



“Making Disciples through Creating Communities of Justice and Peace”

Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference 2017



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“What Father has told Us”



He [God] has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

- Micah 6:8 -





“Arise, *Shine*, for your *Light* has come,
and the *Glory of the Lord* has risen upon
you. For behold, darkness shall cover the
earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but
The Lord will arise upon you, and
His Glory will be seen upon you.”

Isaiah 60:1-2



"Nations will come to
your light, and kings to
the brightness of your
dawn." Isaiah 60:3





Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
before the great and dreadful day of the
Lord: and he shall

turn the heart

of the fathers to the children, and the
heart of the children to their fathers, lest I
come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:5-6



Good Samaritan

LUKE 10:25-37





**"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory. . .
All the nations will be gathered before Him;
and He will separate them from one another,
as the shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats." Matthew 25:31-32,**



Go therefore
and make
disciples
of all the
nations

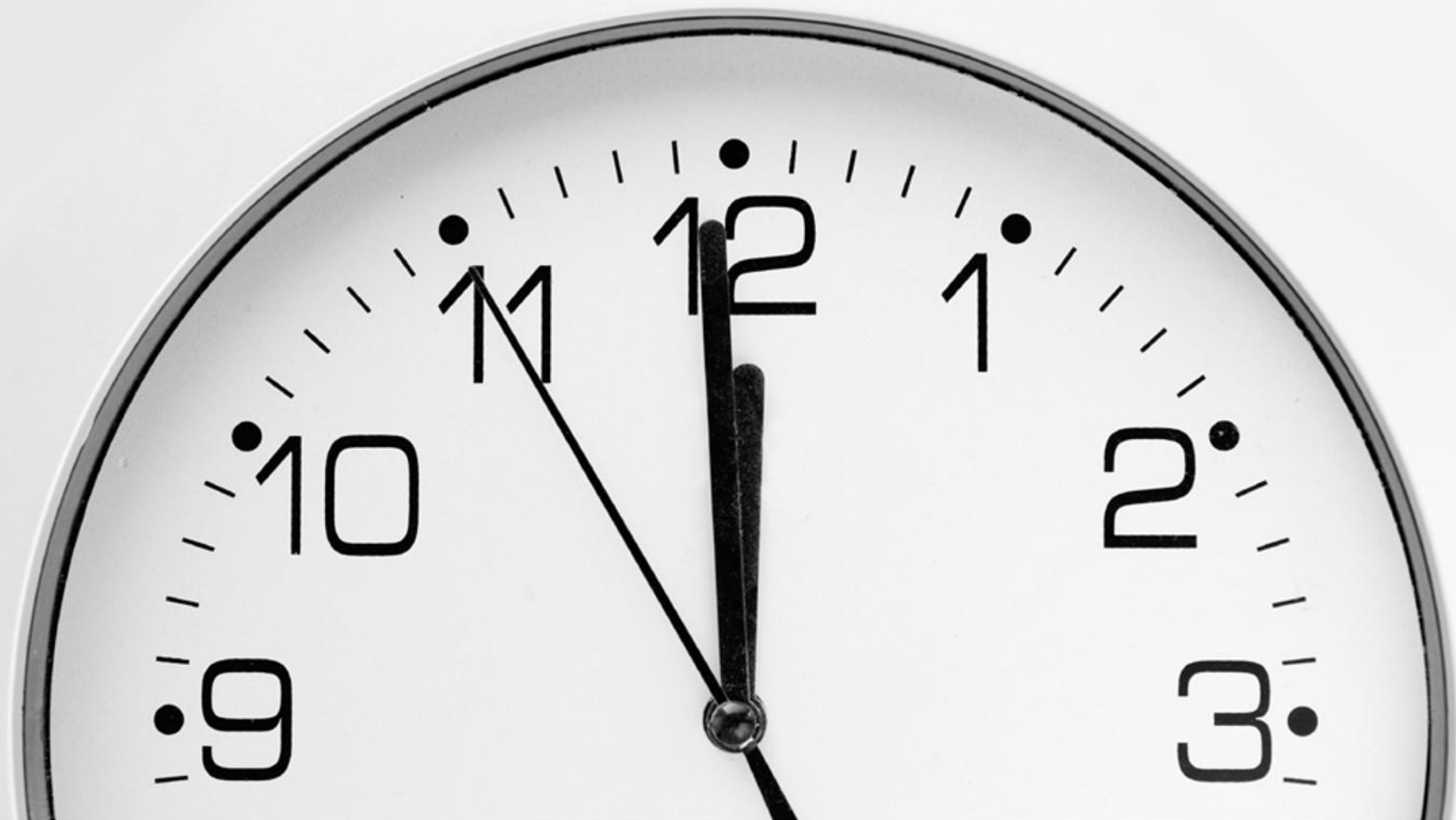
THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-20, Luke 24:50-53





