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OF

# JAMES

A FAITH THAT WORKS

## STUDY 2

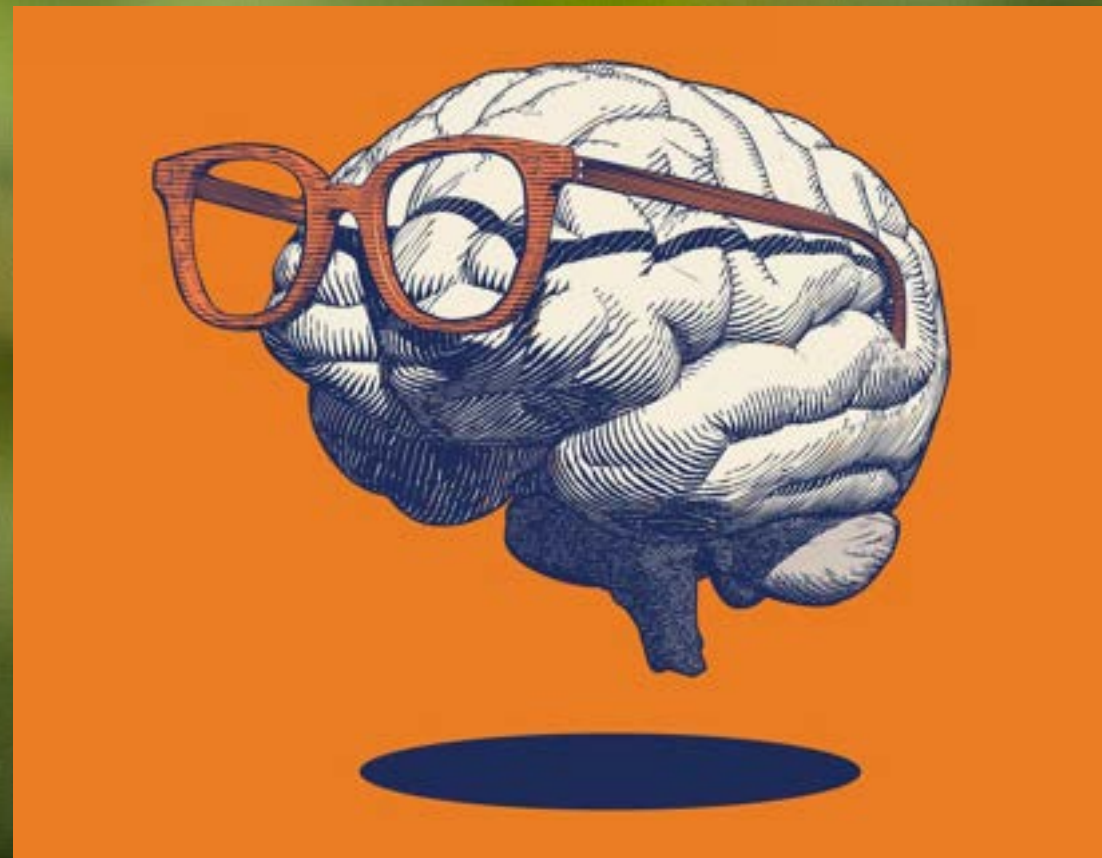
Wisdom the power to face trials

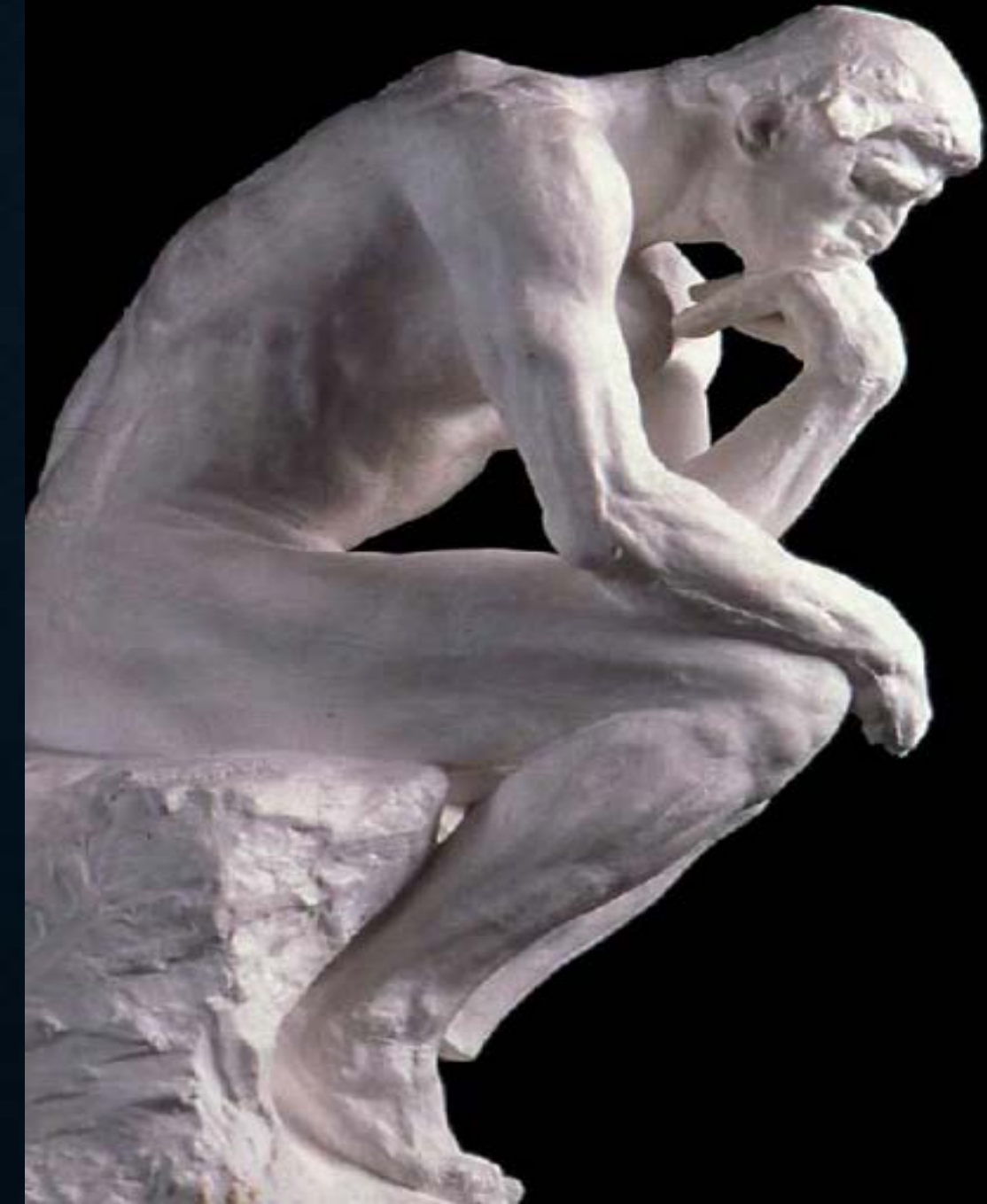
James 1:5-8

GAMMA  
SERIES



# WISDOM-MORE THAN INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE





# WISDOM

- It denotes the capacity to not only understand something but also to act accordingly Mounce Dictionary of OT n NT
- Skill at life particularly making sound judgements and speak right words
- God given ability to live in a godly way and endure testing



# THE CONTEXT OF THIS WISDOM

James 1:5-8 If any of you **lacks wisdom**, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.



**Trials and  
Tribulations**

# WHAT KIND OF WISDOM

**Wisdom**

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graph LR; A[Wisdom] --> B[General Wisdom]; A --> C[Specific Wisdom dealing with suffering];
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**General Wisdom**

**Specific Wisdom  
dealing with  
suffering**

Why would you need wisdom in dealing with suffering?

A man in a dark tactical suit with glowing green eyes, set against a background of a dark, stormy sea.

# God's Eye Vision

The ability to view life from  
God's perspective.



