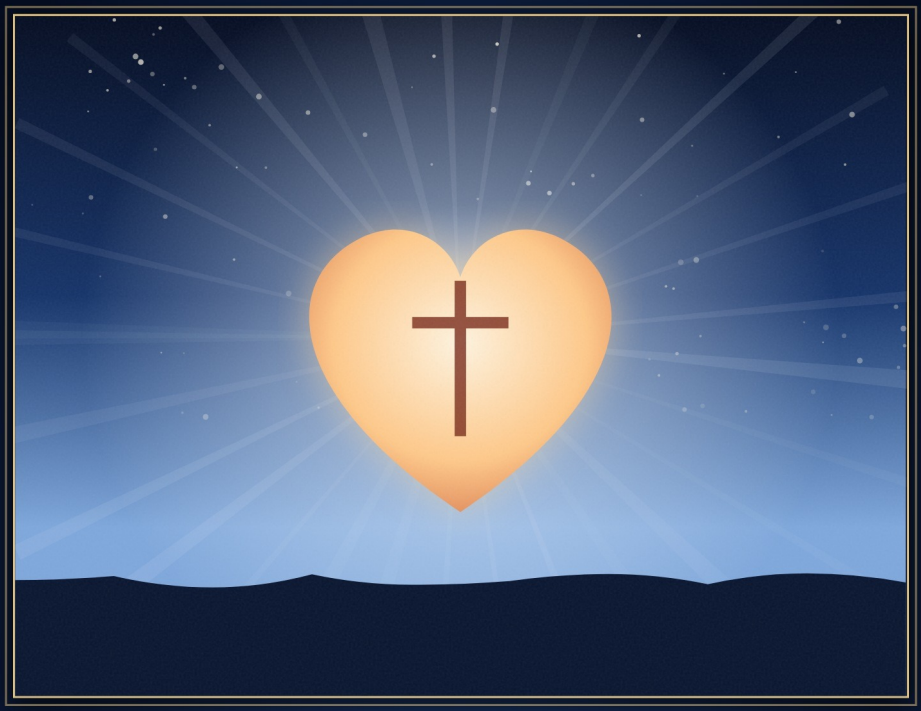
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A Note on the Bible Translation Used in This Book

My preferred Bible for personal study, teaching, and research is the Steadfast Literal Bible (SLB). I chose it because it is a word-for-word translation in today's language, built on the ancient Scripture sources: the Hebrew and Aramaic of the Old Testament and the Greek of the New Testament. I prepared the SLB myself, and the Scripture in this book is taken from it.

Where a literal phrase would mislead an English reader, the SLB gives the writer's meaning in plain words. Words added for sense are set in bold italics so you can see what is in the original and what is not.

The complete Steadfast Literal Bible is free to read, search, download, and print at trinfinityenterprises.com/slb. If you want to check a verse in its full setting or read the translation's preface and principles, that is the place to go.

Above all, my desire is not to promote one translation over another, but to faithfully teach the Word of God, encourage careful examination of the Scriptures, and help readers grow in their knowledge, understanding, and relationship with the Lord.

May every page of this book direct attention not to the translation itself, but to the truth of God's Word and the One whom it reveals.

Introduction

A relationship that only gets the leftover time will show it sooner or later. I want to take that seriously in my walk with God. It is easy to appreciate the comfort of faith while avoiding the changes faith calls for. Jesus addresses the heart. He calls us beyond appearances and toward a life shaped by love for God and care for other people.

I know how easy it is to keep faith in a Sunday box and run the rest of life on my own terms. For years I looked successful on the outside while my drinking said otherwise. I wrote this book for believers who want their Monday-to-Saturday choices to match what they say on Sunday. Sincere faith is giving God every room in the house.

1 When convenience takes over

Fast food appeals to us because it is available and requires little waiting. That desire for convenience can become the main expectation in a relationship. If I approach God only when I need something quickly, I should examine what I think that relationship is for.

God is not a service I visit only when life becomes difficult. He is Lord. Following Him affects how I use my time, how I treat people, and what I am willing to surrender. Some acts of obedience are inconvenient. Their inconvenience does not make them less important.

The problem is not a busy day or an interrupted routine. The concern is a settled habit of giving God

attention only when it suits me. I can attend church, know the songs, and still keep parts of my life carefully protected from His correction. Religious activity can hide that pattern if I never look beneath it.

I want to start with an honest response rather than an impressive promise. Where have I been offering empty words? What have I already understood but avoided doing? These are matters to bring before the Lord in prayer. A sincere response may begin with one ordinary act of obedience that I have postponed for too long.

