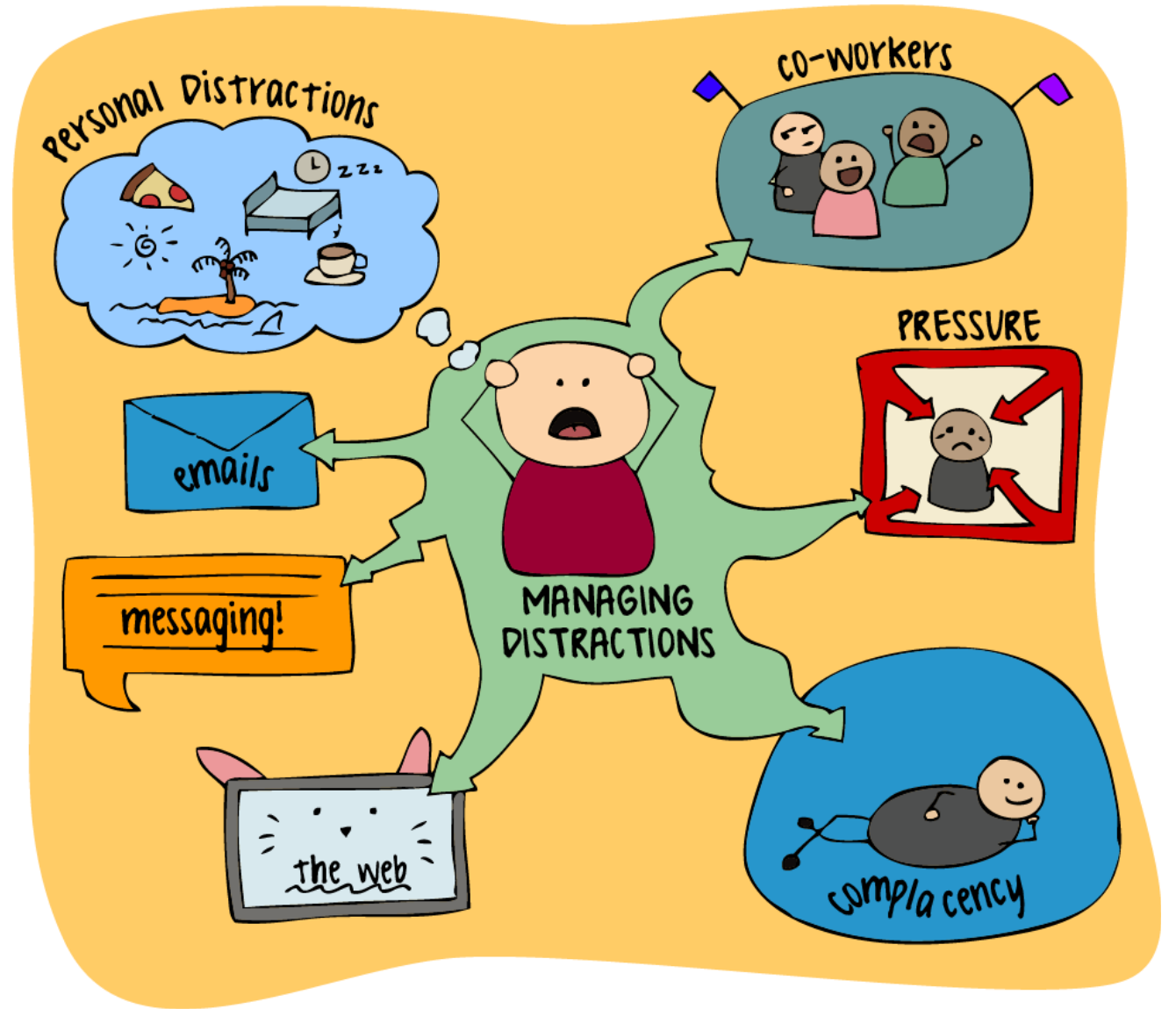


“Dealing with Distractions in Perilous Times”

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It's probably happened to most...

