



Sleeping with the Frogs

Exodus 8:1-15

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- The 10 plagues against Egypt represent the power of Jehovah over the various false gods of Egypt. This test addresses the second of the plagues, frogs.
- This was a direct attack on Heqet, the frog-headed goddess who was believed to breathe life from her nostril into humans created from dust by her husband, the god Phah Khnum
- This plague was designed to show Egypt that Jehovah alone is God.

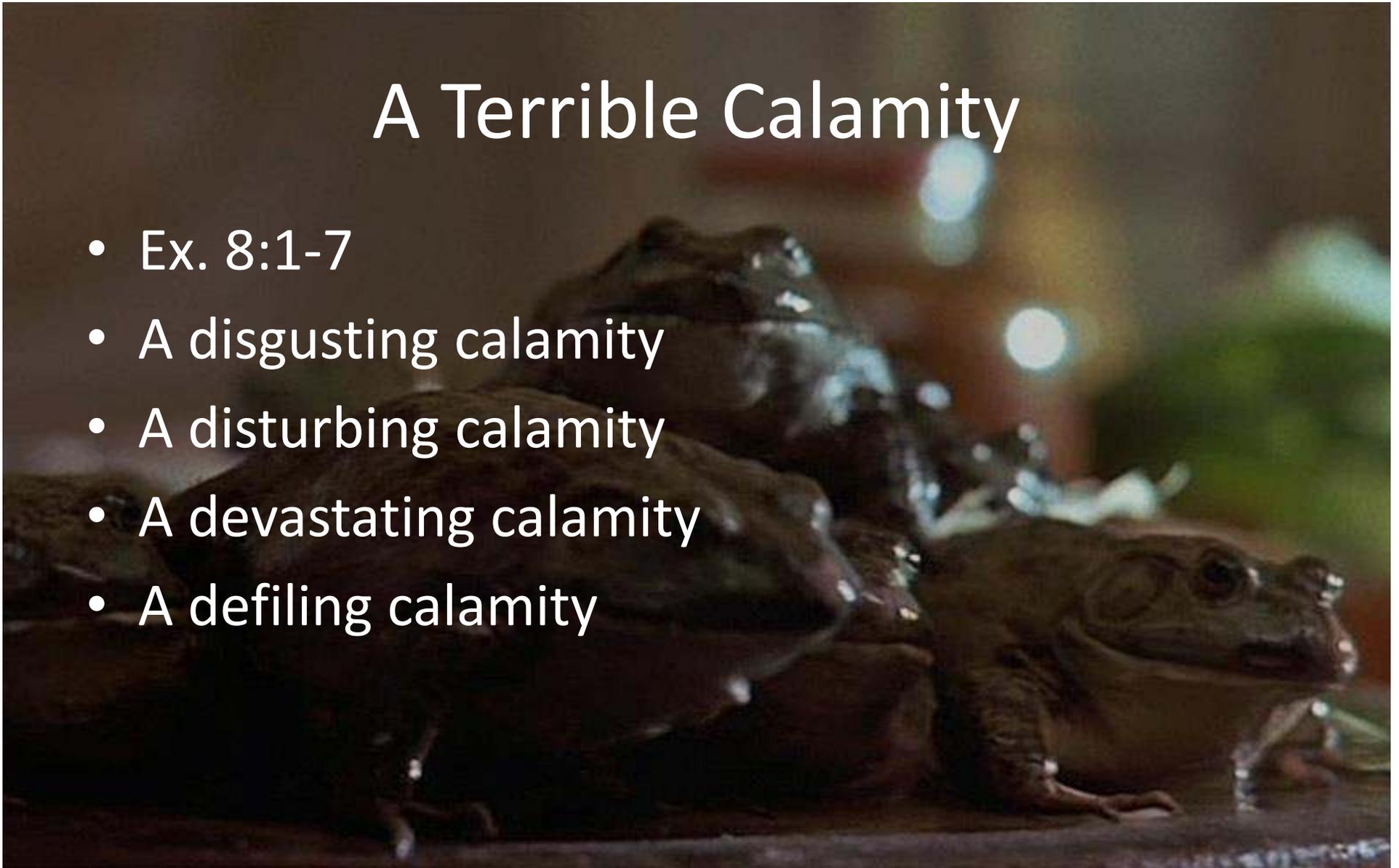


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- Pharaoh could have delivered his people from this and the remaining plagues if he had not hardened his heart with the belief that delaying the right and responsible response to God would deliver him instead.
- How could procrastination provide the same relief from the plagues as obedience to God?
- How can procrastination provide relief as good as yielding to the will of God in Christ?

