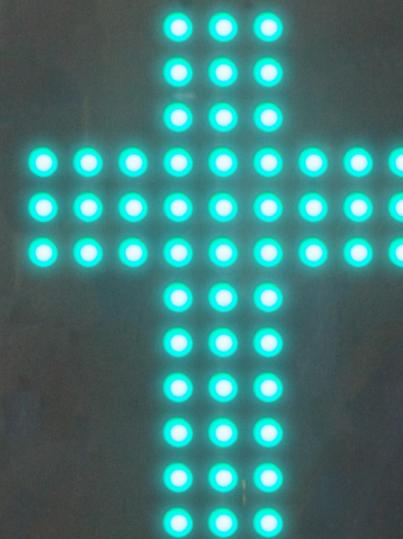
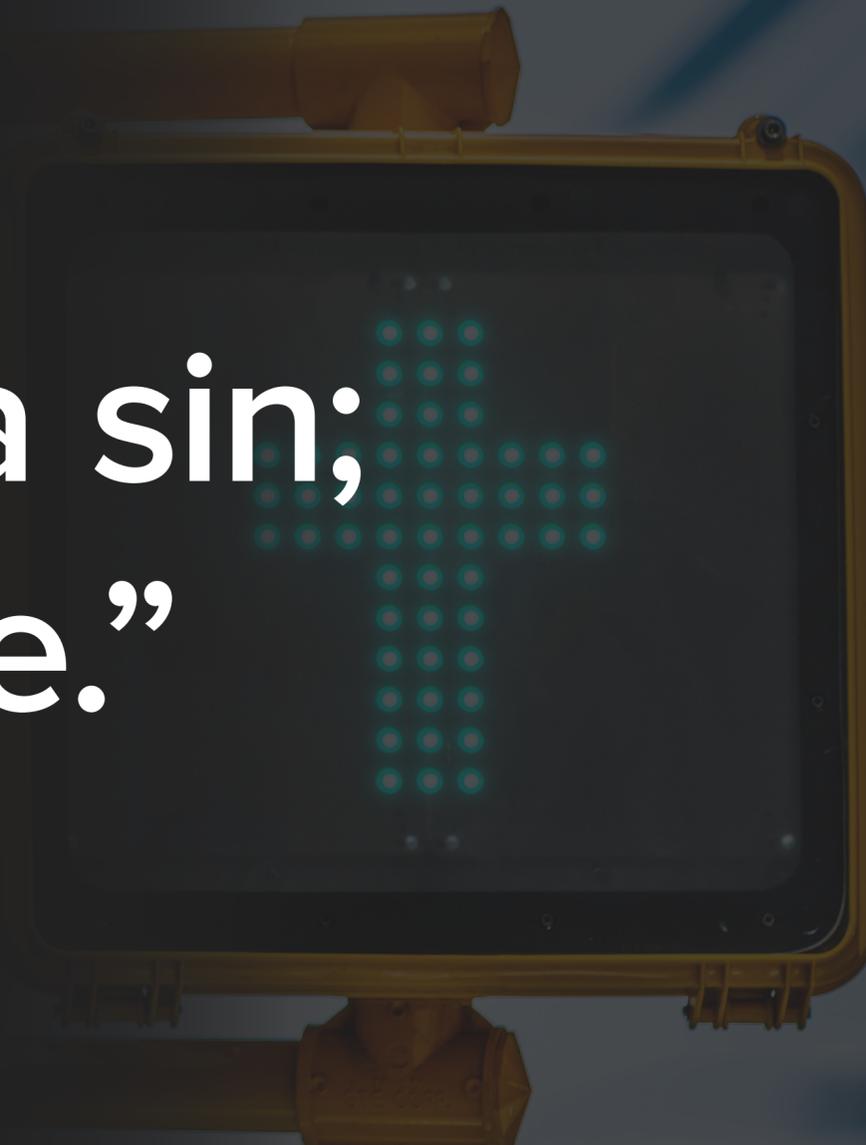


