

# Love

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# WHAT LOVE IS

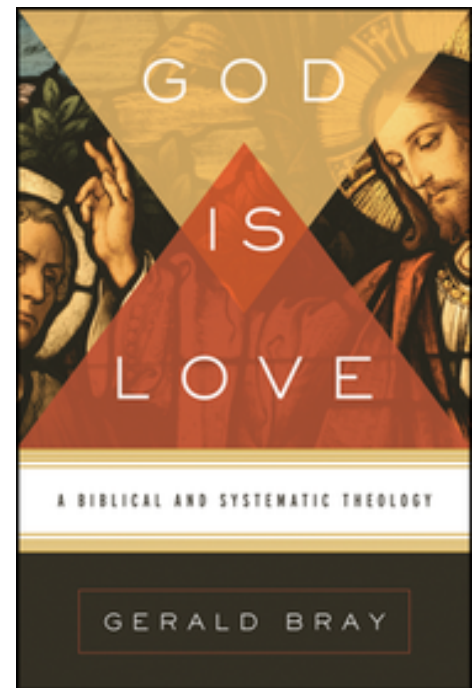
## eternally expressed in the Triune God

John

Whoever does not love does not know God,  
because *God is love.*”

Gerald Bray, *God is Love*

That God is love seems to me the most fundamental principle of Scripture. God is love in himself...then we see creation as an act of love, sin as a rejection of God's love, and salvation as the revelation of God's deeper love.”



# WHAT LOVE IS

## ternally Expressed in the Triune God

Deity	Love?
atheism and sticism	Love cannot be communicated between deity and people because supernatural is distant and/or impersonal
monotheism	Love is the created byproduct of God's power; not preexisting or unique
nity	<b>Love has always existed, even before</b>

# WHAT LOVE IS

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necessarily an Action, Sacrificial in Nature

Talk, “Luv is a Verb”

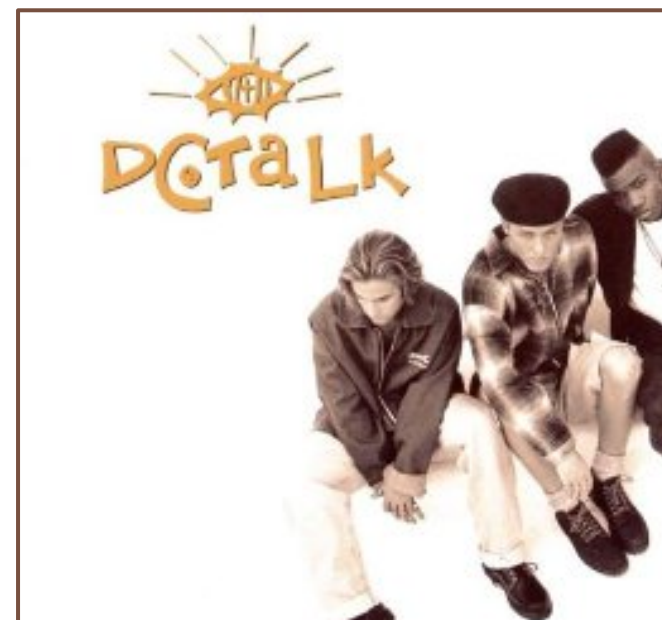
...e up his life so that we may live / how much more love could t  
of God give? / here is the example that we ought to be matchi  
...use love is a word that requires some action

...e 10:25-37

...o is my neighbor?

...n 17

...s Washes the Disciples Feet



# Luke 10:30-37

He replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going along that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a **Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came to where he had fallen, and when he saw him, he **had compassion**. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and **bound up his wounds**, pouring on him oil and **wine**. Then he set **him on his own animal** and **brought him to an inn** and took **care of him**.<sup>35</sup> And on the next day he **took out two denarii** and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, “Take care of him, and whatever more you may **need to spend**, I will repay you when I come back.” <sup>36</sup>

Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers? Jesus said, “The one who **showed him mercy**.” Jesus said, “You go and do likewise.”

# John 13: 3-5

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Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, threw it around his waist.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

## Reflection of God-Honoring Unity

### Philippians 2:2

make my joy complete by having the same love, calling,  
purpose..”

### Thesians 4:1-2

live a life worthy of their calling...by bearing with one another  
e”

### Colossians 3

in the unity of the Spirit, with the same mind, let us walk in love, as Christ loved the church and himself

do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

that I may be in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and love me even as you loved me.<sup>24</sup>



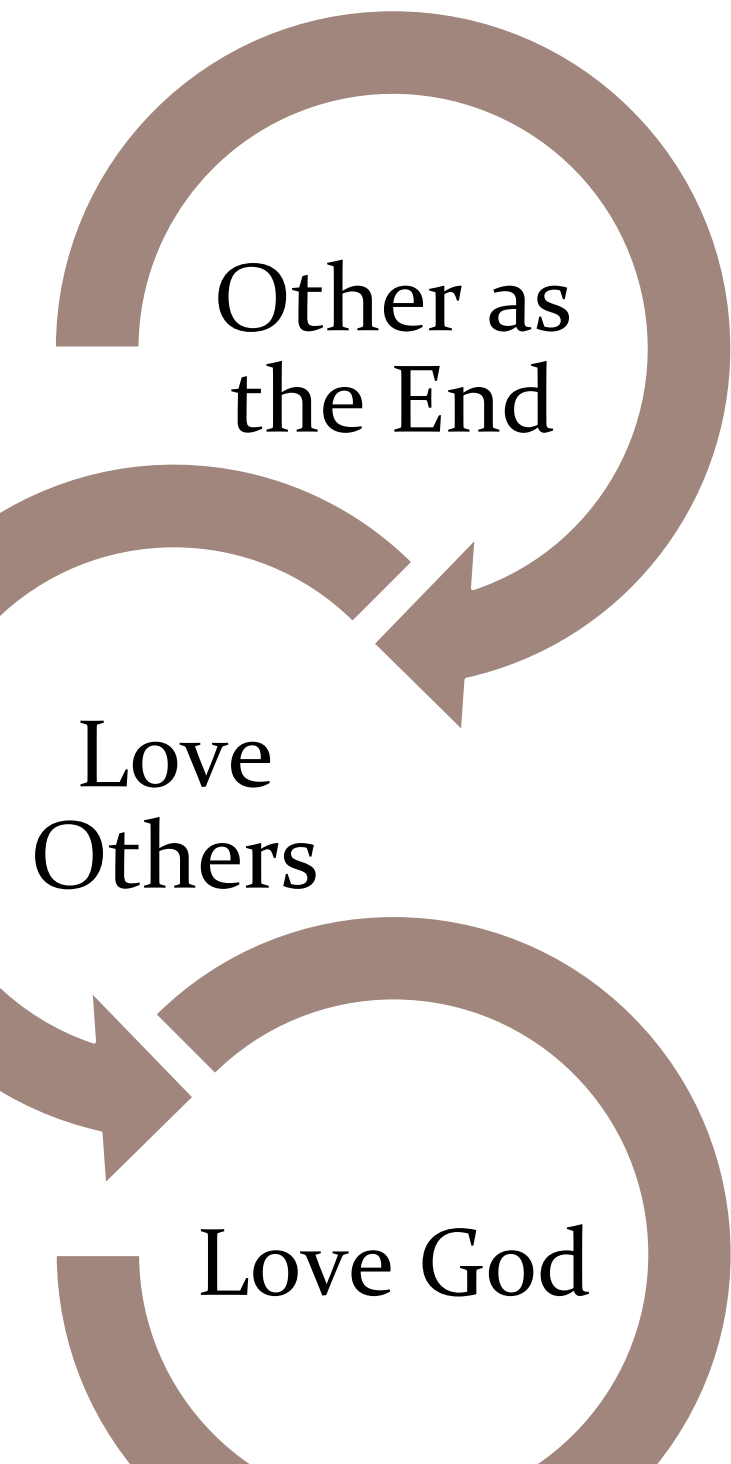
## Necessarily and Inseparably Relational

