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PART I

Cursed to thirst



Why would YHWH do such a thing?

Genesis shapes our thinking

Circumstances



Thoughts → Beliefs → Attitudes → Actions

Outline

GOD

- God's holiness defines his standard
- God's love for us motivates his strategy

THE GOSPEL

- Christ and the Gospel are the who and the what of God's strategy
- Followers of Christ are called and equipped to be active in that strategy

MAN & WOMAN

- The Gospel profoundly impacts man and woman relationships in marriage
- The Gospel profoundly impacts man and woman relationships in the Church

God's holiness defines his standard

God is always "now"



God's holiness defines his standard

God is holy

- Ex 15:11 - Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you - majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?
- Is 57:15 - For this is what the high and lofty One says - he who lives forever, whose name is holy...
- Rev 15:4 - Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*

“As used in Scripture, holiness describes both the MAJESTY of God and the PURITY and MORAL PERFECTION of his nature.”

Ephesians 2:1-3

¹And YOU were DEAD in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, CARRYING OUT the desires of the body and the mind, and were BY NATURE children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

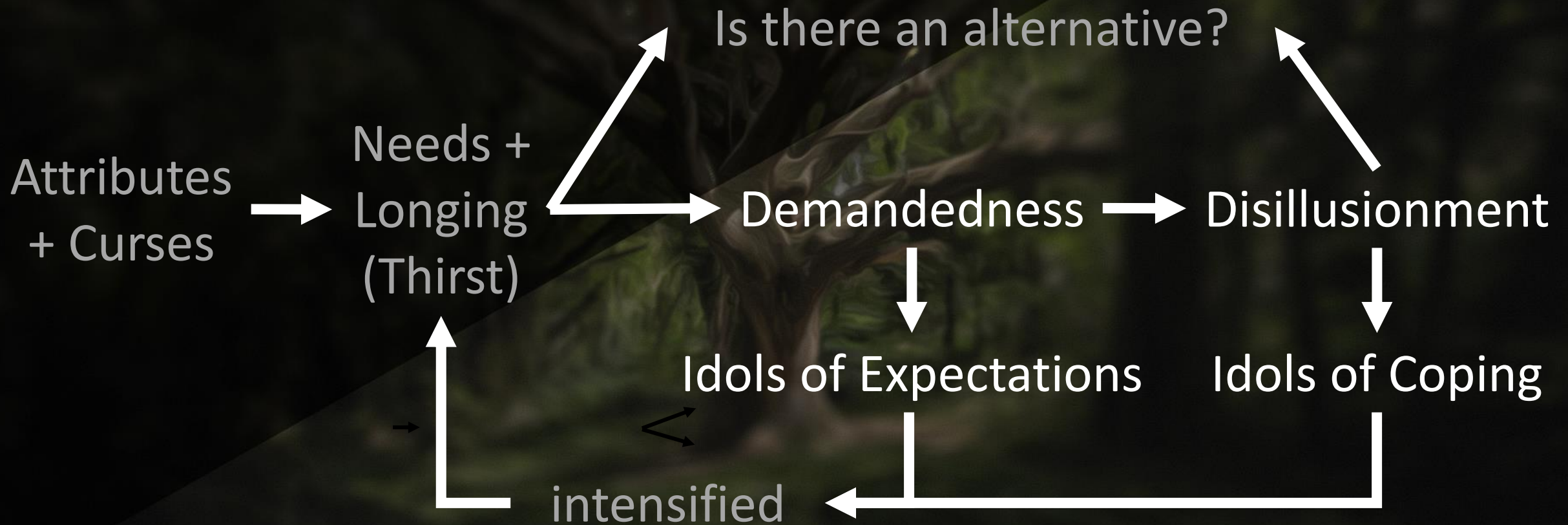


God's love for us motivates his strategy

Exodus 34:4-7

⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty..."

