



A Reasonable Faith in An Uncertain World

Is believing in God and Jesus Christ a matter of blind faith or are there reasons to believe?


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The Problem of Evil

Skeptics/Atheist Generally Argue:

The problem of evil is the evident contradiction between an all-powerful, all-loving God and the human experience of suffering in the world. Evil's existence proves that the omnipotent, omnibenevolent God of the Bible cannot exist. He is either non-existent or he is less powerful and less good than the Bible says.



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In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

– 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

Make a Defense

This is the most difficult argument to answer

- People (generally) know evil is wrong and shouldn't exist
- Everyone has felt evil's effects and their lives have been affected by it.
- There is a lot of emotion/pain in the discussion



What Do We Know Biblically About Evil?


- God never intended it exist



*Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw
that it was very good!* Genesis 1:31 (NLT)

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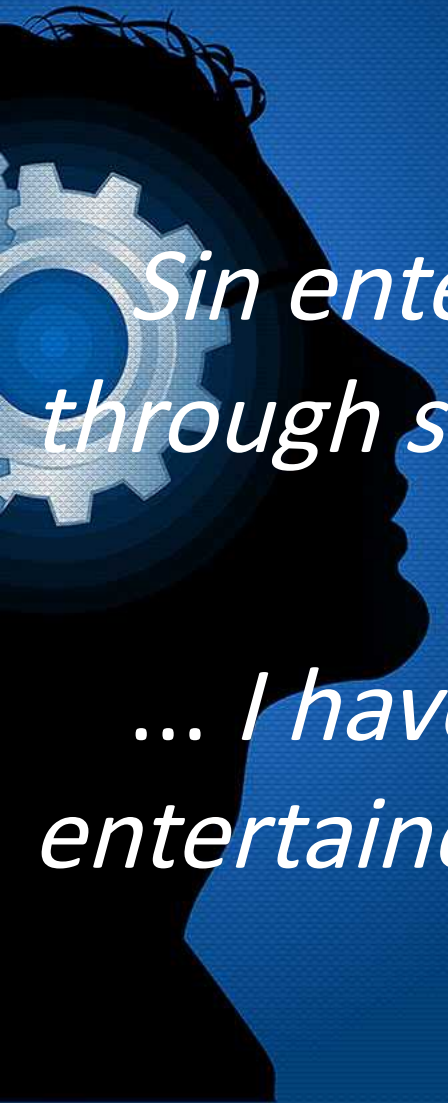
- God created man innocent but gave him free-will



But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— 17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.” Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)

