

# **LIVING IN TWO WORLDS**

**1 PETER 2:11-17**



Homeless Veteran Timelapse Transformation



Info



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He is now scheduled to have  
his own housing and is attending  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
meetings for the first time ever.

▶ 🔊 2:25 / 2:51



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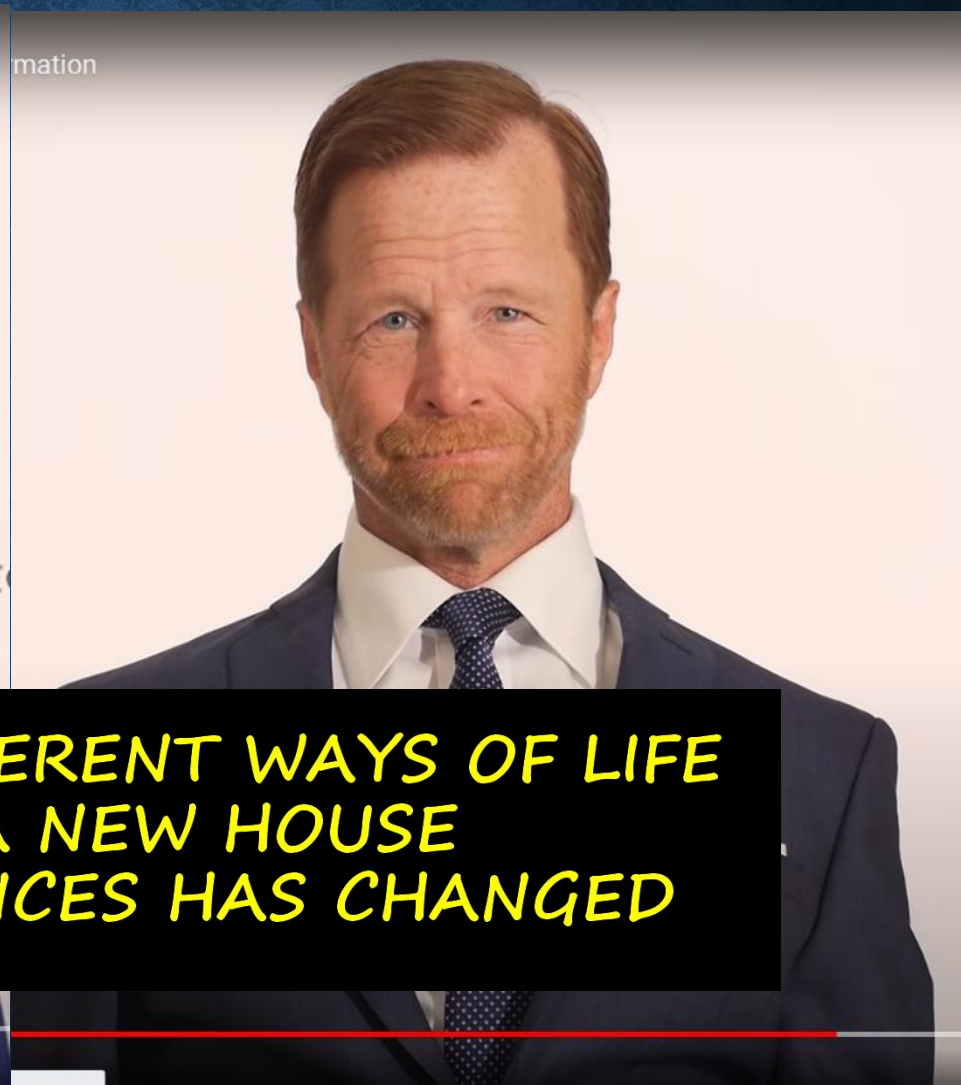
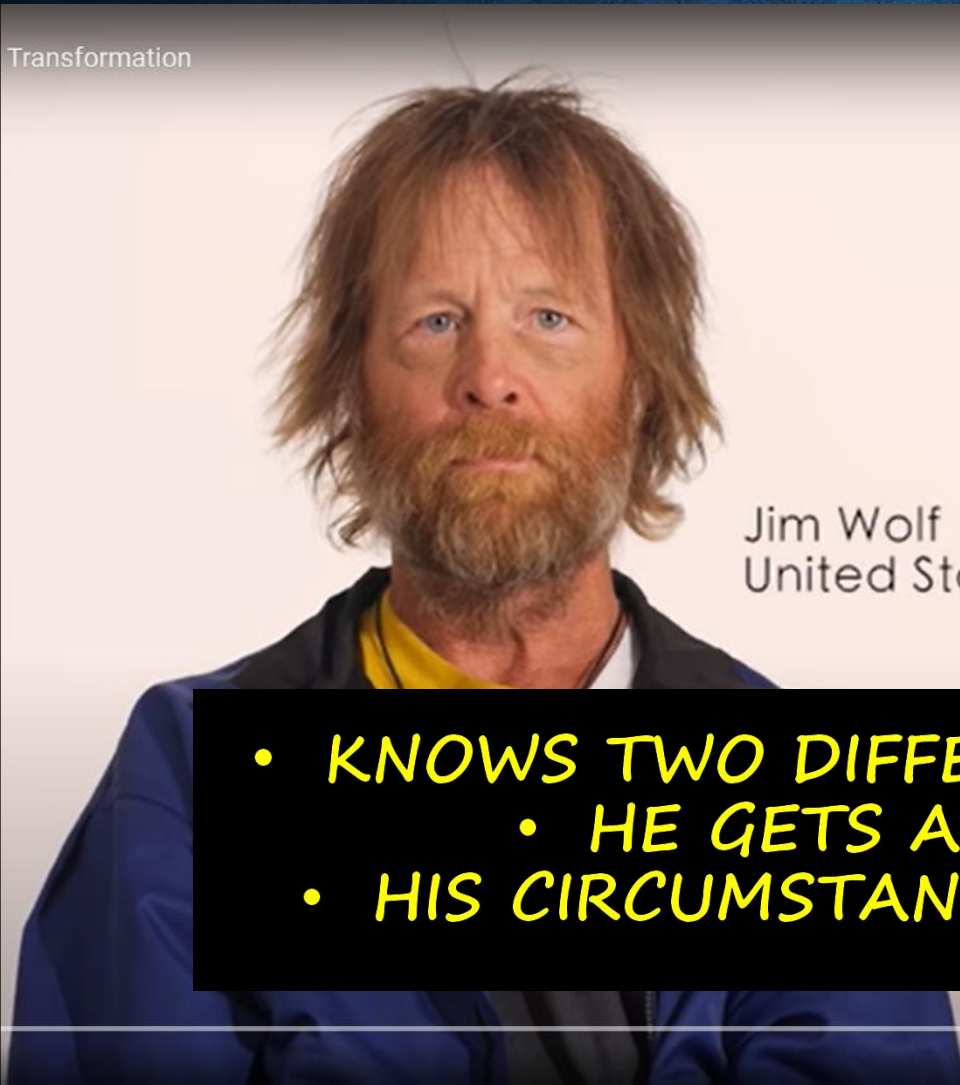


