

A man in a red shirt stands with his arms raised in a dark, stormy landscape. In the background, a town is visible with lights glowing. The sky is dark with a large lightning bolt striking down. The overall mood is dramatic and hopeful.

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**Righteous**

*The Lord is our righteousness.*



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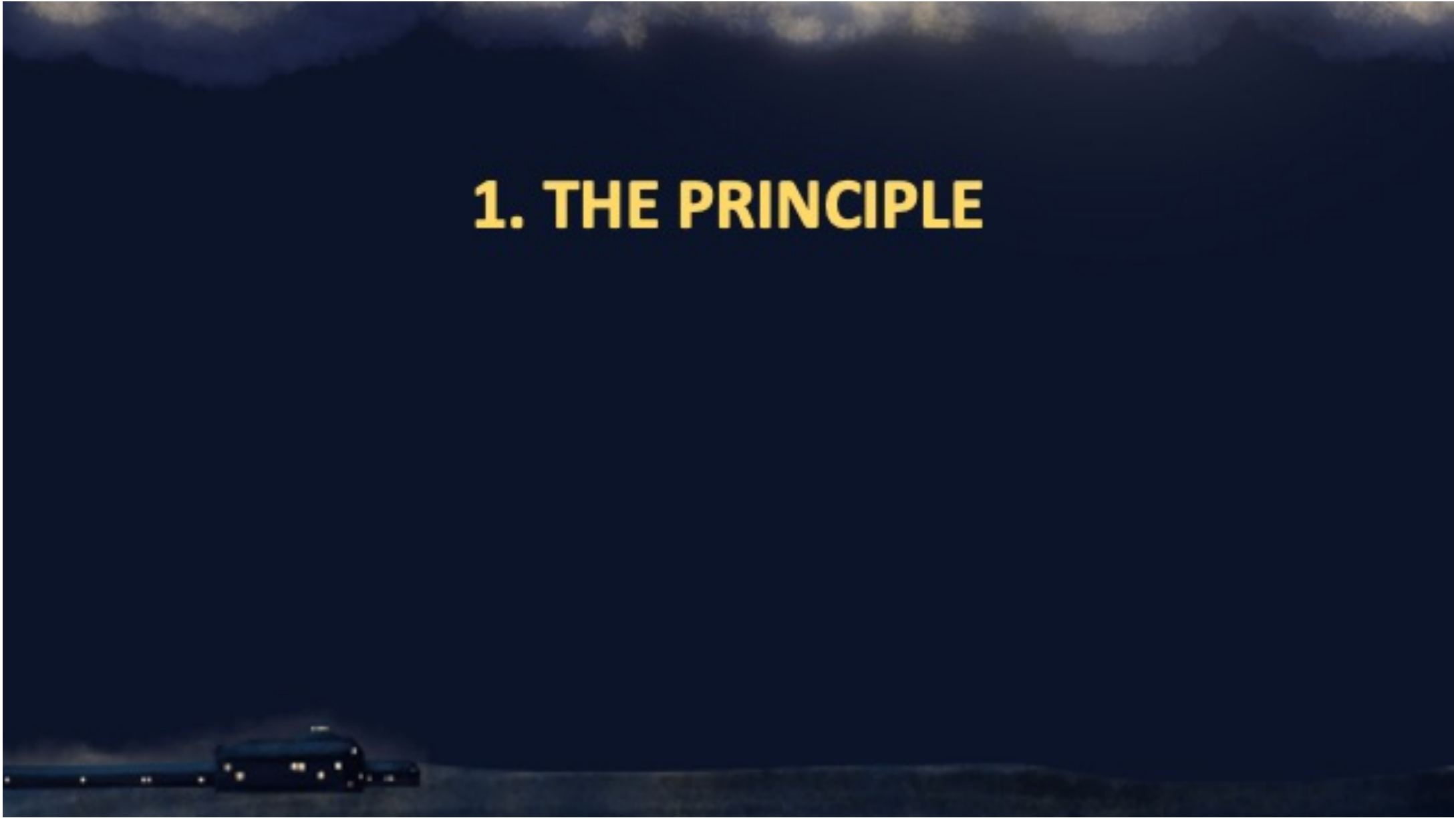
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# **RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST ALONE**

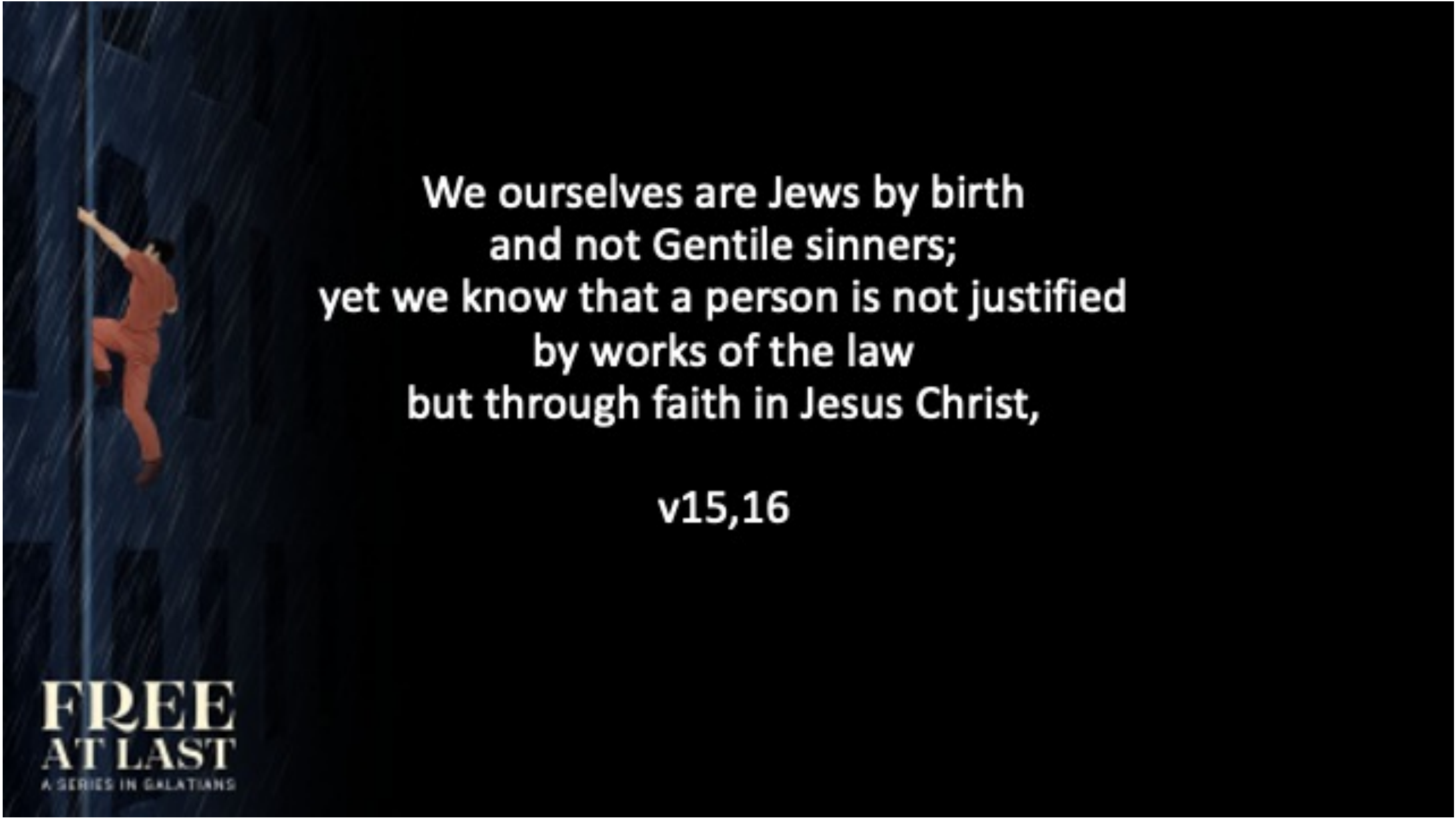
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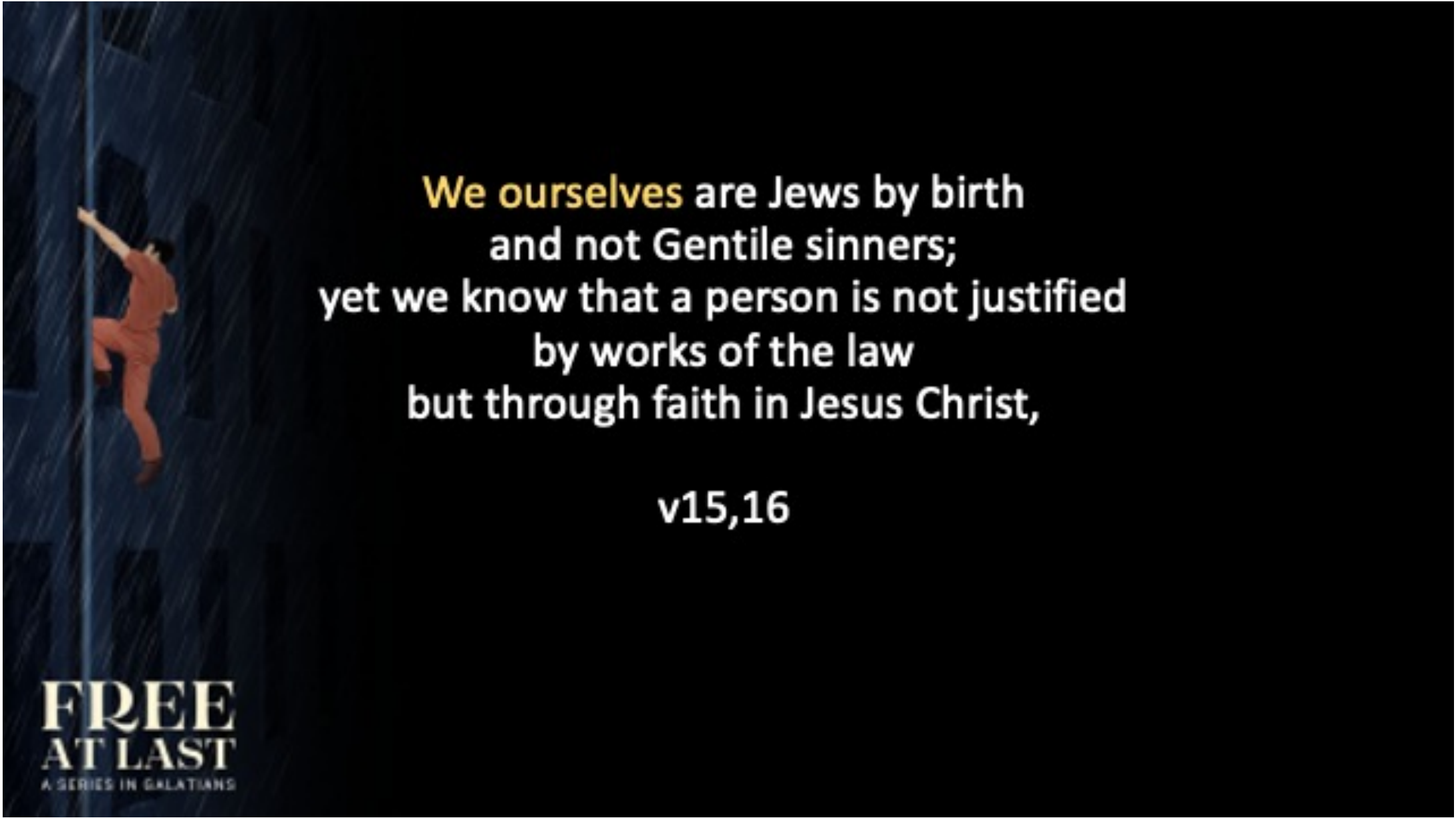
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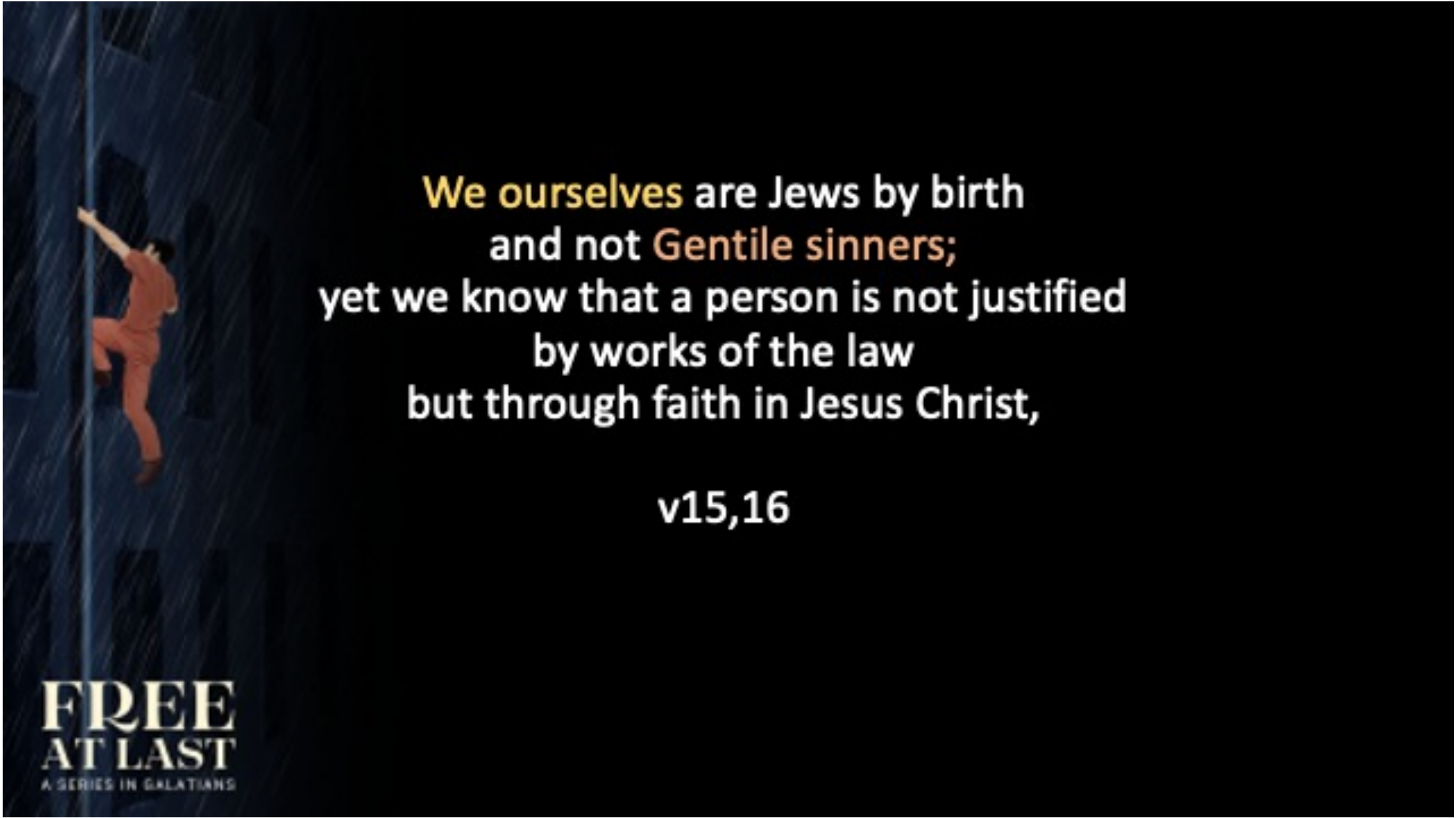
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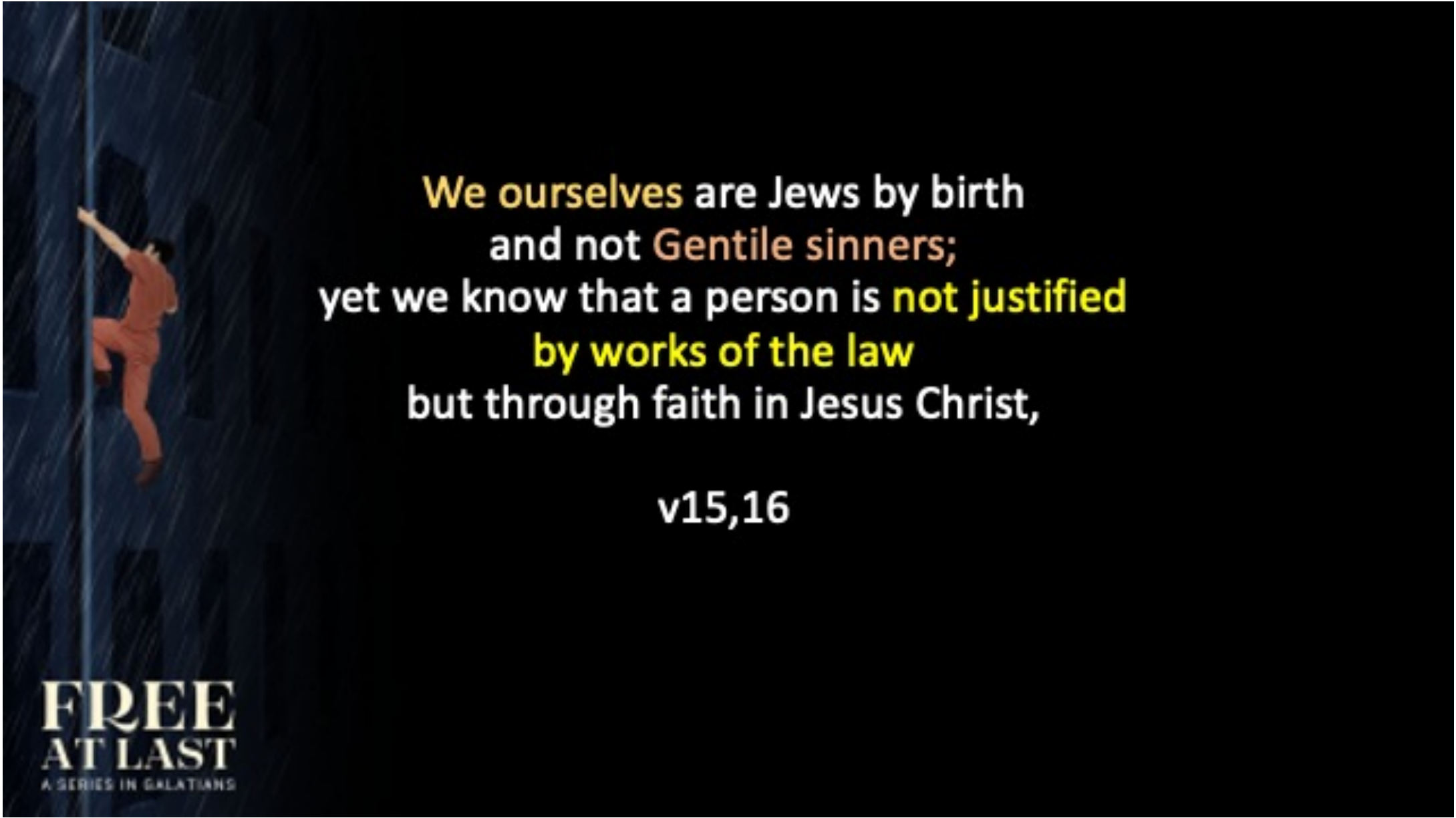