### Matthew 22:35-40

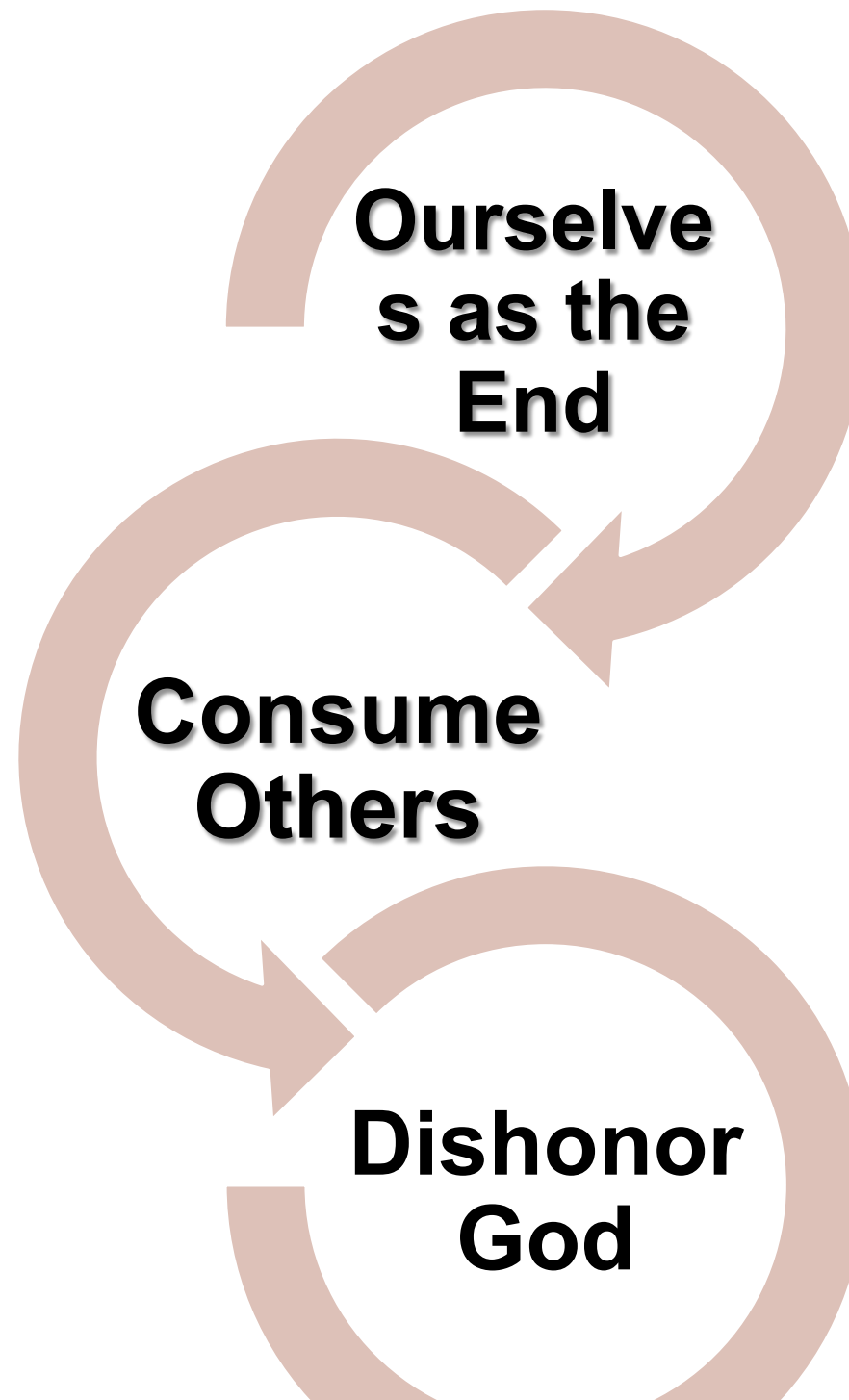
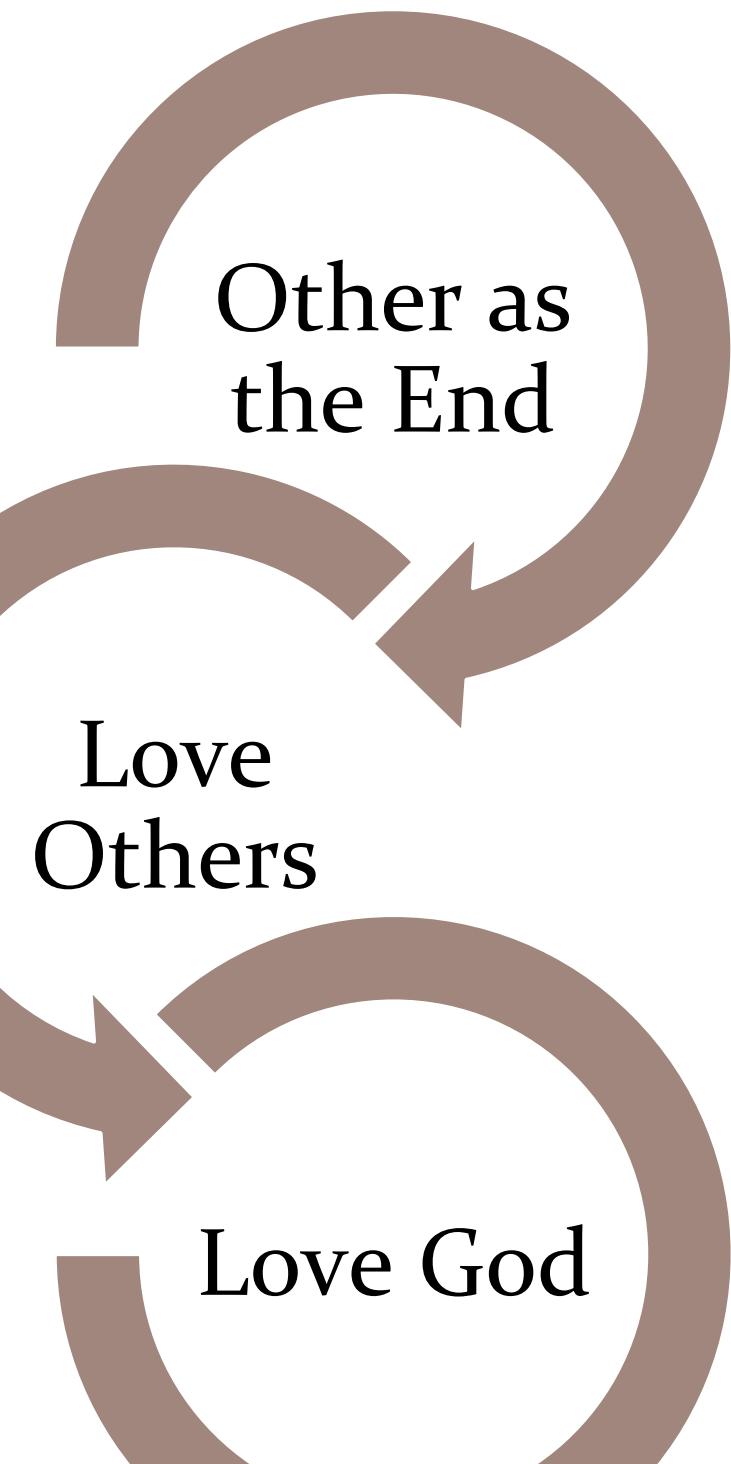
But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

