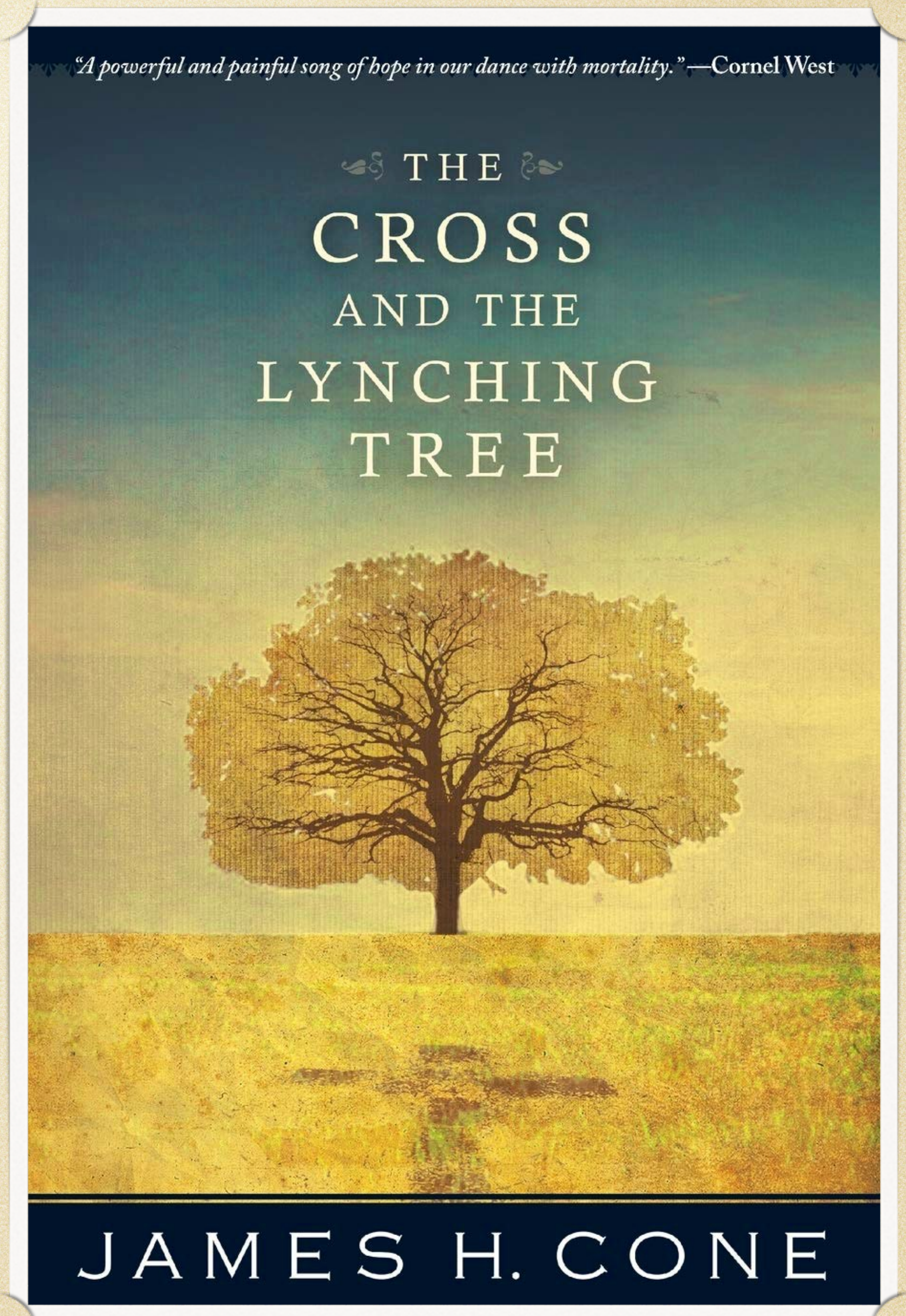


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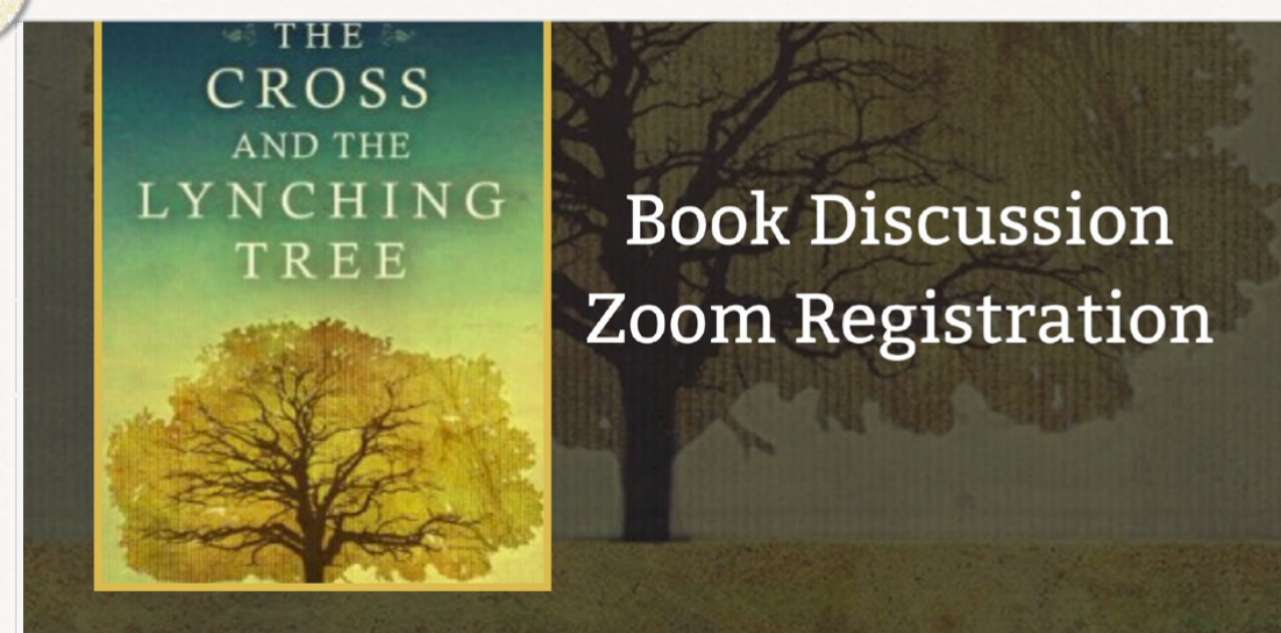
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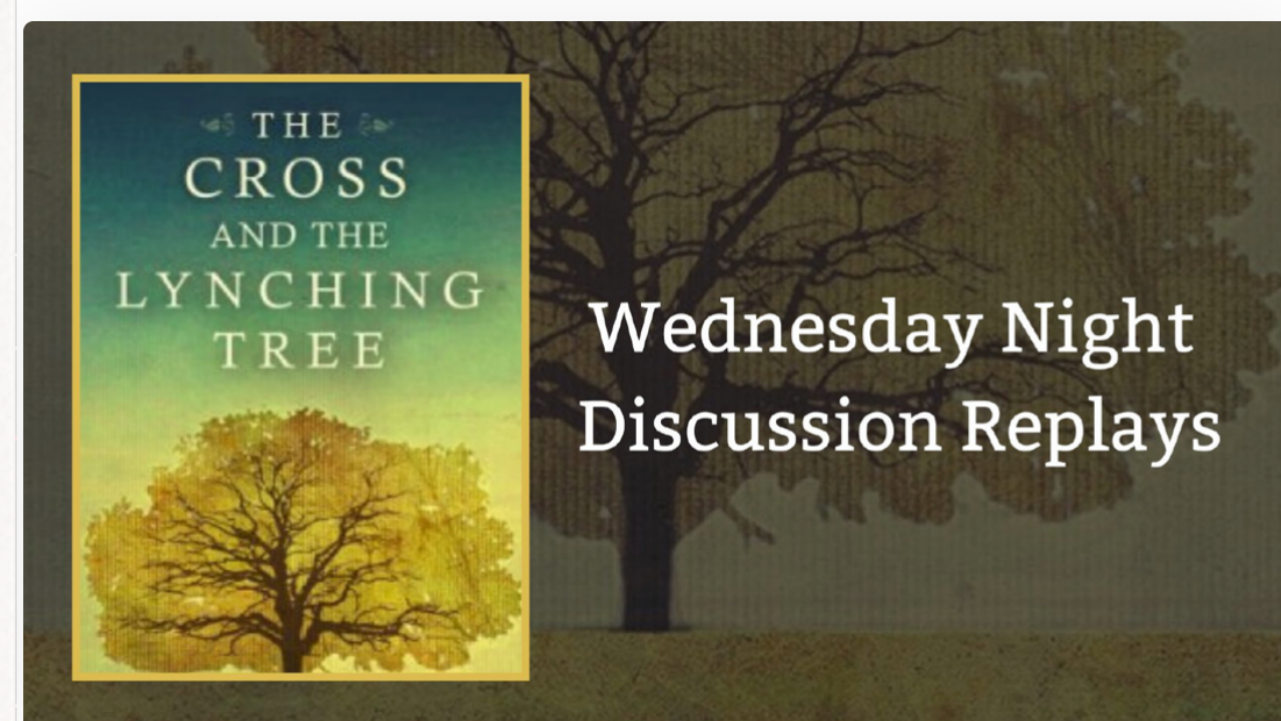
