



from
victim to
VICTORY

Part 2

Psalm 109

Victim Mentality is on the Rise

Victim Mentality is a Product of Trauma

- Spiritual**
- Emotional**
- Mental**
- Physical**

It Sweeps You Off Balance...

...Keeps You Off Balance

...Satan Keeps You Bound

...with Invisible Chains

This is why Terrorism is So Successful

- **It Makes Us More than Victims...**

...It Causes Us to Develop

...a Victim Mentality

...Our Lives Change

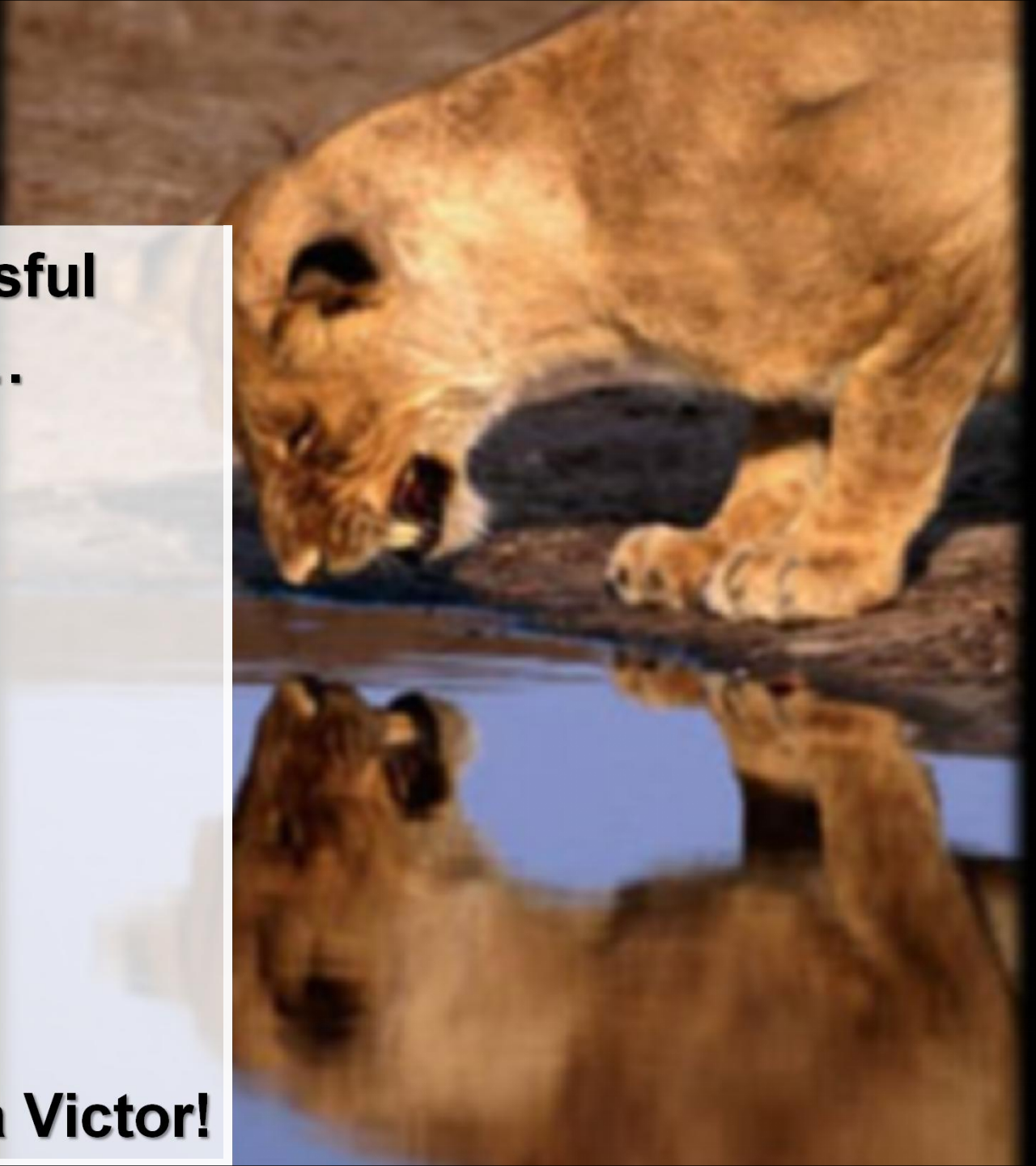
...For the Worse

In the Beginning of this Psalm...

...David has Become a Victim

...but By the End He Refuses

...to be a Victim but Instead a Victor!



Three Things the Victim Mentality Creates

1st- David Feels the Peace of God Has Been Withheld (1)

o First Target of VM –Your Peace

Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.” (1-5)

When Your Peace is Under Attack... Remember

- **John 14:27** *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”*
 - *I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid (NLT)*
- **Philippians 4:7** *“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*
 - *Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (NLT)*

For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for
It is Not God That Has Taken Your Peace;

you,' says the LORD, 'plans for peace and well-
...It Is Only When We Let The Devil Distort the Truth
...that We Lose Peace.

being and not for disaster to give you a future and
God Desires You to Have Peace...
... Beyond Human Understanding

a hope. **Jeremiah 29:11 (AMP)**

Three Things the Victim Mentality Creates

2nd- David Felt Was that Others Were Talking About Him. (2-3a)

○The Next is Darts of Paranoia

Feeling that everyone else is watching/ talking about you,

Paranoia is Based on Our...

