

The Good Land God has Given You

Joshua 23:1-16



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⁶ “Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. ⁷ Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. ⁸ But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now.

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⁹ “The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. ¹⁰ One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD, your God fights for you, just as he promised. ¹¹ So be very careful to love the LORD your God.

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¹⁴ “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed

Joshua 23:1-16

¹⁵ But just as all the good things the LORD your God has promised you have come to you, so he will bring on you all the evil things he has threatened, until the LORD your God has destroyed you from this good land he has given you. ¹⁶ If you violate the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the LORD's anger will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land he has given you."

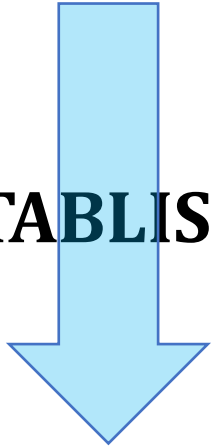
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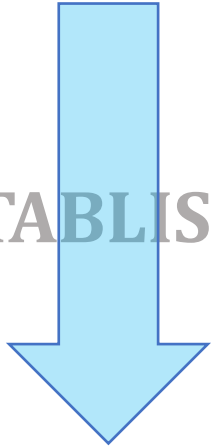


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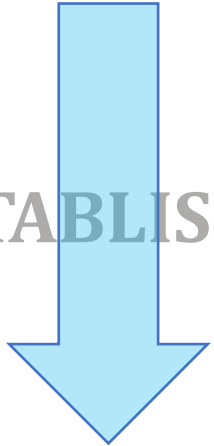
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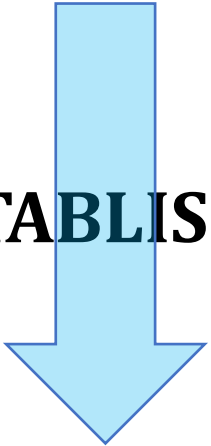
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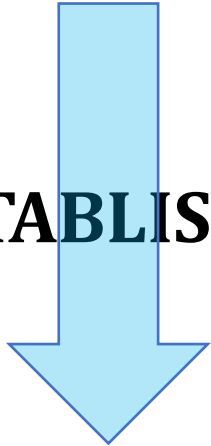
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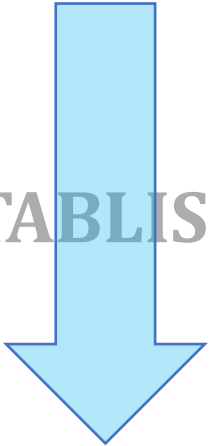
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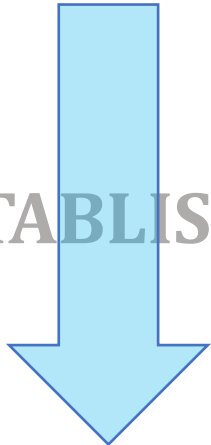
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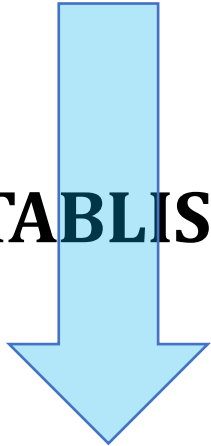
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The Crossover □ **Where is FPBC at now?**

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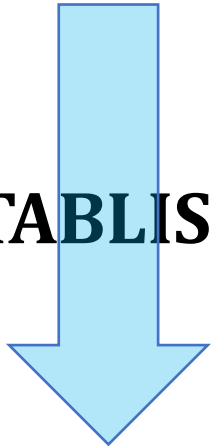
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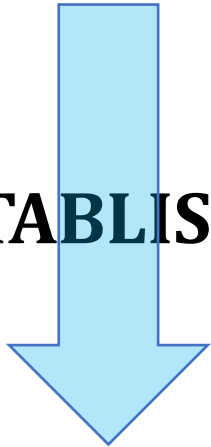
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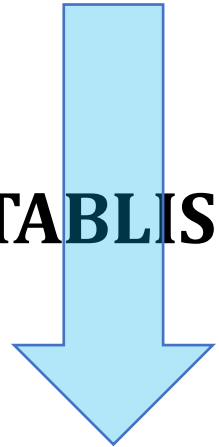
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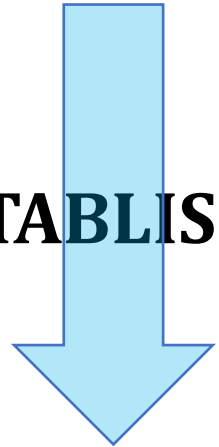
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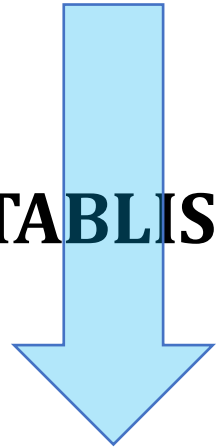
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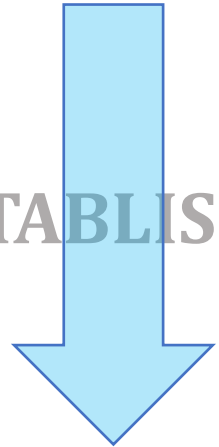


