



SUSTAINABLE HEALTH EVANGELISM

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WHAT IS HEALTH EVANGELISM

It is not just health education and it is not just sharing Bible prophecies - it is the blend of these... like Jesus shows us

MATTHEW 4:23, 24

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.”



MINISTRY OF HEALING, P. 19

“During His ministry, Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching.”



JESUS COMMISSIONS THE TWELVE DISCIPLES



Luke 9:1. “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.”

JESUS COMMISSIONS THE SEVENTY

Luke 10:9. “And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.”

JESUS GIVES THE GREAT COMMISSION

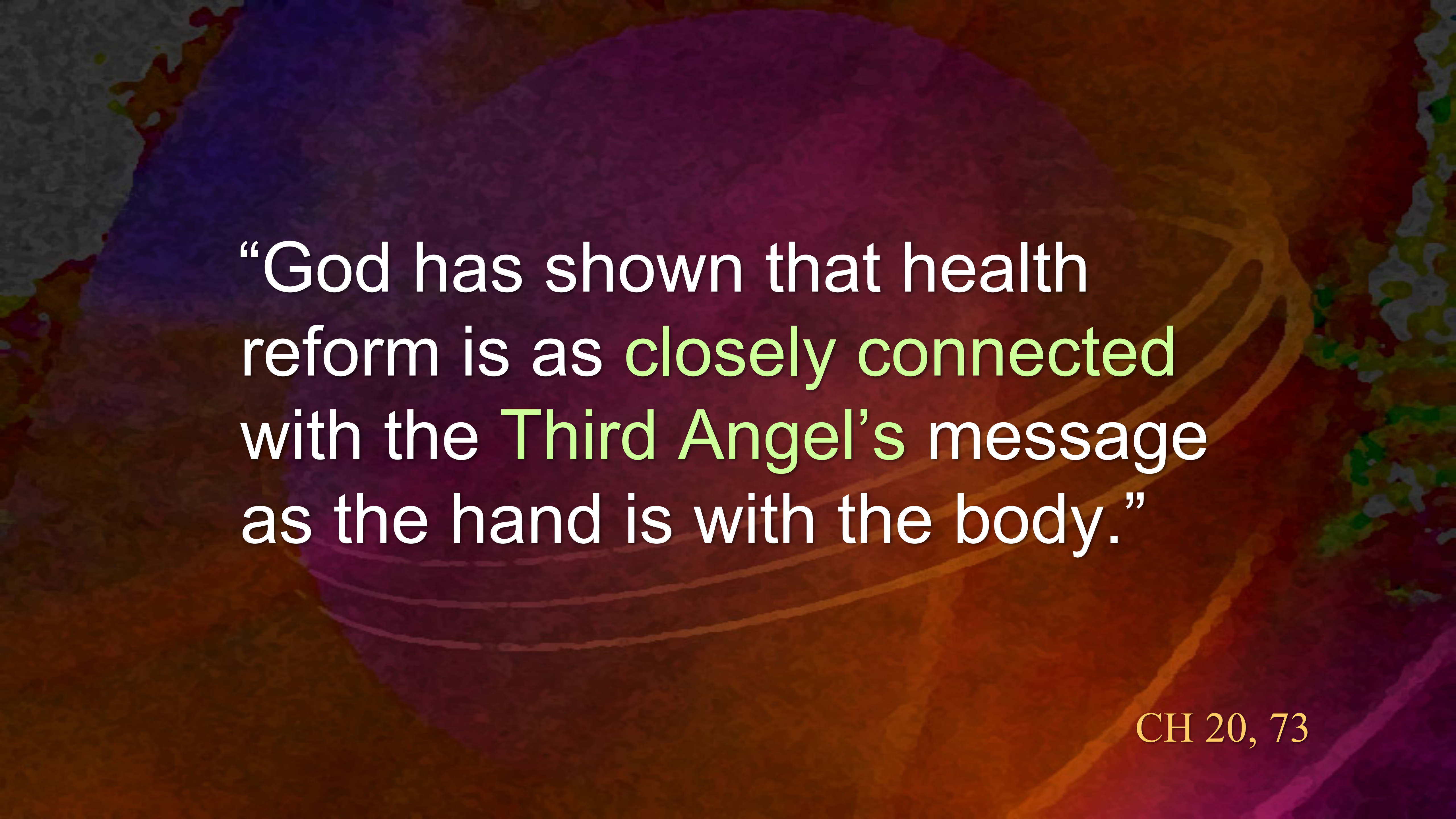
Mark 16:15, 18. “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature ... They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

7 TESTIMONIES, P. 62.

“We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work.”