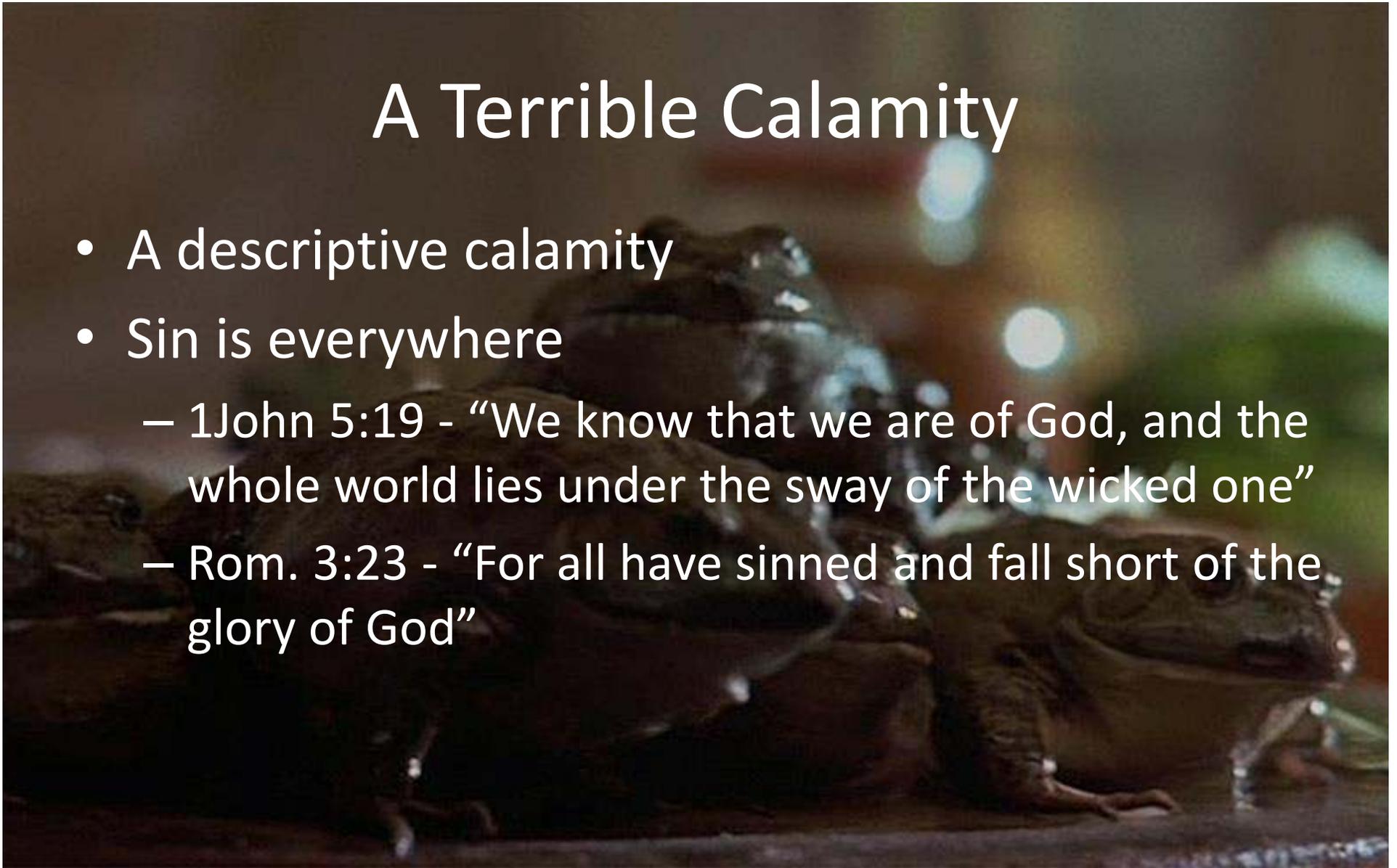
A Terrible Calamity

- Ex. 8:1-7
- A disgusting calamity
- A disturbing calamity
- A devastating calamity
- A defiling calamity



