

THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

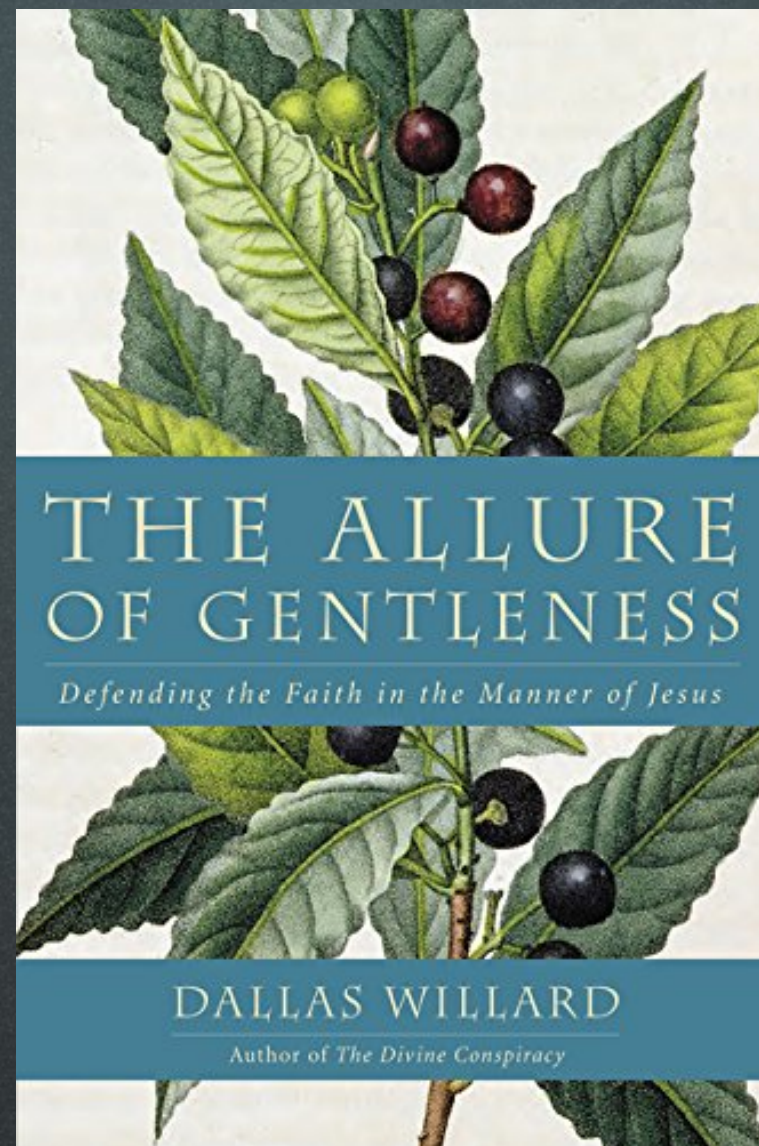
Defending the Faith in the Manner of Jesus