“The gospel of **health** is to be **firmly linked** to the ministry of the **Word**. It is the Lord’s design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be **a part of the last great effort** to proclaim the gospel message.”



“God has shown that health reform is as closely connected with the Third Angel’s message as the hand is with the body.”

“When the gospel ministers and the medical missionary workers are not united, there is placed on our churches the **worst evil** that can be placed there.”

Worst evil on the gospel side...

“The relation that exists between mind and body is very intimate...It is **impossible** for men, while under the power of sinful, health-destroying habits, to **appreciate sacred truths**. The intellect is clouded, the moral powers are enfeebled, and **sin does not look sinful...**

“The most ennobling, grand, and glorious themes of God’s Word seem but idle tales. Satan can then **easily snatch away** the good seed that has been sown in the heart; for the soul is in no condition to **comprehend or understand** its true value....

“It is thus that selfish, health-destroying indulgences are counteracting the influence of the message which is to prepare a people for the great day of God.”

Worst evil on the health side...

“The medical missionary work should be a part of every church in our land. **Disconnected from the church**, it would soon become a strange medley of disorganized atoms. **It would consume, not produce.**”

“Health reform, wisely treated, will prove an **entering wedge** where the truth may follow with marked success. But to present health reform **unwisely**... has served to create prejudice with unbelievers....

“And to **bar the way to the truth**,
leaving the impression that we are
extremists... We must not give
occasion for us to be regarded as
extremists.”

“If people see that we are **intelligent** with regard to health, they will be more ready to believe that we are **sound** in Bible doctrines.”

CTBH 121

WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL WAYS THAT EVERY MEMBER CAN TAKE HOLD OF THIS WORK?

Doctors, nurses, physical therapists, massage therapists, dietitians, and those in professional healthcare setting can be very intentional in making the bridge between physical health and spiritual health.

MEDICAL MINISTRY, P. 27.4

The purpose of our health institutions is not first and foremost to be that of hospitals. The health institutions connected with the closing work of the gospel in the earth stand for the great principles of the gospel in all its fullness. Christ is the one to be revealed in all the institutions connected with the closing work, but

MEDICAL MINISTRY, P. 27.4

none of them can do it so fully as the health institution where the sick and suffering come for relief and deliverance from both physical and spiritual ailment.

Many of these need, like the paralytic of old, the forgiveness of sin the first thing, and they need to learn how to “go, and sin no more.”

THE REVIEW AND HERALD, OCTOBER 29, 1914

If a sanitarium connected with this closing message fails to lift up Christ and the principles of the gospel as developed in the third angel's message, it fails in its most important feature, and contradicts the very object of its existence.

EXAMPLES

Praying with patients

Having Bible studies in the hospital / clinic

Invite to small groups

Combine health and spiritual topics in
seminars and counseling

Media in waiting rooms





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TAKE ONE!**
Loma Linda
University Health

*Love
Have
Security*

STEPS TO
CHRIST

You Can Kick
the Habit!

Literature Ministry


Team Statistics

- ∞ Total Volunteers - 97 (Bible Instructors, Literature Distributors, Site Coordinators and Committee Members)
- ∞ Bible Studies - 102 every week
- ∞ Baptisms - 7 plus 10 preparing
- ∞ Pieces of Literature - 17,806 per month
- ∞ 5-Foot Racks - 10
- ∞ Single Bible Study Racks - 105
- ∞ Pastor Miguel Mendez - Pastoral Liaison

WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE “NON-MEDICAL”?

But few can take a course of training in our medical institutions. But all can study our health literature and become intelligent on this important subject.

- Medical Ministry, 320



Most of the diseases today are lifestyle related and we can all become intelligent in regard to helping others

BECOME INFORMED

Ministry of Healing

Testimonies for the Church

Counsels on Health

Call to Medical Evangelism

Natural Remedies Encyclopedia by Agatha

Thrash

Medical missionary training courses



EXAMPLES OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Atlanta
Health Expo

Robert Ferst Center

June 28-July 8

6:00-7:30 pm.

