

“BELOVED, BROKEN AND BEAUTIFUL”

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WHAT DID JESUS MEAN WHEN HE SAID

the eye is the lamp of the body?

(MATTHEW 6:22)

Matthew 6:22-23

The eye is the lamp of the body.
So, if your eye is healthy,
your whole body will be full of light,

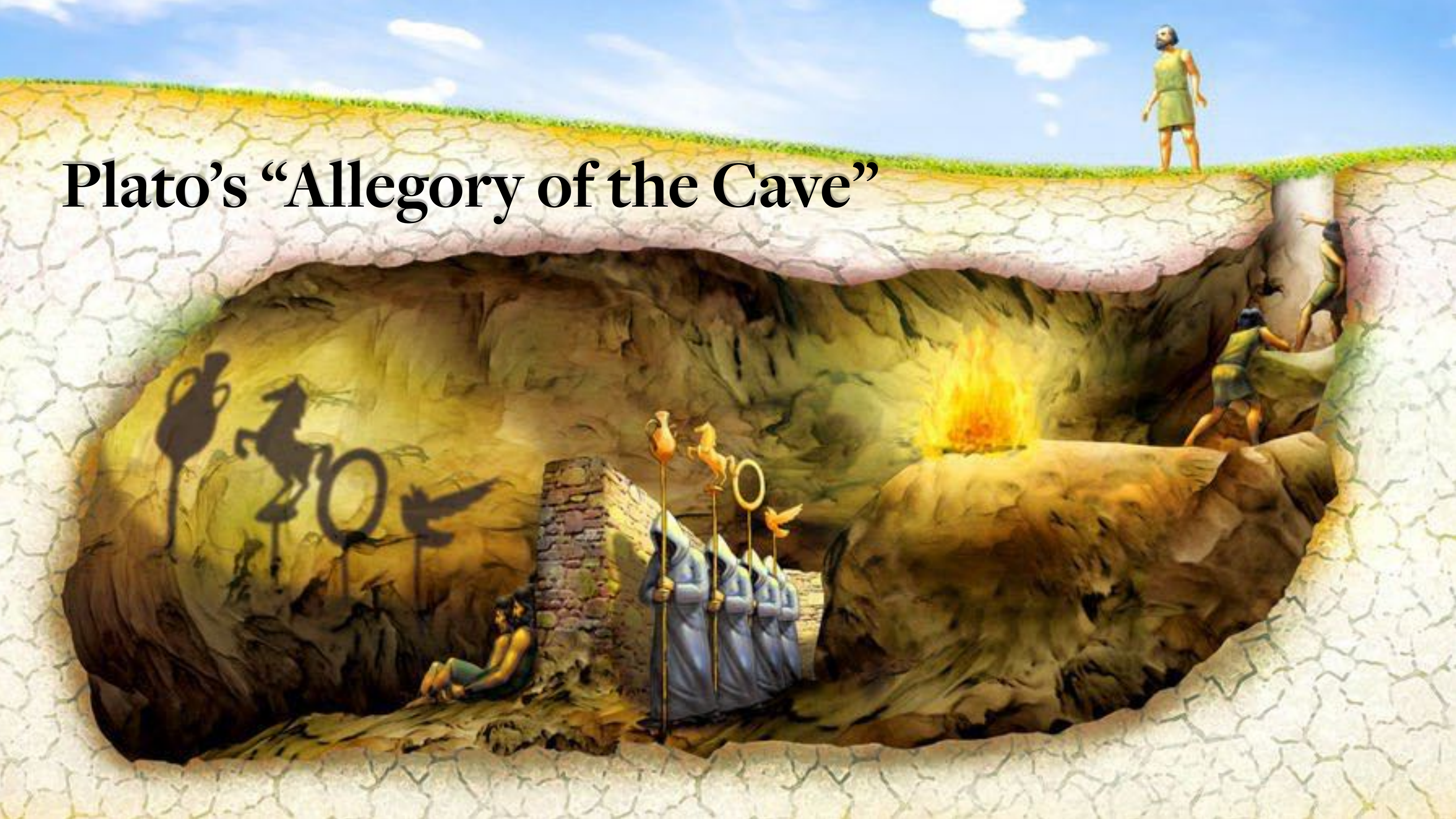


but if your eye is bad,
your whole body will be full of darkness.
If then the light in you is darkness,
how great is the darkness!



WE DON'T SEE THINGS
AS THEY ARE, WE SEE
THEM AS WE ARE.

Plato's "Allegory of the Cave"





What we perceive subjectively through our lens is a mere shadow compared to the reality of who God is in truth.



Are we locked into seeing an 'Old Testament' shadow of God's nature instead of the one revealed to us definitively in Jesus?

(Heb 10:1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves.)

