



THE SEVEN

THE LIE OF LUST

Recap

“Anger makes the list of the seven deadly sins because for centuries people have witnessed its destructive power and influence.

Understanding anger gets much more complicated than simply looking at its effects, though. Anger isn't merely a sin that causes chaos, **it's an emotion that is indicative of something deeper**—something in the subconscious desires of the human heart.” **Jonathan Parnell**

Recap

false worship

false identity

false righteousness

false behaviour

Anger is the mask we hide behind

Recap

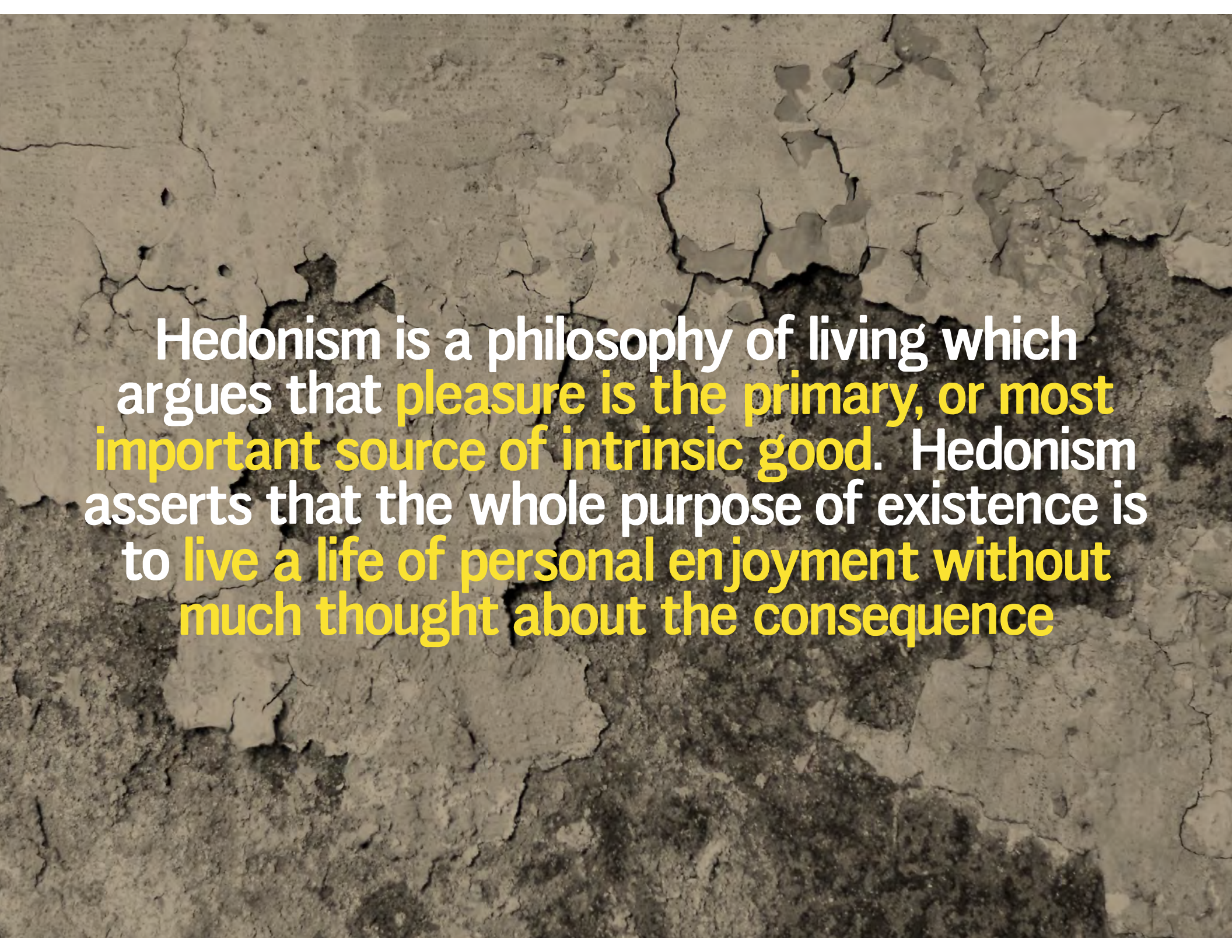
My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:
Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to
speak and slow to become angry, **because**
human anger does not produce the
righteousness that God desires. **James 1:19-20**



