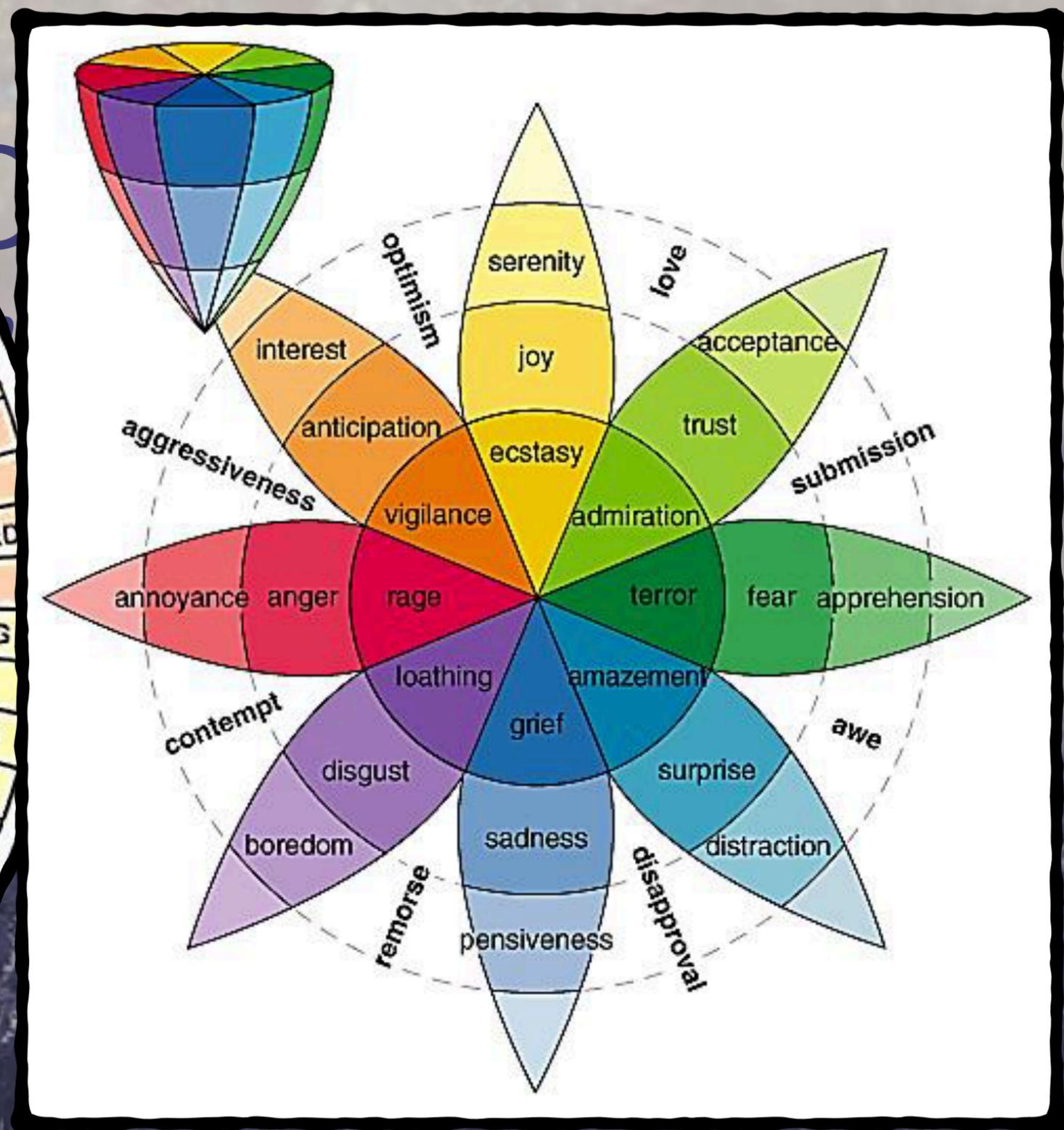
