

*Welcome*

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Gospel advance is characterized by extreme diligence and extreme reliance.

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“yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.”

1 Corinthians 15:10

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“... to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.”

Galatians 2:5

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- Personal sin

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ...”

Ephesians 5:25

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“She went on to explain to us that the graven image, the idol of the title, was a God who always acted the way we thought he should.

“Or more to the point—he was a God who supported our plans, how we thought the world and history should go.

“That is a God of our own creation, a counterfeit god. Such a god is really just a projection of our own wisdom, of our own self.

“In that way of operating, God is our ‘accomplice,’ someone to whom we relate as long as he is doing what we want.

“If he does something else, we want to ‘fire’ him, or ‘unfriend him,’ as we would any personal assistant who was insubordinate or incompetent.

"But at the very end, Margaret [the main character in the novel] realizes that the demise of her plans had shattered her false god, and now she was free for the first time to worship the True One.

“When serving the god-of-my-plans, she had been extraordinarily anxious. She had never been sure that God was going to come through for her and ‘get it right.’

“She was always trying to figure out how to bring God to do what she had planned. But she had not really been treating him as God—as the all-wise, all-good, all-powerful one.

“Now she had been liberated to put her hope not in her agendas and plans but in God himself.”

Tim Keller

“Go to the ant, O sluggard;  
consider her ways, and be wise.”

Proverbs 6:6

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  - **Obey today**, in spite of an unknown future.

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3. We speak **the Word**. God opens our hearts.

“... proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”

Acts 28:31

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- **prove your worth** in self-reliant diligence