



A black and white photograph of a person standing on a rocky beach, facing the ocean. The person is positioned in front of a large, semi-transparent rectangular overlay that contains the text.

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OUT WITH THE OLD,
IN WITH THE NEW

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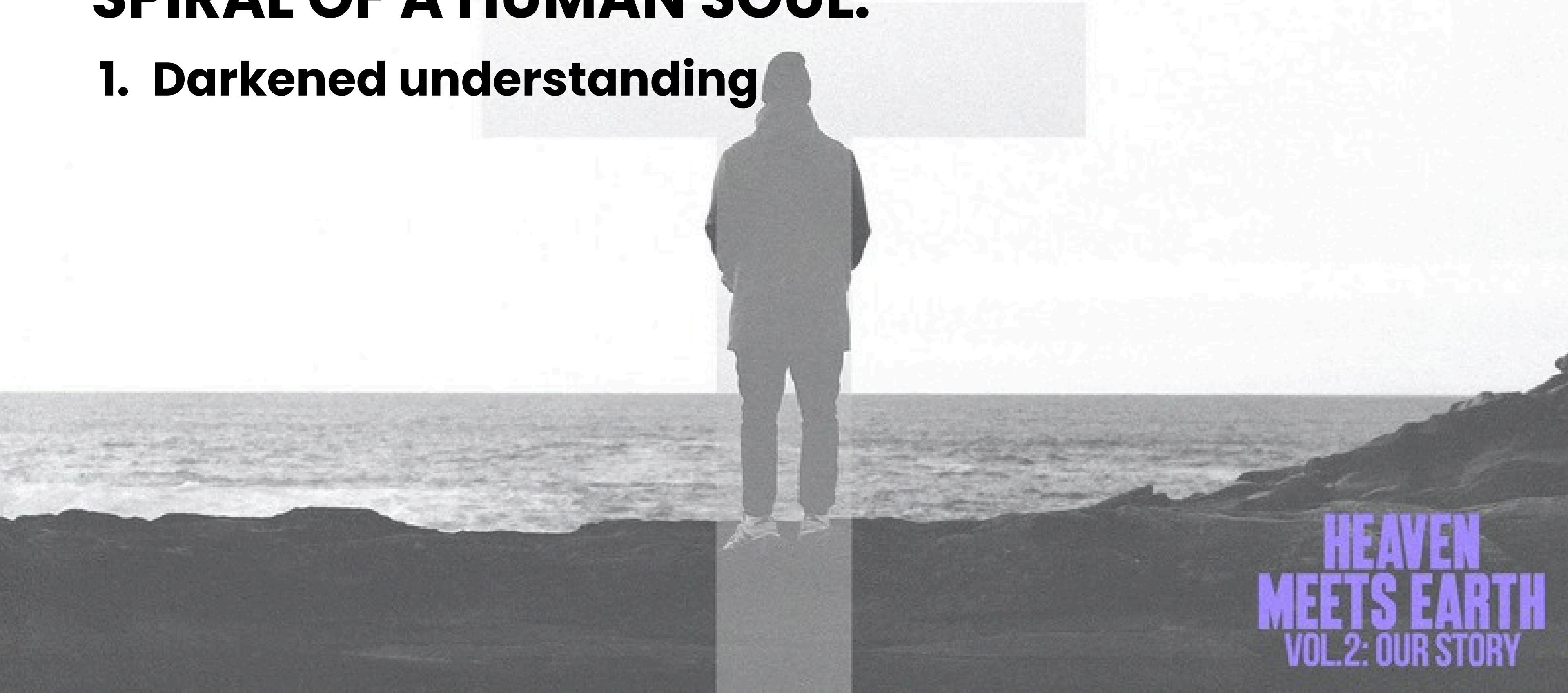
Ephesians 4:17–18

