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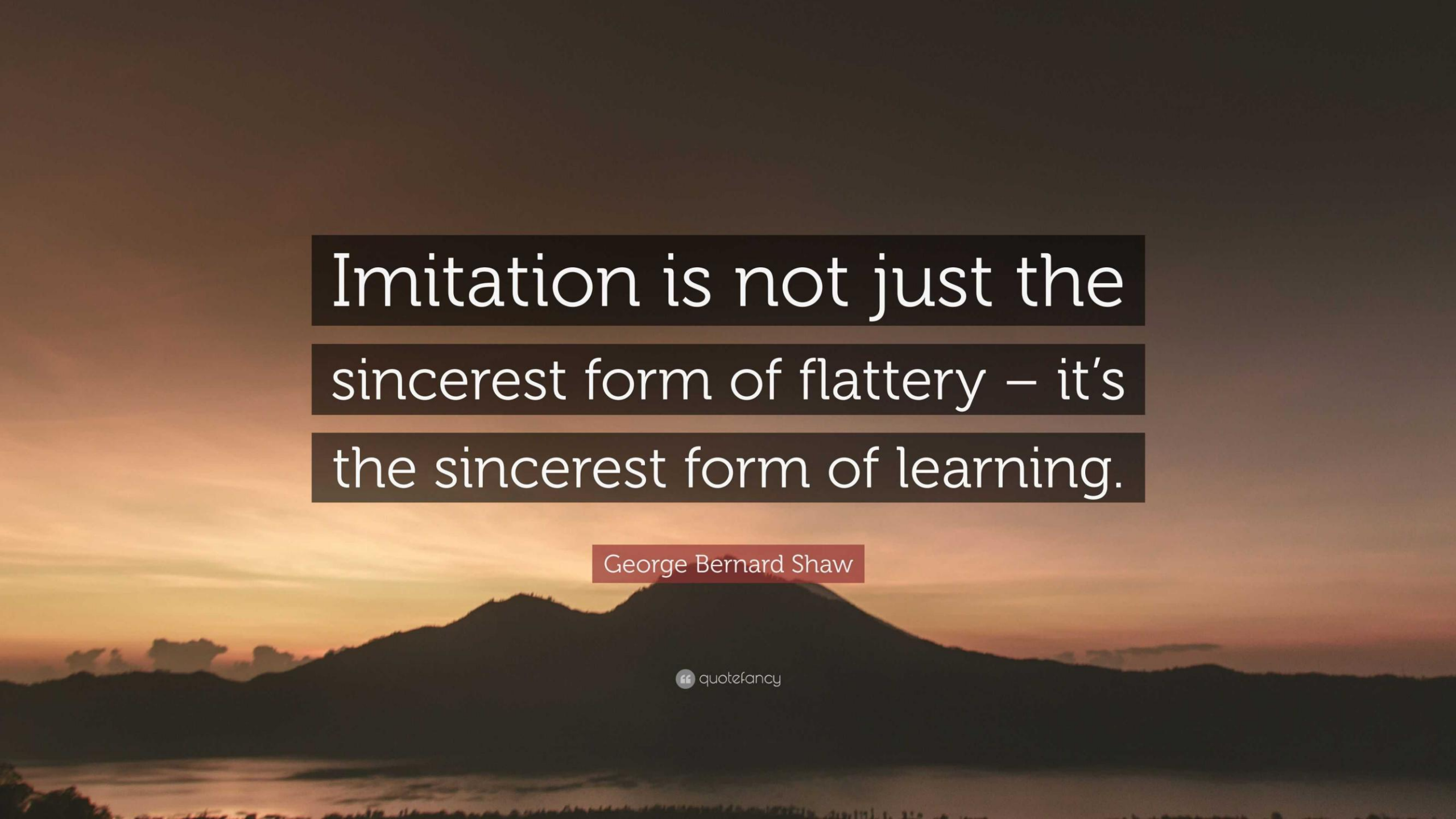
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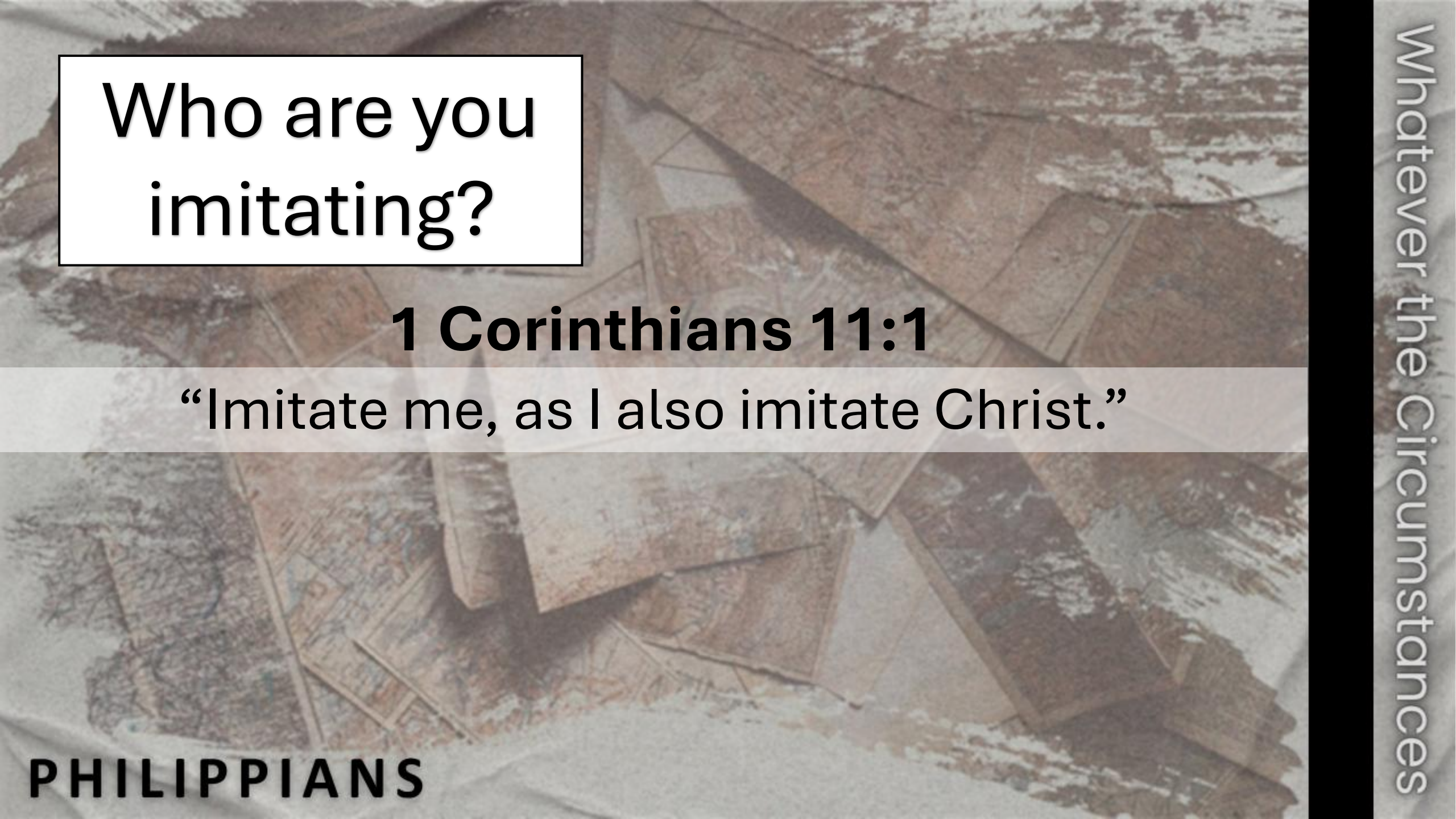


