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A Place For Our Stuff:
Being Rich Towards God

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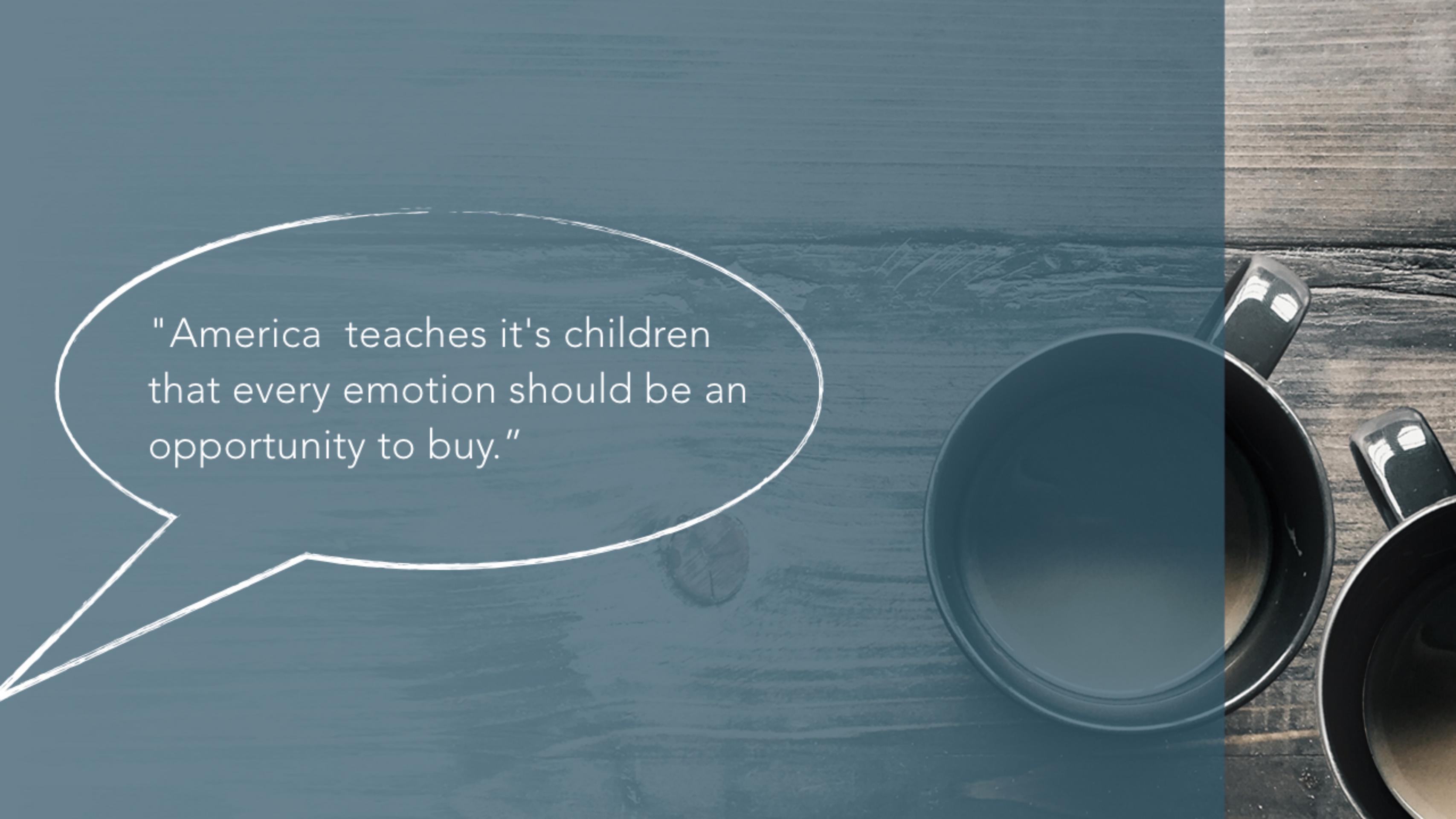


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What is greed?





"America teaches its children
that every emotion should be an
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So what about our time and energy?



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What about our friends, or relationships?



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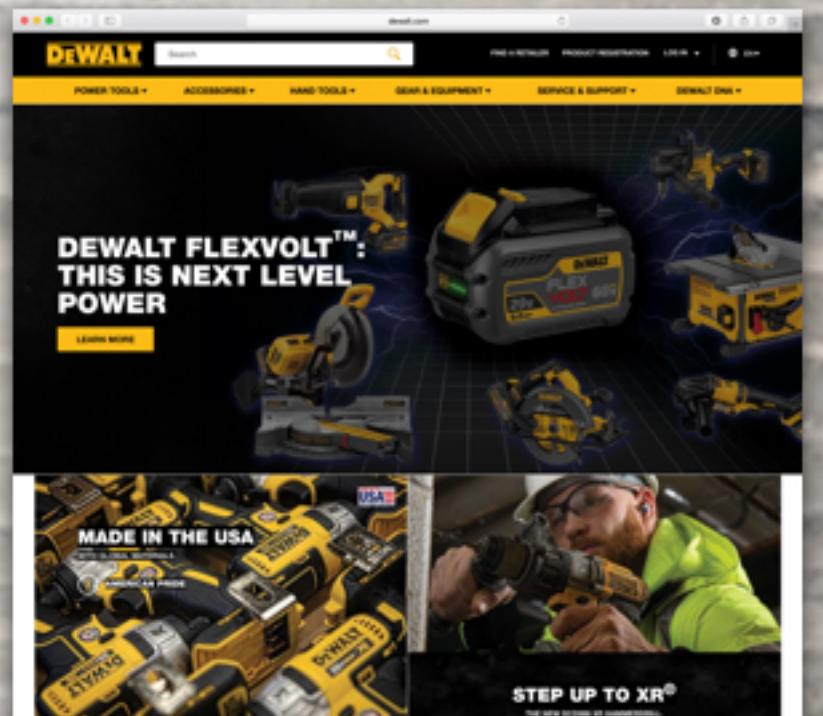


