

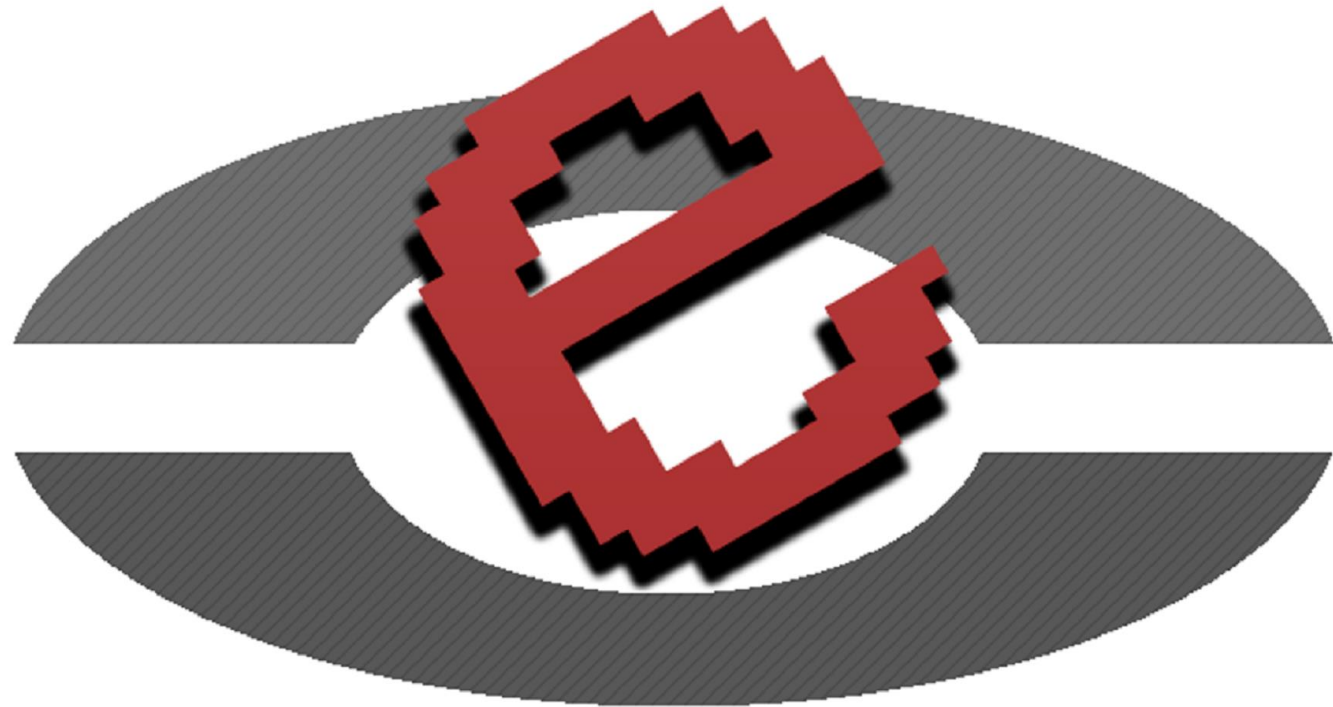
Dad's story

“I guess my concept was a Christian is something that you do rather than something that you be and then act out of being.”





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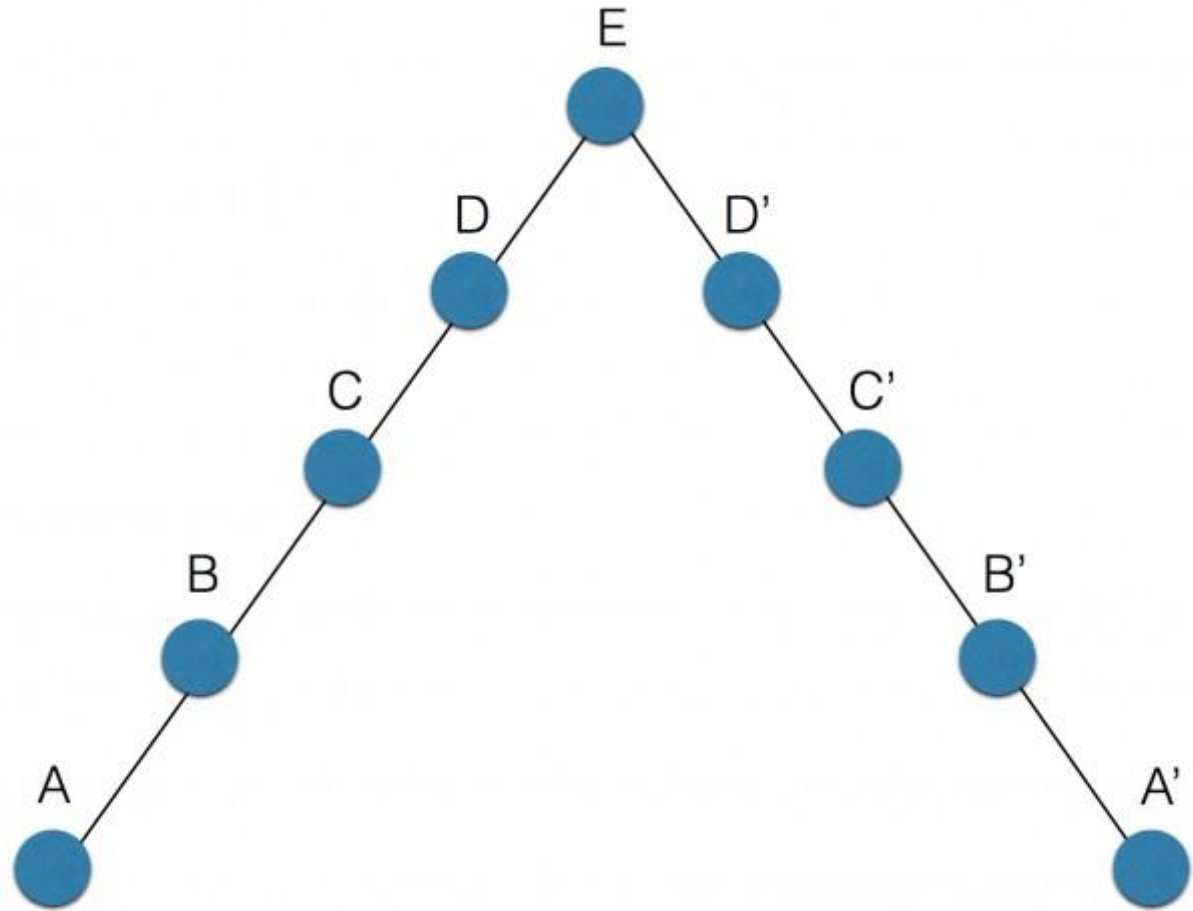
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Discuss:

