



SCRIPTURE READING:

Galatians 6:7 – 10



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**AND THE WAY
OF JESUS**

A newborn baby is wrapped in a white cloth, with their hands clasped together over their chest. The background is a soft, out-of-focus image of the baby. The top and bottom of the image are framed by a yellow border with faint, stylized line art of a fork and a spoon.

Sanctity of Human Life

SUNDAY

The background is a solid orange color with a faint, stylized illustration of tangled white wires and various electronic devices. These include a desktop monitor, a laptop, a smartphone, and a tablet. Some devices have small icons on them, like a heart or a triangle. The overall aesthetic is modern and tech-oriented.

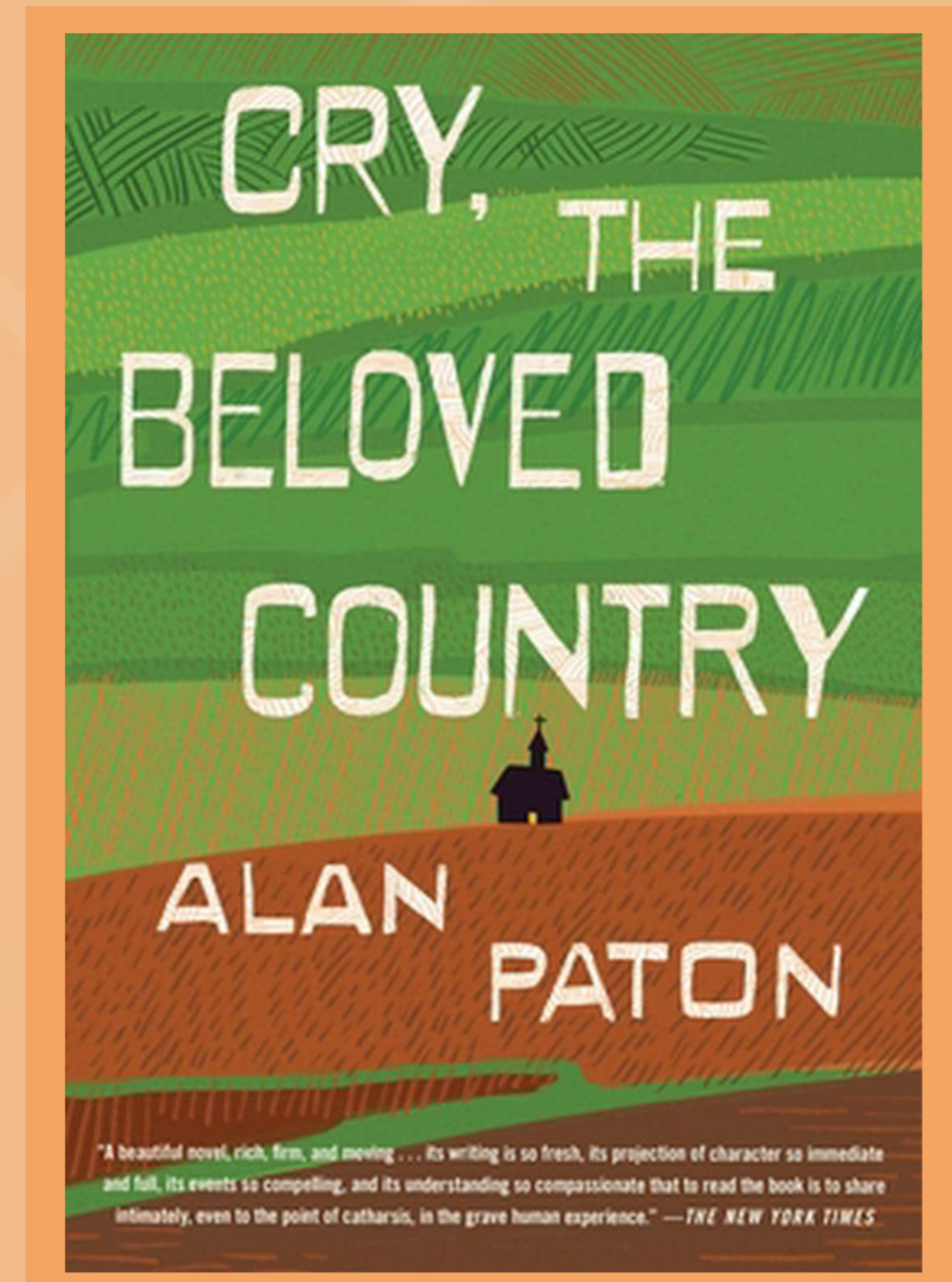
**Why *does* intolerable injustice
persist or good lag in being done?**

"Why else are we here?"



