



Our painting crew June 27,28



# Man Day!

## Trap Shoot & BBQ

July 19th

Cost: \$45

Includes: Ammo, Clays,  
Breakfast, & Lunch





**ACTS:**

**A HISTORY BOOK**

*Living* **IN YOU.**

**VINTAGE IDEAS FOR LIVING TODAY**



# THE APOSTLE PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY





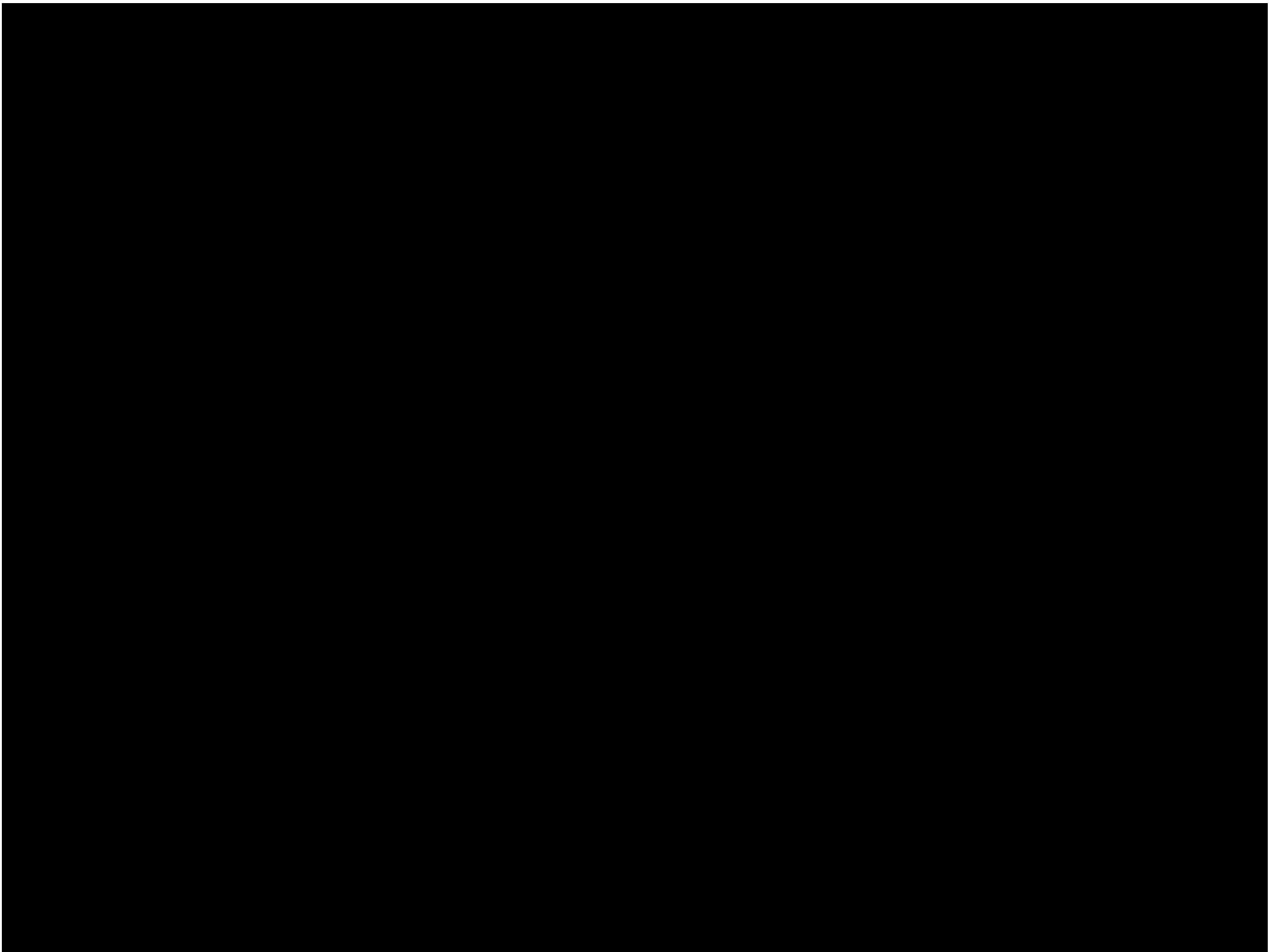
# PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY, 53-57 CE





Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months,... But some of them became obstinate.... So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. **10** This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. Acts 19:5-10







