

PERSPECTIVES

God's Promises



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Their personal history



Hebrews 10:32-36

But remember the former days, when,
after being enlightened,
you endured
a great conflict of sufferings,



33 partly by being made
a public spectacle
through insults and distress,
and partly by becoming
companions
with those who were so treated.

34 For you showed sympathy
to the prisoners
and accepted joyfully
the seizure of your property,

knowing that you have for yourselves
a better and lasting possession.

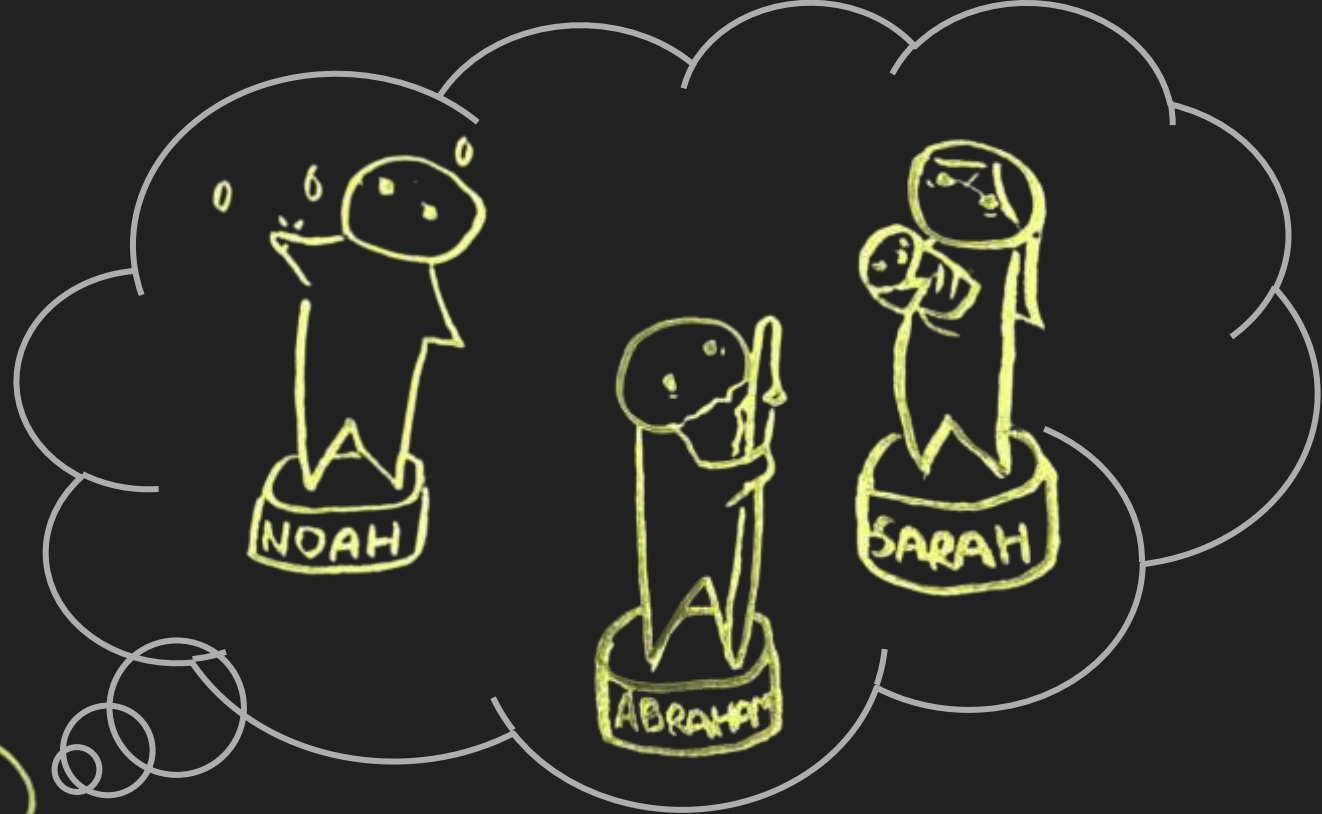




³⁵ Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Hebrews 10:32-36



God's public history

Hebrews 11:13-16



All these died in faith,
without receiving the promises,
but having seen and welcomed
them from a distance,
and having confessed that they were
strangers and exiles on the earth.



14 For those who say such things
make it clear that they are seeking
a country of their own.

15 And indeed if they had been thinking
of that country which they left, they
would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ But as it is, they desire
a better country, that is,
a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed
to be called their God;
for He has prepared
a city for them.

