

Getting Off Our Buts

BUT

Luke 14



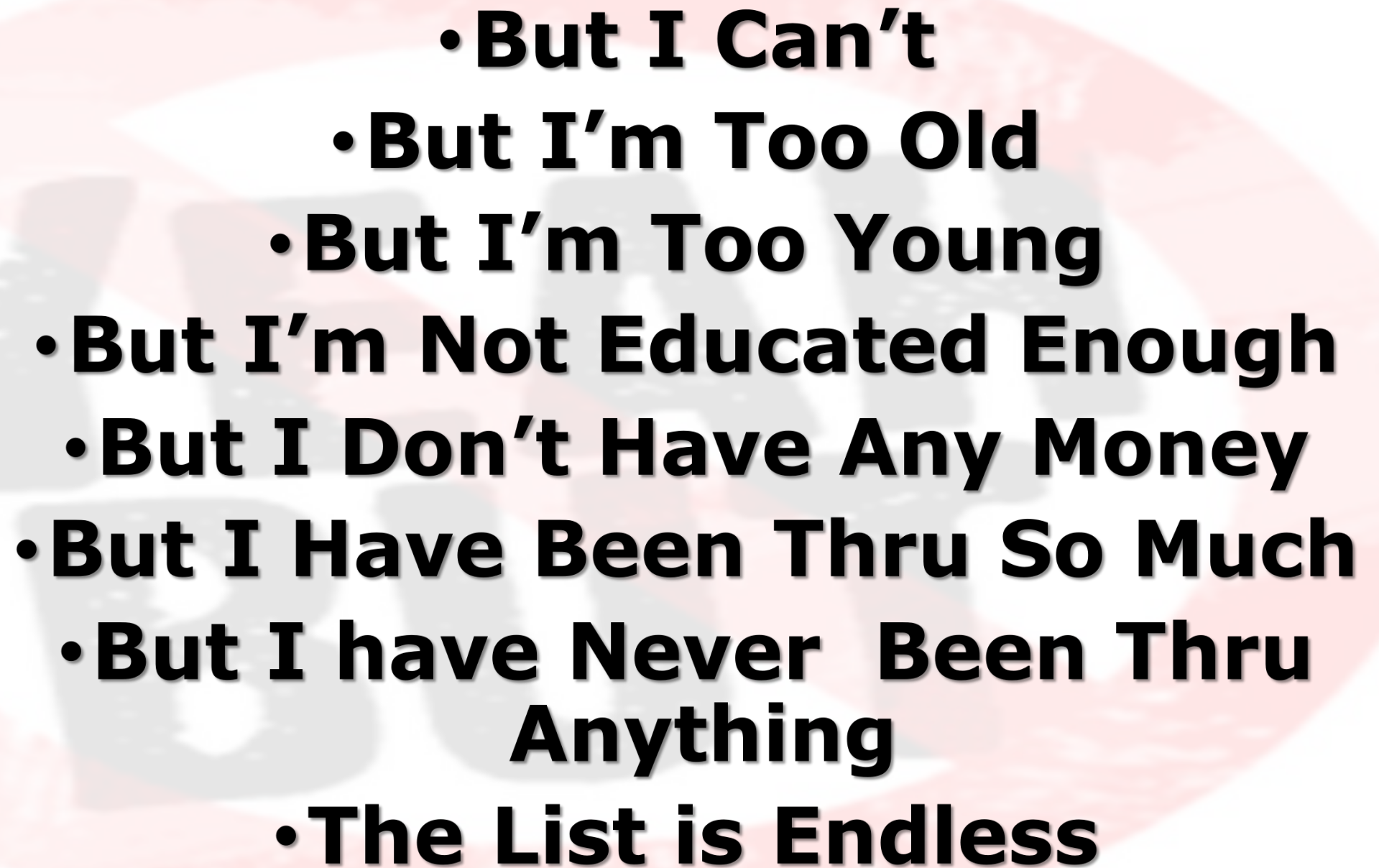
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Let's Talk About Buts

- We All Have Them**
- They Come in All Sizes**
 - Usually Pretty Big**
- Some Are Bigger Than Most**
- Some Are SO Big Others Try to Hide Behind Them**
 - Some of Us Use Them More Than Others**
 - They Always End Up Getting in the Way**



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- **But I Can't**
 - **But I'm Too Old**
 - **But I'm Too Young**
 - **But I'm Not Educated Enough**
 - **But I Don't Have Any Money**
 - **But I Have Been Thru So Much**
 - **But I have Never Been Thru Anything**
 - **The List is Endless**

Reason Versus Excuse

Difference Between a Reason and Excuse Lies In ...The Intention Behind Them.

- **A reason is typically honest, valid, and focuses on explaining the cause of a situation.**

In contrast,

- **An excuse is often dishonest and invalid and seeks to avoid or shift responsibility for the position.**

**God Wants to Have a Relationship with Us
He Wants that Relationship to Be the Most Important
But, We Make Excuses**

The Bible is Full of People Making Excuses

- **Making Excuses is as Old as Human Beings**

Genesis 3

- **Adam was Not to Blame -Eve Was...Serpent Was**

Exodus 32:24

- **Aaron Was Not To Blame... The Fire Was**

God Had a Big But Too...

...BUT GOD



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- **It Starts Different...**

...But God!

This Little Phrase Shows Up 66+ times in Bible

Our Buts Are Excuses

God's Buts Are a Response to Satan's Challenges



NO EXCUSES!

**99% of failures come from people who
have the habit of making excuses.**

• **The World Says "No"**

○ **God Says "Yes"**

• **The World Says "Can't"**

○ **God Says "Can"**

• **The World Says "Why"**

○ **God Says "Why Not"**

• **The World Says "Stop"**

○ **God Says "Go"**

• **The World Says "Defeat"**

○ **God Says "Victory"**

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Ten Reasons

why

I do not Wash!

