

Carnal

vs.

Biblical

John 5:44 (NKJV):
How can you believe,
who receive honor
from one another

John 5:44 (NKJV):
and do not
seek the honor
that comes from
the only God?

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Romans 2:8 (NKJV):
but to those who are
self-seeking

Romans 2:6–7 (NKJV):
who “will render to each
one according to his
deeds”: eternal life to
those who by patient
continuance in doing
good seek for glory,
honor, and immortality;

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Daniel 4:30 (NKJV): The king spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?”

1 Corinthians 2:7 (NKJV): But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

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Genesis 11:4 (NKJV):

And they said,

“Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves

Genesis 12:2 (NKJV):

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing

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Proverbs 10:7 (NKJV):
The memory of the
righteous is blessed,
But the name of the
wicked will rot.

Proverbs 22:1 (NKJV):
A good name is to be
chosen rather than
great riches,

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Psalm 35:16 (NLT):
They mock me and
call me names; they
snarl at me.

1 Peter 4:16 (NLT):
But it is no shame to
suffer for being a
Christian. Praise God
for the privilege of
being called by his
name!

Pure

Glorious

Clean

Strong

Beloved

Truely Valuable

Clothed

Valuing

Citizen

Substance

Exalted

HONOR

Adopted

Blessed

Essence

Priceless

Conqueror

Fruit bearing

Precious

Worthy

The worth or value of persons both in their eyes and in the eyes of their village, neighborhood, or society. The critical item is the public nature of respect and reputation

