



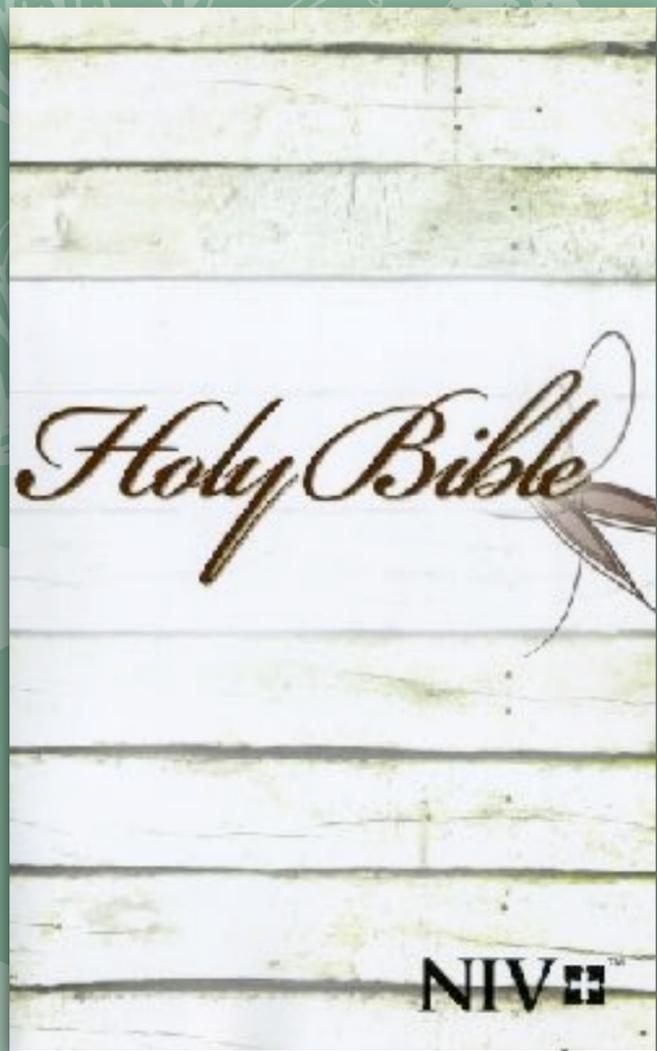
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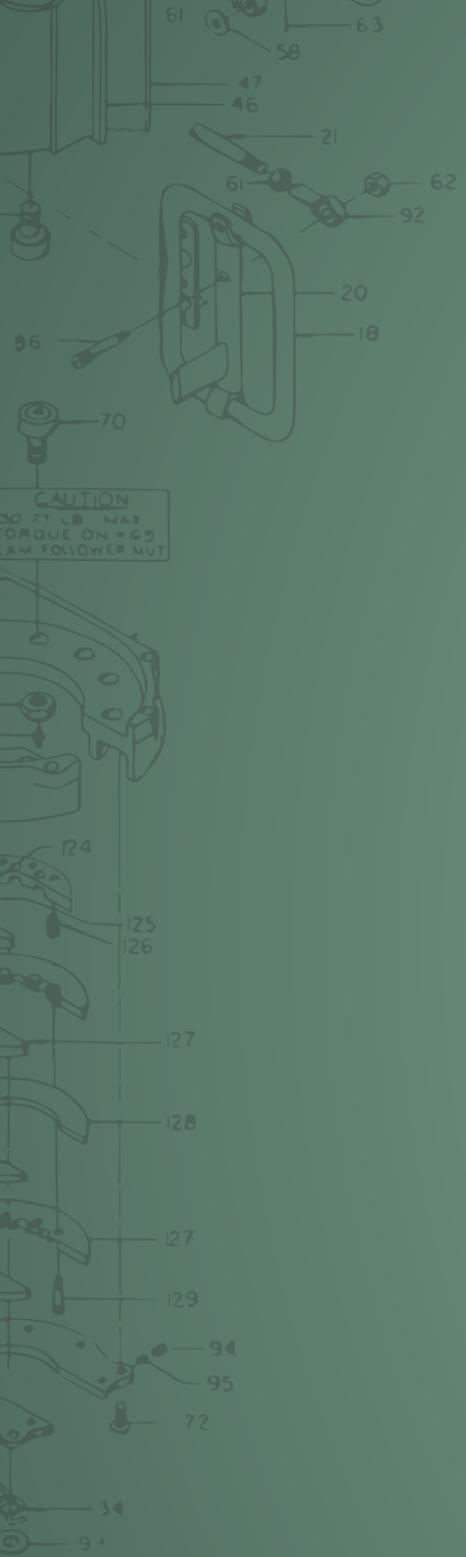
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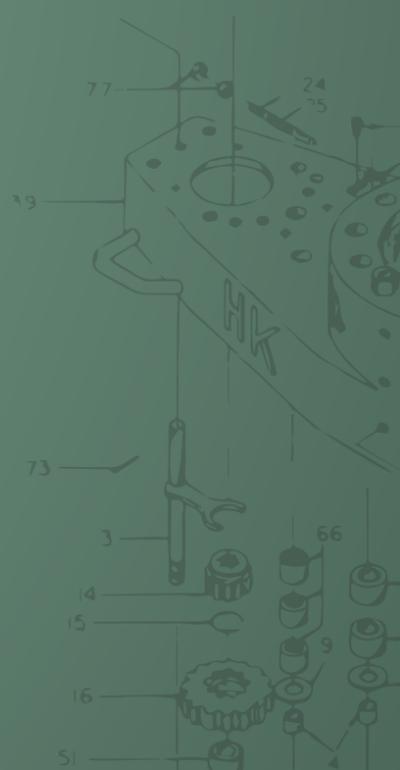
