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Sanctification by Grace



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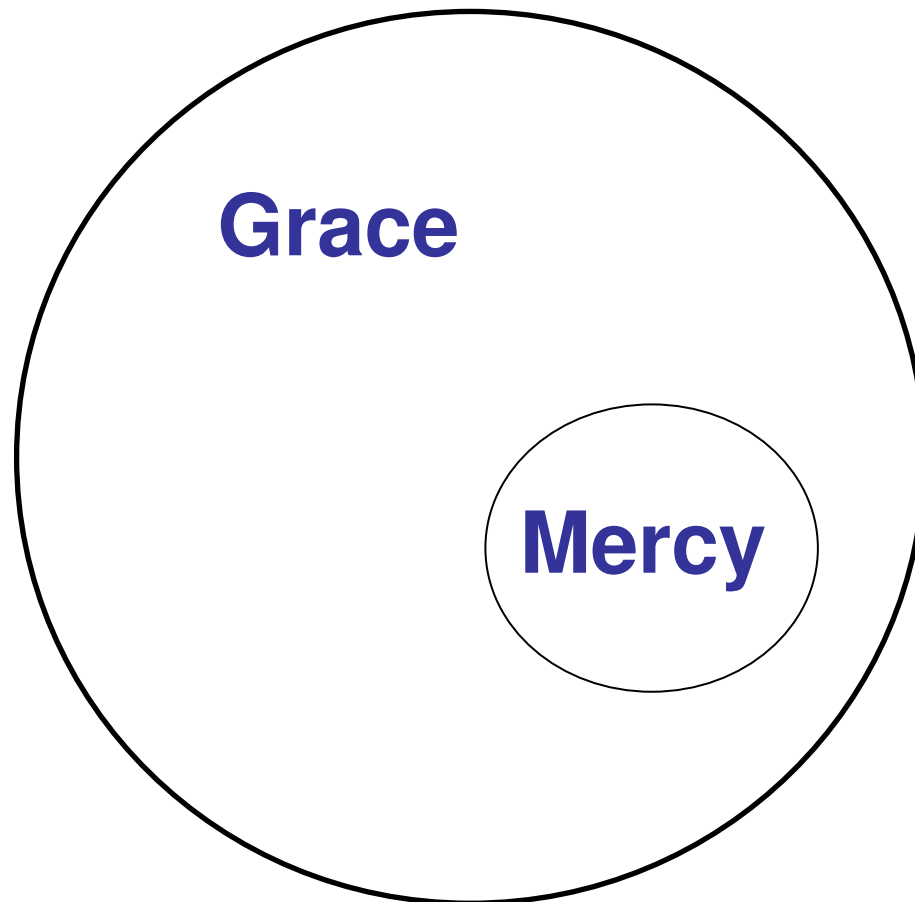
Sanctified = “Set Apart”

**Sanctification =
“The Process of Setting Apart”**

**Growing in Holiness
Becoming more like Jesus**



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Key Truth

- We become more like Jesus by enjoying grace -**



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- We become more like Jesus by enjoying grace -**
 - 1. By enjoying relationship with Jesus**
 - 2. Embracing afresh the Gospel of Jesus**

