

# Righteous

Righteousness without Regret  
through Repentance!

2 Corinthians 7:5-11

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**SERMON SERIES**







# Enemies of the Gospel

1. Self-Righteousness
2. Shame and Guilt



2 Corinthians 7:10

10 For godly grief produces a **repentance** that leads to **salvation without regret**, but worldly grief produces death.

Sermon Title:

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# Paths of Regret





Ezekiel 30:18

“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.

Psalms 32:3

When I kept silent (about my sin), my bones wasted away....



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1. The Importance of Repentance
  2. The Instrument for Repentance
  3. The Meaning of Repentance
  4. The Fruit from Repentance



*Luke 15:7 - 7Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*



## *2. The Instrument for Repentance*

2 Corinthians 7:8-9

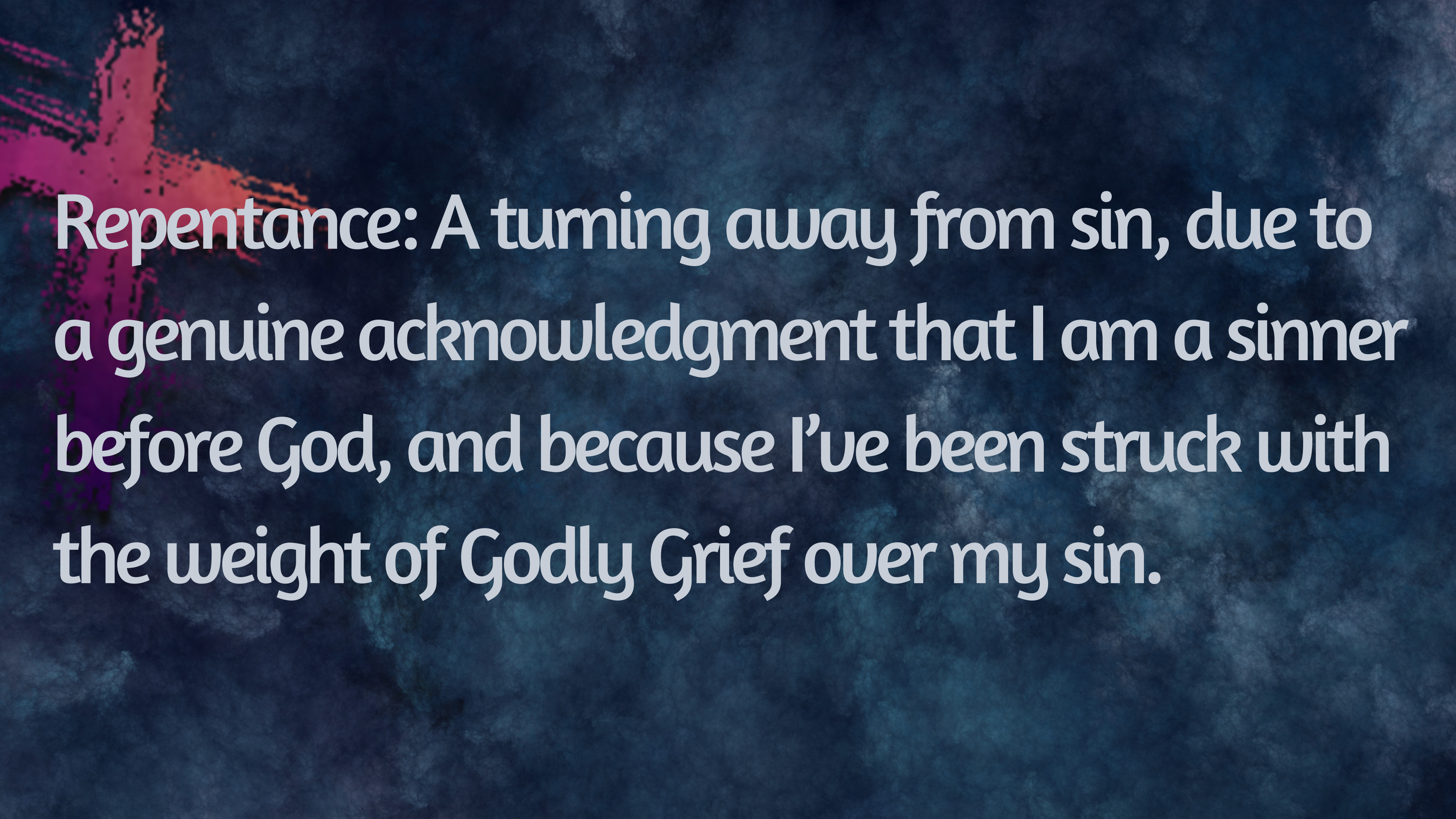
8 For even if I grieved you with my letter, I don't regret it. And if I regretted it—since I saw that the letter grieved you, yet only for a while— 9 I now rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance.



### *3. The Meaning of Repentance*

9 I now rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance. For you were grieved as God willed, so that you didn't experience any loss from us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, but worldly grief produces death.





Repentance: A turning away from sin, due to a genuine acknowledgment that I am a sinner before God, and because I've been struck with the weight of Godly Grief over my sin.



## Psalm 51

1 Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love;  
according to your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion.

2 Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always  
before me.

4 Against you—you alone—I have sinned and done this evil in  
your sight. So you are right when you pass sentence; you are  
blameless when you judge.