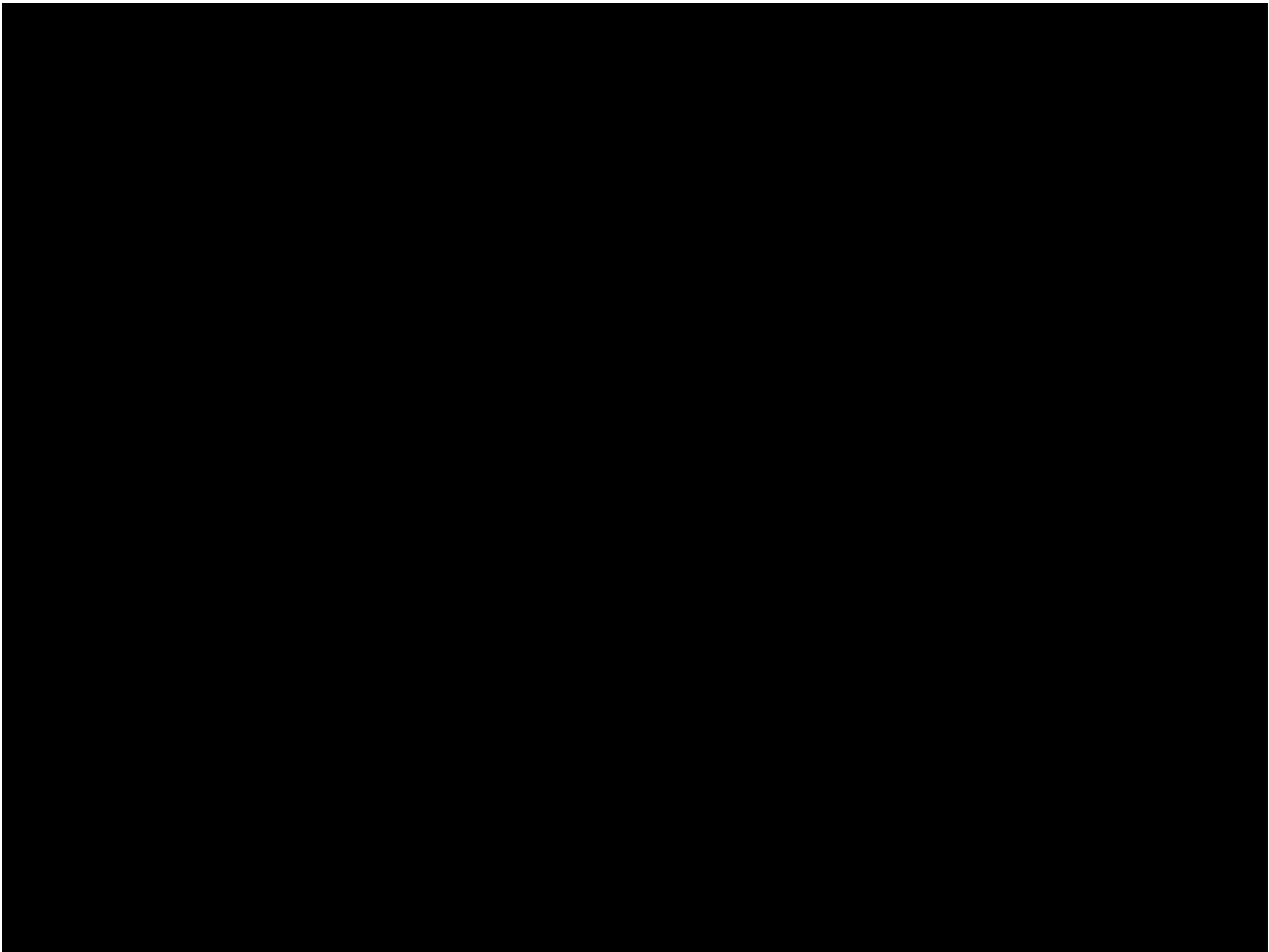


26 And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all.

*“God's made by human hands are no gods and all God's made by human hands are no gods and all.”*

