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This week's Message:

**Respect, Honesty, Truth and Love
for Those Facing
Same-Sex Attraction**

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WISDOM: CONFIDENT TOLERANCE

There is absolute truth. We never singlehandedly possess Absolute Knowledge of Absolute Truth. But, we do have enough knowledge to lead our lives in God's ways confidently and live with humility toward others.

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LOVE: INFORMED KINDNESS

Learn from culture. Don't adopt mindlessly.
Don't reject mindlessly.

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and create Sub-Culture that allows no conservatives in

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The Gospel Way:

NEWNESS: INCLUDINGLY DIFFERENT

We are Different because of Jesus radically changing us. We are not, on our own, any better. We look down on no one. We cancel no one.

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The Story of Who I Was and Who God Has Always Been

“My love for the LGBT community makes me desperate for them to know God. My love for the church makes me desperate for them to show the world God, as He is, and not as we would prefer for Him to be.”

~ Jackie Hill Perry, *Gay Girl, Good God*, page 2.



Other HCC Messages on this topic:



July 7 2019

Series: Hey! I Have a Question!

How Should the Church Address Current Cultural Realities on Sexuality?

Speaker: Brian Silver

Topic: LGBTQ+ , Marriage , Sex

Location: Lowertown - Saint Paul



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How Should We, As the Church, Address Current Cultural Realities About Sexuality?

Speaker: Cor Chmielewski

Topic: LGBTQ+ , Marriage , Sex

Location: Downtown - Minneapolis



November 20 2016

Series: Holy Sex

Holy Sex and Homosexuality

Speaker: Steve Treichler

Topic: LGBTQ+ , Marriage , Sex

Book: Romans

Location: Downtown - Minneapolis

What does the Bible teach about homosexuality? How can ALL people regardless of sexual orientation...



June 30 2013

Series: Gospel Sexuality

The Gospel and Same-Sex Attraction

Speaker: Steve Treichler

Topic: LGBTQ+ , Sex

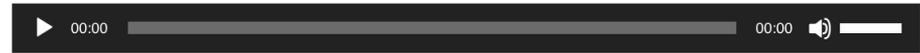
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How does the gospel speak to those who experience same-sex attraction?

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Romans 1 & Sexual Sin

by | Apr 12, 2021 | Podcast-Romans Untangled



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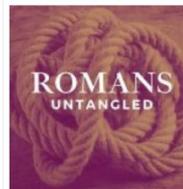
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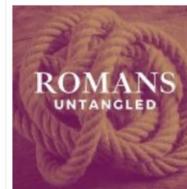
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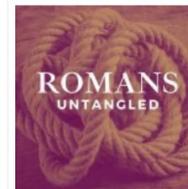
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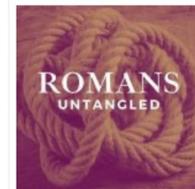
Paul, the servant of Christ Jesus



The Revealed Wrath of God



The Level Ground Before the Cross



The Truth About Karma

Other HCC Messages on this topic:

Truth, Humility, and Homosexuality

by | Apr 19, 2021 | Podcast-Romans Untangled



In this expanded bonus episode, we take a much deeper and personal look into the issue of what God was thinking when He created sexuality and how to have humility and hope for those who struggle with same sex attraction. “This is intended for those experiencing desires for the same-sex as well as for those who wish to reach out to them in love.”

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Romans 1:18-32

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

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²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

The real problem - idolatry

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Isaiah 44:13-20



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Isaiah 44:13-20 (esp. 19-20)

¹⁹“No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, “Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?” ²⁰He feeds on ashes, a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, “Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?””

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The Best Definition of Sin in Scripture

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²⁶Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

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²⁸Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

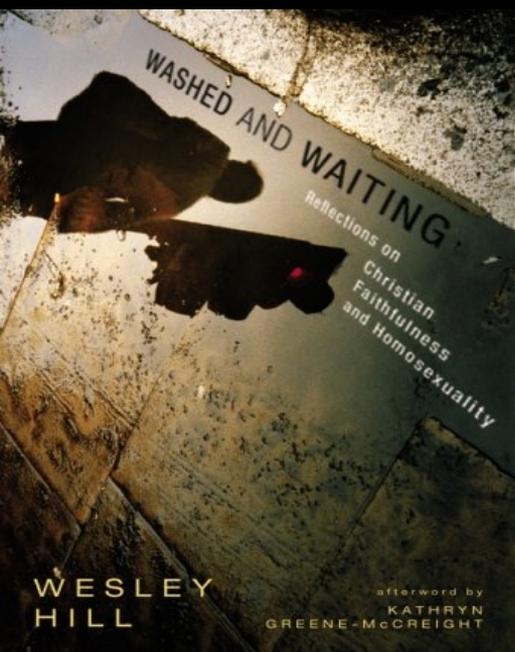
²⁹They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

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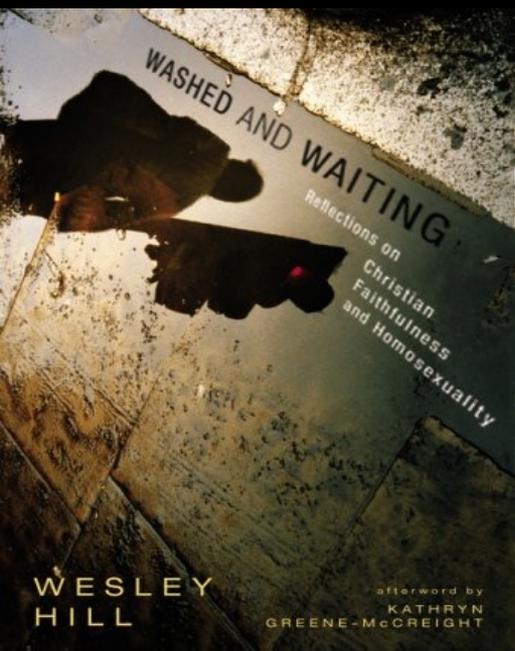
Romans 1:18-32

They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³²Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.





