

A Call to One Another Ministry

Gospel Life in the Body of Christ

Community Bible Chapel

Fall 2014 – Spring 2015



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We have tried to establish that we generally
"pick up the phone" motivated by one of two
views of life we are responding to in the moment!

Life under the SUN
GR, Psuche

Life in the SON
SR, ZOE





Life

Light

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Zoe

Sight



Who do we call? and why?



Life

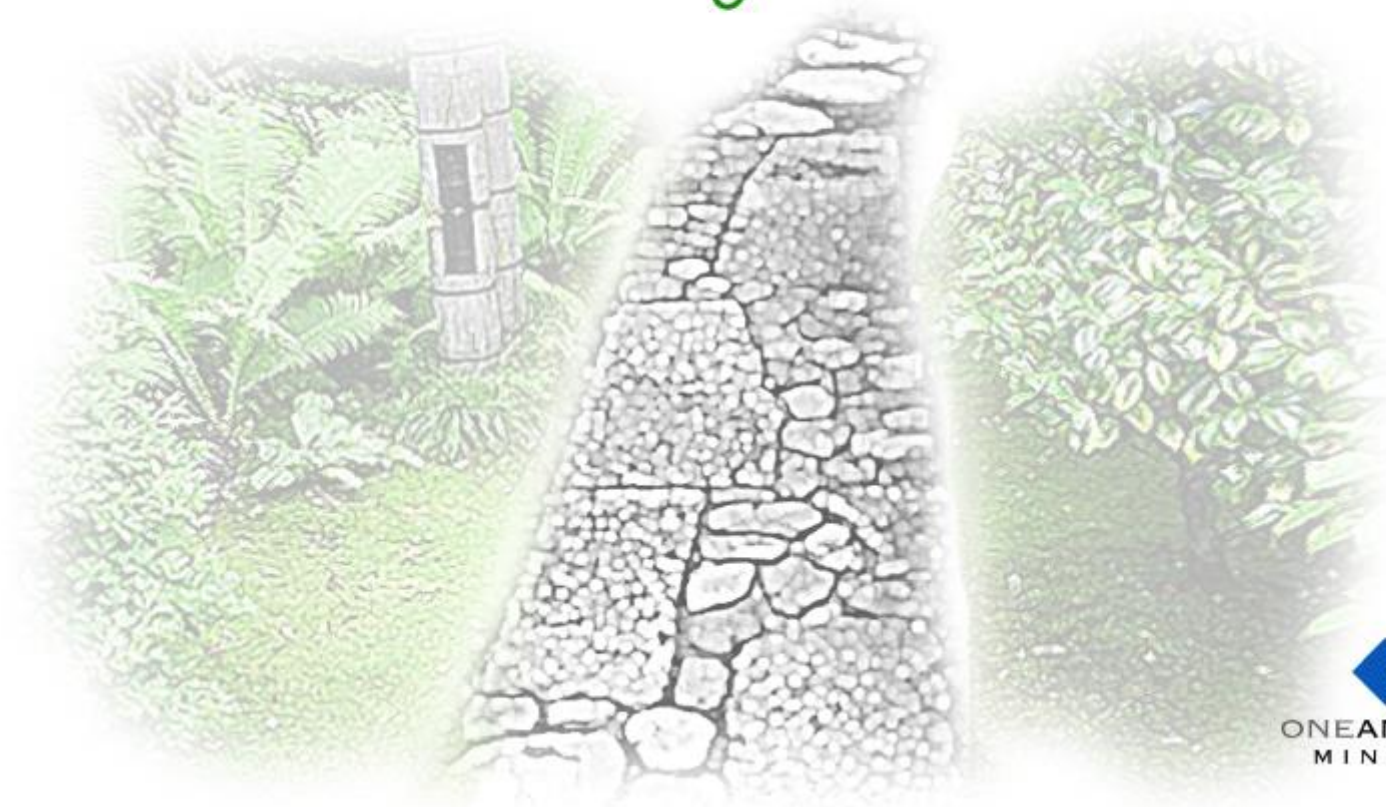


Psyche-
counseling

Professional



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Foundation Belief #1

A Christian has been given **LIFE** in Christ!

Foundation Belief #2

A Christian has been given **LIGHT** and **SIGHT** in Christ!

Foundation Belief #3

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A Christian understands and interprets **PAIN** differently in Christ! (see suffering, trials, afflictions, discipline, tribulation etc.)

