

SCANDALOUS LOVE

a study of Hosea



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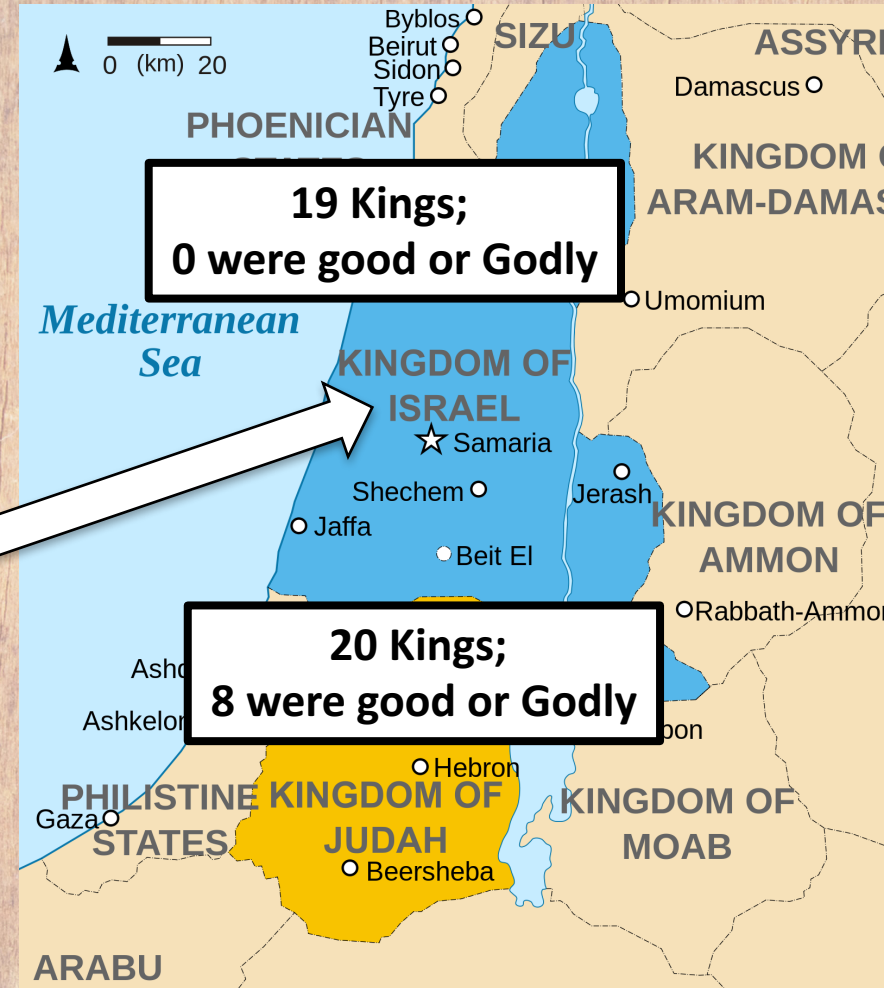
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Timeline from 2300 BC – 33 AD

- Creation
- Noah 2300 BC
- Abraham / Isaac / Jacob 2000 BC
- Joseph and the Egyptian captivity 1700 BC
- Moses and the Exodus 1500 BC
- 40 years in the wilderness 1450 BC
- Conquest of Canaan 1400 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Judges 1200 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Kings 1100 BC
- Civil War and the Prophets 930 BC

• Hosea

- Northern Kingdom (Israel disbanded) 722 BC
- Southern Kingdom (Judah exiled) 586 BC
- Under Greek and Roman rule 33 AD





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What does God do when we have forgotten Him?

He allures us.

He offers us restorative hope.

He gives us a fresh perspective of Himself.

He renews our relationship based on His promises.

He does away with the enmity between us and Him.

He offers us safety.

He desires for us to know Him intimately.

He allow us to be His people and Him our God.

**He invites us to return to Him and seek Him,
and to find Him.**

I Don't Care Where You've Been Sleeping by Don Francisco

I loved you long before the time your eyes first saw the day
And everything I've done has been to help you on the way
But you took all that you wanted then at last you took your leave,
And traded off a Kingdom for the lies that you believed.

And although you've chosen darkness with it's miseries and fears
Although you've gone so far from Me and wasted all these years
Even though my name's been spattered by the mire in which you lie
I'd take you back this instant if you'd turn to Me and cry

I don't care where you've been sleeping, I don't care who's made
your bed

I've already gave My life to set you free;

There's no sin you could imagine that I stronger than my love,
And it's all yours if you'll come home again to Me

When you com back to your senses and you see who's been to
blame

Remember all the good things that were yours with just My name;
Then don't waste another thought before you change the way
you've bound

I'll be running out to meet you if you'll only turn around



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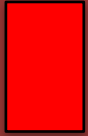
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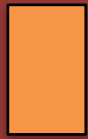
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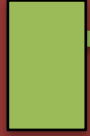
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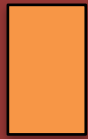
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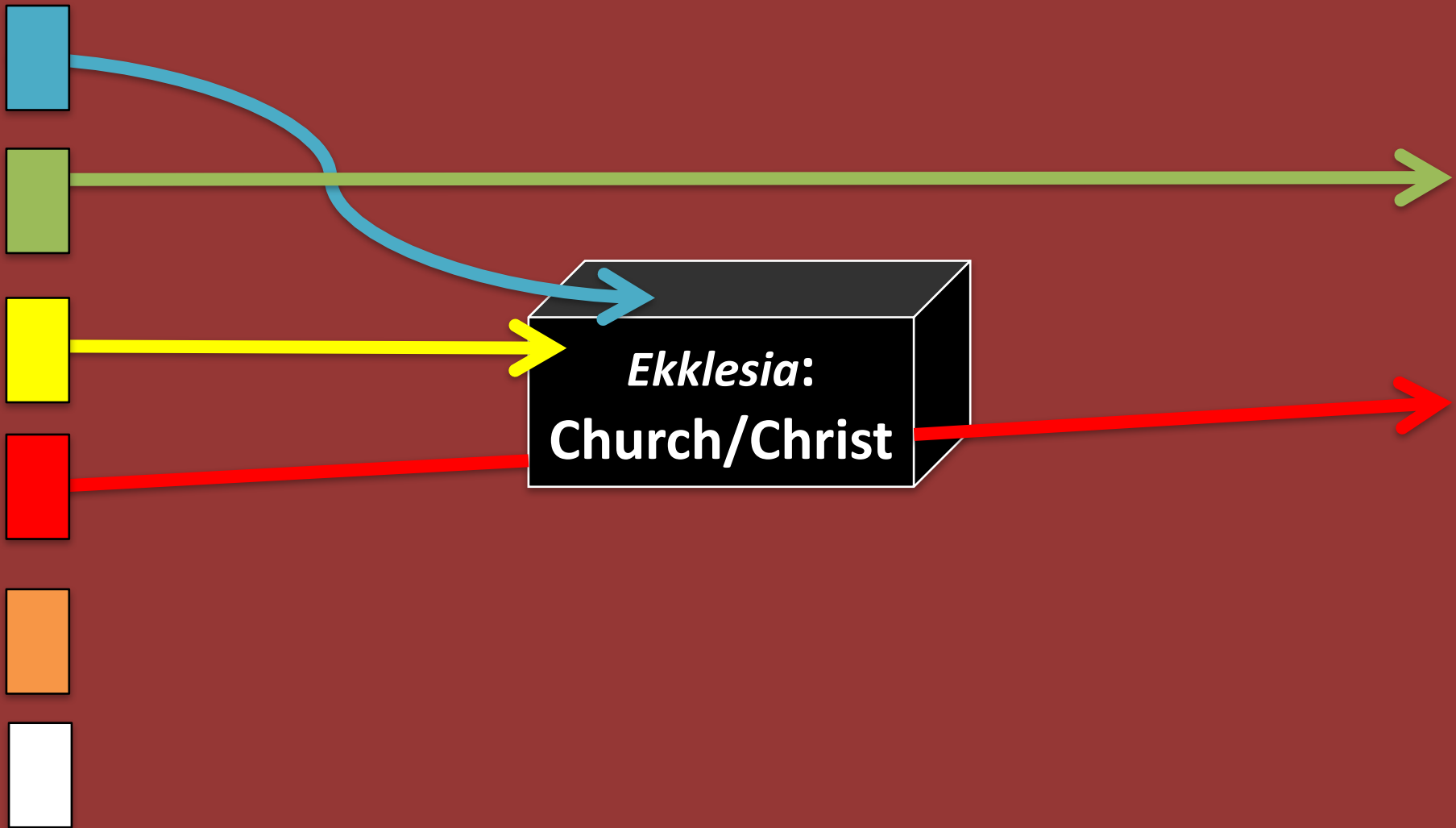