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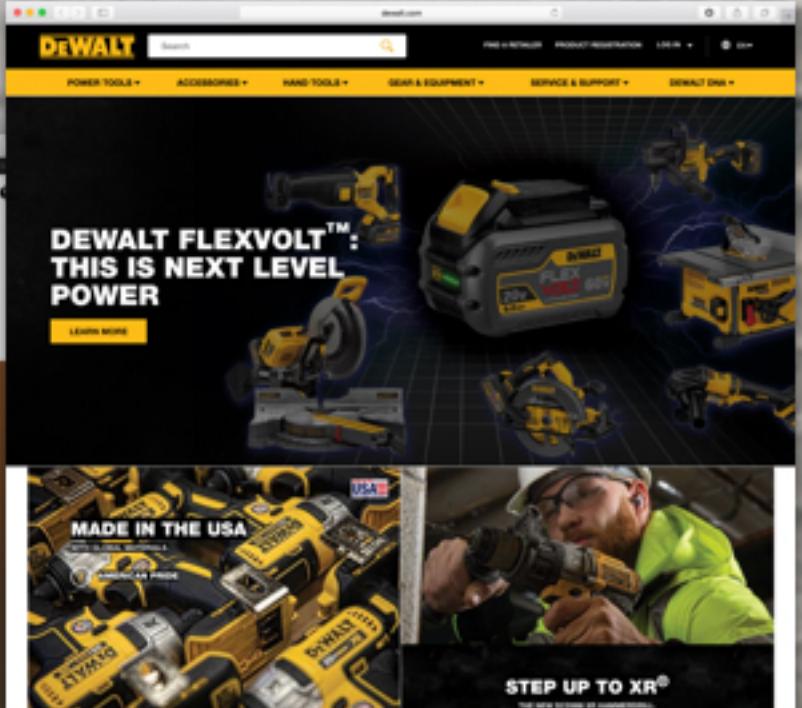
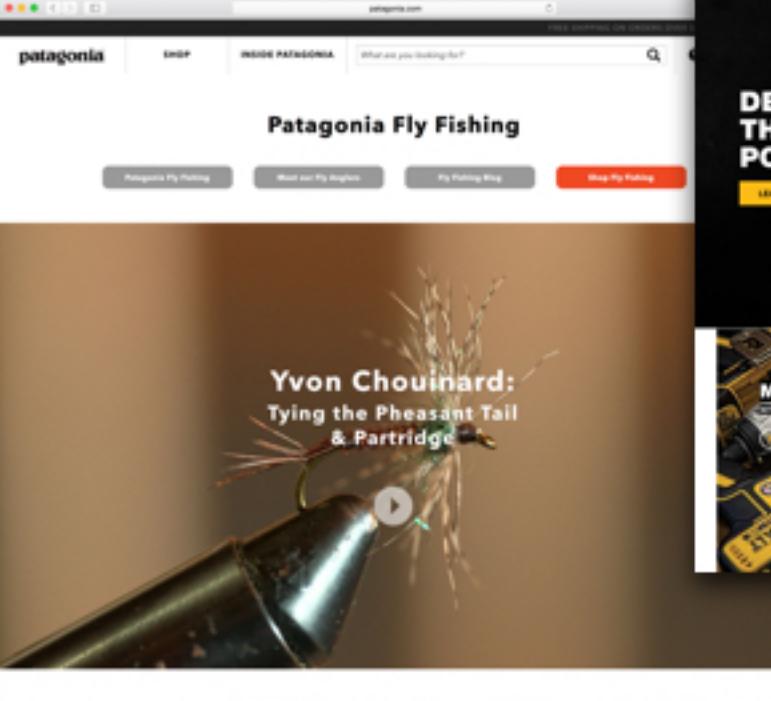
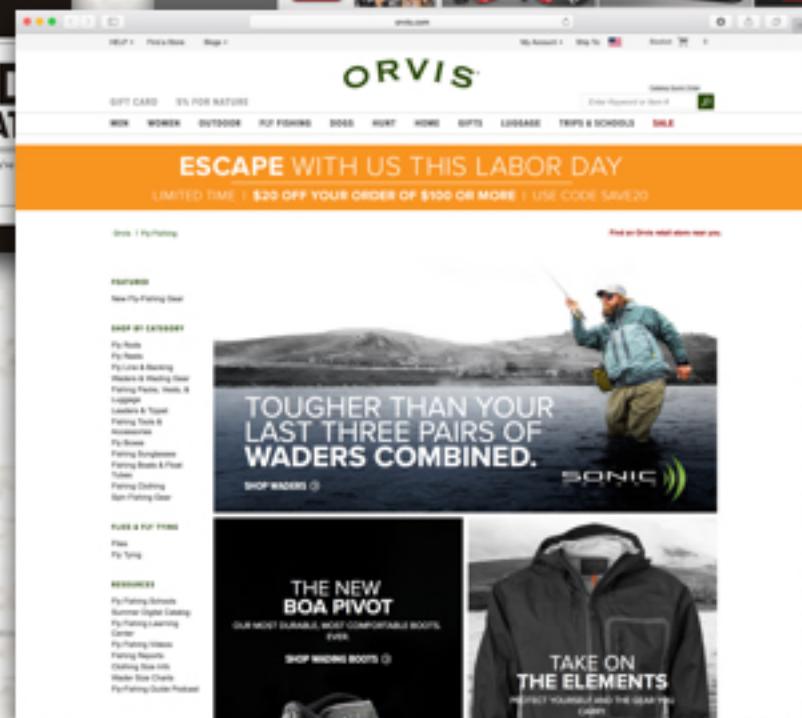
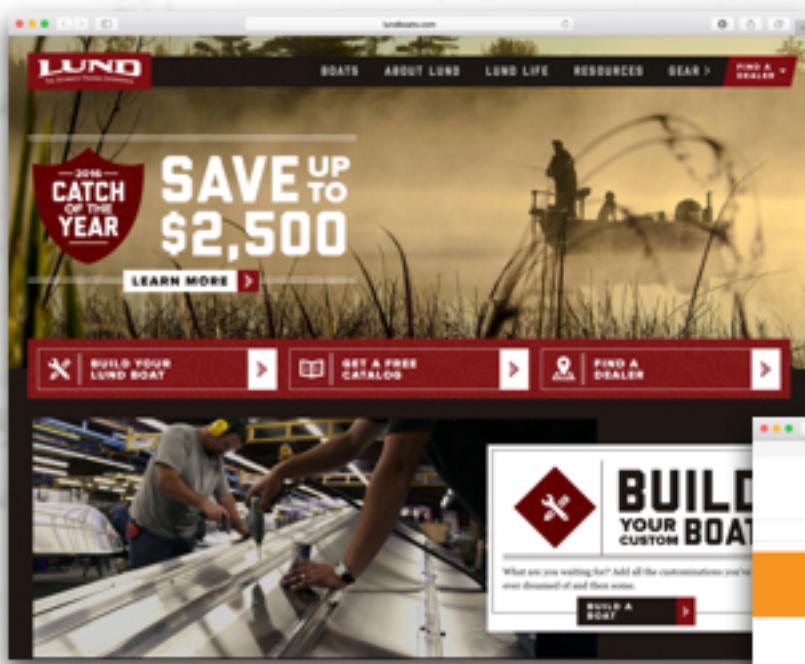
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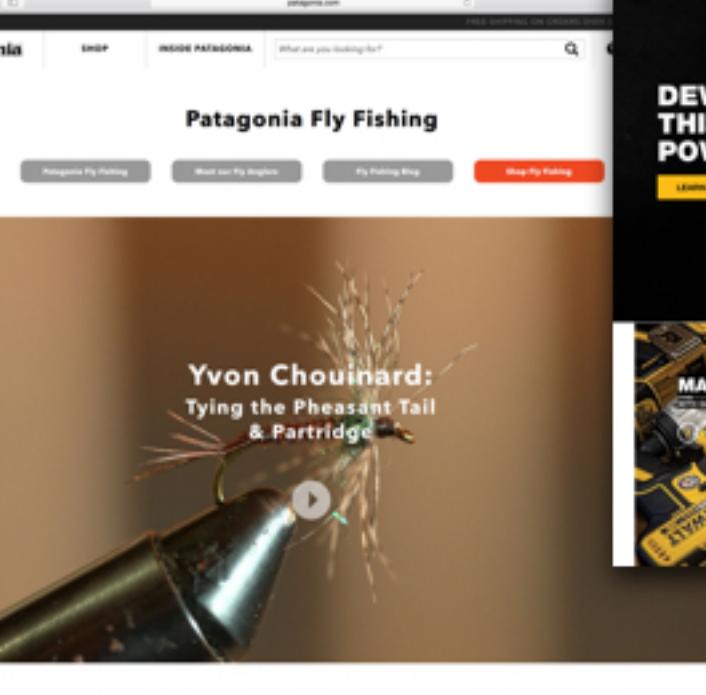
