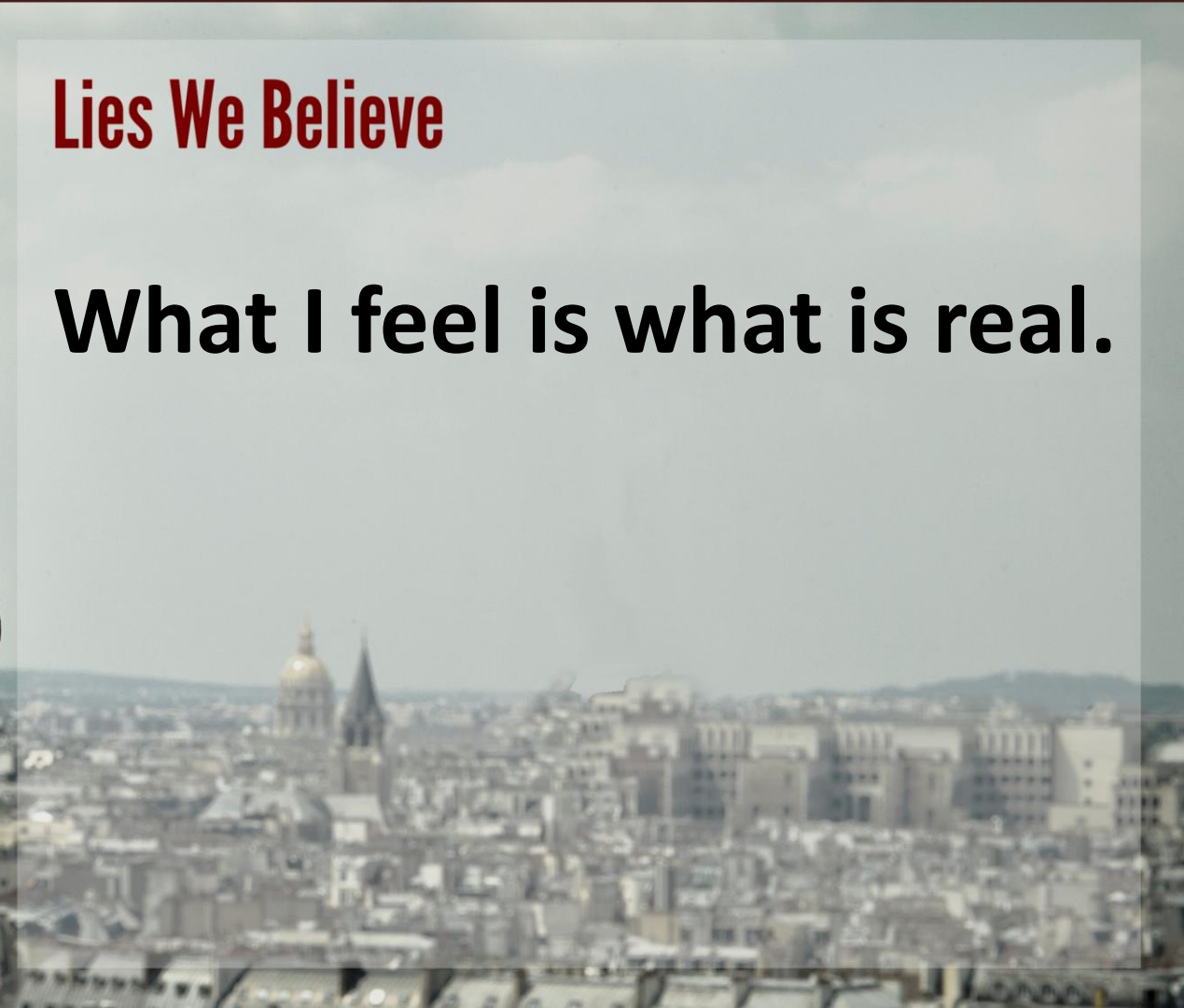




## Lies We Believe

What I feel is what is real.



