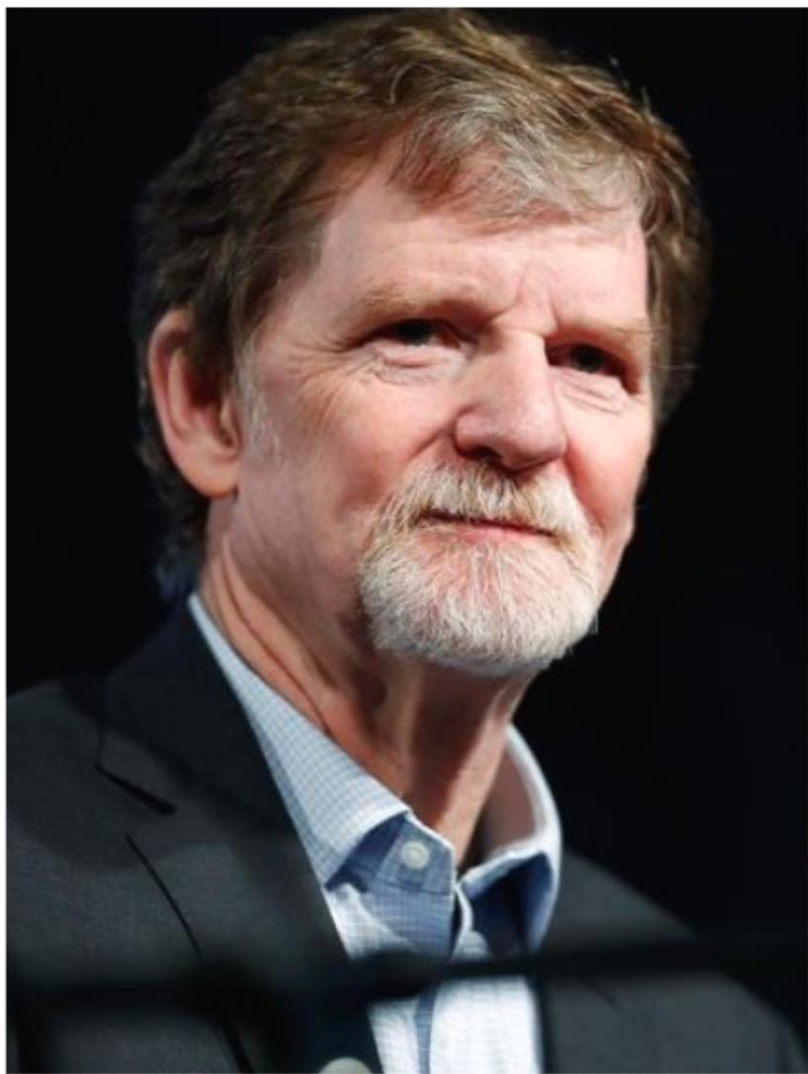


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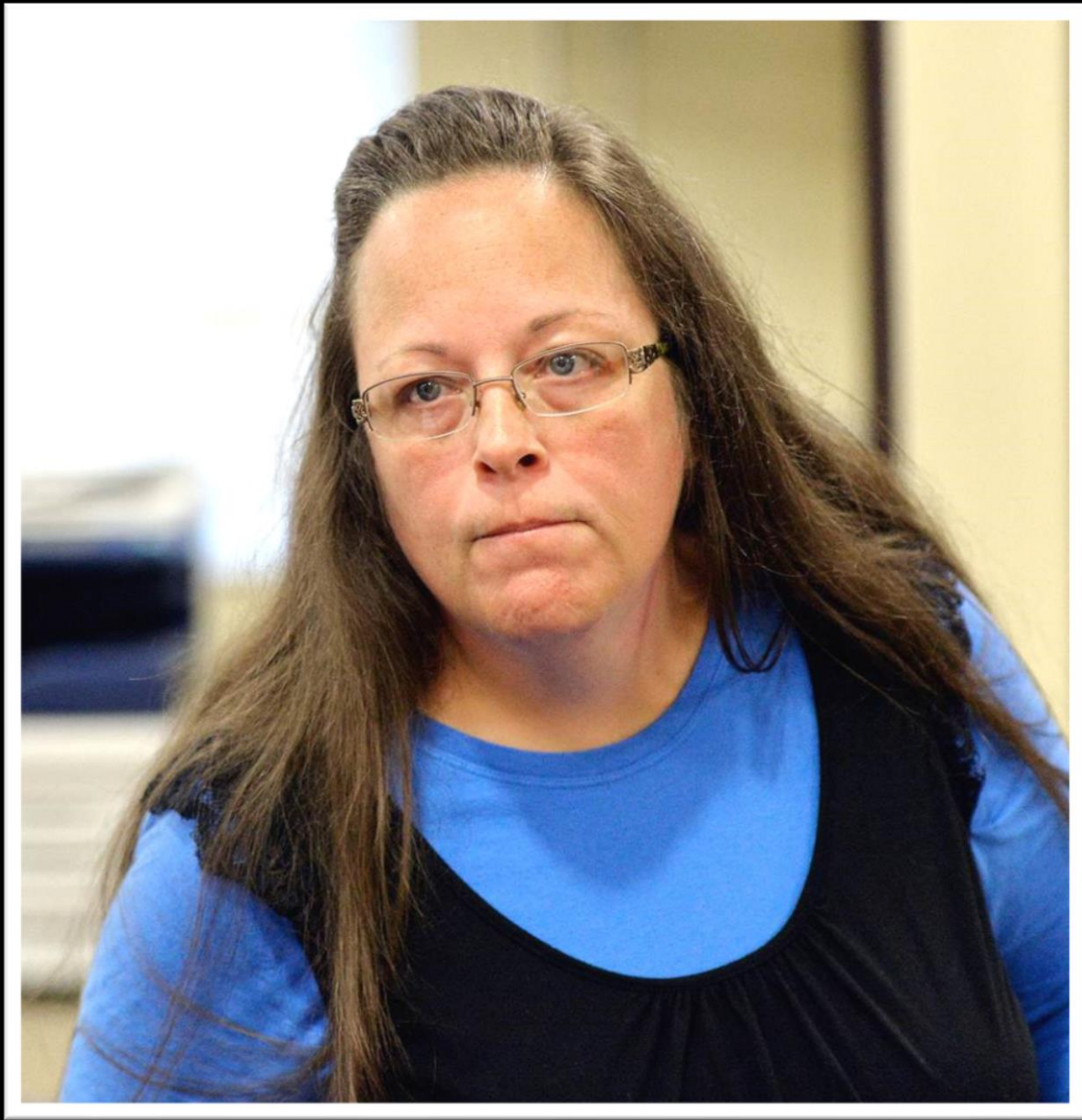
How to Please God in a Sinful World

An Introduction to Ethical Decisions
for Interacting in a Changing Society






Jack Phillips owns
Masterpiece Cakeshop in
Denver. In July 2012 he
declined to create a wedding
cake for Charlie Craig and
David Mullins. His case is now
pending before SCOTUS.





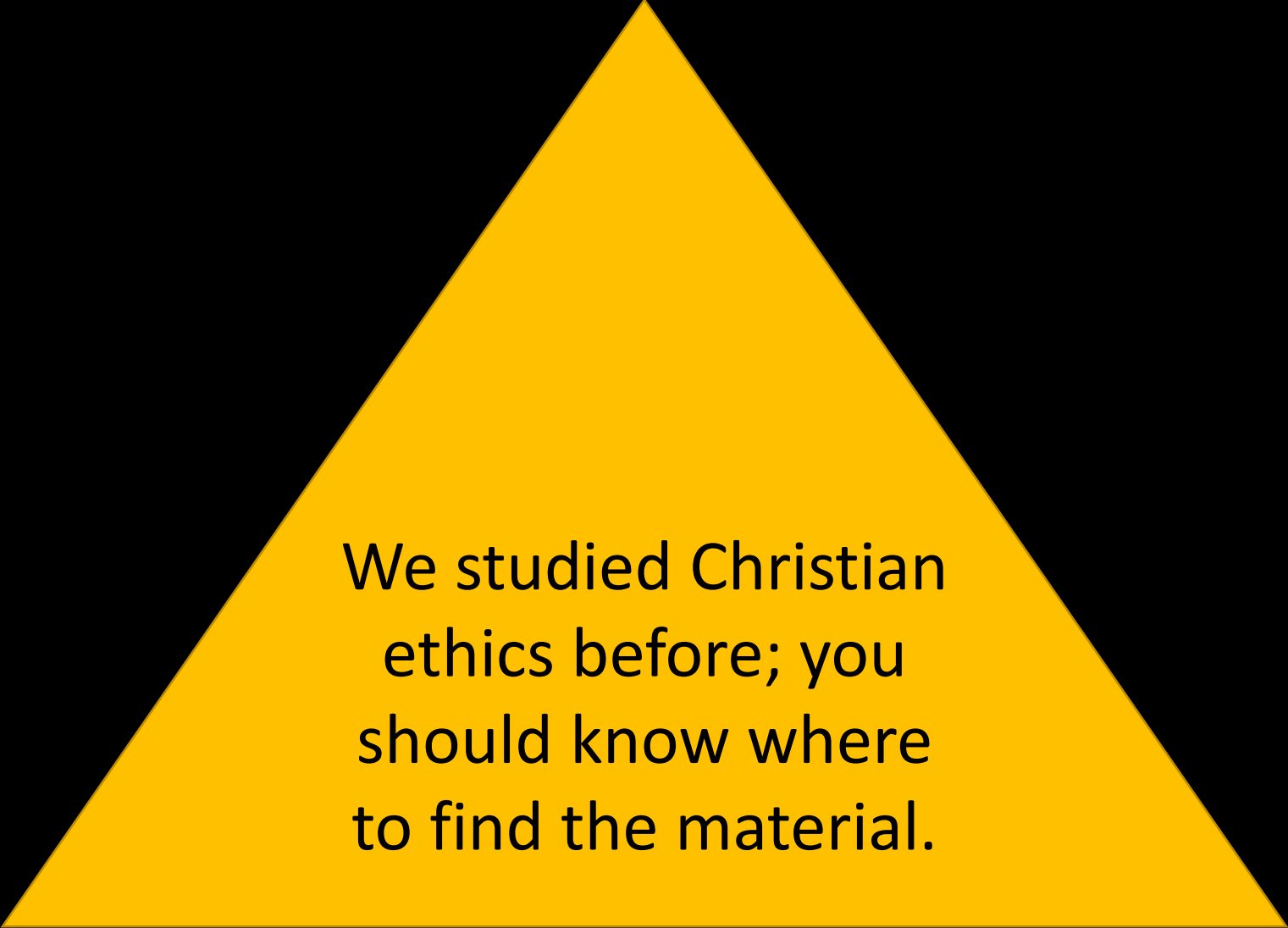
Kim Davis is county clerk for Rowan County, Kentucky who in August, 2015 defied a U.S. federal court to issue marriages licenses to same-sex couples, after SCOTUS ruled in June, 2015.



These Christians
believe they are
obeying God and
the Bible.

What Should Christians Think?

- What does God want us to do in such situations?
- What should we do if we know the activity is sin?
- Does the Bible teach God's will in such situations?
- How do we rightly divide the word of truth?
- Can we establish a solid framework for wise thinking?



We studied Christian
ethics before; you
should know where
to find the material.

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Let us identify some
main principles to
help us in a gay
society.