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

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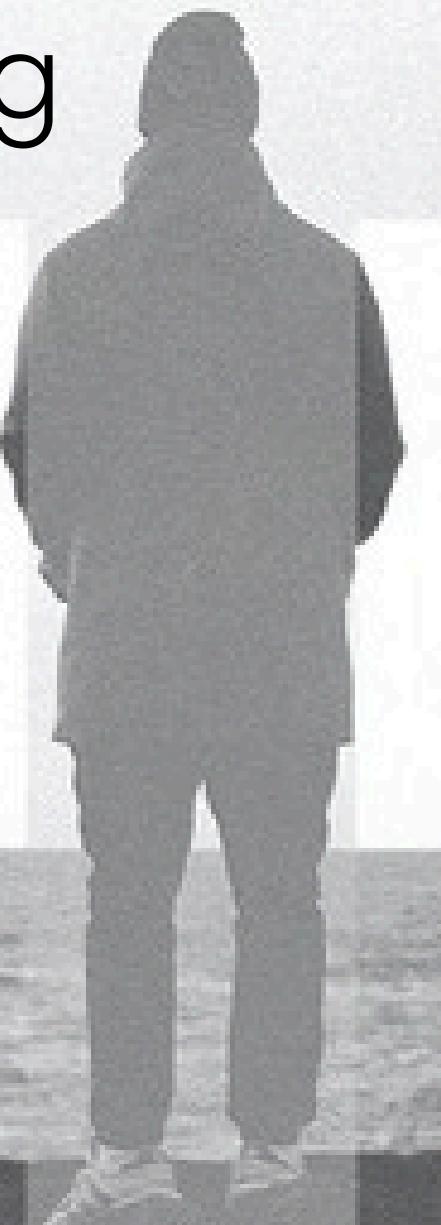
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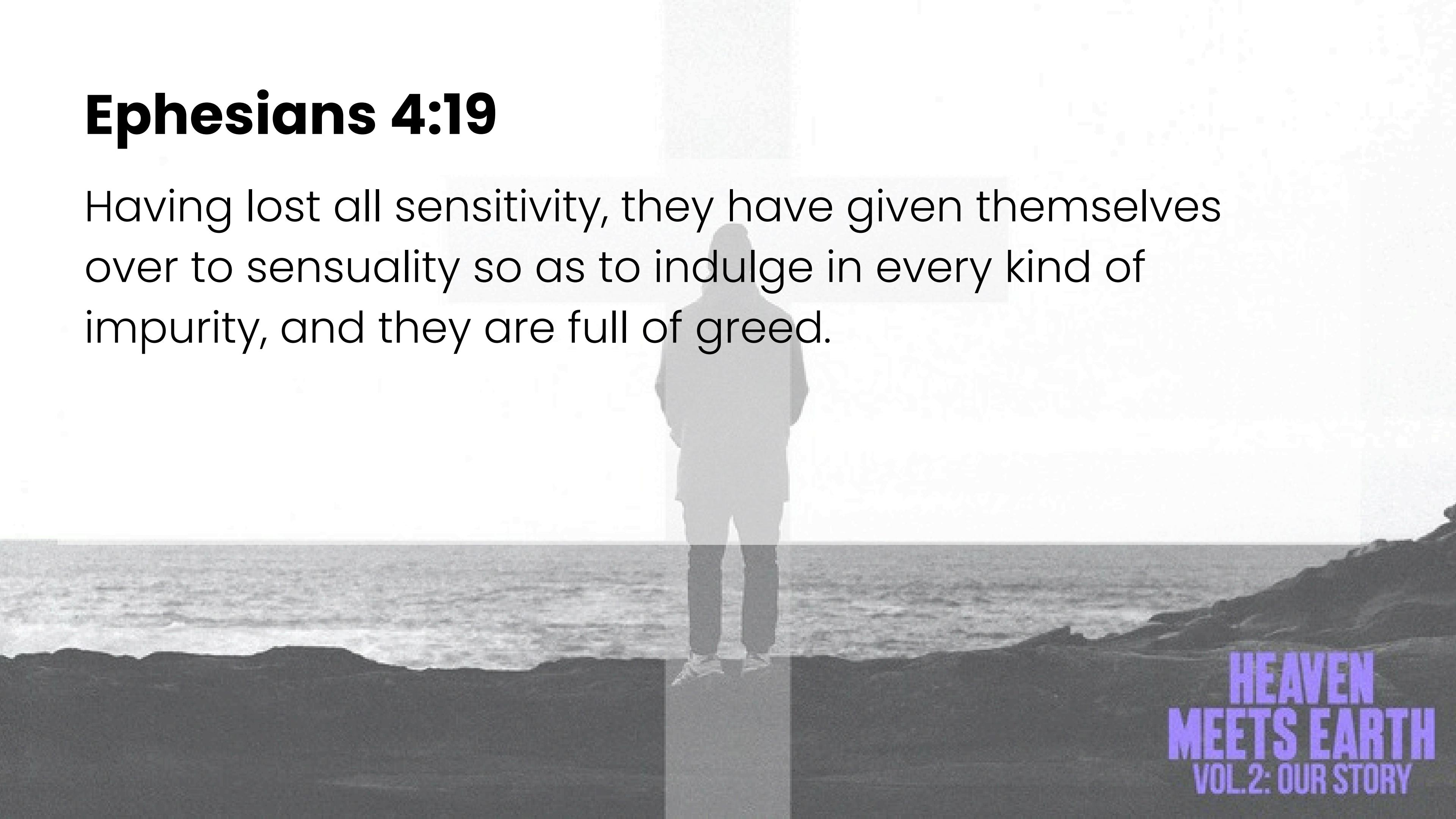
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- 3. Callousness (hardness of heart)**



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Ephesians 4:19

Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.



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Ephesians 4:20–24

That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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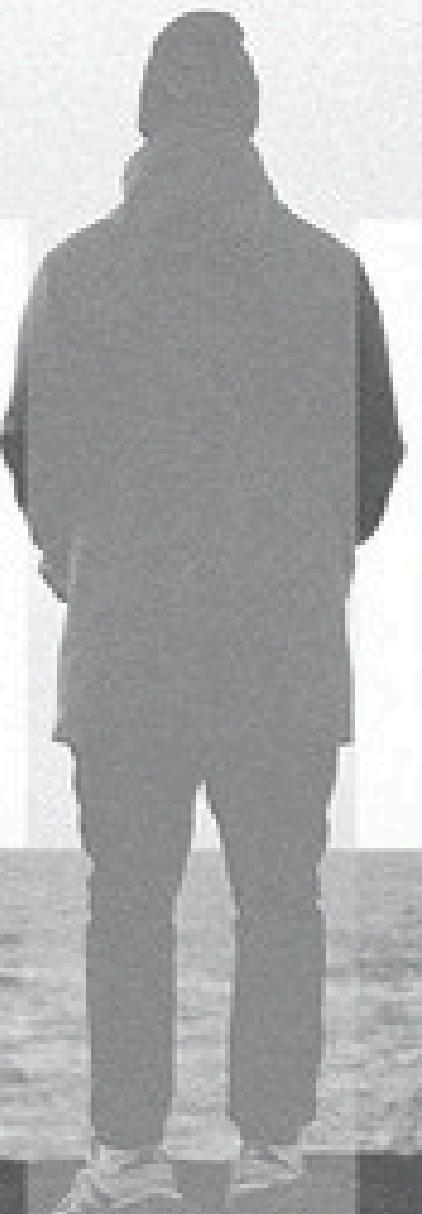
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2. Be renewed