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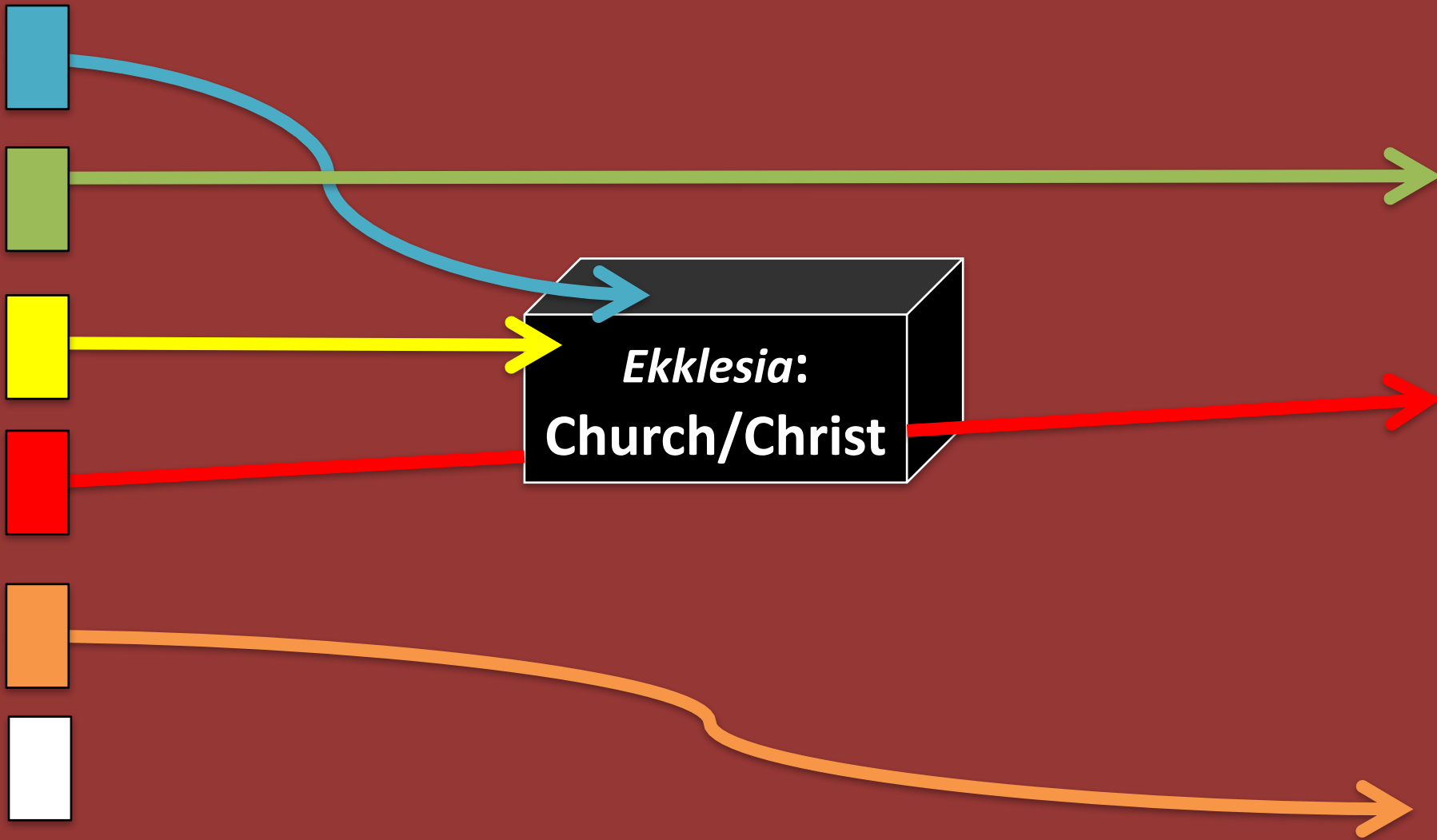