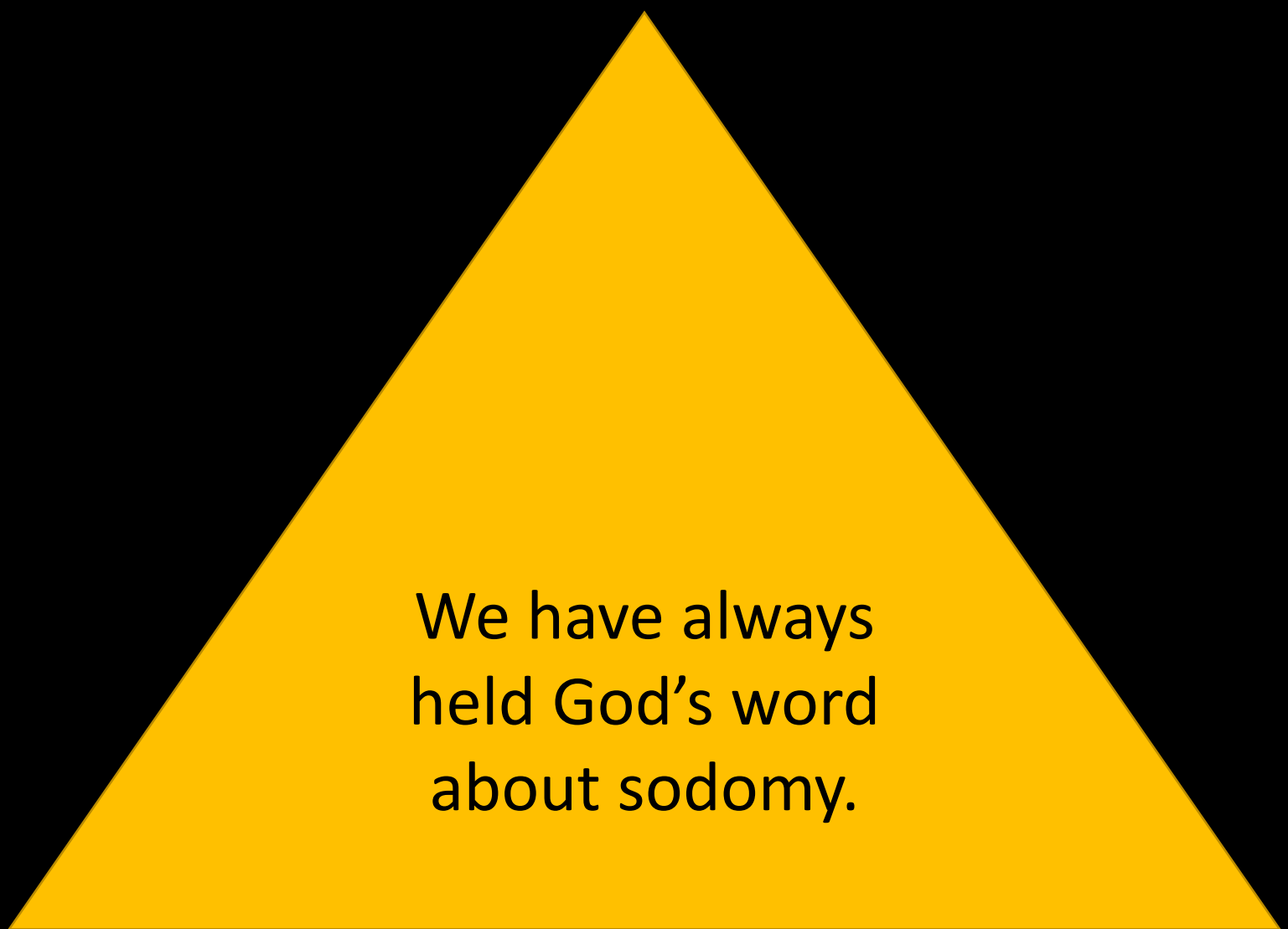
Does the Bible Address a Gay Society?

Sodomy Is Not *Gay*

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Sodomy Is Not *Gay*

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We have always
held God's word
about sodomy.

Principle #1

God *allows* indirect
association with evil
and evildoers.



15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

16 But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

II Kings 5:15-16


17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

II Kings 5:17

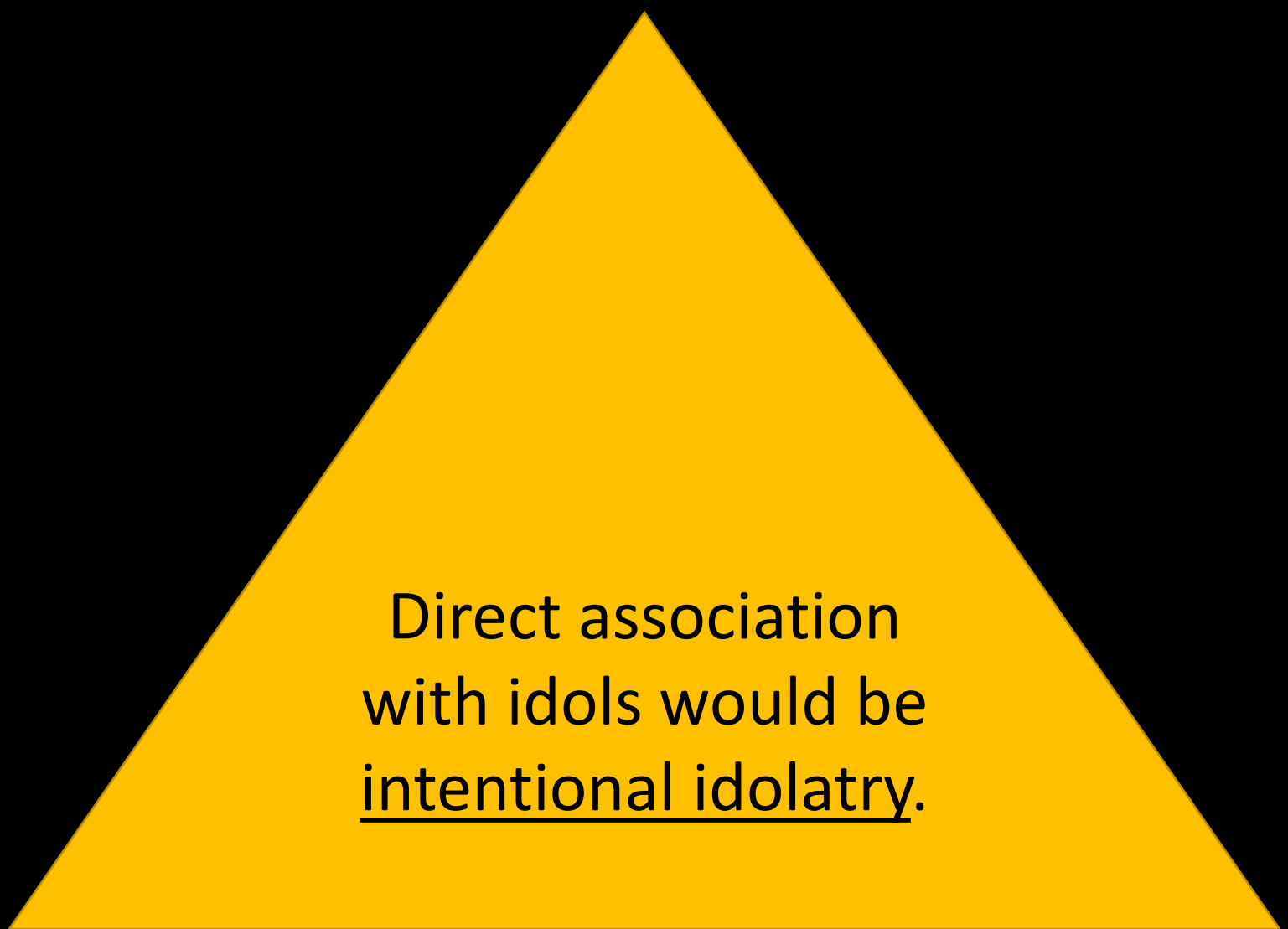
18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

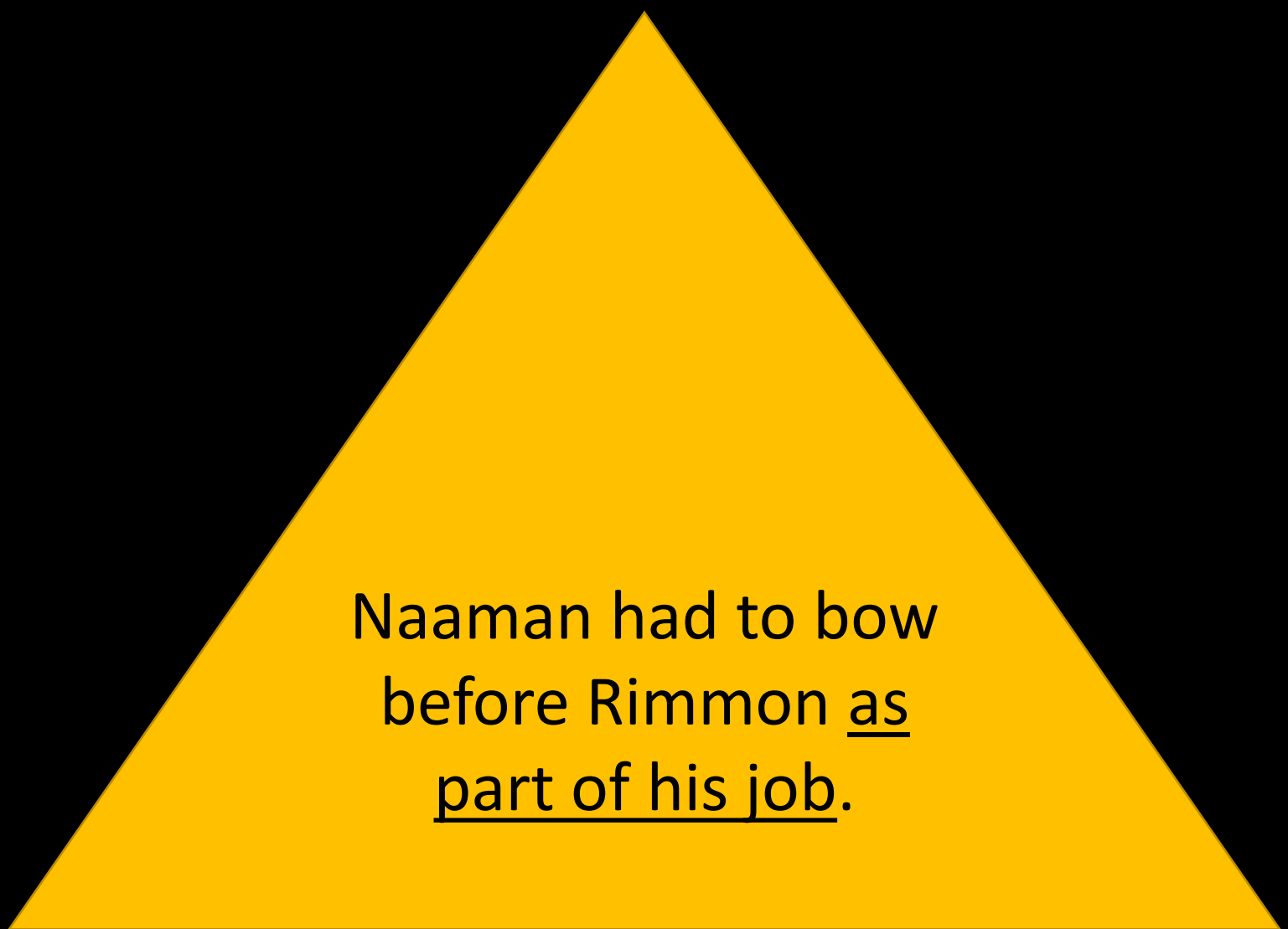
II Kings 5:18-19

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Never forget this
fabulous example of
Naaman the Syrian.



