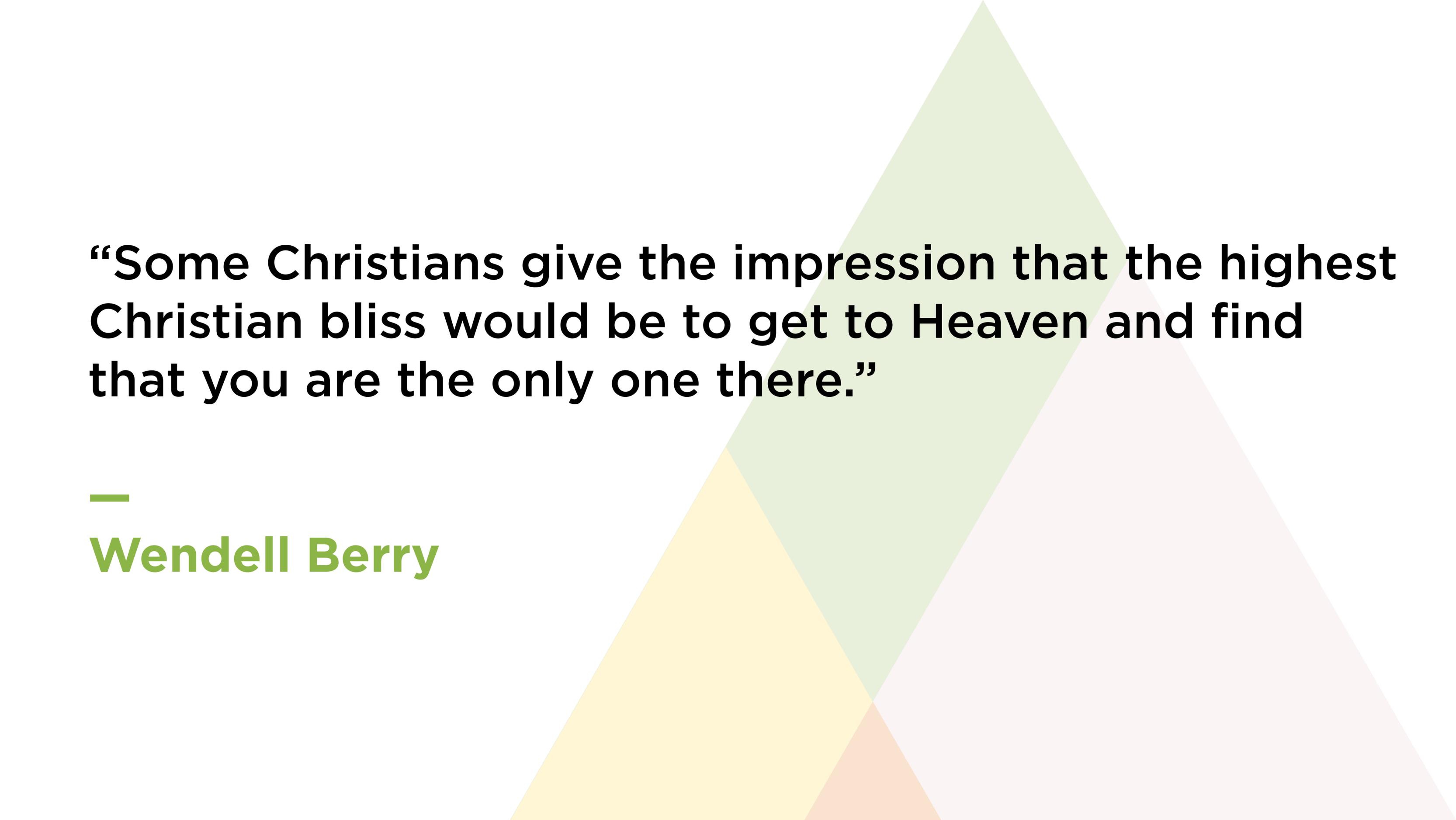


Sermon Series



The Sermon On The Mount

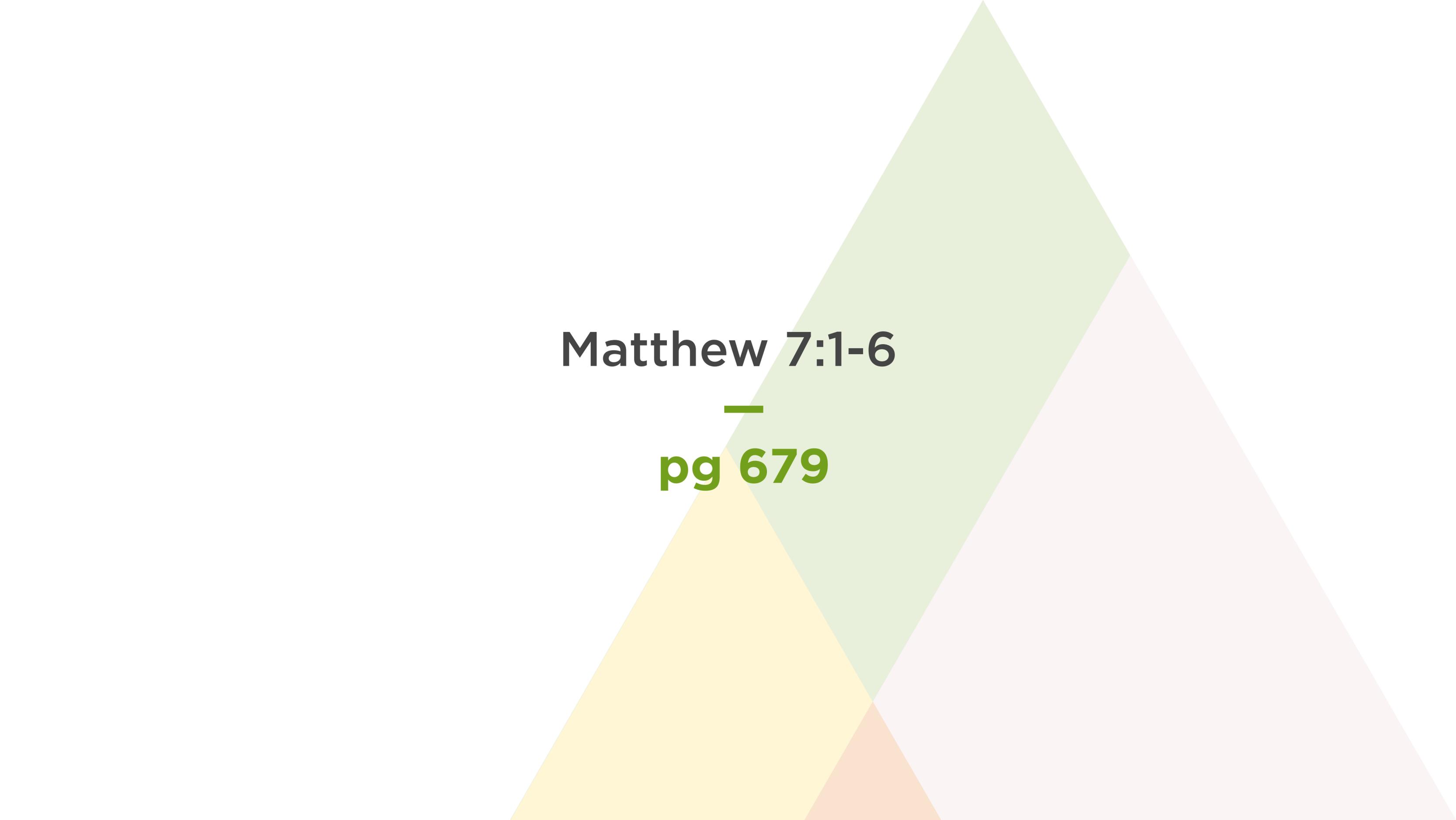




“Some Christians give the impression that the highest Christian bliss would be to get to Heaven and find that you are the only one there.”

