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OVERCOMING

OBSTACLES

TO GRACE

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

A group of people are seen from behind, climbing a large, complex rope net structure against a clear blue sky. The net is made of thick, light-colored ropes. The people are wearing athletic gear, and their shadows are cast onto the net. The overall scene suggests a challenge or a journey.

**AN OBSTACLE IS ANYTHING
THAT PREVENTS US FROM
ENJOYING AND LIVING A LIFE
IN GOD'S GRACE.**

**THERE IS ONLY ONE
OBSTACLE TO GRACE:
SIN**

WHAT IS SIN?

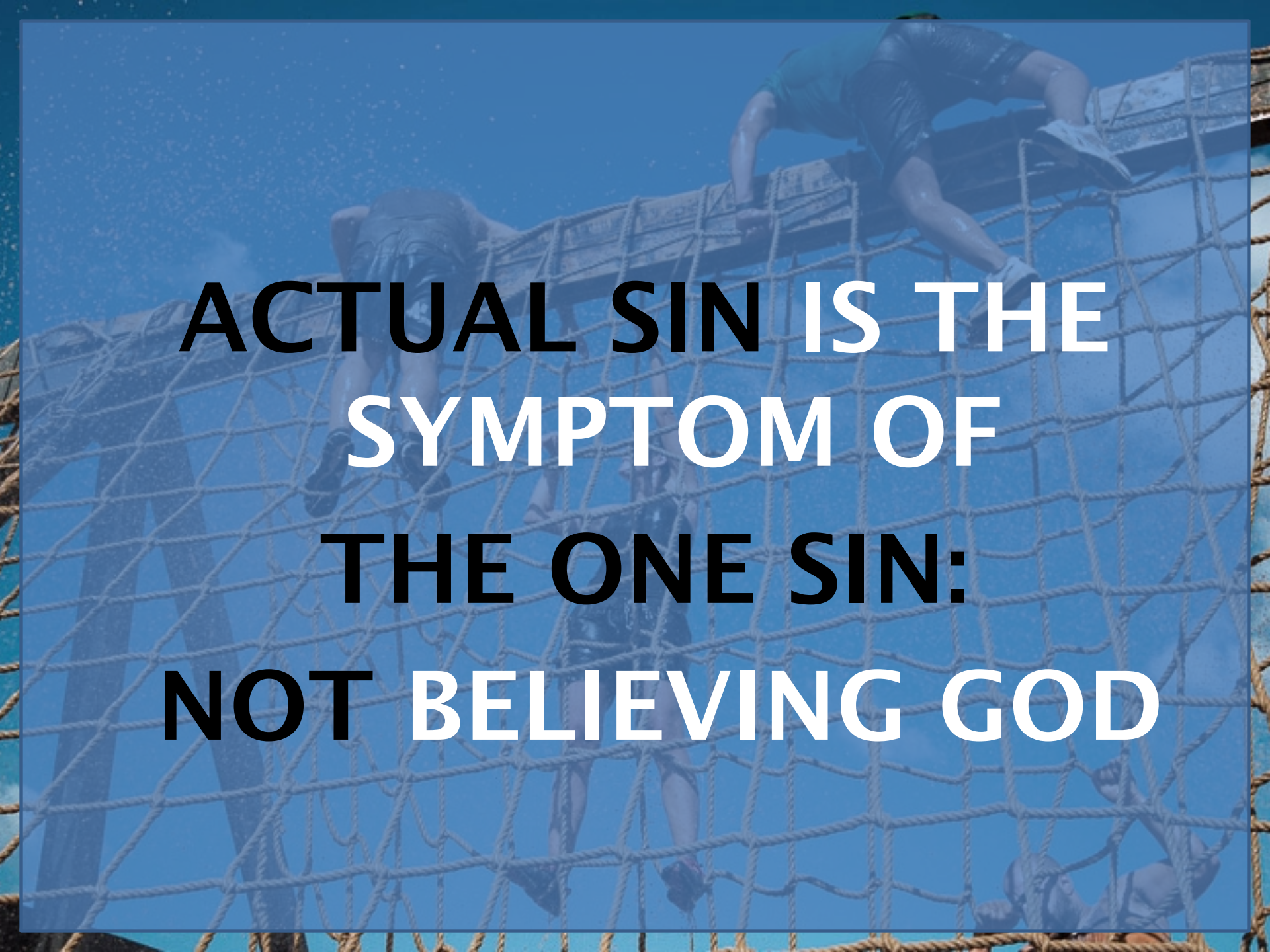
The background of the slide is a photograph of several people climbing a large, complex rope net structure on the deck of a ship. The scene is set against a clear blue sky. The net is made of thick, light-colored ropes, and the people are seen from behind or in profile as they navigate the structure. The overall tone is bright and active.

SIN IS SELF-CENTEREDNESS RATHER THAN GOD-CENTEREDNESS.

SIN IS SEPARATION FROM GOD AND/OR OTHERS.

SIN IS MISSING THE MARK.

SIN IS WHAT KEEPS US FROM BEING WHO GOD CREATED US TO BE.

A group of people are seen from behind, climbing a large, complex rope net structure on the mast of a ship. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The net is made of thick, light-colored ropes. The people are wearing athletic gear like shorts and t-shirts. The overall scene conveys a sense of challenge and teamwork.

**ACTUAL SIN IS THE
SYMPTOM OF
THE ONE SIN:
NOT BELIEVING GOD**

SOURCES OF SIN

The background of the slide features a blue-tinted photograph of several people climbing a large, complex rope net structure. The net is made of thick, light-colored ropes and is suspended against a clear blue sky. The people are seen from various angles, some reaching up, others pulling themselves up, creating a sense of physical challenge and teamwork.

1. **THE DEVIL:** The Devil is the source of evil at work against God and God's purposes in life.
2. **THE WORLD:** Our world is broken and sin is part of it.
3. **OURSELVES:** We may be our own obstacles to grace.

HOW TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO GRACE

1. **HONESTY:** Be honest with yourself.
2. **CONFESSION:** Confess your sin to God or others.
3. **PRAYER:** Pray, believing the impossible and leaving the results to God.
4. **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Seek the guidance of a pastor or Christian friend.
5. **FORGIVENESS:** Let God do the judging. Forgive as you have been forgiven.

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THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

WE CAN OVERCOME

**ALL OF OUR OBSTACLES
TO GRACE.**

A group of people are climbing a large, complex rope net structure against a clear blue sky. The net is made of thick, light-colored ropes. The people are wearing athletic gear, and their bodies are silhouetted against the sky as they ascend. The overall scene conveys a sense of challenge and overcoming obstacles.

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

**THE WILL OF GOD WILL
NEVER TAKE YOU WHERE
THE GRACE OF GOD WILL
NOT SUTAIN YOU.**