

I CHOOSE

STARTERS

DISCIPLINE OVER REGRET

- 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**
Nested in raised expectations and micromanaged potatoes
-or-
- Old-Fashioned Surrender Pie**
Accompanied by cooled cucumbers and an anxiety reduction

IMPORTANT OVER URGENT

- Flash-Fried Demands**
Tossed with frazzled nerves and burnt-to-a-crisp bacon
-or-
- Well-Prepared Filet of Importance**
Served over a meditation on rice and responsibly sourced olives

Perfectionism

Refusal to accept any standard short of perfection

Problem 1: Perfect according to what standard?

Problem 2: This mentality puts all the pressure on me

Problem 3: Nobody else matters (Not Even God)

Problem 4. It's an unreachable goal

Perfectionism

is only possible if I am in control of everything

Somethings are just out of my control

The Weather

Other People

Circumstances

People get sick

Accidents happen

An unforeseen events or actions



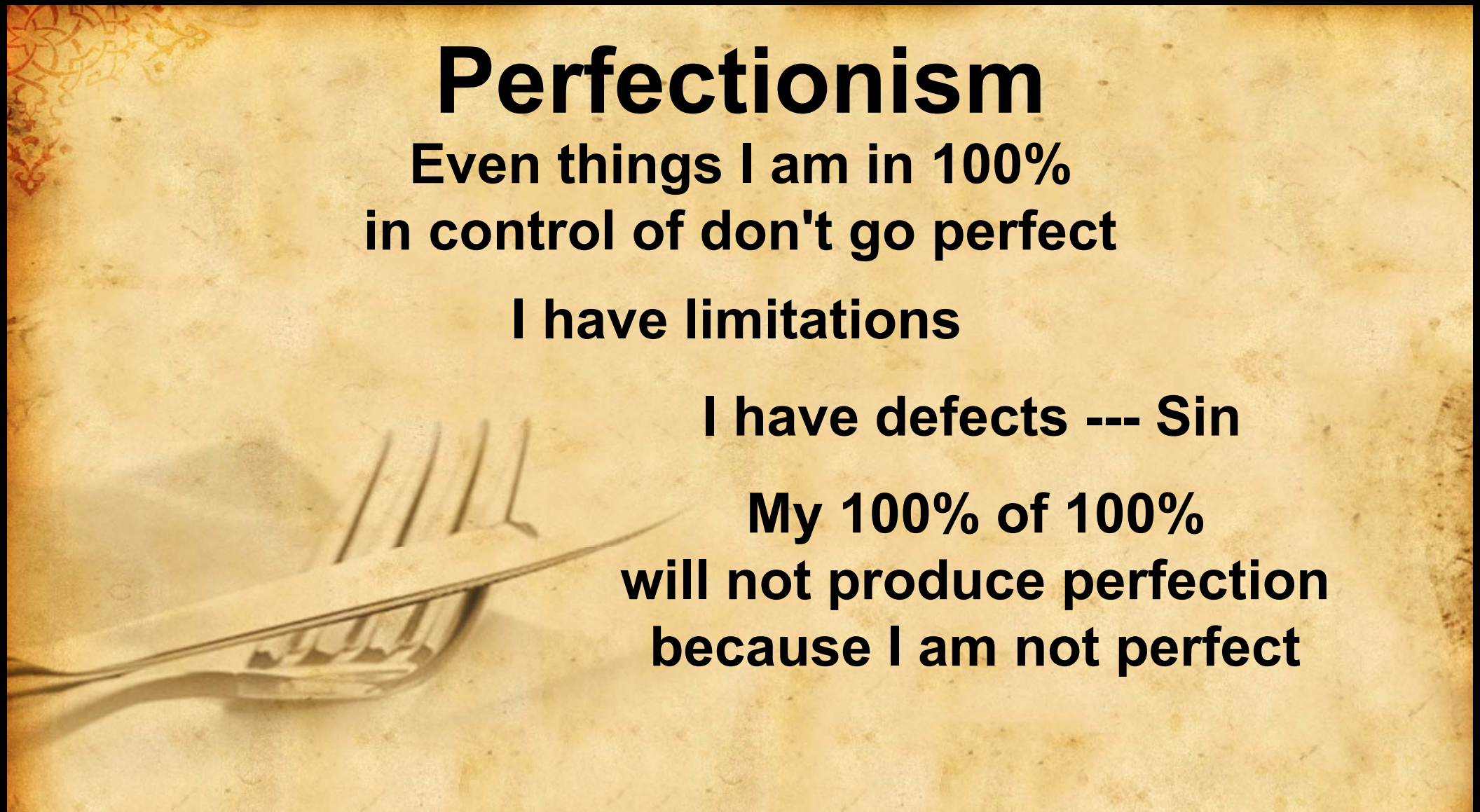
Perfectionism

**Even things I am in 100%
in control of don't go perfect**

I have limitations

I have defects --- Sin

**My 100% of 100%
will not produce perfection
because I am not perfect**



Surrender Over Control



Surrender

**Cease resistance to an enemy or opponent
and submit to their authority**

Who is God to You?

**Is He your enemy
--- Seeking to destroy**

**Is He your opponent
--- Competition with**

Is He your authority --- In charge



**How you view God will determine
how you interact with Him**

Enemy or Opponent

Its a struggle

**We resist that is until
we are in over our heads**

Then we stop usually begrudgingly

We feel like failures



Dealing with God this way is exhausting

It leaves us seeing God negatively

After all we did not give up control, we simply lost

**It sets up the next battle
because I lost this one**

**This constant battle mode
sucks the wind right out of our
spiritual sails**

Authority

the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience.