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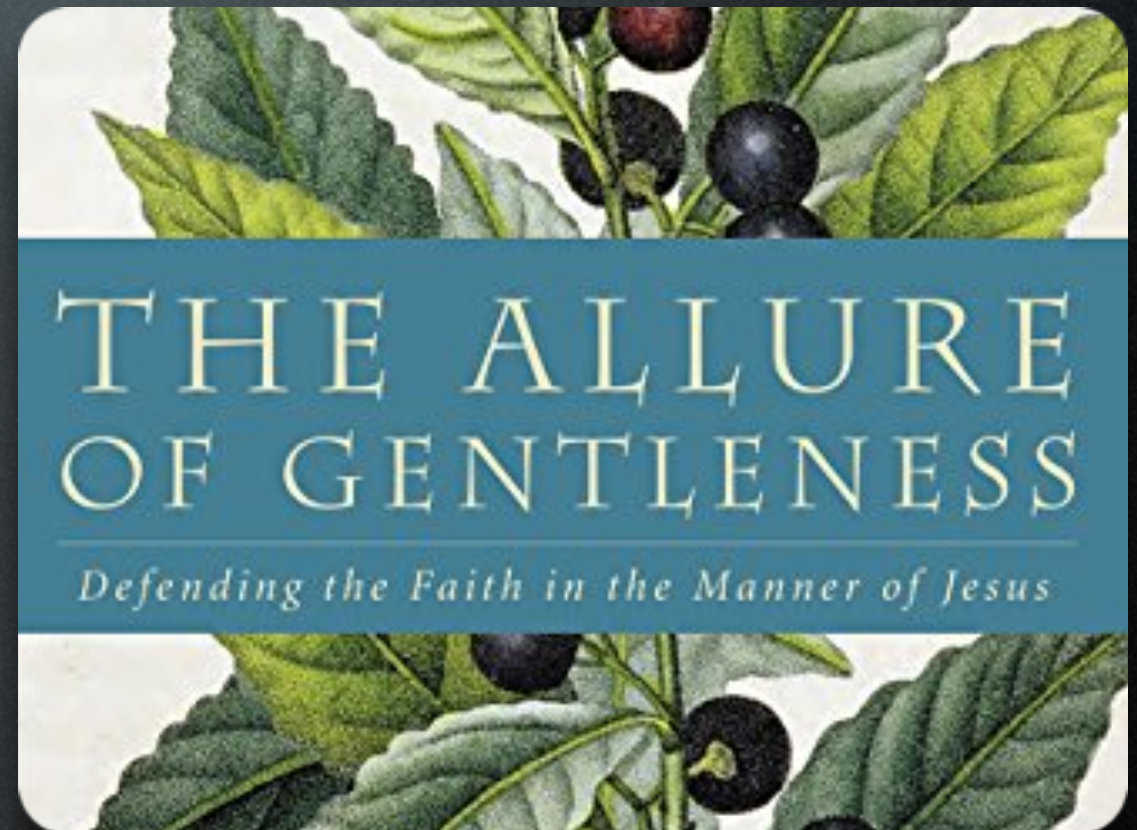
COURSE OBJECTIVES

To Seek Answers...

- * What is Apologetics in the manner of Jesus?
- * What isn't Apologetics?
- * Why is God not more obvious?
(Why does Hell exist?)
- * Why pray?
- * Why do Pain & Evil exist?
- * Why are you hopeful?

To Seek Application...

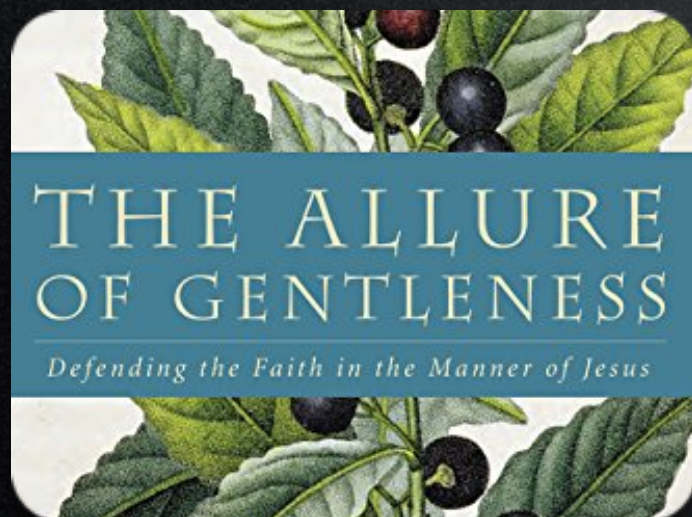
- * Kingdom Living =
 "Casual Confidence"
a Psalm 23 Life Without Lack.



Ch. 1 — Apologetics is a **HELPING MINISTRY** of **KNOWLEDGE WITH JESUS** in His Kingdom!

Ch. 2 — Apologetics is for everyone in a **CONTEXT** of **FAITH** in the **REALITY** of **KINGDOM PEACE** ...

