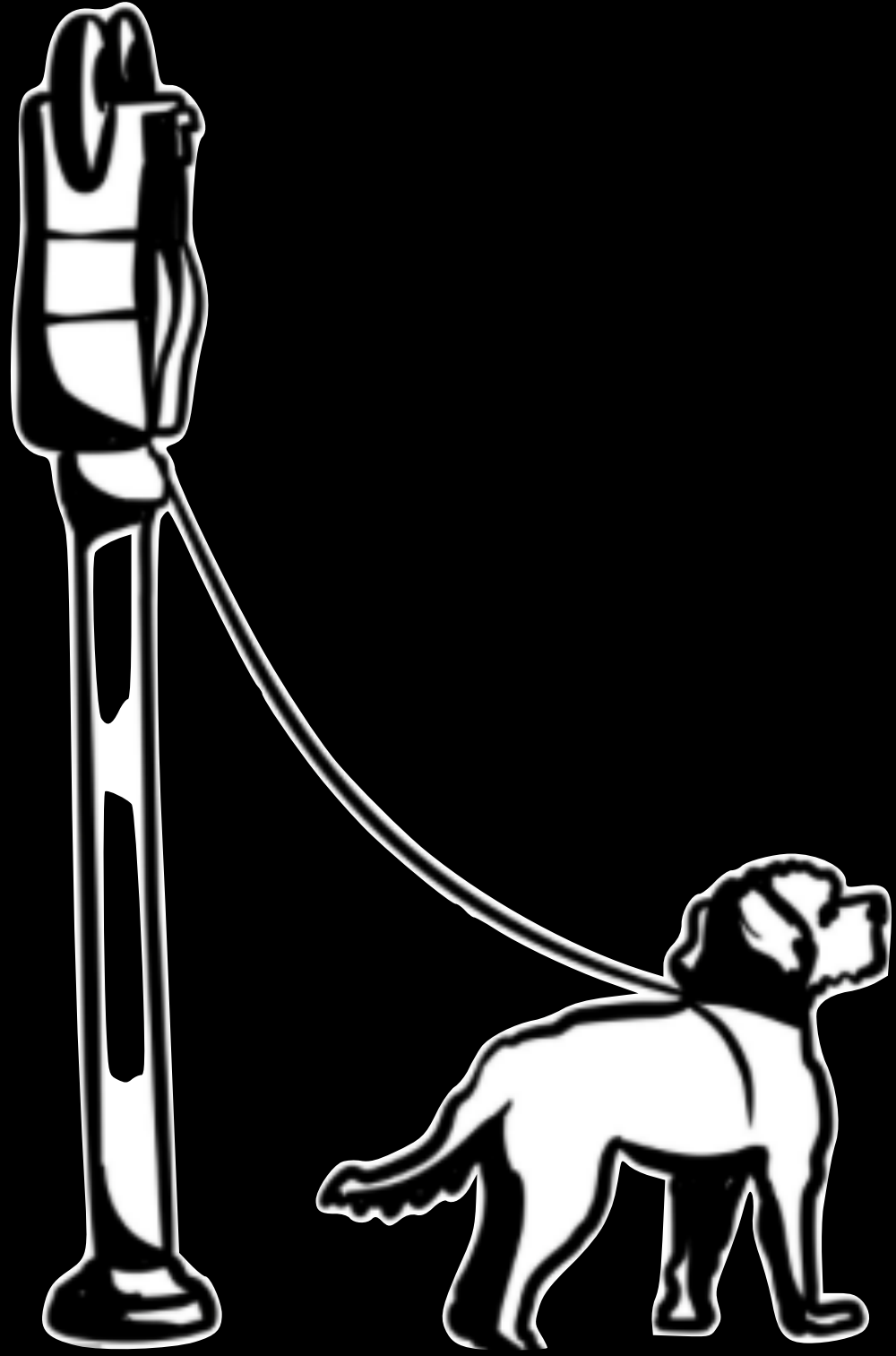




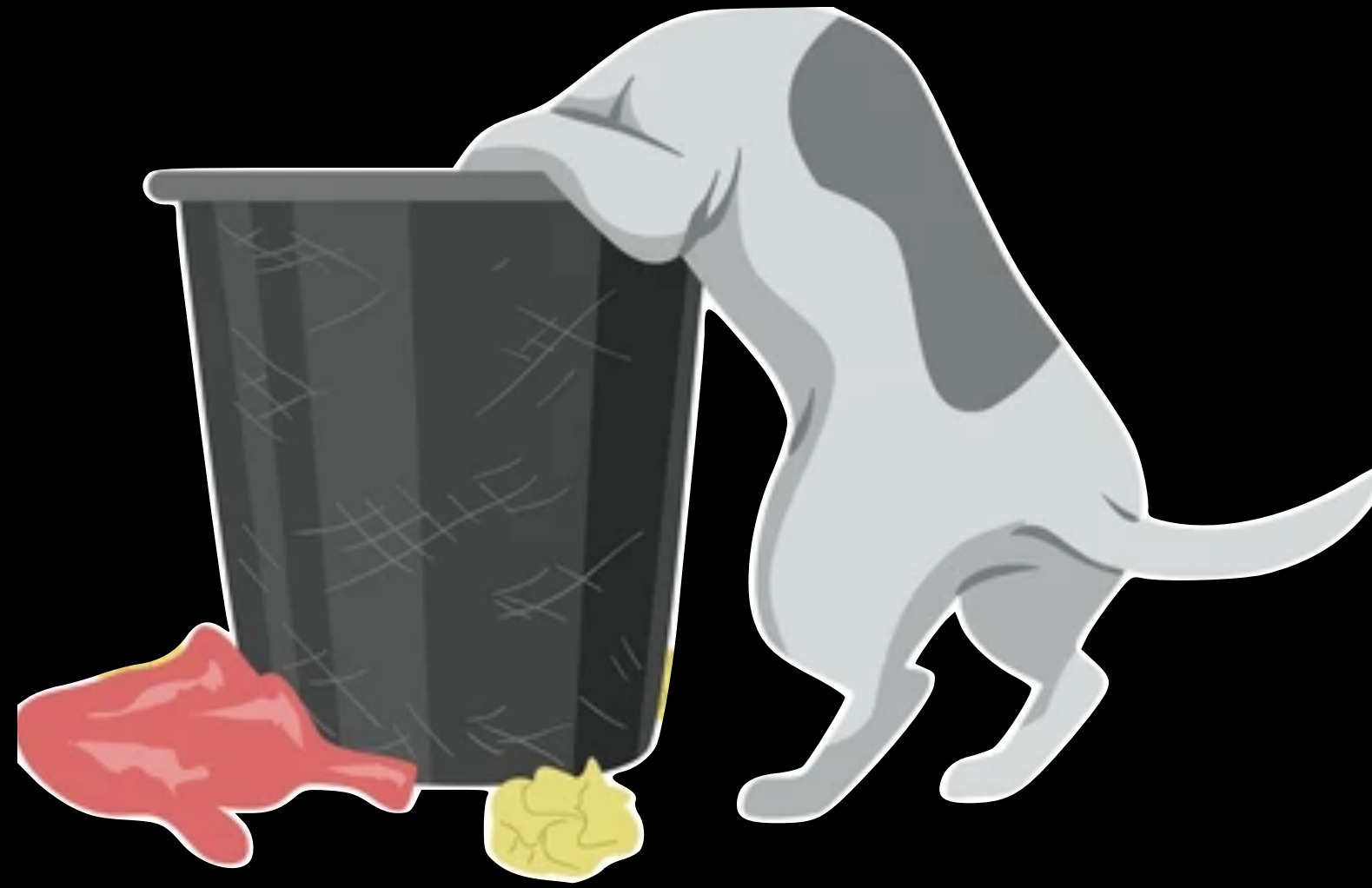
GALATIANS 5:13-26

CRUCIFY & CONQUER