Hebrews 11:13-16





Summarizing the tour

Hebrews 11:39-40

And all these,

having gained approval

through their faith,

did not receive what was promised,

⁴⁰ because God had provided

something better for us,

so that apart from us

they would not be made perfect.



Familiar?
New?
Confusing?



People of the
Promises have

People of the
Promises have
A Forward-Looking
Faith

Looking backwards

builds faith



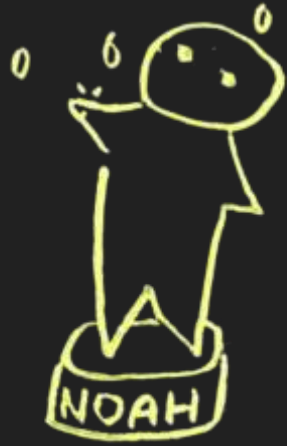
Looking backwards
at your personal history
builds faith



But remember the former days,
when... you endured a great conflict of
sufferings,

Hebrews 10:32

Looking backwards
at God's public history
builds faith



Looking backwards
at God's public history
builds faith



Faith



Looking Forward

Activates Endurance

...you endured... knowing...
you have for yourselves
a better and lasting possession.”

Hebrews 10:32-34

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a better and lasting possession.”

Hebrews 10:32-34

Hebrews 11:11

Sarah herself received
ability to conceive,
even beyond the proper time of life,

since she considered
Him faithful
who had promised.



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People of the
Promises see
A Destiny
beyond death



What the readers
of Hebrews saw

Not:

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of Hebrews saw

Not:



We're not going to sit around on clouds; you know this whole idea of heaven is wearing white robes with angels and play a harp. To me, that would be hell. I can't think of anything more boring.

