

# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

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# Definition of marriage as between man and woman will be protected, even as 377A is repealed: PM Lee at National Day Rally

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Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong speaking at the National Day Rally, 21 August 2022.

# THE GENERATIONAL GAP IS REAL ...

**yahoo/news** | Yahoo News Singapore

## 44% of Singaporeans, PRs support Section 377A, down from 2018: survey

There was a wide gulf in the views among the different age groups on the issue. About 67 per cent of respondents aged 18-29 have greater acceptance for same-sex relationships than they were three years ago, compared with only 29 per cent of respondents aged 50 years old and above.

Ms Melanie Ng, director of public affairs at Ipsos in Singapore, said: "Today, we continue to see a steady shift in societal attitudes, led by younger adult Singaporeans who are more ready to see the country embrace same-sex relationships.

"At the same time, while the older generation of Singaporeans remains largely opposed to same-sex relationships, we also see attitudes slowly changing."



**Blackbox Research**

June 6 · 🌐

6 Consistent with other recently published studies on gay attitudes in Singapore, those under 25 are roughly twice as tolerant as those over 50

# THE GENERATIONAL GAP IS REAL ...

## Americans' Self-Identification as LGBT, by Generation

	<b>LGBT</b>	<b>Straight/Heterosexual</b>	<b>No response</b>
	%	%	%
Generation Z (born 1997-2003)	20.8	75.7	3.5
Millennials (born 1981-1996)	10.5	82.5	7.1
Generation X (born 1965-1980)	4.2	89.3	6.5
Baby boomers (born 1946-1964)	2.6	90.7	6.8
Traditionalists (born before 1946)	0.8	92.2	7.1

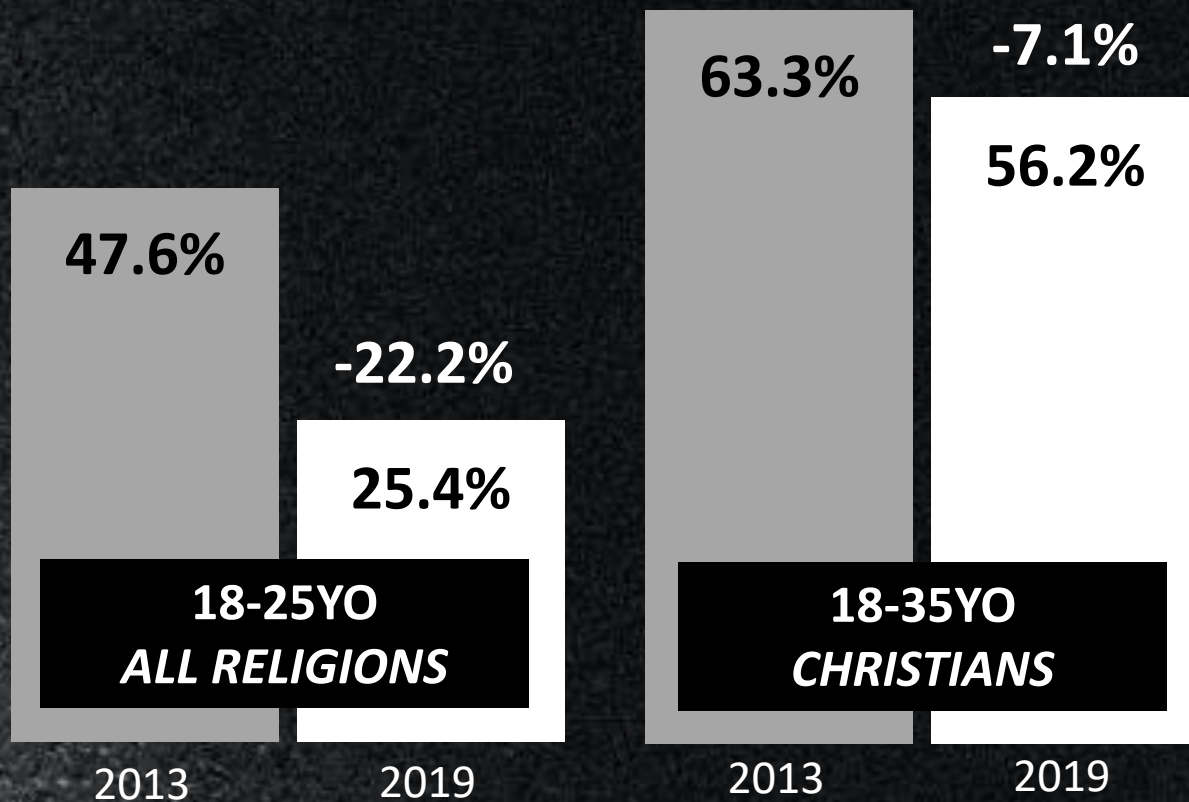
GALLUP, 2021

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/389792/lgbt-identification-ticks-up.aspx>

# THE GENERATIONAL GAP IS REAL ... EVEN AMONG CHRISTIANS

*Do you agree that “Homosexual sex is always wrong”?*

*IPS Working Paper, “Religion, Morality And Conservatism In Singapore”, May 2019*

