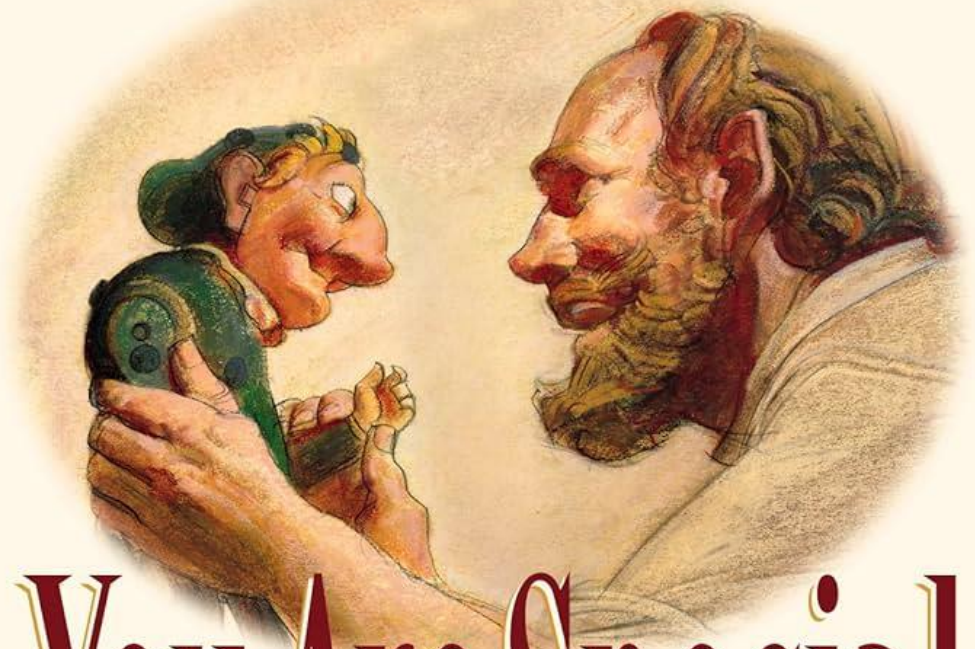


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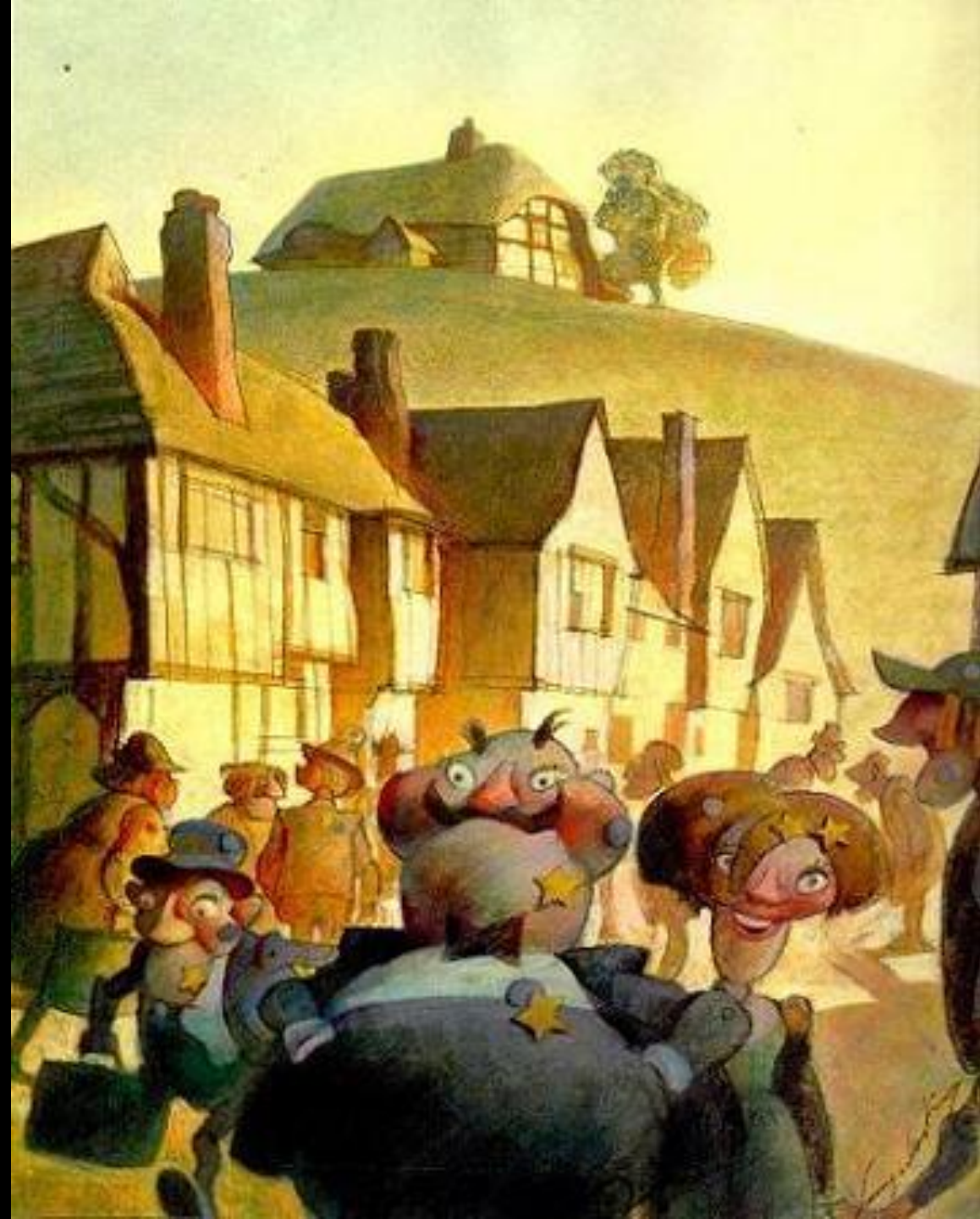


