



# Living Vertically

Simplicity: Reordering our Minds



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.



## **Decision**

## **Discipline**

Deepening my life

Intimacy

Reordering my  
private world

Simplicity

Slowing my pace

Silence & Solitude

Releasing my grip

Surrender



## **Decision**

## **Discipline**

Calling out

Prayer

Bowing low

Humility

Holding back

Self-control

Giving over

Sacrifice

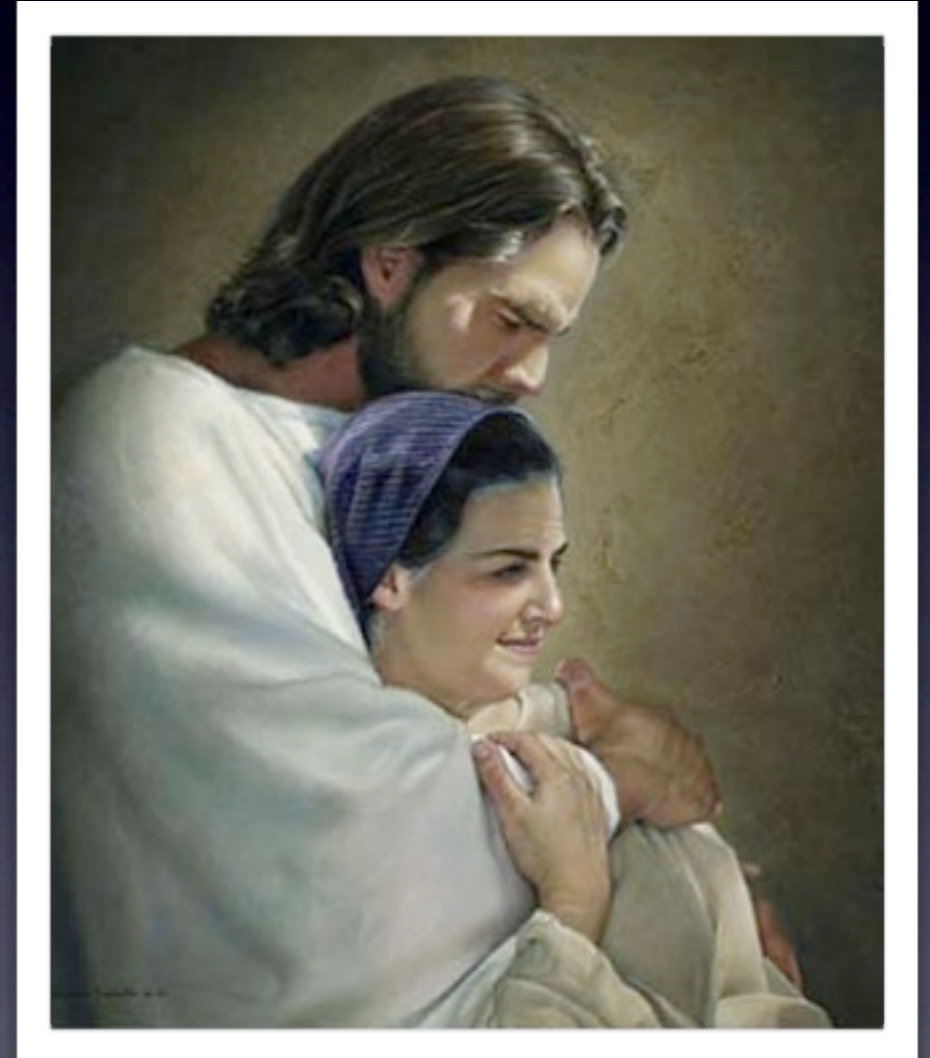
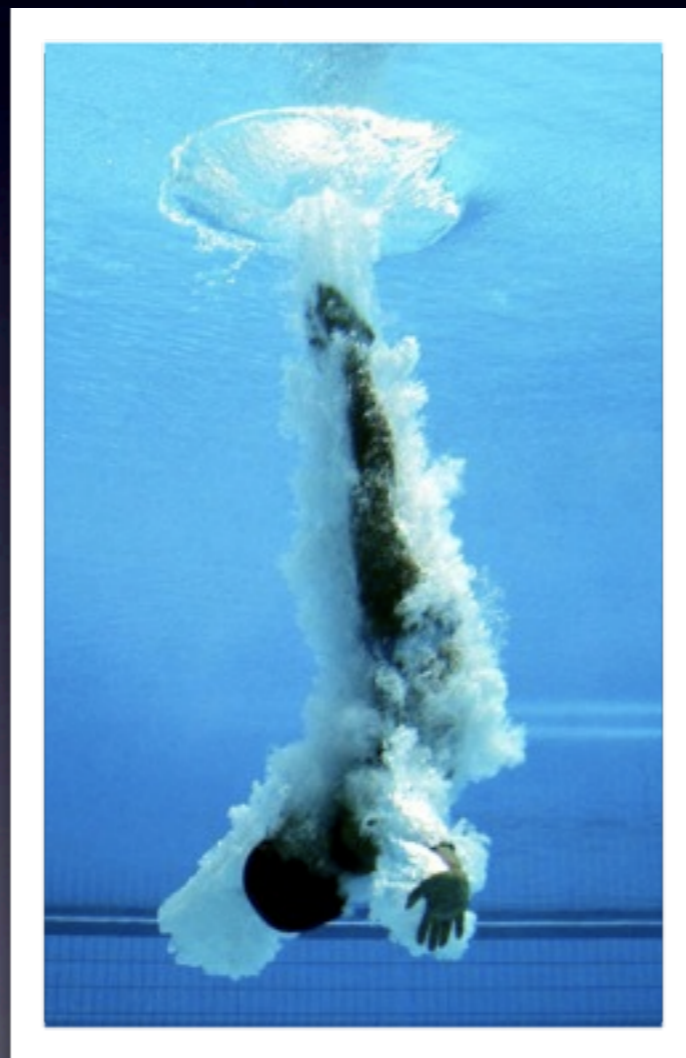