Resentment and Irritation

"I won't be taken advantage of!"



Service declines in decadence

Decadence: wealth without responsibility

FORTUNE



Volunteering have been declining for decades but

Recently released data from the U.S. Census and AmeriCorps showed that volunteer participation fell 7 percentage points between 2019 and 2021, part of a long trend in declining volunteerism.

Grace motivates gratitude and then generosity

- The redeemed become redeemers
- The created are creative
- The served serve
- The rescued rescue
- The reconciled reconcile

The background is a warm, orange-toned illustration of a workspace. It features a laptop with a screen showing a document, several sheets of paper with text and diagrams, and a pen. The style is a soft, painterly sketch. A semi-transparent light orange rectangle is centered on the page, containing the text.

First:

What were you saved from?

Second:

What were you saved for?

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who **sows** to please his sinful nature, from that nature will **reap** destruction; the one who **sows** to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will **reap** eternal life. **Let us not become weary in doing good**, for at the proper time **we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.** Therefore, **as we have opportunity, let us do good to all** people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

The Greatest Temptation

To believe that giving our life for the life of the world won't be worth it. That it won't make a difference, that we won't be eternally happy; that we will have wasted our life. To fear that living for God's purpose keeps us from being happy living for our own. That seeking His kingdom first will put us last.

Ephesians 2:8 – 10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no-one can boast.

For **we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance** for us to do.

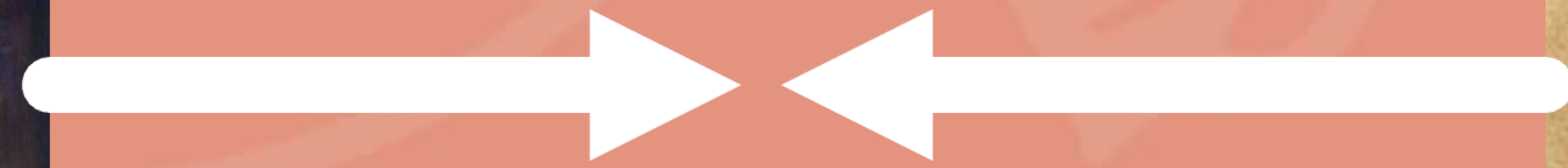
Greatest truth: for me

- God crafted us for good works
- Jesus death and resurrection reclaims that craftsmanship
- God has prepared an adventure of good works
- In doing them we do His works

Godliness is the beautiful and noble purpose.



