

An illustration featuring two silhouetted figures against a vibrant sunset background. The figure on the left is in a dynamic, forward-leaning pose, holding a thin pole that supports the left side of a large banner. The figure on the right stands more upright, holding the right side of the banner. The banner is a light, glowing shape that contrasts with the darker silhouettes and the warm colors of the sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange at the top to a bright yellow where the sun is setting, and then to a darker red and purple at the horizon. The ground is depicted with dark, layered brushstrokes, suggesting a rugged or uneven terrain. The overall style is expressive and painterly, with visible brushwork and a sense of movement.

DEFEATING
GIANTS

CULTURAL GIANTS

CULTURAL GIANT:

A shared value or belief, present in our culture, which mocks or defies God's name and character by denying the truth about him or his world.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:10-12

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy which depends on human tradition and the basic principles [elemental spirits] of this world, rather than on Christ.'

Colossians 2:8

CAVEATS:

- 1) We are not battling people
- 2) Explore things further
- 3) We're looking at four, but there are more



CULTURAL GIANT 1: THE DISTORTED VALUES OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND RIGHTS

DISTORTIONS

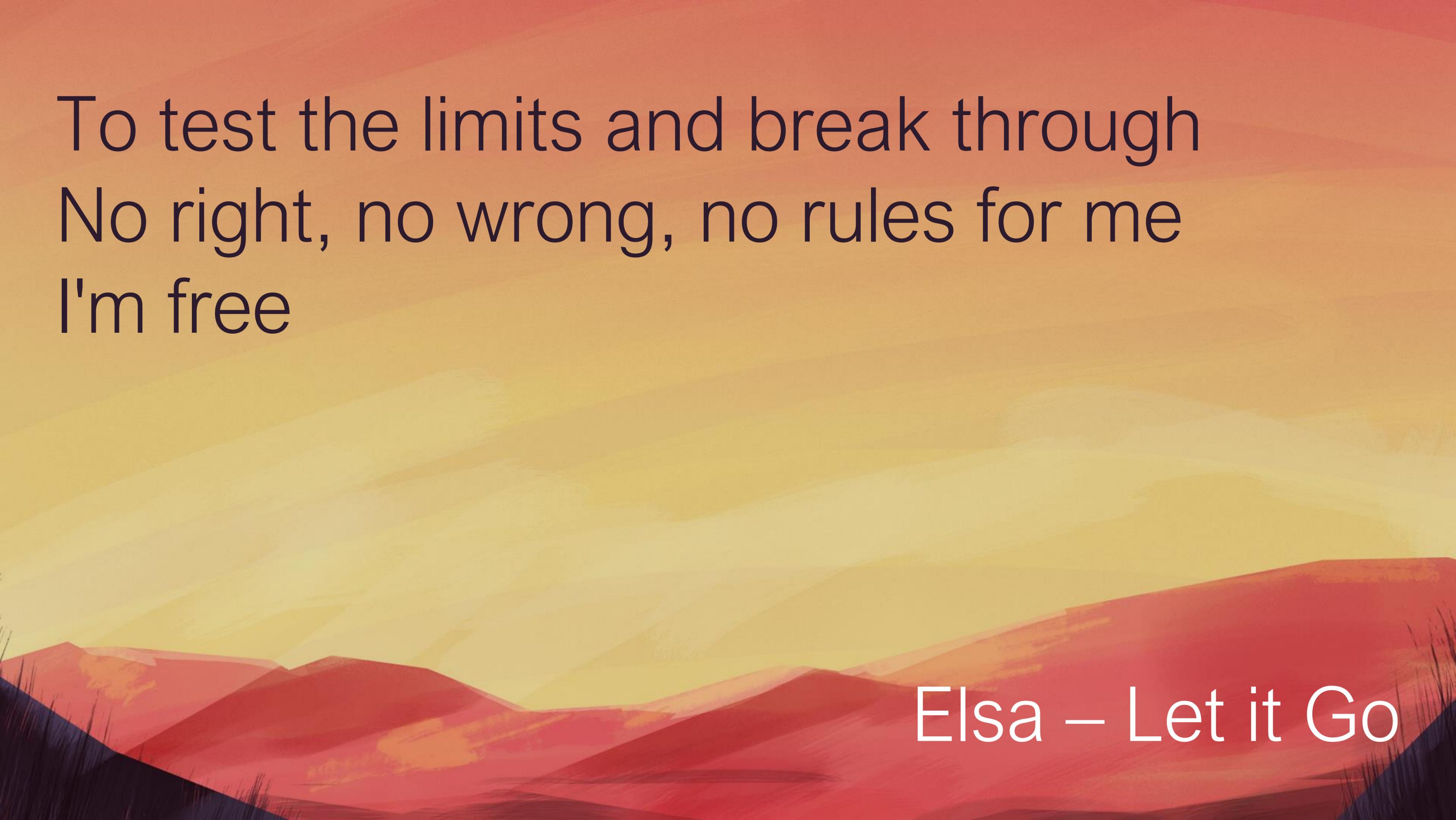
Equality → Absence of all difference

Freedom → Expressive individualism

Rights → Self-actualisation

For what is a man, what has he got
If not himself, then he has naught
To say the things he truly feels
And not the words of one who kneels
The record shows I took the blows
And did it my way