- Jerome Neyrey



Worldview

Self is understood in light of others

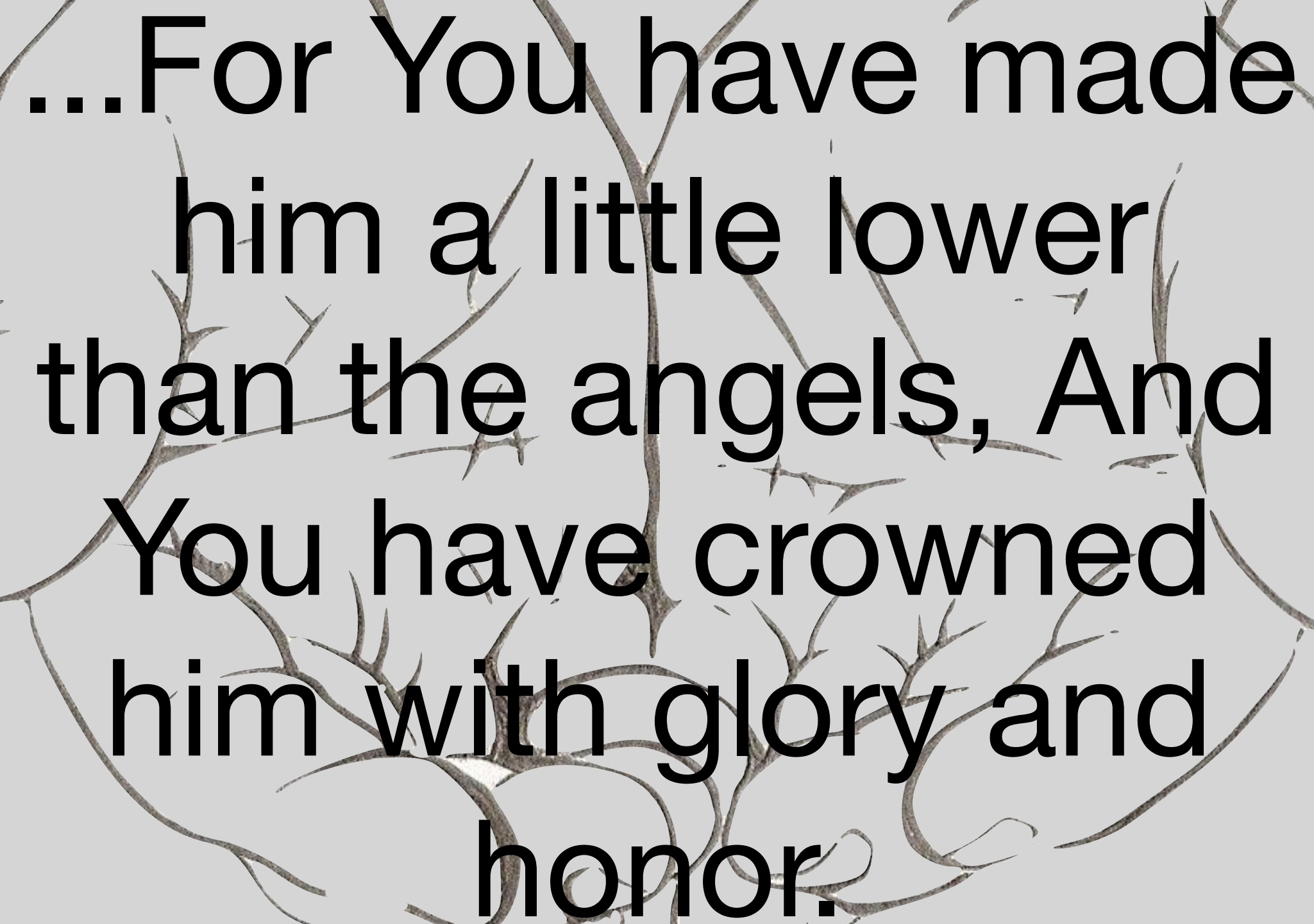
