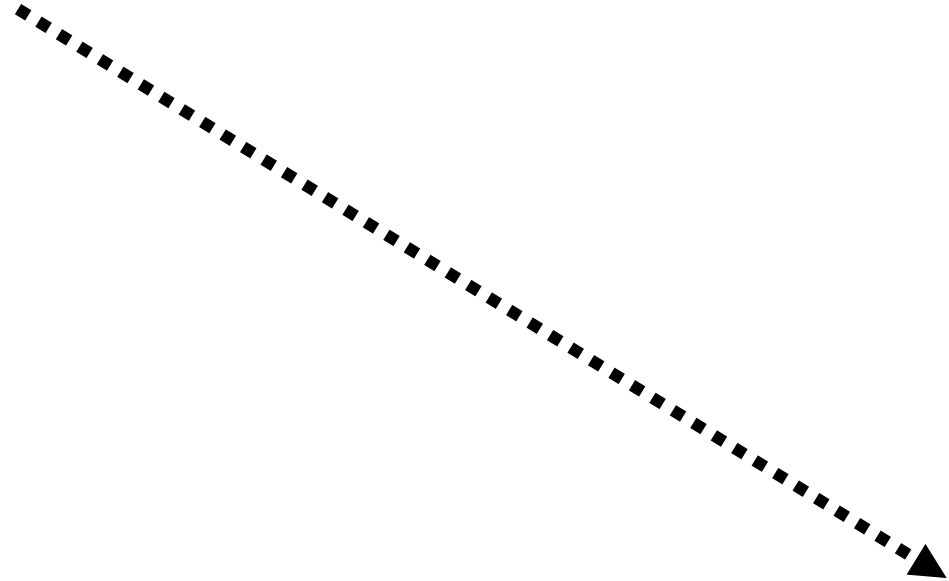


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‘Going back to Corinth’