STORY OF 3 DOGS



Dog A

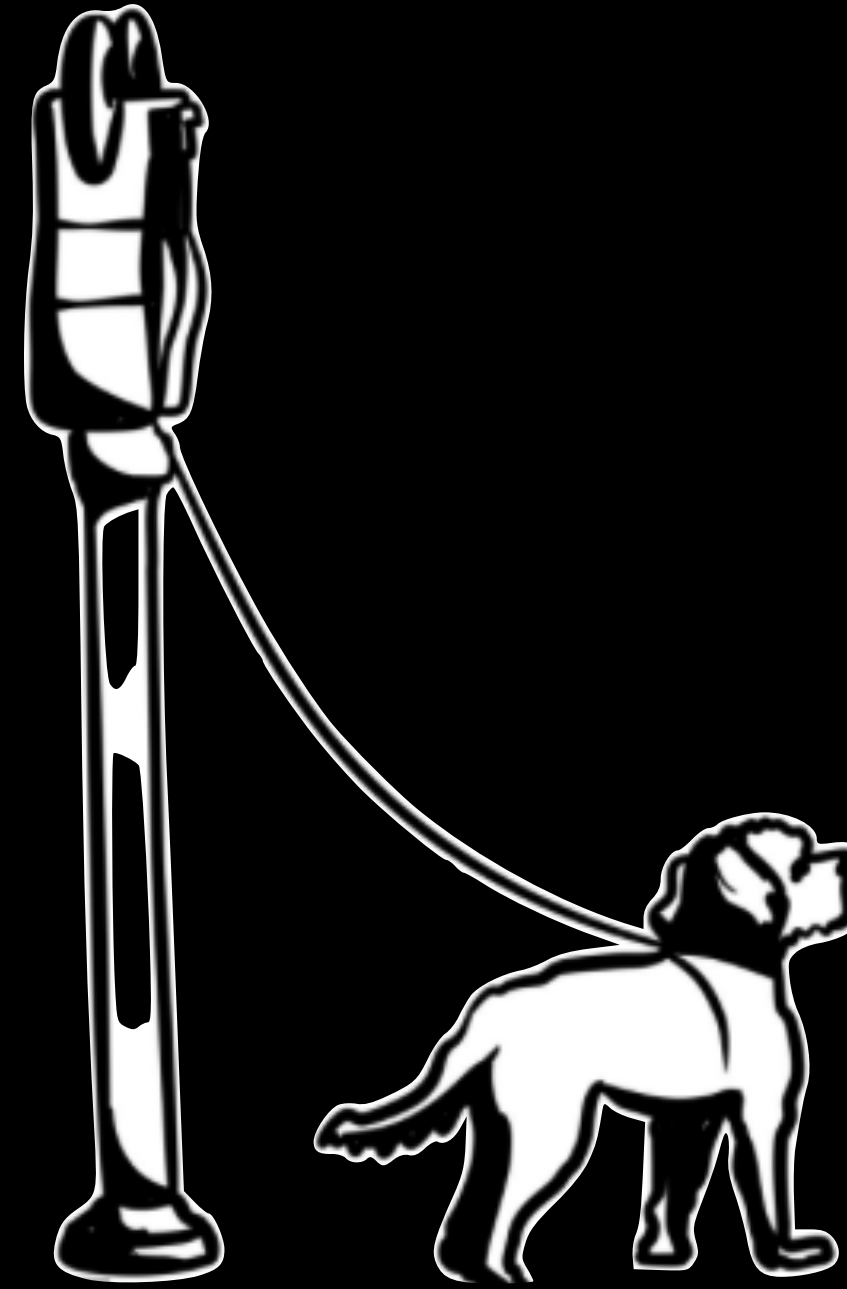


Dog B



Dog C

DOG A - RECAP (V1-12)