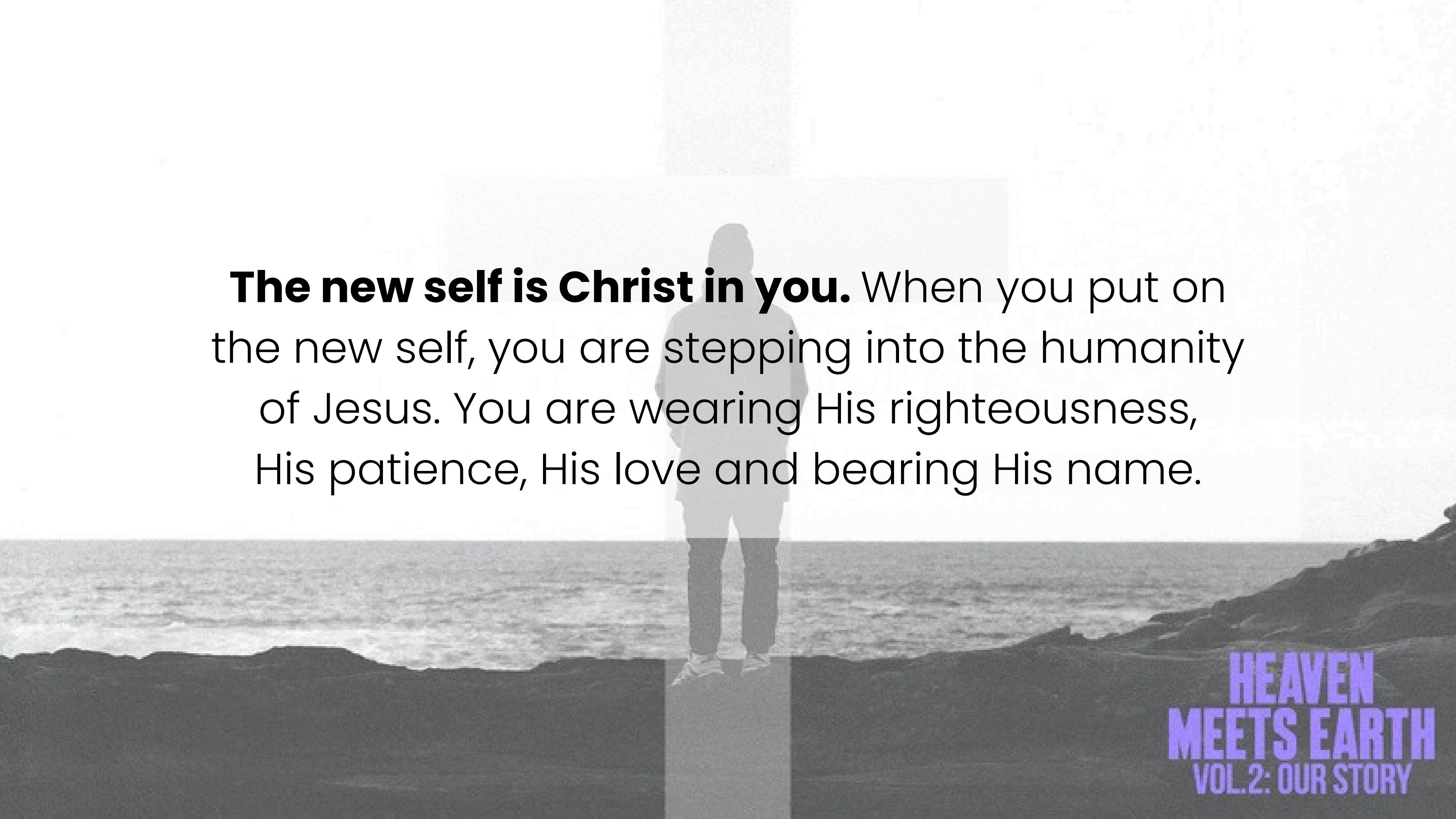
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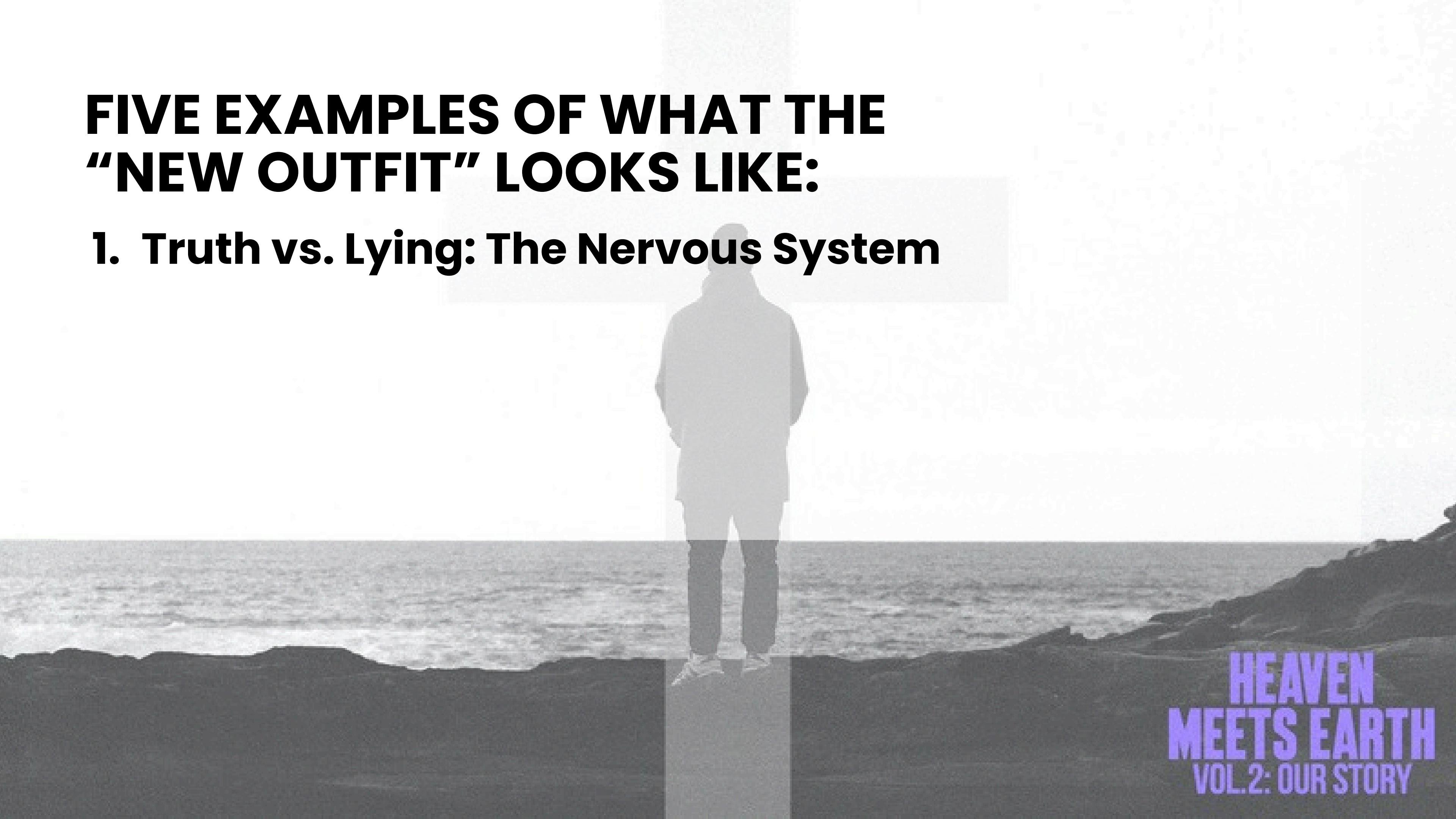


The new self is Christ in you. When you put on the new self, you are stepping into the humanity of Jesus. You are wearing His righteousness, His patience, His love and bearing His name.

