

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?



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to change

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your mindset
or worldview

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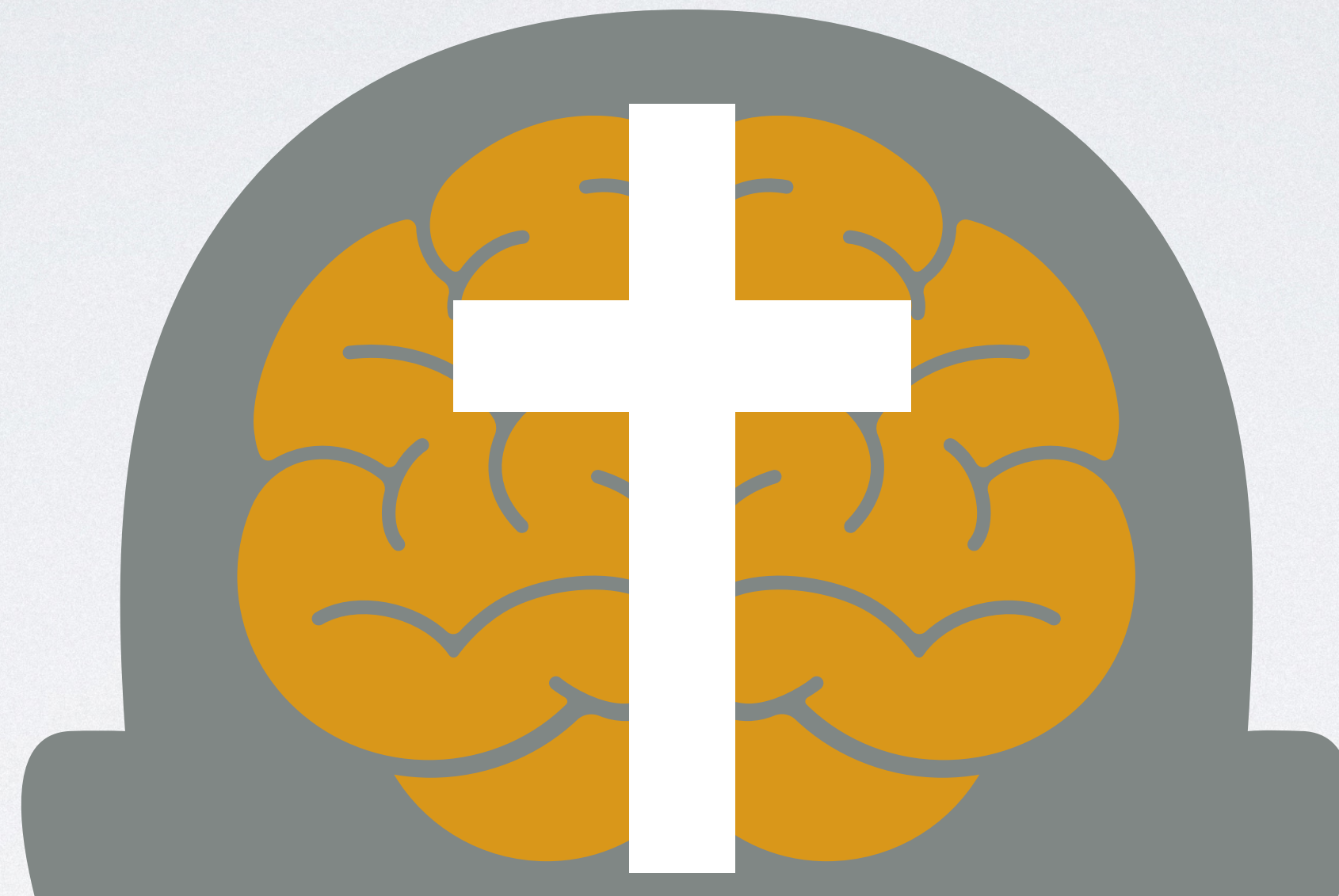
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METANOIA: CHANGE TO KINGDOM MINDSET

