



EVIL

AND

WICKEDNESS

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MARK 7:20-23





Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For **the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders**

MARK 7:1-3

And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him,
“Why do your disciples not walk according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat with **defiled hands**?”


MARK 7:5

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: “You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for **washing**. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put **water** in it, for Aaron and his sons shall **wash** their hands and their feet in water from it. When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the Lord, they shall **wash** with water, **lest they die**. So they shall **wash** their hands and their feet, **lest they die**. And it shall be **a statute forever** to them—to him and his descendants throughout their generations.”

EXODUS 30:17-21

And he said to them,
“Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,
“‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’
You leave the commandment of God and hold to the
tradition of men.”

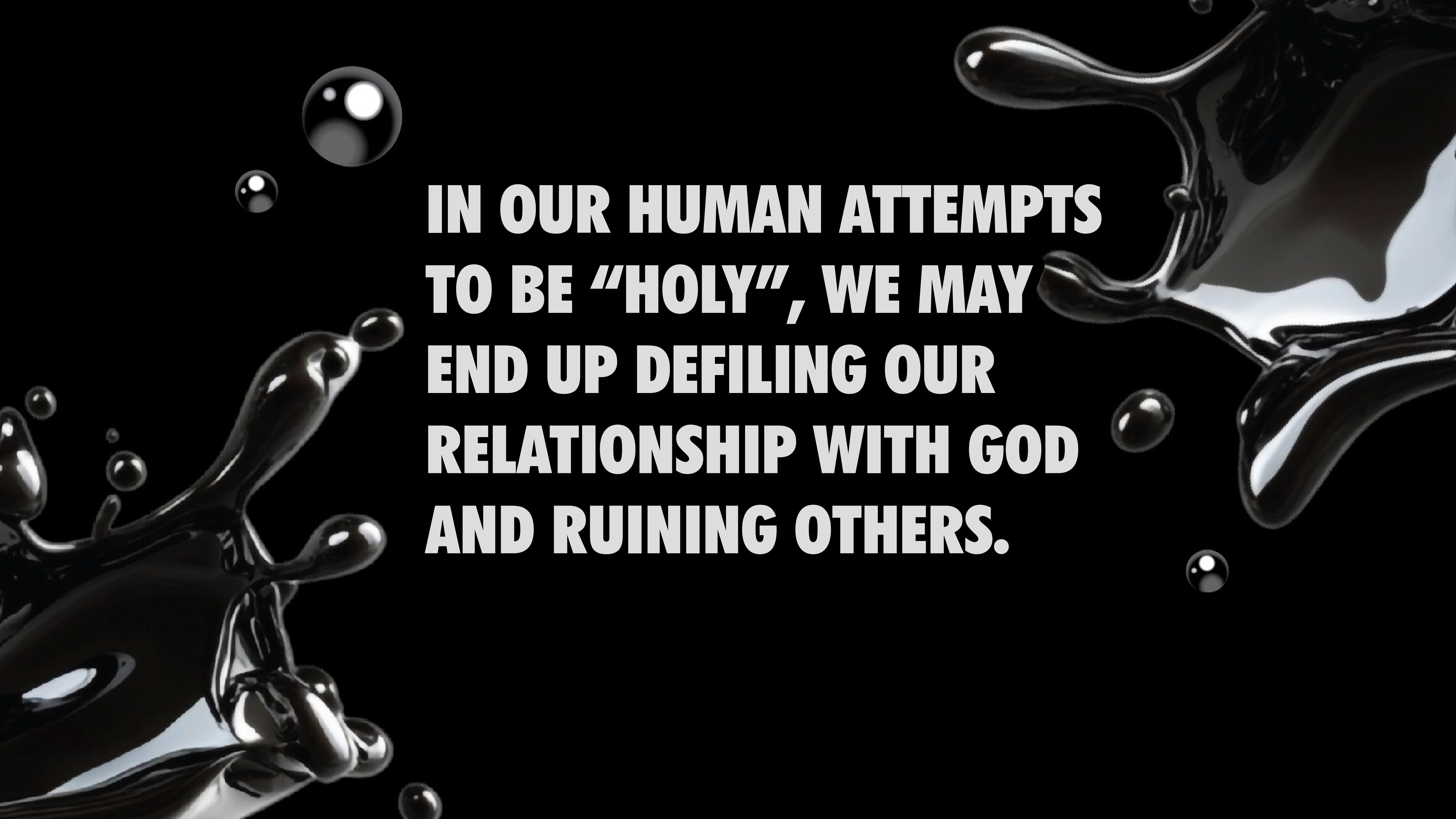
MARK 7:6-8



**THE PROBLEM
WASN'T THEIR
WASHING RITUALS.
THE PROBLEM WAS
THEIR HEARTS.**

And he said to them, “You have a fine way of **rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!** For Moses said, Honor your father and your mother’; and, Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)— then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus **making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down.** And many such things you do.”

