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Les Misérables

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"A careful reading of the Old and New Testaments shows that idolatry is nothing like the crude, simplistic picture that springs to mind of an idol sculpture in some distant country... Idols are not just on pagan altars, but in well-educated human hearts and minds... The Bible does not allow us to marginalize idolatry to the fringes of life... it is found on center stage."

RICHARD KEYES, AUTHOR/THEOLOGIAN

NO GOD BUT GOD

*Breaking
with the Idols
of Our Age*

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**What do you believe you cannot be happy without?
What do you fear losing the most?
What do you daydream about saving you?**

***THAT* may be the "bread" you've been buying.**

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call on him while he is near.

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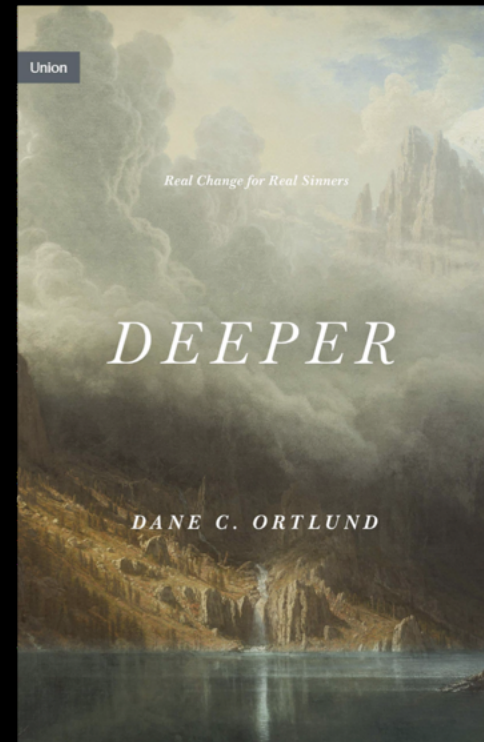
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

—ISAIAH 55:6-7 (NIV)

We are often experts at minimizing our own sin.

*“To the degree that we
downplay and minimize the evil
within, we lower the ceiling on
how deeply we can grow.”*

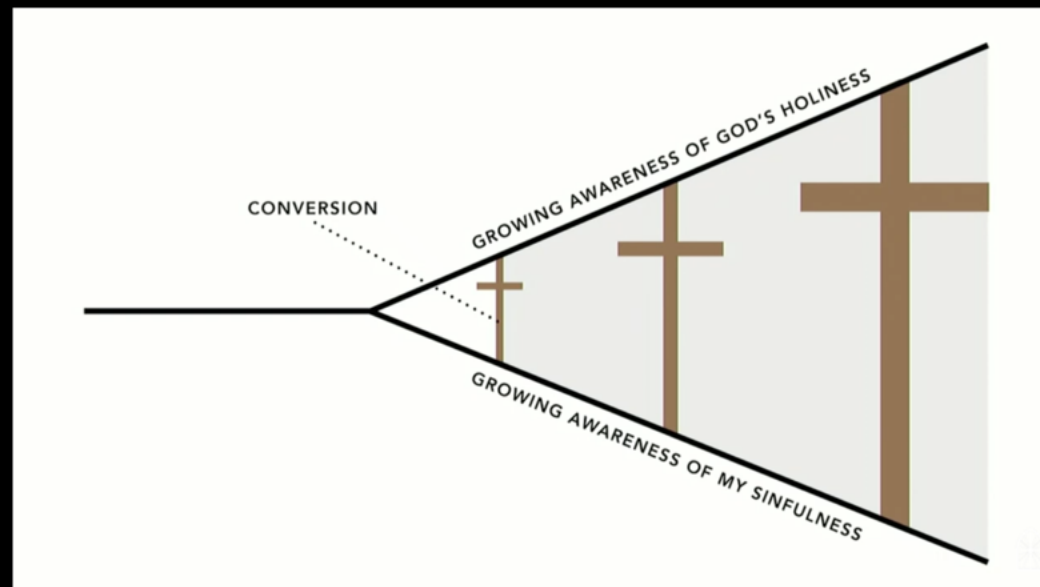
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We are masters at comparison.

**Comparison is one of sin's favorite hiding places.
Because if I can always find someone worse than me...
I never have to deal with what is wrong within me.**

Until we become honest about our need, we will never fully appreciate the abundance of God's mercy BECAUSE to the degree that we minimize our sin, we minimize our Savior.



