



 Once a "man after God's own heart."

• Used by God to kill Goliath.

Protected by God from a jealous Saul.



Used by God to establish the kingdom.

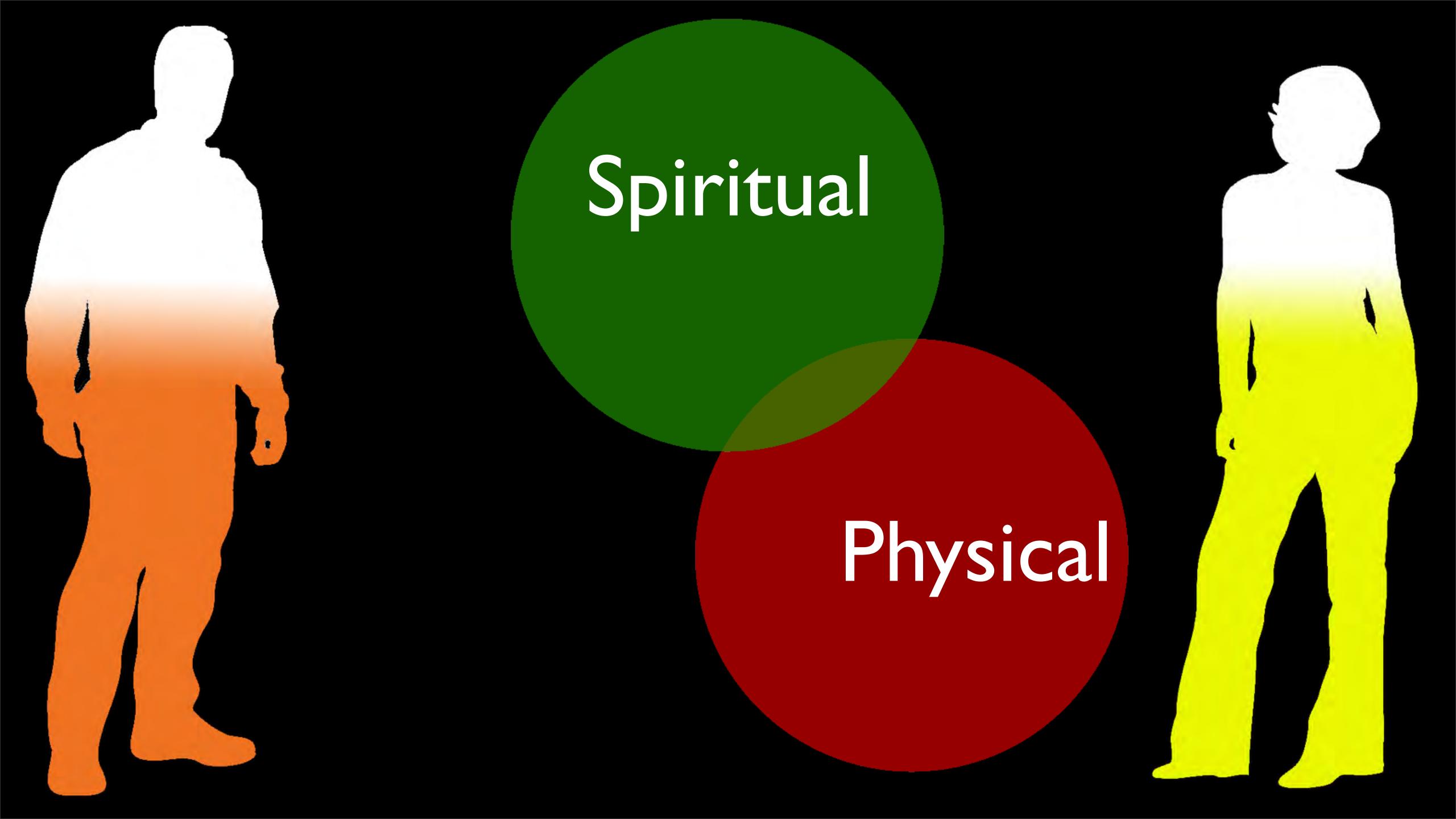
• Adulterer

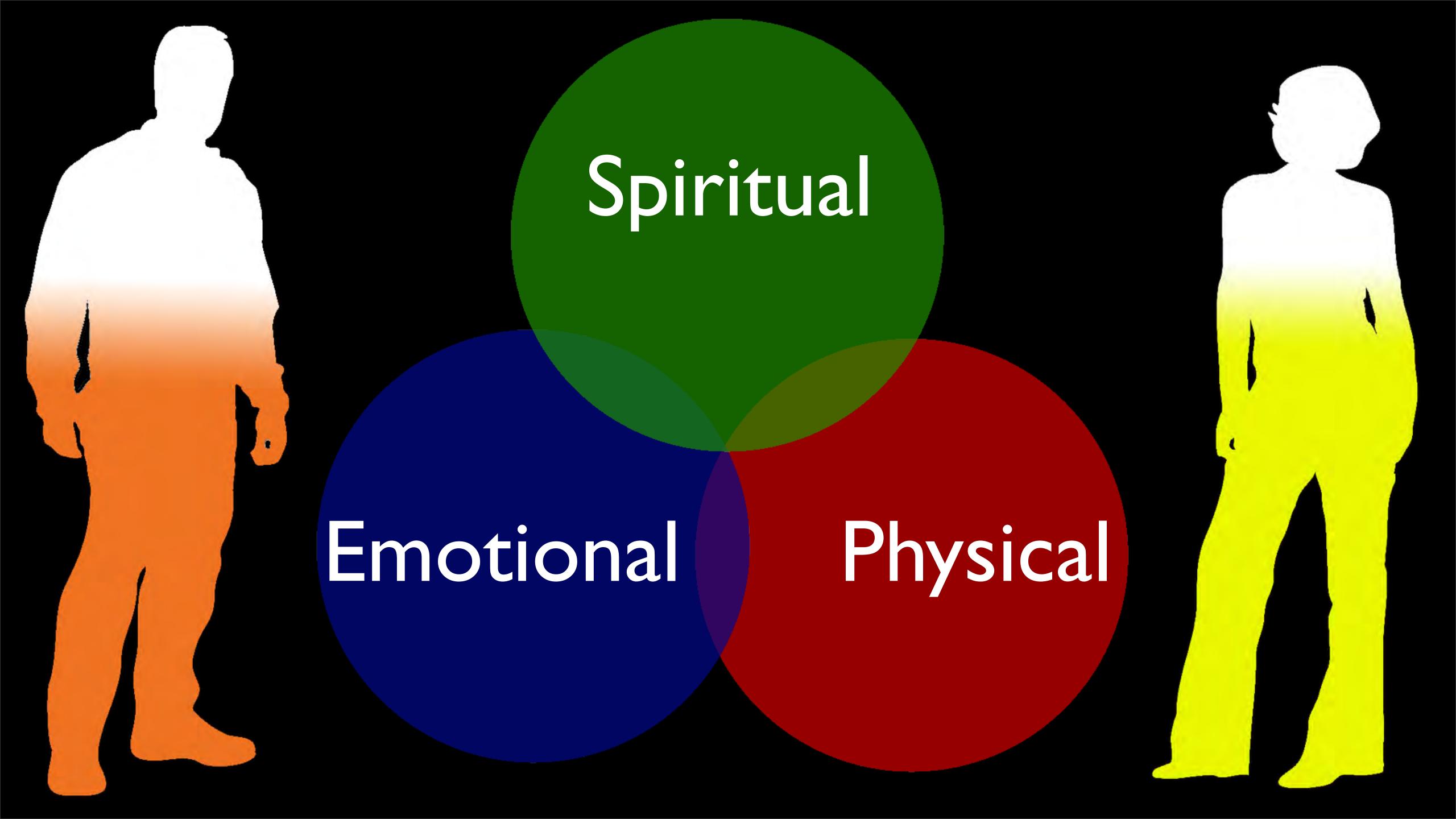
Murderer

Hypocrite



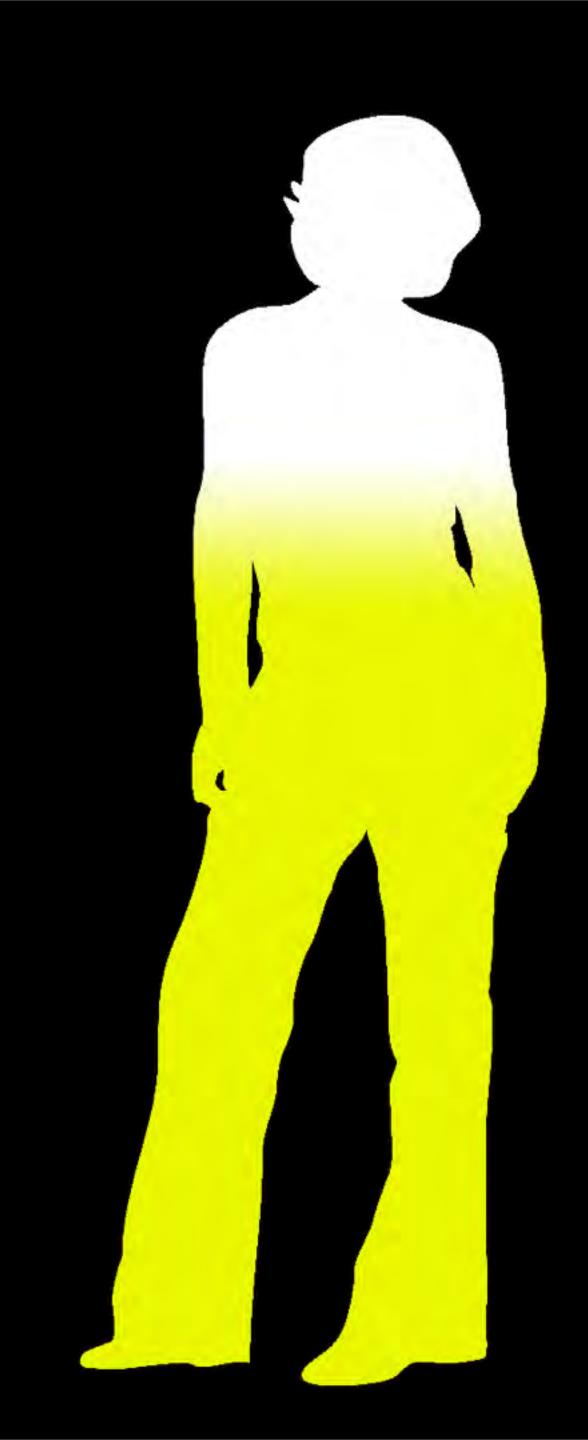








