



# JONAH

WHEN GOD TAKES YOU WHERE  
YOU DON'T WANT TO GO

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A Conversation with Joe Sinanan & Randall Heier

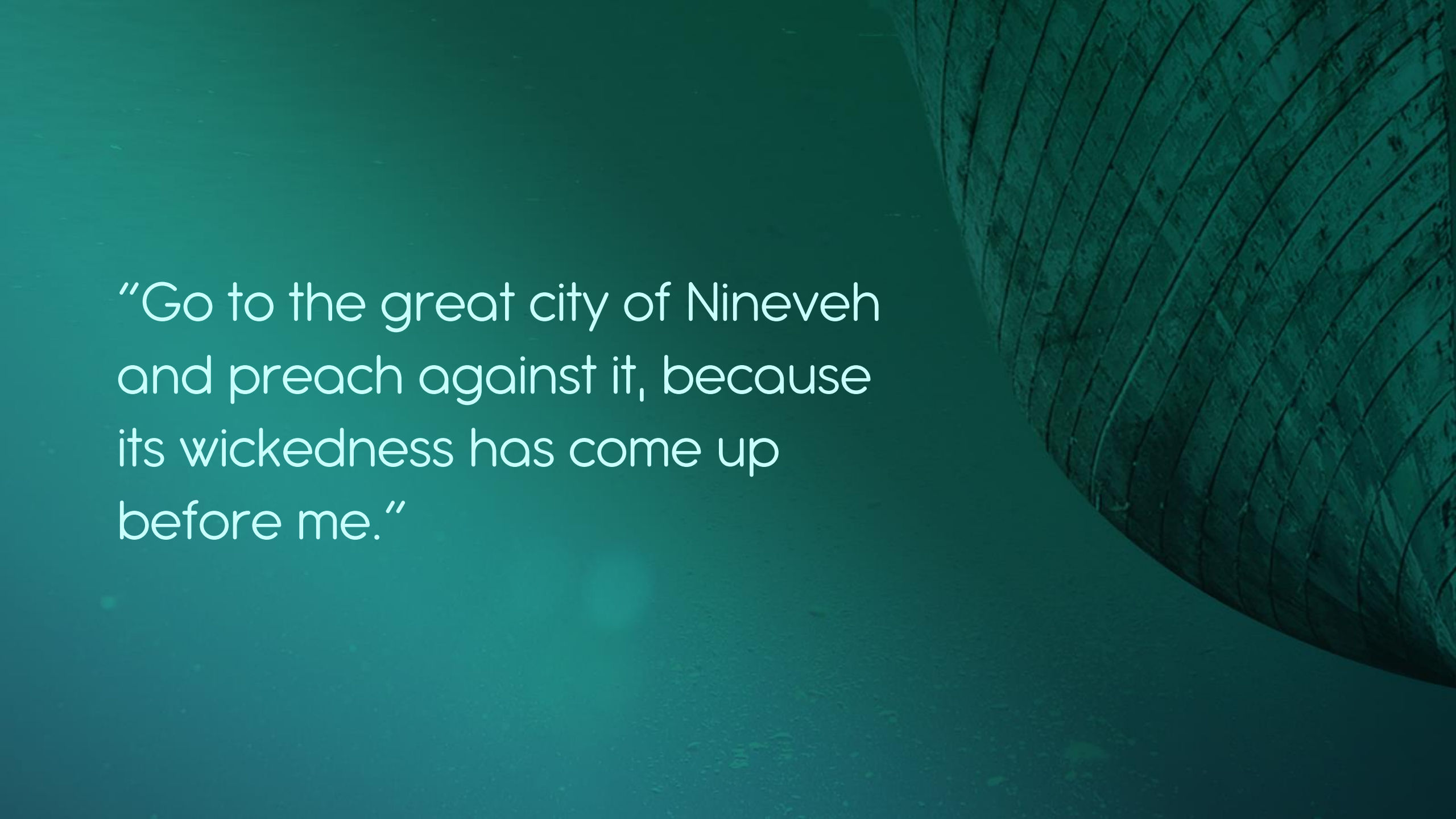


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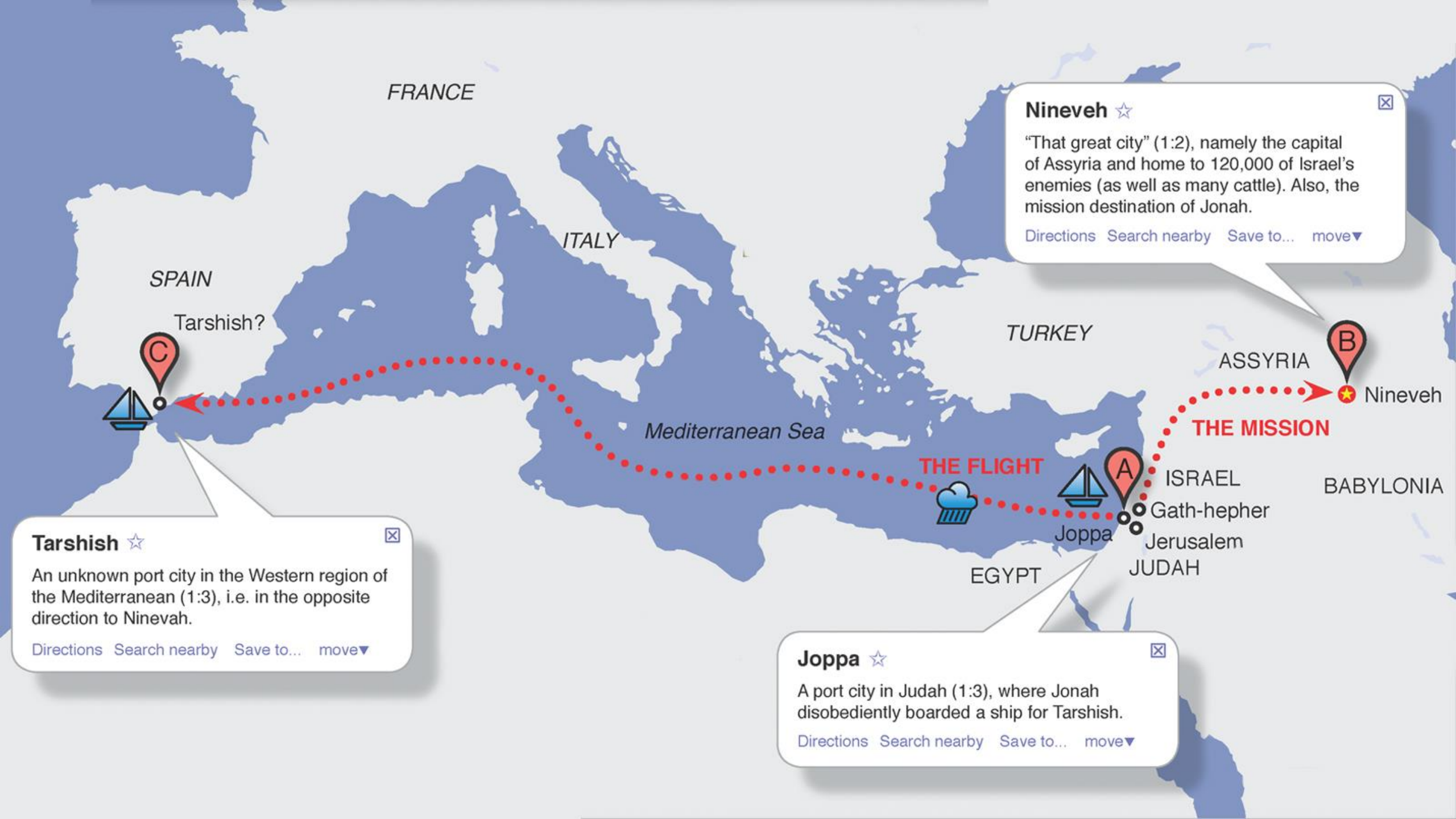
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THE KEY PLAYERS: GOD. JONAH. NINEVEH.



“Go to the great city of Nineveh  
and preach against it, because  
its wickedness has come up  
before me.”



FRANCE

ITALY

SPAIN

Tarshish?

TURKEY

Mediterranean Sea

THE FLIGHT

ASSYRIA

THE MISSION

ISRAEL

BABYLONIA

Joppa

Gath-hepher

Jerusalem

JUDAH

EGYPT

Nineveh

**Nineveh** ☆

“That great city” (1:2), namely the capital of Assyria and home to 120,000 of Israel’s enemies (as well as many cattle). Also, the mission destination of Jonah.

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**Tarshish** ☆

An unknown port city in the Western region of the Mediterranean (1:3), i.e. in the opposite direction to Nineveh.

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**Joppa** ☆

A port city in Judah (1:3), where Jonah disobeyed and boarded a ship for Tarshish.

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DUMB IDEAS YOU MIGHT BELIEVE...



