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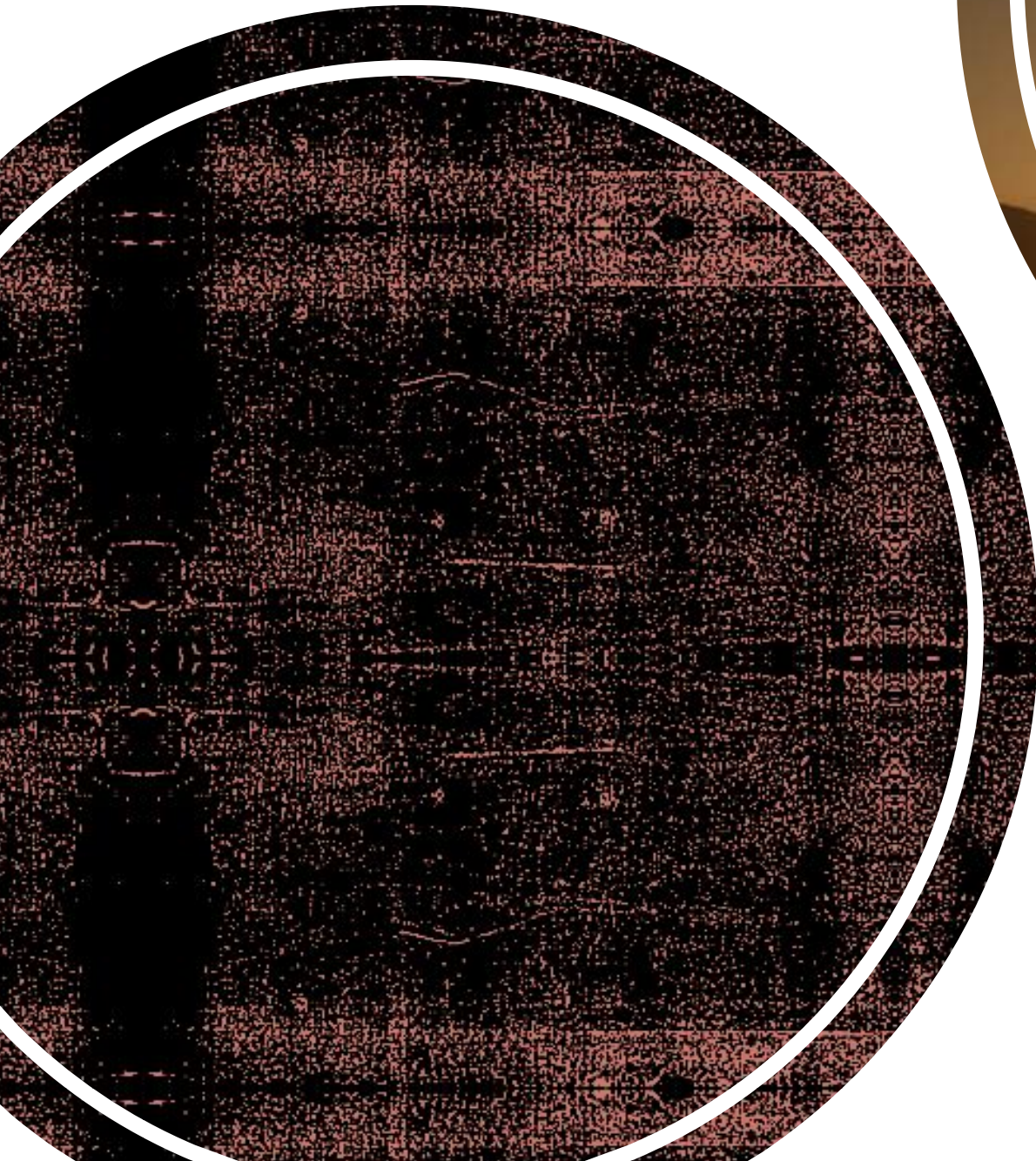
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No Confidence in the Flesh PHILIPPIANS 3:1-7 (NIV)

- “¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.
- If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.
- ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.”

