

Having a Soft Heart in a Hardened World

If you could have it ALL  
would you take it?











If you could have it all...  
but you wouldn't have God,  
would you take it?



“The critical question for our generation-and for every generation-is this: If you could have heaven, with no sickness, and with all the friends you ever had on earth, and all the food you ever liked, and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed, and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven, if Christ were not there?”



What God gives us to satisfy the longing He has placed in us is the greatest gift of the Gospel: The gift of Himself.



God our Promise Land

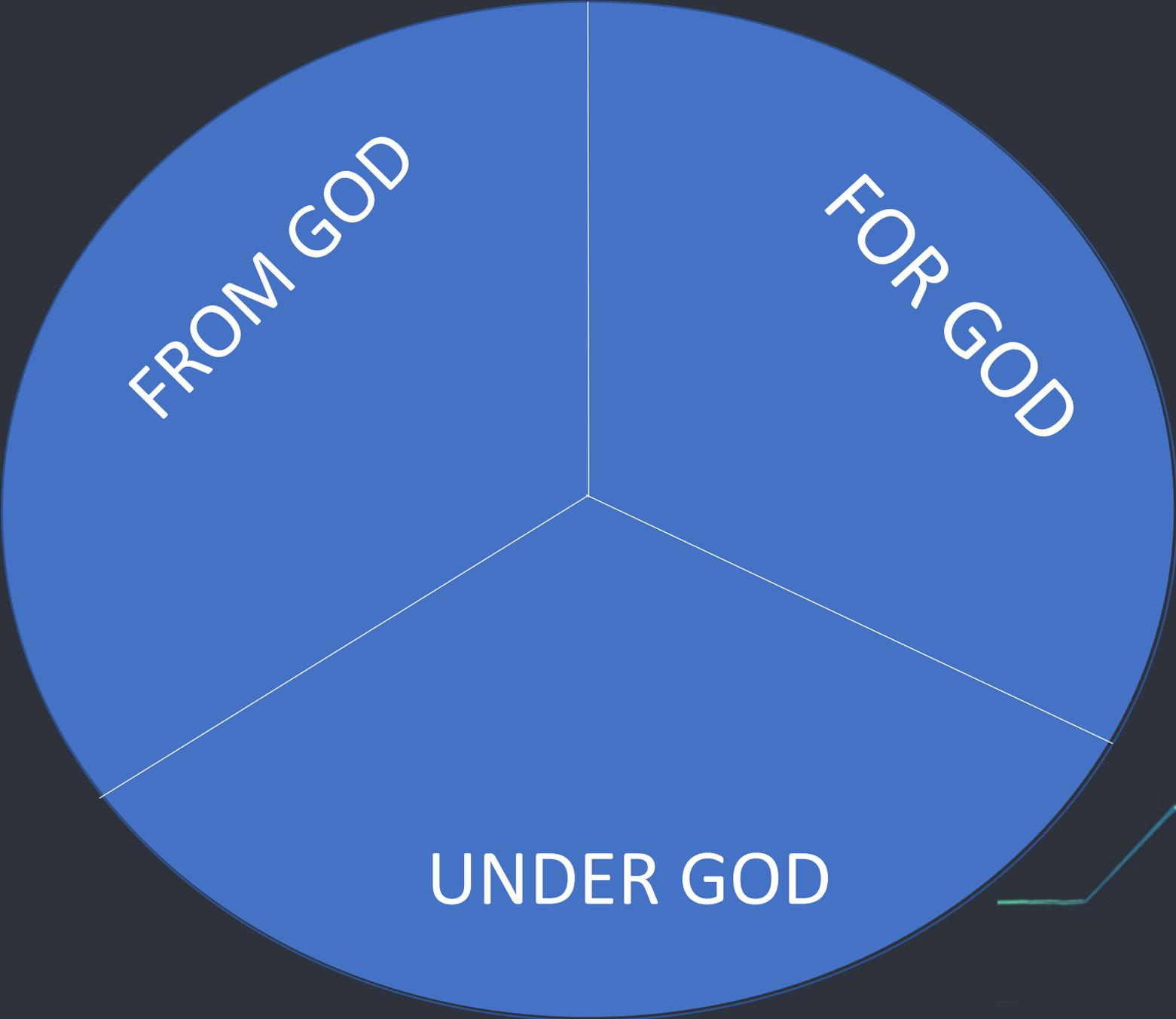


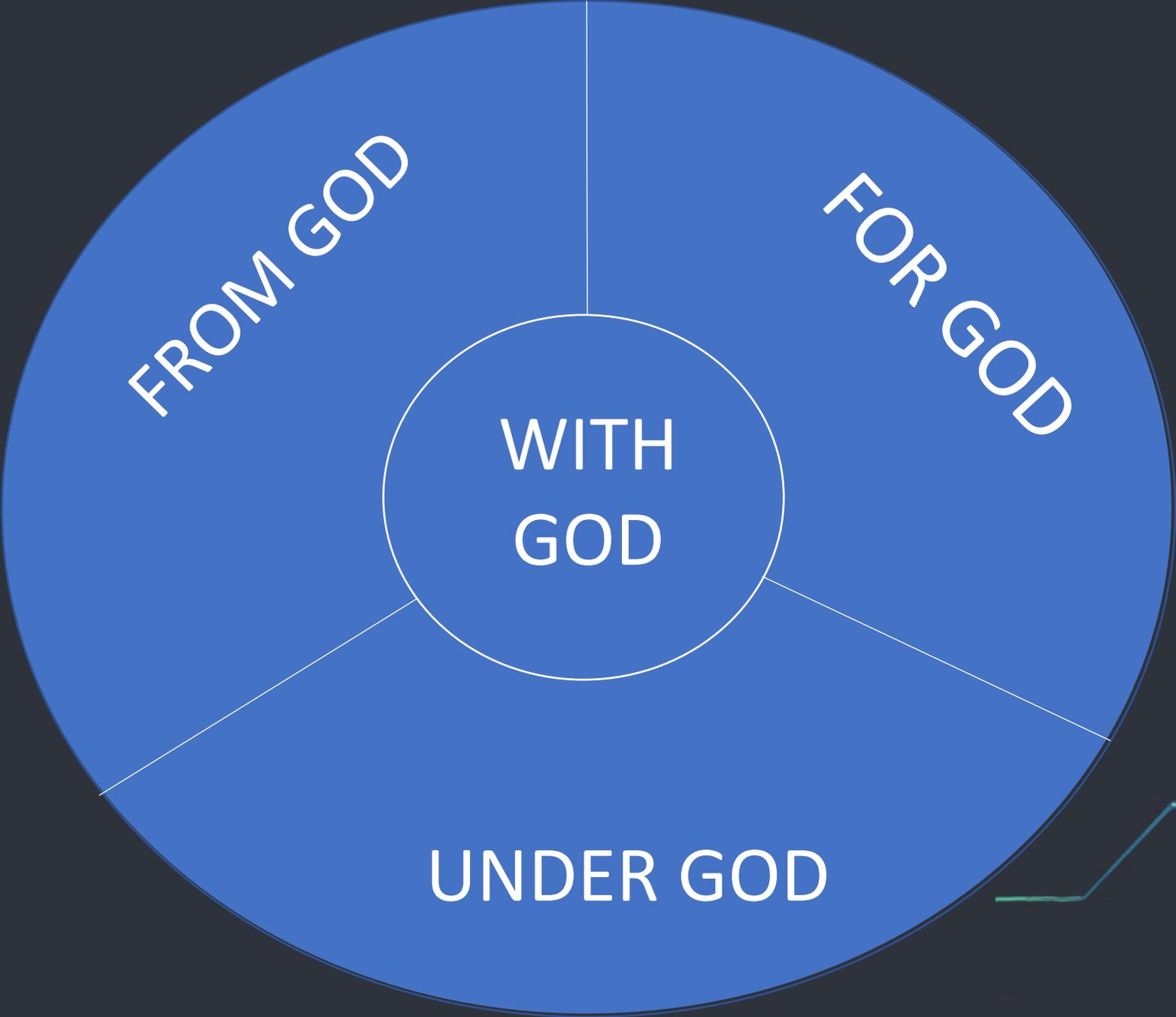
“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.”

Exodus. 25:8









The universal longing  
for transcendence can only  
be satisfied in God.



Until God is enough,  
nothing else will be.