Working a full-time job while building guitars and writing, I know how easy it is to let a schedule crowd out time in the Word and prayer. When life gets busy, I put God on the back burner and focus on my tasks instead of Him. When convenience drives our schedule, devotion is the first thing pushed aside. Putting God first means guarding that time before the day makes its demands.

2 The Lord sees the heart

> *And the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance and at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him; for **it is** not what man sees, for man sees according to the eyes, and the LORD sees according to the heart."*
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> **1 Samuel 16:7 (SLB)**

In 1 Samuel 16 (SLB), God sends Samuel to anoint a king from the sons of Jesse. Samuel sees the oldest son and thinks he must be the one. God stops him. He

looks at the heart, not at what impresses people. That is a hard truth for anyone who wants to look spiritually successful.

God called David "a man according to My heart" (Acts 13:22, SLB), but that does not make his adultery with Bathsheba or the death of Uriah unimportant. Those events required judgment and repentance. A heart turned toward God does not make sin harmless. It makes honest repentance necessary when sin is exposed.

Outward actions still matter because they affect other people and often reveal what I value. The point is that appearance alone cannot tell the whole story. God sees the motives I can hide from an audience. He knows whether my generosity is driven by love or by the desire to be noticed.

That knowledge should move me toward honesty, not despair. I do not have to maintain an image with God. I can ask Him to expose what needs to change. When I stop spending so much energy defending the appearance of my life, I have more room to respond to the Lord who knows it completely.

When I was a boy in Victorville, Pastor Jimmy Carter lived down our street and paid me to mow his lawn. He did not see just a kid doing a chore. He saw a boy who needed Christ, and he took me to church. God looks past outward status and notices the people others walk past.

3 The people Jesus calls blessed

> *Blessed **are** those who hunger and thirst **for** righteousness, for they will be filled.*
> **Matthew 5:6 (SLB)**

> *Blessed **are** the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.*
> **Matthew 5:9 (SLB)**

The Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12 (SLB) should not be reduced to a lesson about keeping a pleasant attitude. Jesus speaks about poverty of spirit, mourning, meekness, righteousness, mercy, purity, peacemaking, and persecution. These descriptions reach much deeper than being cheerful or agreeable.

To hunger and thirst for righteousness is to recognize a need that casual interest cannot satisfy. Mercy, purity, and peacemaking reach just as deep, and they show up in the way we live with people.

Being merciful is more than feeling sorry for someone. Mercy responds to another person's need with care. It pushes back on the quiet pleasure we can feel when somebody gets the trouble we think they deserve.

Purity of heart goes below the surface. I can appear helpful while using kindness to gain influence. I can defend a correct position while enjoying the chance to embarrass an opponent. A heart directed toward God needs to be examined at the level of motive as well as action.

To make peace is to work toward what is right, not simply to avoid an uncomfortable conversation. Sometimes peace requires a truthful conversation, an apology, or a refusal to keep passing along a grievance. I cannot make every person respond well, but I can take responsibility for the words and actions that are mine. Peace that depends on hiding the truth will not last.

Jesus also calls persecuted people blessed. That keeps me from defining God's blessing by ease, acceptance, or material comfort. A believer may seek peace and still face hostility. The blessing does not mean everybody will approve. It gives reason to remain faithful when obedience is costly, and the promise of the kingdom gives hope that reaches beyond the present difficulty.

I want to read these blessings together. They describe a life lived before God, not a collection of techniques for getting what I want. They also show that strength does not always look forceful and success does not always win applause. Jesus teaches us to see people and circumstances in the light of His kingdom.

4 Sincerity that becomes visible

A sincere heart will affect the next decision. It may change the way I answer a family member, handle a responsibility at work, or respond when someone fails to appreciate what I have done. These moments are small enough to overlook and important enough to shape a pattern.

I do not need to wait for an emotional high before obeying what is clear. Feelings change. The call to love God and love my neighbor remains. A quiet act of faithfulness may say more about my priorities than a strong declaration made when obedience costs me little.

I also need to watch the temptation to measure everybody else's sincerity while overlooking my own habits. It is easier to recognize empty words in another person than to admit where my actions do not match my profession. The Lord's correction should begin close to home.

My desire is to give God my whole heart. That is a continuing response, not a claim that I have already arrived. When I fail, I need to repent. When He gives an opportunity to serve, I need to respond. When His Word corrects me, I need to listen. A wholehearted walk grows as those responses become the ordinary direction of my life.

Before May 29, 2020, I hid my drinking well enough to keep succeeding at work. Once I started recovery, my faith stopped being private theory and started showing in daily habits. Sincerity does not announce itself. When the inside changes, the outside eventually tells the truth.

Giving God My Whole Heart

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God looks at the heart, not the outside. This book looks at what happens when convenience takes over our faith, what Jesus meant when He called people blessed, and how a sincere faith shows up in everyday life.

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