- If “mission” means soul winning, or church-planting, then who does the mission? What does everyone else do? Are some people simply not “on mission?”
- Does the idea of being “on mission” seem like an extra thing you have to do, yet another brick for your backpack?
- If the mission of the church is to make God’s wisdom known, how does that change your outlook on these matters?

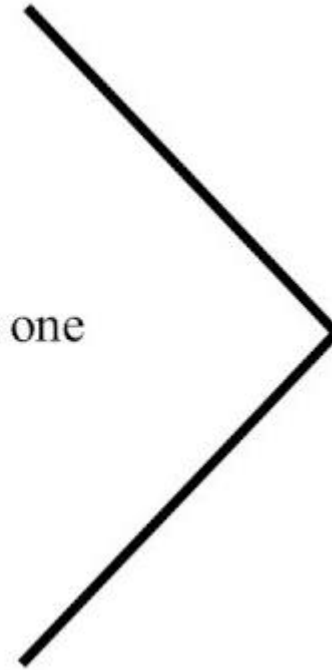






A - No one can serve two masters,
B - for either he will hate the one
C - and love the other,
C¹ - or he will be devoted to the one
B¹ - and despise the other.
A¹ - You cannot serve God and money.

(Matt. 6:24 ESV)



Creation – very good, but...

Humanity – God’s image, but...

Bondage to sin – degrading creation, preventing image-bearing

Family – who will bless the nations, but...

Nation – who will show what God is like (image-bearing!), but...

Jesus!! – through whom sin is put to death and the new creation is begun

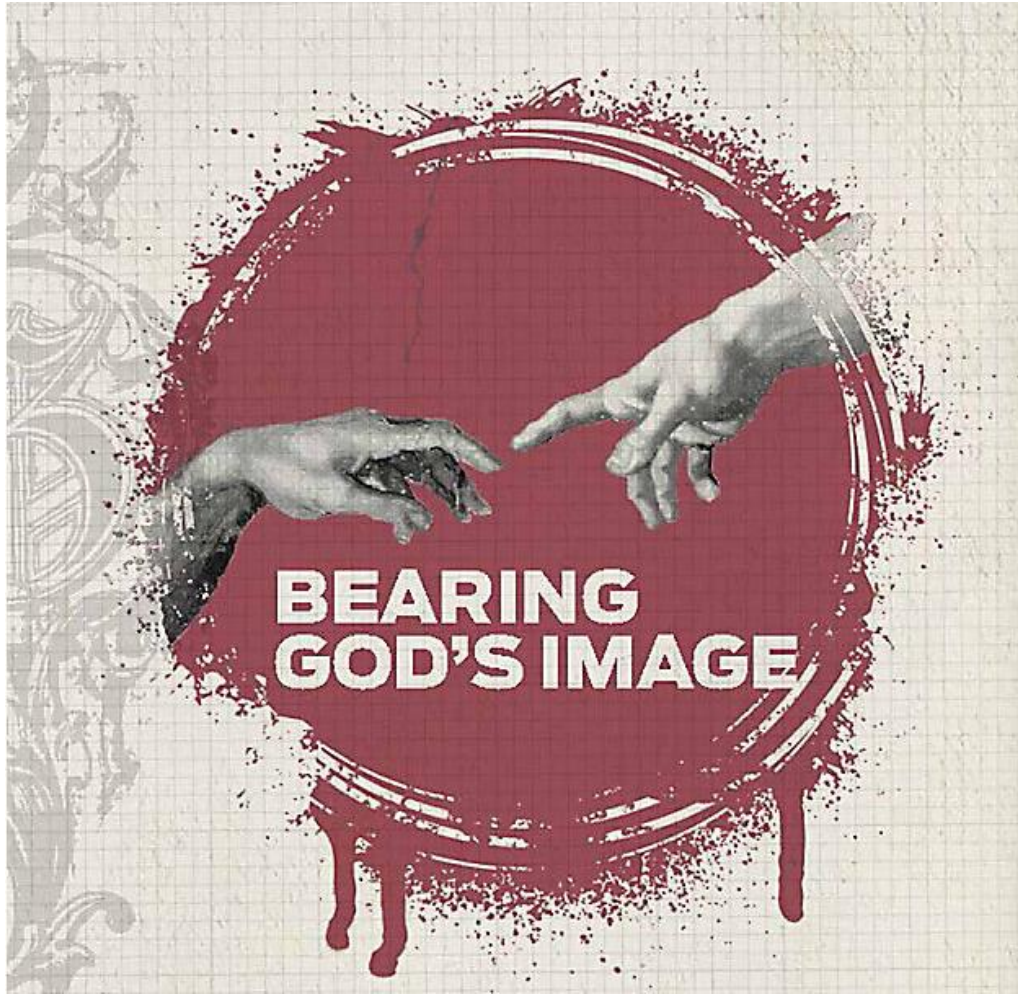
Kingdom of heaven – living the lifestyle of heaven, showing what God is like