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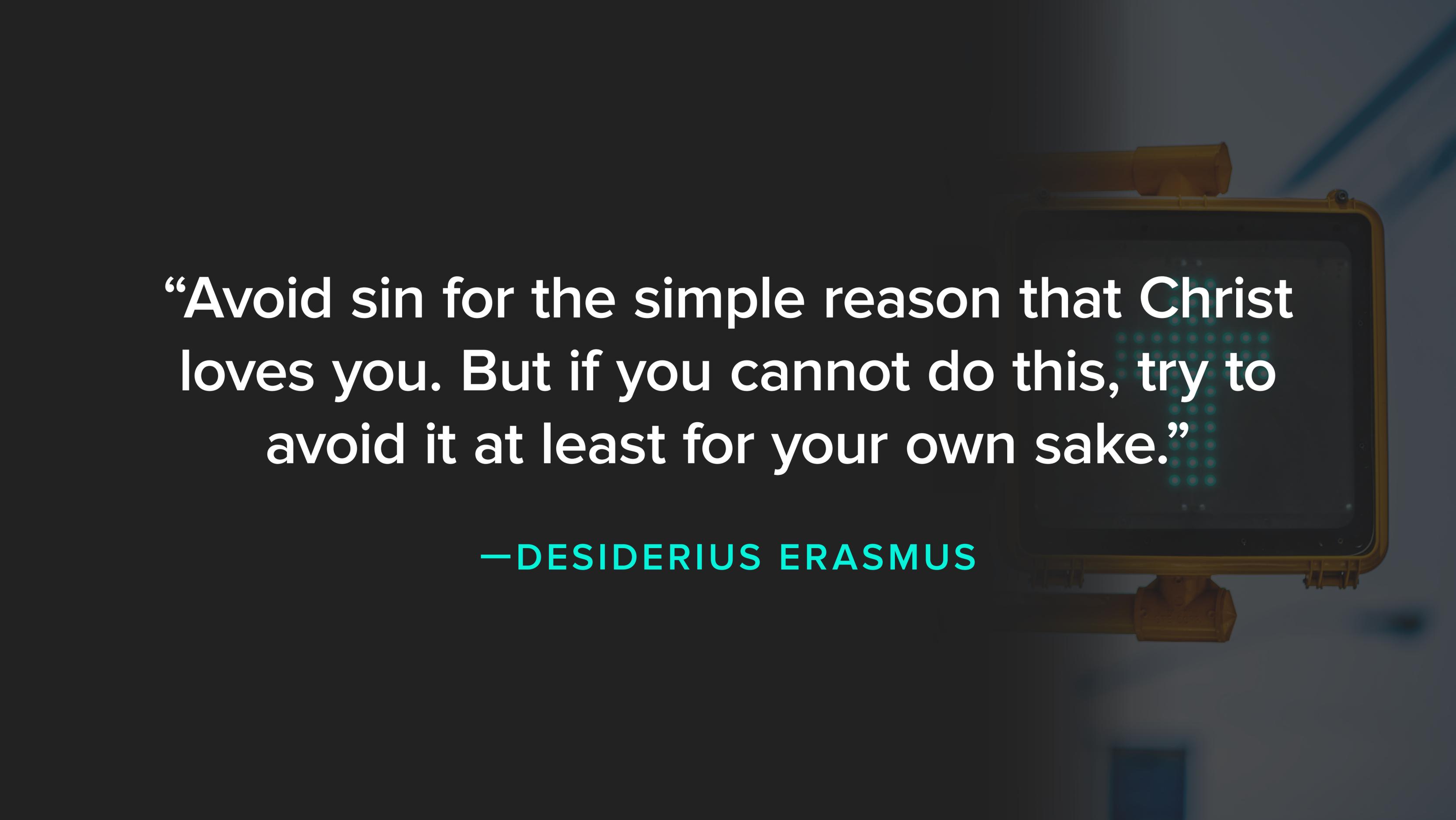
**DEFEATING TEMPTATION**



