



KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

A Biblical Response to Today's Most Divisive Issues



JUSTICE

'The rendering to everyone his due or right; just treatment; merited reward or punishment that which is due to one's conduct or motives'

Webster's definition of Justice

JUSTICE



**STOP
HATE
FOR
PROFIT**







Social Justice may refer to:

- a. Criminal prosecution and conviction
- b. Education and Economic opportunities
- c. Racial, Gender, and Lifestyle Choice Inequalities
- d. Food Justice and Environmental Concerns



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PERSON WITH DISABILITY ELDER POOR
REFUGEE VETERAN YOUTH IMMIGRANT
PERSECUTED FOR RELIGION SURVIVOR
WORKER HOMELESS UNDOCUMENTED
IMPRISONED ARRESTED QUEER EVERYONE

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Then Absalom would say, “Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice.”

2 Samuel 15:4

**So what does God say about justice
and what do we do with it?**

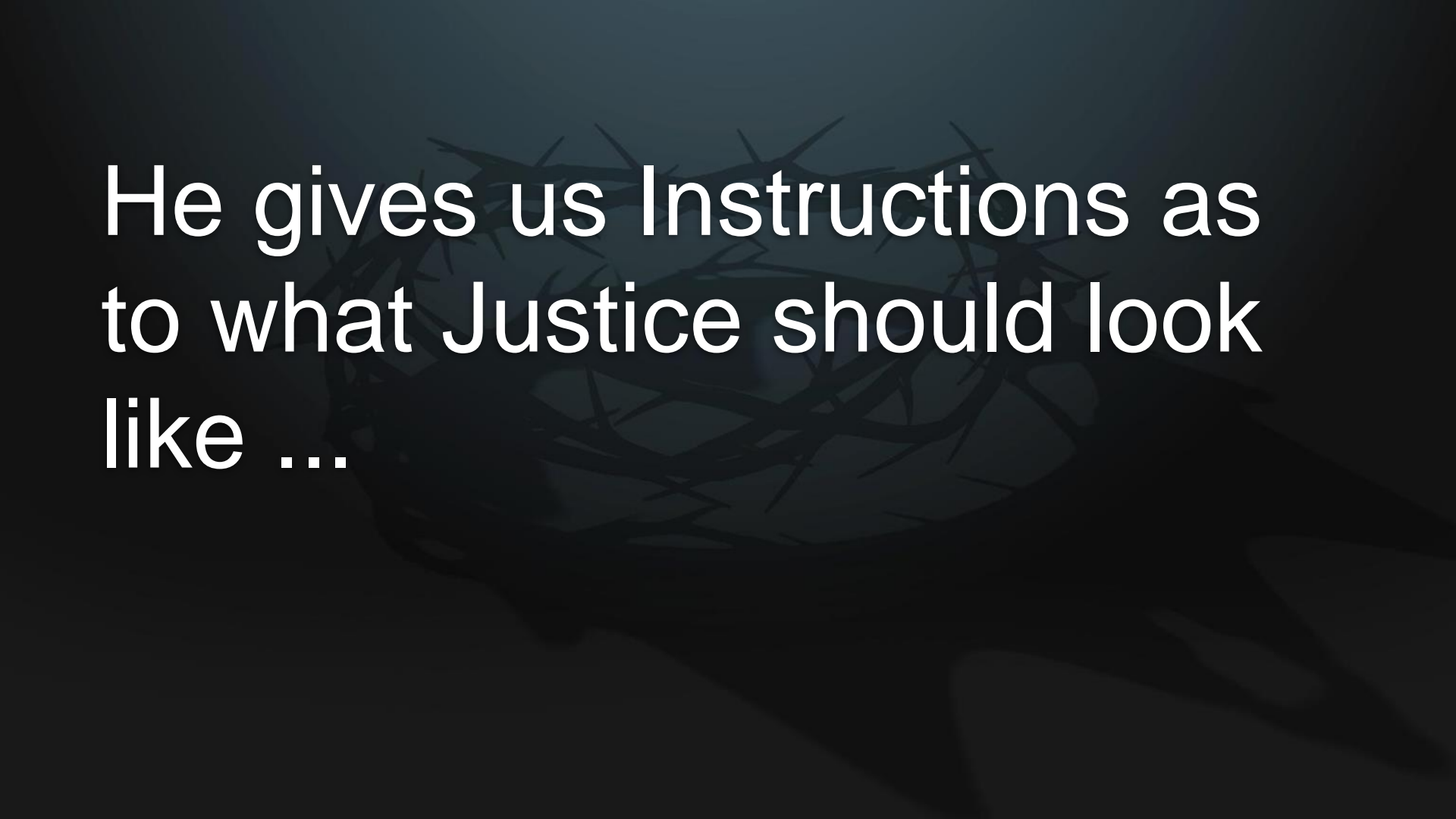
A faint, dark background image of a crown of thorns, which is a traditional symbol of Jesus Christ's suffering and sacrifice. The thorns are depicted as a dense, tangled mass of sharp, dark lines, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