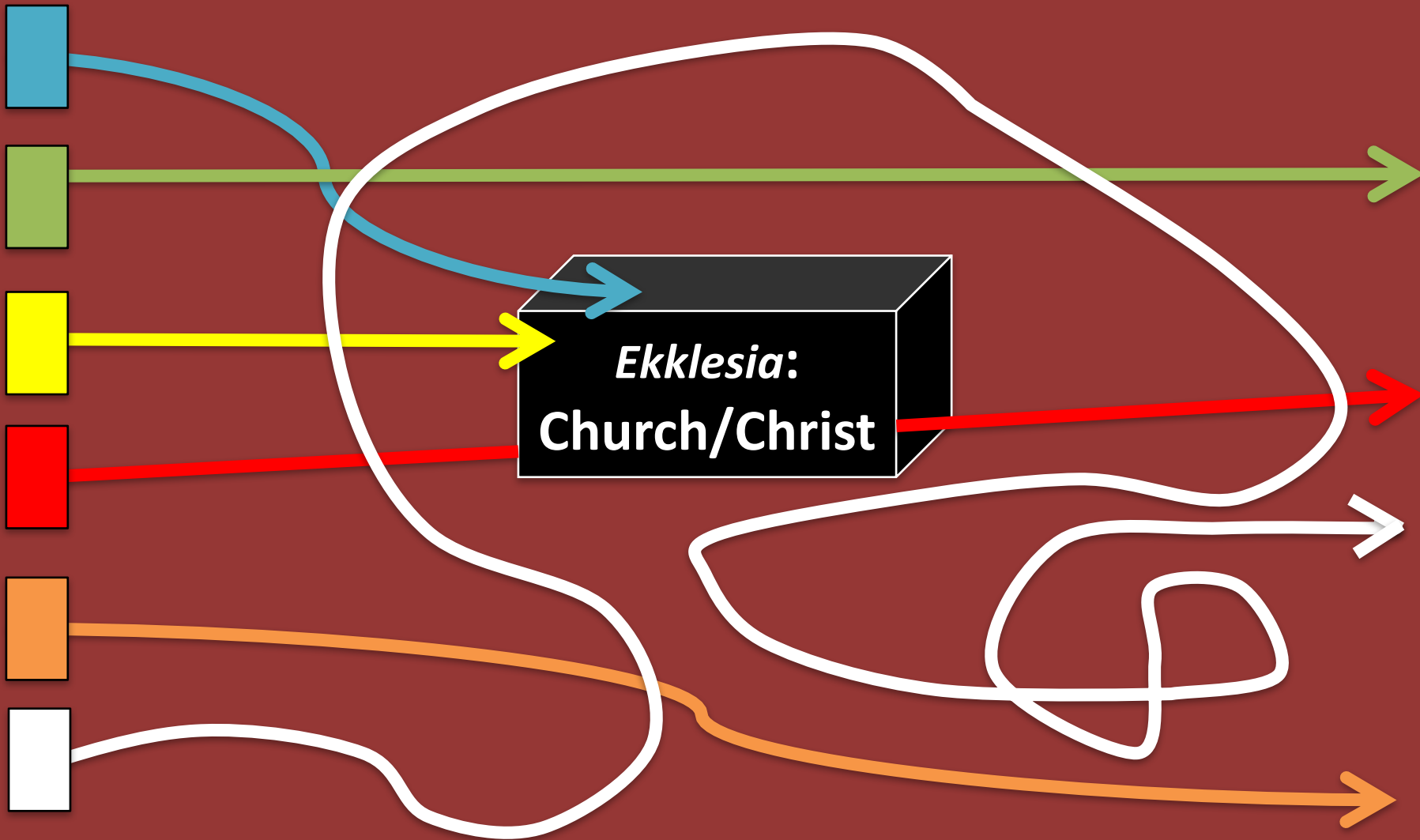
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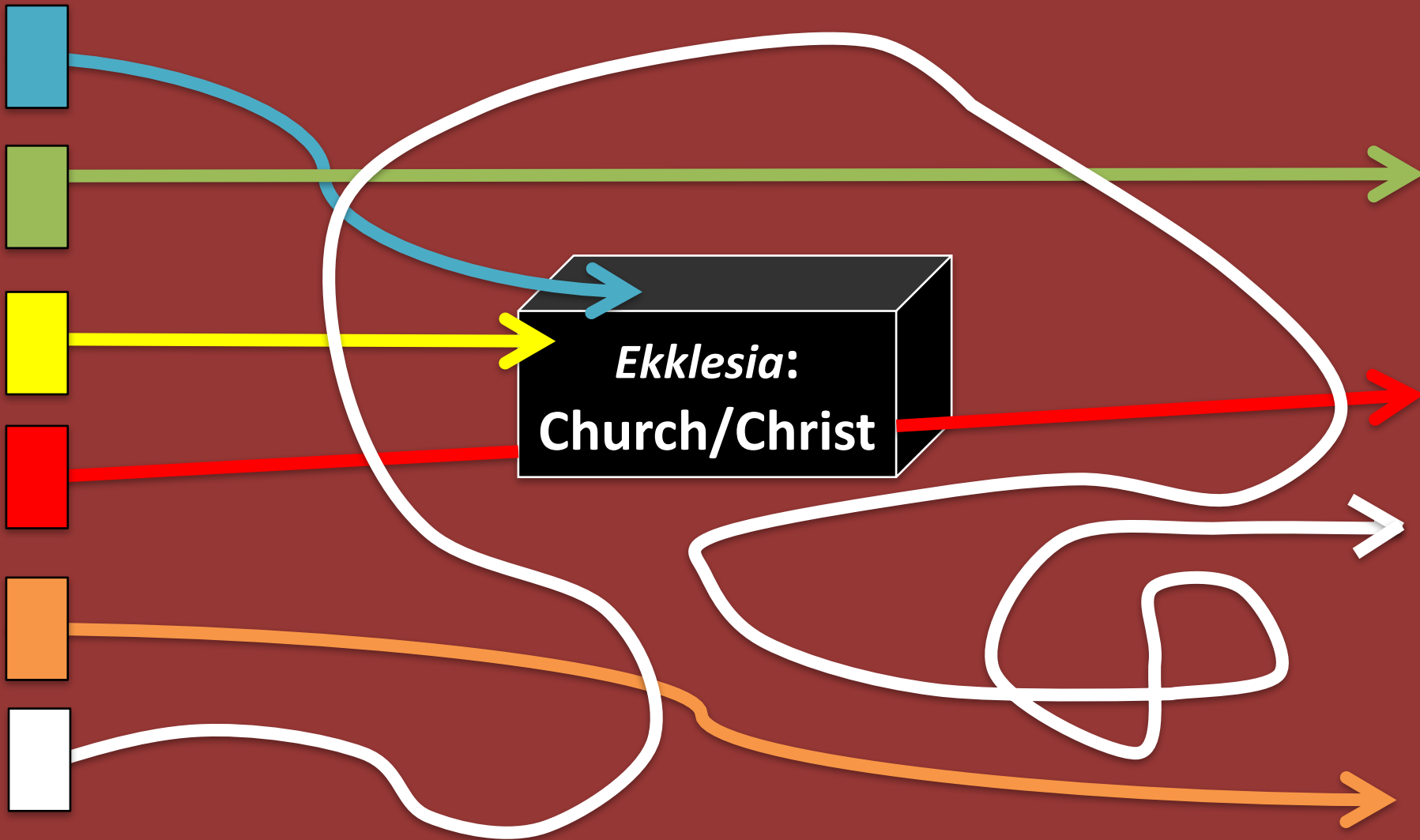




