



# OUR BOYS





# Gangs out of control

Mayor vows to get tough



Street offenders could be spared as a firefighter battles a house fire inside a Glasgow club just in time for the night. (Photo: GUY LAWRENCE/PA)



## RED DEVIL

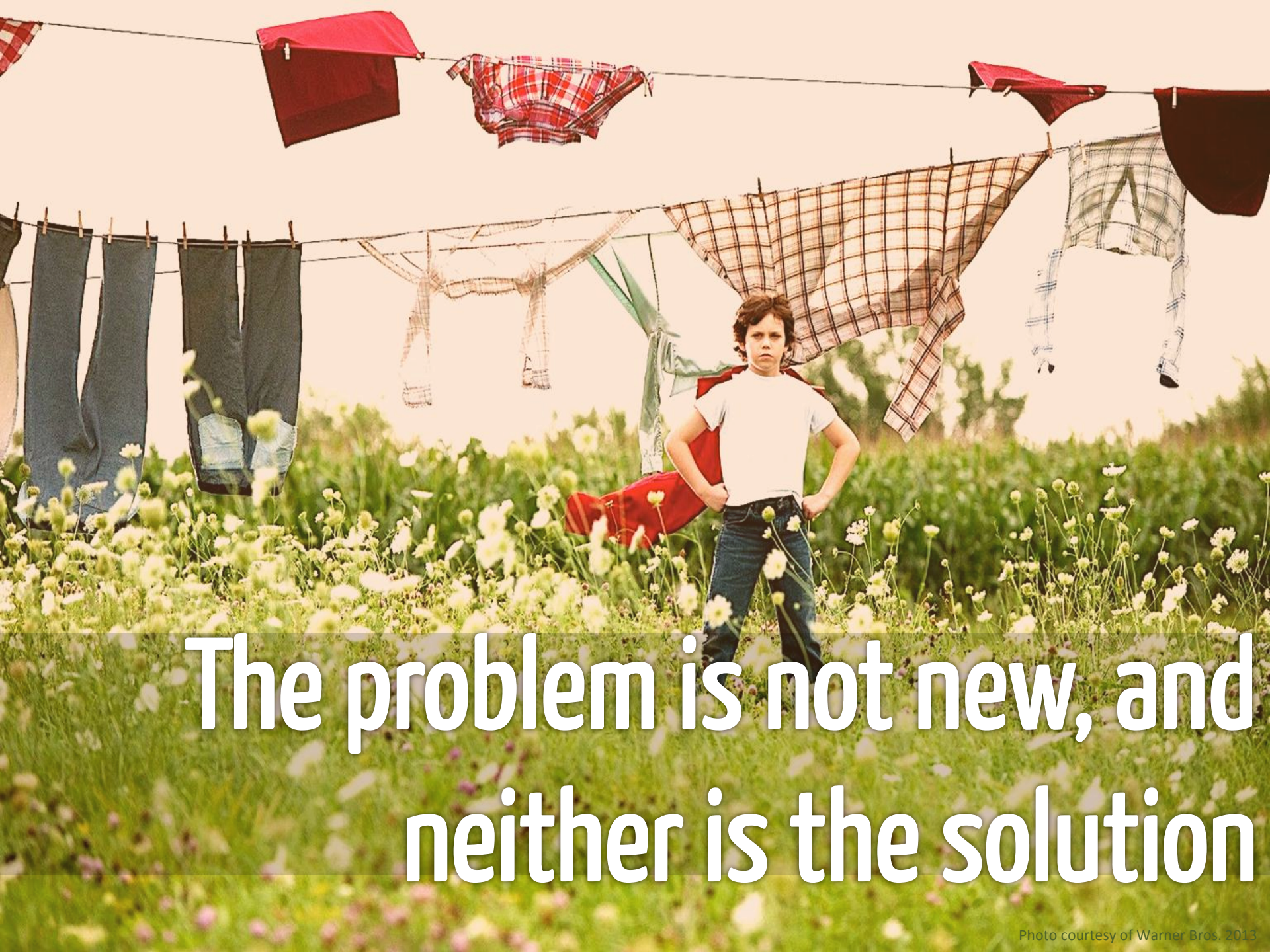
Cruel "Baitman" man-  
slayer suspect James  
Holmes looked scared and  
completely out of it  
beneath his bizarre, blue-  
tinged mop of red and  
orange-dyed curls at his  
first Colorado court  
appearance yesterday.  
Beloved relatives of the  
victims he allegedly shot  
in last week's movie-the-  
ater bloodbath flinched to  
even to stare him down.

