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EVEREST CONQUERED!

British Expedition Reaches Summit for Coronation Day Hillary and Tenzing on Top of the World

By The Special Correspondent to Edinburgh and London

The greatest mountain in the world has been conquered at last - and completed by a British expedition on the eve of Coronation Day.

Hillary and Tenzing have confirmed that two members of the party, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, reached the 29,000-foot summit of the world's highest mountain at 11.30 am on May 29. The climb was made at 11.30 am.

Hillary, wearing his famous green jacket, and Tenzing, in his yellow jacket, were seen by the expedition as they stood on the summit. Hillary said: "I was very happy to see the world's highest mountain at last. It was a great day for me and for the world."

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Flag
 The first ever flag of Great Britain was hoisted on the summit of Everest. The flag was made by the British Mount Everest Expedition and was hoisted on the summit of Everest on May 29.



George Trevelyan on the Summit of the World.

The Highest Challenge

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Edmund Hillary

OTHER NEWS

Coronation Jubilee - First anniversary since being made an official part of the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II in London. King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II will be celebrating the anniversary of their coronation on June 2nd.



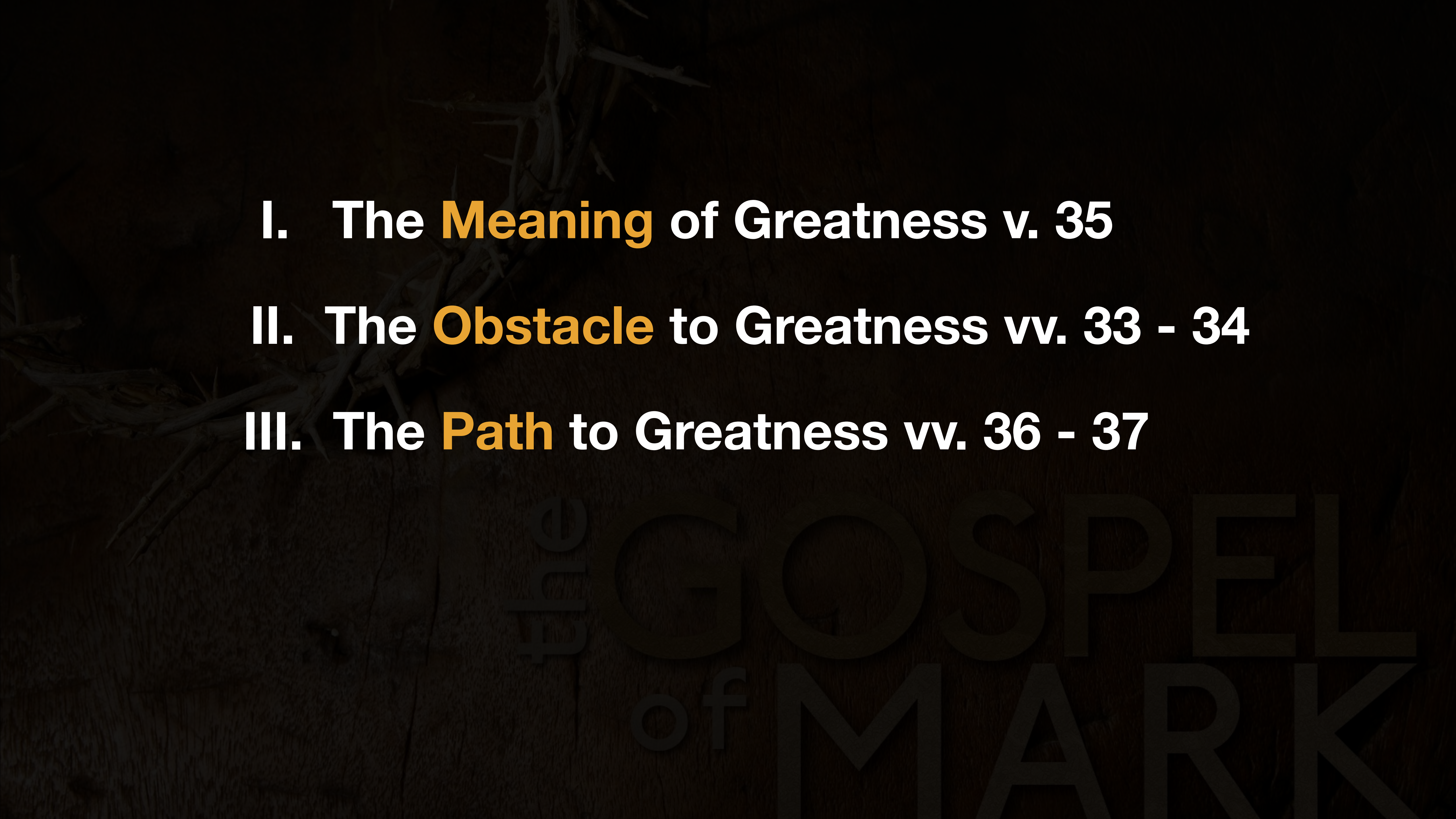


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 - II. The **Obstacle** to Greatness vv. 33 - 34
 - III. The **Path** to Greatness vv. 36 - 37

1. Transfiguration 9:1-13

First the suffering, then the glory.