“Making Disciples vs. Evangelise”



“Justice and the Church”



We must neither confuse
evangelism with doing
justice, nor separate them
from one another

Timothy Keller

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For He is our peace
who has made us both one
and has broken down the dividing wall,
having abolished in His flesh the hostility,
the Law of commandments
& regulations, *Himself*
so as to create *in*
one new man from the two, *thus making peace.*
EPHESIANS 2:14-15



**PEACE AND JUSTICE
ARE TWO SIDES OF
THE SAME COIN.**



Dwight D. Eisenhower
34th U.S. President
1890-1969

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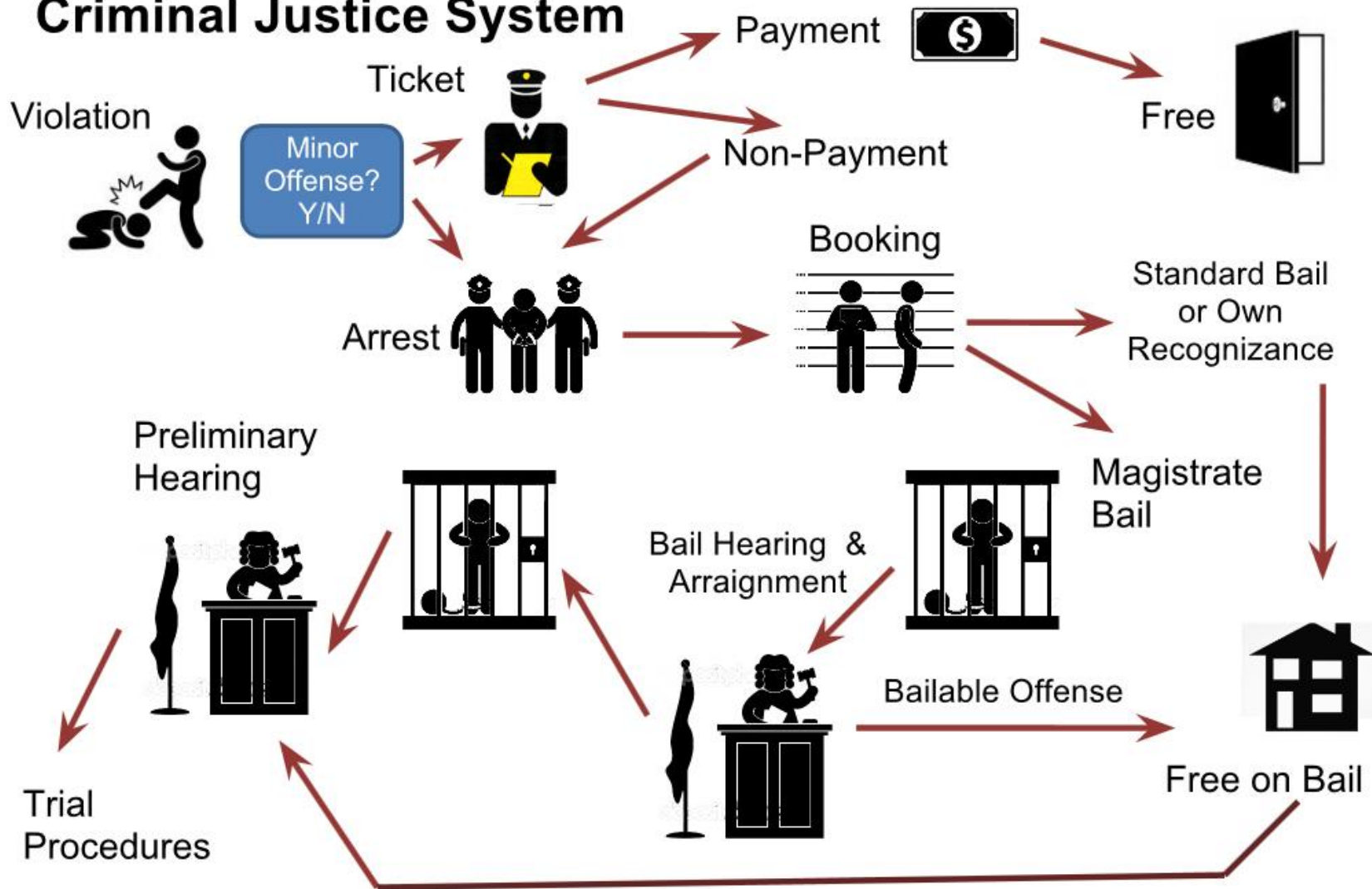
This is what the
LORD Almighty said:

*Administer true justice;
show mercy & compassion
to one another.*

*Do not oppress
the widow
or the fatherless,
the foreigner
or the poor.*



Criminal Justice System





INTER-RELATED OPTIONS

1. Intercession
2. Prevention
3. Intervention
4. Post-vention

The background of the image is a photograph of a person sitting on a wooden stool inside a prison cell. The person is seen from the side, hunched over with their head buried in their arms. They are wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The cell is made of dark metal bars, and a single, bright candle sits on the floor in front of the person, casting a strong light. The floor is concrete and has some debris on it. The overall mood is somber and isolated.

