



*Making Room*





*...for the unexpected!*

You  
are  
here.



You  
are  
here.

Destination

*Ideal*

A horizontal blue line represents a path. It starts at a red dot on the left, which is positioned between the text 'You are here.' and 'here.'. The line extends to the right, ending at another red dot. This second red dot is positioned between the text 'Destination' and 'Ideal'. Below the 'Ideal' text is a red triangle pointing upwards towards the red dot.

## Genesis 1-2

- Days 1-5 of creation it was all “*good*”.

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The diagram consists of a horizontal blue line with a red circle at each end. The left red circle is positioned next to the text 'You are here.'. The right red circle is positioned above a red triangle that points upwards. The word 'Ideal' is written in white italicized font inside this red triangle. The word 'Destination' is written in white font above the right red circle.

## Genesis 1-2

- Days 1-5 of creation it was all **“good”**.
- Day 6 (the creation of man and woman) it was **“very good”**.
- ***In the beauty of the garden they daily walked with God and with each other....in all of their ‘glory’ and in all of His.***

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Destination



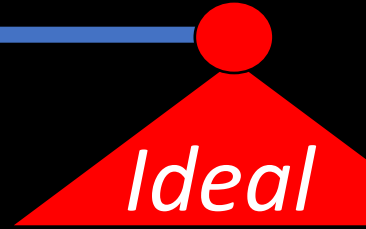
*Ideal*

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Destination

*...the unexpected...*

*Ideal*

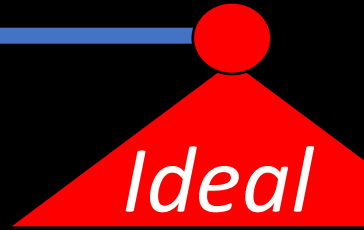


*...the 'good' unexpected  
we actually expect!...*

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here.

Destination

*...the unexpected...*



You  
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Destination ●

*...the unexpected...*

*Ideal*

*...the 'bad' unexpected upsets our  
equilibrium and mars our humanity...*

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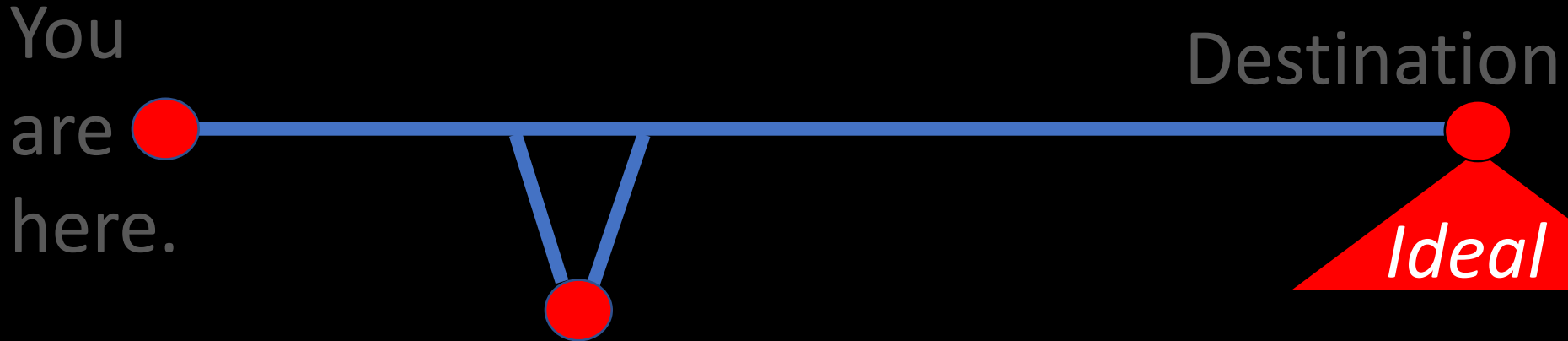
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## Genesis 3:20-24