Direct association
with idols would be
intentional idolatry.



Naaman had to bow
before Rimmon as
part of his job.




The prophet with
twice Elijah's spirit
said, "Go in peace"!

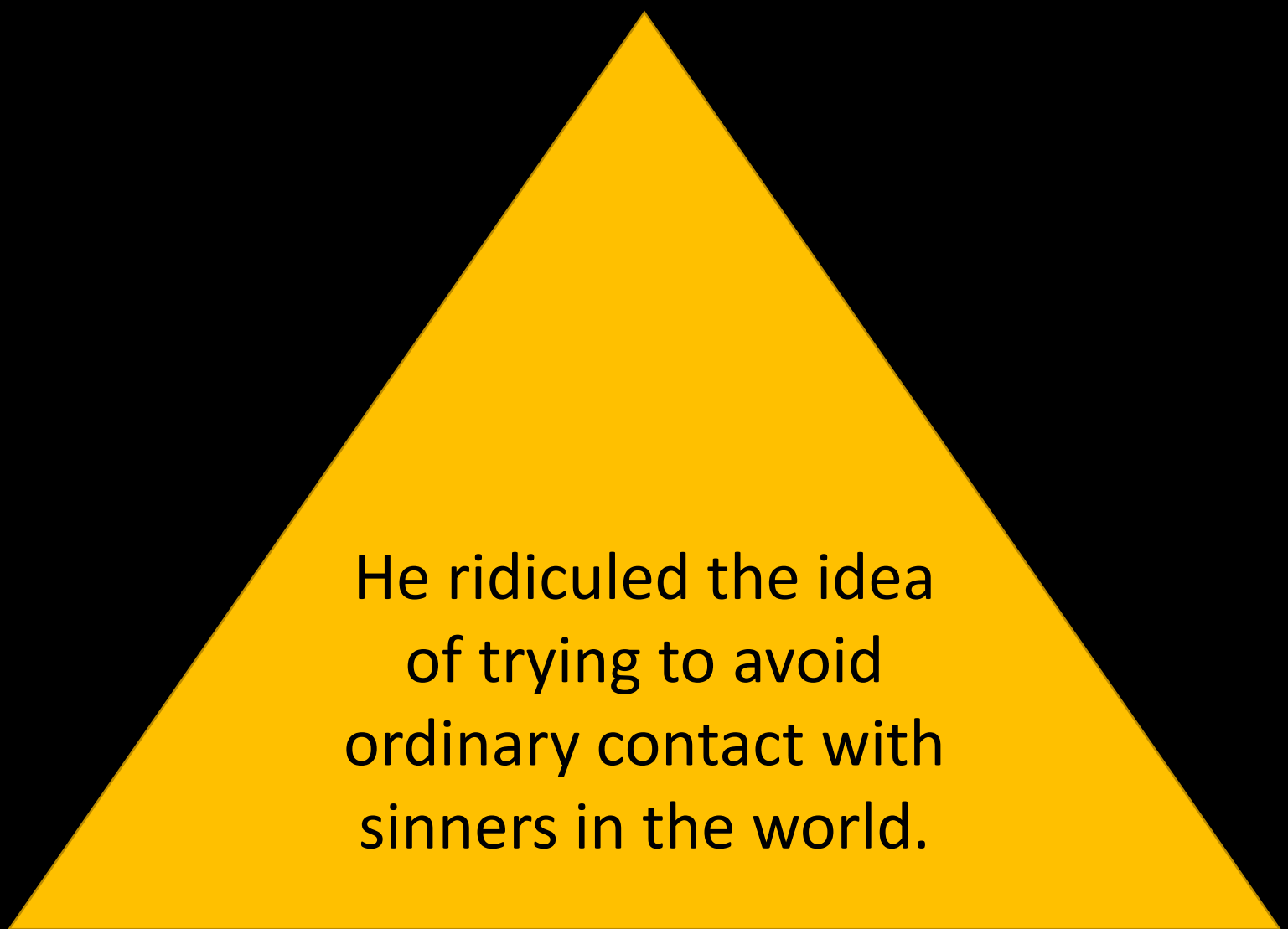
**9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to
company with fornicators:**

**10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of
this world, or with the covetous, or
extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must
ye needs go out of the world.**

I Corinthians 5:9-10



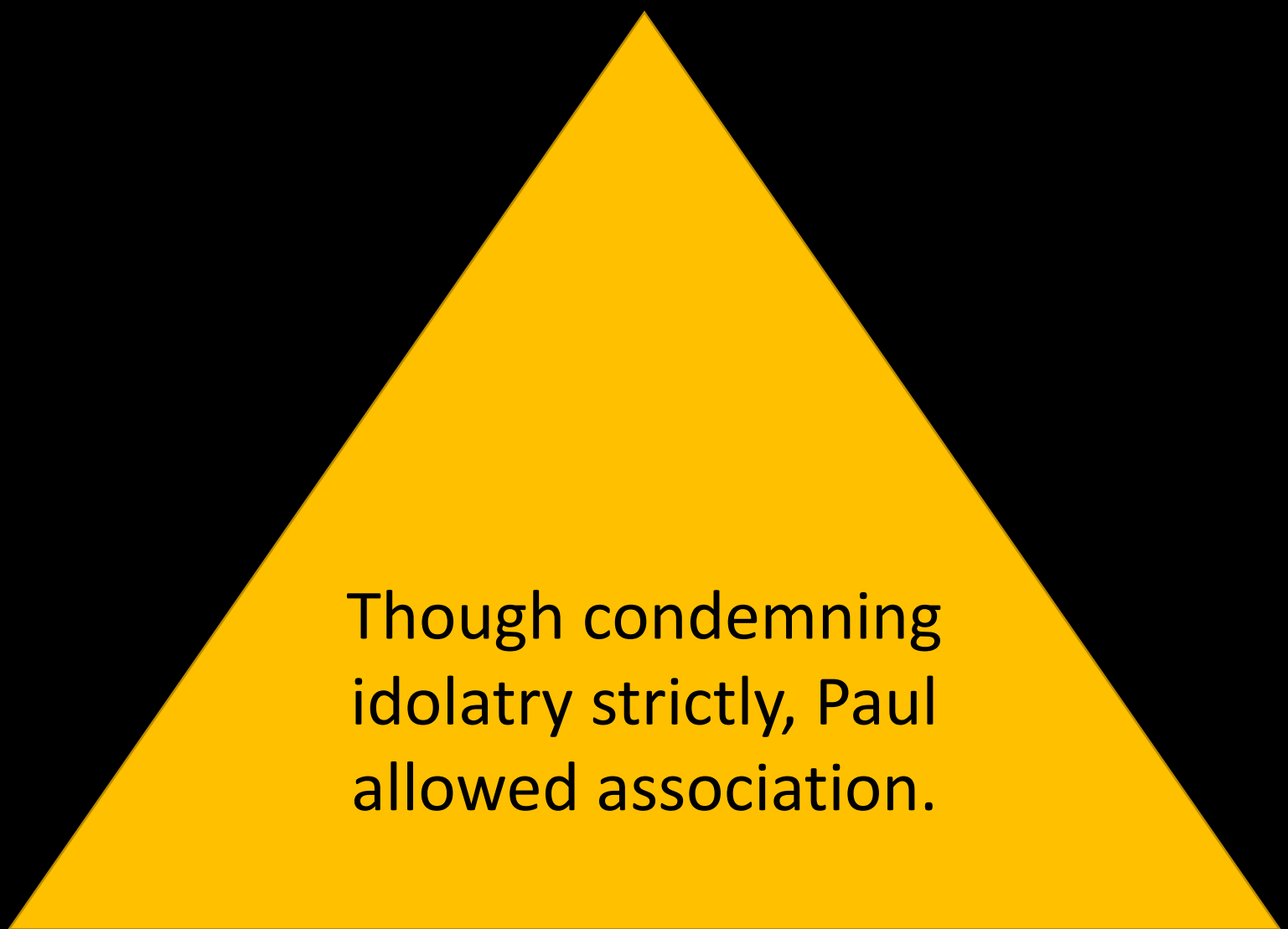
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friendship to church
sinners, Paul allowed
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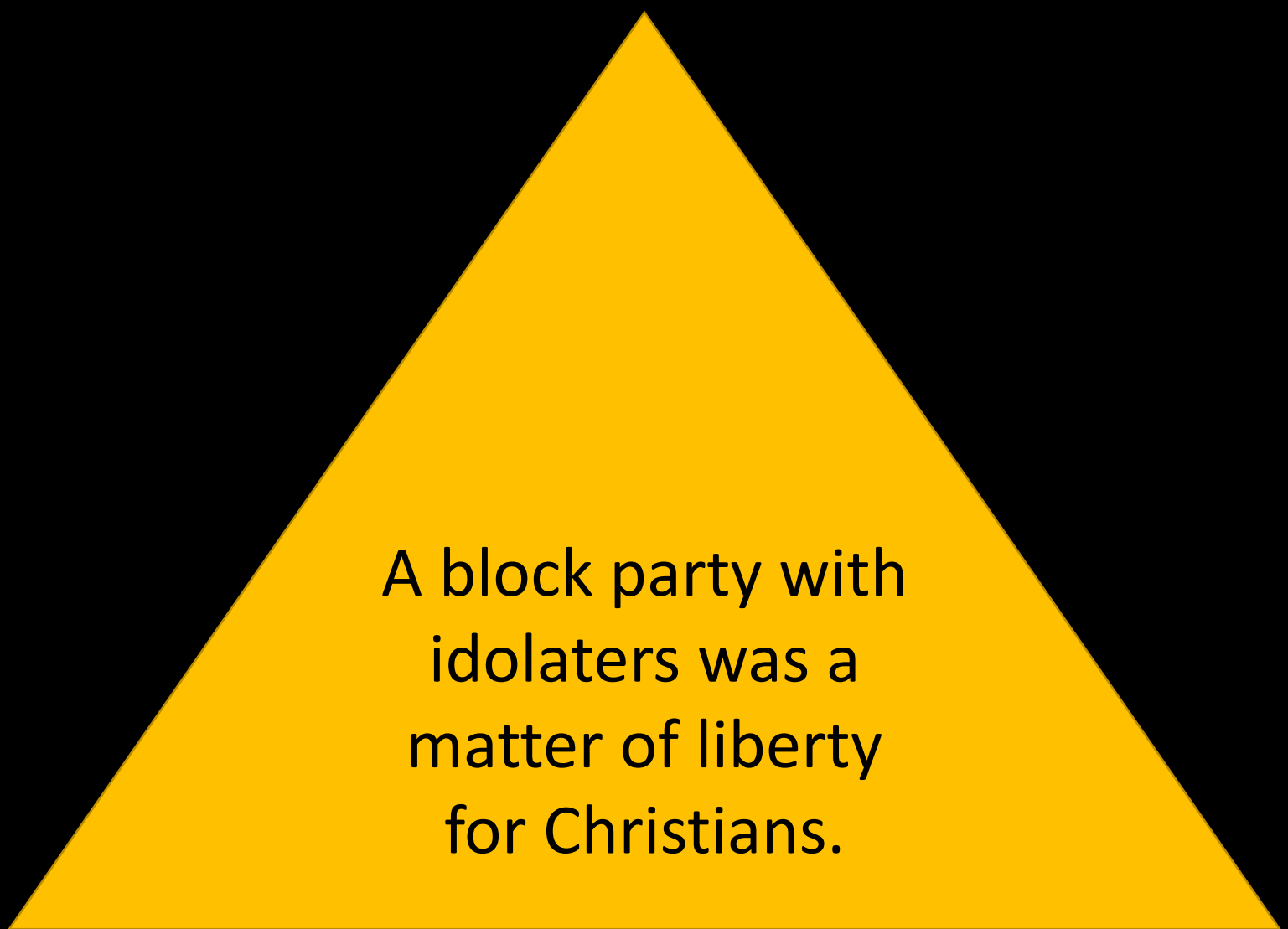
He ridiculed the idea
of trying to avoid
ordinary contact with
sinners in the world.