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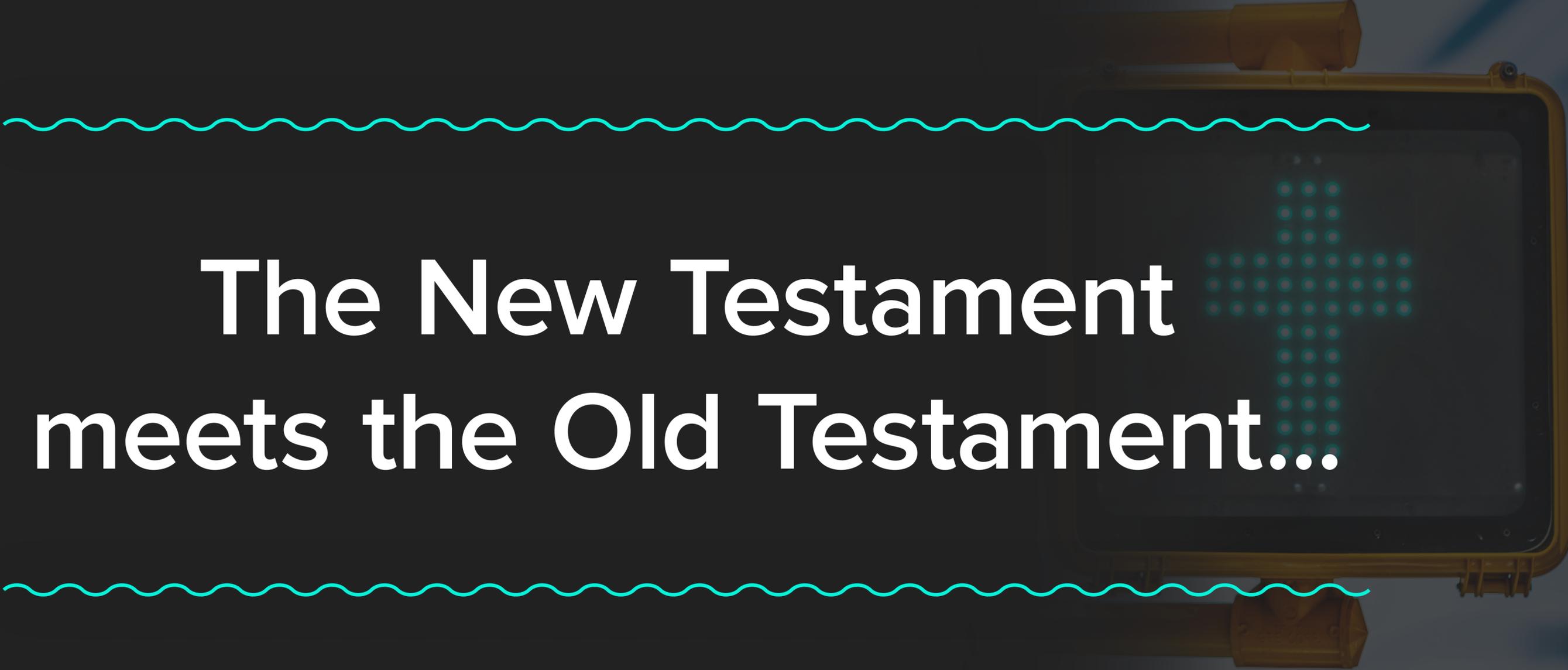
“Temptation is not a sin;  
it is a call to battle.”

—ERWIN W. LUTZER



**“Avoid sin for the simple reason that Christ loves you. But if you cannot do this, try to avoid it at least for your own sake.”**

**—DESIDERIUS ERASMUS**

A yellow traffic sign with a glowing cyan cross in the background. The sign is framed by two wavy cyan lines. The text is centered on the sign.

