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# EPHESIANS

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE



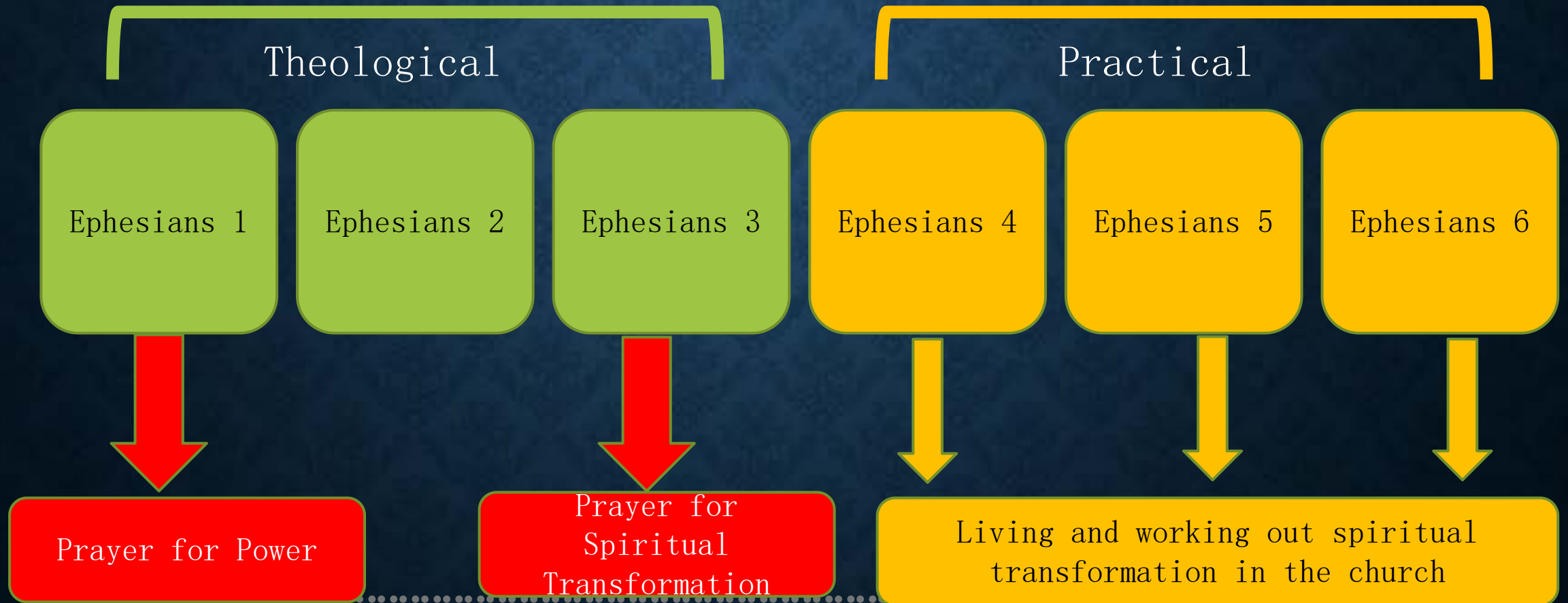
## STUDY 11 PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Ephesians 3:14-21

# THE STRUCTURE

Glory and Grace of God

The Peace of God in the church





# HELP



PRAYER



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i WISH for my family to  
Have good health, prosperity  
and peace of mind body &  
Soul. i WISH for our Banana thins  
to go global and sell to  
millions of customers around the world.  
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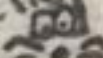
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I hope for a Society where we don't age, age is  
no longer something that changes us physically. A  
world where life on earth is eternal



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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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# 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, through Christ, the Son of 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

