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# October 29, 2026

# Announcements

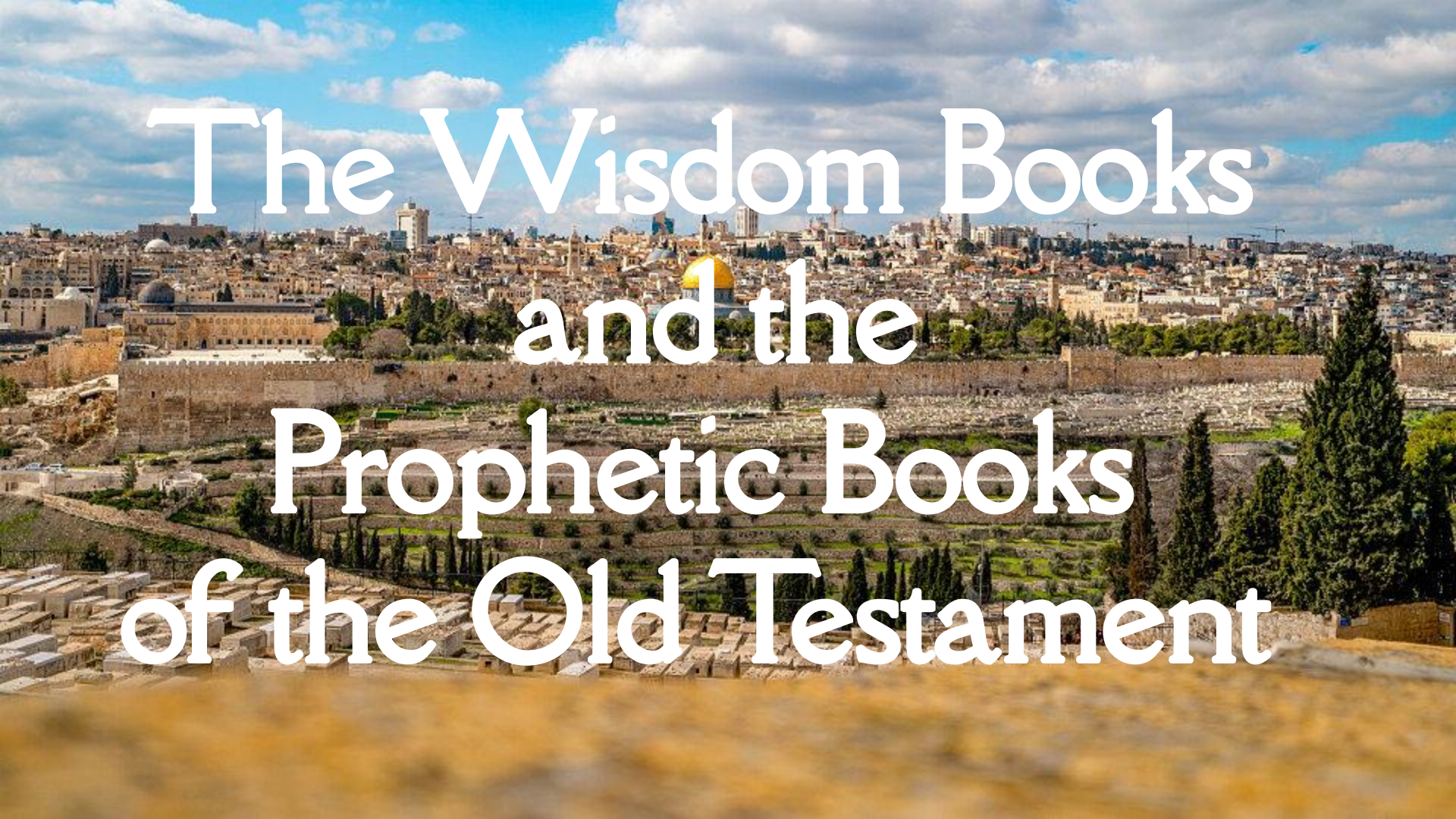
1) Next Class is Nov. 5
2) Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate/Verification, Sponsor Form, Saint Form- Due December 17
3) Continue to pray and develop your prayer life