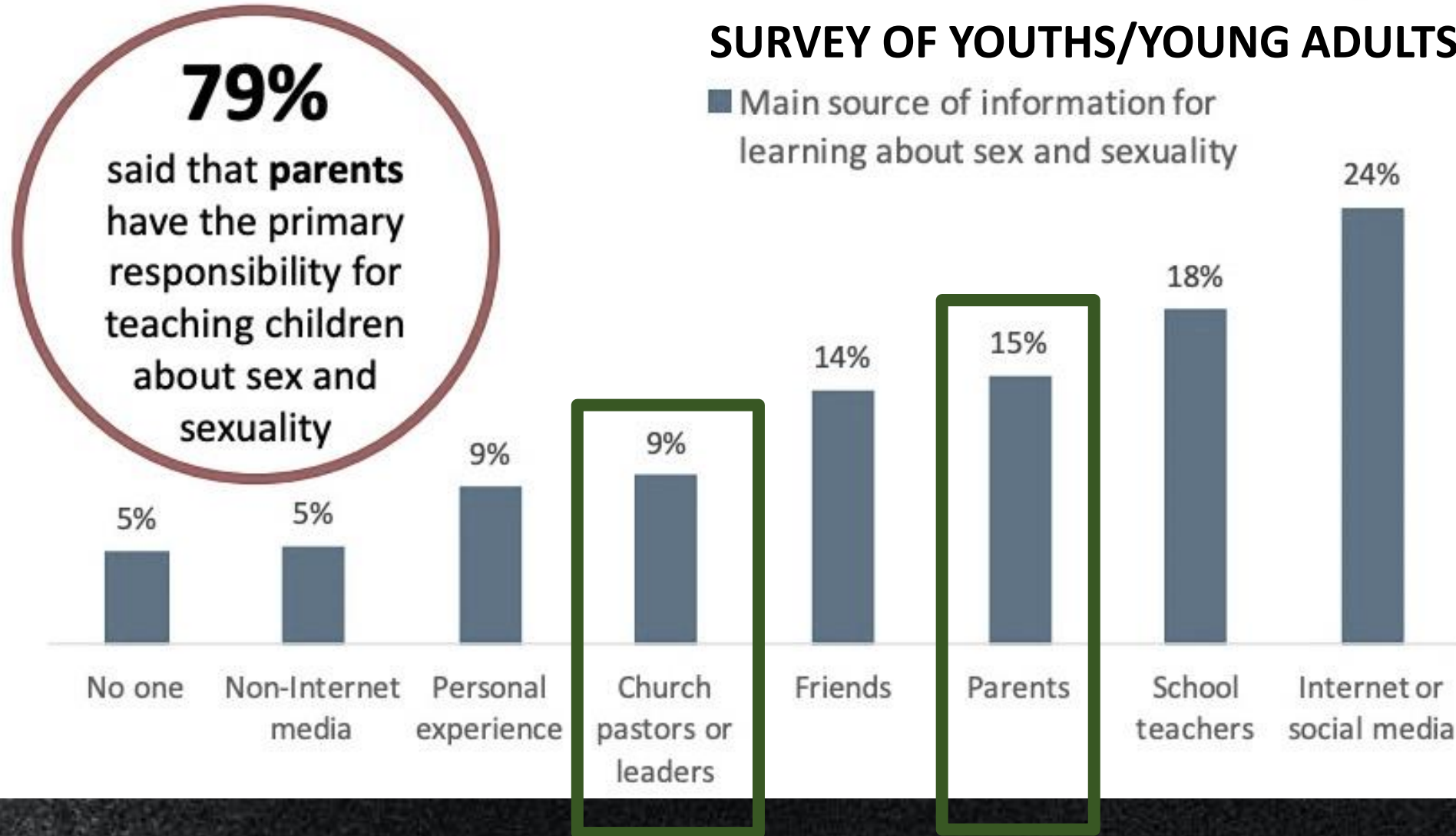


Overall, Singaporeans remain fairly conservative in their outlook, though there have been distinct shifts on issues surrounding homosexual rights. This is especially so among respondents aged between 18 and 25, who were much more liberal about moral issues compared to the respondents aged 65 and above.

# WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT OUR DISCIPLESHIP?

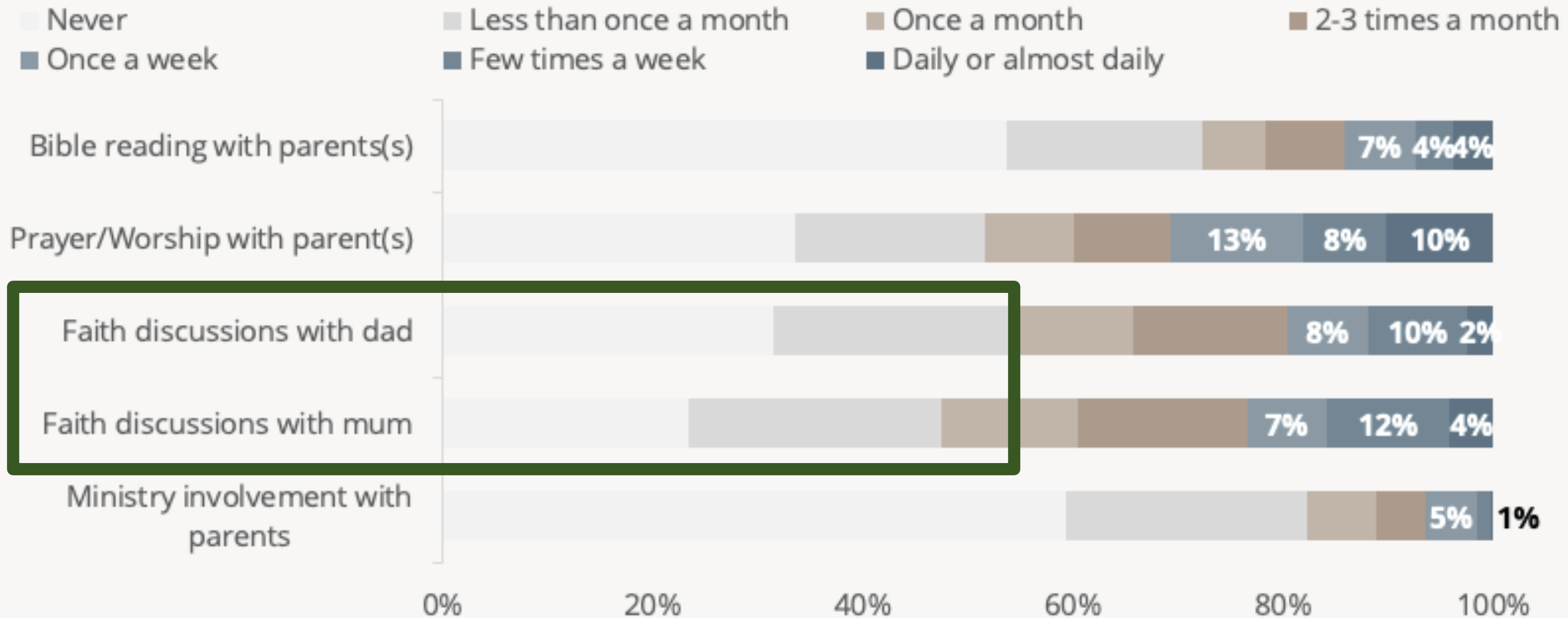
## SURVEY OF YOUTHS/YOUNG ADULTS

■ Main source of information for learning about sex and sexuality



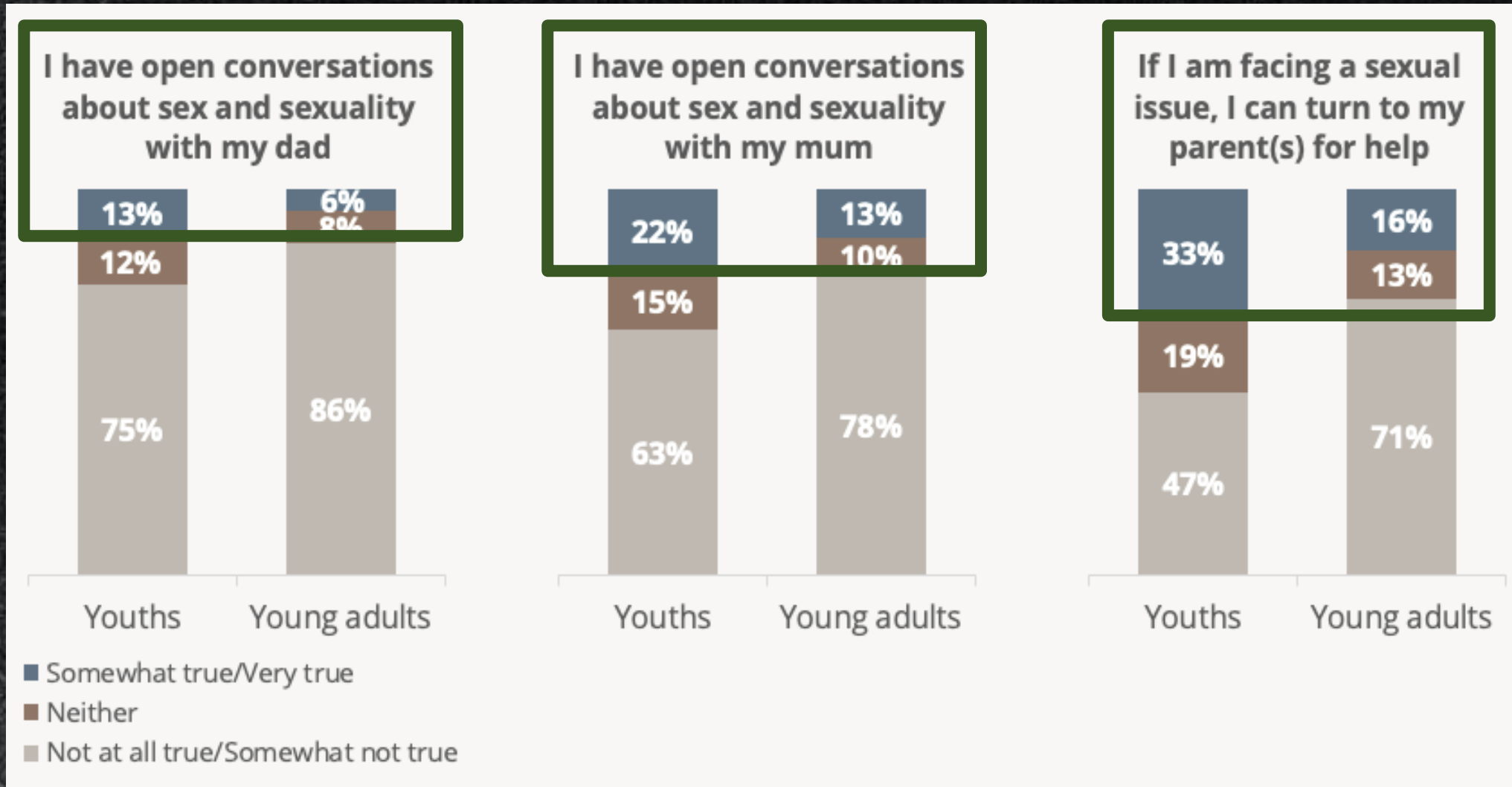
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## Faith Practices with Parents