## 4. The Fruit of Repentance.

10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, but worldly grief produces death.

11 For consider how much diligence this very thing—this grieving as God wills—has produced in you: what a desire to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what deep longing, what zeal, what justice! In every way you showed yourselves to be pure in this matter.

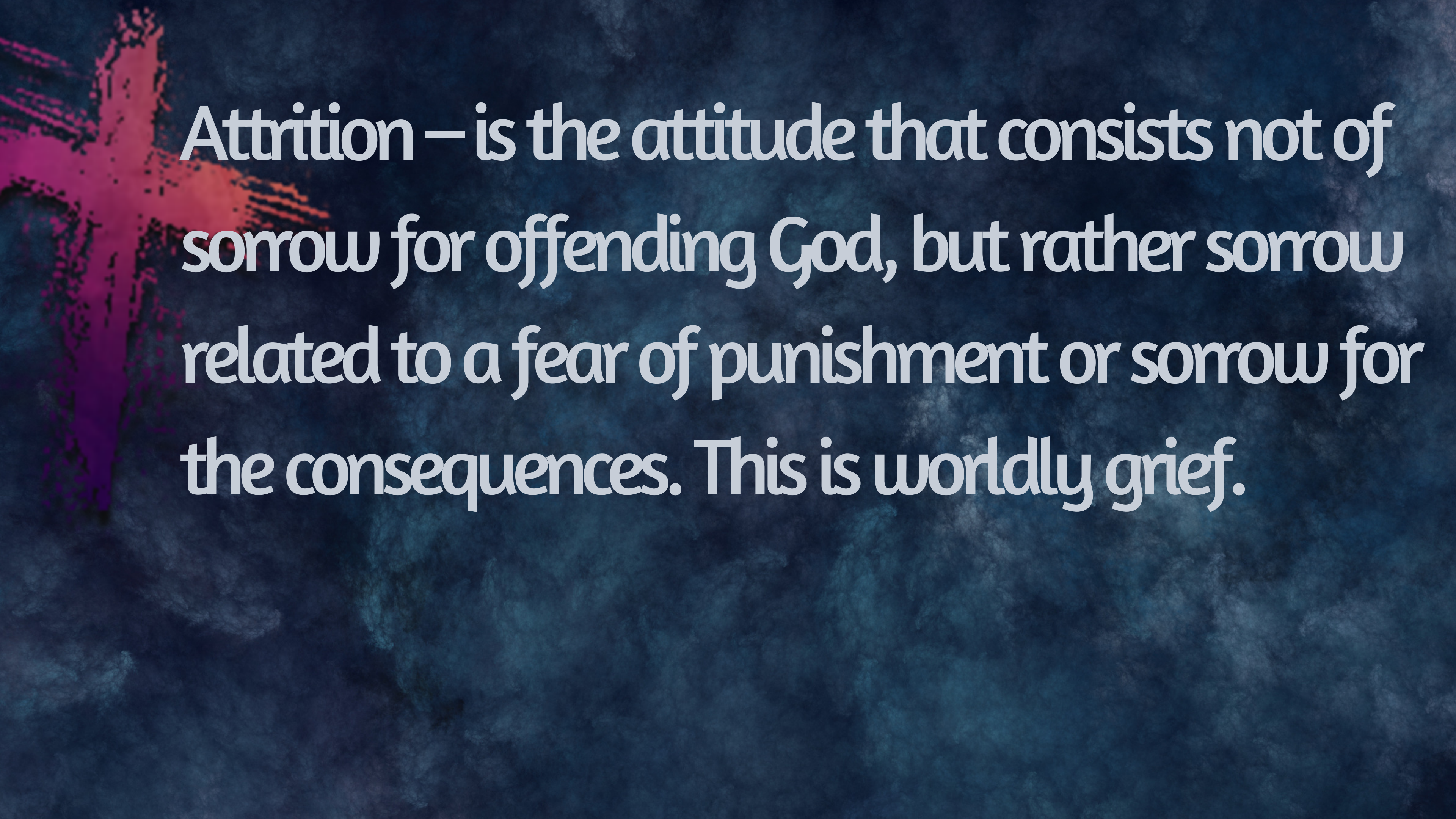


## 5. The Fruit of Repentance

### a. A Godly Grief over my sin

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Attrition – is the attitude that consists not of sorrow for offending God, but rather sorrow related to a fear of punishment or sorrow for the consequences. This is worldly grief.



Contrition - is the attitude that marks true repentance. In contrition, the penitent person acknowledges that the primary problem with sin is that it is a direct offense against God Himself. Contrite people understand that they deserve punishment, and they confess that the Lord would be just to inflict punishment if He so desired. This is Godly grief leading to freedom!



## 4. The fruit of repentance

A. The Godly Grief over MY Sin

B. A Diligence to CHANGE from my Sin

11 For consider how much diligence this very thing—this grieving as God wills—has produced in you



Luke 3:8 - 8 Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance.

Acts 26:20 - 20 Instead, I preached to those in Damascus first, and to those in Jerusalem and in all the region of Judea, and to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works worthy of repentance.



## 4. The Fruit of Repentance

A. The Godly Grief over MY Sin....

B. An Diligence to CHANGE... away from my sin

C. A Passion to make things right (Restitution)

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