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FAITH

*Holiness*



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Without holiness no one will see  
the Lord.

-Hebrews 12:14

H<sub>4</sub> O<sub>1</sub> L<sub>1</sub> Y<sub>4</sub>

- Set apart (for special use)
- Perfect, pure

How can I be  
holy?

Acts 5:1-11



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1.

Admire the big  
picture.

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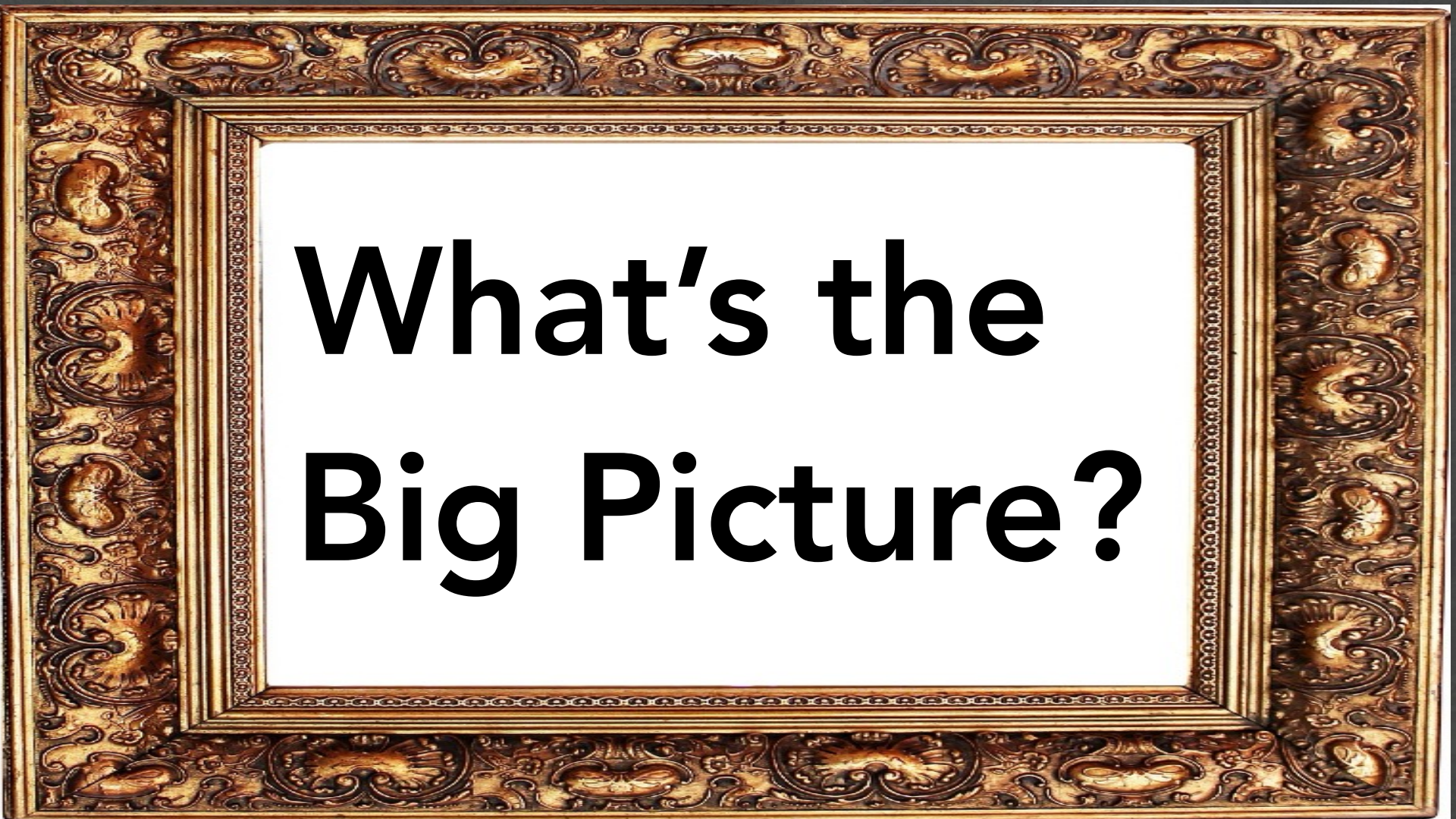
## Acts 5:1