We see through
a glass darkly now,
but God will clear
things up.

1 Corinthians 13:12



Now we see things **IMPERFECTLY**,
like puzzling **reflections**
in a *MIRROR*
but then we will see everything
with *perfect clarity*.

All that I know now
is **PARTIAL & INCOMPLETE**
but then I will know everything **completely**
just as **GOD**
knows me **completely**.

“SILO”

A Modern-day Allegory

“The truth is a dangerous thing.
It can change everything.”

— Mayor Bernard Holland

“The silo is a machine.
It’s designed to keep us alive, but it’s also designed to control us...
The only thing worse than living in the dark is knowing
there’s a light out there you can’t reach.”

— Juliette Nichols (Protagonist)

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S I L O

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“SILO” - A Modern-day Allegory

“What’s the big question?”

— Juliette Nichols (Protagonist)

“What if everything you know to be true
was one big lie?”

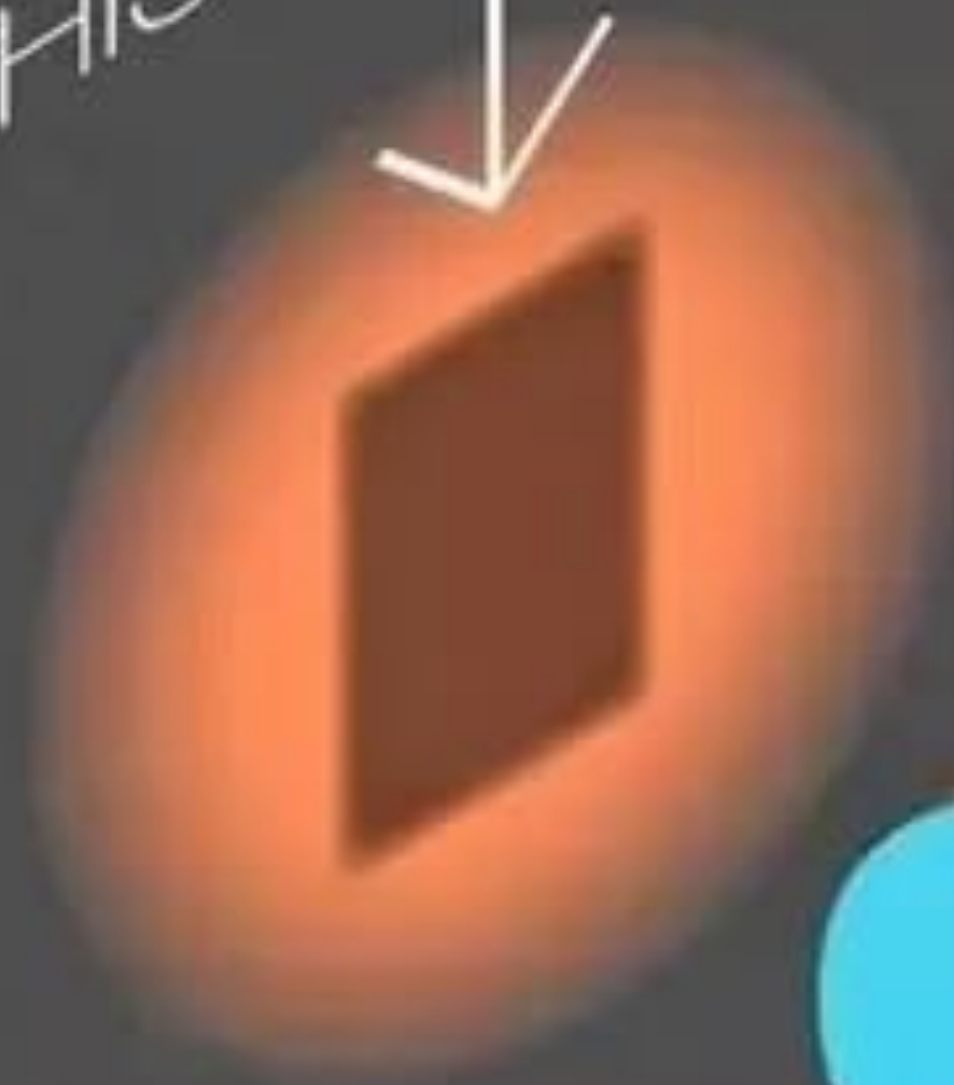
— George Wilkins (IT ‘rebel’)