Demetrius the Silversmith quoting Paul

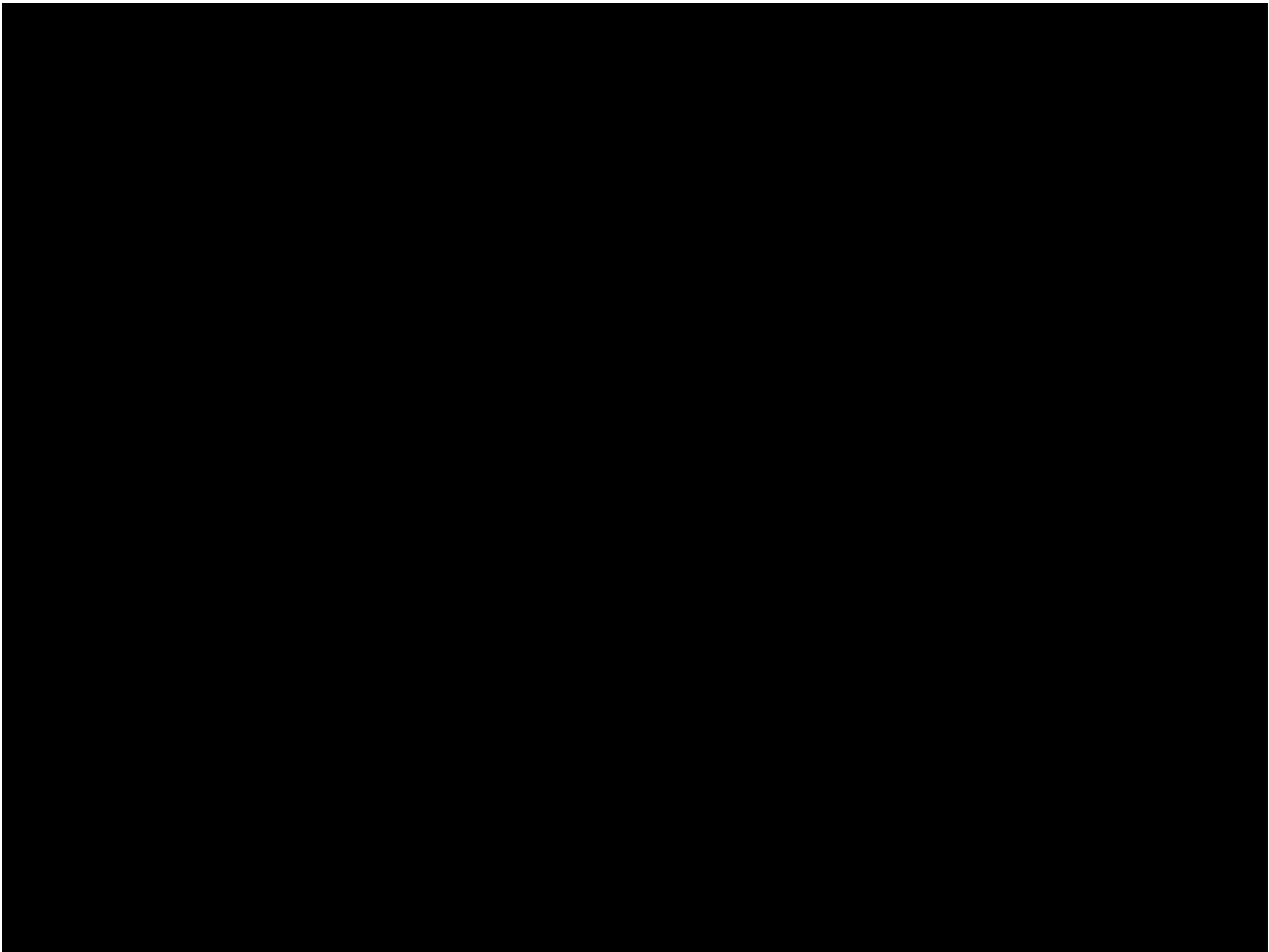




Acts 17:24,25

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So what is an idol if it's not necessarily bowing down to a

