RESTORATION

& The Power of Prayer

"Come follow Me"

KINGDOM OF MAN
Versus
KINGDOM OF GOD

MINISTRY OF THE INNER LIFE

Recap:

The Inner Life

1. SECULAR definition: the *thoughts, imagination, emotions, and values* that occupy your mind when you are alone with yourself.

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2. CHRISTIAN understanding: also, referred as the "Inner Man" or "Inner Chamber," the spiritual aspect of a person.
   a) The "Inner Life" is the *ongoing process of pouring our lives out before the Lord as we are changed by grace through the Holy Spirit from the "Old Man" to the "New Man" mind, body, soul, and spirit.*
   b) There are areas of our lives in the deep recesses of our being *that we cannot reach without the Holy Spirit.*

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3. Our souls are the personality centers of our being from which our mind, will, and emotions operate. With our souls *we choose either to listen to and obey the lust of our flesh or the desires of the Holy Spirt*.

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4. Our spirit contains the Inner Man and where God communes with us. *Jesus said, "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).*
   a) It is within our spirits that we are born again. (John 3:3-6)
   b) The Inner man that contain the conscience upon which the Holy Spirit can move and convict of sin.
   c) Our spirits are the parts of us most like God, with an innate knowledge of right and wrong.

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5. He begins to change our actions and desires to match His. Romans 8:13–14 says, *"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."*

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6. Romans 7 details the often-painful battle between our flesh and spirit. Our spirits, having been reborn by the power of God, long to obey and follow Jesus. But the flesh does not die an easy death. Romans 6 explains how we can allow the inner man to triumph over the flesh.

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7. Verses 6 and 7 say, "*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.*" Until we consider ourselves "crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20), the soul and body battle with the spirit for supremacy. We continue to live in a state of defeat until we die to self and allow the Spirit to have full control over every aspect of our lives, both inner and outer man.

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8. It is God's desire and design for human beings that we live always directed by the born-again nature, which is in step with God's Spirit. But our fallen natures want to rule, and so a spiritual battle rages. Romans 7:24 poses a question that every dedicated follower of Christ asks: *"Who will deliver me from this body of death?"*

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9. Verse 25 answers that question: *"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* The extent to which we surrender that inner man to the control of the Holy Spirit is the extent to which we walk in continual victory over our fallen flesh.

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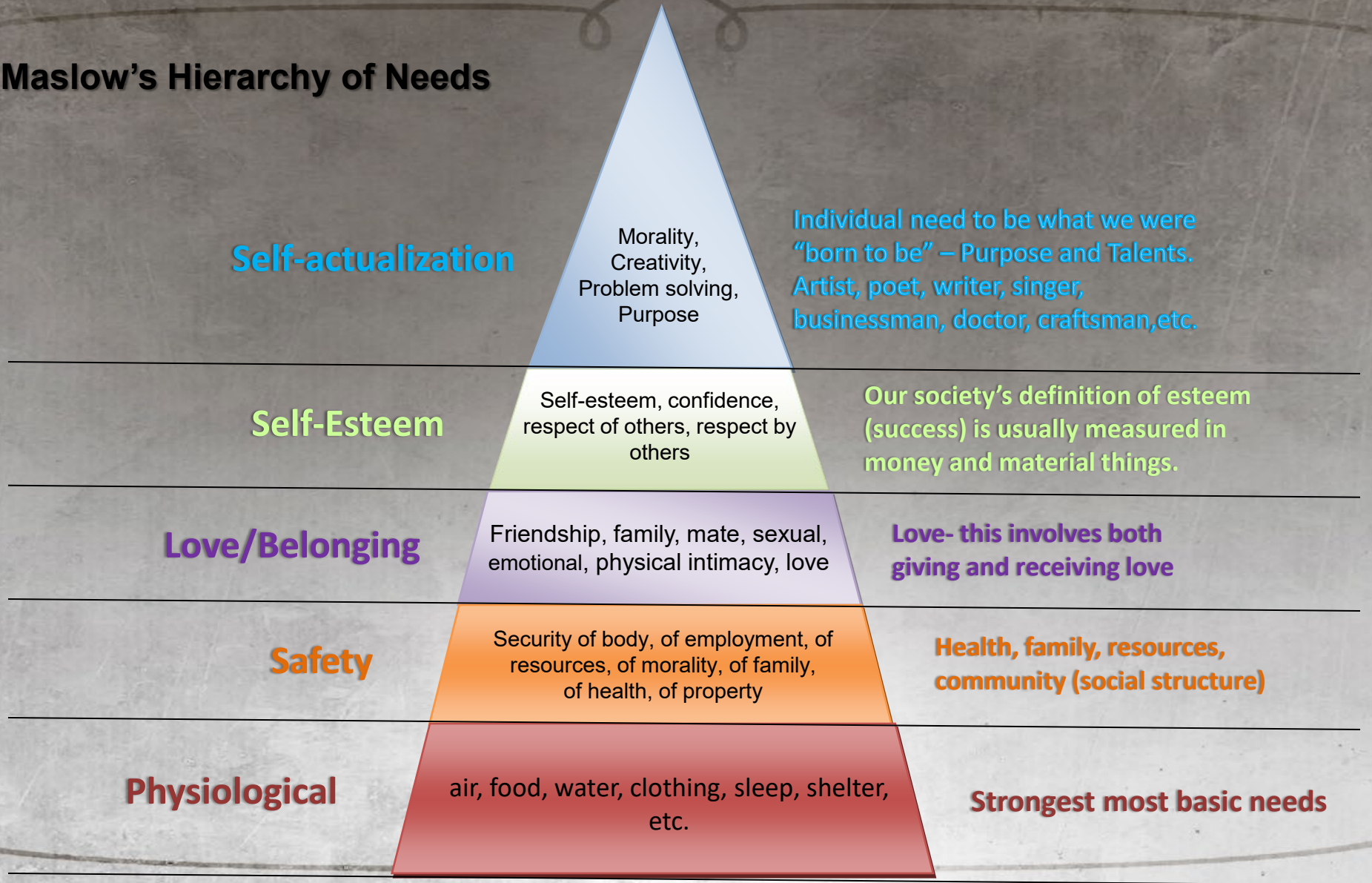
Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