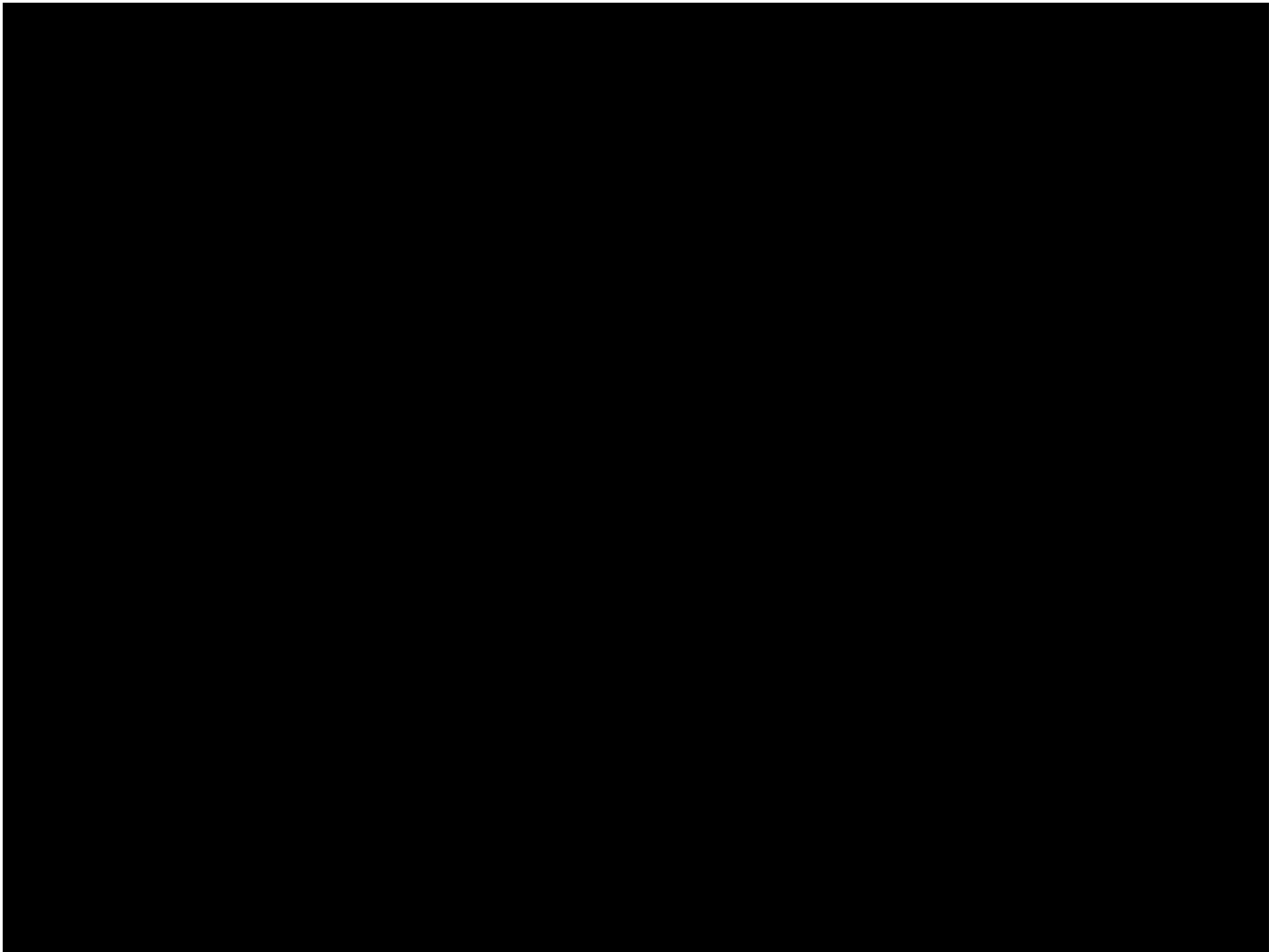


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Sanctification by Grace

=

**“How to sweat for Jesus with
Gospel power”**





The Letter of Paul to

- TITUS -

A Lesson in Sanctification by Grace

– Thessalonians – Timothy – **Titus** – Philemon – Hebrews –



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Titus Chapter 1

“1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— 2a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time”



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Chapter 2:11-14 (The “How”)

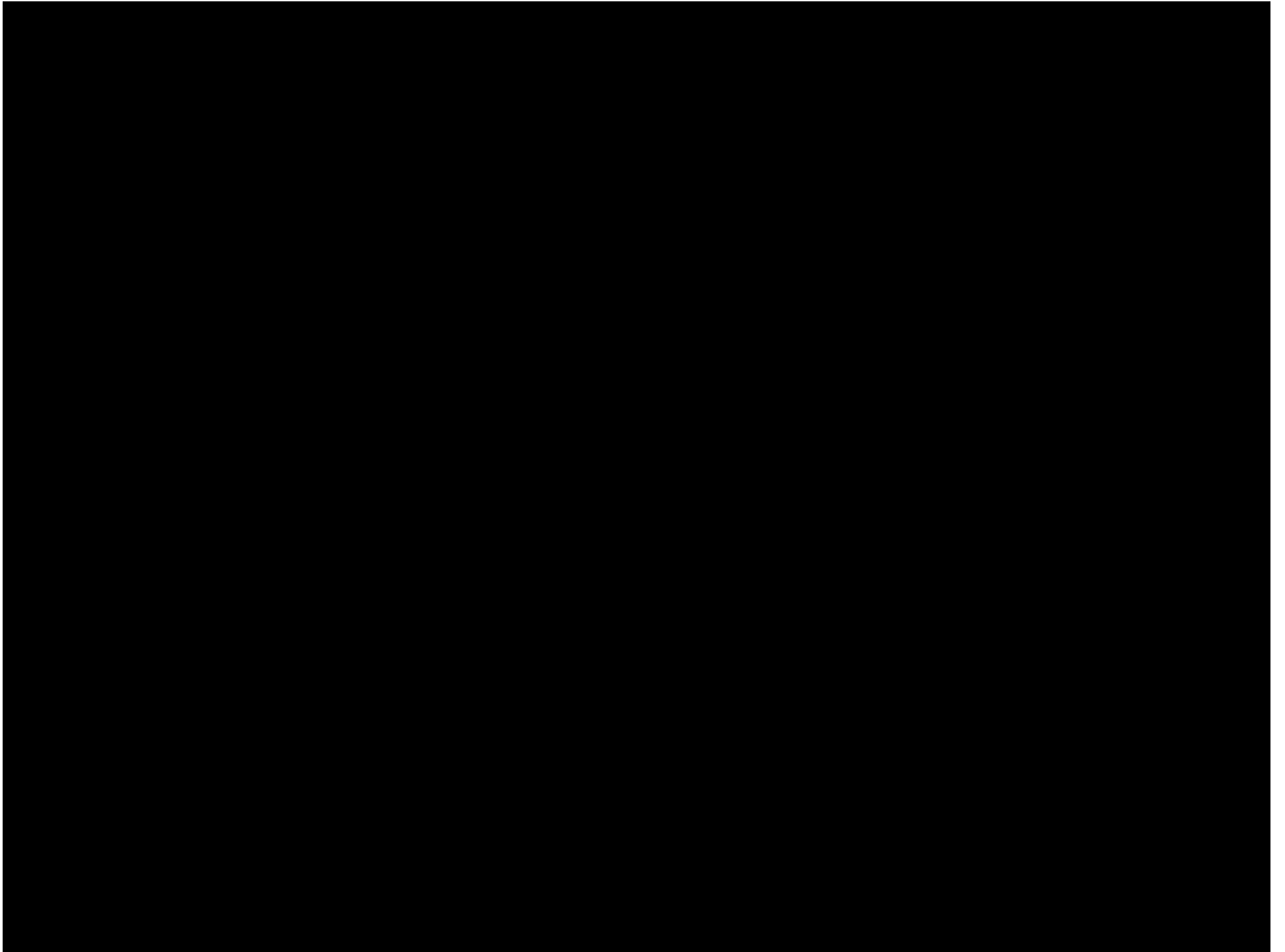
“11For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”



“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep,
to gain what he cannot lose”

Jim Elliot







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Chapter 3:3-8 (More “How”)

