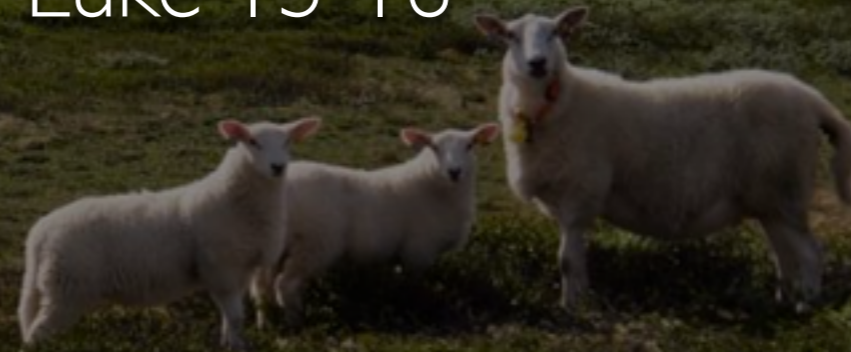


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A Study of the Lord's Parables in Luke 15-16



Class 2

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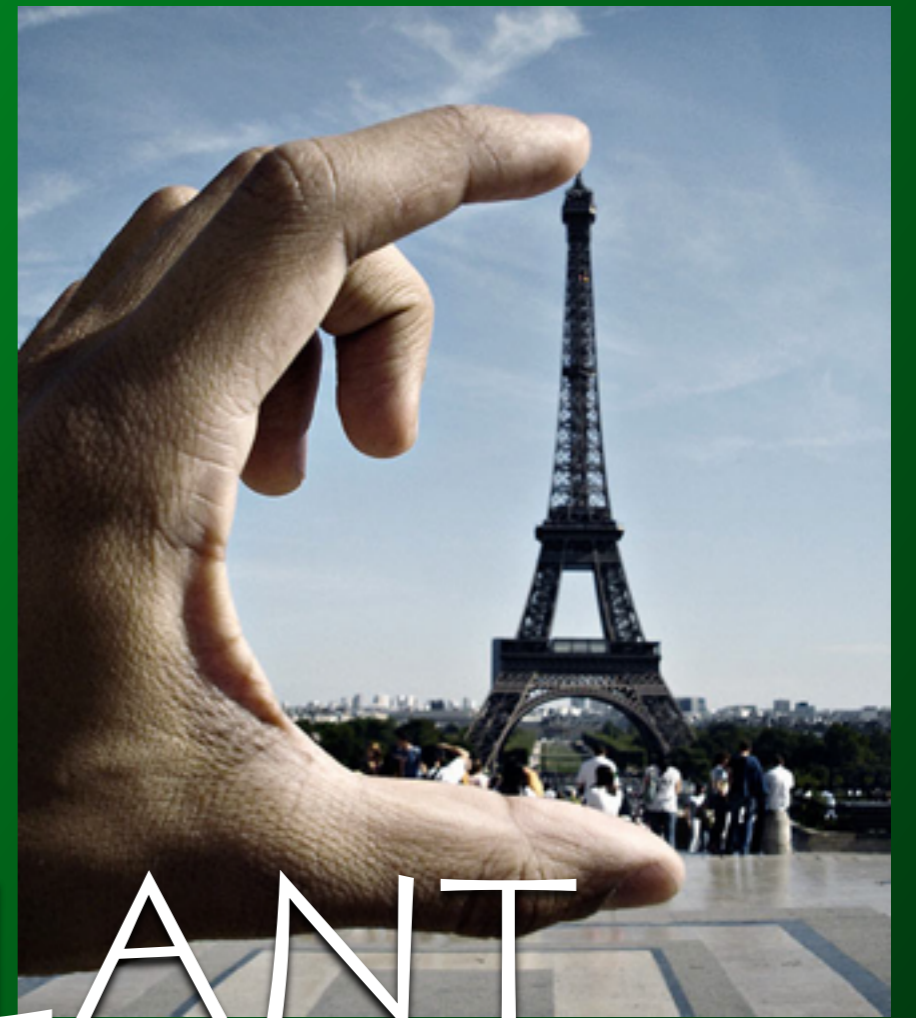
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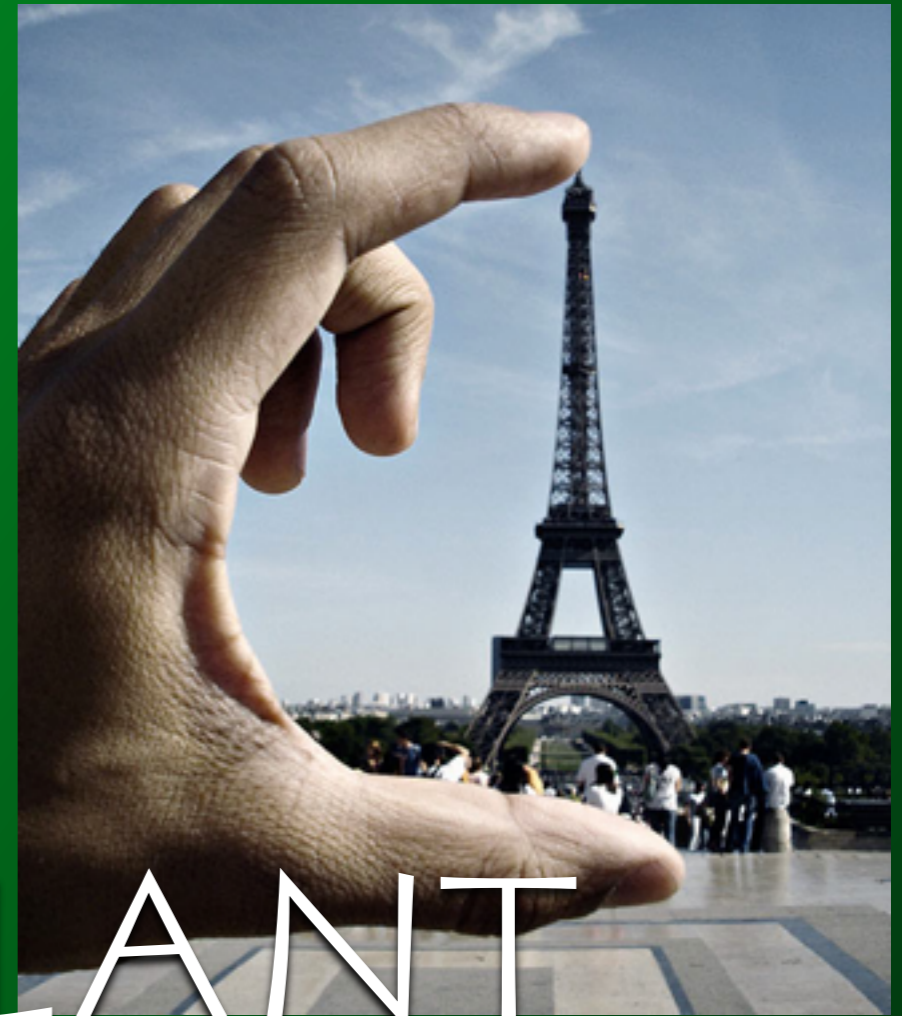
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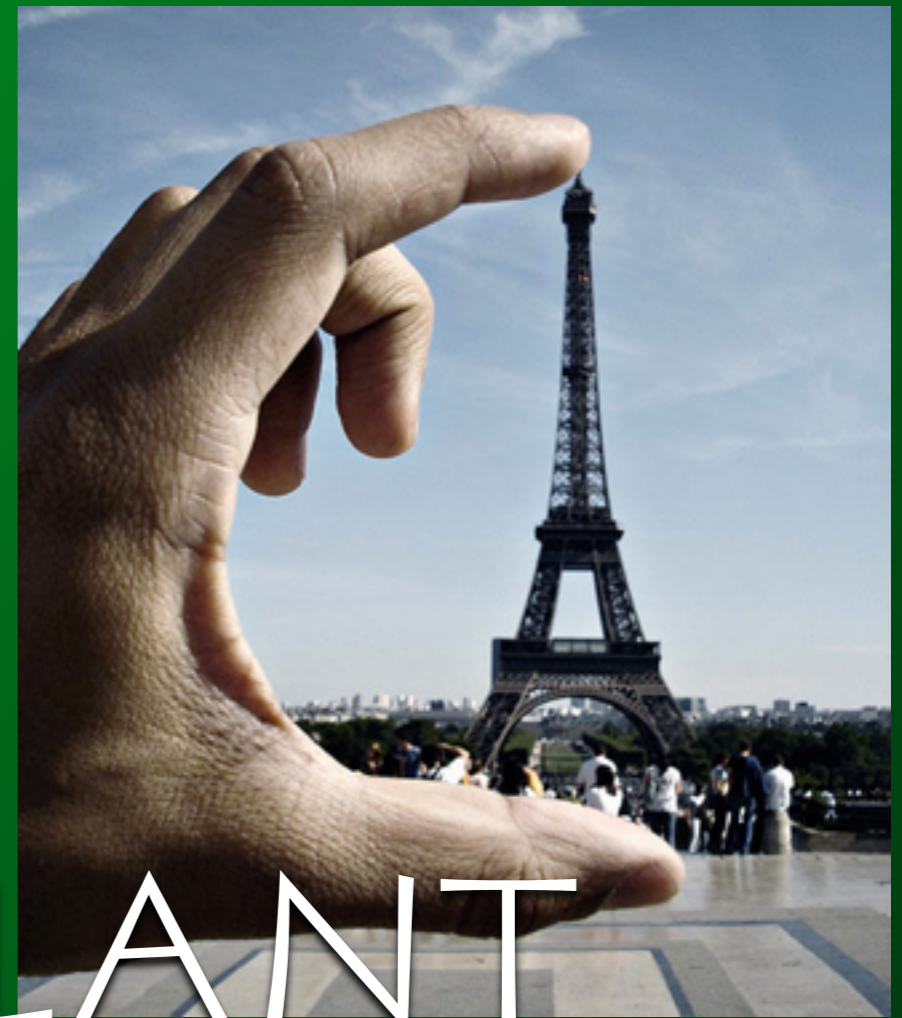