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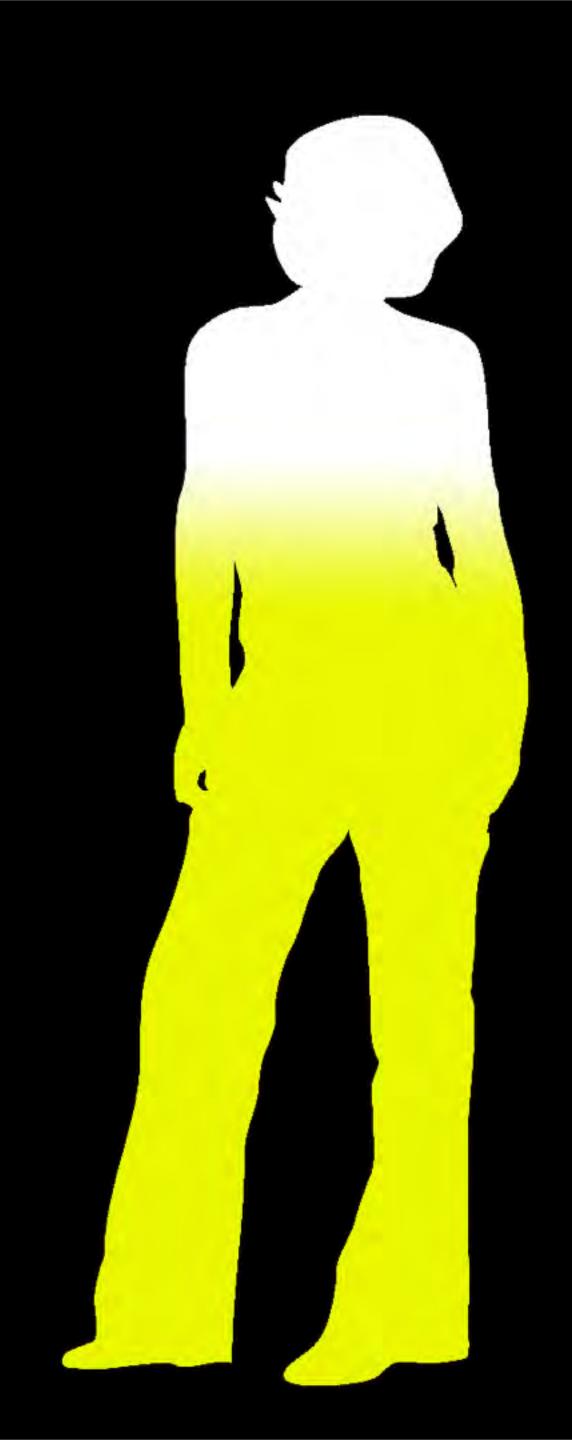


1 Thessalonians 5:23

 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."



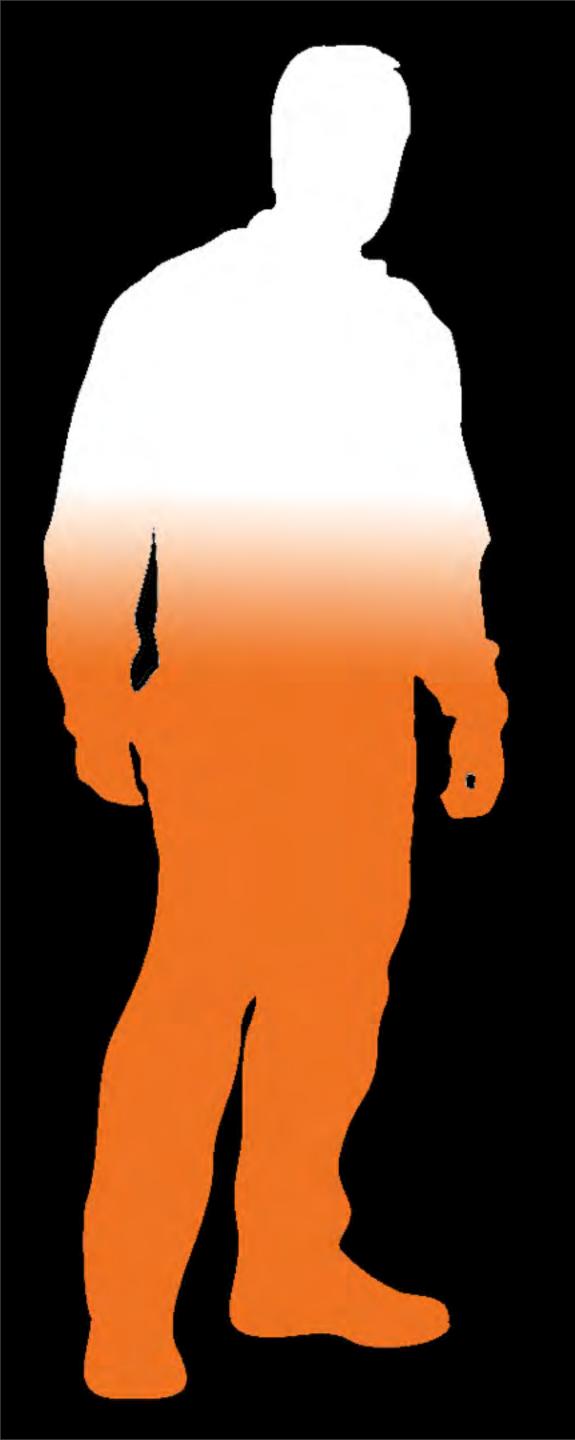
The board member who never says "I was wrong" or "I'm sorry."





