



Civility



“Be perfect, therefore, as your
heavenly Father is perfect.

– Christ



To know God, you must
first **know yourself**

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Civility

What does it mean to be civilized?

There is a way that a human
ought to **think**



A photograph of a young boy and girl in a park. The boy, wearing a blue t-shirt, is carrying the girl on his shoulders. The girl, wearing a pink floral dress and a pink crown, is laughing joyfully. They are standing in a grassy area with a large tree in the background. The image is overlaid with several semi-transparent circular shapes of varying sizes.

There is a way that a human ought to
speak

And there is a way that a human
ought to **act**



When a human **thinks**, **speaks**,
and **acts** this way, we say that
the human is **civilized**

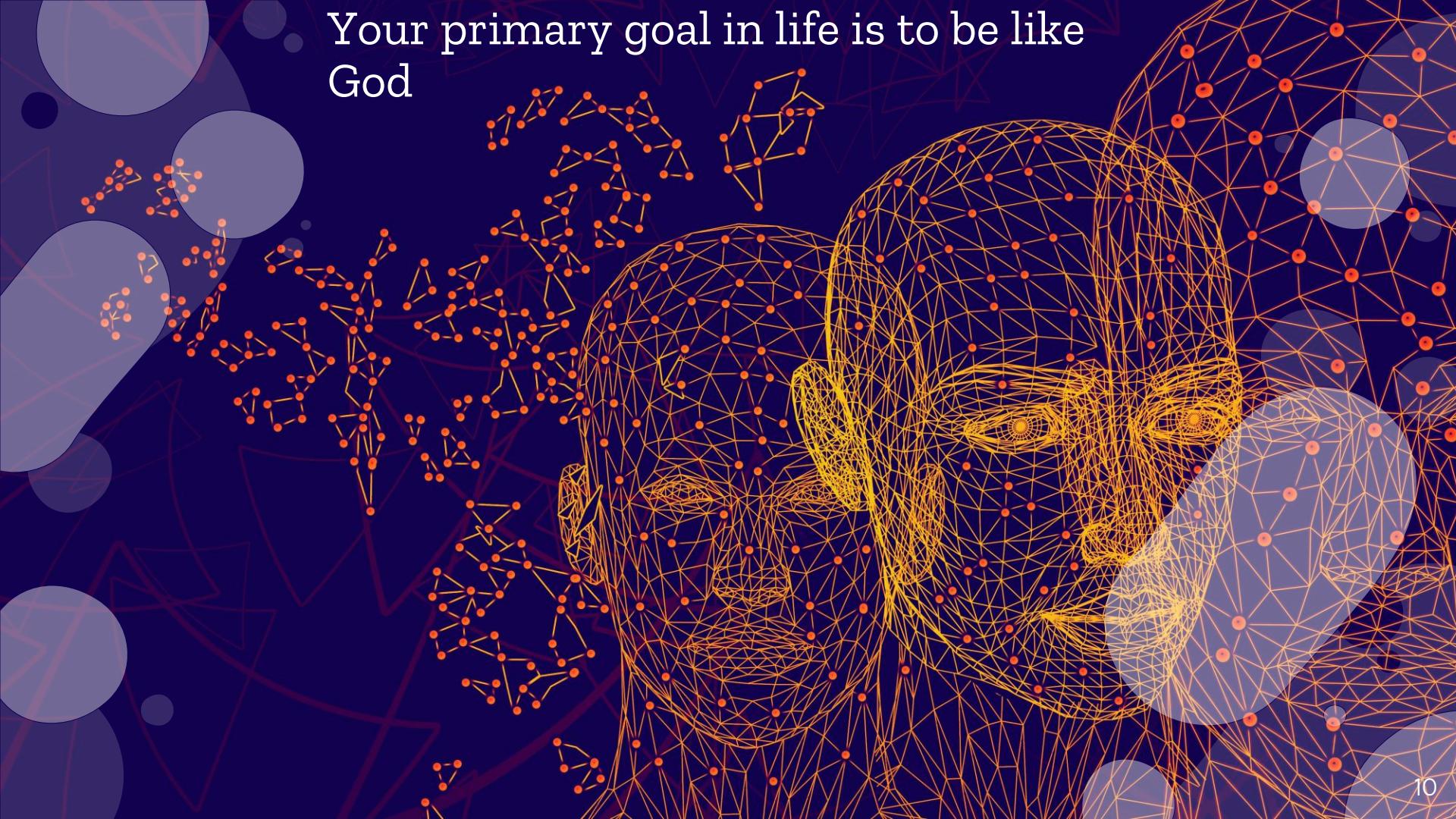




Civilized

to think, speak and act like God.

Your primary goal in life is to be like
God



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Imitation

How do you become civilized?



You become civilized by
imitating someone who
thinks, speaks and acts
better than yourself



Imitate

to do the same thing as (someone).

Can you become better by imitating
someone who is **worse** than yourself?





We imitate our **parents**,
because they are more civilized
than us

In what ways are our parents more civilized than us?



We imitate our **teachers**, because they are more civilized than us



In what ways are our teachers
more civilized than us?



A photograph of a woman from behind, standing with her arms raised towards the sky. She is wearing a dark, long-sleeved top. The background is a bright, golden-yellow sunset or sunrise over a landscape with hills. The image has a warm, glowing quality. There are several large, semi-transparent white circles of varying sizes scattered across the background.

We imitate **God**, because he is
perfect



Can a river flow **uphill**?



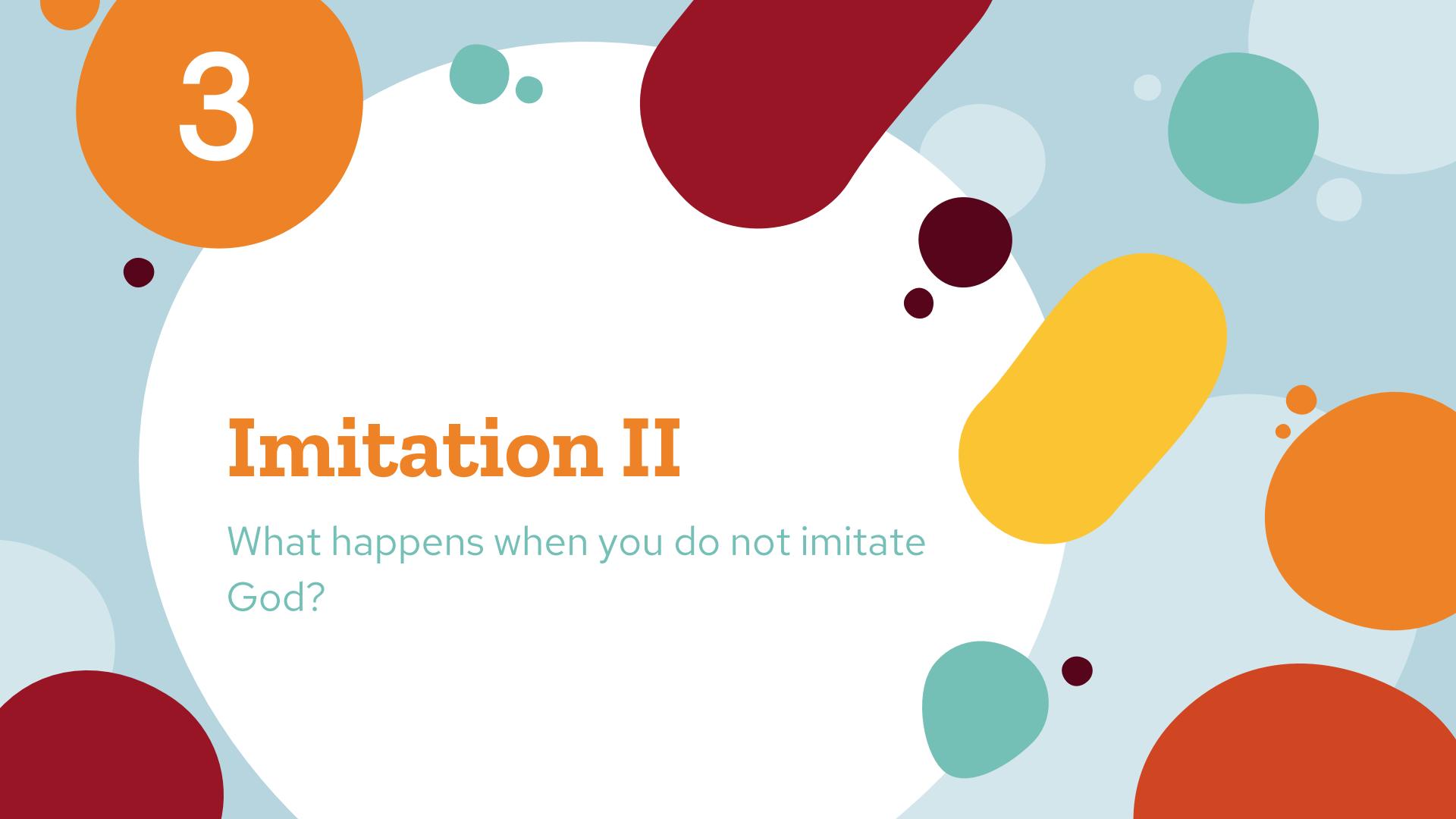
You **cannot** imitate God and then become better than God—God is the source of perfection



