

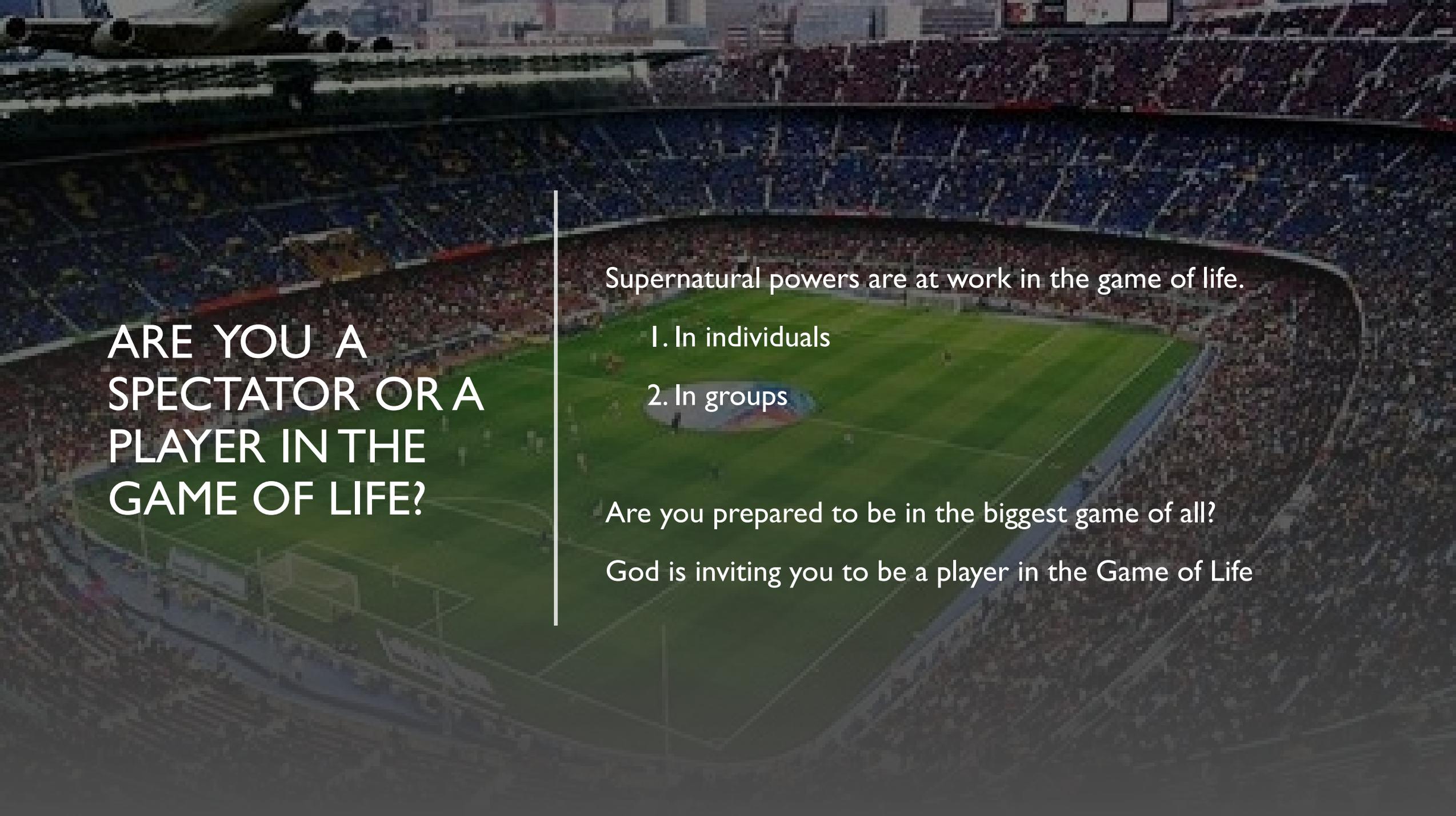


TEAM OF DESTINY:

WINNING IT ALL

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ARE YOU A SPECTATOR OR A PLAYER IN THE GAME OF LIFE?

Supernatural powers are at work in the game of life.