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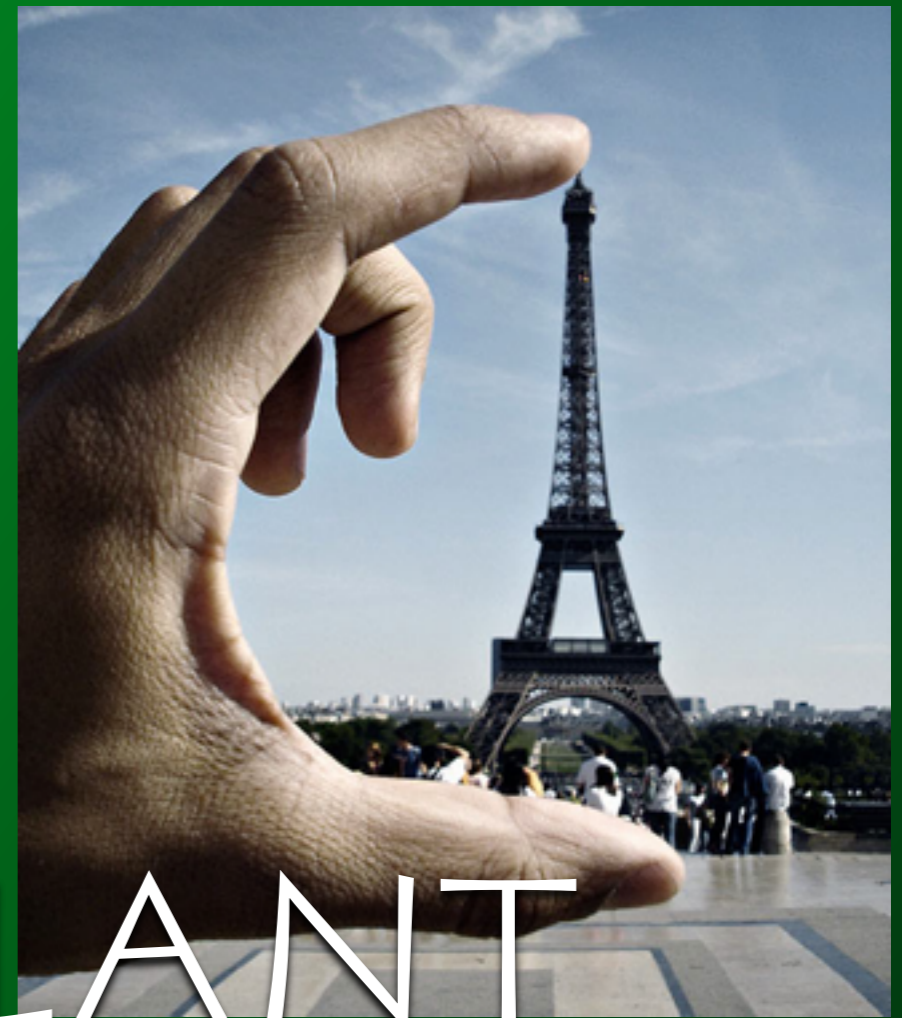
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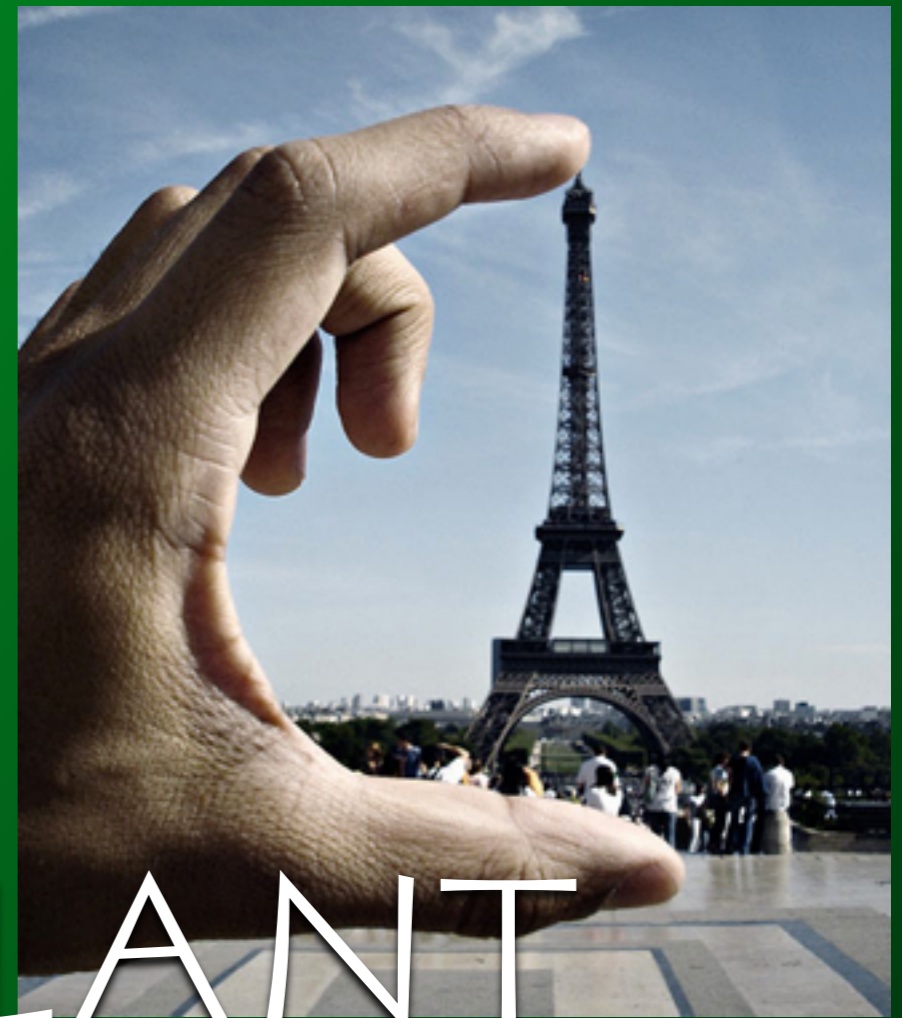


