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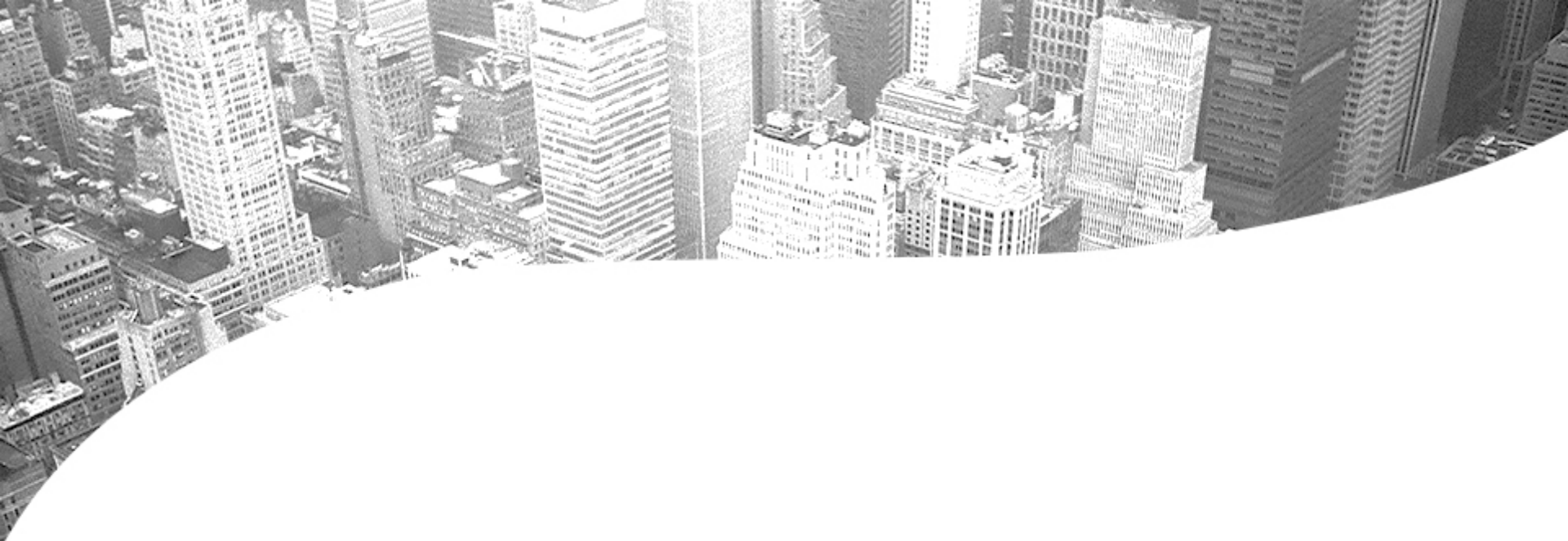
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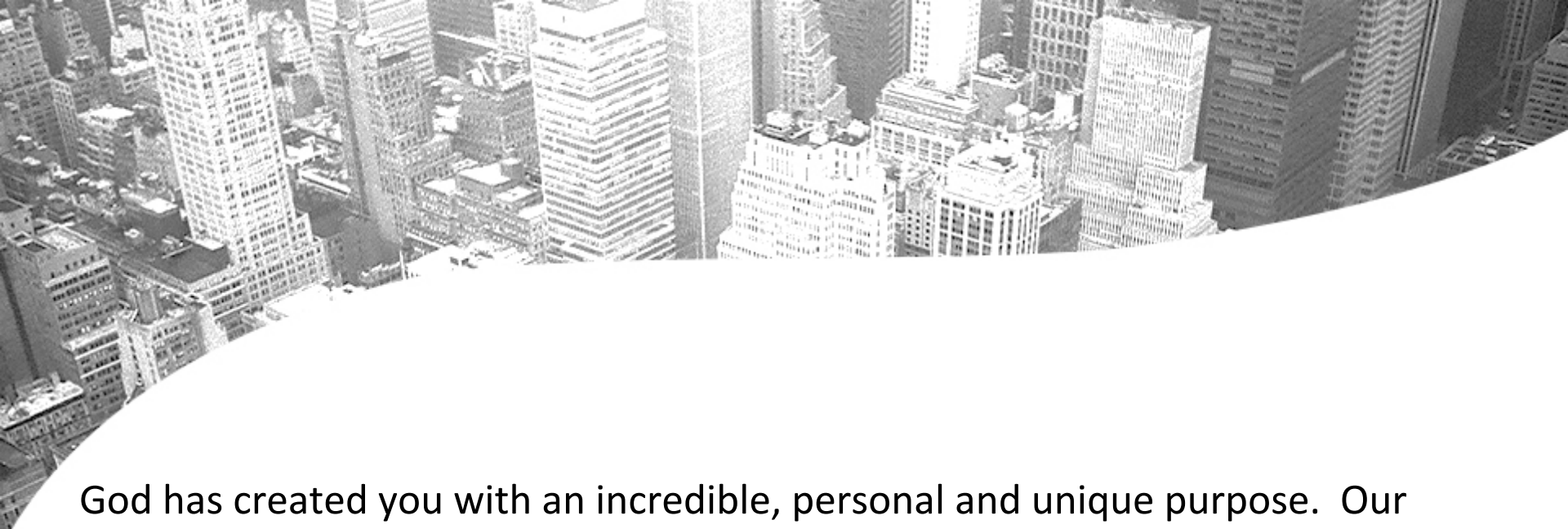
“Do you feel like you have a “glass ceiling”? Are there areas of your life, ministry or business that you know God has for you, but you just can’t seem to get there?

