

DID GOD REALLY SAY?

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF PERIODS AND QUESTION MARKS



YOU AND I ARE DAUGHTERS AND SONS OF GOD, CREATED AND SAVED ON PURPOSE FOR A PURPOSE

**“FOR WE ARE HIS MASTERPIECE, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR
GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT WE
SHOULD WALK IN THEM.”**

EPHESIANS 2:10

**THE DEVIL HAS BEEN AN ENEMY OF GOD
AND HUMANKIND FROM THE BEGINNING
AND HAS OPPOSED US KNOWING TWO
THINGS:**

1. THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

2. OUR FATHER'S REDEPTIVE PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES

**WHERE GOD PUTS A PERIOD, THE
TEMPTER PUTS A QUESTION MARK.**

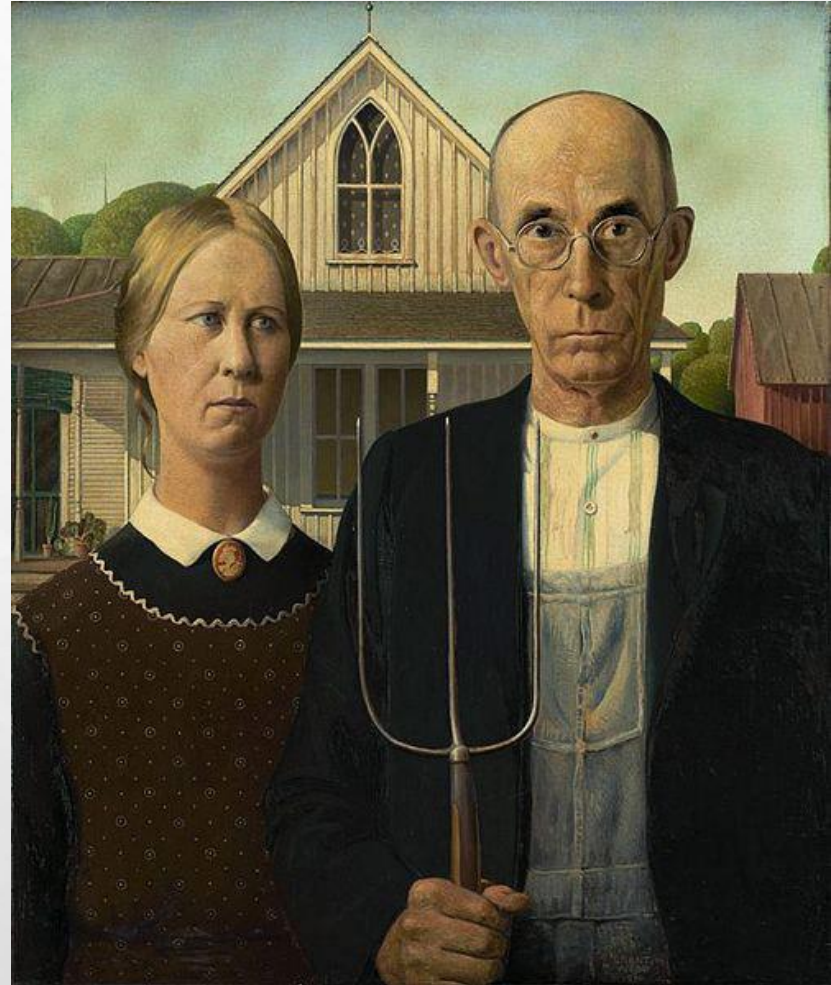
WE EVEN SEE THIS STRATEGIC ATTACK IN THE LIFE OF JESUS



GOD'S MASTERPIECE

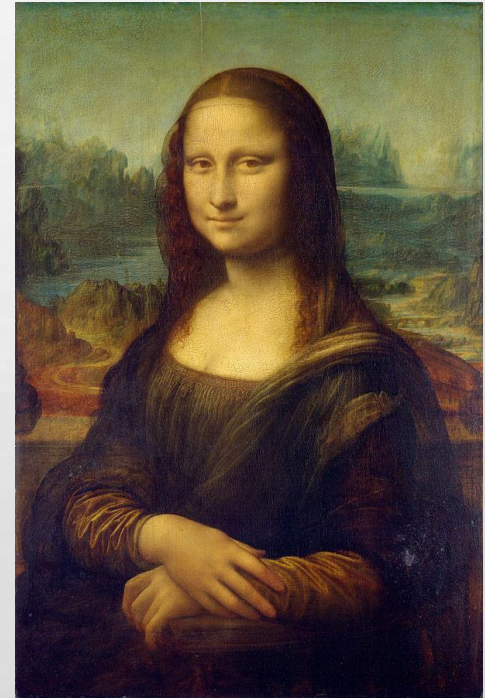
“AMERICAN GOTHIC”

BY GRANT WOOD



“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship or masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

GOD IS THE MASTER RESTORER WHO RESTORES FINE WORKS OF ART RATHER THAN THROWING THEM AWAY



LIVING A NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL LIFE

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going.