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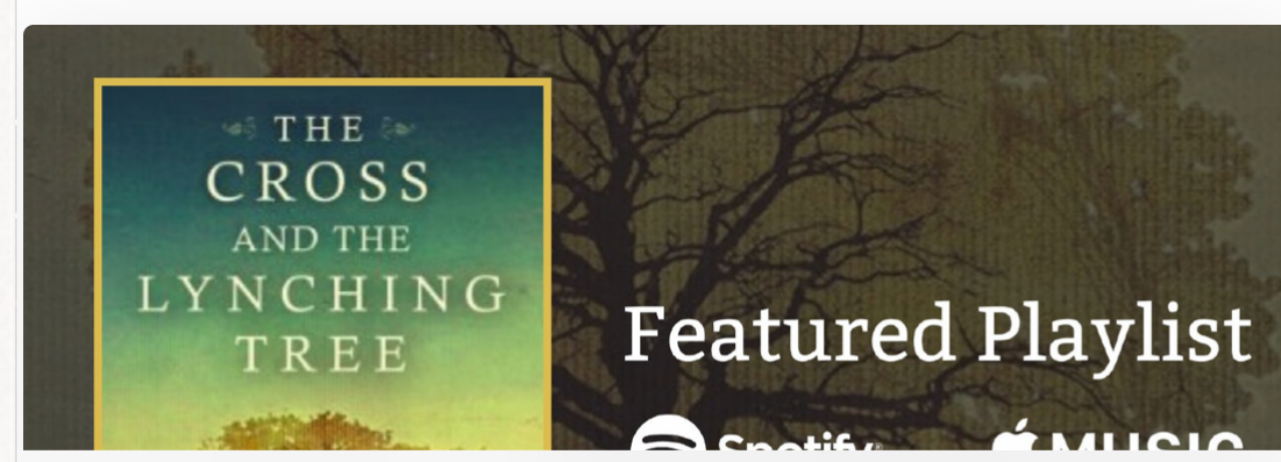
Book Discussion  
Zoom Registration

**The Cross and the Lynching Tree  
Book Discussion Registration**  
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday Night  
Discussion Replays

**The Cross and the Lynching Tree**  
Discussion Replays



Featured Playlist



Happy Birthday  
Min. Hope & Min. Erika!





