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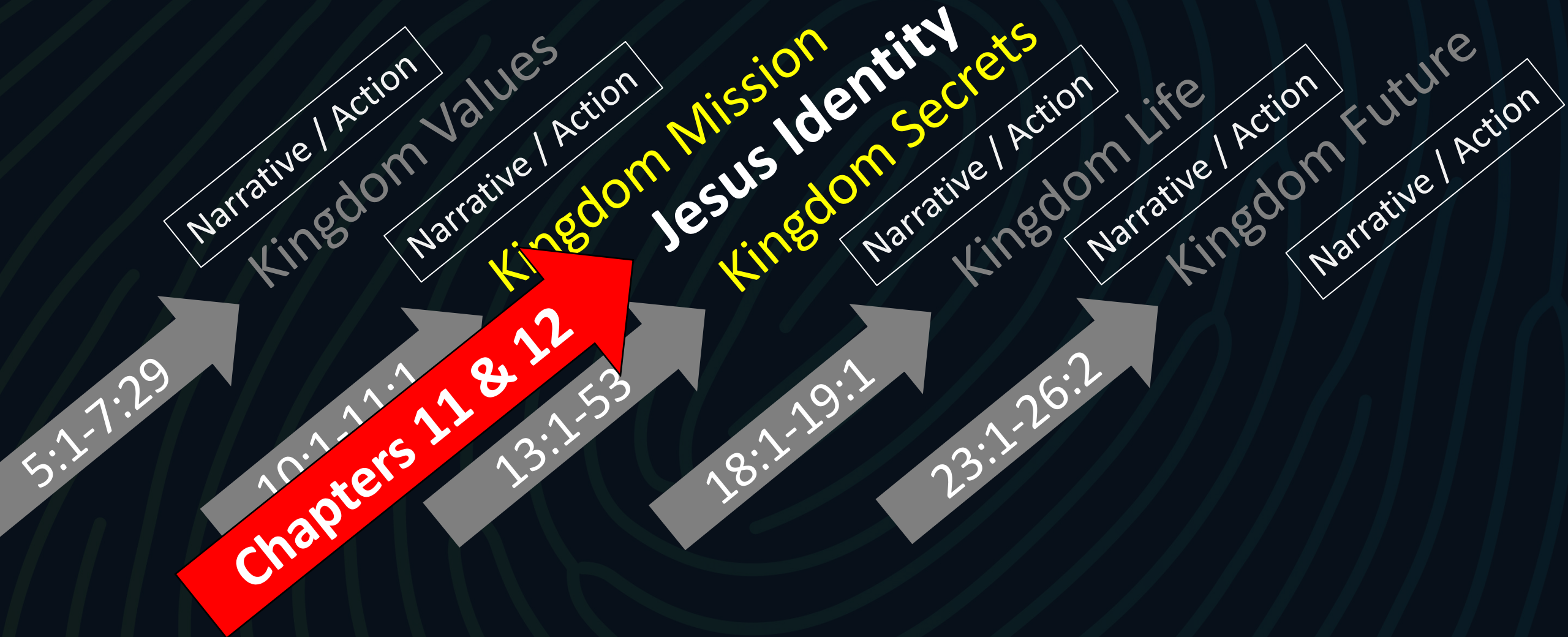
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- God's design for our lives brings *ultimate freedom* rather than restriction.

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**Where do you ground your identity?**



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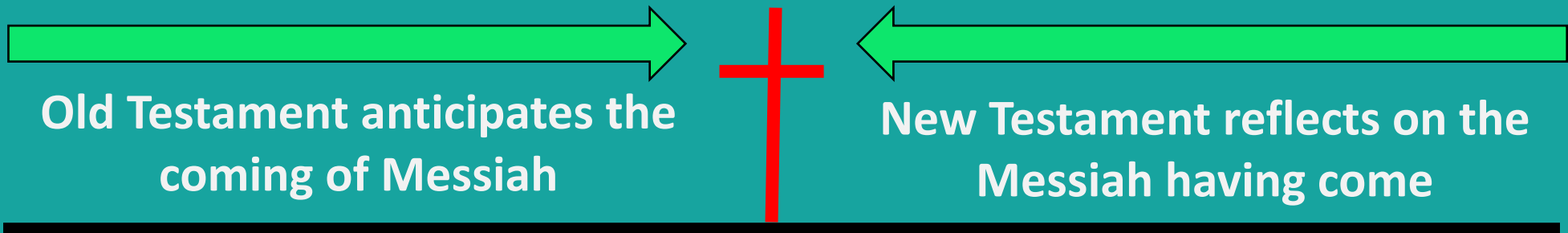
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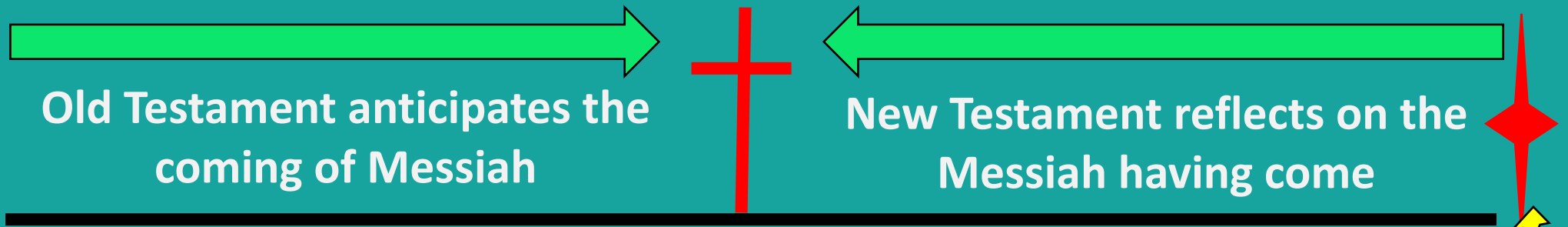
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