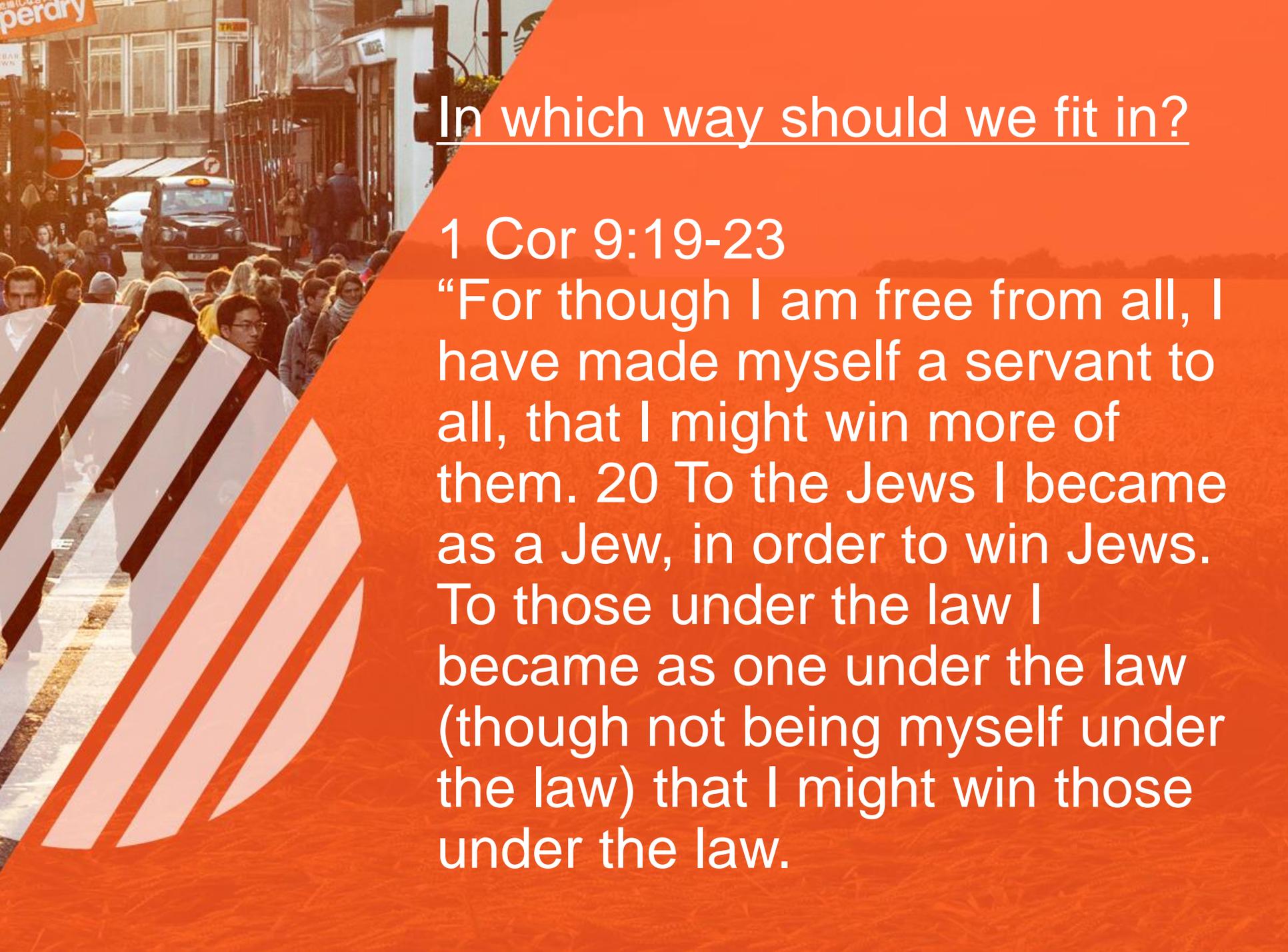






To be or not to
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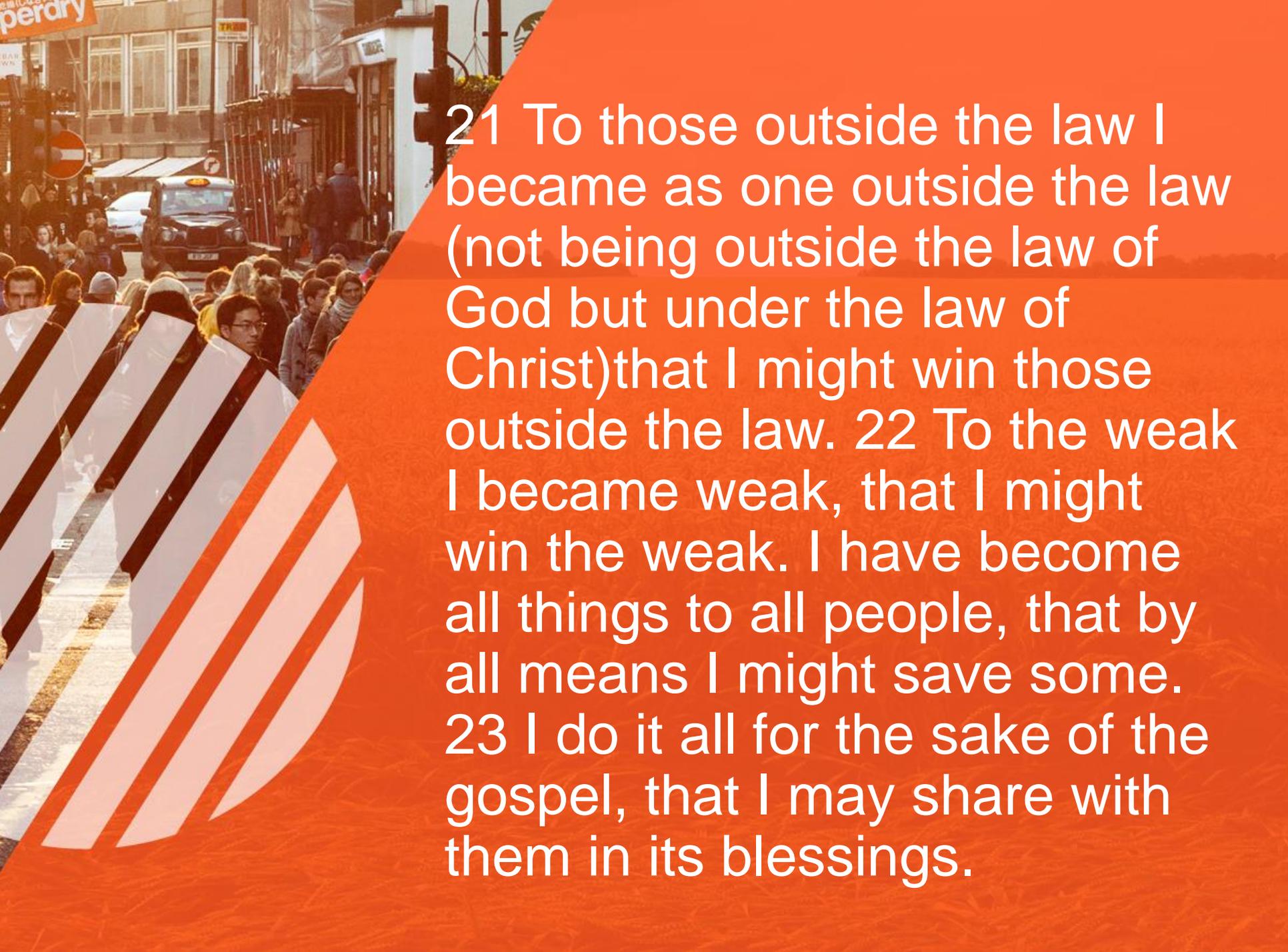
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In which way should we fit in?

1 Cor 9:19-23

“For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.



21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.



John 15: 19

“If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.”



James 4:4

“You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.



Who or what do you worship?

Hos 31:2

“Now they continue to sin by making silver idols, images shaped skillfully with human hands. “Sacrifice to these,” they cry, “and kiss the calf idols!”



Entertainment vs joy found in purpose

Heb 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”



Do we seek advice from the world or from God?

Hos 8:4

“They set up kings without my consent; they choose princes without my approval. With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction.”



James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom,
you should ask God, who
gives generously to all
without finding fault, and it will
be given to you.”



Being attractive according to the world or according to God?