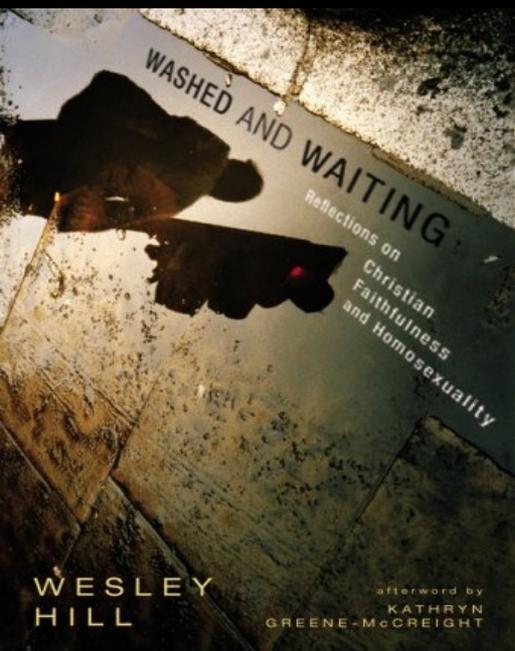
“According to the christological meaning of Genesis 2:24 given in Ephesians 5:32, the difference between male and female becomes not incidental to the meaning of marriage but essential. God established marriage, Ephesians suggests, in order that it might be a sign (*mysterion; sacramentum*) of Christ’s love for the Church.



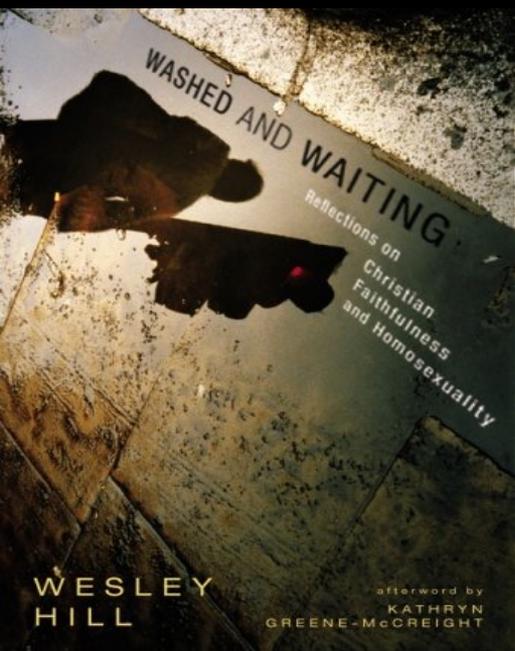
Sexuality and Marriage made by God as an Illustration

Ephesians 5:31-33

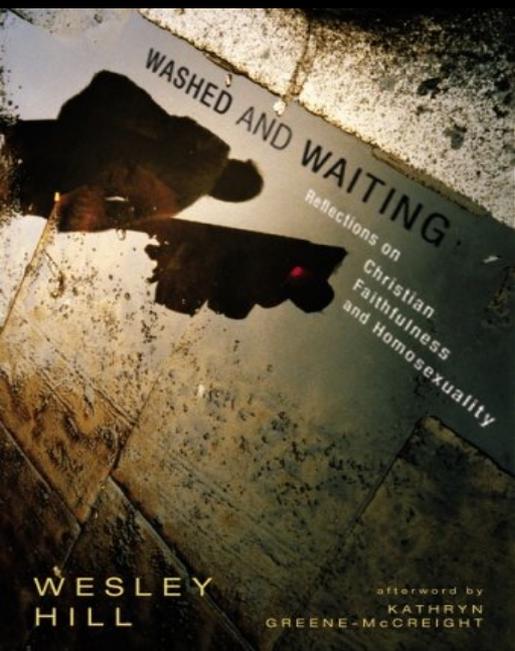
³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.



“In order for this parable to “work,” the *difference* between the covenant partners is required. The relationship between man and woman is here “related over and above itself to an eternal, holy, and spotless standing before God, in the love of the incarnate Christ for his bride, which is the Church” ... Or, to borrow Karl Barth’s language, marriage is a *parable*, and for the parable to communicate its truth effectively requires certain kinds of characters, certain kinds of *bodies*, and not others.



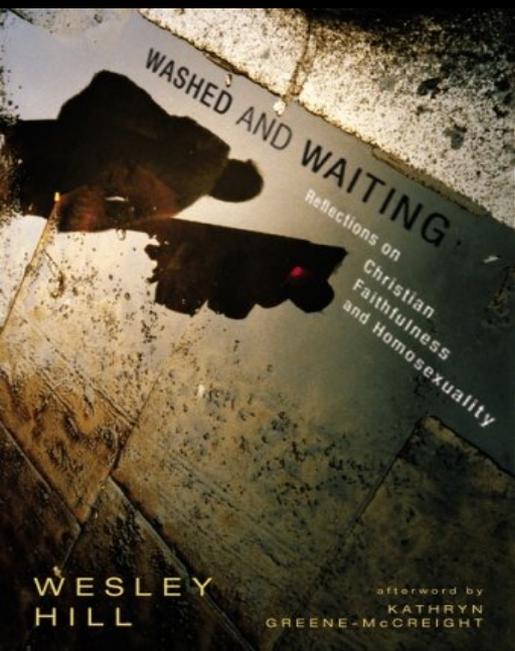
“This focus on gender difference – rather than the alleged presence of “exploitation” or an “excess of desire” in homosexual unions – would then explain Paul’s denunciation of same-sex erotic behavior in Romans 1:26-27. In their near locale, Paul’s descriptions of homosexuality link it to humanity’s turn away from the Creator to images of their fellow creatures. Difference is exchanged for sameness.



“As Simon Gathercole has written, “The key correspondence [between idolatry on the one hand and homosexual behavior on the other] lies in the fact that *both involve turning away from the ‘other’ to the ‘same’* ... *Humanity should be oriented toward God but turns in on itself (Rom. 1.25). Woman should be oriented toward man, but turns in on itself (Rom. 1.26). Man should be oriented toward woman, but turns in on itself (Rom. 1.27)”*”



“The communion of the “wholly other” God with his creation, which was mirrored in man’s turning toward woman and vice versa, breaks down in homosexual relationships, and thus the christological meaning of marriage and gender difference is obscured.”



