



# **Luke**

**5:33-39**

**Jesus, Wine, & Wineskins**

# Our Three Questions

**1. What does it say?**

- Authorial intent to intended audience

**2. What does it mean?**

- Timeless theological truth

**3. How does it apply?**

- Landing it in our lives

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Jumping into the middle

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The “what” and “why” of fasting

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**Luke 7:31-35 - “a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!”**

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**Jesus, the bridegroom** – Matthew 9:15, 25:1-13, Mark 2:19, John 3:29, Ephesians 5:32, Rev. 19:7, 21:2-17

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**Good Friday – Easter Sunday**

**Acts 13:2-3 & 14:23**

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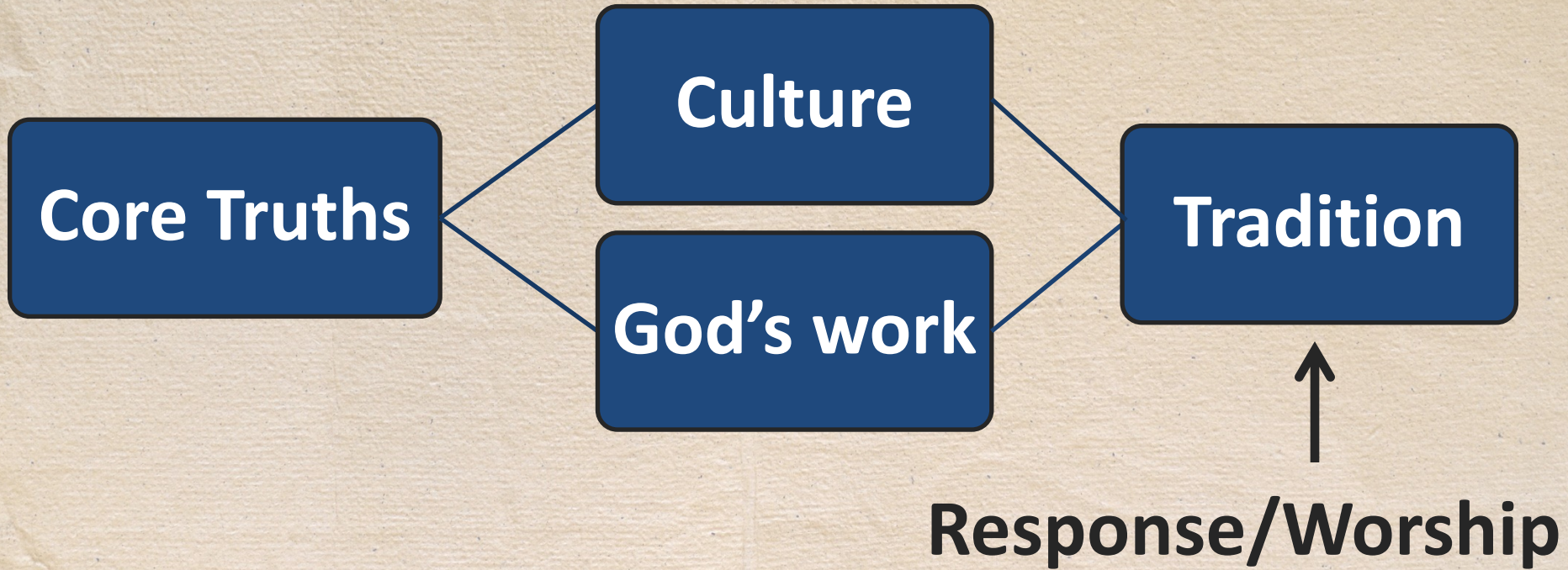
- New garment – New responses
- Old garment – Traditional responses
- Taking from the new to match the old
  - Expecting new responses to match the old

