

# Systems- The revolution against them will not be on a Reel

John 4



# Welcome to Summer

I appreciate the 3 best parts of Teaching in the US... June July and August. A system that comes out of a different time that we have not changed, though the purpose of it has.

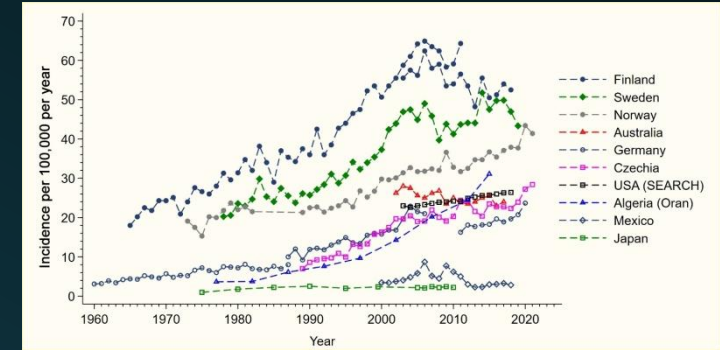


# The impact of systems is not always felt right away

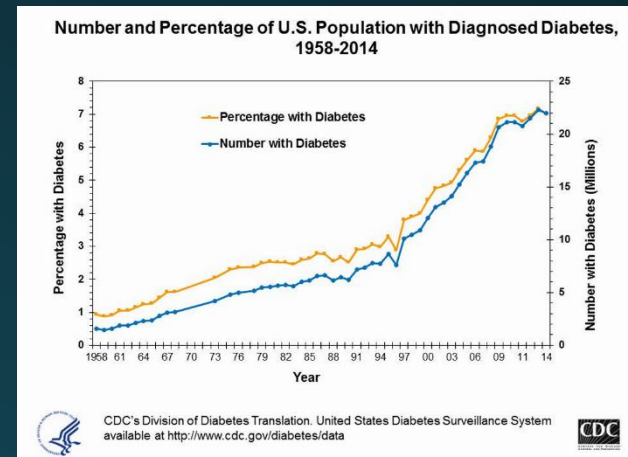
Overcoming a System requires Pushing against it, and the system will fight back...

The system we had was one with regular sugar, Regular taste (savory and Fat content), Regular portions that we had adjusted too..

The push against that system was systematic, and based on Greed... And Silent... The impact is real



Charts on diabetes based on the systems we mentioned last time



# John 4 Old and Older Systems

- **Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman**

- **4** Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— **2** although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. **3** So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.
- **4** Now he had to go through Samaria. **5** So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.
- **7** When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" **8** (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)
- **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. [\[a\]](#))
- **10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
- **11** "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"
- **13** Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- **15** The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."



# John 4 Continued

- <sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”
- <sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.
- Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”
- <sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”
- <sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”
- <sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”
- <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

# This Month we are Looking closely at John 4 and the systems Present

This is our First Week and we want to look at the impacts of systems in our world and how we are impacted by them.

- The Gender separation system.
- The system of hatred between Jews and Samaritans.
- The system of Shame for things people do.. The 5 husbands not looked highly upon.
- The Older system of the Messiah who would come and teach and fix all ungodly systems.
- The human need- System of feeling seen and valued...



## Systems... What we live in during this age.

- Systems are- Systems, are like Authorities... The actors, organisms, tools, etc. used to process and rules and methods of getting things carried out. They interact with each other like the systems of the body, but each has their own skills and tasks. Systems require point people or self regulation to perform their tasks.
- God operates with structures and systems. He delegates Authority to accomplish the goals he sets. He gave mankind Authority, but they had to prove loyal to his system. He set Satan in motion to test that, Loyalty.

# More Systems

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- **Neutral Systems (Functional but Prone to Corruption)**
- **The Monetary System:** Currency (shekels, denarii), weights, balances, and market trading.
- **The Taxation System:** Revenue collection used by both Israelite kings and foreign empires to fund infrastructure or tribute. ( Levi's name gets changed when he is part of a different System, Peter's name gets changed when he goes from being a disciple to a church builder... a Rock, Lucifer gets his name changed when he goes from being part of the angelic system to God's Challenge system... i.e Adam and Eve and Job, etc. )
- **The Legal System:** Courts, witnesses, and contracts (like deeds of purchase) used to maintain social order.
- **The Census System:** Population tracking and demographic counting used for military conscription and resource allocation.
- **Negative Systems (Spiritual & Oppressive)**
- **The System of Principalities:** Hostile cosmic hierarchies, spiritual rulers, and demonic authorities operating in the unseen realm.
- **The World System ("Cosmos"):** The global network of human culture, philosophy, and values operating independently of God.
- **The Imperial System:** Totalitarian empires (Egypt, Babylon, Rome) built on human trafficking, slave labor, and military conquest.
- **The System of Legalism:** Rigid religious systems that weaponize laws to oppress people while ignoring justice and mercy.

