

# Being Confident in the Gospel

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The image is a collage of three photographs of church services. The top-left photo shows a woman at a pulpit with a sign that says 'Thy Will Be Done'. The top-right photo shows a man at a podium with a screen displaying 'Welcome to Dumfries Baptist Church'. The bottom photo shows a wide view of a church sanctuary with many people seated in pews. The word 'training' is overlaid in large, white, lowercase letters across the center of the collage.

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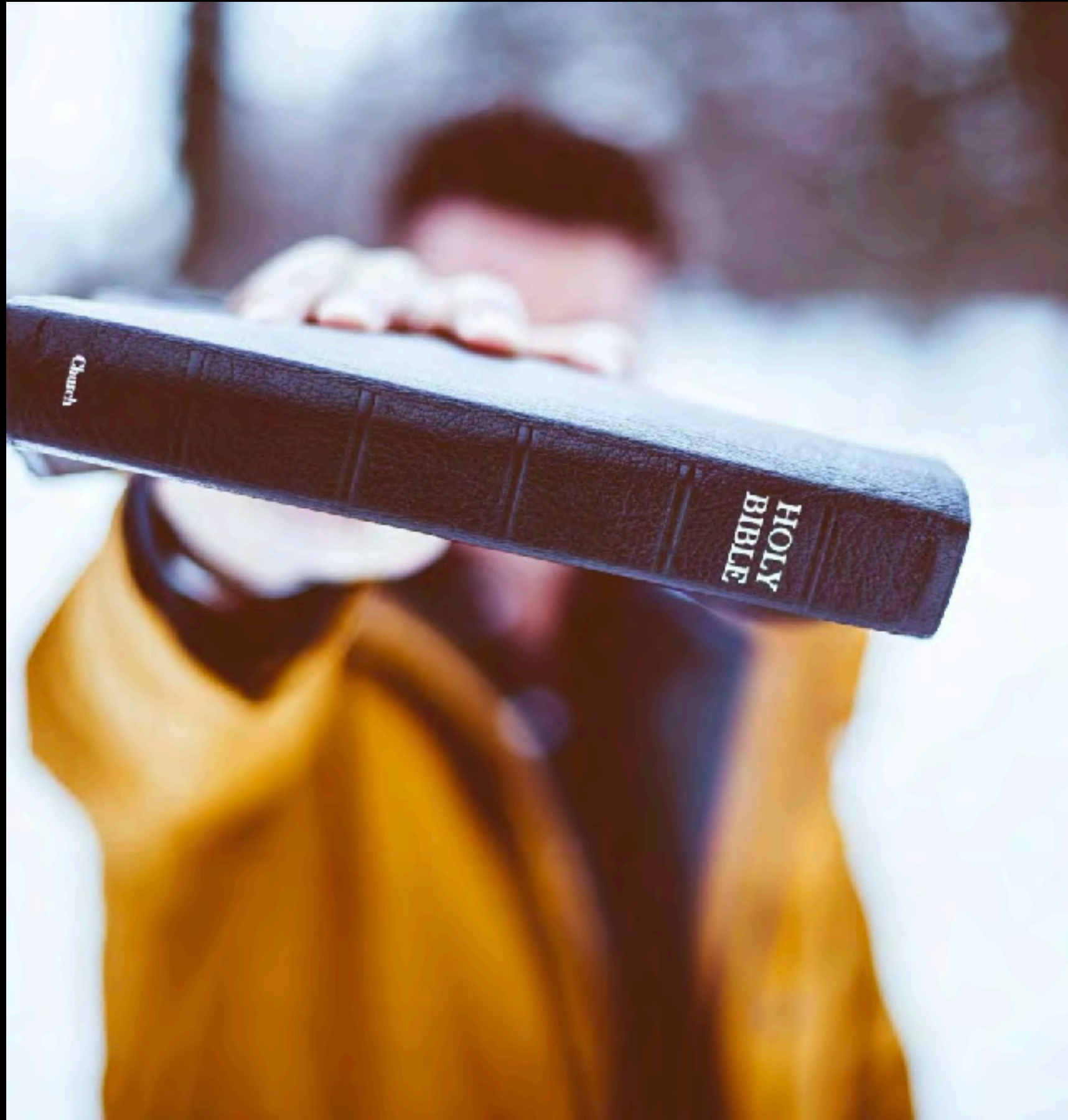
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# Confident Christianity

