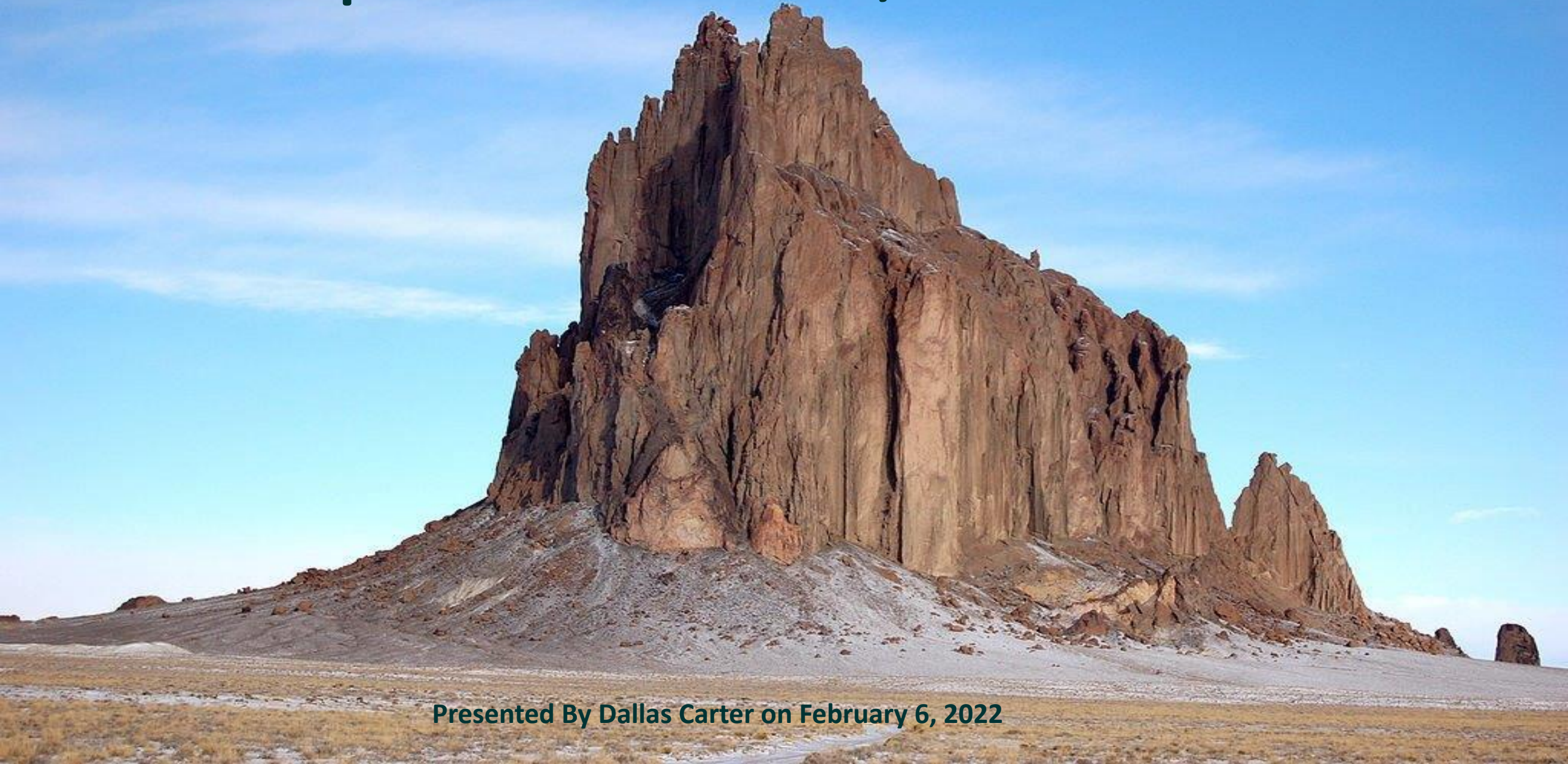


Upon This Rock, Part Dieux



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- I had a dream in september 1986 that I was at Graceland Baptist Church, outdoors in front of the Prayer Chapel.
- It was storming fierce, with hail coming down all around me and killing people around me. This storm did not feel like any storm that would even be possible on earth. I felt like a storm on another planet
- I wondered what could possibly cause such a storm. I was instantly in the back parking lot between the church building and the school building.
- He referred to a demonic prince that he called the Evil Spectre as the power behind this storm. I said I must confront him.

