

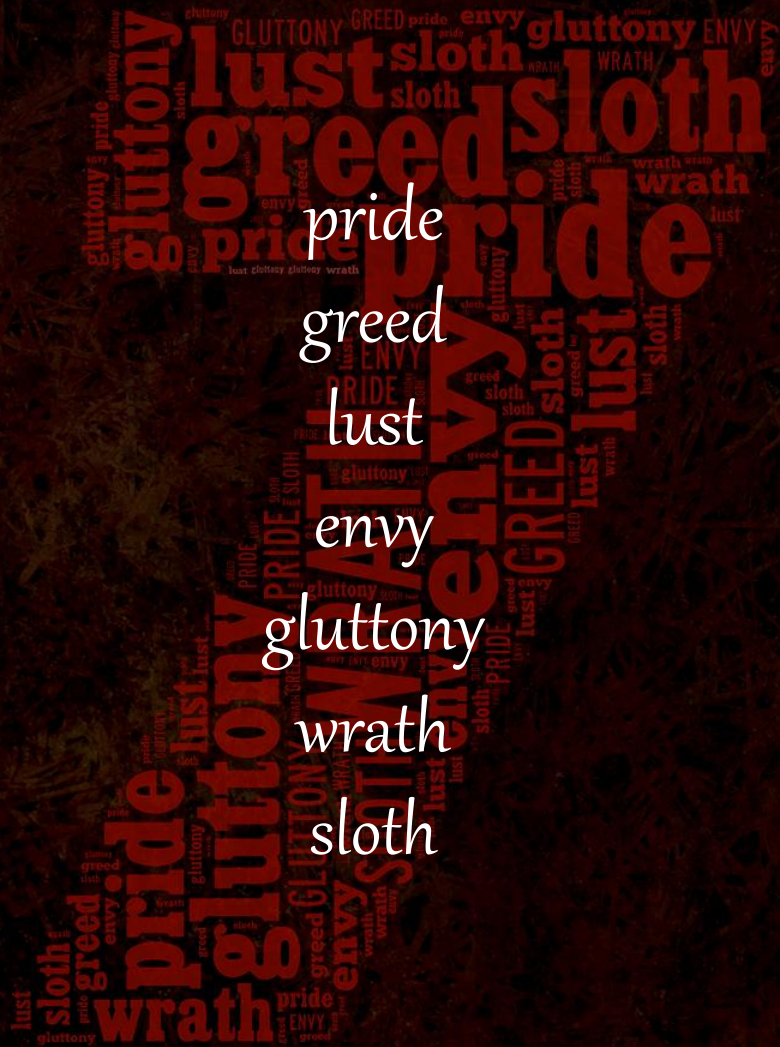
connecting where you sit  
with how much you sin



The background is a dark, textured surface resembling a dense forest of thin, dark tree trunks. Overlaid on this is a word cloud of the seven deadly sins. The words are in various sizes, orientations, and colors (shades of red, orange, and brown). The sins included are: Lust, Greed, Sloth, Pride, Envy, Wrath, and Gluttony. The word 'Pride' is particularly large and prominent in the center. The overall composition is centered and symmetrical.

