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THE **NARROW PATHWAY**



MOTHER TERESA

‘This is the way it is nearly every day. They are expecting, they are hoping that a son or daughter will come to visit them. They are hurt because they are forgotten.’ And see, this neglect to love brings spiritual poverty... When I pick up a person from the street, hungry, I give him a plate of rice, a piece of bread. But a person who is shut out, who feels unwanted, unloved, terrified, the person who has been thrown out of society – **that spiritual poverty is much harder to overcome.**”

FREEDOM IN THE GOSPELS...

**IT IS NOT THE FREEDOM TO PURSUE WHAT WE BELIEVE
WILL SATISFY US BUT THE FREEDOM FROM THE
PURSUIT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE WILL SATISFY US.**

JUDGES 6

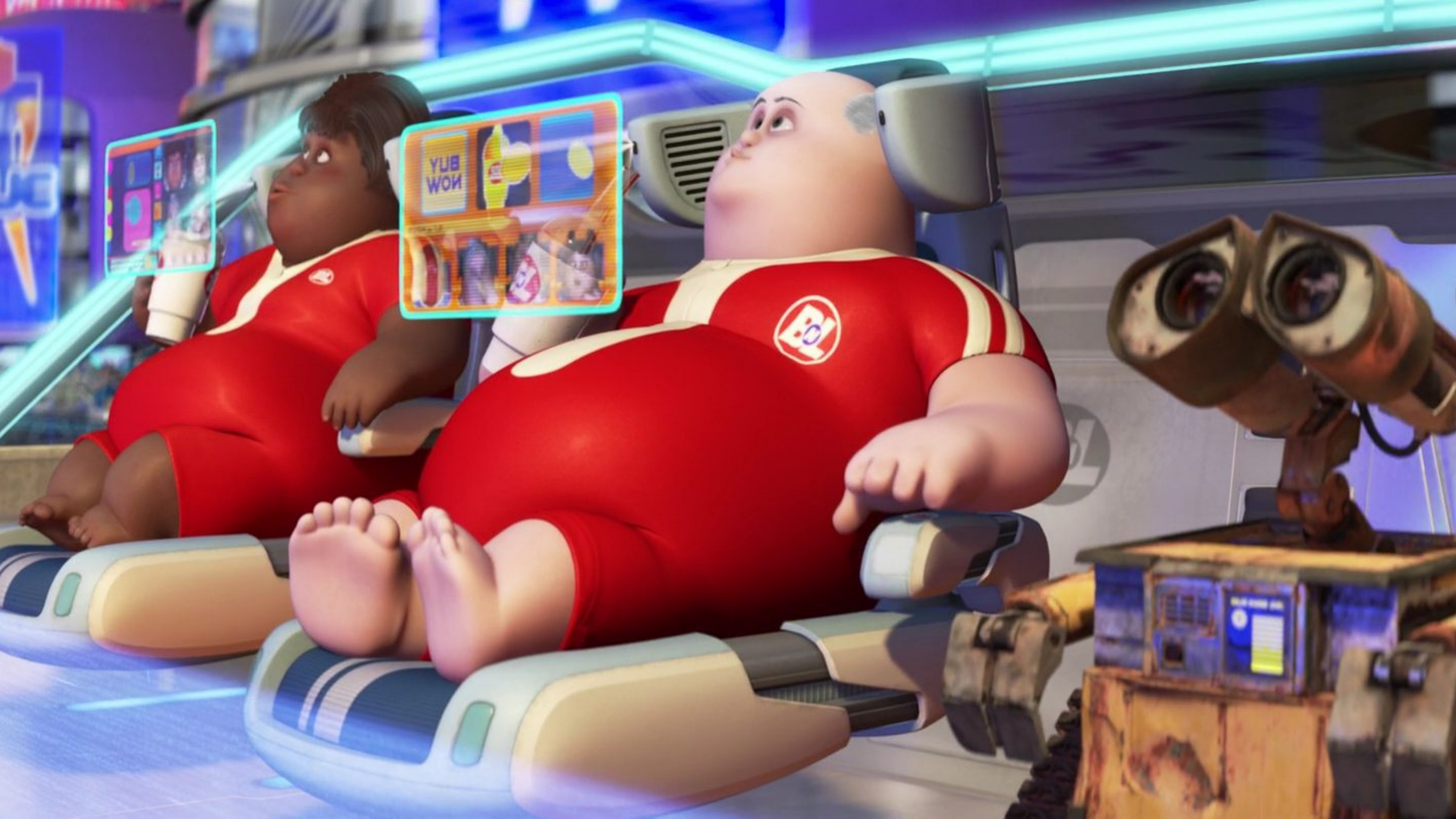
7 When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian,
8 he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the Lord,
the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of
the land of slavery. 9 I rescued you from the hand of the
Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your
oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their
land. 10 I said to you, 'I am the Lord your God; do not worship
the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have
not listened to me."

JUDGES 6

11 The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12 When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

JUDGES 6

13 “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”



JUDGES 6

14 The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

JUDGES 6

15 “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

JUDGES 6

16 The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”

JUDGES 6

25 That same night the Lord said to him, “Take the second bull from your father’s herd, the one seven years old.[b] Tear down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. 26 Then build a proper kind of[d] altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second[e] bull as a burnt offering.”

JUDGES 6

27 So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

28 In the morning when the people of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar!

29 They asked each other, "Who did this?"

LUKE 14

26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

THE PATHWAY

A photograph of a narrow, overgrown pathway or road that stretches into the distance. The path is flanked by dense, lush green foliage and trees on both sides, creating a tunnel-like effect. The scene is shrouded in a thick mist or fog, which obscures the details of the path and the vegetation in the background. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and serene. The text "THE PATHWAY" is overlaid in the upper left quadrant in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

THE PATHWAY

**WORSHIP TOGETHER REGULARLY--CORPORATE
AND PERSONAL WORSHIP DEMONSTRATES OUR
LOVE FOR GOD BY OFFERING PRAISES TO HIM
AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES.**

THE PATHWAY

**ENJOY GOD'S PRESENCE--SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES
WERE GIVEN TO US IN ORDER TO ENJOY THE
PRESENCE OF GOD AT ANY TIME WE CHOOSE.**

THE PATHWAY

GIVE GENEROUSLY--MAINTAINING A CHRISTIAN
PERSPECTIVE ON MONEY AND WEALTH IS
ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO
SERVE A GENEROUS GOD.

THE PATHWAY

**SERVE OTHERS--THE BEST WAY TO SEE AND
EXPERIENCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD HERE AND
NOW IS TO SEE IT IN LOVING SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

THE PATHWAY

SHARE YOUR STORY--NARRATIVE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PREFERRED METHOD IN SCRIPTURE FOR GROWING THE KINGDOM THROUGH EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS.

THE PATHWAY

DO LIFE TOGETHER--CHRISTIANS TODAY MUST BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT MAKING AND FOSTERING THOSE SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRED NOT ONLY TO REMAIN FAITHFUL BUT TO GROW IN FAITH AS WELL.

THE PATHWAY

**LIVE DIFFERENTLY--PEOPLE WILL SEE THE LIGHT
OF CHRIST IN US WHEN THEY OBSERVE THAT OUR
LIFESTYLE IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT
THAN THE LIFE OFFERED BY WORLDLY CULTURE.**

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