

# Discipleship

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## *AGENDA – JESUS DISCIPLESHIP APPROACH*

*WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP*

*JESUS TEACHING METHODS*

*HOW & WHOM JESUS TAUGHT*

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*COMMANDMENTS OF CHRIST*

*COST OF DISCIPLESHIP*

# Discipleship

*The word discipleship never occurs in the Bible.  
It means the act of learning from a teacher, following  
their path, and growing in their teachings.*

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# DISCIPLESHIP

AND JESUS CAME AND SAID TO THEM, "ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:18-20



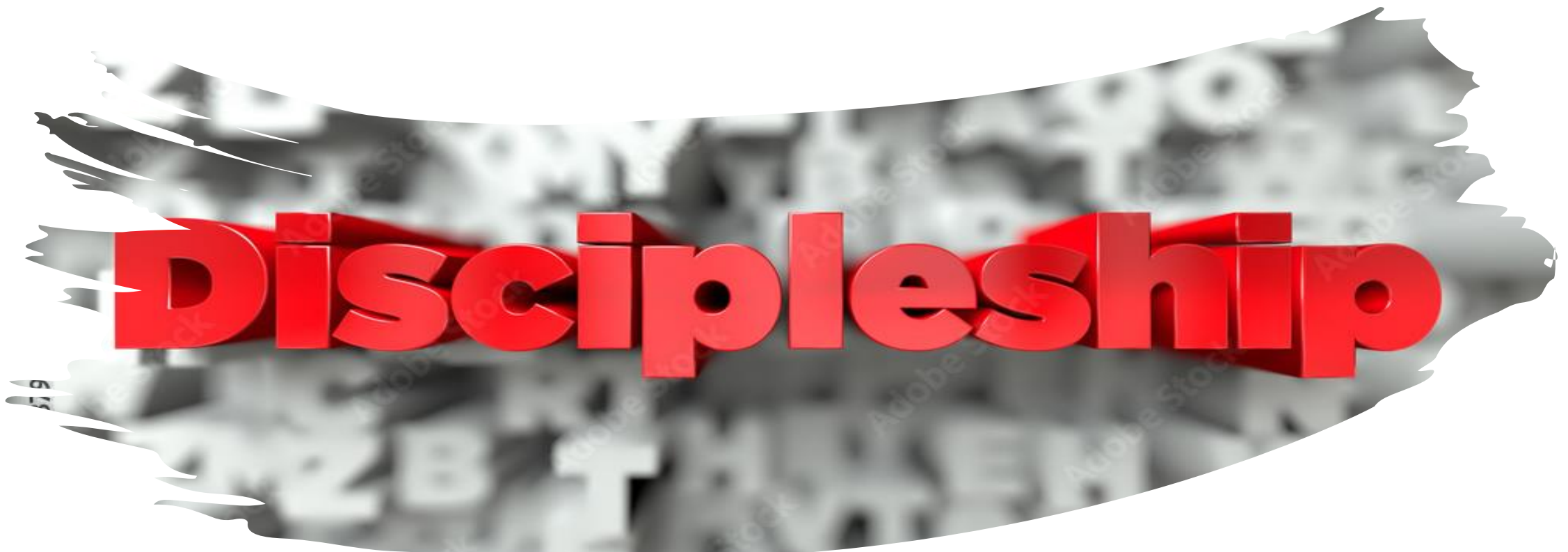
## Matthew Chapter 28:18-20

*<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*<sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*<sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe **all things** whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

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*WHAT IS JESUS' VISION &  
PURPOSE FOR EVERYONE IN THE  
WORLD.*

*for every person in the world  
to obey the call of the  
Gospel, everyone to become  
a disciple—learning His  
teachings & obeying His  
commands.*



*Luke 19:10*

*“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*



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A rustic wooden signpost stands on the left side of a dirt path in a dense forest. The sign is made of a single piece of weathered wood and is mounted on a vertical wooden post. The text on the sign is a Bible verse from Ezekiel 33:11. The forest is filled with tall trees and lush green foliage, with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a warm and serene atmosphere. The path leads into the distance, disappearing into the woods.