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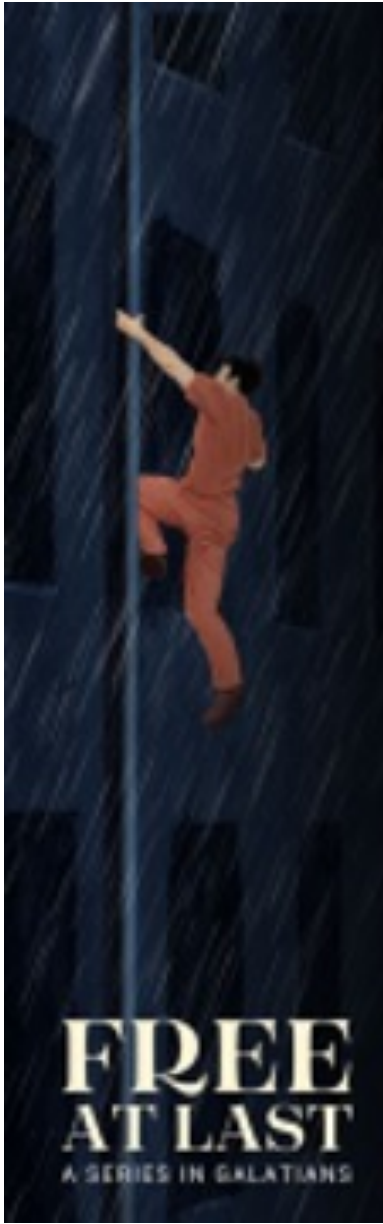
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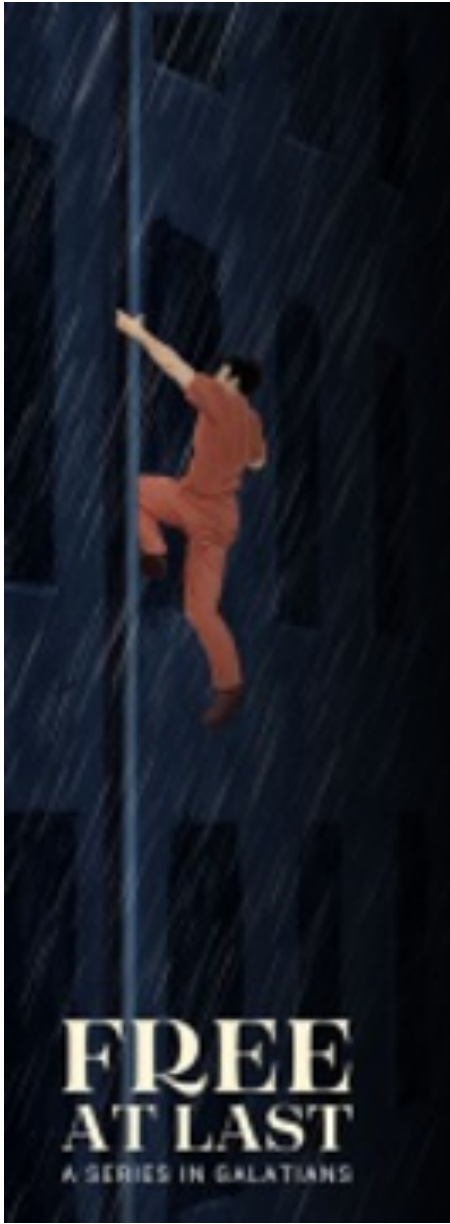
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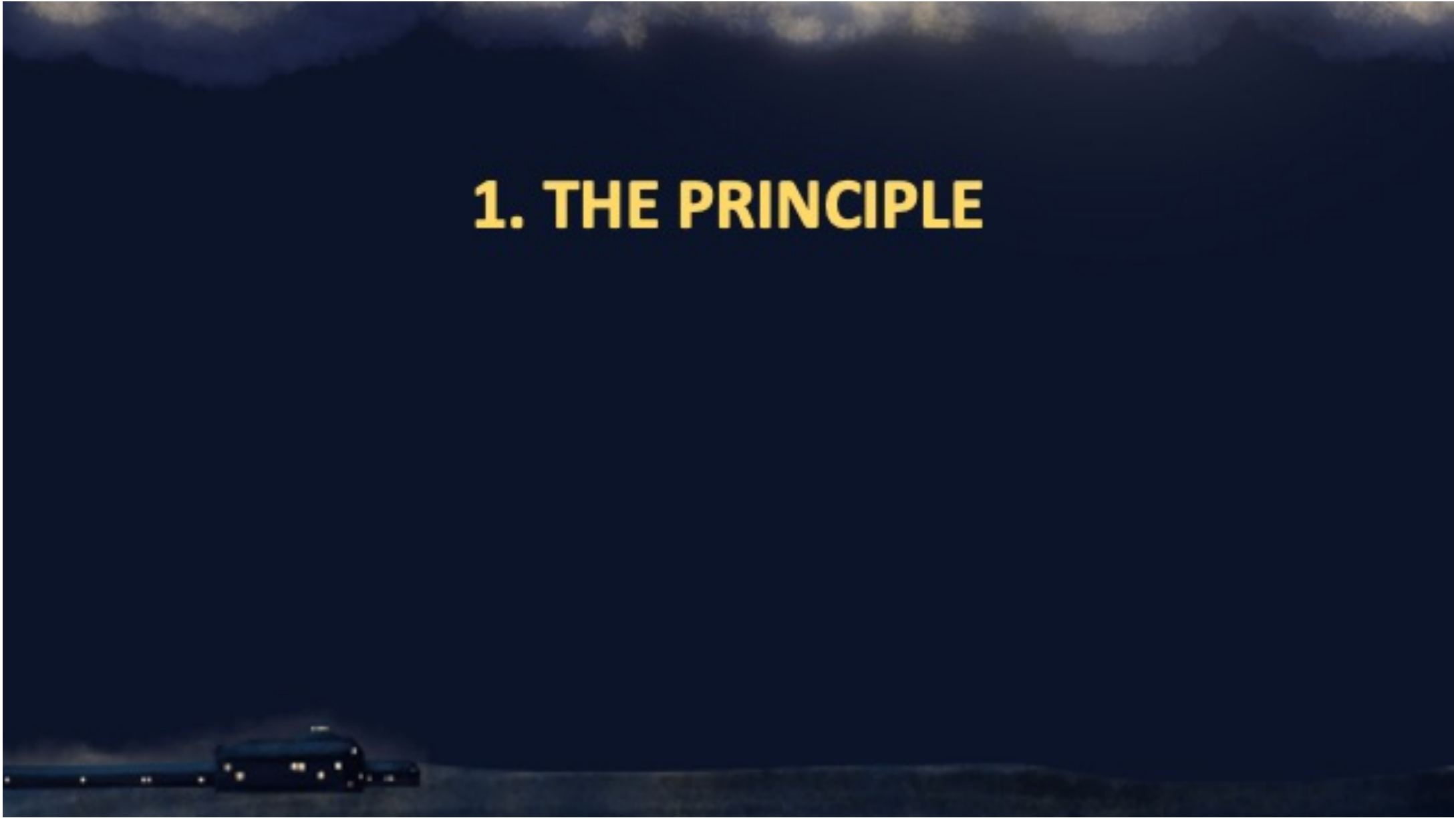
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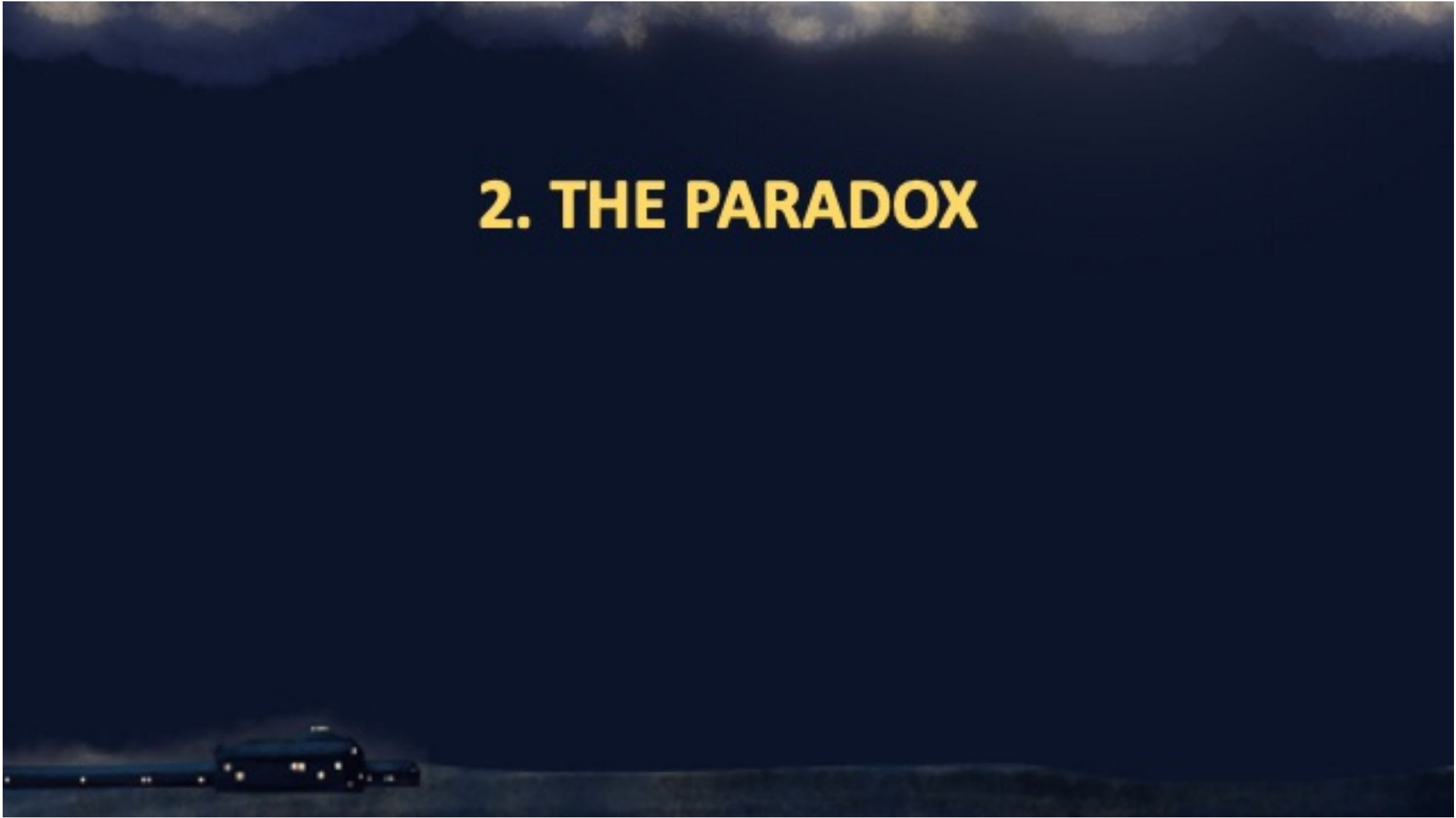
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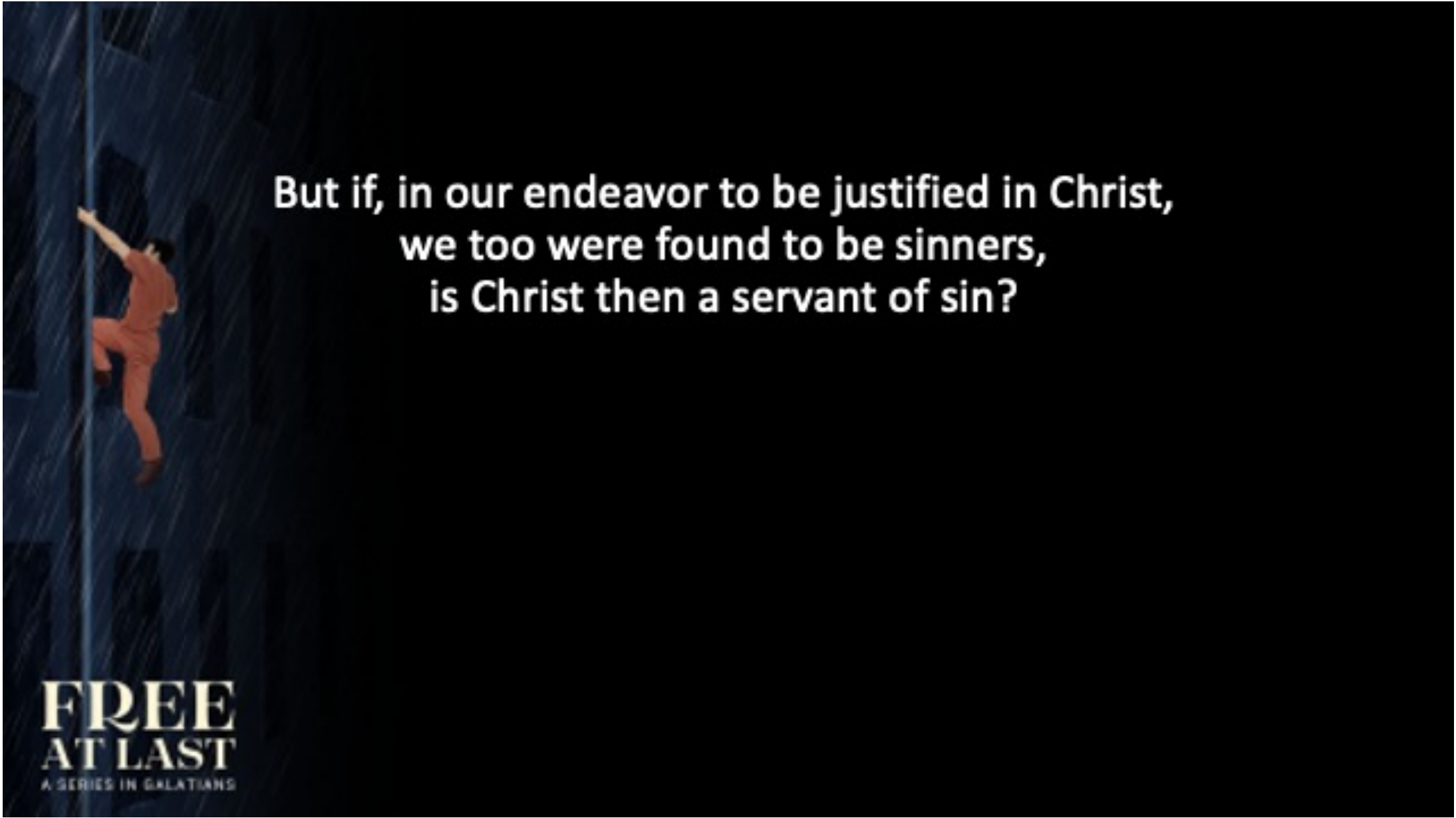


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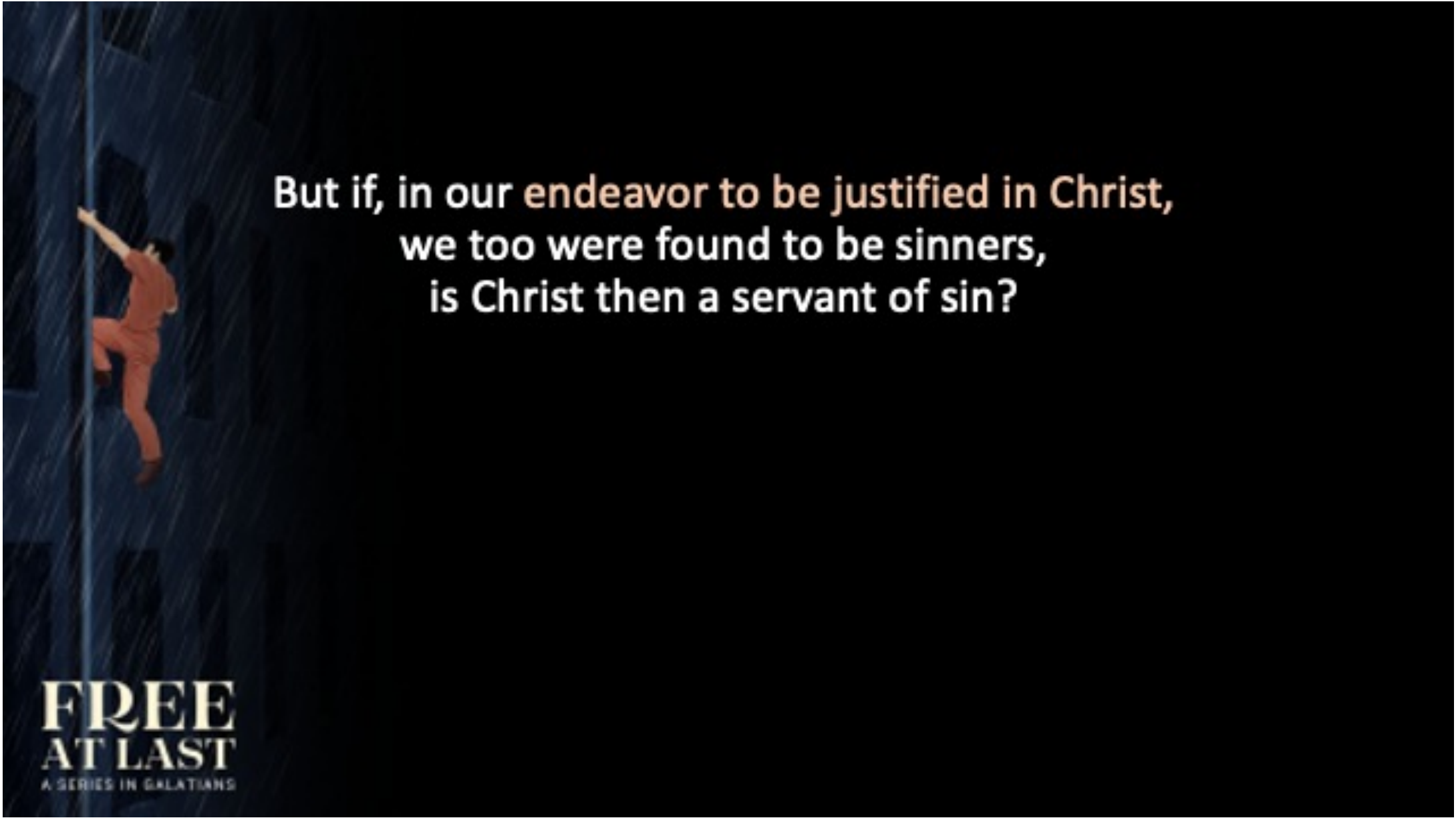


