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# THE GOOD LIFE

*- THE GOOD LIFE COMES FROM A CHANGE IN PRIORITIES -*

*What in you is keeping you from the good life?*

*GREED*



*PLEASURE*



*ANXIETY*





*What's something you could do to  
move towards the good life?*

<sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup>your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

**Matthew 6:9-13**



**Hallow** ('halō - past tense: hallowed; past participle: hallowed)

1. honor as holy
2. make holy; consecrate; sanctify
3. greatly revered or respected



You shall have no other gods before me.

***Exodus 20:3***



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***Matthew 6:33***



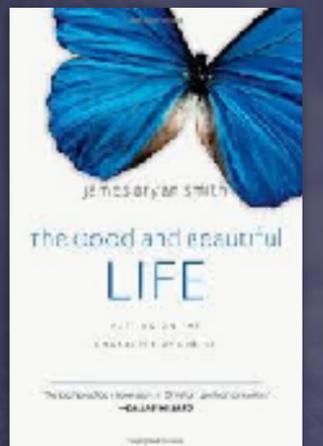
An aerial photograph of a city, showing a dense residential area with a prominent church steeple in the center. A multi-lane highway runs through the city, and the background is filled with soft, white clouds under a pale sky. The entire image has a light, airy feel.

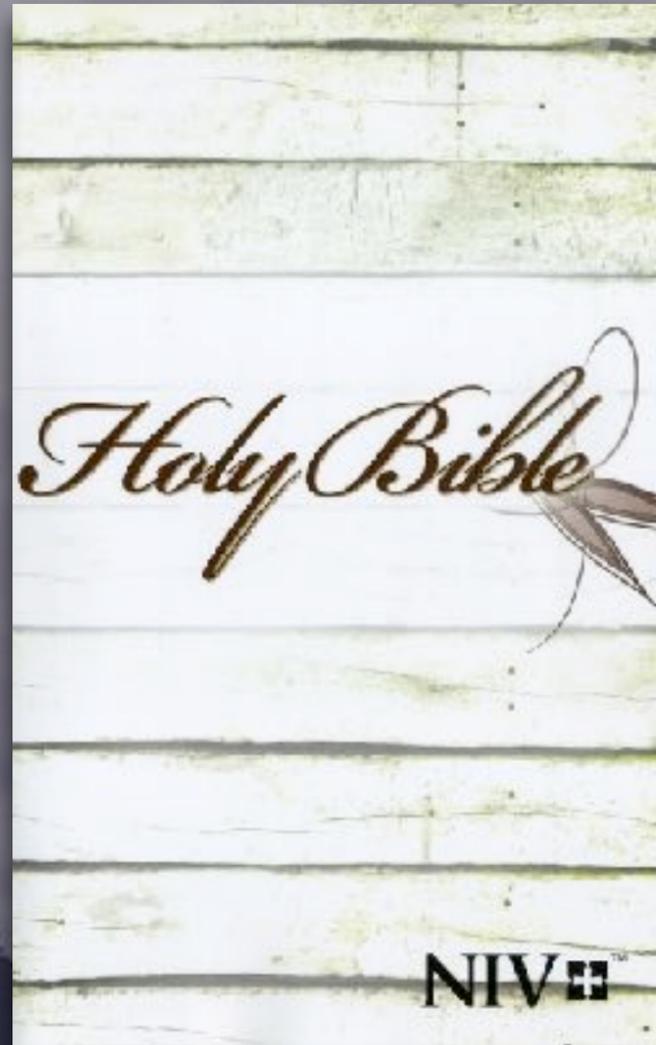
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Matthew 6:33 is the key to the entire Sermon on the Mount.... If we understood and applied this verse, every single teaching that has come before and after it would naturally fall into place. This principle—seeking the kingdom first—is the cure for all the common human struggles... exclusion, anger, lust, lying, retaliation, vanity and avarice ... as well as ... judging others.

***James Bryan Smith, The Good and Beautiful Life***





# Matthew 6:19-34

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# I. Think About It: How Life And Us Humans Work

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Matthew 6:19-21**





# I. Think About It: How Life And Us Humans Work

A. Invest your life wisely (v.19-21)

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

**Matthew 6:22-23**



I think Jesus literally meant that we should take care what we actually look at. Where do your eyes naturally get drawn to? Are you in control of them, or do they take you – and your mind and heart – wherever they want?