Deuteronomy 32:4

Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of your throne; steadfast
love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalm 89:14



He gives us Instructions as
to what Justice should look
like ...

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**retributive or
'punishing'**



**reparative or
'restorative'**

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.Fear the Lord your God and serve him.

Deuteronomy 10:18-19

You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous

Deuteronomy 16:19

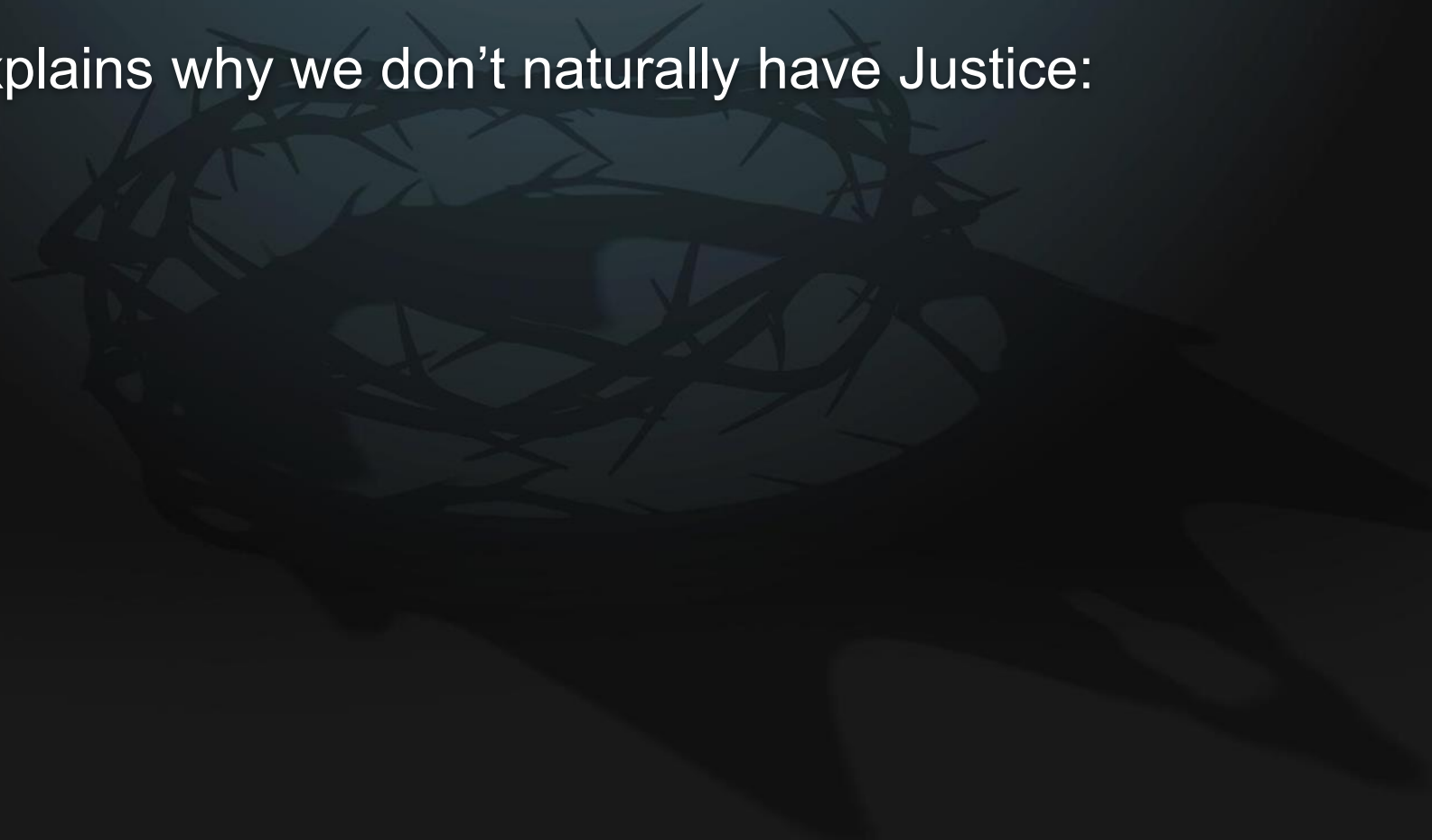
He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Other Mosaic laws regarding debts,
restoration of land, & gleaming rights

