

# Imago Dei

*Latin: The Image of God; In His Image*

# Genesis 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind **in our image**, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind **in his own image**, **in the image of God** he created them; male and female he created them.





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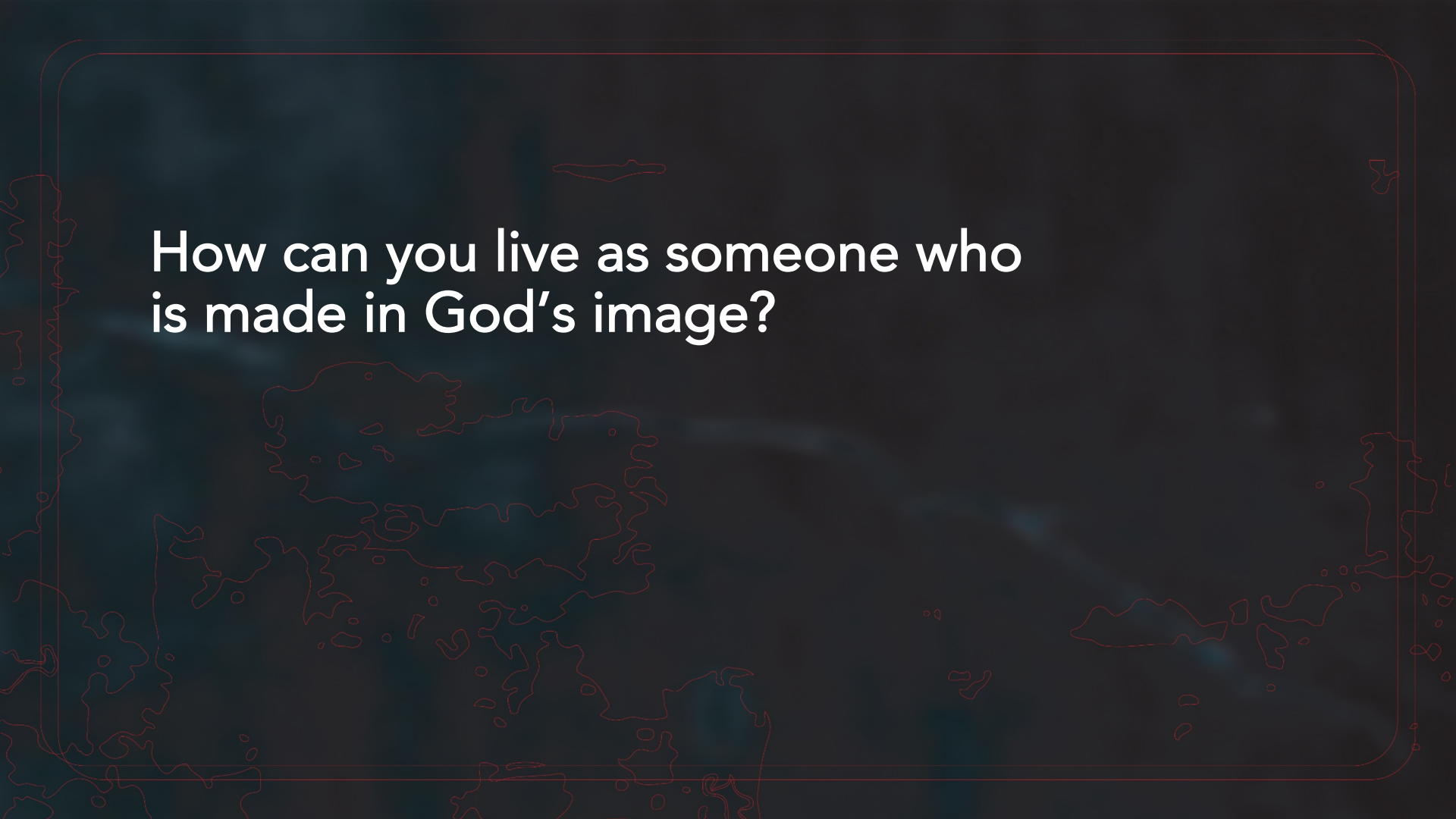
