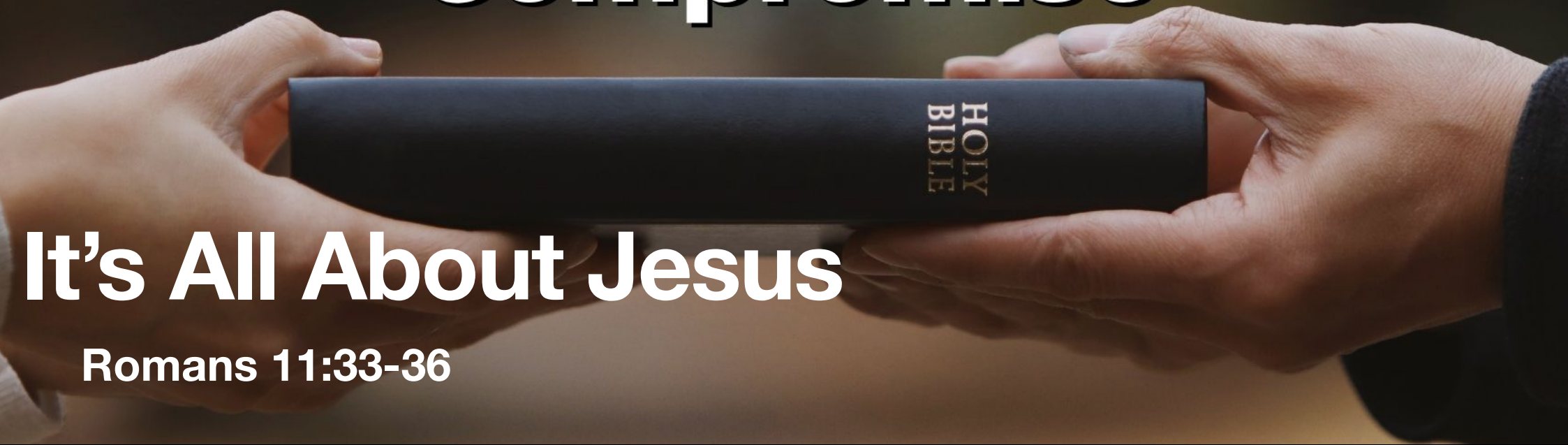


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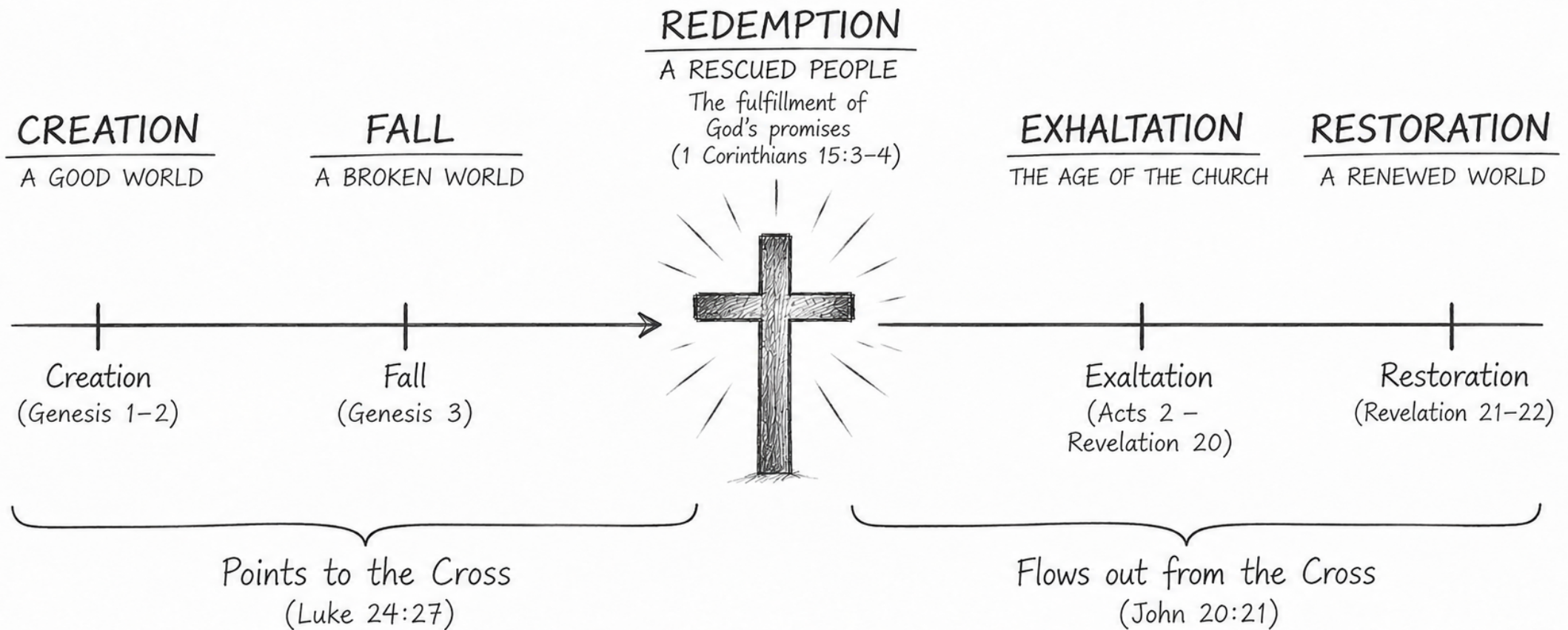