When you imitate God, you become
perfect—**Godlike**

When you imitate God, you can then also civilize
other people as well

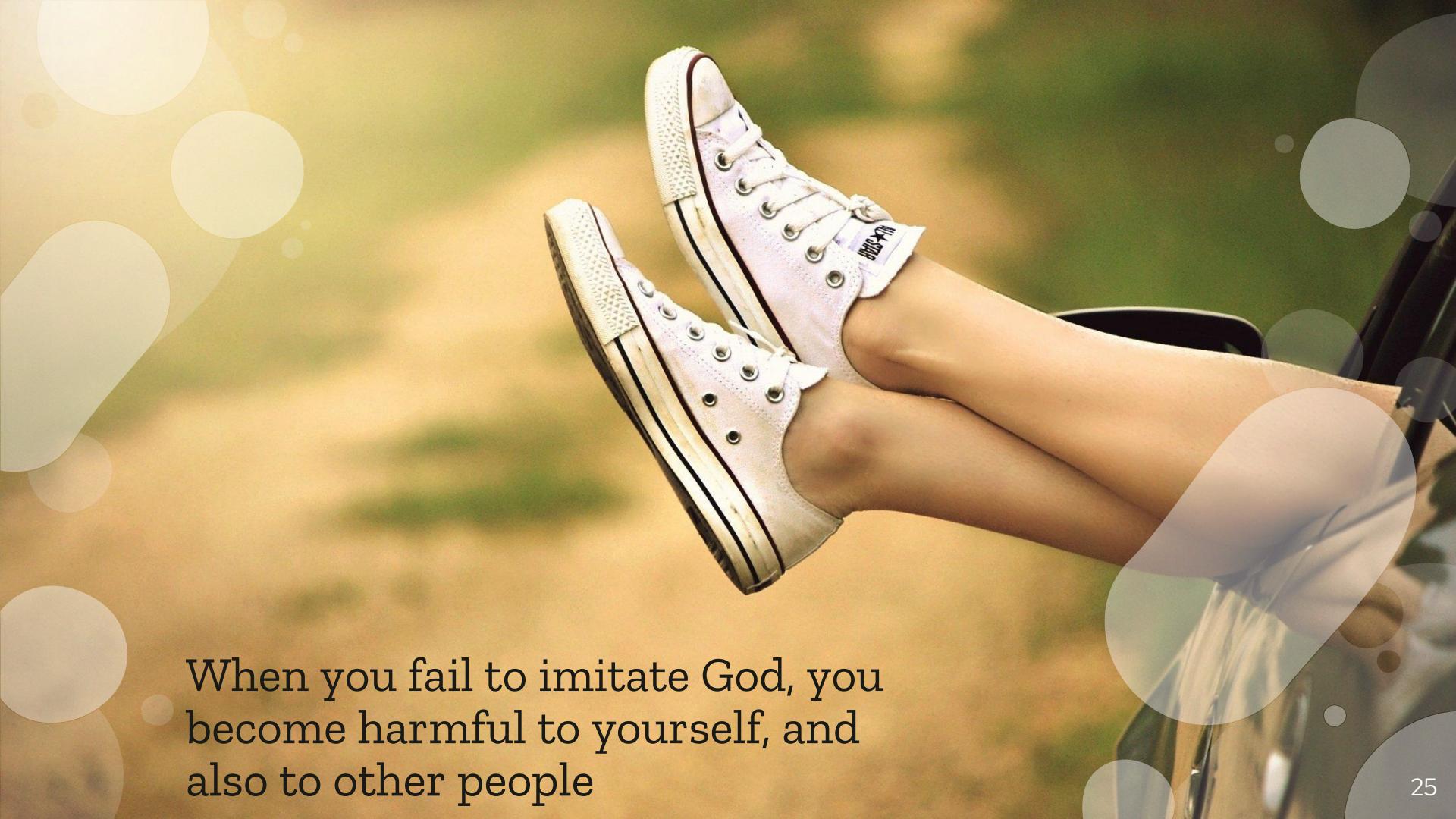




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Imitation II

What happens when you do not imitate
God?