- Hurts (*improper process*)
- Fears (*no repair-)*
- Mistrust (*it will happen again*)
- Unreal expectations (*their lying in wait for opportunity*)
 - Elijah= *I'm the only one*

Elijah= *I'm the Only One* ?

He knows I'm watching him.

- *He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."*
- **18** *Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."*
- **Keep Your Perspective**

mean they're NOT out to get you.

Three Things the Victim Mentality Creates

WARNING!

3rd- David Felt He Was Innocent, Yet...

...Received Hatred For His Love. (3b-

5)

The Next is a Perplexing Response

It Didn't Make Sense

He Had Given...

- His All
- To Meet a Need
- Received What He Didn't Need

Life
is not
Fair

Develops a Poisonous Perspective

He Tells God What He Wishes Would Happen to the Offender

“Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places. Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.” (6-20)

- **He Became Poisonous**
Pour it on Hard God...
...and Don't Stop Pouring
...Even After He's Gone



Reality Check

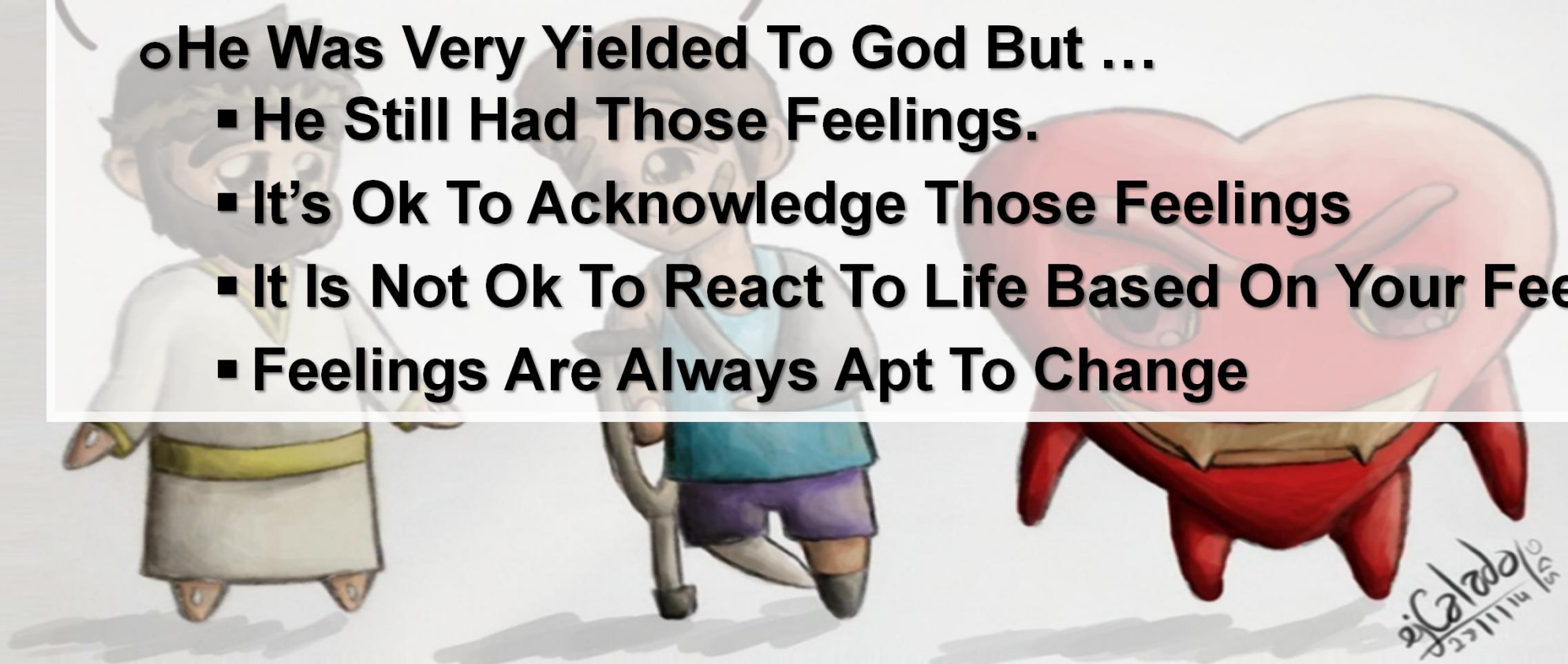
YOU LISTENED
TO IT AGAIN,
DIDN'T YOU?

YEAH...

David Was A Man After God's Own Heart;

o He Was Very Yielded To God But ...