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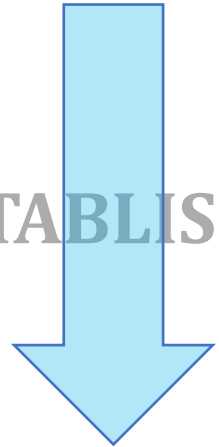
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PASSING THE BATON (Joshua)			



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“a good and spacious land... a land flowing with milk and honey...” (Exod. 3:8, Josh. 5:6)



Deut. 11:10-12

¹⁰ The land you are entering to take over is **not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot** as in a vegetable garden.

¹¹ But **the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven.**”



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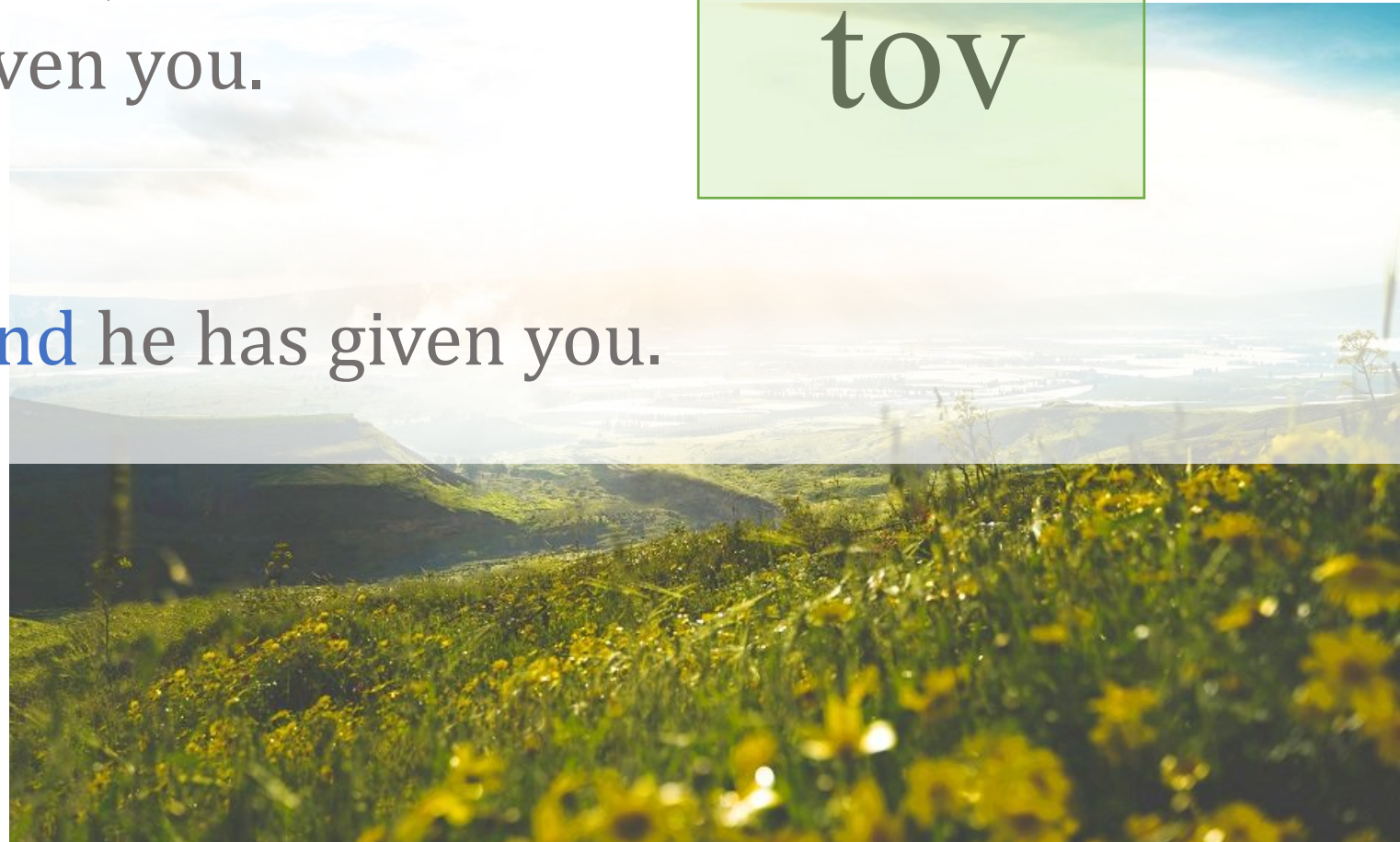
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(Gen. 1:10, 18, 21, 25)