# the deadly seven





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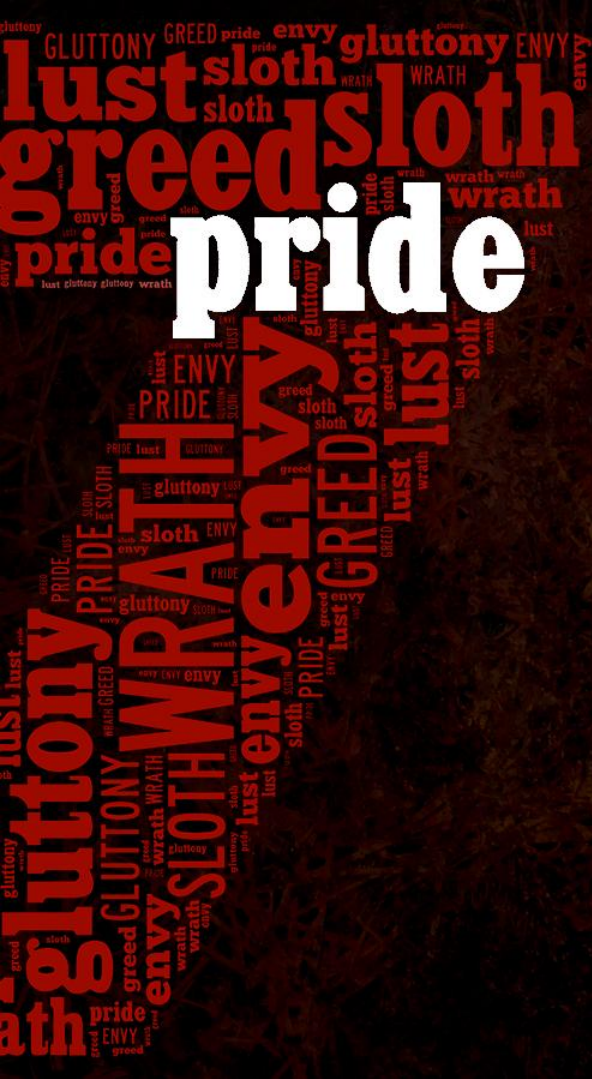




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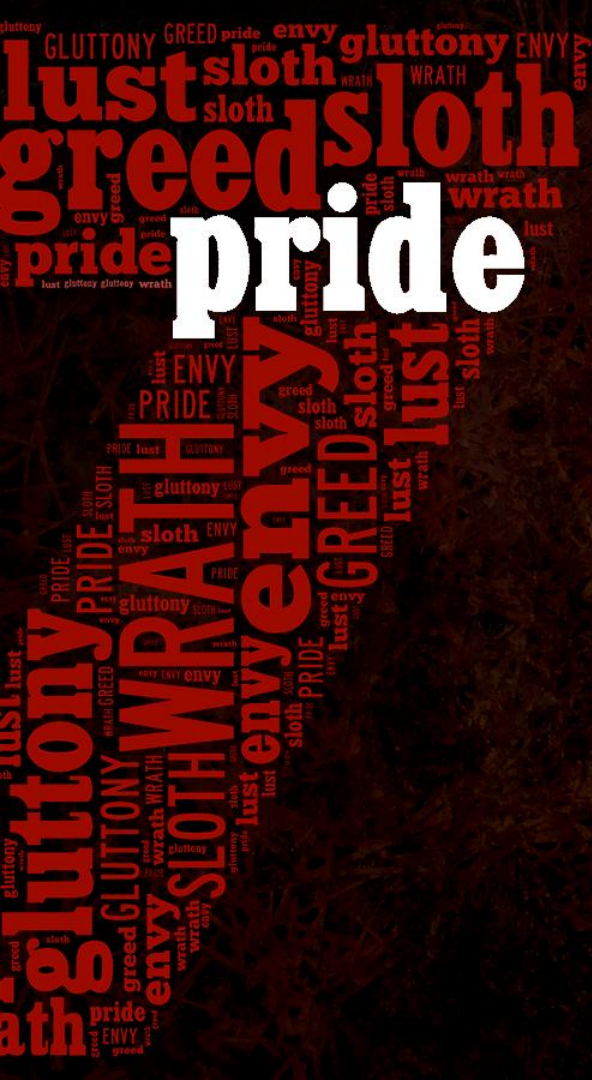
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- 2) They are endemic (common) to humanity.
- 3) They are often the necessary first step to another sin.





An unrealistic perspective of  
oneself as compared to God and  
others.





