

THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

Defending the Faith in the Manner of Jesus

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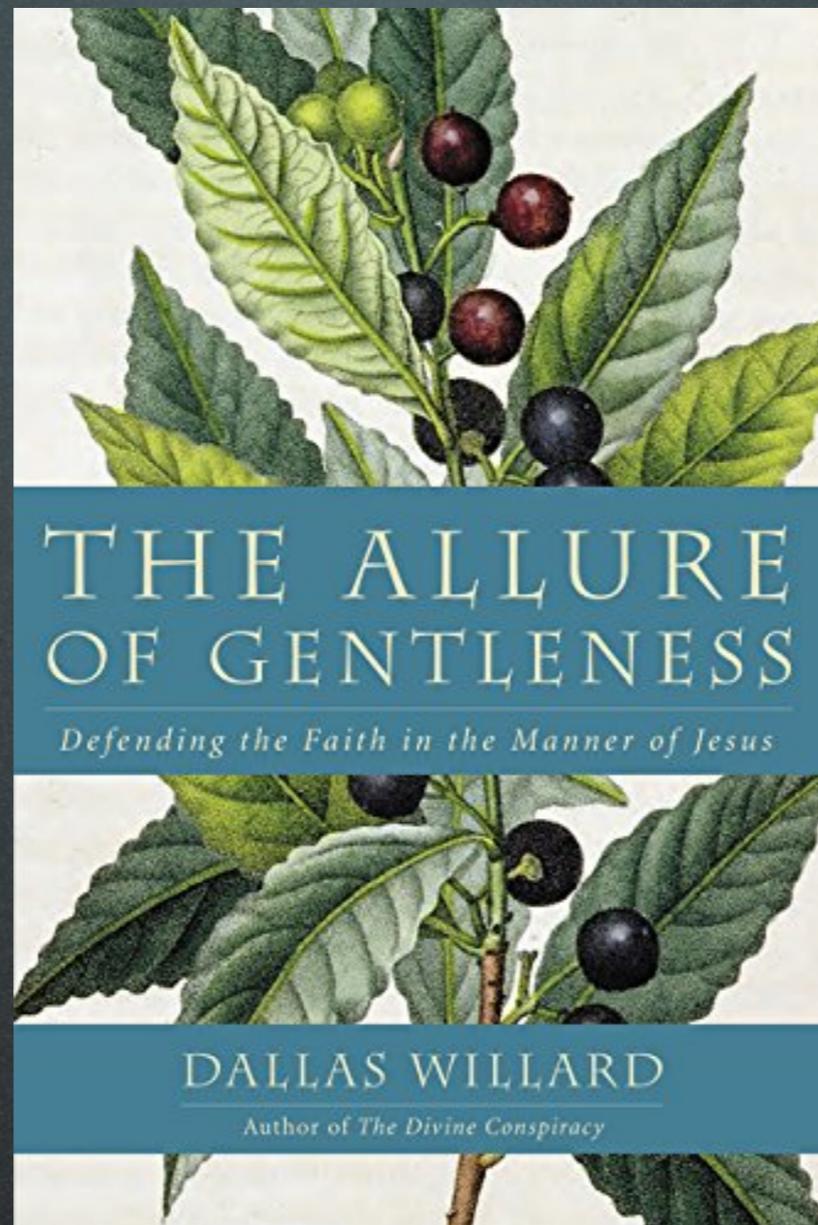
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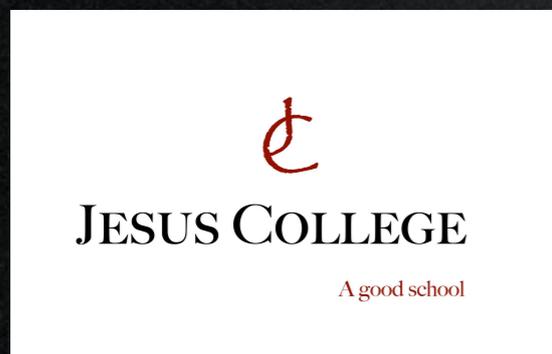
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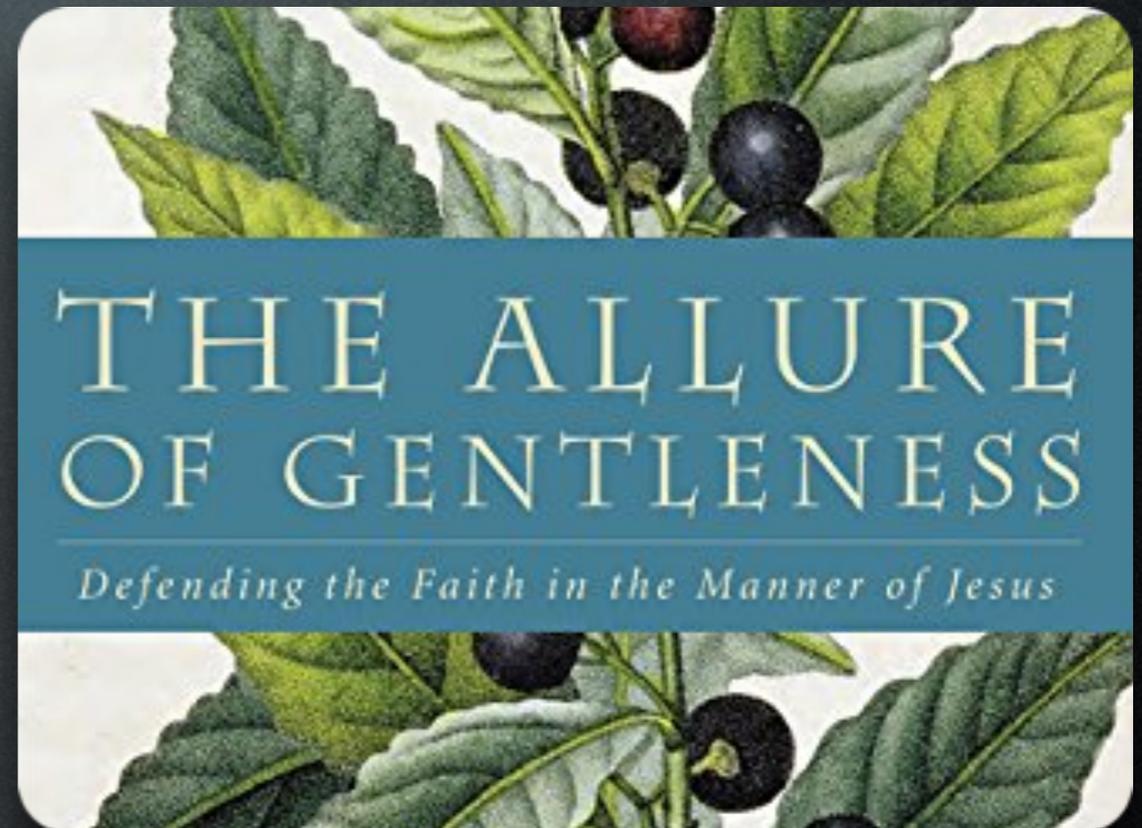
COURSE OBJECTIVES