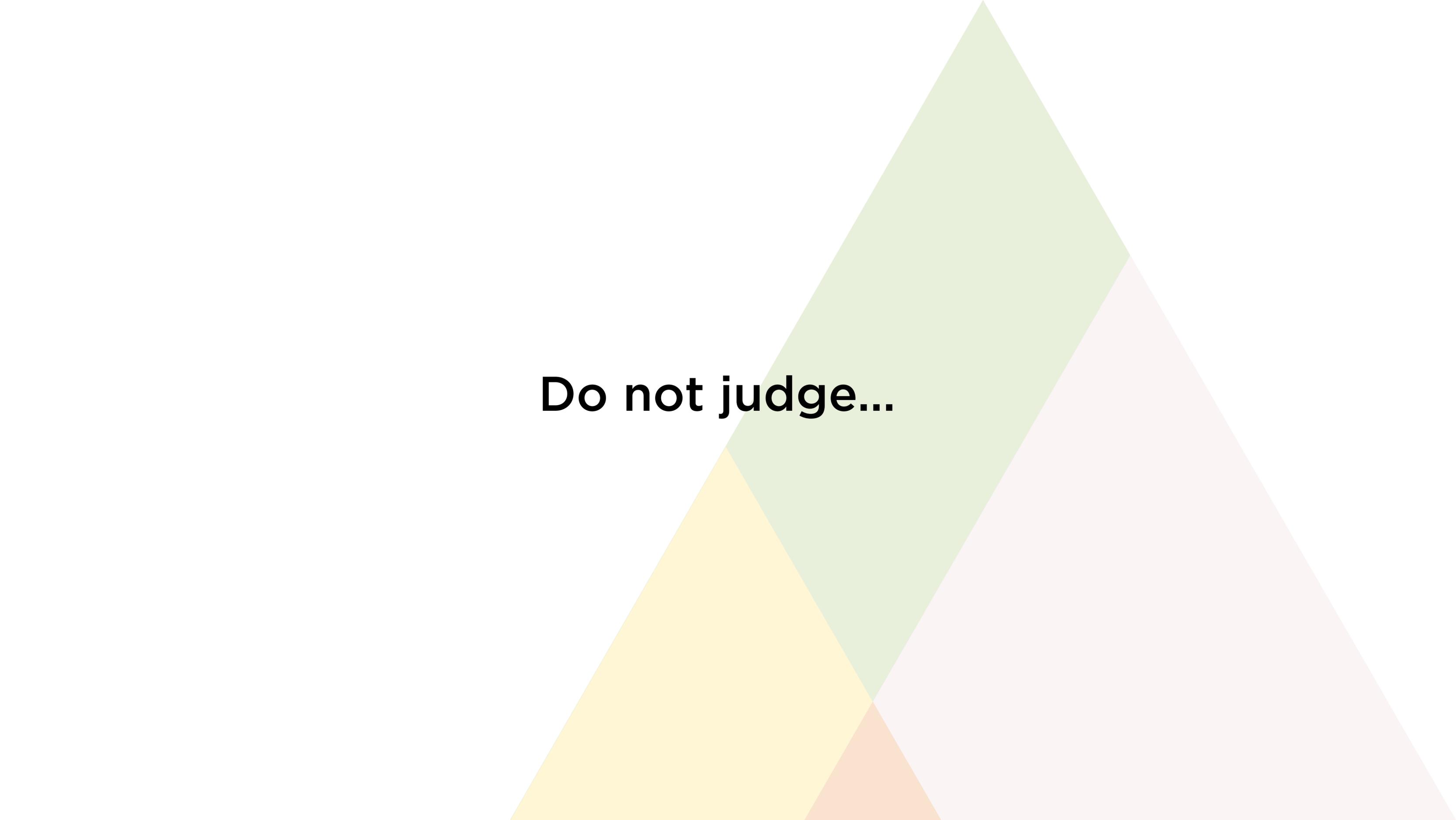
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Matthew 7:1-6

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Do not judge...



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Titus 3:12

to decide, distinguish, discern, resolve

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John 18:31

to judge in a court of law

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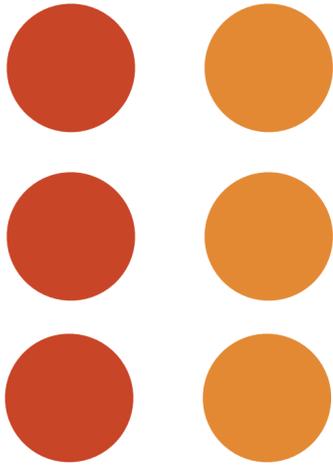
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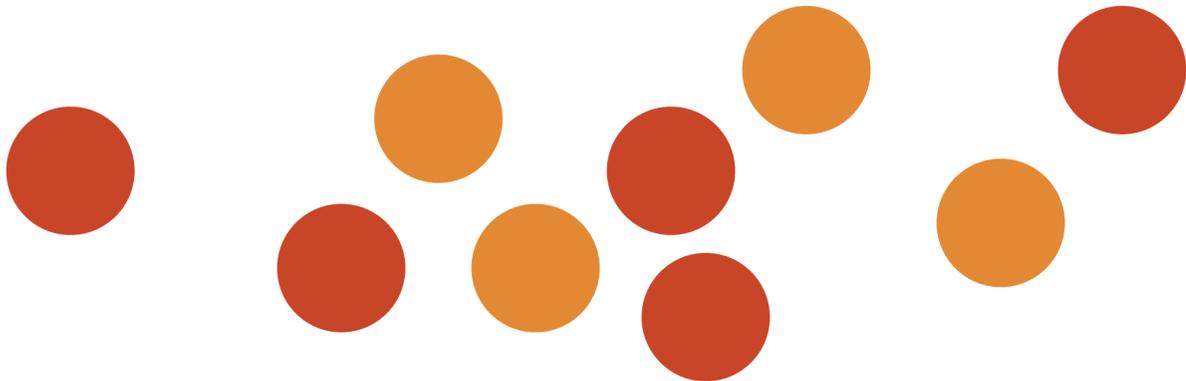


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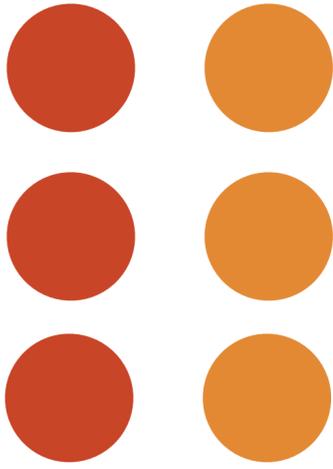




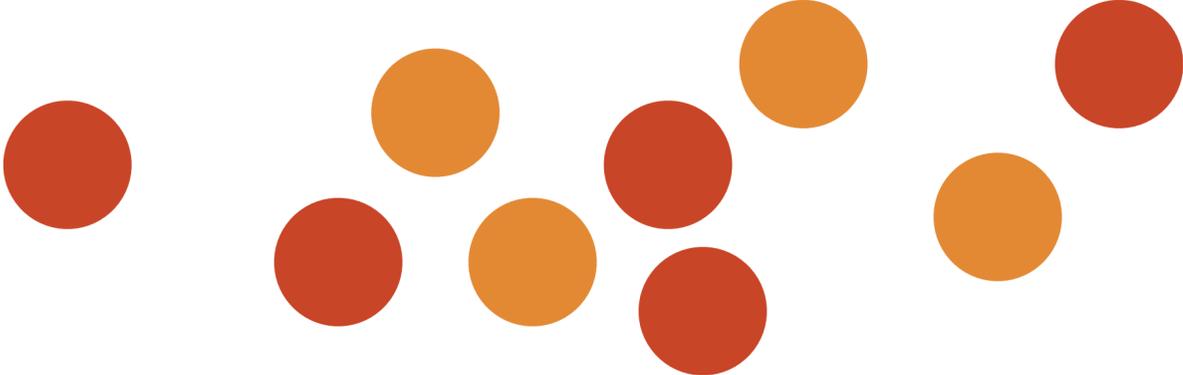
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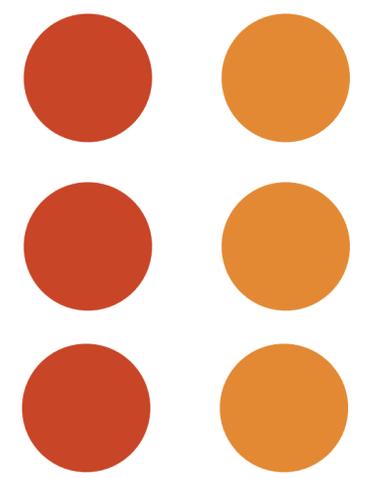
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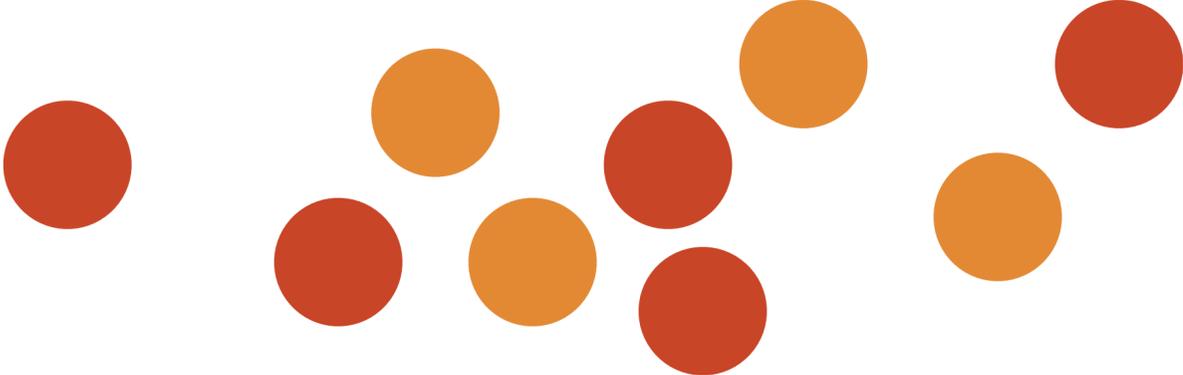
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“to discern”

“to condemn”



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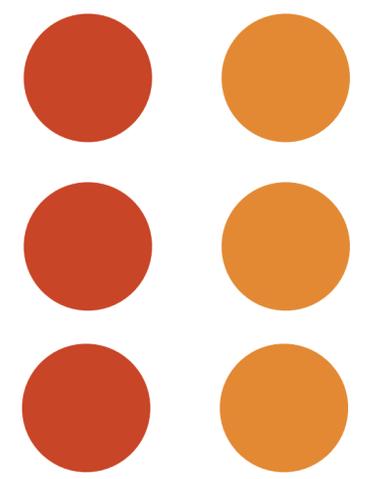
Definition A

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Definition B

“to discern”

“to condemn”