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2. Healing of a boy 9:14-29

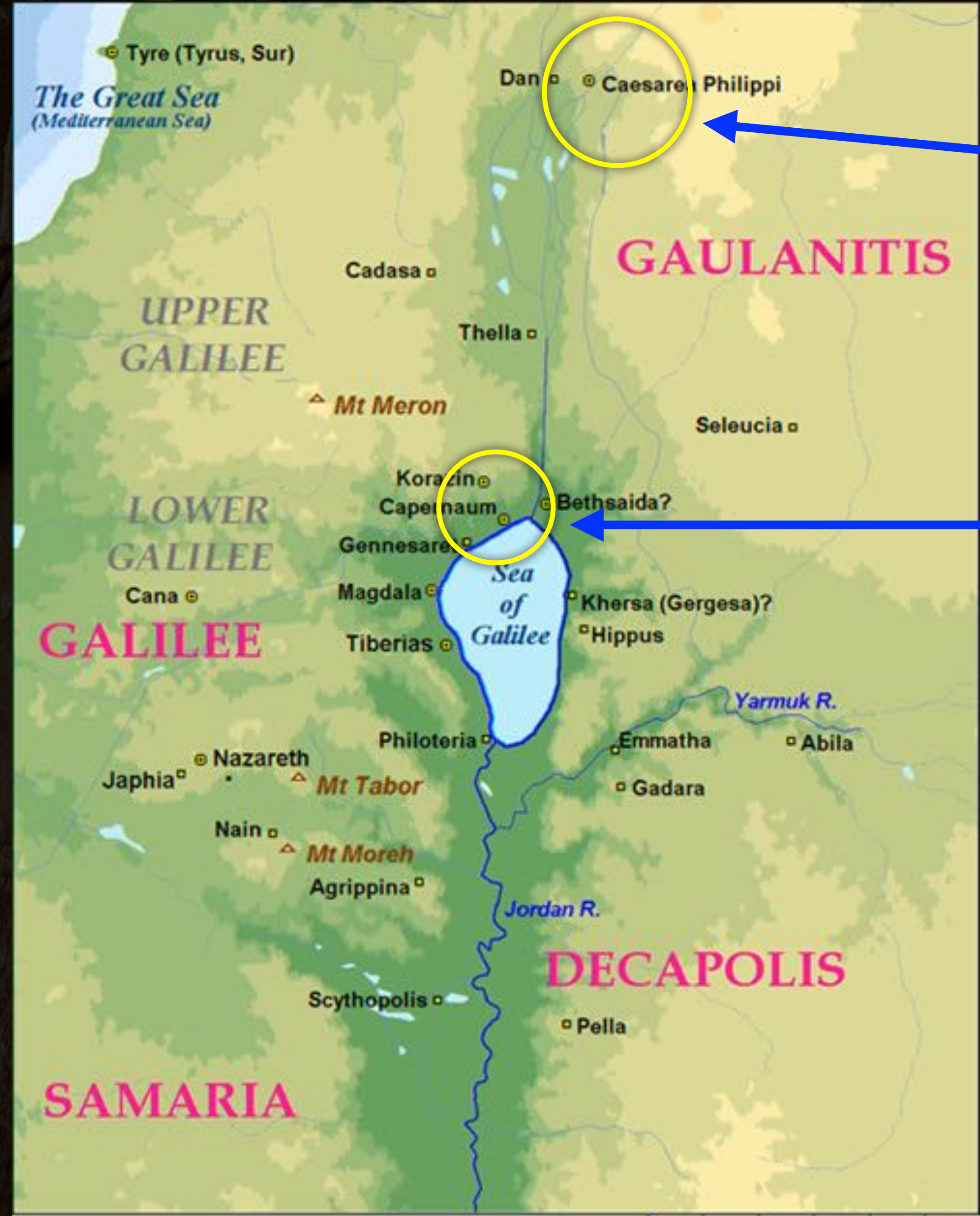
“Faith, no matter how fragile, is the link that connects our weakness to God’s strength.”

