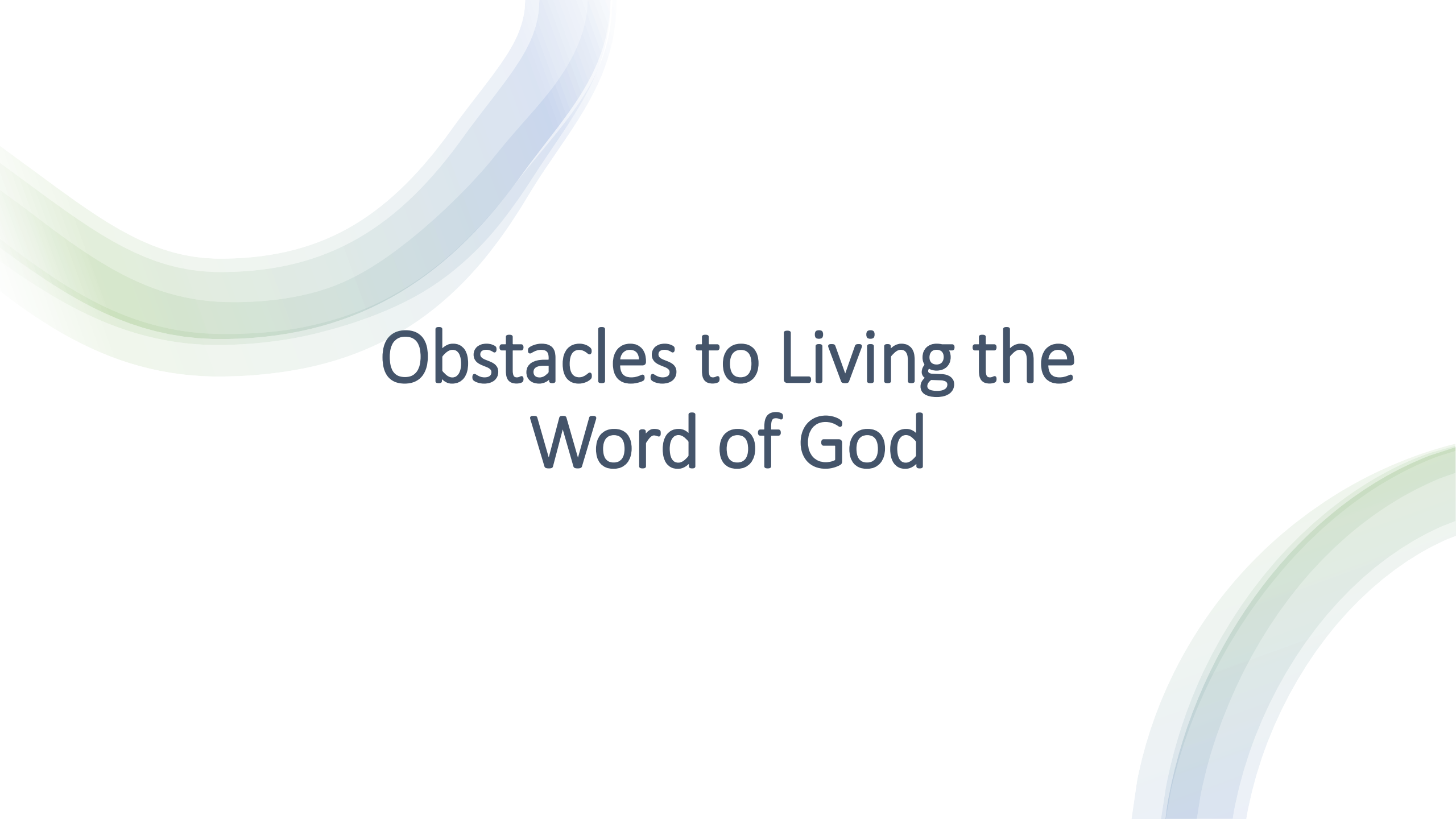


“Lord, behold, he
whom You love is
sick.” – John 11:3



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Obstacles to Living the Word of God



Ignorance

- "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge."
(Hos. 4:6)
- Willful Ignorance is the most dangerous
 - "I don't care"
 - "I don't want to"
 - "I don't mind"



The Bereans

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”
(Acts 17:10-11)



Archaic

- Some find the Bible hard to live by because they believe it's irrelevant in today's world.
- Morality and views have changed

