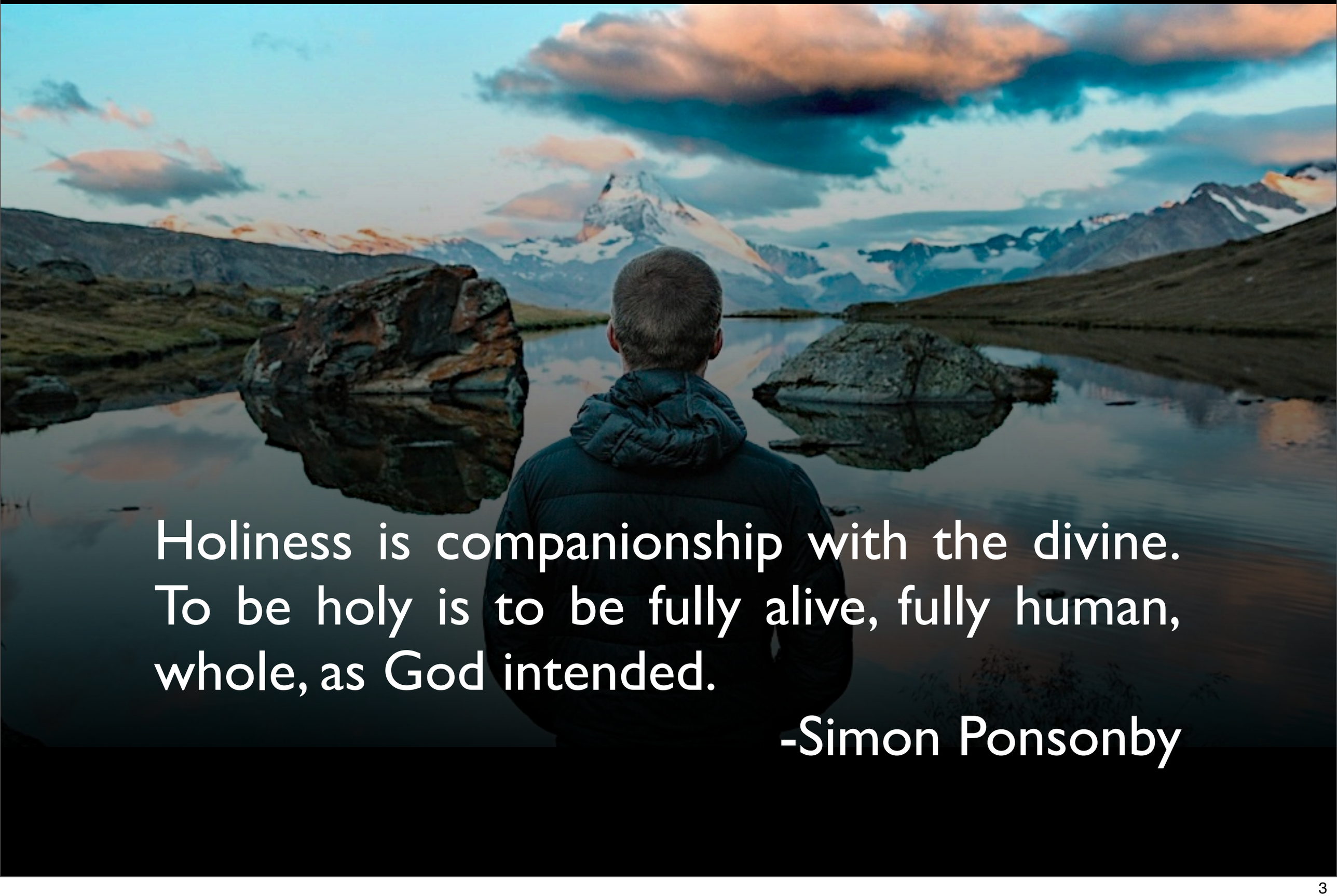
HOLY

HABITS

How do we become holy?



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-Simon Ponsonby

All Hallows Day

All Saints Day

Sanctification

Sanctification is not defined by external obedience, but by the kind of person one has become.

It is living in a right relationship to Jesus Christ, the Master, that brings and sustains right thoughts, feelings, choices, and habits, enabling one to do what is right.

