



**THIS WE
BELIEVE**

This We Believe

- God
- The Bible
- Creation
- Humanity and Sin
- Jesus
- Salvation
- Holy Spirit
- Church
- Future Events

**We Believe
That God is
the Creator
and Ruler**



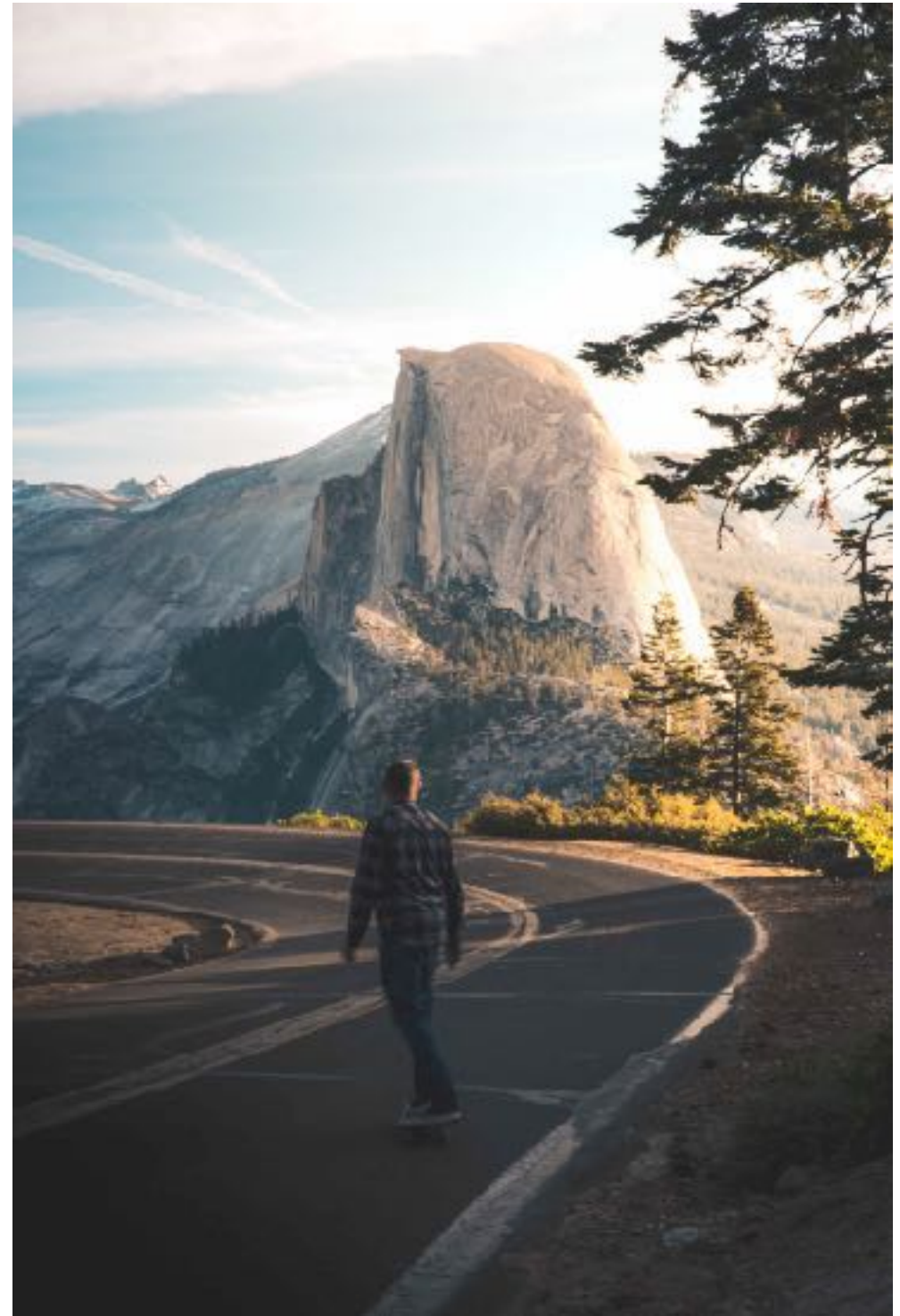
Once Upon a Time...