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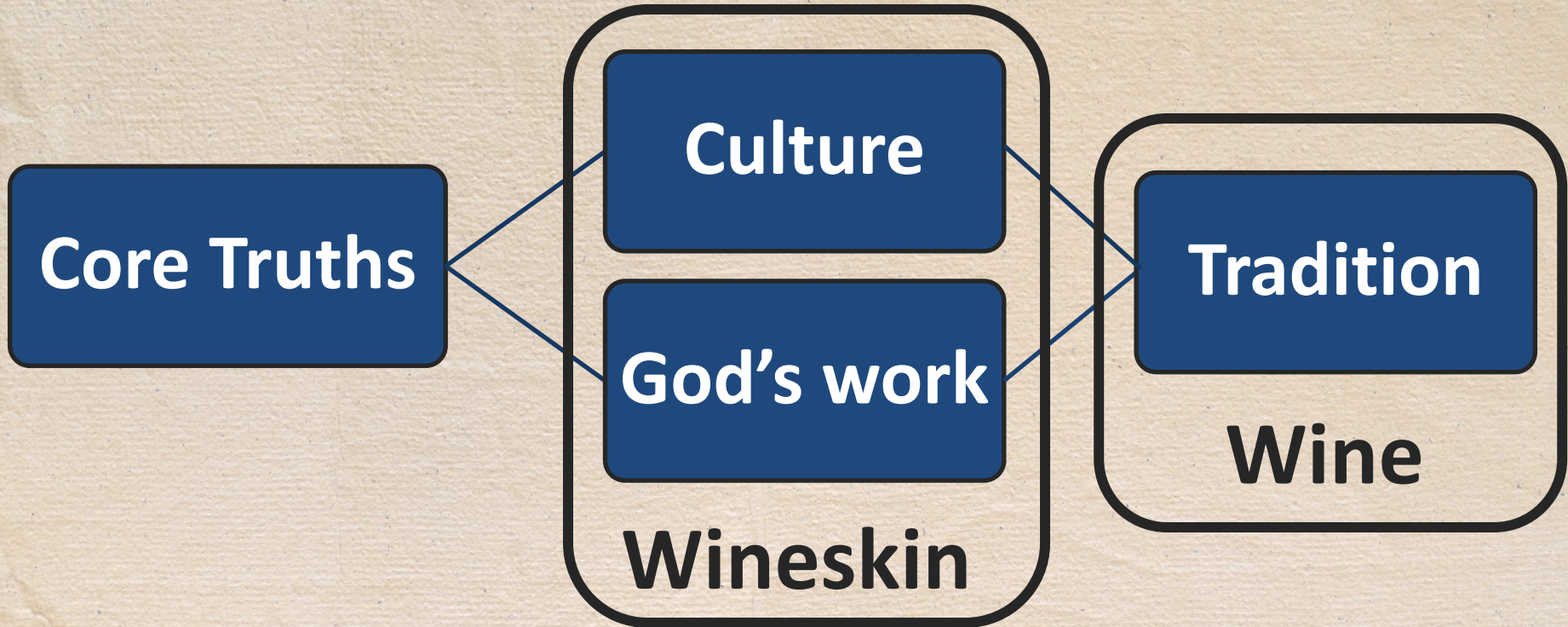
**Parable of the wineskins:**

- **Wine: Tradition/Expressions of worship**
- **Wineskins: Culture & God's work**
- **New with new & old with old**
  - **One culture's tradition won't match another**

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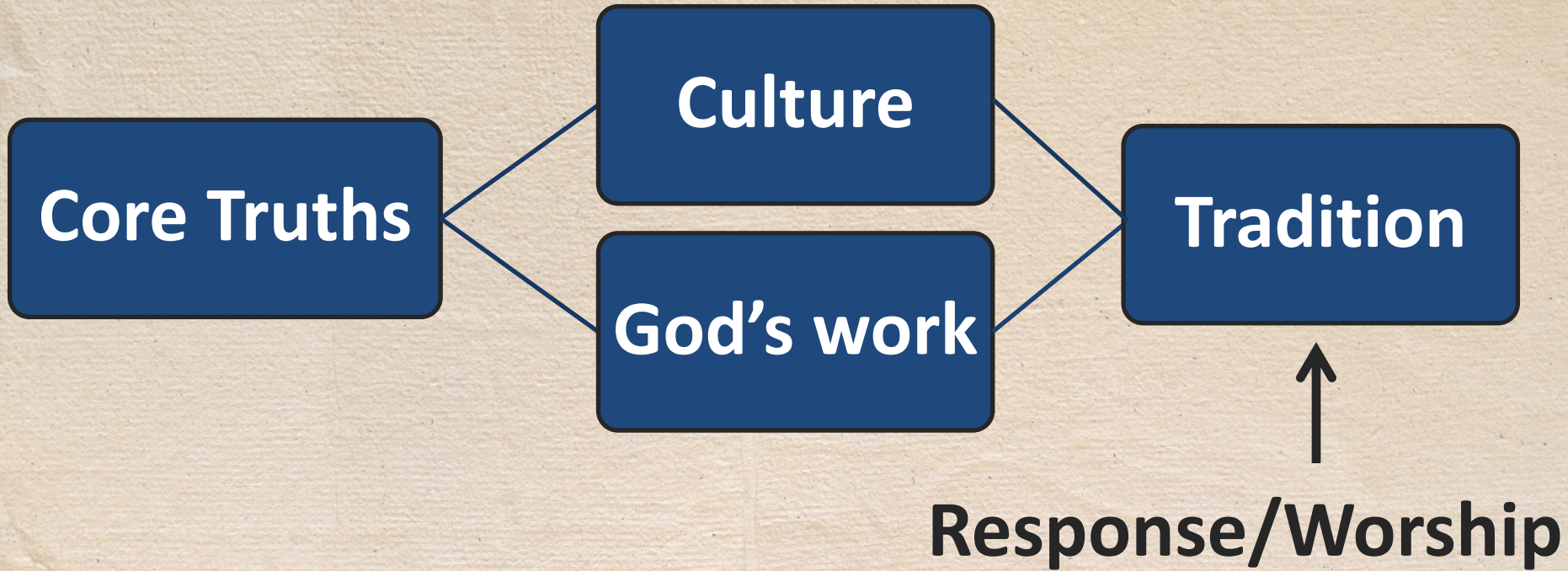


