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The Invitation

Fill out a pew card with a prayer request

Put them in the Offering Plate

Come at 6:30pm

The House of Prayer

Join in

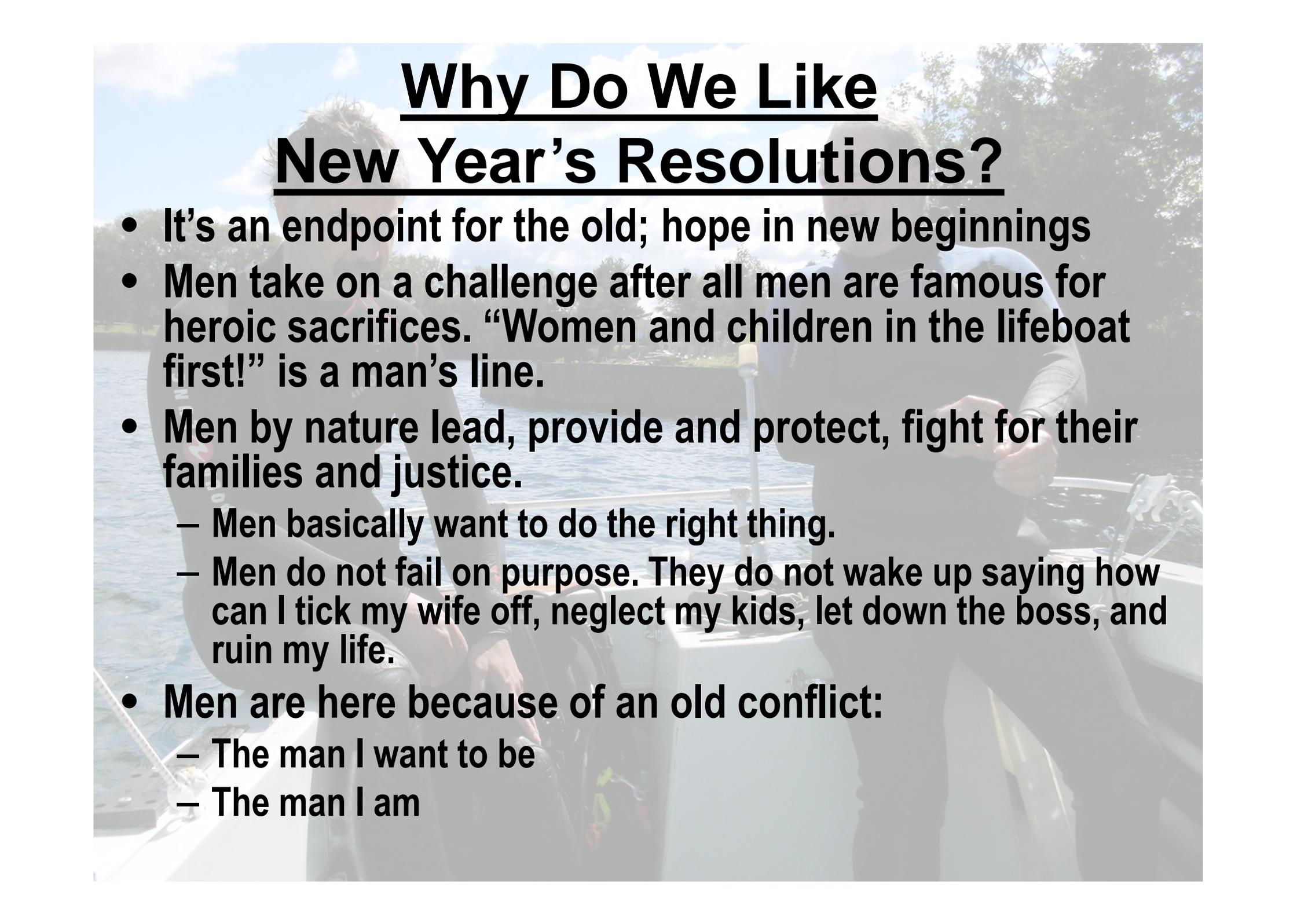
The Word

Confession

And Prayer

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Year of the Godly Man
Romans 8:20,21
Ecc.3:11-14



