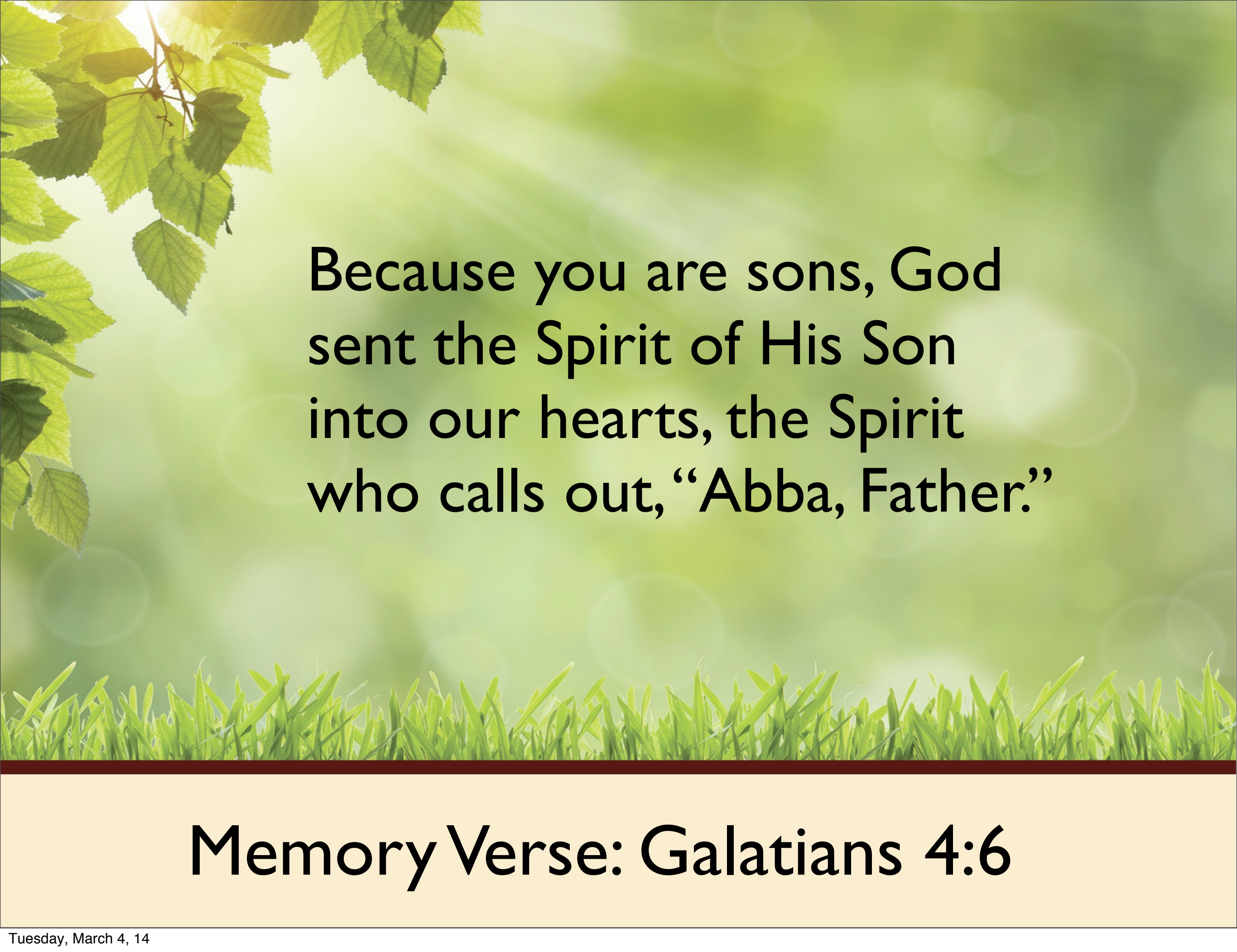


Receiving **God's** Abundant **Gifts**



LESSON 21: THE GIFT BEING HIS CHILD



Because you are sons, God
sent the Spirit of His Son
into our hearts, the Spirit
who calls out, “Abba, Father.”

