

EXPLORING THE FUNHOUSE



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I Folly of Fun (Ecc. 2:1-11)

A Facets of Frolicking (Ecc. 2:1-8)



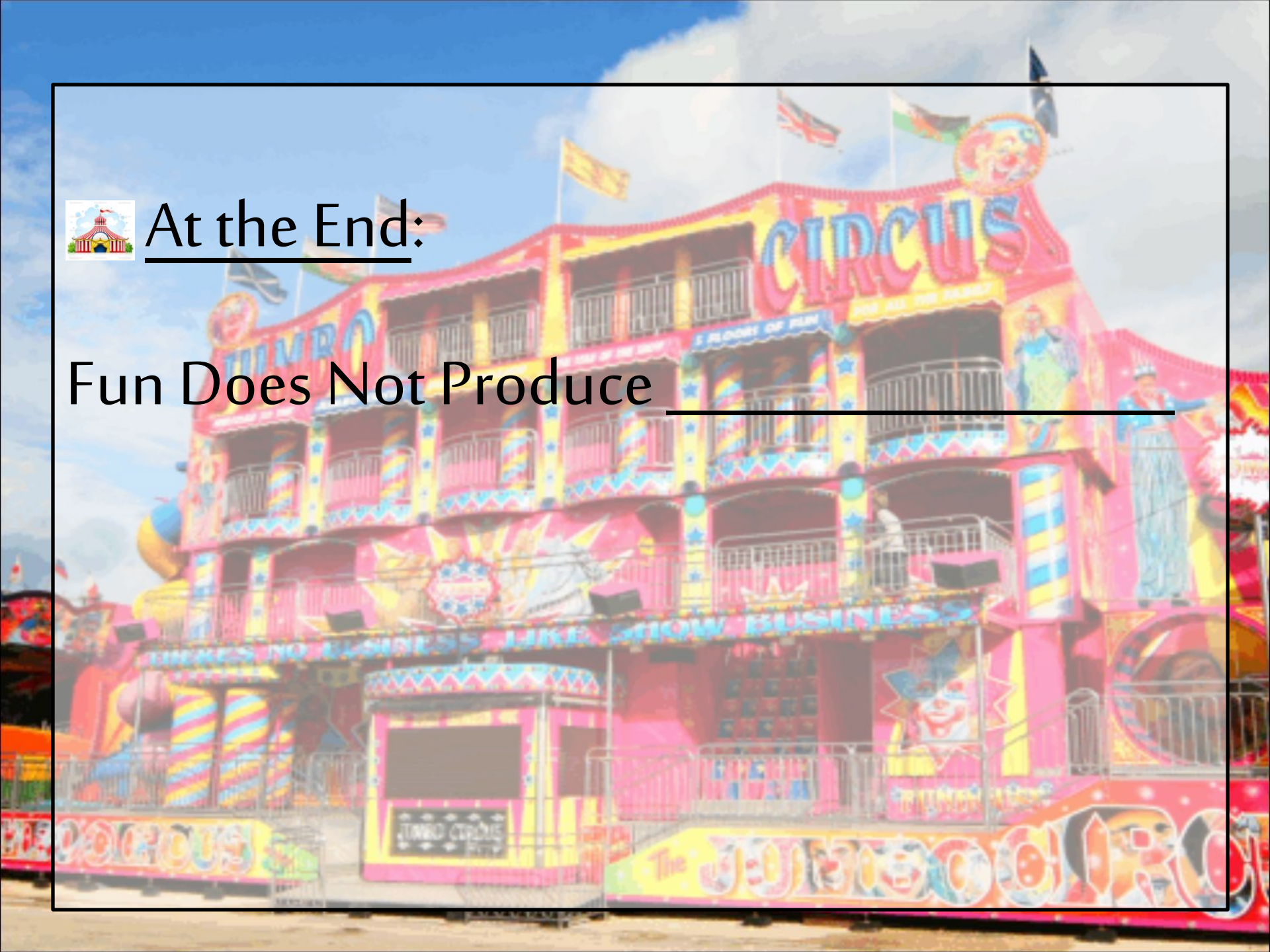
Ecclesiastes 2:1,2 (NAS)

2 I said to myself, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself.” And behold, it too was futility. ² I said of laughter, “It is madness,” and of pleasure, “What does it accomplish?”



At the End:

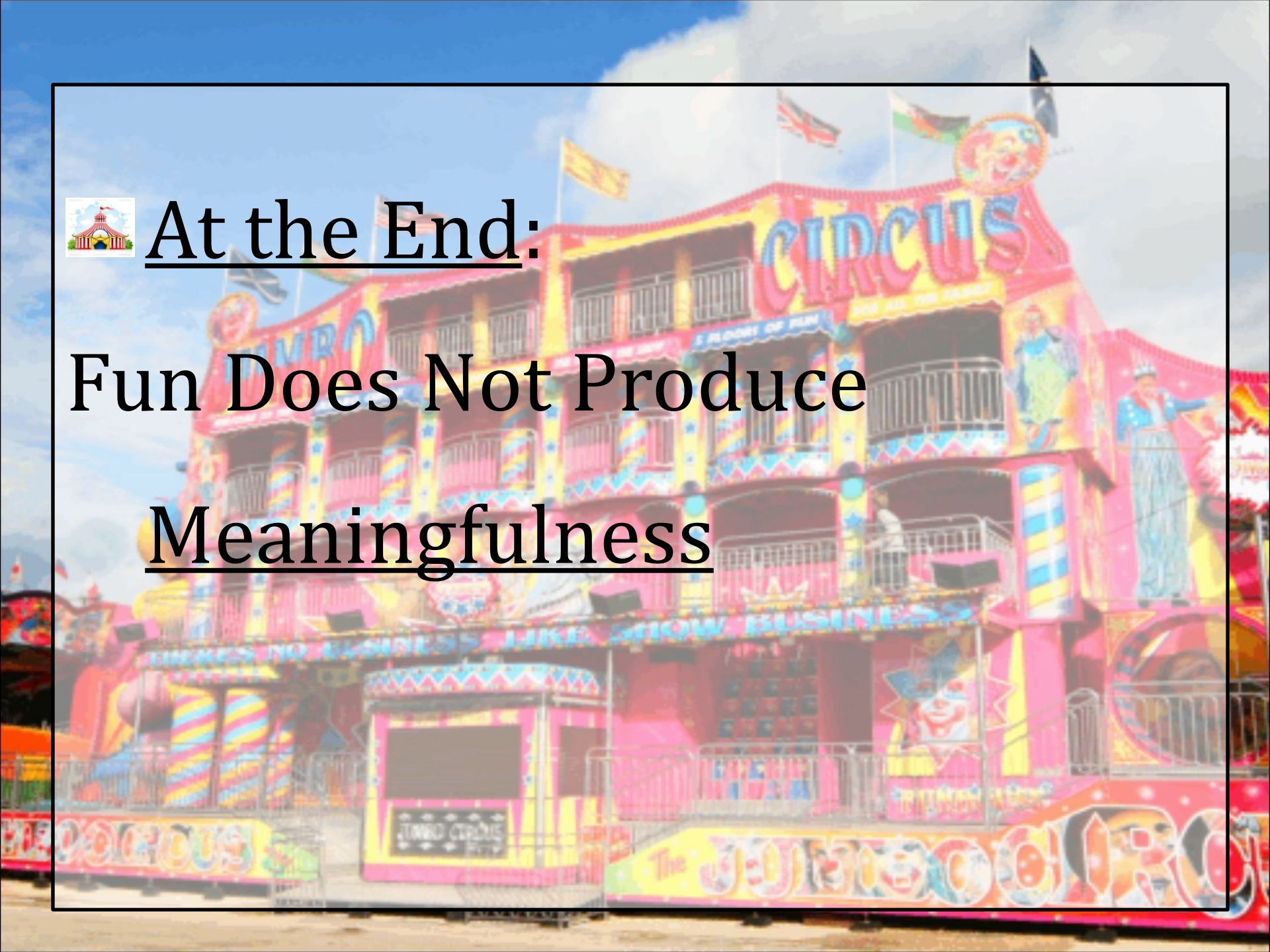
Fun Does Not Produce





At the End:

Fun Does Not Produce
Meaningfulness



Ecclesiastes 2:3 (NAS)

³ I explored with my mind *how* to stimulate my body with wine while my mind was guiding *me* wisely, and how to take hold of folly, until I could see what good there is for the sons of men to do under heaven the few years of their lives.