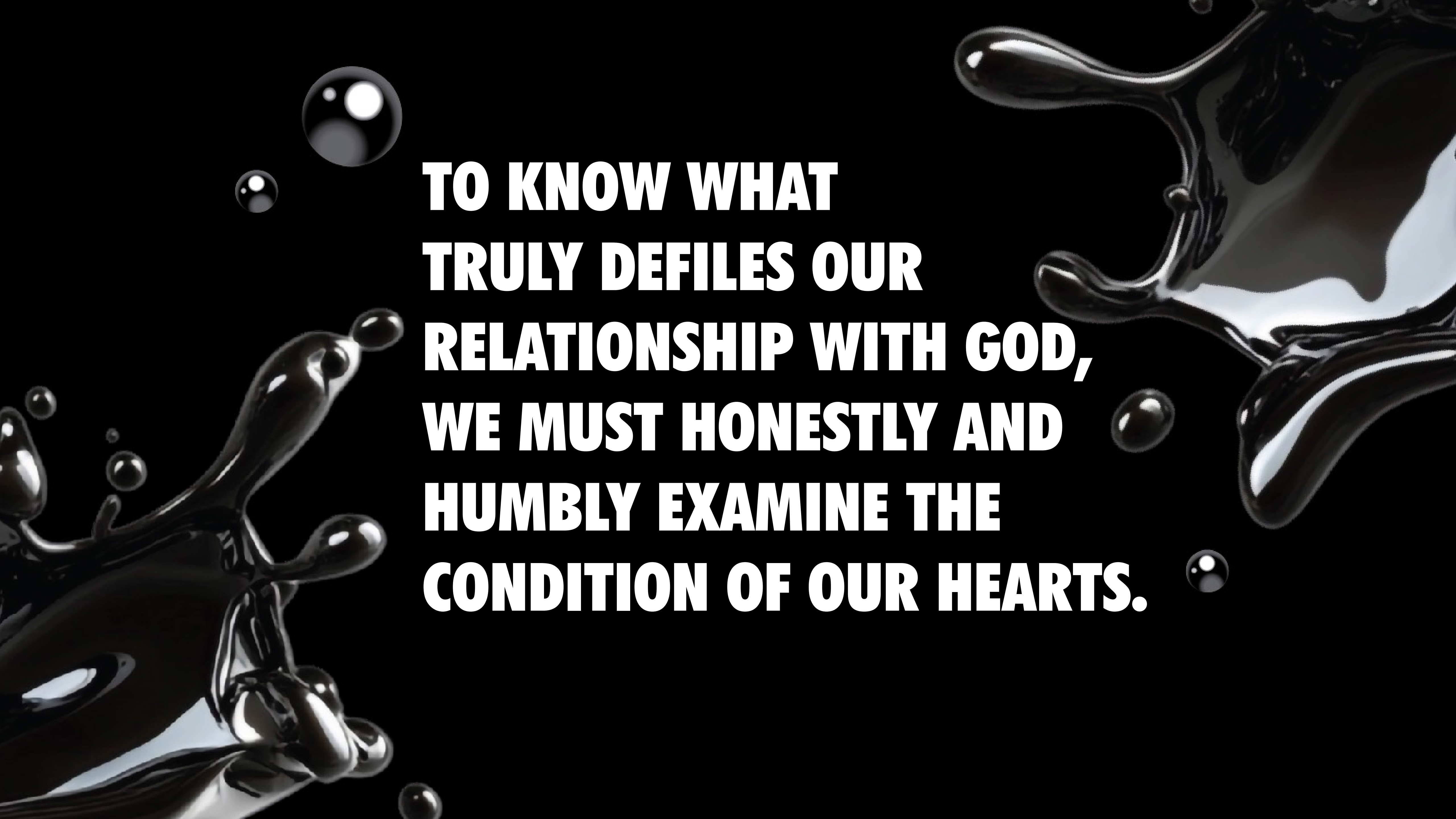
MARK 7:9-13



**IN OUR HUMAN ATTEMPTS
TO BE "HOLY", WE MAY
END UP DEFILING OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
AND RUINING OTHERS.**

