

GALATIANS

The Gospel & True Freedom

Freedom of Grace

Galatians 5:1-6



STRUCTURE

1. The True Gospel (Gal 1-2)
2. The Inclusive Gospel (Gal 3-4)
3. The Liberating Gospel (Gal 5-6)

THE FREEDOM OF GRACE

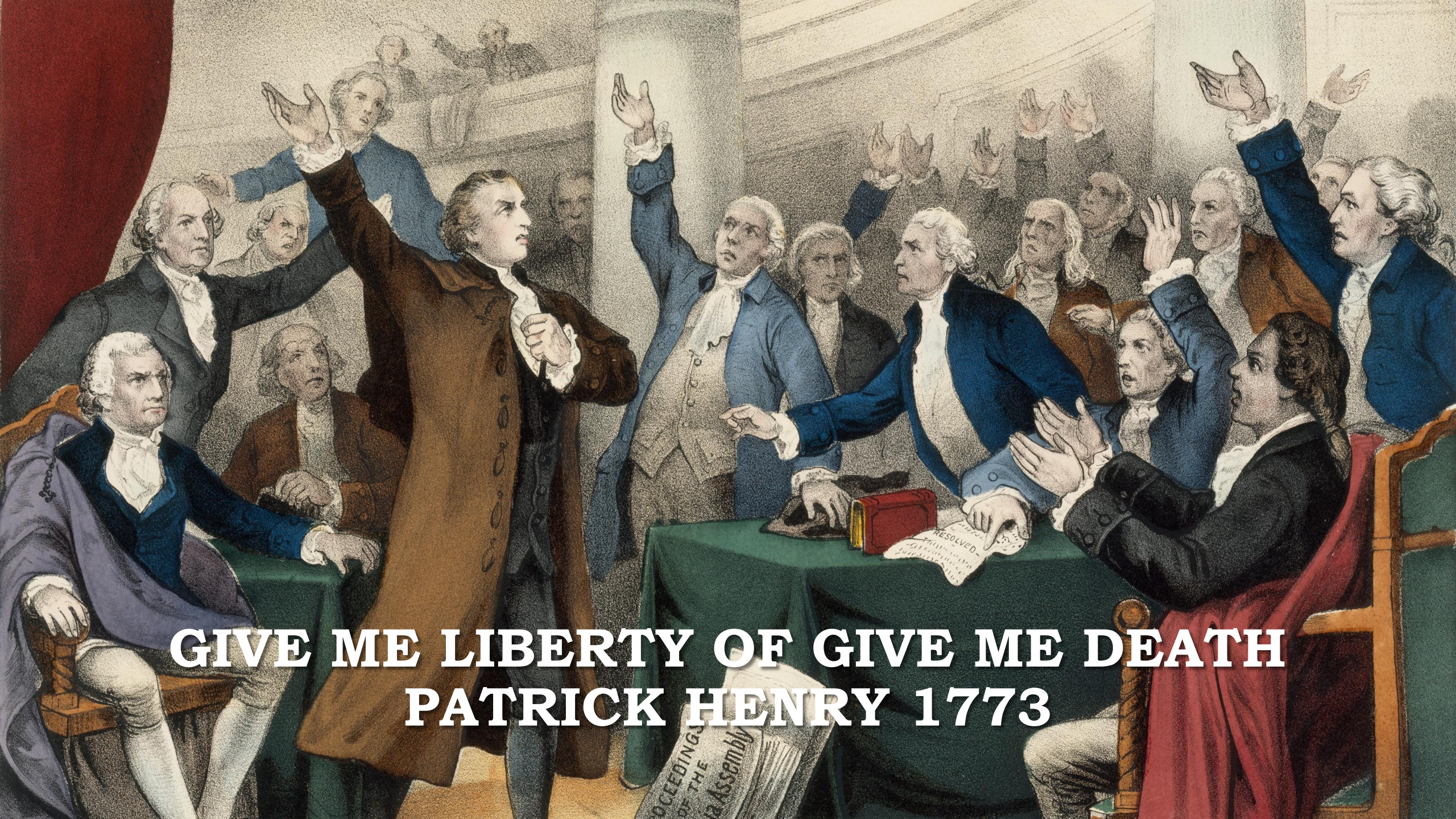
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3. True Freedom is anchored in Grace and expressed with love

FREEDOM IN CHRIST



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GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH
PATRICK HENRY 1773



*Man will never be free until the last king is
strangled with the entrails of the last priest.*
Denis Diderot

- The Swedish War of Liberation (1521–23).
- The Eighty Years' War.
- The Khmelnytsky Uprising.
- The American Revolutionary War.
- The Irish Rebellion of 1798.
- The Irish Rebellion of 1803.



