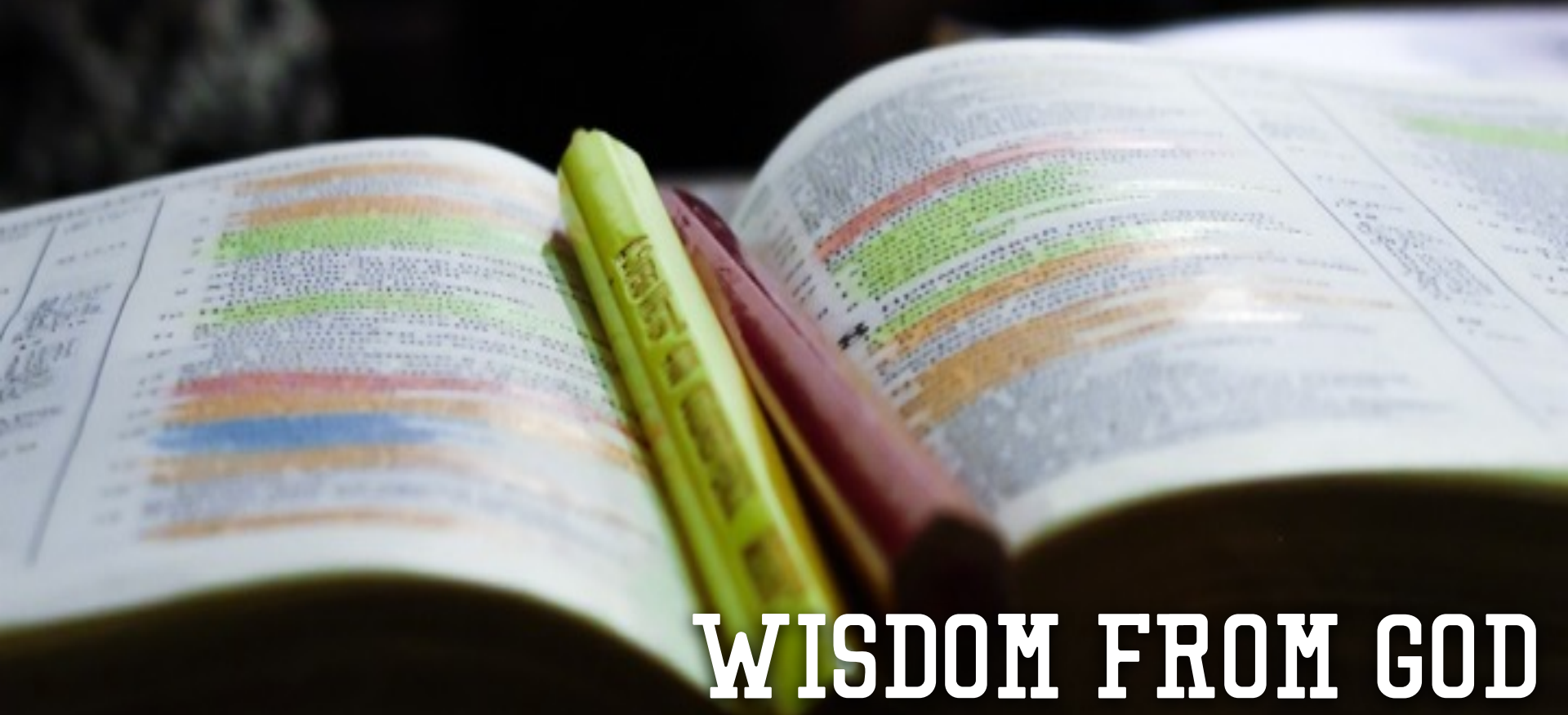


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MY HOPE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

1. Move the abortion discussion away from propaganda, rhetoric and talking points without any type of nuance.
2. Discuss what abortion is.
3. Help us better understand the issue in our context.
4. Help free you up to engage the issue in your rhythm and flavor.



