



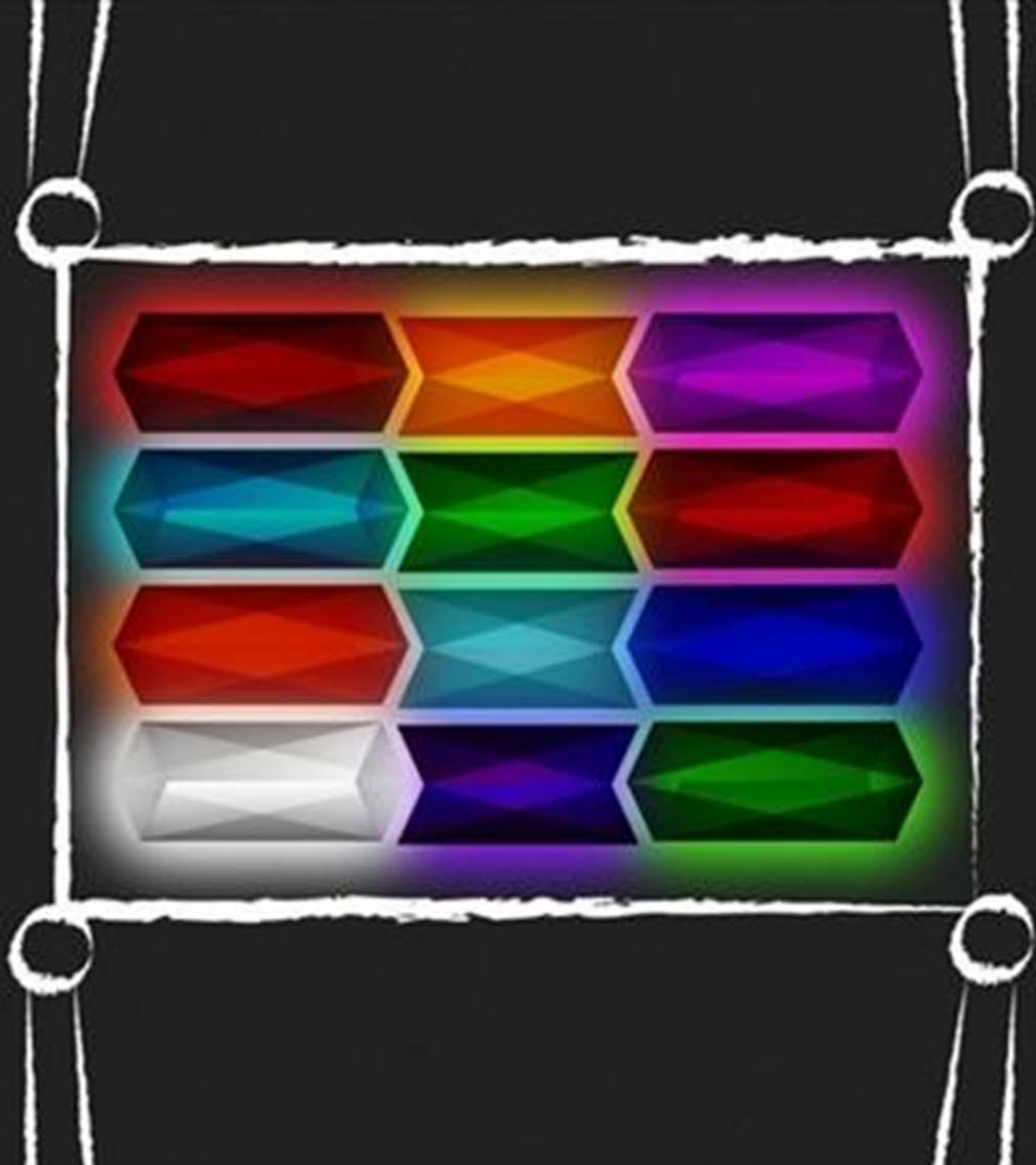
# *FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS!*

**In the Old & New Testament**  
*A Study in the  
book of Hebrews*



*FIXING OUR  
EYES ON  
JESUS!*

A MORE EMPATHETIC  
HIGH PRIEST



Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14



A faint, dark silhouette of Jesus Christ is visible in the background on the left side of the slide. He is shown from the chest up, facing right, wearing a crown of thorns.

# Our High Priest

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- **Jesus intercedes FOR us**
- **He wears us over His heart**
- **He bears our burdens**

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**TO KNOW THAT**

**GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT ME**

**AND YET LOVES ME**

**IS INDEED MY ULTIMATE CONSOLATION.**

**R.C. SPROUL**



A faint, dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, wearing a crown of thorns, is visible in the background on the left side of the slide.