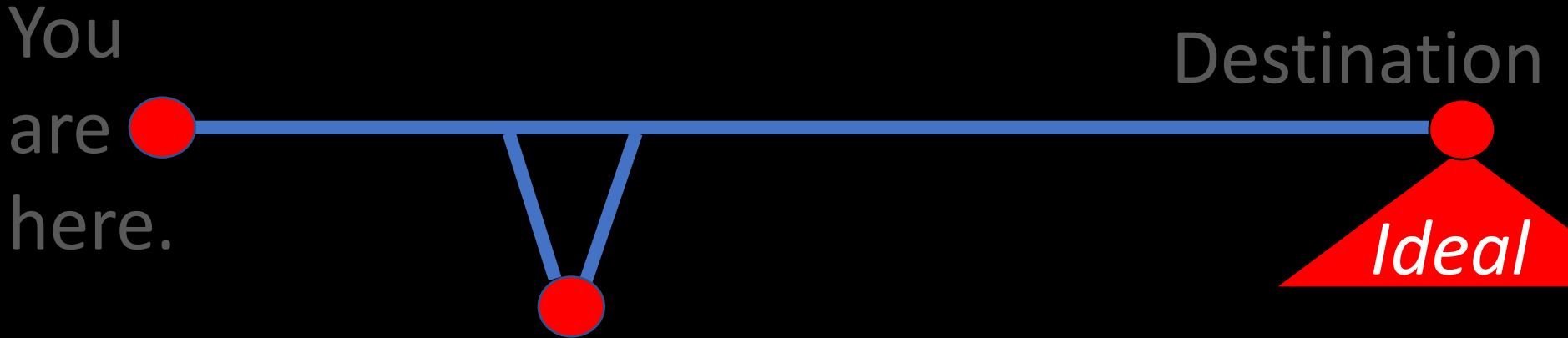
20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.



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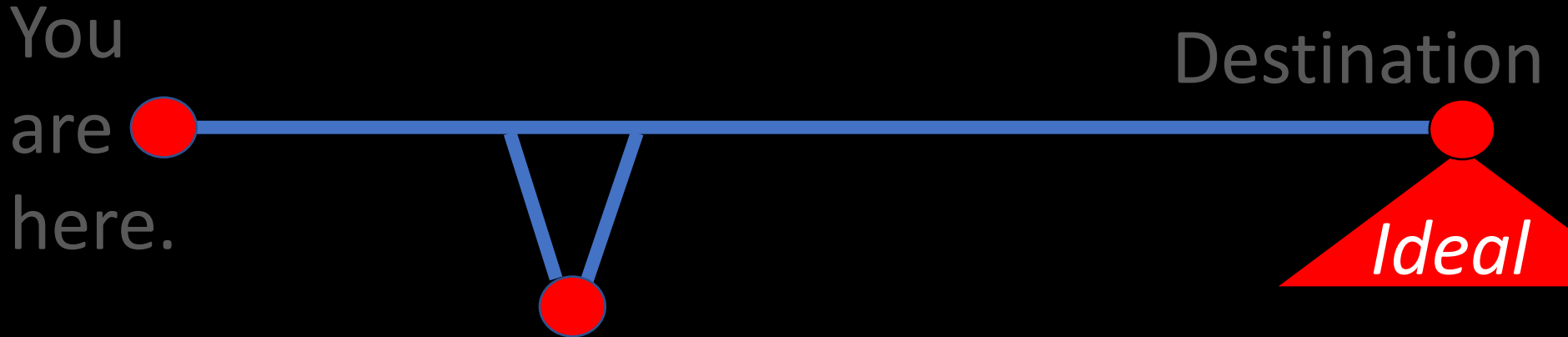
22 Then the LORD God said,  
“Behold the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—



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23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.