~ Wesley Hill in an article from *First Things* - “On Reading James Brownson” found online at:

<http://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2013/06/10/on-reading-james-brownson/>

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1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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What's the answer to sin?

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1 Corinthians 5:21

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

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Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Hope for the Christian who is
struggling with same sex attraction**

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2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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The Story of Who I Was and Who God Has Always Been

“They have asked Him to make them straight and He has, according to them, denied them access to the miraculous. Because God did not take hold of their gay desires and replace them the straight desires, they have no other choice but to follow where their affections may lead. The error in this: they have come to God believing that only a fraction of themselves need saving.



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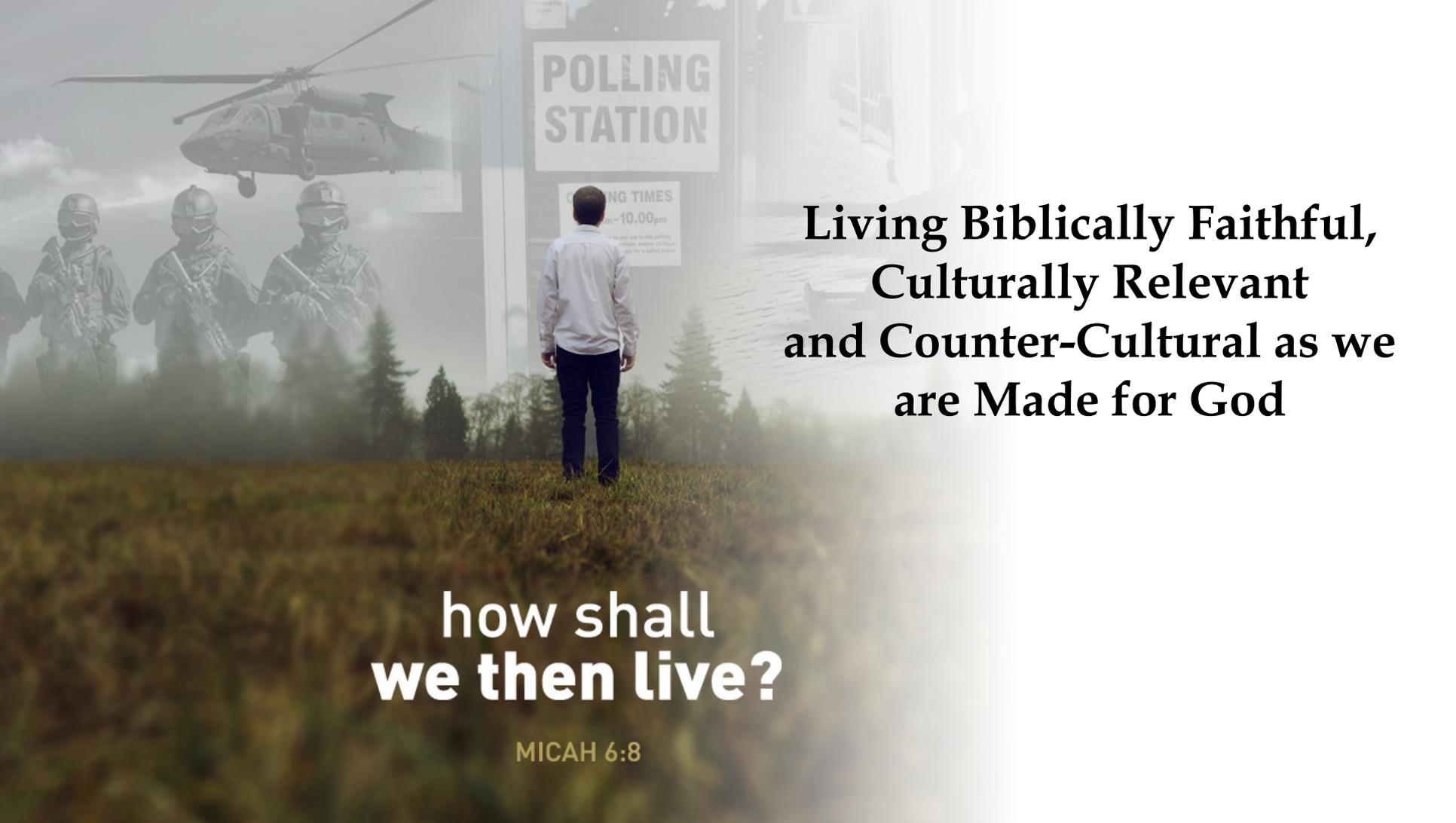
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“They have therefore neglected the acknowledge the rest of them also needs to be made right. It is like coming to God offering only a portion of their heart for Him to have, as if He does not have the right to take hold of it all or as if what has been withheld from Him can be satisfied without Him.”

— Jackie Hill Perry, *Gay Girl, Good God*, page 73.