- ▶ Still bound to the law
- ▶ Slaves, laborious
- ▶ Rely on own works
- ▶ Misguided by false teachers
- ▶ Similar to Older brother (Parable of Prodigal son)

INTRODUCTION

"Crucify & Conquer"

Kingdom of God = crucify the flesh ,conquer it with the Spirit

The flesh corrupts and has to die before the Spirit transforms.

It starts with:

- ▶ Coming back to the cross
- ▶ Living with the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:13-26 (ESV)

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

GALATIANS 5:13-26 (ESV)

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions,
divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I
warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom
of God.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions
and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

"Crucify & Conquer"



Point #1 The Cautions

Point #2 The Corners

- ▶ The Corrupt
- ▶ The Contender

Response Crucify & Conquer!

#1 THE CAUTIONS



The Cautions of a freed live
(5:13-15)

Cautions of a Freed life

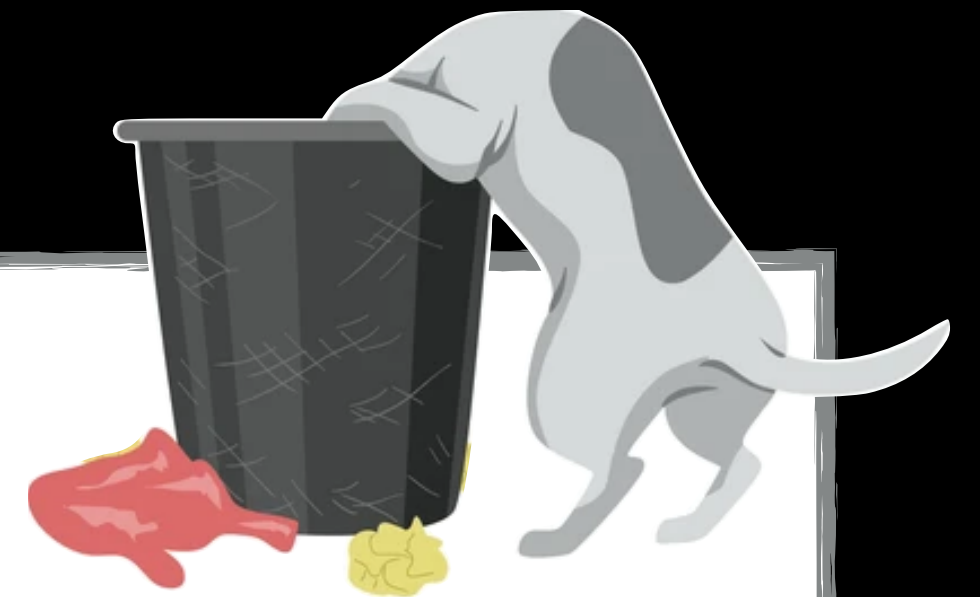
#1 

¹³ *For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

Liberated Galatians not slaves to the law
BUT

Lawless group: abusing 'freedom' -> *License to sin*

**Liberty = ~~Legalism~~
≠ Licence**



Flesh (Definition & Characteristics)

Not physical state. Our sinful heart

- ▶ What are the characteristics of the flesh?
- ▶ What does it do?

¹³ ...Only do not use your freedom as an *opportunity* for the flesh...

¹⁶ ...and you will not *gratify* the *desires* of the flesh...

²⁴ ...the flesh with its *passions* and *desires*...

- ▶ Opportunistic (V13)
- ▶ Seeks gratification (V16)
- ▶ Desiring & Passionate (V16 & V24)

Flesh (What it does) vs Expectations

#1 

¹⁵ But if you **bite** and **devour** one another, watch out that you are not **consumed** by one another.

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"You shall **love your neighbour as yourself**."

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▶ Community

- ▶ **Bite** - hurt
- ▶ **Devour** - bring down
- ▶ **Consume** - disunity

▶ Personal

- ▶ Works of the flesh (V19-21)

