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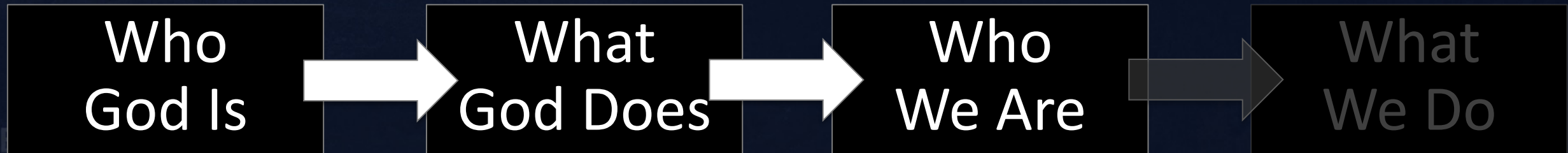
“You know the words, but you don’t know the dance.”

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2 Corinthians 5

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



Goodwin is saying that this high and holy Christ does not cringe at reaching out and touching dirty sinners and numbed sufferers. Such embrace is precisely what he loves to do. He cannot bear to hold back. We naturally think of Jesus touching us the way a little boy reaches out to touch a slug for the first time - face screwed up, cautiously extending an arm, giving a yelp of disgust upon contact, and instantly withdrawing. We picture the risen Christ approaching us with a “severe and sour disposition,” as Goodwin says.

(Gentle and Lowly, p.24)

“Cheer up! You’re a worse sinner than you ever dared imagine,
and you’re more loved than you ever dared hope.”

— Jack Miller

For every 1 look at your sin,
take 99 looks at Jesus.

Luke 23:44

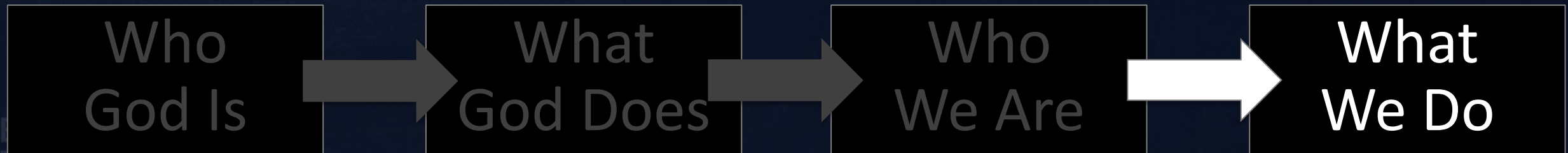
It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

“In order for you to fall short of loving embrace into the heart of Christ both now and into eternity, Christ himself would have to be pulled down out of heaven and put back in the grave.”

(Gentle and Lowly, p. 66)

Hebrews 4

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



The Gospel Expressed

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“The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.”
(and forever has already started)

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." - John Piper

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Genesis 2:45

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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