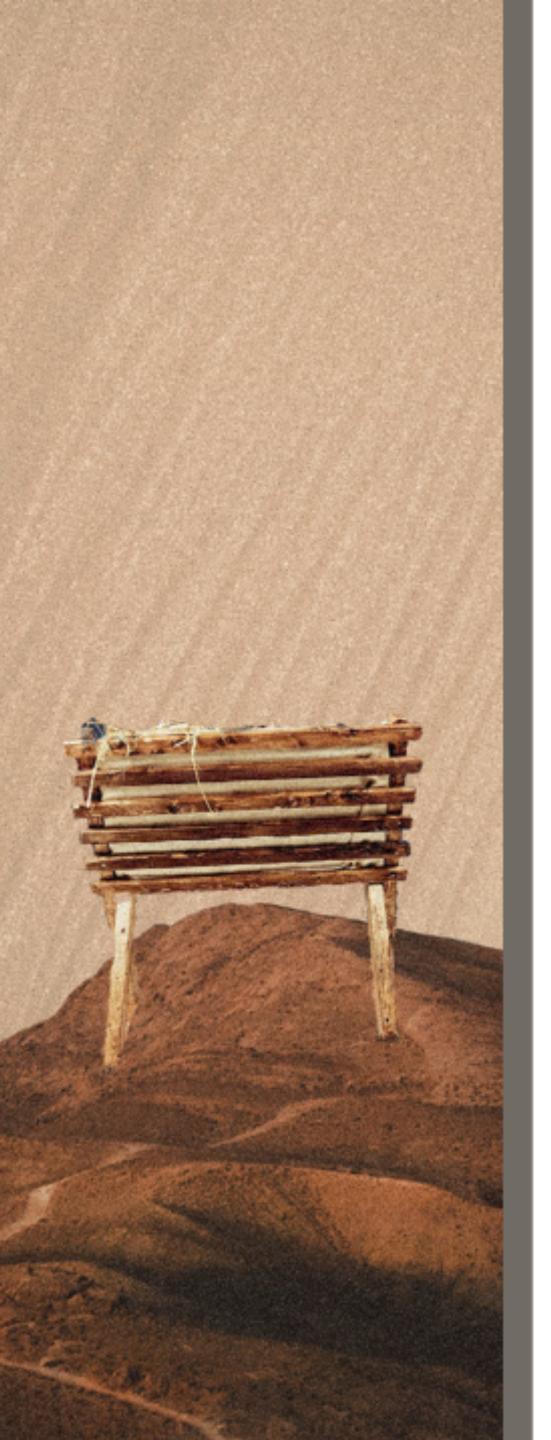


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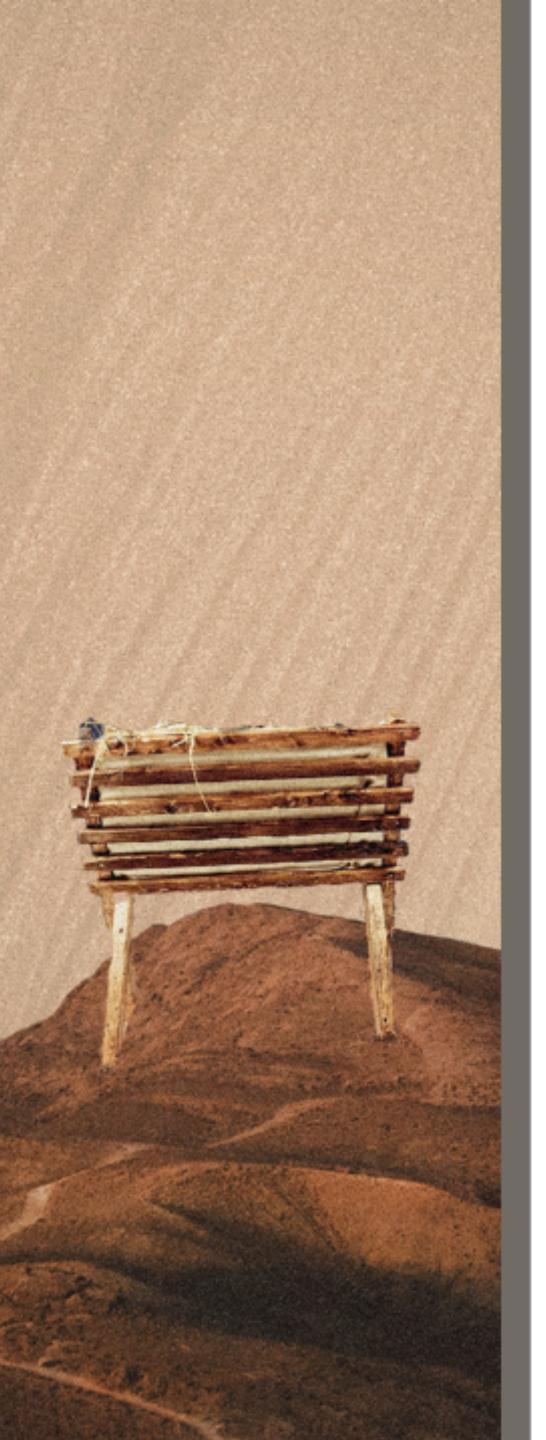






Imagine a life where hope overcomes doubt, love conquers fear, and anticipation is a gift. This is the key to a Kingdomshaped, meaningful life with Jesus and others.



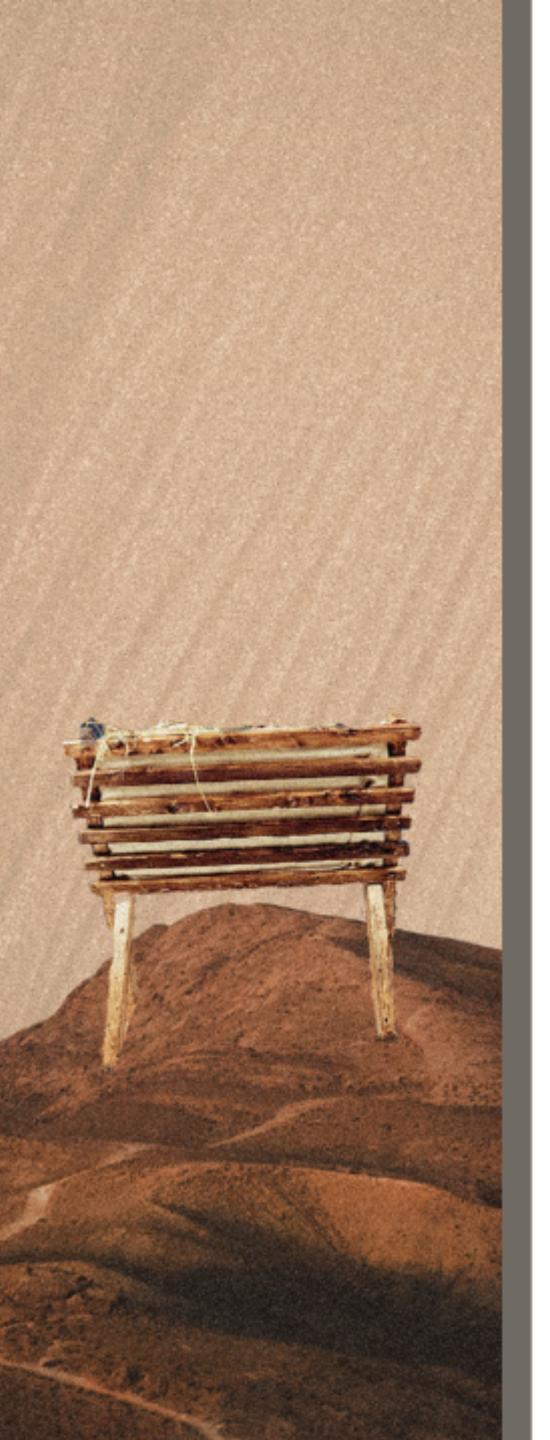


ANTICIPATION:

waiting eagerly for something you know is going to happen





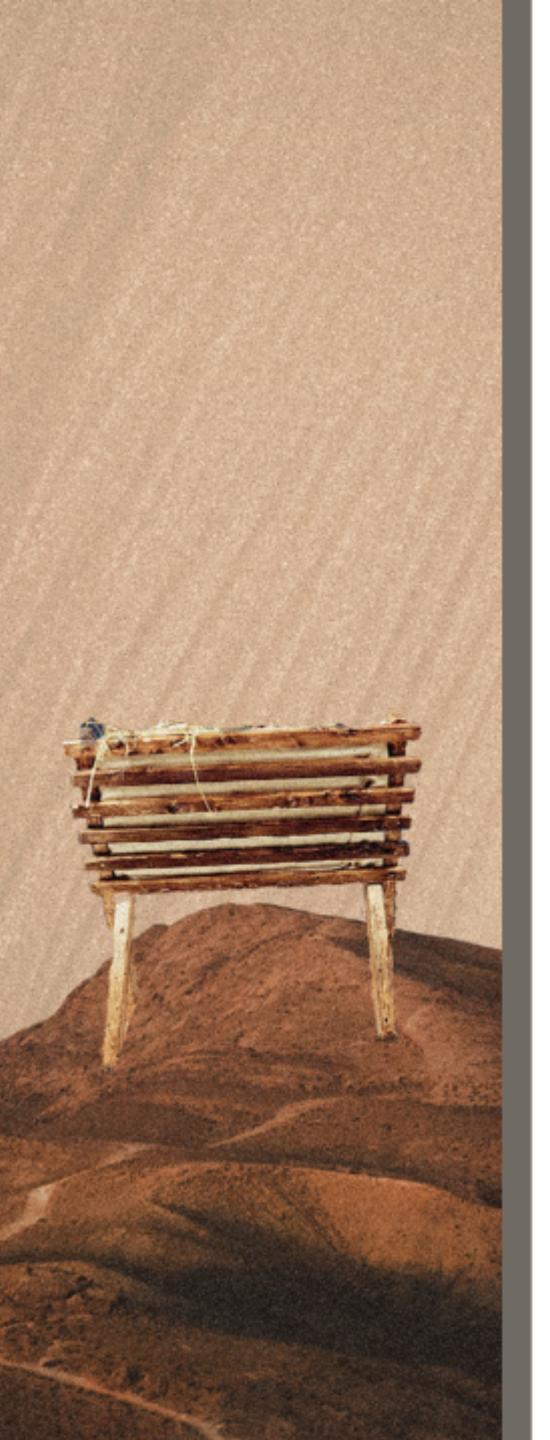


Anticipation unites us all, coloring the fabric of our shared human experience and faith in King Jesus and His kingdom.









The space between Jesus' incarnation and His promised second coming is filled with OUR anticipation.

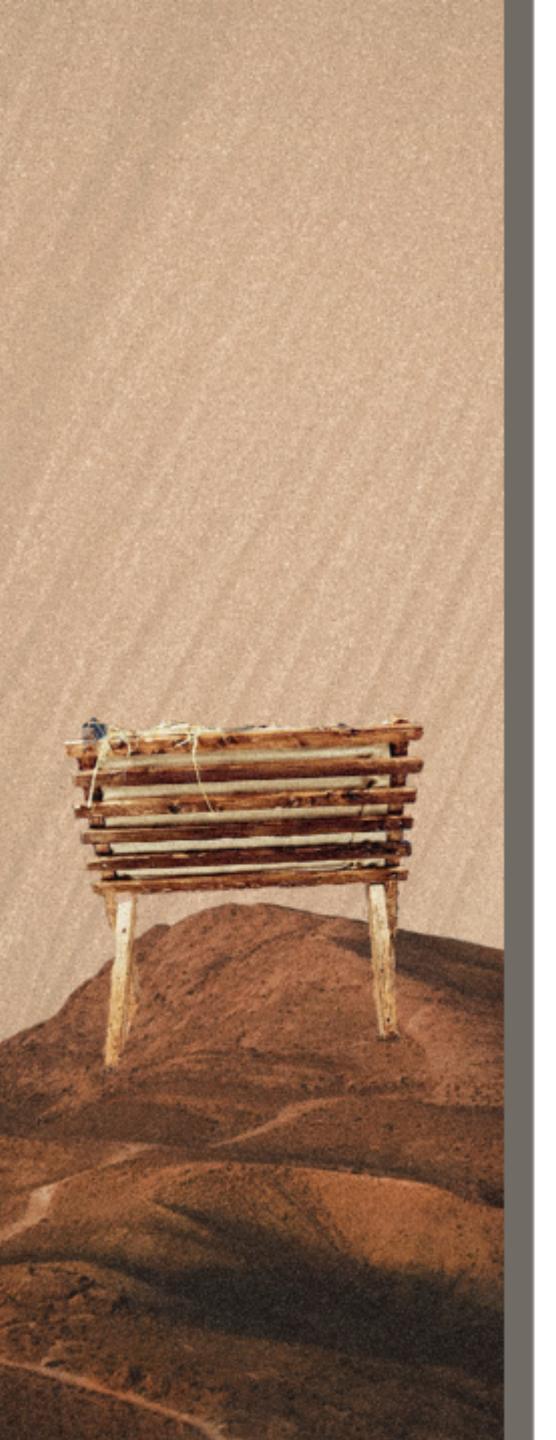


Based on our shared understanding, negative anticipation manifests as anxiety or worry.

In contrast, positive anticipation is characterized by hope or faith.