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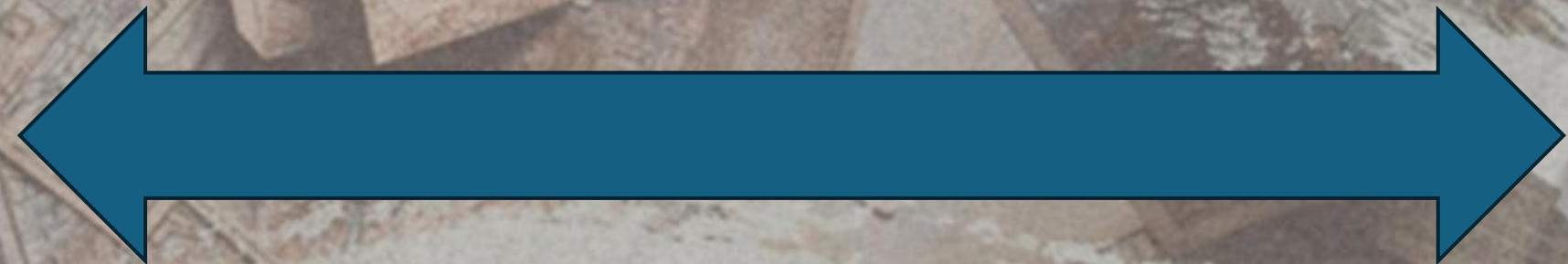
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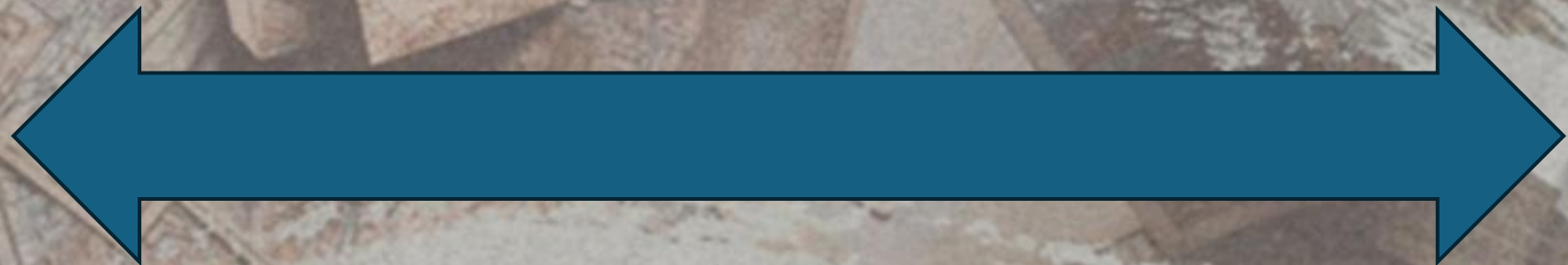


