

"Christ-Edited Life"
(Colossians 1:28; 3:1-4; 3:17)

God's Editorial Promises: 1) "I will finish what I've begun" - Phil 1:6
2) "You will have no other gods before Me" - Ex 20:3
3) "You shall be My witnesses" - Acts 1:8

Jesus Christ Is Unbending Truth - Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8; Ja 1:17
- He edits out of us what didn't come from God - Heb 12:2
...unalloyed lies ...mixtures of Truth and error - Heb 4:12
- So we may experience the freedom for which He set us free - Jo 8:32,36; Ga 5:1

Jesus Christ Is Unending Love - Jo 13:1; I Jo 4:7-8,19; Col 3:14
- He edits out of us anything not born of His Love - I Cor 13:4-8
...we must lose the practice of self-interest as the basis of our reality - II Cor 5:14
- So we may experience the fearlessness of being perfectly loved - I Jo 4:16-18

Our Editor-In-Chief Speaks the Truth in Love - Eph 4:15
- Love that is truthful, truth that is loving edits out incentives to sin - Col 3:5-9
...we become free and fearless storytellers of our Truthful and Loving Savior - Acts 1:8; I Cor 12:7
- His grace pleads for a willing cooperation to be edited - Matt 19:21
...embracing His editorial disciplines - Heb 12:1-11

Spiritual Disciplines:	<u>(Discipline)</u>	<u>(Editorial effect)</u>
- The ones we "choose":	Bible/Scriptures (II Tim 3:15-16)	...our intoxication with self-determination/definition
	Prayer (Jer 33:3; I Thess 5:17)	...separated, disconnected perspectives
	Fasting (Matt 16:18)	...deceptive authoritative voices of body/soul
	Thank God for everything (Eph 5:20)	...that appearances determine reality; partial tells whole story
	Secret service (Matt 6:1-4)	...have to be noticed, validated, affirmed by others
- The Ones God Chooses:	"Uninvited Angels" (Lk 1:26ff)	...illusions, fantasies of control (= surrendered to Him)
	"Thorns" (II Cor 12:7-10)	...pride, self-sufficiency (= humility)
	"Tombs" (Jo 11:1-46)	...trying hard (= trusting Him)
	"Cross" (Lk 9:23,24)	...demands for fair, comfort (= live for sake of other; "intercessor")

- So He can tell a Christ-centered story with our lives - II Cor 5:17; Ro 8:19