- Distractions of texting, while driving!
- Distractions dealing with road rage.
- Distractions of hearing secular songs from yesteryear.
- Distractions of breaking news alerts which dominate much of our day

BREAKING
NEWS



***Maintaining our
cause*** spiritually
is essential!

FASTING



Top 10 Distractions of this season...

1. Finances – paying bills, etc.
2. Wayward saved/unsaved children
3. Political chaos of the nation
4. Lawlessness in the land
5. Job Changes or Expectations
6. Marriages under attack
7. Single parent issues
8. Maintaining our health & well-being
9. Managing grief or personal loss
10. Social Media nuances



Don't let the **waves** of life intimidate you.....!

- When Jesus say “COME” ...Start walking on your raging sea of life!
- Don't let the waves and the wind hinder your progress! (Maintain OUR CAUSE!!)
- By all means, don't let the Lord ask you – “**why did you doubt**”?
- Jesus said - ***Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.***



Martha misses a moment...!

St Luke 10:38-42

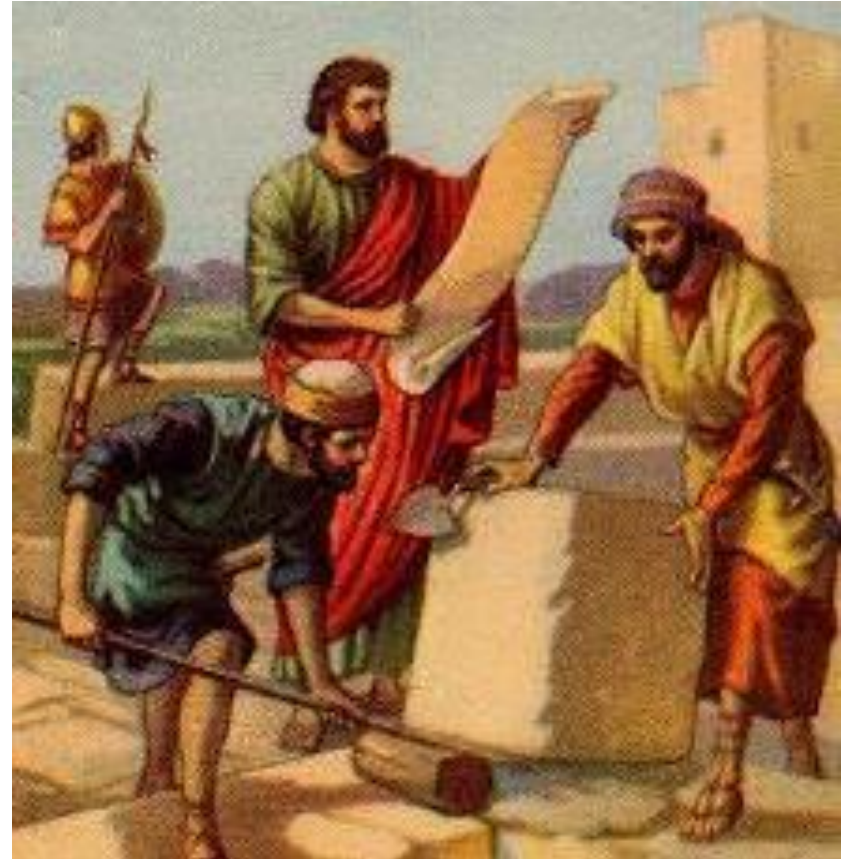
38. Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.
39. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.
40. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.
41. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
42. But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.



Remaining laser-focused....

Nehemiah 6:1-4

1. Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)
2. That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.
3. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?
4. Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.



Despite distractions...there **IS** a remedy!

II Corinthians 4:8-9

8. “We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed (worn); we are perplexed, but not in despair (hopelessness);

9. Persecuted, but not forsaken (abandoned); cast down, but not destroyed (reduced to fragments);”