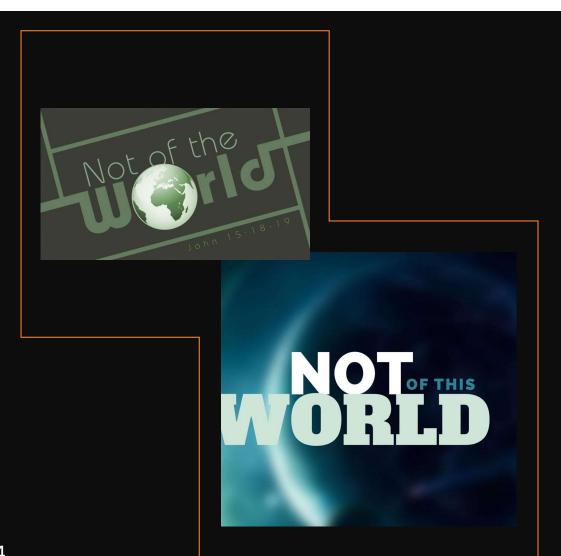


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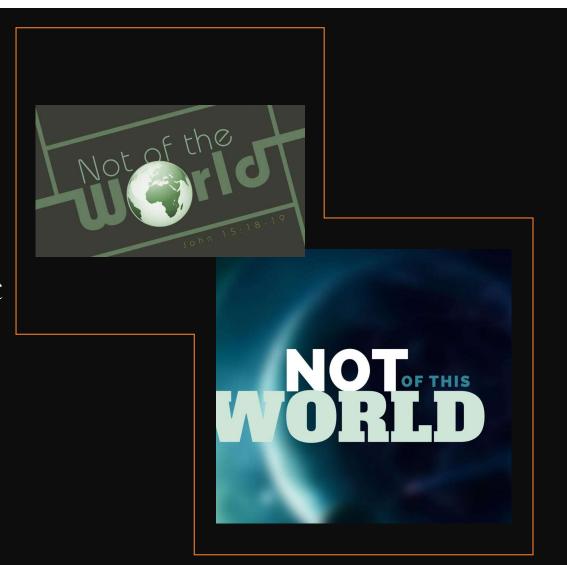
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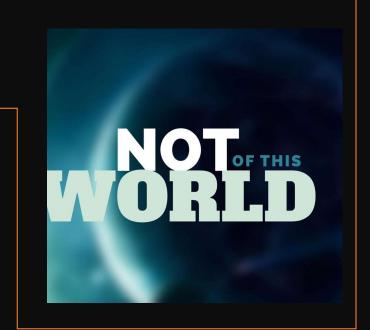
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Series:

Balancing Engagement with Detachment:
Awareness, Aloof, Afar

Thought for Today:

God's Protection Plan ~ The Gospel According to Pastor Katie!



### Who We are:

We are Spiritual Beings who are One With Christ.





God's Protection Plan ~ The Gospel According to Shrek:

"O.G.R.E."
Obnoxious
Gross
Repulsive
Enigmatic



Optimistic
Grateful
Reconciling

Empowering

"O.G.R.E."

It's all about choices...

God's Protection Plan ~ The Gospel According to Donkey:

"M.U.L.E."

Mean Unfriendly/Ugly Lonely Evil

"D.O.N.K.E.Y."

It's all about choices...

Devoted Optimistic Noble Kind Empowering Yielding

#### What does it mean to be These Things?

It's all about asking Questions and Examining choices...

OGRE, DONKEY, MULE - Human

Which is the "evil one?" Which one am I being?

We are SPIRITUAL BEINGS Who ARE One with CHRIST!

What IS the evil within Us/Me? Am I willing to look at the Evil One/The OGRE and The MULE in me...

What are we hiding from our Selves, that God is showing us in plain sight... but we blame on others...

<u>15</u> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you Friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you.
<u>16</u> You did not choose me, but I Chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.

John 15: 15 – 16

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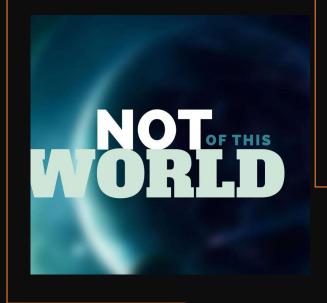
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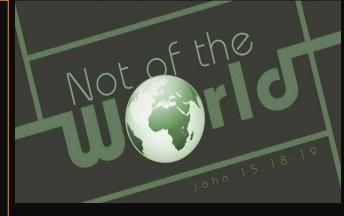
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Matthew 5: 48

# What does Christ's Perfection Look Like? P.E.R.F.E.C.T.

Patience – Love is Patient and Kind ~ 1 Cor. 13
Encouragement – Give honor where honor is due
Redemption - the action of saving or being
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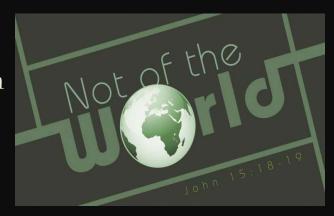
Faithfulness - being reliable, steady, unwavering in one's beliefs, actions, especially in our relationship with God. Empowerment - So that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith; and that we, are being rooted and grounded in love.

Eph. 3:17

Confident ~ I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ ~ Phil 1:6

Truthful - I am The Way and The Truth and The Life. John 14:6





#### WHY?

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## IN IT. NOT OF IT. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will. ROMANS 12:2

#### Why we Embrace Christ's Perfection?

It's all about choices...

"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, developing well-formed maturity in you."

Christ's Perfection!

Romans 12: 2 TMSG

#### God's Protection Plan ~ Christ's Perfection Plan



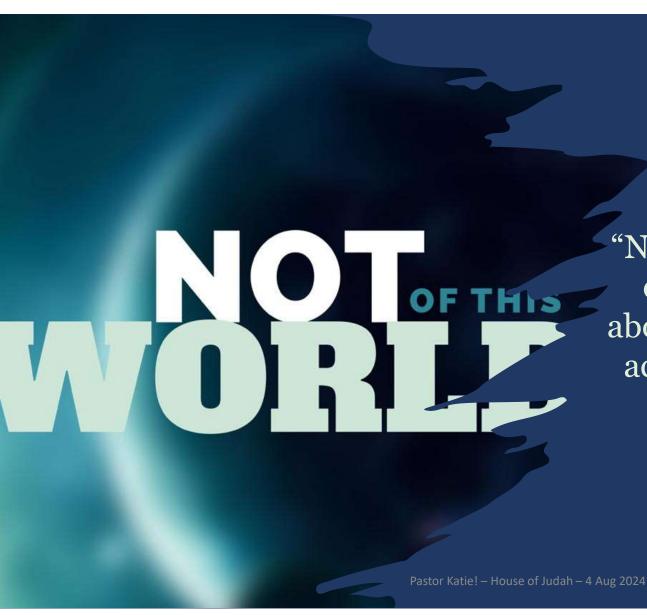
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Closing, Invitation and Benediction:

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the Power that works in us,"

For Their Name sake and For Their Glory...."

Ephesians 3:20