Sharing the gospel  
in an age of uncertainty

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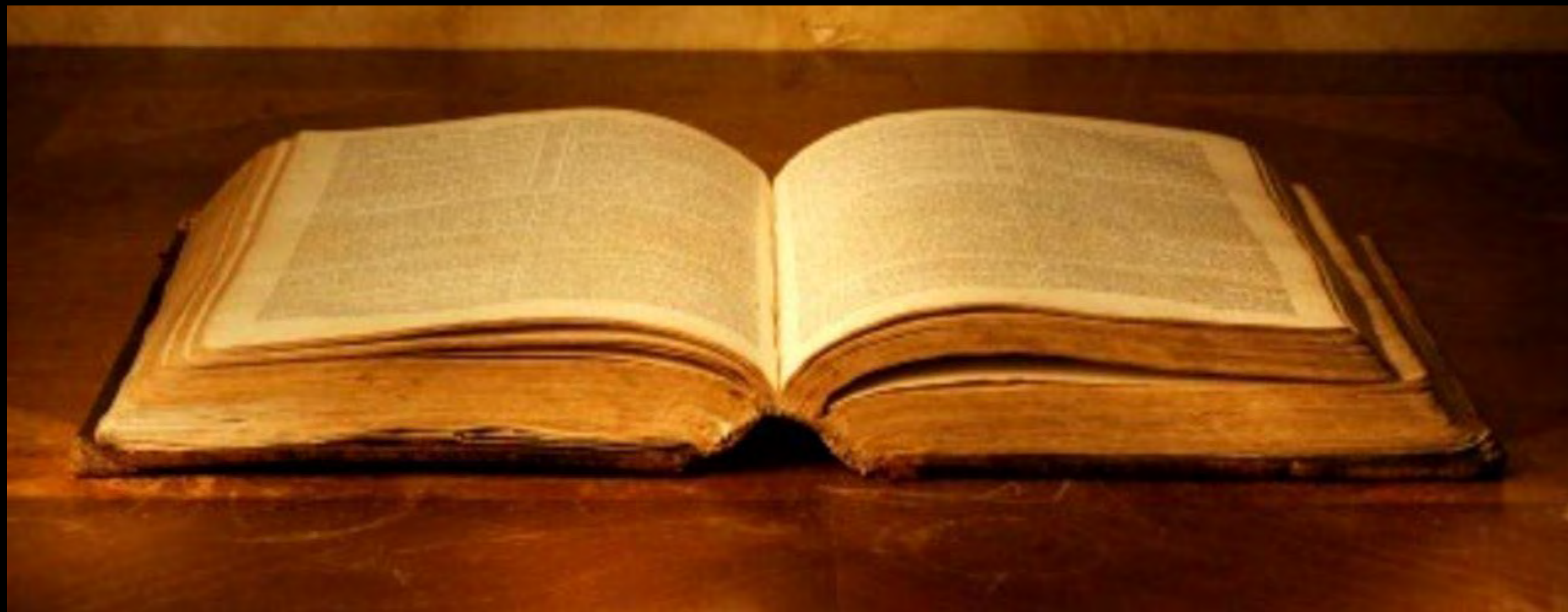
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# Gospel Confidence in a Confused Culture



# A Culture of Confusion





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IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER

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Jesus, Christians  
and evangelism

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- ← Bence Jones
- ← Courtyard Clinic (Sexual Health)
- ← Education Centre
- ← Energy Centre
- ← Hand Unit
- ← Ingleby House
- ← Knightsbridge Wing
- ← Maxillofacial & Day Surgery
- ← National Blood Service
- ← Occupational Health



- Emergency Department (A&E)
- Atkinson Morley Wing
- Bronte House and Annex
- Clare House
- Dragon Children's Centre
- Grosvenor Wing (Main Entrance)
- Lanesborough Wing
- Ronald McDonald House
- Sir Joseph Hotung Centre
- St James Wing



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# UNDERCOVER CHRISTIAN

“IF WE’RE LUCKY, NOBODY WILL NOTICE WE’RE HERE”