**I was in prison and
you came to me.**

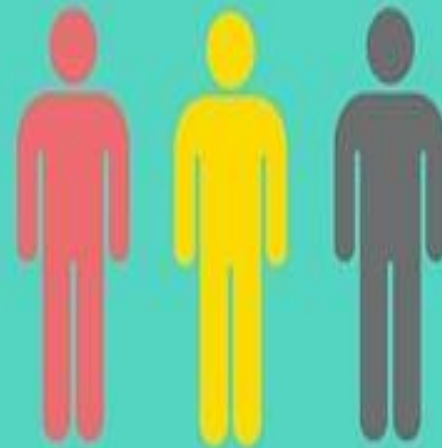
-Mathew 25:36



Victims Need Volunteers

.....REAL crimes

.....REAL victims

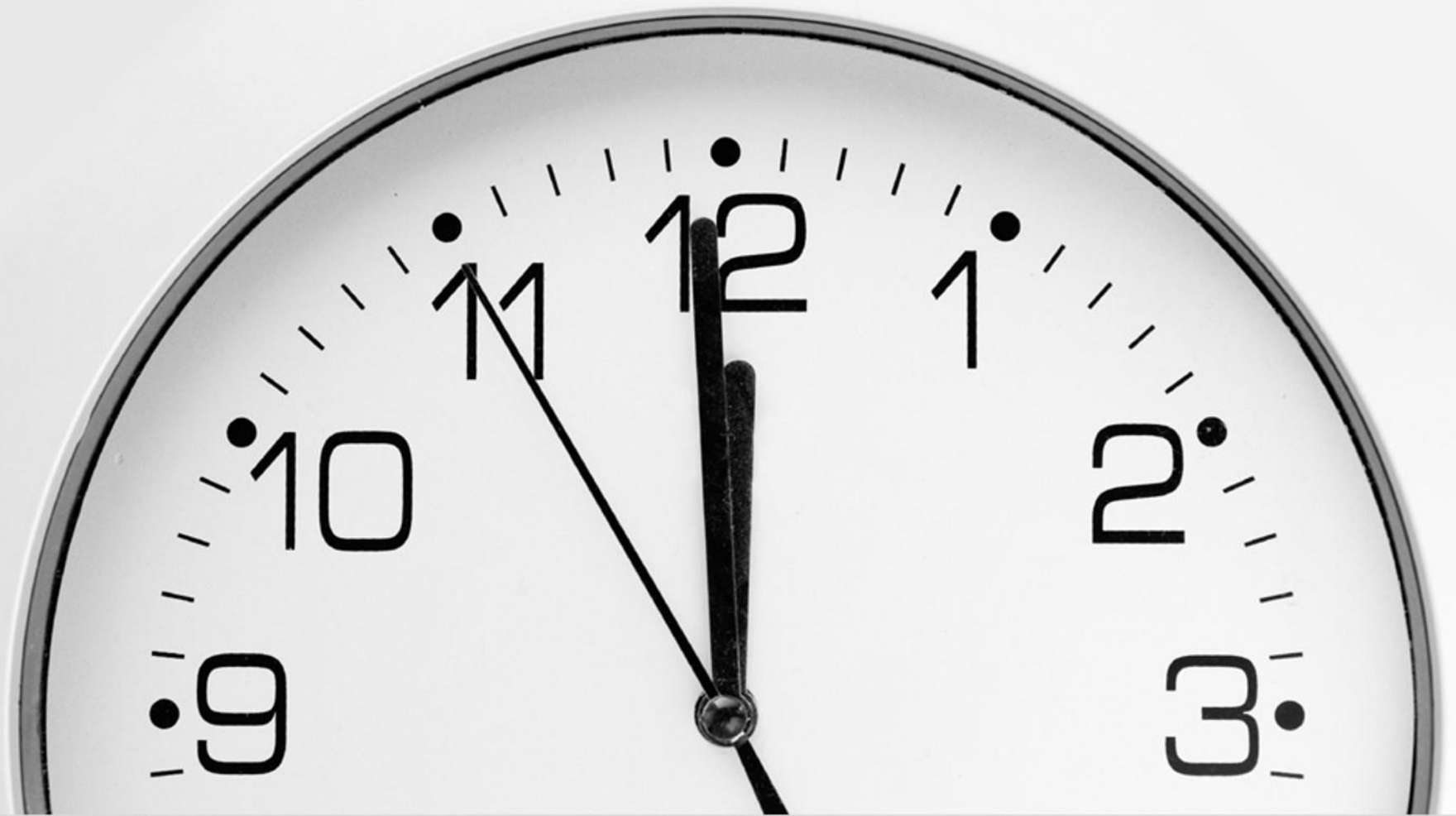


.....Supported by REAL people like you



1 Corinthians 6:1-3

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“Being Peacemakers”



NO JUSTICE

NO PEACE

Know Justice

Know Peace



know

peace

through

justice



Restorative Justice



The Criminal Justice system asks...