It's All About Jesus

Romans 11:33-36

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Then the Lord answered
Job out of the whirlwind
and said: “Who is this that
darkens counsel by words
without knowledge?”

- Job 38:1



Then Job answered the Lord and said: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. . . Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. . . I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

—Job 42:1-3, 5-6



Deuteronomy 29:29:

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to our children and to us forever, so that we may follow all the words of this law."

Proverbs 25:2:

"it is the glory of God to conceal a matter,"

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Fear of God:

The humble, reverent posture that flows from understanding humanity's limitations in relation to the almighty Creator, God.

Romans 11:33-36

Main idea: All things find their origin, meaning and goal in Jesus Christ to the Glory of God.

- **vs 33:** Limits of Human Knowledge vs God's Infinite Knowledge
- **vss 34-35:** The Dependence of Man vs. The Self-Sufficiency of God
- **vs 36:** Jesus is the Answer to Everything

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

- Romans 12:1

So if you eat, or if you drink, or if you do anything, do it for the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

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“Human knowledge has two extremes which meet; one is the pure natural ignorance of every man at birth, the other is the extreme reached by great minds who run through the whole range of human knowledge, only to find that they know nothing and come back to the same ignorance from which they set out.”

- Pensees- 327/73



Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

- 2 Corinthians 2:6-10

Do You Trust God At Work?

How often have you brought a work-related problem or issue before the Lord in prayer?

How often have you asked yourself what might it look like to be a Daniel in this meeting?

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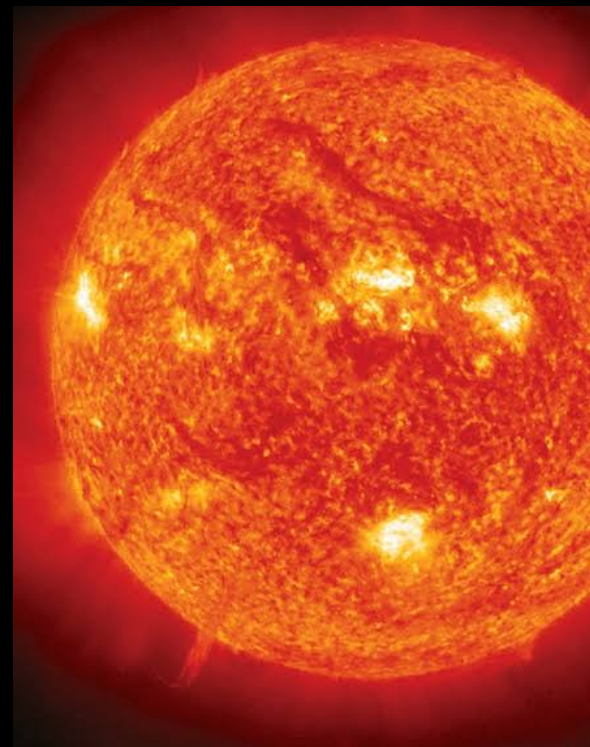
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The “Aseity” of God

Self-existent: meaning he was never created, he had no beginning, or creator he just is.