The children's church leader who constantly criticizes others.





The high-control small group leader who cannot tolerate different points of view.



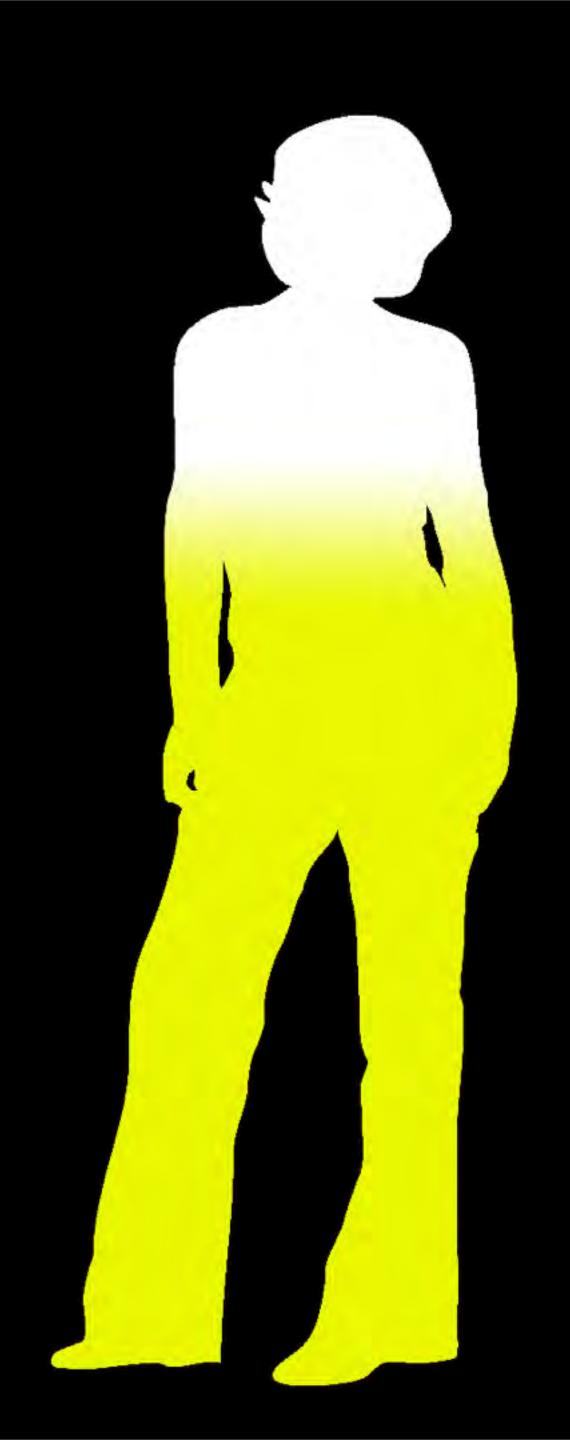


The middle-age father of two who is secretly addicted to pornography.





The thirty-five-yearold husband busily serving in the church, unaware of his wife's loneliness at home.

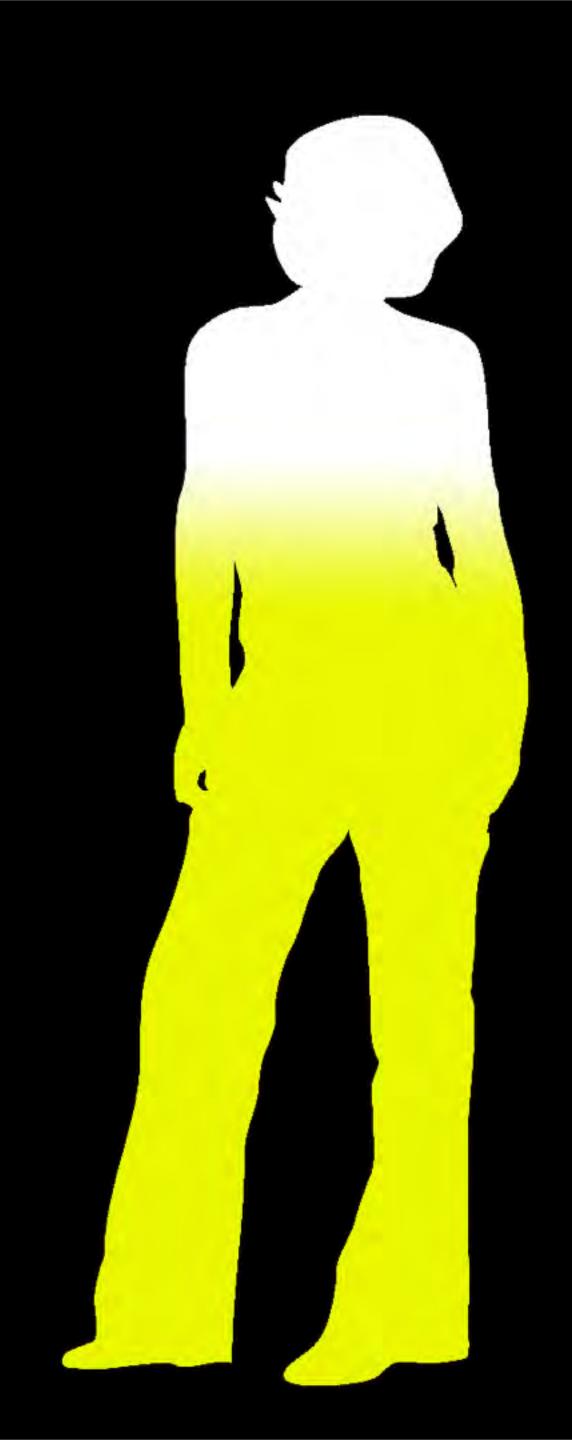




The worship leader who interprets any suggestion as a personal attack and a personal rejection.

