

~ THE JESUS LIFE ~
ACCORDING TO MARK

MARK 12:38-44 | OUR BATTLE FOR APPROVAL



BEWARE THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

MARK 12:38-40

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

MARK 12:41-44

LINKING THE TWO STORIES



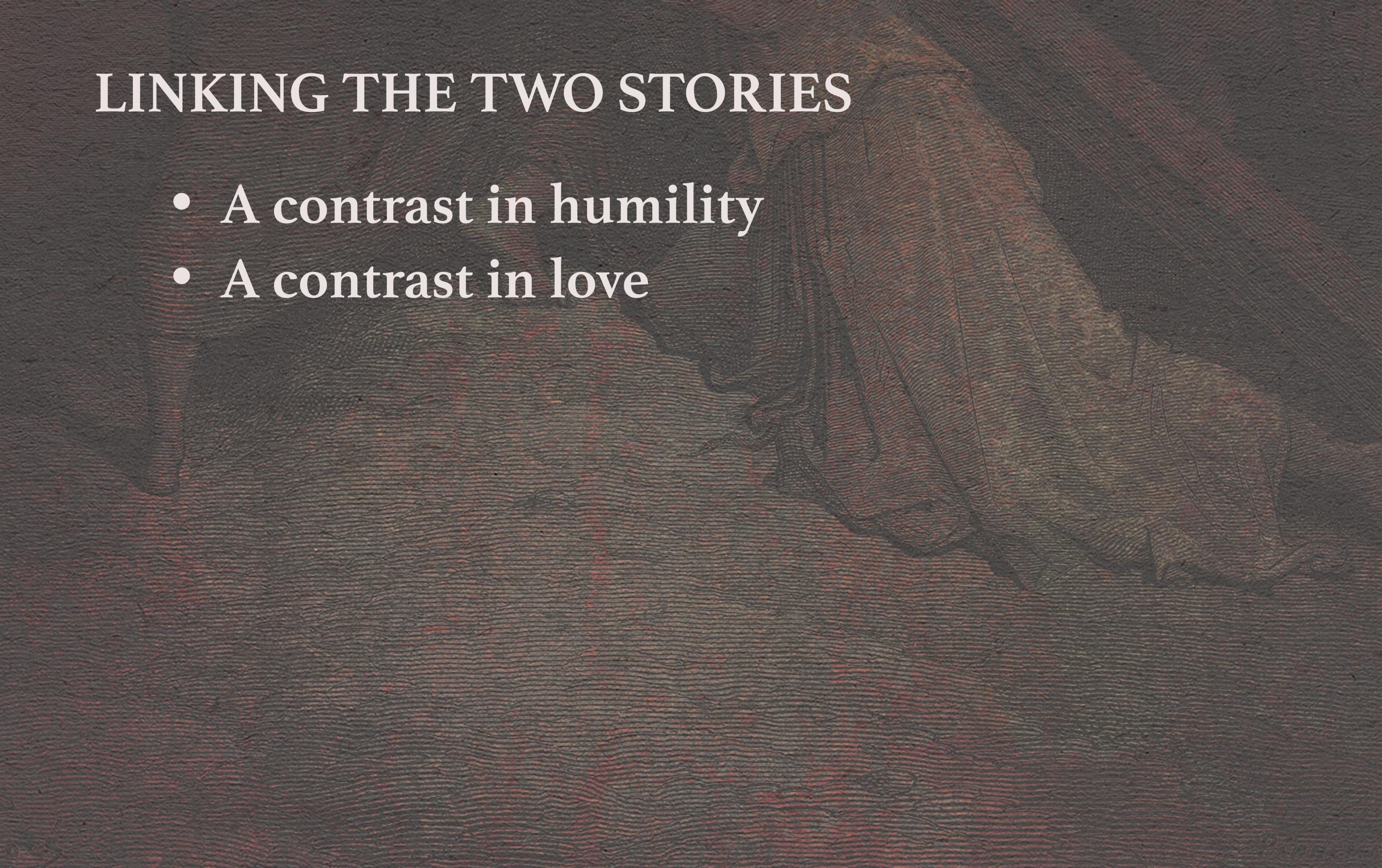
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- A contrast in love