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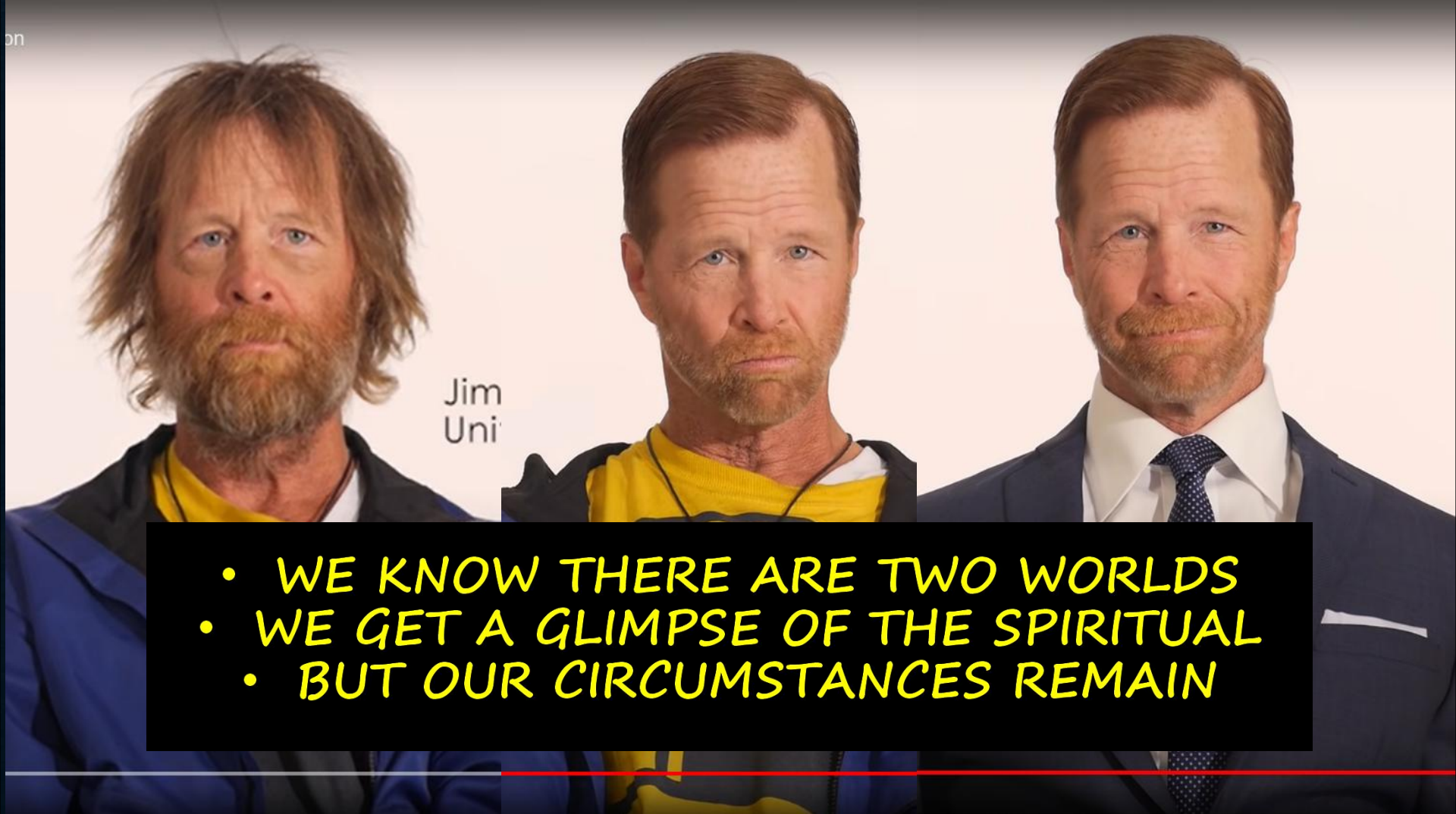
# JIM'S IDENTITY HAS CHANGED