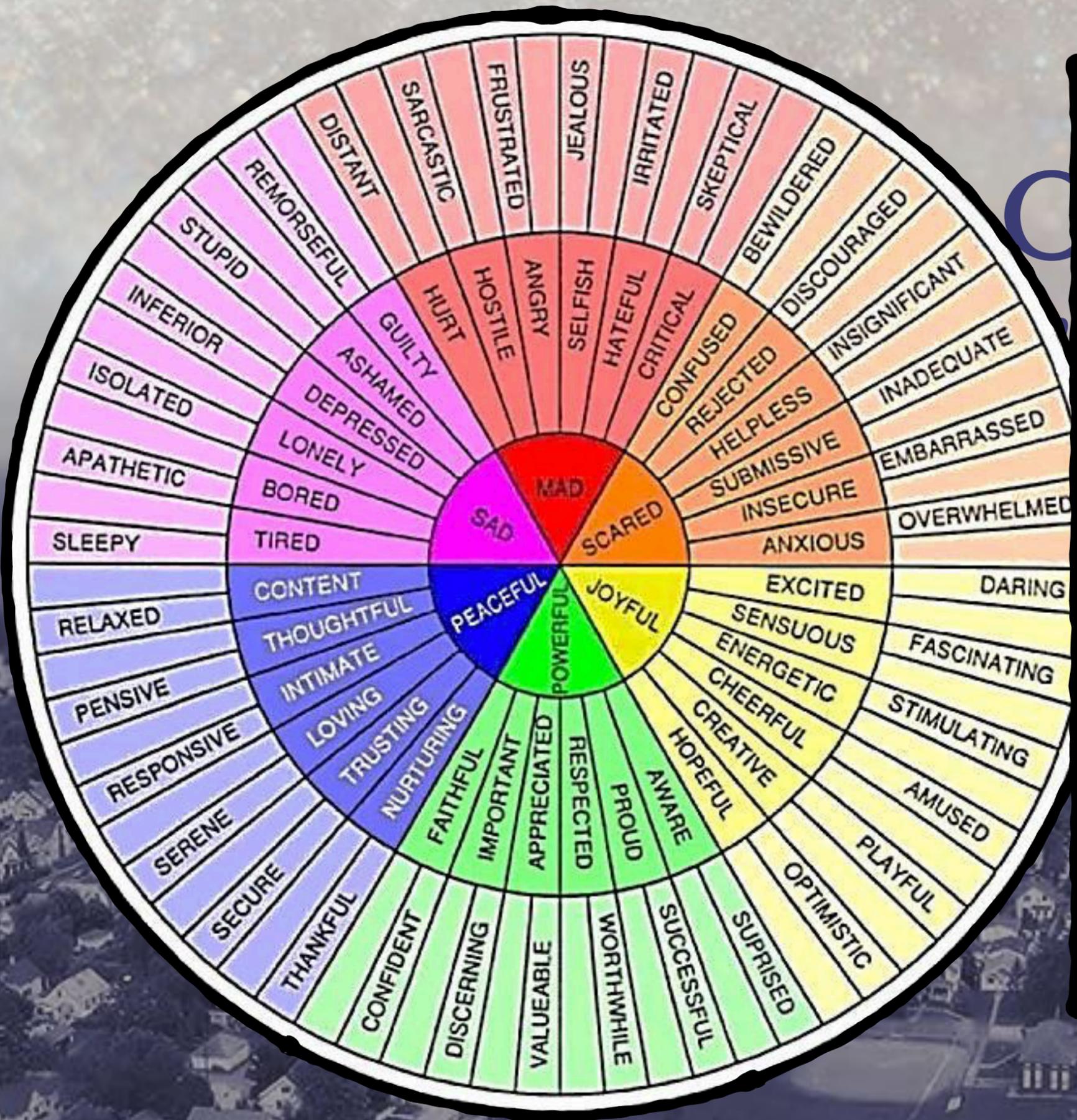