1. In individuals
2. In groups

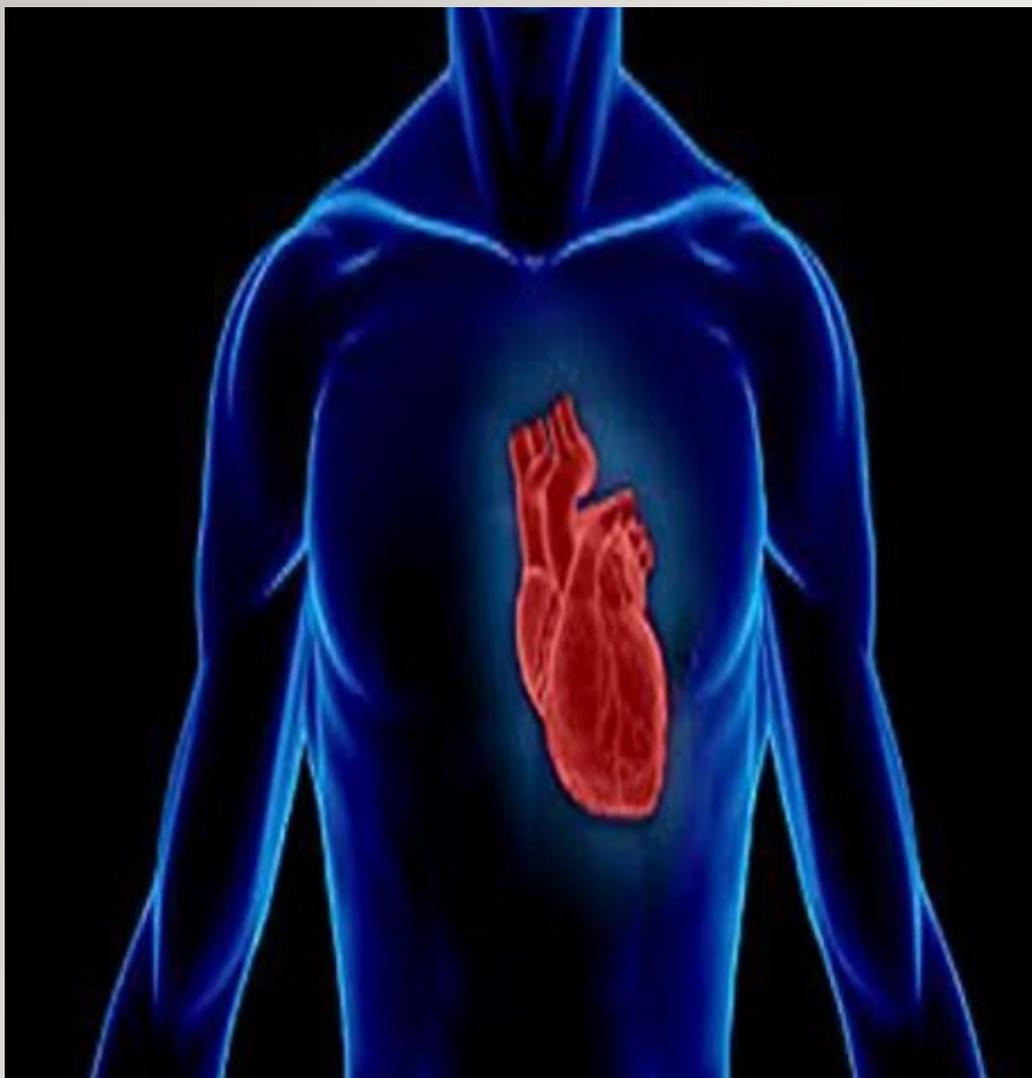
Are you prepared to be in the biggest game of all?