- KNOWS TWO DIFFERENT WAYS OF LIFE
  - HE GETS A NEW HOUSE
- HIS CIRCUMSTANCES HAS CHANGED



# OUR IDENTITY HAS CHANGED



Jim  
Uni

- WE KNOW THERE ARE TWO WORLDS
- WE GET A GLIMPSE OF THE SPIRITUAL
- BUT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES REMAIN

**WE ARE STILL HOMELESS NOW ☹️**



Jim  
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**HOW DO WE LIVE IN TWO WORLDS?**



**LET'S PRAY**

# LIVING IN TWO WORLDS

**1 PETER 2:11-17**

1. Called to be different



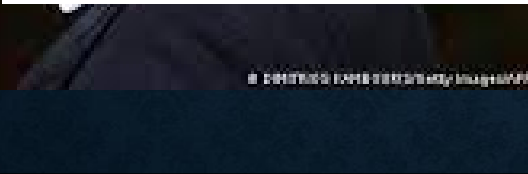
# CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

1 Peter 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.



Strong desire  
(epithumia)

# STRONG DESIRE, WHICH WAGE WAR AGAINST YOUR SOUL



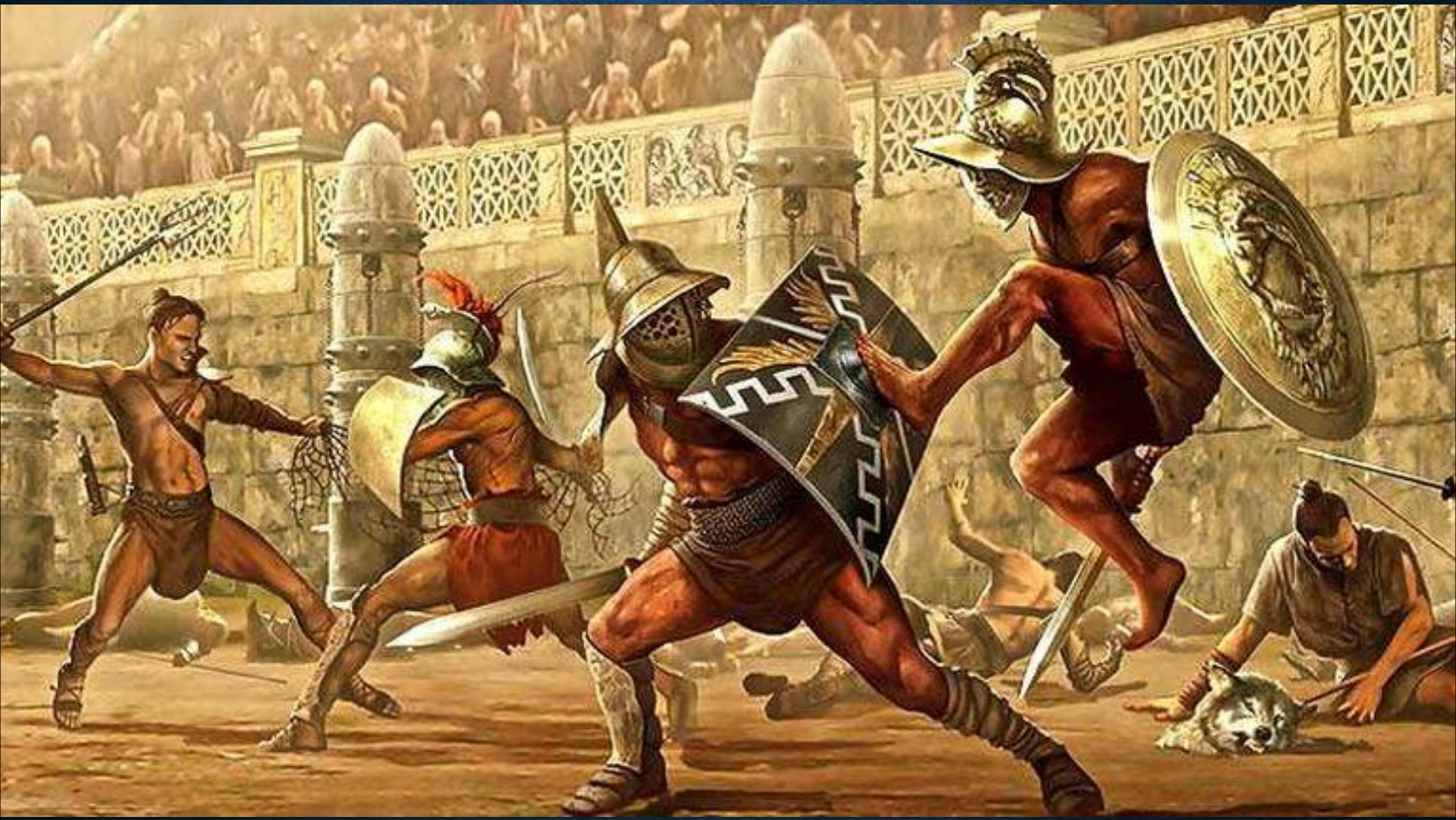


# YOU WILL BE MISUNDERSTOOD

1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, *though they accuse you of doing wrong*, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us



