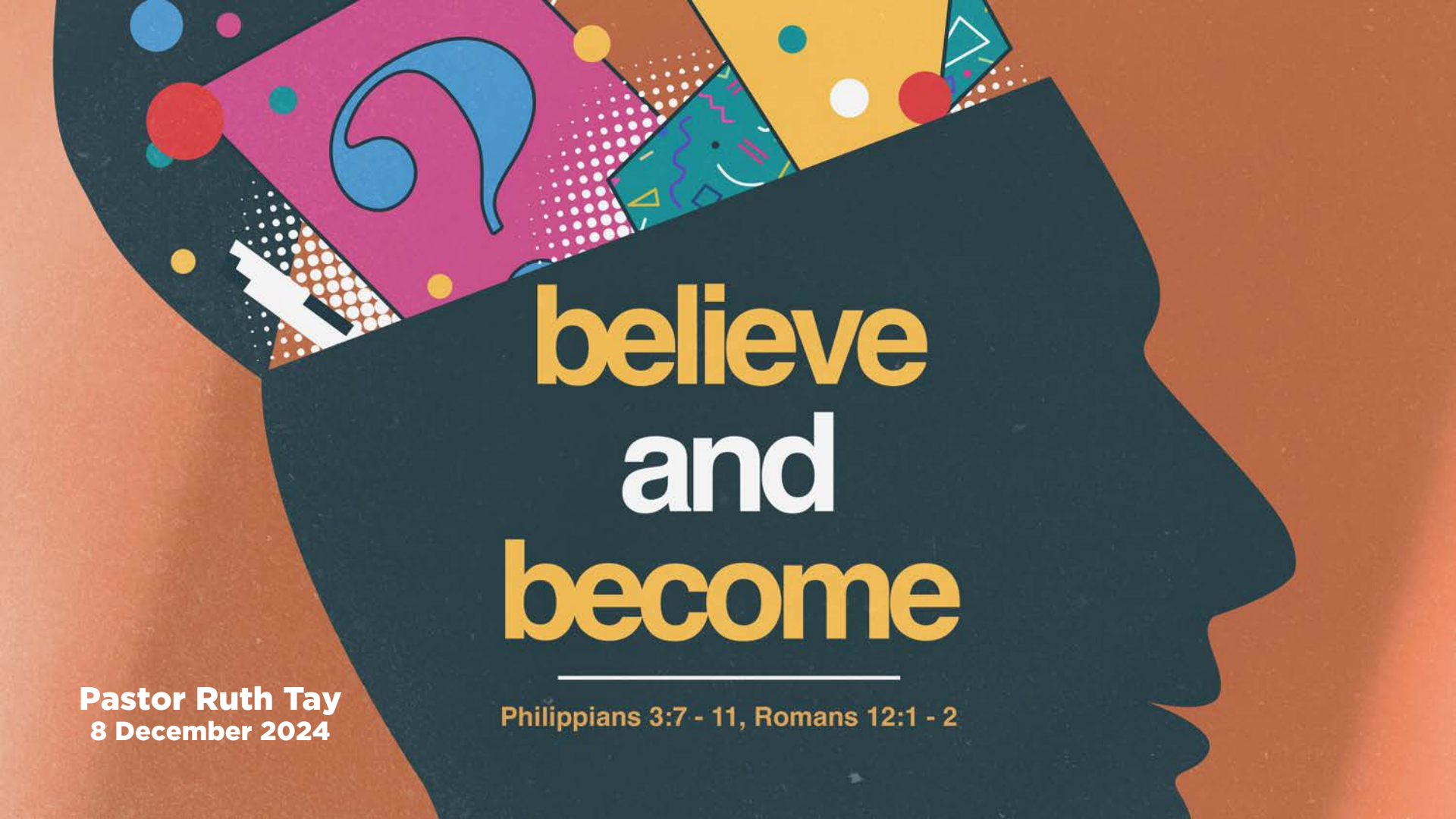
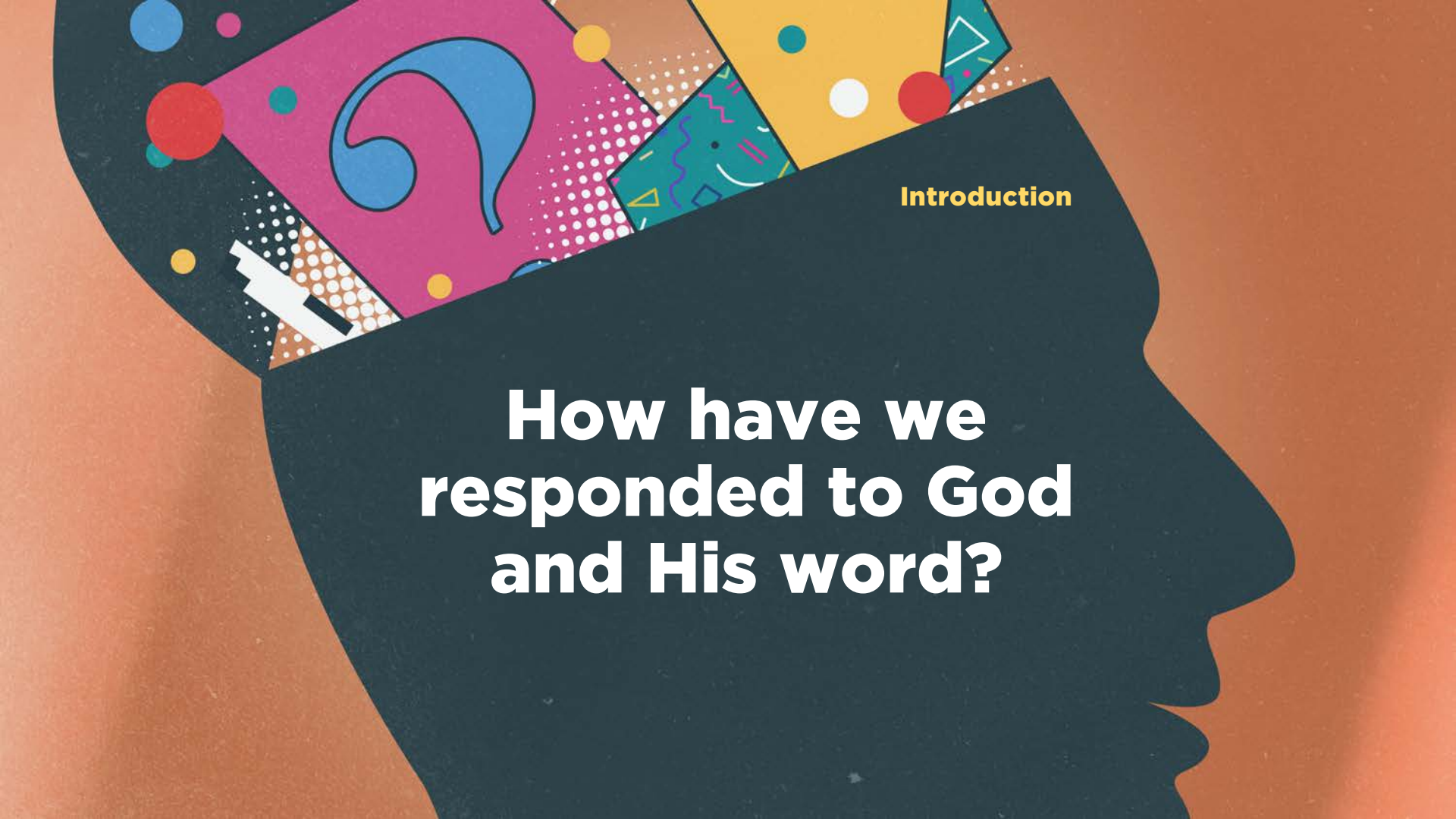




