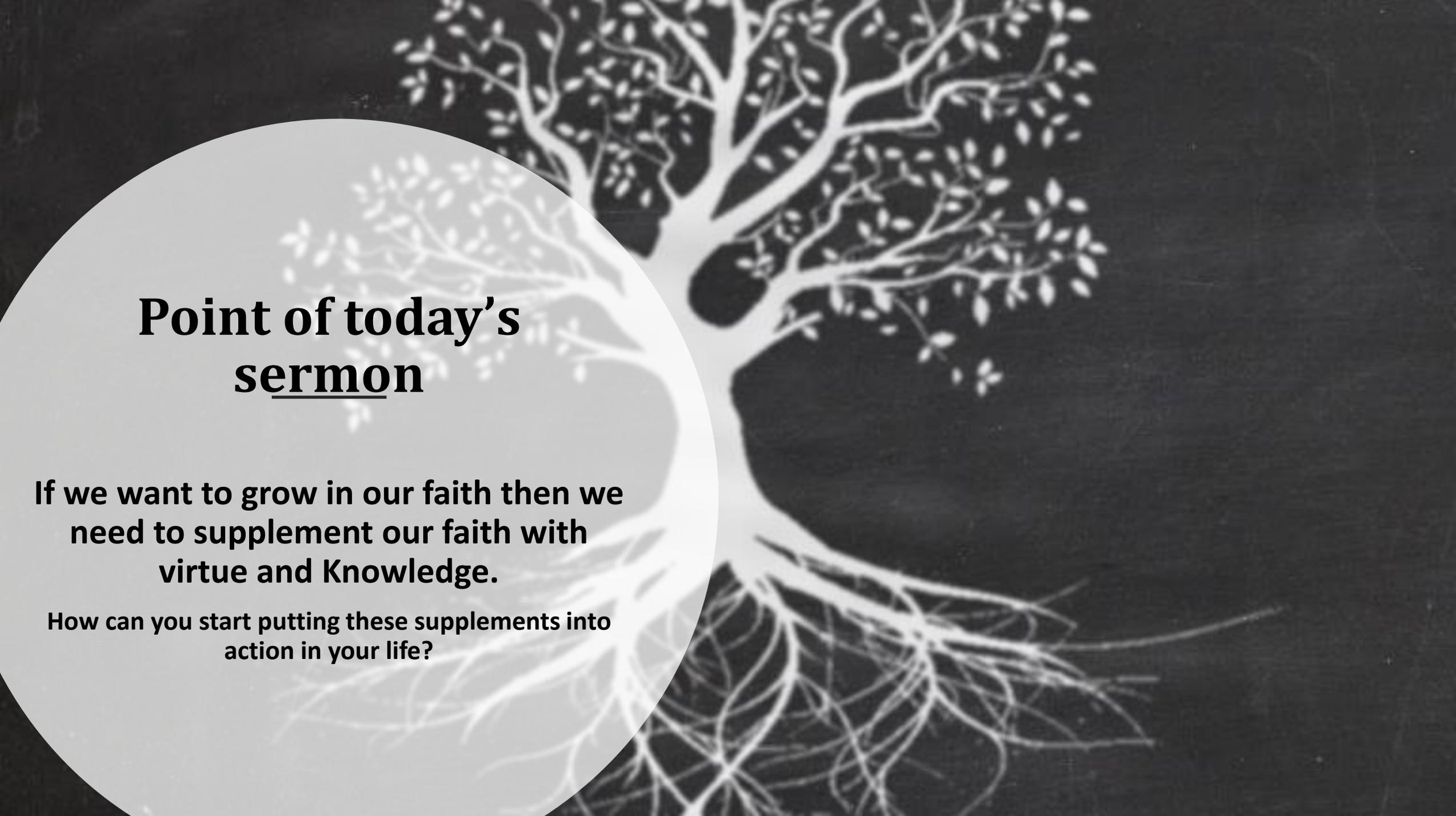


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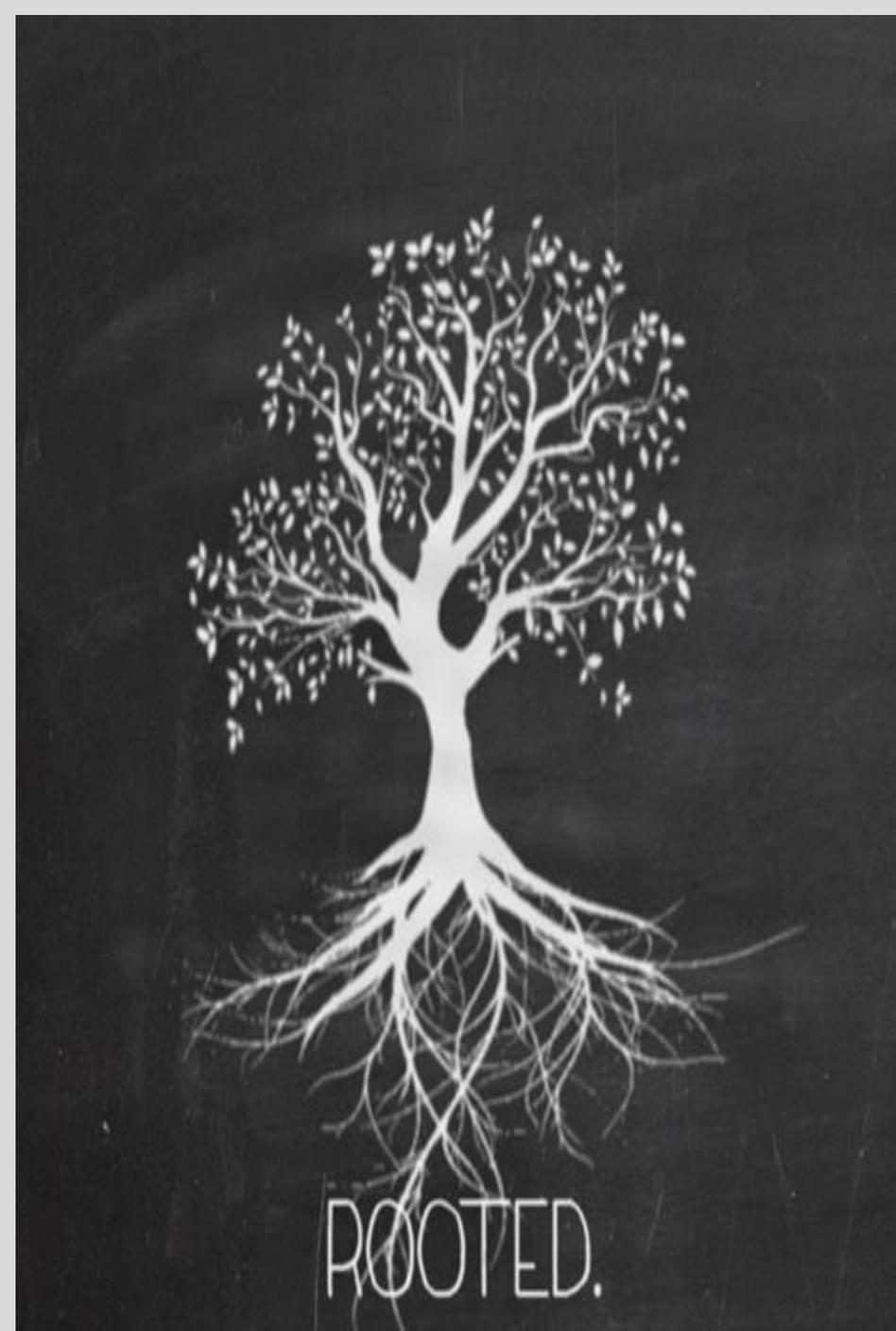
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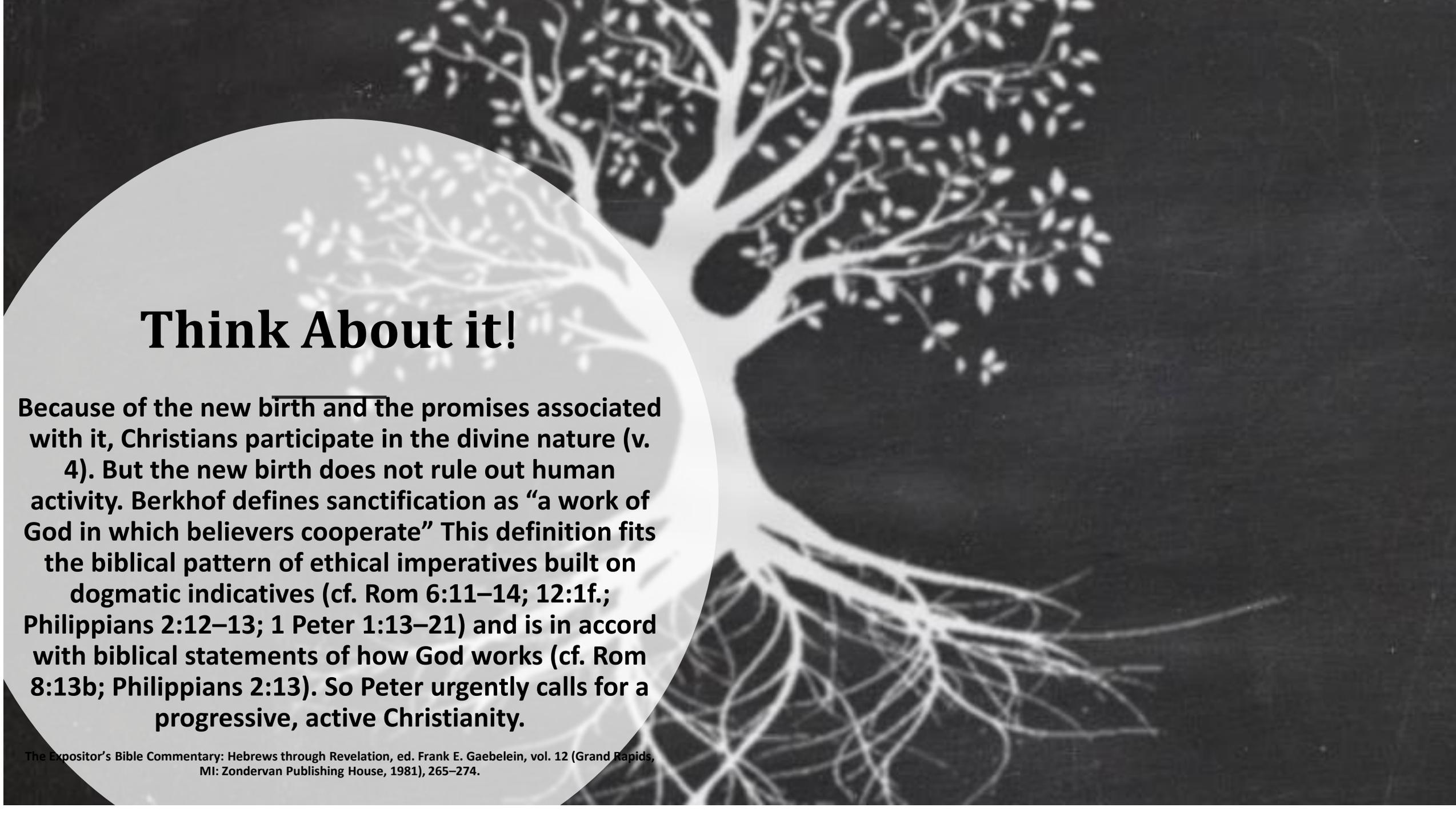
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2 Peter 1:1-10: Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of *equal standing with ours* by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: (2) May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. (3) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, (4) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.