**The New Testament  
meets the Old Testament...**

## I CORINTHIANS 10:1-4

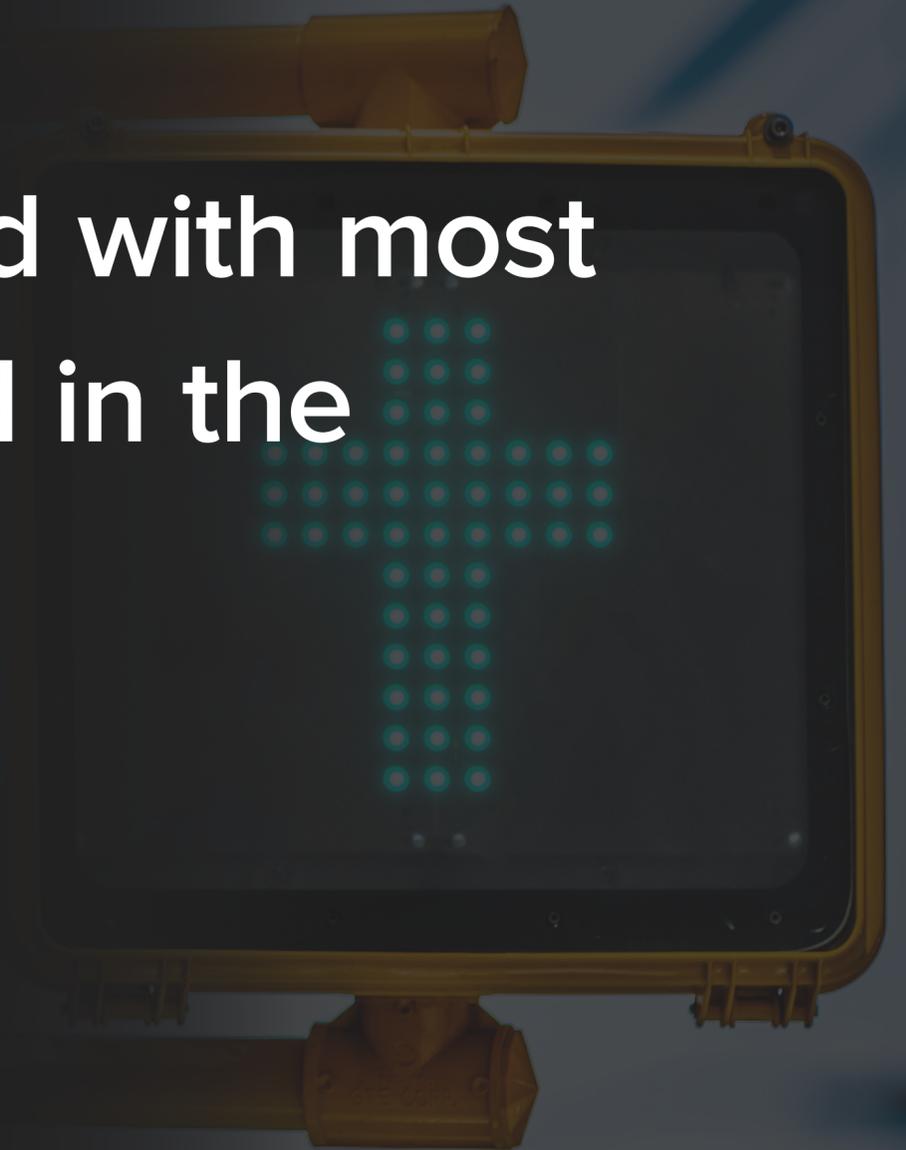
<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-4

<sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:5

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.



