



HABITS OF THE HEART

DEUT. 6:4-9

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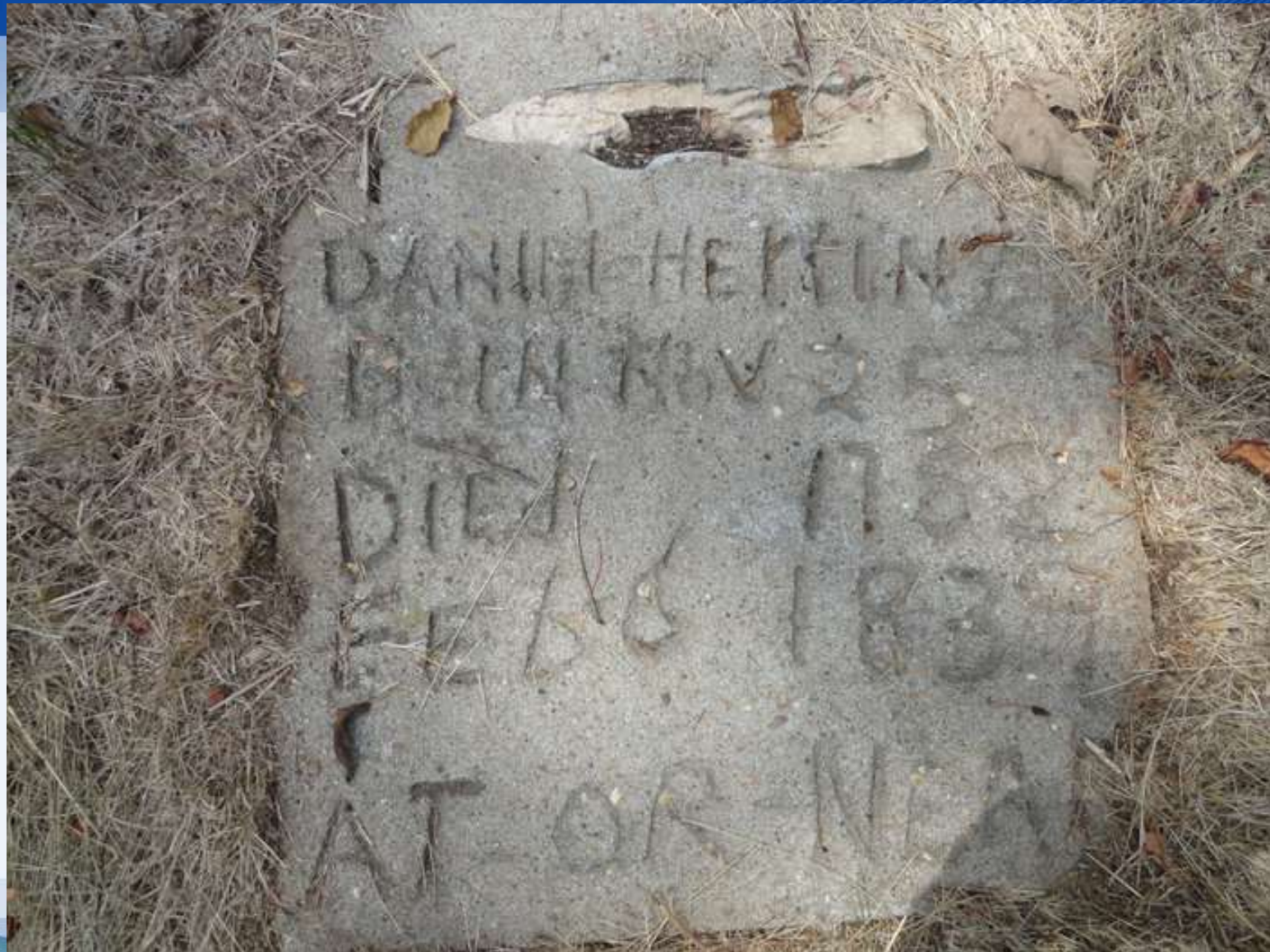
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1. Acknowledge God for ALL that He is!

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Everything changes | everything ends | life is inherently unstable BUT:

- **There is a God**
- **God is the Lord**
- **God is one -not many gods**

➤ **God created the universe!**

Genesis 1:1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

➤ **He is our God!**

➤ **He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob!**

Genesis 50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you **out of** this land **unto the land** **which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.**

Exodus 2:24 And **God heard** their groaning, and **God** **remembered** **his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.**

Exodus 3:6 Moreover he said, **I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.** And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exodus 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,** hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

Exodus 3:16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,** appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:

Exodus 4:5 That they may believe that **the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,** hath appeared unto thee.