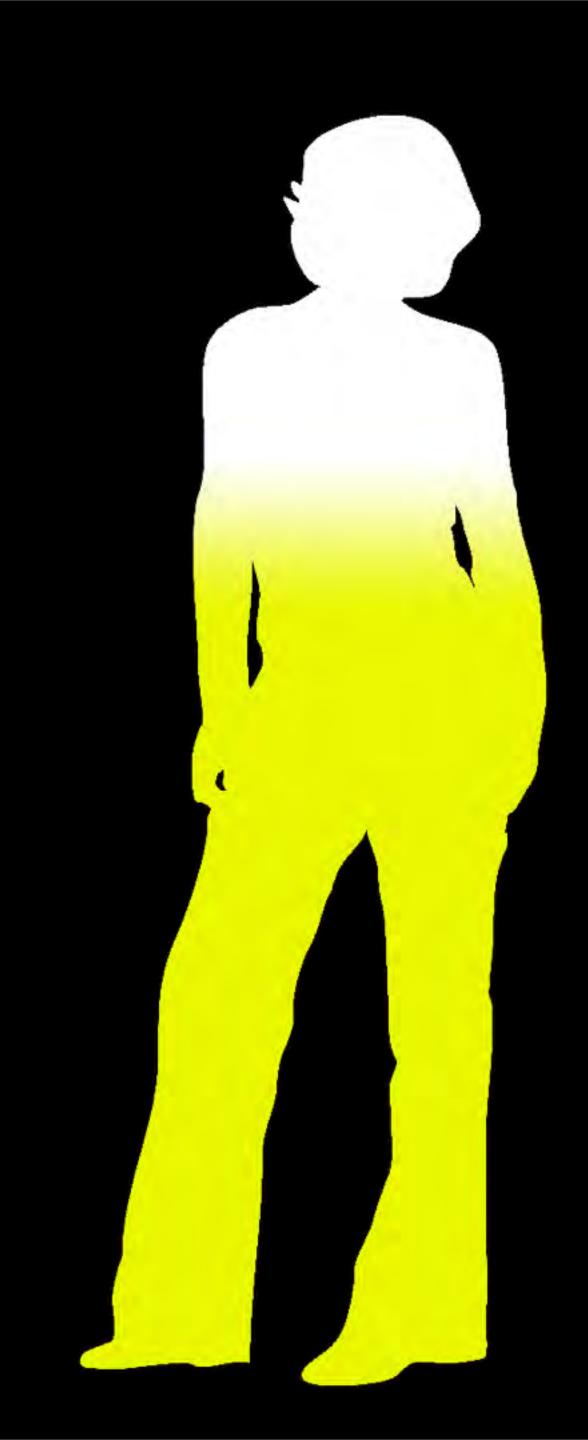


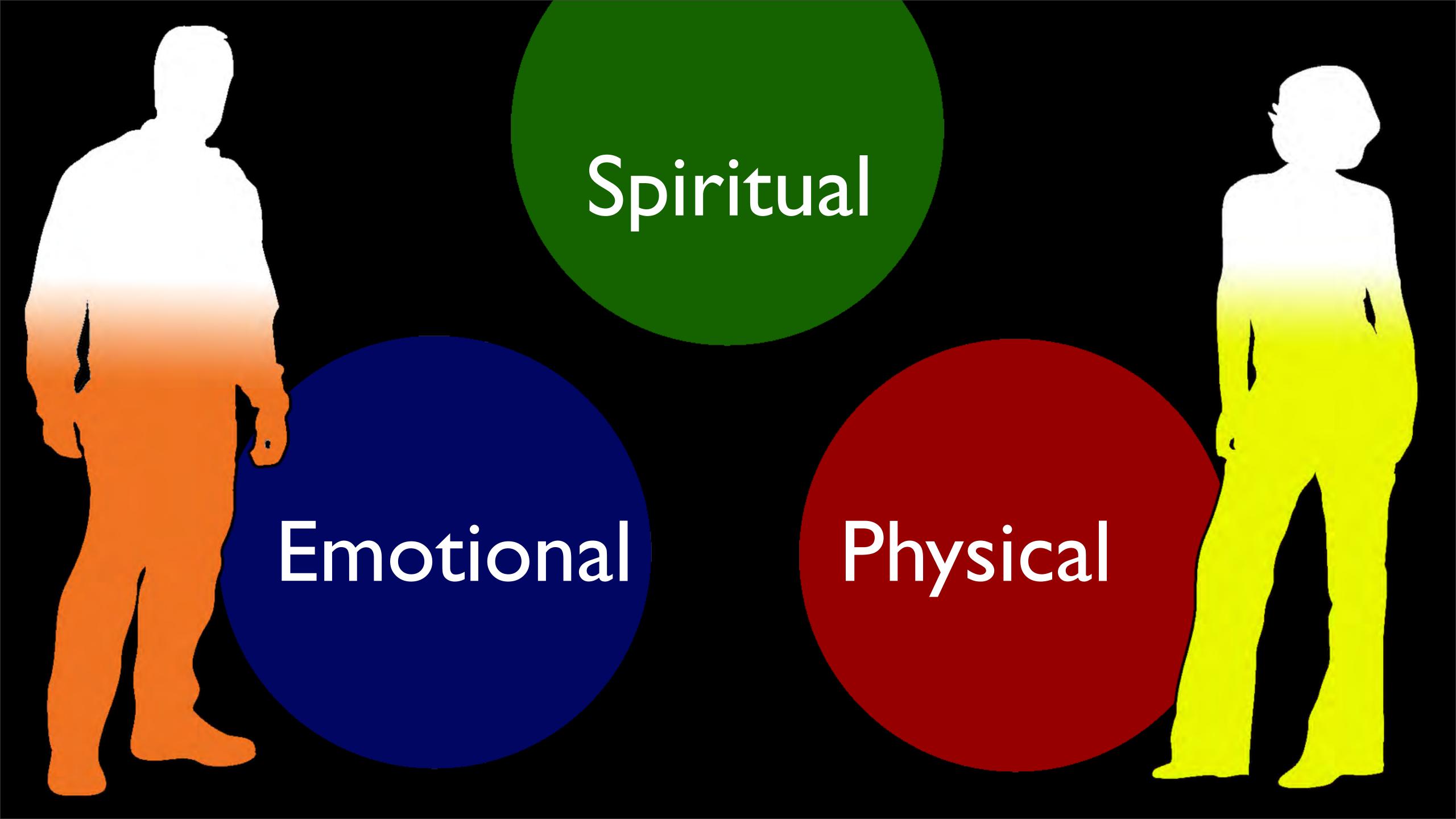
The Sunday School teacher struggling with feelings of bitterness and resentment towards the pastor.