“3At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



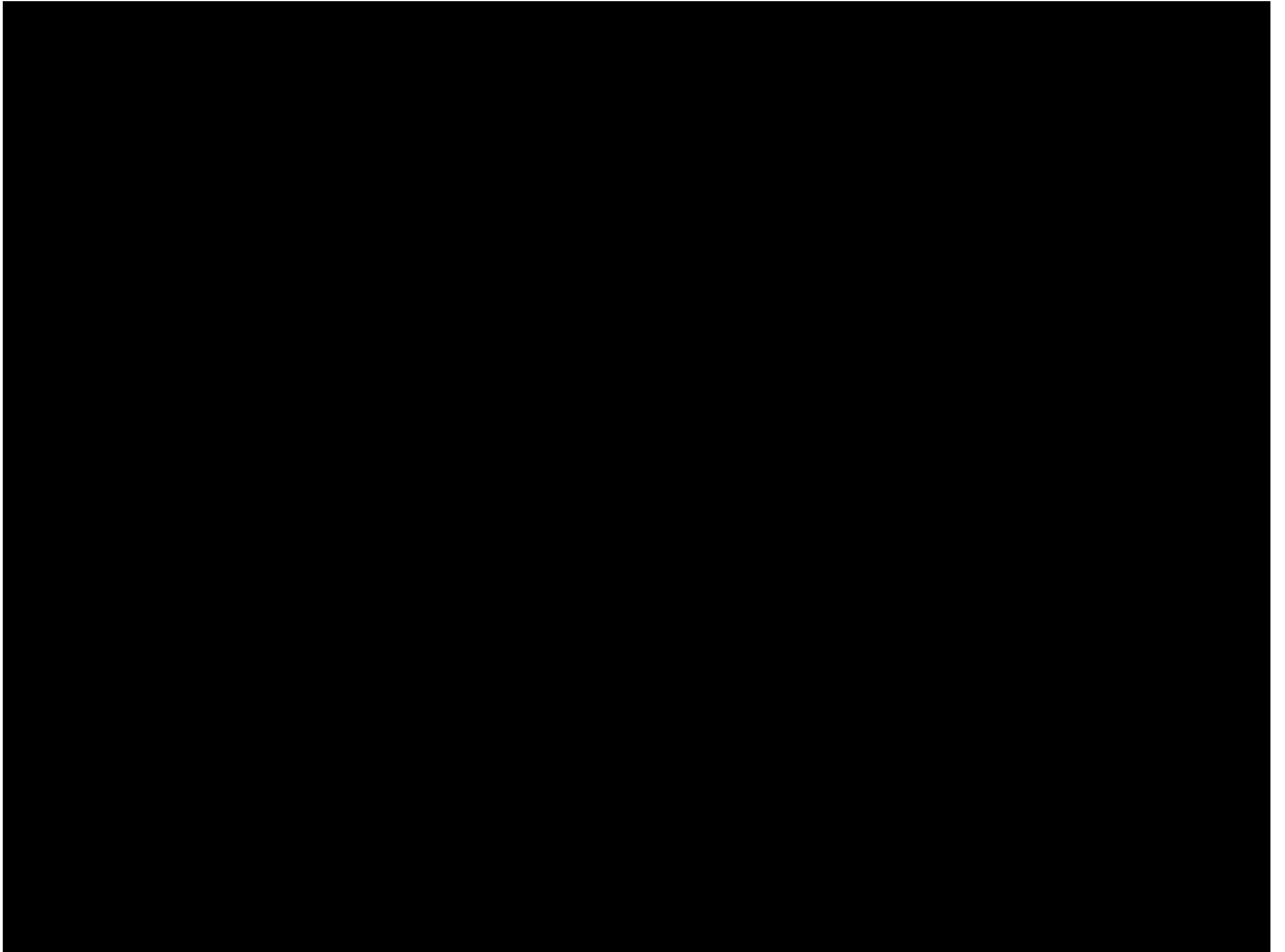
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“This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.”

Titus 2 vs 8





“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” John 15:5



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“The branch of the vine does not worry, and toil, and rush here to seek for sunshine, and there to find rain. No; it rests in union and communion with the vine; and at the right time, and in the right way, is the right fruit found on it. Let us so abide in the Lord Jesus.”

- James Hudson Taylor



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“ . . . God’s kindness leads you toward repentance”

Rom 2:4c



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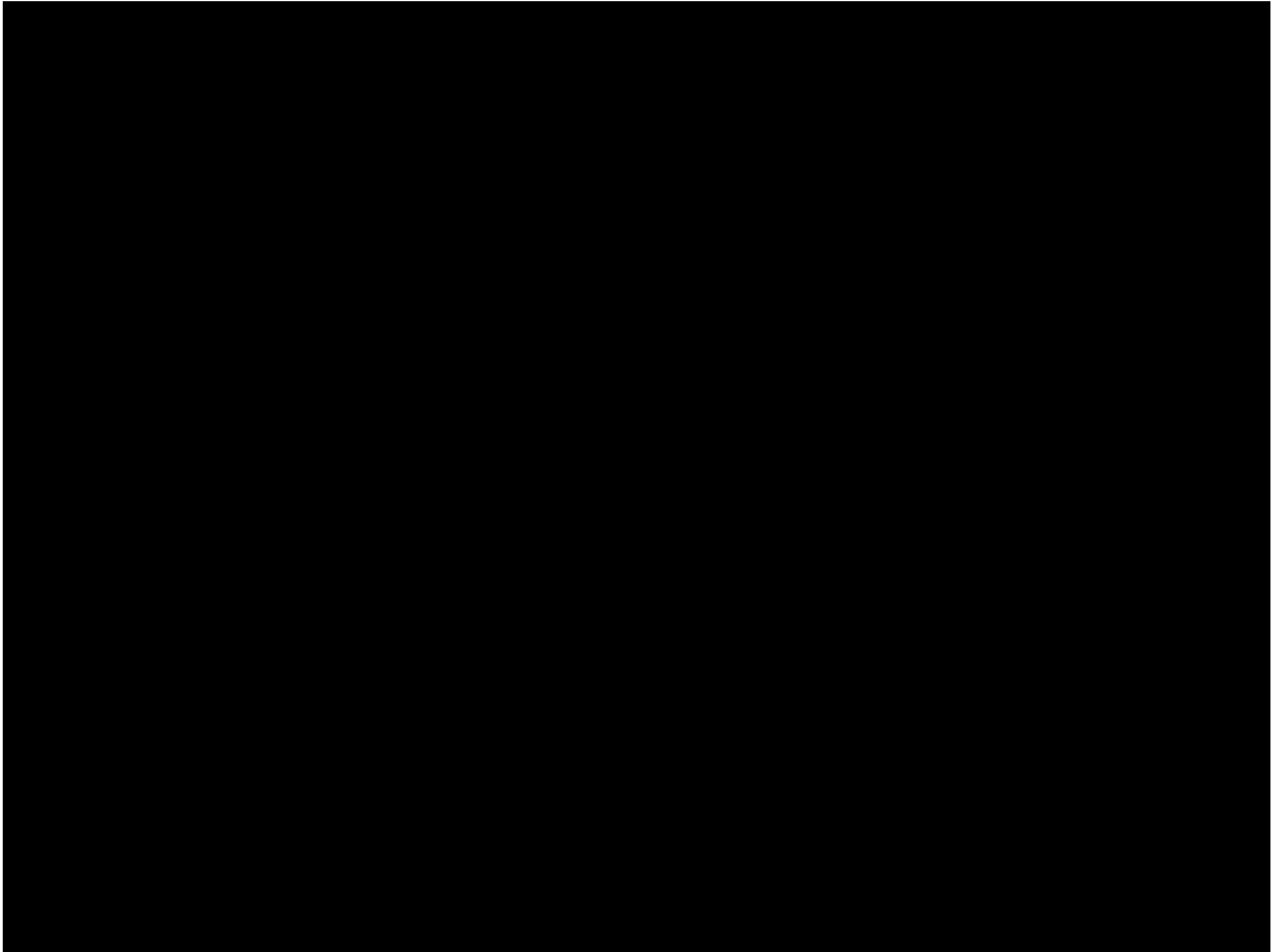
“For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.”