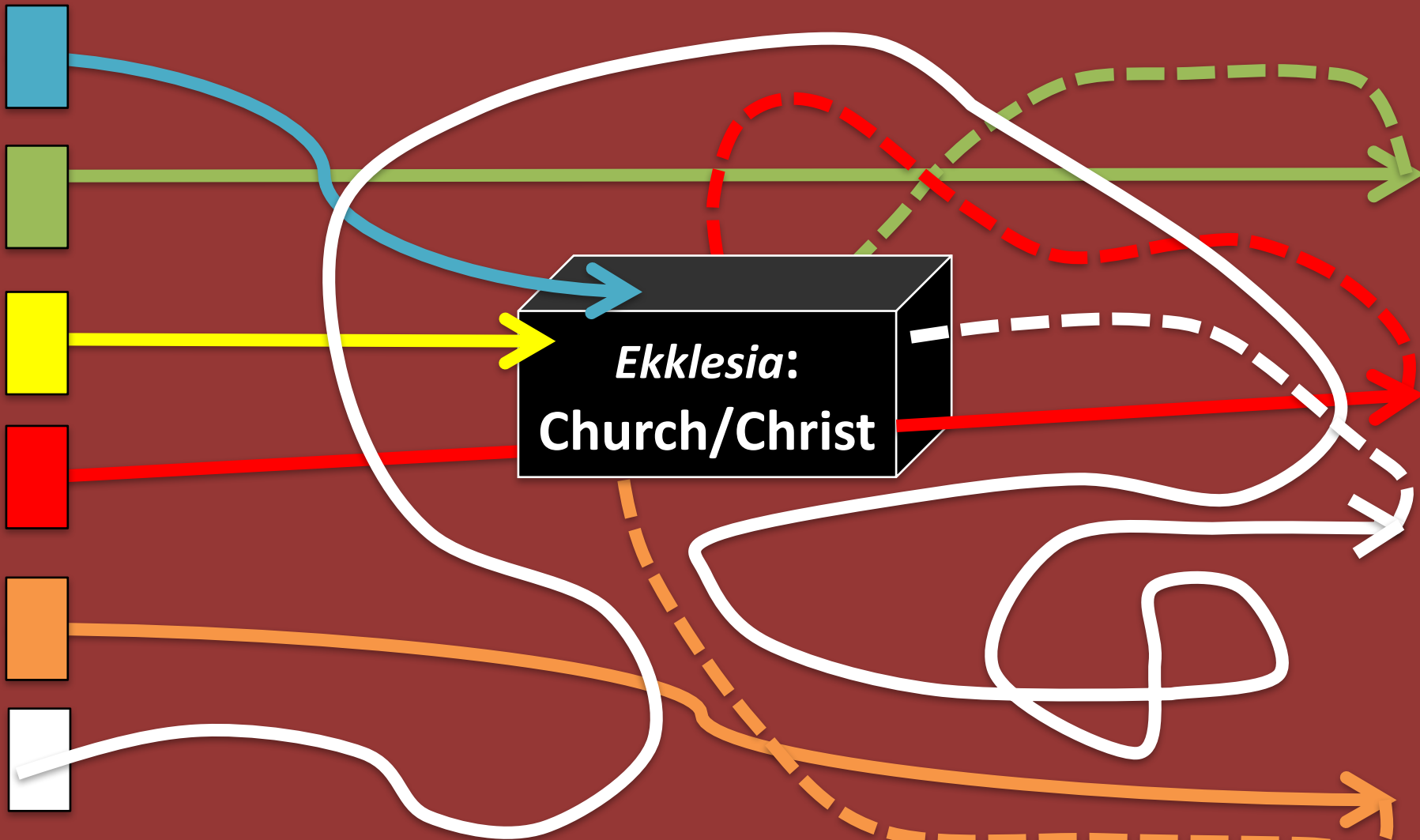
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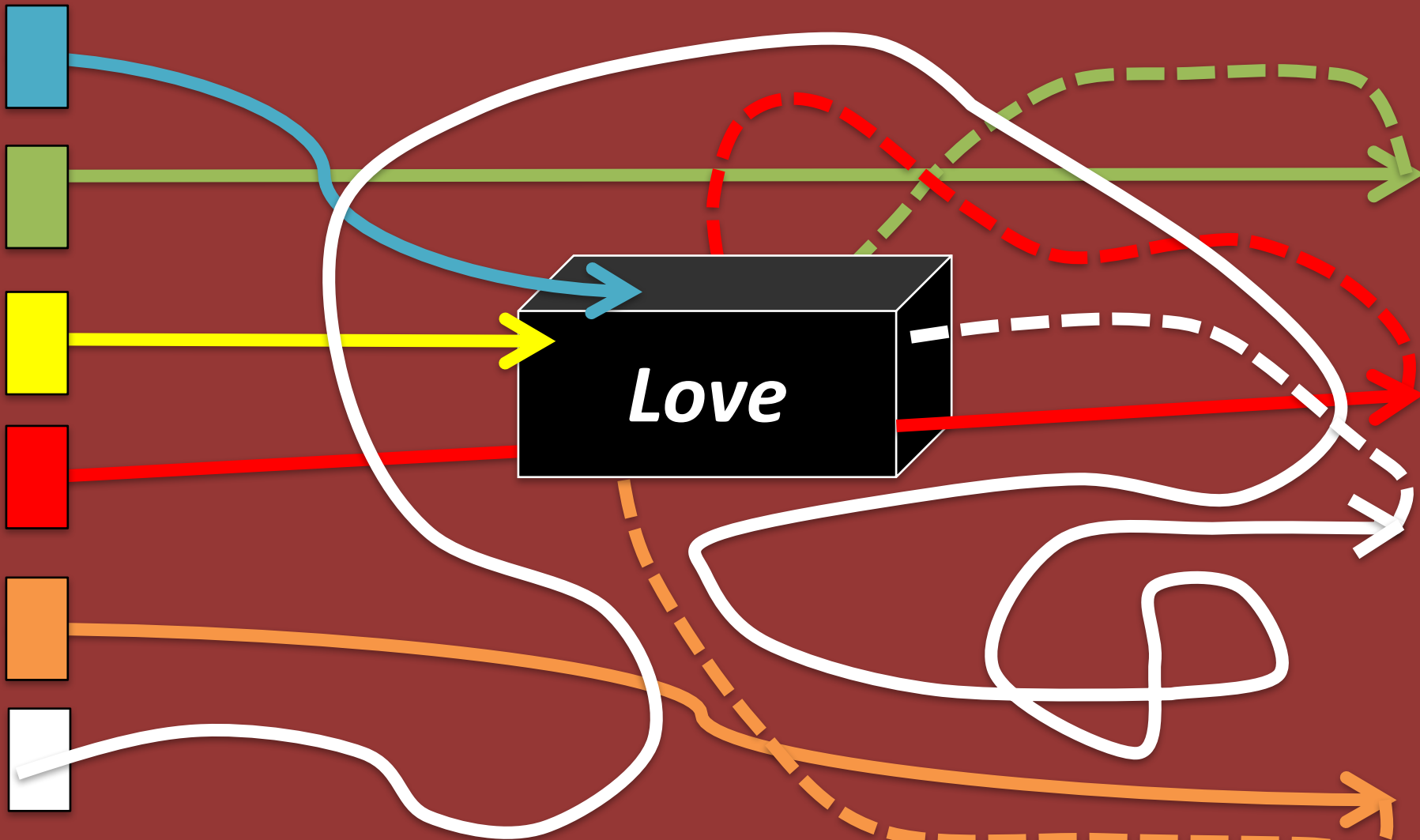