# Systems Thrive when they are self sustaining

- Systems of Sin (human, corporate, systematic sin) and Death (the persistent and sometimes sudden process of life dying), are important... God allowed them to flow out of our choice when Adam sinned. It is like being overweight- the choices that created our current system of obesity- which leads to death... they are not merely things, but systems.. that is why we can't just not sin, (or as a people just lose weight) we are in it's system. We get removed from that system in the coming age ... but until then, we have to deal with the system we are in... God sets up systems of authority, but because of sin.. Instead of protecting and serving they can also cause harm.
- We can stand against corrupt systems, but even then it requires other systems, like laws, financial system pressure, etc. When we evangelize an disciple we must be aware of these systems that we are a part of. We can't just disciple without money... Paul made tents to help pay for his ministry or he had to depend on others who made tents etc. to support him.. There are subtle systems, like Pax Britannica that kept the seas safe for hundreds of years... Overcoming Piracy but some systems get strained... and when the protector is doing the killing that is a problem... Britian did it because of what it got of the process, then the US took over... and it is expensive, one reason why our defense budget is so large...

# To Overcome a System You have to push against it... When people's pride and greed are in play- they Fight back.

**Mat 10:** <sup>16</sup> "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup> On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup> for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!


<sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

- JESUS fought the System, and it hated him for it, so it will hate us, we can't fight the system with the systems tools- Hate, Lies, Anger, Malice, Pride, we have to fight it with God's Truth, Love, and Selflessness. This Fight is different from the Count it all Joy Fight when you go through trials (in James), but connected. We go through trials because they perfect us, but they are also often a result of poor systems, that we have to learn to fight against.

# Week 2 John 4: 27-34

- **The Disciples Rejoin Jesus**

- **John 4:** <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"
- <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.
- <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."
- <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."
- <sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"
- <sup>34</sup> "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."



John 3,4, 5 Deal with the system of this age and Jesus' subverting those systems in the present, but also in his Disciples (and unlike Jesus, we have it in us as well). Be aware of this!


- Notice the Sexism/ Racism of the Disciples
  - Q. Why did they Question him speaking to a woman?
  - Q. Notice John had to write that as part of the story because he was giving testimony of God's System that supersedes the systems of tradition. How do you think John felt at the time?
  - Q. What does this look like practically today in how we see and treat people? The Samaritan woman is a GIANT of the Faith... and an evangelist!
- Notice the Hierarchy that keeps them Quiet...
  - Q. Are there times we need to not be Quiet?
  - Q. How did Jesus teach his disciples? By messing with their sense of superiority to women, to Samaritans, and to show them, that they could believe...
  - How do we show this to disciples?

# How to we subvert the systems?

- **Through God's Kingdom and system that sets things straight for the next age.** Put God's Older kingdom first. One that Loves, has mercy, does not play when people show faithlessness (like with the snakes, Korah, Ananias and Saphira), flipping tables and calling people white washed graves, but also shows mercy for all who come to him.. David, Peter, etc.
- **Through authentic Love- Jesus' love covered a multitude of sin...** God "lies..." He did not want people to be stoned for adultery, He wanted them to come to him with their sin. This is the difference between Peter and Judas... David committed Adultery and Murder and God does not demand his blood, but his presence. How David handles his sin, trusting God to be judge, kept him from despair... Suicide is forgivable, just like murder is...but the system in place for forgiveness requires being a Christian first. Source: <https://www.gotquestions.blog/suicide-Bible.html>
- **Through not focusing on individual sins, but individual choice to choose God's Kingdom on His terms... Not about individual sins, but about choosing God's kingdom over the WORLD system.** Jesus did not focus on the Samaritan woman's "mistakes or choices" but her heart.

What is a Disciple? TO quote Public Enemy... One who Fights the Power (the systems) and counts the cost of that because the power will hate you and the Revolution will not be Televised... or put in a reel...





You can't make a revolutionary with a Reel, you have to go deeper, Fight the system still within you (James), and the system from outside.  
Blessed are the Revolutionaries who Persevere !