2019 Stolen car  
Chased by police crashed





taylorswift



Nothing good starts in a getaway car

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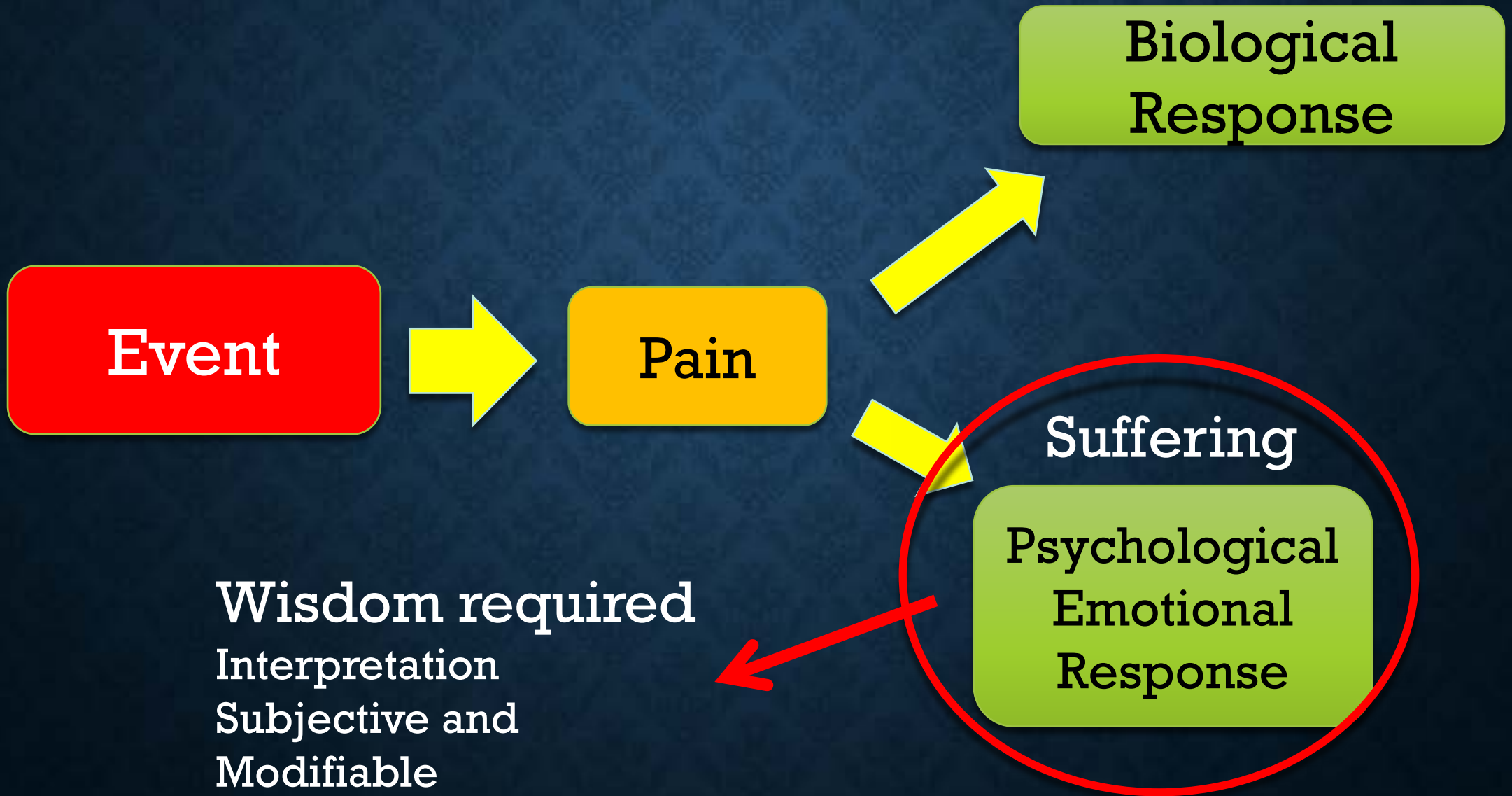
# WISDOM TO CHOOSE



“Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.”

Victor Frankl





**SUFFERING  
ACCENTUATED BY  
SECULAR FALSE WISDOM**



# CS LEWIS ON WISDOM AND SUFFERING

*Of old the cardinal problem of human life was how to conform the soul to objective reality and the solution was wisdom, discipline and virtue but for the modern mind it is how to subdue reality to our wishes and the solution is technique*

# WISDOM IN TECHNIQUES

A large, dense crowd of people is shown from a high-angle perspective, looking down. The crowd is diverse in age and appearance, with many people wearing winter hats and jackets. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the foreground. The text 'WISDOM IN TECHNIQUES' is overlaid in the upper center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.





- Non awareness of moral dimension

-  We are in charge and can do anything..technology

A golden scale of justice is the central focus, set against a background of a book with its pages fanned out. The scale is illuminated by a warm, golden light, creating a dramatic and professional atmosphere. The word "LAWSUIT" is prominently displayed in the center in a bold, white, serif font with a black outline.

# LAWSUIT







# LAW SUITS



PORSCHE



# NON AWARENESS OF SIN

Moral Model



Medical Model





**WE NEED HAPPINESS NOW**

**Universe owes us**

**WHY DO BAD  
THINGS HAPPEN  
TO GOD'S PEOPLE?**



# VICIOUS CYCLE

Perceptions

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graph TD; A[Perceptions] --> B[Hopelessness  
Helplessness]; A --> C[Anxiety  
Irritability  
Fear]; B --> D[Shame  
Loneliness  
Guilt]; C --> E[Anger  
Frustration  
Depression];
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Hopelessness  
Helplessness

Anxiety  
Irritability  
Fear

Shame  
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Anger  
Frustration  
Depression

# SECULAR APPROACH



- Medications
- Coping techniques
- Acceptance
- You are not your pain



# Dialectical Behavior Therapy

**Mindfulness**

Being focused and learning to live in the present moment.

**Regulating Emotions**

Reduce the intensity of emotional pain until the feelings pass.

