

"IF NOT..."

What if God didn't come through for you in 2018 and what if he doesn't come through for you in 2019; what should you do?

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***16 “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.
17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand.
18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”***

Daniel 3:16-18



***“When you go through deep waters,
I will be with you.***

***When you go through rivers of difficulty,
you will not drown.***

***When you walk through the fire of oppression,
you will not be burned up.***

The flames will not consume you.”



33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. 35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again.

Hebrews 11:33-35



But there were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated - ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

Hebrews 11:35-38



'If not' faith is tied to two things:

- 1. An understanding that the purposes of God are true and good.***
- 2. Maintaining the right posture before Him.***



There are three ways by which God delivers us:

- 1. He delivers us from ...*
- 2. He delivers us through ...*
- 3. He delivers us later.*



***How are we going to posture ourselves
when the purposes of God
don't meet our expectations?***



1. Saturate Your Life With Prayer



A silhouette of a person sitting on a wooden bench, looking out over a body of water at sunset or sunrise. The person is sitting on the edge of the bench, with their head resting on their hand, suggesting a state of contemplation or distress. The background shows a calm body of water, a distant shoreline with trees, and a bright sky, likely during the golden hour. The scene is framed by a dark, arched structure, possibly a covered walkway or a bridge.

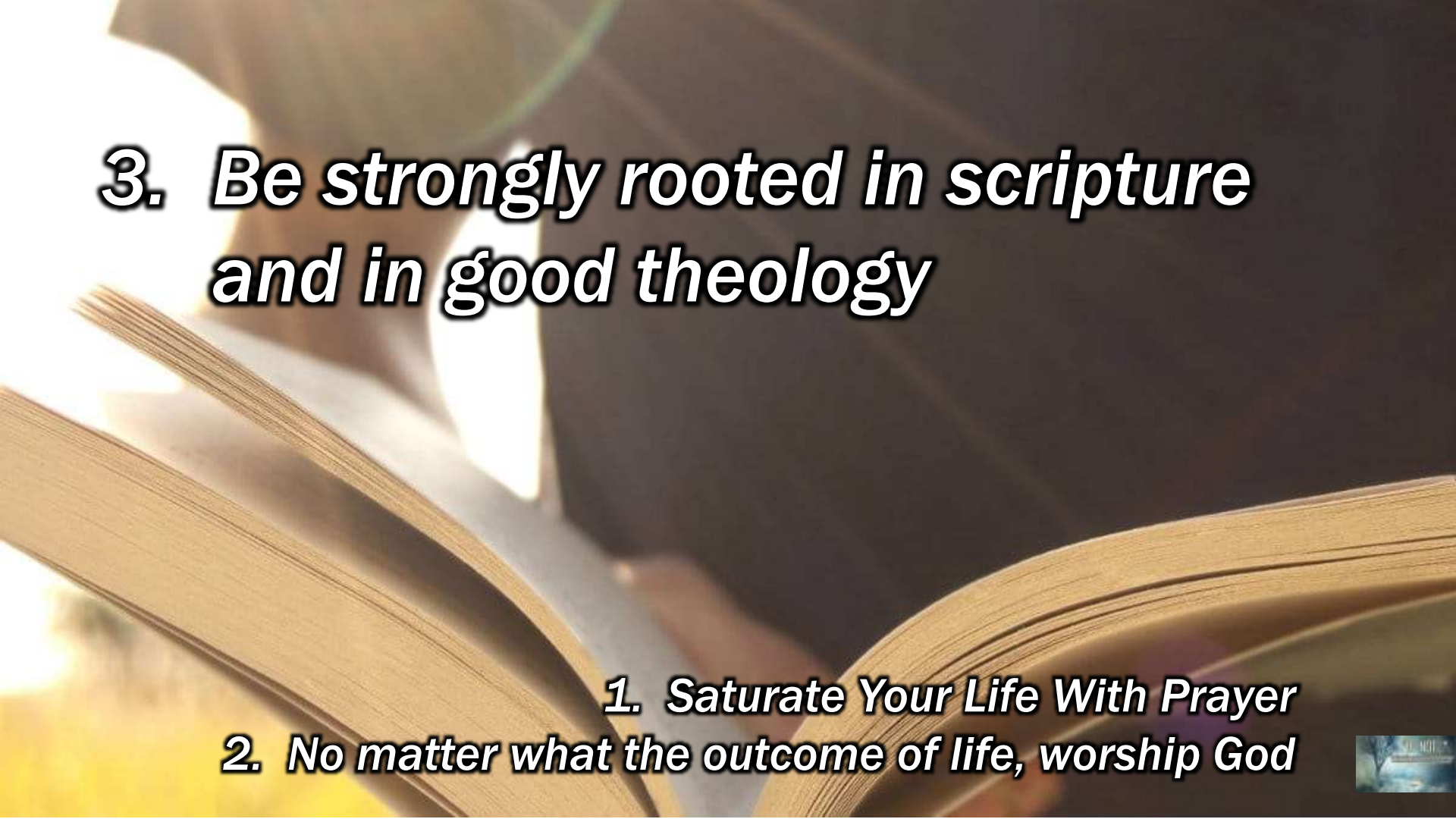
***We cannot wait until we get into
a bad situation before we pray.***

***2. No matter what the outcome of life,
worship God***



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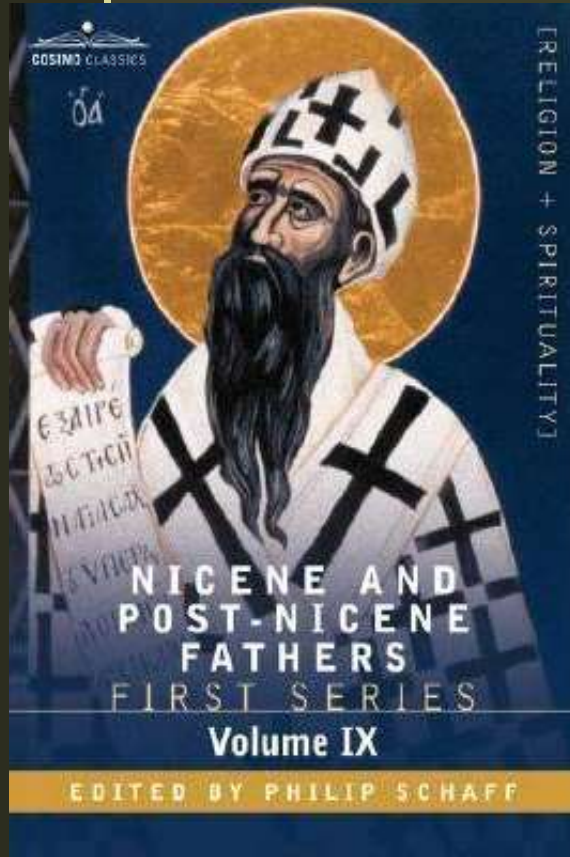


The background of the slide features a close-up, shallow depth-of-field shot of an open book. A hand is visible in the upper left, turning a page. The pages are a warm, golden-brown color, and the lighting is soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background.

**3. *Be strongly rooted in scripture
and in good theology***

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“The reason I admire those youths and pronounce them blessed and enviable is not because they trampled on the flame and vanquished the force of the fire, but because they were bound and cast into the furnace and delivered from the fire because they knew right doctrine.”

Chrysostom

The background features a warm, orange-to-yellow gradient. On the left, there are faint, embossed puzzle pieces. On the right, a silhouette of a human pyramid is formed by several figures standing on their hands, with one figure at the top. The overall theme is community and connection.

4. Be well connected to the church community

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