

**The Sanctuary Fellowship
Spring 2023**

What are the 4 Noble Truths of Buddhism?

Suffering (unguarded desires)

Cause of suffering (inability of things to satisfy)

End of suffering (remove desires)

The 8-fold Path

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What is the Christian worldview answer to suffering?

Suffering- the world is broken everything groans under that weight

Cause of suffering- sin and sinners sinning

End of suffering- Christ's work; faith in Christ; re-creation

The Path- The Holy Spirit in us and sanctification

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Are all wants/desires evil or a weakness?

In what ways are wants/needs/desires good?

- they reveal our dependence on God (Ps 5:)**
- they imply fulfillment and a Fulfiller (Is. 58:11)**
- they show us the vastness of our hearts (Ecc. 3:11)**
- they drive us to be creative and responsible (2 Th.3:10)**
- they point us to empathy (Mt. 18:21-35)**

Small Group Discussion:

1- Define and describe greed

2- Discuss how greed is related to jealousy and coveting

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“Greed is a bottomless pit which exhausts the person in an endless effort to satisfy the need without ever reaching satisfaction.” Erich Fromm

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Movies about greed:

Indecent Proposal

Wall Street

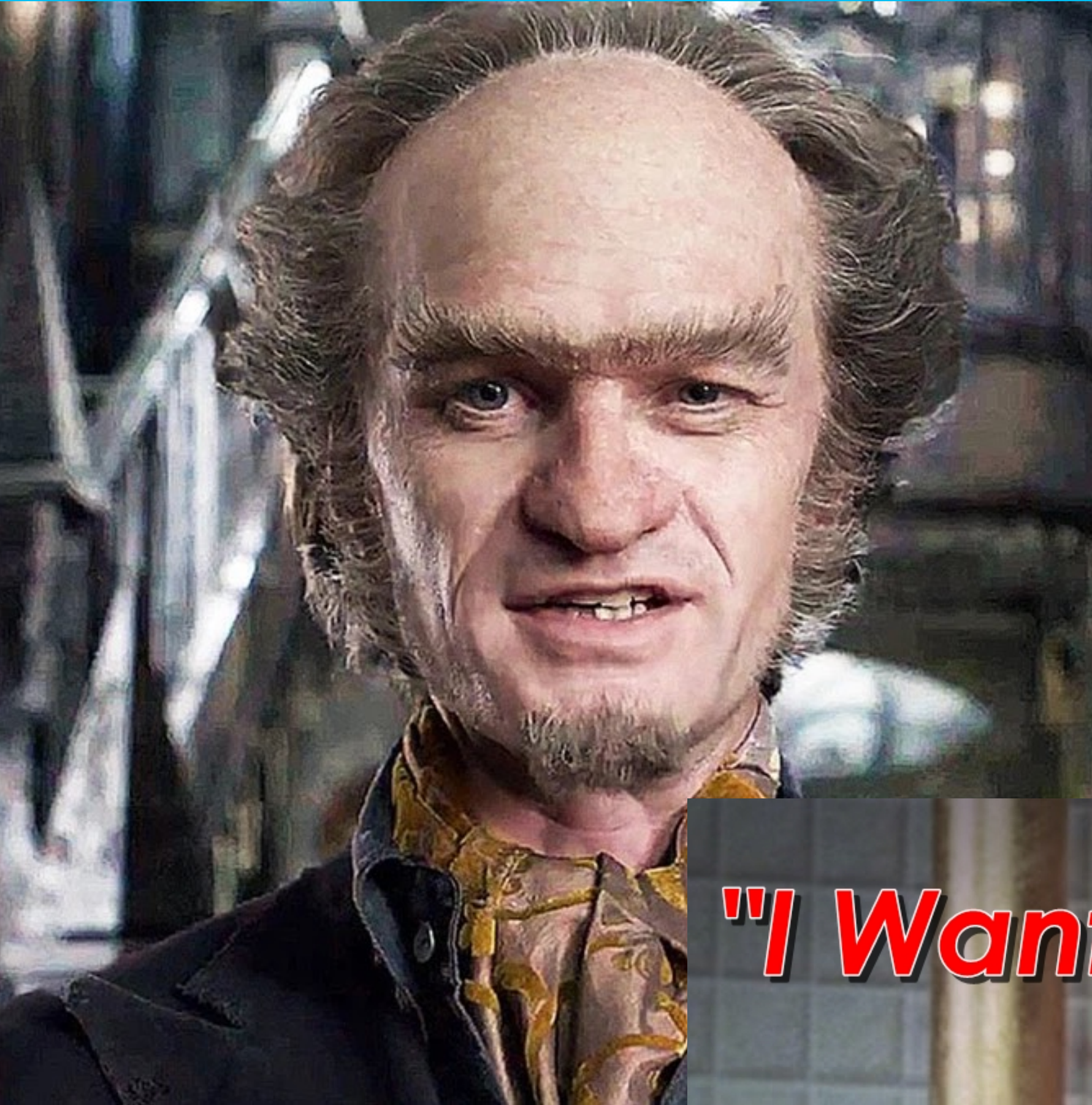
The Wolf of Wall Street

The Big Short

The Founder

LOTR- The Hobbit

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"I Want It NOW!"