St. Narcissus of Jerusalem

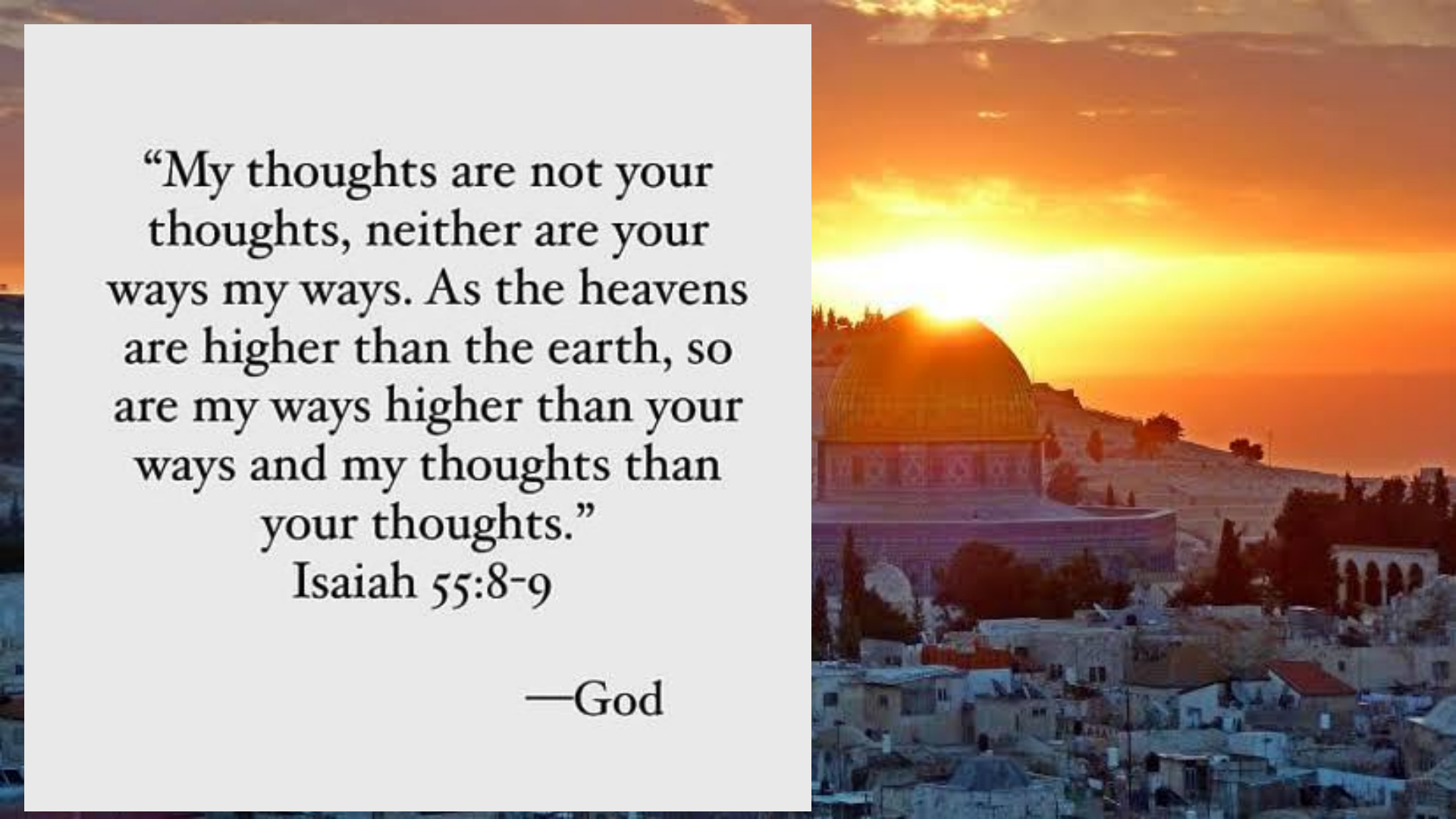
*Feast Day: October 29*

Loving and merciful God, we thank you for planting the gift of faith in our hearts. We lift up to you all those in the OCIA process. Strengthen their faith and open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Help them to persevere through any difficulties and bless them with the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they learn to walk with You day by day. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.


