

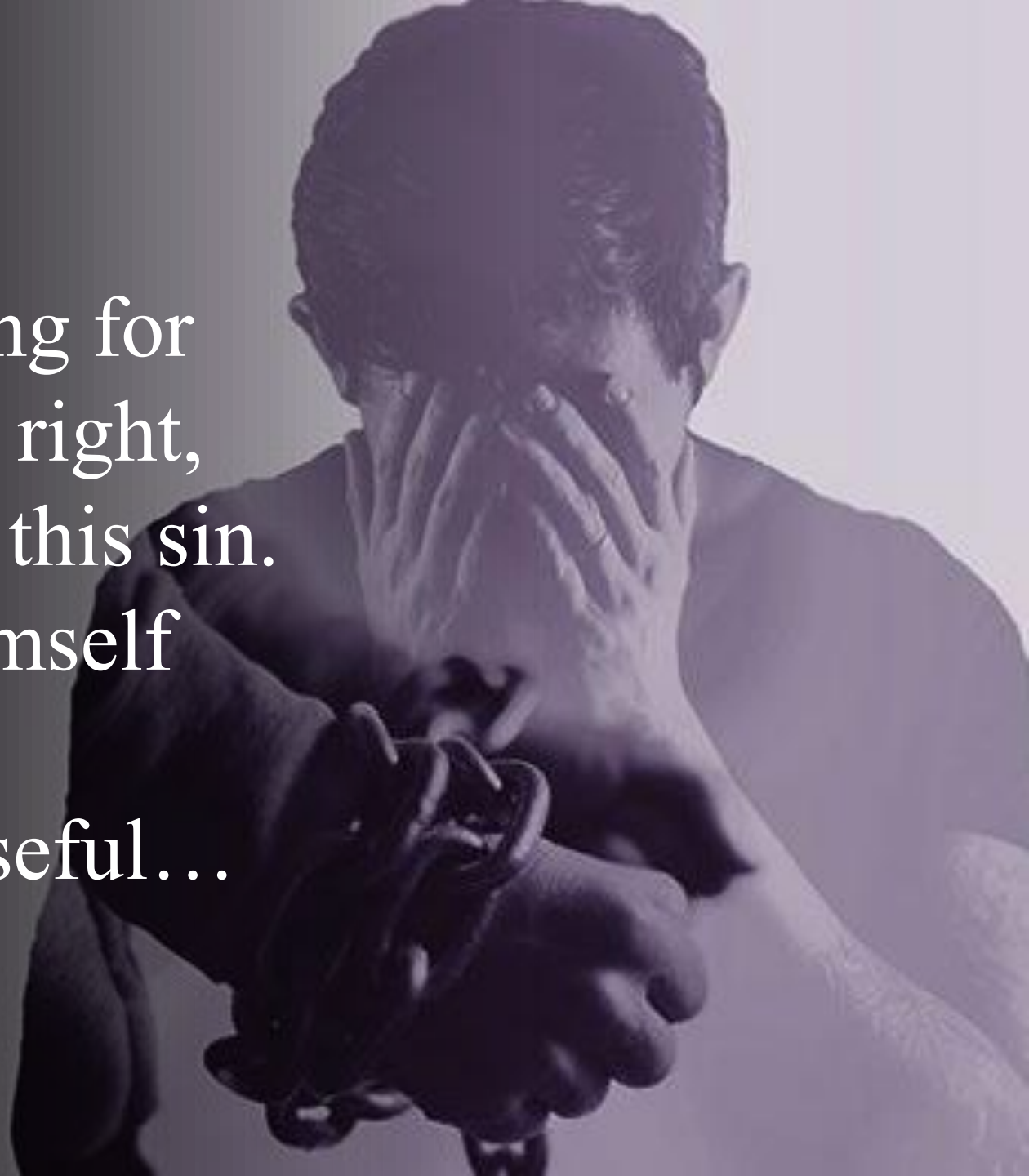
Are you struggling with sin in your spiritual life?