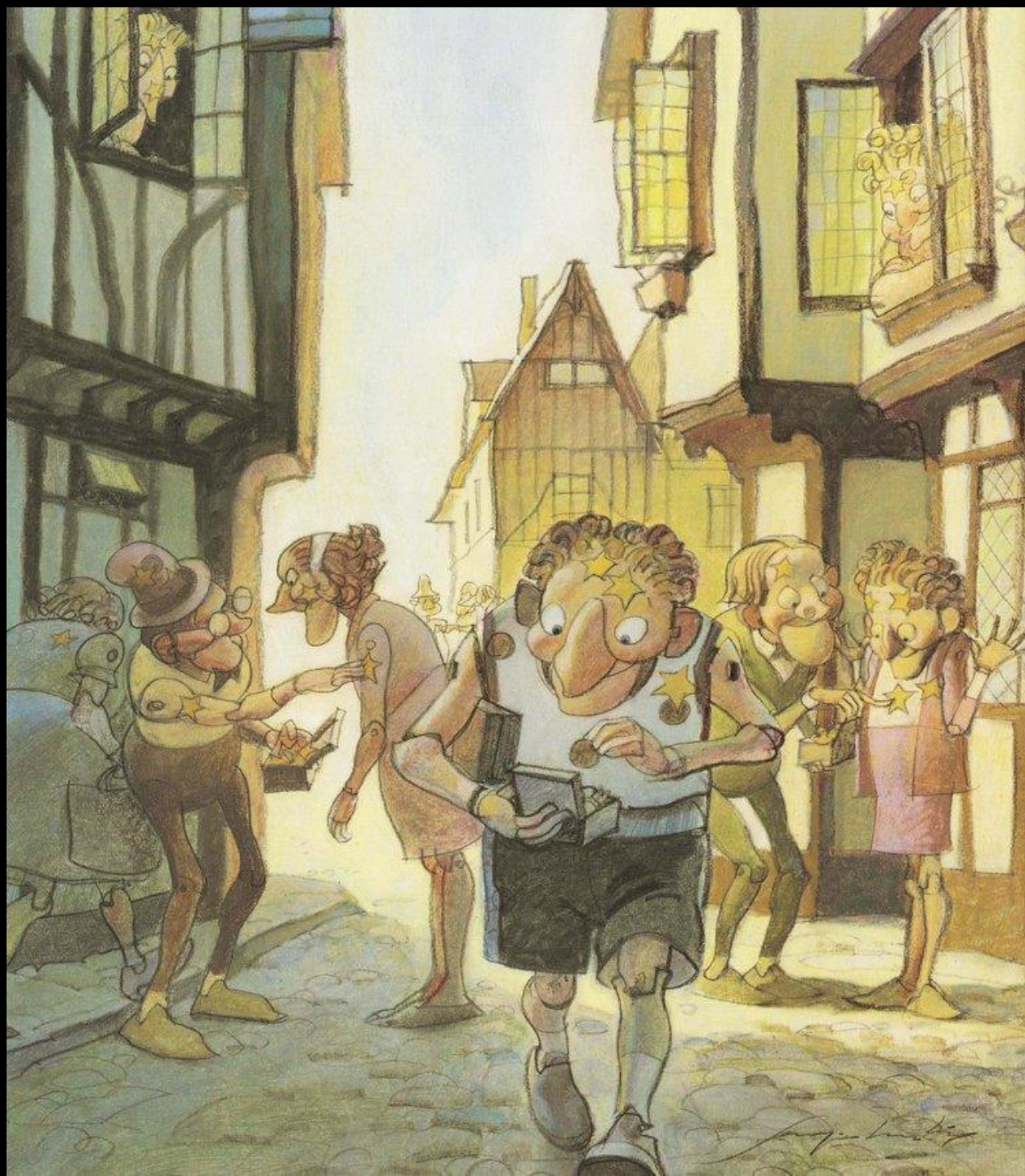
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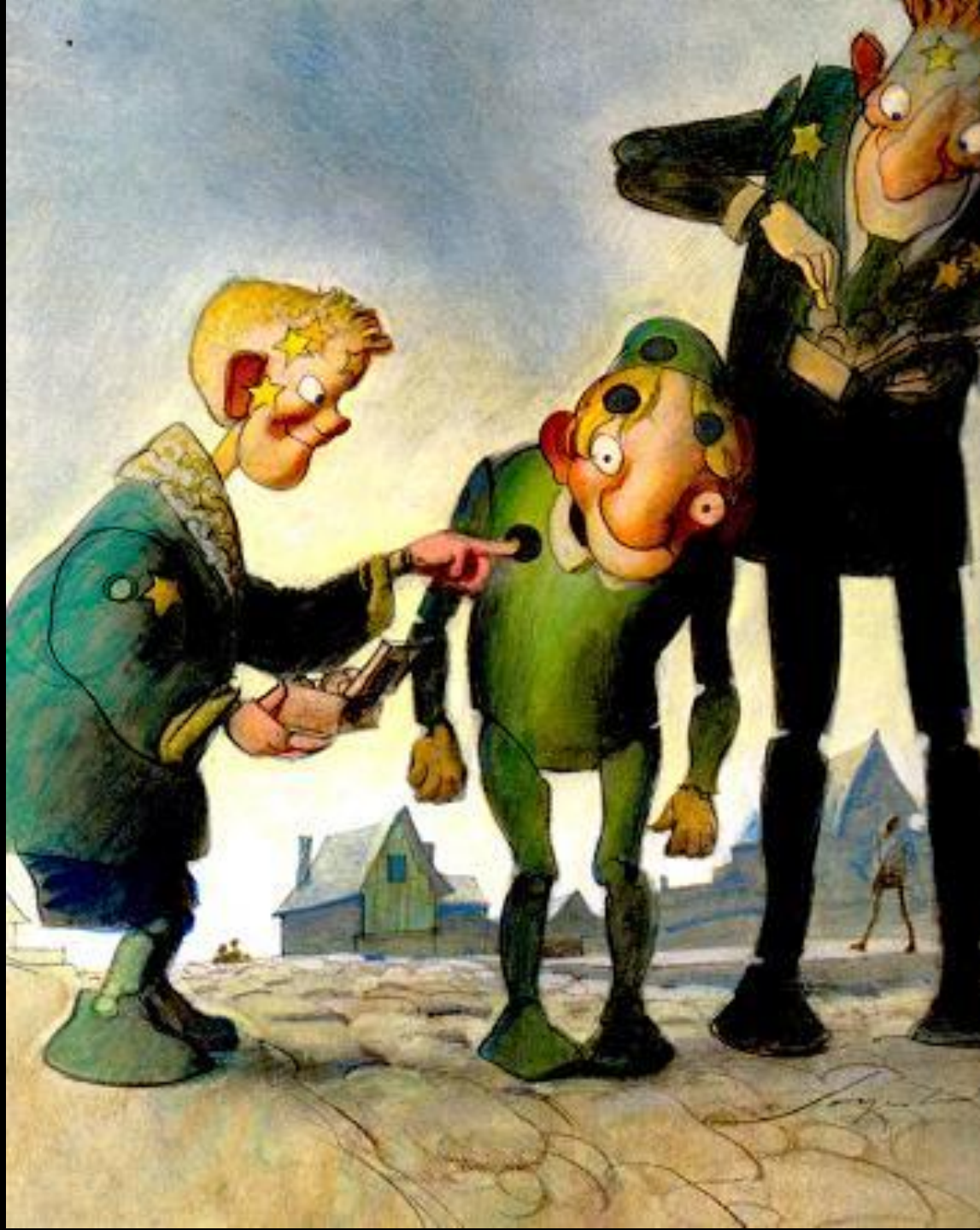