- **Cholesterol & Glucose Testing**
- **Lung Peak Flow**
- **Carotid Doppler***
- **Anti Stress Massage**
- **Harvard Step Test**
- **Health Seminars**

*From July 1 to July 3

**ALL
FREE**

Walmart Opens Doors to Community Health Screening

THRIVE (Teach Heal Revive Integrated Volunteer Evangelism) is a group of young people that partner with churches throughout the Nevada-Utah Conference to minister via door-to-door outreach, literature evangelism, Bible studies, health coaching, cooking schools and church member training.

This summer, THRIVE has teamed up with Youth Rush (the summer student literature evangelism program) for a holistic approach to evangelism and church member involvement in Las Vegas. The objective is to promote physical and spiritual wellbeing with the community via a combination of the gospel message and the health message.

One of the unique opportunities this season was an invitation to Walmart to conduct a community health screening. "Normally when

we work with Walmart they have put us outside in the parking lot, but on this occasion they saw the value of putting us right inside the store," said program director Westney White. "They removed an entire section of clothes from the front entrance of the store, and we were able to set up shop in a ideal location inside the building."

During these health screenings, health professionals checked patients' basic vital signs and inquired about their lifestyle habits. Guests also learned about the eight laws of health — nutrition, exercise, water, sunlight, temperance, air, rest and trust in God. Each participant received a relaxing massage and had the opportunity to sign up for other health and spiritual services that the church will be providing for the community.

There was a steady flow of traffic for the entire four hours of the event.

One man named Craig came through and asked, "What organization is putting this on?" When he learned that the team is affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist church located just three minutes from Walmart, he said, "Wow, my wife and I have been thinking about attending your church for months. We like that you worship on Saturday." After the team answered a few questions and gave him some literature, he said, "I hope to see you at your church soon."

Church members hope to continue promoting health in the community, using physical wellness to bridge the path to lasting spiritual health.

Westney White



Thomas Clark introduces Peter Neri, Paradise church pastor, to a family that is interested in Bible studies.



THRIVE member Andrew Cota shares Habits that Heal with a guest at the health expo.



Team members Thomas Clark and Anthony Baca teach participants about nutrition.



Lorelai Plata and Angele Noel invite people to the health expo at Walmart.



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LIVING TRACTS
LIFESTYLE MATTERS

Romans 12:2

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”





