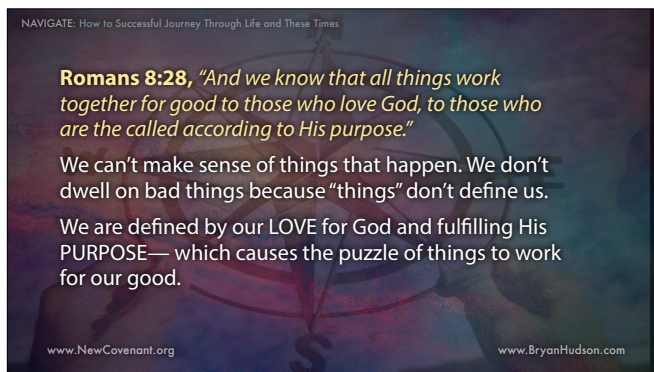
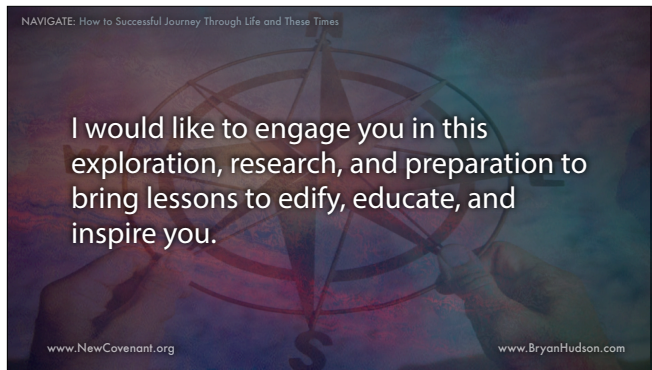


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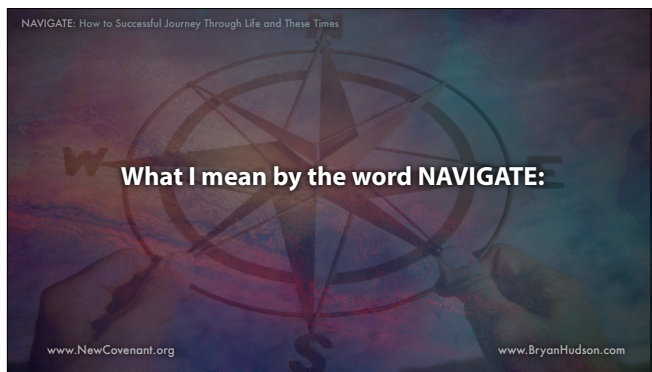
Since March of 2020, I have often used the word "Navigate" to describe our journey through life and work during the COVID-19 global pandemic, and socio-political upheaval in our society. Beyond the obvious medical and disease related impacts of COVID, we've also experienced changes in how we live and operate, including how we "do church."



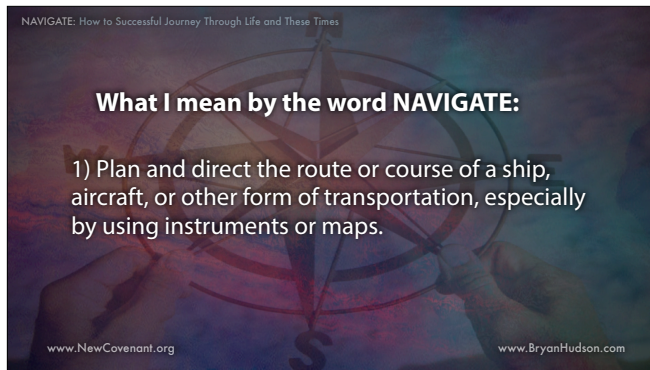
"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." We can't make sense of things that happen. We don't dwell on bad things because "things" don't define us. We are defined by our LOVE for God and fulfilling His PURPOSE— which causes the puzzle of things to work for our good.



Today, I would like to engage you in this exploration, research, and preparation to bring lessons to edify, educate, and inspire you. So I'll ask questions and make statements to which you may respond however you wish: If you have my contact information, you can text and email your thoughts. There is a contact form on our website, feel free to use that. I intend to reach out to some of you for engagement.



