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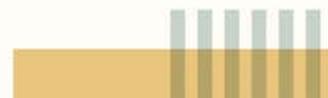
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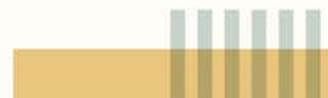


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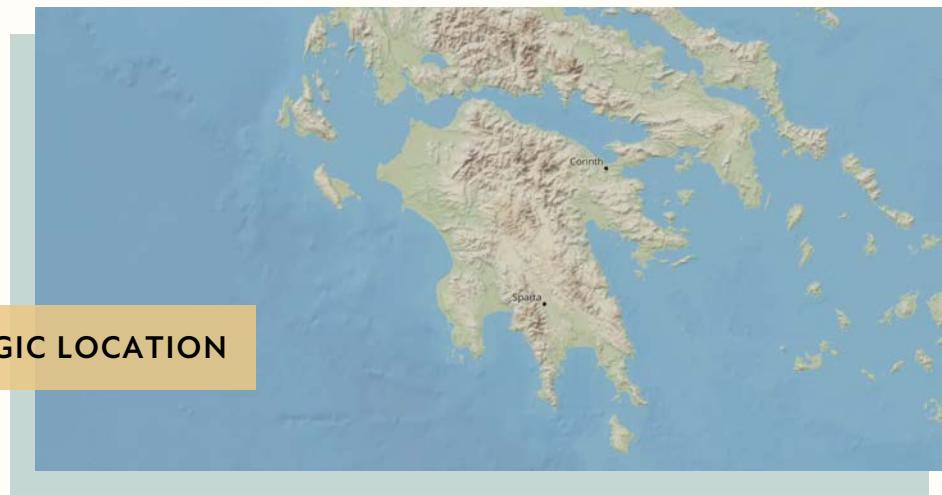
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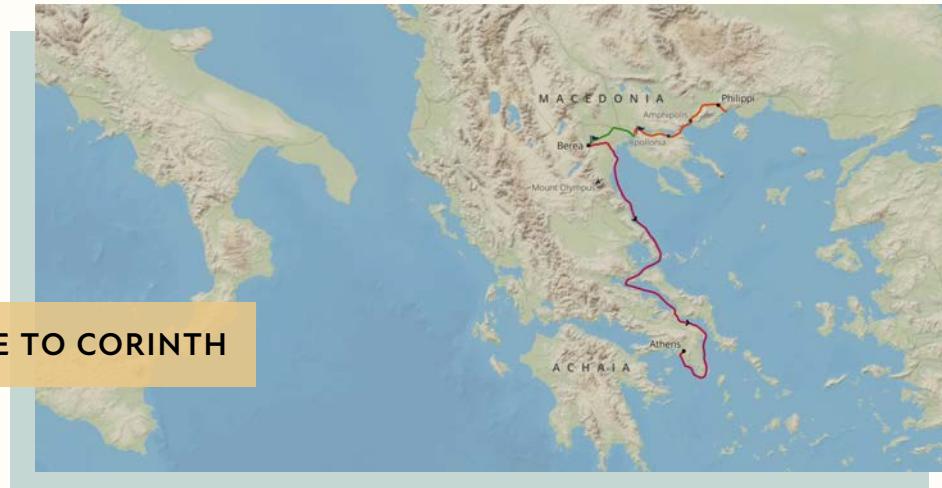
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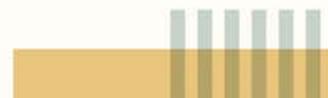
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## Acts 18:1-6 NIV

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.<sup>2</sup> There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them,<sup>3</sup> and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.<sup>4</sup> Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.<sup>6</sup> But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”





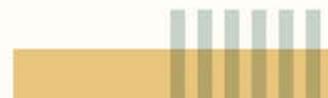
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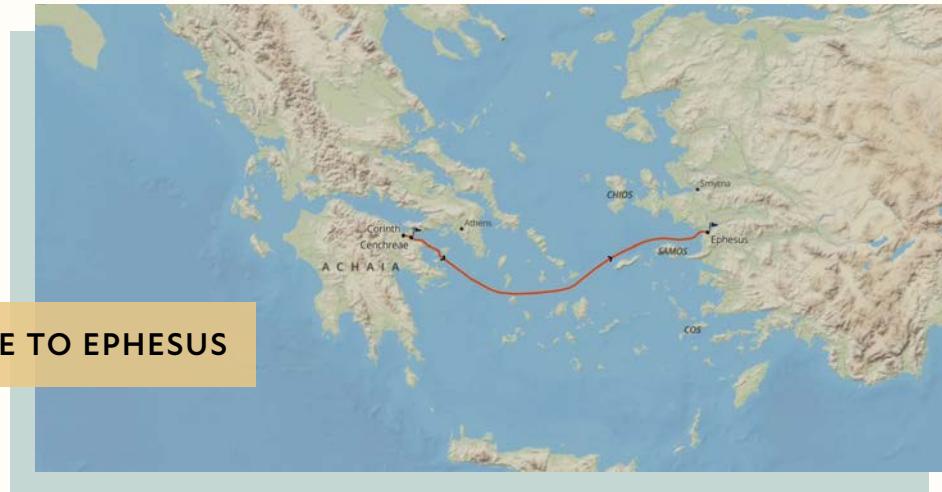
## Acts 18:7-11 NIV

Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titus Justus, a worshiper of God.<sup>8</sup> Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup> One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.<sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.”<sup>11</sup> So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.



