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REPURPOSING OUR RESOURCES - RELEASING OUR POTENTIAL

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT



“Re-Purpose”:

“To return or restore to a previous reason for existing”

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Being Judgmental:

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Two Mental

Soundtracks:

- I'm not supposed to be judgmental.
- I'm seeing something that's not right!

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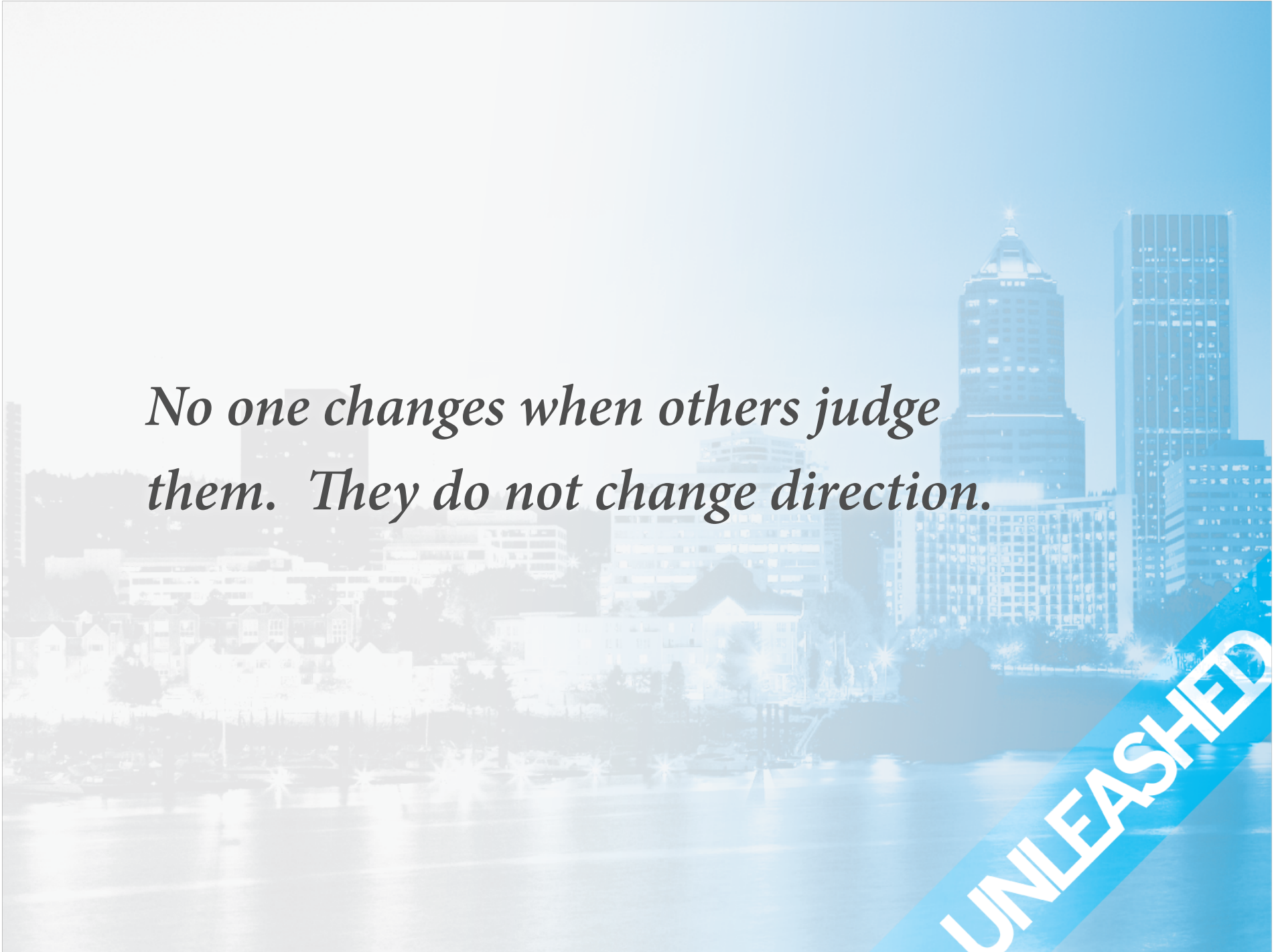
Being Judged:

The worst part about being judged is you never get to present your side of the story.

“Don’t judge a man until you yourself have come into his circumstances or situation” ~Rabbi Hillel

When someone judges you, you NEVER say
“you’ve made me feel so small and defective
that I want to change.”

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No one changes when others judge them. They do not change direction.