New family – adopted into the father’s own family, a blessing to the nations

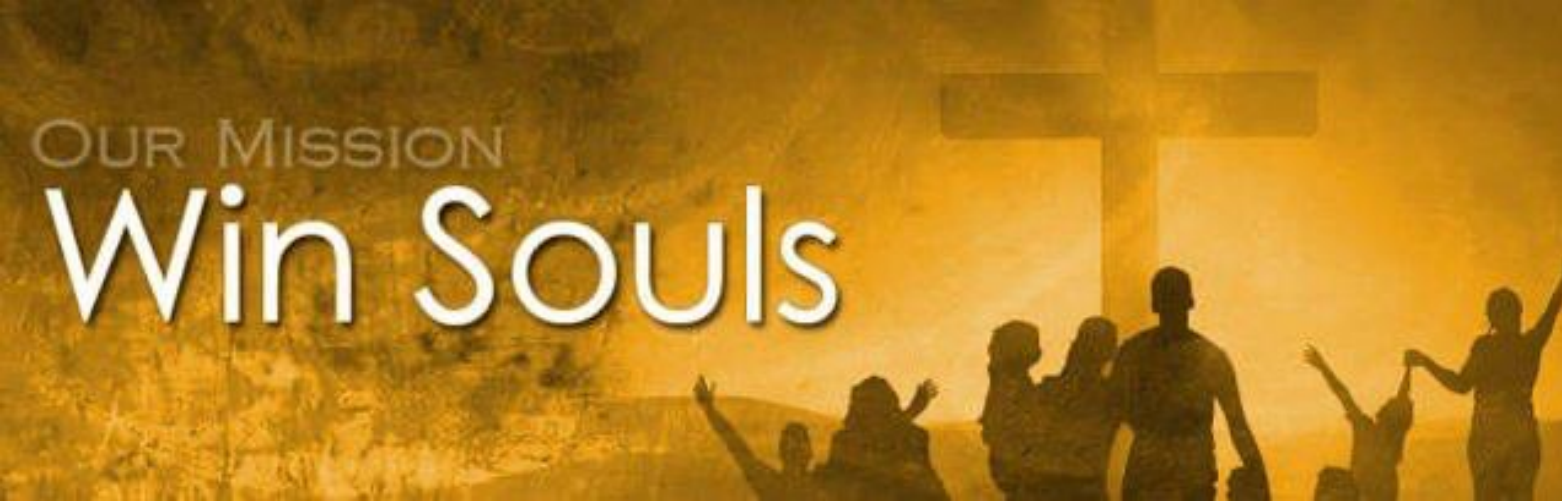
Freedom from sin – no longer slaves but able to live the truly human life of heaven,
together with the family

New humanity – the family of the father in heaven, freed from sin, able to be truly
human—that is, to bear God’s image!