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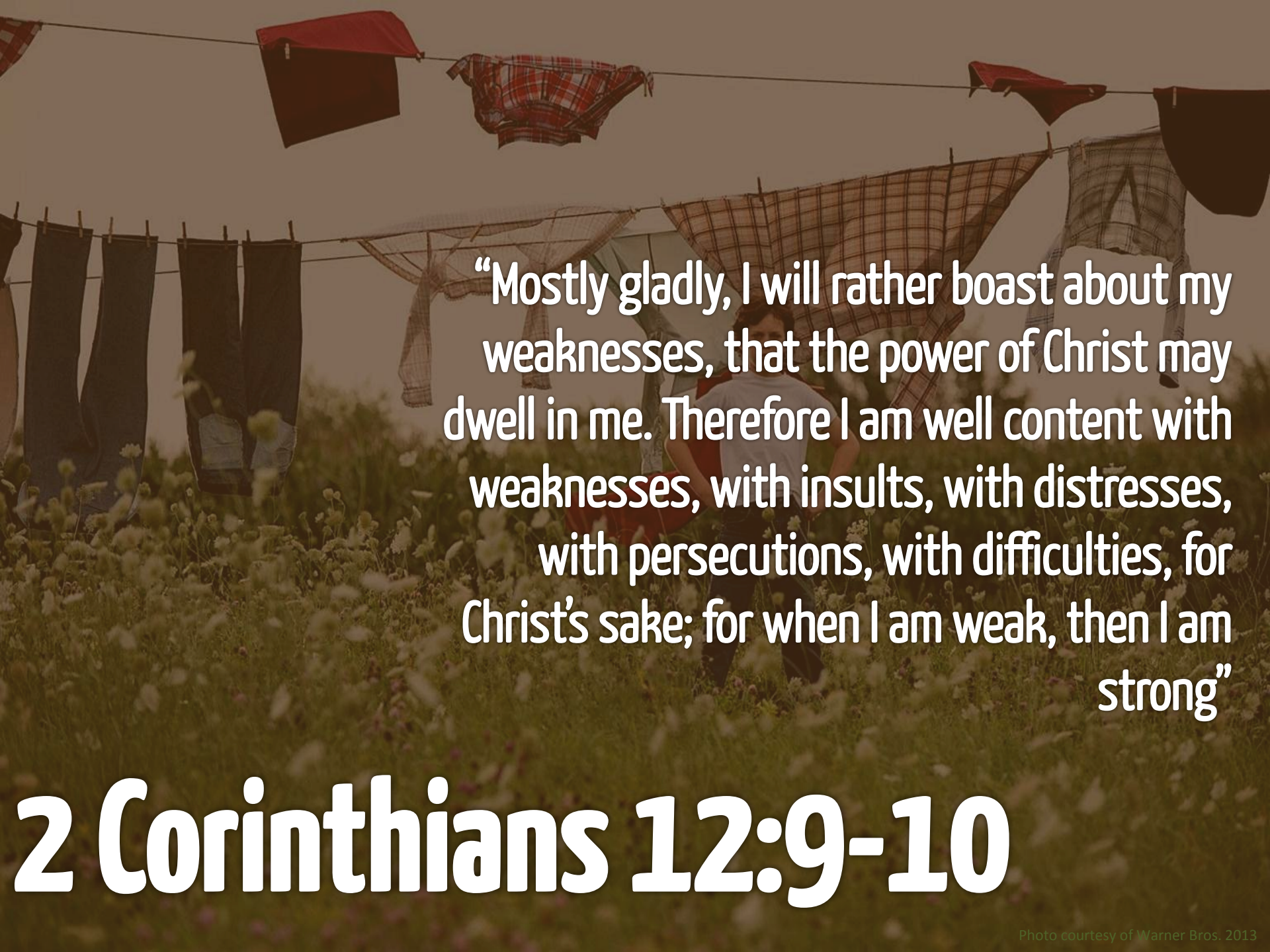
YANKEES GET ICHIRO IN TRADE WITH SEATTLE SEE SPORTS





The problem is not new, and  
neither is the solution



A person is standing in a field of white flowers, looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a clothesline with various items of laundry hanging on it, including a red and white plaid shirt, a red cloth, and several pairs of dark pants. The scene is set outdoors, and the overall tone is somewhat somber due to the brownish tint of the image.

“Mostly gladly, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong”

