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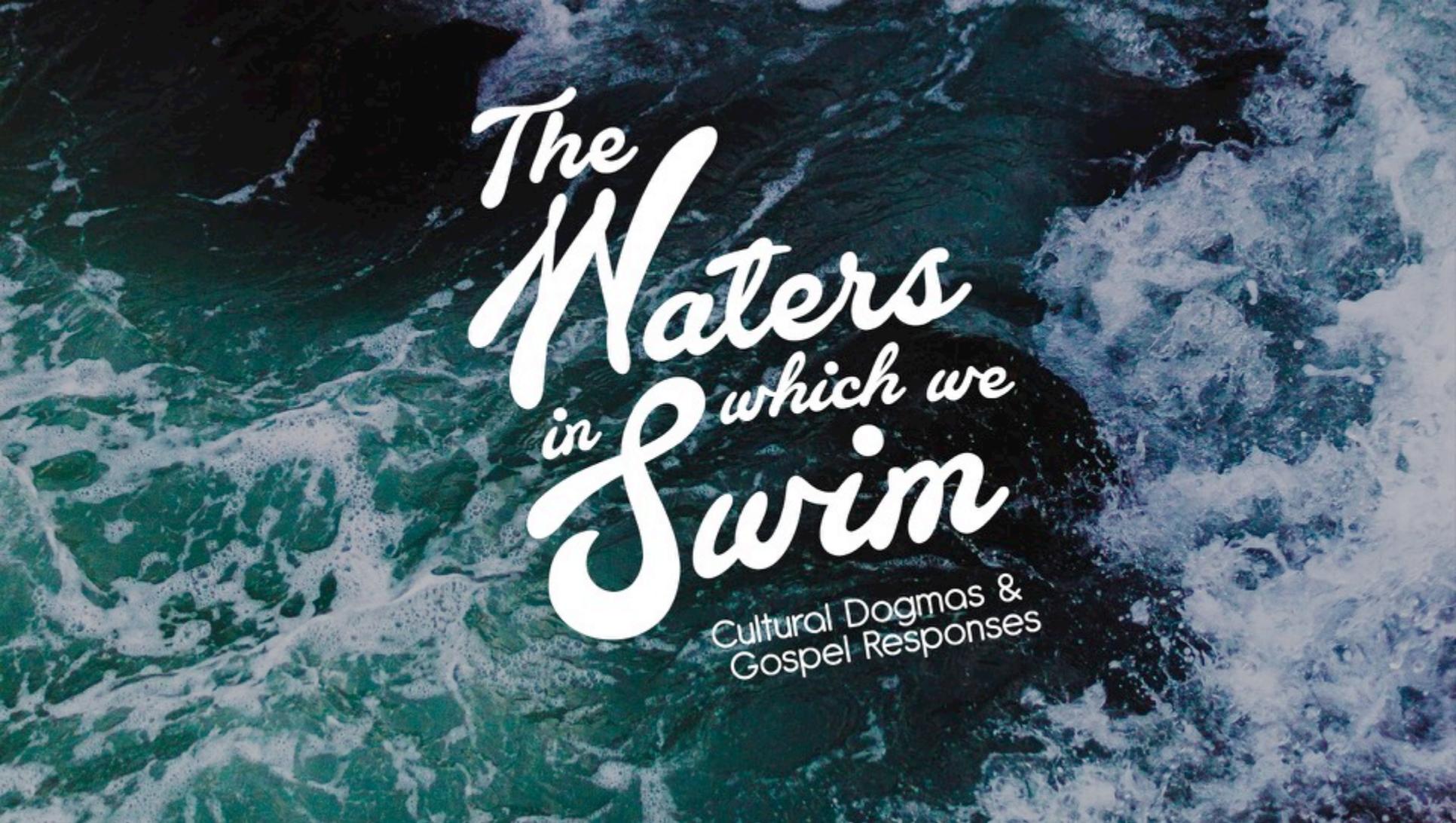