***N.T. Wright***





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B. Watch stuff that makes your life better (v. 22-23)



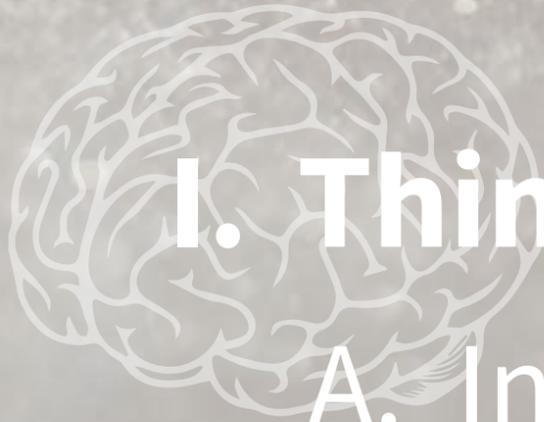
*Jesus, is it ok if I watch this?*

*Self, if I watch this, after I'm done am I going to want my time back ...*

24“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

**Matthew 6:24**





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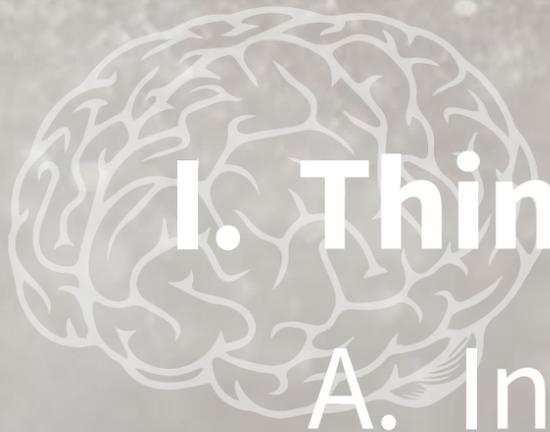
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<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup>Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

**Matthew 6:25-34**



<sup>28</sup>“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**Matthew 6:25-34**





## **II. Feel About It: Who Is God?**

- A. Feel the beauty and care for this world
- B. Feel how important you are to God
- C. Feel Faith & Trust in God

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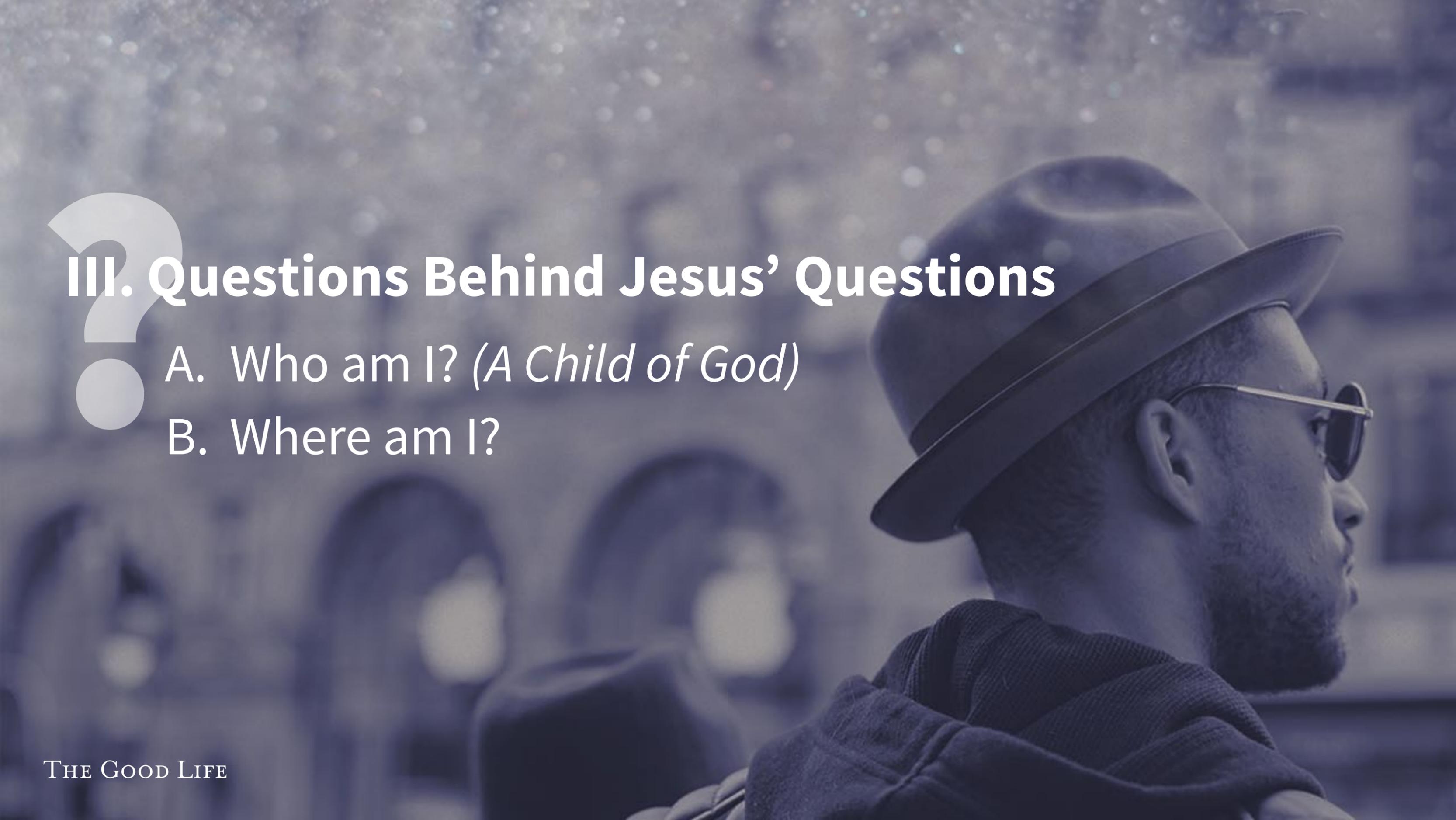
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*Father, I just can't fix my life. I can't pay the price for, I can't even stop, the bad things I do. But, I believe that Jesus lived a perfect life and died on the cross to pay the price for me, to go to hell in my place, and to give me his perfection. And, then Jesus rose again proving it's all true. I put my faith in Jesus, that he did it for me. Holy Spirit, come and start to change me from the inside out, help me to seek first your kingdom. Amen.*