It’s the constraints in our lives that restrict and hold us back from all that God has. I have found that much of the time we are not even aware of the constraints we have placed on ourselves.



As I was working through one of these areas in my life, God told me to, 'see yourself through the eyes of Jesus.' That really sums it up. See yourself, past, present and future through the eyes of Jesus; a life of unlimited possibilities.

He wants us to see, understand and experience His reality so we may truly experience the life he offered (John 10:10).



God has created you with an incredible, personal and unique purpose. Our purpose is connected to the Kingdom . He has given you the gifts and talents (special abilities) to live out your purpose with joy, peace and success.

“There is no fear here! Nothing is impossible. We can have a supernatural, yet humble confidence, because we are no longer relying on ourselves or others for success....we are suddenly empowered to cooperate and trust in God, knowing success is imminent. “

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GOD HAS EQUIPPED YOU WITH THE GRACE TO SUCCEED

1 Corinthians 3:6, 9-11 Amplified Bible (AMP)

6 I **planted**, Apollos **watered**, but **God [all the while] was making it grow and [He] gave the increase.**

9 For we are fellow workmen (**joint promoters**, laborers together) with *and* for God; you are God's garden *and* vineyard *and* field under cultivation, [you are] God's building.¹⁰ **According to the grace (the special endowment for my task) of God bestowed on me**, like a skillful architect *and* master builder I laid [the] foundation, and now another [man] is building upon it. But let each [man] be careful how he builds upon it,¹¹ **For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).**



**REMEMBER THIS KEY:
SEE YOURSELF THROUGH
THE EYES OF JESUS**

5 AREAS OF LIMITATION IN YOUR LIFE

Often we are not consciously aware we have a “glass ceiling” affecting us.

1. Past Experiences
2. Fear of Man
3. Past Sin
4. Believing Lies
5. Pride from A Different Perspective



1. PAST EXPERIENCES

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Isaiah 43: 16-19 AMP

¹⁶ This is what the Lord says, He who makes a way through the sea
And a path through the mighty waters,¹⁷ He who brings out the chariot and the horse,
The army and the mighty *warrior*, (They will lie down together, they will not rise
again; They have been extinguished, they have been put out like a *lamp's* wick):
¹⁸ "Do not remember the former things, Or ponder the things of the past.
¹⁹ "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, Now it will spring forth;
Will you not be aware of it, I will even put a road in the wilderness,
Rivers in the desert."

