

# Getting Past Excuses pt 3

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**STOP  
EXCUSES!**

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# **Three Bones and an Excuse**

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**The World Instead...**

**Step Back**

**Give Up**

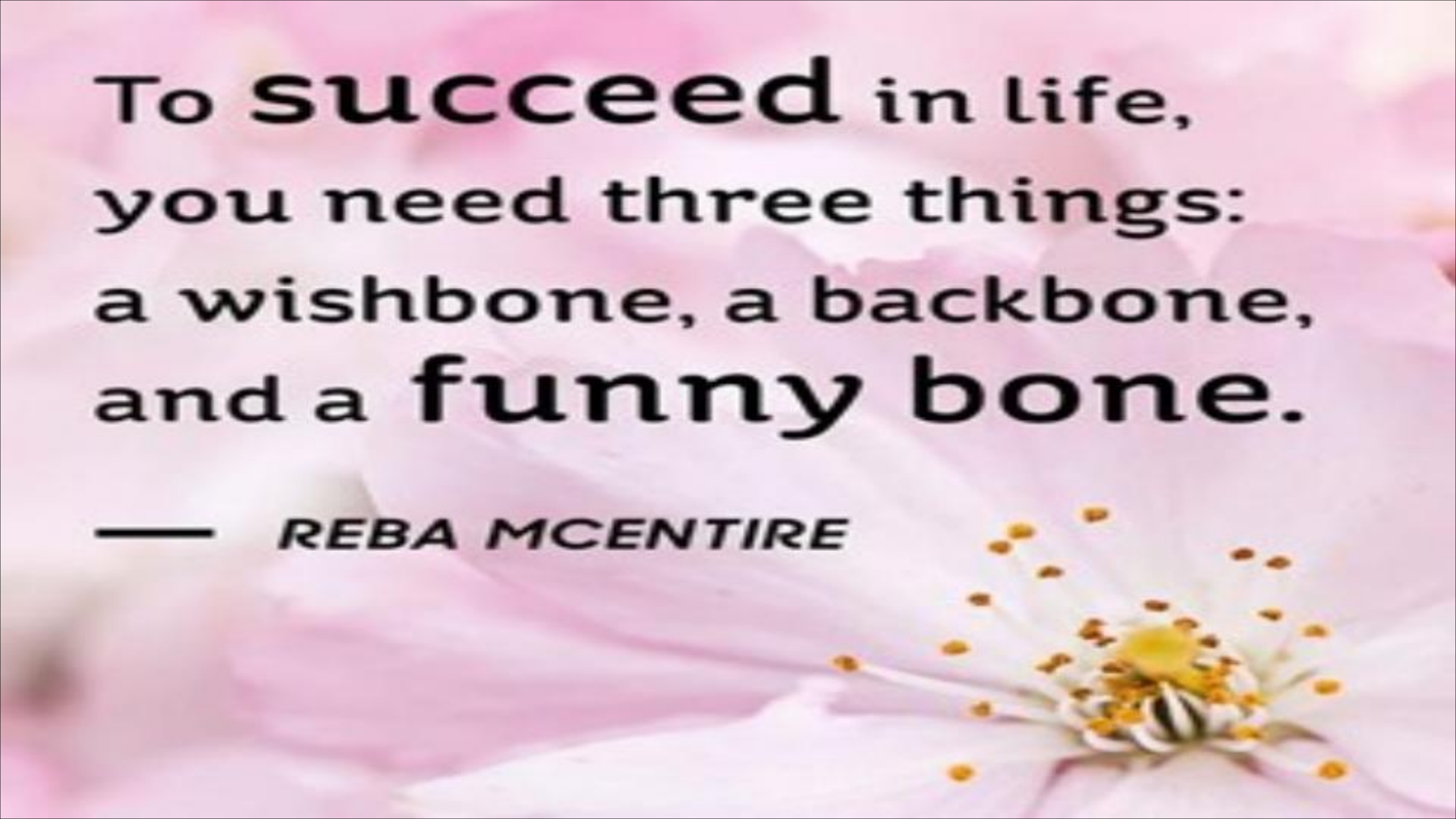
**Responsibility**

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— *REBA MCENTIRE*

A close-up photograph of a pink flower with yellow stamens, serving as the background for the text.