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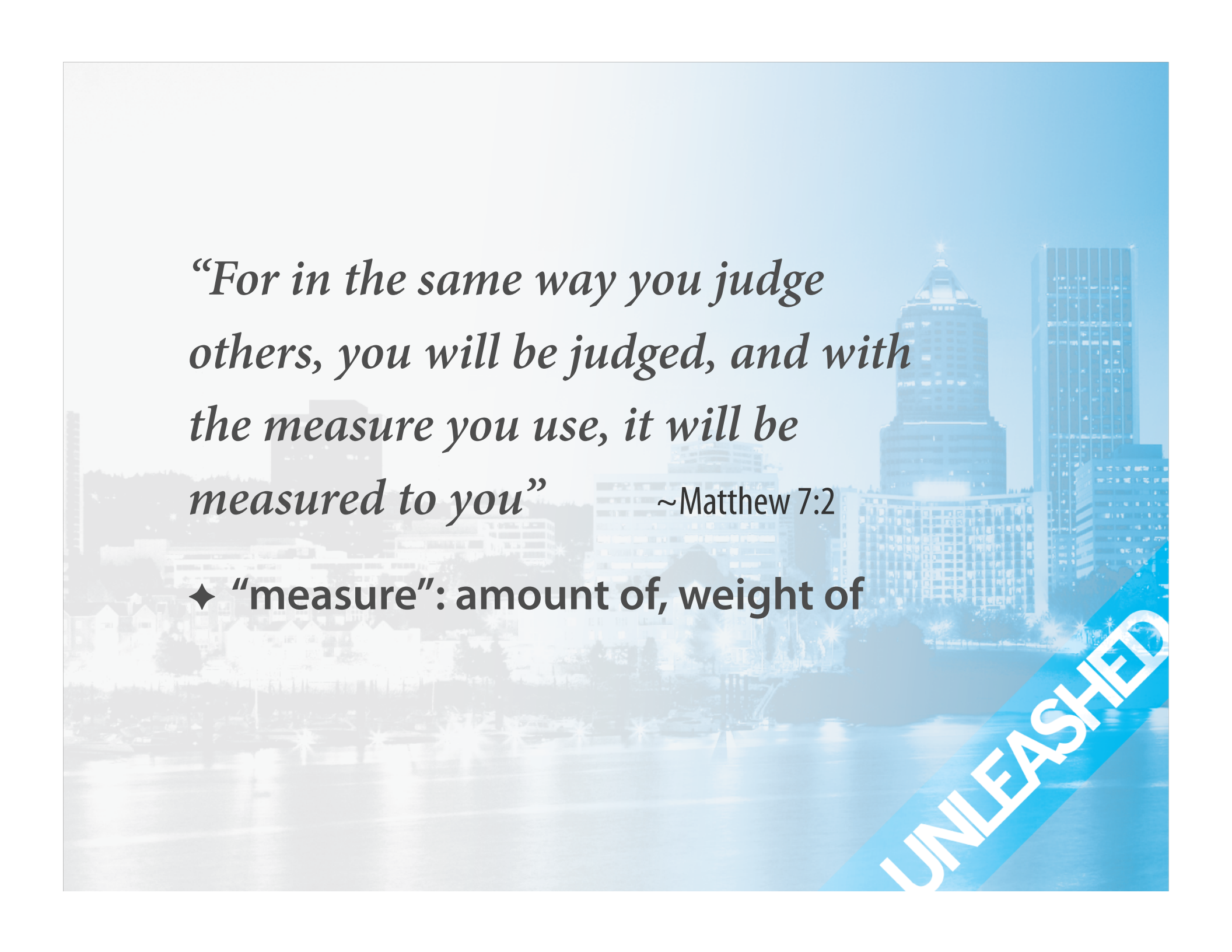


“Do not judge, or you, too, will be judged.”

~Matthew 7:1

♦ **“judge”: to condemn based on your opinion**

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“For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you”

~Matthew 7:2

♦ “measure”: amount of, weight of

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Ask Yourself About:

2


The Golden

Rule

If you knew God's judgment was coming back on you, how would you want Him to respond?

