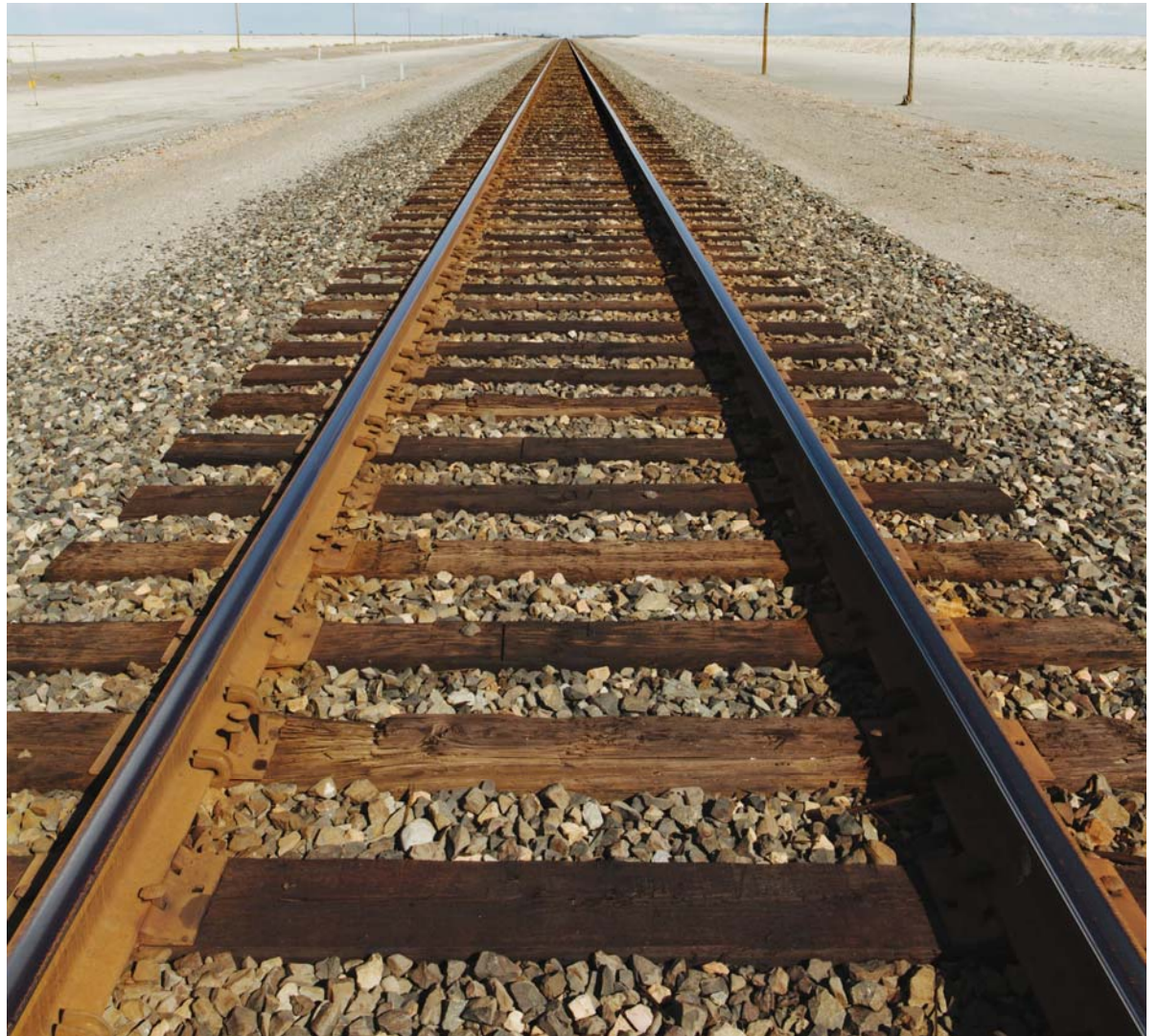
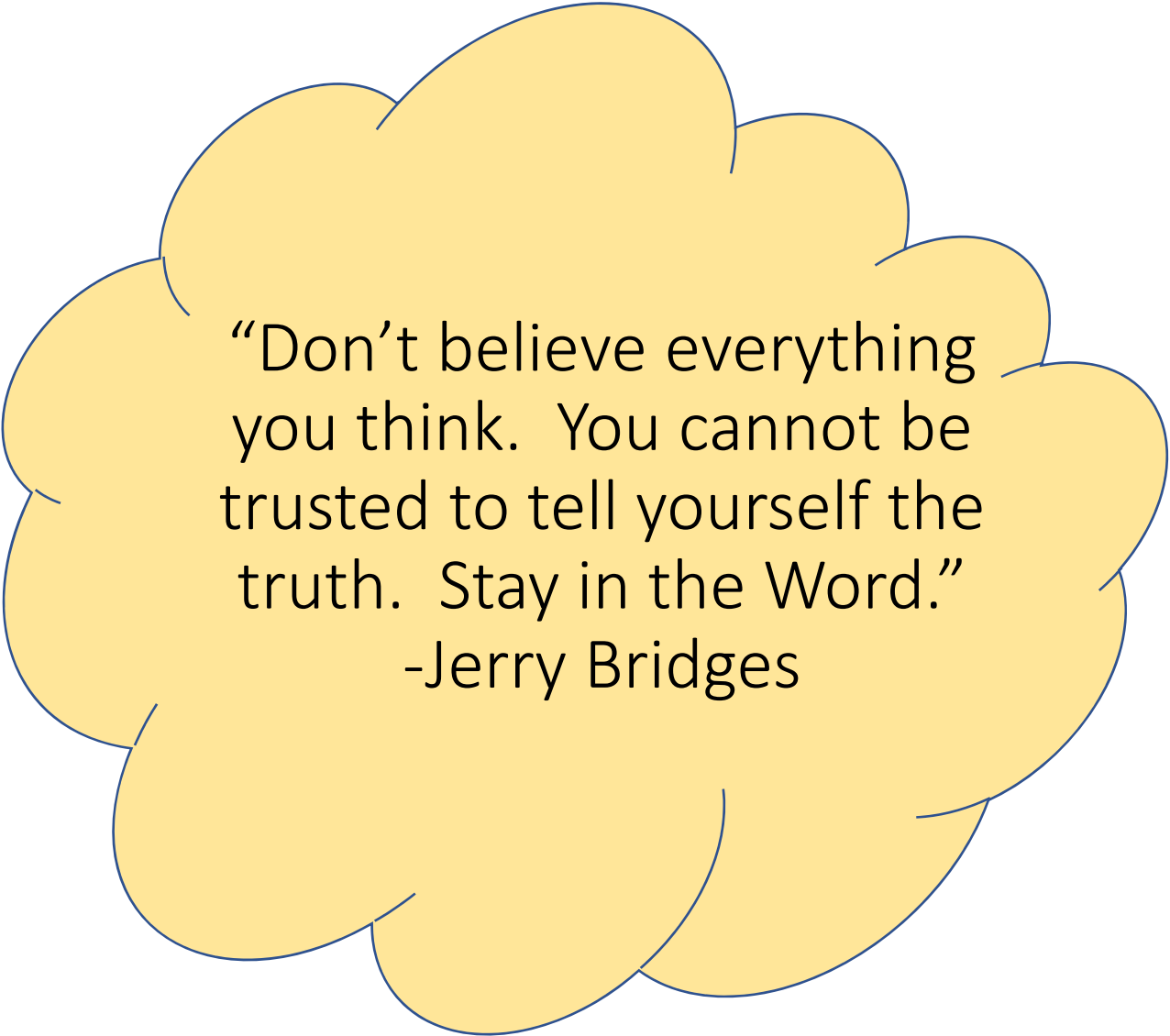


