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Building the Tabernacle: Part 2 Exodus 37 – 38

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- Psalm 119:37-40 (NKJV)

37 Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
[And] revive me in Your way.

38 Establish Your word to Your servant,
Who [is devoted] to fearing You.

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- Psalm 119:37-40 (NKJV)

39 Turn away my reproach which I dread,

For Your judgments [are] good.

40 Behold, I long for Your precepts;

Revive me in Your righteousness.

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Previously in **Exodus**:

- As we come near the end of the book of Exodus, the Israelites are building the tabernacle.
- Last week we saw them bring in the contributions for its construction.
- We also saw them build the tent-like structure.

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What to expect in Exodus 37 – 38:

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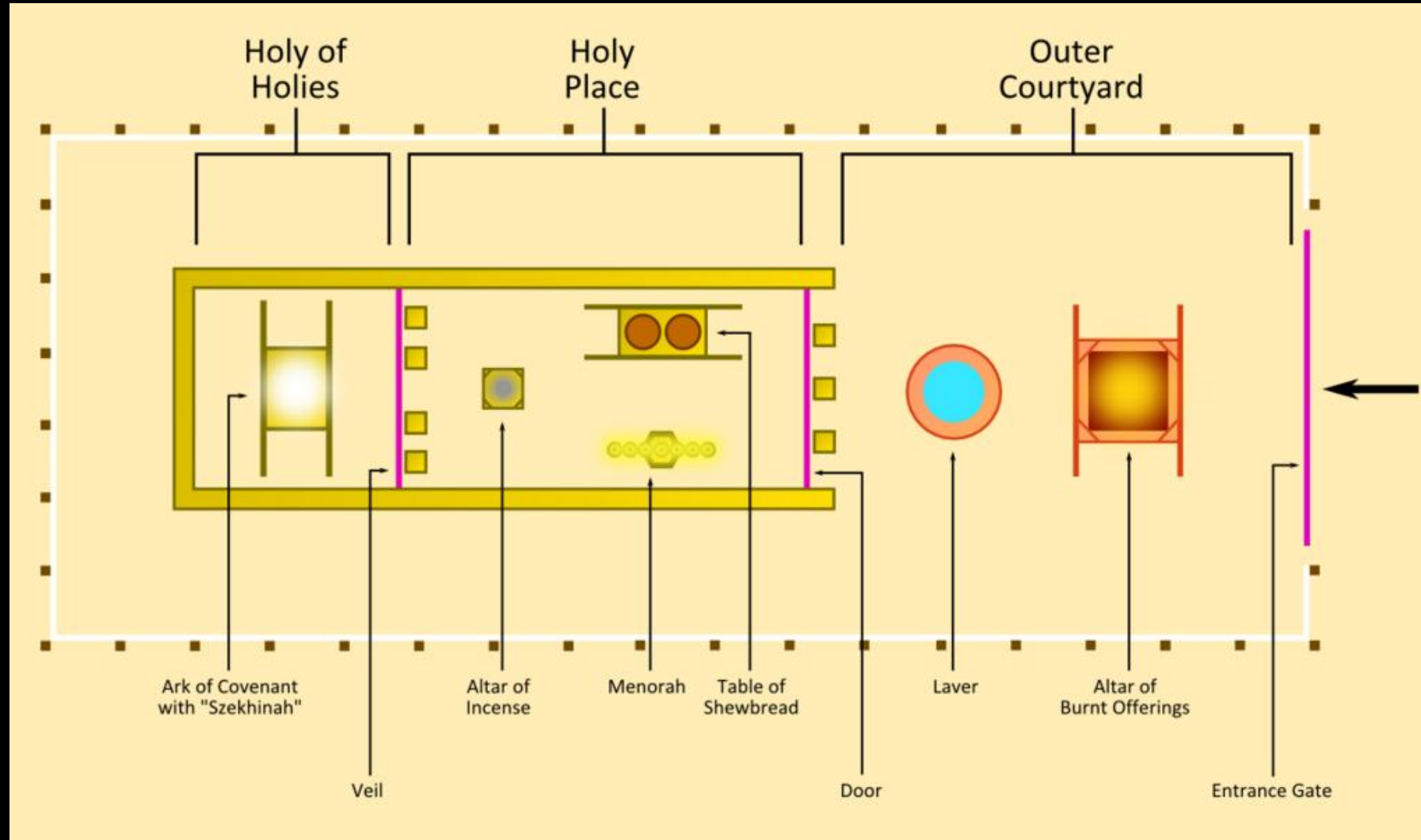
What to expect in Exodus 37 – 38:

- This week the workers will put together all the items of furniture.
- They built specific items for the courtyard, the holy place, and for the holy of holies.
- We will look at them one at a time.

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I. The Ark

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I. The Ark

37:1-9

- The ark of the covenant was the holiest item of all.
- It belonged in the holiest place of all – the holy of holies – *Kodesh HaKodashim*
- That is a Hebrew way of saying the most holy place.



I. The Ark

37:1-9

- Once the tabernacle was built, and later the temple, the high priest would enter this place once a year.
- That was on *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement.
- And he would apply blood to the cover – mercy seat – of the ark.



I. The Ark

37:1-9

- Leviticus 16:14-15

14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times ...



I. The Ark

37:1-9

- Leviticus 16:14-15

... 15 "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.



II. The Table

37:10-16



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- The table would be used to hold the bread that was constantly on display inside the tabernacle.
- This is the first of three items of furniture that we find in the Holy Place – outside the Holy of Holies.

II. The Table

37:10-16



- John 6:47-51

47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die ...

II. The Table

37:10-16



- John 6:47-51

... 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

III. The Lampstand

37:17-24



III. The Lampstand

- The lampstand – *menorah* – was the next item of furniture.
- It served a very obvious purpose of providing light inside the tent which had no windows.

37:17-24



III. The Lampstand

37:17-24

- John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,
"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in
darkness, but will have the light of
life."



III. The Lampstand

37:17-24

- John 9:5

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.



III. The Lampstand

37:17-24

- 1 John 1:5-7

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth ...



III. The Lampstand

37:17-24

- 1 John 1:5-7

... 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



IV. The Altar of Incense

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- One of Aaron's jobs was to burn incense on this altar every morning and every evening.
- In the Bible, incense is symbolic of prayer.