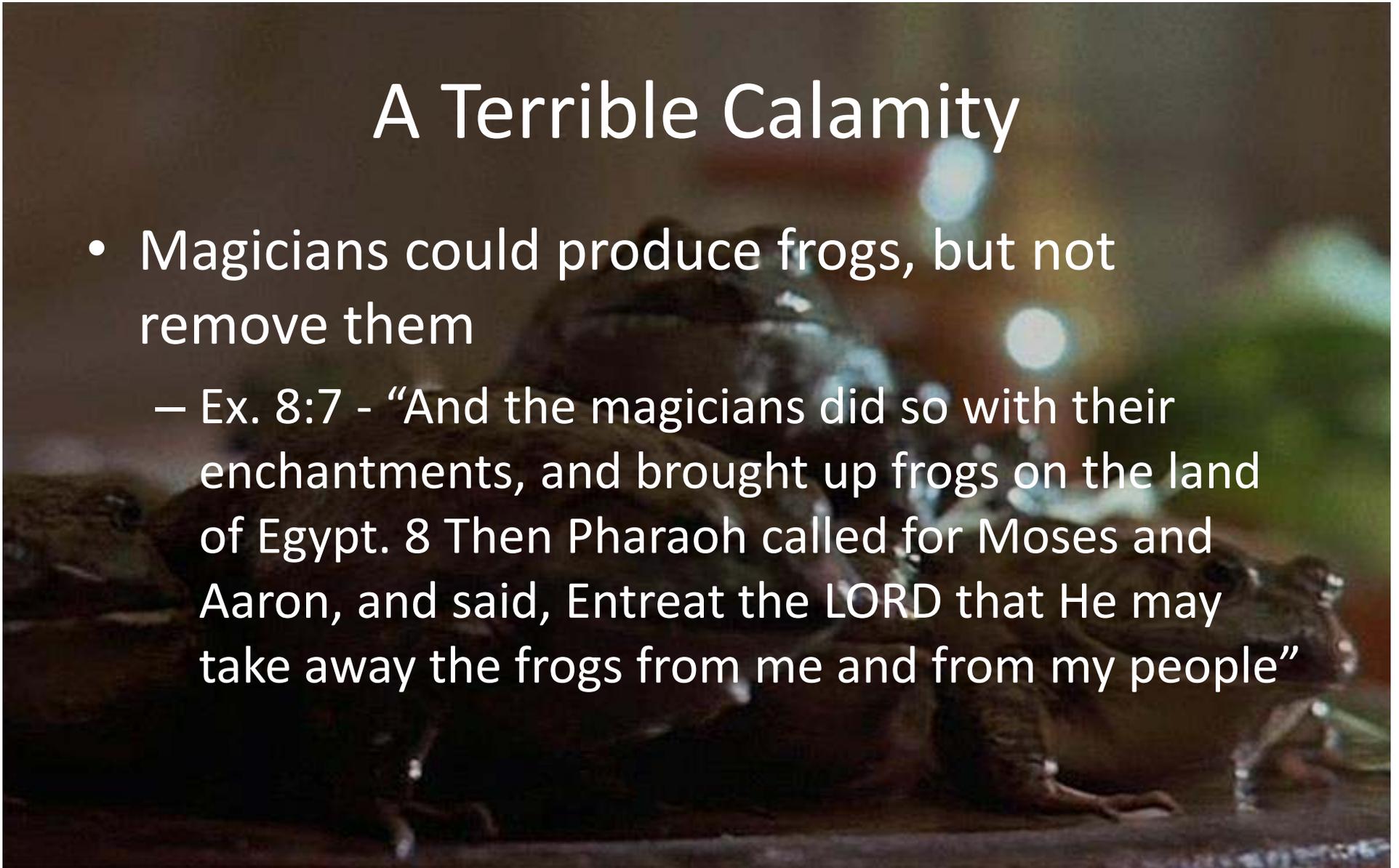
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- A descriptive calamity
- Sin is everywhere
 - 1John 5:19 - “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one”
 - Rom. 3:23 - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”



A Terrible Calamity

- Magicians could produce frogs, but not remove them
 - Ex. 8:7 - “And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt. 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people”