1 Peter 3: 3-4 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.



James 4:6

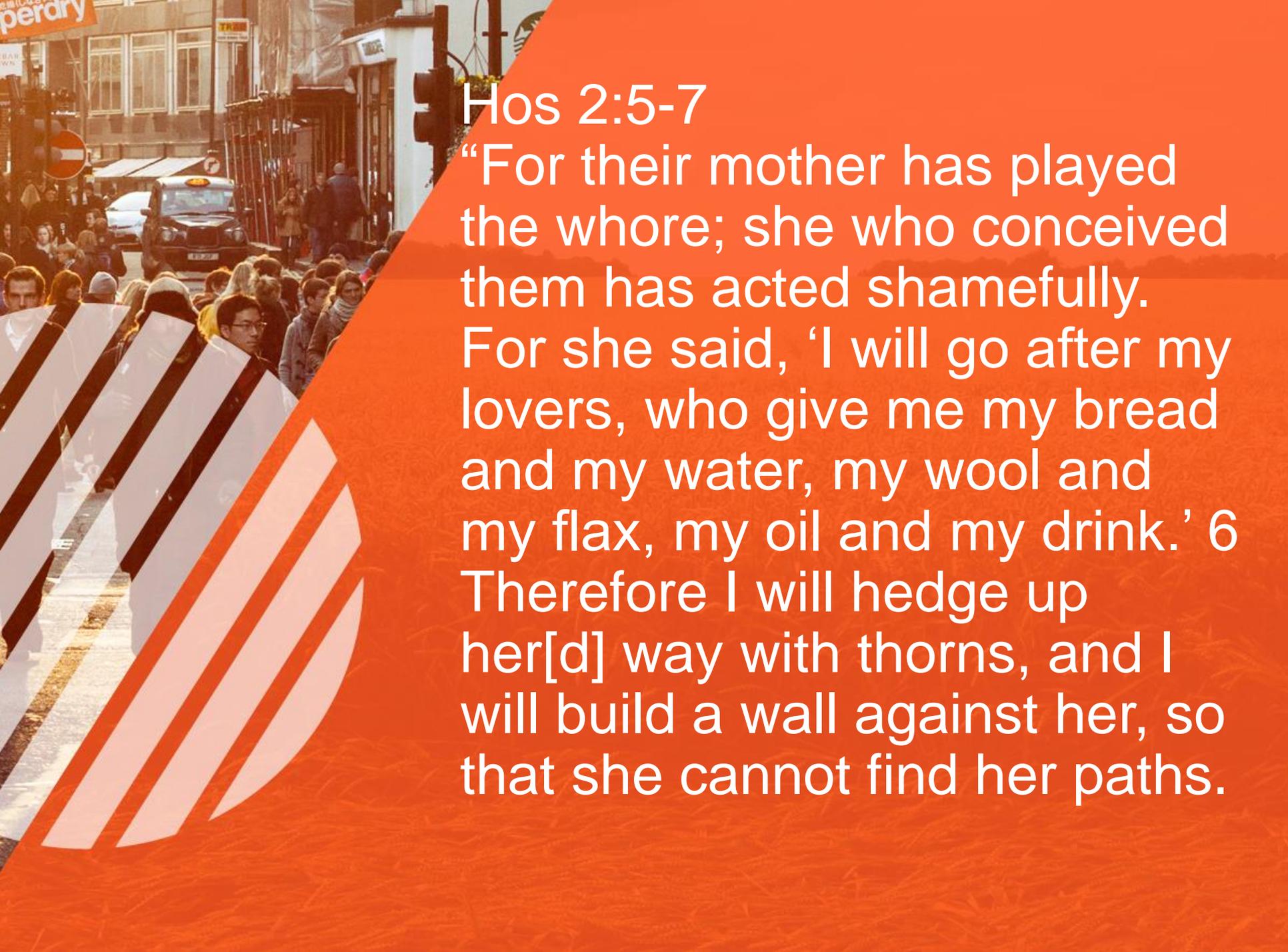
“But he gives us more grace.
That is why Scripture says:
“God opposes the proud but
shows favor to the humble.”



God's goodness allows
circumstances to help lead us
to repentance

Rom 2:4

“Or do you despise the riches
of His goodness,
forbearance, and
longsuffering, not knowing
that the goodness of God
leads you to repentance?”