If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

I Corinthians 10:27

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Though condemning
idolatry strictly, Paul
allowed association.

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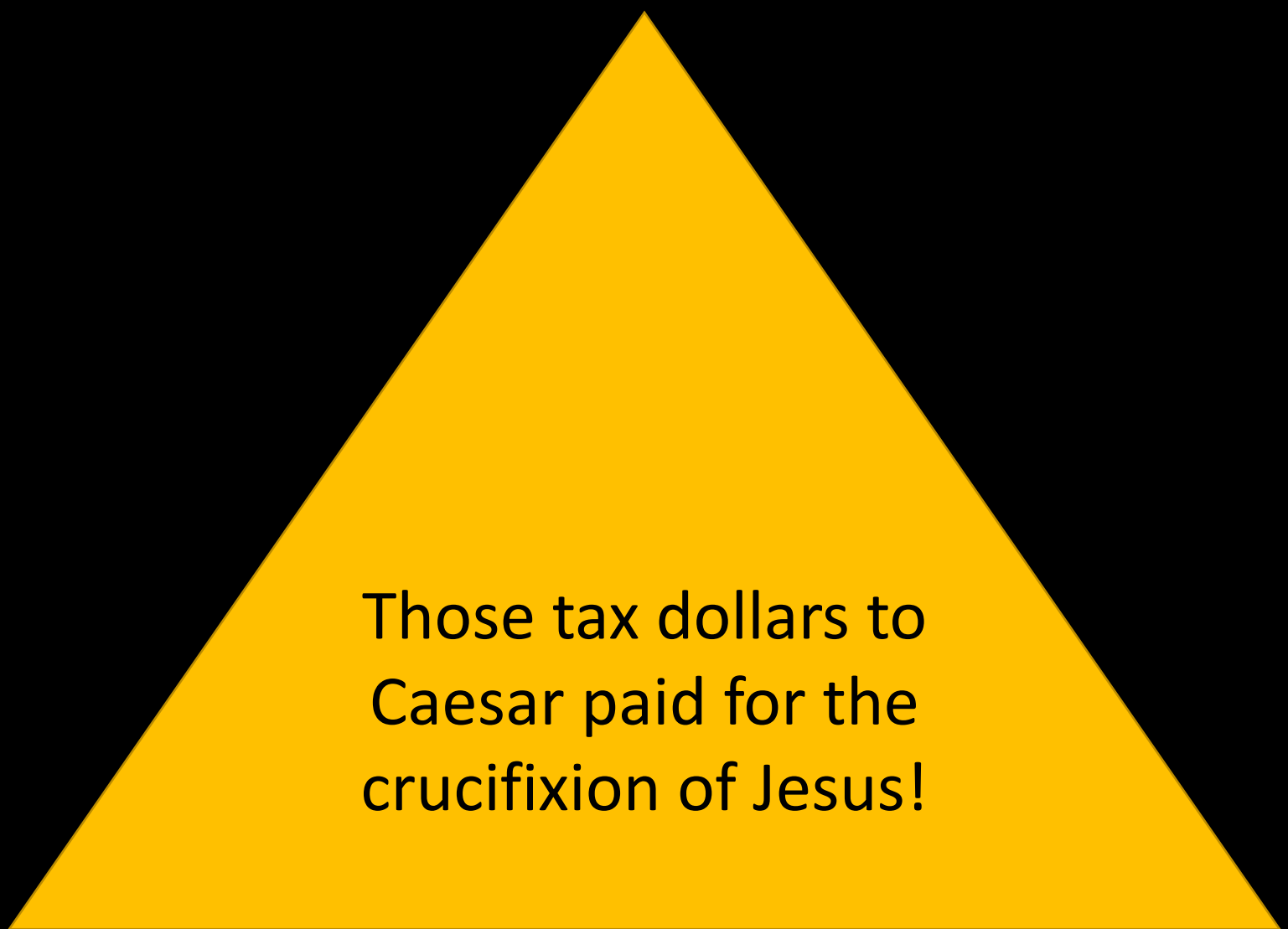
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19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

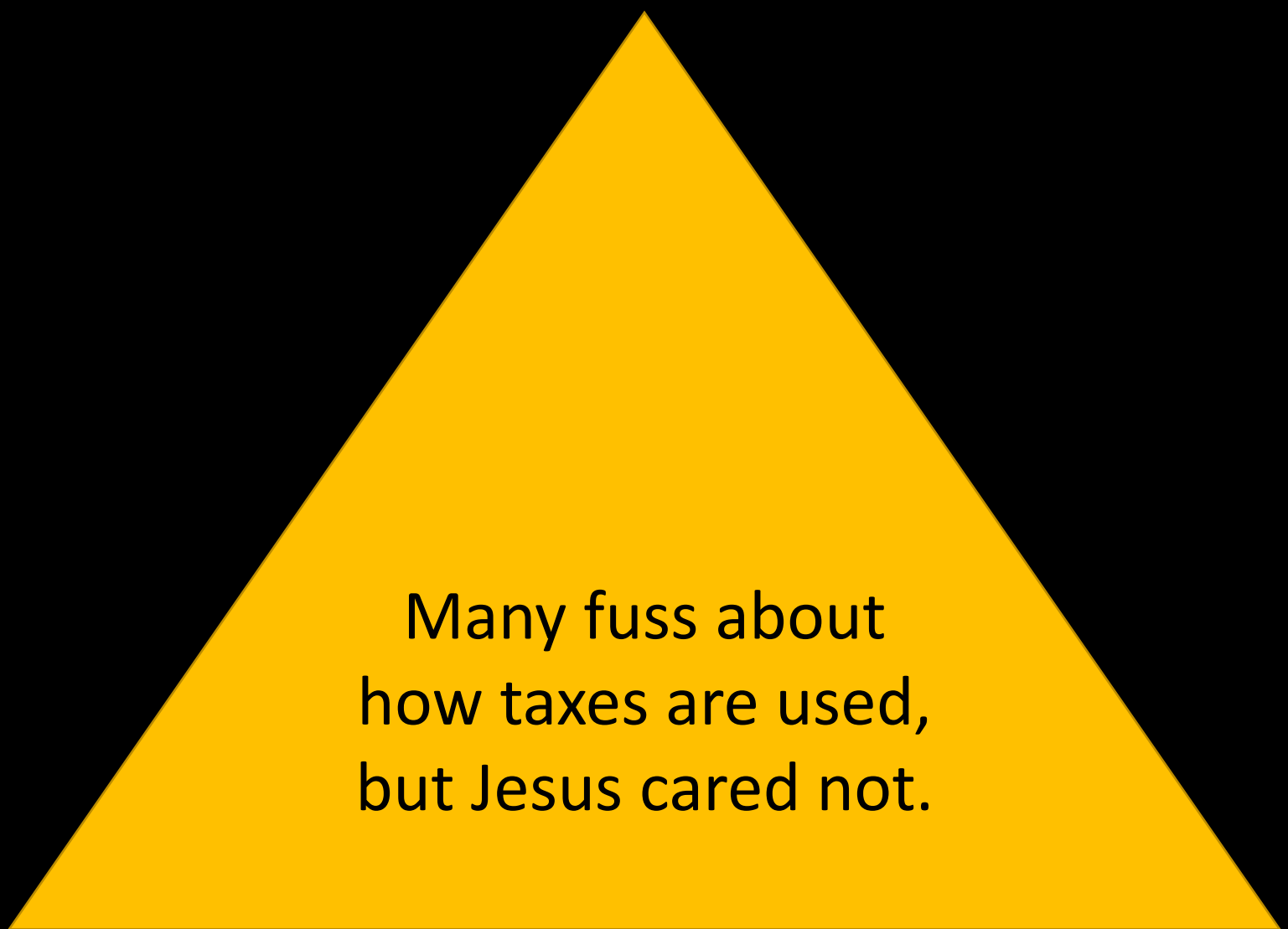
20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.


Matthew 22:19-21

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Many fuss about
how taxes are used,
but Jesus cared not.



Government use of
taxes is between
them and God and
you only at the polls.

Principle #1


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association with evil
and evildoers.

Principle #2


God *blesse*s indirect
association with evil
and evildoers.

And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

Genesis 14:13



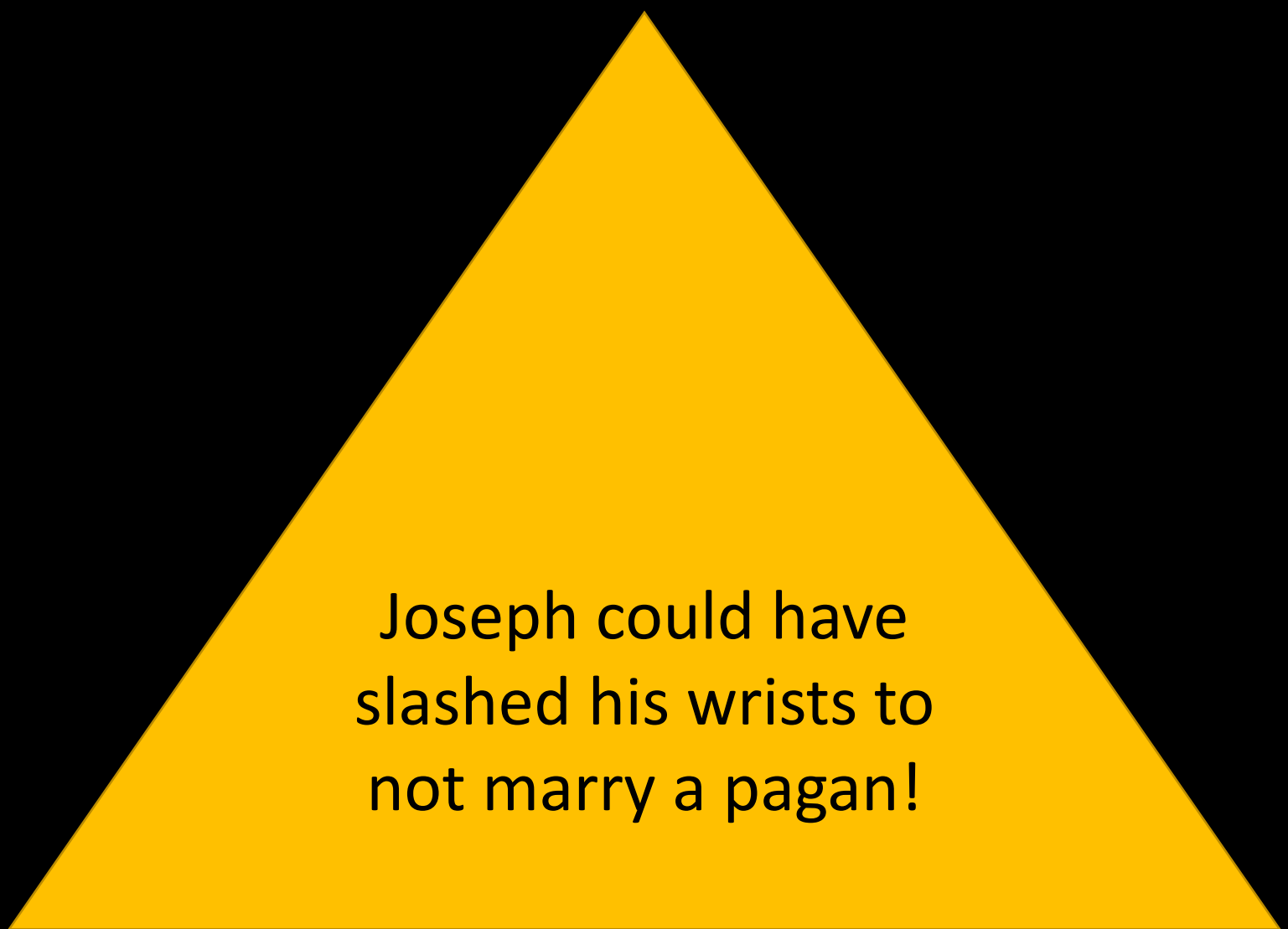
Why didn't the great
friend of God have
faith by himself?



