



THE BOOK OF
ROMANS

Living out the Power of The Gospel

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Romans 7:1-6



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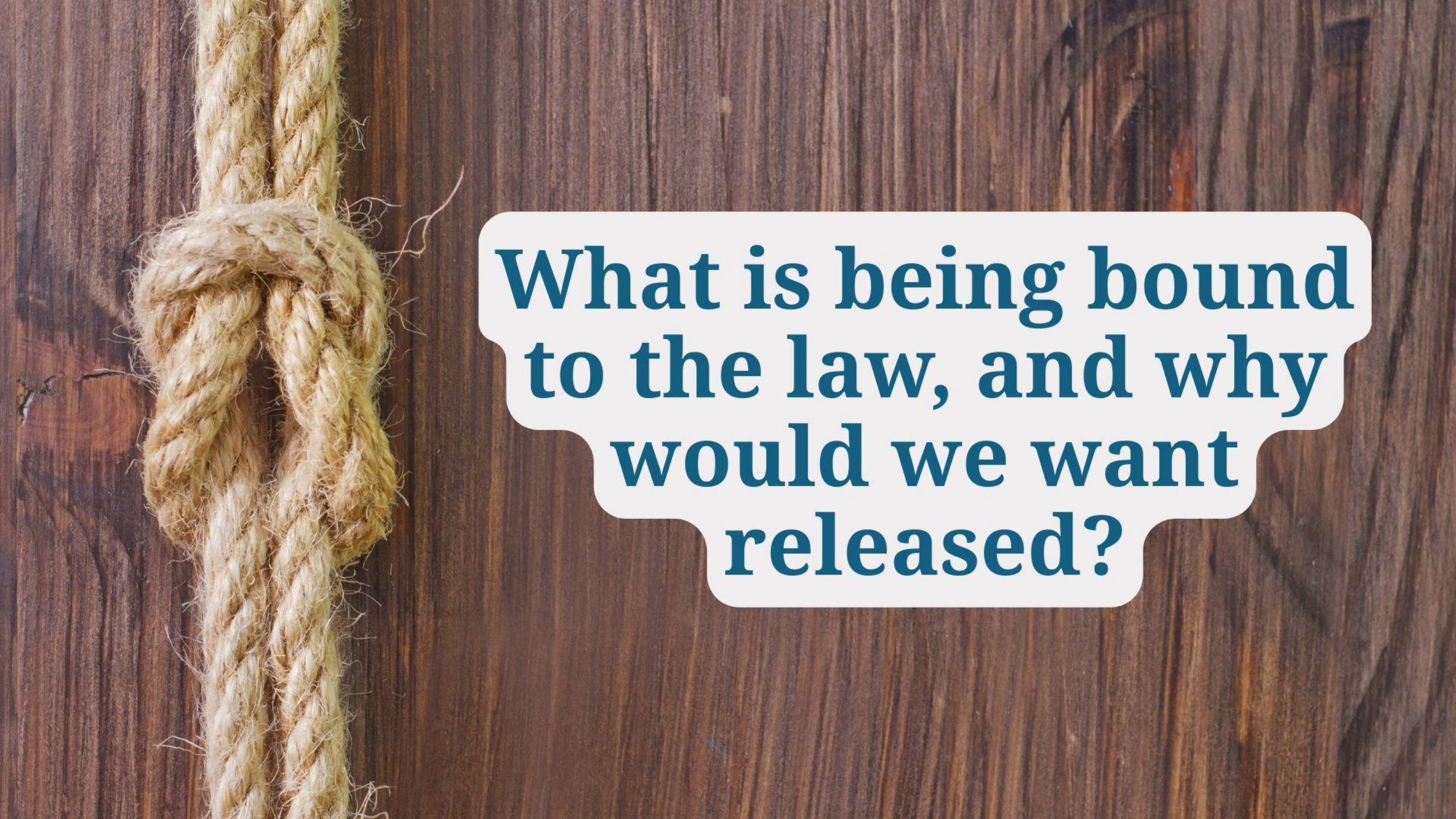
- **From:** Paul (an ex-Pharisee)
- **To:** Believers in Rome (both Jews and Gentiles)
- **The Law:** God's way of living and being right with Him
 - Moral
 - Ceremonial
 - Civil