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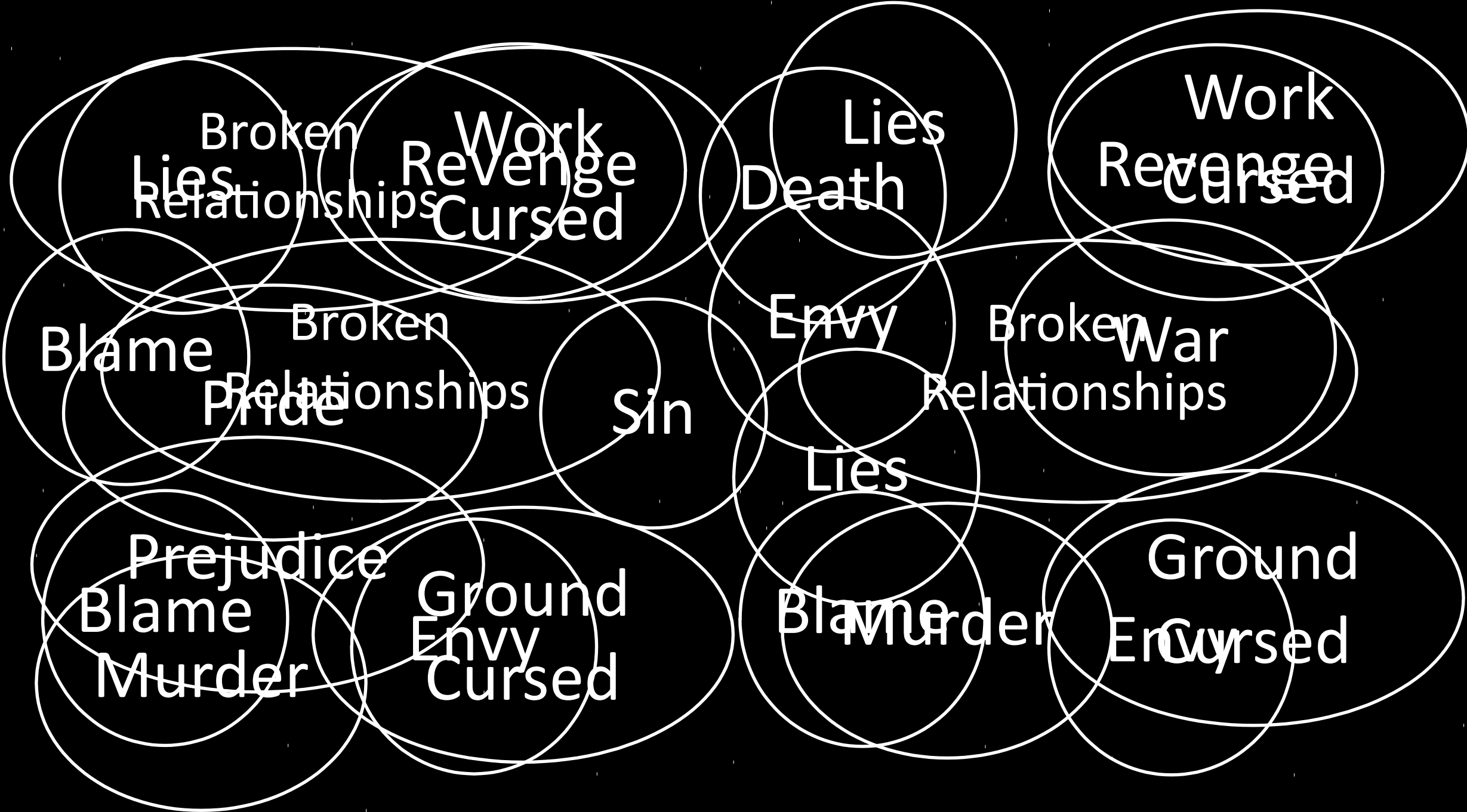
- Man chose disobedience and sin passed down to all



Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people.

Romans 5:12 (NIV)

... I have never commanded or mentioned; I never entertained the thought. Jeremiah 19:5 (HCSB)




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- God provides the solution
- ✓ Not zapping us when we do wrong
(Cliff Clavin)



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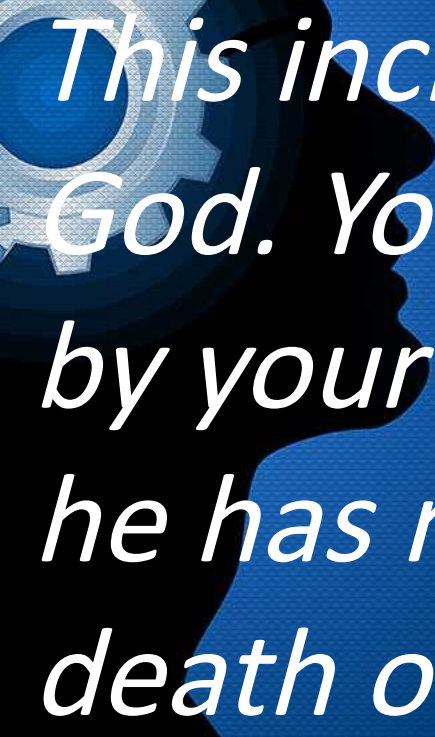


For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, 20 and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. –

Colossians 1:19-22 (NLT)