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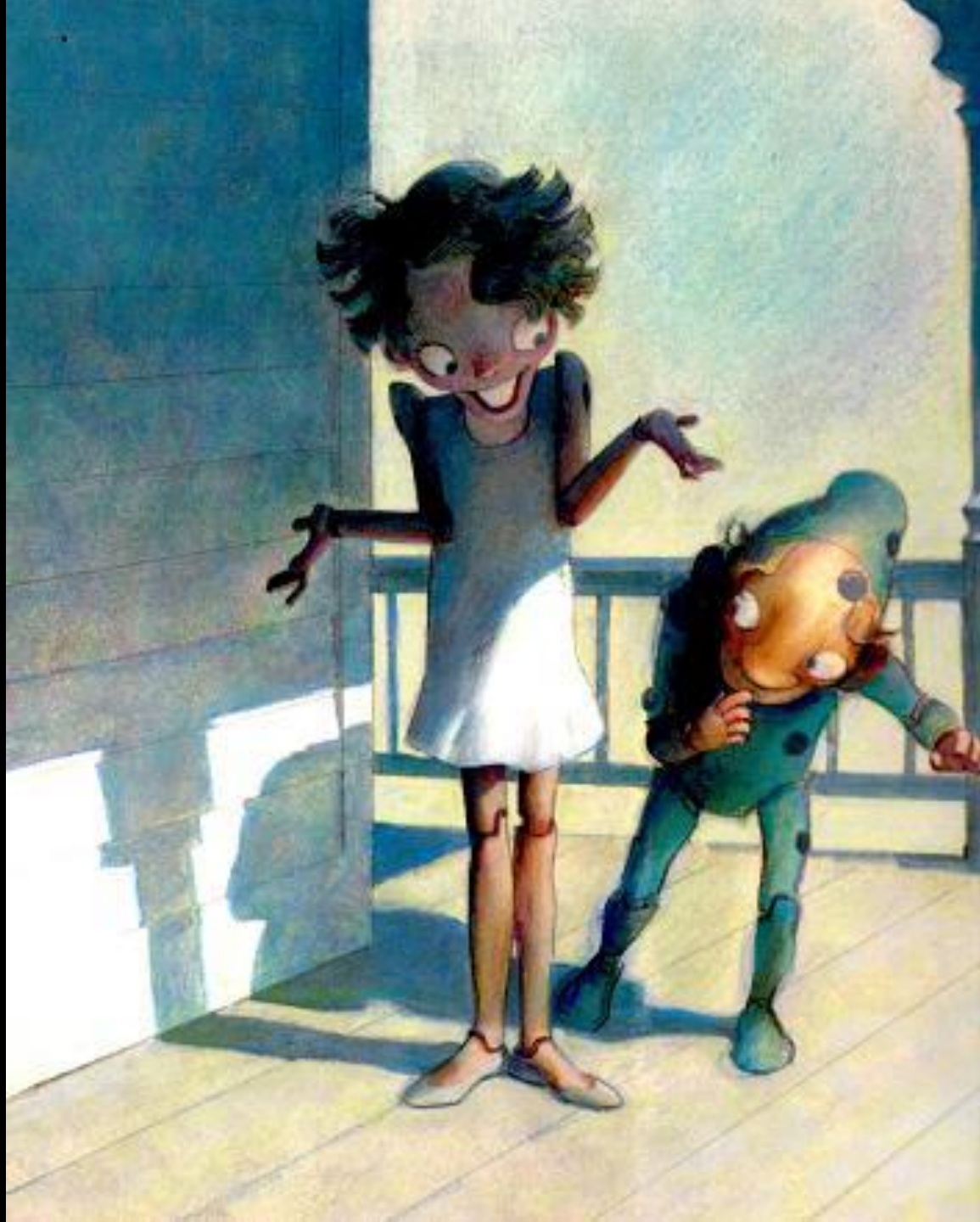
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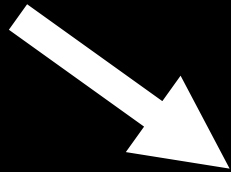
“The More you
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What does freedom look like?