Self-sufficient: God lacks nothing. He did not create the universe or human beings because He was lonely or needed something to survive. His joy, power, and love are complete inside Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Independent: Everything in the universe is contingent (meaning it needs air, water, food, or a cause to exist). God is the opposite; He is the uncreated source who sustains everything else.



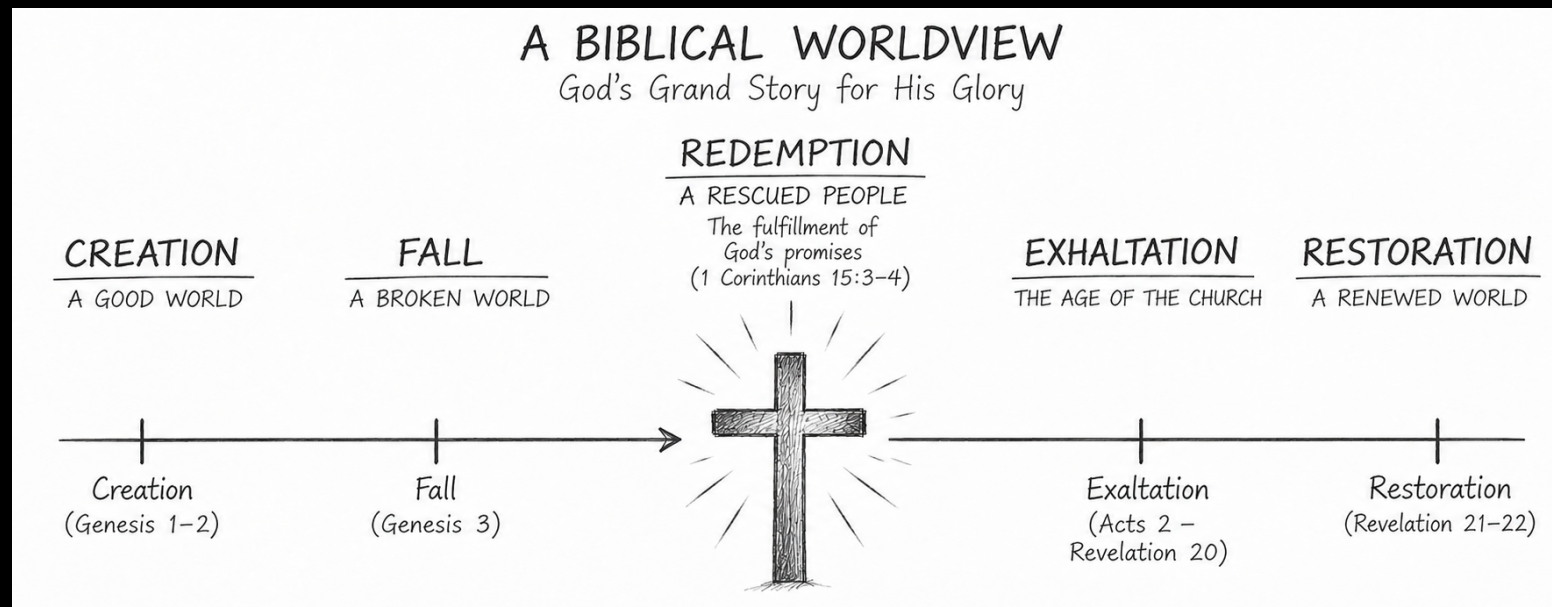
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- *From him are all things.* —questions of origin, meaning and purpose
- *Through him are all things.* —questions of being, ethic (how shall we live), and sustenance.
- *To him are all things.* —questions of end, goal/telos of history and creation.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- Colossians 1:15-17