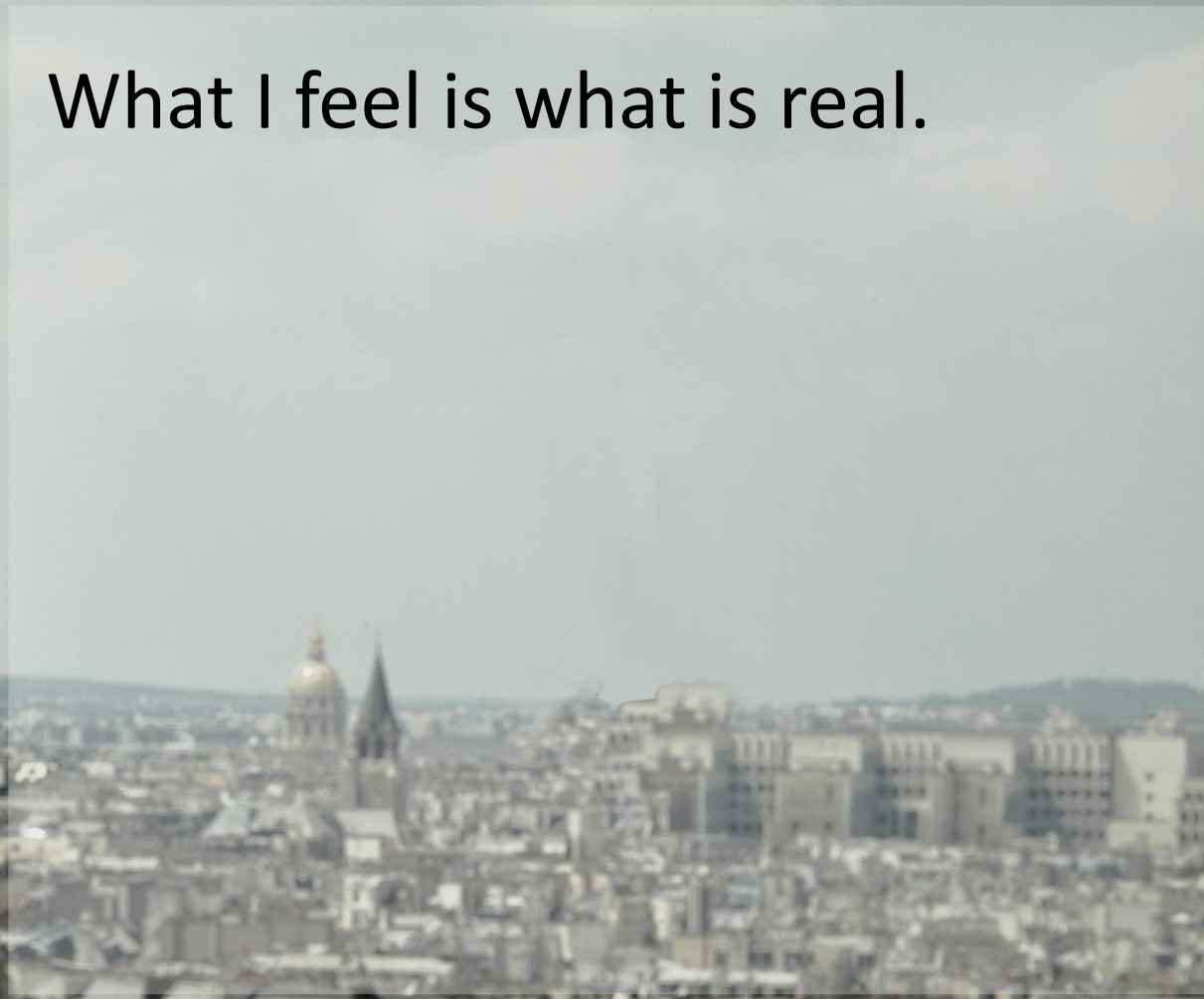


“Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself?”

*-Martyn Lloyd-Jones*



What I feel is what is real.





“I suppose that one of the greatest problems in our life in this world, not only for Christians, but for all people, is the right handling of our feelings and emotions.



Oh, the havoc that is wrought  
and the tragedy, the misery,  
and the wretchedness that are  
to be found in the world simply  
because people do not know  
how to handle their own  
feelings!”

*–Martyn Lloyd-Jones*



# Perils of Feelings-First Living





## **1 Kings 18:17-18** (NLT)

When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, “So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?”<sup>18</sup> “I have made no trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “You and your family are the troublemakers, for



## **1 Kings 18:17-18** (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> you have refused to obey the commands of the Lord and have worshiped the images of Baal instead.”





## **1 Kings 18:36-39(NLT)**

At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in



## **1 Kings 18:36-39(NLT)**

<sup>36</sup> Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. <sup>37</sup> O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you



## **1 Kings 18:36-39(NLT)**

<sup>37</sup> have brought them back to yourself.” <sup>38</sup> Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust.



## **1 Kings 18:36-39(NLT)**

<sup>38</sup> It even licked up all the water in the trench! <sup>39</sup> And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!”



## **1 Kings 19:2-4 (NLT)**

So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: “May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them.”<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and fled for his life.