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Fear reveals our idols



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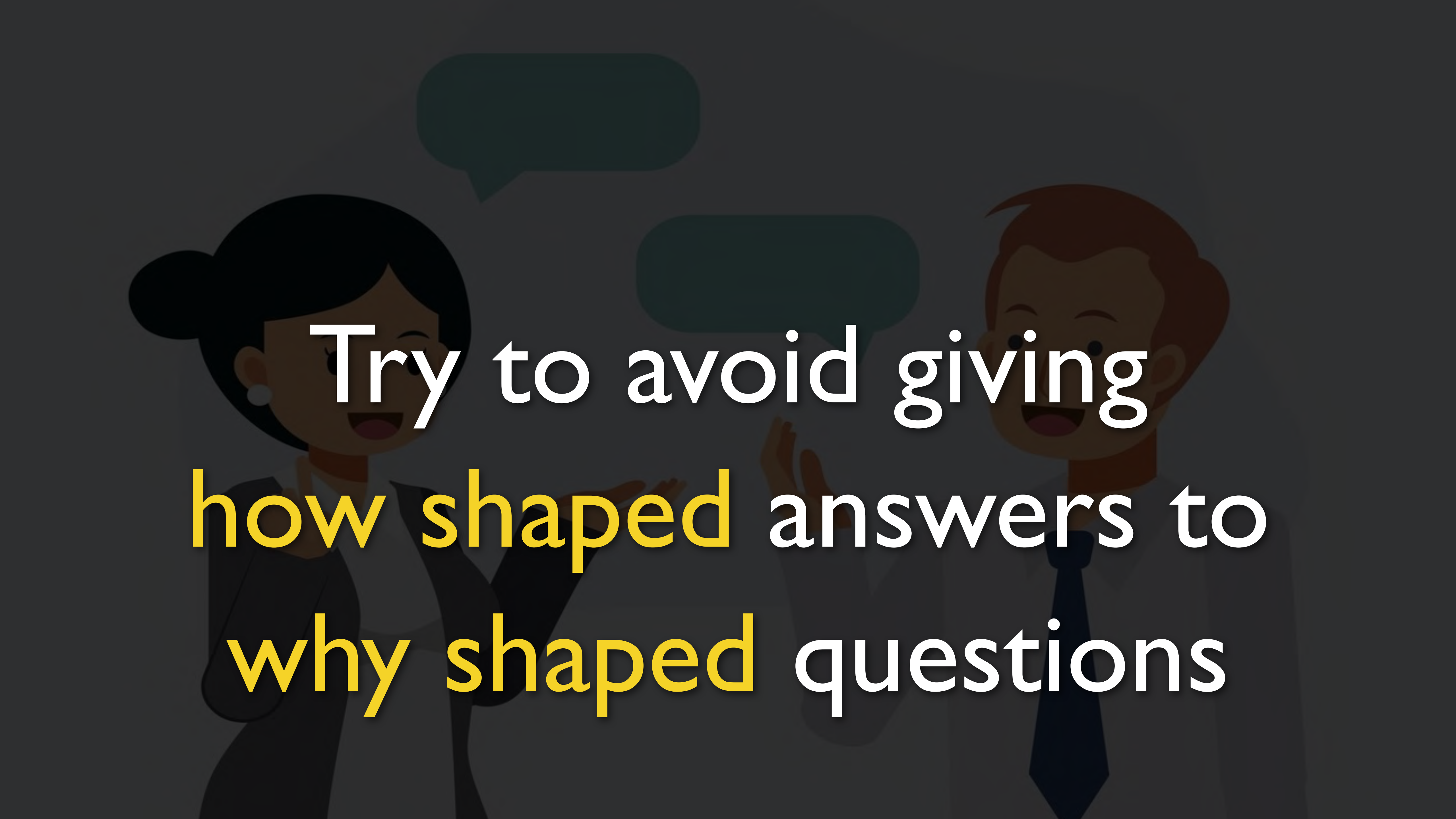
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An illustration of a woman on the left and a man on the right, both in business attire. The woman has dark hair in a bun and is wearing a dark suit. The man has brown hair and is wearing a dark suit with a tie. There are three dark teal speech bubbles floating above them. The background is a dark grey gradient.

