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What is sin?



“In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.

And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.

So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.”

Genesis 4:3–5





The LORD said to Cain, “**Why** are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you **do well**, will you not be accepted?”

Genesis 4:6



“But if you do not do well, **sin is crouching** at the door.

Its desire is contrary to you, but you must **rule** over it.”

Genesis 4:7

Romans 7:15–17

“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

So now it is no longer I who do it, **but sin that dwells within me.**”

Romans 7:20–23

“Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but **sin that dwells within** me.

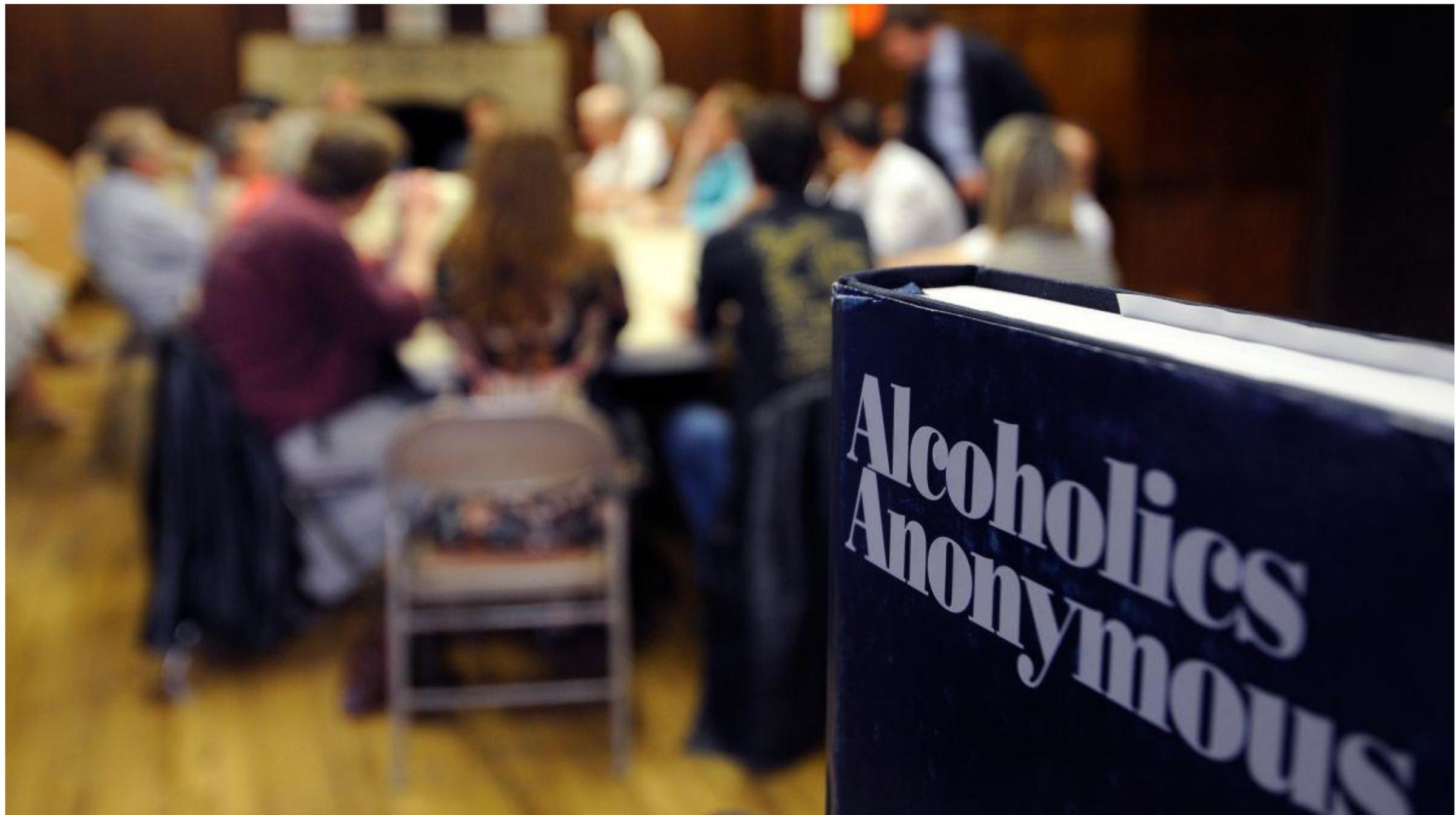
So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, **evil lies close at hand**. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me **captive** to the law of **sin that dwells in my members**.”

John 8:34

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who **practices sin** is a **slave to sin**.”

