



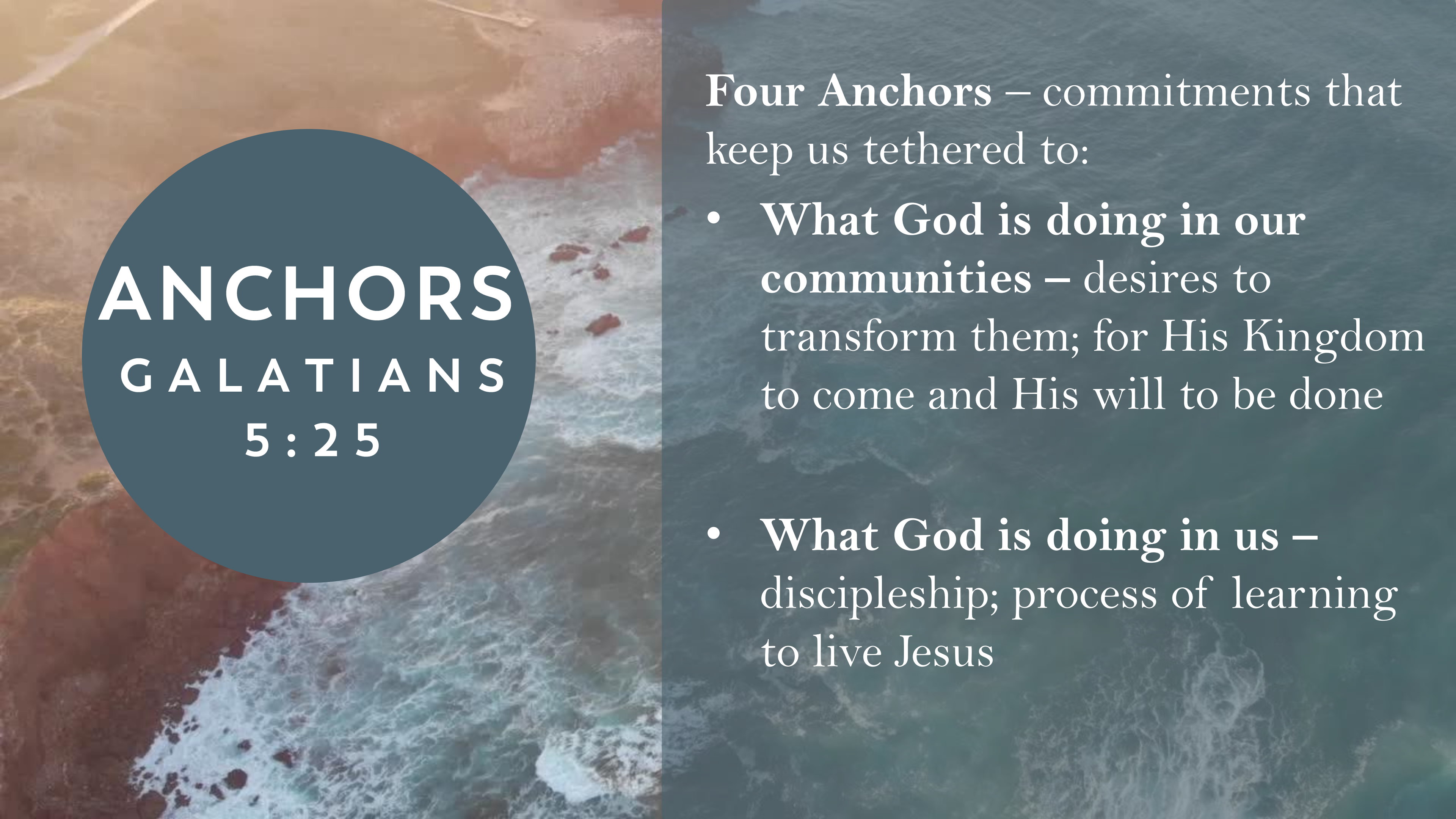
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Four Anchors –

- Being conformed into the image of Jesus (Rom 8.29)
- Being led by the Spirit (Gal 5.25)
- Doing the good works God has created for us to do (Eph 2.10)
- Being a blessing, serving, and loving in the place where God has planted us (Jer 29.4–7)