"What law was broken"?

"Who broke it"?

"How do we punish them"?

In Restorative Justice, practitioners ask...

"What harm was done and to whom"?

"What needs have arisen based on that harm"?

"Whose obligation is it to meet those needs"?





“From Luke to Paul”



Good Samaritan

LUKE 10:25-37





The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)



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FROM SLAVE TO BROTHER

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“Creating Communities of Justice and Peace”

Impact of Trauma



ACEs = ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

The three types of ACEs include

ABUSE



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Mental Illness



Incarcerated Relative



Mother treated violently



Substance Abuse



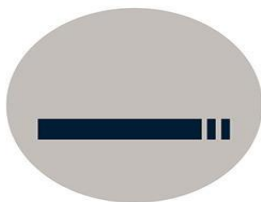
Divorce



BEHAVIOR



Lack of physical activity



Smoking



Alcoholism



Drug use



Missed work

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH



Severe obesity



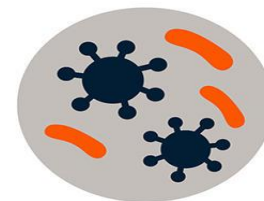
Diabetes



Depression



Suicide attempts



STDs



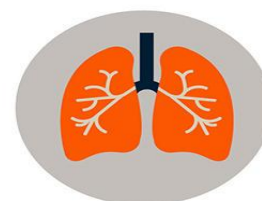
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Cancer