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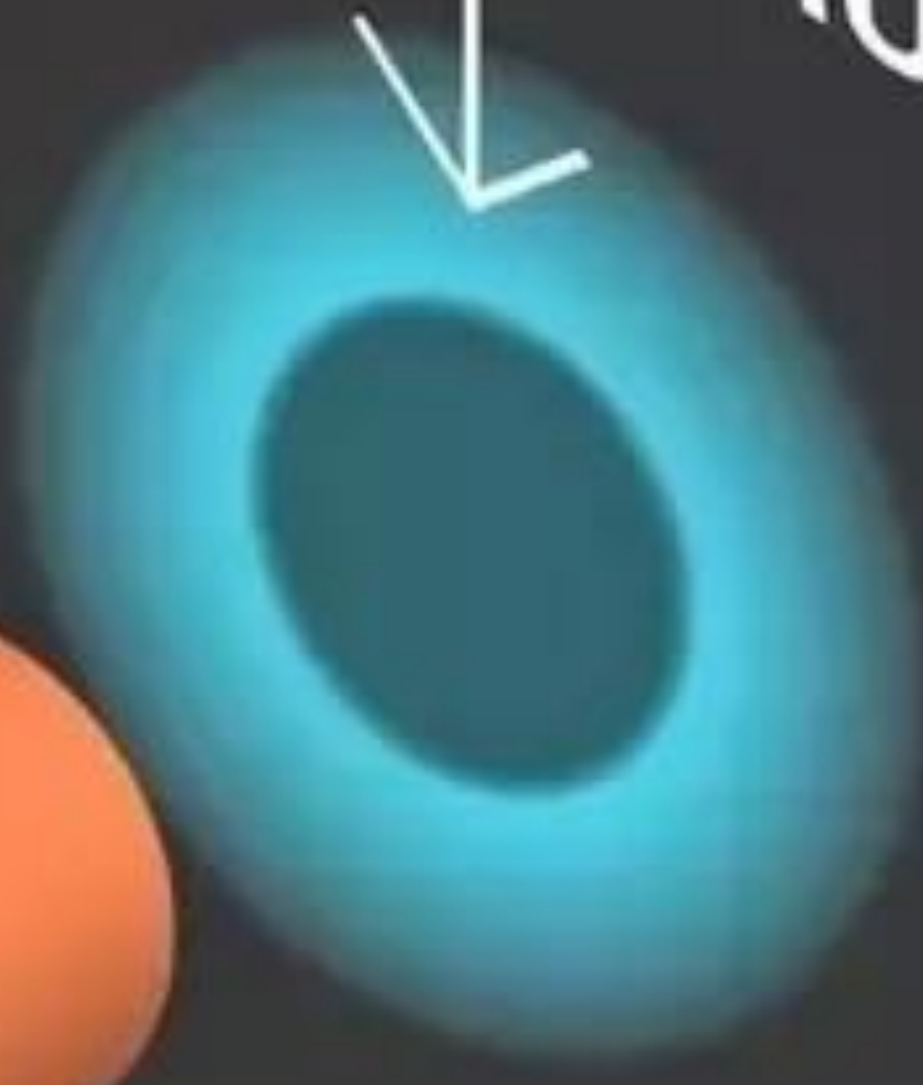


