

SEMINARY HEIGHTS

CHURCH OF CHRIST

PRESENTS

A 4-WEEK SERMON SERIES

1ST STREET

HOLY
BIBLE

WALKING THROUGH A DANGEROUS WORLD
UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A HOLY GOD

DISCOVER GOD'S PROTECTION FOR
EVERY STREET YOU WALK.



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WEEK 1

DON'T MOVE THE LANDMARKS

God's Boundaries Are Designed to Protect Us
Proverbs 22:28



WEEK 2

WATCH THE STREET

God Gives Us Warnings Before Danger Arrives
Proverbs 4:14-15



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GOD HAS A SAFE HOUSE

When the Streets Become Dangerous,
God Provides Refuge
Psalm 46:1



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DON'T WALK ALONE

God's Presence Protects Us in the Streets
Psalm 23:4

"Remove not the
ancient landmark,
which thy fathers
have set."
Proverbs 22:28

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1209 Arnold Street
Jacksonville, Texas



Sunday Worship
11:00 AM



All Are
Welcome!

WORSHIP

• LEARN

• GROW

• GO



LANDMARKS → WARNING → REFUGE → PRESENCE

SERIES THESIS

When the world around us becomes increasingly unstable, God's people must refuse to move:

- His boundaries,
- Recognize His warnings,
- Run to His refuge, and trust His presence.

Series Theme Scripture

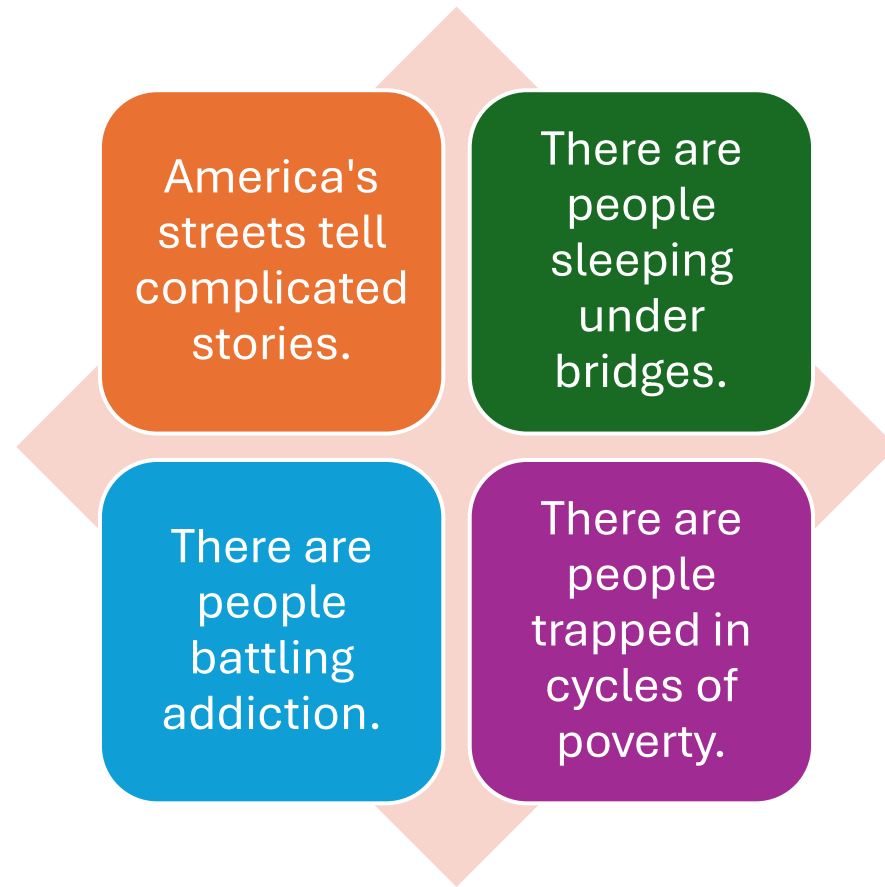


Psalm 23:4 — KJV



“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

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2025 U.S. Violent Crime Trends (Federal Data)

