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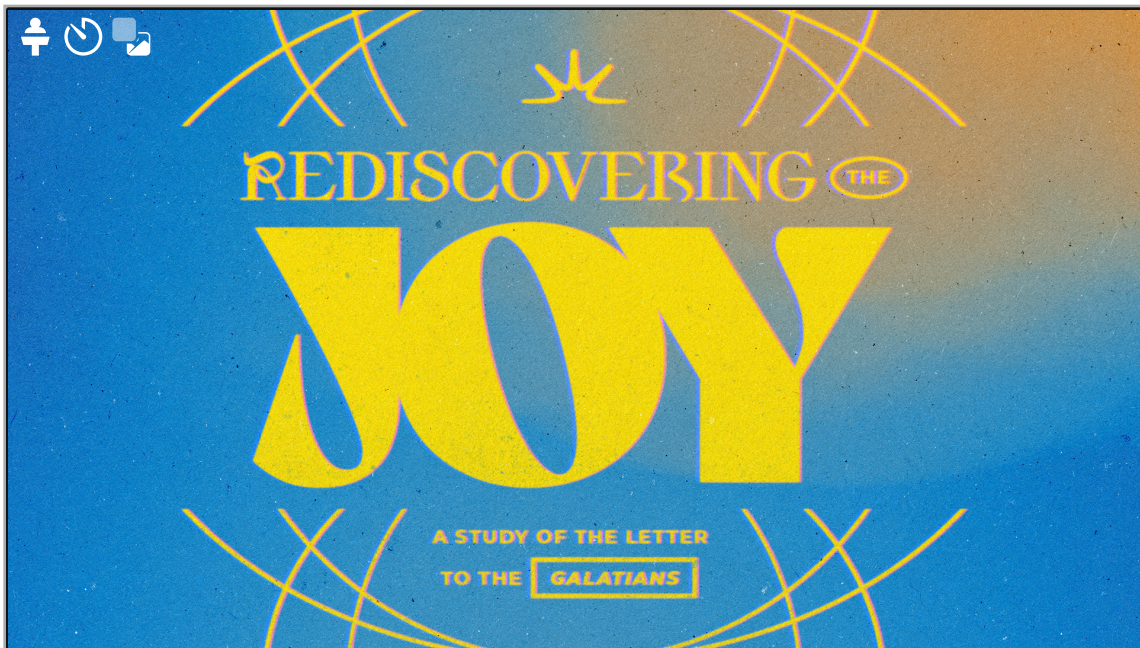
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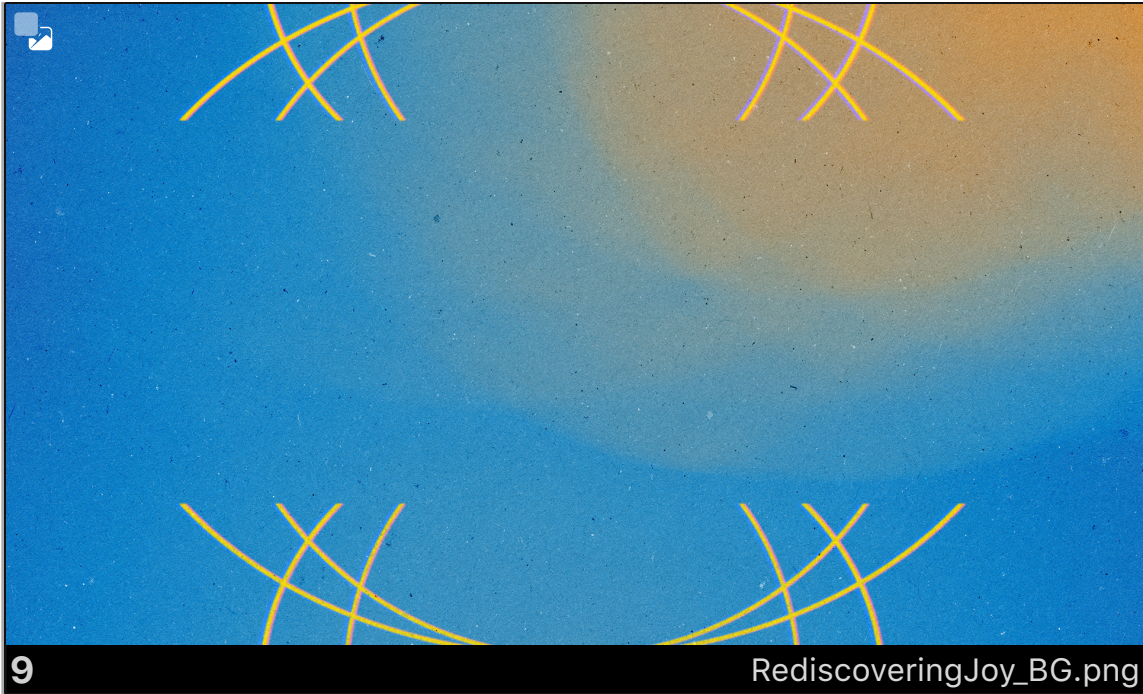
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