

SERMON NOTE: Eyes and Hearts

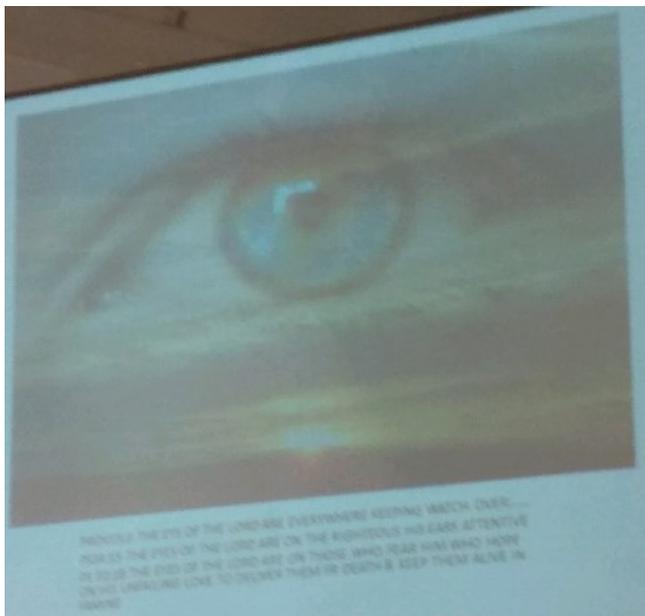
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Bible Ref: 2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/2ch.16.9.NIV>



Proverbs 15:3 NIV

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

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Psalm 34:15 NIV

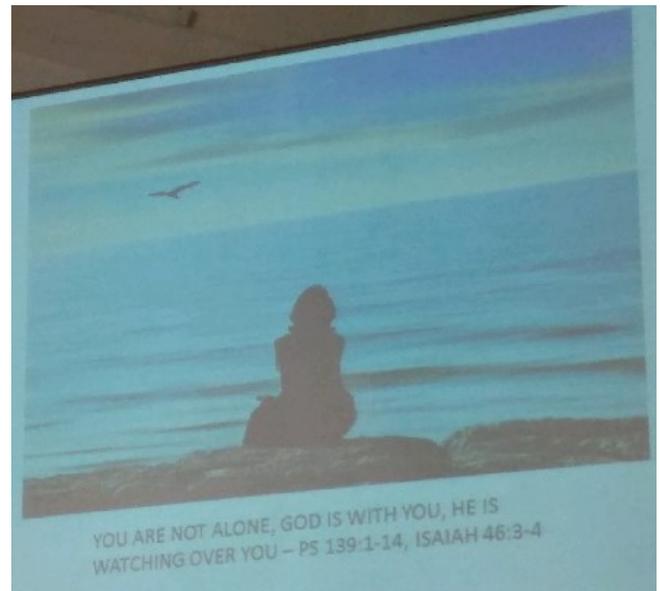
The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

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Psalm 34:18 NIV

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

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Psalm 139:1-14 NIV

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

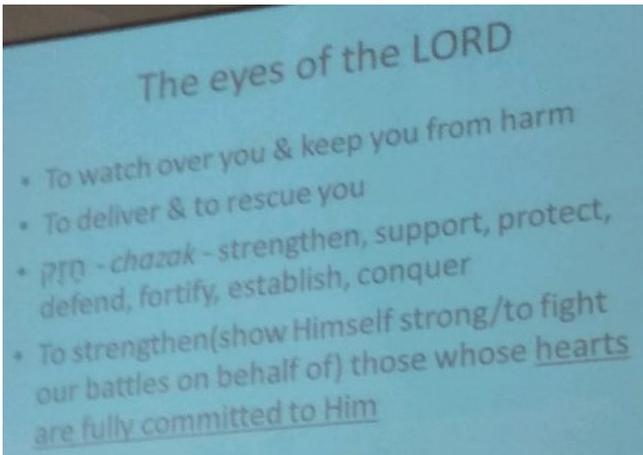
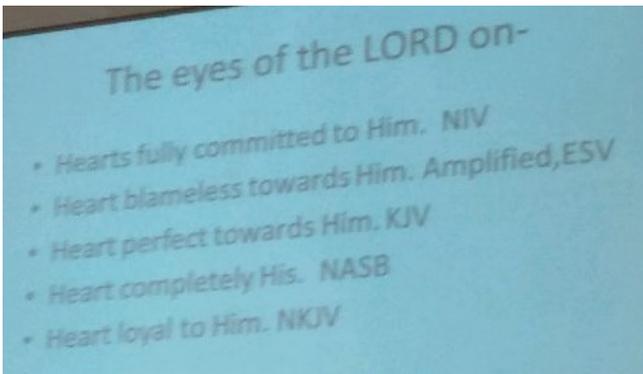
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Isaiah 46:3-4 NIV

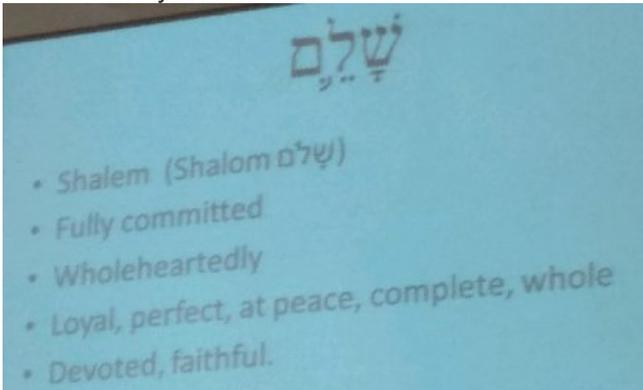
"Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

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Remember that we are all special, we are all wonderfully and fearfully created by GOD, each and everyone of us are special, we should not despise one another or ourselves. For we are created in HIS image and wonderfully created special.