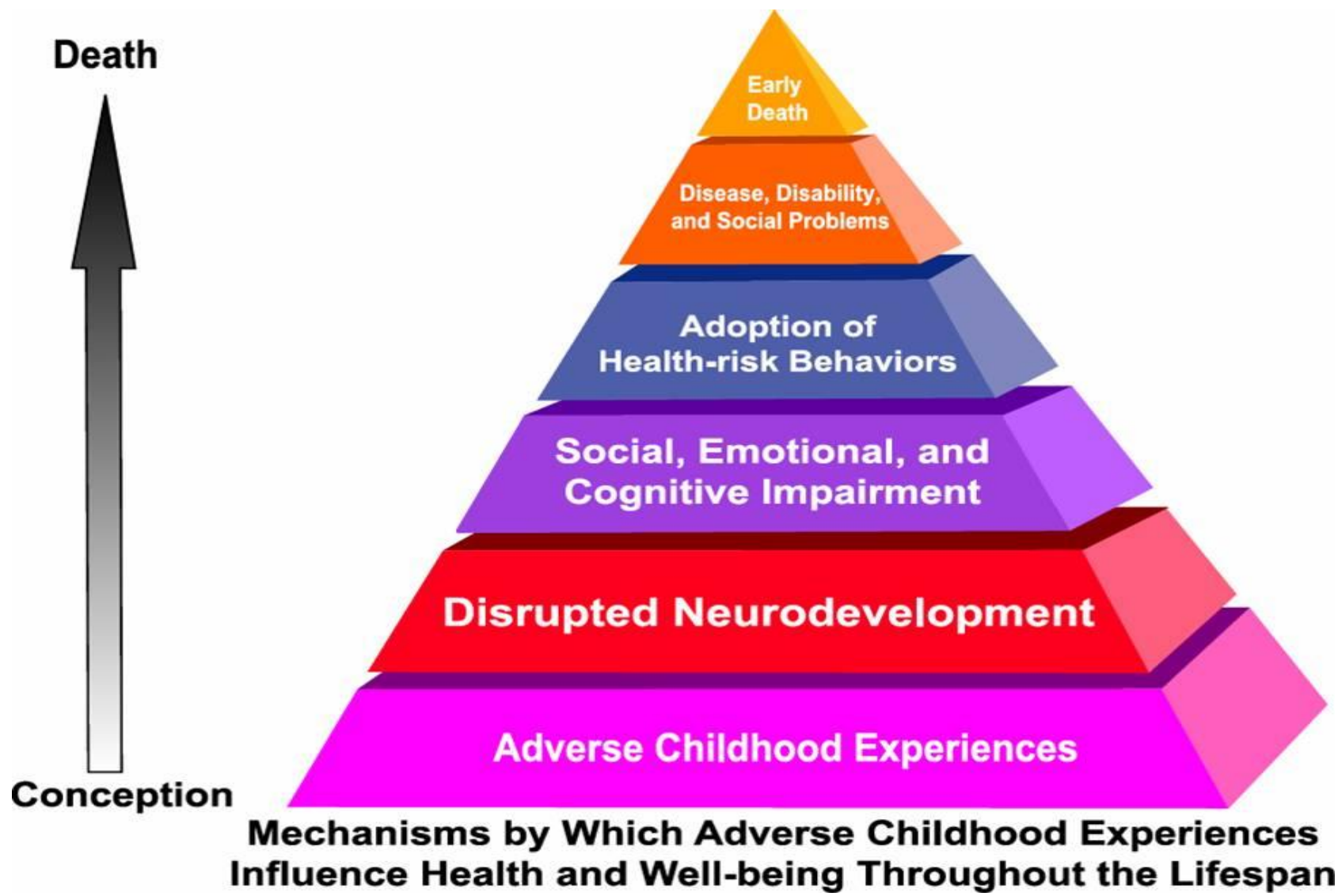
Stroke



COPD



Broken bones





- **Half of all lifetime cases of mental and substance use disorders begin by age 14 years and three-fourths by age 24**
- **Over 8 million American adults seriously considered suicide; over 2 million had a plan to commit suicide; over 1 million attempted suicide**
- **More than 34,000 suicides occurred in the U.S. in 2007; 100 suicides per day; one suicide every 15 minutes**
- **Almost 30 percent of deaths by suicide involved alcohol intoxication (i.e., blood alcohol concentration [BAC] at or above the legal limit of 0.08 g/dL)**
- **Childhood traumas/difficulties potentially explain 32.4 percent of psychiatric disorders in adulthood and are a significant risk factor for substance abuse**



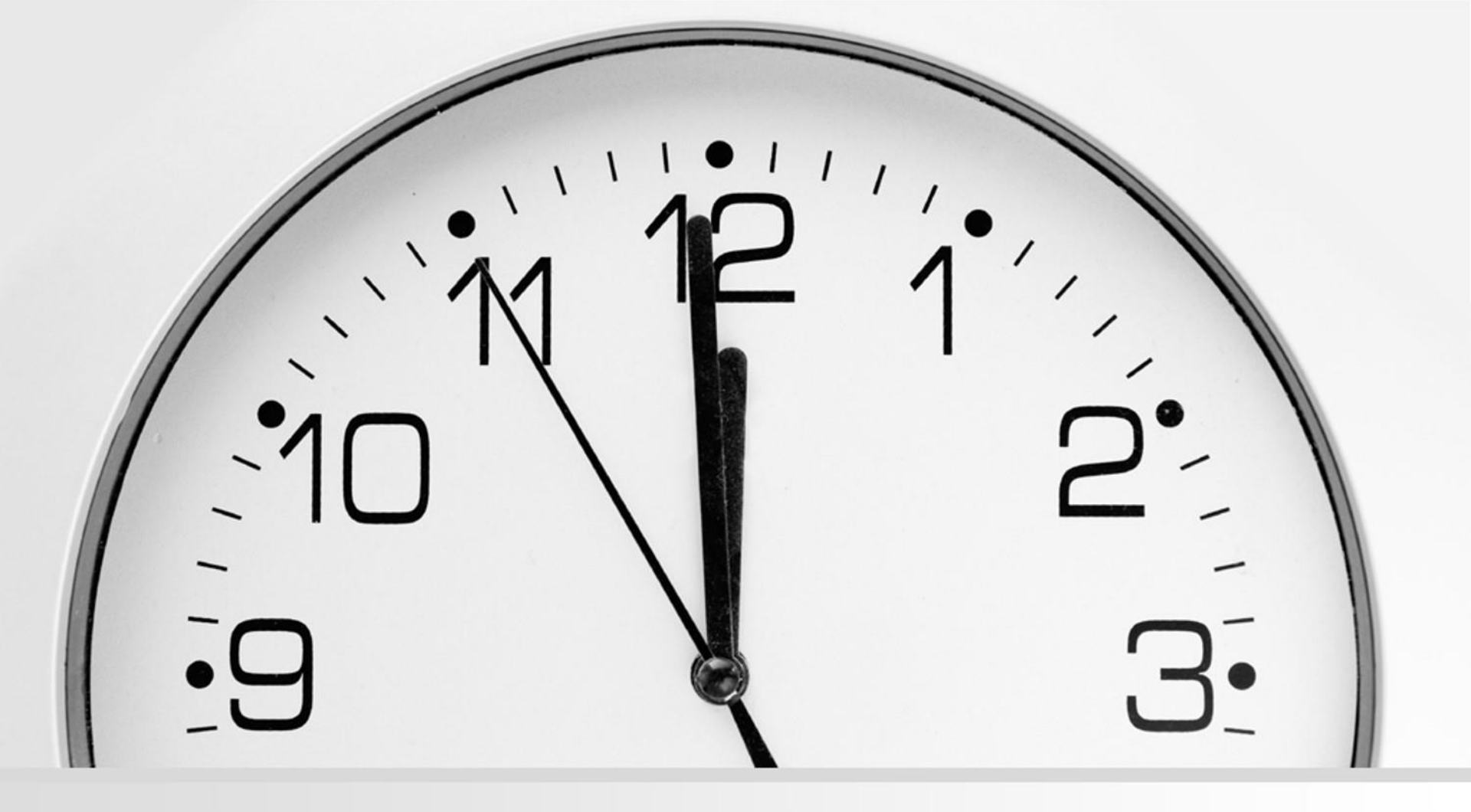
- **Substance abuse or dependence rates of prisoners is four times greater than the general population**
- **Youth in juvenile justice have high rates of M/SUDs**
 - *Prevalence rates as high as 66 percent with 95 percent experiencing functional impairment*
- **Approximately three-quarters of State, Federal, and jail inmates meet criteria for either MH or SU problems, contributing to higher corrections costs**
 - *More than 41 percent State prisoners, 28 percent Federal prisoners, and 48 percent jail inmates meet criteria for having both*