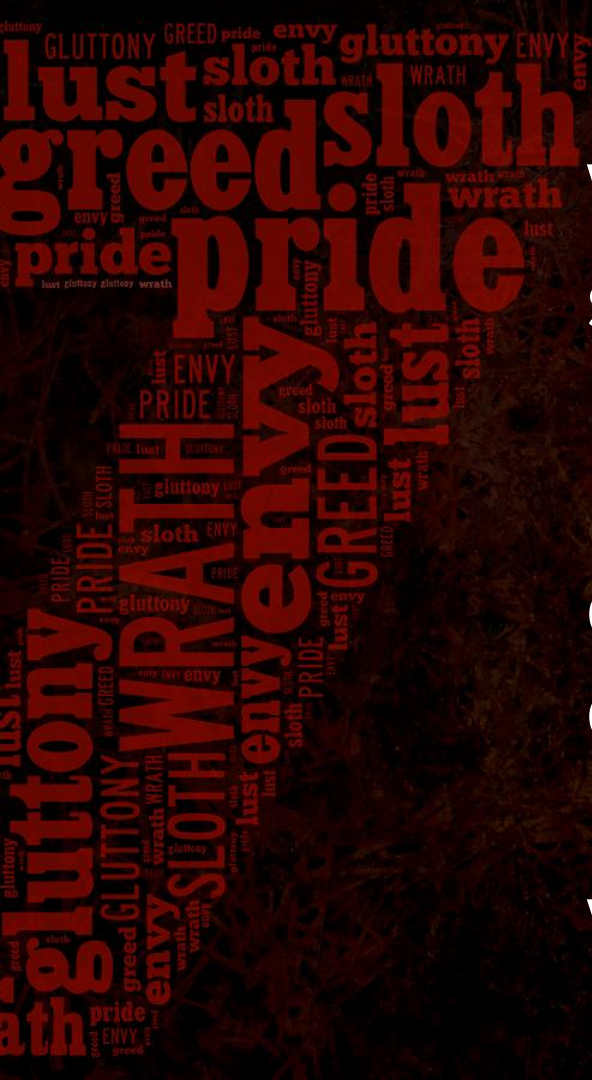
In God you come up against something that is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that – and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison – you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

C.S. Lewis

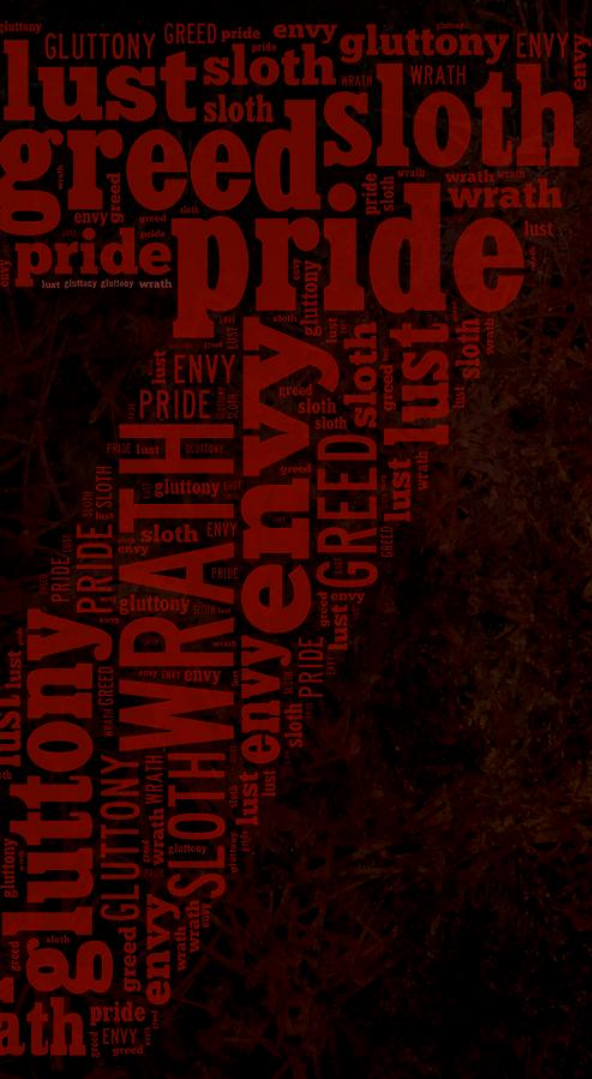
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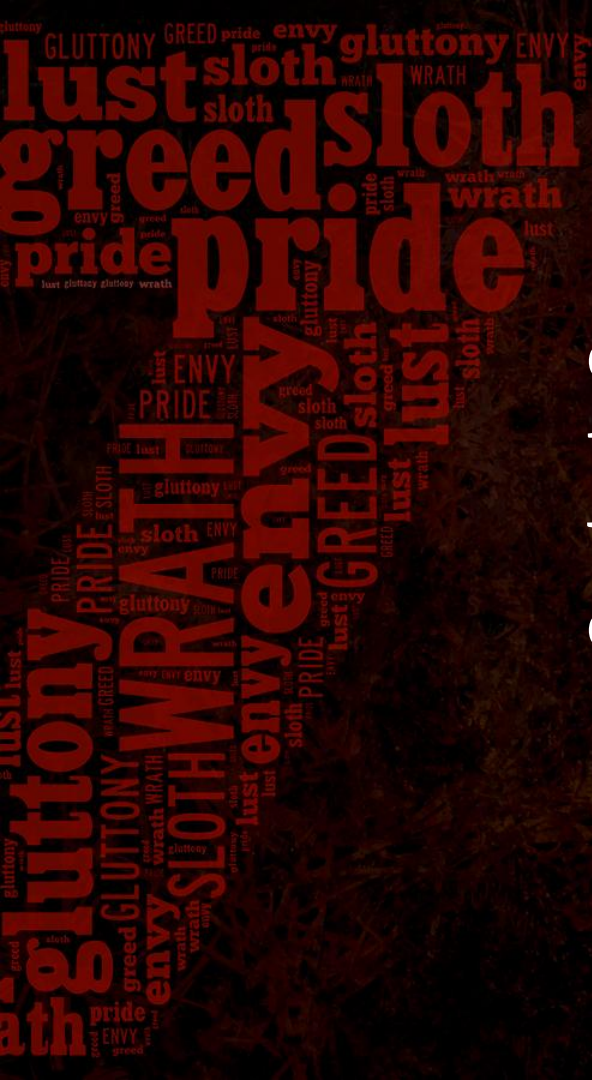


