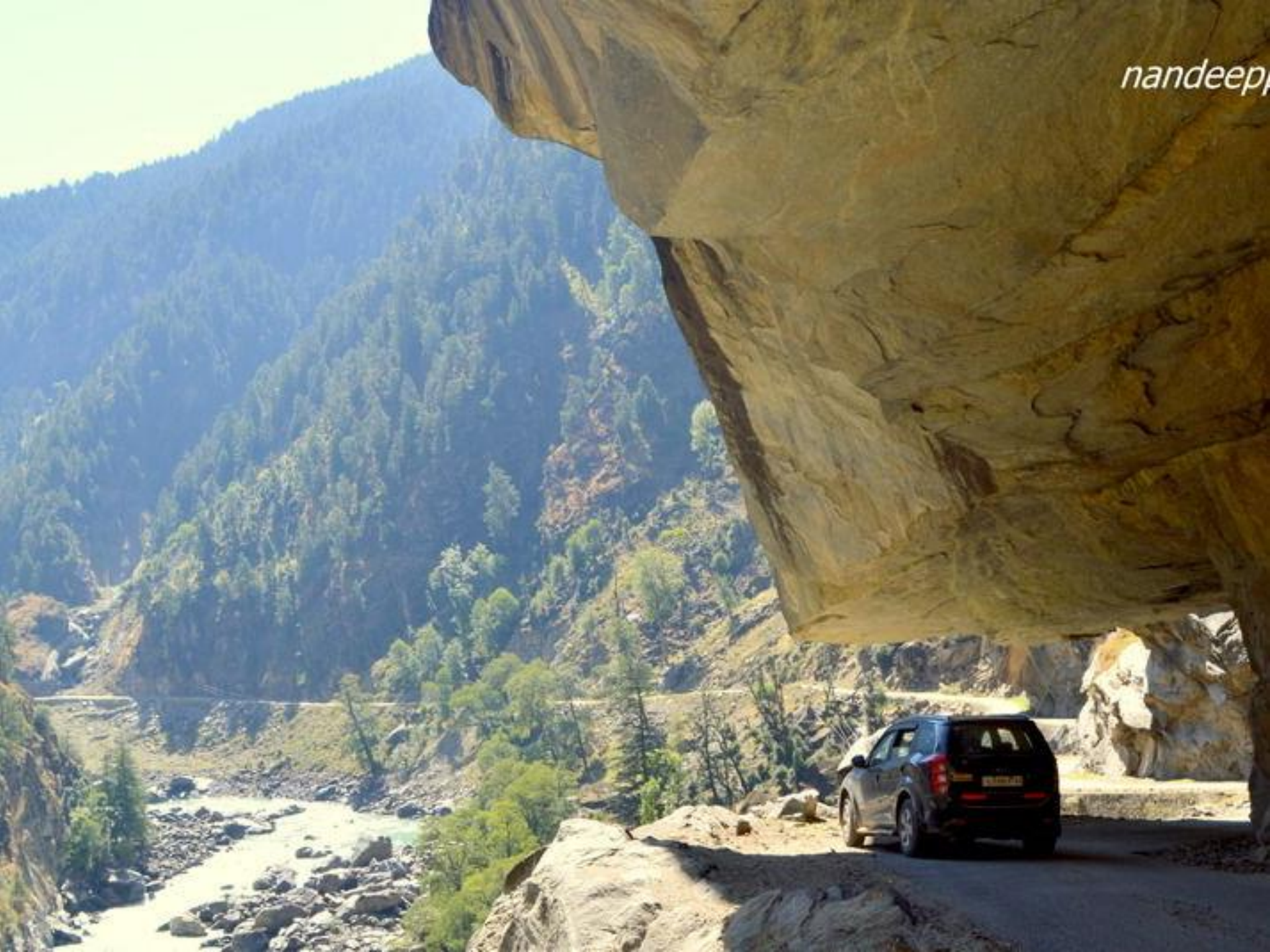


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And besides all this, **BETWEEN** us and you a great chasm has been fixed so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us. (*Luke 16:26*)

The BETWEEN which DIVIDES



- a barrier not simply meant to prevent hostility but to prevent **access**







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God gives each person opportunity to get into heaven, but it is **now** not **later.**

In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped
you. I tell you, now is the time of
God's salvation, now is the day of
salvation. *(II Corinthians. 6:2)*



The BETWEEN which **CONNECTS**

For there is one God and one mediator **BETWEEN** man and God, the man Christ Jesus.