# Passed through the heavens

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- Who has ascended into heaven
- “Our Father, who is in heaven”
- Let’s hold firmly to our confession

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FOR WE DO NOT HAVE  
A HIGH PRIEST WHO  
IS UNABLE TO  
SYMPATHIZE  
WITH OUR  
WEAKNESSES  
BUT WE HAVE ONE WHO  
HAS BEEN TEMPTED IN  
EVERY WAY  
*just as we are — yet was*  
WITHOUT SIN

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Hebrews 4:15





# He sympathizes with us

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- **Prefer to get pity or empathy?**
  - **Jesus understands you perfectly**
  - **Was tempted, but never sinned!**
  - **His Grace will set us free!**
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**WHY A LACK OF  
EMPATHY ISN'T ONLY  
FOUND IN NARCISSISTS  
AND SOCIOPATHS**





# What Empathy is NOT

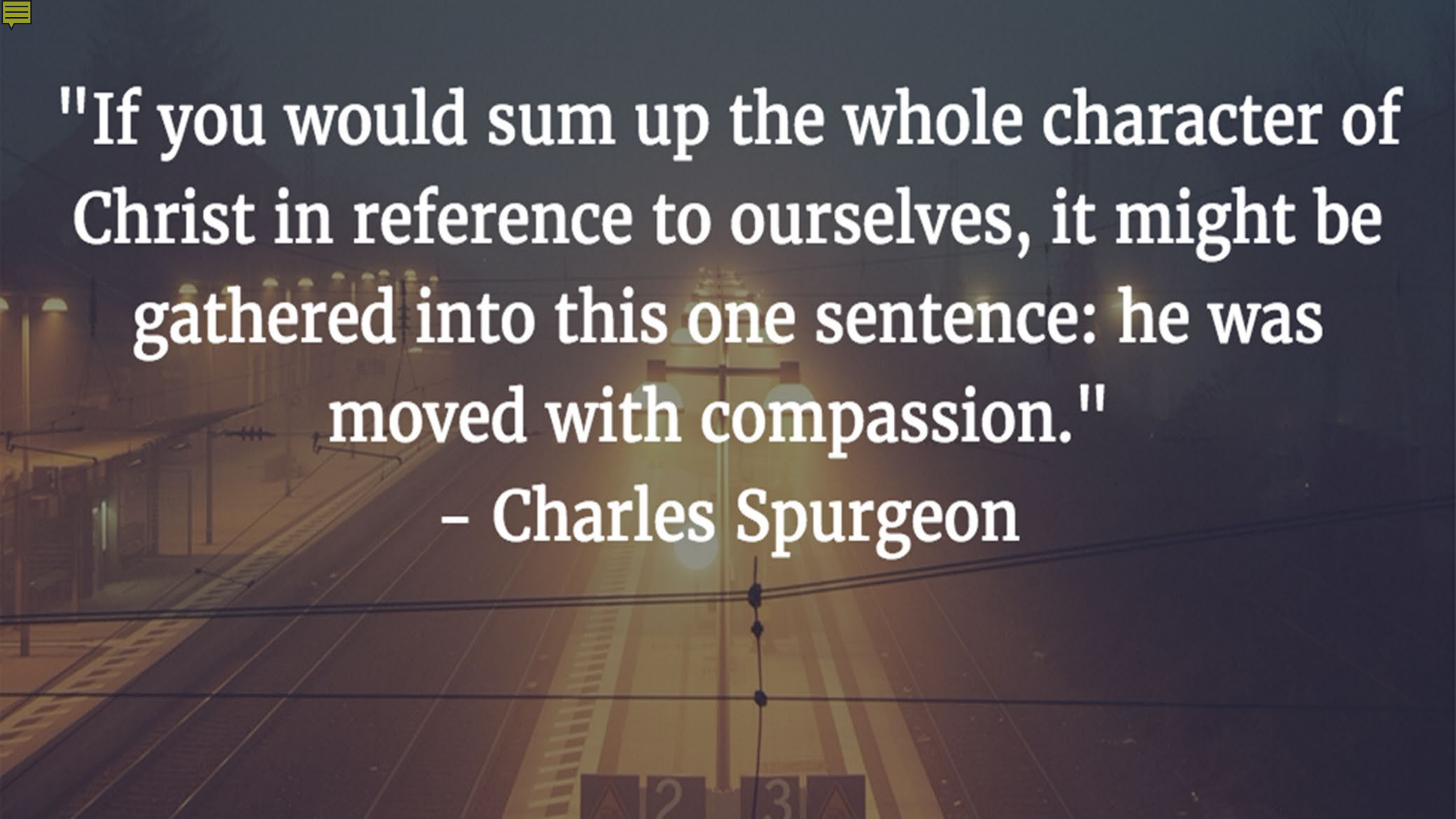
- Fix It** "What will help is..."
- Advise** "I think you should..."
- Interrogate** "How did it happen?"
- Explain** "She said that only because..."
- Correct** "That's not how it was..."
- Educate** "You can learn from this..."
- Console** "It wasn't your fault."
- Commiserate** "He did that to you, that jerk!"
- One Up** "You should hear what happened to..."
- Telltale** "That reminds me of the time..."
- Evaluate** "If you hadn't been so rude..."
- Sympathize** "You poor thing!"  
"I feel awful for you."