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- Psalm 141:2

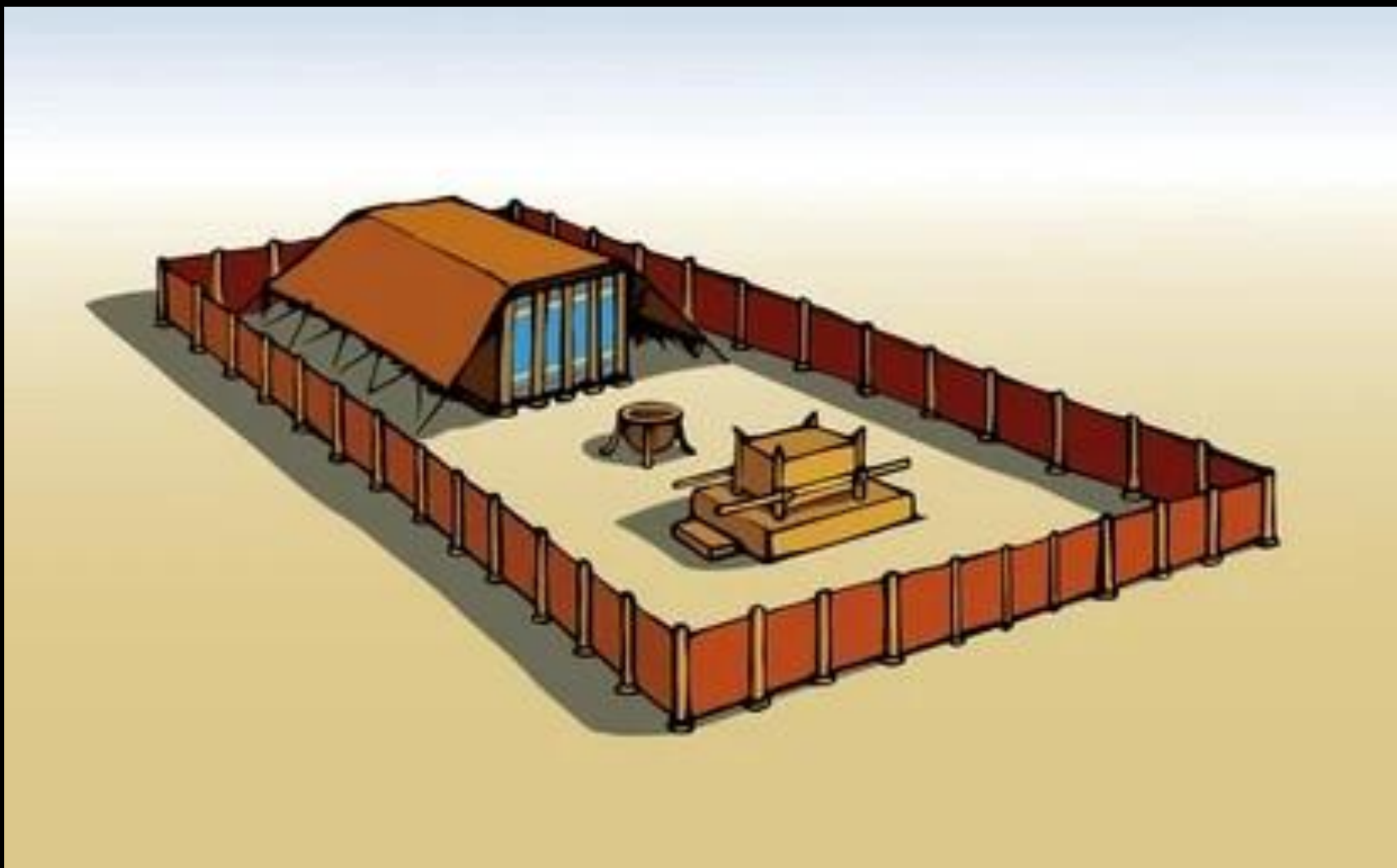
Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

V. The Bronze Altar and Basin

38:1-8

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- These two items were located outside the tent.
- The basin held water for the priests to wash with.
- The large bronze altar was the place where the animal sacrifices were offered.

VI. The Court

38:9-20

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38:9-20

- There was a cloth fence that went all around the tent and enclosed the entire area.
- This really just acted as a boundary.
- All the activities connected with worship took place inside the court.
- Only the priests were then allowed inside the tent.

VII. The Materials Used

38:21-31

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38:21-31

- 38:24 This is about 2200 lbs. of gold.
 - 38:25 This is about 6650 lbs. of silver.
 - 38:29 This is about 5250 lbs. of bronze
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- As of yesterday, gold was priced at \$4980.40 / oz.
 - That makes the gold worth \$175 million.
 - The silver as of yesterday would be \$8.35 million.