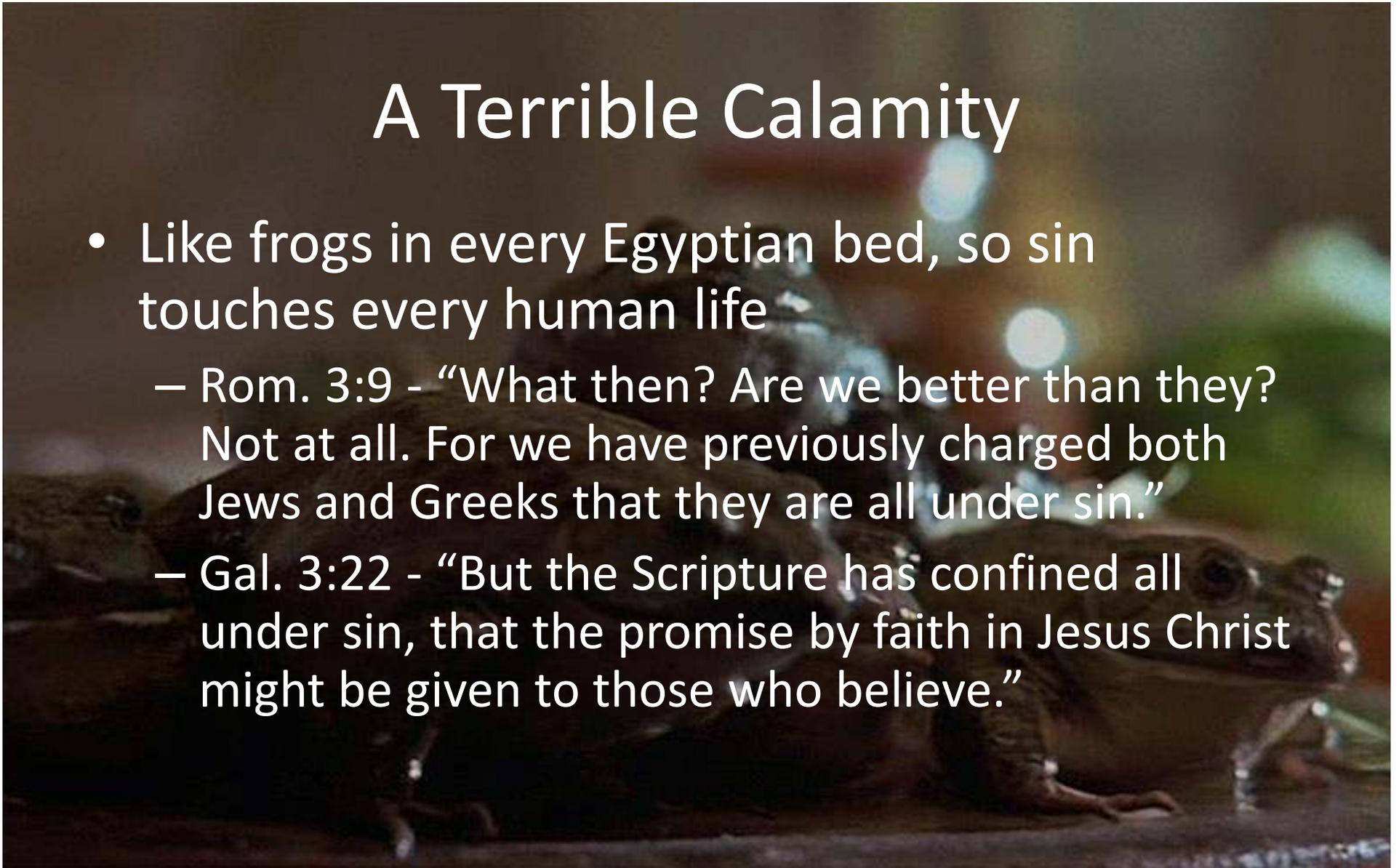


A Terrible Calamity

- Sin cannot be handled by humankind without God's help
 - Psalm 107:17 - "Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted."
 - Prov. 20:9 - "Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin'?"
 - Prov. 13:15 - "Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard."