- Dallas Willard

Pharisees

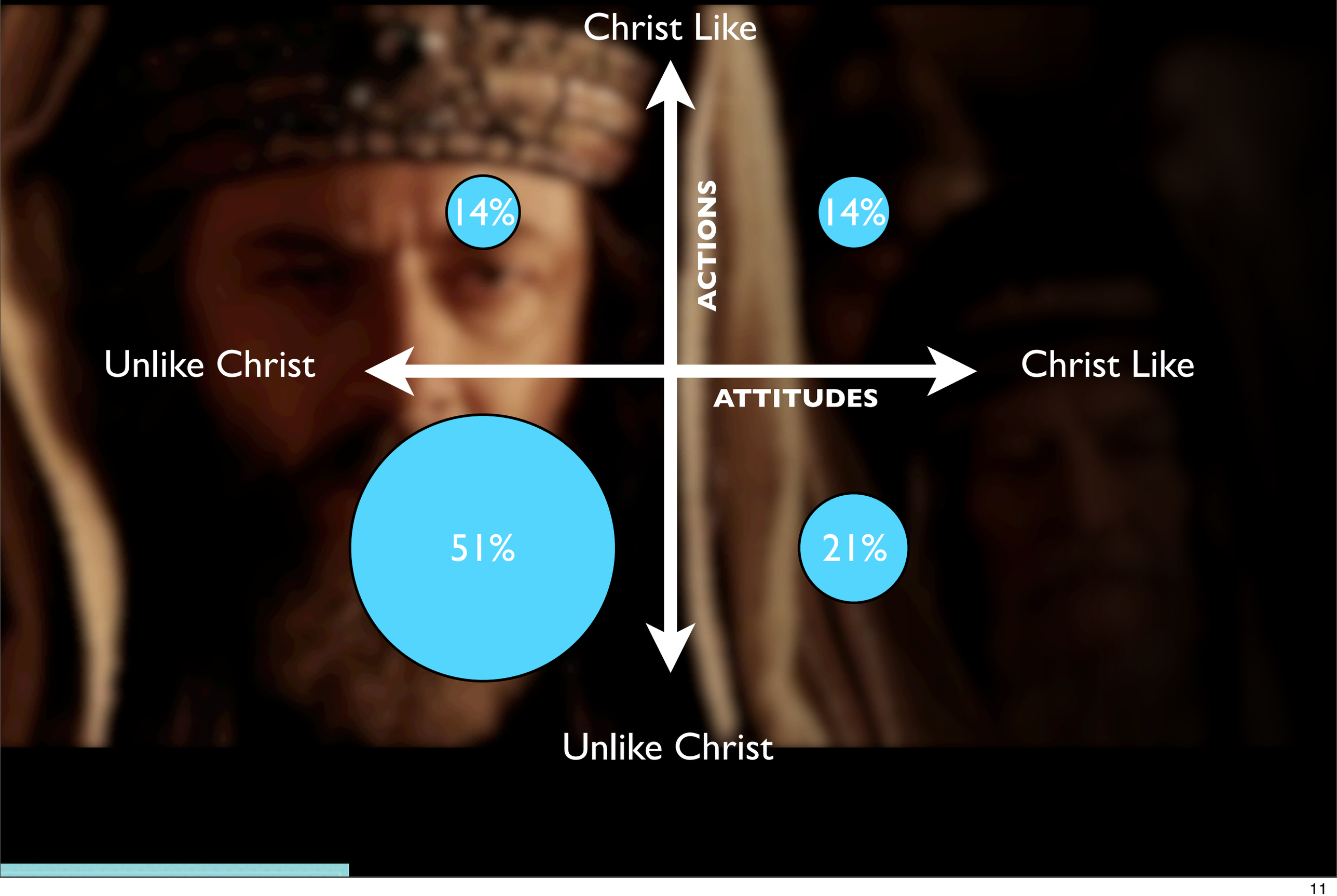
I listen to others to learn their story before telling them about my faith.	I tell others the most important thing in my life is following God's rules.
In recent years, I have influenced multiple people to consider following Christ.	I don't talk about my sins or struggles. That's between me and God.
I regularly choose to have meals with people with very different faith or morals from me.	I try to avoid spending time with people who are openly gay or lesbian.
I try to discover the needs of non-Christians rather than waiting for them to come to me.	I like to point out those who do not have the right theology or doctrine.
I am personally spending time with non-believers to help them follow Jesus.	I prefer to serve people who attend my church rather than those outside the church.