God is inviting you to be a player in the Game of Life



LESSON PURPOSE

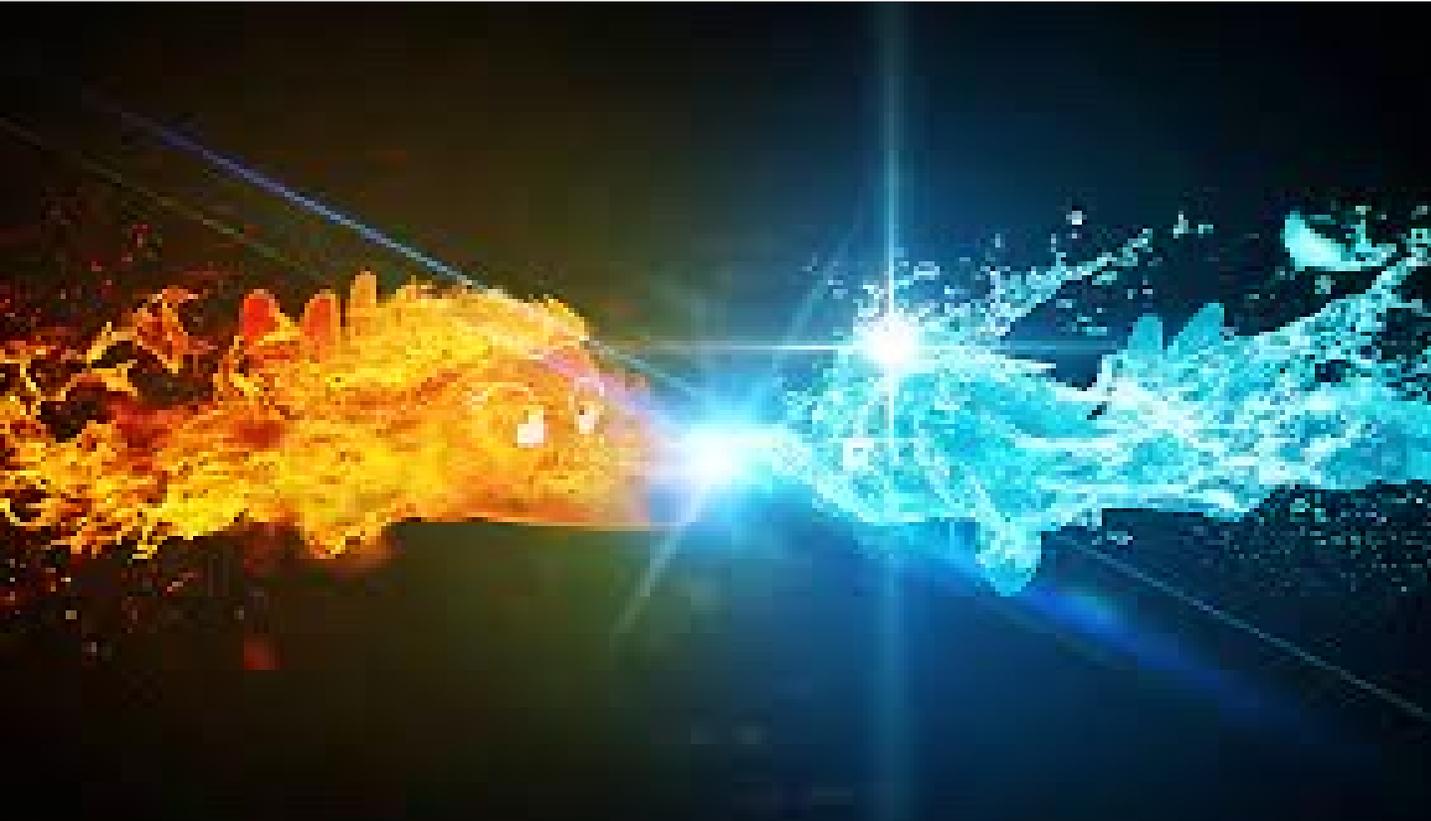
- Develop a youth group that joins Christ's team to transform human hearts and the entire world.



Why?

- God is active in overcoming evil with good. Young people are made for action, which makes them ideal players to get in the game of life now.

THE GAME: IN THE GAME OF LIFE THERE ARE **TWO** TEAMS **GOOD** VS **EVIL**



GOOD | OBSERVER IN THE
WORLD

1. LITTLE ONES
PLAYING
2. PARENTS LOVING
THEIR CHILDREN
3. STRONG FAMILIES

BREAKOUT: 1 MINUTE

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EVIL | OBSERVER IN THE
WORLD

1. ADICTIONS
2. SECULAR LIFE
STYLES
3. ENTERTAINMENT

THE GAME: IDENTIFY **THREE** EXAMPLES OF **GOOD** VS **EVIL** IN YOURSELF



GOOD | OBSERVER IN THE ME

1. HELPING
HAND
2. GOOD
LISTENER
3. CLEAR SENSE
OF DIRECTION

BREAKOUT: 1 MINUTE

THE GAME: IDENTIFY **THREE** EXAMPLES OF **GOOD** VS **EVIL** IN YOURSELF



EVIL | OBSERVER IN THE ME

1. AT TIMES
JUDGEMENTAL
2. PROCRASTINATI
ON
3. MISREPRESENTING
GOD IN WORK
PLACE

BREAKOUT: 1 MINUTE



THE LIFE GAME: WHO WINS? GOD WINS!