- He Still Had Those Feelings.
- It's Ok To Acknowledge Those Feelings
- It Is Not Ok To React To Life Based On Your Feelings
- Feelings Are Always Apt To Change



"The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17.9

GROW

✓ **G-**

... Give Offence to God

✓ **R-**

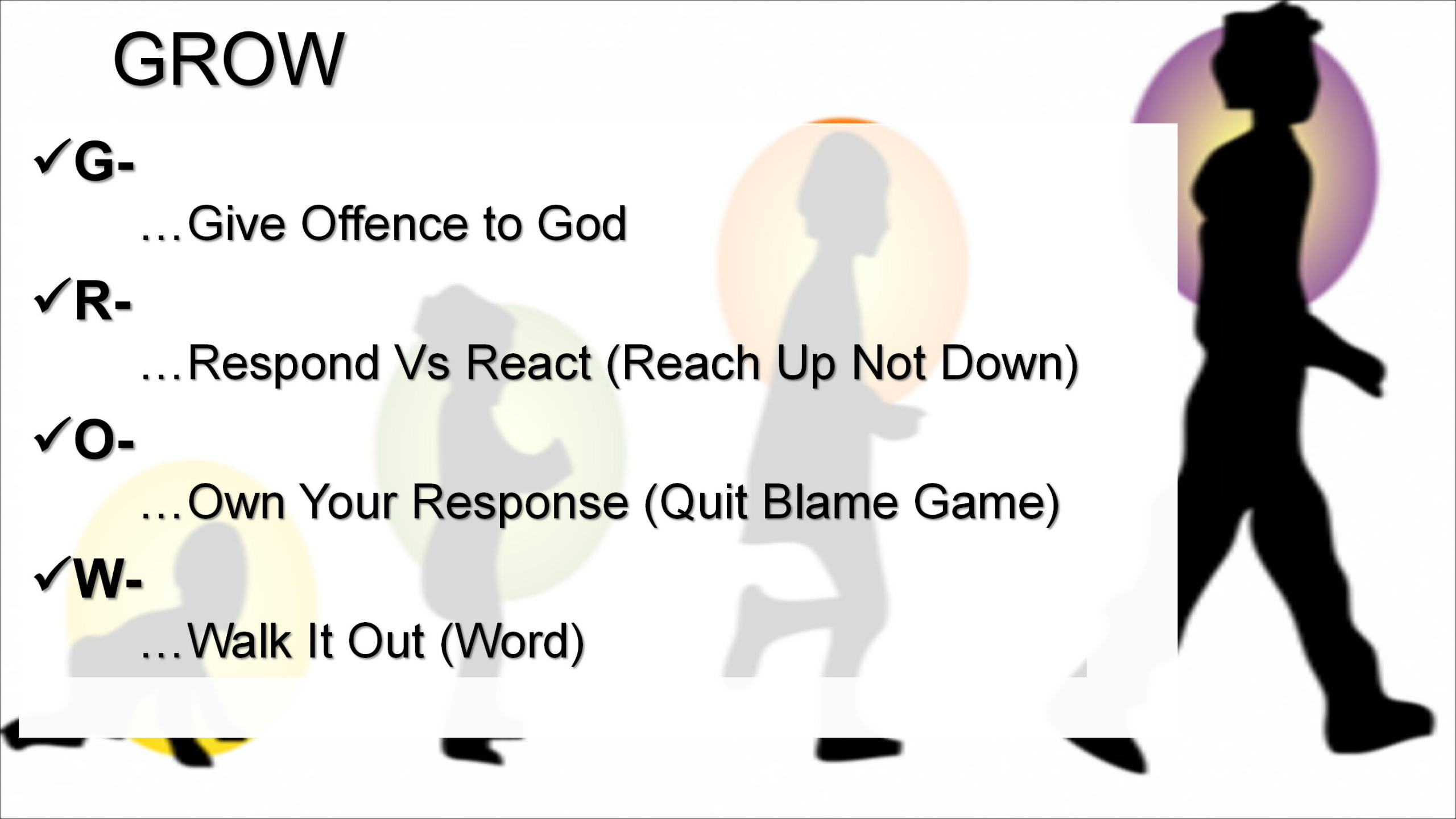
... Respond Vs React (Reach Up Not Down)

✓ **O-**

... Own Your Response (Quit Blame Game)

✓ **W-**

... Walk It Out (Word)



How God Tells Us to Treat Mis-Treaters

- **We have a Father in Heaven We Can Turn When We Get Hurt**
 - *Call upon Me in the day of trouble -Psalm 50:15*
 - *Cast your burden on the LORD and He will sustain you -Psalm 55:22*
- **We have a Positive Example of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.**
 - *When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered He did not threaten; but He trusted to Him Who judges justly - 1 Peter 2:23*
- **We are to Follow that Example**
 - *Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all... Beloved, never avenge yourselves but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'* Rom 12:17,19
 - **Vengeance then is God's prerogative, not ours.**
 - **It is natural to want to retaliate and 'get even.'**
 - **But the Christian Faith is not natural—it is a supernatural Faith.**
 - **The Holy Spirit, enables us to act / not act, differently from the Norm**

LIFE IS NOT FAIR

BUT GOD IS GOOD