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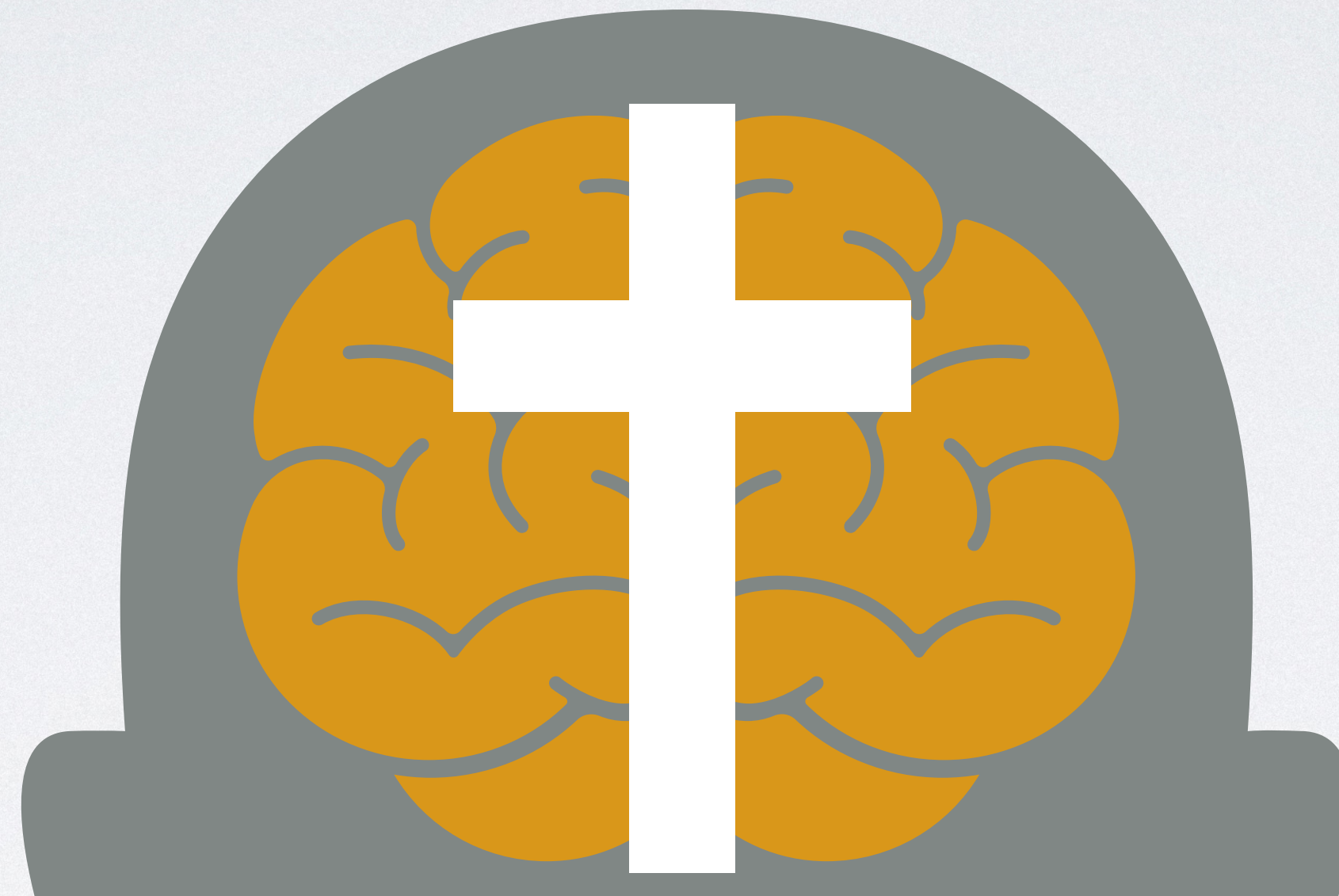
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“CHANGE YOUR WORLDVIEW, BECAUSE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN HAS COME NEAR!”

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**“CHANGE YOUR WORLDVIEW, AND BELIEVE IN
THE GOOD NEWS!”**

WHY MUST I
REPENT?



