



Living Vertically

...the art of Christ-centered living through spiritual decisions and disciplines

For my part, I am going to boast about nothing but the Cross of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that Cross, I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate. (Galatians 6:14)

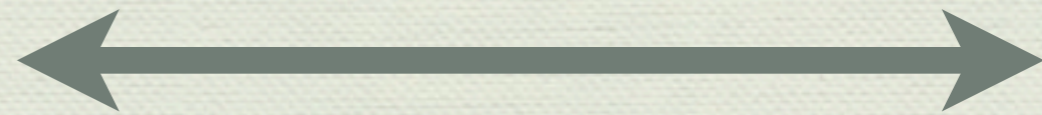
Living vertically

- ◆ Our focus turns away from ourselves, removing us from a self-centered realm of existence and opening the door of our minds to a God-centered frame of reference, where all things begin and end with Him.



The warehouse

Moses (Exodus 3:10-4:10)



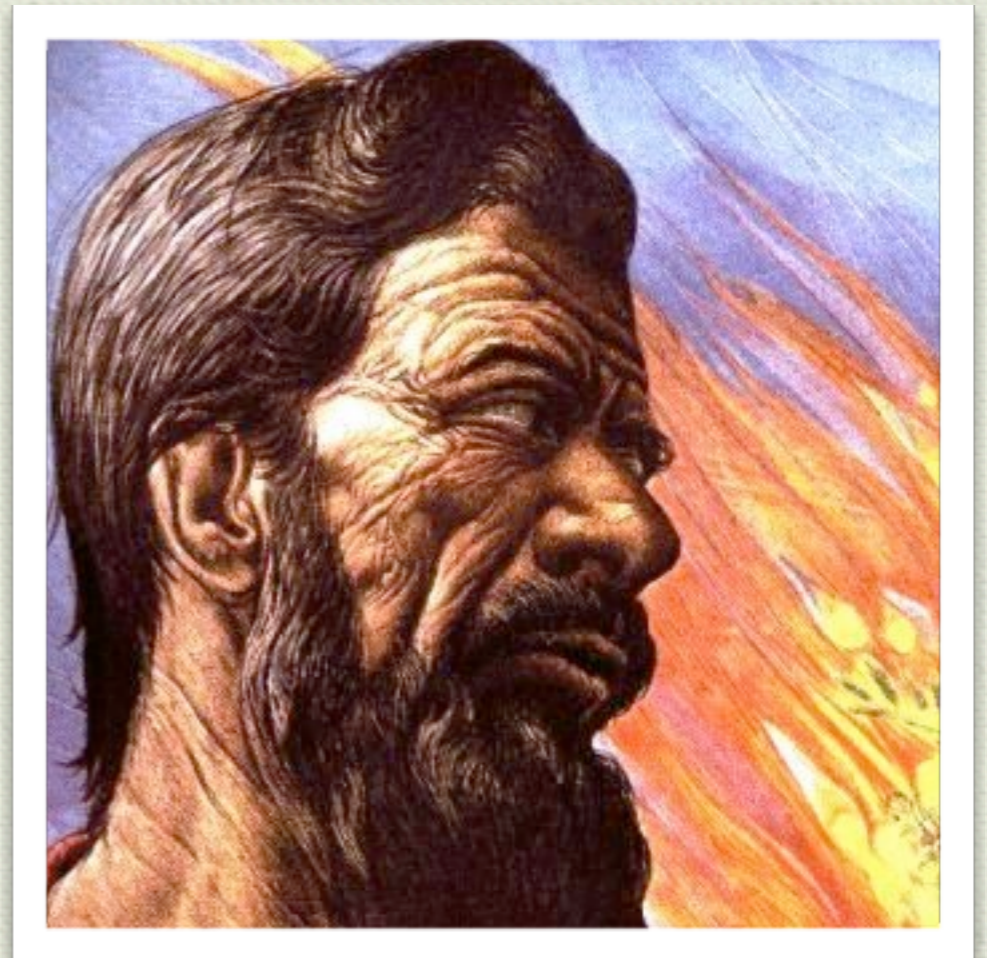
◆ Called by God

◆ Inadequacy

◆ Doubt

◆ Objection

◆ Disability



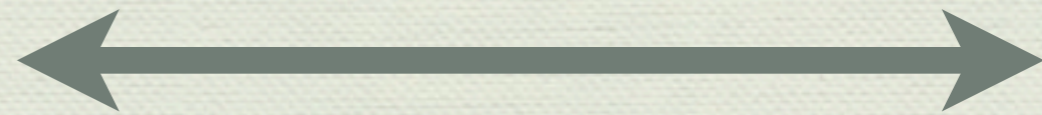
Moses

◆ God's Response



◆ He knew him even before he was conceived and had set him apart even before he was born. God also promised to protect him and to deliver him and to use him mightily.

Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:1-10)



- ◆ Called by God
- ◆ Afraid of the calling
- ◆ Responded with excuses
 - ◆ too young
 - ◆ too inexperienced
 - ◆ too inadequate



Jeremiah

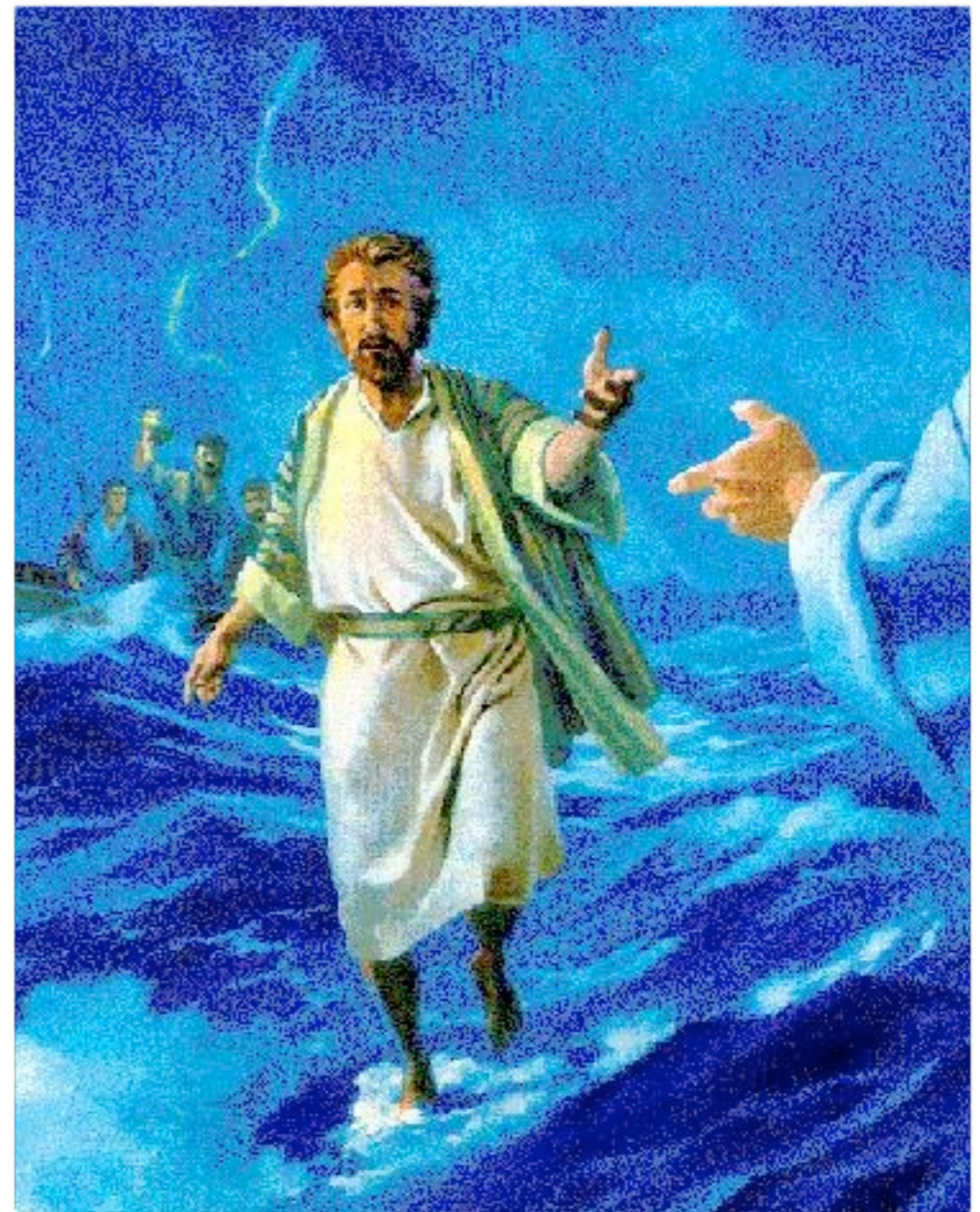
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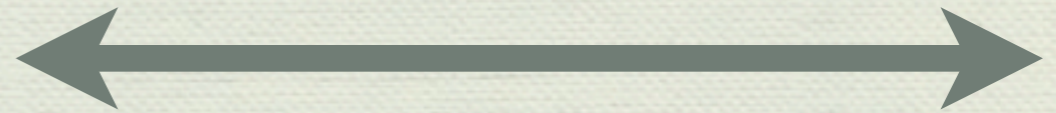
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Peter - When He was with Jesus

- ◆ Did the miraculous (Matthew 14:22-33)
- ◆ Said the miraculous (Matthew 16:16)
- ◆ Had miraculous courage (Matthew 26:51)



Peter - When He was not with Jesus



◆ He denied the Lord 3 times



Peter - when he was filled with the Holy Spirit

- ◆ Did the miraculous (Acts 3)
- ◆ Said the miraculous (Acts 2:14-42)
- ◆ Had miraculous courage (Acts 4:8-20)



How do we leave our horizontal,
warehouse living and become people
who live with a vertical perspective
and in the full freedom offered by
Christ?

Decisions & Disciplines

A personal journey



Disciplines to live by

sacrifice
submission

solitude

self-control

humility
silence

prayer
hope

Questions

- ◆ On what or whom are you focused?
- ◆ How willing are you to leave your warehouse? What's holding you back?