believe and become

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Philippians 3:7 - 11, Romans 12:1 - 2



Introduction

How have we responded to God and His word?



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**How have we been
transformed in our
thinking and character?**

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**How has the Lord
journeyed with us and
empowered us to grow
into Christlikeness
this year?**



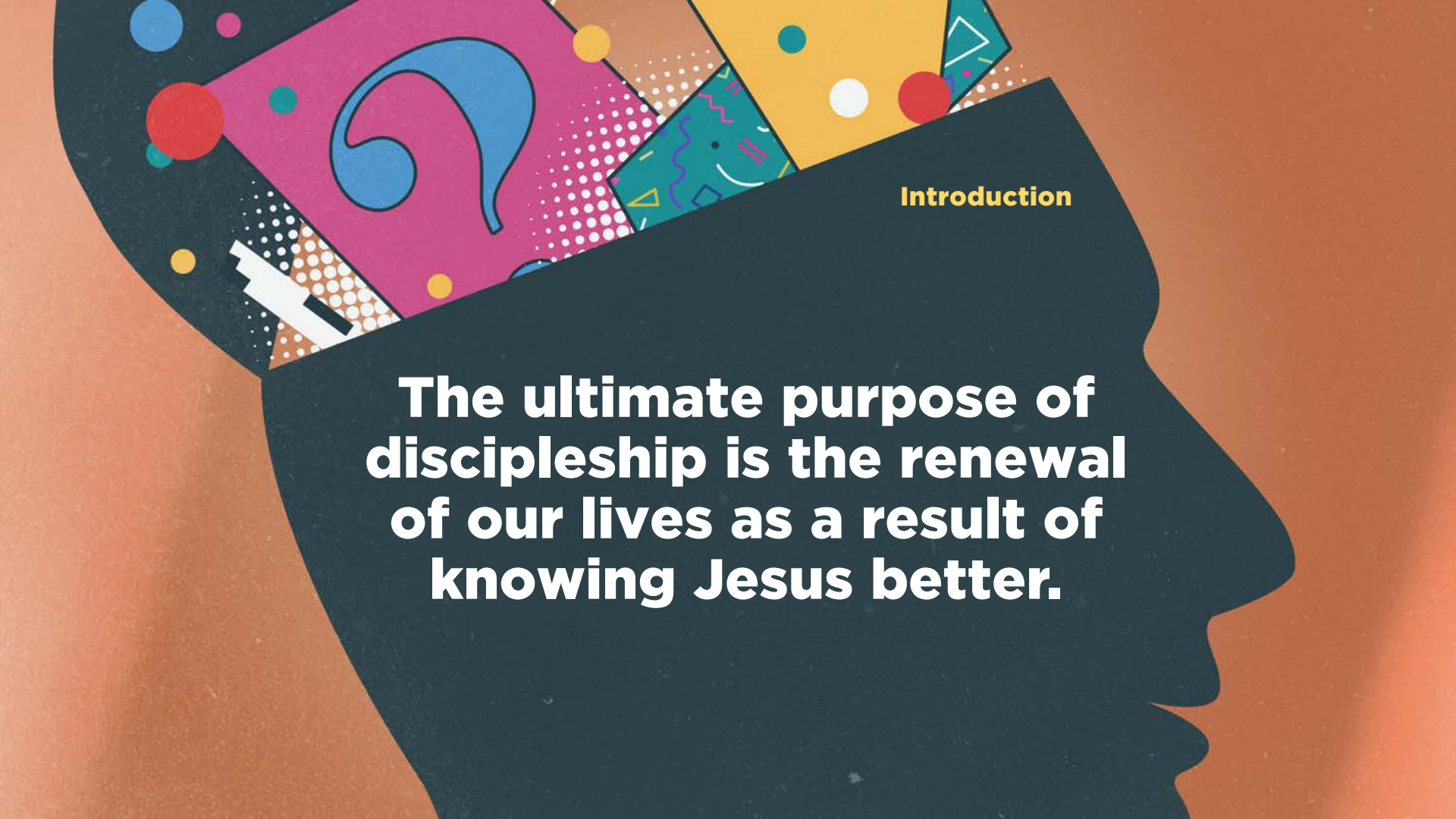
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"Self-reflection is the gateway to freedom. By looking inward, we discover who we are and the changes we need to make."