~Rick Warren



Hebrews 10:32-36

...you endured

a great conflict of sufferings,

...knowing that you have for
yourselves

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Hebrews 10:35, 37

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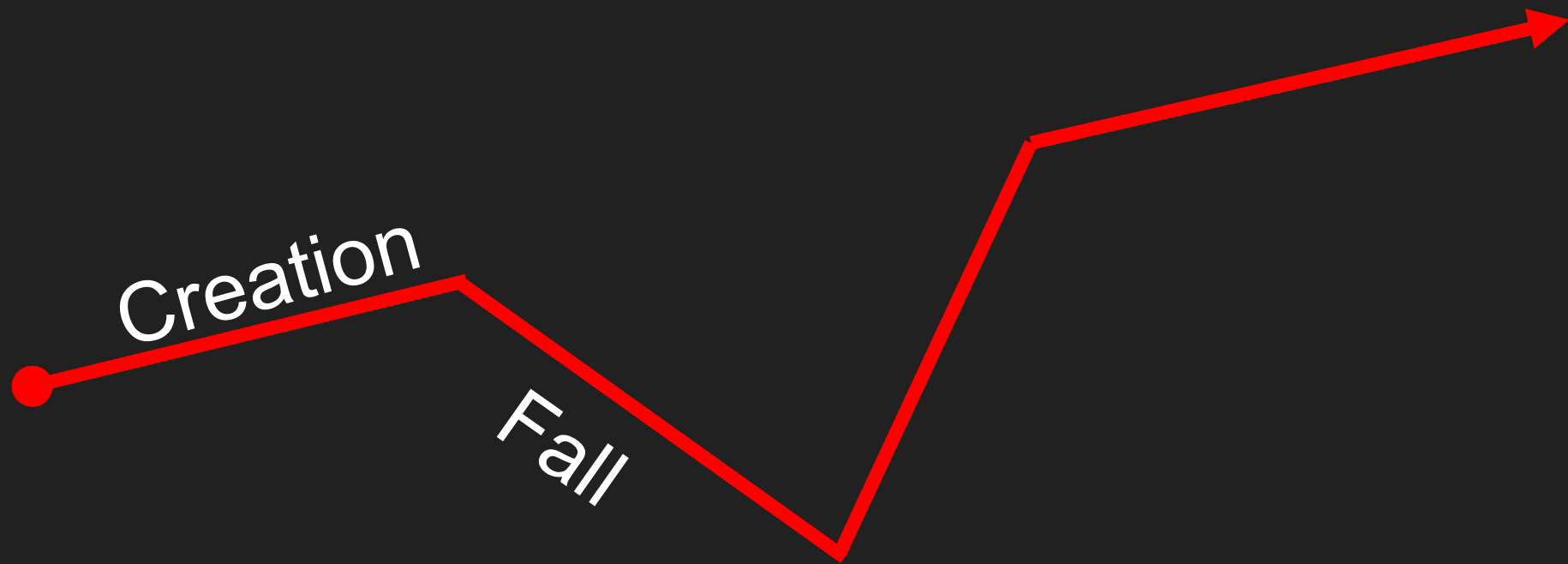
