

# Scripture Reading:

**Exodus 1:11 – 14; Luke 1:67 – 79,  
4:17 – 27; Romans 6:19 – 23**



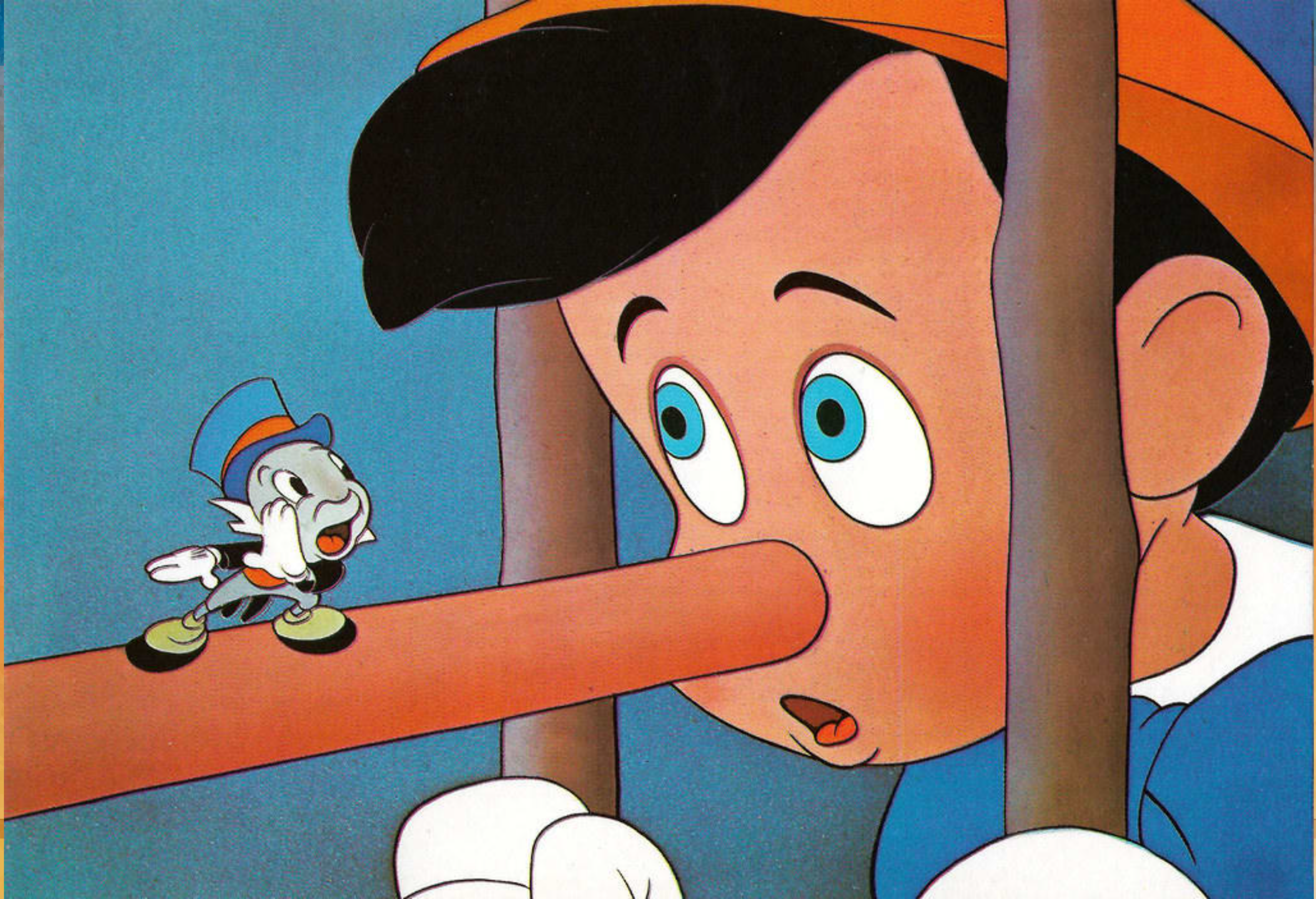
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Waiting for liberation.





# Justification and Liberty



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## Exodus 1:11 – 14

So [the Egyptians] put **slave masters** over them to **oppress them with forced labor**, and they built Pithom and Rameses as **store cities** for Pharaoh. But the more they were **oppressed**, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians **came to dread** the Israelites and worked them **ruthlessly**. They **made their lives bitter** with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians **used them ruthlessly**.

# Slavery made practical (not just evocative or historical)

1. **Exploitation**—stealing the productivity or misusing the value of another  
"...they built...store cities..." vs 11
2. **Oppression**—using control to subdue the flourishing of another and demoralize their spirit  
"...came to dread..and worked them ruthlessly..." vs 12

# Moses the type of Christ and Salvation

## Deuteronomy 18:15 – 17

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: "What they say is good."

# So what...

1. Have hope under all oppressions and exploitations
2. Follow the God that suffers oppression
3. Cry out to God and groan in you oppression
4. Resist creeping or systemic oppression
5. Fight the oppression of others

# 2 • Jesus is the great liberator of oppressors



God wants Justice and Liberty

If God judged all the perpetrators in the world  
in order to liberate all the world's victims.  
There would be no one to enjoy the liberation.