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Recognize Passage Addresses Both...

Joshua 1



<sup>1</sup> Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, <sup>2</sup> **Moses my servant is dead;** now therefore **arise, go over this Jordan,** thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup> **Every place that the sole of your foot** shall tread upon, that have **I given unto you,** as I said unto Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. <sup>5</sup> There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. <sup>6</sup> **Be strong and of a good courage:** for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be thou **strong and very courageous,** that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. <sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. <sup>9</sup> Have not I commanded thee? **Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:** for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest. **Joshua 1:1-9**



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**DO NOT BE AFRAID  
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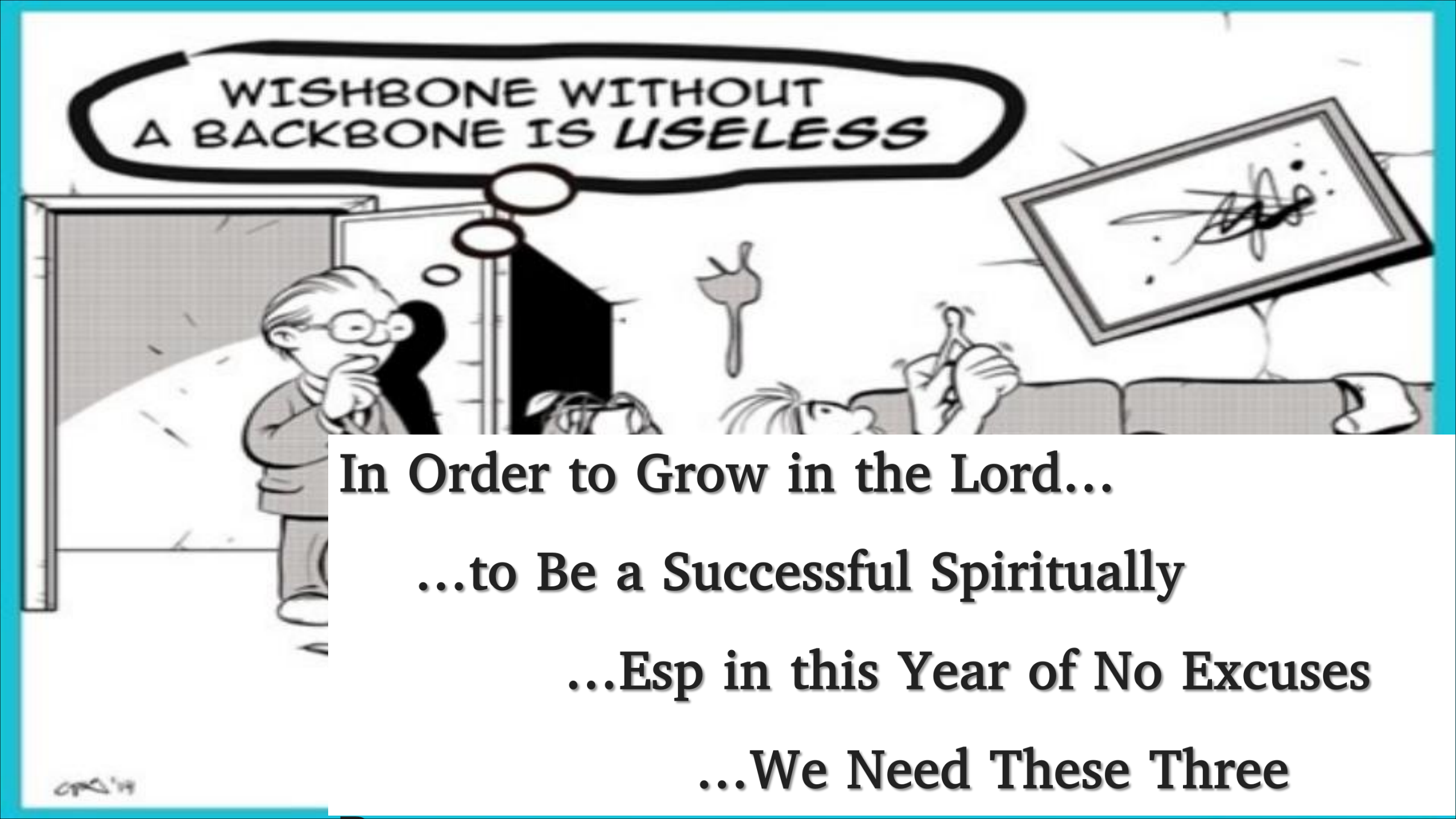
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(DISCIPLINE AND ACTION) IS USELESS.