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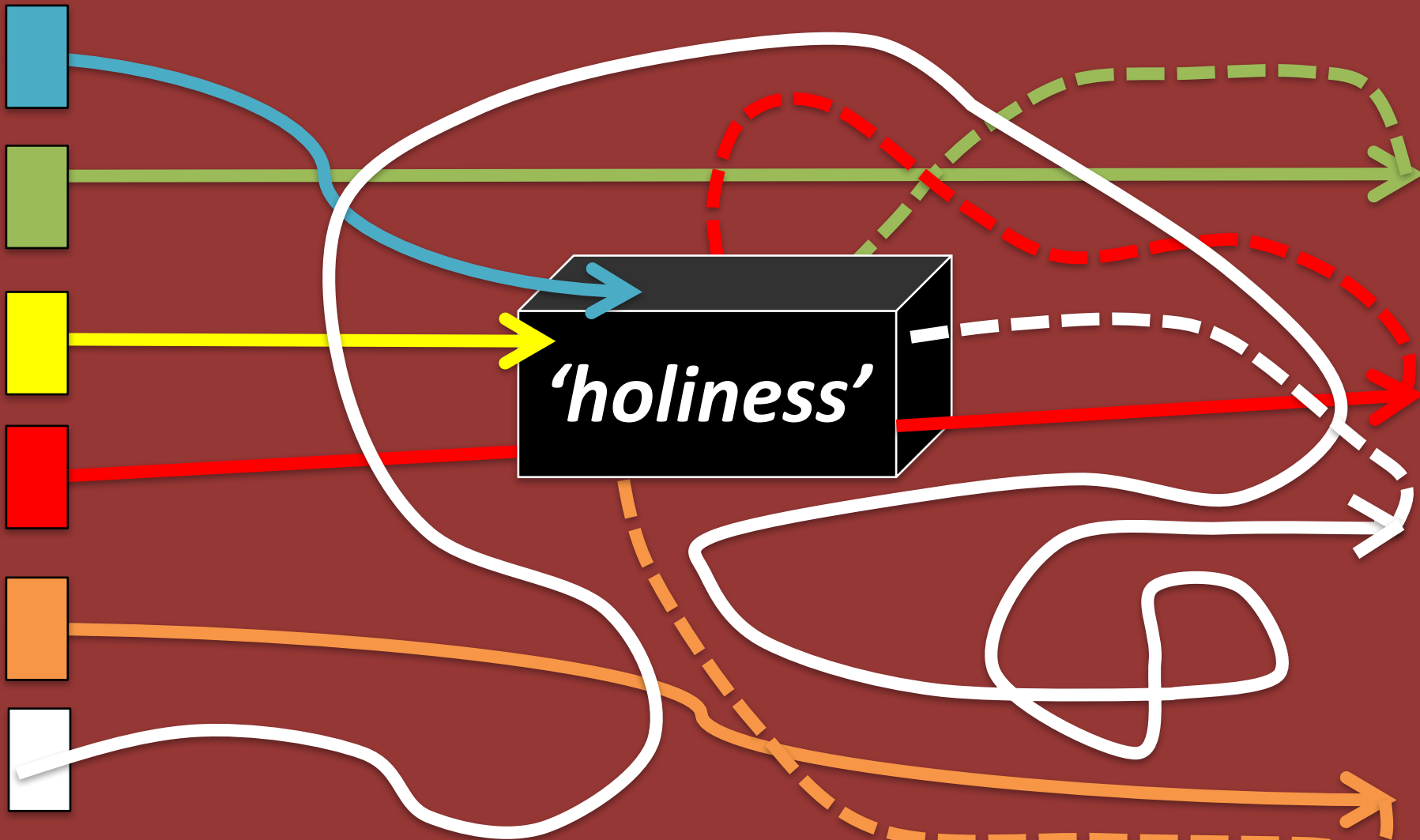
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Chapters 4-14



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4:1-11

1 Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel,
for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of
the land.

There is no faithfulness or steadfast love,
and no knowledge of God in the land;

2 there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing,
and committing adultery;
they break all bounds,
and bloodshed follows bloodshed.



- 3 Therefore the land mourns,
and all who dwell in it languish,
and also the beasts of the field and the birds of the
heavens, and even the fish of the sea are taken
away.
- 4 Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse,
for with you is my contention, O priest.



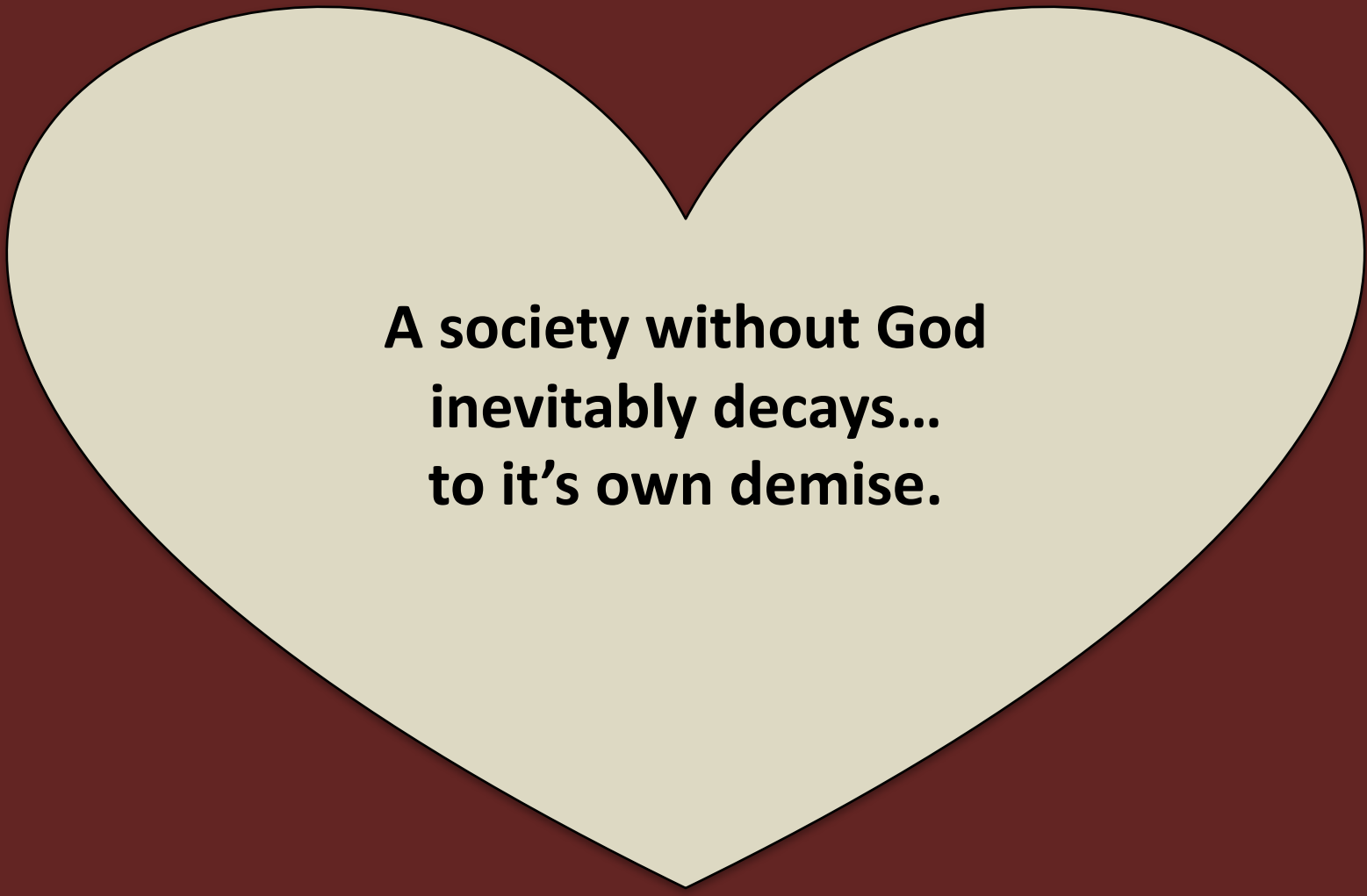
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- 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;
because you have rejected knowledge,
I reject you from being a priest to me.
And since you have forgotten the law of God,
I also will forget your children.
- 7 The more they increased, the more they sinned
against me;
I will change their glory into shame.
- 8 They feed on the sin of my people;
they are greedy for their iniquity.