Remember, this repentance, this willing submission to humiliation and a kind of death, is not something God demands of you before He will take you back and which He could let you off if He chose: **it is simply a description of what going back to Him is like.** If you ask God to take you back without it, you are really asking Him to let you go back without going back. it cannot happen.

— C.S. Lewis

LUKE 15:1-7

And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home
on his shoulders.

‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’

In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one
lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over
ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't
strayed away!

LUKE 15:1-7

“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE
GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR THE SHEEP”

JOHN 10:11

HOW DO I
REPENT?





GOD GRANTS REPENTANCE



Acts 5:31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, **to give repentance** to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 11:18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also **God has granted repentance** that leads to life."

2 Timothy 2:24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps **grant them repentance** leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will

CASE STUDY IN HOW GOD GRANTS REPENTANCE

Before Picture (2 Sam. 11:15)

“Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed.”

After Picture (Psalm 51:3-4)

For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.

YOU ARE THAT MAN!!!

Reproof(2 Sam. 12:7)

Nathan replied to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD God of Israel says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from Saul.



REPROOF VS. REBUKE

[ELENCHO VS. EPITIMAO]

Epitimao lies simply the notion of rebuking; which ... can therefore be used of one unjustly checking or blaming another; or ineffectually, and without any profit to the person rebuked, who is not thereby brought to see his sin...

Elegcho is a much more pregnant word; it is so to rebuke another, with such effectual wielding of the victorious arms of the truth, as to bring him, if not always to a confession, yet **at least to a conviction, of his sin**

— Synonyms of the New Testament 9th edition

THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS US

John 16:8 And when he comes, he will **convict** the world about sin and righteousness and judgment

John 3:20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be **exposed**.

Ephesians 5:11,13 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead **expose** them...but everything **exposed** by the light becomes visible

Titus 2:15 Declare these things; exhort and **reprove** with all authority.

THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS US

Matthew 18:15 If your brother sins, go and **show him his fault** in private. If he listens to you, you have won your brother.

I Corinthians 14:24-25 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is **convicted** by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

Revelation 3:19 I **reprove** and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent.

REPENTANCE, THEREFORE, IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GOD. AND GOD DOES MORE THAN JUST PROVIDE THE DATA ON WHICH WE DRAW OUR CONCLUSIONS. THAT IS, HE DOES MORE THAN PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE, HIS SACRIFICE, HIS SOVEREIGNTY, ETC. **HE GETS INTIMATELY INVOLVED THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

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A SPIRIT LED CHURCH?

NT CHURCH

- Repent....kingdom (Matthew 4:17)
- Bear fruit...with repentance (Luke 3:8)
- If anyone...deny himself (Luke 9:23)
- If anyone comes after me... (Luke 14:25)

McCHURCH

- Meet new friends, get to know your neighbors
- Enjoy upbeat music with a contemporary flavor
- A new church designed to meet my needs in the '00's
- A church designed to meet your needs where you can hear positive, practical messages which encourage you each week with friendly, happy people who really care about you.



THE **HOLY SPIRIT**
LEADS TO
REPENTANCE BY
CONVICTING US TO
TURN **SELF**
TO **CHRIST**

Now repentance is no fun at all. It is something much harder than merely eating humble pie. It means **unlearning all the self-conceit and self-will** that we have been training ourselves into for thousands of years.