**A short list...**

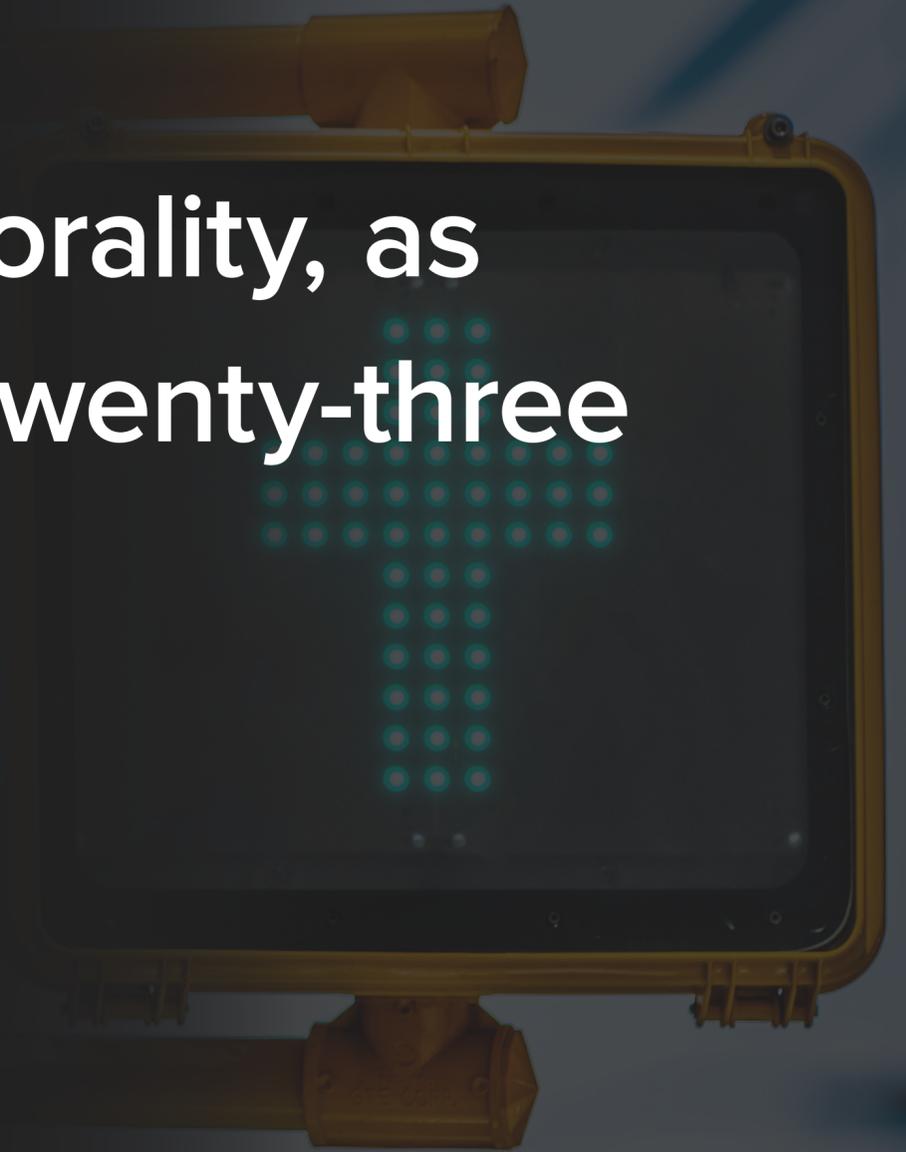


## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:7

<sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”

## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:8

<sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.



## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:9

<sup>9</sup> We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.



## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:10

<sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—  
and were killed by the destroying angel.



**Our way out...**



- Understand the battle for your affections



## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:6

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.



“A moralist will be unsuccessful in trying to displace his love of the world by reviewing the ills of the world. Misplaced affections need to be replaced by the far greater power of the affection of the Gospel.”