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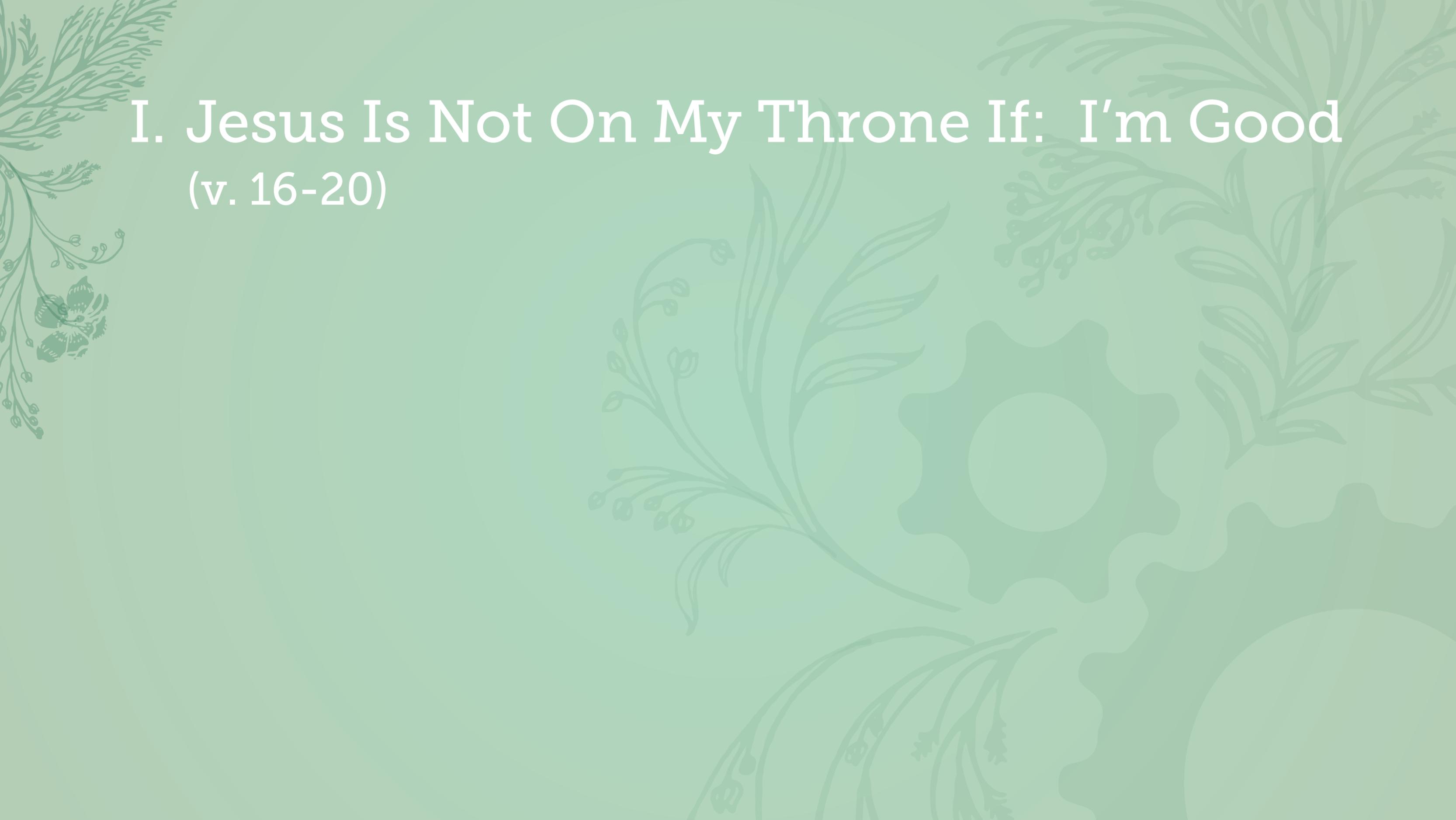
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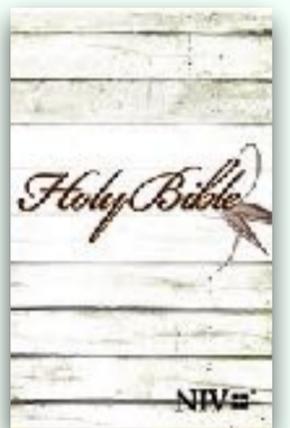