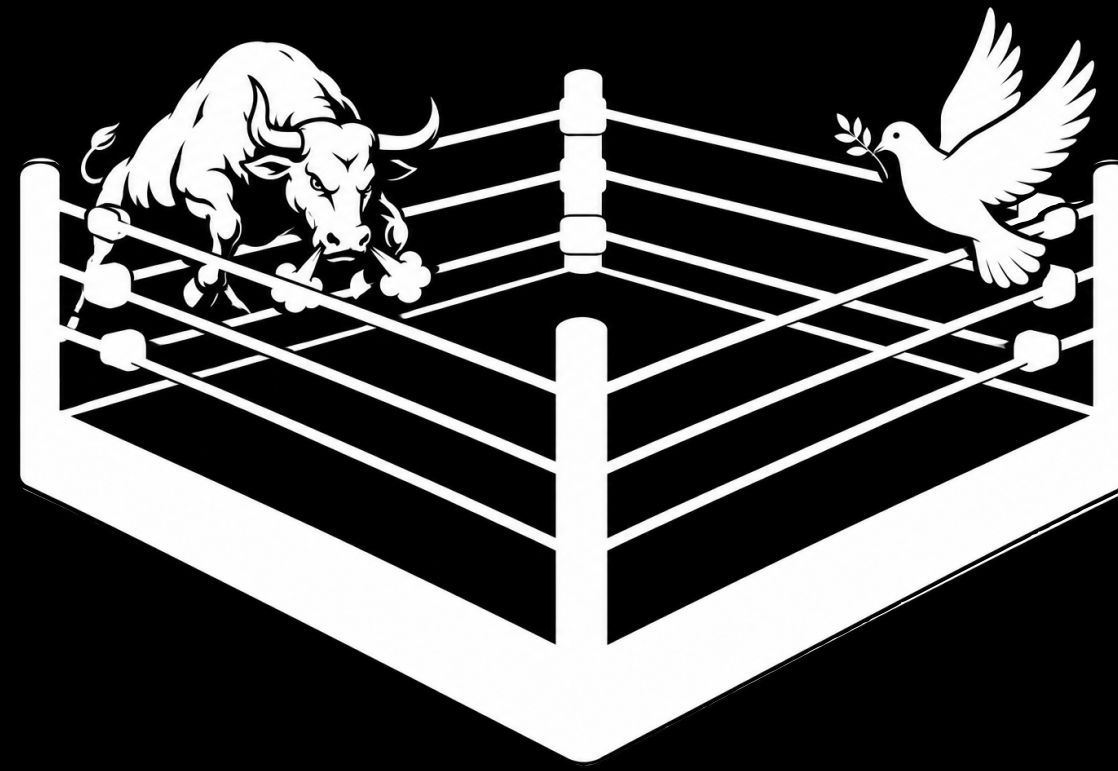
▶ Community

- ▶ **Love** - and **serve**
- ▶ **as yourself** - Self sacrificial
- ▶ **Not** prideful, antagonising & envious

▶ Personal

- ▶ Fruit of the Spirit (V22-23)

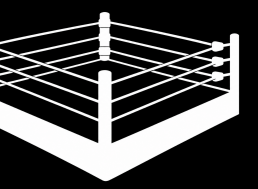
#2 THE CORNERS



The Corners - Flesh & Spirit
(5:16-18)