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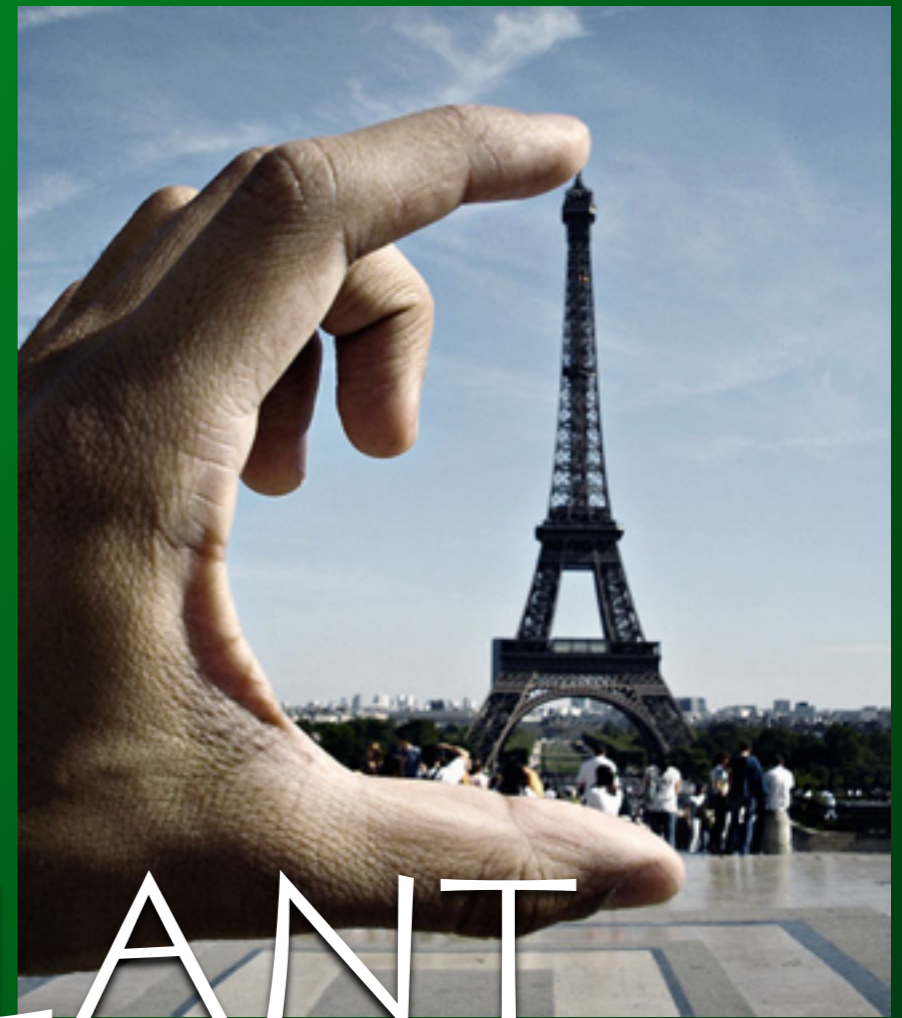
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He's going to do this by bringing together the two previous parables.

