

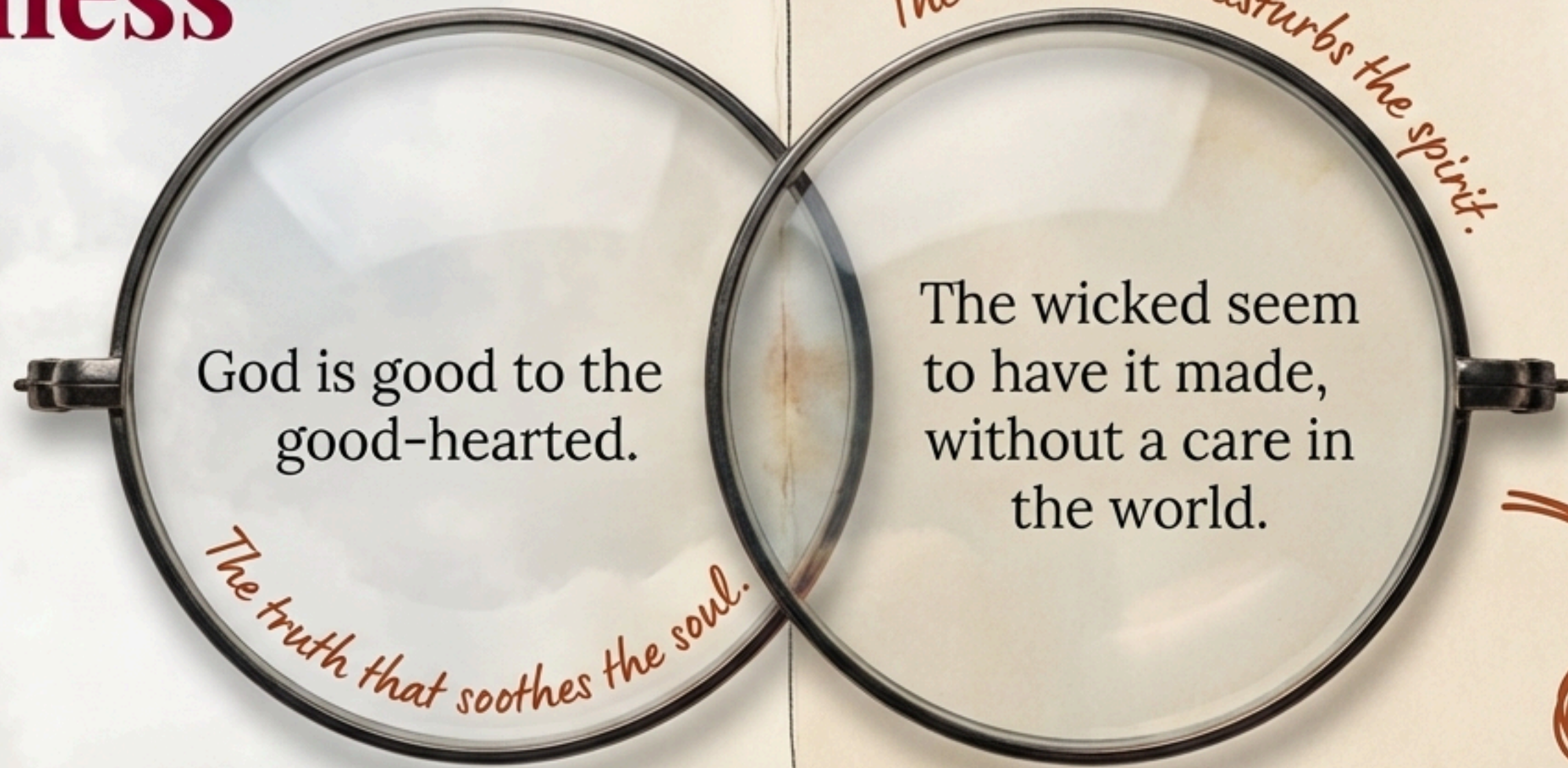
The Prerequisite for Overflow

10 Years of
Abundant Life:
The Vision for
Overflow.

**Wanting overflow
is great, but only if
we trust God as the
source of it all.**

*Many are hindered from the
idea of abundance by their
inability to trust.*

The Illusion of Unfairness



“I nearly missed it. I was looking the other way, looking up to the people at the top, envying the wicked.” — Psalm 73:3–5 (Asaph)