Deuteronomy & Leviticus

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Genesis 8:21

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*But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent

Zechariah 7:11-12

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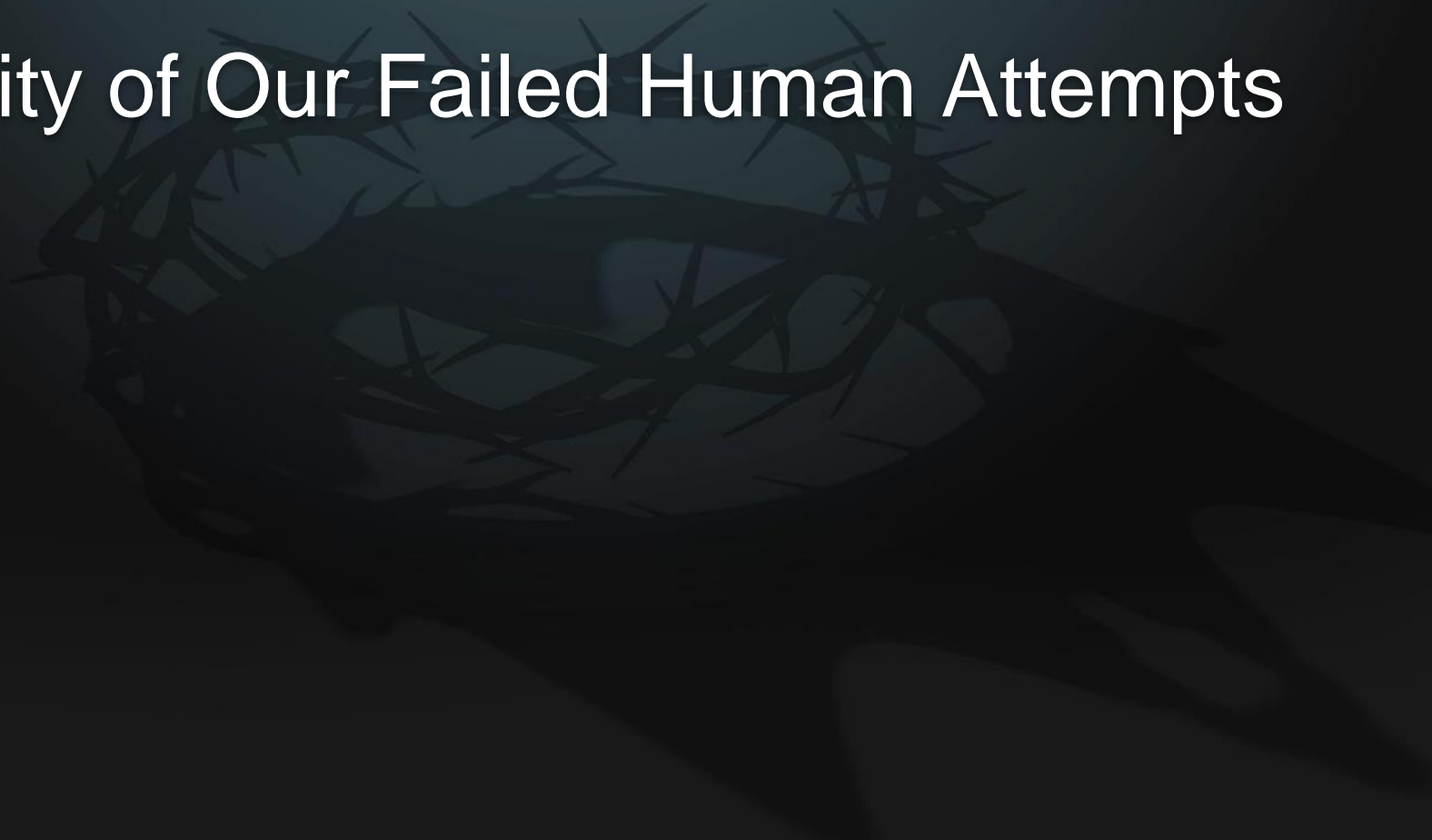
I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:5