Hos 2:5-7

“For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, ‘I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.’ 6 Therefore I will hedge up her[d] way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths.



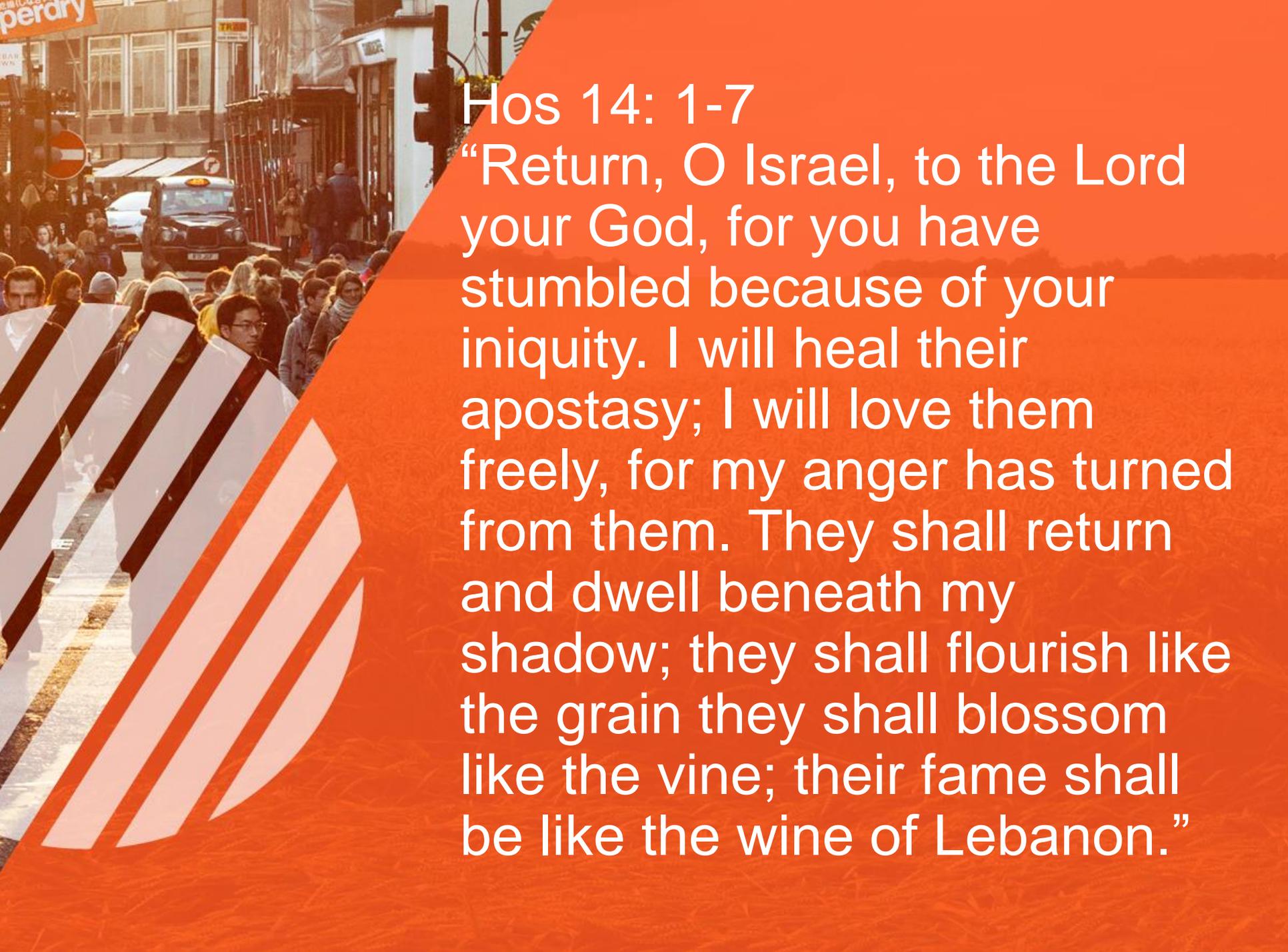
7 She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them and she shall seek them but shall not find them, Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.'



Repentance leads us into His mercy

Hos 2:14&15

“Therefore, behold, I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. 15 And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.”



Hos 14: 1-7

“Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.”