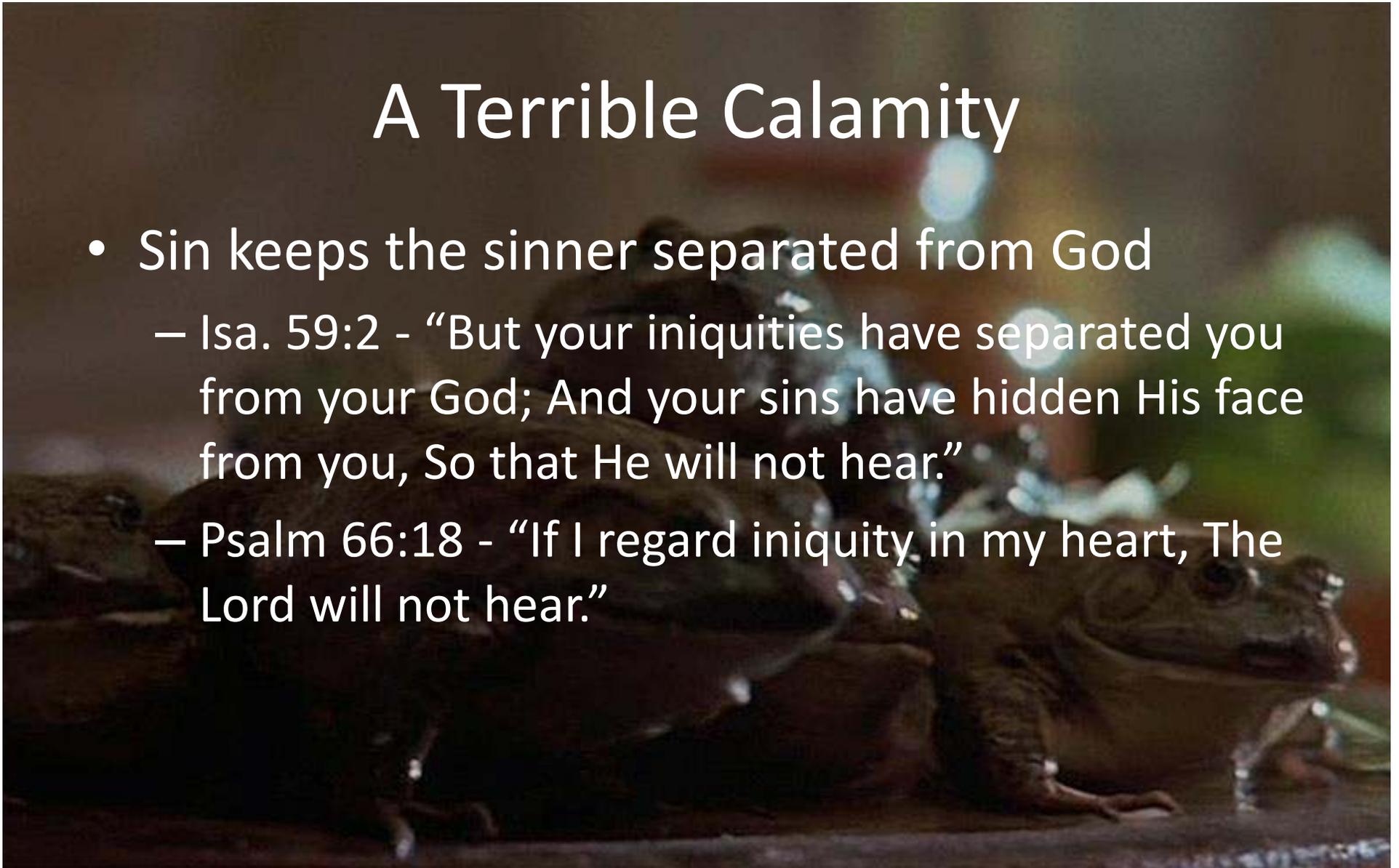
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- Like frogs in every Egyptian bed, so sin touches every human life
 - Rom. 3:9 - “What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.”
 - Gal. 3:22 - “But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”



A Terrible Calamity

- Sin keeps the sinner separated from God
 - Isa. 59:2 - “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”
 - Psalm 66:18 - “If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.”



A Thoughtless Choice

- Ex. 8:8-10
- Pharaoh's desire: To be free from the frogs.
- Pharaoh's dilemma: To call on God would be to admit his own helplessness.
- Pharaoh's decision: Because he got a temporary relief, he decided to delay doing the right thing
- Pharaoh's depiction: He exemplifies lost sinners

Common Excuses:

- “I love my present pattern of sin”
 - 2Tim. 3:4 - “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God”
 - Rom. 6:23 - “the wages of sin is death”
- “I am a good person already”
 - Prov. 20:9 - “Who can say, ‘I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin’?”
 - Matt. 5:20 - “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Common Excuses:

- “I am too evil to be forgiven”
 - Luke 19:10 - “the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
 - John 6:37 - “the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out”
 - Mark 2:17 - “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”
- “I would be giving up too much”
 - Mark 8:36 - “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”

Common Excuses:

- “I don’t want to be around the hypocrites in church.”
 - Better to sit with them in church services than to burn with them in Hell.
- “I just don’t understand the Gospel”
 - Matt. 7:7-8 - “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”
 - Matt. 5:6 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”