Beware, Fun Can Be:





Beware, Fun Can Be: Folly



Ecclesiastes 2:4-7 (NAS)

⁴ I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself; ⁵ I made gardens and parks for myself and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees; ⁶ I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female slaves and I had home-born slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.



When it's all for Personal
Satisfaction:
It's Gonna Wind Up





When it's all for Personal
Satisfaction:

It's Gonna Wind Up Empty



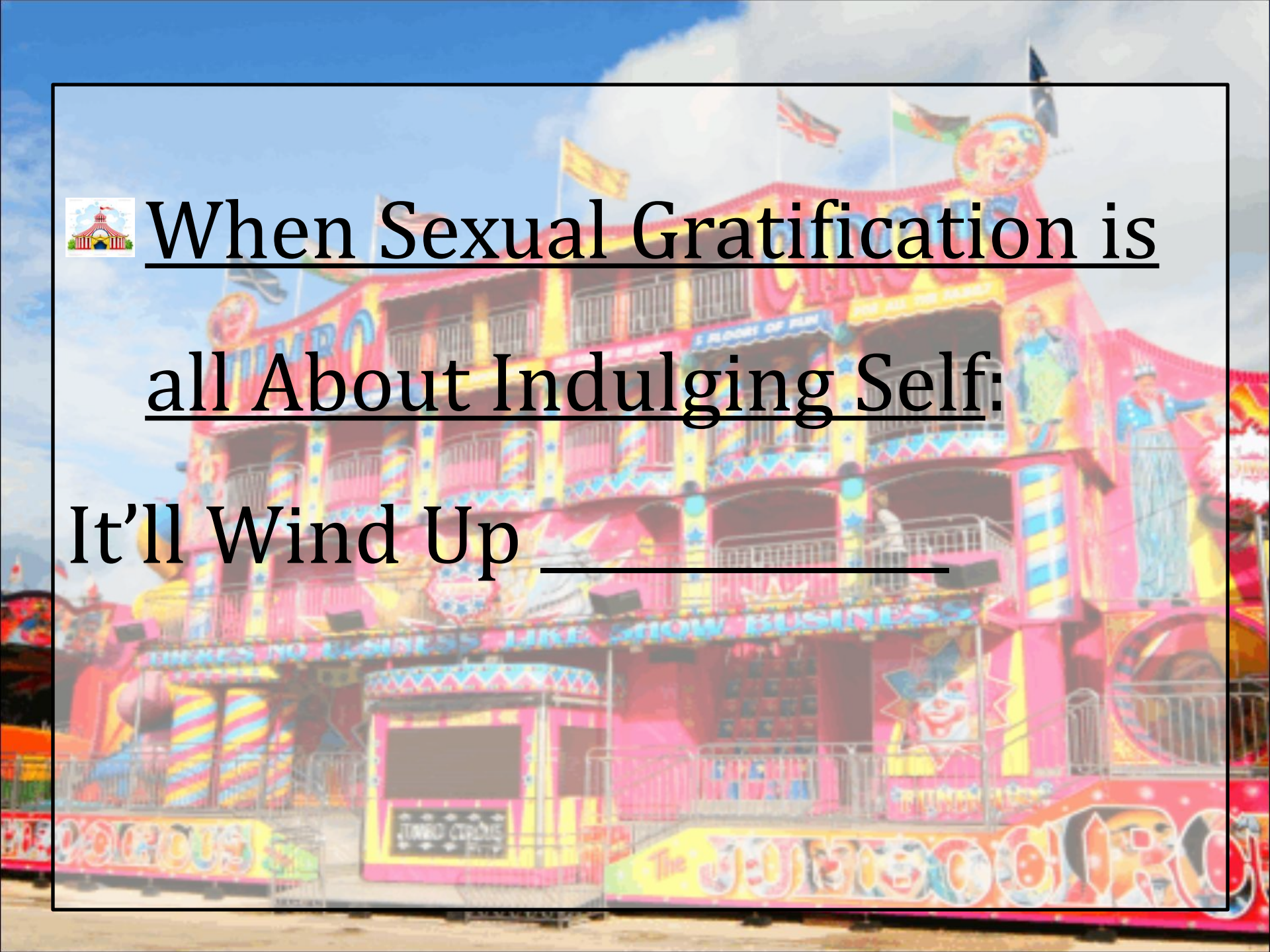
Ecclesiastes 2:8 (NAS)

⁸ Also, I collected for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men—many concubines.