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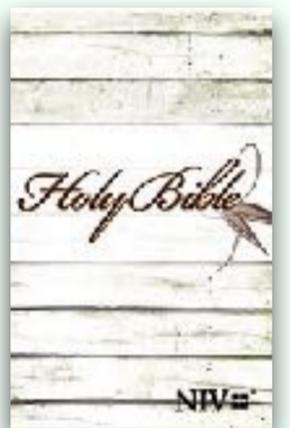
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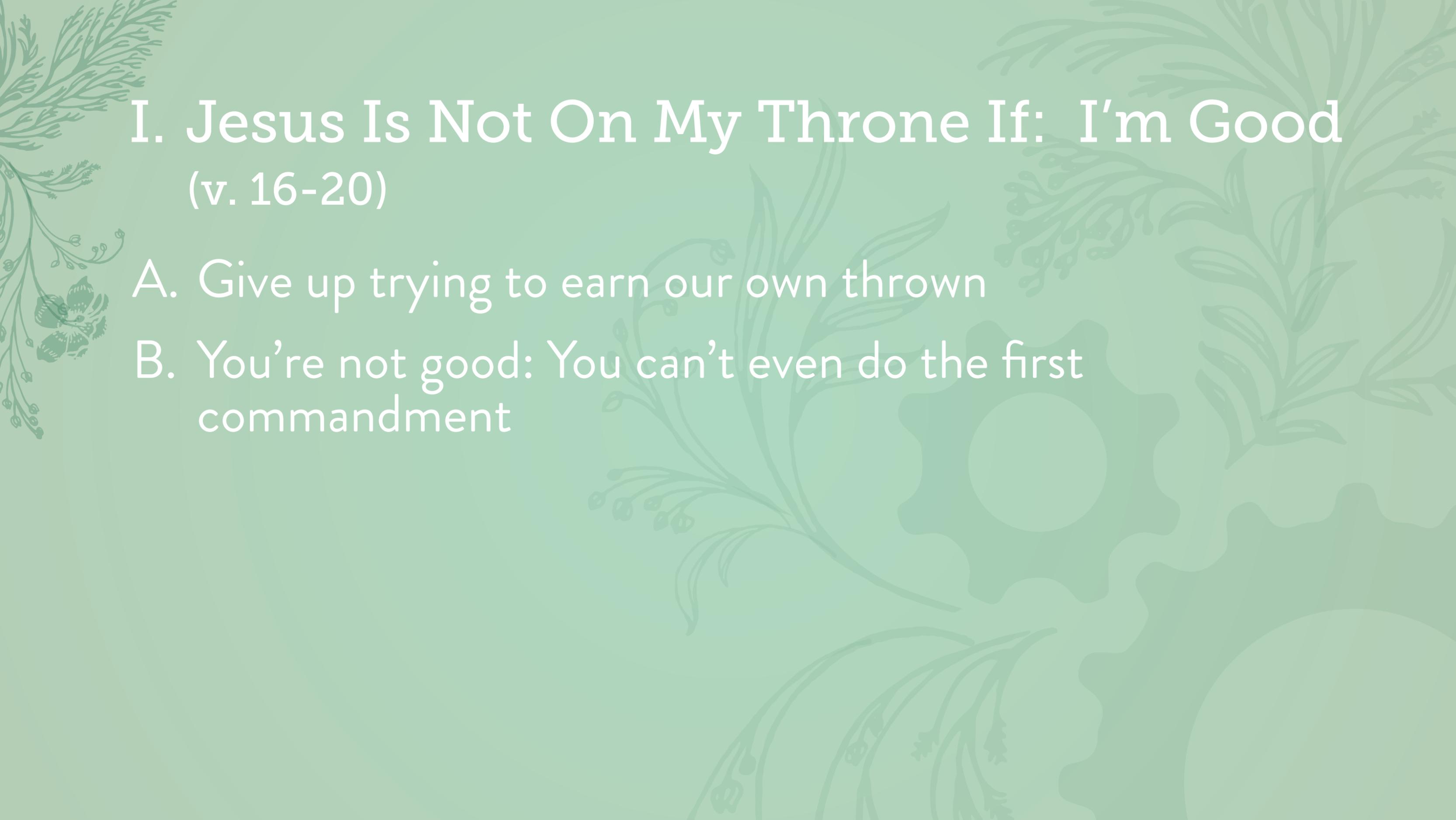
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A. Give up trying to earn our own throne

