

Not as good as it should be

What are some things that are not as good as they should be?

How do we respond?

- Lower our expectations
- Bitterness or despair
- Have hope in _____

What gives us hope for something better that isn't just wishful thinking?

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Superabounding Goodness

John 14:1-14
ref.ly/Jn14;niv

very
Good

**Son of
God**

superabounding
Good

Good
Bad

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The world is not as good as it should be
Why would we think that the world should be better?



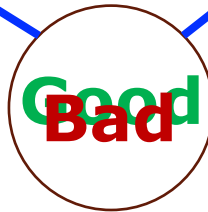
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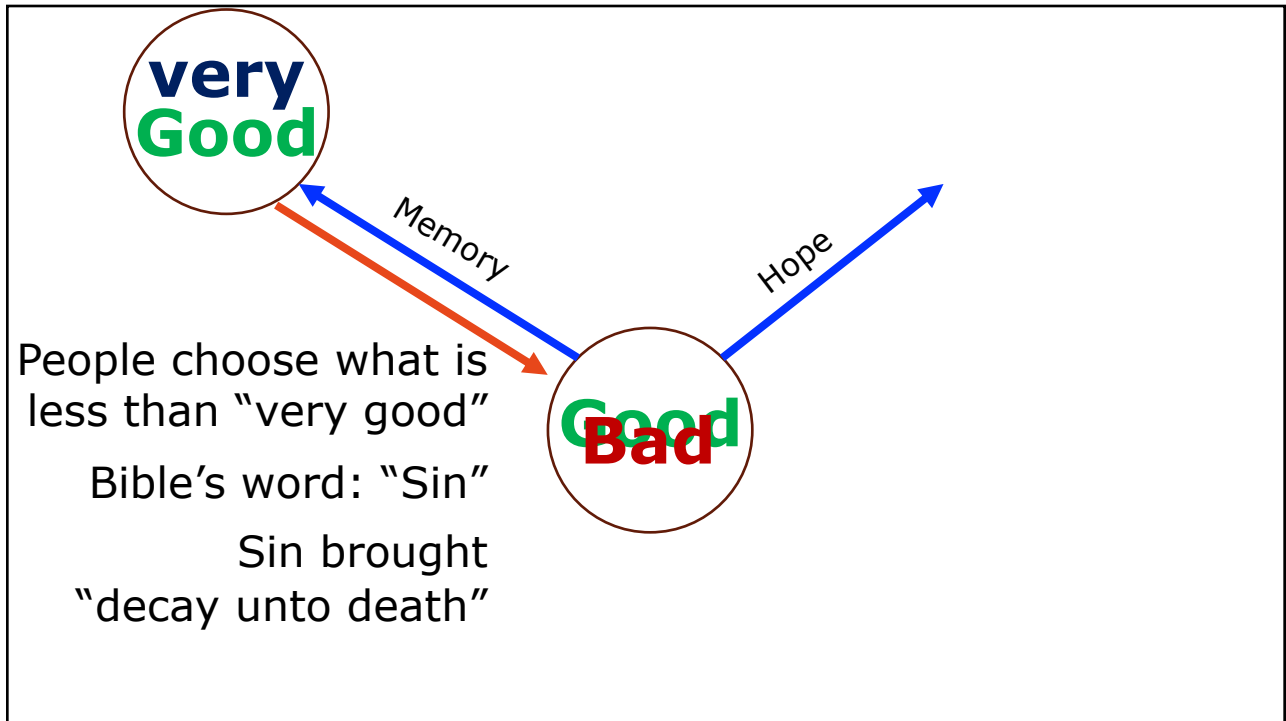
"God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good." *Genesis 1:31*