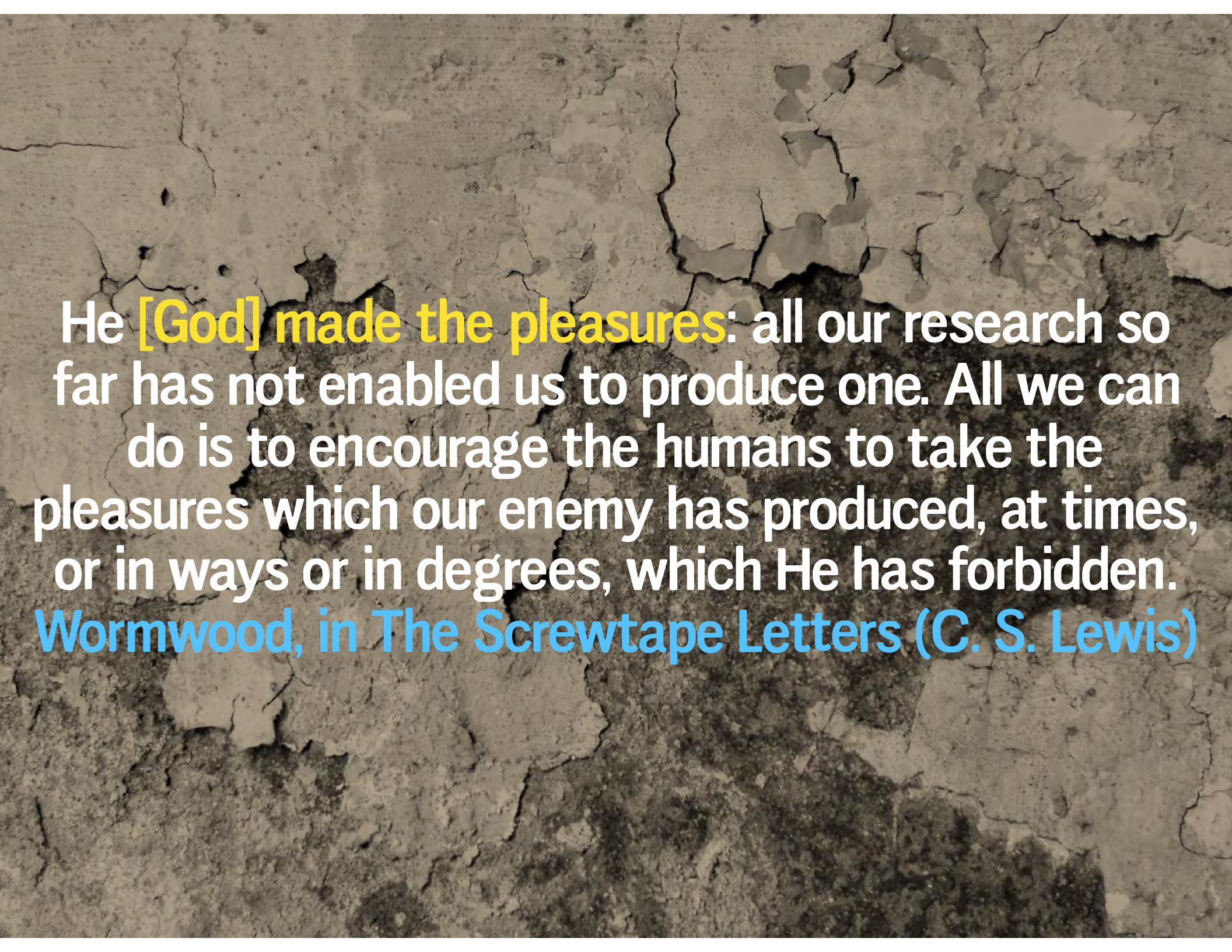
Carpe diem quam minimum credula postero.
Horace

“Seize the day putting as little trust into the future.”