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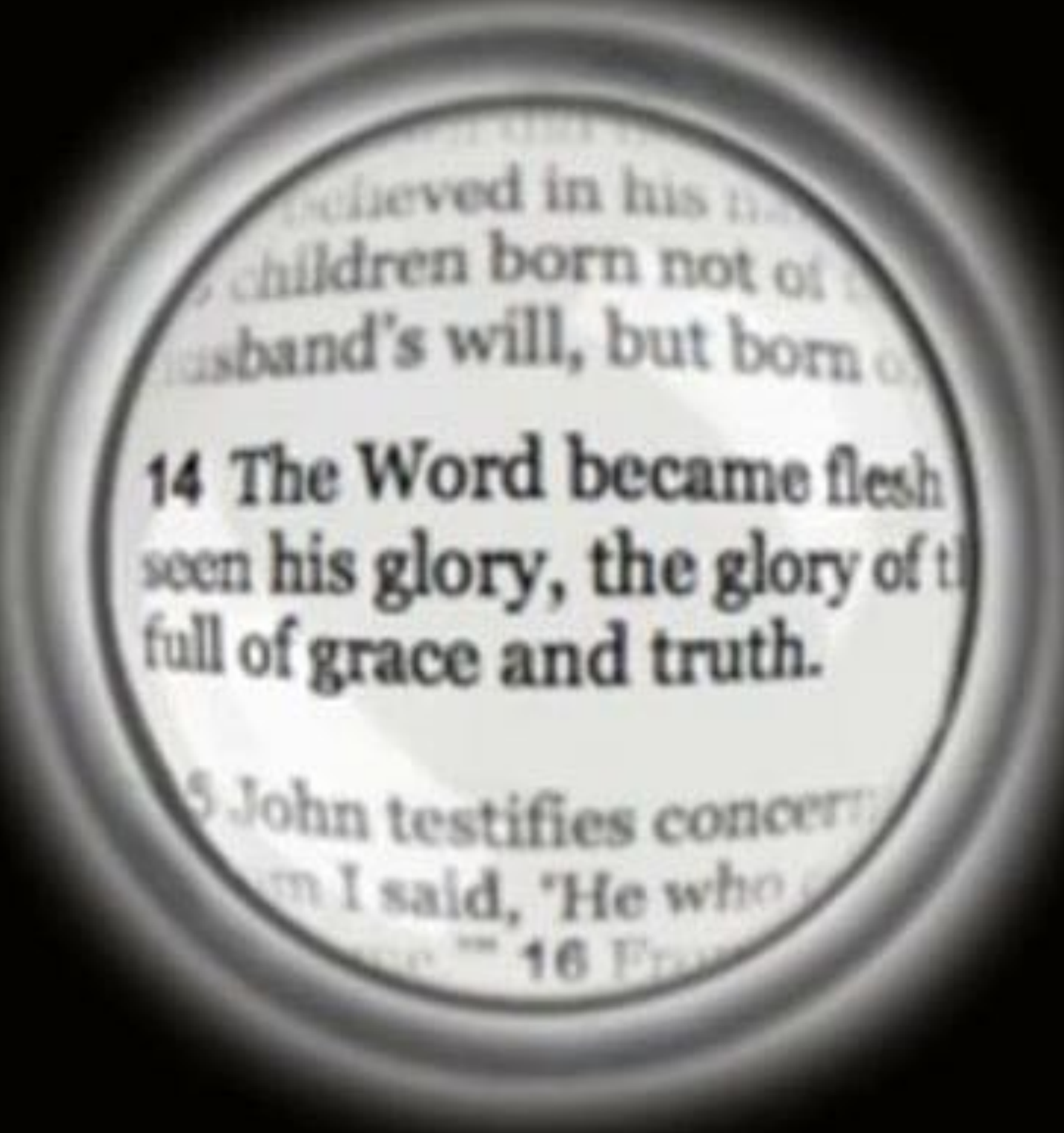
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The Jesus Lens

Reading Scripture in the Light of His Revelation




God is light; in him there
is no darkness at all.