B. You're not good: You can't even do the first commandment

You shall have no other gods before me.

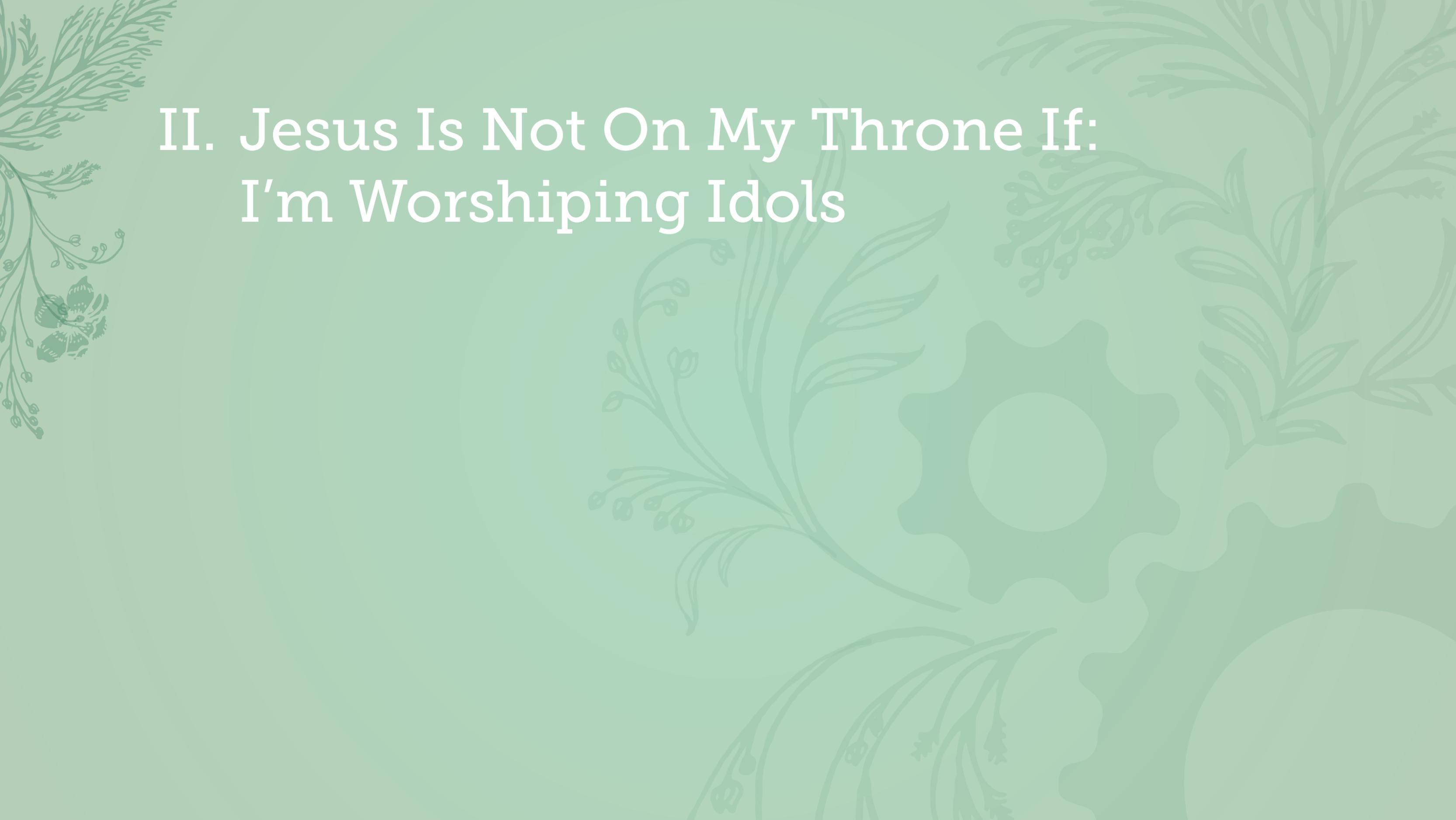
Exodus 20:3



Nobody obeys the Ten Commandments. Look at the first one. You can't even get past the first one. ... God has created you. God sustains you every second. You should live for him. You should give him everything, but there are all kinds of things that are more important to you than God.