## EMPATHY

*Could a greater  
miracle take place  
than for us to look  
through each other's  
eyes for an instant?*

- HENRY DAVID THOREAU





"If you would sum up the whole character of Christ in reference to ourselves, it might be gathered into this one sentence: he was moved with compassion."

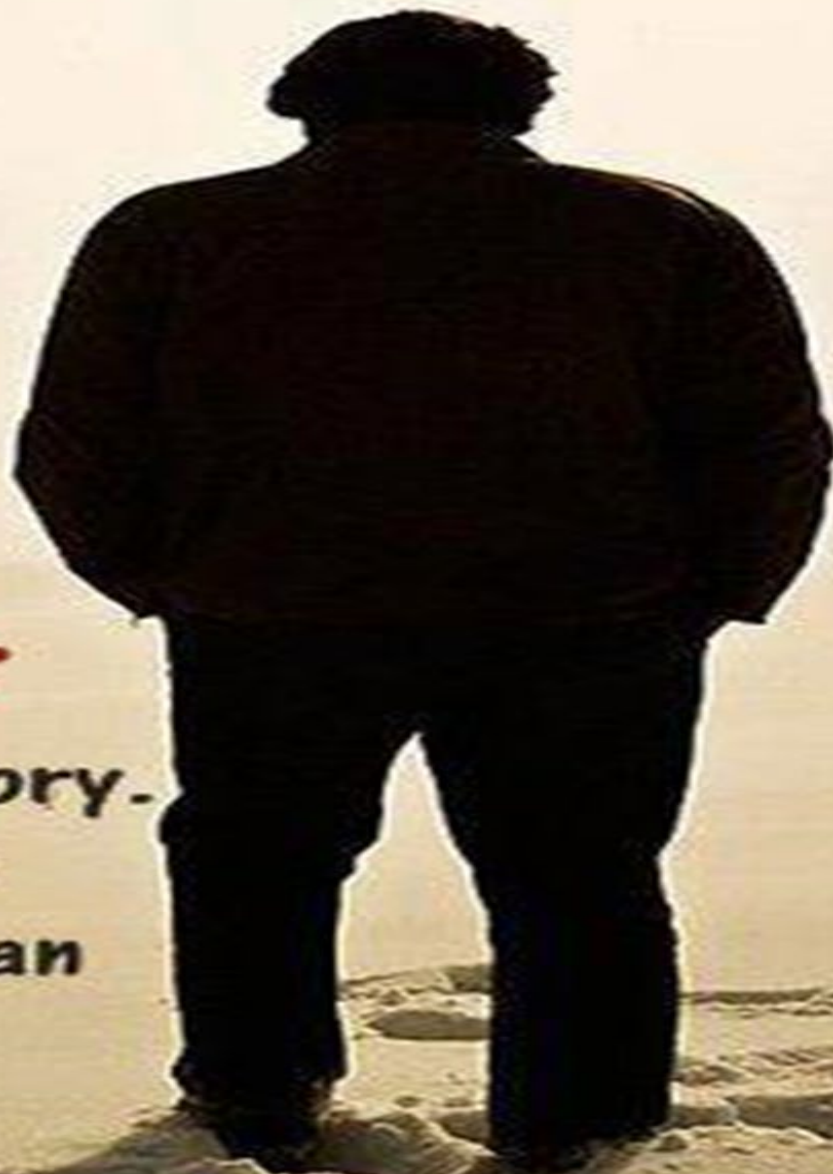
- Charles Spurgeon

**FOR WE HAVE NOT AN HIGH  
PRIEST WHICH CANNOT BE  
TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING  
OF OUR INFIRMITIES;  
BUT WAS IN ALL POINTS  
TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE,  
YET WITHOUT SIN.**

**HEBREWS 4: 15**





A person's silhouette is shown from behind, standing on a sandy beach and looking out at the ocean. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants. The background is a bright, hazy sky over the water. In the foreground, there are several wooden posts or pilings sticking out of the sand, some of which are partially buried. The overall mood is contemplative and reflective.