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Ephesians 4:25

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body.

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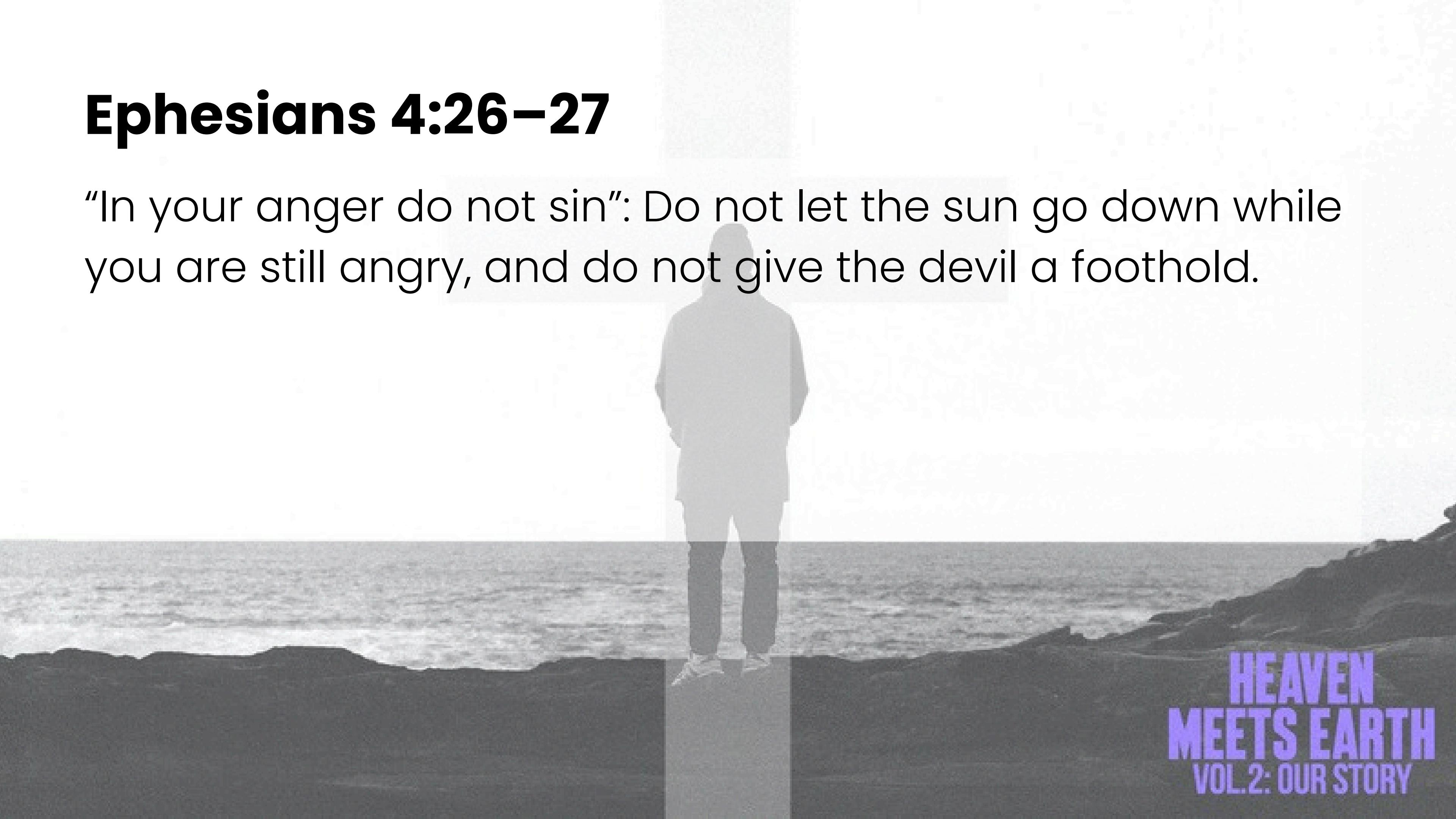
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Ephesians 4:26–27