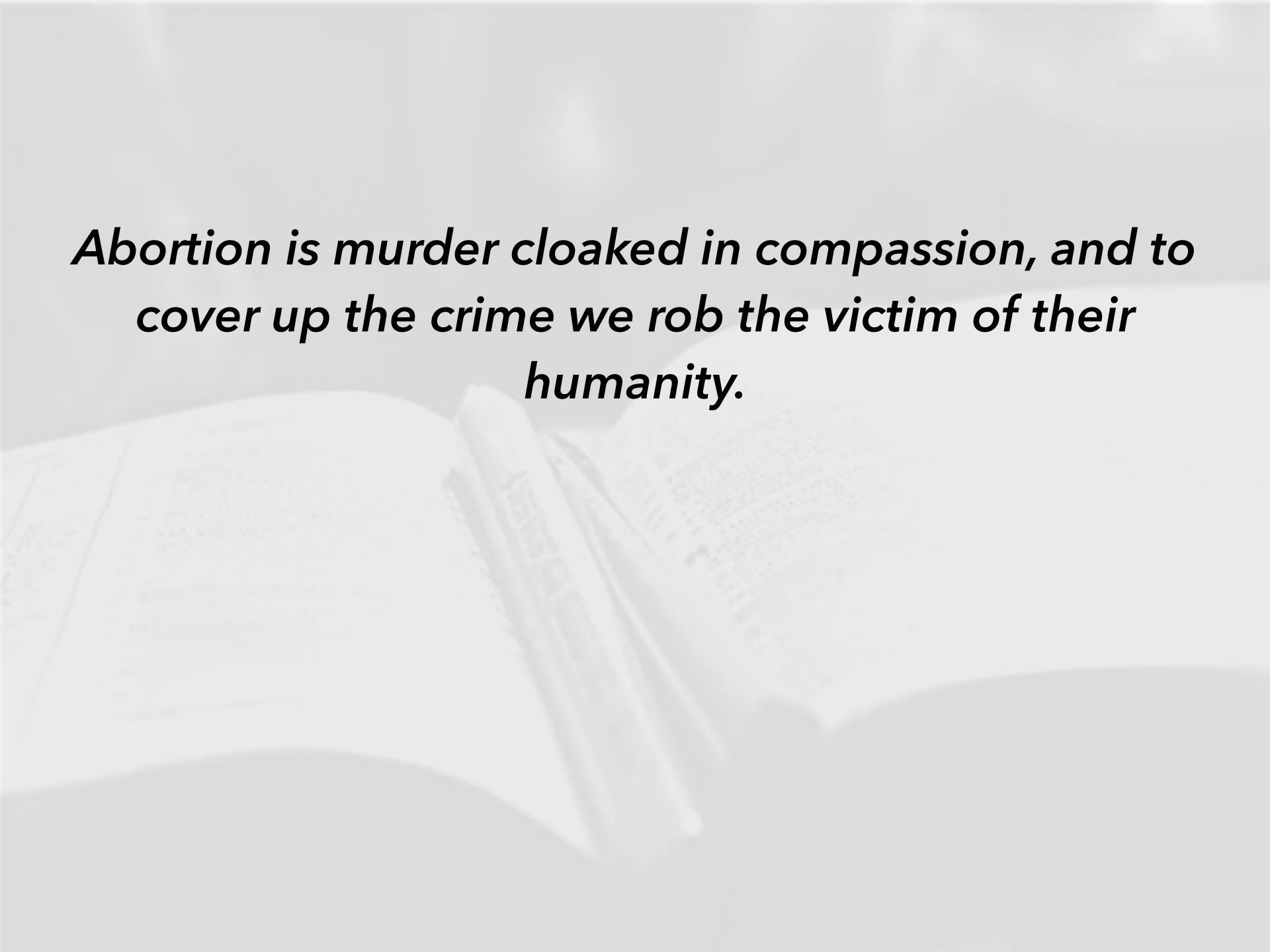
"You shall not murder."

EXODUS 20:13

Abortion is murder cloaked in compassion.



Abortion is murder cloaked in compassion, and to cover up the crime we rob the victim of their humanity.

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THE VILIFICATION OF THE UNBORN

1858

"unwelcome child arising unplanned by father and mother would grow up doomed to drunkenness, to lying, to revenge and would become a miser, a warrior, a slave holder, a robber, a murderer, a pirate, or an assassin

THE VILIFICATION OF THE UNBORN

2015

These unwanted children fare less well in life than their peers. Their social handicaps persist at least into adulthood. Under-employment, poverty, and dependency on social services are other consequences of denied abortions. David A. Grimes
Chief of the Abortion Surveillance Branch at the
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

THE VILIFICATION OF THE UNBORN

2015

Both common sense and empirical evidence suggest that children fare best when they are wanted and loved. Studies using many different measures concur. For example, unwanted children are at increased risk of juvenile delinquency. One study from Washington State found that children born to unwed teenagers had an 11-fold higher risk of becoming chronic juvenile delinquents than did other children. Other studies have found the combination of a complicated birth and maternal rejection to be associated with juvenile crime.

What Is Personhood?

Personhood is the quality or condition of being an individual person. It is the thing that gives you value.

What qualifies one for personhood?

- When the fetus is viable outside the womb.
- After first trimester
- At the quicken
- When the soul enters
- At first breath
- When they can reason
- Self awareness
- Feel pain
- When they can communicate
- A period of time after birth

OUR HUMANITY BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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PSALM 139:13-14

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PSALM 139:15-16

"from conception forward, human embryos clearly function as whole living organisms. They are not mere collections of cells like those on a corpse, but are "living creatures with all the properties that define any organism as distinct from a group of cells; embryos are capable of growing, maturing, maintaining a physiologic balance between various organ systems, adapting to changing circumstances, and repairing injury. Mere groups of human cells do nothing like this under any circumstances."

