

Compelled by Love

Transforming Grace Series

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Living by Grace

“You are loved and accepted by God through the merit of Jesus, and you are blessed by God through the merit of Jesus. Nothing you ever do [performing certain spiritual disciplines] will cause Him to love you any more or any less. He loves you strictly by His grace given to you through Jesus.”

- Transforming Grace

Questions

- ◆ Is living by grace slacking off? Will it cause me indulge in sin?
- ◆ How should I approach discipline, spiritual habits, commitments, and sacrifice in the realm of grace?

Wrong Reactions to Grace

Gal 5:13

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

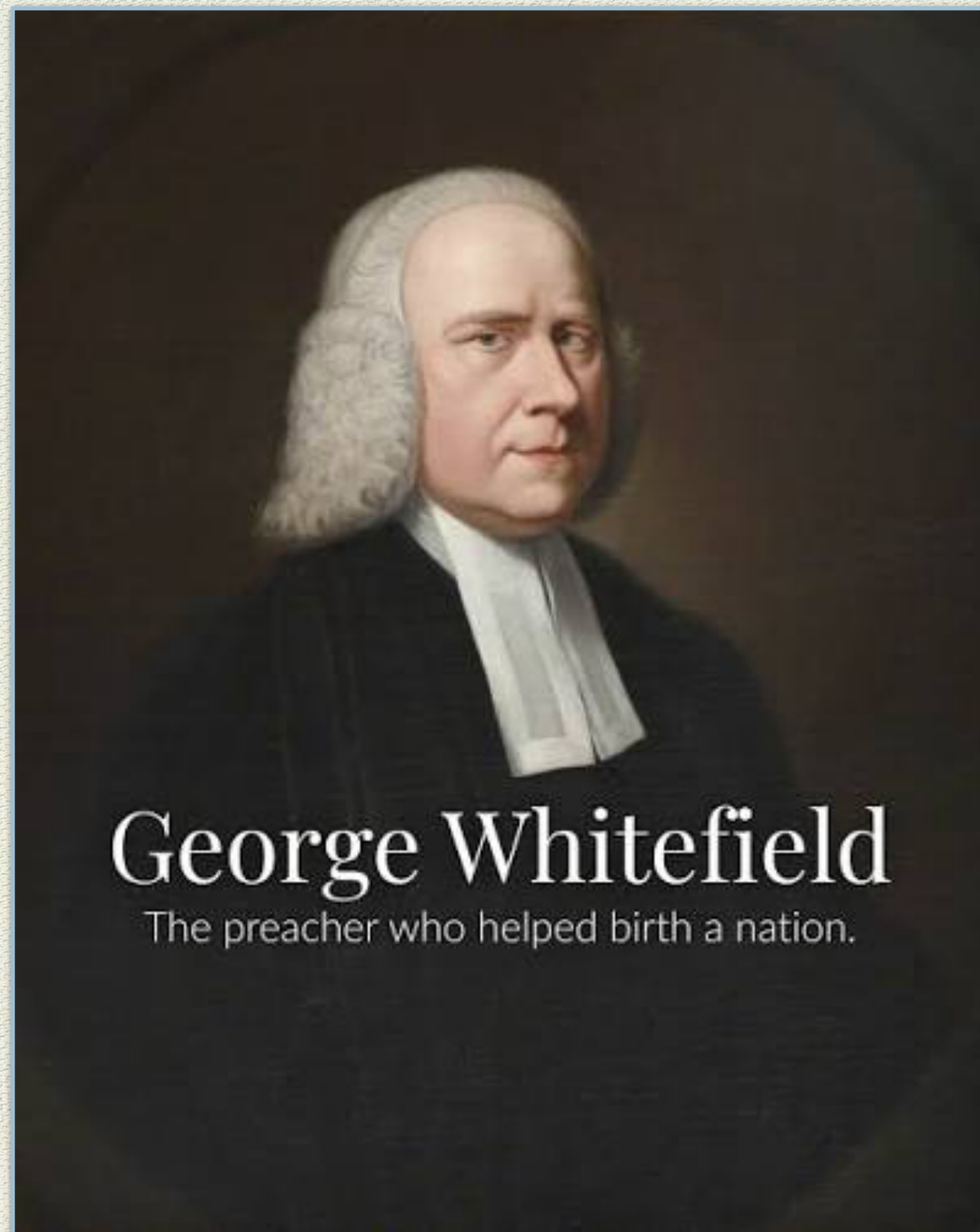
Romans 6:1

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

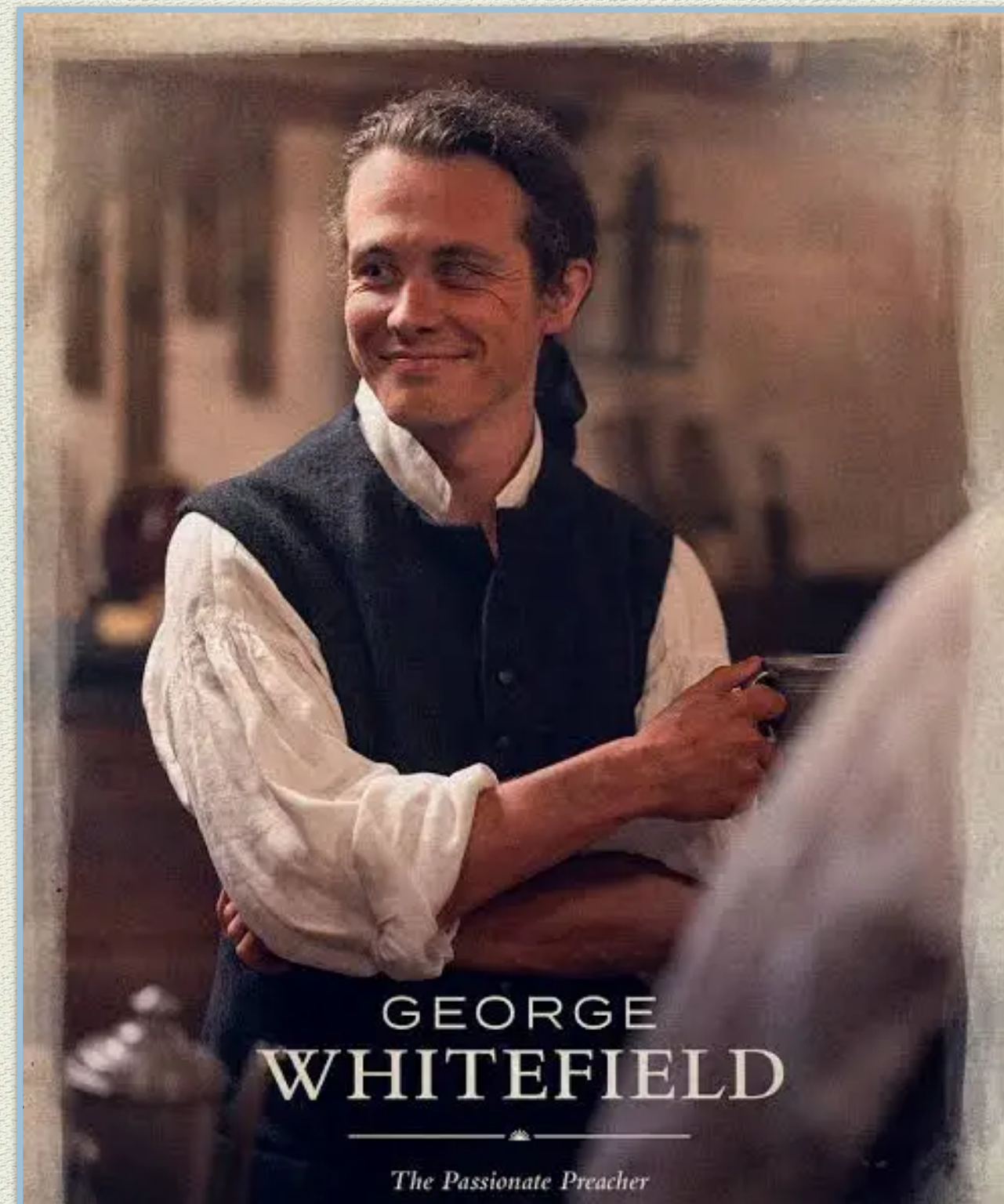
Jude 4

For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Gripped by Grace!



Rev. George Whitefield as
portrayed in the movie
"A Great Awakening"



2 Peter 3:18

*But grow in the grace
and knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To him be
glory both now and
forever! Amen.*

Gripped by Grace into Gratitude

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

- **In view of God's mercy** - not “in view of your duty”, or “in view of your understanding of grace”, or “in view of your commitment”
- **OFFER your bodies** - decisive, active not passive, total commitment
- **LIVING sacrifice** - perpetual sacrifice, constantly reaffirmed

“But more than that, I still seek to grow in my understanding of God’s grace, because I know that only my growing understanding of His grace will make the commitment stick ‘through thick and thin’.”

– *Jerry Bridges*

“A law driver insists with threats and penalties; a preacher of grace lures and incites with divine goodness and compassion shown to us; for he wants no unwilling works and reluctant services, he wants joyful and delightful services to God.”