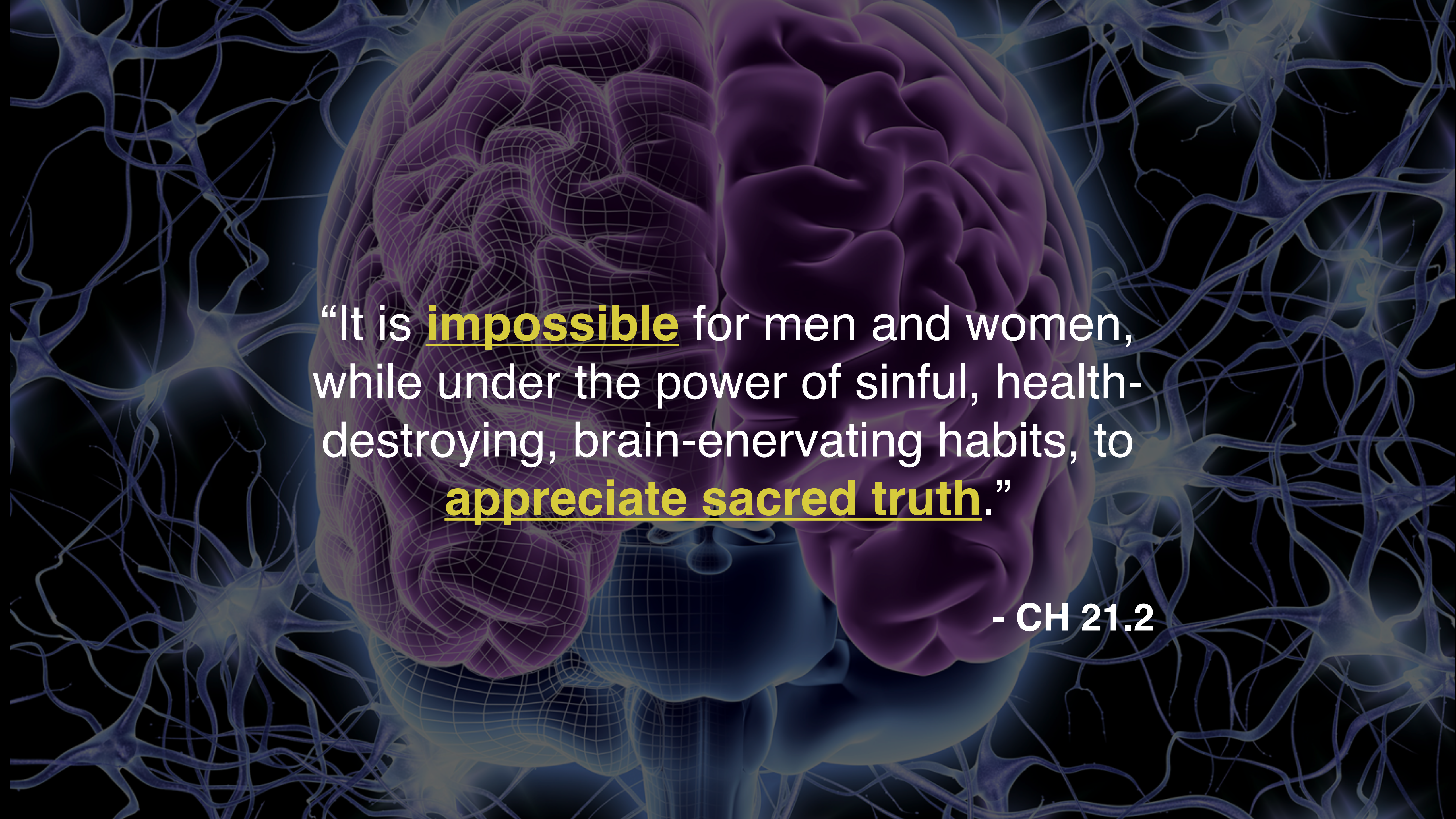
God says we must be...