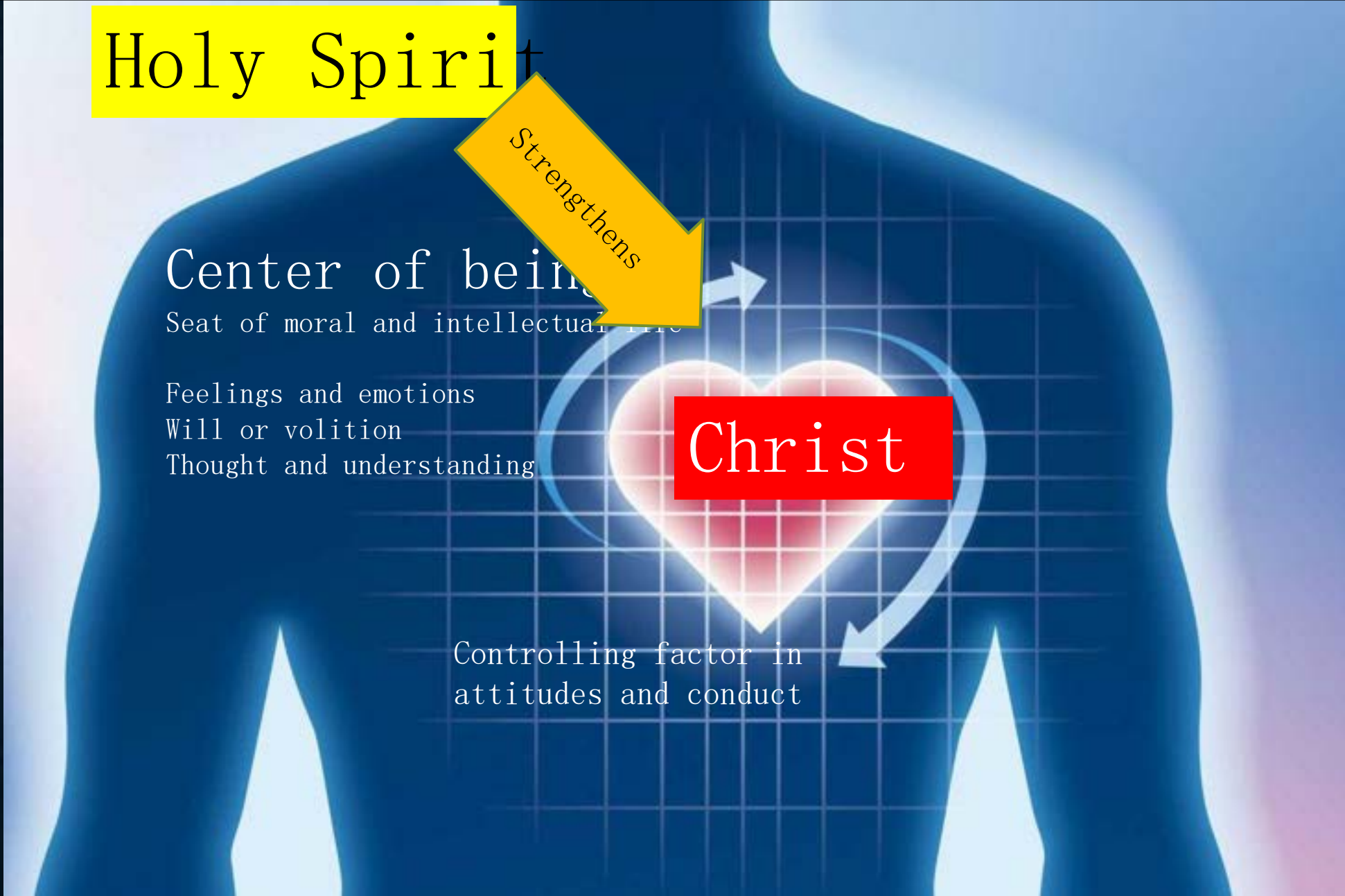
Feelings and emotions

Will or volition

Thought and understanding

Christ

Controlling factor in  
attitudes and conduct





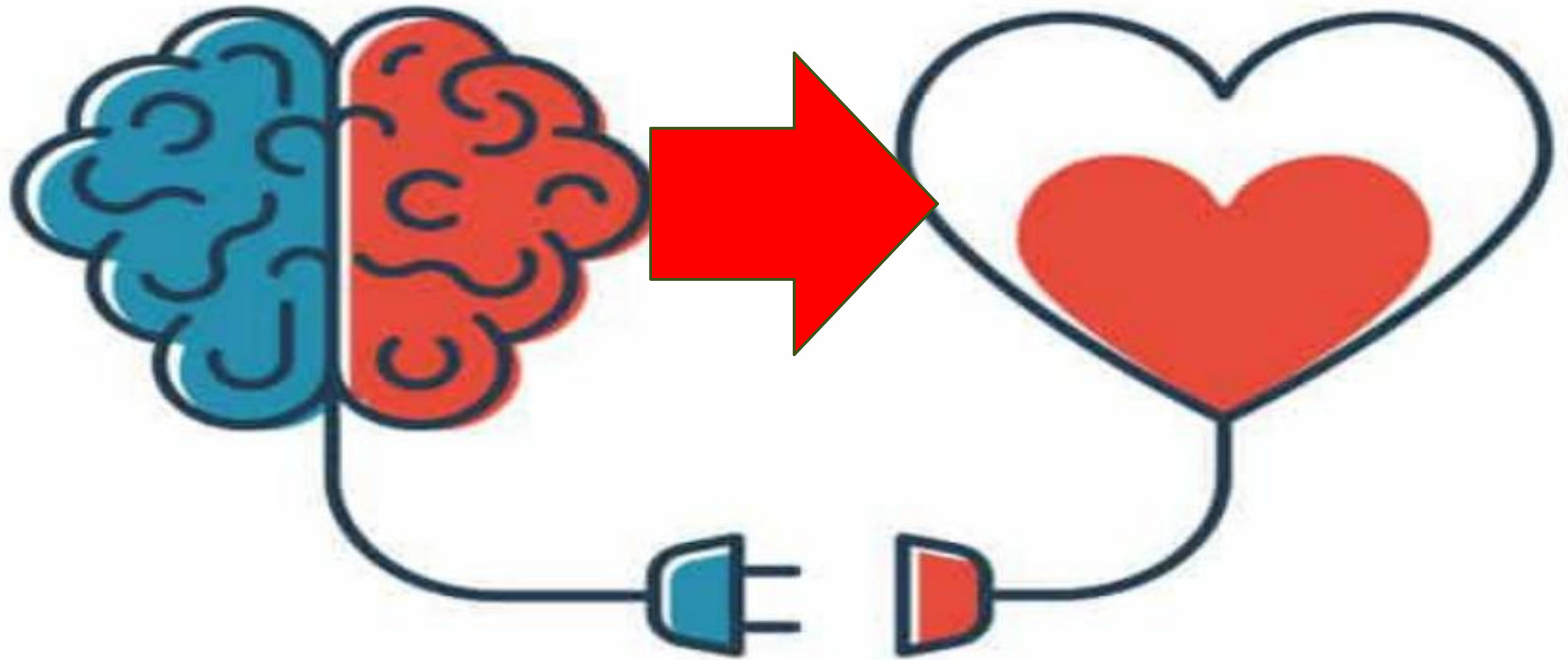