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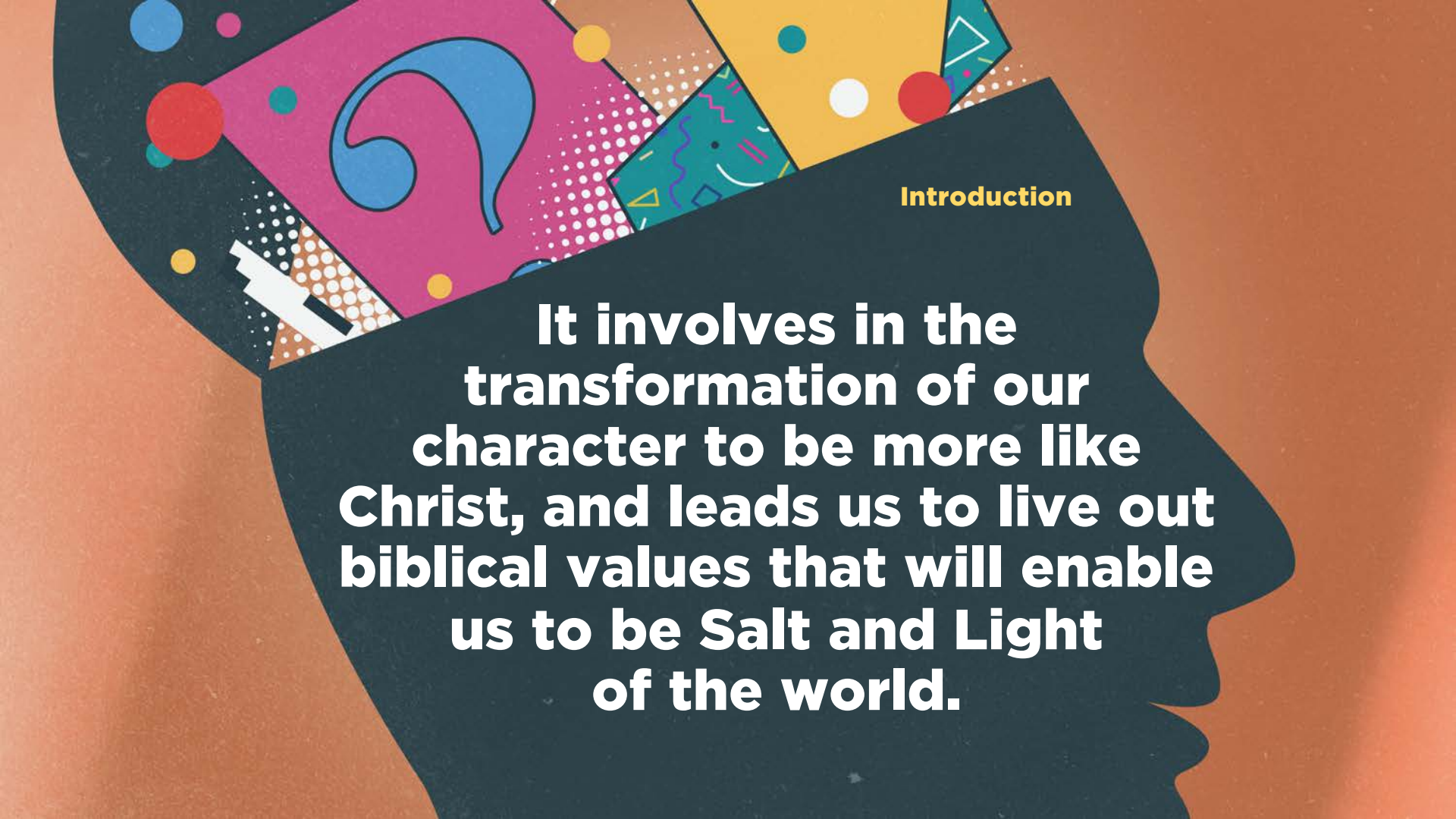
2 CORINTHIANS 13:5 (ESV)

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test!