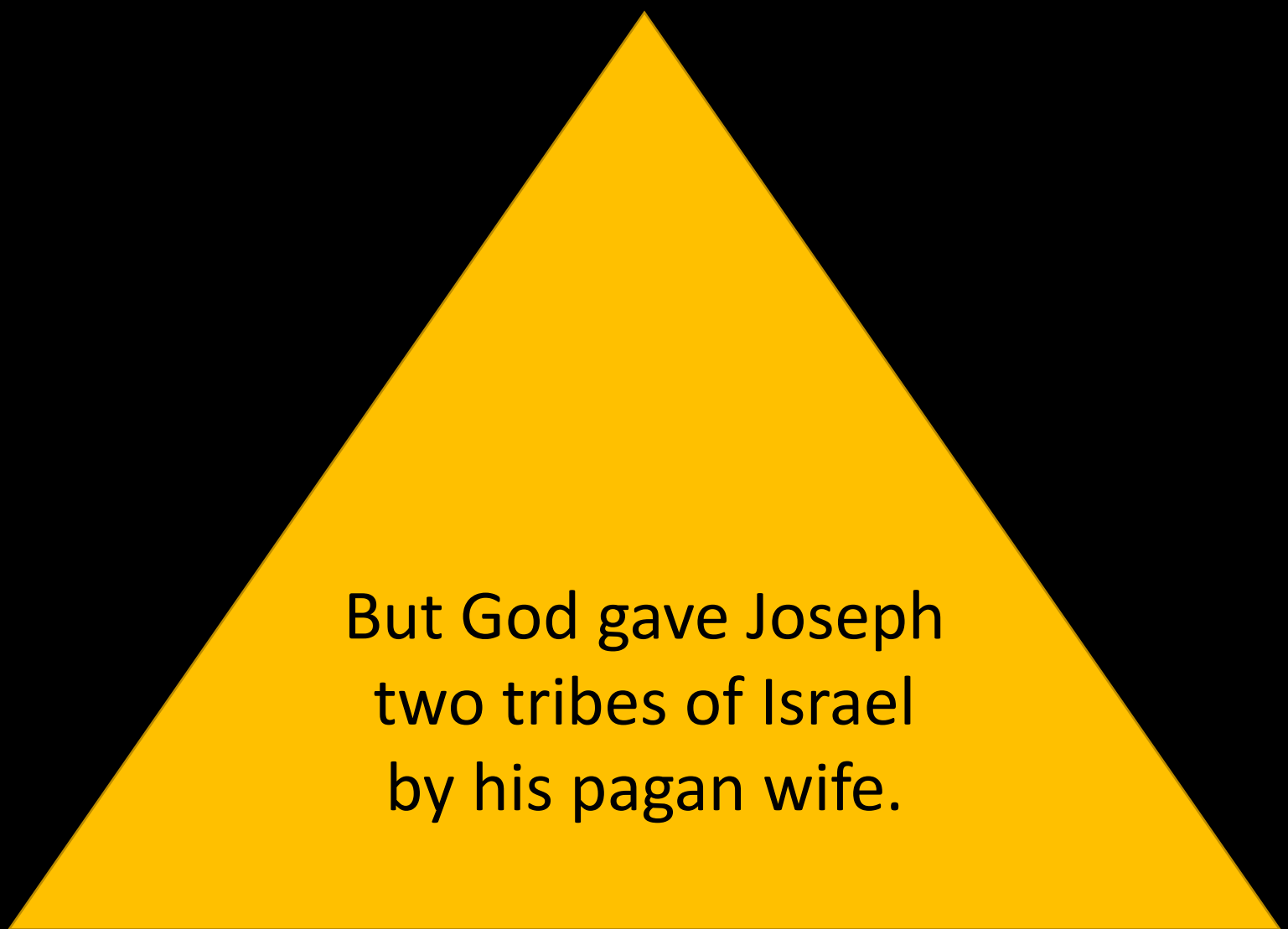
He made friends
with Canaanites and
used them for help.

And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:45

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Joseph could have
slashed his wrists to
not marry a pagan!




But God gave Joseph
two tribes of Israel
by his pagan wife.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's....

22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.


Genesis 47:20-22




Joseph altered
legislation to
subsidize Egypt's
pagan priests.

Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

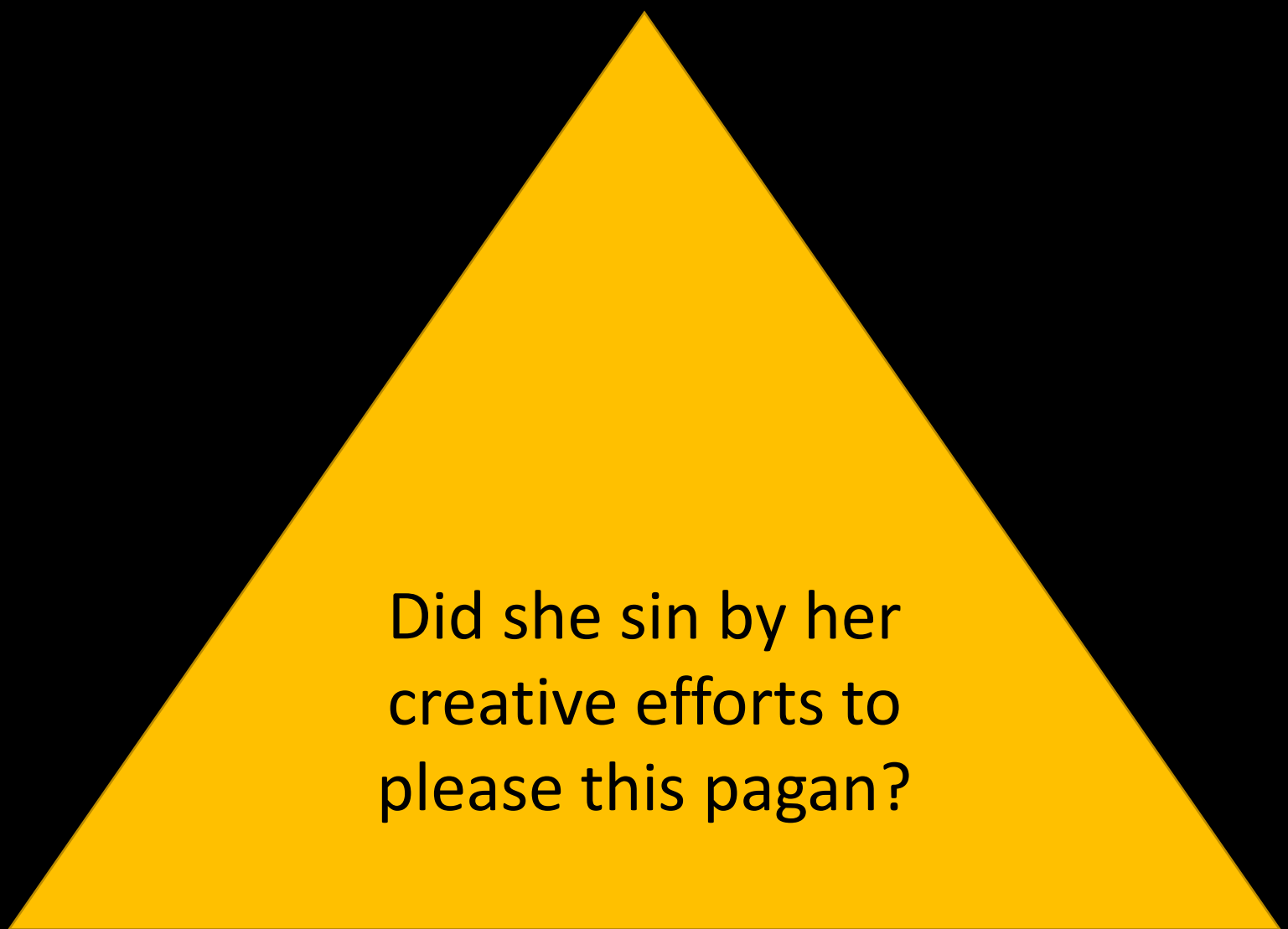
Esther 2:15

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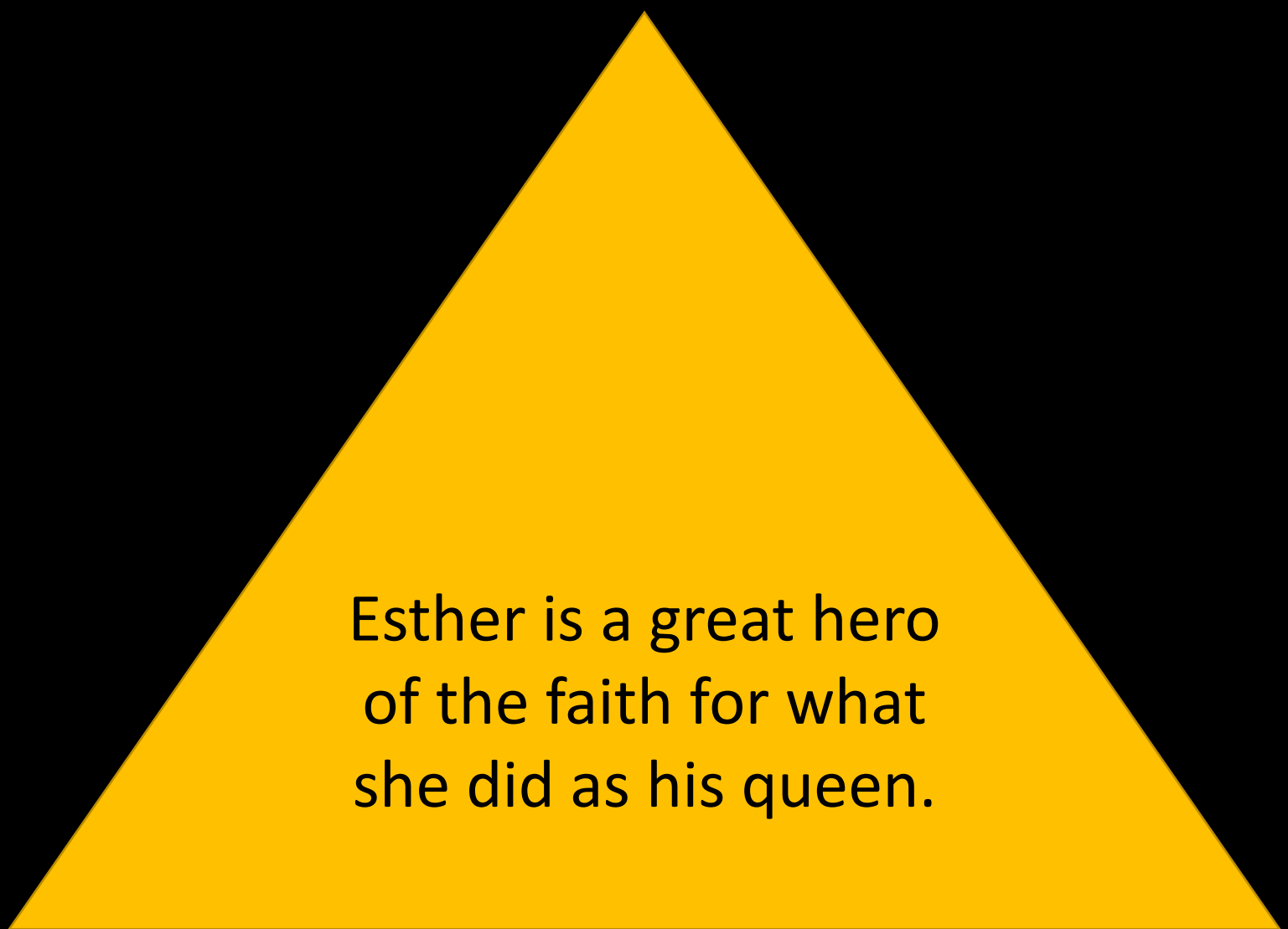
Should she have
slashed her wrists
to stay a virgin?



