

**“But God . . .”**

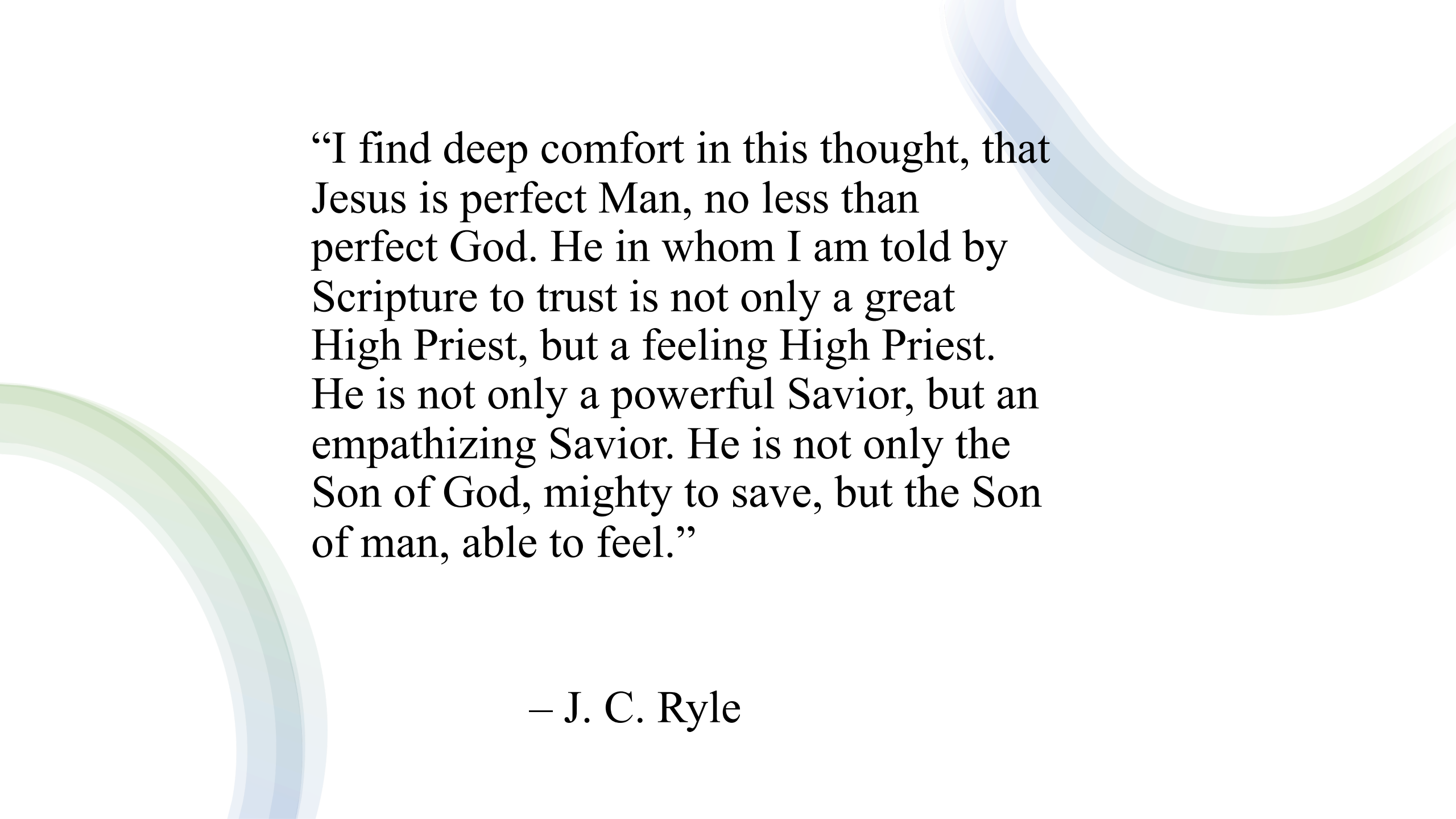
**Christianity’s Most Important Conjunction**

**Psalm 31**

Community Bible Church, Sunday, September 4, 2022

“There is a crack, a crack in everything  
That’s how the light gets in”

-- Leonard Cohen



“I find deep comfort in this thought, that Jesus is perfect Man, no less than perfect God. He in whom I am told by Scripture to trust is not only a great High Priest, but a feeling High Priest. He is not only a powerful Savior, but an empathizing Savior. He is not only the Son of God, mighty to save, but the Son of man, able to feel.”