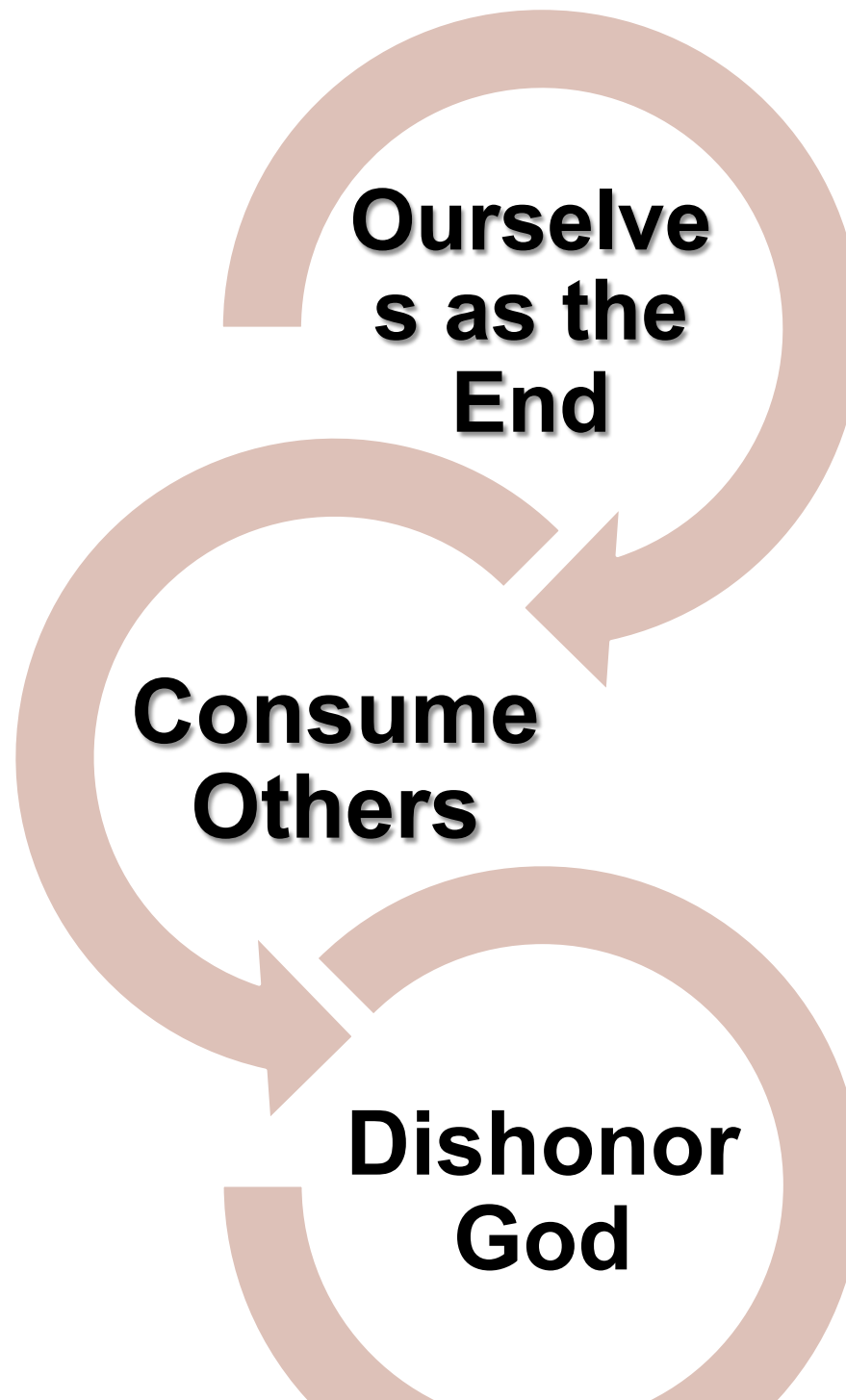
And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> **And a second is like this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** <sup>40</sup> **On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”**