Romans 6:14



“For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.”

1 Tim 4:10





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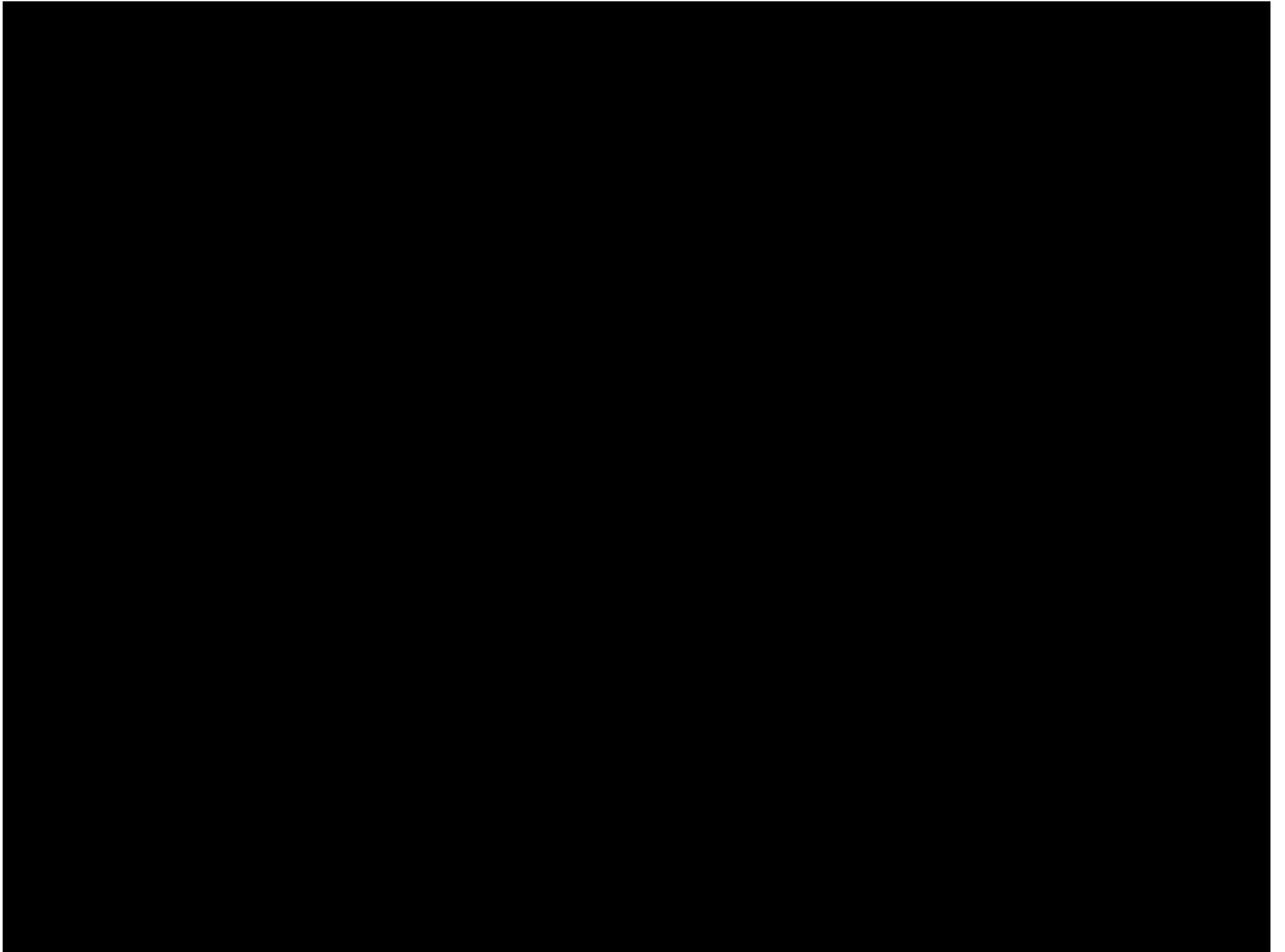
“Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said . . .

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

Luke 7:41-43,47





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“If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:3



“. . . we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel.”