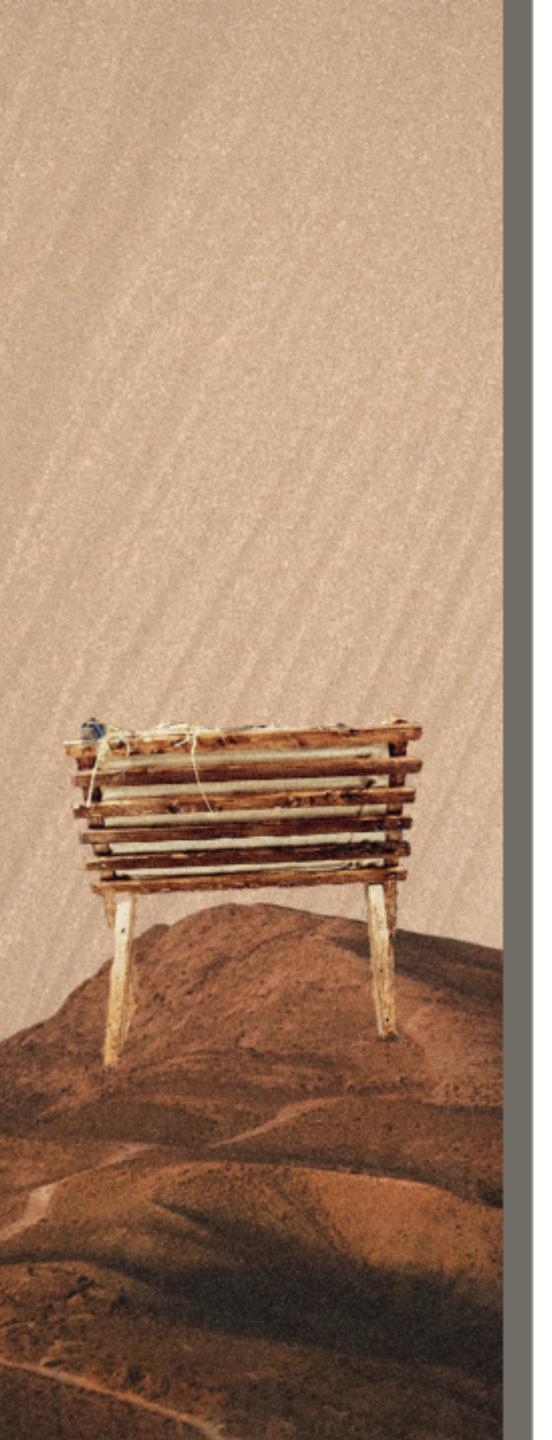






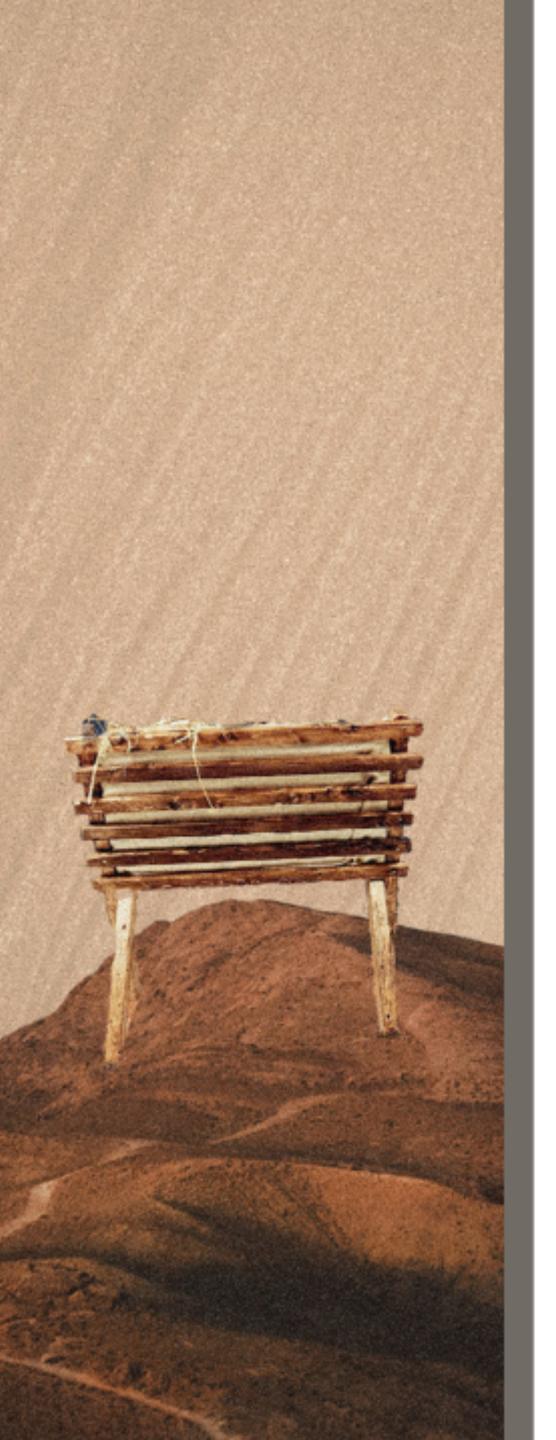
A person, whose heart has not been touched by God's love and redefined by Christ, will outsource their identity and value to the revolving door of "golden calves"





With the guiding wisdom of six essential qualities, the good news of Jesus must profoundly influence our anticipation between His first arrival and second GOIIIIG.





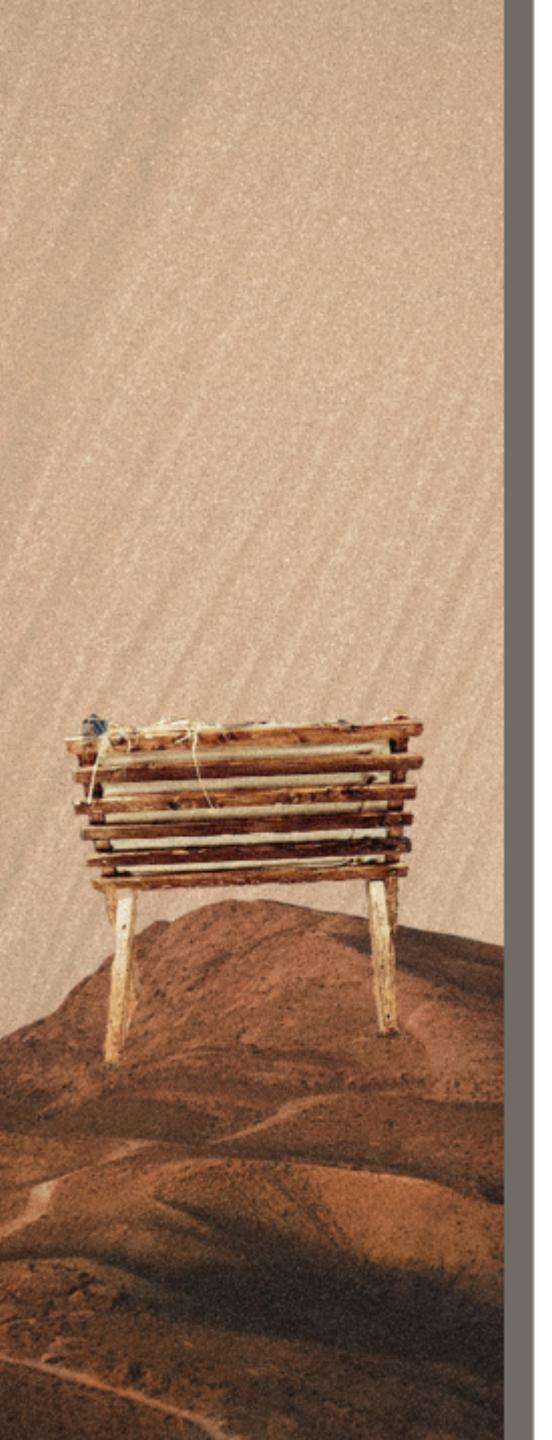
1. <u>Redemptive</u> — We live victoriously, with freedom from accusing thoughts and superficial identities. (Colossians 1:13-14) 2. <u>Righteous</u> — We live without the weight of sin's guilt and are enabled for a life of godliness. (Romans 4:23-24)









