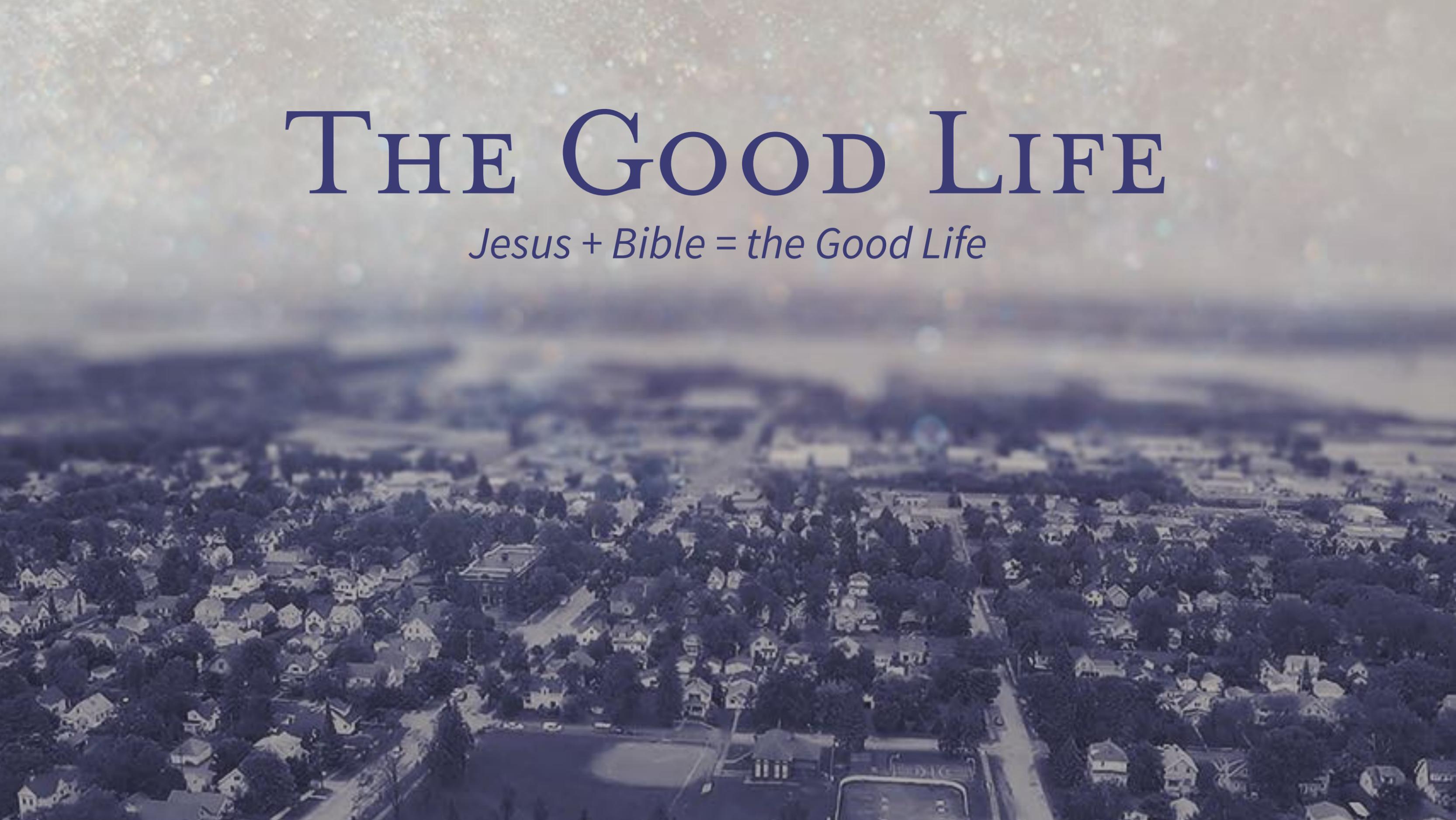
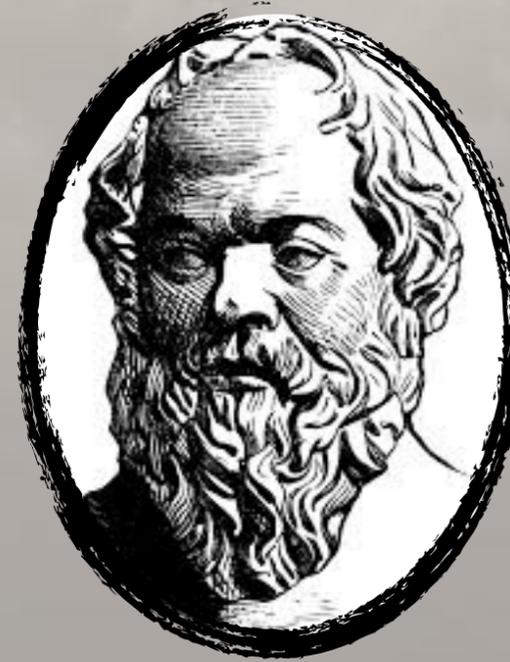


