



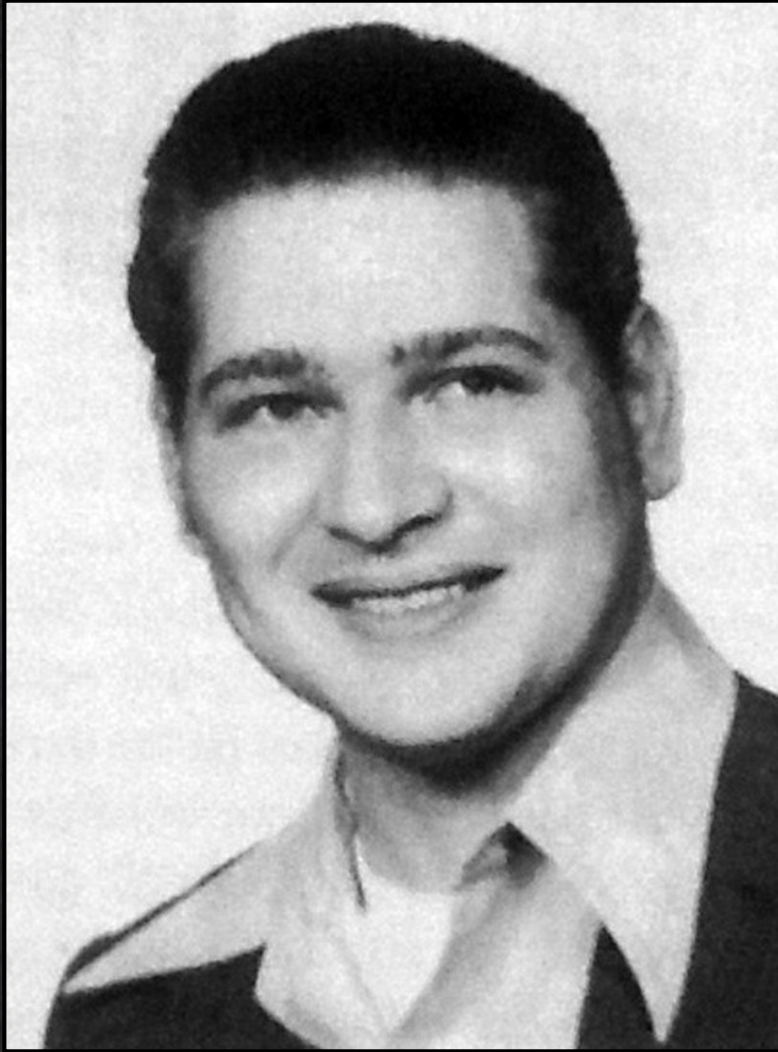
Danger, Love Ahead

Don't Eat the Stew









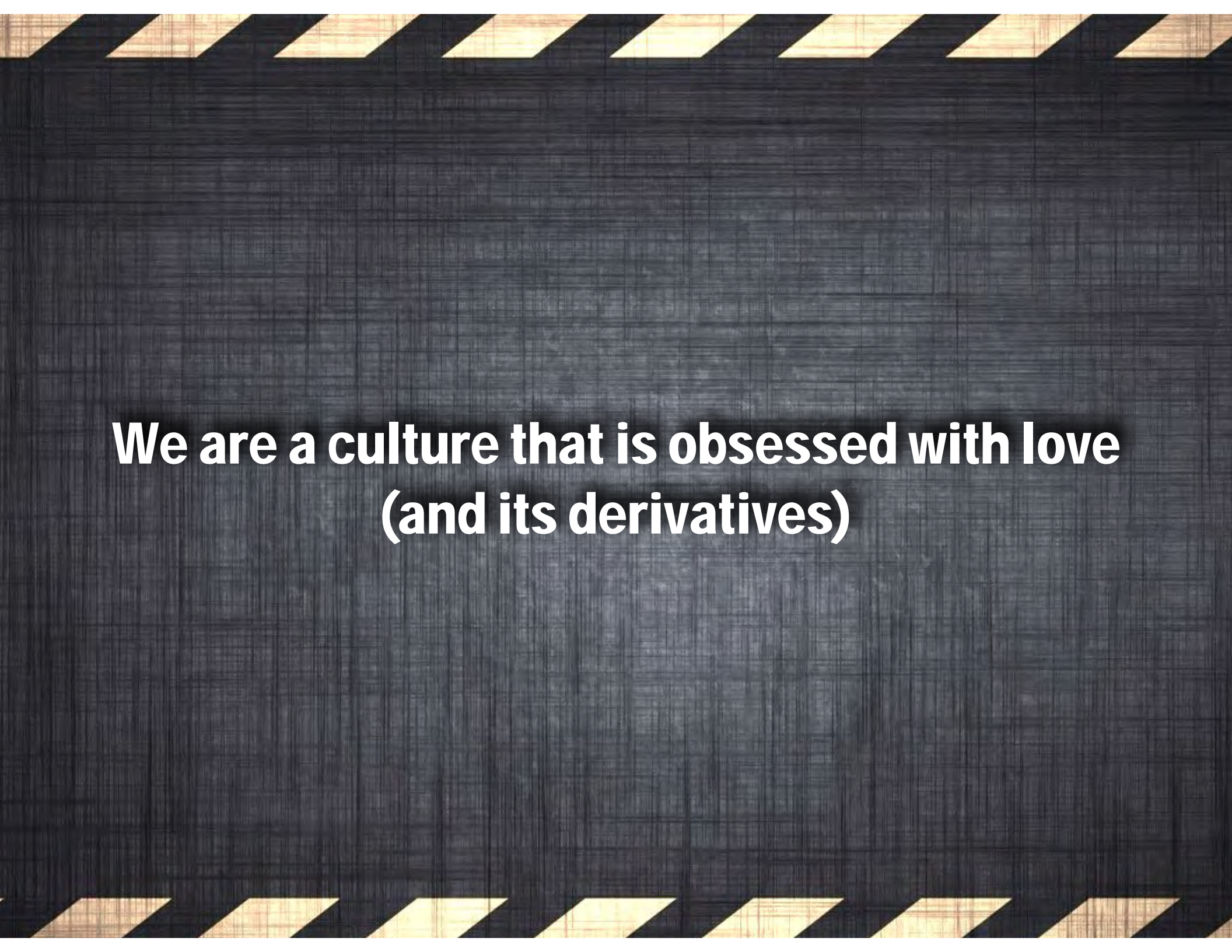
Ron Wayne

When Apple was incorporated on April 2, 1976, Wayne was named alongside Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak as one of three founders, with a **10 percent** stake in the company

12 days after Apple started up — Wayne threw in the towel and sold his shares for just **\$800**