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

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Ephesians 4:28

Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

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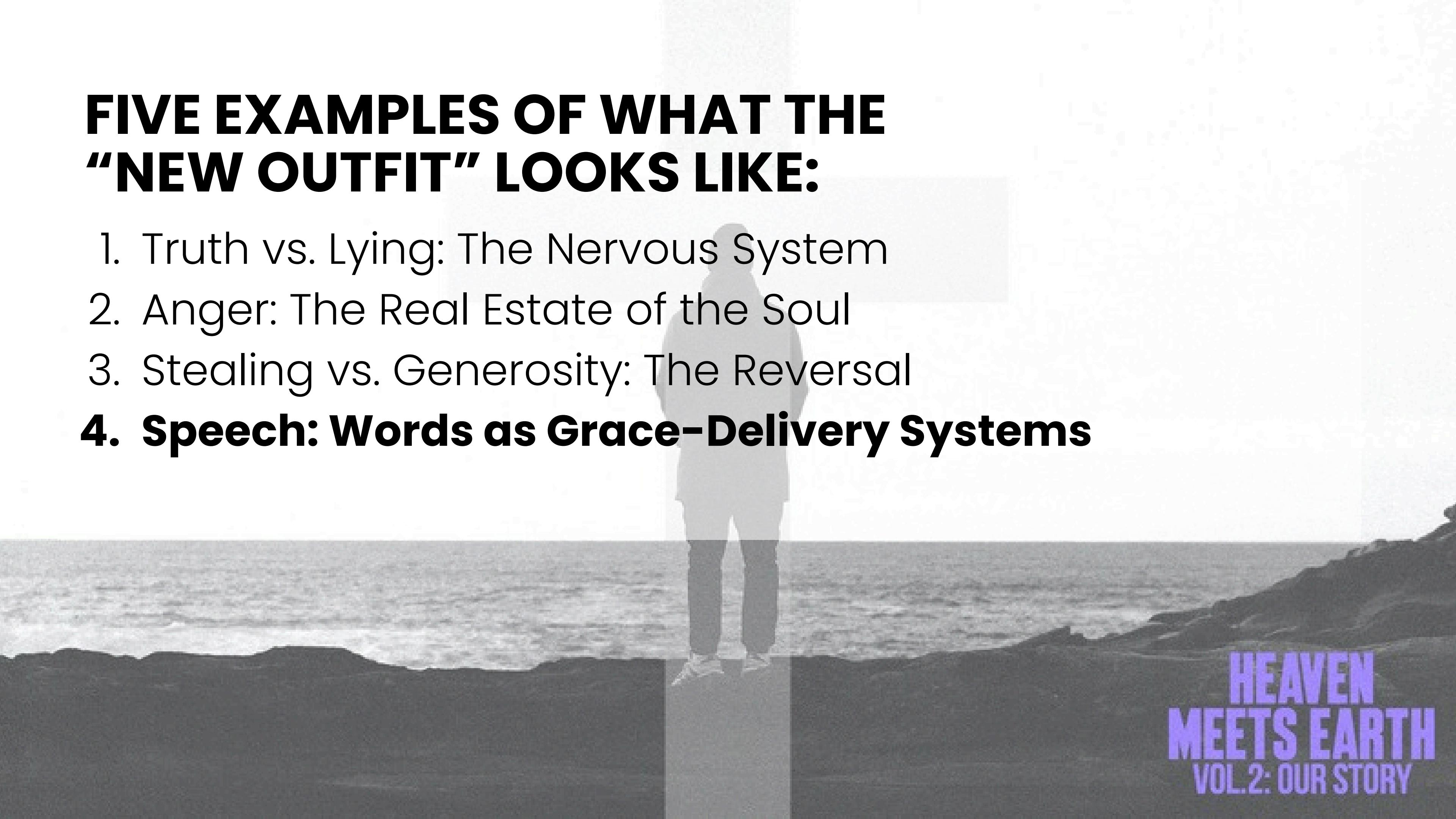
The Old Humanity asks:
What can I get from the world?

The New Humanity asks:
What can I give to the world?

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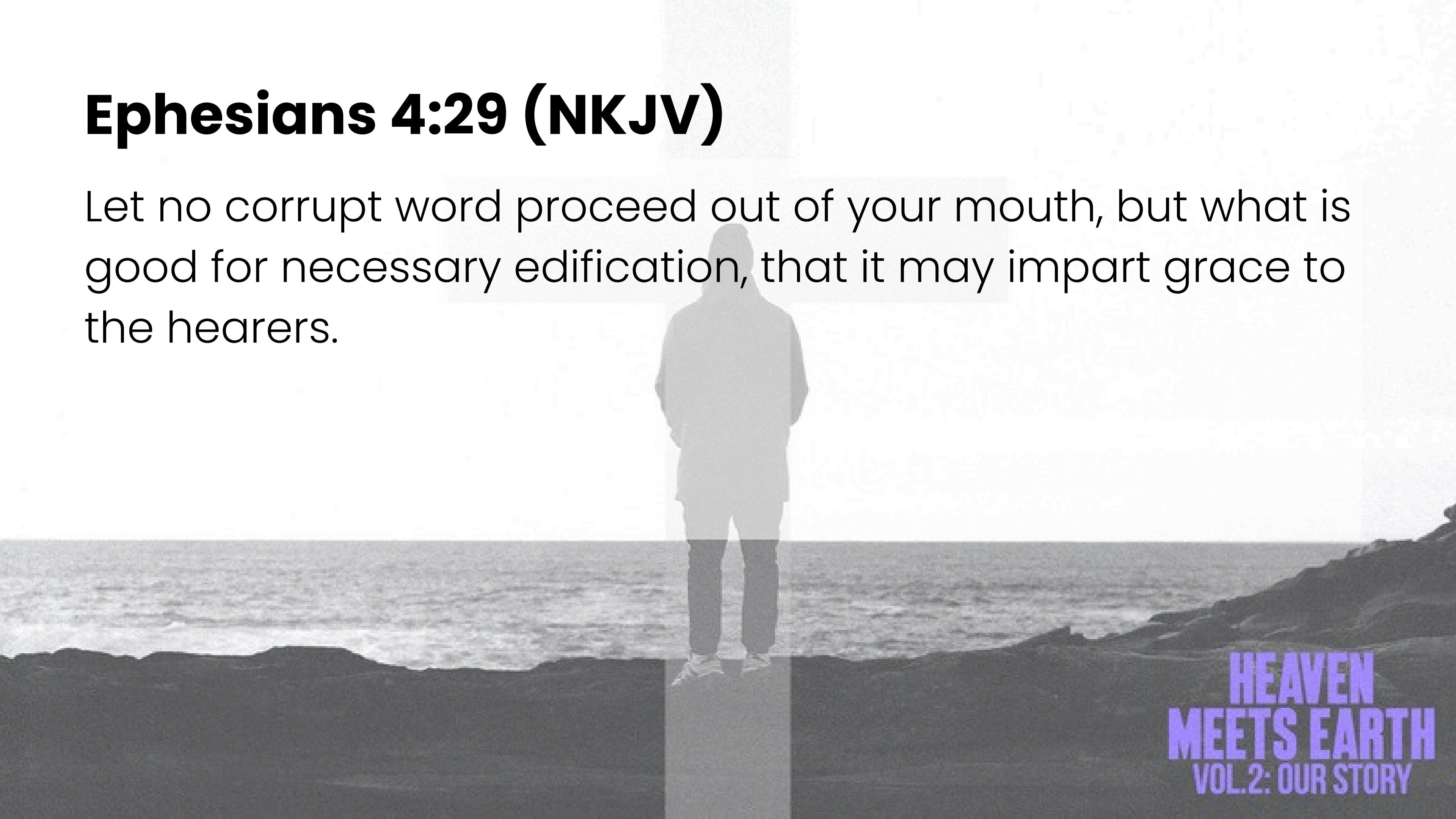
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Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