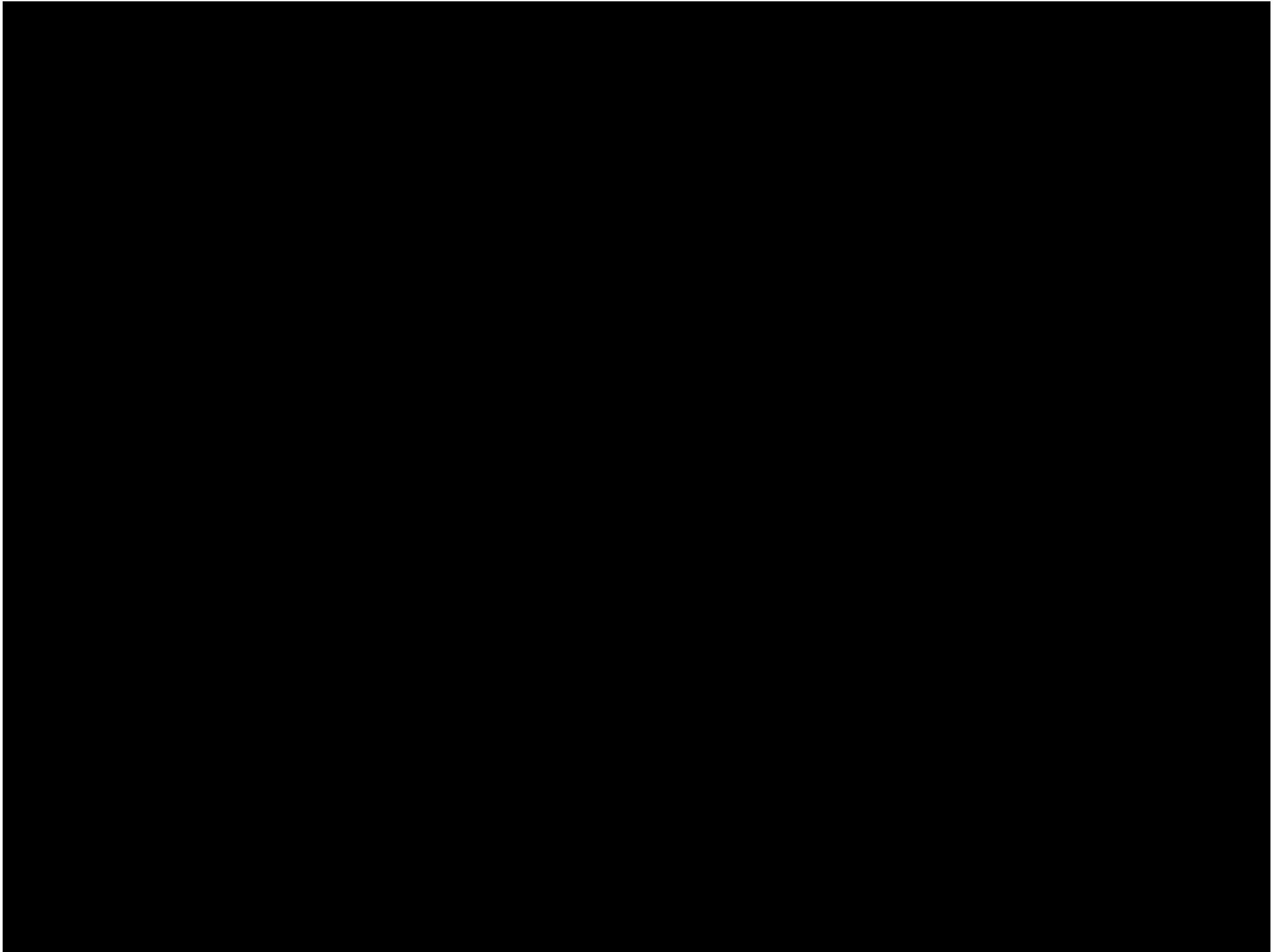
Colossians 1:4-5



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“And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.”