Memory Verse: Galatians 4:6

SARAH AND HAGAR: Allegory About Slavery



Galatians 4: 21-31

SLAVERY TODAY

30 million people live as slaves today, according to the Walk Free Foundation.

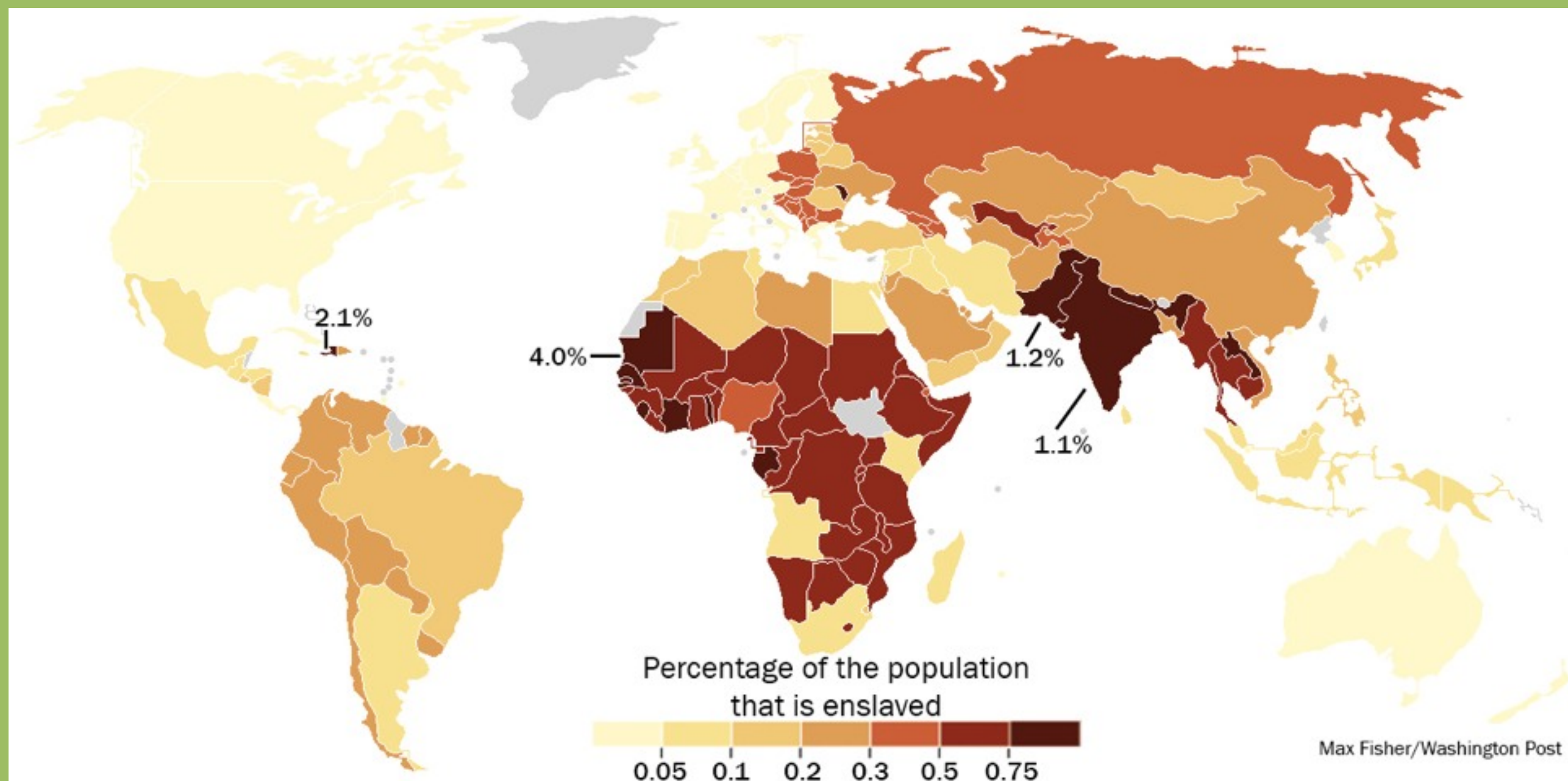
Slavery in this study is defined as:

- forced labor
- forced prostitution
- child soldiers
- child brides in forced marriages
- servitude in absolute ownership

(Washington Post, Oct. 17, 2013)

RISK FACTORS

- Political instability: war, natural disaster, state collapse
- Discrimination against women, ethnic and religious minorities
- Legacies of transatlantic slave trade:
Haiti, Mauritania



“What’s perhaps most amazing about the prevalence of slavery around the world is how similar it can look across very different societies.

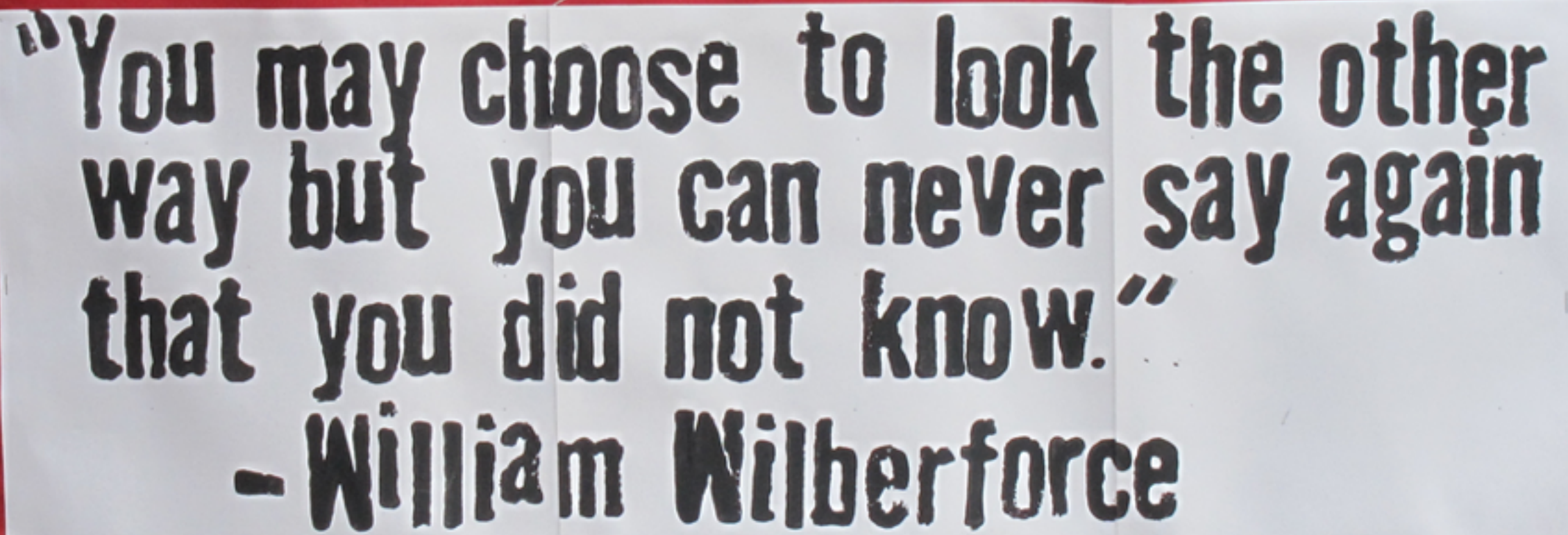
The risk factors might change from one place to another, the causes varying widely, but the lives of the enslaved rarely do.”

Max Fisher

Houston: A Major Hub for Human Trafficking

I-10 Corridor is the most heavily traveled route for traffickers and victims of international trafficking

Nationally, 25% of rescued victims are rescued in Texas



**"You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know."
- William Wilberforce**

From the
Greek
allegoria=
allos ('other')
+ agoria
(‘speaking’)

Meaning of Allegory

A story, poem or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

Oxford Dictionary



Rabbinical Interpretation of Scripture

Peshat--the literal meaning

Remaz--the suggested meaning

Derush--the meaning deduced by study and interpretation

Sod--the allegorical meaning



Paradise

The first four letters of those words are the consonants of the word “Paradise” in Hebrew.

