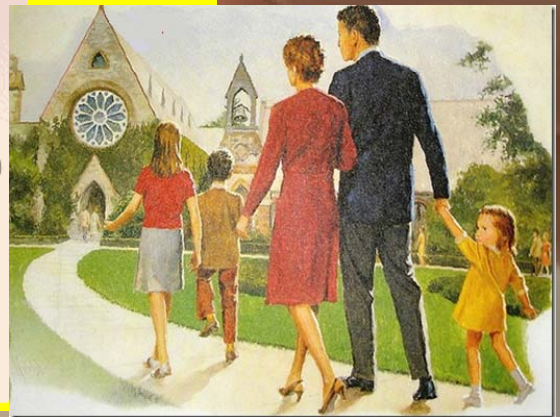
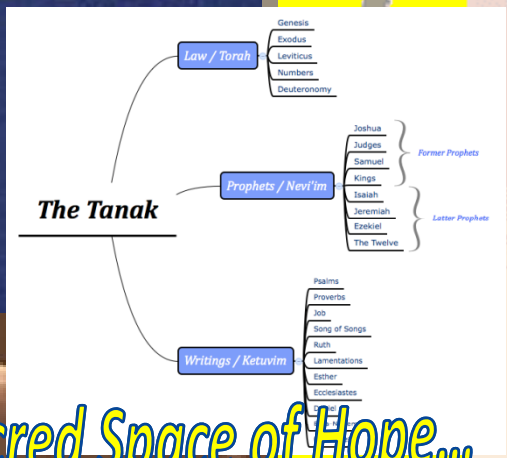
Journeys towards Vital Faith & Practices

# 2 Chronicles 6:11-33

## Faithful Works for Vital Faith & Practices



- The Law (Torah)**
1. Genesis
  2. Exodus
  3. Leviticus
  4. Numbers
  5. Deuteronomy
- The Prophets (Nevi'im)**
- A. Former Prophets**
1. Joshua
  2. Judges
  3. Samuel
  4. Kings
- B. Latter Prophets**
1. Isaiah
  2. Jeremiah
  3. Ezekiel
  4. The Twelve
- The Writings (Ketubhim or Hagiographa)**
- A. Poetical Books**
1. Psalms
  2. Proverbs
  3. Job
- B. Five Rolls (Megilloth)**
1. Song of Songs
  2. Ruth
  3. Lamentations
  4. Esther
  5. Ecclesiastes
- C. Historical Books**
1. Daniel
  2. Ezra-Nehemiah
  3. Chronicles



Offering Sacred Space of Hope...