If life is only a series of days before you die, and death is final, then the pursuit of pleasure is the highest truth.

The background of the image is a close-up of a weathered, light-brown concrete wall. The surface is heavily textured with numerous cracks, crevices, and areas where the top layer of concrete has chipped or peeled away, revealing a darker, more porous material underneath. The lighting is somewhat uneven, with brighter areas at the top and darker, more shadowed areas towards the bottom, emphasizing the rough and aged nature of the surface.

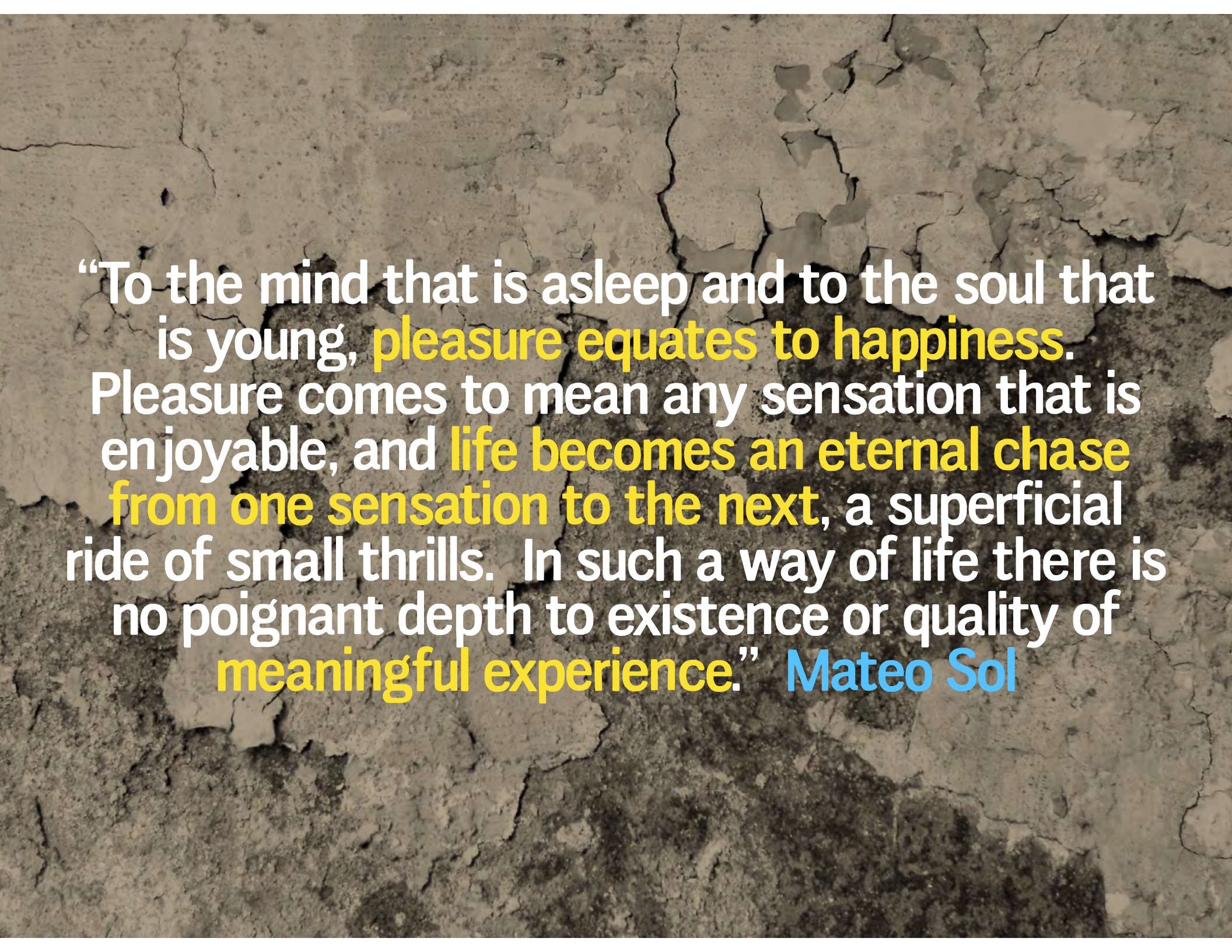
Hedonism is a philosophy of living which argues that **pleasure is the primary, or most important source of intrinsic good**. Hedonism asserts that the whole purpose of existence is to **live a life of personal enjoyment without much thought about the consequence**