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- pleasing to God
- created in accordance with God's will and good purposes
- fulfilling God's will and good purposes
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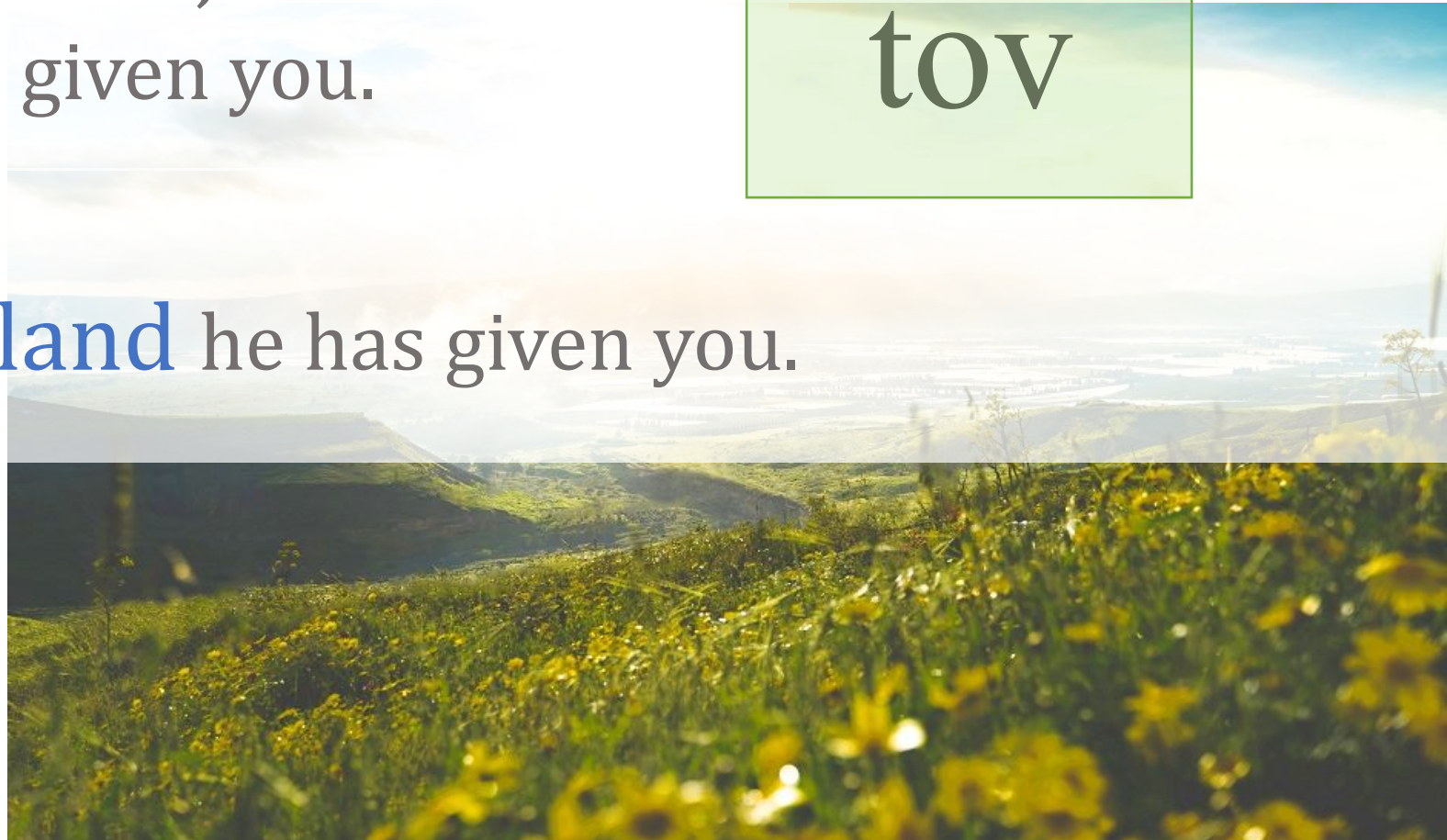
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It is a land **the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are on it** from the beginning of the year to its end.

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See... the **good land** God has given you
- the land ***you are already on***