Protector & Provider

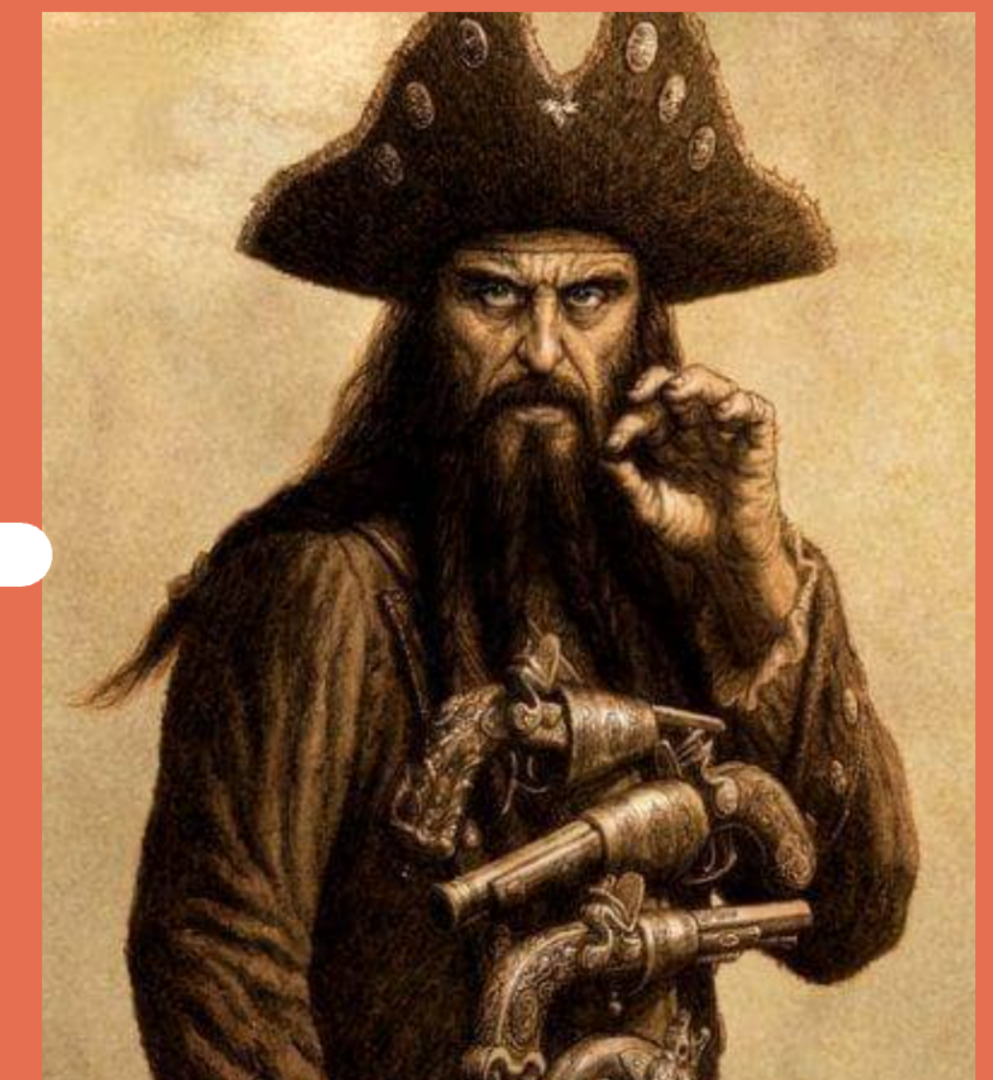


Pirate & Pillager



Acting in accordancy with God's work and character doing his revealed will.

Godliness is beautiful



There is more than one alternative

Ugly stats...USA

7 hrs on screens daily

1 hr 27 min video games (average)

2hrs 3 min social media

2-4 hrs: kids 2-4 yrs old

3 hrs (teens) "watching videos"

+2 hr - income under \$35K

53% on smart phones

26% of parents set any limits

Medical
Recommendation:
2hrs for adults.
Yes, not all screen
time is the same

7 hours is almost a work day.



If we work 8 hours and entertain ourselves for 7,
that's 15. We're awake for about 16.

LOSING TIME



"Don't eat anything"... "It's in the air."

