



# CONNECT

APART FROM ME YOU  
CAN DO NOTHING  
(JOHN 15:5)

Community

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)



Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.



John 14:6 (NIV)



Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.



1 John 5:12 (NIV)



Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”



John 11:25–26 (NIV)



Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

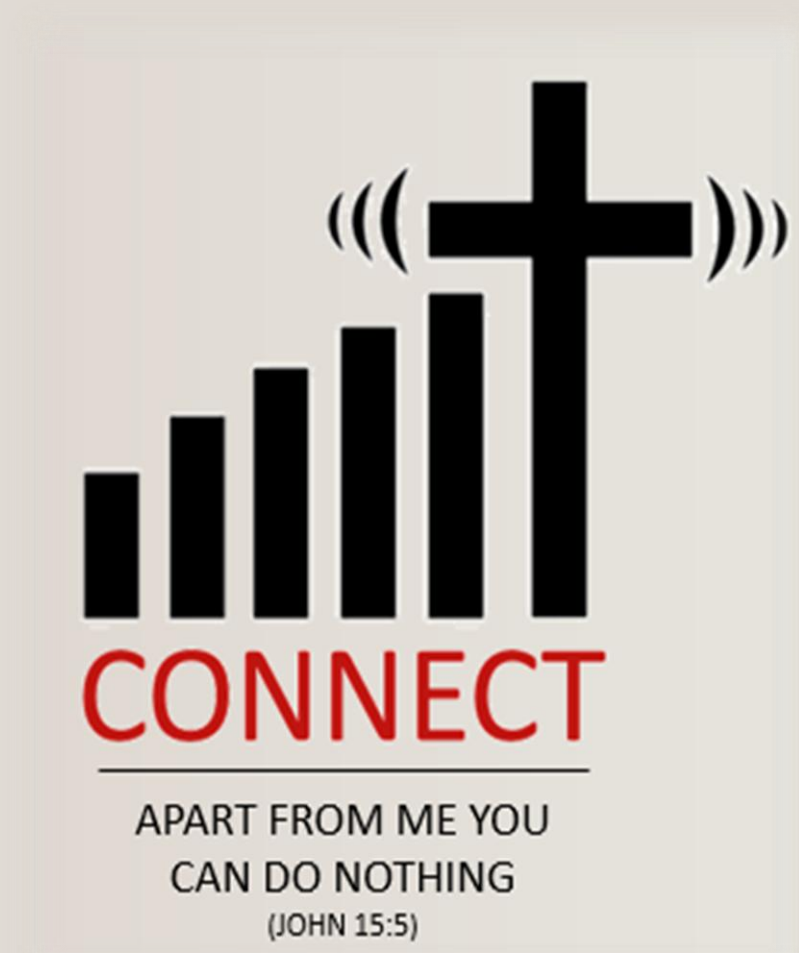


John 15:4–5 (NIV)



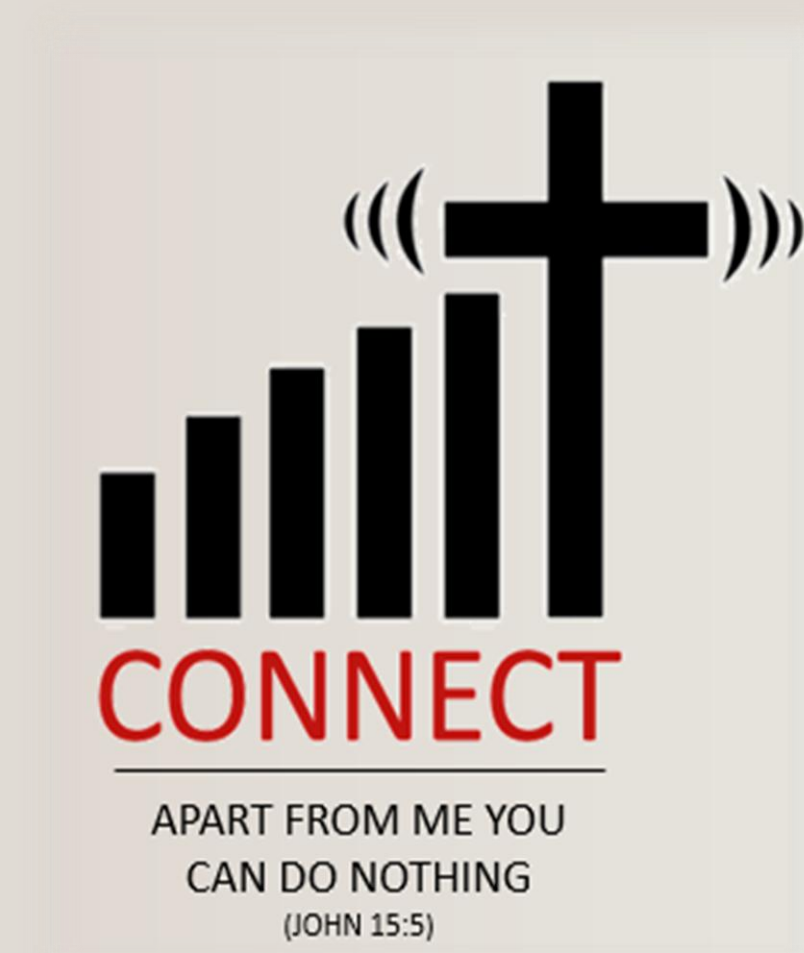
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- God expects me to show Him gratitude