“The gospel is the good news of our full enjoyment of the glory of God in the face of Christ. That this enjoyment had to be purchased for sinners at the cost of Christ's life makes his glory shine all the more brightly. And that this enjoyment is a free and unmerited gift makes it shine more brightly still. But the price Jesus paid for the gift, and the unmerited freedom of the gift, are not the gift.”



There is a difference  
between the omni-presence  
of God and the manifest  
presence of God in a life.



What distinguishes a person  
is if God is with them.



What makes a church distinct-  
powerful- is God's presence in that  
church, God Himself working  
and manifesting Himself, in spite of  
the weaknesses and limitations of  
all of the people involved.



Moses asked for glory.  
God gave him a revelation  
of His goodness.  
Why?





Because the enemy's chief strategy is to get you to doubt the goodness of God.



*Because I am good, there is no termination date on my commitment to you. You can't get rid of my grace to you. You can't outrun my mercy. You can't evade my goodness. My heart is set and bound up with you.*

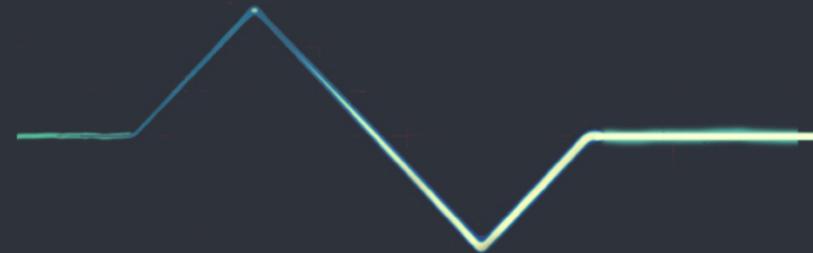


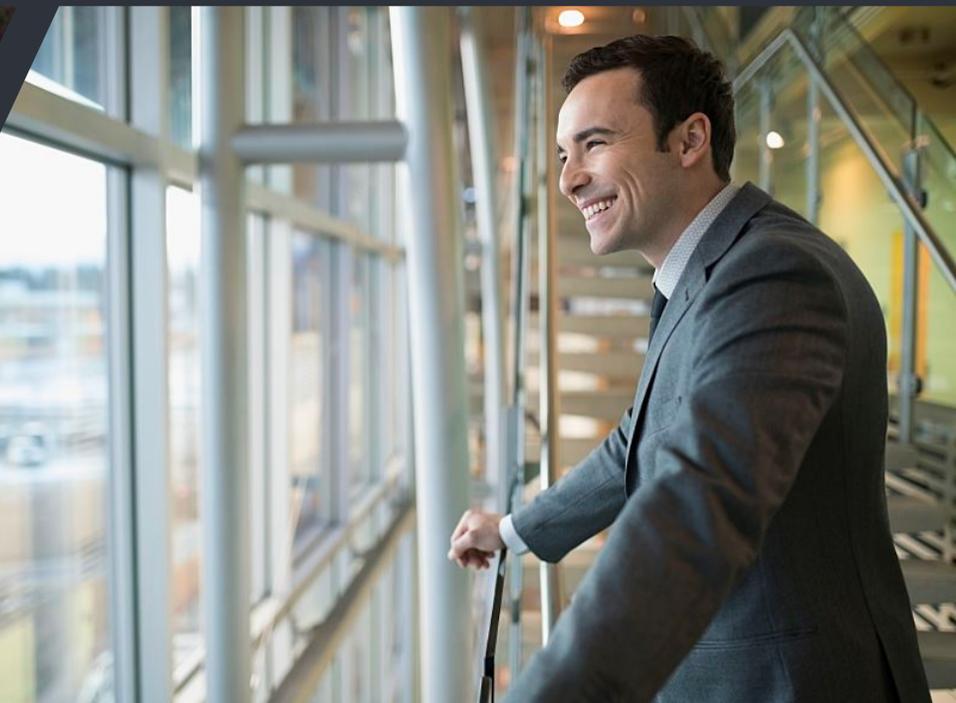


How can I experience the  
presence of God in my life?



Identify and repent of lesser  
gods.





Recognize life's challenges  
as reminders of how you  
were never meant to do life  
without God.



Our role is to believe in his  
goodness without wavering  
– God's role is everything  
else.



No matter how long you  
have walked with God, there  
is more of Him for you to  
experience.