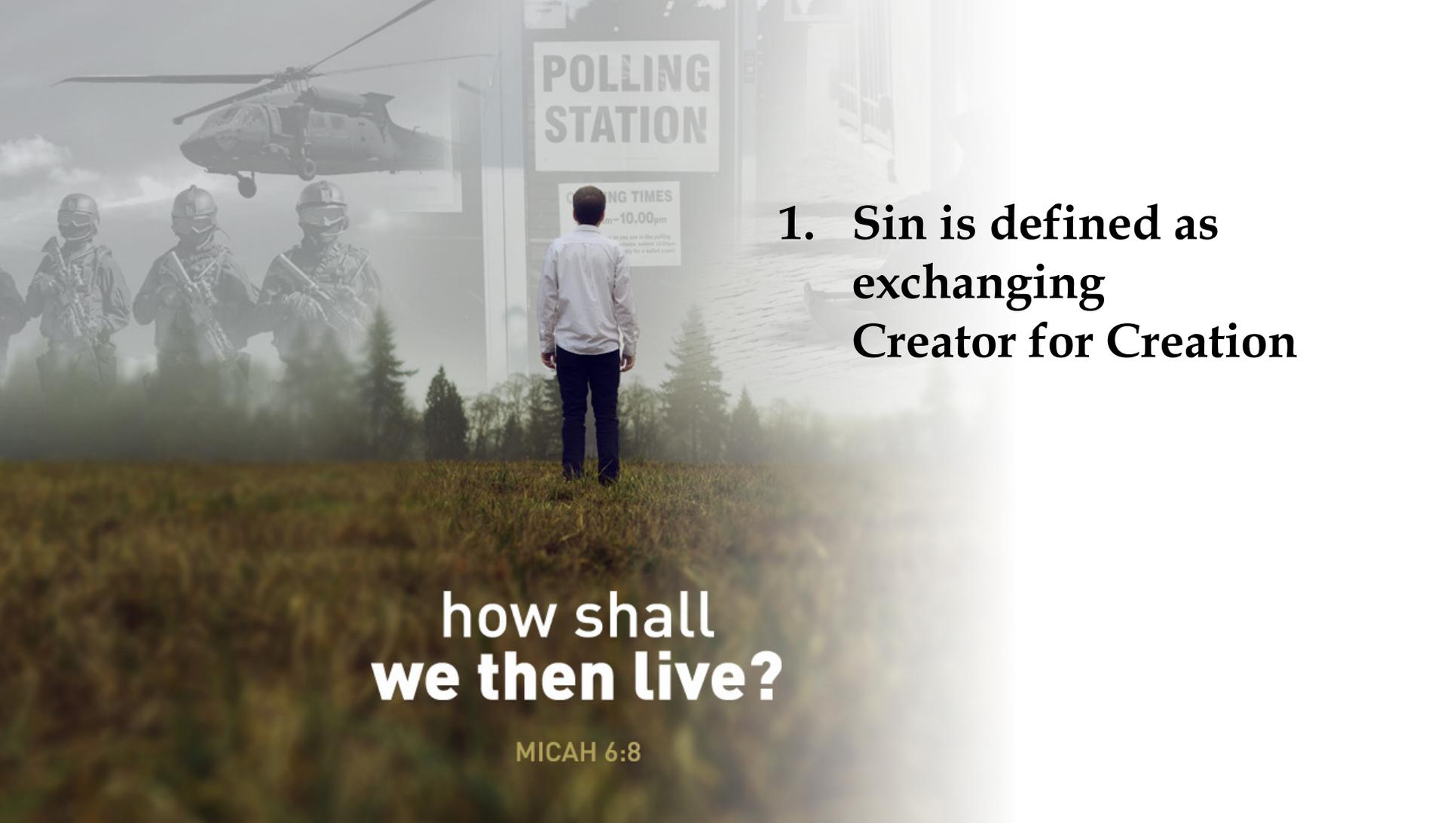




**Living Biblically Faithful,
Culturally Relevant
and Counter-Cultural as we
are Made for God**

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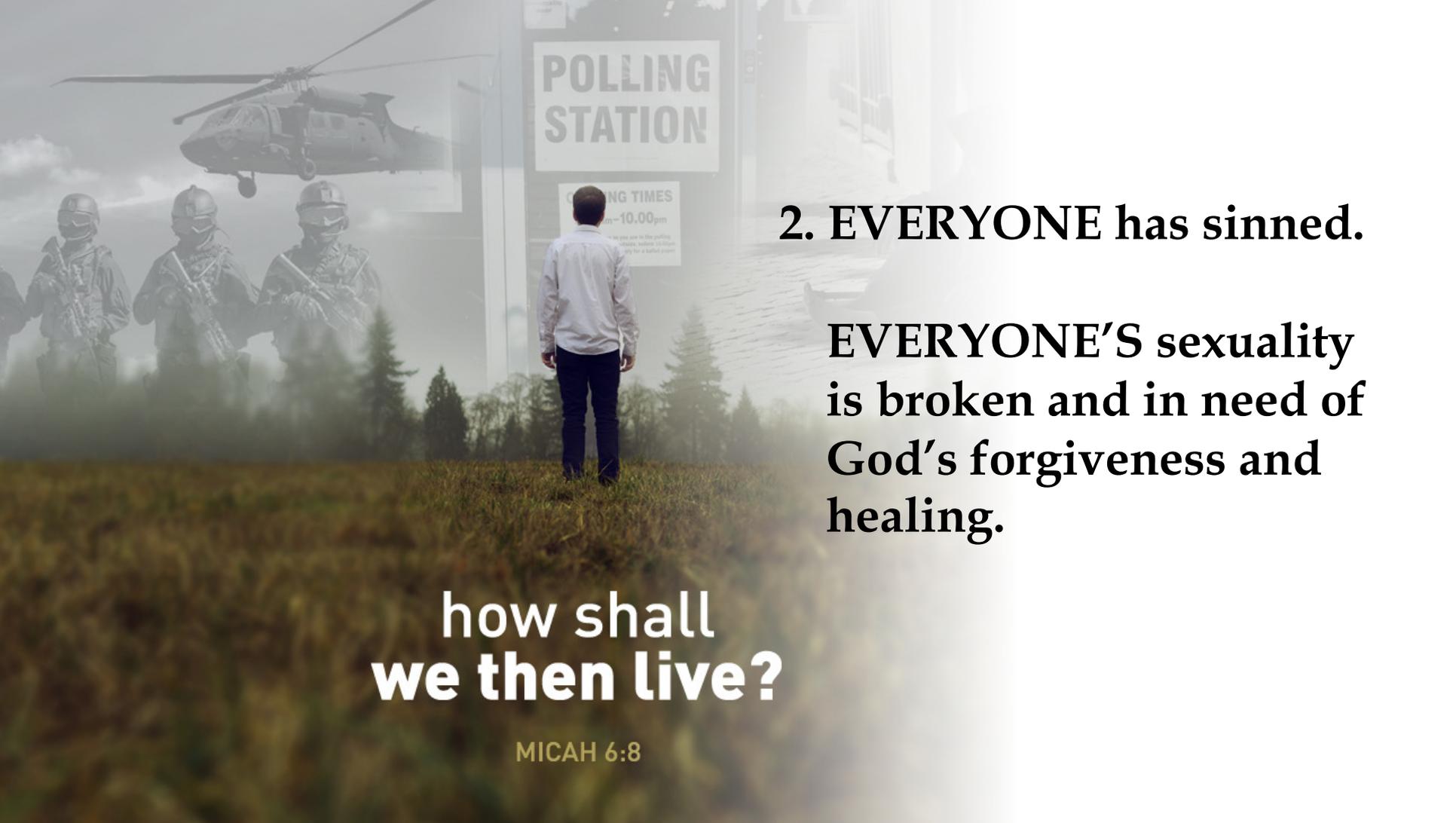