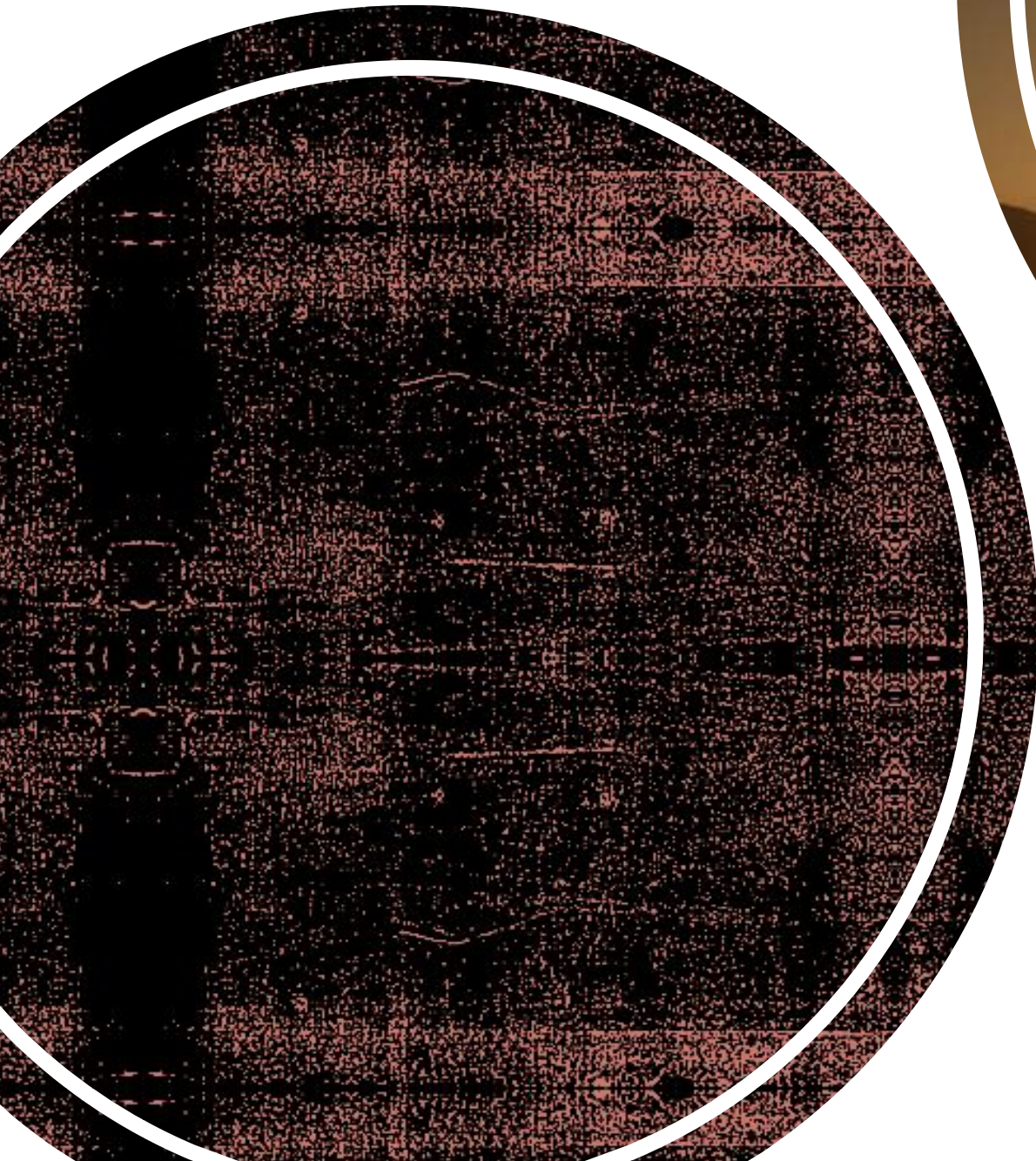




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HAPPINESS VS JOY

HAPPINESS	JOY
Temporary / Fleeting	Constant / Long-lasting
Emotion	State of being or condition
Dependant of circumstances (moments/events)	Independent of circumstances
Excitement or exhilaration	Contentment & satisfaction
Comes from environment	Comes from God



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- PHILIPPIANS 3:1



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HA-NAH!



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those evildoers, those
mutilators of the flesh.

~ Philippians 3:2 NIV









613 mitzvot



248 duties



365 prohibitions

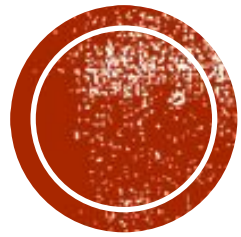




CONCLUSION 1

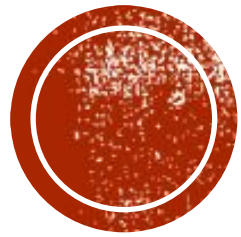
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- BEWARE OF THOSE WHO WILL STEAL YOUR JOY!