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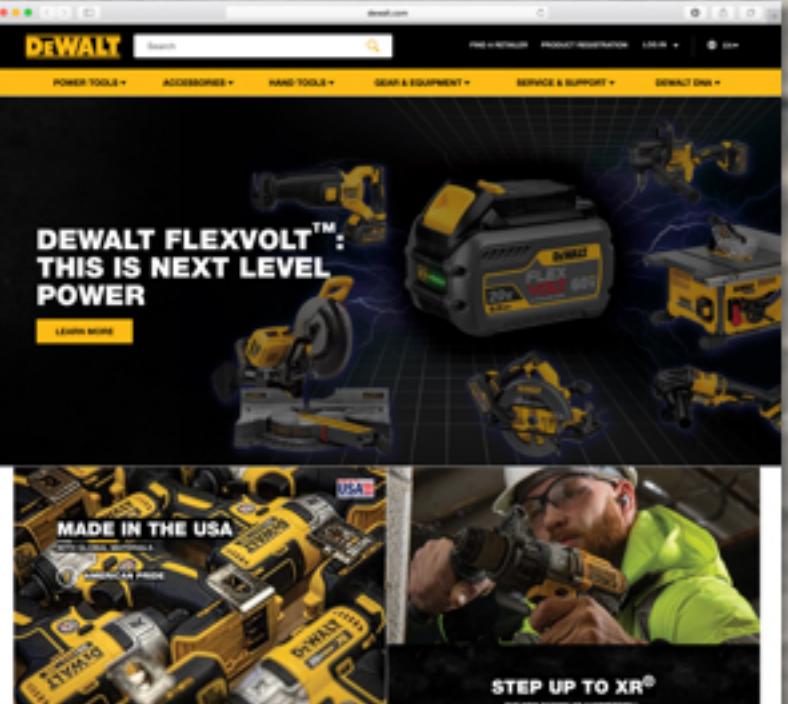
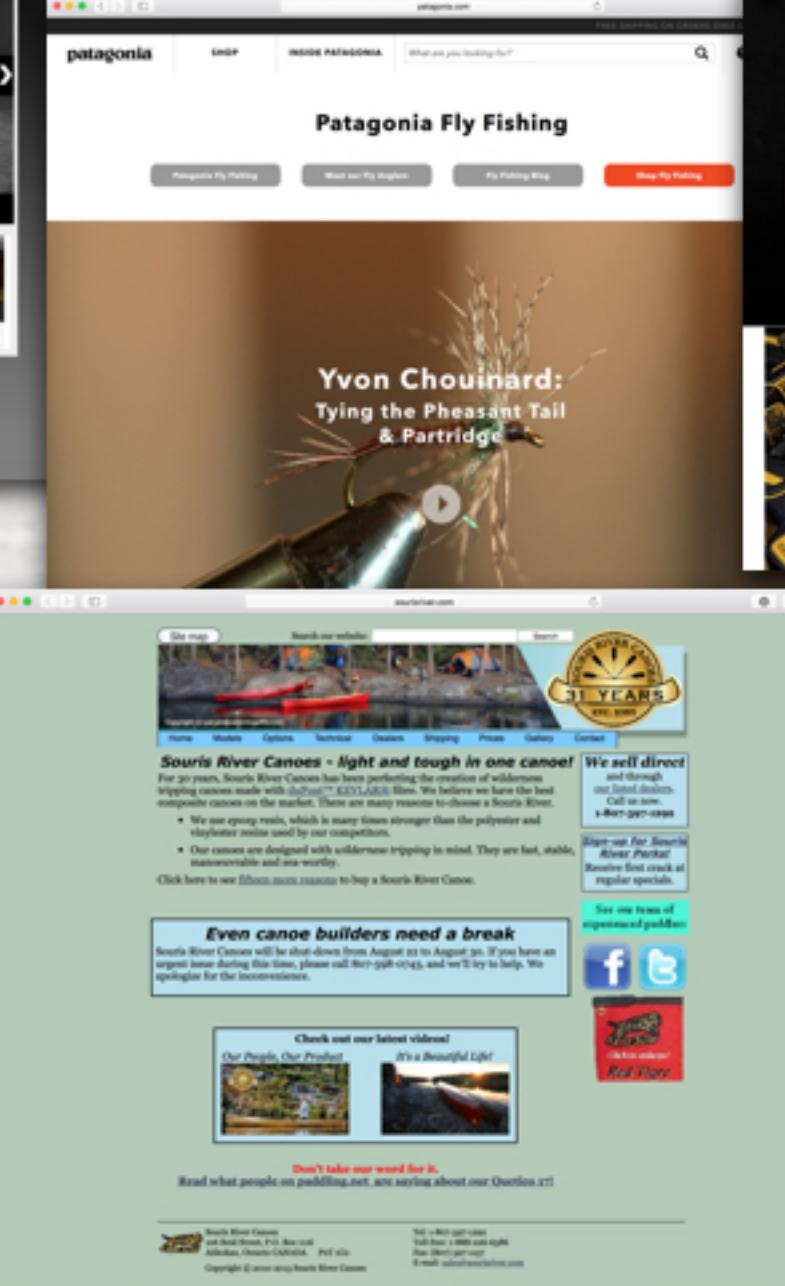
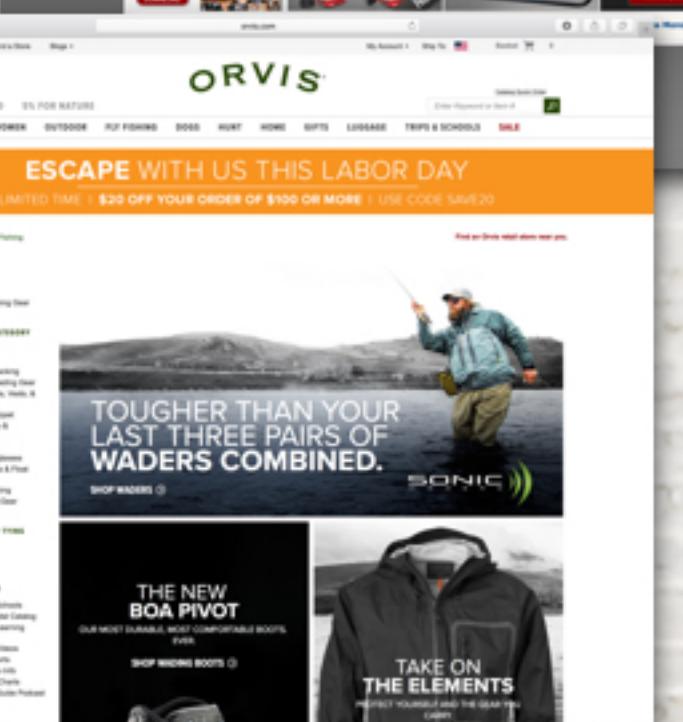
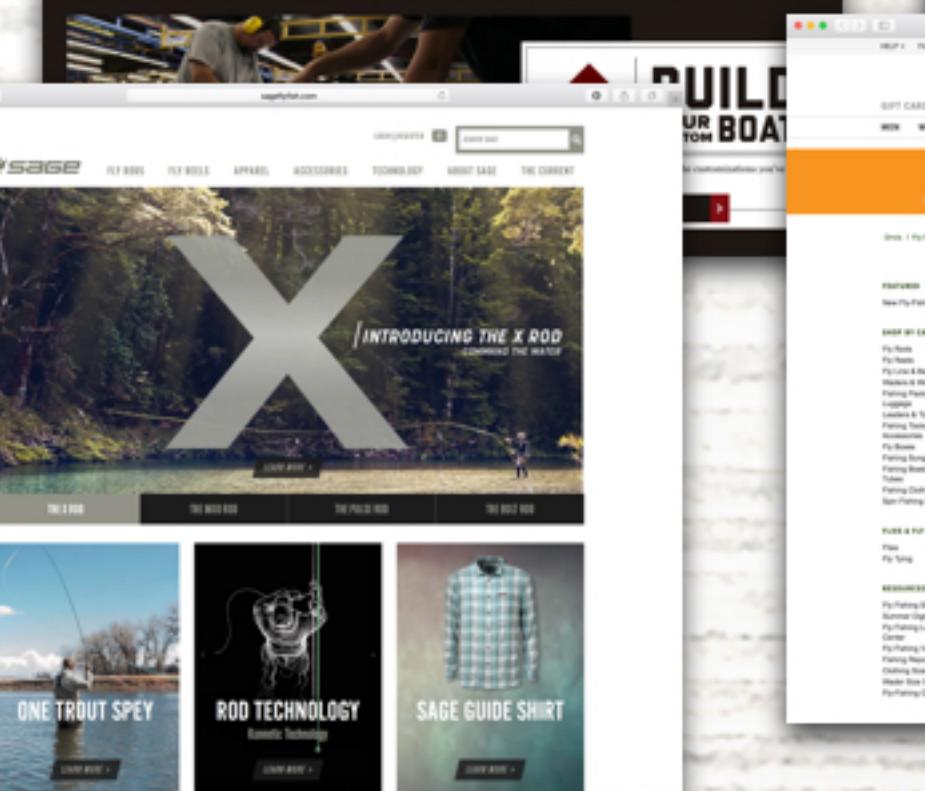
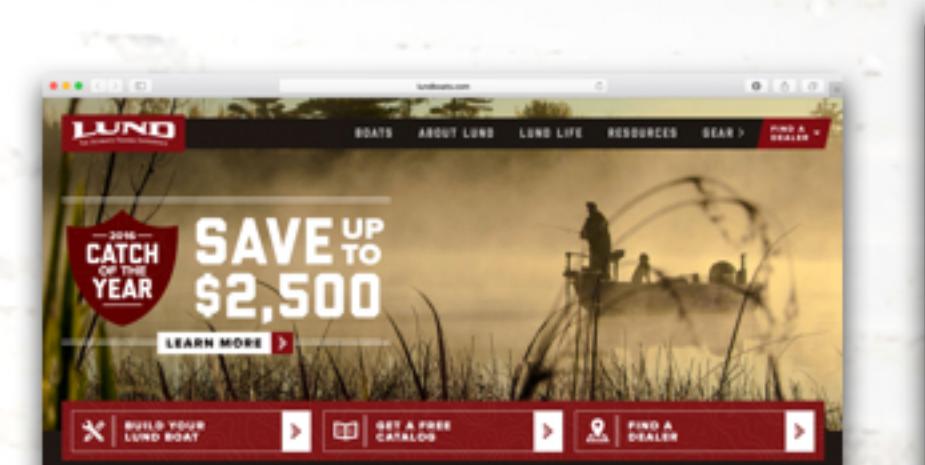
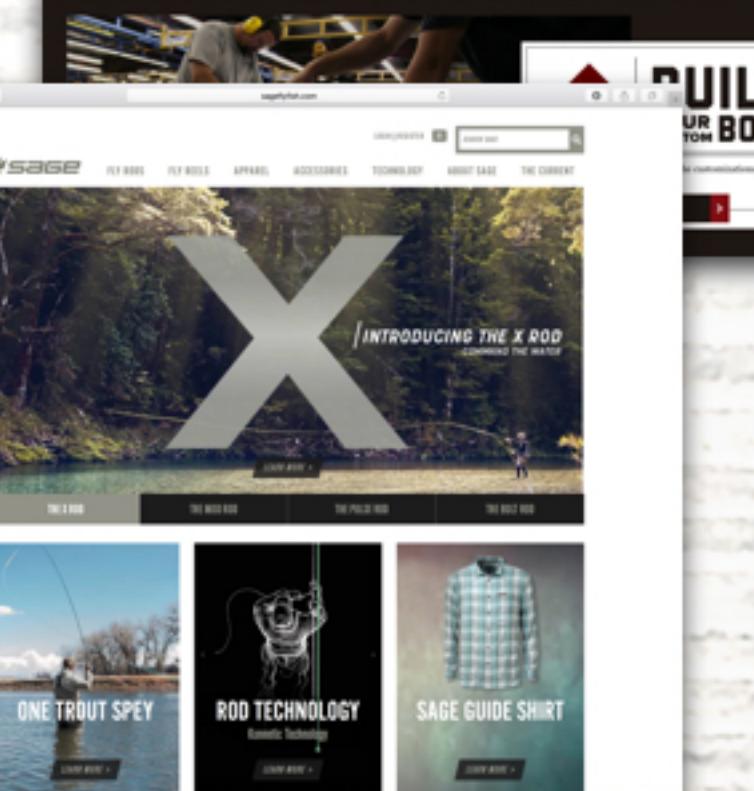