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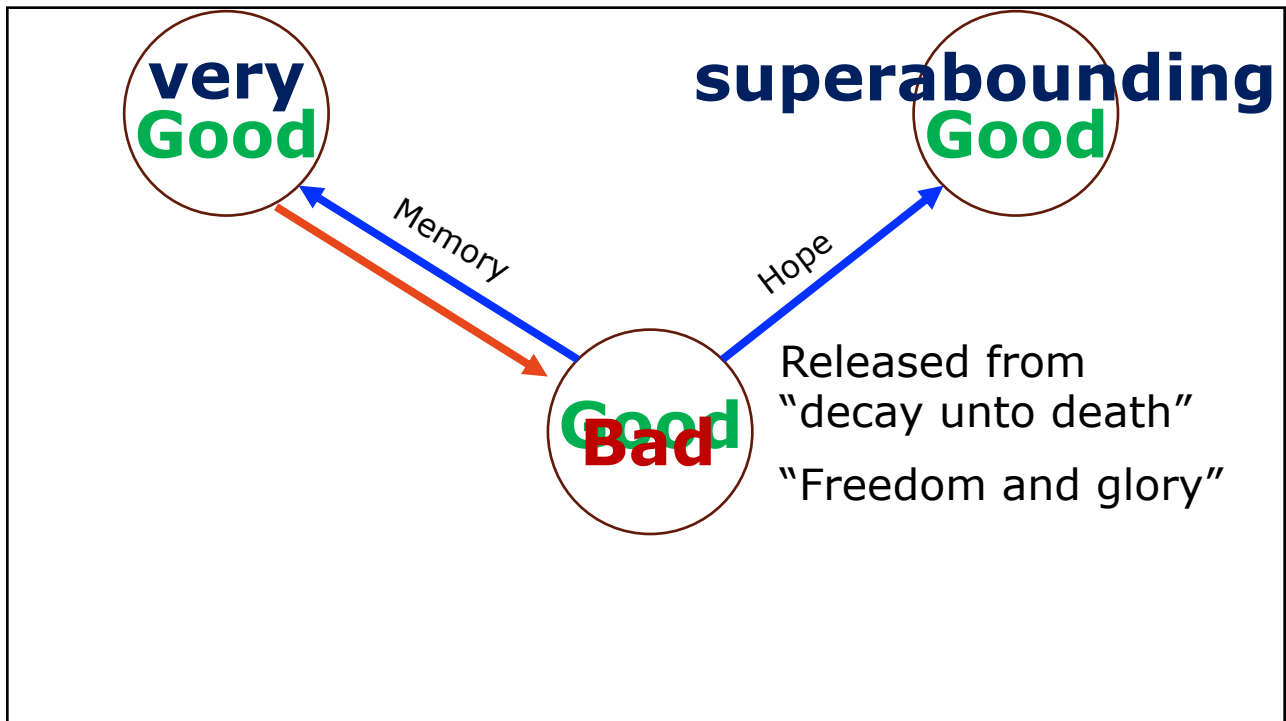
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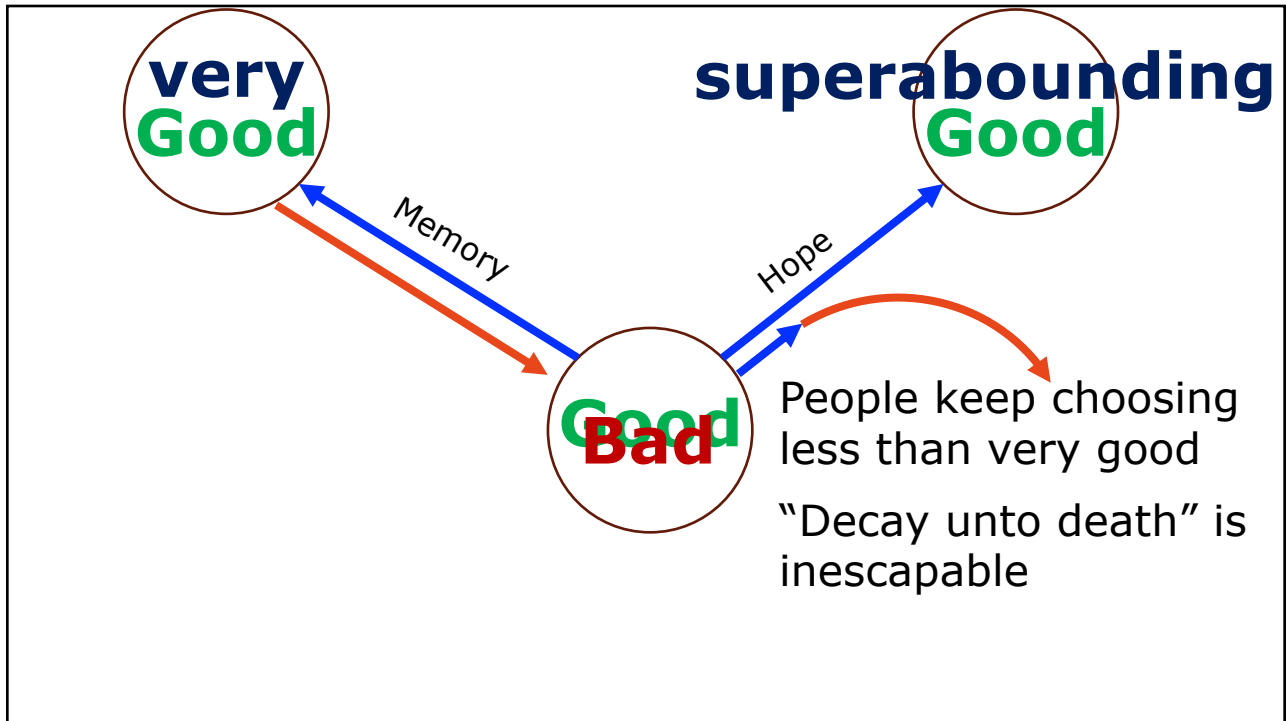