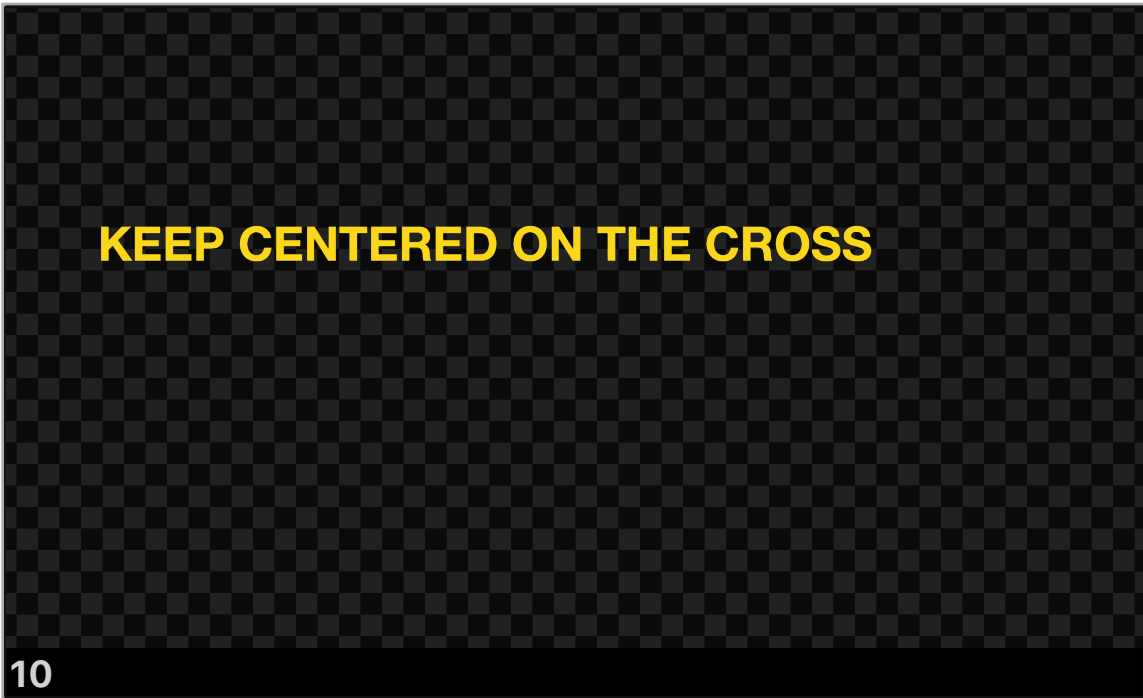
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**KEEP CENTERED ON THE CROSS
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¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,”