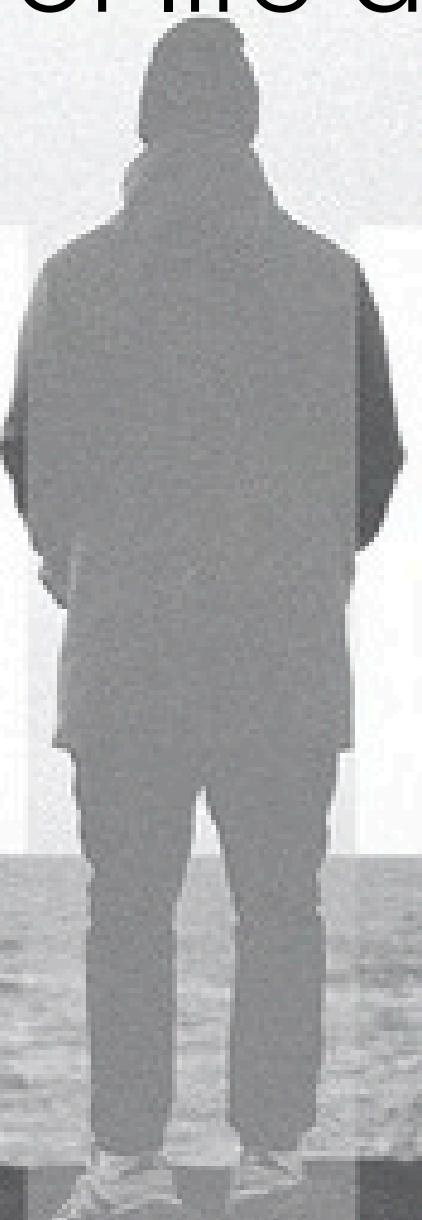
Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

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Proverbs 18:21

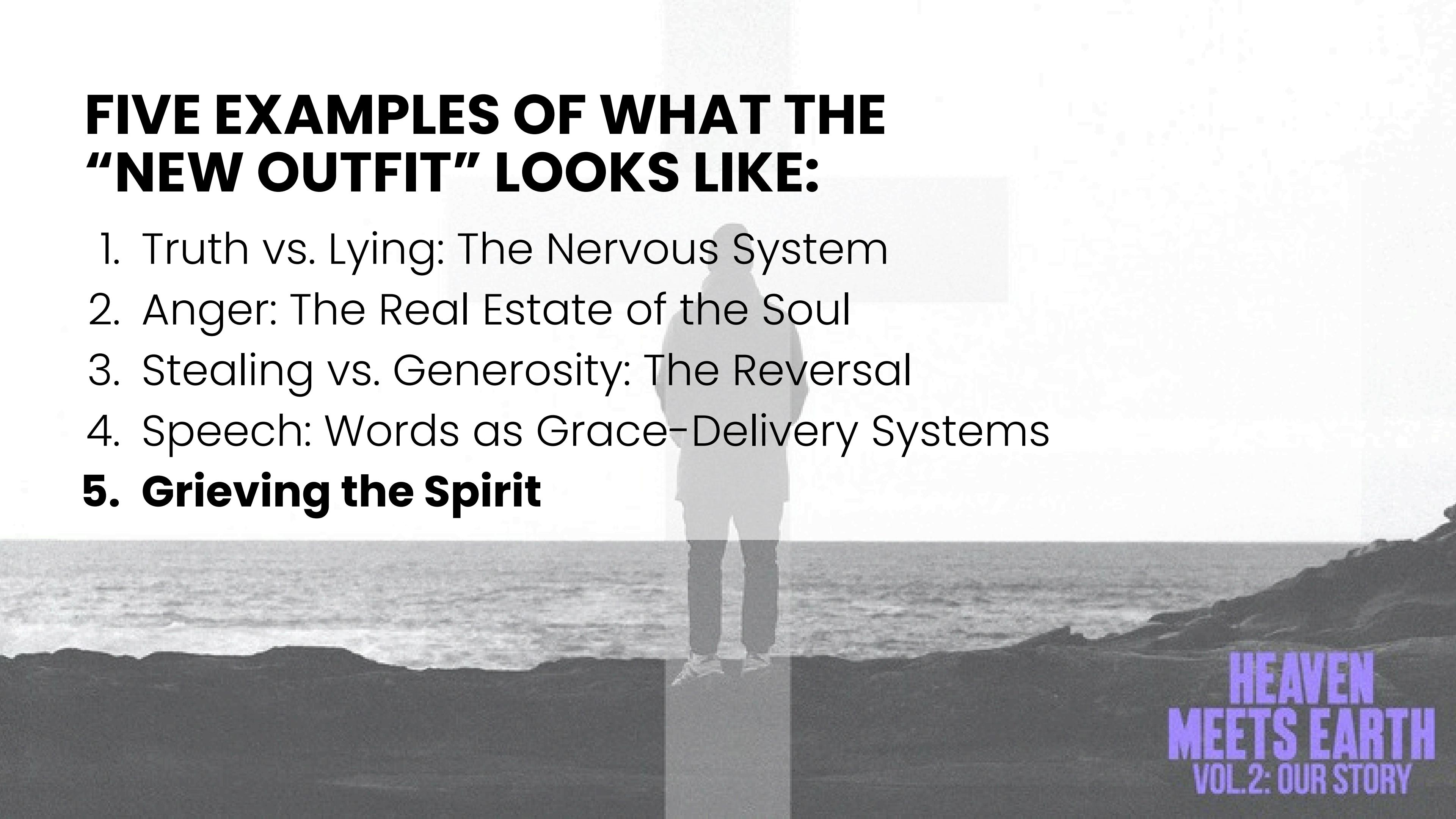
The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.