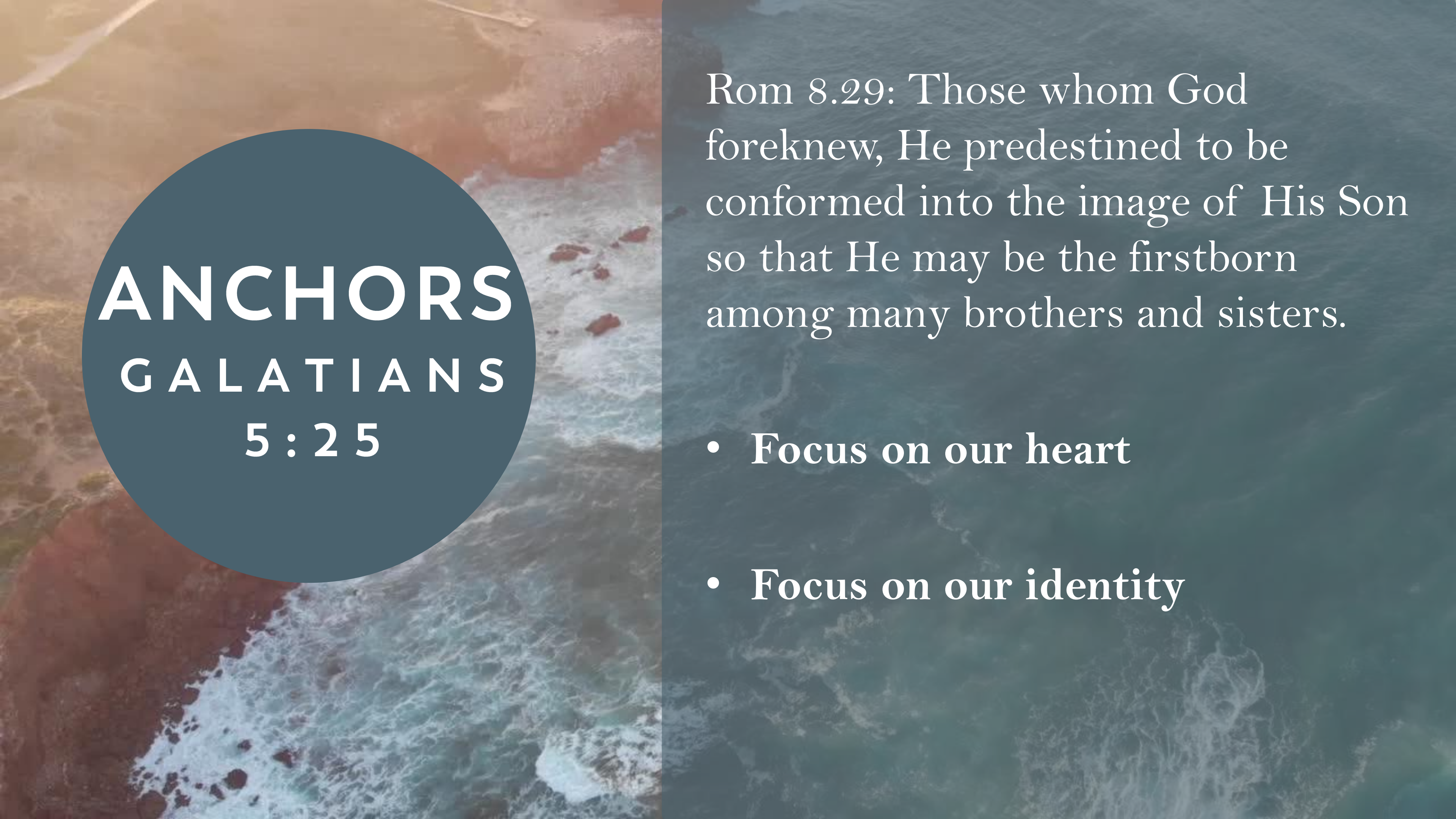
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Four Anchors – commitments that keep us tethered to:

- **What God is doing in our communities** – desires to transform them; for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done
- **What God is doing in us** – discipleship; process of learning to live Jesus



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Rom 8.29: Those whom God foreknew, He predestined to be conformed into the image of His Son so that He may be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

- Focus on our heart
- Focus on our identity

Gal 5.25: Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Since we live by the Spirit – the
Holy Spirit is our Source of life



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How does God guide us?