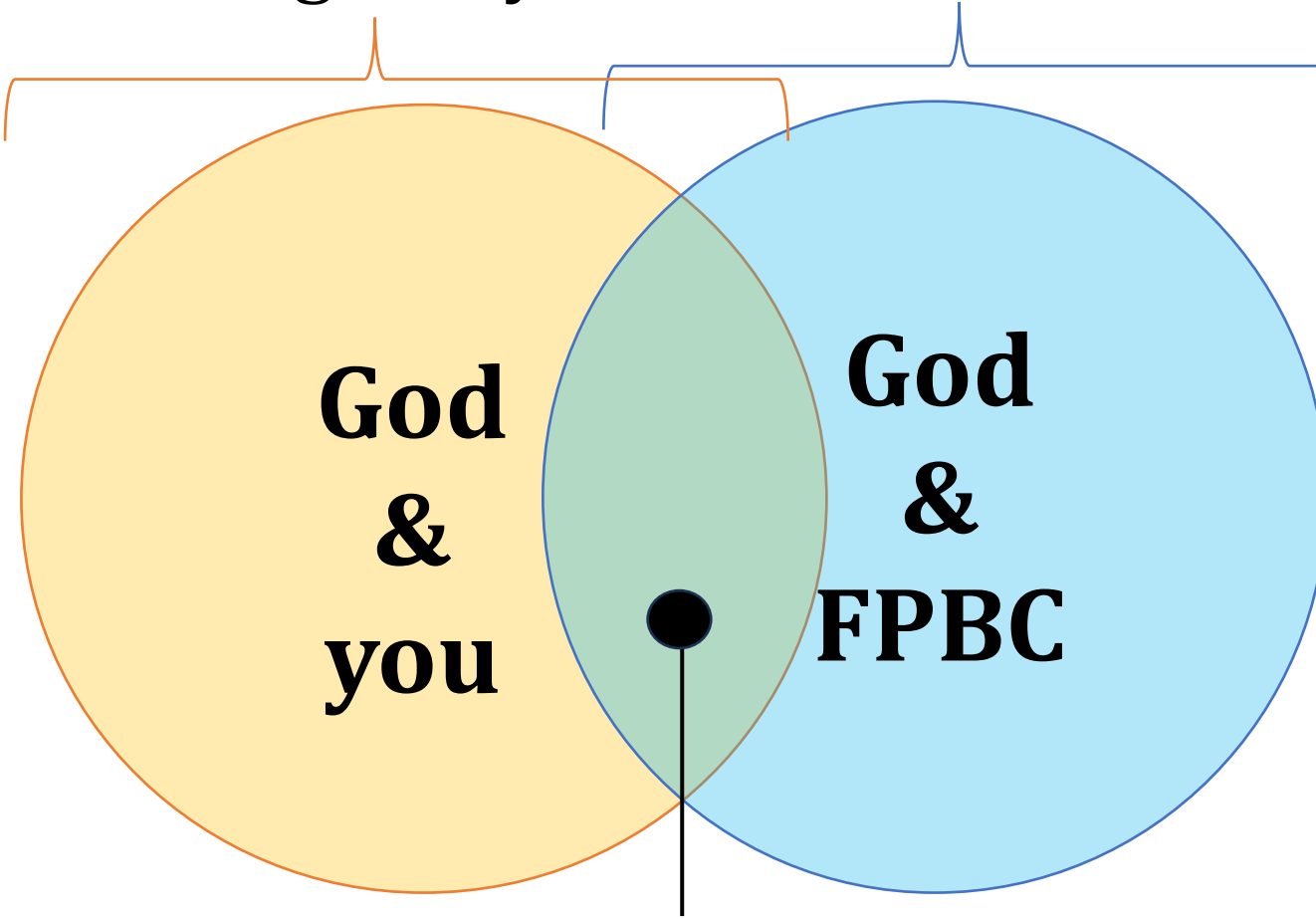
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God, FPBC, & you

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NIV	remember
ESV	behold
NKJV	see



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Church History II, MBTS

“My Church and I: A Brief History and Ongoing Journey” (5 & 7 May 2026)



- EPCC
- FPBC
- GBC
- GMSJ
- LBCC
- NCCC
- PBC
- PCC
- Penang First MMC
- SJBC

Timeline (Serving Pastors & Key Events)

1958

- Late Ps Carl Yarnell (3)

1963

- Ps Albert Lim (3)

1971

- Dr BC Thomas (1)

1972

- Ps Bill H. Love (5)

1976

- Dr Sunny Tan (14)

1991

- Interim Pastors (7)

