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Welcome to the study of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's message is powerful and relevant to our current human situation. Matthew shares with us the topic of **sanctification**. *During this study we will experience the meaning of this word instead of just studying it.* In this way, the meaning of sanctification is transformed into the joy of living in what I call our "Spiritual Oasis." I'll explain what a Spiritual Oasis is as we go.

Matthew's message is powerful and relevant to our current human situation. Matthew gives us a **training manual for teaching the Deeply Satisfied Life**. Matthew's teaching role model is Jesus.

We have charted the Gospel of Matthew and organized it into twenty-nine (29) lessons. We will refer to the Sections of this chart at the beginning of each chapter to indicate where we are in the study.

I give my reflections on the gospel the overall title of, "**The Training Manual For Teaching The Transparent Life**." We will look at this as a way to understand what is required of us if we would become teachers like the master teacher. This overall title is divided into five sections. Under these sections are twenty-nine lessons organized under eight parts. This teaching plan is to review The Gospel of Matthew. With this Master Metaphor established, let us begin.

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