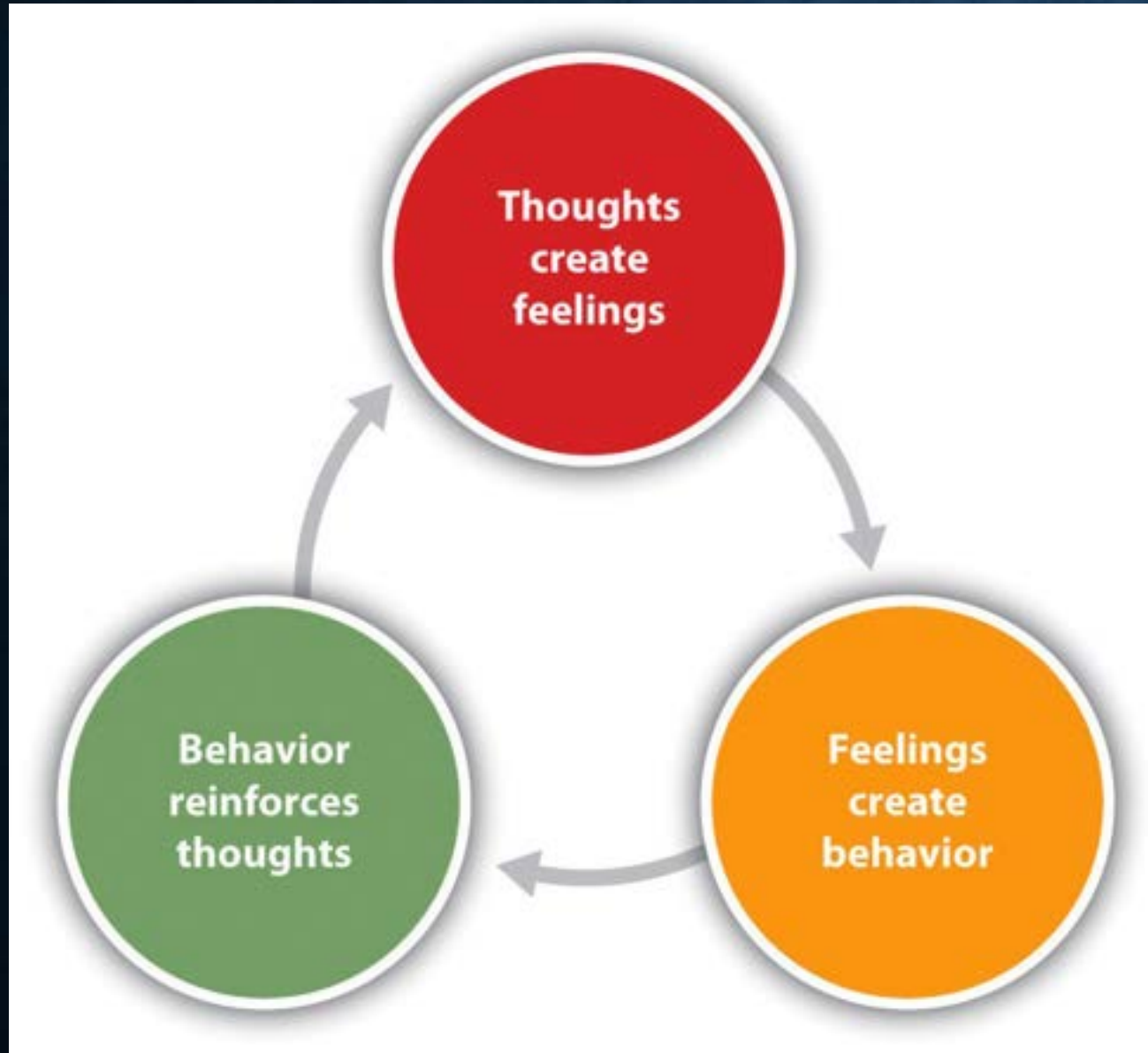
**Distress Tolerance**

Learn to defuse stressful or painful situations resulting in better health.

**Interpersonal Effectiveness**

Understand how to set boundaries and clearly express your needs.

# COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY



- **disqualifying the positive**
- **automatic negative reactions**
- **magnifying or minimizing the importance of an event:**
- **mental filter**
- **personalization**

# HOW DOES WISDOM HELP

**Wisdom**

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graph LR; A[Wisdom] --> B[Magnitude of suffering]; A --> C[Temptations to loose faith];
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**Magnitude of  
suffering**

**Temptations to  
loose faith**



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**NETFLIX**

A NETFLIX ORIGINAL COMEDY SPECIAL

**HARITH  
ISKANDER**

**I TOLD  
YOU SO**



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OUR

Romans 8:32 (ESV) He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

generous

GOD

Guaranteed the issue is not God

## THE ISSUE IS US CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING

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Faith

Outcome 1

Outcome 2

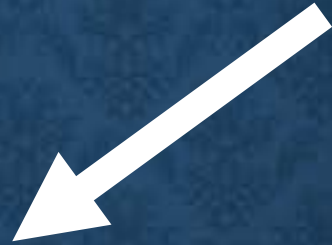


# UNCERTAINTY OF OUTCOME IS NOT BEING DOUBLE MINDED



**DOUBLE  
MINDED IS NOT  
WORKING OUT  
YOUR DOUBTS**

**DI--PSYCHOS**



**DOUBLE**



**SOUL**

James 4:8 (ESV) Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.