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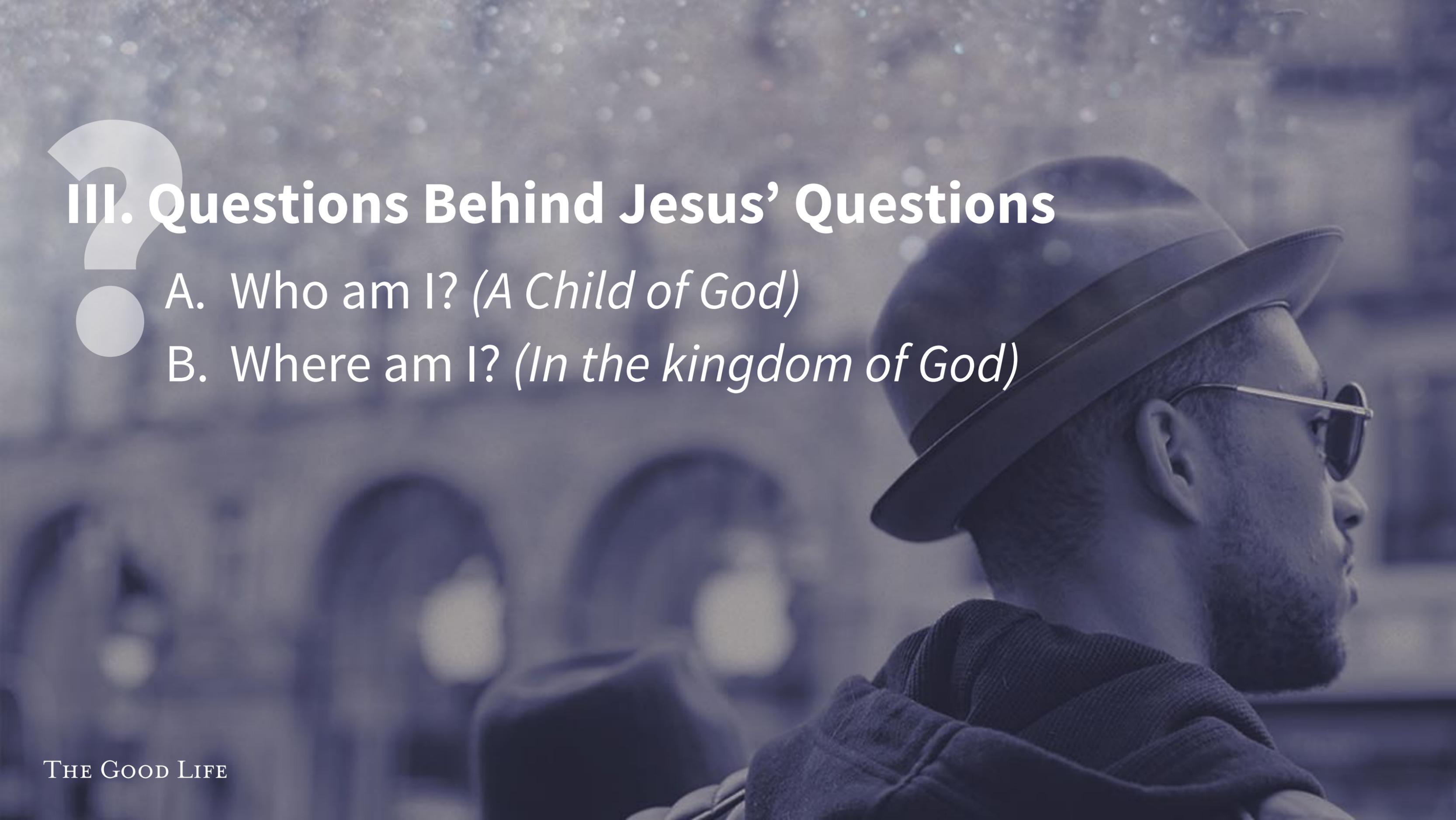
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<sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

***Genesis 50:19-20***





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