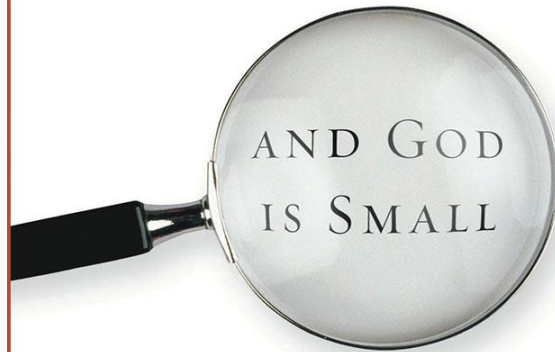


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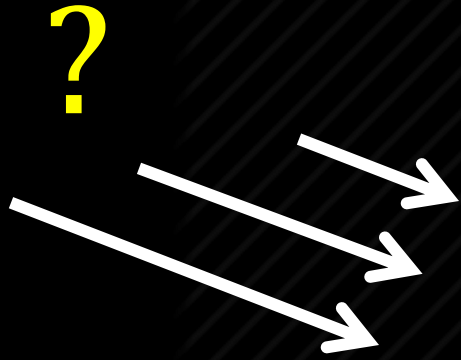
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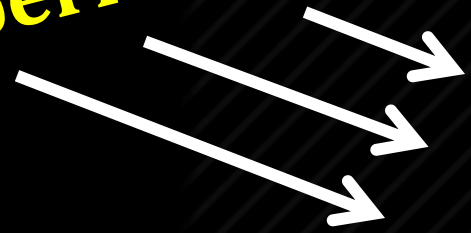
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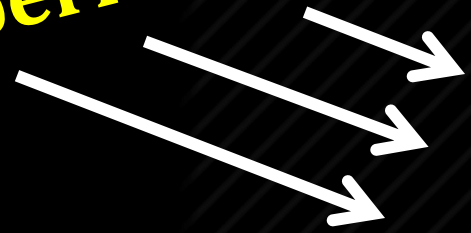
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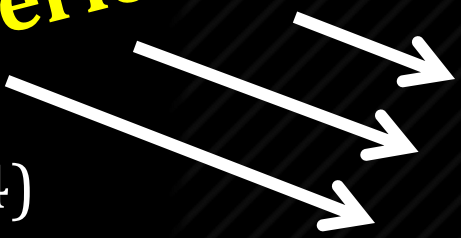


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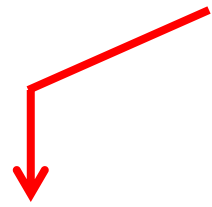
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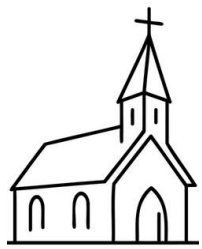
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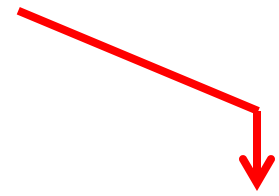




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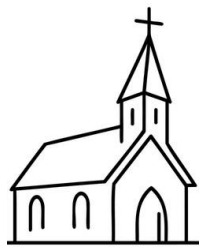


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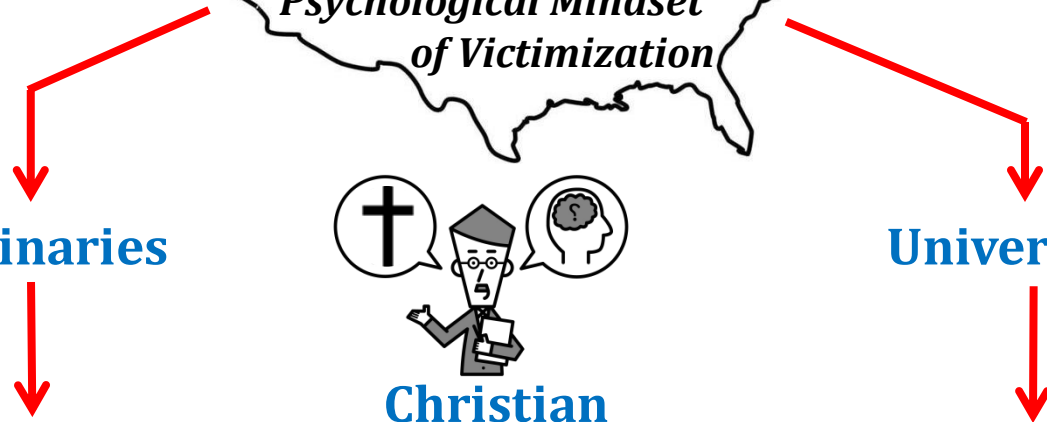
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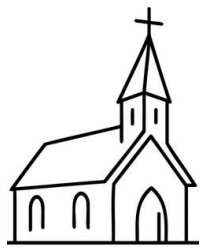




