



# The Gospel

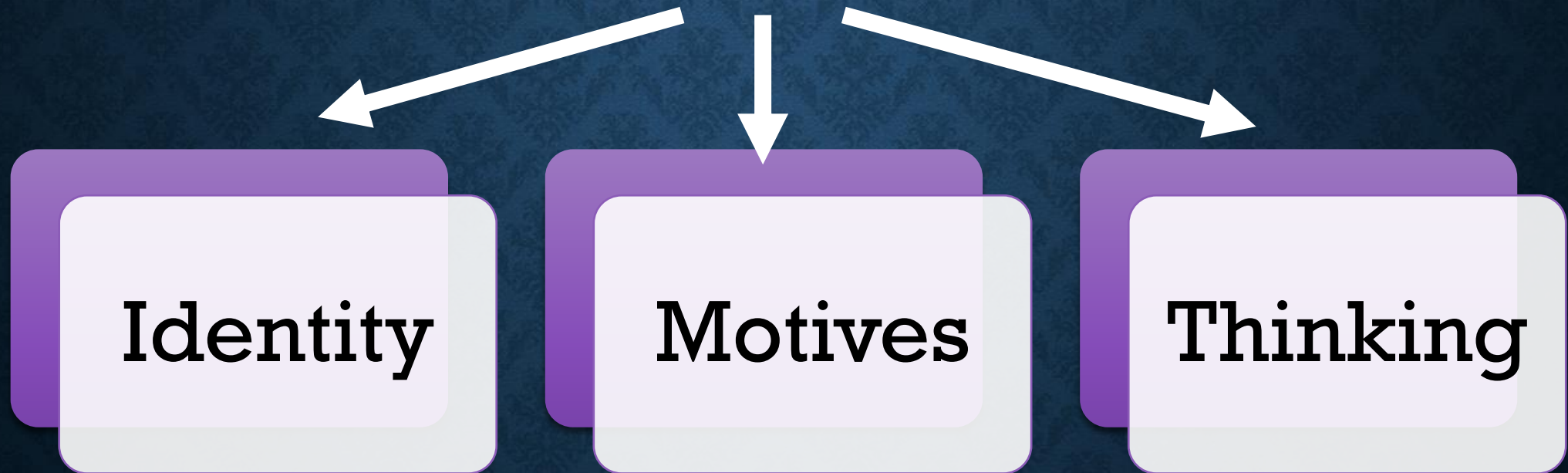
In All of Life

**Study 8: Gospel in all of Life**

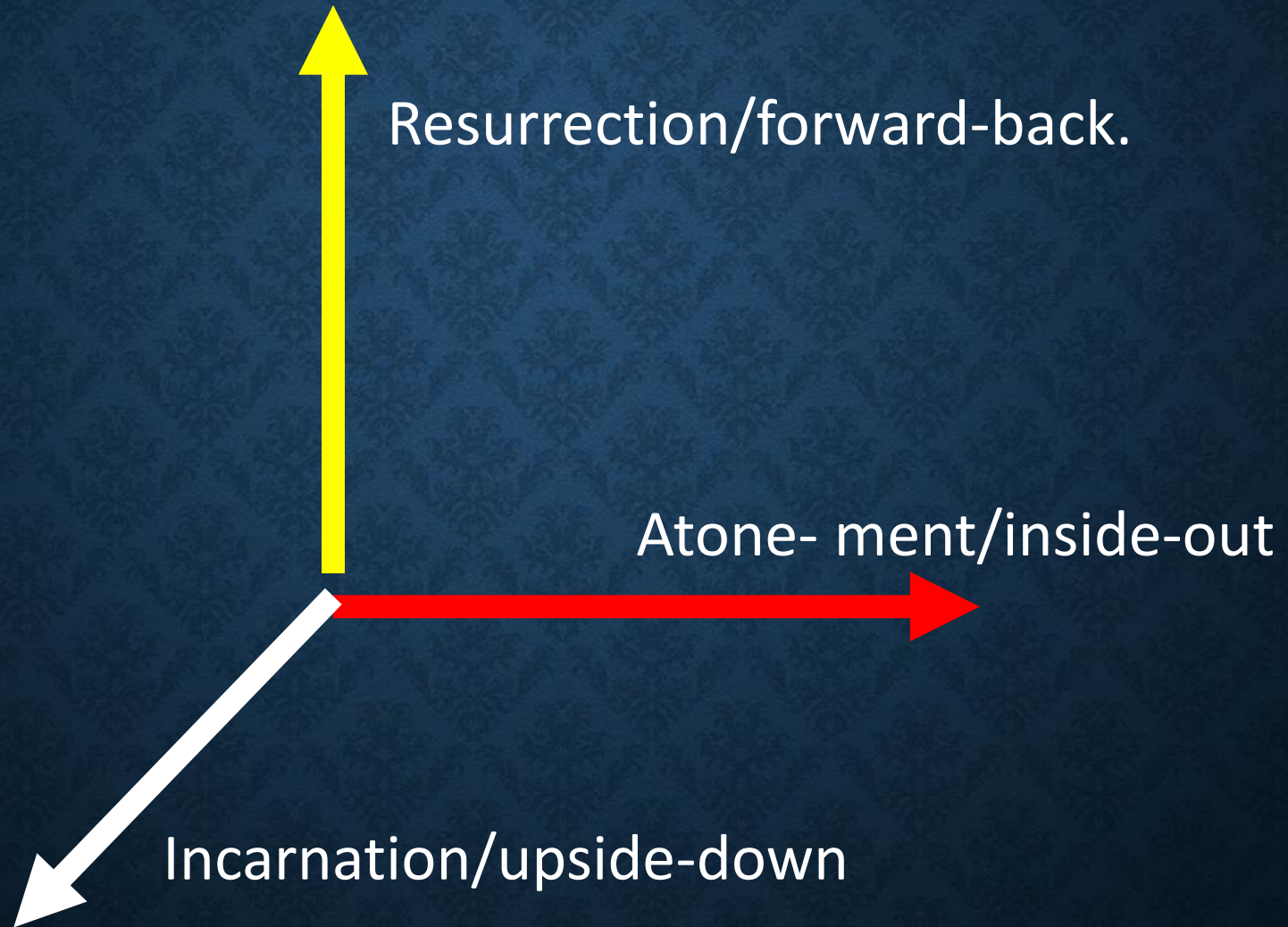
# GOSPEL TRANSFORMATION

new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness

NEW



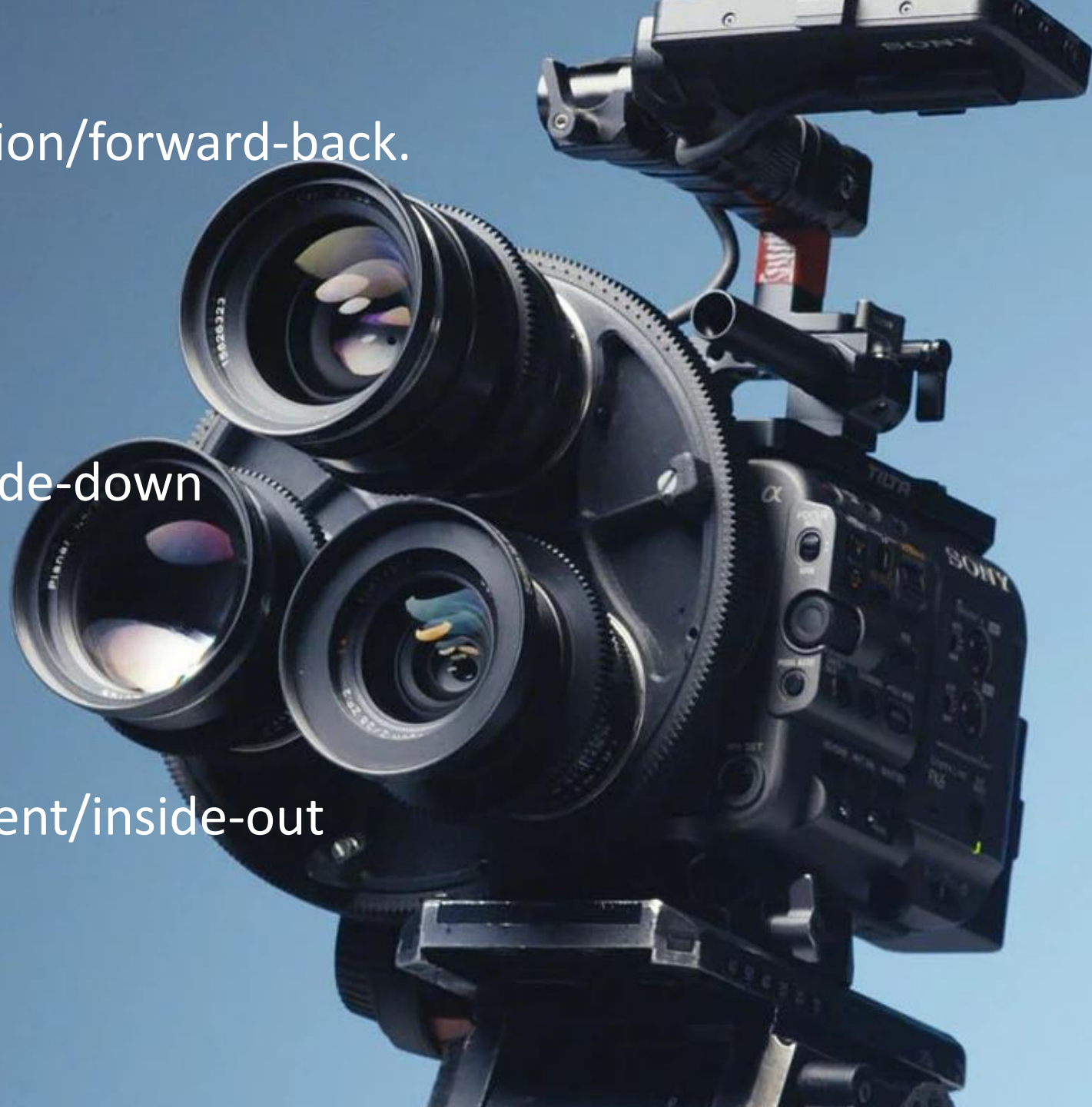
# THREE DIMENSIONS OF GOSPEL THINKING



Resurrection/forward-back.

Incarnation/upside-down

Atone- ment/inside-out



# 1. INCARNATION-UPSIDE DOWN

Philippians 2:5-7 (ESV) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

# WISDOM IN RECOGNIZING TRANSITORY NATURE OF WEALTH



## Lust for wealth

to envy, sycophancy, and obsequiousness

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## Attachment to wealth

arrogance, pride, and ruthlessness, to faith in themselves instead of in God

# PROPER ATTITUDE



Glory in his  
dependance in God



Glory in his  
dependance in God  
and not in wealth

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV) As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.



Philippians 3:10-11 (ESV) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.


## 2. ATONEMENT AND INSIDE OUT NATURE



# ATONEMENT –INSIDE OUT

Seek God's face not his Hands



A man in a white robe, possibly Jesus, is shown from the waist up, looking upwards and to the right. He is set against a background of a cloudy, hazy sky. The lighting is soft and ethereal.

### 3. Resurrection/forward-back.

Already saved us from penalty of sin  
Given us the Spirit  
Will come back to bring a new heaven  
and earth