We must not think Pride is something God forbids because He is offended at it, or that humility is something He demands as due to His own dignity – as if God Himself was proud. He is not in the least worried about His dignity.



The point is, He wants you to know Him: wants to give you Himself. And He and you are two things of such a kind that if you really get into any kind of touch with Him you will, in fact, be humble – delightedly humble, feeling the infinite relief of having for once got rid of all the silly nonsense about your own dignity which has made you restless and unhappy all your life.





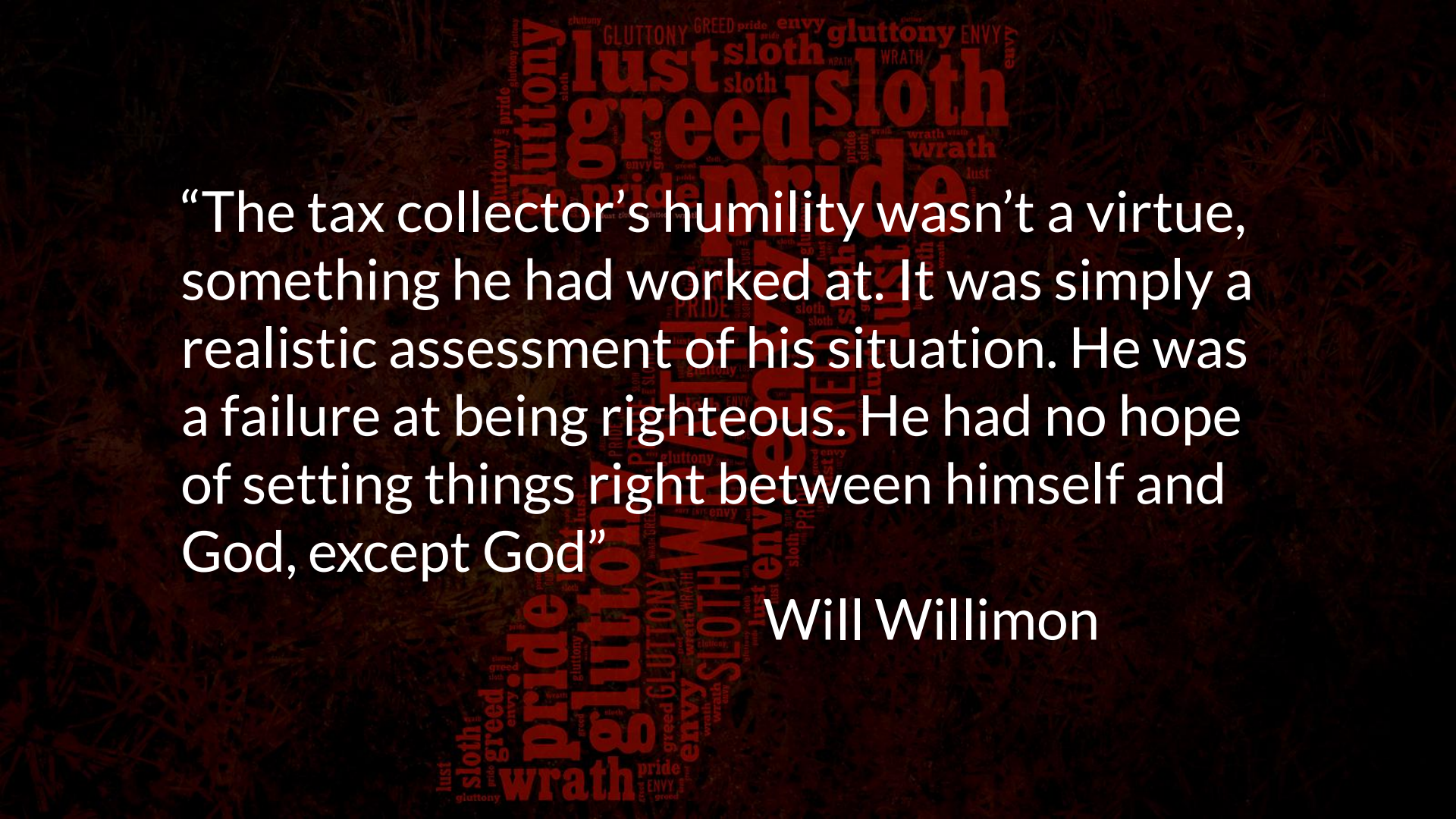