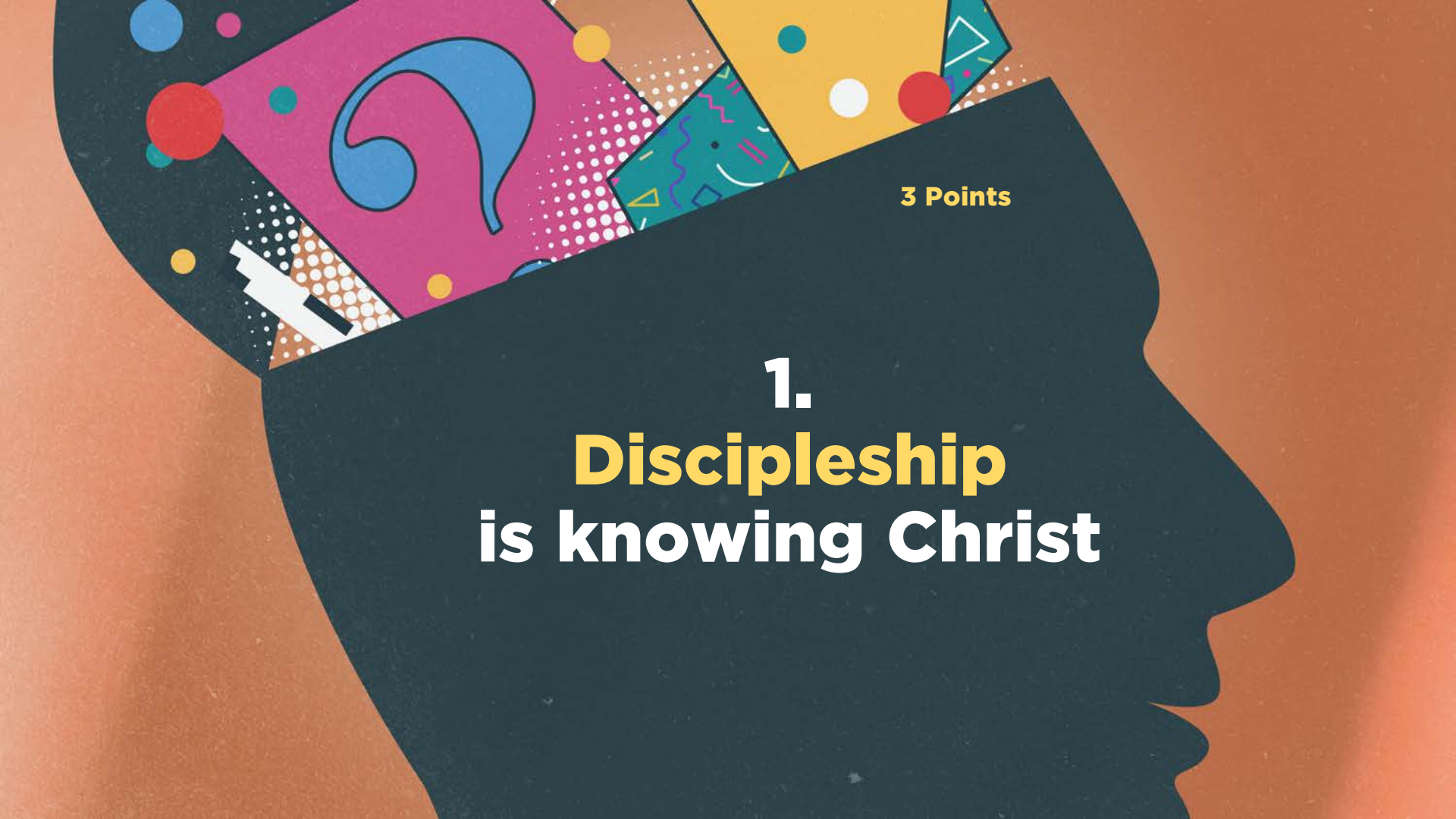
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3 Points

1.
Discipleship
is knowing Christ



3 Points

2.
Discipleship
is the transformation
of our character



3 Points

3.
Discipleship
is living out the
biblical values

A dark blue silhouette of a person's head in profile, facing right, set against a solid orange background. The silhouette is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the head and neck area extending towards the center.