- 1. I was forced to as a child**
- 2. People who wash are hypocrites; they think they are cleaner than every body else**
- 3. There are so many different kinds of soap; I can't decide which one is best**
- 4. I used to wash, but I got bored and stopped**
- 5. I wash only on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter**
- 6. None of my friends wash**
- 7. I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier**
- 8. I can't spare the time**
- 9. The bathrooms is never warm enough in winter or cool enough in summer**
- 10. People who make soap are only after your money**

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

LUKE 14:17-24

The Three Buts



WHAT' **The Three Buts** EXCUSE?

- **(17) Come Now Everything is Ready**
- **(18) But They ALL Began to Make Excuses...**
- **(18) But I Have to "Go Somewhere"**
- **(19) But I Have "Something to Do"**
- **(20) But I Have to "See Someone"**

**7 Ways
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4. Excuses are a part of the language of victims

They try to seek sympathy from others because of the situation

5. Excuses breed a culture of hopelessness

One of the most depressing phrases I can think of is "I can't."

6. Excuses put success out of reach

When the going gets tough, excuses enable us to turn and run

#7 – It Can Cancel Out What God Has For You

²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.' ²² And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' ²³ Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' ”

Luke 14 NKJV

Hold Us Back

One Question

If's

And's

But's

Which Side of the But Are You On?

Yeah But ???

Or

But God ???

YEAH

BUT

Yes, But

TIME TO OVERCOME

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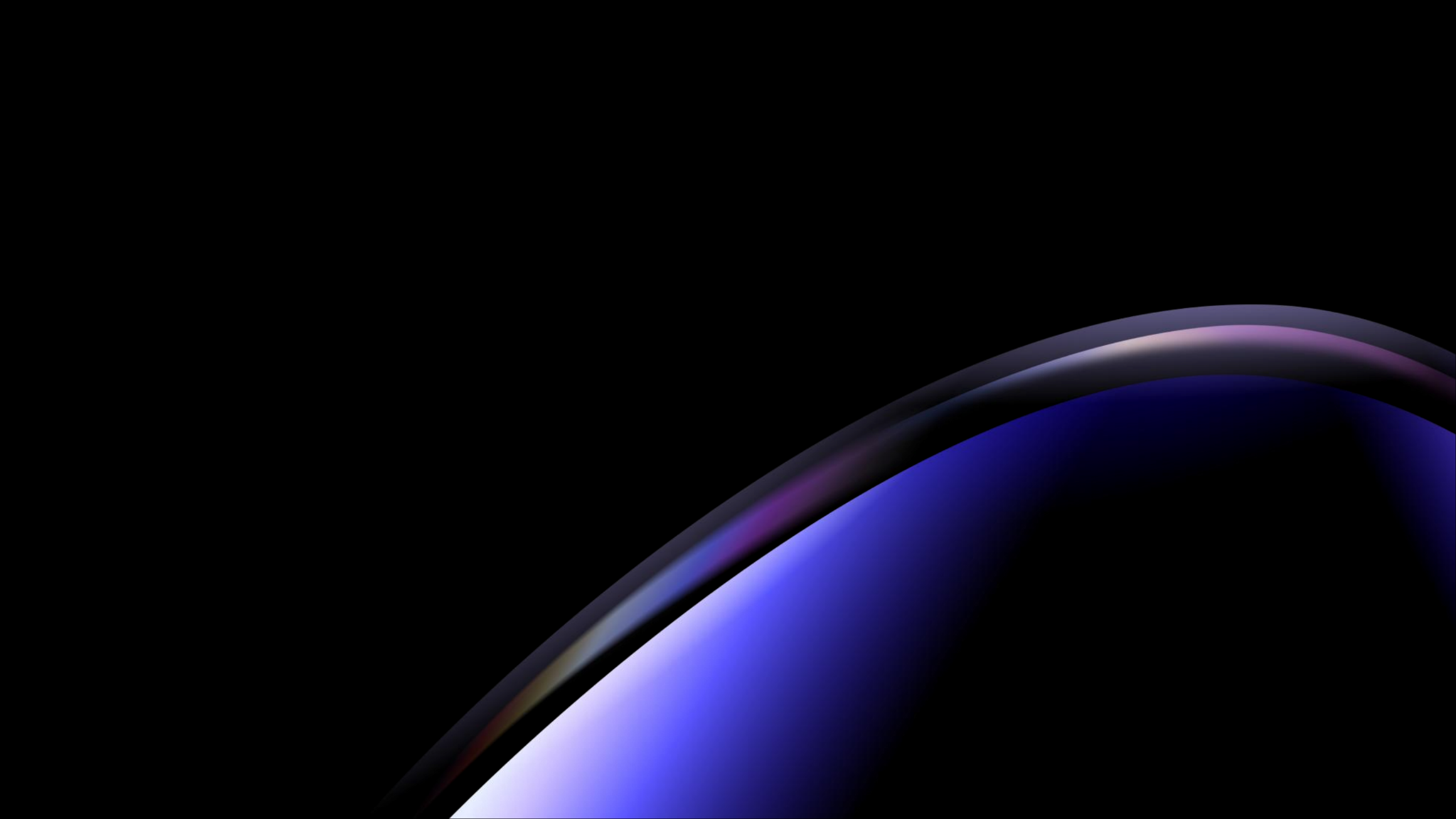
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BUT

The First Leaves You "Undone"

The Second Helps You "Get Er Done!"

Only the Second Pleases God



**BE STRONGER
THAN
YOUR
STRONGEST
EXCUSE**