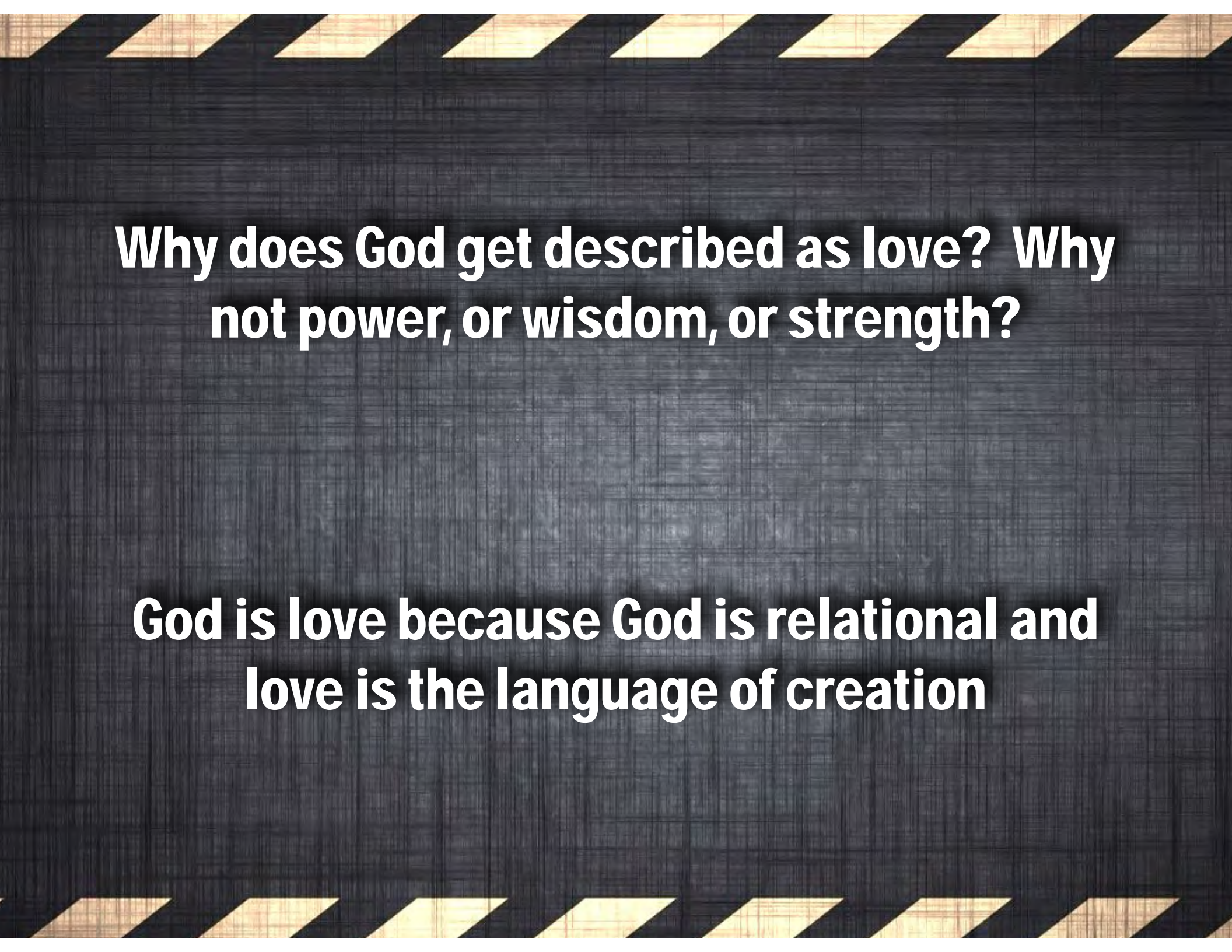
If Ron had kept his shares, they would be worth **\$35 Billion**





We are a culture that is obsessed with love  
(and its derivatives)