He is trying to make you humble in order to make this moment possible: trying to take off a lot of silly, ugly, fancy-dress in which we have all got ourselves up and are strutting about like the little idiots we are.

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How does a person “make themselves humble”?





“The tax collector’s humility wasn’t a virtue, something he had worked at. It was simply a realistic assessment of his situation. He was a failure at being righteous. He had no hope of setting things right between himself and God, except God”

Will Willimon

# Cultivating Humility





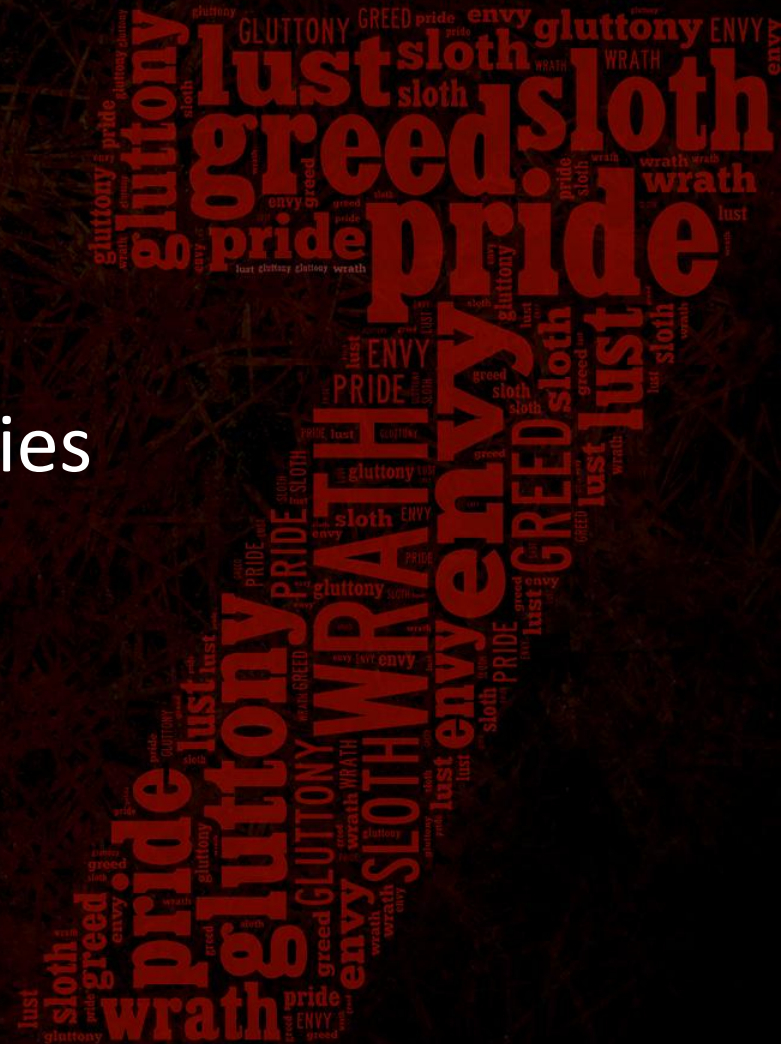
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Wounds from a friend can be  
trusted, but an enemy multiplies  
kisses.