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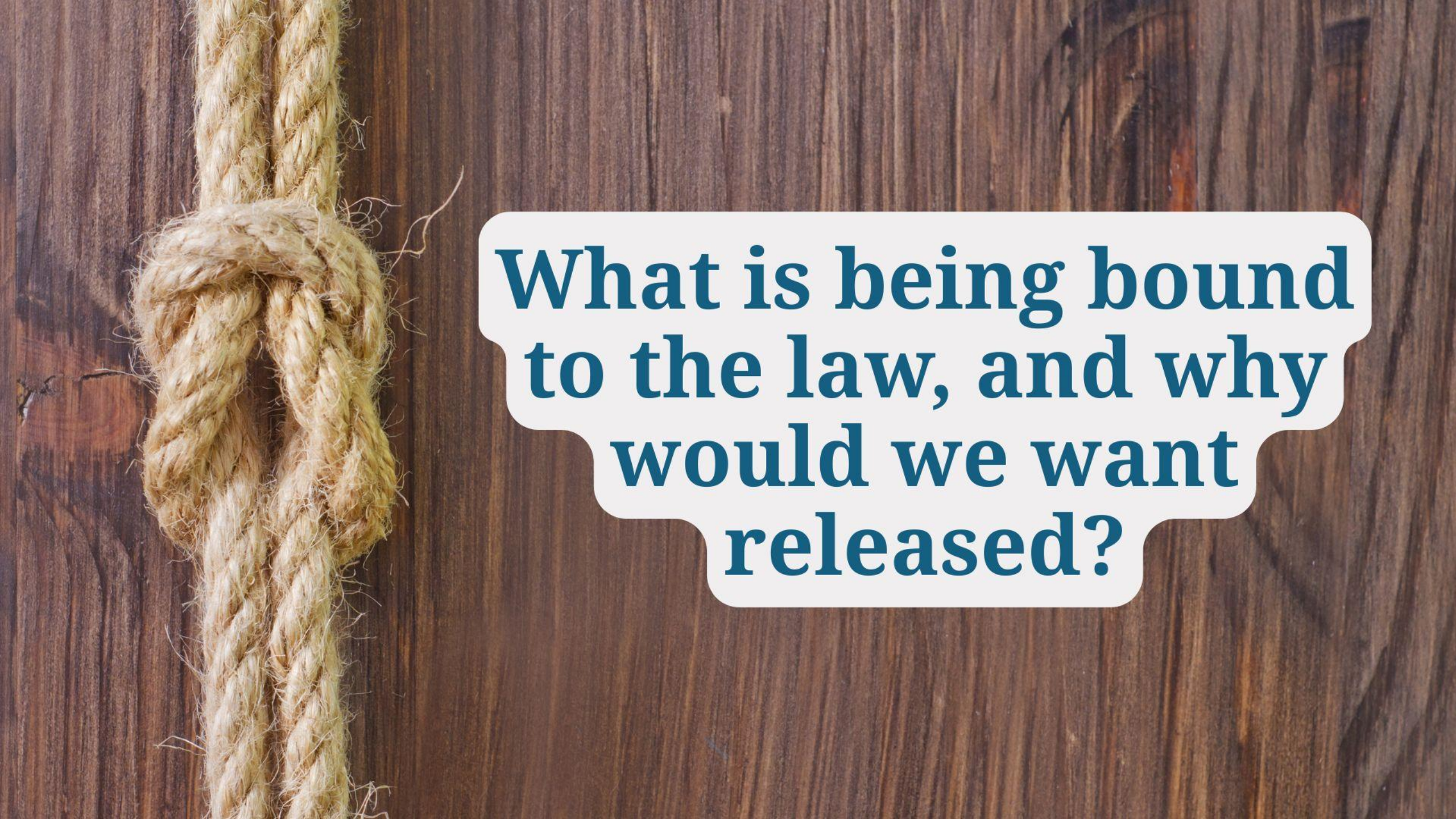
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Being bound to the law means **trying to earn:**

- my acceptance/right standing with God (JUSTIFICATION)
- my spiritual growth (SANCTIFICATION)

A vertical rope with frayed ends is positioned on the left side of the image. The rope is light brown and appears to be made of multiple strands. The fraying is most prominent at the top and bottom ends, where the individual strands are visible and slightly tangled. The background is a solid, light blue color.

