



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

**deeper discipleship**



**IT CAME FROM THE INSIDE**

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1 The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem, 2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed. 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless

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they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the traditions of the elders; 4 and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups

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and pitchers and copper pots.) 5 The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?” 6 And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is

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written: 'This people honors Me with their lips,  
But their heart is far away from Me. 7 But in  
vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines  
the precepts of men.' 8 Neglecting the  
commandment of God, you hold to the  
tradition of men.' 9 He was also saying to

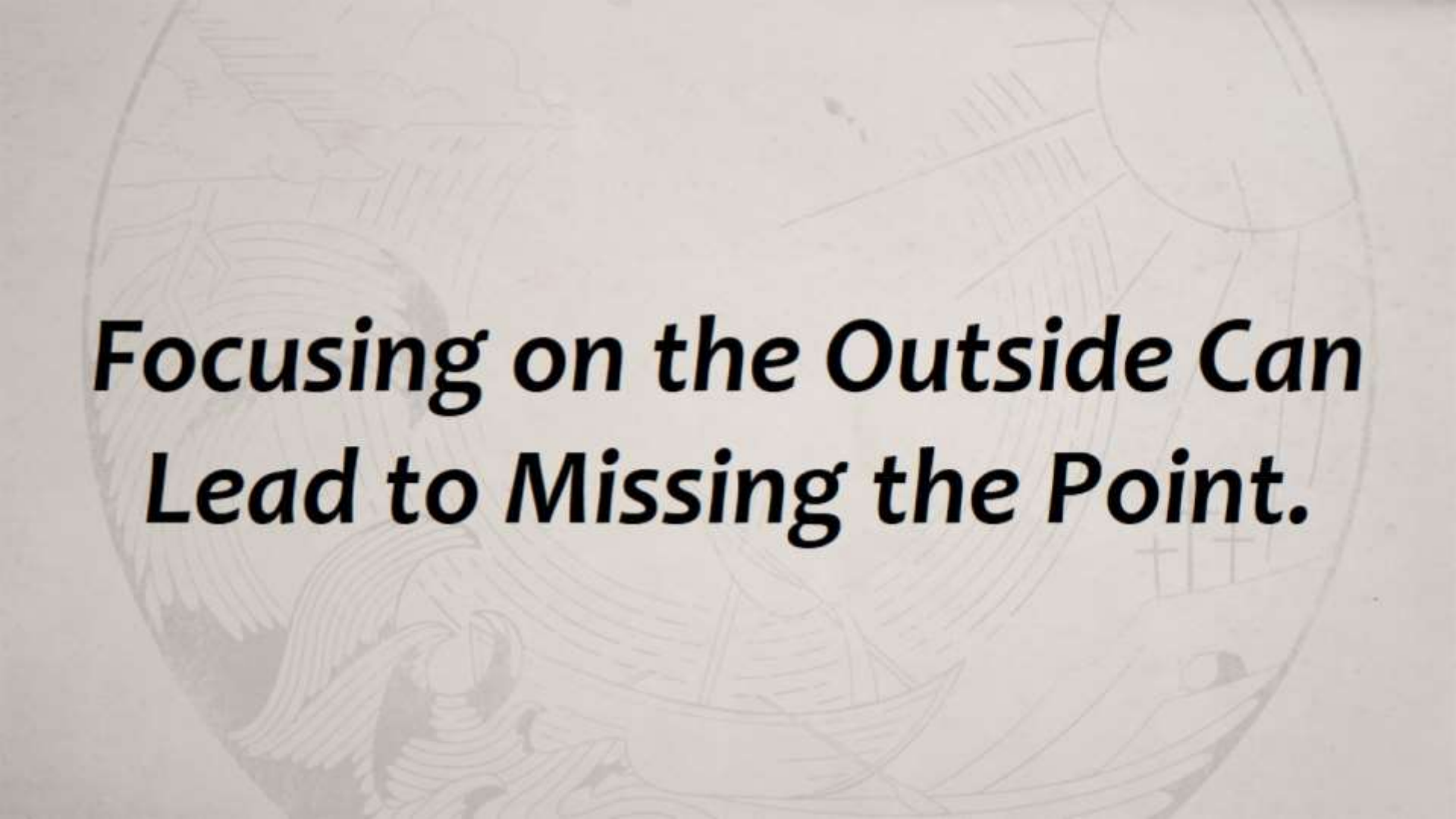
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them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. **10** For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who speaks evil of father or mother, is to be put to death’; **11** but you say, ‘If a man says to his father or his

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mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God),’ **12** you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; **13** thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.”