— C.S. Lewis

SELF - SINS

Self - Righteous

Self - Focused

Self - Determined

Self - Anointed

Self - Promotion

Self - Praise

Self - Centered

Self - Sufficient

Self - Confident

Self - Congratulation

Self - Important

Self - Justified

Self - Serving

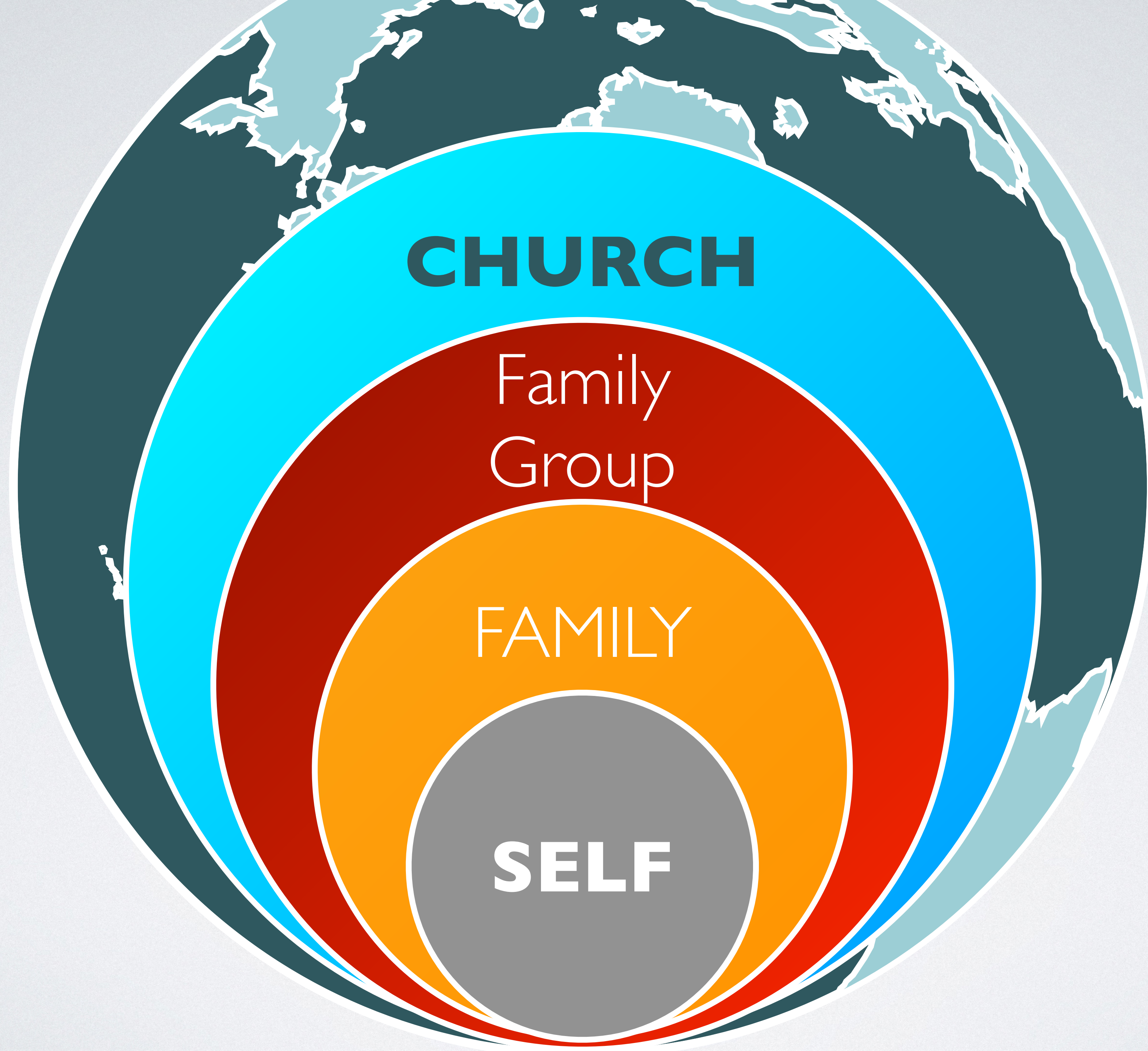
Self - Satisfied

Self - Seeking

Self - Published

MY ROLE IN
CORPORATE
REPENTANCE?