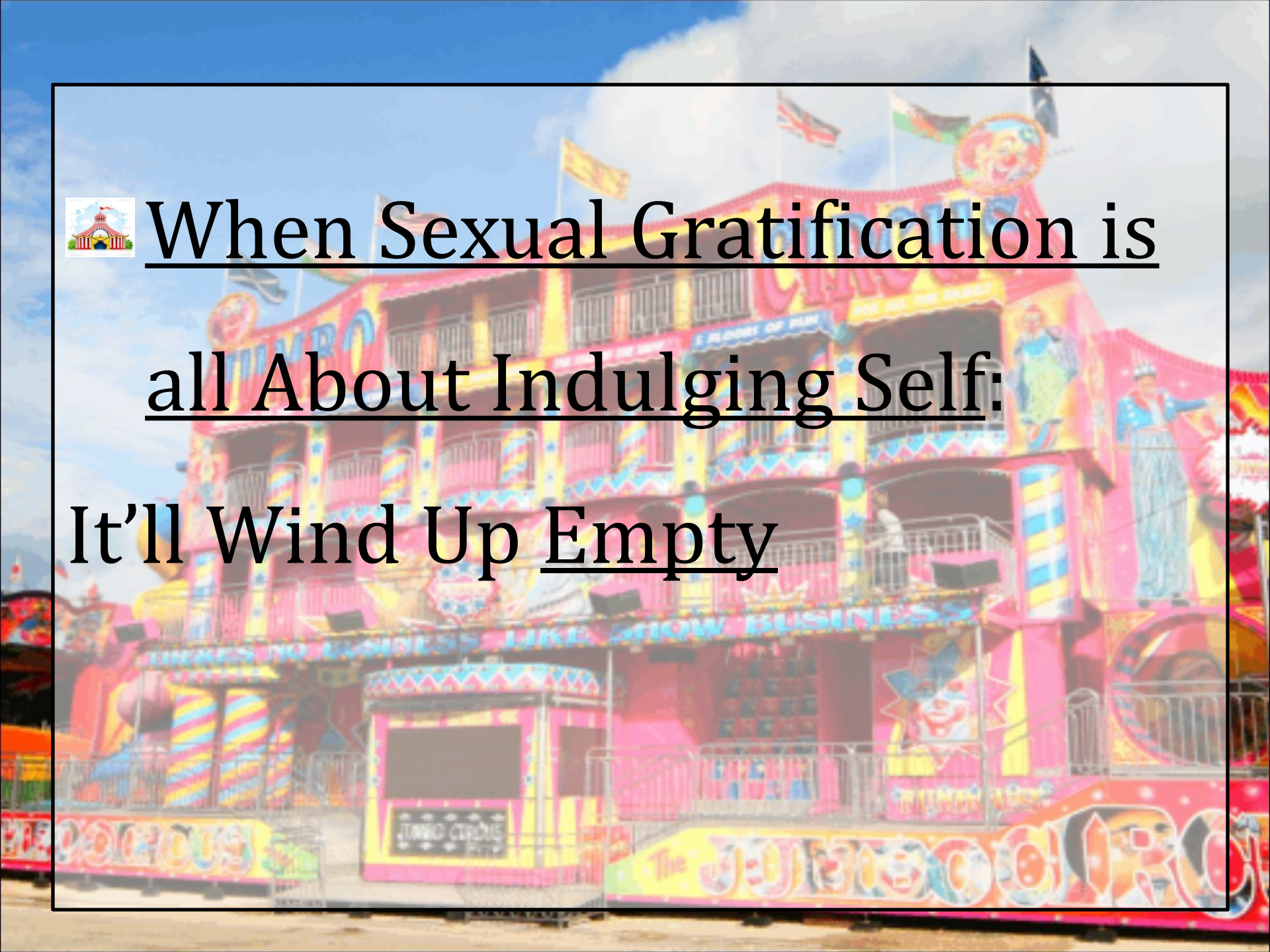


When Sexual Gratification is
all About Indulging Self:
It'll Wind Up _____





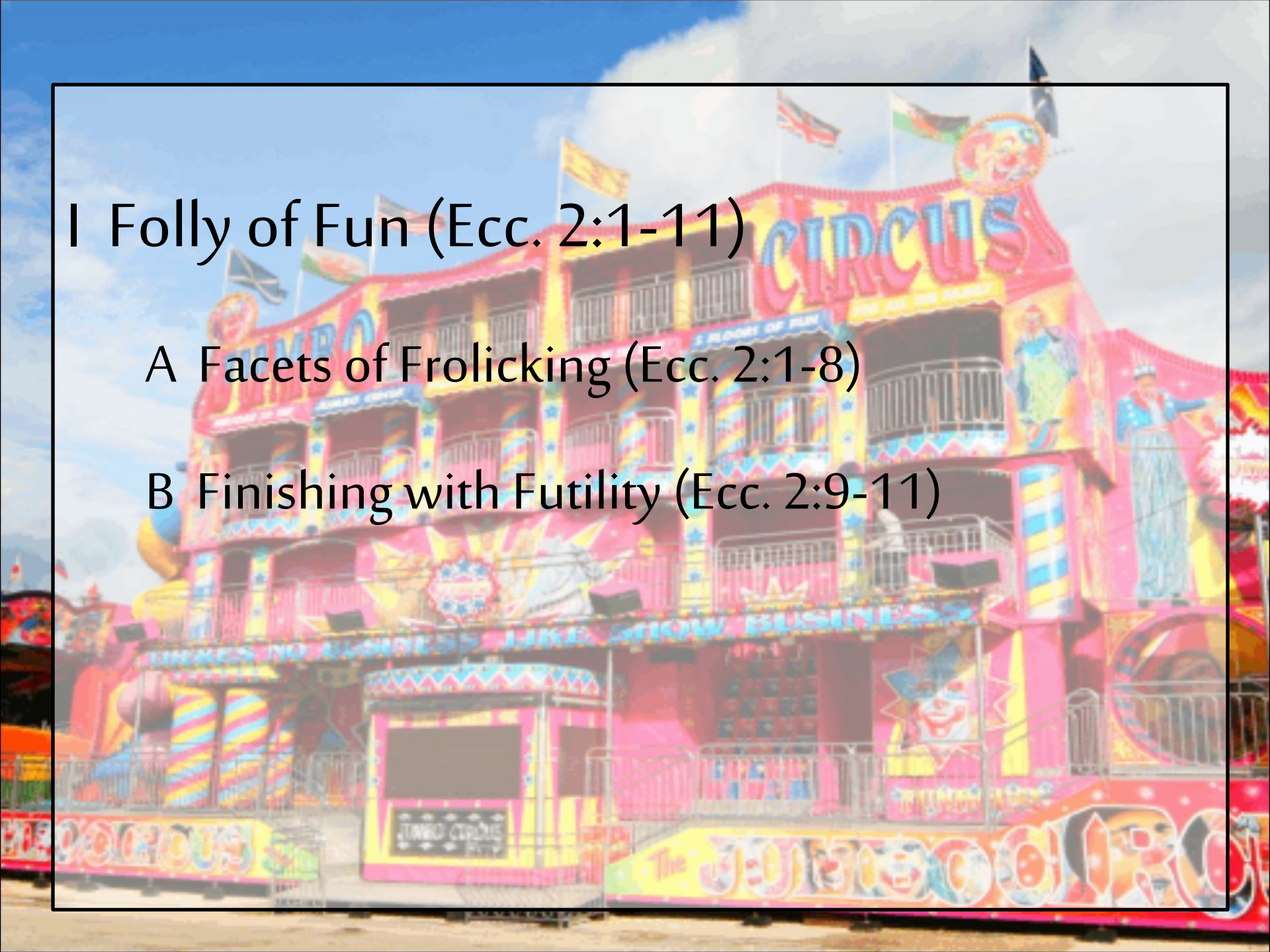
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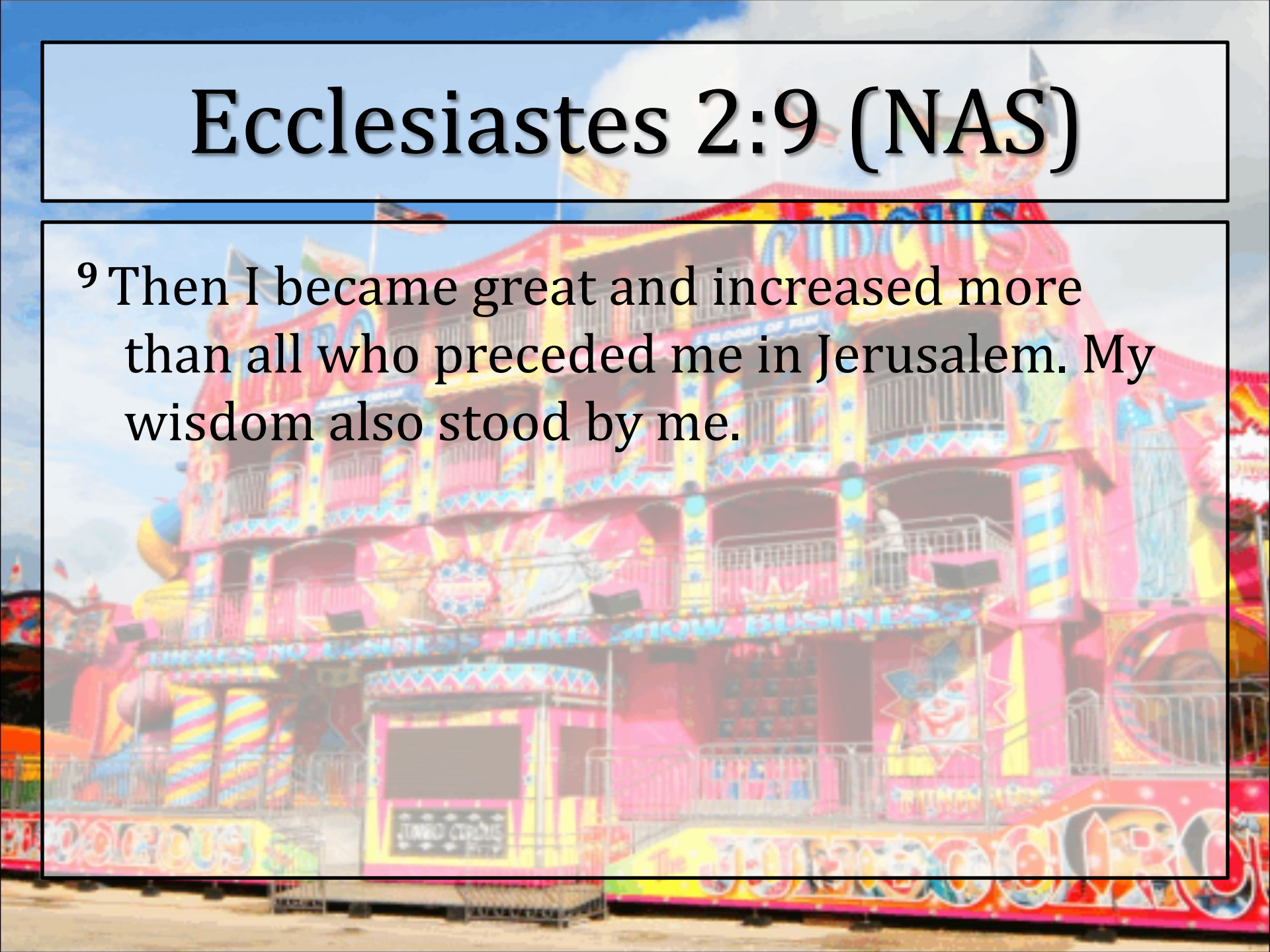
A Facets of Frolicking (Ecc. 2:1-8)

B Finishing with Futility (Ecc. 2:9-11)



Ecclesiastes 2:9 (NAS)

⁹ Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me.