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Galatians 3:15

referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.

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Galatians 3:16

**¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law,
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gave it to Abraham by a promise.**

Galatians 3:15-18

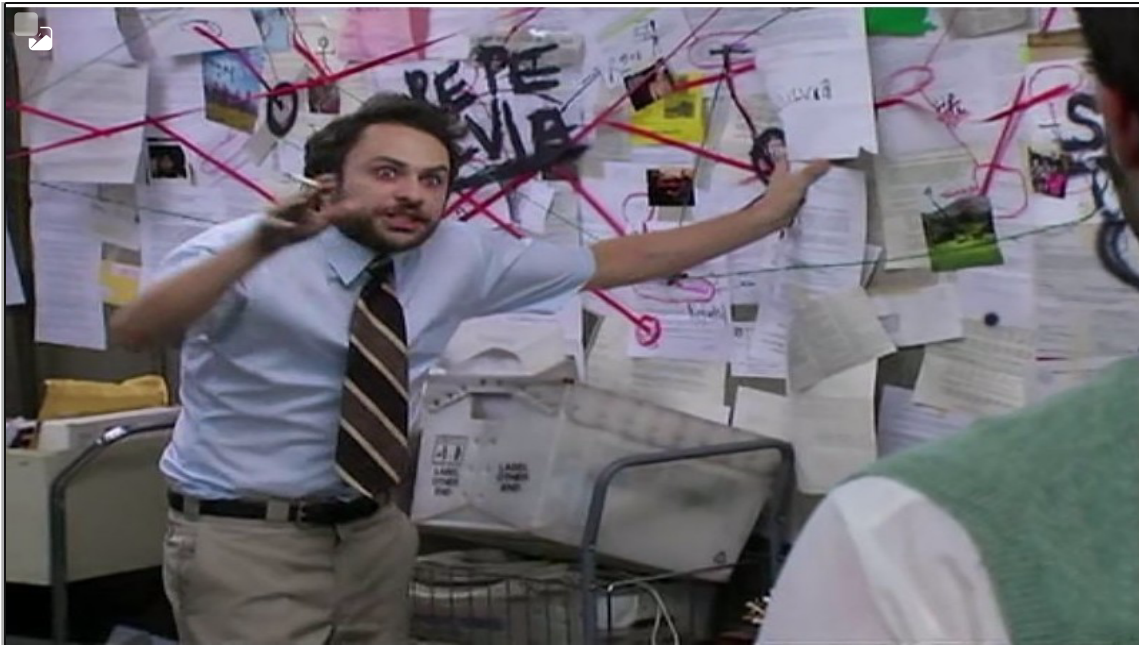
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...“Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

Genesis 15:1

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...“This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.”⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:4-6

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OBSERVATION 1

Jesus is the offspring
through whom the promise is fulfilled.

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OBSERVATION 2

**The Promise of God is not dependent
on Abraham's living by the law —
the law didn't exist.
The Promise pre-dates the law!**

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¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.

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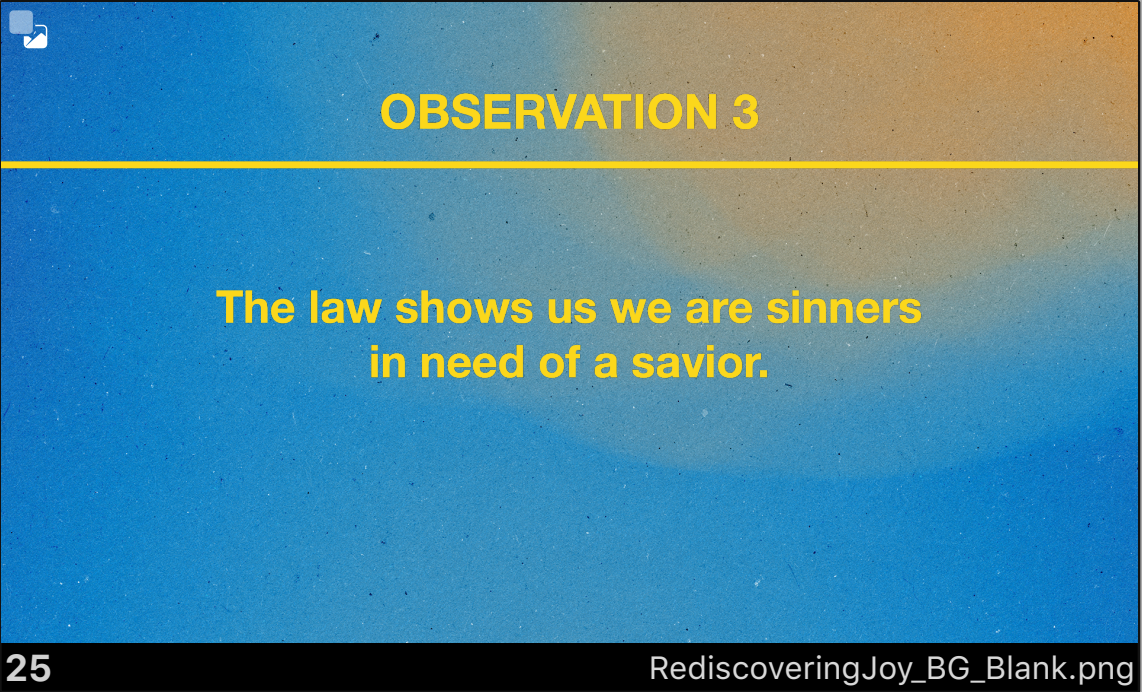
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Galatians 3:19-20