New creation – the creation, very good, as it was meant to be

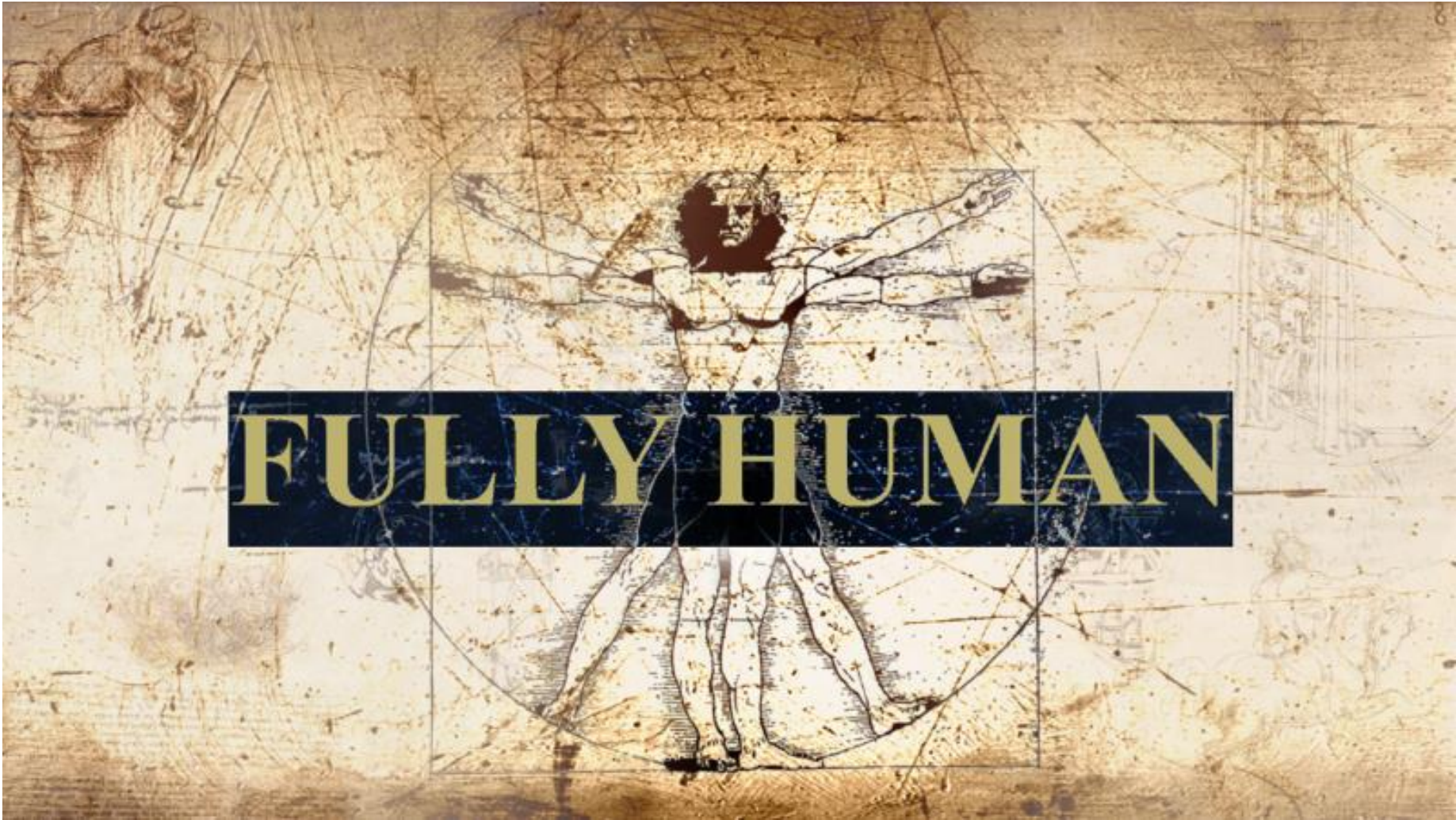


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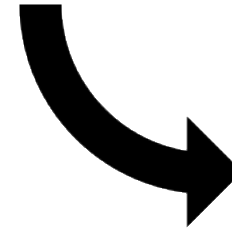
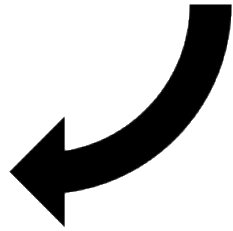
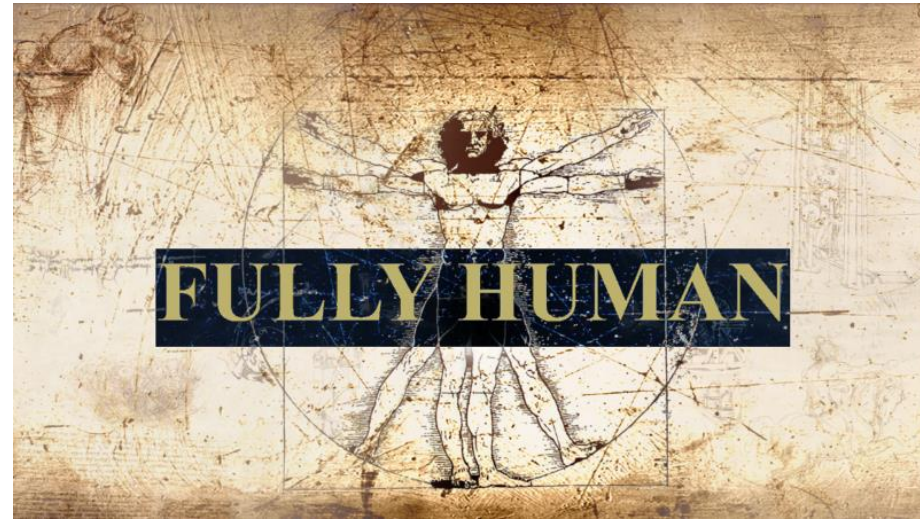
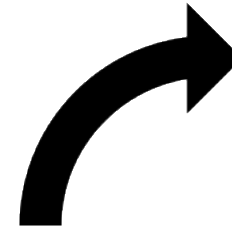
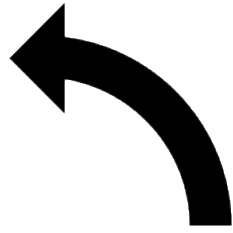
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