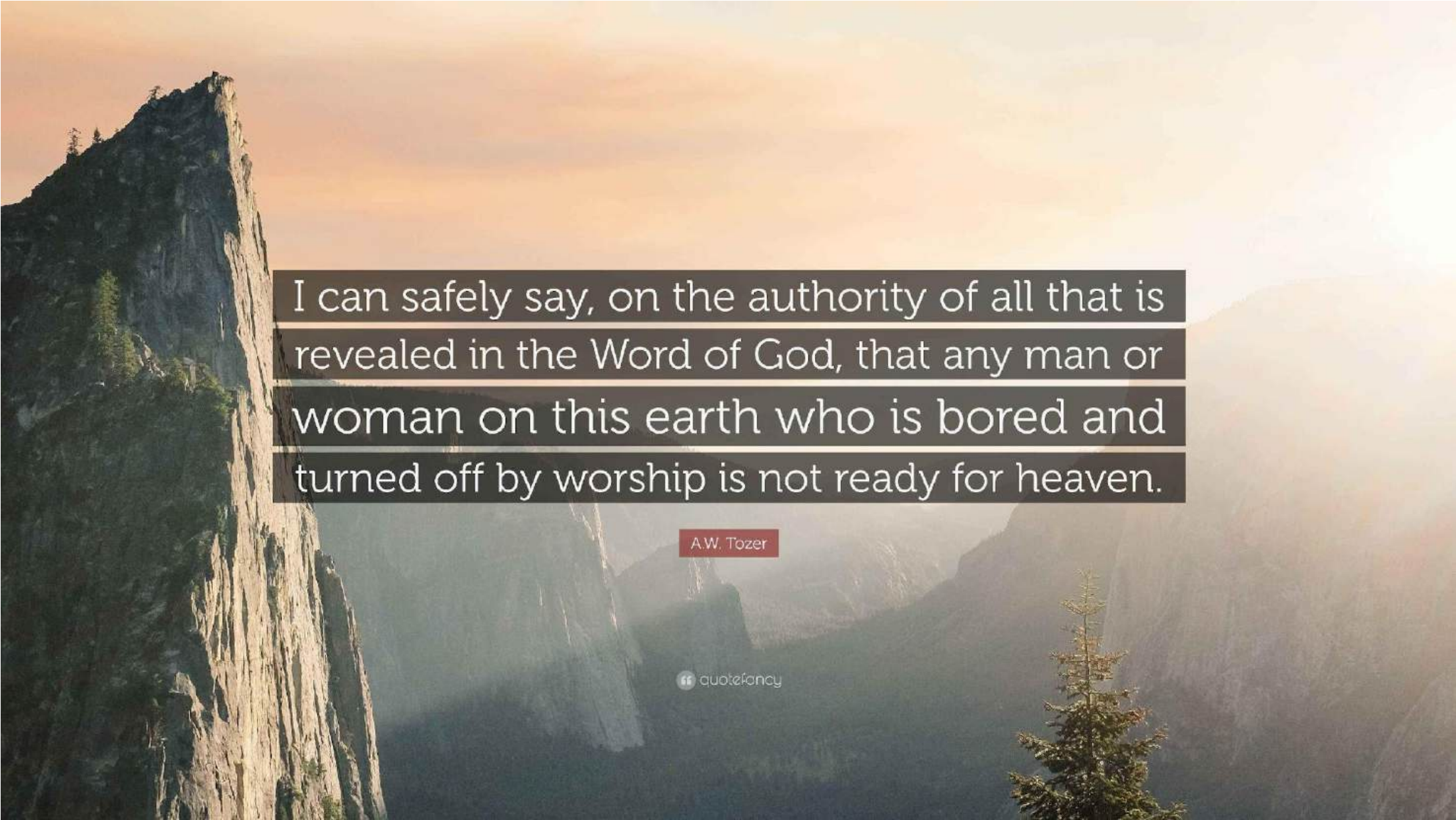
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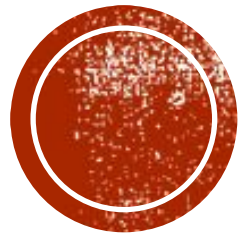
A scenic view of a mountain peak, likely El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, with a quote overlaid. The image shows a steep, rocky cliff face on the left, with a few trees growing on its lower slopes. The background is a vast, hazy valley with more mountains in the distance. The sky is a soft, warm orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The quote is centered in the middle of the image, overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular background.

I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven.