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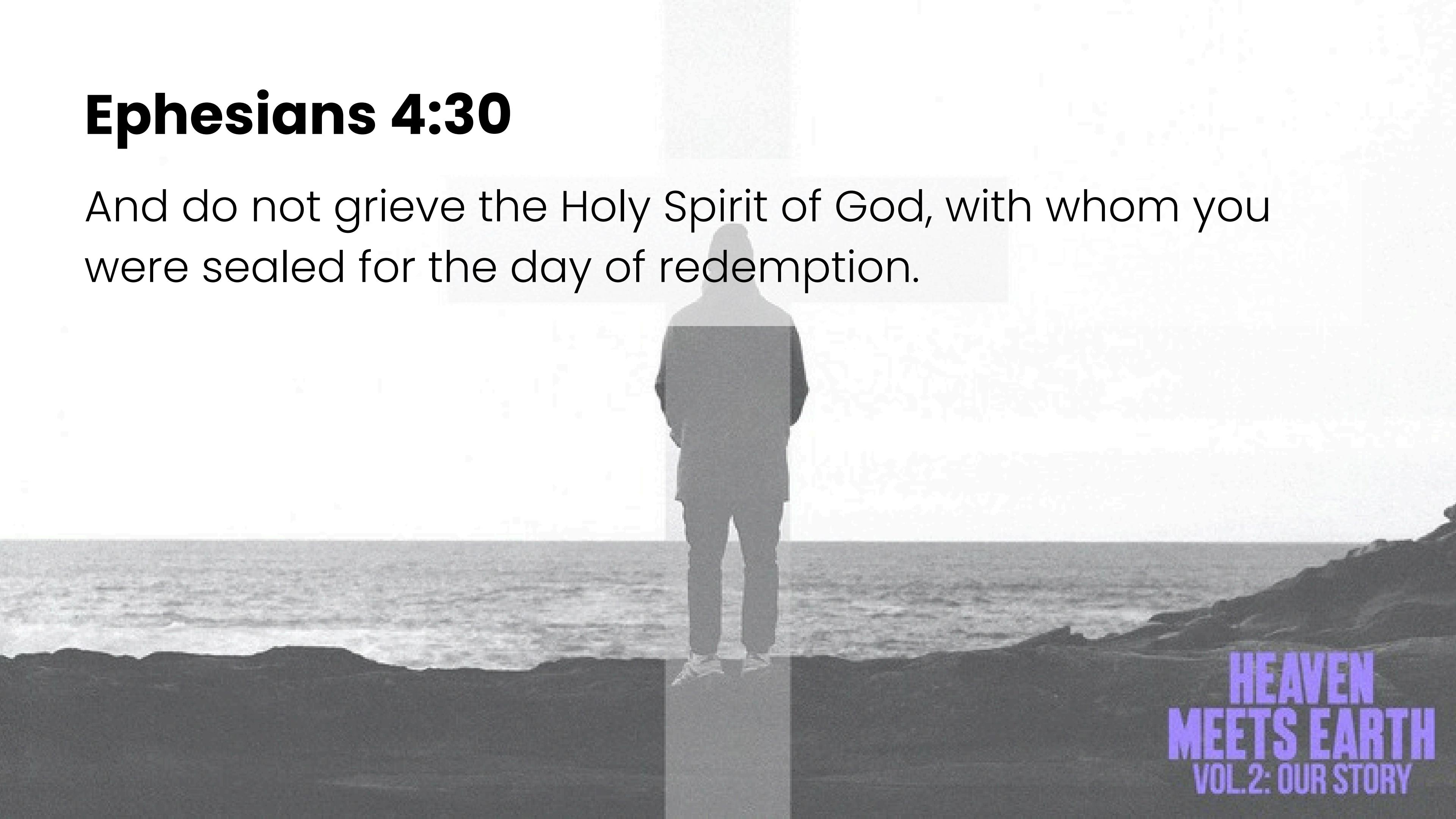
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Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

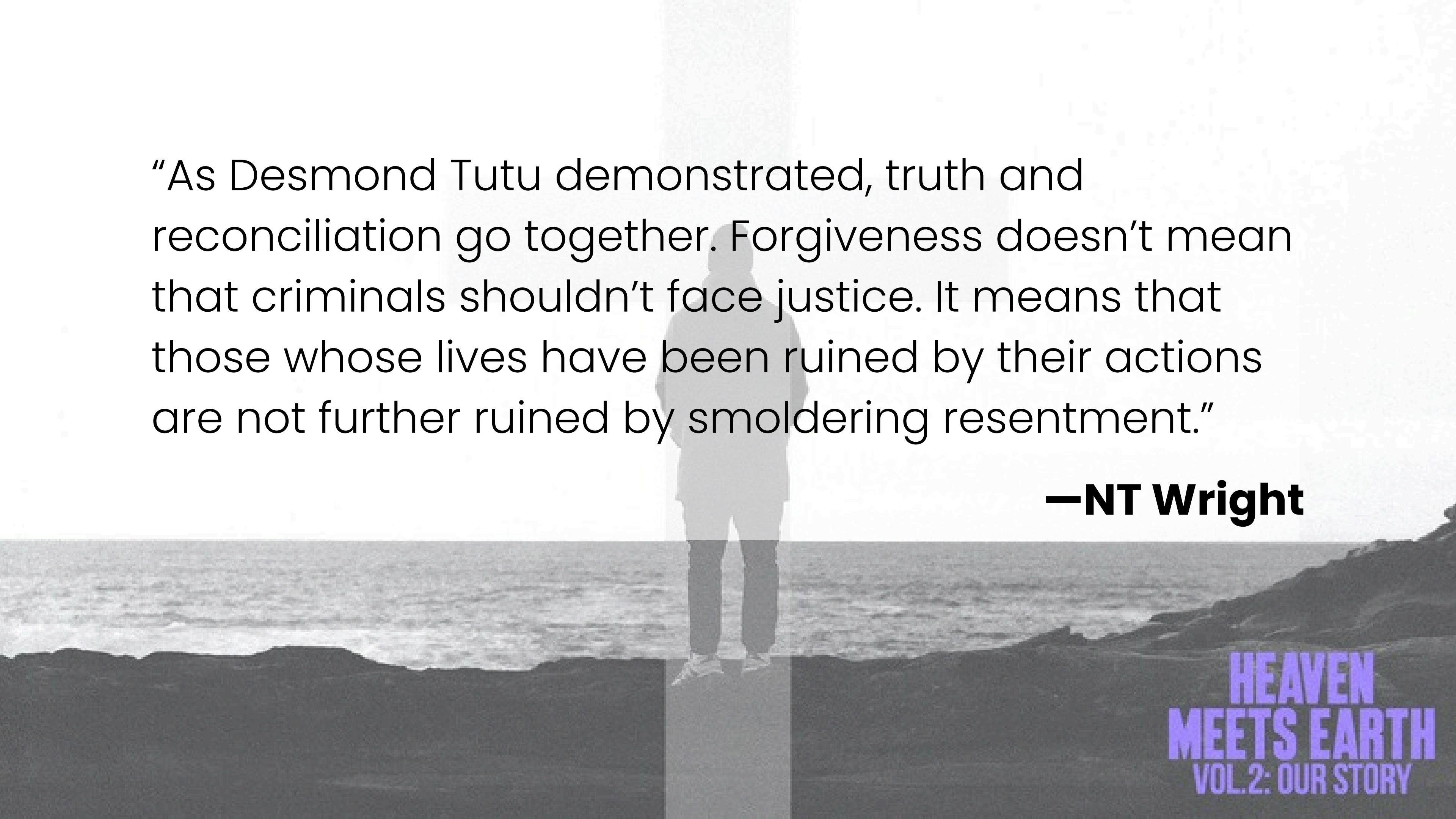
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Ephesians 4:31–32