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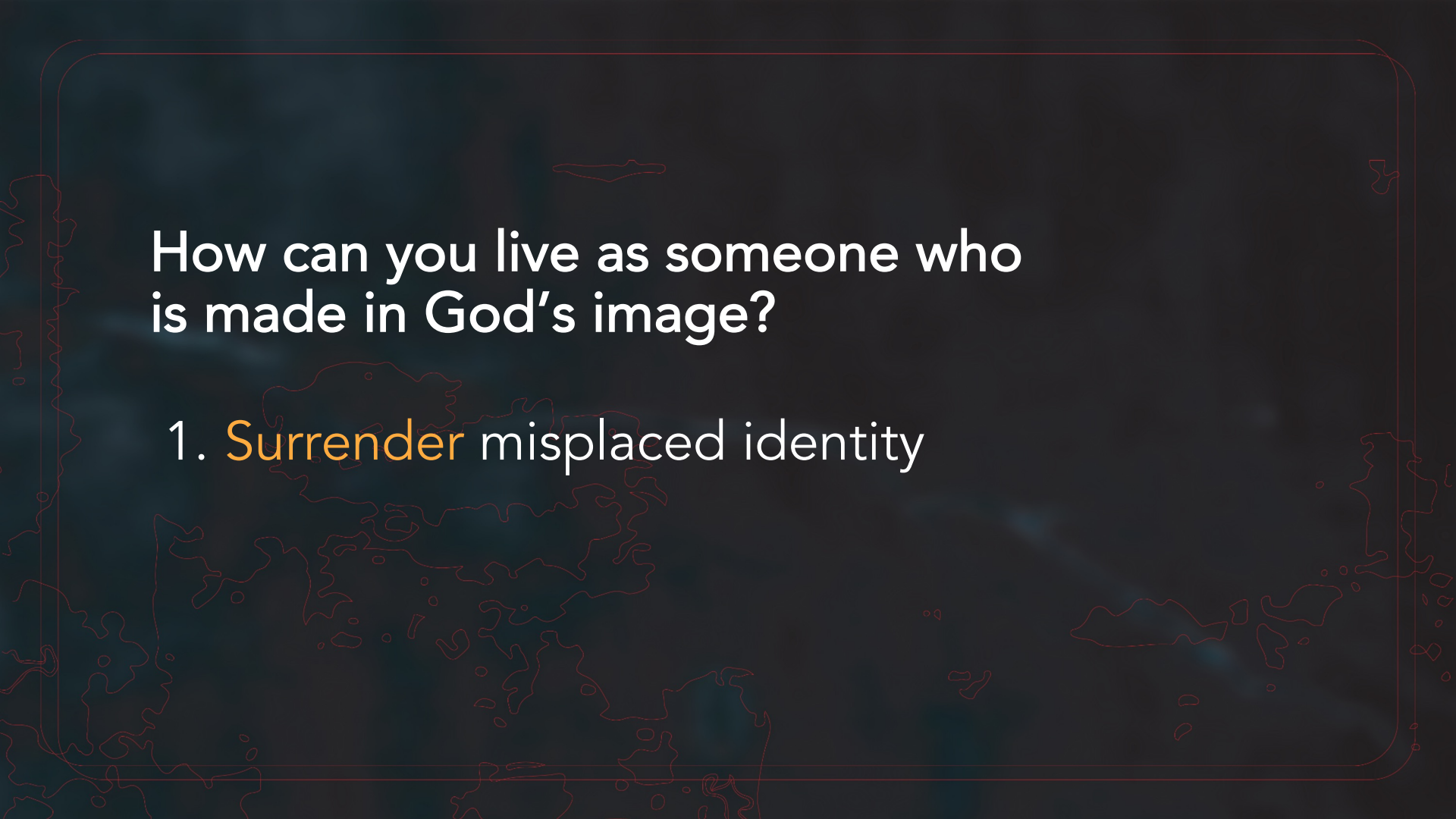
**Timothy Keller:** "A sense of self, and a sense of worth. What makes you feel significant?"

# Misplaced Identity





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is made in God's image?