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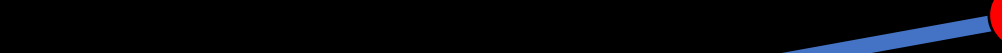
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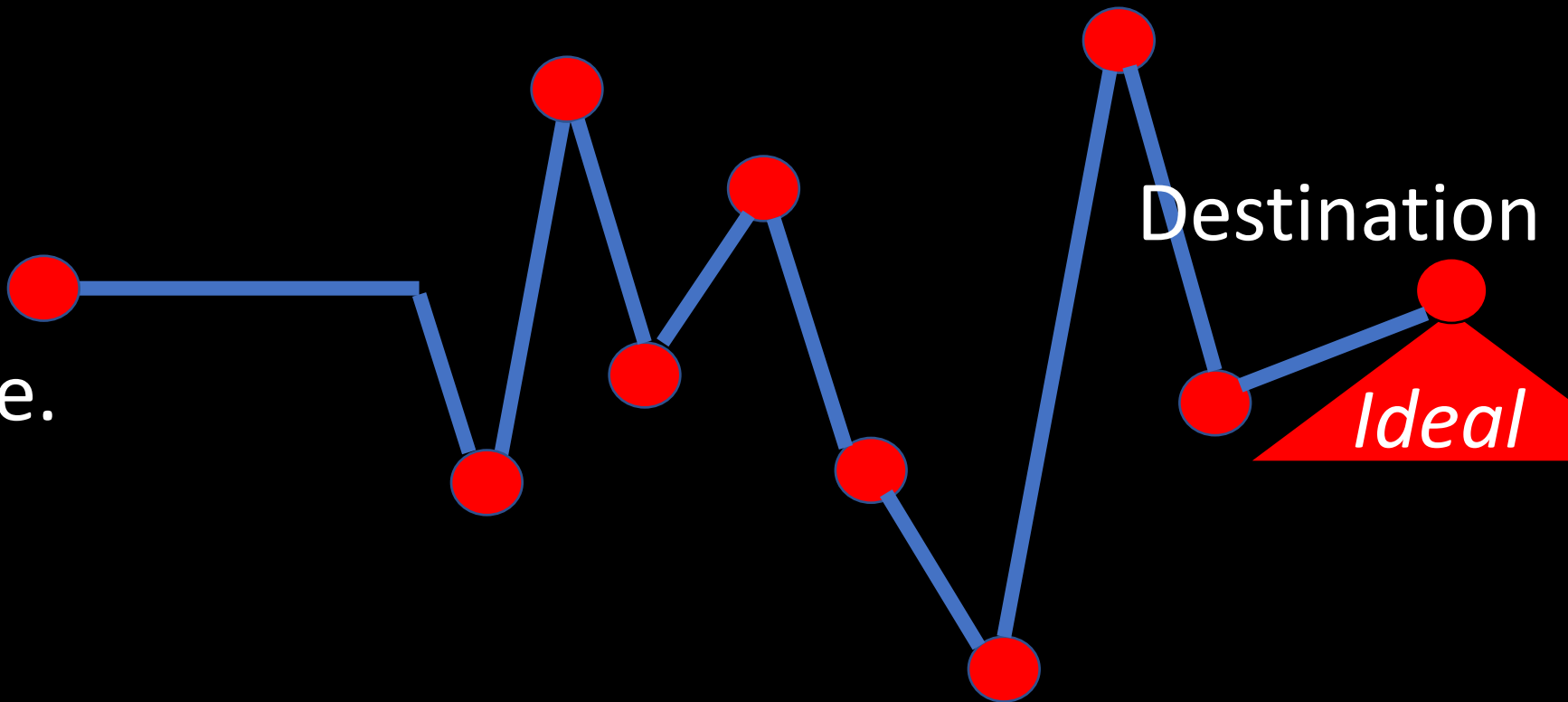