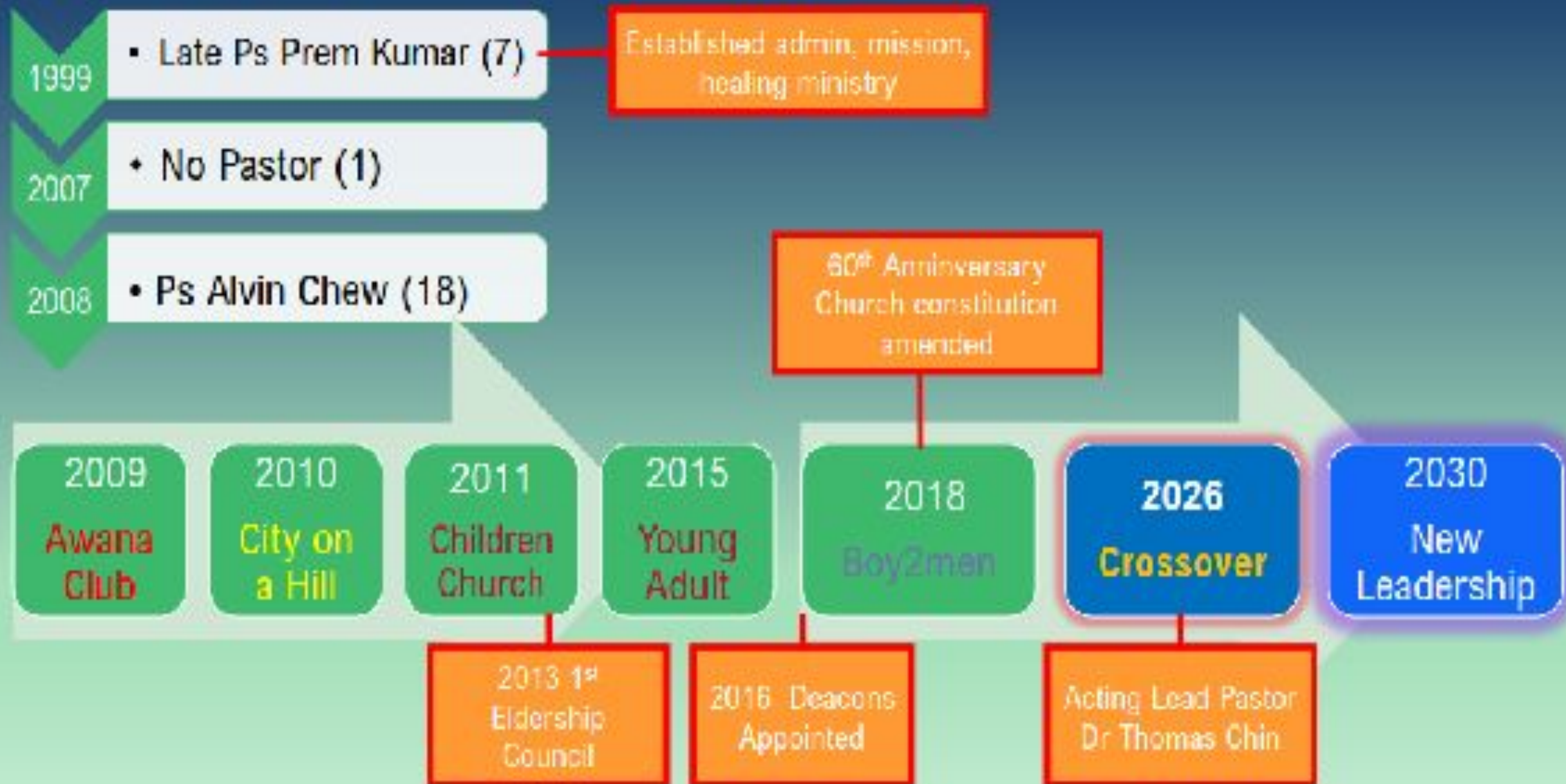
1962 Fettes Park Baptist Church born

1975 Kindergarten
Jenny Chan, Robert & Mary Ho

1984 Tamil Church
1988 Chinese Church
2002 Petra BC
2004 Hokkien
Δ 2009 Chinese



Timeline (Serving Pastors)





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John 3:8

The **wind** blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going...



It is so important to **cultivate our spiritual vision...**

We need to learn to interpret the “coincidences” and “serendipity” and strange developments... as potential evidence of His voice.

We must ask for discernment and avoid being tossed around by every hint of whisper, but we must also stop dismissing the genuine whispers as “chance”. God speaks and reveals Himself incessantly.

We must watch with spiritual vision and listen with spiritual ears.

Chris Tiegreen

Luke 4:18

“The **Spirit of the LORD** is on me...”

Isa. 11:2-3

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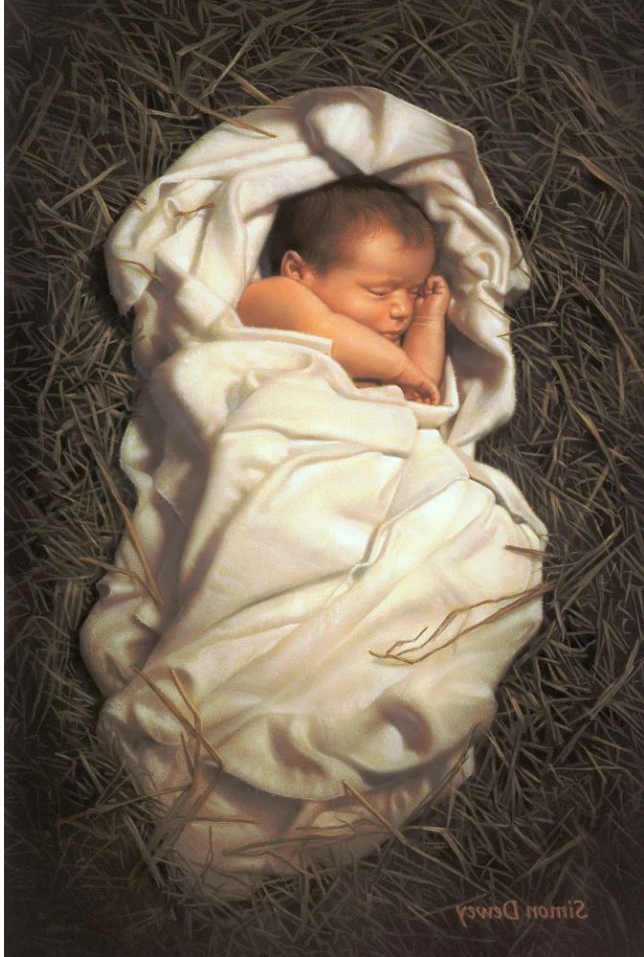
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Eph. 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation...**









Luke 2:52

And Jesus **grew** in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Hebrews 5:8–9

... he **learned obedience...** and, once **made perfect**, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him



Jesus did not so much 'know that he was God' in the same way that one knows one is male or female, hungry or thirsty, or that one ate an orange an hour ago.

