

Trusting > Pleasing

LET
HOPE
IN



Choice 1
Transform or Transfer



**Your PAST is not your PAST if
it still impacts your PRESENT**



Choice 2

Being OK with not being OK



Choice 3
TRUSTING rather than
PLEASING



Pleasing God/Working on My Sin



**Trusting God/
Living Out Who God Says I
Am**



**More Right Behavior
+ Less Wrong Behavior**

Godliness

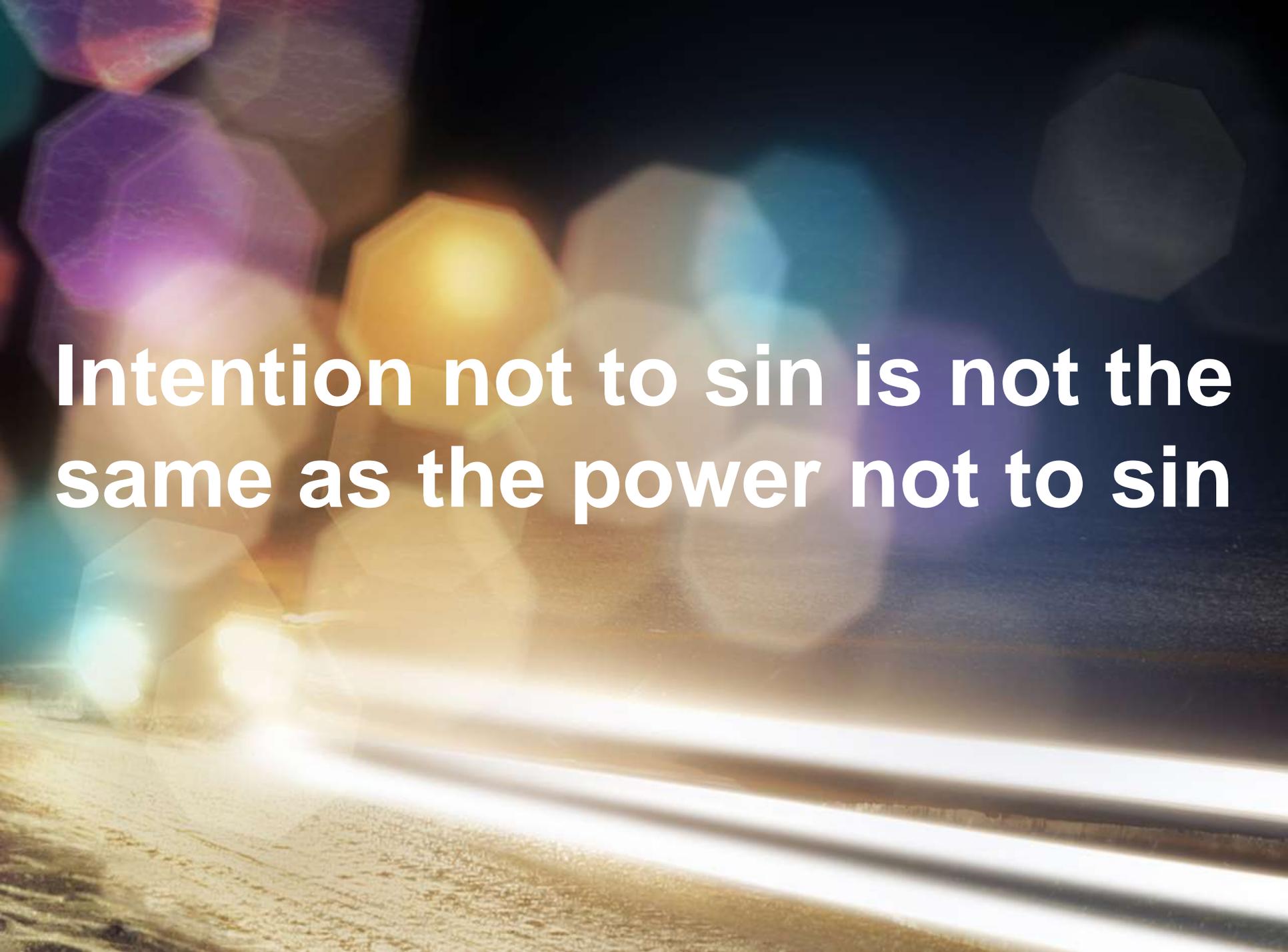
We Jews know that we have no advantage of birth over "non-Jewish sinners." We know very well that we are not set right with God by rule-keeping but only through personal faith in Jesus Christ. How do we know?