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**In Order to Grow in the Lord...**

**...to Be a Successful Spiritually**

**...Esp in this Year of No Excuses**

**...We Need These Three**



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**In Hard Times, You'll Need All Three ...**

**To Overcome "Excuses"**

**The Order or the Degree Might Shift and Change**

**The Priority for Each Might Vary, and that's Okay**

**as Long as You have All Three in Some Form Or the Other**



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# **There Comes a Time When Excuses Would No Longer Work**

AFTER THE death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' minister, <sup>2</sup> Moses My servant is dead. So now arise [take his place], go over this Jordan, you / all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, the Israelites. **Josh 1:1-2 AMP**

- **Moses Dead=** *Things Are Changing (Then)*
- **Now Arise=** *Quit Mourning What Used Be*
- **Go Over=** *Get Back Into the Game (Now)*

## **Wish Bone (Dream)**

<sup>3</sup> **Every place** upon which the **sole of your foot shall tread**, that have I **given to you**, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon to the great river Euphrates—all the land of the Hittites [Canaan]—and to the Great [Mediterranean] Sea on the west shall be your territory. **Joshua 1:3-5 (AMP)**



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- **God Dares Us to Dream...**  
...and Stretch Our Faith



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**Back Bone  
(Courage)**



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Our Back Bone Assists Our Wishbone

- Stability
- Support
- Spring

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# **Funny Bone**

## **(Humor)**

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**Be Not-** *do not be in a continual state of*

- **Afraid-** *harassed, Full of Dread*
- **Dismayed-** *break down, by confusion and fear :- be (make) afraid, beat down, discourage, go down, scare, terrify.*