➤ **Our God is triune!**

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again **unto** a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **1 Peter 1:4 To** an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **1 Peter 1:5 Who** are kept by the power of God through faith **unto** salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 5:11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

➤ **He loved me & sent His Son to save me!**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

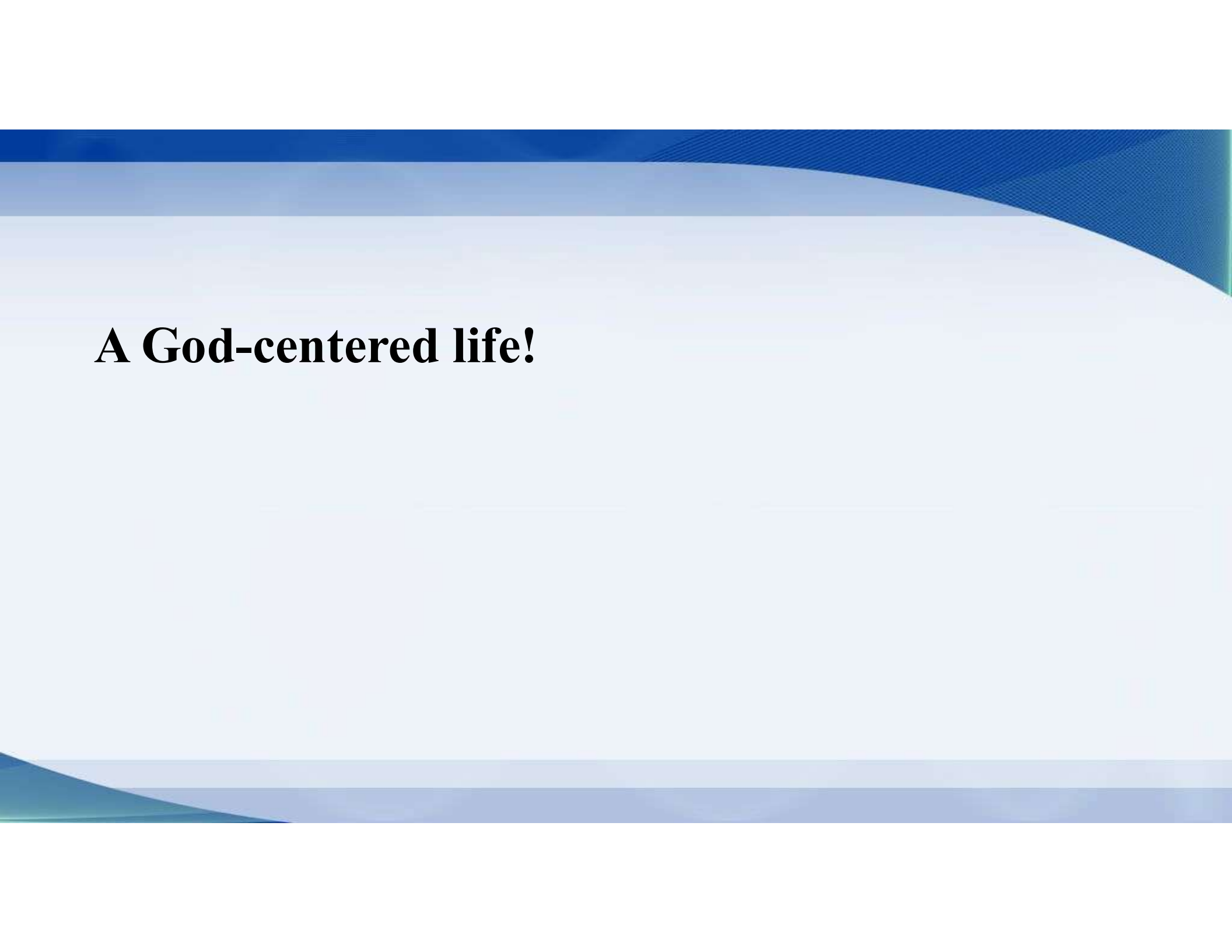
Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

Ephesians 2:18

**For through him we both have access
by one Spirit
unto the Father.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.
Amen.**



A God-centered life!

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2. LOVE God with ALL that you are!