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1. **Surrender** misplaced identity

## Ephesians 6:2

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and **against the spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly realms.”

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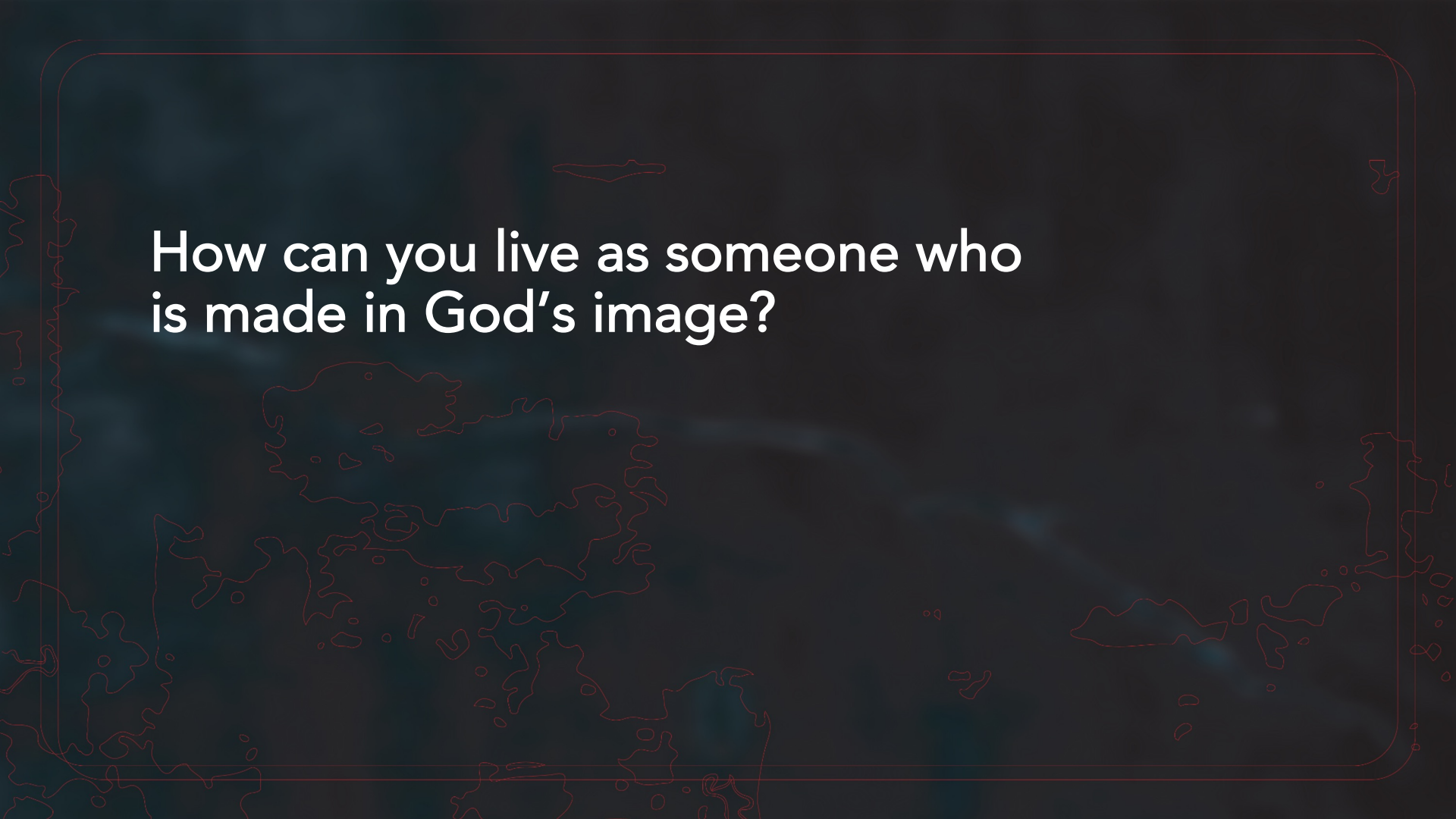
If Satan had a formula for self-worth it would be:

**Self-worth = our performance + the opinion of others**

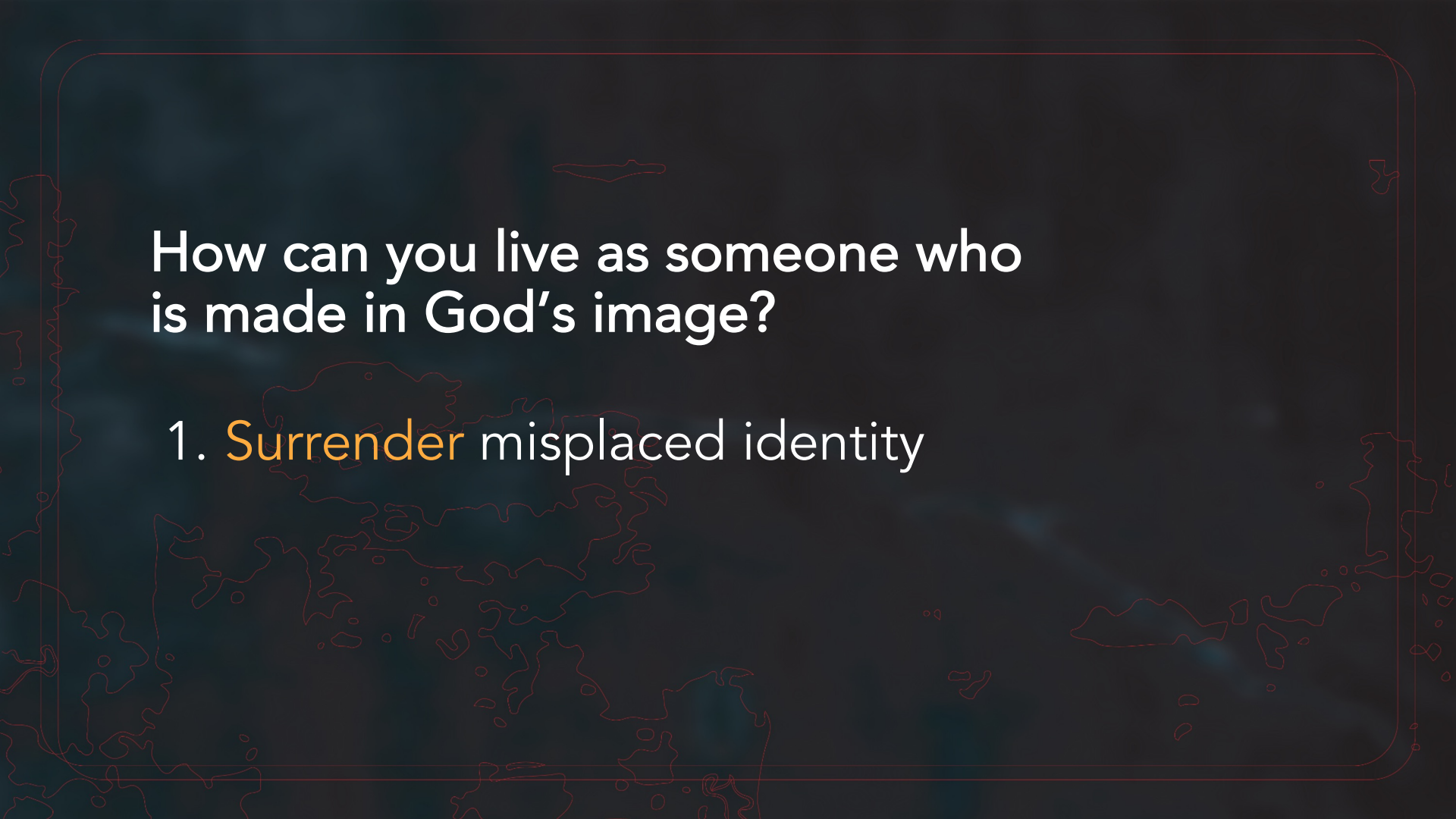
*Robert S. McGee in "The Search for Significance"*