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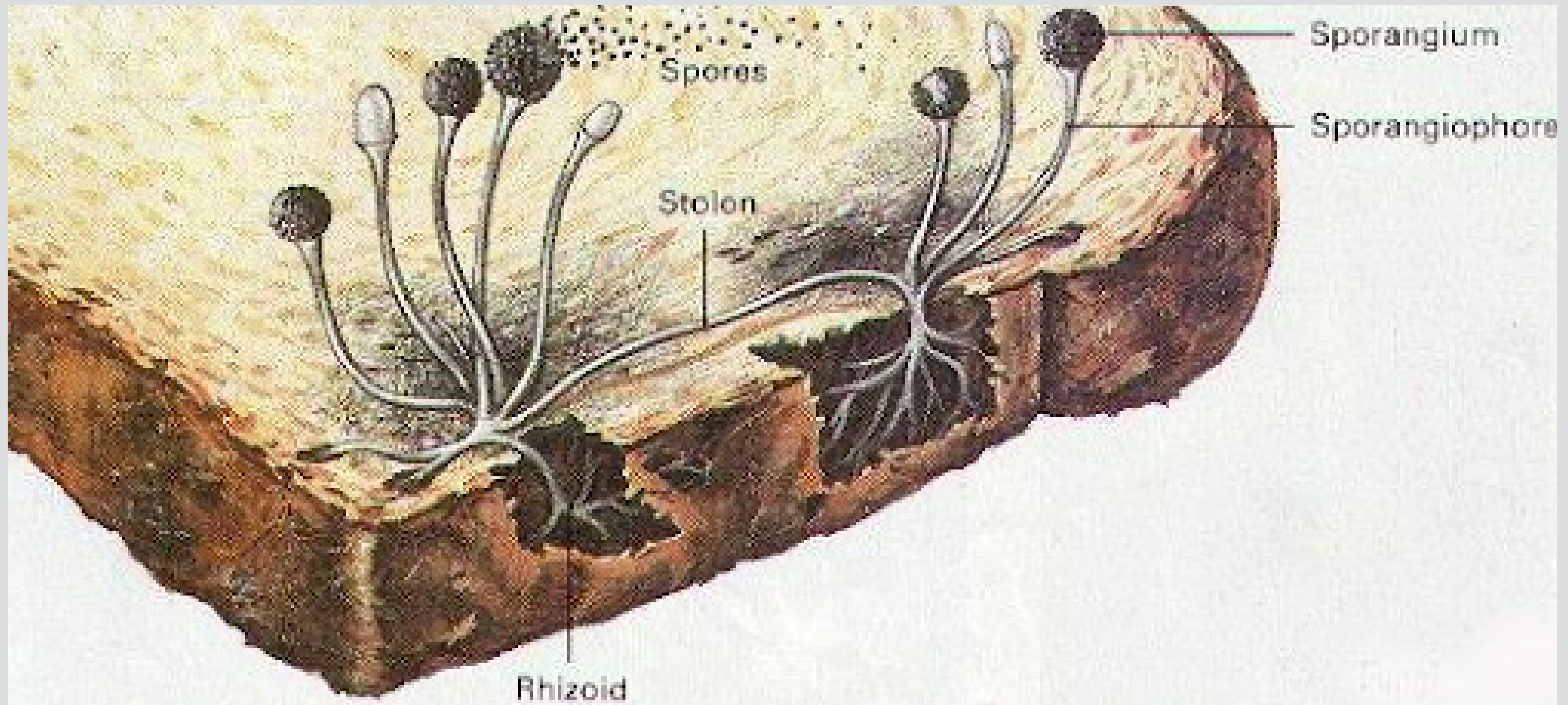