His 'knowledge' was of a more risky, but perhaps more sufficient sort: like knowing one is loved. **One cannot 'prove' it except by living it...**

N.T. Wright



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Heb. 12:2

For the joy set before him, he endured the Cross, scorning its shame...

Josh. 23:8

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Gen. 2:24

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is **united** to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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Deut. 11:22

... love the LORD your God... walk in obedience to him...
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If you **violate the covenant** of the LORD your God...
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The essence of sin is **disordered love**.

Augustine of Hippo

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Josh. 23:6

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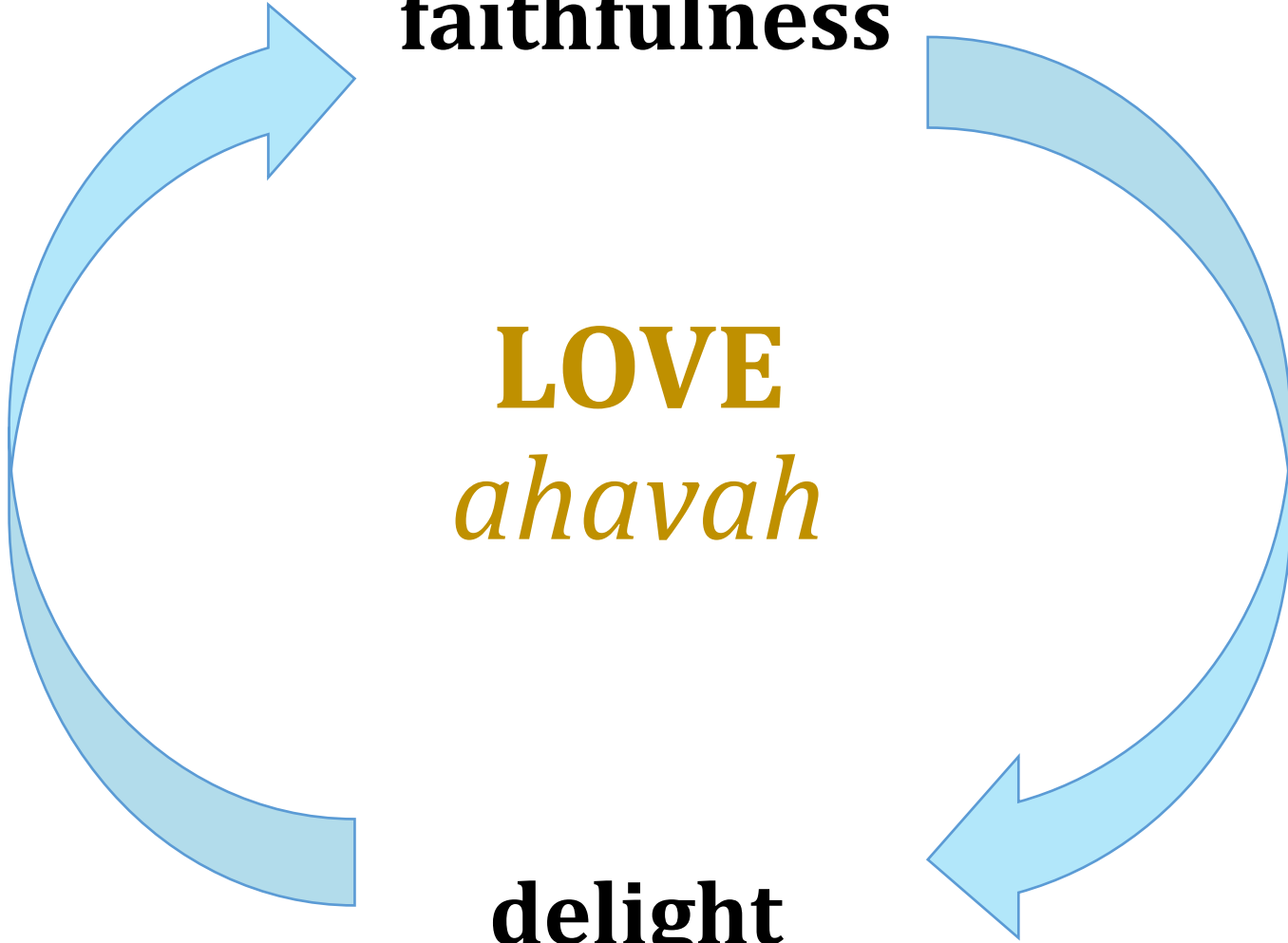
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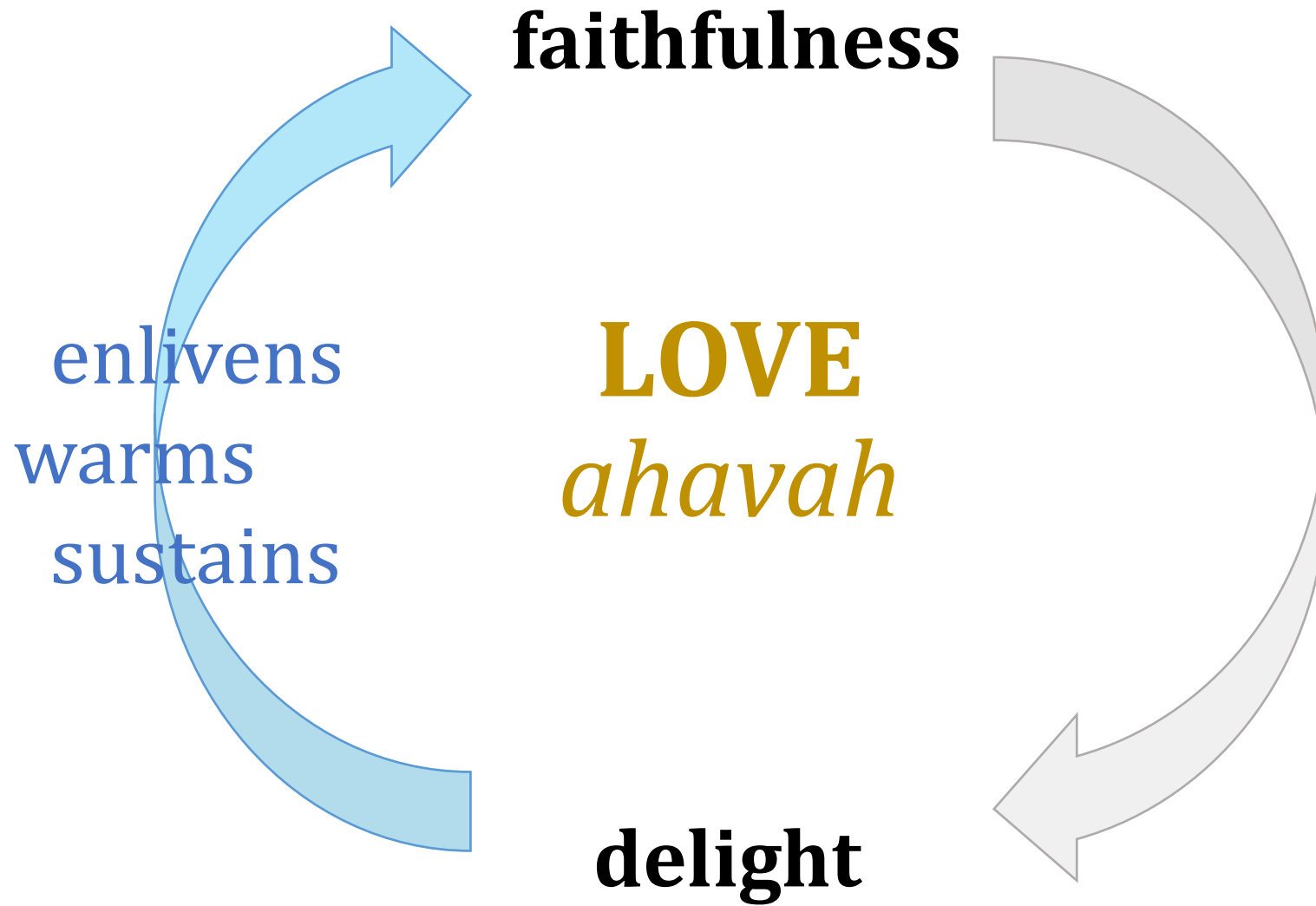
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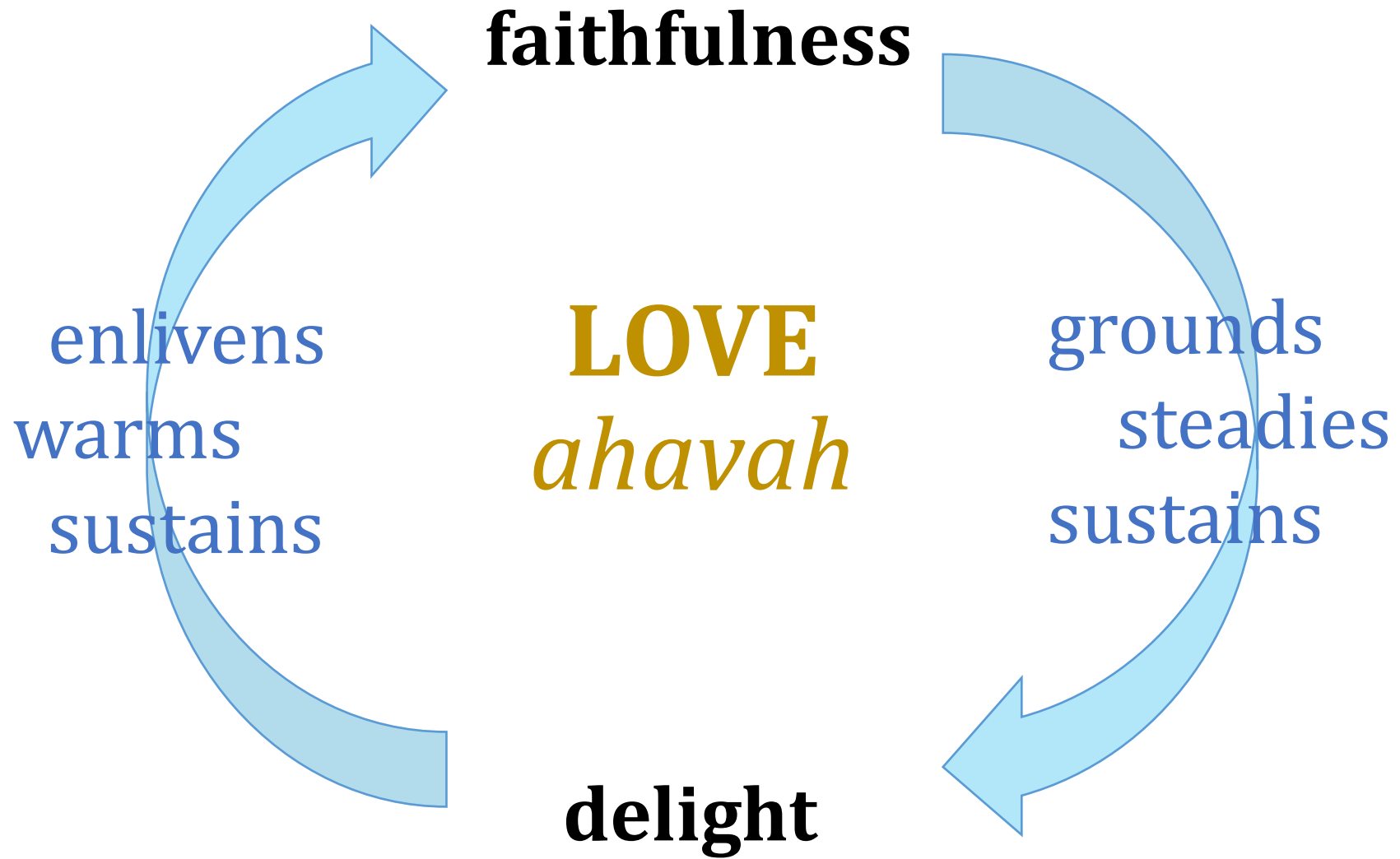
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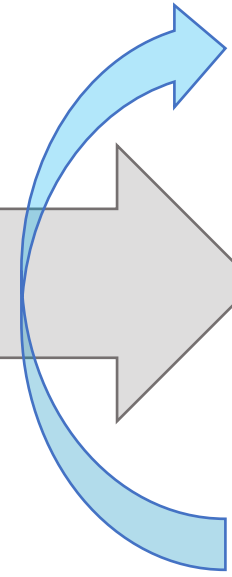
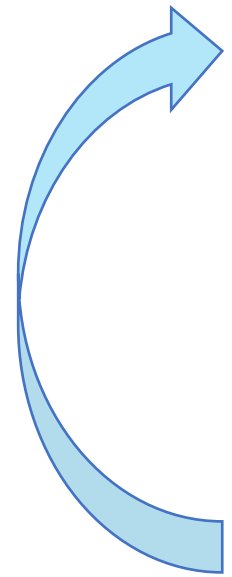
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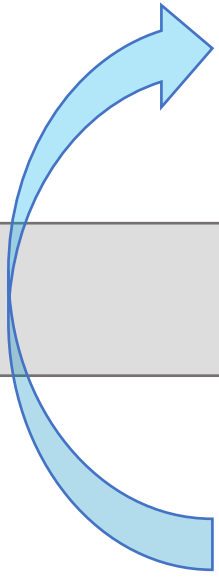
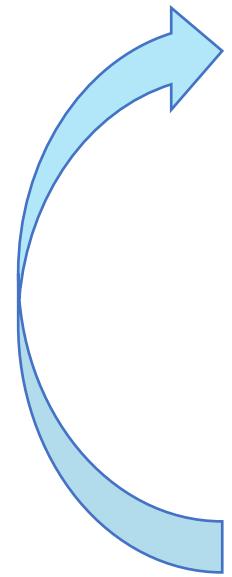
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**OBEYING
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John 14:15

“If you **love me**, you will **keep my commandments**”

John 14:21, 23–24

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me... anyone who **loves me** will **obey my teaching...**

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John 15:4-5

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Rom. 8:9-10

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Gal. 5:25

Since we **live by** the Spirit, let us **keep in step with** the Spirit.

We can **set our sails** to **catch the wind from heaven** when God chooses to blow upon His people.

G. Campbell Morgan



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