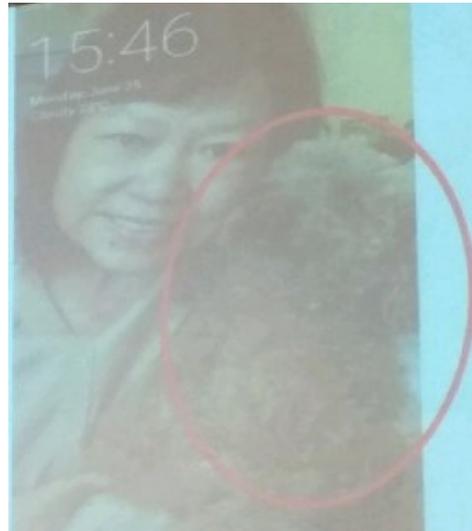


The word fully committed in Greek means:



Fully committed, loyal, perfect, complete faithful, unwavering

An example of faithful and loyal dog:
A fully committed and faithful dog.

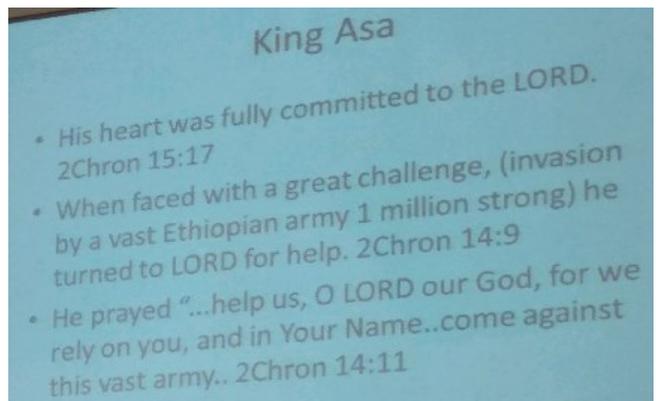
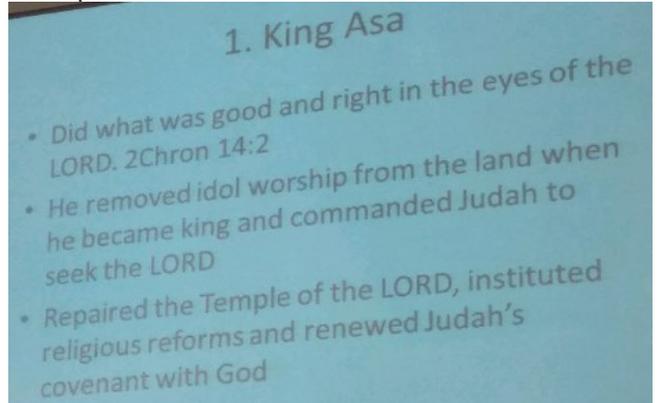


Another example is Hachiko (Hakita) of a Japanese Professor



V2 Chronicles 16:9

Example of Bible Characters who are committed:



Because of that, the LORD struck down the great

army.

But ...

King Asa

- God then struck down the vast army
- His kingdom prospered and had peace for 35 years.
- But in 36th year, war broke out between Asa and Baasha king of Israel
- Instead of turning to the LORD, Asa seek help from Ben-Hadad king of Aram by taking the silver and gold from the temple. 2 Chron 16

King Asa

- So the LORD sent a prophet, Hanani to rebuke Asa. 2Chron 16:9
- But instead of repenting, he put Hanani in prison.
- 3 years later Asa was afflicted with a severe foot disease.
- But instead of turning to the LORD, he sought help from the physicians.
- 2 years later he died

In the story of King Asa, we should be loyal and faithful throughout, not just once or for a short time.

2. Caleb

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- Ka-lev - all heart / wholehearted
- Ke-lev - Dog (loyal)

2. Caleb

- In Joshua 14, Dueteronomy 1 and Numbers 14, it was mentioned 6X, that Caleb followed God wholeheartedly.
- One of the 12 spies sent to survey the promised land. He was 40 years old then.
- Together with Joshua brought back a good report.

Number 14:7-9

- The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them."



Israel crosses over the Jordan River into the promised land.

Caleb

- At the age of 85, he said that he was as strong & as vigorous as the day Moses sent him out to spy the land.
- He asked for the hill country where the Anakites(giants) were living in their fortified cities.
- With the Lord's help this 85-year old fought the giants and drove them out of the land!

So don't say you are useless when you are aged, be like Caleb, just trust in the LORD and take on the strongest of the giants.

Finally

Abide in the LORD, and HE will abide in you.

We are more than conqueror with GOD with us.