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.



Session 1 Summary

Apologetics is a...

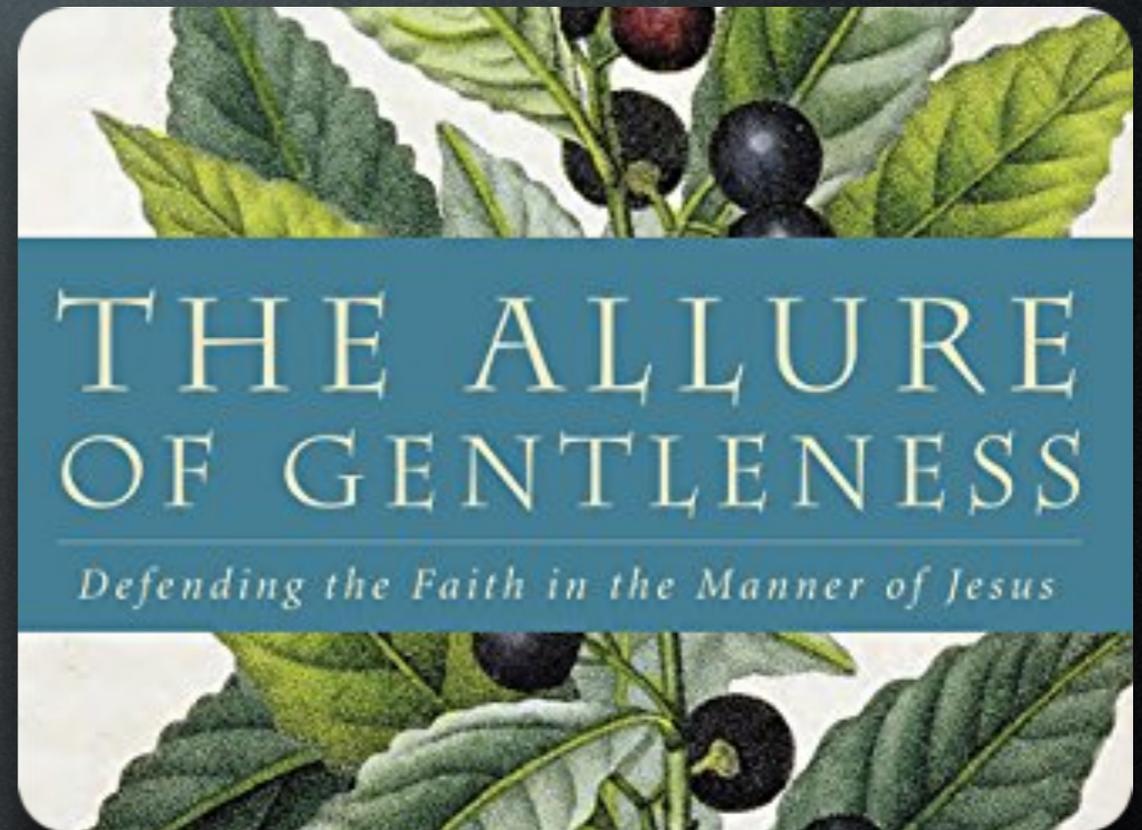
Helping Ministry with the...