—THOMAS CHAMBERS  
THE EXPULSIVE POWER OF A NEW AFFECTION

- Understand the battle for your affections
- **Stop lying to yourself**



## I CORINTHIANS 10:11-12

<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

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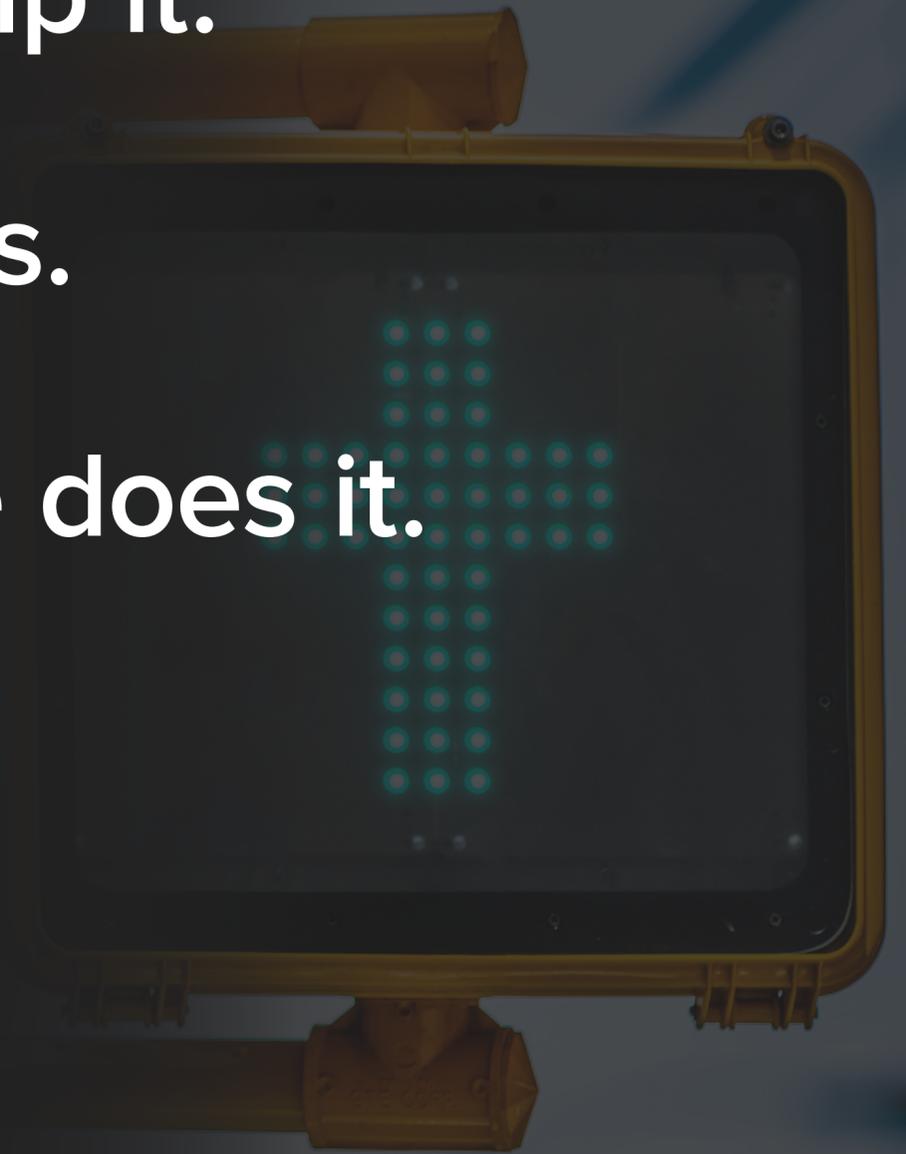
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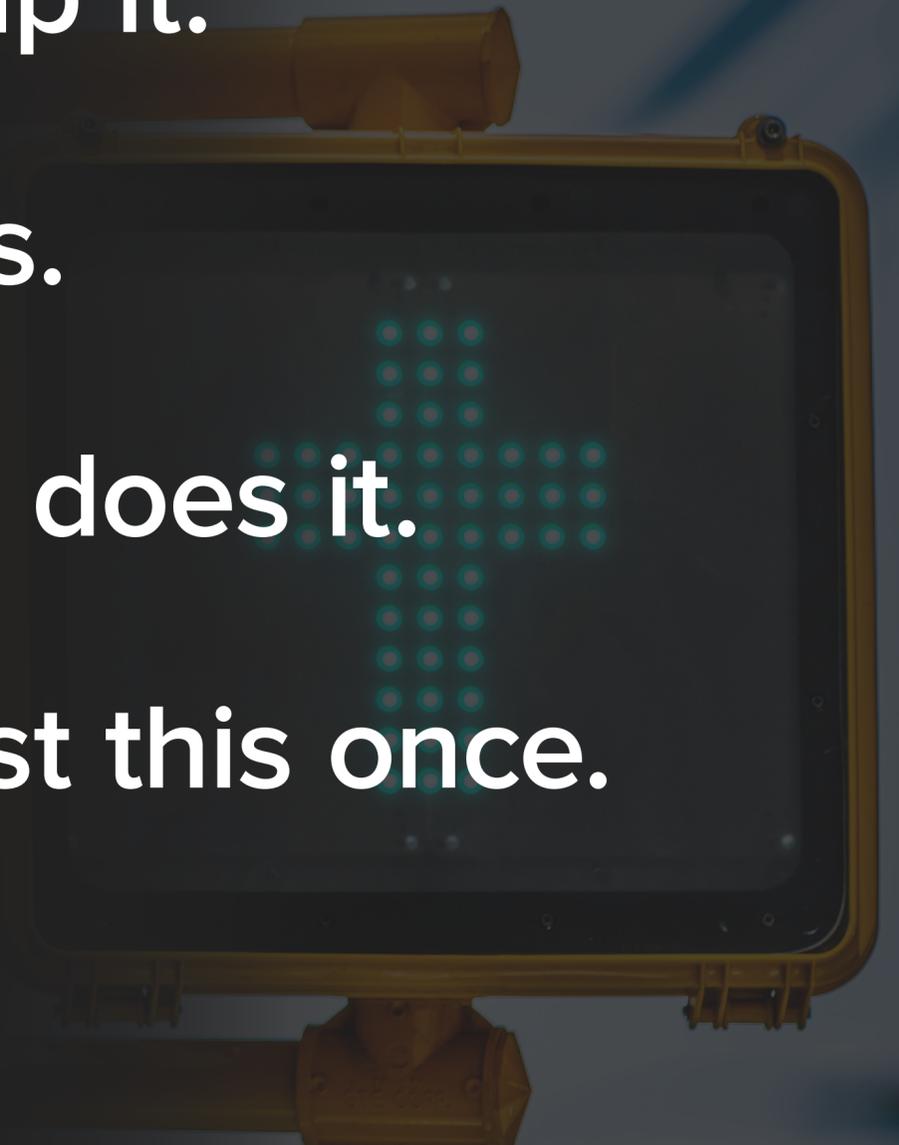
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10. Always being good  
gets old.