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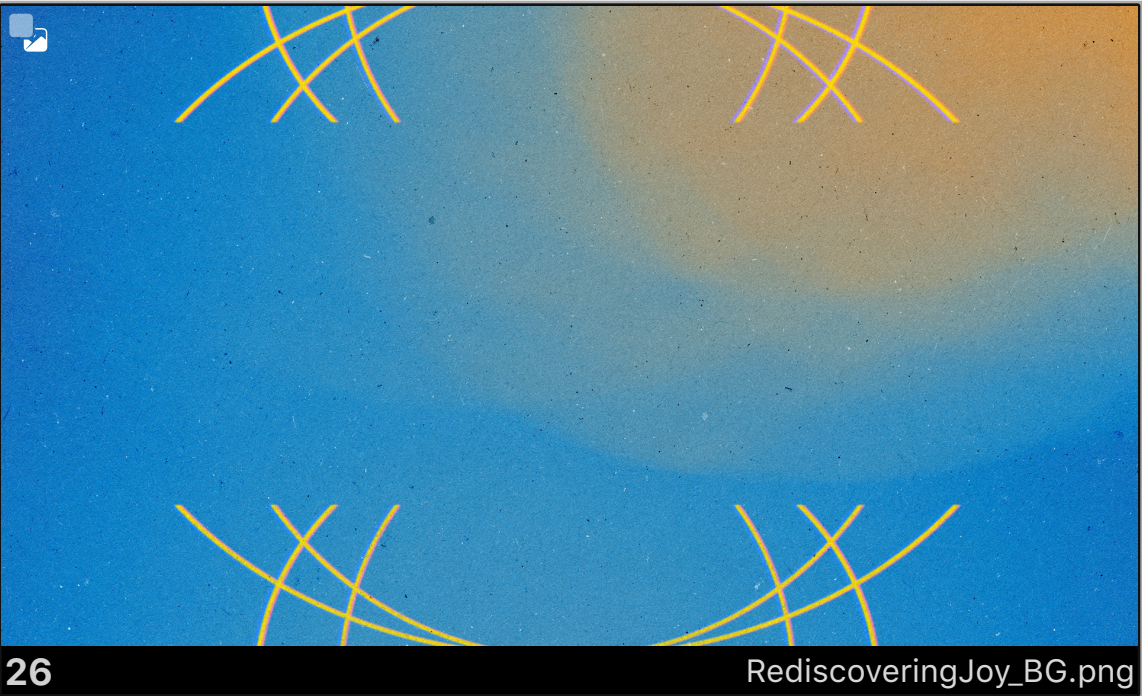


OBSERVATION 3

The law shows us we are sinners
in need of a savior.