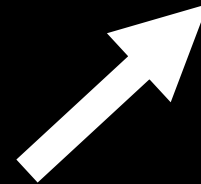
What is the message of the Kingdom?

Creation

Recreation



Decreation



Genesis 2:2

² By the **seventh day** God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he **rested** from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

7th Day is in alignment with God's heart,
plan, purpose

Everything is Good
and expressing the
Glory of God

His Glory is his
goodness, Mercy,
Compassion



Genesis 2-3



Freedom

Living in alignment with the way we were created that leads to fruitfulness

Human being's chief end is to
glorify (worship) God, and to
enjoy him for ever.

(THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM)

3 longings that are satisfied before the Fall

- ✓ Significance
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Acceptance

Spiritual Life

**You are loved,
Know and are
enough**

Child of God

Lie you are not
enough as you
are, you must **do**
more, **gain** more
and **be** more



What have we lost from broken trust?

- ✓ Significance
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Acceptance

Spiritual Death

**You are alone,
not cared
about and are
not enough**

What does looking for this on our own look like?

- **Performance** - doing more
- **Possessions** - gaining more
- **Popularity** - being more

Achievement – Doing - shapes Identity

Exodus 7:16

...let **my people** go, so that they may
worship me in the wilderness....

Set Free to worship

Worship is the value, **trust** and adoration you give to something

Worship aligns us back to our original design (who God made us to be)

Exodus 4:22-23

22 Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son,
23 and I told you, “Let **my son** go, so he may **worship me**.” But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.’”

Set Free to be who we are

Set free to live out our **identity** as
Children of God reflecting God's
Goodness into the world. (Kingdom)