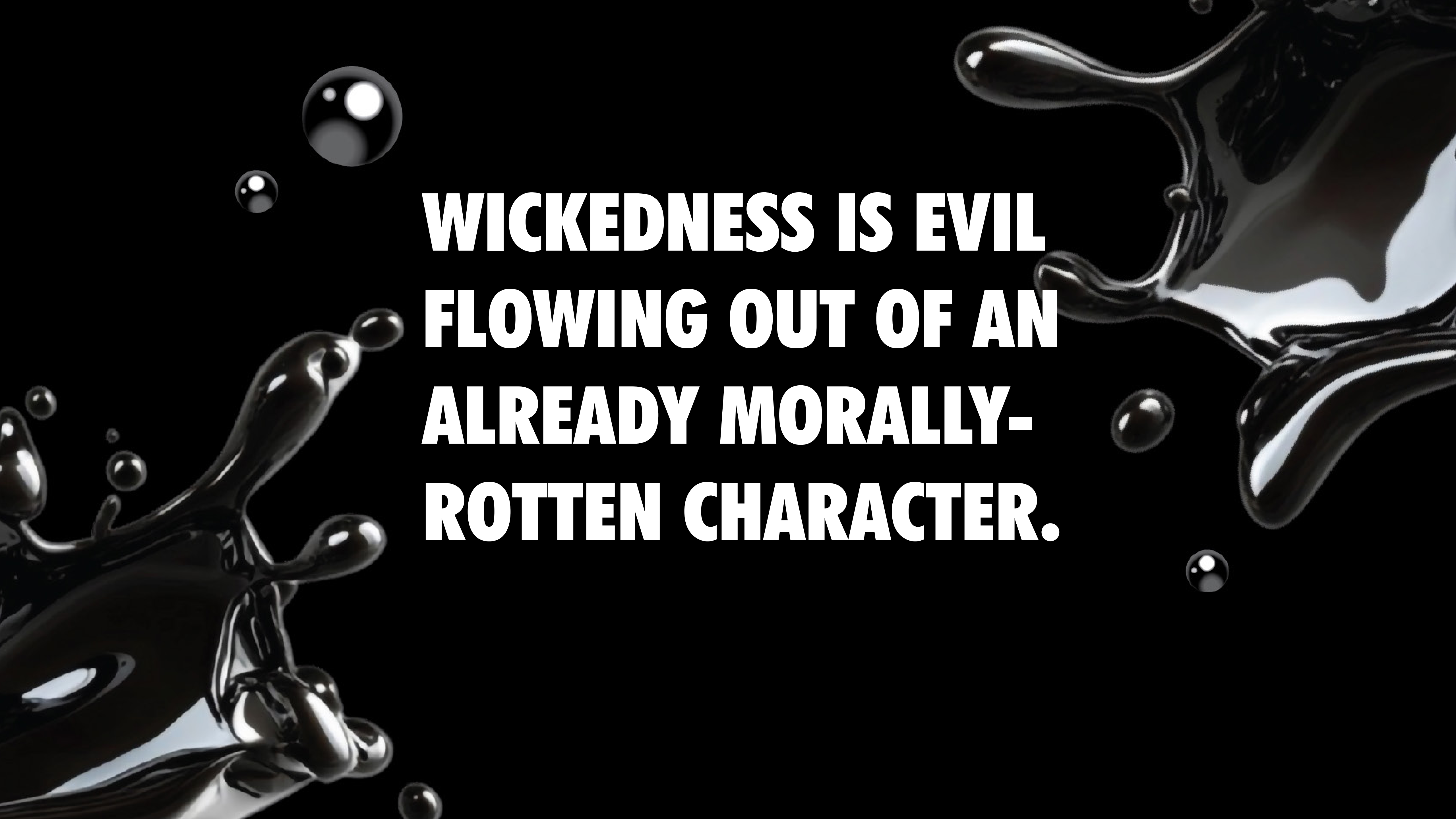
**TO KNOW WHAT
TRULY DEFILES OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD,
WE MUST HONESTLY AND
HUMBLY EXAMINE THE
CONDITION OF OUR HEARTS.**

