

EASTER SUNDAY

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A STUDY THROUGH ROMANS



¹⁶ "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

ROMANS 1:16-17 NIV

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The Gospel is the good news that Jesus came to rescue and restore all of humanity through his life, death, and resurrection.

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Romans Recap:

- **1:1-17 Live Unashamed** // Know the Gospel & be transformed by it
- **1:18-3:20 Problem of Sin** // Holds the truth back, deprives us of who we are, & moves us into judgment
- **3:21-4:25 Growing in Faithfulness** // Read, receive His righteousness, reflect on redemption, restart & keep the faith
- **5:1-21 Security** // Justified & now have peace, grace, & hope
- **6:1-23 Changes Everything** // Joined together with God, set free from sin, new purpose, & no longer slaves to sin but God
- **7:1-25 Keep the Book** // Released from law, recognizes & rescues from sin
- **8:1-39 Christ in me** // Condemned no more, Chosen, Compare present suffering with future glory

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—
² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises.

⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.



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ROMANS 9:5 NIV

How to cultivate holy anguish:

- Trust God's sovereign plan



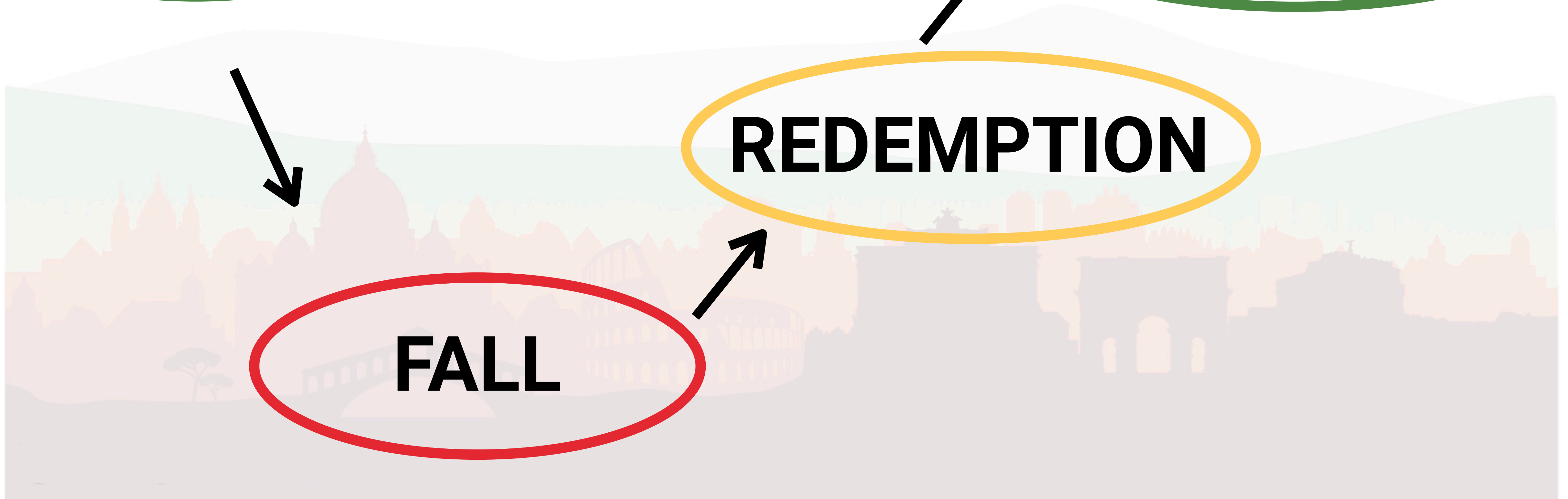
Story of God's Redemptive Plan

CREATION

RESTORATION

REDEMPTION

FALL



⁶ It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

¹⁸ Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden. ¹⁹ One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?” ²⁰ But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” ²¹ Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? **ROMANS 9:18-21** NIV

¹ Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.

³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

¹ “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

How to cultivate holy anguish:

- **Trust God's sovereign plan**
Who is God wanting me to pursue this week?