**Where have you misplaced your identity?**



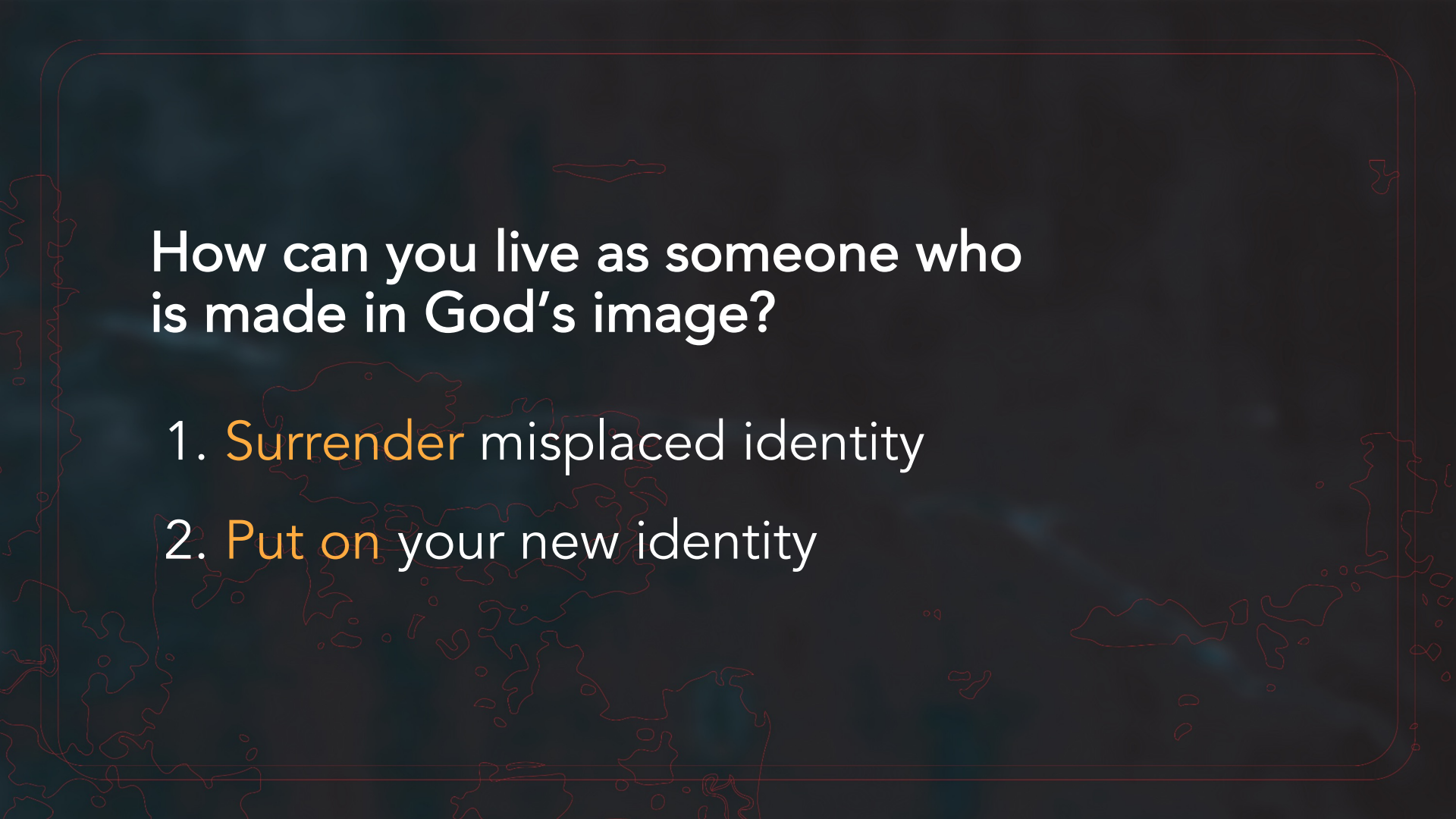
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## Ephesians 4:22-24

