

A blurred crowd of people walking on a city sidewalk, with a hand holding a smartphone in the foreground. The image has a motion blur effect, suggesting a busy, fast-paced environment. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

DESENSITIZATION: THE DANGER OF GETTING USED TO IT

DESENSITIZATION

[CAMBRIDGE DICTIONARY]

The process of causing someone to experience something, usually an emotion, less strongly than before

[MERRIAM WEBSTER]

To make one emotionally insensitive or callous







SHADRACH

Command of
the moon god

MESHACH

Who is Aku?

ABEDNEGO

Slave of the
god Nebo



HANANIAH
God is gracious

MISHAEL
Who is God?

AZARIAH
God has helped



ONE

DeSENSITIZATION TO THE WAYS OF GOD



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In the supernatural MOVE OF GOD



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JAMES 4:14-15

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.



Assembling of the Saints



HEBREWS 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

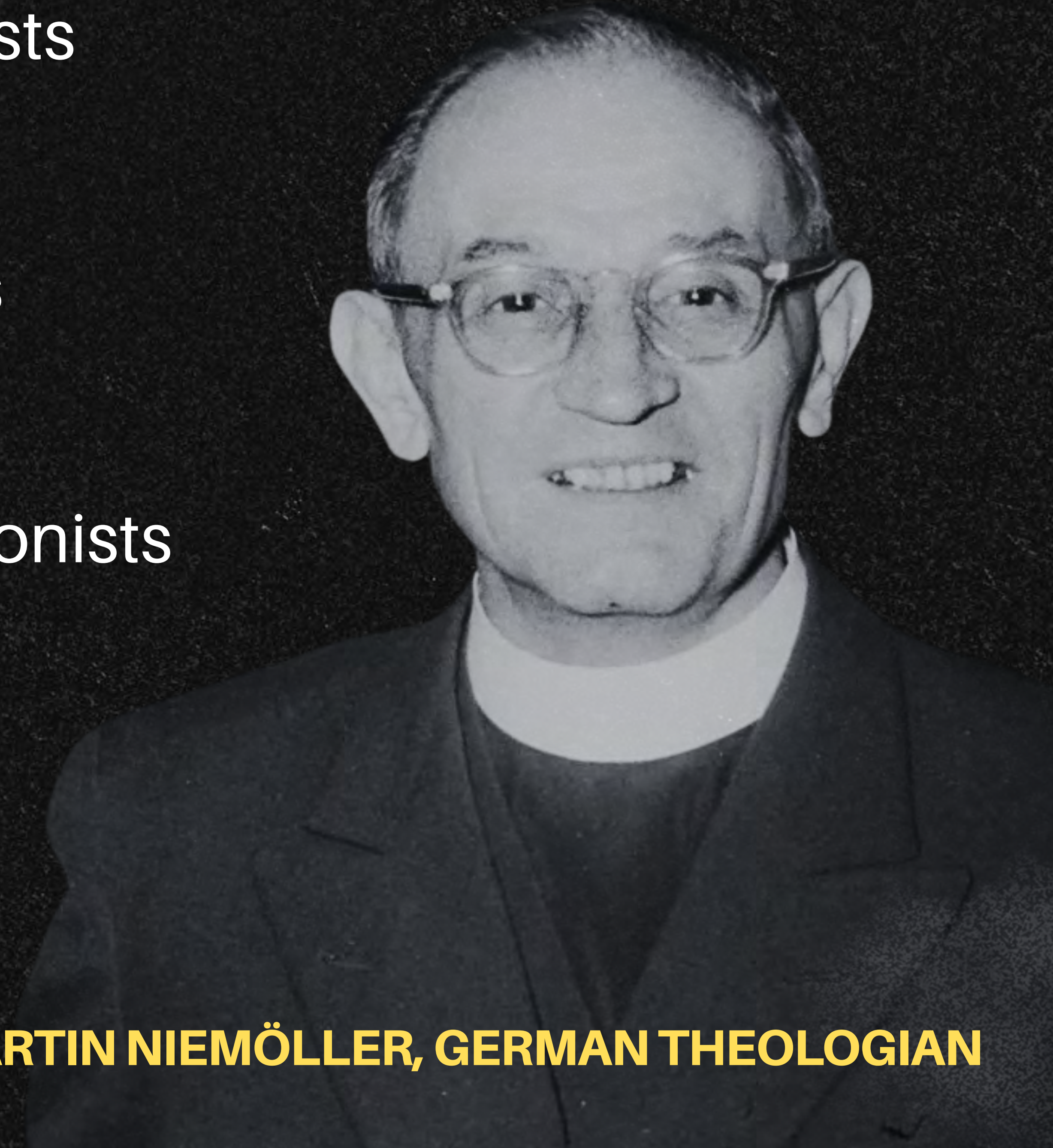
TWO

DeSENSITIZATION TO BAD NEWS



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First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist
Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist
Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out...



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Because I was not a trade unionist
Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me



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THREE

DeSENSITIZATION TO GENDER AND SEXUALITY




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1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons (man can marry a man, woman can marry a woman), ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...

An aerial, high-angle photograph of a large, crowded pedestrian plaza. The ground is paved with light-colored cobblestones. Long, dark shadows of people are cast across the plaza, indicating low sun. A large, bright orange umbrella is visible in the upper center. The overall tone is dramatic and somewhat somber.

**TODAY'S
TOLERANCE
BECOMES
TOMORROW'S
CAPTIVITY!**



2 THESSALONIANS 2:9-12

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.





2 THESSALONIANS 2:9-12

¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



DECEPTION

The act of misleading or tricking someone by intentionally misrepresenting the truth to cause them to believe something false.

FOUR

DeSENSITIZATION TO SIN AND EVIL



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ISAIAH 5:20-23 (NLT)

What sorrow for those who say
that evil is good and good is evil,
that dark is light and light is dark,
that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.

²¹ What sorrow for those who are wise in their
own eyes and think themselves so clever.



ISAIAH 5:20-23 (NLT)

