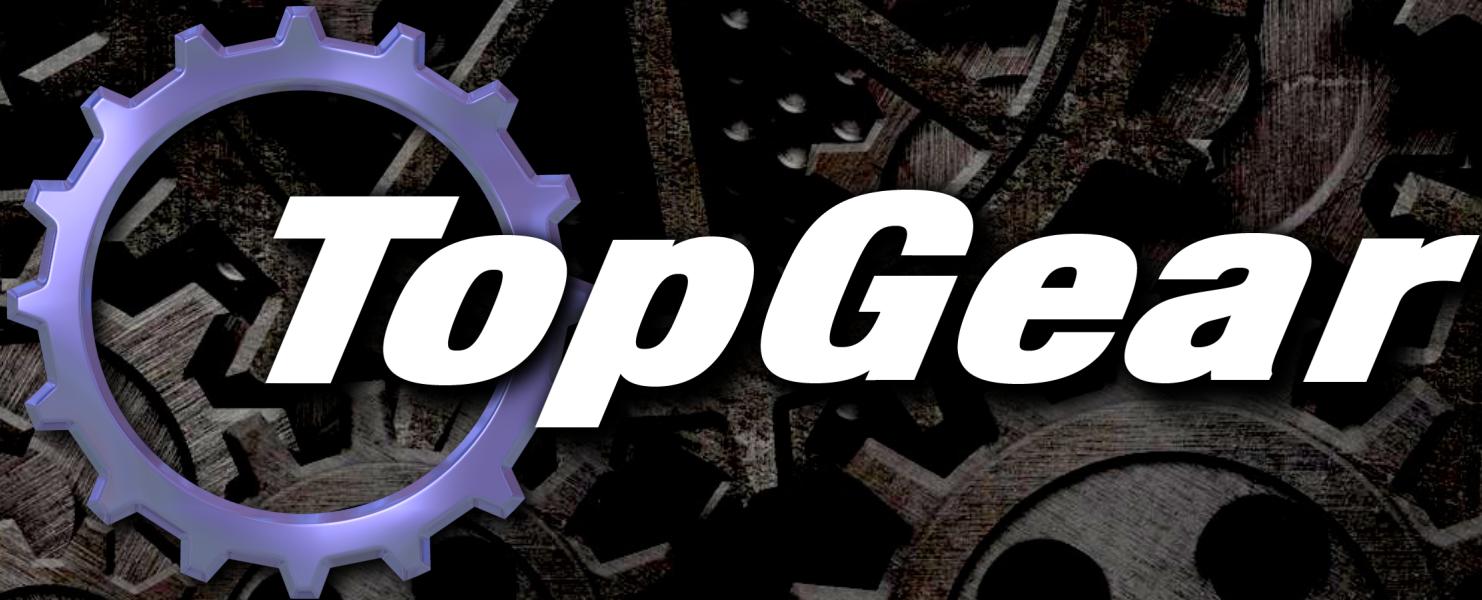


Top Gear



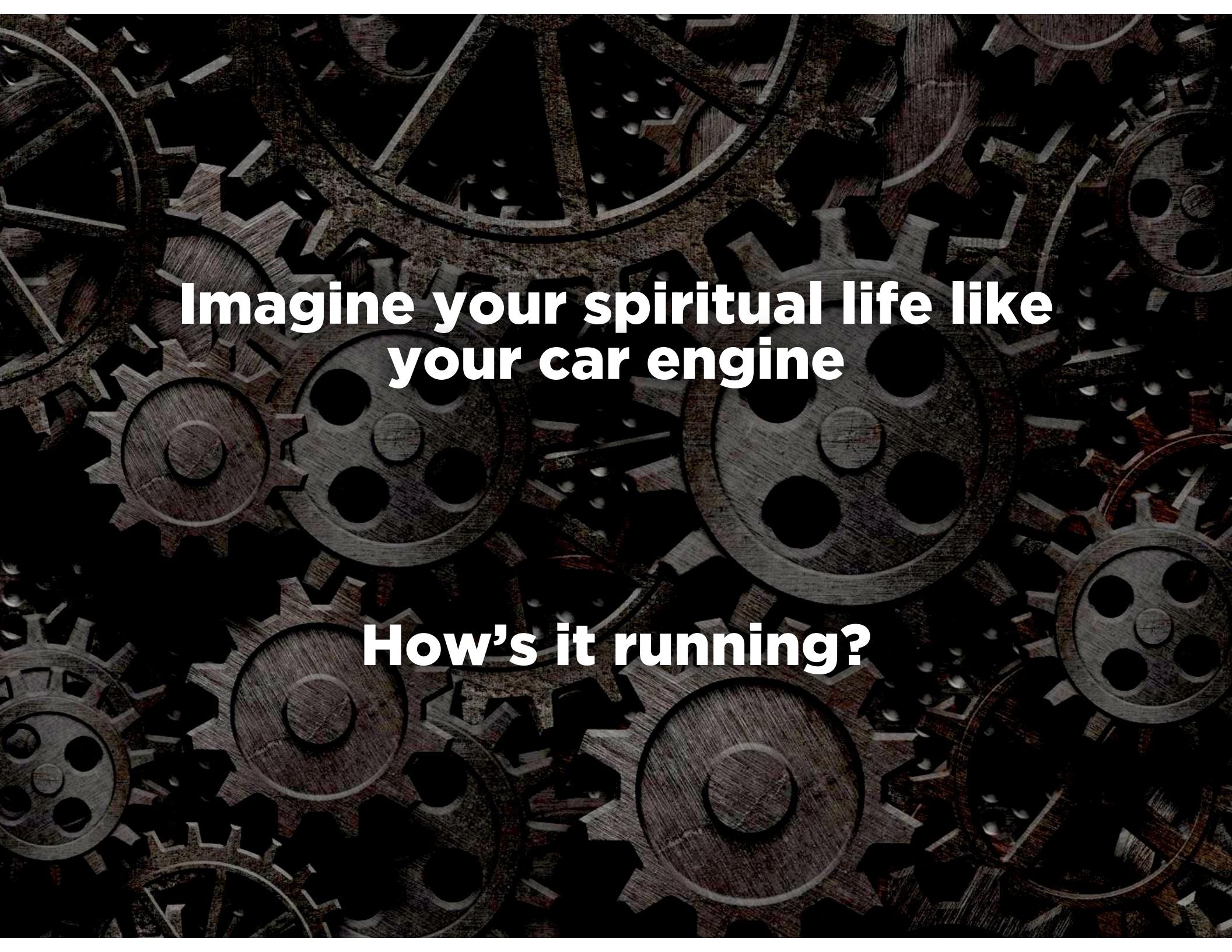
How's Your Engine?



The motoring show is the most widely watched factual television program in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records

Top Gear plays in 214 territories worldwide and has an estimated global audience of 350 million