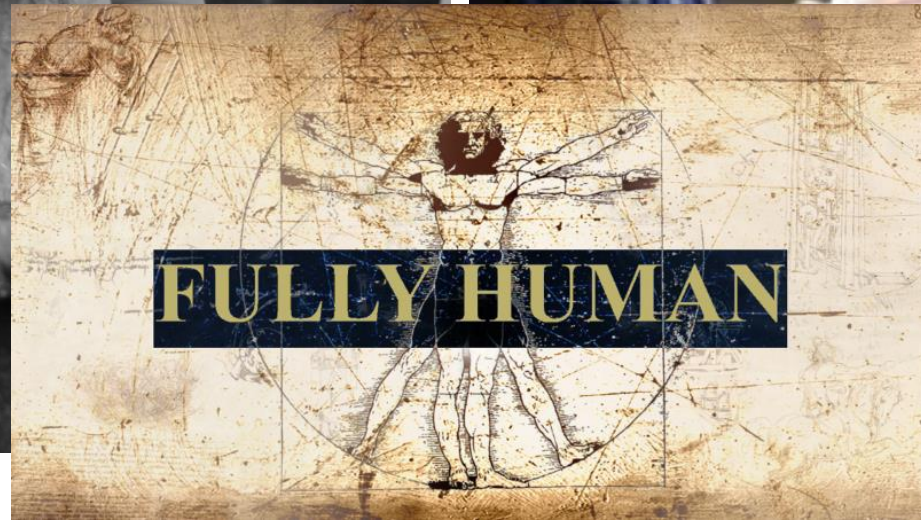
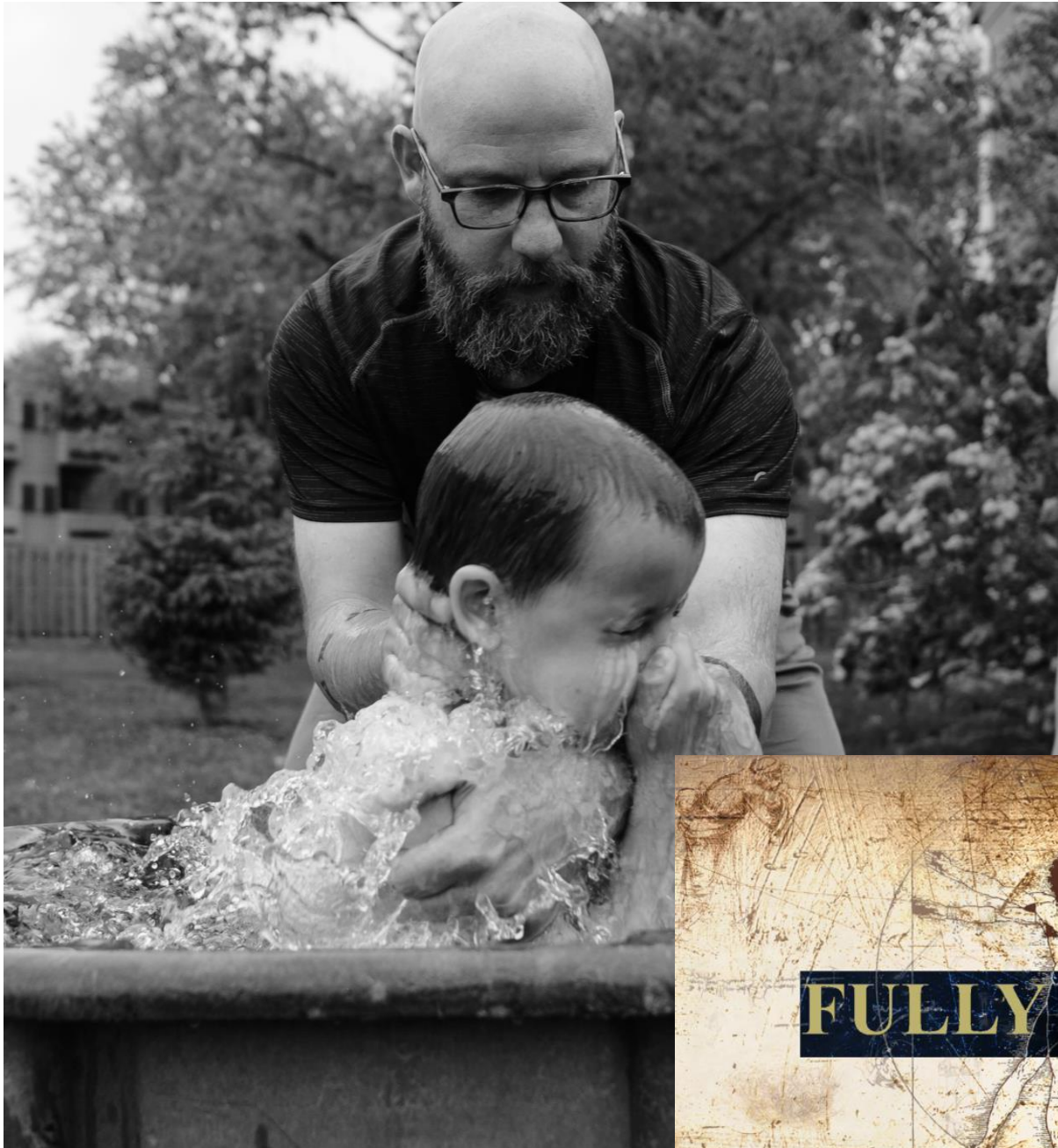
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

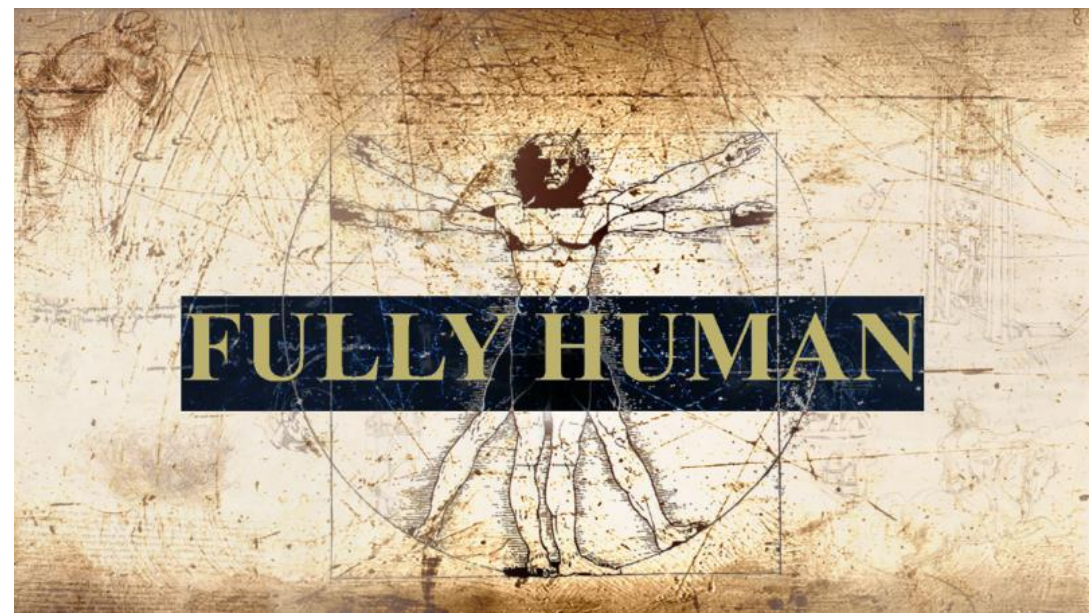
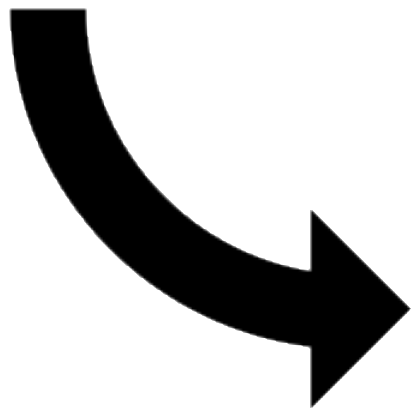
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

