

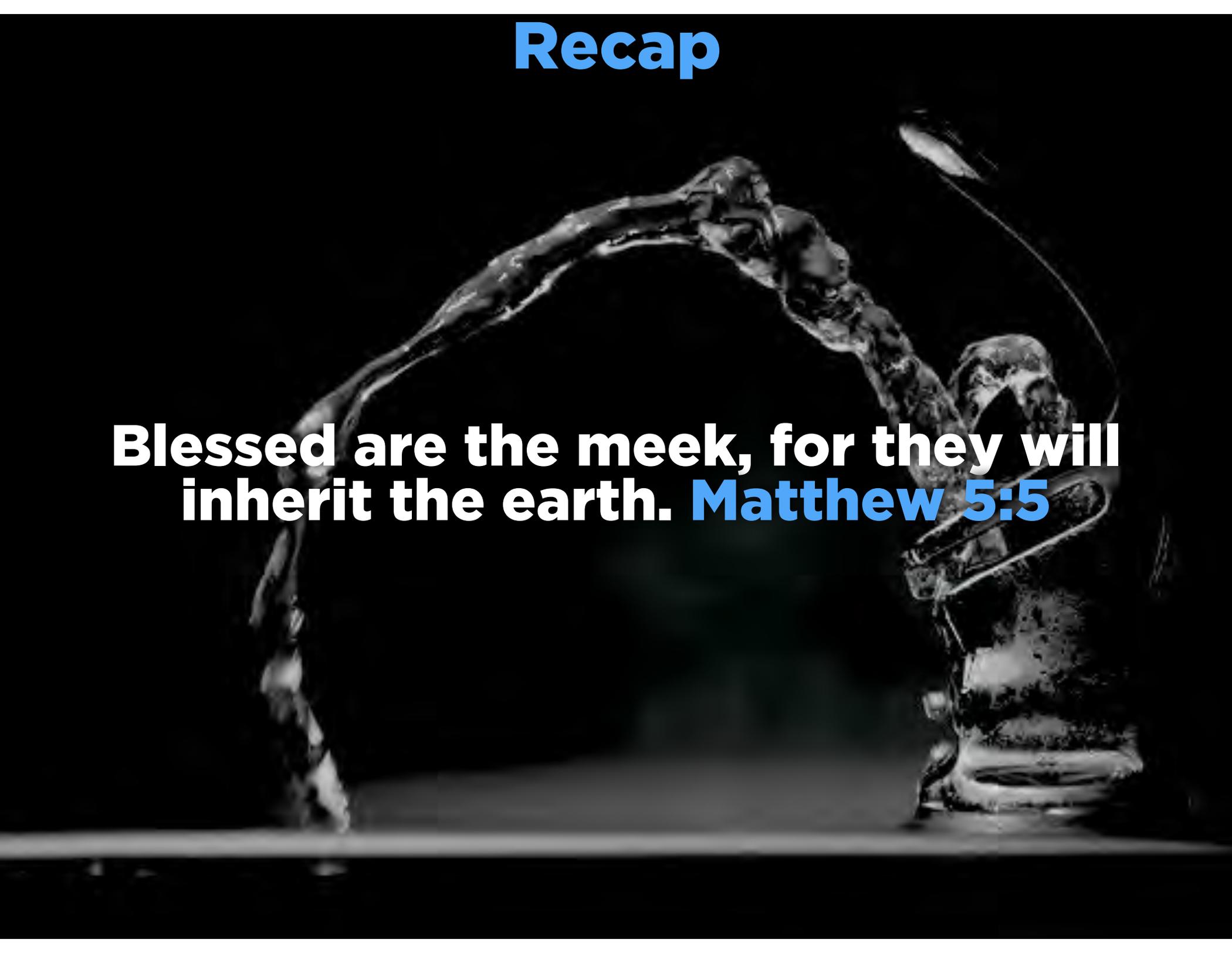


#Blessed?

What's Your Desire

Recap

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5



Recap

Oh no

Ah ha



Recap

“Meekness is often mistaken for passivity, timid reticence and a sort of an inferiority complex. But the basic element of meekness, derived from its root meaning is equilibrium—the full and complete possession of all the faculties of one’s being, an inner mastery. It has been illustrated in some lexical definitions as the **captain at the helm of his ship in the midst of the storm, who, in full control of the vessel, guides the ship steadily through the storm.”**