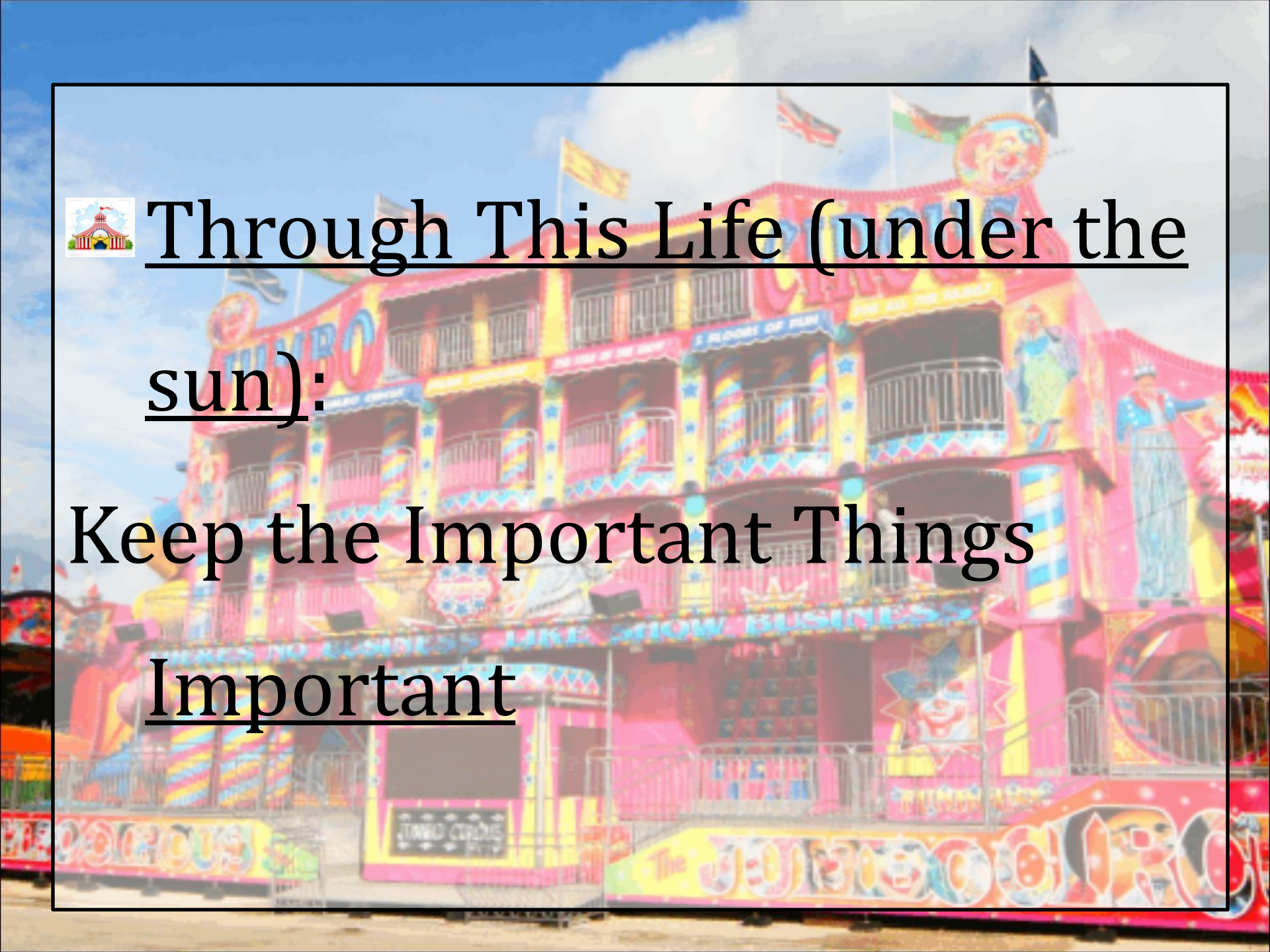


Keep the Important Things



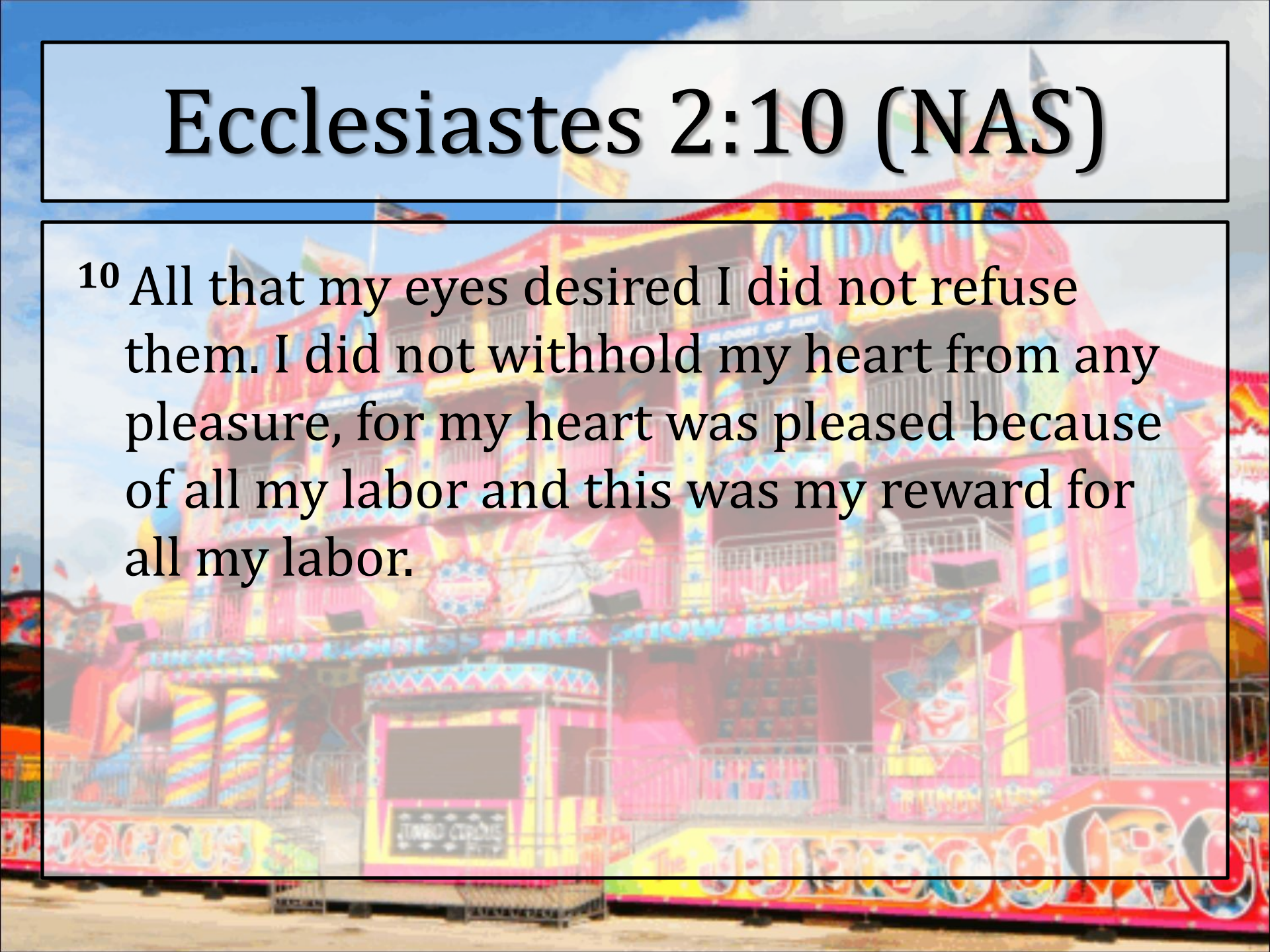
Through This Life (under the
sun):

