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TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE

STUDY 11 PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

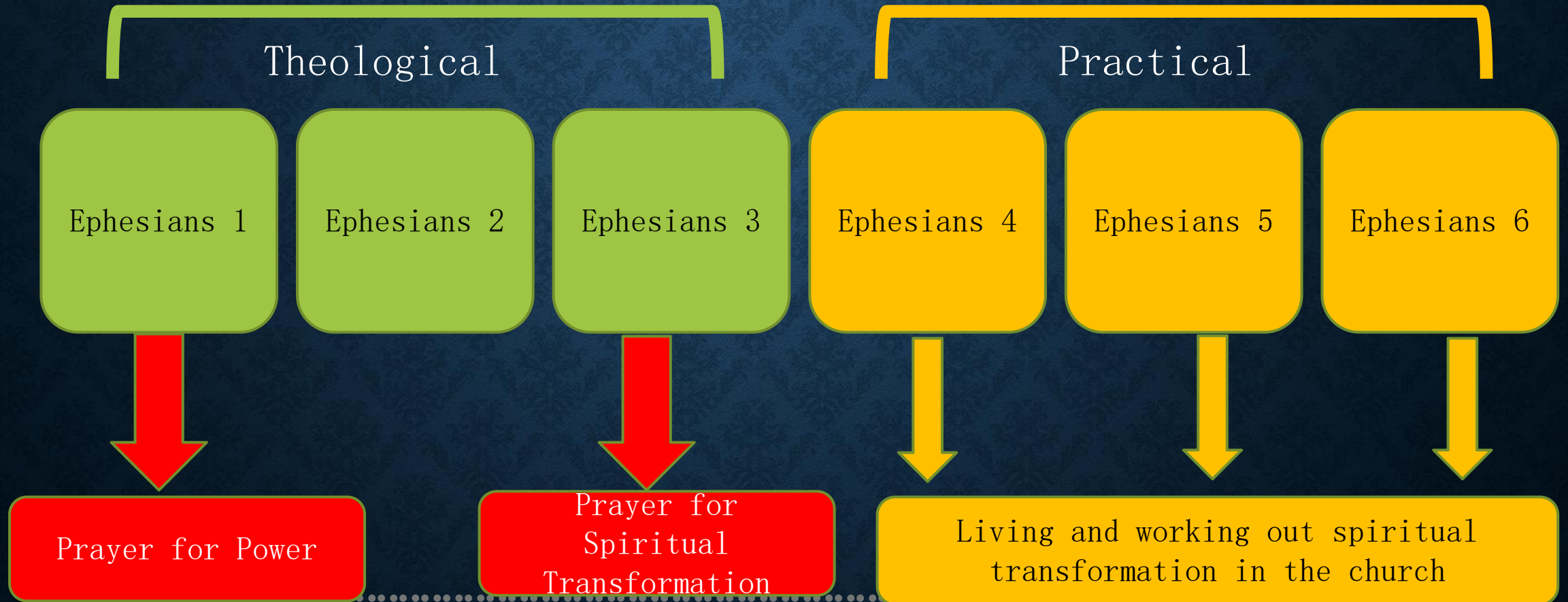
Ephesians 3:14-21



THE STRUCTURE

Glory and Grace of God

The Peace of God in the church



HELP



PRAYER

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祈願を込めて掛ける



EMA, VOTIVE TABLETS FOR SPECIAL PERSONAL PRAYERS AND GRATITUDE TOWARD THE DEITIES ENSHRINED IN MEIJI JINGU SHRINE ARE OFFERED TO YOU FOR 500 YEN APIECE.

HUNG AROUND THIS DIVINE TREE WITH YOUR WISHES WRITTEN ON THE REVERSE SIDE, THESE EMA ARE OFFERED AT MIKESAI, THE MORNING CEREMONY HELD EVERY DAY, AND YOUR SUPPLICATIONS ARE CONVEYED BY THE PRIESTS.

신에 대한 소원과 맹세를 그림말(絵馬)에 적어서 봉납하는 풍습이 있습니다.
매일 아침, 의식에서 소원이 이루어 지도록 기도하고 있습니다.
희망하시는 분에게는 1매 500 엔에 나눠드리고 있습니다.

Family
I will continue to be oblige
promote by family. I will do
the best of my ability to
make sure that the children
will be able to go to the
best schools and that they
will be able to get into
the best universities.

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Soul. i WISH for our Banana thinc
to go global and sell to
millions of customers around the world.
Mark or Julian Max Migay

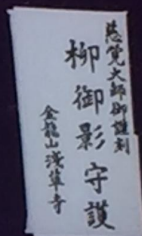
I hope for a Society where we don't age, age is
no longer something that changes us physically. A
world where life on earth is eternal



願意

I hope I go to cat heaven when
I die. I'm fairly sure God is a cat.
I will continue to worship cats here on Earth
and if you're reading this I encourage you to do
the same! meow.

I hope that the world becomes smaller.
I hope I become younger... in a shark costume!