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**“The ultimate purpose of discipleship
is the renewal of our lives as a result
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JOHN 17:3 (ESV)

**And this is eternal life, that they know you,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom you have sent.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (ESV)

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of **knowing** Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (ESV)

9 and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith —

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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**Many times, what stands in the way
of us knowing Christ could be what
we value more than Christ.**

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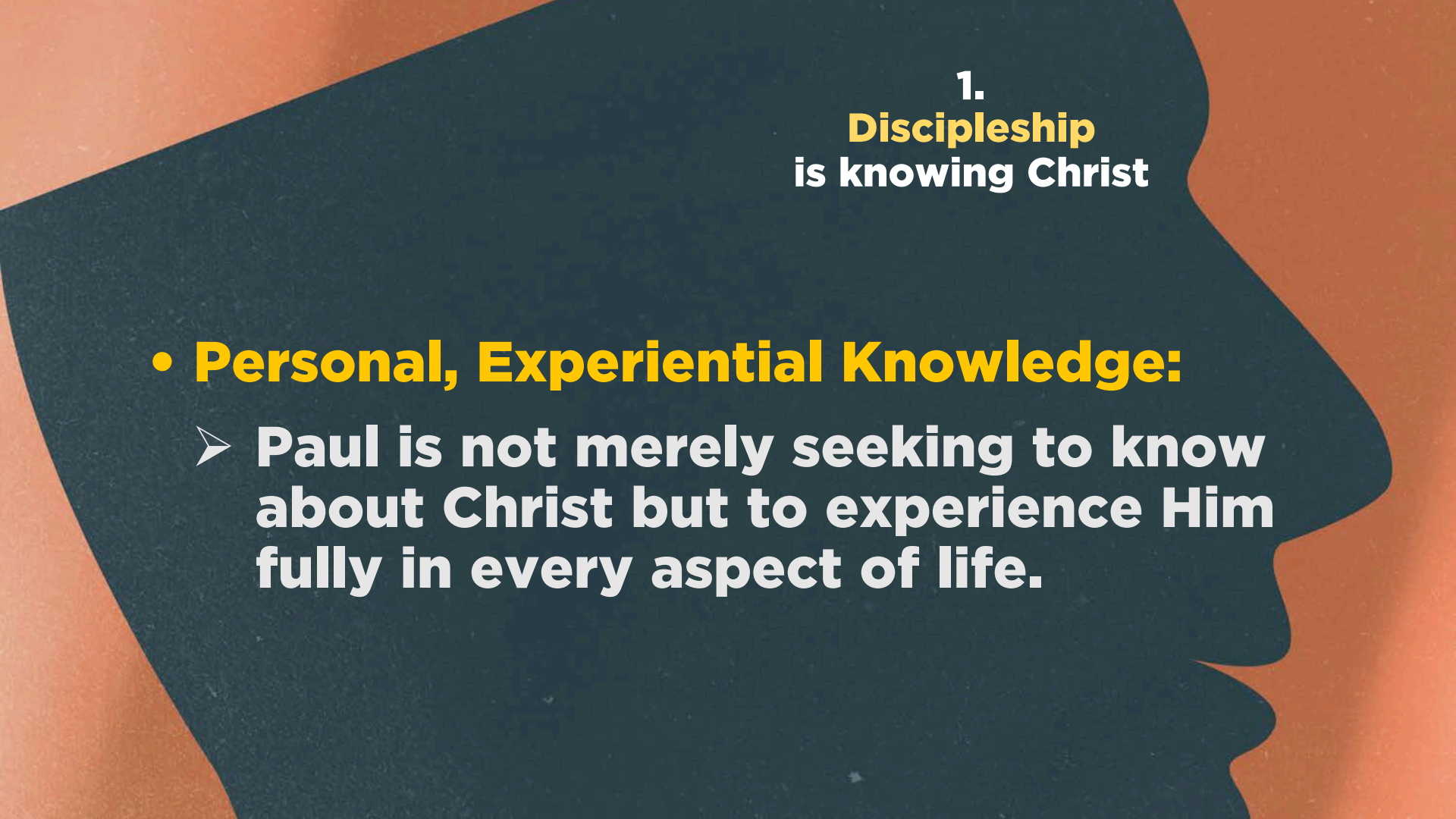
**We need to see the worth of knowing
Christ greater than anything we can
pursue and accomplish in life.**

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- **Personal, Experiential Knowledge:**
 - **Ginōskō refers to more than intellectual understanding.**

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- **Personal, Experiential Knowledge:**
 - **It implies a deep, personal, and experiential knowledge.**

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- **Personal, Experiential Knowledge:**
 - **Paul is not merely seeking to know about Christ but to experience Him fully in every aspect of life.**

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- **Transformative Knowledge:**
 - **Paul's use of ginōskō indicates a knowledge that changes a person.**

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- **Transformative Knowledge:**
 - **Knowing Christ includes being transformed by the power of His resurrection and sharing in His sufferings.**

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- **Progressive, Ongoing Knowledge:**
 - **This knowledge is not static but grows deeper as one walks with Christ.**

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- **Progressive, Ongoing Knowledge:**
 - **Paul's desire reflects the lifelong journey of growing in faith and relationship with Jesus.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:10 (ESV)

**“... that I may know Him and
the power of His resurrection, ...”**

ROMANS 8:11 (ESV)

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10 (ESV)

**“... that I may know Him and the power
of His resurrection, and **may share
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in His death ...”**