The big win (in the past): The Cross.

When Jesus died on the cross it appeared at first as though evil had won. But it turns out that his death sealed the win universally. Jesus is the champion!



**THE LIFE GAME:
HOW?**

**HE ALREADY
WON!!**

**The big win (in the future):
The second coming of
Christ.**

Jesus already won the game on a universal scale. Satan is now limited to planet earth and he often appears to be winning. But Jesus wins here again and puts an end to Satan and his game. That's when Jesus will make everything new on earth.



THE LIFE GAME:

When?

Many

Times!!!

The big win (now): **When you are “born again.”**

At the time you are born on this planet, your natural selfishness puts you on the team called evil. But when you are born again -when you say “Yes” to Jesus -God places you on his team called good.



“God wins.” “By choosing to be on Christ team you choose when, where, and why you “die.” And the amazing thing is that the moment you die, God resurrects you to live the rest of your days for Him. You're on God's team now.”

—Building a Great Team, p.99

QUESTIONS:

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD IN THE PAST?

WHERE DOES IT SEEM THAT EVIL IS WINNING RIGHT NOW?

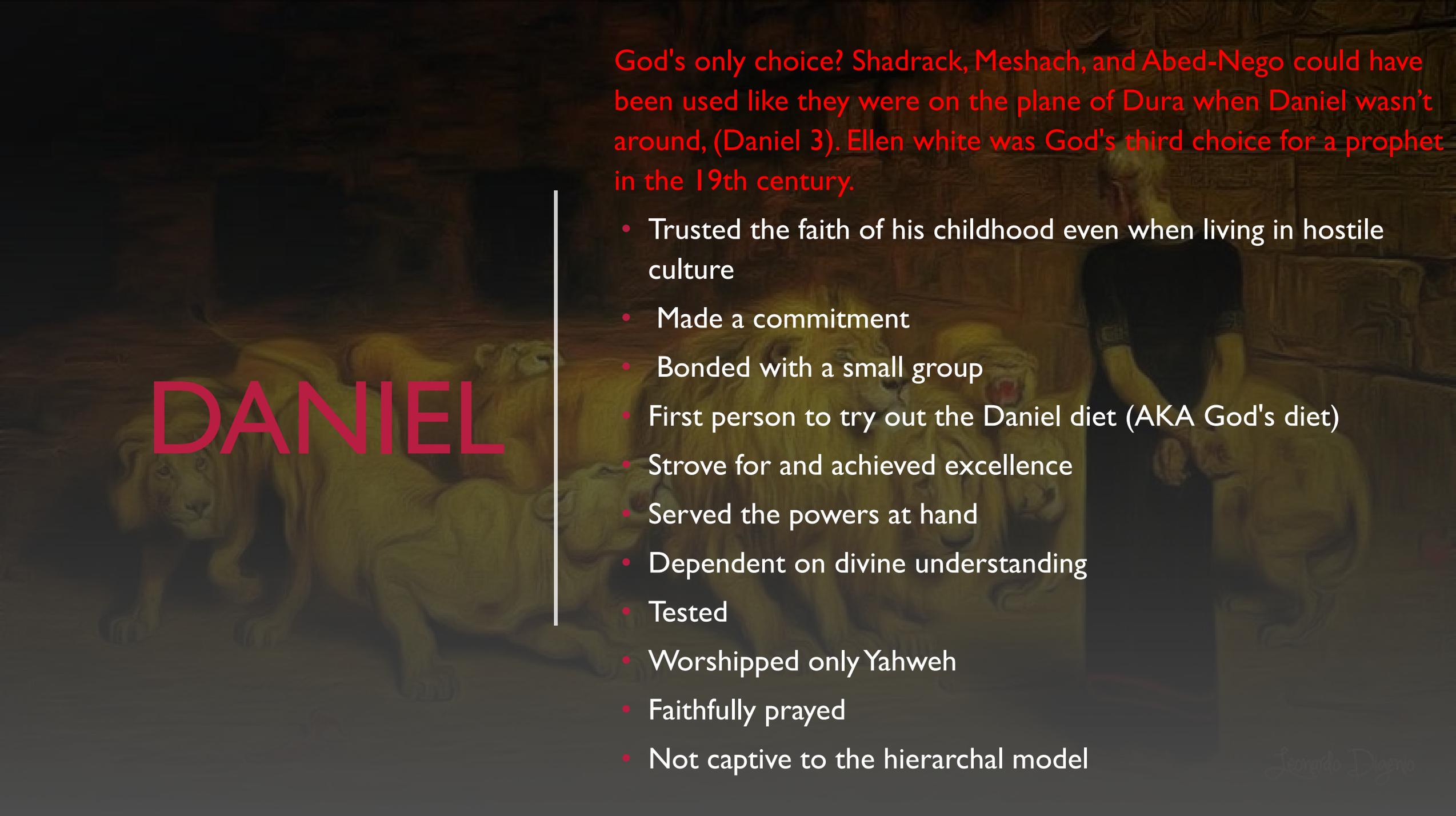
WHICH TEAM ARE YOU ON RIGHT NOW?

WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN IN THE FUTURE? WHY?

BREAKOUT: 5 MINUTES



DANIEL

The background image is a dark, atmospheric scene. On the right, a man with a beard, wearing a black tunic and a black cap, stands with his hands clasped in front of him. He is looking towards the left. In the foreground and middle ground, several lions are visible, some lying down and some standing. The setting appears to be an ancient, stone-walled room, possibly a prison or a place of confinement. The lighting is dim, with a yellowish glow emanating from the lions, creating a somber and dramatic mood.

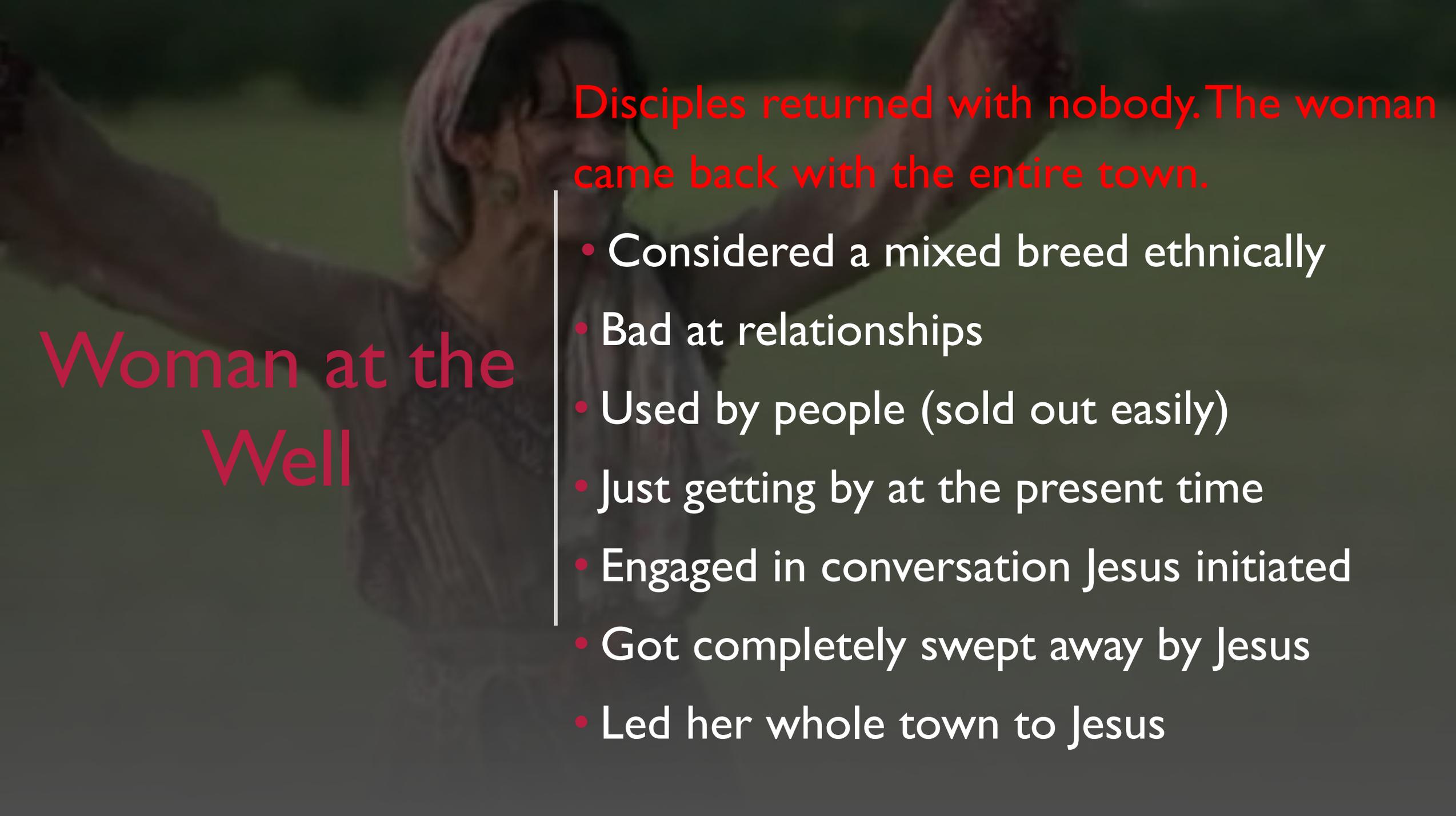
God's only choice? Shadrack, Meshach, and Abed-Nego could have been used like they were on the plane of Dura when Daniel wasn't around, (Daniel 3). Ellen white was God's third choice for a prophet in the 19th century.