Timothy Keller

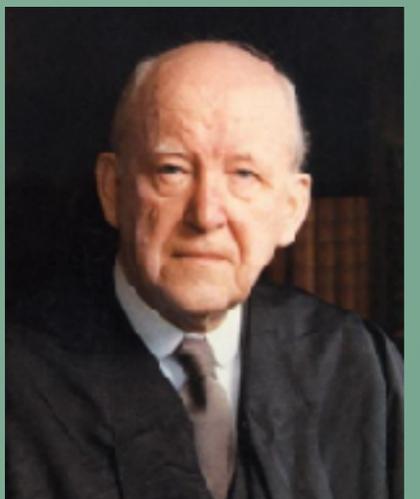


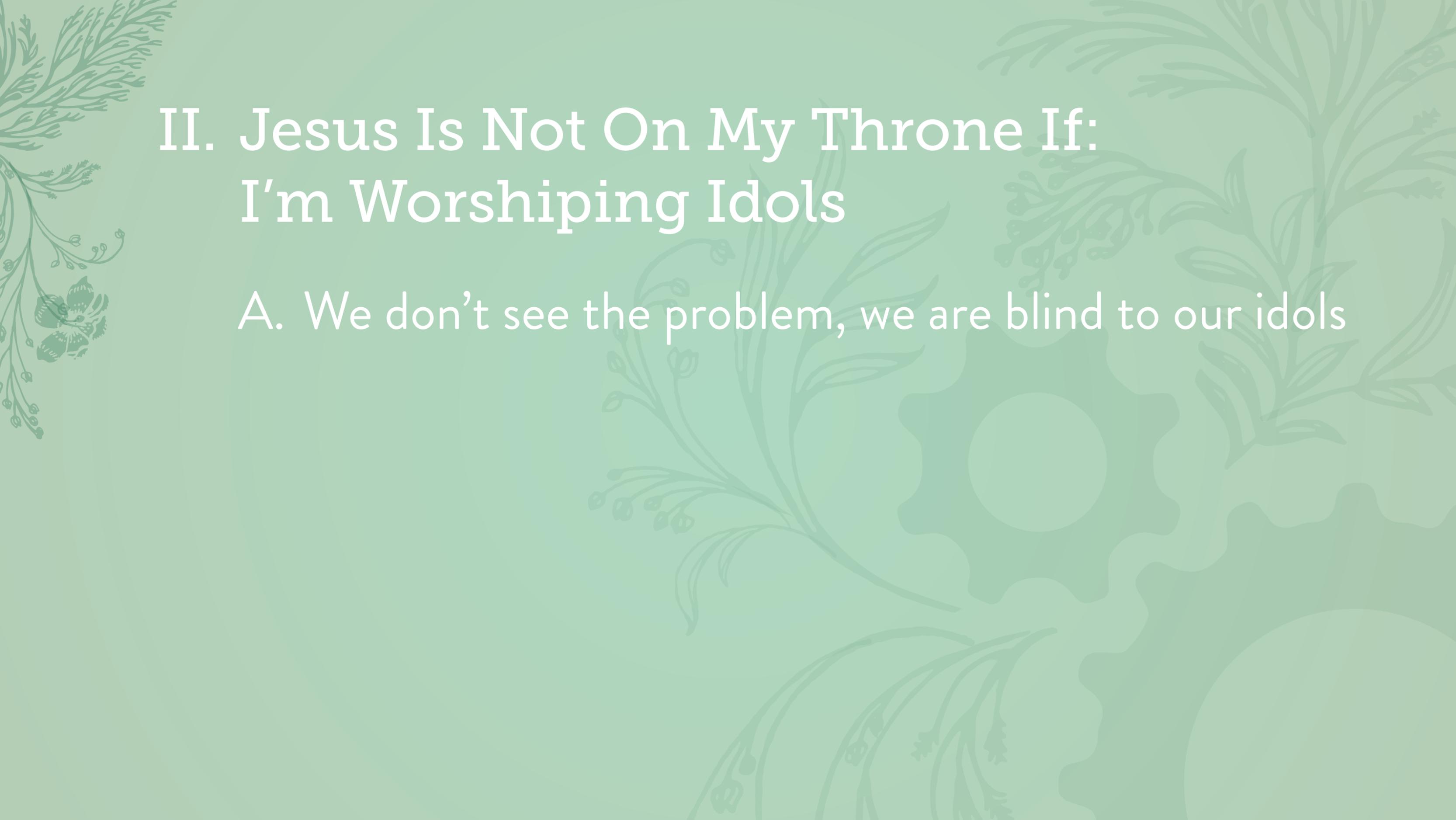
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## II. Jesus Is Not On My Throne If: I'm Worshiping Idols

What is idolatry? An idol is anything in our lives that occupies the place that should be occupied by God alone. An idol is anything that is central in my life, anything that seems to me essential. An idol is anything by which I live and on which I depend. Anything that moves and rouses and attracts and stimulates me is an idol. An idol is anything that I worship, anything to which I give much of my time and attention, my energy and my money; anything that holds a controlling position in my life is an idol.

Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

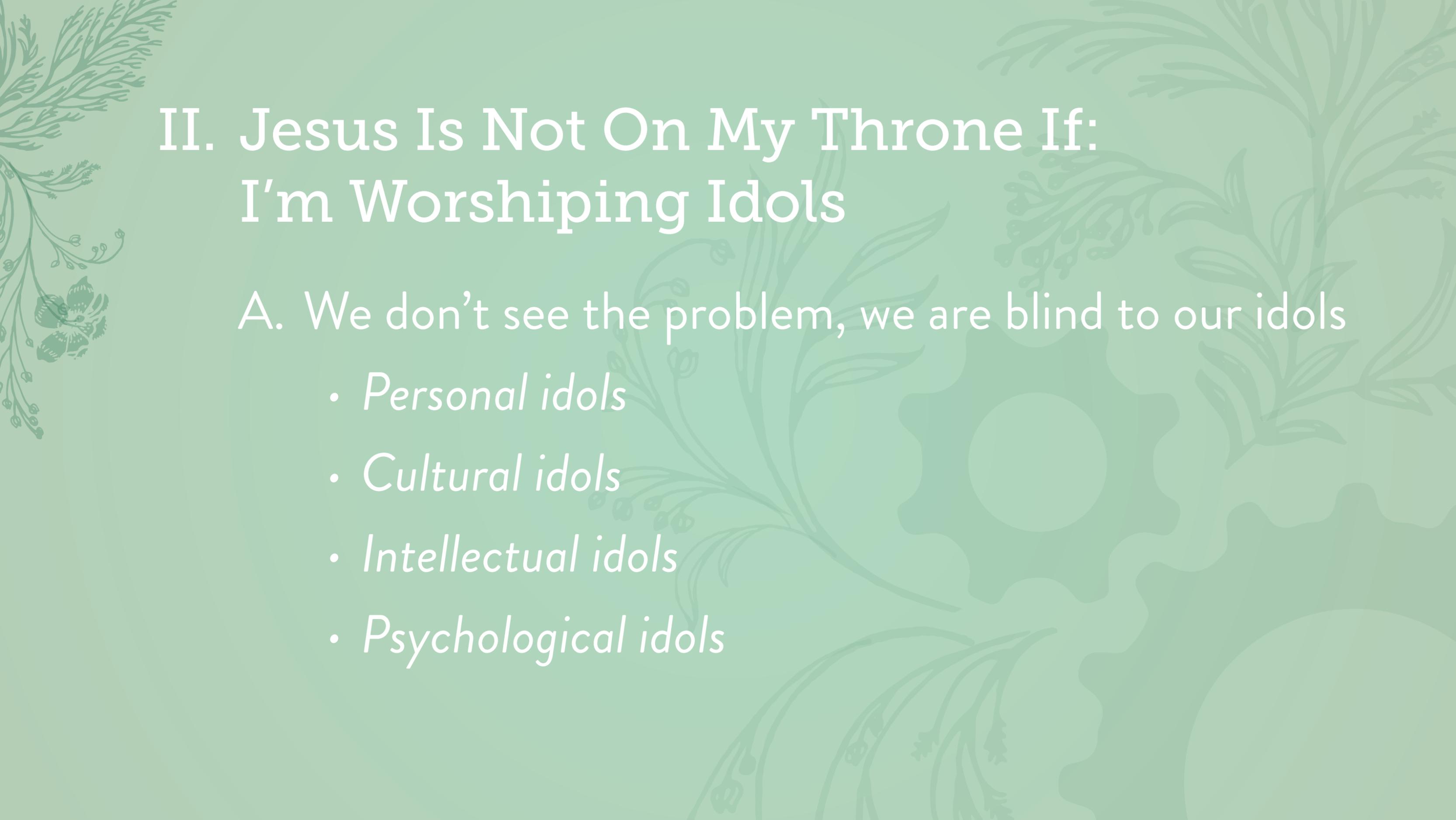


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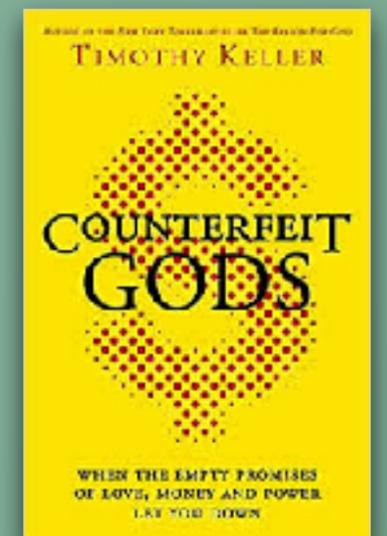
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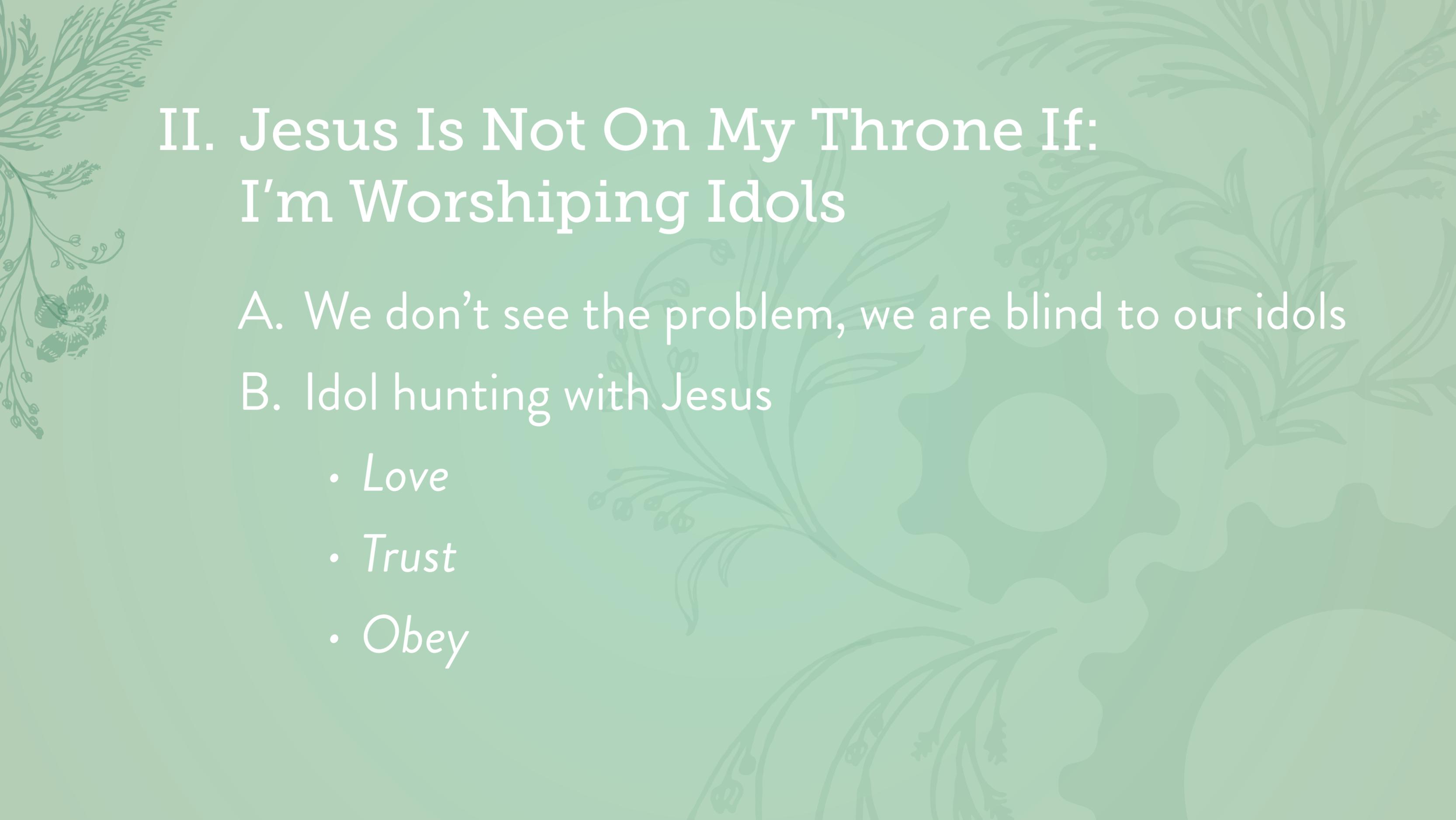
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- *Personal idols*
- *Cultural idols*
- *Intellectual idols*
- *Psychological idols*

What many people call “psychological problems” are simple issues of idolatry. Perfectionism, workaholism, chronic indecisiveness, the need to control other’s lives –all of these stem from making good things into idols that then drive us into the ground as we try to appease them. Idols dominate our lives.