Our strategies to satisfy thirst



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David's wives

- Abigail (I Sam 25)
- Mical (II Sam 6)
- Bathsheeba (II Sam 11-12)

The Gospel solves our thirst

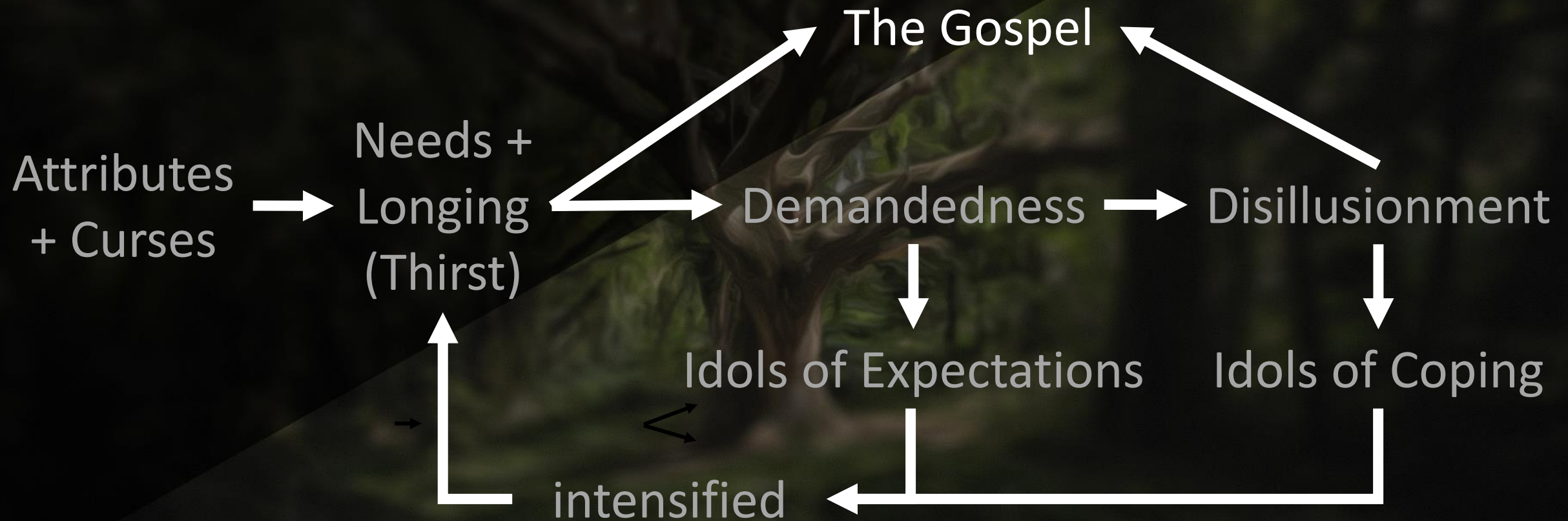
An emphatic “Yes!”

1 Pet 1:15-16 ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy because I am holy.”

John 15:11 ¹¹ I tell you this so my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

John 14:27 ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Christ & the Gospel – the who and what of God’s strategy



Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us,

⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

⁶And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And that is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.	and ARE BEING saved (sanctified) by grace through faith to his instructions.	and the POWER of sin diminishes in obedience to commission.

Followers of Christ are called and equipped to be active in that strategy

II Corinthians 5:14-21

- 14 “the love of Christ controls us.”
- 16 “from now on...we regard no one according to the flesh.”
- 17 we are “a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.”
- 18-20 we’ve been given “the ministry of reconciliation” with “the message of reconciliation” as “ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”
- 21 “For our sake, he [God] made him [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him [Christ] we might have the righteousness of God.”