Overall violent crime down 9.3% from 2024

Approx. 1.12 million violent offenses nationwide

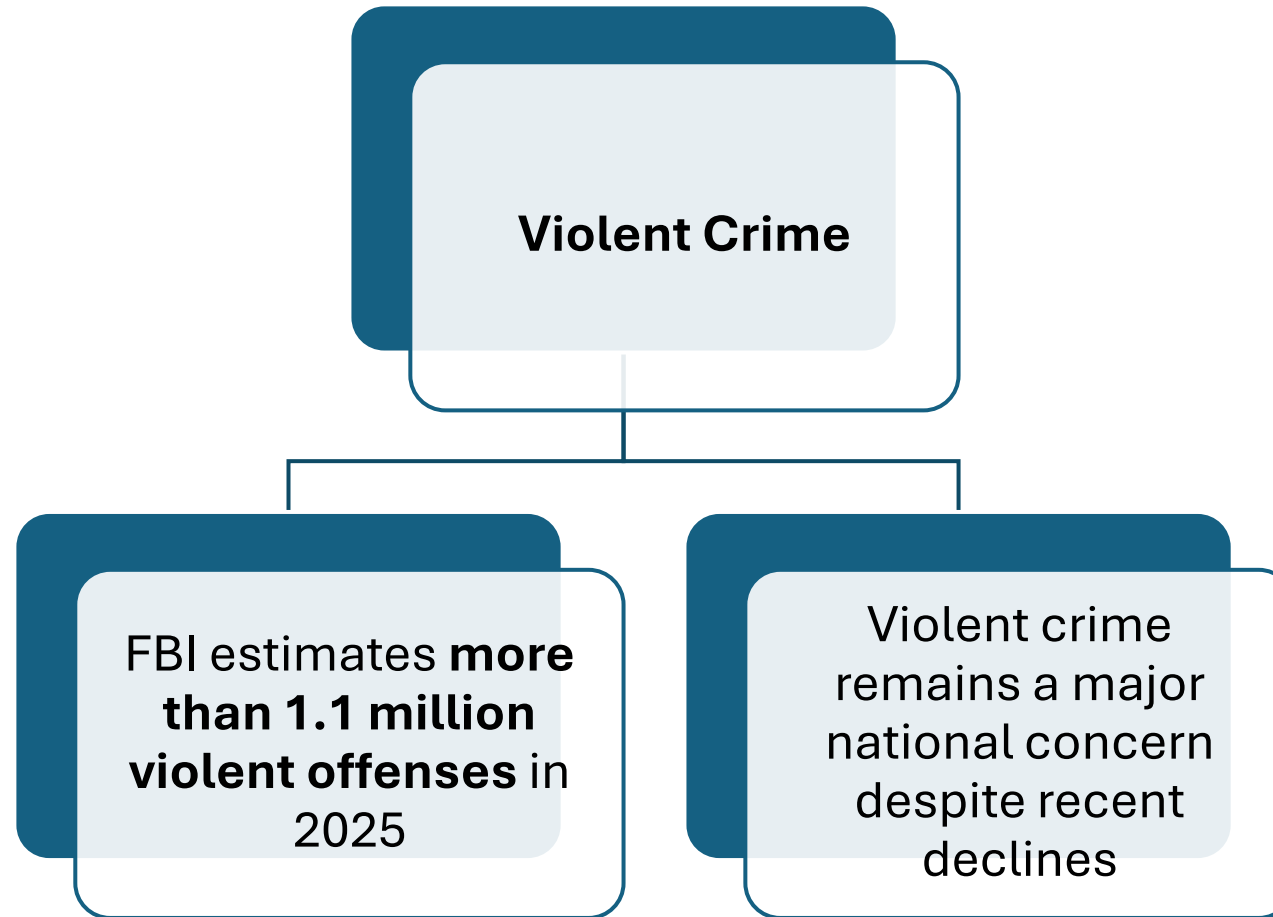
Murder: ↓ 18.1%

Robbery: ↓ 18.5%

Rape: ↓ 7.6%

Aggravated Assault: ↓ 7.2%

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Homelessness

- HUD's 2025 Point-in-Time Count: **745,652 people** experiencing homelessness
- **266,320 people unsheltered** — living outdoors, in cars, tents, or abandoned places
- *For hundreds of thousands, “the street” is not a metaphor — **the street is home***

Key Social Crisis Indicators in America (2024–2025)

Drug Abuse & Overdose Deaths

- CDC reports **79,384 overdose deaths** in 2024
- A **26.2% decline** from 2023 — yet still tens of thousands of lives lost
- CDC continues monitoring provisional data because the crisis remains significant

Key Social Crisis Indicators in America (2024–2025)