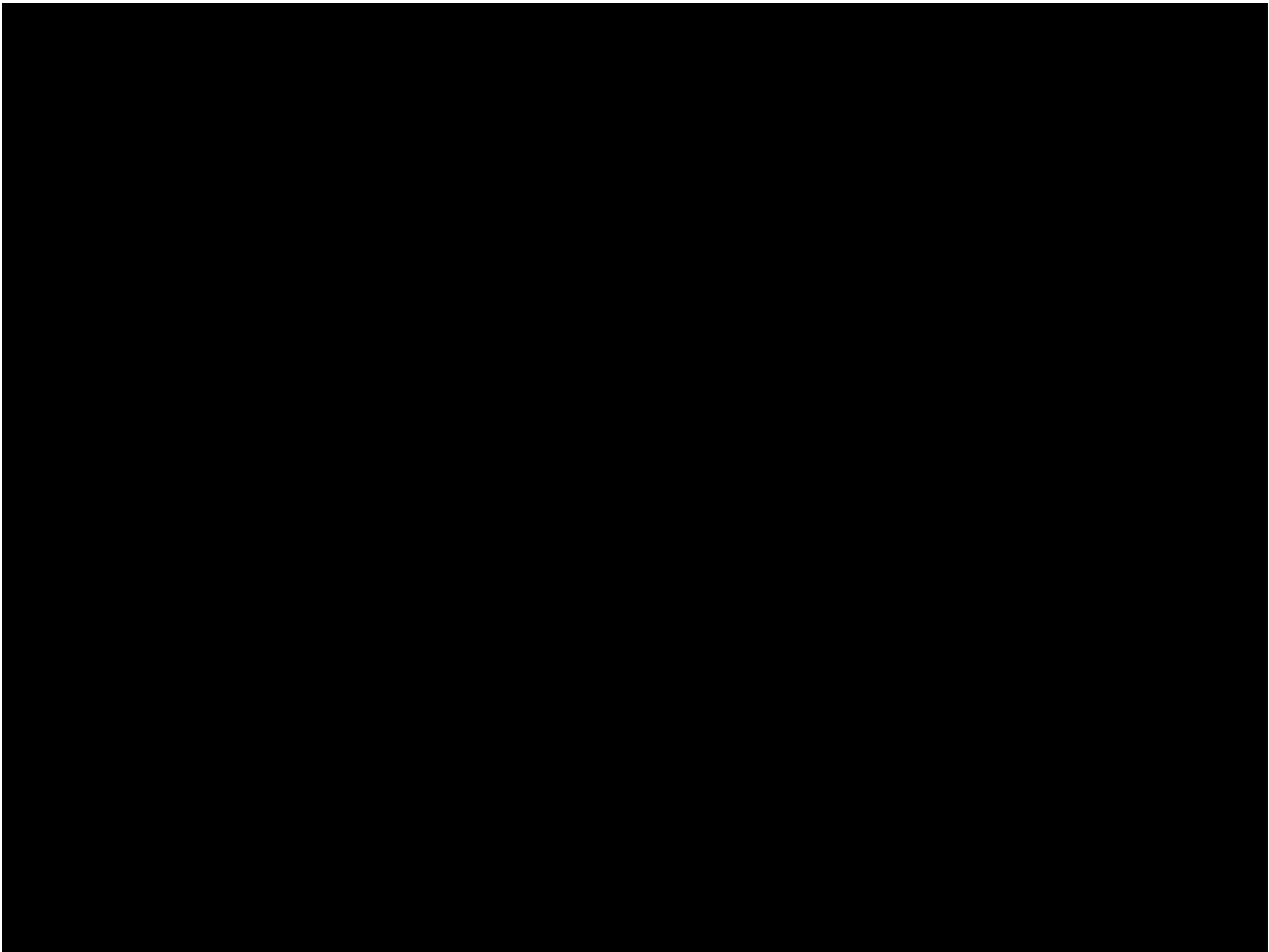
Anything that is more important to your happiness, your hope, your identity, that thing is then functionally your god.

# Idolatry

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Idolatry isn't doing bad things, rather it's taking good things and making them your ultimate things.





# Idolatry

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Parent's approval  
kids doing well  
money/career  
your looks  
achievement  
political or social cause



# Idolatry

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*Anything can be turned into a source of our hope and meaning, into our salvation or a type of god. Anything.*

# Idolatry

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Idols are very  
real and prevalent



# Idolatry

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Idols are a  
strange mix of  
both weakness  
and power