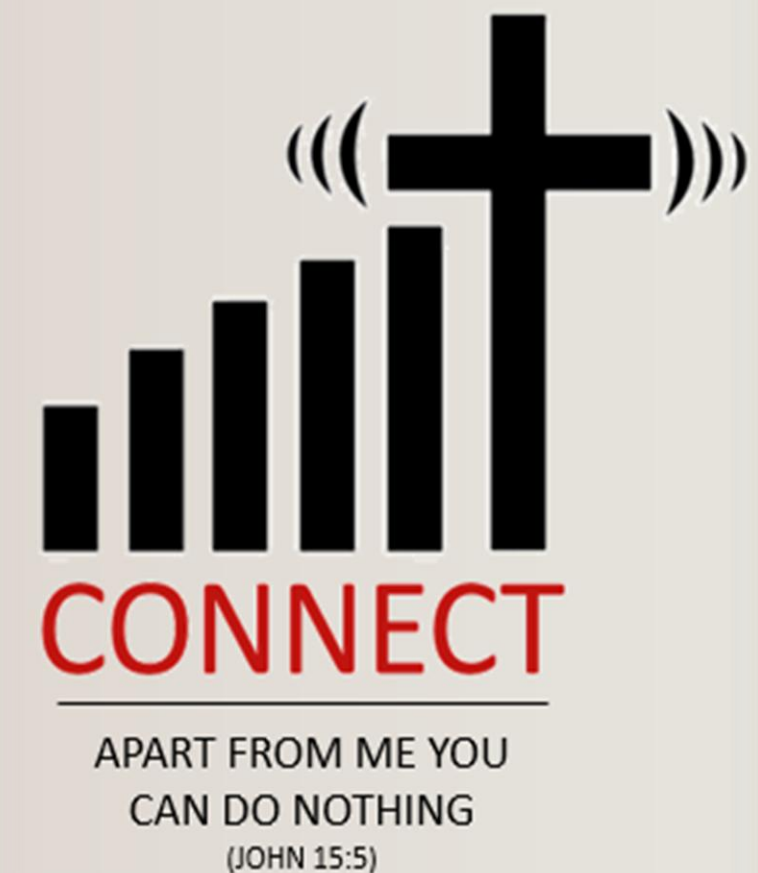
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Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.



2 Peter 1:20–21 (NLT)



I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.



Deuteronomy 18:18 (NIV)



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The bible doesn't contain the words of God:  
it IS the Word of God.

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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV)



For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)



I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.