(5) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, (6) and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, (7) and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. (8) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. (10) Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. (11) For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



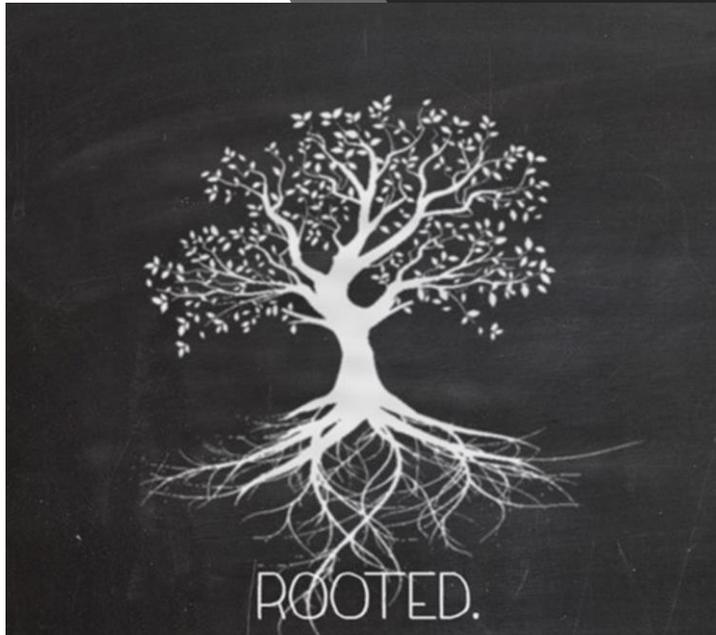


Think About it!

Because of the new birth and the promises associated with it, Christians participate in the divine nature (v. 4). But the new birth does not rule out human activity. Berkhof defines sanctification as “a work of God in which believers cooperate” This definition fits the biblical pattern of ethical imperatives built on dogmatic indicatives (cf. Rom 6:11–14; 12:1f.; Philippians 2:12–13; 1 Peter 1:13–21) and is in accord with biblical statements of how God works (cf. Rom 8:13b; Philippians 2:13). So Peter urgently calls for a progressive, active Christianity.

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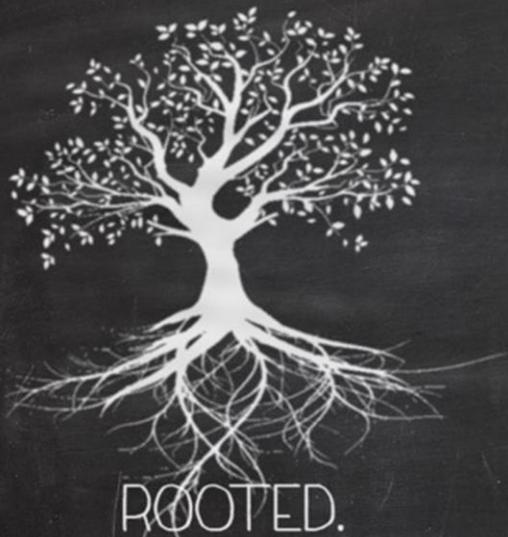


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**“God is not merely good, but
goodness; goodness is not merely
divine, but God.”**

— C. S. Lewis

“Supplement your faith with Goodness”



Goodness, the first quality Peter mentions as springing from true Christian faith, is a rare word in biblical Greek, but very common in non-Christian literature. It means ‘excellence’, and was used to denote the proper fulfilment of anything. In a word, his life must reflect something of the attractive character of Christ. For he was the man par excellence, the proper man.

True human excellence, then, is the manliness which is Christlikeness. **That likeness cannot be acquired except through personal and continuous encounter with him by faith.** This is where the false teachers had gone wrong. They talked a good deal about faith, but exhibited in their lives none of that practical goodness which is indispensable to genuine Christian discipleship.

Michael Green, 2 Peter and Jude: An Introduction and Commentary, vol. 18, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1987), 86–87