DISCONTENTMENT

*compare
yourself*

envy others

DO WE LOVE IT?

or

DO WE COVET IT?

always want more

wish it was yours



Looking Over the Neighbor's Fence

What God Gave You



Contentment and trust
in the moral order of
God's universe.

What Someone Else Has



Deuteronomy 5:21 — No coveting
your neighbor's wife... house,
field, servant... nothing that
belongs to your neighbor!

*Comparison & Entitlement
begin here.*

Defining the Heart's Direction

Love (Agape)

- **Focus:** "Seeks the well-being of the other."
- **Nature:** "Appreciative without the need for possession. Selfless and giving."
- **Source:** "God (1 John 4:7-8)."
- **Result:** "A heart at peace (Proverbs 14:30)."

VS

Covetousness (The 10th Commandment)

- **Focus:** "An inordinate, selfish desire to possess what rightfully belongs to someone else."
- **Nature:** "Excessive, disorderly, beyond reasonable bounds."
- **Source:** "Idolatry / The Self (Colossians 3:5)."
- **Result:** "Rots the bones (Proverbs 14:30)."

The Illusion of Arrival

The Job
I love this position.
Now I need a vacation.

“How much money does it take to be happy?
Just a little bit more.”
— Nelson Rockefeller

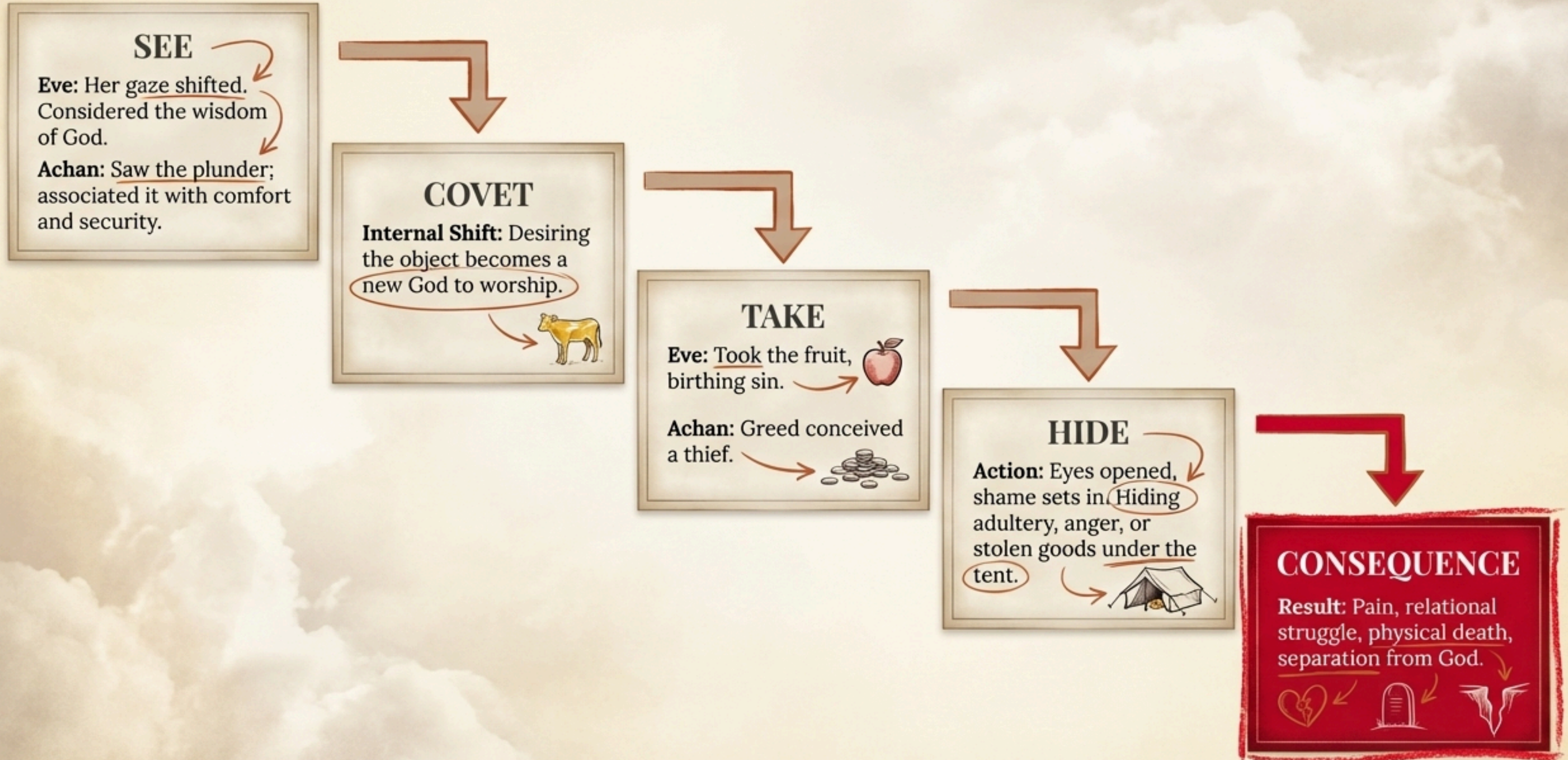
The Marriage
*Did I make a mistake?
Tina is enjoying single life.*
Now we need kids or a new house.