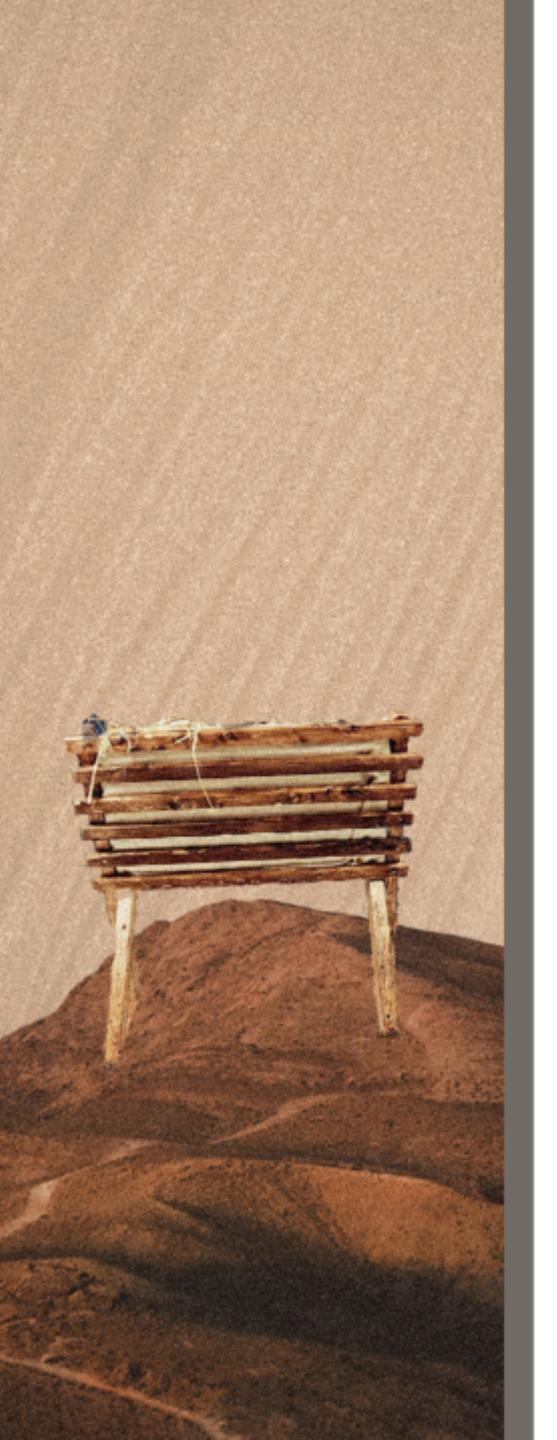


3.<u>Restorative</u> — Restorative means, Jesus mends our broken, sinful lives and we then help others thrive and get better. (1 Peter 5:10)





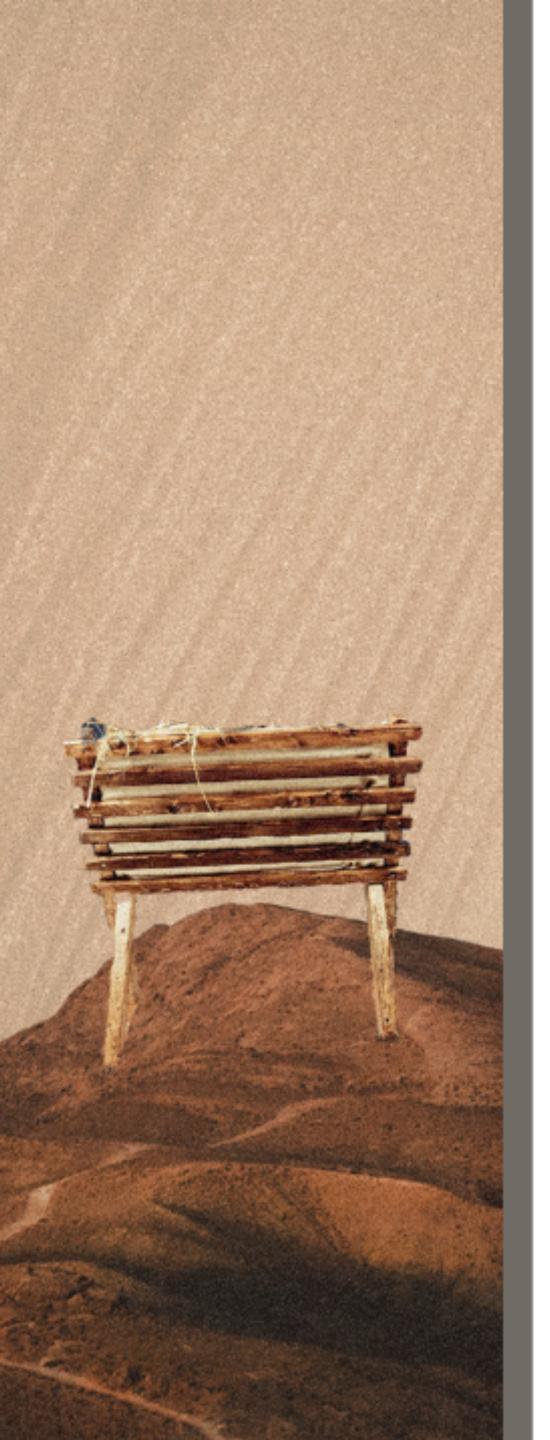




4.<u>Riotous</u> — The term "riotous" is metaphorical. It's used to convey the radical and transformative impact of the Gospel - how it disrupts established norms, brings about profound change, and challenges the status quo. (Acts 19:23)







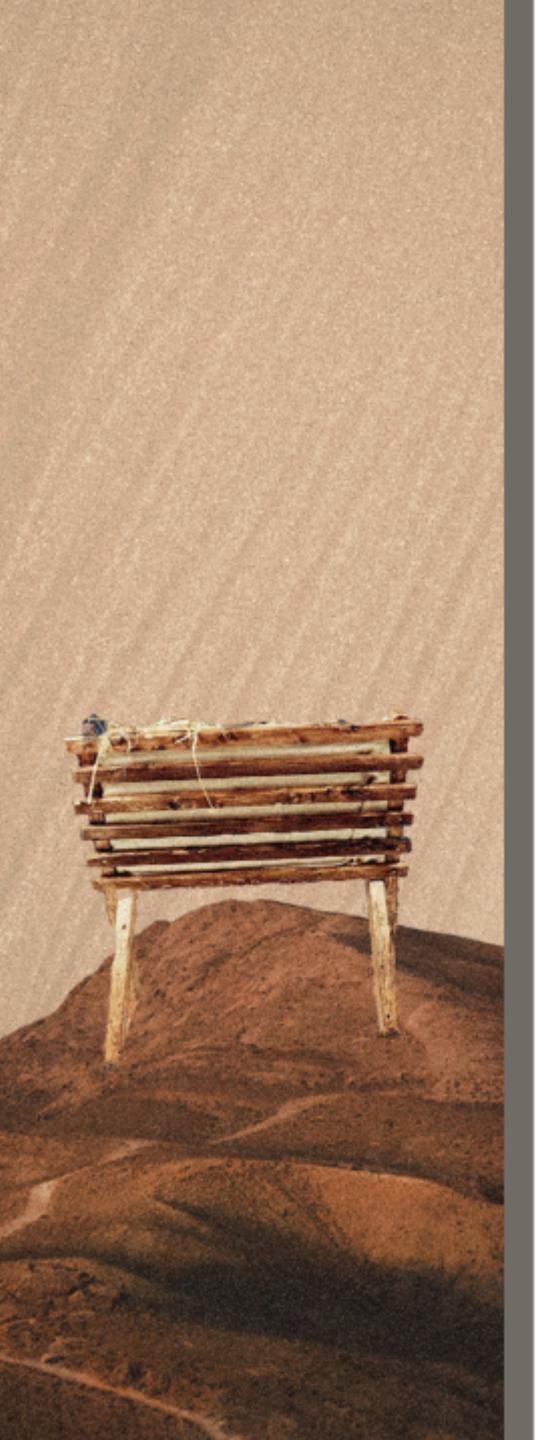
- Tim Keller

"(An idol is) anything more important to you than God. Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give. If we take Christianity out of it, an idol is the thing that drives your life."









