



THIS IS WHO  
**HE IS**



Abandonment  
Rejection  
Humiliation  
Betrayal  
Injustice





# GRUDGE

DYNAMICS

"May no *Root of Bitterness* spring up and cause trouble."

HEBREWS 12:15



*Murder* **SHE WROTE**

MARK 6:14-29

# KING OF THE HILL



MACHAERUS

King Herod heard of it,  
for Jesus' name had become known.



Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him."





But others said, "He is Elijah."  
And others said, "He is a prophet,  
like one of the prophets of old."



But when Herod heard of it, he said,  
"John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."



A man with a beard and braided hair, wearing a striped robe, stands in a desert landscape. He is pouring water from a stone vessel into a small container. The background features rolling hills and a large, prominent rock formation under a clear sky.

# KING HEROD



*King* HEROD HEARD OF IT

For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her.



For John had been saying to Herod,  
"It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."



And Herodias had a grudge against him and  
wanted to put him to death,



But she could not, for Herod feared John,  
knowing that he was a righteous and holy man,  
and he kept him safe.



When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed,  
and yet heard him gladly.







# HERODIAS



*Herodias* had a grudge

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee.



For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced,  
she pleased Herod and his guests.



And the king said to the girl,  
"Ask for me whatever you wish,  
and I will give it to you."



And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me,  
I will give to you, up to half of my kingdom."



And she went out and said to her mother,  
"For what should I ask?"



And she said,  
"The head of John the Baptist."



And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."







# SALOME



*What* should I ask?

And the king was exceedingly sorry,  
but because of his oaths and his guests he did  
not want to break his word to her.



And immediately the king sent an executioner  
with orders to bring John's head.



He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.



When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.





# Murder **SHE WROTE**

"And Herodias had a *Grudge* against him and wanted to put him to death."

MARK 6:19



# GRUDGE

DYNAMICS

An aerial photograph of a massive crowd of people gathered in a city street for a festival. The crowd is dense and colorful, with many people wearing red and blue clothing. In the center of the image, the word "GRUDGE" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. Below it, the word "DYNAMICS" is written in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters on a black rectangular background. The surrounding area includes buildings, trees, and a street with some vehicles. The overall scene is vibrant and energetic.

# GRUDGE

DYNAMICS



A professional studio microphone is the central focus, mounted on a silver shock mount. The background is a dark, blurred recording studio with other microphones and equipment visible. The word 'GRUDGE' is written in a large, white, stylized font across the center of the image.

# GRUDGE

DYNAMICS

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HOLDING A **GRUDGE** DOESN'T MAKE YOU STRONG  
IT MAKES YOU BITTER.



DAVID WILLIS

RELEASING A **GRUDGE** DOESN'T MAKE YOU WEAK  
IT MAKES YOU FREE!



DAVID WILLIS



# GRUDGES

POISON ROOTS

"May no *Root of Bitterness* spring up and cause trouble."

HEBREWS 12:15



# GRUDGES

**HINDER PRAYERS**

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

MARK 11:25



# GRUDGES

**DELAY MERCY**

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

MATTHEW 6:14-15



# GRUDGES

**HARDEN HEARTS**

"See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God;  
that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes  
trouble, and by it many become defiled."

HEBREWS 12:15





# GRUDGES

OFFEND GOD

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13

Injustice

Humiliation

Rejection

Betrayal



HOLDING A **GRUDGE** IS LIKE DRINKING RAT POISON  
AND WAITING FOR THE RAT TO DIE.

Abandonment

GRUDGE

DYNAMICS

# WOUNDS



**FORGIVENESS**

Humiliation

Rejection

Betrayal

Abandonment



FORGIVEN

Adapted from 'Total Forgiveness'