## PAUL'S ROUTE TO EPHESUS



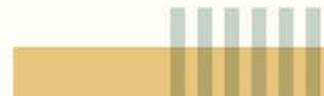


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## Acts 18:27-28 NIV

When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.<sup>28</sup> For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.





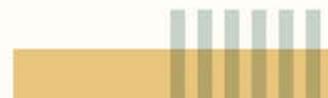
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### 1 Corinthians 1:10-11 NIV

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. <sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.



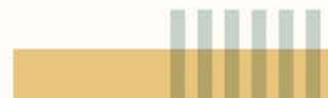


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1 Corinthians 7:1a <sup>NIV</sup>

Now for the matters you wrote...



# 1 CORINTHIANS OUTLINED

Opening Greeting and Prayer (1:1-9)

Addressing the Problems Chloe Reported (1:10-6:20)

Answering the Questions They Wrote About (7:1-14:39)

The Gospel: The Most Important Thing (15:1-58)

Generosity and Greetings (16:1-24)



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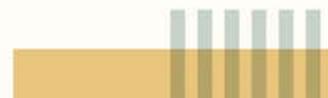
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## 1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## 1 Corinthians 3:1 NIV

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.





## 1 Corinthians will challenge us to think differently about:

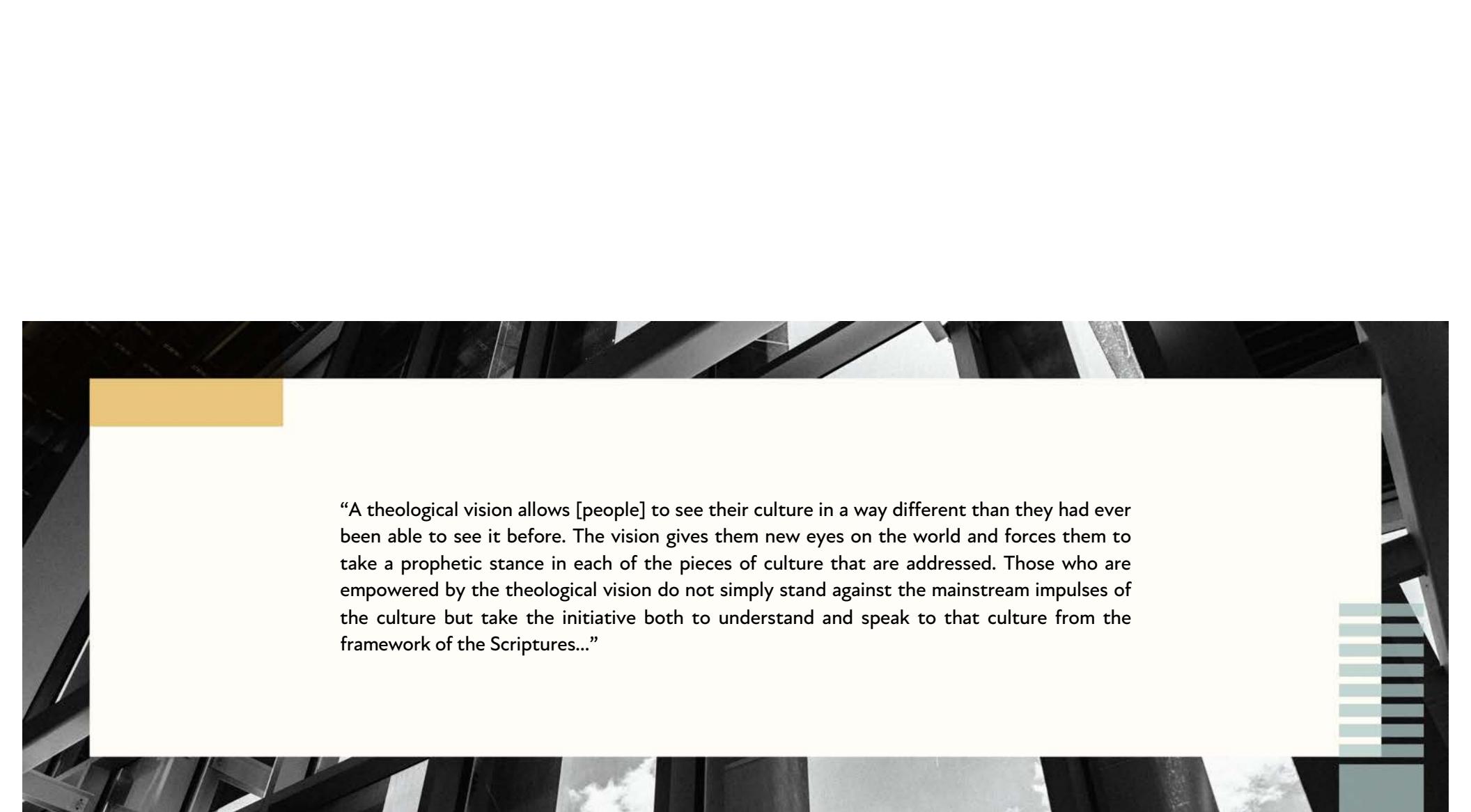
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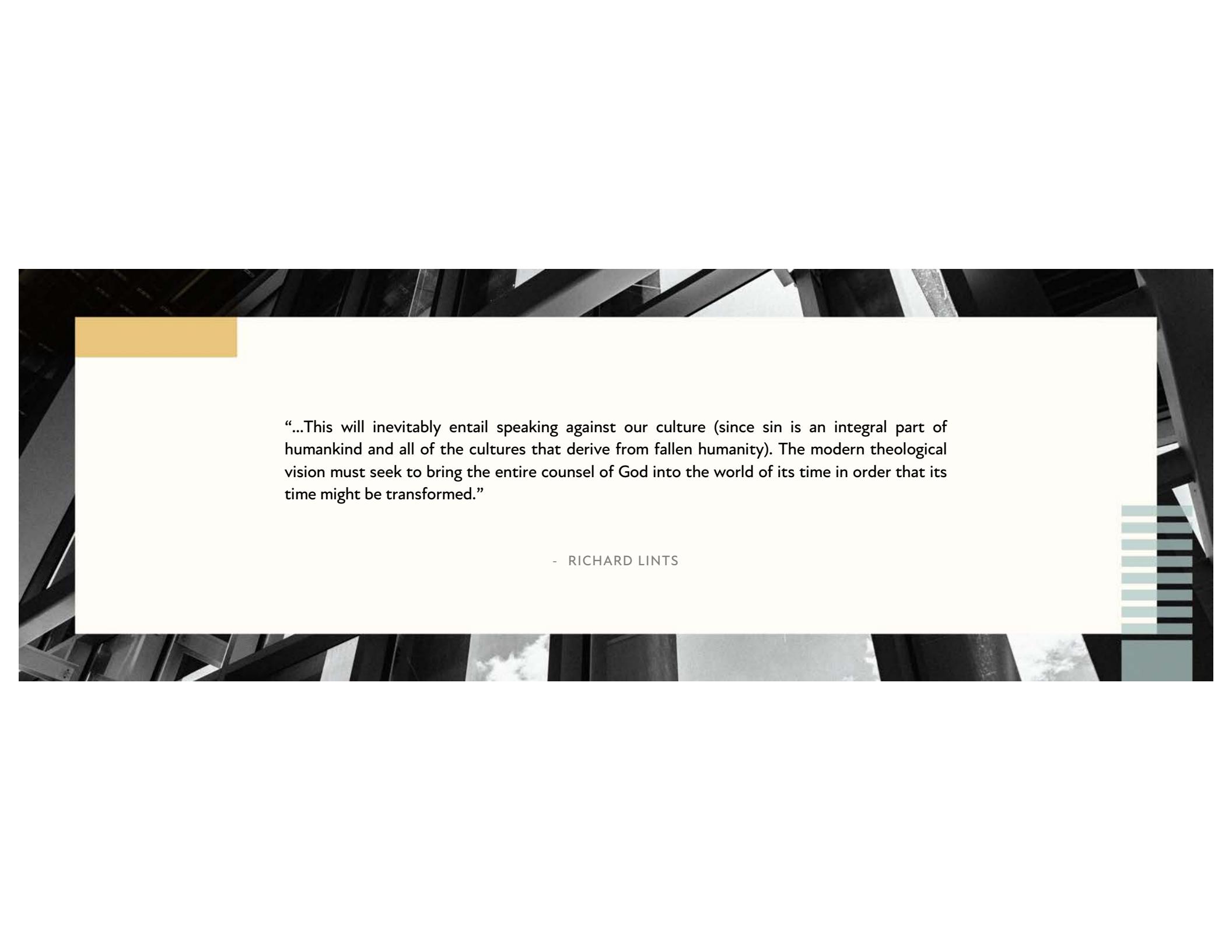


“Culture is what we make of the world.”

- ANDY CROUCH



“A theological vision allows [people] to see their culture in a way different than they had ever been able to see it before. The vision gives them new eyes on the world and forces them to take a prophetic stance in each of the pieces of culture that are addressed. Those who are empowered by the theological vision do not simply stand against the mainstream impulses of the culture but take the initiative both to understand and speak to that culture from the framework of the Scriptures...”



“...This will inevitably entail speaking against our culture (since sin is an integral part of humankind and all of the cultures that derive from fallen humanity). The modern theological vision must seek to bring the entire counsel of God into the world of its time in order that its time might be transformed.”

- RICHARD LINTS

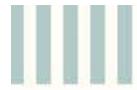
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through which we see all of life.





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