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the lost coin

lost outside the house

lost inside the house

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THE FAMILY

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Luke 14:26-27

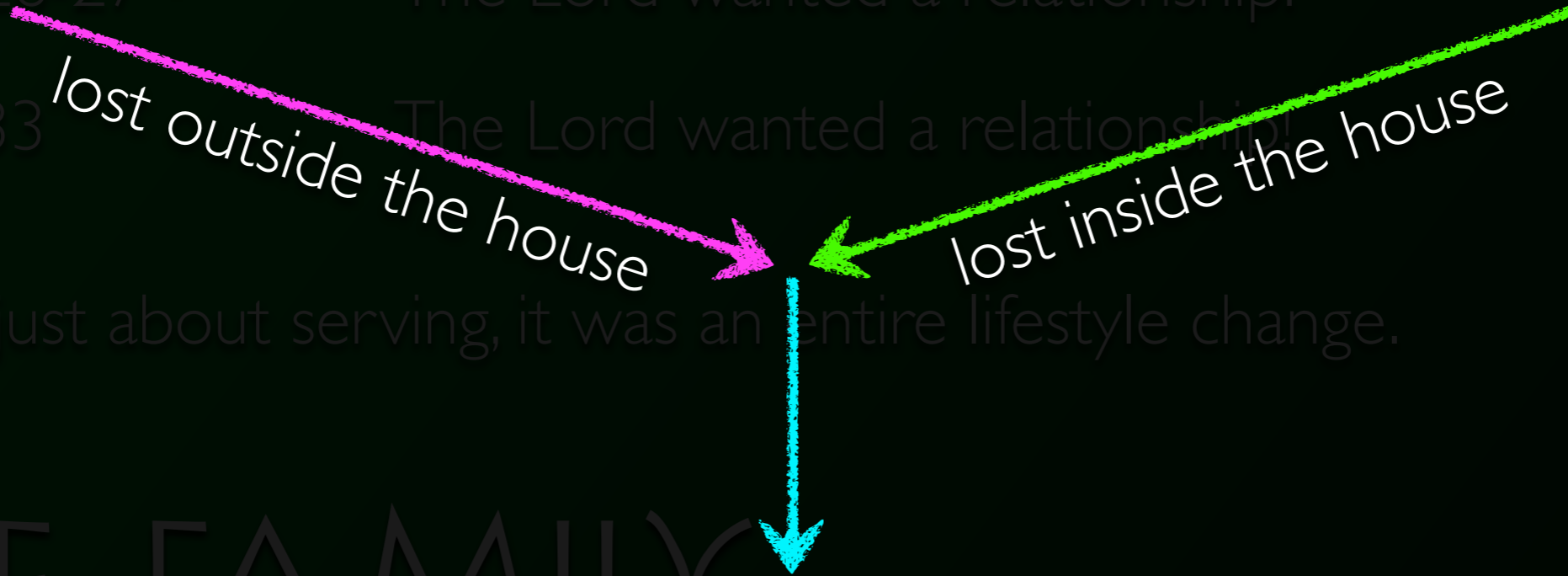
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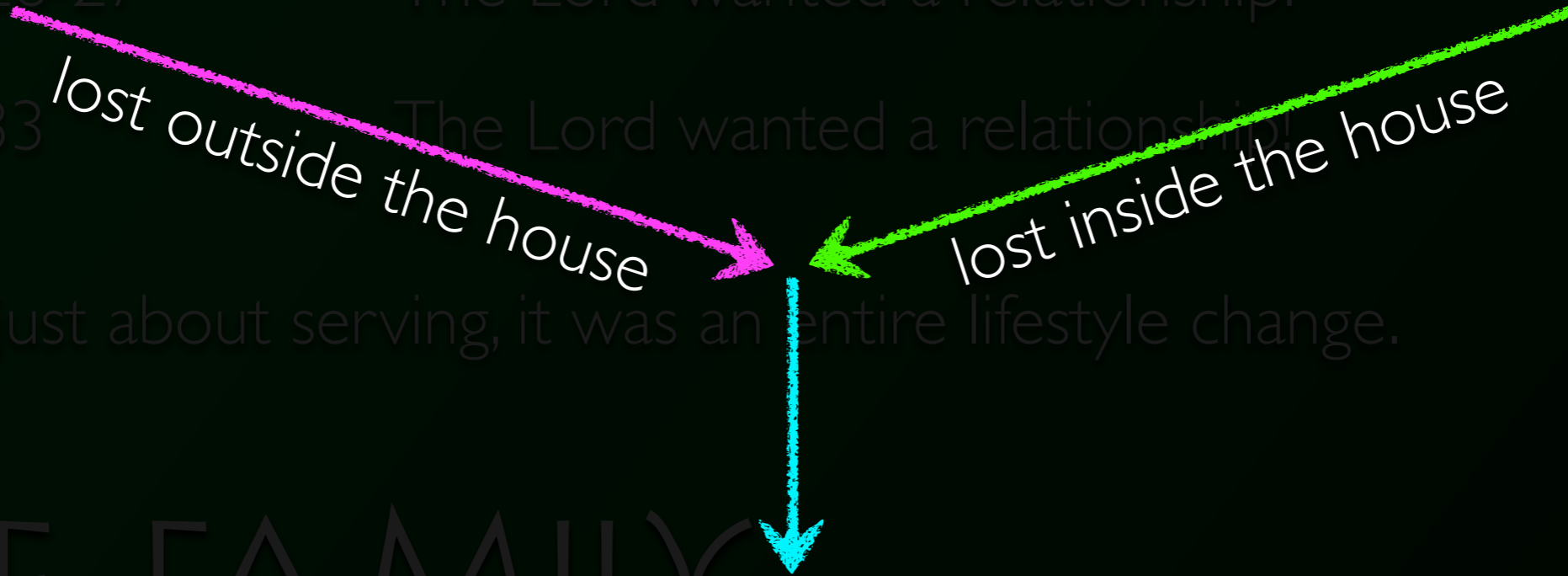
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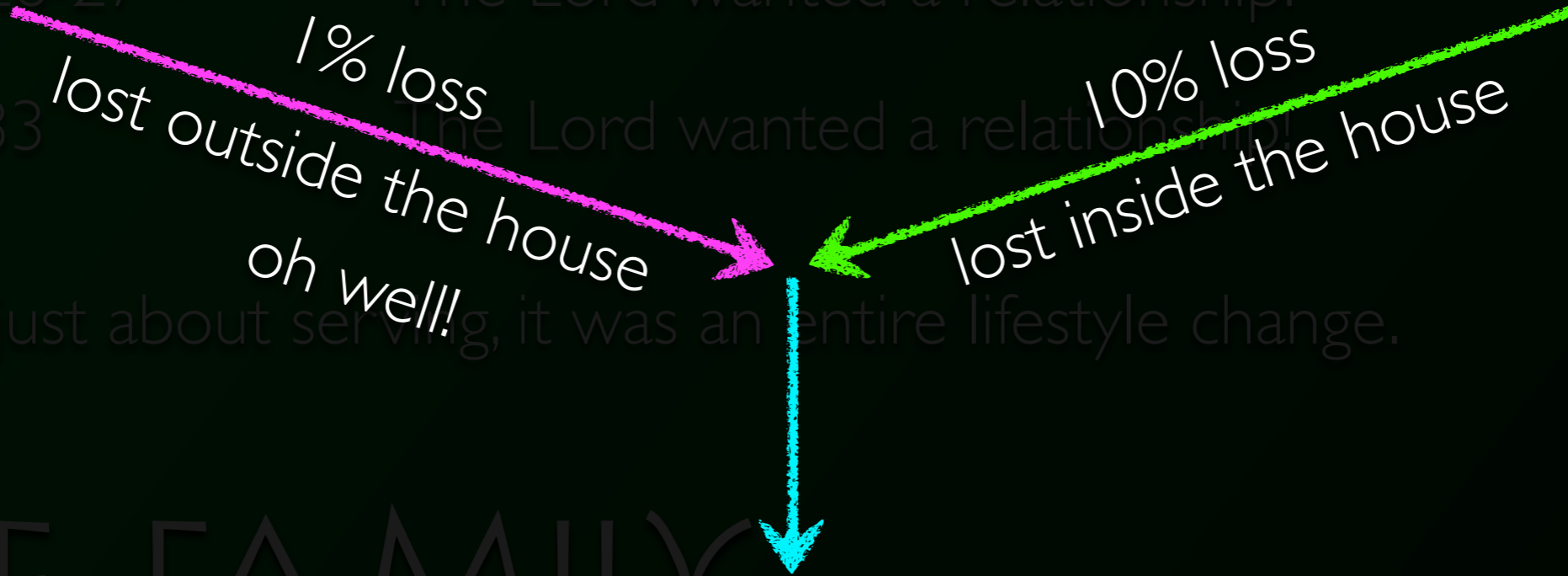
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oh well!