# WHAT LOVE IS *not*

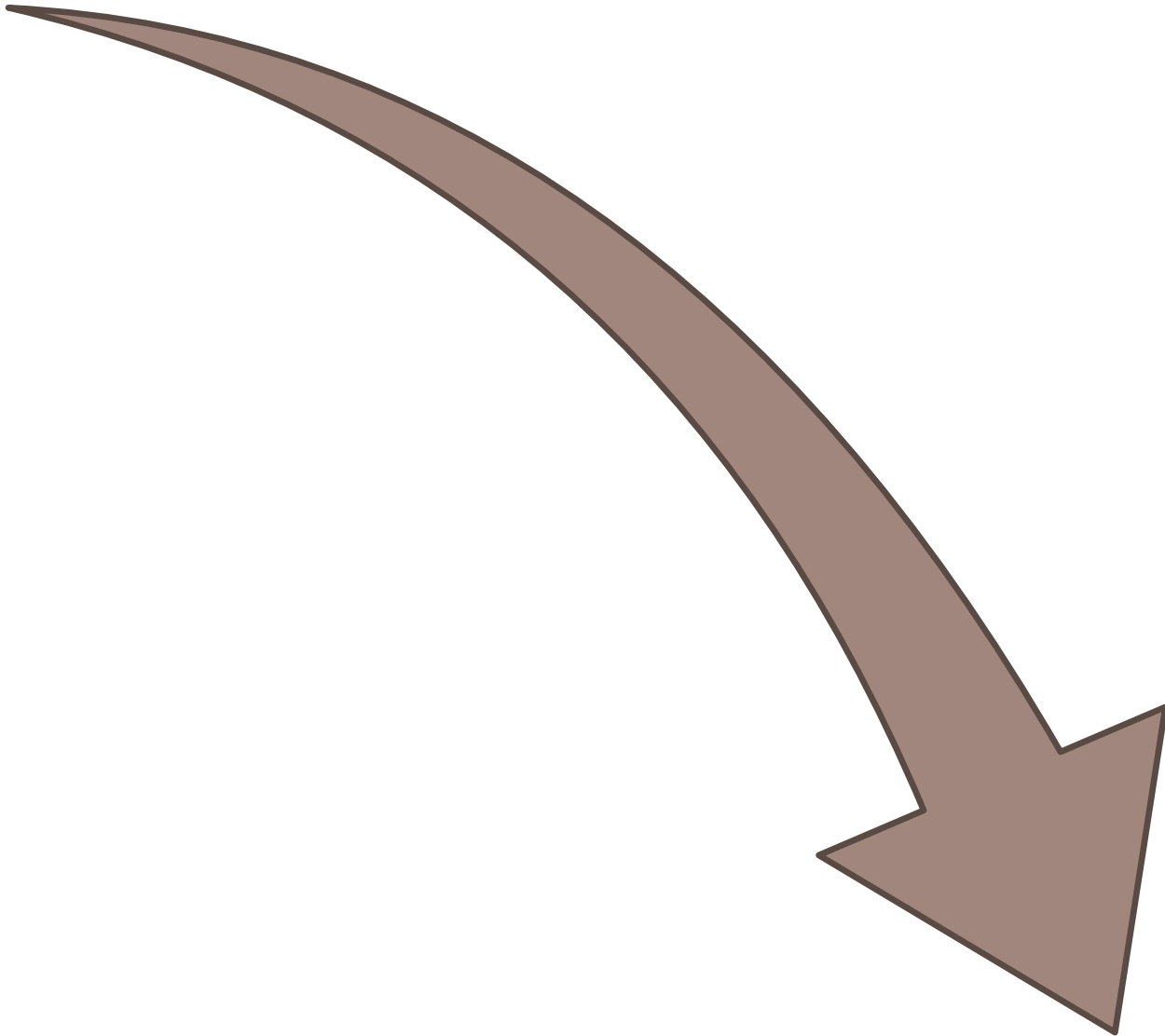


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## Aksah and Othniel



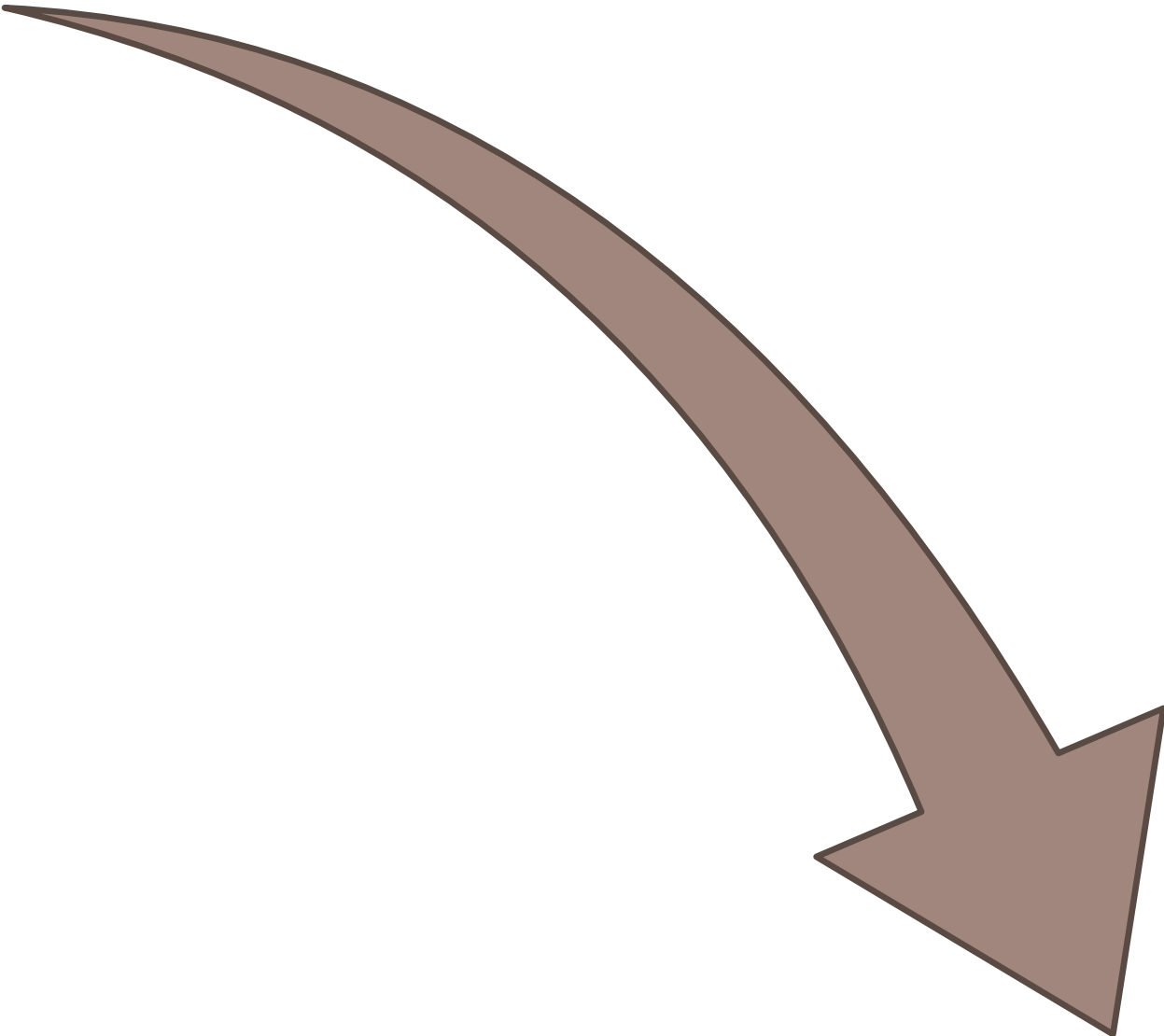
## JUDGES 1:12-14

And Caleb said, "He who attacks Kiriath-sepher captures it, I will give him Achsah my daughter for a wife." <sup>13</sup> And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, captured it. And he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife. <sup>14</sup> When she came to him, she urged him to ask her father for a field. So she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?" <sup>15</sup> She said to him, "Give me a blessing. Since you have set me in the Negeb, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

# WHAT LOVE *is not* – JUDGES

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Aksah and  
Othniel



Jael

# JUDGES 11:29-35

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Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. <sup>6</sup> She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali...<sup>9</sup> And she said, “I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your success, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.”

Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael... <sup>18</sup> And Jael came and met Sisera and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord; turn aside to me and do not be afraid.” So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. <sup>19</sup> And he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty...”

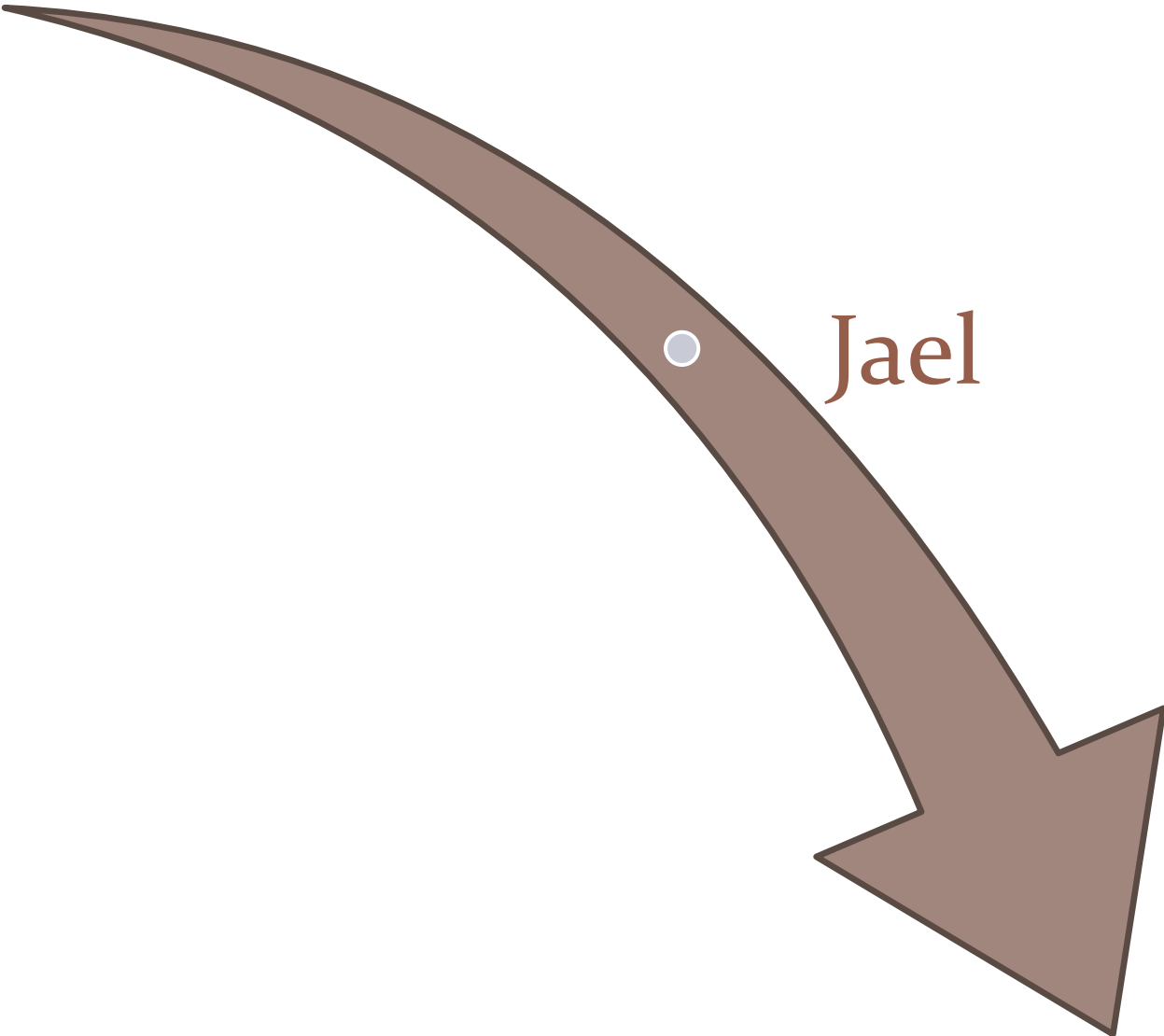
Jael the wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand. Then she went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground while he was lying fast asleep from his drunkenness. So he died.



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# JUDGES 11:30-35

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Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, <sup>31</sup> then whatever<sup>[a]</sup> comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace, the Ammonites shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it<sup>[b]</sup> up as a burnt offering." <sup>32</sup> So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand... <sup>33</sup> So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

When Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dancing. She was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter.<sup>35</sup> And as soon as he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "My daughter! You have brought me very low, and you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my

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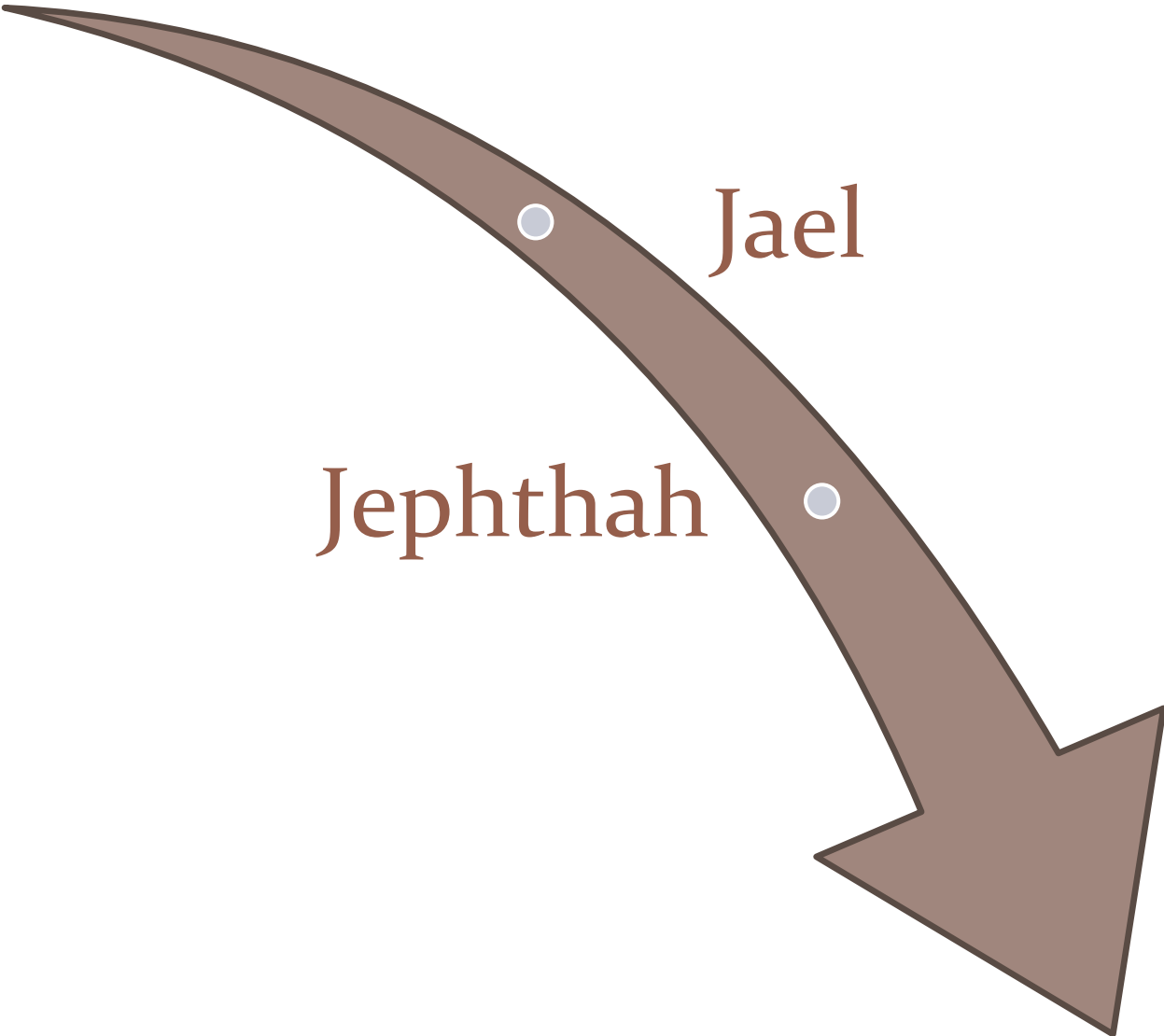
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# JUDGES 14:1, 16:1-2, 16-17