ACEs increase individuals' risks of developing health-harming behaviours

Compared with people with no ACEs, those with 4+ ACEs are:

- 2 times more likely to currently binge drink and have a poor diet
- 3 times more likely to be a current smoker
- 5 times more likely to have had sex while under 16 years old
- 6 times more likely to have had or caused an unplanned teenage pregnancy
- 7 times more likely to have been involved in violence in the last year
- 11 times more likely to have used heroin/crack or been incarcerated



Addressing Trauma By Building Resilience



Preventing ACEs in future generations could reduce levels of:



Early sex
(before age 16)
by **33%**



Unintended teen pregnancy
by **38%**



Smoking
(current)
by **16%**



Binge drinking
(current)
by **15%**



Cannabis use
(lifetime)
by **33%**



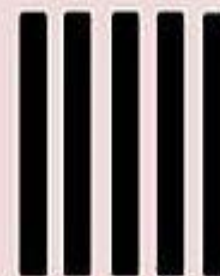
Heroin/crack use
(lifetime)
by **59%**



Violence victimisation
(past year)
by **51%**



Violence perpetration
(past year)
by **52%**



Incarceration
(lifetime)
by **53%**



Poor diet
(current; <2 fruit & veg portions daily)
by **14%**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a landscape that has been severely damaged, likely by a natural disaster. The ground is covered in dark, jagged rocks and debris. In the upper right corner, there is a circular graphic of a clock face, showing the numbers 10, 11, 12, 1, and 2. The clock hands are positioned at approximately 12:00. The overall color scheme is a deep blue, which is used as a background for the text.

RESILIENCE

The capacity to **prepare** for disruptions, **recover** from shocks and stresses, and **adapt** and **grow** from a disruptive experience.

*#Rebuild***BETTER**

THE BOOK OF JOB

CHAPTER I

THERE was a man ^bin the land of Uz, whose name was ^dJob; and that man was ^eperfect and upright, and one that ^ffeared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His ^gsubstance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the ^hmen

^a Ps. 34. 7
ⁱ s. 5. 2

^b 1 Chr. 1. 17

^c Ps. 128. 1, 2
Prov. 10. 22

^d Ezek. 14. 14
Jas. 5. 11

^e Gen. 17. 1

^f Or, cattle
Prov. 16. 6

^g ch. 2. 5
& 19. 21

² Heb. if he
curse thee not
to thy face

^h Is. 8. 21

Mal. 3. 13, 14

³ Or, cattle

⁴ Heb. hand
Gen. 16. 6

⁵ Or, husbandry

⁶ Heb. sons of
the east

10 ^aHast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? ^cthou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his ¹substance is increased in the land.

11 ^gBut put forth thine hands now, and touch all that he hath, and he will ^hcurse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy ¹power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine at their eldest brother's house.

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Communities of Reconciliation



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reconciliation THROUGH forgiveness



STEPS TO RECONCILIATION

II Corinthians 5:17-20

1. Admit there is a barrier, and act - Matthew 5:23-24
2. Pray for God's Spirit to intervene - Philippians 4:6-7
3. Humble yourself/search your heart - Psalm 139:23-24
4. Accept responsibility - I John 1:8-10
5. Ask/Give forgiveness - Proverbs 28:13
6. Make amends where possible - Luke 19:8-9
7. Build a new relationship - Revelation 21:5