10% loss  
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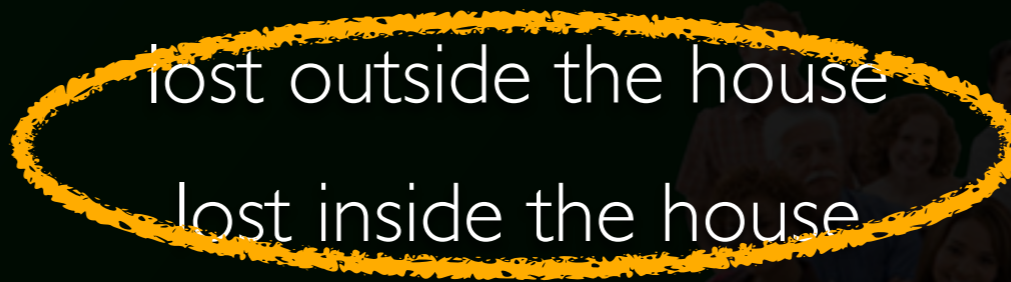
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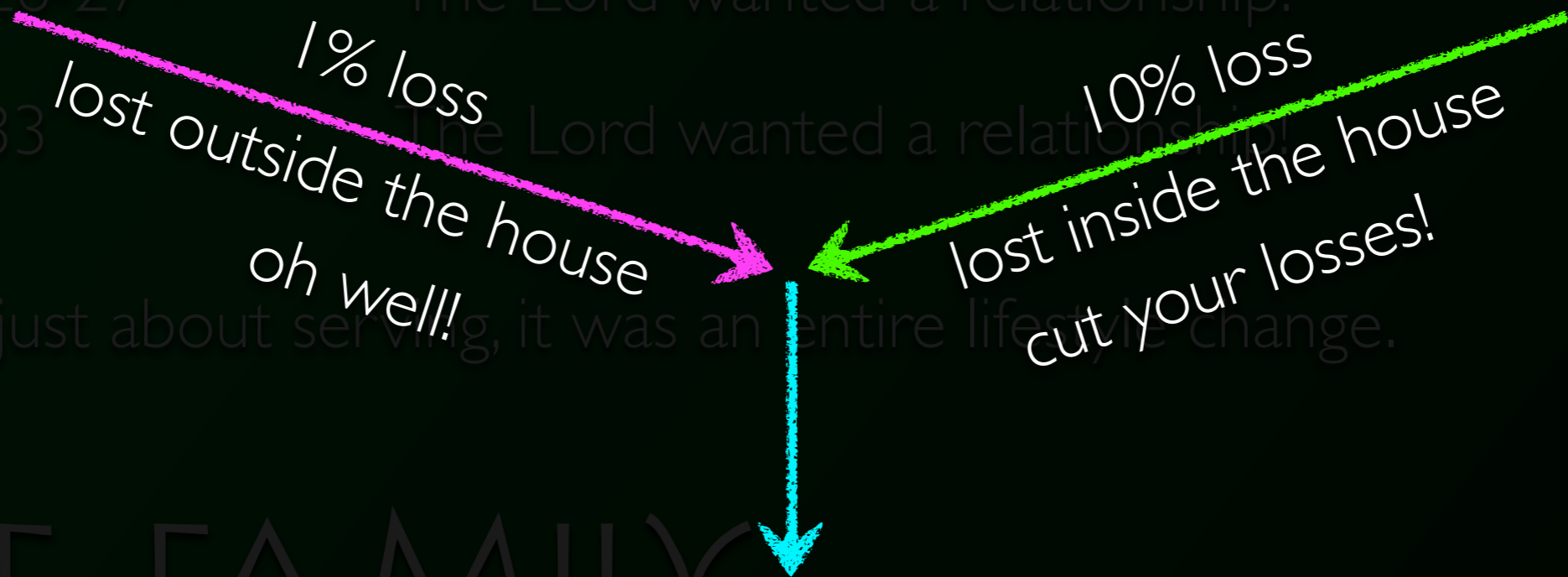
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Luke 15:11-12



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“he divided unto them”