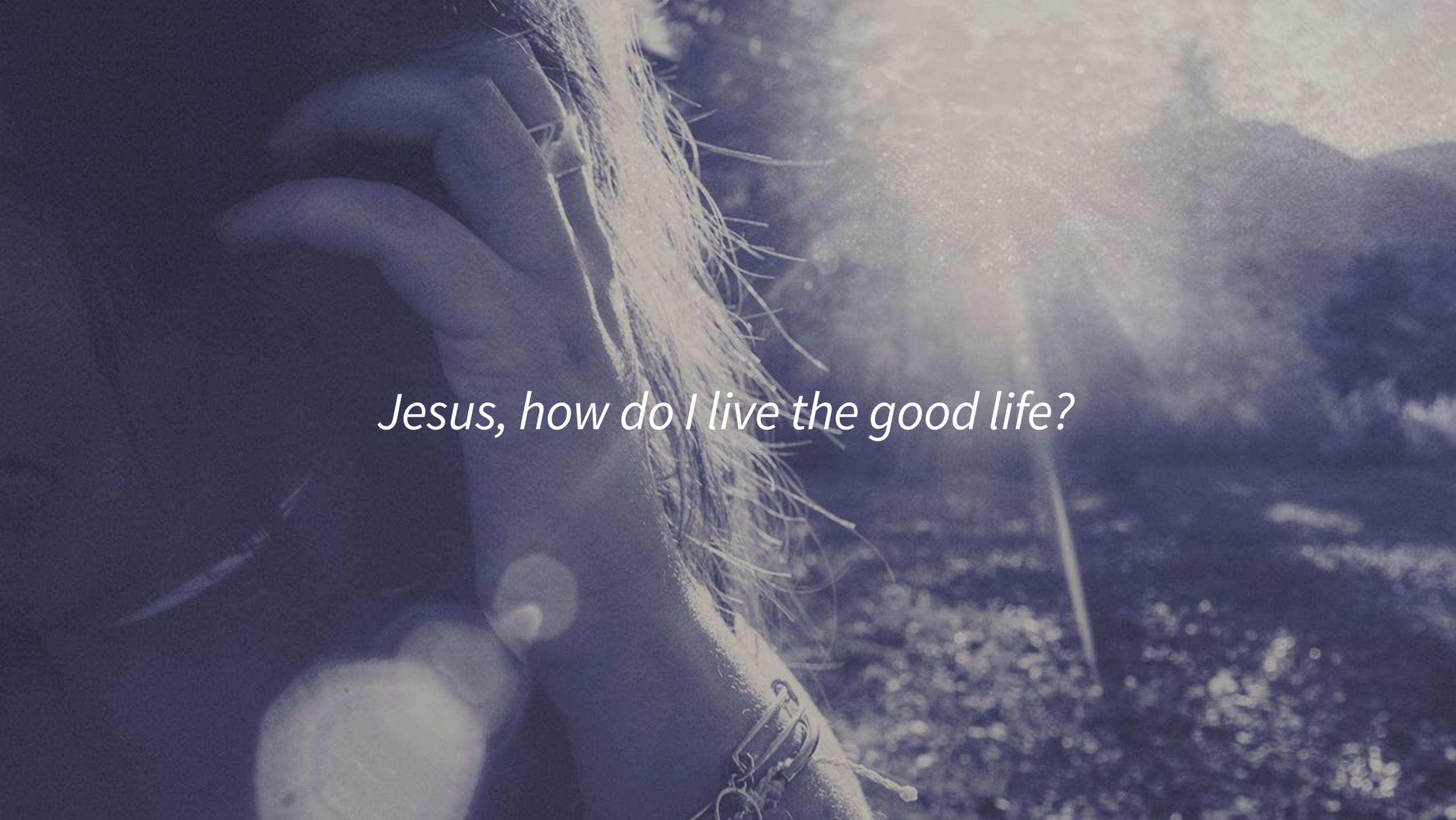
THE GOOD LIFE

Jesus + Bible = the Good Life



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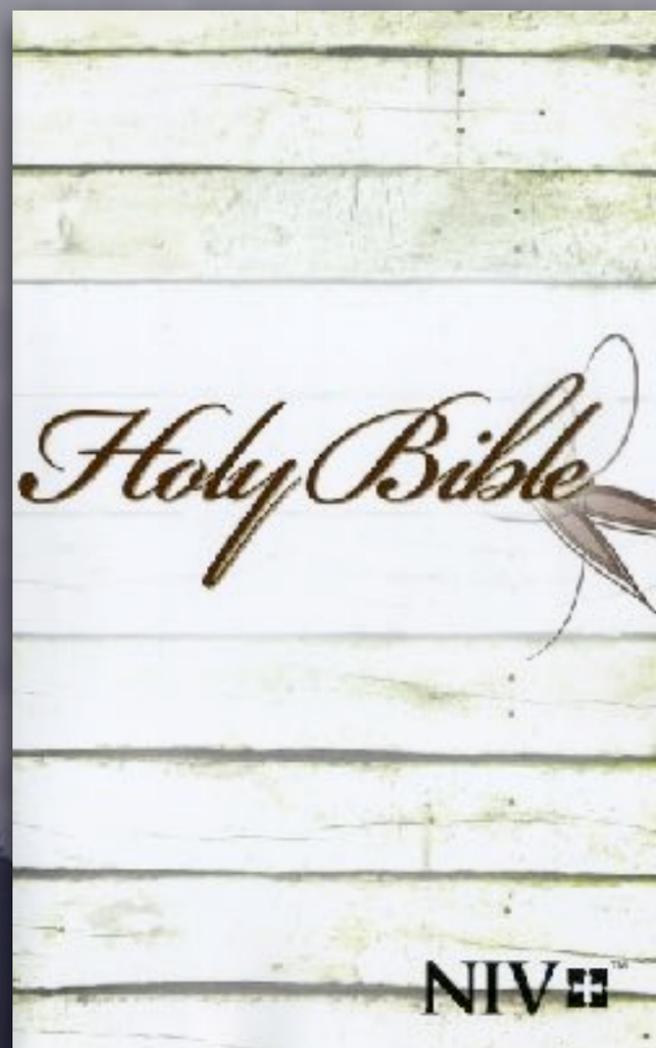


A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a fishing net. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers gripping the edge of the net. The net is made of a coarse, light-colored mesh and is draped over the hand. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise scene, with warm light filtering through the clouds and creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Jesus, how do I live the good life?

A close-up photograph of a person's hand gently holding the long, light-colored mane of a horse. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with warm golden light and a dark horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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Matthew 5:17-20

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For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20



A person is seen from behind, standing in a narrow alleyway between tall, multi-story brick buildings. The person is looking towards a bright, hazy sky. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with a soft, diffused light. The text "I. You Can't Do What It Takes" is overlaid in the center of the image.

I. You Can't Do What It Takes

¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:18-19



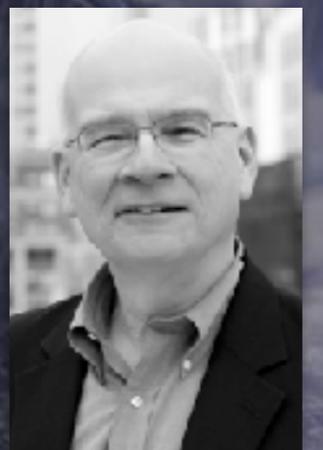
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- D. Our view of the Bible?

