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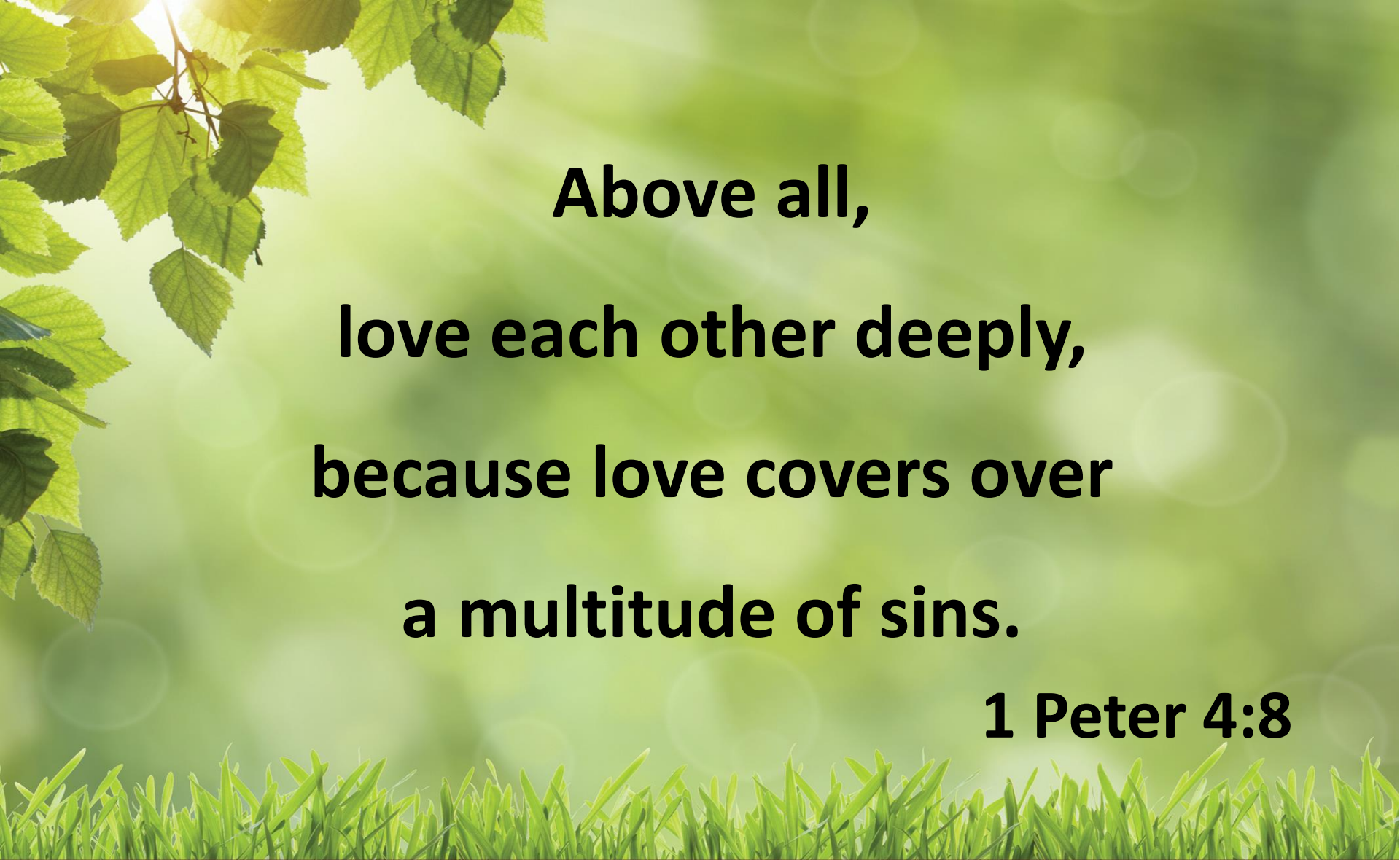
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James 2:14 – 3:12