- Understand the battle for your affections
- Stop lying to yourself
- **Look for God's way out**



## I CORINTHIANS 10:13

<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

— Jesus' Cross



## ROMANS 6:5-7

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him [Jesus] so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with,

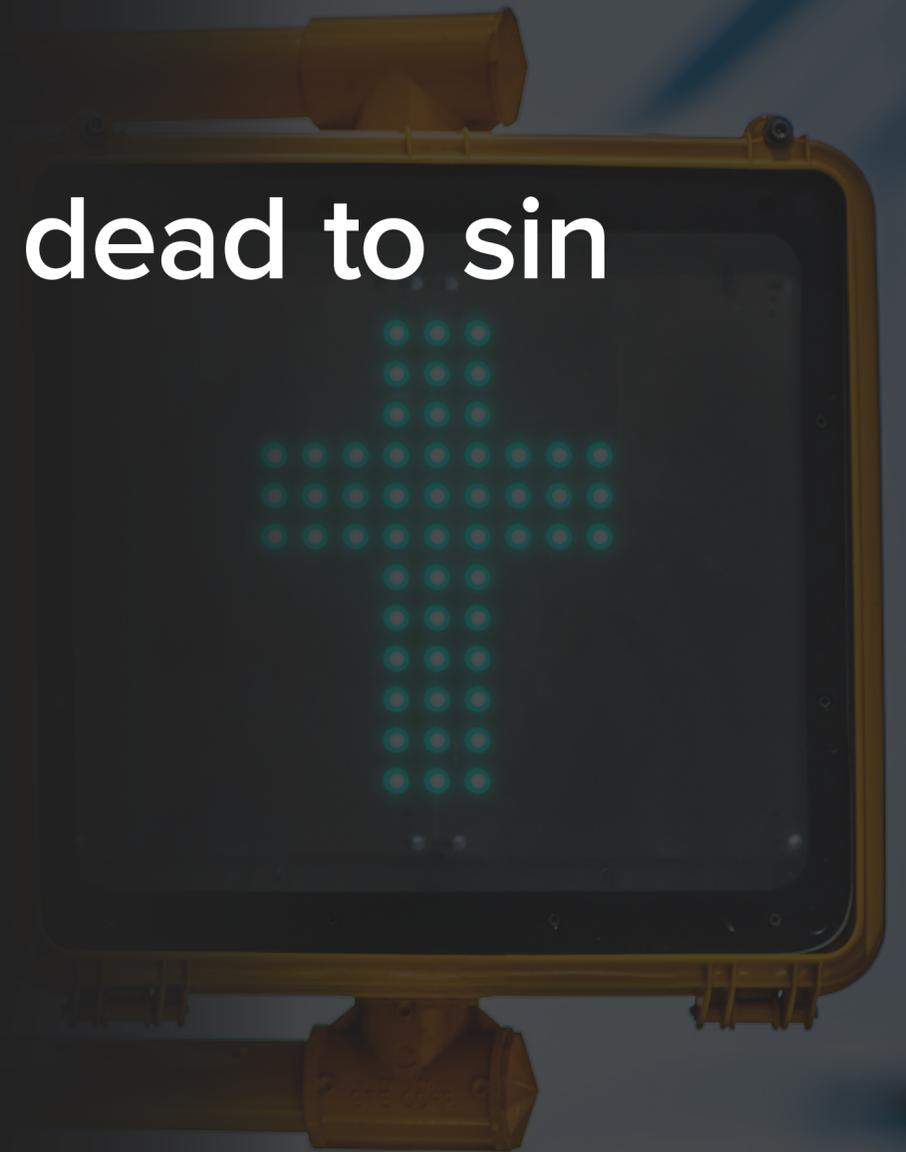
## ROMANS 6:5-7

that we should no longer be slaves to sin—  
7 because anyone who has died has been set  
free from sin.



