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Nine Elements of Shakespearian Tragedies

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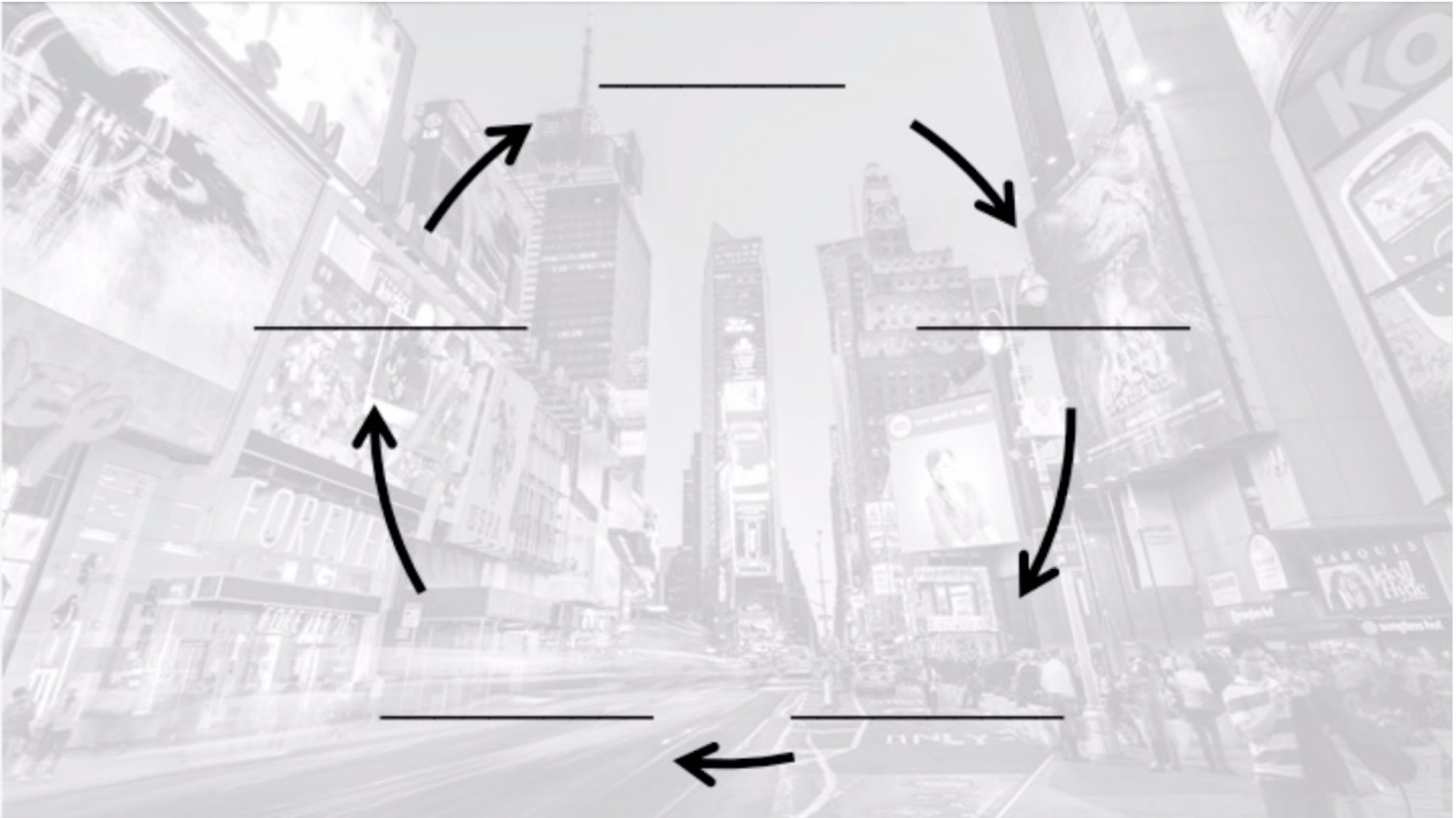
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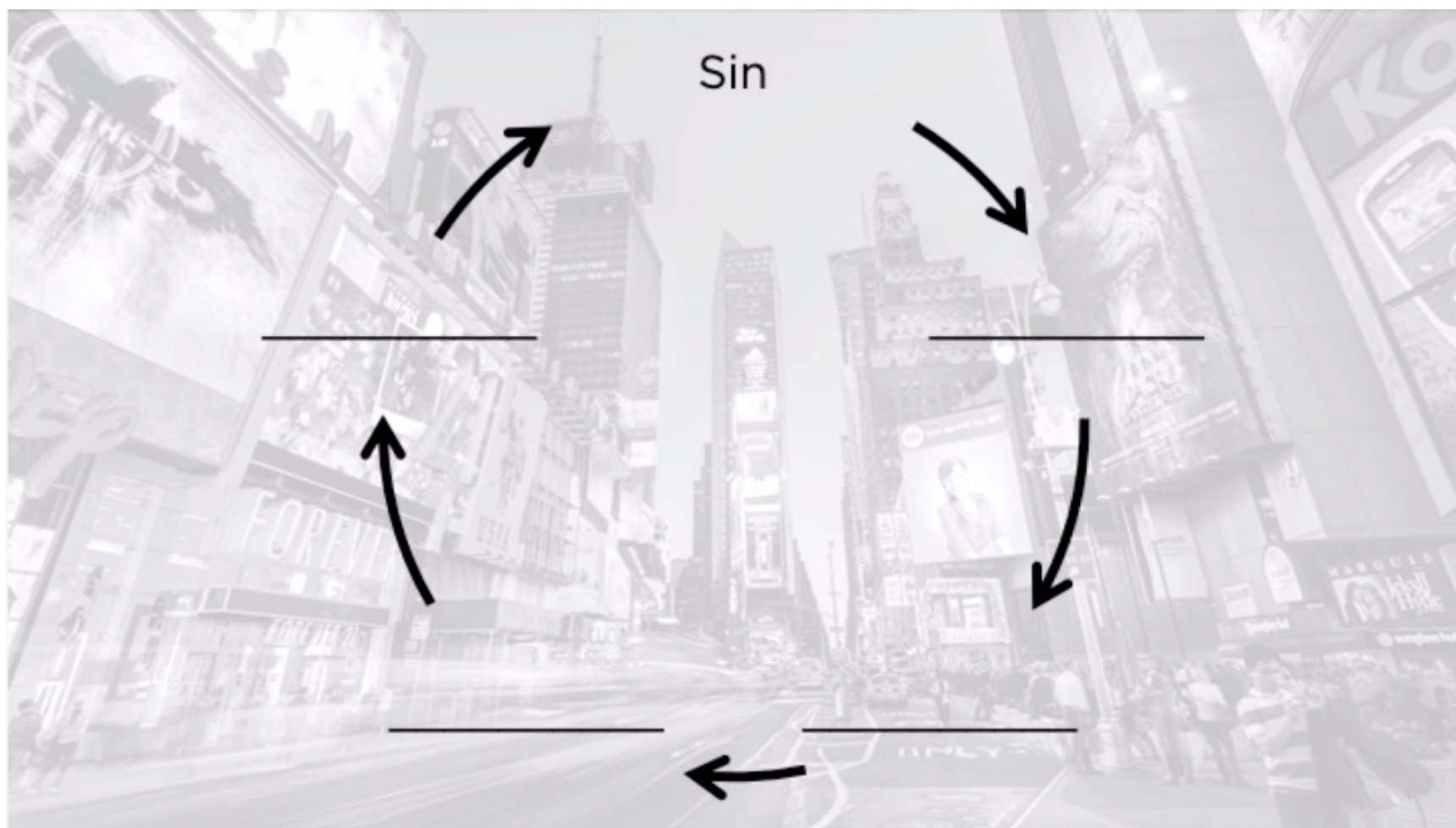