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- In the next instant I was in the hallway/locker area of the school building. I see a hooded figure that looked like the grim reaper.
- I then hear a voice saying “Jesus is the cornerstone, hit his head against the corner of the wall!!!” ...I killed this powerful demon using Christ, the cornerstone, as my weapon.

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- In the years to come I had a deep consciousness that Christ must be the rock. I struggled with the how. The answer to this question is much trickier than some naive analyses would suggest. There are two classes of answers that are wanting.
- Arminian –
 - Emphasis on man's responsibility
 - Risks shifting foundation from Christ to men
 - If I “Make Jesus Lord,” then I am really in charge
- Calvinism
 - Emphasizes the Sovereignty of God to the exclusion of human agency and free agency.
 - This solves the problem of how Christ is the foundation but tells us little about how God actually moves in the world.

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- While God certainly can move independently of human action and intentionality, His normal activity in the world is mediated through both human actions and the use of free will to make decisions relevant to salvation and sanctification.
- As Paul wrote to the Philippians, God “*works in us so we can both will and do His good pleasure* (4:13).
- With this in mind, it should be noted that Christ could have stepped into the dream and killed the demon for me.
- He instead provided me everything I needed for victory and spoke His word to me to instruct me on how to get the victory.

Building Upon The Rock

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

–Luke 6:46–49

Building Upon The Rock

- Whosoever cometh to me (Drawing near to God),
- and heareth my sayings (Hearing/studying God's Word),
- and doeth them (Doing God's Word).

Drawing near to God

- Draw near to his presence through praise and worship

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise
–Psalm 100:4

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
–Psalm 22:3

David composed many Psalms to reflect His constant episodes of drawing near to God

Drawing near to God

1 Samuel 30:1–6

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives...

Drawing near to God

...Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**

–1 Samuel 30:1–6

Hearing/studying God's Word

- Study the Scriptures
- Ask God for wisdom
- Ask God for special revelation

Hearing/studying God's Word

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

–2 Timothy 3:16–17

Ask God for wisdom

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

-James 1:5-8

Ask God for wisdom

Proverbs 8:22–30

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world...

Ask God for wisdom

...When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

–Proverbs 8:22–30

Ask God for special revelation

And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

–1 Samuel 30:7–8

Ask God for special revelation

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: **for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.** For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

–John 5:19–23

If Supergenius Jesus needs revelation, why don't you

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

-Luke 2:46-47

Childhood IQ = mental age

➤ Jesus IQ = $18/12 = 150$ to $30/12 = 250$

➤ Jesus IQ was between 150-250 or higher

➤ Any IQ above 200 is considered an outlier

Doing God's Words

- Means obedience to His commands using the means He has given You
- Confessing God's Word always, especially concerning the impossible

Faith without obedience is dead

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone...

...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

–James 2:14–17,26

Circle of Faith



Romans 10:6-17, Luke 6:45

The Circle of Faith

- Romans 10:17 exposes the first two legs of this cycle.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. –Romans 10:17 KJV

- Changing the passive wording to active, we get:

Proclaimed Word of God → transformed senses → faith

- The Word of God is proclaimed to human senses, transforming them.
- The transformed senses allow the observer to see things through the lens of faith, producing faith.