Keep the Important Things
Important



Ecclesiastes 2:10 (NAS)

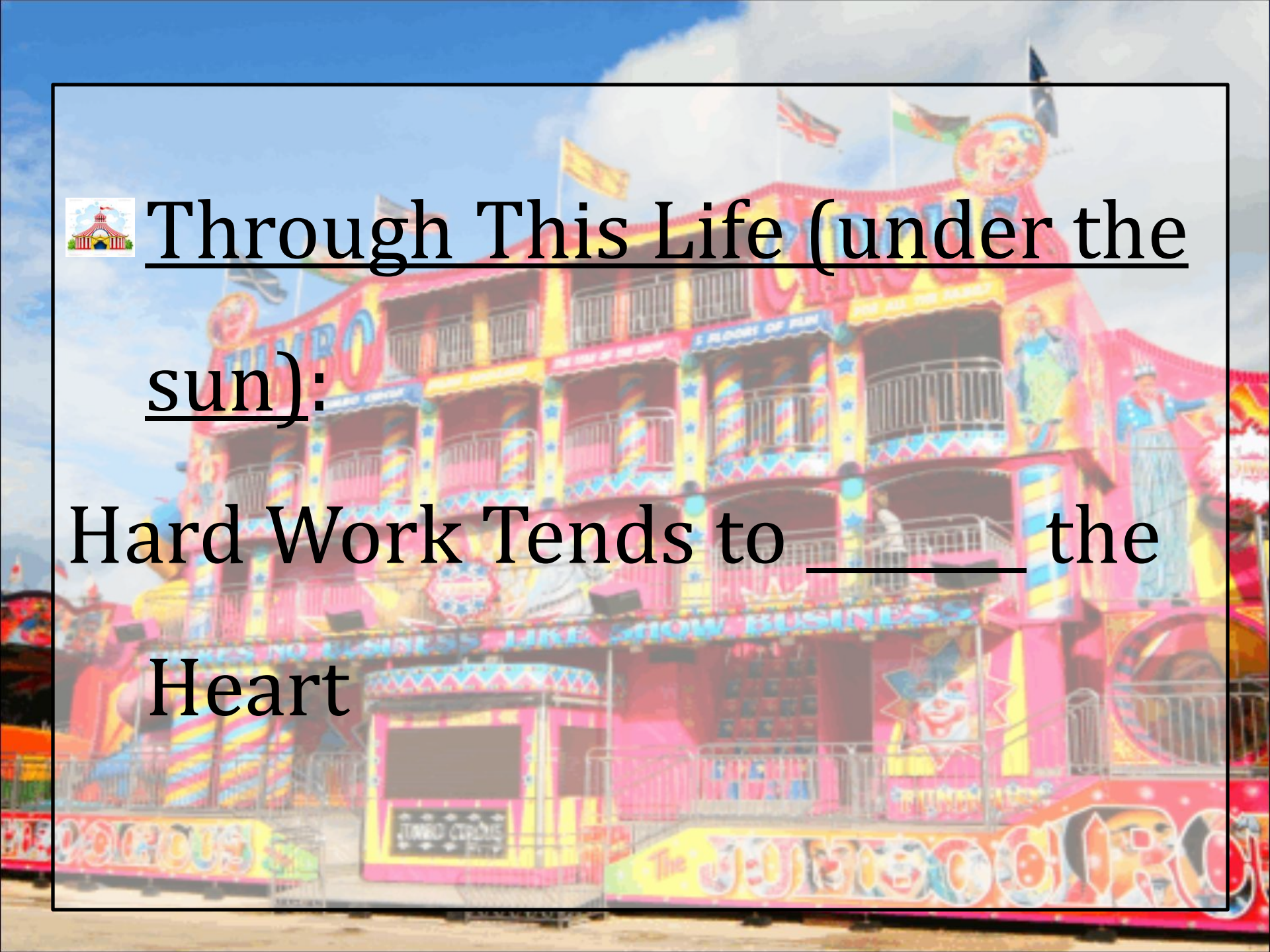
¹⁰ All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor.





Through This Life (under the
sun):