John the Apostle



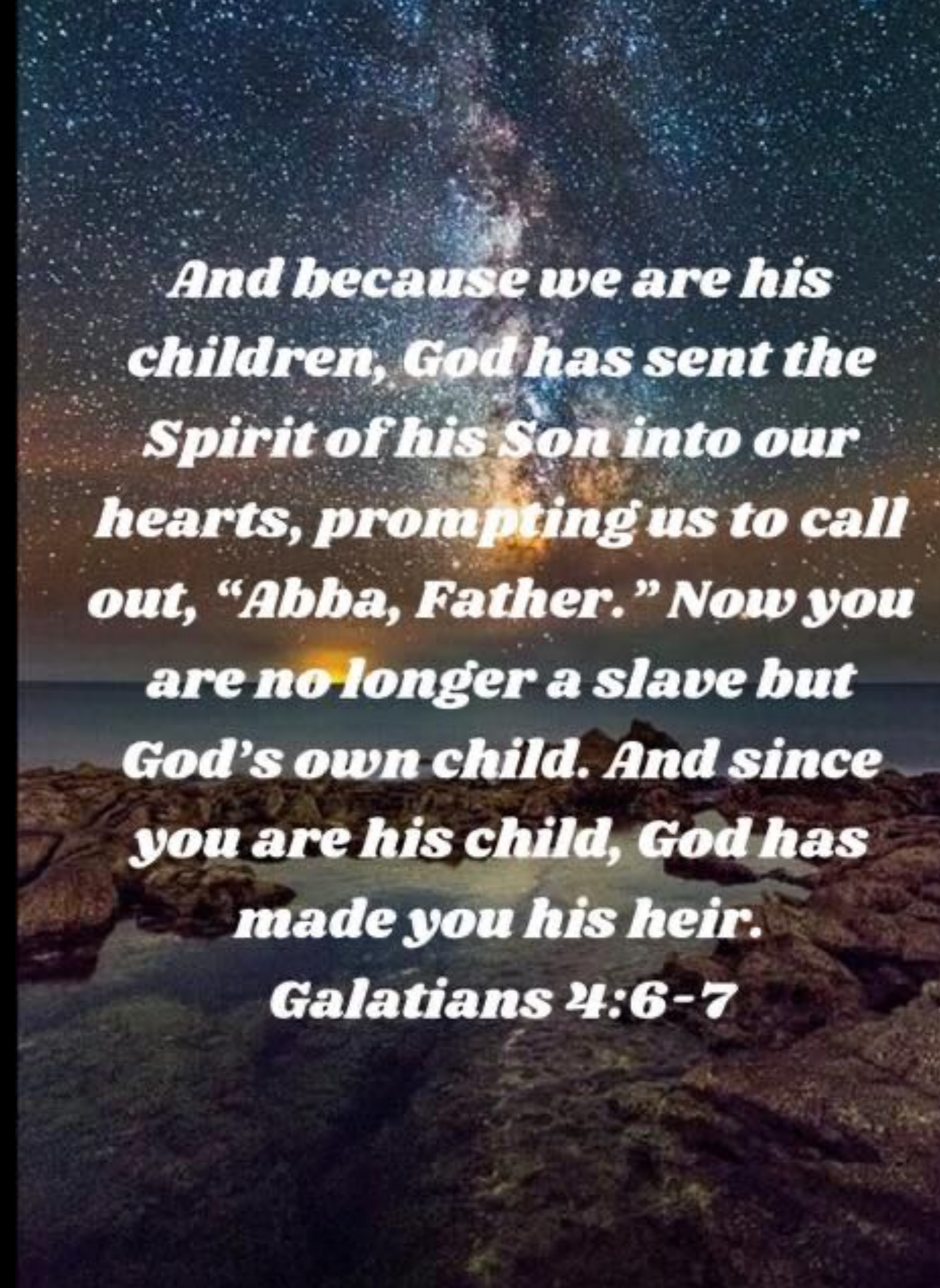
God Is Love

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IF YOU THEN, WHO ARE
EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE
GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR
CHILDREN, HOW MUCH
MORE WILL YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN GIVE
GOOD THINGS TO THOSE
WHO ASK HIM!

Matthew 7:11 ESV



***And because we are his
children, God has sent the
Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, prompting us to call
out, “Abba, Father.” Now you
are no longer a slave but
God’s own child. And since
you are his child, God has
made you his heir.***