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He [God] made the pleasures: all our research so far has not enabled us to produce one. All we can do is to encourage the humans to take the pleasures which our enemy has produced, at times, or in ways or in degrees, which He has forbidden.
Wormwood, in The Screwtape Letters (C. S. Lewis)

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of parched, cracked earth. The soil is a light tan color, heavily fissured with deep, irregular cracks that run in various directions. Some areas show darker, more compacted soil where the surface layer has broken apart, revealing a rougher texture underneath. The overall appearance is one of extreme dryness and desolation.

“Our desires aren't the problem—**it's what we do with them.**” **Jim Vander Speck**

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of dry, cracked earth. The cracks are irregular and run in various directions, creating a textured, fragmented appearance. The color is a mix of light tan and dark brown, with the cracks themselves being a darker shade.

“To the mind that is asleep and to the soul that is young, **pleasure equates to happiness.** Pleasure comes to mean any sensation that is enjoyable, and **life becomes an eternal chase from one sensation to the next**, a superficial ride of small thrills. In such a way of life there is no poignant depth to existence or quality of **meaningful experience.**” **Mateo Sol**

The Perils of Pursuing Pleasure, Michael Bishop Ph.D.

You'll be a "fair weather" everything

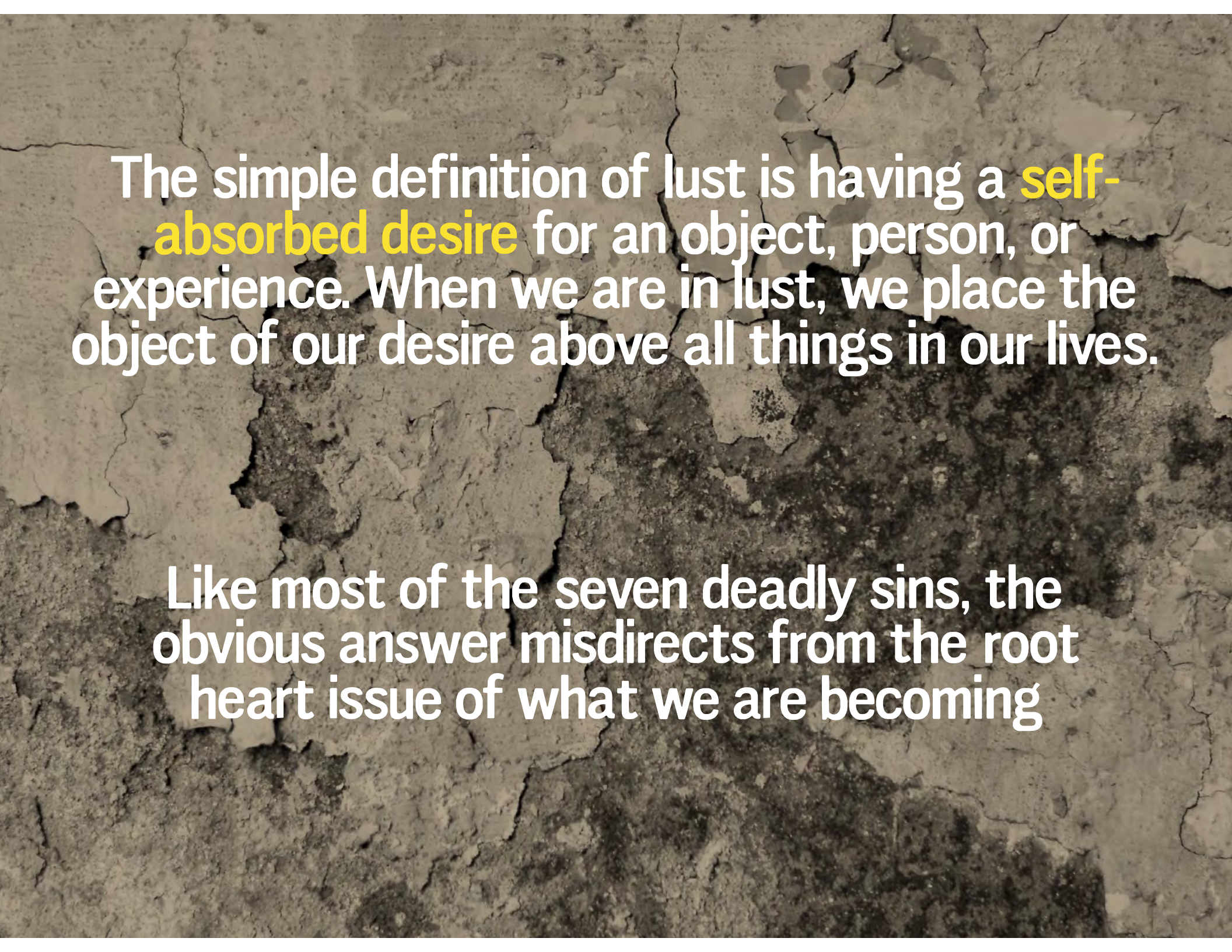
If you think that pleasure is all there is to happiness, then the people and projects in your life promote your happiness only insofar as they give you pleasure.