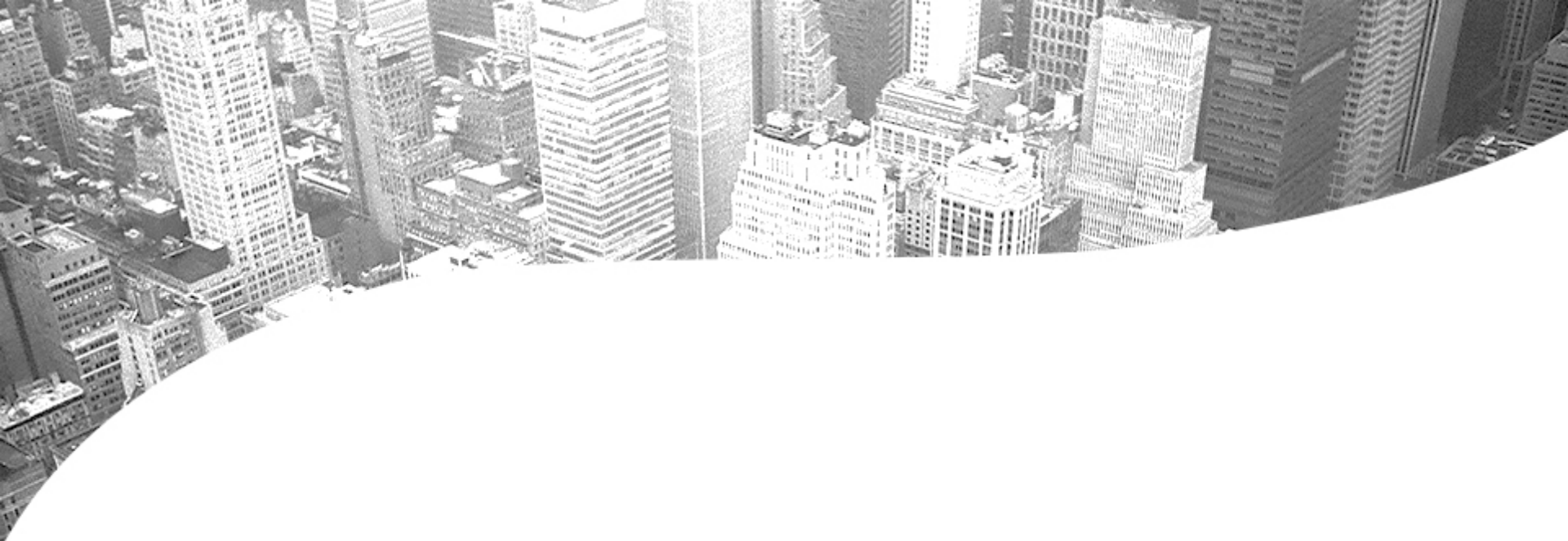
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Psalms 45:10 Passion Translation

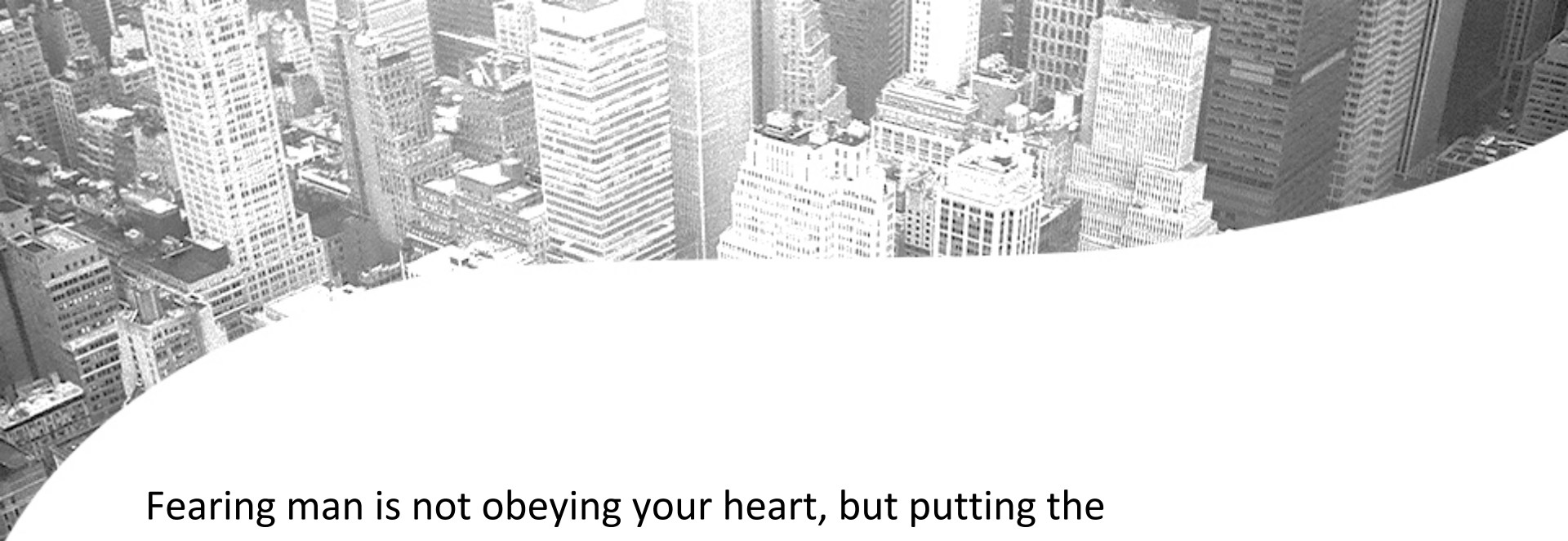
Now listen, daughter, pay attention, and forget about your **past**. Put behind you every attachment to the familiar, even those who once were close to you!