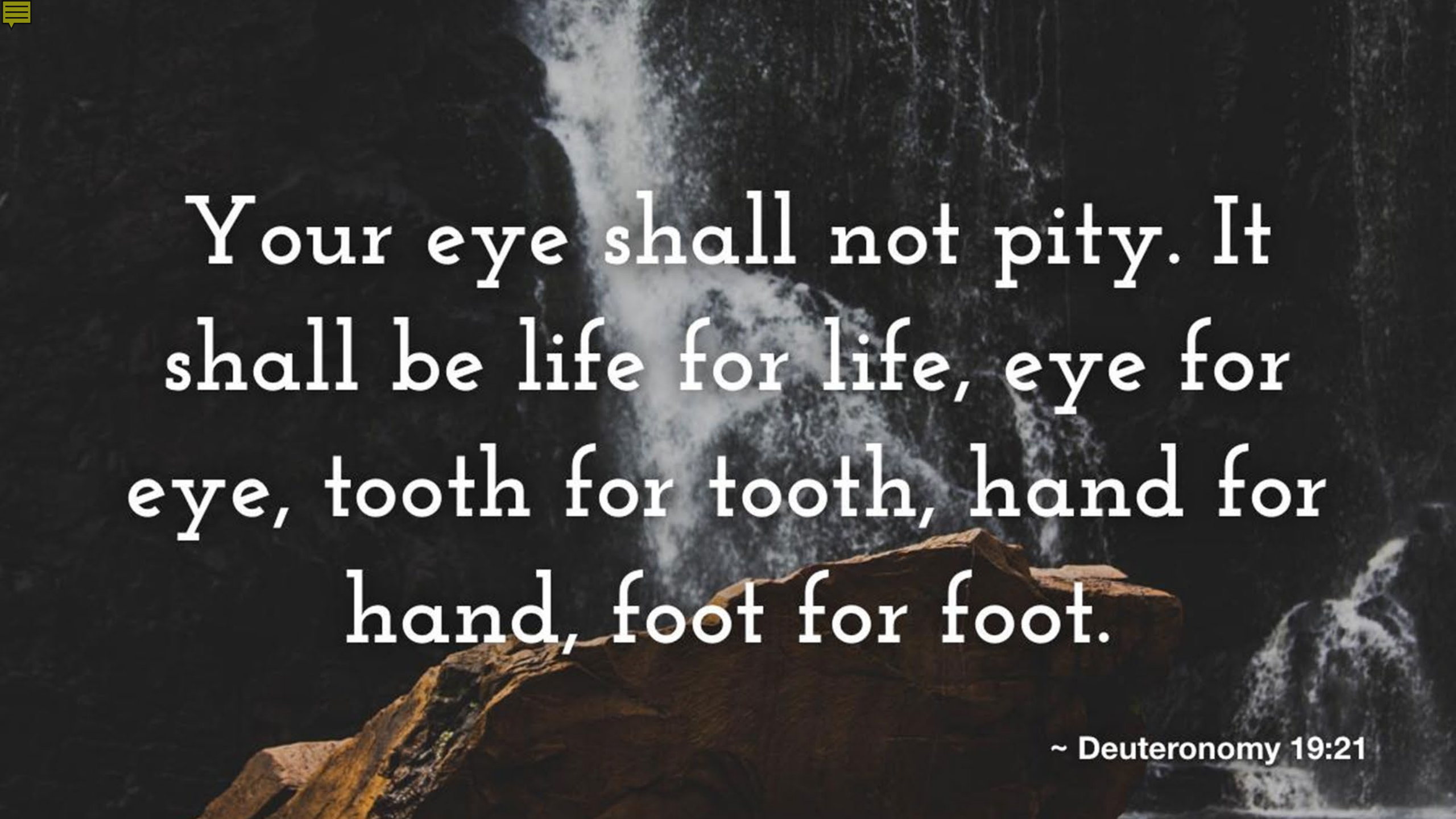
Before you judge my life,  
my past or my character...  
Walk in my shoes, walk the  
path I have traveled,  
Live my sorrow, my doubts,  
my fear, my pain and my  
laughter..