**Apples are
Not Oranges!**

**Apples are
Less than Oranges!**

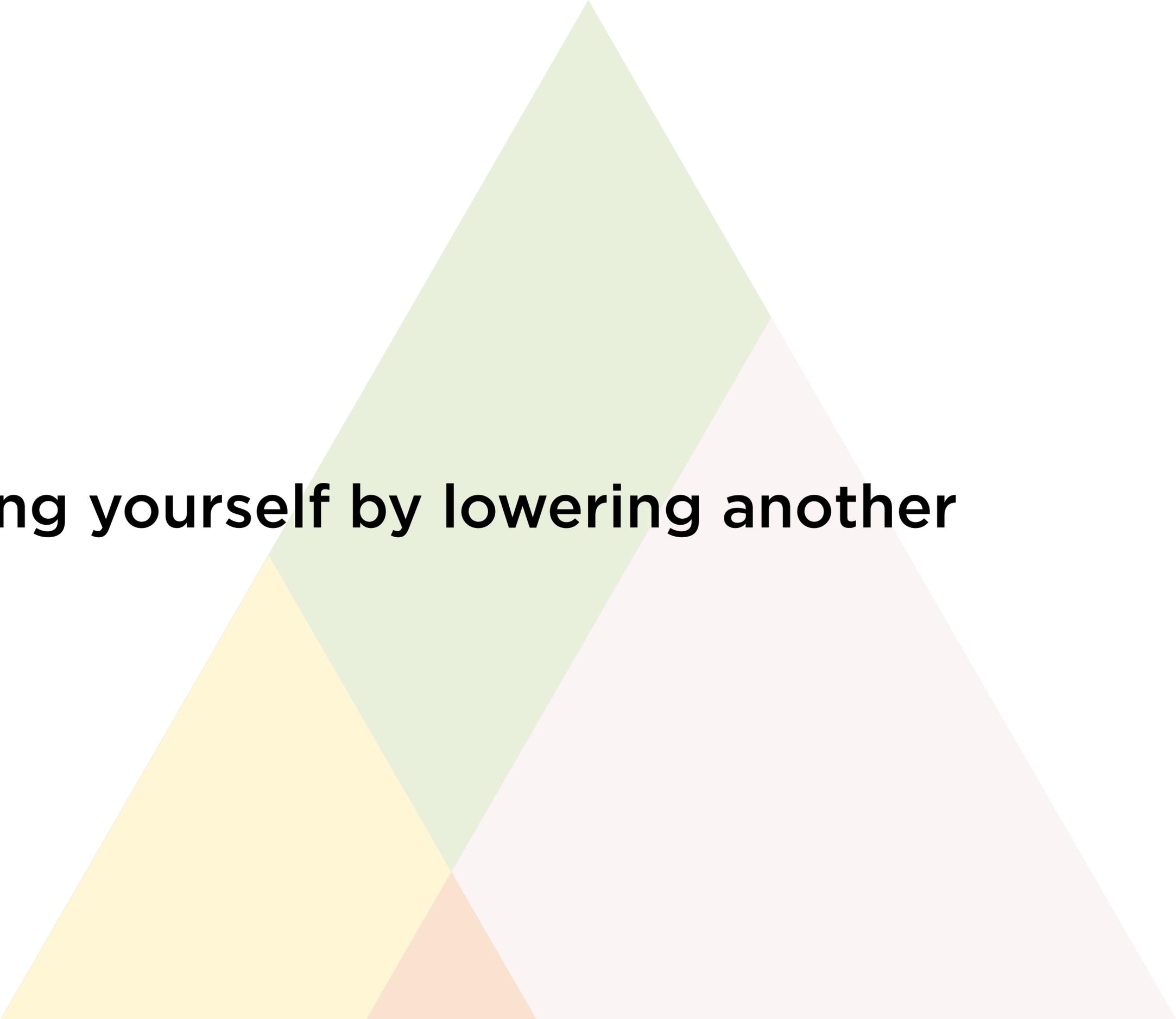
**deciding
discerning
perceiving
distinguishing
noticing**

**condemning
criticizing
shaming
ignoring
controlling**





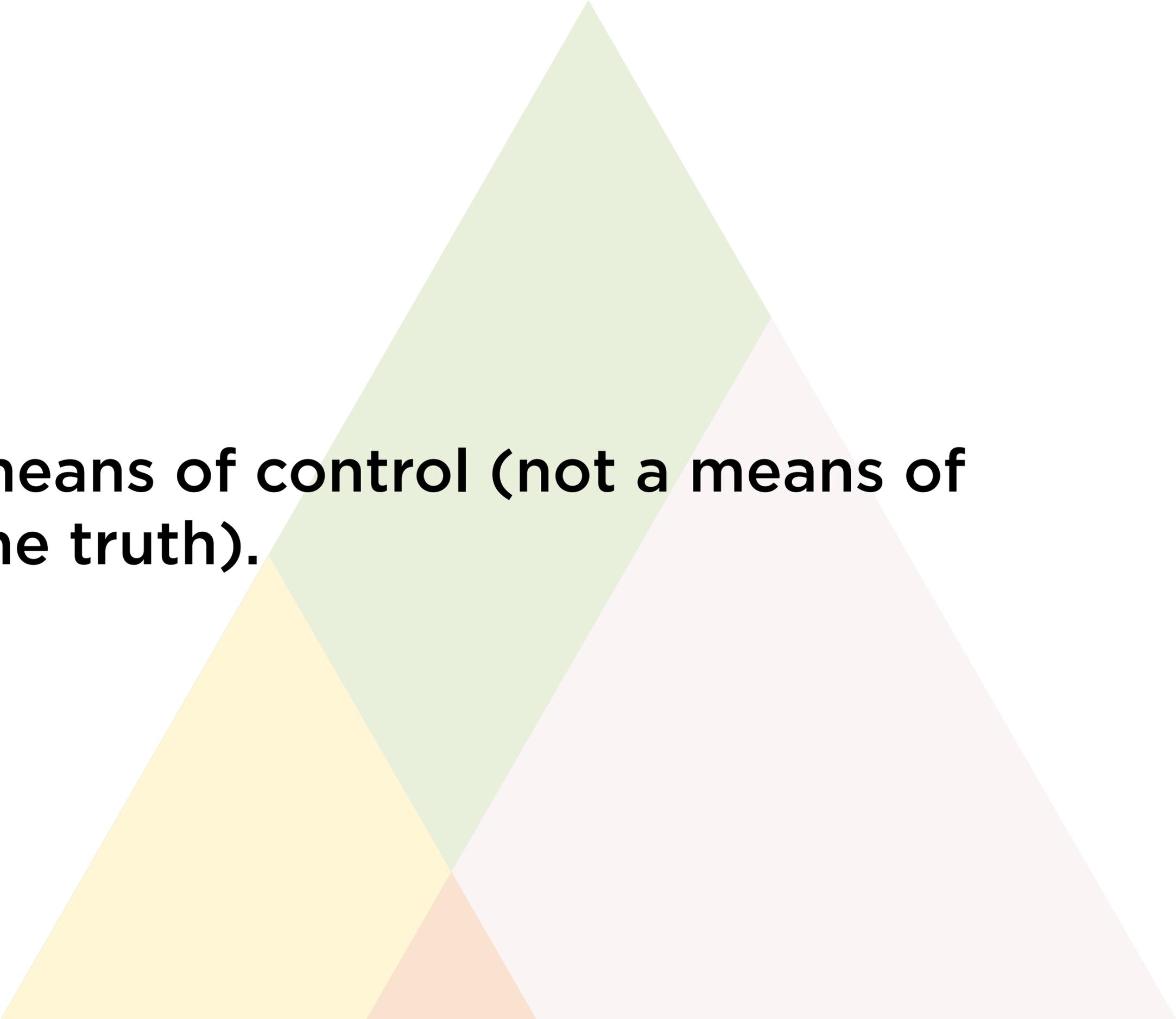
**This is not about deciding and discerning,
but rather controlling and condemning**