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## Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me**. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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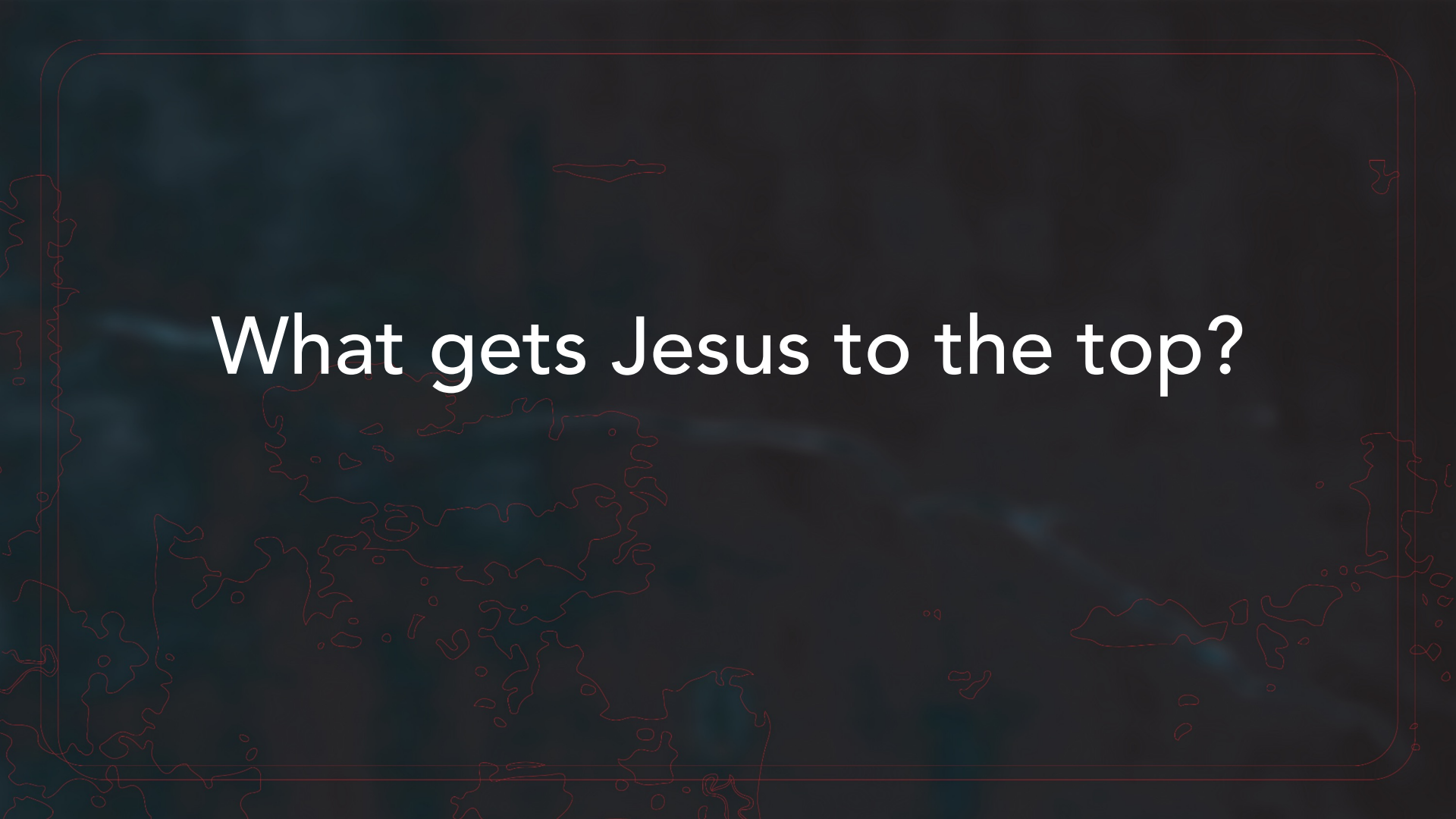
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- I am...**a son and daughter** of the most High King
- I am...**God's chosen people**
- I am...**called**
- I am...**loved**
- I am...**fearfully and wonderfully made**
- I am...**made in the image of God**