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Why is greed a deadly sin?

- you don't know you're greedy
- you stop seeing things as gifts
- you place your hope in temporary things
- you become a thoughtless consumer
- you become a user of people
- you die to the moment and live for "what if/what's next"
- you lose the ability to know and love God

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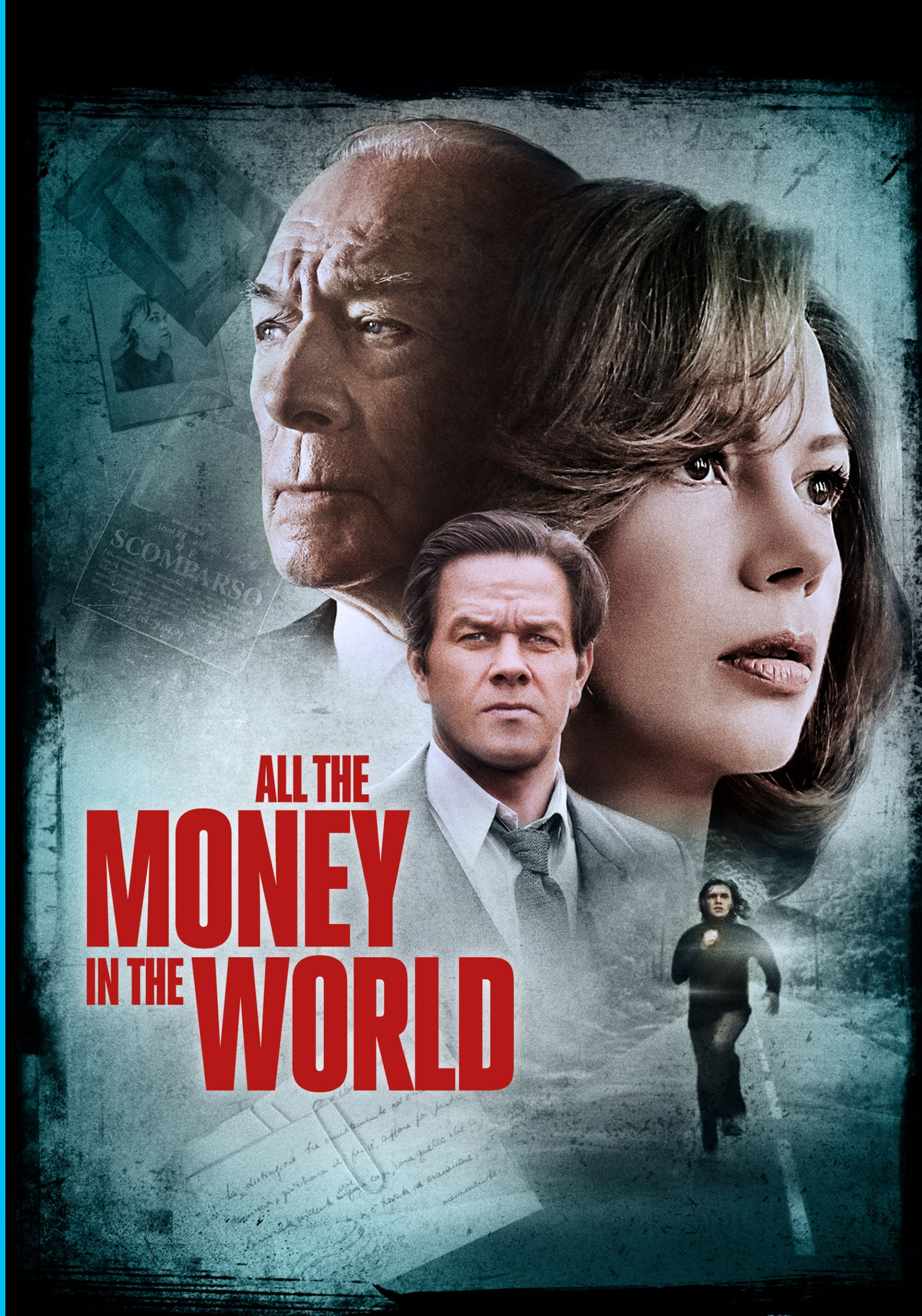
How do we battle the idol of greed?

- be a part of a community
- unearth why you are greedy
- live like the earth is the Lord's
- change what you do with your stuff
- stop buying stuff

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

#s 1, 3, 6, 8, 10



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Dear Lord, as the deer longs for streams of water, I want to long for you. You alone can satisfy my thirsty soul and fill my hungry heart. I'm asking you to give me every bit of strength and help that I need to turn from idols that can't satisfy my soul. Holy Spirit, help me to hunger and thirst for You more than anything else. Give me everything that I need, and everything you give me or don't give me is good. In Jesus' name, Amen.