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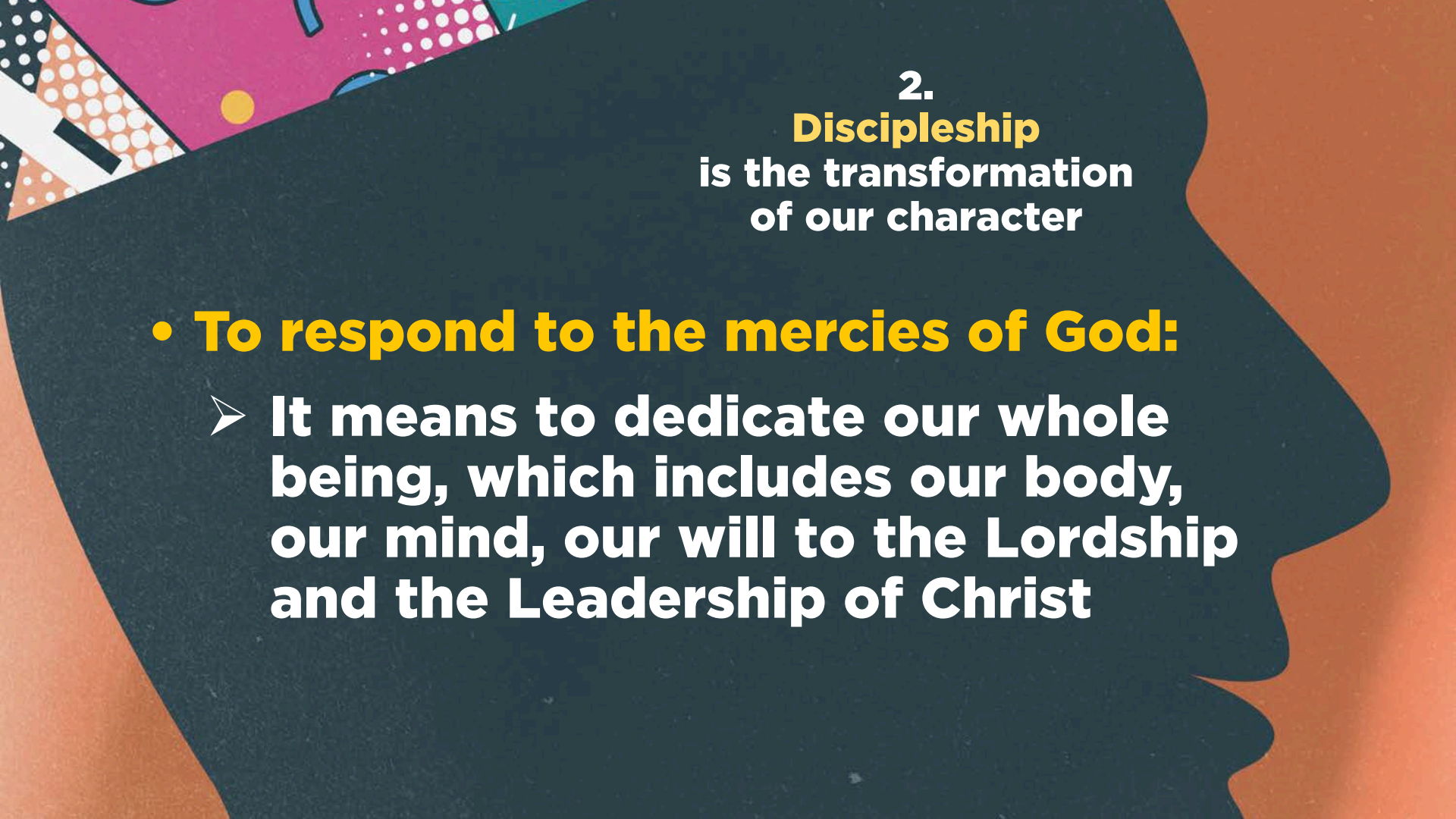
**He saw his suffering for Christ
as a process of knowing Christ.**



2.
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ROMANS 12:1-2 (ESV)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