Psalm 34:1–8 (NIV)



Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

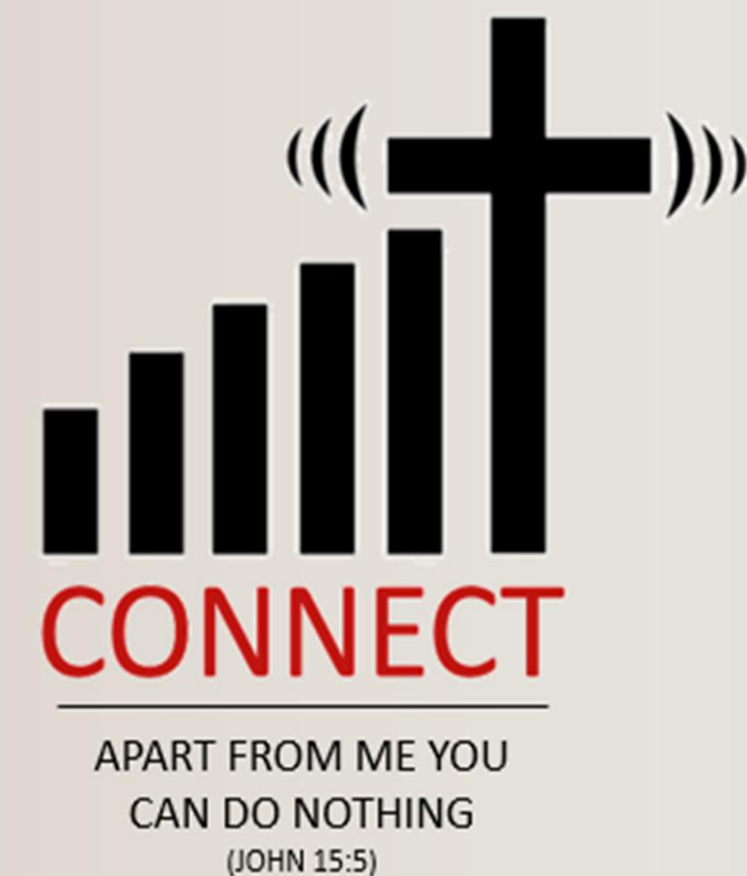


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# *The bible is credible*

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## Bibliographical Test

- How close in time to when it was originally written
- How many copies are there

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The gospels were  
written early enough to  
be crosschecked by  
those who were still  
alive.



“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, **as you yourselves know.**”



**Acts 2:22 (NIV)**



For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but **we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**



**2 Peter 1:16 (NIV)**



The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak  
freely to him.

I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice,  
because it was not done in a corner.



Acts 26:24–26 (NIV)



## Fullfilled Prophecies on Jesus

### The Lineage and Birth of Jesus Foretold

Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
Seed of a woman	Genesis 3:14-15	Galatians 4:4
From the Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33
Descendant of Abraham, Issac and Jacob	Genesis 12:3, 17:17-19; Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:1-2, 16; Luke 3:34, 38
Heir to the Throne of David	Isaiah 9:6-7	Luke 1:32
Anointed and Eternal	Psalms 45:6-7	Hebrews 1:8-10
Jesus to be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-7
The time of Jesus' birth	Daniel 9:24-25	Luke 2:1-5
Christ to be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:13-14	Luke 1:26-28, 30-31
Lamentation for the killing of infants	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
To be called out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13-15

### Preparation for and Ministry of Jesus

Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
The way of the Lord prepared	Isaiah 40:3-4	Luke 3:2-5
A messenger to come before the Lord	Malachi 3:1	Luke 7:24-27
A prophet would be raised up	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:19-20, 22
Declared to be a Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:13-17
Ministry centered in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:12-16
Jesus Christ would speak in parables	Psalms 78:1-2	Matthew 13:34-35
Jesus to bind up and heal the brokenhearted	Isaiah 61:1-3	Luke 4:17-21
A Priest after the order of Melchizedek	Psalms 110:1, 4	Hebrews 5:5-6
Despised, rejected and not believed, especially by the Jews	Isaiah 53:1-4	John 1:11, 12:37-40; Luke 23:16-18
Hated without reason	Psalms 35:19	John 15:24
Triumphal entry in Jerusalem	Zechariah 9:9	Mark 11:7-11
Praised by the mouth of babes	Psalms 8:1-2	Matthew 21:15-16
The Messiah would be cut off, but not for himself	Daniel 9:25-27	John 11:49-52

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### The Last Twenty-Four (24) Hours in Jesus' Life (From Betrayal to his Trial)

Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
Betrayal of Jesus Christ by a close friend (Judas)	Psalms 41:9	Mark 14:10, Luke 22:47-48
Price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:14-15
What would be done with the betrayal money	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:3, 5-7
Forsaken by His disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Mark 14:50; Matthew 26:31
False witnesses against Christ	Psalms 27:12, 35:11	Matthew 26:59-61; Mark 14:55-57
Jesus would not open his mouth (defend himself) against false accusations	Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:4-5, Matthew 27:13-14

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Prophecy	Old Testament Reference	New Testament Fulfillment
Satan shall bruise Jesus' "heel"	Genesis 3:15	John 19:18; John 12:31-33
His scourging predicted	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15
His body would be brutalized	Psalms 22:16-17; Isaiah 52:14	Matthew 27:26, 29-30; John 19:1-3
Jesus would be bruised and crucified for the sins of the world	Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11	Romans 5:6-8
Shame, reproach and dishonor; adversaries before Him.	Psalms 69:17-19	Matthew 27:27-30
Feet and hands would be pierced	Psalms 22:15-16; Zechariah 12:9-10	John 19:33-35, 20:25-27
He was numbered among the transgressors	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:33
Some observers would shake their heads at him	Psalms 22:7-8, 109:25	Matthew 27:39-40
Reviled and mocked by the crowd	Psalms 22:7-8	Matthew 27:39-43; Luke 23:34-35
Intercession for sinners and those killing him	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:33-34

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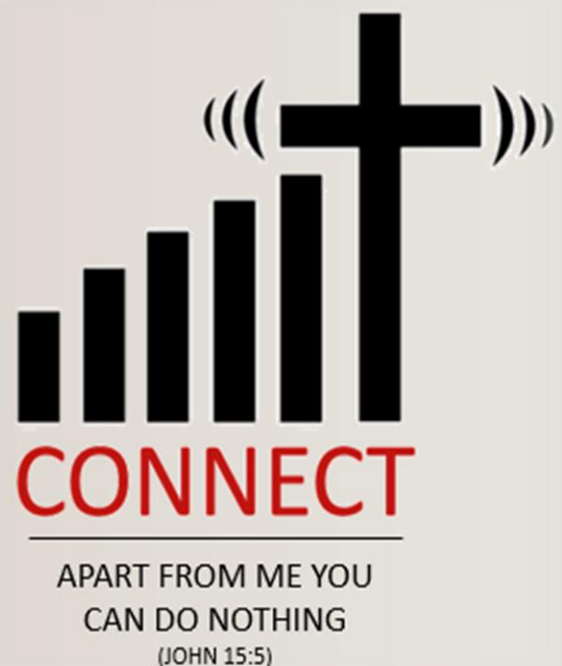
Parting of His garments and the casting of lots for them	Psalm 22:18	Matthew 27:35; John 19:23-24
Stared at Jesus on the cross	Psalm 22:16-17	Matthew 27:36, 55
Family and friends would observe	Psalm 38:10-11	Luke 23:48-49; Matthew 27:55-56
Forsaken by God	Psalm 22:1-2	Matthew 27:45-46
His side would be pierced	Psalm 22:16; Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Gave Him vinegar to drink	Psalm 69:21	Matthew 27:34; Mark 15:23; John 19:28-30
Christ would commit His spirit to the Father	Psalm 31:5	Luke 23:46; John 19:30
Not one of His bones would be broken	Exodus 12:43, 46; Psalm 34:19-20	John 19:33-36
Jesus Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us	Exodus 12:3, 5-6; Isaiah 53:7	John 1:29; 1Corinthians 5:7; 1Peter 1:18-19
Jesus would be buried in the tomb of a rich man	Isaiah 53:8-9	Matthew 27:57-60
Jesus would be resurrected	Psalm 16:10-11; Psalm 49:15	Mark 16:5-6
His ascension to God's right hand	Psalm 68:18	1Corinthians 15:3-6; Mark 16:19-20; Ephesians 4:8-10

