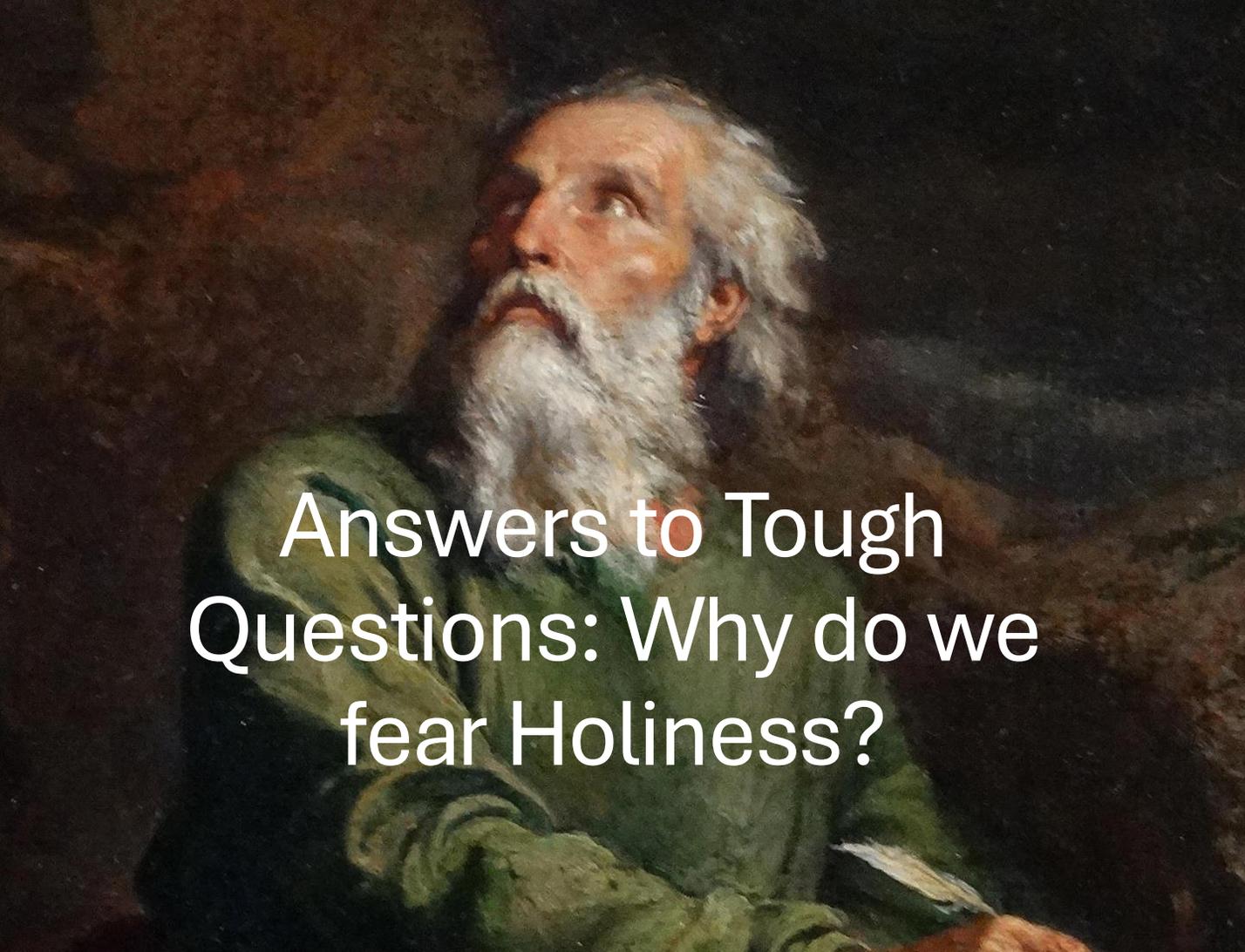




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Answers to Tough
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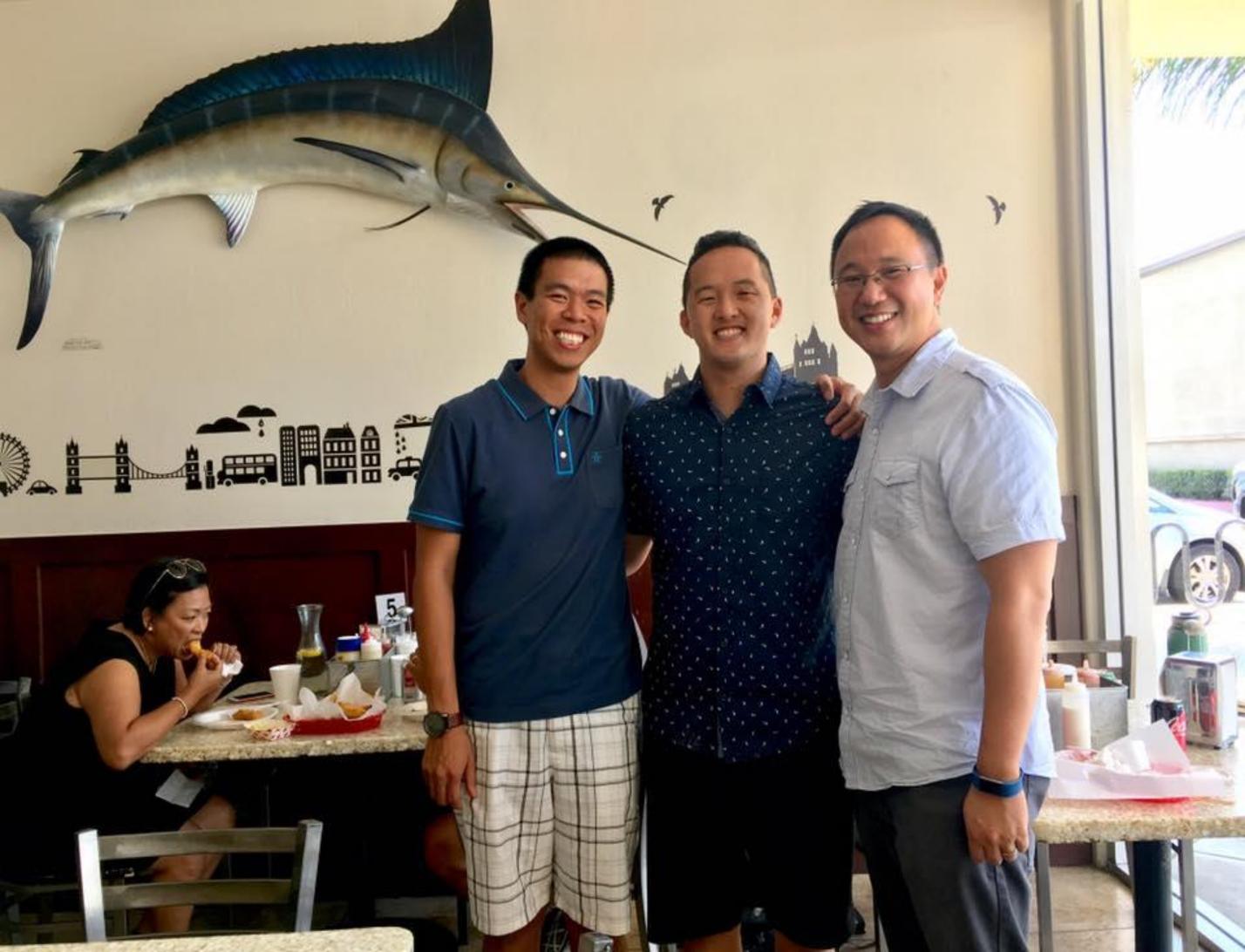
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But today, let's recognize that **following God is Costly.**

God wants our Everything! All our striving in this world is **to share Christ and be like Him!** (HOLY!)

Roadmap

“Why do we fear Holiness?” → Isaiah 6

I. Do Not Fear Holiness

II. 2 Characteristics of Holiness

III. Holiness through Christ

Isaiah 6

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”



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⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵**“Woe to me!”** I cried. **“I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”**

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- **Habakkuk 3:16** → I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones and my legs trembled.

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- **Revelation 1:17** → ¹⁷When I saw him, **I fell at his feet as though dead**. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.



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- Sagrada Familia 1882
- Seville Cathedral 16th Century