Get rid of all bickering, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

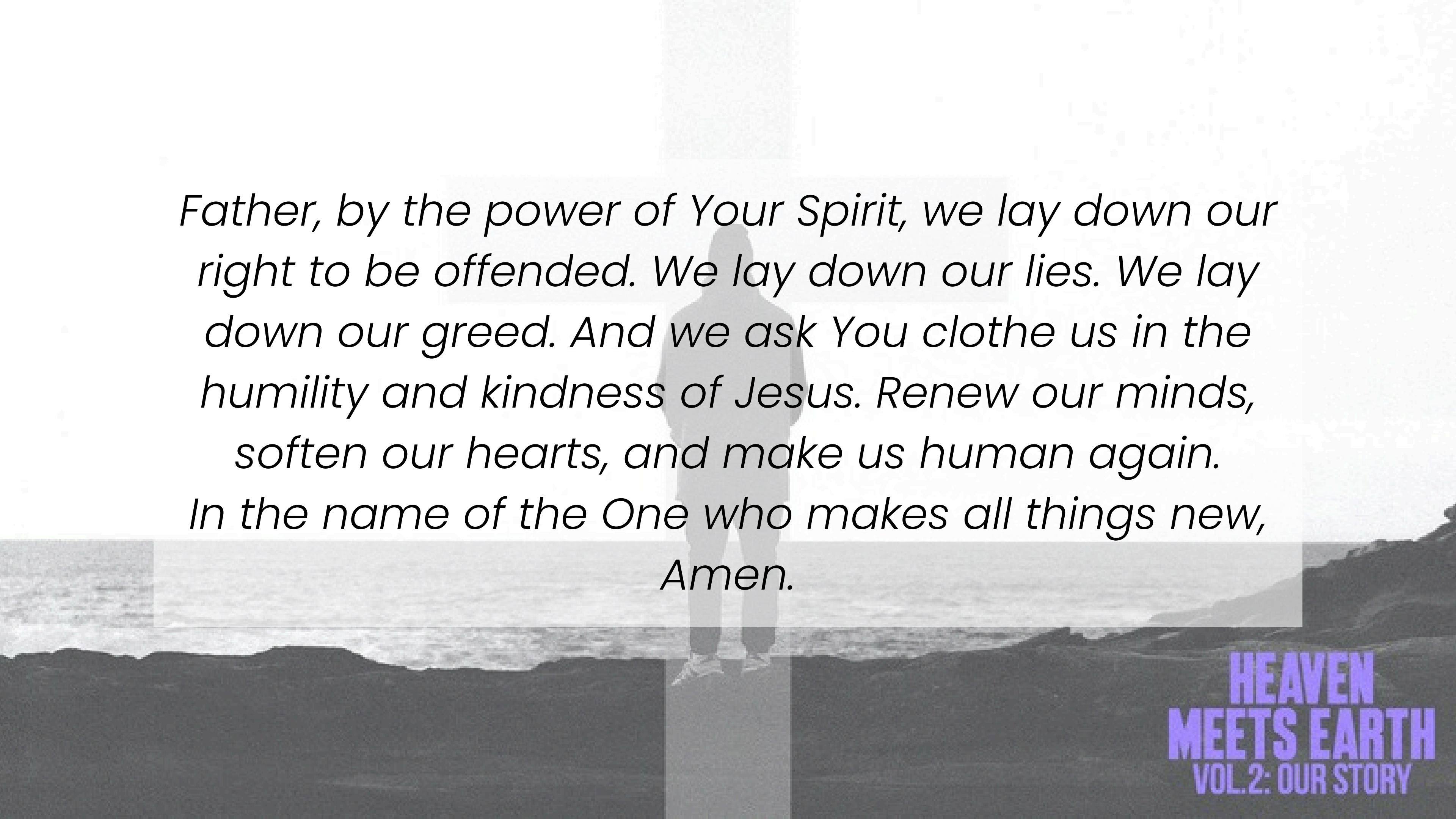
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“As Desmond Tutu demonstrated, truth and reconciliation go together. Forgiveness doesn’t mean that criminals shouldn’t face justice. It means that those whose lives have been ruined by their actions are not further ruined by smoldering resentment.”

—NT Wright

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Father, by the power of Your Spirit, we lay down our right to be offended. We lay down our lies. We lay down our greed. And we ask You clothe us in the humility and kindness of Jesus. Renew our minds, soften our hearts, and make us human again.

In the name of the One who makes all things new,

Amen.

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