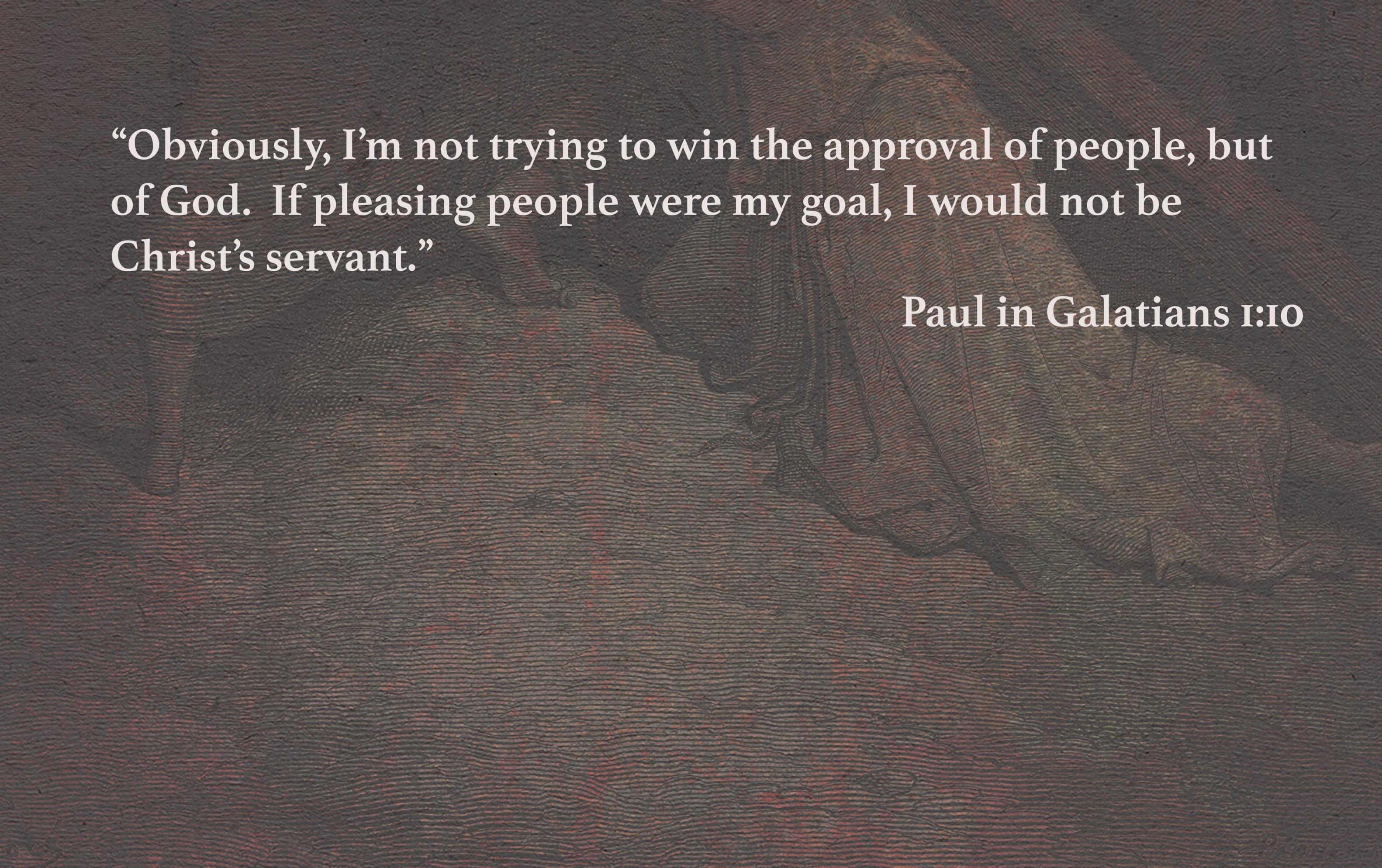
PRIDE & OUR BATTLE FOR APPROVAL

Basing our self-worth on what we believe others think of us causes us to become addicted to their approval...The world we live in is filled with people who demand that we please them in exchange for their approval and acceptance. Such demands often lead us directly to a false belief: *“I must be approved by certain others to feel good about myself.”*