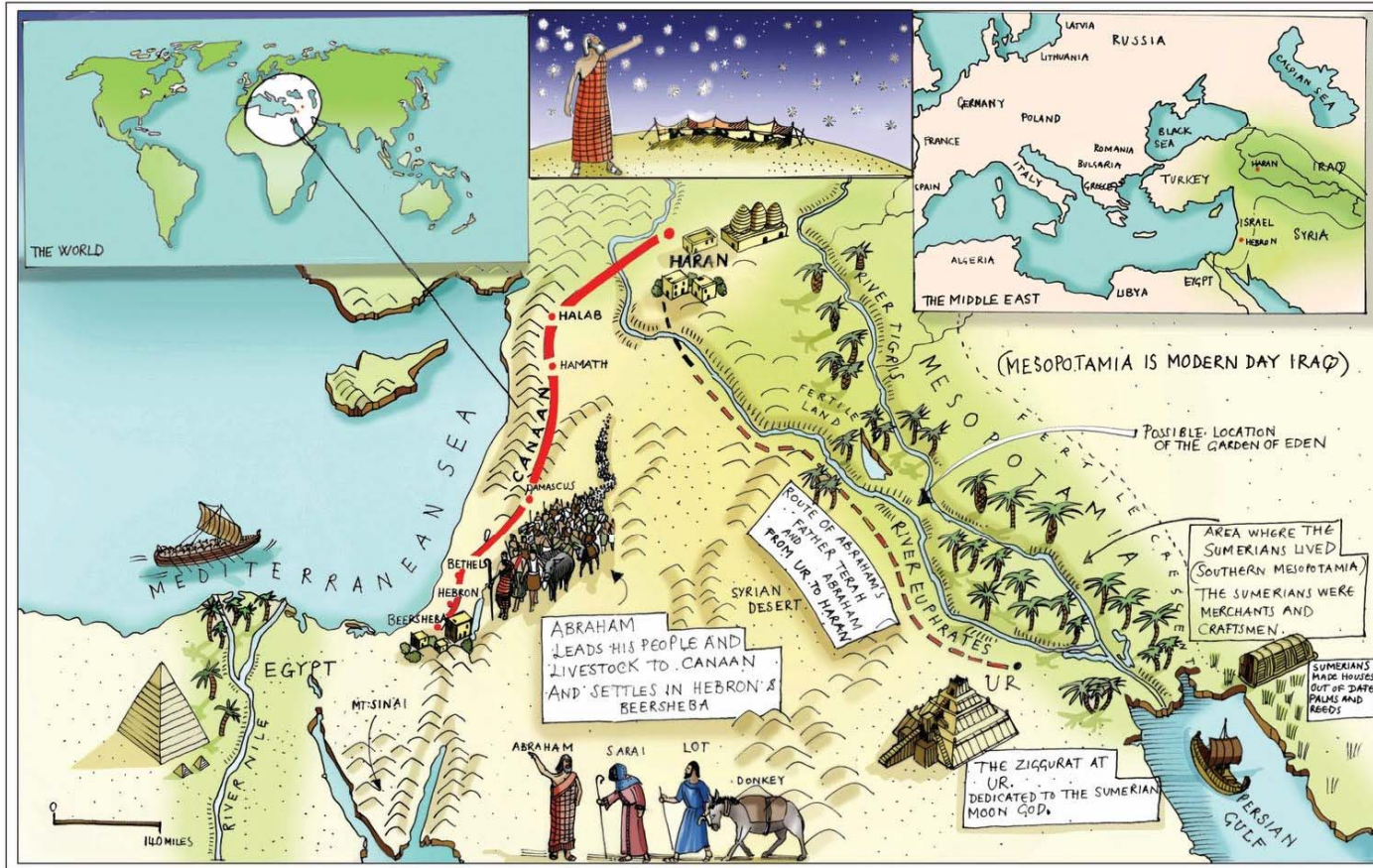
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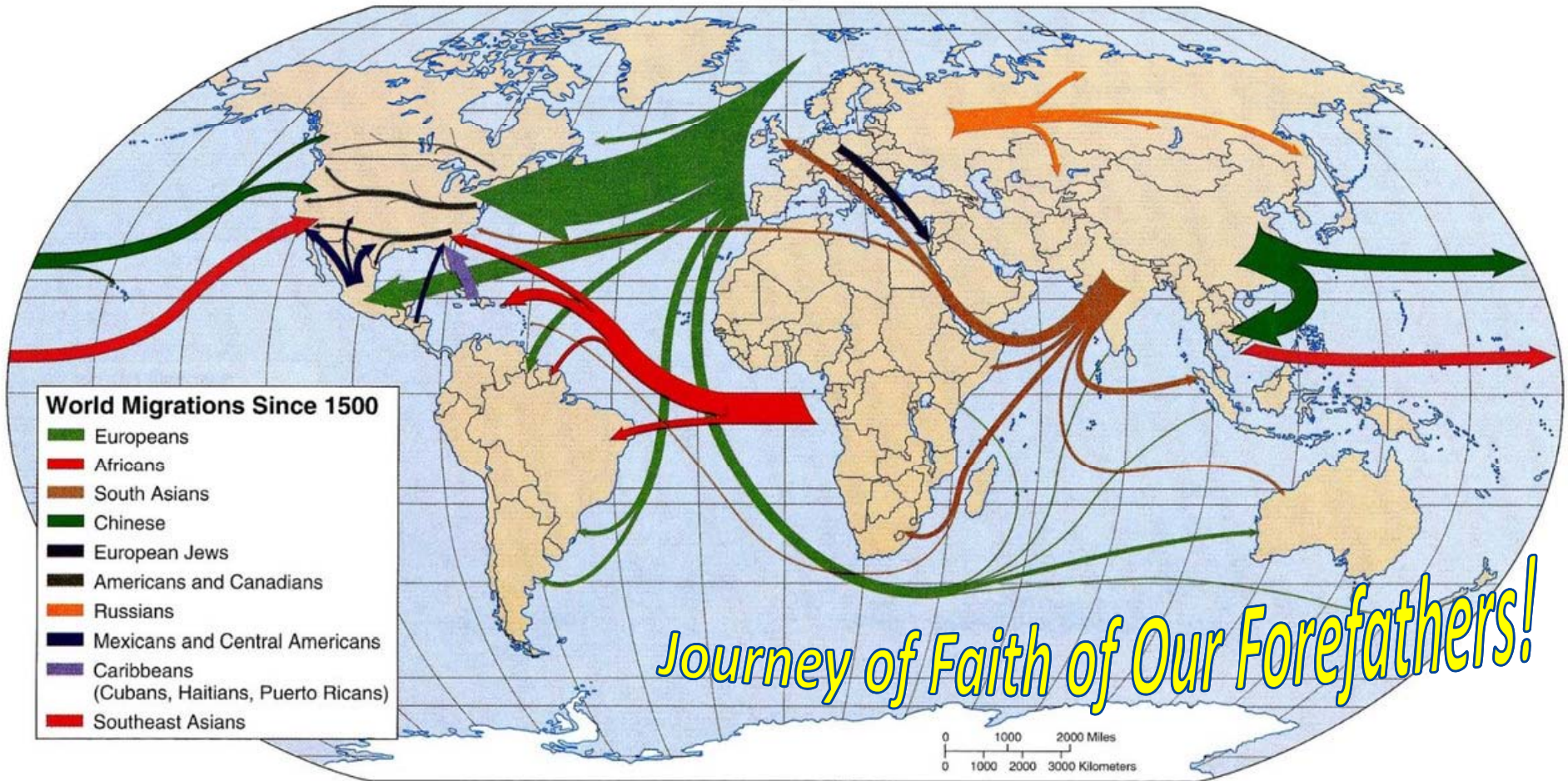
The Faith of Abraham.



