SPECIAL

PURPOSES

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SPECIAL PURPOSES REQUIRE CLEANSING

14 Keep reminding God’s people of these
things . . . 20 In a large house there are articles
not only of gold and silver, but also of wood
and clay; some are for special purposes and
some for common use. 21 Those who cleanse
themselves from the latter will be instruments
for special purposes, made holy, useful to the
Master and prepared to do any good work.

2 Timothy 2:14, 20-21 (NIV)

The Difference Between Special and Common Does Not Equal Sacred and Secular

“'It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular; it is why he does it. The motive is everything.”

CLEANSING CREATES READINESS

5 Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”

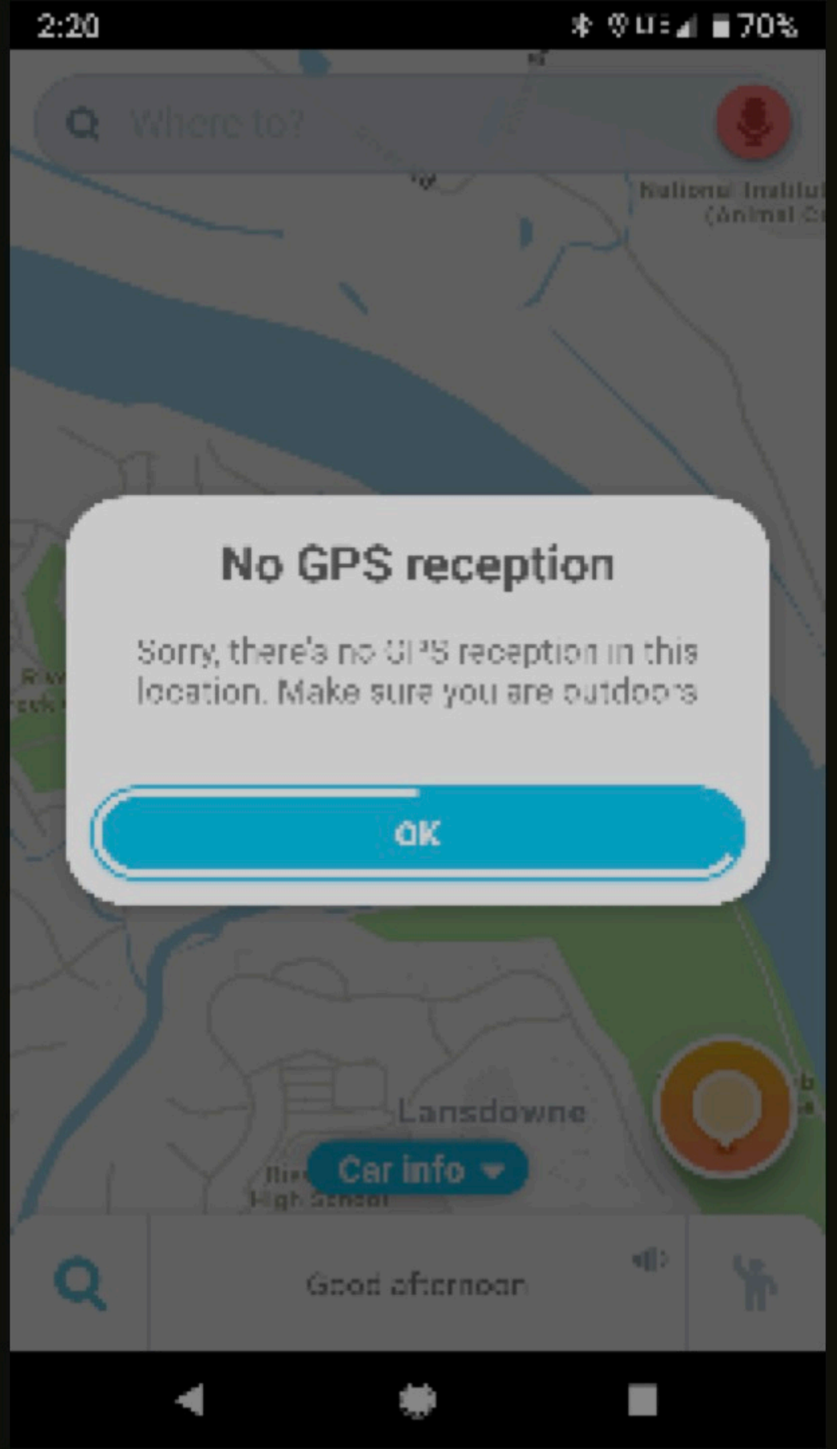
Joshua 3:5 (NIV)