[T]here is no way to follow Jesus Christ unless you accept his view of the Bible. Wait. I am not saying you can't be a saved Christian if you don't believe in the divine authority and plenary inspiration of the Scripture. What makes you a Christian is faith in Christ. Period. Having said that... If you say, "There are parts of the Bible we can't accept anymore," you are denying the very dynamic of Jesus' life, so don't kid yourself that you're following him.

Timothy Keller



“Consenting adults in the privacy of their own homes should be free to have sex with whoever they want.”

Not Jesus



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For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12



III. Jesus Makes The Good Life Possible

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17



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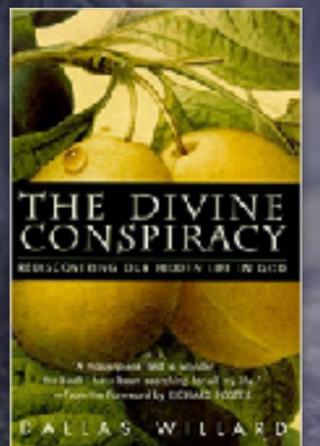
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- 2. Pay the Penalty*

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[Jesus] knew that we cannot keep the law by trying to keep the law. To succeed in keeping the law one must aim at something other and something more. One must aim to become the kind of person from whom the deeds of the law naturally flow. The apple tree naturally and easily produces apples because of its inner nature. This is the most critical thing to remember if we would understand Jesus' picture of the kingdom heart given in the Sermon on the Mount.

Dallas Willard, The Divine Conspiracy



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