Human Trafficking & Exploitation

- DOJ: trafficking = exploitation for **labor, services, or commercial sex**
- National Hotline has identified **127,938 cases** involving **268,723 victims**
- In **Texas (2025): 2,361 signals**, including **740 signals from victims/survivors**

We should never confuse prostitution, trafficking, addiction, homelessness, and criminal behavior as though they are all the same thing.

CENTRAL MESSAGE

**The church
cannot
simply say:**

- “Stay away
from those
people.”

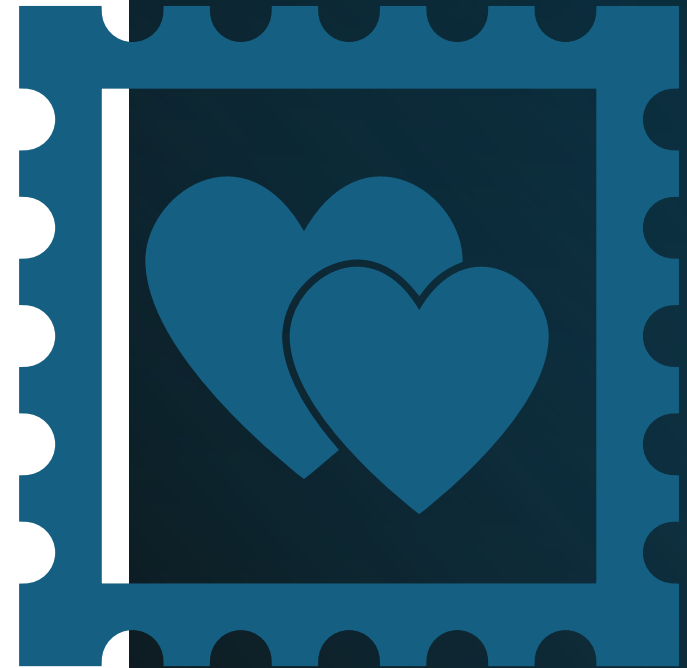
Jesus teaches
us to see
people
differently.

We must say:

- “How can we
help those
people find
their way
home?”

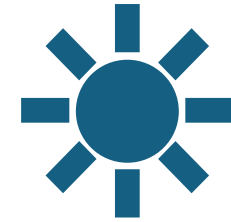
Because the
church is not
merely a
building on
Sunday.

**The church is God's people
carrying the presence,
truth, compassion,
holiness, and hope of
Christ into a broken world.**