We tried it—and we had the best system of rules the world has ever seen! Convinced that no human being can please God by self-improvement, we believed in Jesus as the Messiah so that we might be set right before God by trusting in the Messiah, not by trying to be good.

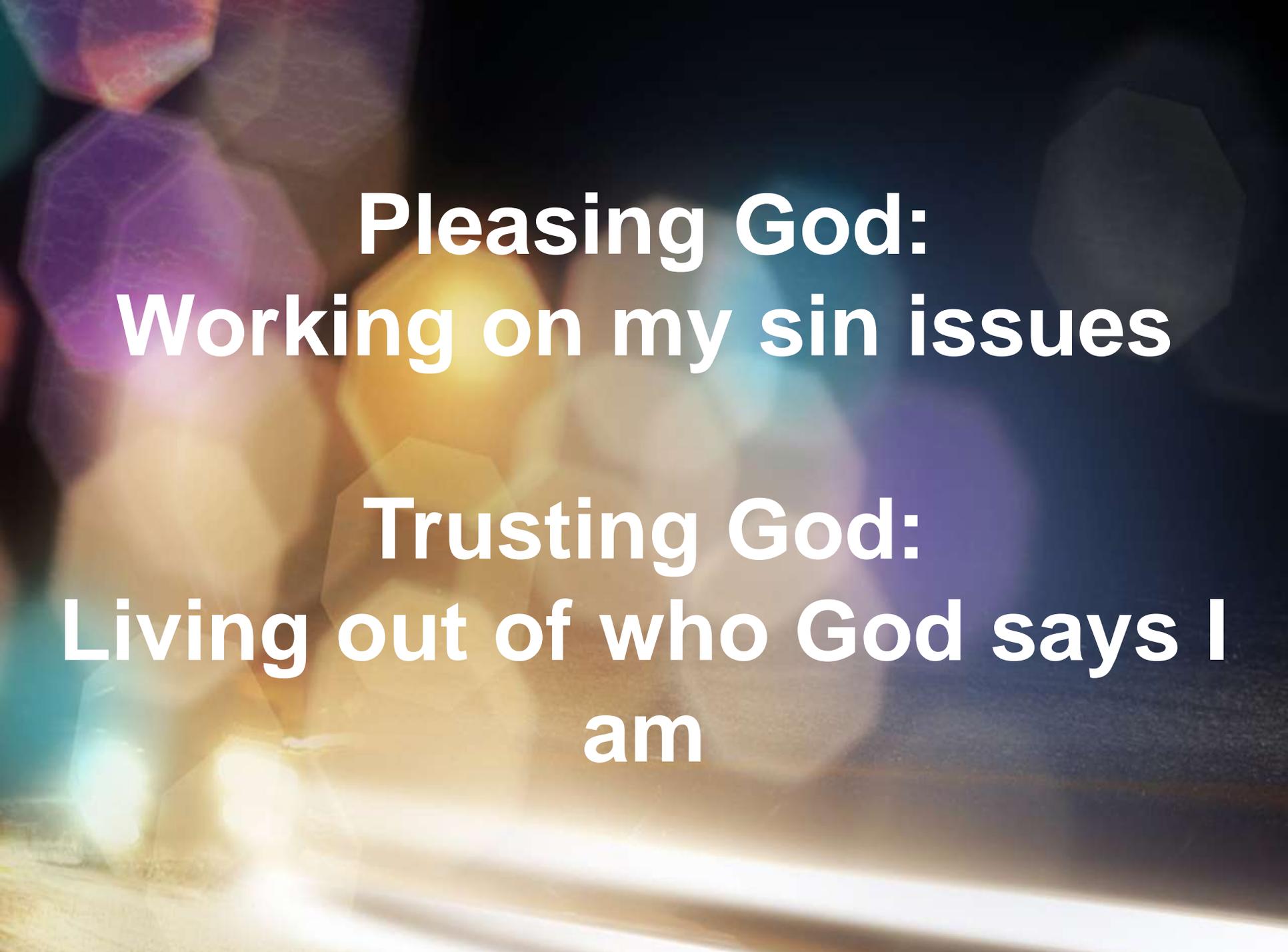
Have some of you noticed that we are not yet perfect? (No great surprise, right?) And are you ready to make the accusation that since people like me, who go through Christ in order to get things right with God, aren't perfectly virtuous, Christ must therefore be an accessory to sin? The accusation is frivolous. If I was "trying to be good," I would be rebuilding the same old barn that I tore down. I would be acting as a charlatan.

