



GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

*Yeah, you can be the greatest, you can be the best
You can be the King Kong bangin' on your chest
You can beat the world, you can win the war
You can talk to God, go banging on his door
You can throw your hands up, you can beat the clock
You can move a mountain, you can break rocks
Some will call that practice, some will call that luck
But either way you're going to the history books*



*Standing in the Hall of Fame
And the world's gonna know your name
'Cause you burn with the brightest flame
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And you'll be on the walls of the Hall of Fame*



*You can go the distance, you can run a mile
You can walk straight through hell with a smile
You can be a hero, you can get the gold
Breaking all the records they thought would never be broke
Yeah, do it for your people, do it for your pride
Are you ever gonna know if you never even try?
Do it for your country, do it for your name
'Cause there's gonna be a day when you're*



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‡ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them,
“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth...

- Genesis 9:1

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- ! These are the generations of the sons of Noah,
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
Sons were born to them after the flood...

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² The sons of Japheth: ...

⁵ From these the coastland peoples spread in their lands,
each with his own language, by their clans, in their nations.

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⁶ The sons of Ham: ...

²⁰ These are the sons of Ham, by their clans, their languages,
their lands, and their nations.

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2¹ To Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, children were born.

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³² These are the clans of the sons of Noah,
according to their genealogies, in their nations,
and from these the nations spread abroad
on the earth after the flood.

1. The Foolishness of Self-Focus

1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

2 And as people migrated from the east,
they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

3 And they said to one another,
“Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.”
And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

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16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD
and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

- Genesis 4:16

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HUBRIS (n.)
(HYOO-bris)

Meaning: excessive pride or self-confidence
or dangerous overconfidence

Example: His hubris led him to ignore obvious warnings,
resulting in failure

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Power	Confidence	Burdened, Responsibility	Humiliation	Anger	Used, Manipulated, Handled

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⁶ that none of you may be puffed up
in favor of one against another.

I Corinthians 4:6

¹⁸...puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind...

- Colossians 2:18





“Would I rather be feared or loved?
Easy. Both.

I want people to be afraid
of how much they love me.”

- Michael Scott

I. The Foolishness of Self-Focus

⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower,
which the children of man had built.





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“Spiritual pride is the illusion that
we are competent to run our own lives,
achieve our own sense of self-worth
and find a purpose big enough
to give us meaning in life without God.”

- Tim Keller



2. The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness

⁶ And the LORD said,

“Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language,
and this is only the beginning of what they will do.

And nothing that they propose to do
will now be impossible for them.

⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language,
so that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

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⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