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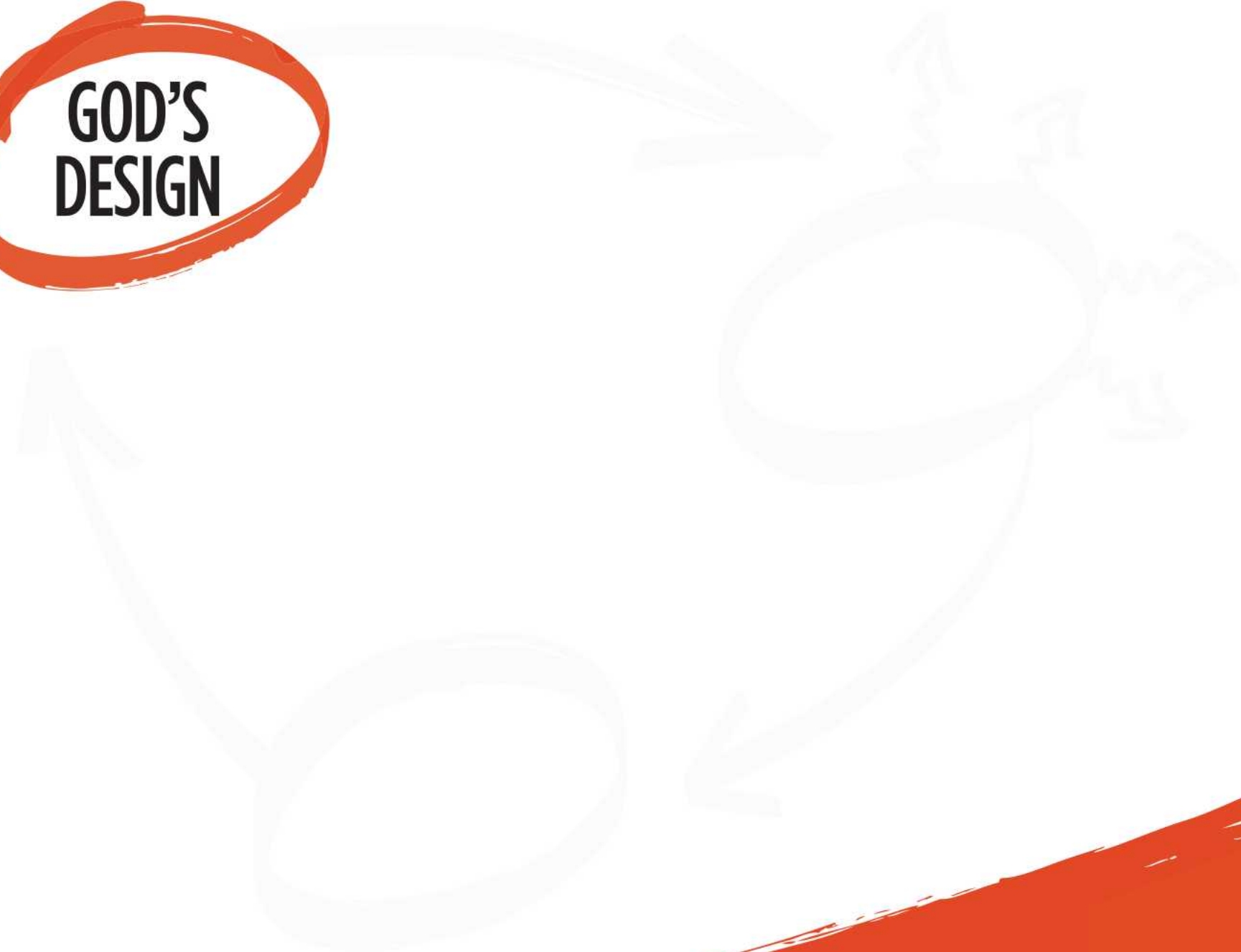
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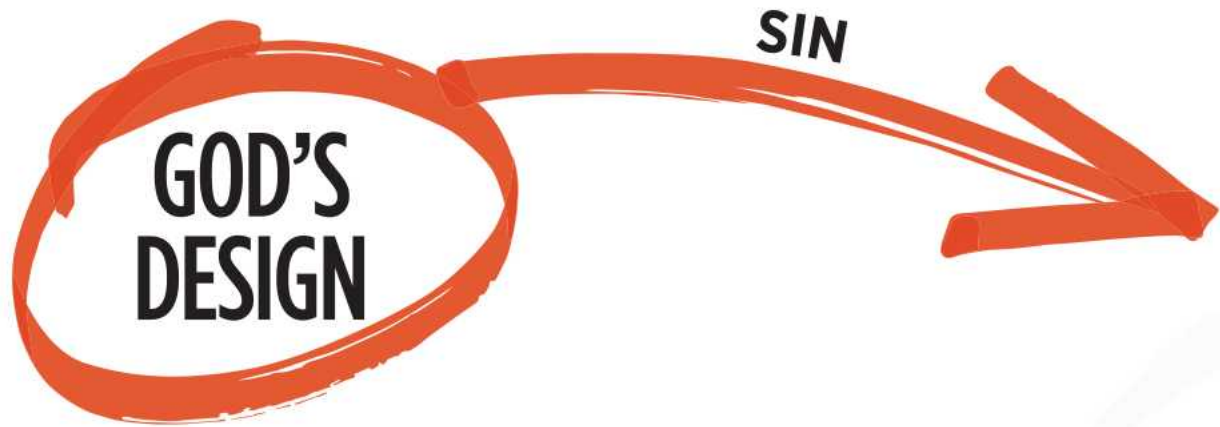
This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22 Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body.