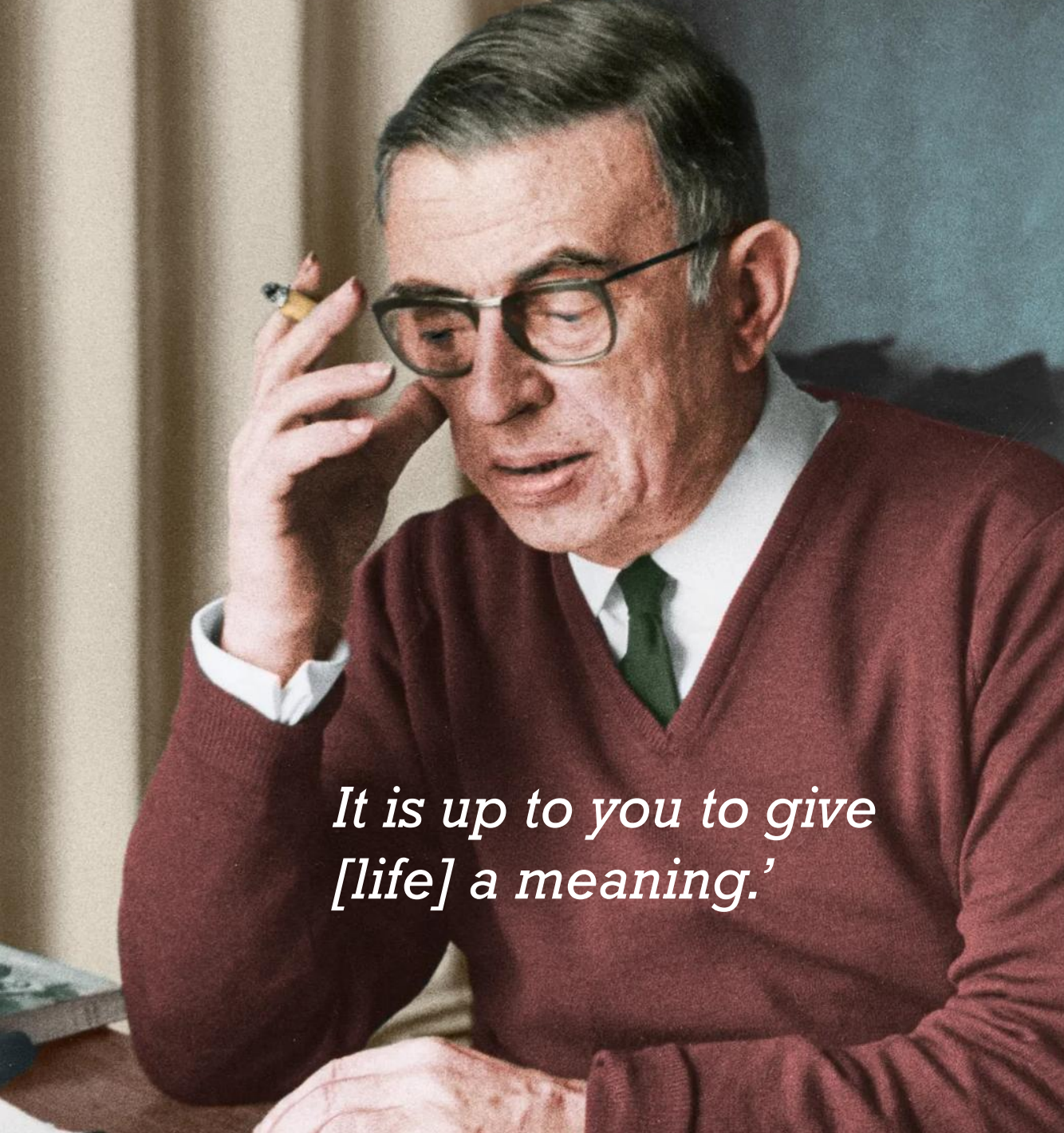
Philosophy of Freedom



1958 Isaiah Berlin

**Negatively
Freedom from
external influences**

**Positively
Capacity to act on
one's own will**



*It is up to you to give
[life] a meaning.'*

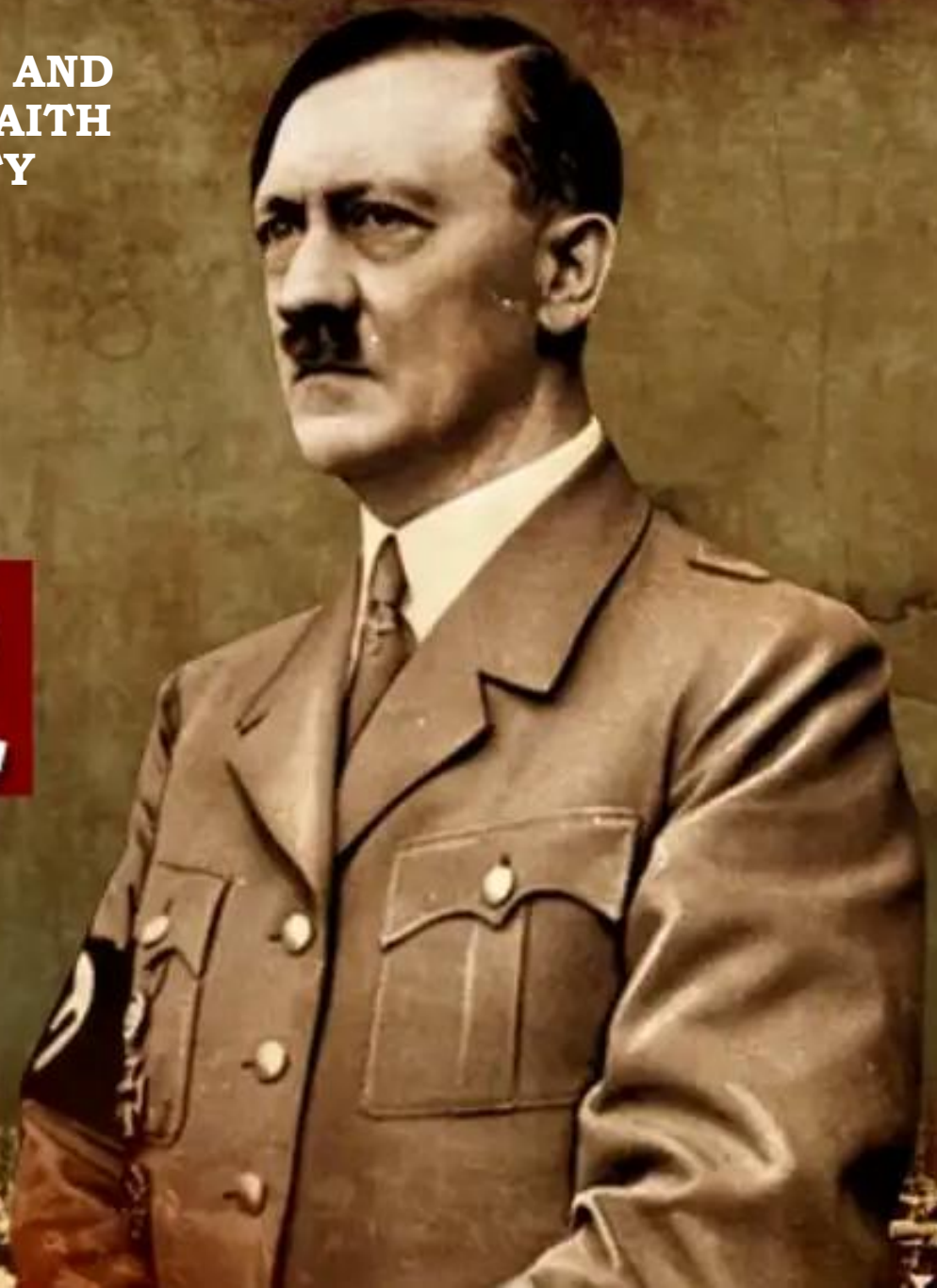
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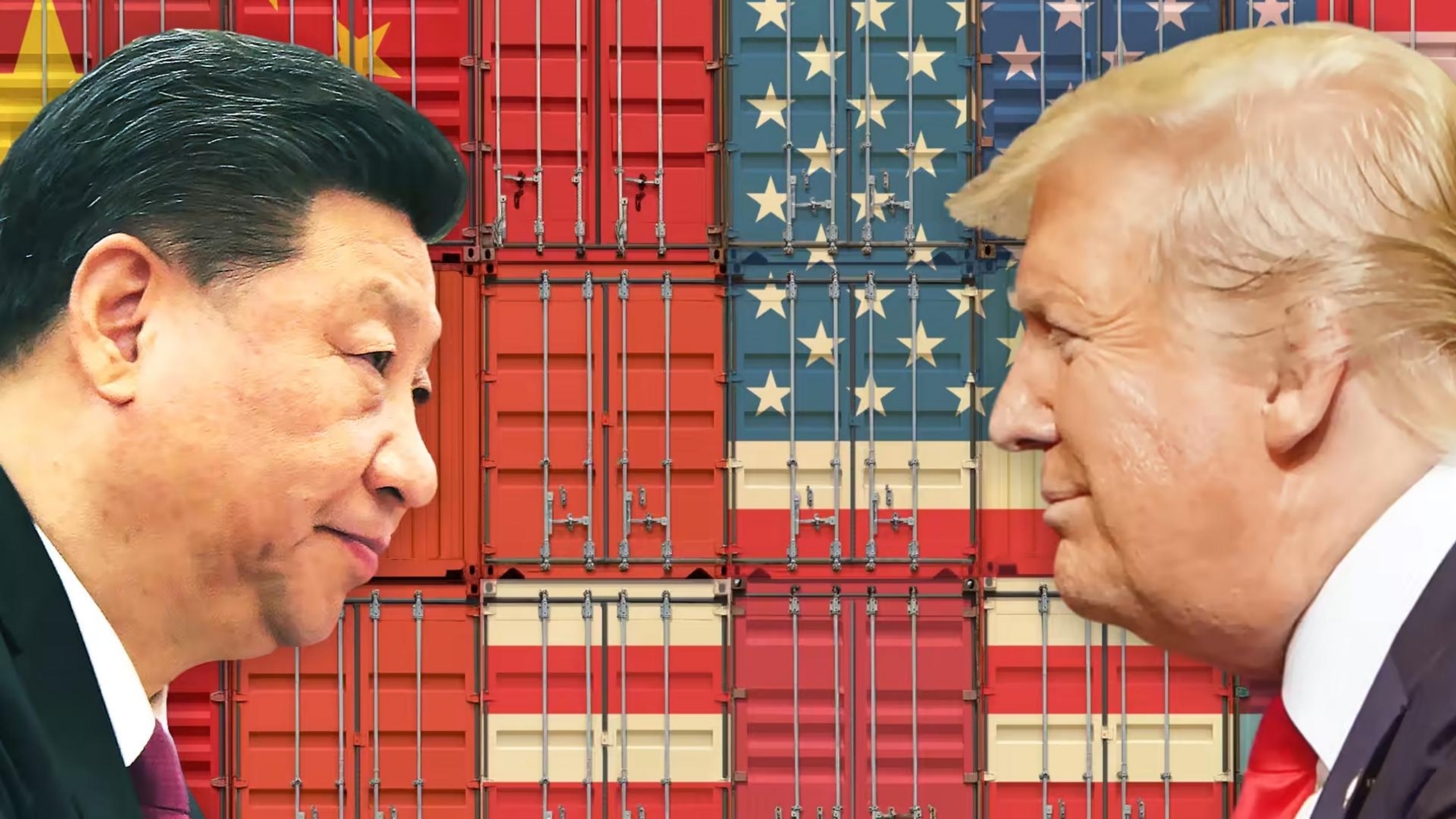
*Man is condemned to
be free; because once
thrown into the world,
he is responsible for
everything he does; that
is, freedom is a default
nature of man*

JEAN PAUL SARTRE

THEY HAVE THEIR REASONS FOR KILLING— AND
DO IT WITHOUT HYPOCRISY AND IN GOOD FAITH
THEN, AND ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY

WHY AND HOW **HITLER** KILLED JEWS ?







**Collective liberation from
feudalism, capitalism
imperialism, poverty chaos
with tight controls on
political dissent**



**Ethical cultivation and social
harmony, not individual
autonomy.**

REAL ESTATE COLLAPSE

An aerial photograph of a city skyline where several high-rise apartment buildings are shown in various states of collapse. The buildings are tilted at sharp angles, with some appearing to be falling or having already fallen, creating a massive, billowing cloud of dust and debris that fills the lower half of the frame. The surrounding city consists of many other tall, intact buildings, creating a stark contrast with the destruction in the center.