**How can we be
released from the
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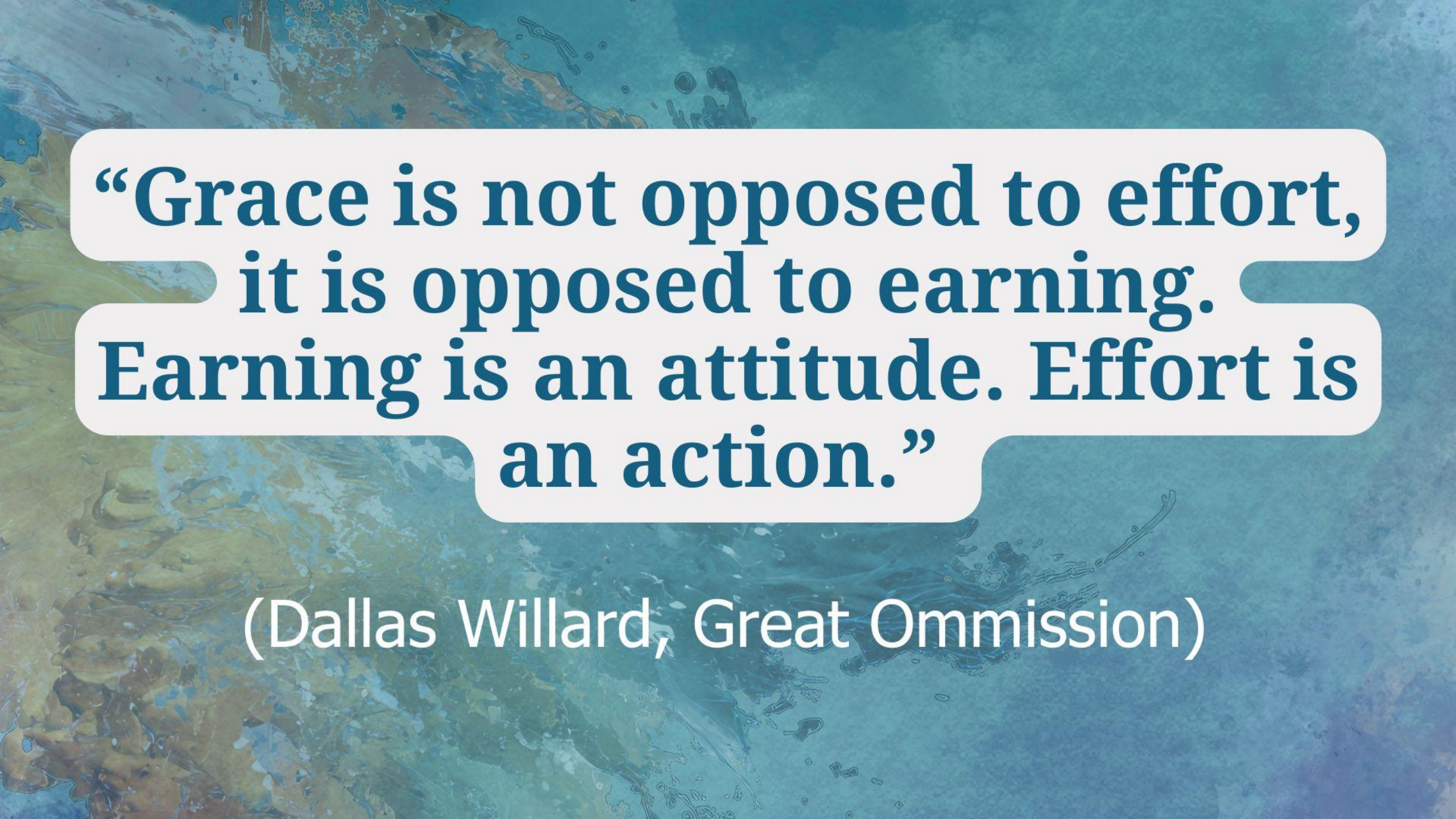
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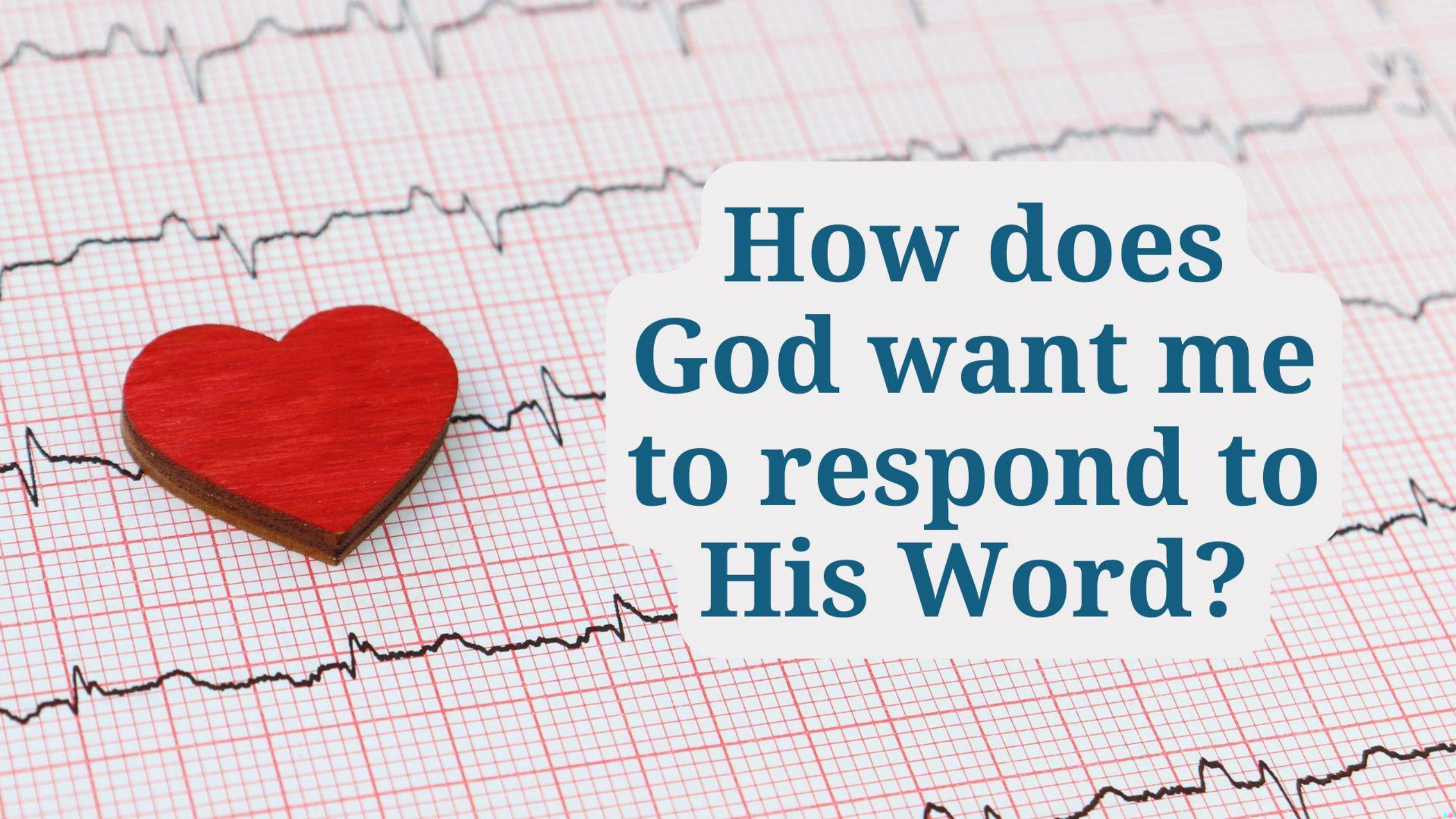
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**“Grace is not opposed to effort,
it is opposed to earning.
Earning is an attitude. Effort is
an action.”**

(Dallas Willard, Great Ommission)

A red heart-shaped cookie is positioned on the left side of the image. The background consists of a red grid pattern with a black ECG line running horizontally across it. The text is centered on the right side of the image, enclosed in a white, rounded rectangular box with a decorative, scalloped edge.

**How does
God want me
to respond to
His Word?**