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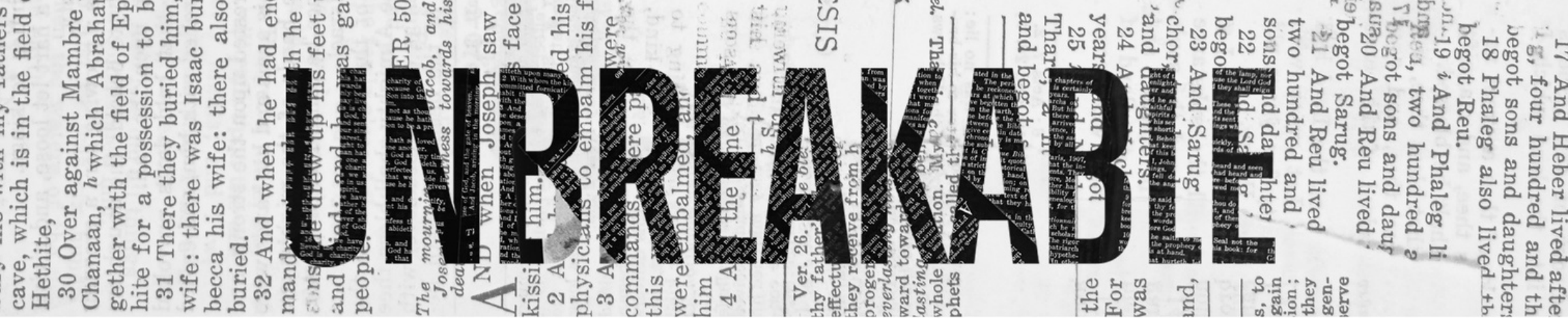
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GENESIS 1: 2-3

The earth was formless and empty,
darkness was over the surface of the
deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering
over the waters And God said, "Let there
be light,"

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Three Participants in Creation: God



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God's Spirit

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God's word

Three Participants in Baptism: The Father

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The Son

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The Spirit

TIMOTHY KELLER

“Just as the original creation of the world was a project of the triune God, so the redemption of the world... is also a project of the triune God.”

WAYNE CRUDEM

"In one sense the doctrine of the Trinity is a mystery that we will never be able to understand fully. However, we can understand something of its truth by summarizing the teaching of scripture in three statements: (1) God is three persons, (2) Each person is fully God, (3) There is one God."

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“It’s not Tri-Theism, with three God’s who work in harmony. Neither is it Unipersonalism, the notion that sometimes God takes one form and sometimes he takes another, that these are simply different manifestations of one God. Instead, Trinitarianism holds that there is one God in three persons

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who know and love one another. God is not more fundamentally one than he is three, nor is he more fundamentally three than He is one.”

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“At the center of the universe, self-giving love is the dynamic currency of the trinitarian life of God. The persons within God exalt each other, commune with each other, defer to one another. Each person, so to speak, makes room for the other two. Each loves and glorifies the other. ... each of the divine persons

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harbors the others at the center of His being. In a constant movement of overture and acceptance, each person envelops and encircles the others. God's interior life, therefore, overflows for others."

True devotion is mutually self-giving love. And that's what we see in the Trinity.

God created us to be devoted
to Him, to center our lives
around Him and serve
Him unconditionally.

At the very essence of our being, the thing we most truly long for can only be satisfied in God because that is how we were made.

Jesus is fully devoted to us!

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31 There they buried him
wife: there was Isaac b
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and died: and he was g
people.

CHAPTER

*The mourning for Jacob, and
Joseph's kindness towards his
death.*

AND when Joseph saw
that he was near his
father's face,
kissing him.

2 And he commanded his
physicians to embalm his
3 And when they were
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this was the man
were embalmed, and
him seven days.

