

# The Text of 2 *Ways to Live*

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## Preface

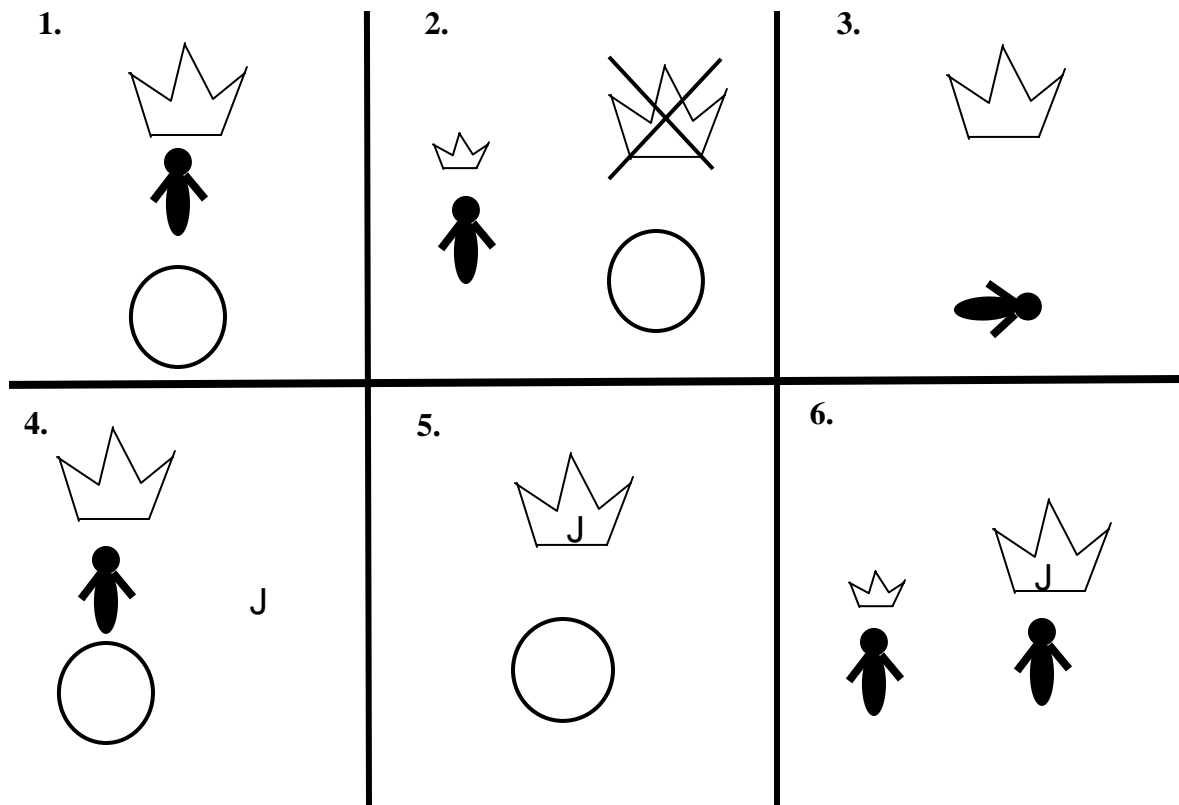
Welcome to *2 Ways to Live - Know the gospel, share the gospel*. As the title suggests, the course aims to do 2 things

- To help you know the gospel clearly and thoroughly for yourself;
- To learn how to share the gospel clearly and naturally with others.

Like any practical skill, learning how to share the gospel with someone is best learnt by *doing*. Some theoretical discussion and preparation is certainly necessary, but without some actual practice, it is hard to make real progress.

So keep practising, and invite your friends to hear the good news of God! Remember, let God be God and Man be faithful.

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## **Explanation**

### **Box One:**

God is the loving ruler of the world. [draw crown]  
He made the world. [draw world]  
He made us rulers of the world under him. [draw man]

*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.* - Revelation 4:11

But is that the way it is now?

### **Box Two:**

We all reject the ruler - God - [draw crown and cross out]  
by trying to run life our own way without him. [draw rebel with own crown]  
But we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world. [draw world under God]

*There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away.* - Romans 3:10-12

What will God do about this rebellion?

### **Box Three:**

God won't let us rebel forever. [draw crown]  
God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgement. [draw judged rebel]

*Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement.* - Hebrews 9:27

God's justice sounds hard. But ...

### **Box Four:**

Because of his love, God sent his son into the world: the man Jesus Christ. [draw crown, world and letter 'J']  
Jesus always lived under God's rule. [begin to draw Jesus under God]  
Yet by dying in our place he took our punishment and brought forgiveness. [draw Jesus' outstretched arms]

*Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.* - 1 Peter 3:18

But that's not all...

**Box Five:**

God raised Jesus to life again as the ruler of the world. [draw crown, world, "J"]  
Jesus has conquered death,  
now gives new life,  
and will return to judge.

*In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. - 1 Peter 1:3*

Well, where does that leave us?

**Box Six:**

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OUR WAY: [draw rebel]	GOD'S NEW WAY: [draw Christian]
Reject the ruler - God Trying to run life our own way	Submit to Jesus as our ruler Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection
RESULT: Condemned by God Facing death and judgement	RESULT: Forgiven by God Given eternal life

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him. - John 3:36*

Which of these represents the way you want to live?

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