

An artistic illustration featuring two dark silhouetted figures in a desert landscape at sunset. The figure on the left is in a dynamic pose, pulling a rope attached to a large banner. The figure on the right stands with their back to the viewer, also holding the rope. The banner, written in a bold, hand-painted font, reads "DEFEATING GIANTS". The background consists of rolling hills under a sky with warm orange and yellow tones, suggesting a setting or rising sun. The overall style is painterly and motivational.

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





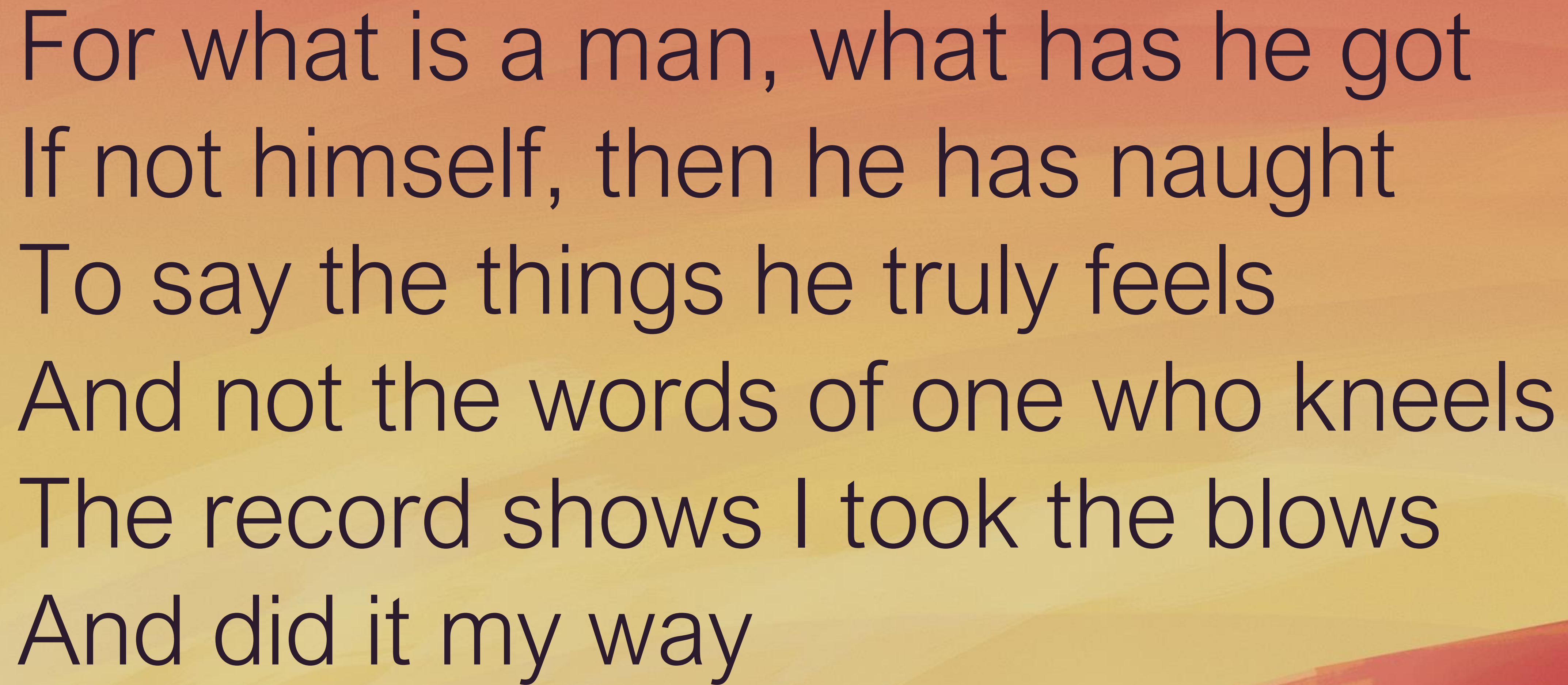
# DISTORTIONS

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

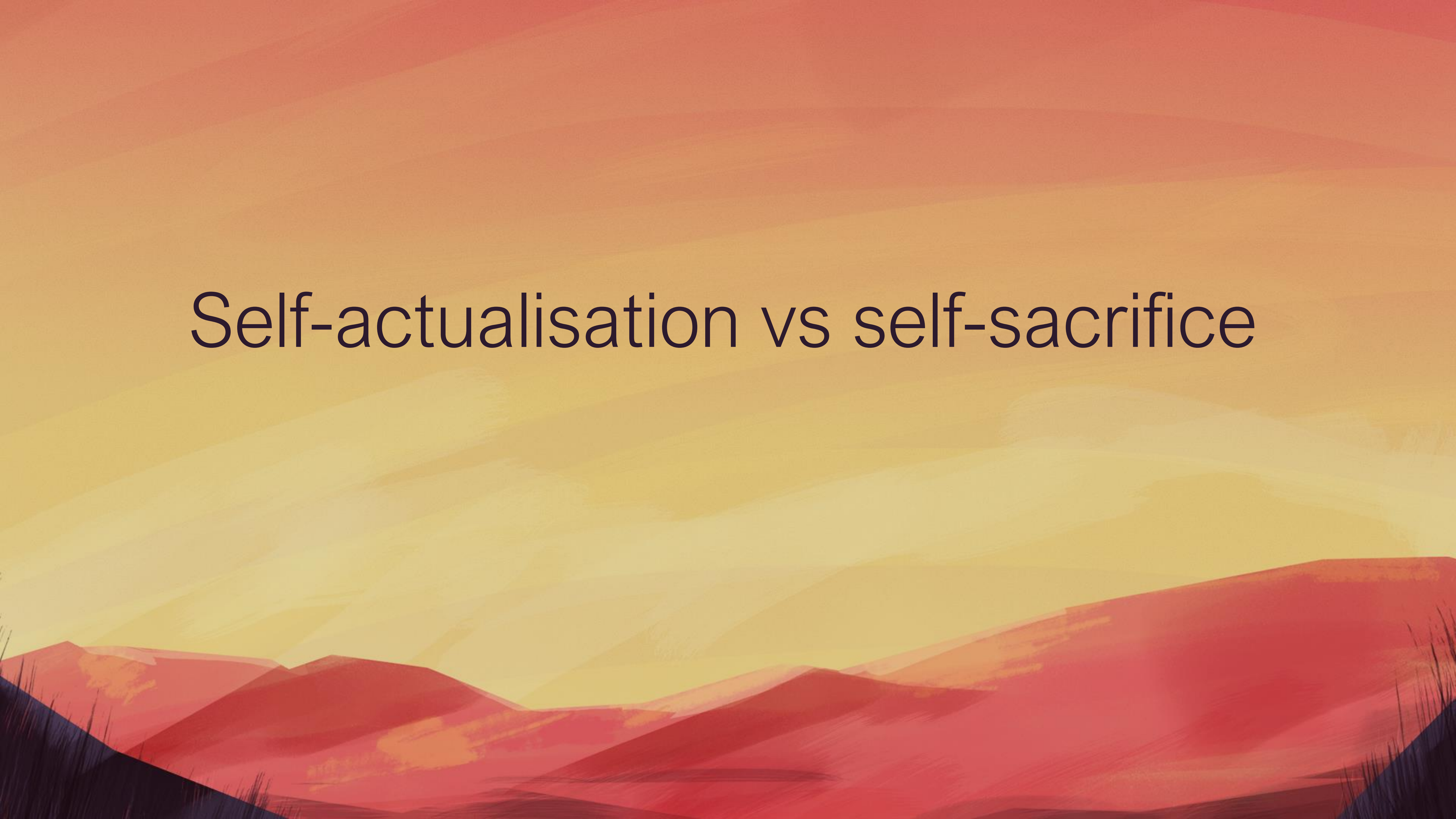


To test the limits and break through  
No right, no wrong, no rules for me  
I'm free