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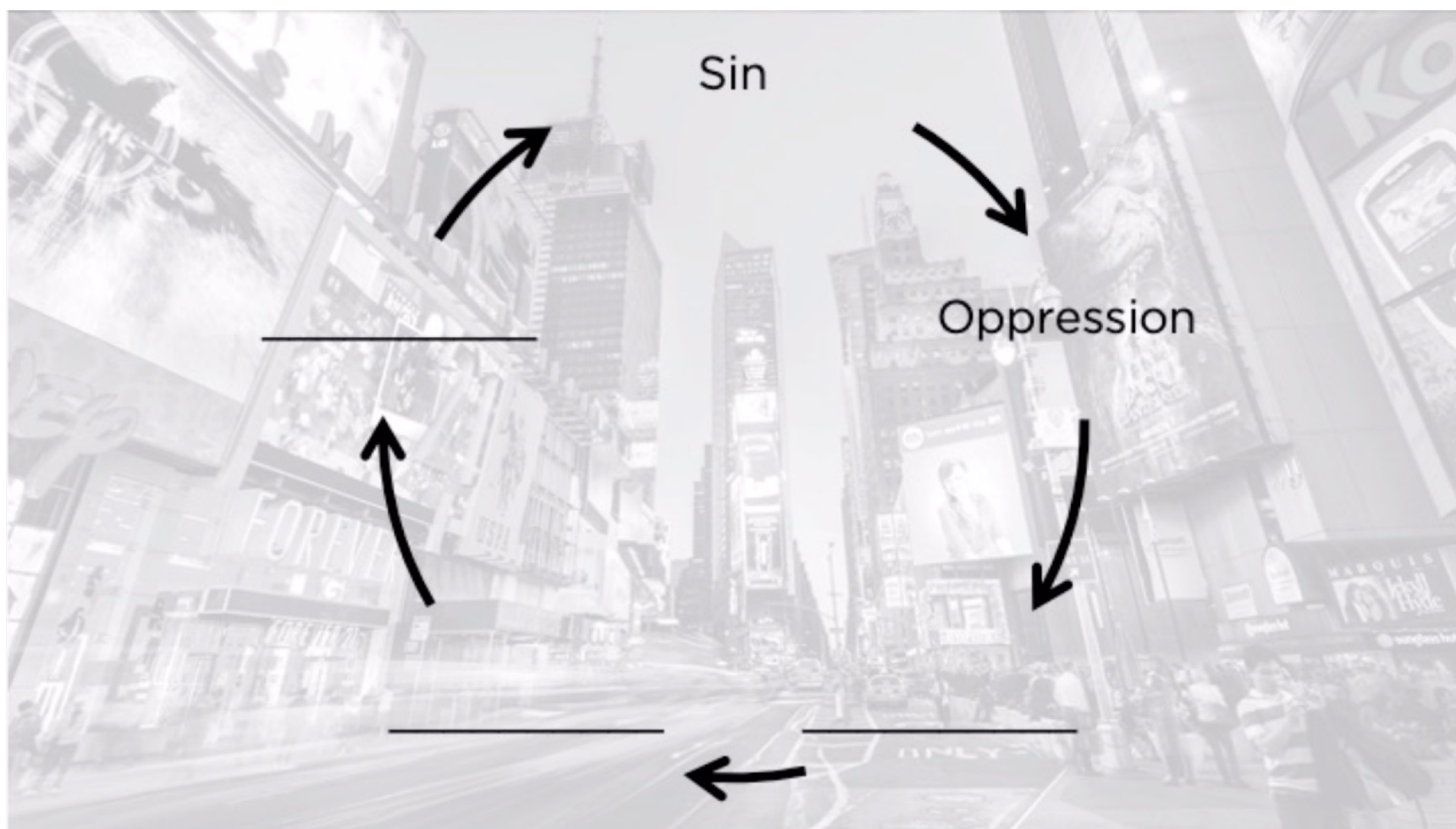
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