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## BBTC PASTORAL MESSAGE (22 AUG)

“The announcement has driven home the fact that **we cannot rely on external forces to shape our morality.** Discipleship must start in our homes.

“Parents, we must take this as a strong reminder to be the main influence, gatekeeper and disciple-maker for our children (Prov 22:6, Eph 6:4) – because if not, the world will do so.”

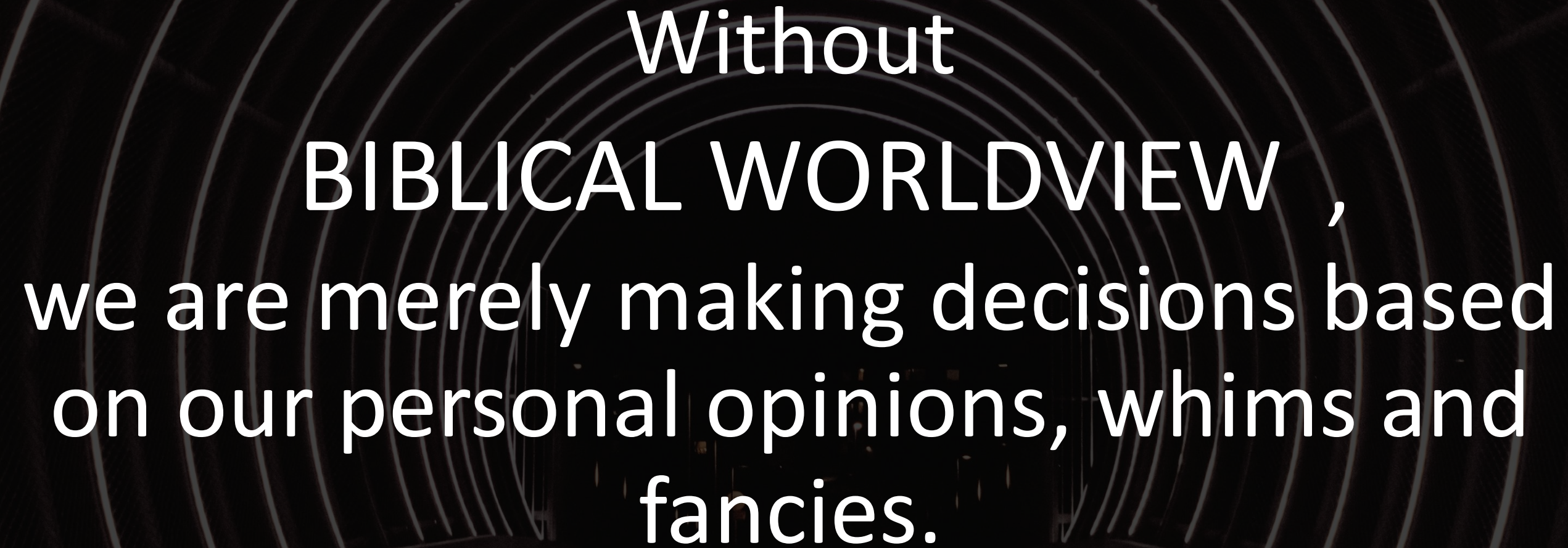
“**The real battle is for the hearts, minds and souls of the next generation.** We must come together as a church to ground our children, youths and young adults in **Biblical Worldview**, so that no matter the conflict or crisis, they will always choose to see and do things God’s way.”

The background features a series of concentric, light-colored circles that create a tunnel-like perspective, drawing the eye towards the center. The circles are set against a dark, almost black background.

**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**

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Choosing to view the world  
through the lens of God's Word.



Without  
BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ,  
we are merely making decisions based  
on our personal opinions, whims and  
fancies.



Without  
**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW** ,  
we are telling God that  
we know better than Him.

***ROMANS 12:1-3***

**1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.**

**2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

**3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.**

# WHY SHOULD WE ADOPT A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW?

ROM 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy ...

God could have seen us the way we deserved  
to be seen. Sinners unworthy of salvation.

Yet He chose to see us through the lens of love.

Therefore, will we choose to see things His way?

# WHAT MUST WE SURRENDER FOR A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW?

... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice ...