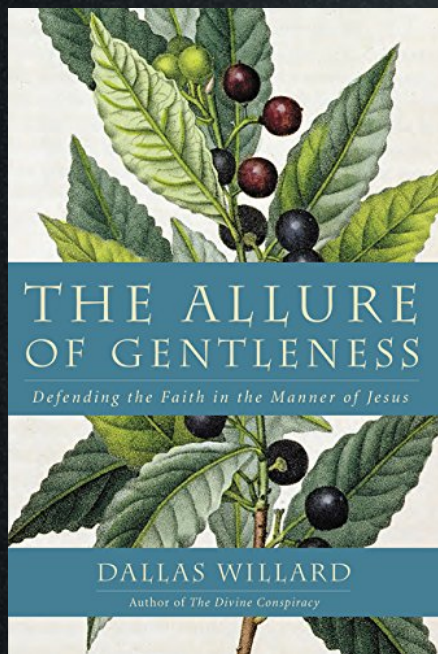
“Why are you so hopeful?”



Ch. 3 — Biblical Apologetics uses **REASON** to **HELP** people **DEAL** with serious, difficult **DOUBT**, not proving, bullying, or evidences, but served with humble, generous, open, loving confidence in God.

Ch. 4 — The **Self-Subsistent**
“I AM” God...

...not obvious to those who do not want to see Him, He gives **SPACE** to **SEEK** and **FIND** Him.



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Session 5

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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOD
AND HUMANITY
Chapter 5

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“Apologetics beyond the issue of God’s existence...
less a matter of ‘proof’ and more ‘making sense’.”

TAofG, p. 83

A Covenant People of God in History
&
The Bible

TAofG, Chapter 5

Confidence in the God of the Bible...
with faith in the reality of the Kingdom.



TAofG, p. 86

THE COVENANT PEOPLE OF GOD

Relationship between Creator & Created

“Why do evil & suffering exist in he world?” (91)

“What could be the good purpose of human history be?” (92)

A self-subsistent, personal Creator creating human history for good and constantly guarding against evil. (91-92)



Humankind - *The Crown Jewel of Creation*


4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

People Choosing & Seeking Him

TAofG, p. 95-96

The Church

“Christlike people living together with the kind of love that the members of the Trinity have for one another and enjoying that full, shared, self-subsistent being that characterizes God Himself as God dwells in those people.”



You are part
of that! You
share in that!

TAofG, p. 95-96

“Why are you so happy even when suffering?”

“Because God is present through me and my
community of fellowship!”



“Oh, that is what it is all about...that He might create a
larger community of the redeemed,
...a community of love that chooses to be His,
that diligently seeks until it finds Him,
and in Him the fullness of life,
...people who have experienced free development
of Christlike character.”

Chapter 4 Flashback

WHY GOD IS NOT MORE OBVIOUS

“He is not obvious to those who do not want to see Him.” (65)

“God gives us space...to seek Him and find Him.” (67)

ABRAHAM — THE FRIEND OF GOD
Luke 24:27, 47; Isaiah 42:5-7; Acts 17:24-28

Friend —> Family —> Jewish People —> Culture

“There are no people on earth like the Jews.”

“The highest iteration of God that has ever been given to humanity is in the Old Testament. And the New Testament, once you understand the Old, is simply a natural consequence.” (99)



JEWISH CULTURE

Psalm 23 - “The content of the Old Testament as expressed at its highest.” (99)

“Animal Sacrifices with no clergy — God meets people where they are and works through human history to bring about His purposes in the world.” (101-102)



GOD WORKS in CULTURE

- * Aching Achan - Joshua 7 - A cultural norm at that time.
“God uses history to allow people to approach Him in a way that will not consume them.” (103)



“God is working through the whole of human history to develop a people who freely choose Him, live for what is good, and trust in Him alone.” (104, 96, 127)



BRAIN RECESS





Originally Perfect — Authenticated by History

“When God approaches humanity, He sets things up in such a way that men and women have to seek God.” Deuteronomy 4:27-29; Jeremiah 50:4

“God’s approach to humankind is one that allows us to hide, to not see Him, but also to seek Him.”
II Chronicles 15:15, Matthew 6:33, Acts 17:27



THE BIBLE

“Anyone who approaches the Bible for the purpose of finding God will indeed find Him and will be spoken to by God through the scriptures.” (108-109)

Q & A

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



You are a steward of 10,080 minutes every week. If you spend 80 minutes weekly in personal study & group discussion of *The Allure of Gentleness*, you have 10,000 minutes to flesh it out. Here are 3 questions from the Study Guide for your real life Kingdom living lab.

