

# 1 OBJECT

COMMON OBJECTIONS  
TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH





OBJECTION #8

“People are  
basically good.”

# The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24)

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and

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there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing

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to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned

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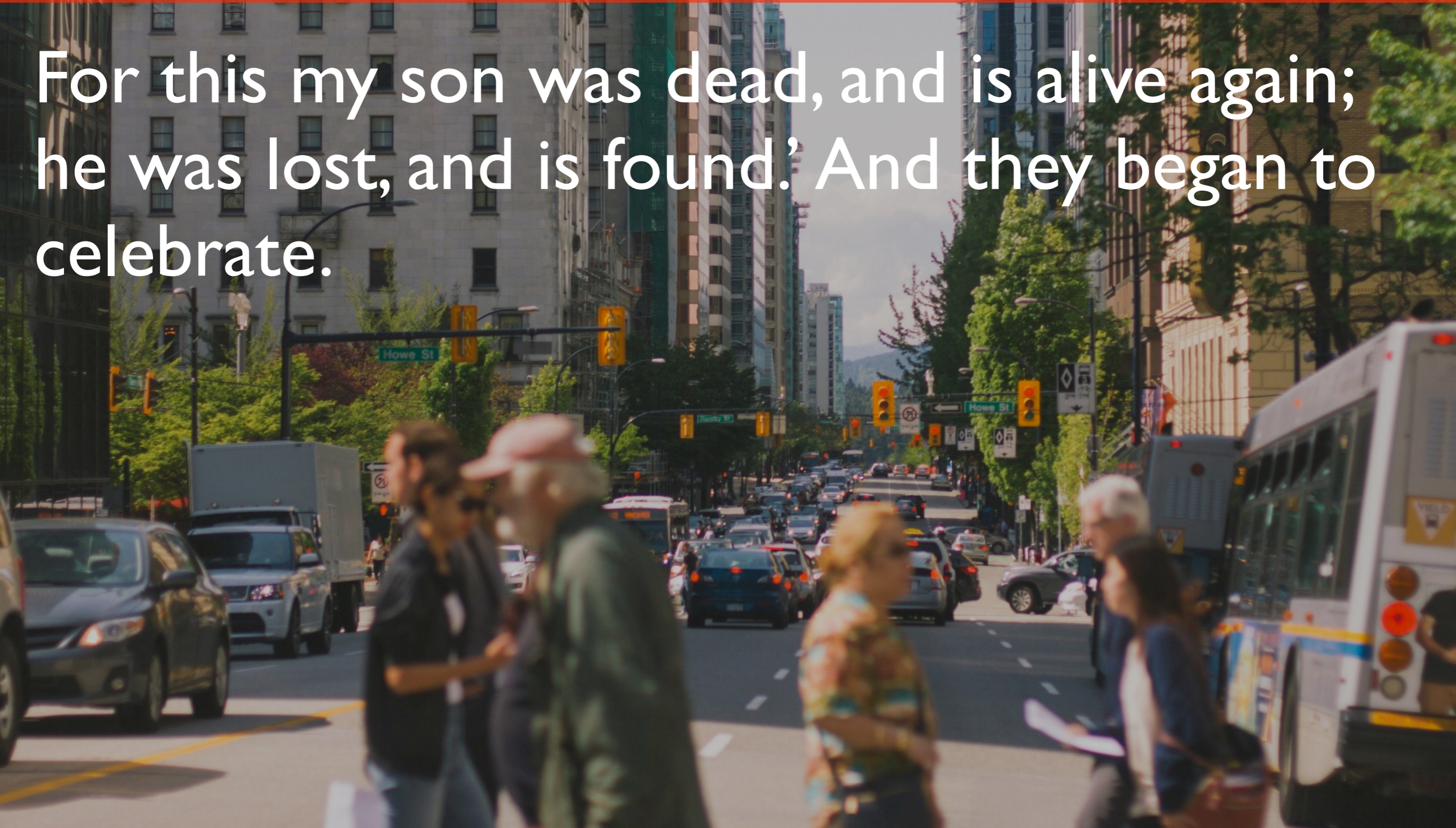
against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to

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him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.'

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For this my son was dead, and is alive again;  
he was lost, and is found.' And they began to  
celebrate.







# Scales

Good vs. Evil

Self-Focused vs. Others-Focused



# Adam and Eve

They were innocent.  
They were in right relationship with  
everyone.