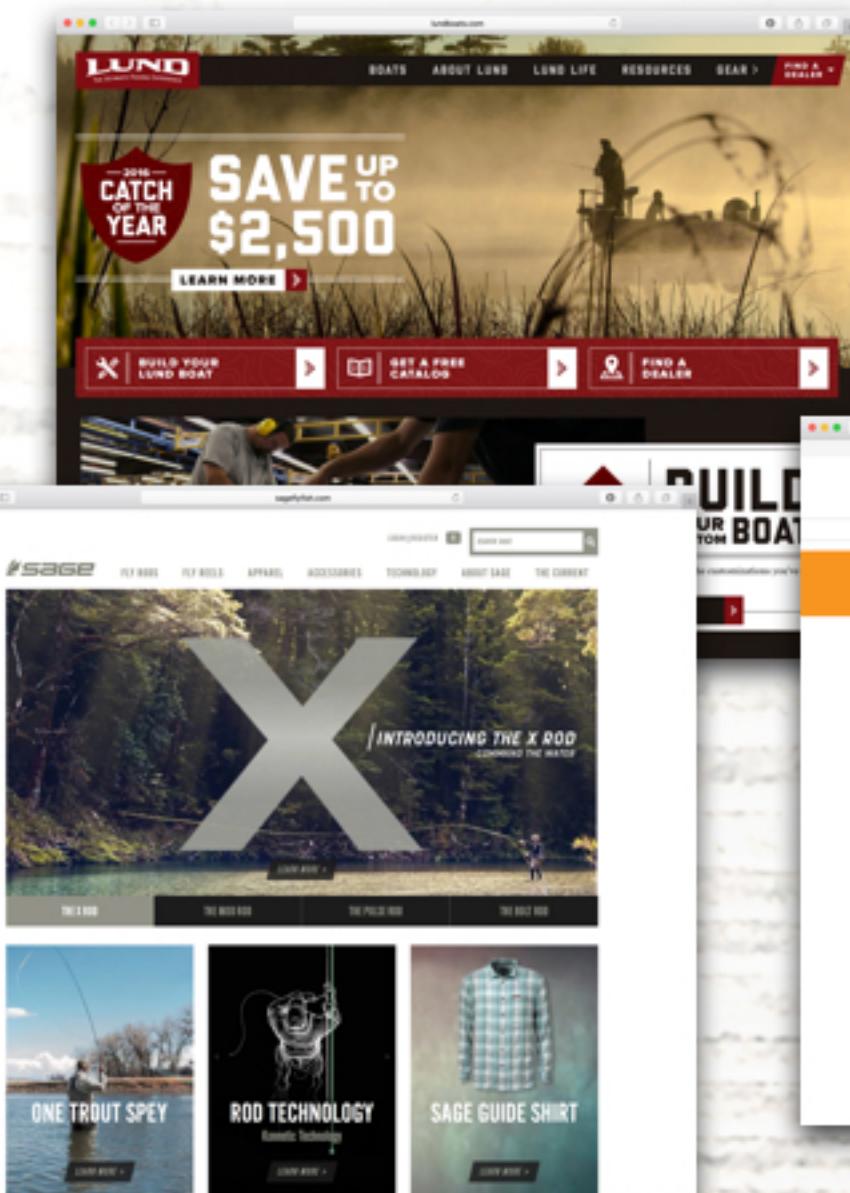
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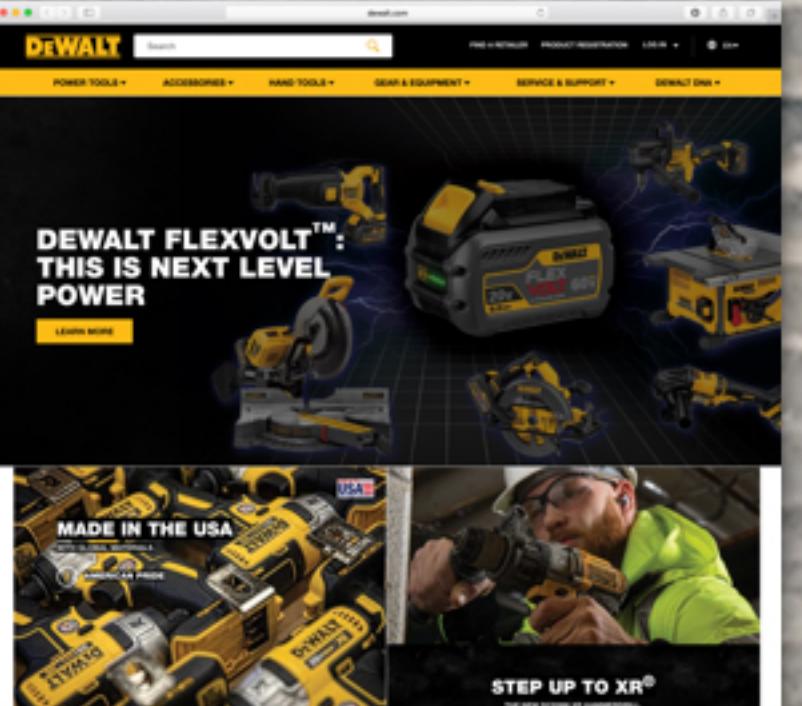
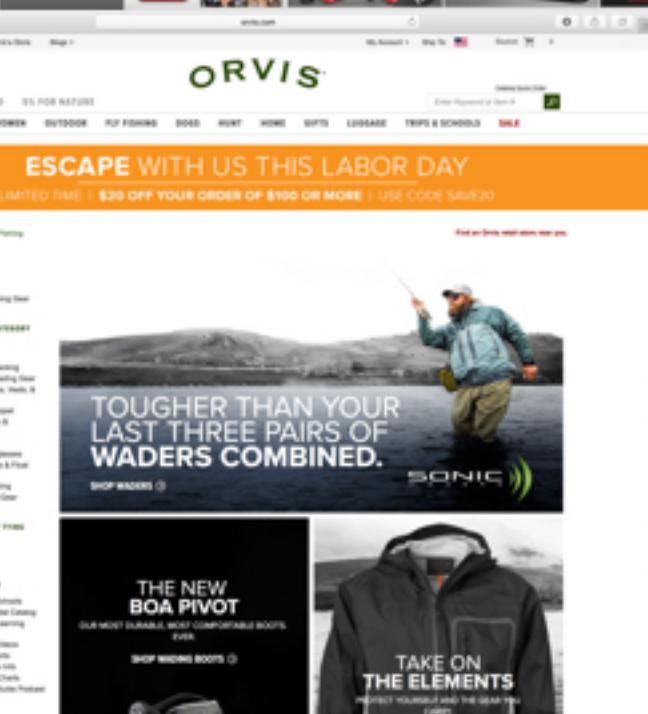
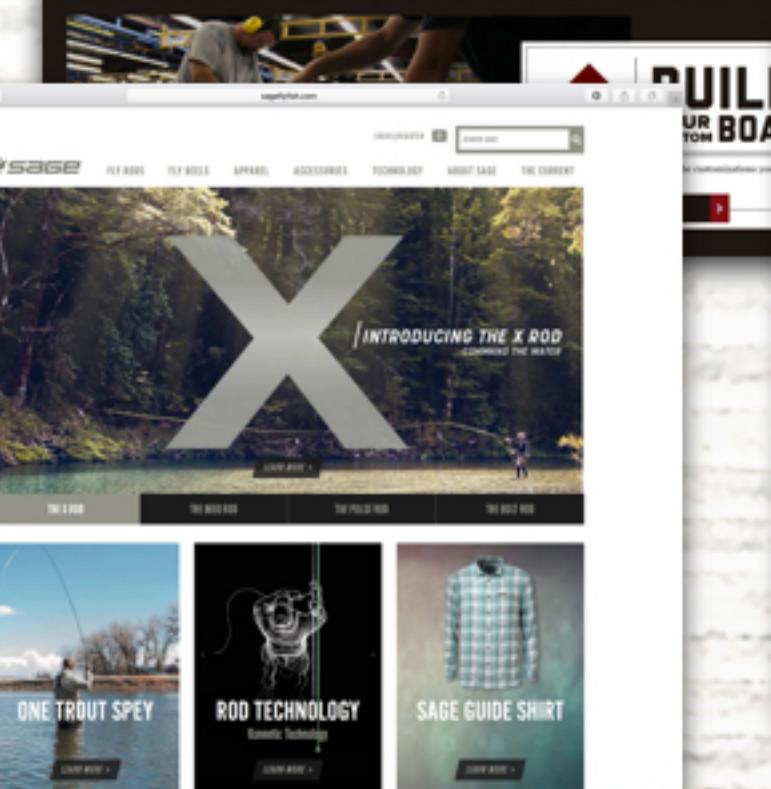
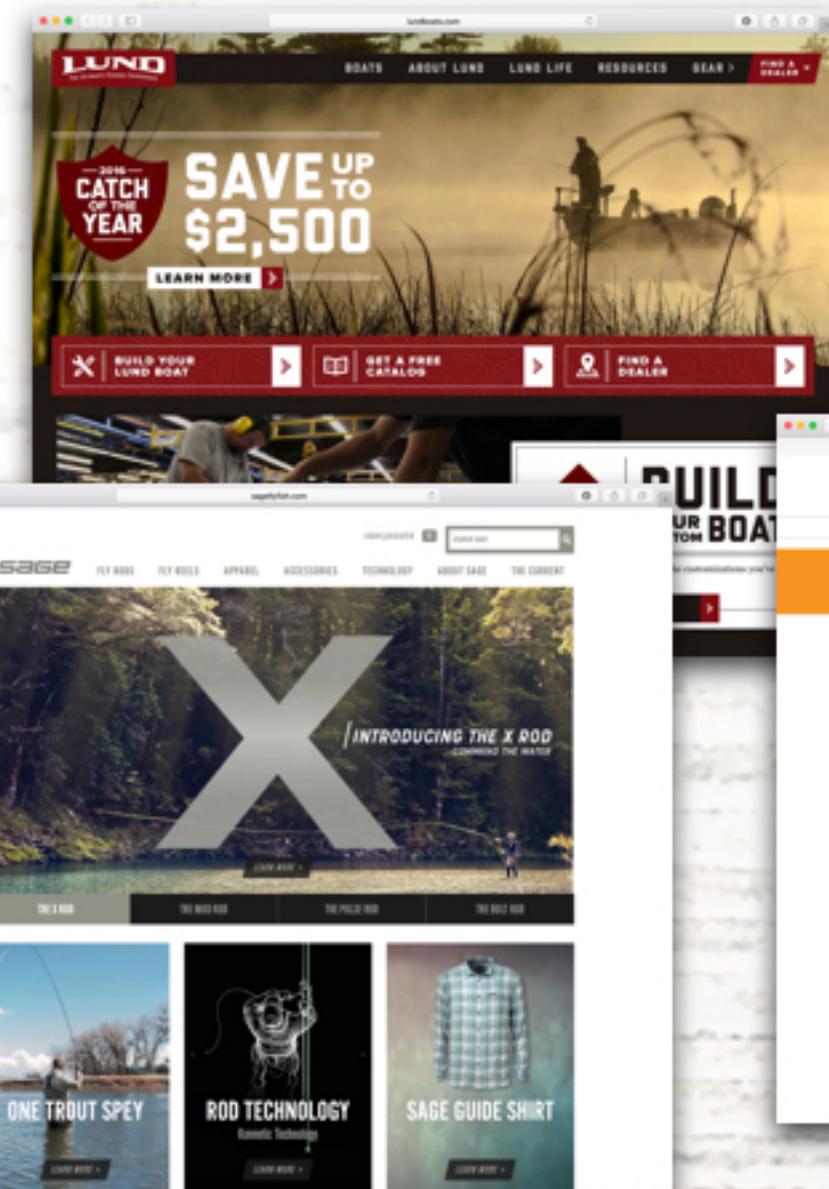