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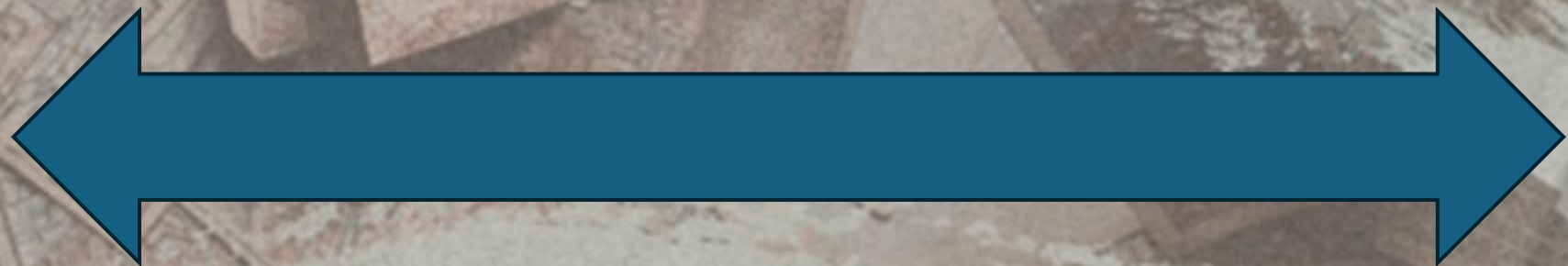