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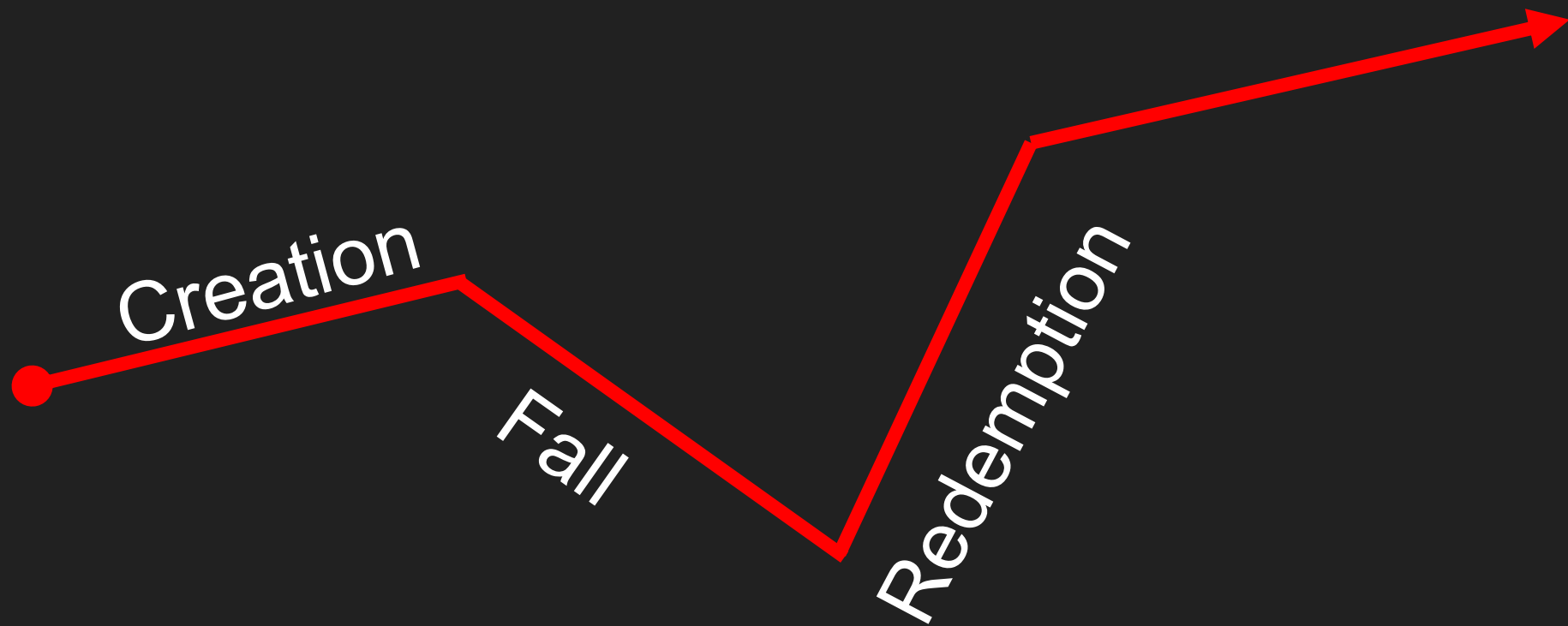
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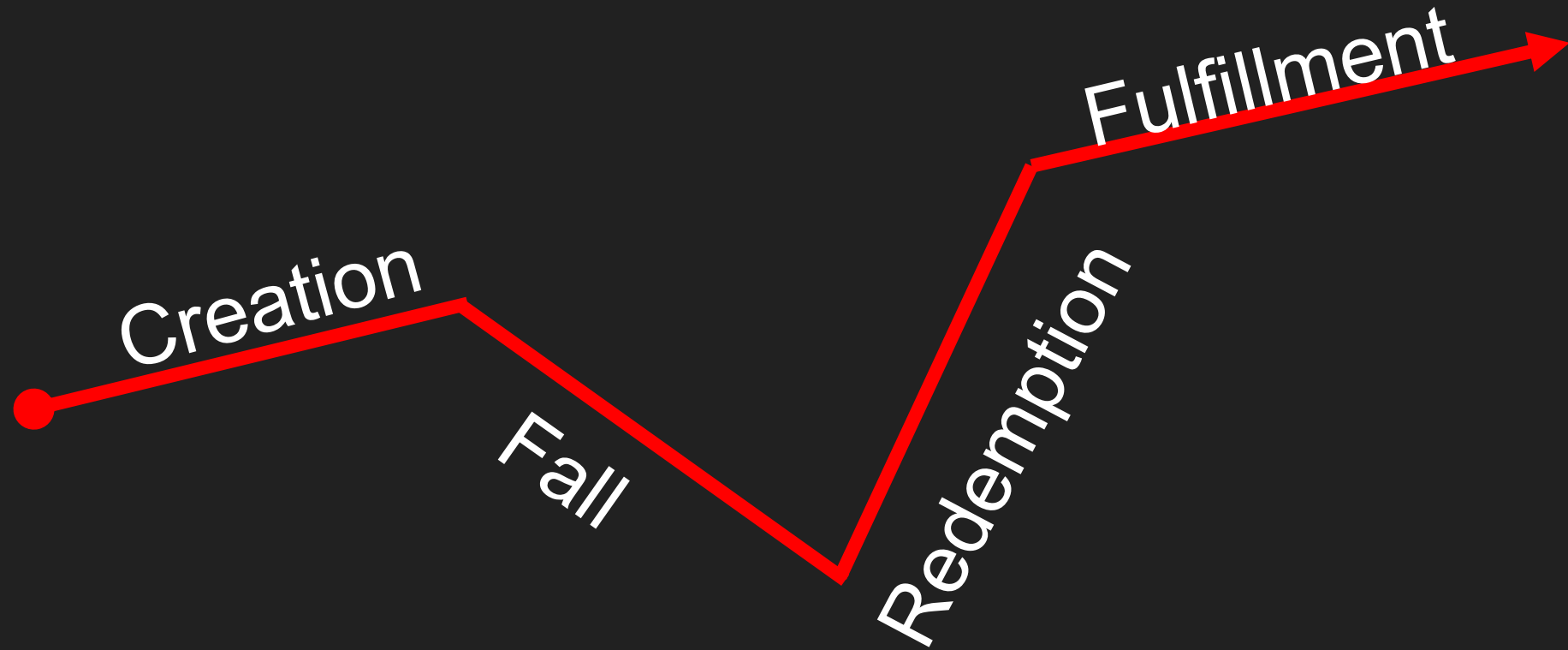