You'll be unhappy when your unrealistic expectations about happiness are dashed

In a widely reported study, Mauss and colleagues (2011) found that thinking like a hedonist (i.e., placing a high value on pleasure) is associated with lower levels of well-being.

The hedonist recommends a life you don't really want

Studies suggest that high levels of pleasure would also compromise your ability to think logically (Forgas 2007) and make sound decisions (Cyders & Smith 2008; Martin et al. 2002).

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The simple definition of lust is having a **self-absorbed desire** for an object, person, or experience. When we are in lust, we place the object of our desire above all things in our lives.

Like most of the seven deadly sins, the obvious answer misdirects from the root heart issue of what we are becoming

immediate
appetites
self gratification
temporary

growth
fruit
self sacrifice
eternal

flesh vs the **Spirit**

sarx-the sensuous
nature of man, "the
animal nature"

pneuma-The person of the
Holy Spirit, and His power

Bibles Thoughts on the Flesh

It cannot please God (**Rom 8:8**)

In it dwells no good thing (**Rom. 7:18**)

Do not put confidence in it (**Phil. 3:3**)

Do not make provision for the flesh by feeding it the things that it enjoys. (**Rom. 13:14**)

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
Galatians 5:13

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free vs 1

something that is free was once enslaved, Paul is using the image of slave to show what Jesus has done

in verse 13 he is saying don't get out of the prison cell and walk into another

So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **vs 16**

The word “walk” means to “go about,” or “walk around” or figuratively, “to conduct oneself.” It is in the present tense meaning **to walk continuously**. Walking is a “reiterated step.” It is to take a series of small steps in the same direction over a long period of time. **The Christian life is a habitual, constant, moment-by-moment intentional and deliberate choice to be in tune with the Holy Spirit.**