Why Do We Like **New Year's Resolutions?**

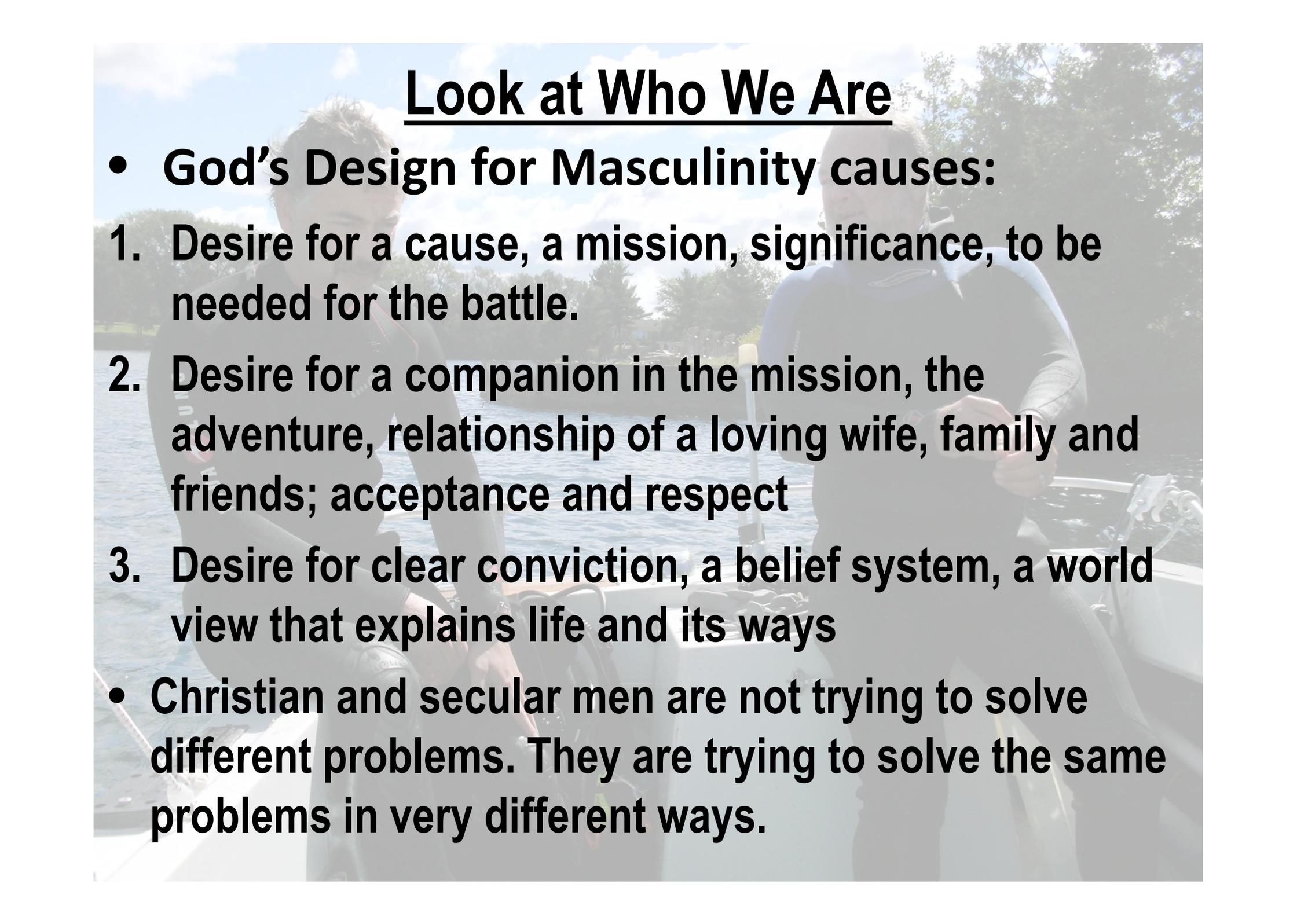
- It's an endpoint for the old; hope in new beginnings
- Men take on a challenge after all men are famous for heroic sacrifices. "Women and children in the lifeboat first!" is a man's line.
- Men by nature lead, provide and protect, fight for their families and justice.
 - Men basically want to do the right thing.
 - Men do not fail on purpose. They do not wake up saying how can I tick my wife off, neglect my kids, let down the boss, and ruin my life.
- Men are here because of an old conflict:
 - The man I want to be
 - The man I am