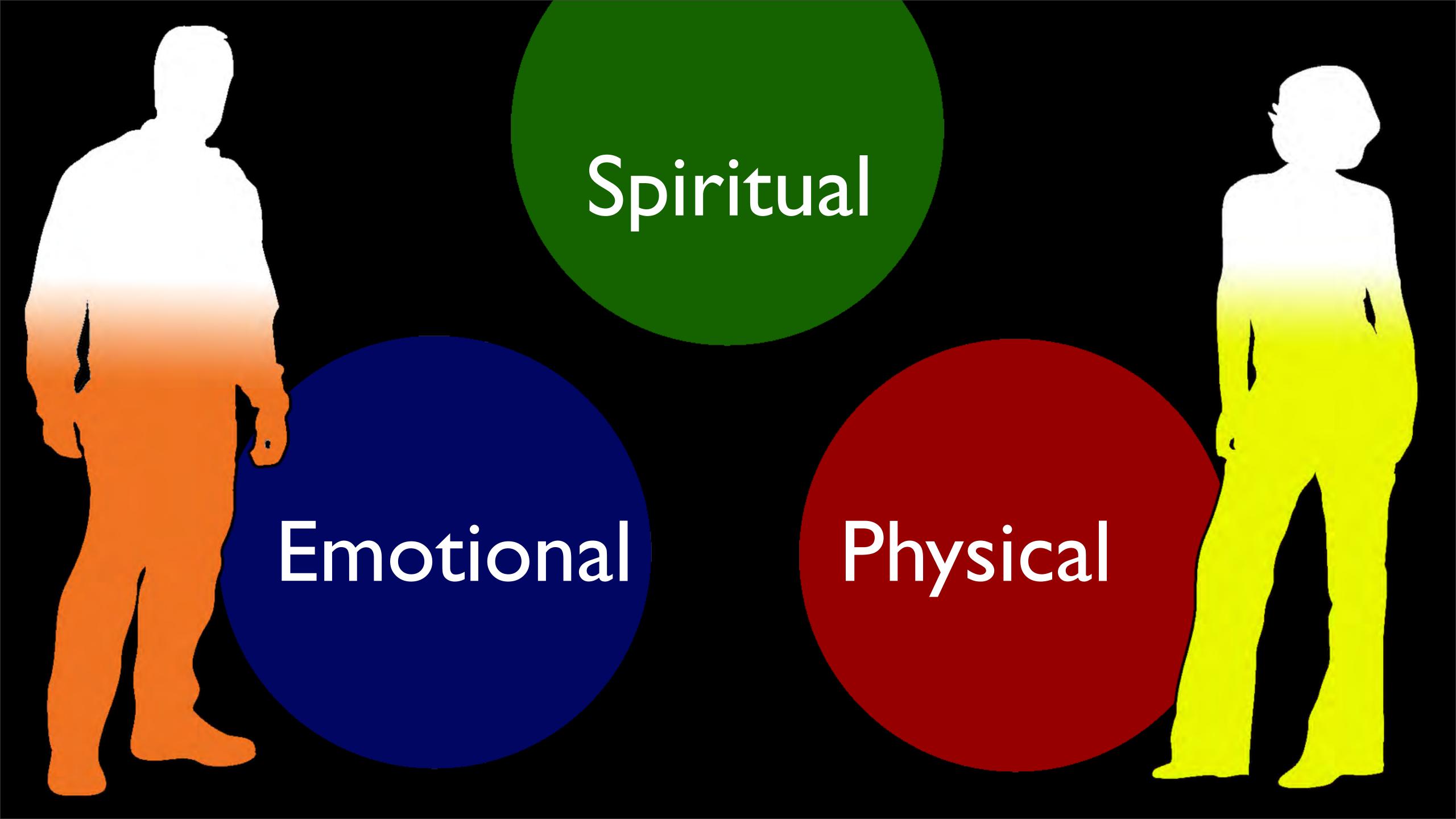


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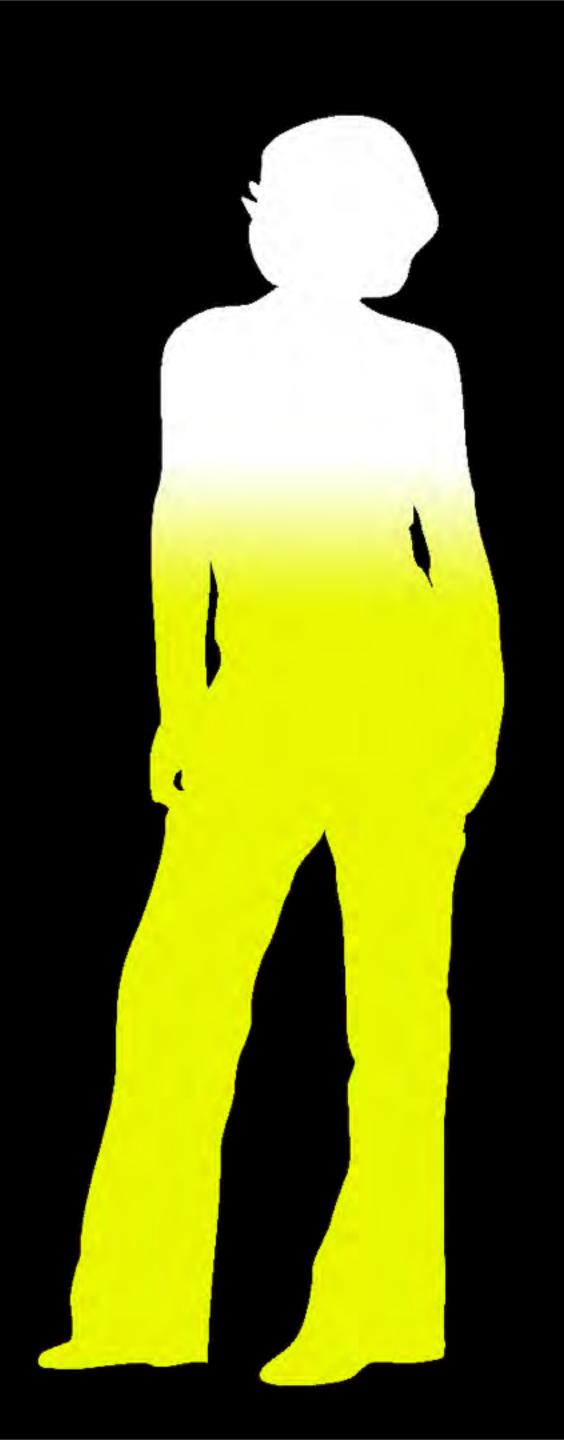




You can be a dynamic, gifted speaker for God in public and be an unloving spouse and parent at home.

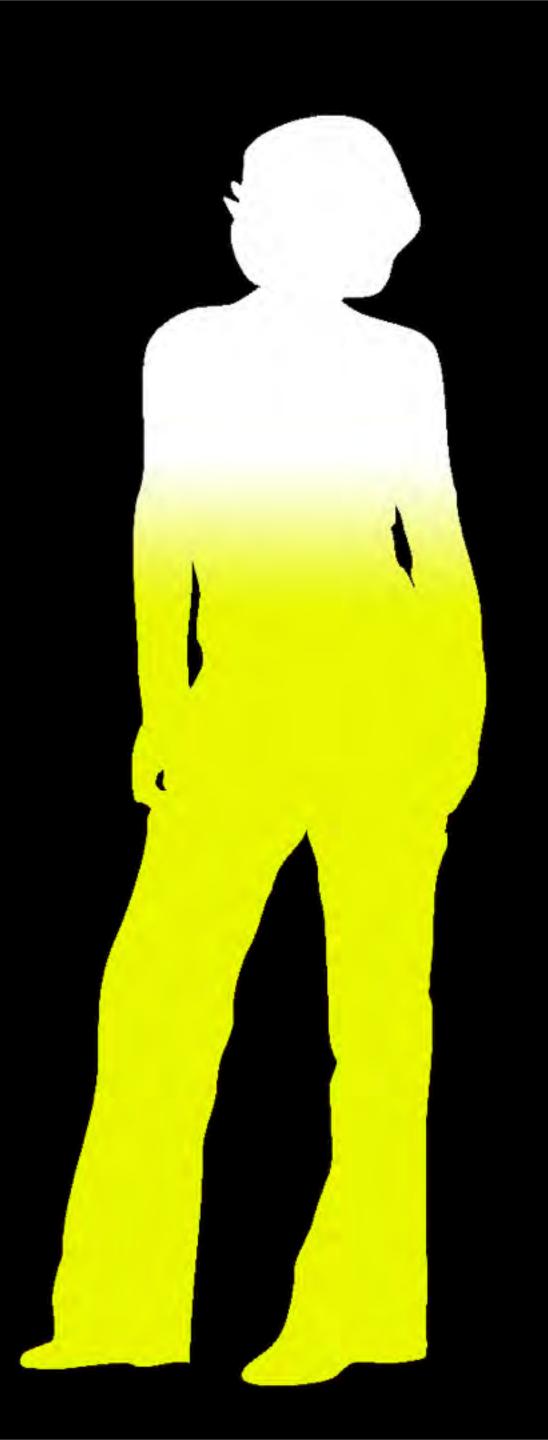


You can function as a church board member or pastor and be unteachable, insecure, and defensive.





You can memorize entire books of the Bible and yet be unaware of depression and anger, hurting other people.