Evangelism

Social Justice

Faith and work

Utopianism

Pessimism

# WHAT A GOSPEL CENTERED CHURCH WILL LOOK LIKE

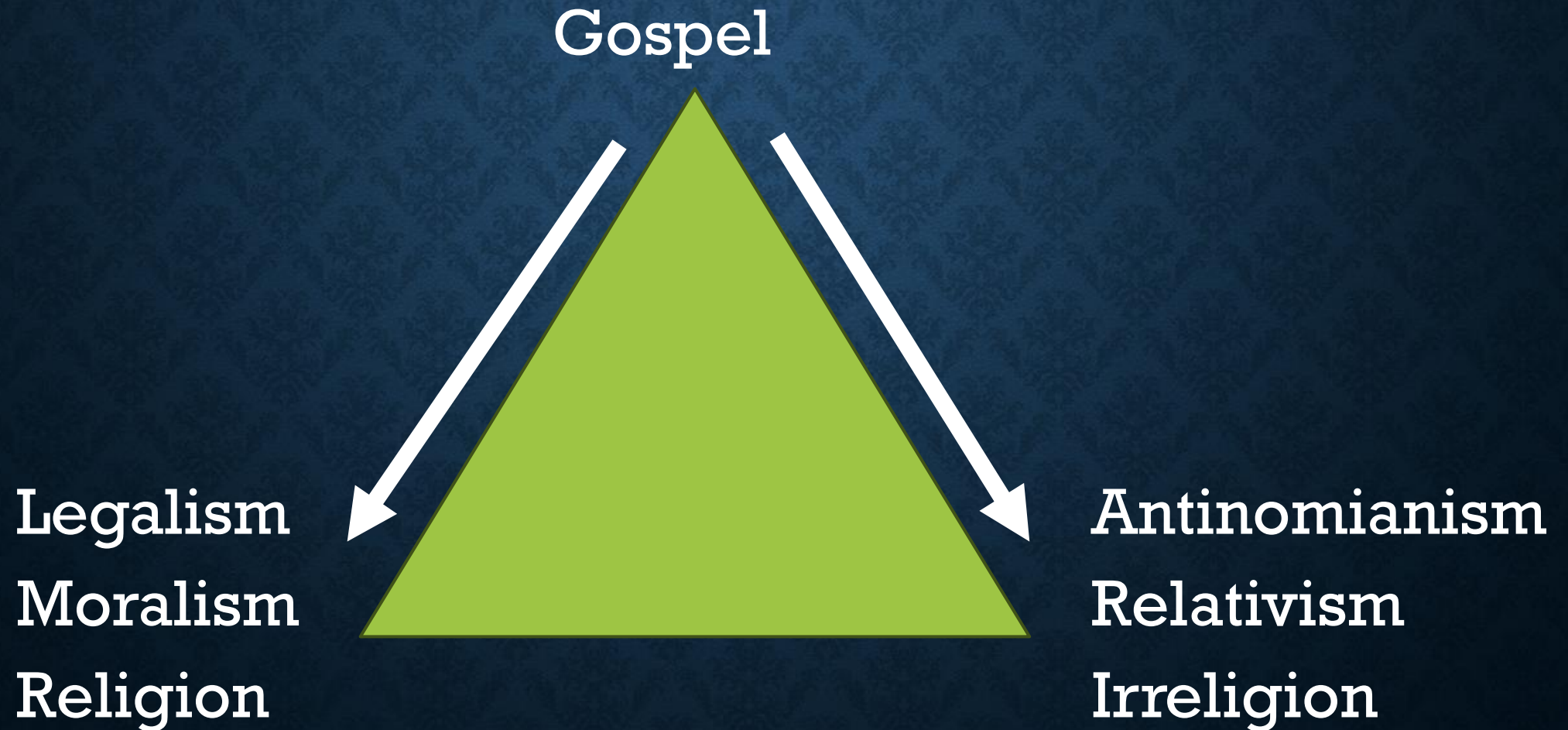
## Deep community

- Small groups
- Generosity
- Serving each other
- Spiritual disciplines
- Living with poor
- Racial reconciliation

## Wider community

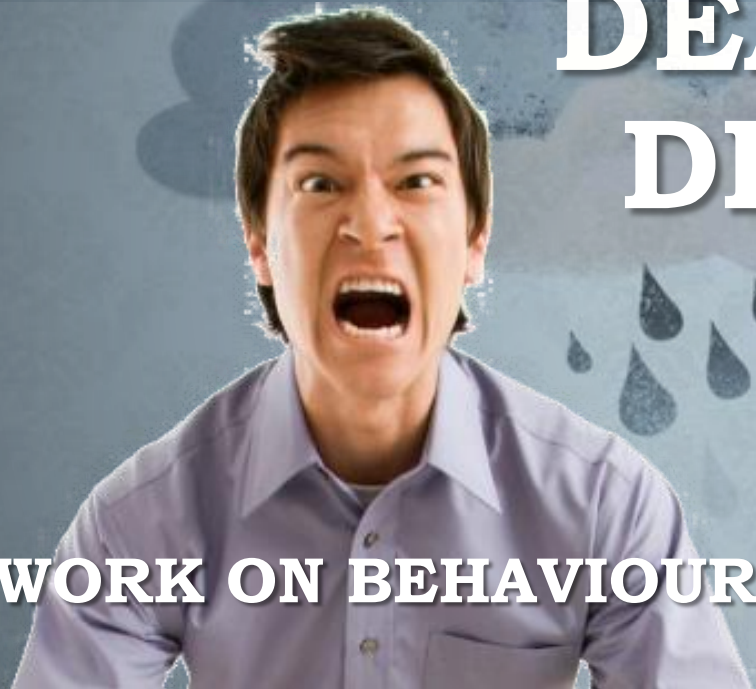
- Welfare of city
- Neighborhood involvement
- Cultural engagement
- Training people to work in secular vocations out of a Christian world view