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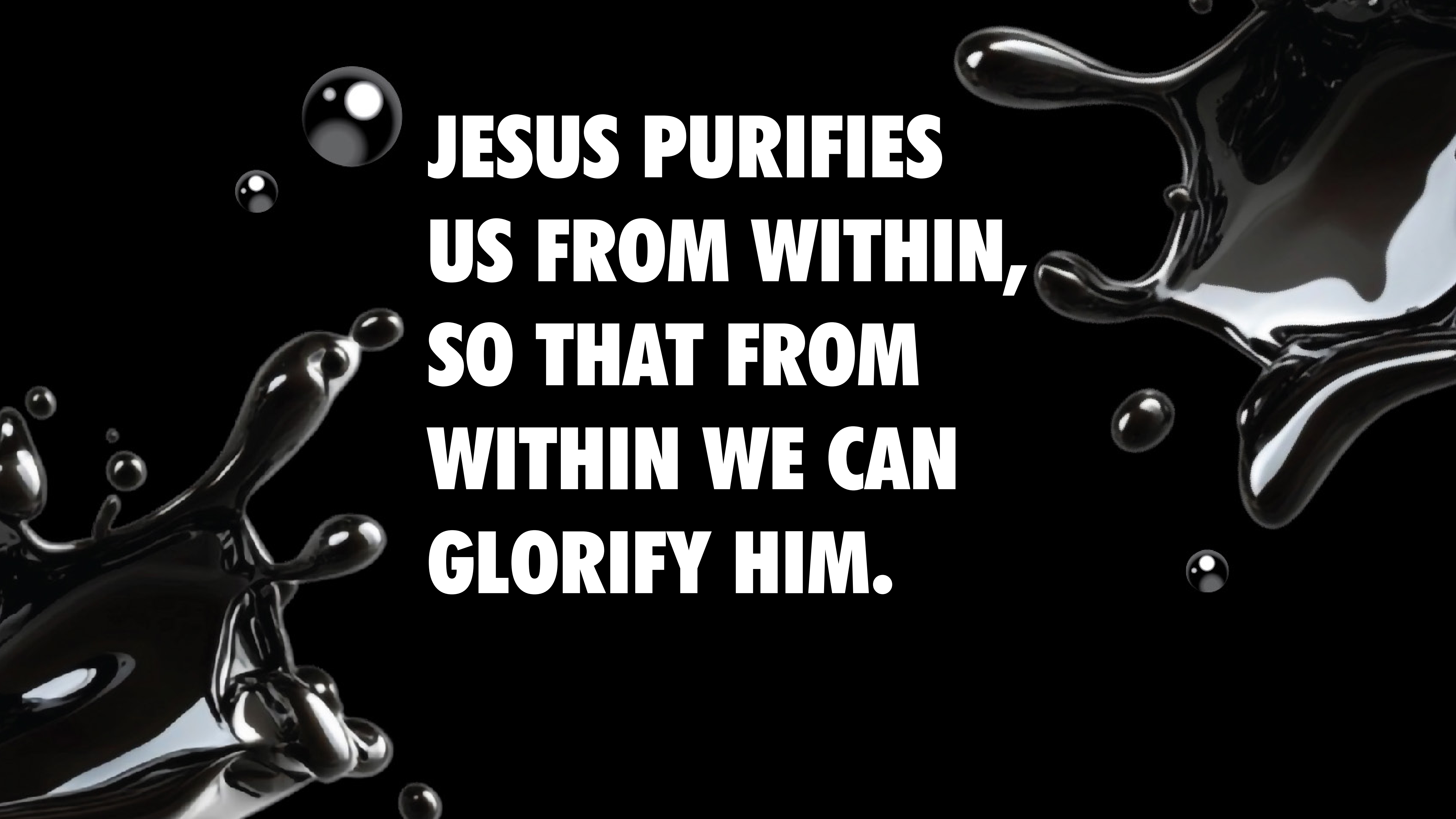
**WICKEDNESS IS EVIL
FLOWING OUT OF AN
ALREADY MORALLY-
ROTTEN CHARACTER.**

The image features a vibrant red background with several dynamic splashes of black liquid. The splashes are captured in mid-air, creating a sense of movement and energy. The liquid has a glossy, reflective surface, with highlights and shadows that emphasize its fluid nature. The splashes are scattered across the frame, with some larger, more complex shapes and others as smaller, simpler droplets. The overall composition is balanced and visually striking.

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
WITHIN YOUR
HEART?**

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And **I will give you a new heart**, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

EZEKIEL 36:25-26



**JESUS PURIFIES
US FROM WITHIN,
SO THAT FROM
WITHIN WE CAN
GLORIFY HIM.**