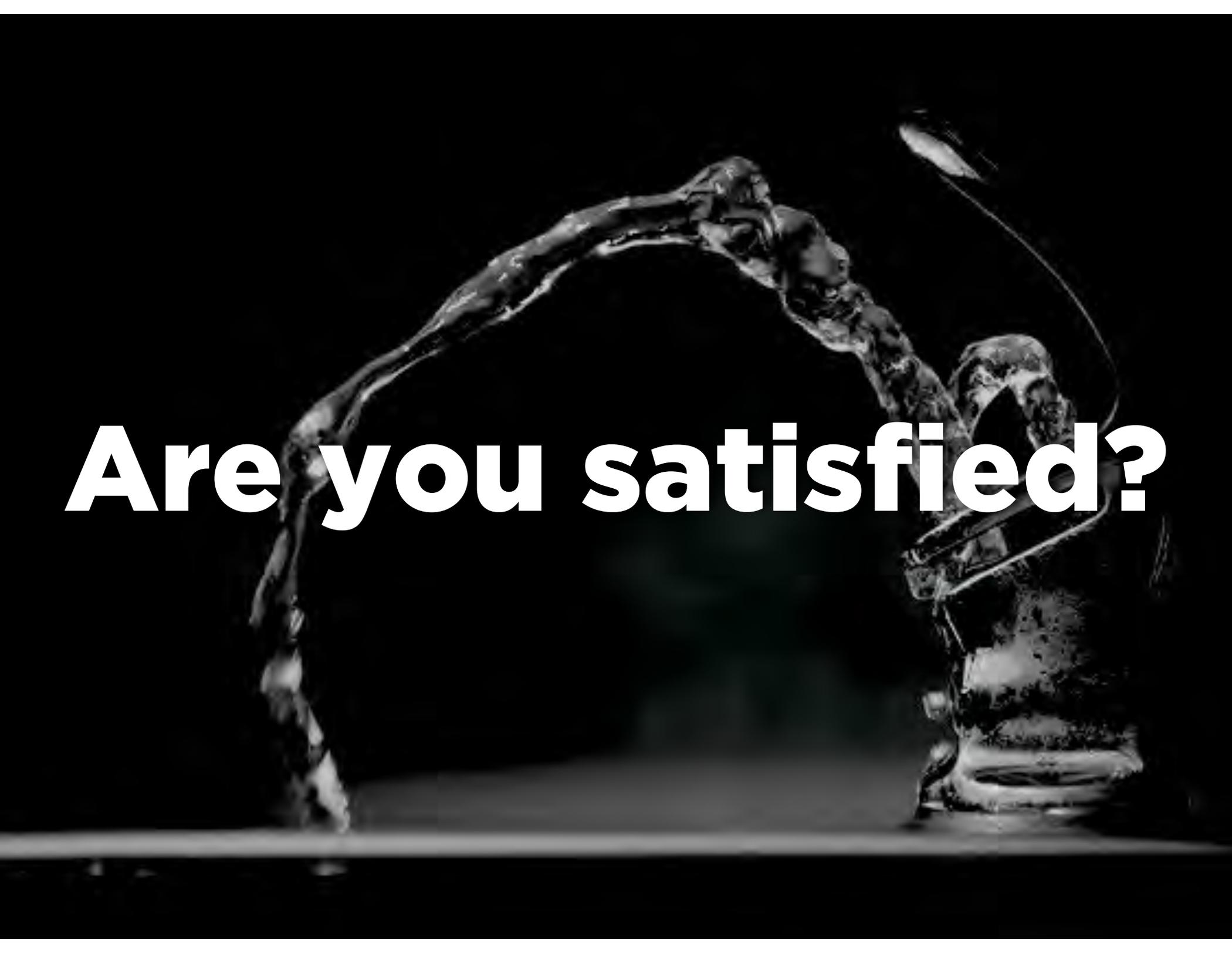
Foy E. Wallace, The Sermon on the Mount and the Civil State

Recap

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; **for I am meek and lowly in heart:** and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
Matthew 11:29

The renewal of the earth begins at Golgotha, where the meek One died, and from thence it will spread. When the kingdom finally comes, the meek shall possess the earth.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
The Cost of Discipleship

A black and white photograph capturing a dynamic splash of water. The water is frozen in time, forming a graceful, arching shape that spans across the upper half of the frame. Below the splash, a glass is visible, partially filled with water. The background is dark, making the white water stand out prominently. The overall composition is artistic and emphasizes the fluidity and motion of the liquid.

Are you satisfied?



**Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they will
be filled. [Matthew 5:6](#)**

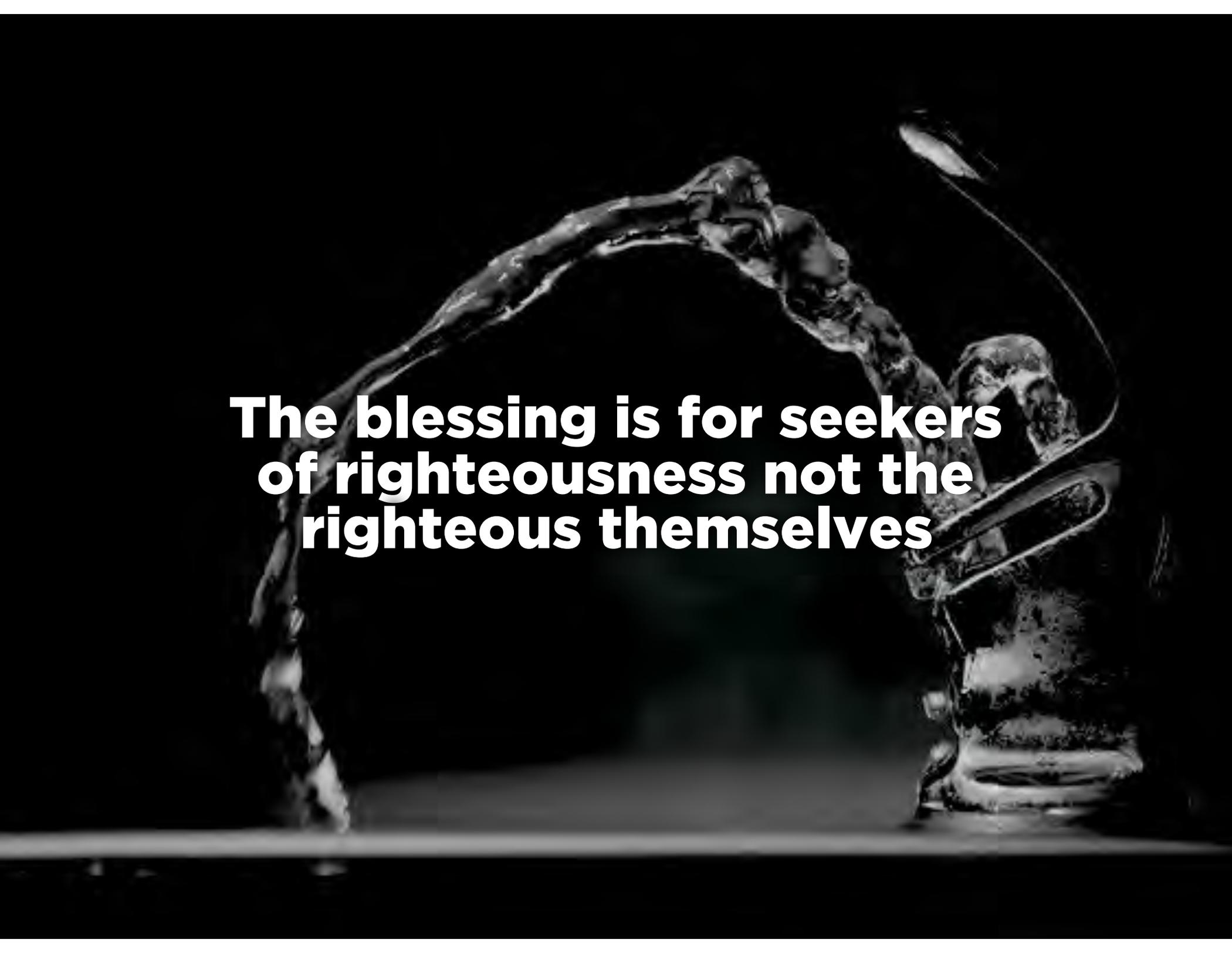


**This beatitude
addresses our desires/
appetites. This is the
next trap of the believer**

Posture-Meekness/humility
is the proper stance of a
disciple of Christ in order
to fulfill God's plan

Called to Mission-Mourning/
Comfort

Salvation-Poor in spirit

A black and white photograph capturing a dynamic moment of water being poured from a glass. The water is captured in mid-air, forming a graceful, curved arc that spans across the frame. The background is dark, which makes the illuminated water stand out prominently. The text is overlaid in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and positioned in the middle of the image. The overall composition is artistic and evocative, suggesting a theme of purity, flow, or divine blessing.

**The blessing is for seekers
of righteousness not the
righteous themselves**

Hunger and Thirst

“For those who live in a world in which they can turn on the tap whenever they want water and are always able to secure some sort of food to eat, **the experience of hunger and thirst is foreign. Not so in the ancient world, where so many lived constantly on the edge of starvation and often traveled through desert regions without water.”**

Robert Mounce

Hunger and Thirst



Hunger and thirst are daily, never satisfied.