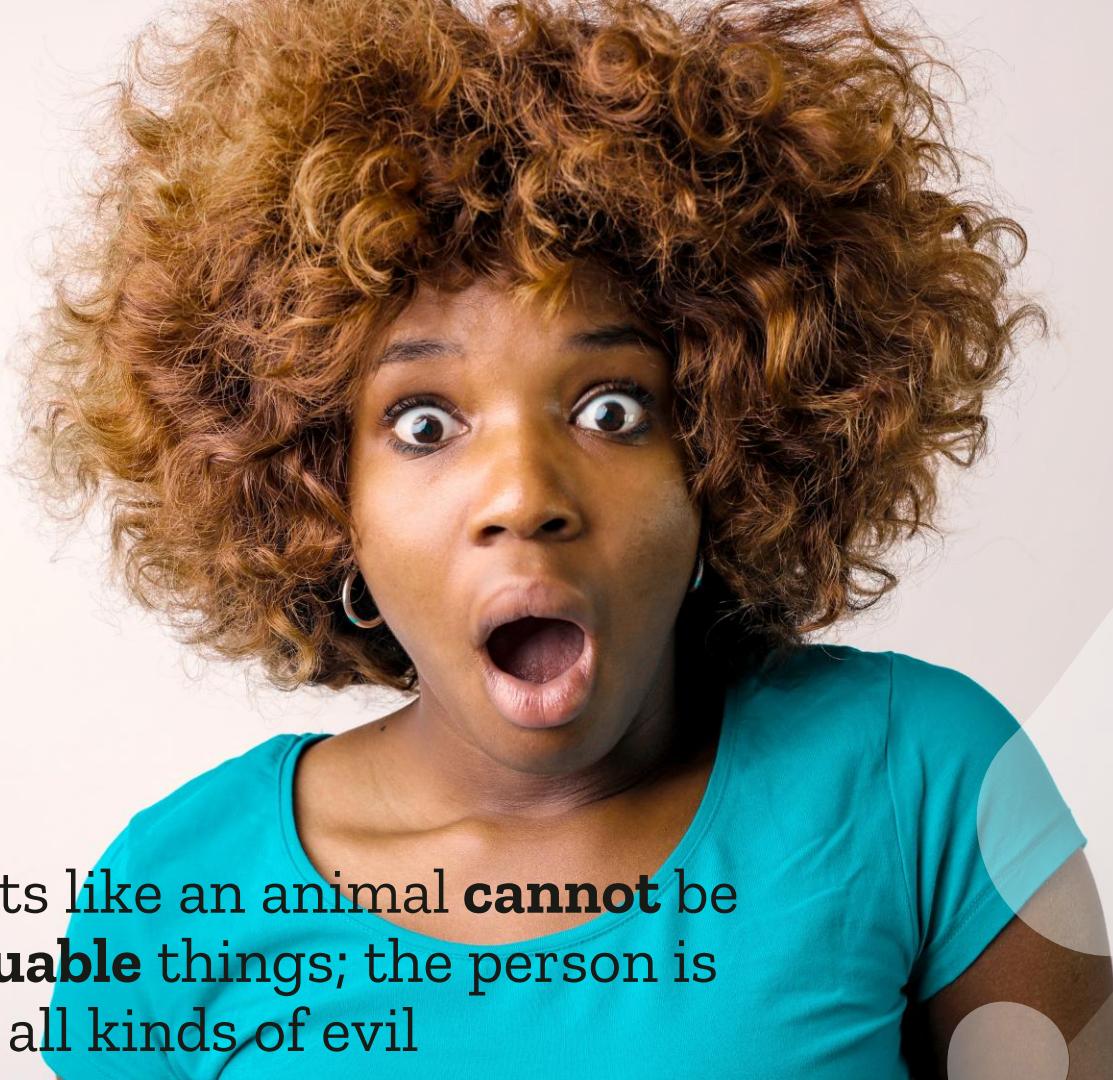
When you fail to imitate God, you become harmful to yourself, and also to other people



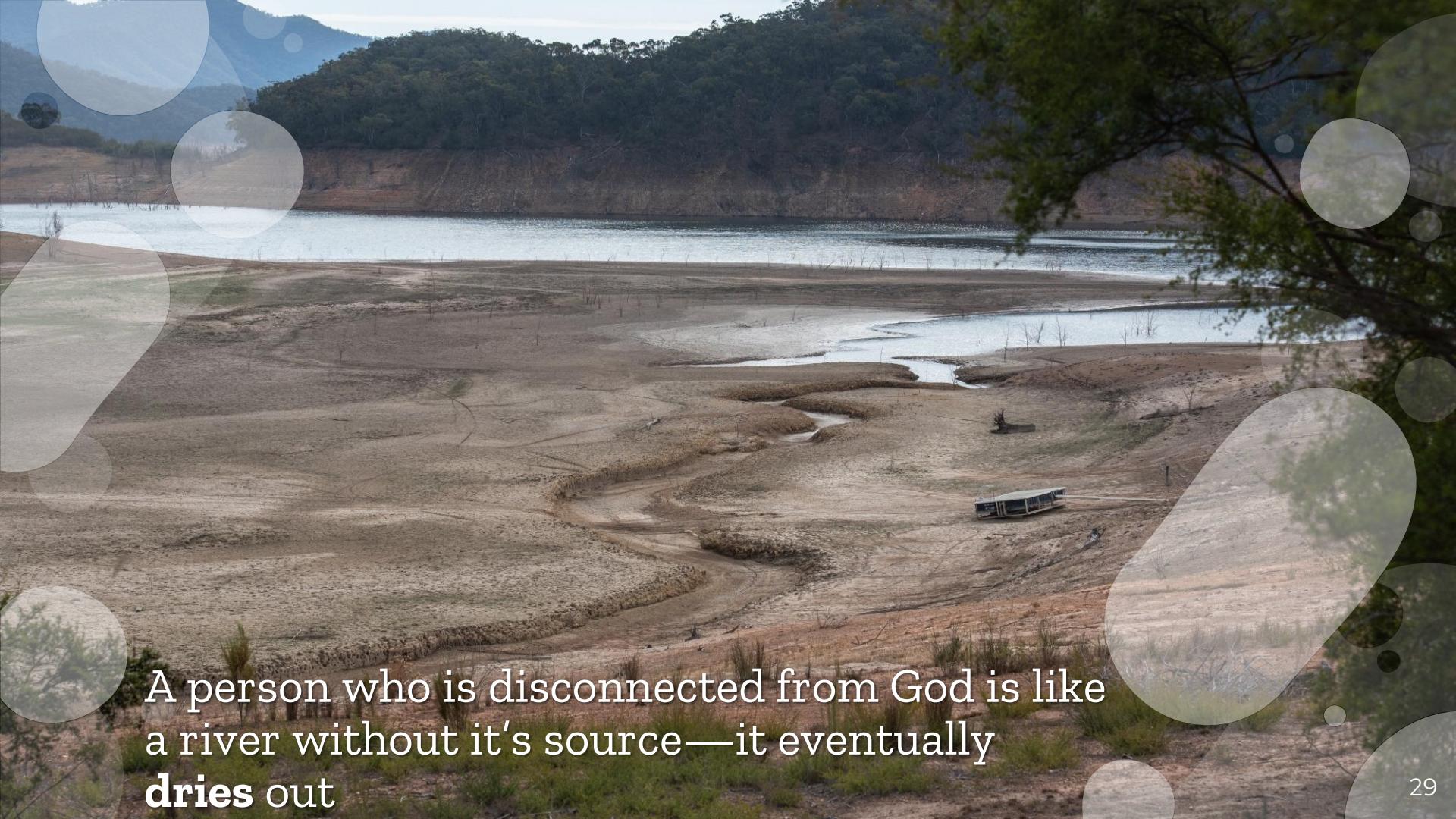
You think wrongly, speak wrongly
and act wrongly