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**14** After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, “Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: **15** there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. **16** [If anyone has ears

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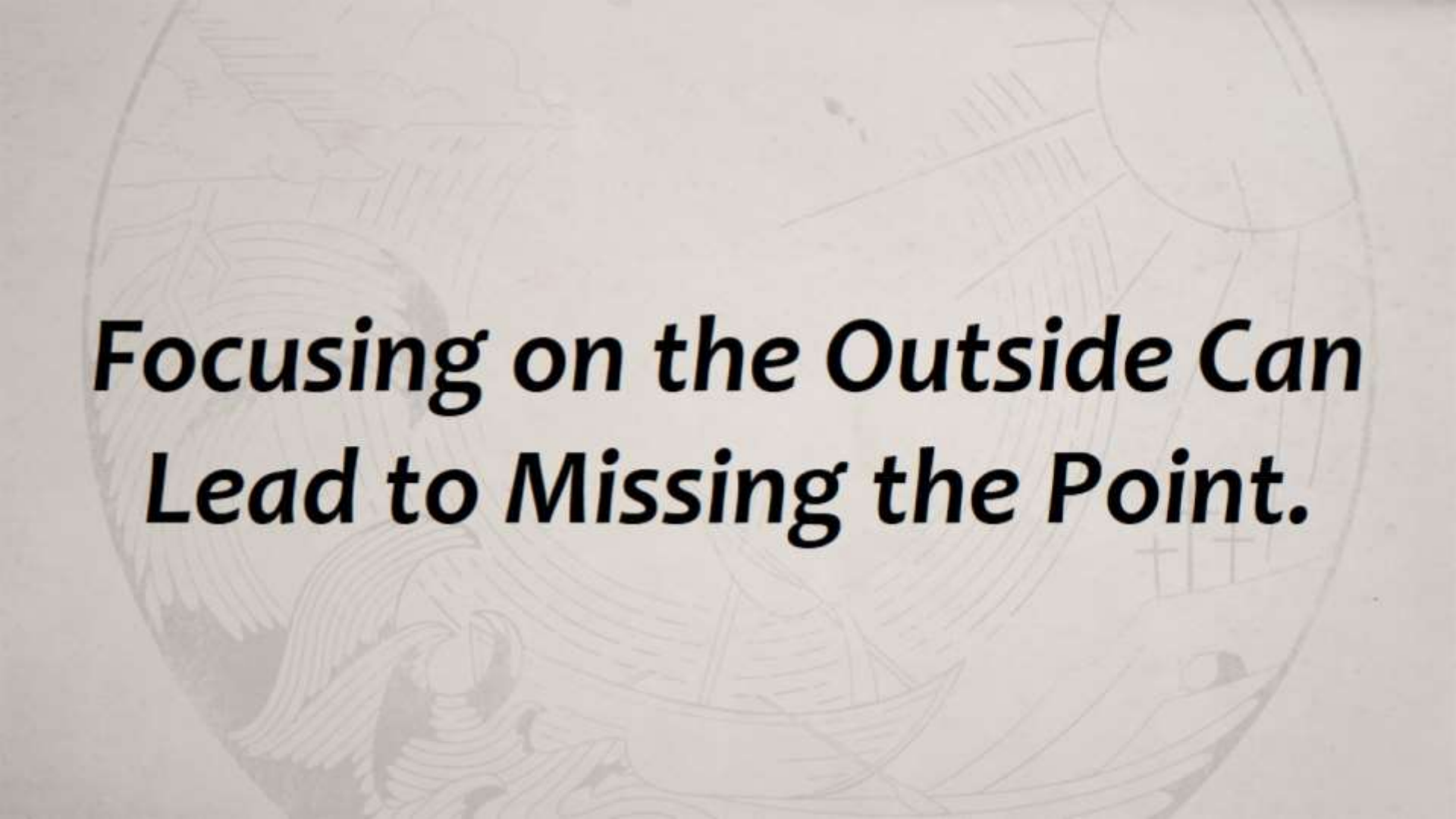
to hear, let him hear.”] **17** When he had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable. **18** And He said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside

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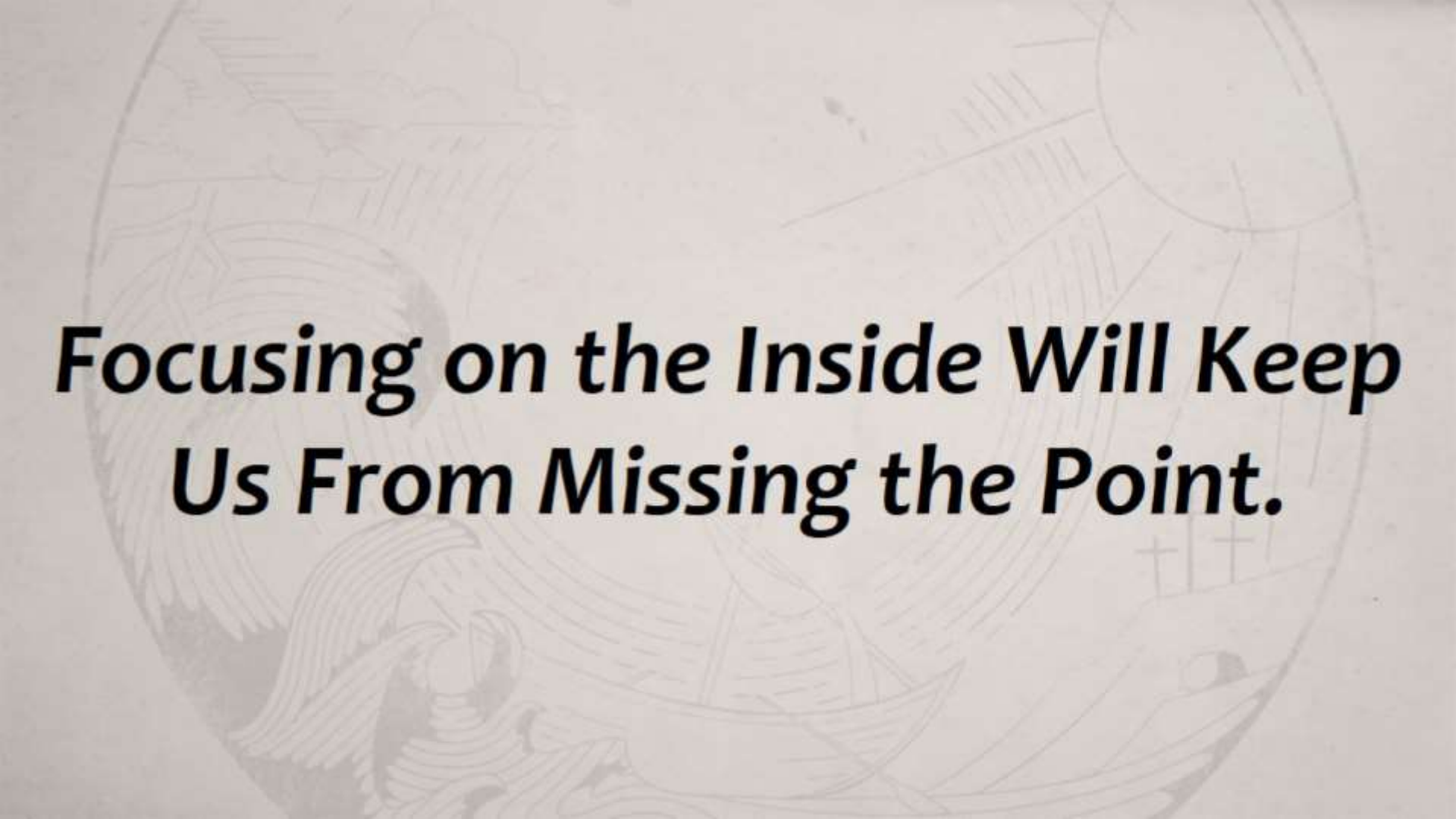
cannot defile him, **19** because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” (Thus He declared all foods clean.) **20** And He was saying, “That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. **21** For from within, out of the heart

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of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, **22** deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. **23** All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”

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