

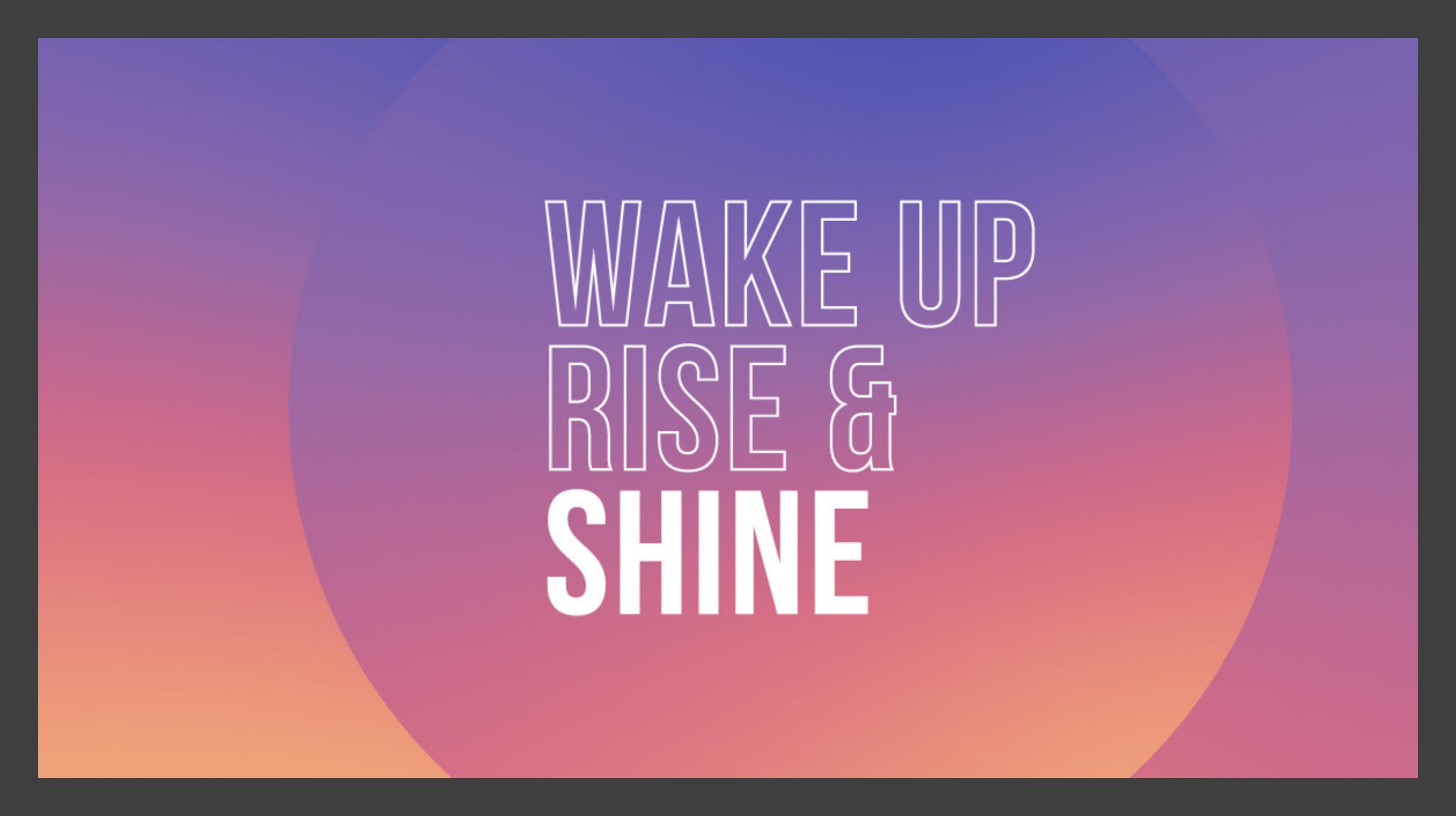
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John Wesley
c. 1791

