



Hebrews 5:11-14 CSB

We have a great deal to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, since you have become too lazy to understand. [12] Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the basic principles of God's revelation again. You need milk, not solid food. [13] Now everyone who lives on milk is inexperienced with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant. [14] But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil.

### **GO BEYOND ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES / 5:11–6:12**

Young parents become excited to see the development of their first child. Jars of baby food quickly augment milk, and garbled “mama-dada” soon gives way to counting to ten, repeating some of the alphabet, and uttering a few emphatic nos. Parents would feel devastated if the child never progressed beyond one-syllable words or if the child remained on a milk diet until puberty.

The writer of Hebrews exhorted his readers to become spiritually mature by learning to distinguish between good and evil. Mature Christians move from the elementary teachings of the gospel (milk) to the substantial biblical teaching of righteous living (solid food).

A child learns to walk by falling down, then getting up and trying again. Christians learn to know the difference between good and evil by prayerfully examining the word of God and putting it into practice in their lives.

# RECAP OF 5 CHARACTERISTICS OF A SPIRITUAL PATH:

1. MUST BE ON PURPOSE
2. NEEDS TO BE PLANNED
3. HAS A DESTINATION
4. WILL BE UNIQUE TO US
5. INTERCONNECTS WITH OTHERS



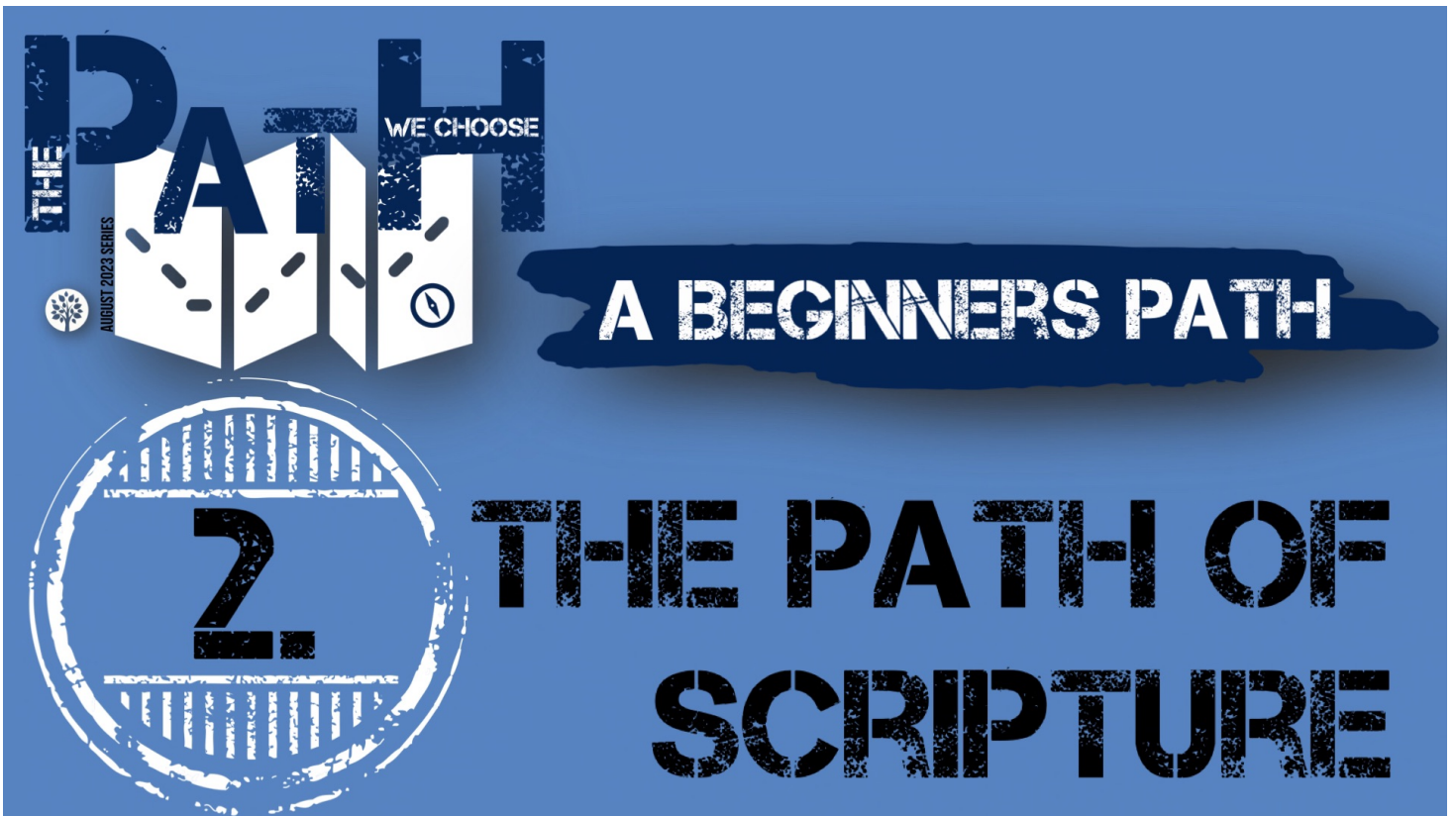
## A BEGINNERS PATH



## THE PATH OF FELLOWSHIP

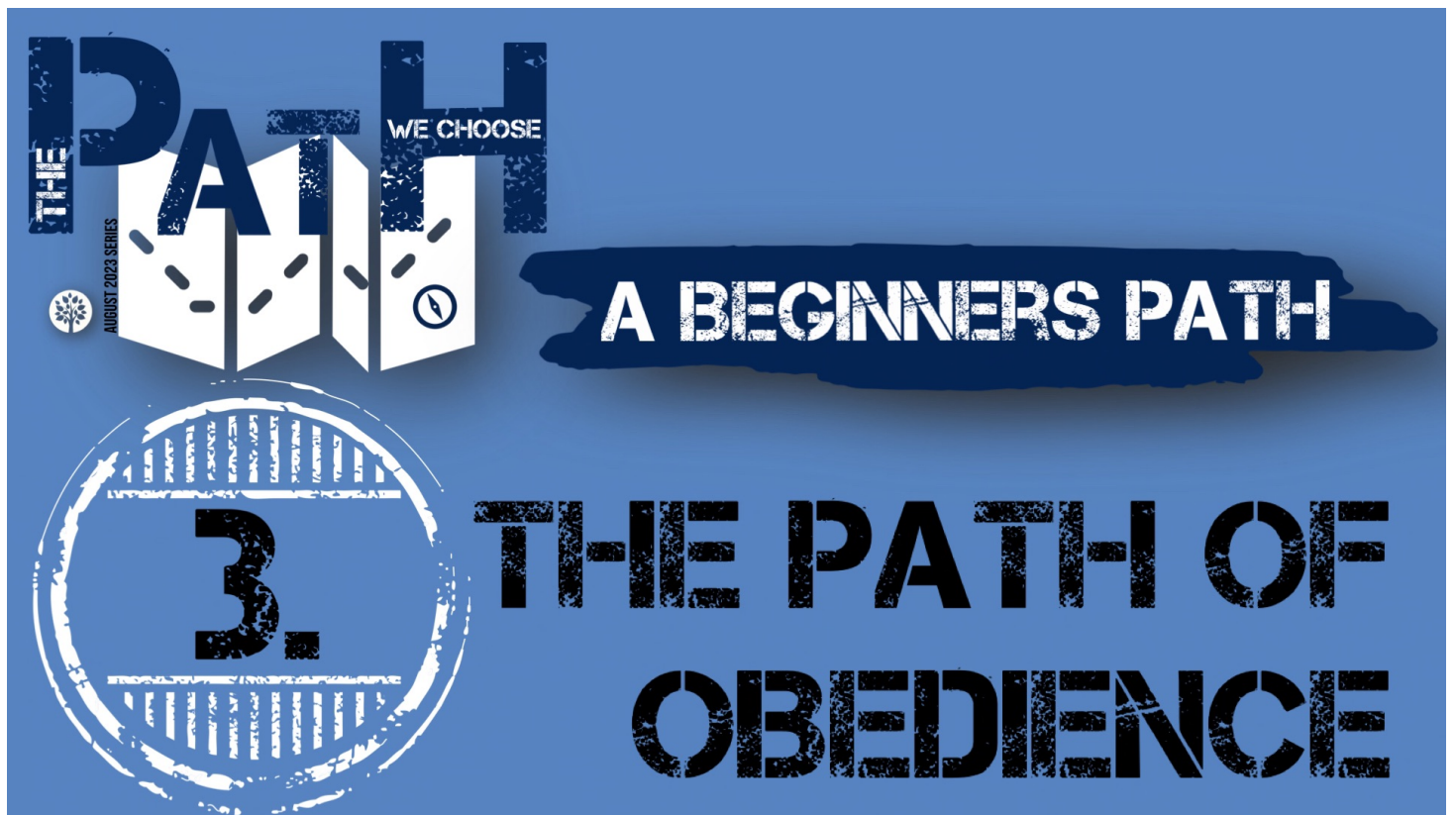
Acts 2:42

They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.



Romans 2:18-19

By reading the Scriptures you learn how God wants you to behave, and you discover what is right. [19] You are sure that you are a guide for the blind and a light for all who are in the dark.



Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.





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# THE PATH OF PRAYER

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

pray without ceasing; [18] in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward.



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# THE PATH OF GOD'S LOVE

Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, [17] and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, [18] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, [19] and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.