transformed

renewing of your mind

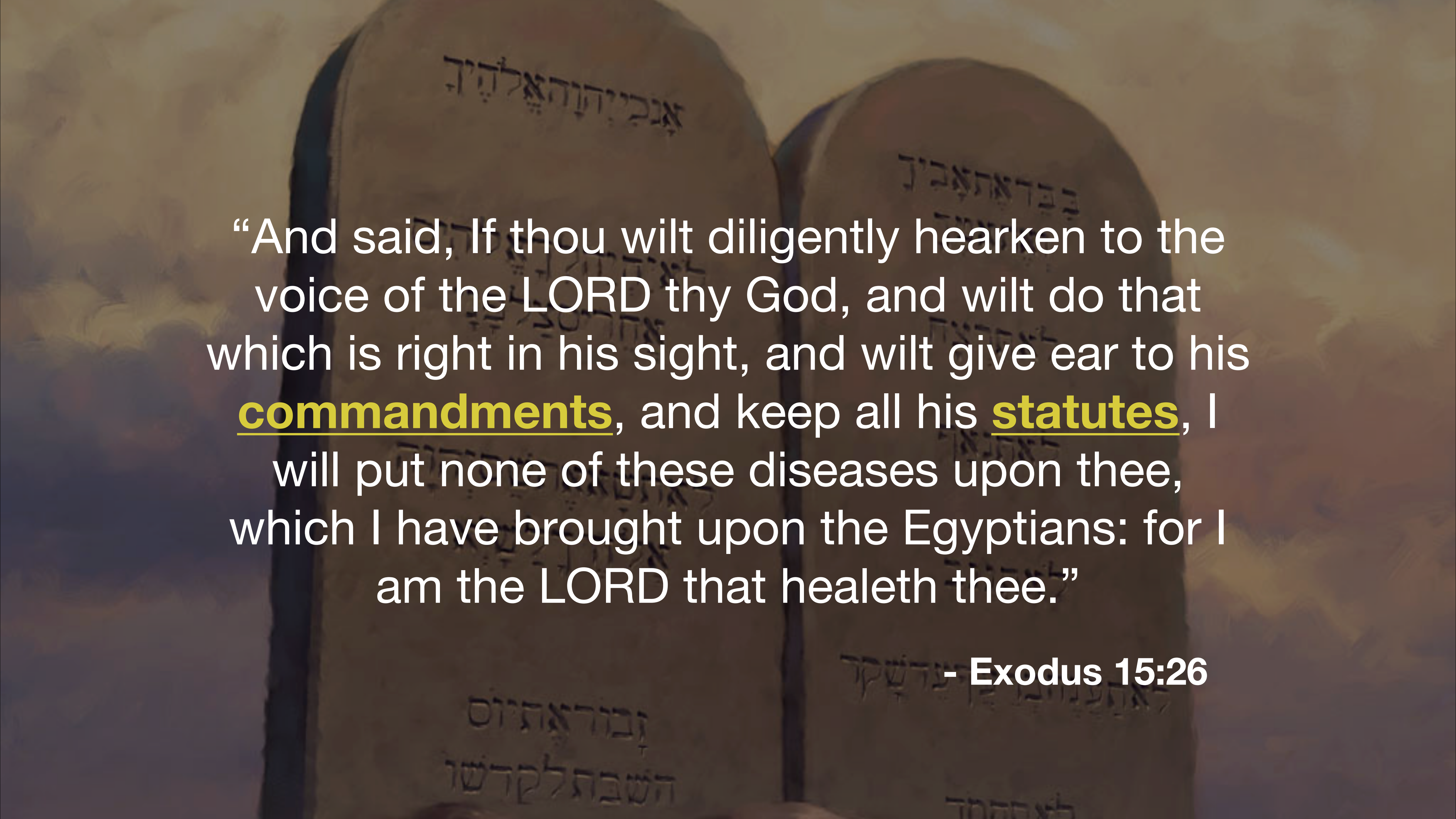
that ye may prove

to recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy



“It is **impossible** for men and women, while under the power of sinful, health-destroying, brain-enervating habits, to **appreciate sacred truth.**”

- CH 21.2



“And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his **commandments**, and keep all his **statutes**, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.”

- Exodus 15:26

A dramatic scene of Moses standing on a turbulent, dark sea. He is dressed in traditional white and blue robes, holding a long wooden staff high in his right hand. The sea is dark and swirling with white foam, and the sky is a deep, dark blue. The overall mood is one of divine power and leadership.

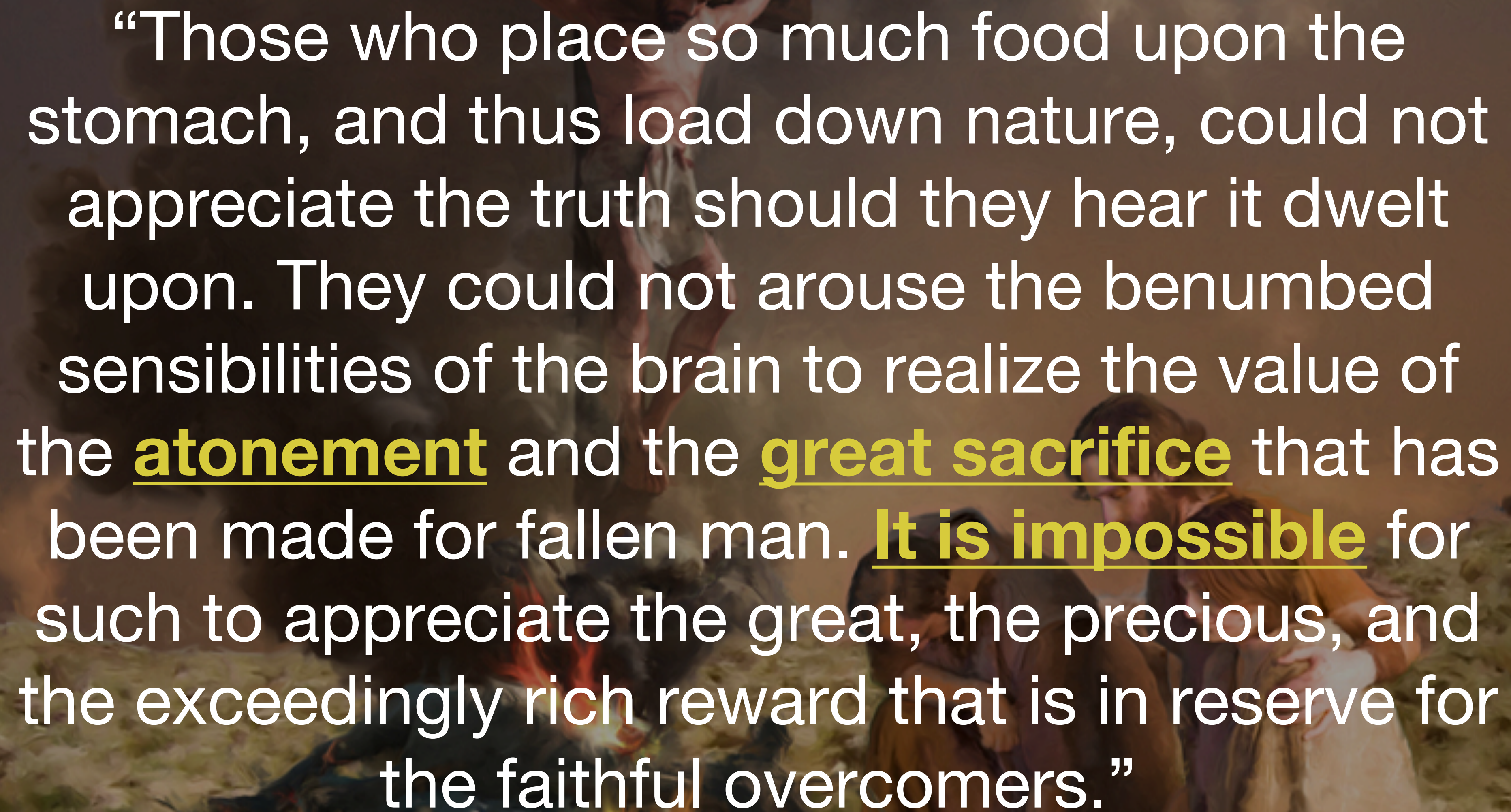
Moses:
Prepared God's people to enter the promised land