# Four Relationships Lost

1. Man and Himself
2. Man and Others
3. Man and Nature
4. Man and God

# We are the Younger Son

We are sinners.

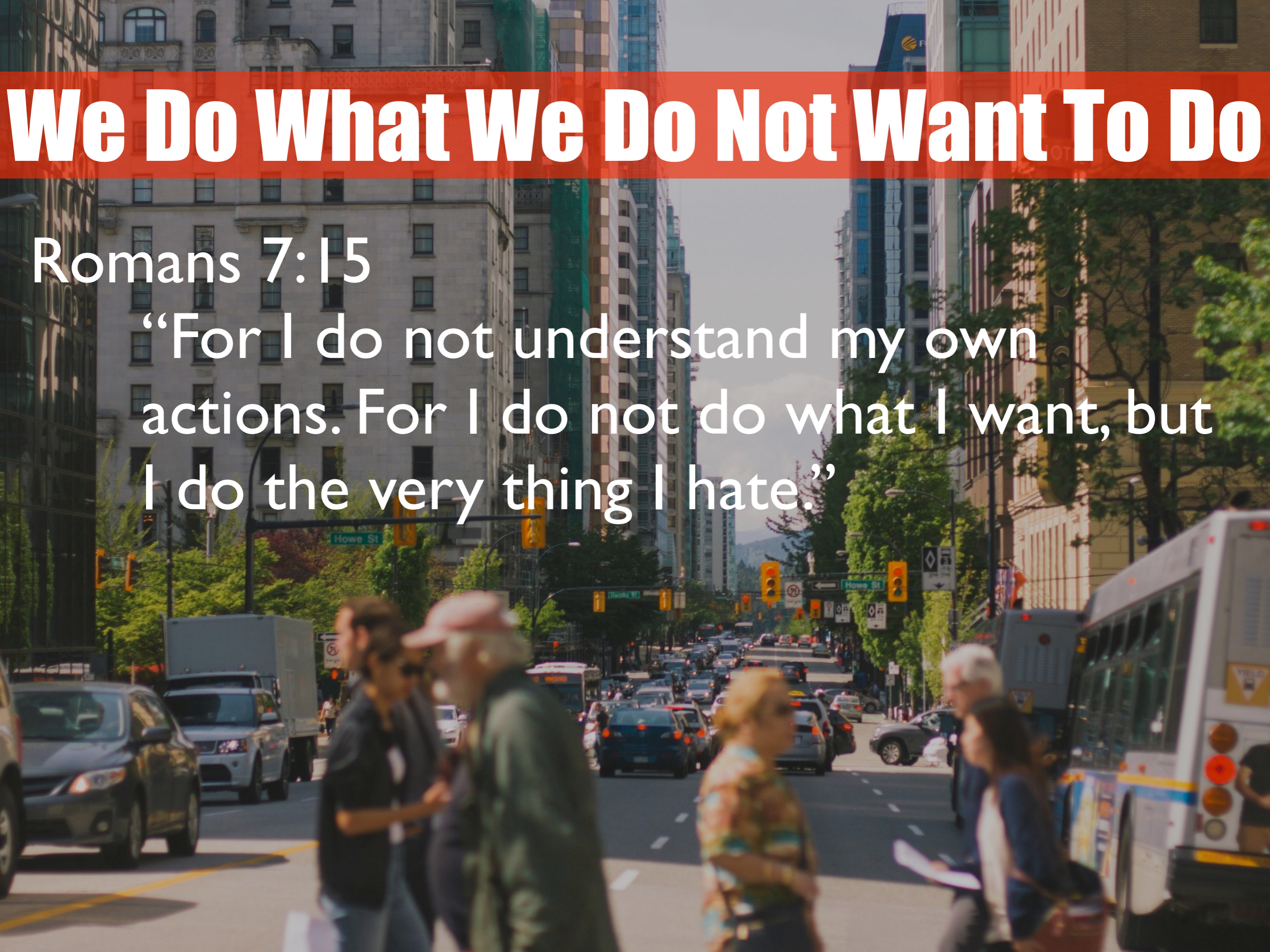
We are lawbreakers.