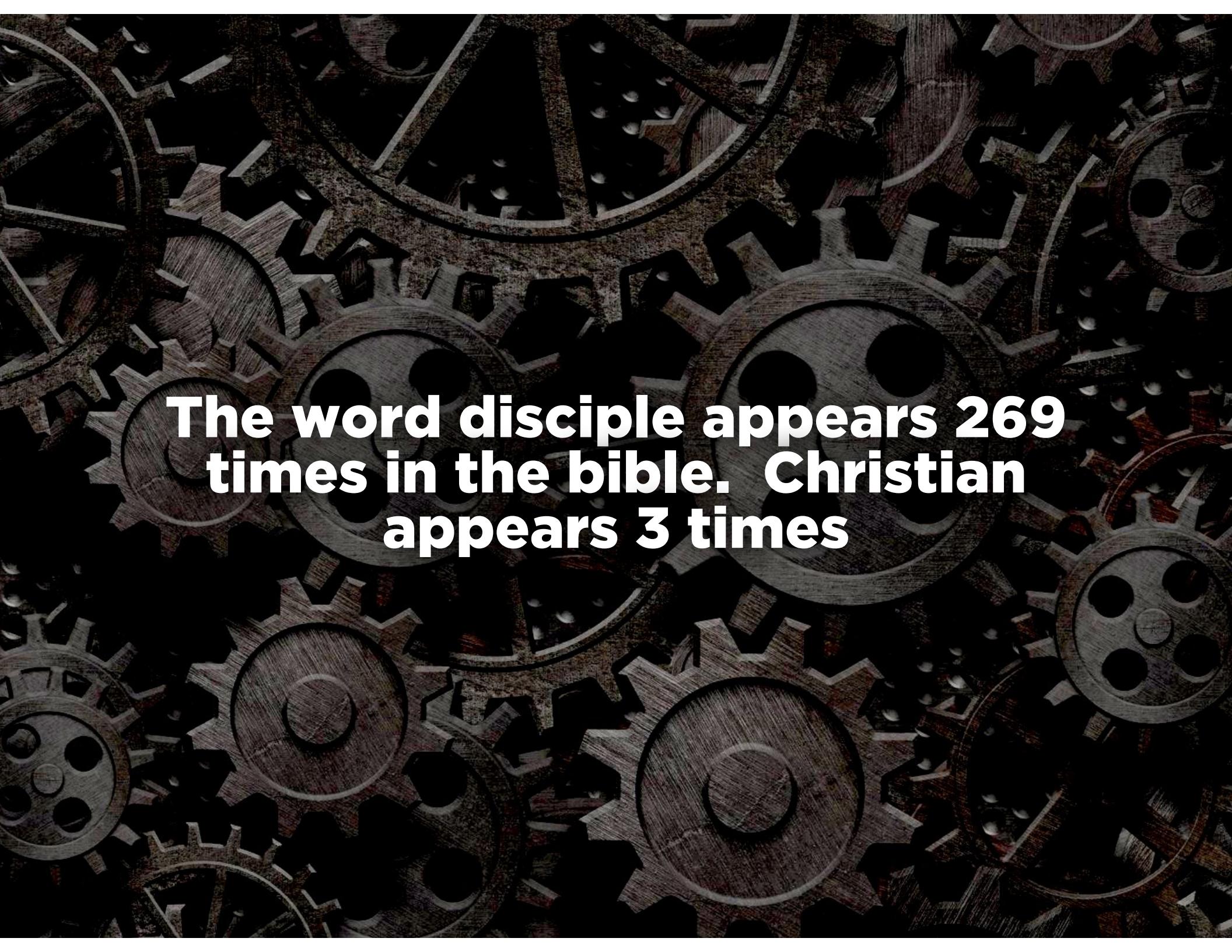
**Imagine your spiritual life like
your car engine**

How's it running?