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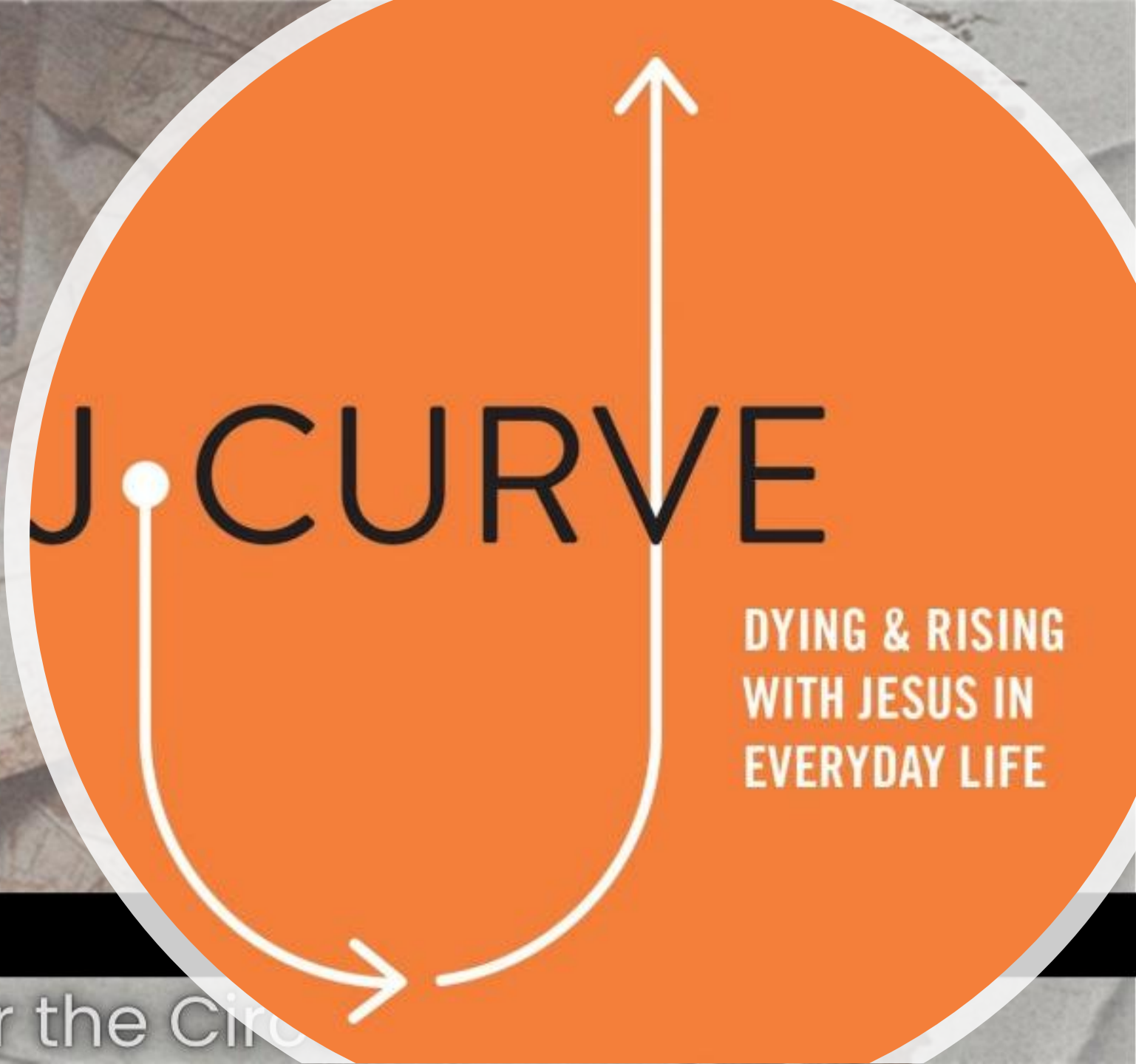
Matthew 16:24-26

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. ²⁶ For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life?

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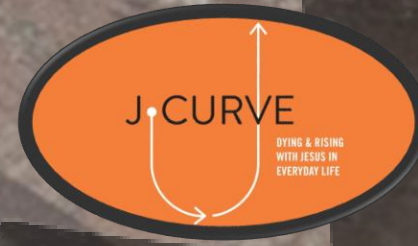
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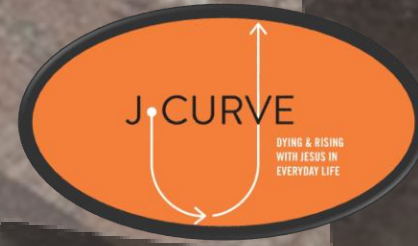