2 Corinthians 10:3-7_King James Version (KJV)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;⁶ And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.



2. FEAR OF MAN

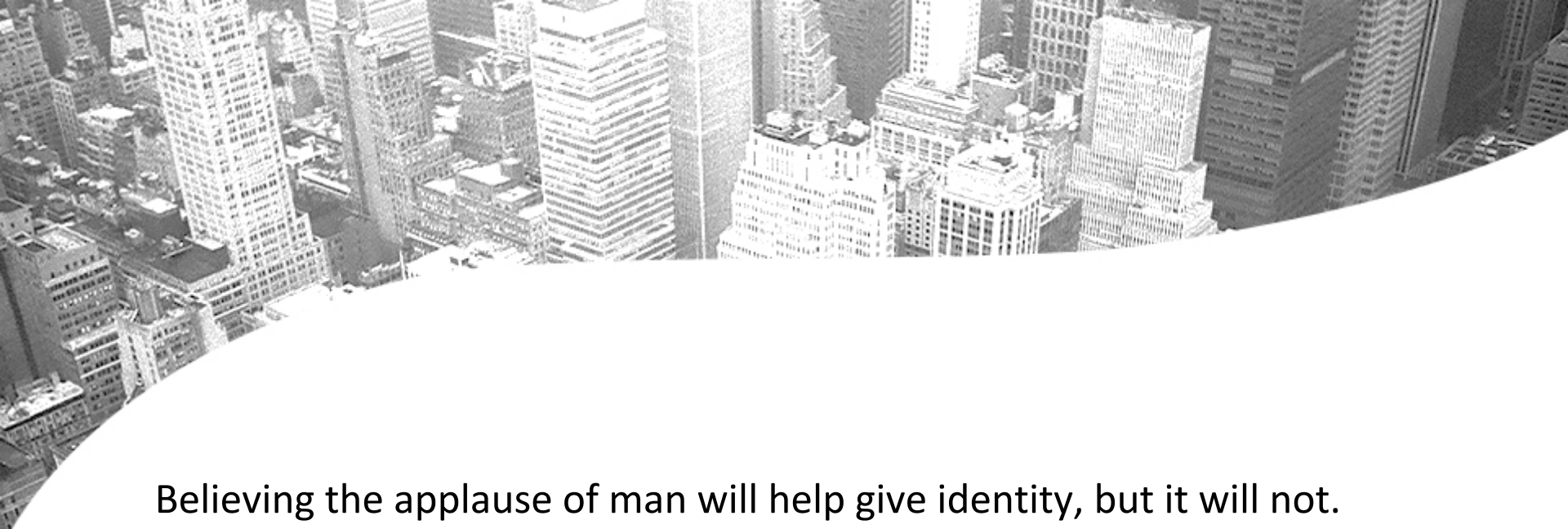


Fearing man is not obeying your heart, but putting the praises of people above the Word of God (obedience to Him).

The fear of man creates an insatiable appetite for the approval of man.

People that work hard for recognition are usually working hard for identity.

Recommended teaching by Bill Johnson: Fear God, Not Man



Believing the applause of man will help give identity, but it will not. Any identity we receive from the applause of man must be sustained by the applause of man. This leads us deeper into the fear of man.
(affirmation)

What the celebration of people gives you is not the meal, it is the spice you put on meat, or the supplement.

FEAR OF MAN

Proverbs 29:25

The **fear of man** bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 29:25 The Passion Translation (TPT)

²⁵ Fear and intimidation is a trap that holds you back.

But when you place your confidence in the Lord,
you will be seated in the high place.