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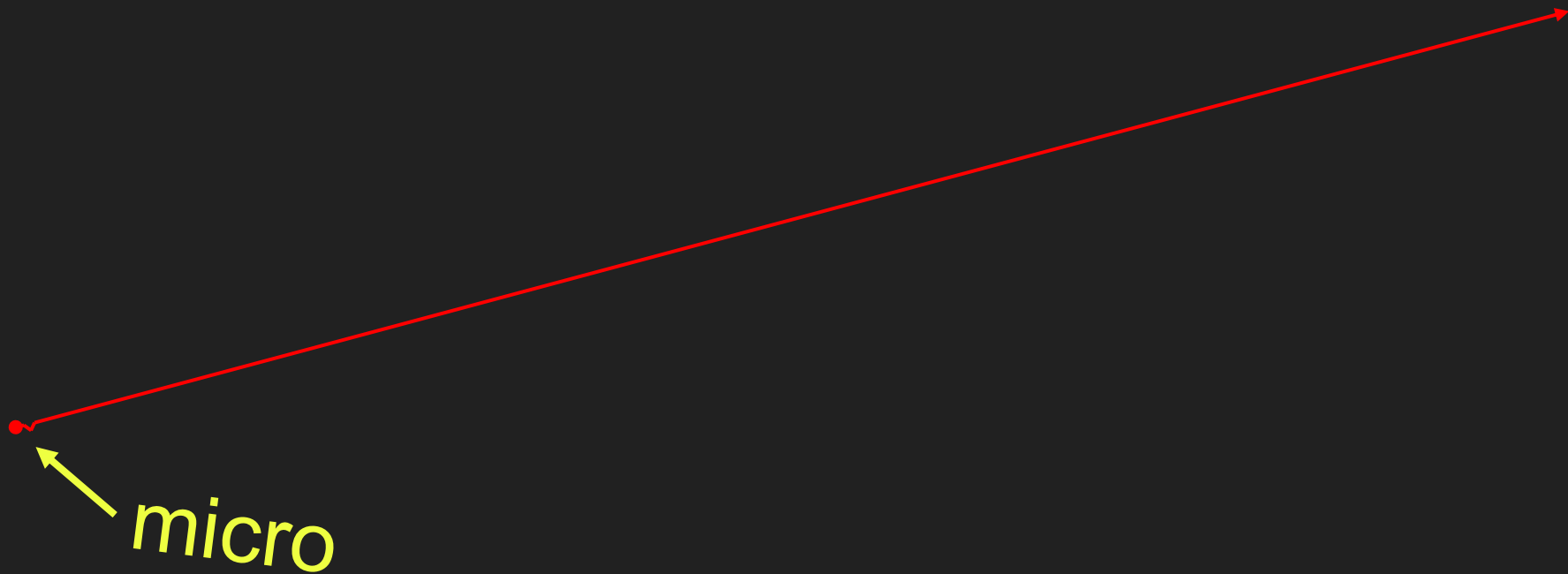
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confidence, which has a great **MEGA**
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He who is coming will come, **micro**