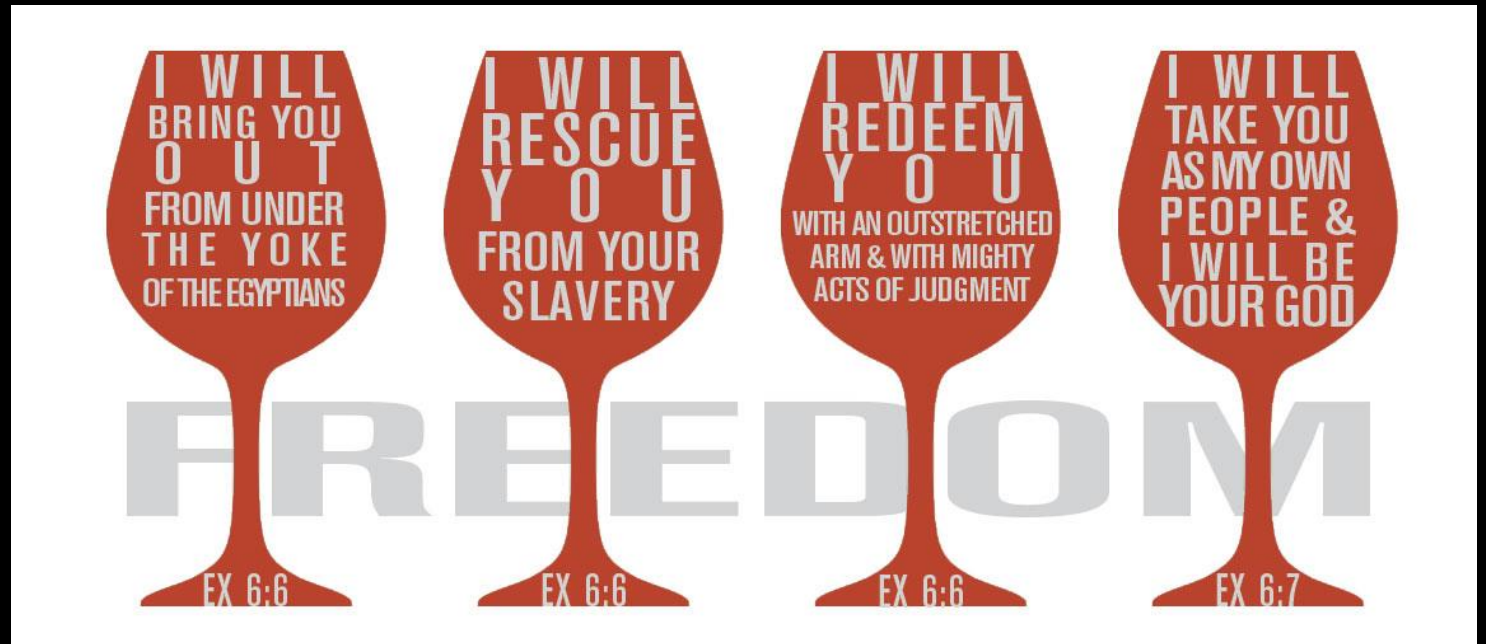
God's promise (7 I Wills')

'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.'"

4 Promises

- Liberation
- Redemption
- Adoption
- Inheritance



Who told you a different
Story?

What has God done?

Jesus

¹⁶ For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes** in him shall not perish but have **eternal life**. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16

John 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**

JESUS



And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

You are Loved
You are enough

You are a **child of God**

- ✓ **Significance**
- ✓ **Security**
- ✓ **Acceptance**

- **Liberation**
- **Redemption**
- **Adoption**
- **Inheritance**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
Matthew 4:1

Who's story will we
Trust?

Prove your identity
can you really Trust God

- **Gain** something more – stones to bread
- **Do** something more – throw yourself to the ground
- **Be** something more - bow down

Jesus demonstrated trust in the Father's
love

Identity as a Child of God

John 17:21-23

Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us** so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 **I have given them the glory** that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.



Luke 13:10-17

...immediately she
straightened up and
praised God.

Daughter of Abraham

Baptism is full immersion into the
fullness of God, Father, Son &
Holy Spirit- perfect love



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Joshua 5:6

6 The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness for **forty years** until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not **obeyed** the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they **would not see the land** that he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

We have to **step into** our
Freedom

Matthew 9:1-8

2 Some men brought to him a paralysed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, 'Take heart, **son**; your sins are forgiven.'

Matthew 9:1-8

5 Which is easier: to say, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up and walk”? 6 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he said to the paralysed man, ‘**Get up, take your mat and go home.**’

Freedom to be transformed
Rest, reformed, Recreation



- **Control is a response to fear**
- **Trust is a response to Love**

1 John 4:18

There is no **fear** in **love**. But perfect **love** drives out **fear**, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Romans 12:1-12

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.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, = Repent

but be transformed by the renewing of your mind = Belief

The result is an understanding God's will (his yoke) that is goodness, his direction, his purpose,

His Way - we become people of the way through repentance and belief

“Watch your **thoughts**, they become your **words**;
watch your **words**, they become your **actions**;
watch your **actions**, they become your **habits**;
watch your **habits**, they become your **character**;
watch your **character**, it becomes your **destiny**.”

— Lao Tzu, Ancient Chinese Philosopher

	Description	Action	Godly Belief /Truth
Wound		Forgiveness	Rewritten memory
Inner Vow		Repent Renounce Replace	Replacement
Lies (Ungodly Belief)		Repent Renounce Replace	Replacement
Distorted view of God		Repent Renounce Replace	Replacement

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**.

John 8:36

So if the Son sets you **free**, you will be **free** indeed