*But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property.*

# Barnabas & Achan





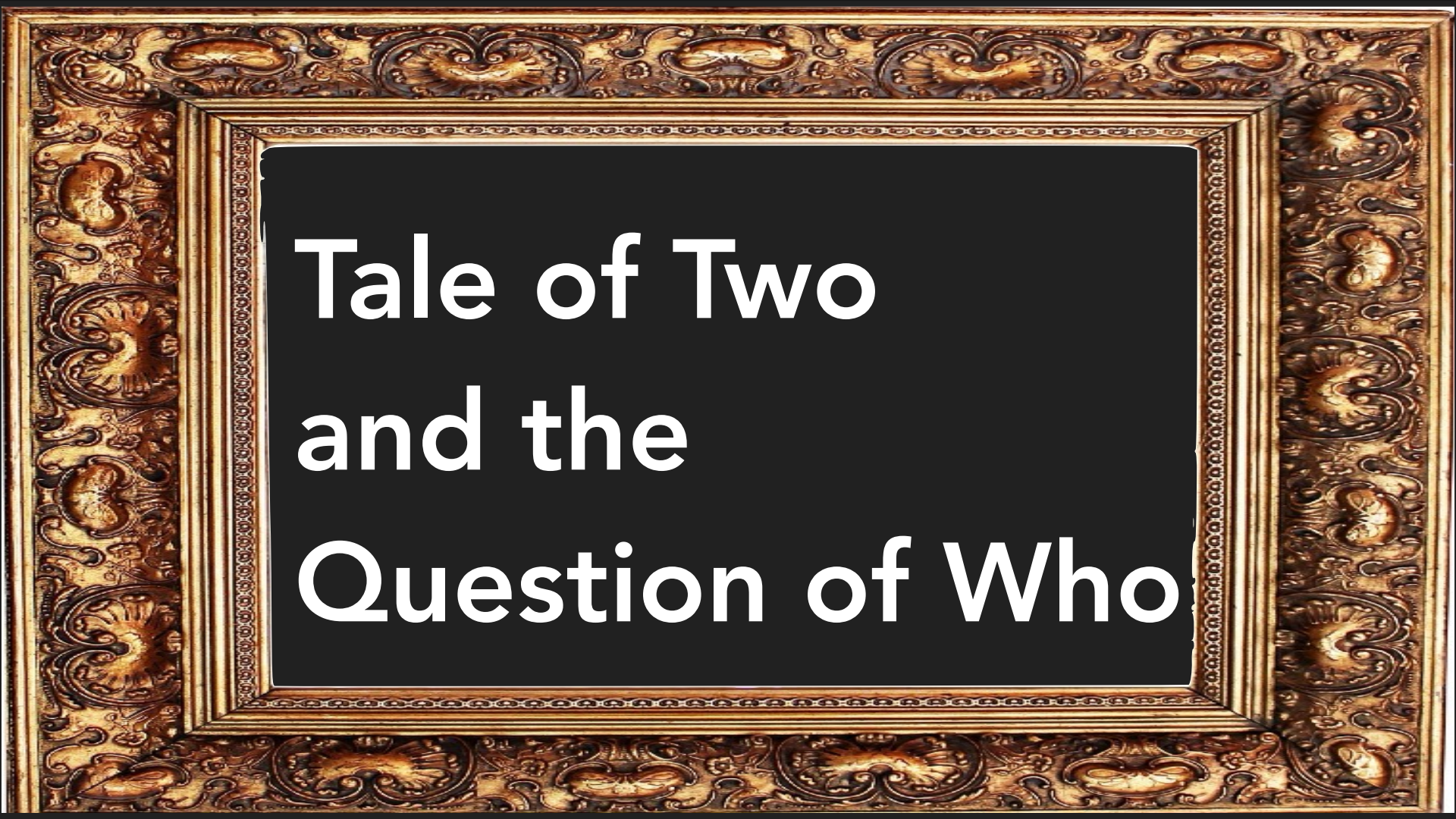


**What's the  
Big Picture?**

# Alpha & Omega



# Beginning & End



**Tale of Two  
and the  
Question of Who**

2.

Surrender to God's  
purposes.

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## Acts 5:2-10

*2 He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest.*

*3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself."*

4 *The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!"*

*5 As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. 6 Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him.*



*7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?" "Yes," she replied, "that was the price."*

*9 And Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too.*

*10 Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.*

# • Deciding Desire

- God's purposes?
- Our own purposes?



● Holy Holy Holy



- Identity and Actions.





3.

Flourish in fear.

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## Acts 5:11

*Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.*



- The Fear of the Lord

Fearing God means that God is, in your mind and heart, so powerful and so holy and so awesome that you would not dare to run away from him, but only run to him.