# GLADIATORS





# EMBRYOTOME



# EMPEROR WORSHIP





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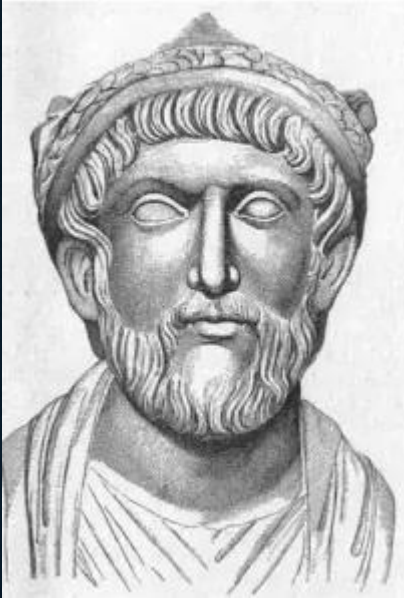
# RADICAL GIVING

Acts 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but **they shared everything they had.** 33

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that **there were no needy persons among them.** For from time to time **those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.**



# MINISTRY OF MERCY DURING ROMAN TIMES



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There are five Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the Christian. Most people will never read the first four.

Rodney "Gipsy" Smith



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*authority:* whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.



# HOW CAN WE SUBMIT?

I AM THE  
CAPTAIN OF  
MY SHIP AND  
THE MASTER  
OF MY FATE

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# ALL AUTHORITY COMES FROM GOD

**PERIKATAN  
NASIONAL**



**HARAPAN**

*John 19:11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."*



**ANY GOVERNMENT IS BETTER THAN NO GOVERNMENT**





# GOD IS THE JUDGE

1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God *on the day he visits us.*



# CHRISTIANS DO NOT DESIRE TO TAKE OVER



# OUR GOAL

1 Tim 2: 1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.



# GOD IS ON THE THRONE

Psalm 2:1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles."

4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."



# BECOME MODEL CITIZENS

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# BECOME GOOD CITIZENS



Be loyal and serve the nation

Daniel 4:19 Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him.