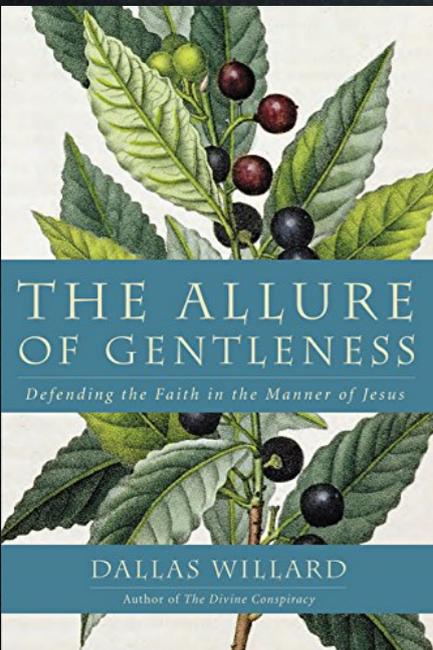
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with Jesus

like Jesus

in His Kingdom!





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Session 2

THE NEW TESTAMENT
CHARTER ON
APOLOGETICS

Chapter 2



*“Apologetics is
a helping ministry.”*

TAofG Introduction, p. 2

The New Testament Charter on Apologetics

I Peter 3:15-16 (NRSV)

But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. ^a Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

SCOPE & CONTEXT
of
DOUBT & FAITH

“The great problem facing the gospel of Jesus Christ is not the doubt that is outside the church; it is the doubt that is inside the church.” (25 & 29)

A MODEL FOR DEALING WITH DOUBT

Doubting Thomas & Teaching Jesus — John 20:24-29

A Model of Parenting & Youth Ministry

Problem #1 - Not dealing with doubt honestly.

Problem #2 - We are afraid there isn't an answer.

THE NATURE of FAITH

“The great problem facing the gospel of Jesus Christ is not the doubt that is outside the church; it is the doubt that is inside the church.” (25 & 29)

“Apologetics is to all people...the ideas that sit in our head have us at their mercy. “

THE NATURE of FAITH

*“Why are you hopeful? What’s going on in you?
Because something is obviously different!”*

In that context we exercise the ministry of apologetics.” (29)

The Context - Suffering for Jesus sake!

The Beatitudes - You know the reality of the kingdom of the heavens in your life. That reality comes into you, and you find that you are leading a supernatural, deathless life. (30)

THE NATURE of FAITH

So when you are happy and not afraid of the threat, you're not troubled, because you have set the Lord God in a special place in your heart.

Now you're ready to...

'...make a defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you...with gentleness and respect.'

THE CONTEXT & NATURE of FAITH

“So when you are happy and not afraid of the threat, you’re not troubled, because you have set the Lord God in a social place in your heart.” (30)

The context is...

one in which people are suffering—and they are happy. They are not troubled, they are not fearful.”

They are filled with joy!

Joy (def.)

“A pervasive state of well being.”

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“Oh, why is this happening to me?”

VERSUS

“Why are you hopeful?”

THE CONTEXT & NATURE of FAITH

“Please understand that I’m taking time for this because the context of apologetics is so very important. If you do not exhibit the presence of a life that is above this world, something that is coming into you and giving you joy, peace, and strength in a situation that looks very bad from the outside, there isn’t going to be anything for people to ask about.”

TAofG, p. 31

“We are talking about a life here!”

TAofG, p. 32

“Everyone who lives
and believes in me
will never die.”

John 11:26



“Are these just pretty words?”

They are talking about the reality of the Kingdom of the Heavens — the stone that was cut out without hands...It's Jesus Christ Himself, the Chief Cornerstone, and He is here.

~ A reality that gives us peace & strength. ~
So we need to deal with that if we haven't reached that place in our lives. We need help in making that our context."

TAofG, p. 32



BRAIN RECESS



Apologetics (def.)