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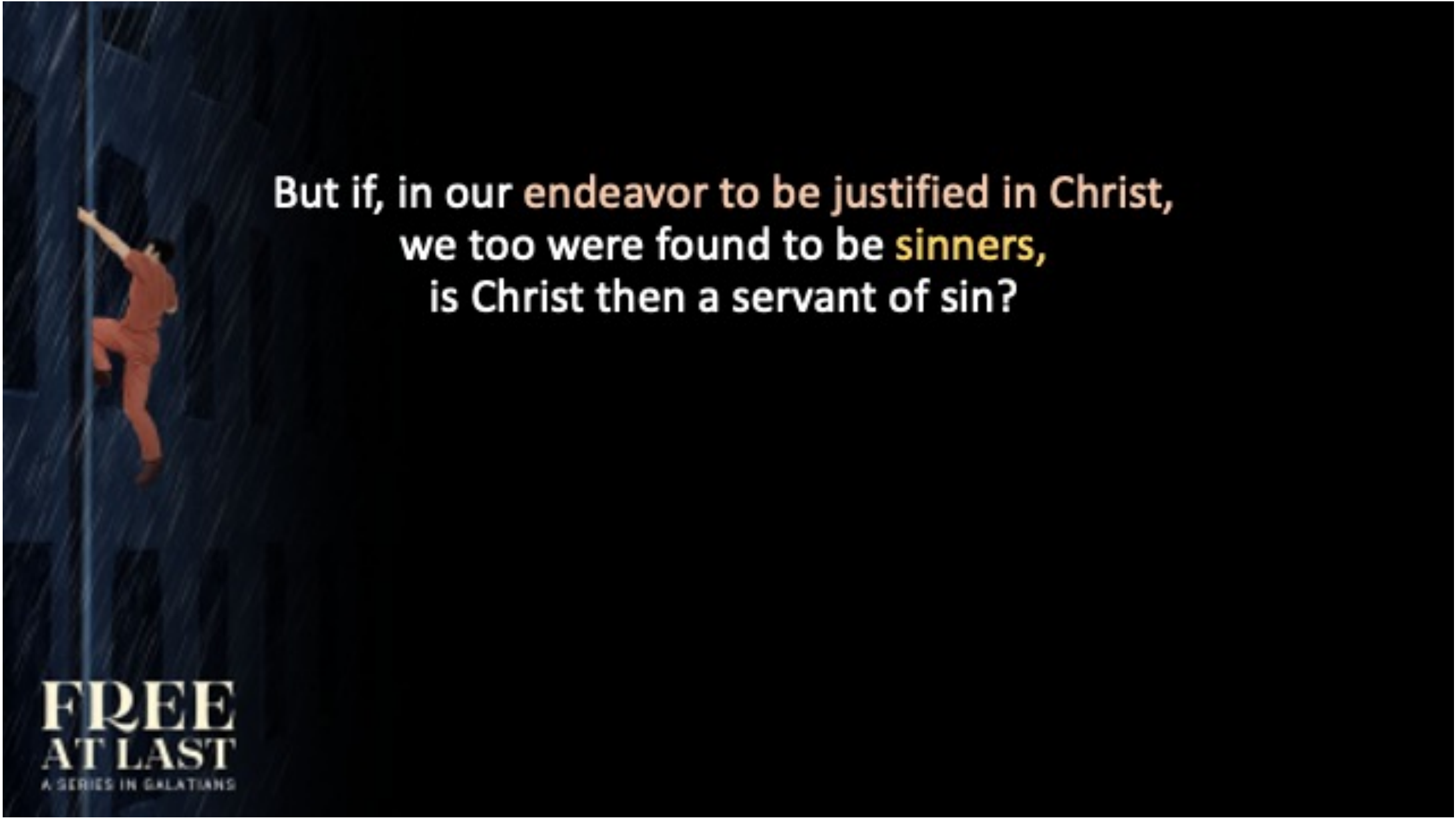
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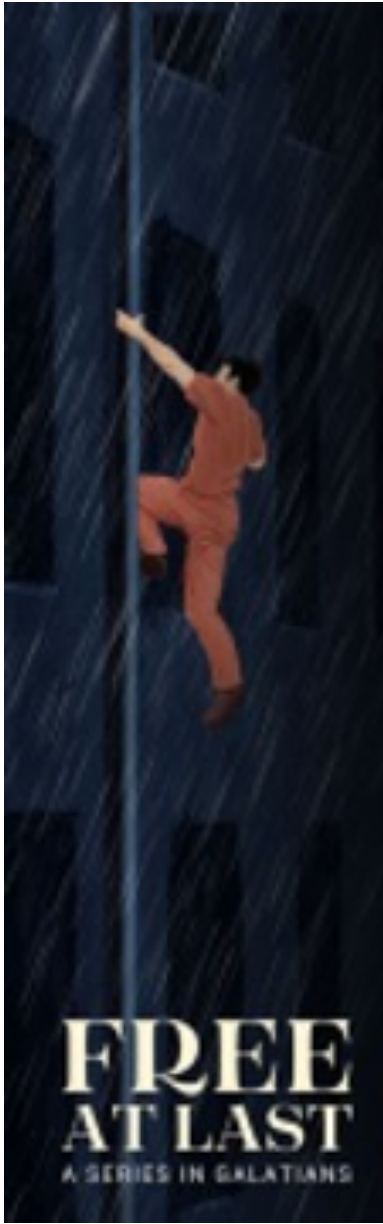
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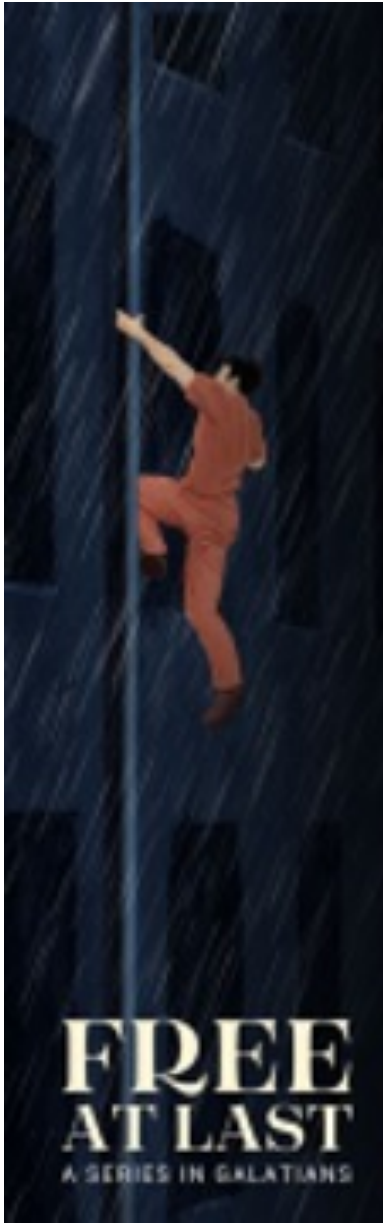
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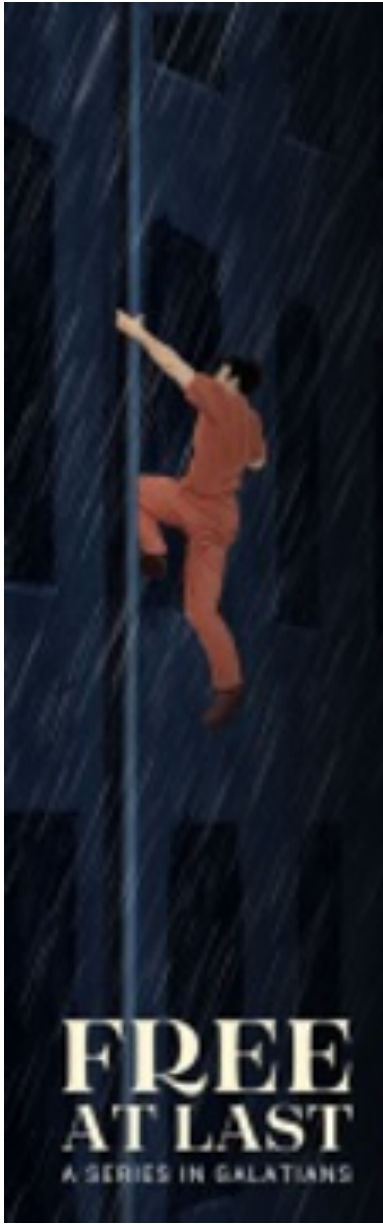
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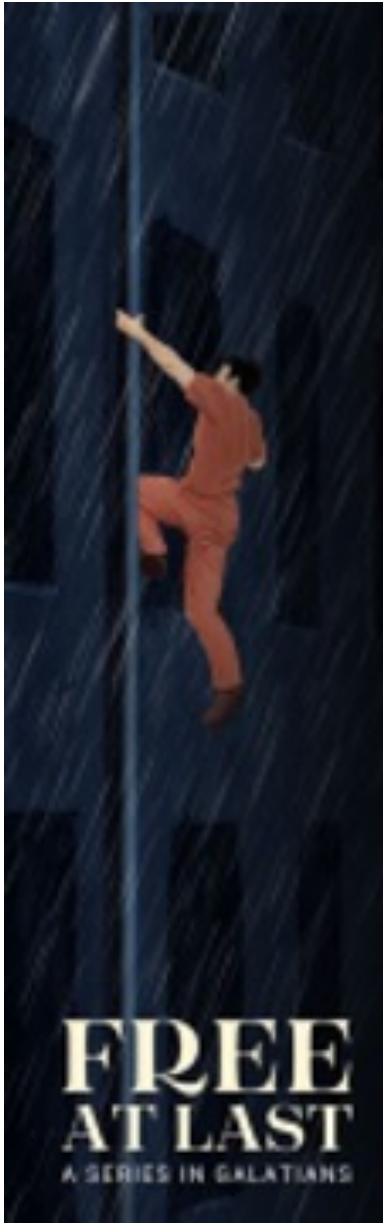
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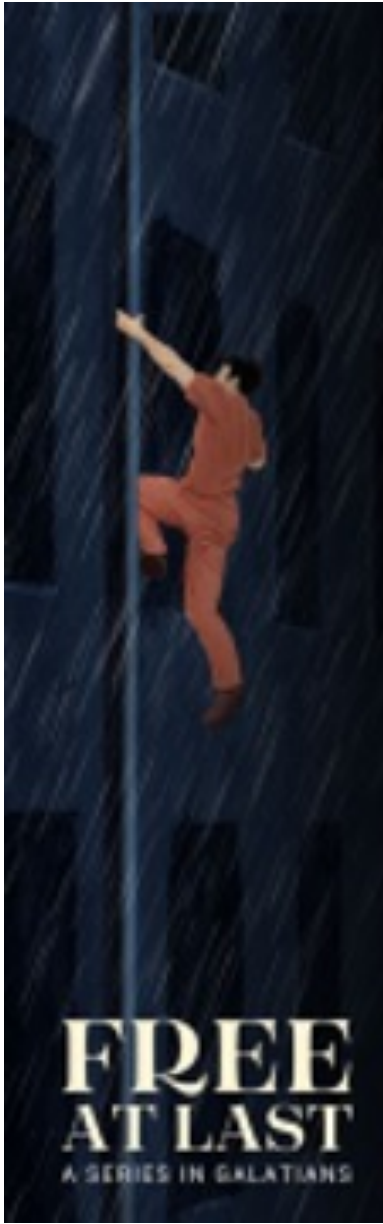
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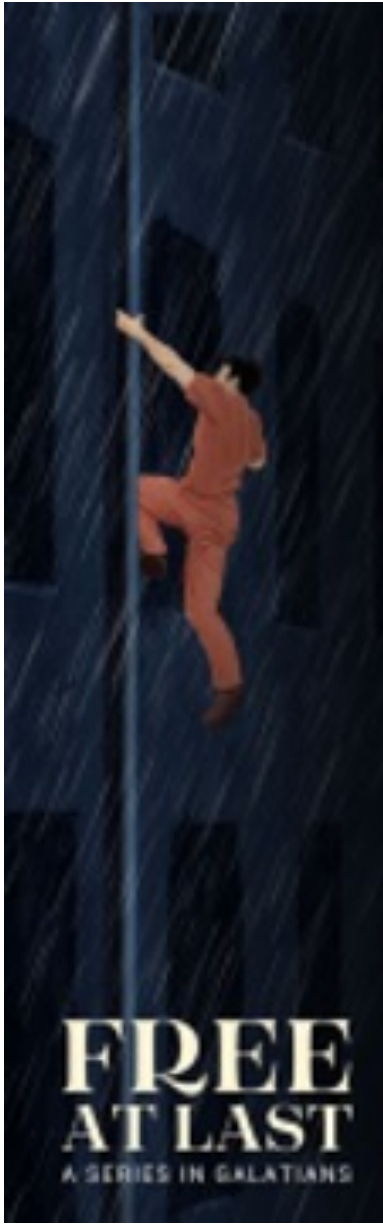
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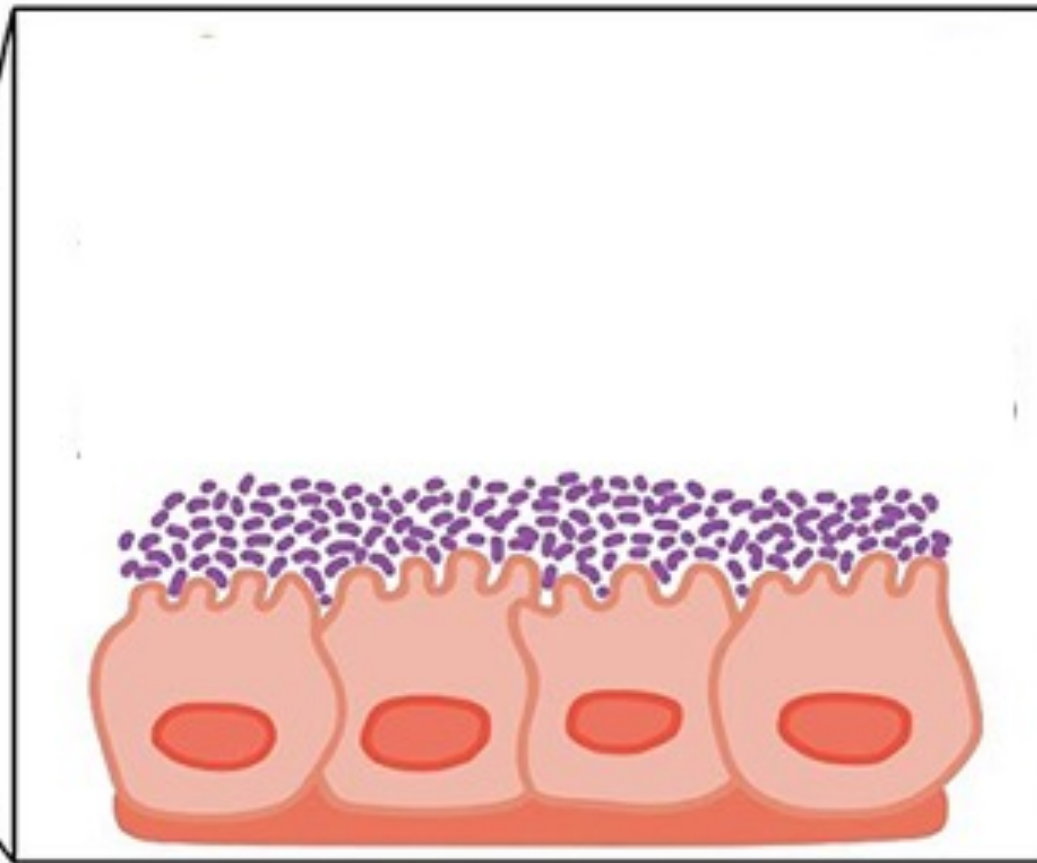
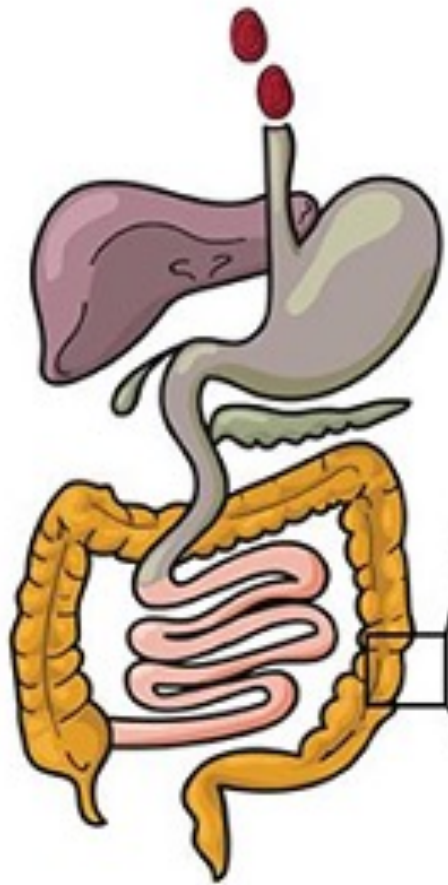
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# Antibiotics





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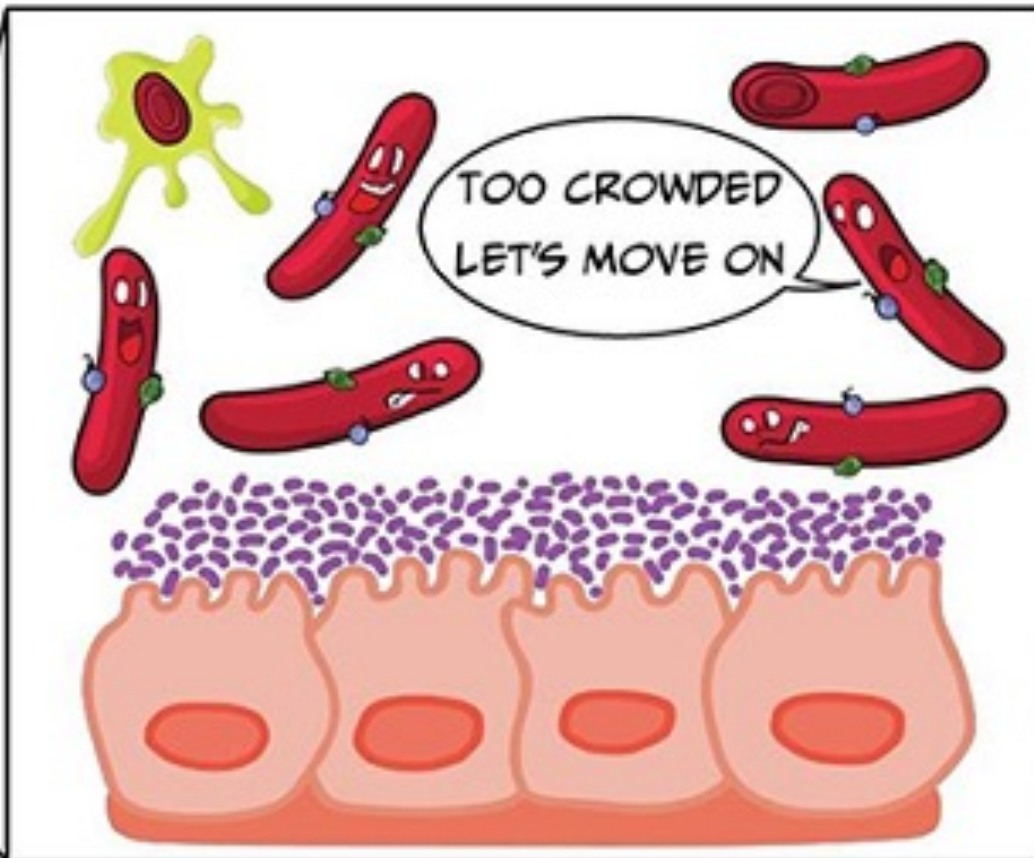





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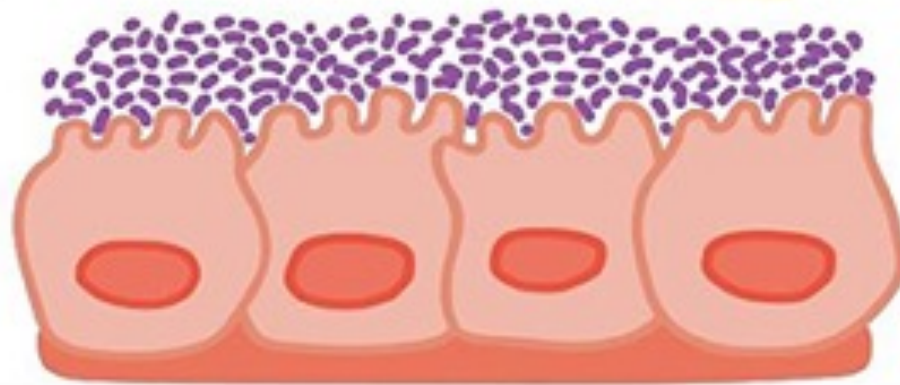