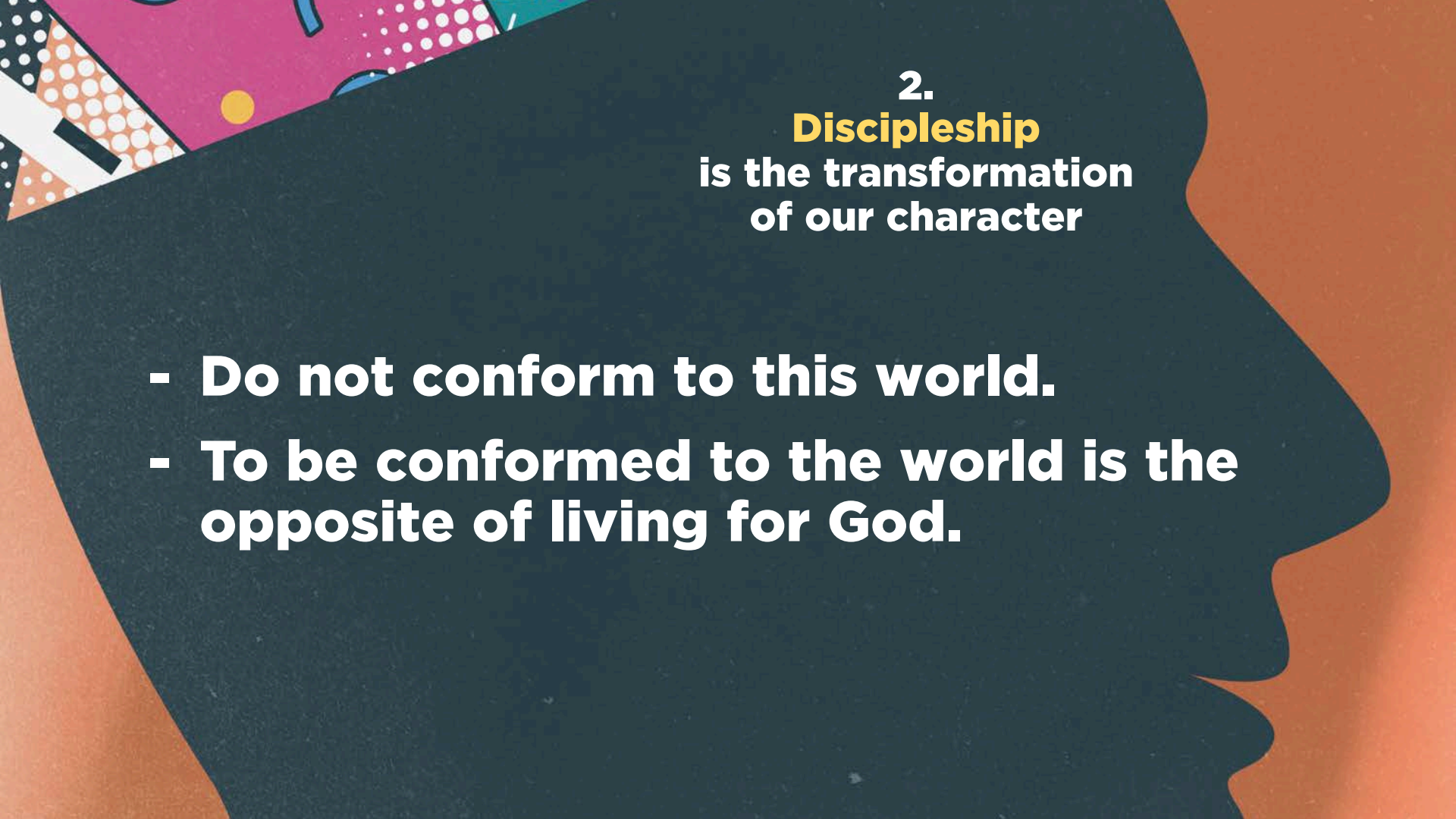


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- **To respond to the mercies of God:**
 - **It means to dedicate our whole being, which includes our body, our mind, our will to the Lordship and the Leadership of Christ**



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- **Do not conform to this world.**
- **To be conformed to the world is the opposite of living for God.**

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**Transformation can only
happen when we decide
WHO IS OUR LORD and
WHO we belong to.**

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**What we believe will affect
HOW we are transformed.**



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FOMO:
Fear of Missing Out

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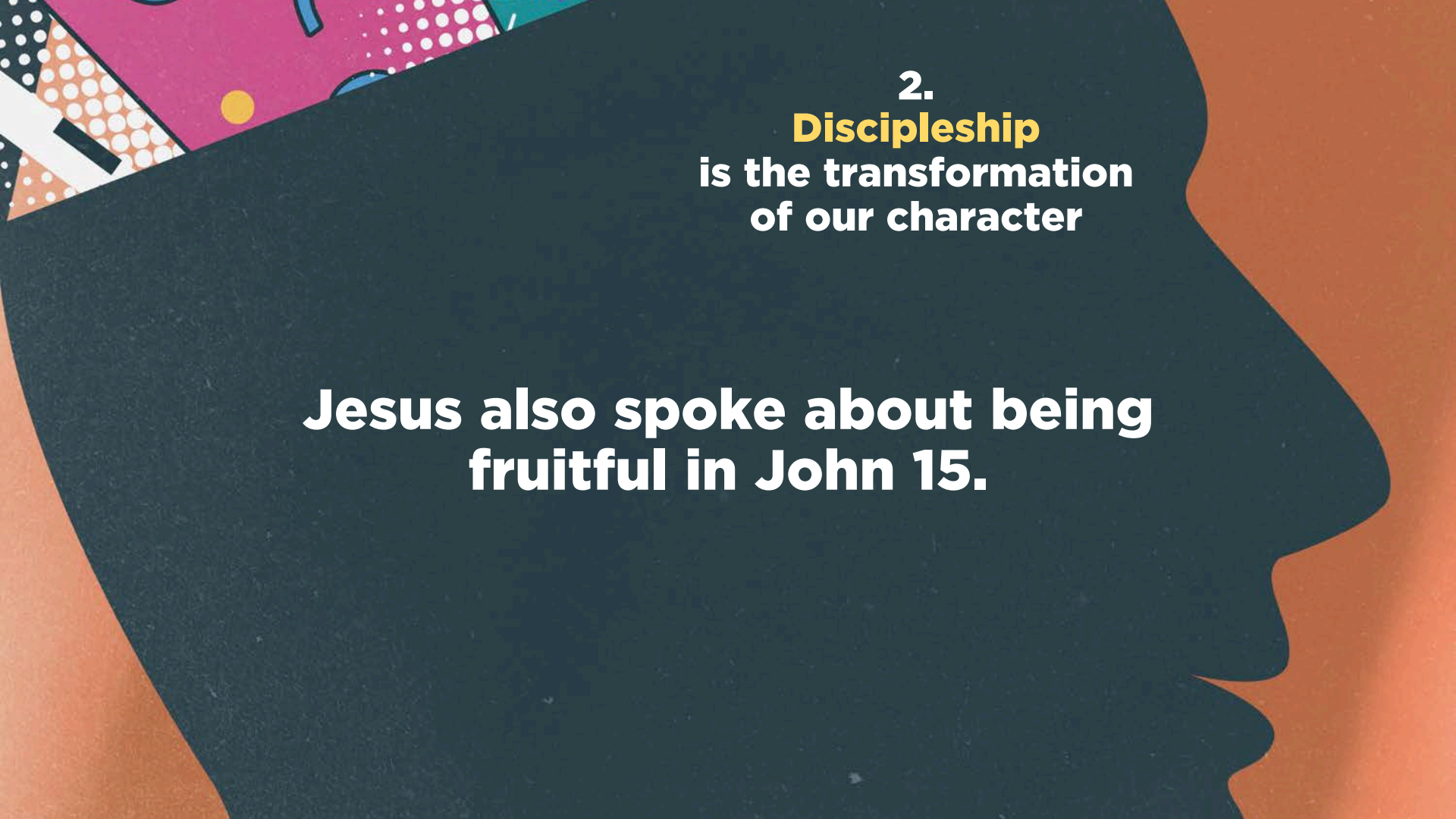
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**Spirit of
entitlement**