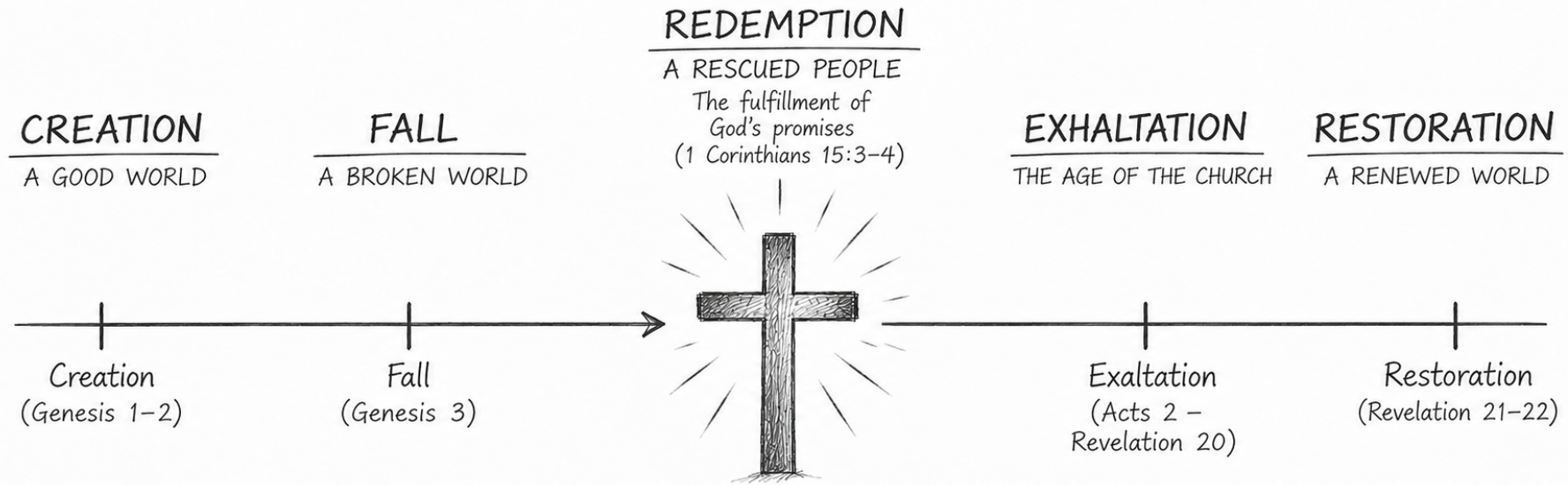
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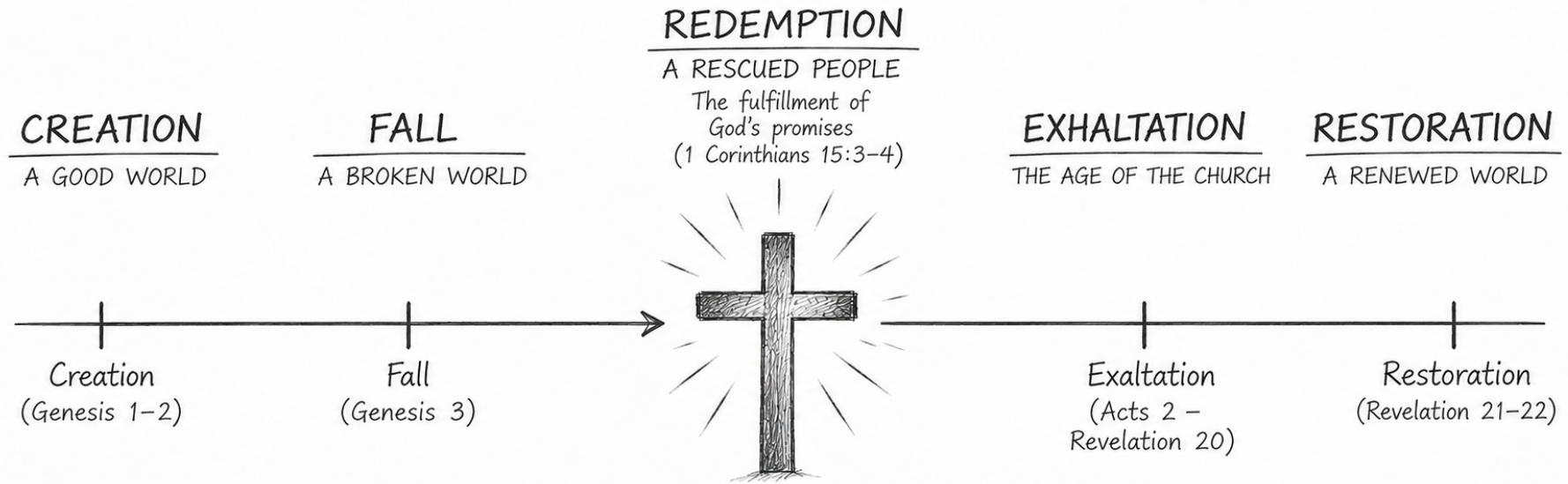
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“Oh, how cute he is. Look at his tiny, perfect fingers and toes and his laugh just makes your heart melt”

