

***“The Lord’s Guidance for
the Discouraged” -
Numbers 15***

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35 I, the LORD, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die.”

Discouragement

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from the flock a food offering or a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or at your appointed feasts, to make a pleasing aroma to the LORD, 4 then he who brings his offering shall offer to the LORD a grain offering of a tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with a quarter of a hin of oil; 5 and you shall offer with the burnt offering, or for the sacrifice, a quarter of a hin of wine, for the drink offering for each lamb.

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- That the Lord will never leave me and is present with me through His Spirit.**
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- That the Lord at work in this world through his Church.**
- That the Lord's way of working in this world is different from the ways that the world works and does things.**
- That following and knowing Him is the source of real abundant life.**
- That death has been defeated, that this life is not all that there is, that there is a life that is greater than this life.**

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“Numbers 15:17 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 18 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land to which I bring you ...

22 “But if you sin unintentionally, and do not observe all these commandments that the LORD has spoken to Moses, 23 all that the LORD has commanded you by Moses, from the day that the LORD gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations, 24 then if it was done unintentionally without the knowledge of the congregation, all the congregation shall offer one bull from the herd for a burnt offering, a pleasing

congregation, all the congregation shall offer one bull from the herd for a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the rule, and one male goat for a sin offering....”27 “If one person sins unintentionally, he shall offer a female goat a year old for a sin offering. 28 And the priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the person who makes a mistake, when he sins unintentionally, to make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.

Through the atoning sacrifice, the Lord provides a way back to Himself.

“Numbers 15:30 But the person who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken his commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be on him.”

The high-handed sin is a sin done to defy God.

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37 The LORD said to Moses, 38 “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. 39 And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. 40 So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. 41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God.””

A close-up photograph of a white fabric garment, possibly a prayer shawl or a decorative piece, featuring intricate braided cords in blue and white. The cords are woven into a complex pattern, with some sections forming tassels. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white fabric.

God's Commands
God's Presence
God's Salvation



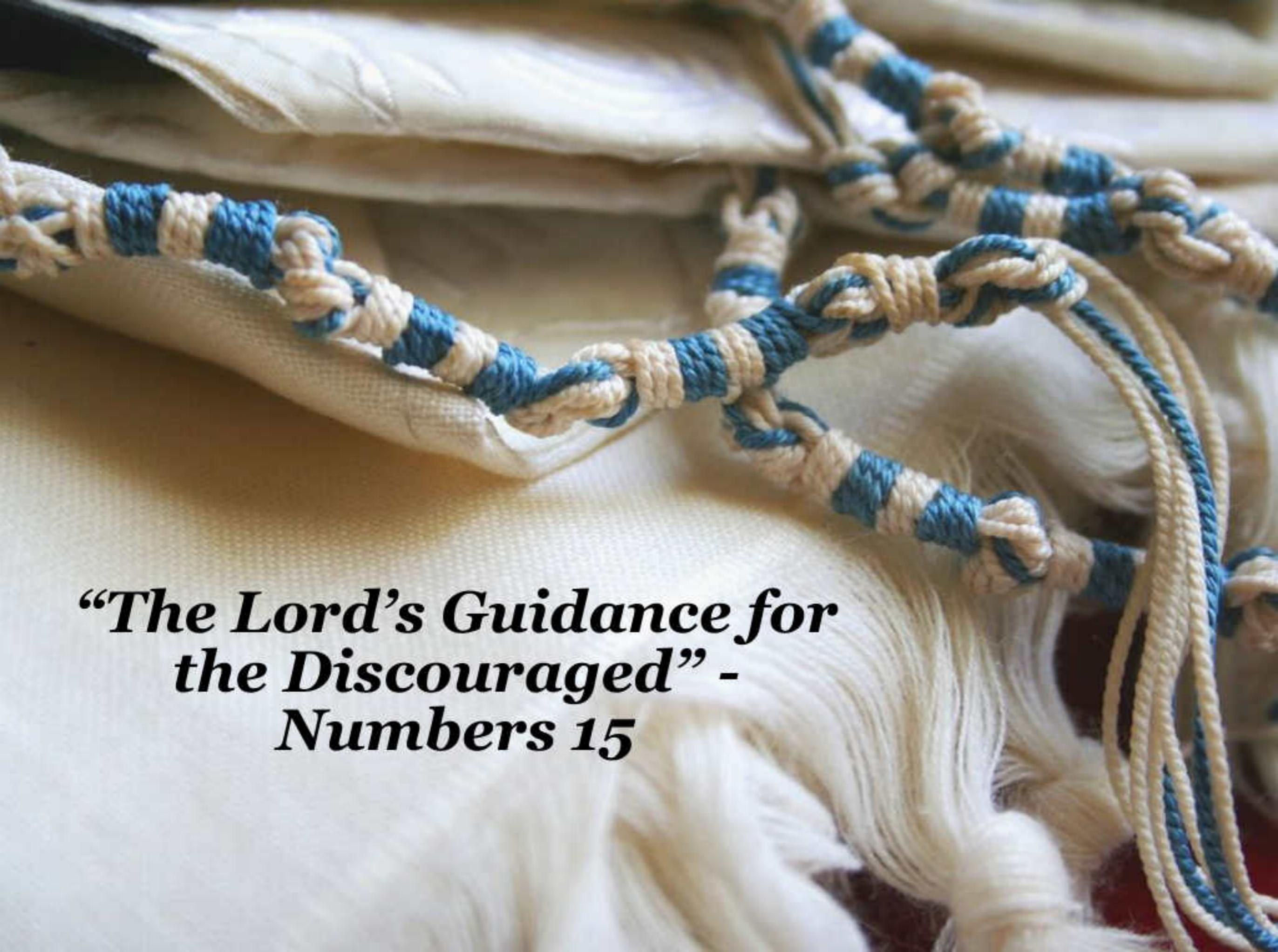
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- The Practice of Praise, Worship and Fellowship.**
- The Practice of enjoying scripture**
- The Practice of Prayer**
- The Practice of Obedience in the little things**

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- 1. What are your hopes and dreams for our church?**
- 2. How many times should the church provide teaching and learning opportunities per-week (for children, youth, adults)?**
- 3. Should the church do one or two services on Sunday morning?**
- 4. What do you think of (A ministry idea will be described here)?**
- 5. What ideas do you have for the church to be a blessing to where God has placed us?**

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