# Leftovers

- Concern - the sensitive nature of the material may make the book difficult to read.



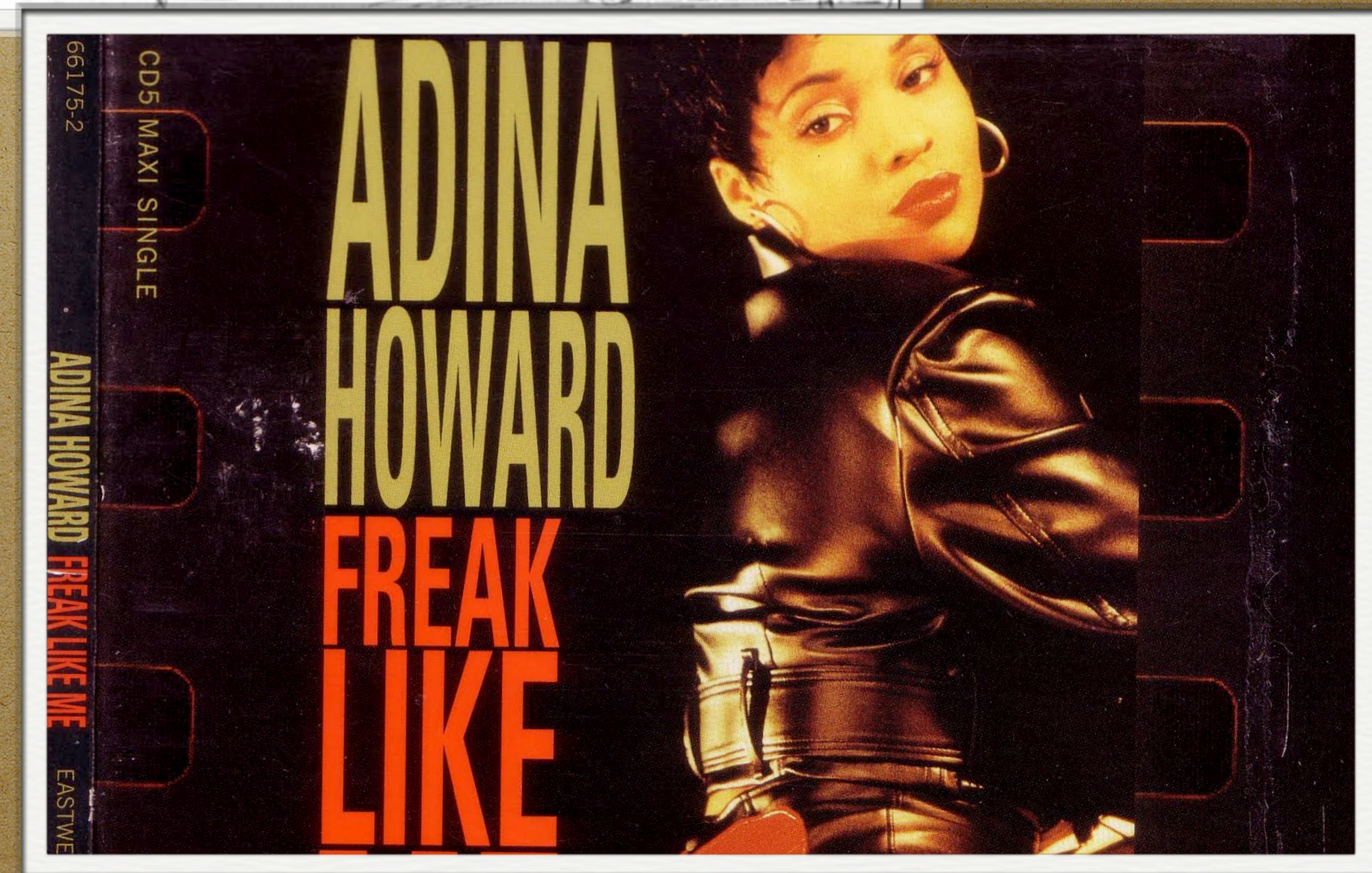
# Quick Review



# Pre-Emancipation Era



# Reconstruction Era





# Charges of the Lynched

- Acting suspiciously
- Gambling
- Quarreling
- Adultery
- Grave robbing
- Race hatred; Race troubles
- Aiding murderer
- Improper with white woman
- Rape
- Arguing with white man
- Incest
- Rape-murders
- Arson Inciting to riot
- Resisting mob Assassination
- Inciting trouble
- Robbery
- Attempted murder
- Indolence
- Running a bordello
- Banditry
- Inflammatory language
- Sedition
- Being disreputable
- Informing
- Slander
- Being obnoxious
- Injuring livestock
- Spreading disease
- Boasting about riot
- Insulting white man
- Burglary/Stealing
- Insulting white woman
- Suing white man
- Child abuse
- Insurrection
- Swindling
- Poisoning well
- Kidnapping
- Terrorism
- Courting white woman
- Killing livestock
- Testifying against white man
- Criminal assault
- Living with white woman
- Throwing stones
- Cutting levee
- Looting
- Train wrecking
- Defending rapist
- Making threats
- Trying to colonize blacks
- Demanding respect
- Miscegenation
- Trying to vote
- Disorderly conduct
- Mistaken identity
- Unpopularity
- Eloping with white woman
- Molestation
- Unruly remarks
- Entered white woman's room
- Murder
- Using obscene language
- Enticement
- Non-sexual assault
- Vagrancy
- Extortion
- Peeping Tom
- Violated quarantine
- Fraud
- Pillage
- Conjuring/Voodooism
- Plotting to kill
- Voting for wrong party
- Frightening white woman



# Juke Joints



# Churches





# Leftovers

- Any questions from last week's discussions?



Chapter 2 - "The Terrible Beauty of the  
Cross" and the Tragedy of the  
Lynching Tree

