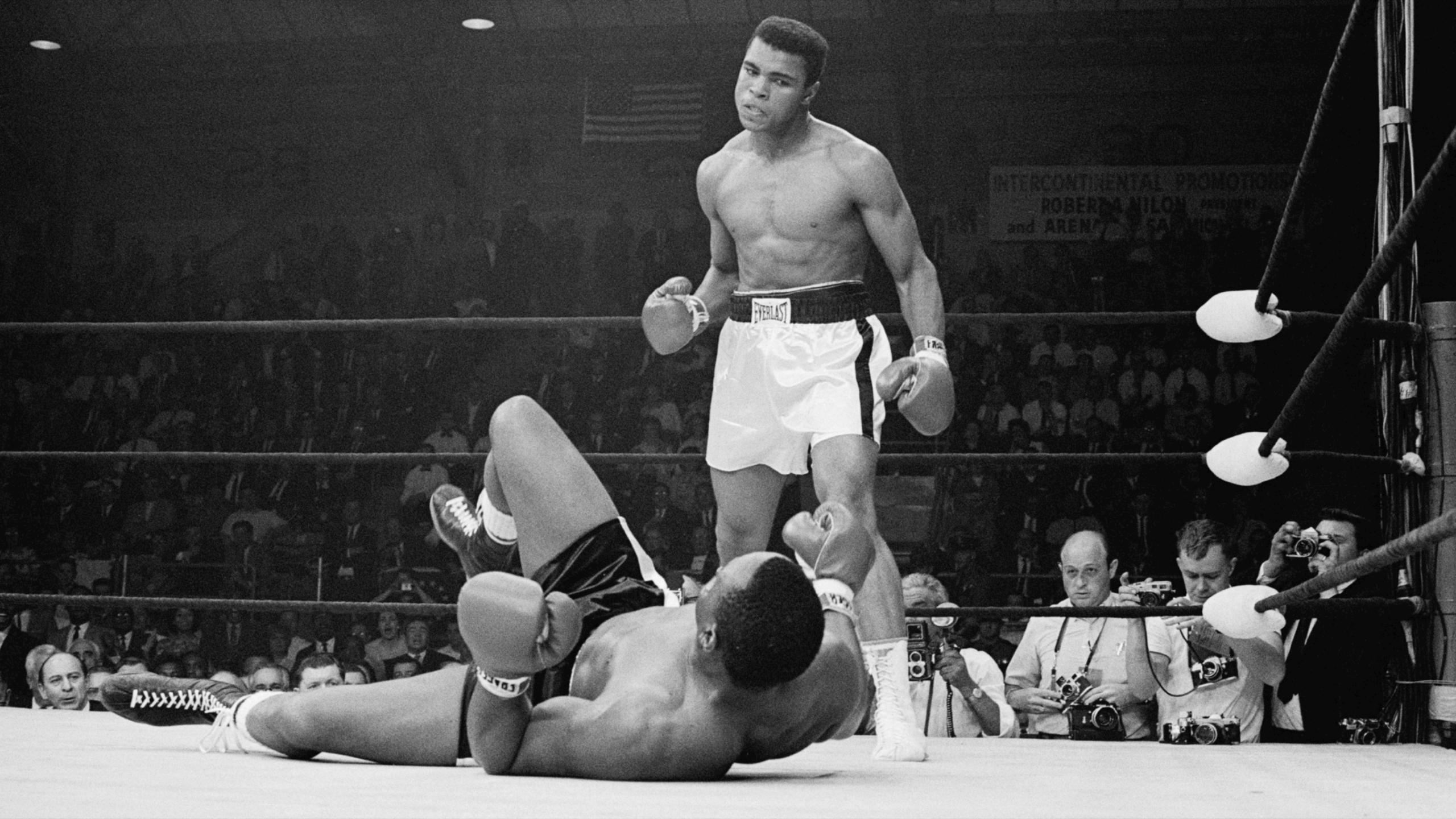


### ROMANS

The Greatest the Greatest



## We inhabit the world of boasting because boasting inhabits us.

#### Three Points

1. God has made a way for all people to enter into and live in a right relationship with God apart from the law.

#### Romans 3

21 But now, the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law. 28 for we hold that all people are justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

#### Three Points

2. It's hard for good, moral, religious people to believe that the good things they do won't make them more acceptable to God.

### Jesus + something = nothing Jesus + nothing = everything



#### Romans 4

4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work, but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

# When God justifies you, it's not because of anything in you that justifies you.

"If, when you lose your fear of punishment, you also lose your incentive for living a good life, then the only incentive you had to live a good life was fear."

- Tim Keller

#### Belgic Confession of Faith

"Far from making people cold toward living in a [godly] and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary, so works within us, that apart from it, we will never do a thing out of love for God, but only out of love for ourselves and fear of being condemned."

### Don't just look at your sins; look at your boasting.

#### Three Points

# 3. Receiving God's righteousness means repenting of your own righteousness.