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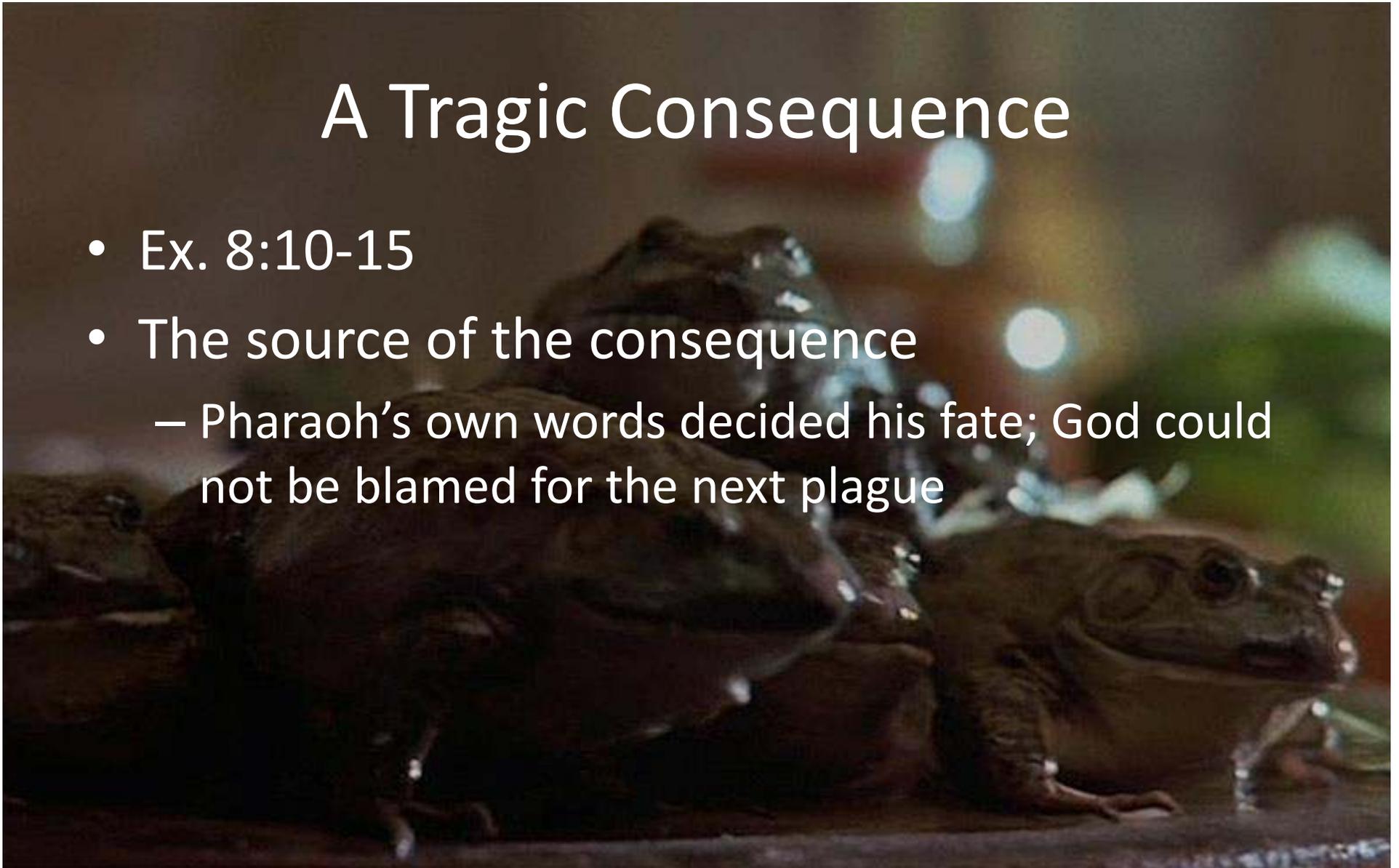
- “I am waiting until I feel compelled to obey”
 - 1Thes. 2:13 - “when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”
 - 2Thes. 2:14 - “to which He called you by our gospel”
- “I can’t be sure that I won’t fall again”
 - 1Peter 1:5 - “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

Common Excuses:

- “I’ll wait until I can live it”
 - Gal. 2:20 - “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
- “I’ve got plenty of time”
 - Luke 12:19-20 - “And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you...’”