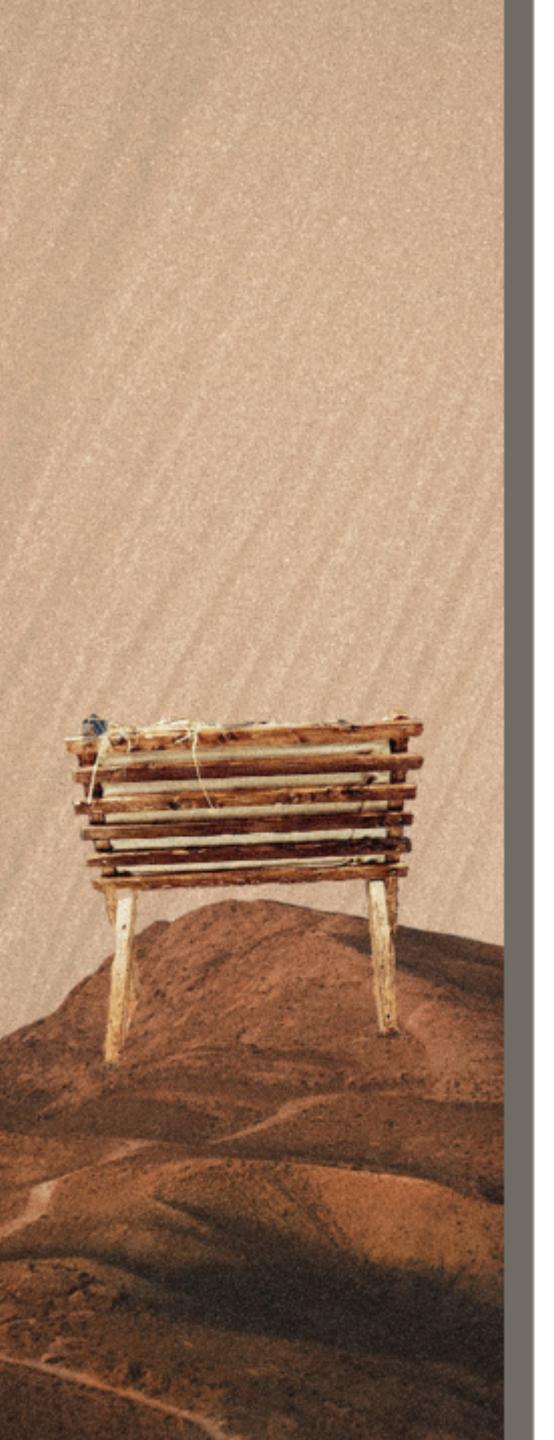
5. <u>Revolutionary</u> — A revolutionary gospel stands as a faithful witness to the good news of Jesus Christ and the manifold wisdom of God. (Ephesians 3:10-11)









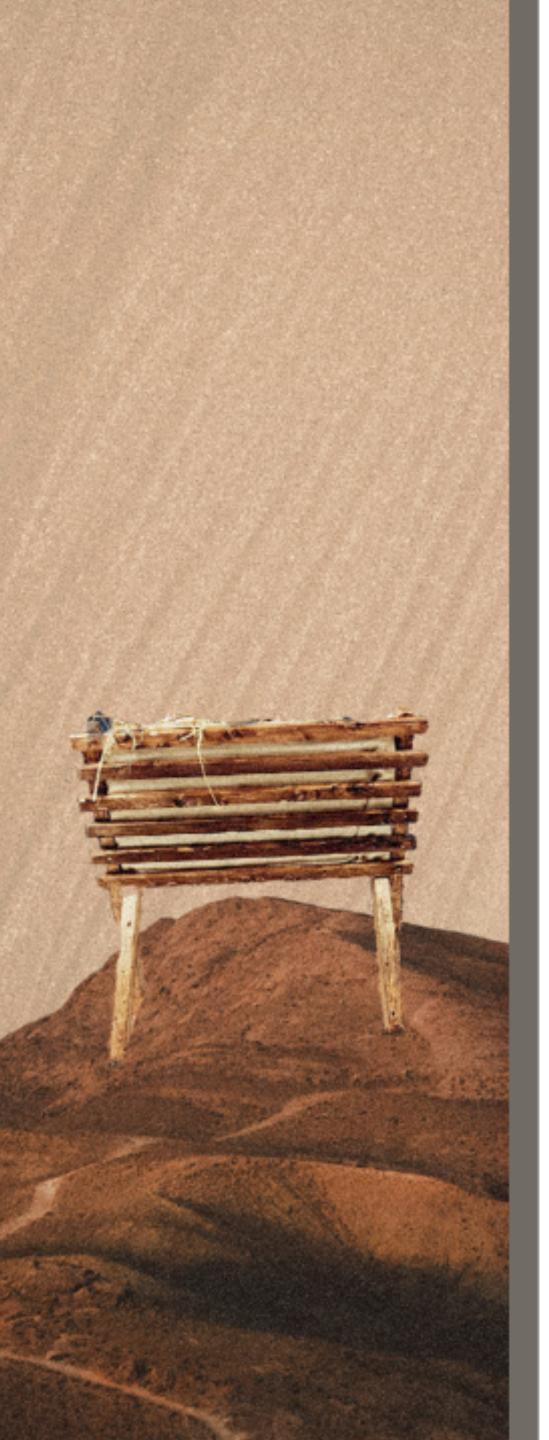


6.<u>Replete</u> — A replete gospel enables us to experience the fullness of God and to overflow with His presence, personality, nature, and love. (Ephesians 3:19; Colossians 2:9-10)





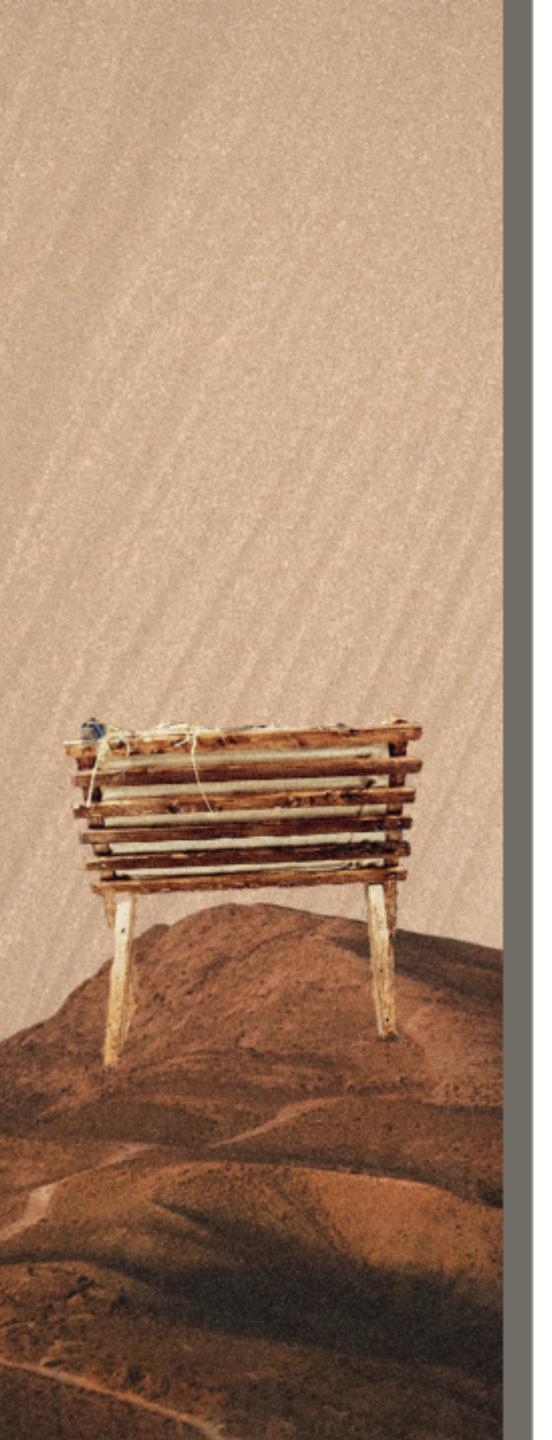




"I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land." Exodus 23:30 New Living Translation