SAY TO THEM, "AS I LIVE!"  
DECLARES THE LORD GOD, "I TAKE NO  
PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF THE WICKED,  
BUT RATHER THAT THE WICKED TURN  
FROM HIS WAY AND LIVE. TURN BACK,  
TURN BACK FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS!  
WHY THEN WILL YOU DIE, O HOUSE  
OF ISRAEL?"  
EZEKIEL 33:11 NASB



## 1 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

*"This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."*



# *CHRIST'S TEACHING METHODS*



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## *Some of Christ's Methods - He connected spiritual lessons to everyday life*

*Parables: Luke 10:29-37 (Good Samaritan); Luke 15:11-32 (Prodigal Son); Matthew 13:3-8 (Seed);*

*Everyday objects: Used seeds, sheep, and coins to explain spiritual ideas. Show God's love and human duty.*

*Asking Questions and Dialogue – Luke 20:20-26 (Paying Taxes to Ceasar); Luke 12:57 (What is right); Luke 10:26 (What is written in the law); Matthew 22:41-46 (Jesus asks who son the Messiah is)*

*Asked questions to make listeners think instead of just giving answers. Prompted people to answer their own moral questions.*

*Action and Demonstration – John 13:1-17 (Jesus washes disciples' feet); Matthew 14:15-21 (Feeding the 5,000); Mark 4:39 (Storm be still)*

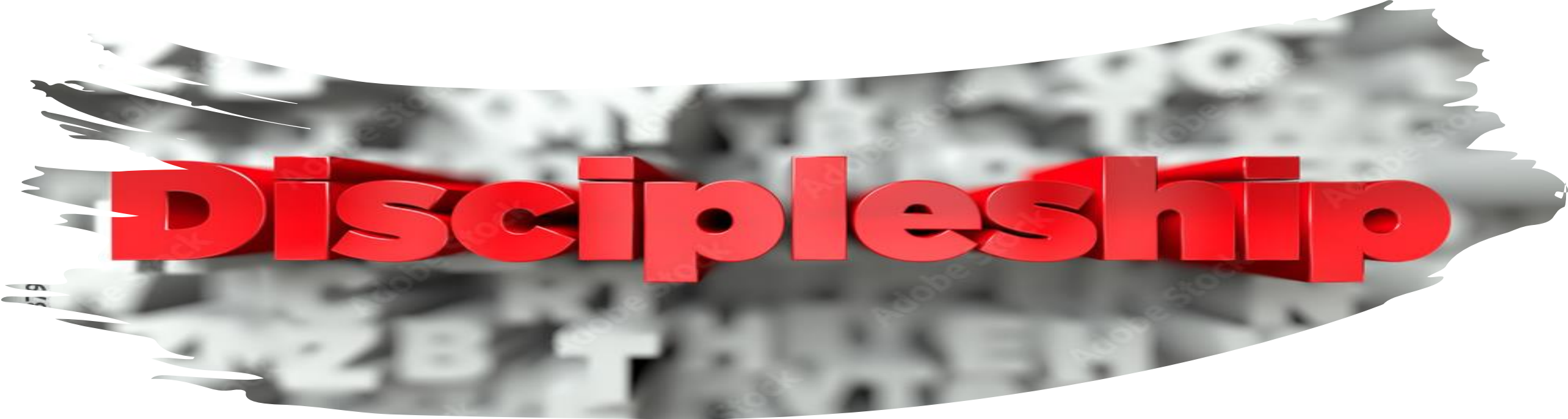
*Used physical acts to teach humility. He performed **Miracles** to show God's power and authority.*

*Christ's Methods - He connected spiritual lessons to everyday life*

*Rhetoric and Memorable Sayings: Matthew 5:29 (Gouge in right eye); Matthew 7:12 GOLDEN RULE (Whatever you man to do unto you, do to them)*