If a rabbi succeeded in penetrating all 4 levels of meaning he reached the joy of paradise.

The highest meaning was the allegorical meaning which Paul, a trained rabbi, is showing to the Galatians.



Clothed
in
Christ

Galatians 3:27

See also:
Romans 13:12
Ephesians 4:24
Colossians 3:12

"Style is
a way to
say who you
are without
having to
speak."

- Rachel Zoe



What do these clothes reveal about the people wearing them?



What do these clothes reveal about the people wearing them?



What do these clothes say about the people wearing them?

Implications of Our Clothing Choices

1. Our primary identity or role
2. The close relationship between that identity and ourselves
3. The imitation of others with that identity
4. Our acceptability to others in that identity



Clothing with Christ Allegorical Meaning

1. Our primary identity is Christ
2. The closeness of our relationship with Christ
3. The imitation of Christ
4. Our acceptability to God

“One of the ways that we know that our self-image is based on justification by Christ is that we are not hateful and hostile to people who are different from us; one of the ways that we know our self image is based on justification by works is that we persecute!”

Tim Keller, Galatians for You



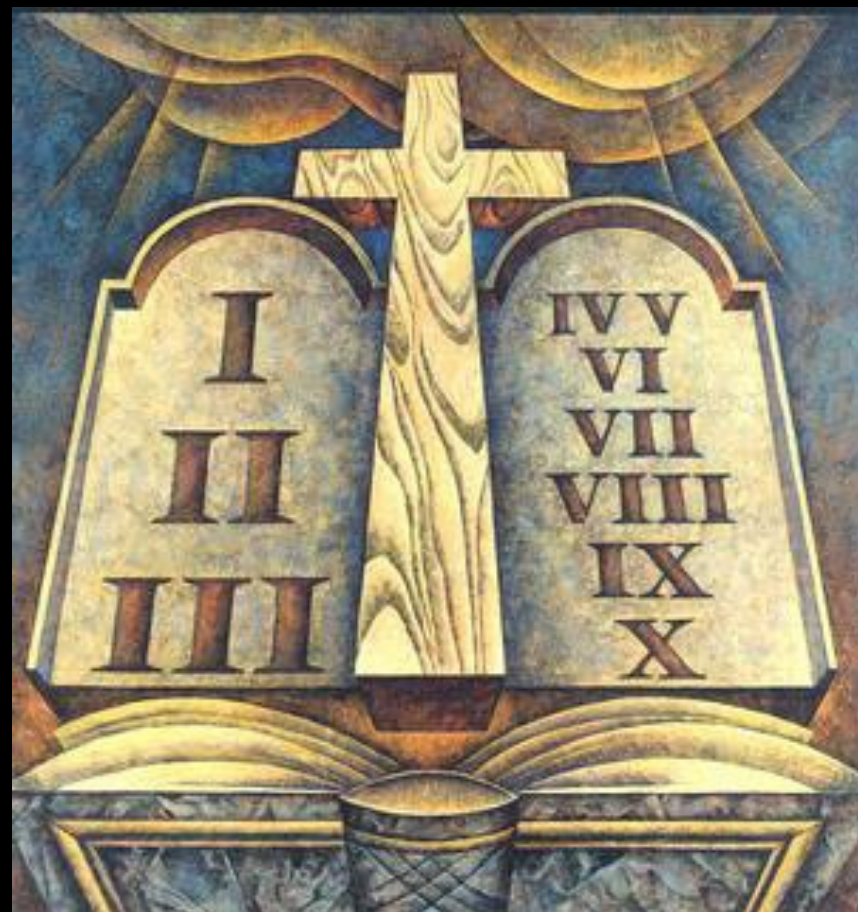
Applying the Lesson In Your Life

How will having a self-image based on the gospel change the way you see yourself and others?

When do you particularly need to preach the gospel to yourself?

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The Ten Commandments and
Jesus Revealed in the Gospel of Luke**



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