Our appetites (sin addictions) will guide our destinies

The spiritual hunger can be satisfied no matter the economic status of the seeker

Hunger and Thirst

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
“Sir,” they said, “**always give us this bread.**” **John 8:32-34**

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. **Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**” **vs 35**

Righteousness

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. **Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Romans 10:1-3**

Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. vs 4

Righteousness



**Righteous-law court,
standing, justified**

**Righteous-covenental,
behaviour**

Righteousness

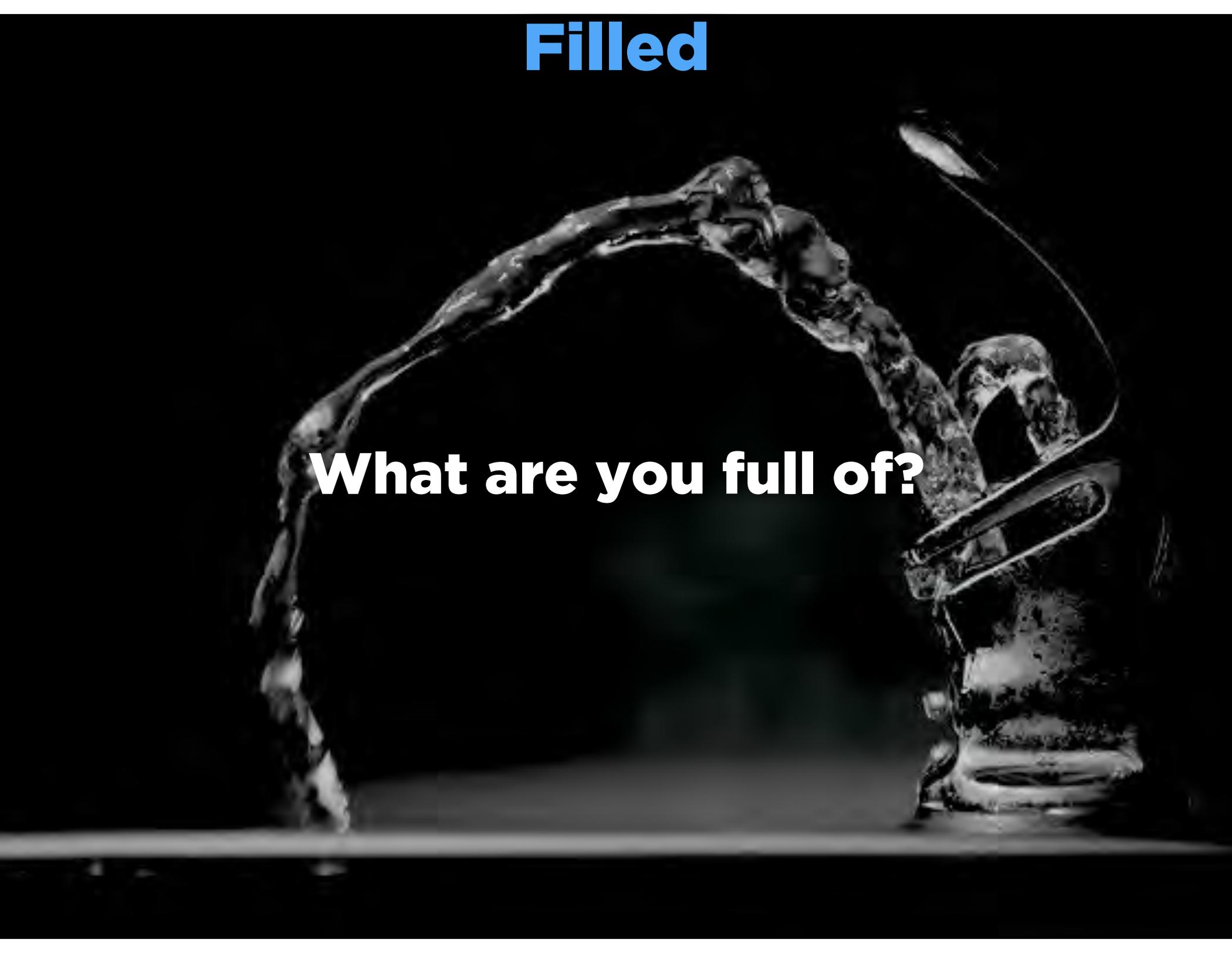
God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **in him** we might become the righteousness of God. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

But seek first his kingdom and **his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:33**

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, **who has become for us** wisdom from God—that is, **our righteousness**, holiness and redemption. **1 Corinthians 1:30**

Filled

What are you full of?