# We Do What We Do Not Want To Do

Romans 7:15

“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”



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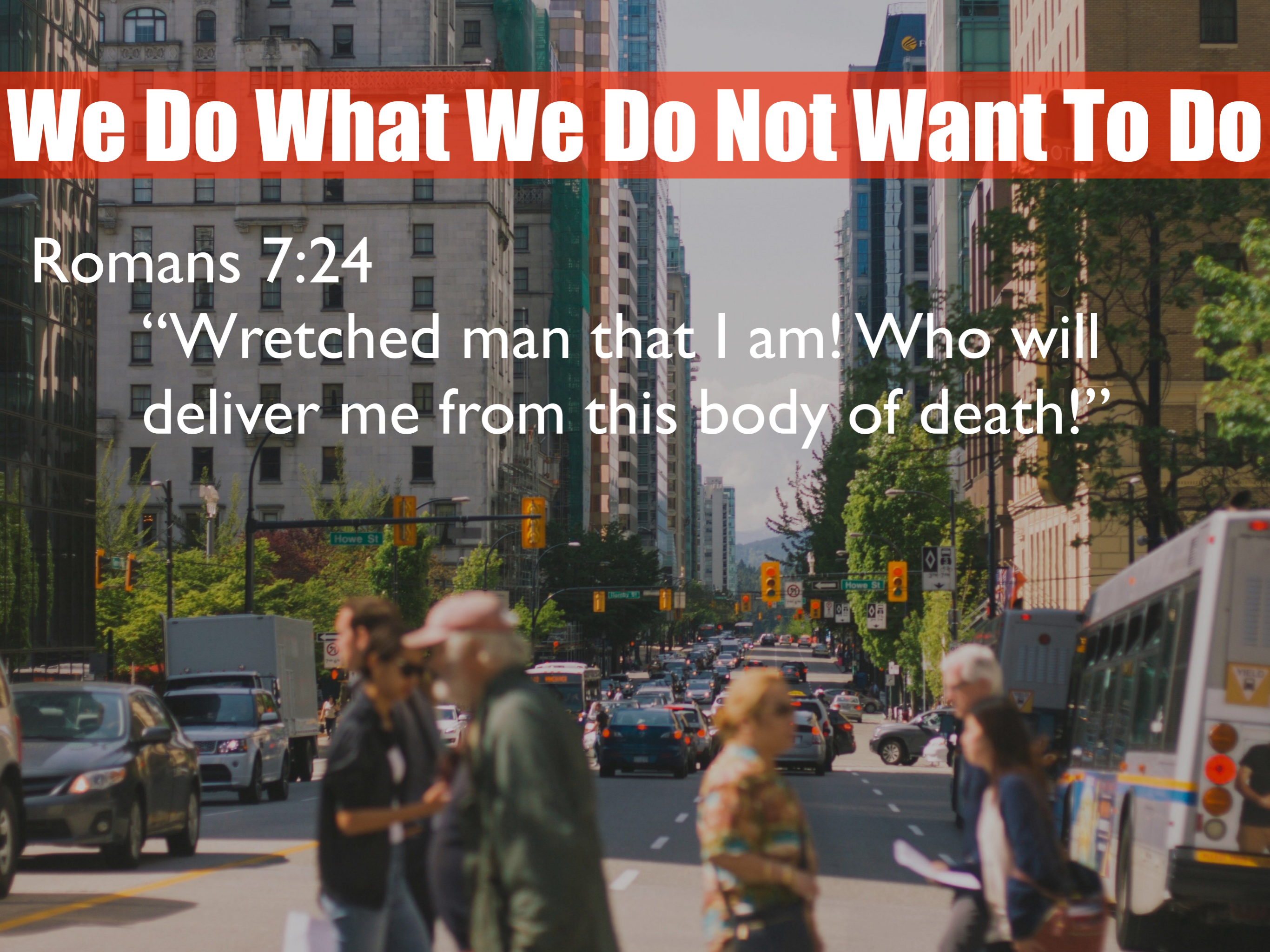
Romans 7:18

“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.”

# We Do What We Do Not Want To Do

Romans 7:24

“Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death!”





# God Calls You Home

Jesus has made a way:

- Jesus died for us on the cross and took the punishment for our disobedience.
- Jesus teaches us how to live in obedience.

We are beggars showing other beggars where to get food.

# Questions as We Live the Gospel

1. How do I judge my level of goodness?
2. Do I see brokenness in my relationship with myself, with others, with my world, with God?
3. What does it mean that I am a child of God?
4. If I am broken, am I walking with Jesus who makes me whole?