Try to avoid giving  
how shaped answers to  
why shaped questions

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As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

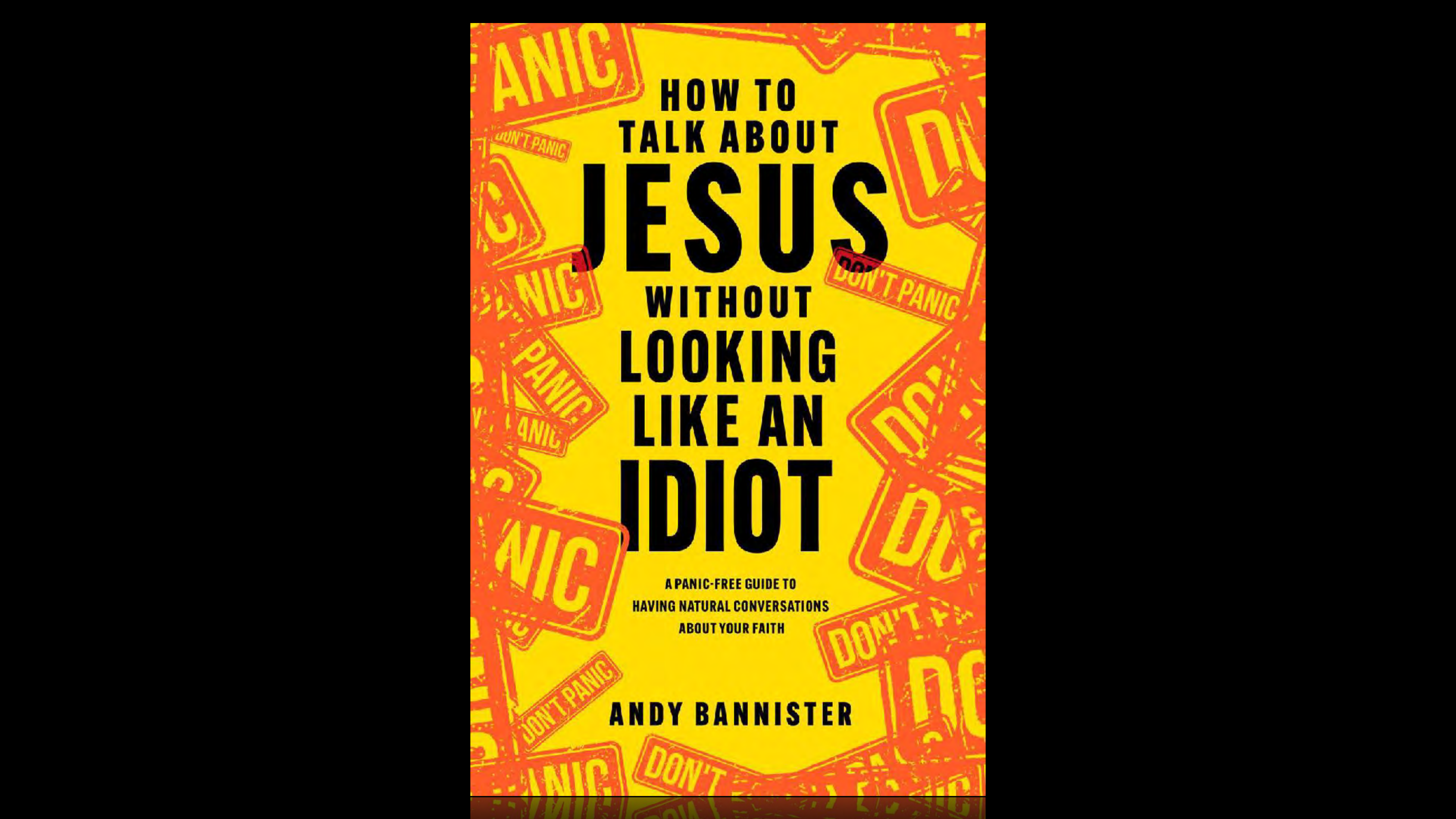
“Why do you call me good?” Jesus replied.

“No one is good — except God alone.”

Mark 10:17-18



**Jesus: The Master Question-Asker**



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TALK ABOUT  
JESUS  
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# Three Powerful Questions

What do you mean by that?

Why do you think that?

Have you ever wondered?