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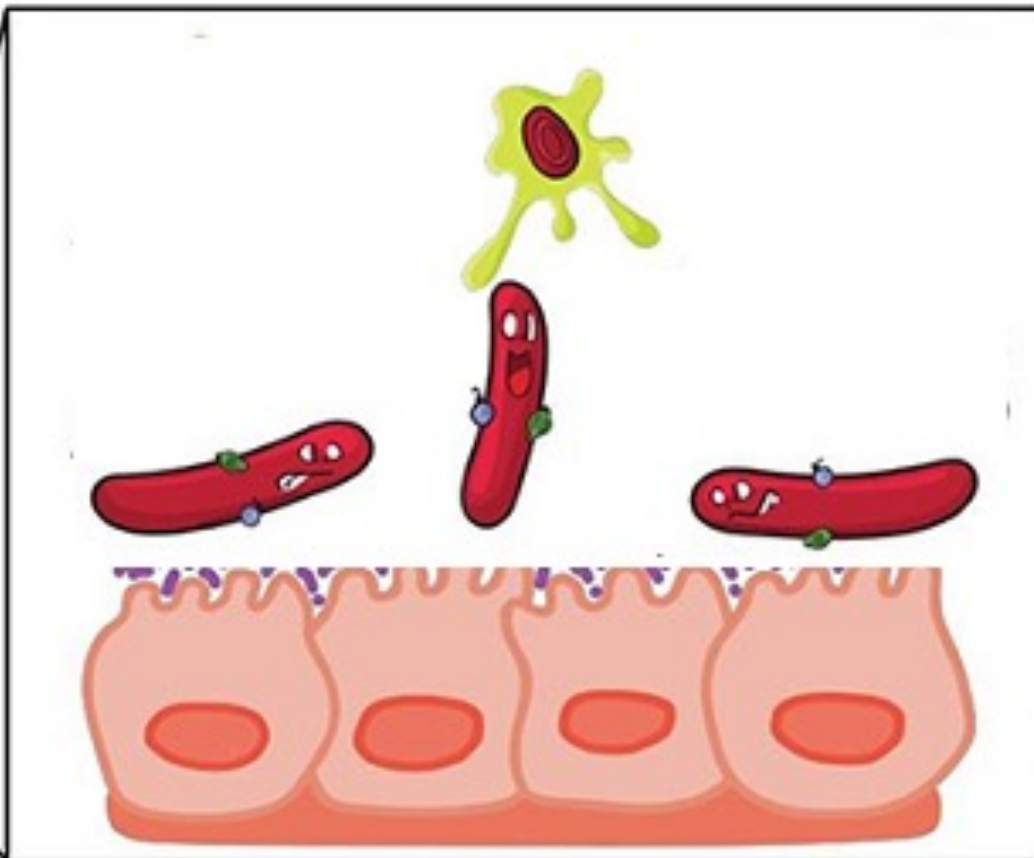
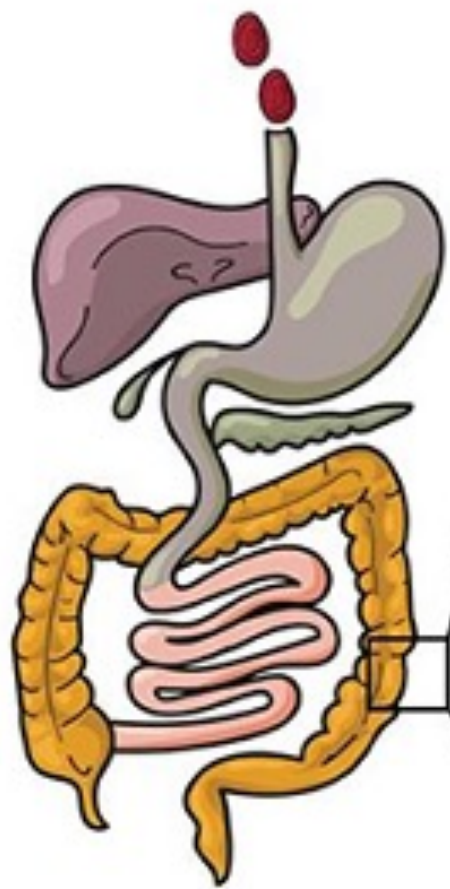


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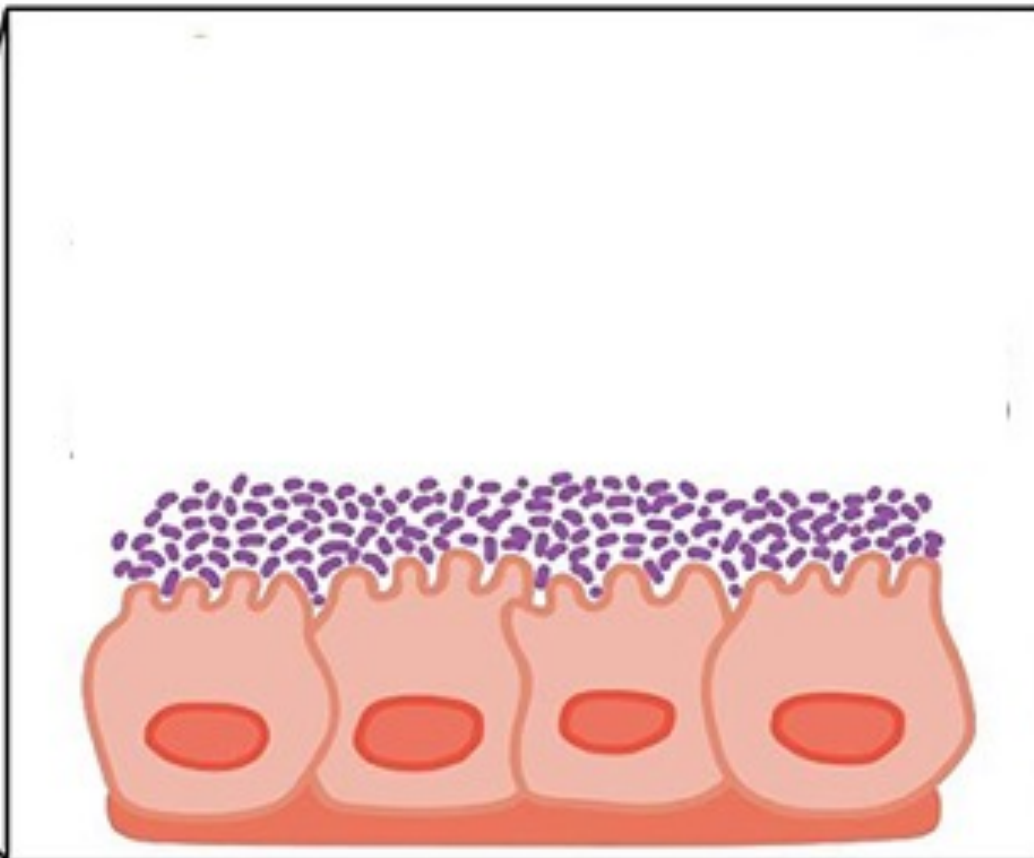


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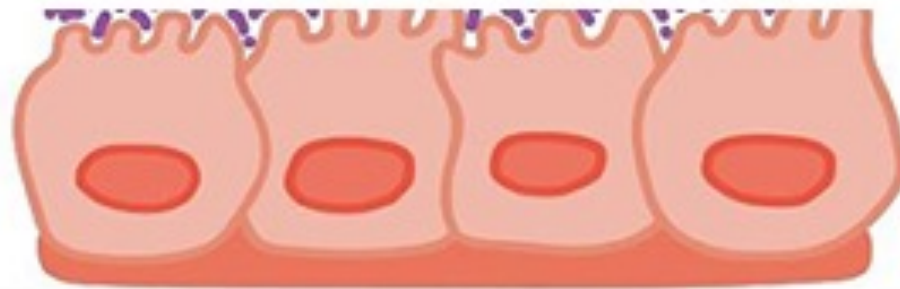




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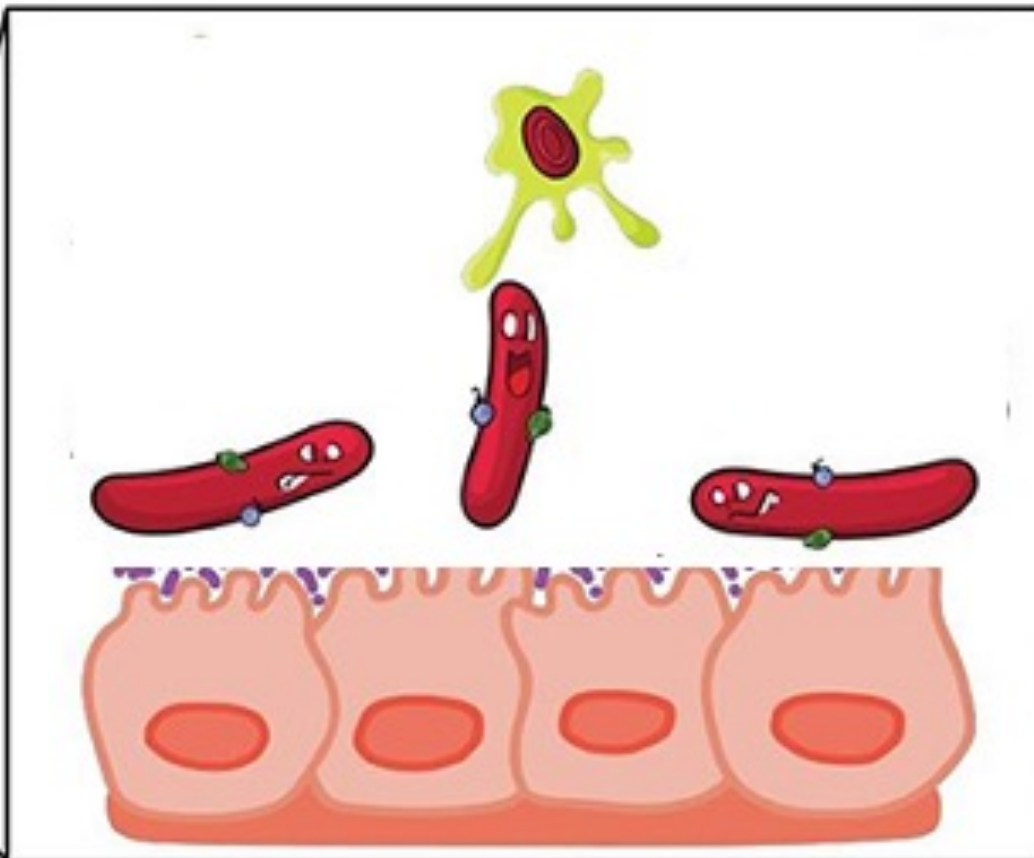