The Circle of Faith

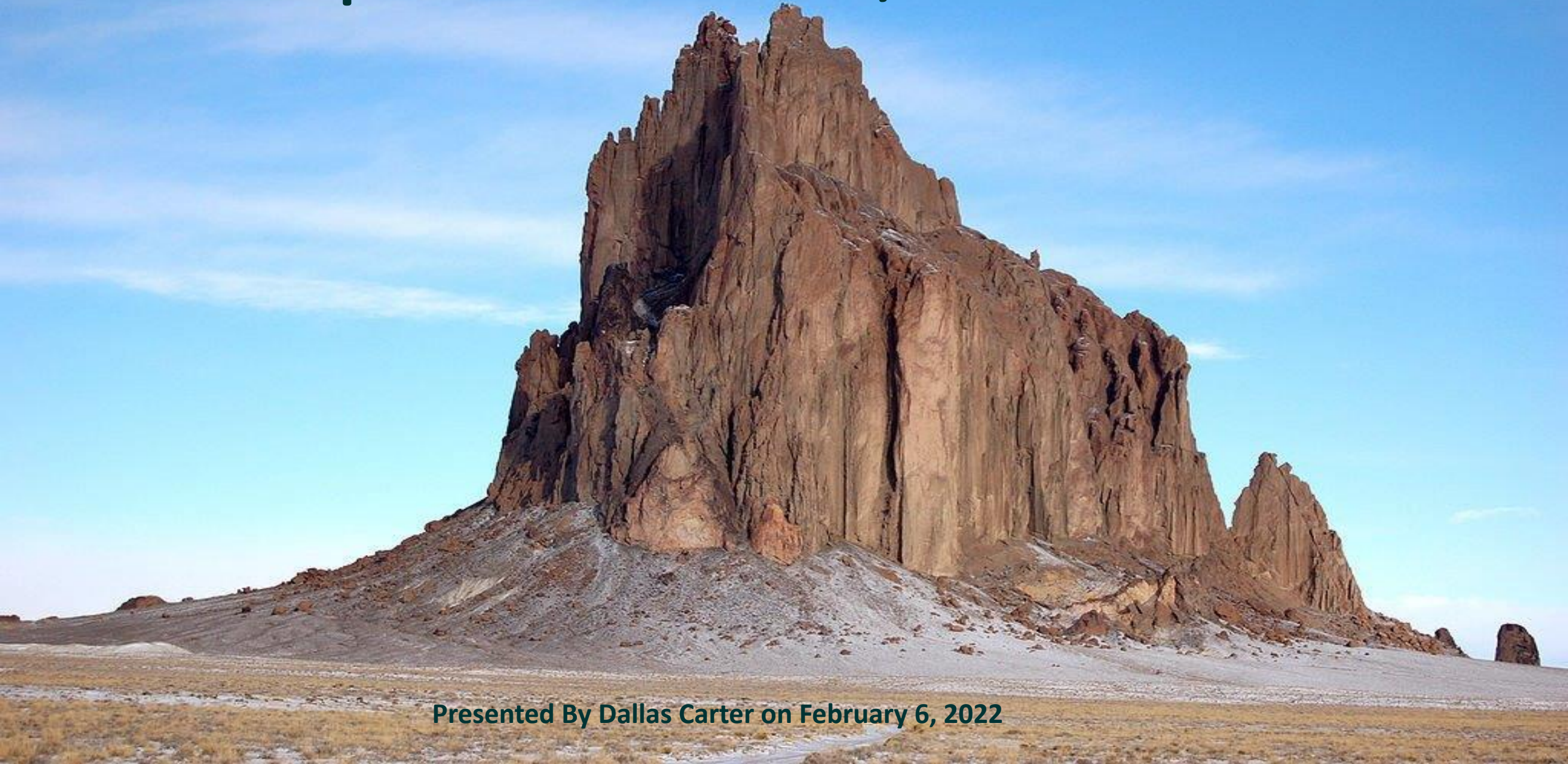
- The Circle of Faith is a cycle of Faith and confession that releases supernatural power.
- It begins when the Word of God is proclaimed to human senses, transforming them.
- The transformed senses allow the observer to see things through the lens of faith, producing faith
- This faith overflows into confession, proclaiming God's Word to human senses.
- This cyclical iteration results in ever increasing faith until supernatural power is released into the realm of our experience.

We have been given Promises

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

–2 Peter 1:3–4 KJV

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