MEGA


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Hebrews 10:39

But we are... of those who have faith
for the preserving of the soul.

Hebrews 10:39

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You will
exist here

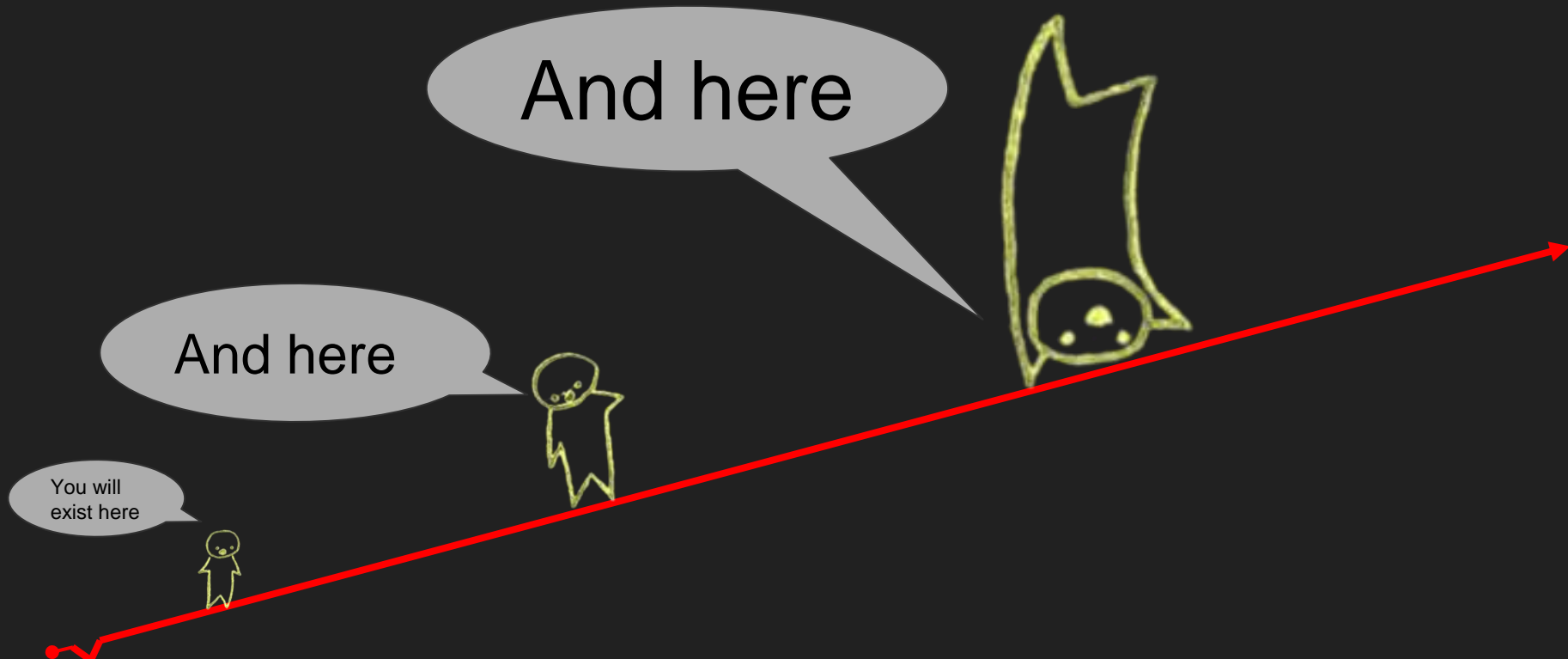


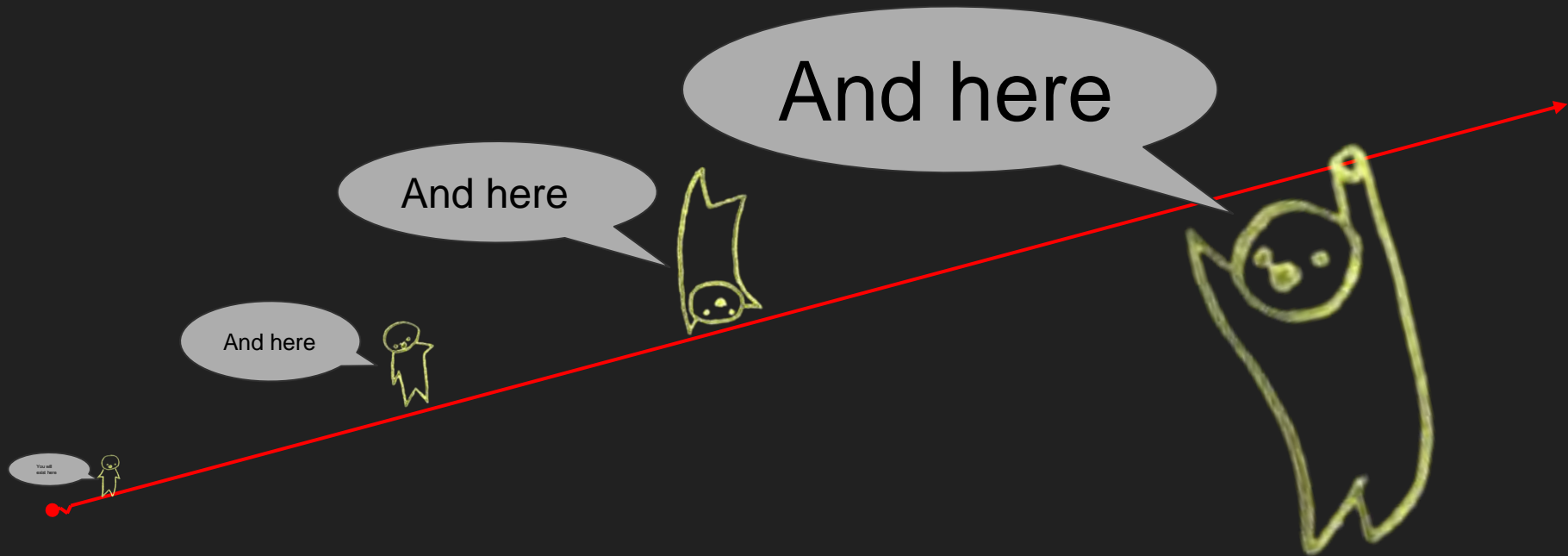
And here



You will
exist here







Hebrews 10:37 “He... will come”

Compare these
things with your
imagination of
what happens
after death.



What the People in the Hall of Faith saw

All these died

without receiving the promises...

Hebrews 11:13

All these died
in faith
without receiving the promises...

Hebrews 11:13

that they were
strangers and exiles
on the earth. they desire
a better country, that is,
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Therefore God is not ashamed
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Hebrews 11:13, 16

a better country, that is,
a heavenly one.

God... has prepared
a city for them.

Hebrews 11:16



...obtain
a better
resurrection

Hebrews 11:35b



gained approval

Hebrews 11:2, 39



...apart from us
they would not
be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:40



People of the
Promises have



People of the
Promises have
Divine Discontent



Divine Discontent enables

Divine Discontent enables

Endurance



Divine Discontent enables

Endurance



Legacy



Divine Discontent enables

Endurance



Legacy



Sacrifice













Which of these
tempts you the
most?

Fame, health,
wealth, or
something else?



Fame, health, wealth...

Fame, health, wealth...



TOOLS

Fame, health, wealth...



TOOLS



APPETIZERS

What if I haven't been faithful?

What if I haven't been faithful?

Walk more slowly
through the Hall of
Faith

God offers His promises,

God offers His promises,
based on His faithfulness.

PERSPECTIVES

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