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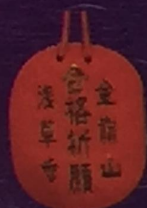
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SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

His Authority

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV) 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its being, all things created by Him through His Ability and Willingness

16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to His Means-Spirit

be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell

PATHWAY TO SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Christ to dwell in us

Ephesians 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts Experience His love

that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to His Fullness of Christ that surpasses

knowledge,

that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

HOW WE ARE TRANSFORMED

1. Christ to dwell

2. Experience love of Christ

3. Filled with fullness of God

CHRIST'S DWELLING

Ephesians 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith—

Holy Spirit

Strengthens

Center of being

Seat of moral and intellectual life

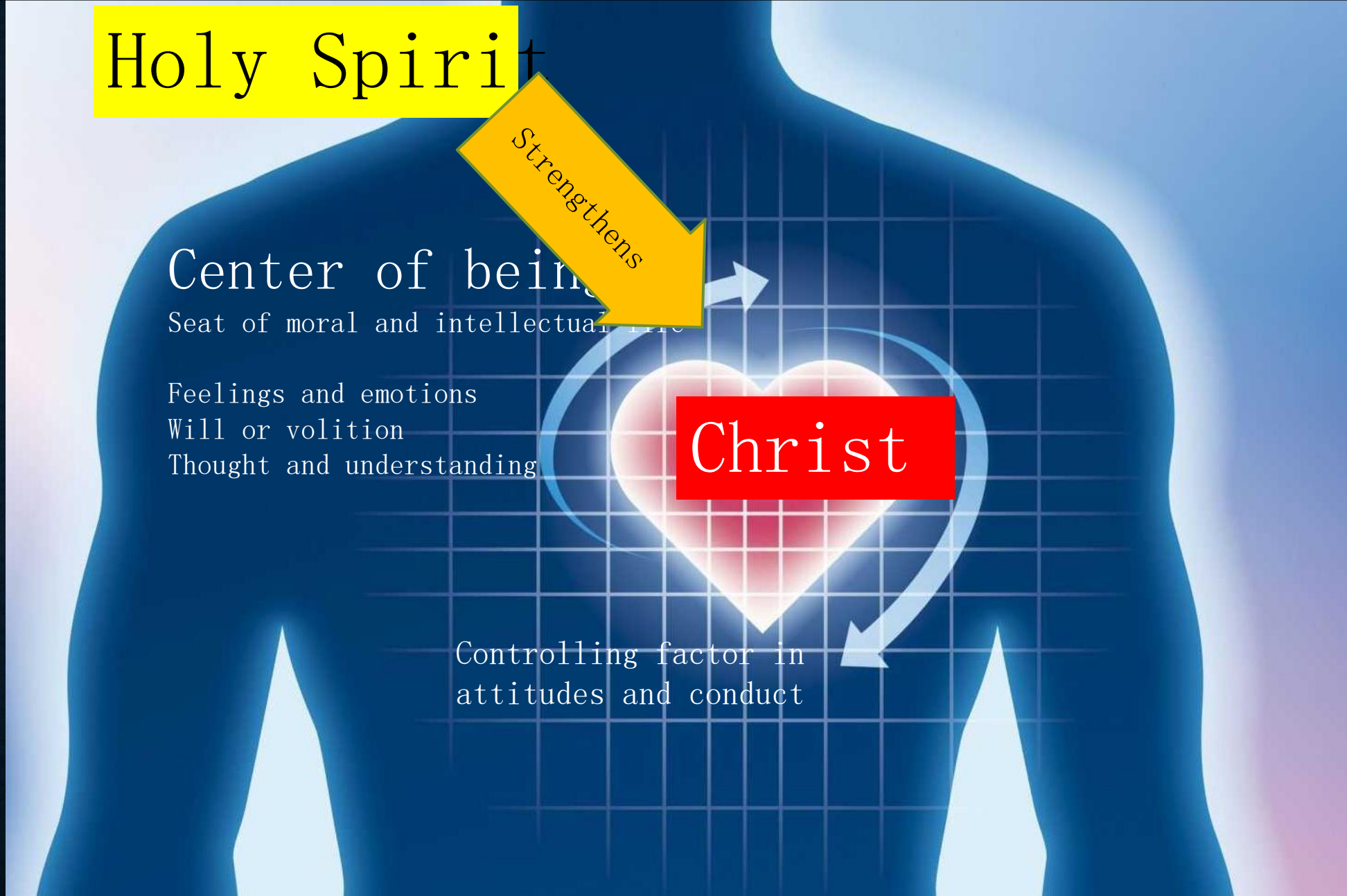
Feelings and emotions

Will or volition

Thought and understanding

Christ

Controlling factor in
attitudes and conduct



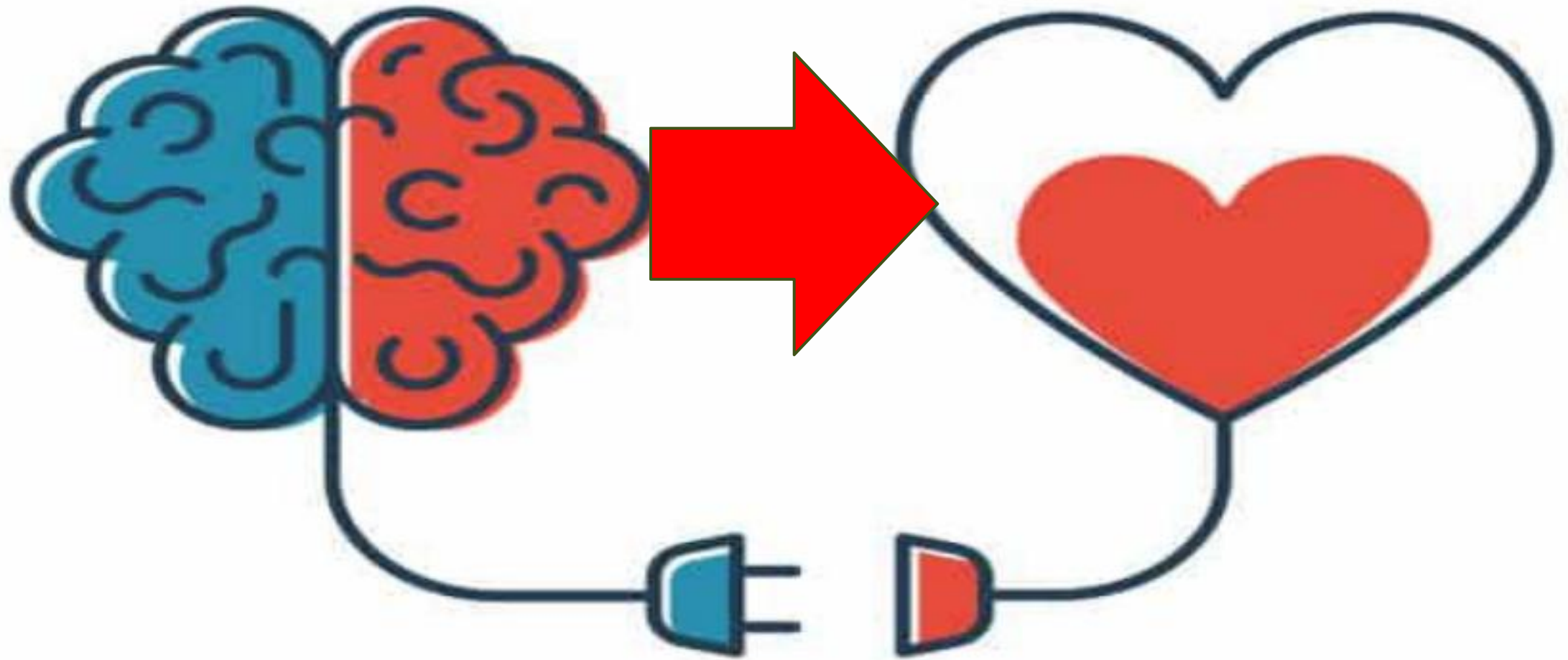
We are going to
trust Him to
manage our lives



Chris

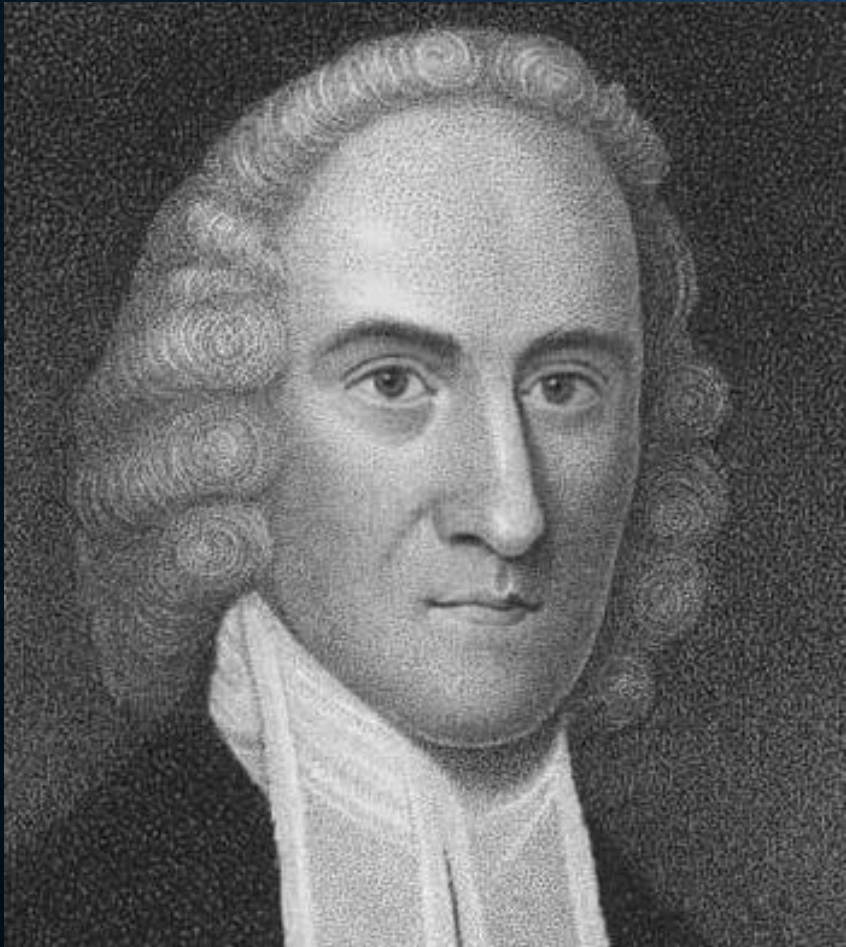
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Spiritual inner sensitivity to gospel truth



