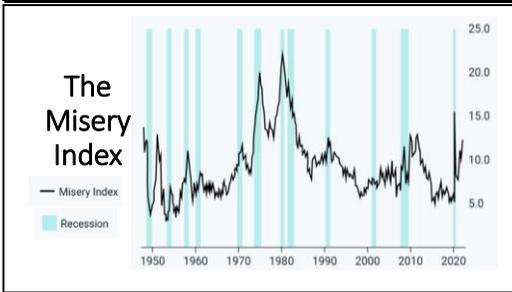




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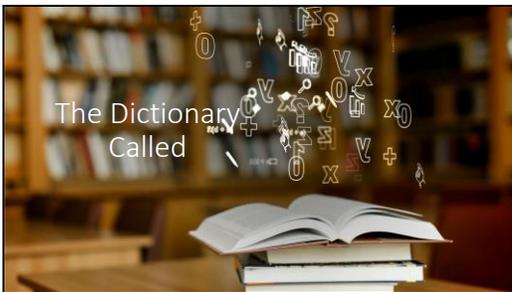


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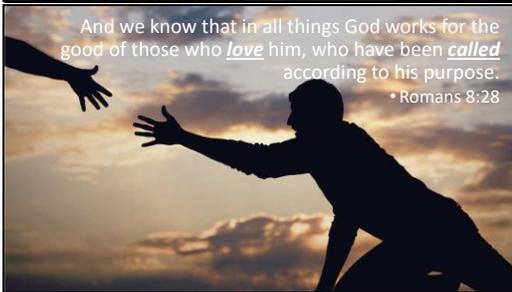


The misery index — a measure that sums up inflation and unemployment rates — is rising dramatically. What it tells us: The misery index is meant to measure American households' economic well-being. The idea: the higher the index, the worse the misery. The first misery index was developed by economist Arthur Okun, an advisor to President Lyndon Johnson, in the 1970s.

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• Romans 8:28

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love – krecipricol, both ways

Called – the present and active act of calling, invited, summoned by God, named

They are sure that all things work for their good, not only because *they love Him who worketh all things*, but also because *He who worketh all things hath loved and chosen them*, and carried them through the successive steps of their spiritual life.

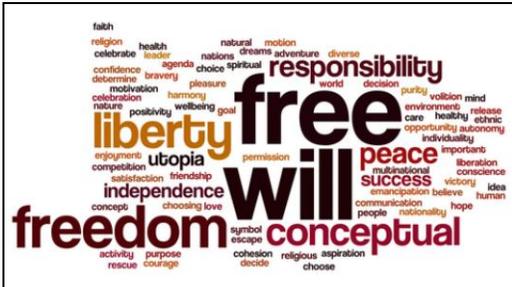
And we know with an absolute knowledge that all things are constantly working together, resulting in good for those who are loving God, for those who are called ones according to His purpose



He called Mary, and everything was different, she was different.



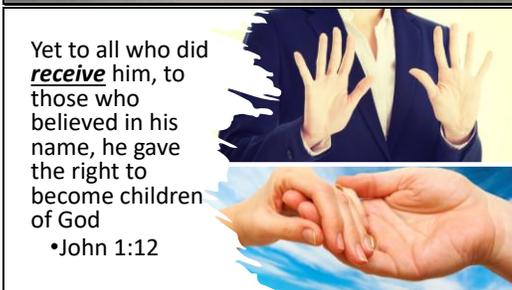
This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who **wants all people to be saved** and to **come to a knowledge of the truth.** **wants all people to be saved** – once and for all salvation that is bought for us **come to a knowledge of the truth.** – once and for all knowing the truth that we must actively work for, search for

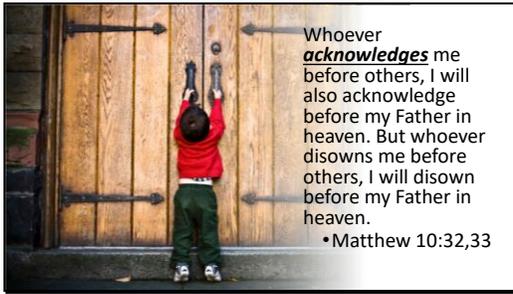


And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, **choose** this day whom you will serve **choose** – select



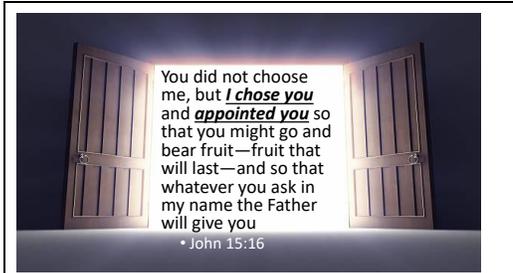
Yet to all who did **receive** him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God **receive** – to actively take hold of or receive, accepting what is offered.