Generally, we source both pain and remedy from a "life under the sun" **horizontal** (psuche) perspective. However, as we are His children, no pain is allowed without the awareness of our Father. Invariably, the Holy Spirit drives our eyes and attention to Christ Jesus and the **vertical**, so that we experience a better outcome; **the nearness of God!**

and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Rom.5:2-5



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We feel exonerated and have no tension, because after all,
isn't

"all truth God's truth"?

Lets take another look at this premise
and see where it leads!

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SR, ZOE

Life under the SUN
GR, Psuche



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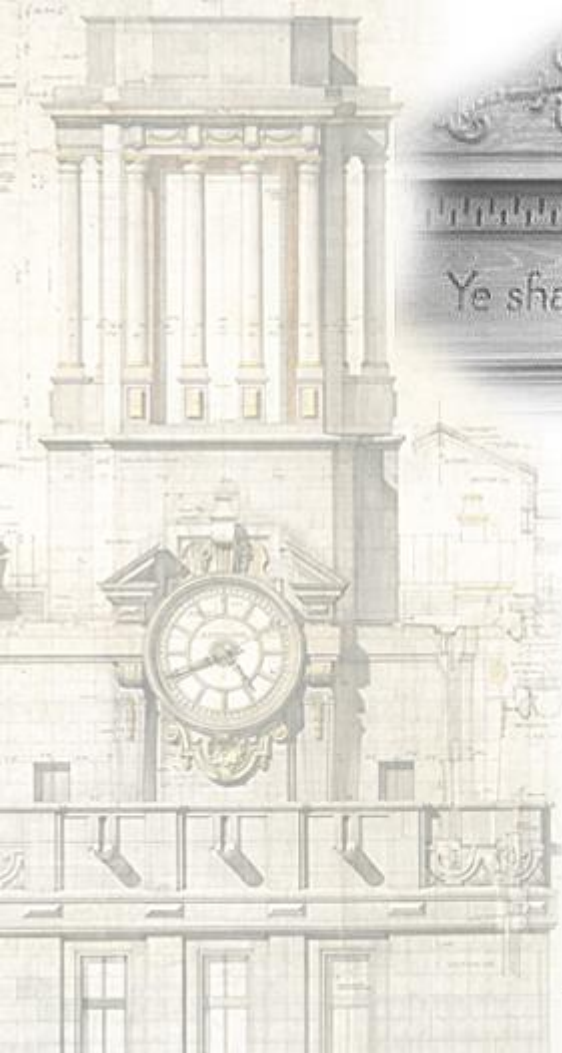
"all truth God's truth"



"Our courses emphasize that God is the ultimate source of all truth and that he reveals his divine purpose in scripture.

Students are taught to understand scriptural truth through sound exegesis **and to seek additional truth** through scientific investigation, thoughtful observation, and scholarly research."





Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you Free.

The Secularization of Gods word!

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and the Truth shall make
you free! John 8:32

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	Science/Psychology	General Revelation
Source	From the research of man	From God
Content	Hypothesis and conclusions	Nature, the created world and order, the conscience
Measure	Secular "truth" (as in $2+2=4$) repeatable, observable and validated by men	Divine Truth and authoritative
Purpose	The study of the emotional and behavioral characteristics of an individual, group, or activity	To reveal the nature of God
Extent	Limited and Specific discovered and known only by some people in some places at some times	All inclusive, all humanity; broad in its information about God
Weight	Derived Derived, studied, examined and tested for trustworthiness	Revealed Self Authenticating, non-discoverable "I AM"

God
discloses
himself
under
the
Sun!

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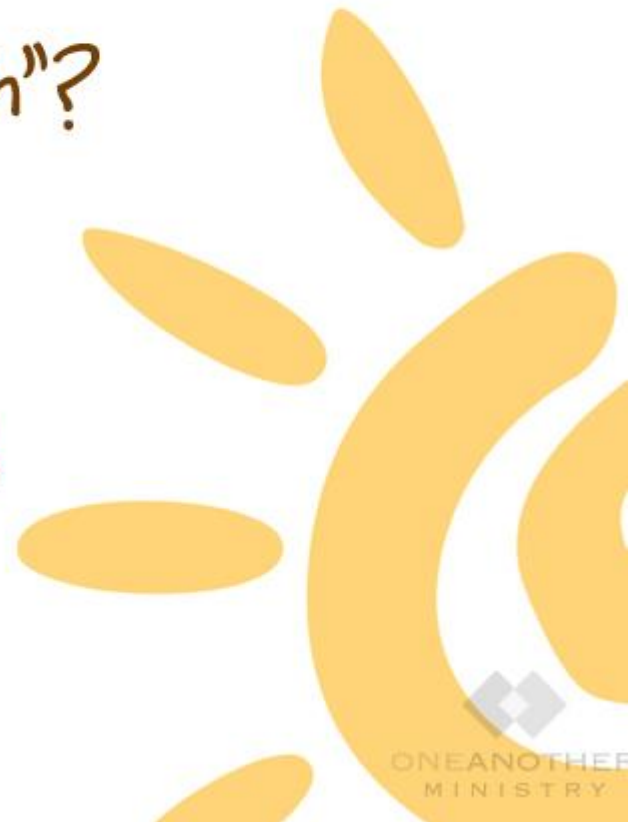
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What would be a better statement than is:

“all truth God’s truth”?

“All Biblical truth is revealed in God,
and in His Word”.



Plant "How do we engage" thoughts

1. Understand how we are ALL **tugged towards the horizontal**
– towards the "under the sun" answers
2. Ask questions to clarify language –
i.e. **What do you mean by truth?**
3. Take our discussions to the Word –
i.e. **How does the Word define "truth"**
4. **Always pray and trust the Spirit to lead** (2 Tim. 2:21-26)

Maybe

we should be asking some qualifying or different questions!

what role does pain play to
identify a solution/answer?

How do Social Scientists, Psychologists and Scientists in general
define pain? How different is this from Scriptures representation?

How different and how should this weigh in who we call?

Psychological Pain-definition

Esther L. Meenvijka* & Sandra J. Weiss

Psychological pain may best be defined as a lasting, unsustainable, and unpleasant feeling resulting from negative appraisal of an inability or deficiency of the self.

This negative self-appraisal is typically brought on by loss of someone or something, or failure to achieve something that is intimately linked to core psychological needs.



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and why?



PRESCRIPTION

For: *My Beloved Children*

From: *"I AM," your Father*

Ailment: *Glorification effort needed*

Rx

Treatment:

*Trials, tribulations, sufferings, affliction,
pain, worldly loss, and often of an
incomprehensible nature*

Dosage:

*As often as needed and to be followed by my redemptive
plan, for the explicit purpose to be made in my likeness;
keep me from the pit and equip me for every good work!*

Lets

look at a perfect counseling scenario involving:

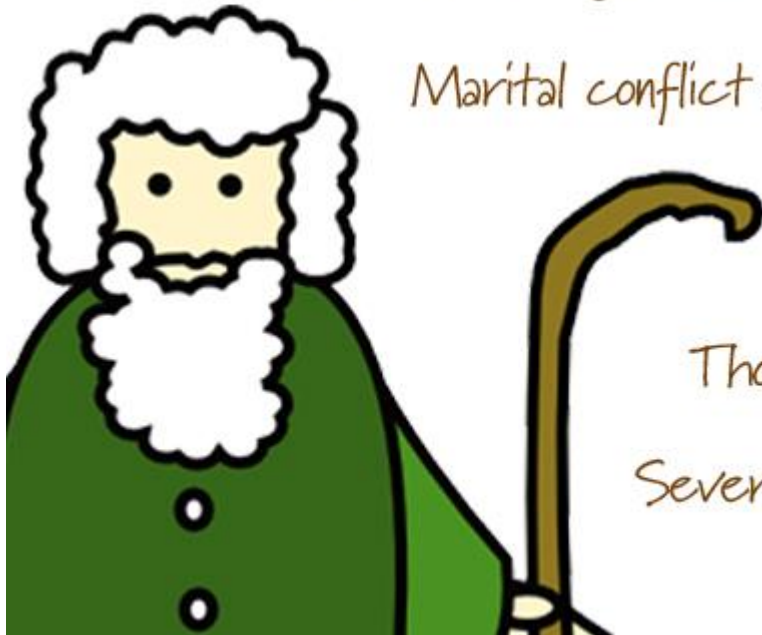
Bad self image, loss of self esteem

Marital conflict and brokenness

Grief therapy- Loss of life,

Thoughts of suicide

Severe clinical depression anxiety disorder



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The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

Job 1:8



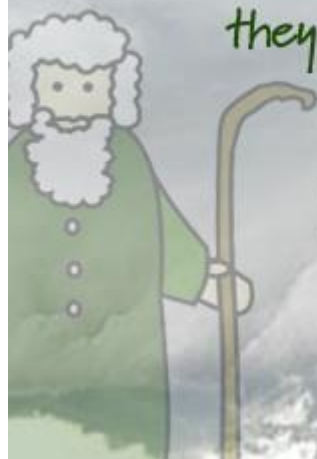
Value of JOB's experience for us!

