



SCRIPTURE READING

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HOPE FOR WHEN THE
WORLD SEEMS STRANGE

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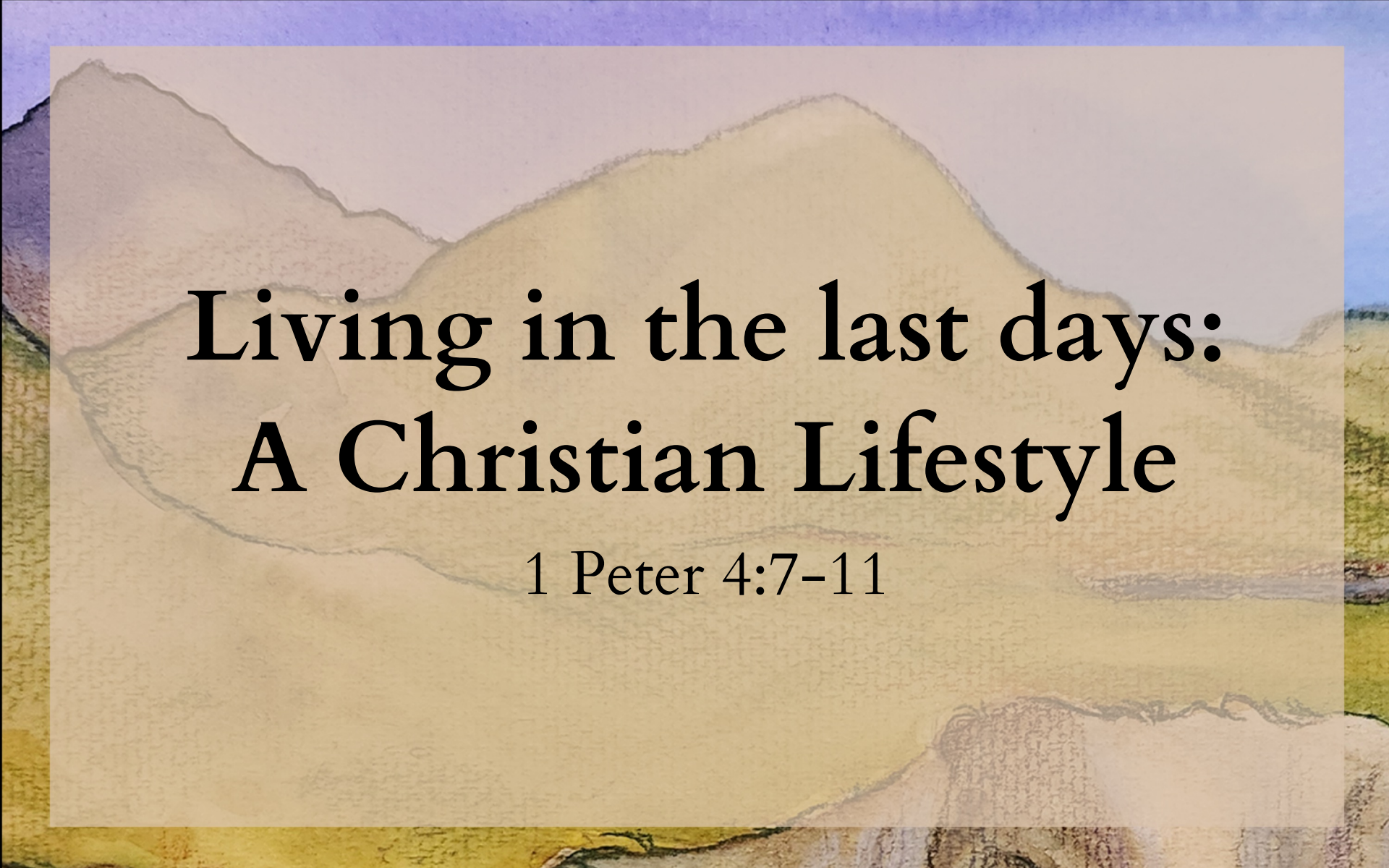