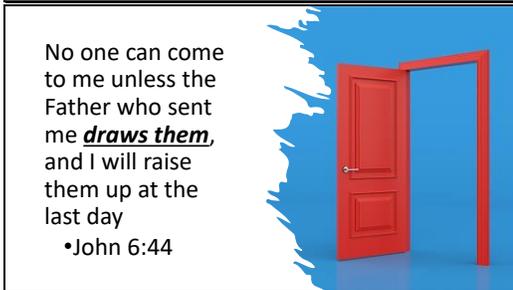


Whoever **acknowledges** me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

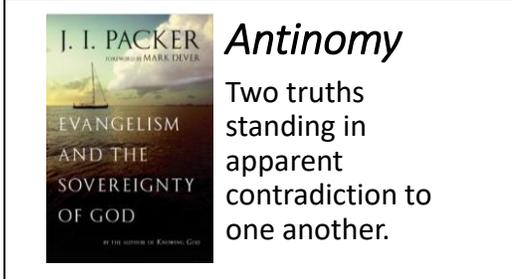
acknowledges – to say the same thing, agree with God



You did not choose me, but **I chose you** and **appointed you** so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you



No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me **draws them**, and I will raise them up at the last day

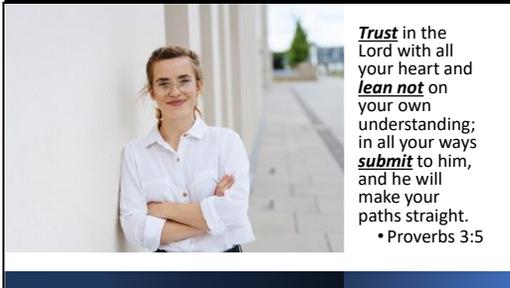


He humbly shows that Scripture, far from being contradictory, reveals truth that is sometimes irreconcilable for finite beings to exhaustively comprehend. Packer holds divine sovereignty and human responsibility together in tension, without letting one outweigh the other.





Now faith is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we **do not see**.
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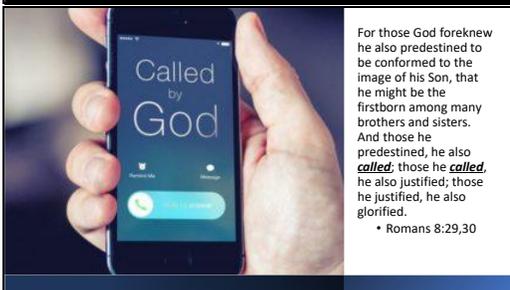


Trust in the Lord with all your heart and **lean not** on your own understanding; in all your ways **submit** to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Trust – put our weight on
lean not – Don't put weight anywhere else.
submit – place ourself under him and his authority

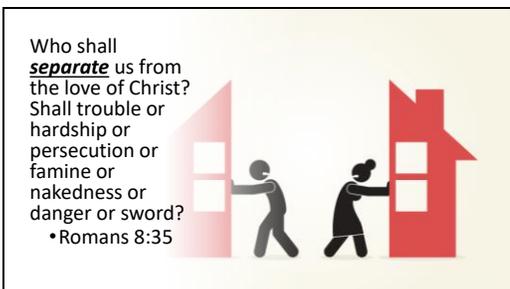
This trust is with God and God alone, but it impacts how we treat one another – Rick Warren appeared for the last time at the Southern Baptist Convention this week...

Treat each other as allies or adversaries – those who God called



For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also **called**; those he **called**, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

called – change positions, change teams, change allegiances.



Who shall **separate** us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Separate – pull apart, depart, leave, withdraw

For I am **convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, **will be able to separate us** from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

• Romans 8:38,39

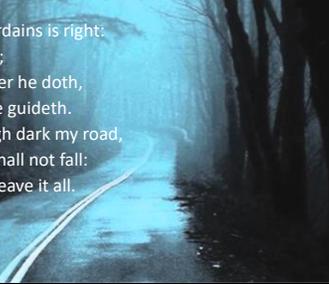


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convinced – persuaded, have confidence., the convincing happened in the past, once and for all, and it’s still effecting life and decisions today

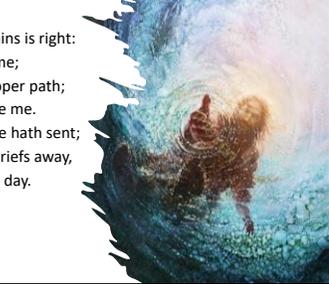
will be able to separate us – pull us apart

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his holy will abideth;
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and follow where he guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road,
he holds me that I shall not fall:
wherefore to him I leave it all.



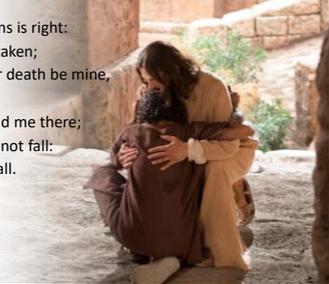
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No more talking. Maybe God can get your attention now.