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Don't fear God =
Pride

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James 2:10

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Romans 3:23

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*For the wages of sin is death

Romans 6:23

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1 Peter 3:18

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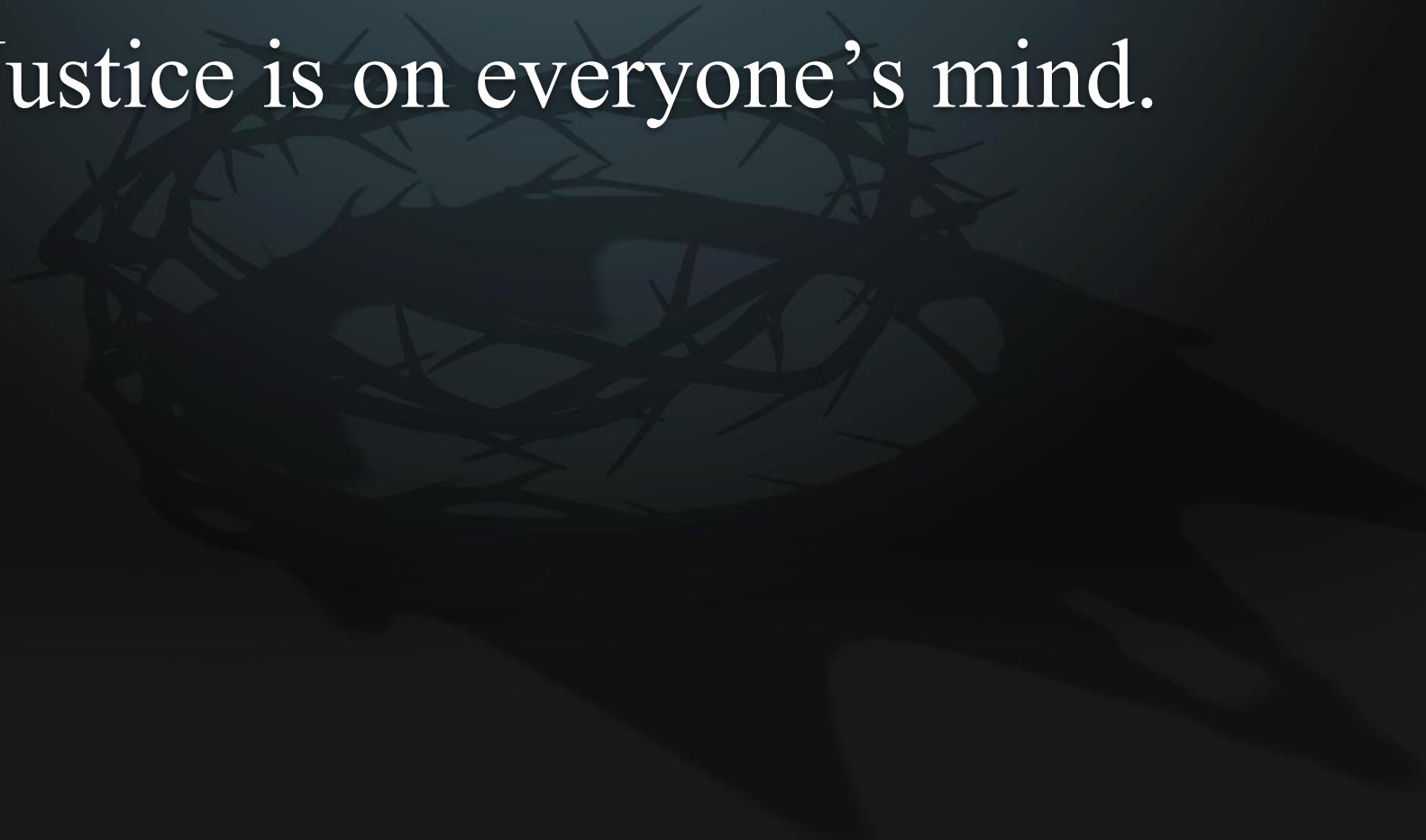
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*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