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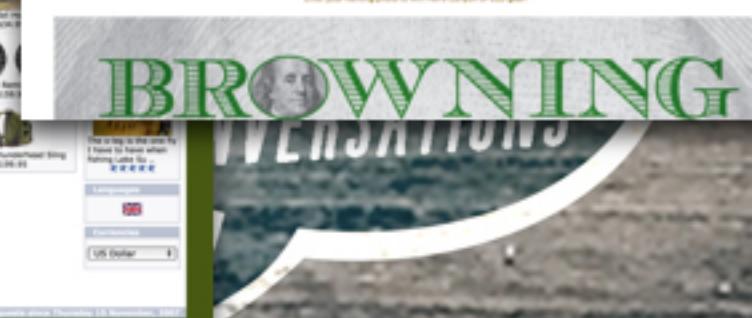
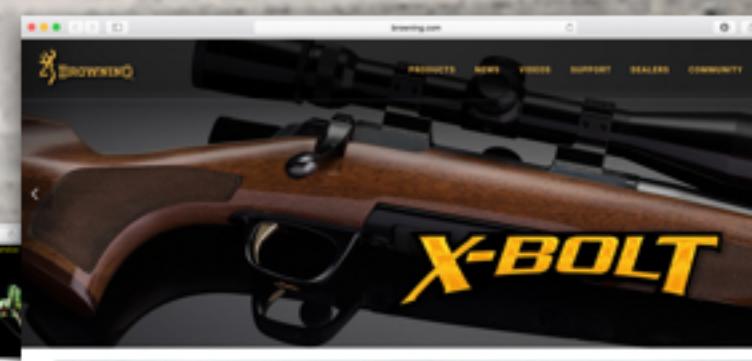
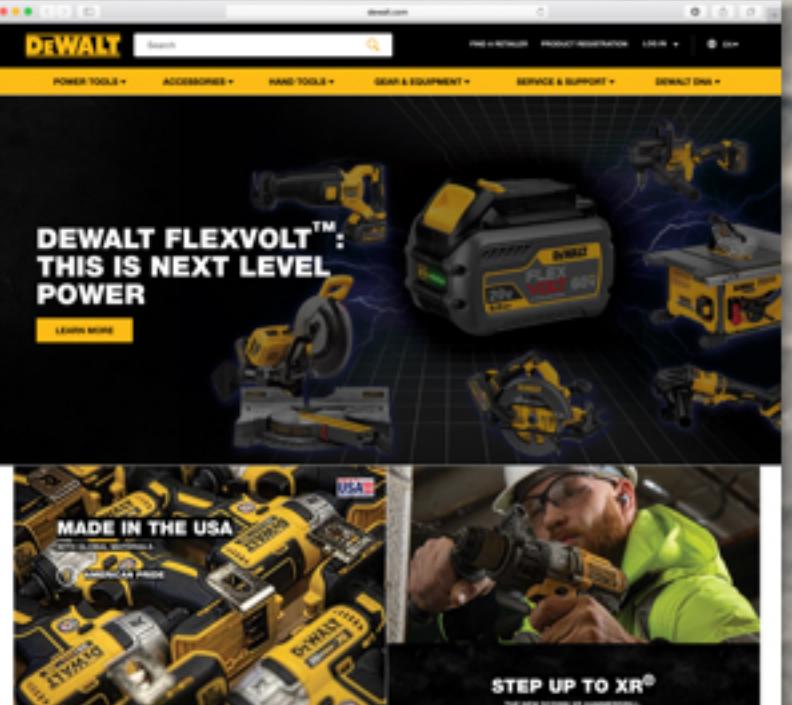
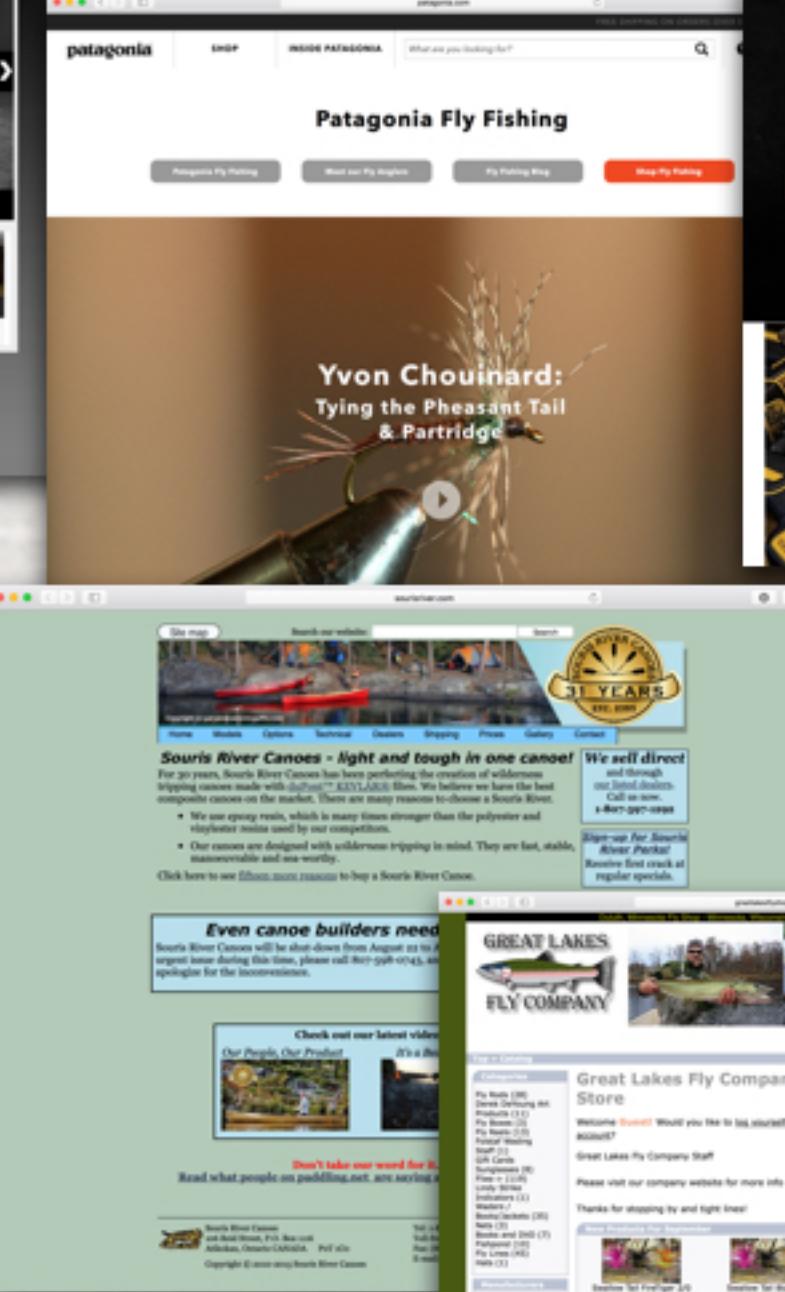
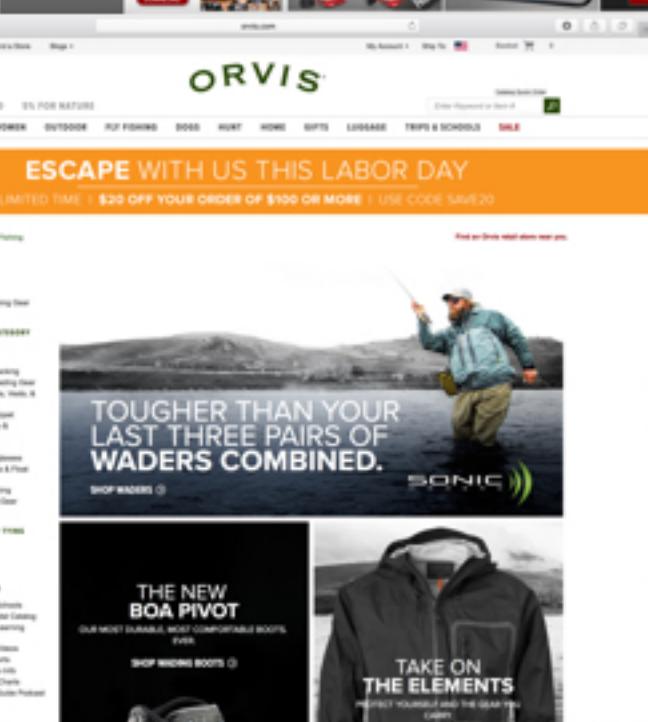
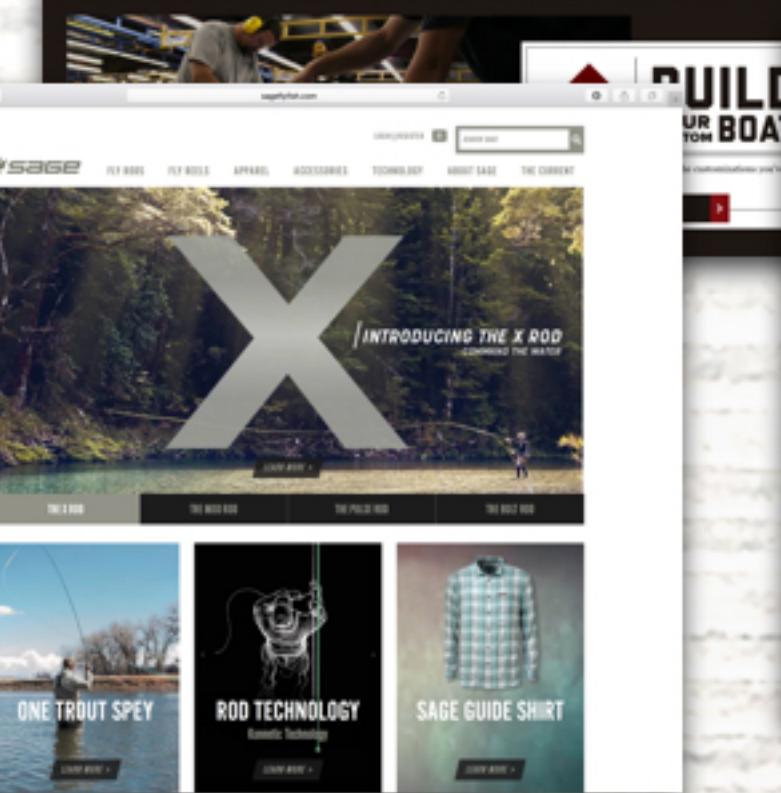
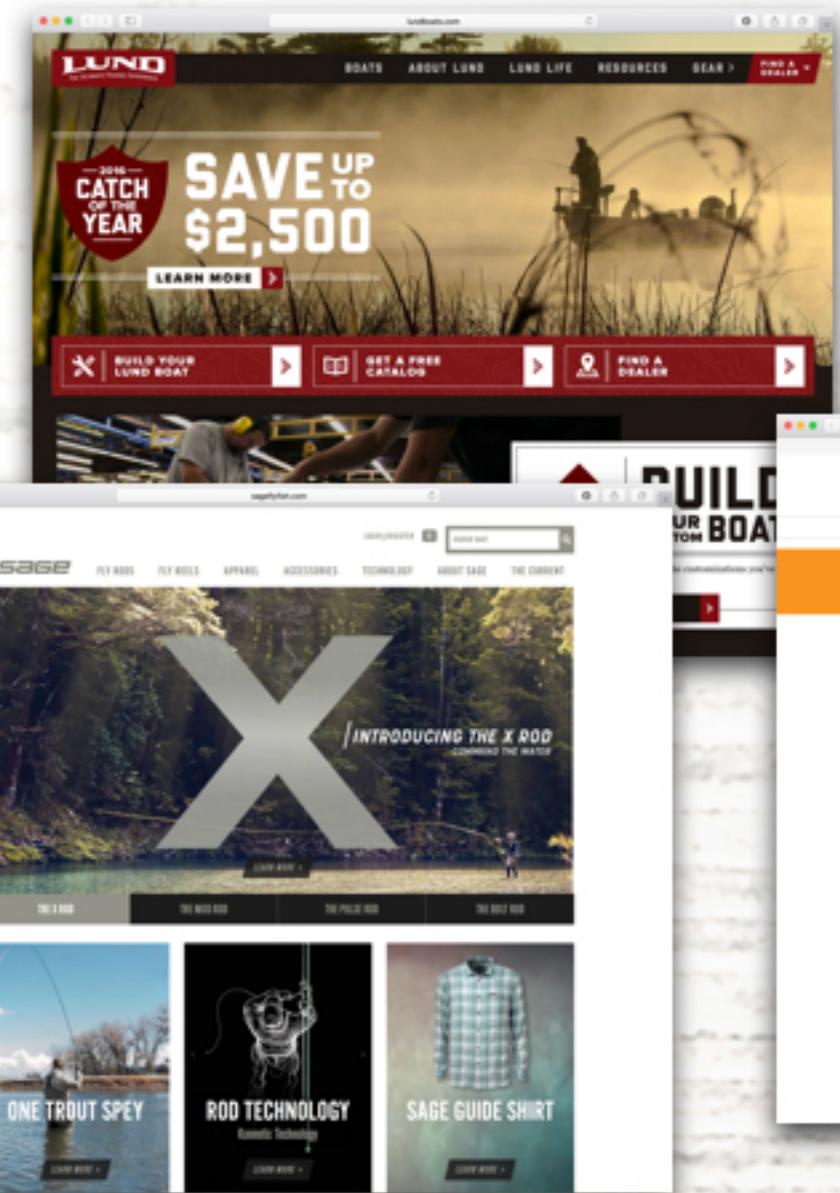