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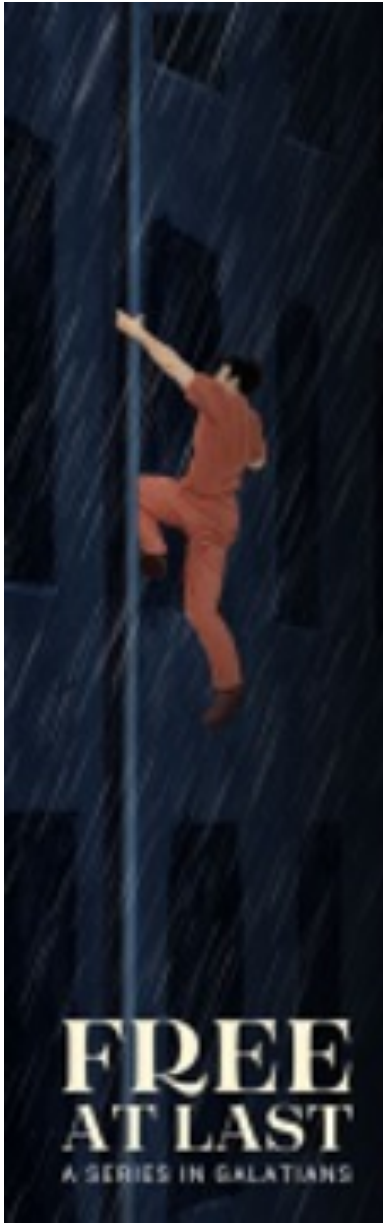
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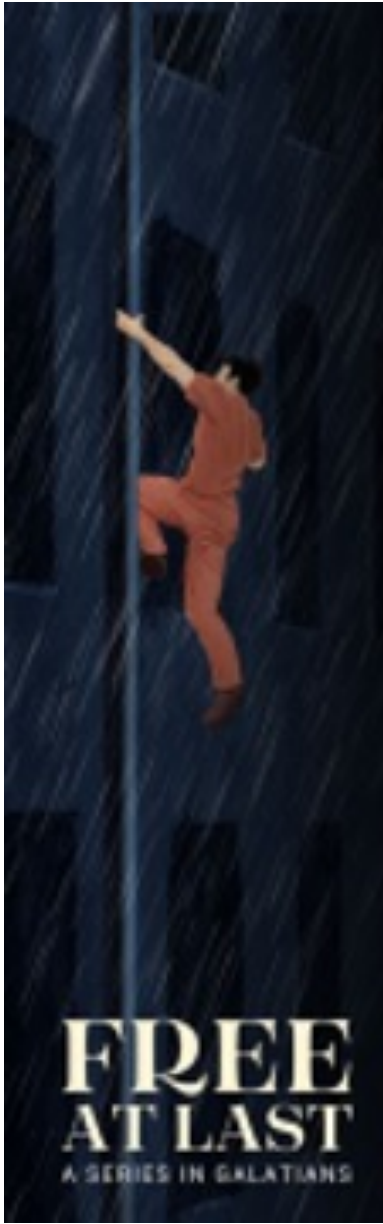
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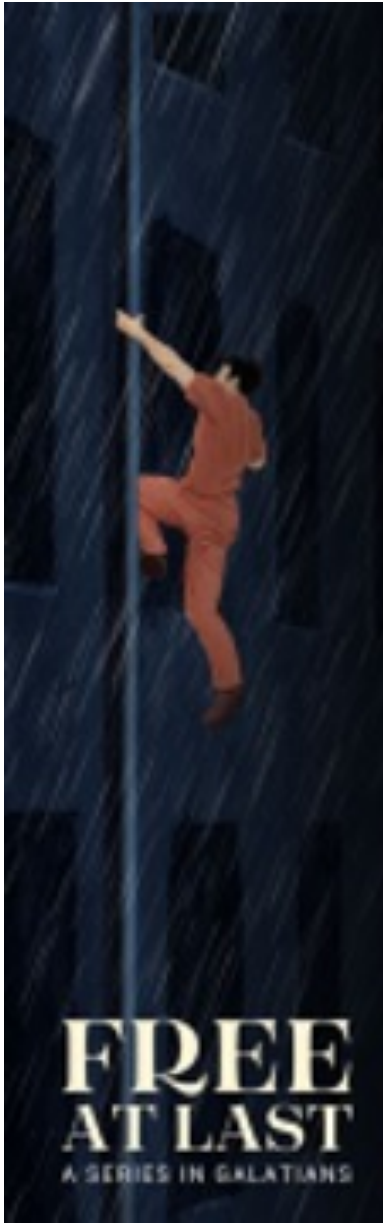
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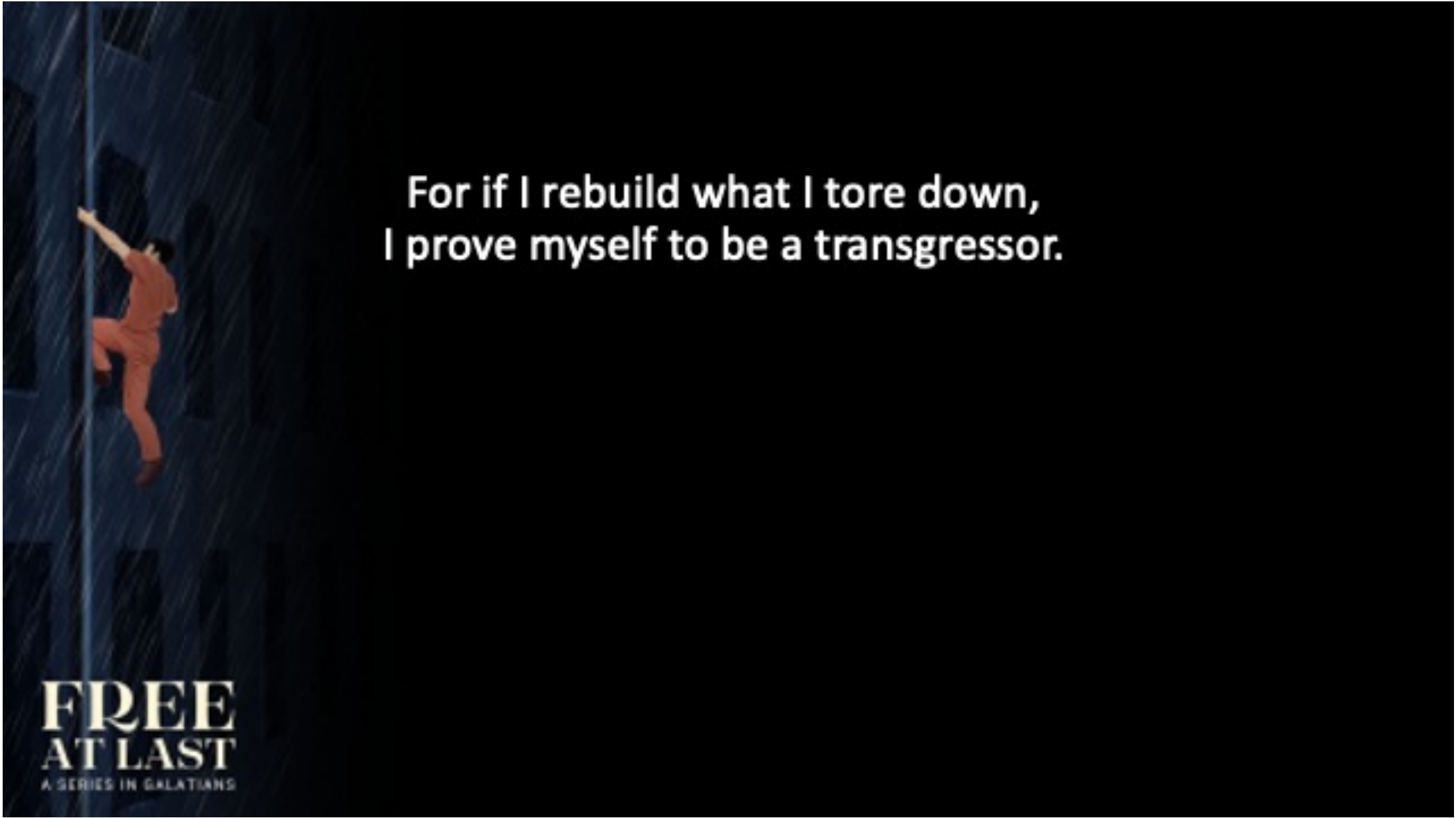
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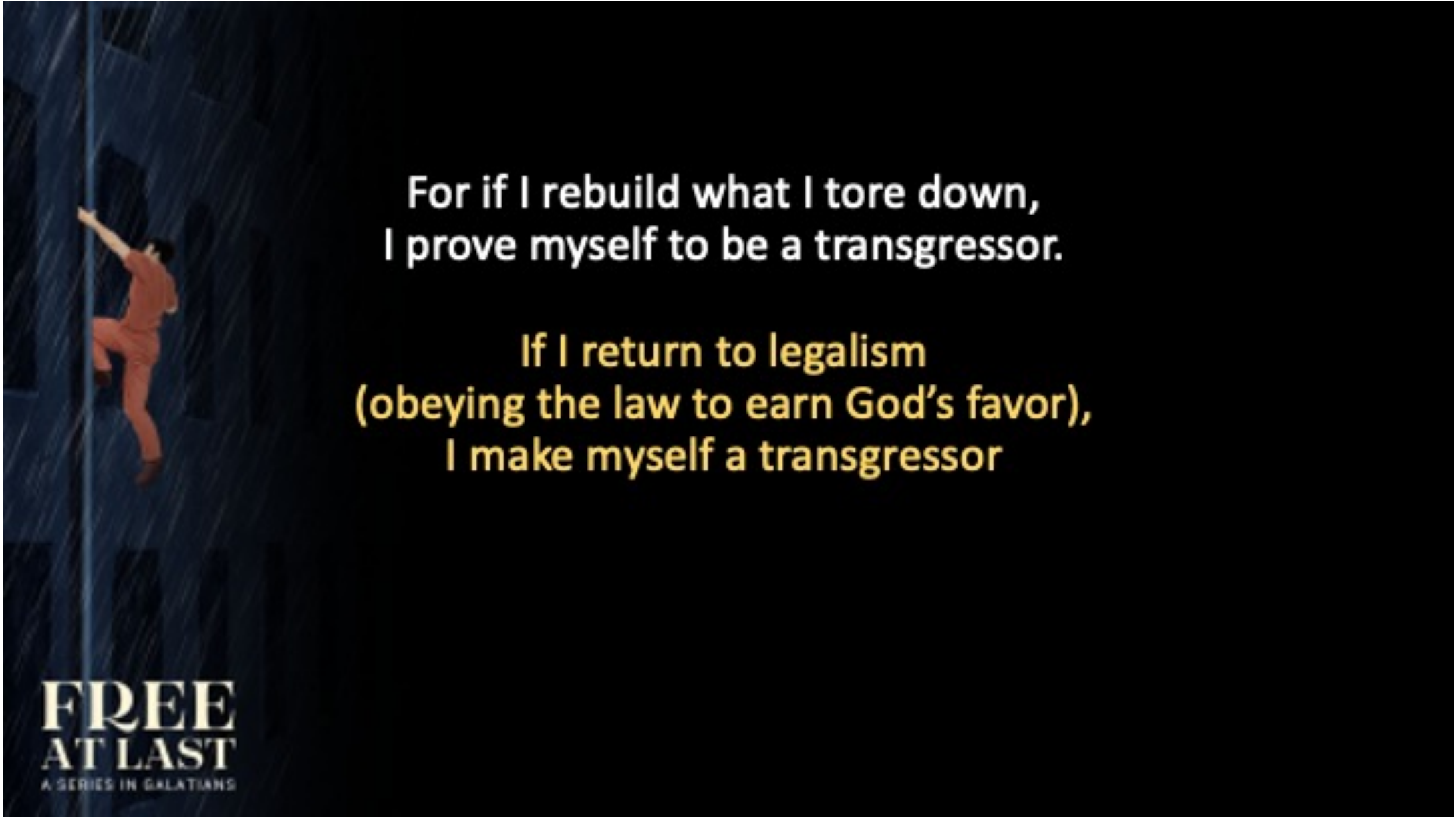
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For if I rebuild what I tore down,  
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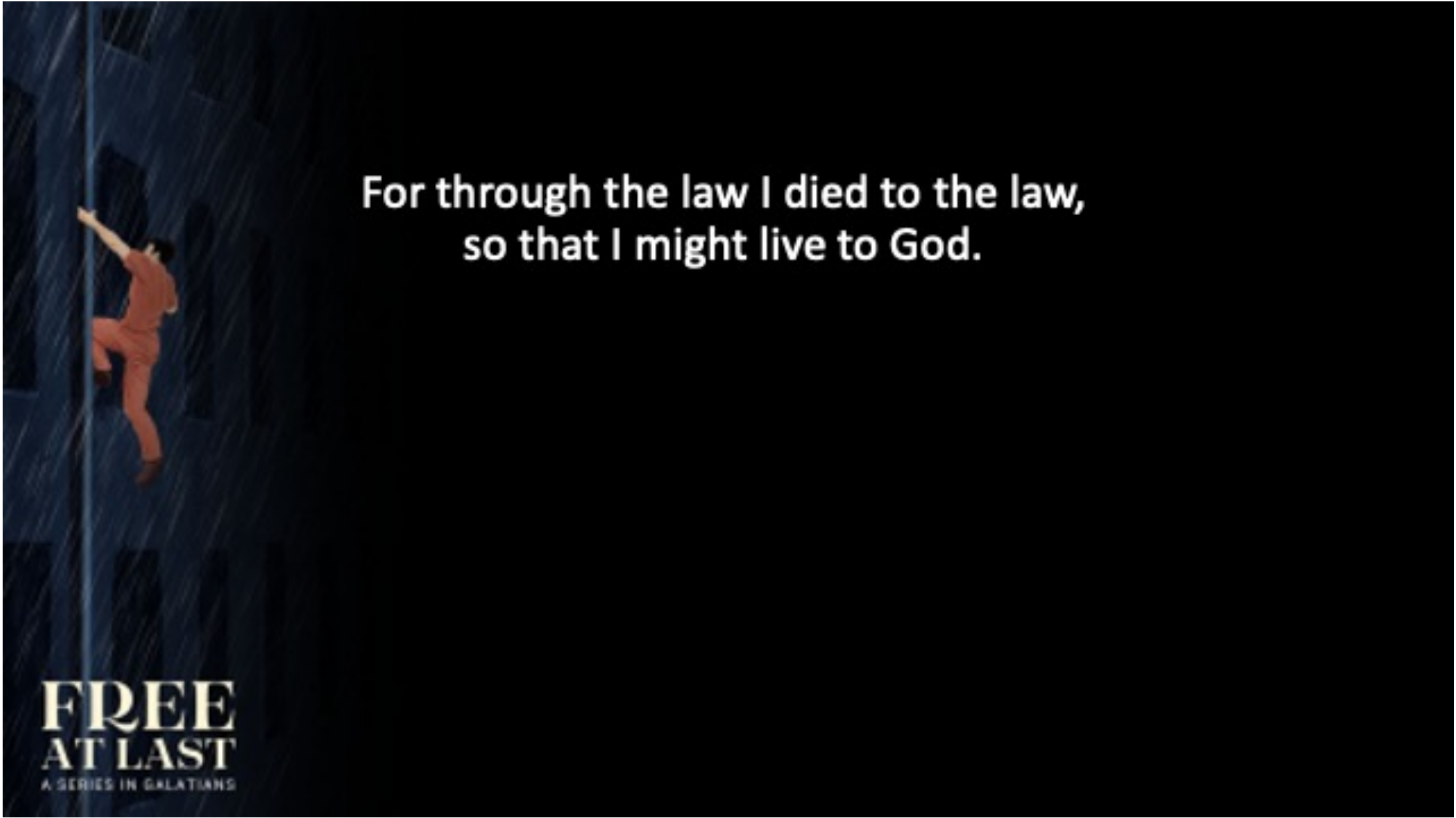
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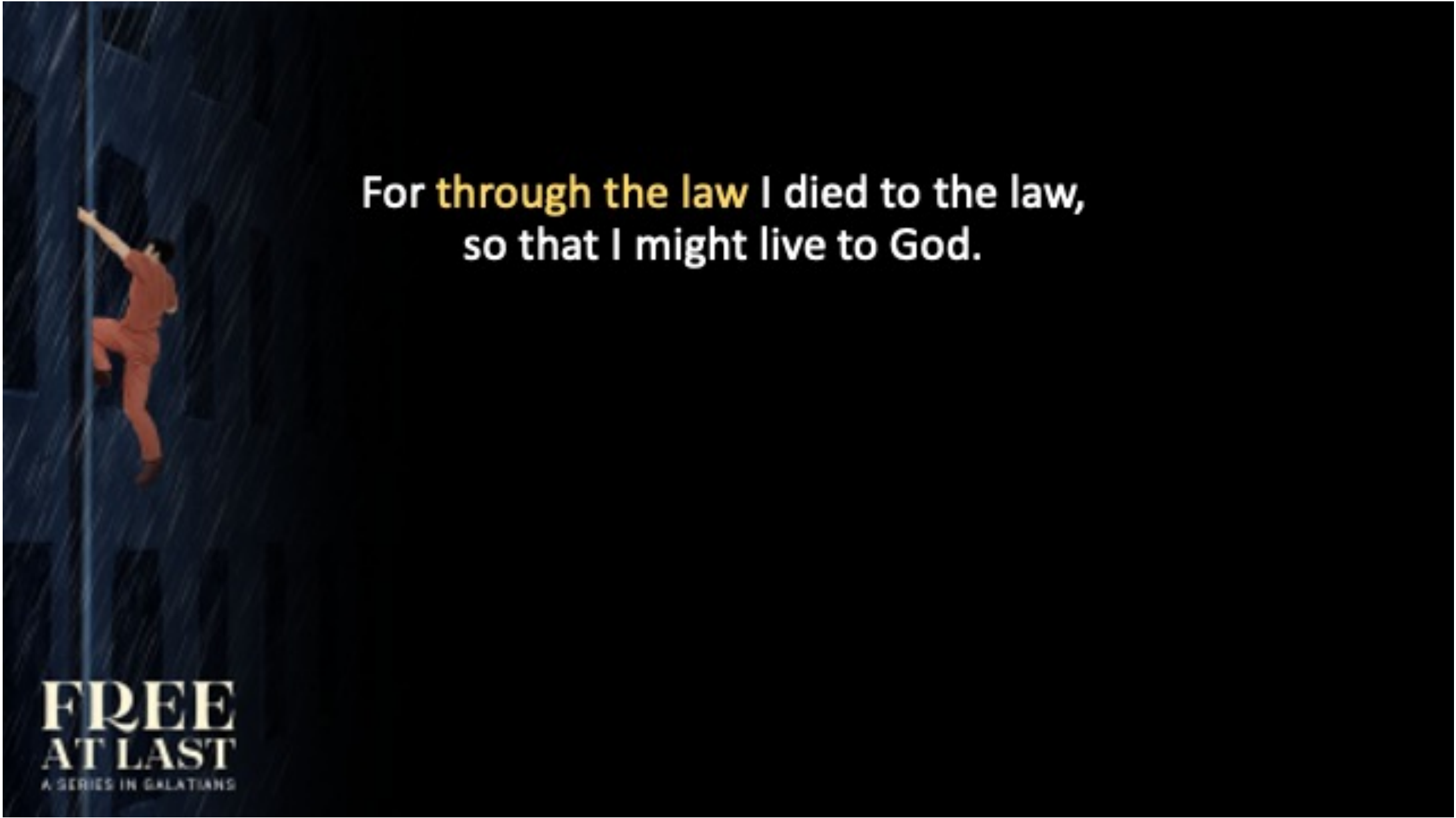
If I return to legalism  
(obeying the law to earn God's favor),  
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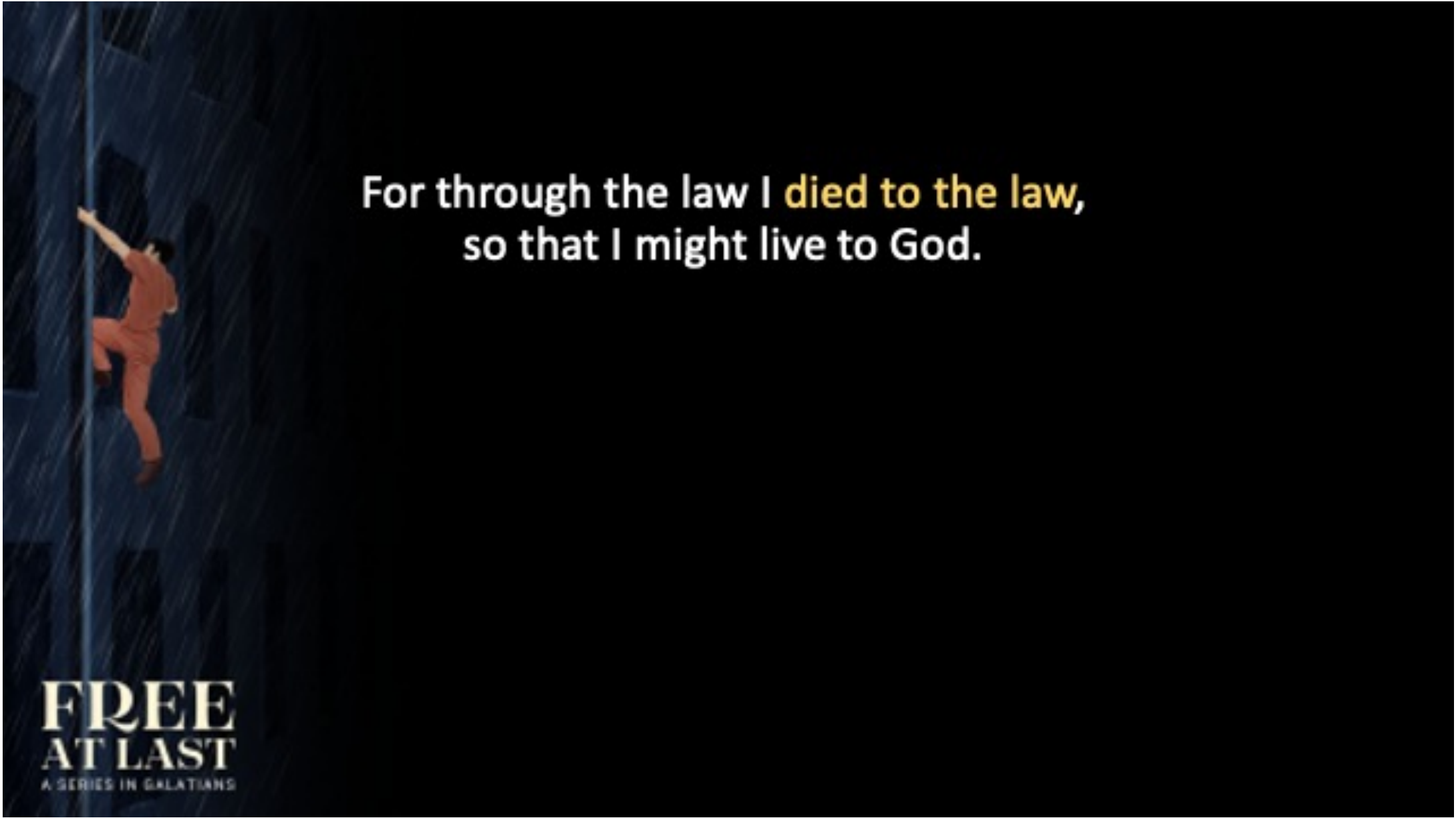
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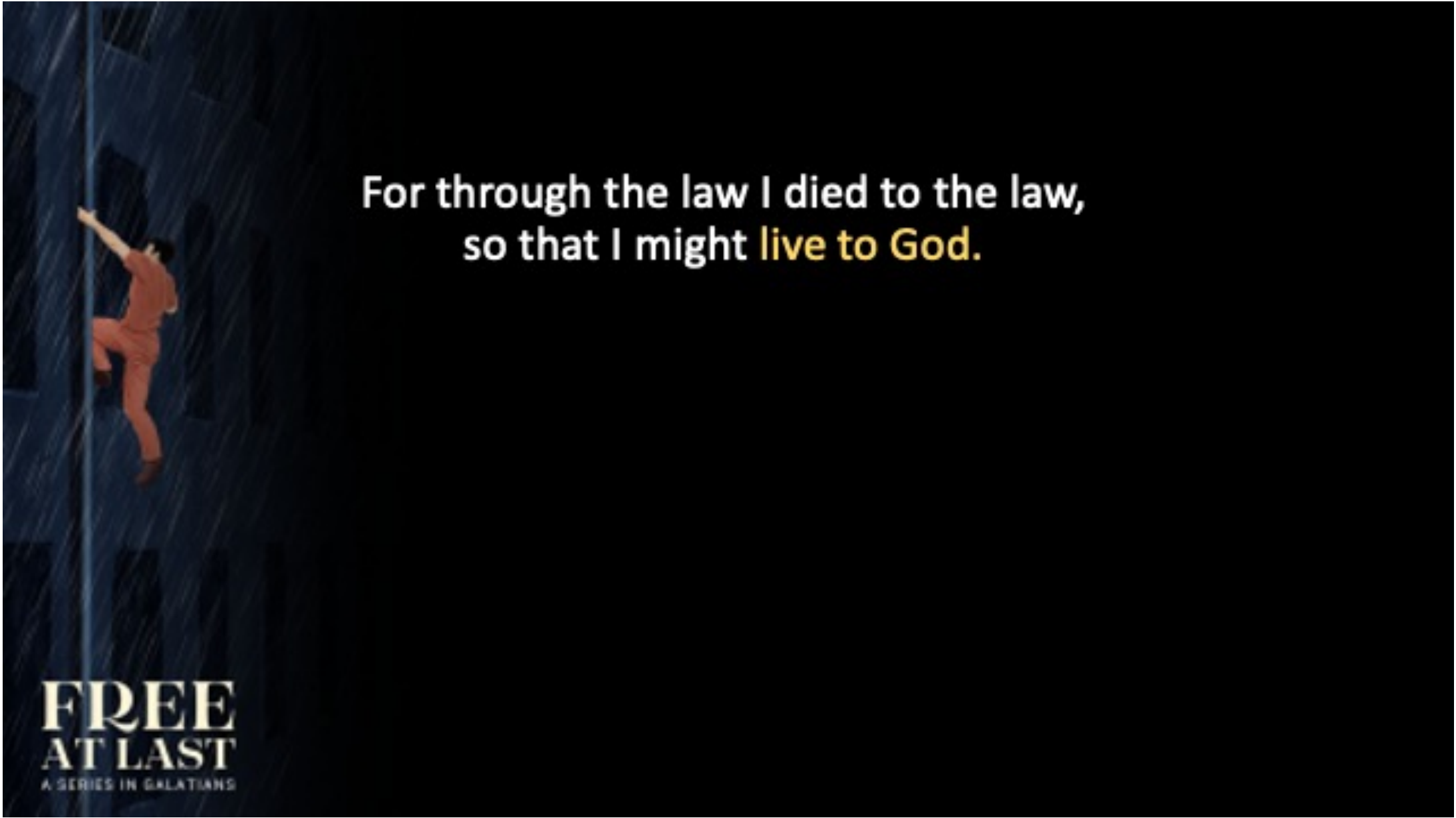
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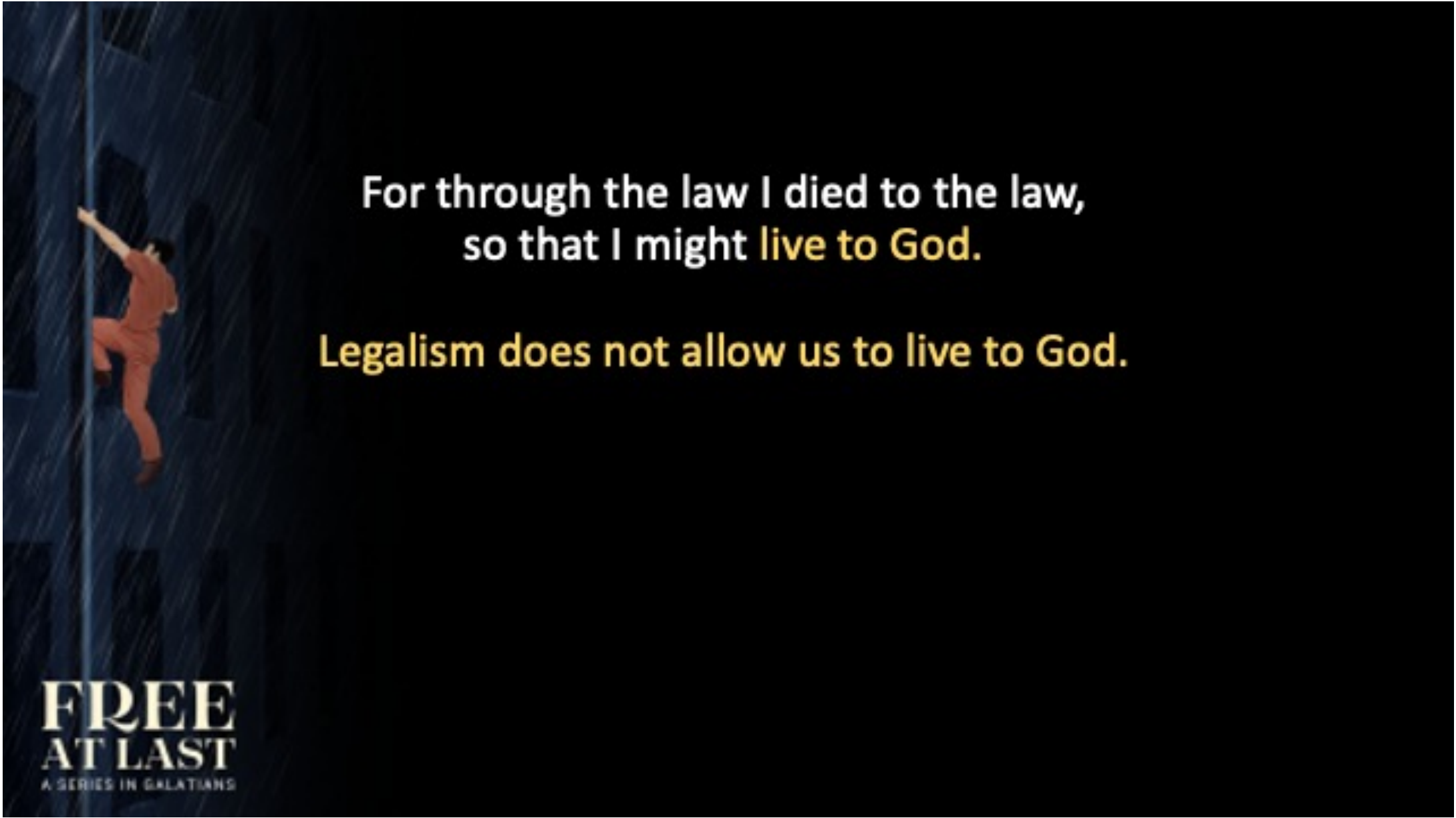
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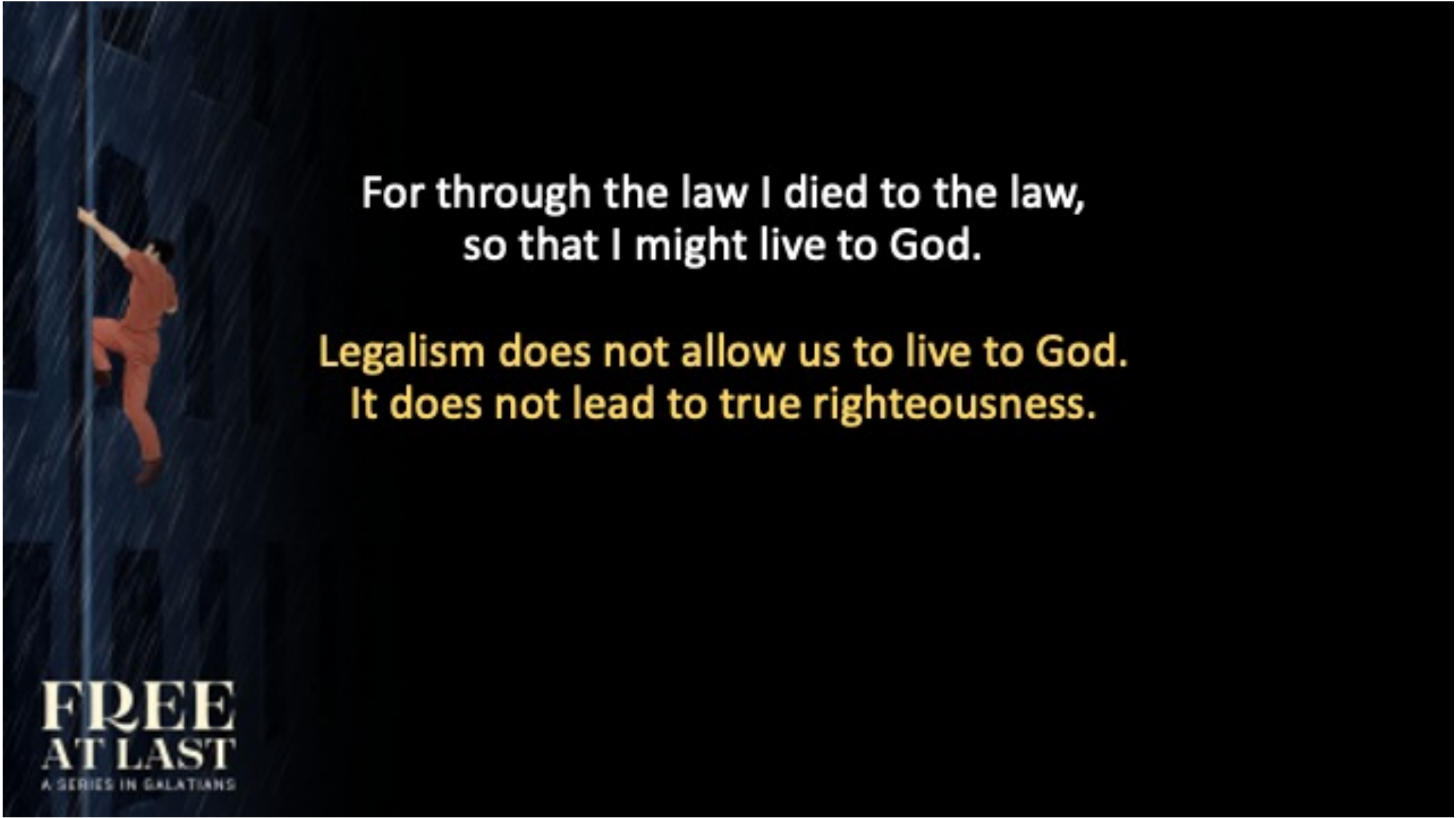
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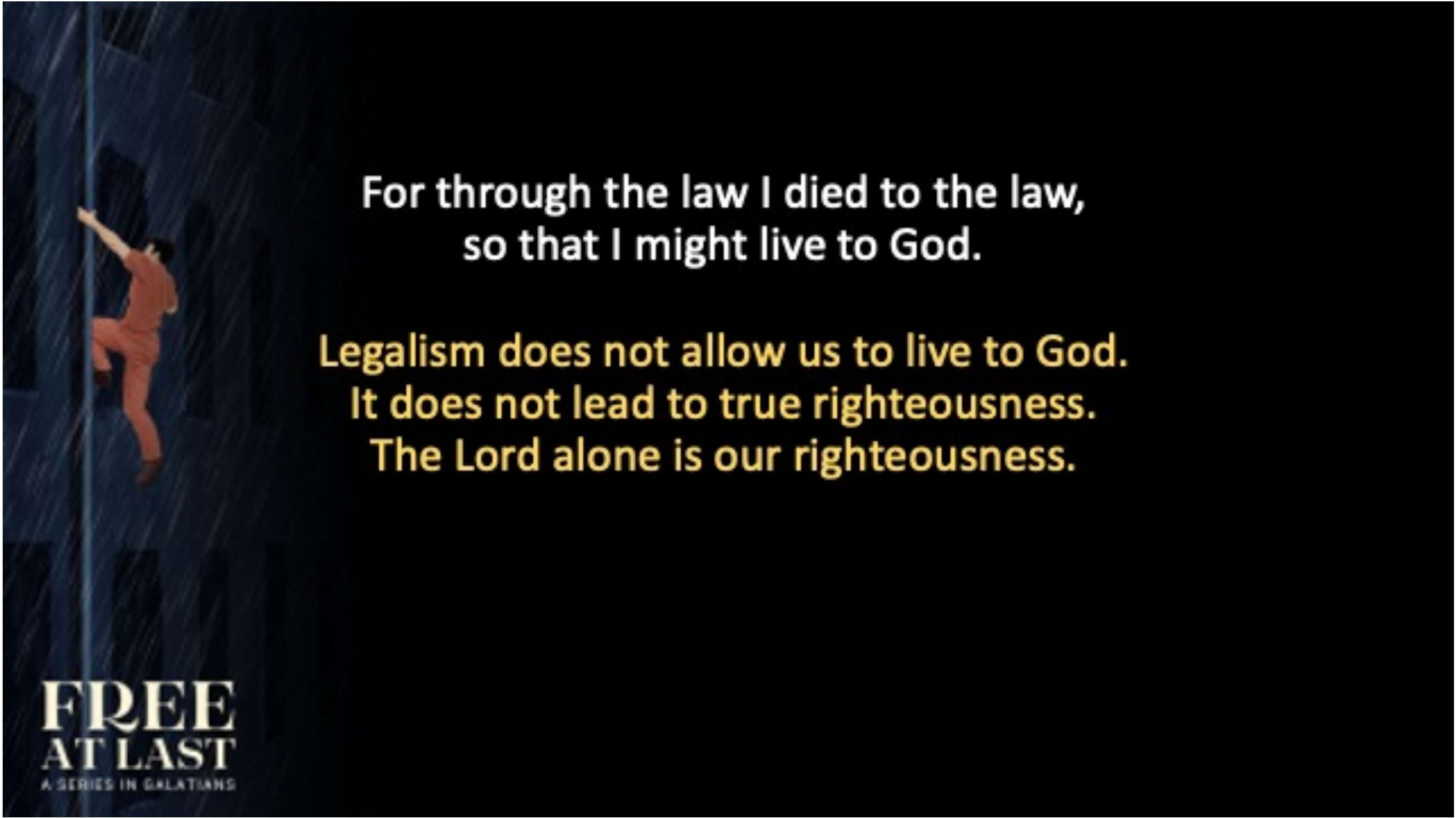