Di--psychos



# THE CONTRAST

Draw near to God

No motive of  
drawing near to  
God

Double minded

Purify your heart

Divided intentions



**GOD**

**WORLD**



# UNWAVERING IN OUR MOTIVES AND COMMITMENTS

Our prayer for Wisdom comes out of our single minded desire to see Him and His will during this crisis



We are to be single minded in our devotion to God as we pray for His Wisdom in the dealing with Trials in our lives





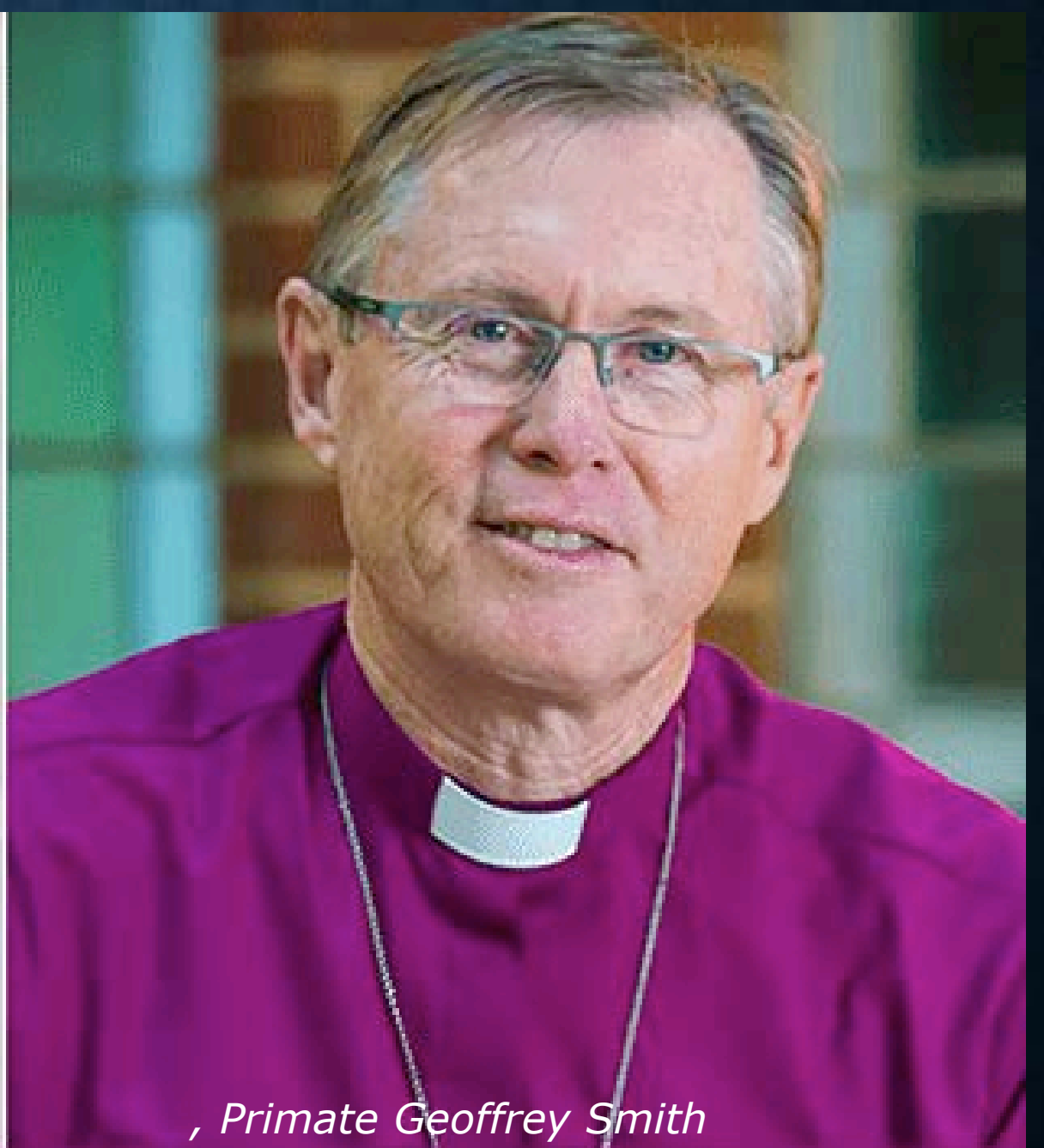
**WE CAN BE  
UNCLEAR IN THE  
OUTCOME OR  
THE WAY WE  
UNDERSTAND  
THE TRIAL**

**SINGLE MINDED  
IN OUR DESIRE  
TO TRUST AND  
PLEASE GOD**





*Glenn Davies,*



*, Primate Geoffrey Smith*



# ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

## AFFIRMED

- Define marriage as only between a man and a woman

- Does not condemn same-sex marriage blessings,
- Blessing for same sex civil marriages



Know what is God's will  
Struggle with own will  
Cannot let go

## LOT'S DILEMMA

2 Peter 2:7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);



## HE MADE HIS FREE CHOICE

Genesis 13:11-13 (ESV) So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. 12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.