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3. Prediction of Jesus' death 9:30-32

“The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him and after three days he will rise.”

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Galilean Ministry of Jesus

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Success:
**The Seven Strategies for Wealth
and Happiness**

You can get anything you want!

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Success: The Seven Strategies for Wealth and Happiness

“There’s Nothing Like a View from the Top!”

“When talking about personal success, I like to ask four questions. Why? Why not? Why not you? Why not now? Why not acquire the means to travel first class through life, to see the Mona Lisa first hand, to swim the crystal waters of the Bahamas, to sample the food in Paris or Africa? Why not do it all?”

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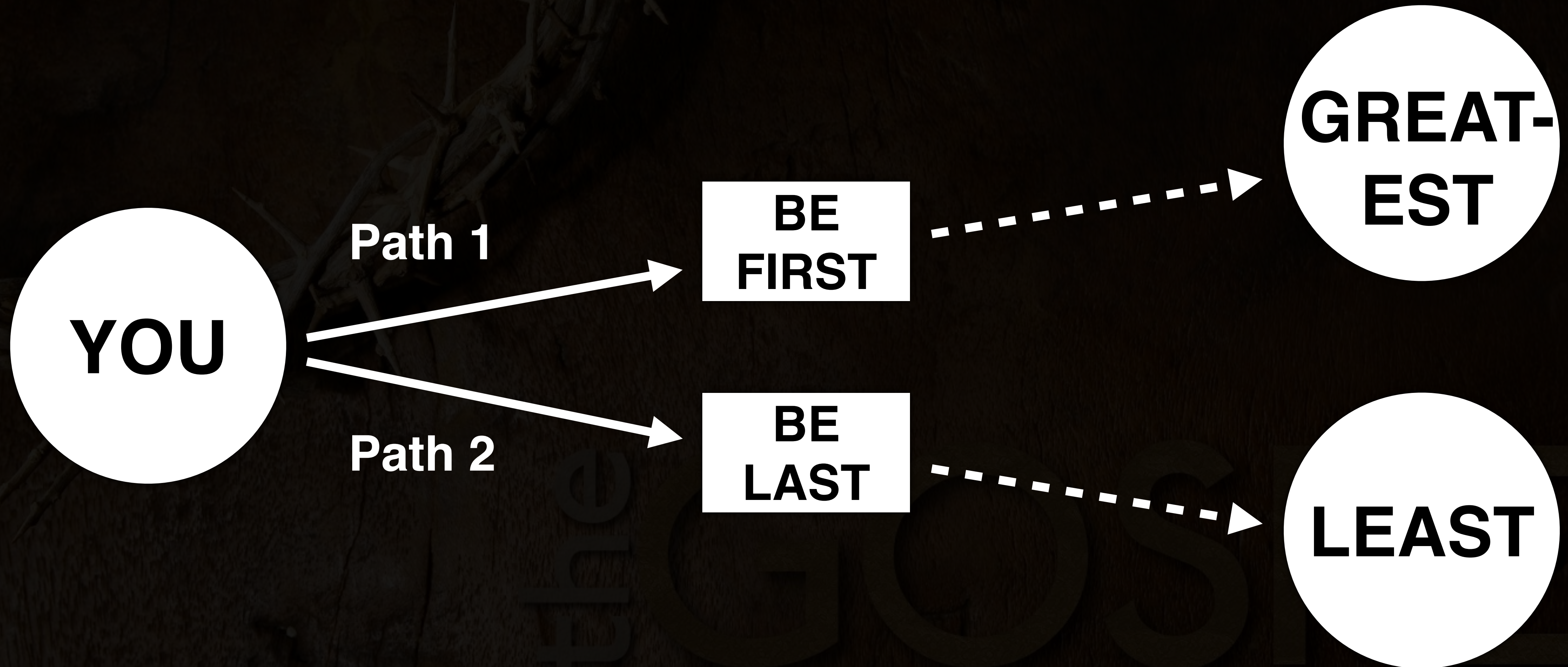
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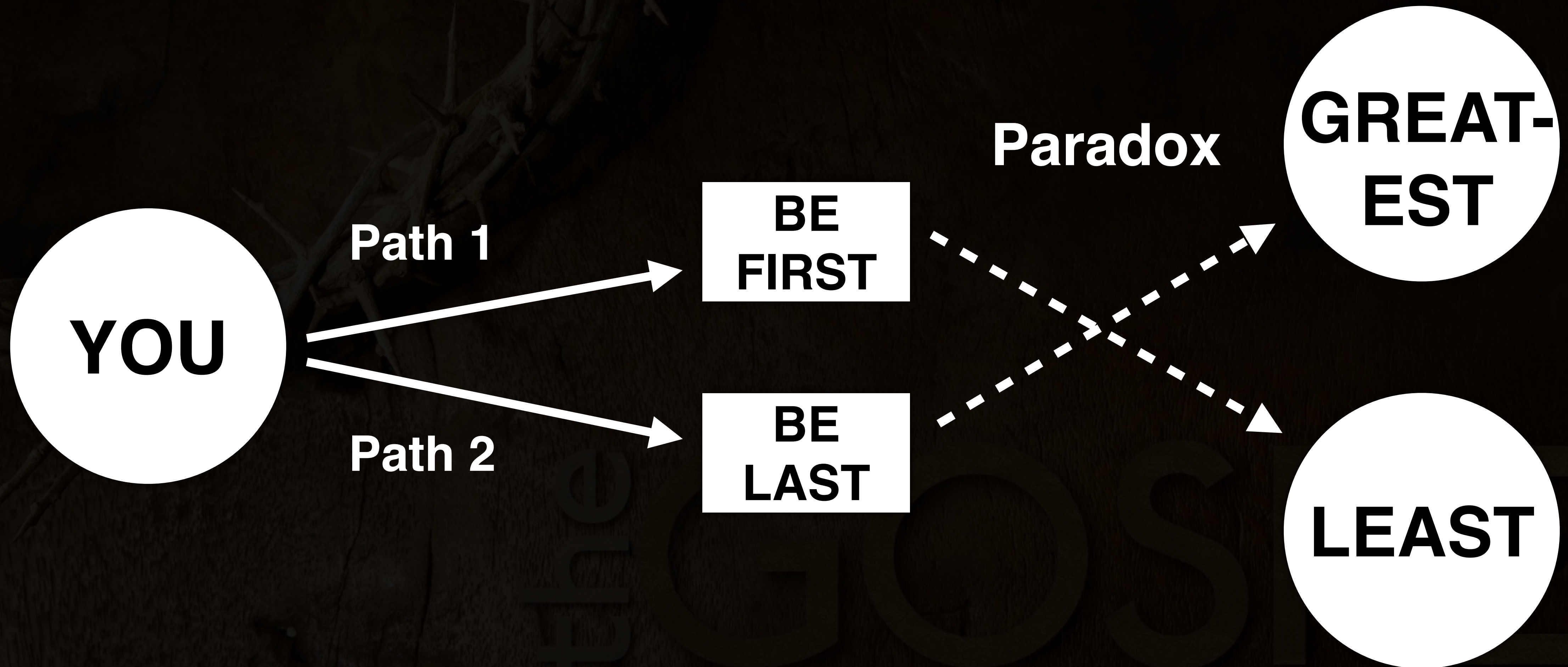
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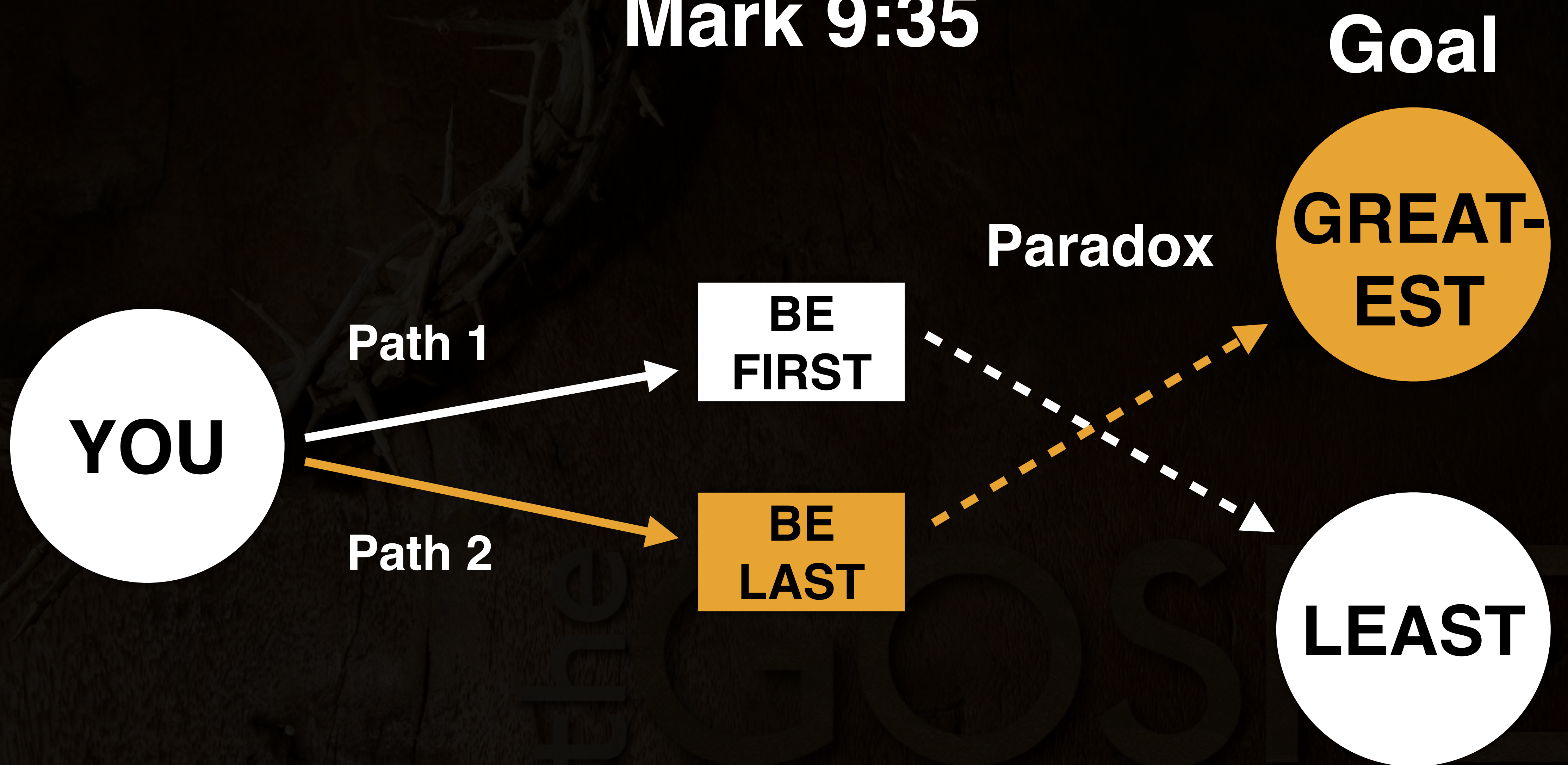
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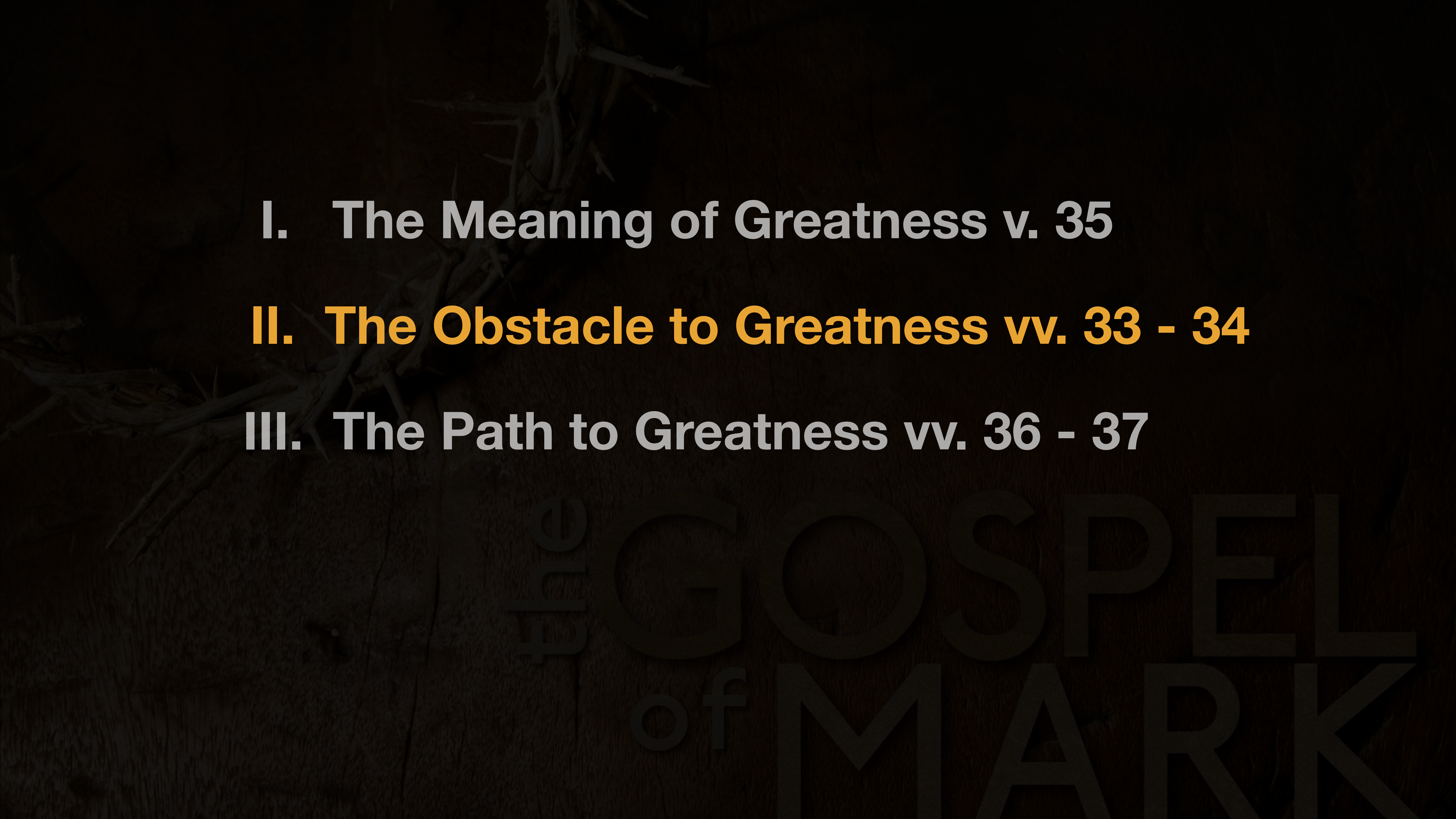
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Servant Survey: Assessing Your Progress

