

AVOIDING SHIPWRECK – ARRIVING SAFELY HOME!

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Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: **but** unto them that are defiled and unbelieving **is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience**
(συνείδησις) **is defiled.**

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Faith is used 2 ways in the Bible & this verse:

- **Faith as believing / the act of faith**
- **The faith as what is believed / THE faith**

Galatians 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth **the faith** which once he destroyed.

1 Timothy 3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in **the faith** which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from **the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied **the faith**, and is worse than an infidel.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from **the faith**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept **the faith**:

Titus 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, **that they may be sound in the faith;**

Titus 2:2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, **sound in faith**, in charity, in patience.

Titus 3:15 All that are with me salute thee. **Greet them that love us in the faith.** Grace be with you all. Amen.

Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for **the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**

Avoiding shipwreck | arriving safely at home:

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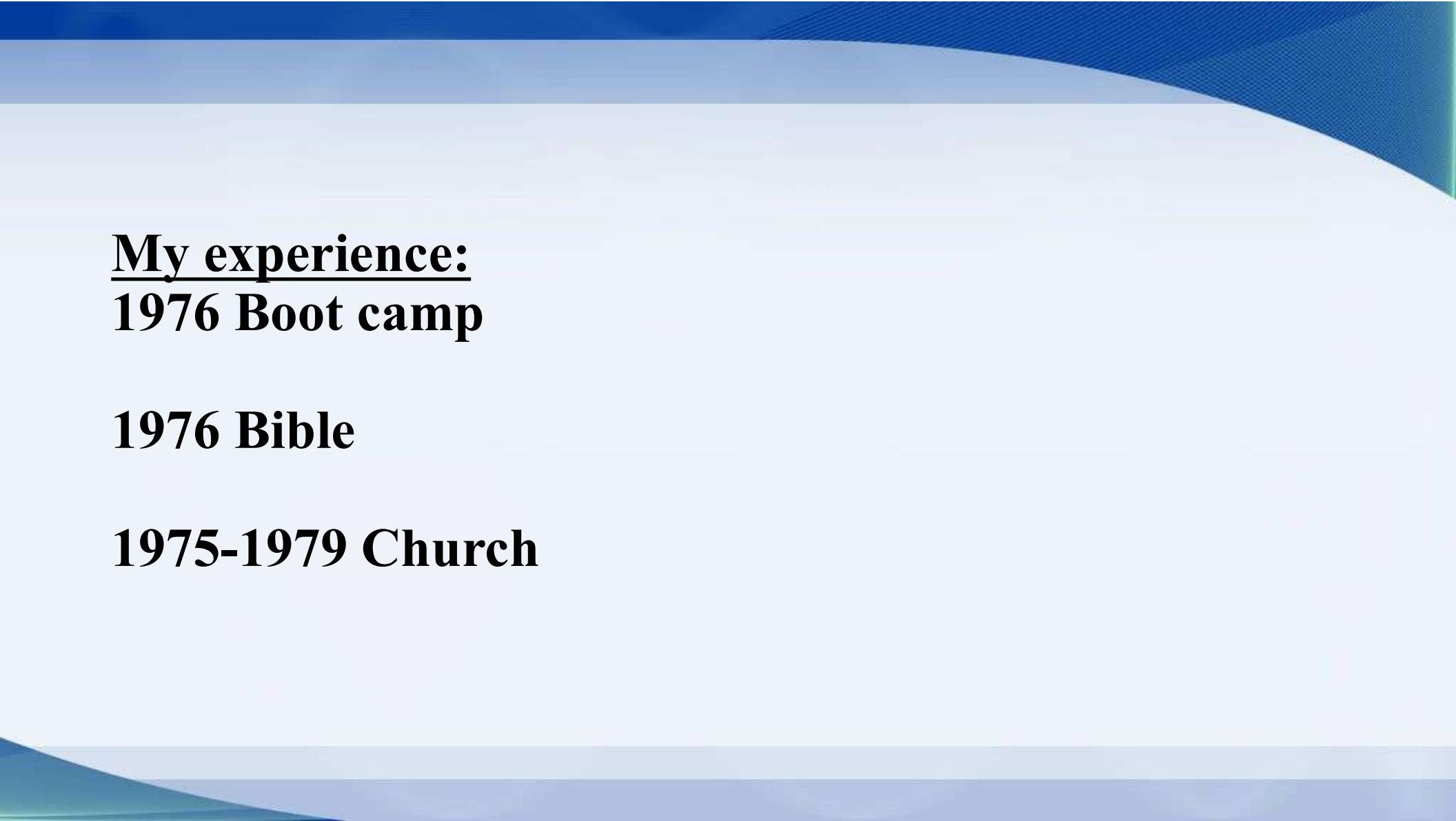
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1. Holding faith – personal ownership of your Christianity!