²² What sorrow for those who are heroes at drinking wine and boast about all the alcohol they can hold.

²³ They take bribes to let the wicked go free, and they punish the innocent.”



An aerial, high-angle photograph of a large, crowded public square or plaza. The ground is paved with cobblestones. Numerous people are walking across the square, their shadows cast long and dark on the pavement. In the upper center of the image, a large, bright orange umbrella stands out against the darker tones of the crowd and pavement. The overall lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning.

**YOU WILL EITHER OFFEND
THE WORLD AND PLEASE
GOD, OR PLEASE THE
WORLD AND OFFEND GOD.**



MATTHEW 24:3-14

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.



MATTHEW 24:3-14

⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.



MATTHEW 24:3-14

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.



MATTHEW 24:3-14

¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”





MATTHEW 24:4-5

And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.



MANY

POLYS [GREEK]

MULTITUDES



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MATTHEW 24:10

**And then many will be offended, will betray
one another, and will hate one another.**



**Then many false prophets will rise up
and deceive many.**



MATTHEW 24:12

**And because lawlessness will abound,
the love of many will grow cold.**



CORNERSTONE

A wide-angle, high-angle photograph of a massive crowd of people, likely at a large outdoor event or religious gathering. The people are densely packed, and their shadows are cast long on the ground, suggesting it is either early morning or late afternoon. The overall tone is somewhat somber due to the dark lighting.

MATTHEW 24:12 (KJV)

And because iniquity shall abound,
the love of many shall wax cold.

WAX COLD LOVE

Hard, numb, non-responsive, callous, stubborn

An aerial, high-angle photograph of a busy pedestrian street. The street is paved with cobblestones and has white crosswalk lines. Numerous people are walking in various directions, their long shadows cast across the pavement. A single red umbrella is visible in the upper center of the frame. The overall lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

Dull in Spirit
DESENSITIZATION
Sharp in Spirit
DISCERNMENT



AMOS 8:11

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God,
“That I will send a famine on the land,
Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water,
But of hearing the words of the Lord.”





2 TIMOTHY 4:3-5

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Have we as a society become radically desensitized to the violence and depravity that is flooding from movie and television studios? It is not that we have become more broad-minded and intellectual; it is that we have adapted to the demonic and have become comfortable in the presence of evil.

JOHN HAGEE

