

**HOW MUCH IS GOD?
HOW MUCH IS ME?**

“Sometimes I feel overwhelmed because of what seems like a mounting list of things I must do to become like Jesus. I feel stressed out because I want to please God, but it feels like there are so many things to do: kill sin, grow in fruits of the Spirit, be the best worker I can be, live and pour myself out to my community (church), pursue people to disciple (mission), live a healthy lifestyle, Sabbath properly, and also endure suffering.”

“I know Jesus said in this world we will have trouble and he has overcome the world (John 16:33), but it just seems like there are so many things I need to do. Do I focus on certain things over others? Or try to focus a little bit on everything? At the end of the day, all I want to hear is: ‘Well done, good and faithful servant’ (Matthew 25:23).”

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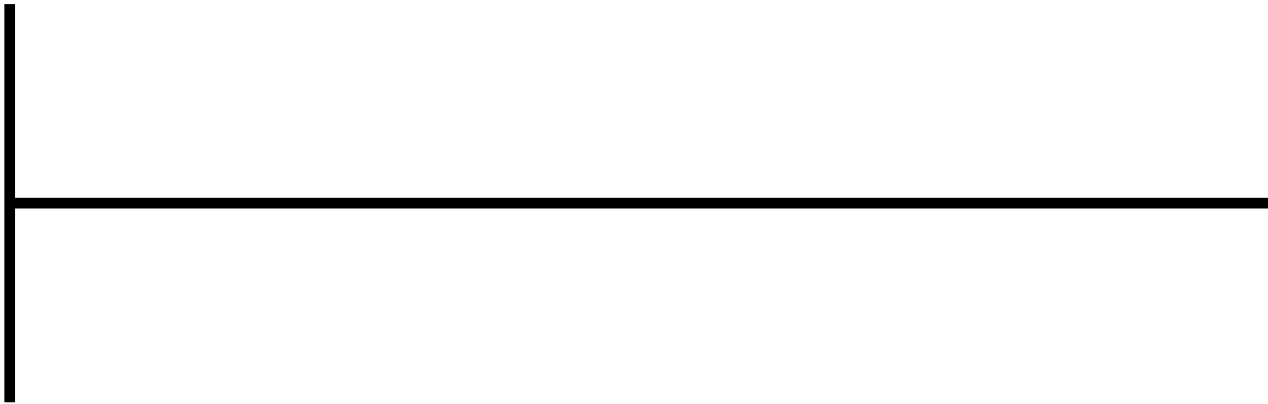
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PEOPLE'S
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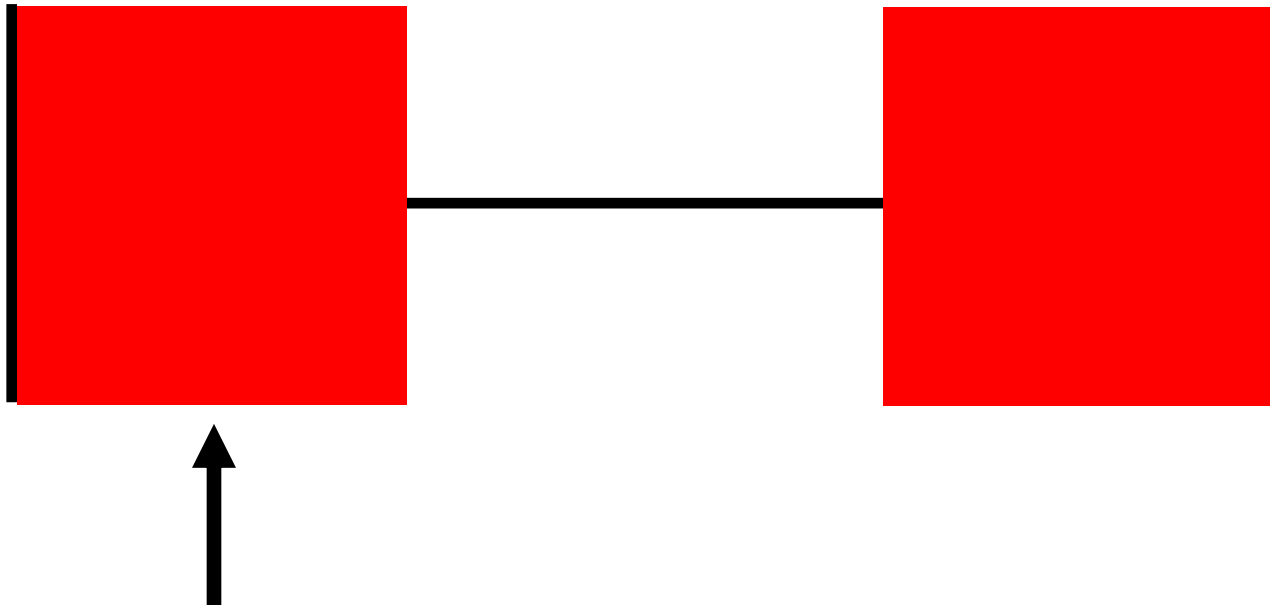
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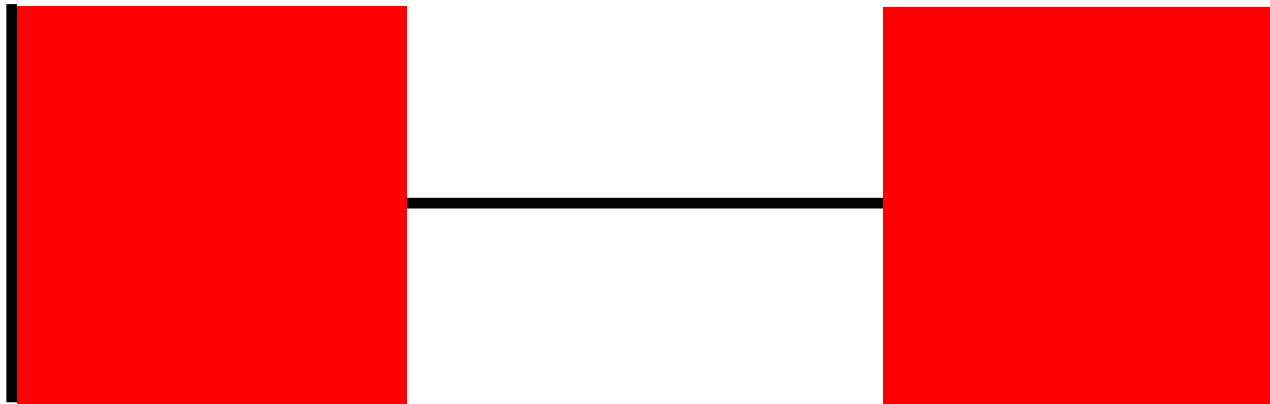
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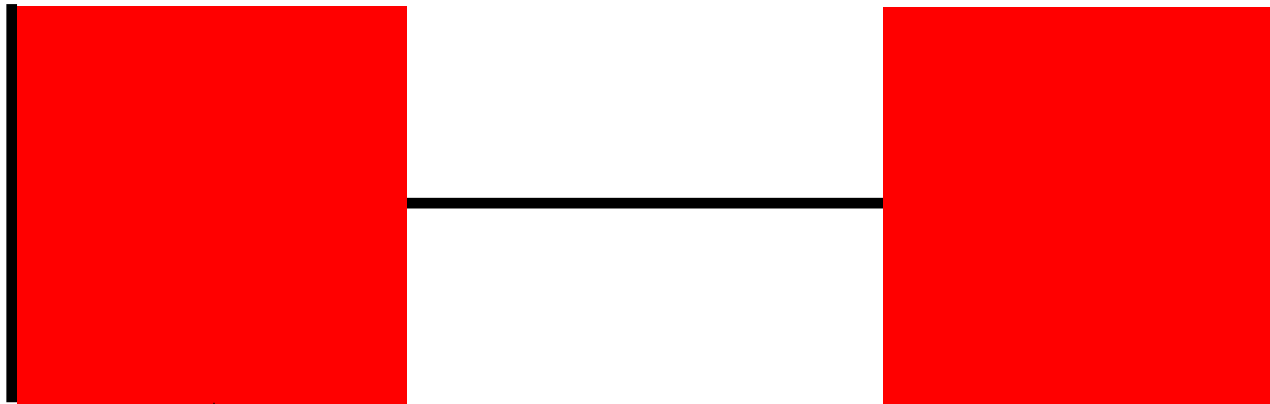