Pray for construction





Living in the last days: A Christian Lifestyle

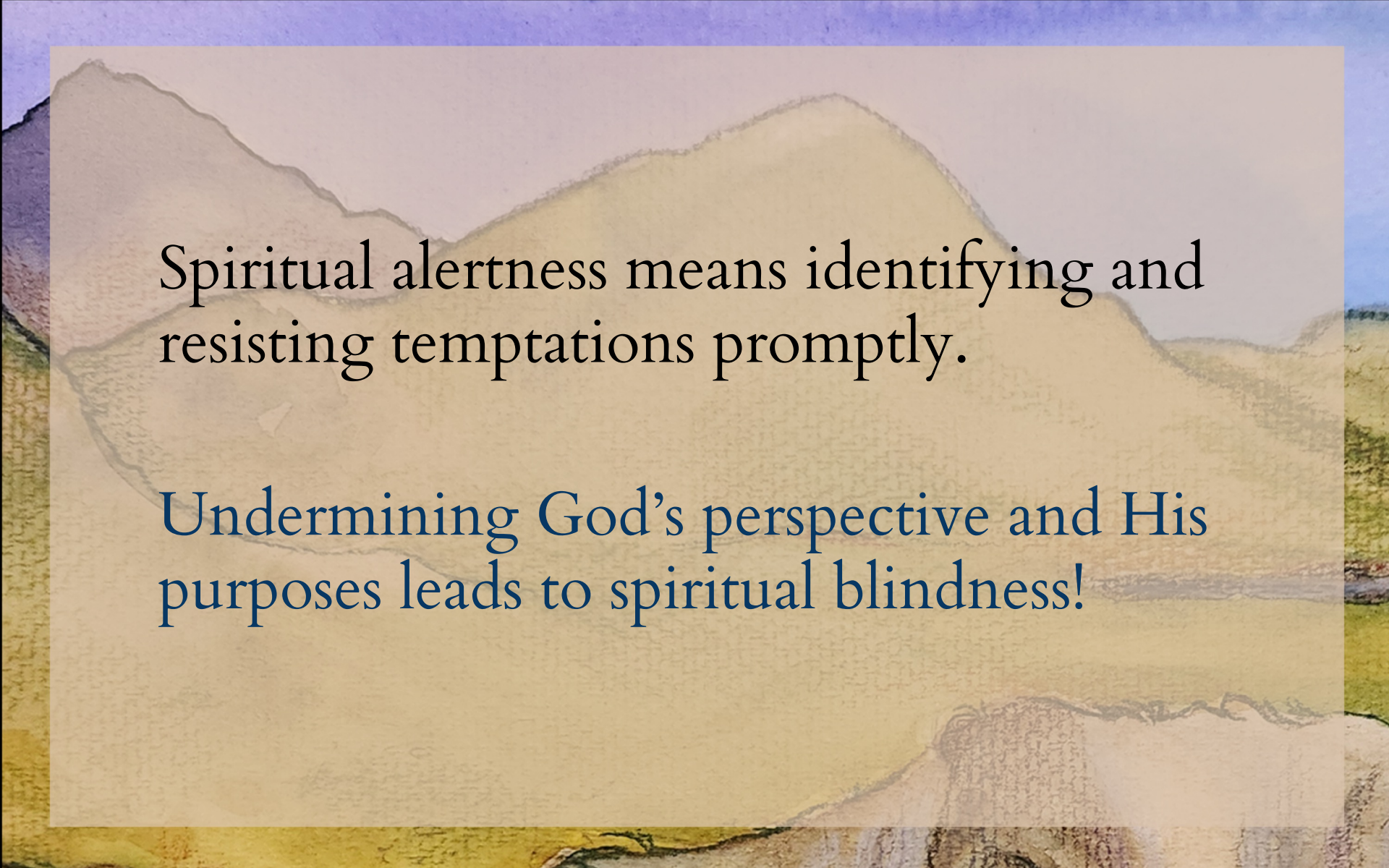
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“The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

1. Stay Spiritually Alert (1 Peter 4:7)

Greater spiritual awareness leads to
increased prayer and obedience!



Spiritual alertness means identifying and resisting temptations promptly.

Undermining God's perspective and His purposes leads to spiritual blindness!



Jonah
chooses
death over
obedience

Jonah 1:1-15



How can we maintain spiritual alertness?

1. Integrate spiritual pauses (Mindfulness) in your daily life
 - I. Psalm 46:10
2. Consider fasting from technology
 - I. Matthew 17:21
3. Reflect on your activities
 - I. Romans 12:2; Lamentations 3:40; 2 Corinthians 13:5
4. Seek God's help
 - I. 1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 139:23-24

2. Love one another deeply

(1 Peter 4:8, 1 Corinthians 13)

Sacrificial Love

Love that is stretched to the limits as
part of our sanctification process.



“Forgiveness is the final form of love.”