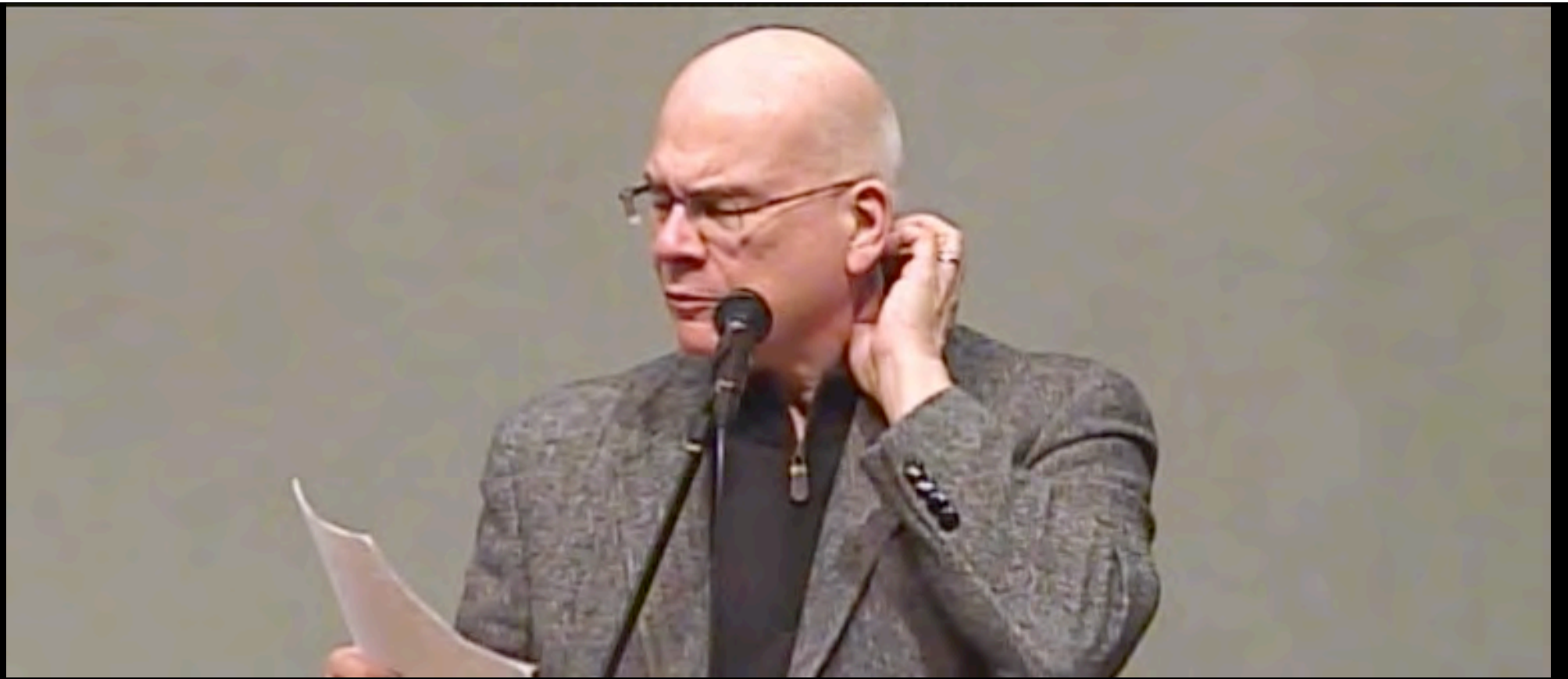
At this their anger boiled, and they began shouting, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” 29 Soon the whole city was filled with confusion. Everyone rushed to the amphitheater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, who were Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia. Acts 19:28,29



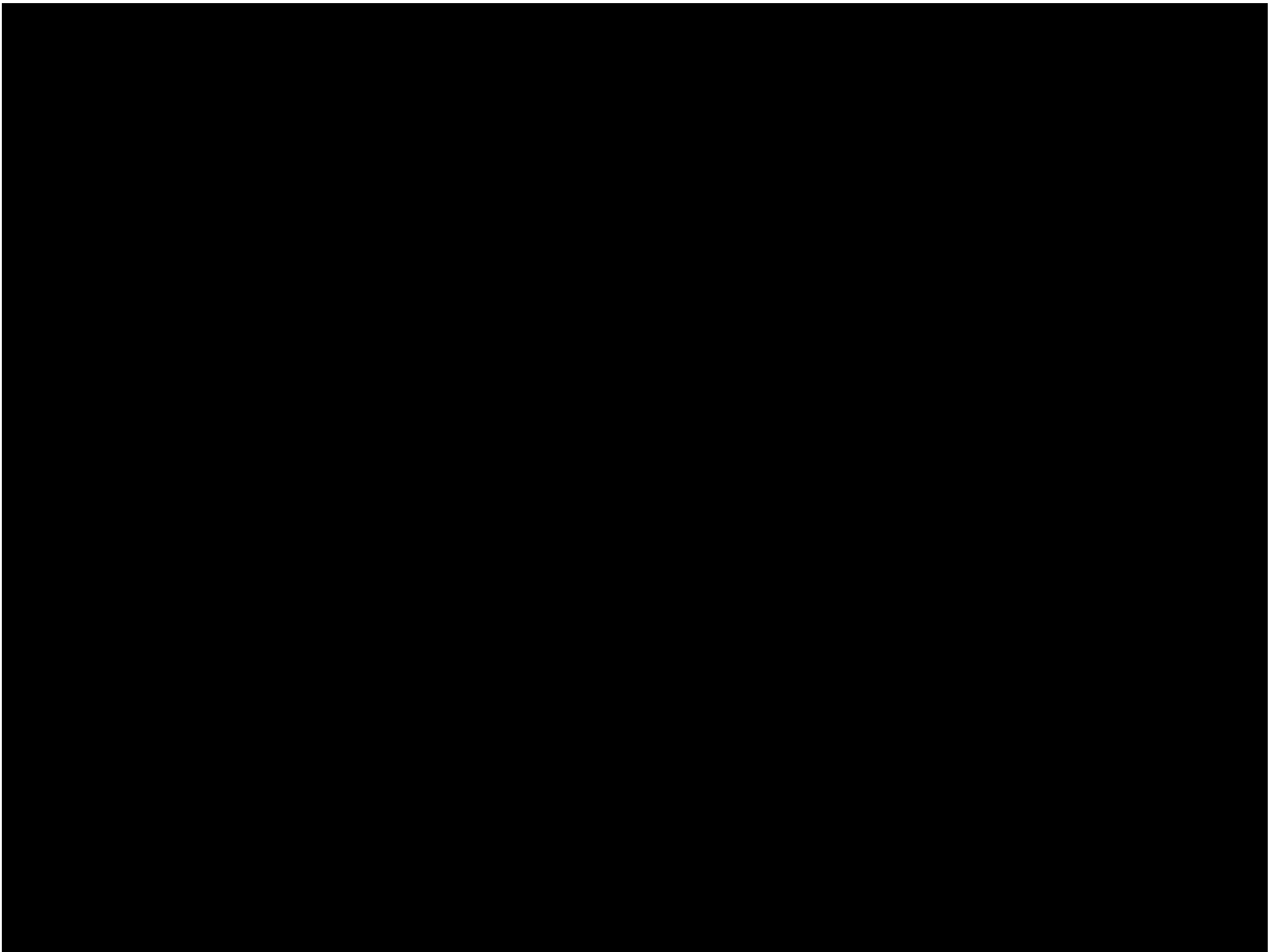
The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: “Fellow Ephesians, doesn’t all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? **36** Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to calm down and not do anything rash. **37** You have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed temples nor blasphemed our goddess. Acts 19:35-37