On a scale from 1 - 10

- How hard do you find it to serve people that will never be able to help you?
- Serving anonymously all the time, without recognition, is difficult for you.
- How hard do you struggle when people at work or at school get to do special things ahead of you?
- I find it difficult to follow others when I actually know more than they do.
- I find it more enjoyable to receive from others than to give to others.

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PRIDE!

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“We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others. If every one else became equally rich, or clever, or good-looking there would be nothing to be proud about. It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest...Pride is essentially competitive in a way the other vices are not.”

C.S. Lewis



The Obstacle to Greatness - Pride

1. Pride makes you restless

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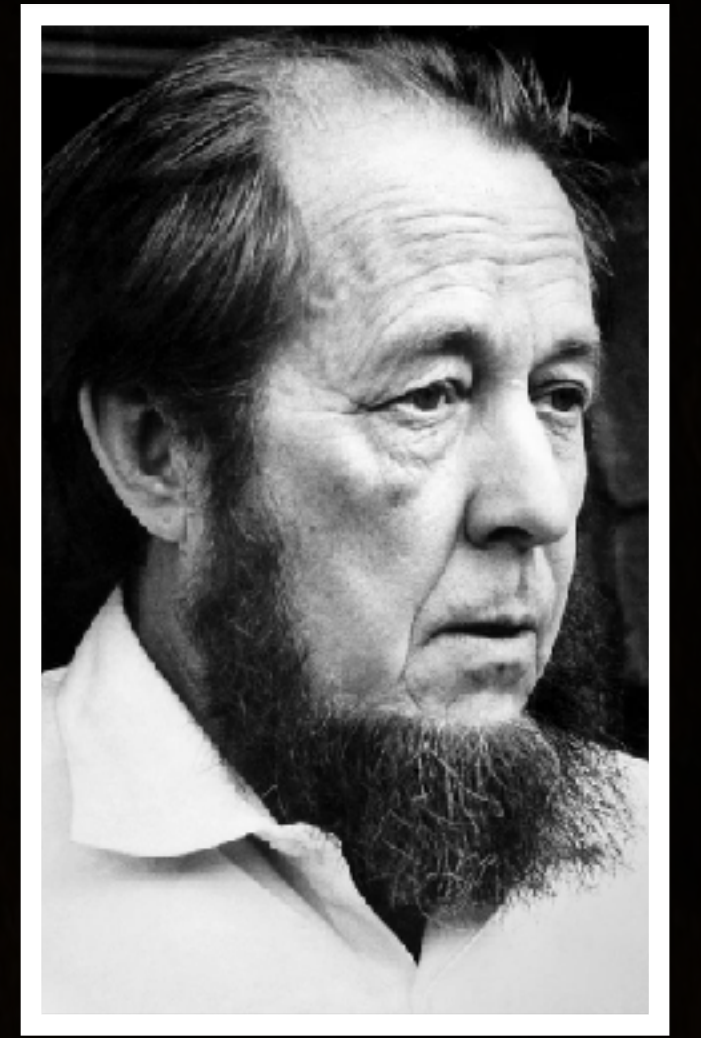
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“Indeed this is a question hard to settle when vanity and presumption contend on one side, and jealousy and envy on the other.”