## Remember

Everyone has a story.  
When you've lived  
my life then you can  
judge me.

Gr8 ppl  
Gr8 thoughts



A dramatic background image of a waterfall cascading over dark, jagged rocks. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a stark contrast with the dark, shadowed rock formations. The overall tone is somber and powerful.

Your eye shall not pity. It  
shall be life for life, eye for  
eye, tooth for tooth, hand for  
hand, foot for foot.

~ Deuteronomy 19:21





# Approachable!

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- **The Throne of grace, the ark**
  - **Jesus sits, in heaven, footstool**
  - **The Prodigal son, Adulterous . . .**
  - **Mercy and Grace!**
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# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MERCY AND GRACE?

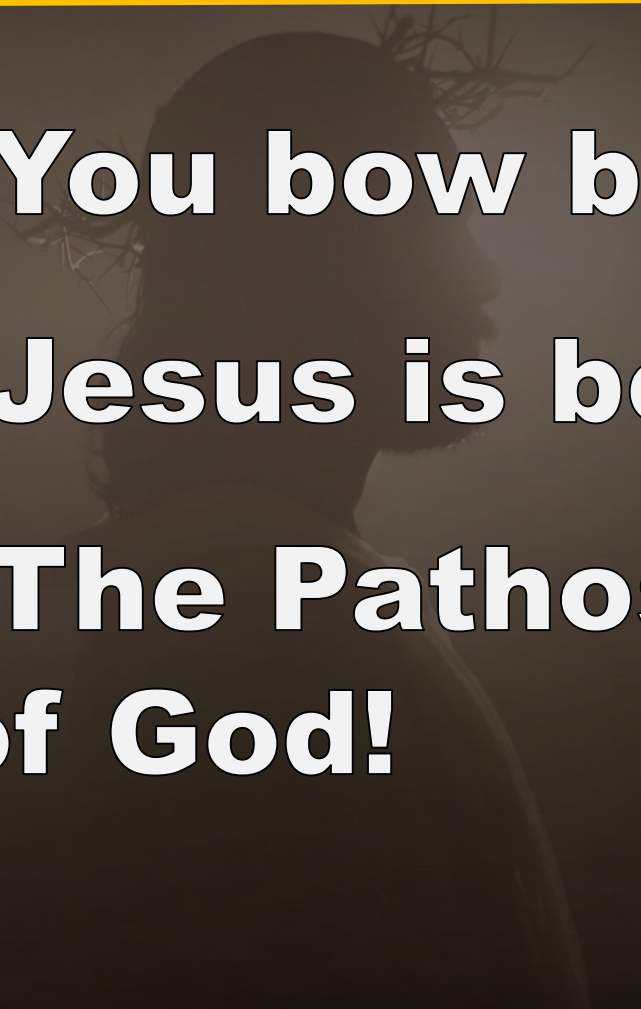


Mercy is God not punishing us as our sins deserve, and grace is God blessing us despite the fact that we do not deserve it.

Mercy is deliverance from judgment.

Grace is extending kindness to the unworthy.



A faint, dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, facing right. The person is wearing a crown of thorns, which is visible as a spiky outline on their head. The background is a dark gradient.

# Throne of Grace

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- **You bow before the Throne!**
- **Jesus is better than Aaron**
- **The Pathos and Pascho (Passion) of God!**

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Let us  
therefore  
come boldly  
to the throne  
OF GRACE,  
that we may  
OBTAIN  
MERCY  
and find  
GRACE  
TO HELP  
in time of need.

HEBREWS 4:16 KJV



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**YET HE DID NOT SIN.**

HEB.4.15





Ark of  
the Covenant



I BELIEVE  
**EMPATHY**  
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IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL  
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**QUALITY OF  
CIVILIZATION**