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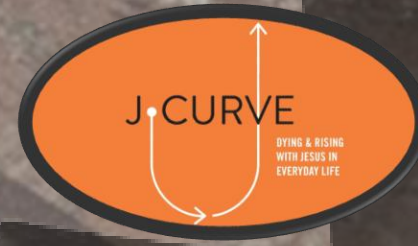
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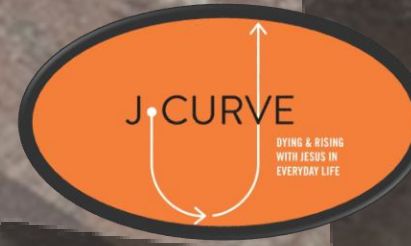
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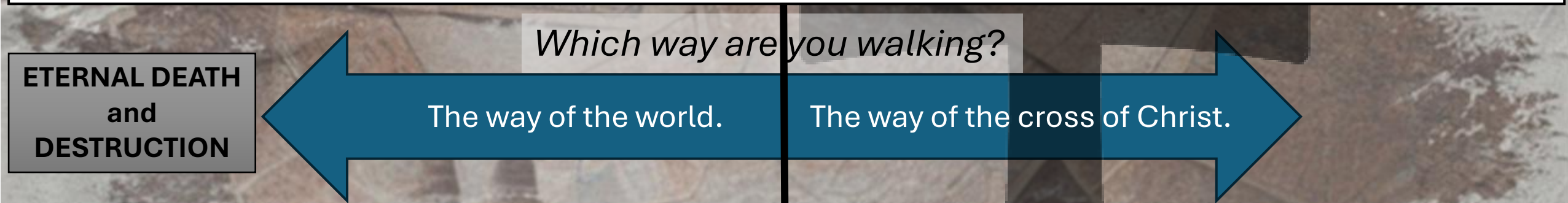
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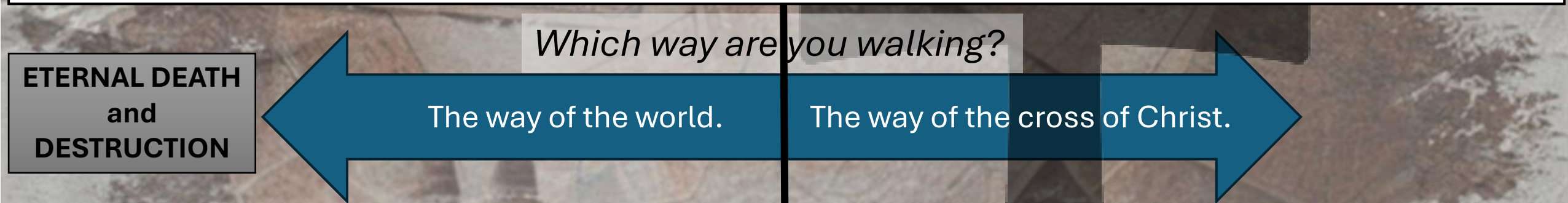


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1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is foolishness *to those who are perishing*, but it is the power of God to us who are being saved...

²² For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom,

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a **stumbling block** to the Jews and **foolishness** to the Gentiles. ²⁴ Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, ²⁵ because God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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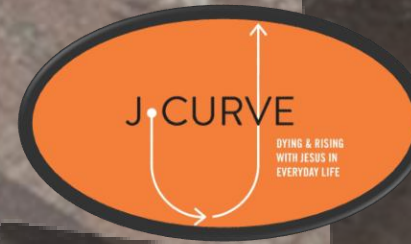
Philippians 3:7-11