-John Piper

# SAY YES

- Admit
- Believe
- Choose



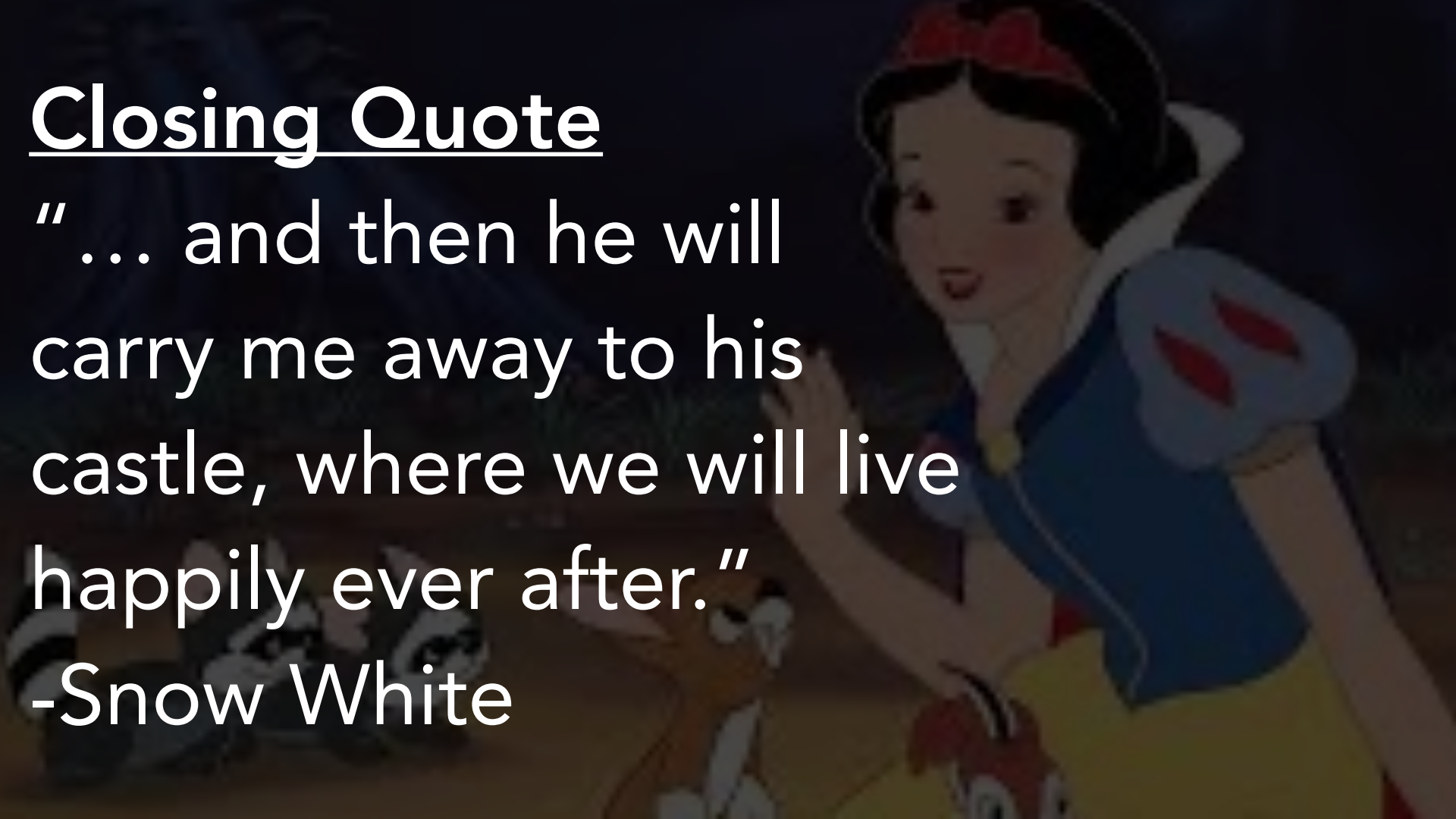
# • The Great Hope



## Closing Quote

"... and then he will carry me away to his castle, where we will live happily ever after."

-Snow White



# Closing Question #1

When you think about the Big Picture of God's plan through history, what do you think of? What is YOUR part in His story?

## Closing Question #2

What does it mean for you, today,  
to surrender to God's purposes?



## Closing Question #3

How would you define a healthy fear of the Lord? What is an unhealthy fear of the Lord?

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