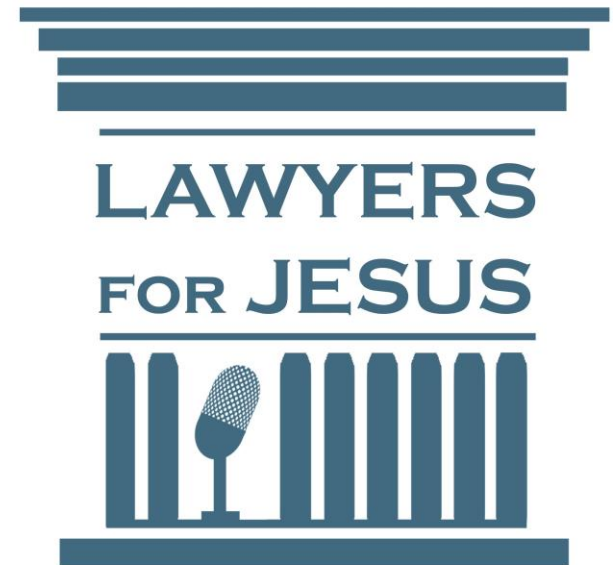


Caring for EX-Offenders



VICTIM SUPPORT
FOUNDATION

*Join us on the journey
to recovery!*

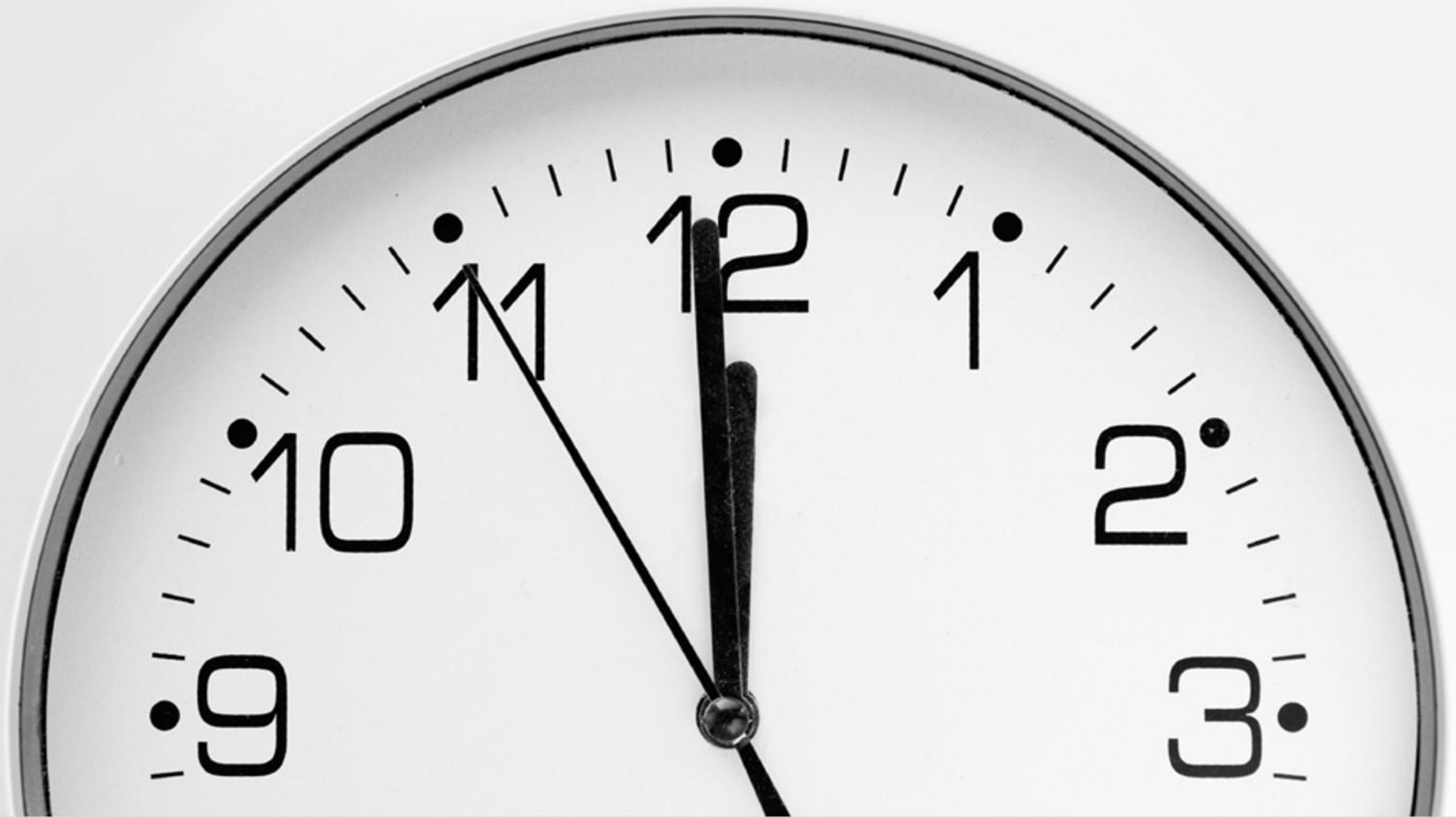




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“Summary”



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THE GREAT COMMISSION

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John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and
Coming
Soon
receive you to Myself,
so that where I am, you may be also.