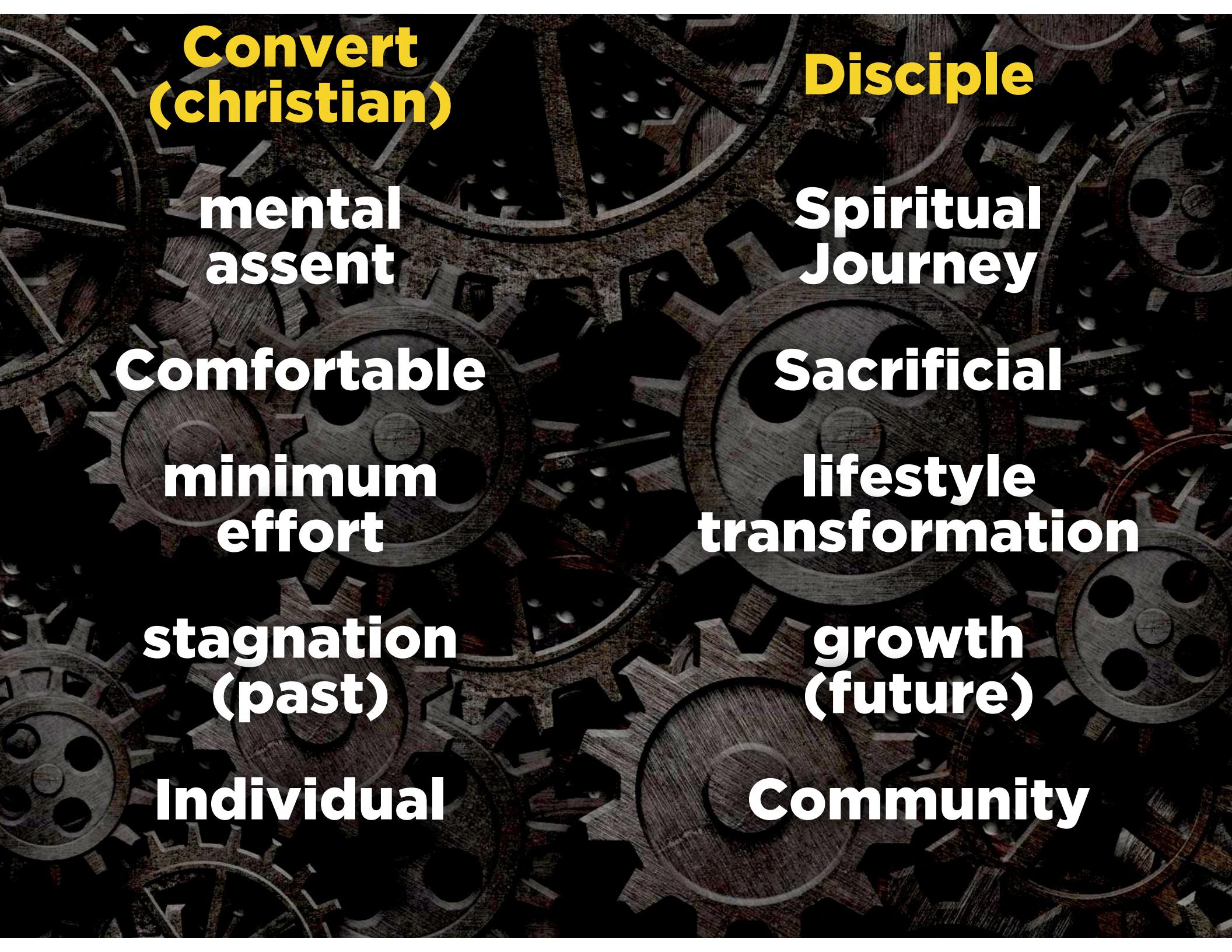
**“If racing against mere men
makes you tired, how will you
race against horses?**

**If you stumble and fall on open
ground, what will you do in the
thickets near the Jordan?”**

Jeremiah 12:5 (NLT)