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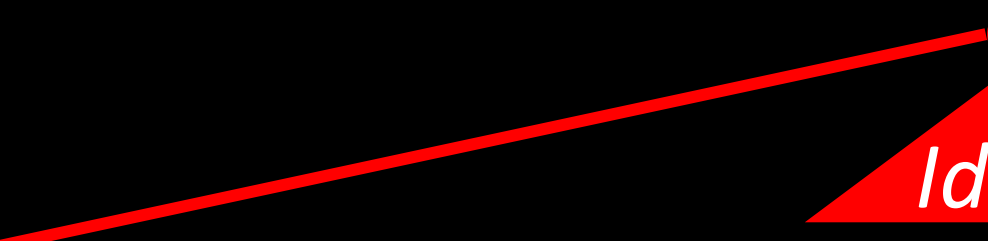
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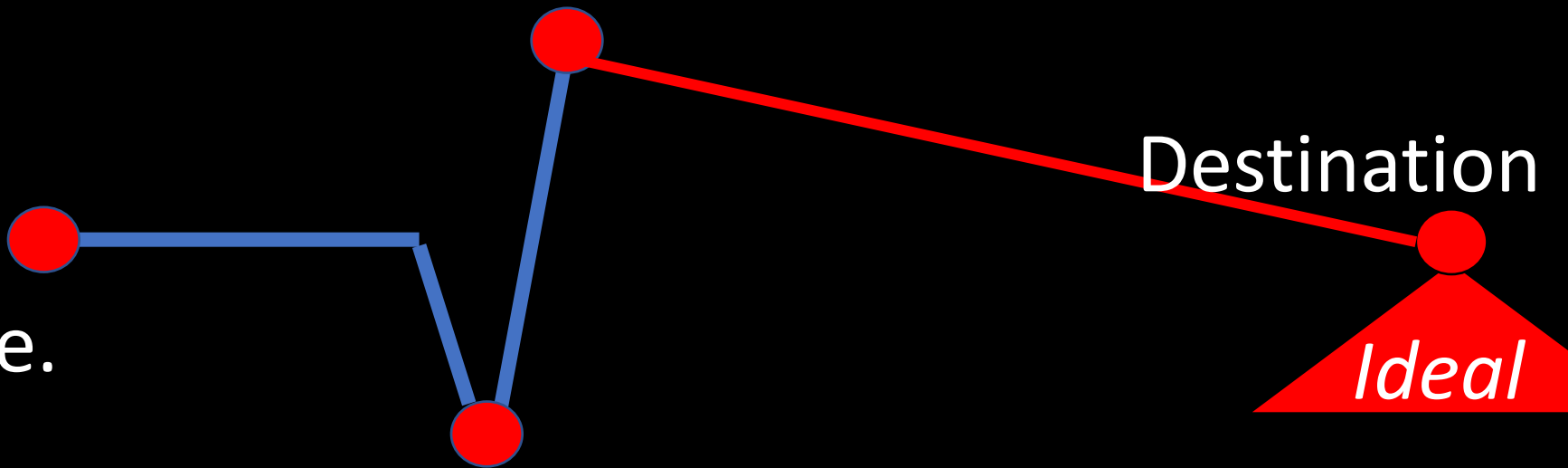