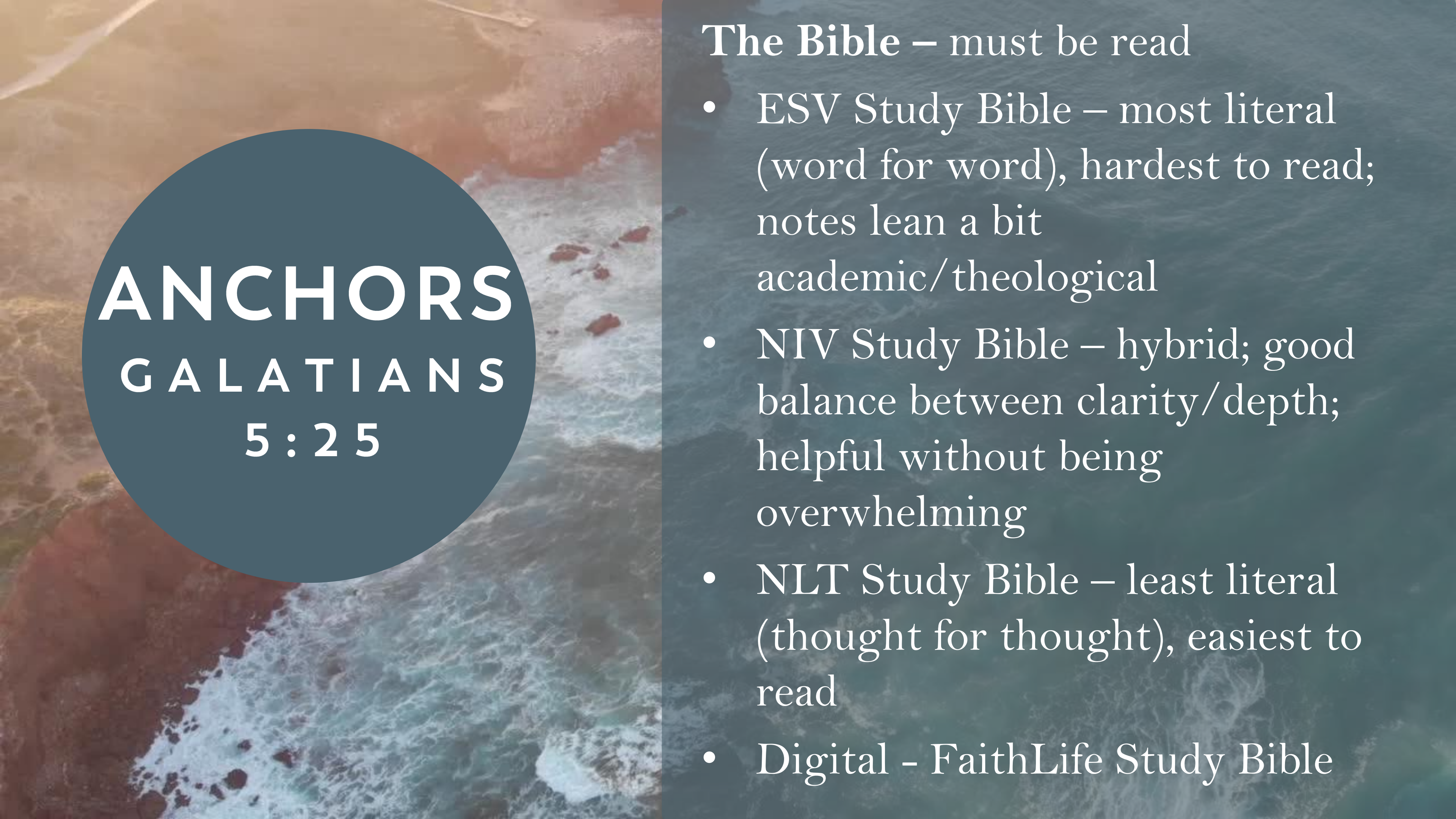
The Bible –

- Most authoritative, most objective
- Universally true
- Clearest revelation of:
 - God's character/nature
 - God's activity
 - God's expectations

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The Bible –

- 2 overarching commands–
 - Love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength
 - Love neighbor as self
- Many ‘sub-commands’ that flesh those out
- Obey all clear commands
- Follow Jesus’ example