A Reflection on Reinhold Niebuhr



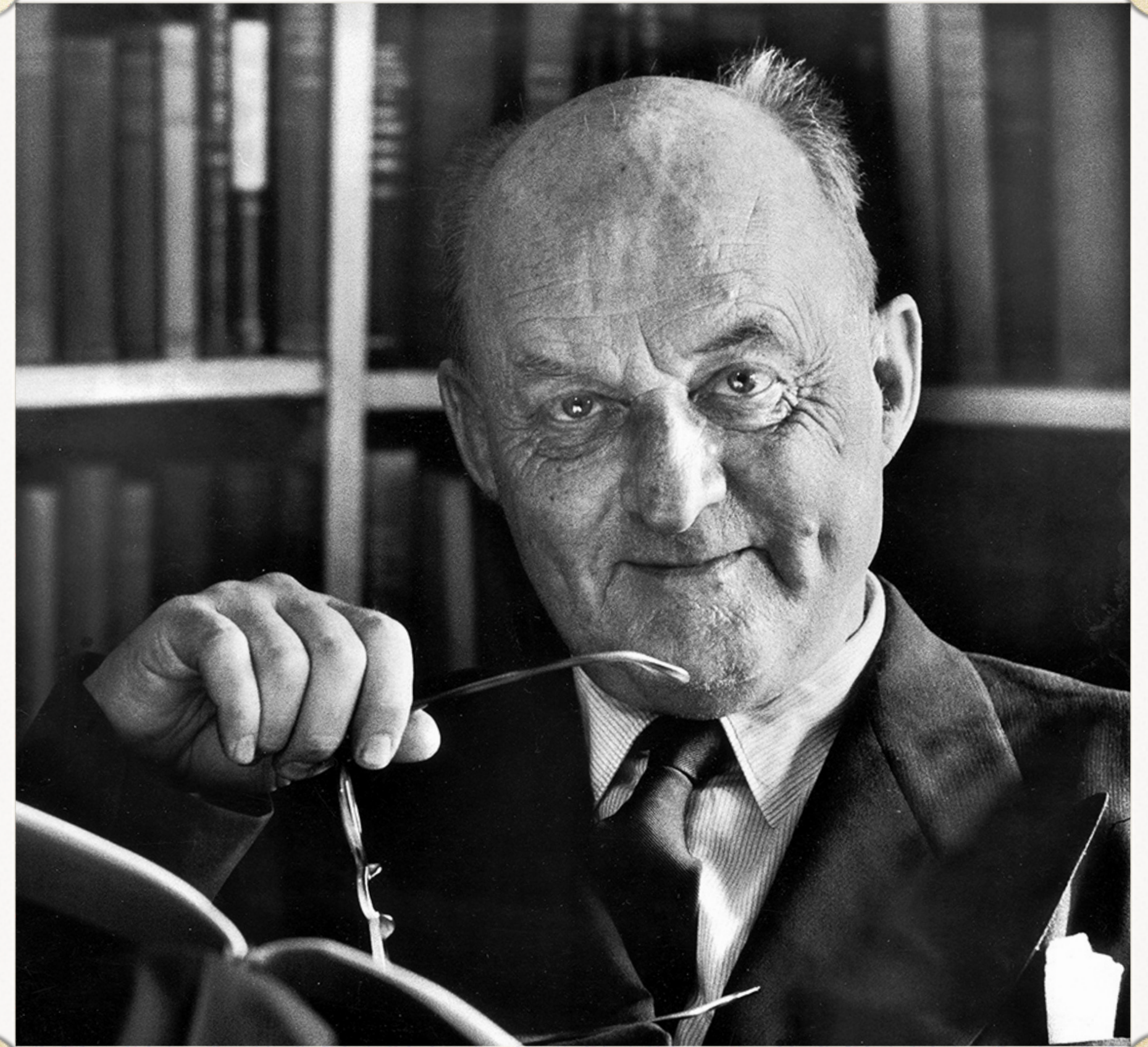
# Opening Question

- Question - From reading Ch. 2, does there appear to be a greater divide between white churches and black churches (aside from worship style)?