A.B. Bruce

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“It is enough if you don’t freeze in the cold and if thirst and hunger don’t claw at your insides. If your back isn’t broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms can bend, if both eyes can see, if both ears hear, then who should you envy? And why? Our envy of others devours us most of all.”

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

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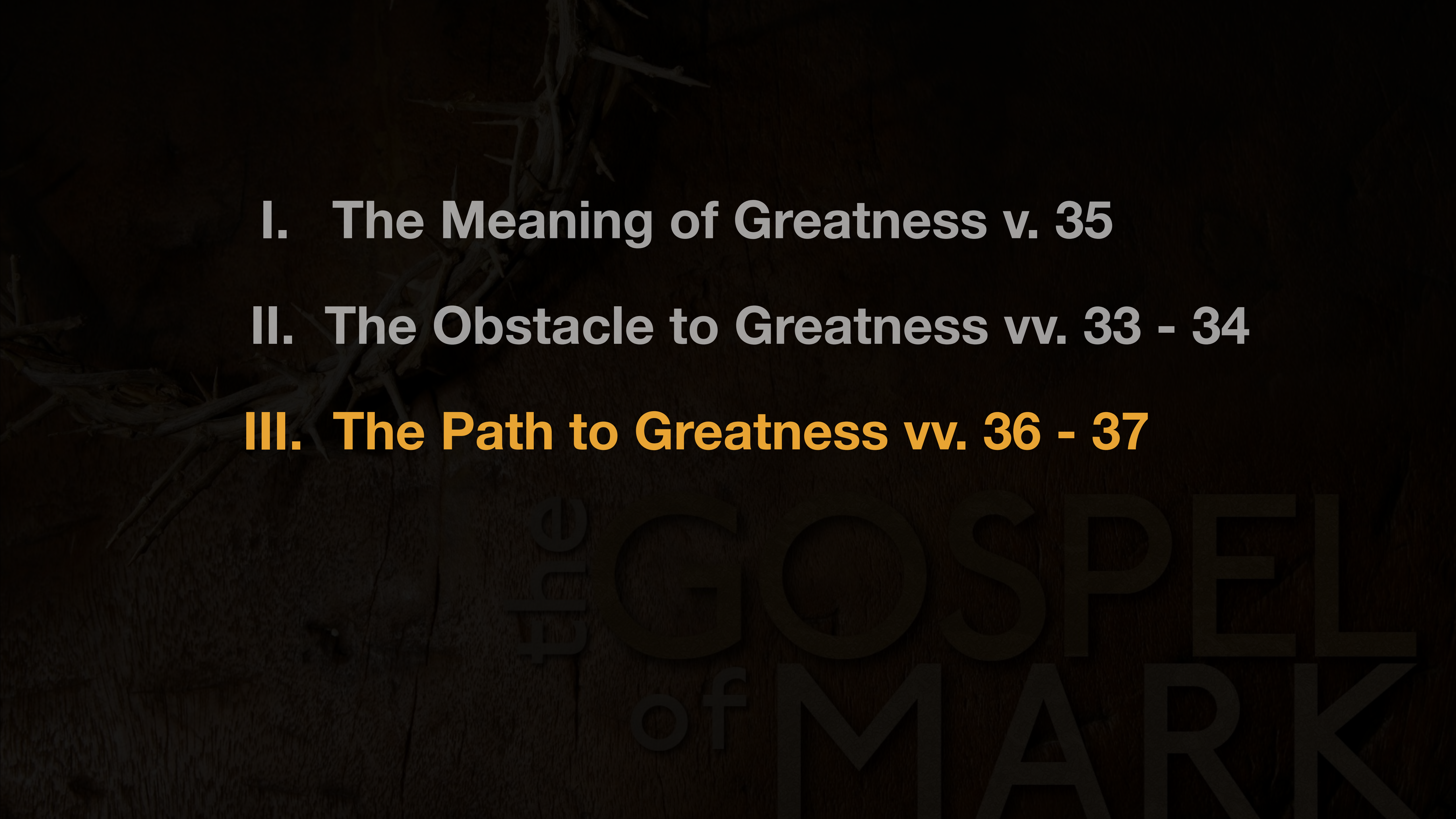
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“We can only be used by God after we allow Him to show us the deep, hidden areas of our own character. It is astounding how ignorant we are about ourselves! We don’t even recognize the envy, laziness, or pride within us when we see it. But Jesus will reveal to us everything we have held within ourselves before His grace began to work. How many of us have learned to look inwardly with courage?”

