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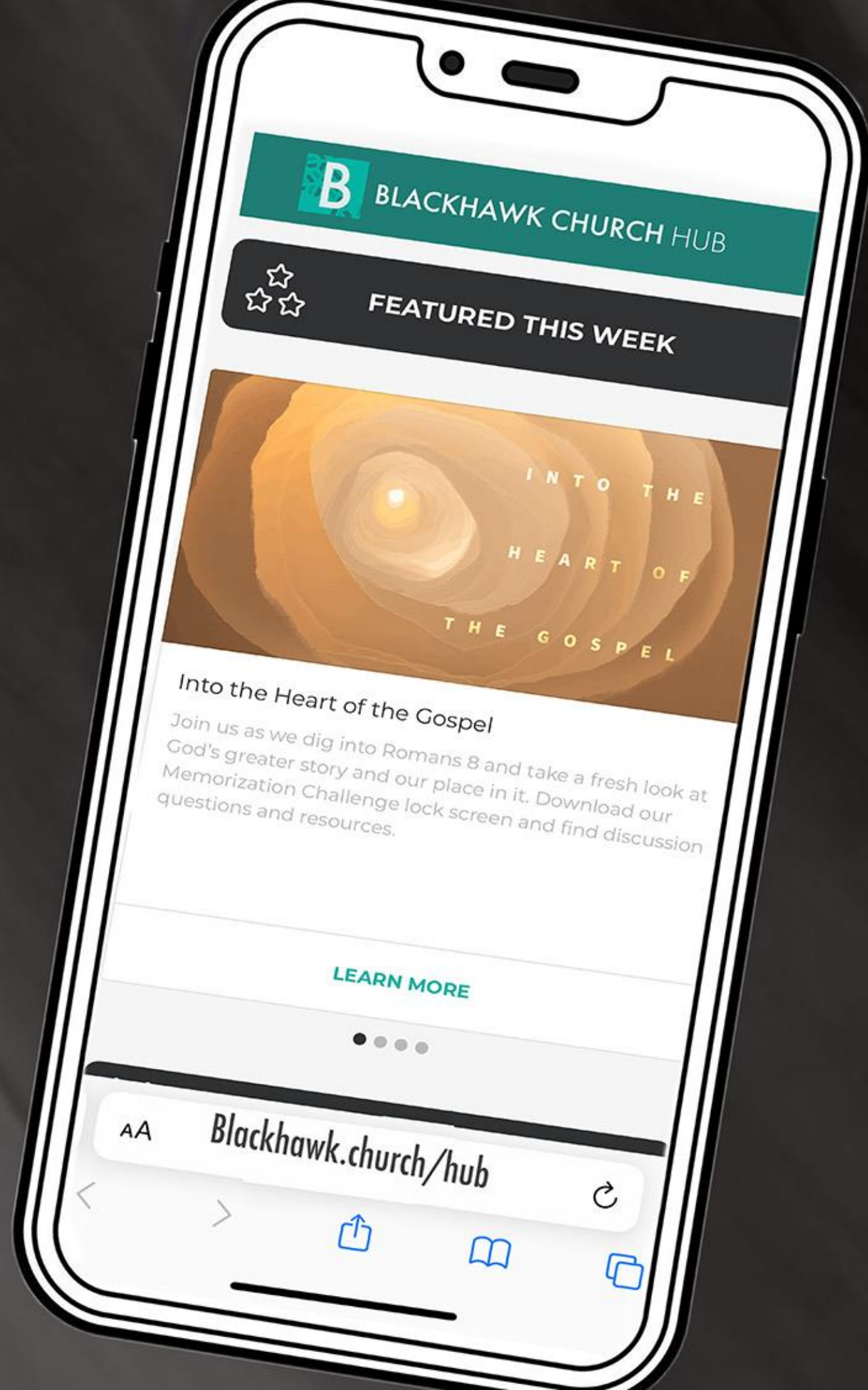
T H E G O S P E L

The Reader's Digest/TL;DR Version of the Gospel

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- Jesus bears the punishment for my sins on the cross
- I am forgiven; I am reconciled to God
- I am saved from hell; I have eternal life

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INTO
THE
HEART OF
ROMANS

A DEEP DIVE INTO
PAUL'S GREATEST LETTER

Gospel

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εὐαγγέλιον (euangelion)

eu angelos

“good” “message”

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the **gospel (euangelion)** of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures

Romans 1:1-2(NIV)

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3. **Creation:** God creates a beautiful world and wants the humans to help him take care of it.