- 9 And it shall be like people, like priest;
I will punish them for their ways and repay them
for their deeds.
- 10 They shall eat, but not be satisfied;
they shall play the whore, but not multiply,
because they have forsaken the LORD to cherish
- 11 whoredom, wine, and new wine,
which take away the understanding.



**A society without God
inevitably decays...
to it's own demise.**



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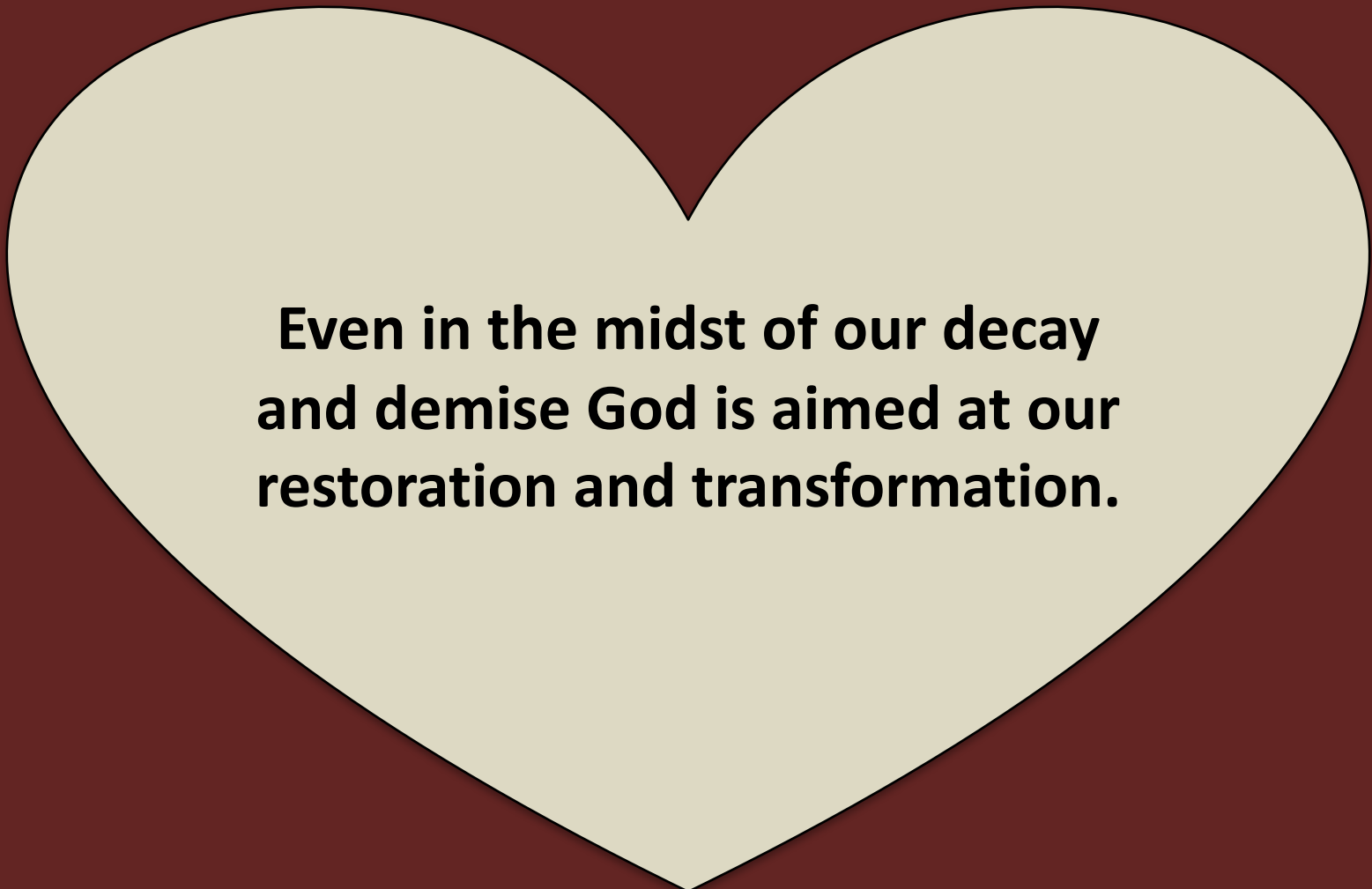
- 1 “Come, let us return to the Lord;
for He has torn us, that He may heal us;
He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.
- 2 After two days He will revive us;
on the third day He will raise us up,
that we may live before Him.
- 3 Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
His going out is sure as the dawn;
He will come to us as the showers, as the spring
rains that water the earth.”



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- 4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like
a morning cloud, like dew that goes early away.
- 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- 6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
- 7 But like Adam they transgressed the covenant;
there they dealt faithlessly with Me.



**Even in the midst of our decay
and demise God is aimed at our
restoration and transformation.**



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7:13-16

- 13 “Woe to them,
for they have strayed from me!
Destruction to them,
for they have rebelled against me!
I would redeem them,
but they speak lies against me.
- 14 They do not cry to me from the heart,
but they wail upon their beds;
for grain and wine they gash themselves;
they rebel against me.