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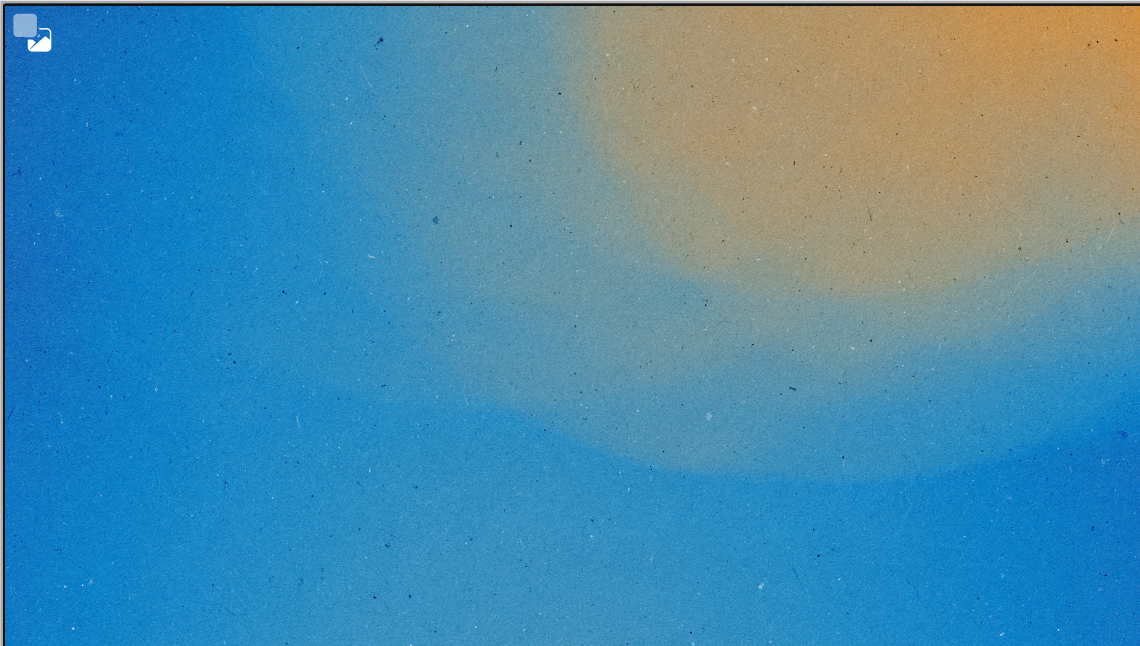
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“After God gave the promise to Abraham, He gave the Law to Moses. Why? He had to make things worse before he could make them better. The law exposed sin, provoked sin, condemned sin. The purpose of the law was to lift the lid off man’s respectability and disclose what he really is underneath — sinful, rebellious, guilty, under the judgement of God and helpless to save himself.

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Galatians 2:1

“And the law must still be allowed to do its God-given duty today. One of the great faults of the contemporary church is the tendency to soft-pedal sin and judgment... We must never bypass the law and come straight to the gospel. To do so is to contradict the plan of God in biblical history... No man has ever appreciated the gospel until the law has first revealed him to himself.

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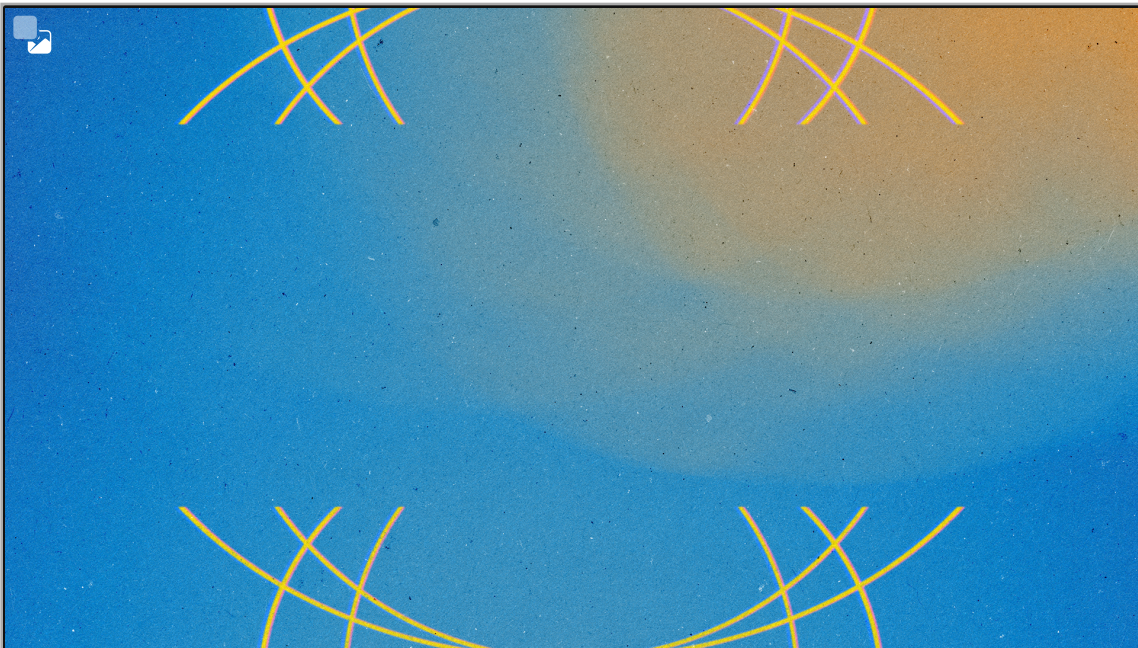
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“It is only against the inky blackness of the night sky that the stars begin to appear, and it is only against the dark background of sin and judgment that the Gospel shines forth.”