*Used extreme exaggeration to shock listeners into awareness.  
Used short, catchy proverbs like the Golden Rule.*

# *HOW & WHOM JESUS TAUGHT*



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# ***HOW & WHOM JESUS TAUGHT***

- ***Named Individuals – Nicodemus, The Samaritan Woman, Mary & Martha & The Rich Young Ruler, Zacchaeus***
- ***Inner Circle Disciples – The 12, Wider group of Disciples***
- ***Large Crowds/Groups – Multitudes, Masses, 4,000, 5,000, Synagogue members who listened***
- ***Religious Opposition & Critics - Pharisees & Sadducees; Scribes & Lawyers***



# LUKE 6:12-13

And it came to pass in those days,

And it came to pass in those days,  
that he went out into a mountain to pray,  
and continued all night in prayer to God.  
And when it was day, he called unto him  
his disciples: and of them he chose twelve,  
whom also he named apostles.



# 12 Disciples

**Simon (Peter)**

**Andrew** (his brother)

**James** (Son of Zebedee)

**John** (his brother)

**Philip**

**Bartolomew**

**Thomas**

**Matthew** (the publican)

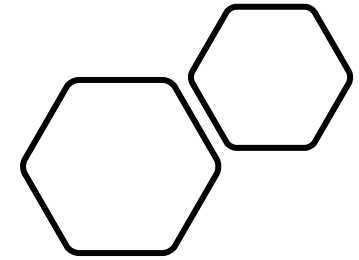
**James** (son of Alphaeus)

**Lebbaeus (Thaddaeus)**

**Simon** (the canaanite)

**Judas Iscariot** (Betrayed Jesus)

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*Luke 6:14 - 16*

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Matthew Chapter 28:20

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

# ***SOME COMMANDMENTS OF CHRIST***



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## Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."



## *John 13:34-35 – Love One Another*

<sup>34</sup> *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

<sup>35</sup> *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*



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## *MATTHEW 5:44 – Love Your Enemies*