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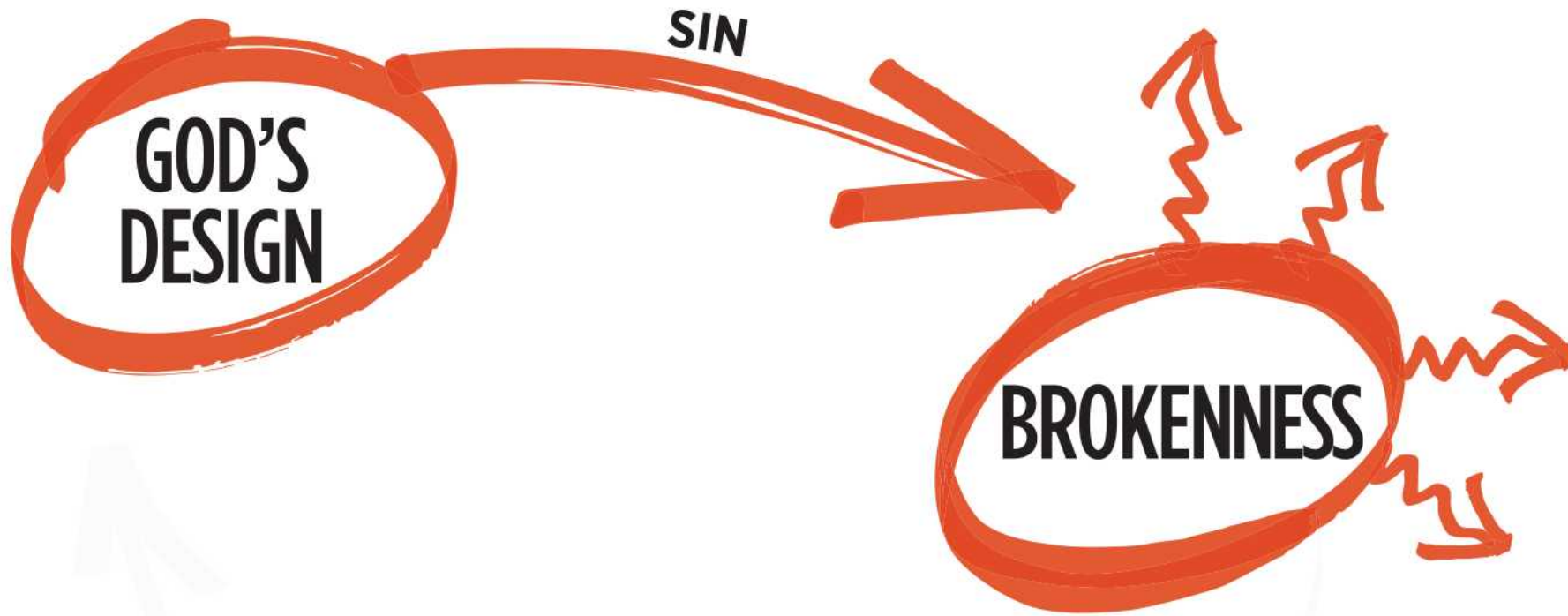