DON'T MOVE THE LANDMARKS

**God's Boundaries Are Designed to
Protect Us**



Proverbs 22:28

**“Remove not the ancient landmark,
which thy fathers have set.”**

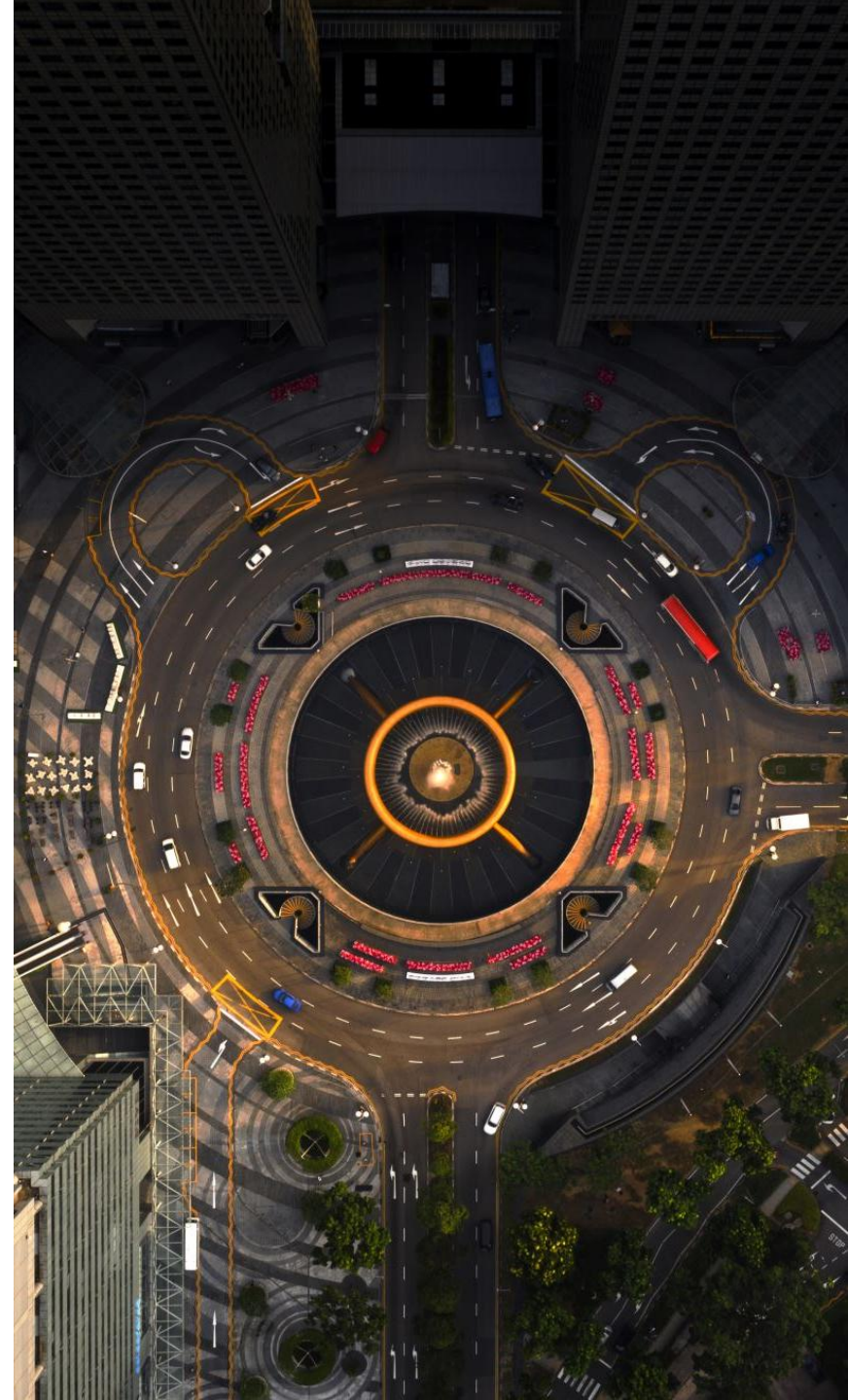
DON'T MOVE THE LANDMARKS

There are some things you can move without destroying anything.

- *You can move a chair.*
- *You can move a table.*
- *You can move a vehicle.*

But there are some things you should not move.

A landmark is one of them.



