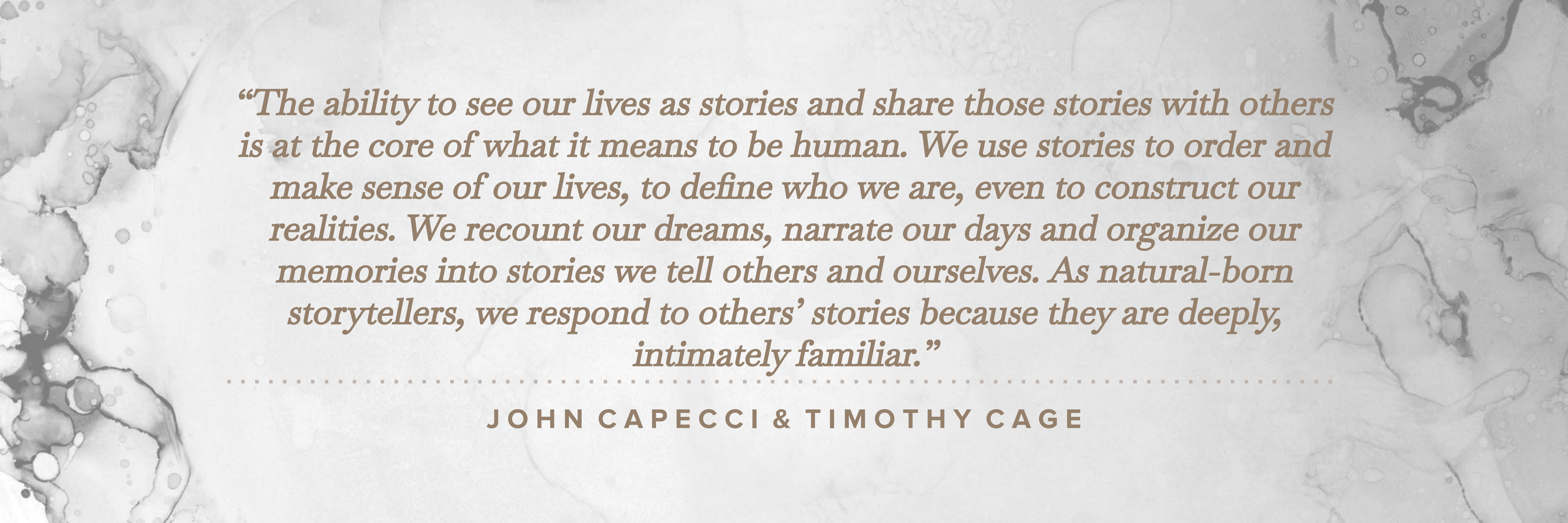


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FIGHT FOR GODLINESS

A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY

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“The ability to see our lives as stories and share those stories with others is at the core of what it means to be human. We use stories to order and make sense of our lives, to define who we are, even to construct our realities. We recount our dreams, narrate our days and organize our memories into stories we tell others and ourselves. As natural-born storytellers, we respond to others’ stories because they are deeply, intimately familiar.”

JOHN CAPECCI & TIMOTHY CAGE

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1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20