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Ancient Israel's Rebellion Ruins the Plan

1. Ancient Israel reject their **relationship** with God.
2. They refuse to **image** God; they are unjust, violent, and exploitative.

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Paul's answer:

Humans are corrupted and live under the power of Sin.

The Gospel of God in Romans 8

- The death of Jesus **sets us free** from Sin (Rom 8:1-4).
- The Holy Spirit restores us to God's **image** (Rom 8:5-13).
- We are restored to the status of God's **children** and given the mission of restoring **creation** (Rom 8:14-21).

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- God **suffers** with us as we work toward the redemption of the world (Rom 8:17-30).
- All of this is because God **loves** us (Rom 8:31-39).

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- Restoration to God's Image
- Becoming God's children
and the mission to restore creation
- Redemptive suffering
- The love of God

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Romans 8:1-3a(NIV)

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Romans 8:3b-4(NIV)

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Romans 8:1-4 (NIV)

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Romans 8:1-4 (NIV)

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Romans 8:1 (NIV)

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized **into his death**? ⁴ We were therefore **buried with him** through baptism **into death**.... ⁵ For if we have been **united with him in a death like his**, we will certainly also be **united with him in a resurrection like his**.

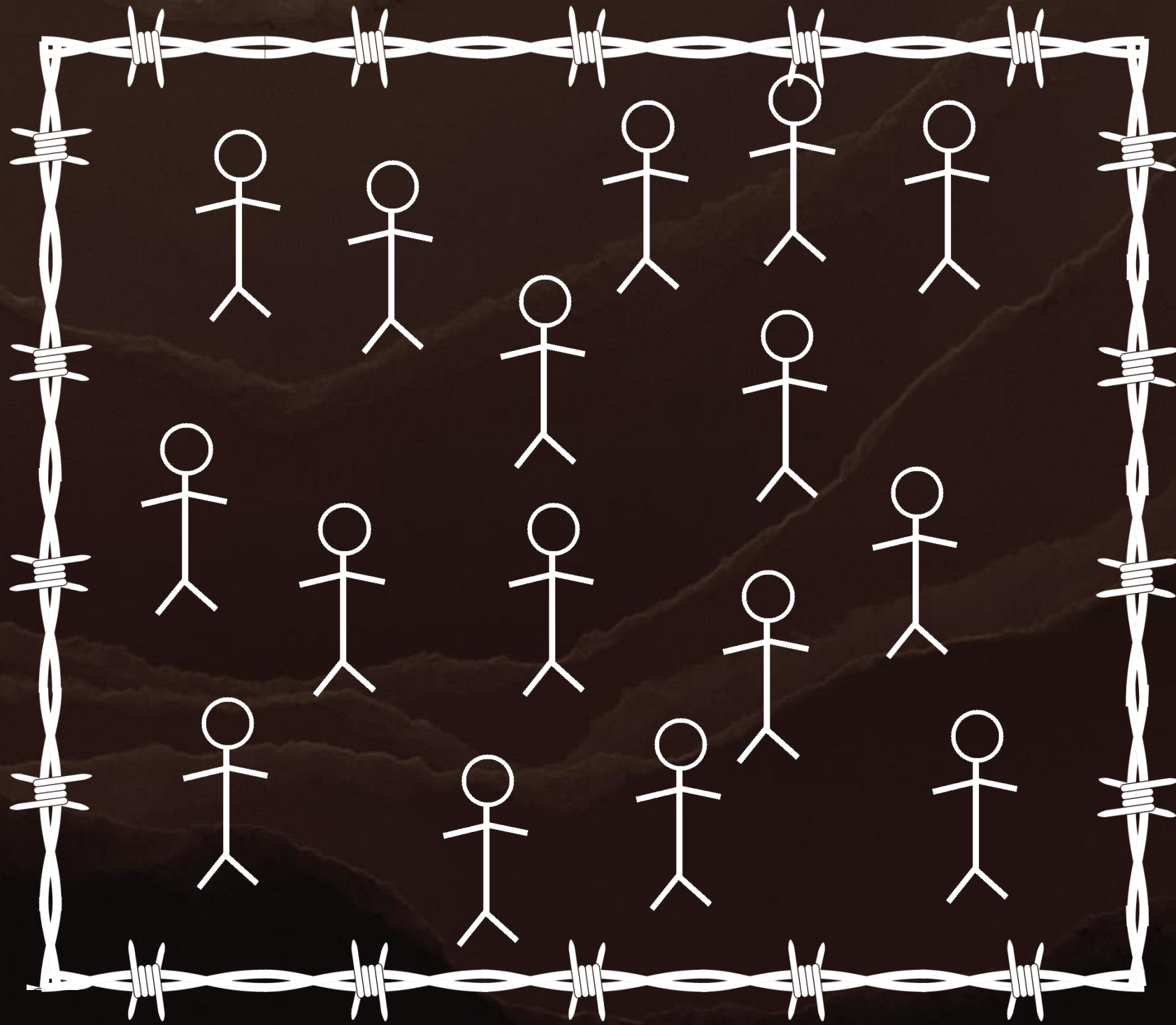
Romans 6:3-5(NIV)