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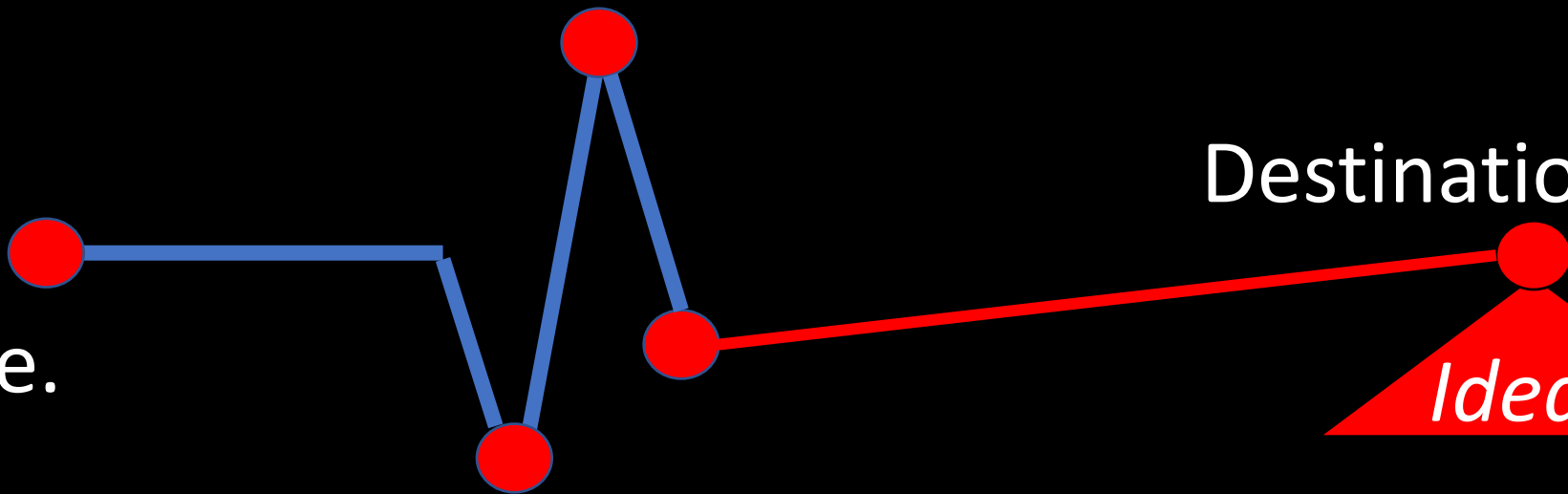
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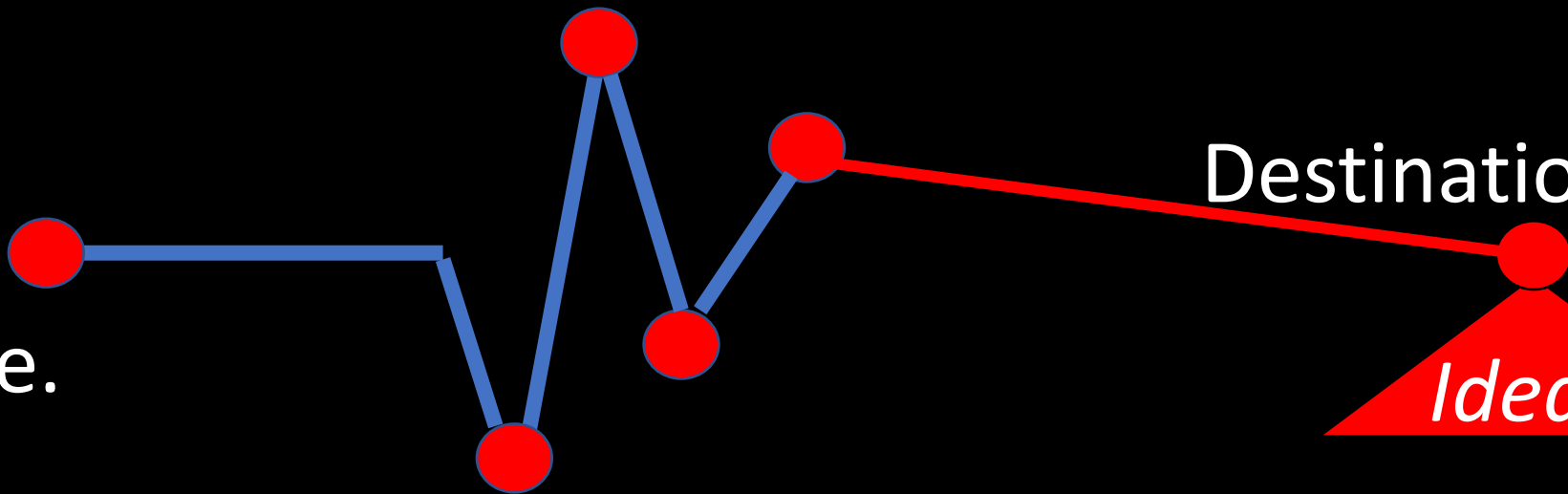
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