# GOSPEL OF GRACE



# DEALING WITH DEPRESSION

## WORK ON BEHAVIOUR



Moralist will say  
You are Breaking the rules  
Repent



## MODIFY EMOTIONS



No problem just love yourself  
Accept yourself



**IDOL**

**MISSING  
THE  
CENTER**





**TIM KELLER**  
**COUNTERFEIT GODS**

*An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give.*



# **GUILT AND SELF IMAGE**

I can't forgive myself



## **YOUR IDOL**

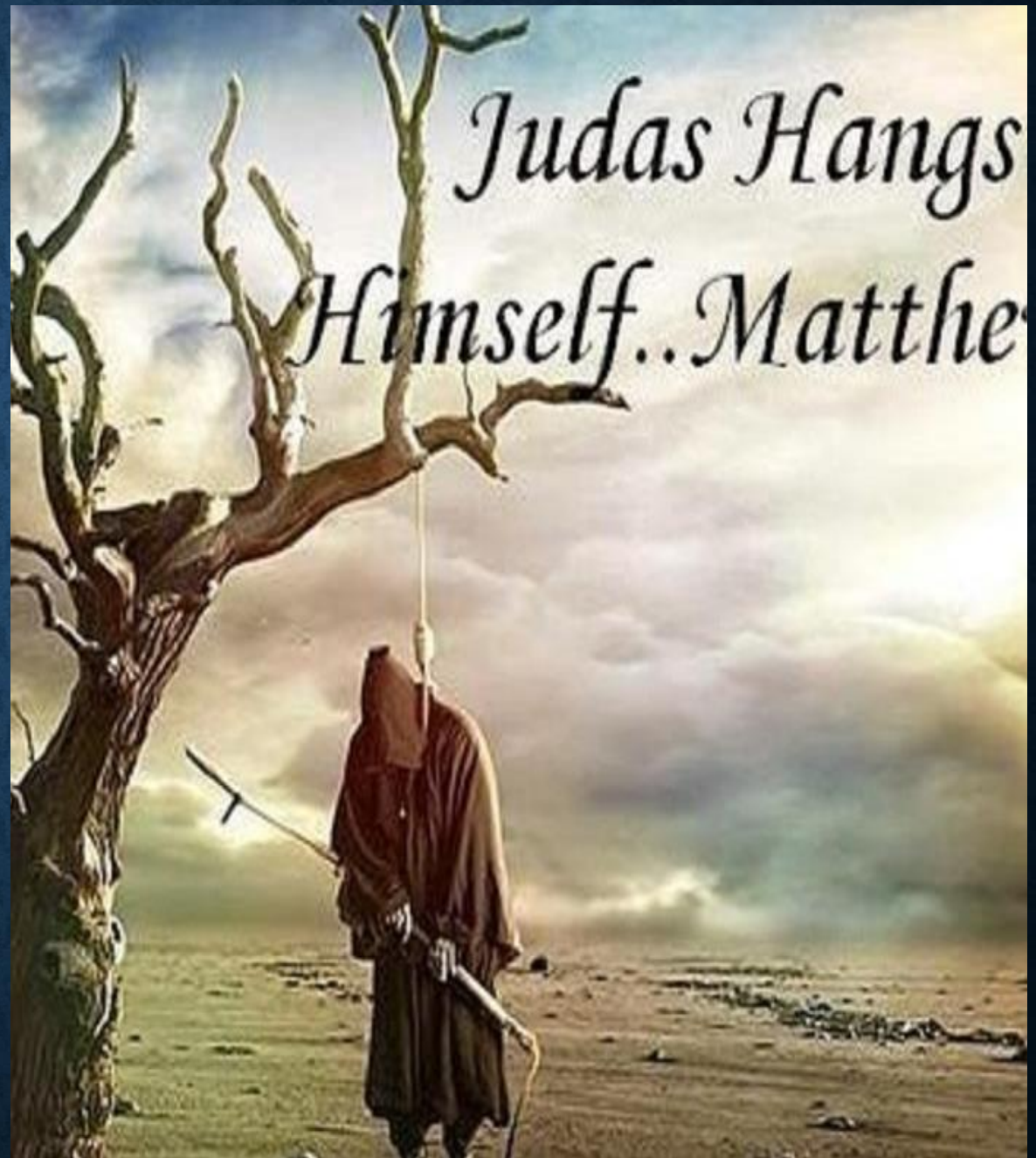
Whatever serves as your real  
righteousness

Career achievements

Concept of honour

Measure of Self worth

Family pedigree



*Judas Hangs  
Himself.. Matthe*

A close-up, high-detail image of a dark, metallic armor. The armor features a prominent horned helmet with a complex, woven pattern on the face. A sword hilt with a textured grip is visible, and several sharp, red-tinted blades or spikes protrude from the armor. The background is dark, making the metallic surfaces stand out.

