(Lev 25:8-17)
[8] ‘And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. [9] ‘Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. [10] ‘And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. [11] ‘That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. [12] ‘For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.
[13] ‘In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession. [14] ‘And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another. [15] ‘According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you. [16] ‘According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you according to the number of the years of the crops. [17] ‘Therefore you shall not oppress one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.

A. A Word For The Ages: Freedom
1. America – Freedom from tyranny (Josh. 24:2)
2. Abraham – Freedom from idolatry (Ex. 6:6)
3. Israel – Freedom from bondage (Jn. 8:32)
4. Christians – Freedom from sin (Lk. 8:11)

B. A Day To Remember: Jubilee
1. Recognition – God owns everything (25:23)
2. Release – Personal freedom (10,39-40)
3. Rest – From labor and task-masters (11-12, 39)
4. Restoration – To God's order (17)

C. A Blessing Offered: Relevance
1. Recognition – You belong (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
2. Release – From and to (Rom. 6:17-18; 1 Pet. 4:11; 1 Cor. 16:15; 2 Cor. 5:17)
3. Rest – Peace (Matt. 11:28-30; Eph. 2:14-17)
4. Restoration – A new beginning and a movement (Lk. 8:11)
Living By The Numbers (2)  
“Two Men” – What Matters Most  
(1 Samuel 10:20-24)

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[20] And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. [21] When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was chosen. And Saul the son of Kish was chosen. But when they sought him, he could not be found. [22] Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, “Has the man come here yet?” And the LORD answered, “There he is, hidden among the equipment.” [23] So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. [24] And Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?” So all the people shouted and said, “Long live the king!”

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A. The Background of the Two Men  
1. **Samuel**  
   a) Born in answer to prayer (1 Sam. 1:20)  
   b) Established as a prophet (1 Sam. 3:20)  
   c) Brought about revival (1 Sam. 7:2-17)  
   d) Anointed Saul as King (1 Sam. 10:1)

2. **Saul**  
   a) Outstanding in Israel (1 Sam. 9:1-12)  
   b) Humble in spirit (1 Sam. 10:21)  
   c) Victorious in battle (1 Sam. 11:1 ff)  

B. The Turning Point for the Two Men  
1. Faithful Samuel (1 Sam. 3:10)  
2. Faithless Saul  
   a) Spared what was good in own eyes (1 Sam. 15:9) – unwilling to obey  
   b) Destroyed what was despised (1 Sam. 15:9) – subjective  
   c) Listened to the people (1 Sam. 15:24) – influenced by others

C. The Lessons from the Two Men  
1. God blesses obedience  
2. Good intentions no substitute for obedience  
3. Knowledge without obedience is rebellion  
4. Disobedience has consequences  
5. Obedience demonstrates faith, love, wisdom, purpose  
6. Partial obedience is disobedience
Living By The Numbers (3)

“Three Cities”

(Ac 17:1-5, 10-11, 16-21)

(Ac 17:1-5)
[1] Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. [2] Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, [3] explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” [4] And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

[5] But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

(Ac 17:10-11)
[10] Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. [11] These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

(Ac 17:16-21)
[16] Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. [17] Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. [18] Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, “What does this babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,” because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. [19] And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? [20] “For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.” [21] For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

A. Thessalonica - Tradition
   1. Closed minds
   2. Control others
   3. Character assassination

B. Athens - Trends
   1. False view of God
   2. Self-centered pride
   3. Politically correct

C. Berea - Transformed
   1. Nobility of character
   2. Receptive
   3. Diligent
   4. Cautious
   5. Loyal
(Heb 12:18-29)

[18] For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, [19] and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. [20] (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.”) [21] And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) [22] But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, [23] to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, [24] to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. [25] See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, [26] whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” [27] Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. [28] Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. [29] For our God is a consuming fire.

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A. Gerizim – **Zeal without knowledge** (Jn. 4:20)
   1. **Excitement** in the wrong place
   2. The faith of the **fathers**
   3. It seems so **right**

B. Moriah – **Knowledge without zeal** (Jn. 4:21)
   1. Right **place** but wrong **hearts**
   2. Doctrinally **correct** but spiritually **dead**
   3. **Activity** without **devotion**

C. Sinai – “**Fear and trembling**”
   1. **Fear**
   2. **Distance**
   3. Religious without **hearing**

D. Zion – “**Reverence and awe**”
   1. **Joy** (Heb. 9:26-28)
Living By The Numbers (5)  
“Five Avenues”  
(John 4:19-24)  

(In 4:19-24)  
[19] The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. [20] “Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” [21] Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. [22] “You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. [23] “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. [24] “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”  

A. Questions About Worship  
1. What? Humbly Declare  
2. Who? The Lord God  
3. Where? In Church  
4. Why? Praise, Remember, Encourage  
5. How? In Spirit and Truth  

B. Overcoming Misconceptions  
1. God or Self?  
2. Together or Alone?  
3. Participation or Observation?  
4. Privilege or Duty?  
5. Attend or Forsake?  

C. New Testament Avenues  
1. Teaching  
2. Prayer  
3. Giving  
4. Communion  
5. Singing
(Ep 2:1-10)
[1] And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, [2] in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, [3] among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. [4] But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, [5] even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), [6] and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, [9] not of works, lest anyone should boast. [10] For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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A. The Universal Need of Salvation (Eph. 2:1-3)
1. We are fallen (Rom. 5:12)
2. We are sinners (Rom. 5:19; 3:10, 23)
3. We are under judgment (Rom. 1:18; 5:18)

B. Salvation and Grace, Faith, and Works
1. Grace (Rom. 5:15-21; Eph. 2:8-10; Tit. 2:11)
2. Faith (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8; Rom. 1:5)
3. Works (Rom. 4:1-5; Ja. 2:14, 17-26)

C. Questions About Salvation
1. Does grace free us from responsibility?
2. Does the free gift of salvation exclude action?
3. Does faith mean belief only?
4. Does insisting upon obedience make one a legalist?
5. What must I do to be saved?
   a) Hear
   b) Believe
   c) Repent
   d) Confess
   e) Baptized
   f) Faithful
Living By The Numbers (7)
Seven Principles
(2 Peter 1:5-11)

(2Pe 1:5-11)
[5] But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, [6] to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, [7] to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. [8] For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. [10] Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; [11] for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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A. Motivation – What God has done
1. Faith (1)
2. Knowledge (2)
3. Gifts (3)
4. Promises (4)
5. Divine nature (4)

B. Dynamic – What we are to do
1. Virtue – Excellence (5)
2. Knowledge – Understanding (5)
3. Self-control – Moderation (6)
4. Perseverance – Endurance (6)
5. Godliness – Presence (6)
6. Brotherly kindness – Family fondness (7)
7. Love – Unconquerable good will (7)

C. Outcome – What will result
1. Useful and fruitful (8)
2. Remember and see (9)
3. Call and election (10)
4. Stand and enter (10, 11)