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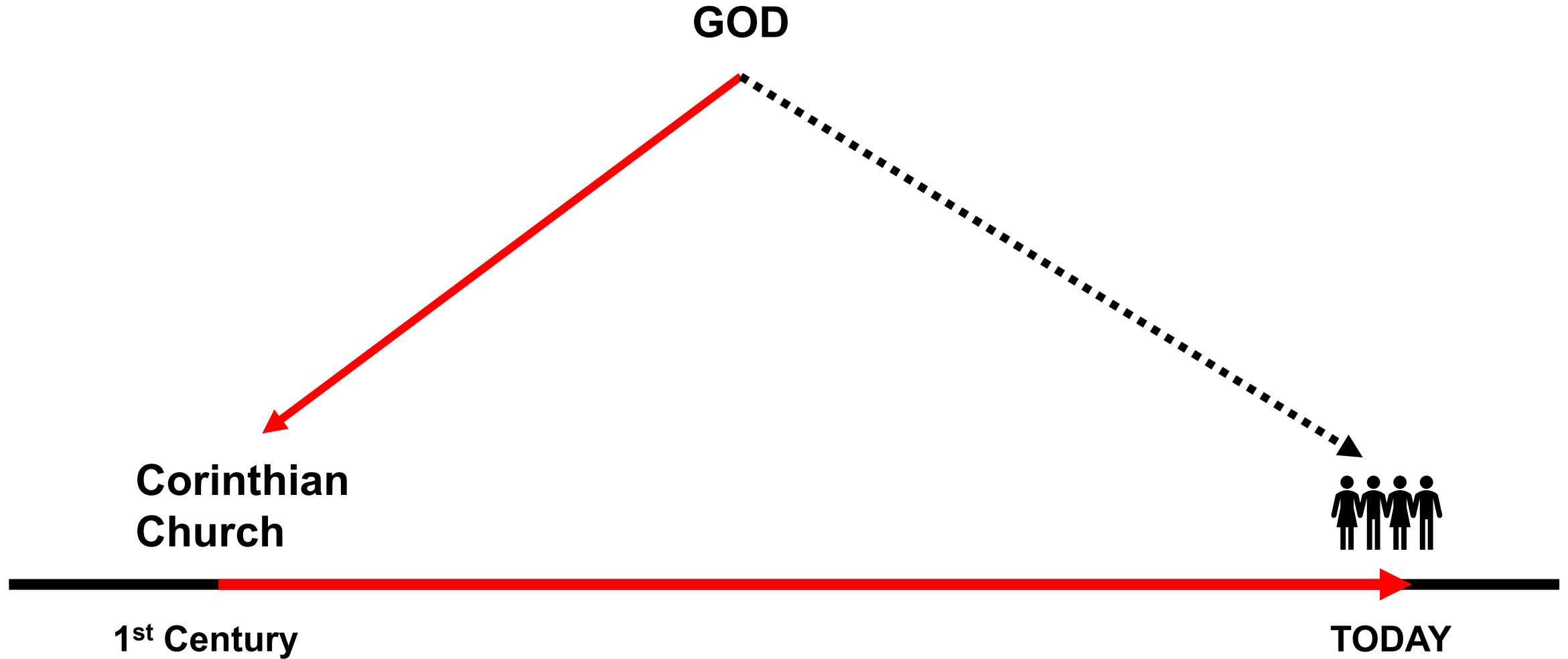
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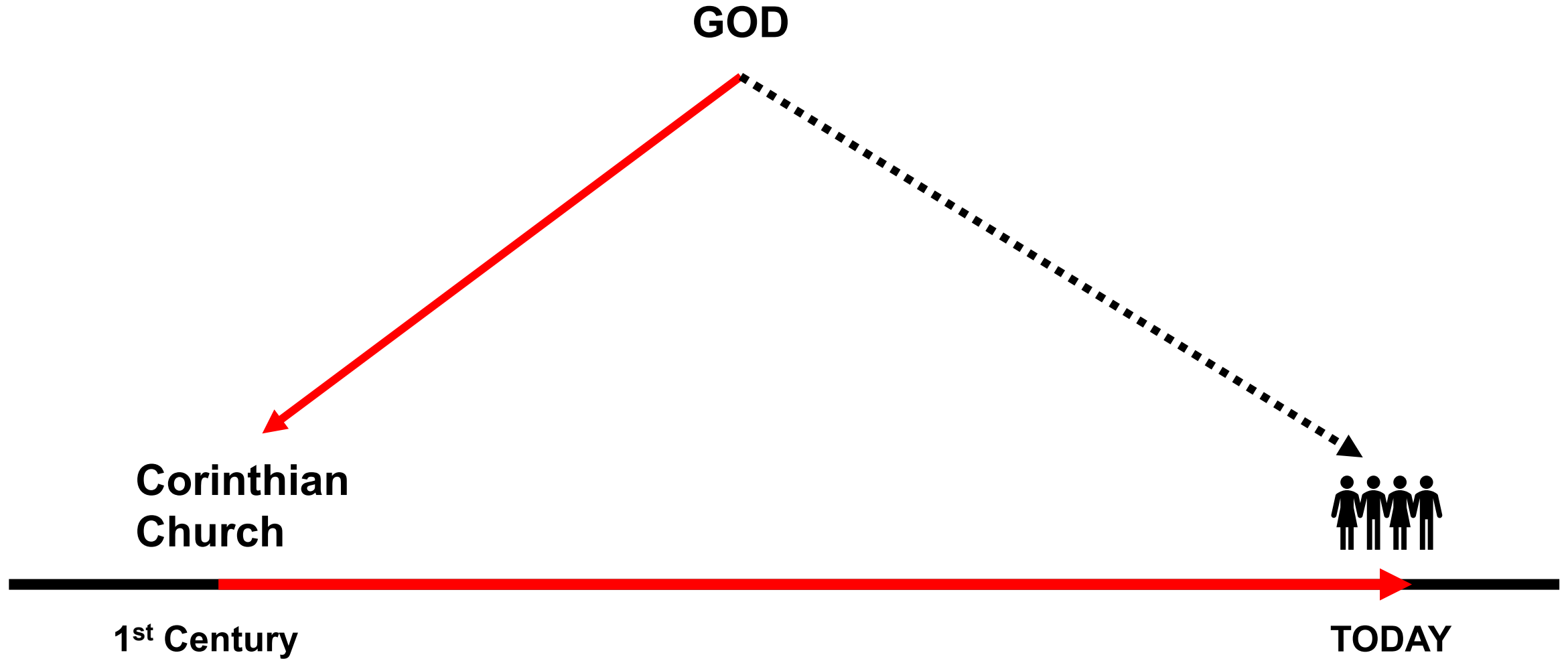
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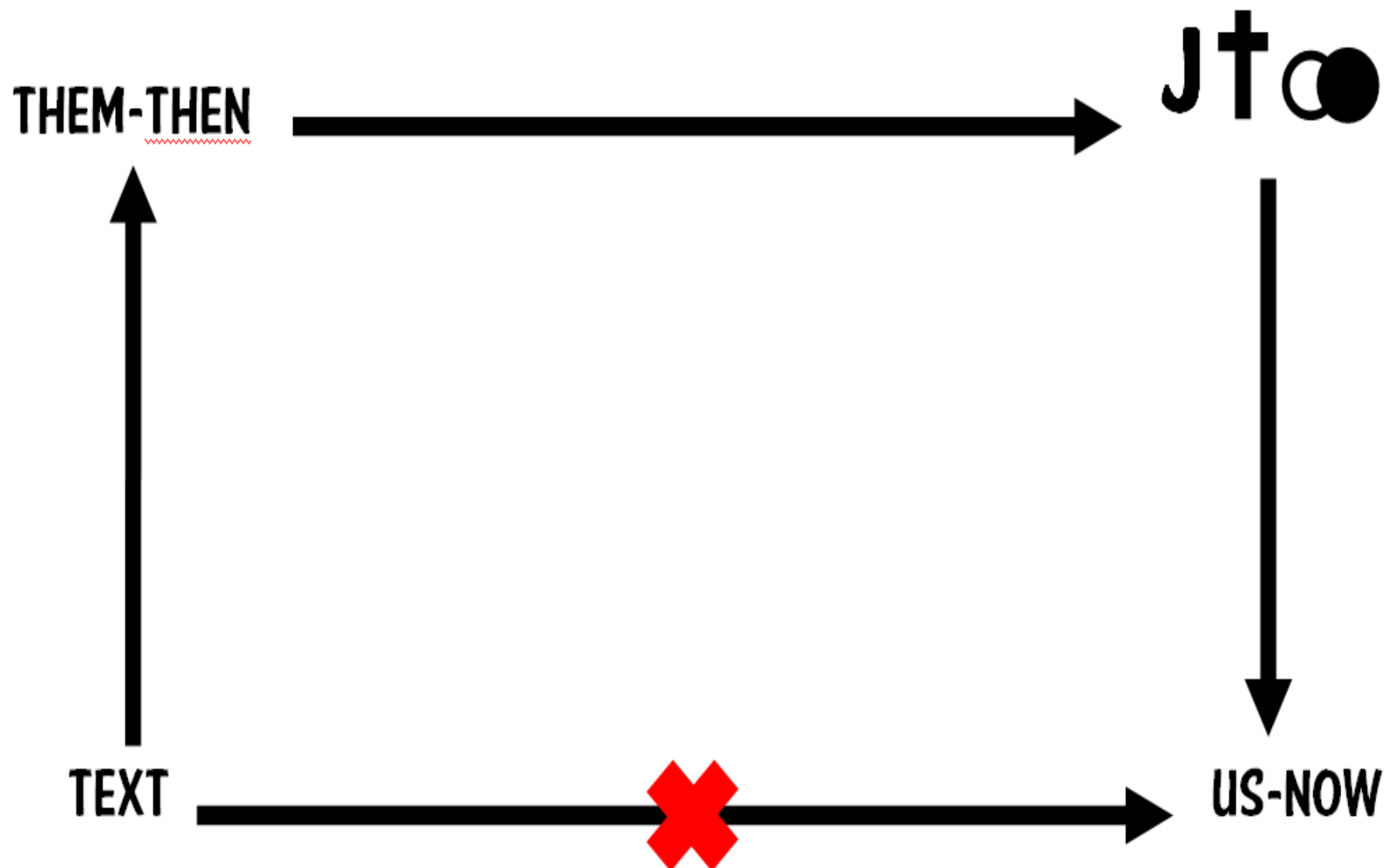
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‘Taking the long way round’



