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## STARTERS

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**Flattened Marriage**  
Resting on a bed of half-boiled excuses and to-do lists  
-or-  
**Salt-Crusted Discipline**  
Combined with slow-roasted Corinthian endurance

### PURPOSE OVER POPULARITY

**Hand-Picked Approval of Others**  
Plated with marinated comparison and a side of buttered self-sticks.  
-or-  
**Purpose Soup**  
Chef's daily blend of significance and artisan cheeses

## ENTRÉ

### SURRENDER OVER CONTROL

**Puree of Pickled Perfection**  
Nestled in raised expectations and micromanged potatoes  
-or-  
**Old-Fashioned Surrender Pie**  
Accompanied by cooled cucumbers and an anxiety reduction

### IMPORTANT OVER URGENT

**Flash-Fried Demands**  
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**Well-Prepared Filet of Importance**  
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**There is the most important spiritual choice  
you will ever make Jesus or NOT**

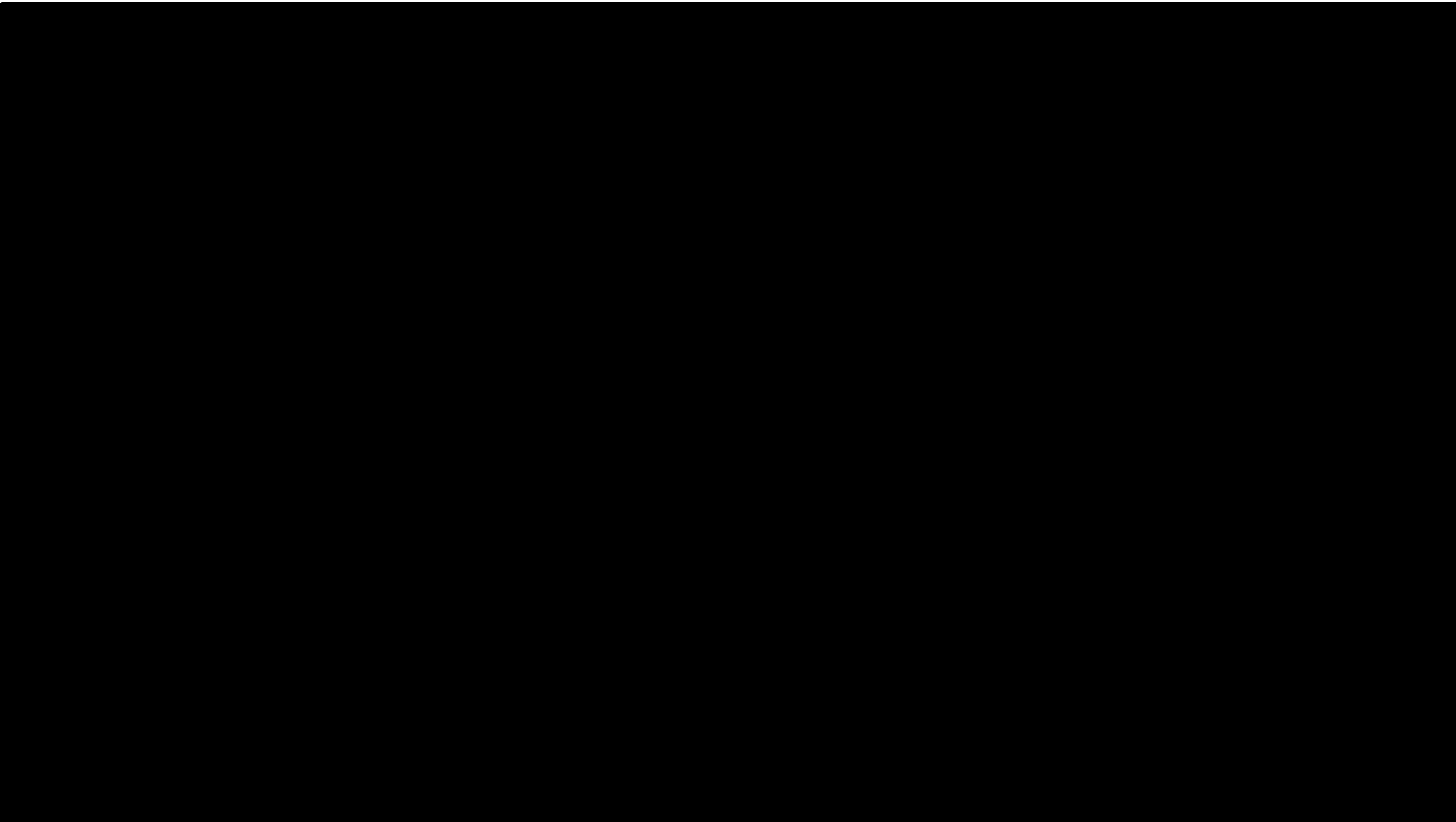
**Which church should I go to?**

**Which translation of the Bible should I use?**

**Which type of music should we play in worship?**

**Which food are we going to  
serve at a fellowship event**

**4 Key Choices**



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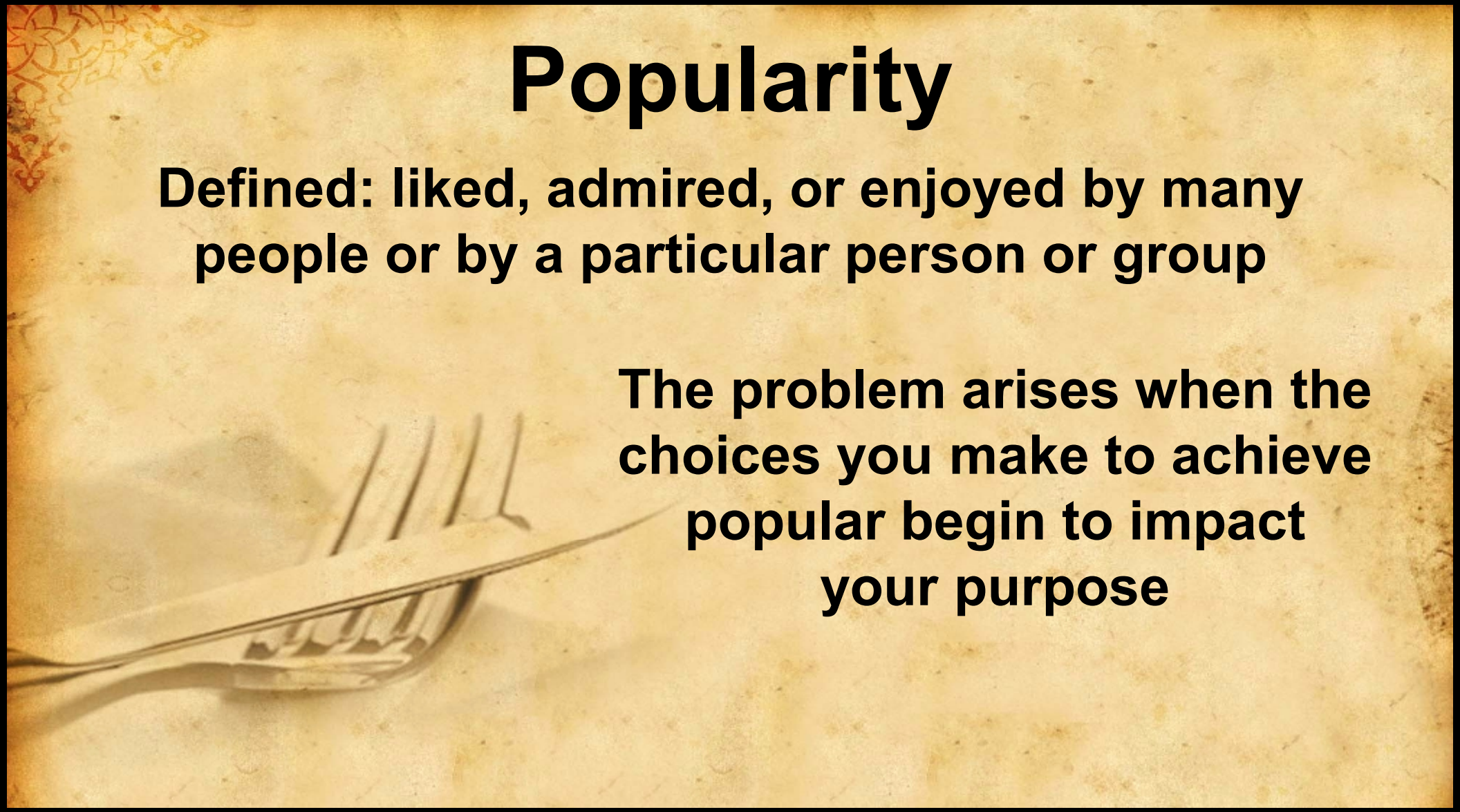
# Purpose Over Popularity