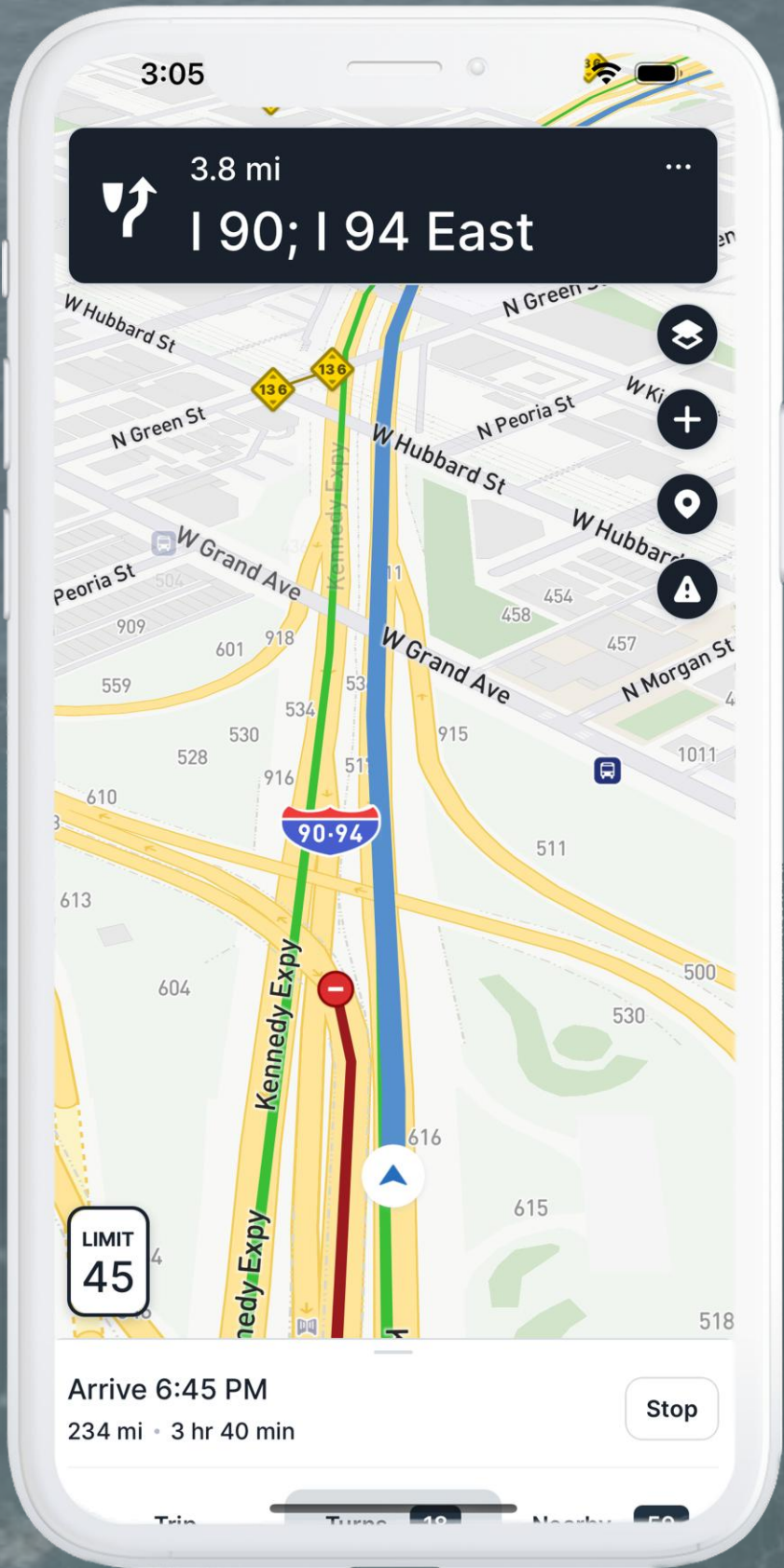
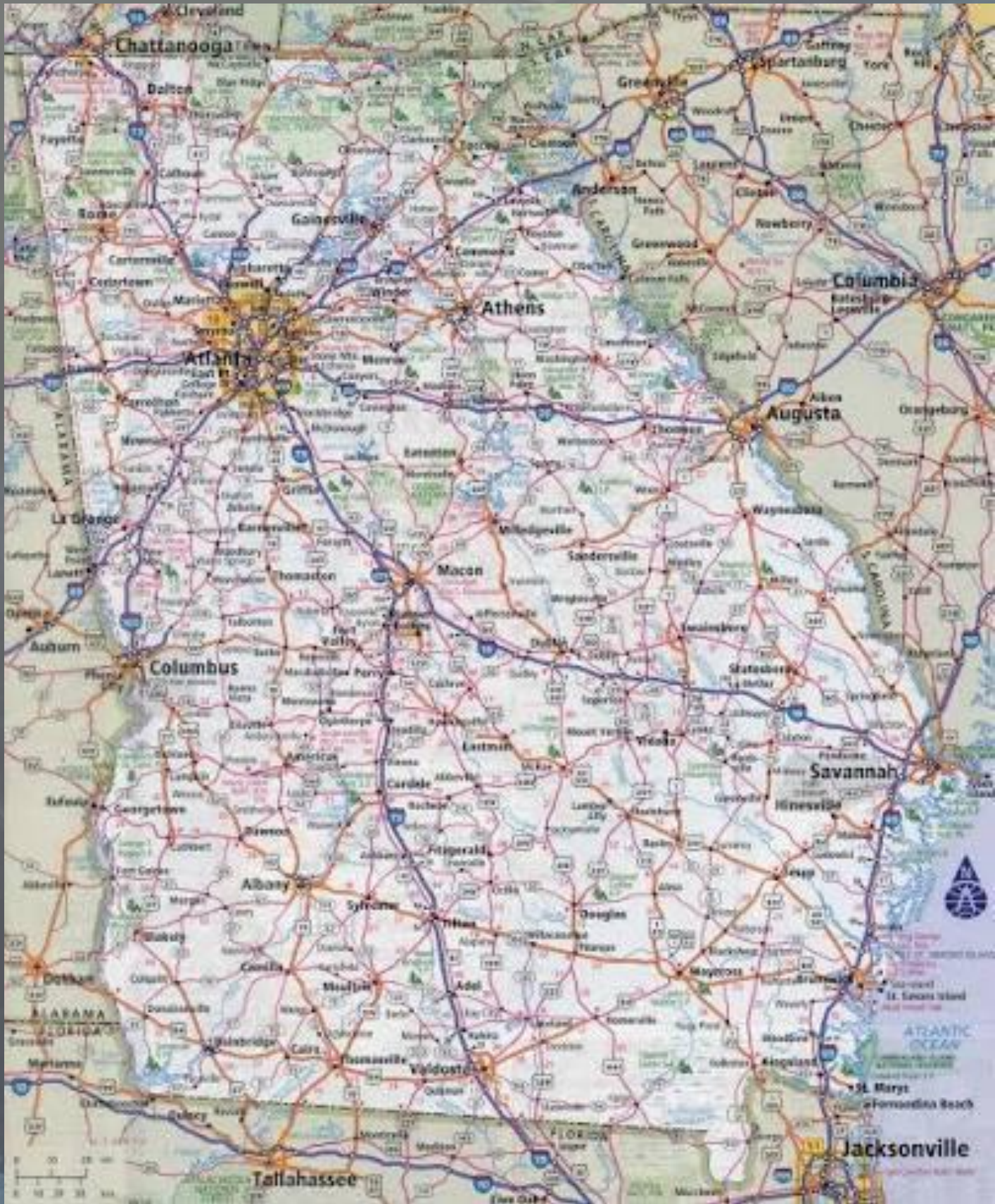
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The Bible – must be read

- ESV Study Bible – most literal (word for word), hardest to read; notes lean a bit academic/theological
- NIV Study Bible – hybrid; good balance between clarity/depth; helpful without being overwhelming
- NLT Study Bible – least literal (thought for thought), easiest to read
- Digital – FaithLife Study Bible





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How does God guide us?

The Holy Spirit – impressions through

- Feeling – emotions or gut
- Images – picture or ‘movie’
- Thoughts – words/phrases not paragraphs/pages
- All must be:
 - Interpreted – what does this mean?
 - Applied – what do I do with this?



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- Must cultivate 'listening hearts:'
- Identify a person
 - Ask for word that –
 - Strengthens – builds up like construction; hand up
 - Encourages – emboldens in a course of action/belief; 'attaboy'
 - Comforts – consoles one who is depressed or in grief; hand on shoulder
 - Tell them – no 'God said' language

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How does God guide us?

The ‘Church’ – handful of people who:

- Love God – will have His Spirit within them; look at world through lens of the Kingdom
- Love you – will have your welfare in mind

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How does God guide us?

The ‘Church’ – people with whom you can be:

- Transparent – allowing people to see into you
- Vulnerable – allowing people to speak into you/influence your decisions