Those who are trying to force you to be circumcised want to look good to others. They don't want to be persecuted for teaching that the cross of Christ alone can save. And even those who advocate circumcision don't keep the whole law themselves. They only want you to be circumcised so they can boast about it and claim you as their disciples.

As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. It doesn't matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.

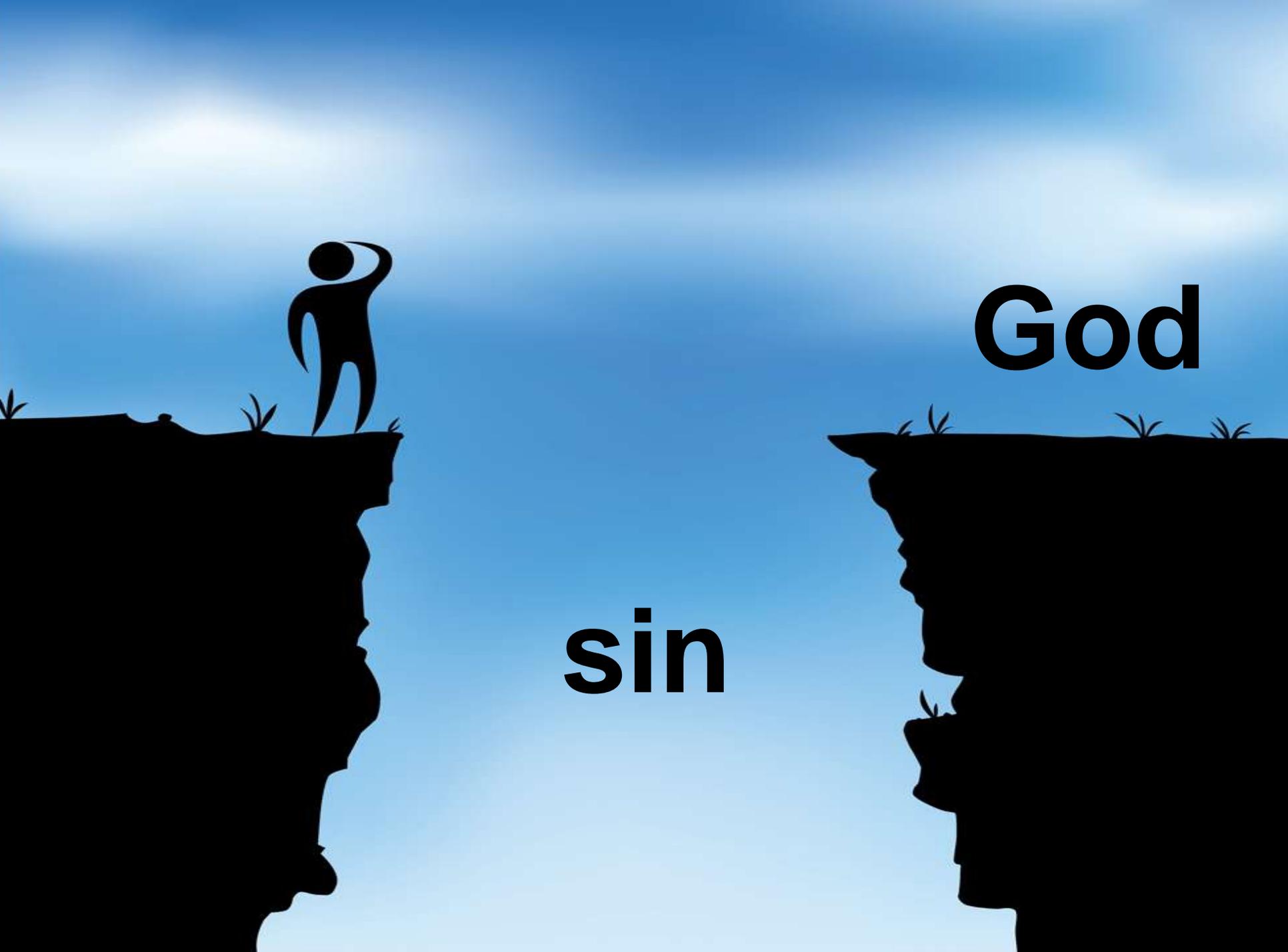


Intention not to sin is not the same as the power not to sin



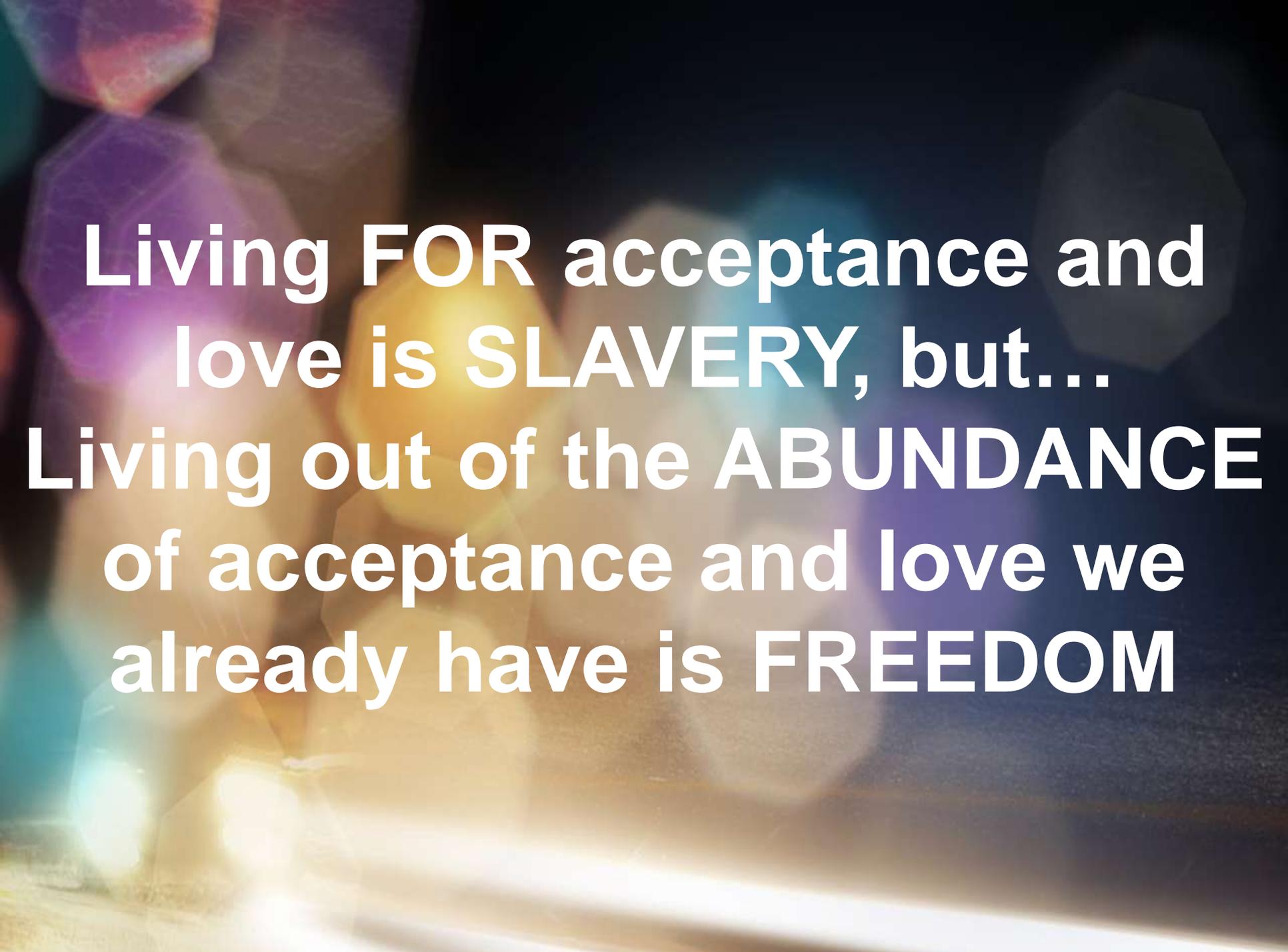
**Pleasing God:
Working on my sin issues**