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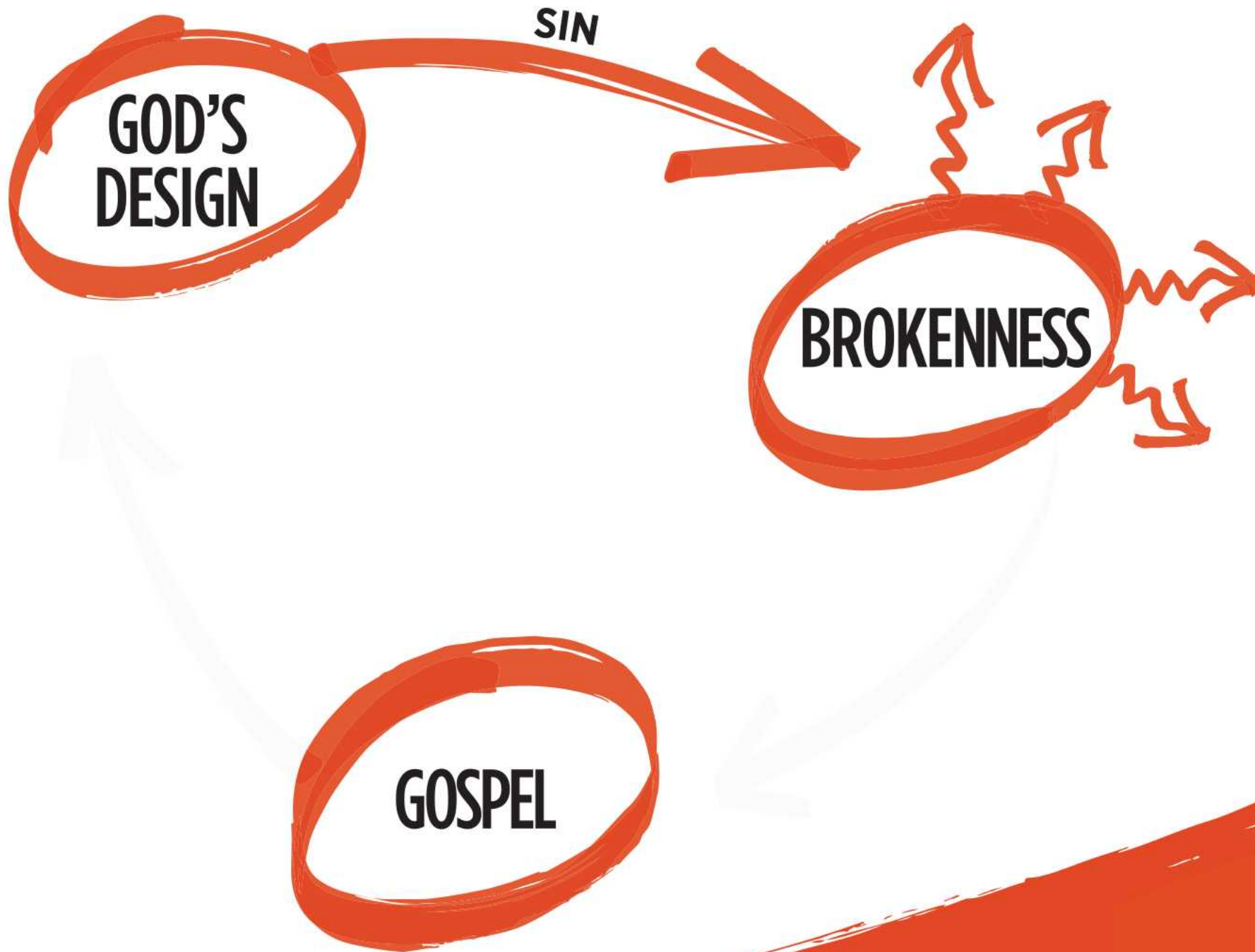