**The word disciple appears 269
times in the bible. Christian
appears 3 times**



**Convert
(christian)**

**mental
assent**

Comfortable

**minimum
effort**

**stagnation
(past)**

Individual

Disciple

**Spiritual
Journey**

Sacrificial

**lifestyle
transformation**

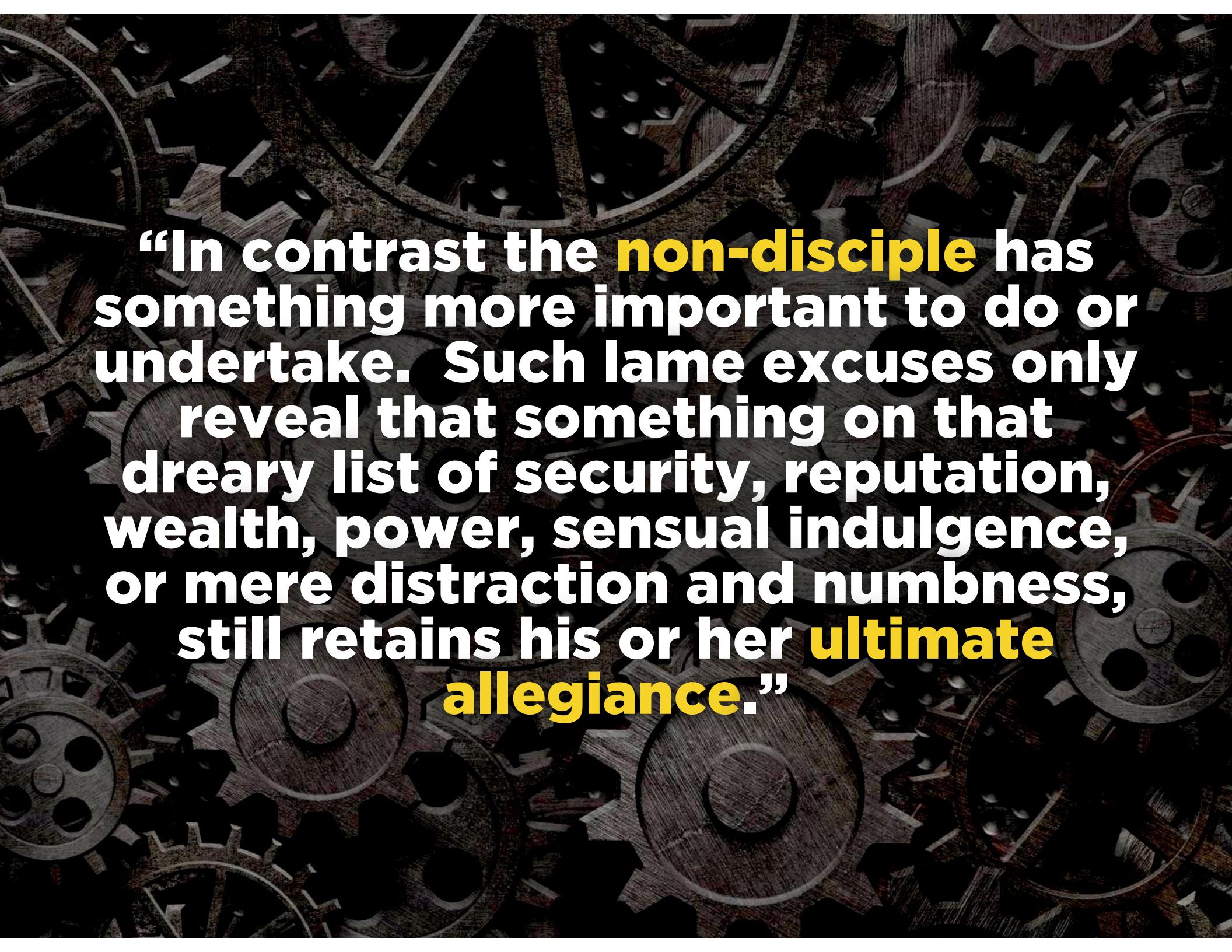
**growth
(future)**

Community

“A disciple is one who, intent upon becoming Christ-like and so dwelling in His ‘faith** and **practices**’, **systematically** and **progressively** rearranges their affairs to that end”**

Dallas Willard

A disciple has right belief and right action in balance



“In contrast the non-disciple has something more important to do or undertake. Such lame excuses only reveal that something on that dreary list of security, reputation, wealth, power, sensual indulgence, or mere distraction and numbness, still retains his or her ultimate allegiance.”

“Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice, and discipline.”

James C. Collins

“Discipleship is not a function of circumstance. Discipleship, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice, and discipline.”

Me

Premises

God wants disciples not converts

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Premises

We have mistaken salvation for sanctification

The word "sanctification" derives from the Latin noun "*sanctificatio*". This original Latin word means "to separate and set aside"

Sanctification, in this sense, is to be set apart from the world--to be a different people. However, this original Latin word was actually translated from Greek. It's not actually the source word. The original Greek word is often translated into English as "wash" or "cleanse".