Christ becomes more real in you heart more sweet more consequential , more real, more influential..existentially

JONATHAN EDWARDS



Thus there is a difference between having an opinion, that God is holy and gracious, and having a sense of the loveliness and beauty of that holiness and grace. There is a difference between having a rational judgment that honey is sweet, and having a sense of its sweetness

True freedom and
independence,
true self-
actualization,
determination,
found in life with
and self-
Christ
fulfillment

Dependence on Christ
Determination by
Christ, Fulfillment
by glorifying Christ

Not dating but
marriage
Not initial
presence but
continual
presence

WHAT IT'S LIKE LIVING TOGETHER



Recovering sin addicts




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CHANGING DESIRES

Changing convictions require the strength to believe a whole set of different values

You have to  You want to





I know it is good
for me, I am
convinced... i
want to

Salad is good for you

A man and a woman are shown from the chest up, facing forward. The man on the left has a white collared shirt, a brown tweed vest, and a blue denim jacket. He has a bruise on his right eye and a cut on his forehead. The woman on the right has a black pinstriped blazer and a green hooded jacket. She has a bruise on her cheek and a cut on her chin. The background is a plain, light gray.

Recovering sin addicts

Believe that Christ's way is the best
Reject my old ways
Overcome my fear.

Conviction



Action


HOW DOES CHRIST DWELL..THE WORD

His Word becomes Real
His presence palpable
His glory overwhelming



WRESTLING WITH GOD...JACOB

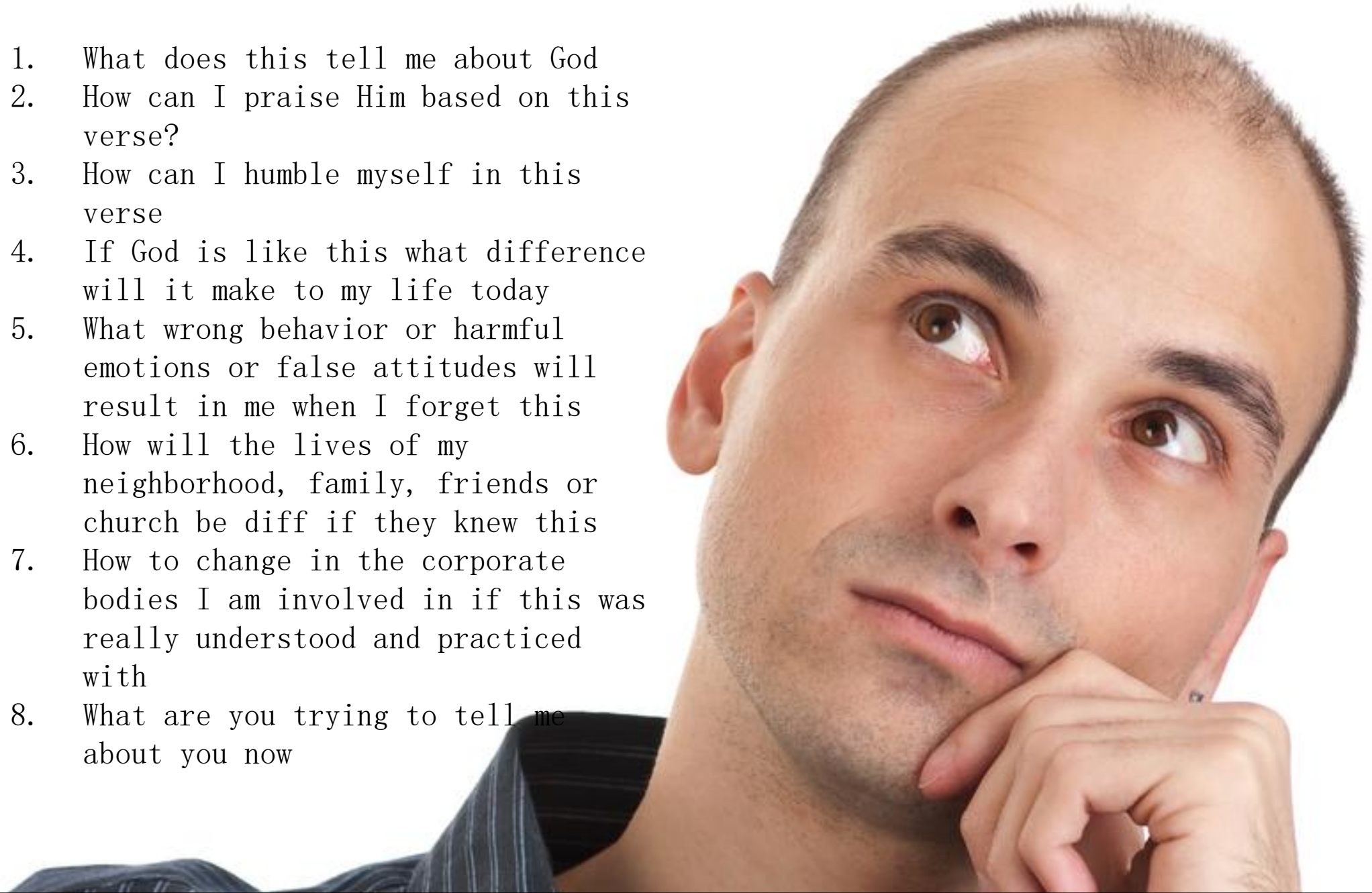


A photograph of an older man and woman sitting on a dark green sofa. The man, on the left, is wearing a dark blue button-down shirt and light-colored cargo pants. He is smiling and looking towards the woman. The woman, on the right, has short blonde hair and is wearing a blue cardigan over a light blue top and dark pants. She is also smiling and looking back at the man. Her left hand is resting on the man's right shoulder. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text "Power for a purpose" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, serif font.

Power for a purpose

Meditation

1. What does this tell me about God
2. How can I praise Him based on this verse?
3. How can I humble myself in this verse
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8. What are you trying to tell me about you now



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for you to live through me