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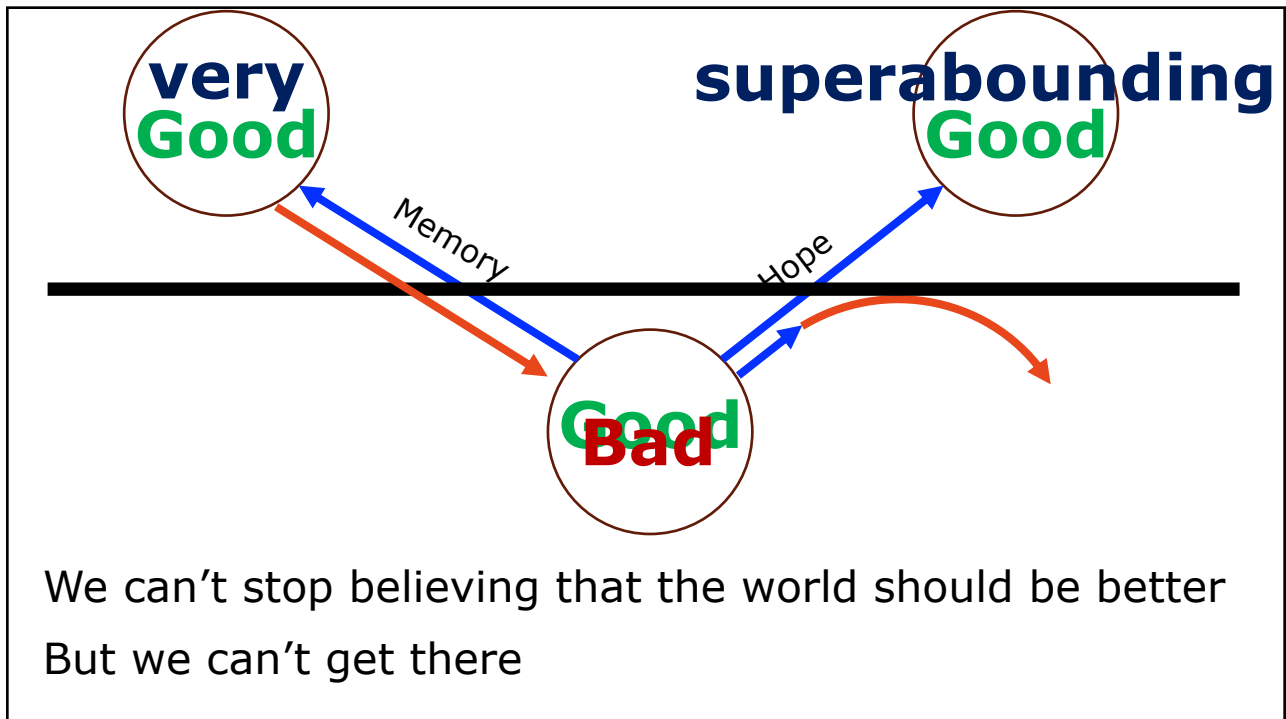
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John 13: Trouble