# Popularity

**Defined: liked, admired, or enjoyed by many people or by a particular person or group**

**The problem arises when the choices you make to achieve popular begin to impact your purpose**



# Purpose

**Defined: the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists.**


**Our Purpose: Our Purpose is to give glory to God by meeting people where they are, sharing Jesus with them in a meaningful way, and encouraging them to live in a growing relationship with Him.**



# **What About Me the Individual**

**.. to live in a growing relationship with Him**

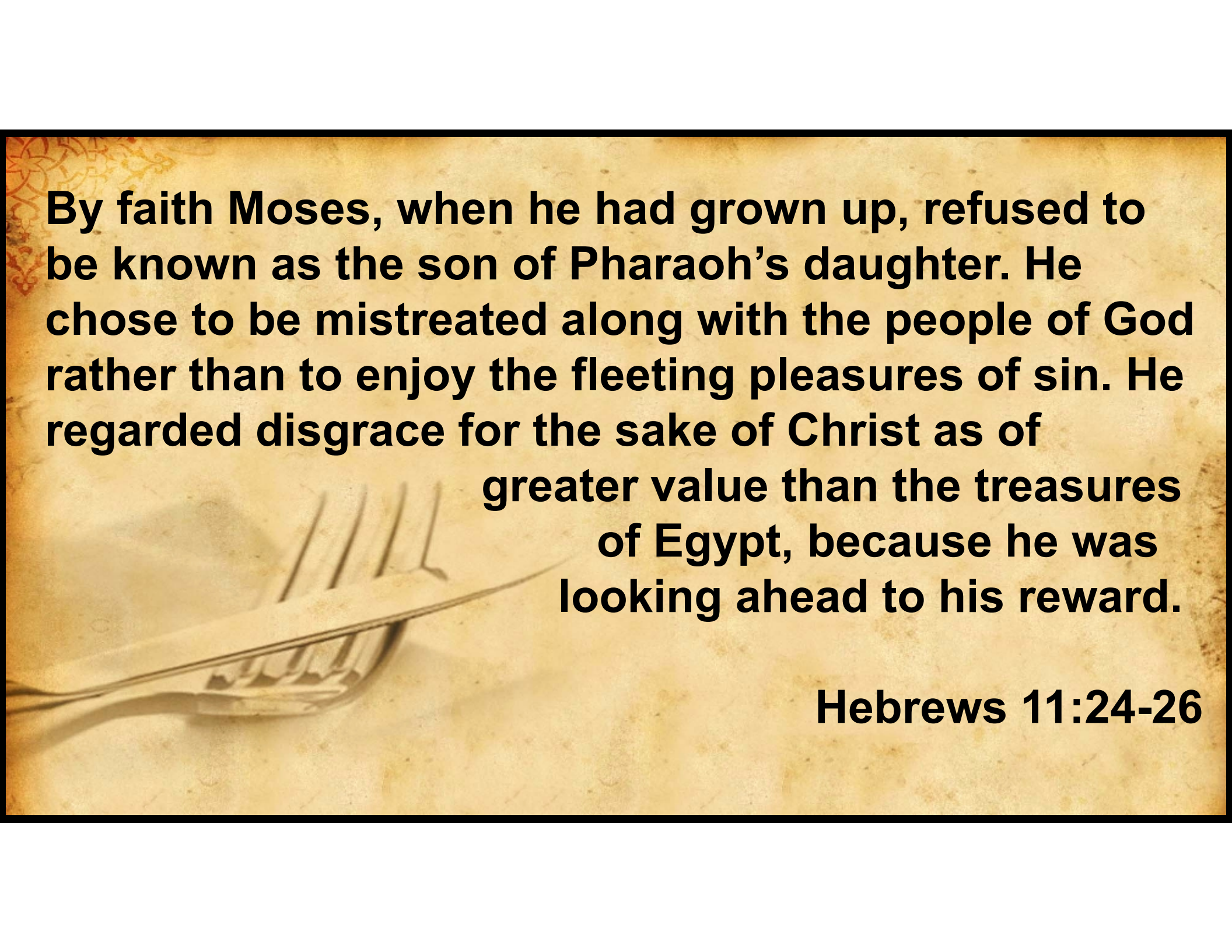




**The Choice: Living for the approval  
of people can keep you  
from the purpose of God**