*44. “But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;”*



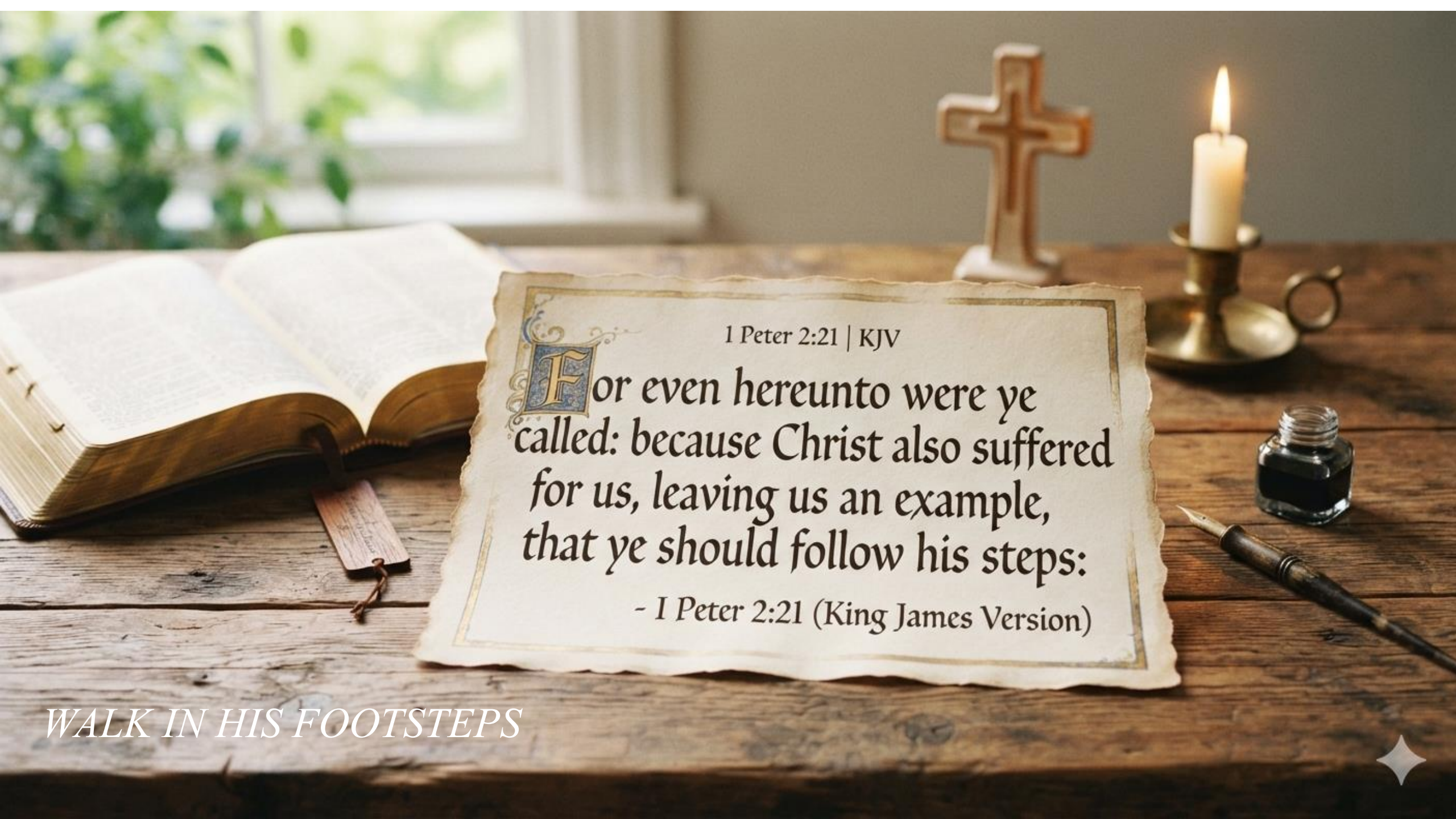
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*BECOME LIKE HIM*

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make not provision for the flesh,  
to fulfil the lusts thereof.