*“In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials liberty;
In all things... Love.”*

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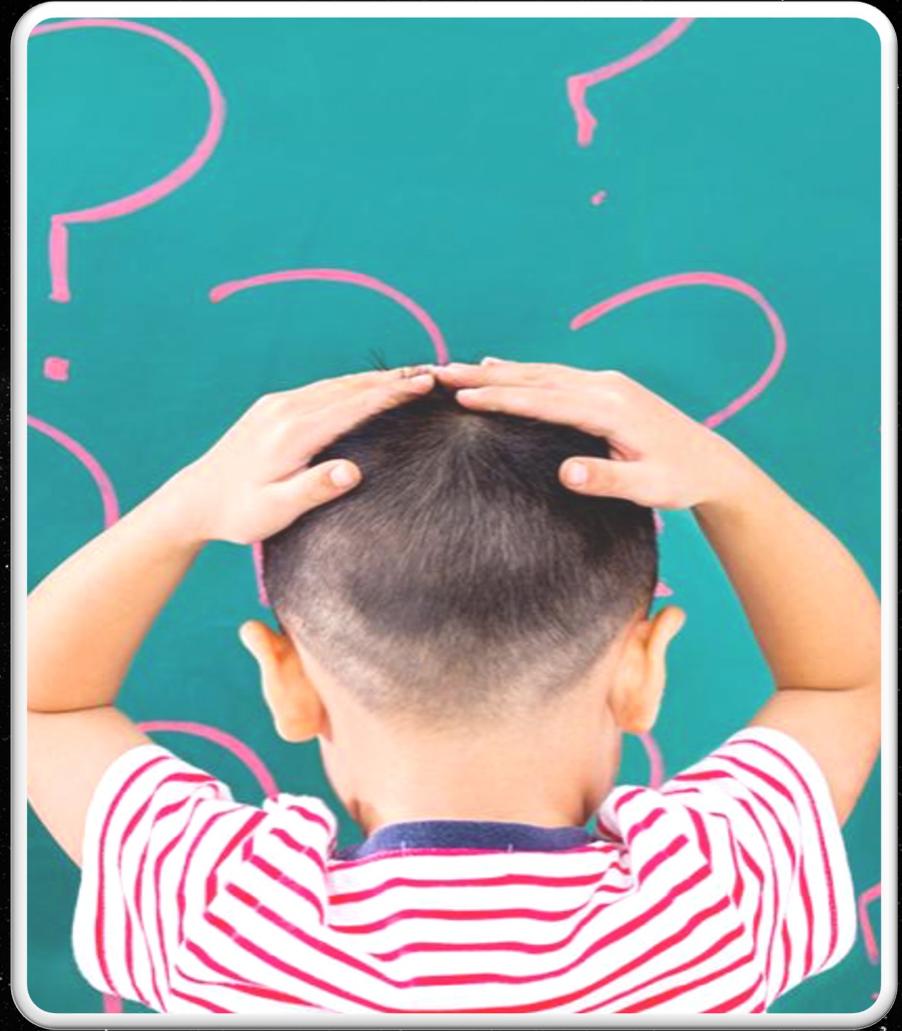
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WHY?



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When We Start With
the WHY the WHAT
Makes More Sense



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Corner Puzzle Piece #1:

**You're Purpose in
Life is Not to GO
Somewhere**

Wonderfully Made...

So God created mankind in
his own image...

...and He saw that it was
very good!

Genesis 1:27, 31

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We were created to
RESEMBLE &
REPRESENT Him



Irenaeus

d. 202 AD

“The glory of
God is a
human being
fully alive”

Corner Puzzle Piece #2:

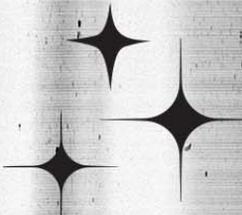
**You're Purpose
in Life is to BE
Someone**

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We Desired Self-Rule...

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:4-5



SIN:

To be off target, miss
the mark

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The Cost of Self-Rule...