Timothy Keller - Counterfeit Gods





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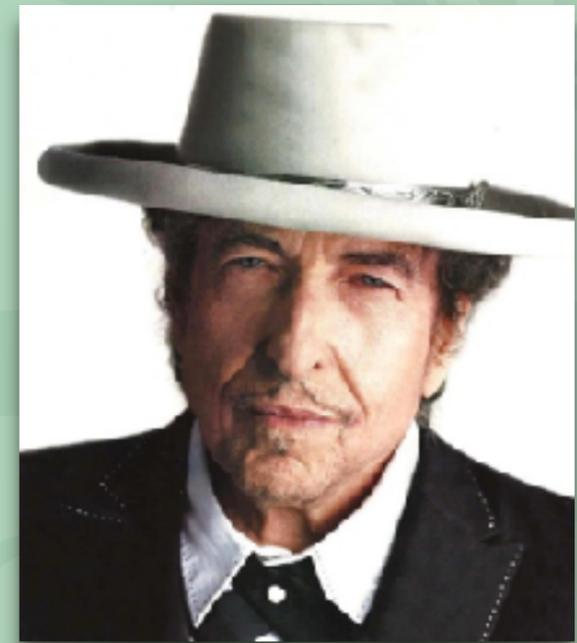
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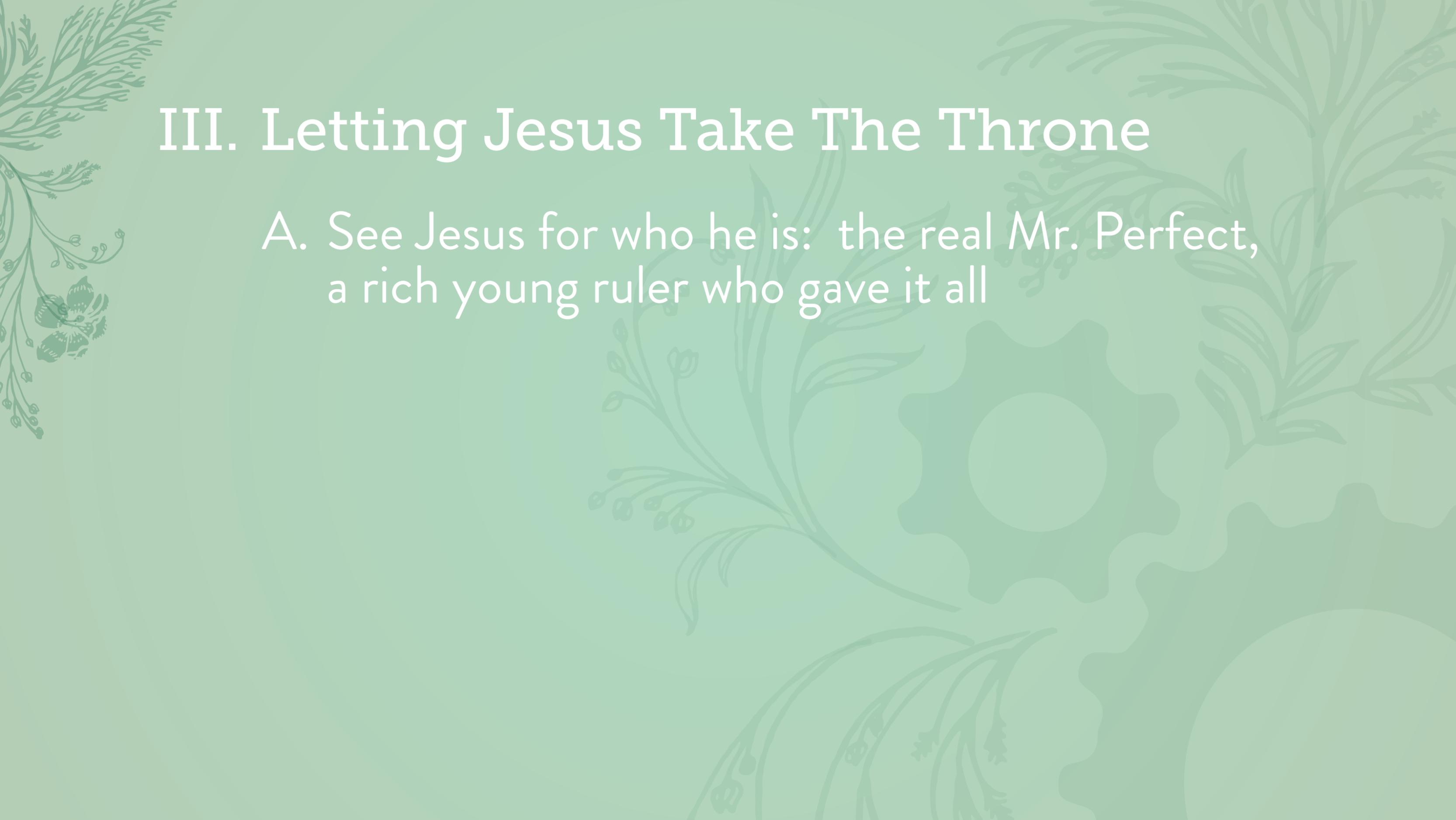
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*“it don't matter who you are,  
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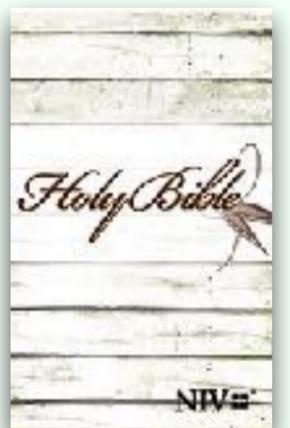
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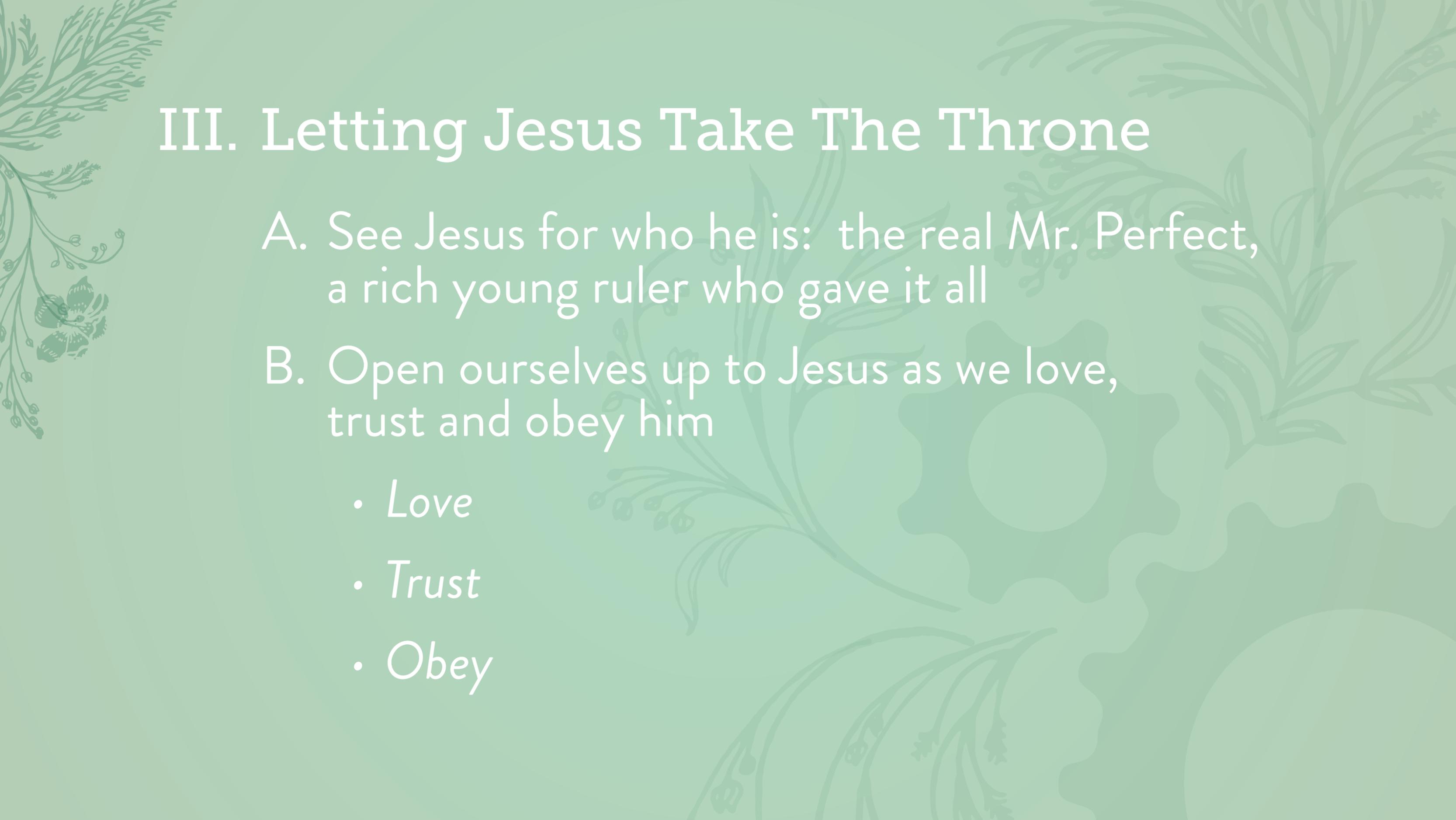


For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.



**2 Corinthians 8:9**





### III. Letting Jesus Take The Throne

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- B. Open ourselves up to Jesus as we love, trust and obey him
  - *Love*
  - *Trust*
  - *Obey*

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.

**John 14:21**



“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**Mark 1:15**