ROMANS 13:14 KJV





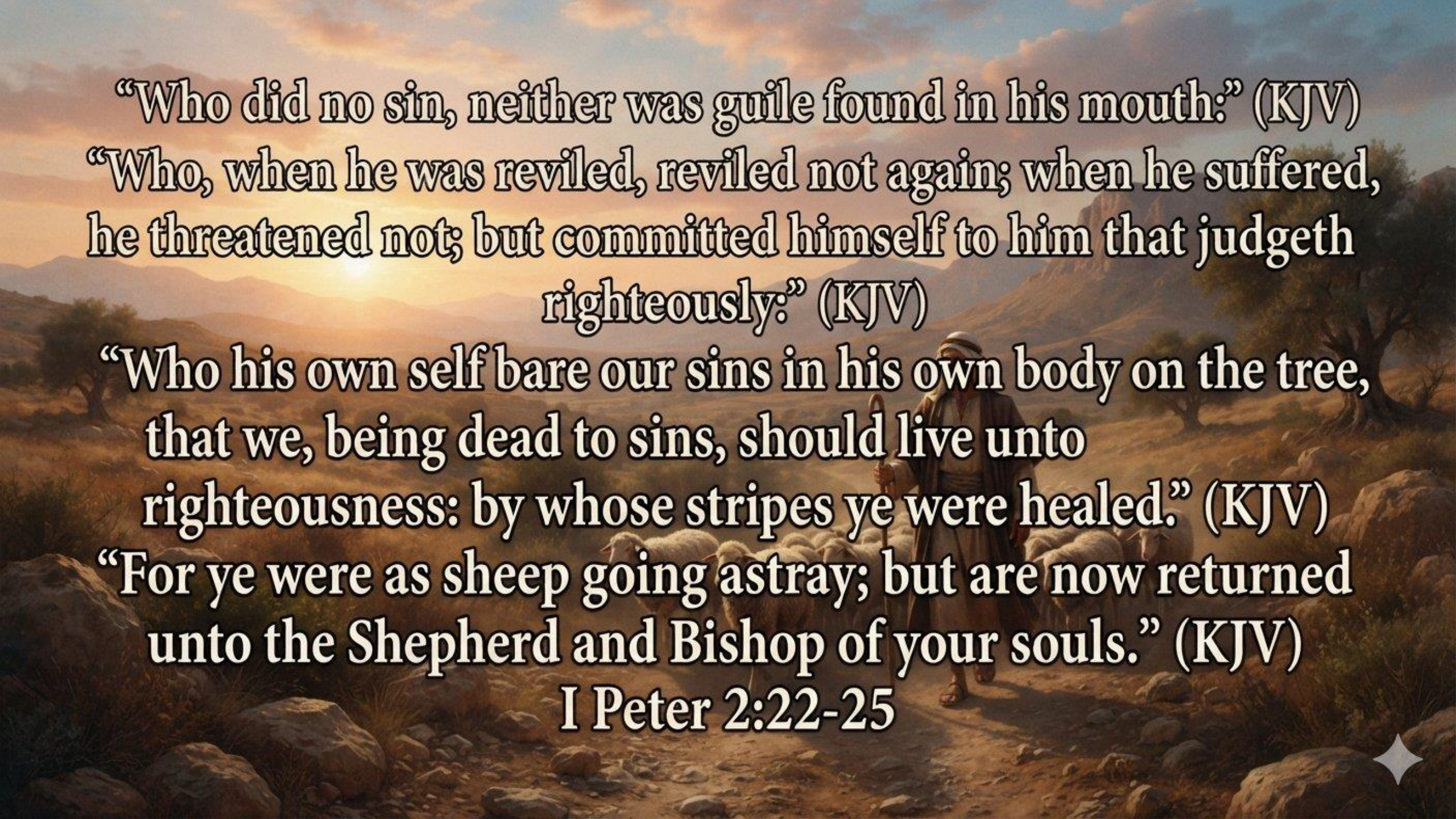
1 Peter 2:21 | KJV

**F**or even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

- 1 Peter 2:21 (King James Version)

*WALK IN HIS FOOTSTEPS*



A shepherd in a white robe and turban, holding a staff, stands in a desert landscape at sunset. He is surrounded by a flock of sheep. The background features rolling hills and a warm, golden sky.

**“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:” (KJV)**

**“Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:” (KJV)**

**“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” (KJV)**

**“For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.” (KJV)**

**I Peter 2:22-25**

A small white star icon with a soft glow, located in the bottom right corner of the image.

**BUT SO SHALL IT NOT BE AMONG YOU:  
BUT WHOSOEVER WILL BE GREAT AMONG YOU,  
SHALL BE YOUR MINISTER:  
AND WHOSOEVER OF YOU WILL BE THE CHIEFEST,  
SHALL BE SERVANT OF ALL.”  
MARK 10:43-44**

*BE A SERVANT*

A woman with a braid, wearing a brown sweater and a backpack, stands on a rocky path in a mountainous landscape. She is holding a lit lantern in her right hand and looking upwards with a smile. The background features a winding river, evergreen trees, and jagged mountains under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid in the upper right quadrant.

*Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*  
*Matthew 5:16 KJV*

*Be a Light* ✨

*Honor The Lord's Supper*



*“This is my body given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.” – Luke 22:19*





# FORGIVE

“Jesus saith unto him, I say not  
unto thee, Until seven times: but,  
Until seventy times seven.”

