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Confidence – Pride

*DANGEROUS* VIRTUES



How to Follow Jesus  
When *Evil*  
Masquerades as Good

J O H N K O E S S L E R

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“It is hard to see where one ends and the other begins. Does envy lead to pride, or do the assumptions of pride create an environment where envy takes root? The answer is, yes!”



*“Pride is a noun, but it also functions as a verb.  
Pride isn’t just about how we feel; it’s something we do.*

*“We are proud.” - John Koessler*

# Pride is not always evil.

“Grandchildren are the crown of the aged,  
and the glory of children is their fathers.”

Proverbs 17:6

“Let another praise you, and not your own  
mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.”

Proverbs 27:2

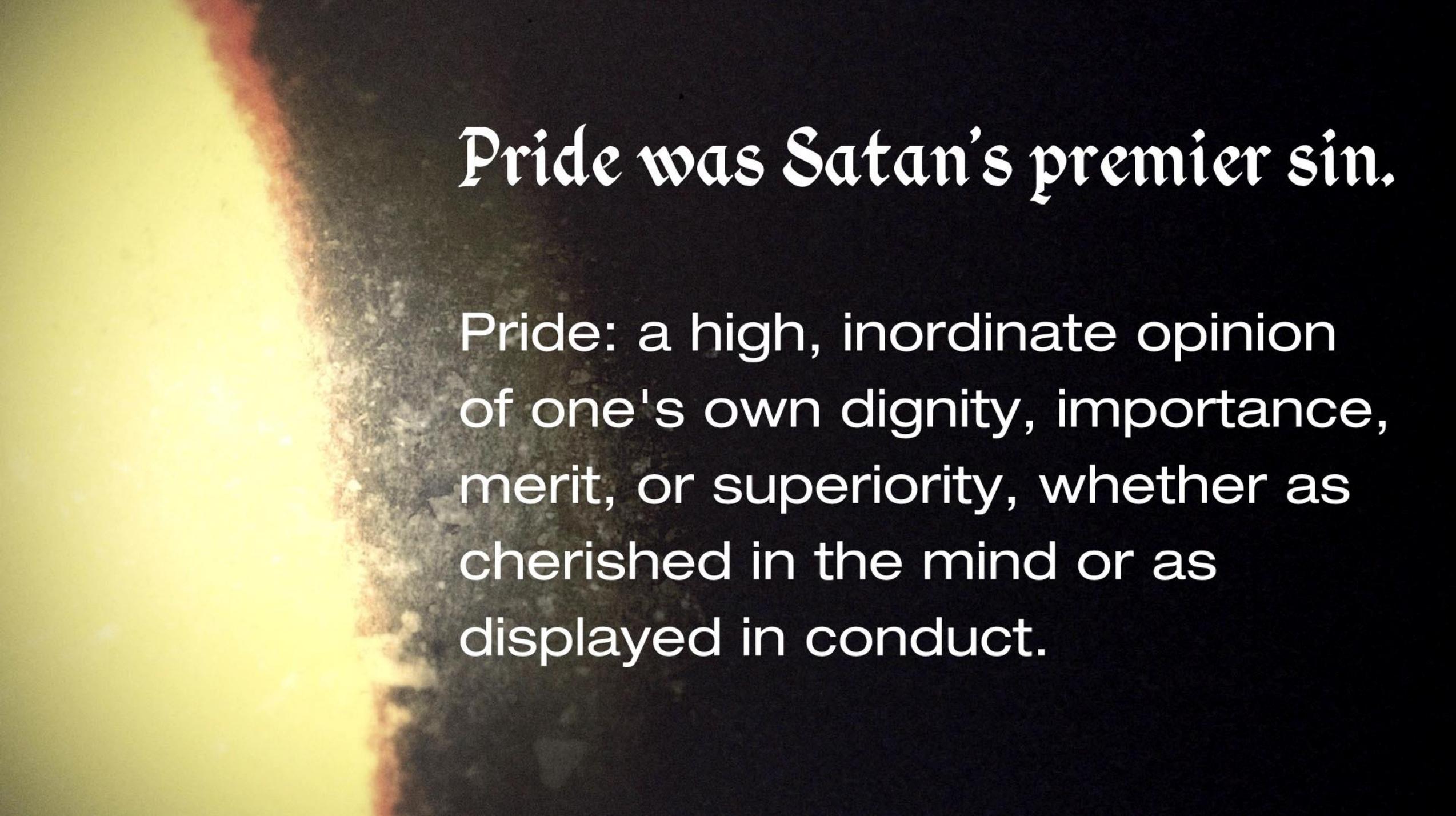
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“I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.”