Look Back: How Did You Do?

- **Guys are:**
 - **Tired:** of living a performance based faith; of being a good man.
 - **Feel:** “something’s not right” How do I get all that I have and yet still not be happy.
 - **Plan:** for life is not working out. I try to manage life wisely with spiritual input and life still seems fuzzy.
 - **Unglued life is:** Been setting goals and making them; beginning to see they were not the right goals

- **Feels like: I'm nobody to anybody (mostly) yet "Everybody wants something from me."**
- **Value Committed: Not the same as Christ committed**
- **Christian values speak to your behavior, give information to decisions – yet Christ is not a best friend.**
- **Summation: Quietly disappointed with God of whom you have little working knowledge.**



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Look at Who We Are

- **God's Design for Masculinity causes:**
 1. **Desire for a cause, a mission, significance, to be needed for the battle.**
 2. **Desire for a companion in the mission, the adventure, relationship of a loving wife, family and friends; acceptance and respect**
 3. **Desire for clear conviction, a belief system, a world view that explains life and its ways**
- **Christian and secular men are not trying to solve different problems. They are trying to solve the same problems in very different ways.**

Look at the Conflict

- **Ultimately we want happiness, success, fulfillment, delight, love, peace, significance and respect – for men this is joy in life.**
- **Old questions: “I should gain from the labor and toil under the sun...in the end what was will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.”Ecc.1:9**
- **I reach my goals wisely and I am no more fulfilled than the next guy. What’s up with that? It’s absurd!**