A.W. Tozer

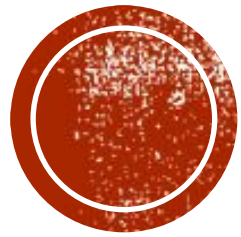
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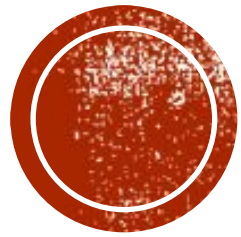
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CONCLUSION 2

True circumcision is:

- Transformed heart & spirit
- Nothing we can do ourselves
- Rejoice & boast in Jesus for what He has done for us
- Truly worship & serve God



PHILIPPIANS 3:4-6 (NIV)

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**BUT WHATEVER WERE
GAINS TO ME**

**I NOW CONSIDER
LOSS FOR THE SAKE
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Philippians 3:7



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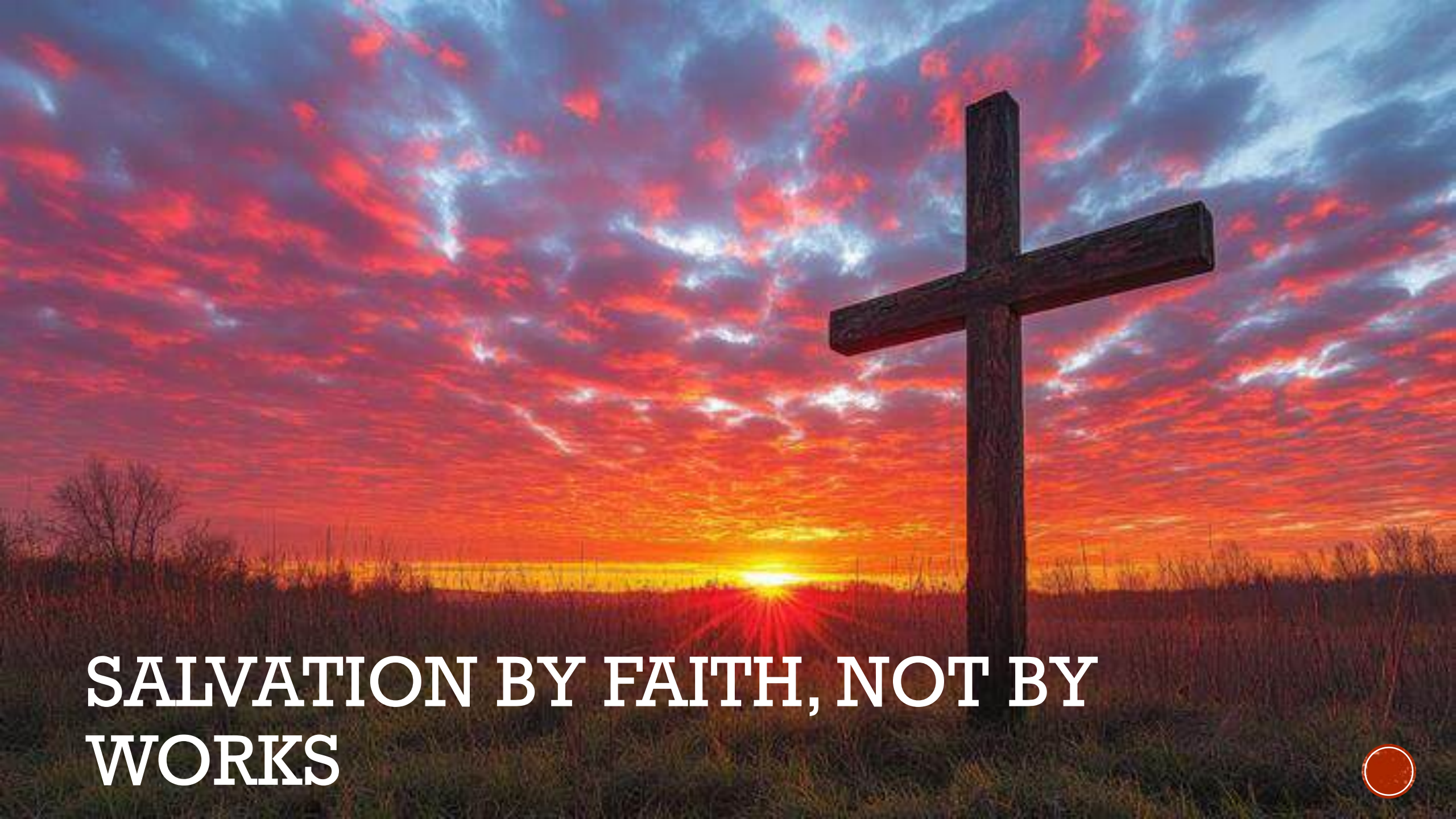


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**SALVATION BY FAITH, NOT BY
WORKS**



What are some modern equivalents of “confidence in the flesh” that Christians might rely on today?



What is the danger of putting “confidence in the flesh”?