2. Experience love of Christ
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EXPERIENCING HIS LOVE

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TWO PRE-REQUZITES

Rooted in His
Love



Comprehend with
all the saints



Experience the
unknowable Love of
Christ

ABSOLUTELY UNSHAKEABLY ESTABLISHED
IN LOVE NOW IN THE POSITION TO GRASP
CHRIST'S LOVE

Grounded

1 John 4:19 (ESV) We love because he first loved us.



God's
love



A photograph of Judge Albert Wong, a middle-aged man with short dark hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a black judicial robe over a white shirt and a red tie. On his left chest, there is a red and white judicial emblem and a row of colorful medals. He is seated at a dark table with a microphone in front of him. His right hand is resting on his chin. The background is dark with a wooden door handle visible on the left and a red and white flag on the right. The text "JUDGE ALBERT WONG" is overlaid in white, stylized font across the middle of the image.

JUDGE ALBERT WONG

FOUNDATIONAL EVENT--DIVORCE



- Middle class girls in late 30' s whose parents divorced half as likely to have gone to university
- 45% middle class girls were married before age 20 compared to 15.6% of those whose parents did not divorce
- Middle class boys had 25–33% less chance of going to university
- Poorer, behavioural problems,

FOUNDATIONAL EVENT—FEAR



- Low self esteem
- Caution
- Never let anyone in
- Hide
- See world from fear perspective of what threats
- Never bold or adventurous
- Read about all the catastrophies in world to confirm your fears

LOVE OF GOD IS
ALWAYS
EXPERIENCED
THROUGH THE
LENS OF THE
GOSPEL



OUR FOUNDATION

1 John 4:7-8 (ESV) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:10 (ESV) In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**IF WE ARE NOT TRANSFORMED BY HIS
LOVE WE CANNOT EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE**

Matt 25:40 (ESV) Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

John 15:12-13 (ESV) This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.



TWO PRE-REQUZITES

Rooted in His
Love



Comprehend with
all the saints



Experience the
unknowable Love of
Christ

THERE IS NO PRIVATIZED SPIRITUALITY



THERE IS NOT PRIVATIZED SPIRITUALITY



- Experiencing Life with others
- Sharing spiritual experiences
- Learning from each other
- Resolving conflicts—by exercising love
- Accountability

God's love simply too massive for one person to describe or experience we need a community

Not just your friend or same socio-economic class or intelligence or race but with all saints