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (ESV)

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;**



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**Jesus also spoke about being
fruitful in John 15.**

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Worldly values

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2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 (NIV)

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

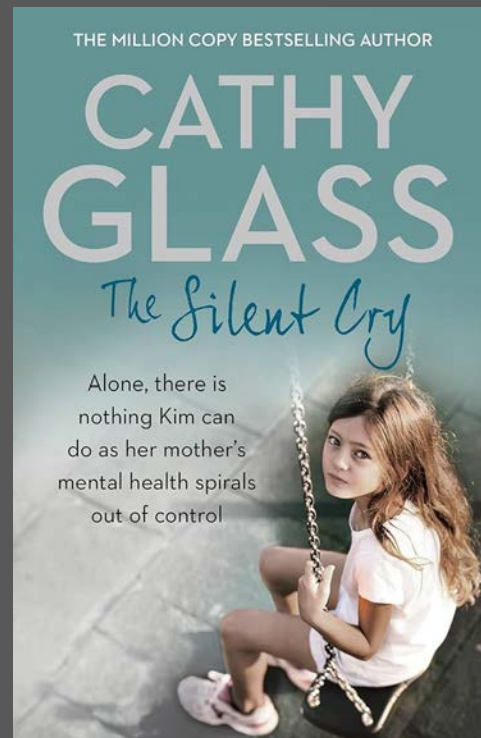
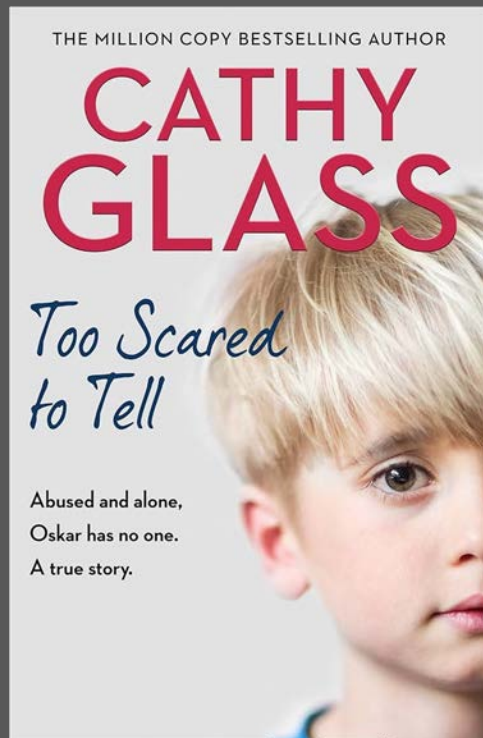
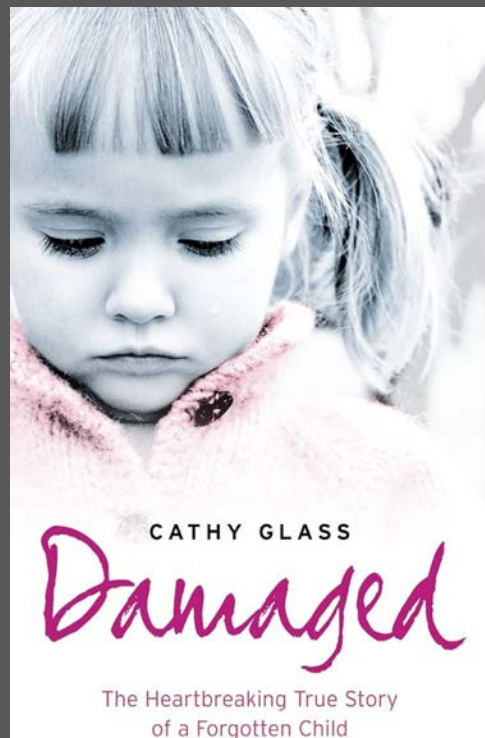
2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 (NIV)

4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God —
5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.



Hi.

We're SPam.







OVERFLOW







BREAKTHROUGHS





COST





SURRENDER & TRUST







Conclusion