## ROMANS 6:11

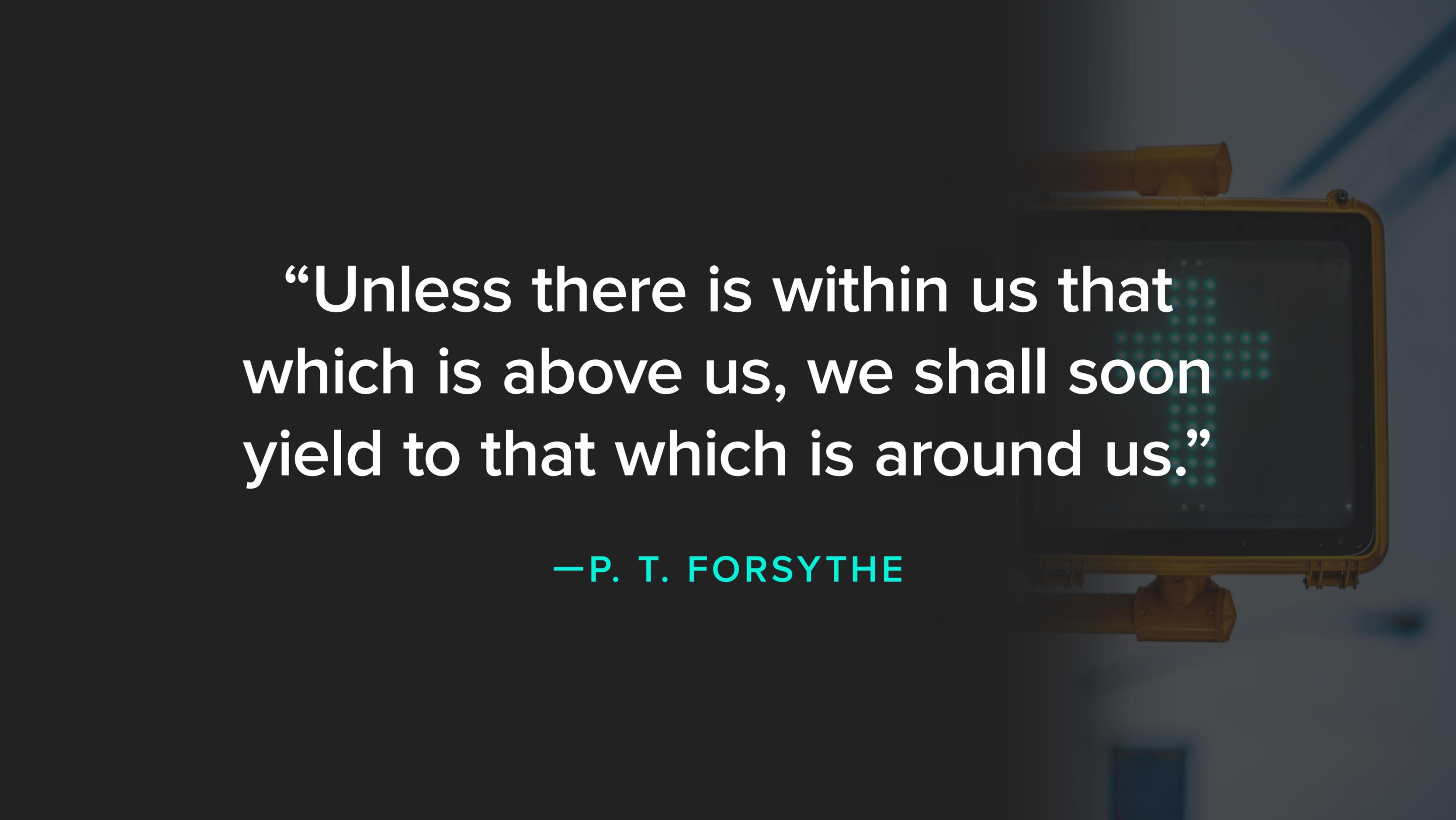
<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.



— Jesus' Cross

— Jesus' Spirit





“Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is around us.”

—P. T. FORSYTHE

## ROMANS 8:7-9A

<sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

## ROMANS 8:11

<sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

