

# UNWANTED CHANGED

**A NEW JOURNEY  
WITH CHRIST**

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH  
A BOOK STUDY IN 12 WEEKS

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FROM OUT OF THE WILL  
TO IN THE WILL

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**“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.**

**Deuteronomy 29:29**



11 **In him** we have obtained an inheritance, having been **predestined** according to the **purpose** of him who works all things according to the counsel of **his will**, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the **praise of his glory**.

**EPH 1:11-12**



<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you **heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him**, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**, <sup>14</sup> who is the **guarantee** of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the **praise of his glory**.

**EPH 1:13-14**



# WHAT'S GOD DOING

- ✓ God has a plan
- ✓ God has a purpose
- ✓ God works all things to His will



**“This is how legends are made.”**

**ALEX ROUPE  
[RIGHT BEFORE HE DOES SOMETHING DUMB]**



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**GOD WORKS ALL THINGS  
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# ASPECTS OF GOD'S WILL

- ✓ GOD'S SOVEREIGN WILL- WHAT GOD DECREES TO COME TO PASS, INCLUDING ALL THINGS (VS11)
- ✓ PRECEPTIVE WILL- WHAT HE PROSCRIBES AND REVEALS IN HIS WORD (VS 13 )
- ✓ PERMISSIVE WILL- WHAT THE LORD PERMITS EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT IN CONFORMITY TO HIS PRESCRIBED WILL (LIFE)



# PAUL

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Cor 12:8-10



# JESUS

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." <sup>43</sup>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Luke 22:42-44



# FOCUS ON WHAT YOU KNOW, NOT ON WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.

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HEAR THE TRUTH

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BELIEVE IN CHRIST

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IMMEDIATELY SEALED



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# SO WHAT IS MY INHERITANCE?

2 PETER 1:3-11



" His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 Peter 1:3-5



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**EPH 1:13-14**

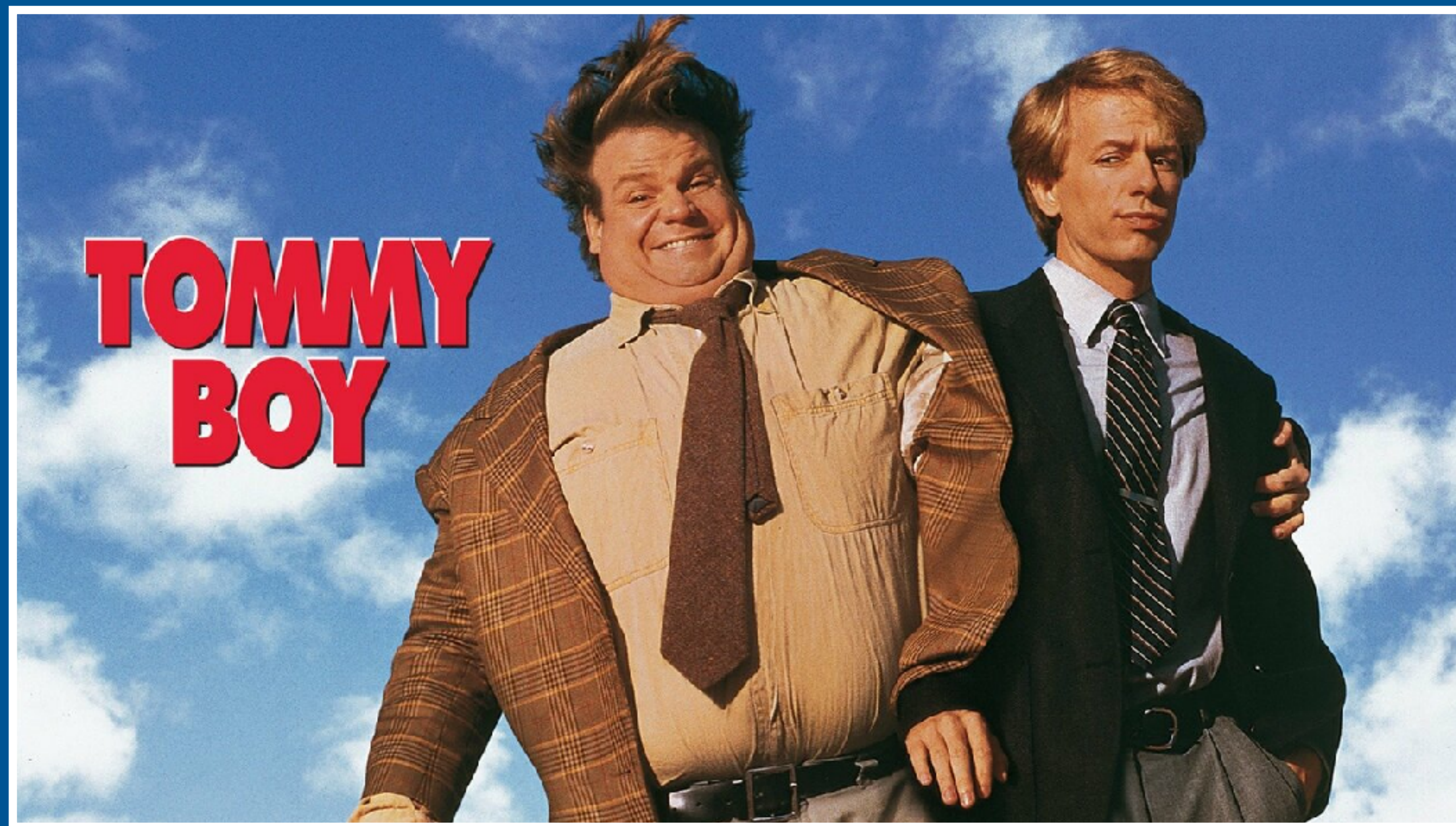


# THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE GUARANTEE

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.”

Romans 8:16







"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23



# DO YOU HAVE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- ✓ Do I see evidence of spiritual fruit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, in my life?
- ✓ Do I feel convicted when I sin and have a desire to turn back to God?
- ✓ Do I experience a sense of peace and joy even when circumstances are bad?



# NOT SURE?

- ✓ HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE GOSPEL AND BELIEVED IN JESUS?
- ✓ ARE YOU LIVING IN DELIBERATE SIN OR NOT OBEYING SOMETHING YOU KNOW YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO DO?
- ✓ ARE YOU PURSUING GOD “MAKE EVERY EFFORT”?  
2 PETER 1:5-11



# ARE YOU SAVED?

JOHN 3:16 / ROMANS 10:9 / EPH 2:8-9



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# DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

WE ARE AVAILABLE TO PRAY WITH YOU  
NEAR THE PLATFORM AFTER EACH  
SERVICE.

PRAYER TEAM PLEASE  
COME TO THE FRONT





# TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP!



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