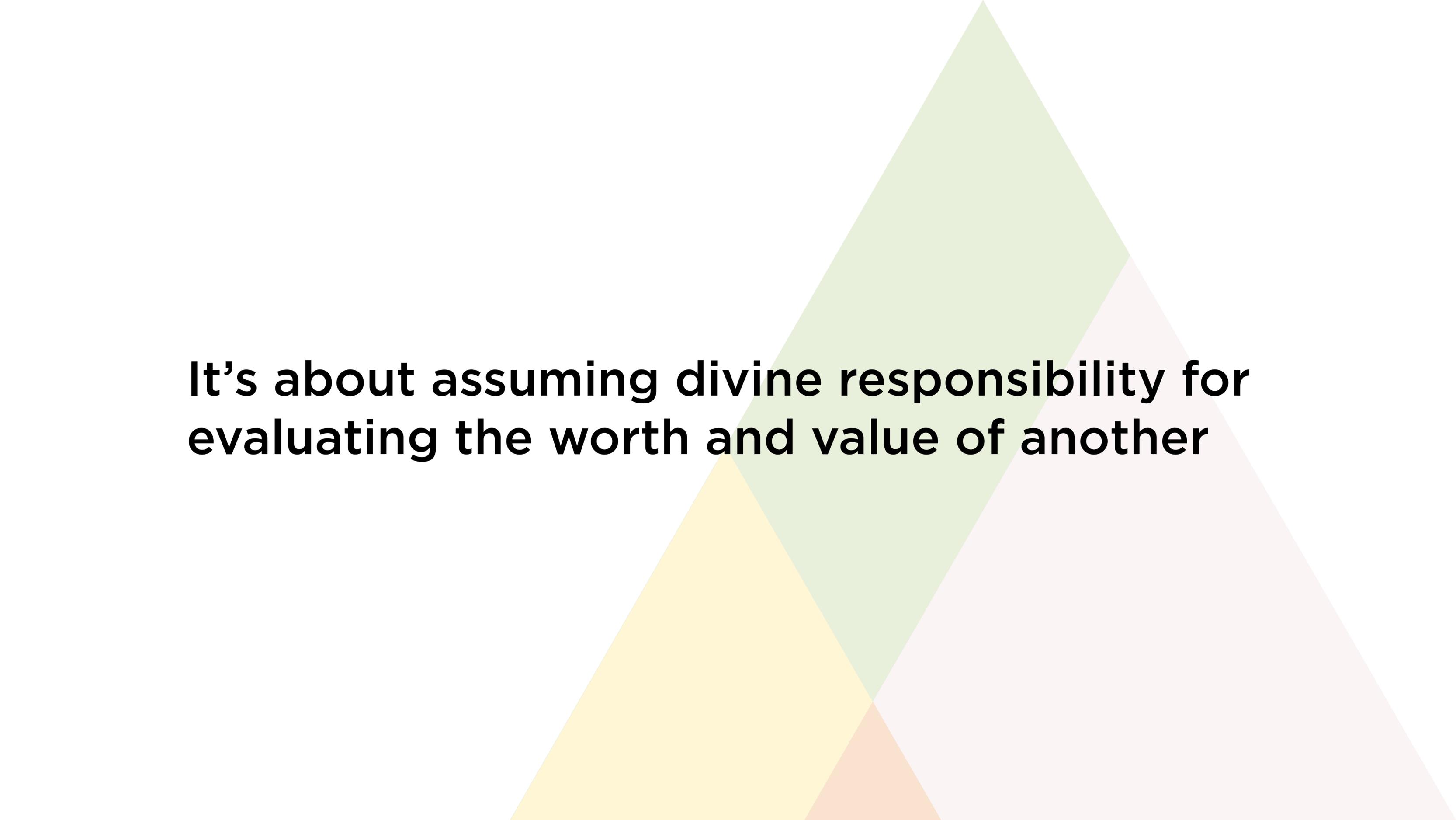
It's about raising yourself by lowering another



It's about confusing action with essence



It's about a means of control (not a means of looking for the truth).



**It's about assuming divine responsibility for
evaluating the worth and value of another**

“Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you – who are you do judge your neighbour?”

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James 4:11-12

**Walnut Grove
Baptist Church**

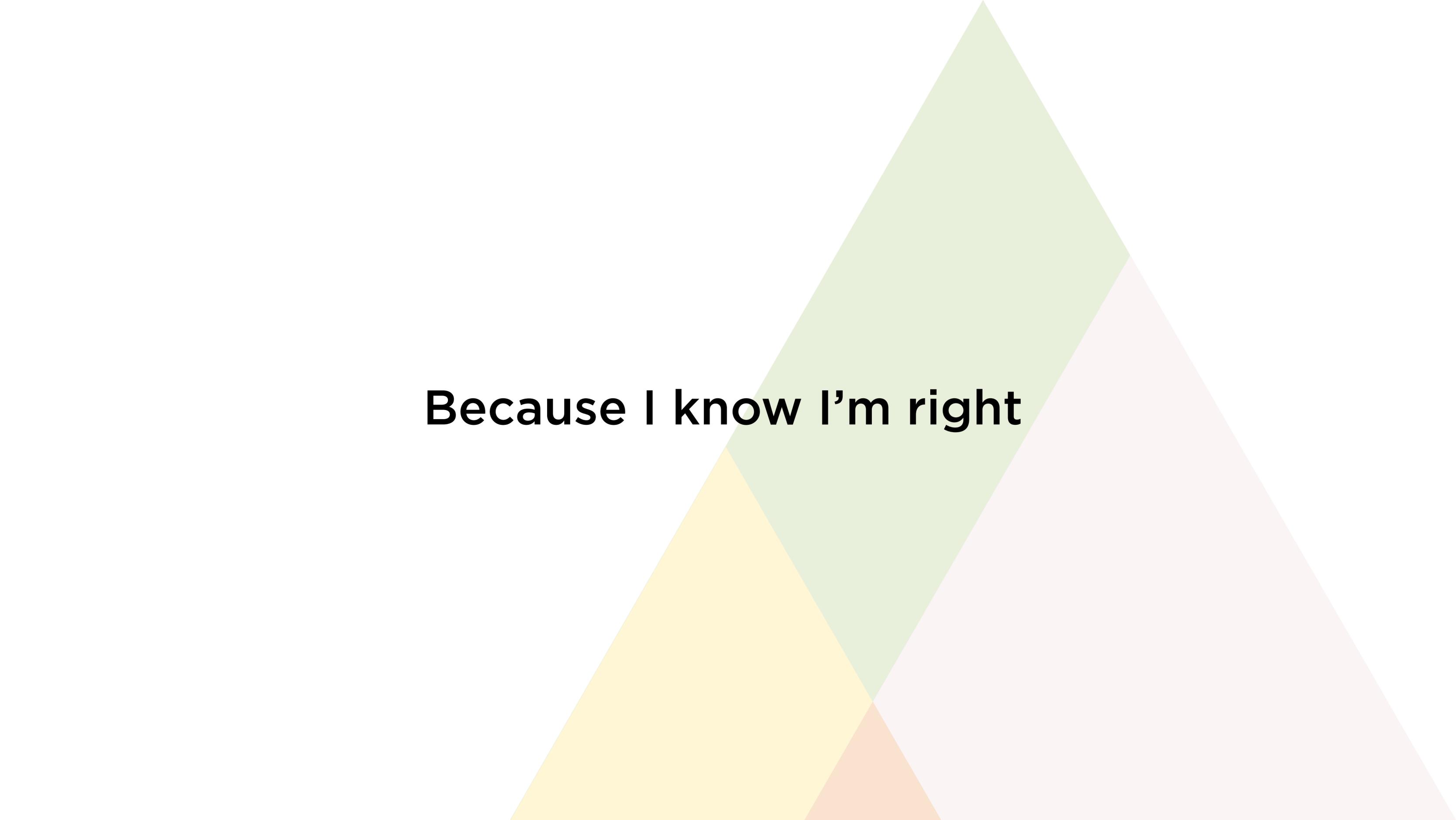
**JUST LOVE EVERYONE
I'LL SORT'EM
OUT LATER
-GOD**