Redemption

## Luke 1:73 – 79

"...the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the **path of peace.**"



# Dividing up the chores

It ain't Egypt, but...



## Luke 4:17 – 23

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him.

Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ...

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

For God to save victims, he must first save the perpetrators of exploitation and oppression.

# So what...

1. See sin as truly abhorrent.
2. Do this by meditating on how your sin exploits and oppresses (people and God's will).
3. Start with your "eye" (Matthew 7), but don't stop there.
4. Realize that, before God, you are both perpetrator and victim. And more perpetrator than you think, and possibly less victim.

3 • Jesus is the great liberator of the self-oppressed



# Compromised Integrity; Compromised Security.



Indwelling sin compromises our integrity...

**Moral integrity:**

1. Holiness—undermines our justification—causing us to deserve condemnation (wickedness)

**Operational integrity:**

2. Righteousness—undermines our bearing of liberty—making us more susceptible to exploitation (weakness)

The central bondage in both victim  
and perpetrator of oppression  
is internal.

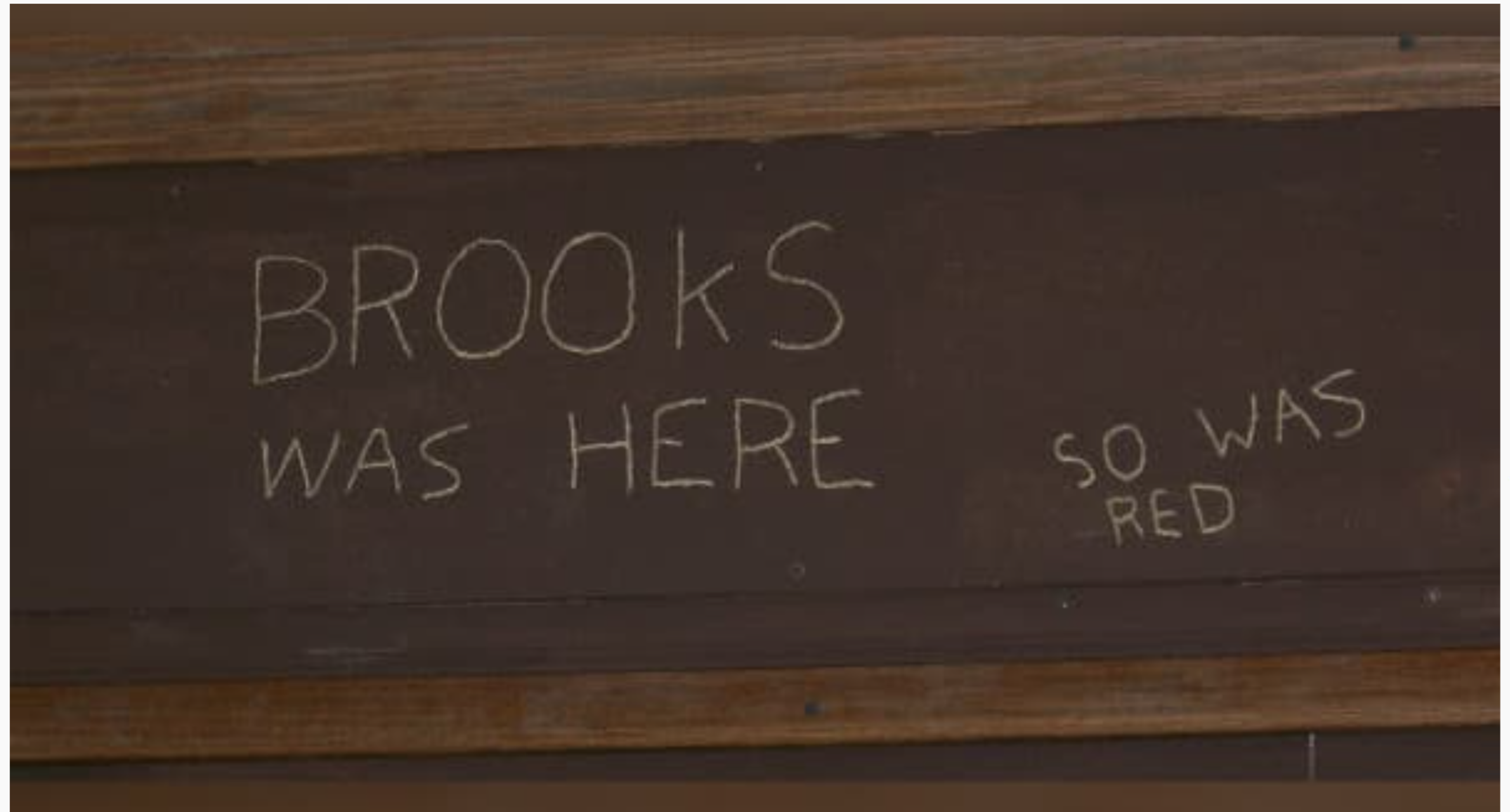
This is why the victim is so  
dominable, and the perpetrator is  
so wicked.

## Exodus 6:6 – 9

"Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'" Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.



# A sickness unto death...



## Romans 6:19 – 23

I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Redemption:  
Everything rescued is restored.



# So what...

1. Gracious striving—Salvation is all of God and full of exertion (2 Peter 1:3 – 5).
2. To find freedom, serve the righteous one and his way of peace.

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