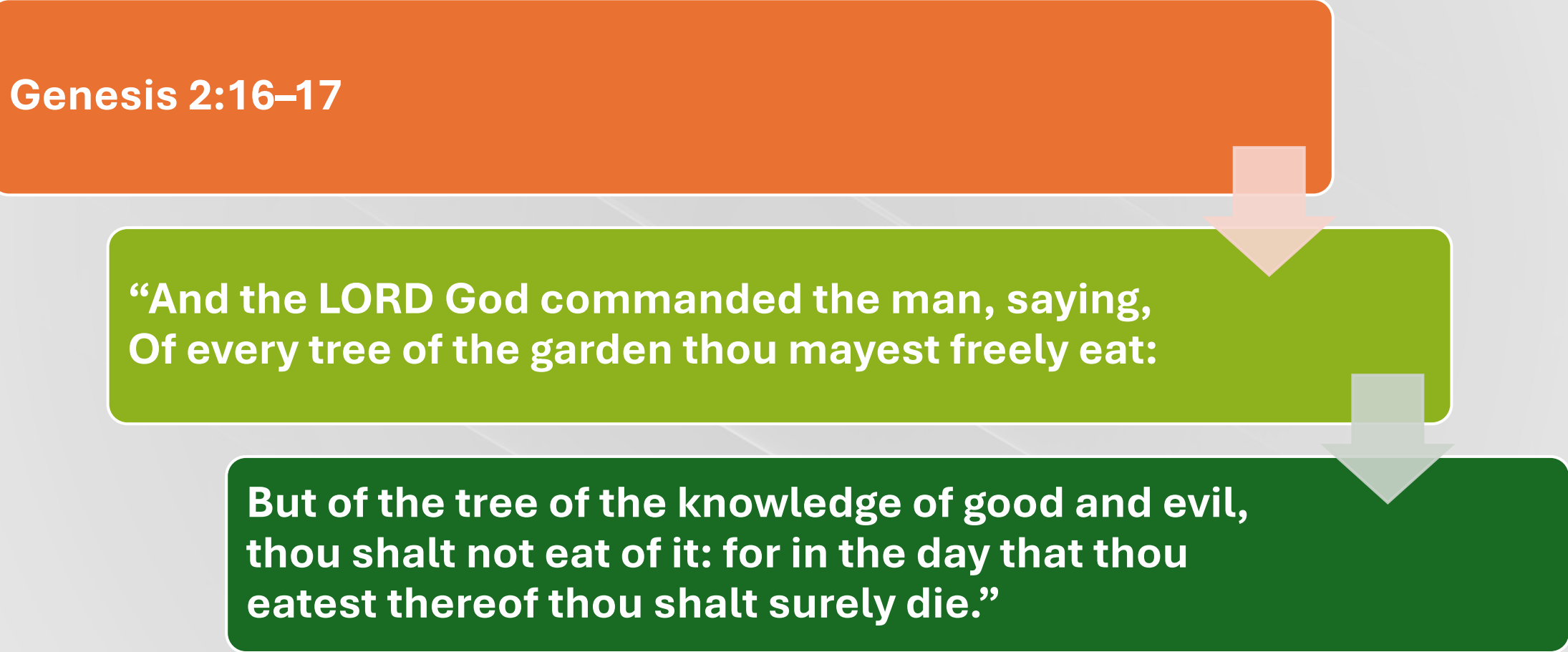


In biblical times, landmarks helped establish property boundaries.

A dishonest person could move the landmark at night and gradually take land that did not belong to him.

- The danger was not simply moving a stone.
- The danger was **moving the boundary.**
- And that is what sin does.
 - **Sin begins by asking:**
 - **“How close can I get to the line?”**
 - **God says:**
 - **“Don't move the line.”**

Genesis 2:16–17



“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying,
Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou
eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

1. GOD ESTABLISHES THE LANDMARKS

God gave Adam **freedom before He gave him restriction.**

- God said: **“Of every tree...”**
- Then God gave one boundary.
- God is not a God who wants to take everything away from us.
- God gives us abundance and establishes boundaries to protect the abundance.