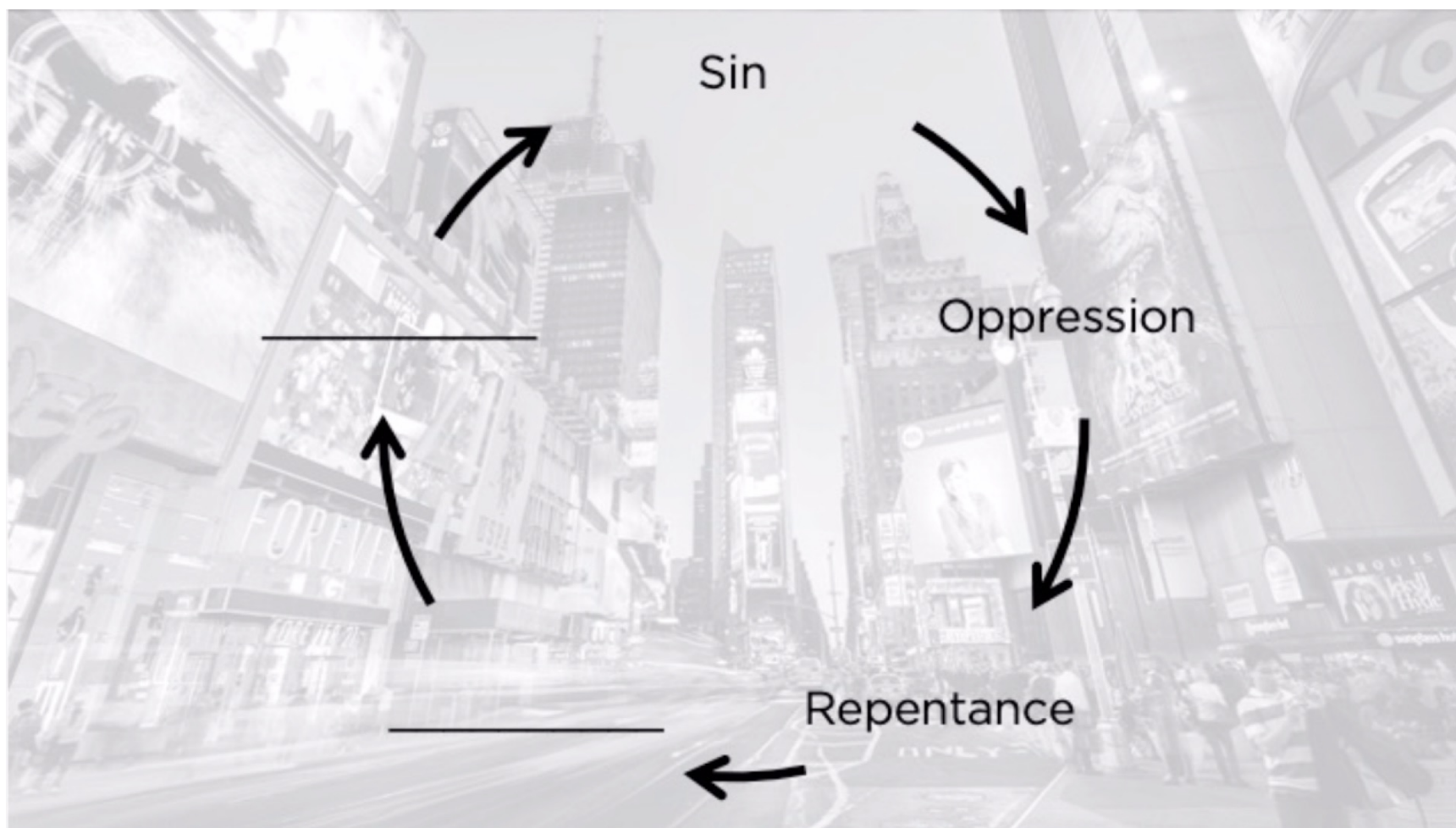
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- a warning for those who would forsake **God's will and his way.**