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Thoughts:

- Christ & the faith must become yours!
- More than...
- More than Sunday...
- Simple rhythms such as reading | hearing | praying | meditating | singing | loving & being loved | gathering | serving | giving | witnessing...



My experience:
1976 Boot camp

1976 Bible

1975-1979 Church

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalm 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; And in his law doth he meditate day and night. **Psalm 1:3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

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

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

Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, Thy word is settled in heaven.

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.

Psalm 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; It giveth understanding unto the simple.

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2. A good conscience – Internal censorship of your thoughts, motives, impulses, self-talk, & actions

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What is conscience:

- It is a capacity | an ability
- A capacity | ability we all~ have
- A capacity to censure | monitor behavior⁺

➤ A capacity for:
Approval \leftrightarrow disapproval

Up \leftrightarrow down

Thumbs up \leftrightarrow thumbs down

Excuses our... \leftrightarrow accuses our...

So very limited!

➤ **A capacity that can & should be good
| pure | clear**

Acts 23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, **I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.**

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always **a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.**

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and **of a good conscience**, and of faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith **in a pure conscience.**

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers **with pure conscience**, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

➤ **A capacity that can also be...DAMAGED!**

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**As a young man I realized this
And it caused me & still causes me great fear!**

**Psalm 15:2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh
righteousness, And speaketh the truth in his
heart.**

➤ A capacity that must **be tuned by & in tune with Scripture!**

Over-sensitized → sharp → out of tune

Under-sensitized → flat → out of tune

And probably → BOTH!!!

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3. War a good warfare – intentional membership in this war!

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2 Timothy 4:7 **I have fought a good fight**, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle **not** against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

John 8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own **conscience**, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

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Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always **a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.**

Romans 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their **conscience** also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, **my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,**

Romans 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, **but also for conscience sake.**

1 Corinthians 8:7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with **conscience** of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their **conscience** being weak is defiled.

1 Corinthians 8:10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the **conscience** of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

1 Corinthians 8:12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and **wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.**

1 Corinthians 10:25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question **for conscience sake:**

1 Corinthians 10:27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question **for conscience sake.**

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Acts 23:1 And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all **good conscience** up to this day."

Acts 24:16 So I always take pains to have **a clear conscience toward both God and man.**

Romans 2:15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their **conscience** also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

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Romans 13:5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath **but also for the sake of conscience.**

1 Corinthians 8:7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, **through former association** with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their **conscience**, being weak, is defiled.

1 Corinthians 8:10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his **conscience** is weak, to eat food offered to idols?

1 Corinthians 8:12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and **wounding their conscience when it is weak**, you sin against Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question **on the ground of conscience.**

1 Corinthians 10:27 If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question **on the ground of conscience.**

1 Corinthians 10:28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, **and for conscience sake:** for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

1 Corinthians 10:29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's **conscience**?

2 Corinthians 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our **conscience**, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

2 Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's **conscience** in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your **consciences**.

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1 Corinthians 10:28 But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, **and for the sake of conscience**—

1 Corinthians 10:29 I do not mean your **conscience**, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's **conscience**?

2 Corinthians 1:12 For our boast is this, the testimony of our **conscience**, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.

2 Corinthians 4:2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's **conscience** in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your **conscience**.

1 Timothy 1:5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a **good conscience** and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:19 holding faith and a **good conscience**. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith,

1 Timothy 3:9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a **clear conscience**.

1 Timothy 4:2 through the insincerity of liars **whose consciences are seared**,

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a **clear conscience**, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

Titus 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and **their consciences are defiled**.

Hebrews 9:9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 10:2 *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.*

Hebrews 10:2 & 1 Peter 2:19 mean more awareness...or consciousness

Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

1 Peter 2:19 *For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.*

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1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 9:9 (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper,

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1 Peter 2:19 *For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.*

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1 Peter 3:16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

1 Peter 3:21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1 John 3:19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

Conscience (συνείδησις): the inward faculty of distinguishing right and wrong, *moral consciousness, conscience*
a knowing of oneself, consciousness; and hence conscience, that faculty of the soul which distinguishes between right and wrong and prompts one to choose the former and avoid the latter