Hard Work Tends to _____ the
Heart



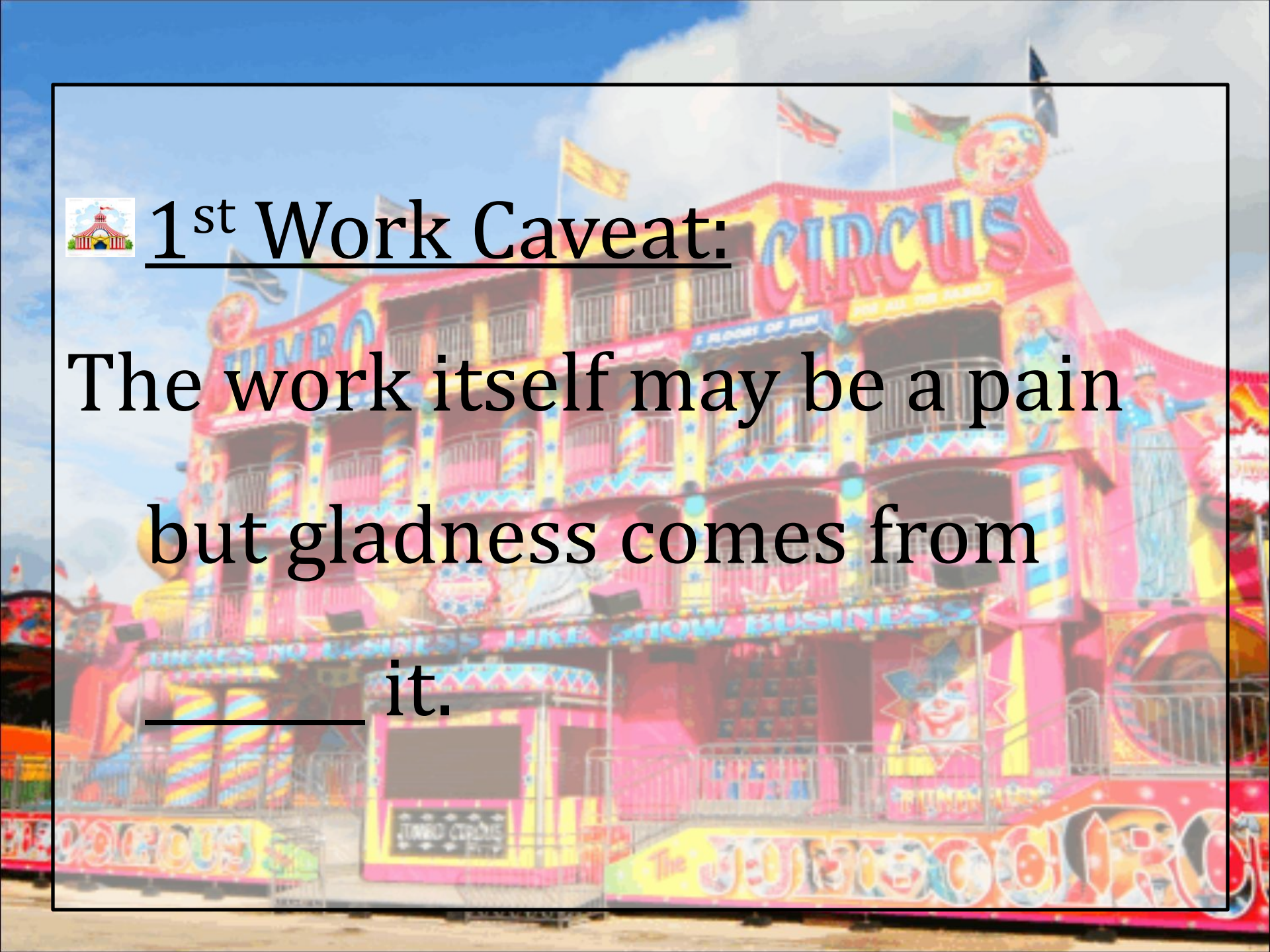


Hard Work Tends to Gladden the Heart



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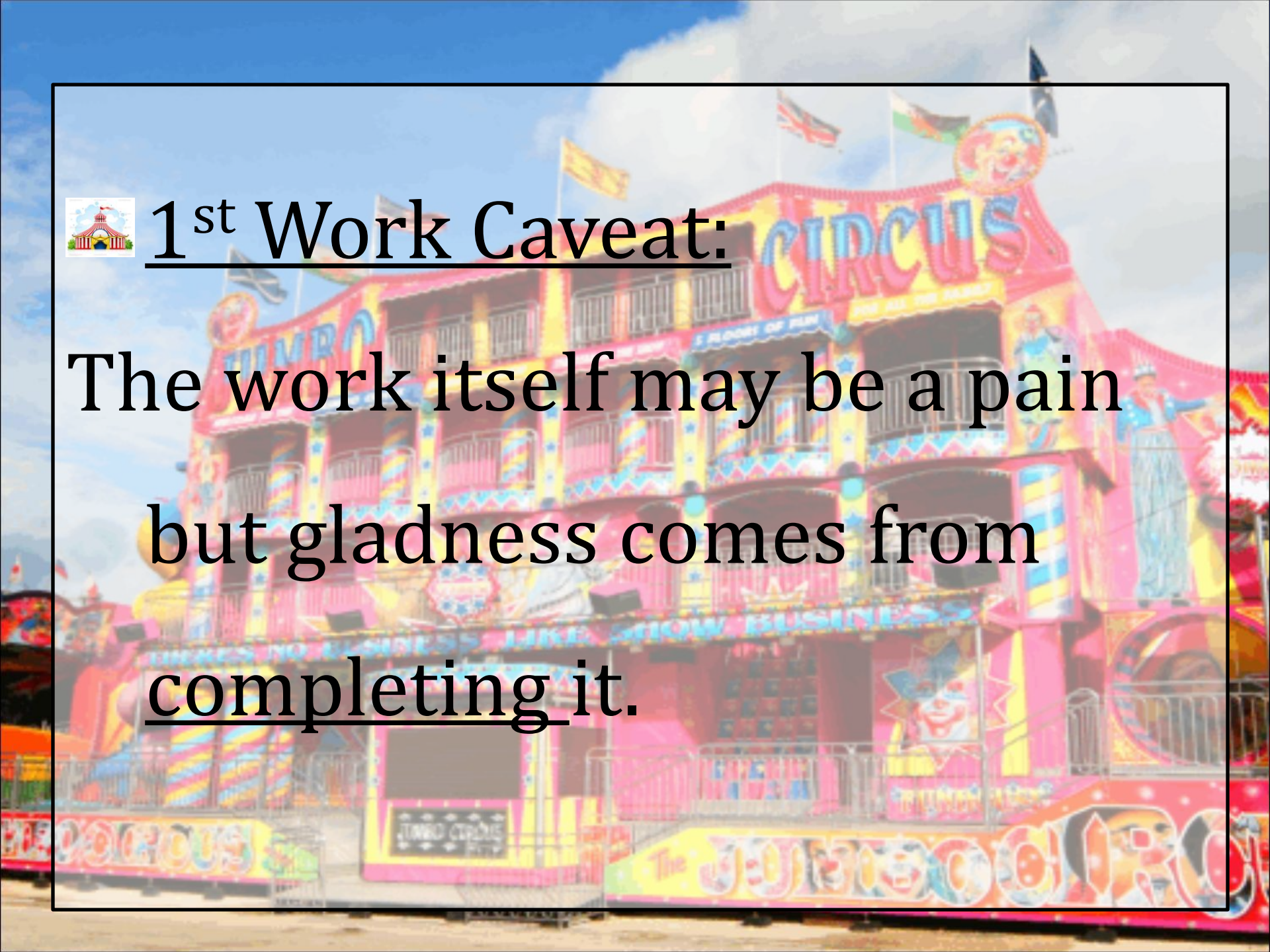
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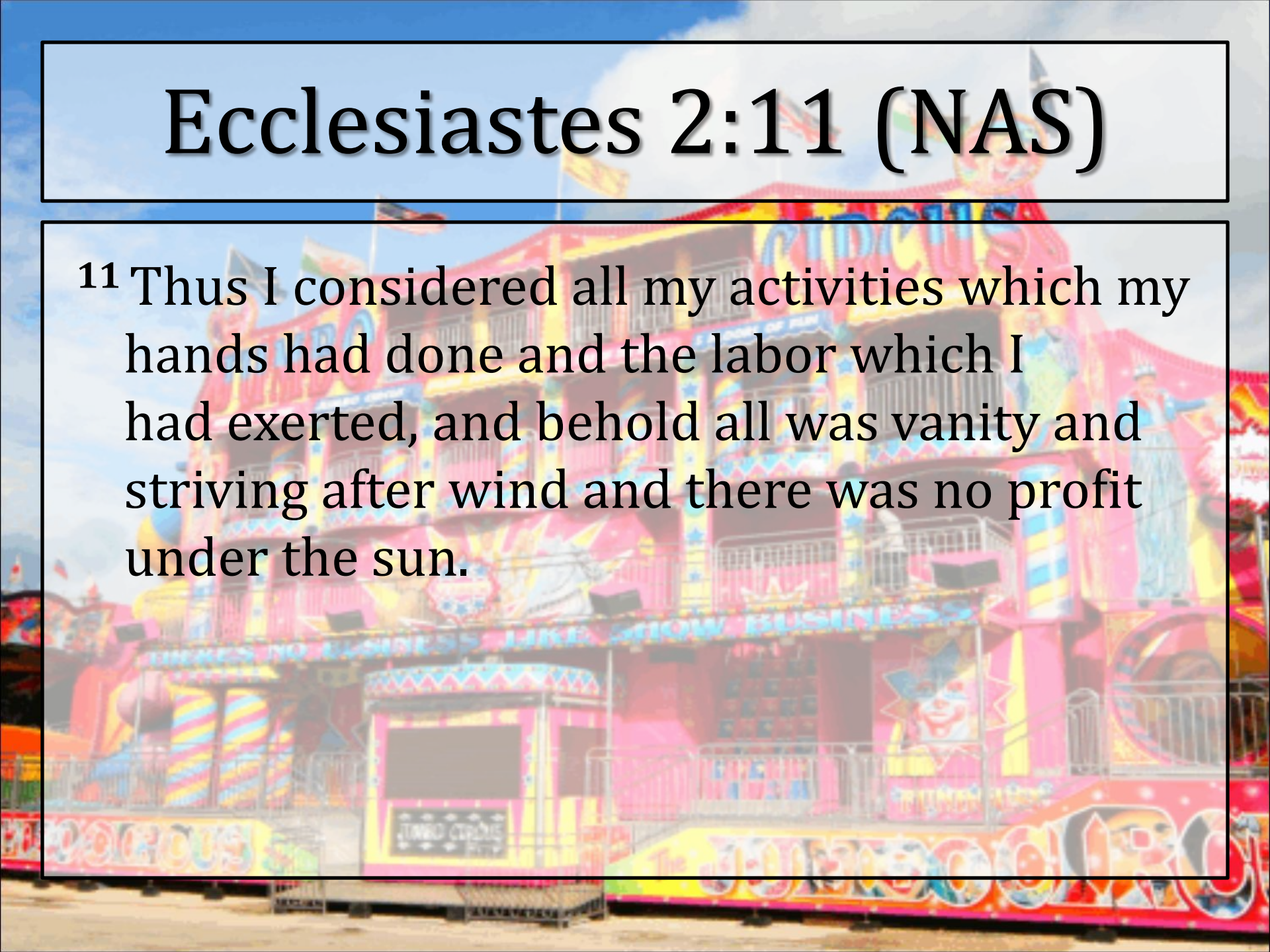
1st Work Caveat:

The work itself may be a pain
but gladness comes from
completing it.



Ecclesiastes 2:11 (NAS)

¹¹ Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun.