Battle to win your life

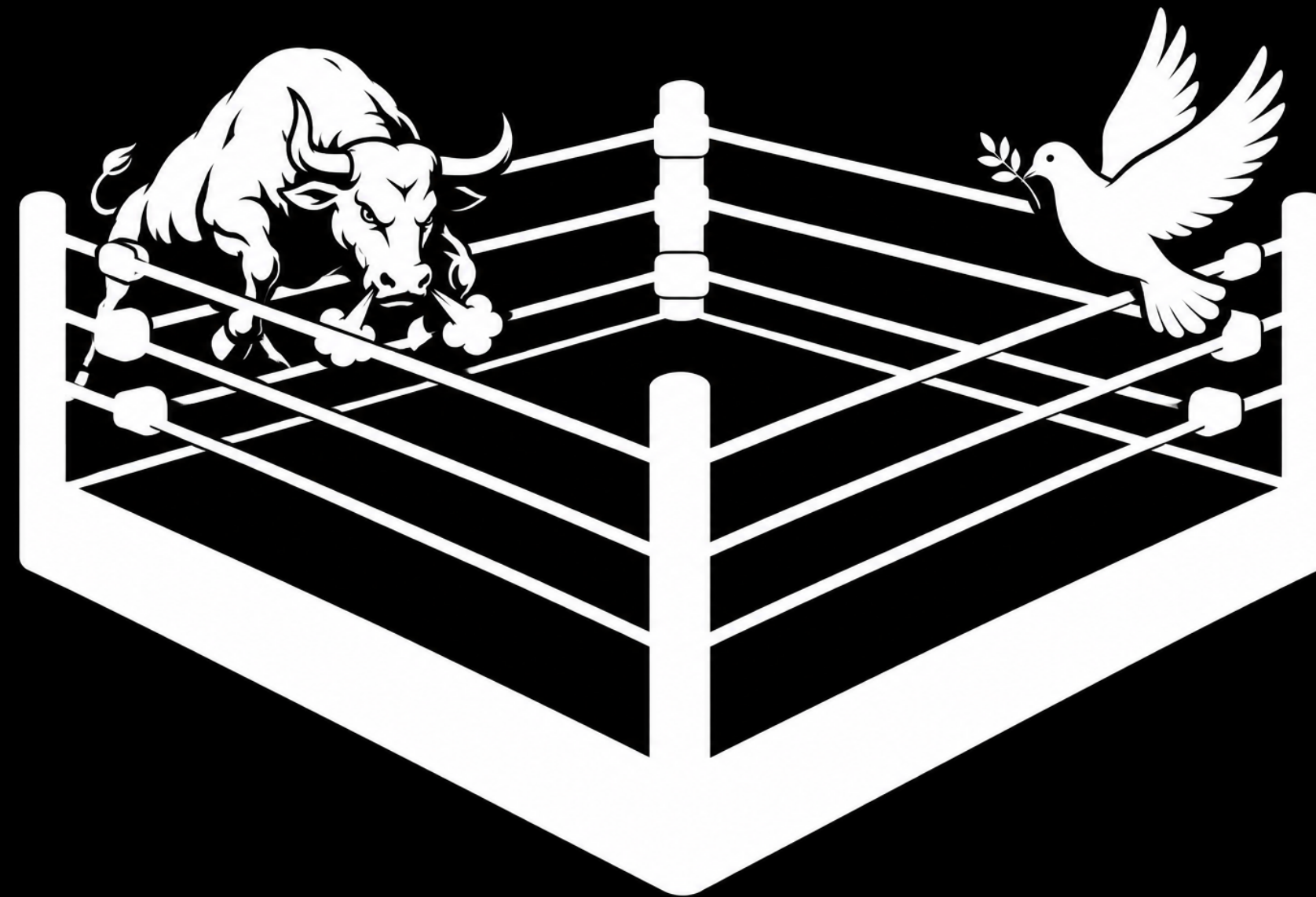
Differences

#2 

¹⁶ But I say, **walk** by the Spirit, and you will not **gratify** the desires of the flesh.
¹⁷ For the **desires** of the flesh are against the Spirit and the **desires** of the Spirit are against the flesh,

Flesh

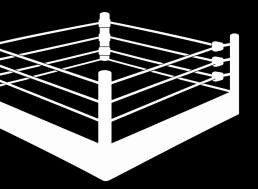
- ▶ **gratify**
 - ▶ Tempts to satisfy its cravings
- ▶ **desires**
 - ▶ Causes us to fall
 - ▶ Selfish



Spirit

- ▶ **walk**
 - ▶ Journeying together
- ▶ **desires**
 - ▶ For our good
 - ▶ Non self-seeking

How the ring craves & influences

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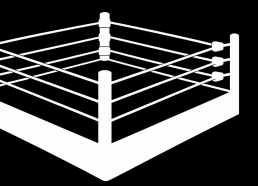


¹³ ...*opportunity* for the flesh...

¹⁶ ...*gratify the desires* of the flesh.

Flesh = *desiring* and *opportunistic*,
craving and influencing

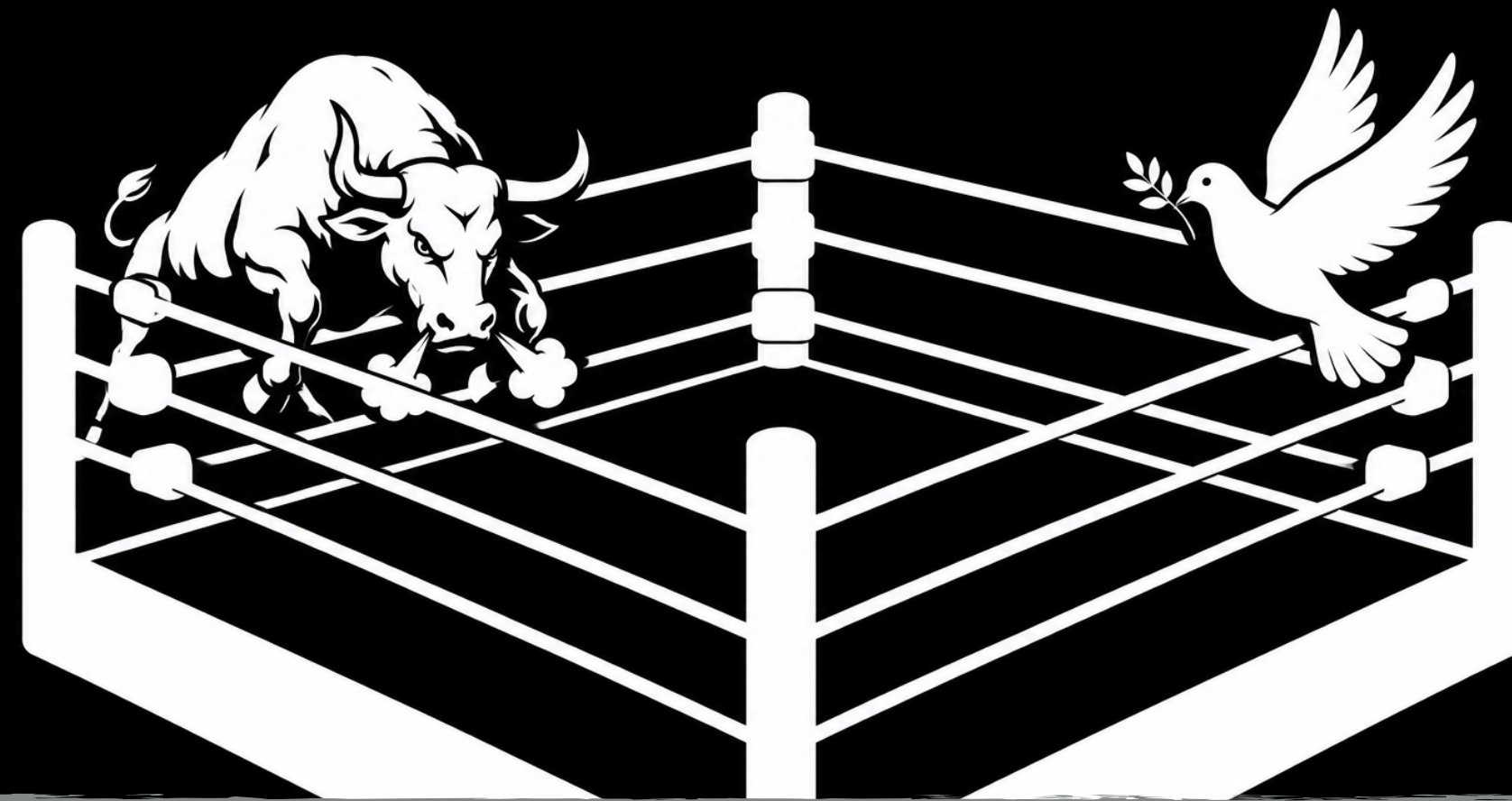
Opponents

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But we cannot have both Spirit and flesh