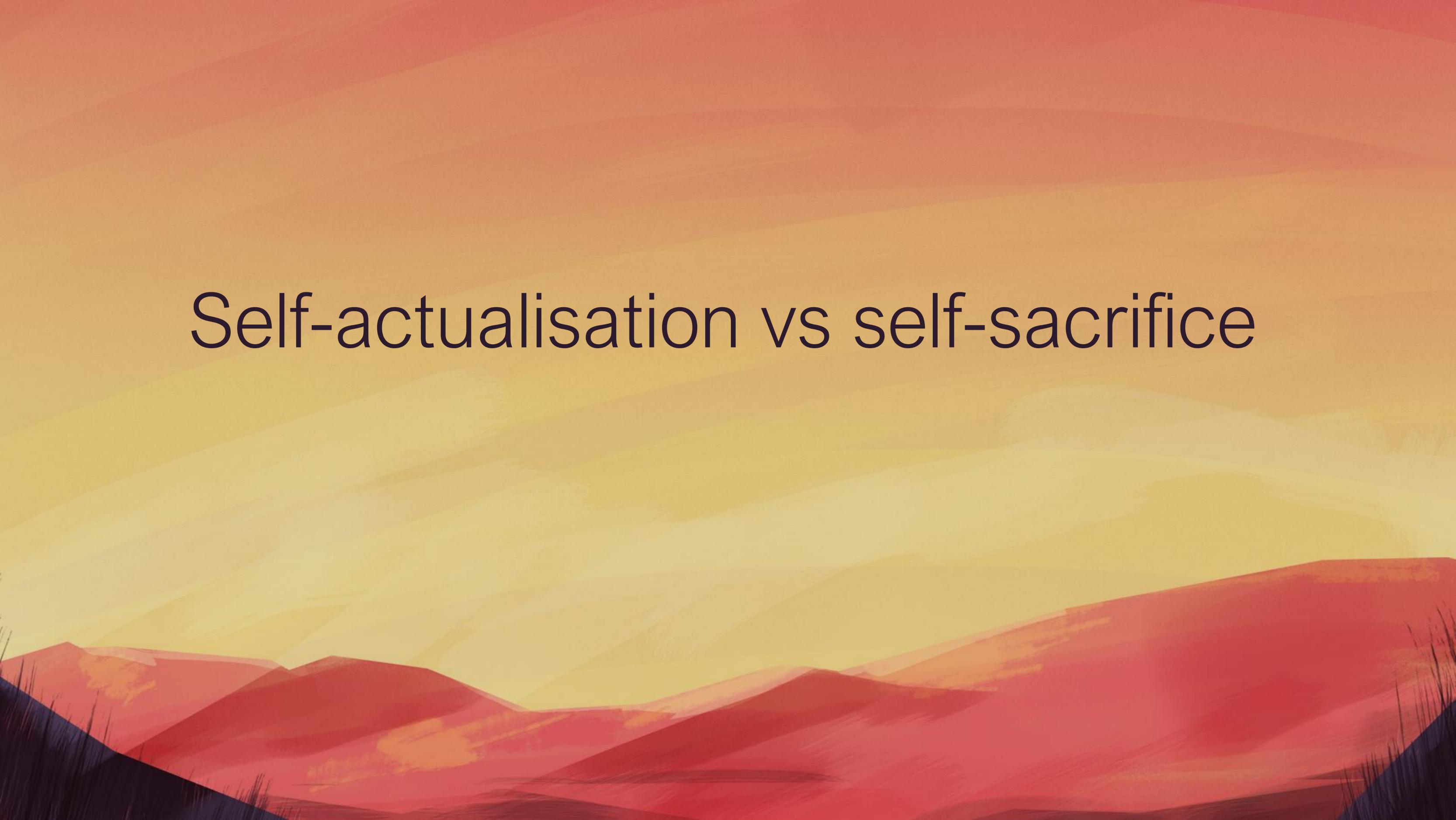
Frank Sinatra – My Way



To test the limits and break through
No right, no wrong, no rules for me
I'm free

Elsa – Let it Go

Self-actualisation vs self-sacrifice

The background of the image is a stylized, painterly landscape. It features rolling hills and mountains in various shades of red, orange, and yellow, creating a warm, sunset-like atmosphere. The colors are layered and blended, giving it a soft, ethereal quality. The text 'Self-actualisation vs self-sacrifice' is centered in the upper half of the image in a clean, black, sans-serif font.

CULTURAL GIANT 2: THE IDOLS OF SEX, WEALTH AND POWER



They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator

Romans 1:25

IDOLS

“Idols will always break your heart because no created thing can bear the weight of your deepest hopes and longings”

Tim Keller

SECULAR HUMANISM

Science, reason and the human capacity for empathy and compassion are all we need to flourish in the world.

But it borrows from Christian values

CULTURAL GIANT 4: RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

All religions are the same

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

So how do we
respond?





MAP

Maps help work out where you are and where your destination is.

The bible is our map.

COMPASS

Gives us direction

Holy Spirit is like a compass; He points us to Jesus.

BOOTS

We have a responsibility to walk out our faith.

We lead our culture forward by facing these giants.

PRAYER



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Our Father in heaven, may
your name be kept holy.

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Our Father in heaven, may
your name be kept holy.

**May the giants that mock
you be silenced.**

PRAYER

Your kingdom come, your will
be done, on Earth as in Heaven.

**May you be known as king and
may your will be done in our
culture.**

PRAYER

Give us this day our daily bread.

Help us to read your word and to hear you as you speak through it.

PRAYER

Forgive us our sins

**Forgive us for agreeing and
partnering with the giants in
our culture.**

PRAYER

as we forgive those who sin
against us.

**We forgive every person who
has spoken against you.**

PRAYER

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Help us to stand firm in you and have the courage to face the giants.