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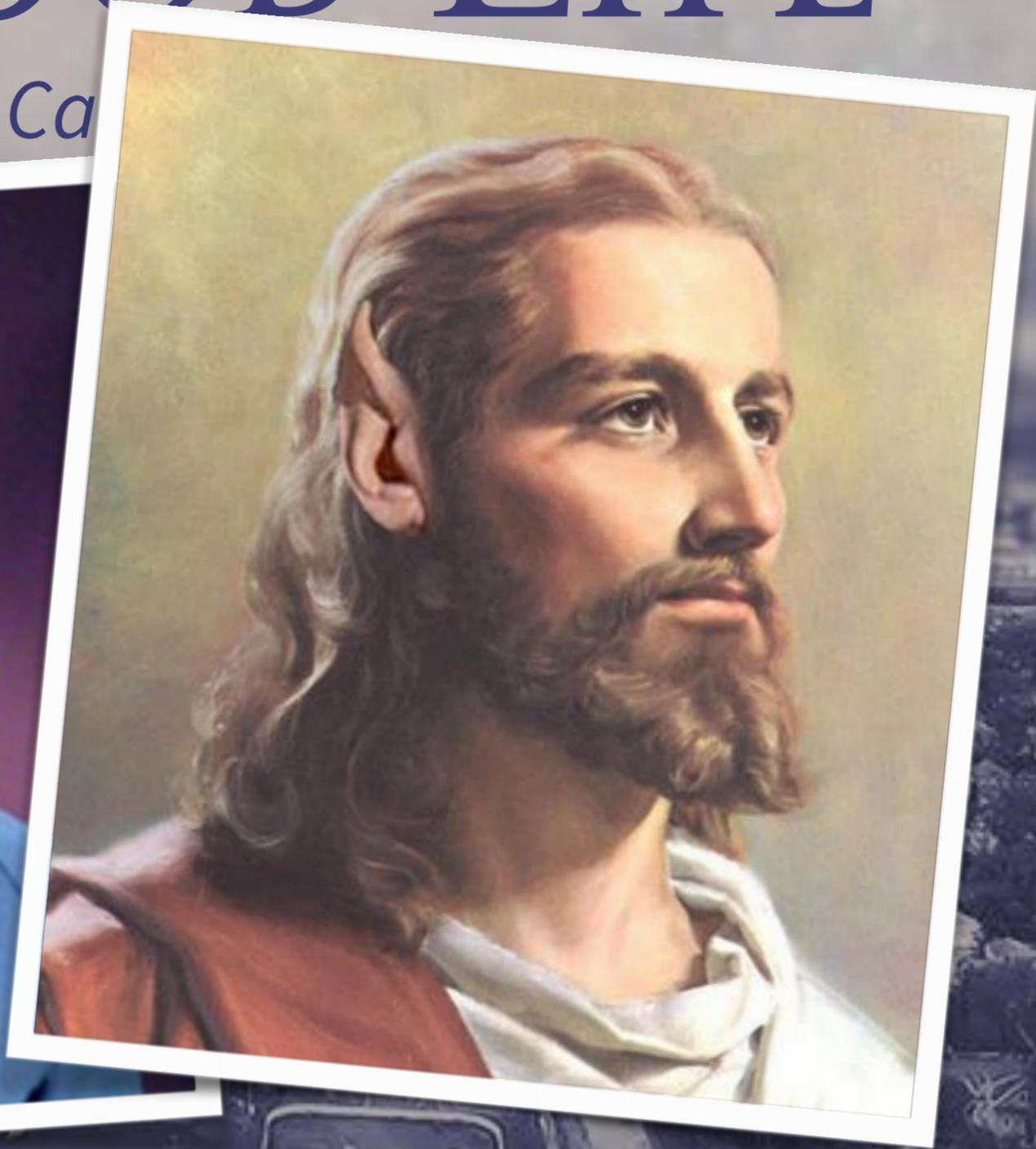
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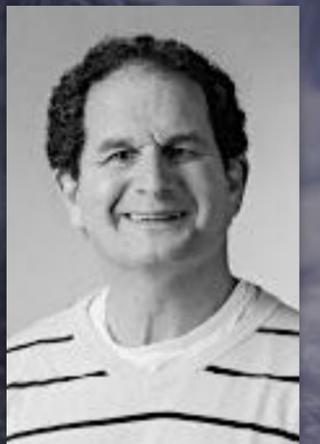
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What Jesus is saying in the Sermon on the Mount [hey, we're studying the Sermon on the Mount this fall] is that when God grabs hold of someone, when the kingdom of God breaks into a person's life, something happens. You can't remain the same person, if you have truly touched the kingdom of God. So many church people don't understand this principle. They say, "I've prayed the prayer; I went forward at a church service. I touched my TV just like the TV preacher told me to, but nothing happened."