"Why do you complain against Him That He does not give an account of all His doings? "Indeed God speaks once, Or twice, yet no one notices it.

"In a dream, a vision of the night, When sound sleep falls on men, While they slumber in their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, That He may turn man aside from his conduct, And keep man from pride; He keeps back his soul from the pit, And his life from passing over into Sheol.

Job 33:14,15

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God defines himself!

Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook?

Or press down his tongue with a cord?

"Who has given to Me that I should repay him?
Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.

Job 41:1,11

"Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you;

He eats grass like an ox. "Behold now, his
strength in his loins And his power in the
muscles of his belly.

Job 40:15,16



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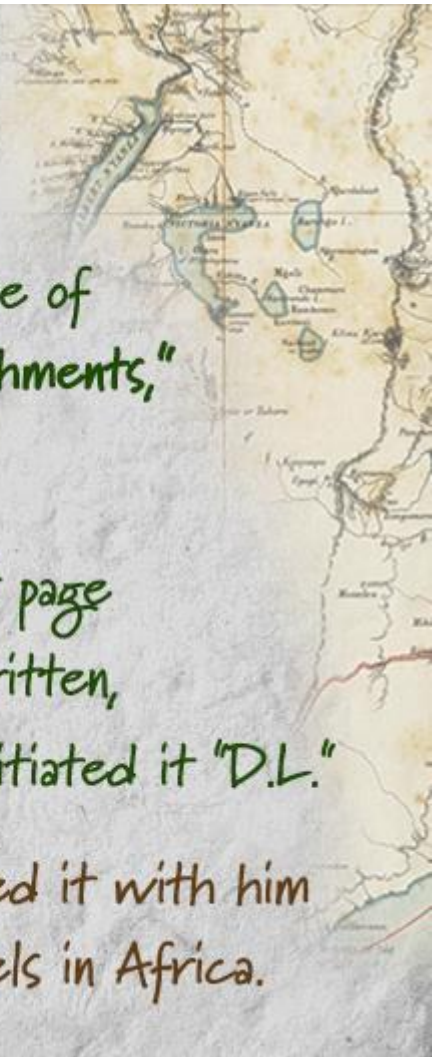
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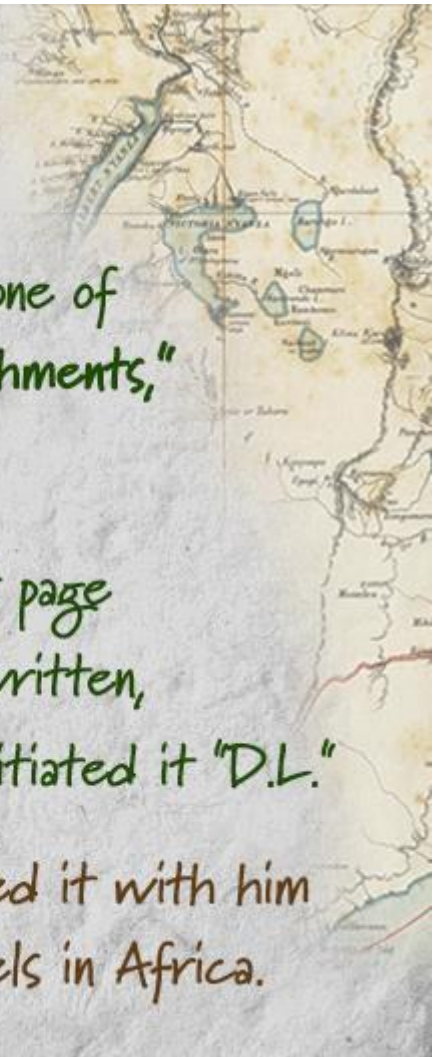
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Spurgeons view of Pain and Suffering

Spurgeon found that great suffering drew him closer to God.
"I daresay the greatest earthly blessing that God can give to any of us is health, with the exception of sickness..."

I am afraid that all the grace I have got of my comfortable and easy times and happy hours might almost lie on a penny. But the good I have received from my sorrows and pains and griefs is altogether incalculable...



Affliction is the best bit of furniture in my house, it is the best book in my library!"

Our Understanding of God and how we view our relationship to him is essential!

For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance...2Cor.1:5-7

for my power is made perfect in weakness" 2Cor.12:9

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials...James 1:2

Remember the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you...Deut. 8:2

but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. Heb12:10

the Lord said, Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. Luke 22:31

"Through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God." Acts 14:22

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