Maslow's hierarchy of needs is a theory in psychology proposed by Abraham Maslow in his 1943 paper **"A Theory of Human Motivation"** in *Psychological Review*.

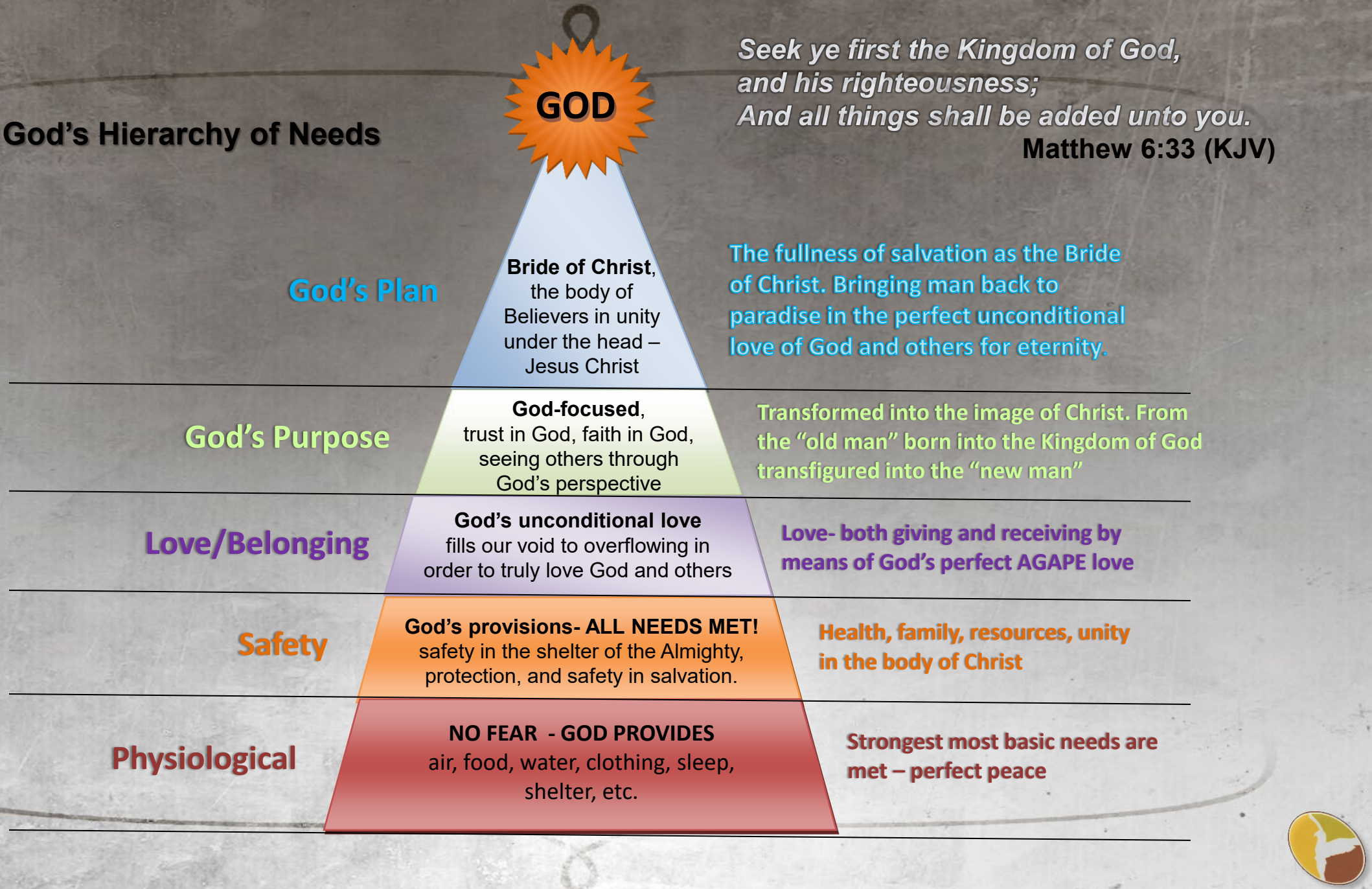
Maslow's hierarchy of needs is used to study how humans partake in behavioral motivation intrinsically.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