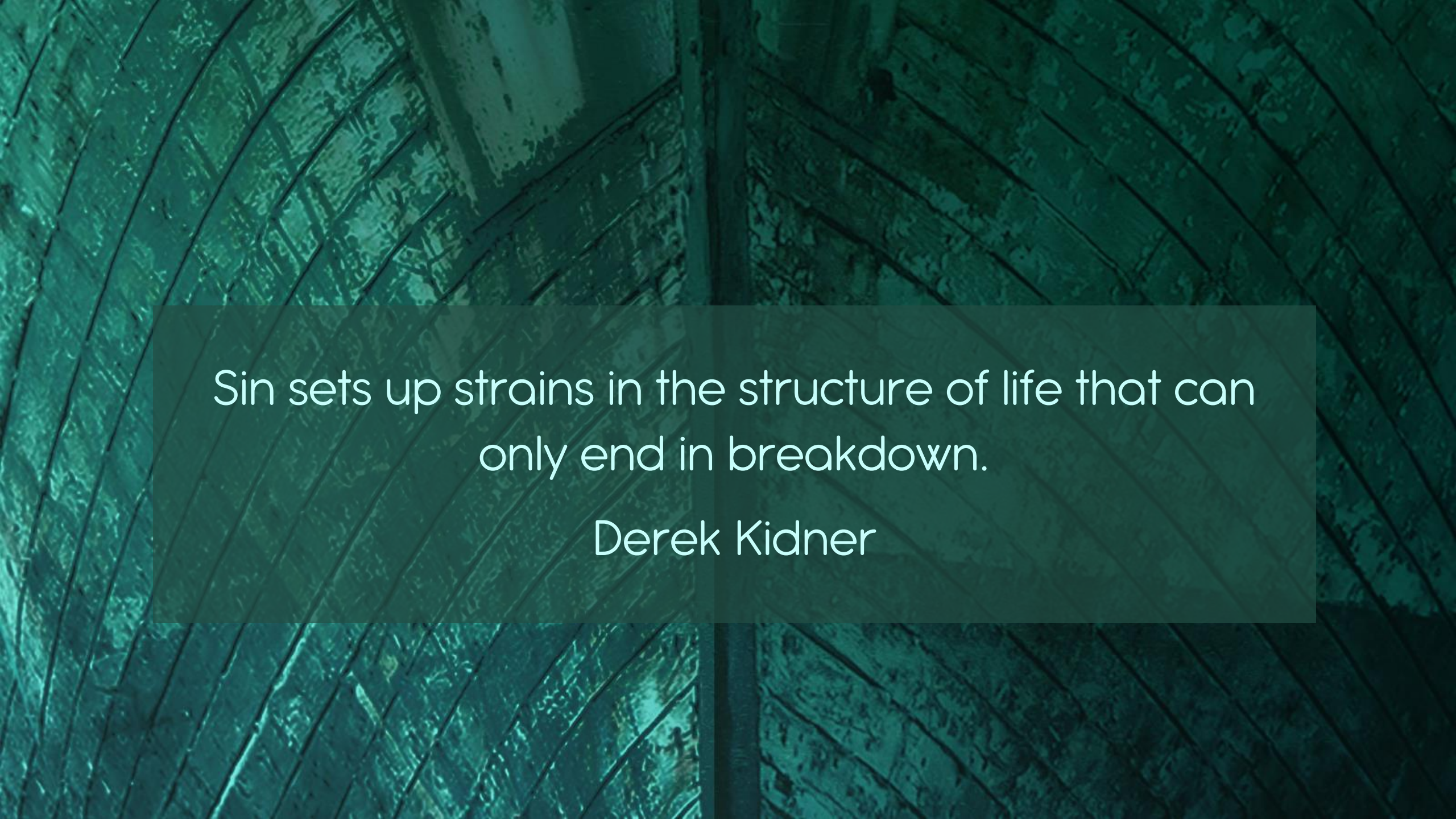
**"HANG ON LADS - 5 SECOND RULE"**





# DUMB IDEA #1

God is harsh, so he uses storms  
as payback for bad behavior.



Sin sets up strains in the structure of life that can  
only end in breakdown.

Derek Kidner



In his sovereignty, God uses storms for our good.

# BETTER IDEA #1

God is merciful, so he uses storms to correct and mature us.

As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Hebrews 12:7-11

## DUMB IDEA #2

Because God is on our team,  
there is nothing we can learn  
from other teams.

A close-up, teal-tinted image of a tree trunk showing concentric growth rings. The image is used as a background for a text overlay.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.