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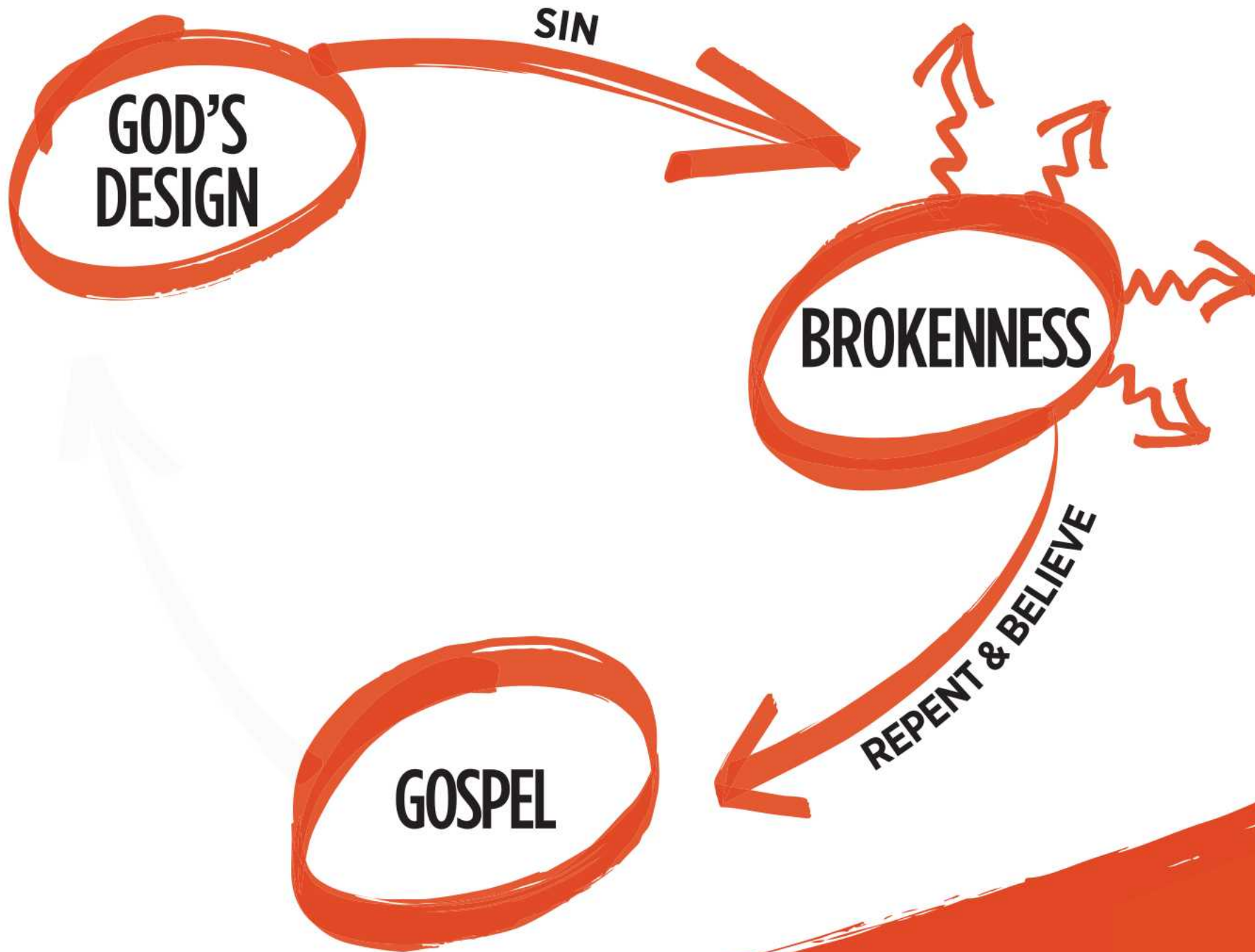
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