2 Corinthians 7:4

“In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience.”

Romans 15:17,18



*Pride was Satan's premier sin.*

Pride: a high, inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in conduct.



“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

Proverbs 16:18,19

**FOR EVERYONE WHO  
EXALTS HIMSELF**

WILL BE

**HUMBLED**

**BUT**

HE WHO  
HUMBLES HIMSELF

WILL BE

**EXALTED**

LUKE 18:14



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1. We quickly think of our own needs first.
  2. We assume that our thoughts are as interesting to the world as they are to us.
  3. We believe every privilege is well-deserved.
  4. We are unteachable; unwilling to receive advice or criticism from even our closest friends.
  5. There is no one that we really trust as a real friend because no one measures up!

# Genesis 3:1-6

“Did God actually say...?”

“God wouldn’t want me to be  
unhappy.”

Pride is revealed in our  
narcissistic behavior.



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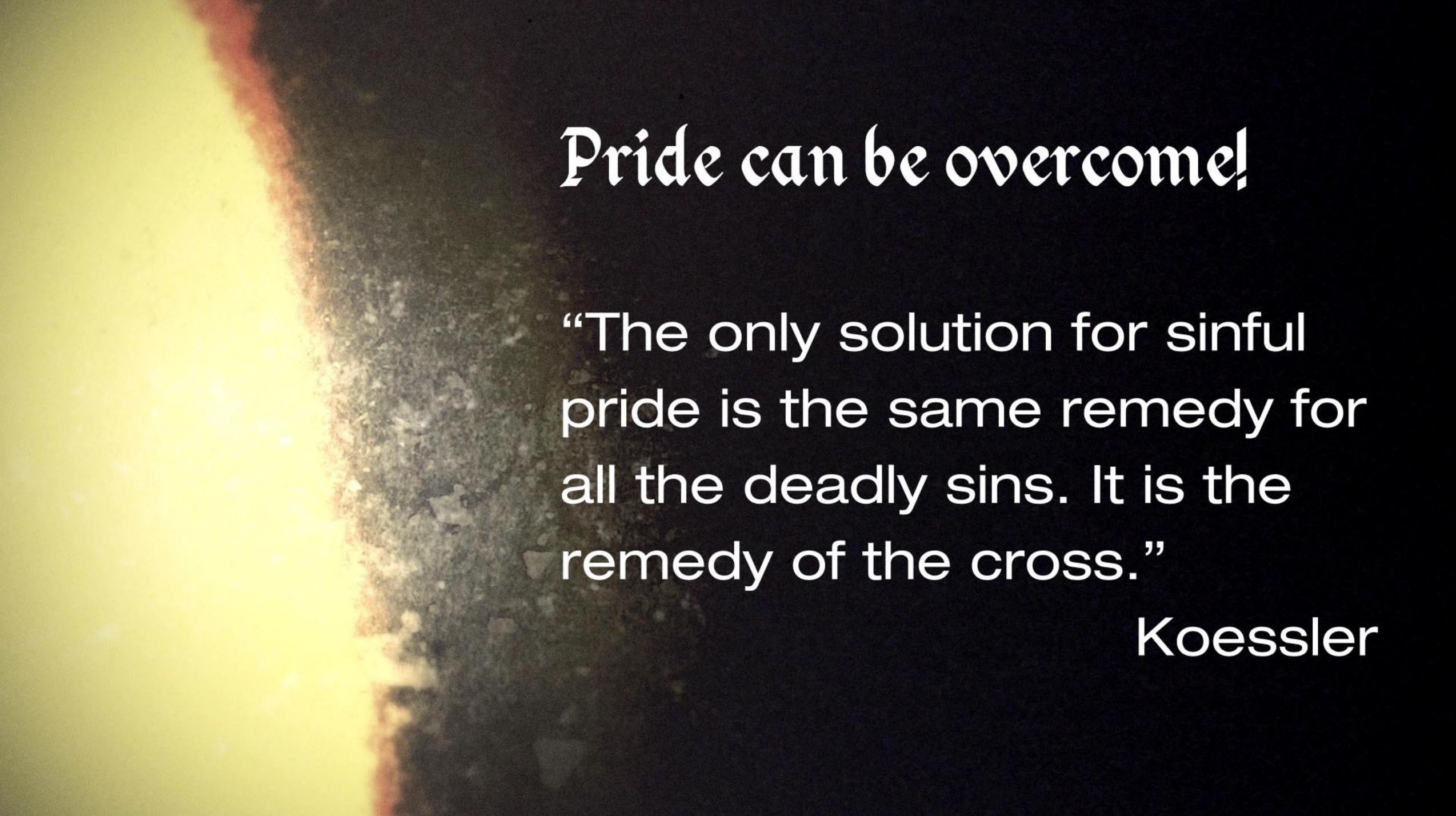
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“Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?”