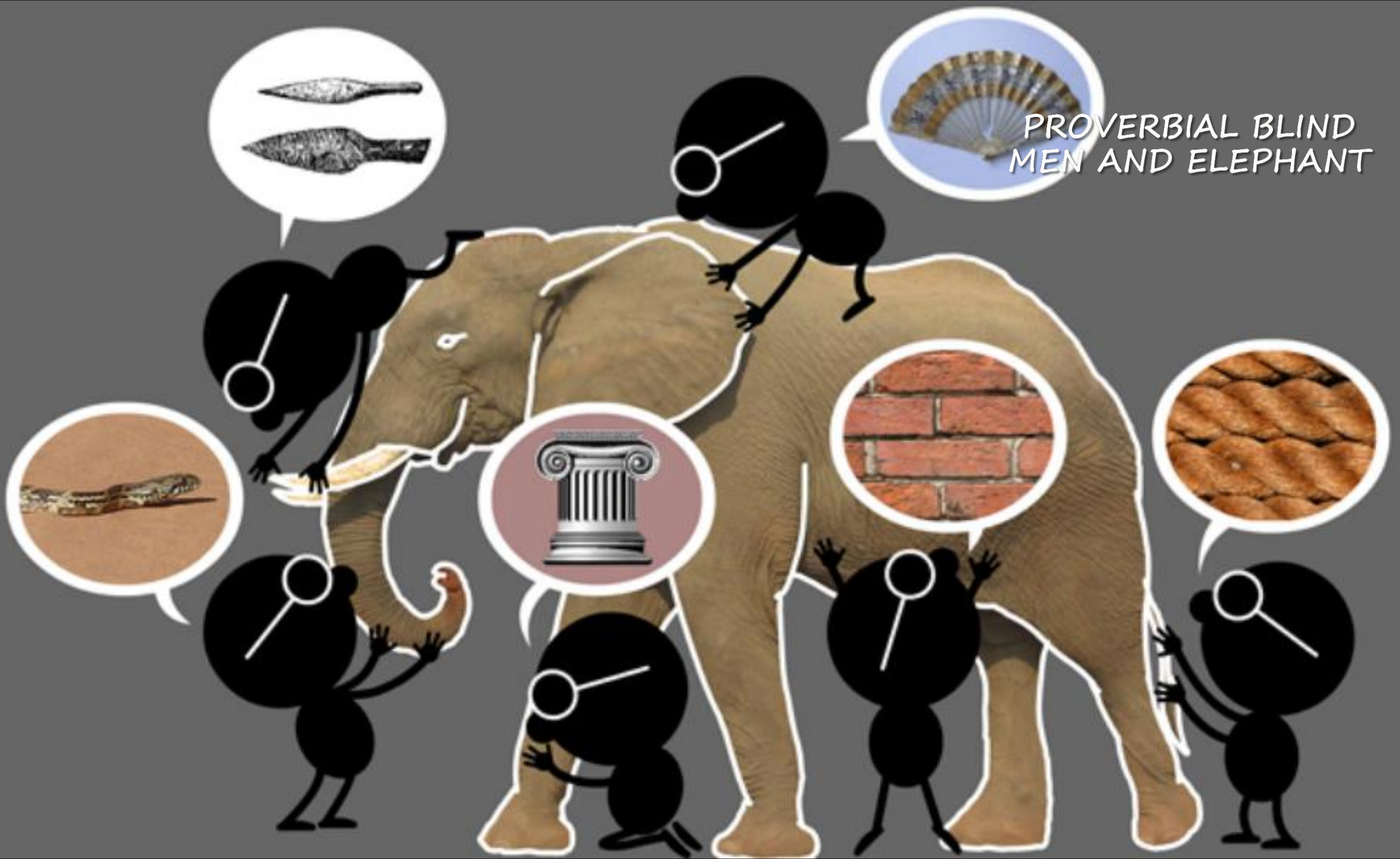
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THE DIFFERENCE



PROVERBIAL BLIND
MEN AND ELEPHANT



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the saints what is the breadth and length and
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Katalambano ---To be Ambushed , Intellectual word ...Spirit
takes truth and moving the truth from the mind to the heart

1 Thessalonians 5:4 (ESV) But you are not in
darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise
you like a thief.

Katalambano





HOW WE ARE TRANSFORMED

1. Please increase my desire and trust for you to live through me
2. Please overwhelm us with the riches and the beauty of your love
3. Filled with fullness of God

DESCRIBES JESUS

- Colossians 2: 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.
- Colossians 1:18–20 (ESV) And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,