Elsa – Let it Go



# Self-actualisation vs self-sacrifice





# 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

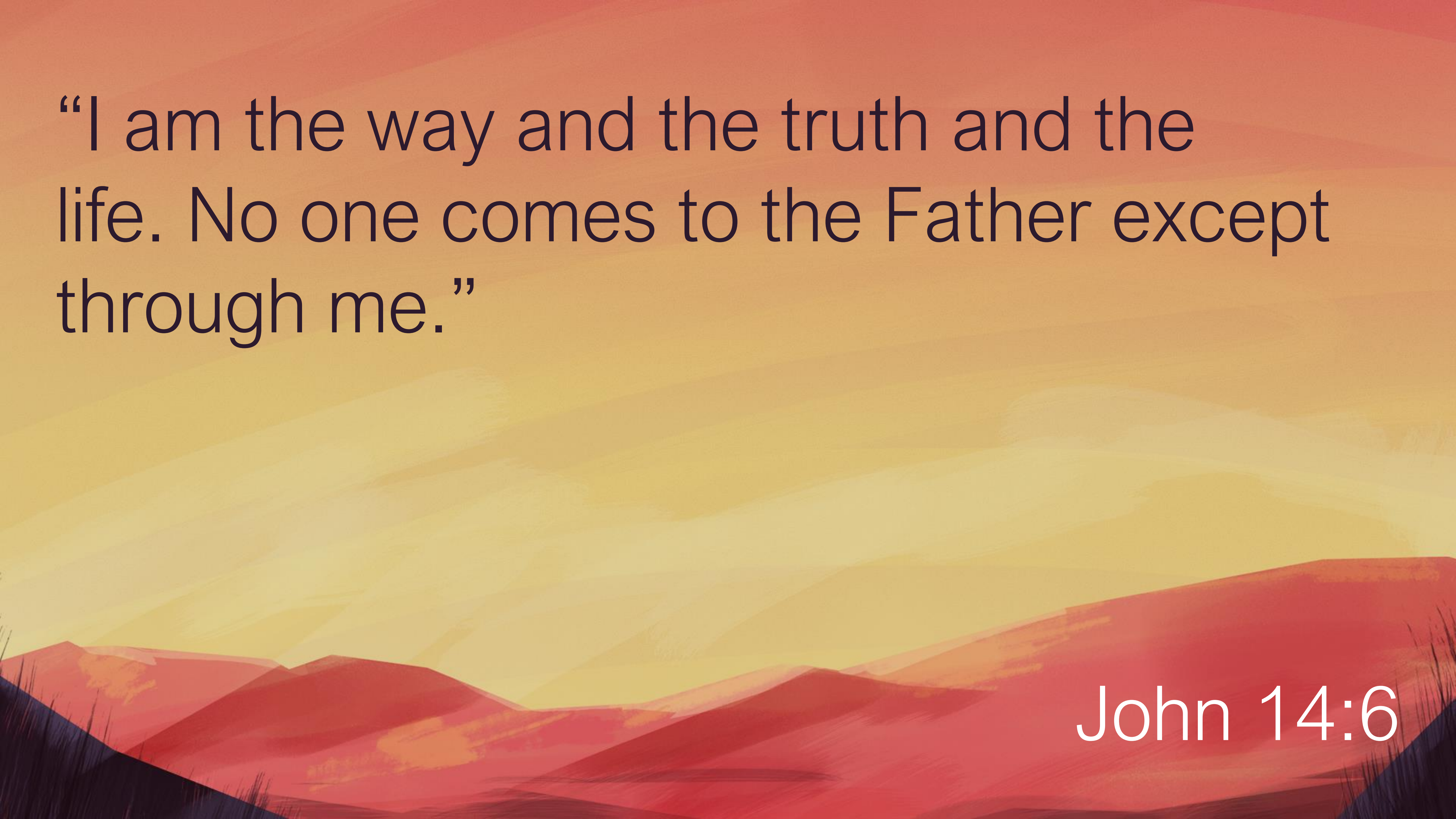


# CULTURAL GIANT 4: RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

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.**