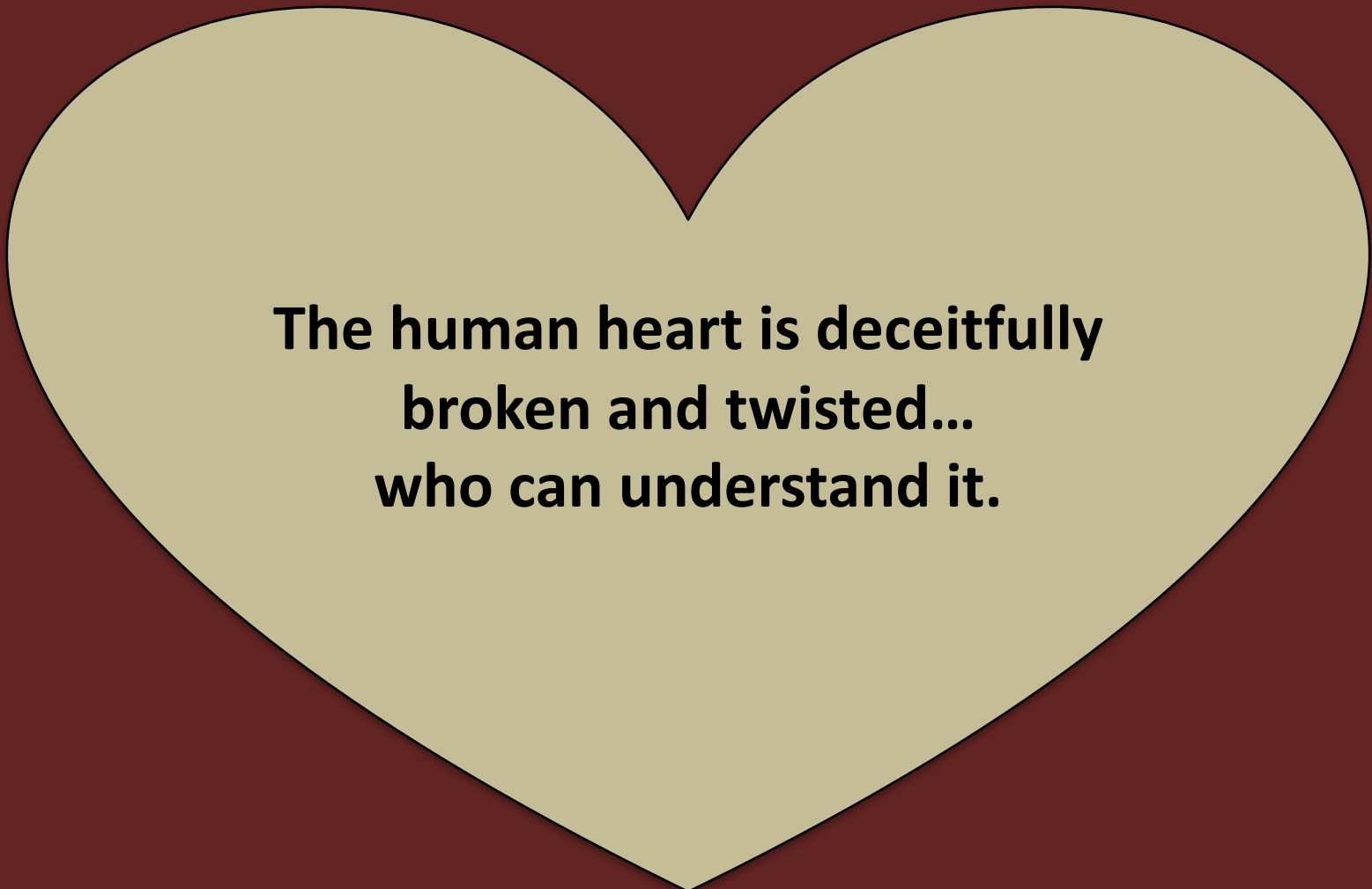
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15 Although I trained and strengthened their arms,
yet they devise evil against me.

16 They return, but not upward;
they are like a treacherous bow;
their princes shall fall by the sword because of the
insolence of their tongue.

This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.



**The human heart is deceitfully
broken and twisted...
who can understand it.**

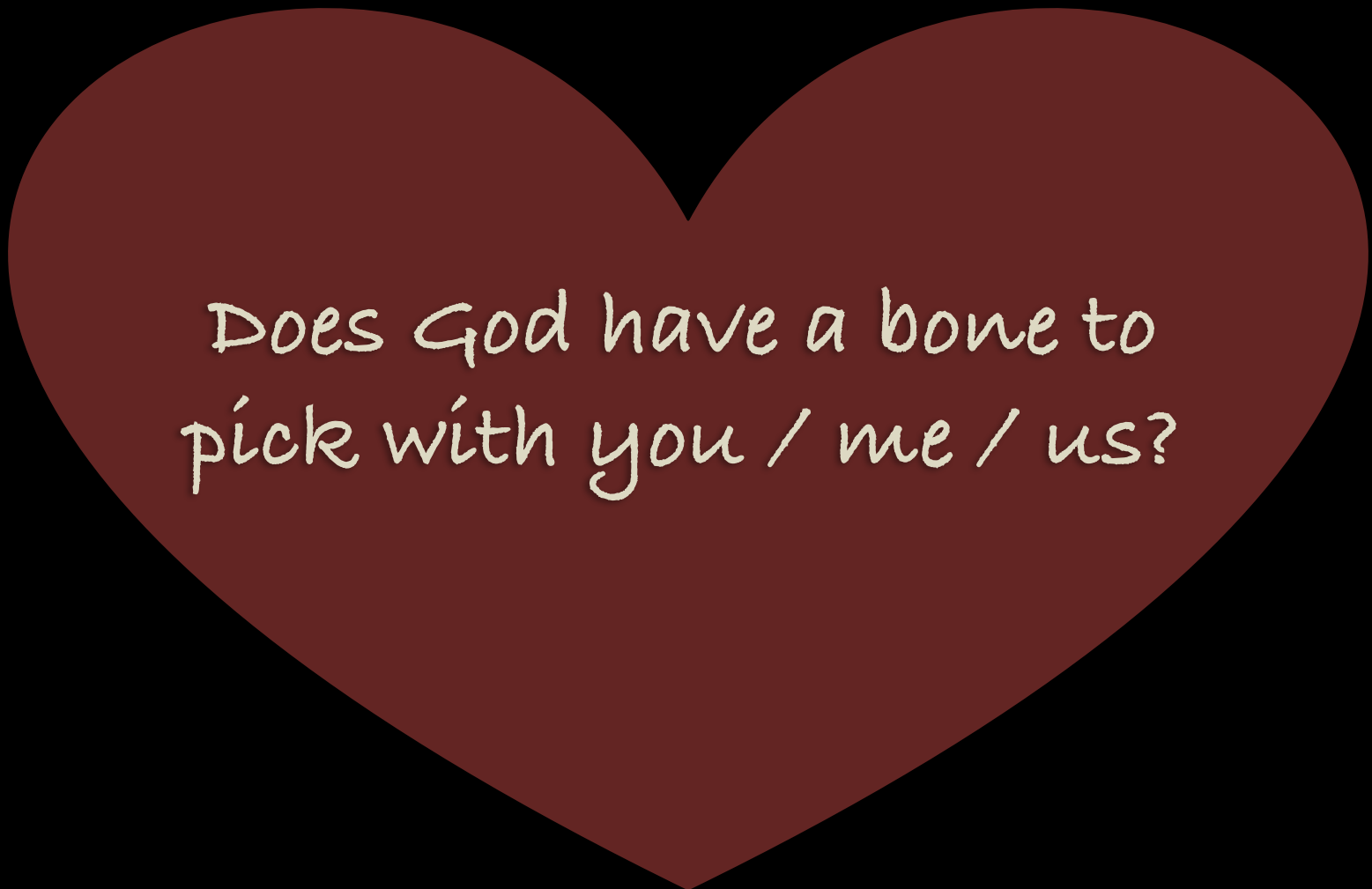
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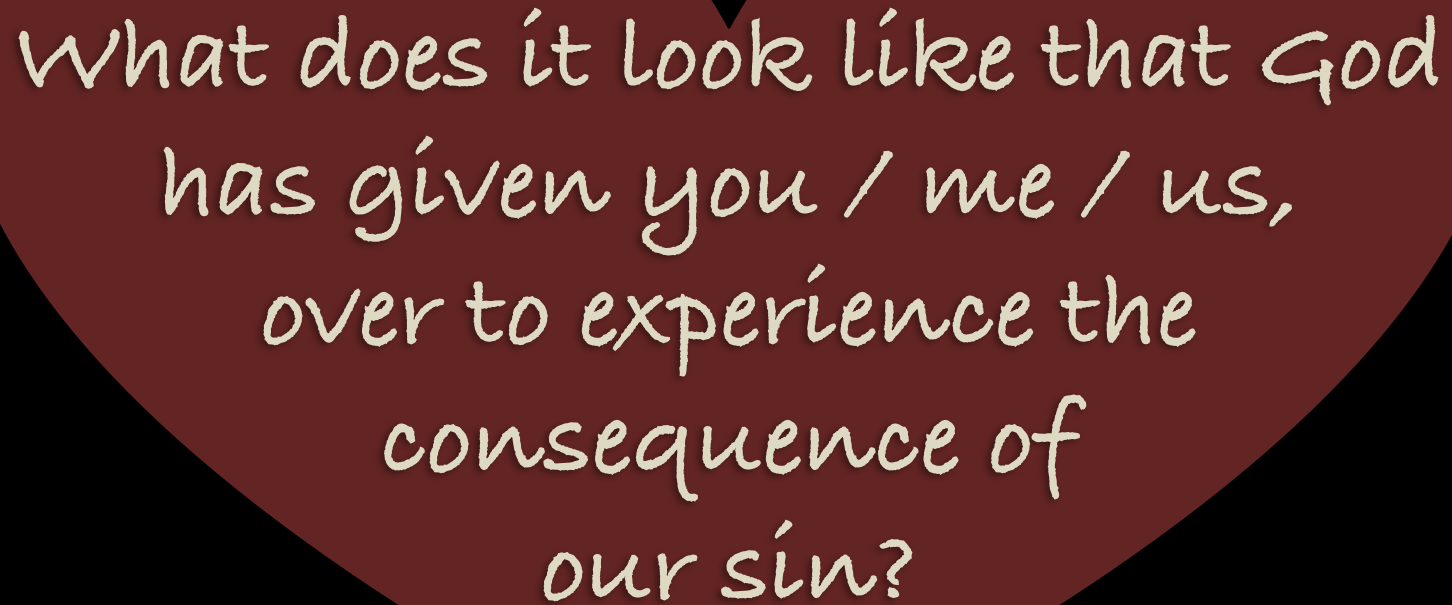
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What does God need to do in you
before He can work through you?