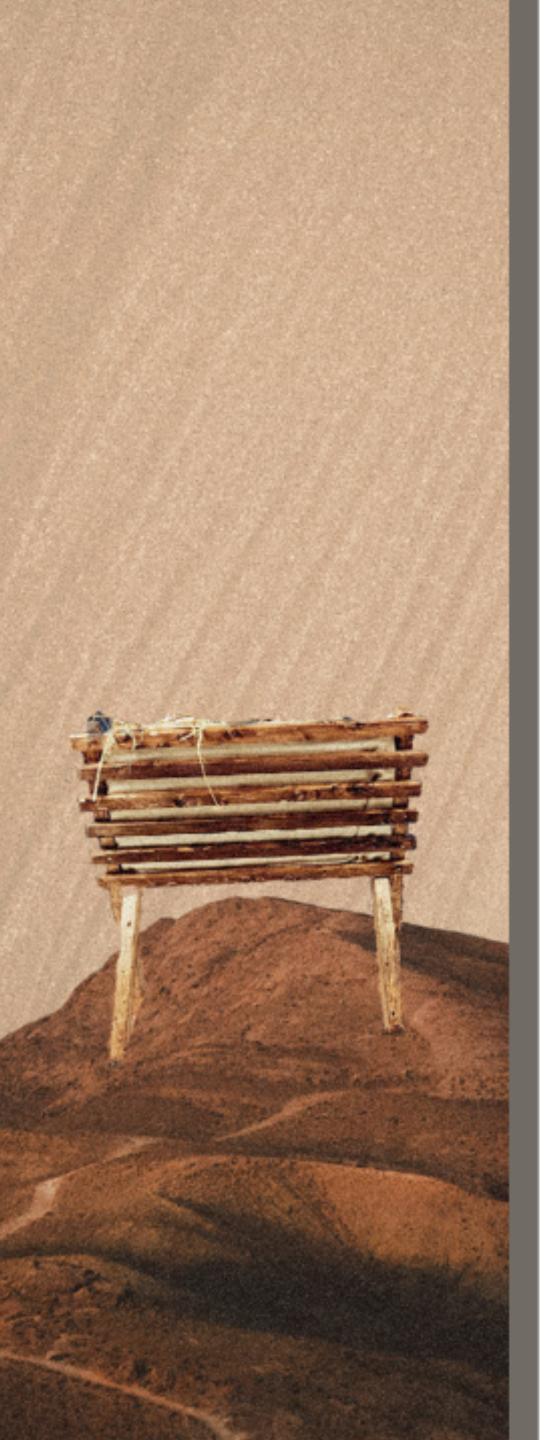






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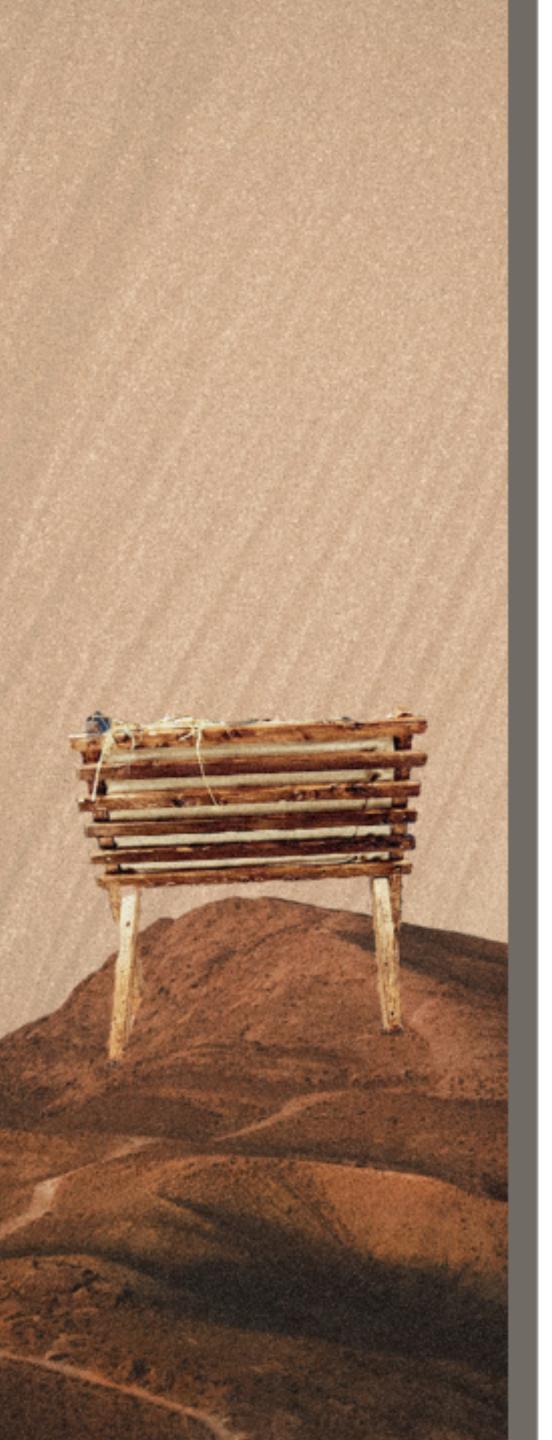




A Redemptive gospel saves us from sin's ownership and transforms us into children of God.