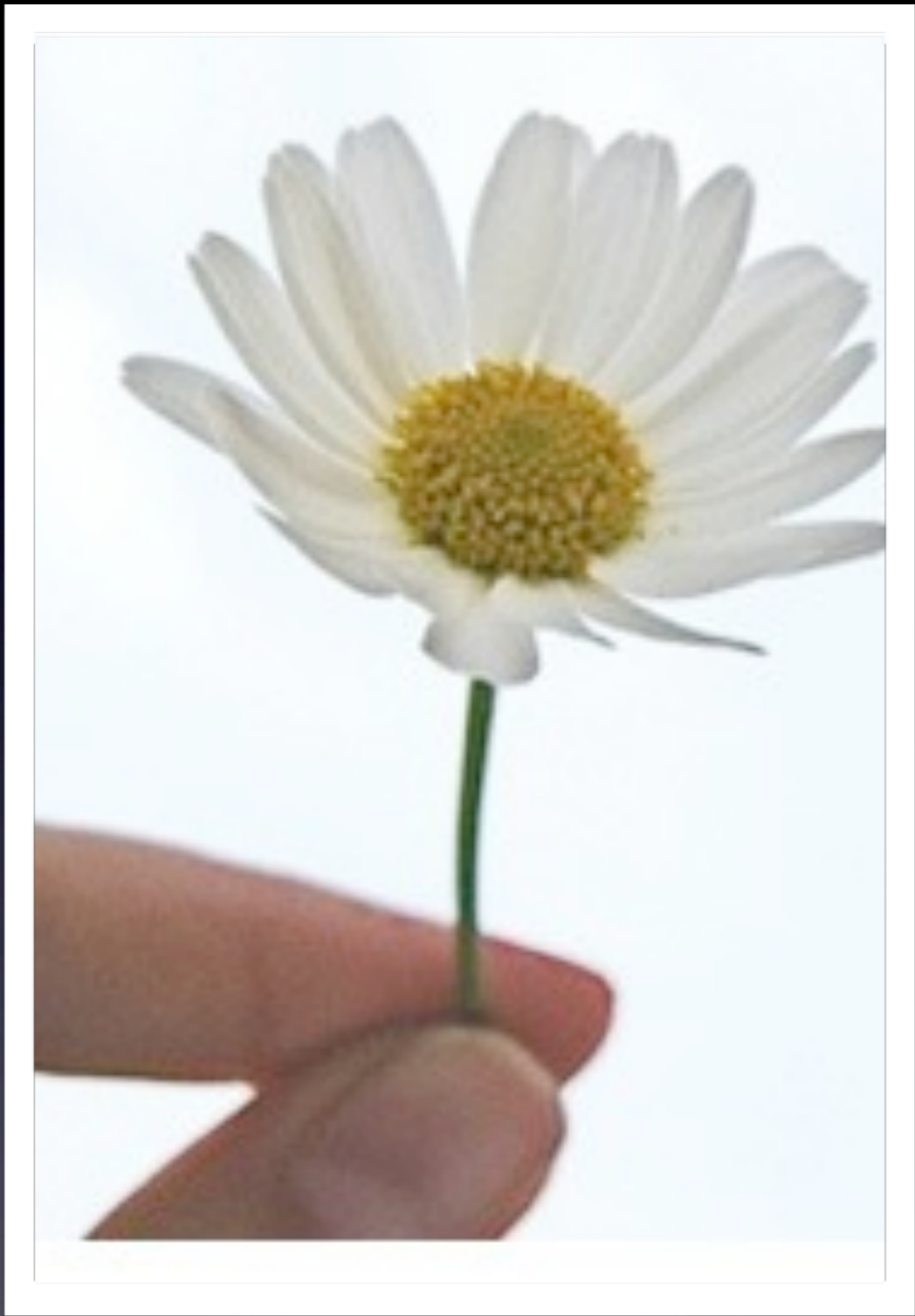
# Deepening through Intimacy





# Falling in love with the wonders of His Person!





# Reordering through Simplicity



Everything  
around us works  
against  
reordering and  
simplifying our  
lives.







