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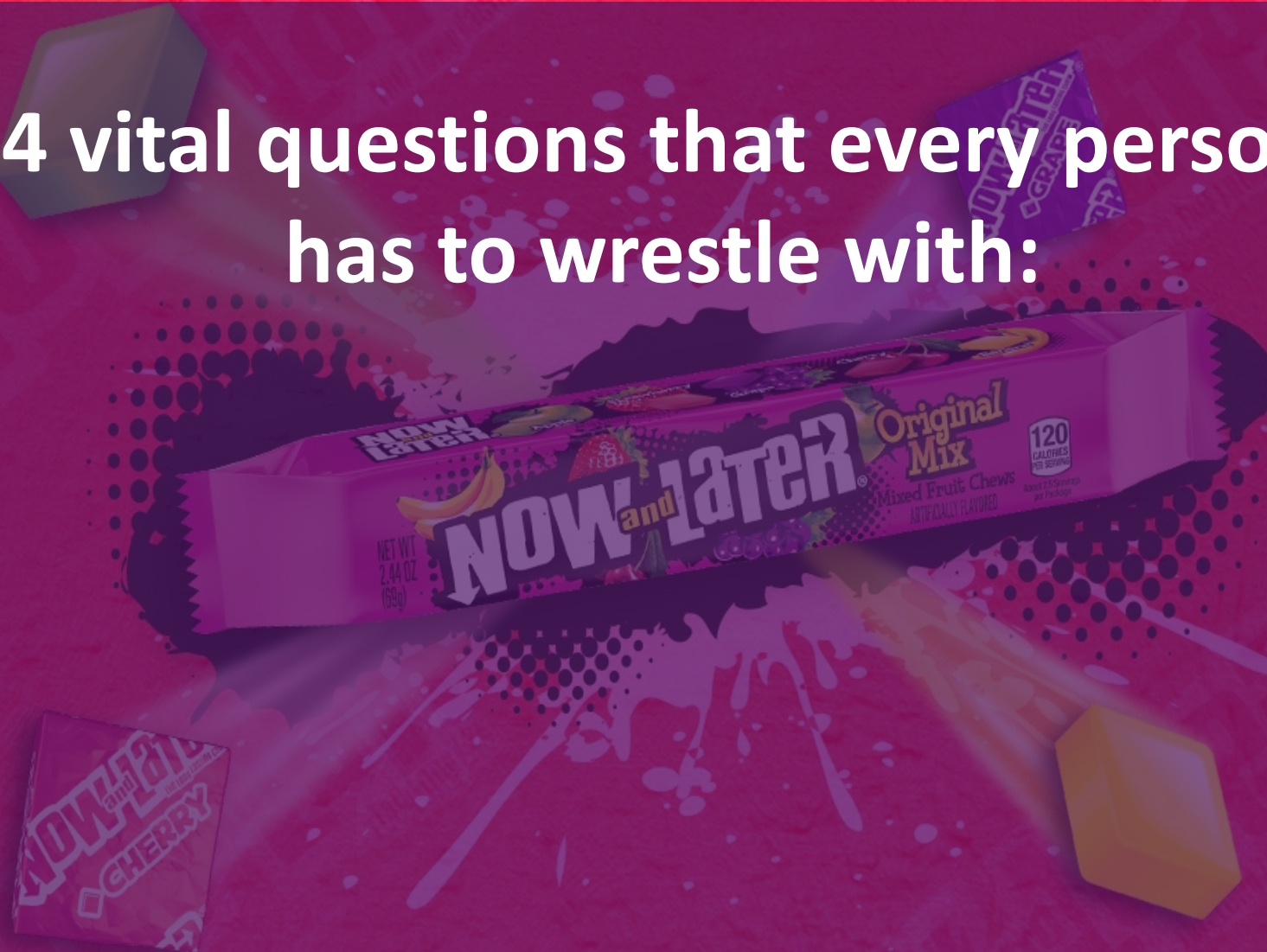
Chapters 21 & 22

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NOW and later Original Mix

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**5. What do I do with this sense I have of
my own lack of intactness,
my brokenness,
my inconsistencies,
my tendency to do the things I don't want to do, and
my tendency to not do the things I want to do....
...missing the target of what life is supposed to be...
...*whatever that might be*...
...this internal angst that I live with day in and day out?**



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Handbook for Discipleship

*It's not a class, a project, a program,
...but a surrender to the glorious Christ.*

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More important than the 'image' on the dollar bill is the fact that we are made in the image of God.

Our responsibility is to give back to Him that which He has given to us....our very life.

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from whom the high-priests were almost always chosen.***

They were distinguished for birth, wealth, and official position, and welcomed the political favor of the aristocratic and liberal branches of the Herodian family and of the Romans. They hated the common people, were the opponents of the Pharisees, rejected tradition, and advanced a more “progressive” approach to spirituality.