- Trusted the faith of his childhood even when living in hostile culture
- Made a commitment
- Bonded with a small group
- First person to try out the Daniel diet (AKA God's diet)
- Strove for and achieved excellence
- Served the powers at hand
- Dependent on divine understanding
- Tested
- Worshipped only Yahweh
- Faithfully prayed
- Not captive to the hierarchal model

ESTHER

Mordechai told her that if she didn't stand up for God's people, God would provide deliverance from another place and Esther would simply die.

- A background of horrible hardship
- Assimilated into the dominant culture
- Hid her religious background and stopped her religious practices
- Experienced success to the highest level of her time
- Faced a crisis that challenged her identity
- Turned to prayer and invited others to join her
- Took a life and death risk
- Use the skills she had while relying on God
- Celebrated the great reversal of victory after what seemed hopeless



Woman at the Well

Disciples returned with nobody. The woman came back with the entire town.

- Considered a mixed breed ethnically
- Bad at relationships
- Used by people (sold out easily)
- Just getting by at the present time
- Engaged in conversation Jesus initiated
- Got completely swept away by Jesus
- Led her whole town to Jesus



JOHN THE BAPTIST

Miraculous birth see, Luke 1. Could also happen to anyone else God chooses.

- Grew up as part of God's people (priest's kid)
- Called people to repent sinners and God's people
- Called for admission of guilt and a desire for change
- Gave practical console for serving others
- Practiced a unique lifestyle food and dress and housing
- Not the superstar but prepared people for the superstar
- From popular two less popular to prison to death
- Had serious questions about Jesus
- Gave his life as a martyr for the Kingdom of God

Which of these four Bible players do you identify with the most? **Why?**

Daniel

Esther

Woman at the Well

John the Baptist

BREAKOUT: 5 MINUTES



**What do you bring to the game?
How does this compare to the Bible player
with whom you just identified with?**

Write this out individually and share in small groups.

Example: (two answers for each question).

- Me: (write write write).
- my Bible player: (write write write).

1. Background
2. Skills / talents
3. Liabilities
4. Ego
5. Energy
6. Teamwork
7. Trust
8. Inspiration

BREAKOUT: 6 MINUTES



CONCLUSION:



What are you doing, or what will you do, with what you have been given?