A human who does not imitate God, is
not very different from other animals

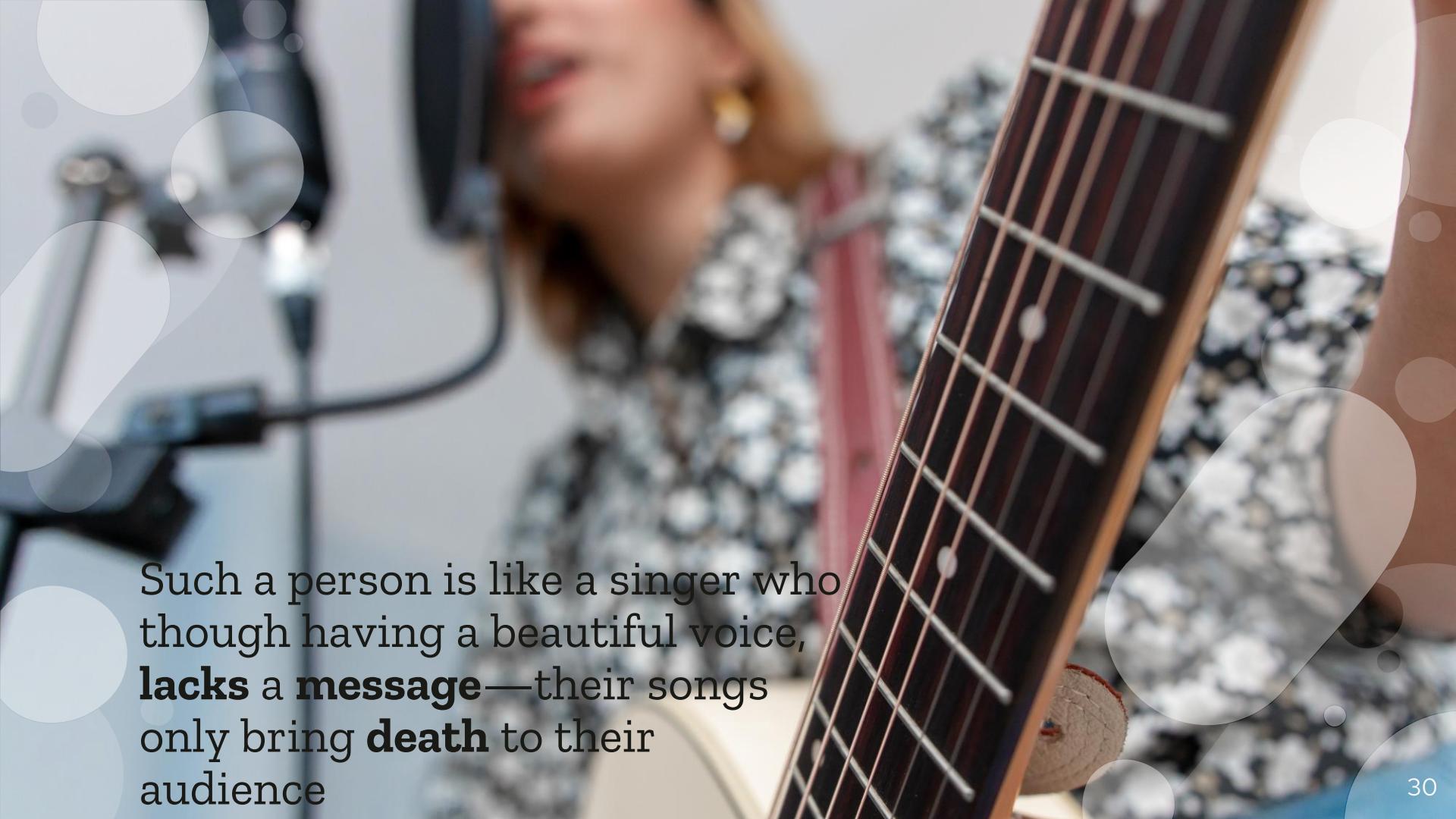




A person who acts like an animal **cannot** be trusted with **valuable** things; the person is capable of doing all kinds of evil



A person who is disconnected from God is like
a river without it's source—it eventually
dries out



Such a person is like a singer who
though having a beautiful voice,
lacks a **message**—their songs
only bring **death** to their
audience

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Confirmation

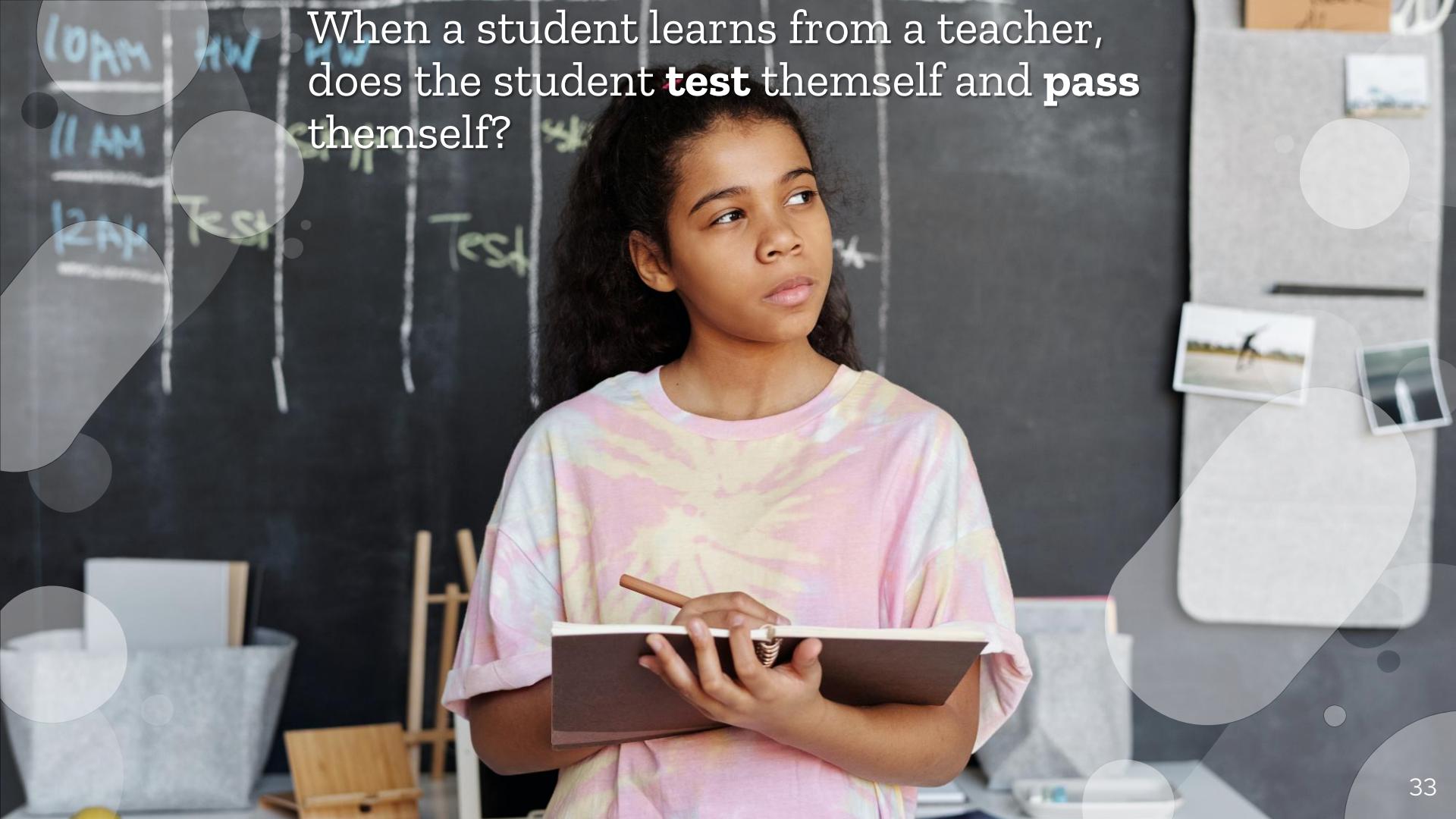
God himself confirms you



Confirm

to state or show that (something) is true or correct.

When a student learns from a teacher,
does the student **test** themselves and **pass**
themselves?