2nd Work Caveat:

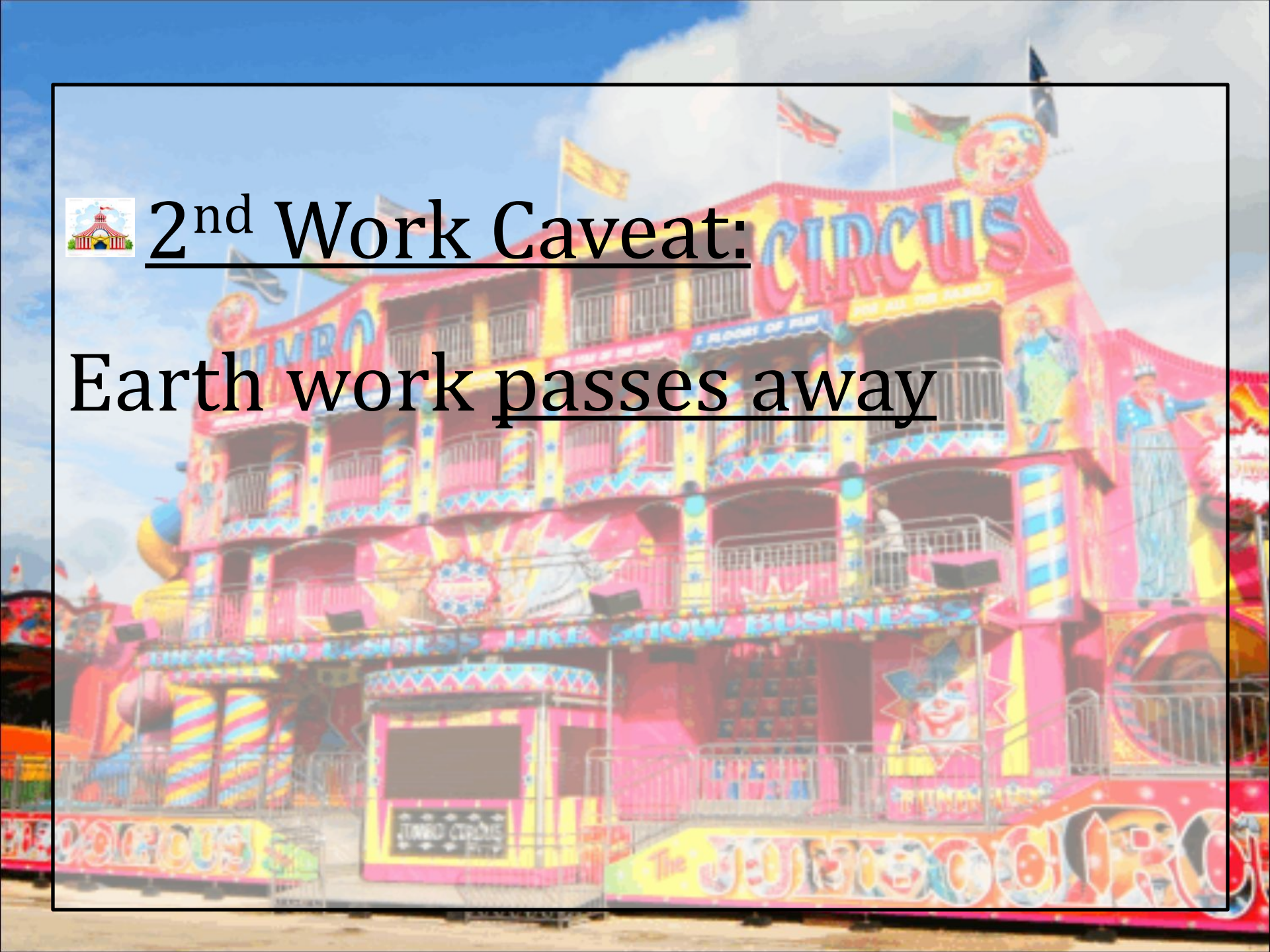
Earth work





2nd Work Caveat:

Earth work passes away





I Folly of Fun (Ecc. 2:1-11)

A Facets of Frolicking (Ecc. 2:1-8)

B Finishing with Futility (Ecc. 2:9-11)

II Final Fate (Ecc. 2:12-14)

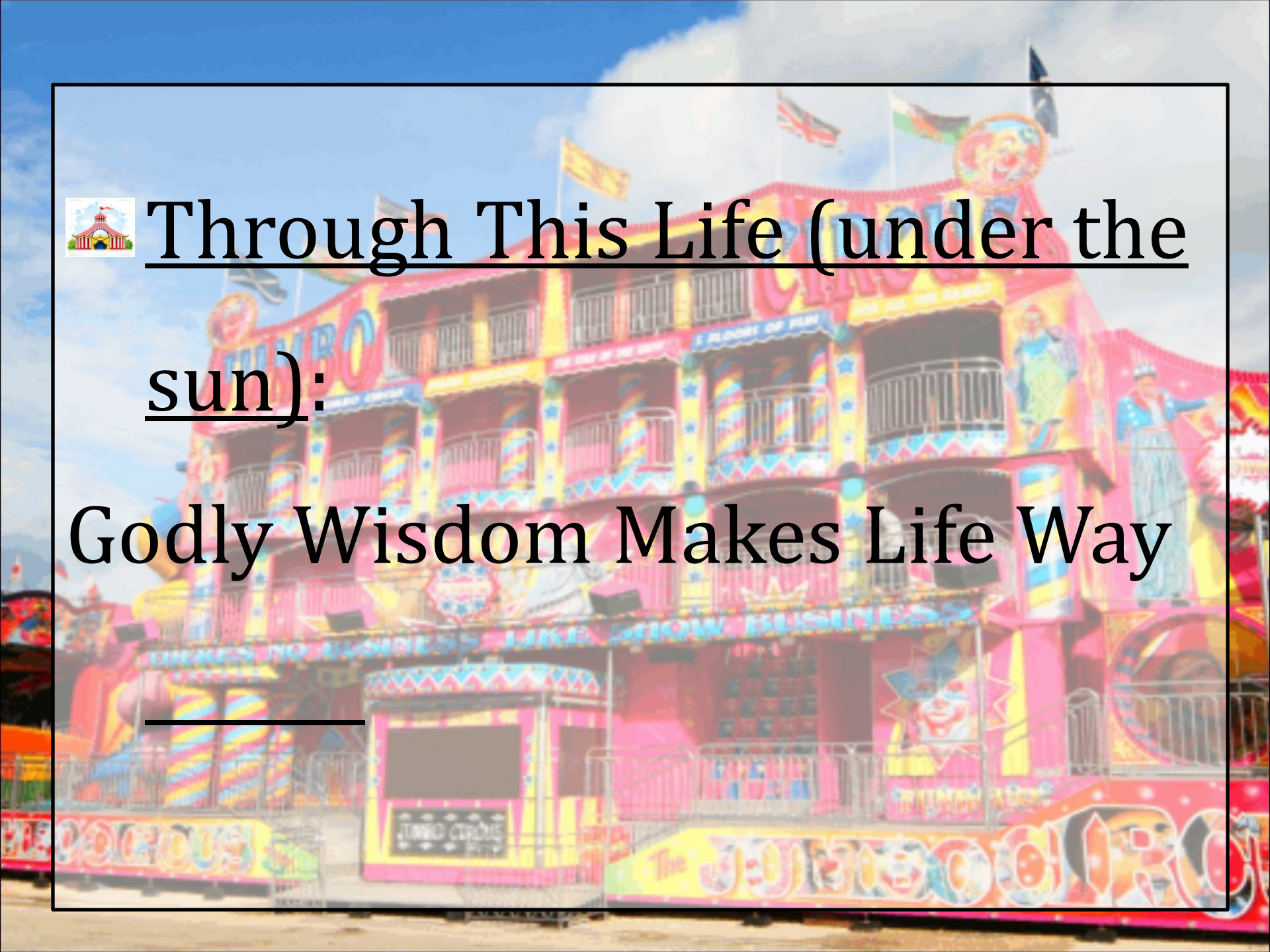
Ecclesiastes 2:12-14 (NAS)

¹² So I turned to consider wisdom, madness and folly; for what *will* the man *do* who will come after the king *except* what has already been done? ¹³ And I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. ¹⁴ The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I know that one fate befalls them both.