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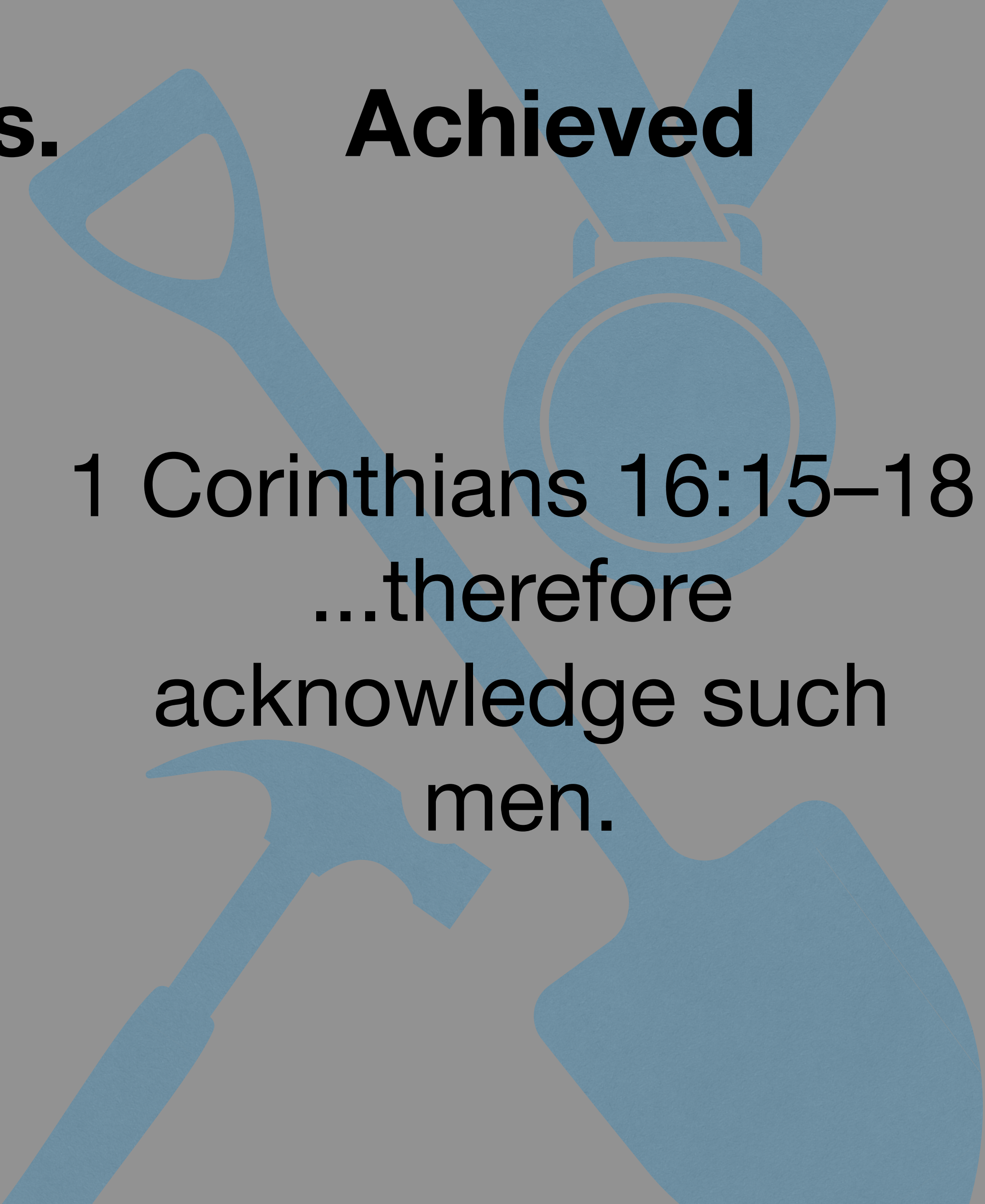
Achieved