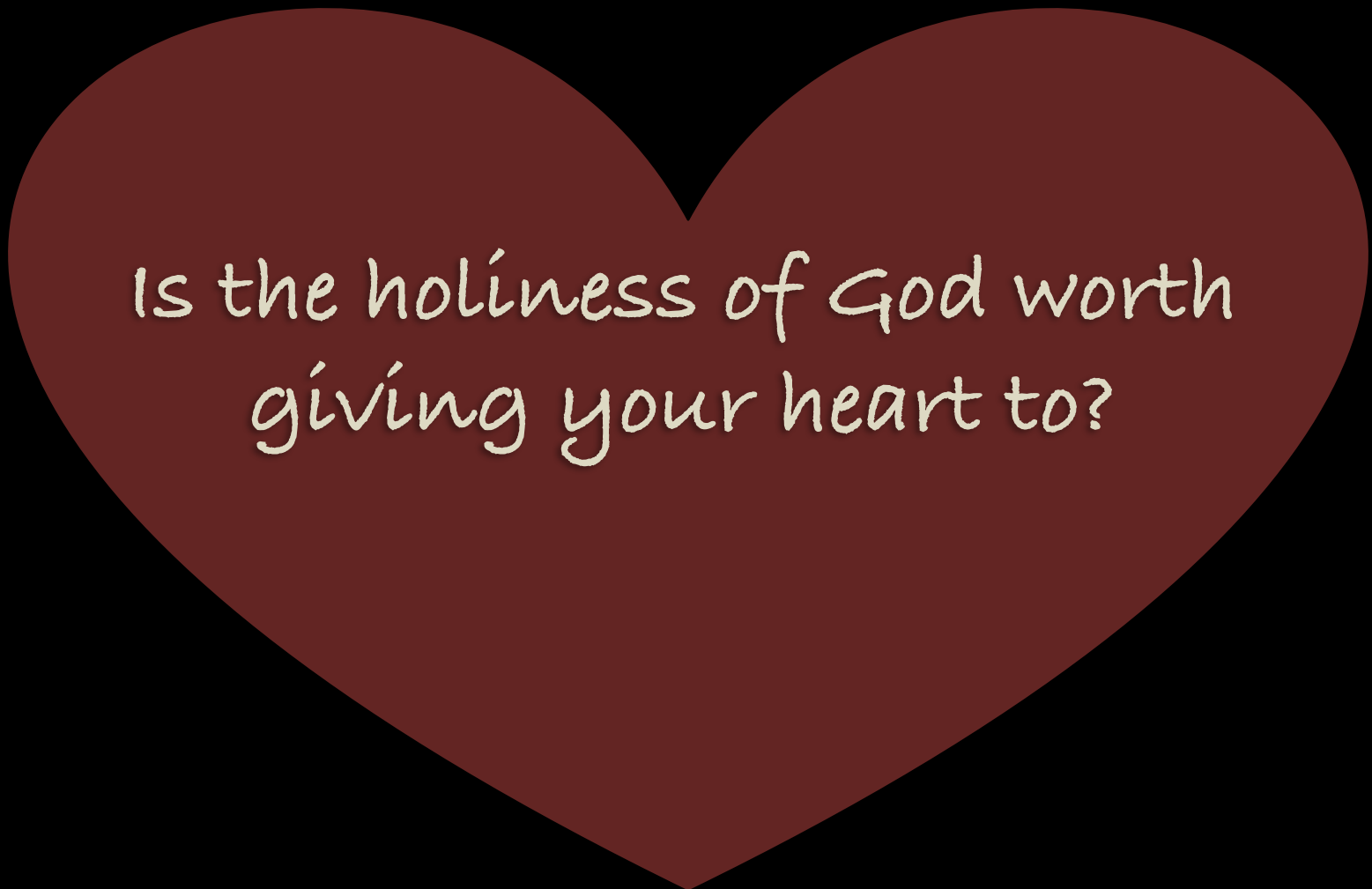




Does God have a bone to
pick with you / me / us?



What does it look like that God
has given you / me / us,
over to experience the
consequence of
our sin?



Is the holiness of God worth
giving your heart to?