Freedom is stability, prosperity, and national pride

FREEDOM OF SPEECH
FREEDOM OF WORSHIP
FREEDOM FROM WANT
FREEDOM FROM FEAR



TOM WOLFE THE FIFTH FREEDOM

*“freedom from
religion and
ethical
standards.”*



SEXUAL FREEDOM

Everyone is free to live in any way she chooses, as long as it doesn't curtail someone else's freedom



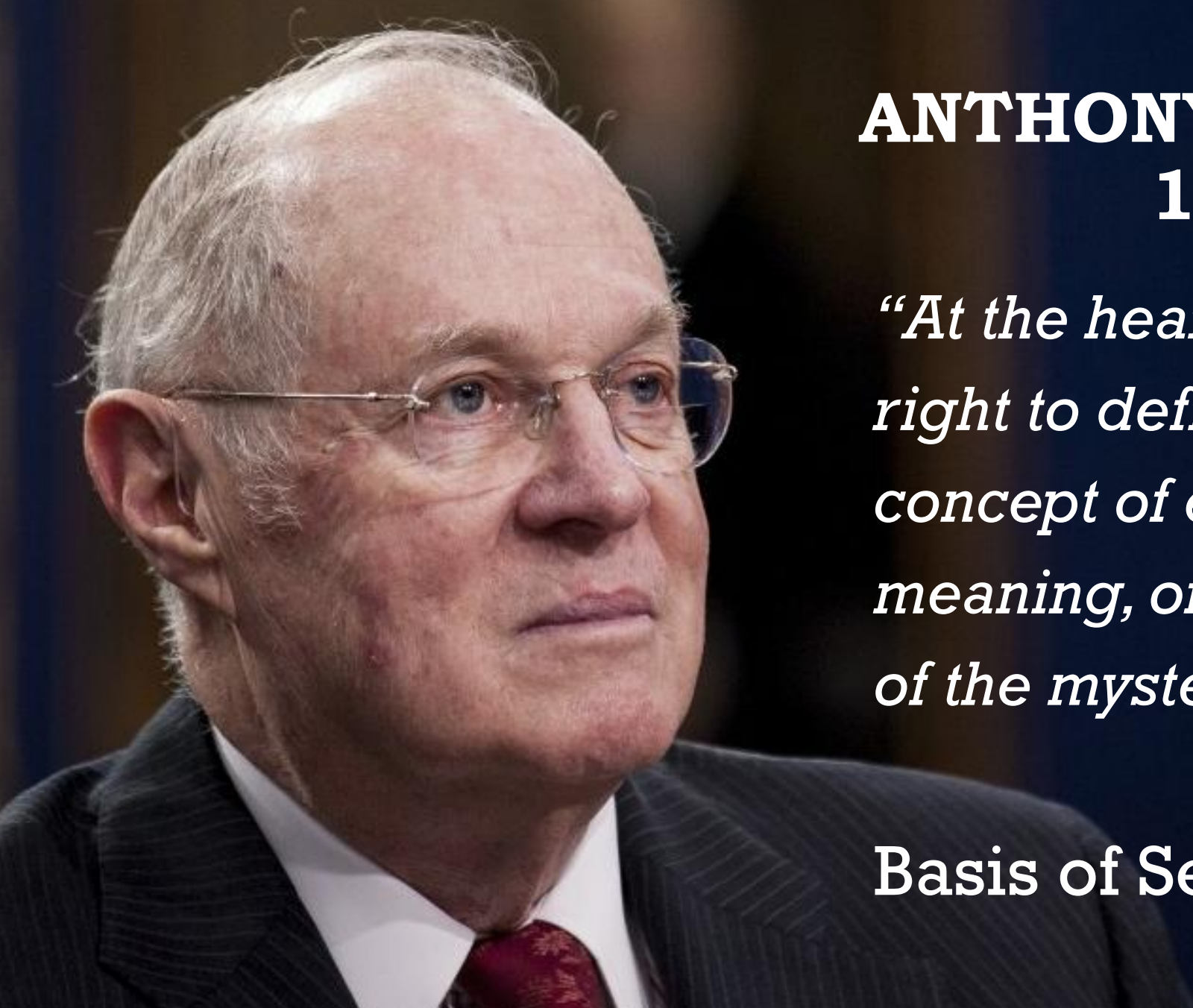
We can't agree on
what harm is

**WHAT ABOUT MY
FREEDOM?**



FREEDOM???

Billions of pounds of plastic can be found in swirling convergences that make up about 40 percent of the world's ocean surfaces. At current rates plastic is expected to outweigh all the fish in the sea by 2050.



ANTHONY KENNEDY 1992

“At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.”

Basis of Secular Freedom



THE FOLLY OF SELF DETERMINED MEANING

Ecclesiastes 2:16-17 (ESV) 16 For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! 17 So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.



CONFLICTING DESIRES

Galatians 5:13 (ESV) 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an **opportunity for the flesh**, but through love serve one another.



음식이 아니라 병원을 끊겠어.

Instead of eating, I'll stop visiting hospitals

A black and white portrait of Albert Camus, looking slightly to the right with a cigarette in his mouth. The background is blurred.

ALBERT CAMUS

*An achievement is a
bondage. It obliges
one to a higher
achievement.'*

A close-up photograph of Mike Tyson in a boxing ring. He is bald with a goatee and has a tattoo on his left cheek. He is wearing a dark blue towel draped over his shoulders. In the background, another person is partially visible, and the ring's ropes and lights are blurred.

MIKE TYSON

*Real freedom is
having nothing. I
was freer when I
didn't have a
cent.*



JESUS FIRST SERMON

Luke 4:18-19 (ESV) 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”



Blindness is slavery



MATRIX



you stay in Wonderland, and I show you
how deep the rabbit hole goes

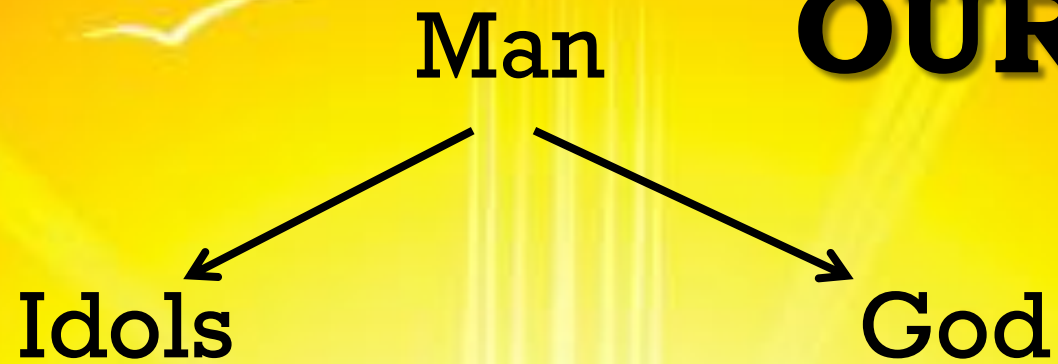


the story ends, you wake up in your bed
and believe whatever you want to believe



Blindness is slavery

OUR BLINDNESS



Freedom = Independence—do what we want

FREEDOM



THE NATURE OF FREEDOM IN CHRIST

John 8:34-36 (ESV) 34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

THE FREEDOM OF GRACE

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A photograph of two brown oxen standing in a forest. They are wearing traditional wooden yokes. The ox on the left is slightly behind the one on the right. The background is filled with green trees and foliage. The ground is dirt and rocks.

Mosaic Law



Galatians 5:2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept **circumcision**, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts **circumcision** that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus **neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything**, but only faith working through love.



WHY THE LAW IS BAD NEWS

Galatians 3:10-11 (ESV) 10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written,

“Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

A large iceberg floats in a blue ocean under a clear sky. The visible tip of the iceberg is jagged and white, while the much larger submerged part is dark blue and textured. The water surface is slightly rippled.

Circumcision

Law

every man who accepts
circumcision that he is
obligated to keep the whole
law

Work that you can use to earn merit from God.

Circumcision

circumcision is
wrong and
displeases God

Non Circumcision

Non circumcision is
right and pleases
God



MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE

4 You are severed from Christ, you
who would be justified by the law;
you have fallen away from grace.



THE LOGIC OF HIS ARGUMENT

Galatians 2:21 (ESV) 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.



IS THE LAW A BAD THING?

Psalms 119:1-3 (ESV) Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart, 3 who also do no wrong but walk in his ways!



IS THE LAW A BAD THING?

Psalms 119:17-18 (ESV) 17 Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.



JESUS AND THE LAW

Matthew 5:17-18 (ESV) 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.



Romans 8:2-3 (ESV) For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do



HOMO INCURVATUS IN SE.