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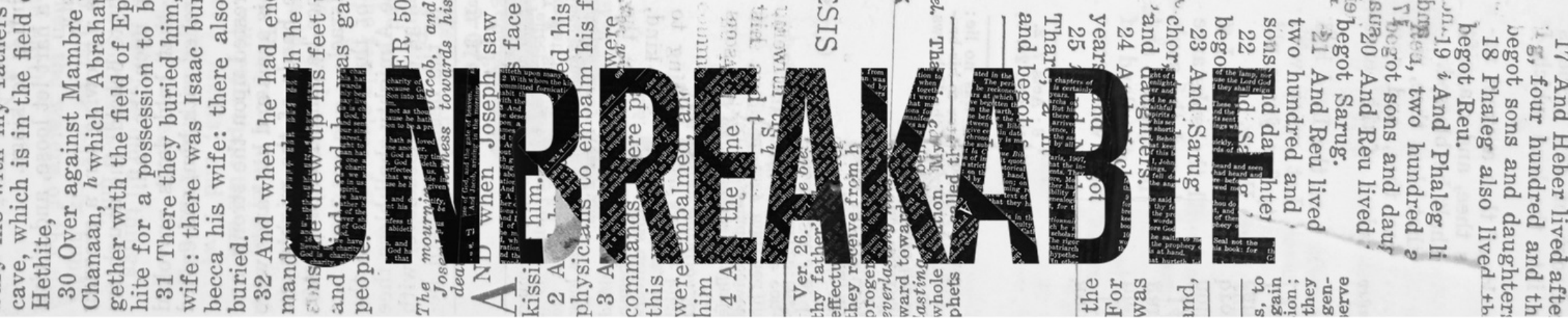
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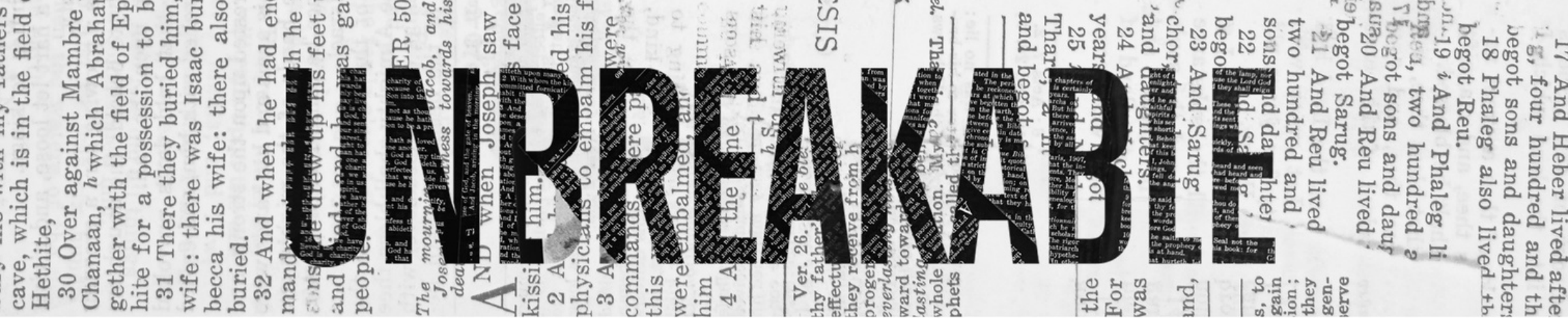
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Of His identity (my son)
That He is accepted (whom I love)



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That He is accepted (whom I love)
Of his worth (whom I'm well pleased)



If the Three Persons of the Trinity are so devoted to each other, if they are eternally happy and glorifying each other for all existence, why create humanity in the first place?

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"He must have created us not to get joy but to give it...To say: "If you glorify me, if you center your entire life on me, if you find me beautiful for who I am in myself, then you will step into the dance, which is what you are made for. ou are made not just to believe in me or to be spiritual in some general way, not just to pray

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and get a bit of inspiration when things are tough. You are made to center everything in your life on me, to think of everything in terms of your relationship to me. To serve me unconditionally. That's where you'll find your joy."

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