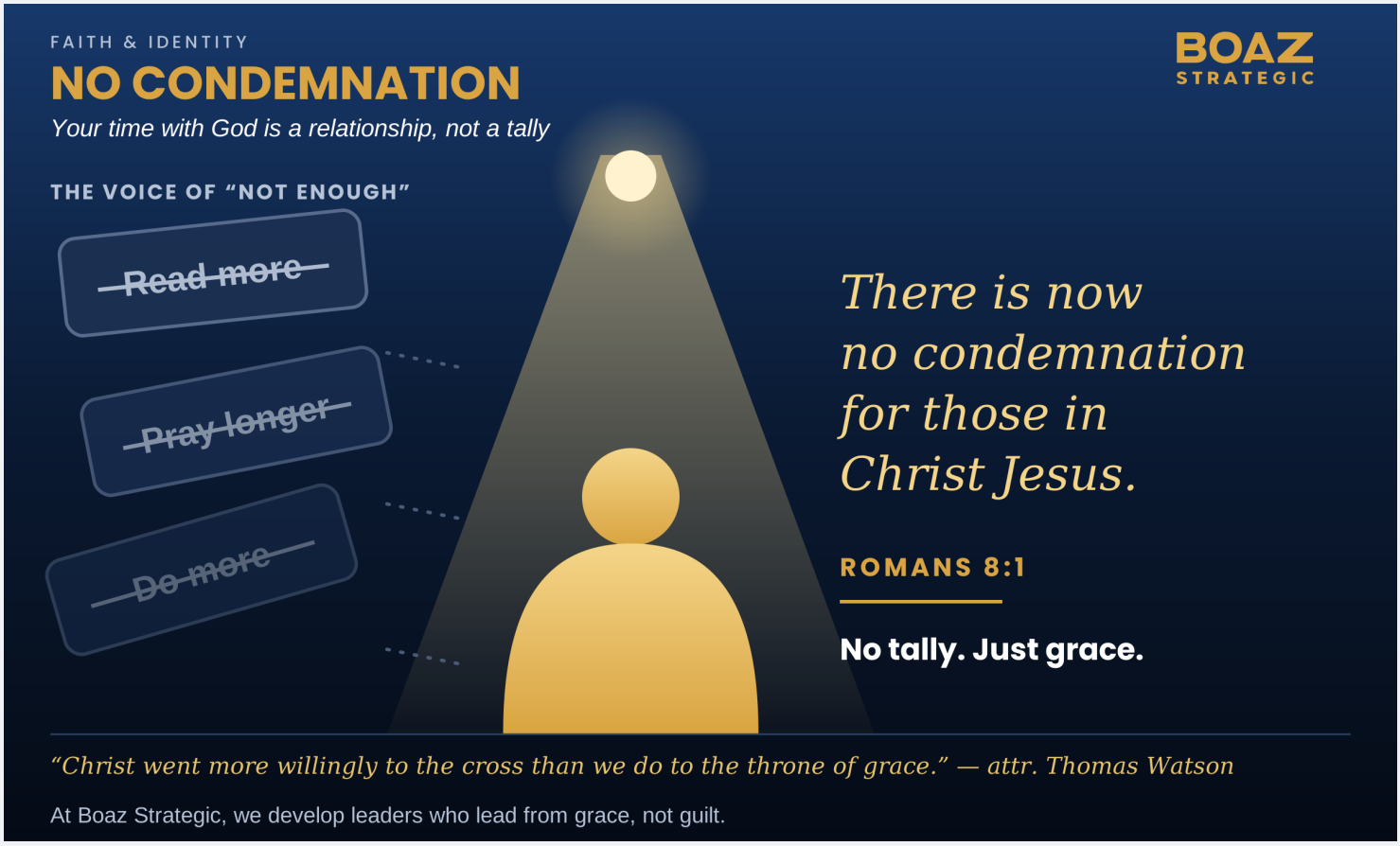


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> *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. — Romans 8:1*

Most believers who set out to meet with God each day eventually hear a quiet, critical voice: you have not read enough, prayed long enough, or done enough. It sounds like conviction. It is accusation, and Scripture says plainly that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

Grace is the answer to "not enough."

That voice treats time with God as a ledger, a tally of chapters and minutes to be balanced. But the Lord has never asked for a tally. He asks for a heart that seeks Him, talks with Jesus and wants what He wants.

Consider the Pharisees. No one knew the law better. They memorized it, debated it and guarded it. Yet Jesus told them, "You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life… yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (John 5:39–40).

They knew the written Word, but missed the Word standing in front of them. John 1:14 says the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. Knowing more is not the same as being closer. The point of Scripture is to know Jesus.

So the right measure is posture, not volume. When our hearts are aligned with Christ, we begin to see our work, our relationships and our world through His eyes. No amount of reading is adequate by itself, and no season of struggle disqualifies us.

A line often attributed to the Puritan Thomas Watson says it well: Christ went more willingly to the cross than we do to the throne of grace. Hebrews 4:16 invites us to approach that throne with confidence. Let grace overflow today, and spend less energy counting.

Come to the Word to meet the Word.