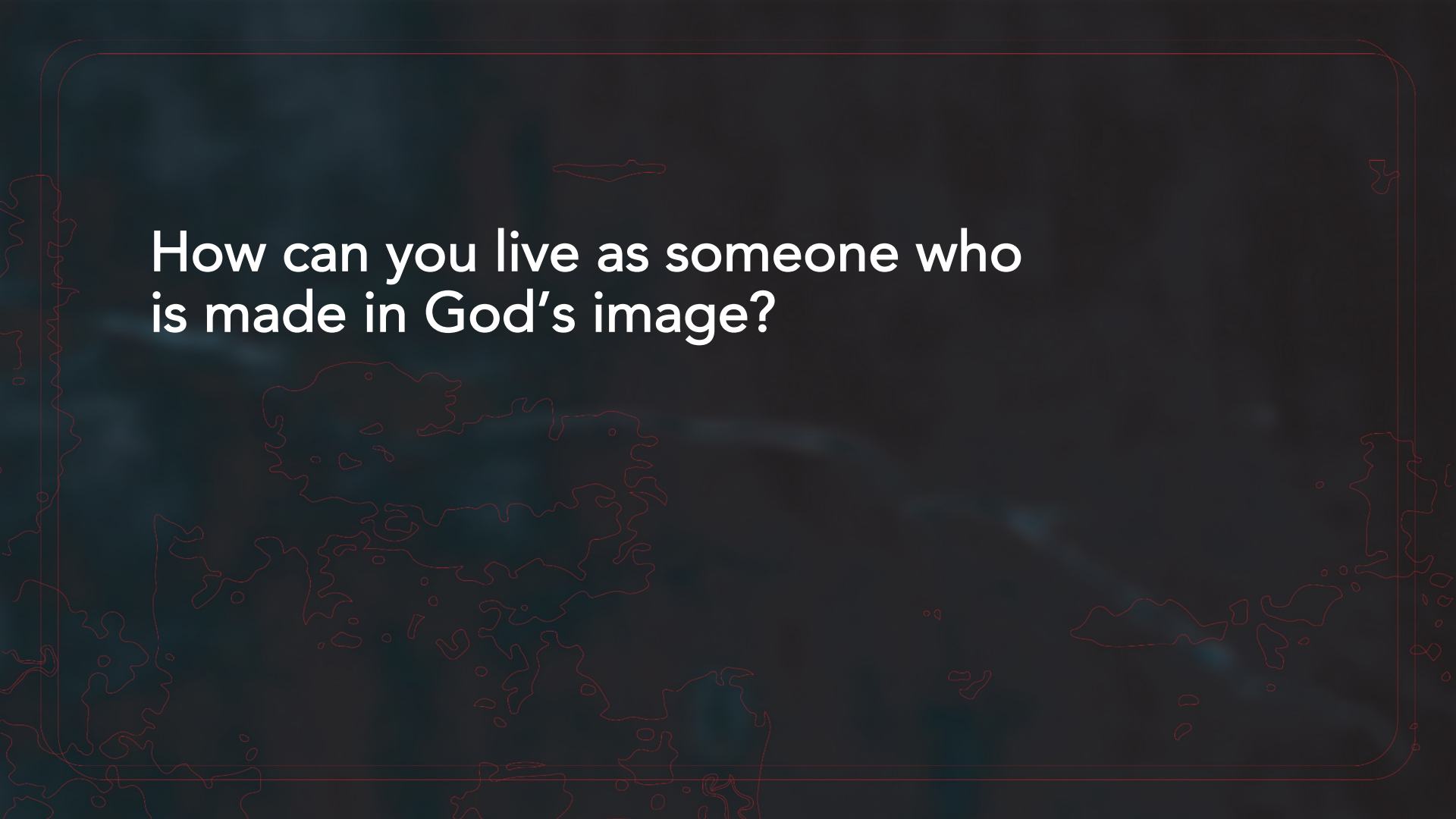


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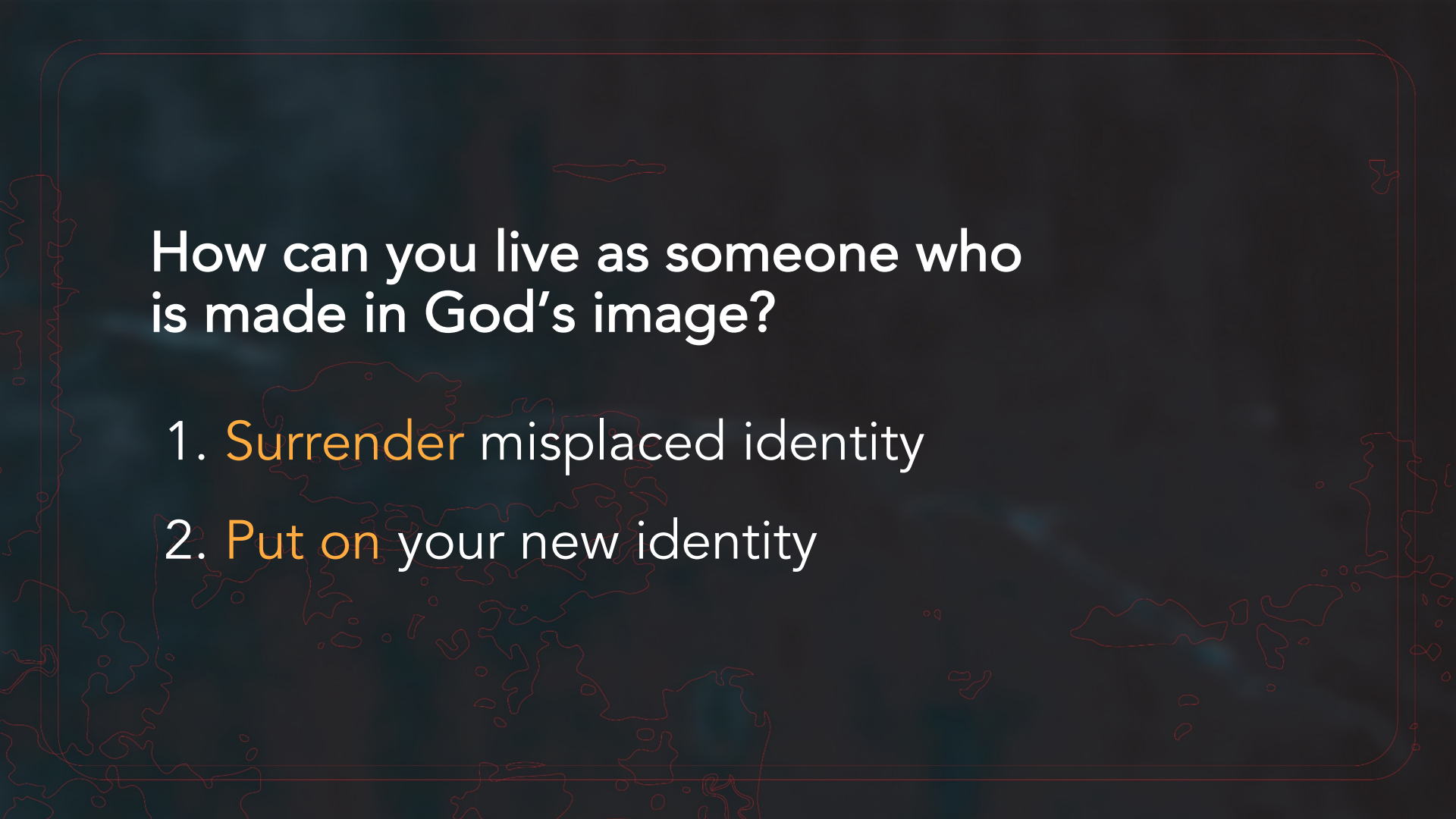


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Experiencing the love Christ has shown you.



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3. Engaging with others

# Hebrews 10:24-25

"<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may **spur one another on** toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



“The quality of your **work**,  
is the measure of your **worth**”

## Ephesians 2:8-9

“<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

# How can you live as someone who is made in God's image?

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# Philippians 1:6 NLT

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, **will continue his work until it is finally finished** on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