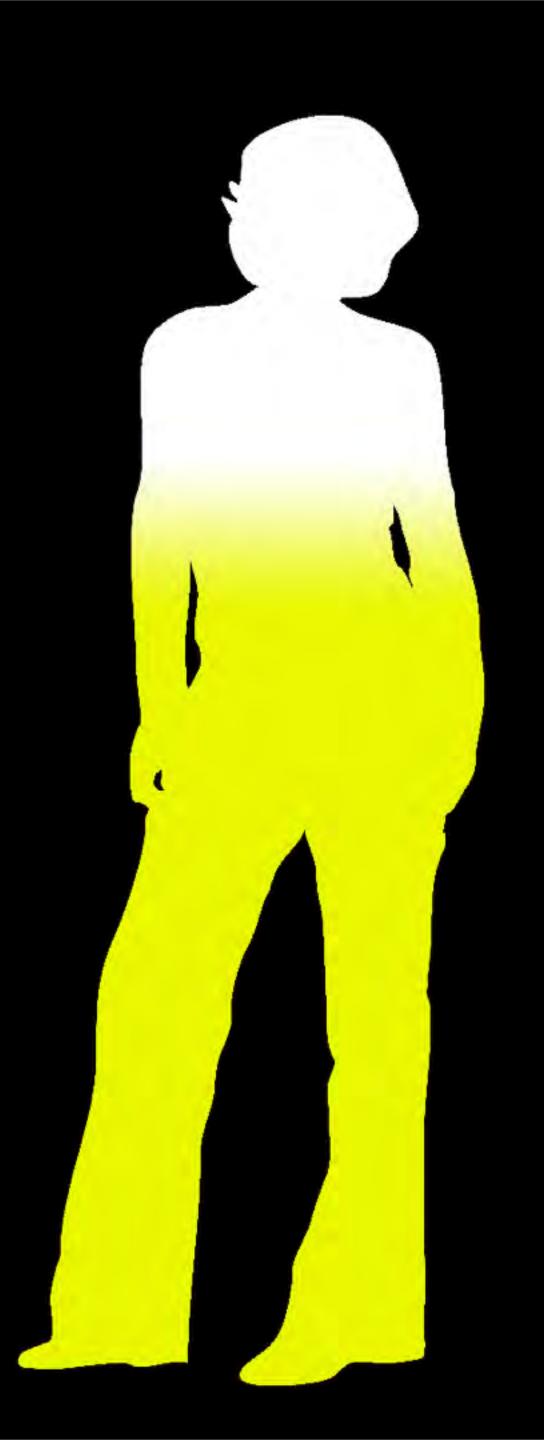




You can fast and pray a half-day a week for years and constantly be critical of others, justifying it as spiritual discernment.



You can see shortcomings in others and rebuke them in a hurtful manner, believing it to be the "straight testimony."

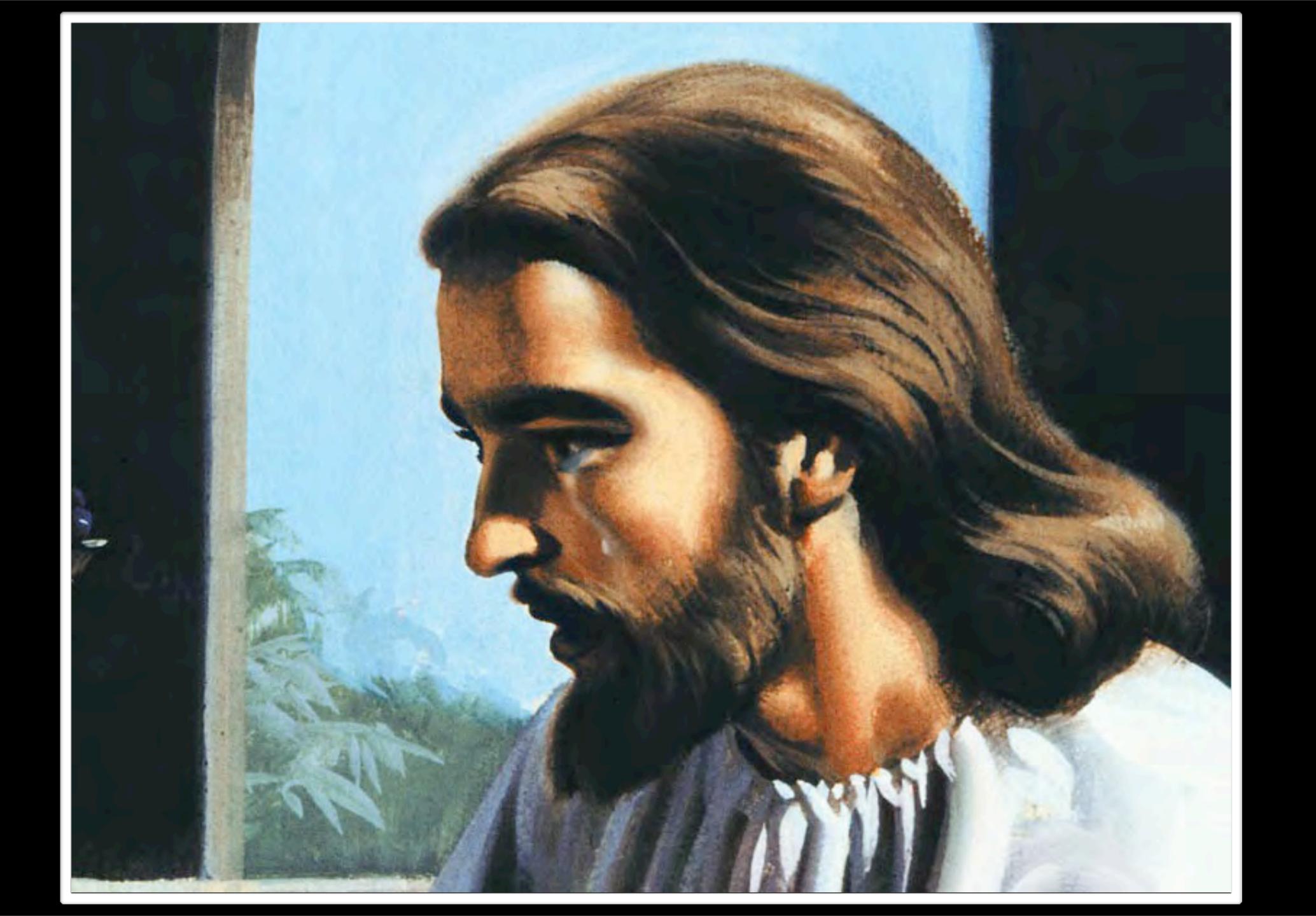


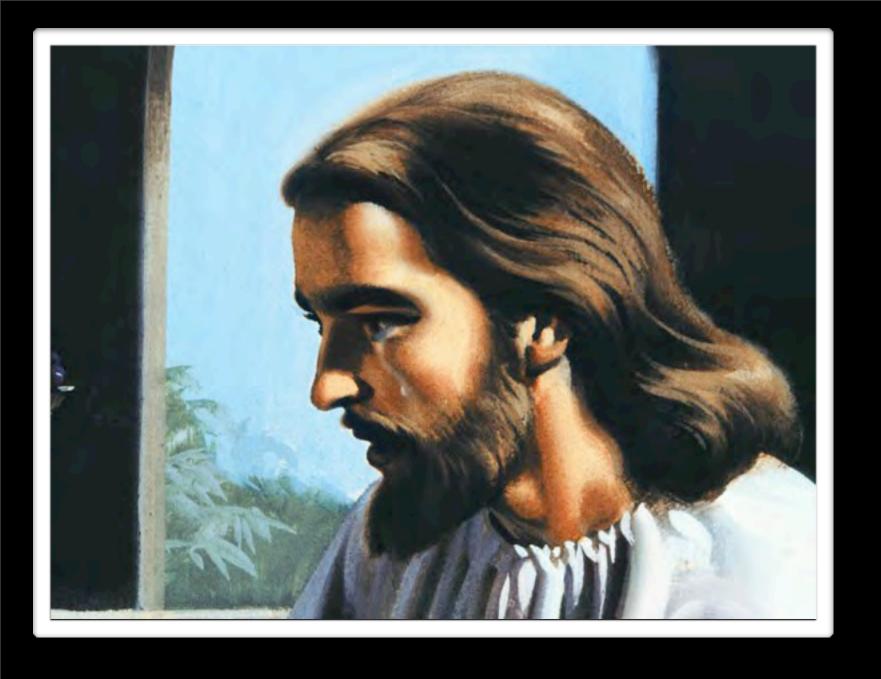


You can see shortcomings in others and not lovingly confront them, believing yourself to be patient.