Proverbs 29:25 The Message (MSG)

²⁵ The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in GOD protects you from that.

Colossians 3:23-24 New King James Version (NKJV)

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for^[a] you serve the Lord Christ.

FEAR OF MAN

Psalm 118:5-8 The Passion Translation (TPT)

- ⁵ Out of my deep anguish and pain I prayed,
and God, you helped me as a father.
You came to my rescue and broke open the way
into a beautiful and broad place.
- ⁶ Now I know, Lord, that you are for me,
and I will never fear what man can do to me.
- ⁷ For you stand beside me as my hero who rescues me.
I've seen with my own eyes the defeat of my enemies.
I've triumphed over them all!
- ⁸ Lord, it is so much better to trust in you to save me
than to put my confidence in someone else.

Psalm 27:1 The Passion Translation (TPT)

- ¹ The Lord is my revelation-light to guide me along the way;^[b]
he's the source of my salvation to defend me every day.
I fear no one!
I'll never turn back and run from you, Lord;
surround and protect me.



3. PAST SIN

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2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Passion Translation

¹⁷ Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new creation. All that is related to the old order has vanished.^[h] Behold, everything is fresh and new.^[i] ¹⁸ And God has made all things new,^[j] and reconciled^[k] us to himself, and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God. ¹⁹ In other words, it was through the Anointed One that God was shepherding the world,^[l] not even keeping records of their transgressions, and he has entrusted to us the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God.^[m] ²⁰ We are ambassadors^[n] of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading^[o] with them directly through our lips. So we tenderly plead with you on Christ's behalf, "Turn back to God and be reconciled to him." ²¹ For God made^[p] the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us,^[q] so that we *who did not know righteousness* might become the righteousness of God through our union with him.^[r]

PAST SIN

Passion Translation Commentary: 2 Corinthians 5:17 This would include our old identity, our life of sin, the power of Satan, the religious works of trying to please God, our old relationship with the world, and our old mind-sets. We are not reformed or simply refurbished, we are made completely new by our union with Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

PAST SIN

Isaiah 1:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁸ “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD.

“^[a]Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson, They shall be like wool.

Isaiah 43:25-26 Amplified Bible (AMP)

²⁵ “I, *only* I, am He who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake,
And I will not remember your sins. ²⁶ “^[a]Remind Me [of your merits with a
thorough report], let us plead *and* argue our case together;
State your *position*, that you may be proved right.

PAST SIN

Psalm 107:17-22 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁷ Fools, because of their rebellious way,
And because of their sins, were afflicted. ¹⁸ They detested all kinds of food,
And they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹ Then they cried out to the LORD in their
trouble, And He saved them from their distresses. ²⁰ He sent His word and healed
them, And rescued them from their destruction. ²¹ Let them give thanks to
the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonderful acts to the children of men!
²² And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And speak of His deeds with
shouts of joy!

PAST SIN

Isaiah 53:4-12 King James Version (KJV)

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

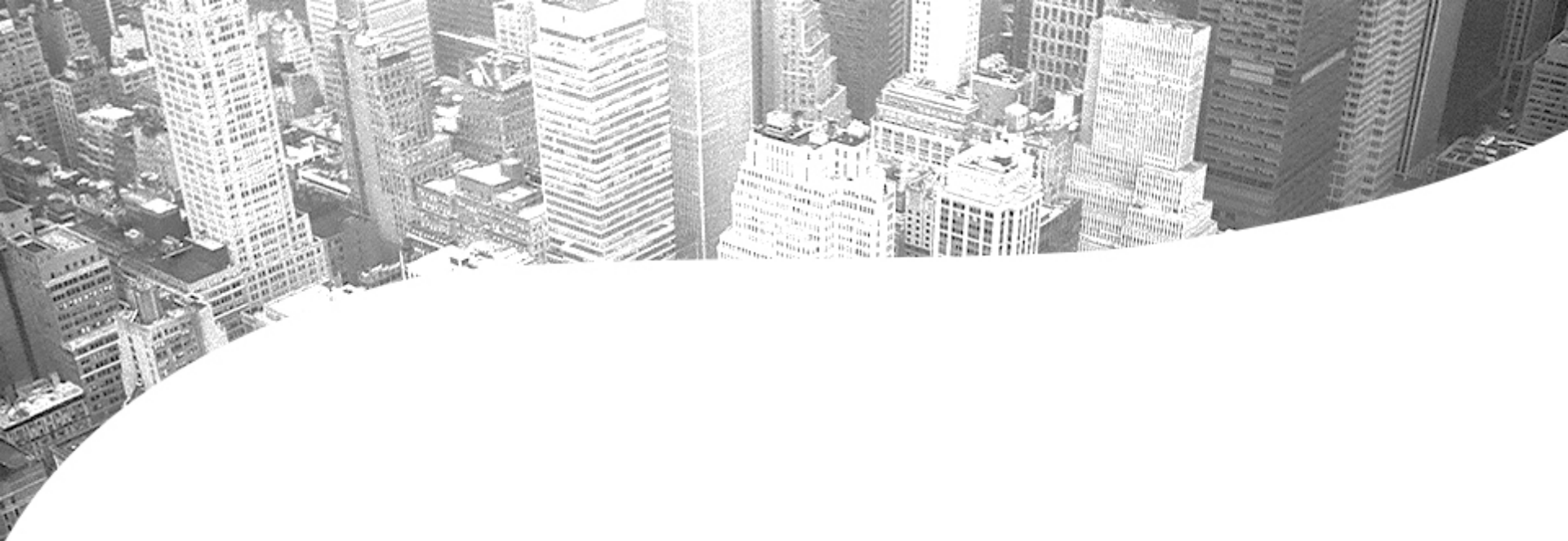
⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.