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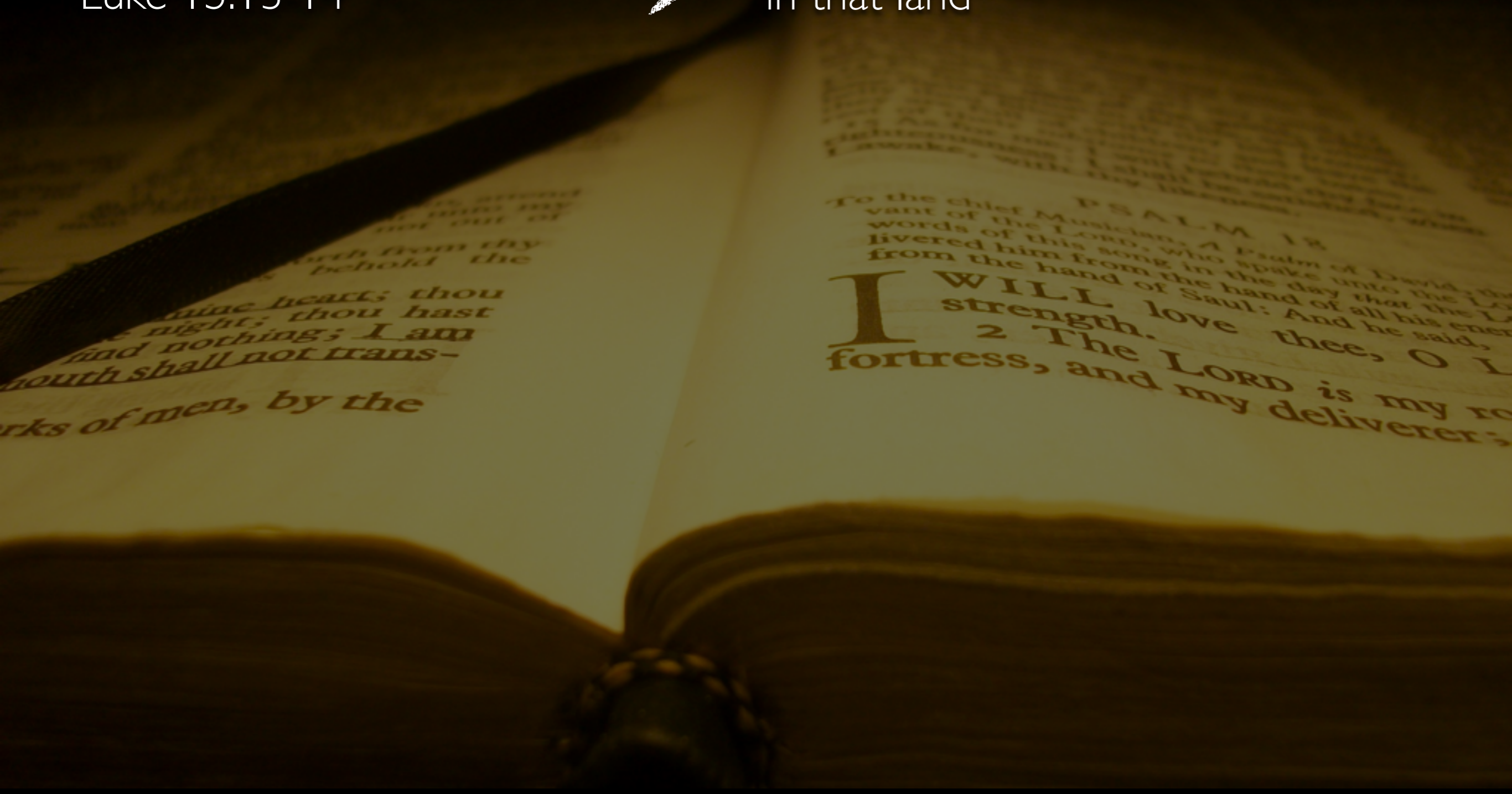
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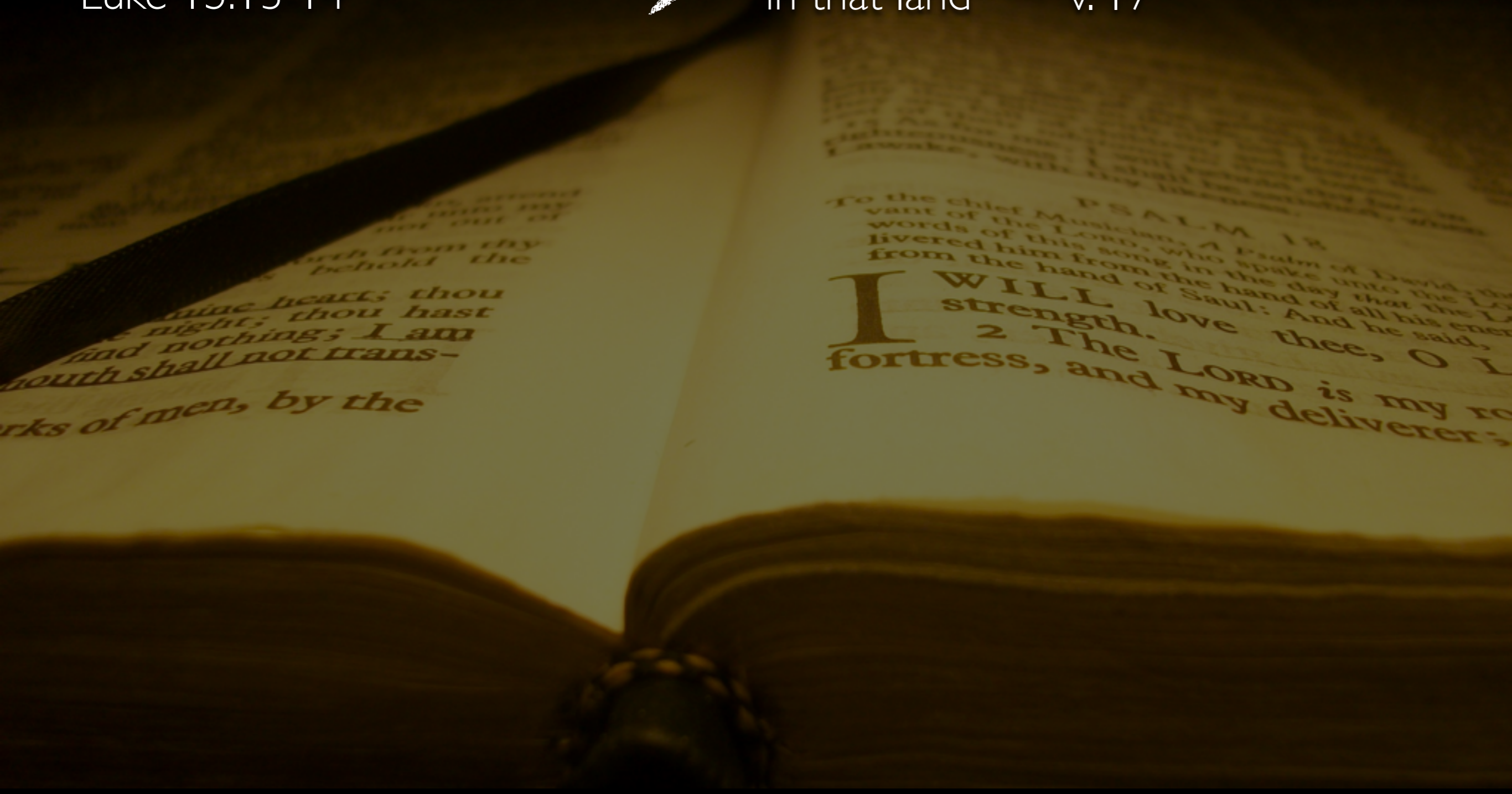
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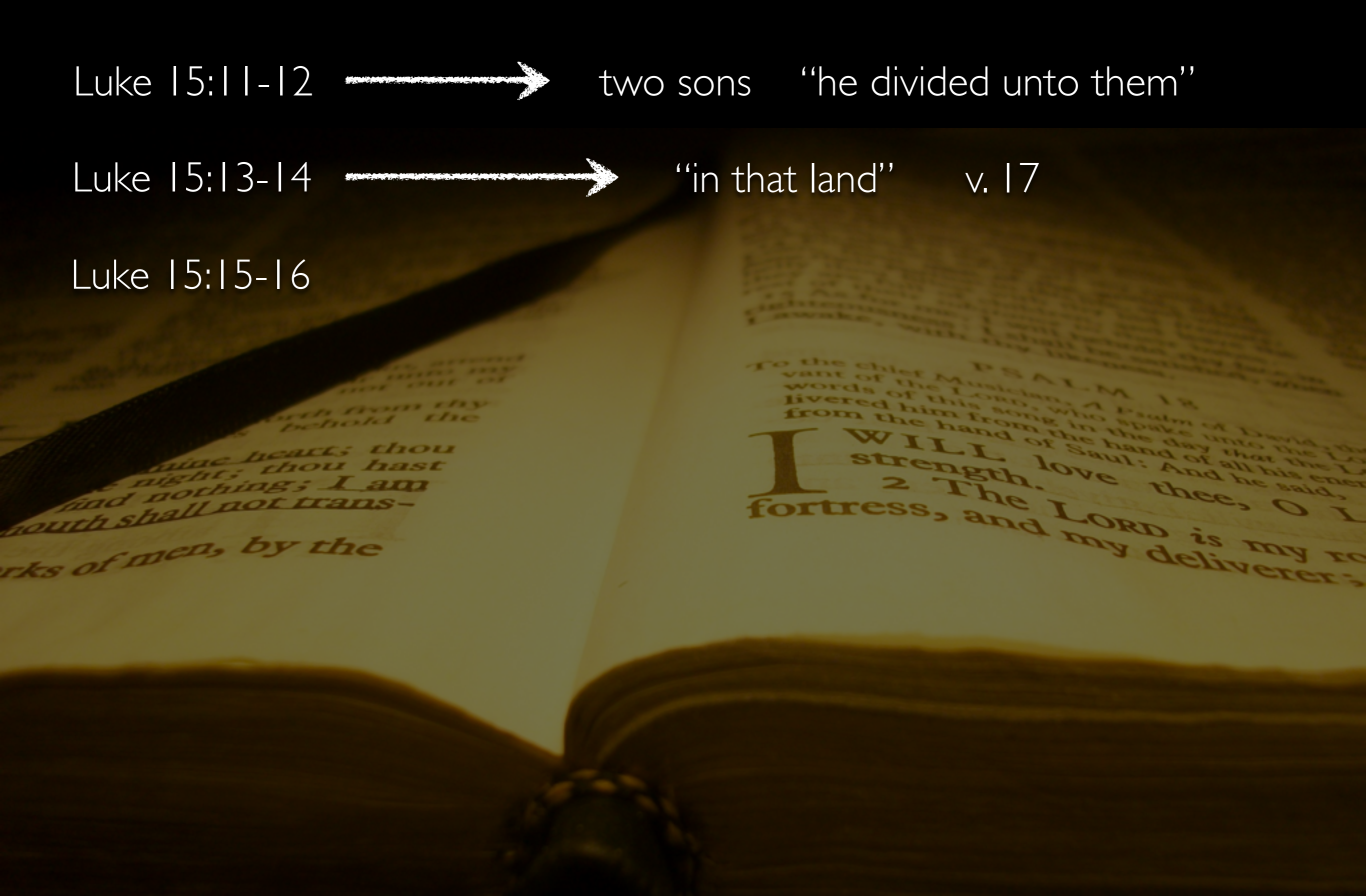