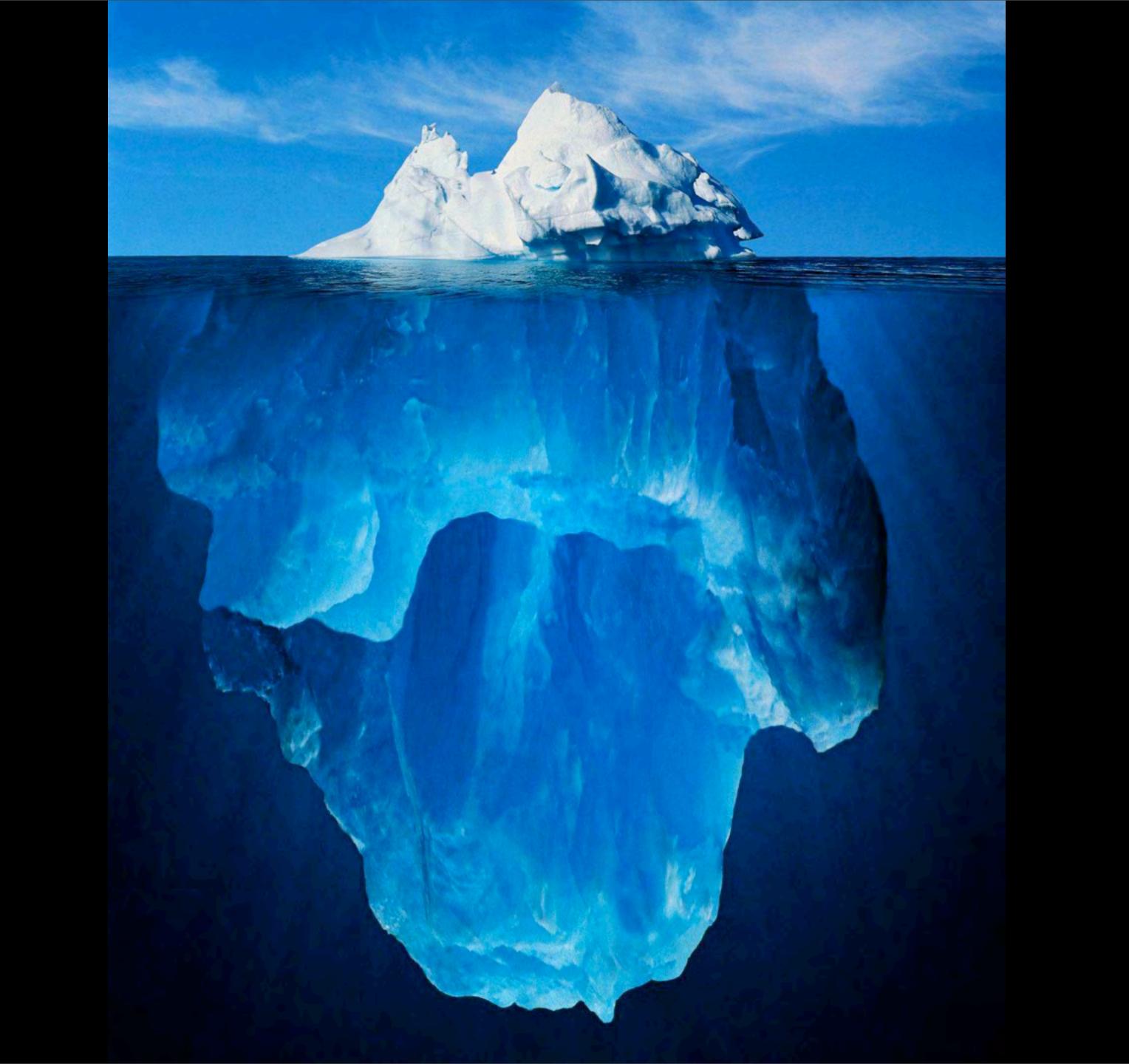
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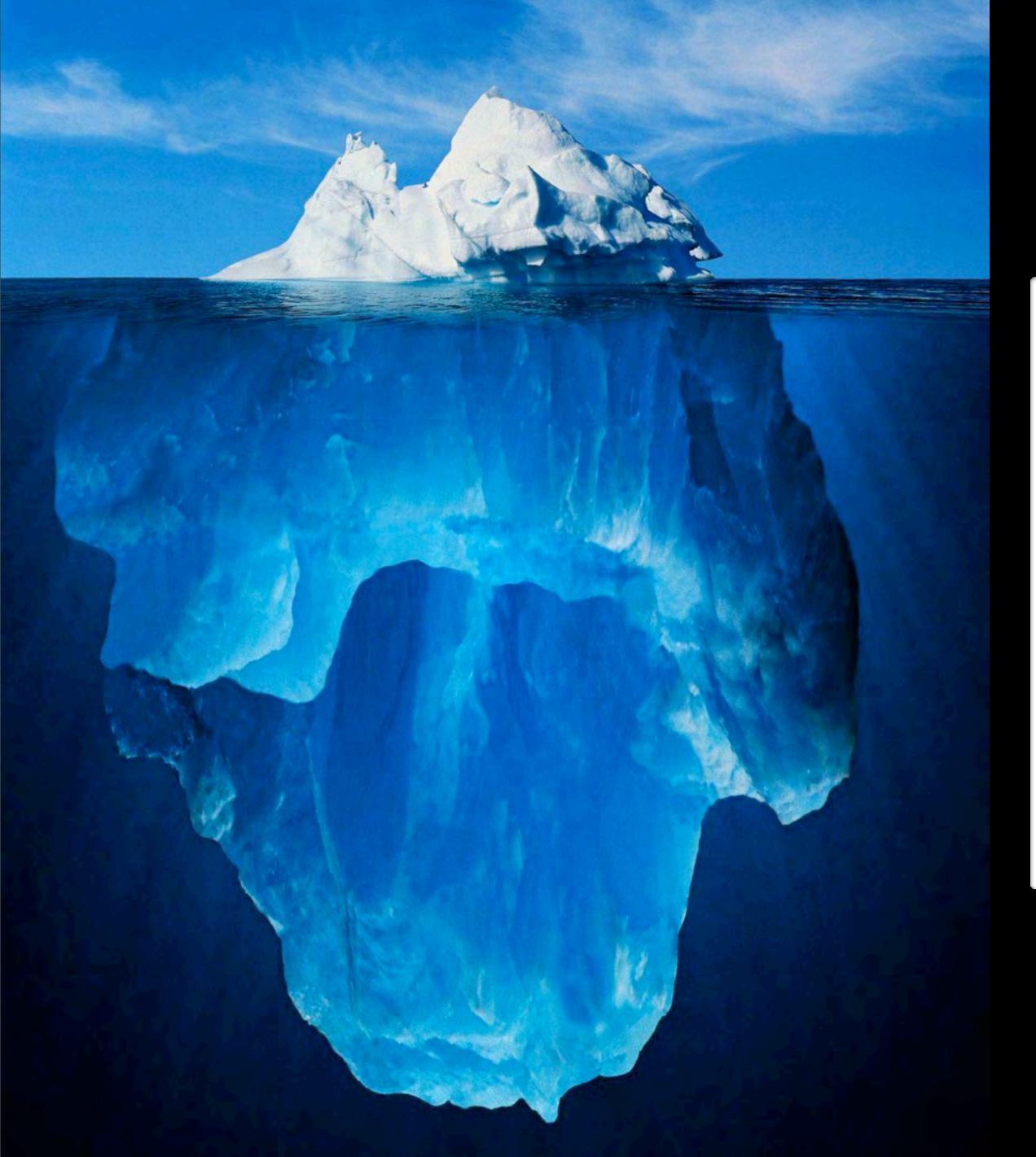
- John 11:33-36
- Luke 19:41
- John 2:13-17
- Mark 6:30-32
- Matthew 26:36-39