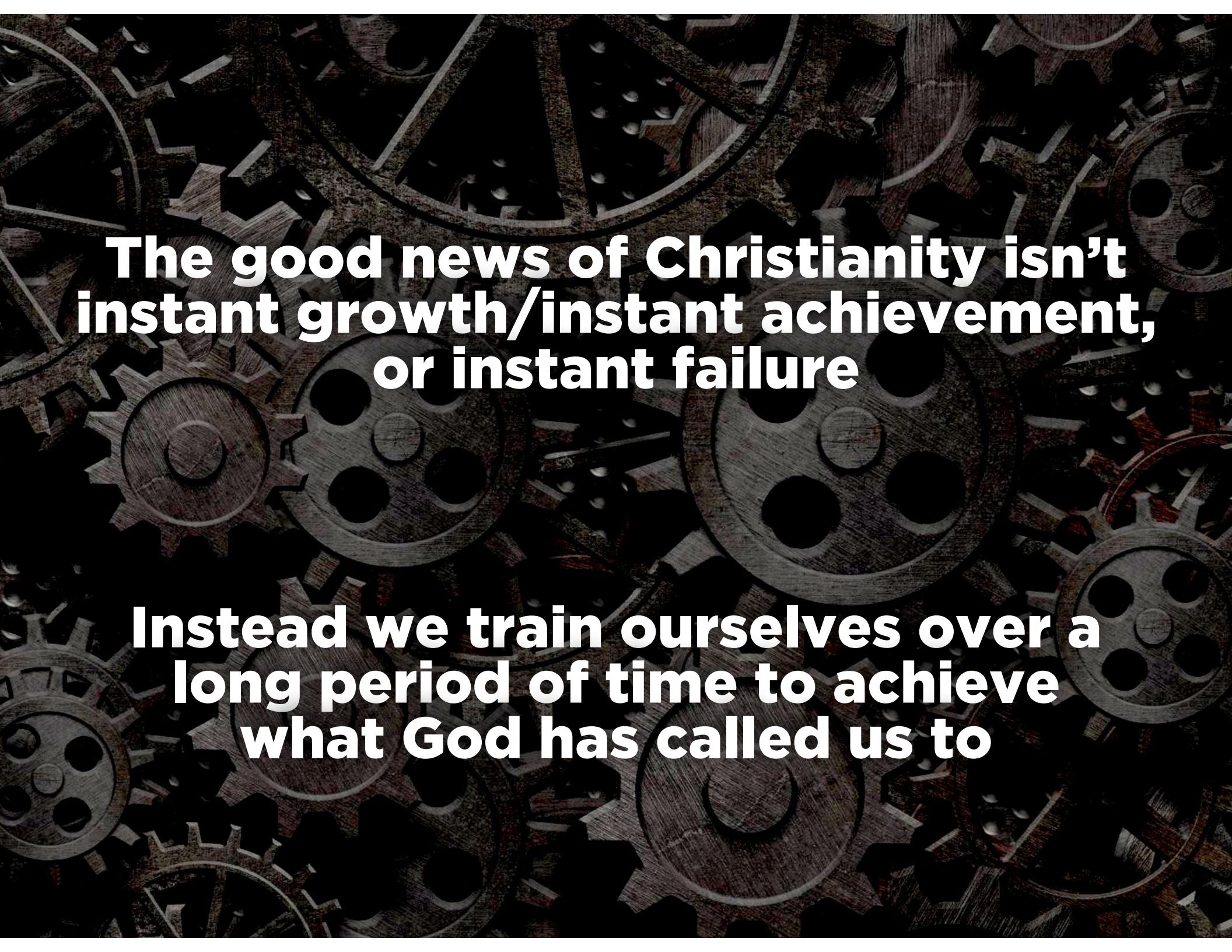
Premises

At the root of disciple is discipline

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?

Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27



The good news of Christianity isn't instant growth/instant achievement, or instant failure

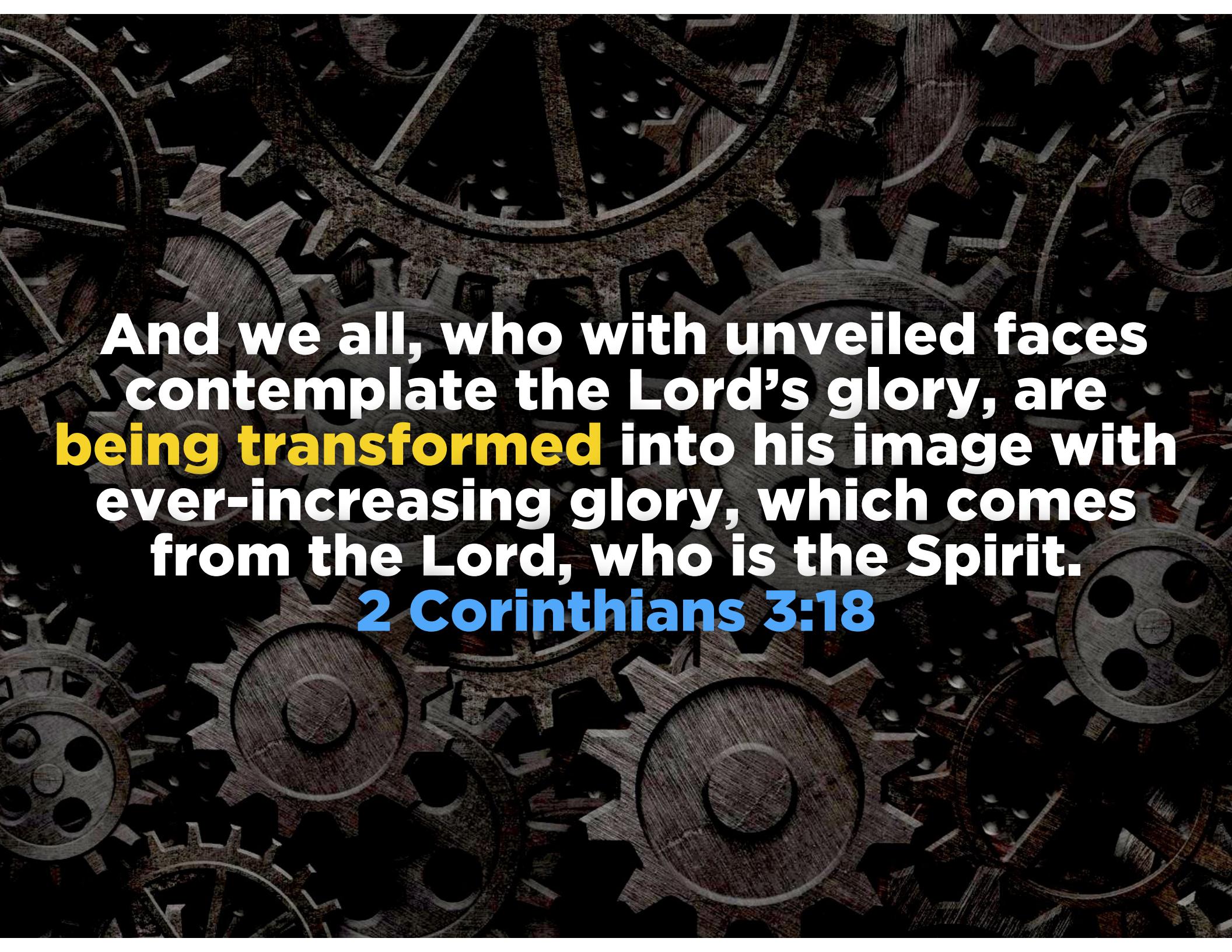
Instead we train ourselves over a long period of time to achieve what God has called us to



Talk Back...

“Don’t try – train!”





And we all, who with unveiled faces
contemplate the Lord's glory, are
being transformed into his image with
ever-increasing glory, which comes
from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18