... by the renewing of your mind ...

... do not think of yourself more highly than you ought ...

Because of what God has done for us, our response should be to surrender **our bodies, our minds, and our egos** to Him.

*This is our reasonable service, our true and proper worship.*



# HOW DO WE POSTURE OURSELVES FOR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW?

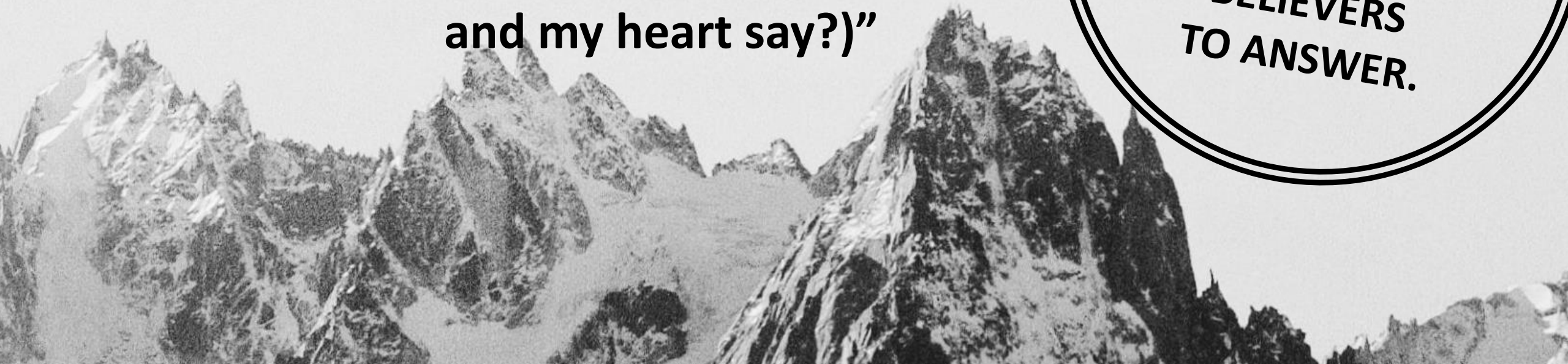
ROM 12:3 Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,  
but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,  
in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

1. ***With humility.*** His ways/thoughts are higher than ours (Isa 55).
2. ***With soberness.*** If this matters to God, it should matter to us.
3. ***With faith.*** God has distributed to each of us faith! Activate it!

# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ASKS THE QUESTION:

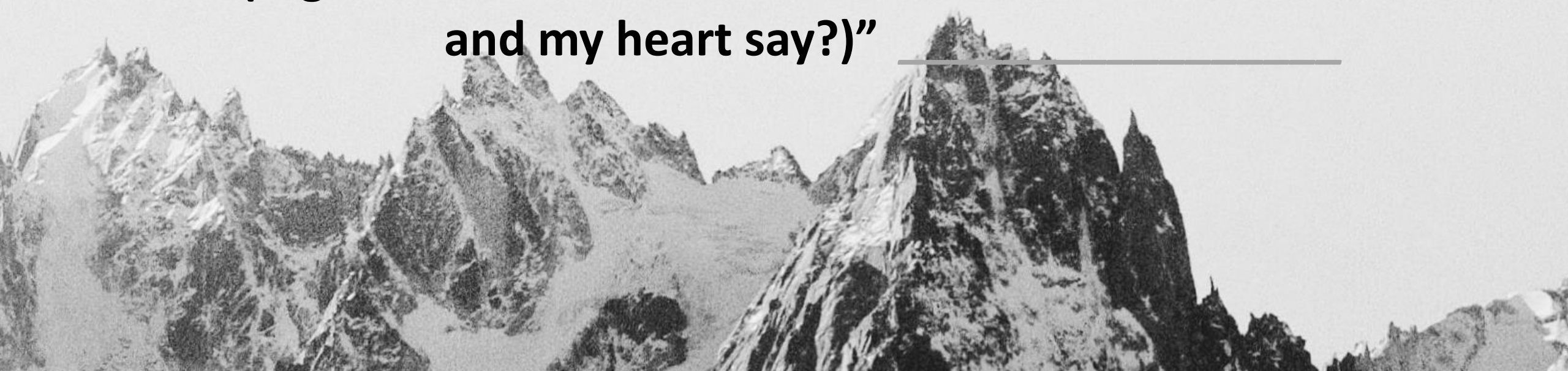
**“I know what the WORLD says  
I know what my HEART says  
but what does the WORD say  
and will I do it His way  
(regardless of what the world  
and my heart say?)”**