- Purity
- Outbursts of anger
- Bitterness
- Lack of zeal for prayer and Bible reading



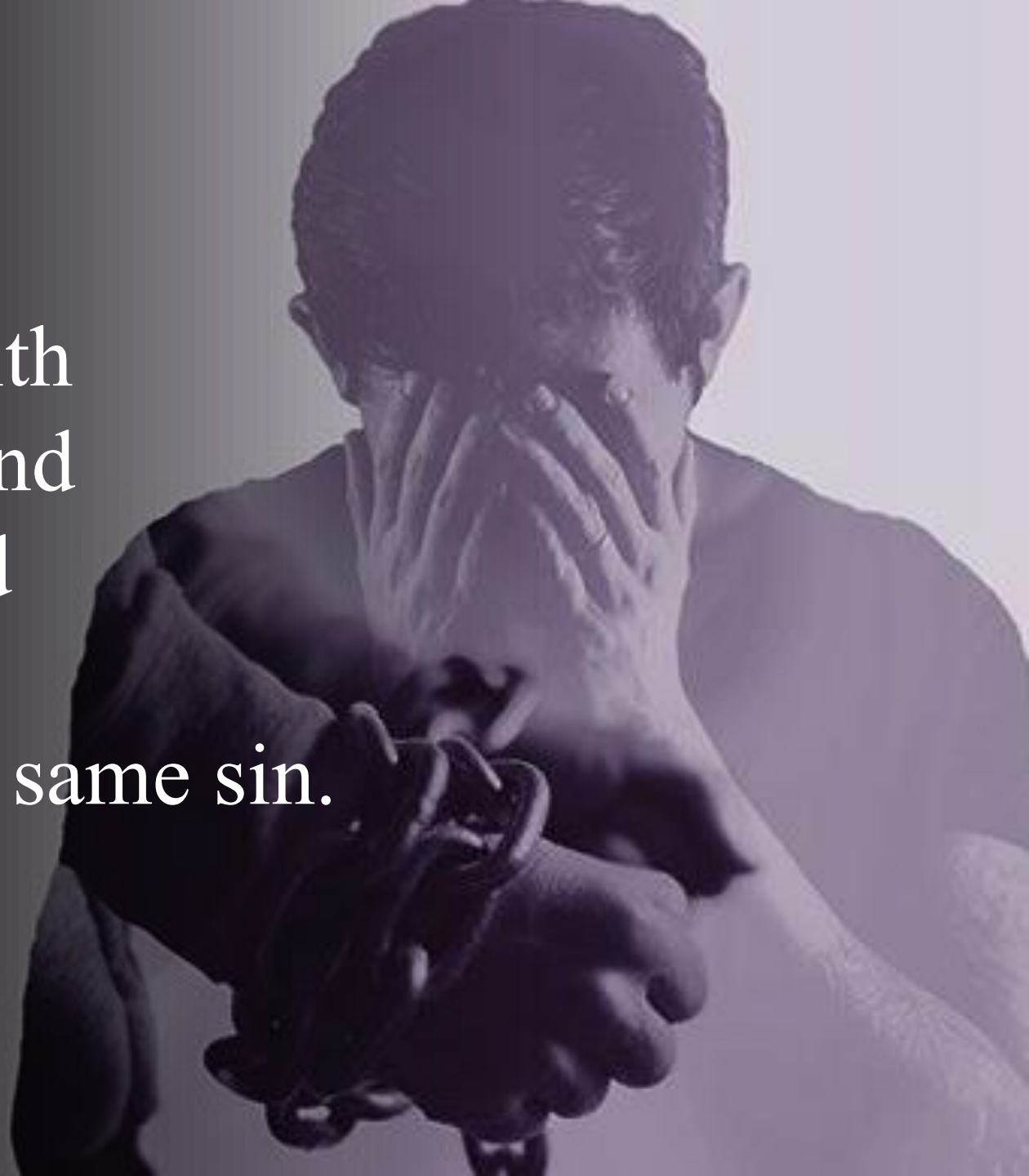
1st Scenario

A person who had been lusting for women, knew that it was not right, but tried many efforts to end this sin. He tried many ways; kept himself busy in many ministries; but all the efforts were not useful...



2nd Scenario

A man who had struggled with lust came to faith in Christ and experienced genuine transformation but continued to fall into the same sin.



Keep in Step with the Spirit

**If we live by the Spirit,
let us also keep in step with the
Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)**

Galatians 5:16-25

- 16 But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
- 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit,
and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,
for these are opposed to each other,
to keep you from doing the things you want to do.
- 18 But if you are led by the Spirit,
you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident:
sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy,
fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,
21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.
I warn you, as I warned you before,
that those who do such things
will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus
have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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1. Reality of the Struggle

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ii. A settled, unrepentant practice of the flesh is incompatible with God's kingdom.