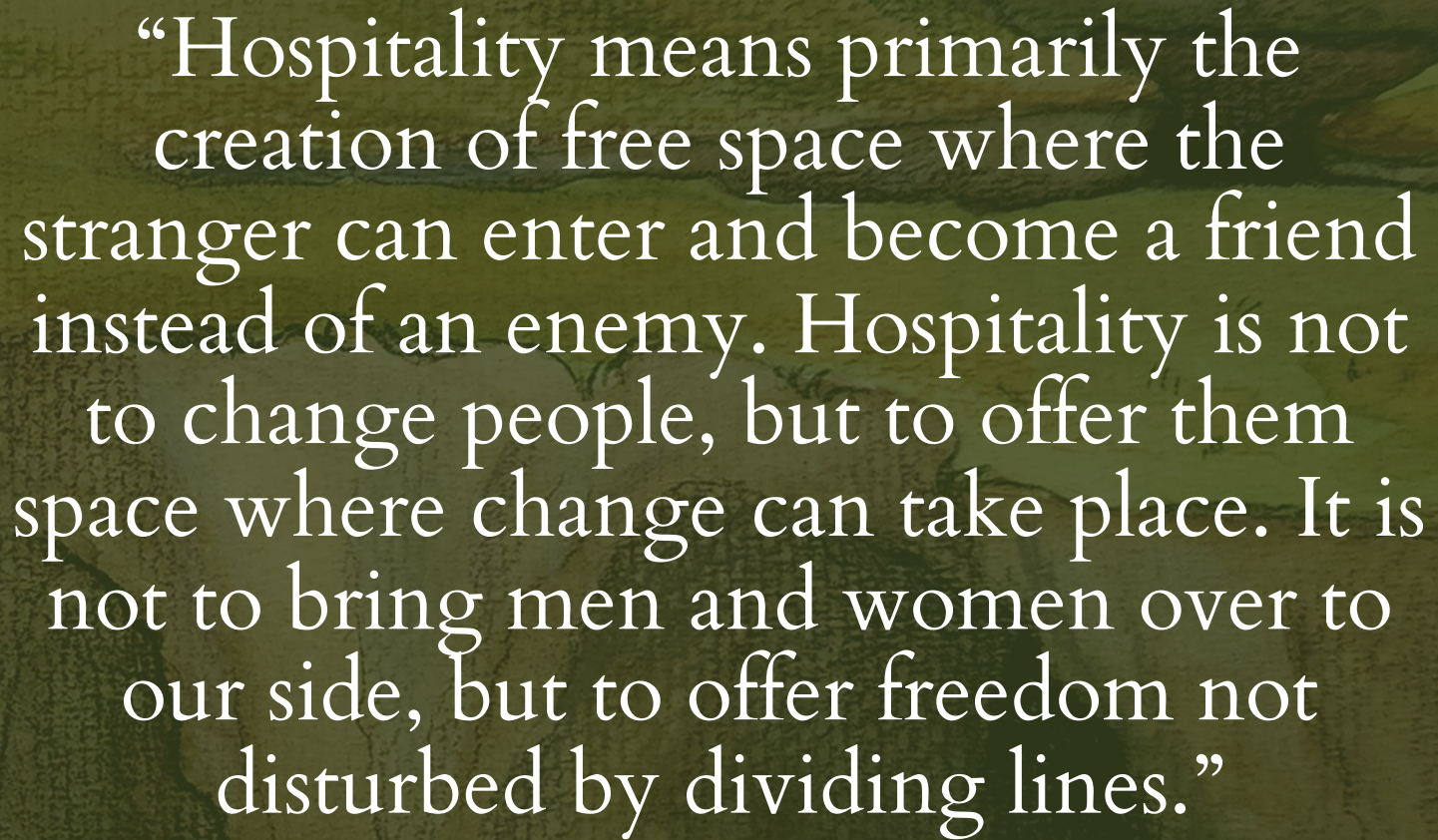
– Reinhold Niebuhr.

Forgiveness does not change your past,
but it changes your future.

3. Practice Hospitality without Complaining

(1 Peter 4:9; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2; Matthew 25:40)

Showing hospitality is one of the outward signs of a Christian love.



“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.”

– Henri J. M. Nouwen

4. Serve Others with Your Gifting

(1 Peter 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:3)

God is glorified through
your service to people!

Identify Your Gifts

Think about how you could use your passion, skills and natural talents for His glory.

Find Opportunities to Serve

Teaching, encouraging, helping, listening, praying, spending time with the elderly, or moving the piano after the service!



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