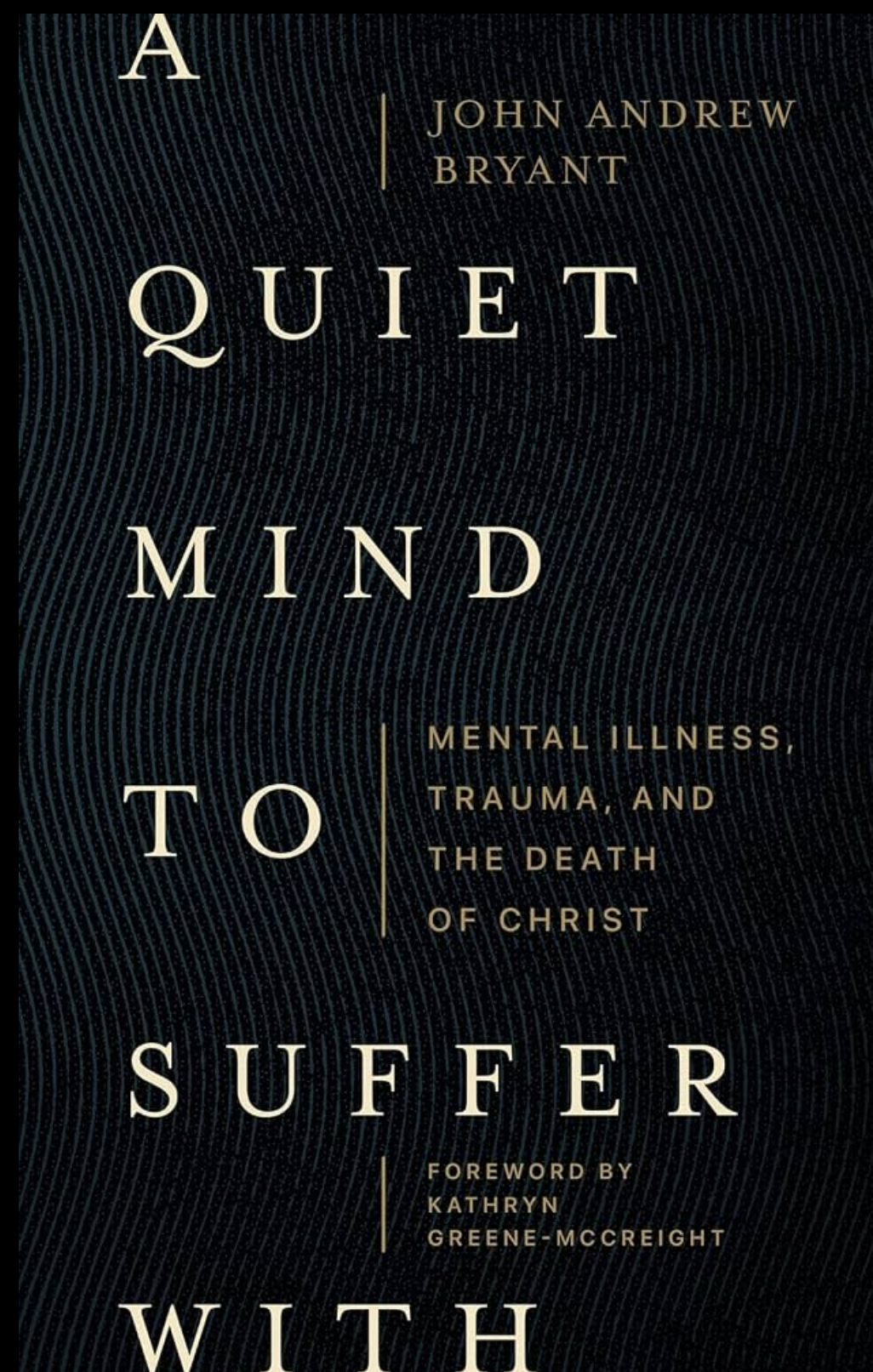
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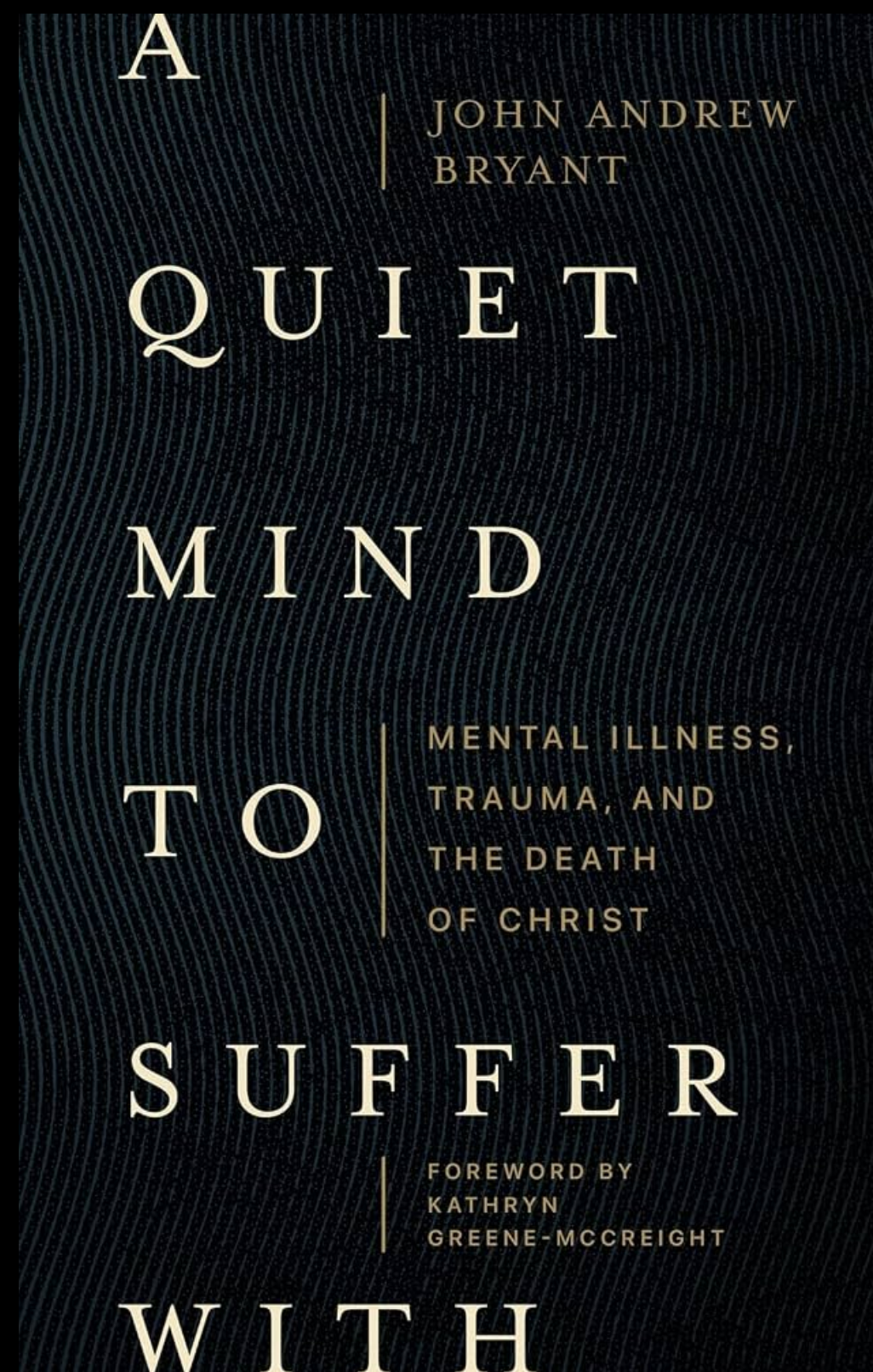
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“The worst lie, the worst story I can think of, is the lie that says my life is mine and that there is such a thing as Life as I Would Have It...”



“Because it is by way of that lie that I have held most fiercely and closely to my dependence on myself. And nothing has disfigured me more than my dependance on myself. The lie that I can depend of myself is the only thing that has truly ruined me...”

- John Bryant

2.The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness

³⁷ ...he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

³⁸ This is the great and first commandment.

³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

- Matthew 22:37-40

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself,
it's thinking of yourself less.”

- C.S. Lewis



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“You see, the verdict is in.

And now I perform on the basis of the verdict.

Because He loves me and He accepts me,
I do not have to do things just to build up my résumé.

I do not have to do things to make me look good.

I can do things for the joy of doing them.

I can help people to help people –
not so I can feel better about myself,
not so I can fill up the emptiness...



“...we can say, ‘I don’t care what you think.
I don’t even care what I think.
I only care about what the Lord thinks.’

And he has said, ‘Therefore, there is now
no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus’,
and ‘You are my beloved child in whom I am well
pleased’. Live out of that.

- Tim Keller





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