son went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines.

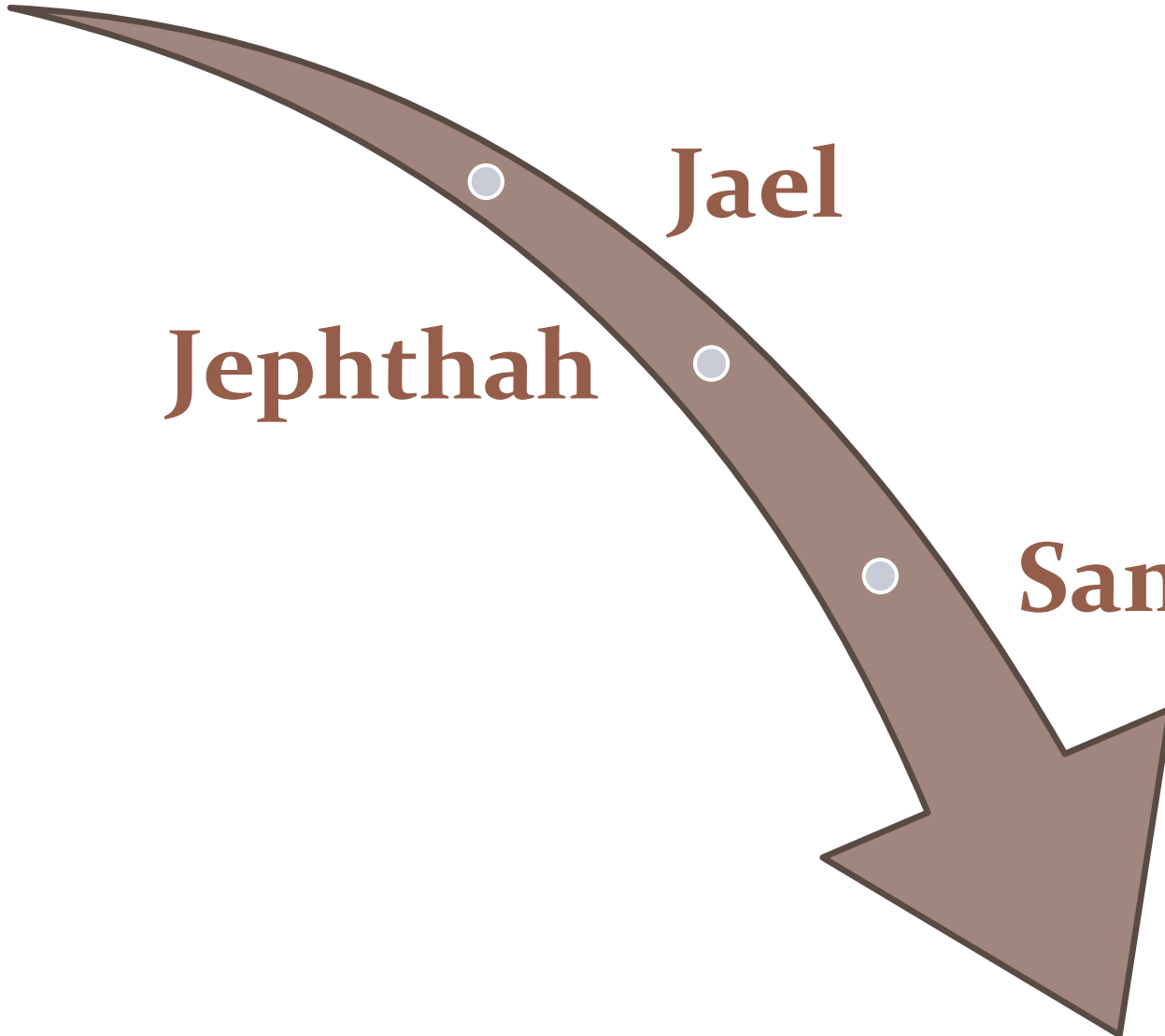
son went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went to her. <sup>2</sup>The Gazites were told, "Samson has come here." And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night long, waiting for the light of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, "Let us wait for the light of the morning; then we will kill him."

and when [Delilah] pressed him...his soul was vexed to death. So he told her all his heart, and said to her, "A razor has never been used upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me."

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**Aksah and  
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**Jephthah**

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**The Levite and**

# JUDGES 14:1, 16:1-2, 16-17

They were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worth  
s, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they said to the old  
master of the house, "Bring out the man who came into your house, that  
know him." <sup>23</sup> And the man, the master of the house, went out to them a  
them, "No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly; since this man has co  
y house, do not do this vile thing. <sup>24</sup> Behold, here are my virgin daughte  
s concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with the  
seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing  
he men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and  
out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the  
ng. <sup>27</sup> And her master rose up in the morning, and when he opened the  
of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there was his conc  
t the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold. <sup>28</sup> He said to  
p, let us be going." But there was no answer. Then he put her on the  
y, and the man rose up and went away to his home. <sup>29</sup> And when he ent  
use, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, li  
o, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.