- Metanarrative - a story by which you make sense of all other stories



ACT 1: Creation

- Why did God create?
- The creation account establishes order
- The creation account confronts paganism
- The creation account explains the spirit world



ACT 2: The Fall

- World was originally in a state of shalom - peace, prosperity, life as it should be
- Adam and Eve were tempted to determine for themselves what is right and wrong



ACT 3: Promise of Restoration; Israel's Mission

- Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12:1-3; 17:1-19)
- Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19:1-8; 24:1-8)
- Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:10-16)
- New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-40)



**"And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers; he will
crush your head, and you will strike his heel."**

- Genesis 3:15 -

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ACT 4: Kingdom Restored; Redemption Accomplished

- *Deus pro nobis* = God for us
- Providence - to see beforehand; to provide

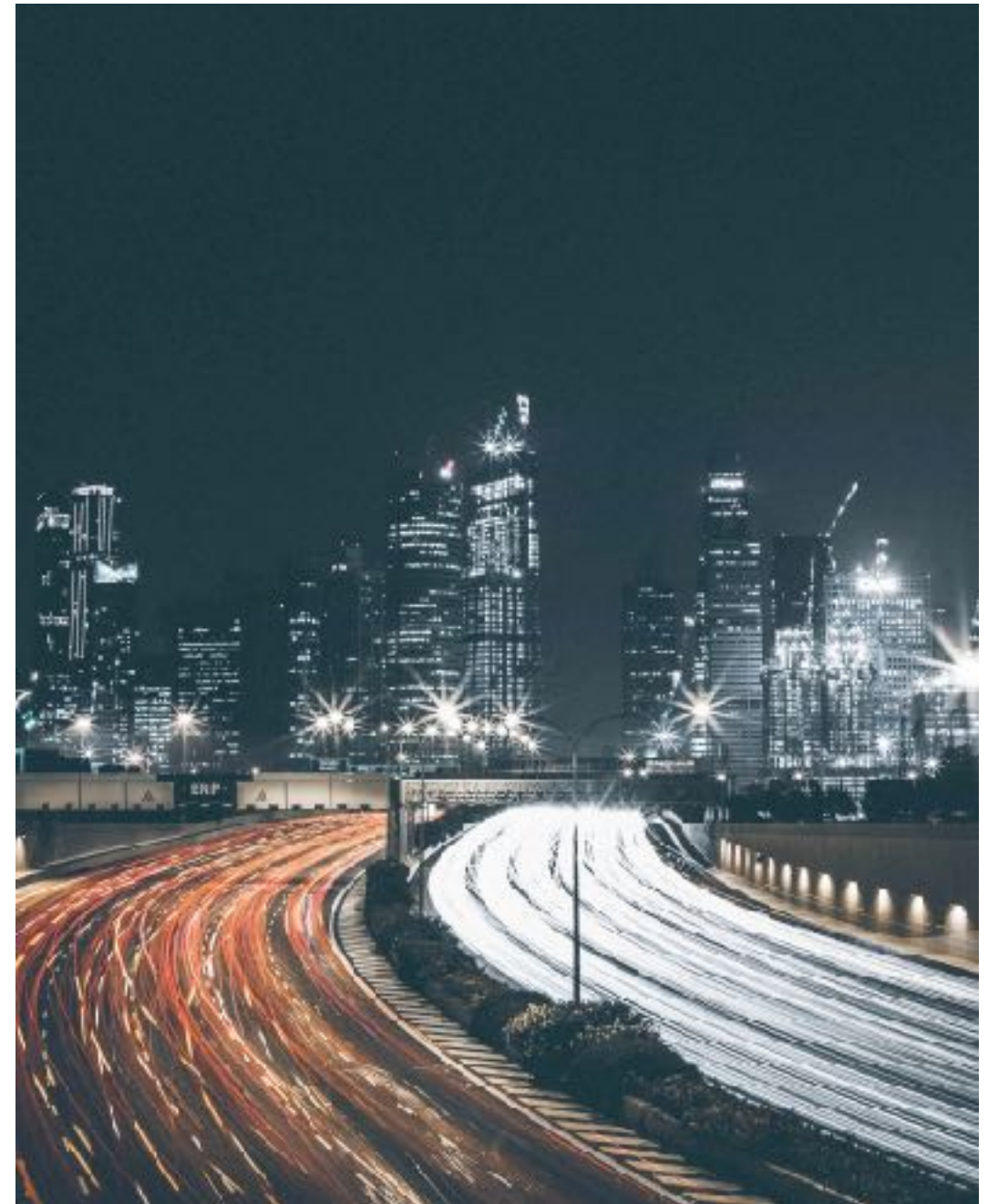


“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and the recovering of sight for the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

-Luke 4:17-19

ACT 5: Kingdom Displayed; Redemption Applied; The Church

- Gospel - good news about the life and work of Jesus



ACT 6: Kingdom Consummated; Redemption Completed; New Creation

- We do not go to God at the end of all things; God comes to us
- Paradise is restored
- This is the metanarrative