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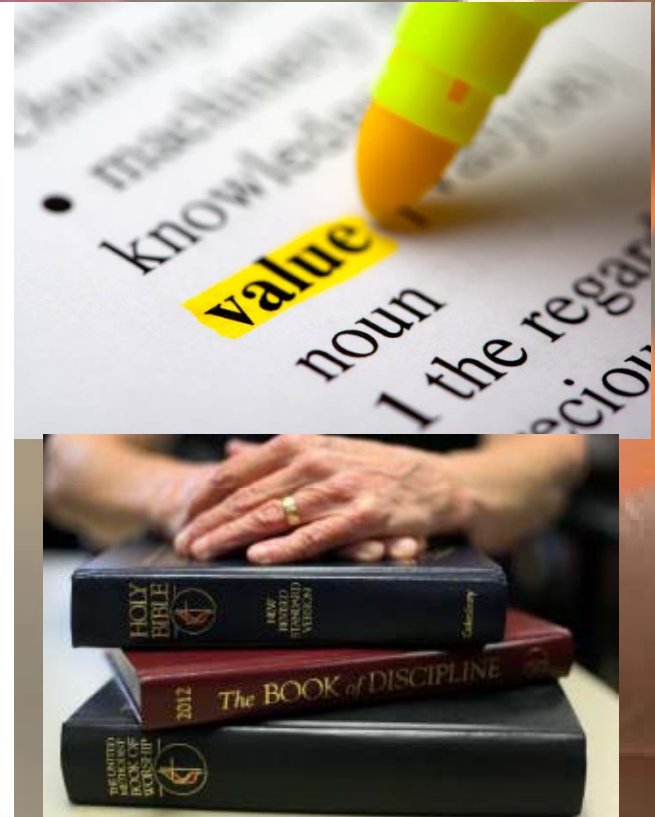
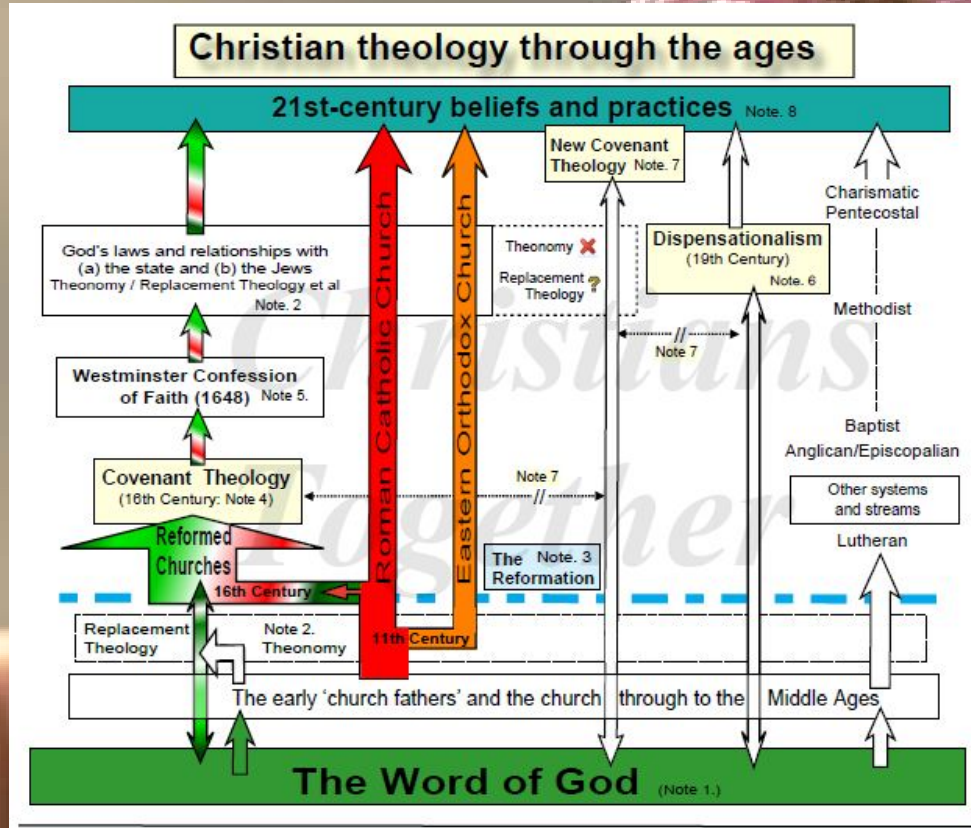
## World Migrations