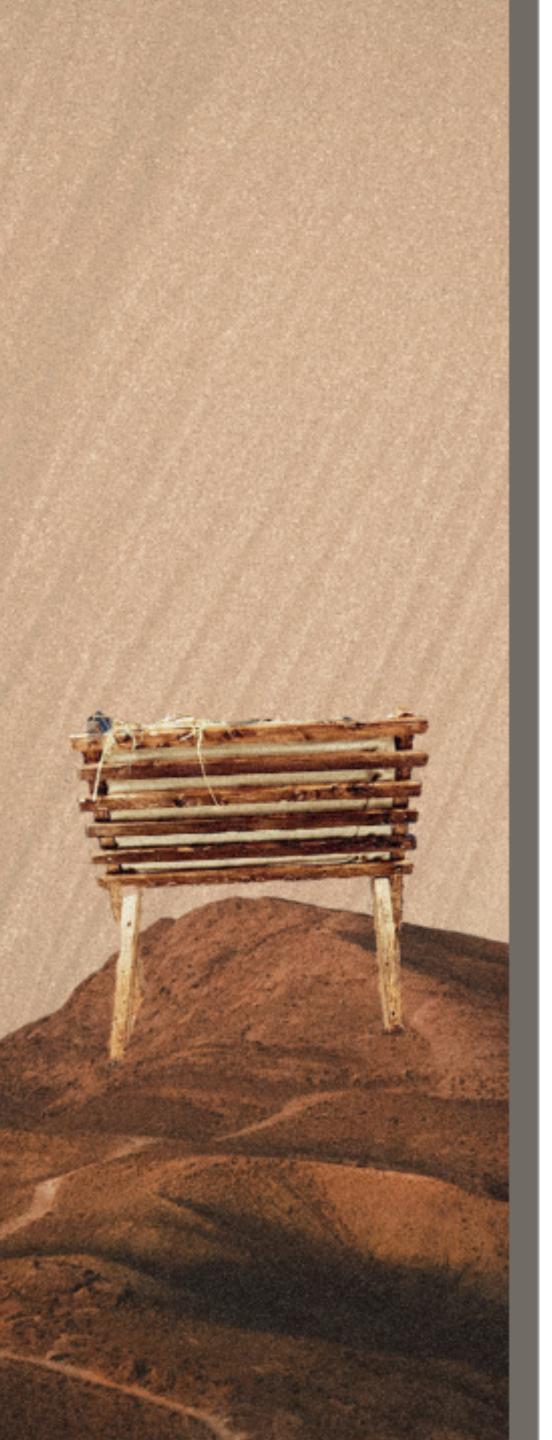




A Righteous gospel saves us from sin's lifestyle and transforms us into whole people who live with godly integrity.



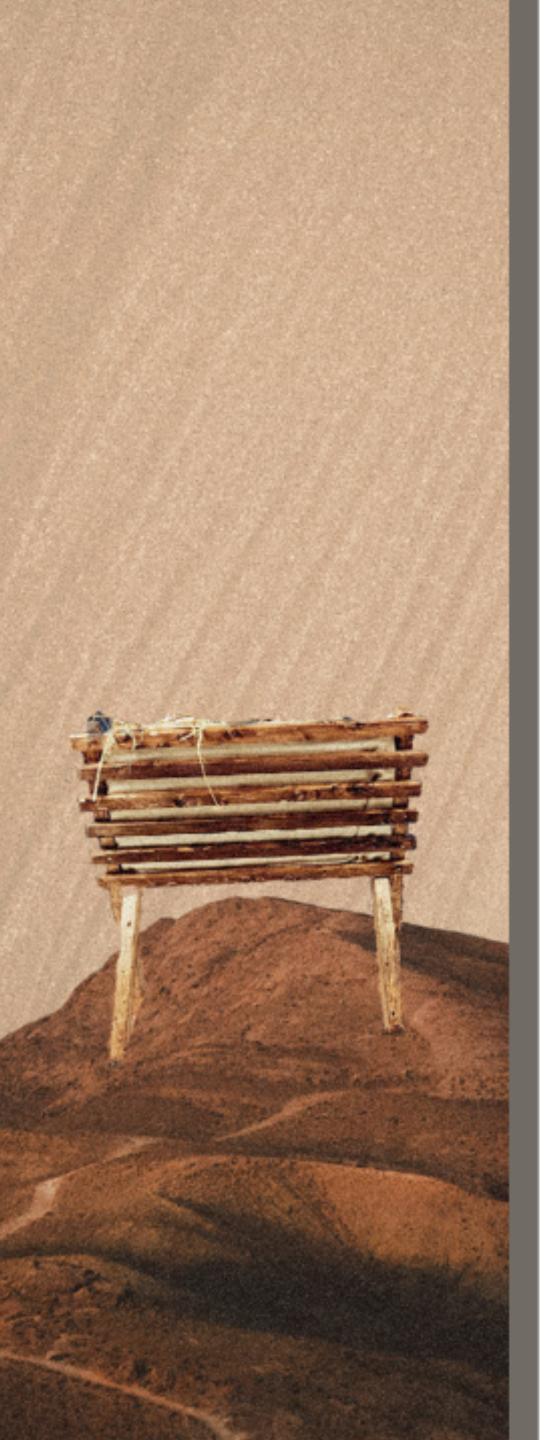




A Restorative gospel saves us from sin's destruction and prepares us to serve others.







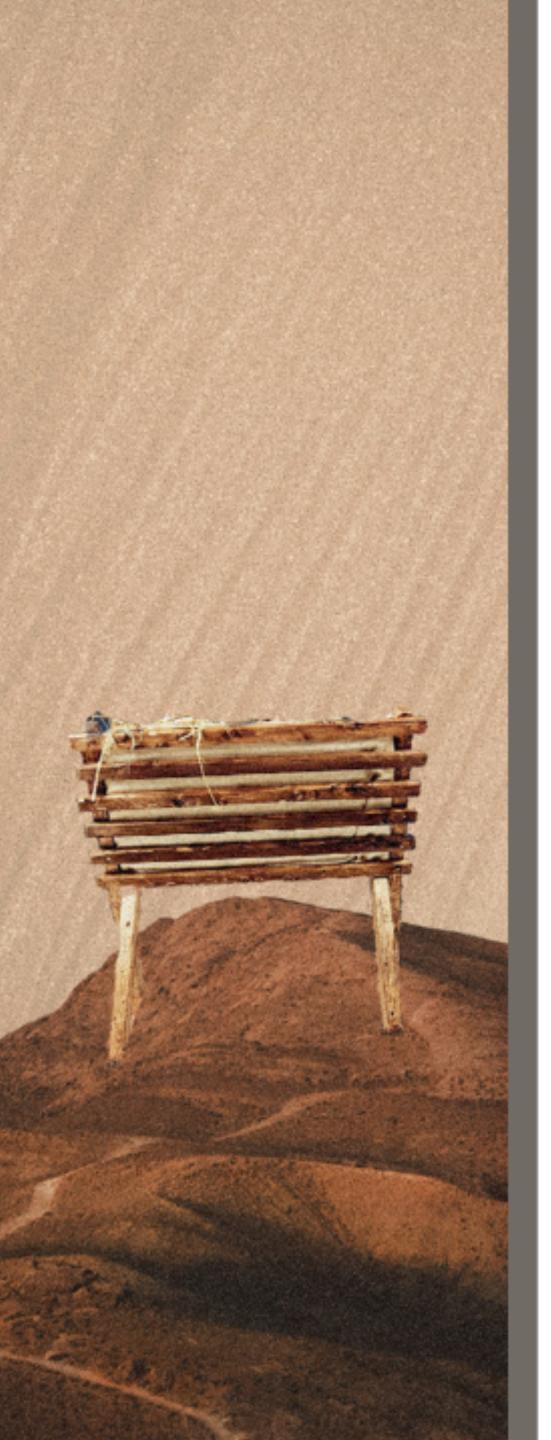
A Riotous gospel saves us from sin's idolatry and changes us into fully devoted followers of Jesus.