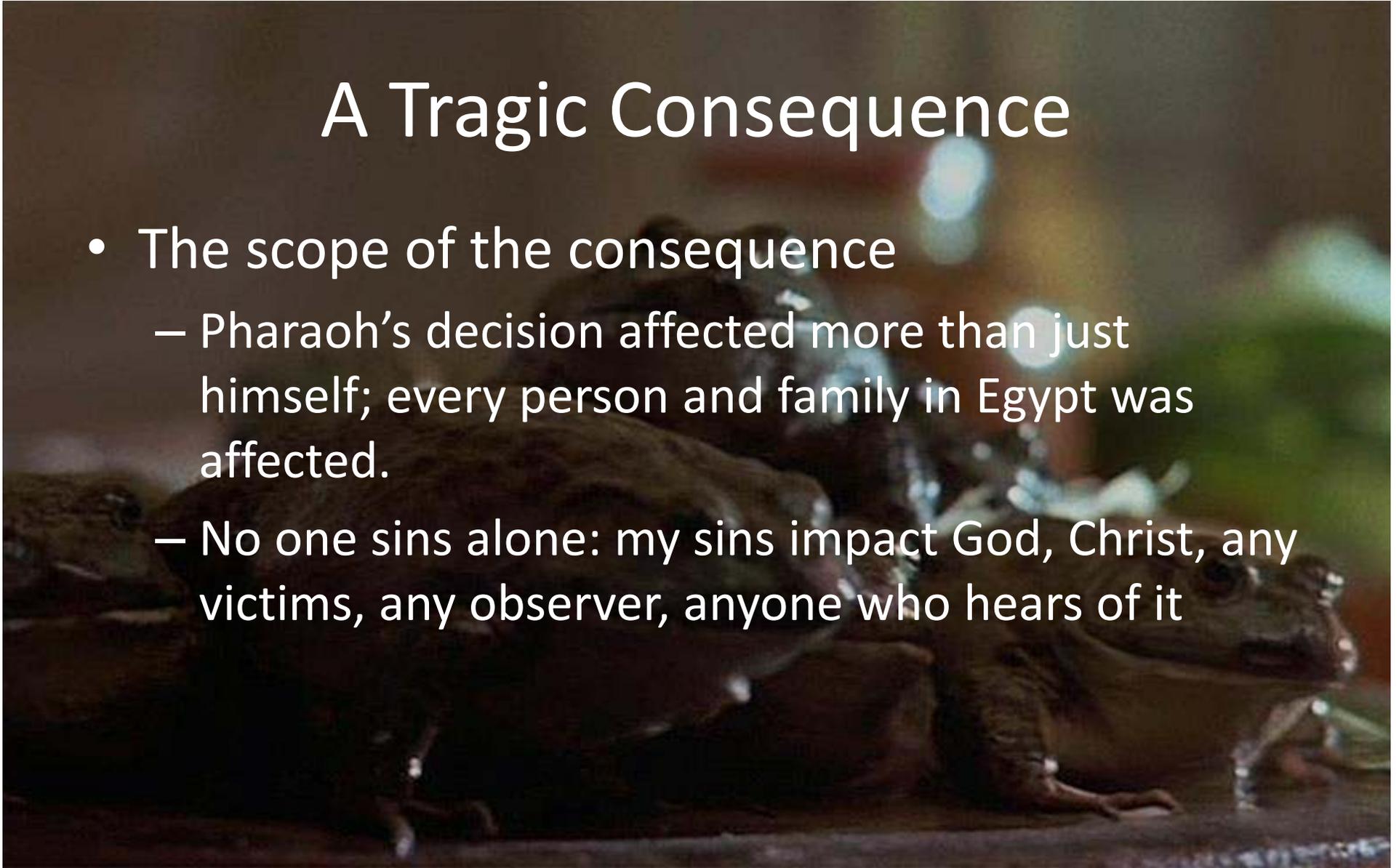
A Tragic Consequence

- Ex. 8:10-15
- The source of the consequence
 - Pharaoh's own words decided his fate; God could not be blamed for the next plague



A Tragic Consequence

- The scope of the consequence
 - Pharaoh's decision affected more than just himself; every person and family in Egypt was affected.
 - No one sins alone: my sins impact God, Christ, any victims, any observer, anyone who hears of it