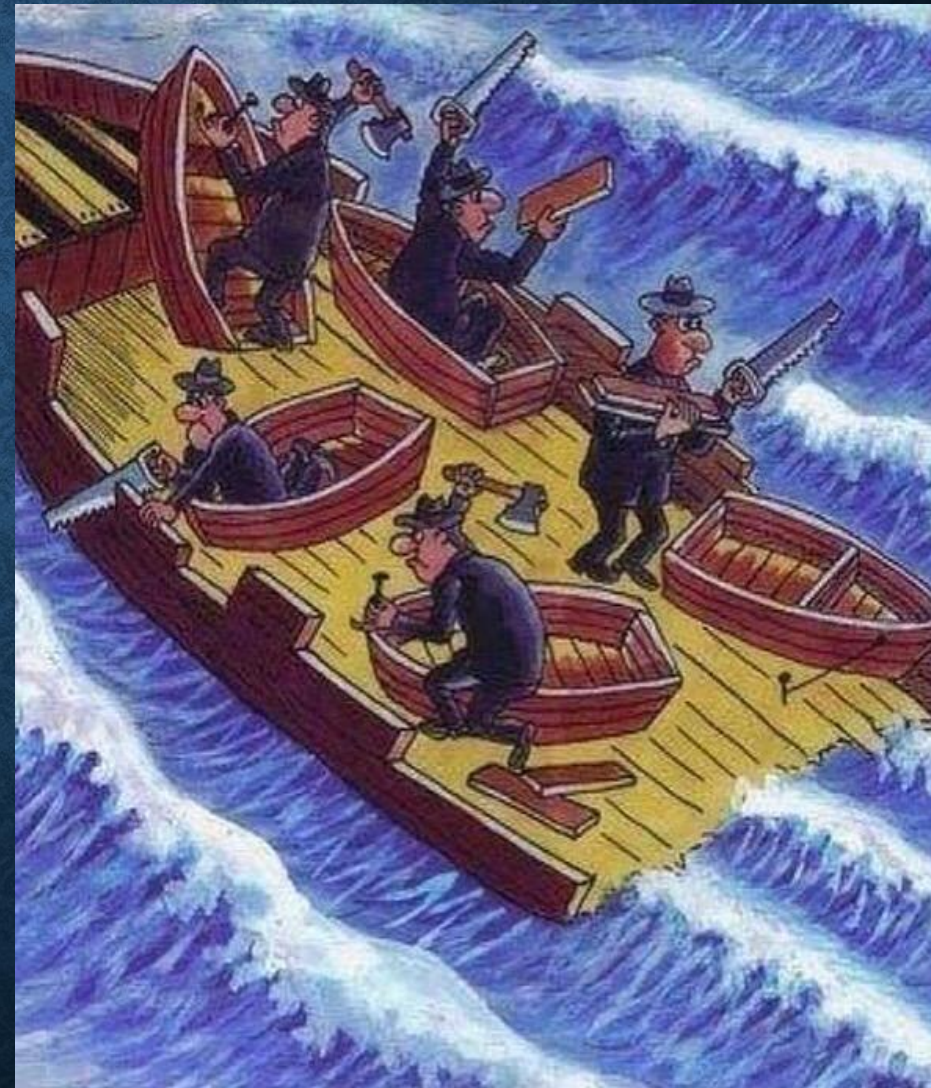
Daniel 4:27 27 Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

Pay taxes

Matthew 22:20 ... “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” 21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s



# DON'T DO THIS





# BECOME GOOD CITIZENS



Vanessa Tan

14 November at 13:36 · 🧑



Brought the kids to donate almost 30kg of their books and toys which are still in good condition to the Replay Toy Recycling Hub in Damen, USJ 1 and had the pleasure of meeting its founder Datin Wong, who sparked a brilliant idea in me when she mentioned that she needed kid-volunteers to help sort through all the donated toys, so that she could continue her good work in setting up toy libraries in the underprivileged parts of the city 📖  
Any wild guesses where my kids will be ... See more



Vanessa Tan is with Sheila Ng.

19 November at 16:54 · 🧑



When I read the news headline that priority would be given to disabled persons to vote, I was honestly quite doubtful - Even more so, because my father has neither speech nor voluntary movement capabilities. But a huge thanks to my dear Rev Pastor [Alexa Ho](#) who gave me first hand guidance, and my other PACA volunteer friends who also provided extra confidence in the EC guidelines, my father was able to nominate me to be his representative to cast his vote today 🗳️  
Many of us h... See more



BE RAISED GOOD CHILDREN

DUTIFUL EVEN IN SICKNESS



# SERVE THE NATION

*I am just one of the frontliners with a face, voice and name in this pursuit of a better Malaysia. Alongside me are many other Malaysians of different ages and backgrounds, willing to walk the distance and bear a flag too if that is what is required of them. – Hannah Yeoh*





