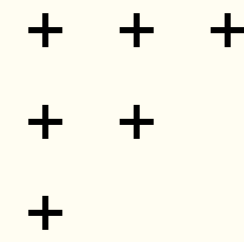




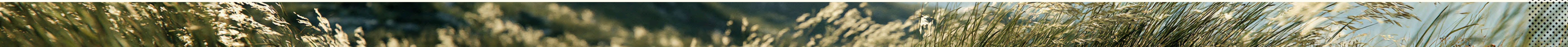
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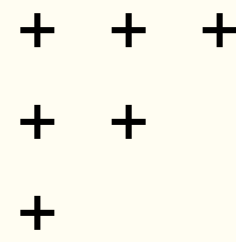
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Farewell Encouragement

Life in Ephesus

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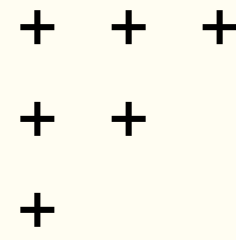
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Future Warning

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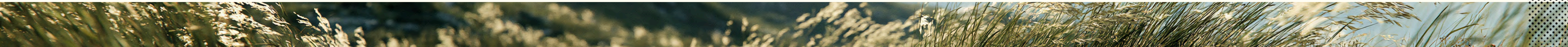


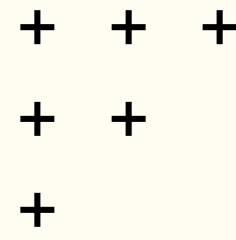


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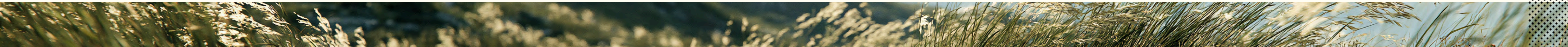


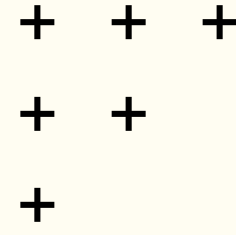
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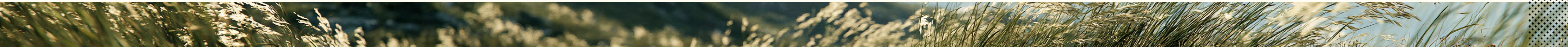


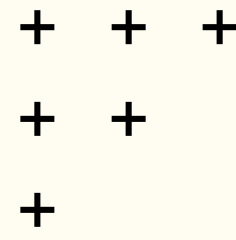
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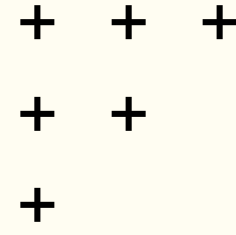
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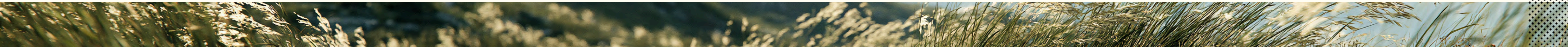


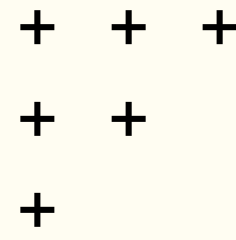
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- **Holy** & blameless before Him (1:4)
- **Adopted** as sons & daughters through Jesus (1:5)
- **Redeemed** through his blood (1:7)
- **Forgiven** of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace (1:7)
- **Given** an inheritance (1:11)
- **Sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit (1:13)



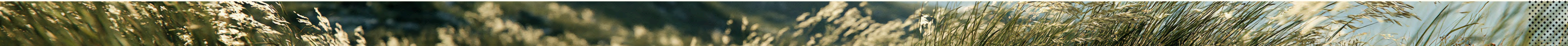


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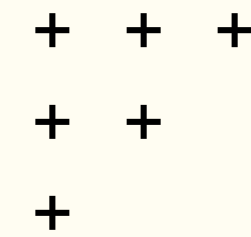