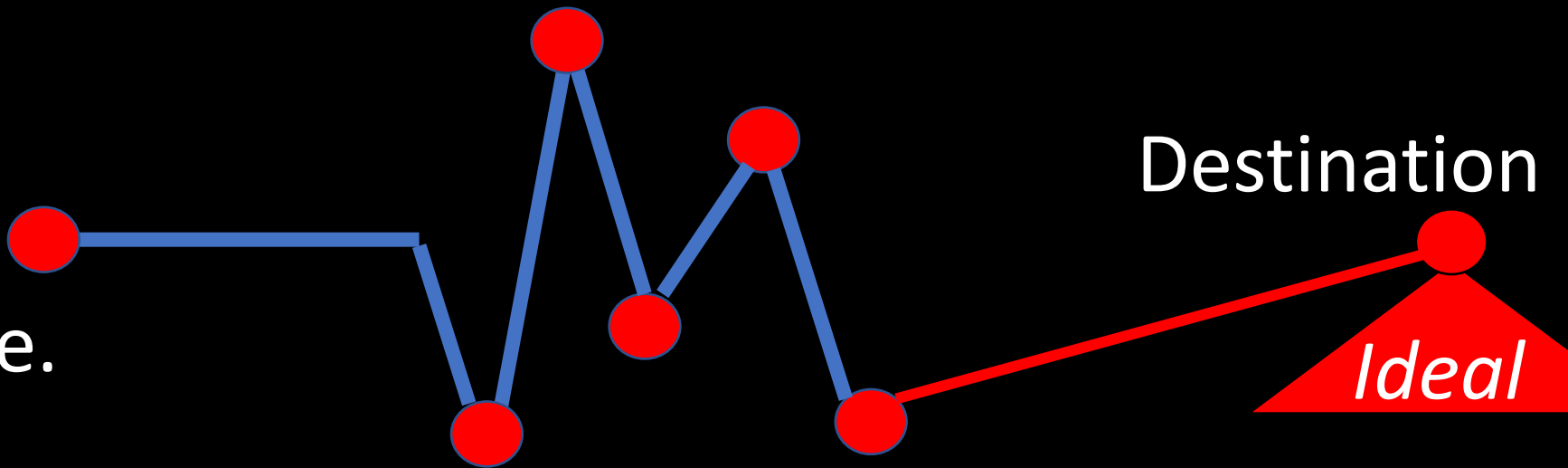
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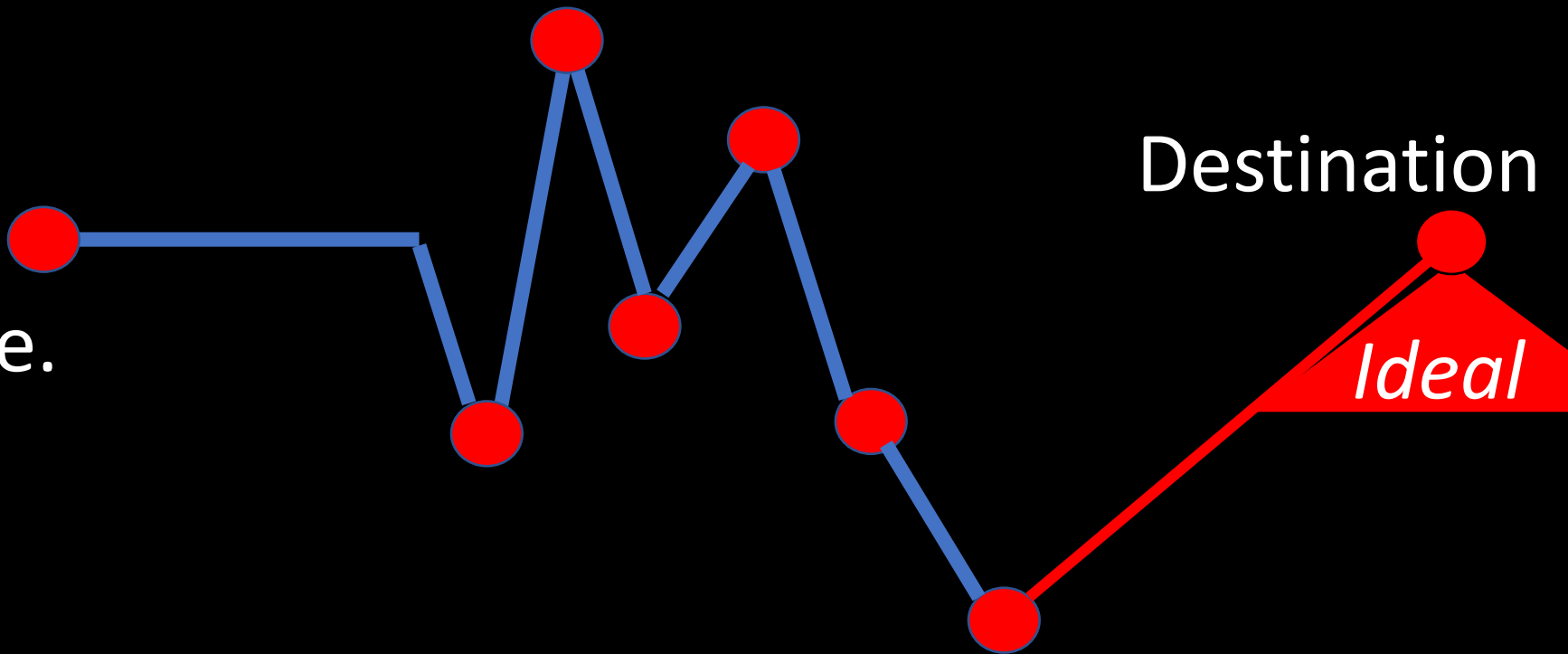
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