Forgiveness **IS NOT**

**Approving *nor* Dismissive**

"Go and sin no more." John 8:11

**Justifying *nor* Pardoning**

"A man reaps what he sows." Galatians 6:7

**Forgetfulness *nor* Trust**

"Like a fool that returns to his vomit." Proverbs 26:11

**Suppressive *nor* Counterfeit**

"Hypocrites... they honor with their lips." Mark 7:6

Forgiveness **IS**

**A Choice *to* Recover**

"Love keeps no record of wrongs." 1 Cor. 13:5

**A Choice *to* Release**

"When reviled... he did not revile." 1 Peter 2:23

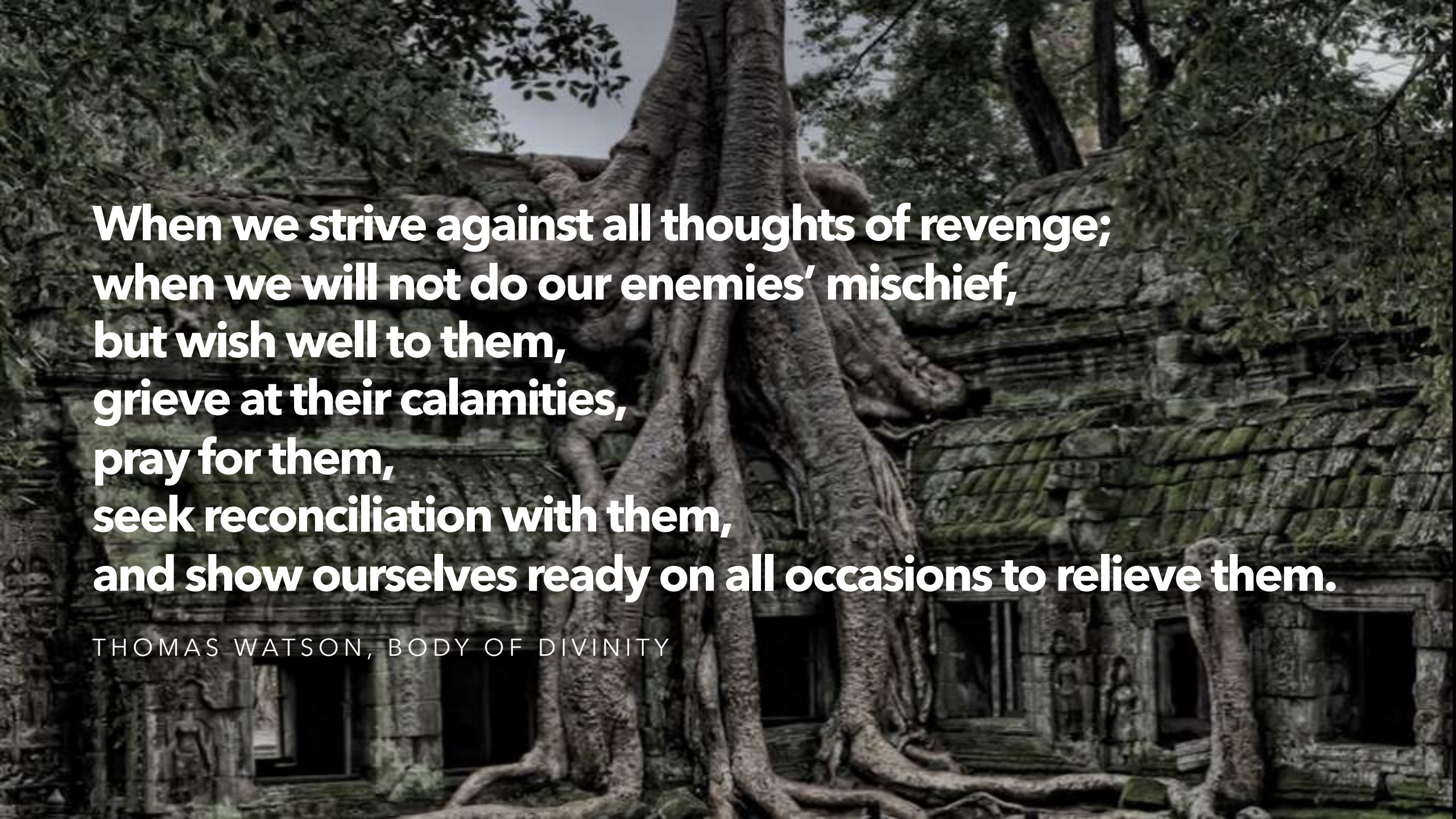
**A Choice *to* Repair**

"As far as the east is from the west." Psalm 103:12

**A Choice *to* Renew**

"Let no root of bitterness." Hebrews 12:15

"Forgiveness will not change the past, but it will enlarge the future."

A photograph of an ancient stone temple, possibly Mayan or Aztec, partially covered in moss and vines. A massive tree with thick, gnarled roots grows over the temple, its trunk and roots dominating the center of the frame. The background is a dense forest of green trees.

**When we strive against all thoughts of revenge;  
when we will not do our enemies' mischief,  
but wish well to them,  
grieve at their calamities,  
pray for them,  
seek reconciliation with them,  
and show ourselves ready on all occasions to relieve them.**

THOMAS WATSON, BODY OF DIVINITY

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