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1. Sin is defined as
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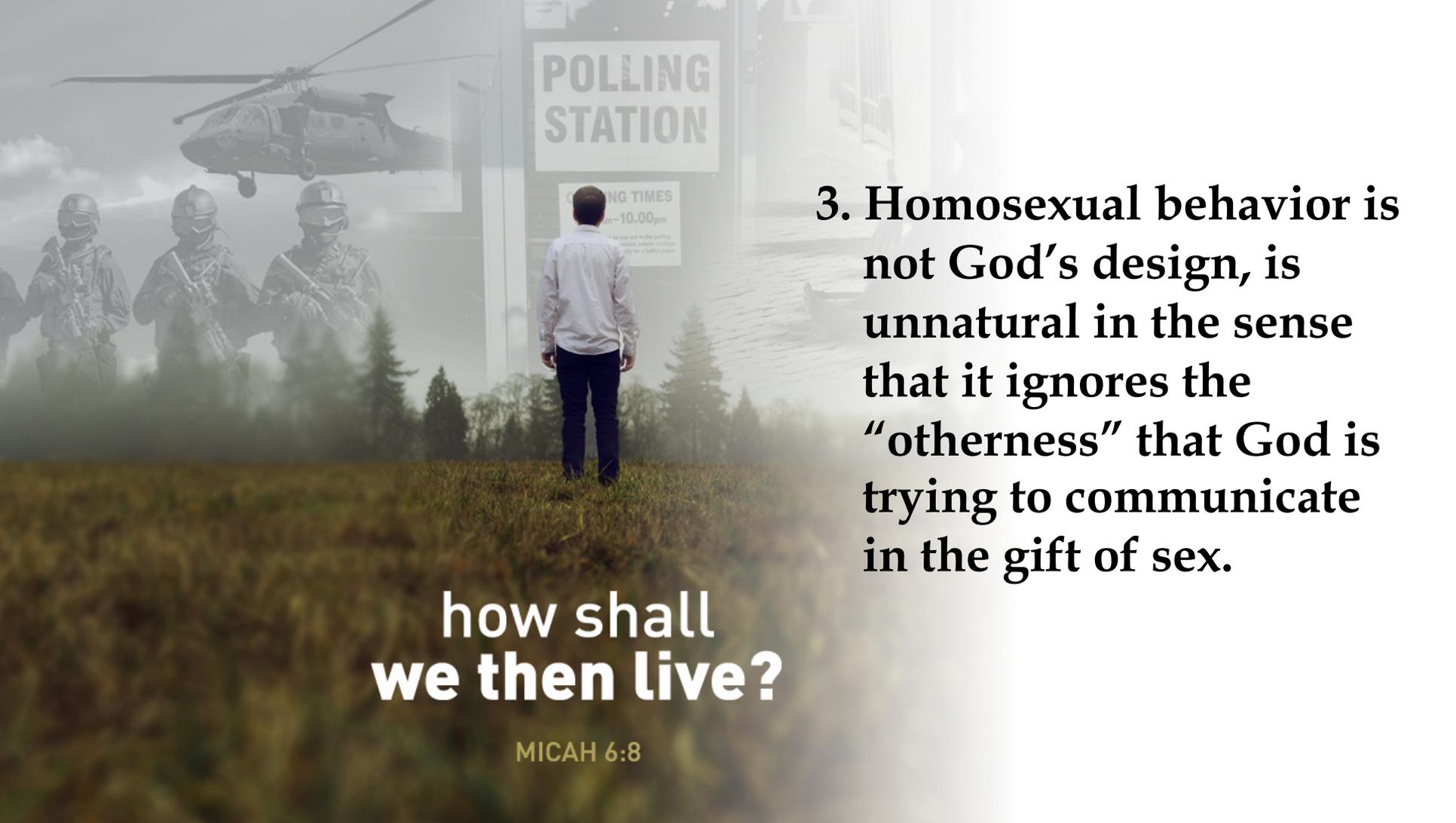


2. EVERYONE has sinned.

EVERYONE'S sexuality is broken and in need of God's forgiveness and healing.