The Gospel profoundly impacts man & woman in marriage

The Gospel in marriage

Ephesians 5:22-33



The Gospel profoundly impacts man & woman in the Church

The Church is made up of singles and married

I Corinthians 7



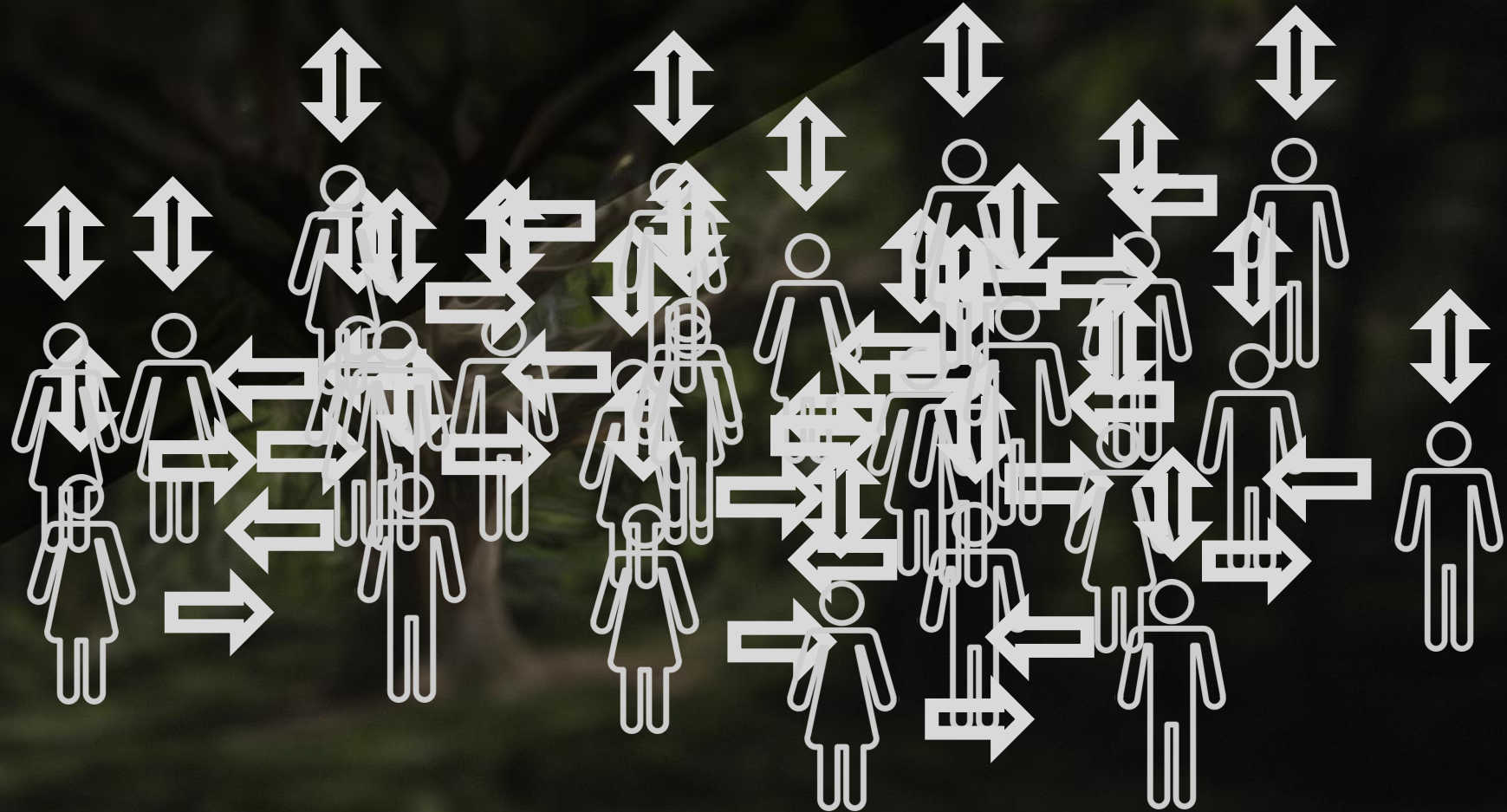
The Gospel profoundly impacts man & woman in the Church

The Gospel in the Church

James 3

Philippians 2:3-4

Ephesians 5:21



Closing admonition – Colossians 3:12-17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Closing admonition – Colossians 3:12-17

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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