**THIS IS THE  
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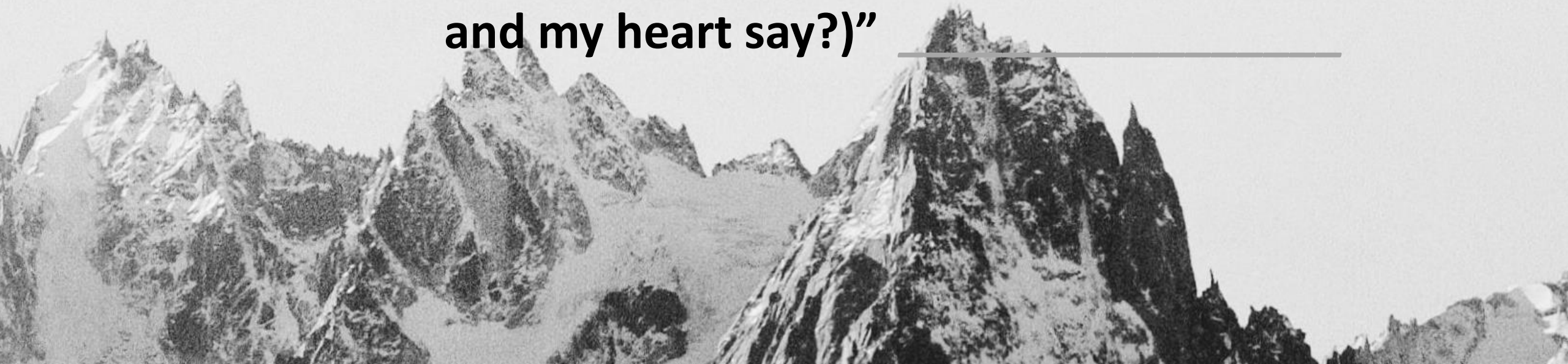
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“I know what the **WORLD** says *about* **sexuality**  
I know what my **HEART** says sexuality  
but what does the **WORD** say *about* **sexuality**  
and will I do it His way Eg: God’s design for man/woman?  
(regardless of what the world *about* The Institution of Marriage/Family?  
and my heart say?)”



# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ASKS THE QUESTION:

“I know what the **WORLD** says *about* **parenting**  
I know what my **HEART** says parenting  
but what does the **WORD** say *about* **parenting**  
and will I do it His way \_\_\_\_\_  
(regardless of what the world *about*  
and my heart say?)” \_\_\_\_\_



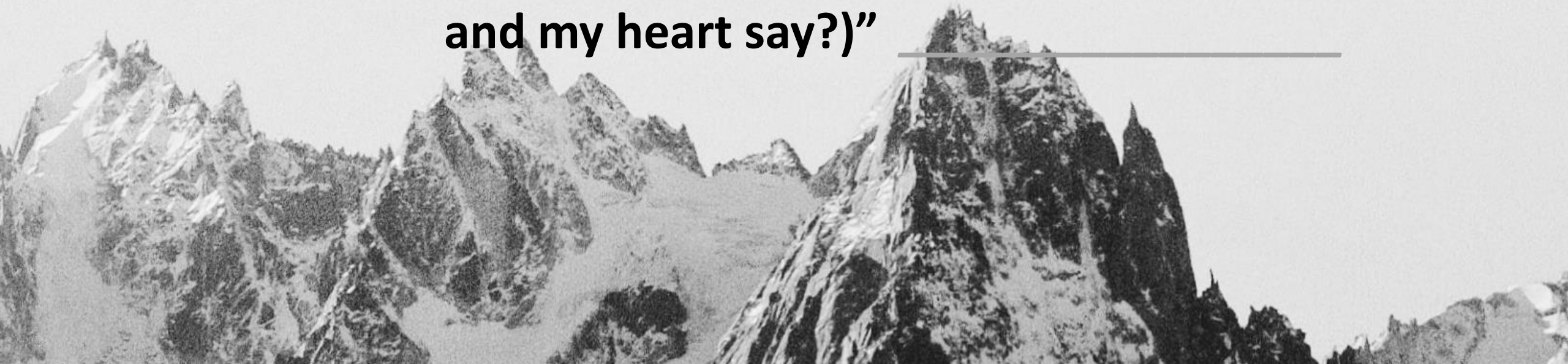






# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ASKS THE QUESTION:

“I know what the **WORLD** says *about* ***gossip***  
I know what my **HEART** says *\_\_\_\_\_* ***gossip***  
but what does the **WORD** say *about* ***gossip***  
and will I do it His way *\_\_\_\_\_*  
(regardless of what the world *about*  
and my heart say?)” *\_\_\_\_\_*





**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW ASKS THE QUESTION:**

**but what does the WORD say ... ?**





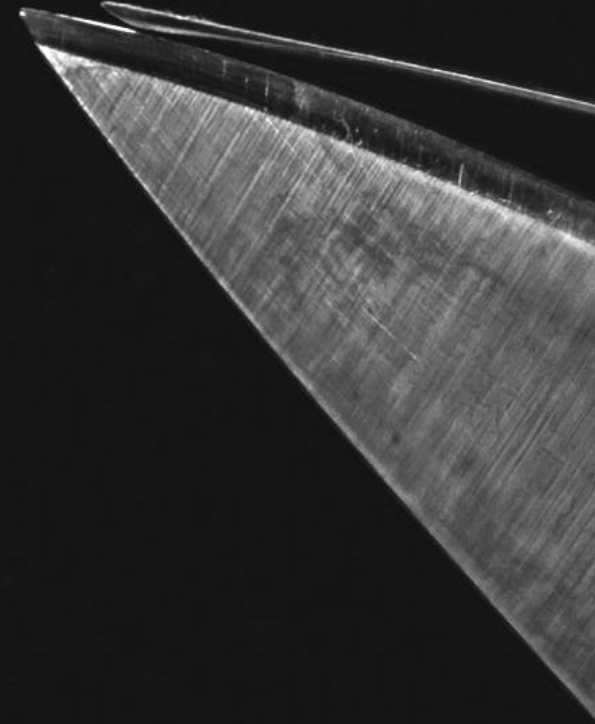
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## **THE SWORD = WORD & SPIRIT**