2 Corinthians 8:1,2





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Example of Peter

Two fishing adventures

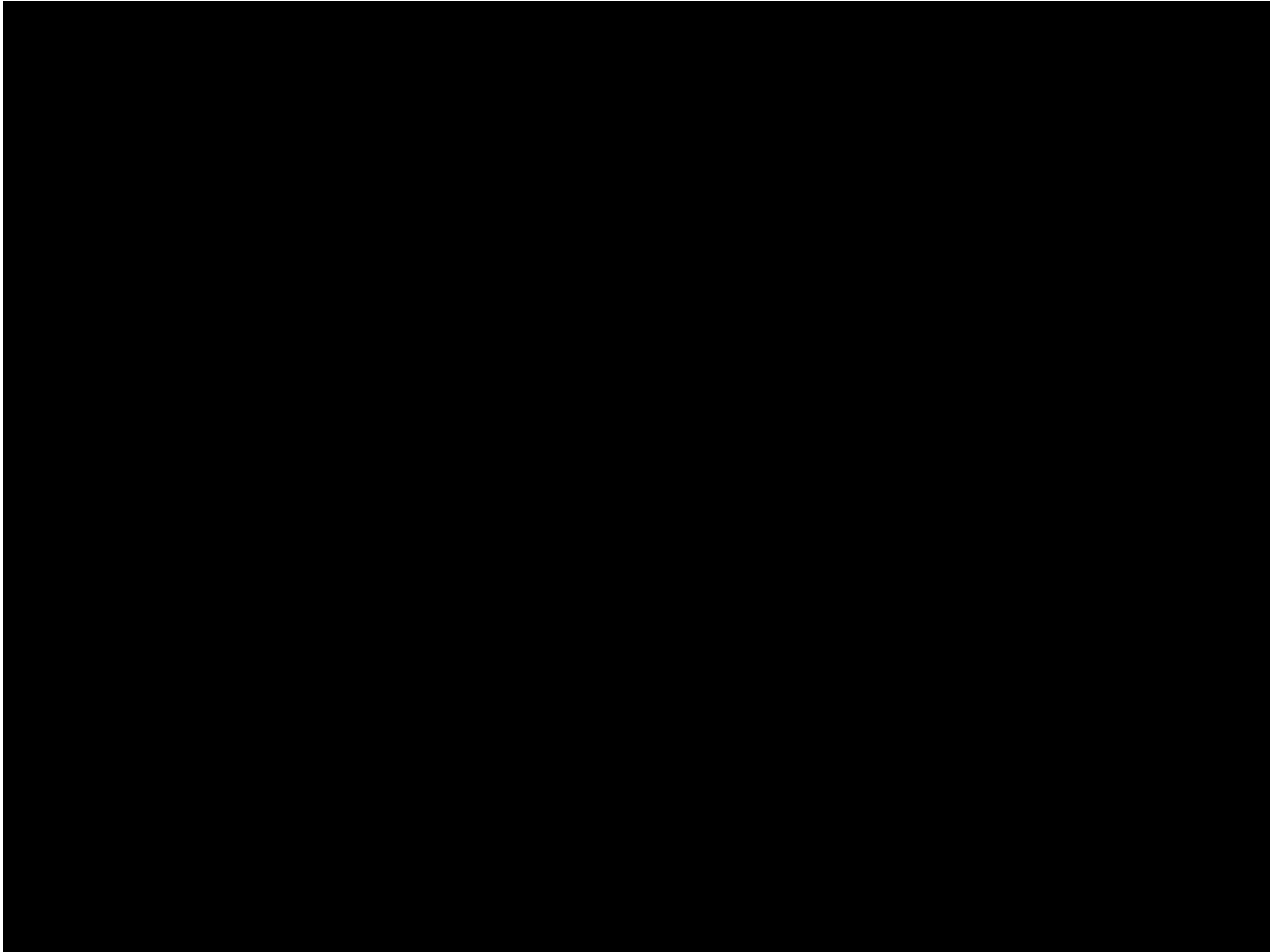
Jesus fills the nets

Two reactions!



8When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Luke 5:8





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Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

John 21:7

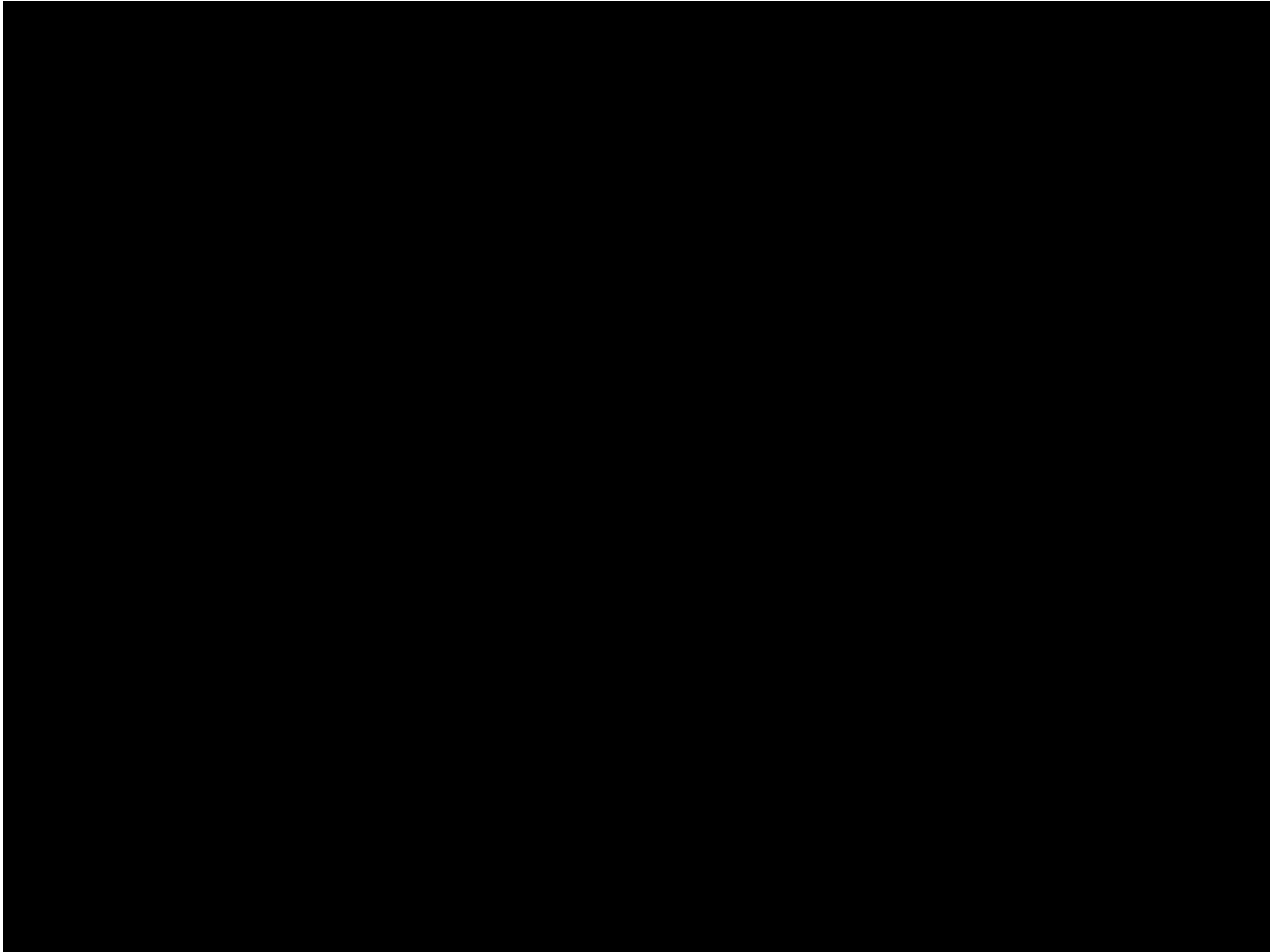


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“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

2 Peter 1:3-4





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Differences



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"Go away from me, Lord;
I am a sinful man!"



Instinctively Run (or swim) to
Jesus.



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Self focused
Work-shipful
Service

Commands = Burden



Christ-delighting
Worshipful
Service

Commands = Worship
Opportunity through Service



When I feel good about
God I feel Holy and
Accepted before him and
able to press on.