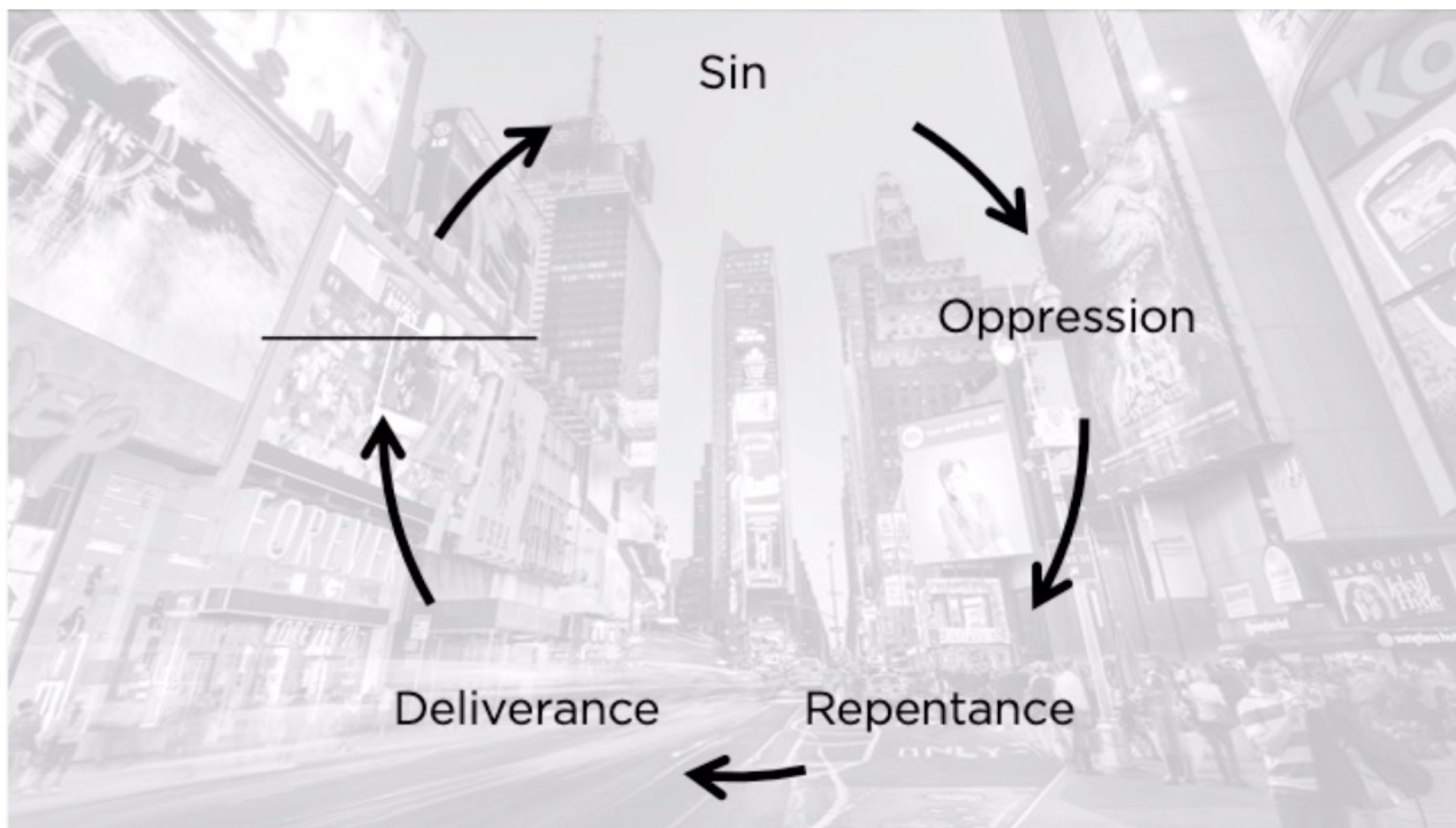
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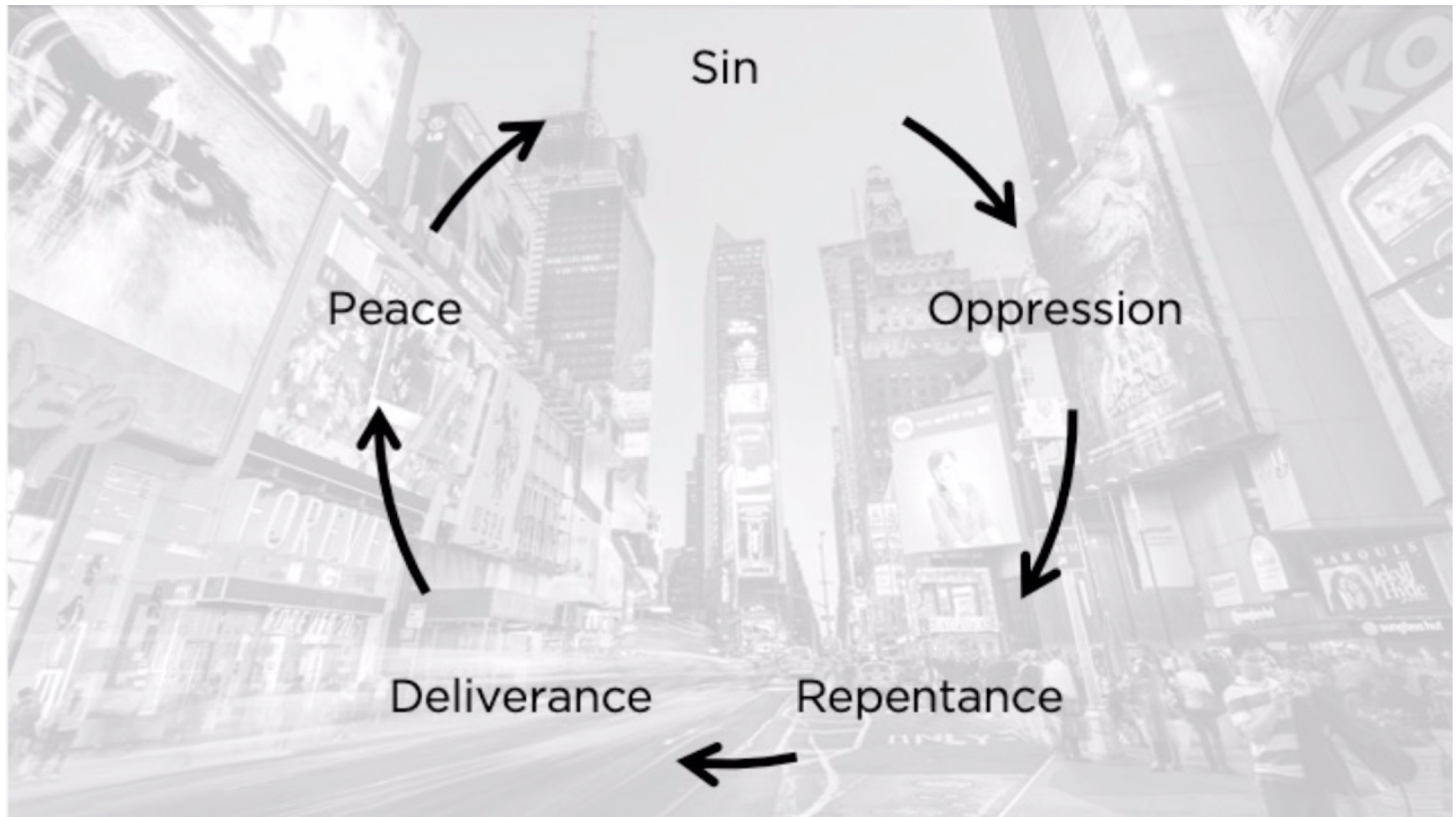












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“These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against her.”

Matthew 16:18

1. God works throughout history, judging and redeeming his people.
2. God **delivers in surprising ways**.

“And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah ...”

Hebrews 11:32

“... who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.”

Hebrews 11:33

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

Isaiah 61 / Luke 4:18-19

“Who are my mother and brothers?”

Mark 3:31

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

Mark 8:34b-35

“For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

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- He is **the just Judge**.

“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war ...

“From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron.

“He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”

Revelation 19:11, 15-16

“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

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- He is the just Judge.
- He is **the Justifier**.

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21





“By suffering violence as an innocent victim, he took upon himself the aggression of the persecutors.



“He broke the vicious cycle of violence by absorbing it, taking it upon himself. He refused to be sucked into the automatism of revenge.”

Miroslav Volf

“Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all ...

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written,
‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’

“To the contrary, ‘if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.’

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:17, 19-21

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4. God **provides the King that his people need**.

What about Ruth?

What do we do with this tragic tale?