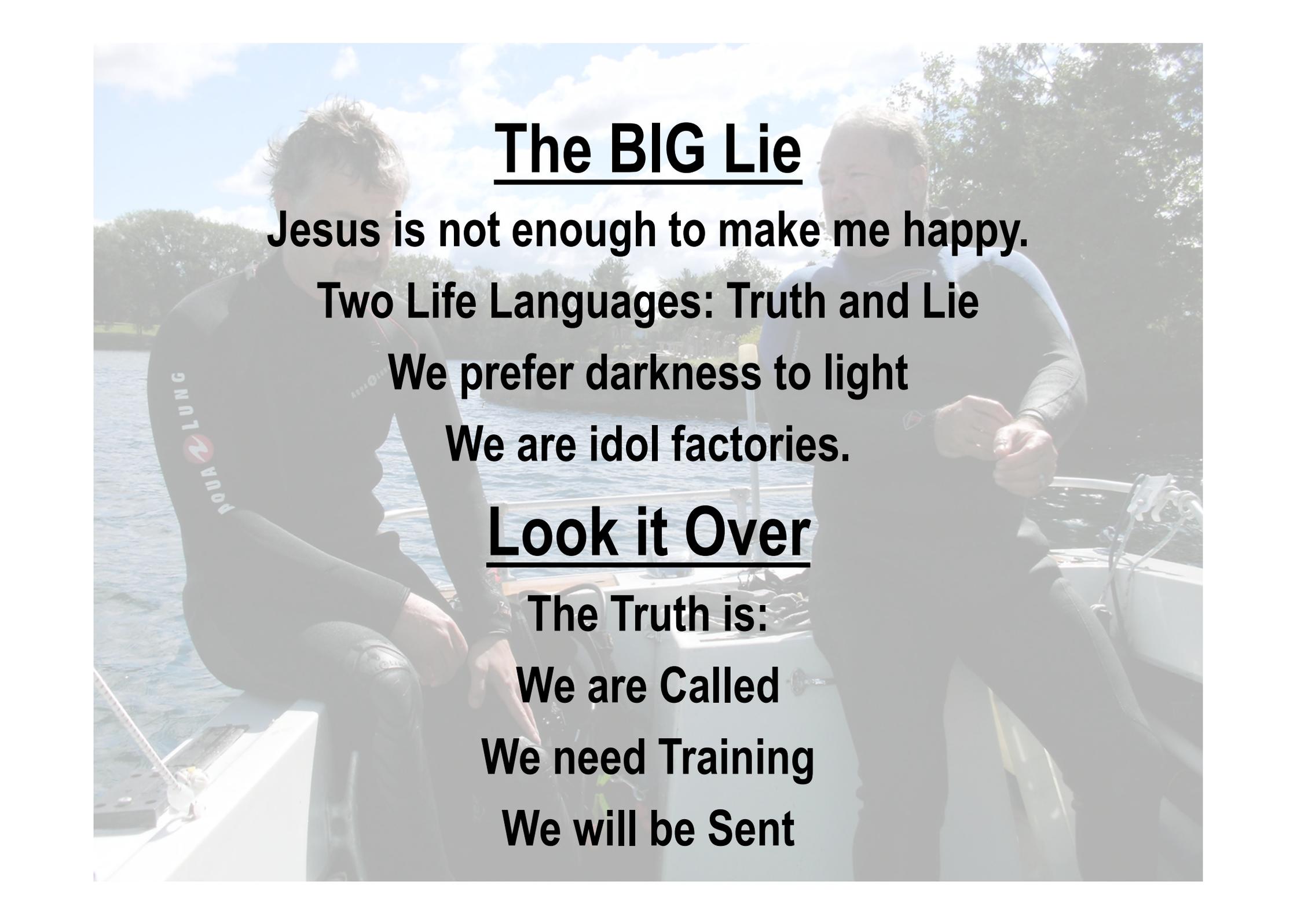
How can I measure success and a well managed life?

- I thought in my heart:
 - I will be successful and satisfied with my job
 - I will make enough money to be ok
 - I will own a good house
 - I will find a good wife
 - I will raise a happy family
 - I will have a sport or hobby to be passionate about
 - I will work with God who will give me what I want
- Is this list sin?
- No, but out of this list come idols and men are great idol makers.

Look at the Wonderful Grace of Futility

Romans 8: 20, 21; Ecc. 3: 11-14

- **Summation: Life has to have meaning, I know it. But hanged if I know what it is! Life is not empty because I didn't get what I wanted but because I did!**
- **Check out Matthew 11:28-29**
- **What keep us from what we want? Good lies**
 - **If I can make this much \$** **I just need that promotion**
 - **I just need a certain car** **If I own a better house**
 - **An hour a day to myself** **I just need this achievement**
 - **We'll just be friends** **Have my wife act different**
 - **Have children act better** **Investments do well**
 - **Able to eat what I want** **Ministry/job strokes**

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The BIG Lie

Jesus is not enough to make me happy.

Two Life Languages: Truth and Lie

We prefer darkness to light

We are idol factories.

Look it Over

The Truth is:

We are Called

We need Training

We will be Sent

Session for Men Only

- **Women and Children Dismissed to Lifeboat!**
- **Red Dot Mission**
- **Every man needs a dawg –**
- **Skit**
- **Challenge: January 16 6:30pm Hinman Hall**
 - Men who are serious enough to train as SEALS
 - Men who want to work through the big three:
Calling; Truth in Training; Sending in Mission