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Because there's no pride involved, God can work with this attitude.

THE PARABLE



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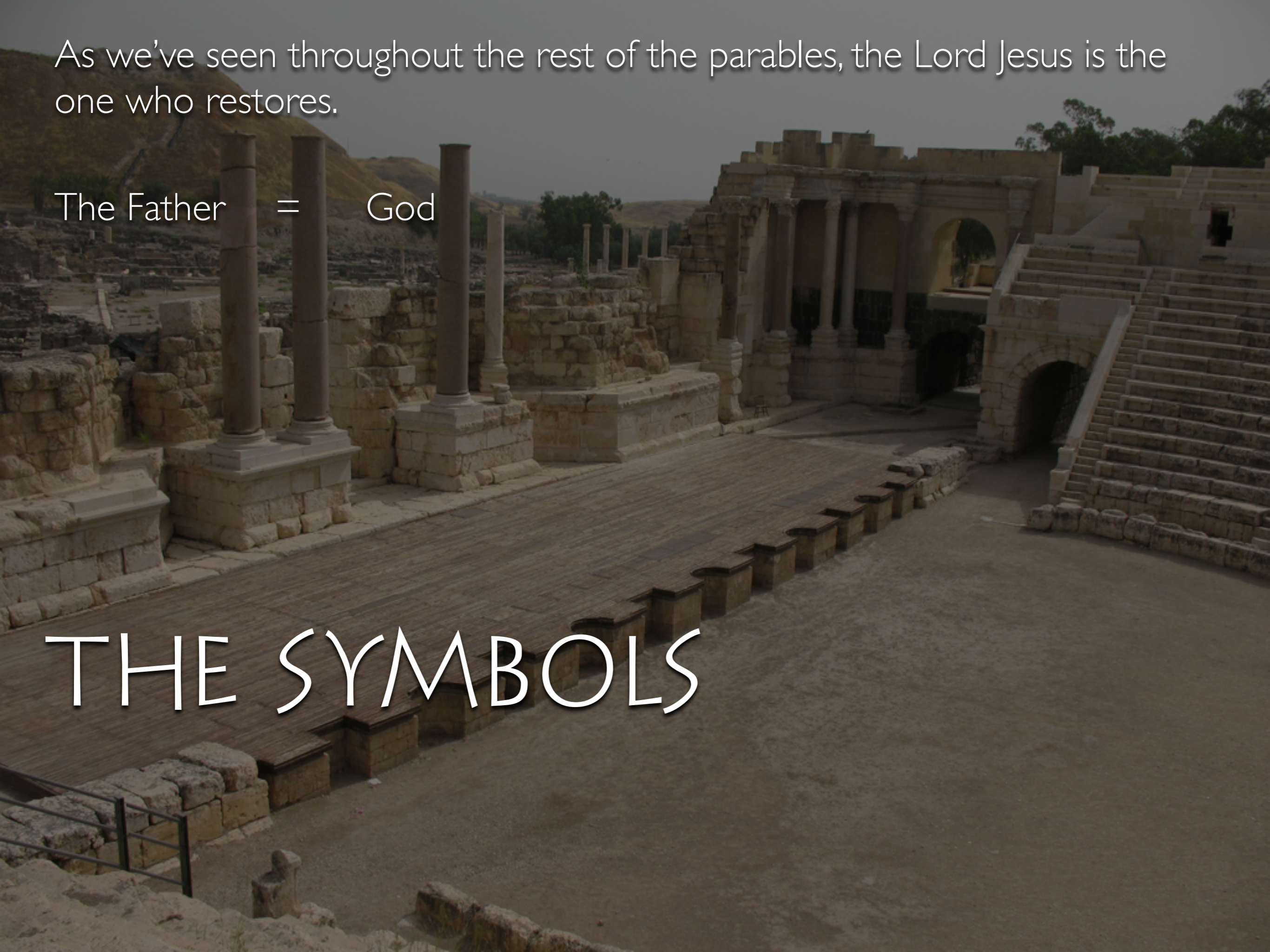
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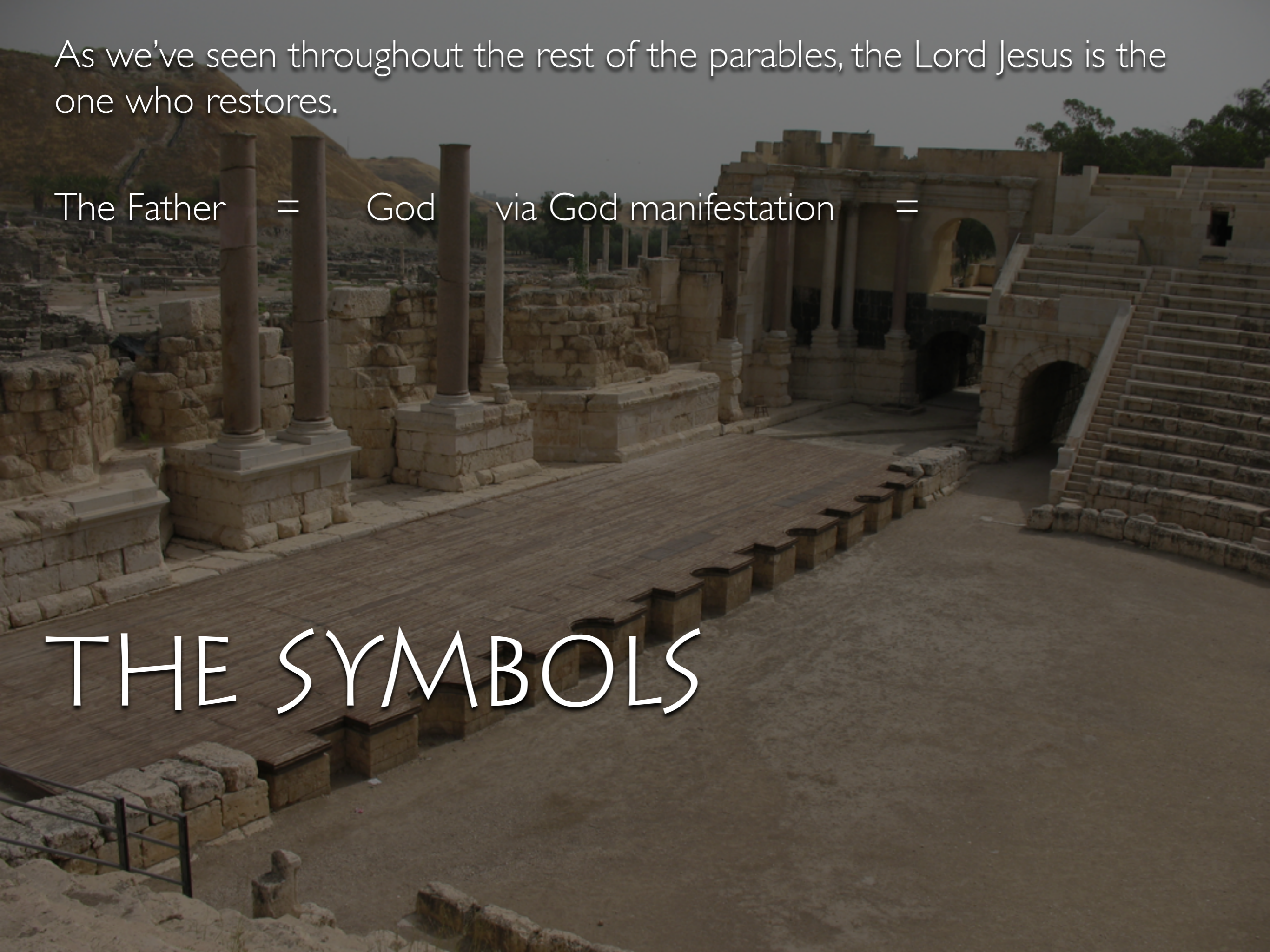
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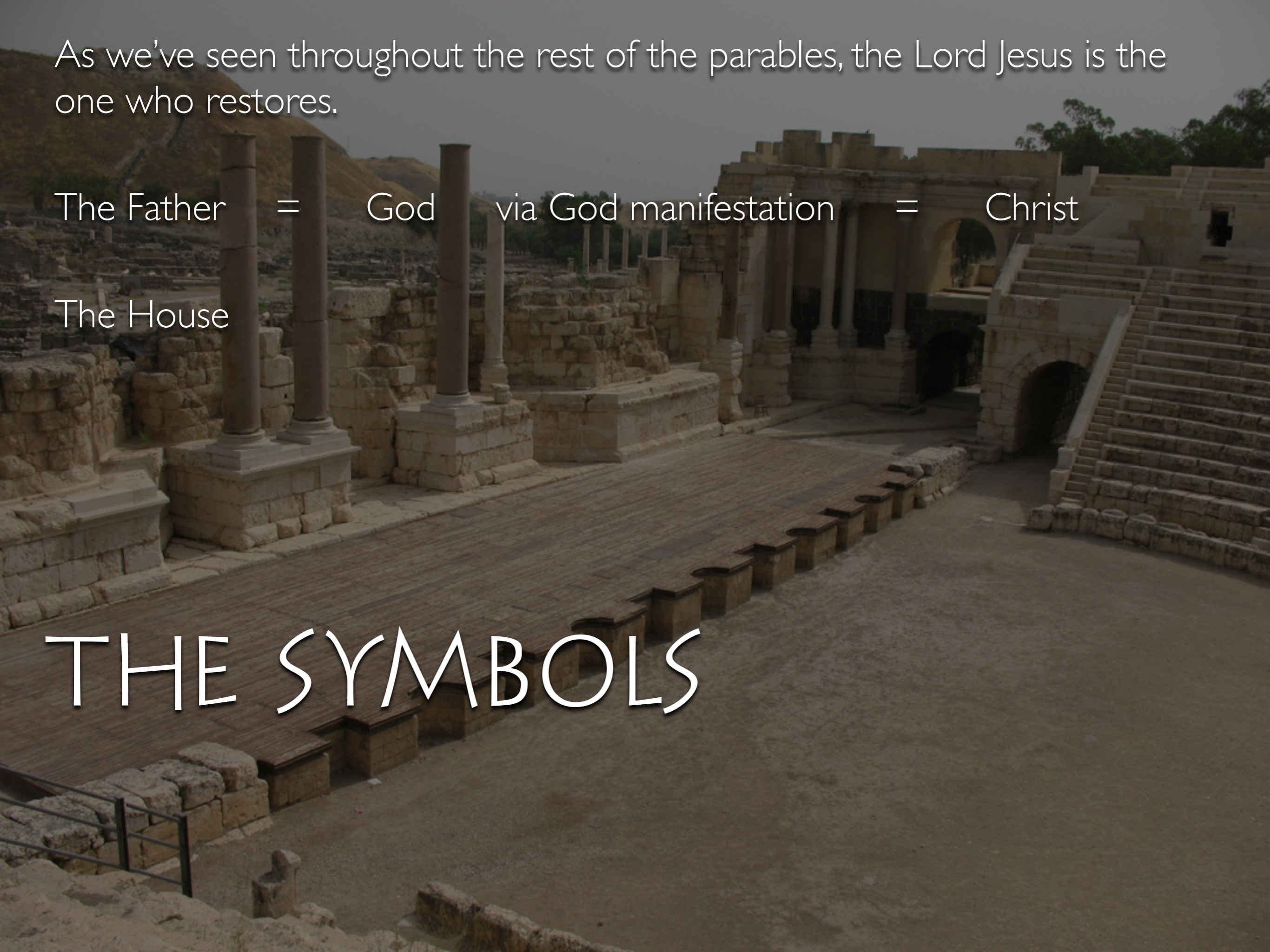
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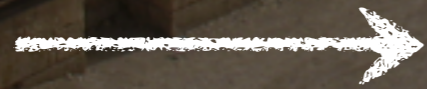
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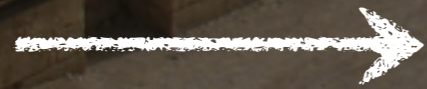
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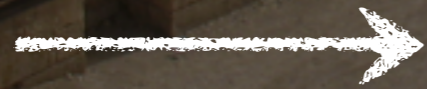
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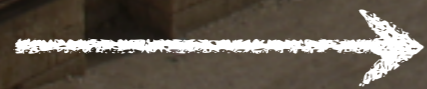
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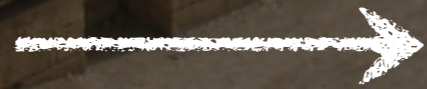


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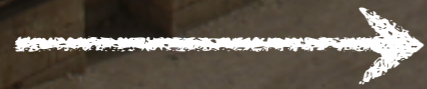


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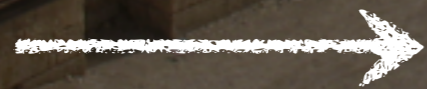


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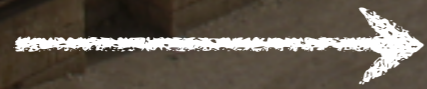
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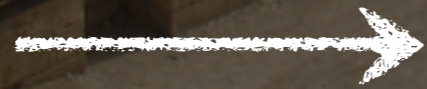
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