THREE HIKERS



DIRECT CONTRIBUTION



**SLIPPERY
SLOPE**

SELFISHNESS,
INDIVIDUALISM
REFUSAL OF COMMUNITY,
REFUSAL OF OUTREACH



INDIRECT CONTRIBUTION



**SLIPPERY
SLOPE**

NOT NOTICING
NOT SPEAKING UP
DON'T FEEL RESPONSIBLE
PERSONAL SINS HINDER YOU
TAKE PRIDE IN TOLERANCE

WHEN IT ALL COMES TOGETHER

John the Baptist: **“Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”** — Matthew 3:2

Crowds: , **“What should we do?”** — Luke 3:10

John the Baptist: **“If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.”**

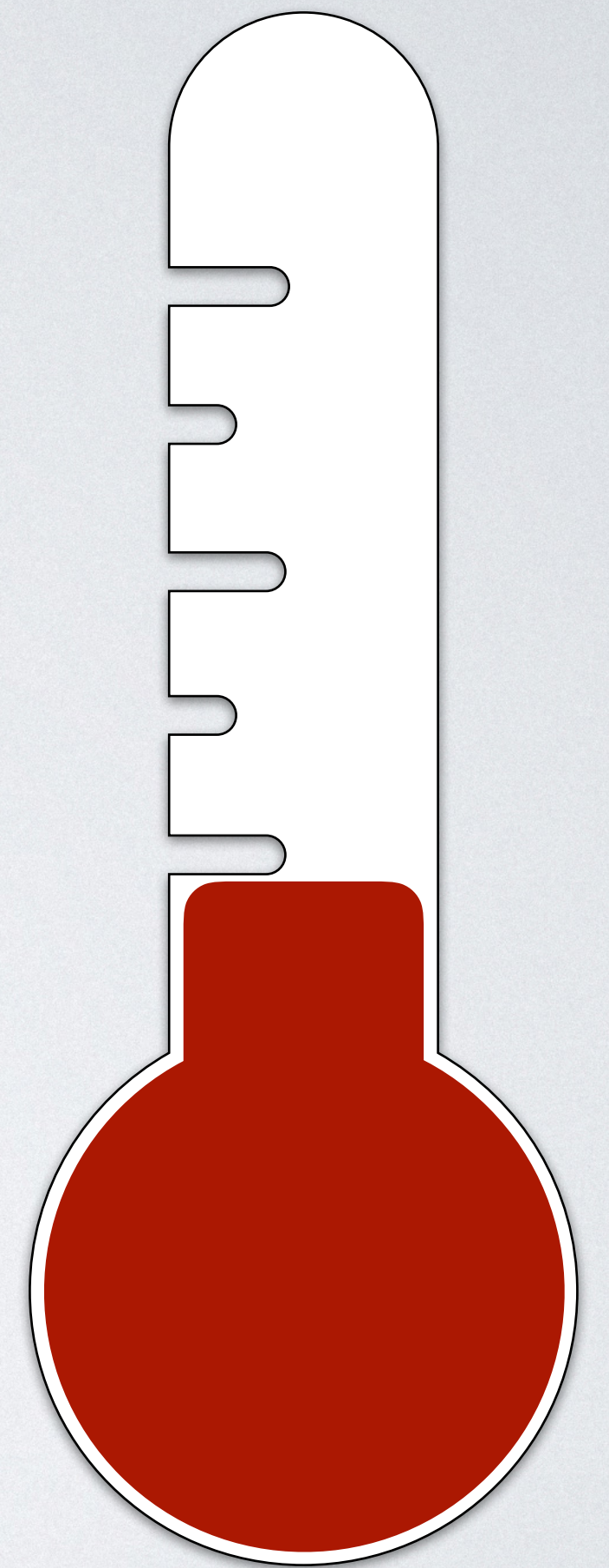
“Collect no more taxes than the government requires.”

“Don’t extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay.”