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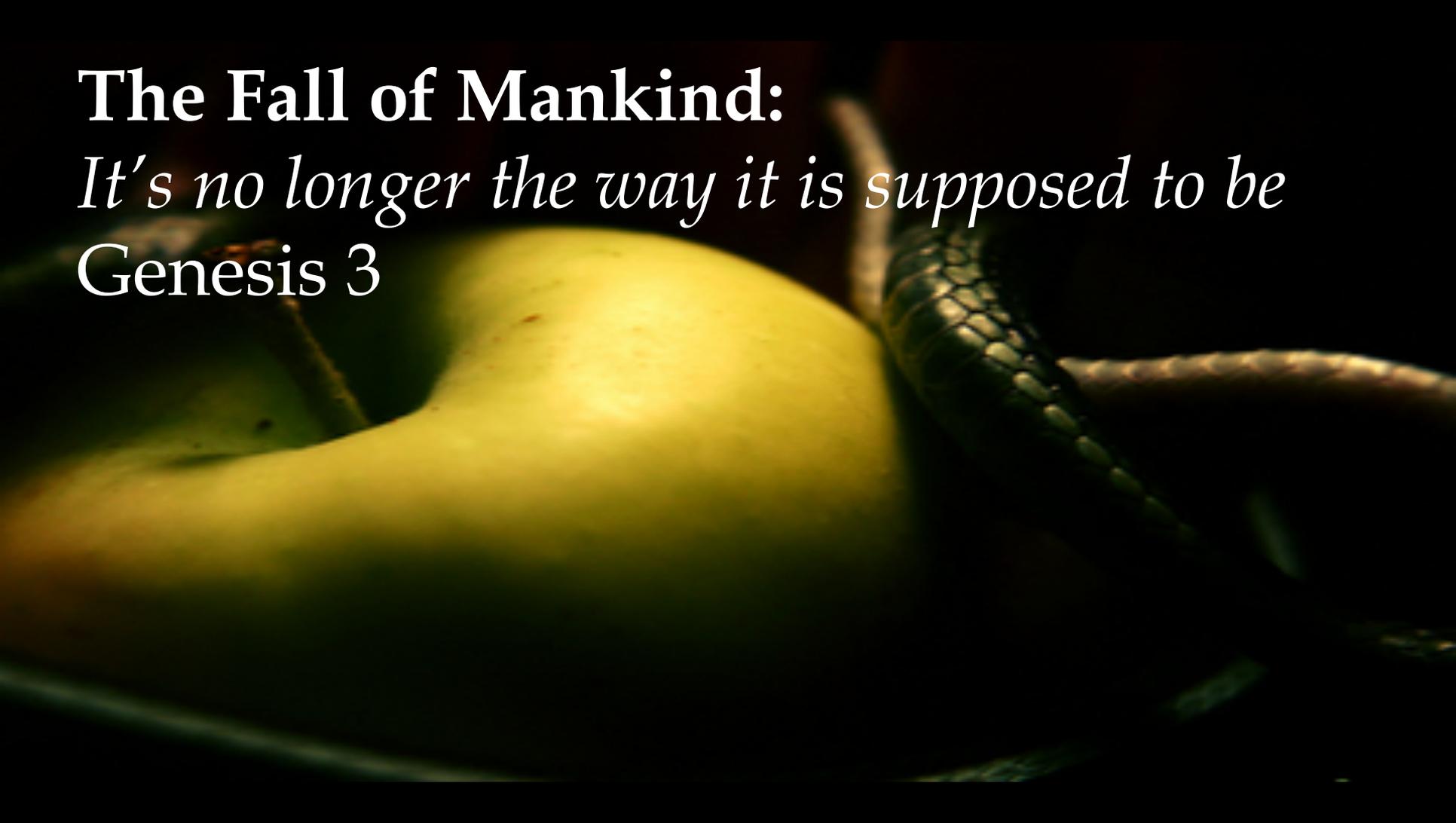
## Isaiah 47:6-7