- People were looking for a conquering hero
 - In Jesus, they got a radically humble leader
- One of Jesus' chosen disciples will betray Jesus
- Jesus was going to leave them "*Farewell discourse*"
 - The task wasn't finished (they weren't free)
 - They'll be on their own
- Despite great claims to courage and loyalty, even Peter will deny simply knowing Jesus
 - 3 times!

This was troubling to the disciples!

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Why not be troubled?

John 14:1-4

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

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John 14:5-7

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Manner of living, action **God's revelation**

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am **the way** and **the truth** and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me. **Relationship, connection** ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, **you do know him** and have seen him."

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John 14:8-10

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus is both destination and means

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?"

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

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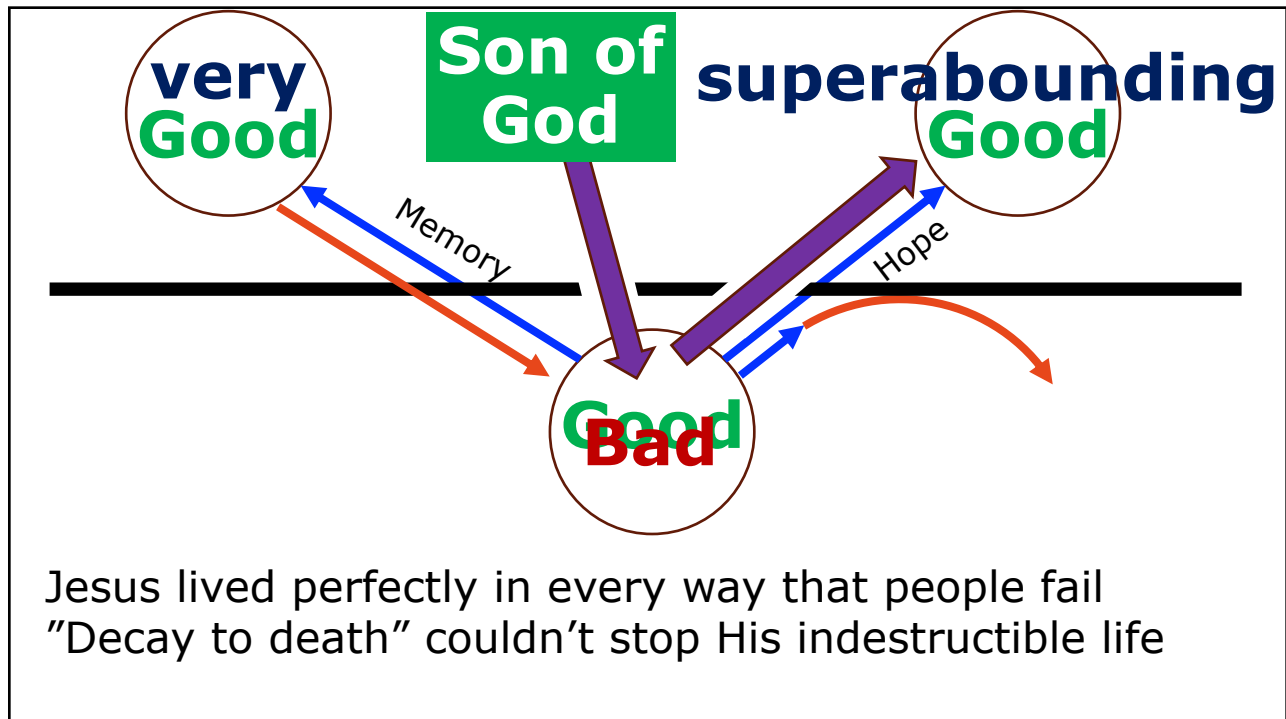
John 14:11-14

¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Show and Tell

Jesus' disciples will also show what ought to be

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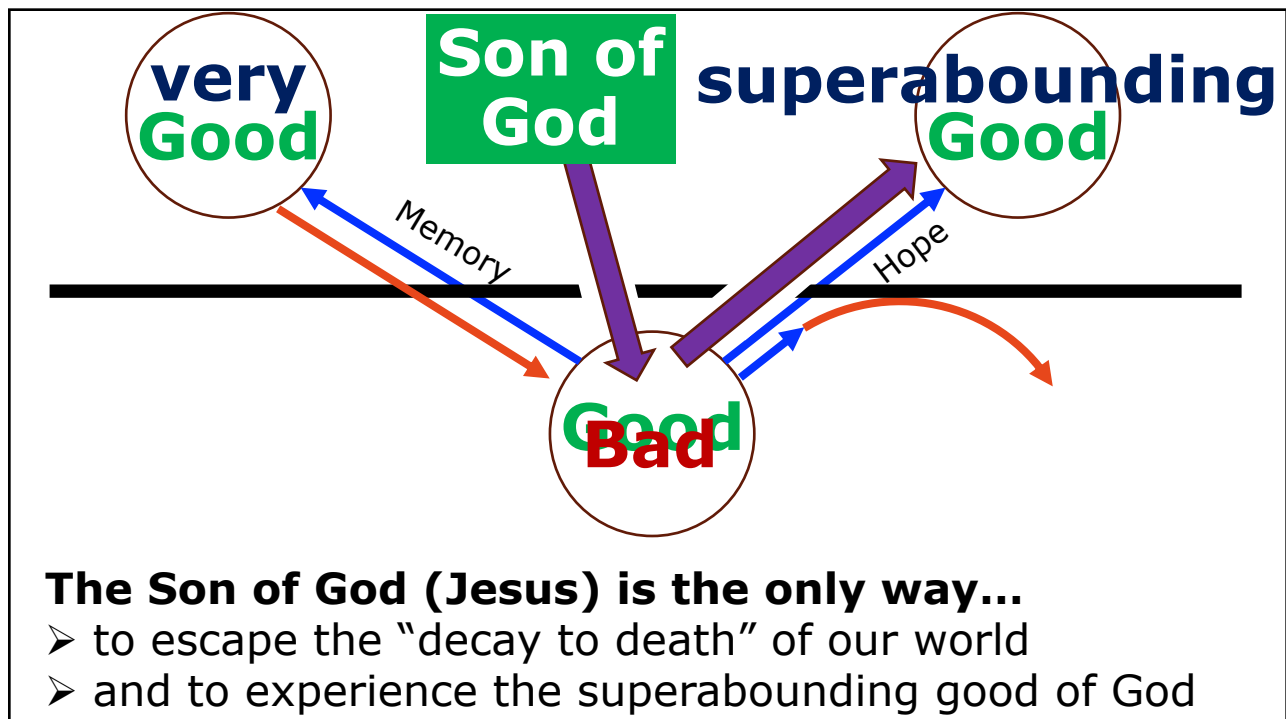
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The Big Idea

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is in and through
Christ alone