## **1 Kings 19:2-4 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup> He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed



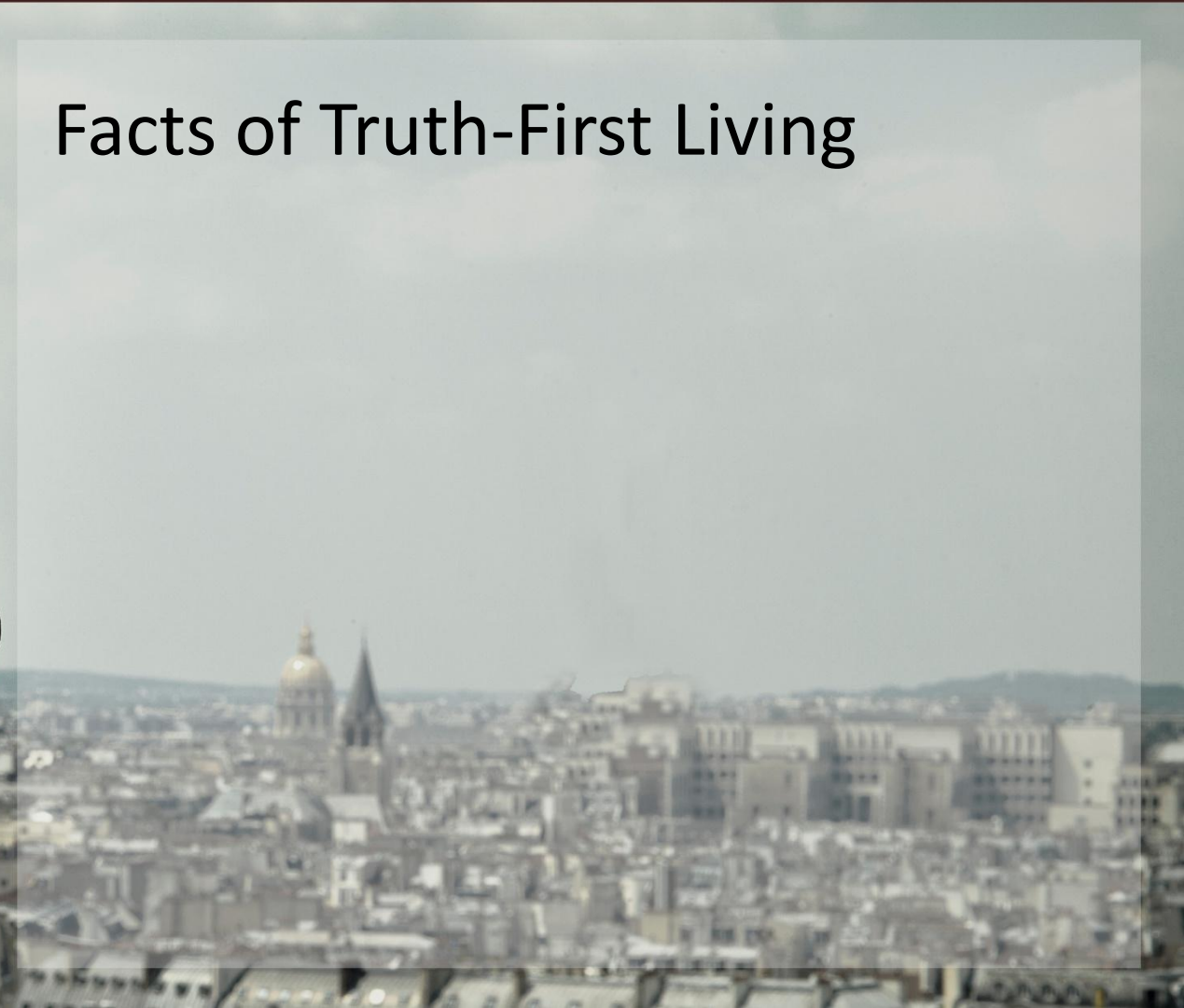
## **1 Kings 19:2-4 (NLT)**

<sup>4</sup> that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.”

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# Facts of Truth-First Living







# Cultivating a Belief-Based Life





## **Romans 12:1-2** (ESV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.



## **Romans 12:1-2** (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



**Prayer for Belief-Based Living**  
Thank you, Father, for directing  
my attention  
Upward and outward to  
objective truth,  
And away from self-  
centeredness and enslavement  
to subjectivity.



I turn away from my self-  
focused arrogance and towards

You ---

To receive forgiveness for that  
arrogance.

I direct my faith towards You  
and Your Word,  
For You alone are worthy.



As my faith is built up and  
strengthened,  
Transform my emotions so that  
I more truly love you  
With all my heart and all my  
mind  
And all my soul and all my  
strength.

***-CJ Mahaney, Christ Our Mediator***



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