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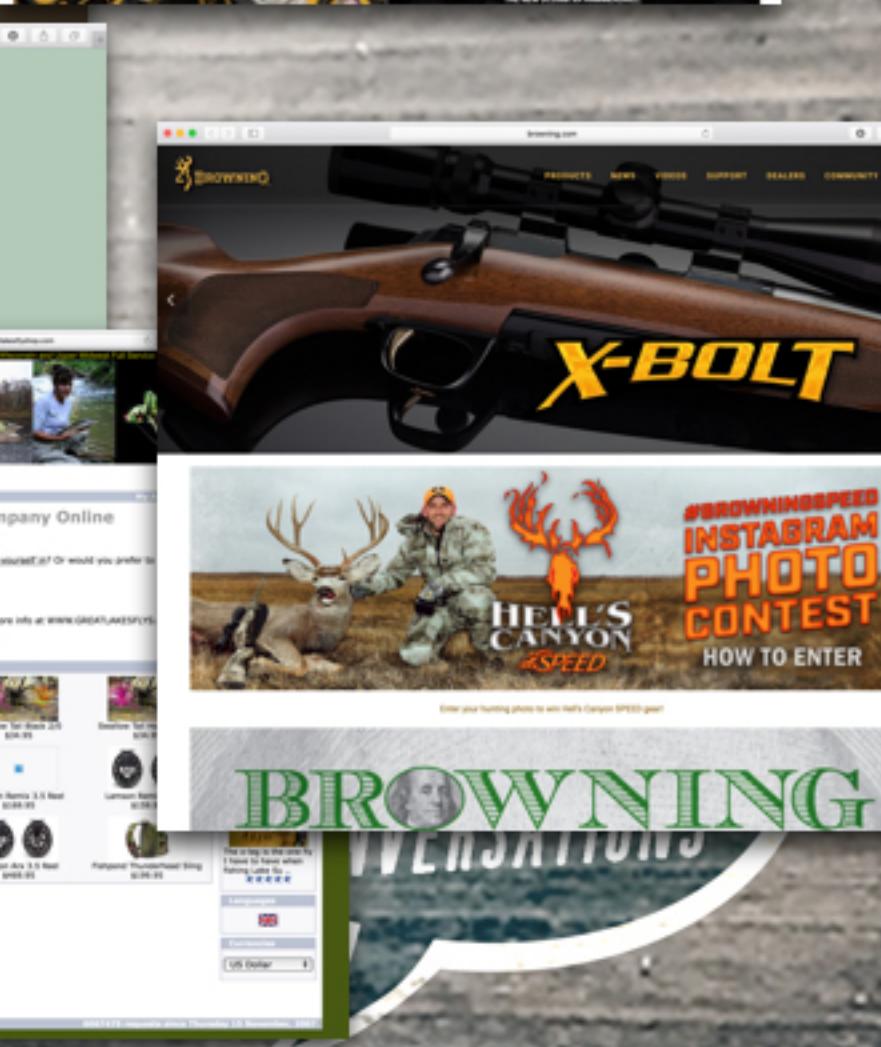
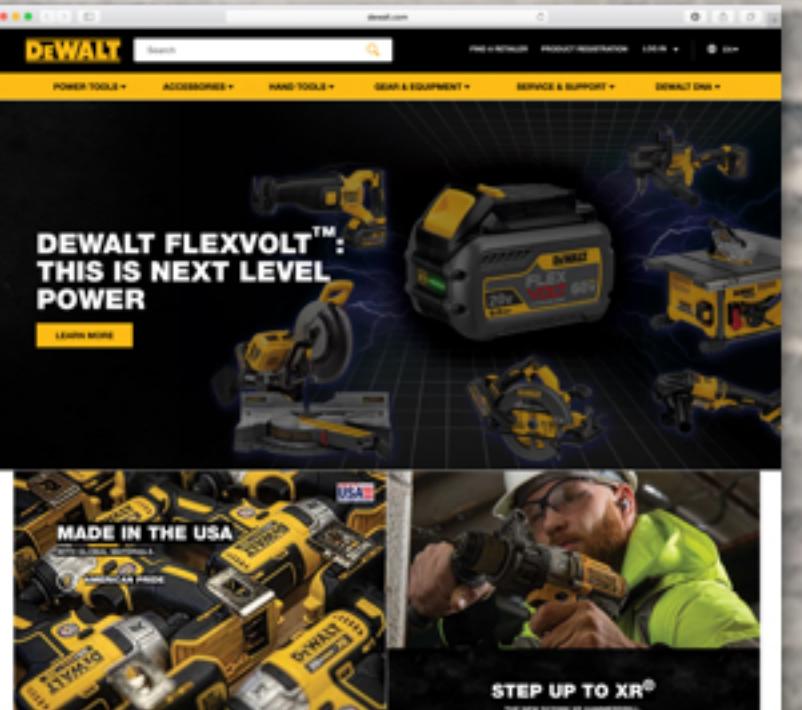
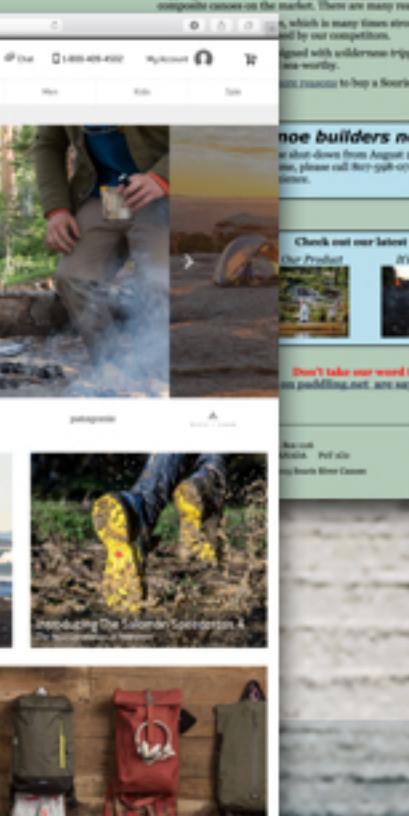
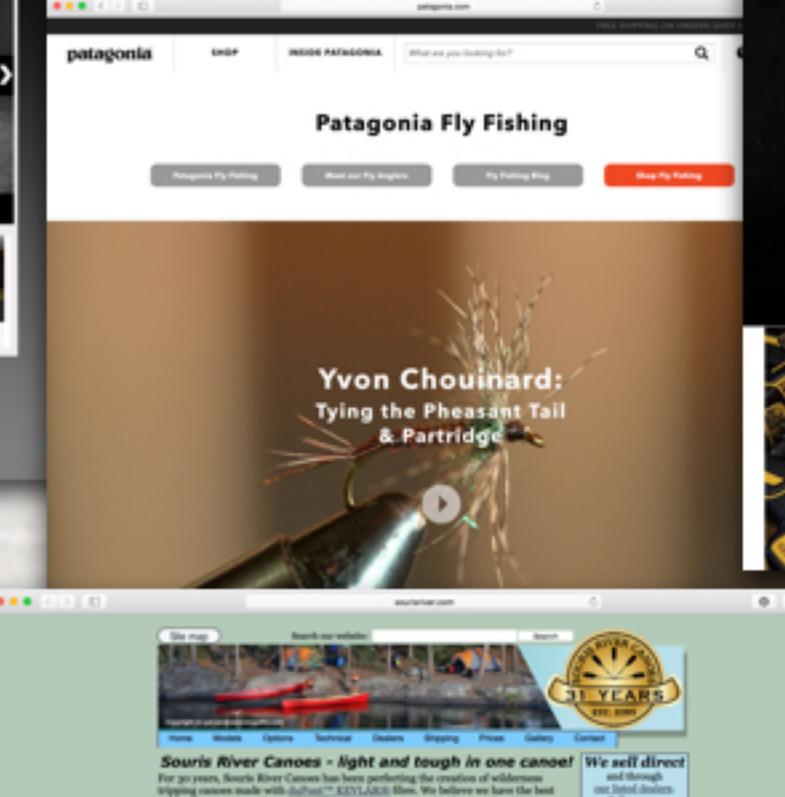
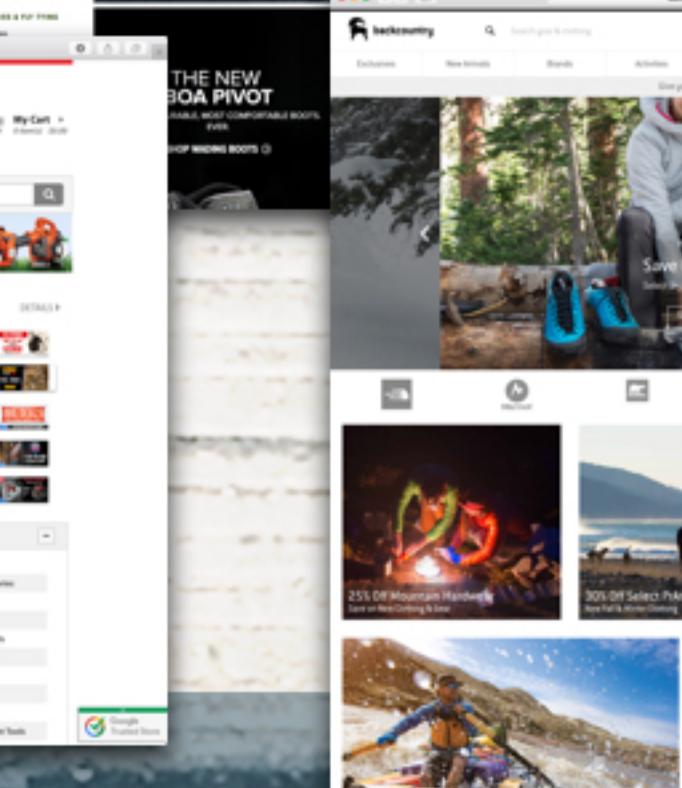
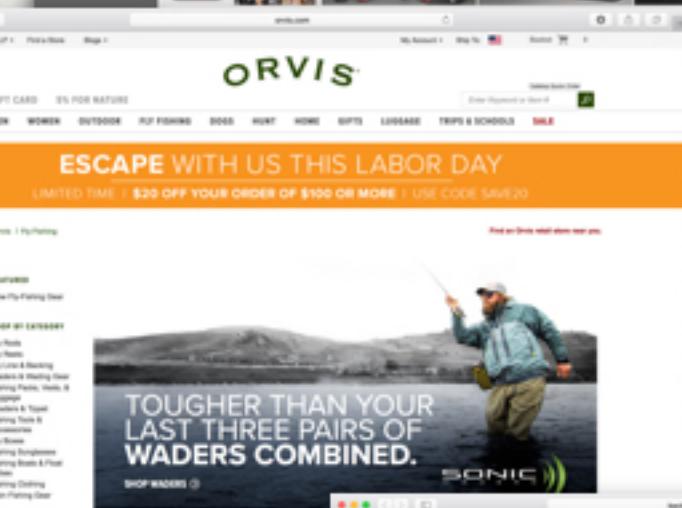