# Reinhold Niebuhr

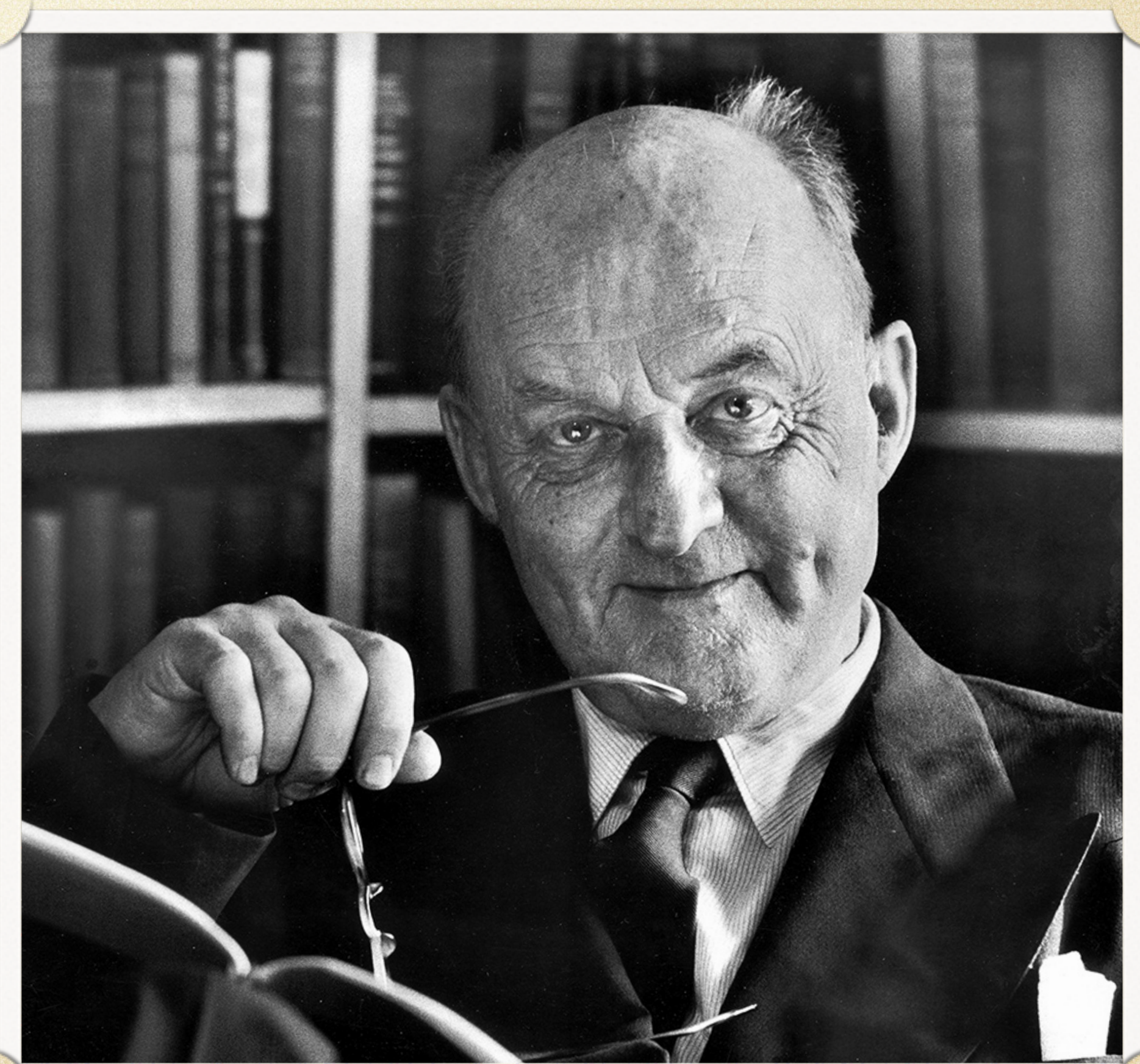
- Regarded as America's most influential theologian in the twentieth century
- Reinhold's writings and dynamic lectures made him a national figure from the 1930s to the 1970s
- Wrote the "Serenity Prayer"





# Reinhold Niebuhr

- Best known as a theologian of “Christian realism”
  - The idea that because of human limitations and our sinful nature, we can never fully reach God’s ethical standard, but we can come close.
  - He believed that humans could never reach Jesus’ standard of love, but the best we could do was strive for justice, “which is love approximated.”
- Niebuhr had full awareness that there was a racial problem in the US but he did not attempt to feel the pain of African Americans





““We can hardly blame Negroes for being impatient with the counsel for patience, in view of their age-long suffering under the white man’s arrogance.” Yet, Niebuhr continued in the same essay, “The fact that it is not very appealing to the victims of a current injustice does not make it any less the course of wisdom in overcoming historic injustices.”