They denied:

- the resurrection of the body,
- the immortality of the soul and any accountability for our actions in an afterlife,
- as well as the existence of angels and spirits.

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²⁵ **Deuteronomy 25... Levirate marriage** d,

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²⁷ of a family as well as to provide for the protection of the woman
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Greek: ekpléssó:

to strike out, to be struck with panic, to amaze

– properly, “*strike out* of one's senses”, i.e. with the *outcome* of being utterly amazed (dumbfounded) or left “at a loss” from witnessing the *incredible* (causing the viewer to *gape in astonishment*).

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36 – properly, "a separatist, a purist" ...

37 ...even nationalistic in wanting Israel to be separate from the rest of the world...

38 From the Aramaic term, *peras* ("to divide and separate").

39 This literally refers to a "separatist"; therefore, a Pharisee was someone who saw
themselves as "separated from sin."

40 *They unfortunately devolved into religious conservatism or legalism.
They added a lot of extra rules in hopes of being recognized for their piety.*

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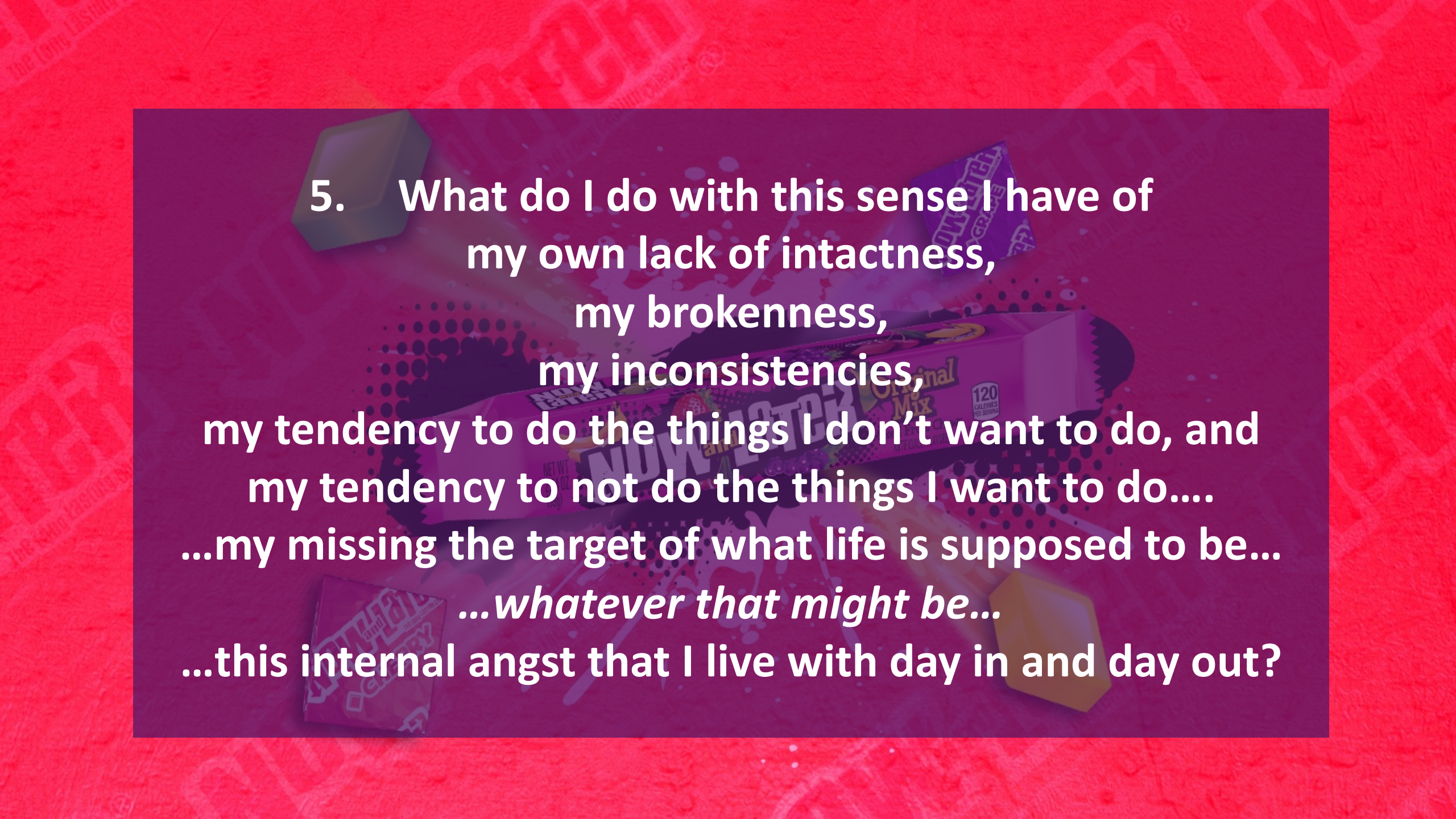
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