Matthew 18:22 KJV

*Forgive unconditionally*



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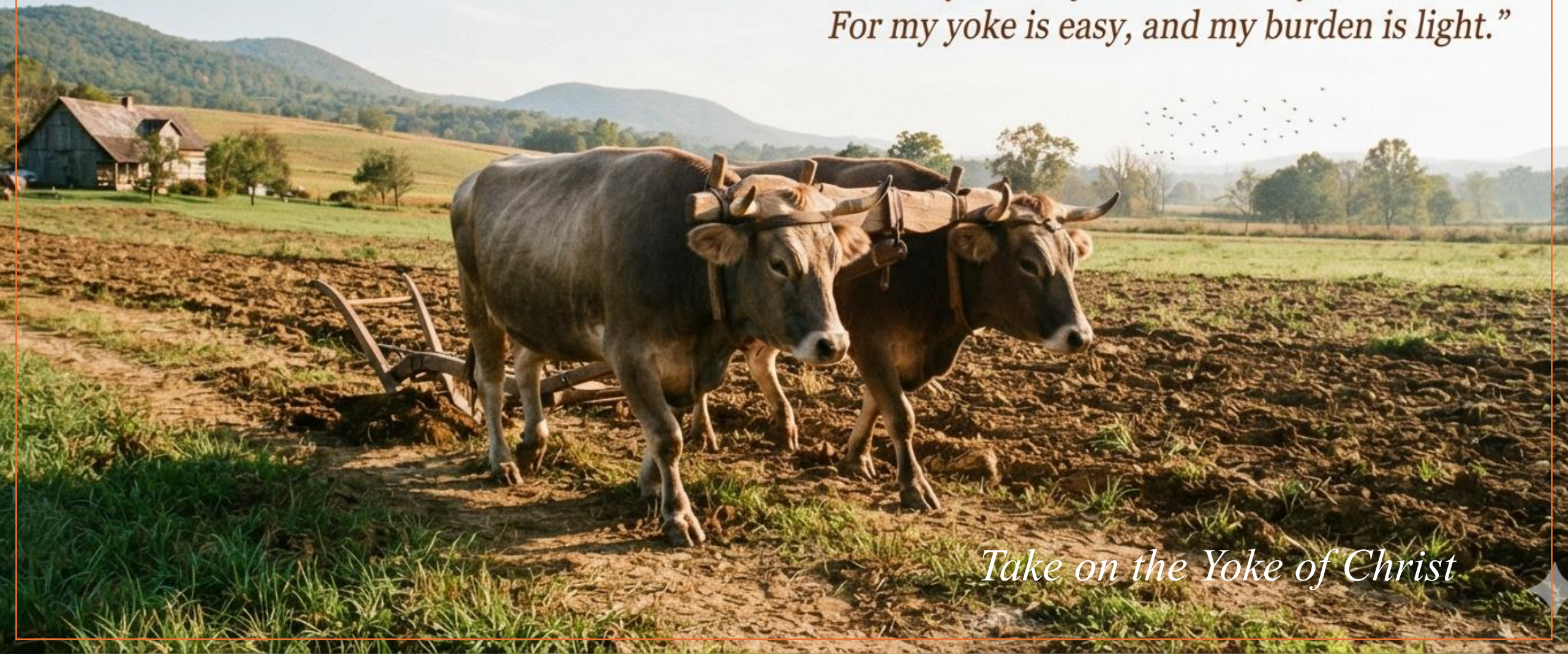
MATTHEW 6:3  
KJV