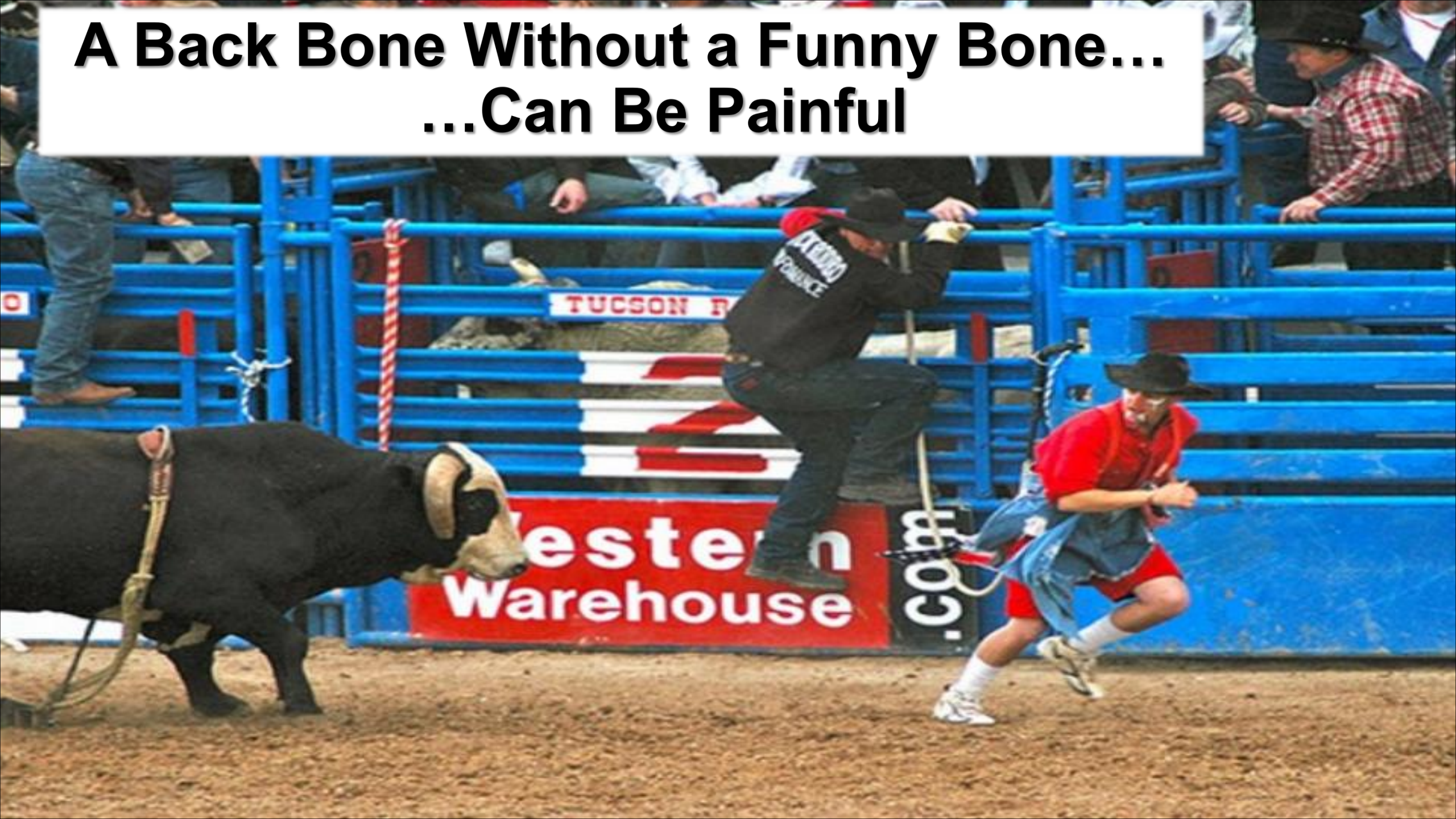
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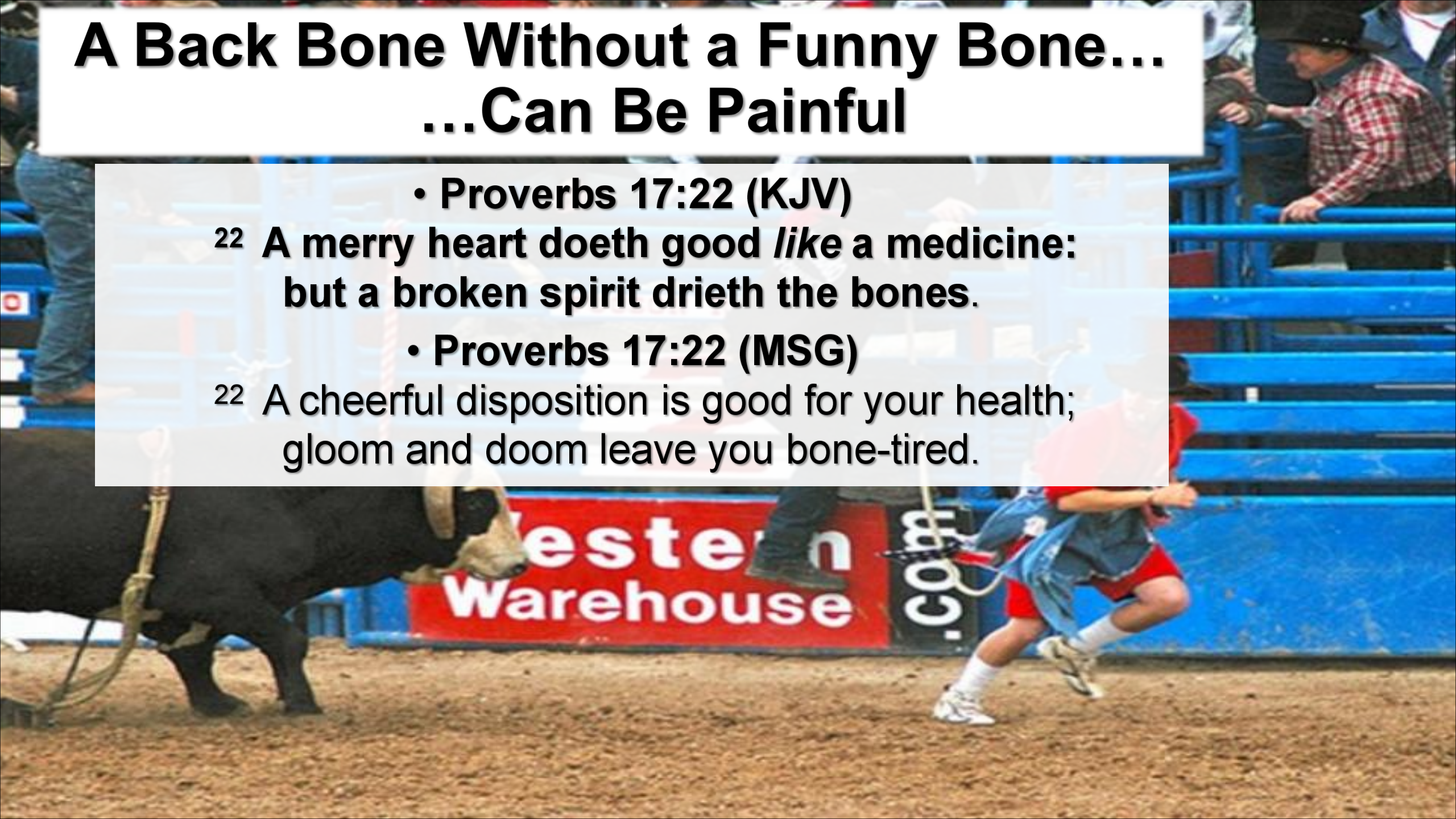