Generic vs. Counterfeit

80% of the original isn't created equal



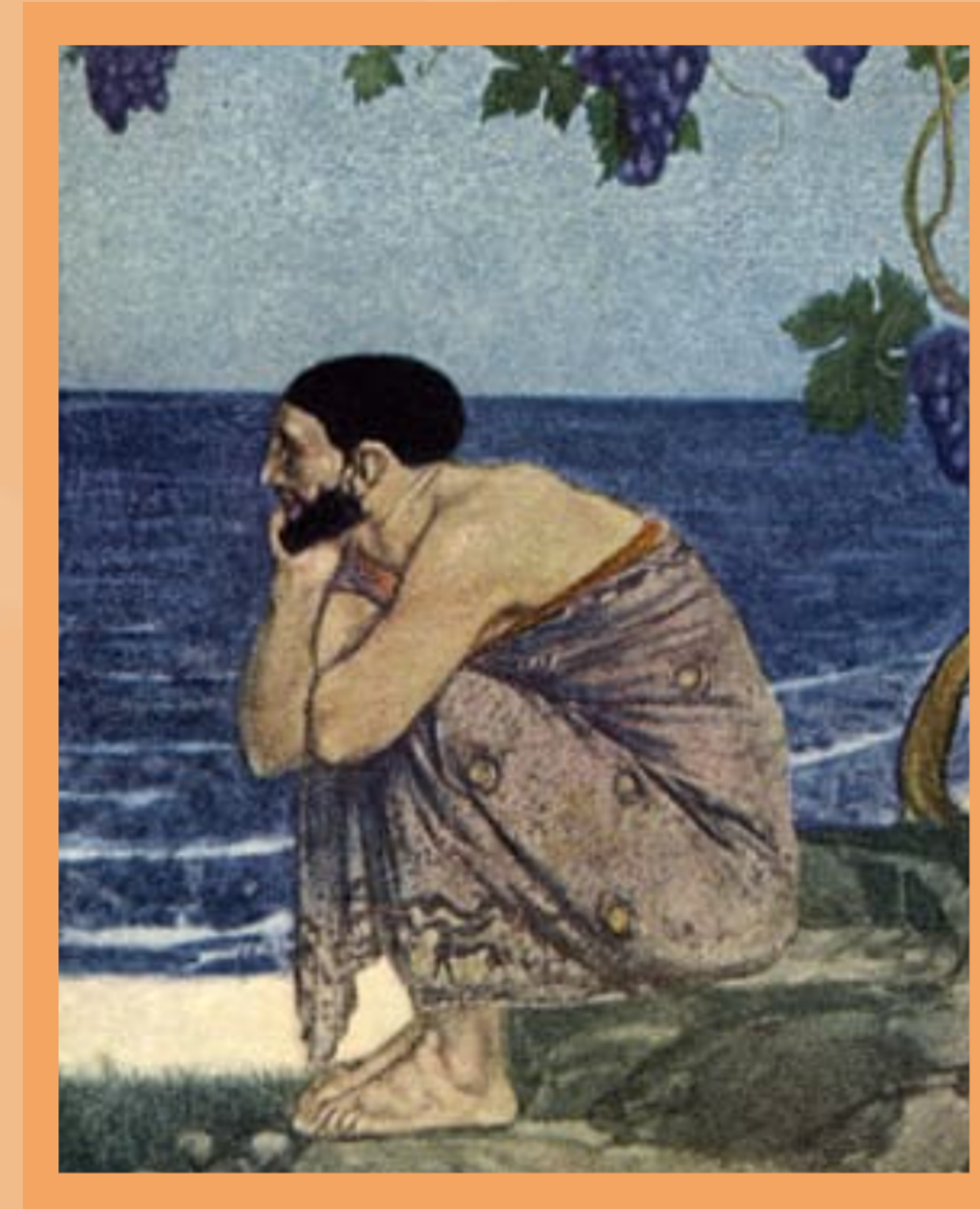
5%-95% as good
as the original



Does nothing, cheats others,
likely to get you hurt

Getting out...a start

1. Reckon with purpose
2. Find ferocity
3. Properly devalue the virtual
4. Delete the junk food
5. Pre-decision and accountability
6. Choose what you WILL do
7. Cultivate better loves
8. Love your liberator and hate your captor



Do good.

1. Attend to God, worship, prayer and fellowship
2. Be there: friendship, family and hospitality
3. Work: do productive things that others rightly value
4. Personal good works: do what no one does
5. Institutions: Join something that does good or really participate

An illustration of a man's head and shoulders in profile, facing right. He has a mustache and is wearing an orange shirt. His head is surrounded by various blue and white icons representing technology: a smartphone, a tablet, a laptop, a computer monitor, a keyboard, a mouse, a USB drive, a power plug, a heart icon, and a document with a graph. Blue lines representing wires or data connections are scattered around the head. The background is a dark blue gradient.

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