Through This Life (under the
sun):

Godly Wisdom Makes Life Way





Through This Life (under the
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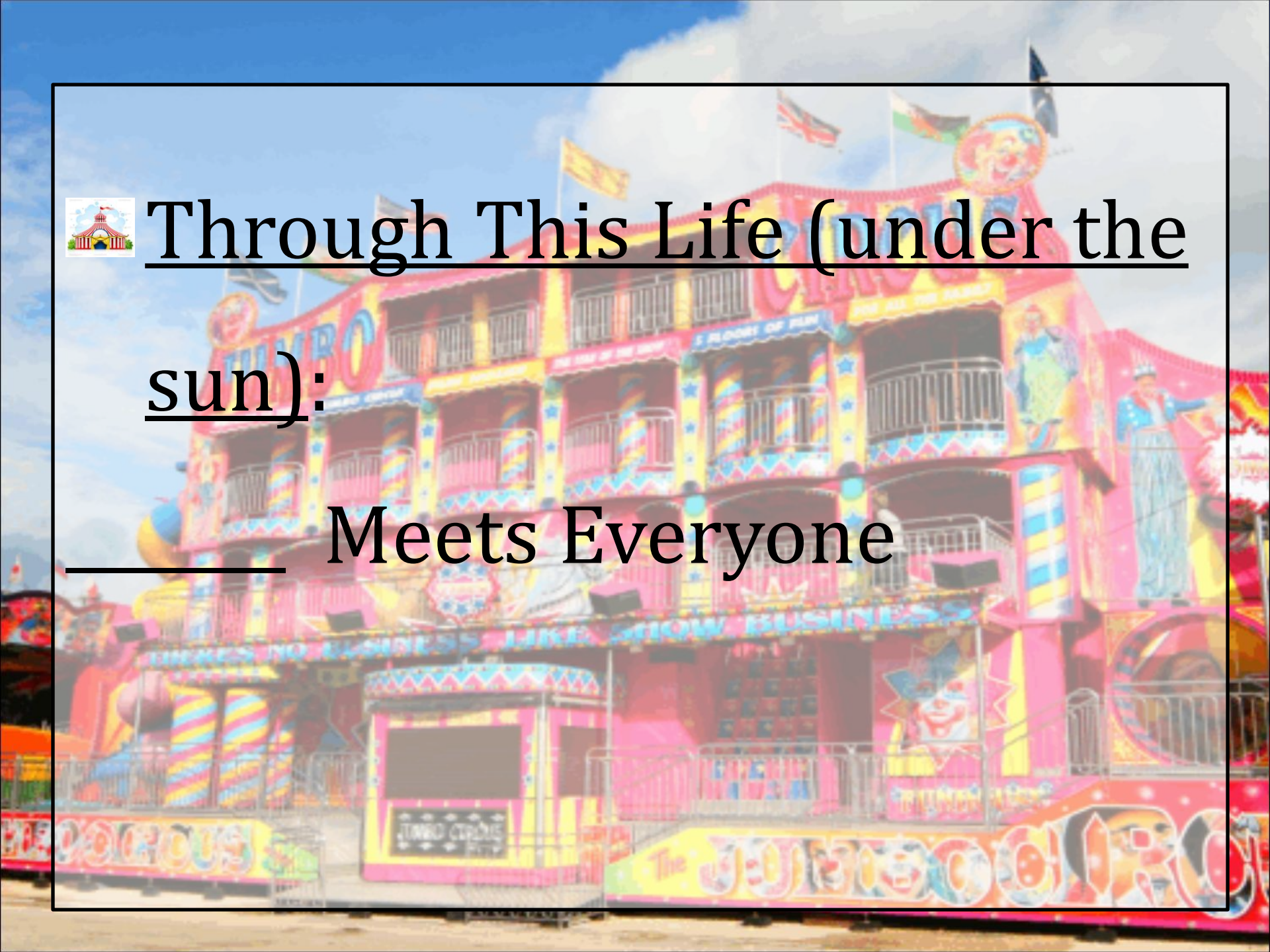
Godly Wisdom Makes Life Way

Better



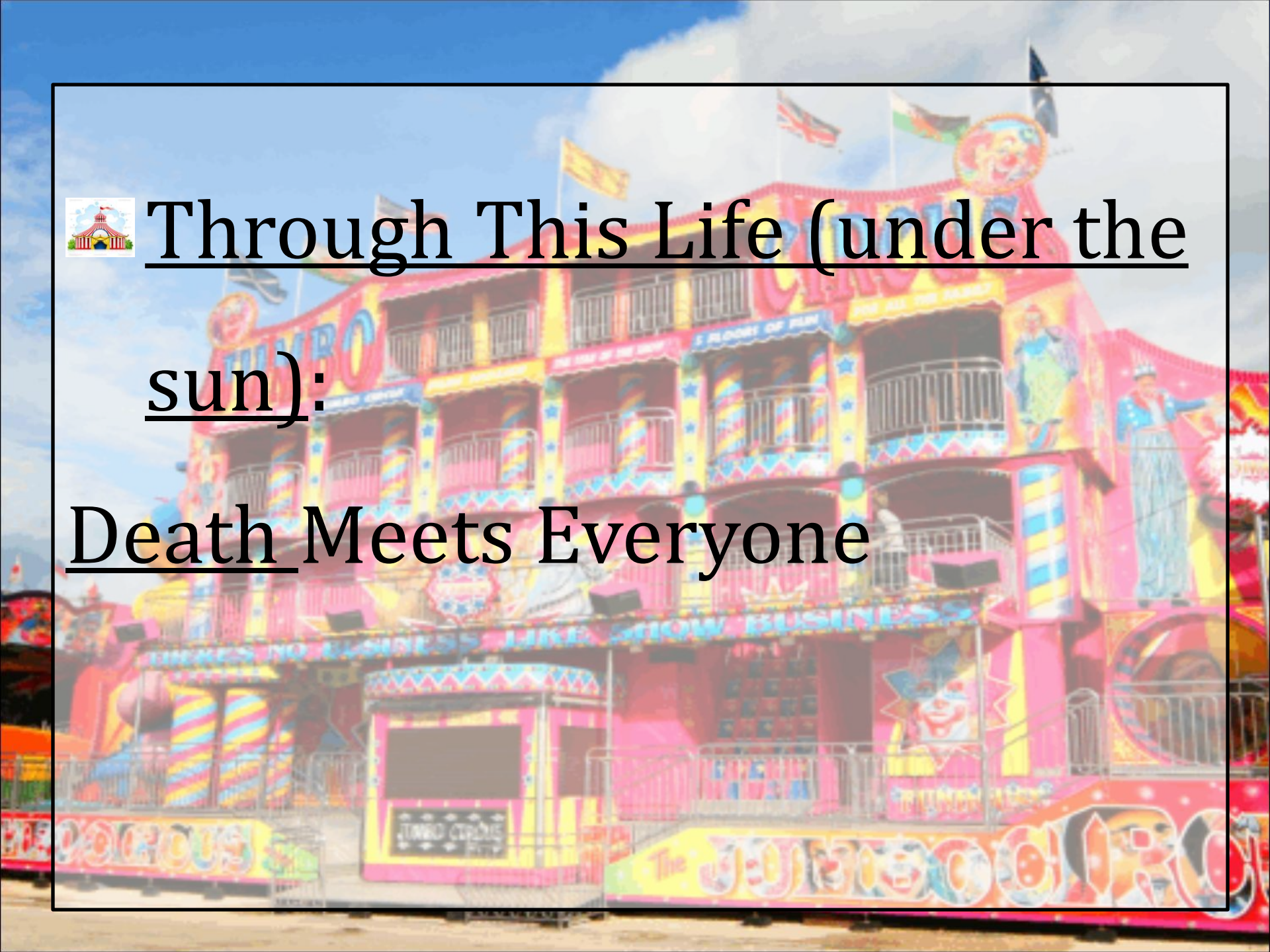
Through This Life (under the
sun):

Meets Everyone





Through This Life (under the sun): Death Meets Everyone



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