The Law as an end of
itself

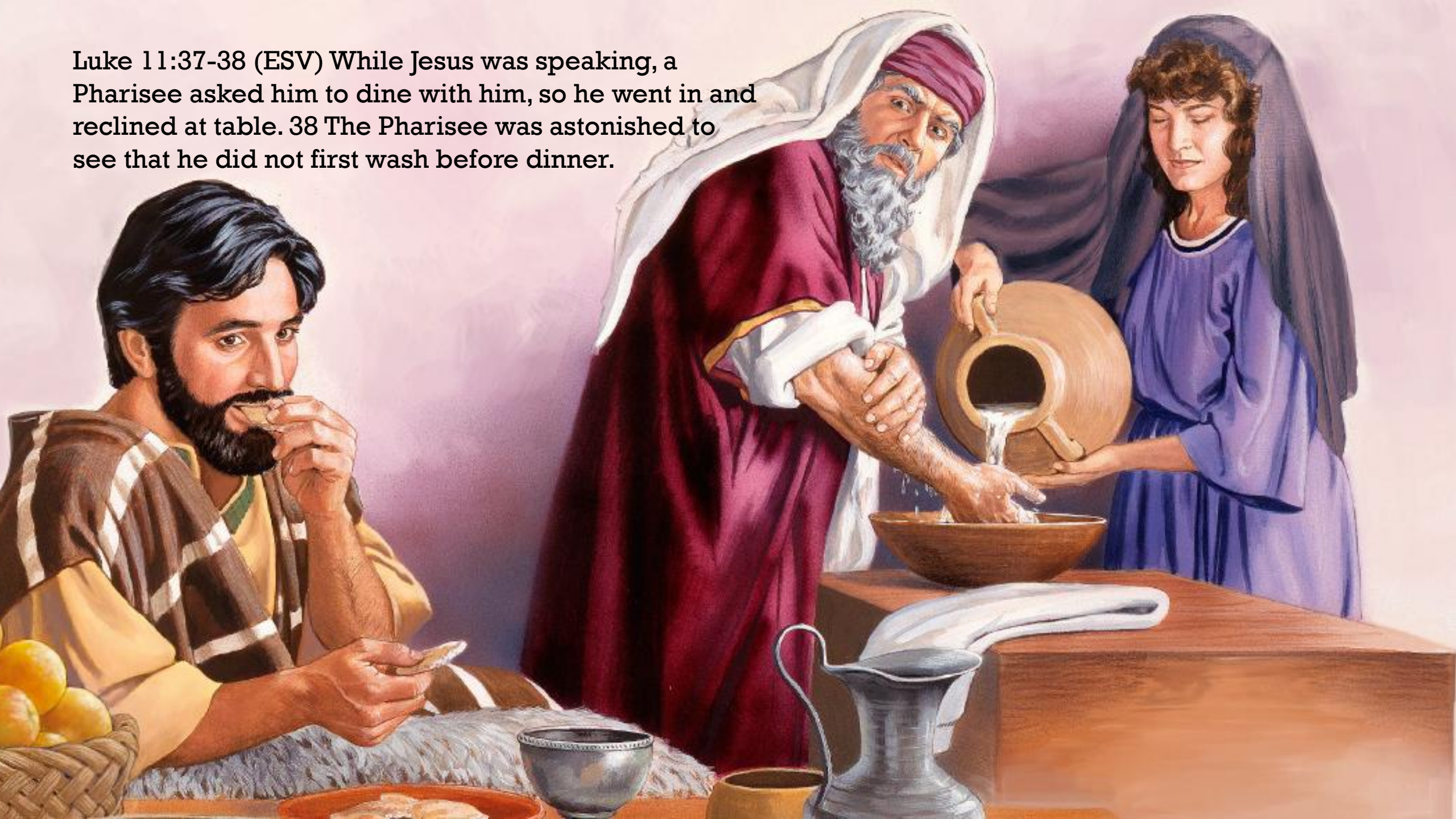
The Letter instead
of the spirit of the
Law

Adding to the
Law

ourselves.

Augustine

Luke 11:37-38 (ESV) While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. 38 The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner.





Luke 11:39-41 (ESV) 39 And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. 40 You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.



Luke 11:42 (ESV) 42 “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others



Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV) 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



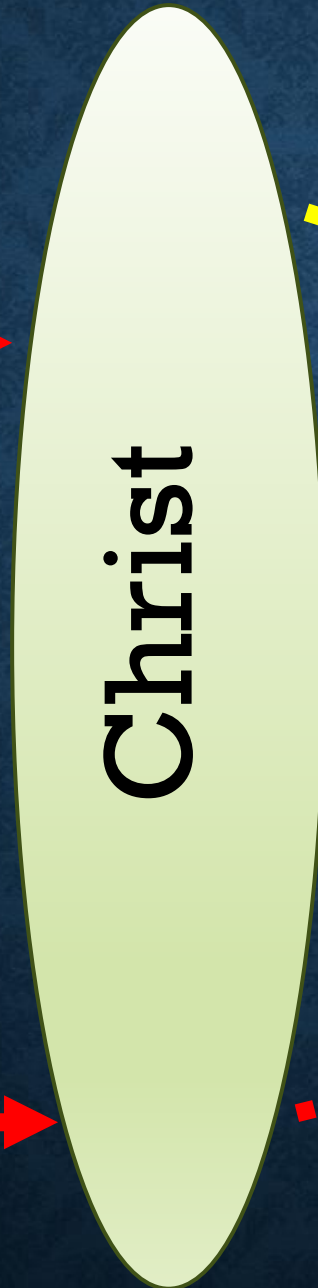


THE NATURE OF FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Galatians 3: 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Law of Moses

Law of Christ



Sabbath

Purge evil from your midst

Deut 13:5

Adultery Theft

Murder

Do not muzzle ox

Unclean foods

Laws

Transformed

Transformed

Maintained

Maintained with extensions

Annulled

Sustained rest

Ex-communication

Adultery, Theft, Murder

Pay church workers

All foods clean



Restraints - Guardian



Reveals our sin-
points to grace



Shows us that brings
a smile to God

**THE LAW
HOW TO LIVE**

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HOW DOES GRACE WORK?



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5 For through the Spirit, by faith,

we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.