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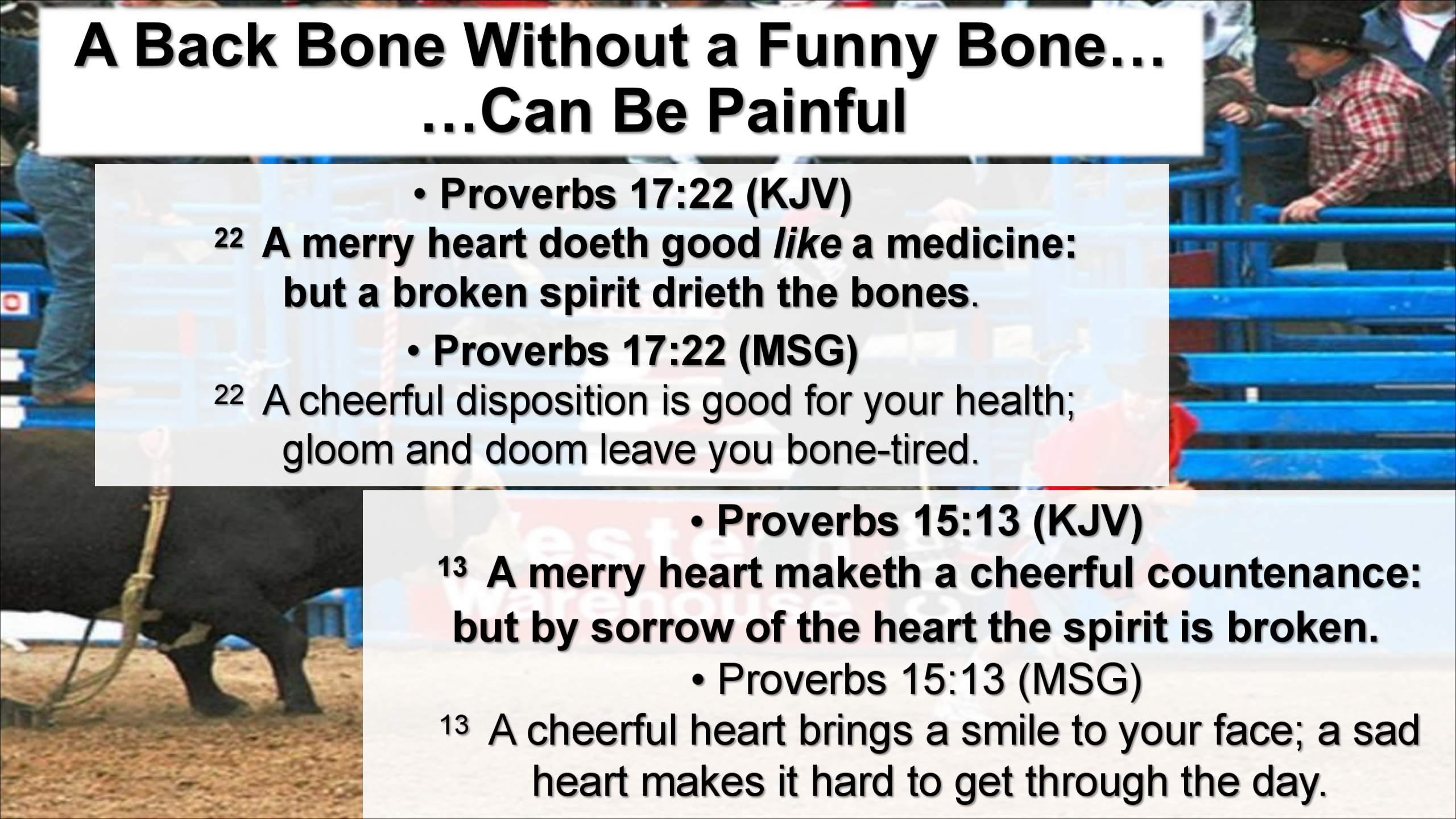
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