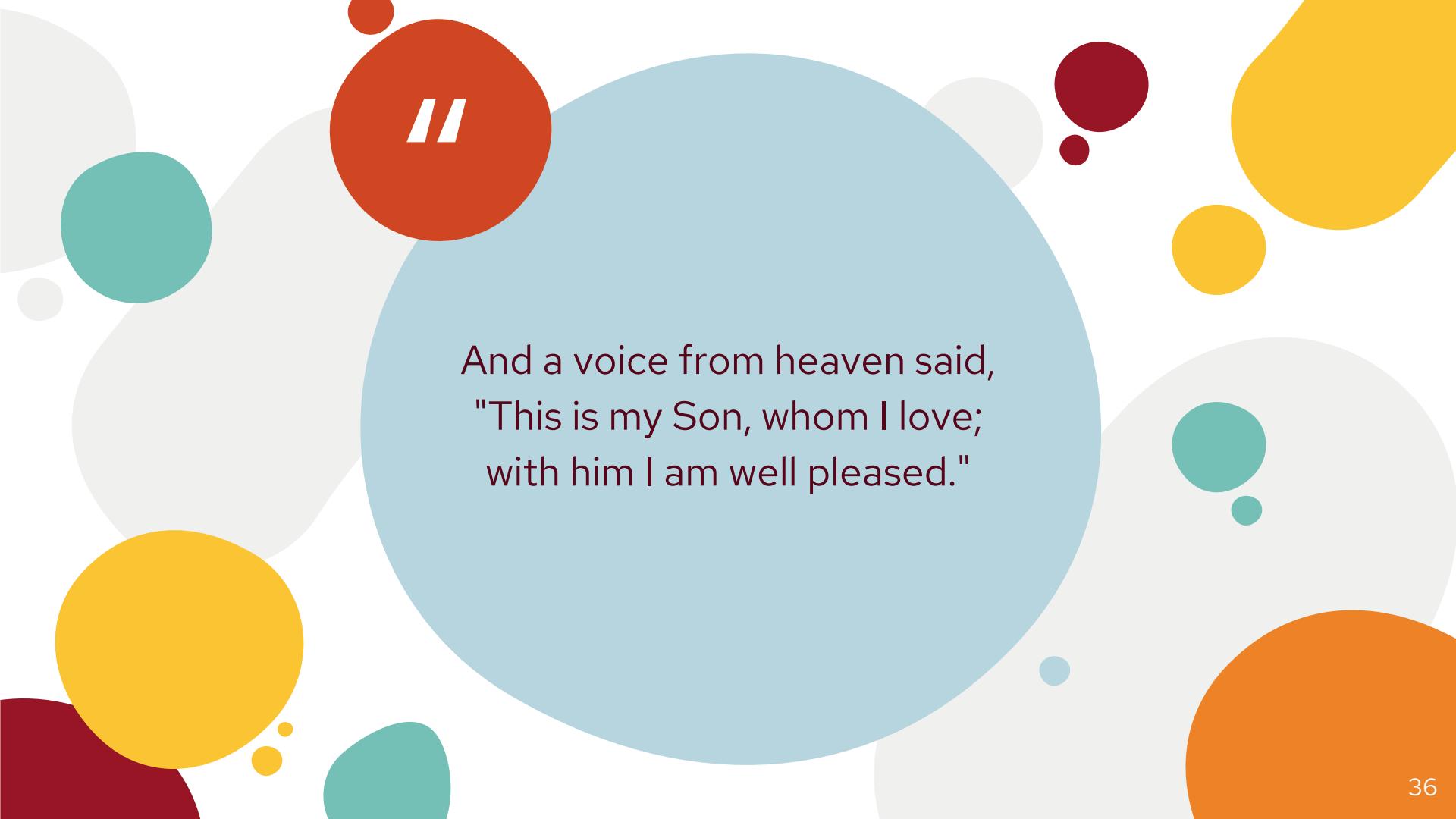


When you have learned to imitate God in every way possible, God himself, **not man**, confirms you that you are **truly** his son



We now say that you are living
under **grace**, and everything you
ask you shall receive



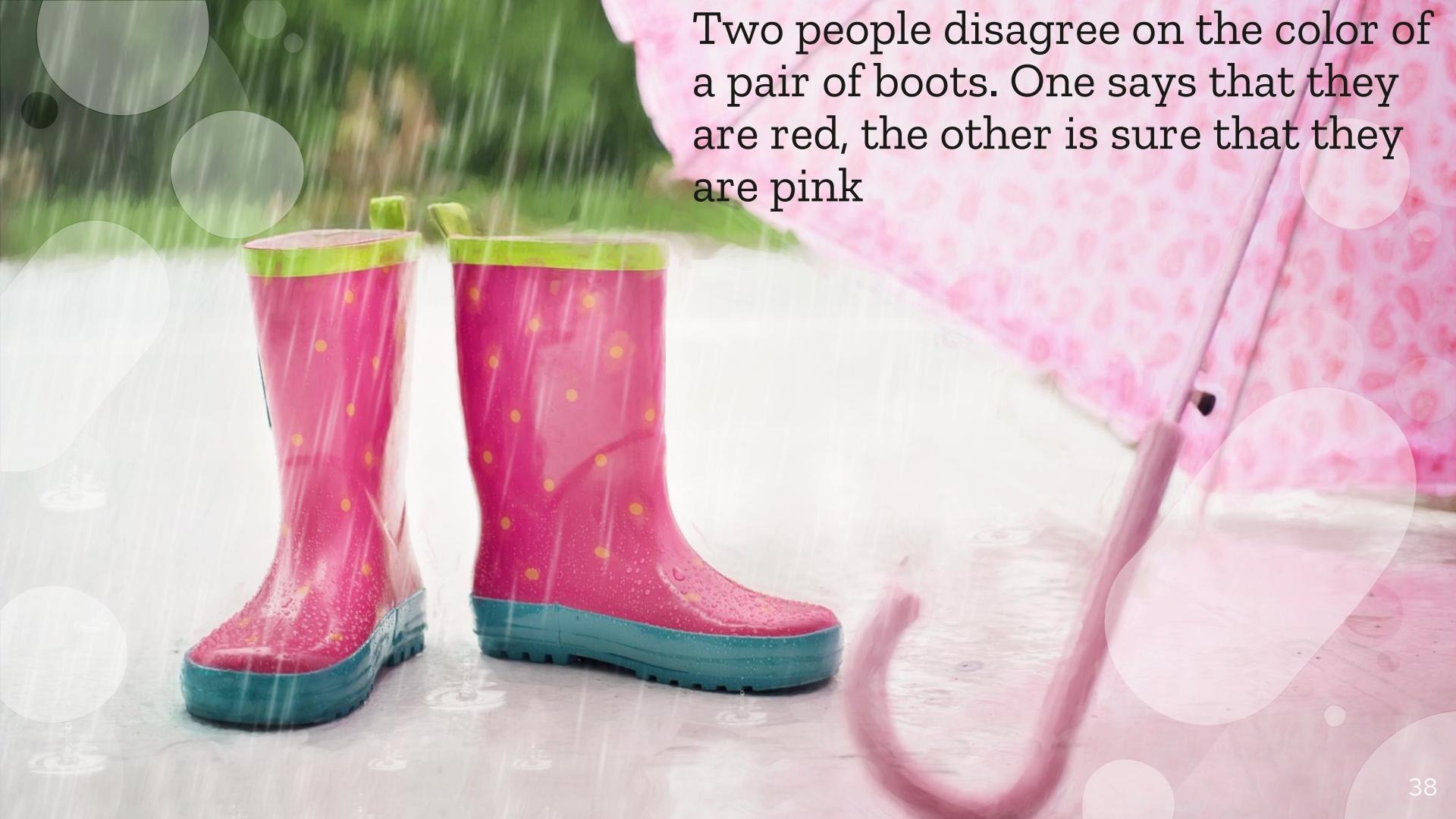


“And a voice from heaven said,
“This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.”