Romans 8:3-4 (ESV) By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

WHAT IS FAITH

Knowledge

The Gospel of Jesus

Acknowledgement that the
gospel is true

The life built on gospel

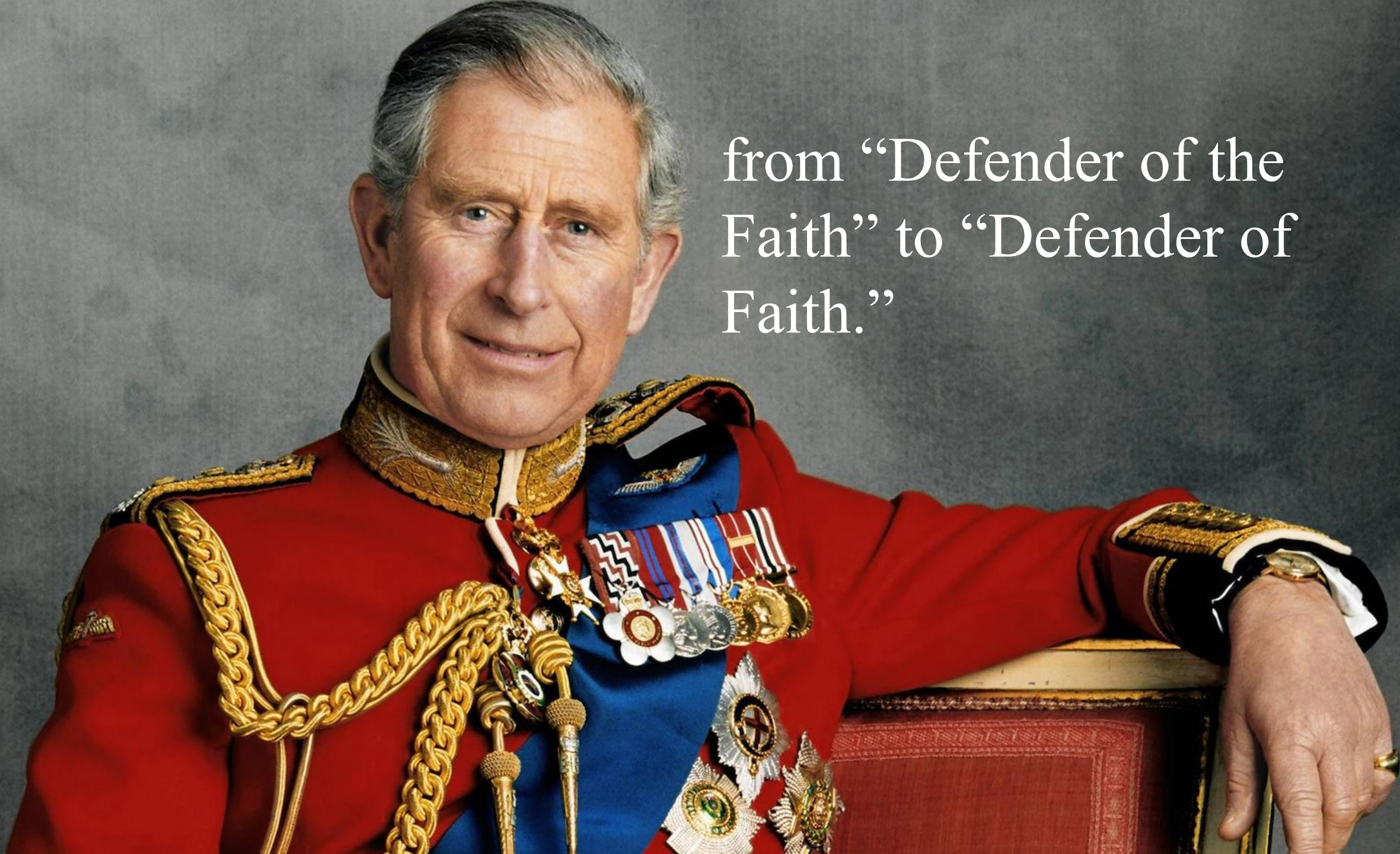
Assent

FAITH

Trust



from “Defender of the
Faith” to “Defender of
Faith.”





WE ARE SAVED BY CHRIST THROUGH FAITH

Christ
Grace

Faith



THE PLACE OF FAITH

Faith

1. TRUE FREEDOM HAS NEW HOPE



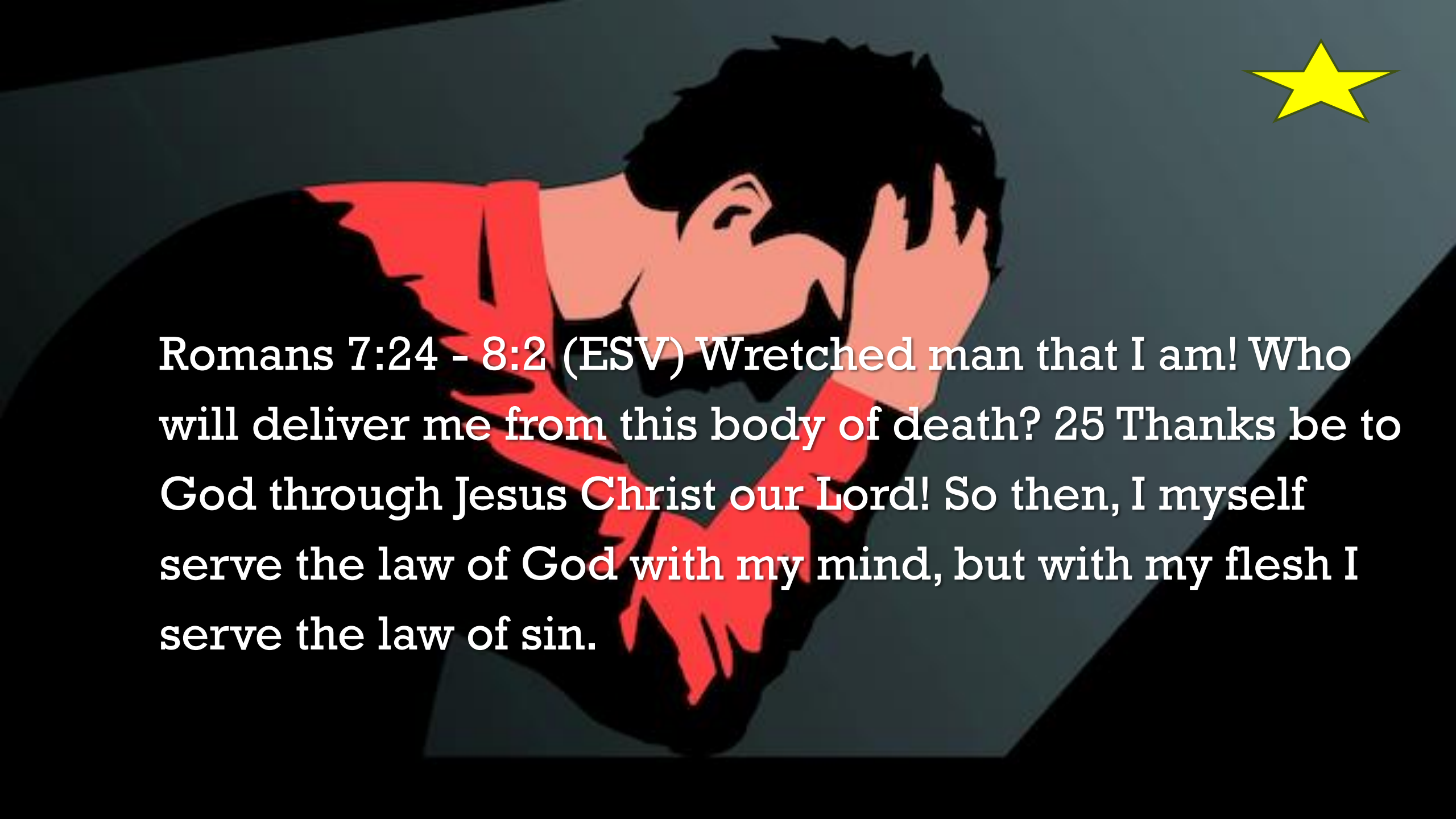
4 You are justified
The reality of faith is that it changes our hopes
We are released from our idols
by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

5 For through the Spirit, by faith,

Elpis Gk --Certainty

we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

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A stylized illustration of a man with dark, curly hair, wearing a red shirt, is shown from the chest up. He is leaning forward with his head buried in his hands, suggesting a state of despair or prayer. The background is dark with a diagonal grey band.

Romans 7:24 - 8:2 (ESV) Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



**FREEDOM THROUGH GRACE
WE HAVE FULL RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT MERCY**

Romans 8: 1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.



FREED FROM OUR EFFORTS AND STRUGGLES FOR SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Created to love God and love others, sin has turned us inwards. We have removed our gaze from God and placed it firmly on ourselves.