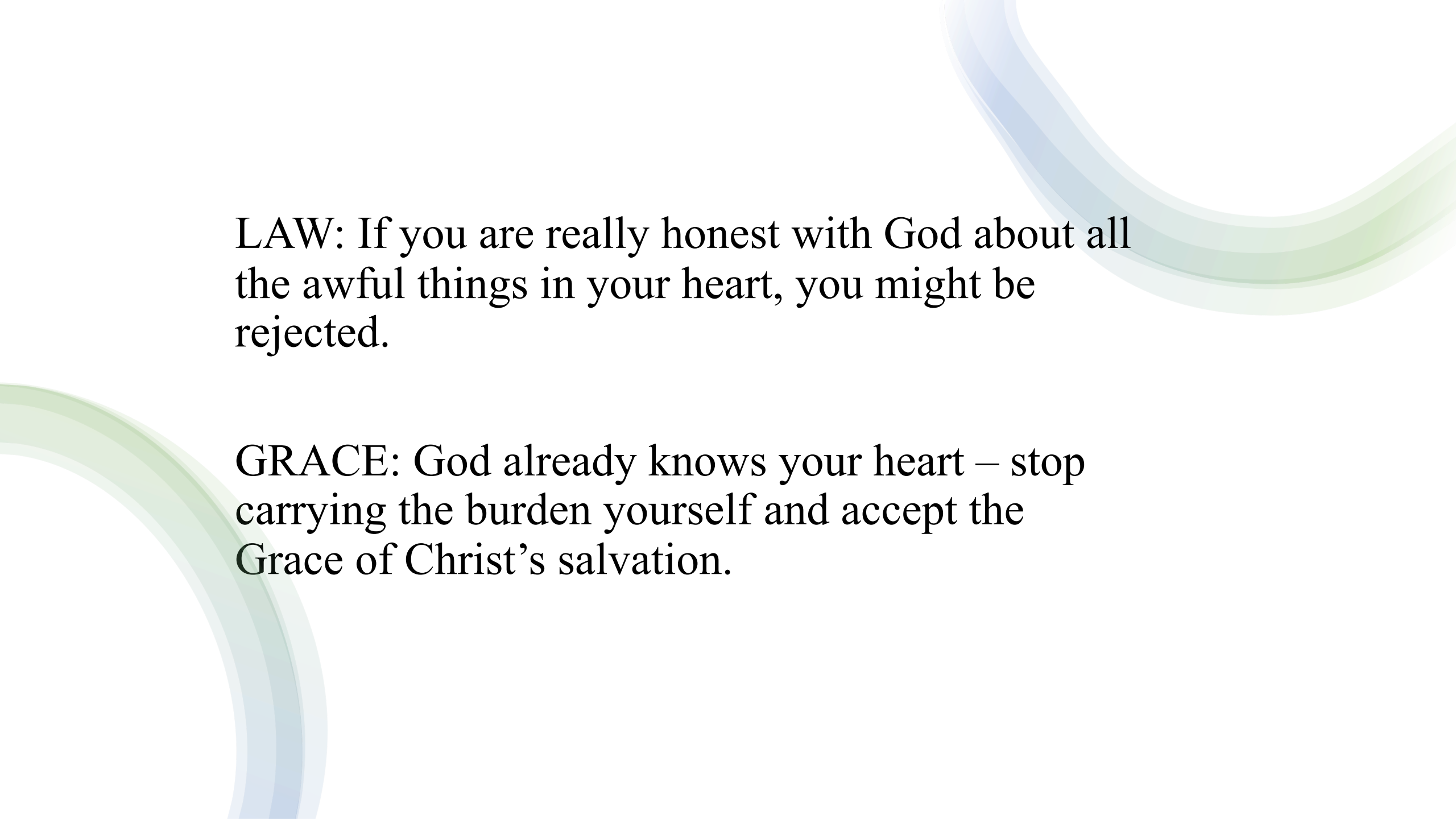
– J. C. Ryle

## David's Lament

- let me never be put to shame (x2)
- the net they have hidden for me
- I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols
- affliction
- distress of my soul
- I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief  
my soul and my body also.  
For my life is spent with sorrow  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity  
and my bones waste away.
- I have become a reproach . . . object of dread . . .  
[people] flee from me . . . forgotten like one who is  
dead . . . a broken vessel . . . terror on every side . . .  
they scheme together . . . plot to take my life
- I had said in alarm, "I am cut off from your sight."

## God's Character

- righteousness
- rock of refuge
- rock
- fortress
- lead
- guide
- you take me out of the net
- refuge
- you have redeemed me
- steadfast love (x3)
- you have seen my affliction
- you have known the distress of my soul
- you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy
- you have set my feet in a broad place
- how abundant is your goodness
- those who take refuge in you . . . In the cover of your  
presence you hide them . . . you store them in your  
shelter
- you heard my pleas for mercy
- The Lord preserves the faithful



LAW: If you are really honest with God about all the awful things in your heart, you might be rejected.

GRACE: God already knows your heart – stop carrying the burden yourself and accept the Grace of Christ's salvation.