Addictions make you a slave







Do you know your worst?

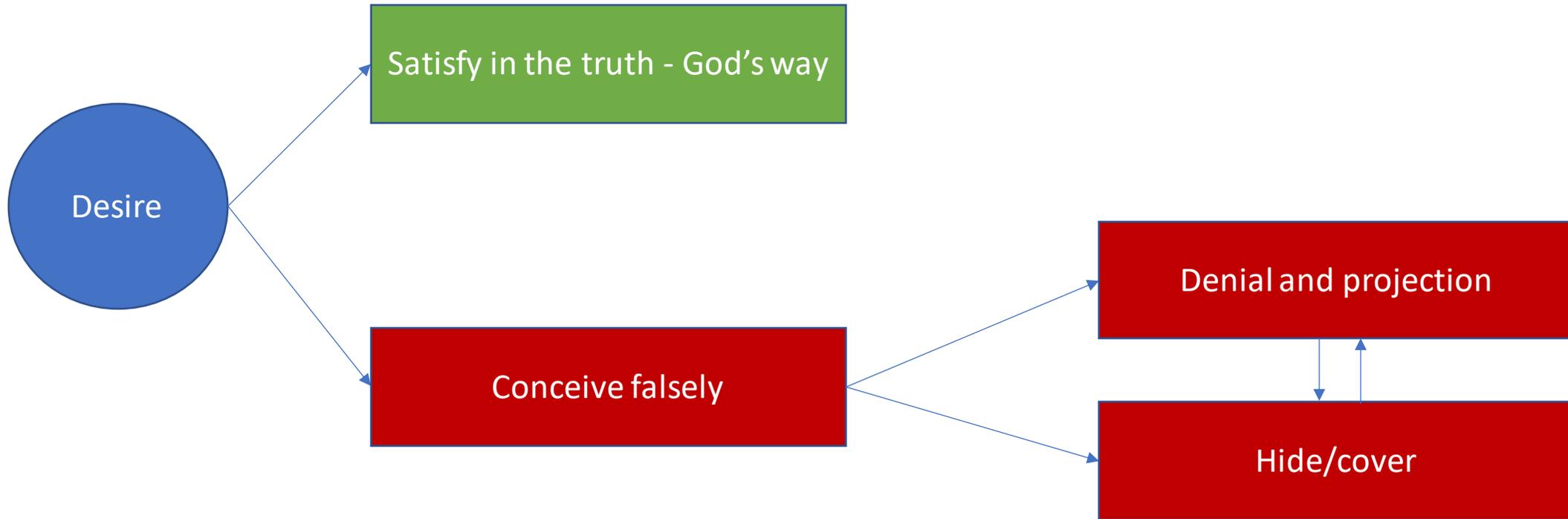
Sin really controls when
there is no
acknowledgement



James 1:12–15

But each person is tempted when he is **lured and enticed** by his own desire. Then desire when it has **conceived gives birth to sin**, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