Augustine

FREE TO BE LIKE HIM

Miraculous gifts, fervour

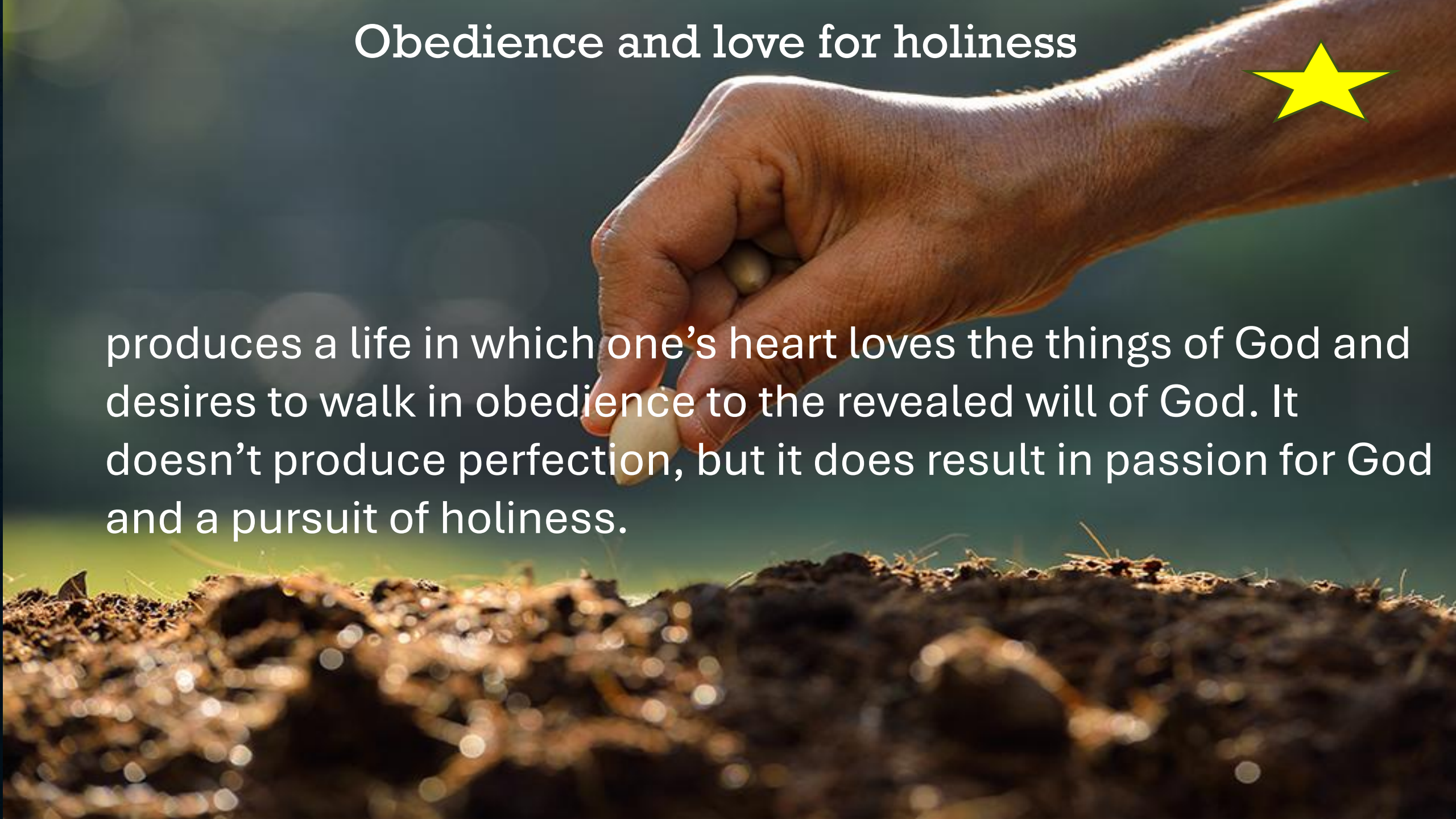
Godly living and desire to be like Him



Obedience and love for holiness




produces a life in which one's heart loves the things of God and desires to walk in obedience to the revealed will of God. It doesn't produce perfection, but it does result in passion for God and a pursuit of holiness.





Joni Eareckson

You know a lot of people assume— being a quadriplegic for 45 years—they'll assume that I am most looking forward to getting a new body in heaven, and surely I am. It's going to be a great thing to be relieved of pain...and to be able to walk again, run, jump, dance, kick. But I think what I'm most looking forward to is getting a new heart—a heart free of sin, worry, fear, doubt, anxiety."

2. TRUE FREEDOM HAS NEW VALUES



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OUTWARD CEREMONIAL FORMS

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

HOW
THE WORLD
KNOWS WHO
REPRESENTS
JESUS

Membership



WHY RELIGION CANNOT WORK



Performance based



Selfish and Insecure



No character change
Self Donation



Cannot produce
love



Clive Kunder

Whole life flash
What good I have done?
What Christ has done?



Lamnunthem Singson

3.TRUE FREEDOM IS EXPRESSED IN LOVE



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TRUE FREEDOM IS EXPRESSED IN LOVE

Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV) 13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



THE YOKE OF LOVE

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FRANÇOISE SAGAN

*There is a certain age
when a woman must
be beautiful to be
loved and then there
comes a time when
she must be loved to
be beautiful*



FRANÇOISE SAGAN

*I have been largely
free but the only time
I have not been free
was when I was in
love*

NOT FREE OUT OF THE WATER




NOT FREE ON DRY LAND



An abstract painting featuring a central, stylized face. The face is composed of various colored blocks and brushstrokes, including shades of purple, red, orange, and blue. The background is a mix of grey, white, and yellow tones, with some darker, more textured areas. The overall style is expressive and modern.

True Freedom is the
movement from Slave to
Son

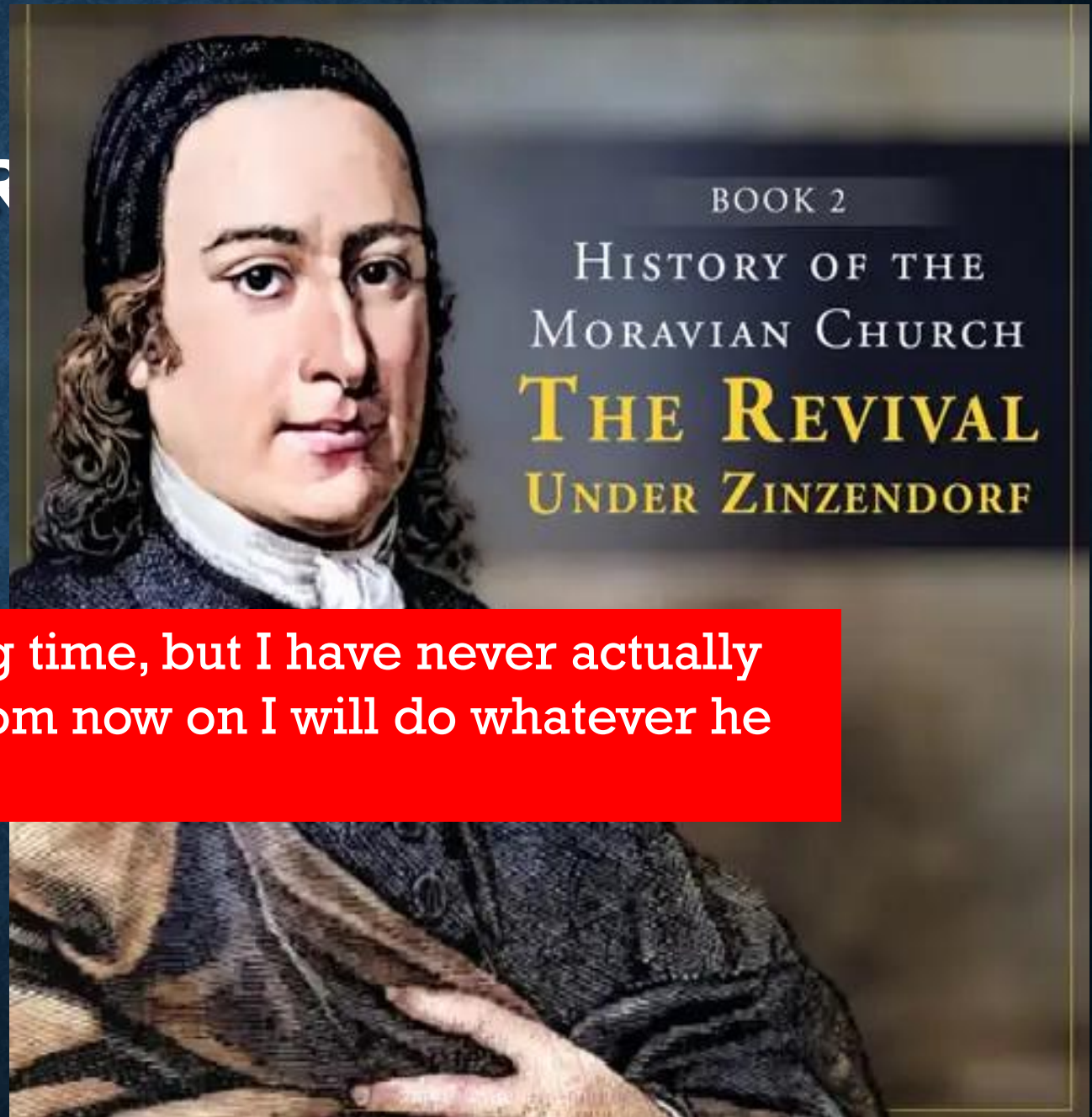


"Ecce Homo"
Domenico Feti

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I have loved him for a long time, but I have never actually done anything for him. From now on I will do whatever he leads me to do."

"I have done this for you; what have you done for me?"