Proverbs 27:6

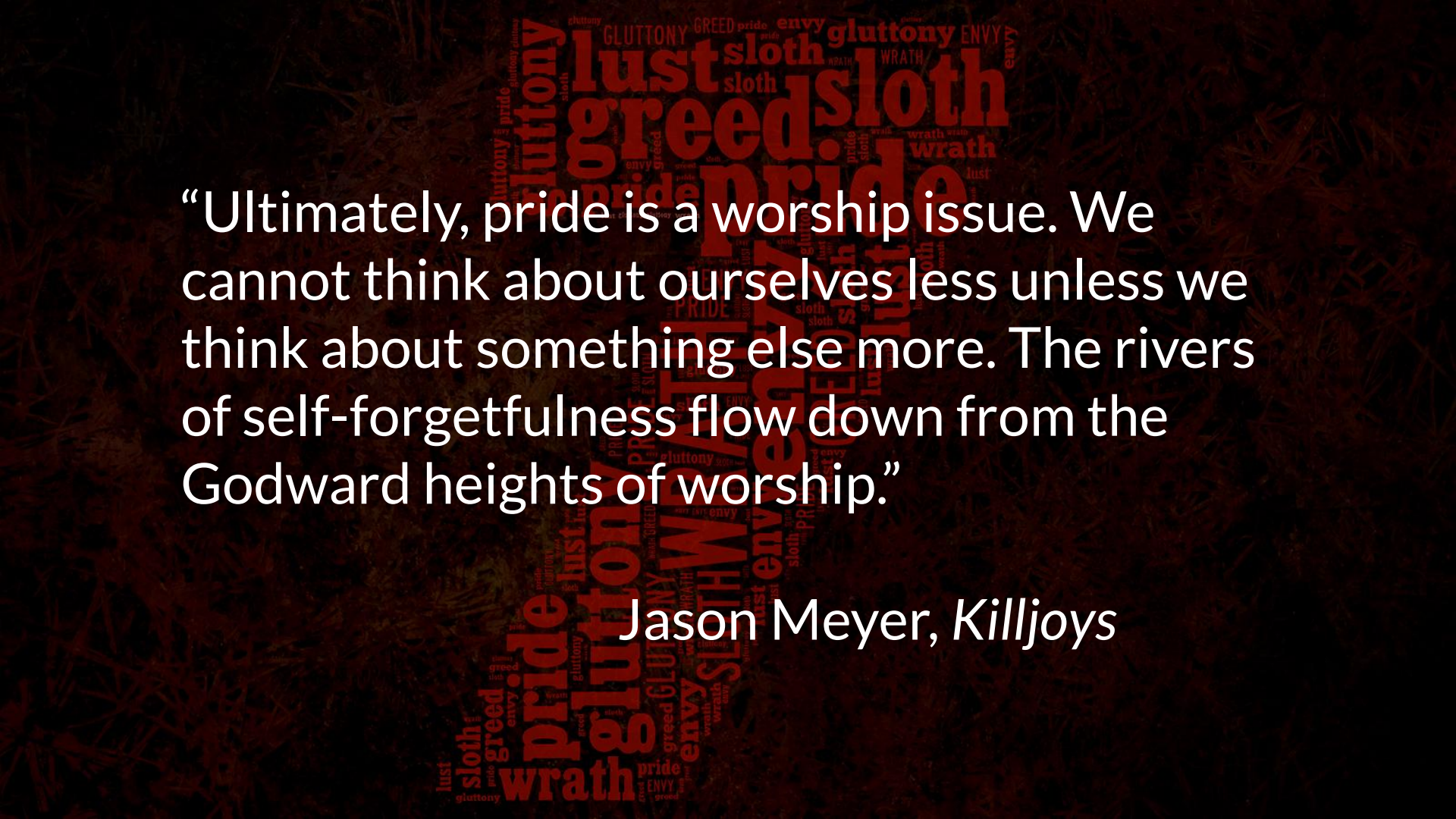




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“Ultimately, pride is a worship issue. We cannot think about ourselves less unless we think about something else more. The rivers of self-forgetfulness flow down from the Godward heights of worship.”