Galatians 4:6-7

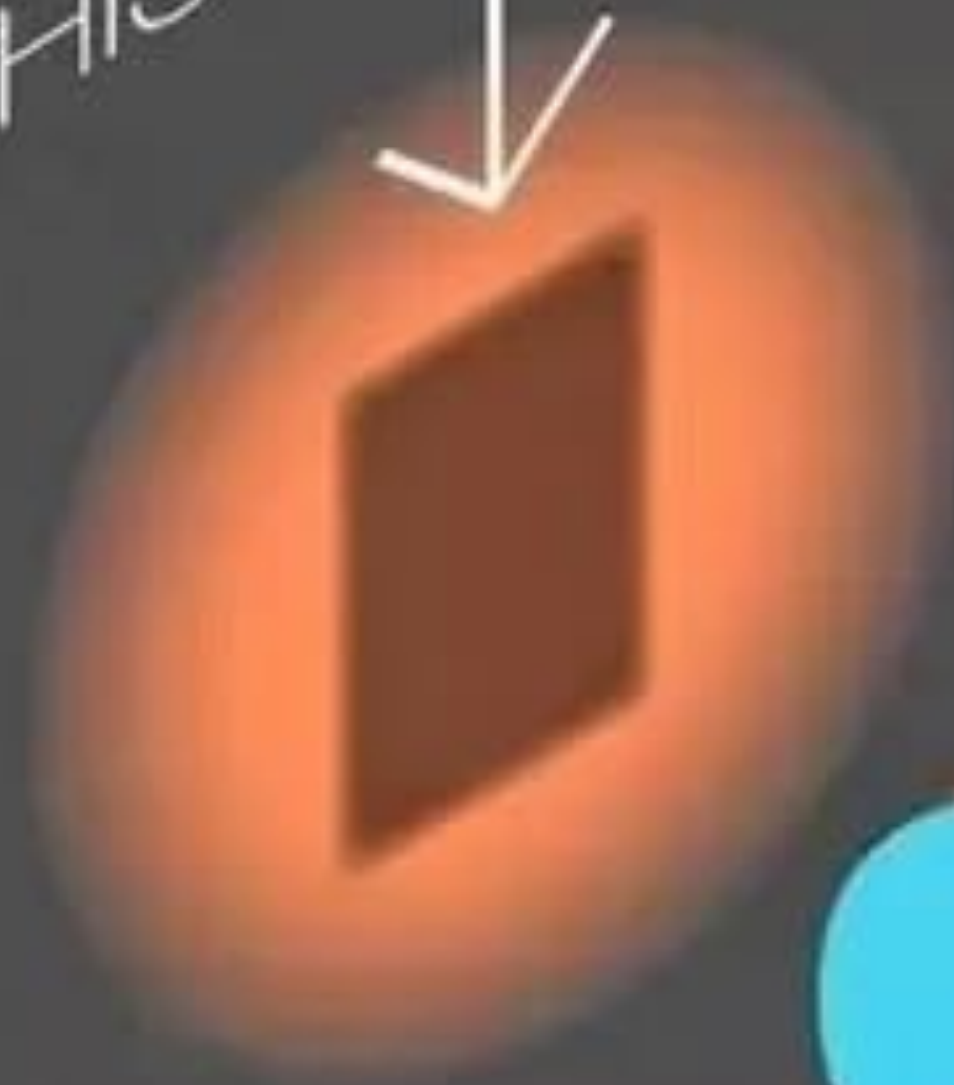
BIRTHING A NEW WAY

by Kelly Ann Hall

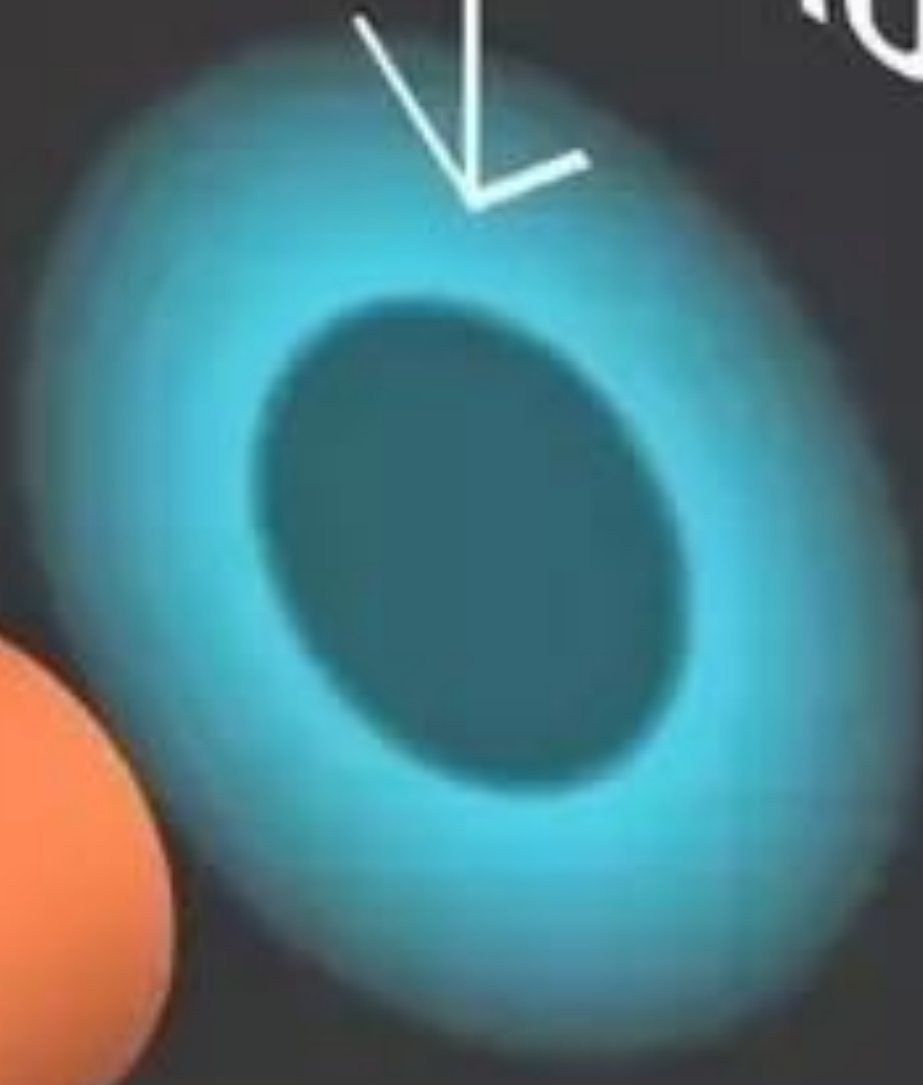
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A False Dichotomy

God's wrath is not an implacable, blind rage. However emotional it may be, it is an entirely reasonable and willed response to offenses against his holiness. But his love . . . wells up amidst his perfections and is not generated by the loveliness of the loved.

D. A. CARSON

A god who is all love, all grace, all mercy, no sovereignty, no justice, no holiness, and no wrath is an idol.