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How many fruit(s) listed in these verses?

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i. Not works but fruit

ii. One fruit: integrated, whole

2. Regeneration by the Spirit

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i. We fight from acceptance—not for acceptance.

ii. Those who belong to Christ are living by the Spirit.

3. Reliance on the Spirit

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Walk(peripateō):
conduct one's life

Gratify(teleō):
bring to fruition

Keep in step(stoicheō):
walk in line with or
follow a standard

Psalm 1:1-2

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law
he meditates day and night.



Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

1. Ask the Father to fill and strengthen us by the Spirit.

2. Receive, meditate on,
and obey God's Word by faith, relying on the Spirit.

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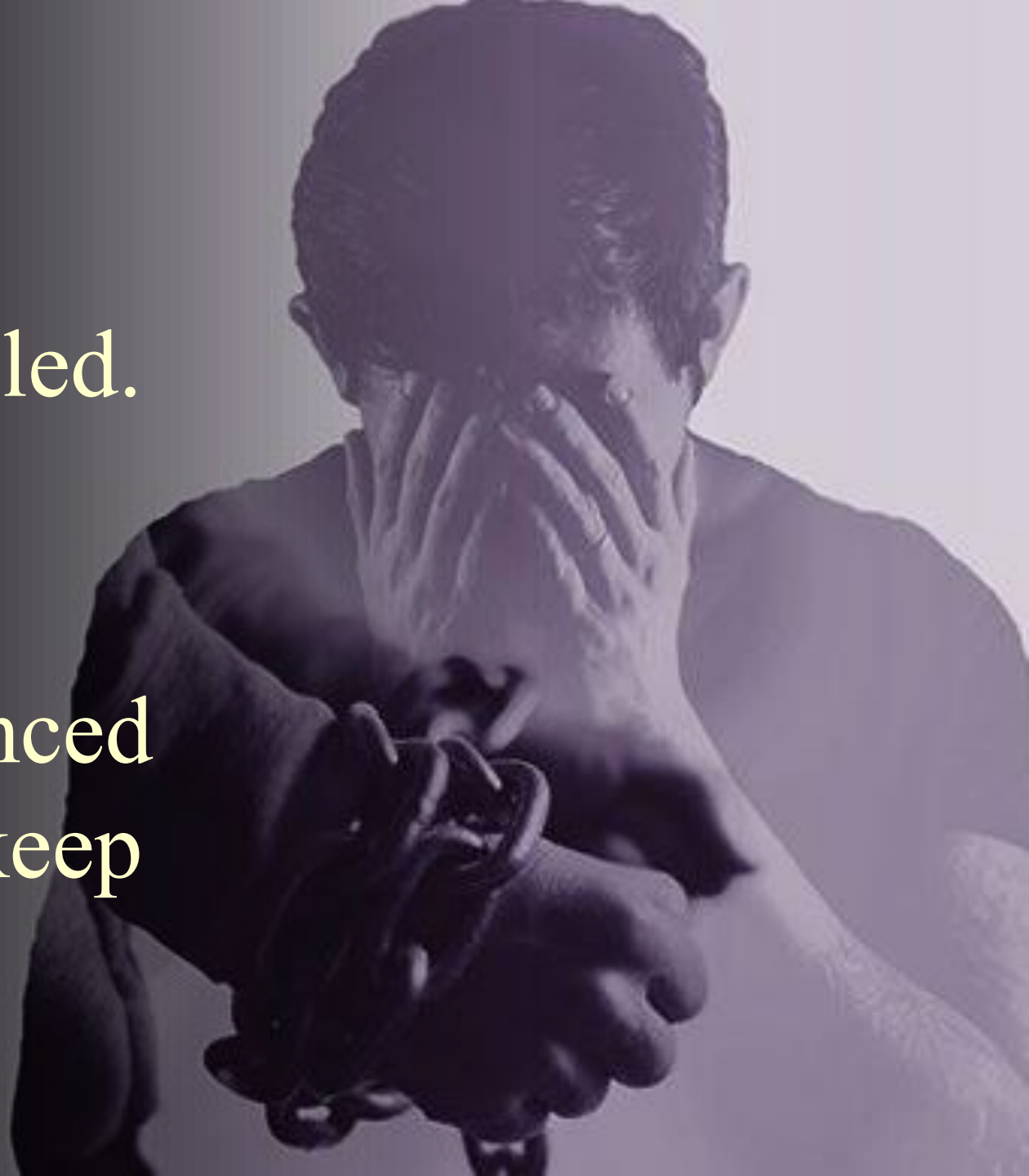