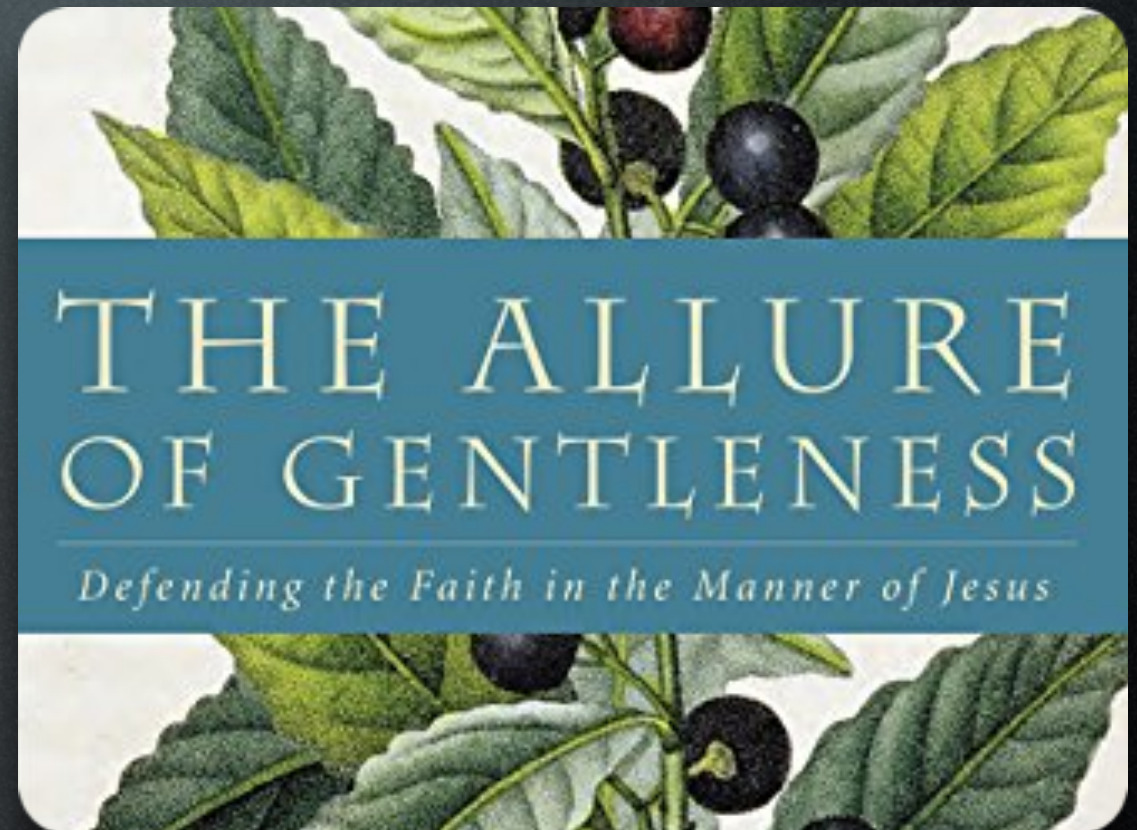
Q1 — How did this study help me learn the value of history?

Q2 — Why is “friendship” so important to God and how will I cultivate my quietly transforming conversational friendship with Jesus this week?

Q3 — How can a study of Isaiah 42:5-7, Acts 17:24-28 and Luke 24:27, 45 help me understand what God is doing today in my history ?

Chapter 5 Summary

God is working for the good of His Crown Jewel of Creation through culture in history and His historically reliable Word to create a community of love that seeks Him and finds life in Him.



Next Session — 6 of 7*

Chapter 6 - The Problem of Pain & Evil
(pp. 111-139)

* - Recognition to those who participate in all 7 Sessions!

Shalom Aleichem
in your next
10,000 minutes
in His Kingdom!

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