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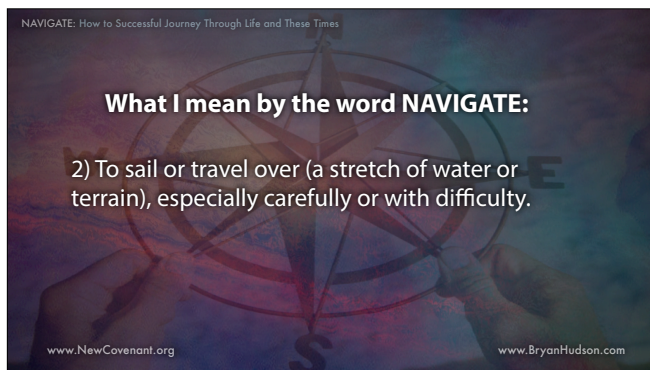
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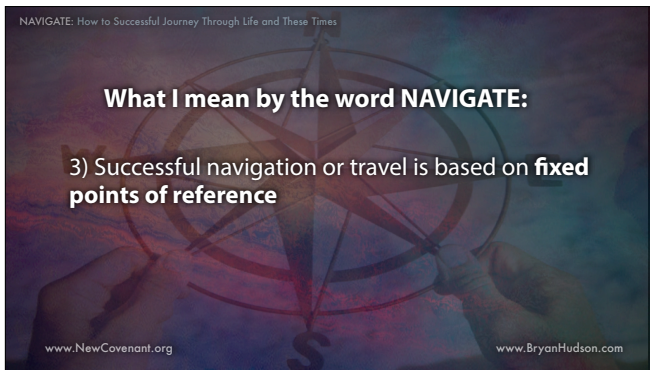


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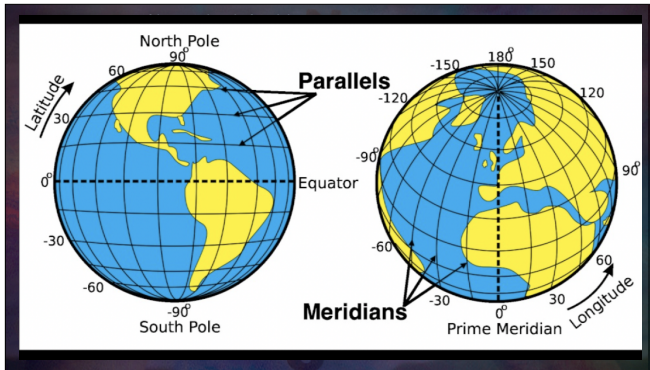
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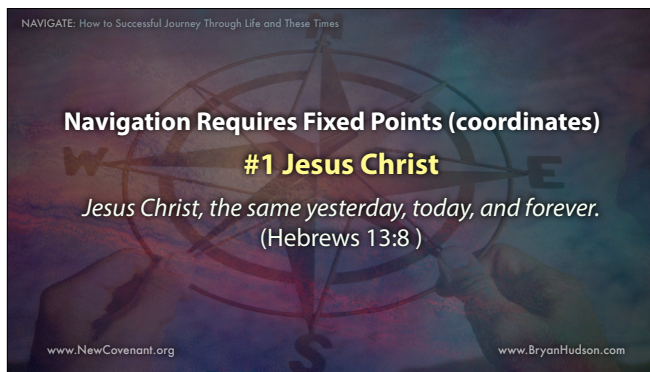