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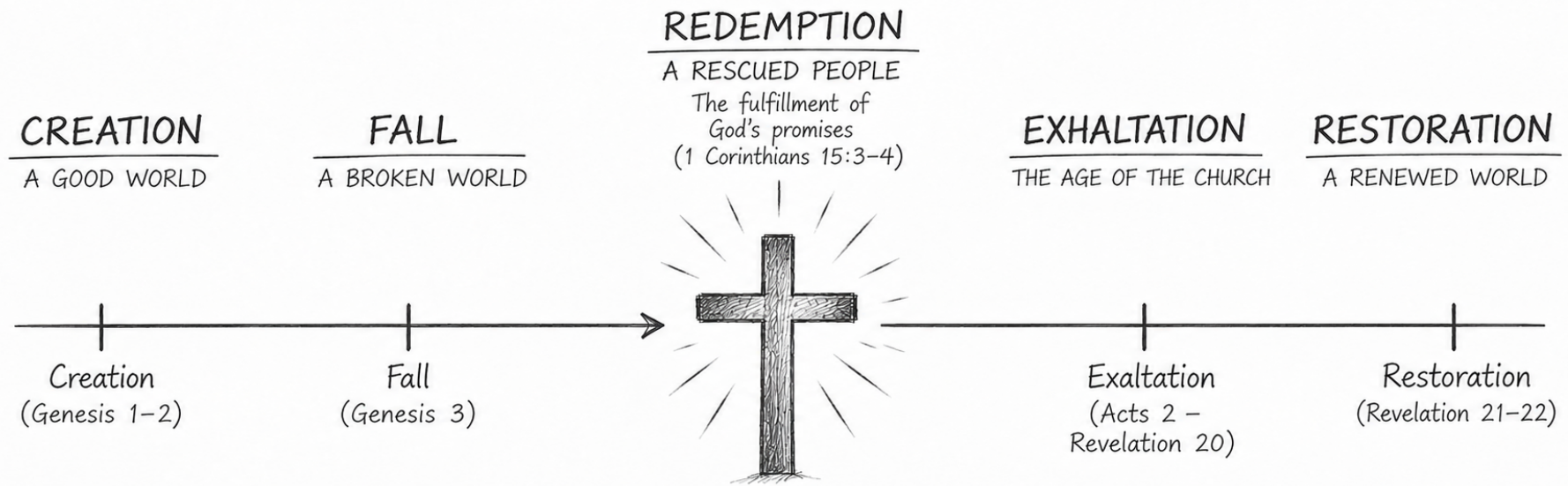
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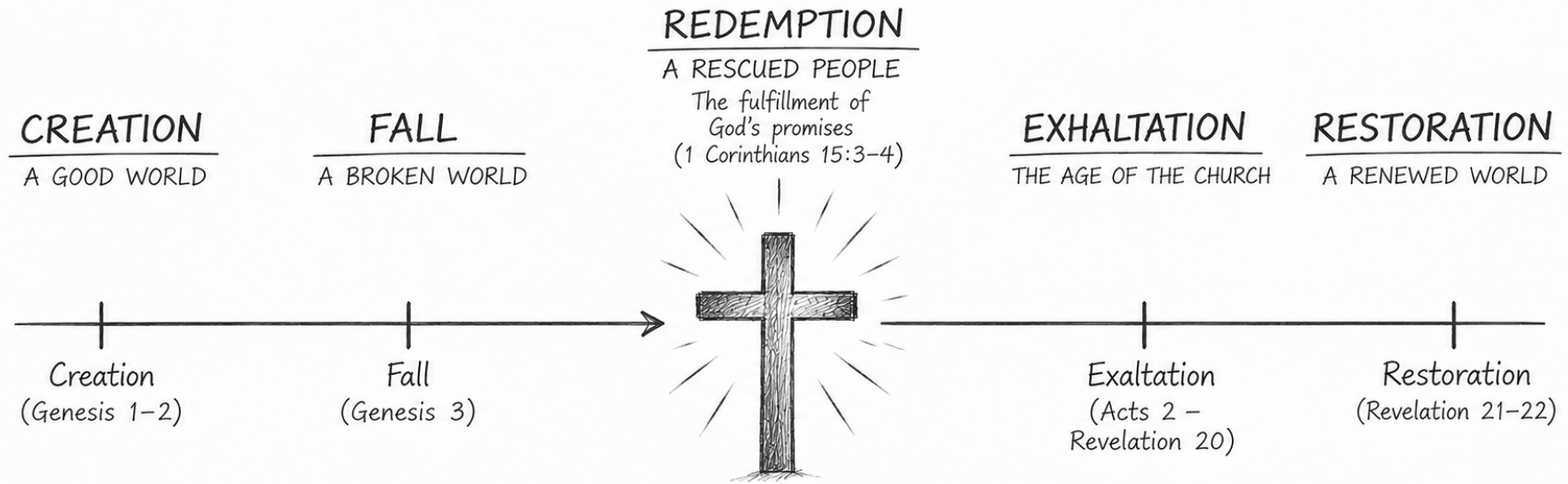
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"I really hope this candidate or party wins the election. They are just what this country needs to solve its problems"