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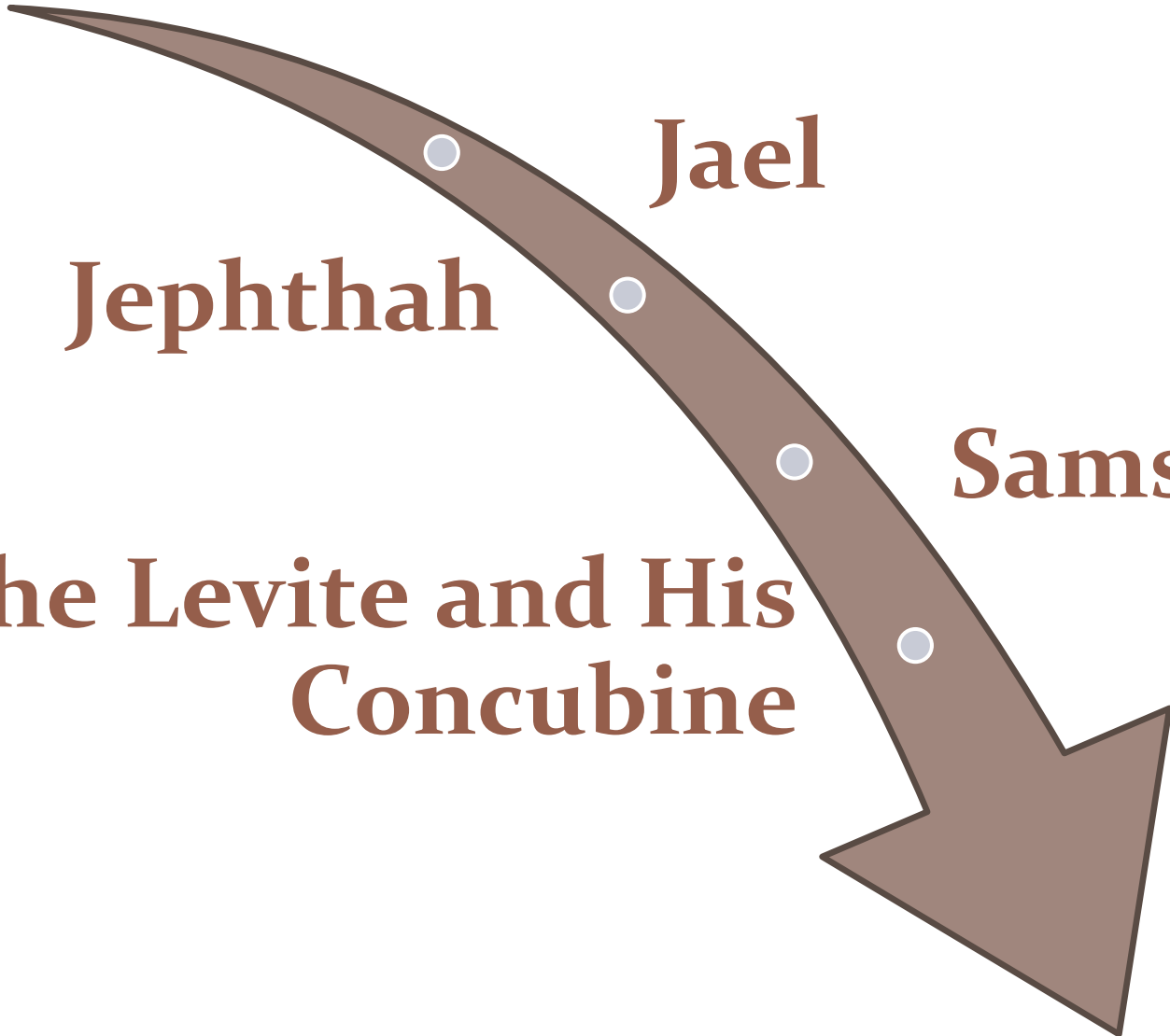
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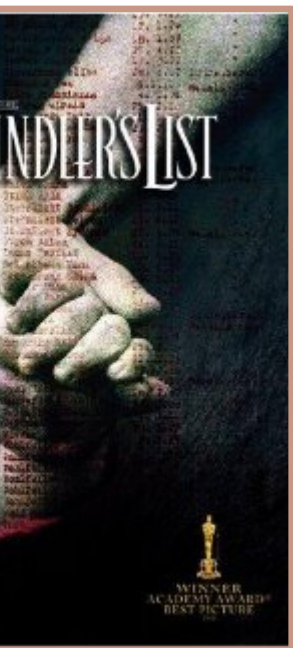
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**Benjamin and**





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**Detroit Free Press**  
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## 4 officers shot, gunman dead in 'horrifying' attack

Detroit police station in chaos as bullets fly

By **DINA SHARON**, **ELINA ANDERSON** and **JOE ROSSIGNOL**  
 Detroit Free Press

It was just before 4:30 p.m. Sunday when the gunman walked into the police station, Sgt. Charles Eshel was shot dead. Officer Brian Davis moved out of an office and exchanged fire with the gunman. Detective ...

The gunman roared the horn-shaped front desk with his weapon. Sgt. Paul Sautel and Officer David Anderson were hit before police killed the 38-year-old shooter.

The four officers wounded in the shooting are expected to recover, according to Police Chief Ralph Godwin Jr., but the incident has raised concerns about security in the city's many community police precincts and districts.

"Officers like this are very selfless and remind us of just how valuable we all are," Godwin said Sunday night.

The four officers wounded in the shooting ...



### The victims

■ **Capt. Brian Davis**, in critical condition with a gunshot in the back.  
 ■ **Sgt. Charles Eshel**, wounded with a gunshot in the back, condition not given.

■ **Officer David Anderson**, temporary serious condition with a gunshot in the back.  
 ■ **Sgt. Gene Schell**, hospitalized and released after his abdominal wound caused internal bleeding in the chest.

### The gunman

■ **Unidentified 38-year-old** shot to death by police.

### More photos

■ See more photos from the scene.

■ Watch a video clip of the police news conference.

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## Homegrown groceries get a boost

Snyder looking to build agribusness

How big a boost — for the economy and jobs — can agriculture be in Michigan?  
 Gov. Rick Snyder looked to Michigan's \$1.3-billion agriculture industry in the State of the State speech Wednesday, as he addressed over the 100 Legislature, as ...

Building on the popular Bay Local campaign, Snyder also announced his plan to support local food production, including ...

## Going to meet the president — maybe

By **NOO SPANGLER**  
 Detroit Free Press

WASHINGTON — Lilly Arbour is within two of her goal of meeting all 50 elected officials who represent her. She's not counting on meeting her quest this week, but she's close.

The two who elude her? President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. A hockey-playing seventh-grader from ...