*Journey of Faith of Our Forefathers!*

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## Going beyond Hate!



In 1790, the first full year of Washington's presidency, John Adams captured ... the significance of the office.

*"His person, countenance, character, and actions are made the daily contemplation and conversation of the whole people."*

*"When Leadership Fails" by Jon Meacham*

## Execute Authentic Leadership!

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**Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.**

**The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.**

**James 3:5-7**

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

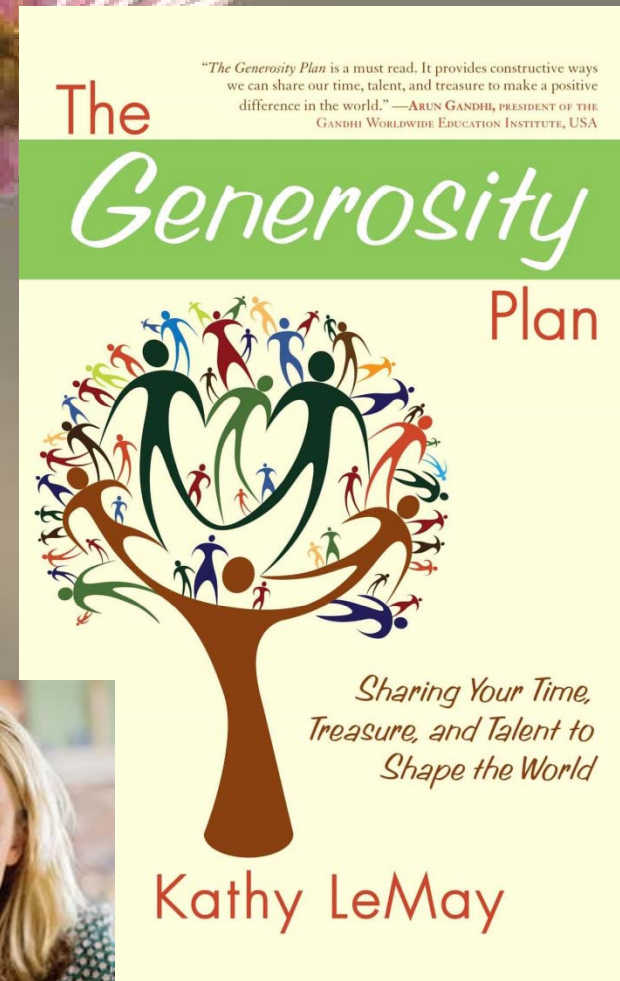
~ Psalm 34:13-14 ESV

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*“Being generous does not mean overextending yourself to a point of fatigue and burnout,*