# COMMON GRACE

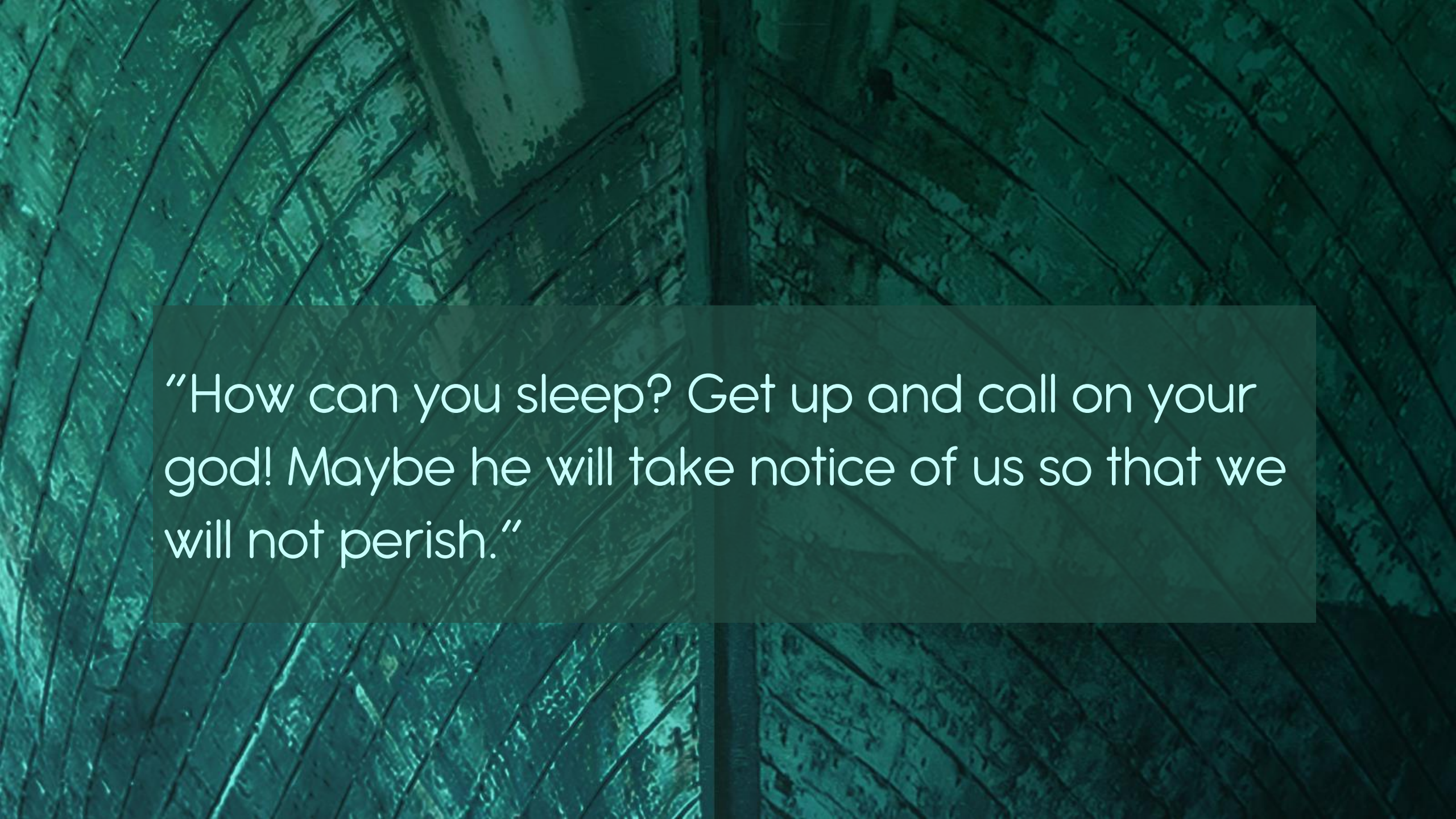
The goodness of God poured out on  
everyone without distinction.

## BETTER IDEA #2

God pours out common grace on all teams. Therefore other teams have something to teach us.

## DUMB IDEA #3

I am not responsible for the  
problems of the sinful world.

A close-up, teal-tinted photograph of a tree trunk. The image shows the concentric growth rings of the wood, with a prominent vertical crack running down the center. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture and grain of the wood.

“How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.”



## COMMON GOOD

That which benefits everyone in contrast to something that might benefit only an individual or segment of society.



Non-Christians do not expect much of Christians. But at [times] they rouse them and force them to have their part in the drama... They make them see what is going on. A remarkable thing about even the active Christian is that he never has much more than a vague idea about reality. He is lost in the slumber of his activities, his good works, his chorales, his theology, his evangelizing, his [religious] communities. He always skirts reality. He views the storm from outside, not as one who is in the boat, even if his intentions are good. It is non-Christians who have to waken him out of his sleep to share actively the common lot...and God uses them to this end.

Jacques Ellul

## BETTER IDEA #3

We are all in the same boat.  
Therefore I share responsibility  
for the problems of the sinful  
world.





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