Spirit led = true freedom

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

- ▶ A Spirit led life fulfils the law.
 - ▶ **Die** to self, **alive** in Christ and **transformed** by the Spirit = By grace, live out the law
- ▶ The Spirit moves
 - ▶ Not forced. It becomes a want
 - ▶ True freedom

#2A THE CORRUPT



The Corrupt - Flesh
(5:19-21)

1. Sexuality

- ▶ **Sexual immorality** (sex between the unmarried), **Impurity** (unnatural sexual relationships), **Sensuality** (uncontrolled pursuit of sexual pleasures)

2. Religious Practices

- ▶ **Idolatry** (pagan worship), **Sorcery** (medium seeking)

3. Destructive Attitudes

- ▶ **Envy** (covet), **Enmity** (hostile), **Jealousy** (selfish zeal), **Rivalries** (competitiveness)

4. Results of Destructive Attitudes

- ▶ **Strife** (fight picking), **Fits of Anger** (burst of rage), **Dissensions and Divisions** (disunity)

5. Substance Abuse

- ▶ **Drunkenness** (alcohol addiction), **Orgies** (group pleasures - alcohol related)

Habitual sinning & consequences

#2A 

²¹ ...I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who **do** such things

- ▶ **do** = repeated habitual practice
- ▶ give in continually, without battle = not repented & renewed

will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Consequences

- ▶ Not led by the Spirit = back under the law
- ▶ Will **not be inheritors of KOG**:
 - ▶ Not being God's people, under God's rule in God's place (Goldsworthy)
- ▶ **Salvation** in question!

Works of the flesh (Today)

#2A 

1. **Sexuality**

- ▶ Understanding of sex contrary to the Bible? Workplaces? World? (Pride is Right)

2. **Religious Practices**

- ▶ Substituted God with inherited superstitions like feng sui or auspicious activity?

3. **Destructive Attitudes**

- ▶ Envious, self-seeking and hostile towards friends & church family?

Works of the flesh (Today)

#2A 

4. **Results of Destructive Attitudes**

- ▶ Does your ego speak more, louder and more angrier than reason? Refusal to speak?

5. **Substance Abuse**

- ▶ Addiction to porn, cigarettes, alcohol, social media, information and shopping?

those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God

#2B THE CONTENDER



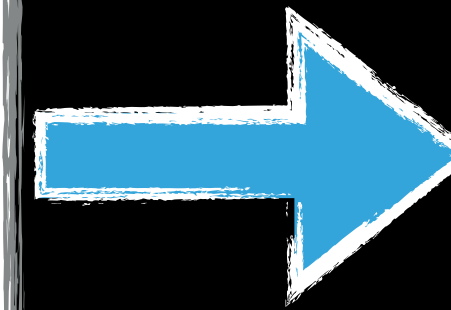
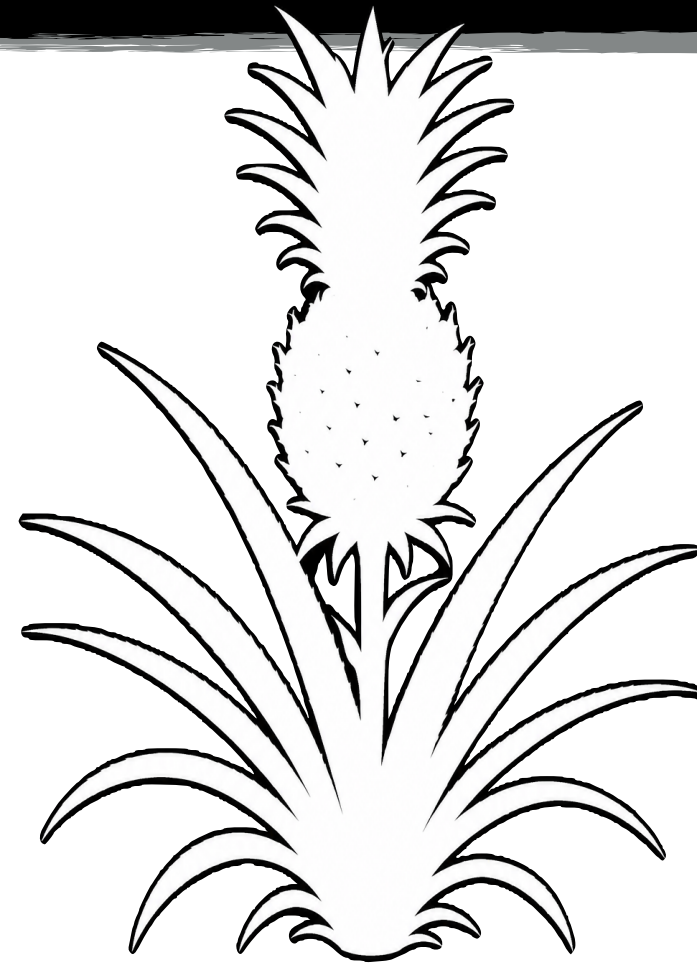
The Contender - Spirit
(5:22-23)

