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...some insights that helps us begin to see how things might, should, could, will and do fit together in our lives in light of the sovereign and redemptive purposes of Christ... both in eternity as well as His daily work in our lives through the truths of His Word and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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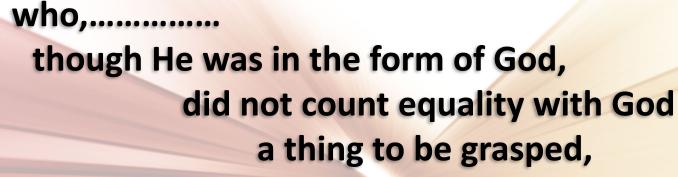
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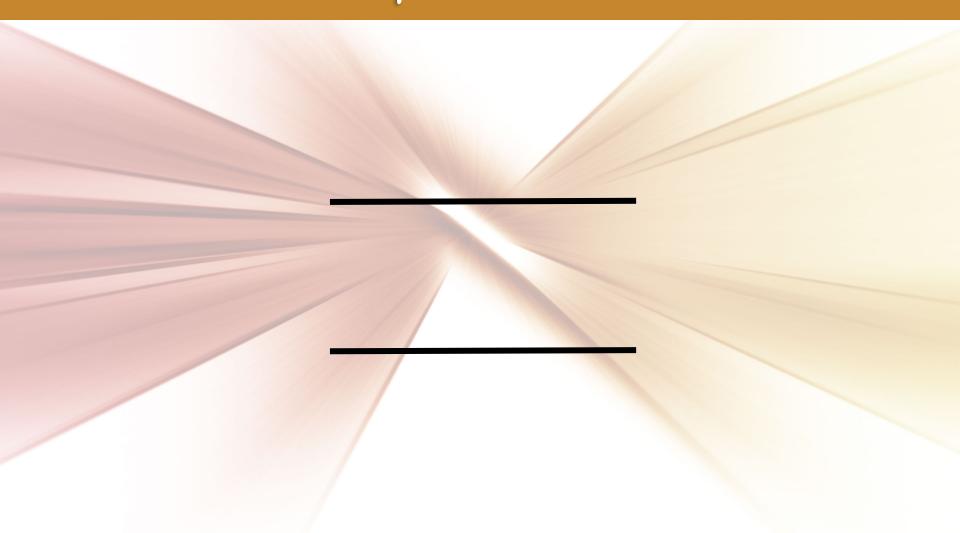
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