

The Believer's Walk of Faith

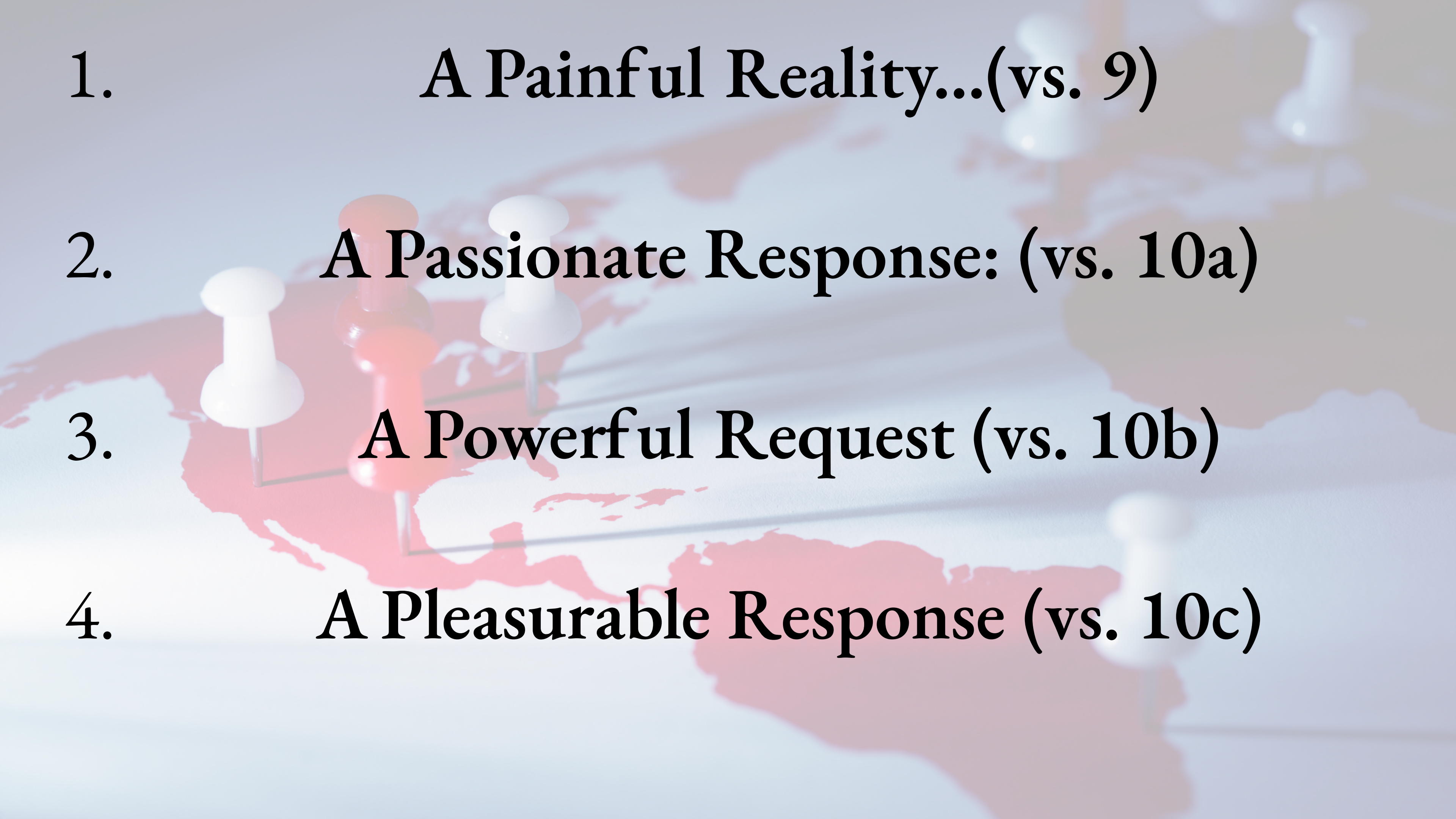
Faithful Men

I Chronicles 4:9-10

9 Jabez was honorable above his brothers; but his mother named him Jabez [sorrow maker], saying,

Because I bore him in pain.

10 Jabez cried to the God of Israel, saying, Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and You would keep me from evil so it might not hurt me! And God granted his request.

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1. ***A Painful Reality...(vs. 9)***
 2. ***A Passionate Response: (vs. 10a)***
 3. ***A Powerful Request (vs. 10b)***
 4. ***A Pleasurable Response (vs. 10c)***

A Painful Reality...(vs. 9)

"Jabez" (Ya'bets) sounds like the Hebrew word for

"pain" ('otseb)

How Do You Deal With That Which Has Defined
You?

A Passionate Response: (vs. 10a)

- He CRIED (He Got Vulnerable)
- The Object of His Cry-GOD
- Not Just Any God-A PERSONAL GOD-OF
ISRAEL!

A Powerful Request (vs. 10b)

● Bless ME!

● Enlarge my Current Boundaries

● Let Your Hand Be With Me

● Keep Me From All Evil (So it won't hurt
me...(again*)

A Pleasurable Response (vs 10c)

And God Granted His Request..

James 4:1-3

1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

A Pleasurable Response (vs 10c)

And God Granted His Request..

James 4:1-3

3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

This REQUIRES FAITH!!

7 For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance.

(AMPC)

I BELIEVE GOD WILL:

1) BLESS ME

**2) ENLARGE MY CURRENT
BOUNDARIES**

3) LET HIS HAND BE UPON ME (FAVOR)

4) KEEP ME FROM EVIL

5) FORMED WEAPONS WON'T PROSPER

A world map is shown in a light, faded style. Several pushpins are pinned to the map: two white ones in the upper right, one white and one red one in the middle left, and one white one in the lower right. The text is overlaid on the map.

NEXT WEEK

**THE BELIEVER'S WALK OF FAITH
FAITHFUL WOMEN**