

RESOLVING *everyday* CONFLICT



A lone tree stands in a field under a dark sky. The tree is on the left side of the frame, and its branches are silhouetted against the dark background. The field is a flat, open expanse of land, and the sky is a deep, dark blue or black. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

ROMANS 12:17-21

BEING RENEWED IN CHRIST

1. Be faithful in frustration
2. Pray for your enemies
3. Guard your heart
4. Seek godly advice
5. Keep doing right
6. Recognize your limits

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7. Love

8. Back to the **gospel**





Keys to Remember

Christ-Centered Responses to Conflict

G1 – Glorify God

How can I glorify God in this situation?

G2 – Get the Log Out

How can I own my part of this conflict?

G3 – Gently Restore

How can I help others own their part?

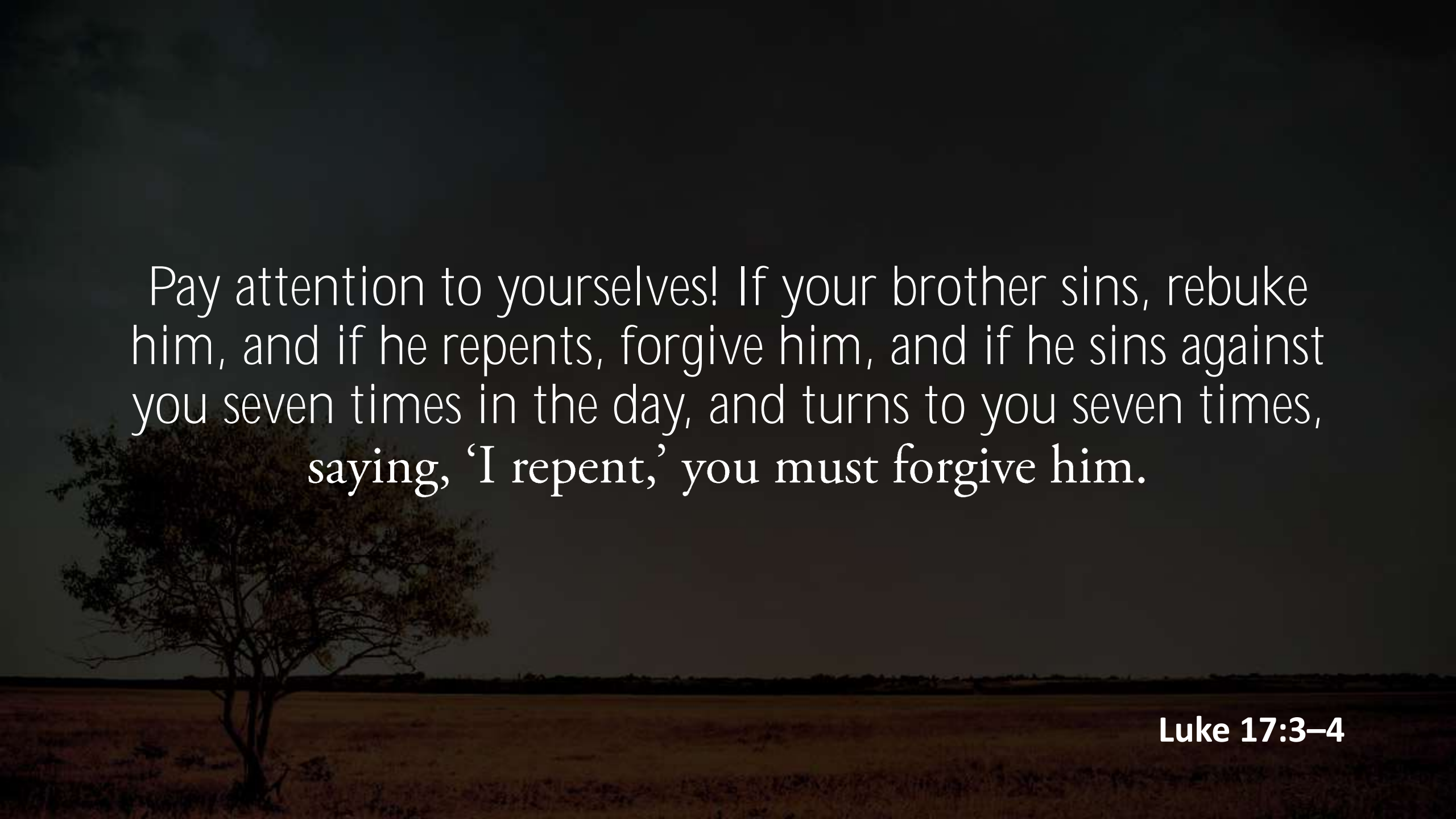
G4 – Go and Be Reconciled

How can I forgive?



BIBLICAL RECONCILIATION

Walking through the practical steps



Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him.