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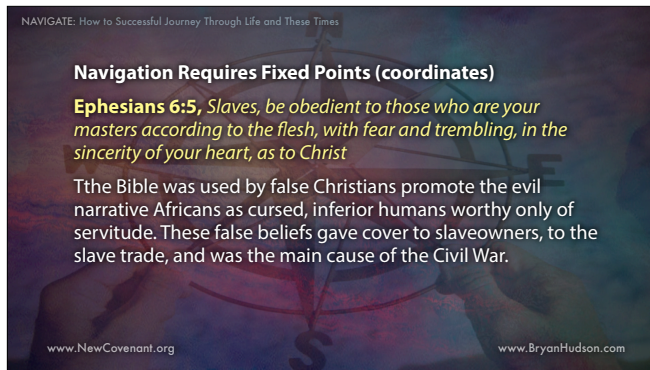
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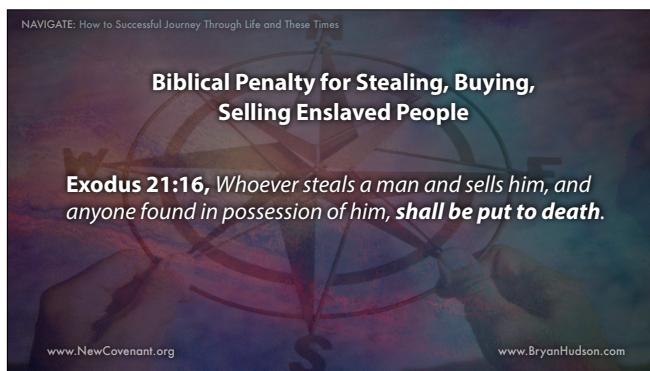
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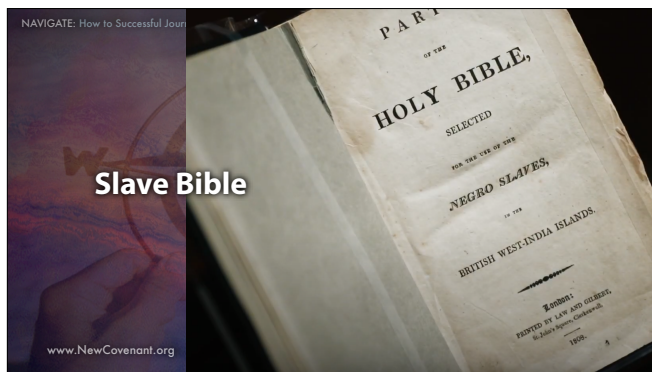


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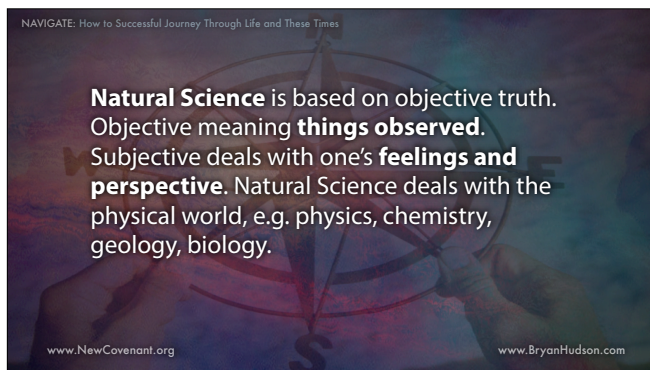
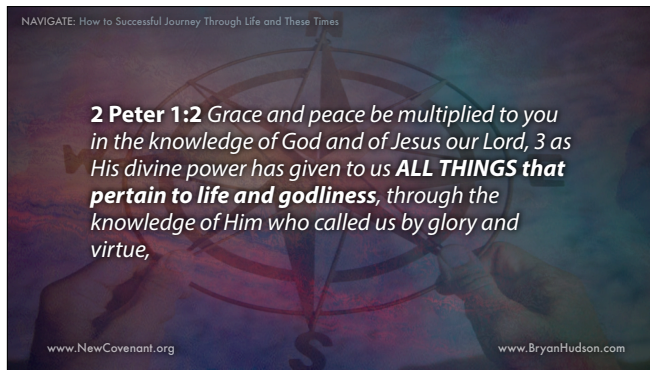
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things observed. Subjective deals with one's feelings and perspective. Natural Science deals with the physical world, e.g. physics, chemistry, geology, biology. Natural Science has produced vaccines such as for polio, chicken pox, and now COVID-19.

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We've seen failures and heartbreaks with people attempting to deal with COVID from a purely supernatural or what I call super-spiritual perspective. There are some believers, Christian leaders who are no long with us who avoided and even disdained guidance back in March 2020 following. Some spiritualized coronavirus, some politicized it, still others were simply gripped with fear (fear has torment).

I am using the concept of NAVIGATION as Jesus used real world items as parables to teach principles for life and God's kingdom.

During the pandemic, we've seen plenty of successes and failures in terms of navigating our times:

- Many people have died from COVID who could have been alive today
- Many people have survived and thrived during the same season.

- It has not been a matter of luck.
- It has not even been a matter of faith and spirituality alone.
- **The difference is: How people navigated**