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**



# What should I feel good about?

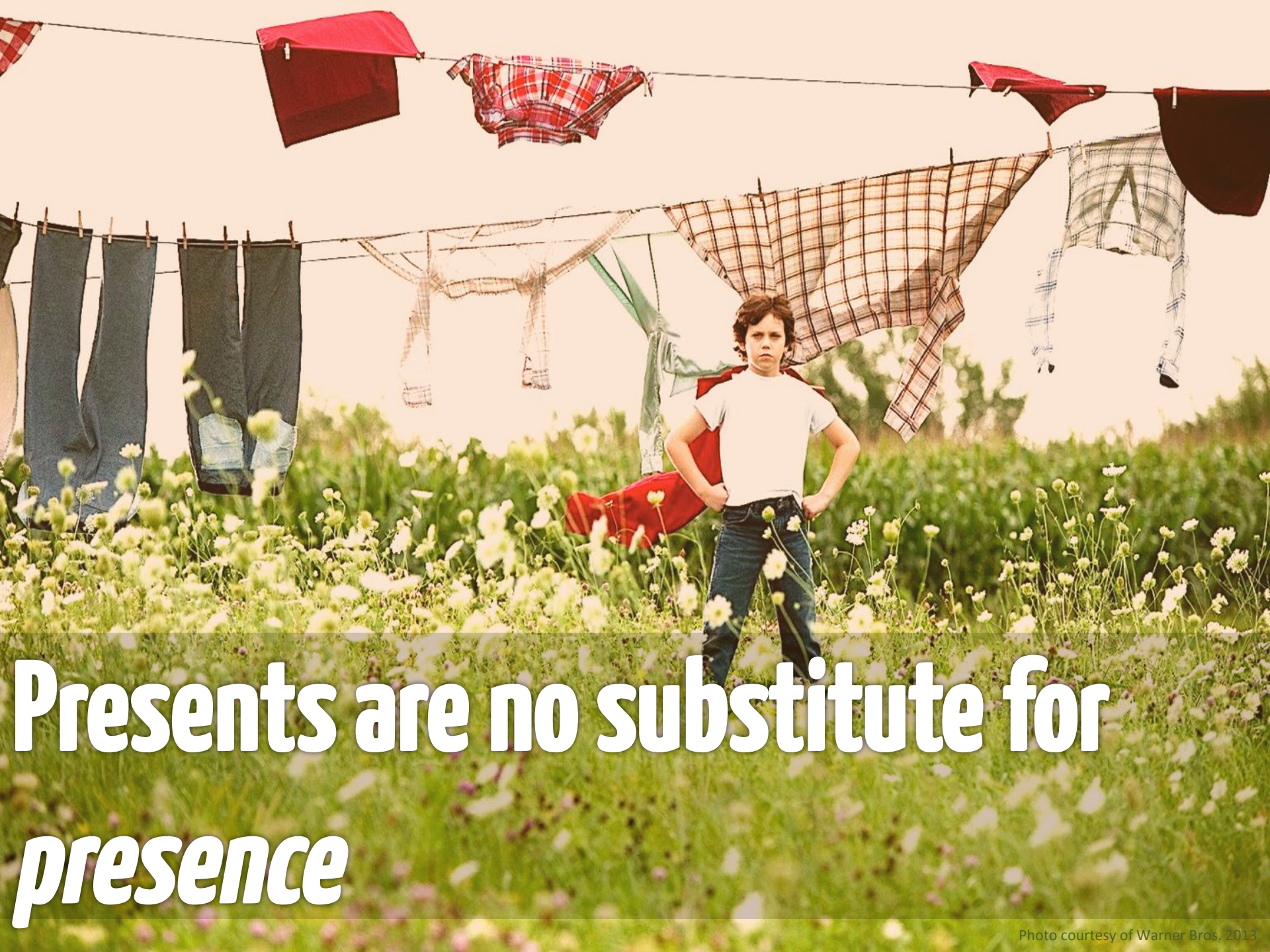
- Our boys need specific and meaningful praise from us, but not just about sports or school (Philippians 3:3, 2 Corinthians 10:17).
- Real confidence only comes from God, as a result of the security we feel in Him (Psalm 138:3, Proverbs 28:1, Acts 4:29).
- Show our boys that their value does not come from earthly accomplishments or achievements.



# Three Dangerous Ingredients

- Isolation
- Insecurity
- Insignificance
- It is Satan's ultimate goal to make us feel isolated from other saints (Isaiah 59:1-2). It nearly worked with men like Elijah, Jeremiah, and Job. Psalm 8 shows how significant we are, and John 3:16 illustrates undeniable value in God's eyes.





**Presents are no substitute for**  
***presence***



A young boy with dark, curly hair stands in a field of wildflowers. He is wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark pants, with his hands on his hips. Behind him, a clothesline is strung across the field, with various items of laundry hanging from it, including a red shirt, a plaid shirt, and several pairs of dark pants. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and white wildflowers under a hazy sky.

# PREDATION

Proverbs 1:8-19



The background of the slide is a photograph of laundry hanging on a line in a field of wildflowers. A red shirt is hanging on a line in the upper left, and a plaid shirt is hanging on a line in the upper right. The field is filled with green grass and small white and yellow wildflowers. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# Tell him his story

- Young men have an innate desire to be part of something bigger than themselves. Emphasize their legacy. “Get out family photos from time to time. Talk about the people and events shown in them” (Hartley-Brewer, p. 47).
- “For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. For this reason, kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you...” (2 Timothy 1:5-6).