'No, we don't know, Lord,' Thomas said. 'We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!' Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus replied, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

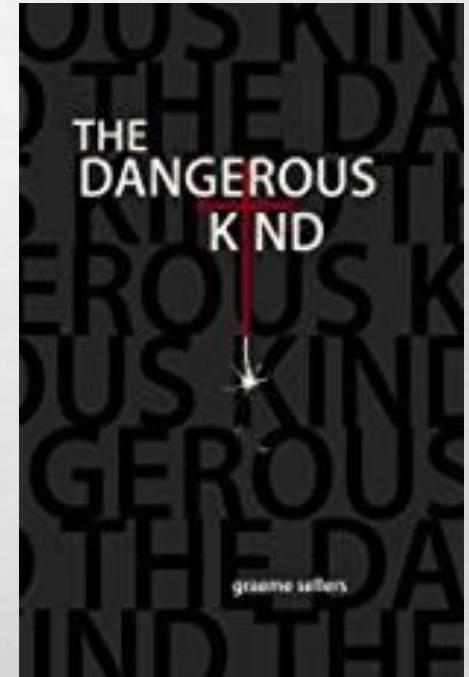
“The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do. I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

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- Jesus Christ

CONSIDER WHAT JESUS SAYS IN THE FIRST ELEVEN VERSES

- **TRUST GOD AND TRUST IN ME (V. 1)**
- **I'M GOING TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU IN HEAVEN (V. 2)**
- **YOU WILL BE WITH ME AFTER THIS LIFE (V. 3)**
- **I AM THE ONLY WAY TO THE FATHER (V. 6)**
- **IF YOU'VE SEEN ME AND KNOW WHAT I AM LIKE THEN YOU'VE SEEN THE FATHER AND KNOW WHAT HE IS LIKE (V. 9)**
- **I DON'T INVENT MY OWN THINGS TO SAY OR DO – I'M DOING AND SAYING WHAT THE FATHER WANTS (VV. 10-11)**



“Along with the vast majority of biblical commentators, we read Jesus’ words in John 14:1-11 plainly and understand them as pointing to actual, not metaphorical, truth. Jesus really is the only way to the Father. He does truly and accurately show us the Father. He calls for absolute trust. These things are true, patently so. Why, then, are we reluctant to read verse twelve through the same, simple lenses?”

Graeme Sellers
The Dangerous Kind

TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”

**The Apostle Paul
2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

WHERE TO BEGIN?

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE REAL THING



“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. We can only do this if we become devoted to being faithful in the fundamental of meeting with the Lord in his Word.” (Phil. 4:8-9)

**The Message says:
“fill your minds with and meditate on these things.”**

FOCUSING ON THE REAL THING

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

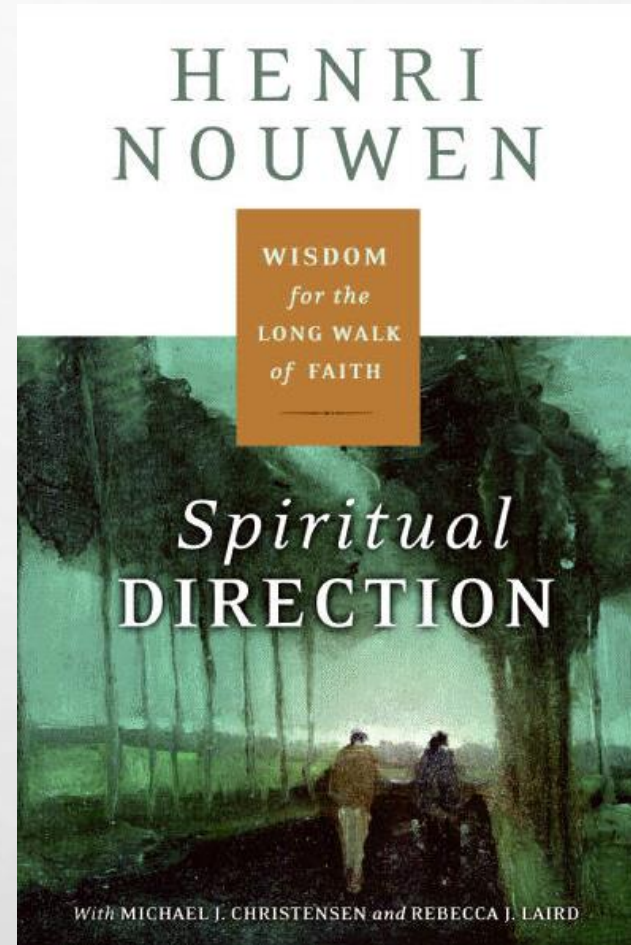
Romans 8:38-30

Nothing can separate us from the love of God - PERIOD

LIFE TOGETHER GROUPS



**SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT
WITH A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OR
IMMANUEL PRAYER MINISTER**



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