John Stott

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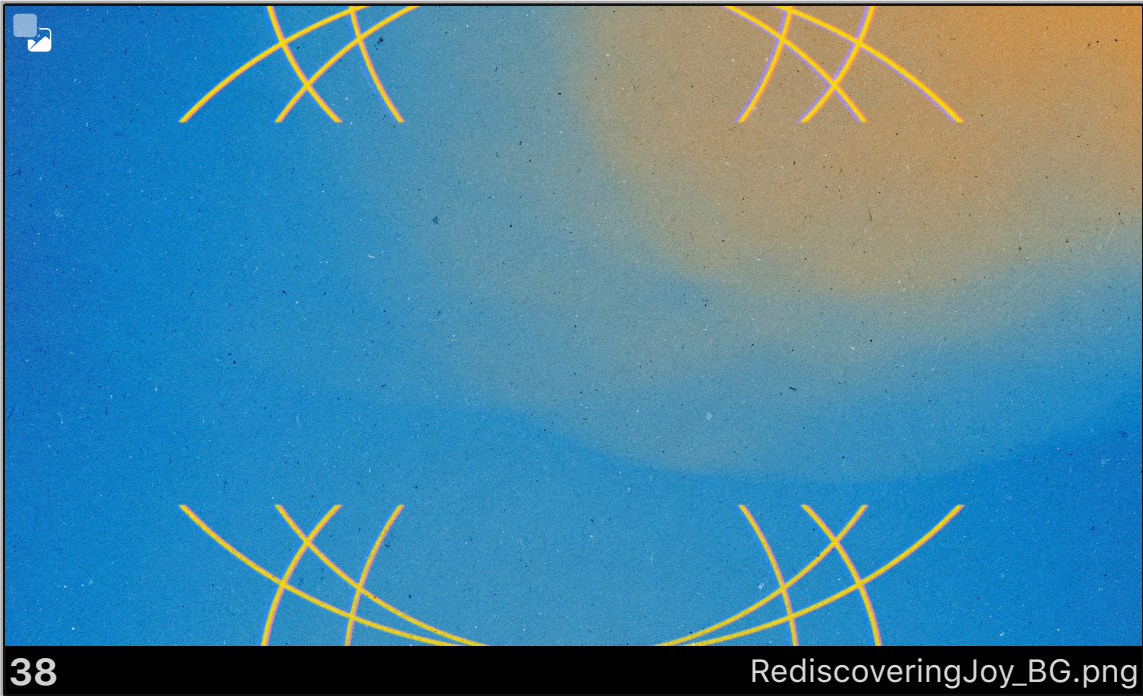
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God is a faithful promise keeper