Application

There are landmarks God has established:

- Marriage
- Sexual purity
- Honesty
- Sobriety
- Family
- Worship
- Truth
- Holiness
- Integrity
- Respect for human life
- Moral responsibility

Deuteronomy 5:32–33



“Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.



Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.”



The world says:
“Move the landmark.”

God says:
“Don't move it.”

Psalm 119:105
**“Thy word is a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto
my path.”**





Proverbs 3:5–7



**“Trust in the LORD
with all thine heart;
and lean not unto
thine own
understanding.**



**Be not wise in thine
own eyes: fear the
LORD, and depart
from evil.”**



**In all thy ways
acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy
paths.**

When God's boundaries
are removed, confusion
eventually replaces
conviction.

2. THE STREET BECOMES DANGEROUS WHEN LANDMARKS DISAPPEAR



Proverbs 14:12



“There is a way which seemeth
right unto a man, but the end
thereof are the ways of death.”



Wrong Road



Isaiah 5:20



**“Woe unto them that call
evil good, and good evil;
that put darkness for
light, and light for
darkness; that put bitter
for sweet, and sweet for
bitter!”**



Judges 21:25

“In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”



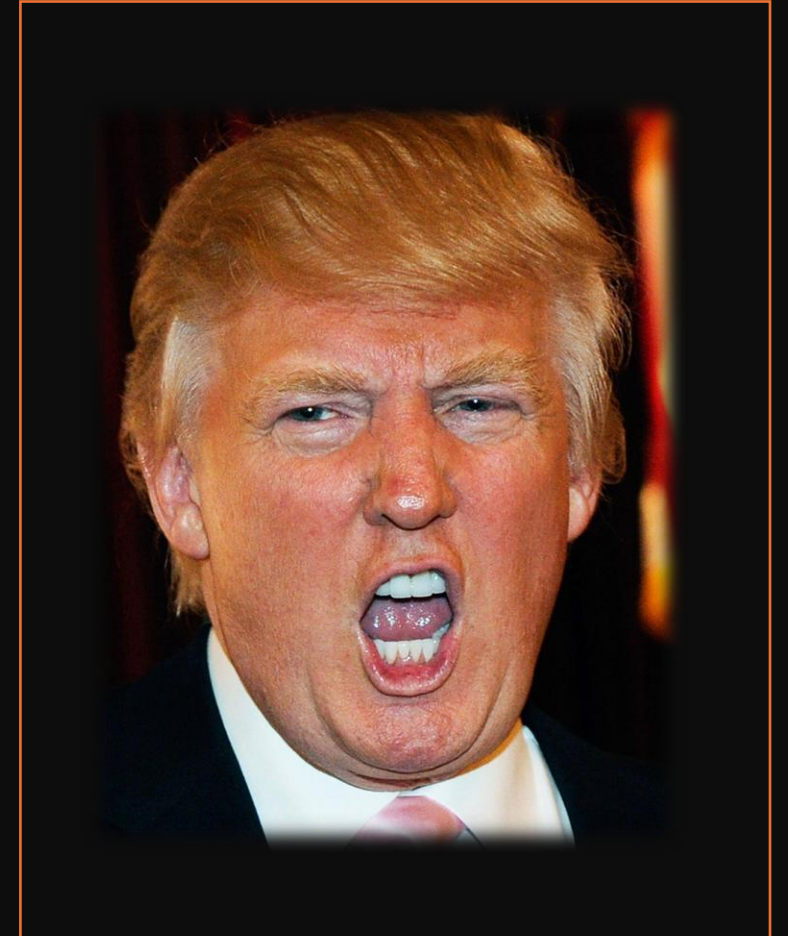
Romans 1:21–22



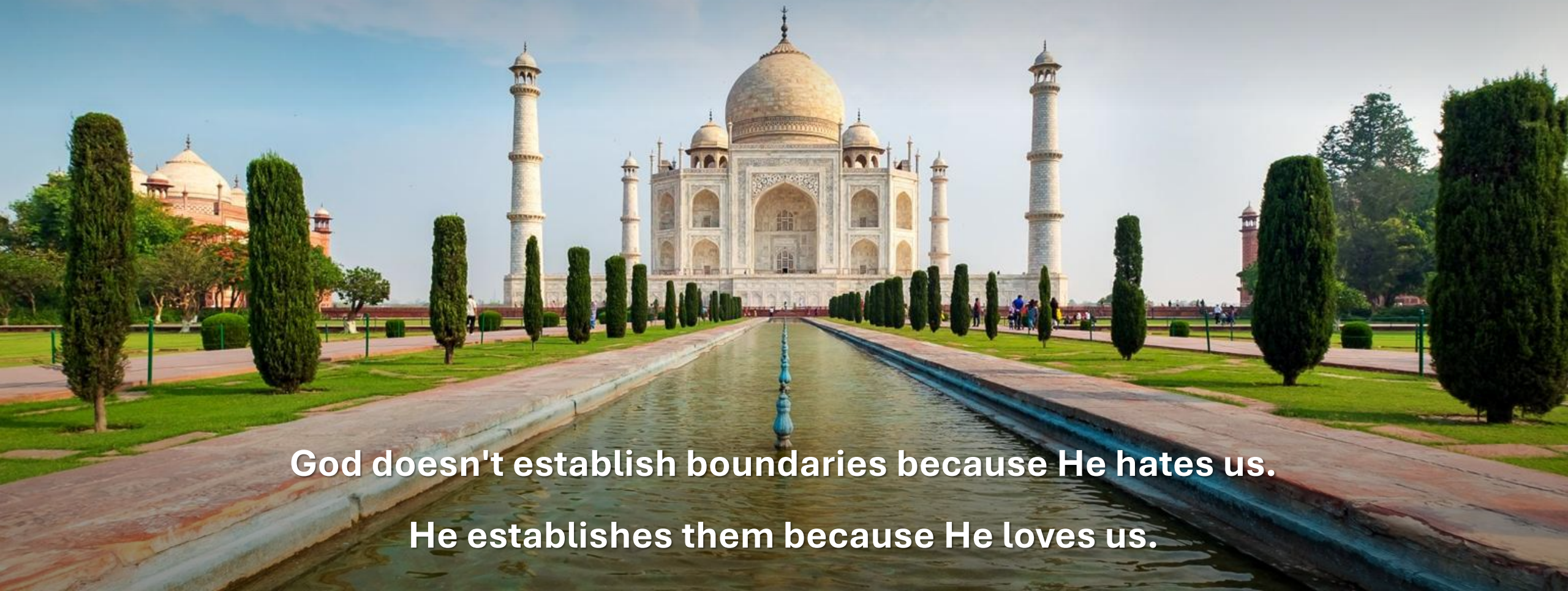
“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.



Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”



3. GOD'S LANDMARKS ARE LOVING LANDMARKS



God doesn't establish boundaries because He hates us.

He establishes them because He loves us.



Deuteronomy 10:12–13



“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,



To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day **for thy good?**”

God's Landmarks Are Loving Landmarks

† Deuteronomy 10:12-13

"...for thy good"

- ◆ God's boundaries come from His love
- ◆ He knows what lies beyond every boundary
- ◆ Boundaries are designed to protect and bless
- ◆ God's landmarks lead to flourishing
- ◆ Moving God's landmarks leads to destruction



NKJV

PSALM 19:7-11
THE LAW OF THE
LORD IS PERFECT



1 John 5:3

“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”



John 14:15

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

**WEEK 1
CONCLUSION —
DON'T MOVE IT!**



There are some
things you can
negotiate.



**God's truth is
not one of them.**