A black and white photograph of a glass of water. The glass is tilted, and a large splash of water is captured mid-air, arching over the top of the glass. The water droplets are clearly visible, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. The background is dark, making the water stand out. The text 'Filled' is at the top, and 'What are you full of?' is overlaid on the splash.

Filled

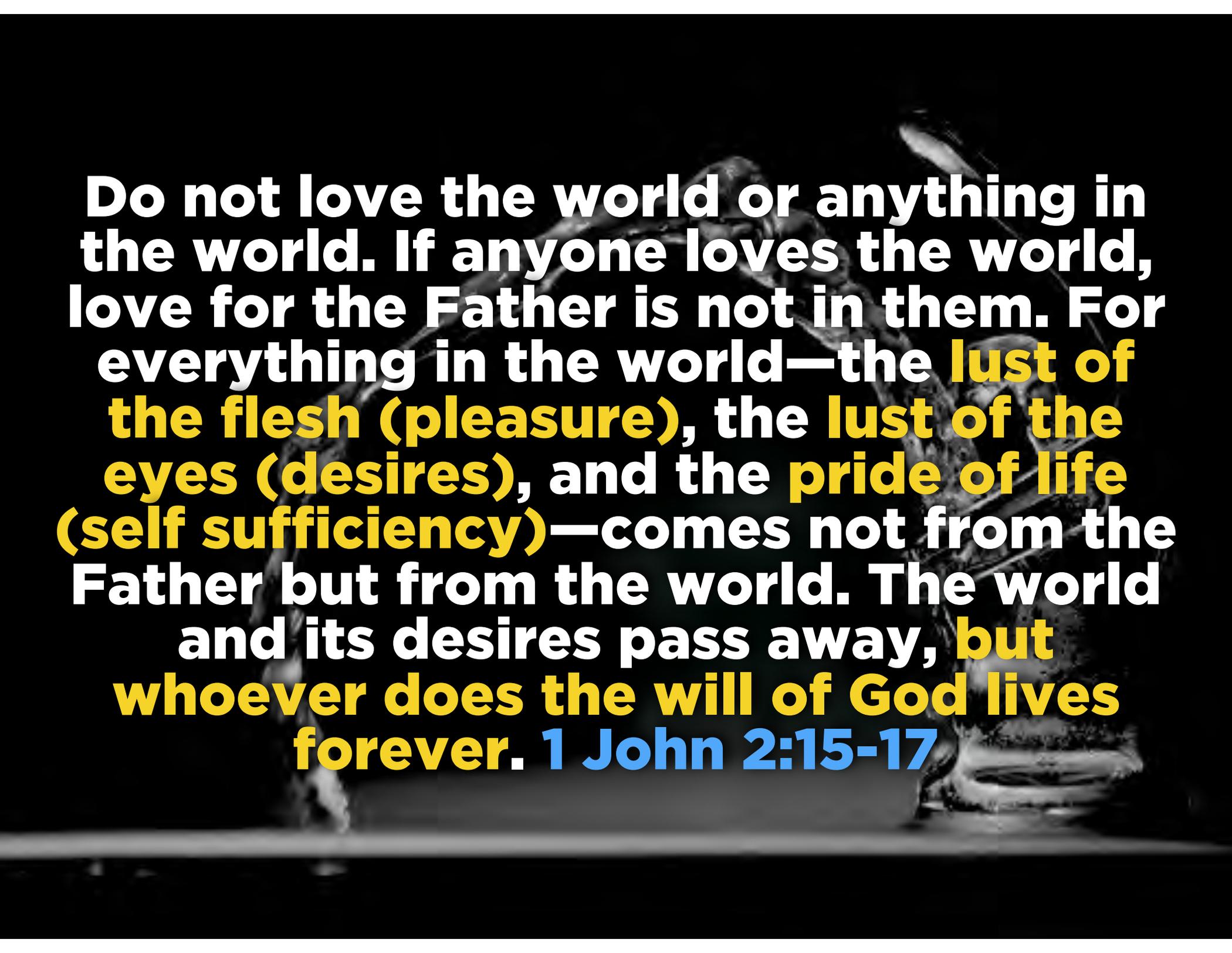
And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17b-19

Filled

It is the desire for God which is the most fundamental appetite of all, and it is an appetite we can never eliminate.

We may seek to disown it, but it will not go away. If we deny that it is there, we shall in fact only divert it to some other object or range of objects. And that will mean that we invest some creature or creatures with the full burden of our need for God, a burden which no creature can carry.

Simon Tugwell, The Beatitudes



Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the **lust of the flesh (pleasure), the **lust of the eyes (desires)**, and the **pride of life (self sufficiency)**—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, **but whoever does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17****