The Wisdom Books
and the
Prophetic Books
of the Old Testament

# The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

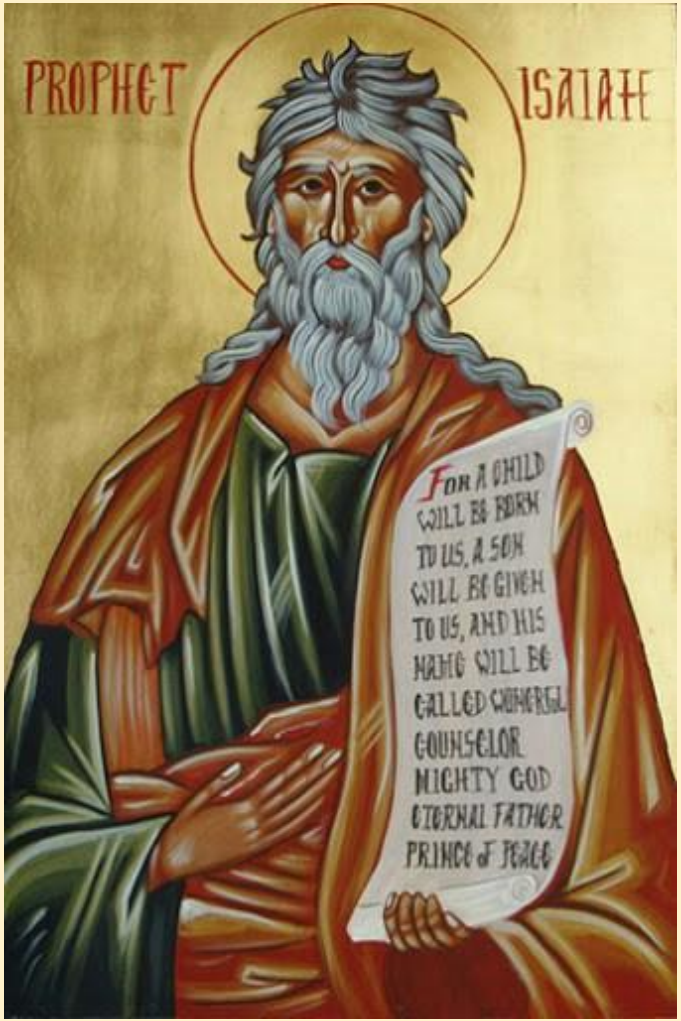



“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
Isaiah 55:8-9
—God



# The Wisdom Books:

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Wisdom
Sirach



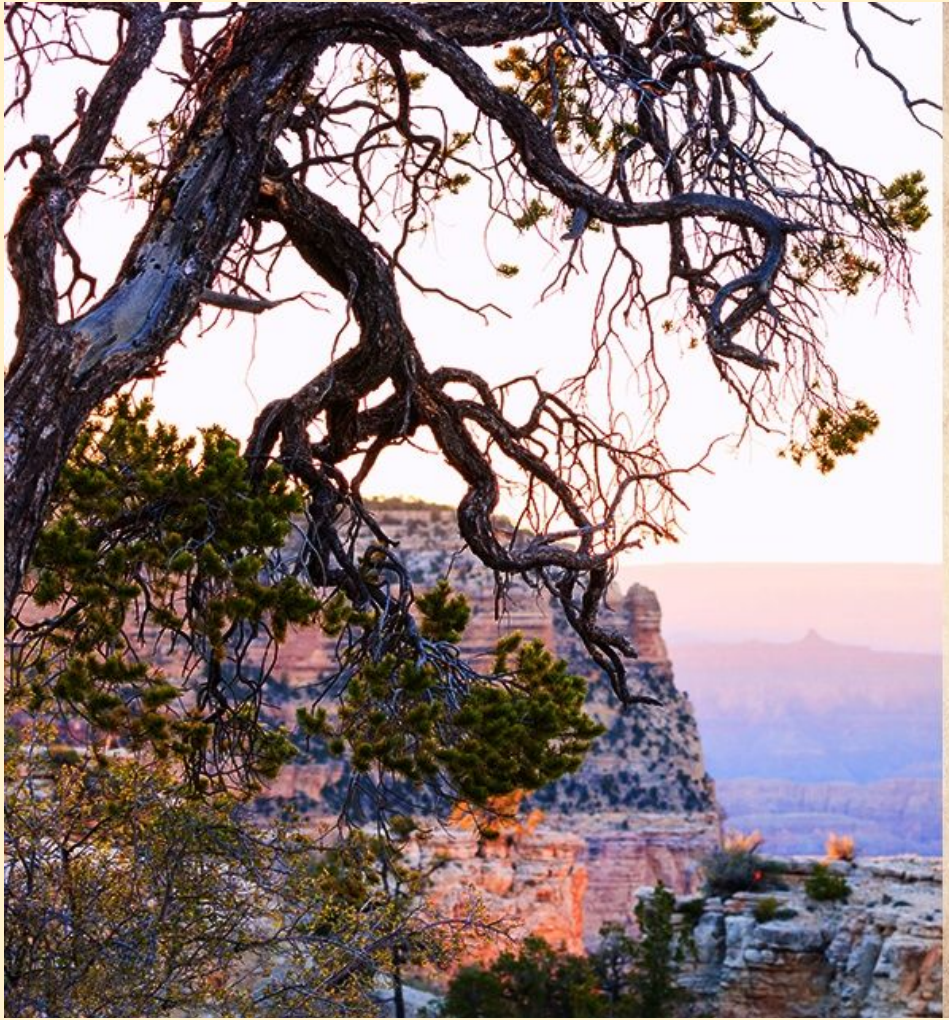

# The Prophetic Books

## Major Prophets:

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

## Minor Prophets:

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi



"BUT YOU,
BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH,
THOUGH YOU ARE
SMALL AMONG
THE CLANS OF JUDAH,
OUT OF YOU
WILL COME FOR ME
ONE WHO WILL BE
RULER OVER ISRAEL,
WHOSE ORIGINS ARE
FROM OF OLD,
FROM ANCIENT TIMES. "

MICAH 5:2



BUT HE WAS
PIERCED FOR OUR
TRANSGRESSIONS
HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR
INIQUITIES
UPON HIM WAS THE
PUNISHMENT
THAT BROUGHT US
PEACE AND BY
HIS WOUNDS
WE ARE HEALED