- *EPH 6:17 The sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.*
- *HEB 4:12 The word of God is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of  
soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow,  
and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*



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**WE ARE GIVEN THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT/WORD NOT TO  
SLAY, BUT TO STAND.**

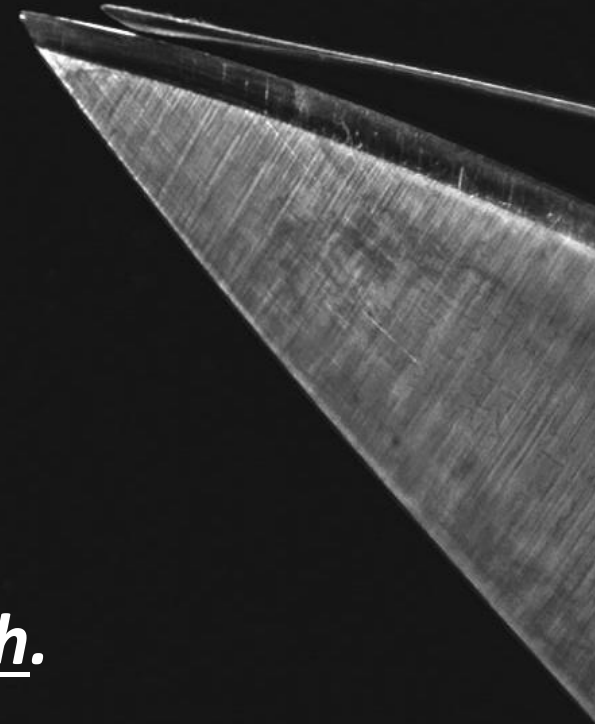
- *EPH 6:11 & 13 “Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes ... so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”*
- *NEH 4:17-18 “Each laboured on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built.”*



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## **WHAT DO WE STAND ON? THE TRUTH!**

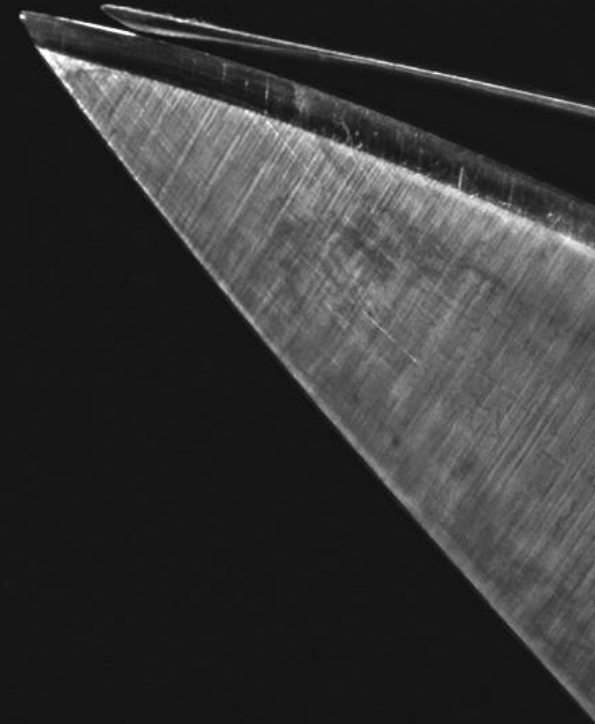
- *JOHN 16:13 When He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth.*
- *JOHN 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; Your Word is truth.*
- *JOHN 14:6 “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”*
- *2 COR 10:5 “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”*



*“THE SWORD OF THE CHURCH  
IS NOW BEING SHARPENED”*

***“LET THE ONE WHO HAS NO SWORD  
SELL HIS CLOAK AND BUY ONE.” (LUKE 22:36)***

- **Are you willing to pay the price to sell your cloak?**  
To give up the things of the Earth to know Jesus?
- **Are you willing to pay the price to buy the sword?**  
To invest in your faith-disciplines to know the Word & Spirit?
- **Are you willing to pay the price to stand for the Truth?**  
The world may be hostile – eg in schools, workplace, social media. Which is more precious to you: Kinship with the world or with the King?