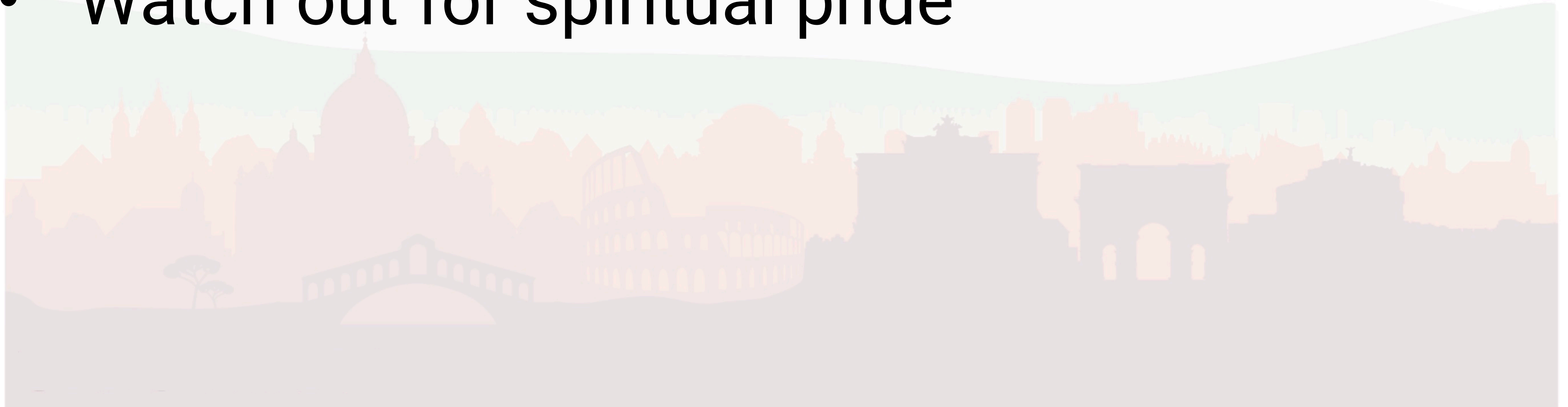




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How to cultivate holy anguish:

- **Trust God's sovereign plan**
Who is God wanting me to pursue this week?
- **Watch out for spiritual pride**



¹⁷ If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, ¹⁸ do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.”

²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.



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ROMANS 11:20-21 NIV

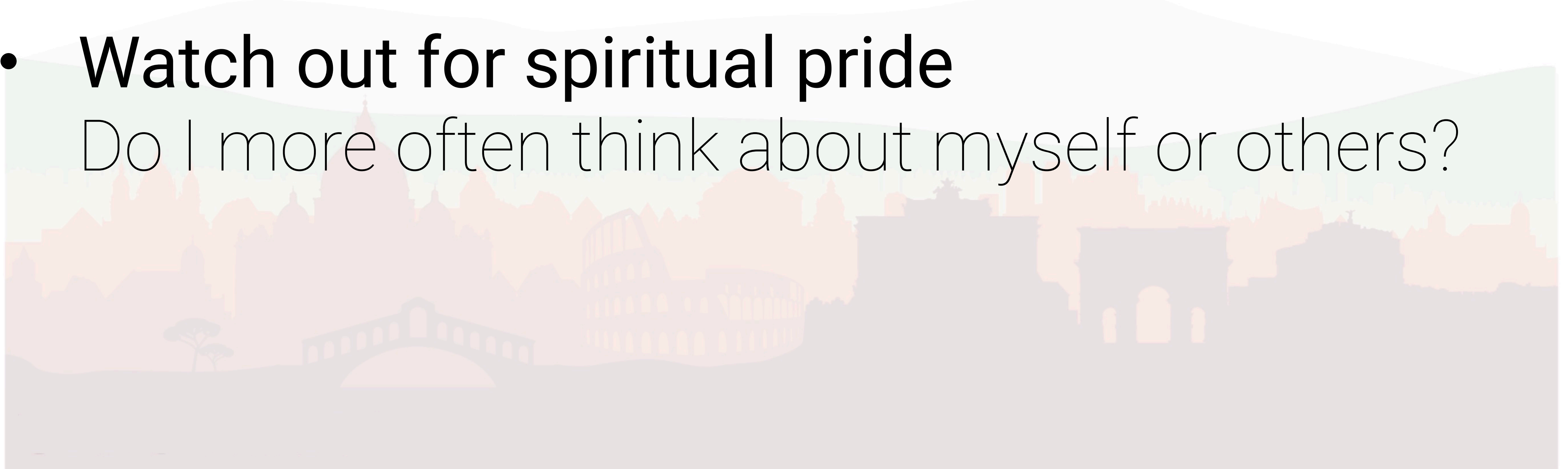
Paul's Persecution:

- **Acts 9:29** And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic Jews; but they were attempting to put him to death.
- **Acts 13:50** But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.
- **Acts 14:19** But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit,
while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so
that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already
clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch
can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

How to cultivate holy anguish:

- **Trust God's sovereign plan**
Who is God wanting me to pursue this week?
- **Watch out for spiritual pride**
Do I more often think about myself or others?

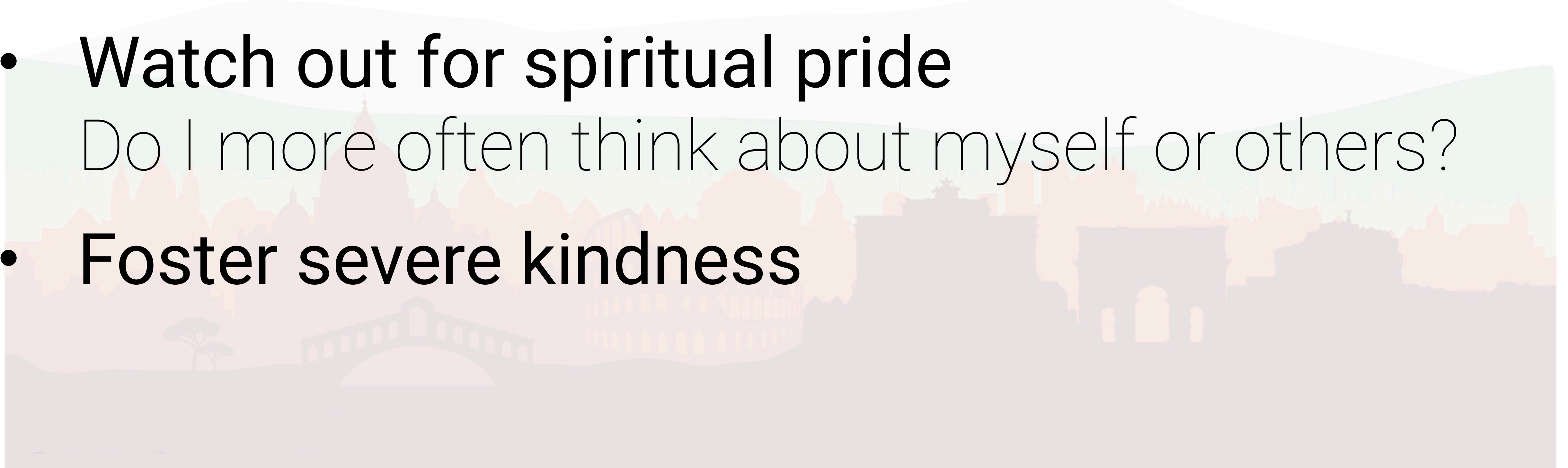




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Do I more often think about myself or others?
- **Foster severe kindness**



²² Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off. ²³ And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree. ²⁴ You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, he will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong.

³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

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Who is God wanting me to pursue this week?
- **Watch out for spiritual pride**
Do I more often think about myself or others?
- **Foster severe kindness**
Do I take matters seriously and respond kindly?

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” ³⁷ He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. ³⁸ He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ³⁹ He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”



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³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.