"I Want ALL the circumstances to be taken into account"


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“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment”

~James 2:12-13

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*“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in
your brother’s eye...” ~Matthew 7:3*

♦ **“speck”: Greek- “kaphos”- a small stalk,
twig, or sliver**

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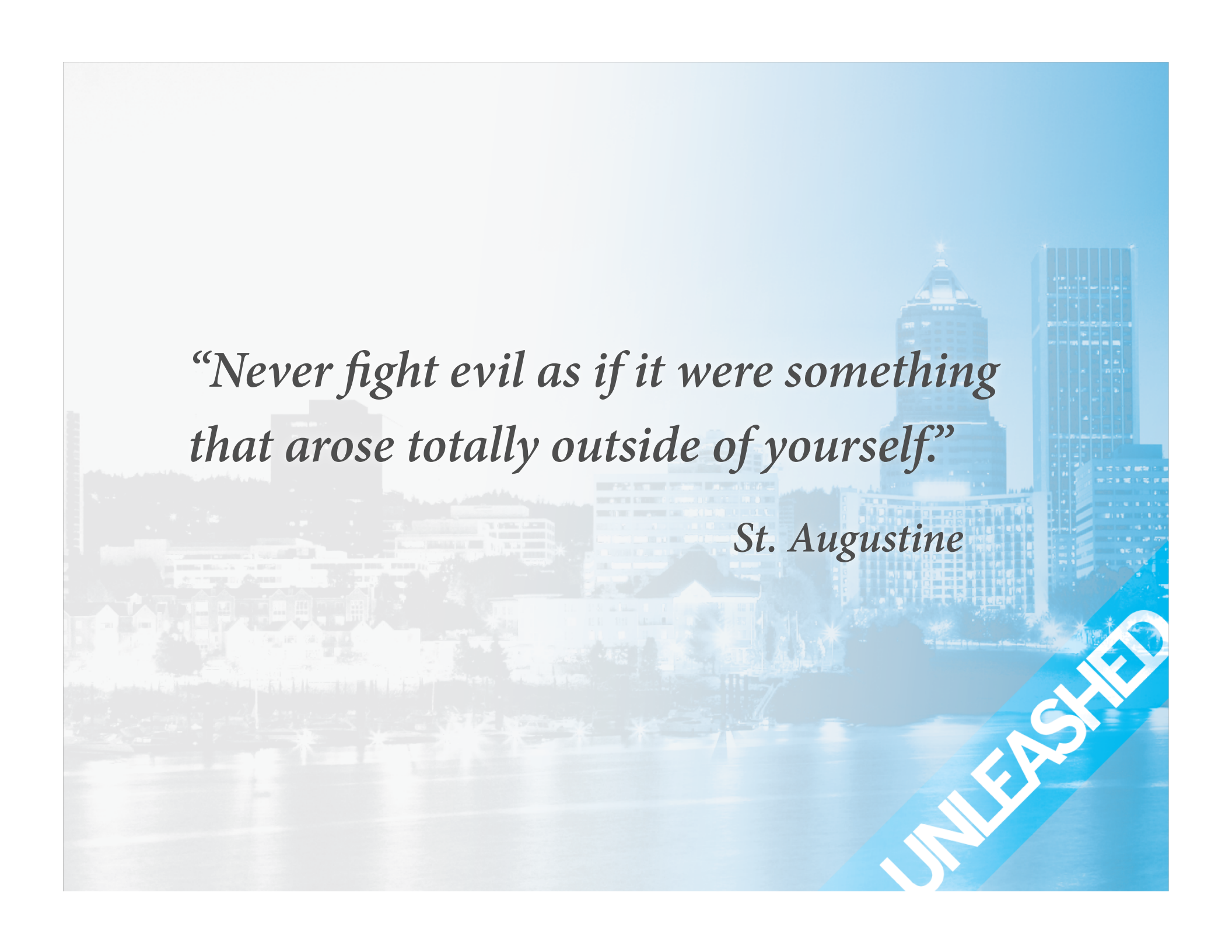
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The Bottom

Line:

When I see something in you that bothers me and makes me want to judge you, I need to look in the mirror and quit looking at you.

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*“Never fight evil as if it were something
that arose totally outside of yourself.”*

St. Augustine

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“You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” ~Matthew 7:5

♦ **“hypocrite: judging someone else BEFORE judging oneself. James 1:23-24**

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The Healthy

Response:

First: "Take the plank out of your own eye."

Second: "See CLEARLY and then remove the speck."

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*“Don’t hate your neighbor in your heart.
Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will
not share in his guilt”* ~Leviticus 19:17

*“If your brother sins against you, go and
show him his fault, just between you. If
he listens to you, you have won your
brother over”* ~Matthew 18:15

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Two

Dangers:


**First: Thinking we have no right to
oppose wrong doctrines or practices**
**Second: Become pluralistic and
undiscerning.**

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How To Find the Plank:

1. Pay attention to specific emotions their speck evokes in you.
2. Ask: "God, why do I feel this way?"

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“This is the new evangelism we need. It is not better methods, but better men and women who know their Redeemer from personal experience...who see his vision and feel his passion for the world...who want only for Christ to produce his life in and through them according to his own good pleasure”

~Robert E. Coleman, author of *The Master Plan of Evangelism*

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Final Warning:

“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

- Matthew 7:6

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