Lesson 13



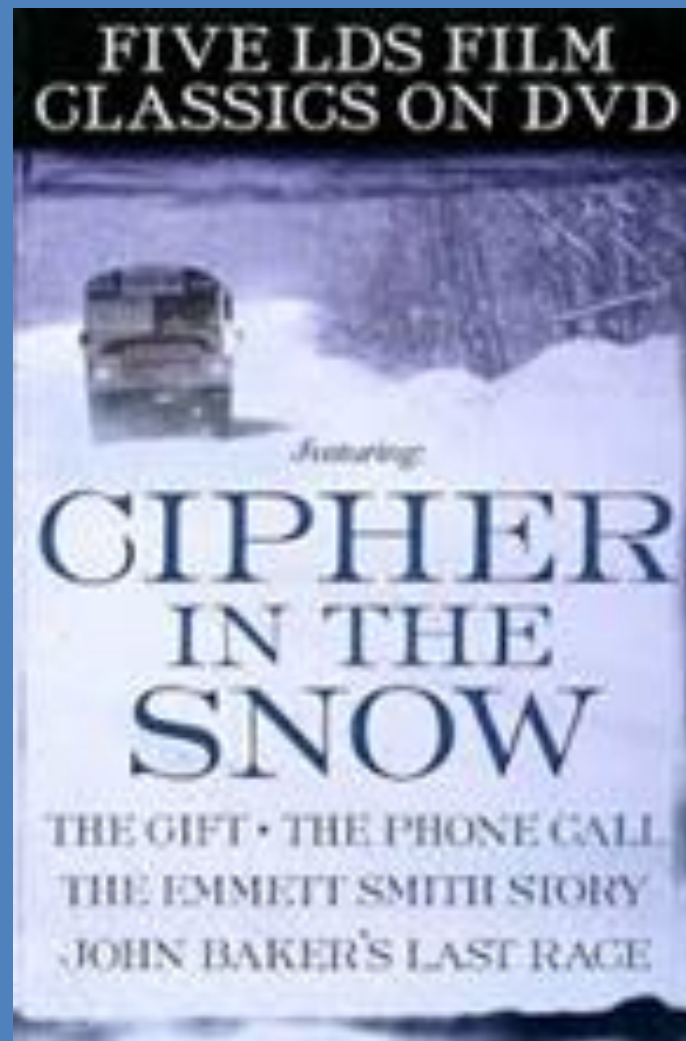
Gift of Faith



**Above all,
love each other deeply,
because love covers over
a multitude of sins.**

1 Peter 4:8

Memory Verse



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERJU8YKIX4s>



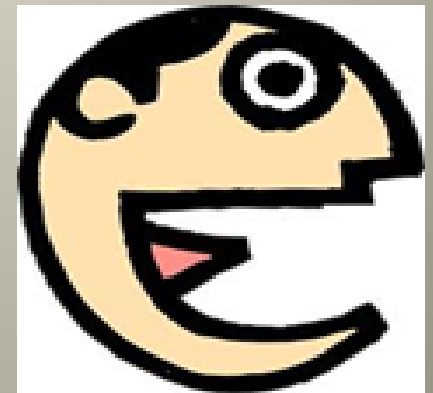
Balance:

What does a
balanced life
look like?



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Words:

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Balance



Do James and Paul disagree about faith and works? ***NO***

Paul says “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

Acts 16:31

Faith Alone

Paul talks about the very start of a person’s Christian life – We cannot earn salvation from God. We can only accept the grace which God offers us through faith in Jesus Christ.

James says “...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead..” James 2:17

Faith + Works

James talks about after a person expresses belief. Because they are now new creatures, then they must live new lives, responding to their faith in Jesus Christ.

We are not saved ***by*** works; we are saved ***for*** works.

Balance



Put our Faith into Practice

The more often we ignore a chance to act to help others, the more likely we will ignore it again and again.

When we feel the urge to act, it is at a cost to us.
We must exercise

- 1) Effort
- 2) Labor
- 3) Discipline
- 4) Sacrifice



Our deeds are evidence of God's redeeming work in us.