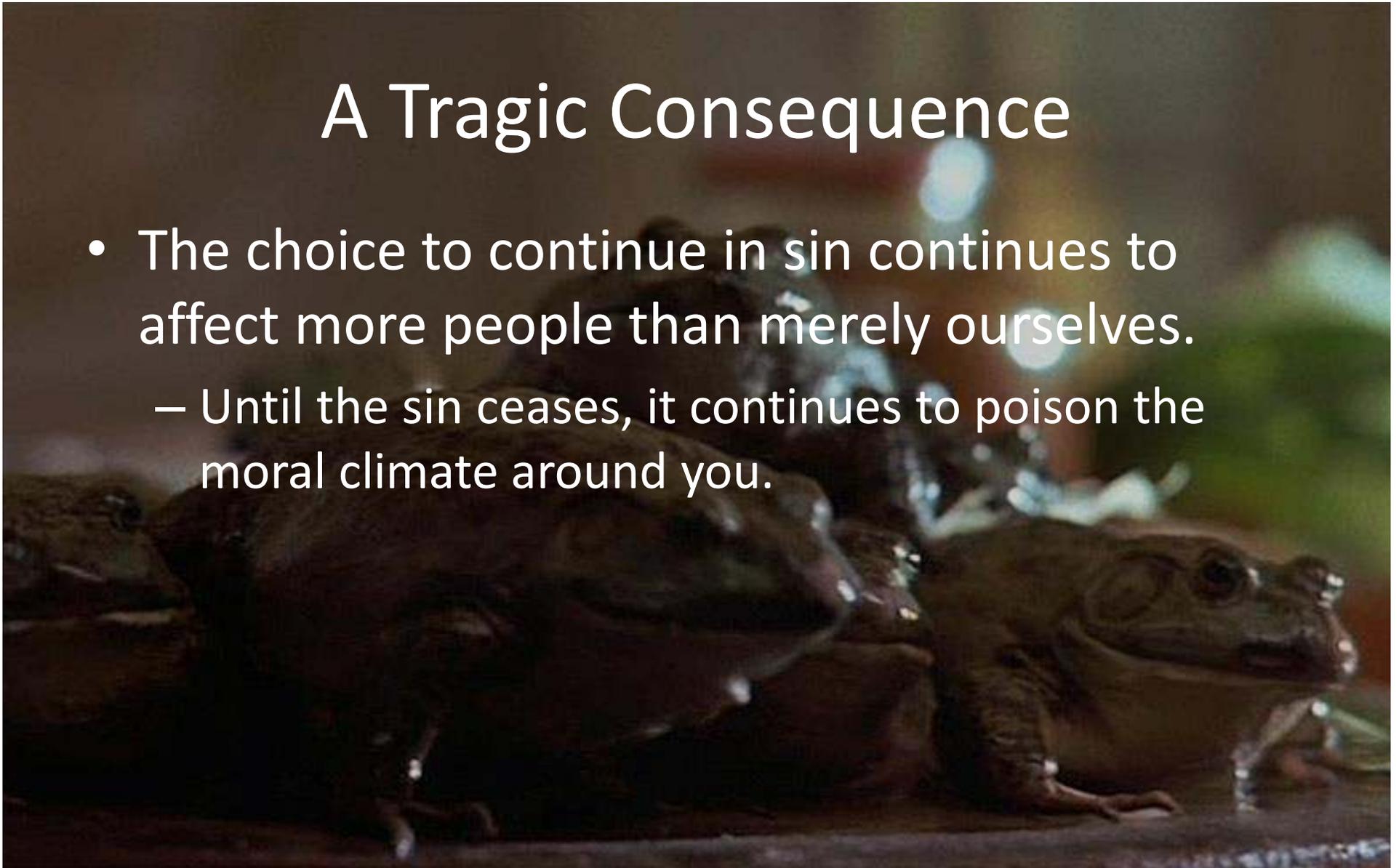


A Tragic Consequence

- The standard set by the consequence
- The consequences of sin will continue until we respond appropriately to the Gospel
 - Gal. 6:7-8 - “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

A Tragic Consequence

- The choice to continue in sin continues to affect more people than merely ourselves.
 - Until the sin ceases, it continues to poison the moral climate around you.



A Tragic Consequence

- It is foolish to delay in spiritual matters
 - Prov. 27:1 - “Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.”
 - Prov. 29:1 - “He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”
 - Gen. 6:3 - “And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh...”
 - 2Cor. 6:2 - “...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

A Tragic Consequence

- Salvation is too precious to take a chance on squandering the opportunity to be saved
 - Luke 13:3 - “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”
 - Matt. 7:13-14 - “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

A Tragic Consequence

- God will never force His will on us
 - John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
 - 2Peter 3:9 - “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

A Tragic Consequence

- Eternity is a long time, and there are only two possible destinations
 - John 14:1-3, 6 - “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also... 6 ...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

A Tragic Consequence

- Eternity is a long time, and there are only two possible destinations
 - 2Thes. 1:8-9 - “...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power”

A Tragic Consequence

- Only it isn't a water fall to which you are headed; it is the wrath of God
 - John 3:36 - "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."
- You will not know, until it is too late, when you have crossed the line between being able to be saved to being reprobate and unable to be moved by the Gospel
- Your procrastination is lulling you into a spiritual sleep from which you will not awaken.