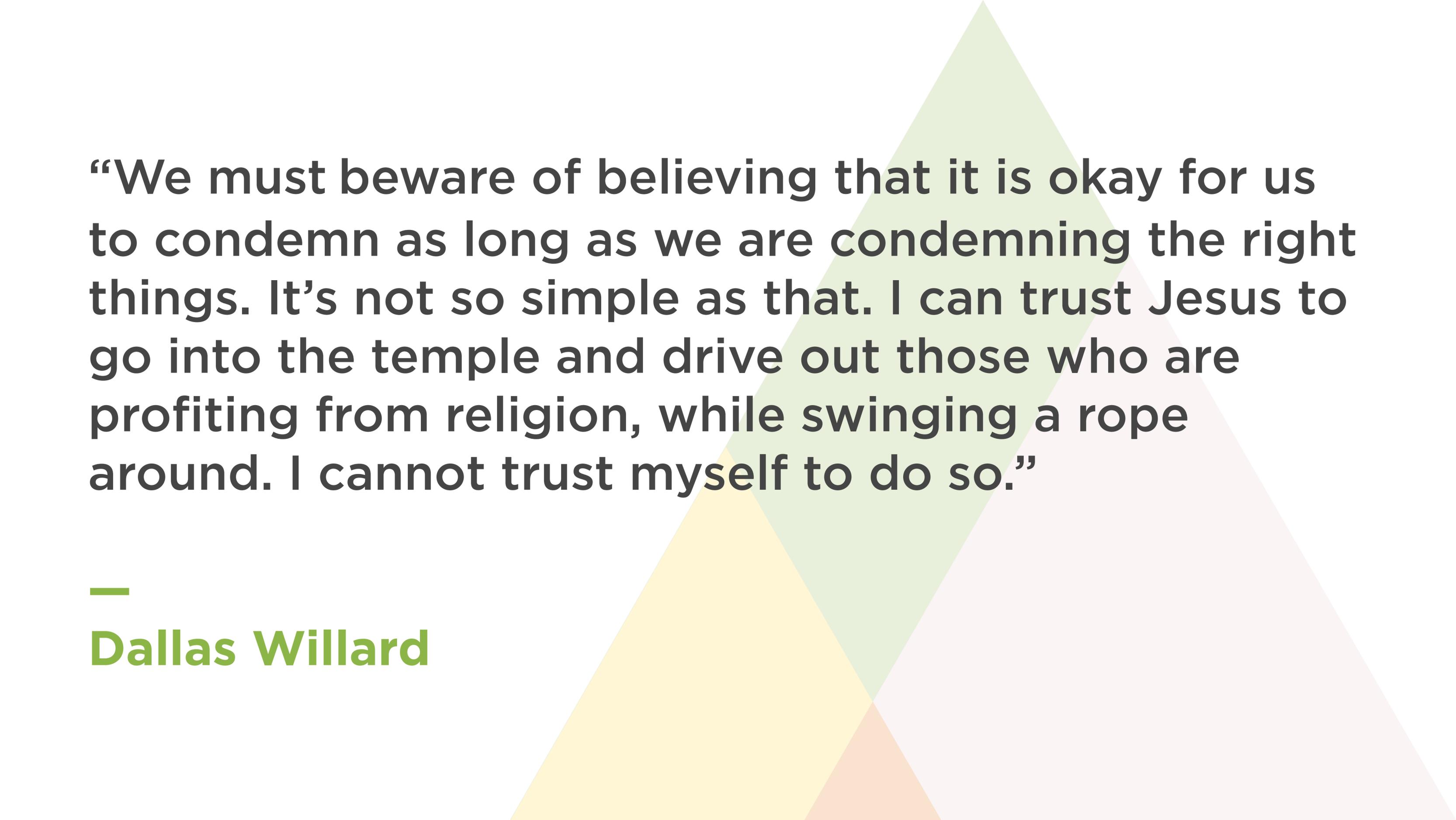
Because judging can feel good

**I AM FACEBOOK FRIENDS WITH
DOZENS OF IMMATURE, TRASHY
OBNOXIOUS PEOPLE**

**I WOULD UN-FRIEND THEM, BUT
I GENUINELY ENJOY JUDGING
THEIR BEHAVIOR**



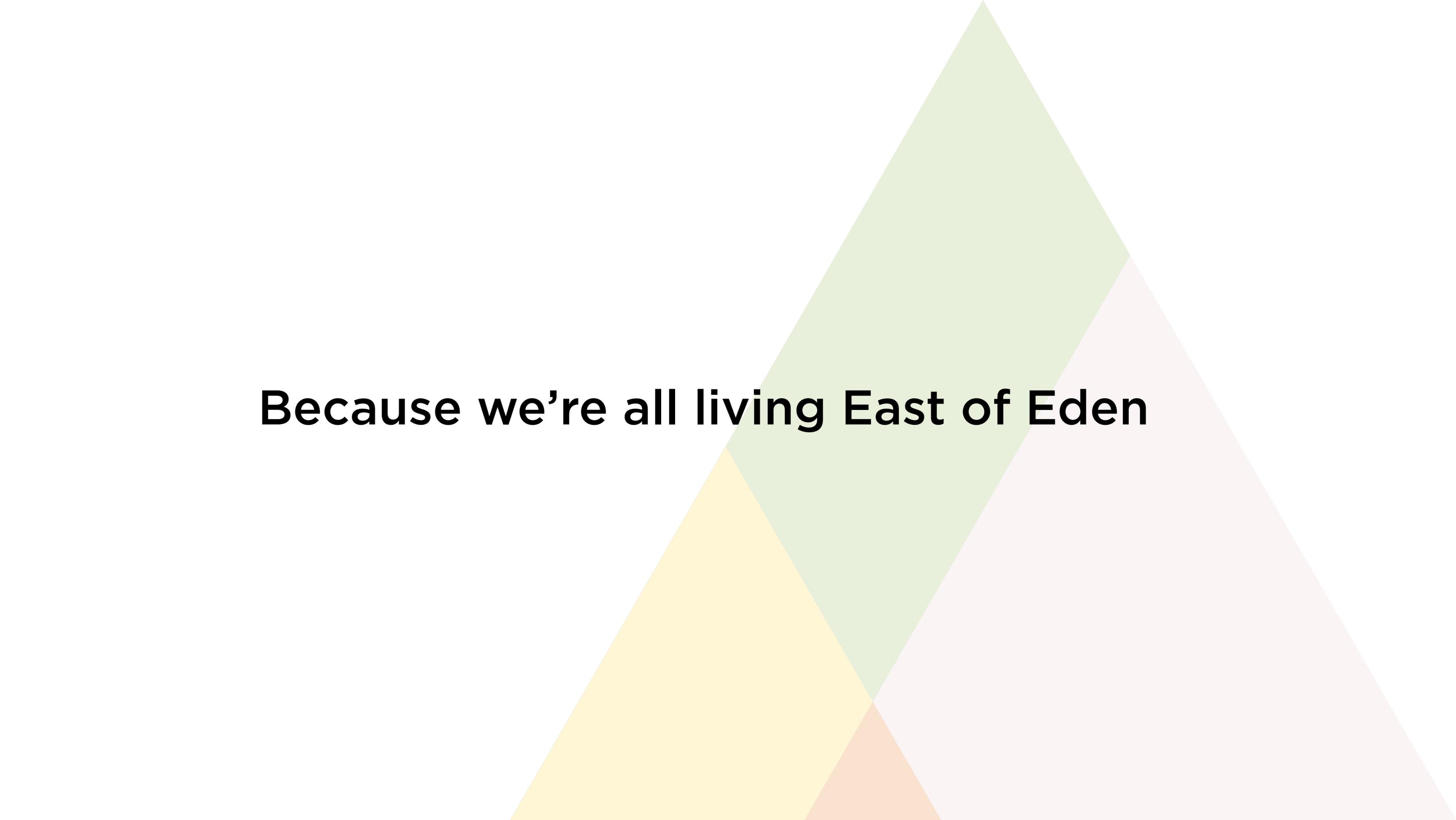
Because I know I'm right



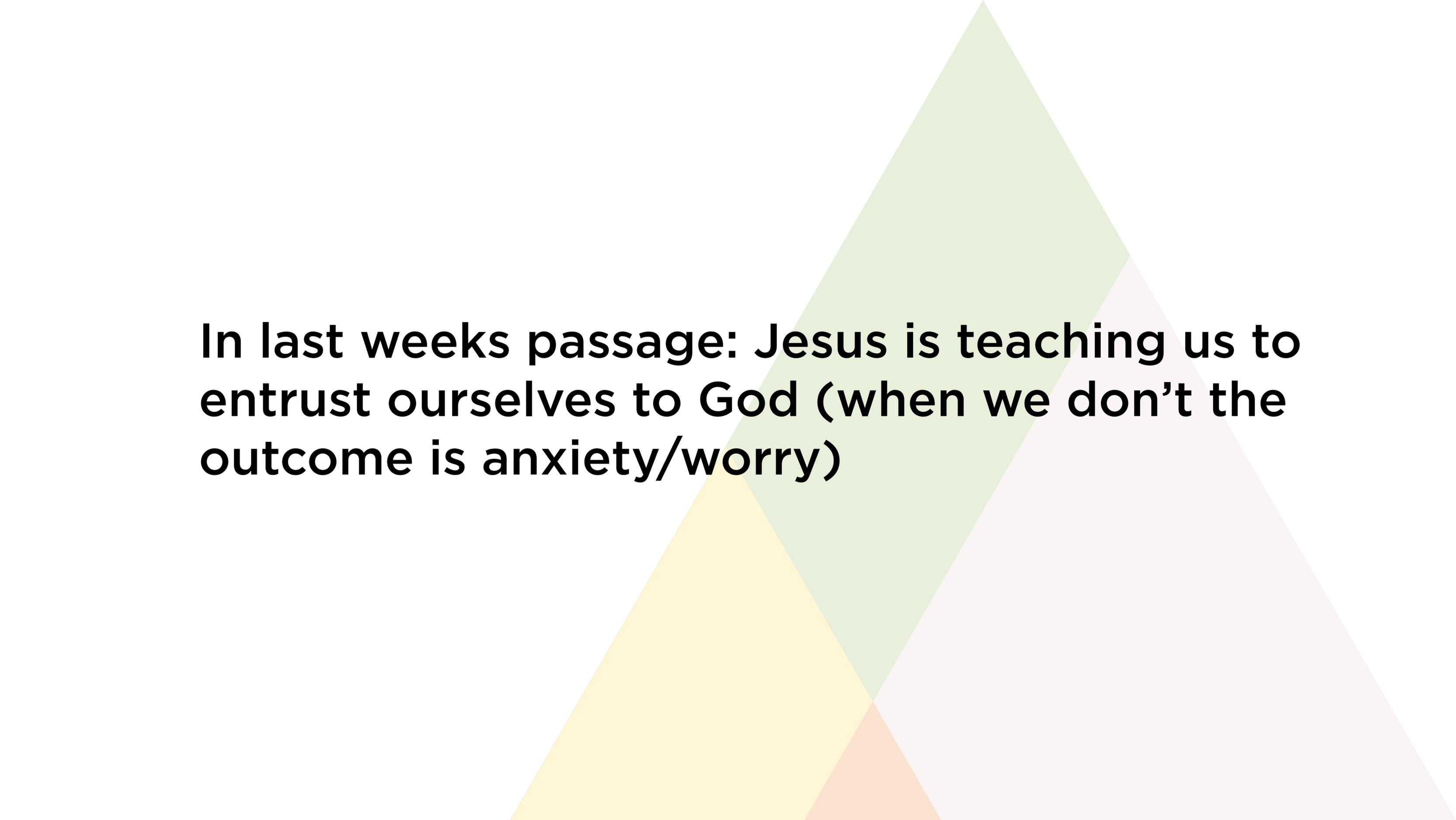
“We must beware of believing that it is okay for us to condemn as long as we are condemning the right things. It’s not so simple as that. I can trust Jesus to go into the temple and drive out those who are profiting from religion, while swinging a rope around. I cannot trust myself to do so.”