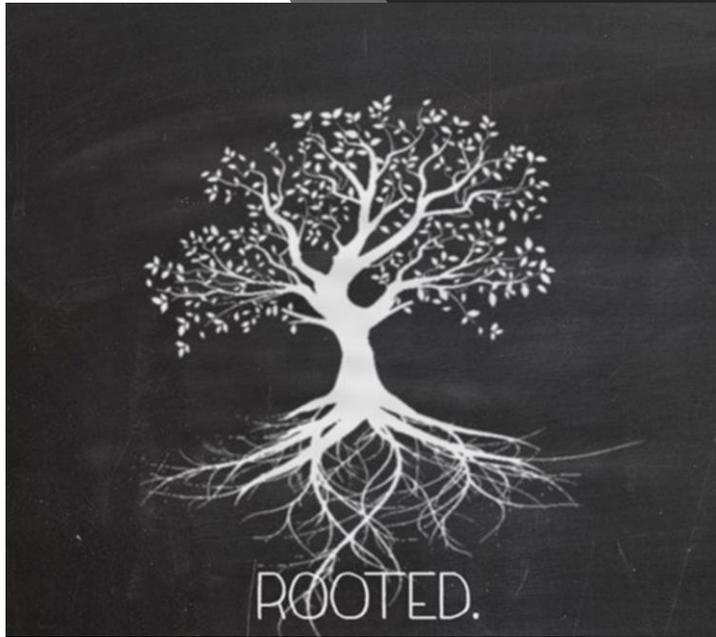
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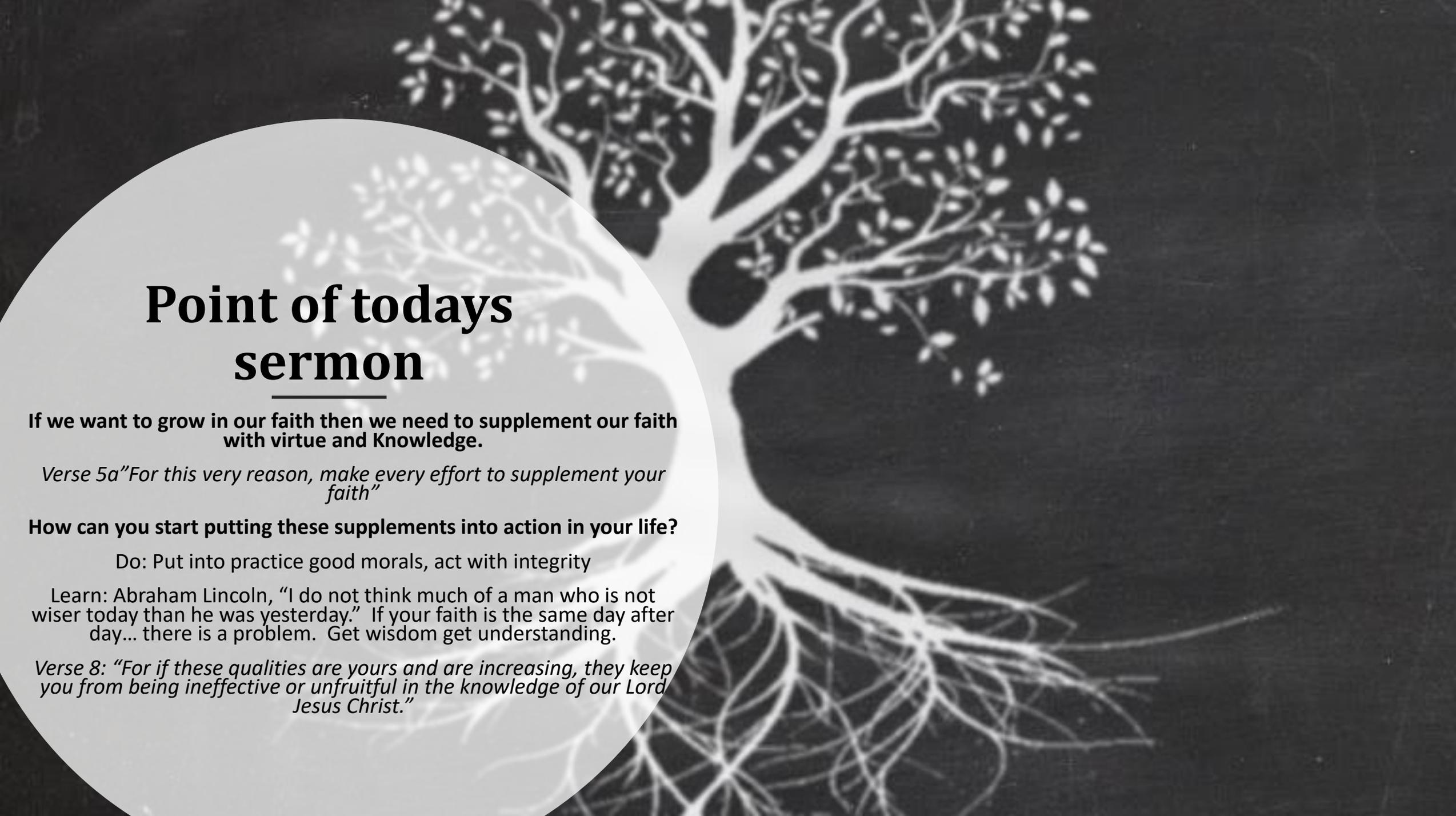
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pays the best interest.”**