Balance



In a balanced life, there must be:

Prayer and Effort

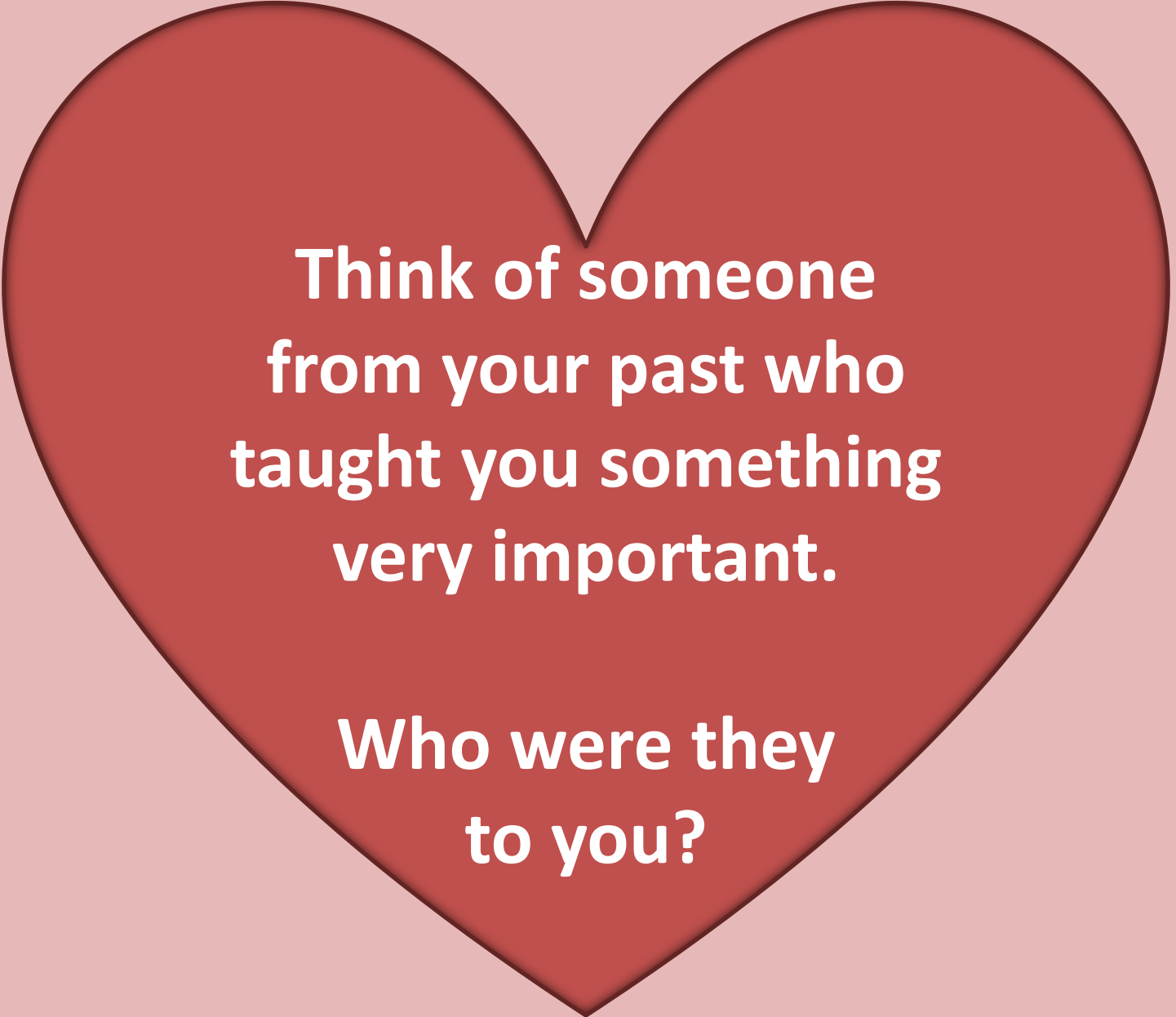
Prayer cannot be a substitute for effort. They go hand in hand.



Faith and Deeds

It is only through deeds that faith can demonstrate itself. AND
It is only thorough faith that deeds will be attempted and done.

William Barclay



**Think of someone
from your past who
taught you something
very important.**

**Who were they
to you?**

Teachers



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Jewish believers' teachers were held in high regard,
more so than parents, because
parents brought you life into the world, and
teachers brought you life into the world to come.