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ROGER EBERT





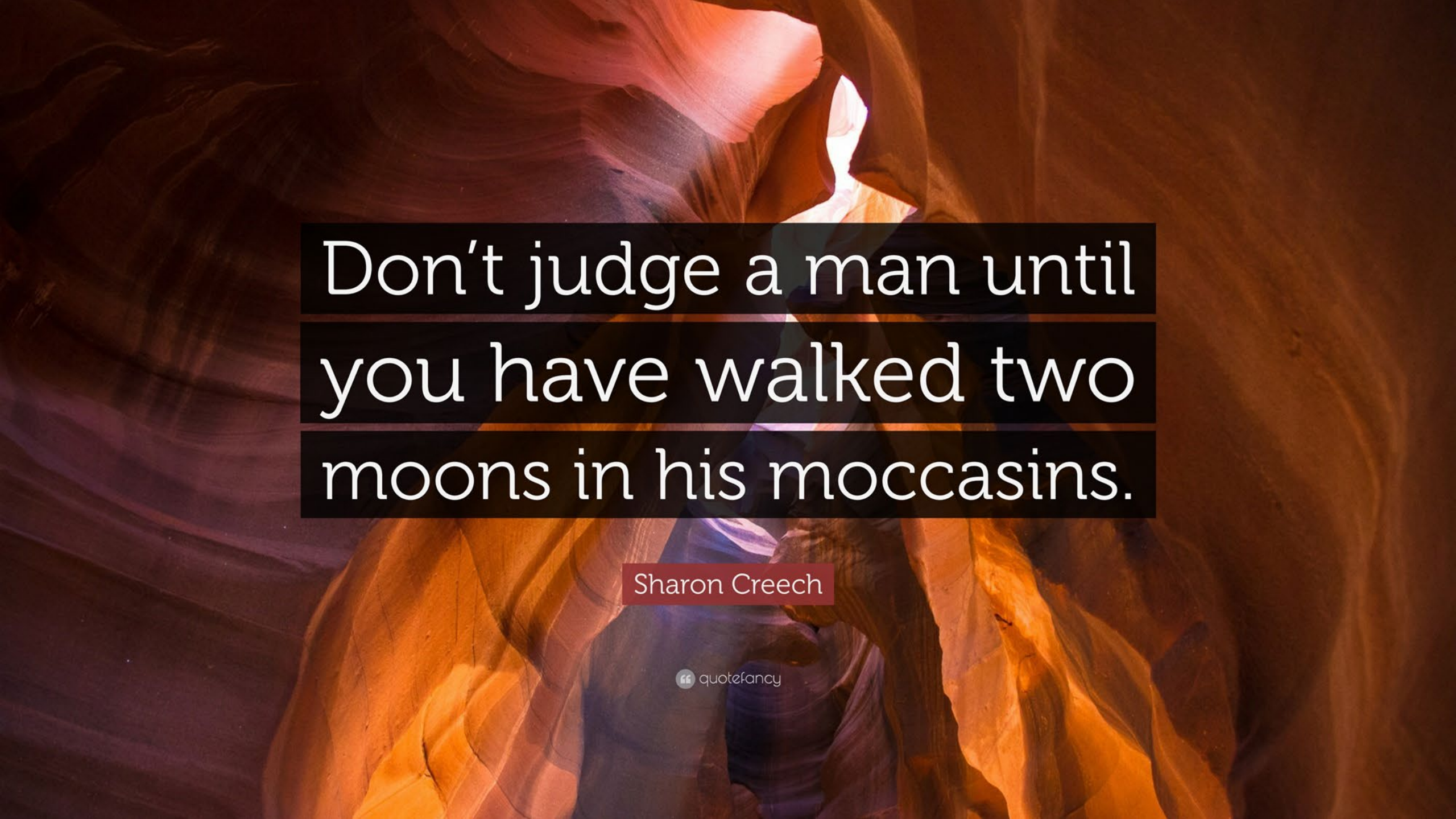
Before you start to judge  
me, step into my shoes and  
walk the life I'm living and if  
you get as far as I am, just  
maybe you will see how  
strong I really am.

-Unknown



Don't judge me,  
you can't handle  
half of what  
I've dealt with.  
There's a reason I  
do the things I do,  
there's a reason  
I am who I am.




The background of the image is a photograph of the interior of Antelope Canyon. The walls are made of smooth, undulating sandstone, illuminated by warm, golden light that creates a series of vibrant, wavy patterns. The perspective is looking down a narrow, winding passage, with light filtering in from above, creating a dramatic play of light and shadow.

Don't judge a man until  
you have walked two  
moons in his moccasins.

Sharon Creech





The difference between mercy  
and grace? Mercy gave the  
prodigal son a second chance.  
Grace gave him a feast.

Max Lucado



*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

**-Galatians 6:2 (ESV)**



 **BLOOD:WATER**









# WHAT IS PATHOS? DEFINITION, EXAMPLES, AND TECHNIQUES



***If you would adopt  
a swine to be your child,  
you would not  
then have performed  
an act of greater  
compassion, than when  
God adopted you!***

C.H. Spurgeon

Ezk 16:4-8, Eph 2:1-7