*How* TO  
PRAY FOR  
PROSPERITY





# CHALLENGE TO OUR FAITH

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a brown tie, is shown from the chest up. He has his hands pressed against his temples, looking upwards with a pained or distressed expression. The background is a dark, textured surface with vertical streaks, suggesting heavy rain or a storm. The overall mood is one of crisis and emotional struggle.

**STEADFAST**

Our prayer for Wisdom

To see Him and His will  
during this crisis

**LOSS OF FAITH**

**ACKNOWLEDGE WE DO HAVE NOT  
FIGURED IT OUT**



**WE STRUGGLE WITH GOD OVER  
HOW OUR LIVES SHOULD GO**







## God's wisdom

The ability to view life from  
God's perspective.

# THE WISEST PERSON ON EARTH



## THE PROMISE

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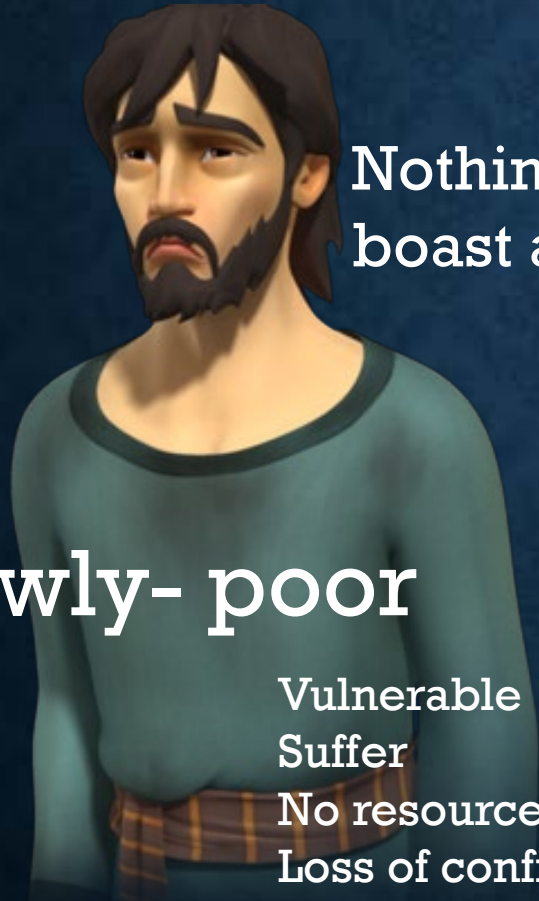
James 1:9-12 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

# CONUNDRUM

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,  
10 and the rich in his humiliation