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Pastor and Author  
Tim Keller

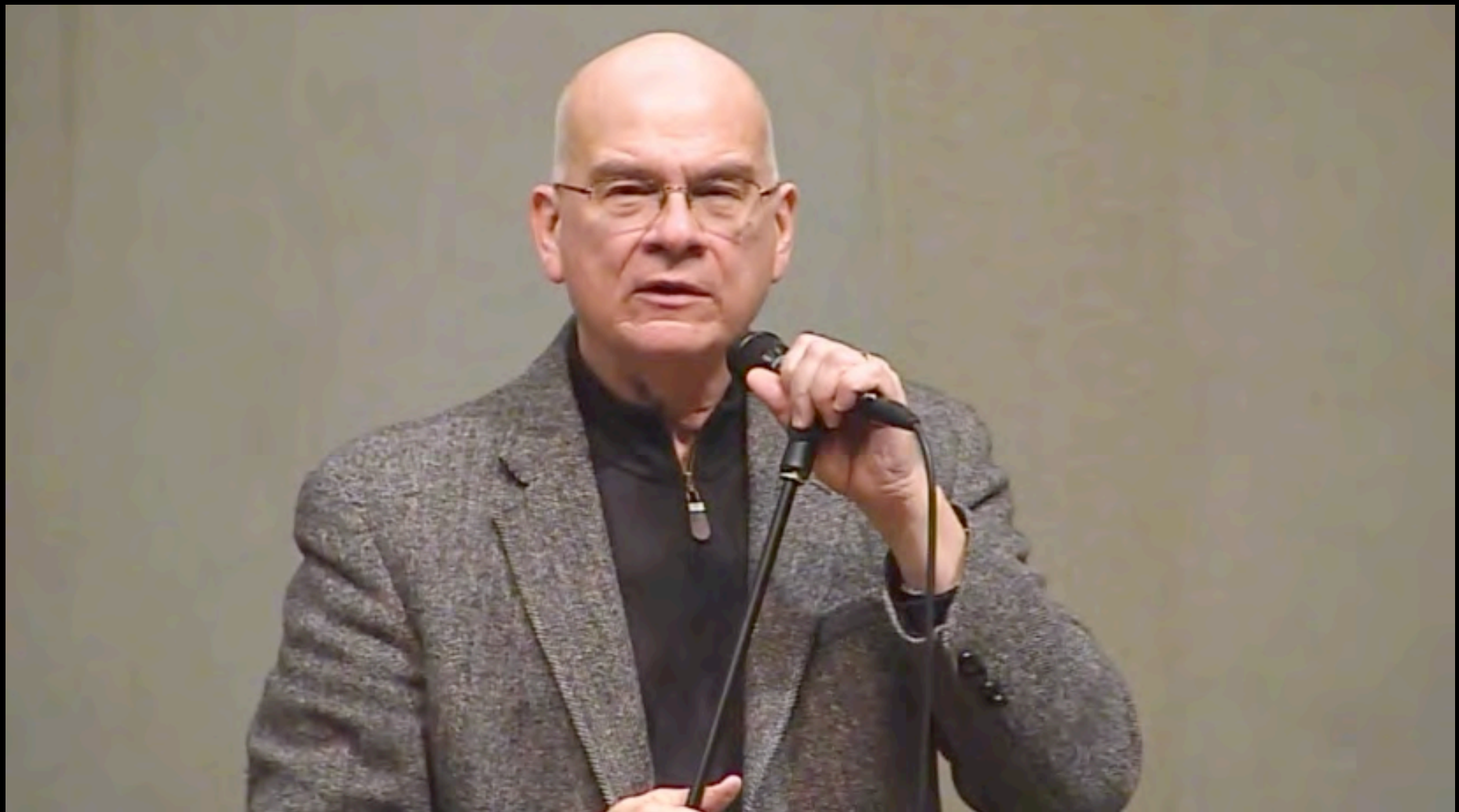




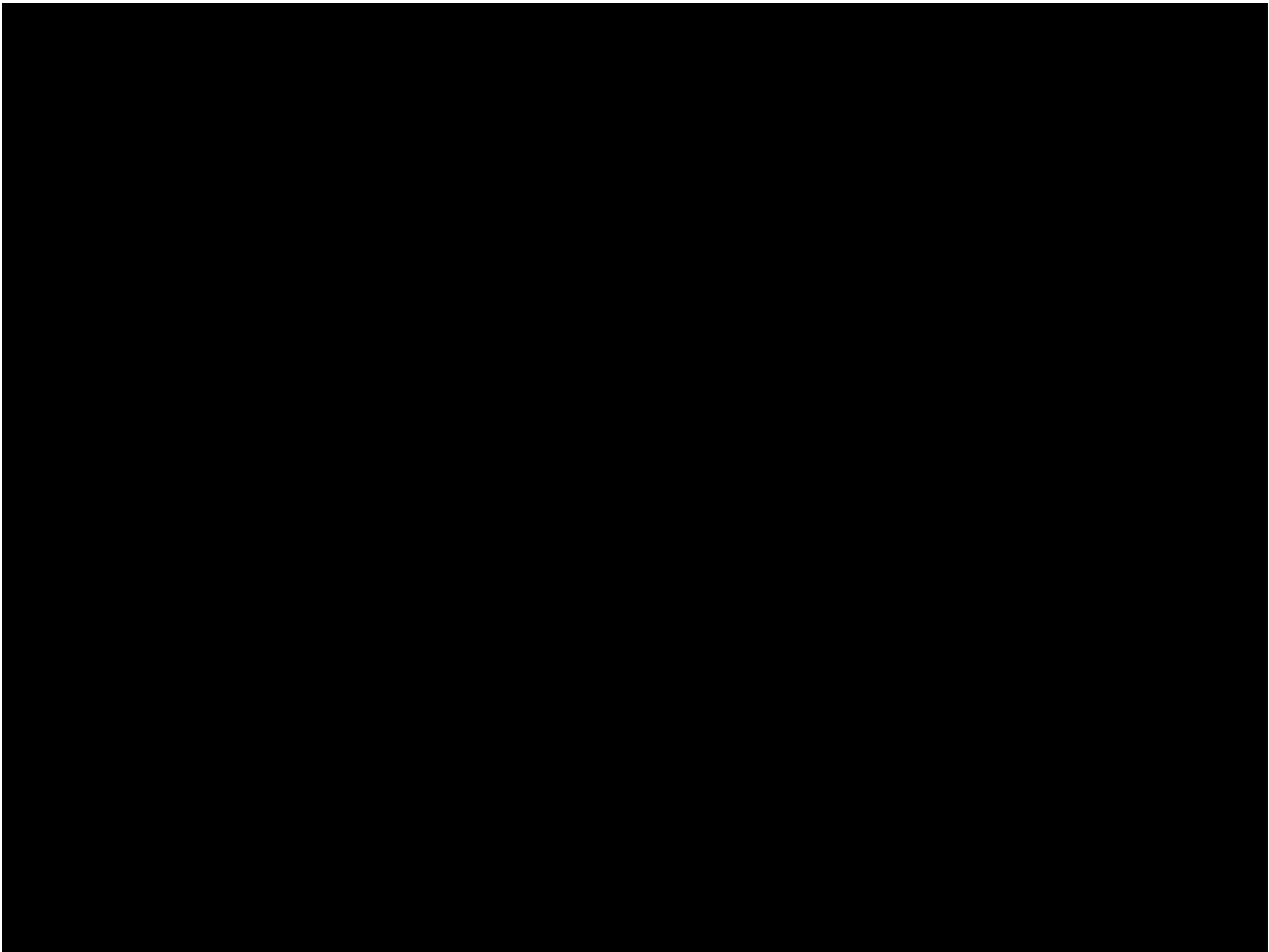
"I was willingly to do 500 things for God in order to be saved but when I found all I had to do was receive it as something already done for me I was overwhelmed by it's power."