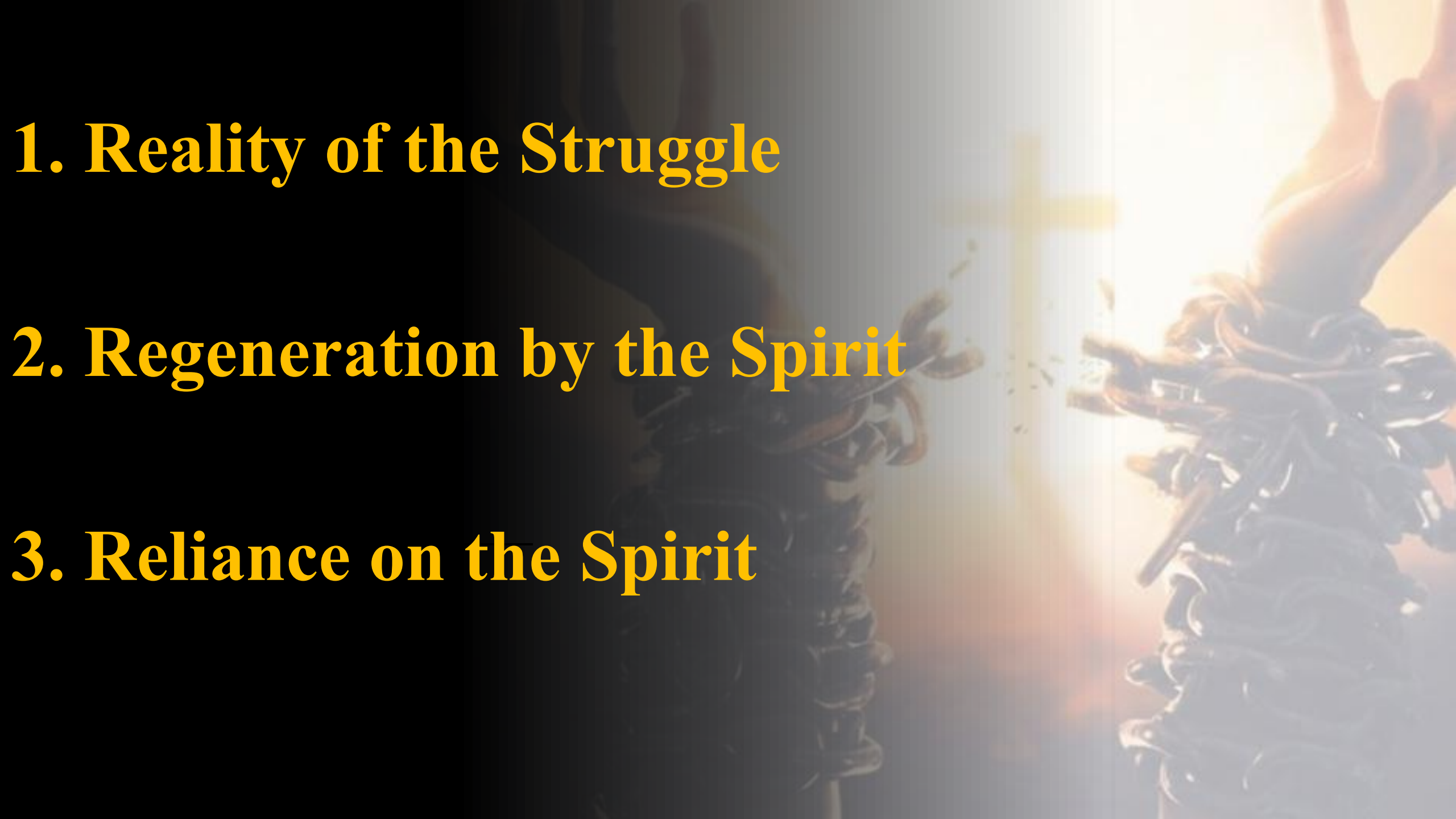
1st Scenario

A person who tried to live a righteous life and failed.

2nd Scenario

A person who had experienced a transformation but now keep failing.





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