Luke 17:3–4

Offender

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1. Repent
2. Seek Forgiveness
3. *Forbear*

Offended

1. Rebuke
2. Forgive
3. *Forbear*



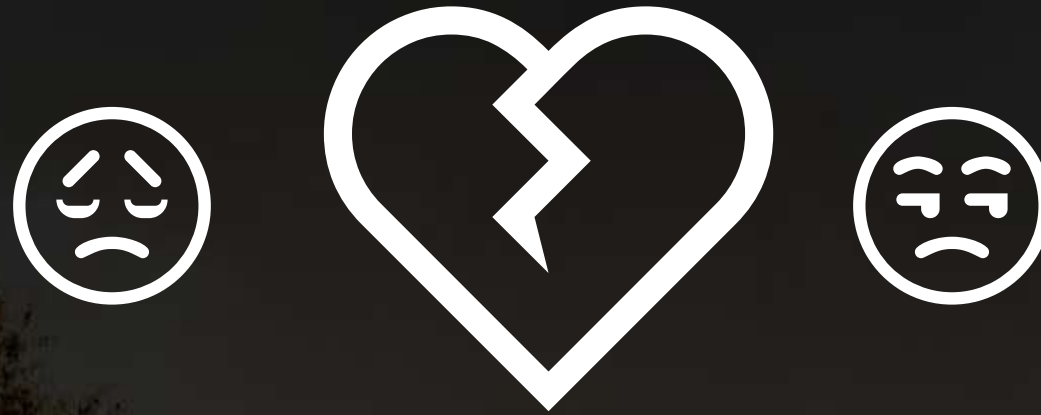
Principle #1

SIN SEPARATES



Principle #2

RECONCILIATION REQUIRES FORGIVENESS



Principle #3

FORGIVENESS TAKES TWO



Principle #4

FORBEAR IN THE MEANTIME



A lone tree stands in a vast, flat landscape under a dark sky. The tree is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its branches spreading out. The ground is a mix of brown and green, suggesting a dry or semi-arid environment. The sky is a deep, dark blue or black, with some faint clouds visible. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

If possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

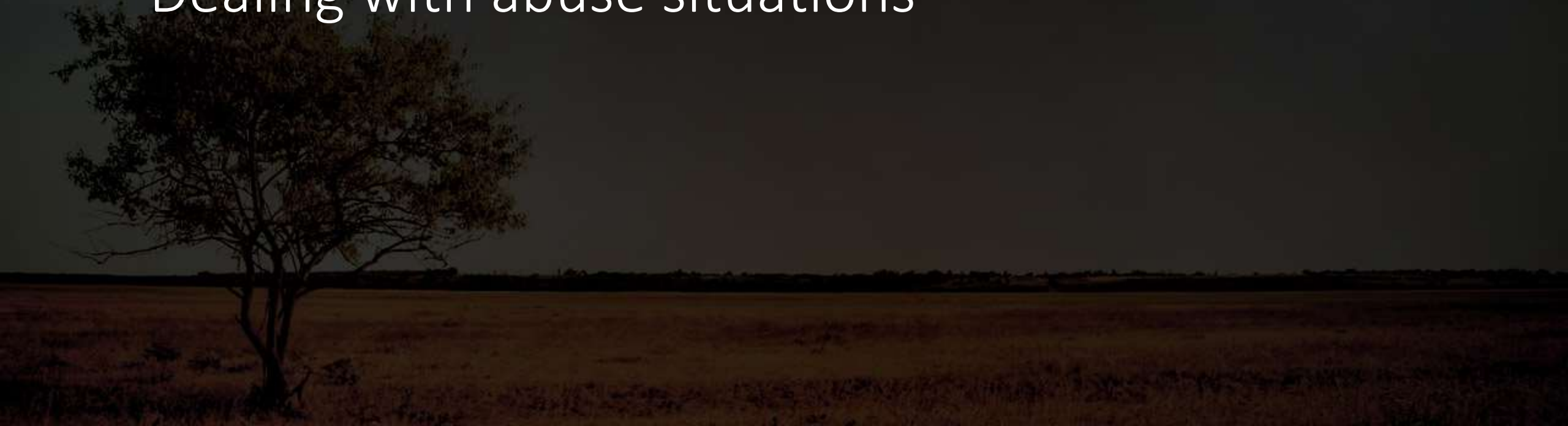
Romans 12:18

HEART OF THE MATTER

1. What was going on?
2. What did you do?
3. Why did you do what you chose to do?
4. What was the result?
5. What does the Bible say about what you were wanting?
6. What should your heart have been set on?
7. What should you have chosen to do in light of a right heart and right thinking?