Should she have
dressed like a dog
to offend his tastes?




Did she sin by her
creative efforts to
please this pagan?



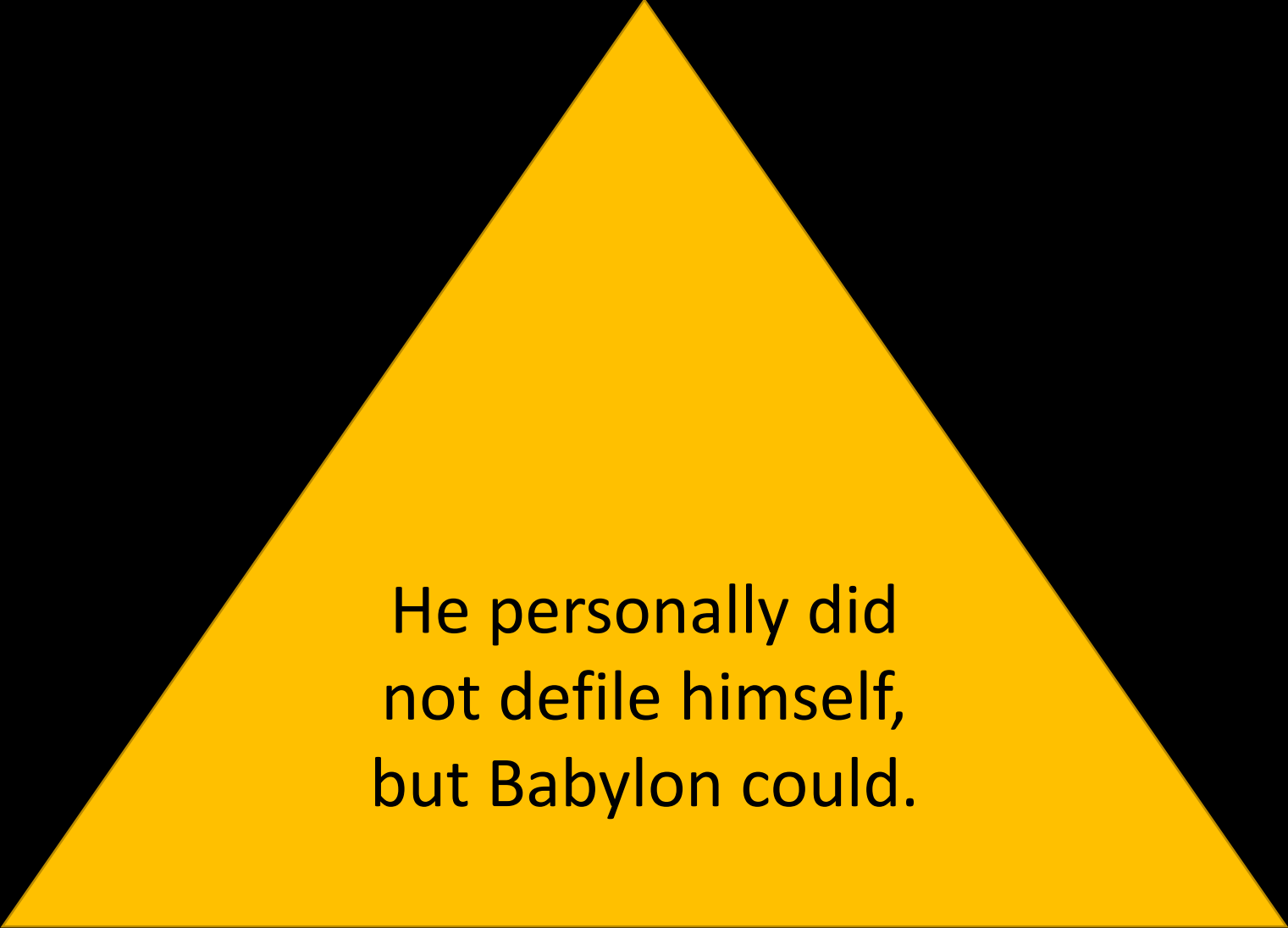
Esther is a great hero
of the faith for what
she did as his queen.

And Daniel continued even unto the first
year of king Cyrus.

Daniel 1:21




Daniel oversaw and
enforced pagan laws
every day of his life.

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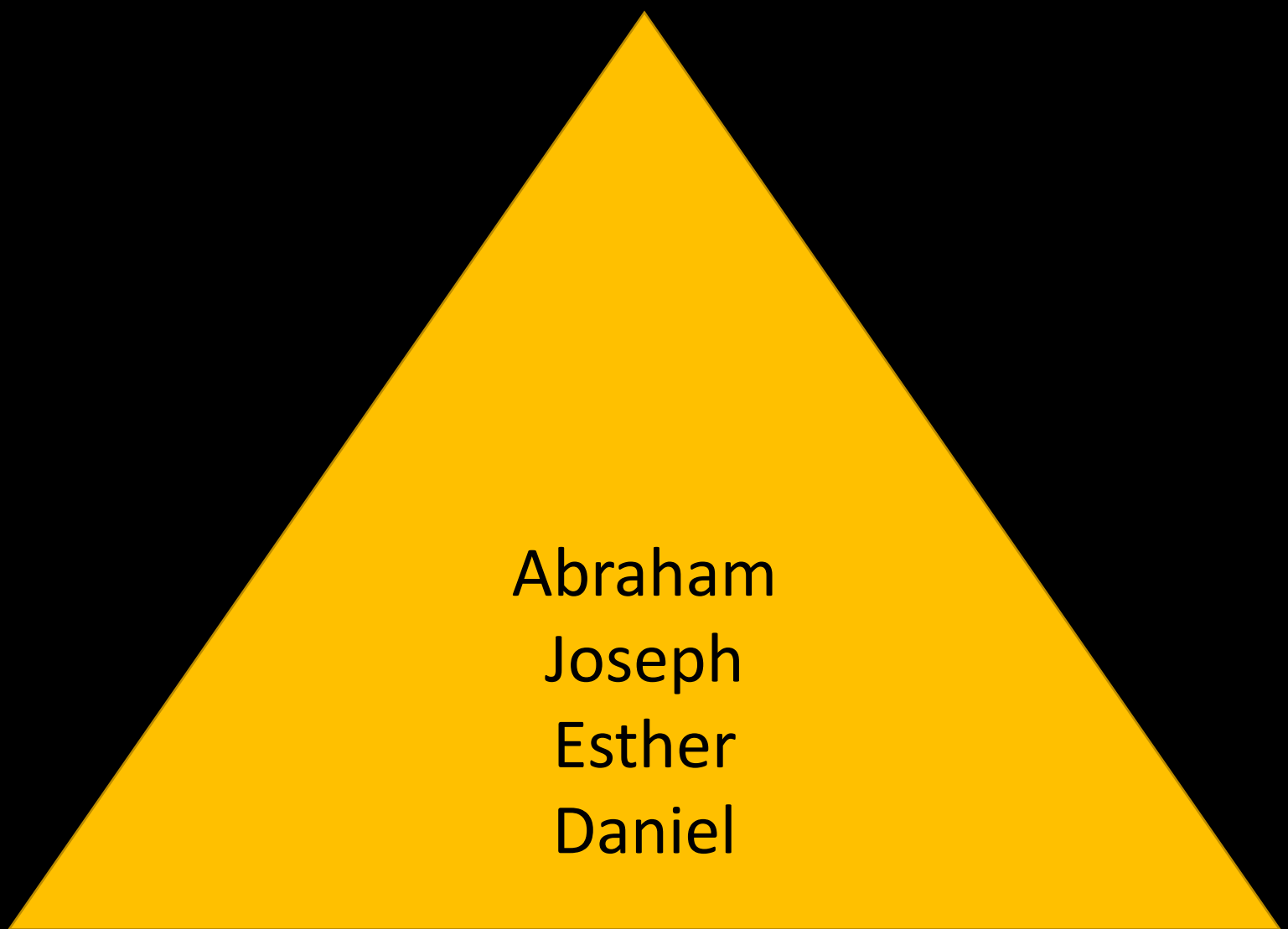
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Principle #2

God *blesse*s indirect
association with evil
and evildoers.



All four examples
were blessed much
in their compromise.



Abraham
Joseph
Esther
Daniel

The difference between direct
or indirect association with
evil or evildoers is huge ...
wise men will see it.

Naaman professed Jehovah
but had to bow to Rimmon
for his job.

Go in peace!

Ahab worshipped Baal
voluntarily by instigation of
his wicked wife Jezebel.

He was judged!

Joseph and Esther married for practical reasons (some duress).


Both were blessed greatly!

Samson and Solomon married
pagans by choice against God.


Both were judged greatly!

Principle #3


If you take a stand
against one sin, do
so for others also.



If not consistent
here, your conduct
is hypocritical to all.



We see the error of
a decision this way –
by its inconsistency.



We help men honor
civil rule by asking
questions about all
spheres of authority.

Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

Malachi 2:9

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Matthew 23:23-24

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.