Esther 6:6

“None are more unjust in their judgments of others than those who have a high opinion of themselves.”

Spurgeon



# Pride can be overcome!

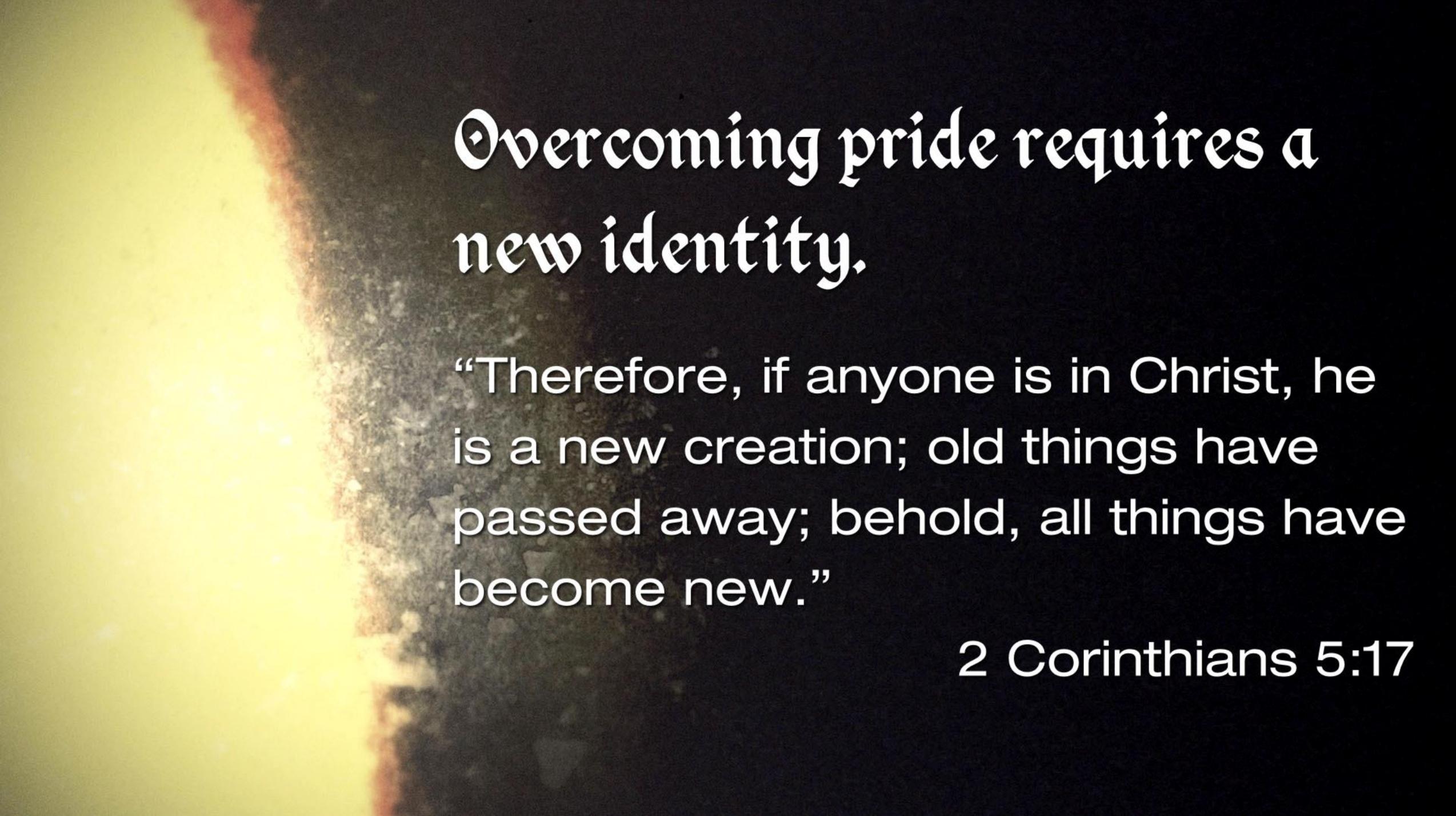
“The only solution for sinful pride is the same remedy for all the deadly sins. It is the remedy of the cross.”