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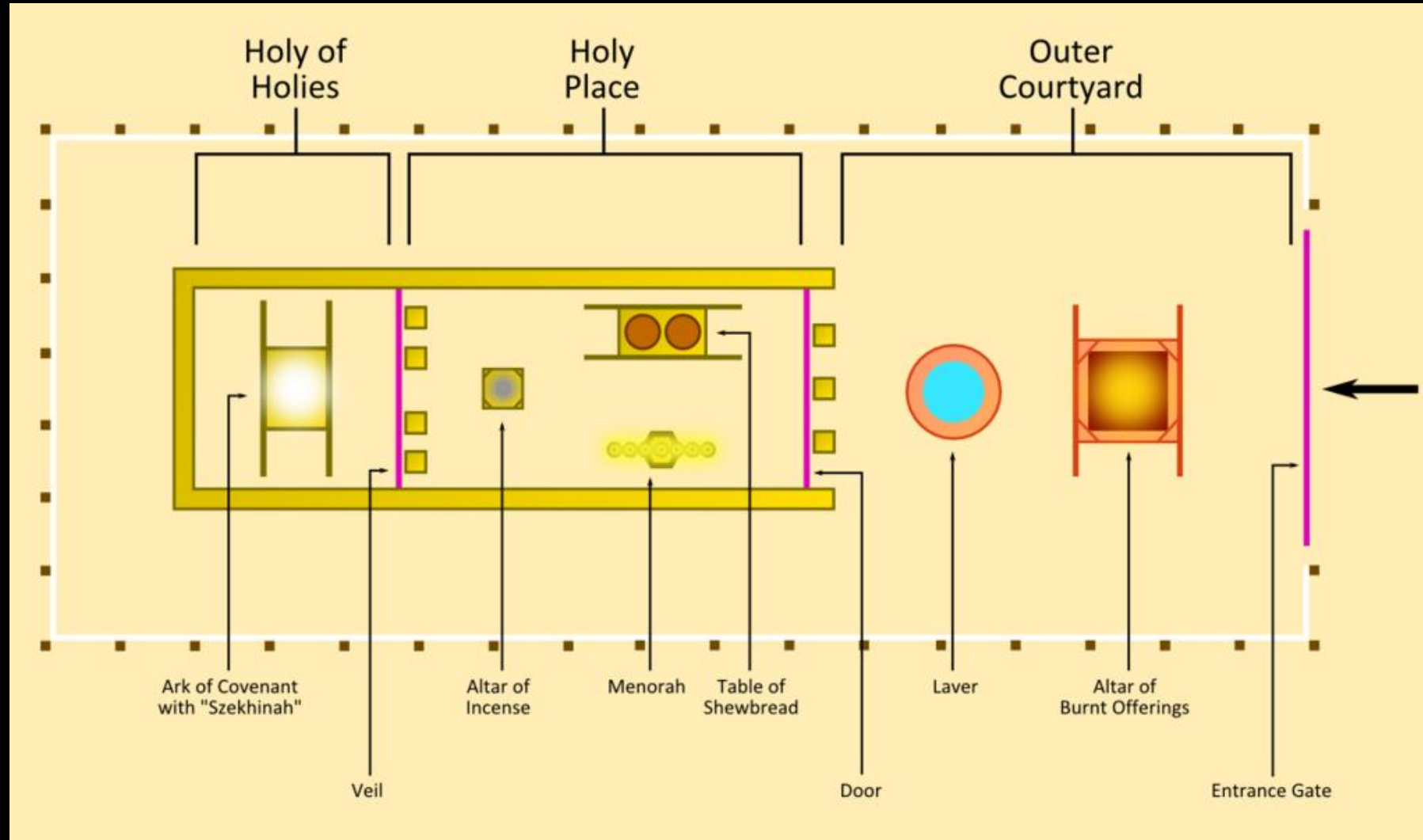
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Faithfulness in All We Do

- We have been reading about a lot of detail concerning the construction of the tabernacle.
- Each little item was evidently important to God and needed to be made just as He specified.

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God is concerned with every detail of our work and does not minimize any aspect of it. The smallest hook for the curtains was as important to Him as the brazen altar. If we are faithful in the small things, God can trust us with the bigger things.

*– Warren Wiersbe (1929 – 2019),
pastor and Bible teacher*

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Faithfulness in All We Do

- Matthew 25:21

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

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Faithfulness in All We Do

- Luke 16:10

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

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Faithfulness in All We Do

- Colossians 3:23-24

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

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Faithfulness in All We Do

- God has given each one of us certain responsibilities.
- Through Him, we can do all things.
- He gives us the ability and the wisdom we need to carry these responsibilities out.
- Let's pray that He will make us faithful servants so that in that day, we will hear Him say, "Well done."

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