(1 Timothy 2:5)

- implies not only a **grievance** or **grudge** but one of great magnitude
- success demands a great knowledge and empathy for **both parties**







If your brother sins against you, go and show his fault just **BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU**. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. (*Matthew 18:15*)

The BETWEEN of INTIMACY



- implies a power and grace from God which can **initiate forgiveness**
- keep life **simple** ... especially hurts and wrongs

God showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to **them** just as he did to **us**. He made **no distinction BETWEEN** us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. (*Acts 15:9*)

The BETWEEN of UNITY

- US vs. THEM
- Focus = distance, difference and division
- God's perspective = condition and solution are fundamentally, exactly the same



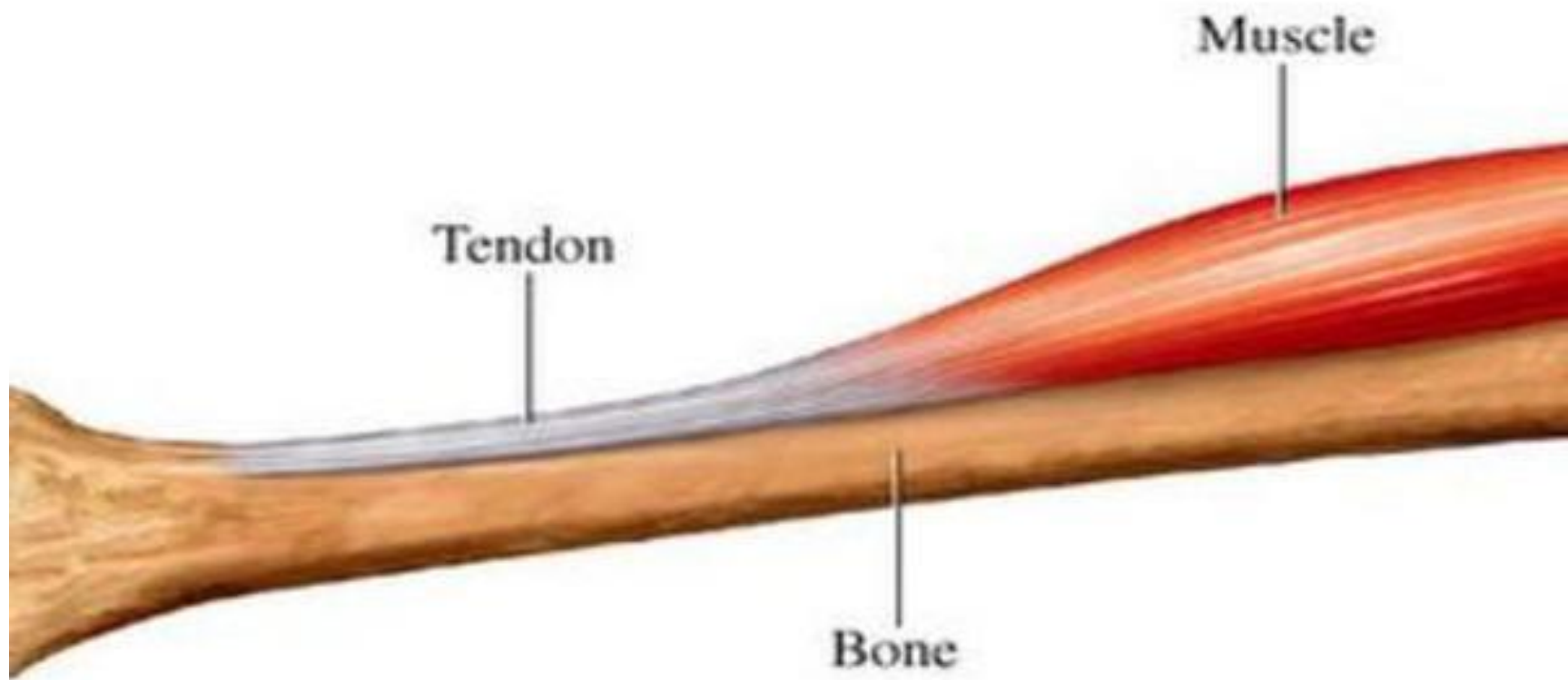
God's point: No distinction between us and them means there is no such thing as us and them. This is an invisible BETWEEN, a nonexistent BETWEEN, a BETWEEN which exists only in our human minds and cultures.



To live is Christ and to die is gain. If I go on living in this body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn **BETWEEN** the two. I desire to depart and be with Christ which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

(Philippians 1:23)

The BETWEEN of TENSION



- Because we are physical and spiritual, we live with the pull of **good** vs. **good**
- Recognizing this reality, we **multitask** ... honoring our commitment to **both**.

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal.

(Matthew 6:20)

The BETWEEN of **PROTECTION**

The angel of God who had been traveling in front, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming **BETWEEN** the armies of Israel and Egypt. (*Exodus 14:20*)



- implies **courage**, **involvement**, and (often) self sacrifice
- necessary in **all realms** of life
... physical, emotional, and spiritual



The BETWEEN of WAITING

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites to turn back and put up camp, **BETWEEN** Migdal and the sea. They are to camp by the sea ... And I will harden Pharaoh's heart and he will pursue them ...”.

(Exodus 14:2)

An assignment, accomplishment,
or stage or year is finished, and the
next one (future) in unknown.
BETWEEN the past and future ...
we wait. What is our purpose now?

Uncertainty = worry or trust