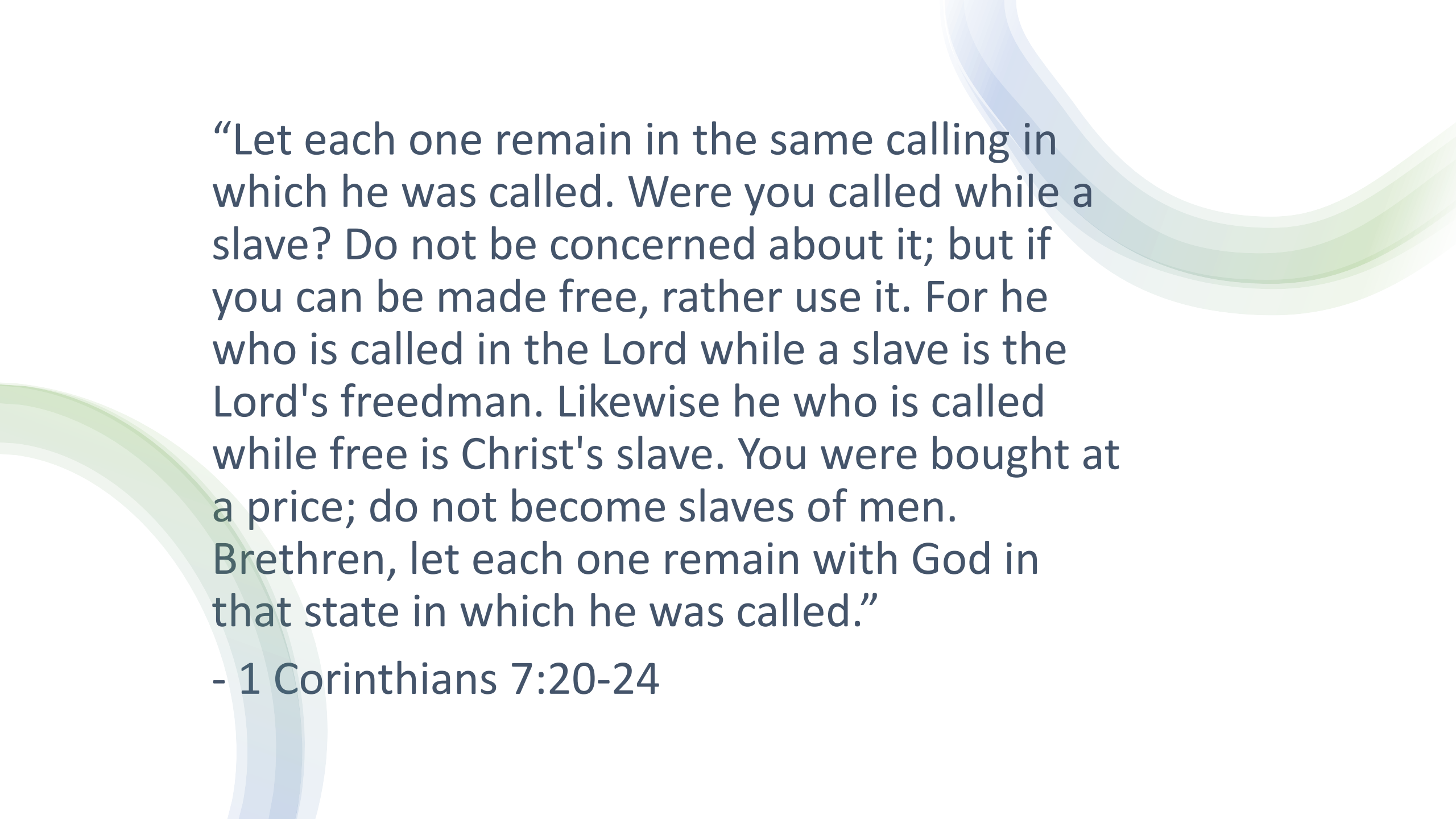


Stance on Women

- “And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.” (1 Tim. 2:12)
- Consider the greatest saint in the Church
- St. Mary did not preach publicly nor perform priestly functions.
- This was the function of the Apostles whom Christ ordained.

Slavery

- “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.” (1 Pet. 2:18)
- “Servants” = *oiketēs*, household servant
- “Slave” = *doulos*



“Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.”