4. BELIEVING LIES

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John 8:44

You are of *your* father the devil, and it is your will to practice the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar and the father of lies *and* half-truths.

John 14:17

the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you *continually* and will be in you.

Colossians 2:8

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

BELIEVING LIES

Jeremiah 7:8

Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

2 Corinthians 10:5

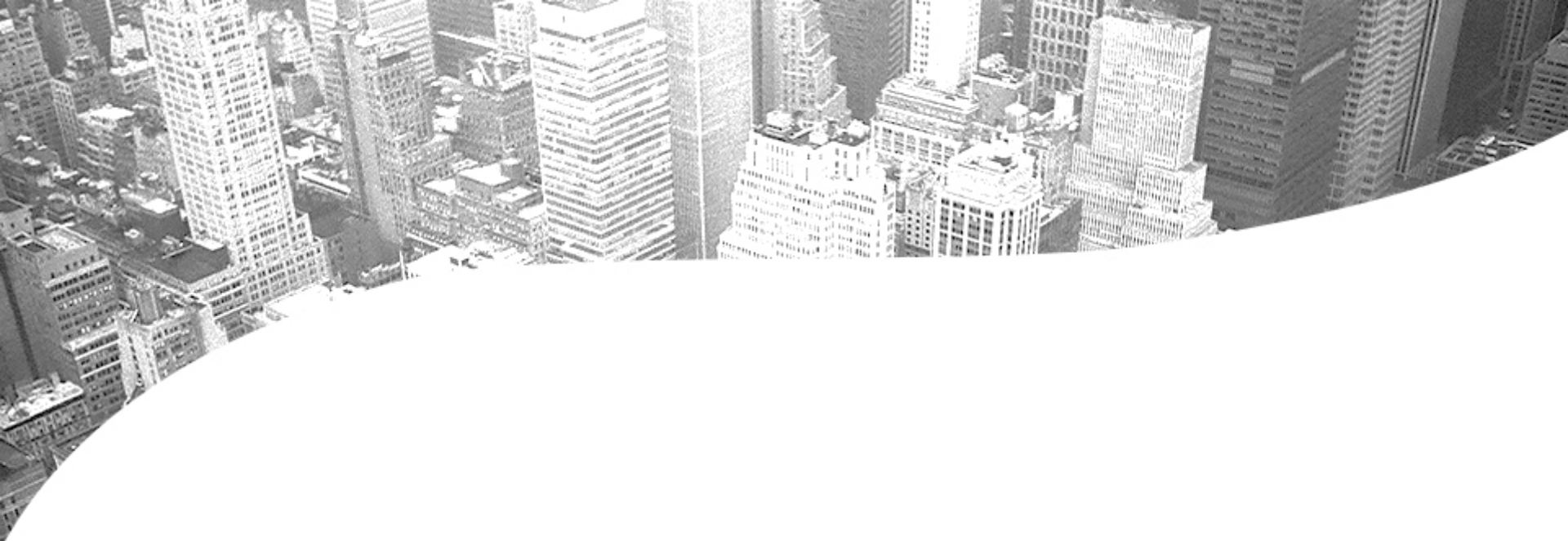
Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Matthew 16:6

Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Collosians 2:4

And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.