We are going to  
trust Him to  
manage our lives



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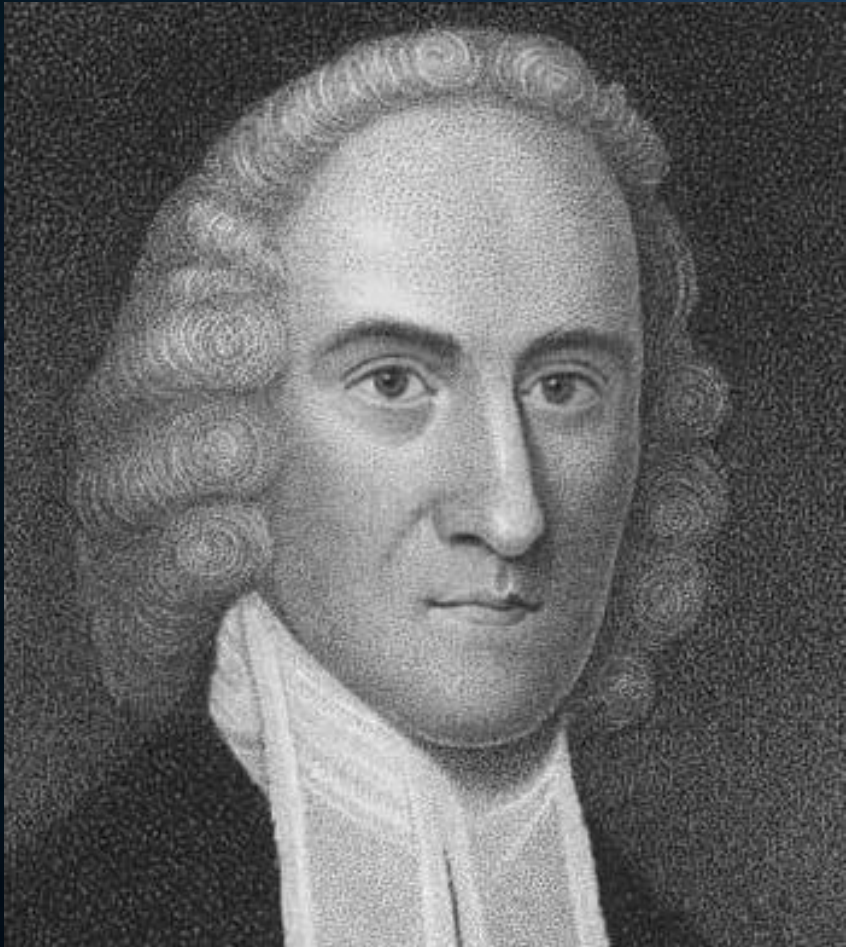
Spiritual inner sensitivity to gospel truth