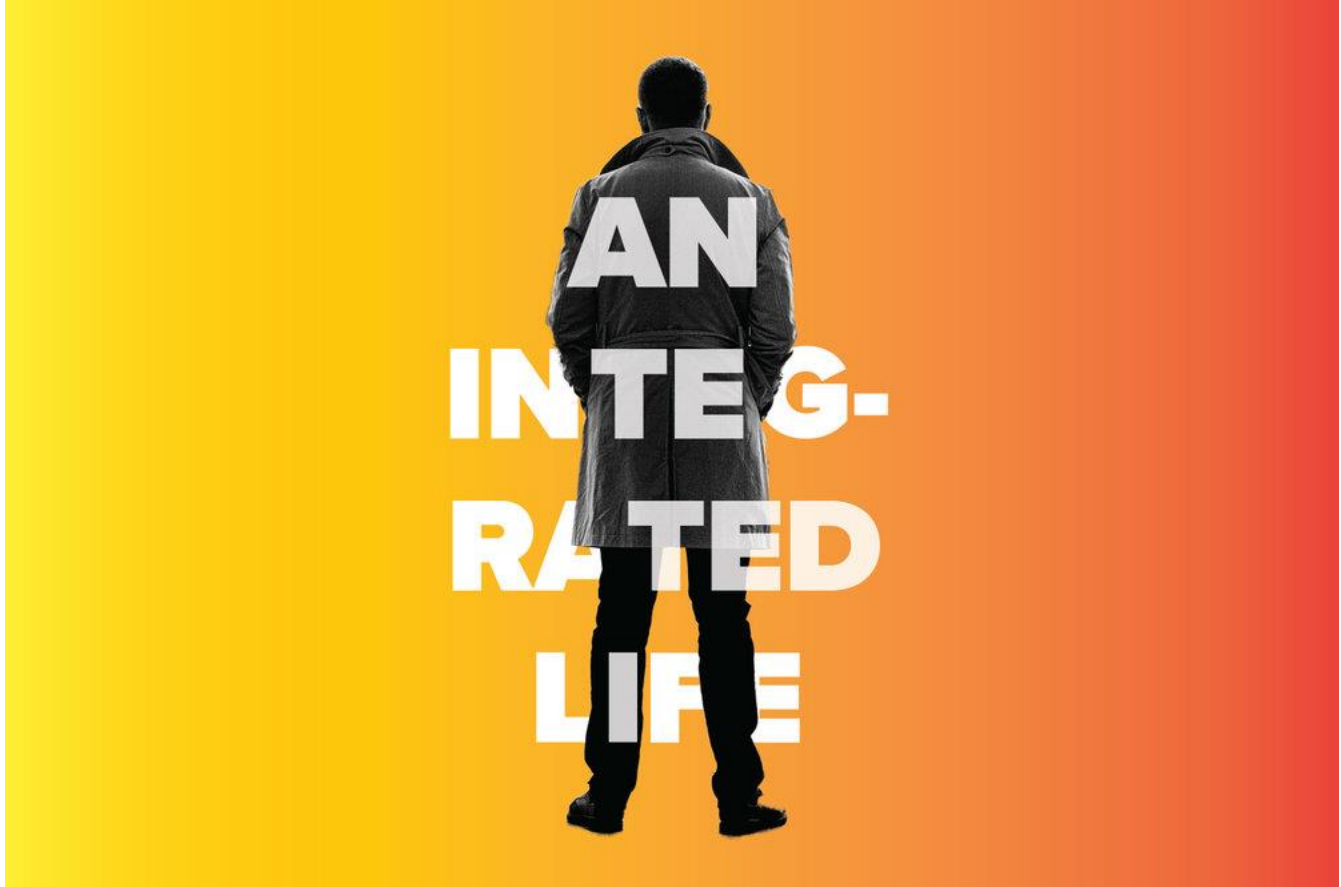
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.









