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20 Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

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- 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them
- foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Luke 18

- 9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:
- 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

Luke 18

13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

- 1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
- 2 Jesus called a little child to stand among them. 3"Truly I tell you," He said, "unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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Colossians 2

2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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John 6:35 Jesus answered, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.

John 7:37 ...Jesus stood up and called out in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38 To the one who believes in Me, it is just as the Scripture has said: 'Streams of living water" will flow from within him.

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Isaiah 53

- 4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;
- the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;
- and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

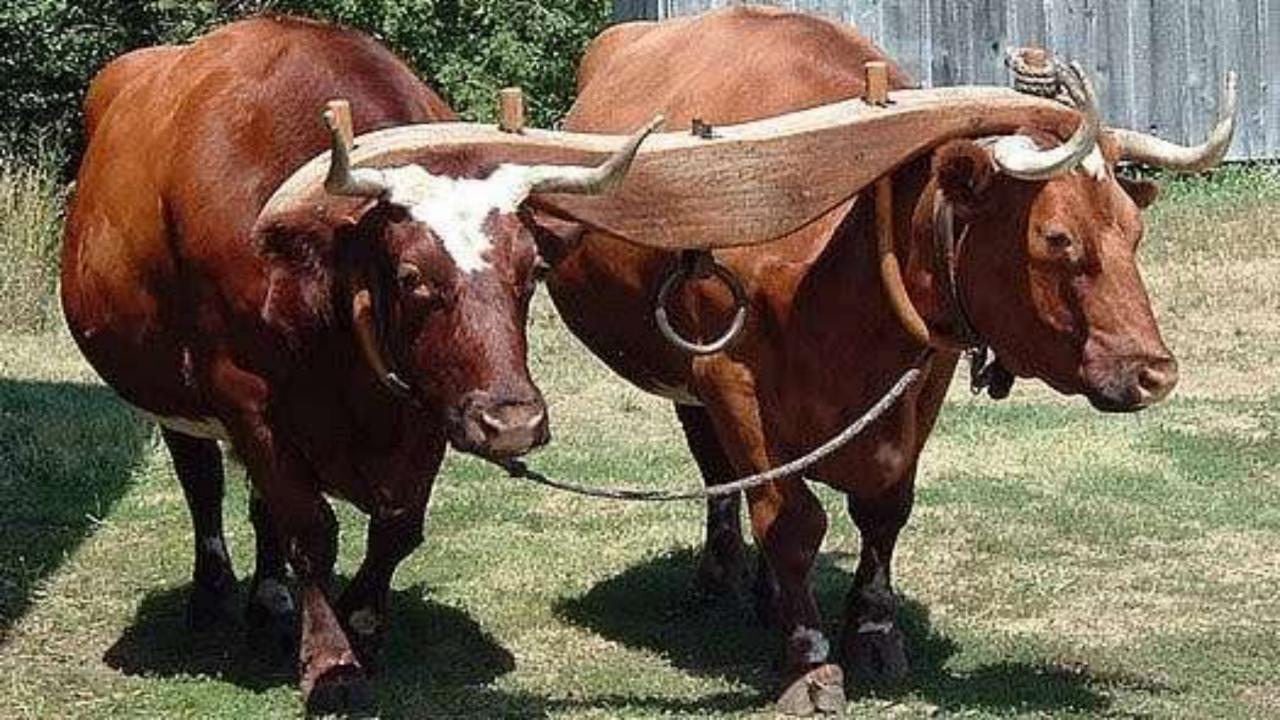
1 Peter 5: 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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The Greatest Invitation

Rest from:

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- Working for the approval of God (or anyone's)
- Constant fear of death & judgment
- Hiding my failures & shortcomings
- The pressure to "make my life count"
- Envying others and comparing myself to them
- > The conflict and strife that sin brings
- Working alone to supply all my needs
- Carrying the burden of life alone
- > Striving to "control" the situations in my life

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