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, are found in life with Christ and self-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 cheek and a cut on his forehead. The woman on the right has a black pinstriped blazer and a green hooded jacket with 'MAMBO' written on it. She has a bruise on her left 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

Spiritual Strength

# HOW DOES CHRIST DWELL..THE WORD


His Word becomes Real  
His presence palpable  
His glory overwhelming





# WRESTLING WITH GOD...JACOB



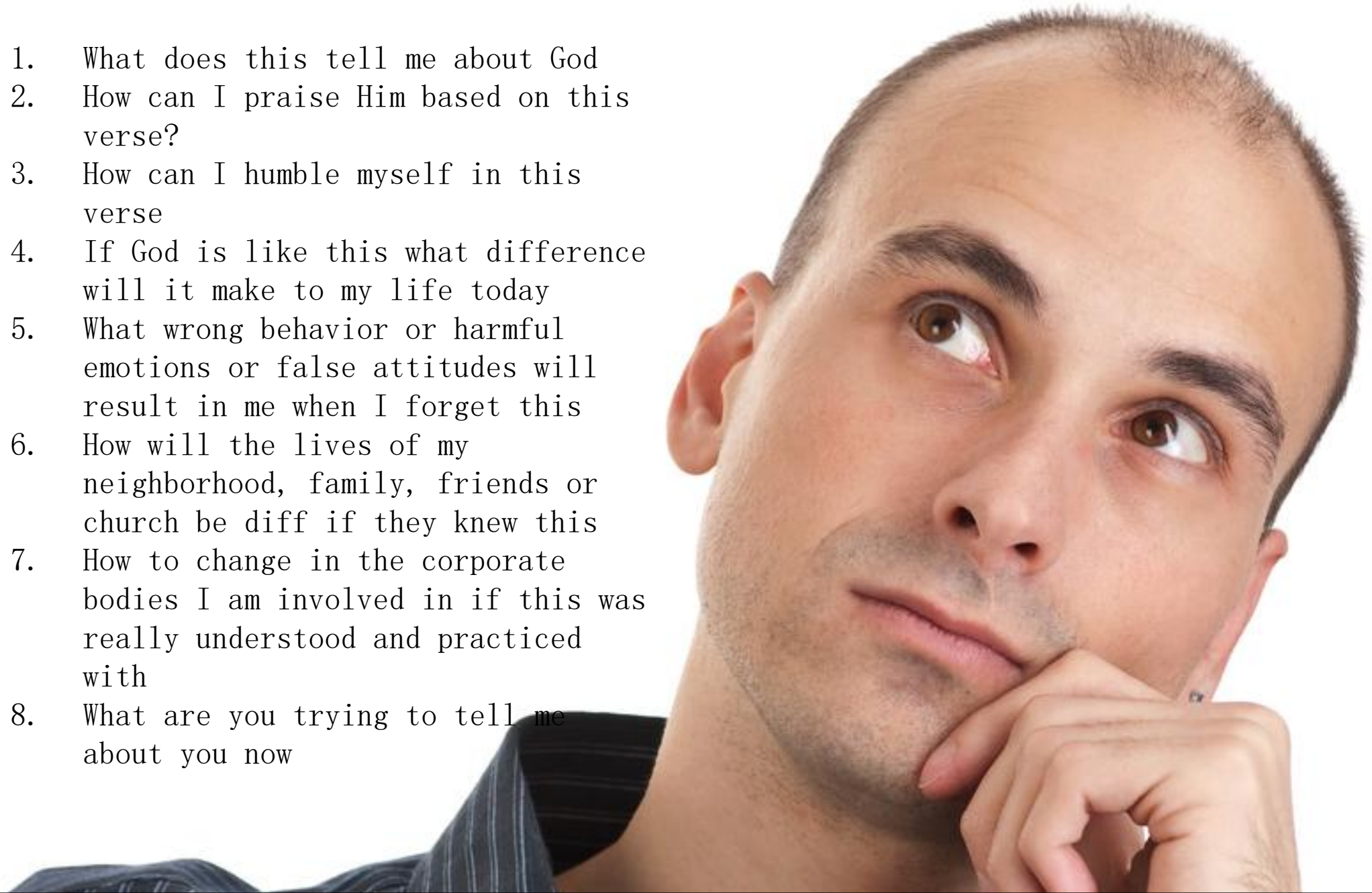


Power for a purpose



## Meditation

1. What does this tell me about God
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8. What are you trying to tell me about you now



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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 emblem featuring a scale of justice. On his right chest, he wears several colorful medals and ribbons. 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 and out of focus, with a red and white flag visible on the right side. The text "JUDGE ALBERT WONG" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif 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