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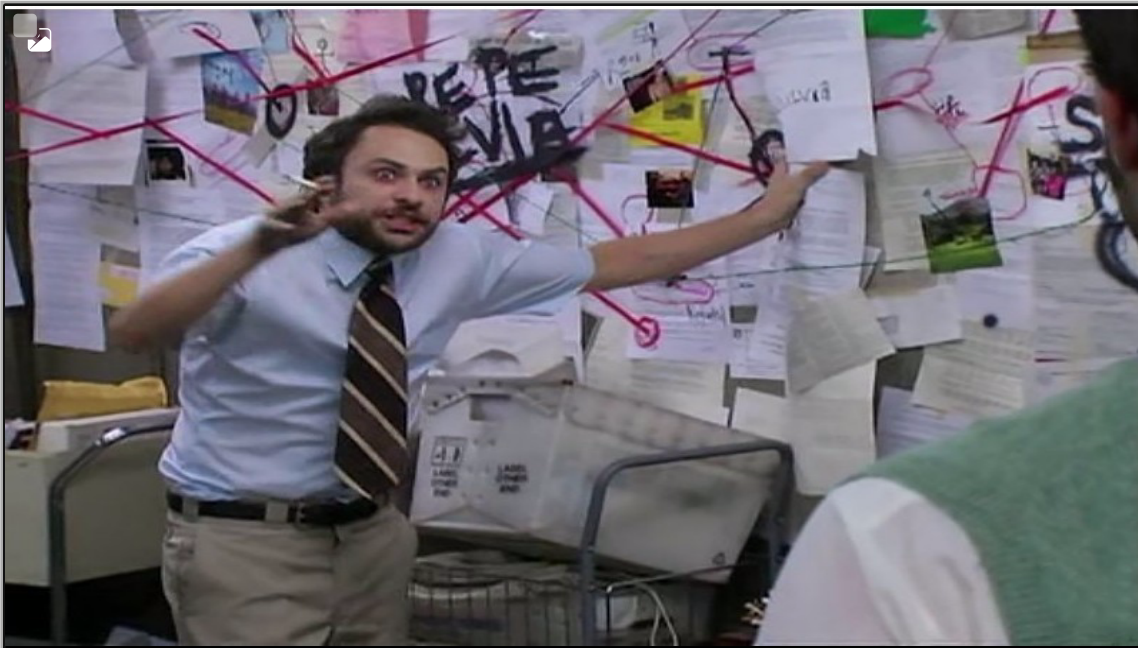
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**²⁰For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.
2 Corinthians 1:20**

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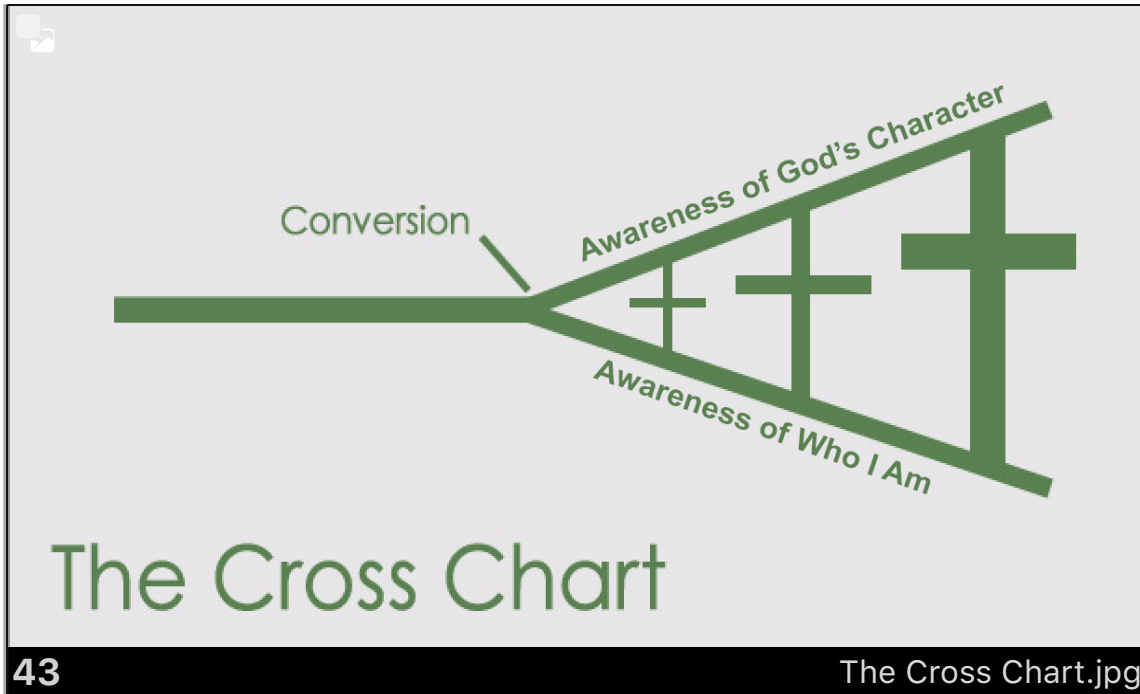


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- **Stop using God's Word for anything other than what it was meant to accomplish.**
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 - **Preach the promises of God to yourself.**
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Father, I know that I have sinned, and I believe Jesus died to pay for my sins. I believe He rose from the dead and from this day forward I give myself to you. I surrender my whole life to You, to live for You first. Thank You for making me your child today and giving me Your Holy Spirit.

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