The Car

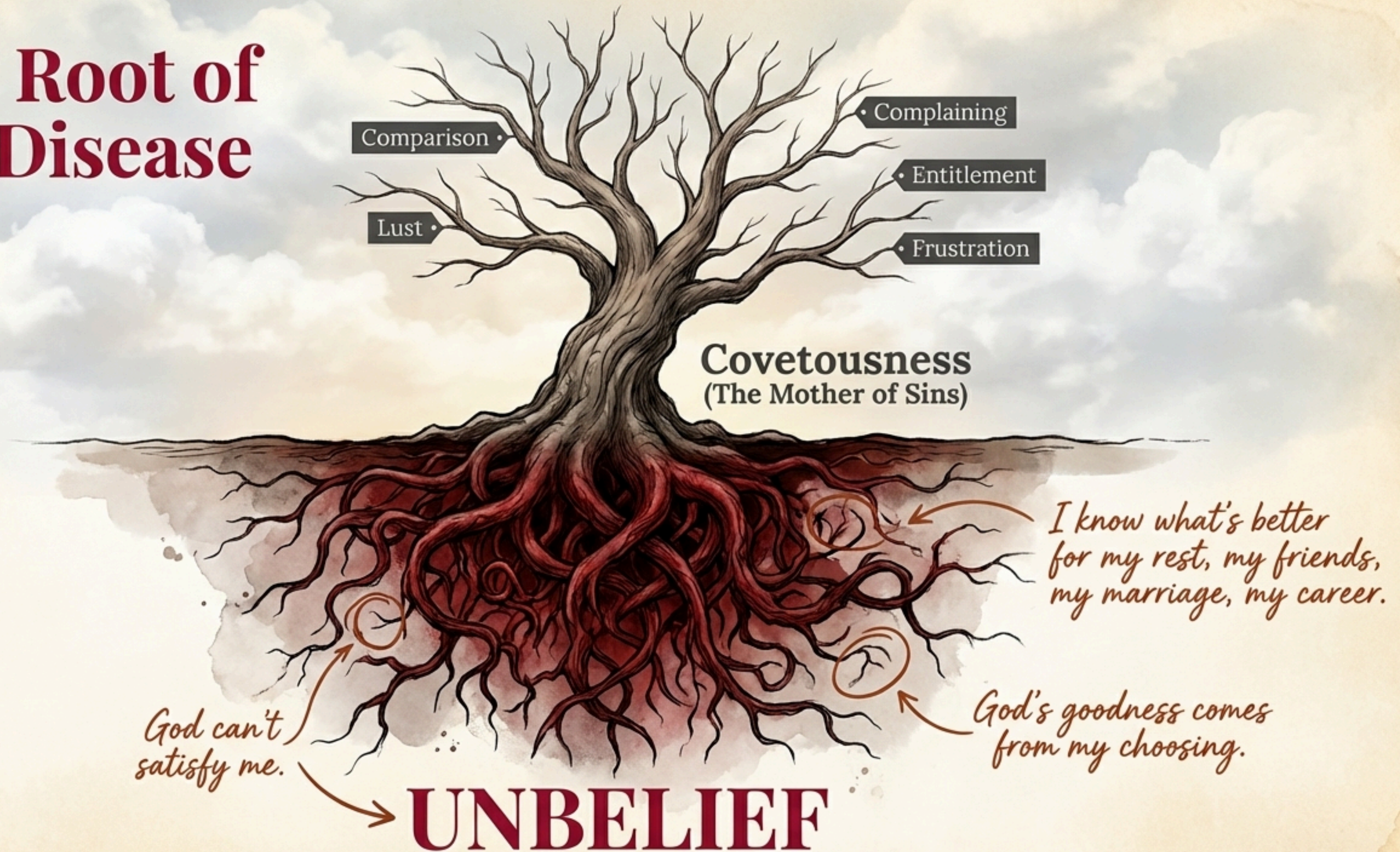
I finally got it.
Now I need the windows tinted.