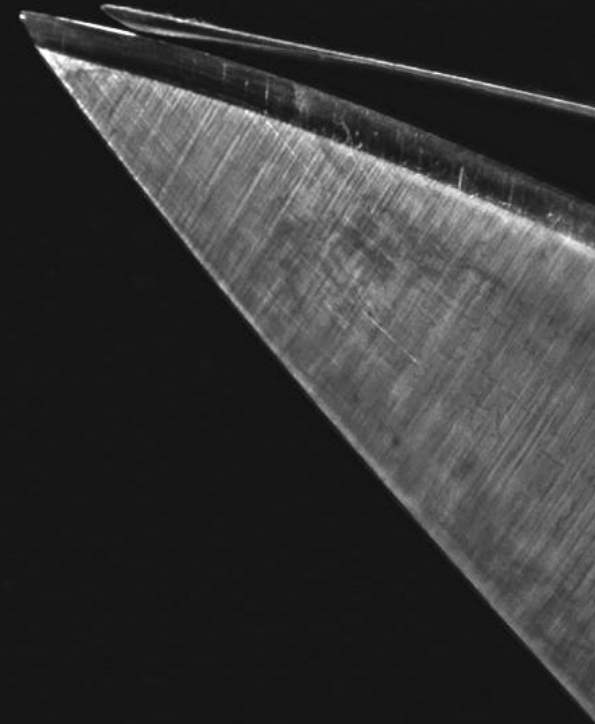


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DISCIPLESHIP IN BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW =

1. We must KNOW the Bible. No shortcuts!
2. We must TEACH & TRANSMIT its lessons.
3. We must not merely teach it, but EXEMPLIFY it in our lives.
4. Above all, the key lesson we must transmit in our discipleship is to LOVE & TREASURE THE WORD





*We have much work ahead of us.*

Personal discipleship towards  
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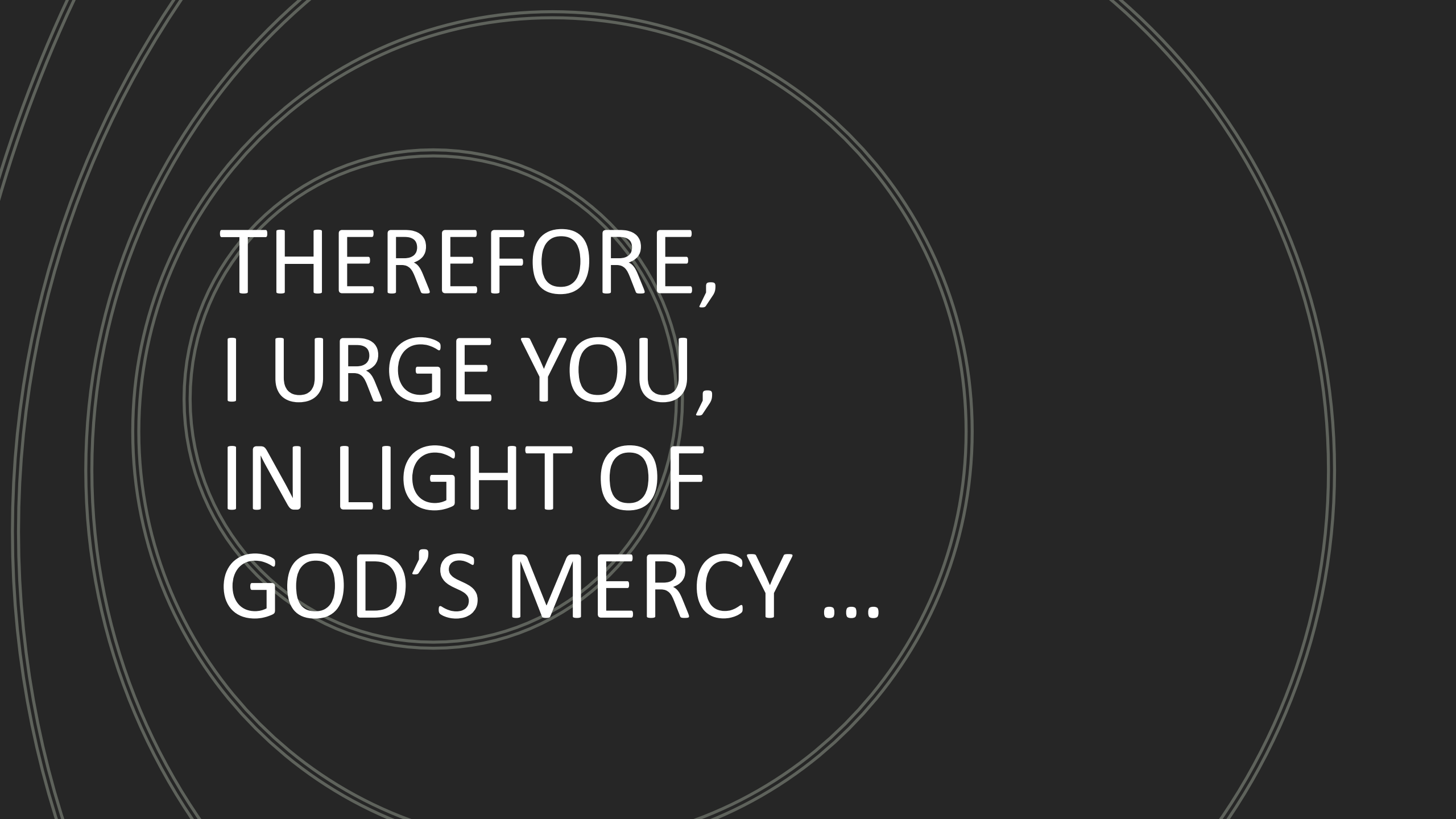
... must take place within  
**BIBLICAL RELATIONSHIPS/  
BIBLICAL FAMILIES ...**

... reinforced by authentic  
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THEREFORE,  
I URGE YOU,  
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