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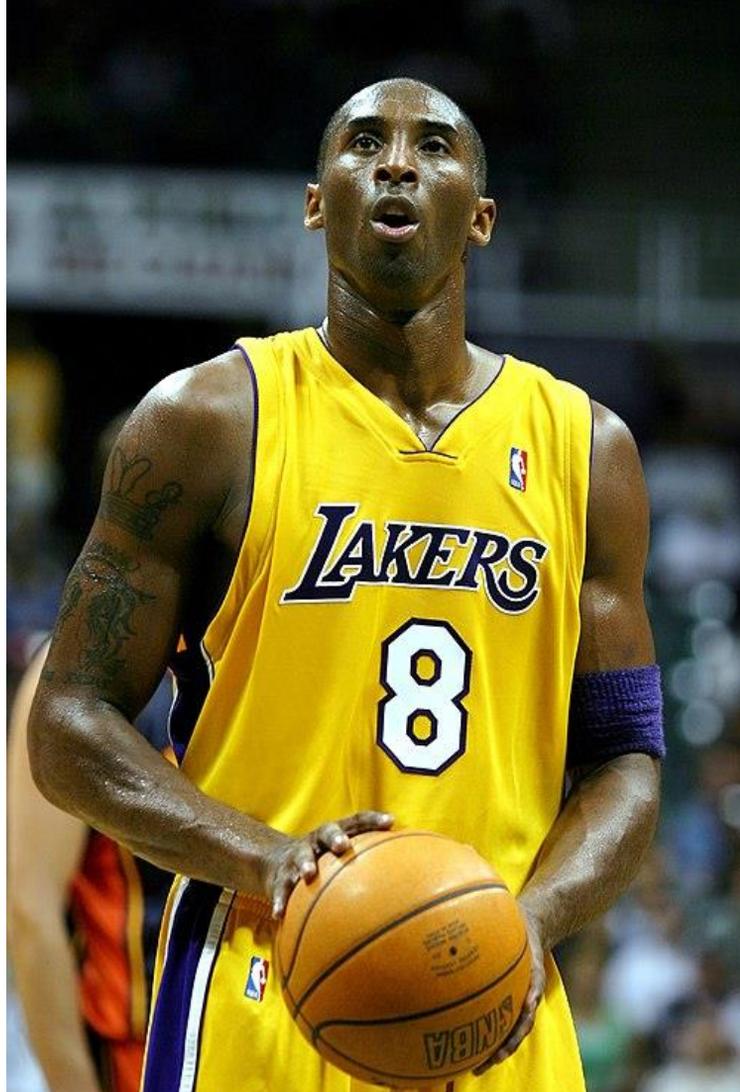
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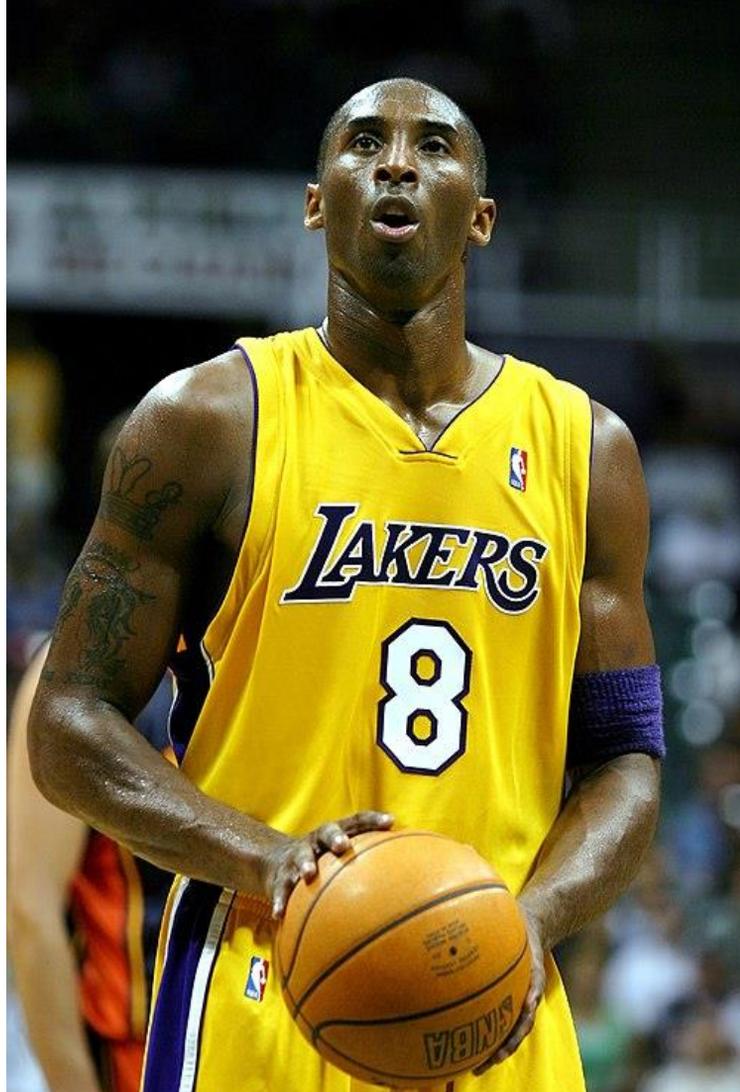
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- **James 4:7-10** → ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ **Come near to God and he will come near to you...** ¹⁰ **Humble** yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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- As his people, we are **SET APART** for a greater purpose.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. – 1 Peter 2:9-10



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Be IN the World but not OF the World. (John 17:14-19)

Separation **does not mean to hide ourselves** from the world, but **to be Salt and Light in all that we do.**

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Every sin threatens our relationship with God. Purity means that we don't make excuses for our sins or tolerate it within ourselves.

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Evaluate your Purity:

- What sins are you fighting right now?
- Are you living differently from the world?
- Where do you need to see Purity and Separation from the World in your life?

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Paul's feelings about Sin:

Romans 7 → ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ **Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord**

III. Holiness through Christ

Romans 5:8 → ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

“I have given God a
million reasons not to
Love me.

None of them has
changed His Mind.”

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Ephesians 2:8-9 → ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

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**Christ died for us so that we
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By **the power of the Holy Spirit**, we have the strength to die to ourselves and live in Christ

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**Let's pray and Invite God to
Examine Us**

Psalm 139:23-24:

“Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.”



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