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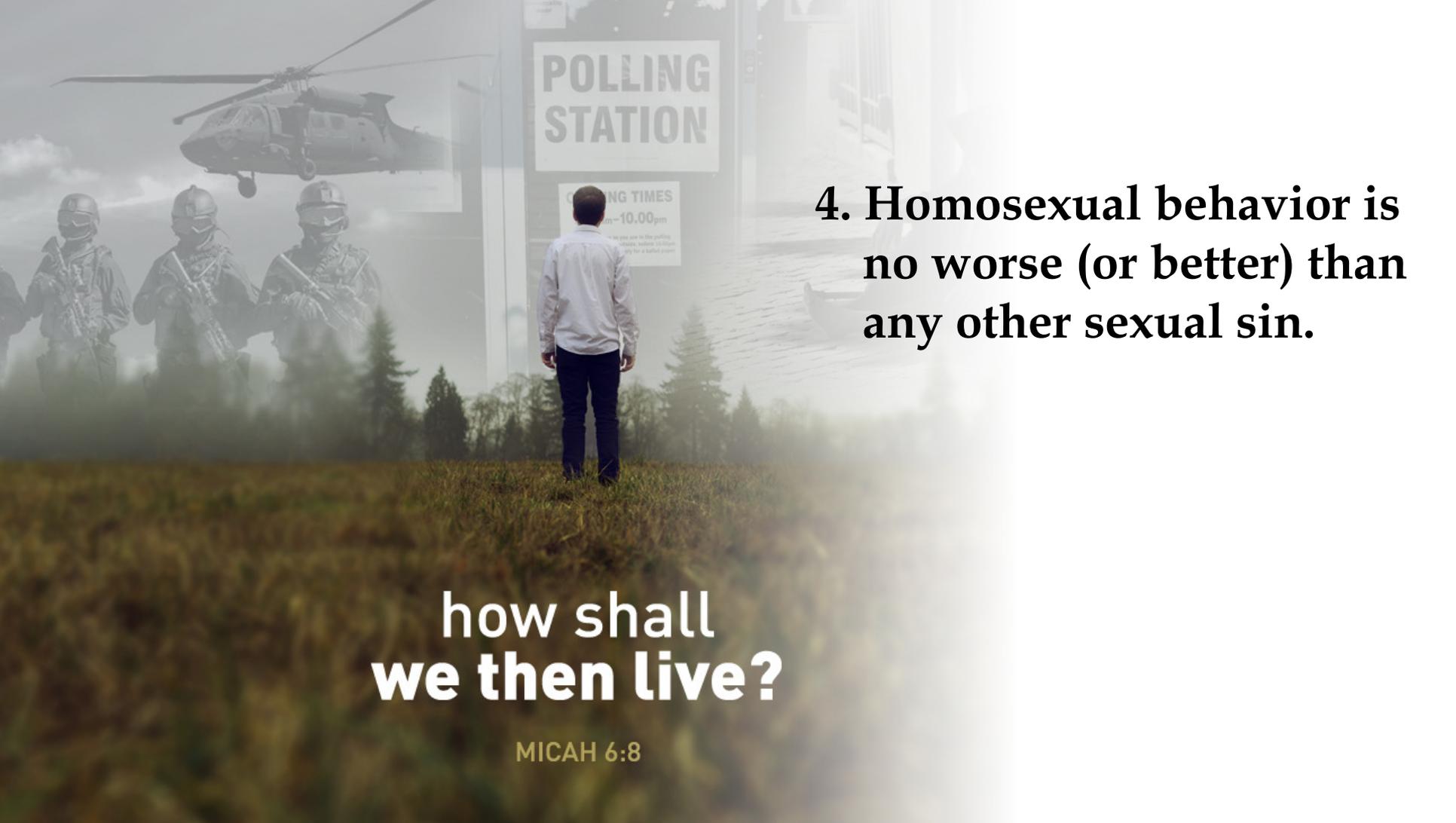
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3. Homosexual behavior is not God's design, is unnatural in the sense that it ignores the "otherness" that God is trying to communicate in the gift of sex.

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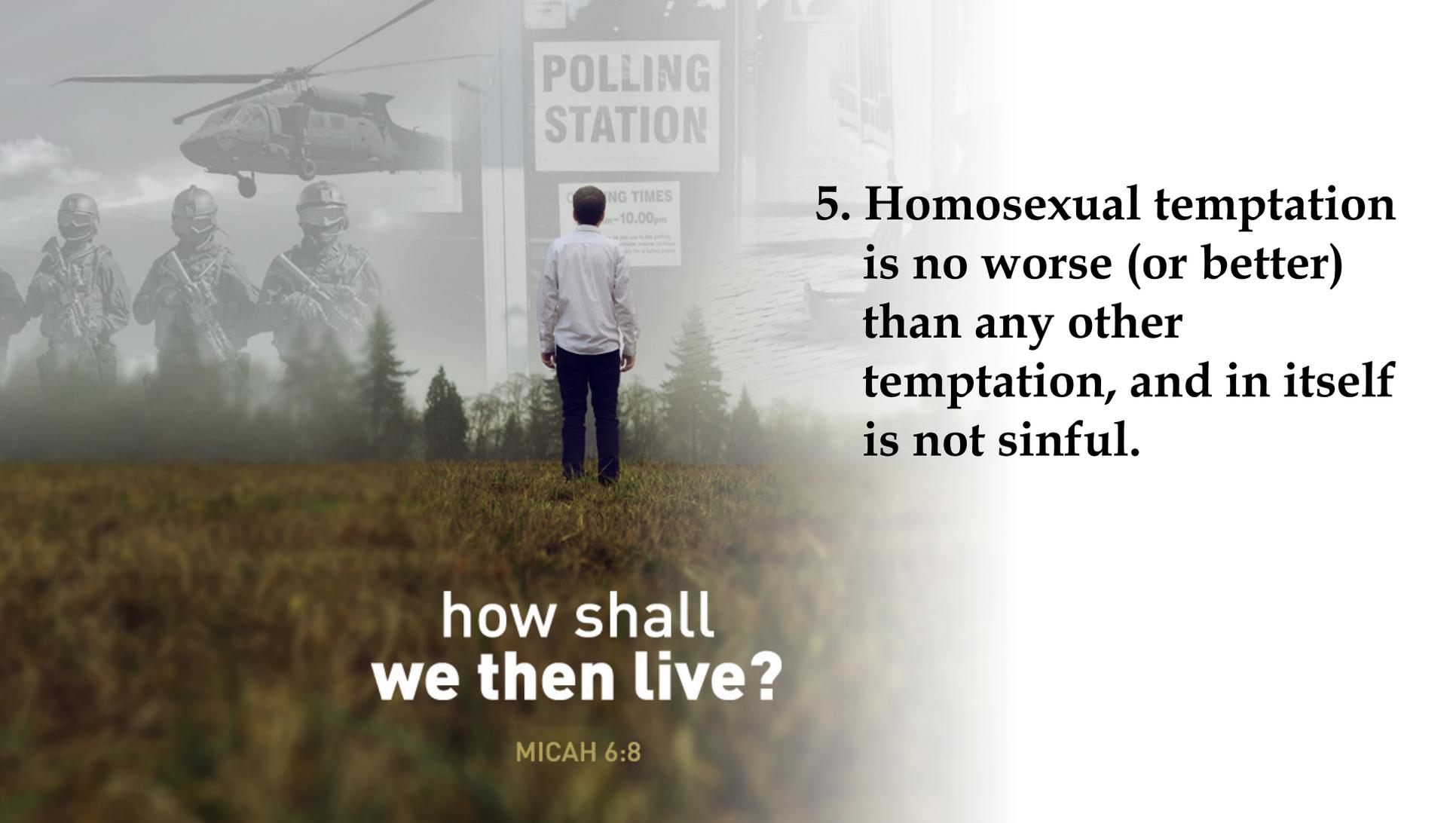
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4. Homosexual behavior is no worse (or better) than any other sexual sin.