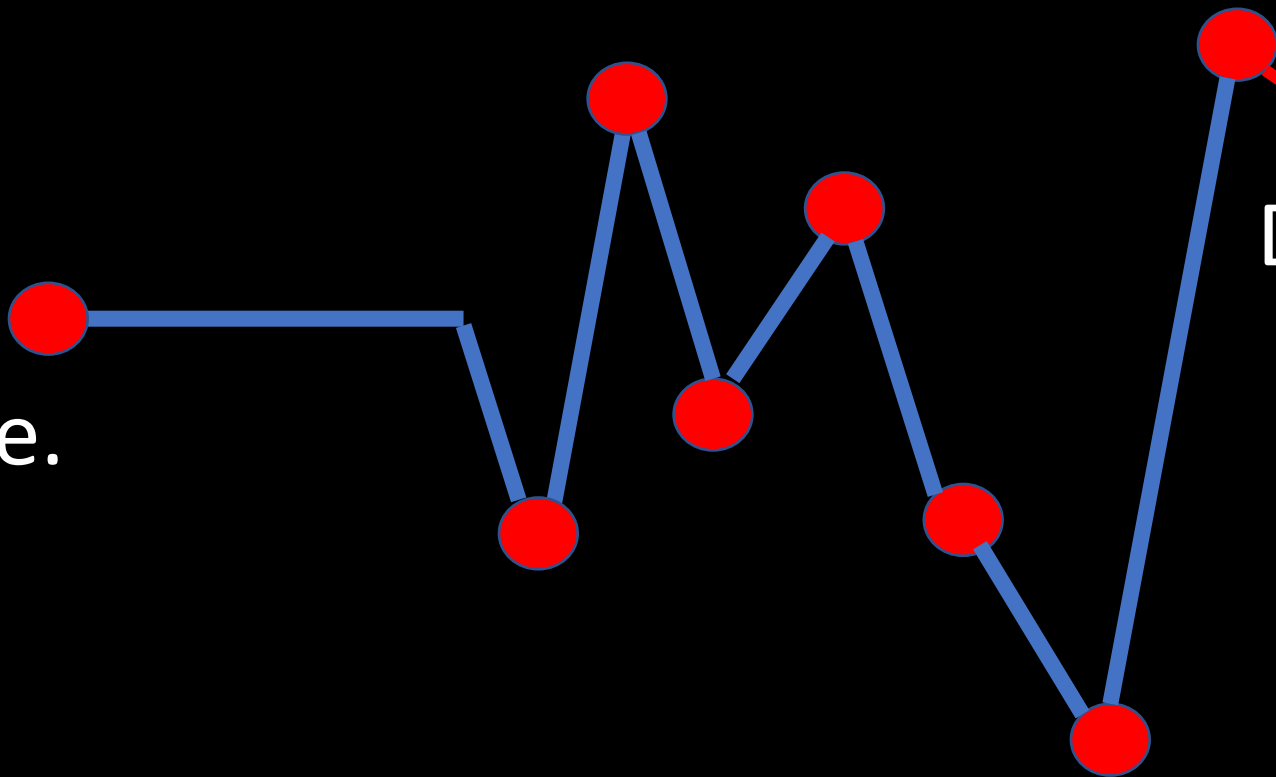
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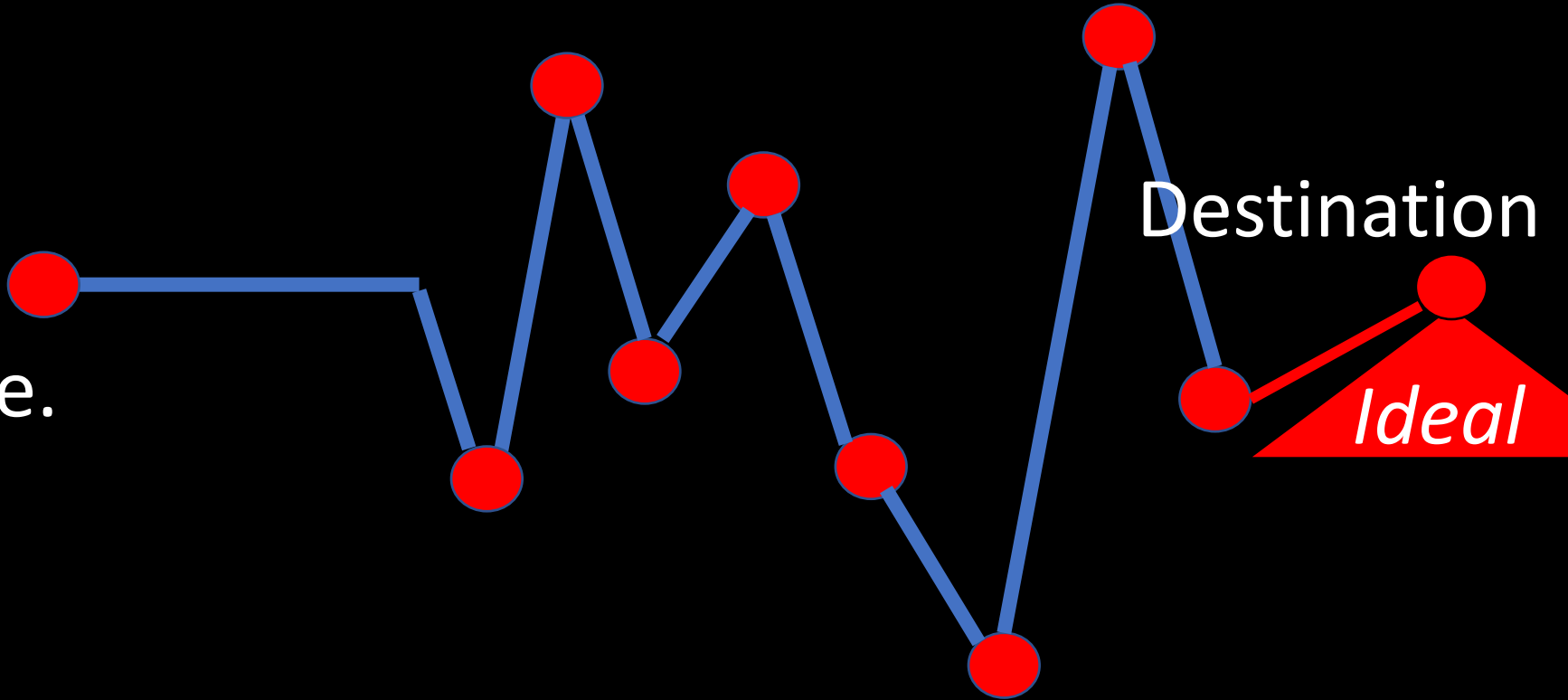
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## **Romans 8:28**