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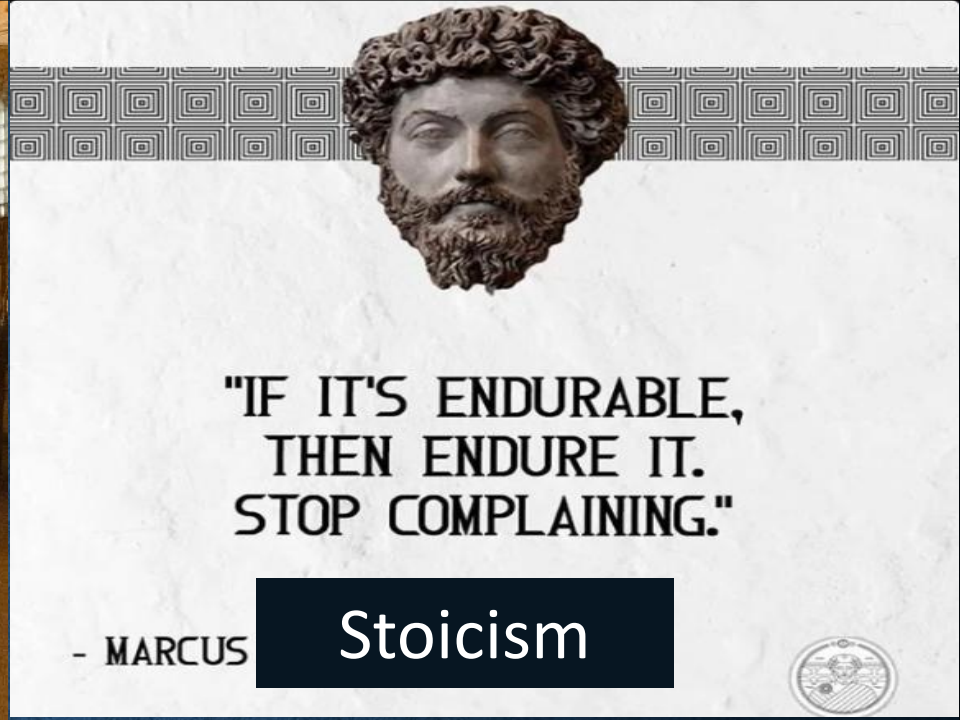
# CALLED TO FREEDOM

1 Peter 2:16 Live as *free people*, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.





Zealots



"IF IT'S ENDURABLE,  
THEN ENDURE IT.  
STOP COMPLAINING."

- MARCUS

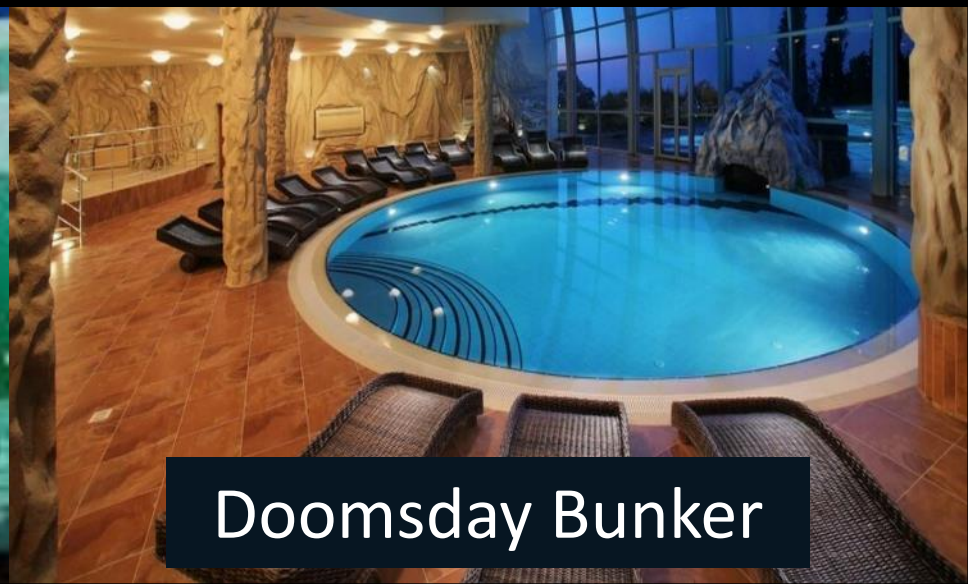
Stoicism



**THIS IS NOT FREEDOM**



Hyper Grace



Doomsday Bunker



# TRUE FREEDOM IS FOUND IN CHRIST

Romans 6:20–22 (ESV) For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life