When my thinking
is wrong

(When I get off track)

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“Don’t believe everything
you think. You cannot be
trusted to tell yourself the
truth. Stay in the Word.”

-Jerry Bridges

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that everyone knows more than I do, and that I should listen to advice of anyone close to me.

However, the Word shows that you are going to get bad advice, even from someone close to you who should know better.

Job, and the worst piece of advice in human history!

Job 1:8

Job 2:9

Matthew 6:14-15

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that I have to explain what is happening to God. However, the Word shows that God sees everything and knows our thoughts.

Jesus shows that He knows everything (whether told or not).

Matthew 12:22-28

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that any inconvenience or awkwardness that I am experiencing now shows that God is not close, or I am outside His plan. However, the Word shows that inconvenience is not a gauge of how close God is, or if His will is being accomplished.

The Nativity and the journey of Mary and Joseph

Luke 2: 4-7

Sometimes I am tempted to think that I am not good enough to do something in the Kingdom. However, the Word shows that my opinion on my credentials for ministry is irrelevant.

Noah – Not a shipbuilder, not a zookeeper

Moses – Not a good speaker

David – Not even a man yet...

Disciples - Fishermen, not PhDs...

Mark 1:16-20

(Calling the disciples)

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that my fellow Christians and I can always avoid mistakes. However, the Word shows that humans, even Christians, are not immune from saying or doing crazy things every now and then.

Peter's Denial (Matthew 26)

Peter's preaching

Acts 2:40

All have sinned

Romans 3:23

Sometimes, I am
tempted to think that
things are too far gone.
However, the Word
shows that there is no
“too far” with God.

Joseph

Genesis 37 – 45

Jonah

Book of Jonah

Saul / Paul

Acts 9:26-28

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that my own part in worshipping God is inconsequential to the world around me. However, the Word shows that we should never underestimate the power of our worship.

Mary's anointing of Jesus with oil

John 12:1-10,

Luke 7:41-42

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that I know what I need. However, the Word shows that God will supply all our needs (not our wants), so let him decide

Paul's thorn in the side
2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that everything must make sense. However, the Word shows that God is always in control, even when things around me don't make sense.

Moses and the Israelites
Exodus 7-10,
Numbers 14:34

Sometimes, I am tempted to think that I can only do what I can do. However, the Word shows that I should not judge what can be done (what God can do) based on what I can do.

Jesus feeds the multitude
Luke 9:10-17, John 6:9

What if we:

- Gave grace to other people (even when their counsel is off)
- Rest in the thought that God knows our thoughts and situations better than we do
- Refused to let inconvenience or difficulty serve as a gauge of what God is doing
- Saw ourselves the way God sees us, not the way we are tempted to see ourselves
- Remained calm and faithful when we or others missed the mark (and embraced His forgiveness)
- Remembered that there is no “too far” with God
- Believed in the power of worshipping God and resisted underestimating our own worship time, no matter what that looks like
- Let God **define** and **supply** our needs
- Reminded ourselves constantly that God is in control and let Him direct the details
- Let God define what can be done