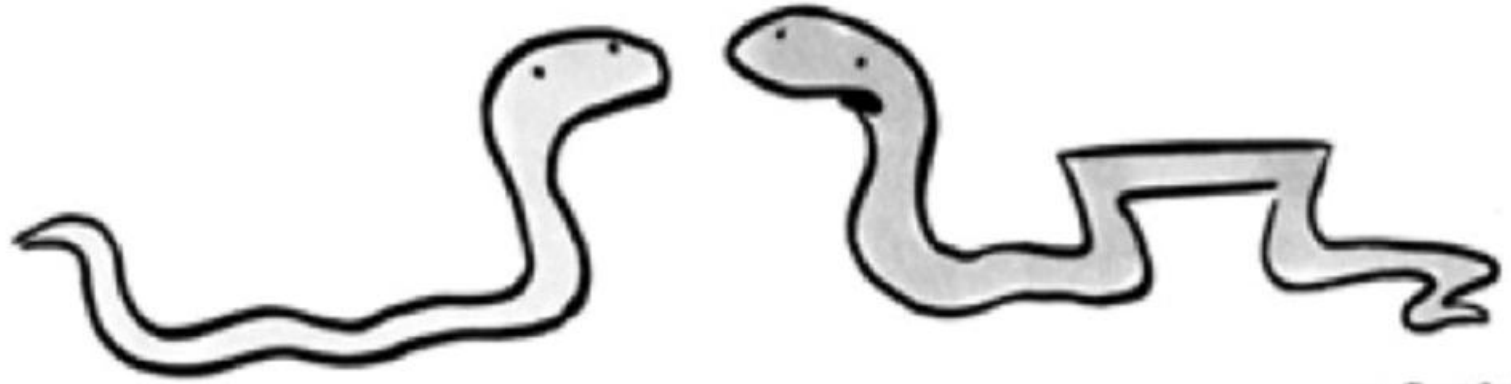
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but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.**