Clutter = to clot







# John 7:37-39





And, the goal of the indwelling Holy Spirit is not just to unite us with God, but to do it in such a way that we will be one with the Father in exactly the same way Jesus was. ~ Oswald Chambers



# What is required?



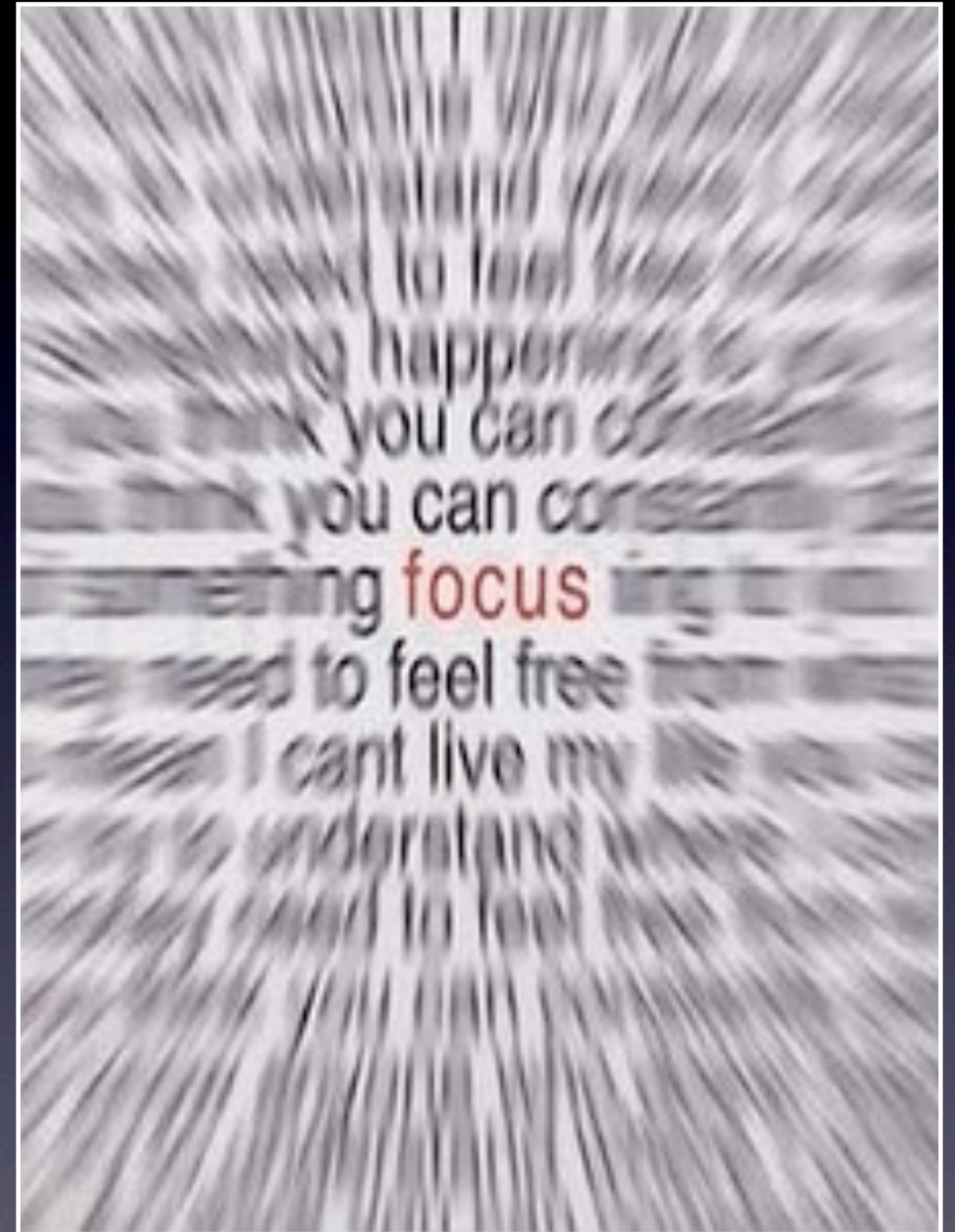


## James 4:8

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (NIV)



# God calls us to single-mindedness





# Ecclesiastes 7:29

God made men and women true and upright; we're the ones who've made a mess of (complicated) things.



## Psalm 86:11

Train me, GOD, to walk straight;  
then I'll follow your true path. Put  
me together, one heart and  
mind; then, undivided, I'll worship  
in joyful fear.





Take your everyday, ordinary life--  
your sleeping, eating, going-to-  
work, and walking-around life--  
and place it before God as an  
offering. Embracing what God  
does for you is the best thing you  
can do for him.



Don't become so well-adjusted to  
your culture that you fit into it  
without even thinking.





Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.



Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. (Romans 12:1-2)



## 2 Corinthians 11:3

And now I'm afraid that exactly as the Snake seduced Eve with his smooth patter, you are being lured away from the simple purity of your love for Christ.





“You’ll be  
just like God!”

Genesis 3