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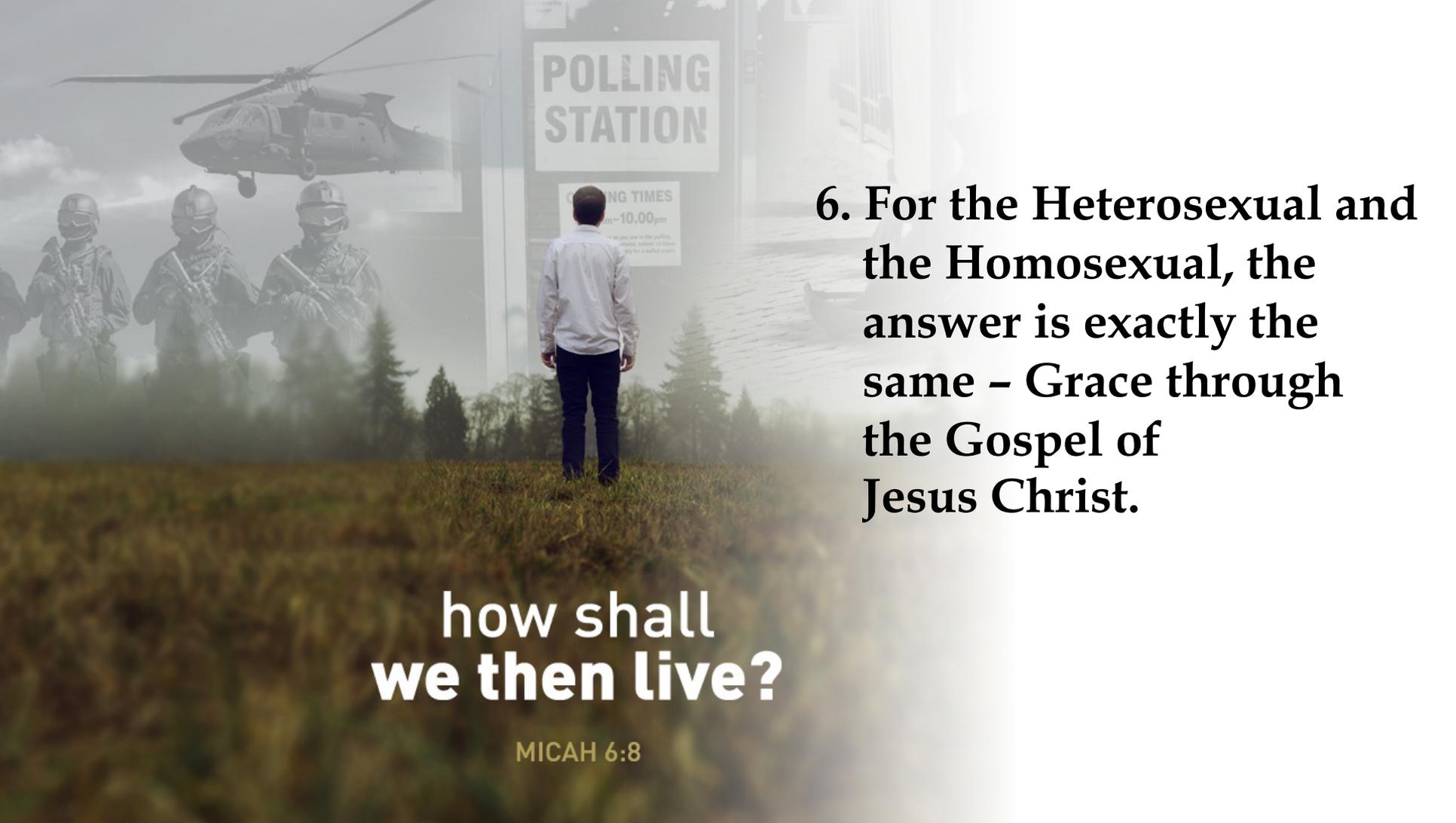
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5. Homosexual temptation is no worse (or better) than any other temptation, and in itself is not sinful.