.....with all the saints

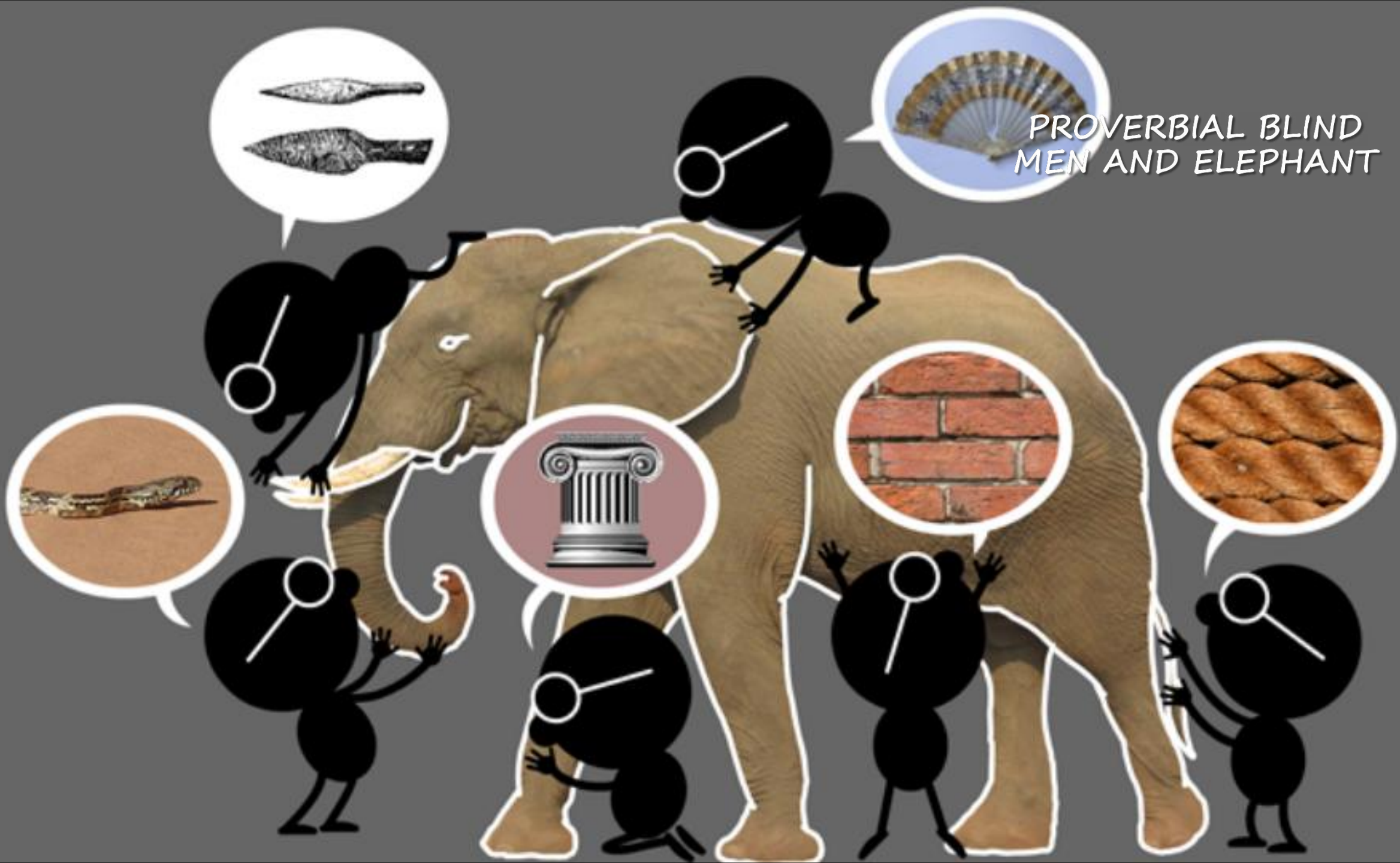




# THE DIFFERENCE



PROVERBIAL BLIND  
MEN AND ELEPHANT





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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









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## 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



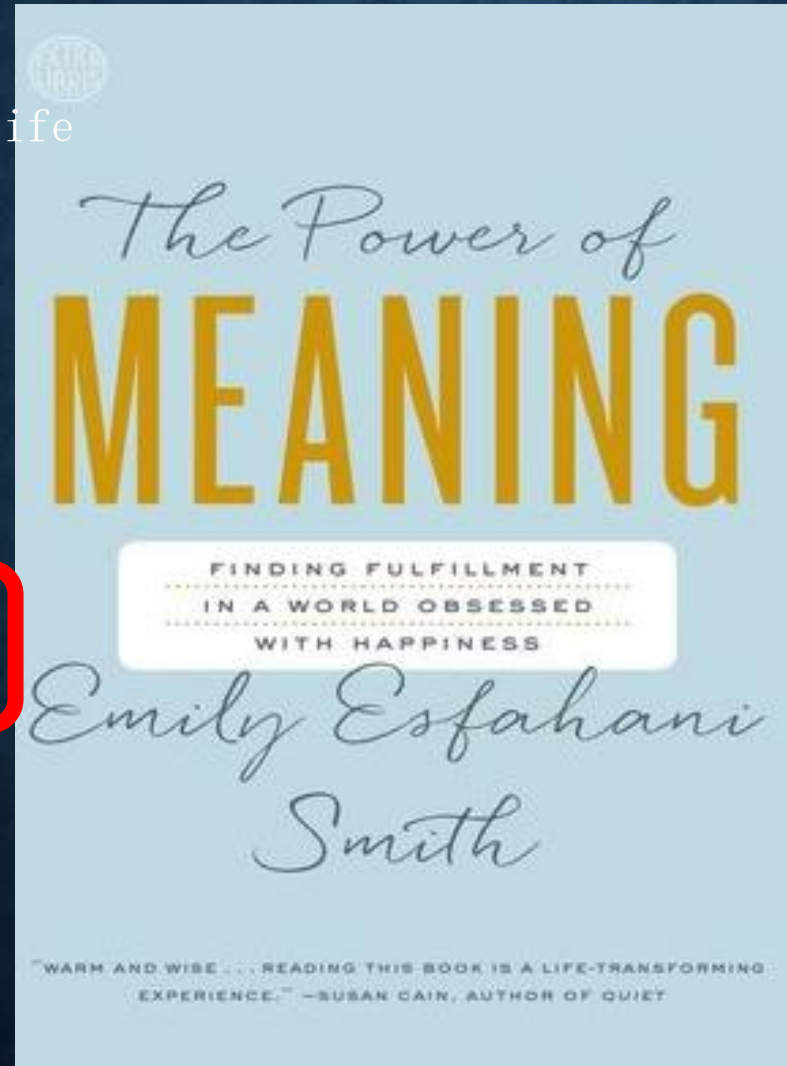
- Exodus 33:18–19 (ESV)

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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*HOW DO WE DO THIS?*

# Martin Luther



## Bible Study

Study a passage

Paraphrase it

Outline them

Get idea of what meaning

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## Write everything down



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