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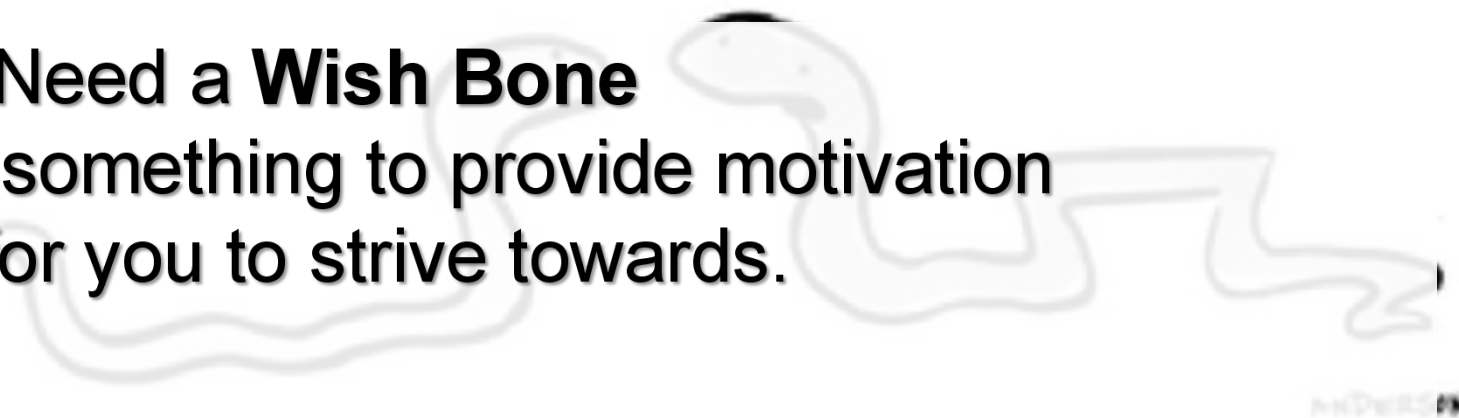