DO YOUR PART

TO REACH THE WORLD





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When you focus on problems,
you'll have more problems.

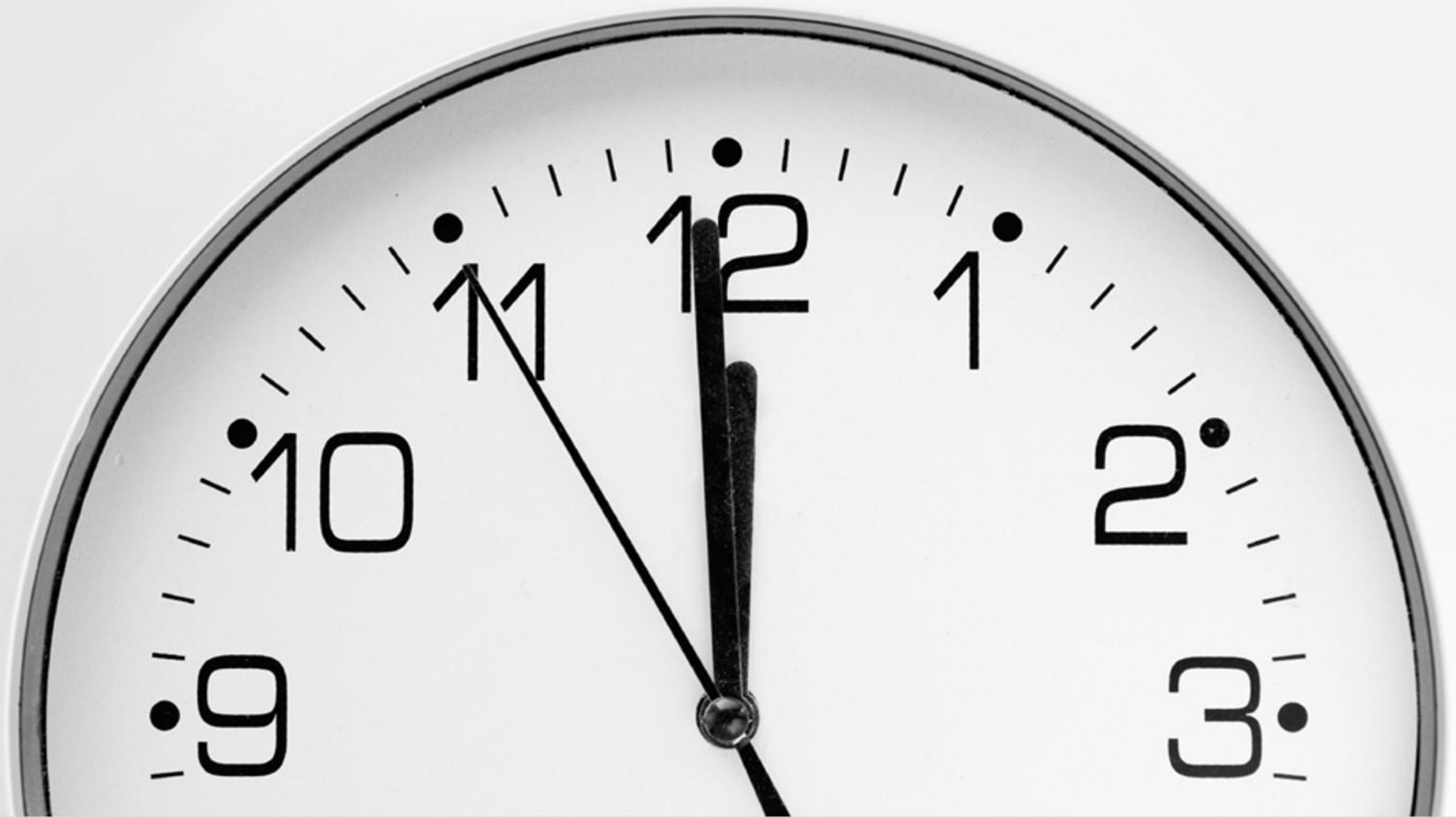


When you focus on **POSSIBILITIES**,
you'll have more **OPPORTUNITIES**.

Dream. Pray. Work it out. God will make it happen.



“Questions and Feedback”



“Group Work”



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Group by territory
2. Determine target intervention
3. Identify existing and needed resources respectively
4. Develop draft model for intervention
5. Deliver a Group Presentation



“Group Presentations”



Format

- 5 Minutes per group
- Respectful Listening
- Supportive Feedback



THANK YOU!!!



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