OUR DESTINATION

Romans 8:29 (ESV) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

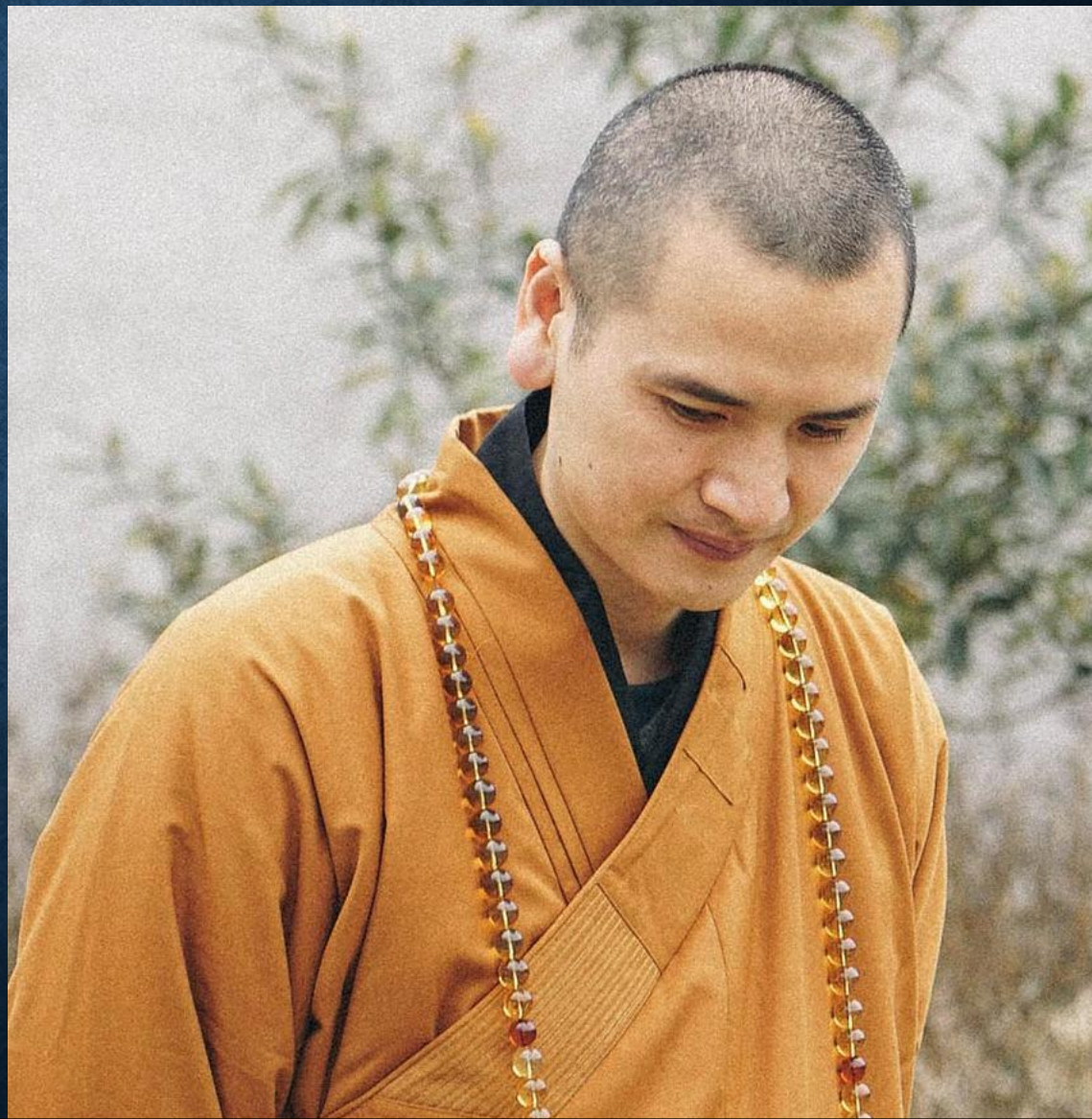


God

Filled

- Moral Excellence
- Perfection
- Power
- Glory

Negative image of what God is like



Designed for glory



MOSES ON THE RIGHT TRACK BUT NOT FAR ENOUGH



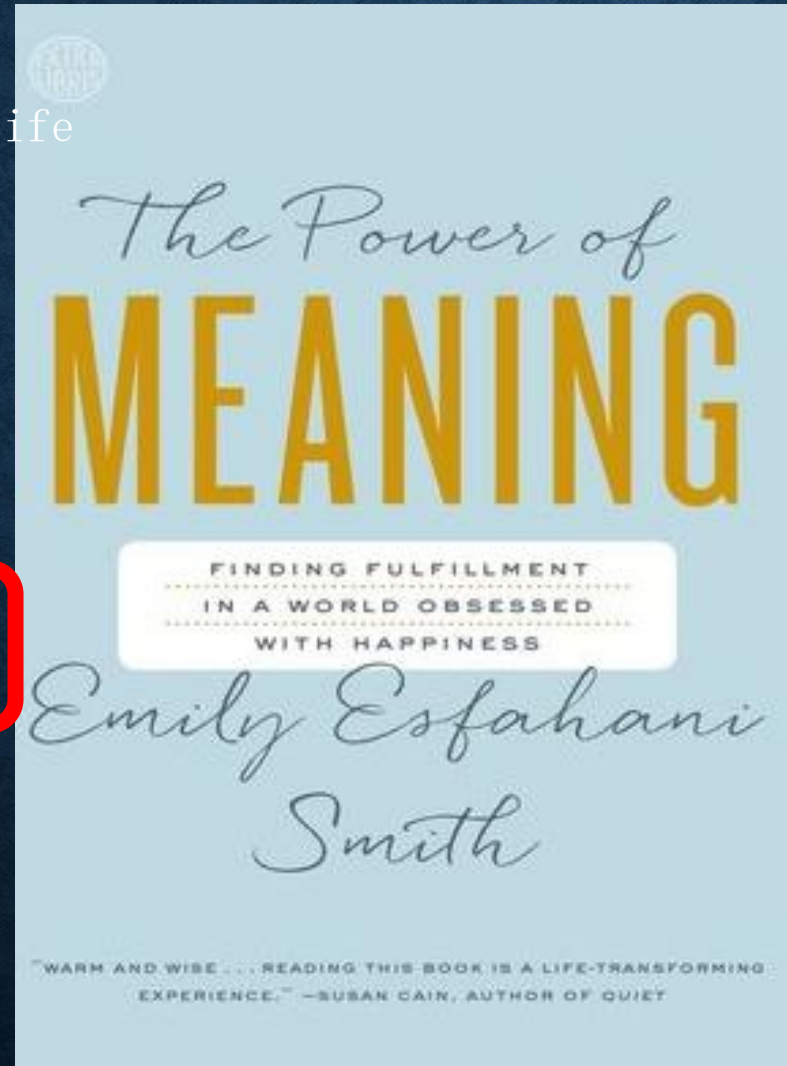
- Exodus 33:18–19 (ESV)