View as God has the power (**Job 12:1**)

View as God has the right
(**Romans 9:21**)

to Give Orders

to Make Decisions

to Enforce Obedience



Our Action --- Submit

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to God, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Note: Order is Relevant



Trust in the LORD with all your heart


Submission begins with the idea of trust

You have to believe God is able

You have to believe God is available

**You have to believe God wants
what is best for you**

**If you do not, then you
will **NEVER** submit**



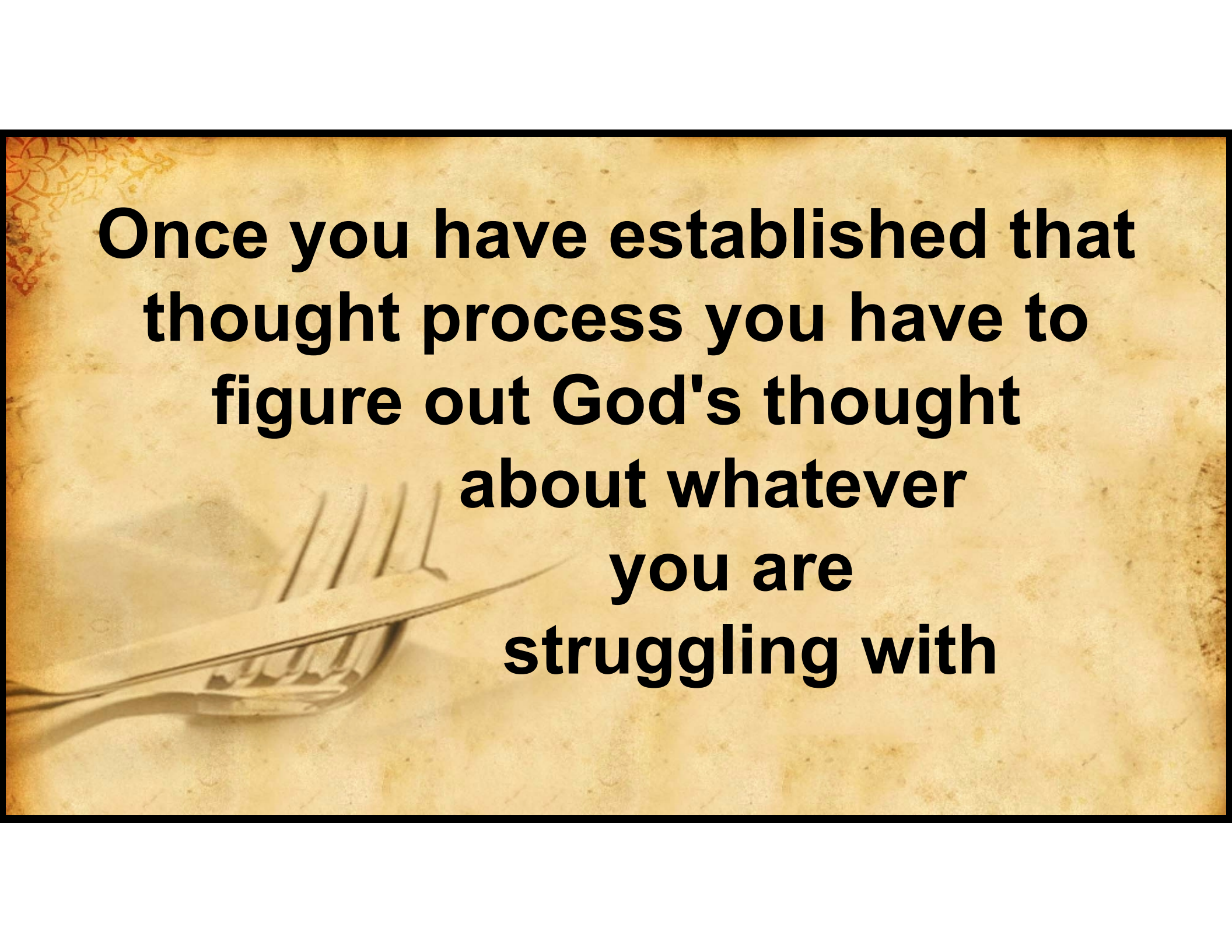
**You may do battle from time
to time but you will
NEVER be
at peace with
giving up control**

Lean not on your own understanding

**First you have to come to
the conclusion your understanding
has limits and God's is limitless
(Humble)**

**If you are waiting for
everything to make sense
before you submit you will
never submit
(Faith)**





**Once you have established that
thought process you have to
figure out God's thought
about whatever
you are
struggling with**


Figuring the Mind of God

**Look for the “Thou Shalts”
or “Thou shalt nots”**

Look for the guiding principals that may apply

**Consult with a brother or
sister in Christ
(Mentor/Fellowship)**

Pray



**In all your ways submit to God
Once you have figured out what
God thinks or says,**

DO IT!



He will make your paths straight

Continue down the path --- Keep doing it!

**The word straight here does not mean perfect,
it means clear**

**Problems will still come, but on a
clear straight path
you can see them coming
from a mile away**

**When you see them coming go back
to steps 1 through 4**

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