

## Lessons from Colorado

Part 2

# “Incomprehensible Partnership”



### Romans 12:3-8

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

<sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

<sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

<sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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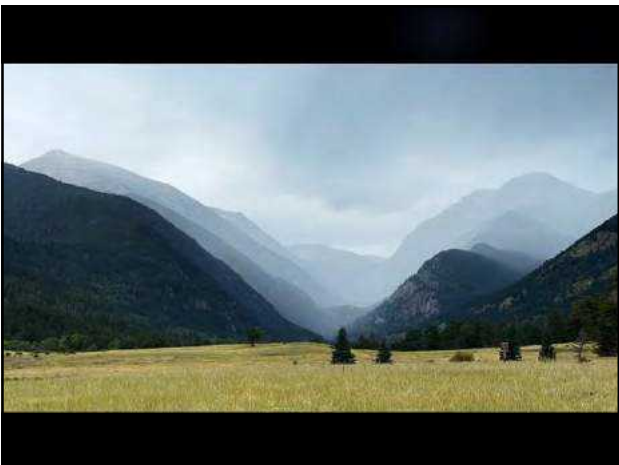
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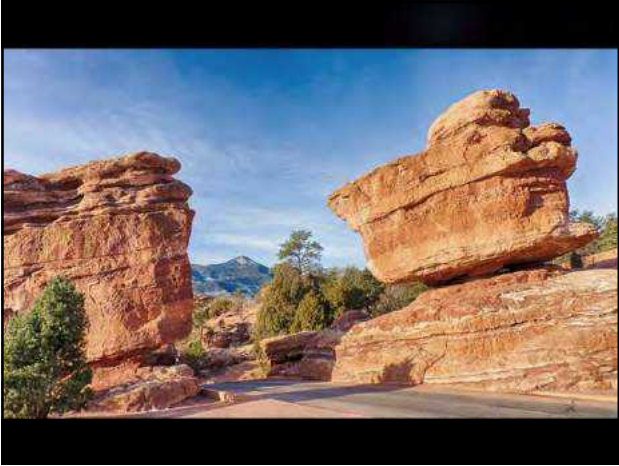
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National Parks (and beyond!)





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*Glen Eyrie Retreat & Conference Center*

*A Ministry of the Navigators - 700 acres*



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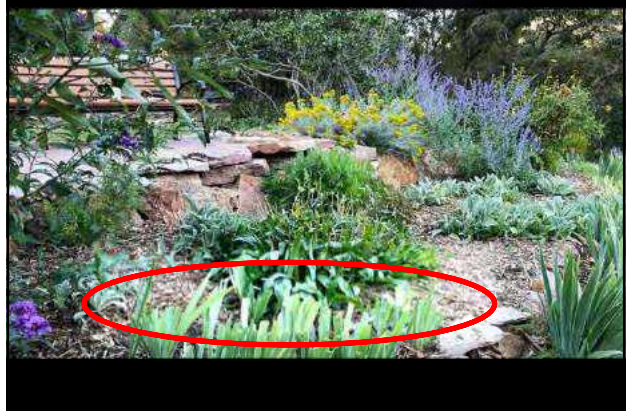
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*And then, something struck me...*



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***More evidence!***

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<https://winningthewelcome.wordpress.com/2021/05/07/cs-lewis-on-prayer/>

And God said...

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So God created mankind **in His own image**, in the **image** of God He created them; male and female He created them.”

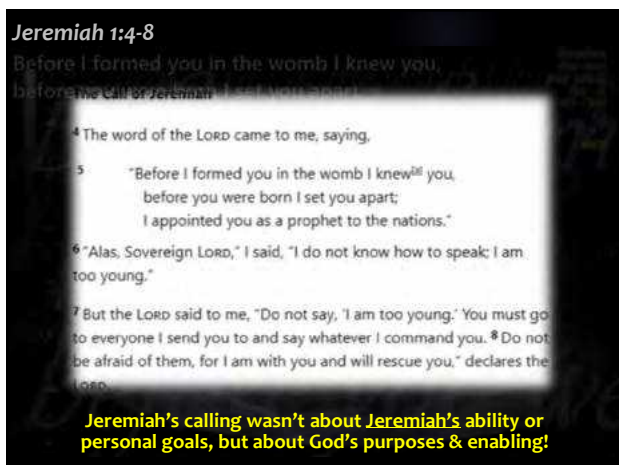
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God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **Rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

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### 2 Corinthians 3:5 -

*"Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God..."*

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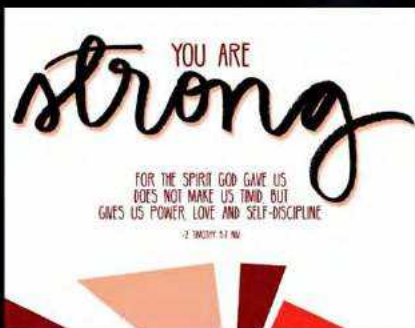
### Exodus 5:10-11 -

*"This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw. Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all...'"*

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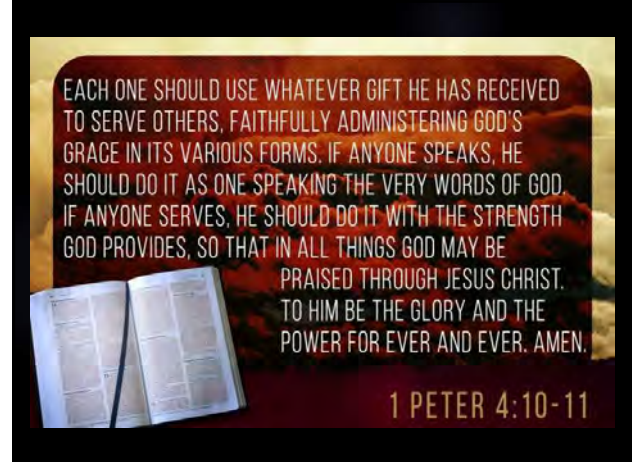
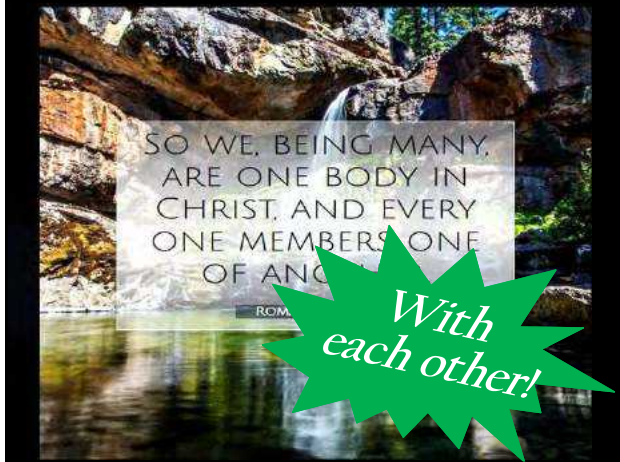
*An incomprehensible partnership!*

*With God!*

*With each other!*

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**Philippians 1:1-7**

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you.

4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

**because of your partnership in the gospel**

from the first day until now...

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.







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"For from Him,  
 and through Him,  
 and to Him, are all things:  
 to whom be glory for ever.  
 Amen."

Romans 11:36

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