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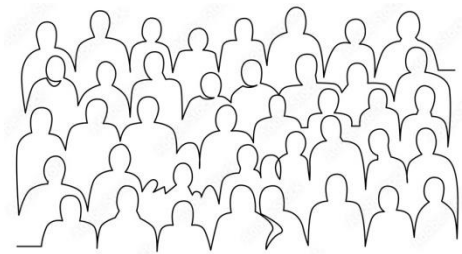
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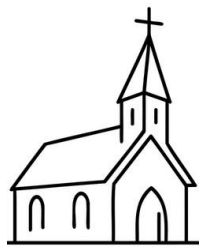




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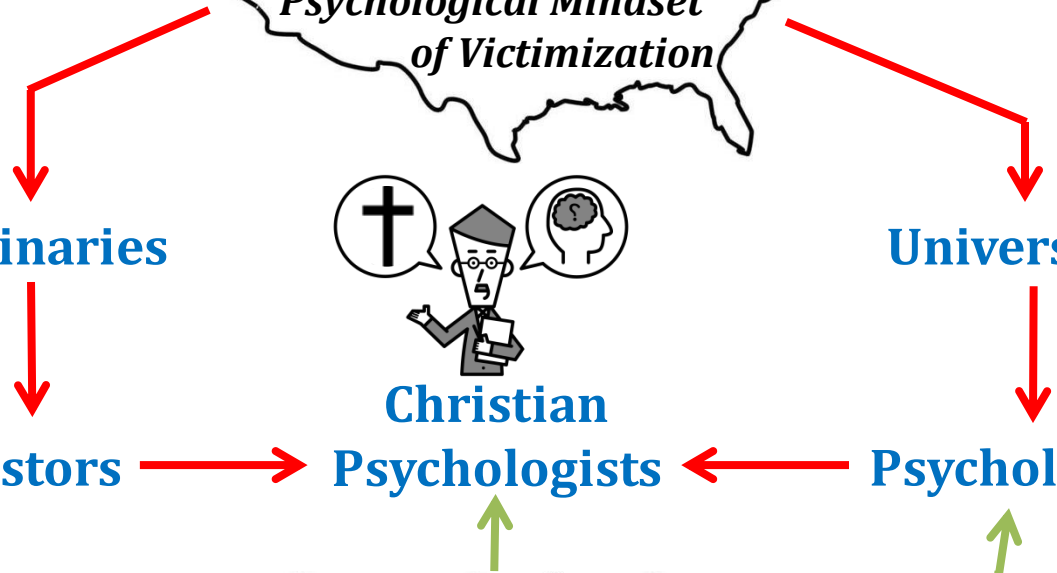
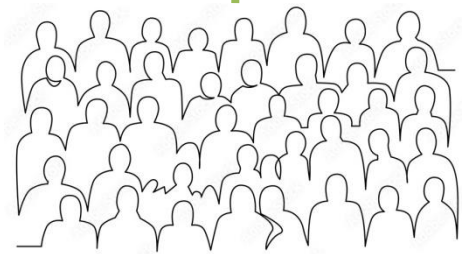
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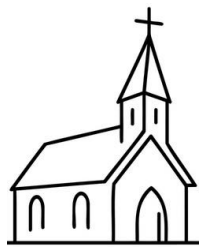




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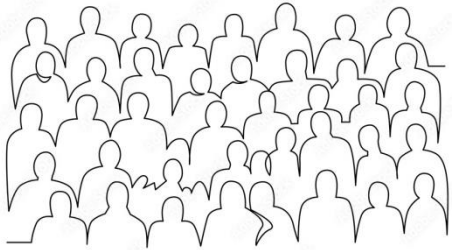