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth — <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

# The Fall of Mankind:

*It's no longer the way it is supposed to be*

Genesis 3



*I'm*

***NOT***

*okay*

# God justifies the ungodly!?

## Romans 4:5

<sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

# We are SERIOUSLY blessed in Jesus Christ

## Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has *blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ*. <sup>4</sup>For he *chose us in him* before the creation of the world to be *holy and blameless in his sight*. In love <sup>5</sup>he *predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ*, in accordance with his pleasure and will – <sup>6</sup>to the *praise of his glorious grace*, which he has *freely given us in the One* he loves.

This week's message:

*I'm*

**OK**

*In*

*Jesus*

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The first two of these parables are intended to instruct believers to prefer the kingdom of heaven to the whole world, and therefore to deny themselves and all the desires of the flesh, that nothing may prevent them from obtaining so valuable a possession. We are greatly in need of such a warning; for we are so captivated by the allurements of the world, that eternal life fades from our view; and in consequence of our carnality, the spiritual graces of God are far from being held by us in the estimation which they deserve. Justly, therefore, does Christ speak in such lofty terms of the excellence of eternal life, that we ought not to feel uneasiness at relinquishing, on account of it, whatever we reckon in other respects to be valuable.

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I'm okay in my privilege.

I'm okay in my family and friends.

I'm okay in my social media feed.

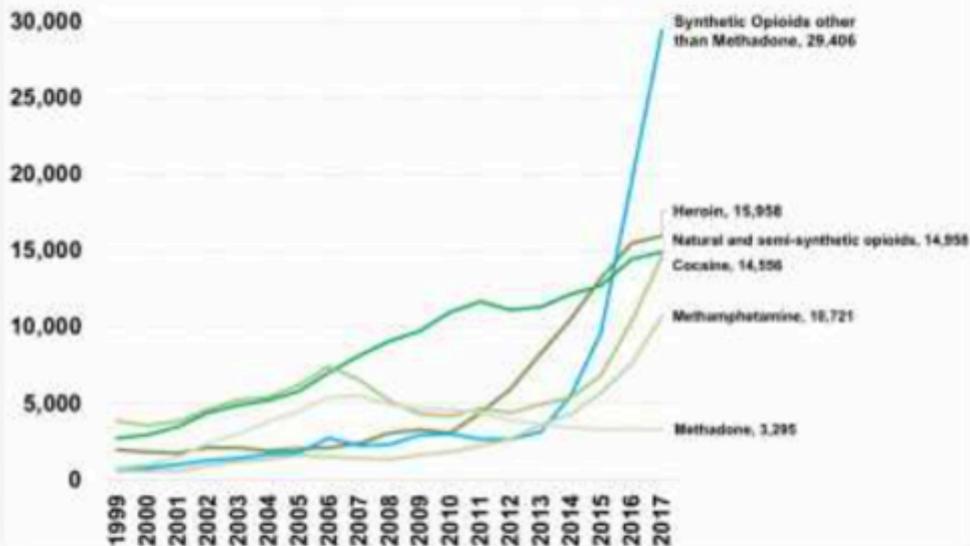
I'm okay in my righteous indignation.

I'm okay in my political party's beliefs.

If you're feeling lost, you're not alone. Nearly half of Americans on both sides of the political spectrum [feel like strangers in their own country](#), according to results from [polling by The Times](#).

I'm okay in opioids.

### Drugs Involved in U.S. Overdose Deaths, 1999 to 2017



**Drugs Involved in U.S. Overdose Deaths \*** - Among the more than 72,000 drug overdose deaths estimated in 2017\*, the sharpest increase occurred among deaths related to fentanyl and fentanyl analogs (synthetic opioids) with nearly 30,000 overdose deaths. Source: CDC WONDER

I'm okay in food and entertainment.

We turn to these things and say,

“Make me okay!”

# The testimony of Isabella Baumfree

“She was fueled in her fight for freedom by love and godly conviction, rather than by rage and bitterness...The thing that has impacted me the most is the strength she drew from knowing her identity in Christ. You cannot truly fight for the emancipation of others if you do not have an internal revelation of your own freedom in Christ. True change and transformation happen from the inside out, and – given that as a slave she was treated as a commodity and not a human being – it is no small thing that she did not see herself as her oppressors saw her. She saw herself as God saw her. When you see yourself as God sees you, you can then see others as God sees them.”

~Christine Caine, found of A21, a nonprofit focused on rescuing victims of human trafficking



# Sojourner Truth



*I Sell the Shadow to Support the Substance.*

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“I has just one text to preach from, ‘When I found Jesus.’”

*Are you okay in JESUS?*

CALL  
& RESPONSE

## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

Congregation: I'm okay in Jesus.

## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness —

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>15</sup> so he will sprinkle many nations,  
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see,  
and what they have not heard, they will  
understand.

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## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been  
revealed? <sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender  
shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

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He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire  
him.

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<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

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Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

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<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

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<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

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<sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

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<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

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<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was  
punished.

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<sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

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<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

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<sup>11</sup> After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

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<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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