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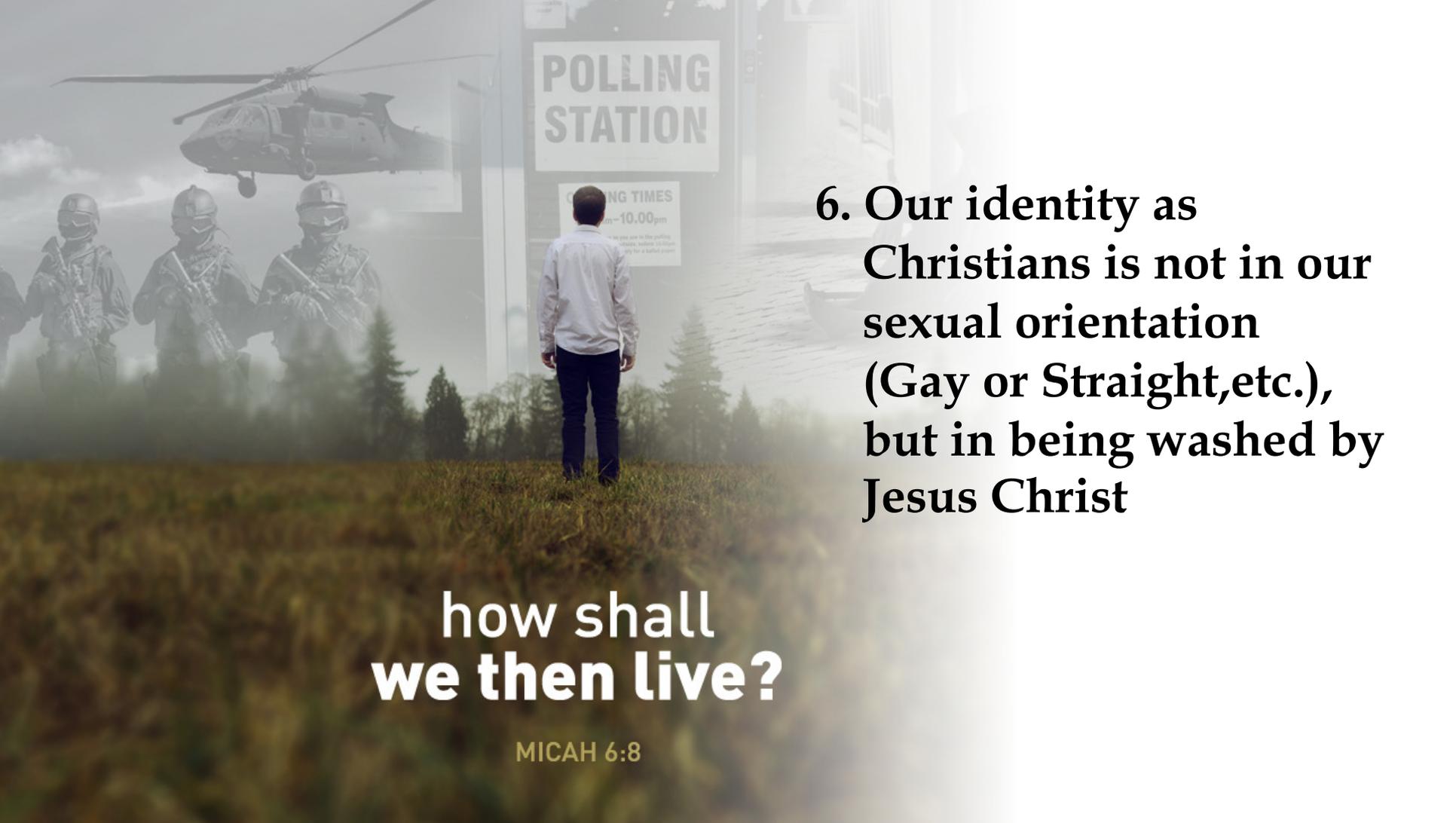
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6. For the Heterosexual and the Homosexual, the answer is exactly the same - Grace through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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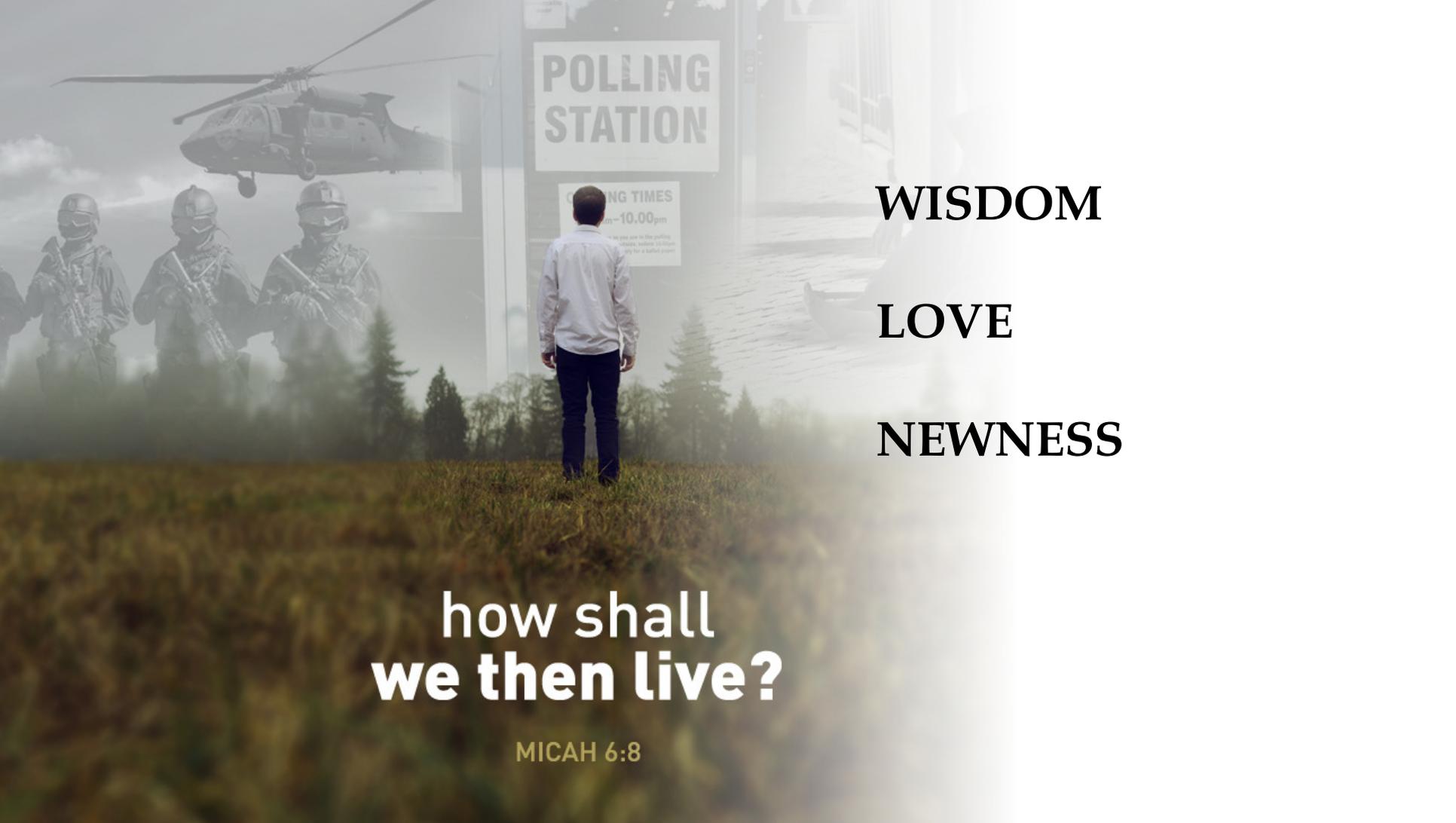
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6. Our identity as Christians is not in our sexual orientation (Gay or Straight, etc.), but in being washed by Jesus Christ

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