...we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

James 3:1 NRSV

Words



Power of the Tongue

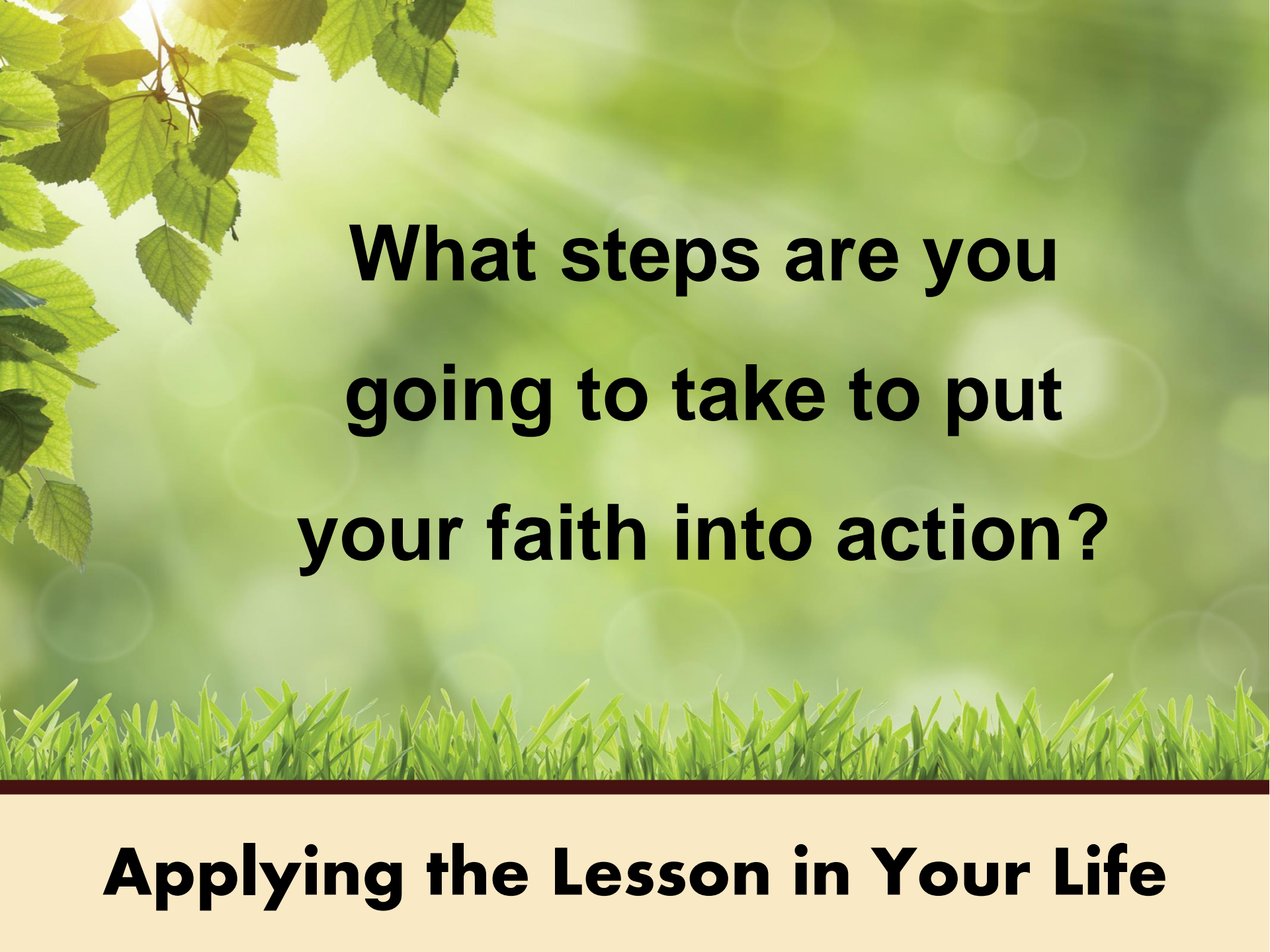
3 Cautions:

1. To hurt with a punch, the person has to be close by, but words can be dropped or repeated from great distances and do more damage.
2. Once a word is spoken, it is out of our control.
3. Without God, our tongues cannot be tamed, but with God all things are possible.

2 Recommendations:

1. We should speak only the words that we would want God to hear.
2. [Jesus said,] “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

MT 12:34 NRSV



**What steps are you
going to take to put
your faith into action?**

Applying the Lesson in Your Life



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