Galatians 3:10

**For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and
yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**

James 2:10

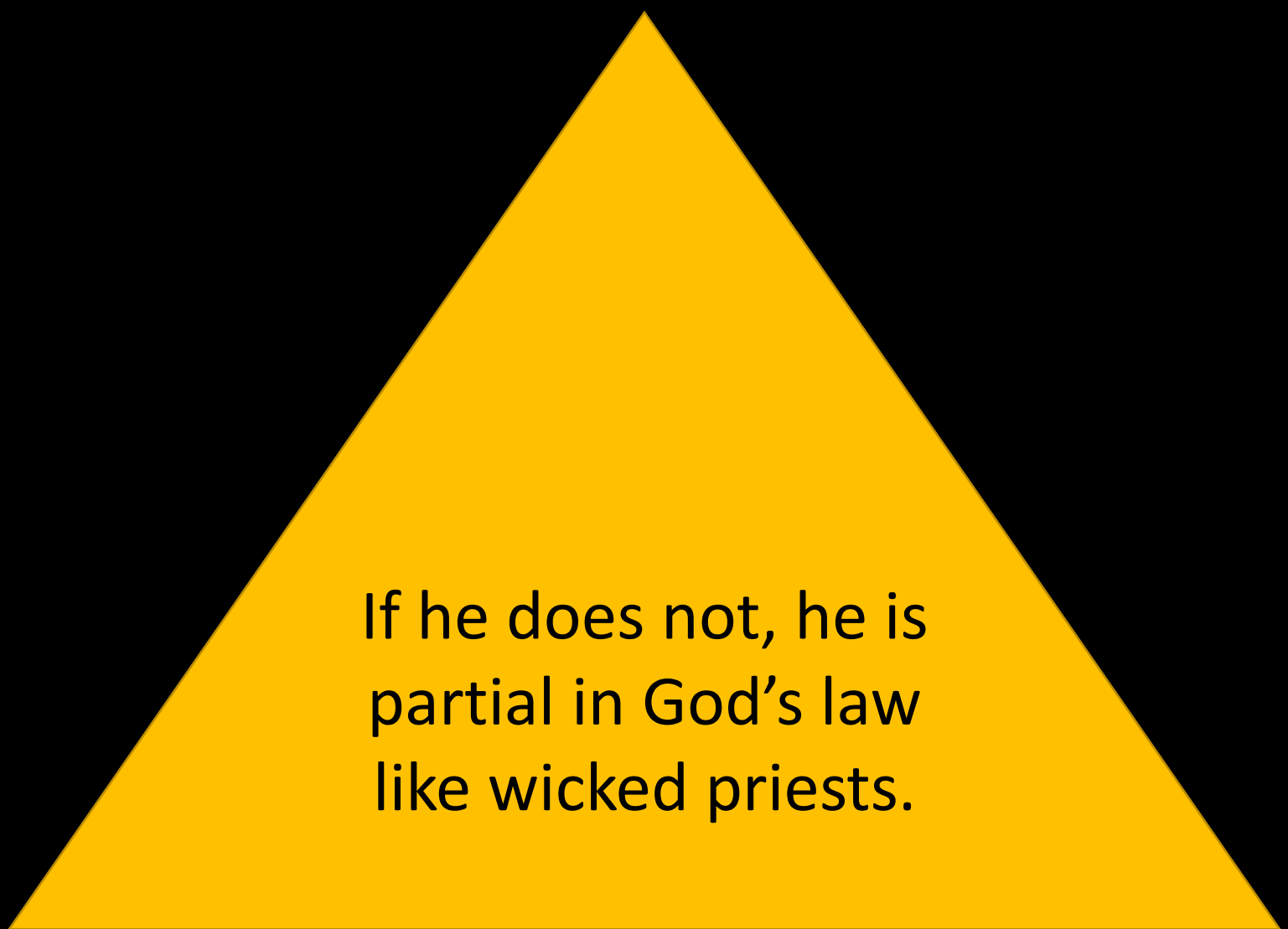
Kim Davis needs to ask each license applicant if they have fornicated in their courtship and then deny them also.

If they pass the fornication test, she should check on divorces, mode of baptism, respect to civil rulers, hair length, kindness to pets, etc.



If she does not, she
is a hypocrite like
the Pharisees.

Jack Phillips needs to ask the same questions of customers wanting his creative efforts for their wedding cakes.



If he does not, he is
partial in God's law
like wicked priests.

Of course, we each hate some sins more than others; you cannot claim God and the Bible unless you are consistent like Him against all sins.

Fear of God and hate for sin is
not shown by emotion ... but
rather by careful study of
God's word to be right.

Principle #4

If you take a stand
about sin, you better
be without sin.

17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

Romans 2:17-19

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

Romans 2:20-22

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

John 8:7

Kim Davis was able to plead
her recent conversion for her
very messed up previous life.

Do not think their sins worse
than your sins; do not hate
sodomy, but get drunk.

Principle #5

If Christians deny
service to sinners;
they will deny us.

Baptists love the First Amendment for freedom of religion. By allowing freedom for other religions, we secure our own freedom to worship.

The papal beast of Rome denied Christians the right to buy and sell (Rev 13:17). This will eventually be the result of what Kim Davis and Jack Phillips are doing.

Principle #6

Blind guides will
strain at a gnat and
swallow a camel.

**Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and
swallow a camel.**

Matthew 23:24

Kim Davis is not opposed to issuing same-sex marriage licenses; she is opposed to her name being on them.

Jack Phillips would have sold Charlie and David an ordinary wedding cake, but not one involving his “creative effort.”



Come on, man!

Principle #7

Test your position by
applying it to all
kinds of other jobs.

Can a cake decorator in the kitchen use her “creative effort” for a bakery without checking for gay customers buying her cakes at the front counter?

Can a loan officer sign his name multiple times to loan documentation to fund a house or business for gays?

Can a Christian work in a hotel where many commit fornication and some will be obviously doing so?

Can a Christian work in a hotel where many of the guests are viewing porn on the inhouse cable system?


Can a Christian work in a
convenience store and sell
alcohol to drunkards or porn
to perverts, let alone gas and
Twinkies and rainbow
sherbet to gays?

Can a glass installer put in auto glass without leaks, if he sees the owner holding hands with one of the same sex?


Can a nurse or pharmacist
creatively help save the life of
a gay person with their
partner doting on them?

Can a landscaping firm use
creative effort for looks and
economics for a gay brothel?
a nightclub? a kingdom hall?
St. Mary's? a convent?

At what point should a cop
call his superiors and say he
cannot in good conscience
help some sinner in trouble?

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Christians work in the
world and should do
the best job possible
for all they encounter.



All jobs have issues
many ways by staff,
customers, policy, etc.

Principle #8

Ignorance is bliss,
and even strict Paul
taught it clearly.



Do not ask details
about what you do
or its implications.

**Whatever is sold in the shambles, that eat,
asking no question for conscience sake:**

I Corinthians 10:25

If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

I Corinthians 10:27

The hotel desk clerk should not ask guests anything about their purpose or activities in the hotel. Their choices are between the guest and God.

Principle #9

Wise men see a
nation change and
they hide from it.

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Proverbs 22:3

When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

Proverbs 28:12

**When the wicked rise, men hide themselves:
but when they perish, the righteous increase.**

Proverbs 28:28

If you want to hang out a
shingle for cake decorating in
Denver today, you deserve
some difficult situations.

If you work a civil job in a
perverse nation without
following Joseph and Daniel,
you deserve hard situations.

Principle #10

If protection is not established, it is not your duty to test it.

And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

Acts 22:25

13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

Luke 12:13-14

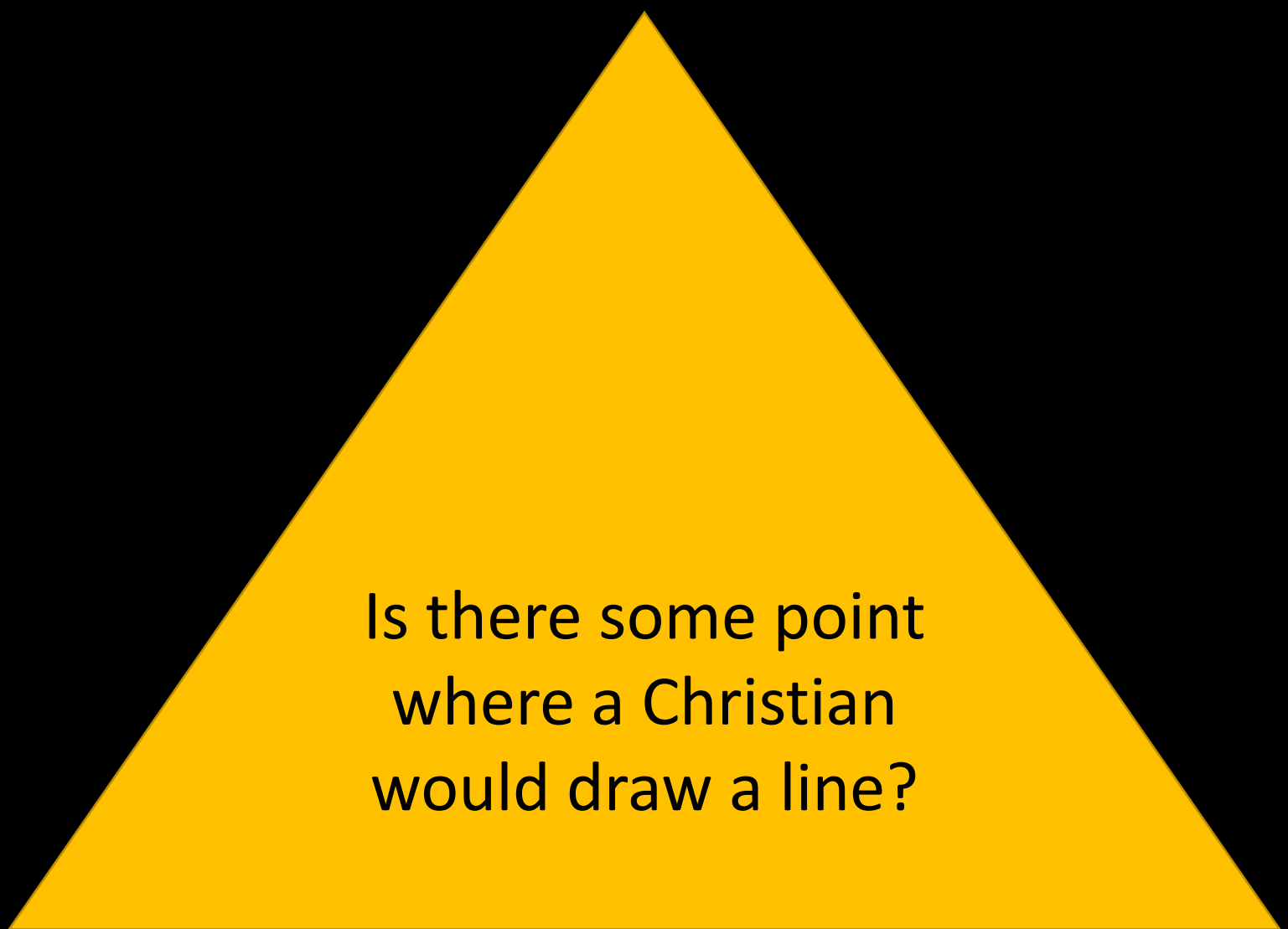
10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

John 8:10-11

As hard as this may seem for
“patriots,” Christians have
much higher callings and
better use of resources than
testing legal sin trends.

Society and legal application
of sin laws are constantly
changing and wise men see
the changes and adjust.




Is there some point
where a Christian
would draw a line?



Of course!


Daniel and meat!
Daniel and furnace!
Daniel and prayer!

Daniel helped Babylon sin as part of his job, but he would not sin himself, even under penalty of death. Simple!



Our laws still protect
in most every case
of common sense.

Sinners cannot force you to sin e.g. abortionists cannot force you to get an abortion.