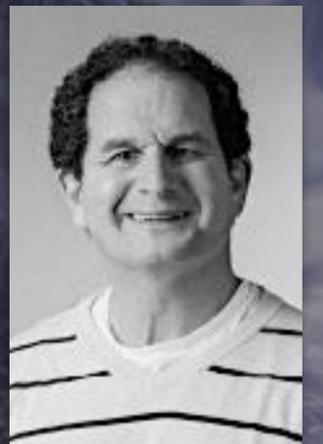
Friends, the Bible never says that if Christ comes into your life that you will necessarily have an immediate experience. You are not promised that you will feel something immediately, or that you will tingle all over.

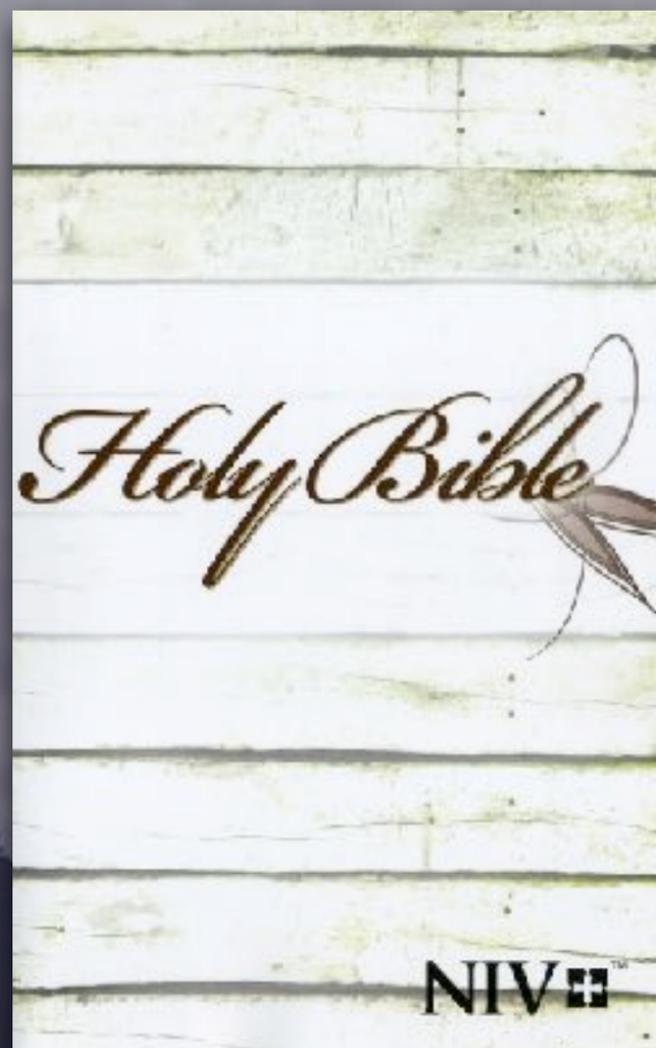
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Rather, the mark of God's kingdom grabbing hold of you is life change. Saved people are changed people. If you aren't changed – if your attitudes, your life's goals, your priorities and values, if there isn't a reordering and redirecting of your whole life, if you aren't changed to the core of your being, then it is likely that you have never come under the sway of the kingdom of God. You may be on the way. You may be taking steps towards God. But if you don't see life change, it is likely that you have not yet entered God's kingdom.