- Evaluate your current situation
- Gather your different choices
- List your time & financial investments
- Plan for the future



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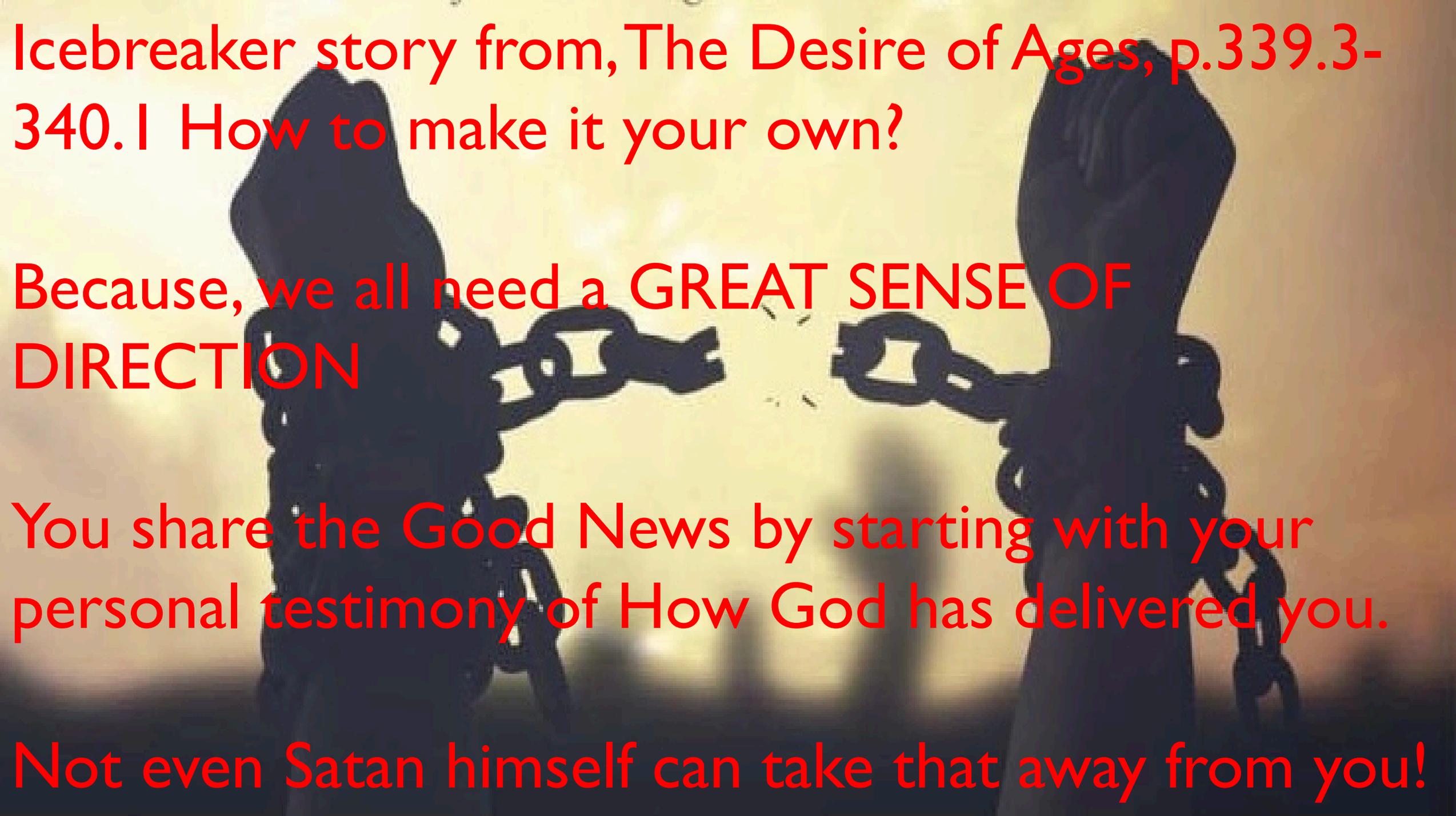
Discerning and
responding to the
Times Now:

what is the game
about right now?

what is your culture
saying?

who are the players?





Icebreaker story from, The Desire of Ages, p.339.3-340.1 How to make it your own?

Because, we all need a **GREAT SENSE OF DIRECTION**

You share the Good News by starting with your personal testimony of How God has delivered you.

Not even Satan himself can take that away from you!



CALLING

I want to challenge you now!

Stand!

- **Be like Daniel, and turn to prayer to get God's perspective!**
- **Be like Esther, and take your stand no matter what happens from this point on.**
- **Be like the Woman at the well, listen to Jesus and draw others to him.**
- **Be like John the Baptist, and call those in church, and out of church to repent!**
- **Be like Jesus, and do all these things with LOVE, MEEKNESS, and RESPECT**