*Charles Spurgeon, famous 19th century preacher from London*







# Idolatry

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3 We defeat our  
Idols at a cost



30 Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him.

31 Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.

Acts 19:30,31

For we are not fighting against  
flesh-and-blood enemies, but  
against evil rulers and authorities  
of the unseen world, against  
mighty powers in this dark world,  
and against evil spirits in the  
heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12



15 ...(Jesus) disarmed the  
spiritual rulers and authorities.  
He shamed them publicly by his  
victory over them on the cross.

-Colossians 2:15



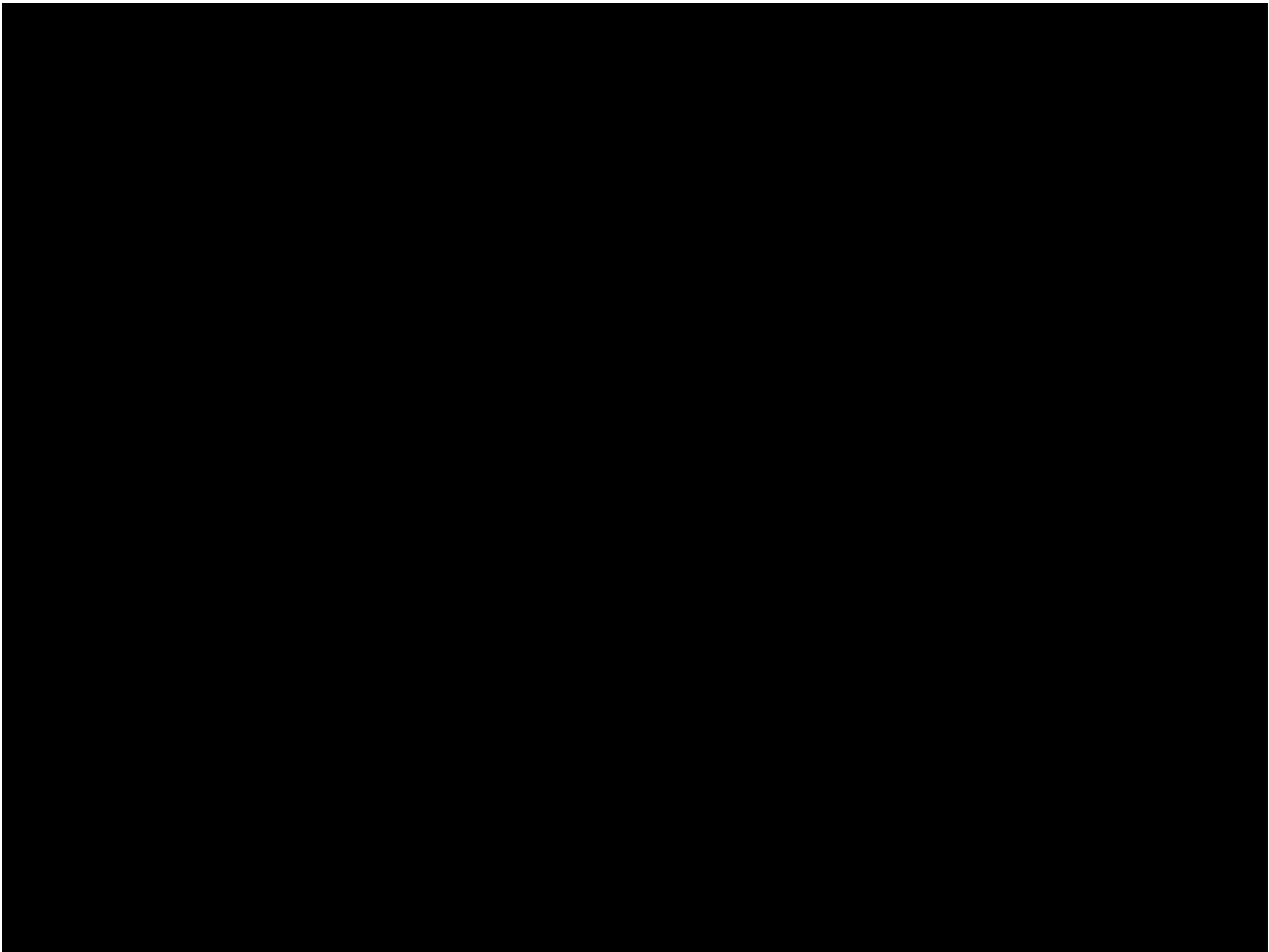


You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

-Colossians 2:13,14







# Key Principal:

It's not about loving kids or career less, it's about loving God more in proportion to them.

We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. 25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)      Romans 8:23-25