Rich Nathan





Matthew 5:21-26

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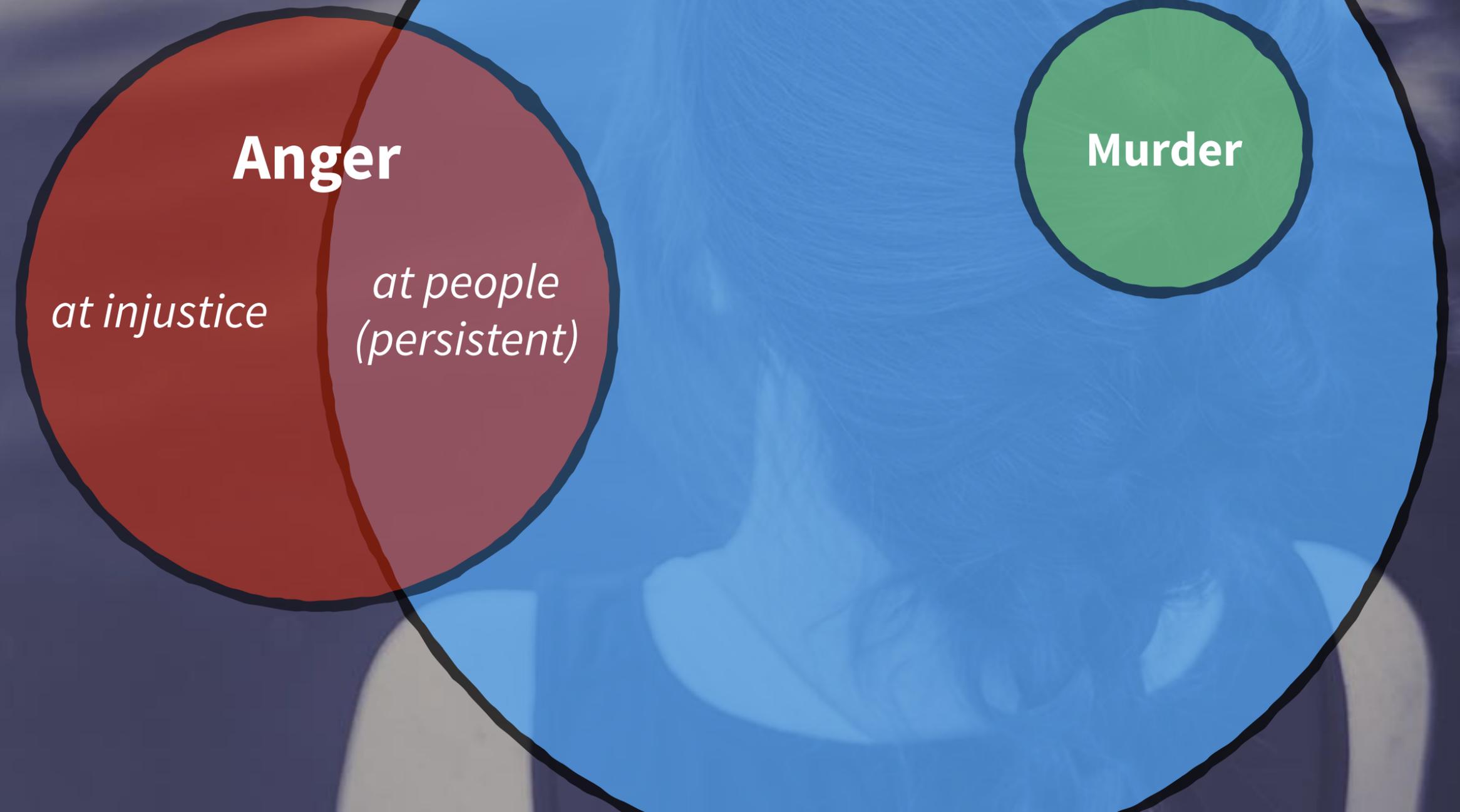
²¹“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²²But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Matthew 5:21-22 (Page 678)



