

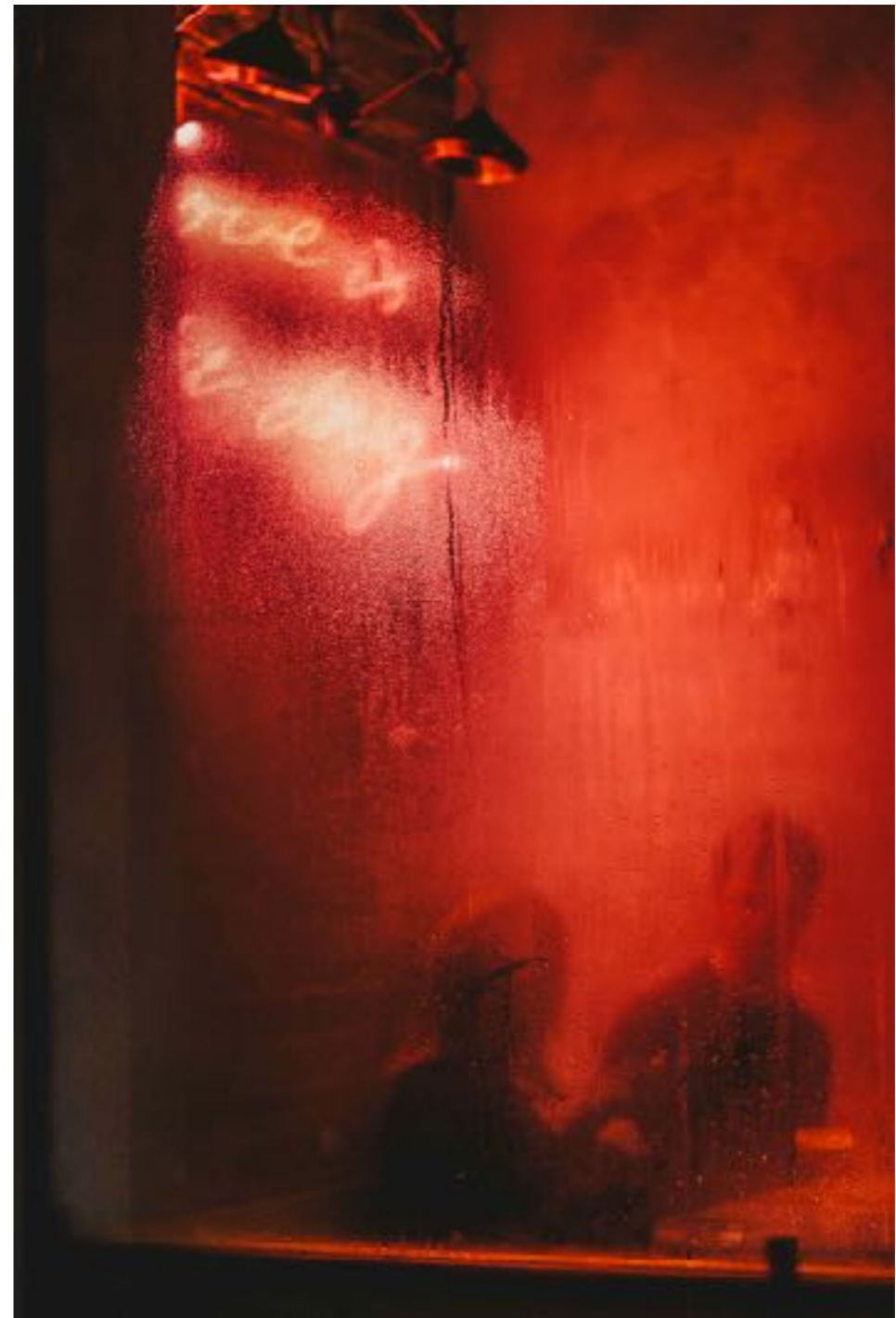
# Facing Temptation





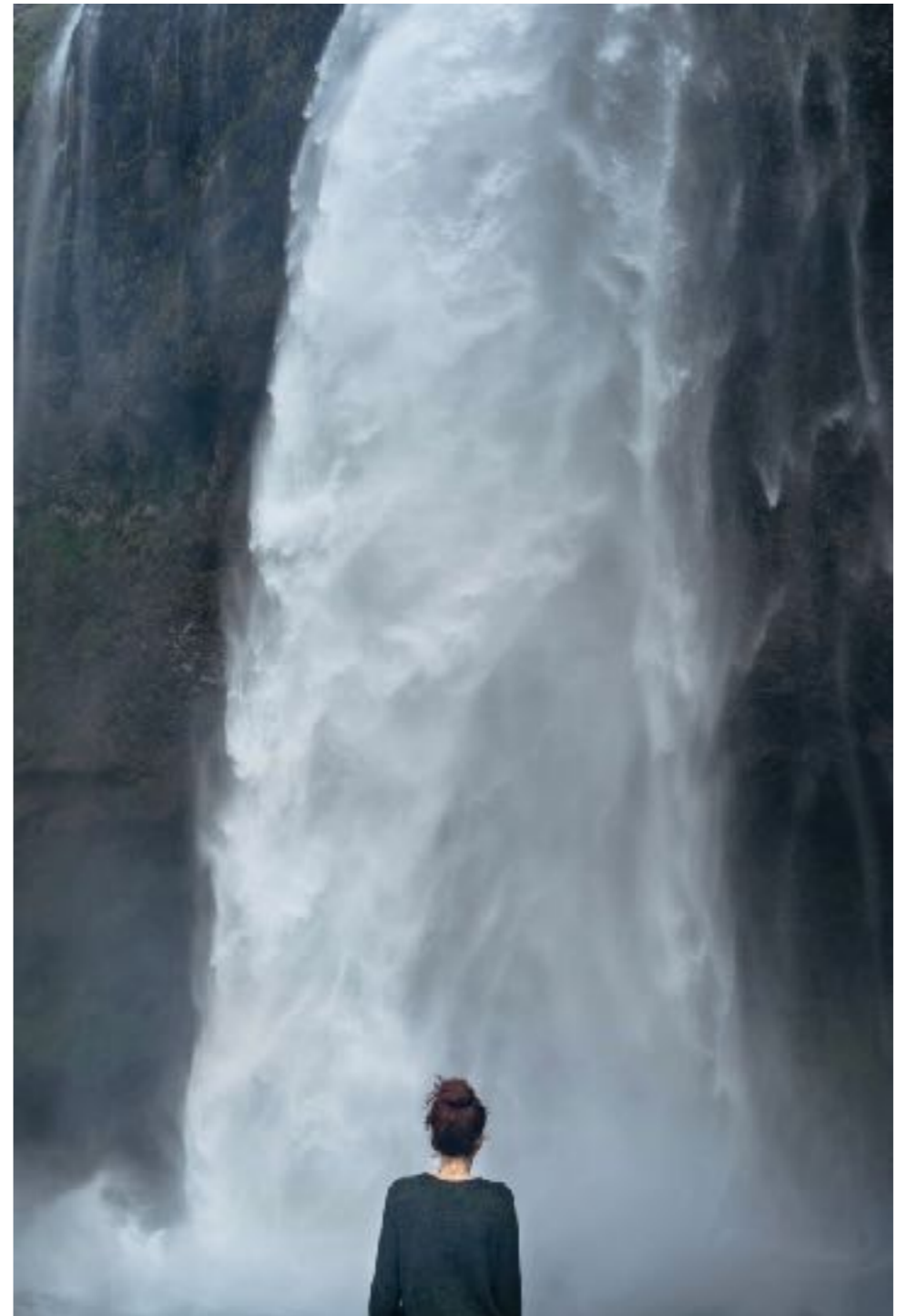
# Temptation

- An enticement to meet a legitimate or God-given desire in a wrong way or at the wrong time



# Testing

- God never tempts anyone to do evil (James 1:13)
- God tests his people to reveal our thoughts and intentions and our weaknesses so we can learn to trust God in a deeper way



# 1. The Temptation to Prioritize the Physical Over the Spiritual - “Is God Holding Out On Me?”

- Tempted after baptism
- Vulnerable after 40 days with very little food
- Jesus expressed confidence in his Father’s care



## 2. The Temptation to Flee Suffering

- “Does God Really Care For Me?”

- “Surely God the Father would never let his own Son suffer pain!”
- God is present in suffering
- Don’t presume on how you think God should act



# 3. The Temptation to Lead Ourselves

## - “Why Doesn’t God Act Now?”

- Ungodly means does not justify a godly end
- Sense of urgency
- Satan promised what God was already going to provide



# Jesus Was Prepared

- The Bible
- The Holy Spirit
- Awareness of his real needs





# The Better Story

- Make bread - Jesus is the Bread of Life
- Jump off Temple - Experience death and be raised and exalted
- Rule the kingdoms of the world - Jesus is king over all creation