a sense of joyful indebtedness

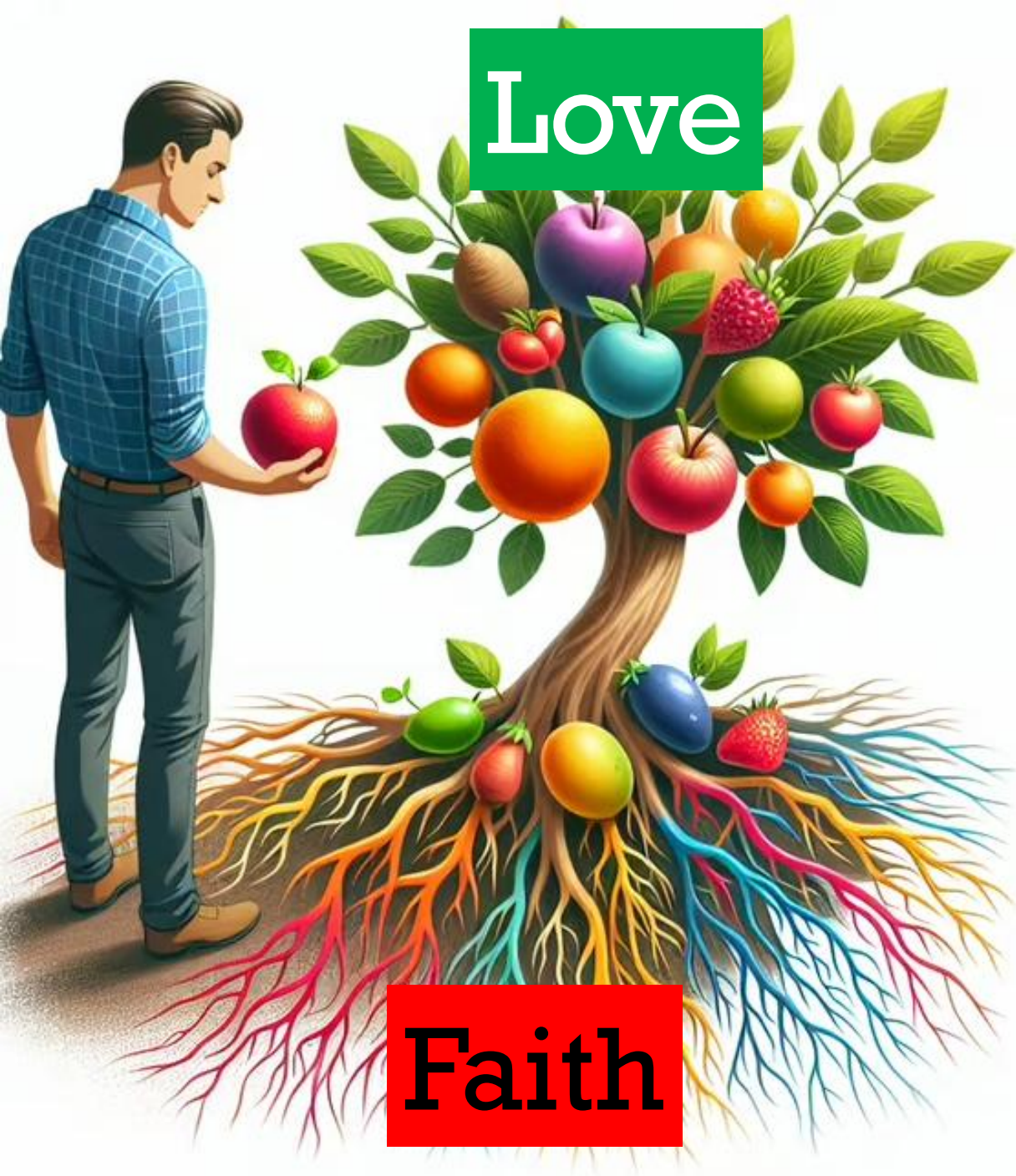
May gratitude to God
permeate my entire life.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Diminishes the cross of Christ

 quote fancy

Overlooks the fact
that God's work for us
and in us

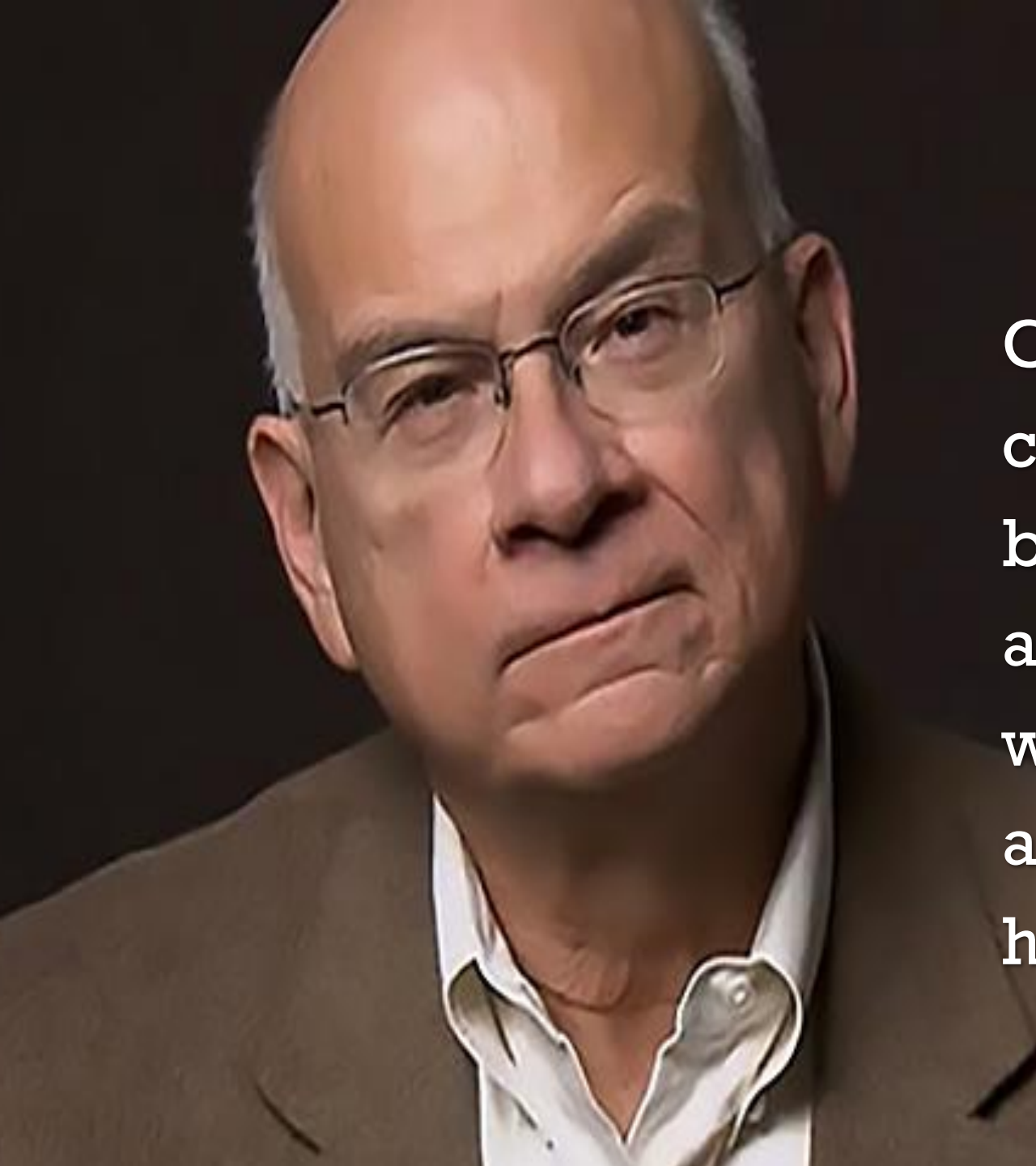


Love

Faith



Galatians 5:21-23 (ESV)
. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



TIM KELLER



Gospel faith produces a certainty that we are holy and beautiful. The more conscious we are of this certainty, the less we will be subject to ups and downs and the more we will find our hearts melted with love.”

WHY FAITH ALONE WORKS (SOLA FIDE)