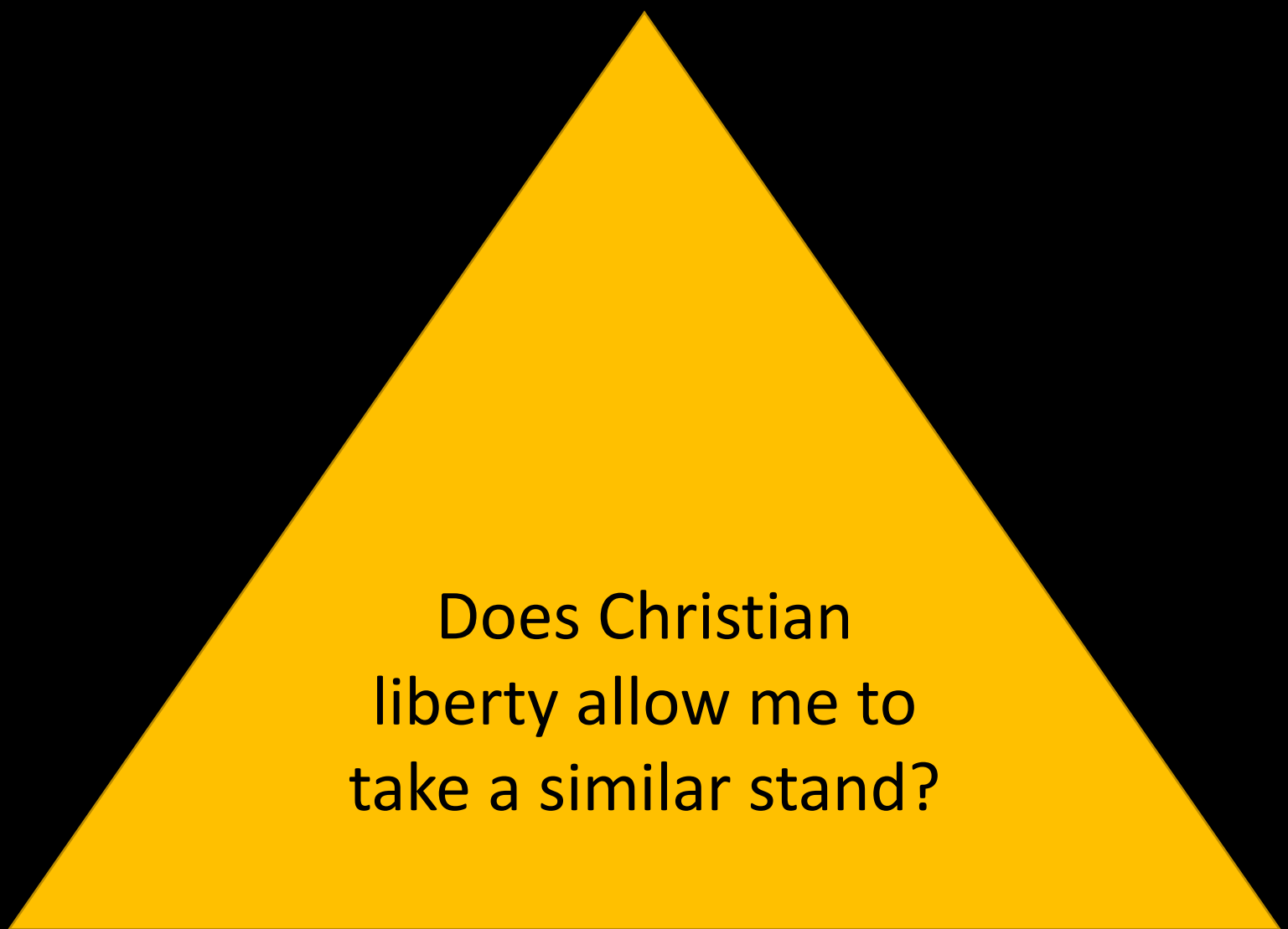


Principles of wisdom
are carefully applied
to each unique case.

But Kim Davis and Jack
Phillips have suffered for
taking a stand for God and
Bible righteousness!!!!

No!

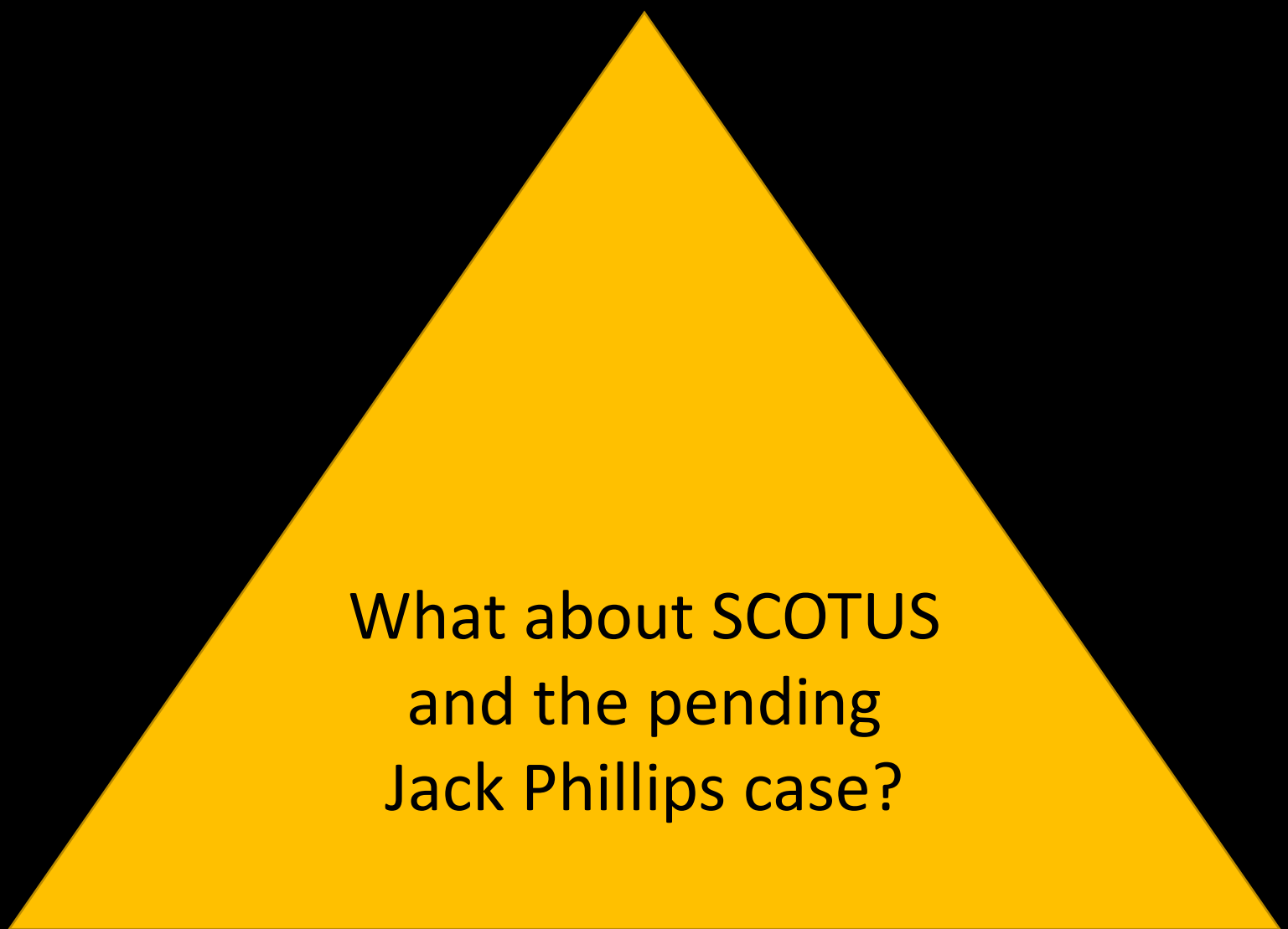
They have suffered for not knowing Christian ethics and begging trouble in America.



Does Christian
liberty allow me to
take a similar stand?

Remember that Christian liberty allows you to be stupid and cause yourself foolish pain and trouble.

Educate your conscience so
you do not have to be stupid
and find yourself in prison or
being fined thousands.



What about SCOTUS
and the pending
Jack Phillips case?

We want SCOTUS to rule in his favor for the preservation of America a little longer, not because we think he is wise or particularly righteous.

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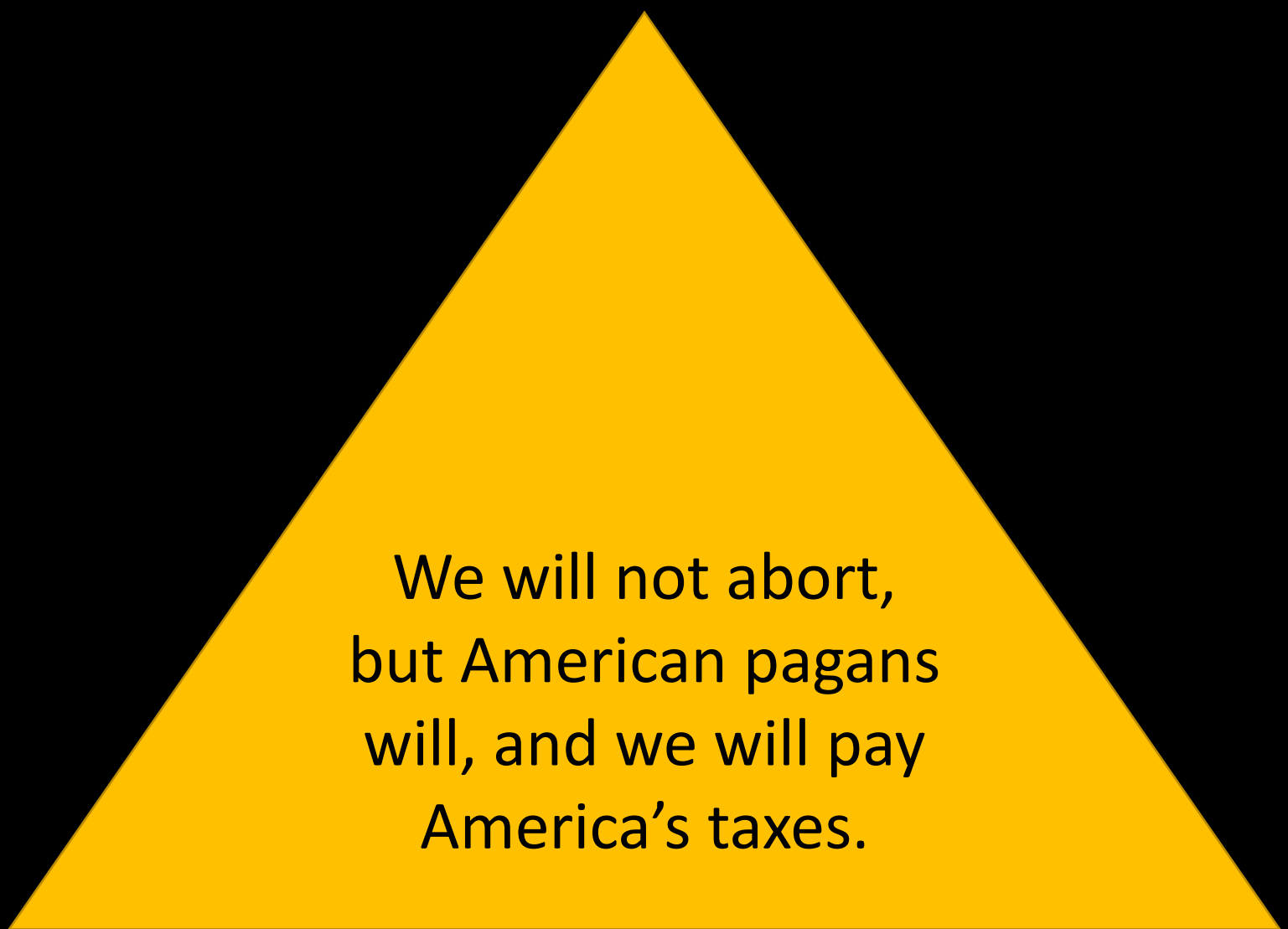
No!

Ethics has been
taught here before,
more than once.




No!

We chose not to
demonstrate against
abortion clinics over
30 years ago.



We will not abort,
but American pagans
will, and we will pay
America's taxes.

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More could be said here, but it is enough; more has been said elsewhere. Learn more principles of wisdom to apply.

1 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed....

5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

Ecclesiastes 8:1-5

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