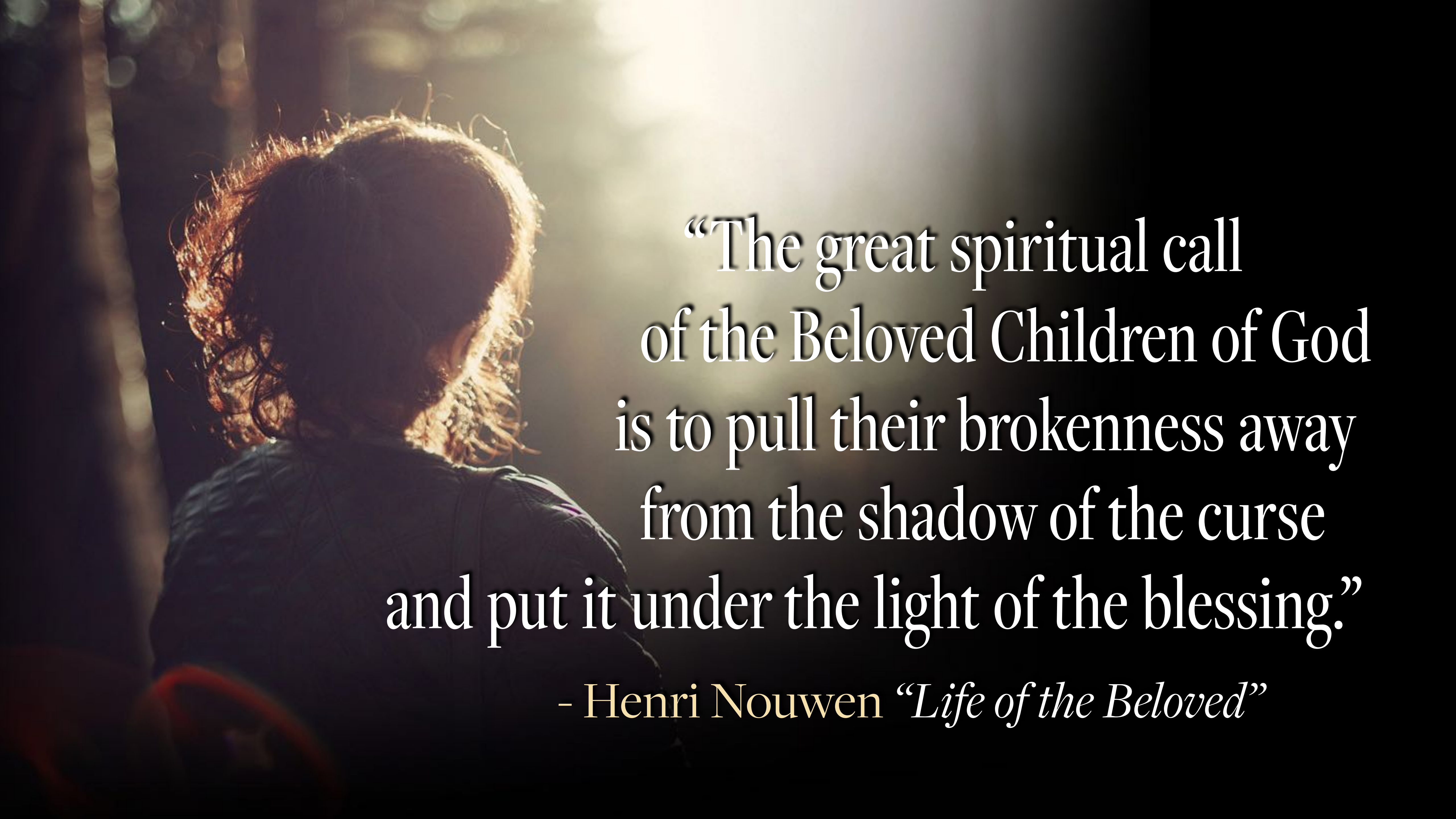
R.C. Sproul

"...HE HATES THE WICKED AND
THOSE WHO LOVE VIOLENCE"
(PSALM 11:5)

"God is love" (1 John 4:8)

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ORIGINAL
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BLESSING



“The great spiritual call
of the Beloved Children of God
is to pull their brokenness away
from the shadow of the curse
and put it under the light of the blessing.”

- Henri Nouwen *“Life of the Beloved”*

“Life of the Beloved” (Henri Nouwen)

“Aren't you, like me, hoping that some person, thing, or event will come along to give you that final feeling of inner well-being you desire?”

...But as long as you are waiting for that mysterious moment you will go on running helter-skelter, always anxious and restless, always lustful and angry, never fully satisfied.

You know that this is the compulsiveness that keeps us going and busy, but at the same time makes us wonder whether we are getting anywhere in the long run.

This is the way to spiritual exhaustion and burn-out.