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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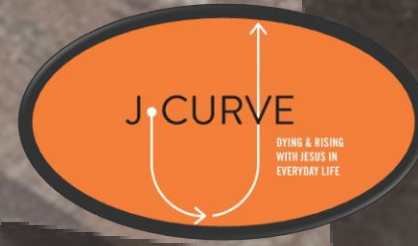
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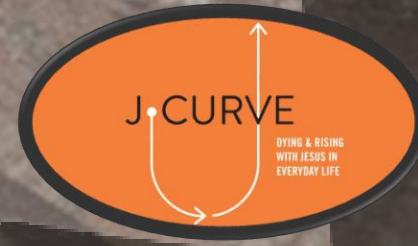
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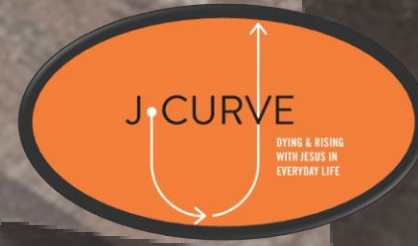
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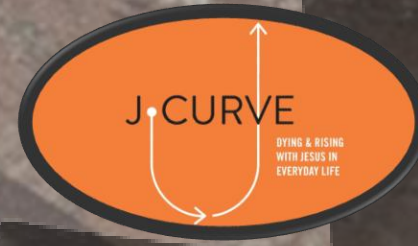
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Colossians 3:1-5

“So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, **not** on earthly things. ³ For **you died**, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in **glory**. ⁵ **Therefore, put to death** what belongs to your **earthly nature...**

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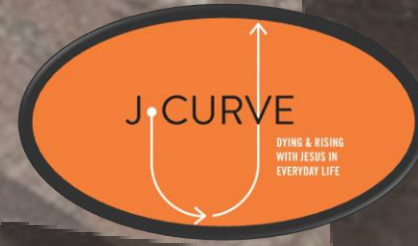
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Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, **holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.** ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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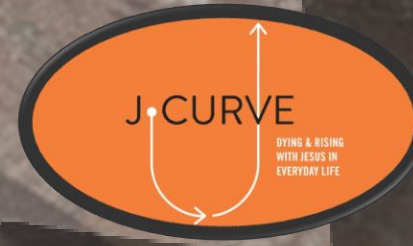
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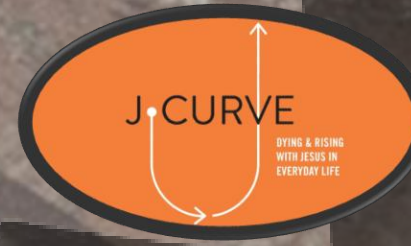
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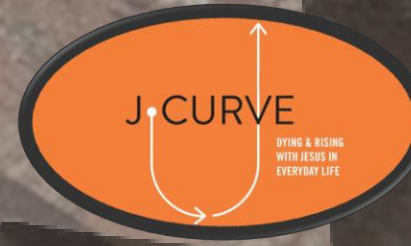
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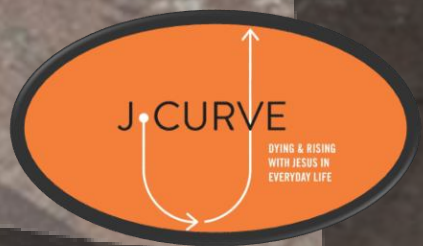
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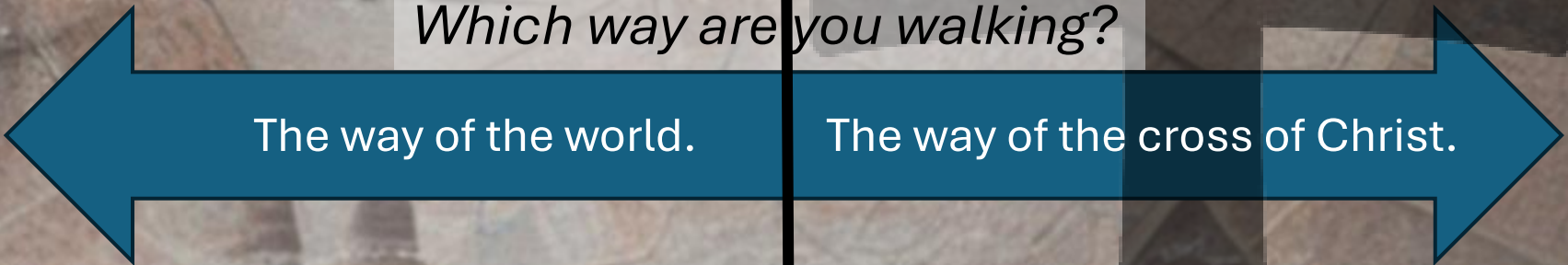
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