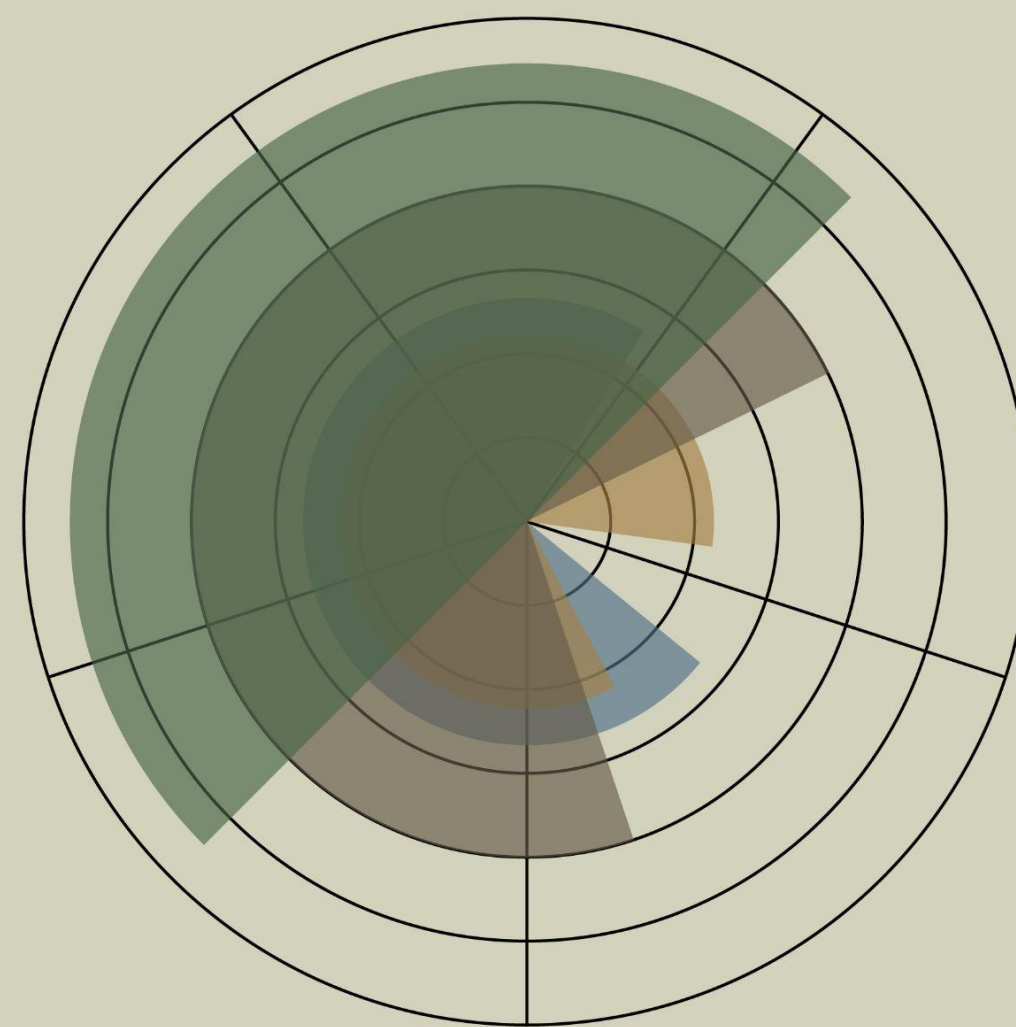
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SERMON NOTES





1 TIMOTHY 1:11-12 NIV

...that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me. ¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.

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1 TIMOTHY 1:13a NIV

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man...

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GALATIANS 1:13-14 NIV

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

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ACTS 22:2b-5 NIV

Then Paul said: ³ “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. ⁴ I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, ⁵ as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.

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1 TIMOTHY 1:13 NIV

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

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1 TIMOTHY 1:14 NIV

The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly,
along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

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PSALM 139:1-6 NIV

- ¹ You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

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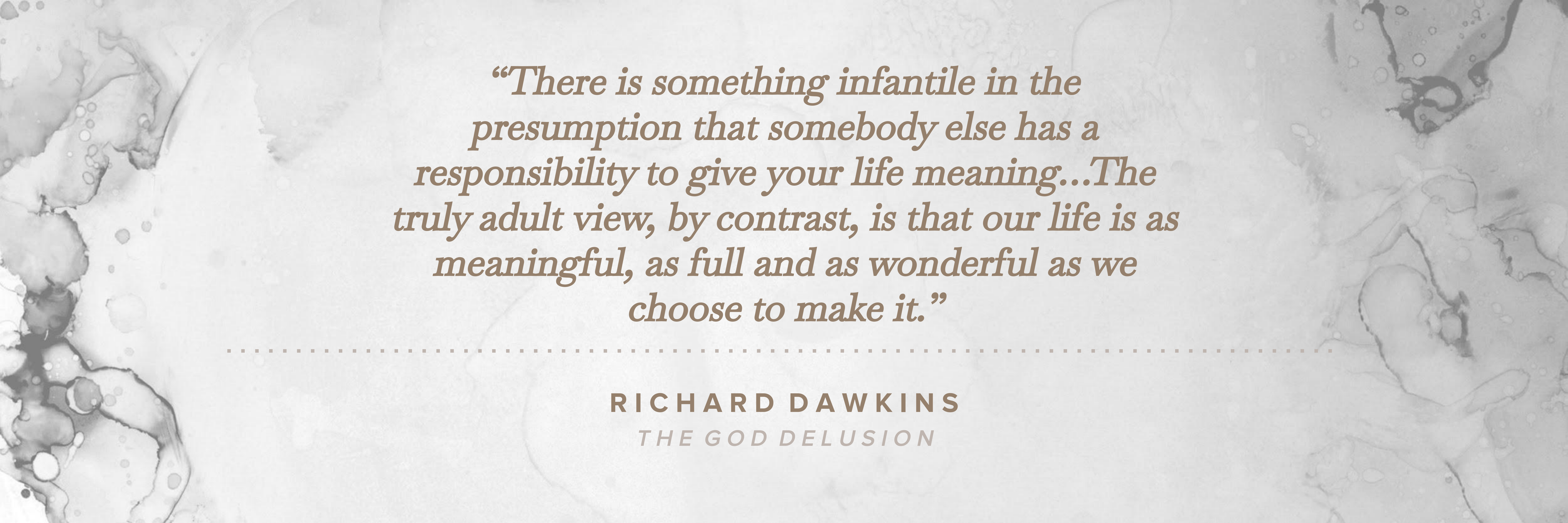
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“It wasn’t for me that this theological question came up and I couldn’t reconcile it, it was really an outworking of the hurt that was there...My deconstruction experience was circumstances coming and just stomping me. You know, my own failure and things falling apart, relationships being broken, and I’m just like trying to pick up the pieces.”