Faith



certainty of
our righteousness



Faith energizes love
Love in reciprocation



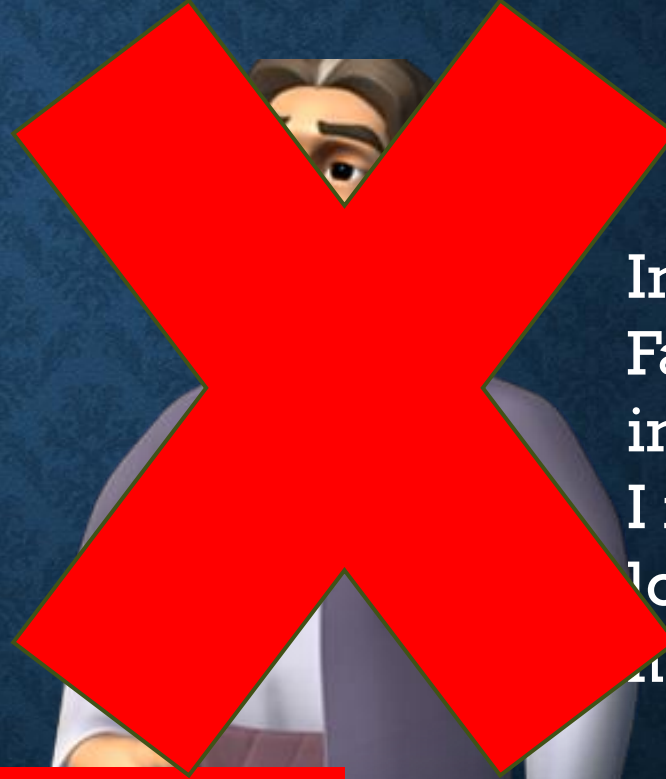
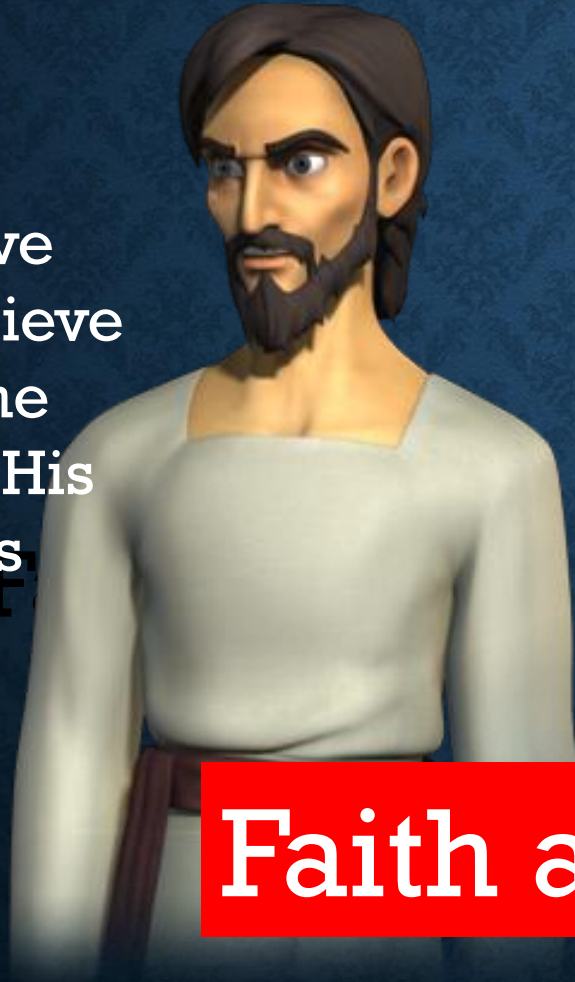
The fathers welcome



No ups and downs
based on performance

EXTERNALLY -WHAT YOU CAN SEE

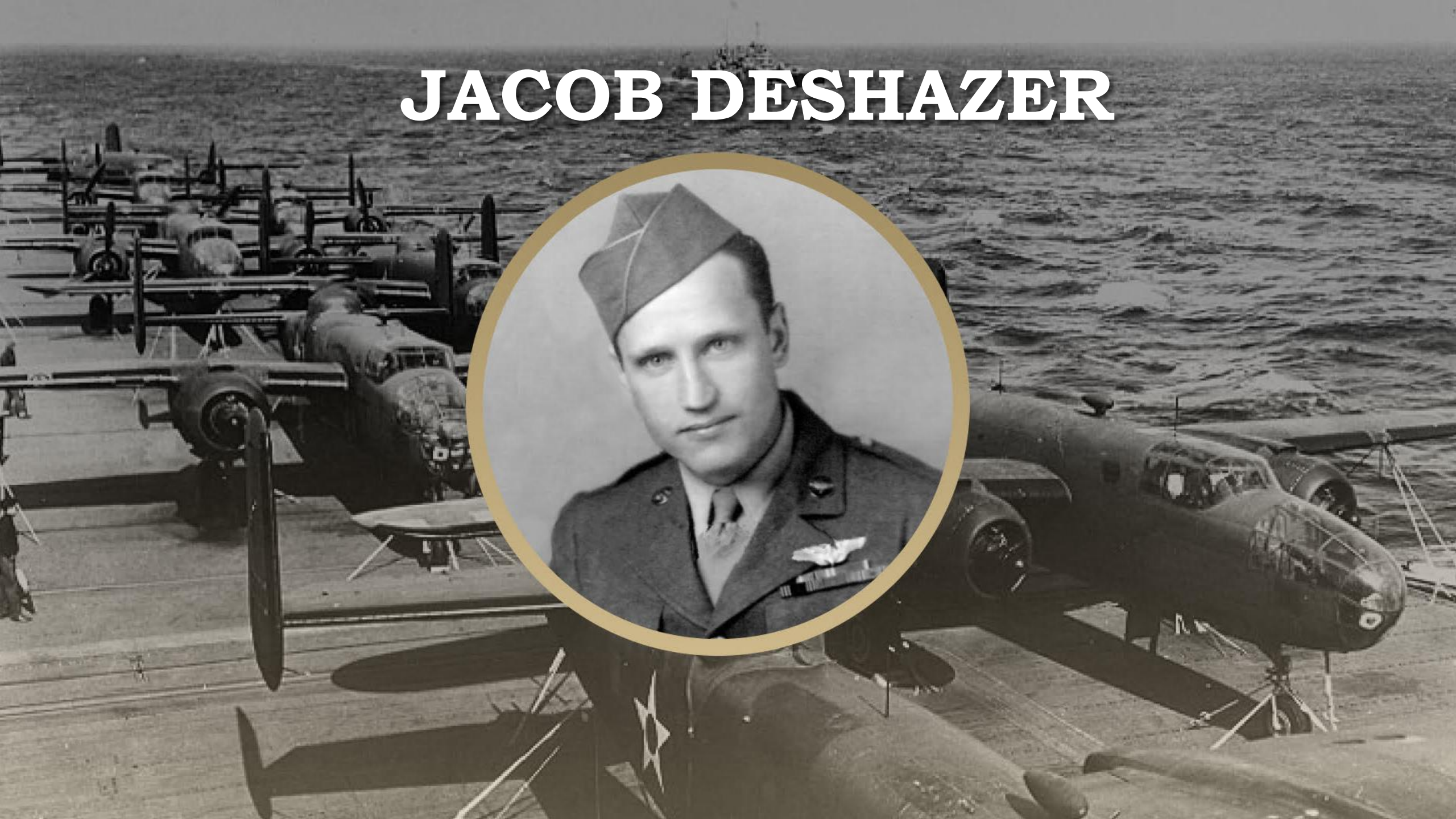
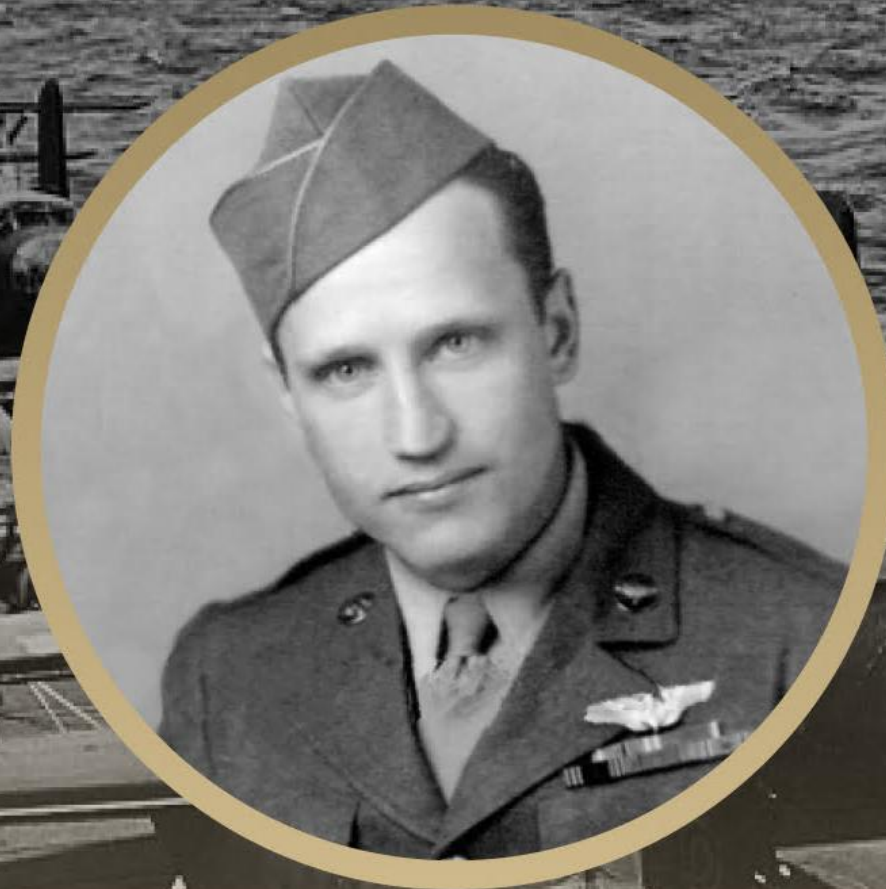
Internal motive
Because I believe
He died for me
and gave me His
righteousness



Internal motive
Faith alone is
insufficient
I must do works of
love as well to
have true faith

Faith and Love

JACOB DESHAZER





CAPTAIN MITSUO FUCHIDA

CHALLENGE



For freedom Christ has set us free;
stand firm therefore



BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (ESV) may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.