I. Outside God's Kingdom Emotions Run Amok

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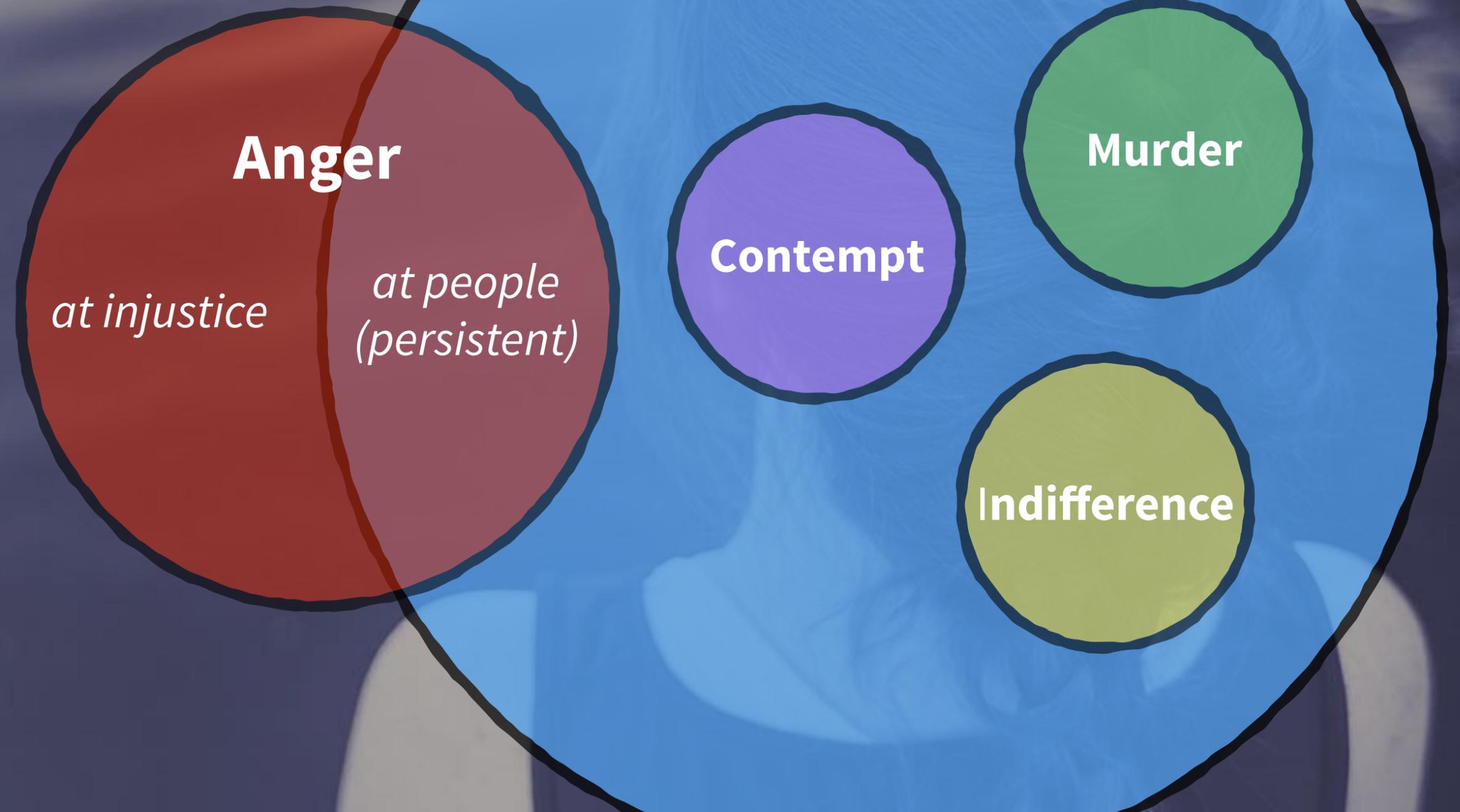
²⁶“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold.