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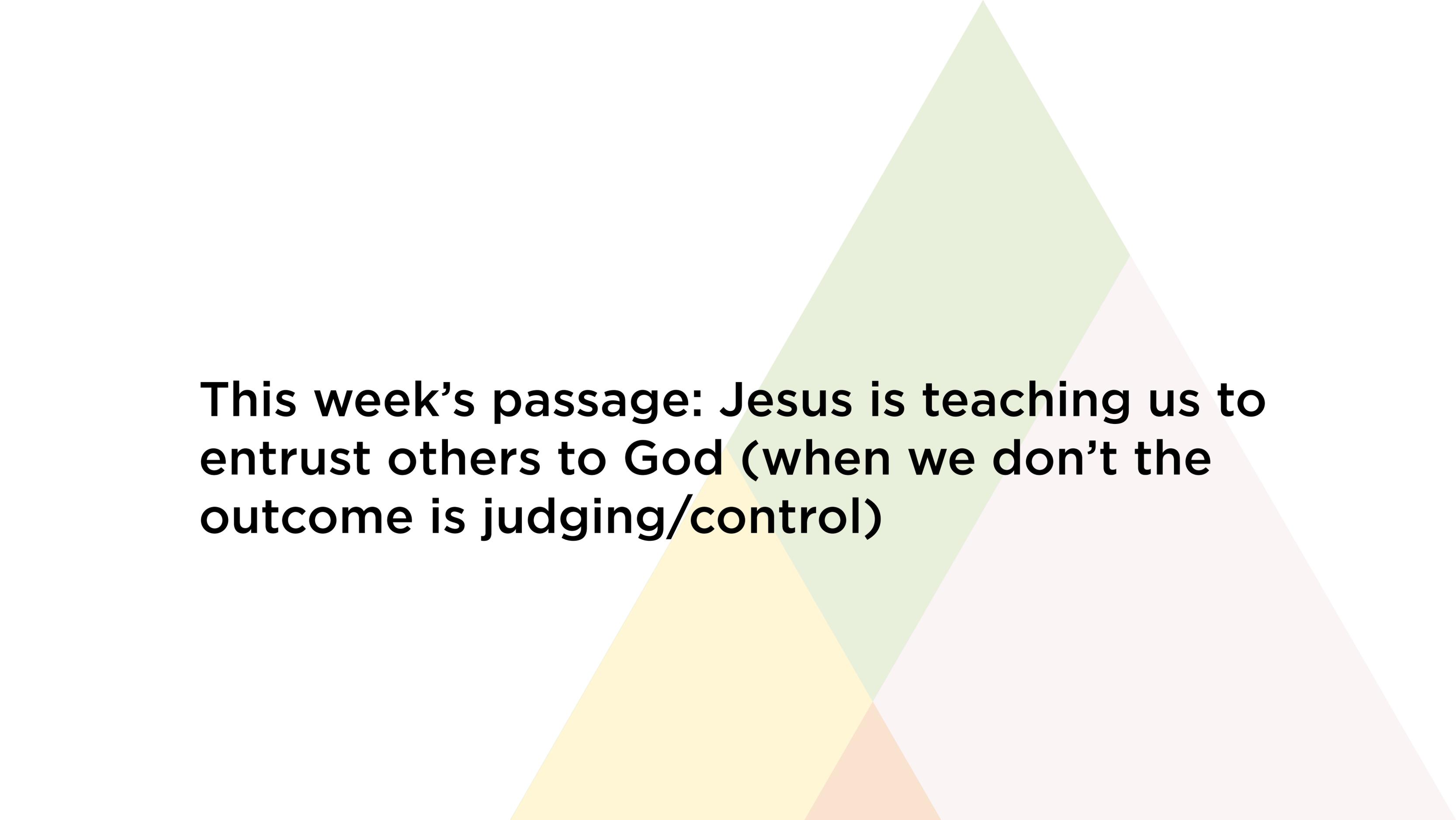
Dallas Willard



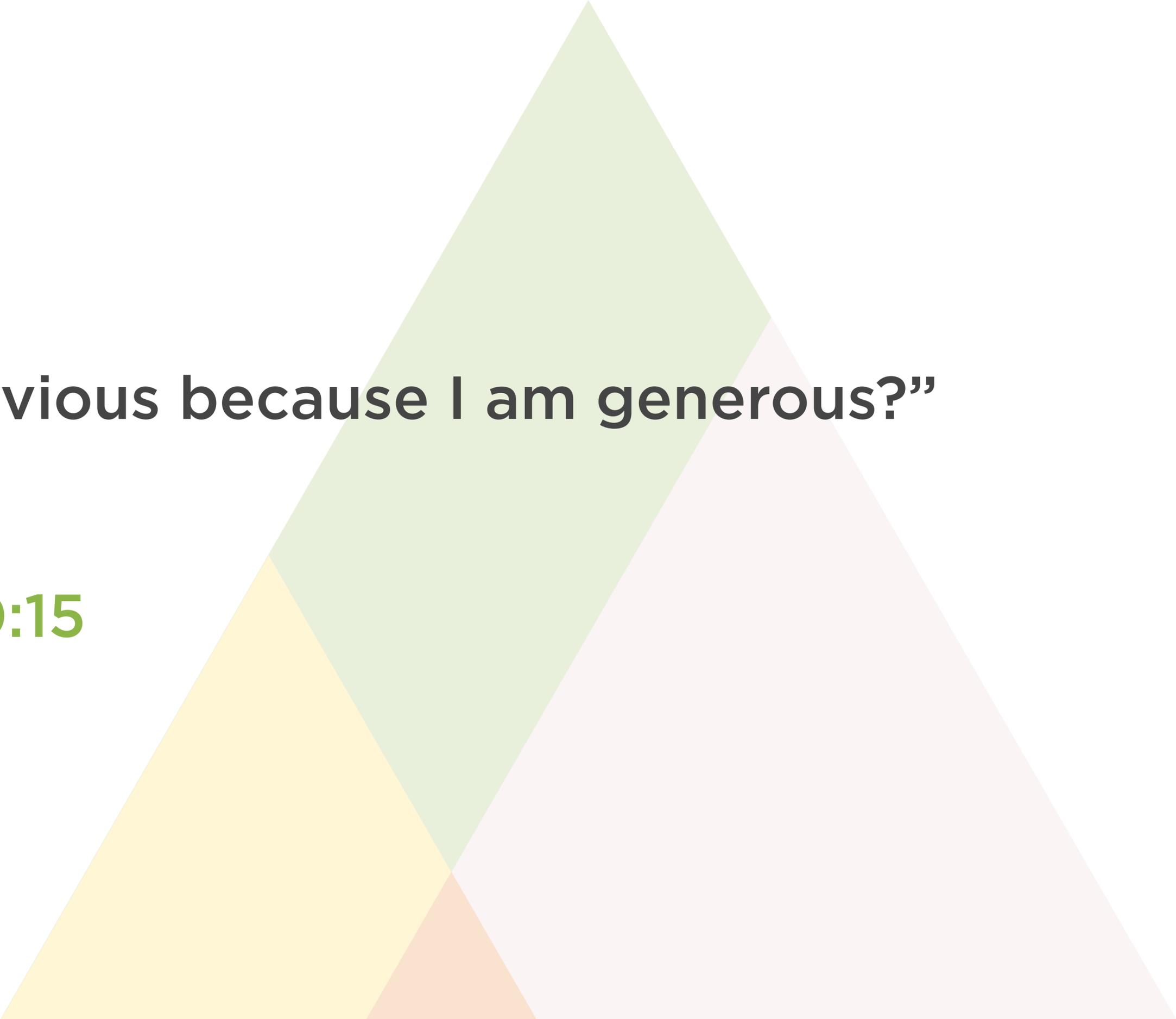
Because we're all living East of Eden



In last weeks passage: Jesus is teaching us to entrust ourselves to God (when we don't the outcome is anxiety/worry)



This week's passage: Jesus is teaching us to entrust others to God (when we don't the outcome is judging/control)



“Are you envious because I am generous?”

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Matthew 20:15



Here's a hard truth: God loves the people you hate.



