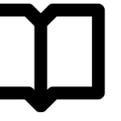


Growing in Christ's new life

John 10:10

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**“I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.”**

John 10:10b

Life-to-the-full Timeline

THE BEGINNING: GOD & HUMANS

- God created the universe to show and share his glory and love.
- God created humans in his own image: we were made to love as he loves, care for the world, trust worship & enjoy Him. This gives us meaning and honour.

SIN: REBELLION & BROKENESS

- Adam & Eve decided they knew better than God how to run their lives. When they rebelled, their relationship with God & the world was broken.
- We rebel by trying to find meaning & honour in created things, not the creator.

JESUS: SHEPHERD-SAVIOUR

- God sent Jesus as the sinless Shepherd-Saviour to rescue people from the punishment we deserve.
- Jesus took the punishment for sin that we deserve, and He gives us credit for all his righteousness.

VICTORY: UNIVERSE RESTORED

- Jesus' resurrection proves God accepts Jesus' sacrifice & has given him victory over sin, death & evil.
- One day Jesus will return and restore the universe to its former glory.

FAITH: DEPENDING ON SHEPHERD

- To be saved from punishment we need faith in Jesus.
- This means turning away from rebellion & turning from trusting ourselves... to trusting Jesus.
- Faith also means giving up any thought of being good enough to earn a place in heaven.

Major blessings of faith

1. We are declared 'not guilty' & perfectly right

- So we can let go of trying to prove ourselves

2. We are made children of God

- So we can live in child-like trust and dependency

3. We are made into loving people

- So we love from the heart with the Spirit's power; freed from pharisee-ism

4. We are given eternal life

- So we are not undone by suffering/disappointment. We know these won't last.



Always Growing in
Christ's new life

**We want to see
people getting
saved and
receiving new life
from Jesus!**



How will we see New Life Growth?



BY PRAYING

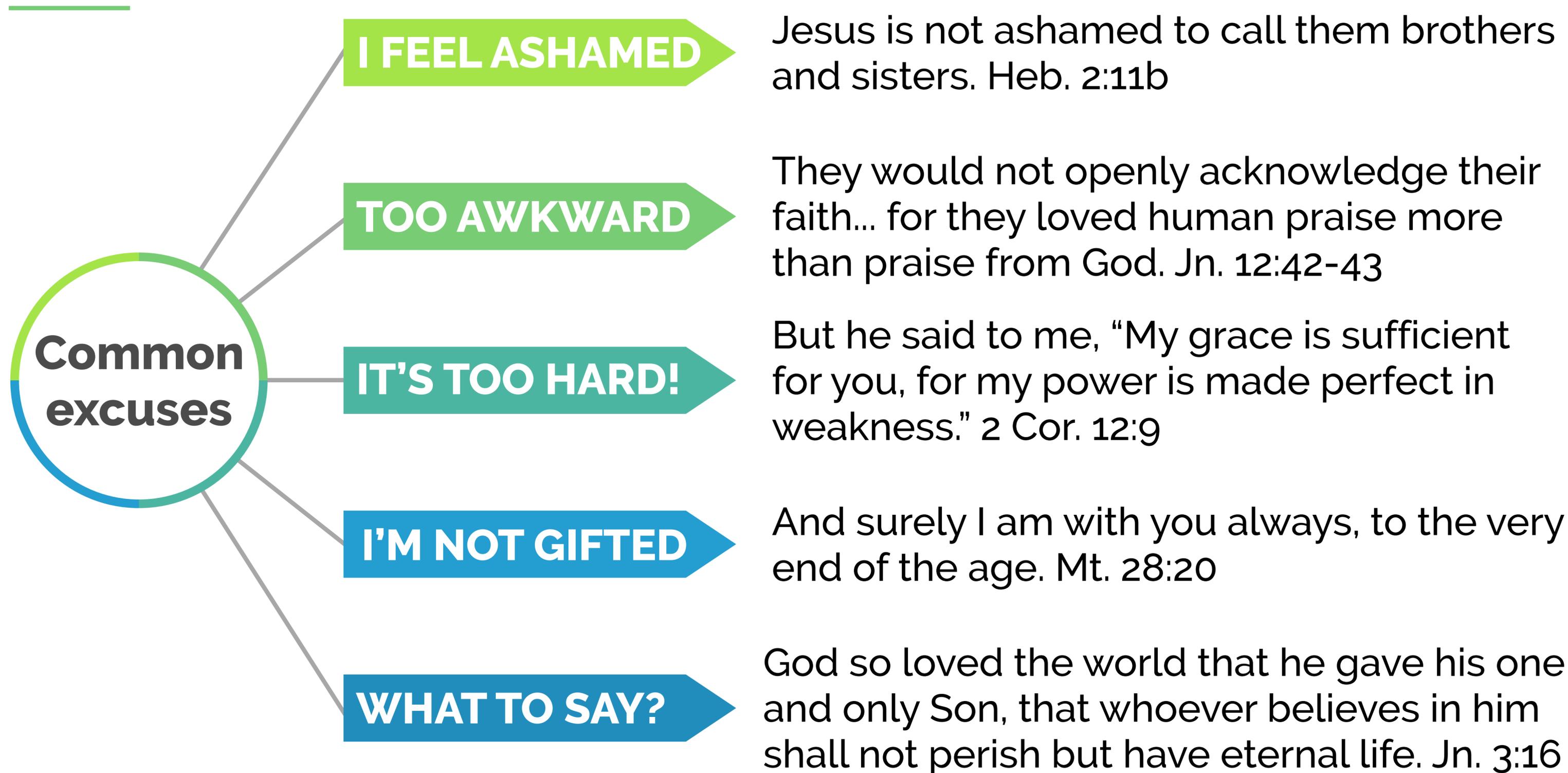
Because we can't make people accept Jesus's new life



BY SHARING

Because Jesus tells us to go and make disciples

Be stronger than your excuses!

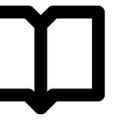




Growing in our new life

Christ not only saves us from punishment, but commits Himself to the long-term process of shepherding our hearts so we begin to experience life to the full.





“7 Therefore Jesus said again, ‘Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.’”

John 10:7—10

JOHN 10:7–10

JESUS Vs. THE THIEVES

JESUS

Life to the full

Repentance

Faith

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.” Jn. 10:11-13

THE THIEVES

Steal/kill/destroy life to the full

Pharisees (Mt. 23)

False Messiahs (Acts 5:36-37; 21:38)

Vocational

Relational

Material

Personal

Sexual

Financial

The thieves/hired hands care nothing for the sheep



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JESUS Vs. THIEVES

Are you being robbed of life to the full?