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**OUR ACTIONS IMPACT ETERNITY**

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# FREEDOM TO CHALLENGE STATUS QUO

George Westinghouse



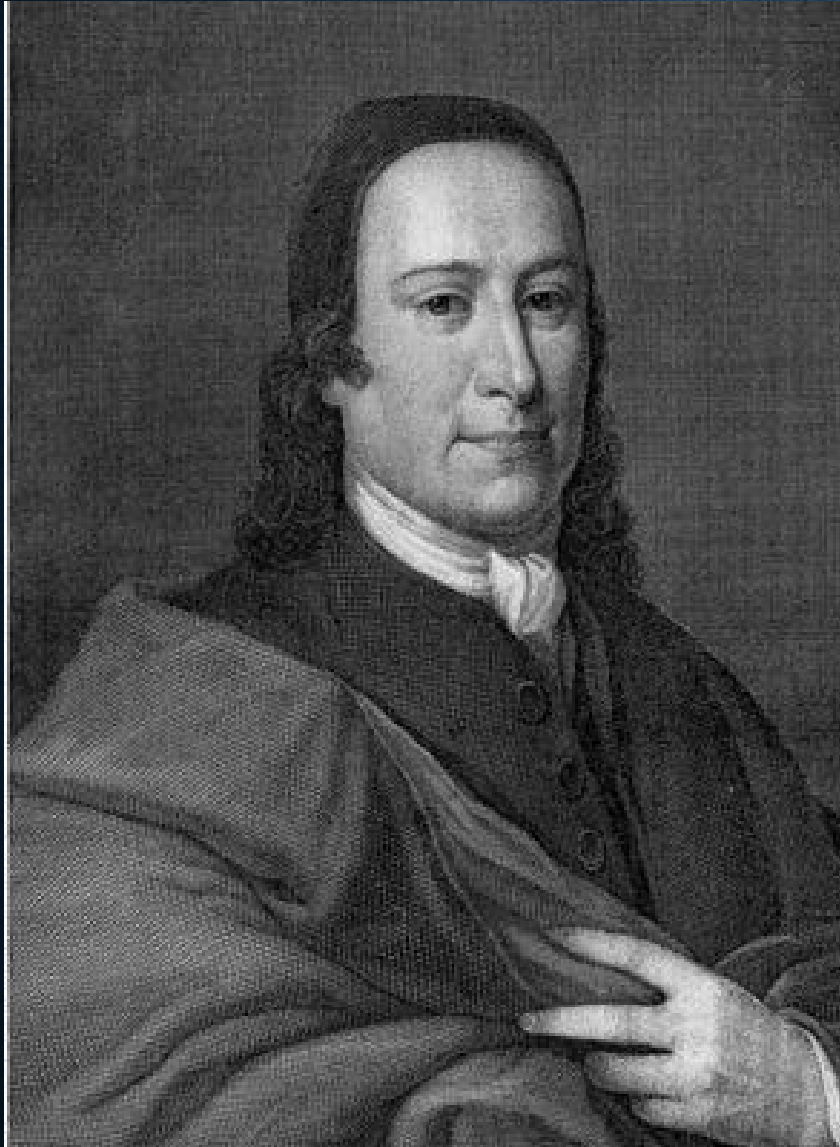
If someday they say of me that in my work I have contributed something to the welfare and happiness of my fellow man, I shall be satisfied.

AZ QUOTES

<https://medium.com/illumination/why-you-should-thank-this-man-for-a-two-day-break-in-a-week-4f52de756937>



# FREEDOM TO SACRIFICE



“จงประกาศพระกิตติคุณ  
แล้ว **ตาย** และถูกโลกนี้ลืมไป”  
เคานท์ นิโคลาส ซินเซนด์อร์ฟ

“Preach the **Gospel**,  
**Die**, and Be Forgotten”

Count Nicolas Von Zinzendorf

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*THE REASON?*

# JESUS HAS PURCHASED OUR LIVES



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