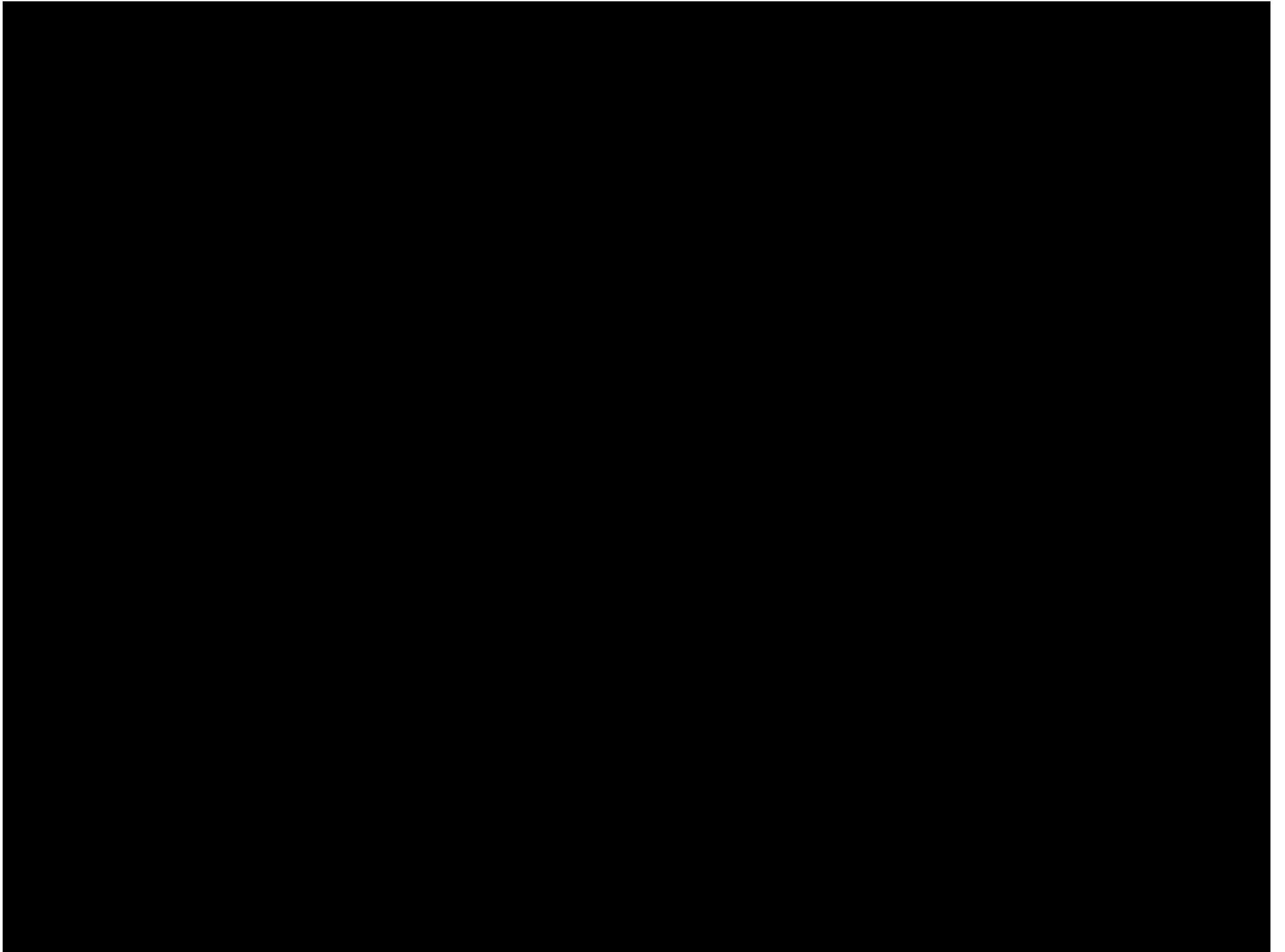
“I dare not trust the sweetest
frame but wholly lean on Jesus
name”
(Your feelings are not Christ)



When I've done good for
God I feel Holy and
Acceptable before Him
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"Nothing in my hand I bring
simply to thy cross I cling"
(Your works are not Christ)