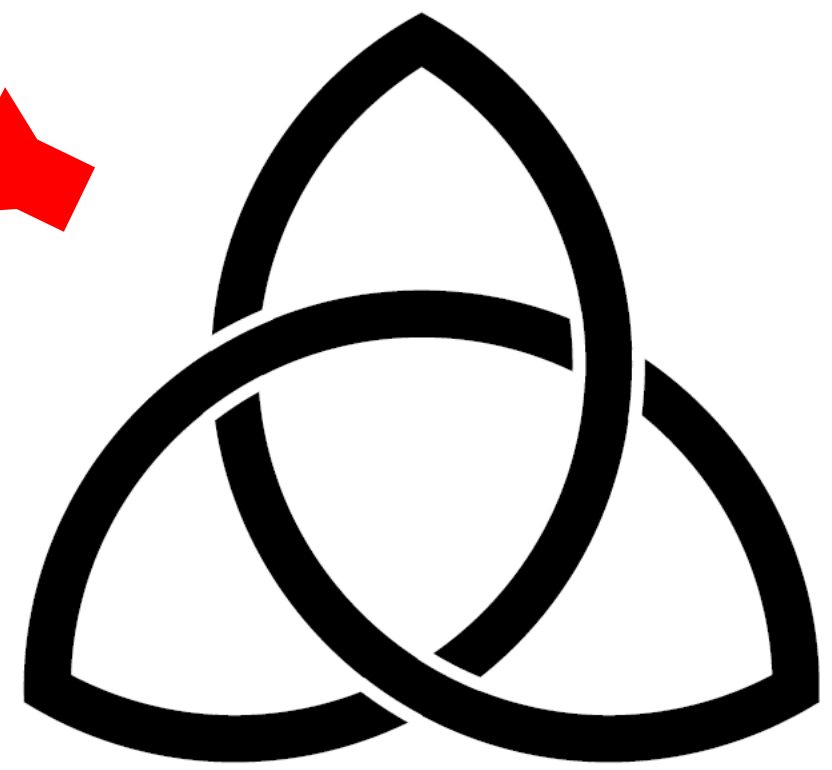
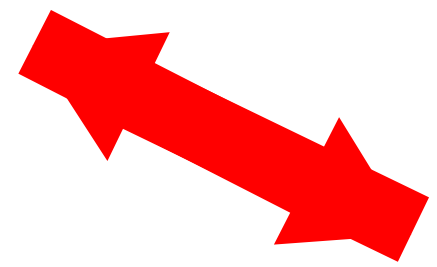
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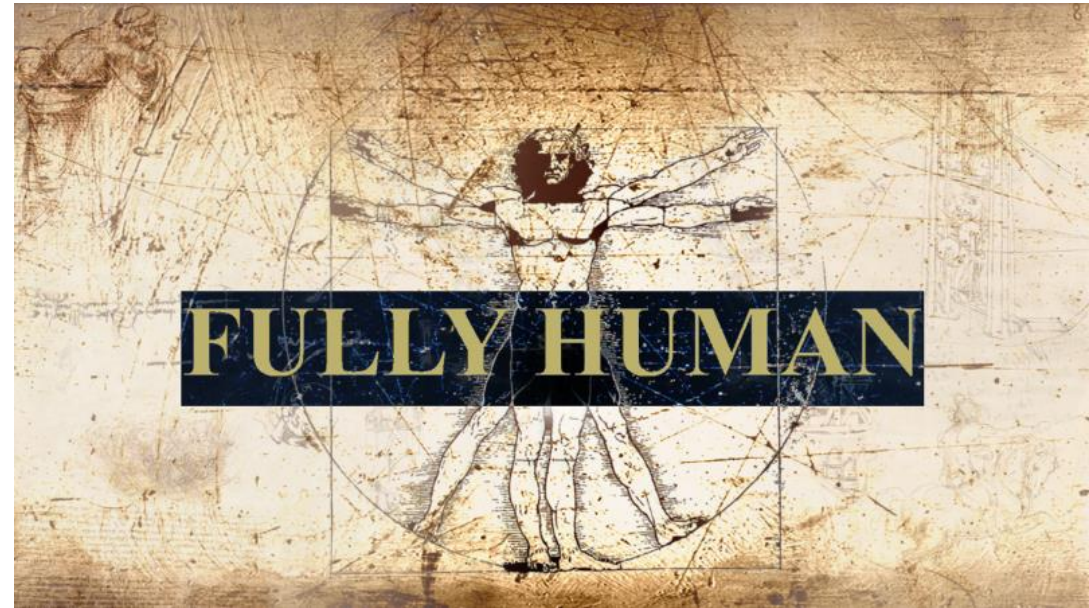
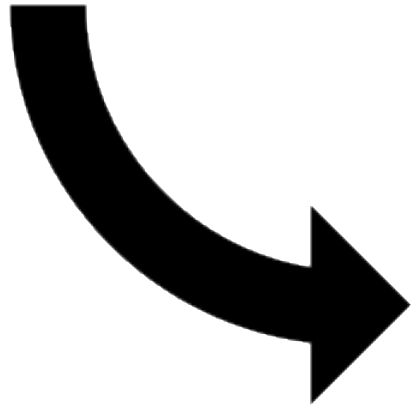
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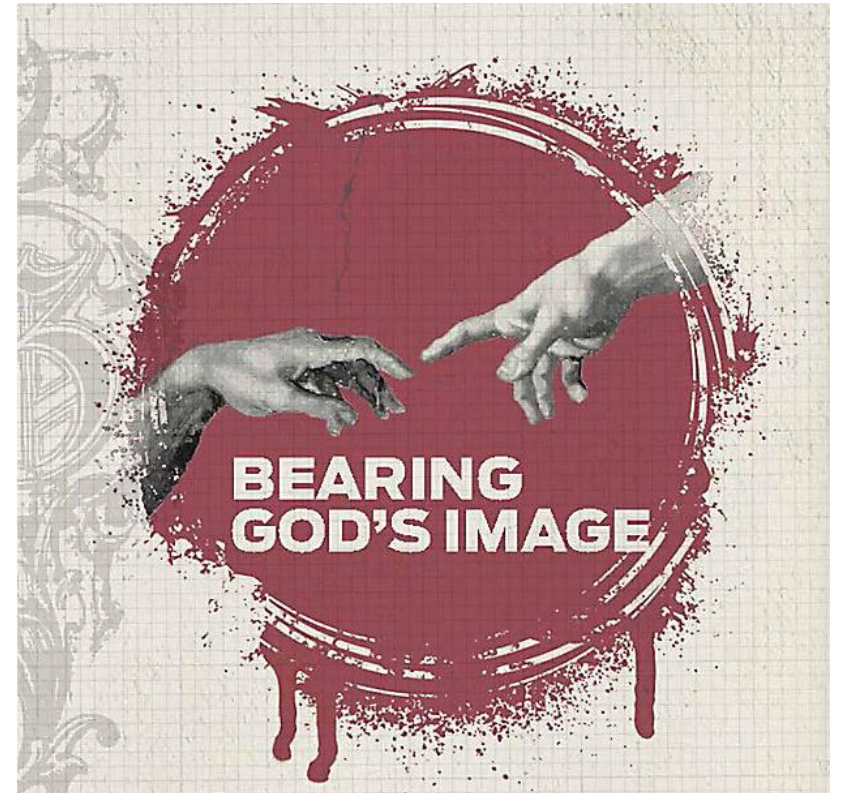
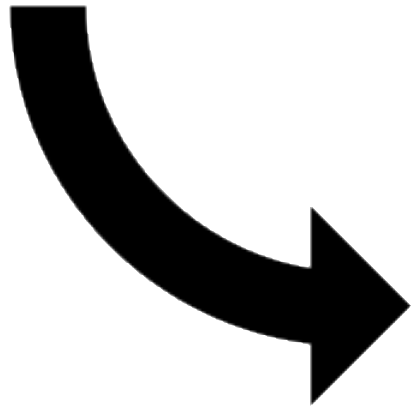