– *Martin Luther*

Gripped by Grace into Love

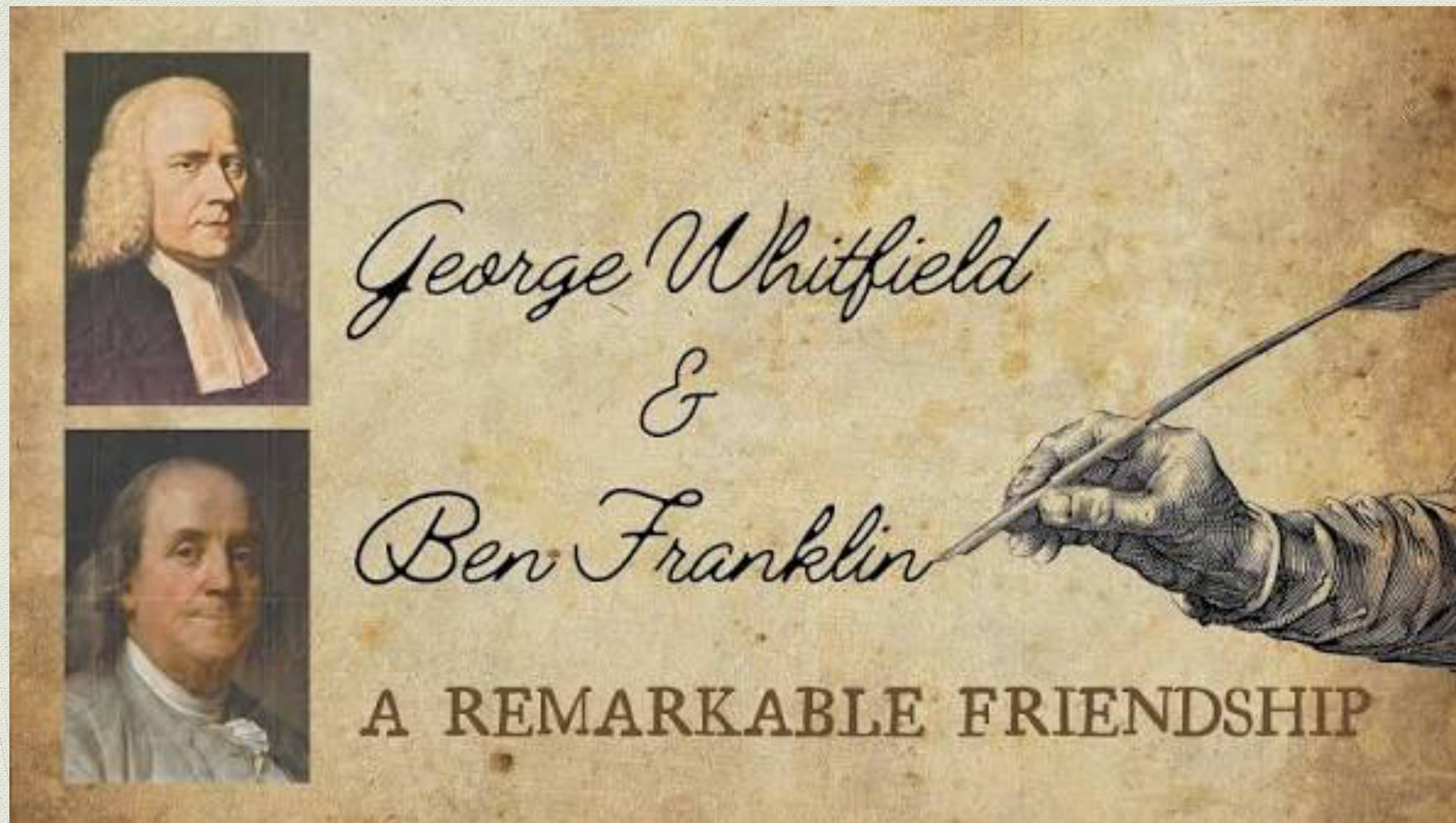
2 Cor 5:14-15

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. -

Compels - to coerce, press, constrain, the governing influence which controls the life

- means 'continuously constrains'

Led by Love



Spiritual Disciplines List

Adapted from Dallas Willard "Spirit of the Disciplines"

Disciplines of Abstinence

- Solitude
- Silence
- Fasting
- Sabbath
- Secrecy
- Submission

Disciplines of Engagement

- Bible Reading
- Worship
- Prayer
- Soul Friendship
- Personal Reflection
- Service

What is your motivation?

Richard Foster "Celebration of Discipline"

Inward Disciplines

Meditation

Prayer

Fasting

Study

Outward Disciplines

Simplicity

Solitude

Submission

Service

Corporate Disciplines

Confession

Worship

Guidance

Celebration

Summary

When we understand God's magnificent and boundless grace, we become motivated by gratitude and love to respond with a life devoted to Him.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*