Psalm 8:4–5

...For You have made
him a little lower
than the angels, And
You have crowned
him with glory and
honor.

A crown made of thorns, symbolizing ascribed glory and honor.

1 Corinthians 16:15–18
...therefore
acknowledge such
men.

A hammer and a wrench, symbolizing achieved work and effort.

Ascribed

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Achieved

John 1:12-13

...He gave the right to
become children of
God...

Philippians 2:28-29

...and hold such men in
esteem;

Defiled

Barren

Naked

Weak

Foolish

Cursed

Dirty

Orphaned

Oppressed

Enslaved

Shame

Stranger

Rejected

Blind

Dead

Poor

Unknown

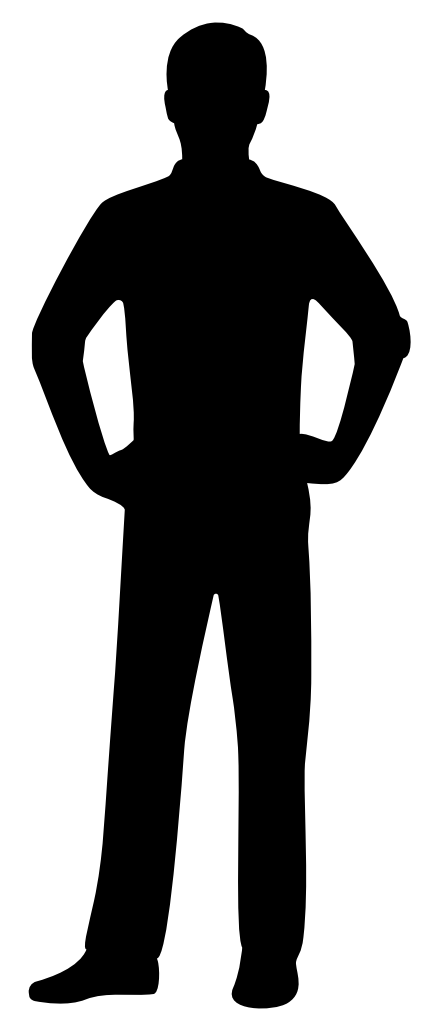
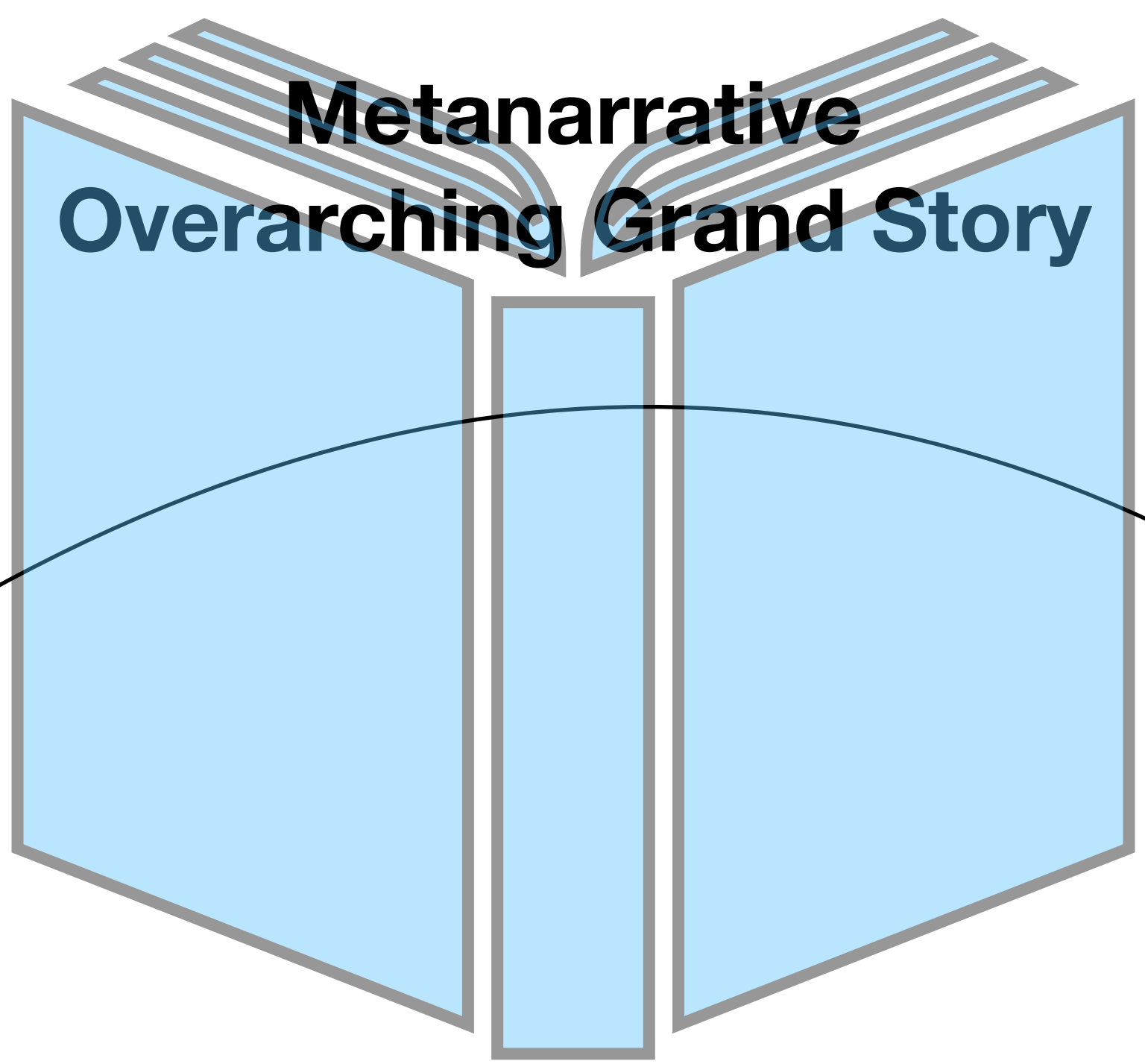
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Exiled