Planks & Specks



Expert Delusion



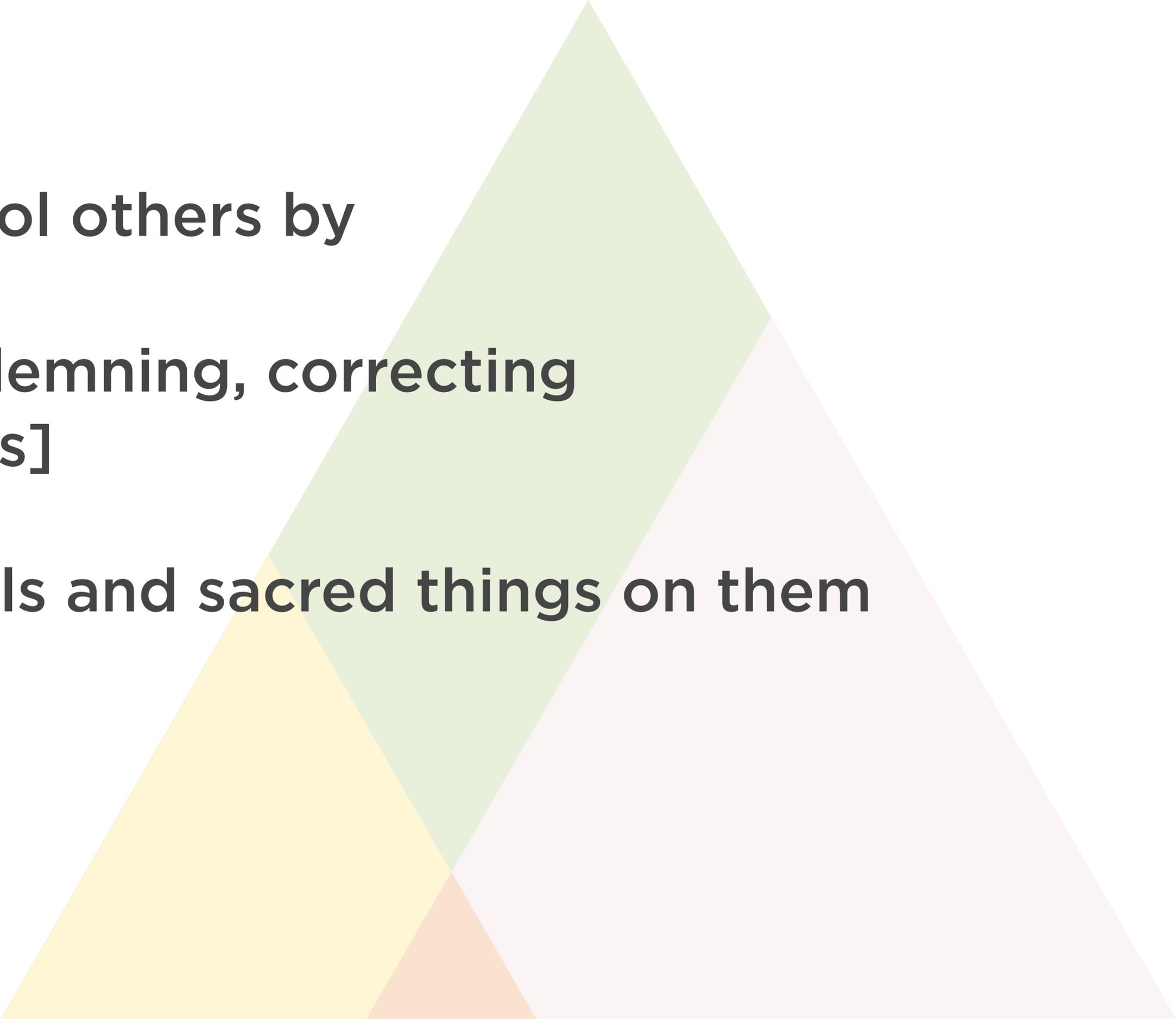
“Only wounded healers have a right to heal.”

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Henri Nouwen



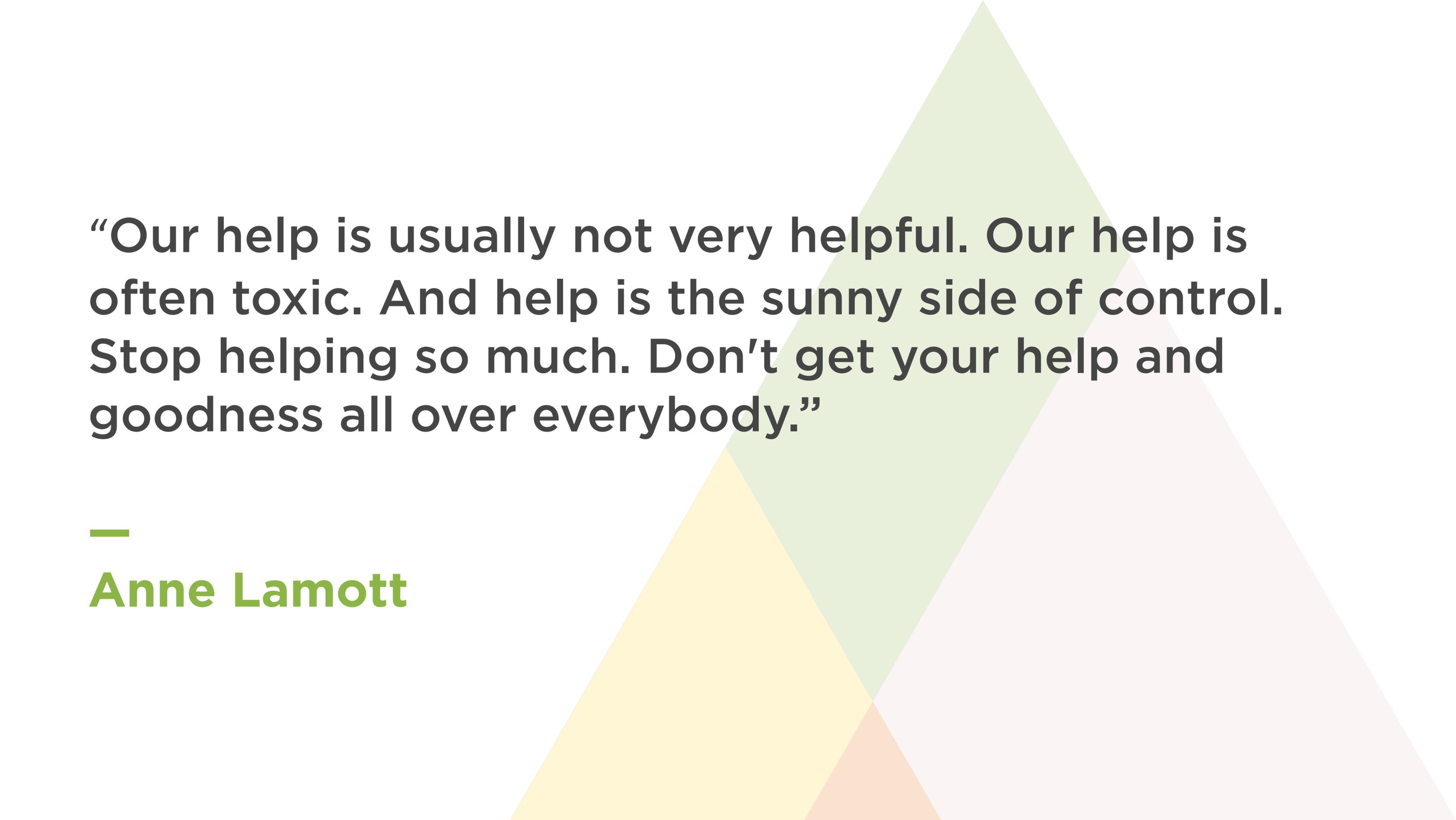
Pearls & Pigs



We try to control others by

**1. judging, condemning, correcting
[negative things]**

**2. pushing pearls and sacred things on them
[good things]**



“Our help is usually not very helpful. Our help is often toxic. And help is the sunny side of control. Stop helping so much. Don’t get your help and goodness all over everybody.”

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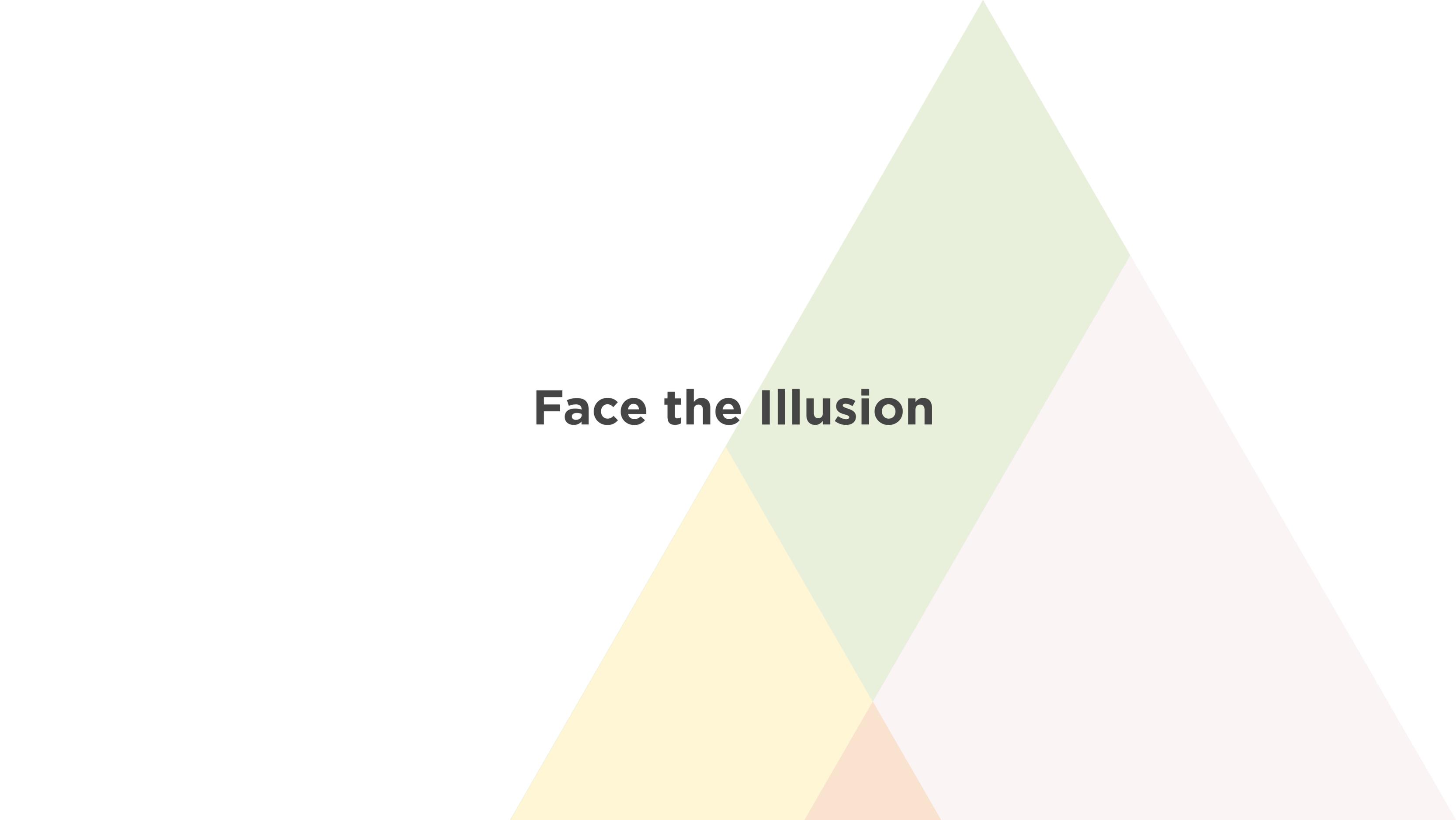
Anne Lamott