Ephesians 2:8

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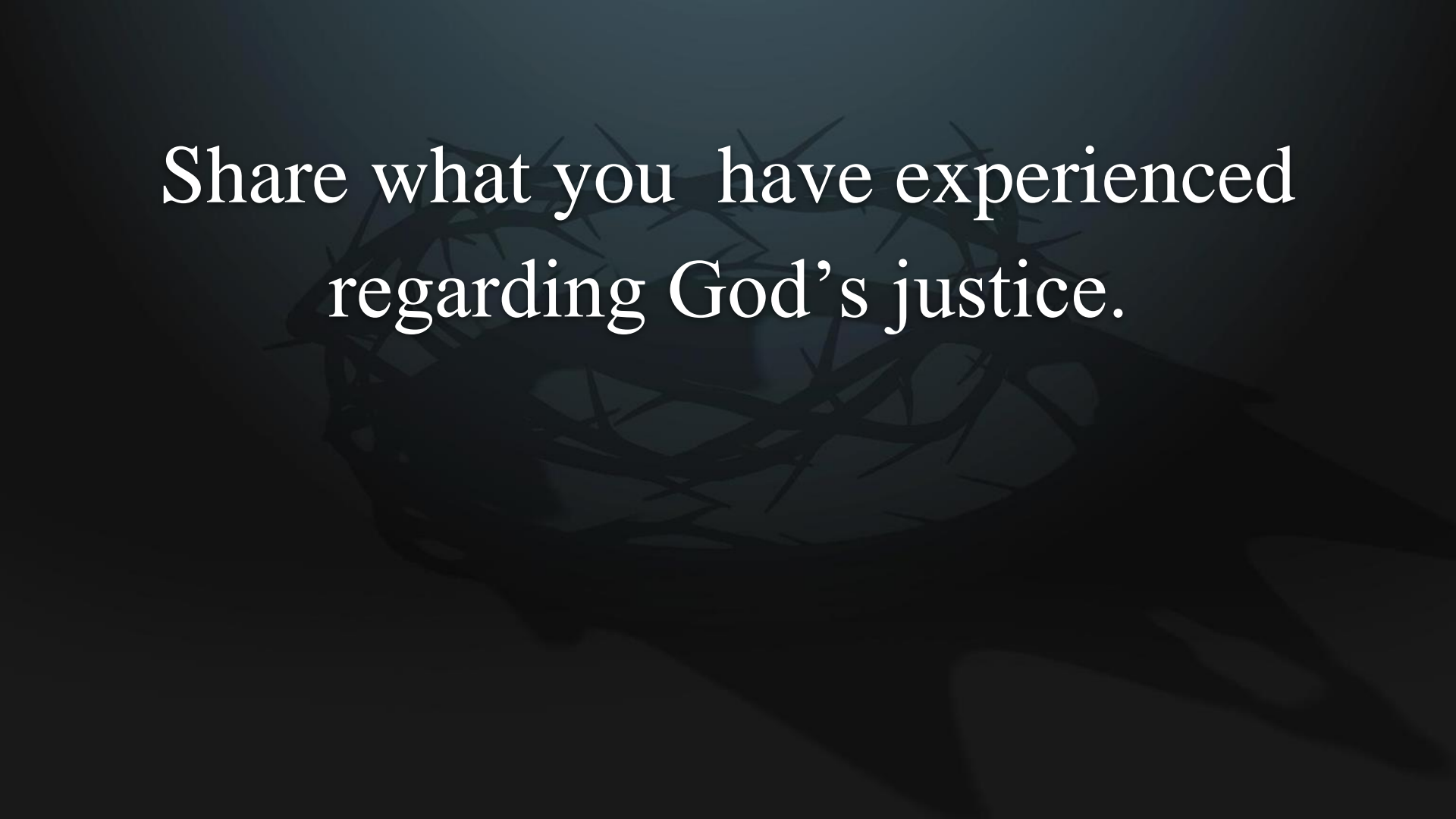
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2. Why is it important?

3. How will justice affect you?

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Share what you have experienced
regarding God's justice.

Ask yourself:

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