5. PRIDE From A Different Perspective

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Luke 18:14

I tell you, this man went to his home justified [forgiven of the guilt of sin and placed in right standing with God] rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself [forsaking self-righteous pride] will be exalted.”

1 Peter 5:6

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time,

PRIDE

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes [boiling up with an arrogant attitude of self-importance], then come dishonor *and* shame, But with the humble [the teachable who have been chiseled by trial and who have learned to walk humbly with God] there is wisdom *and* soundness of mind.

Proverbs 13:10

Through pride *and* presumption come nothing but strife, But [skillful and godly] wisdom is with those who welcome [well-advised] counsel.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

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Proverbs 17:19

He who loves transgression loves strife *and* is quarrelsome; He who [proudly] raises his gate seeks destruction [because of his arrogant pride].

Proverbs 29:23

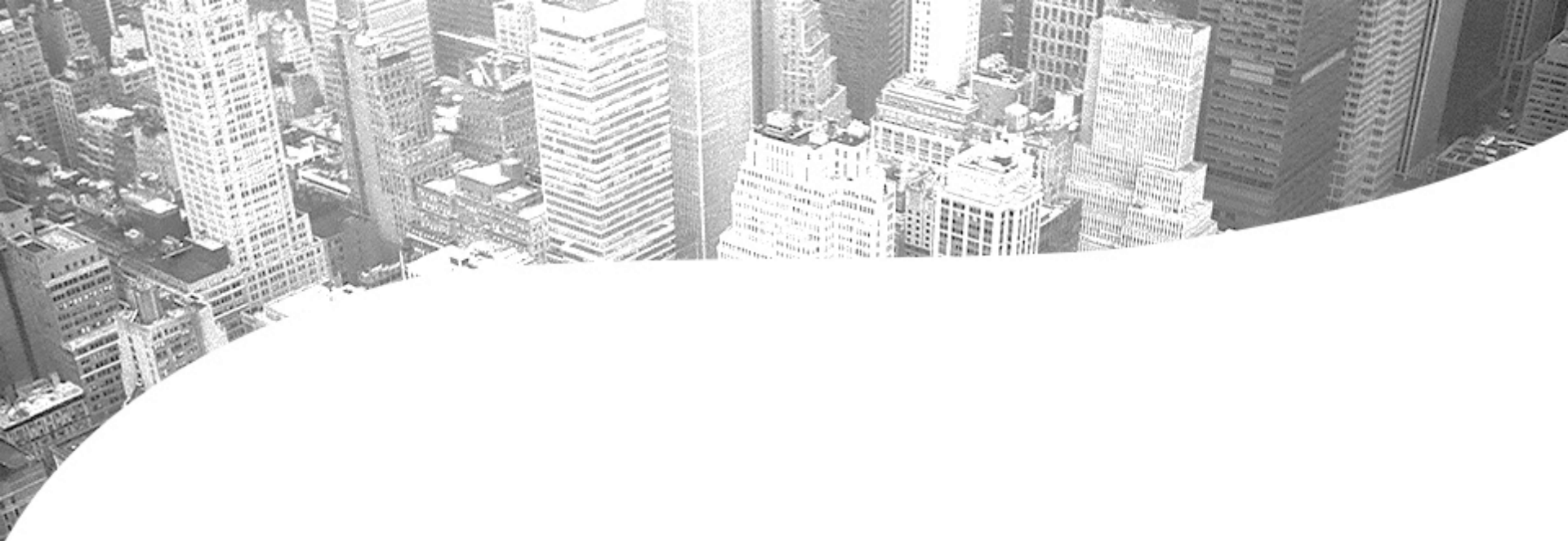
A man's pride *and* sense of self-importance will bring him down, But he who has a humble spirit will obtain honor.

Proverbs 21:4

Haughty *and* arrogant eyes and a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked [their self-centered **pride**], is sin [in the eyes of God].

SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

- What percentage of the time are you focused on problems and difficulties?
- What percentage of the time do you feel you deserve the results in your life? (Victim Mentality)
- Are you consciously aware of the words you choose when talking to yourself?
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about you?



SEE YOURSELF (AND OTHERS) THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS.



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