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## **Matthew 1:23-25**



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## Matthew 1:23-25

”Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel”  
(which means, **God with us**).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son.

And he called His name Jesus.

It was December 7, 1941.

My parents and I took a nice day trip along the coast from our home in Pacific Grove to Fort Ord, California. During World War I, this area was designated as an artillery training field by the Department of War. Now, only a year before, it officially became Fort Ord and expanded rapidly to prepare for the possibility of World War II coming across the ocean and drawing America into it.

We settled down amongst hundreds of soldiers and their families to watch a show sitting in an open-air theater with the Pacific Ocean as the backdrop. The Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy Show normally heard on the radio every Sunday afternoon was entertaining us live! In addition to The Bergen McCarthy Show, Abbott and Castillo were there performing their routine. It was quite a thrill and great fun seeing these acts that I had only ever heard on the radio.



In the middle of the show the host came out and everything came to a standstill. We all held our breath. He begins by listing various regiments and battalions and announces,

*“Will all the members of these regiments and battalions report to their barracks and prepare for overseas movement because the Japanese have attacked Pearl Harbor!”*

As a collective gasp went up, across the theater, in the stands and on the lawn, soldiers everywhere stood up, kissed their families goodbye and headed out of the arena. We didn't leave immediately but shortly after that we went back to our home in Pacific Grove and that was my introduction to the second world war.

I was nine years old.



# What are your Pearl Harbors?

...unexpected issues or events,  
large or small...

...some are  
*self inflicted...*

*...and some are  
perpetrated upon you by others,*

**that significantly alter the  
trajectory of your life from the  
ideal you deeply ache for.**



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Are you willing to travel the inevitably unpredictable paths of life with the only guarantee that you can count on being that God will be with you?