# VARIOUS TRIALS



Nothing to  
boast about

Lowly- poor

Vulnerable  
Suffer  
No resources to recover  
Loss of confidence  
Fear

Nothing to be  
humiliated  
with

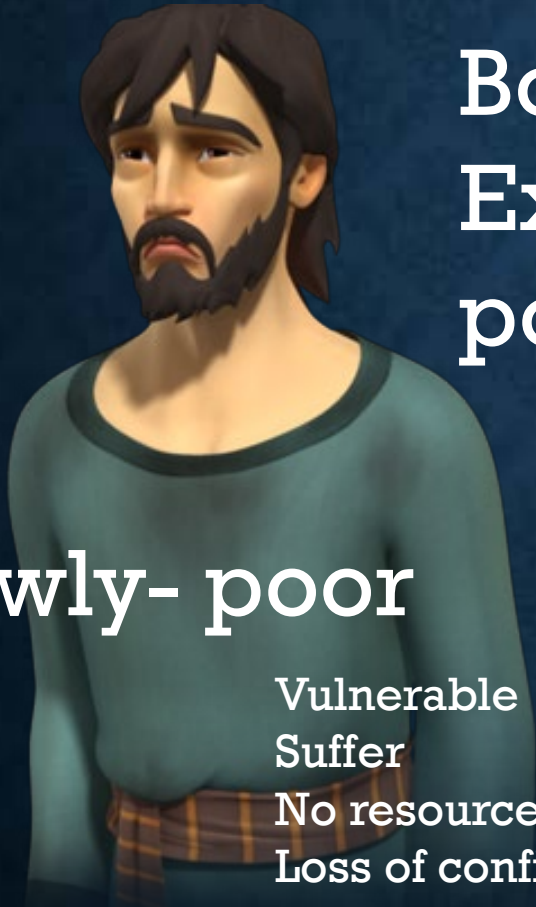
Rich



Safe  
Depend on  
resources  
Confident



# COUNTER -INTUITIVE LOGIC



Lowly- poor

Vulnerable  
Suffer  
No resources to recover  
Loss of confidence  
Fear

Boast in  
Exalted  
position

Boast in  
humiliation



Rich

Safe  
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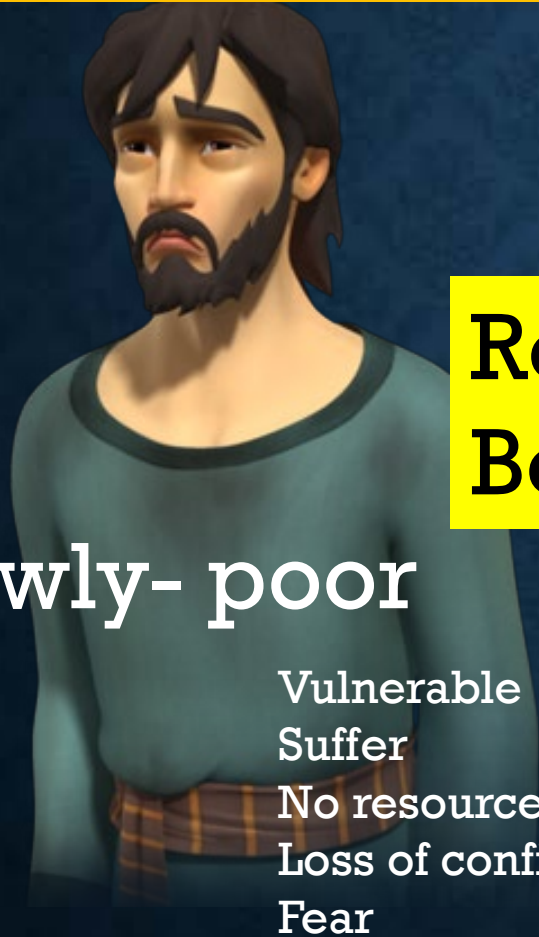
# Application of God's Wisdom

The ability to view life from  
God's perspective.

# EYES OF WISDOM

Conventional wisdom

True spiritual Wisdom



Rejoice-Glory in  
Be proud of

Lowly- poor

Vulnerable  
Suffer  
No resources to recover  
Loss of confidence  
Fear

James 2:5 (ESV) Listen,  
my beloved brothers, has  
God chosen those  
who are poor in the  
world to be rich in faith  
and heirs of the  
kingdom, which he has  
promised to those who  
love him?



# EYES OF WISDOM

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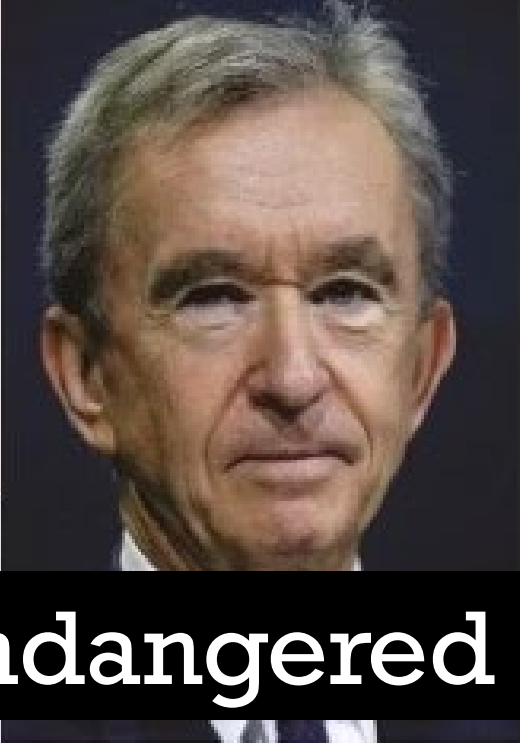
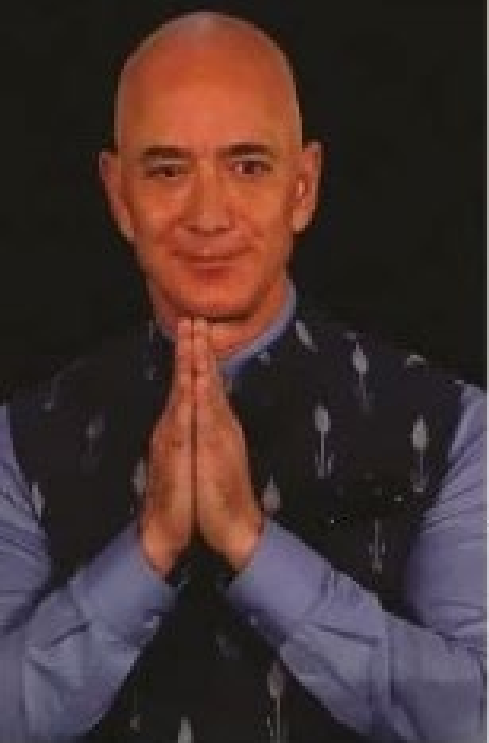
KEEPING UP WITH THE  
**KARDASHIANS**