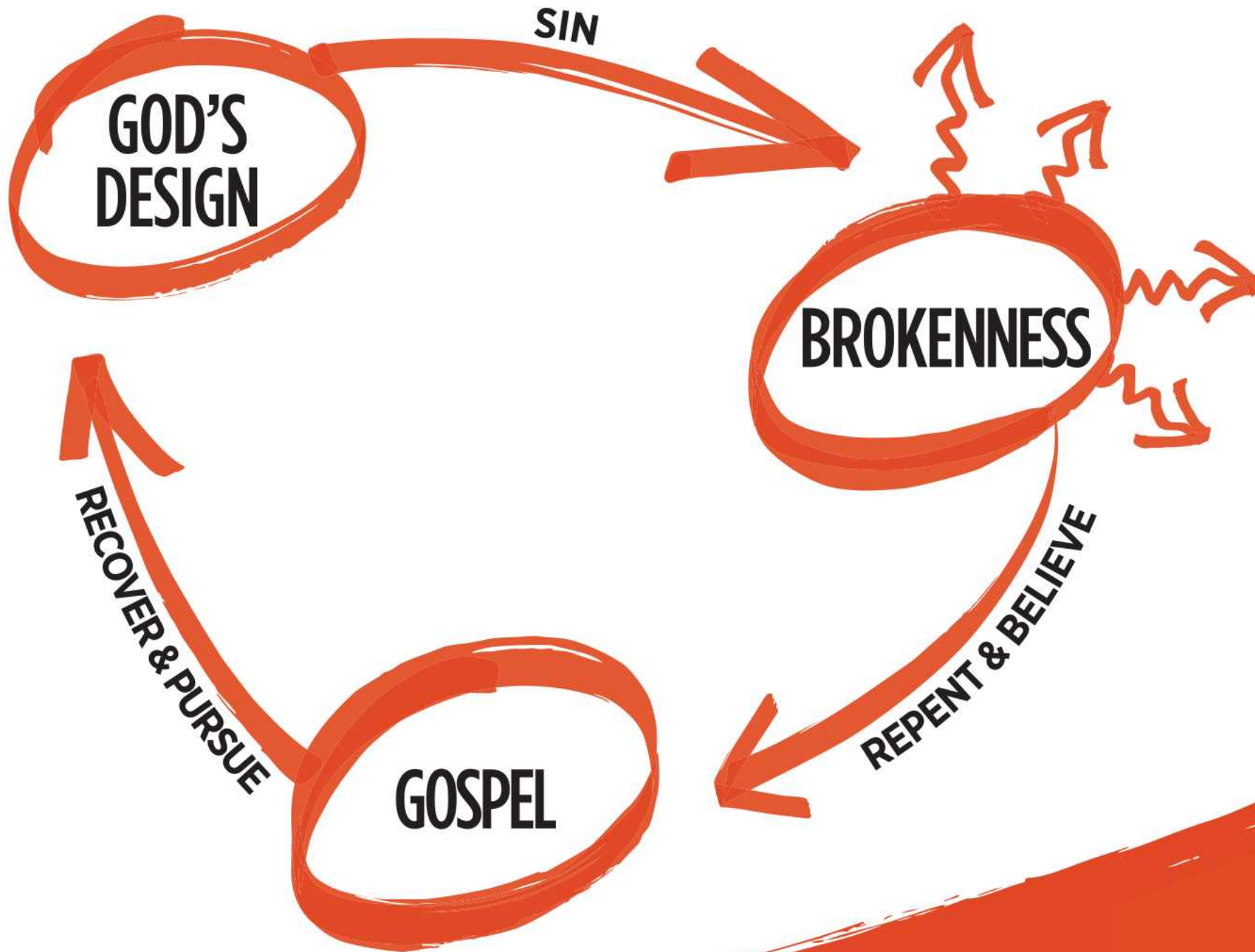
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