Oswald Chambers

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“You can learn everything you need to know about the character of someone by watching them treat people that can’t do anything for them.”

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“What children are unconsciously, that Jesus requires His disciples be voluntarily and deliberately.”

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“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” John 13:15

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“There is one whom I esteem, he who is humble and contrite in spirit.” - Isaiah 66:2

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“Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and he will lift you up.” - James 4:10

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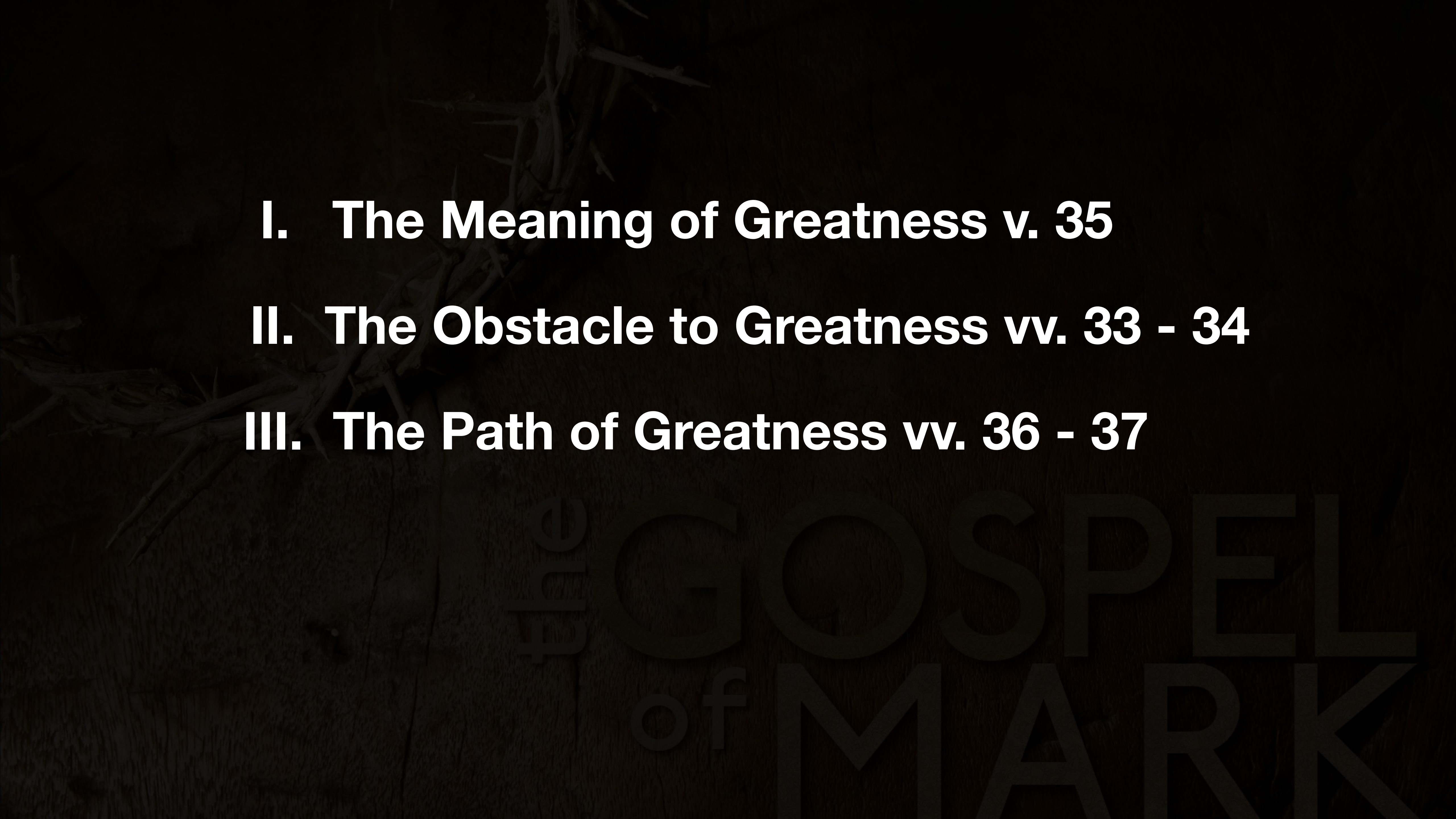
“Pride cannot easily survive in soil where honest humility plows through regularly.”

William Gurnall

“And he being found in the appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even to death on the cross.”

Phil. 2:8

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