Actions

I see God-given value in every person, regardless of their past or present condition.	I find it hard to be friends with people who seem to constantly do the wrong things.
I believe God is for everyone.	It's not my responsibility to help people who won't help themselves.
I see God working in people's lives, even when they are not following him.	I feel grateful to be a Christian when I see other people's failures and flaws.
It is more important to help people know God is for them than to make sure they know they are sinners.	I believe we should stand against those who are opposed to Christian values.
I feel compassion for people who are not following God and doing immoral things.	People who follow God's rules are better than those who do not.

Attitudes

How like Jesus are most 'Christians'?



Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:
"The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

Matthew 23:1-4

“Everything they do is done for people to see...

Matthew 23:5

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!

You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces.

You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

Matthew 23:13

Perfectionism
Legalism
Judgementalism
Privatism
Self-deception

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.’

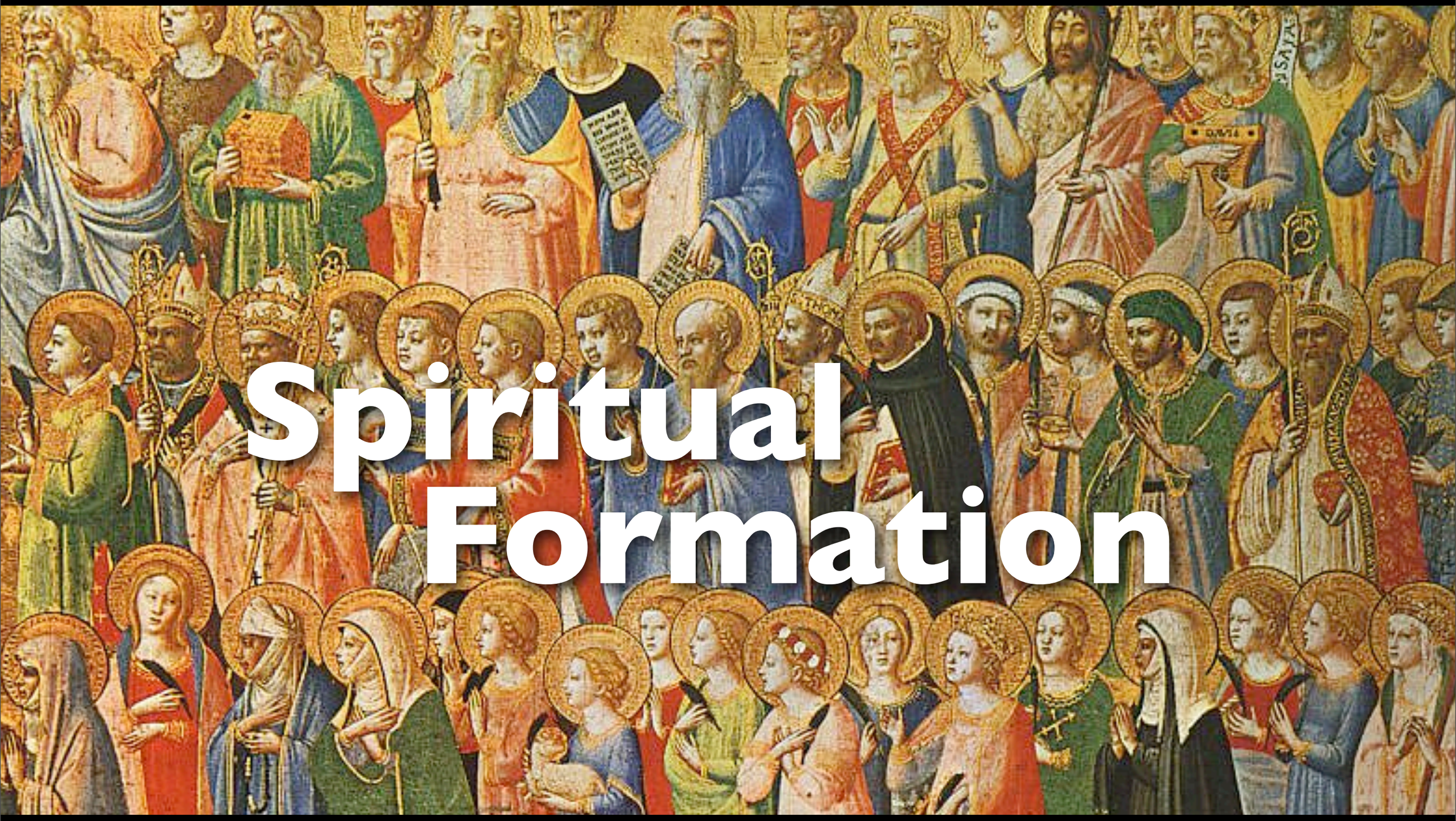
Matthew 11:28-30

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?
Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life.
I’ll show you how to take a real rest.
Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it.

Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.
Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

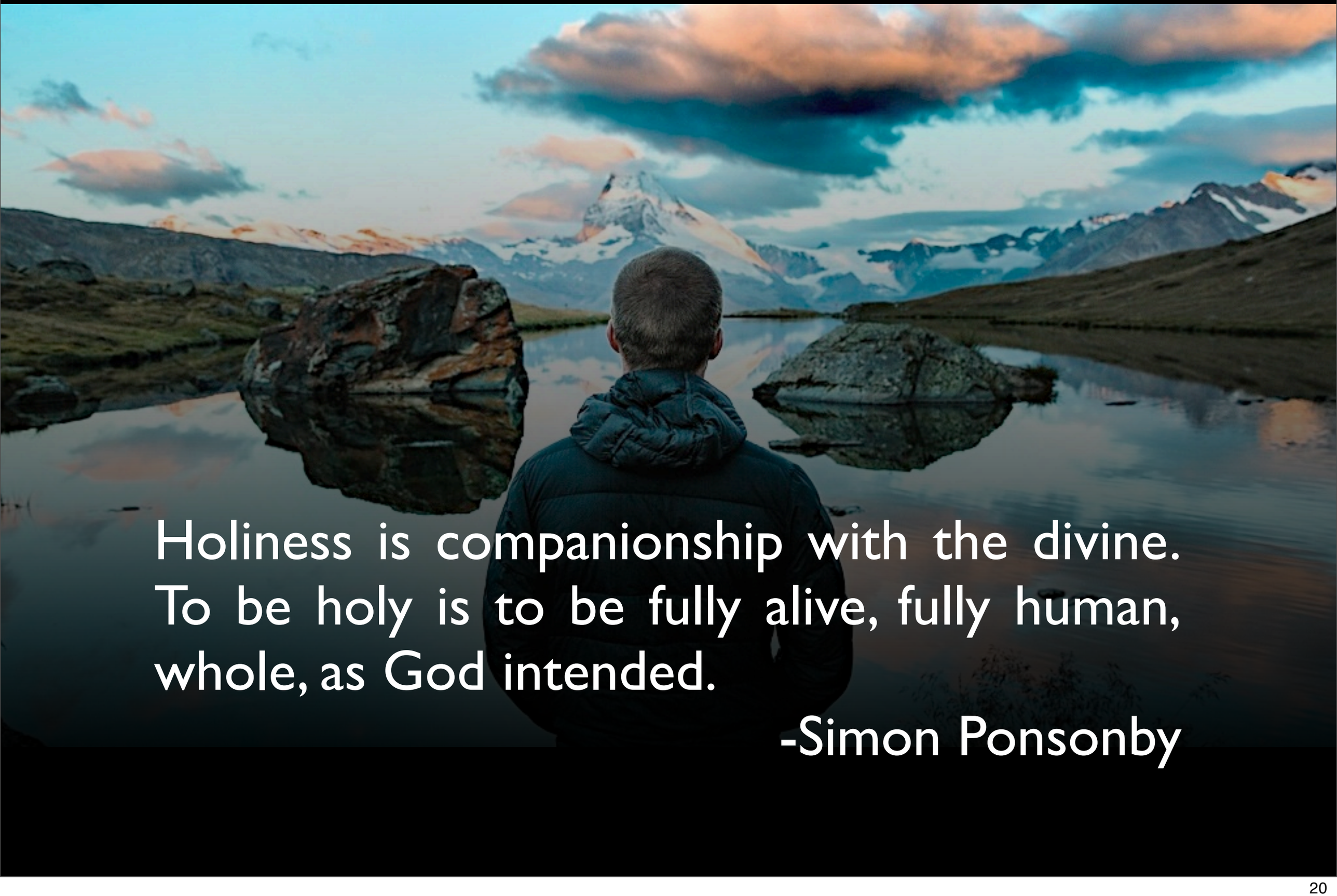
Matthew 11:28-30



Spiritual Formation

Am I growing more easily discouraged these days?

Am I growing more easily irritated these days?



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