# FALSE GOD

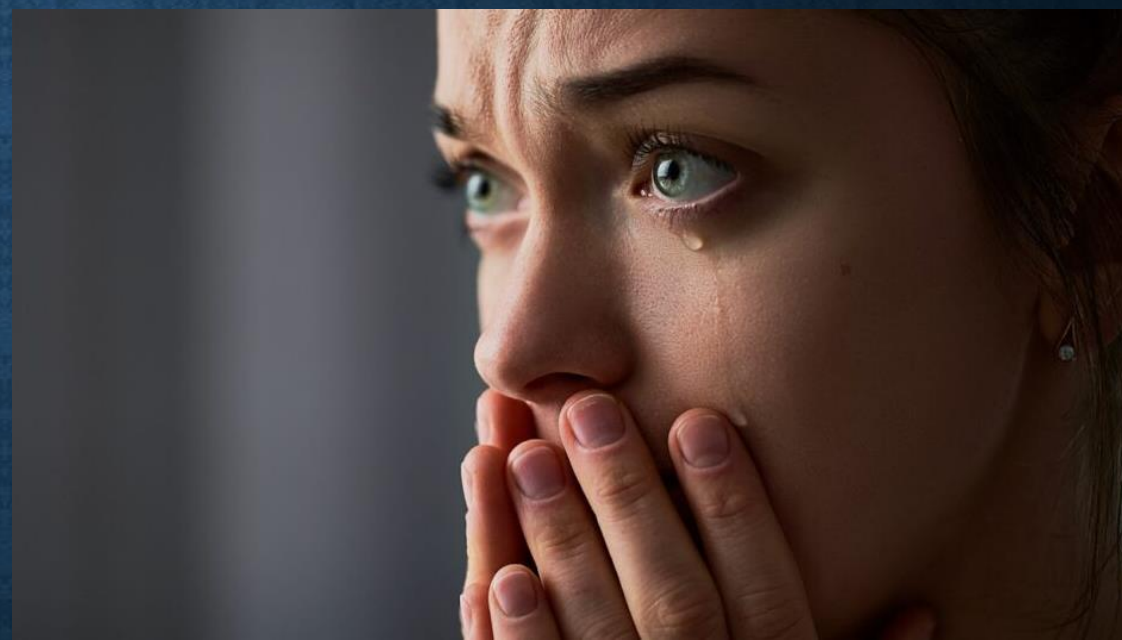
Holy  
Demanding  
Not gracious.

# LIVE UP TO STANDARDS

Proud and judgemental



# FAIL STANDARDS



Humble with low confidence  
Guilt

**SAME BEHAVIOUR  
DIFFERENT MOTIVATION**



- “The Christian story provides us with such a set of lenses, not something for us to look *at*, but for us to look *through*”
- *Leslie Newbigin*





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**DIRTY-SINFUL**



**BIOLOGICAL NEED**

# SEXUALITY IS SUPPOSED TO REFLECT THE SELF-GIVING OF CHRIST

*we are not to seek intimacy while holding back the rest of our lives. If we give ourselves sexually, we are also to give ourselves legally, socially, and personally.*

# PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

SLAVE TO GAIN APPROVAL

NO NEED PARENTAL APPROVAL

God is the ultimate Father.