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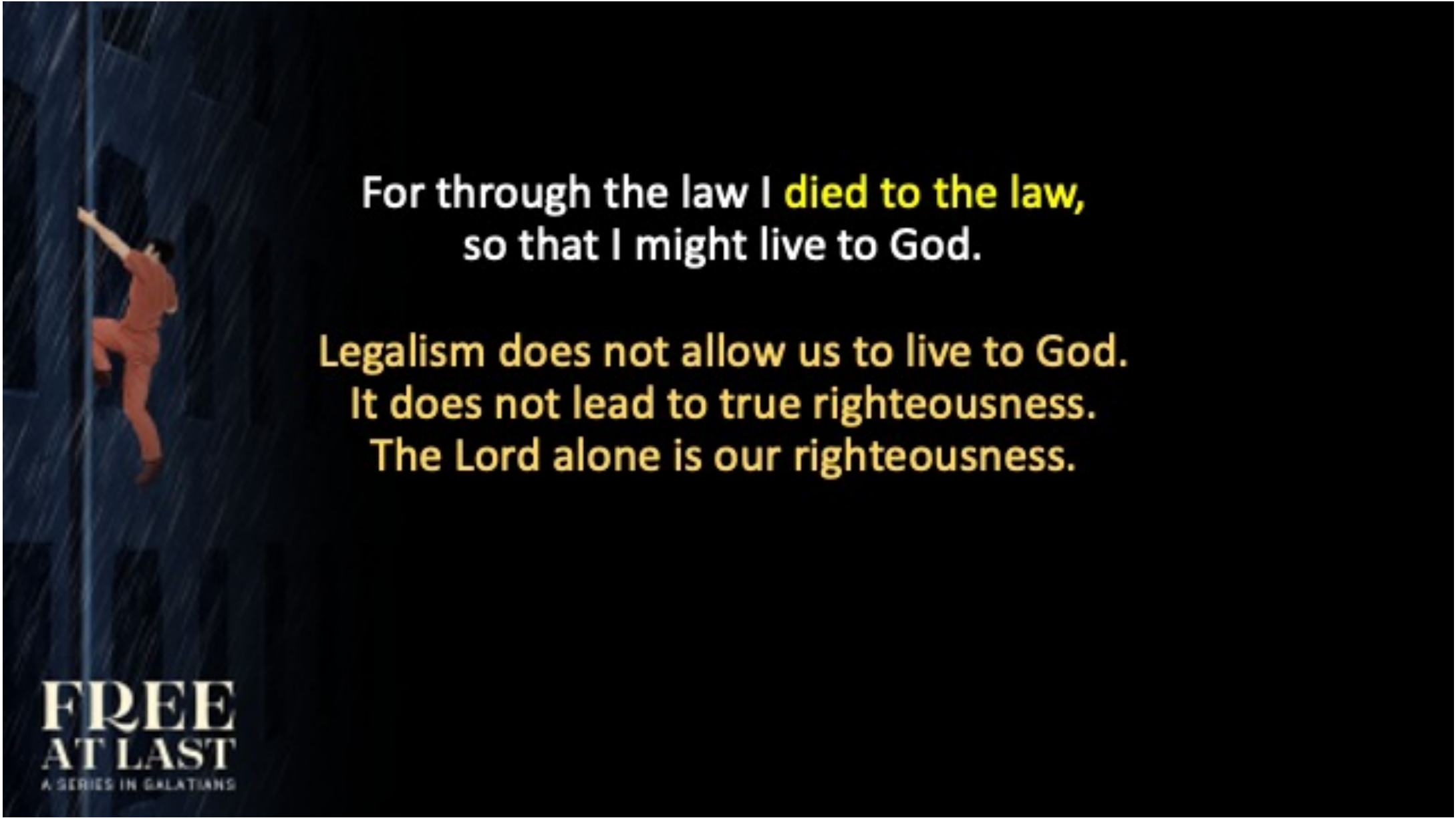
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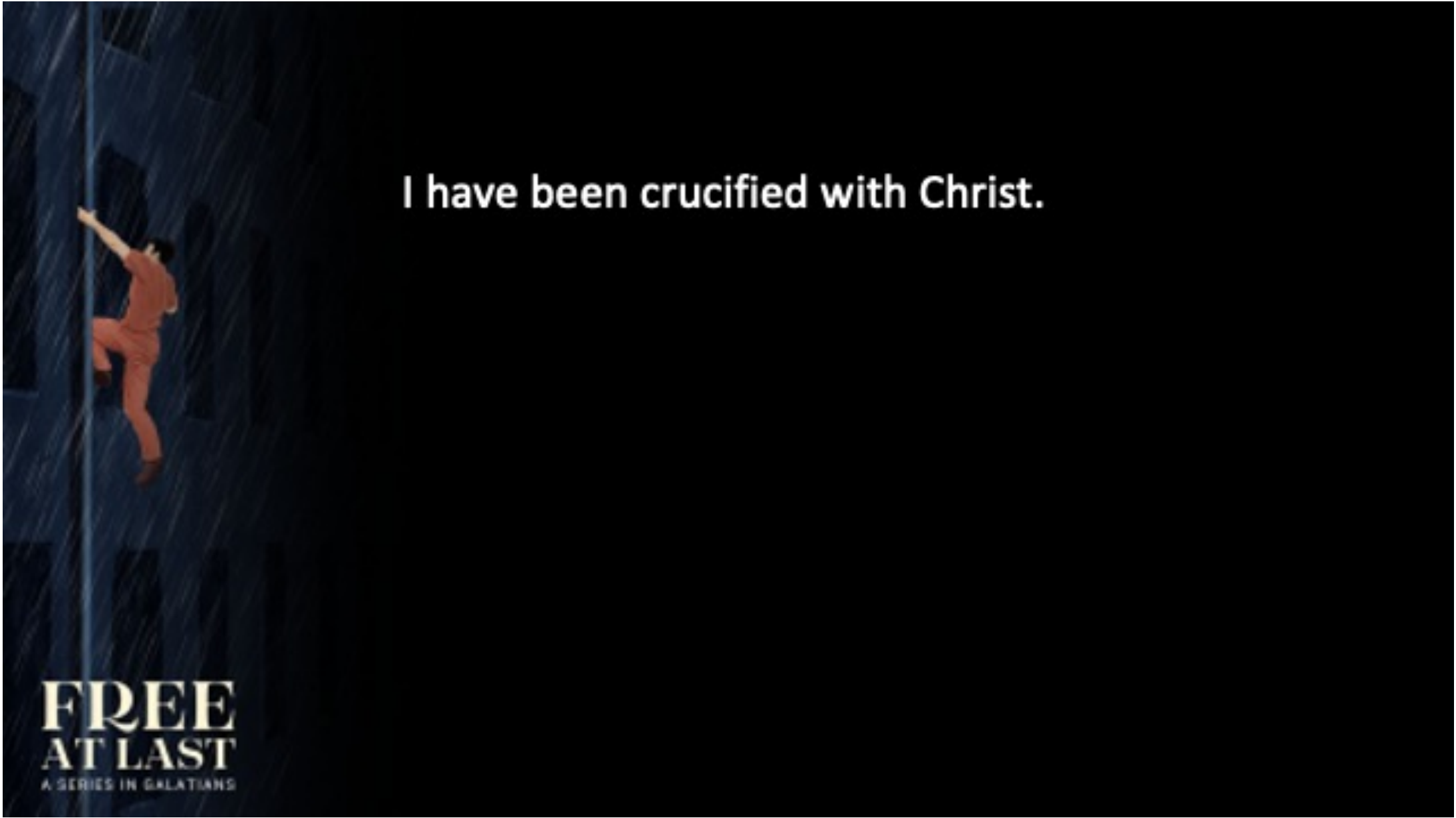
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I have been crucified with Christ.

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A man in a red jumpsuit is climbing a vertical blue pole. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large structure. The man is positioned on the left side of the frame, reaching up with his right arm to grip the pole.