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Many ugly motivations creep into our lives:

- **Conformity**
- **Guilt**
- **Shame**
- **Social pressure**
- **Self-righteousness**

Some populist dispensationalists:

- **Makes the OT all law – **graceless law****
- **And the NT all grace – **lawless grace****

The NT reveals this **more** but it's **also** in the OT:

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

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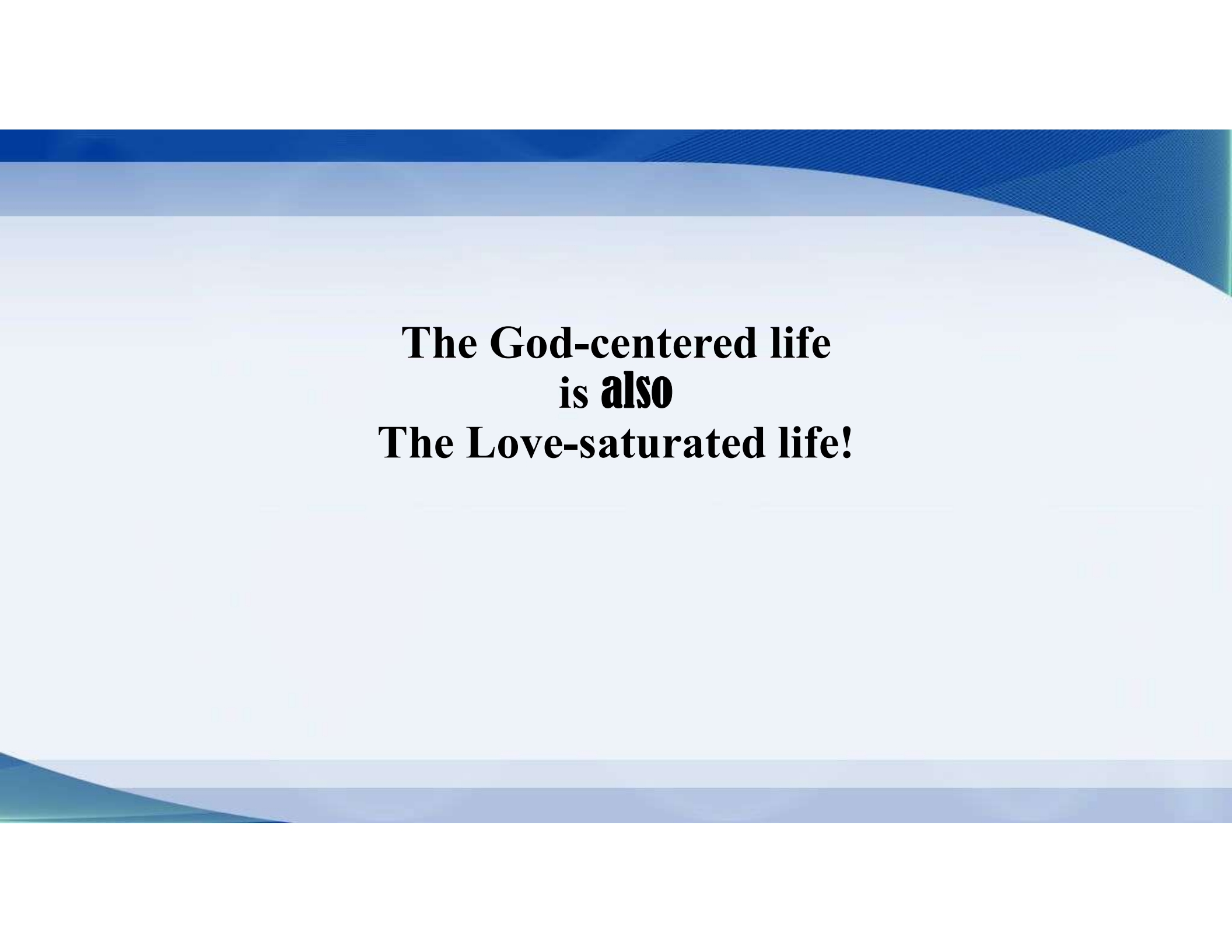
Deuteronomy 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath **chosen thee** to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 7:7 The LORD did not **set his love upon you, nor choose you, because** ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

Deuteronomy 7:8 **But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers,** hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,
Deuteronomy 10:13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day **for thy good?**

Deuteronomy 10:15 Only the LORD **had a delight** in thy fathers **to love them**, and **he chose** their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.



**The God-centered life
is **also**
The Love-saturated life!**

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3. Integrate God & His word into ALL that you do!

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We are now getting to the heart → the center of the individual!

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, That I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Psalm 119:24 Thy testimonies also are my delight And my counsellors.

Psalm 119:45 And I will walk at liberty: For I seek thy precepts.

Psalm 119:54 Thy statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.

Psalm 119:92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Psalm 119:97 O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

The Bible:

- **Fills** our hearts / inner life (6)
- **Transforms** our childrearing (7)
- **Controls** our actions (8)
- **Directs** our actions (8)
- **Surrounds** our life (9)

Last thought → first thought!

The day starts the night before!

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The Bible-based life**