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Romans 6:7(NIV)

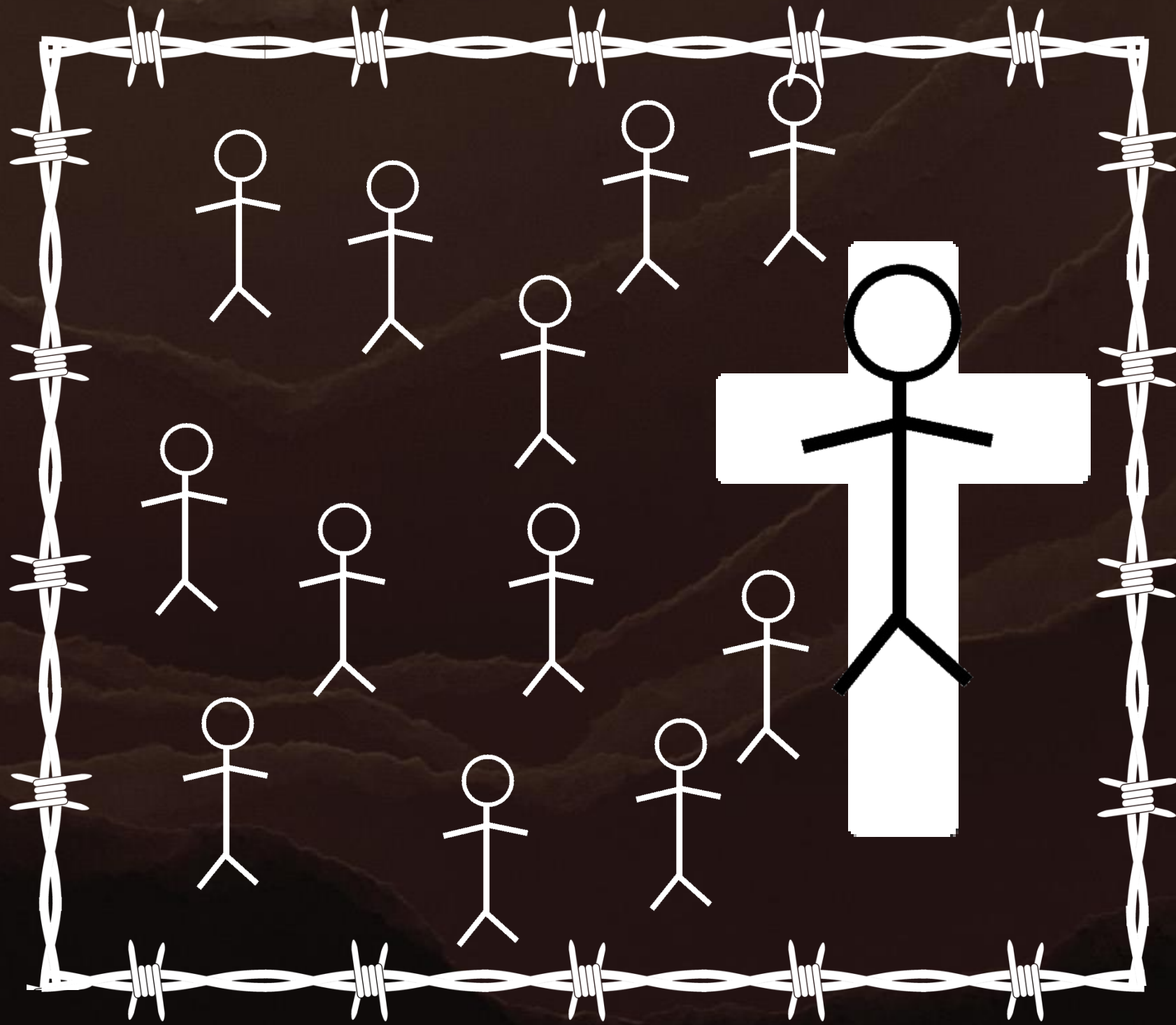


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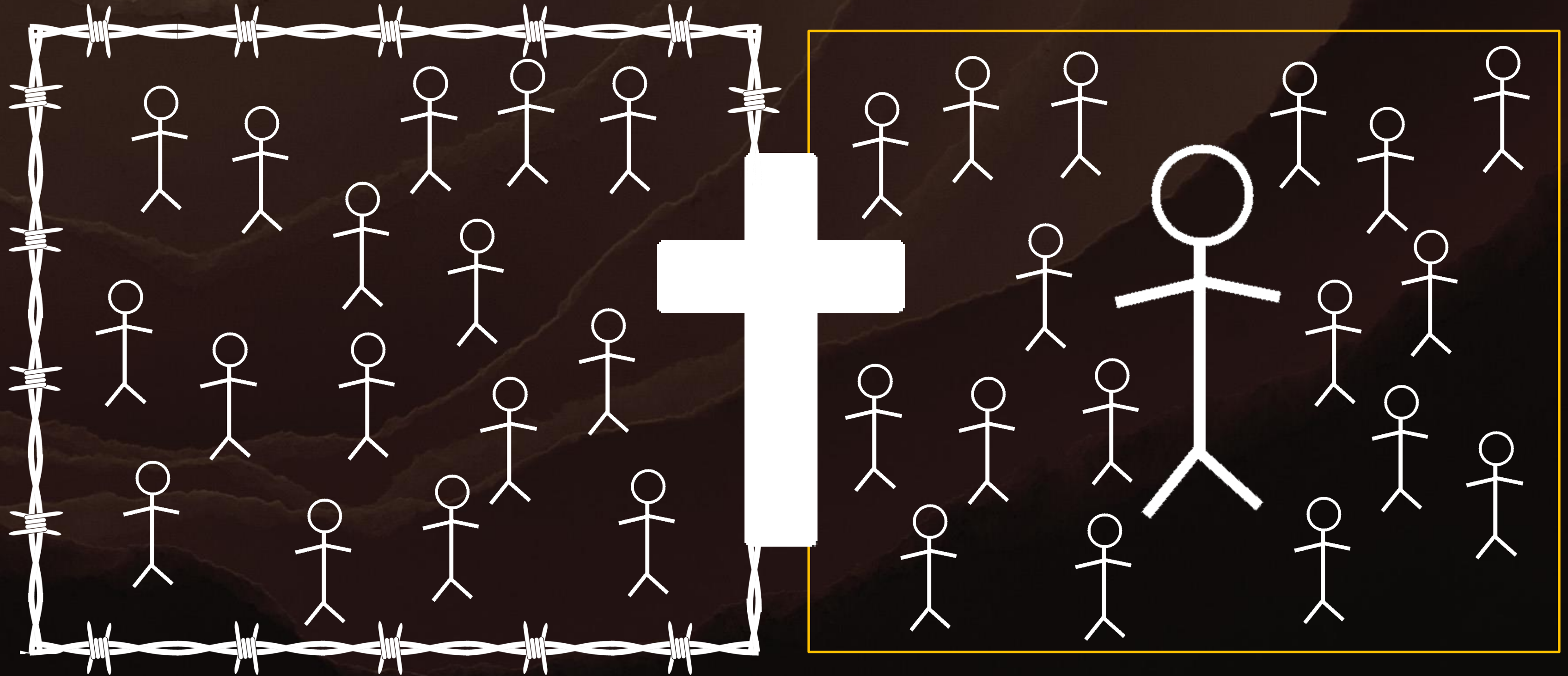




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GRACE



⁷ because anyone who has died has been **set free from sin**.

¹⁸ You have been **set free from sin** and have become slaves to righteousness.

²² But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become slaves of God,”

Romans 6:7,18,22(NIV)

² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has **set you free** from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2 (NIV)

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39(NIV)