**Hebrews 11:24-26**

**.. to live in a growing relationship with Him**



**By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.**

**Hebrews 11:24-26**

## **The Worldly Mom (Egypt)**

**Comfort**

**Being waited on**

**Best education**

**Hang with the in crowd**

**Royalty**

## **The Godly Mom (People of God)**

**Hard Work**

**Being mistreated**

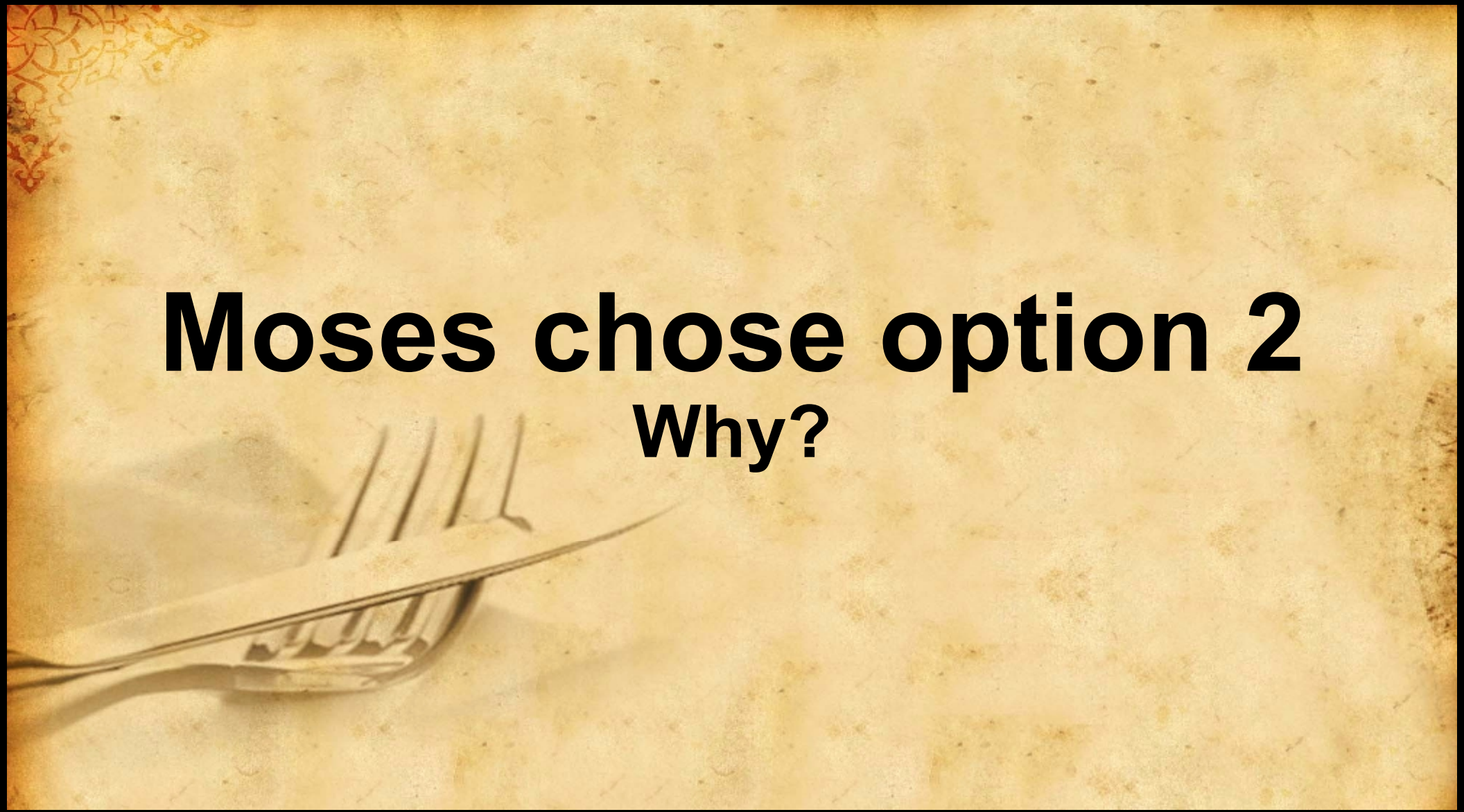
**Learn how to make bricks**

**Hang with the outcasts**

**Slavery**


**Does not sound like  
much of a choice right?**

**Moses chose option 2**  
**Why?**



# **His value system was right side up!**

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# **Choice 1: Moses Chose not to be a consumer**