The path of sin

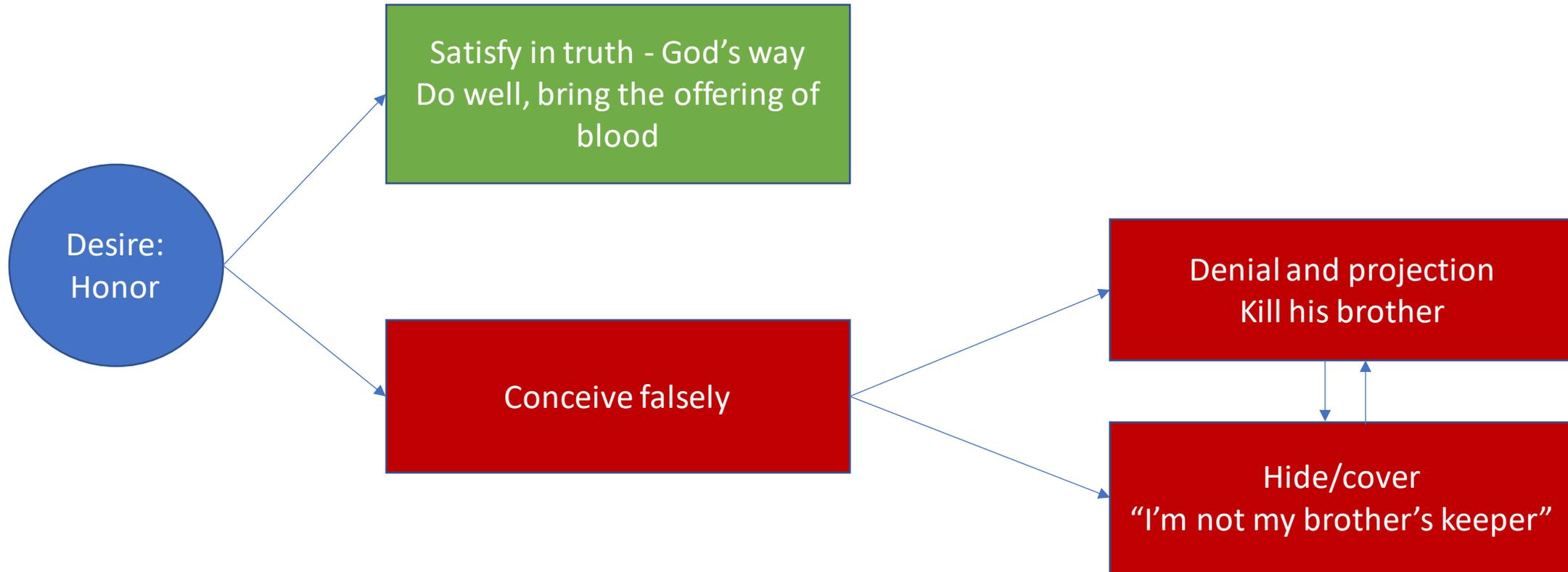




“Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.”

Genesis 4:8

Cain's case





Are you afraid of being imperfect?
See God's unconditional love!

“For **God so loved** the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16



It's okay to be imperfect!

“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death.

There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.

All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.”

1 John 5:16–17

Two kinds of sinners

- 1- Sinners that are not aware – Unintentional sins
- 2- Sinners that deny that are sinning – Intentional sins

Conscious sin

“For if we go on **sinning deliberately** after **receiving the knowledge of the truth**, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,”

Hebrews 10:26

“But the person who does anything with a **high hand**, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles the LORD Numbers 15:30

John 9:41

Jesus said to them:

“If you were blind,

you would have no **guilt**
(sin);

but now that you say, ‘We see,’
your **guilt** (sin) remains.”



John 3:16–21

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

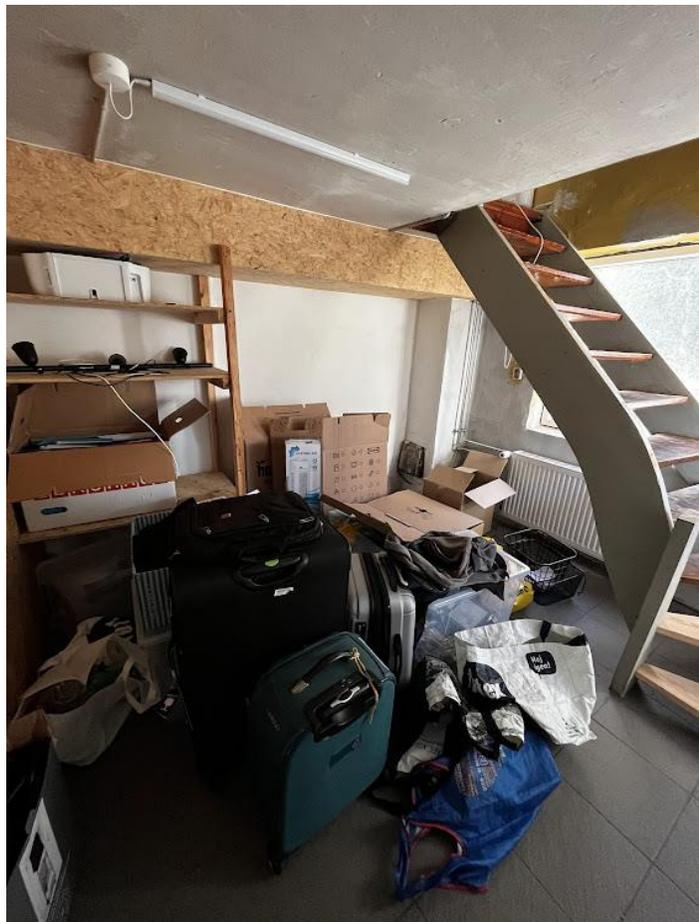
For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. **But whoever does what is true comes to the light**, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”



Is your home messy?



Do you have a dark room?



John 8:31–32

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “**If you abide in my word**, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the **truth**, and **the truth will set you free.**”

- We can always accept the reality or try to distort the reality
- Sin is a manner to run away from reality





1 John 1:9–2:1

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so **that you may not sin.**

But **if** anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous.”