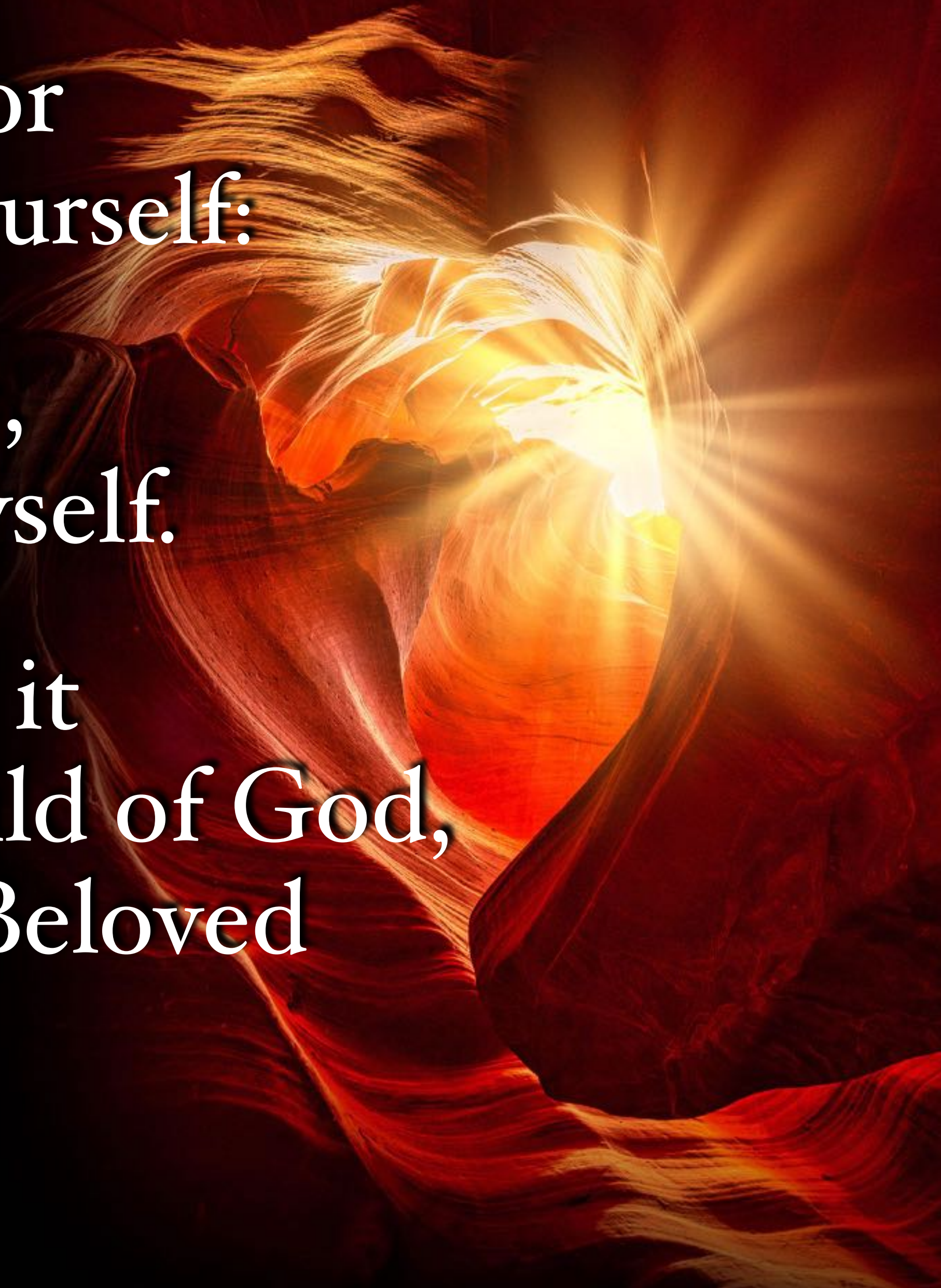
This is the way to spiritual death.”

“Life of the Beloved” (Henri Nouwen)

“Every time you feel hurt, offended, or rejected, you have to dare to say to yourself:

These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself.

The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe in an everlasting belief.”



“Shame Is an Outside Voice” (Jim Finley, CAC Devotional May 12/23)

“It’s such a powerful experience to be in the presence of someone who sees our brokenness — maybe because they live with us and it’s obvious, or it’s a therapist, or a friend, or at a recovery meeting — and who sees through the brokenness to the invincible preciousness of our self in the midst of our brokenness.

When we risk sharing what hurts the most in the presence of someone who will not invade us or abandon us, we can come upon within ourselves the pearl of great price, the invincible preciousness of ourselves in the midst of our brokenness.”

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(to play *“As You Find Me”* music video, click link below)

<https://trinityflix.com/project/as-you-find-me/>

A silhouette of a tree with a bright light source behind it, creating a warm, golden glow. The tree's branches are dark against the bright background, and the light creates a soft, hazy atmosphere. The overall scene is dark, with the light source being the primary focus.

I was found before I was lost