GIVE IN SECRET,  
GOD REWARDS OPENLY

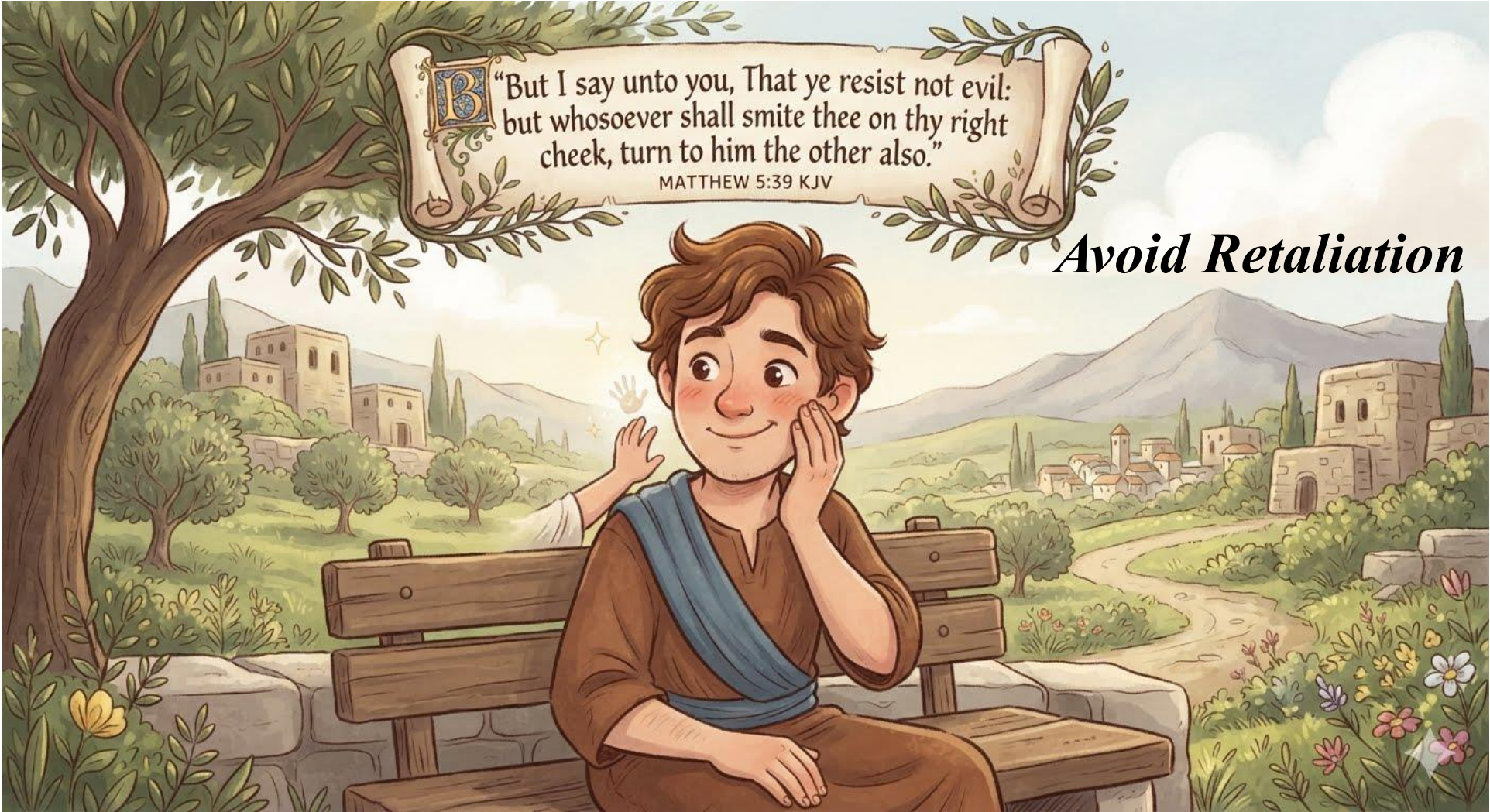
*Give without Boasting*

*Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV)*

*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and  
learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:  
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*



*Take on the Yoke of Christ*



**B** "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil:  
but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right  
cheek, turn to him the other also."