Robert McGee, *The Search for Significance*

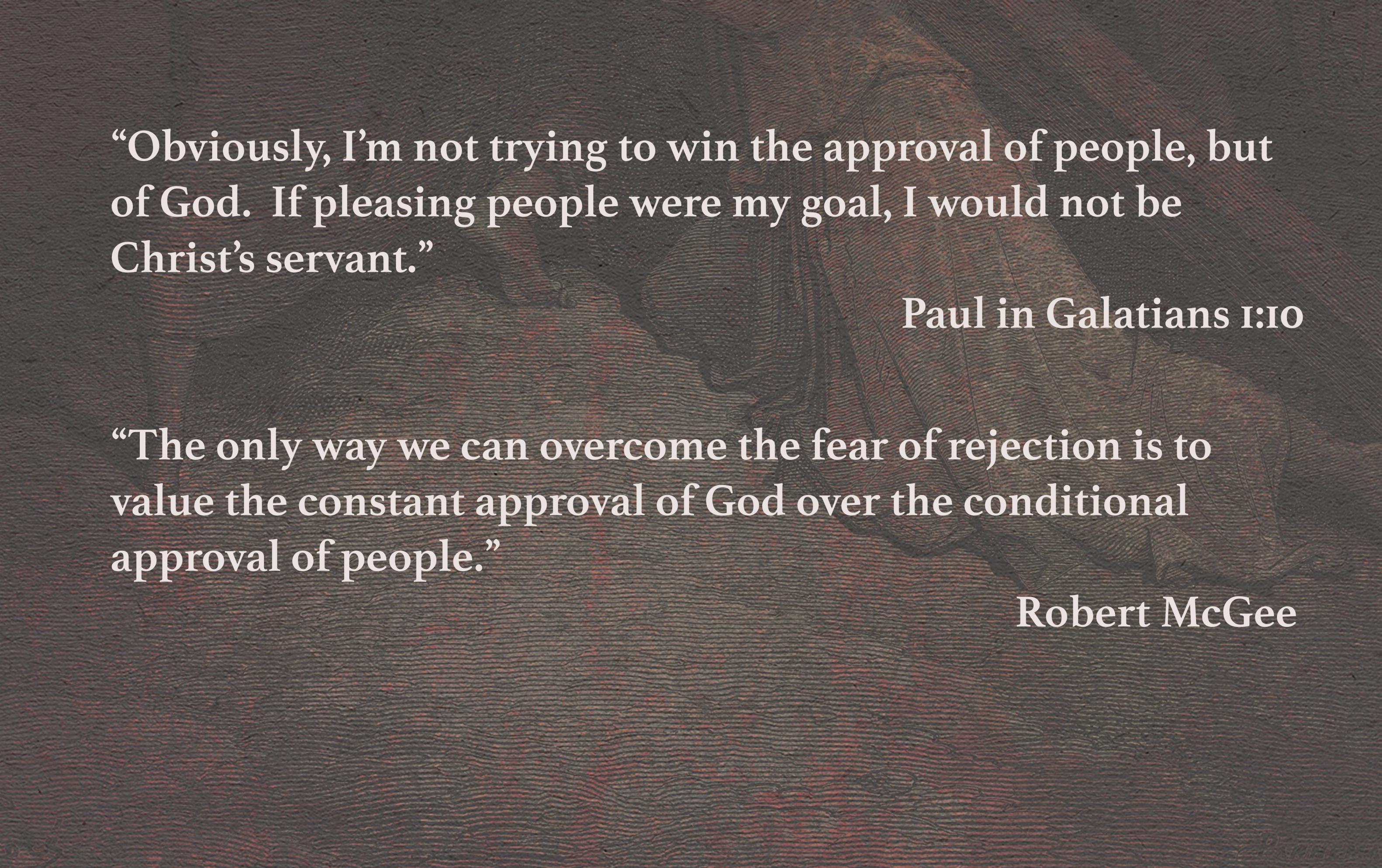
COMMON REACTIONS TO FEAR OF REJECTION

- Hurt & Anger
- Superficial Relationships
- Controlling Relationships
- Depression and/or Anxiety



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“The only way we can overcome the fear of rejection is to value the constant approval of God over the conditional approval of people.”

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The answer:
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