God's Hierarchy of Needs

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and his righteousness;
And all things shall be added unto you.
Matthew 6:33 (KJV)



Contrast	Kingdom of Man (World)	Kingdom of God (Heaven)
Domain	Diabolic (Satan) rule (1 John 5:4) guided by the ruler of this temporal realm and our carnal nature	Spiritual rule over our hearts and lives for those who enter by being born again willing to submit to God's authority
Extent	Temporary based on one's time on earth	Eternal beyond the scope of time
Perspective	This world appears to be reality, but is only temporal (Acts 17:6)	God's Kingdom appears upside-down from this world's understanding. It is the real reality and is forever
Value	Money, possessions, power, and prestige like Doctors, lawyers, judges, politicians, bankers, professor, and others	All occupations cease to exist. There is no sin, no evil, no sickness or death for God Himself is Sovereign over His Kingdom
Security	Dependent on self and perception of world's ability to keep one safe; therefore, in a state of fear and anxiety as world changes	Dependent on God; therefore, when faced with challenges or trials seek God's help and direction walking in the peace that that surpasses all understanding
Challenge	Independent. Work in your own understanding to make things better in the world and unsure about the next	Dependent on God. Lean not on your own understanding, trust in God alone through personal relationship with Jesus Christ*

*Regina Dick Prayer Warriors 365

Contrast	Kingdom of Man (World)	Kingdom of God (Heaven)
Trust	Power of the sword – advancing by ”power over”	Power of the cross – advancing by “power under”
Aims	Control behavior - Preserving one’s self-interest and own will	Transform lives inside out - Carry out God’s will, even if this requires sacrifice
Scopes	Tribal in nature, heavily invested in defending, if not advancing one’s own people-group, nation, ethnicity, religion, ideologies or political agenda. (perpetual conflict)	Intrinsically universal, centered on people living for the sole purpose of replicating the love of Jesus Christ to all people at all times in all places without condition
Responses	Tit-for-tat, “eye for an eye” and a “tooth for a tooth” no version of the world can survive for long by loving its enemies and blessing those who persecute it; carries a sword not a cross	Carry the cross, not the sword. Never return evil for evil, violence with violence. Believers manifest the unique Kingdom of Christ return evil with good, going the extra mile, loving praying for our enemies
Battles	Earthly enemies, thus earthly battles	No earthly enemies, committed to loving “their enemies” treating them as their neighbors. “Not against flesh and blood, but against, authorizes and powers, spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places**

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In order to experience the Kingdom, we need to know the King. HOW?

1. **By Keeping Our Focus on Jesus.** (i.e. Like Peter walking on water)

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. Romans 8:5

- Whatever we are focused on the rest of our world will revolve around it. Anything that you allow to come in between you and your relationship with Christ has the potential to become an idol. What are some potential idols?
- DO NOT allow your problems become your idol. Keep focused.

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2. **By building a Lifelong & Eternal Relationship of Trust in Jesus Christ spending time with Him everyday.**
   There is a big difference between trying to believe and knowing without a shadow of doubt.

   - Trying to believe may involve studying, reading, researching, attending meetings, following the latest popular preachers or teachers. However, we can experience confusion ending up with the "**paralysis of analysis**."
   - **REMEMBER:** Knowing without a shadow of doubt involves personal EXPERIENCE WITH JESUS CHRIST!

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3. **By growing in trust that builds the faith that moves mountains.**
   We simply believe in God and His Word.

   - The Holy Spirit transforms our heart, our thinking, our words and our understanding. The Kingdom of God in us and near us.
   - The Bible comes alive by becoming the “Living Word” in our lives.
   - We not only understand God’s promises, we believe in His promises because we truly trust Him.

As we continue on our personal intimate journey with Jesus Christ, we move from a place of trying to believe to knowing without a shadow of doubt. (Mark 9:23-25)

We begin to experience the **"Peace That Surpasses All Understanding that guards our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)**

Keep fighting the "Good Fight"
of faith in Jesus Christ
one-day-at-a-time!

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