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# Billy Graham

- One of America's most revered preachers.
- His crusades allowed integration but did not believe in protesting nor fully supported the Civil Rights Movement
- In 2005 he expressed regret that he had not fought for civil rights more forcefully



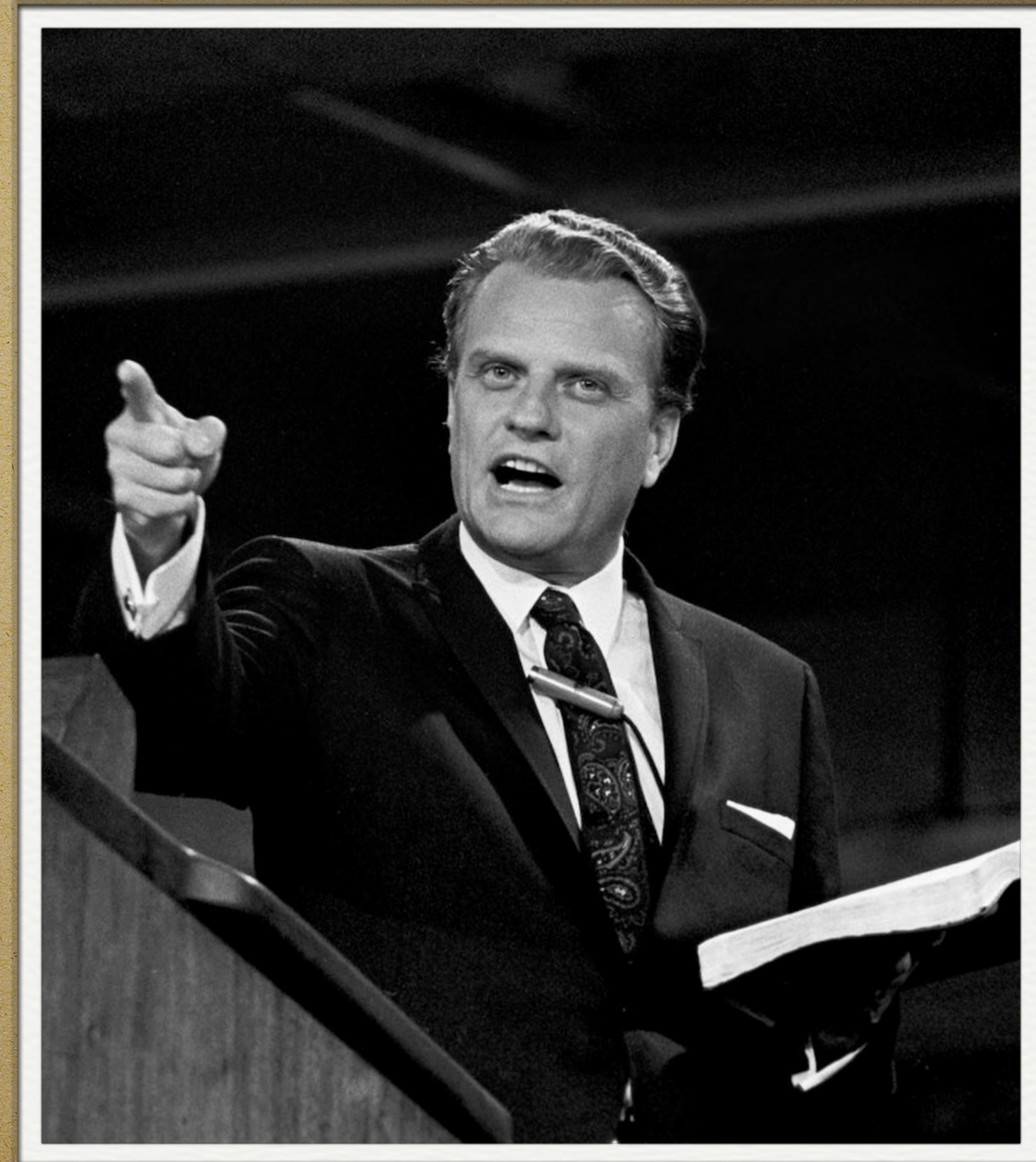


Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



“one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.”

Rev. Billy Graham



“Only when Christ comes again will the little white children of Alabama walk hand in hand with little black children.”







A Dialogue with Dr. K



# For Next Week

- Read Chapter 3 and keep journaling your thoughts