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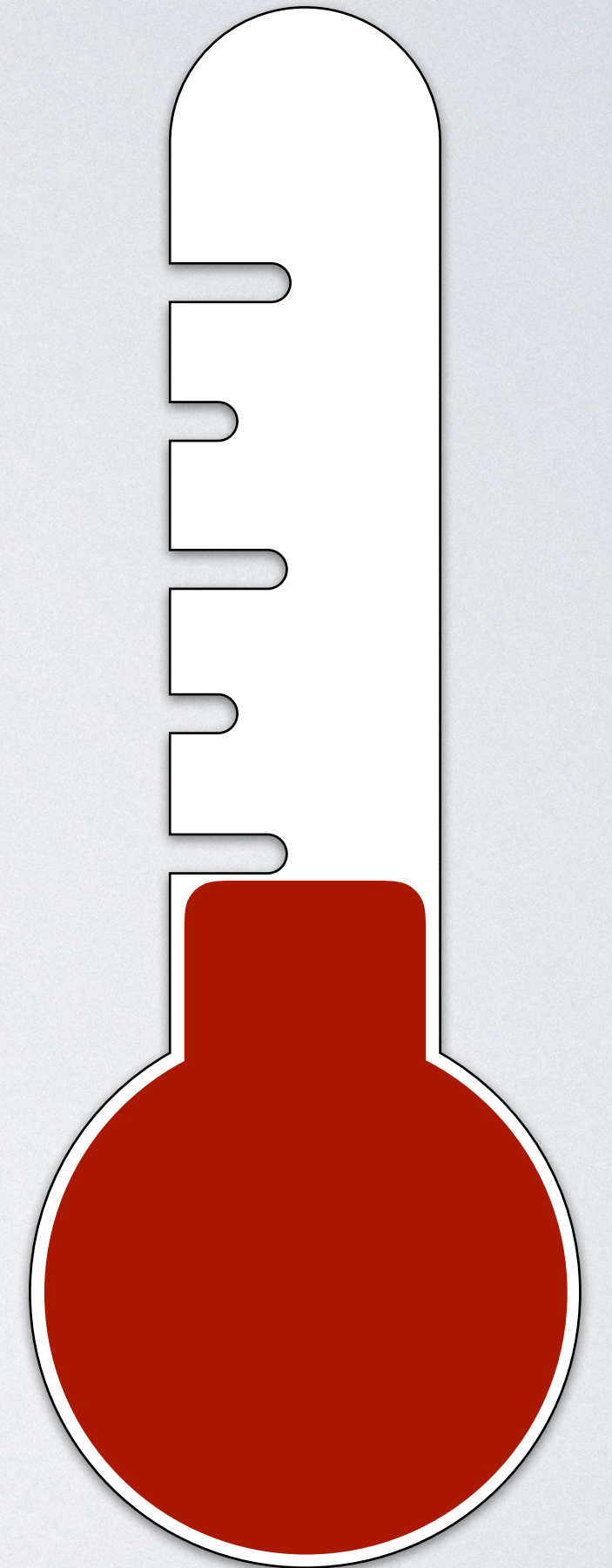
- **Change the rules about your possessions**
 - Share your food
 - Share your clothing
- **Change the rules about your Job**
 - Conduct your life with integrity
- **Change the rules about the Truth**
 - No lies
 - No shortcuts
- As each person repents and begins to share food, share clothes, government integrity, workers' integrity, pure honesty... **what would that look like?**