Ben Franklin

“Supplement your faith with Knowledge”

“The cure for false knowledge is not less knowledge, but more”
Michael Green





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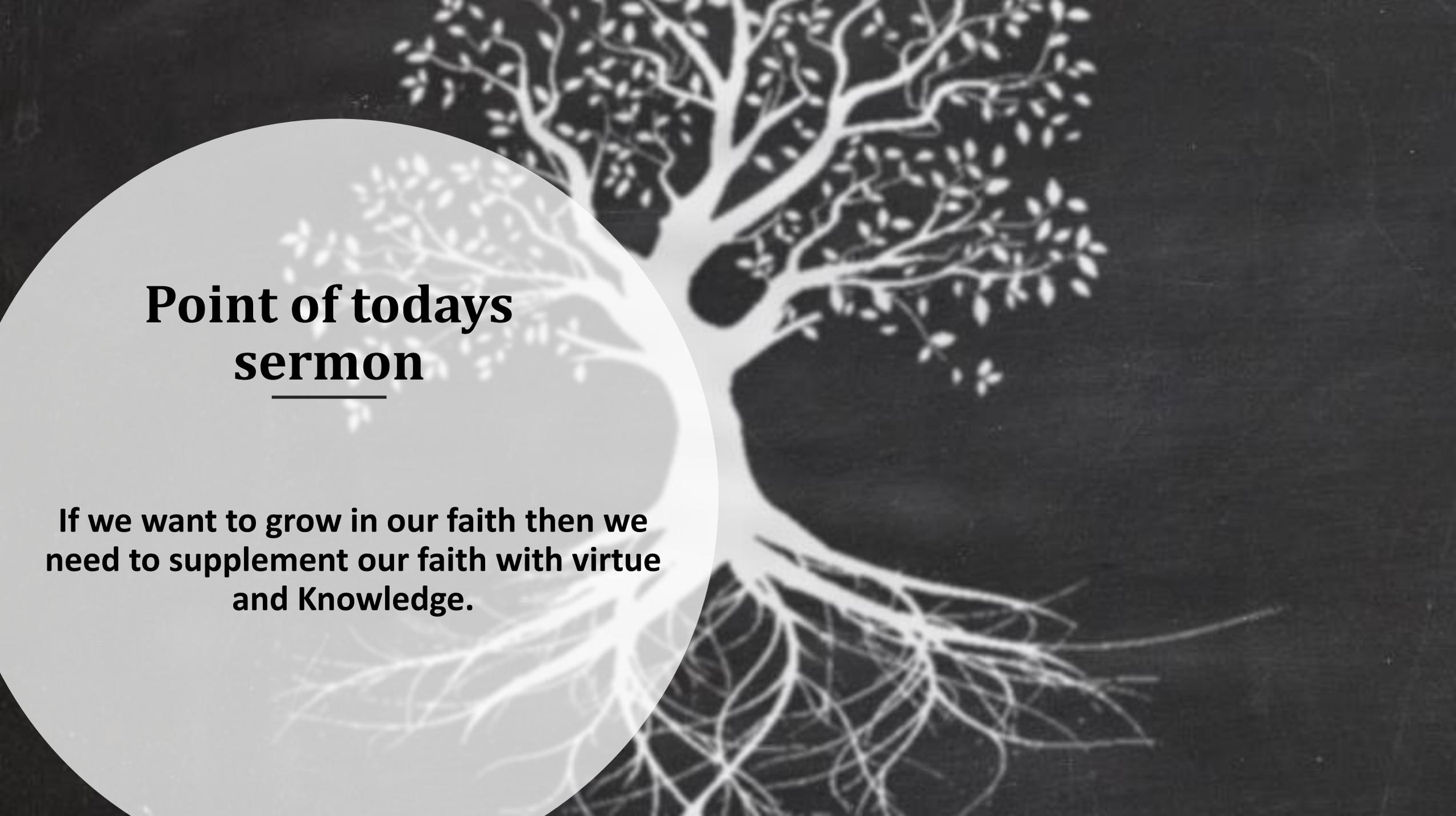
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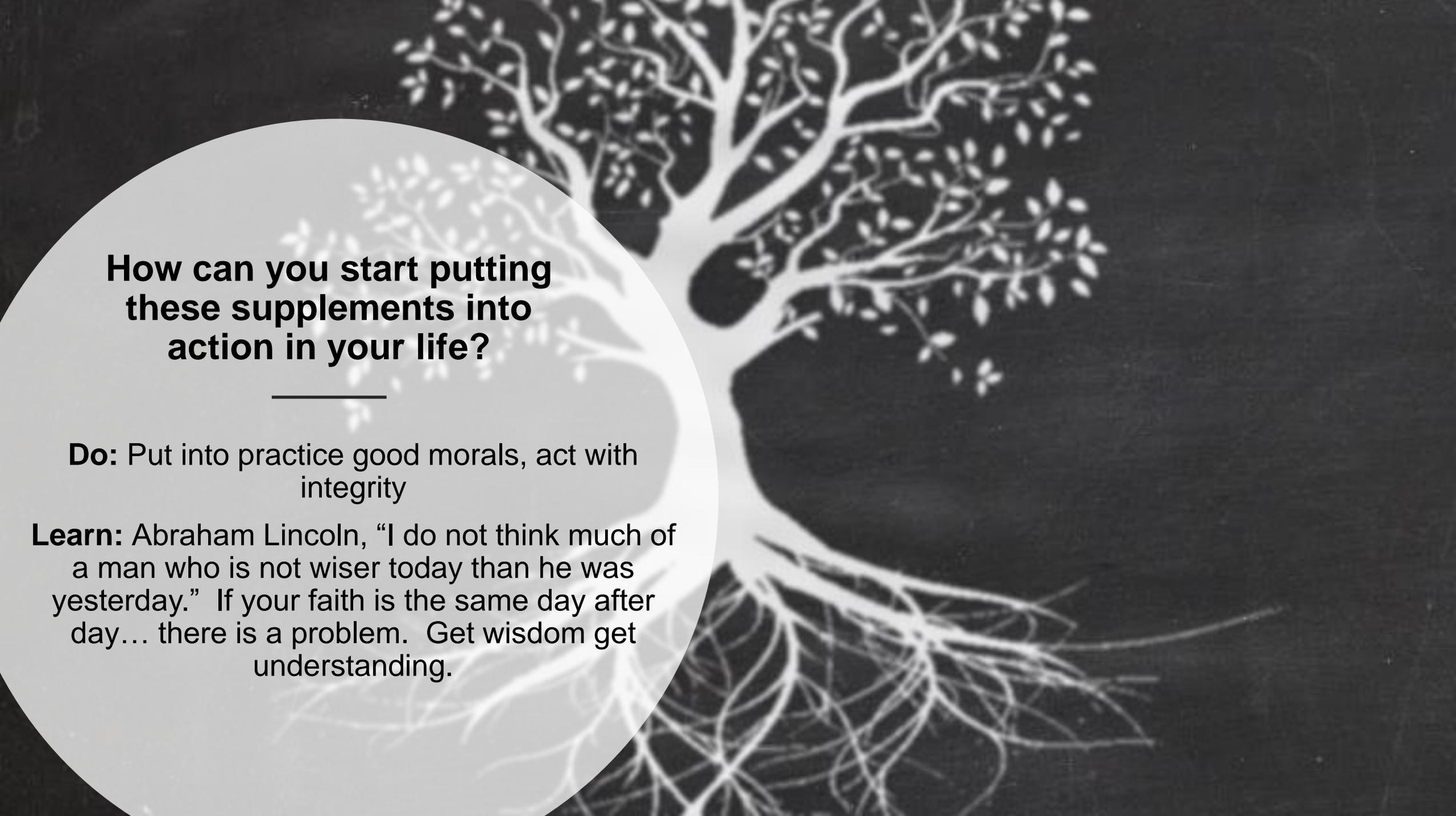
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