Jason Meyer, *Killjoys*



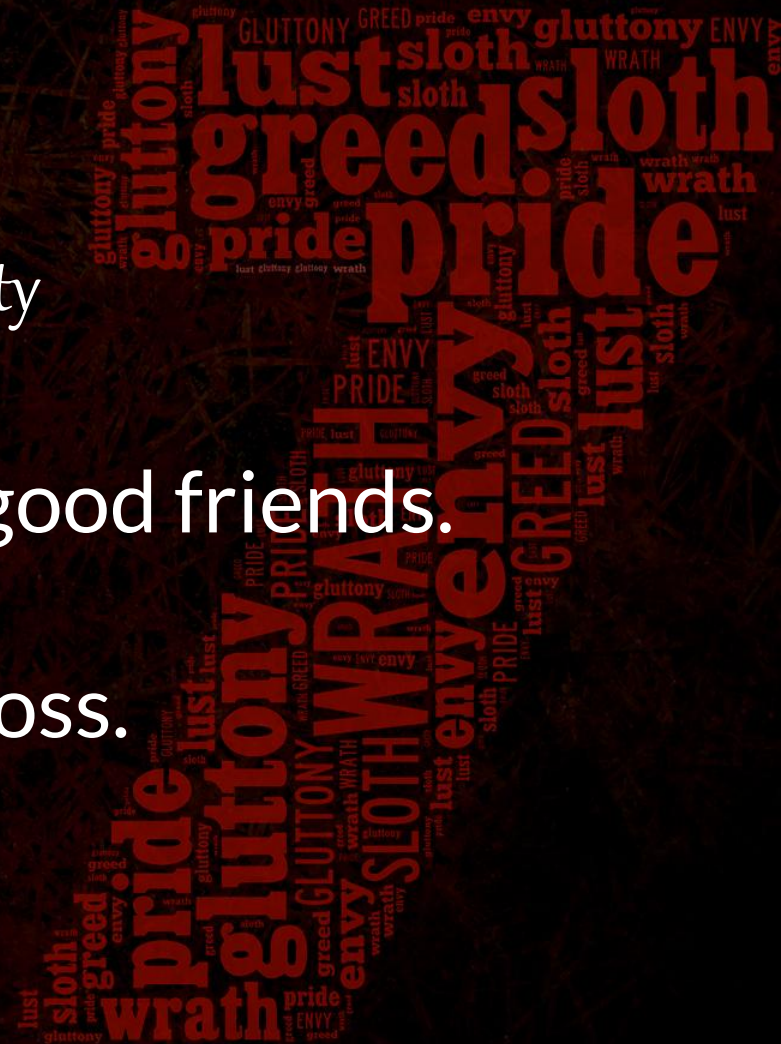
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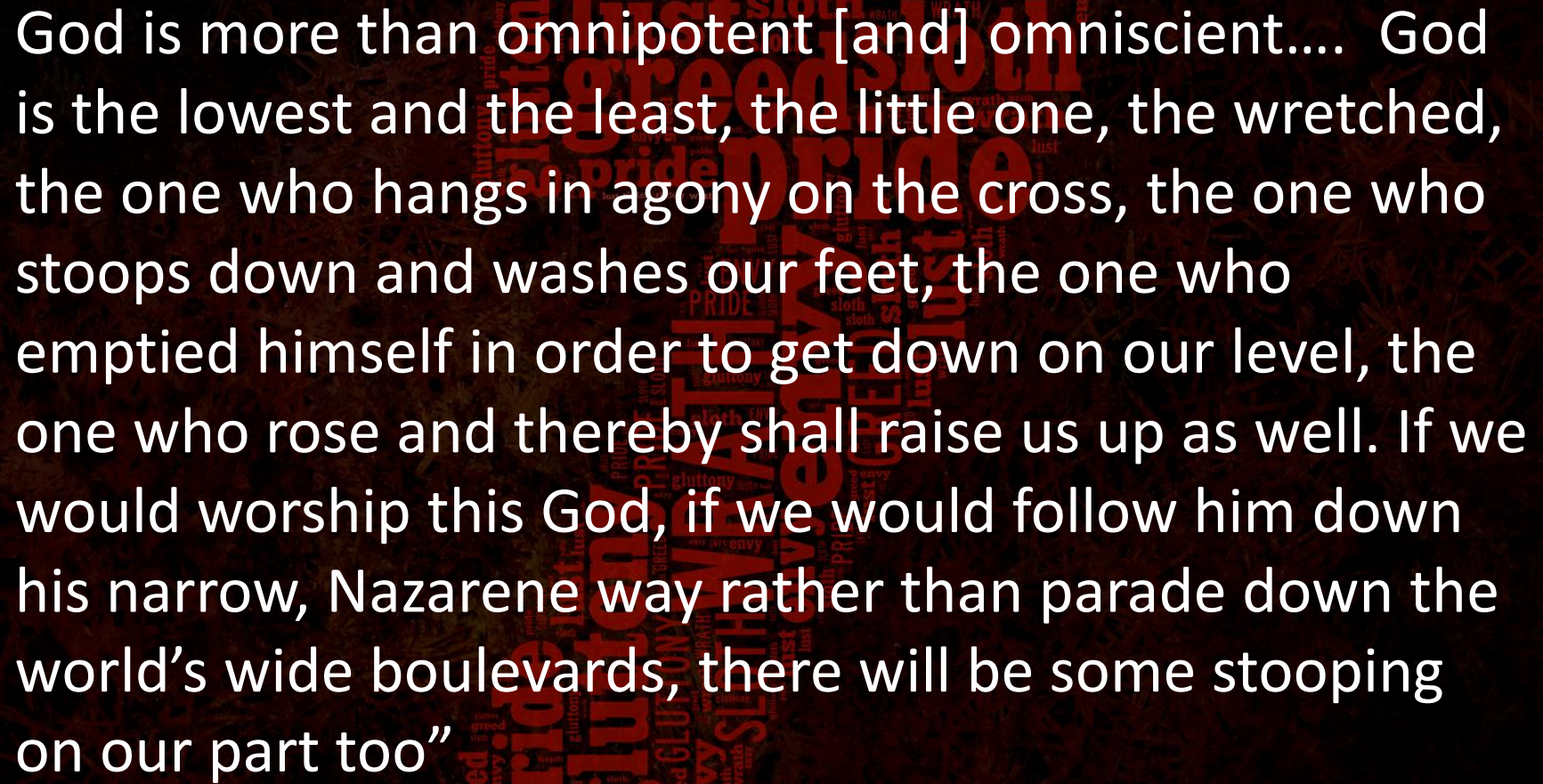
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- 2) Worship regularly.
- 3) Return—daily—to the cross.







*“whoever humbles himself will be exalted”*

A dark red background featuring a word cloud of the Seven Deadly Sins. The words 'pride', 'greed', 'envy', 'gluttony', 'sloth', 'wrath', and 'lust' are repeated in various sizes and orientations, creating a textured, thematic backdrop for the text.

God is more than omnipotent [and] omniscient.... God is the lowest and the least, the little one, the wretched, the one who hangs in agony on the cross, the one who stoops down and washes our feet, the one who emptied himself in order to get down on our level, the one who rose and thereby shall raise us up as well. If we would worship this God, if we would follow him down his narrow, Nazarene way rather than parade down the world's wide boulevards, there will be some stooping on our part too"

Will Willimon