THERMOSTAT DISCIPLESHIP



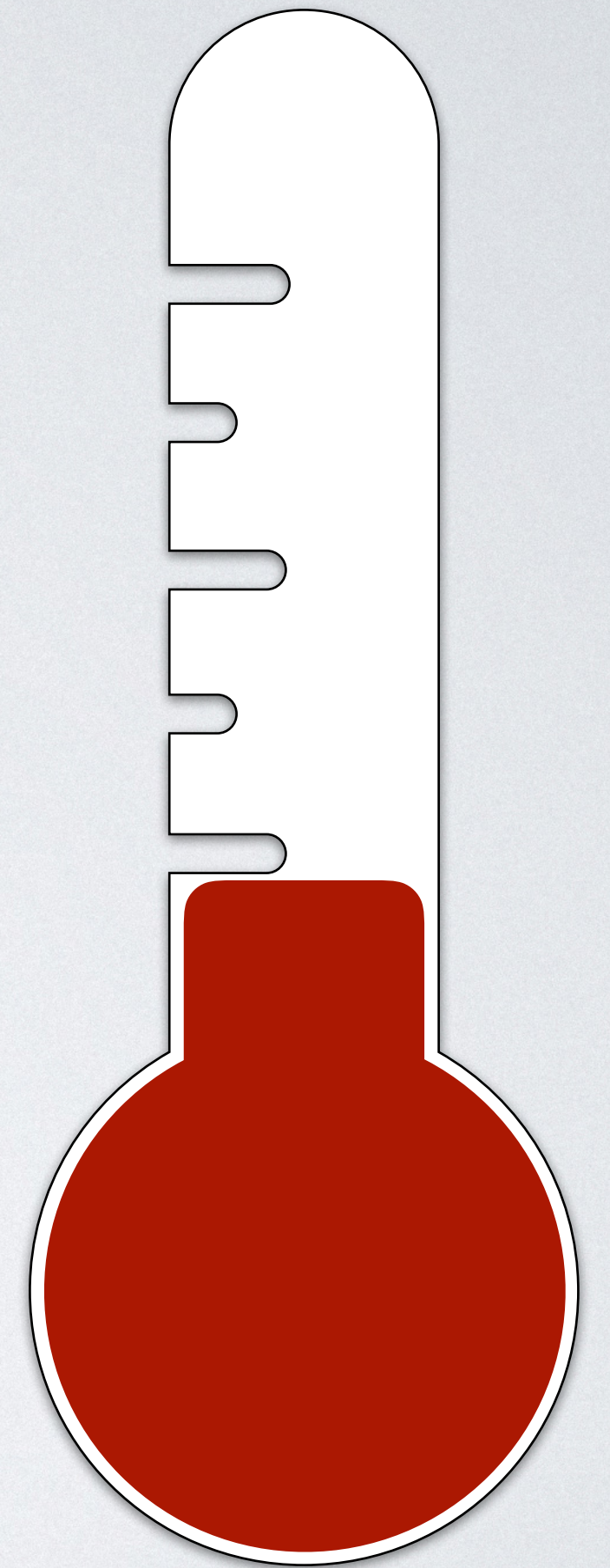
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- Wales 1904-1906
 - **100,000 converts (10% of population)**; orders to Bible Society tripled; Coal productivity soars (without profanity); pubs close down; judges report lower dockets
 - **London Times reports:**
 - “Religion had become the absorbing interest of their lives. They had gathered at crowded services for six and eight hours at a time. Political meetings and even football matches were postponed... quarrels between trade union workmen and non-unionists had been made up.”



THERMOSTAT DISCIPLESHIP

- The Welsh Revival = Christians committed to:
 - Confess Sin
 - Reject and Remove all “doubtful” practices from their lives
 - Immediately obey the Spirit’s prompting and His Word
 - Publicly proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior



STEPS THIS WEEK

- **How can I repent?**
 - How have I contributed to the corporate sins?
- **Midweek Services**
(Men: Wed. and Women: Thur.)
- **Homework:** Sins + Forgiveness
- **Media Fast** continued
- **Pray** daily at 3:19



[RE]COVENANT
REPENT & REFRESH
ACTS 3:19

Sin + Forgiveness = Love

Luke 7:44-50 (7:36-50 is full narrative)

Turning to the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she, with her tears, has washed My feet and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing My feet since I came in. You didn't anoint My head with olive oil, but she has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that's why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Those who were at the table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (Highest) how aware of your sinful nature are you?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (Highest) how aware of God's forgiveness in your daily life?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What are the reasons you currently have to love God?

Jesus gives us an equation for love. He shows that our understanding of sin adds to our realization of forgiveness that leads to our love for God.

Complete the equation below for yourself. Past sins are ones that have had a lasting effect on who we are. Current sins are both confessed and unconfessed sins that are holding us back. Signs of grace are personal experiences/people that have modeled forgiveness. Scripture proof are verses that promise God's love and grace for us.

PAST SINS	CURRENT SINS	+	SIGNS OF GRACE	SCRIPTURE PROOF
_____	_____	+	_____	_____
_____	_____		_____	_____
_____	_____		_____	_____
_____	_____		_____	_____
_____	_____		_____	_____

How can you increase your awareness of sin and forgiveness through confession? Make a plan for confessing this week with your d-group, spouse or discipler.

Pray: That God will bless our confession and open our hearts to fully understand and experience his forgiveness.