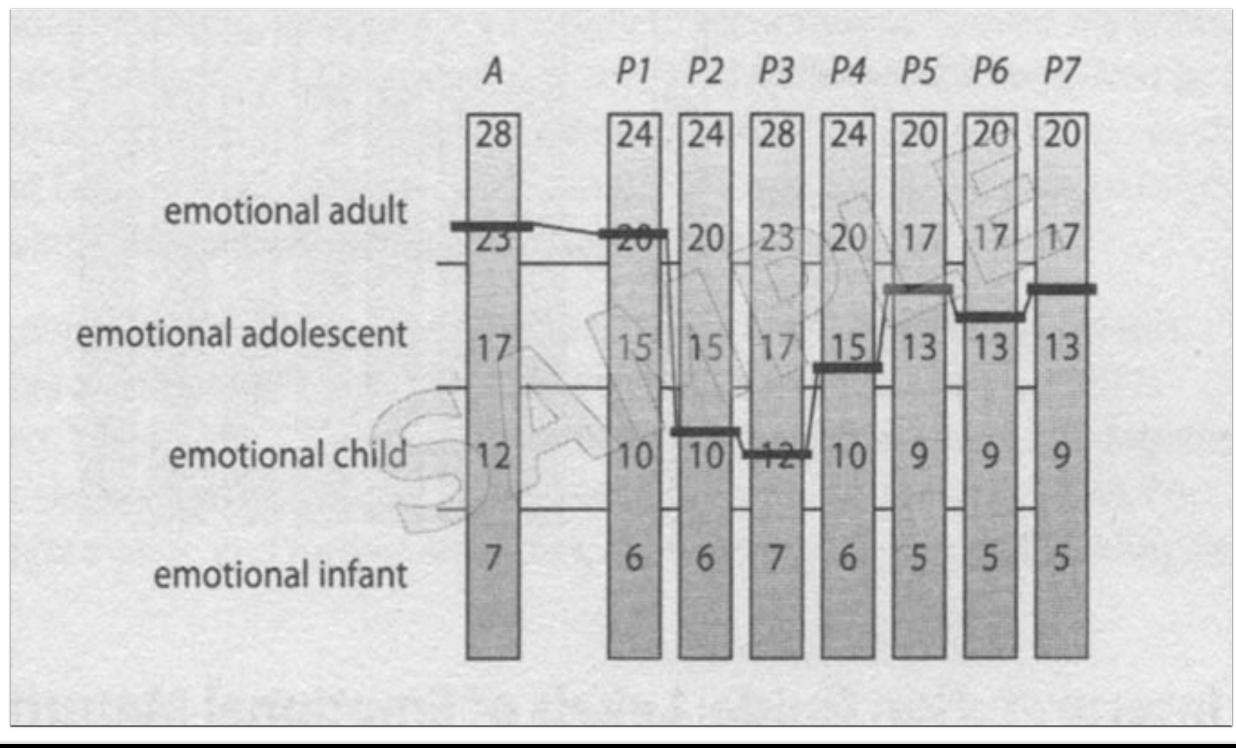
"Ignoring our emotions is turning our backs on reality; listening to our emotions ushers us into reality. And reality is where we meet God.... Emotions are the language of the soul. They are the cry that gives the heart a voice.... However, we often turn a deaf ear - through emotional denial, distortion, or disengagement. We strain out anything disturbing in order to gain tenuous

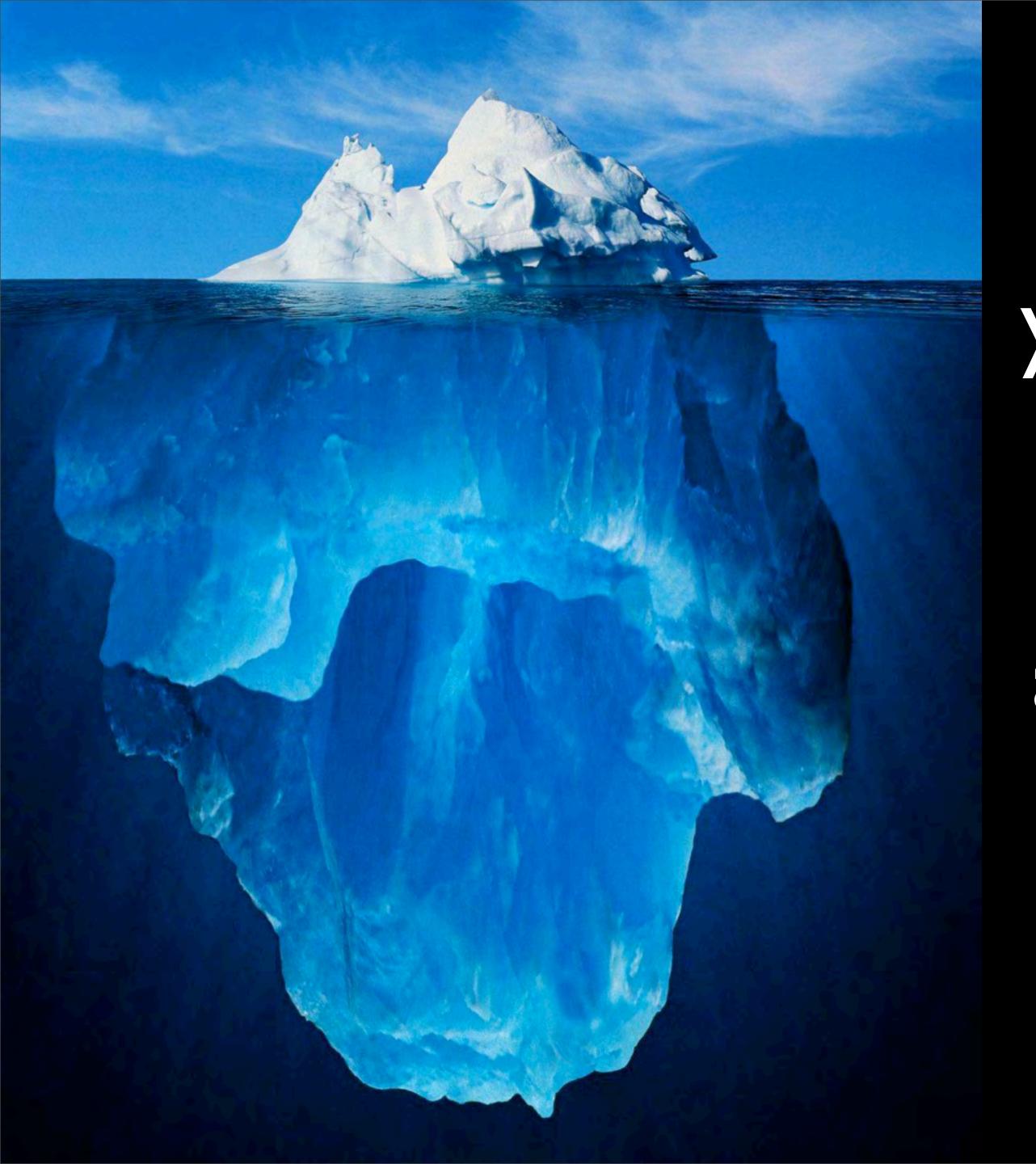
control of our inner world. We are frightened and ashamed of what leaks into our consciousness. In neglecting our intense emotions, we are false to ourselves and lose a wonderful opportunity to know God. We forget that change comes through brutal honesty and vulnerability before God."

The Cry of the Soul, pp. 24-25.









The Gospel says that you are more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe, yet you are more accepted and loved than you ever dared to hope.