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"When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

— MARTIN LUTHER —

**Repentance is not merely the *doorway into* Christianity.
It is the **PATHWAY OF** Christianity**

The Christian life is a continual *returning*.
A continual *coming home to God*.

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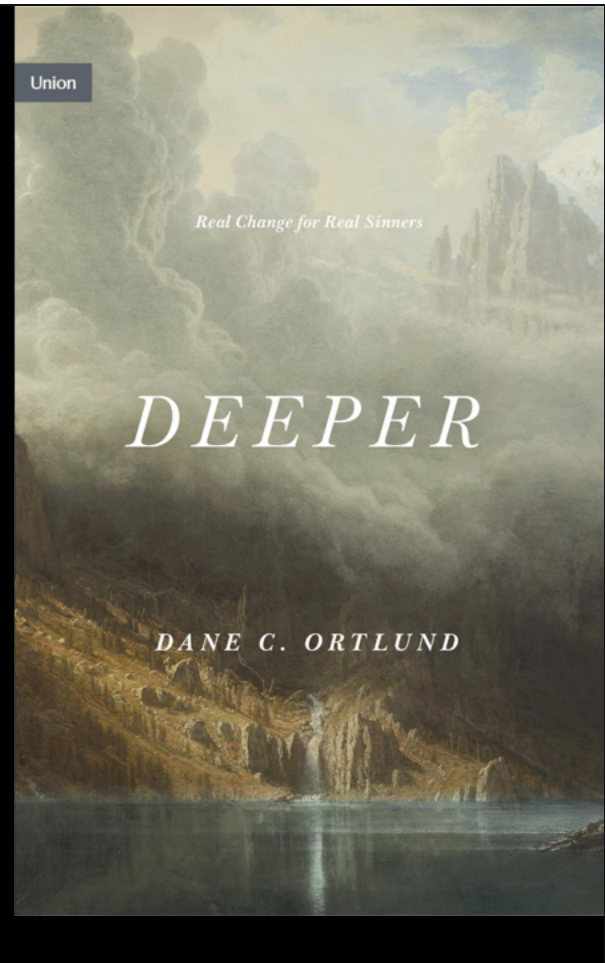
8 *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.*

9 *“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

ISAIAH 55:7-9 (NIV)

*"His heartfelt thoughts for you
outstrip what you can imagine... All
He asks is that you humble yourself
enough to fall into His open arms,
arms that abundantly pardon... It's
what He does. It's who He is. His ways
are not our ways."*

—DANE ORTLUND



**10 “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return to it without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for
the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that
goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I
desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”**

ISAIAH 55:10-11 (NIV)

God's Word always accomplishes what God intends.

Your salvation does *not* ultimately rest upon the strength of your repentance.

It rests upon the faithfulness of God's promise because His Word cannot fail.

- 1. COME TO THE GOD WHO SATISFIES**
- 2. RETURN TO THE GOD WHO FORGIVES**
- 3. REJOICE IN THE GOD WHO RESTORES**

12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the Lord's renown,
for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

—ISAIAH 55:12-13 (NIV)



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The Great Awakening (1700s)



The Welsh Revival (1904)



The Asbury Revival (1970 + 2023)



The Hebrides Revival (1949)

What might God desire to do in us?

What might God desire to do in us?

- What if God wants to renew us?
- What if He wants to restore joy to weary believers?
- What if He wants to awaken repentance?
- What if He wants to bring prodigals home?
- What if He wants to make us a people who are deeply satisfied in Christ?

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- 4. REST IN THE GOD WHO FULFILLS**



Jesus fulfills Isaiah's invitation...

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."

— JOHN 7:37

Isaiah said: "Come to the waters."

Jesus says: "Come to Me."



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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

— MATT. 11:28

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Jesus fulfills Isaiah's invitation...

"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.... Let the one who is thirsty come.'"

— REV. 22:17

The Bible begins in a GARDEN.
But it ends with a FEAST.

BEFORE YOU COME TO THE TABLE...

- **Take some time to examine your heart before the LORD**
 - Confess The things you've been running to other than JESUS.
 - Confess The false saviors.
 - Confess The empty wells.
 - Confess The bread that cannot satisfy.
 - Confess The wine that has continually run out.
- **And return to Him.**
 - Acknowledge that it was His body broken and His blood shed that purchased your seat at this table.