Apart from Him there is only
the decaying memory of goodness

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Application

- 1) **Don't be troubled = Hope in Jesus Christ**
 - **We still live in intertwined Good and Bad**
 - In knowing Jesus, by faith we also *know* the Father
 - We have a downpayment from God
 - The presence and power of the Holy Spirit today
 - The full experience of glory when Jesus returns
 - Superabounding goodness
 - **This hope is only for those
who place their trust in Jesus Christ**

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Application

- 1) Don't be troubled = Hope in Jesus Christ
- 2) **Point to Jesus as the true and only hope for what we know should be**
 - Not reform, or better education, or technique, or technology, or a better leader, or withdrawal, or ...
 - Only Jesus can...
 - bring the ways of heaven into today
 - bring the fullness of superabounding goodness
 - **All other hopes fall short**

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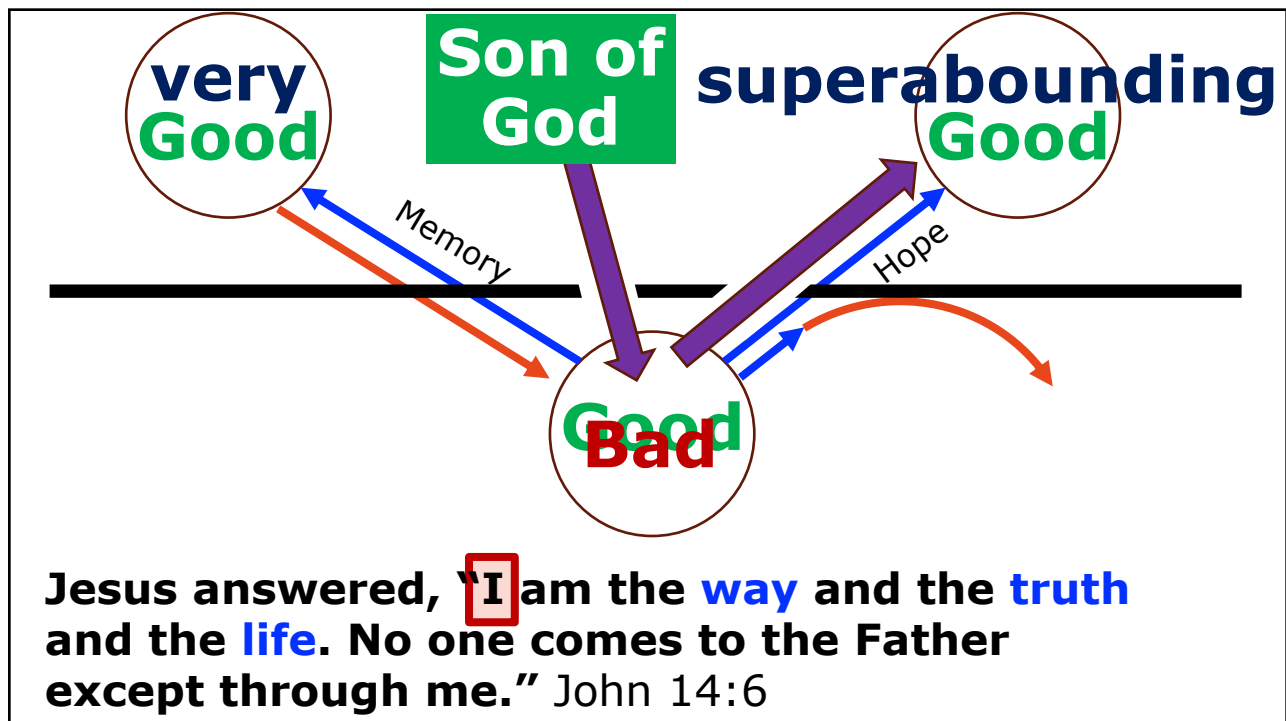
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- 3) **Boldly do the works of Jesus**

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- To see Jesus was to see God
- **Jesus intends that His people would also be a visible and tangible expression of God**
- Through bold prayer and obedience

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