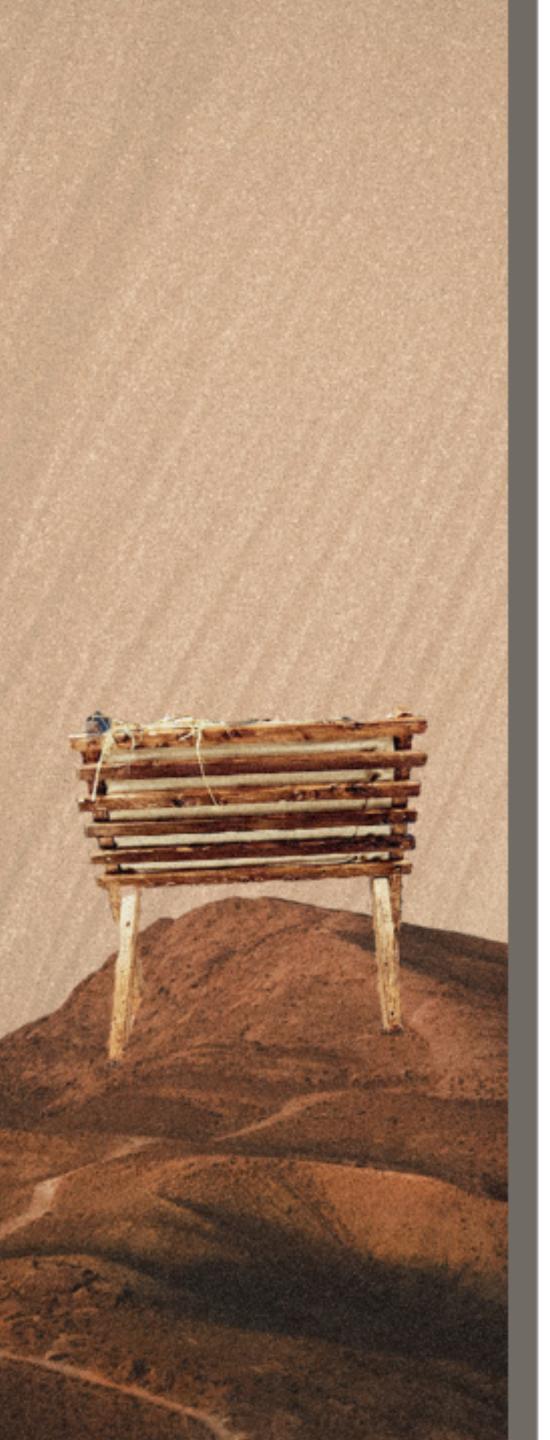
A Revolutionary gospel saves us from sin's intimidation and authorizes us to be brave, authentic witnesses of King Jesus.





A Replete gospel saves us from sin's emptiness and entrusts us to live with the fullness of God, lacking no good thing.

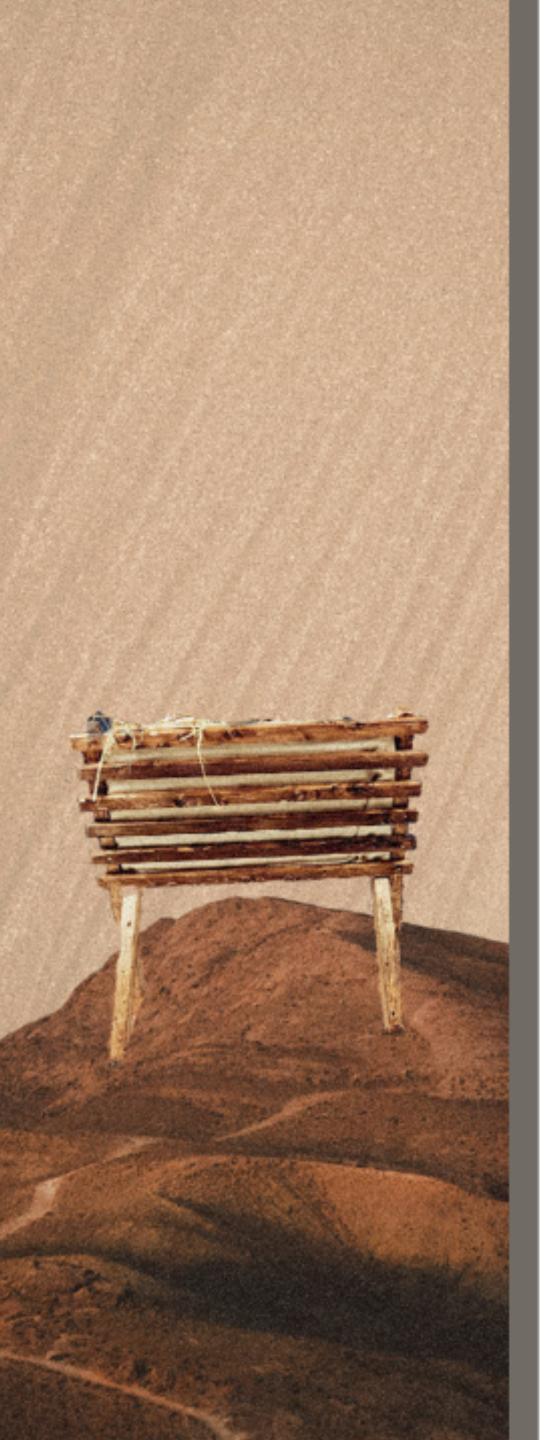




Let's not just hear these words but live them out. Together, what positive change can we bring if...

1. This week, each of us share our conversion story with another and invite them to enter a relationship with King Jesus.

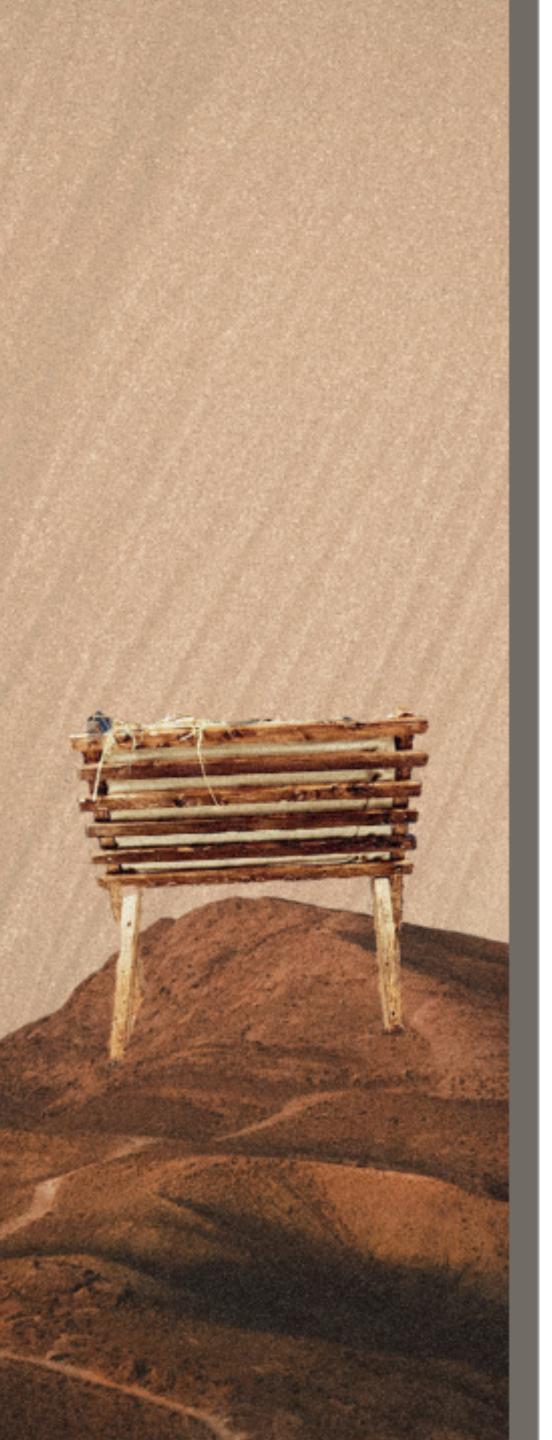




2. Treat and speak to others with generous love. 3. Receive and respond to God's work in the broken areas of our lives.

4.Repent of idols and renew our devotion to Christ.





5.Join each other in our Seek First, 12 Days of 24/7 Prayer. 6.Express joy for others when we are with others.



