



**GOD,
ADDICTION
& LIFE**

**The Stigma and Shame
of Addiction**



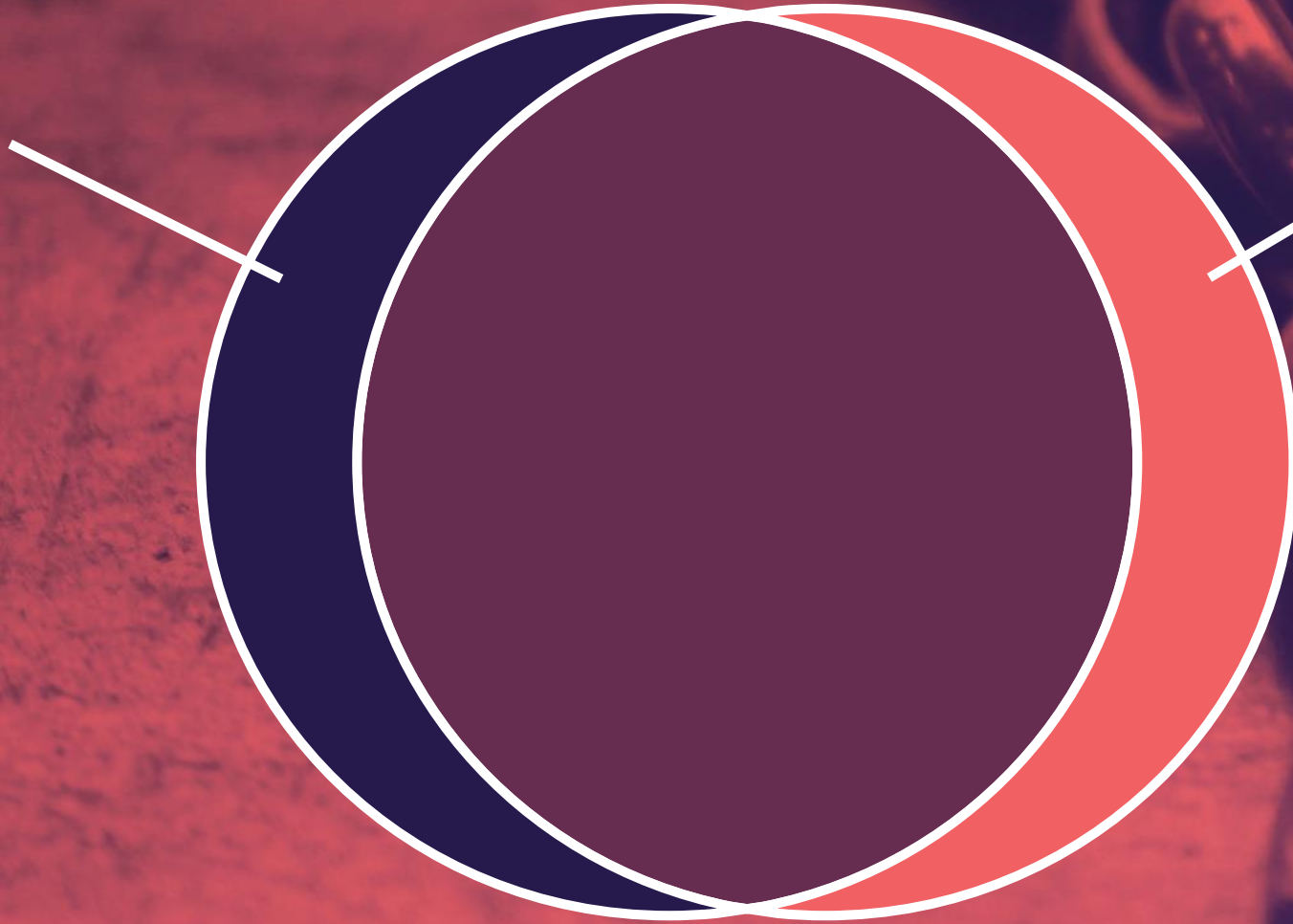
DEFINITIONS

**5 DYNAMICS
OF ADDICTION**

GRACE

Sin and Addiction

Sin



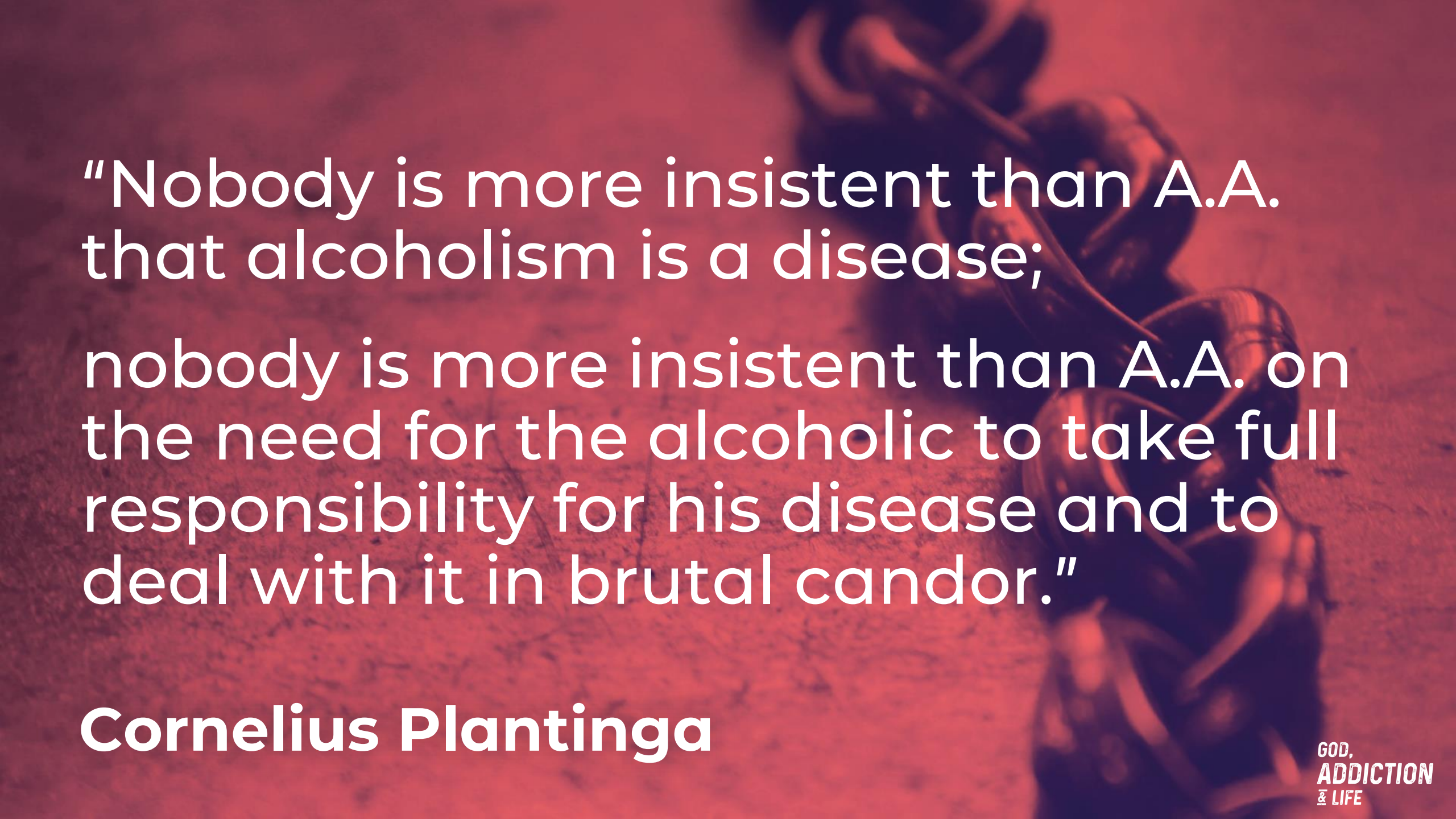
Addiction



"The enemy had a grip on my will and so made a chain for me to hold me prisoner."

"I was responsible for the fact that the habit had become so embattled against me; for it was with my consent that I came to the place in which I did not wish to be."

Augustine, 5th Century



“Nobody is more insistent than A.A. that alcoholism is a disease; nobody is more insistent than A.A. on the need for the alcoholic to take full responsibility for his disease and to deal with it in brutal candor.”

Cornelius Plantinga

5 Dynamics of Addiction

1. Tolerance increases
2. Withdrawal symptoms
3. Self-deception
4. The will shrinks
5. Obsession



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