“A New Testament ministry that uses thinking and reasoning, in reliance on the Holy Spirit, to assist earnest inquirers in relinquishing disbelief and mistrust in God and God’s good purposes for humankind.”

TAofG, p. 9

Pop Quiz*

“Apologetics is _____.”

TAofG, p. 33

* This will not count toward your semester grade.

Pop Quiz*

“Apologetics is for everyone.”

TAofG, p. 33

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LOVE GOD WITH YOUR MIND

- 1.) Focusing your mind on Him
- 2.) Submit all of your powers of mind to Him so that He might use them
- 3.) Think seriously about His message in scripture & creation
- 4.) Teach others to do the same

IN GENTLENESS, FEAR & GOOD CONSCIENCE

“The reason you’re going to be doing this ministry with fear is because you’re going to be working with God. And when you’re working with God, if you’re are not scared, you’re brain-dead.”

A healthy fear of electricity!

You want to remember that God is God!

TAofG, p. 34



1 Rule



**Never turn your back
on the waves.
Respect the Ocean!**

What have you done? What have you got?

What makes you so different? (32)

You really seem to be happy. Why? (34)

Our response is not the general ministry of evangelization or witnessing here. It is apologetics.

“Apologetics is answering a question that will open the doorway of faith for another person...because they have seen something.” (35)

Q & A

(Use the Q&A feature on the bottom
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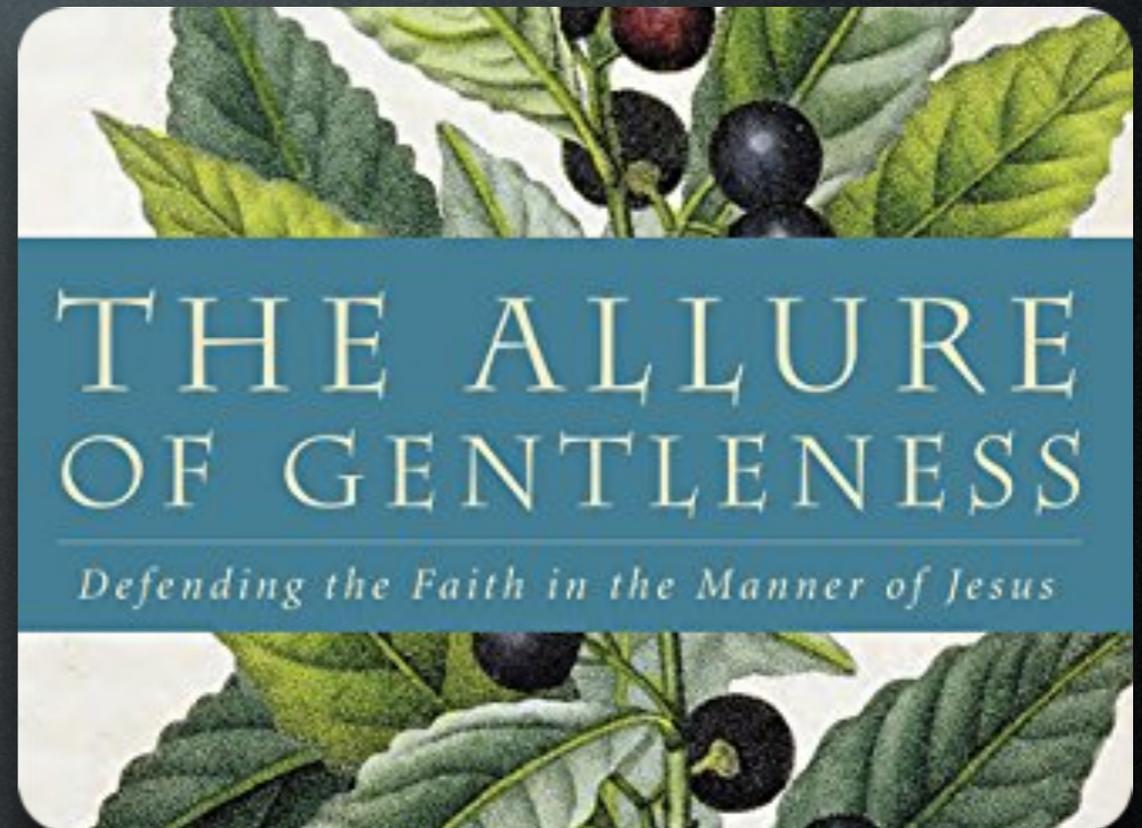
Biblical Apologetics is a...

...for everyone...

...as we build a context of faith in the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven that gives us peace & strength in any situation, including and especially in suffering...

...prompting people to ask,

“Why are you so hopeful?”



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Chapter 3 - Biblical Apologetics
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