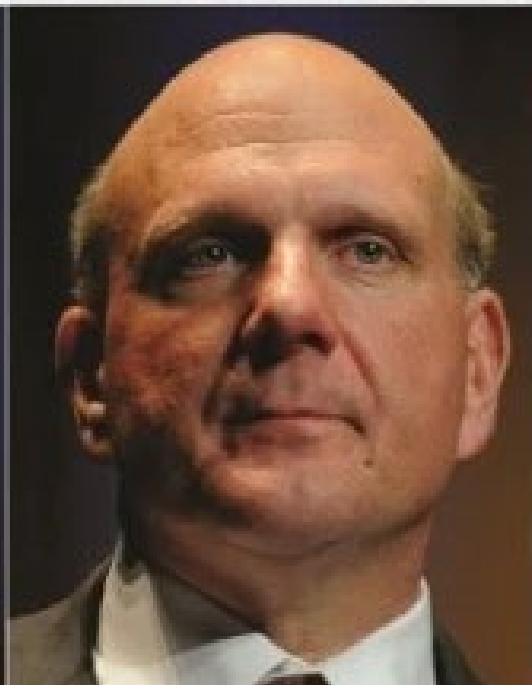


# Endangered species






Endangered species



Mark Zuckerberg is shown from the chest up, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt. He is gesturing with both hands open, palms facing up, as if speaking. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting like a conference room or stage. The text is overlaid in white on the right side of his torso.

**Mark Zuckerberg**  
**Lost 87.3 billion USD since 2021**



A close-up portrait of Bill Hwang, a man with dark hair, wearing glasses, a dark pinstriped suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a red patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with trees and possibly a building.

“I try to invest according to the word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit”

**BILL HWANG**



*arrested and charged with 11 criminal counts, including racketeering conspiracy and securities fraud.*

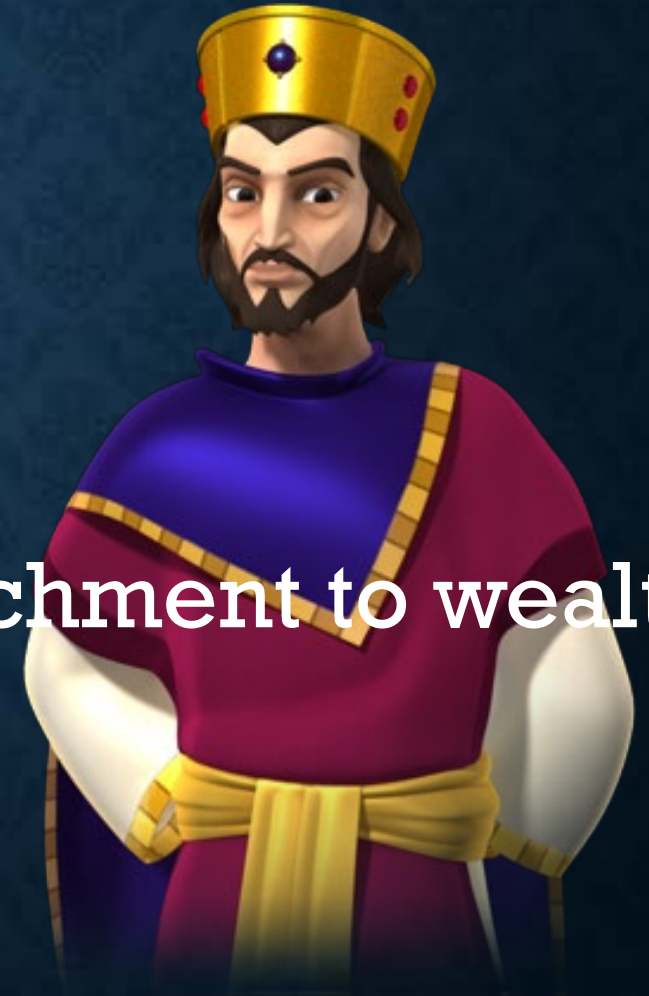
*an “instrument of market manipulation and fraud,” inflating its portfolio from \$1.5 billion to \$35 billion before its spectacular collapse,*

# THE ISSUE IS ATTITUDE TOWARDS WEALTH

- The RISKS



Lust for wealth



Attachment to wealth



Luke 16:19-31



## **ABSOLUTE DANGER**

**Luke 16:31 (ESV) He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"**

# WISDOM IN RECOGNIZING TRANSITORY NATURE OF WEALTH



**Lust for wealth**

to envy, sycophancy, and obsequiousness

Recognize the risks



**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

## GLORY IN HIS HUMILIATION

Philippians 3:7-8 (ESV) But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

# WHAT REALLY MATTERS IN LIFE

We need to pray to the Lord for the Wisdom to see this in our lives

James 1:12 **Blessed** is the man who remains **steadfast** under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.



## **SPIRITUAL TRUTH**

**This means that the lack of wealth or the imminent loss of it is, like many other things, a form of testing, a testing that has value to the believer because it helps to establish, to give “proof,” that he or she is one who loves God.**