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Disagreements

A lesson in civility



Two people disagree on the color of a pair of boots. One says that they are red, the other is sure that they are pink

They start to fight. The one who says that the boots are red, wins the fight. Are the boots now red?



What does that tell you
about using force to settle
disagreements?



A top-down photograph showing a group of people's feet and hands resting on a patch of green grass. The hands are positioned with fingers spread, while the feet are mostly bare or wearing flip-flops. Several colorful bracelets are visible on the wrists. The scene suggests a group activity or a circle of people.

How must disagreements be
handled in the future?

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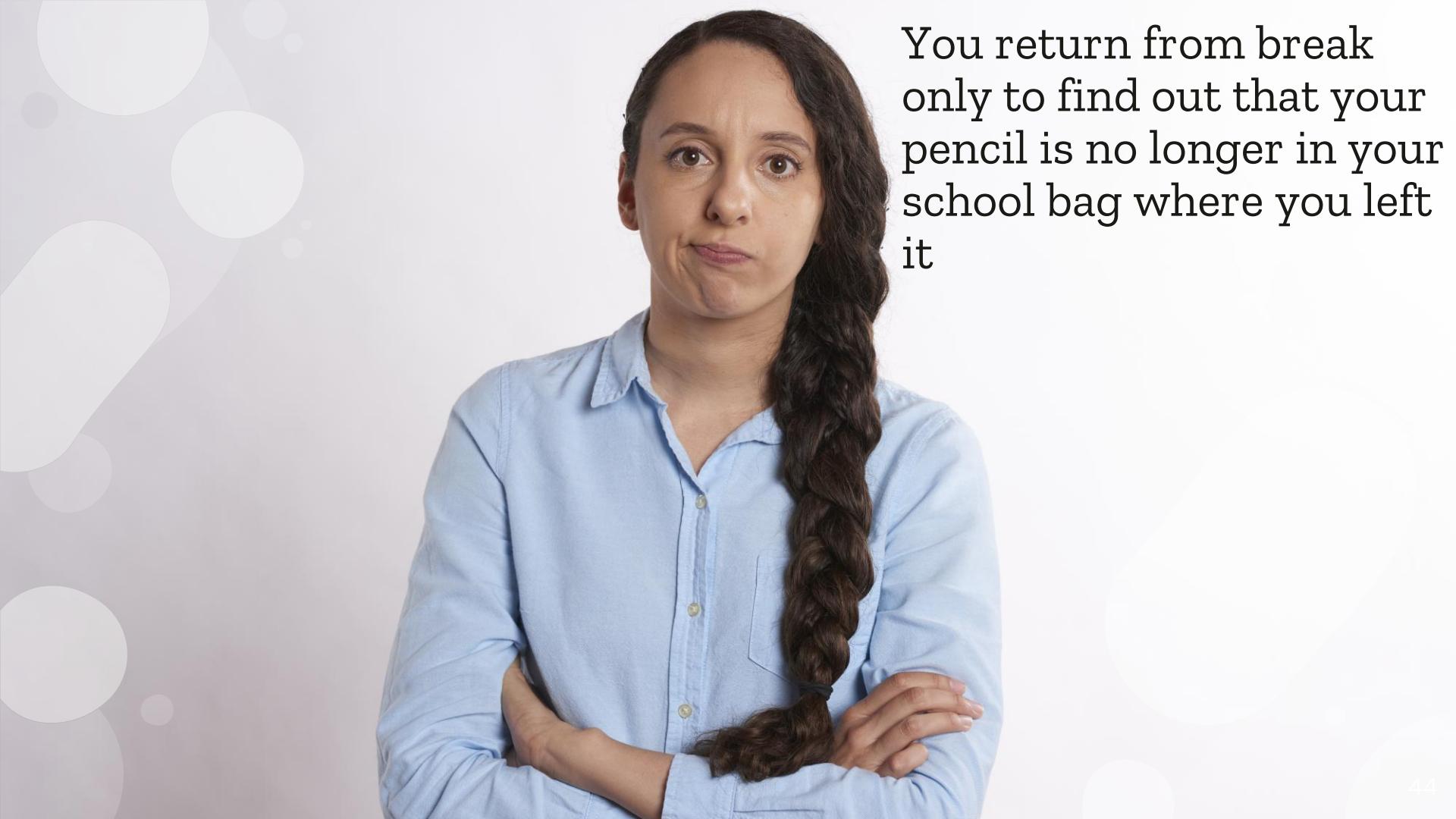
Accusations

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Accuse

to blame (someone) for something wrong or illegal.



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only to find out that your
pencil is no longer in your
school bag where you left
it

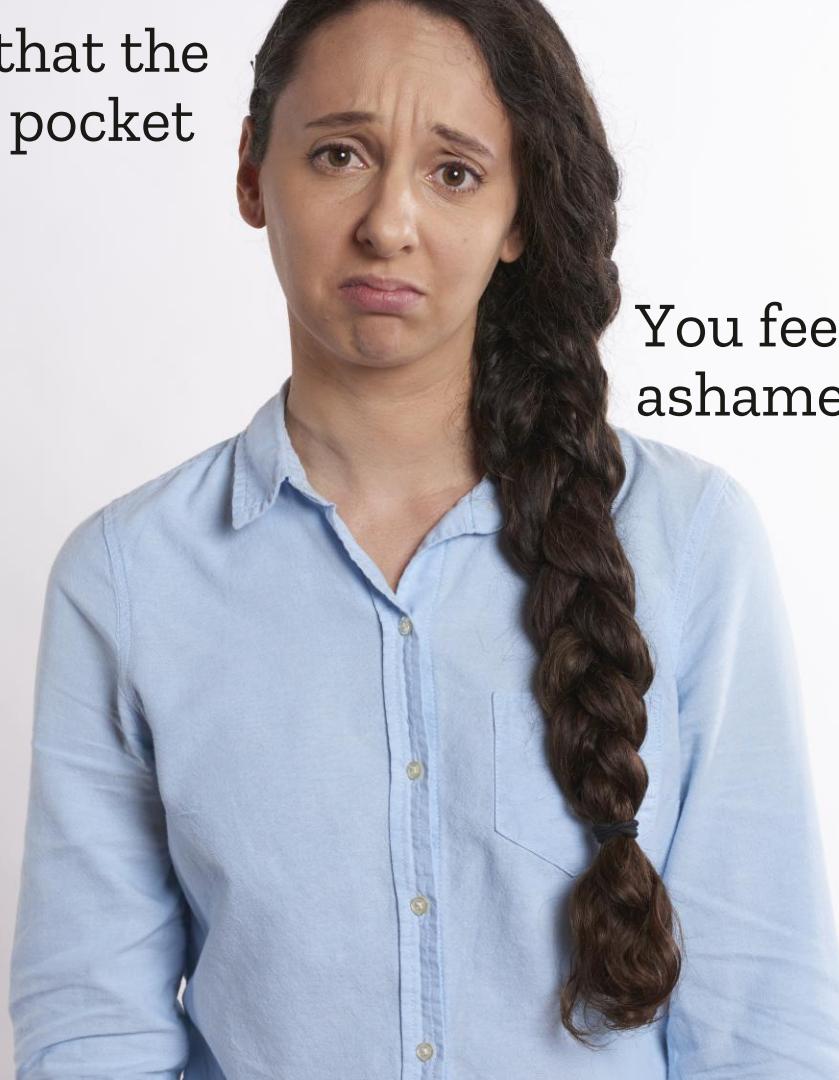


A friend tells you that your partner took it. You quickly rush over to your partner and give them a piece of your mind