Refusing to know God, they
soon didn't know how to be
human either...

Romans 1:26 (MSG)

The Cost of Self-Rule...

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

Romans 1:28

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Trying to be **GOD** has
made us less **HUMAN**



Counterfeit Humanity...

Their (our) lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. We are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. We invent new ways of sinning, and we disobey our parents. We refuse to understand, break our promises, are heartless, and have no mercy.

Romans 1:29-31

Corner Puzzle Piece #3:

Sin is the **RUIN** of what
God created **GOOD**

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Salvation...

Restore us, Oh God; make
Your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:3

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Salvation is about
God RESTORING
His creation...
not us LEAVING it



The Offer...

The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy; I have
come that they may have *life*,
and have it to the full

John 10:10

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Corner Piece #4:

Salvation is All About
RESTORATION

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Soren
Kierkegaard

“And now
Lord, with
your help, I
shall become
myself”



SANCTIFICATION:

The process of being remade into God's image as intended

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Until Christ is formed within you... (Gal. 4:19)

Being transformed in Him... (1 Cor. 3:18)

Becoming like Him... (Phil. 3:10)



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**WAKE UP
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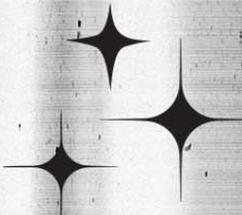


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The Only Path...

Jesus told him, "I am the way,
the truth, and the life. No one
can come to the Father
except through me

John 14:6



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Only Jesus Offers Us:

1. An END to Hostilities

Our Mess, His Love...

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners... while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His son

Romans 5:8,10

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Instead of
RETRIBUTION
Jesus offered us
RECONCILIATION



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Jesus said, "It is finished."
With that, he bowed his
head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30

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Salvation is About God
RESTORING Us, Not
Just **FORGIVING** Us



Only Jesus Offers Us:

2. An EXAMPLE to Follow

Fully Human...

For this reason He had to be
made like them, fully human
in every way.

Hebrews 2:17

When You Look More
Like JESUS
You Look More
HUMAN

Always the Plan...

For those God foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to
the image of his Son...

Romans 8:29

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Only Jesus Offers Us:

3. An EXCHANGE of Allegiance

The Kingdom...

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 4:17

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The Gospel...

Jesus is LORD



His People...

You are no longer foreigners
and strangers, but fellow
citizens with God's people and
members of His household

Ephesians 2:19

Only Jesus Offers Us:

3. An EXCHANGE of Allegiance



REPENT:

To turn around, change your mind, or to switch sides

“Repent, then, and turn to God...” (Acts 3:19)



FAITH:

Loyalty, allegiance,
commitment

"Place your faith in the Lord Jesus and you
will be saved. (Acts 16:31)

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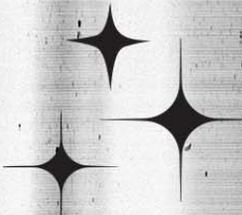
CONFESS:

To pledge allegiance to,
declare loyalty

If you confess that Jesus is Lord... you will
be saved. (Rom. 10:9)

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BAPTISM:

A public confession of
allegiance (faith)

If you confess that Jesus is Lord... you will
be saved. (Rom. 10:9)

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More than Words...

Why do you call Me,
"LORD, LORD," and do not
do what I say?

Luke 6:46

True Loyalty...

Whatever happens,
conduct yourselves in a
manner worthy of the
gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1:27

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True Kingdom
Citizens Are
OBEDIENT
to the King





**It was our
decision to
reject His rule
over our lives
that brought all
this destruction**

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Trusting and Obeying
Jesus is the
SOLUTION
to Our Problem





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When You FOLLOW Jesus,
You LOOK more like Jesus

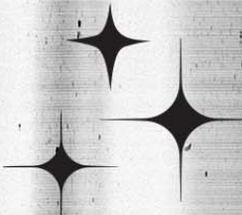
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GK Chesterton

“Christianity has not so much been tried and found wanting, as it has been found difficult and left untried.”





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