Neither too dependant nor hostile





**RACE AND CULTURE**

# Moralist

Superior  
Self justifying pride



# Relativist/Liberal

We can all get along  
There is no truth



# GOSPEL

- Critical of all cultures..there is only one truth
- All are sinners saved by grace none superior
- For *in Christ* “there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female”
- Christ has broken dividing wall ...one new humanity
- Church needs to reflect that



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**BUSINESS**  
**ARE**  
**CEL**  
**DUTY—GUILDING**  
**SHARE OR**  
**OFFEND**



Guilt or duty

Look down on  
NC as inferior

Debate to win  
the argument




- Respect everyone's view on truth
- No need to share





# READINESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

Compelled by generosity and love  
No shame of being rejected as we  
have received grace  
Hopeful for everyone  
Courteous and careful..no coercion  
God's grace not our eloquence or  
persistence or their openness



# CLASS DISTINCTIONS



Despise poor

Blame their  
laziness

Lack personal  
responsibility



- Poor are helpless victims
- Blame others for their plight

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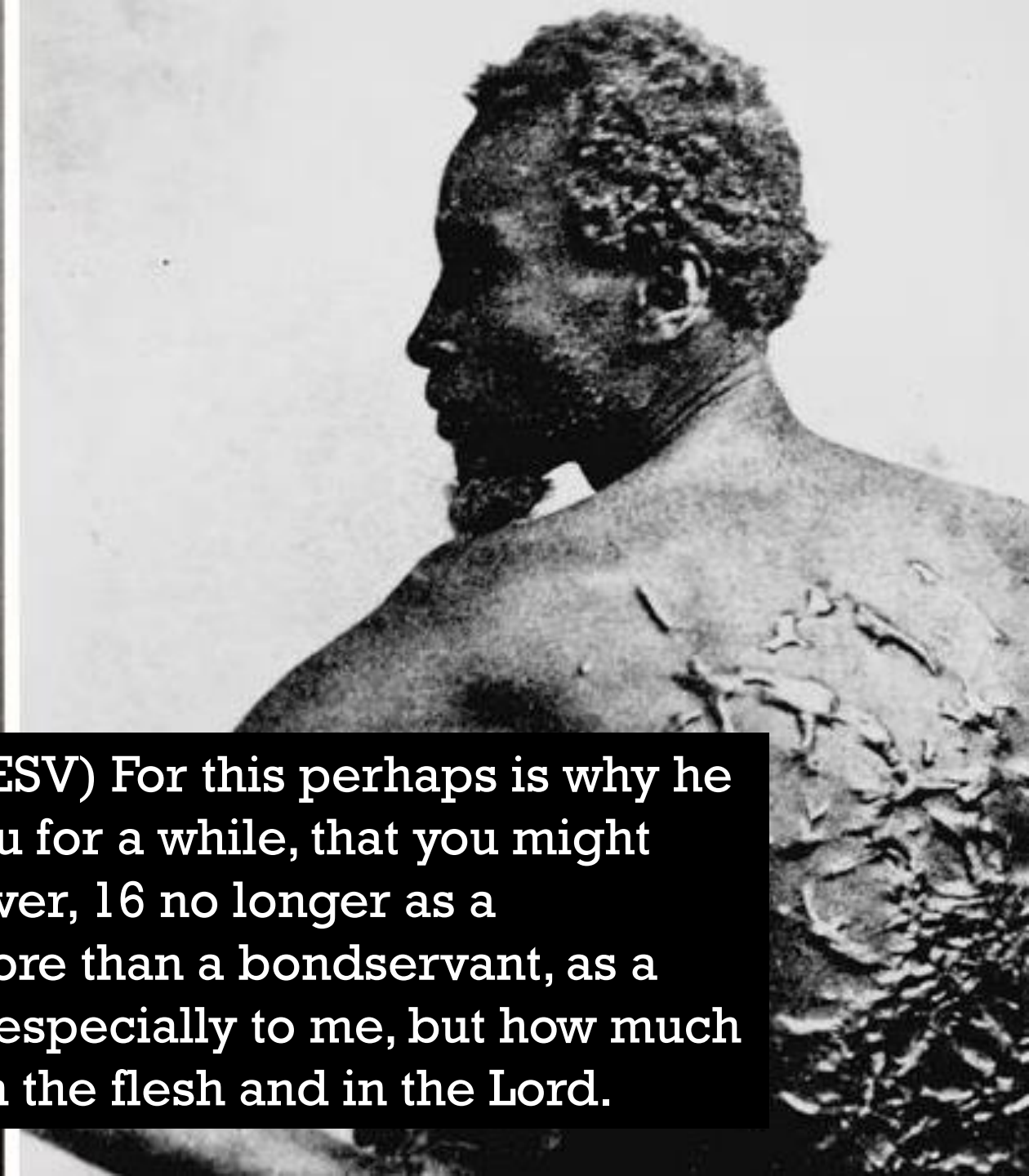
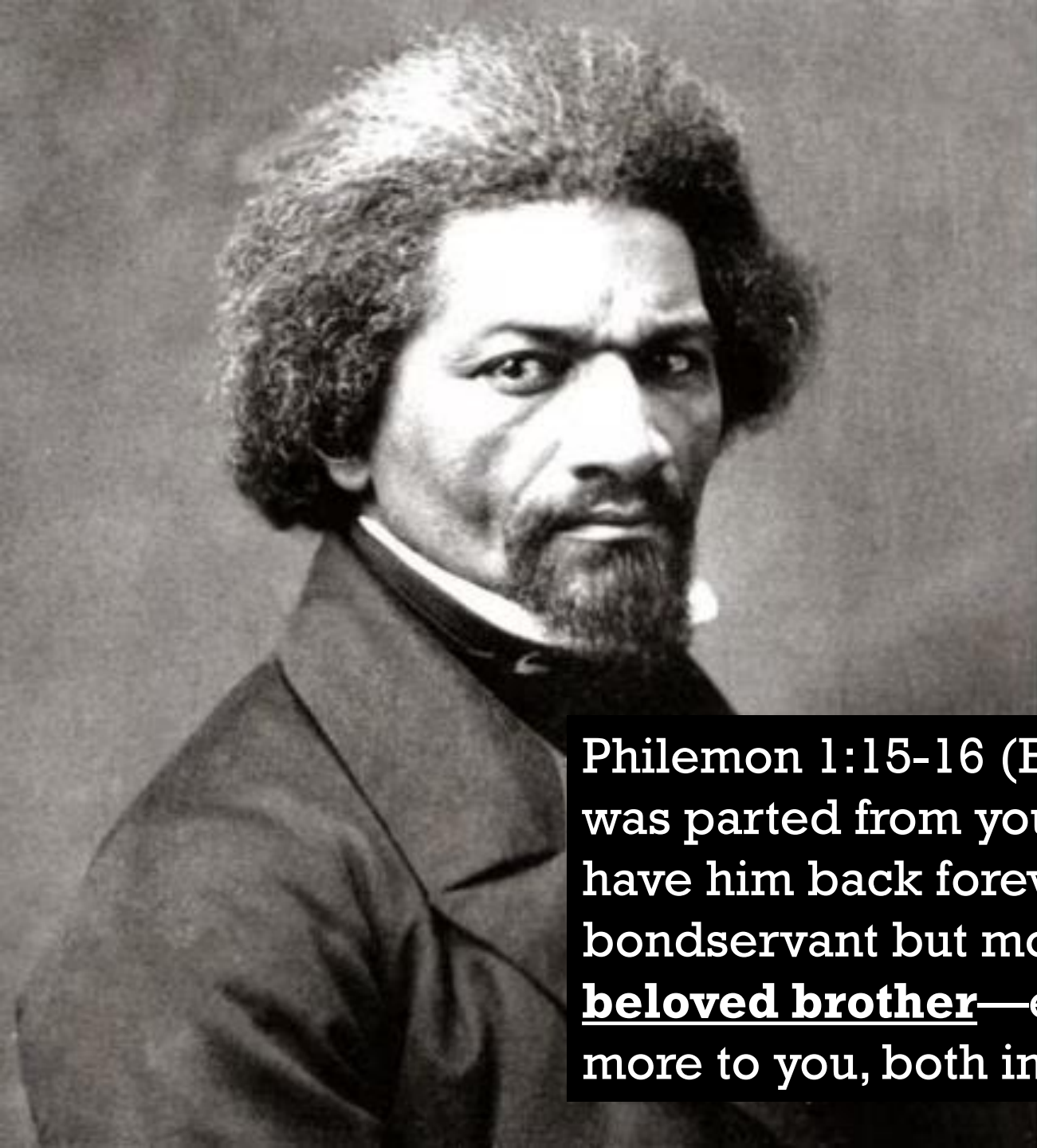


- Humble ...sinner, receive Grace
- See poor as our brothers
- Understand spiritual reality

# GOSPEL



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Philemon 1:15-16 (ESV) For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, 16 no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a **beloved brother**—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

# **FRONTLINE PRAYER**

- 1.A request for grace to confess in and to humble ourselves
- 2.A compassion and zeal for the flourishing of the church and the reaching of the lost
- 3.A yearning to know God, to see his face, to glimpse his glory