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BY ARYN BAKER

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If you believe in God, it is much easier to understand human rights—God created us with value and dignity—than if you don't and you think we are just a cosmic accident.



Why does **justice** matter if we are just atoms and particles?



Why does **beauty and art** move us if our only purpose is survival and reproduction?



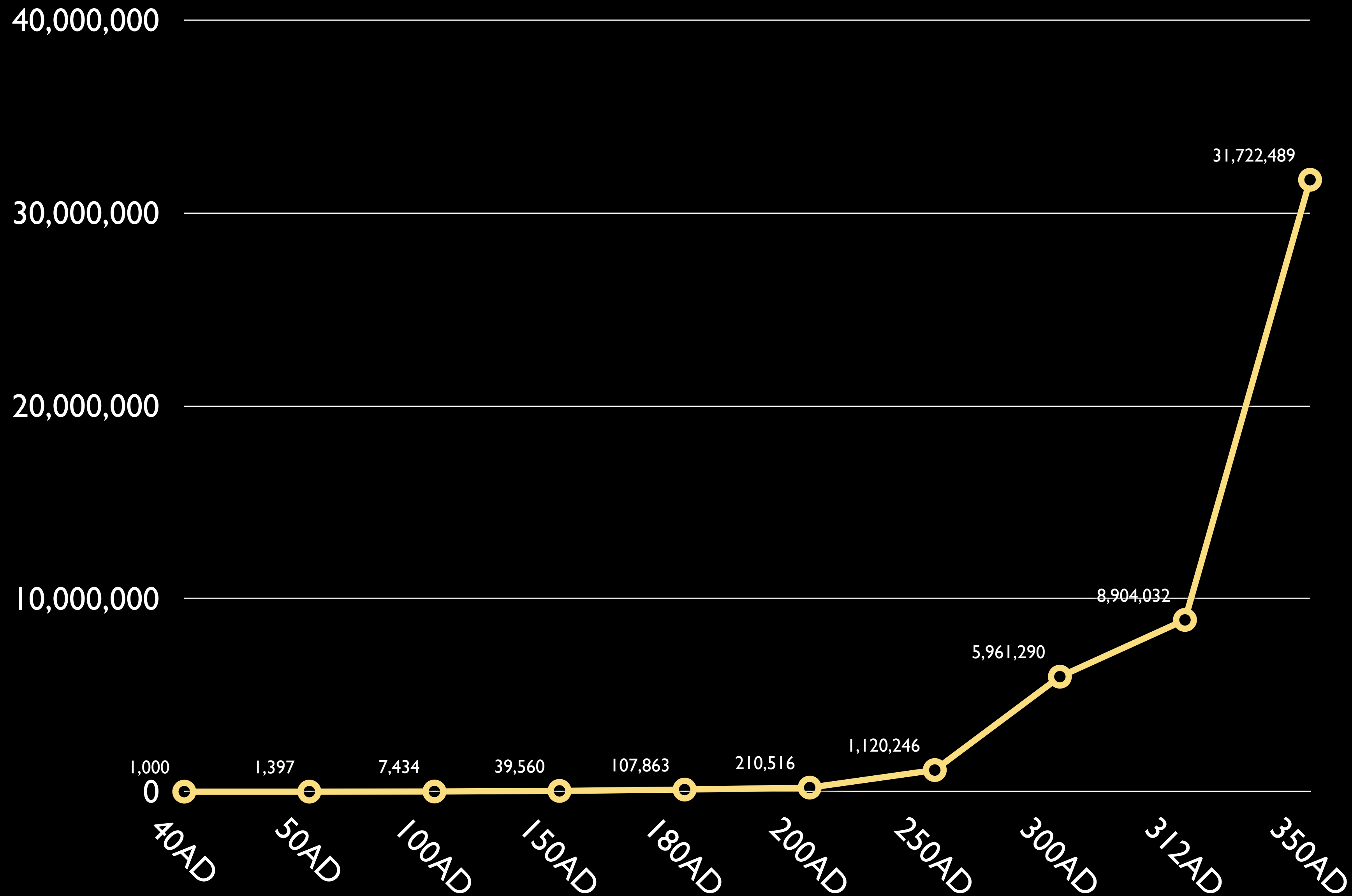
Why do we get **upset** about **greed**?



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# Growth of the Early Church



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