Ephesians 4:26-27



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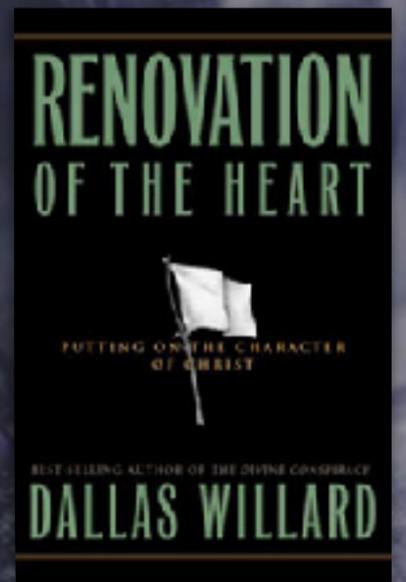
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We do not have to be victimized by destructive feelings. Even the feelings that harm us are, for the most part, not bad in themselves, but are somehow not properly limited or subordinated.

They are out of order. Feelings are, with few exceptions, good servants. But they are disastrous masters.

Dallas Willard



I. Outside God's Kingdom Emotions Run Amok

A. Jesus Expands the Circle of UN-Righteousness

B. Where does anger come from?

1. Unmet expectations

2. Fear

C. Lies behind our rogue emotions

- I am alone
- Things always have to go like I want them to
- Something terrible will happen if I make a mistake
- I must be in control at all times
- Life must always be fair and just
- I need to be perfect all the time
- Something is wrong if I'm not happy and comfortable

II. In God's Kingdom, Emotions Are Good & Beautiful



²³“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:23-24



²⁵“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Matthew 5:25-26



II. In God's Kingdom, Emotions Are Good & Beautiful

- A. Forgiveness and reconciliation are more important than worship and sacrifice
- B. Friendship and compromise are more important than asserting our rights



When Jesus commands his apprentices not to be angry, he is showing us the way to a good and beautiful life. His command implies that we can actually do it. Many people cannot imagine living without anger. But it is possible, otherwise Jesus would not have instructed us to live without it. Unfortunately, if we hear the command “do not be angry” and think we must do this on our own strength (i.e., in the flesh), we will fail and will begin to resent Jesus for commanding it. For an explanation of how we learn to live without anger, we have to look at the rest of Jesus’ teachings....

James Bryan Smith, Good and Beautiful Life



III. Kingdom Truths That Produce Healthy Emotions

Lies Behind Our Rogue Emotions	Kingdom Truths That Produce Healthy Emotions
I am alone.	You are never alone. Jesus is always with you.
Things always have to go like I want them to.	You can have your preferences, but things will always be better when they go the way Jesus wants them to.
Something terrible will happen if I make a mistake.	Mistakes happen all the time and nothing terrible happens. And, if it did, Jesus would be there.
I must be in control at all times.	Jesus is in control.
Life must always be fair and just.	Life is not always fair and just, but God gets the last word. He will make everything sad untrue for you.
I need to be perfect all the time.	Jesus accepts you, even though you are not perfect.
Something is wrong if I'm not happy and comfortable.	Becoming like Jesus is more important than your happiness and comfort.

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