Entrusting them to God



Drop the Planks and the Pearls



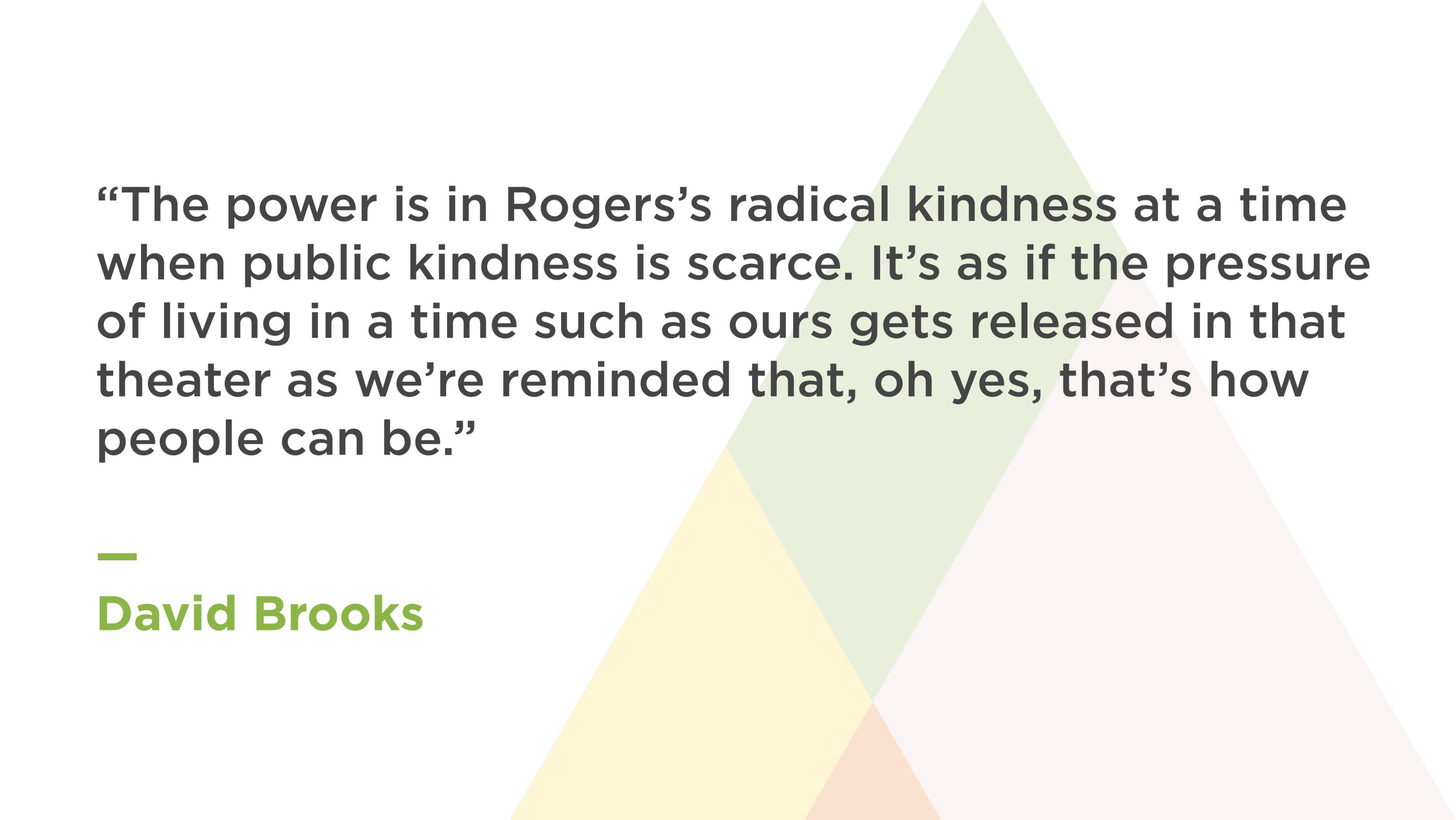
Face the Illusion



Be Relieved of Being God



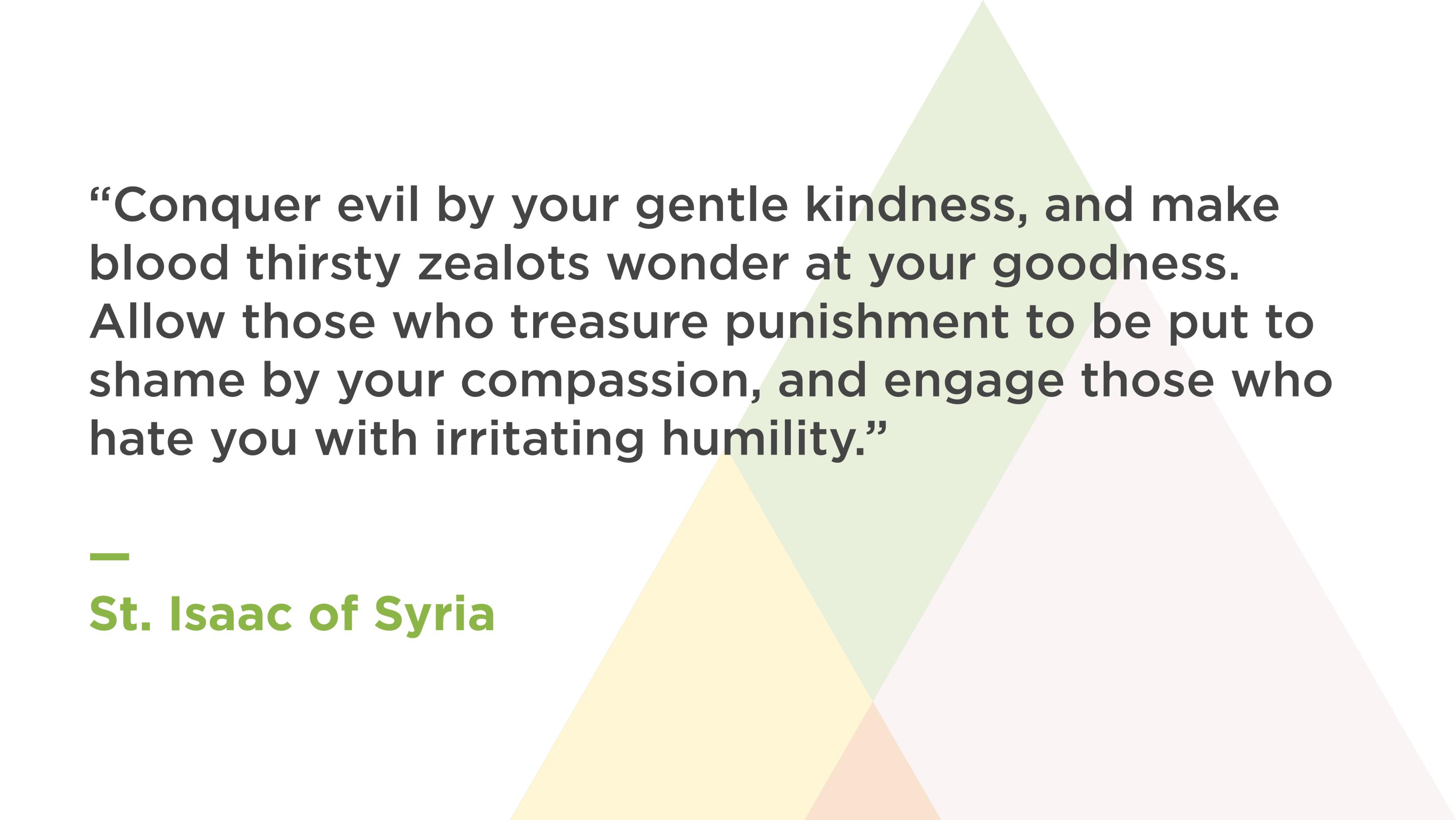
Practice Prophetic Kindness



“The power is in Rogers’s radical kindness at a time when public kindness is scarce. It’s as if the pressure of living in a time such as ours gets released in that theater as we’re reminded that, oh yes, that’s how people can be.”

—

David Brooks



“Conquer evil by your gentle kindness, and make blood thirsty zealots wonder at your goodness. Allow those who treasure punishment to be put to shame by your compassion, and engage those who hate you with irritating humility.”

—

St. Isaac of Syria



Receive the Mercy of Christ