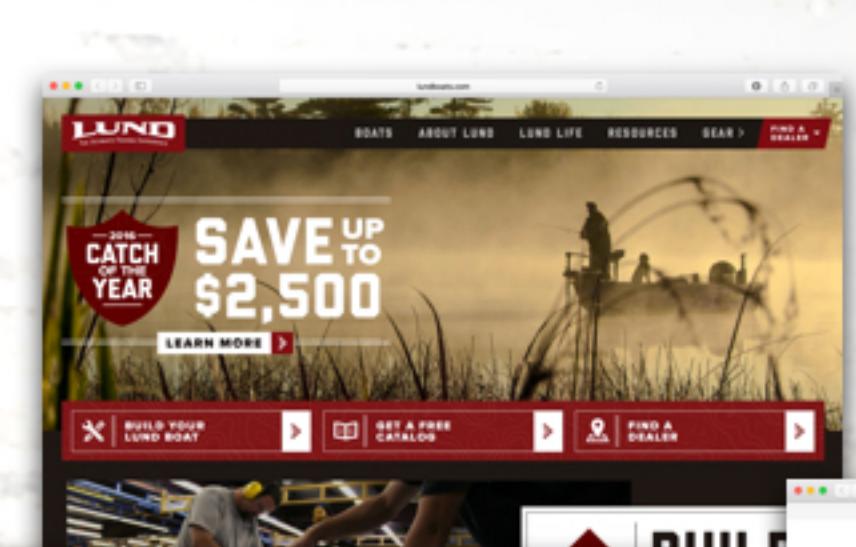
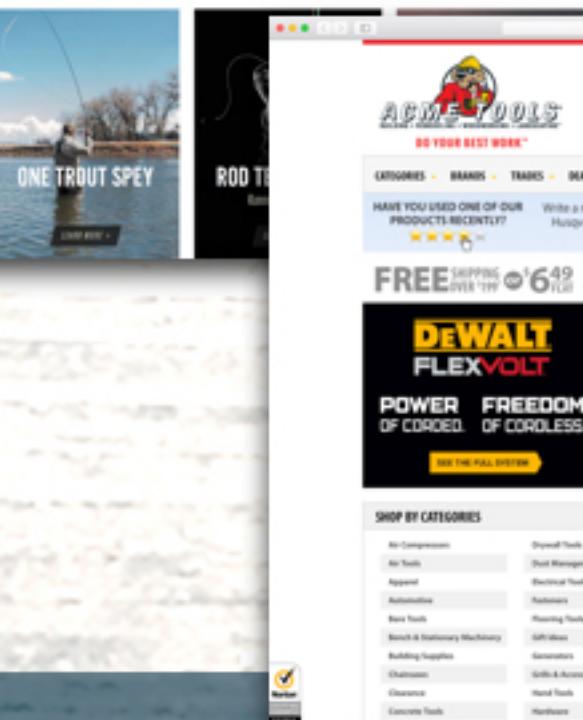
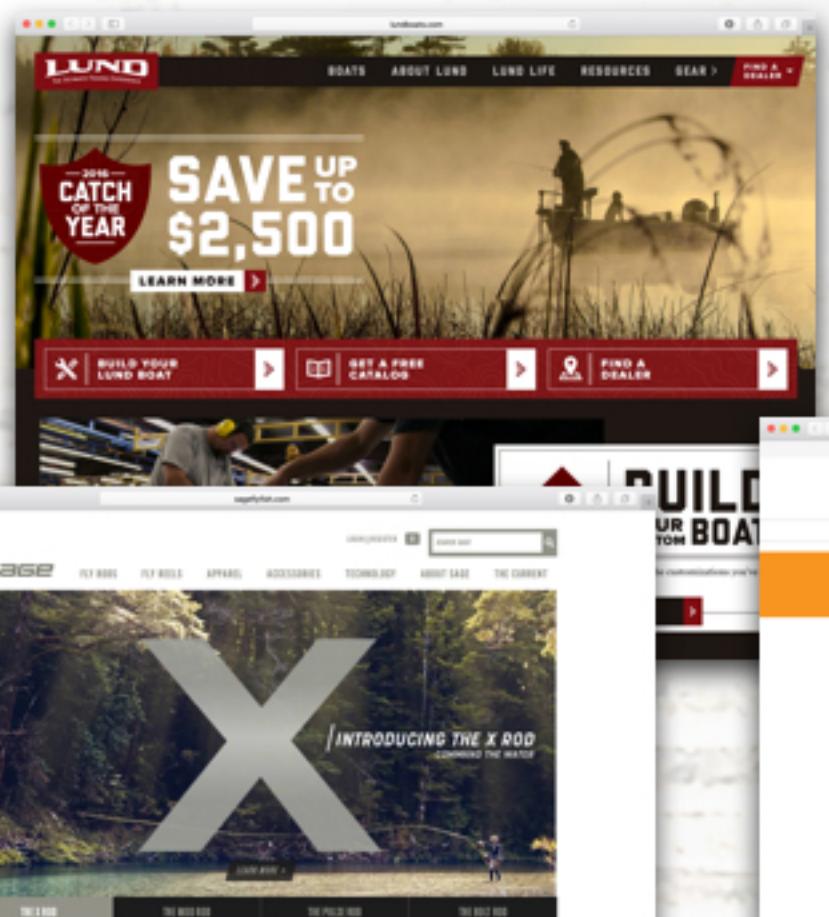
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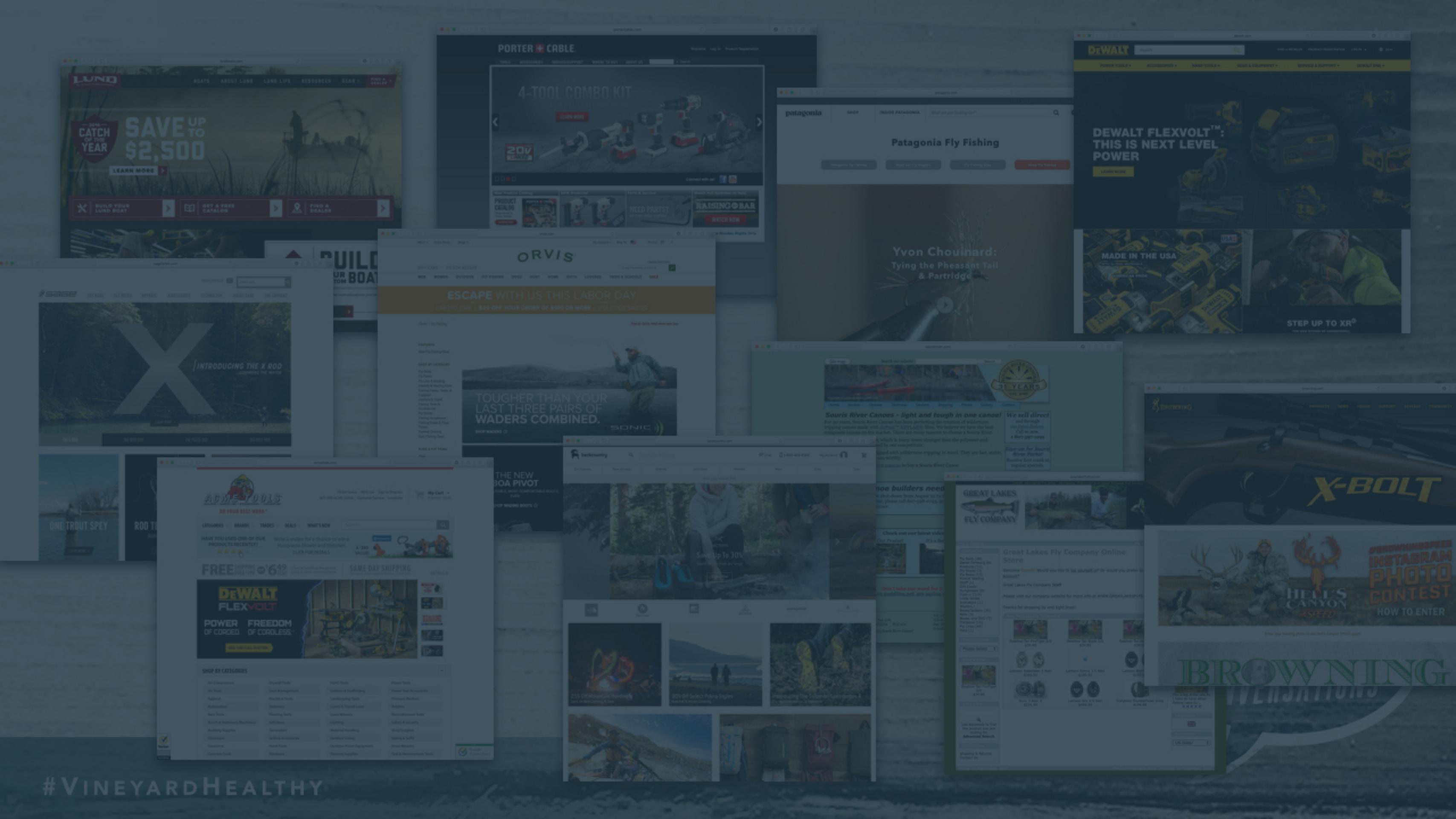
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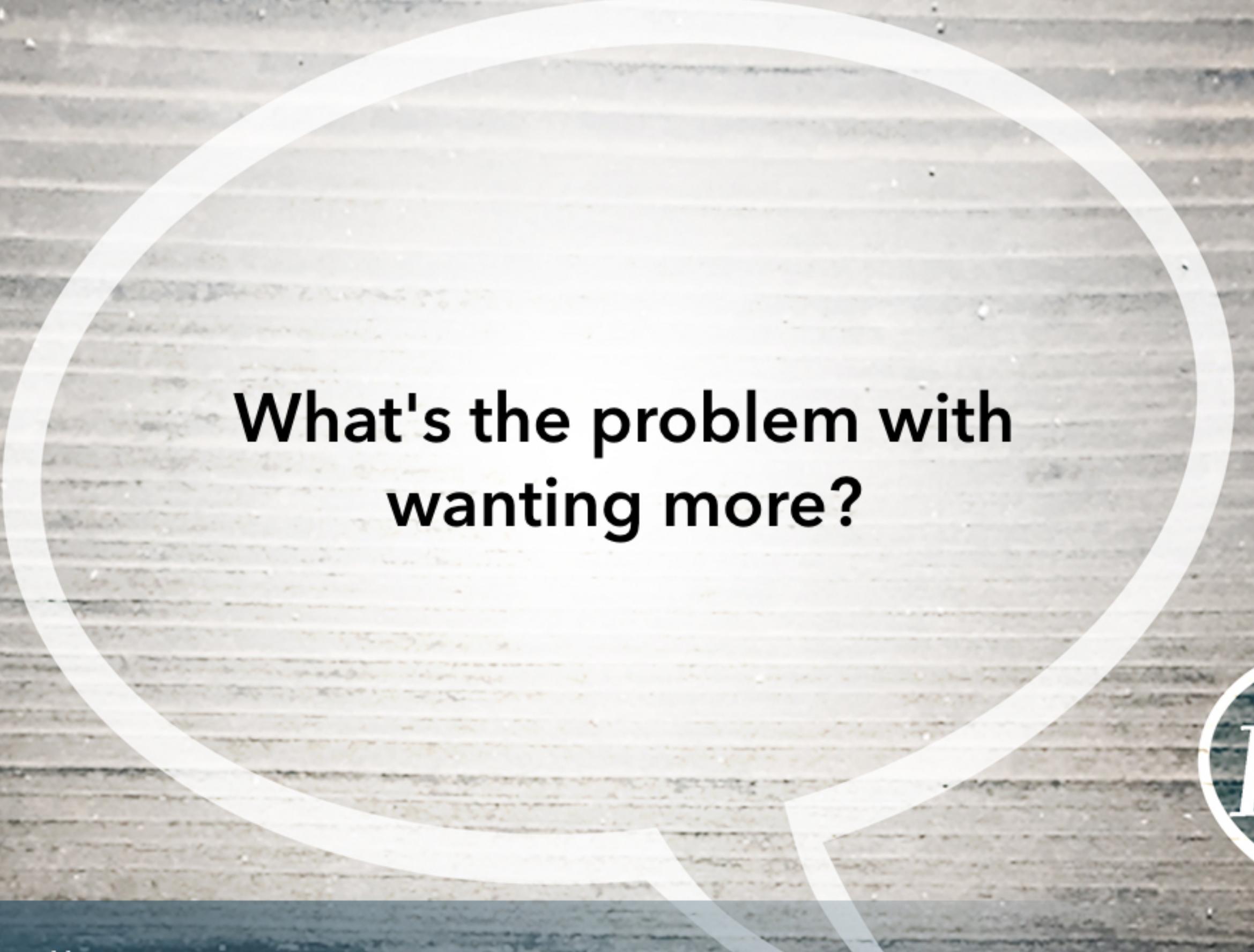