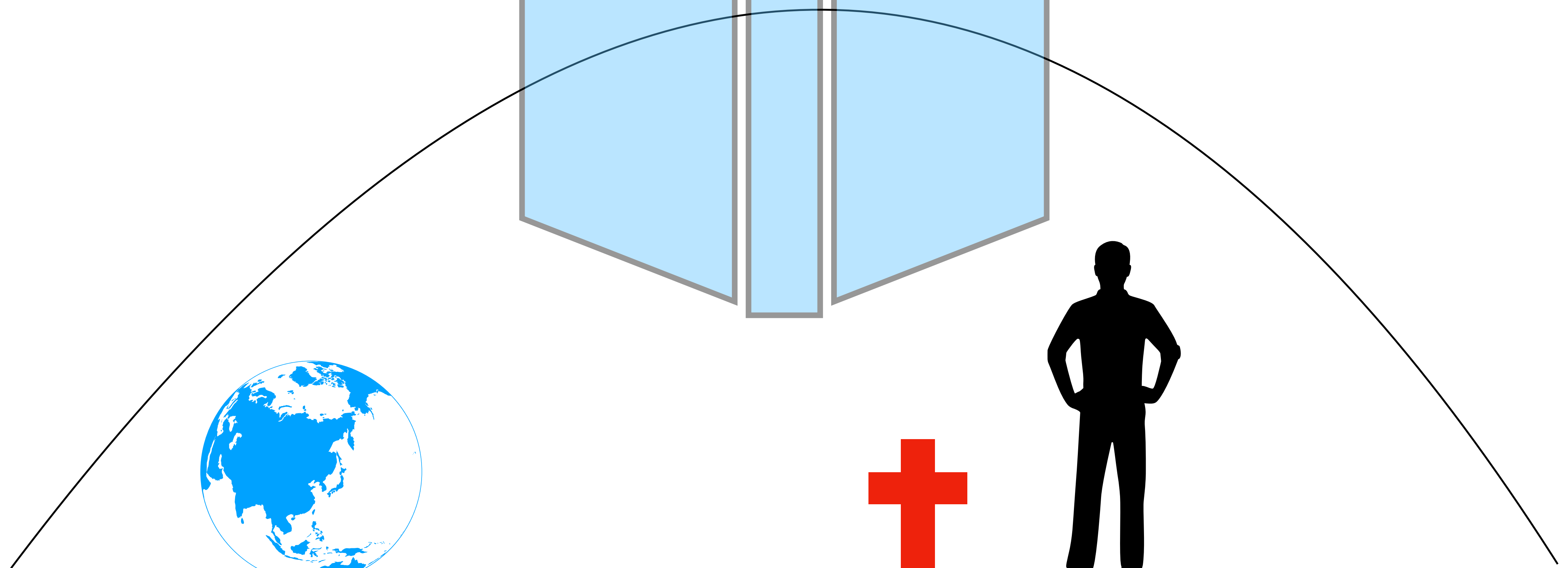
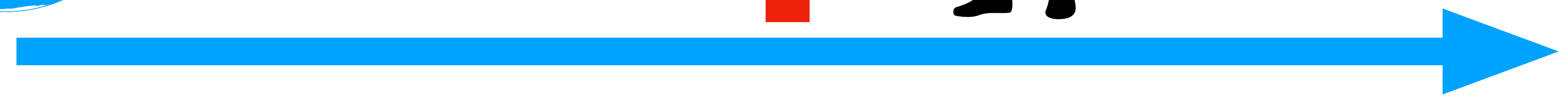
Defeated

“Shame is the deep sense that you are unacceptable because of something you did, something done to you, or something associated with you. You feel exposed and humiliated”

- Ed Welch



2 Timothy 1:9



What was God doing before Creation?

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1**



What was God doing before Creation?

“Father... you LOVED me even before the world began!”

John 17:24



**“In the beginning the Word already existed.
The Word was WITH God,
And the Word WAS God.
He existed in the beginning WITH God.”
John 1:1-2**

**“Father... you LOVED me even before the world began!”
John 17:24**



“... in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being”

Hebrews 1:2-3

“Father... you LOVED me even before the world began!”

John 17:24



“As the light from the lamp is of the nature of that which chefs the brightness, and is united with it (for as soon as the lamp appears the light that comes from it shines out simultaneously), so in this place the Apostle would have us consider both that the Son is of the Father, and that the Father is never without the Son; for it is impossible that glory should be without radiance, as it is impossible that the lamp should be without brightness.”

-Gregory of Nyssa

“This is my DEARLY LOVED Son, who brings me great joy.”

Matthew 3:17; 17:5

“The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.”

John 3:35

**“For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself
is doing...”**

John 5:20



“I do as the Father has commanded me so that the world may know that I LOVE THE FATHER.”

John 14:31

“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.’”

John 4:34



“From all eternity the Father and the Son have delighted to share their love and joy with and through the Spirit. It is not, then, that God BECOMES sharing; being triune, God IS a sharing God, a God who loves to include. Indeed, that is why God will go on to create. His love is not for keeping but for spreading.”

Michael Reeves

**“May the GRACE of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the LOVE of
GOD, and the FELLOWSHIP of the HOLY SPIRIT be with you all.”
2 Corinthians 13:14**



“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:9

“All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:27-28



The Triune God “has been loving for all eternity as the Father has loved the Son in the Spirit. Loving others is not a strange or novel thing for this God at all; it is at the root of who he is. Since God the Father has eternally loved his Son, it is entirely characteristic of him to turn and create others that he might also love them.”

- Michael Reeves