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I died when Jesus died

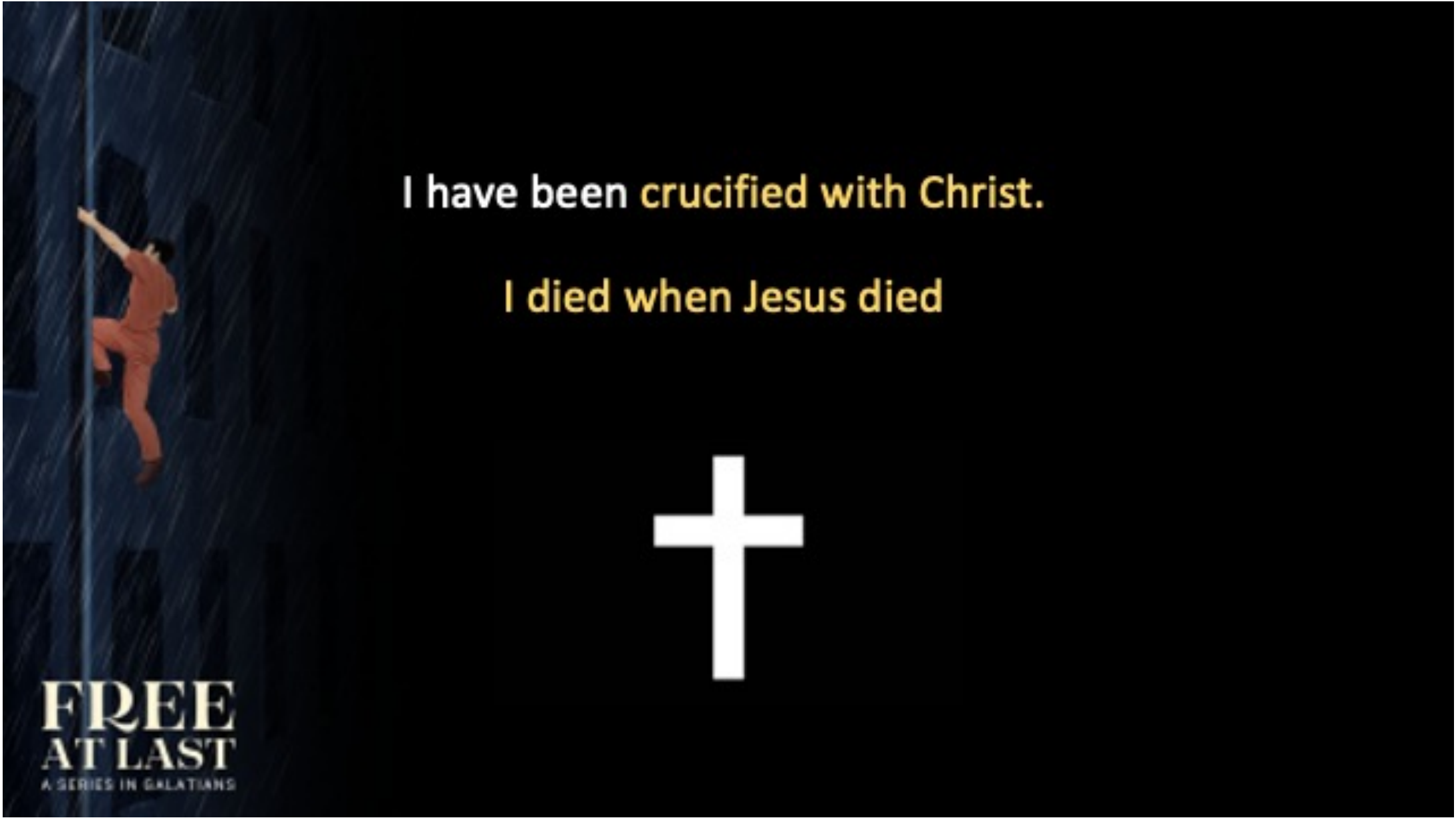
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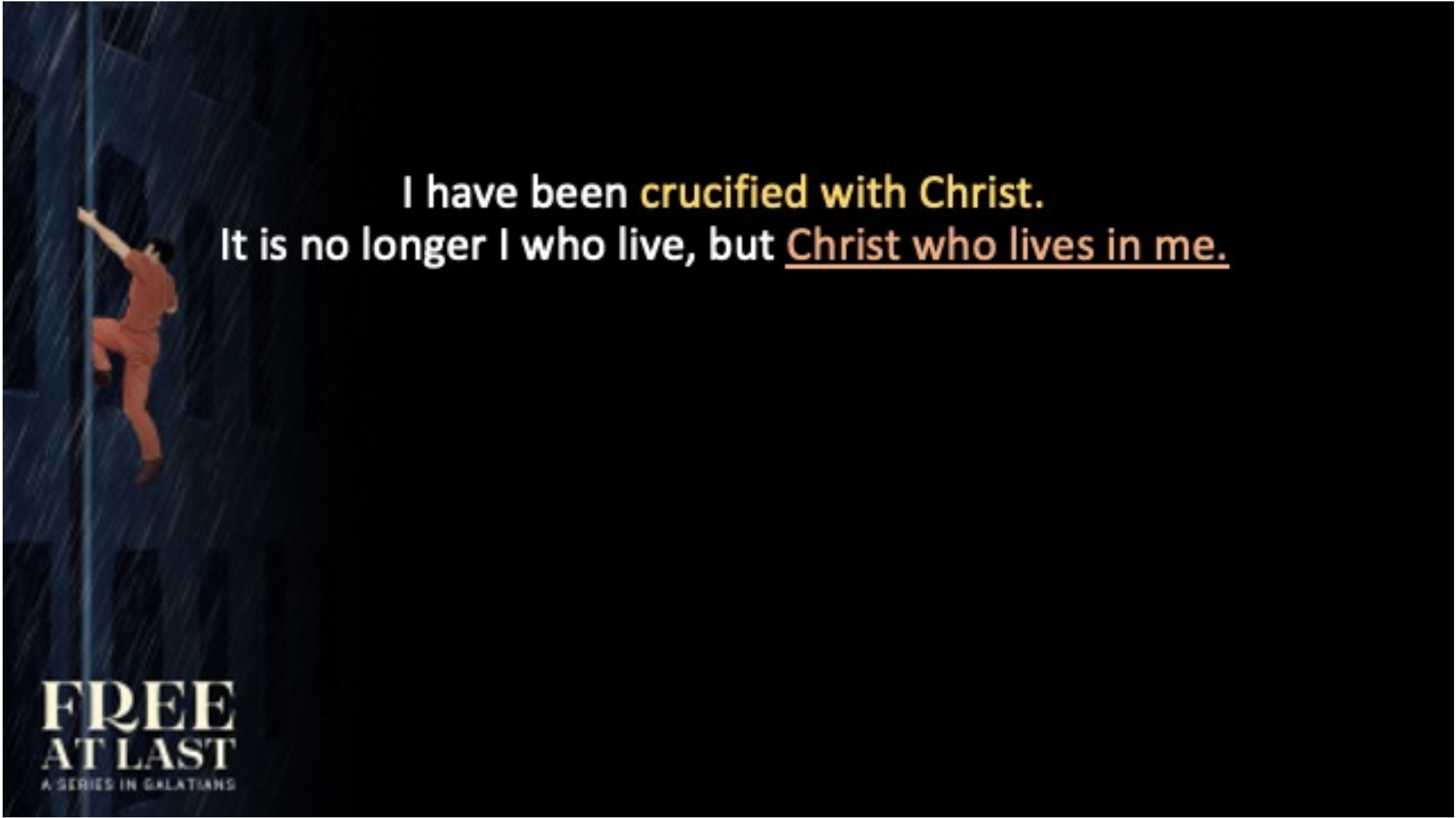


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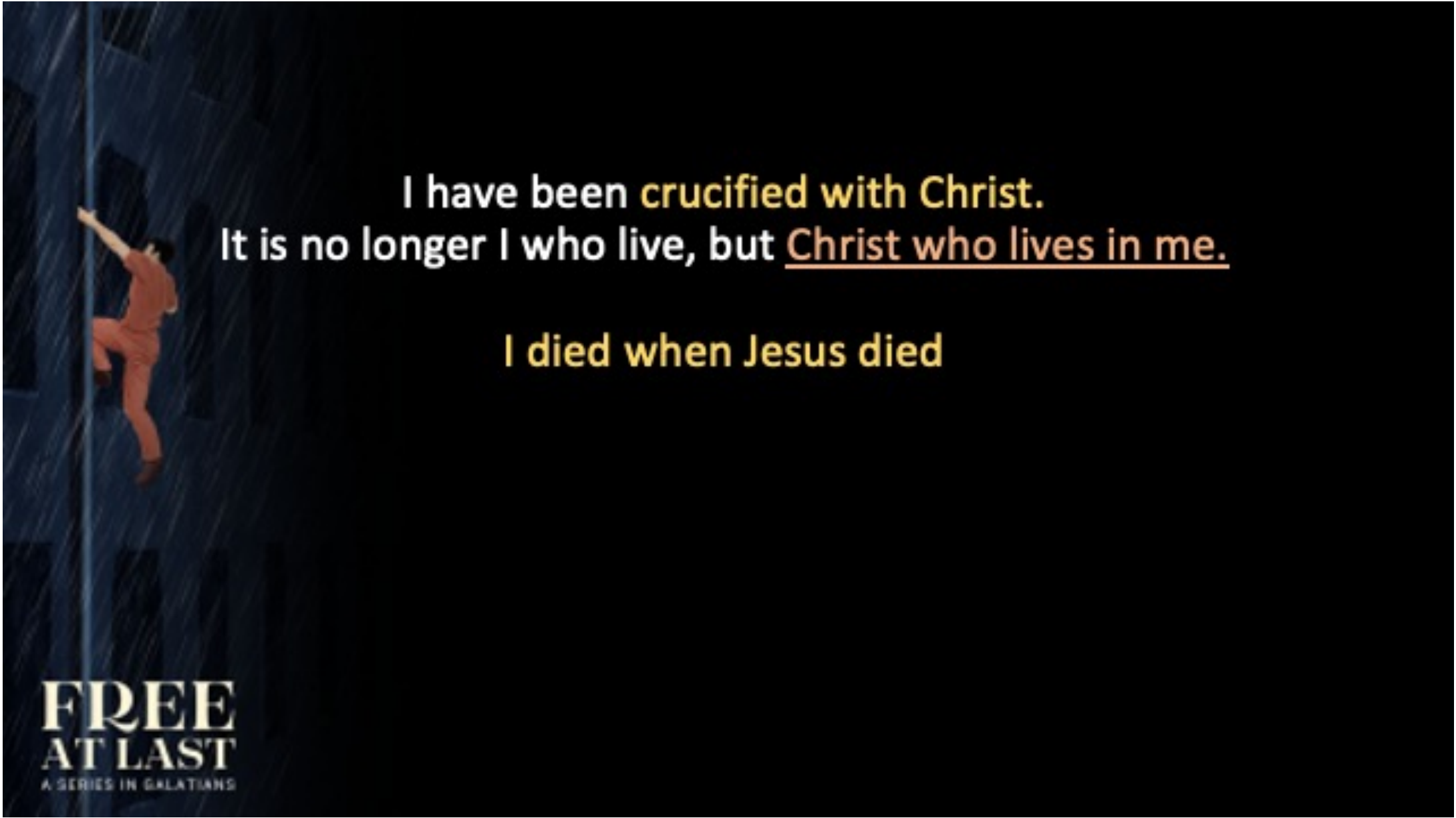






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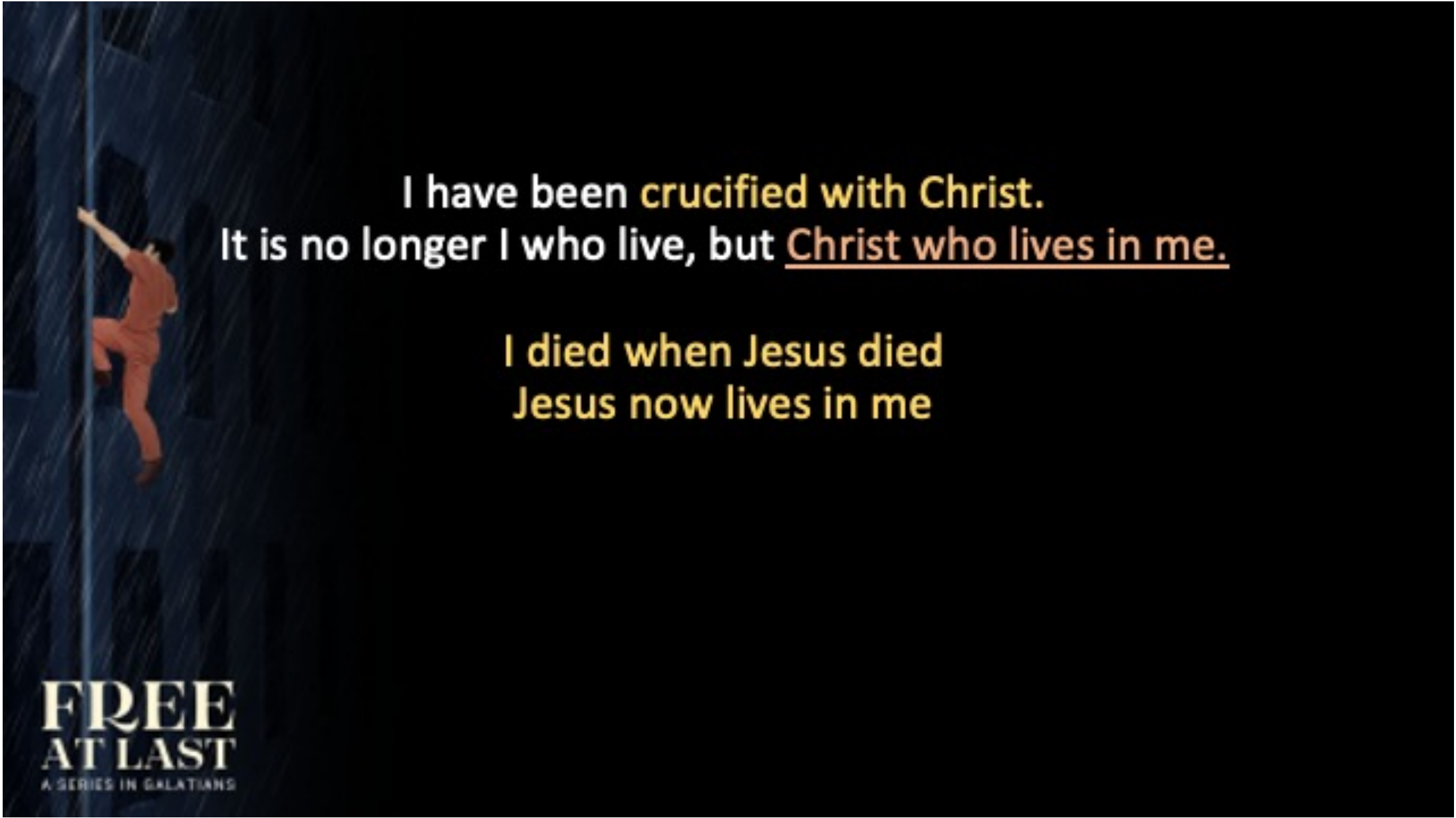
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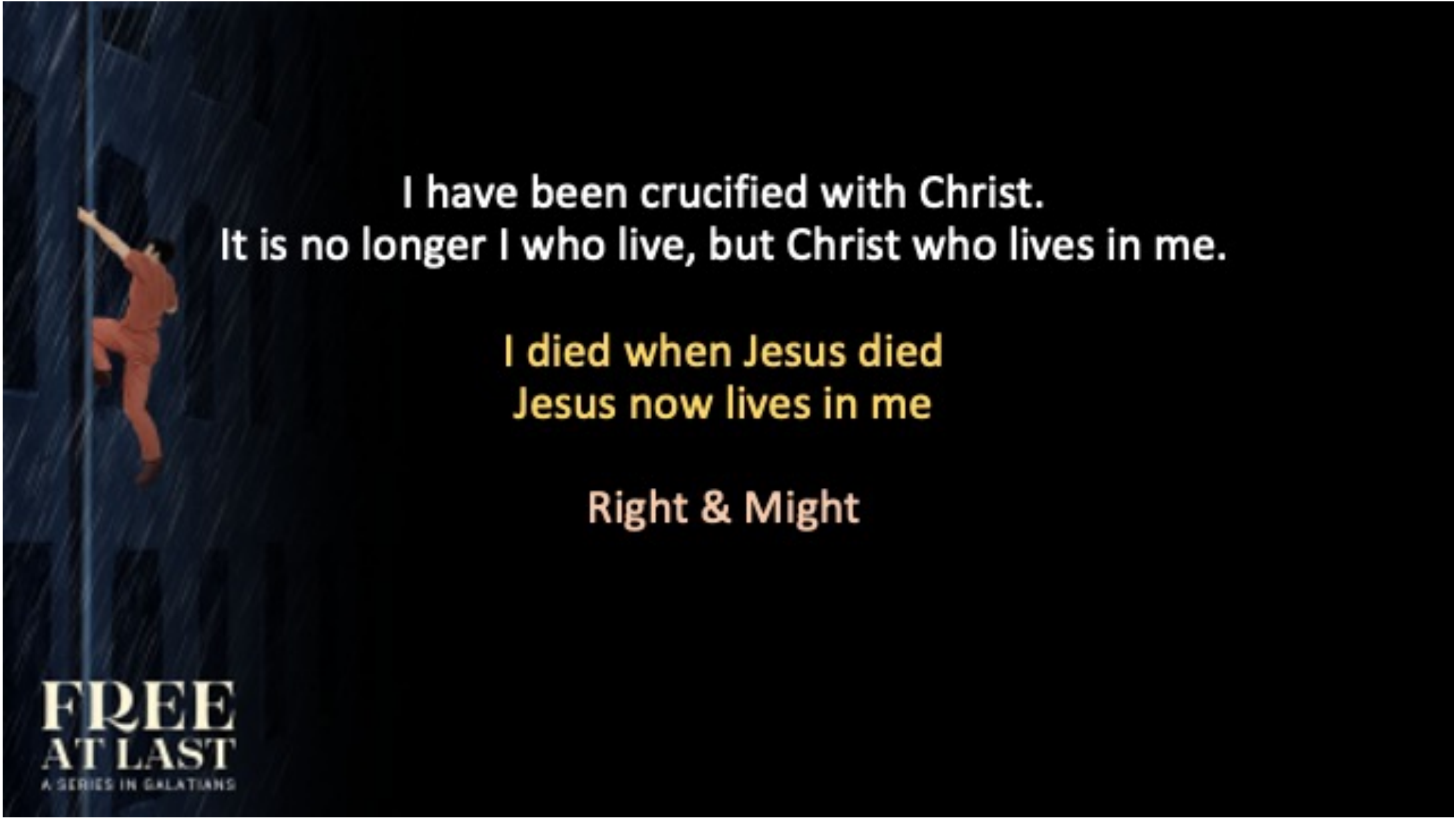
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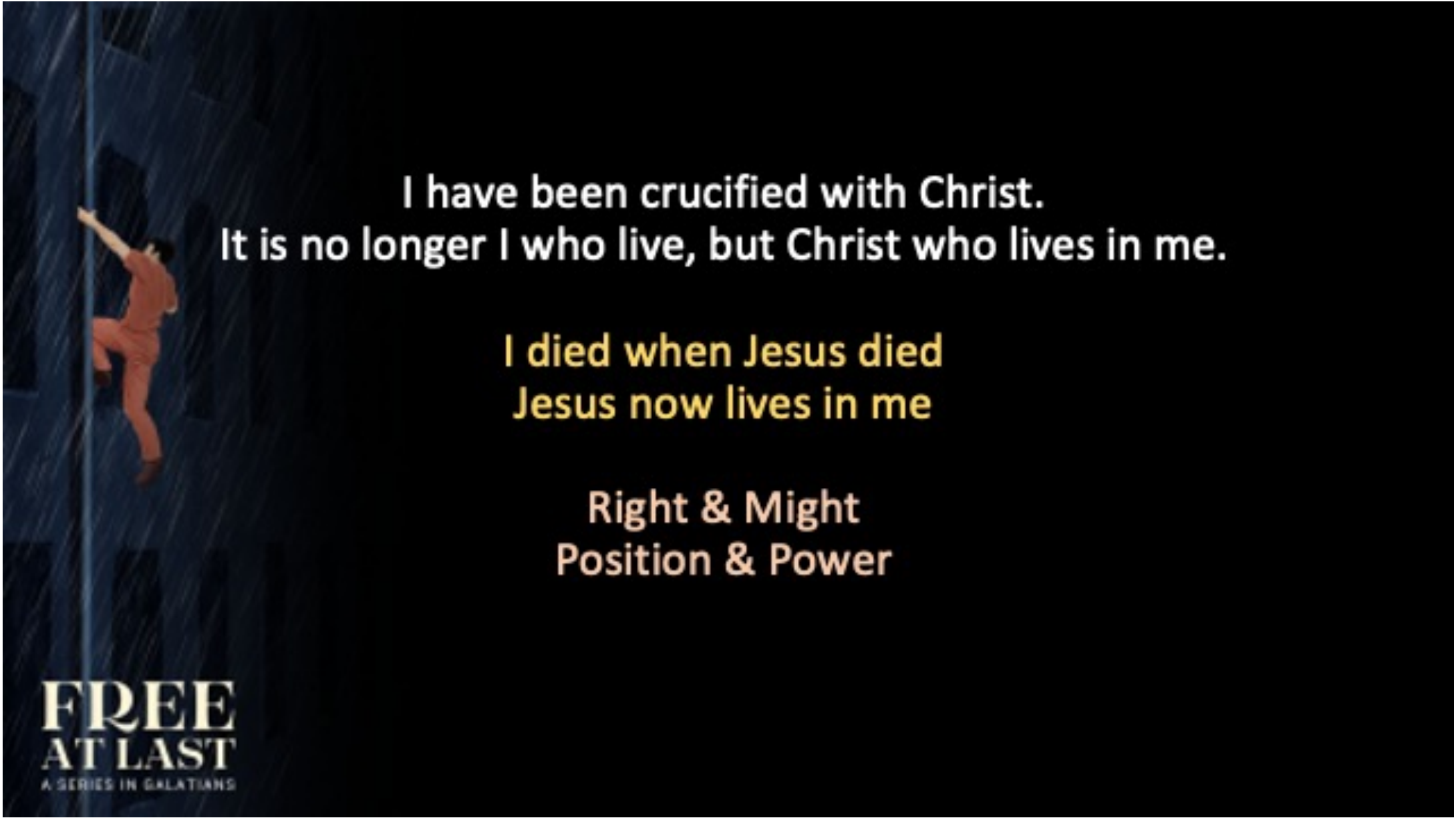