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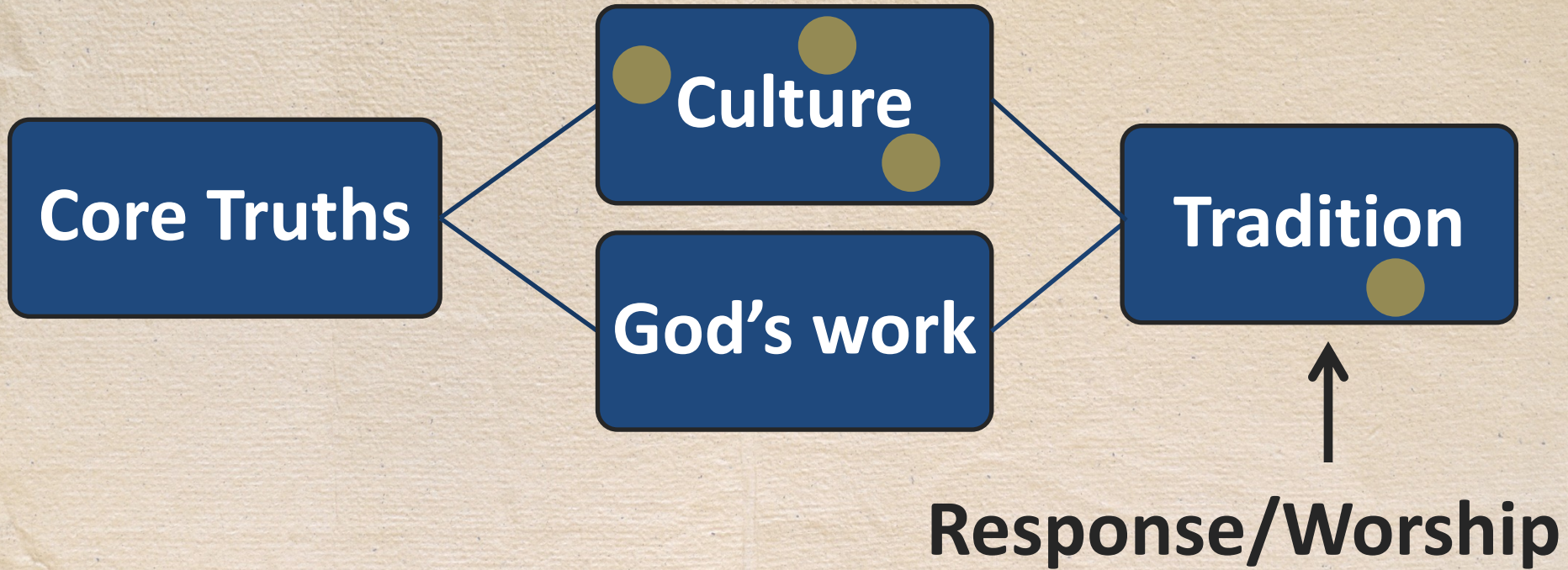
## Core Truths

- God
- Position of man
- The Gospel
- Explicit biblical commands

## Tradition

- Sunday mornings
- Music & Style
- Denominations
- Politics
- Economics

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## Being open-handed about tradition

- The mission
  - Morally benign culture shifts
    - *1 Corinthians 9:19-23*
  - Our own tradition may be tainted
    - *Matthew 15:1-9*
- God does new things

# What do we learn & do

**Our children**

**College Students**

- **Rightly placing our hopes**
- **Know which battles to pick**

# Questions

**Did anything jump out at you from the text or the message?**

**The place where we find this text on the ground the most is in the way we “do church”. Can you think of practices within the Church that you have strong preferences for? Were looking for what our preferred wine is. The “old wine” that, when we’ve had it, Jesus says that we will say that it is good.**

**Can you think of times when either you or someone else you know have attempted to place old wine in new wineskins? Another way of saying this is old traditions onto new expressions of God’s people.**

**When you think about what is currently happening in our culture and landscape, what might be some new wine that might be appropriate for the Church?**

**How can we protect against getting stuck, like the Pharisees did, in such a way that we are unable to be useful on mission in new contexts?**