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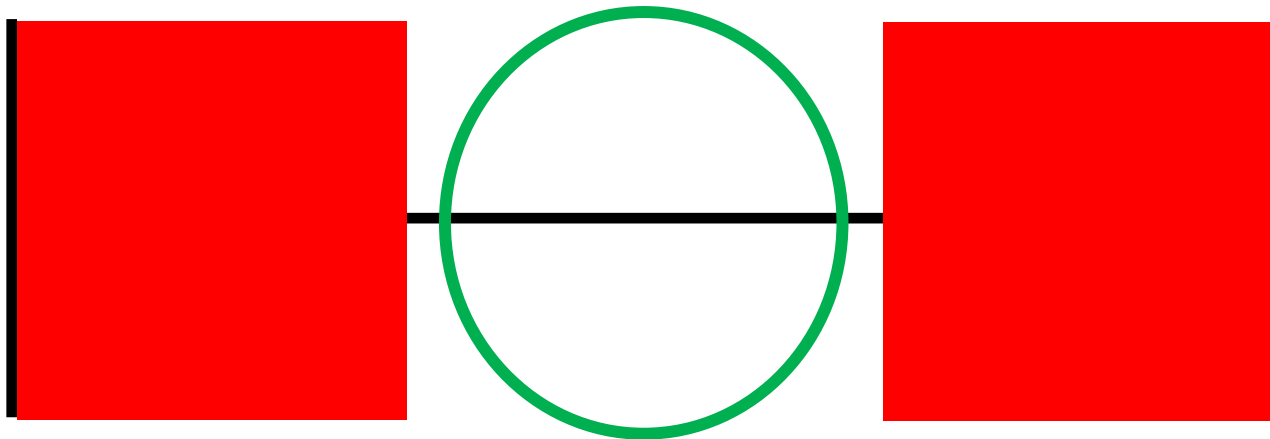
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2. What if I see it as very little me?
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**I take ownership &
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God gets the Glory

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- **Joy, even in pain**

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