- 1 Corinthians 7:20-24



Archaic

- The word of God is not amendable
- The Bible tells us of our sinful condition and its remedy

Archaic

- “The word of God is living and powerful...” (Heb. 4:12)
- Why would people want to change the Bible?
 - Because they don't want to change themselves
- Changing the Bible will not absolve sin

Archaic

- Accept the truth of the Bible and change ourselves
- “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12)
- “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)



Unreasonable

- Sometimes the word of God doesn't make sense to me
- “For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness...” (1 Cor. 1:22-23)

Unreasonable

- Trust in Him
- EX: Gideon





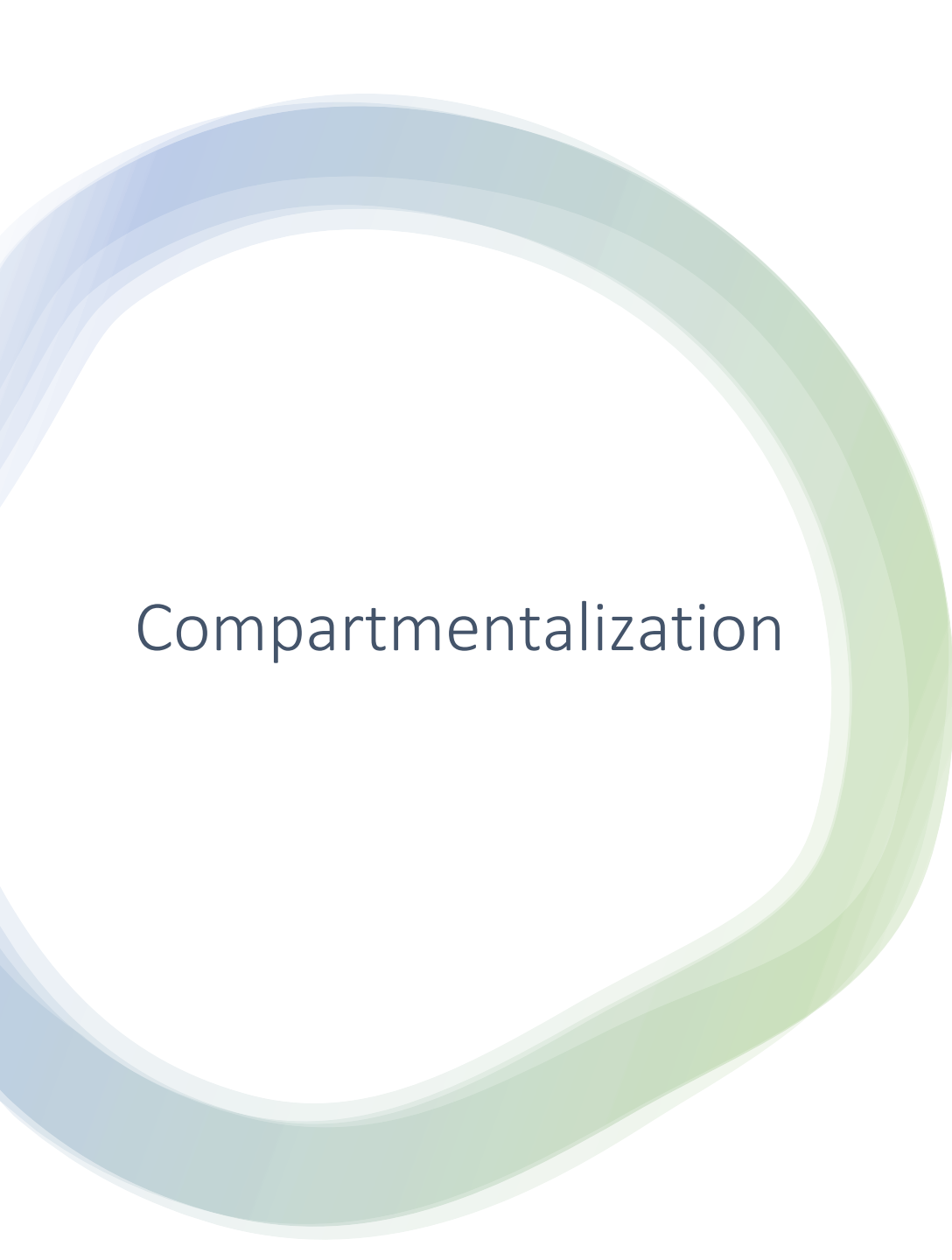
Trials because of the Word

- “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.” (1 Pet. 4:12-13)

Trials because of the Word

- Holding fast to God's word and commands will likely put us at risk.
 - Ex: 3 Holy Youth
 - EX: Daniel when praying





Compartmentalization

- Claim: The gospel is applicable to certain areas of life
 - Not in the public arena
- The Gospel ought to fill every part of my life
 - “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (Matt. 22:37)
- Infuse him throughout your day
- If we do not, His compartment will slowly become smaller