Not a Sunday stroller

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. **They are in conflict with each other**, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **vs 17**

two paths, two choices

This is an active war in our souls,
not passive or stationary

But if you are **led** by the Spirit, you are not under the law. **vs 18**

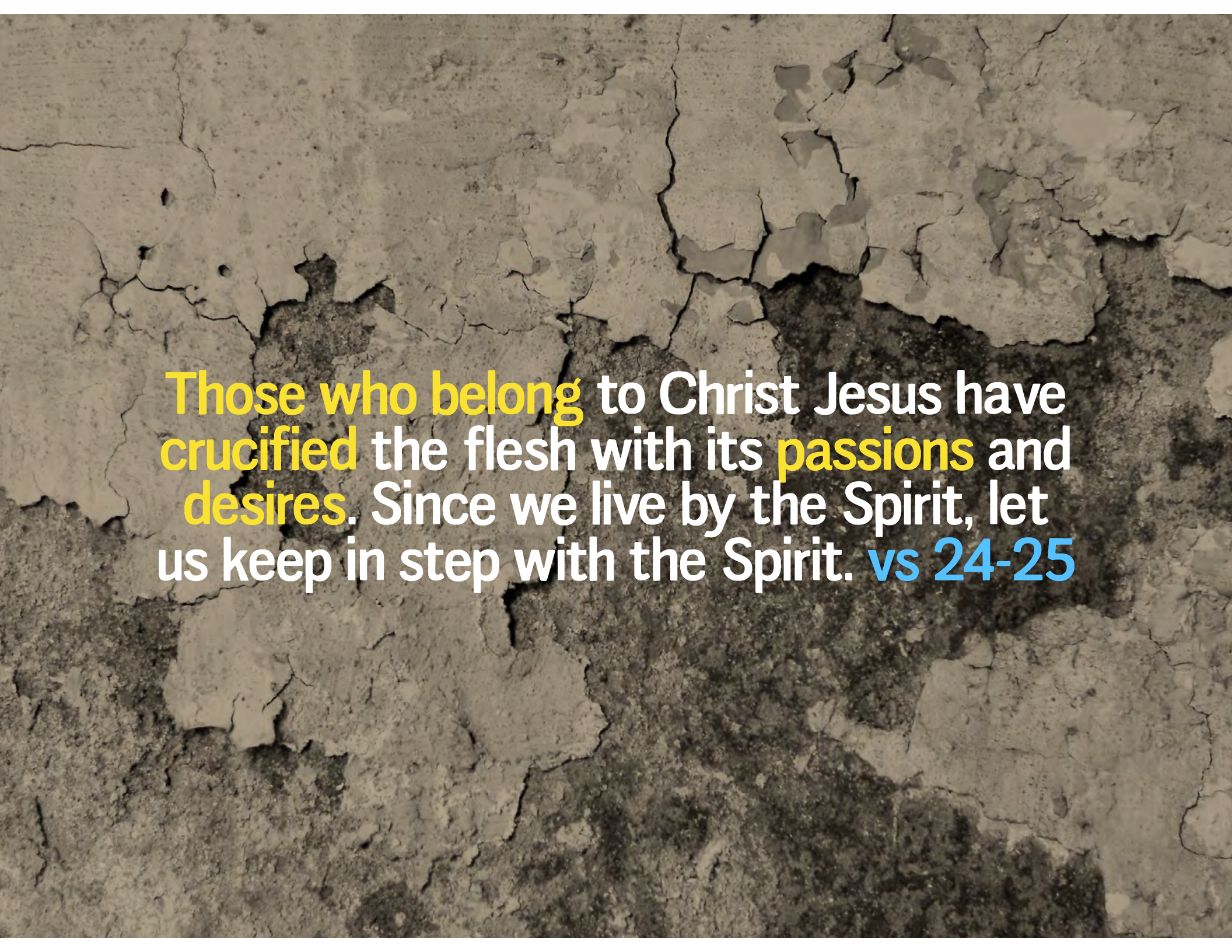
a to lead by **laying hold of**, and this way to bring to the point of destination: of an animal
b to lead by **accompanying to (into) a place**
c to lead with one's self, attach to one's self as an attendant
d to conduct, bring

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was **led** by the Spirit into the wilderness, **Luke 4:1**

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under the law.** vs 18

Freedom from the law isn't obedience,
good works or religious behaviour

The law is the minimum human effort to
transform this world. The Spirit take our lives
and multiplies our faith output by His power

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Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. vs 24-25

The Cure for Lust

walk by the Spirit vs 16

Alongside

led by the Spirit vs 18

Front

keep in step with the Spirit vs 25

Pace