Your partner tries to defend
themselves, but your voice is
louder than theirs



You later find out that the pencil was in your pocket the whole time



You feel embarrassed and ashamed

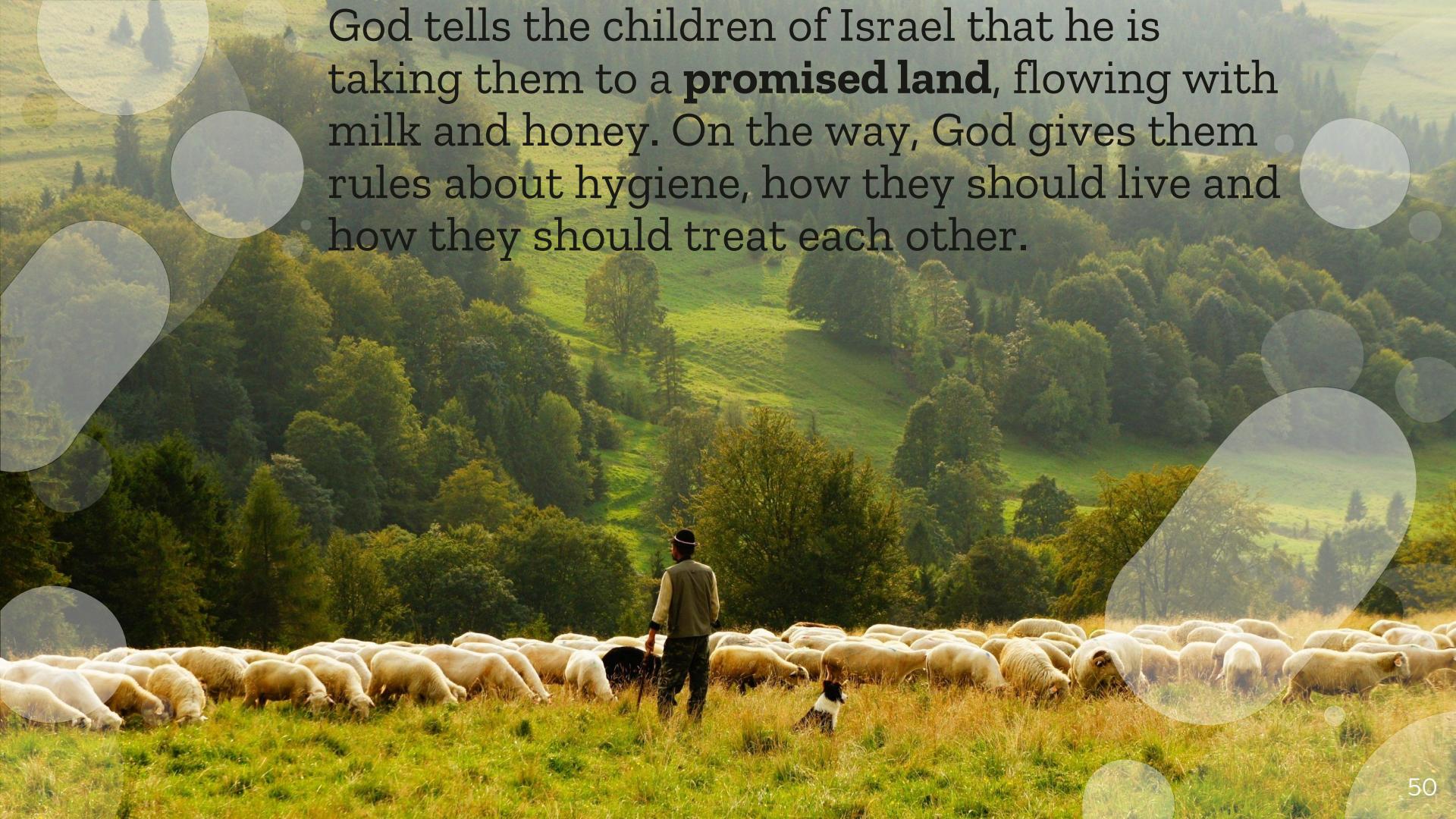


How must you handle accusations against other people next time?

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Promised Land

A lesson in civility

A wide-angle photograph of a pastoral landscape. In the foreground, a shepherd wearing a dark cap and light-colored clothing stands facing away from the camera, holding a staff. A black and white dog stands beside him. A large flock of white sheep is scattered across the grassy field. The background features rolling hills covered in dense green forests under a clear sky.

God tells the children of Israel that he is taking them to a **promised land**, flowing with milk and honey. On the way, God gives them rules about hygiene, how they should live and how they should treat each other.

The children of Israel think that the promised land is a **physical location**, so they only focus on finding it, and do not take their lessons seriously. They end up roaming the wilderness for 40 years without finding the promised land.



What they did not know was that the promised land was **within** them, when they had learned the ways of God, and began thinking, speaking and acting like God, and no matter where they found themselves, they will prosper.





How must we respond to the instructions of God when we do not fully understand them?

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Nations

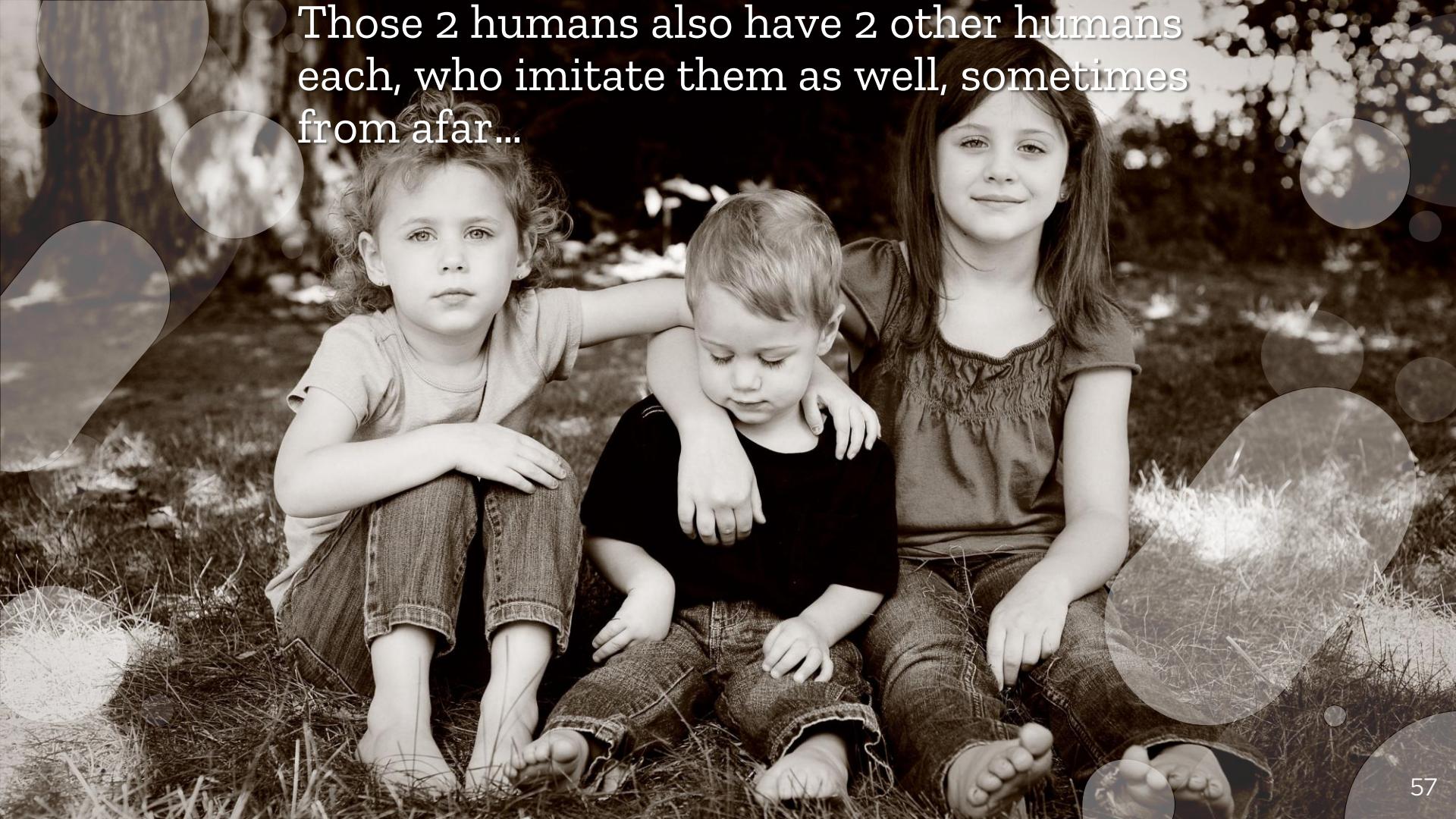
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Every human is a **nation**. How so?