Dr. Maureen Condic, Assistant Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Utah

SLED Test

- Size
- Level of Development
- Environment
- Degree of Dependency

GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN BEGAN BEFORE CONCEPTION

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as **yet there was none of them.**

PSALM 139:13-16

In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies,
promised before the ages began



TITUS 1:2

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

EPHESIANS 1:4

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son
from the Father, full of grace and truth.

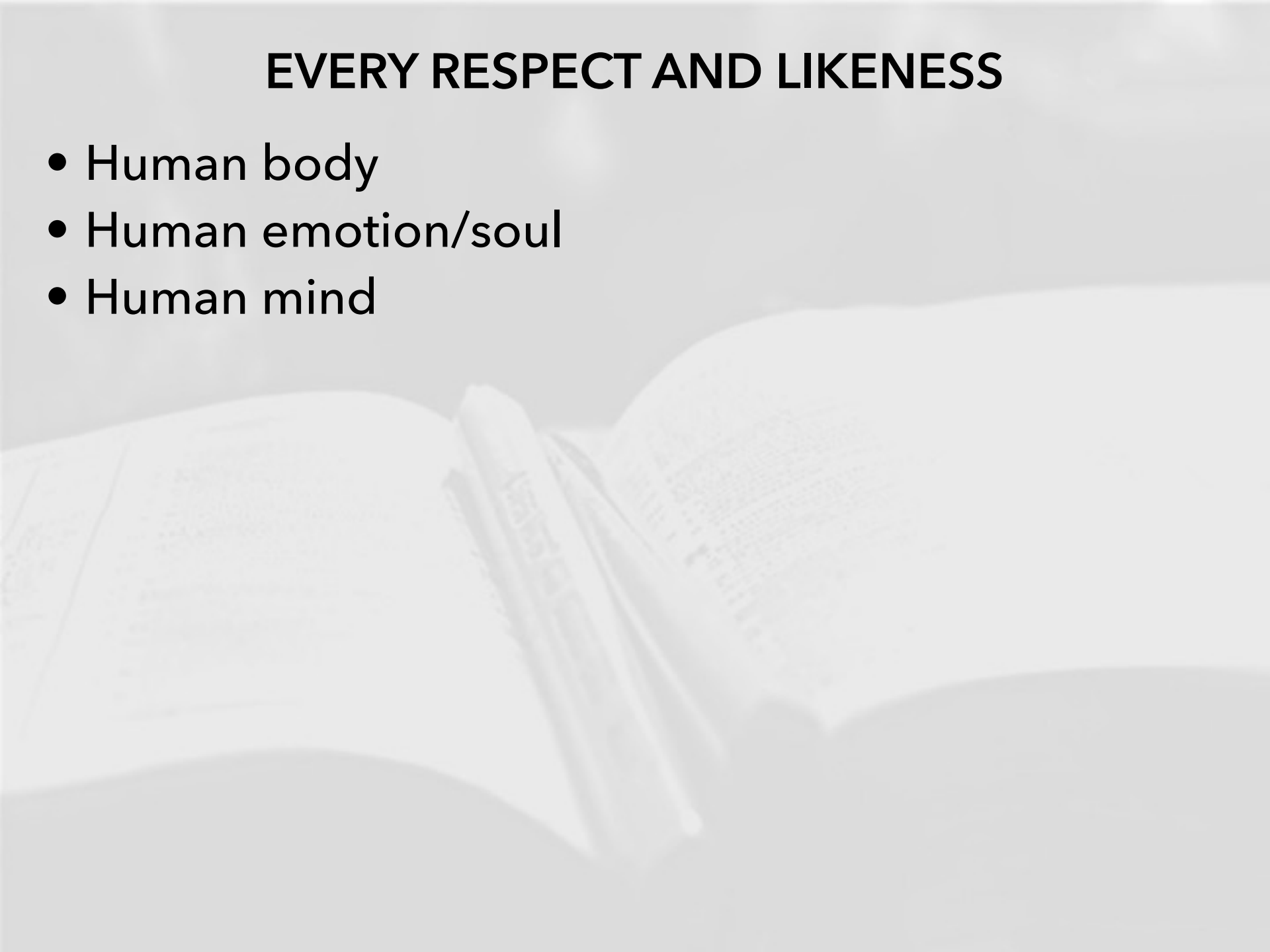
JOHN 1:14

HEBREW 2:17-18: Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8: but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

EVERY RESPECT AND LIKENESS

- Human body
- Human emotion/soul
- Human mind



TO SUM UP

- To be created in the image of God means that you have been created with intrinsic value that is not based on any arbitrary set of rules or standards created by man.
- To be created in the image of God means that there is a universal standard for how all of humanity should be treated including the unborn.

Q. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to **love our neighbors** as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, **to protect them from harm as much as we can**, and to do good even to our enemies.

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- To be pro-life is to be prophetic voice for the unborn.
- To be pro-life is to is to teach parents that they don't need to sacrifice their baby to either survive or thrive in this world.
- To be pro-life is bring the good news to the abortionist, the father, the mother, the pro abortion activist, that if they repent and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ He will forgive them.

That's pro-life! That's gospel!