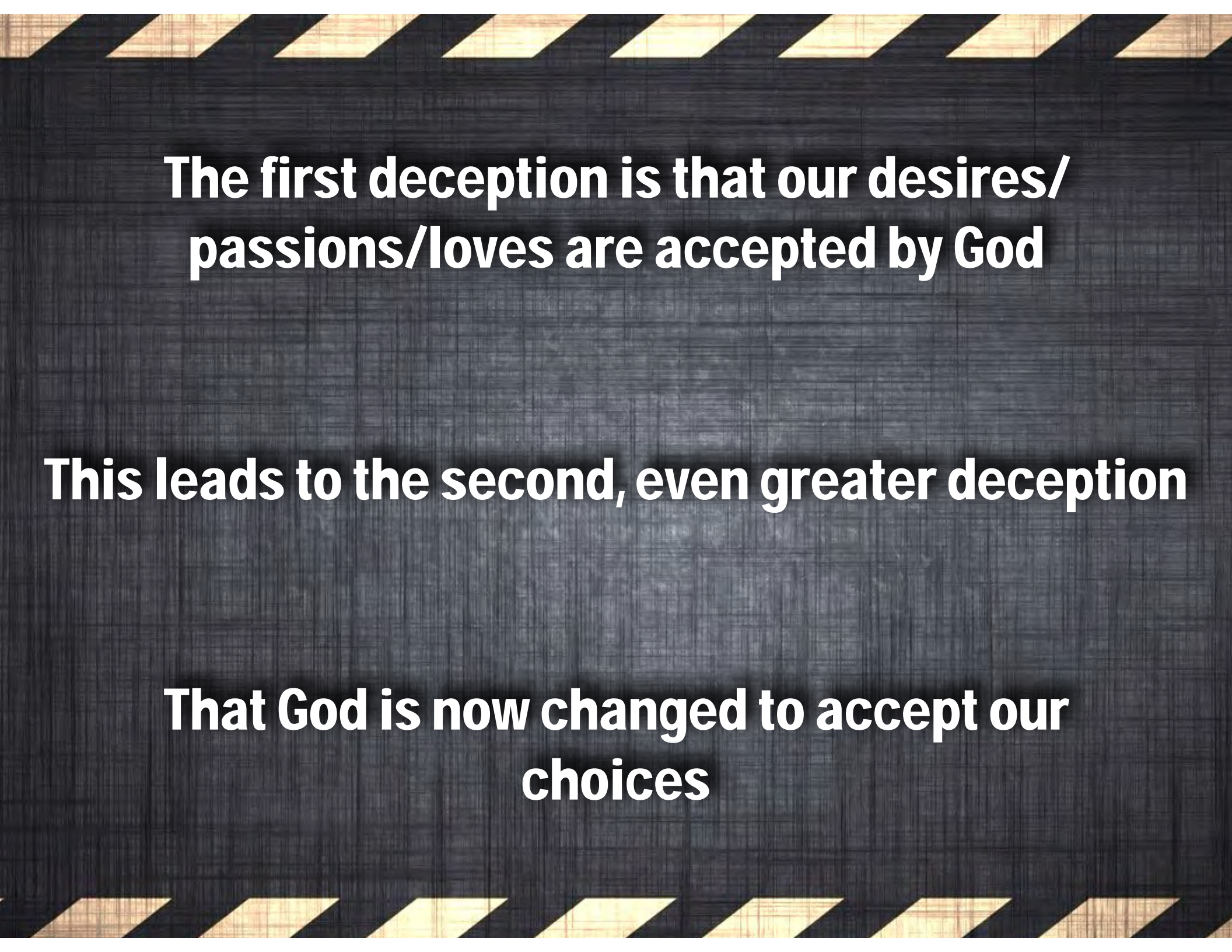




Why does God get described as love? Why not power, or wisdom, or strength?

God is love because God is relational and love is the language of creation





The first deception is that our desires/  
passions/loves are accepted by God

This leads to the second, even greater deception

That God is now changed to accept our  
choices





Love is foundational

Desire is instructional

Passion is directional





What is God worth?



The boys grew up, and Esau became a **skillful hunter**, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to **stay at home** among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. **Genesis 25:27-28**

The Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, **and the older will serve the younger.**"

**vs 23**



Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, **famished**. **vs 29**

He said to Jacob, "**Quick**, let me have some of that **red stew**! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) **vs 30**



Jacob replied, "First sell me your **birthright**." vs 31

After the father died, or in the father's absence, the firstborn son assumed the father's **authority** and responsibilities.

In addition to assuming the leadership role in the family, the recipient of the birthright **inherited twice** that received by the other sons.

The birthright also had a **spiritual blessing** from God



“Look, I am about to **die**,” Esau said. “**What good**  
is the birthright to me?” **vs 32**

But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an  
oath to him, **selling his birthright to Jacob.** **vs 33**

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and  
some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and  
then got up and left. **vs 34**





So Esau despised his birthright.





What is God worth?

You won't know until you are offered  
your bowl of stew



## The Process of Exchange

We allow our desires to dictate behaviour

"**quick**, give me some red stew, I'm **famished**"

We can't see past immediate gratification

"Look, I am about to **die**," Esau said. "**What good** is the birthright to me?"

We don't value our birthright

But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, **selling his birthright to Jacob**.



Although they claimed to be wise, they became  
fools and **exchanged** the glory of the immortal  
God for \_\_\_\_\_ **Romans 1:22-23**



Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and take up their cross **daily** and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to **gain the whole world** (**exchange**), and yet lose or forfeit their very self? **Luke 9:23-25**