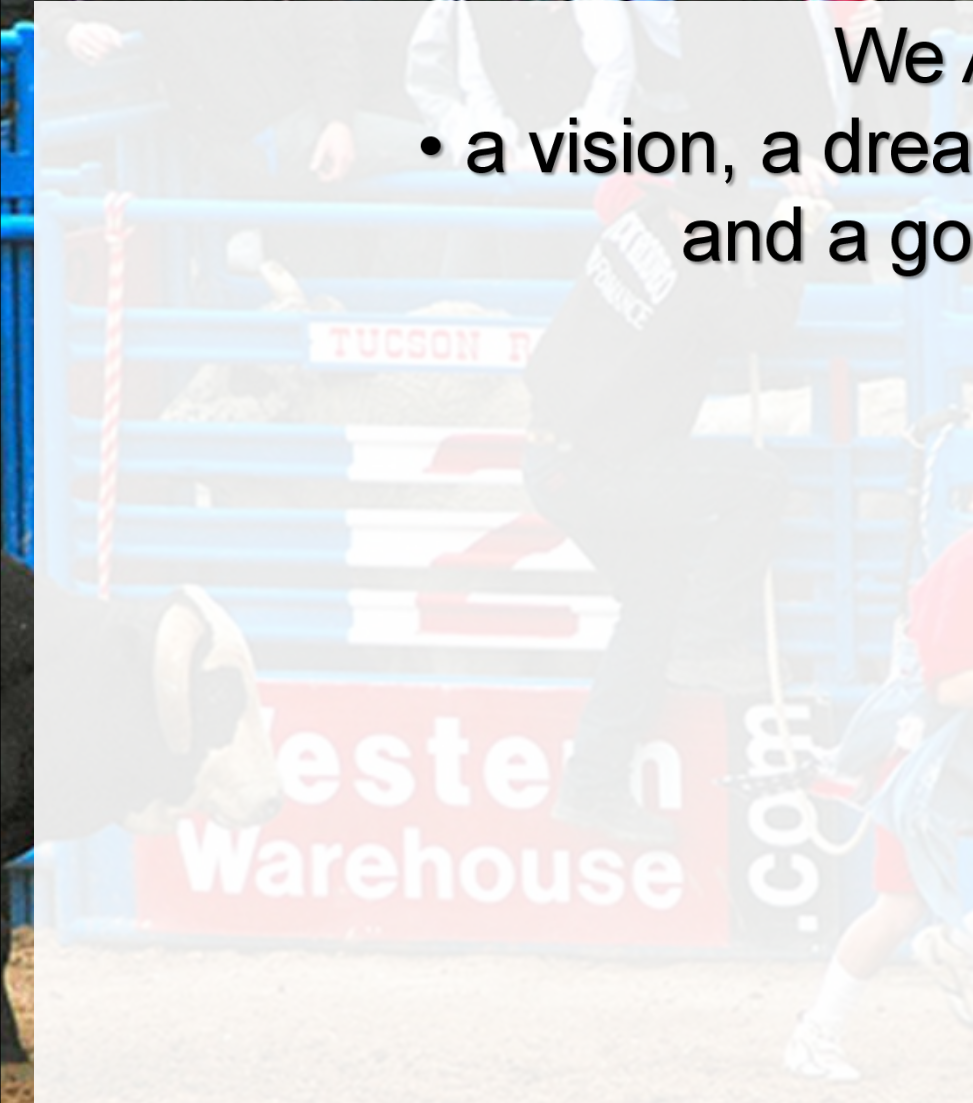


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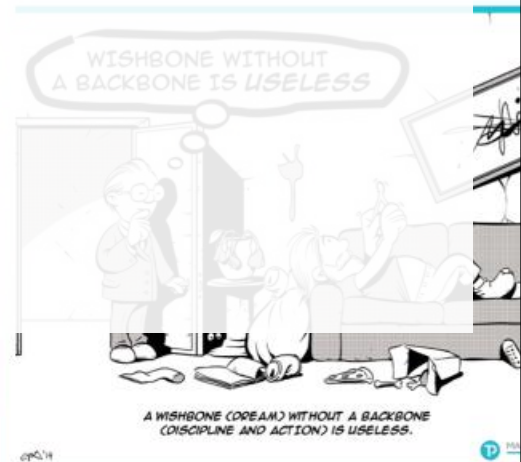


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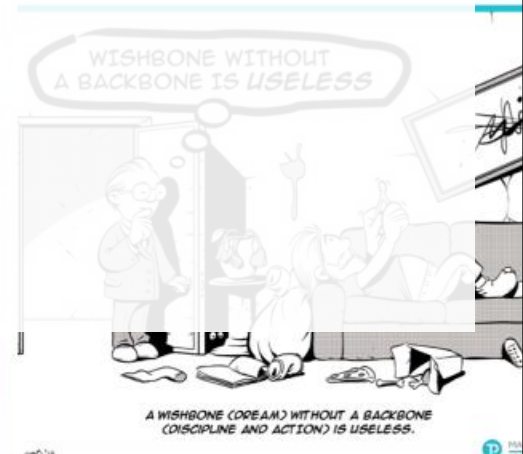
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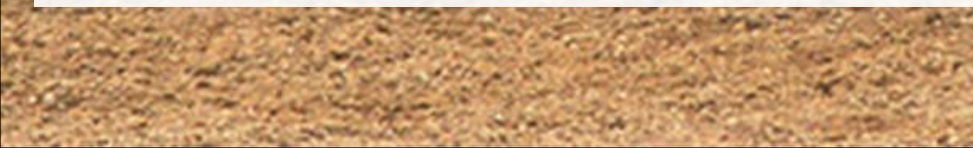
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- to have a sense of humor, a willingness to look for the silver lining in every dark cloud, something to keep a smile on your face when you want to run, hide, or cry.



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*Psalms 143:1*





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**Yes - Our World is Changing**  
**Yes - Our Ethics Are Haywire**  
**No- Our God Will Never Change!**



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while others make excuses.

# Keep going

while others are quitting.

*Billy Cox*

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