Koessler

# Overcoming pride requires death!

“So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

Romans 8:12-13



Overcoming pride requires a  
new identity.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he  
is a new creation; old things have  
passed away; behold, all things have  
become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17



Overcoming pride requires a  
thankful attitude.

“Thankfulness is a soil in which  
pride does not easily grow”.

Michael Ramsey



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"Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call  
upon his name; make known his  
deeds among the peoples!"

1 Chronicles 16:8

# Overcoming pride requires a servant's heart.

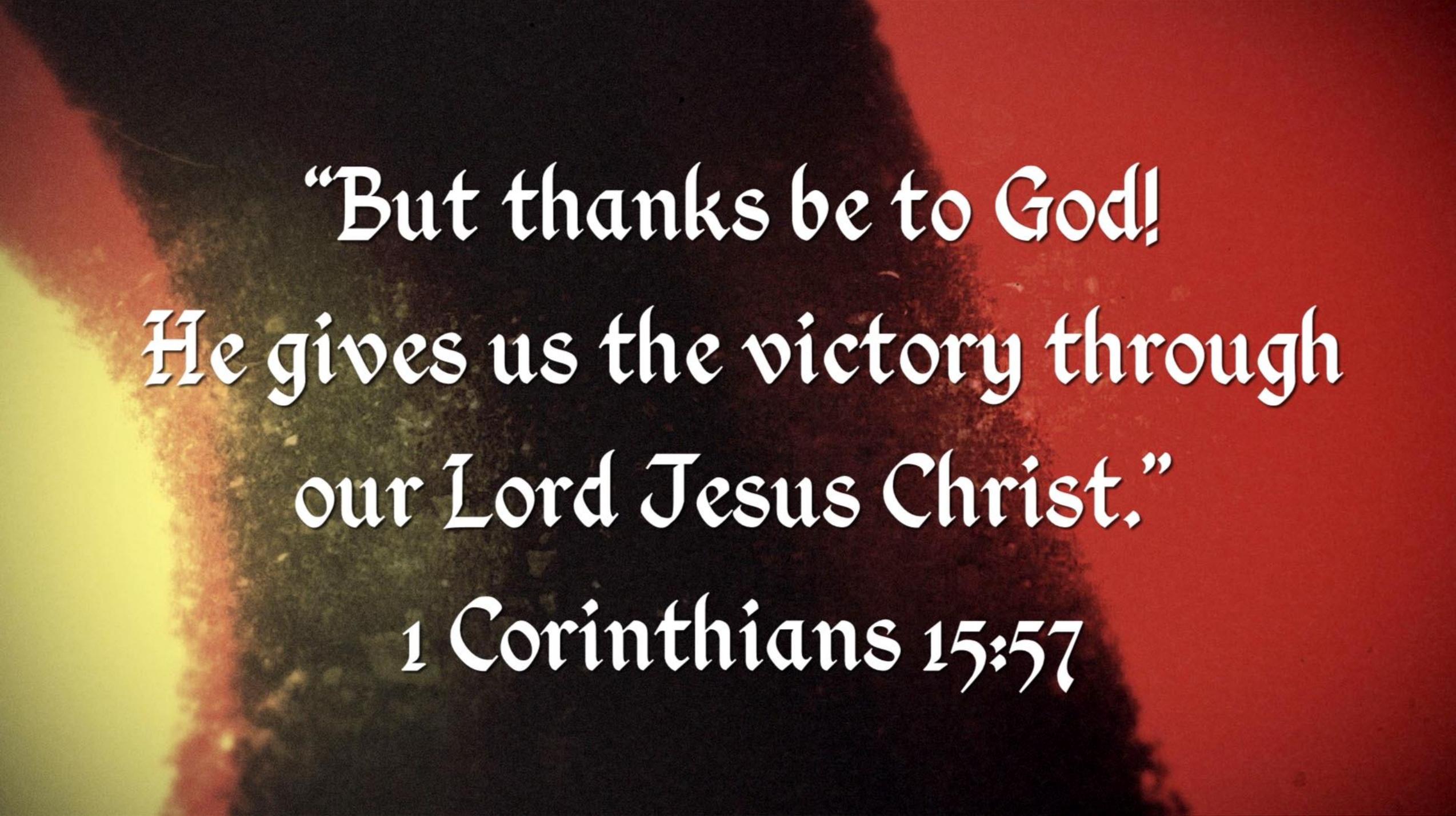
“It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:26-28



“The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself or less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less.”

Tim Keller



“But thanks be to God!  
He gives us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:57