**Trusting God:
Living out of who God says I
am**



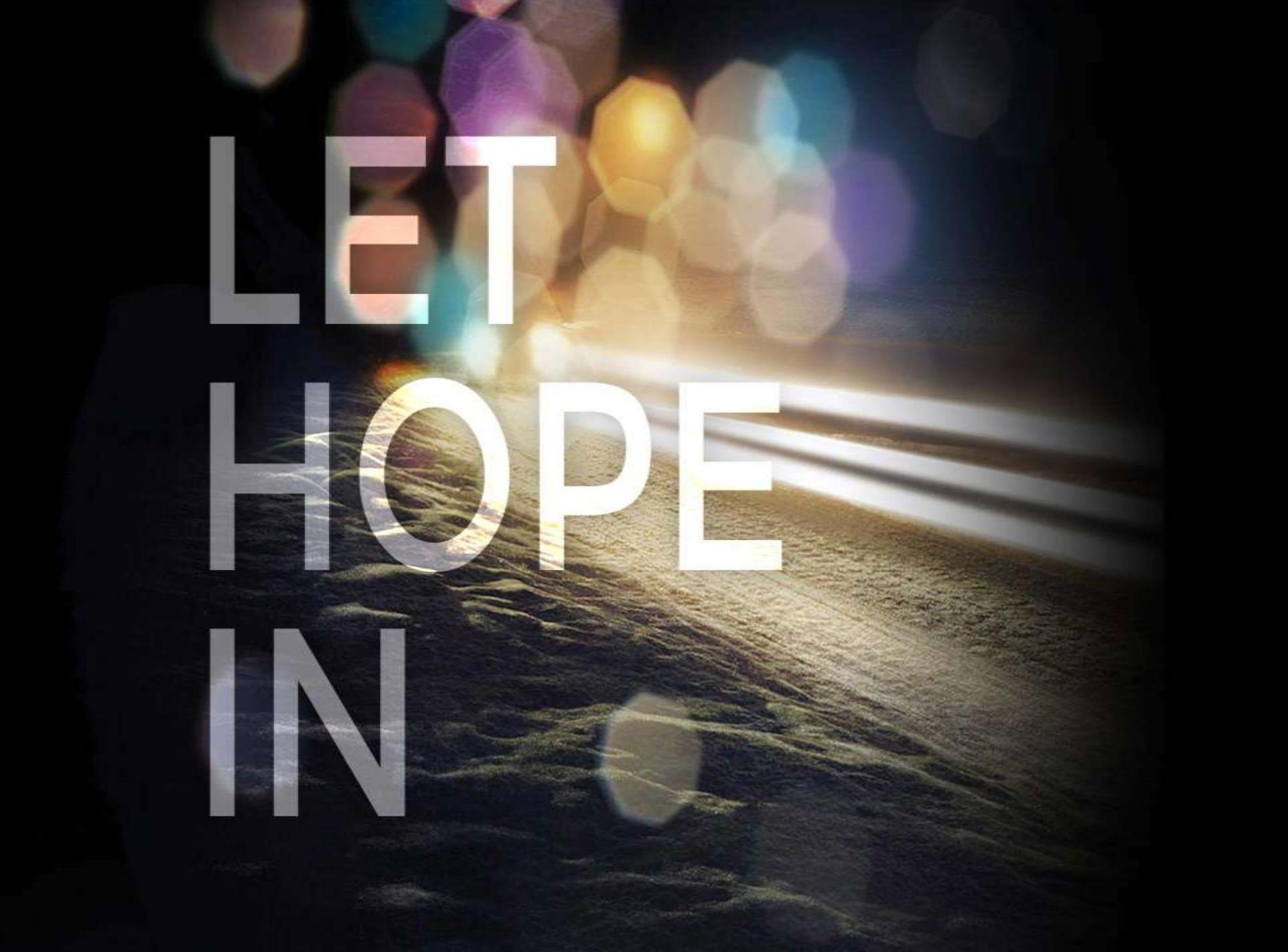
God

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**Living FOR acceptance and
love is SLAVERY, but...**

**Living out of the ABUNDANCE
of acceptance and love we
already have is FREEDOM**



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