*being generous does mean revisiting priorities you set and ensuring that the material does not supersede the spiritual.”*



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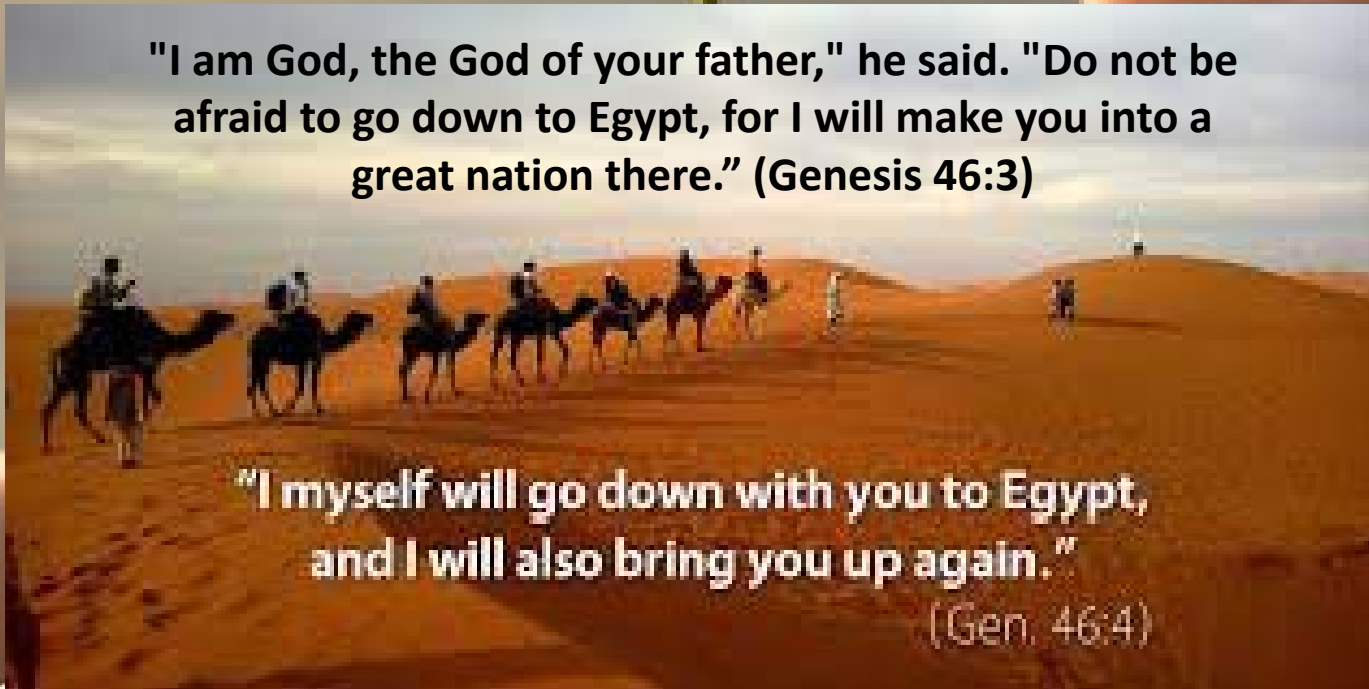


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"I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there." (Genesis 46:3)



"I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again."  
(Gen. 46:4)

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3. Remember the great love promised to the faithful.



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

**Malachi 3:10**

*Join our Generosity Plan!*

[DailyVerses.net](http://DailyVerses.net)

A yellow graphic with a decorative border. At the top, it says "Means of Grace to Shape our Future" in a stylized font. Below that, "2019" is written in large blue letters. Underneath, it says "Toward 'the year of multiplication'" in a green, outlined font. At the bottom, there is a small image of a child's hands being held, with a list of seven questions in red text: 1. Why do we gather? 2. Why do we give? 3. Why do we remember? 4. Why do we remember the past? 5. Why do we sing? 6. Why do we pray? 7. Why do we make commitments? Below the list, it says "Leaving Vital Faith..." and "Sermon Series".

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