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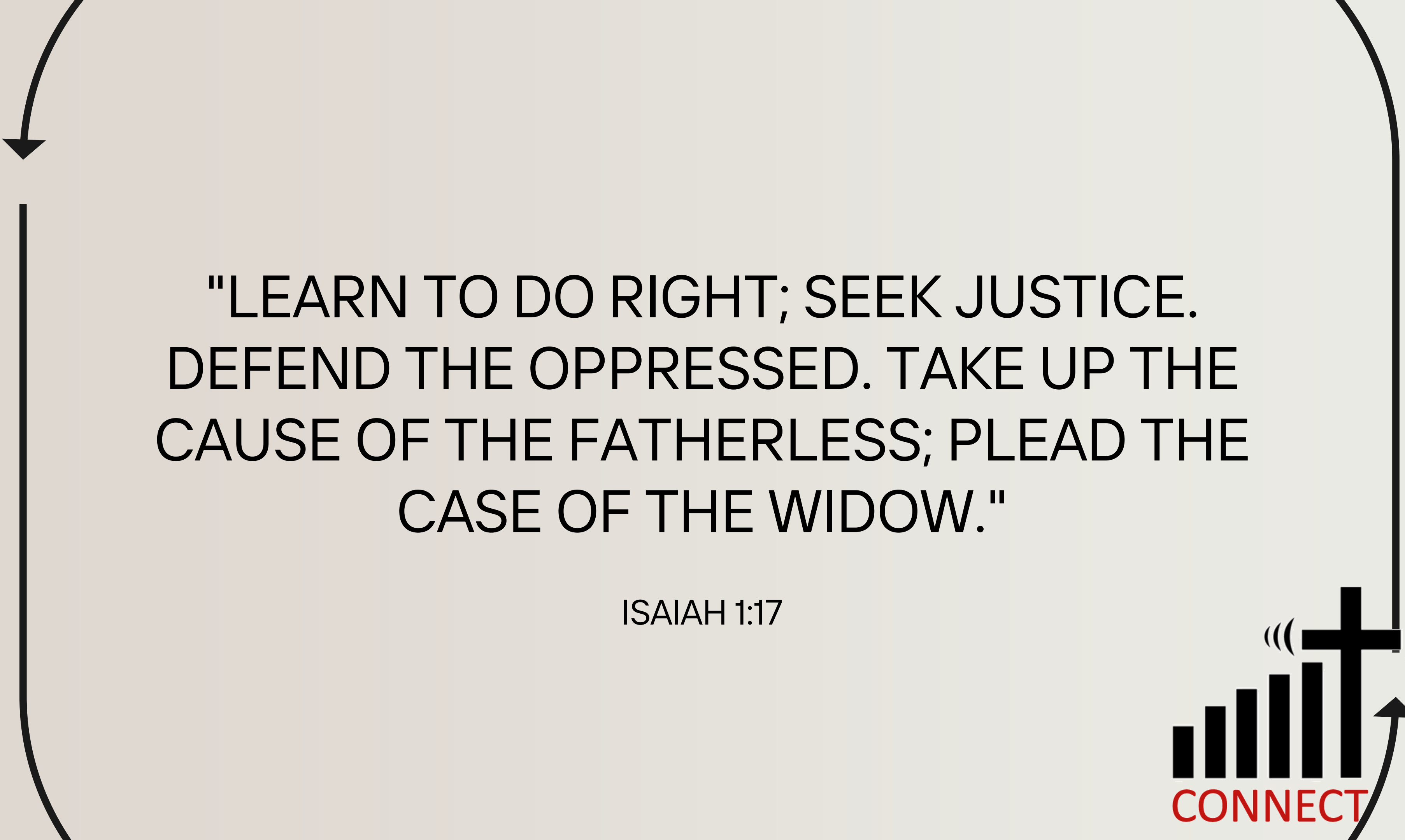
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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down  
from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not  
change like shifting shadows.

*The tomb is empty.*





"LEARN TO DO RIGHT; SEEK JUSTICE.  
DEFEND THE OPPRESSED. TAKE UP THE  
CAUSE OF THE FATHERLESS; PLEAD THE  
CASE OF THE WIDOW."

ISAIAH 1:17



# Reflections for Life After Easter

The weeks after Easter offer us a time for reflection, renewal, and growth. It's a chance to take what we've learned during Holy Week and apply it to our daily lives. As we move forward, let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead with courage, love, and forgiveness.

*Let our actions reflect the hope and joy of Easter.*



# *faith* & WORKS



REFLECTION





# A Path of Renewal

## REFLECTION

Take time to reflect on the past and what needs to change

## RECONNECT

Explore how to reconnect with yourself, others, and your faith

## RENEW

Embrace the new beginning and move forward with purpose