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"I'm anxious I won't have a job in six months, this restructuring is going to affect my job."

1



ENTER

Step into the culture and listen to its story.

Acts 17:23 *“For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship...”*

- Take time to understand a person’s context, a film, song, book, game or cultural trend.
- Listen carefully, observe what it communicates, and avoid jumping to conclusions or caricaturing other people’s views.

Ask: What story is being told? What does it suggest about life, identity, happiness and meaning?

2



EXPLORE

Look for both grace and idolatry.

Acts 17:23 *“People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ... I even found an altar with this inscription: ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD’.”*

- Identify what is good, beautiful or true in the culture, while recognising where good desires become distorted or where something created takes God’s place.
- Identify the tension here with the Biblical Worldview.

Ask: What genuine human longing does this narrative express, and what does it encourage people to trust or worship instead of God?



EXPOSE

Reveal the limitations of cultural idols.

Acts 17:29 *“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill.”*

- Show how the things people look to for ultimate fulfilment—such as success, romance, power, beauty or personal freedom—cannot ultimately deliver everything they promise.

Ask: Where does this worldview fall short? What happens when we expect something finite to satisfy our deepest needs?



EVANGELISE

Show how Jesus fulfils our deepest longings.

Acts 17:23 *“So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.”*

- Connect the hopes and questions uncovered in the cultural story to the good news of Jesus Christ.
- The aim is not merely to criticise culture, but to show how the gospel both challenges false promises and fulfils genuine human aspirations.

Ask: How does Jesus offer a truer and better answer to the longing expressed in this story?

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19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself **all things**, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.
- Colossians 1:19-22

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