8 week wellness plan.

**“Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest,
exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in
divine power—these are the true remedies.”**


- CH 90.2

**God gives Moses the commandments and
the pattern of the sanctuary**



“Those who place so much food upon the stomach, and thus load down nature, could not appreciate the truth should they hear it dwelt upon. They could not arouse the benumbed sensibilities of the brain to realize the value of the atonement and the great sacrifice that has been made for fallen man. It is impossible for such to appreciate the great, the precious, and the exceedingly rich reward that is in reserve for the faithful overcomers.”

- CH 158.2



**The last church we served at became
the fastest growing church in the
North Pacific Union per capita
growing from 40 to 90 present on
Sabbath in just two years.**

was 89% member involvement in events outside of the Sabbath

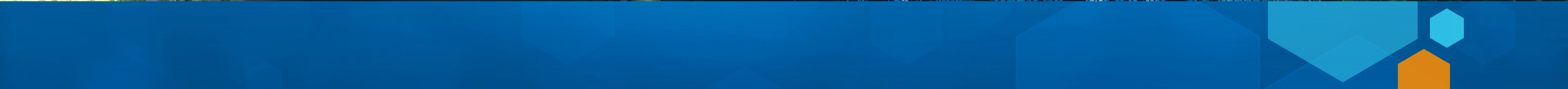
**33% of our current church is actively
working on improving their health**







Lorena



SUSTAINABLE

1. Make a plan (evangelism calendar)
2. Develop a team
3. Financially

PHASE	DATE	EVENTS	GOALS
Phase 1: Personally Prepare	January (July)	Revival Series	Become Revived and passionate to share Jesus
Phase 2: Prepare the Soil	February (July)	Sermon Series on Jesus, witnessing and prayer	Create Ministries to reach people (MH 143)
Phase 3: Plant the Seed	February – May (July – August)	Door-to-Door, Colporteurs Radio Ads, Television Spots Cooking schools, Health Talks	Reach <u>everyone</u> with an invitation to come to Jesus
Phase 4: Cultivate the Harvest	May (Sept)	Short Seminars (ie. Prophecy Seminars, Sanctuary, 2 nd Coming, family, Health Expos, Archeology)	Find those who are really interested in Present Truth
Phase 5: Harvest	June (October)	Evangelism Series	Reaping from our pre-work interests
Phase 6: Preserve the Harvest	July (November)	Bible Marking Class Bible Doctrines Gospels Study	Grounding

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