



## TRIBE

### Part 4: "The Place"

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## MY TRIBE IS THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE IF I WANT TO...

### 1. ...CHALLENGE AND CHANGE MY THINKING

*"Those who live following their sinful selves think only about things that their sinful selves want. But those who live following the Spirit are thinking about the things the Spirit wants them to do. If people's thinking is controlled by the sinful self, there is death. But if their thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace. When people's thinking is controlled by the sinful self, they are against God, because they refuse to obey God's law and really are not even able to obey God's law. Those people who are ruled by their sinful selves cannot please God."*

**Romans 8:5-8 (NCV)**

*“So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from his perspective.”*

**Colossians 3:1-2 (MSG)**

## **2. ...FORM AND FEED MY BELIEFS**

*So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life.”*

**Proverbs 4:23 (TPT)**

*“Beware that no one distracts you or intimidates you in their attempt to lead you away from Christ’s fullness by pretending to be full of wisdom when they’re filled with endless arguments of human logic. For they operate with humanistic and clouded judgments based on the mindset of this world system, and not the anointed truths of the Anointed One.”*

**Colossians 2:8 (TPT)**

### 3. ...STIR AND STRETCH MY FAITH

*“Thomas (called Didymus), who was one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other followers kept telling Thomas, ‘We saw the Lord.’ But Thomas said, ‘I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side.’ A week later the followers were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood right in the middle of them. He said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop being an unbeliever and believe.’ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly blessed.””*

**John 20: 24-29 (NCV)**

*“While walking back into the city the next morning, he got hungry. He noticed a lone fig tree by the side of the path and walked over to see if there was any fruit on it, but there was none—he found only leaves. So he spoke to the fig tree and said, ‘You will be barren and will never bear fruit again!’ Instantly the fig tree shriveled up right in front of their eyes!*

*Astonished, his disciples asked, ‘How did you make this fig tree instantly wither and die?’ Jesus replied, ‘Listen to the truth. If you have no doubt of God’s power and speak out of faith’s fullness, you can be the ones who speak to a tree and it will wither away.”*

*Even more than that, you could say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and be thrown into the sea' and it will be done. Everything you pray for with the fullness of faith you will receive!'"*

**Matthew 21:18-22 (TPT)**

#### **4. ...EXPLORE AND EXPERIMENT WITH MY GIFTS**

*"God's marvelous grace imparts to each one of us varying gifts and ministries that are uniquely ours. So if God has given you the grace-gift of prophecy, you must activate your gift by using the proportion of faith you have to prophesy. If your grace-gift is serving, then thrive in serving others well. If you have the grace-gift of teaching, then be actively teaching and training others. If you have the grace-gift of encouragement, then use it often to encourage others. If you have the grace-gift of giving to meet the needs of others, then may you prosper in your generosity without any fanfare. If you have the gift of leadership, be passionate about your leadership. And if you have the gift of showing compassion, then flourish in your cheerful display of compassion."*

**Romans 12:6-8 (TPT)**