Paul and the Law of Moses

- He *repudiates* the law as ‘law-covenant’ or ‘legal code’
- He *replaces* the law with a new way of living
- He *reappropriates* the law as ‘prophecy’ and as ‘wisdom’

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What would distinguish Israel from the nations? (14:1-21)
(so that it could be a vehicle of God's blessing to the nations)

- **Theological exclusiveness** (ch 12-13)
- **Social inclusiveness** (14:22-15:23)
- **Corporate joyfulness** (16:1-17)



What must distinguish the church from the world?
(so that it can be a vehicle of God's salvation to the world)

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- **Social inclusiveness**
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- **Meeting together to remember the Lord with glad and sincere hearts**



Deuteronomy 15:1-18 (ESV)

“At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release.² And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, **his brother**, because **the LORD’s release** has been proclaimed.³ Of a foreigner you may exact it, but whatever of yours is with **your brother** **your hand** shall release.

⁴But **there will be no poor among you**; for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess—⁵if only you will strictly obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today.⁶ For the LORD your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

⁷“If among you, one of **your brothers** should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden **your heart** or shut **your hand** against **your poor brother**,⁸ but you shall open **your hand** to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.⁹ Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in **your heart** and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and **your eye** look grudgingly on **your poor brother**, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin.¹⁰ You shall give to him freely, and **your heart** shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.¹¹ For **there will never cease to be poor in the land**. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide **your hand** to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

¹²“If **your brother**, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you.¹³ And when you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty-handed.¹⁴ You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress. As the LORD your God has blessed you, you shall give to him.¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today.¹⁶ But if he says to you, ‘I will not go out from you,’ because he loves you and your household, since he is well-off with you,¹⁷ then you shall take an awl, and put it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your slave forever. And to your female slave you shall do the same.

¹⁸It shall not seem hard to you when you let him go free from you, for at half the cost of a hired servant he has served you six years. So the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do.