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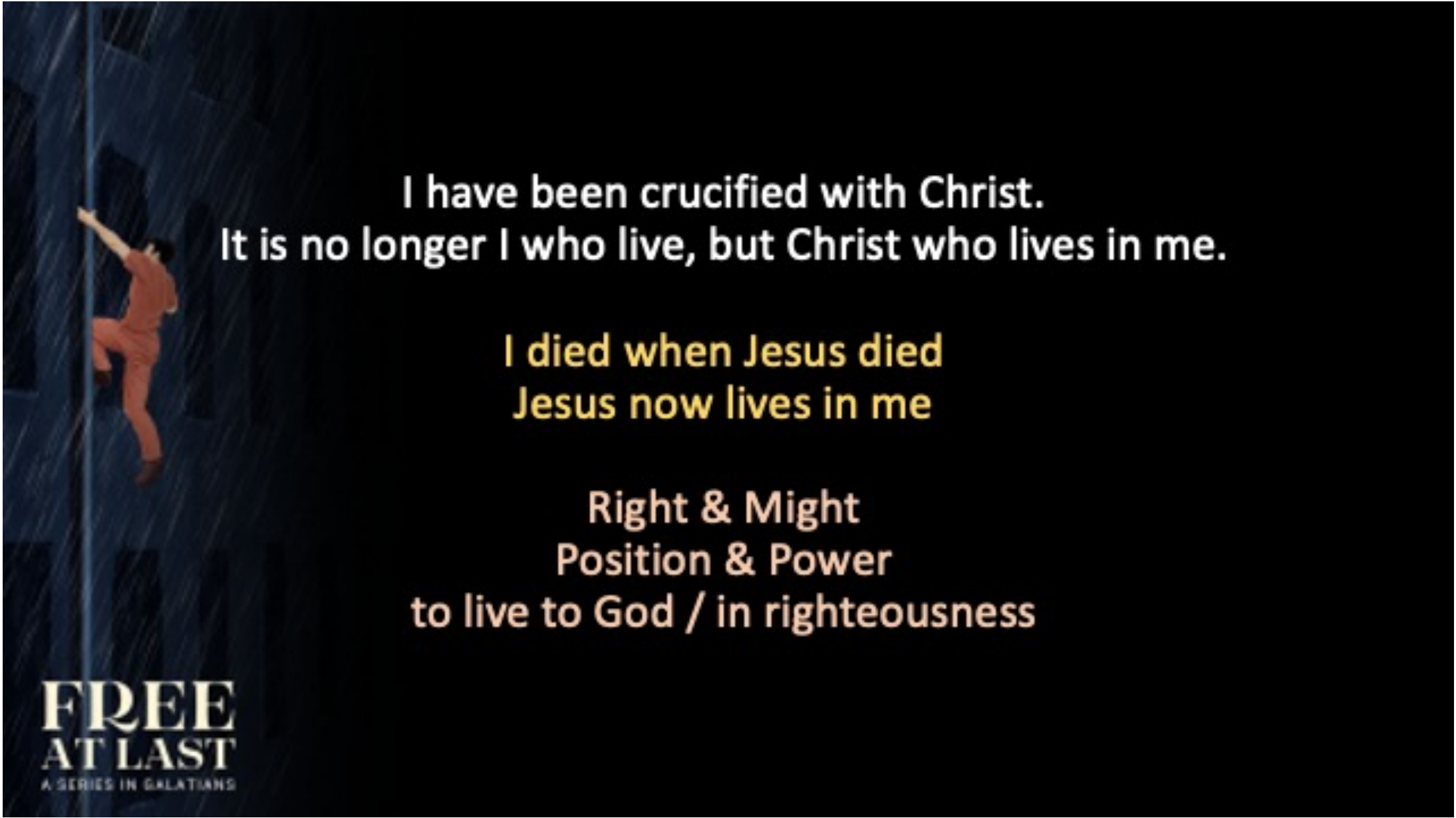


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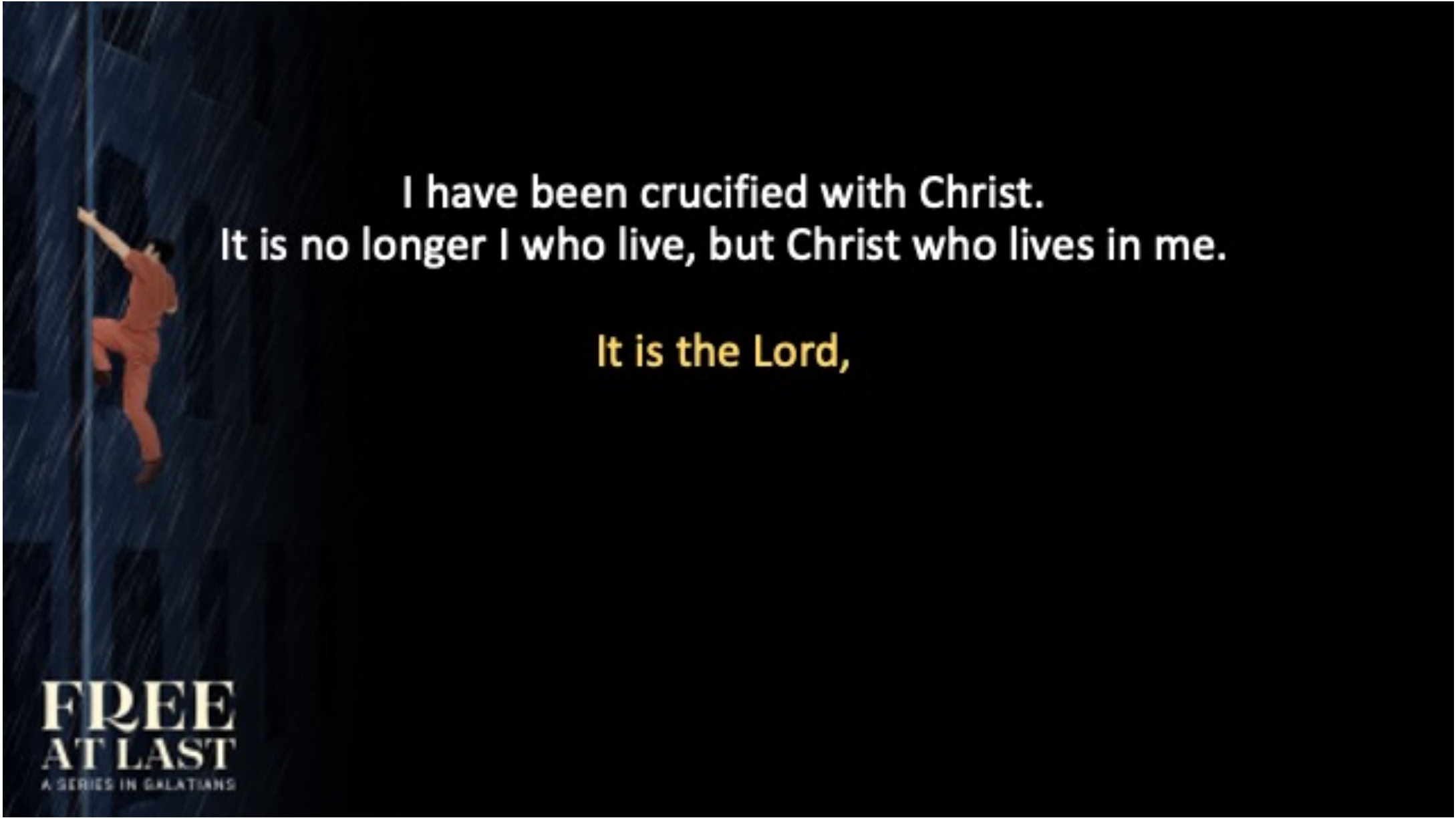
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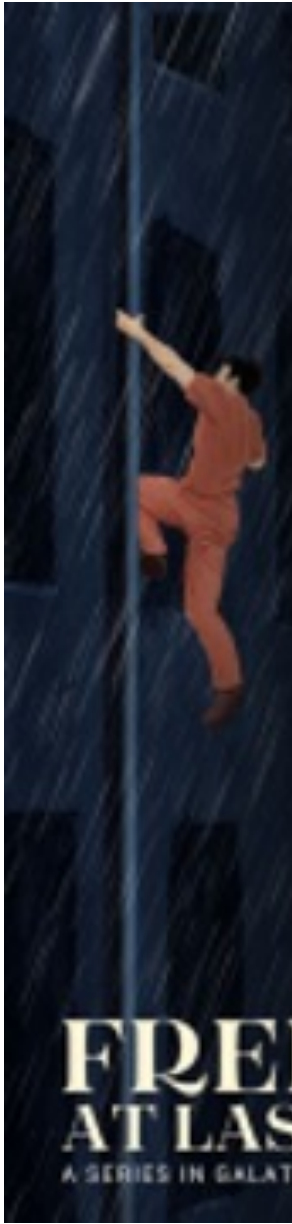
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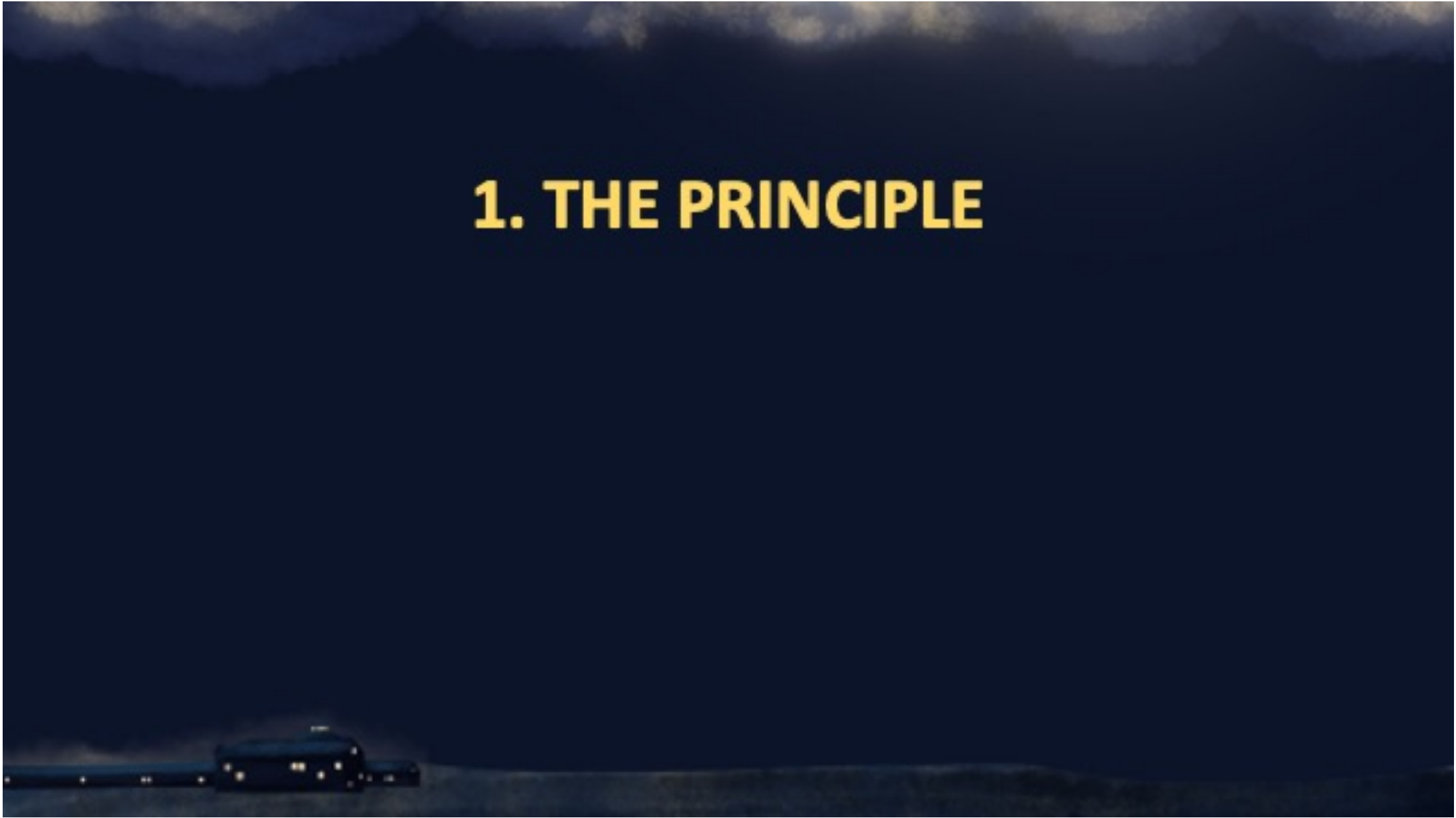
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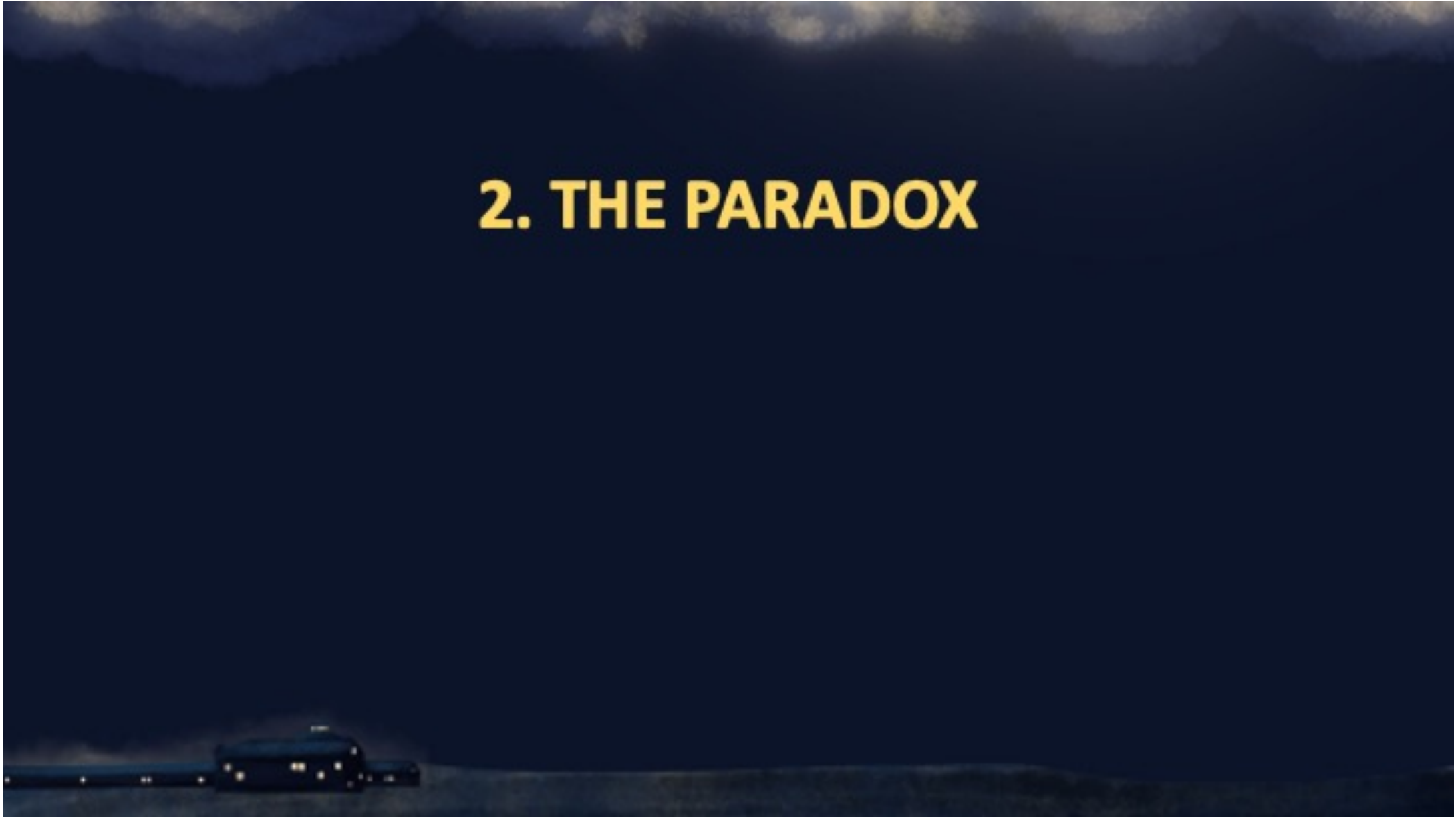
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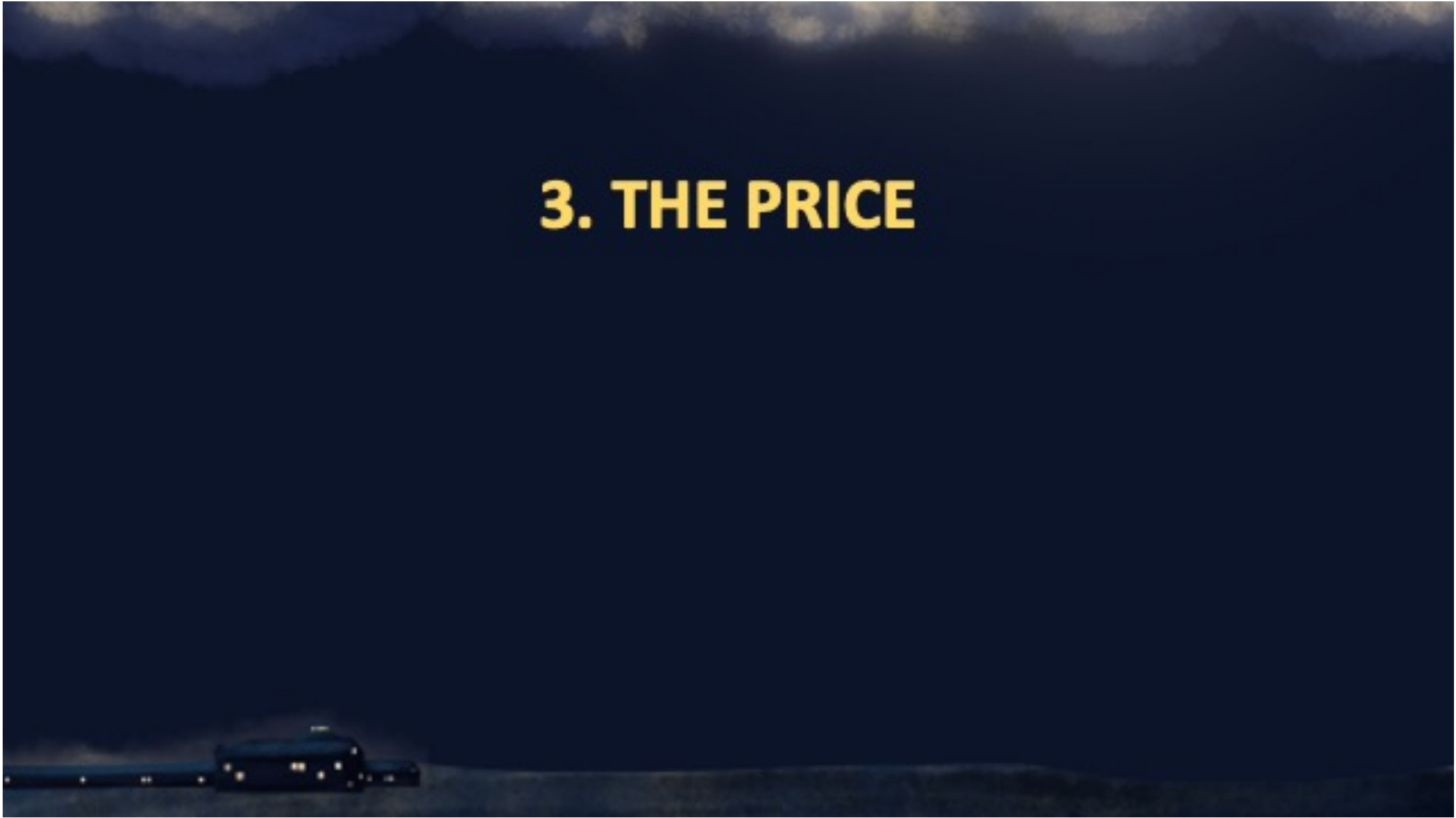
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And the life I now live in the flesh  
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