Concept and Parts

#2B 

Concept:

1. Fruit **takes time** to produce.
2. Fruit will be **evident**
3. Fruit is produced **organically**
4. **One single fruit** is expected



KOG



No forcing to
produce fruit



Parts of the fruit:

1. **Upwards** (Received from God)

- ▶ **Love**: selfless serving, **Joy**: Delight in God, **Peace**: Trust in God's providence

2. **Outward** Relationships

- ▶ **Patience**: persevere, **Kindness**: serving (practically), **Goodness**: Integrity

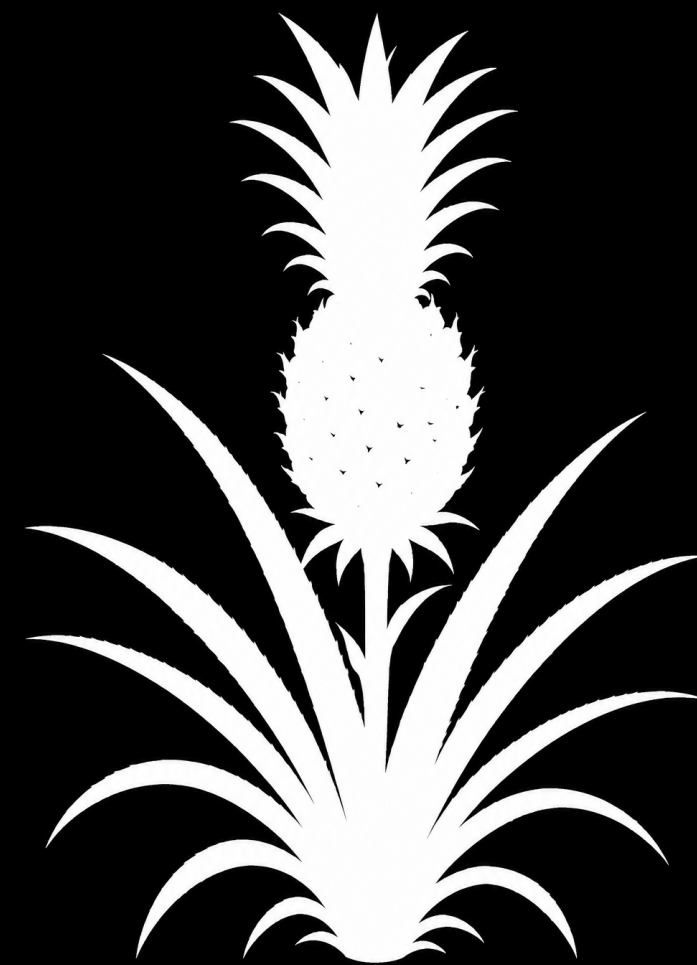
3. **Inward** Change

- ▶ **Faithfulness**: Loyalty, **Gentleness**: humility, **Self-control**: Non-impulsive

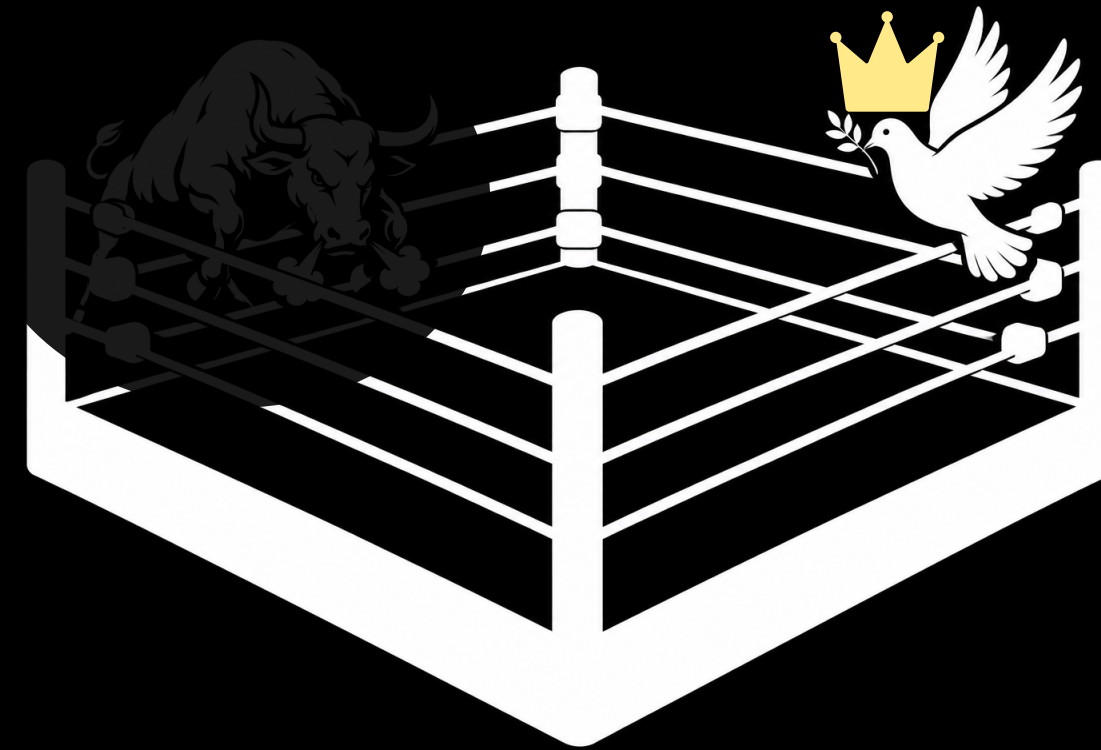
Fruit of the Spirit (Today)



- ▶ Complacent? with just one part(s)
- ▶ Mistaken? Fruit = gifts of the Spirit or acts of service
 - ▶ Assess deep! Are your internal drives from fruit or flesh?
- ▶ Is your fruit evident? Ask!