**An inordinate desire is never solved by attainment.
The sin of coveting creates an insatiable appetite.**

The Anatomy of a Downward Spiral



The Root of the Disease



The Master Architect's Blueprint

“You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Diagnostic Matrix: The Archetypes of Envy

| Persona | The Coveted Prize | The Visible Sin | The Hidden Lie (Root Unbelief) |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Judas | Money & Possessions | Greed / Scarcity | "God isn't in control of provision." |
| Joseph's Bros | Family Favor | Jealousy / Insecurity | "God isn't fair in distribution." |
| Israelites | Seasons of Life | Complaining / Impatience | "God isn't wise in my circumstances." |
| David | Romantic Relationships | Lust / Short-term thinking | "God isn't right about boundaries." |
| Korah | Giftedness & Platform | Pride / Craving Validation | "God isn't in charge of me." |

Find your lie.

The Pattern Breaker

Did Christ face temptation?

YES.

Did He have to make hard choices?

YES.

Did He desire other things?

YES. (Garden of Gethsemane)

**But He chose obedience over
His feelings, wants, and desires.**

His battle was external, because what was internal was the Word.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God himself.” (John 1:1)

Putting on the New Power

New power must be birthed to abort the old pattern.

SEE



SEEK

- Treasures in heaven, not on earth – Matt 6:19

COVET



DESIRE RIGHTLY

- Trusting God's boundaries

TAKE



GIVE GENEROUSLY

- Giving freely instead of constantly seeking to take

HIDE



CONFESS FREELY

- Bringing struggles into the light

GRATITUDE: Cultivating a spirit of thankfulness for current blessings. (1 Thess 5:18).

The Final Alignment: Coveting vs. Worship

Coveting says... ↘

“God, what You gave me isn’t enough.”

Worship says... ↘

“God, You are more than enough.”

Coveting doesn’t always look loud. Sometimes it looks like scrolling, comparing, or complaining. You cannot receive what God has for you while your heart is fixed on what He gave someone else.

Lay the comparison down. Let God restore your contentment.