**He saw all the "things" that went with mom 1 as fleeting**

**Make no mistake they were fun (pleasure)**

**But he realized they would not last**

**He understood they would put him on an endless  
path of living for the next big thing**

**Being a consumer is  
Addictive**



## **Choice 2: Moses Chose to invest in the better value**

**Everybody is looking for return on investment**

**We want bang for our buck (or time)**

**This is what makes Moses' choice awesome**

**He saw the value in following God**

**The investment plan**

**Matthew 6:19-21**



**Choice 3: Moses Chose to live  
for tomorrow instead of today**

**Yuk!**

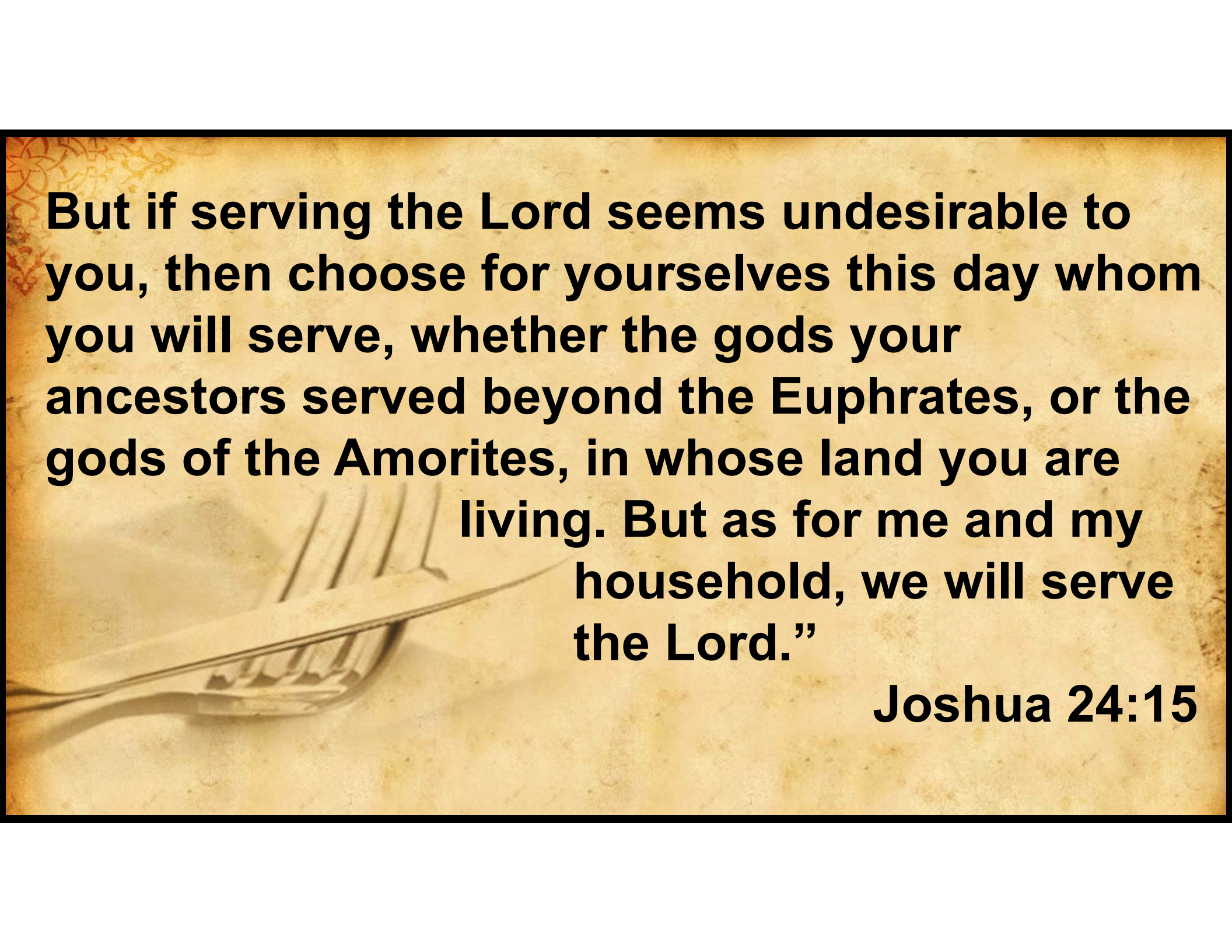
**This is probably the most difficult choice  
we ever have to make or is it?**

**Funny all across our physical lives we  
make choices about tomorrow**

**In our spiritual life we want it  
to be about today**

**The passage tells us he saw the big picture (hard)**



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**But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”**

**Joshua 24:15**

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