**"Watch out! Be on your guard
against all kinds of greed!"**

**"...life does not consist in an
abundance of possessions."**



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**What's the problem with
wanting more?**



²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

Luke 12:22-26





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**Radical trust in God is the
only way to beat greed.**



²⁷"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12:27-31





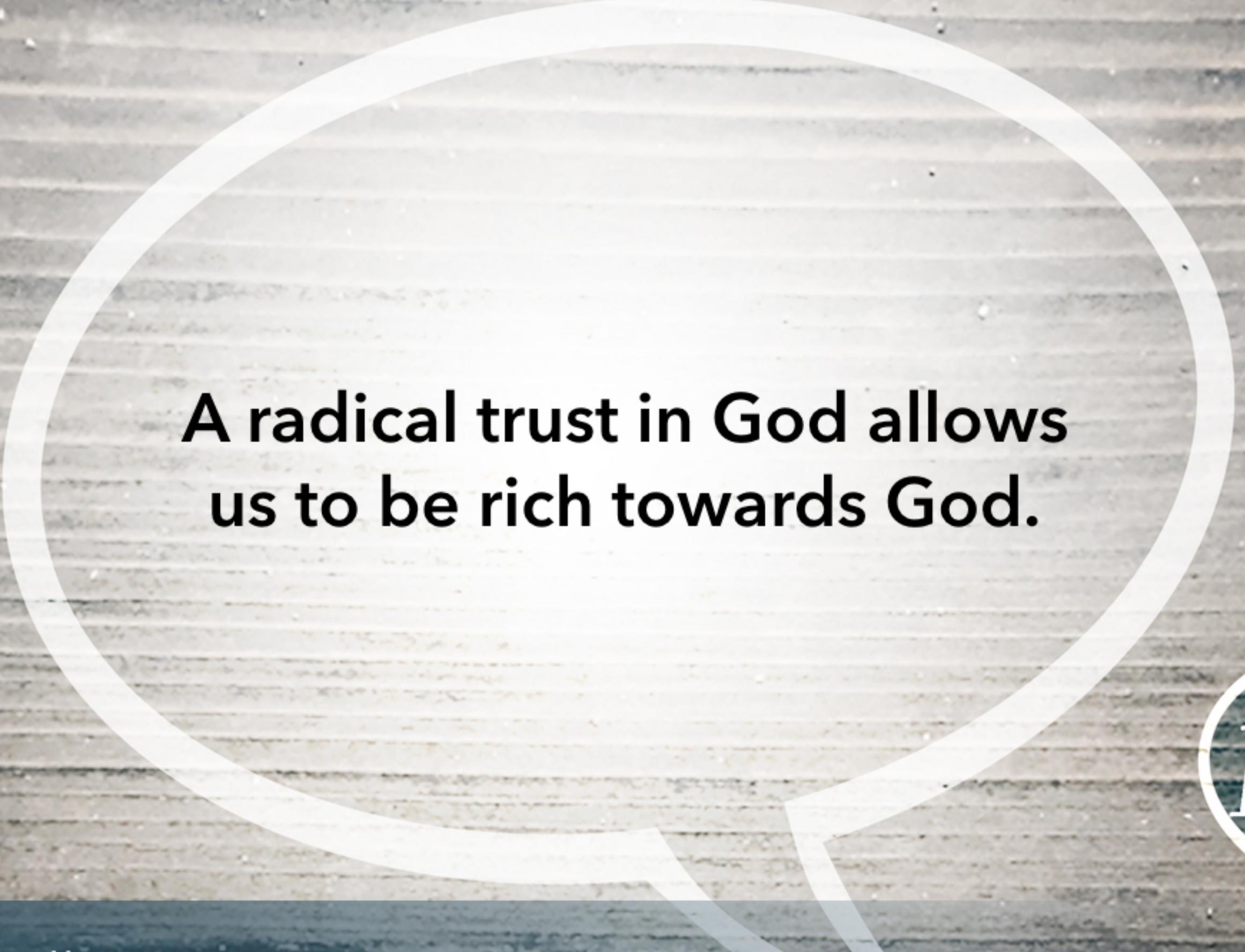
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The ONLY cure for greed is
radical trust in God.





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A radical trust in God allows
us to be rich towards God.





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So how do we talk to others about Greed?





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How else can we be rich towards God?



How else can we be rich towards God?

- *With our stuff?*



How else can we be rich towards God?

- *With our stuff?*
- *With our time?*



How else can we be rich towards God?

- *With our stuff?*
- *With our time?*
- *With our friendships?*





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**What does radical trust in God
look like for you?**