Assuming that you have at least 2 people who admire you, look up to you, and copy you blindly...





Those 2 humans also have 2 other humans each, who imitate them as well, sometimes from afar...



How many humans are you now directly and indirectly influencing with the way you live?

Now you see why God called Abraham the father of many nations, even though he did not have many children





How must you **conduct** yourself before others if you wish to **positively** influence your nation?

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Design

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God wishes to help man to **move** from one place to another easily. God **values** human life and knows that it must be **protected**. God provides man with a **horse**.

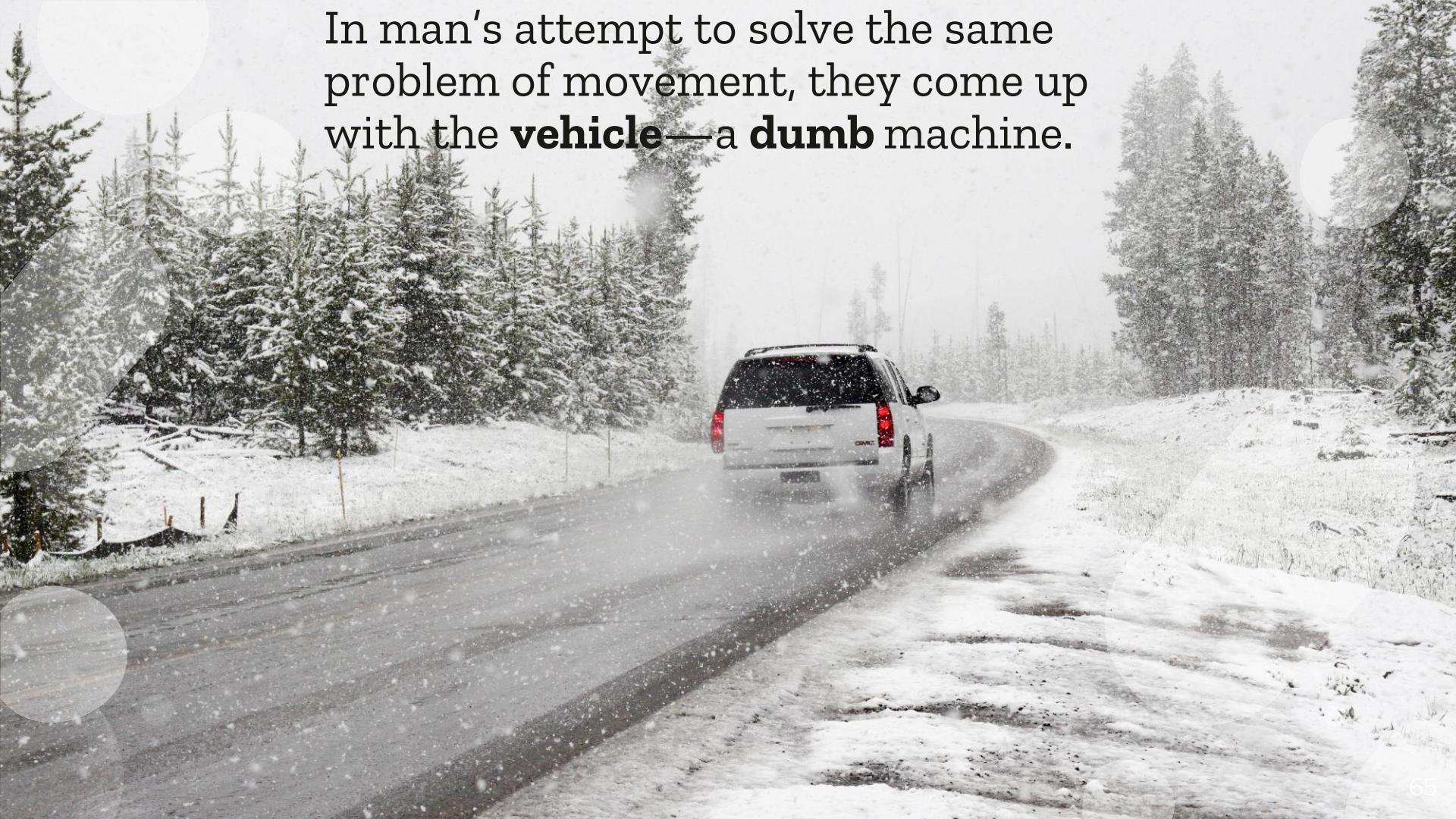
A horse is not only fast but also has intelligence. No matter how fast a horse runs, it will not accidentally run **into a building**, nor **collide into another horse**. The horse also knows when to **flee** from danger.



A horse when properly trained, can take it's owner to a destination **without** any form of **guidance**.



In man's attempt to solve the same problem of movement, they come up with the **vehicle**—a **dumb** machine.



Since then, vehicles have caused more human deaths than all human wars fought together.



In Conclusion...

- How do you know that a person is civilized?
- How do you become civilized?
- What happens to a person who does not imitate God?
- Write 3 ways that a civilized person thinks, speaks, and acts?

Thanks!



Vocabularies

primary

most important.

focus

to cause (something, such as attention) to be directed at something specific.

uphill

going or sloping up toward the top of a hill or mountain.

embarrassed

to make (someone) feel confused and foolish in front of other people.

harmful

causing or capable of causing damage or harm.

ashamed

feeling shame or guilt.

Vocabularies

influence

the power to change or affect someone or something.

conduct

the way that a person behaves in a particular place or situation.

positive

good or useful.

admire

to feel respect or approval for (someone or something).

capable

able to do something.

blindly

without thinking or questioning.

Vocabularies

audience

the people who watch, read, or listen to something.

flee

to run away from danger.

dumb

not showing or having good judgment or intelligence : stupid or foolish.

intelligence

the ability to learn or understand things or to deal with new or difficult situations.

collide

to hit something or each other with strong force : to crash together or to crash into something.

destination

a place to which a person is going or something is being sent.