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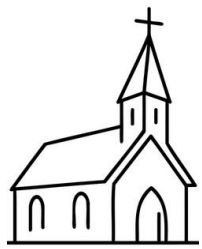
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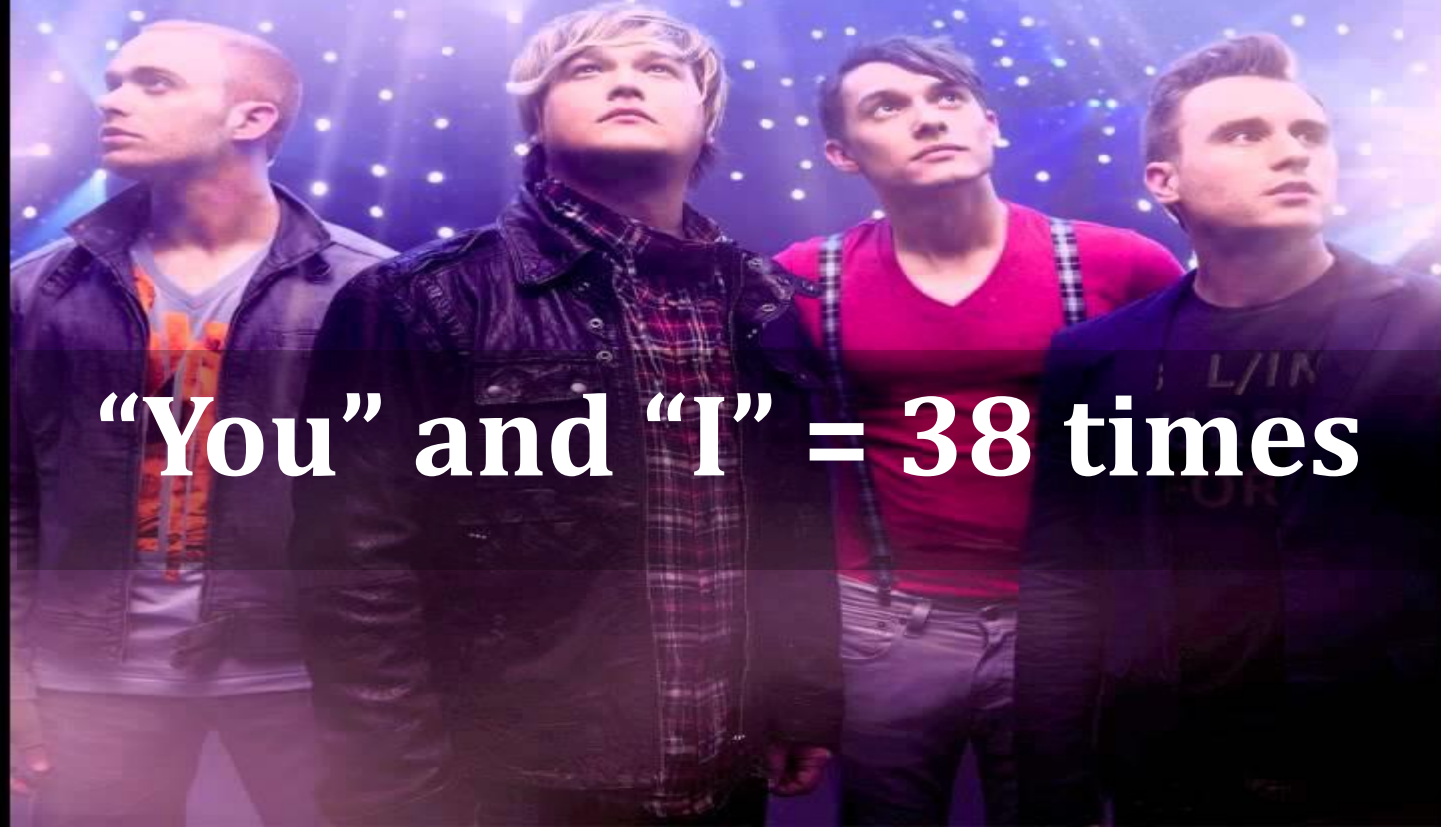
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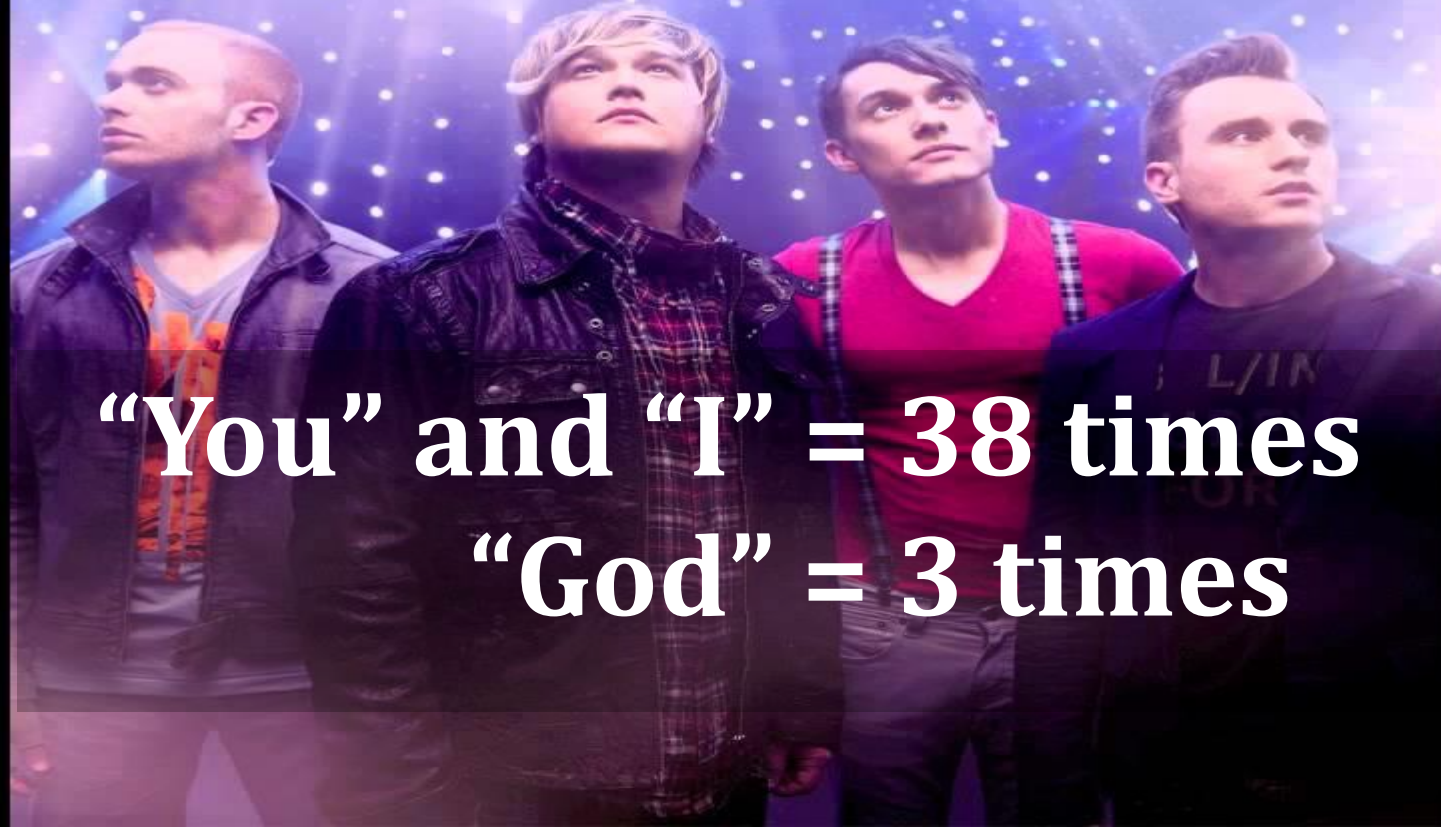
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Feeling came near the edge
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But Fact remained
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and that brought Feeling up too.

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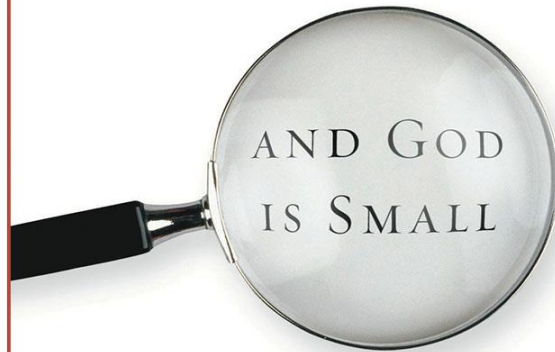
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#2 - The debate over victimization, self-esteem, and individualism is a debate over human nature.

- Are people basically good, and therefore, only need affirmation & encouragement?
- or
- Are people inherently sinful and, therefore, need to learn think less about themselves and more about others?

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