Christianity is not about daily perfection, but it is about cleanliness

The Process of Cleansing:

1. Dislodging: removal of dirt
2. Sanitizing: disinfect the surface
3. Rinsing: ready for use

CLEANSING CREATES CLARITY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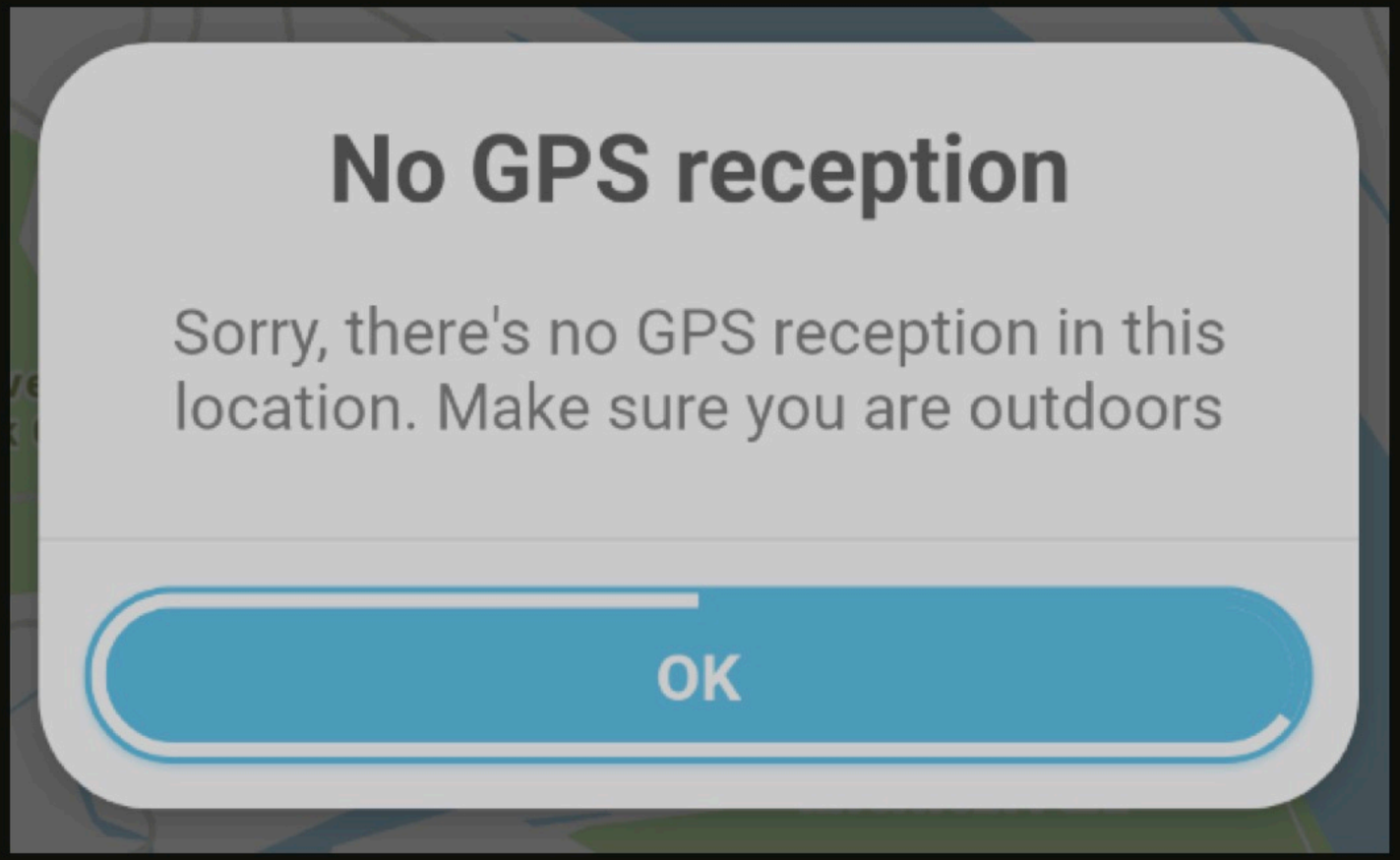
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“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense . . .

. . . What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of — throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“I have only ever found one religion that dares to go down with me into the depth of myself.”

G.K. Chesteron