CRUCIFY & CONQUER



Our Response:
Crucify & Conquer with the Spirit
(5:24-26)

CRUCIFY & CONQUER

²⁴ And those who *belong* to Christ Jesus have *crucified the flesh* with its passions and desires.

- ▶ How do you **belong** to Christ?
 - ▶ Not by our own actions
 - ▶ All on Jesus and the work of the cross

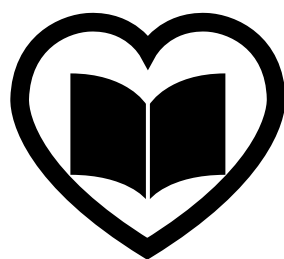
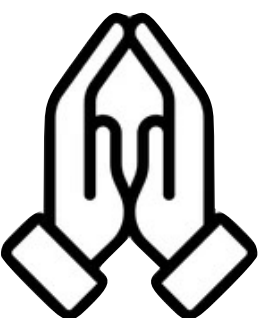
- ▶ Some parallels from Jesus's **crucifixion**

Jesus's crucifixion	(When we) crucified the flesh
Slow Process	Doesn't happen overnight
Painful torture	Hurts due to our inherent sinful nature
Heavy cross	Appreciate Him for our sins



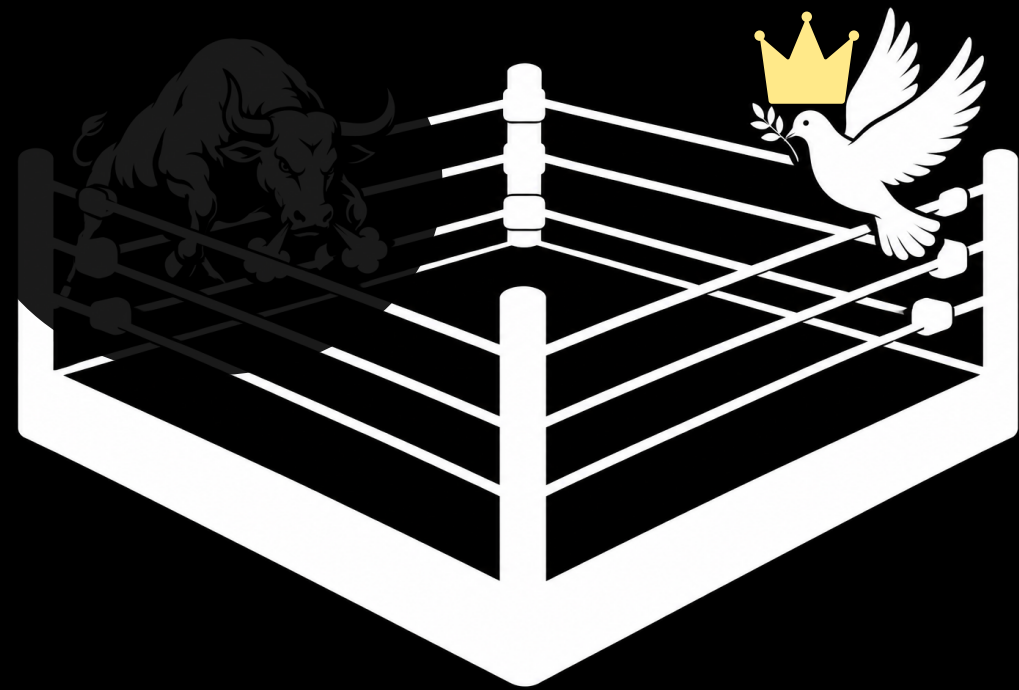
Leave our sins upon the cross and don't take it down

"If we have crucified the fallen nature, we **must leave it on the cross**. Crucifixion was reserved for the **worst criminals**. So if our **sinful nature** needed to be crucified, then it must rather be a **horrid** thing. Like a **condemned criminal**. ... which **deserved its fate of crucifixion**. So let's **leave it where it deserves** to be which is on the cross. We are **not to keep returning** to the scene of execution....
We are to **leave it where it belongs**." (John Stott, 1994)

- ▶ Remember the cross. Repent and come back to Him. 
- ▶ Surrender our flesh to the Spirit. Let the Spirit teach you 

CRUCIFY & CONQUER with the Spirit

Response #2



Let the Contender win

- ▶ Recognise and Choose
- ▶ Spirit leads us to victory

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit...

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit...

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

- ▶ **Walk** (Start knowing God -> Discover via Bible)
- ▶ **Be led** (Be still to hear Him. Silent getaways)
- ▶ **Live** (Submit everything.)
- ▶ **Keep in step** (Spiritual health check - More Spiritual or earthlier?)



CRUCIFY & CONQUER



Set our hope on Christ our Redeemer & Provider

There is hope of **salvation** (when we crucify with Jesus) and **victory**
(when we conquer with the Spirit).

CONCLUSION

- ▶ Liberty = ~~Legalism~~
≠ Licence
- ▶ Sinning habitually, will omit us from the Kingdom of God
- ▶ Let us
 - ▶ Crucify the flesh
 - ▶ Conquer with the Spirit