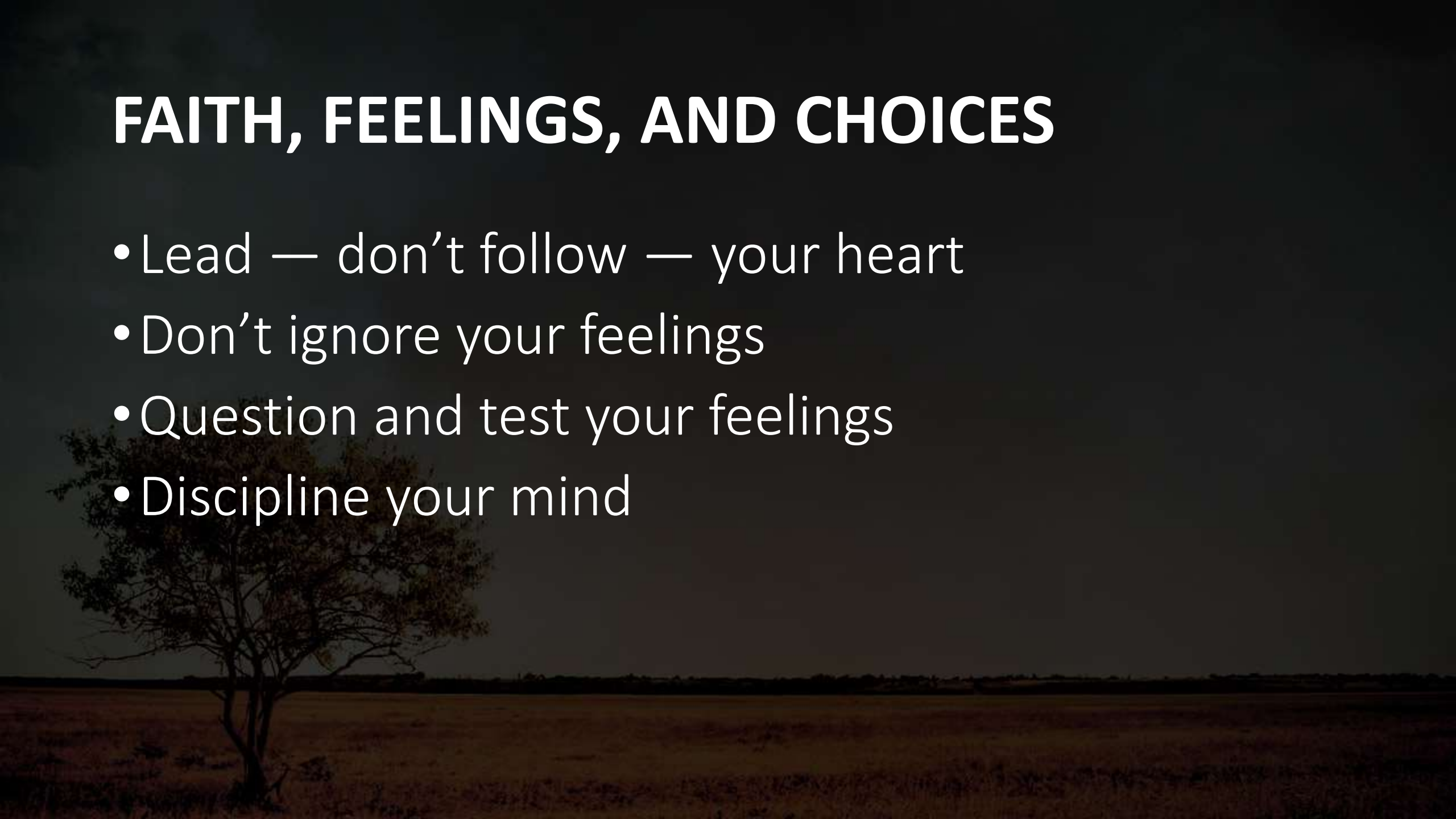
FEAR OF GOD

- Going to an unbelievers
- Going to a person in authority
- Dealing with abuse situations



FAITH, FEELINGS, AND CHOICES

- Lead — don't follow — your heart
- Don't ignore your feelings
- Question and test your feelings
- Discipline your mind



DISCIPLINE OF THE MIND

- The way you learned Christ (Ephesians 4:20)
- Keep your heart (Proverbs 4:23)
- Direct your thoughts (Proverbs 23:19)
- Character is cultivated (1 Corinthians 14:20)
- Habits strengthen habits (2 Peter 1:5-6)
- Renew your mind (Romans 12:2)
- Take every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:5)
- Think with excellence (Philippians 4:8)

THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSPECTIVE

- Temporality of conflict
- Preach to yourself
- Trust God



A lone, small tree stands in a dark, desolate landscape under a dark sky. The tree is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its branches spreading out. The ground is a flat, dark expanse, and the horizon is visible in the distance. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

CHRIST: OUR ONLY HOPE