## Metro Serial rape suspect faces charges today

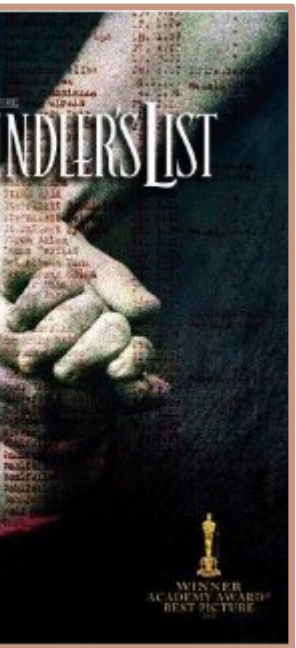
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### Going to meet the president — maybe

**By TERRY SPANGLER**  
 The idea came when she and her husband watched the 2008 election results and didn't recognize many people.  
 Since then, she has been to open houses, meeting rooms, offices and more. A Michigan set of Appeals judges visited her at hockey practice in Berkeley.  
 What would Lily like to be? A hockey player, she said — and a circuit judge.  
 "I just want to get more articles and interesting news and stuff," she said.



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**Ourselfs as the End**

**Consume Others**

**Dishonor God**

# POWER TO JUDGES: *Ruth & Boaz*

Other as  
the End



Love  
Others



Love God



# RUTH 1:19-20 and 4:14-17

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Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned forever!<sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.”<sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and nursed him on her lap and became his nurse.<sup>17</sup> And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.



# ANSWER TO BROKENNESS?

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# ANSWERS TO BROKENNESS?

RALIST

“This is an act of judgment for your evil.”

“God must be judging you!”

SECULARIST

“God is not here; how could he be

“If God is here, he is indifferent!”



# POWER TO BROKENNESS: *Christmas*

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# POWER TO BROKENNESS: *Christmas*

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Judgment?  
Jesus is born  
to atone for  
our sin!

Indifferent?  
Absent? He  
entered our  
world!



whatever reason, God chose to make man as he is—  
aged and suffering and subject to sorrows and death—  
[ ] had the honesty and the courage to take his own  
medicine. Whatever game he is playing with his creation  
has kept his own rules and played fair. He can exact  
nothing from man that he has not exacted from himself  
as himself gone through the whole of human  
experience, from the trivial irritations of family life and  
crippling restrictions of hard work and lack of money to  
the worst horrors of pain and humiliation, defeat, despair  
and death. When he was a man, he played the man. He  
lived in poverty and died in disgrace, and thought it was

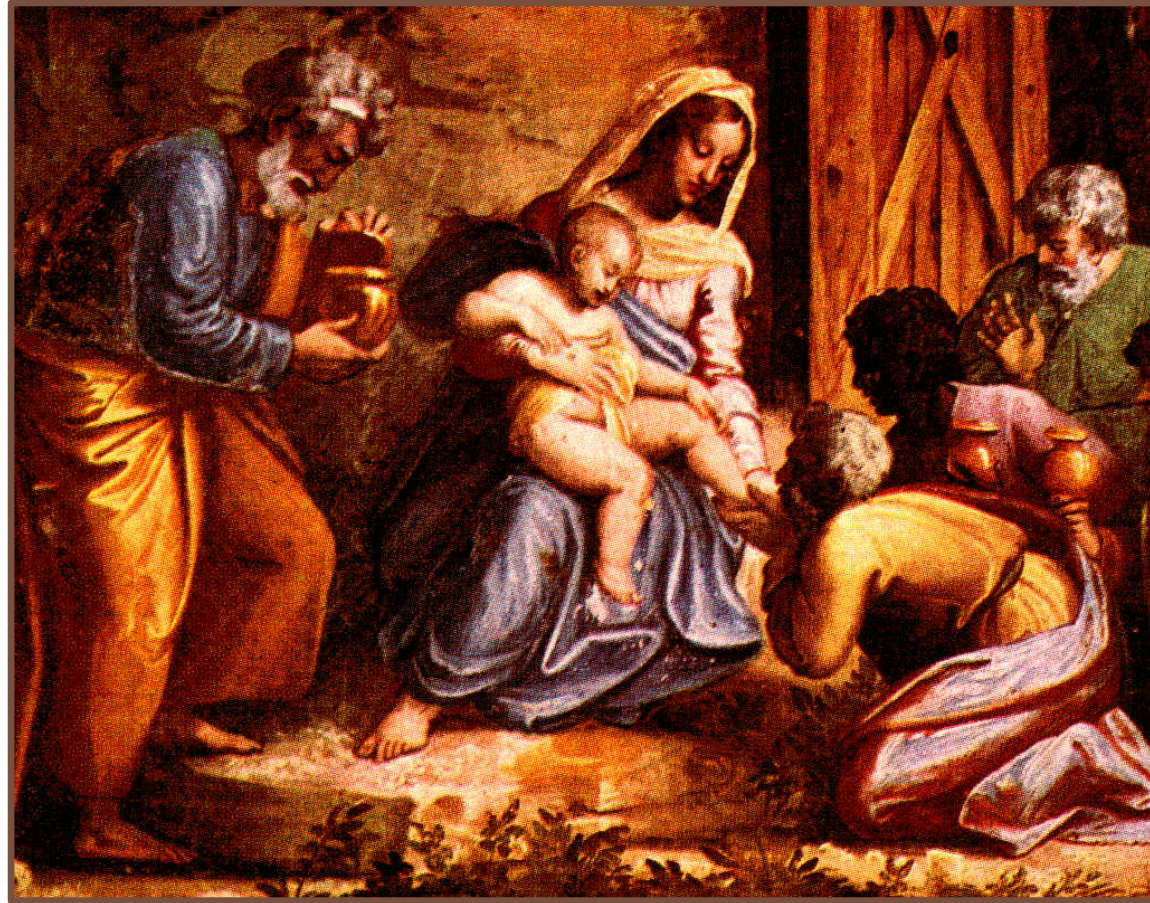


# POWER TO EVIL: *Christmas*

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Love is “the love that brings forth caring regardless of circumstances.”

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love is something, and your heart will certainly be hurt and possibly be broken. If you want to be sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal.

## Christ-Centered Thinking

*At the beginning, God created everything and saw that it was good. But human beings, the highest point of creation, acted unfaithfully, casting the whole cosmos into depravity. That depravity creates impassable separation between man and God and ultimately leads to our death in eternal separation from God. But God, in his great mercy, crafted a redemptive plan designed for man's sin, and if we believe and choose to follow God's leading, we can develop godliness and experience life as truly meant to live, while calling others to do the same. One day, God will put all of the world to rights and redeem everything that is broken, and we will enjoy fellowship with*

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**WHERE  
WAS  
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## Grace-Saturated Attitude

"YOU be Jesus!"



### Deuteronomy 10

<sup>18</sup> [The LORD] executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> Love the sojourner therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egy



## Otherworldly Unity



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## Lawyer

- *Luke 10*

## Rich Young Ruler

- *Mark 10*

## Peter, James, John and Andrew

- *Matthew 4*

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