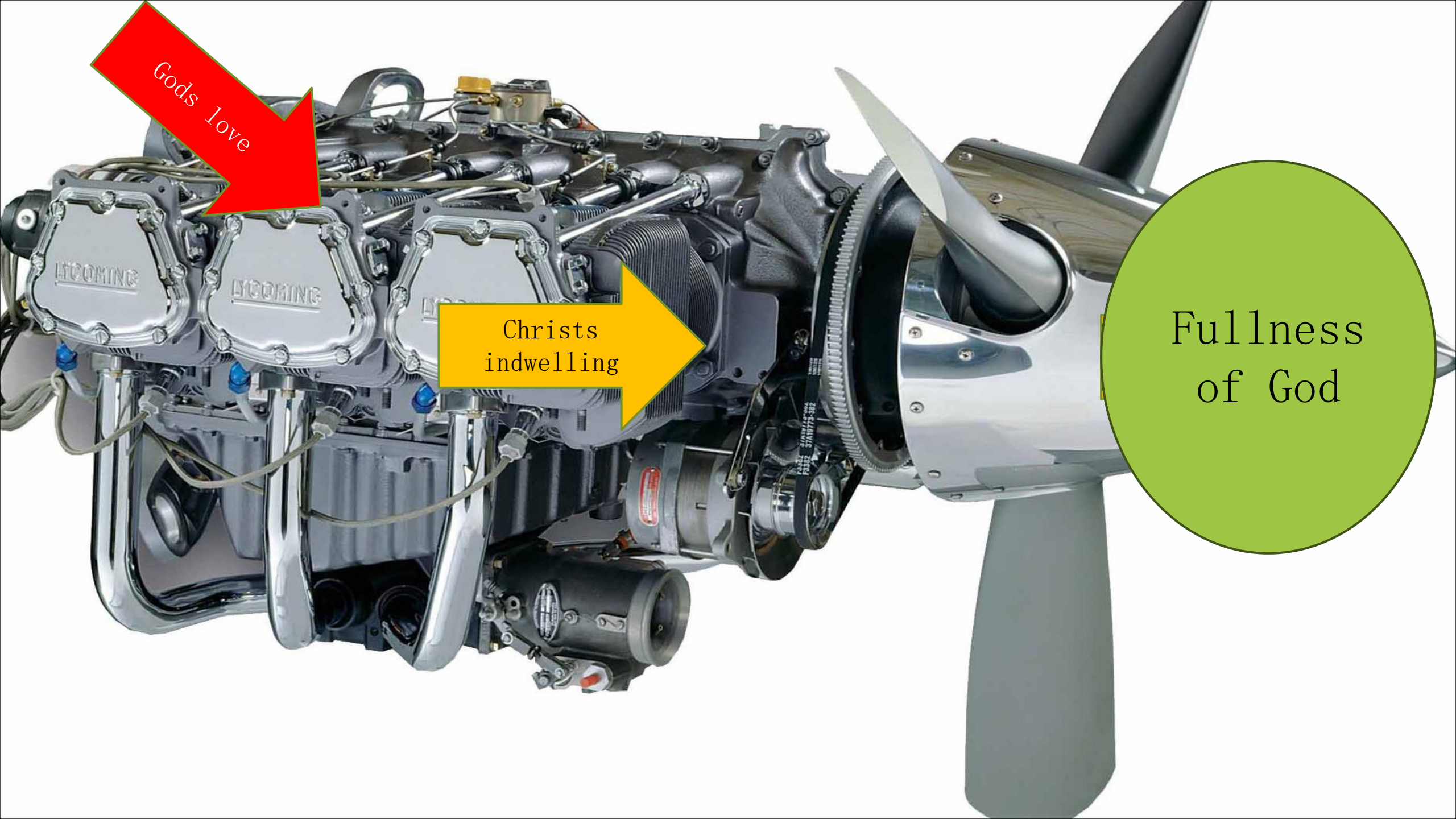
Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” 19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

PILLARS OF MEANING

The meaningful life is essential to the happy life

- Belonging
- Purpose
- Transcendance
- Story telling





Gods Love

Christs indwelling

Fullness of God

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for you to live through me
2. Please overwhelm us with the riches
and the beauty of your love
3. Please make me like you

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Martin Luther



Bible Study

Study a passage

Paraphrase it

Outline them

Get idea of what meaning

Meditation

Gazing at God through the truth

Not know about God but knowing God

Write everything down

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