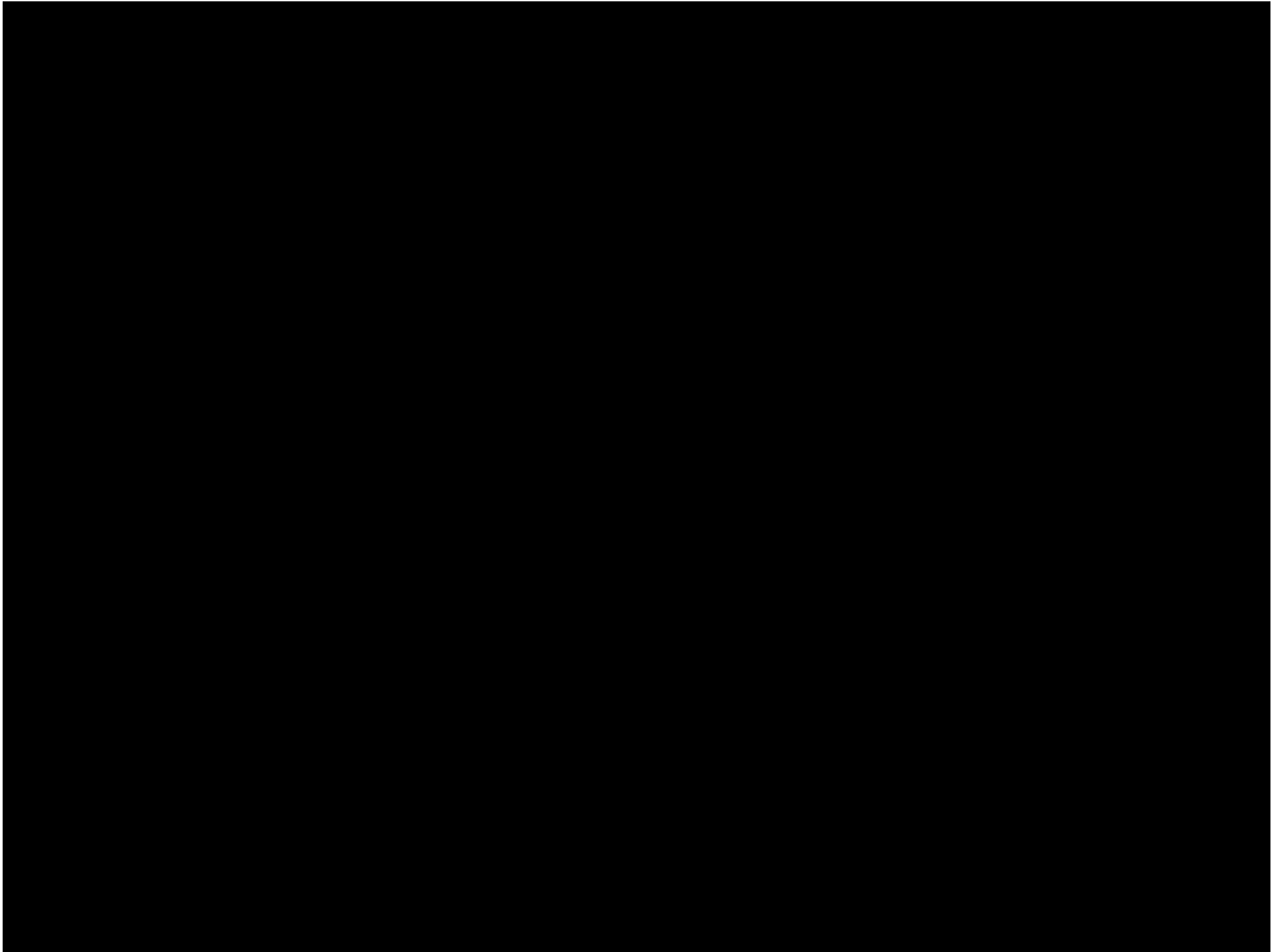




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Conclusion

- We become more like Jesus by enjoying grace -



- Out-takes –

Removed Slides
from this point forward



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“1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature . . .” Col 3:1-5a



“ . . . But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:2b-3



3 Steps of Romans 6



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1. Know who you are in Christ by grace.

“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.”

Romans 6:6-7a



2. Consider

“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Romans 6:11



3. Do

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.” Romans 6:11

* Don't rush to step 3 - Steps 1&2 / Grace needs to 'set' *

KNOW → CONSIDER → DO



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“. . . how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.” Hebrews 9:14



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“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.”

Ephesians 3:7



“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Colossians 3:12



“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?” Gal 3:3



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“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:13



“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.”

1 Corinthians 15:10



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“So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.”

2 Corinthians 8:6



But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9a

“Jesus Paid it All, All to Him I Owe”

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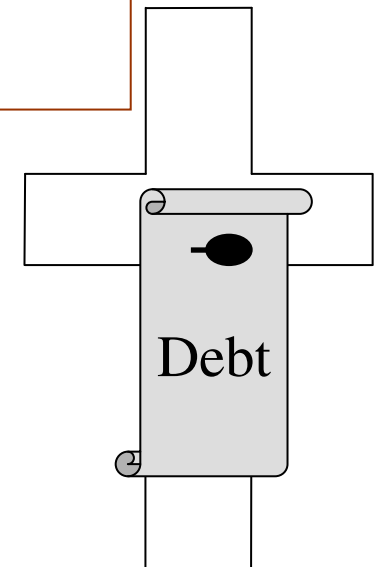
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Grace cancels debt!

“ . . . having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us . . . nailing it to the cross” from Col 2:13-14



“We receive all our holiness of heart, as well as all our peace of conscience, out of Christ’s fullness of both these things. Our holiness of heart is a thing already prepared for us and laid up for us in Christ. And thus, even as we are justified by a righteousness that is first wrought out for us by Christ, and which is, from Christ, imputed to us; even so, we are sanctified by a holiness that is first prepared for us in Christ, and is, then, imparted to us out of Christ’s fullness.

Every atom of our soul-sanctifying holiness is as truly, and as wholly, derived from Christ as every atom of our conscience-justifying righteousness. . . . Many serious-minded men take an infinitude of pains to produce a true holiness for themselves out of their own corrupt hearts; squeezing, all the time, oil out of a flint. Whereas, the true way, and the only possible way for them to get the mastery over the indwelling sin is by receiving into their hearts a new spiritual nature out of the fullness of that new spiritual nature that is in Christ.”

(Alexander Whyte, *The Spiritual Life*, p 146).



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Oct 28 - One of the great blessings of Heaven is the appreciation of heaven on earth - Ephesian truth.
* He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose. Lu 16:9 "...that when it shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations"

Jim Elliot





Objection:

Paul is Self-Motivated Man working to stay saved.

27No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:27



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Still need God's power - not personal will-power:

12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! (1 Corinthians 10:12)

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13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)



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“13Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.””

1 Peter 1:1-16



Objection

James takes the focus off Faith onto Works.

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17



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Works problem → Faith Solution

Not saying: “Add works to faith”

Saying: “‘Faith’ with no concern for works is dead”

Living Faith is a Working Faith!



Objection

The Bible tells us to “train/discipline ourselves towards godliness” 1 Tim 4:7

- Don't confuse the 'How' vs 'What'
- Receiving the comforts of the Gospel is also a discipline part of godliness.



In the same context – follows with . . .

“10For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.”

1 Tim 4:10



Jesus creates problems
for me to solve

(World to save, difficult
people to love, etc)



Jesus solves my problems
- Shepherd & Physician –




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“These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.” 2:15

Chapter 3


“1 Remind the people to be . . .” 3:1-2



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Chapter 1

- Vs 5 – Titus to put things in order
- Vs 6-9 – Overseers & their qualifications
- Vs 10-16 – Beware deceivers and Cretans



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Chapter 2: 1-10 (The “What”)

“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine” vs 1

“Teach the older men to be . . .” vs 2

“. . . teach the older women to be . . .” vs 3-4

“. . . they can train the younger women to . . . to be . . .” vs 4-5

“. . . encourage the young men to be . . .” vs 6-8

“Teach slaves to be . . .” vs 9-10



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- 3 Vs 9-11 – Division and Doctrines that *don't* make a difference.
- 3 Vs 12-15 – Final Instructions and Greetings
- 3 vs 16 – “Grace be with you all.”