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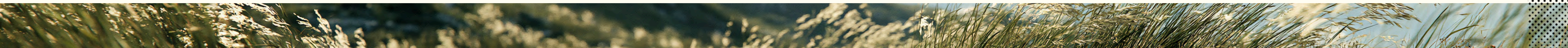


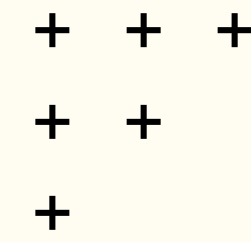


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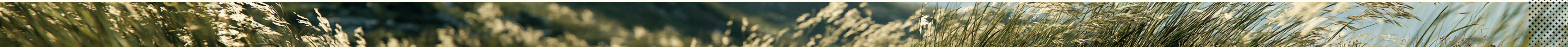




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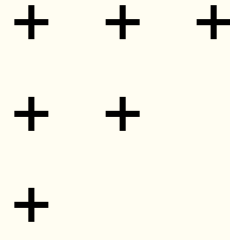




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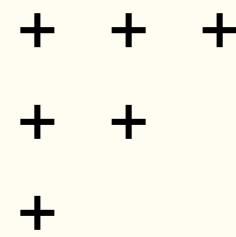


Surrendered to Jesus

However, **I consider my life worth nothing to me;** my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

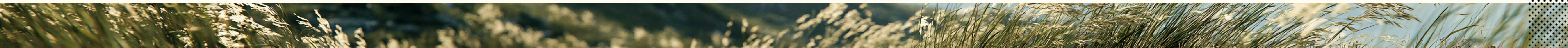
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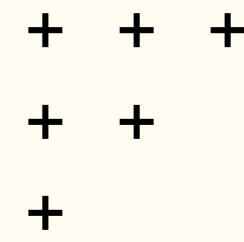




OUR RESPONSE

**A life transformed by Jesus is one that
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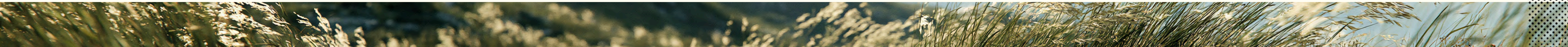


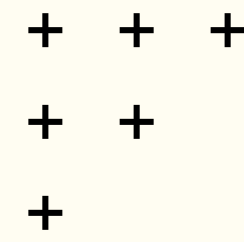


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ACTS 20:28-30 NIV

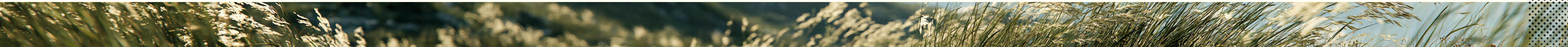


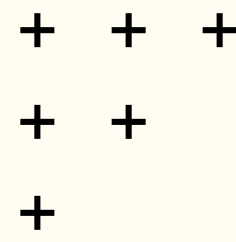


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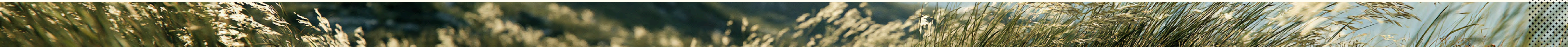




Released leaders are pointed to Christ

“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace,
which can build you up and give you an inheritance
among all those who are sanctified.”

ACTS 20:32 NIV





**“I can’t, you never said I could.
You can, you always said you would.”**

- MAJOR IAN THOMAS



Jesus,

We confess we have been treating our time, our plans, and our comfort as if they belong to us. Show us where we are still gripping tightly instead of letting go.

Forgive us and teach us what it means to live with open hands, fully surrendered to You.

- You are the author of our days.
- You are always with us.
- You guide our steps.
- You bought us at a price we could never pay.

Because of that, we are Yours. Not as slaves, but as people deeply loved. Not out of obligation, but as those who are truly free.

So today, by Your grace and not our own strength, we choose to live as new creations in Jesus, as children of the Most High King. Our days, our families, and our futures belong to You.

Do in us what we cannot do in ourselves. Give us ears to hear Your Spirit and hearts willing to obey. Make our lives a living testimony to Your grace, in everything and everywhere.

Amen.

ALL TOGETHER

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