ISAIAH 53:5

Ezekiel 1:5-10

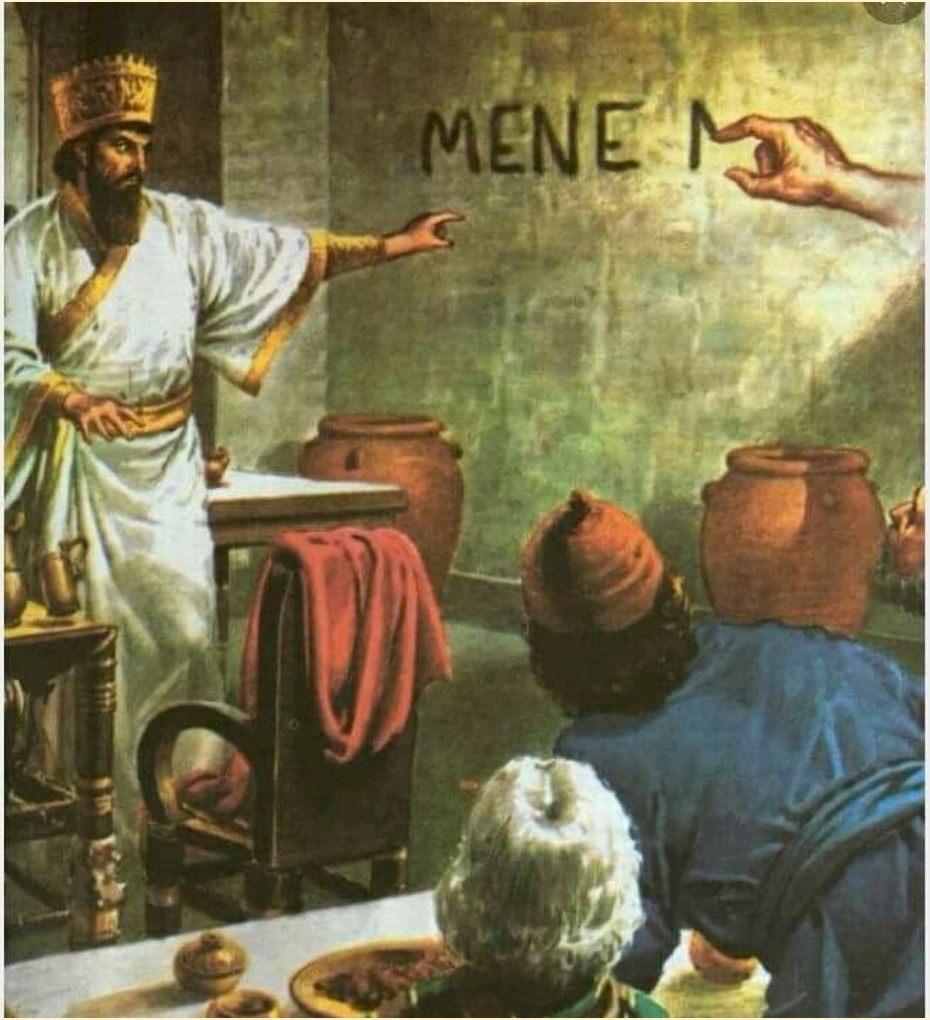
Four living creatures associated with the four Evangelists. (See DB footnotes for Ez. 1:5)



*Ezekiel 's Vision,*
Raphael, c. 1518

# Daniel 5: The writing on the wall

The hand of God.





# Christ the Pantocrator

**Jesus:** the fulfillment of Wisdom and Prophecy

***Logos*:** the Wisdom of God made flesh



# Prayer Exercise: Praying with Proverbs and The Prophets

## Questions for Discussion:

1. **The Paradox of Wisdom:** Proverbs suggests the righteous will prosper while the wicked will fail. Job tackles the issue of suffering. How do you reconcile these two seemingly competing ideas: the promise of reward for the righteous and the suffering of the innocent?

2. **Worship of False Gods:** The prophets of Israel warned people against the worship of false gods. What are some modern “false gods” that tempt you away from the worship of the One True God and what can you do to resist that temptation?

3. **The Season of Desolation:** Ecclesiastes examines the meaninglessness of human toil. (*Vanity of vanities! All is vanity!* Ecc. 1:2) When you experience dryness or doubt in your spiritual life, are there any insights from scripture (perhaps Wisdom literature) that can give you hope?

4. **Spreading the Good News:** In the Divine Pedagogy, God has revealed Himself (and continues to reveal Himself) through actions and words. Do you find it easier to spread the Gospel through your actions or words? How can you find balance to do both?

5. **Reading and Engaging with Scripture:** Your homework has involved diving into much of Scripture, what has reading and engaging with the Word of God been like for you so far? How has your relationship and understanding of Scripture grown or diminished? How has reading scripture impacted your Prayer life?