- James 1
- <sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, <sup>3</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>4</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>5</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>6</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>7</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>8</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.
- <sup>10</sup> Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. <sup>11</sup> But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. <sup>12</sup> For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.
- <sup>13</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

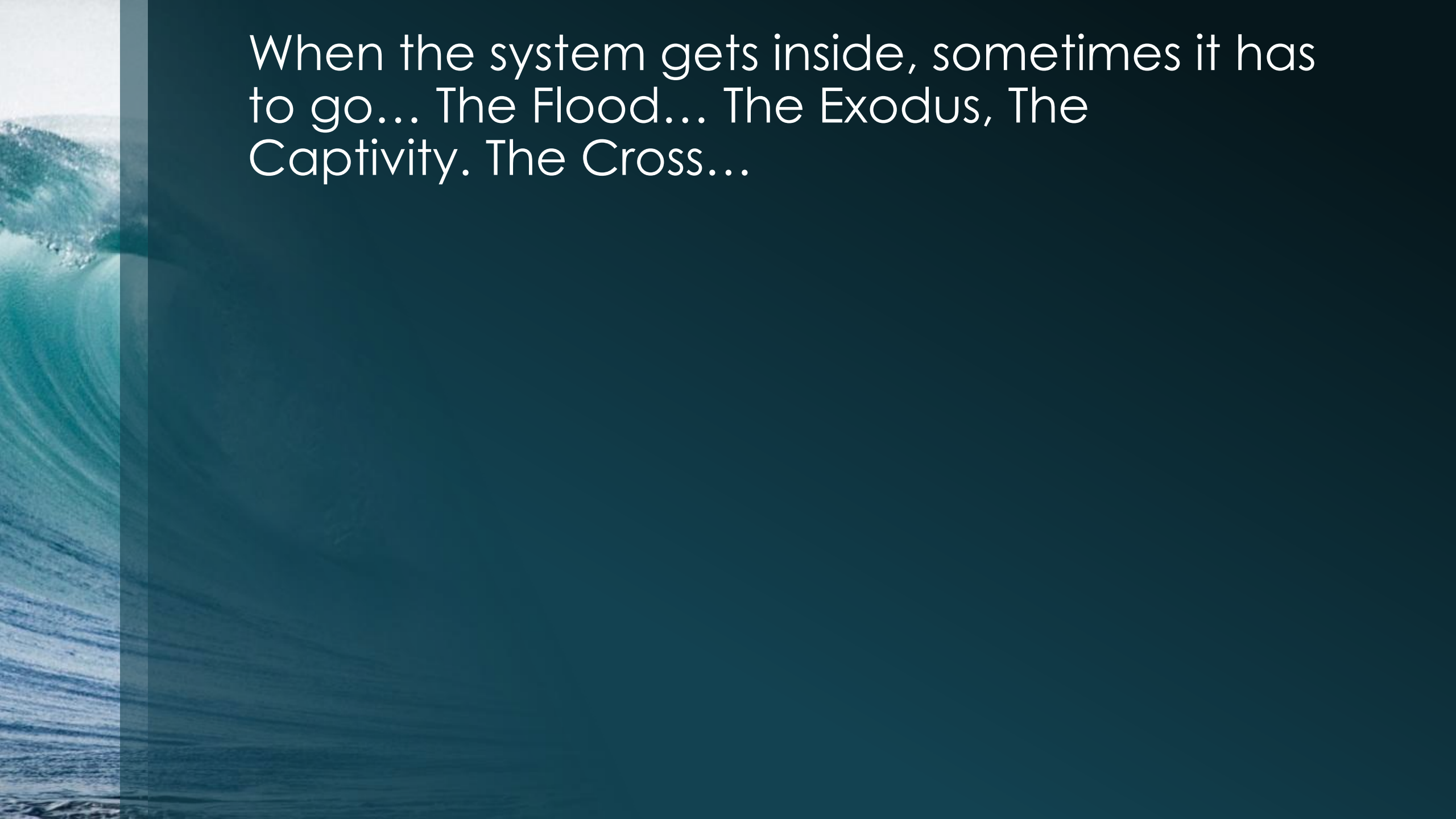
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1 Corith 10:

<sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—  
<sup>33</sup> even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. **11<sup>1</sup> Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.**



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When the system gets inside, sometimes it has to go... The Flood... The Exodus, The Captivity. The Cross...

# What does it mean to be a Christian? To be a Disciple?

1. Sense God's Kingdom in Jesus
2. Make a Choice to be a part of it
3. Act on that Choice...

You are not even a Robot if you Can't Choose or act on the choices you have... As God's image bearers we are made to make those choices...