JOSHUA HARRIS

THE RISE AND FALL OF MARS HILL PODCAST

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“There is something infantile in the presumption that somebody else has a responsibility to give your life meaning...The truly adult view, by contrast, is that our life is as meaningful, as full and as wonderful as we choose to make it.”

RICHARD DAWKINS
THE GOD DELUSION



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1 TIMOTHY 1:15 NIV

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1 TIMOTHY 1:16 NIV

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

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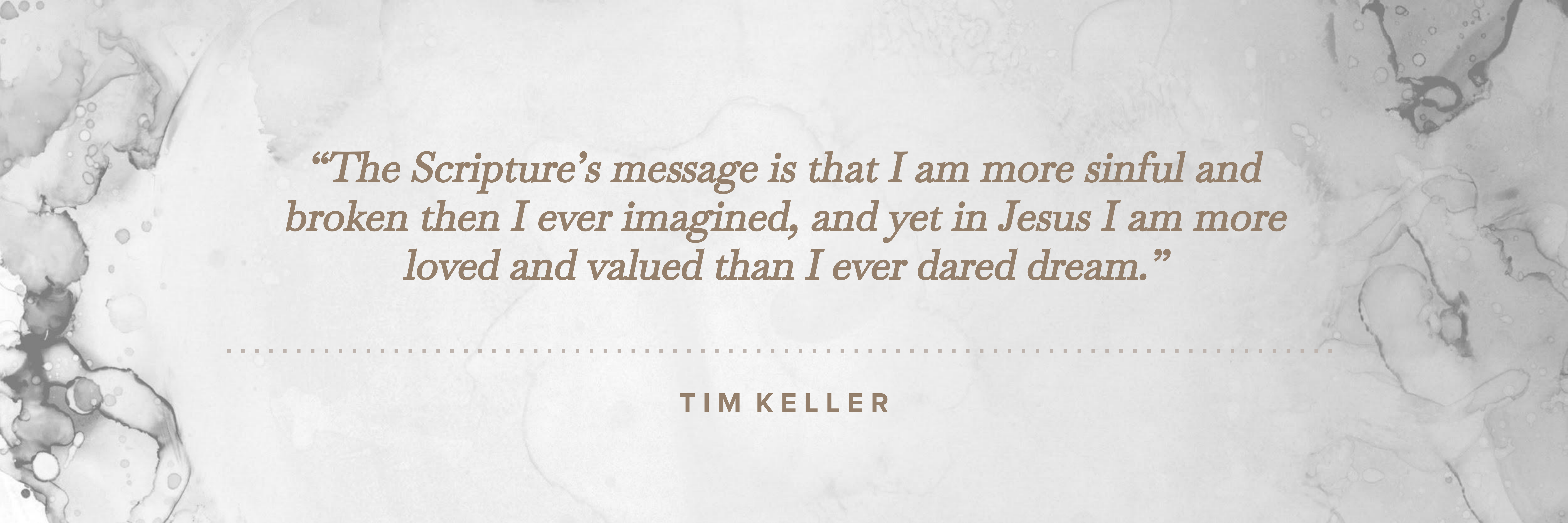
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-In me, I am the worst

-In him, I am the best



“The Scripture’s message is that I am more sinful and broken than I ever imagined, and yet in Jesus I am more loved and valued than I ever dared dream.”

TIM KELLER

1 TIMOTHY 1:18 NIV

Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well...

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1 TIMOTHY 1:18-19 NIV

Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

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-In me, I am the worst

-In him, I am the best

-In this, I have strength

-Without this, I fall apart



1 TIMOTHY 1:17 NIV

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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