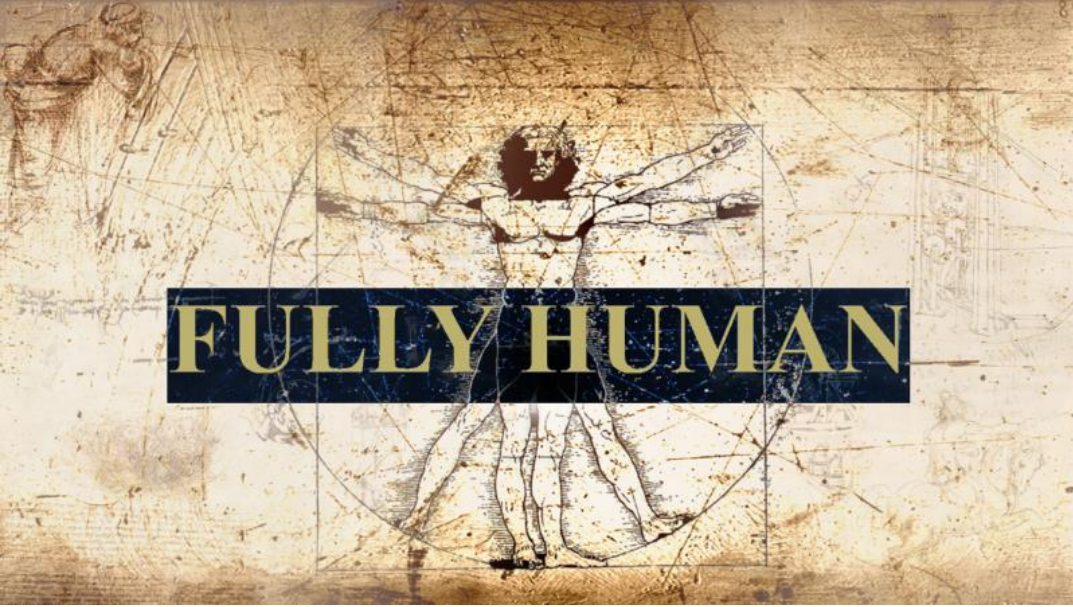
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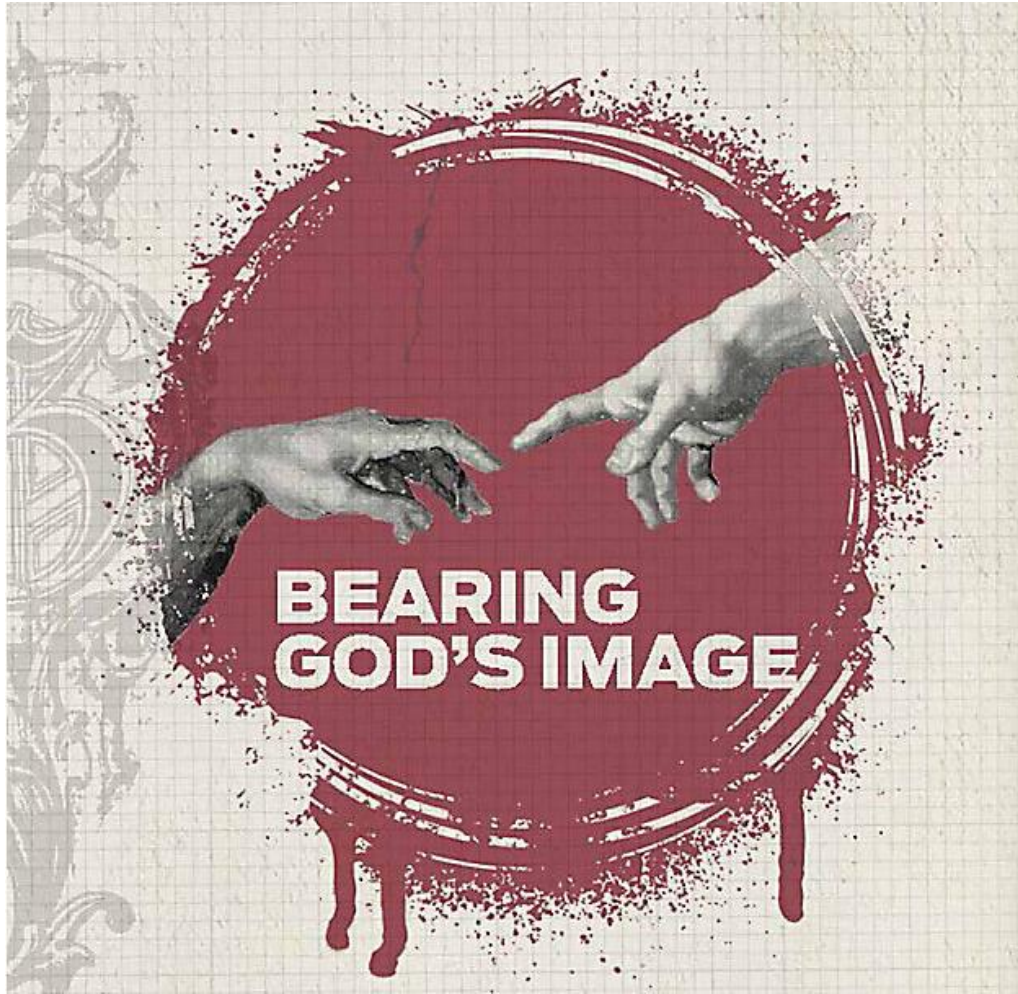
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Discuss

- How does your heart and mind react to this?
- Does this feel like yet another burden? Why or why not?
- What would be the effects if a church dedicated itself to this?