MATTHEW 5:39 KJV

*Avoid Retaliation*



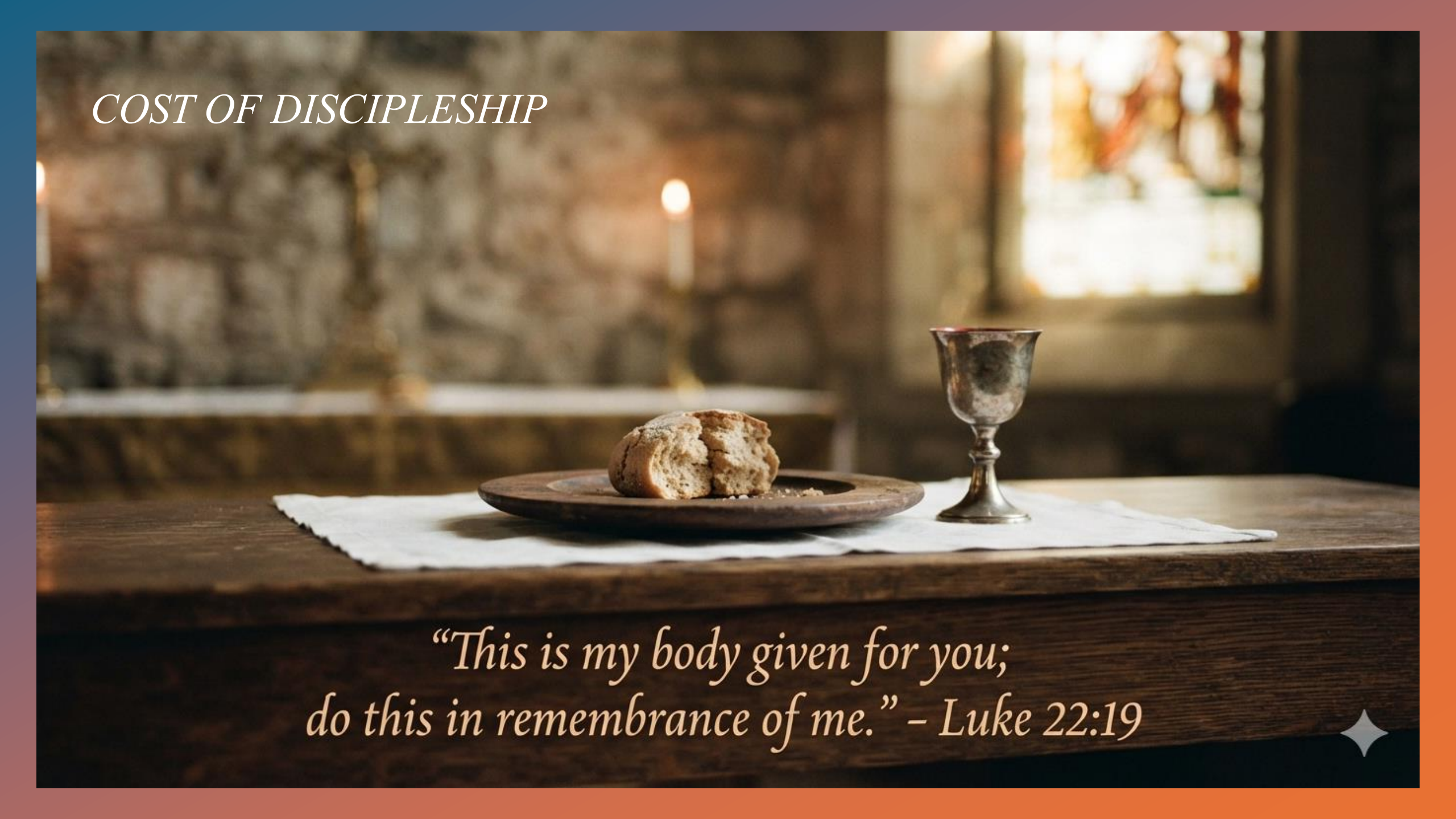
ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR  
WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY,  
THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION, AND  
MANY THERE BE WHICH GO IN THEREAT:  
BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW  
IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE,  
AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.  
- MATTHEW 7:13-14 KJV.

*Choose the Narrow Path*

# *COST OF DISCIPLESHIP*

A horizontal, torn paper effect with irregular, jagged edges. The paper is white and is being pulled away to reveal a background of scattered, out-of-focus letters and symbols in various shades of gray. The letters are of different sizes and orientations, creating a sense of chaos or a 'jumble' of information.

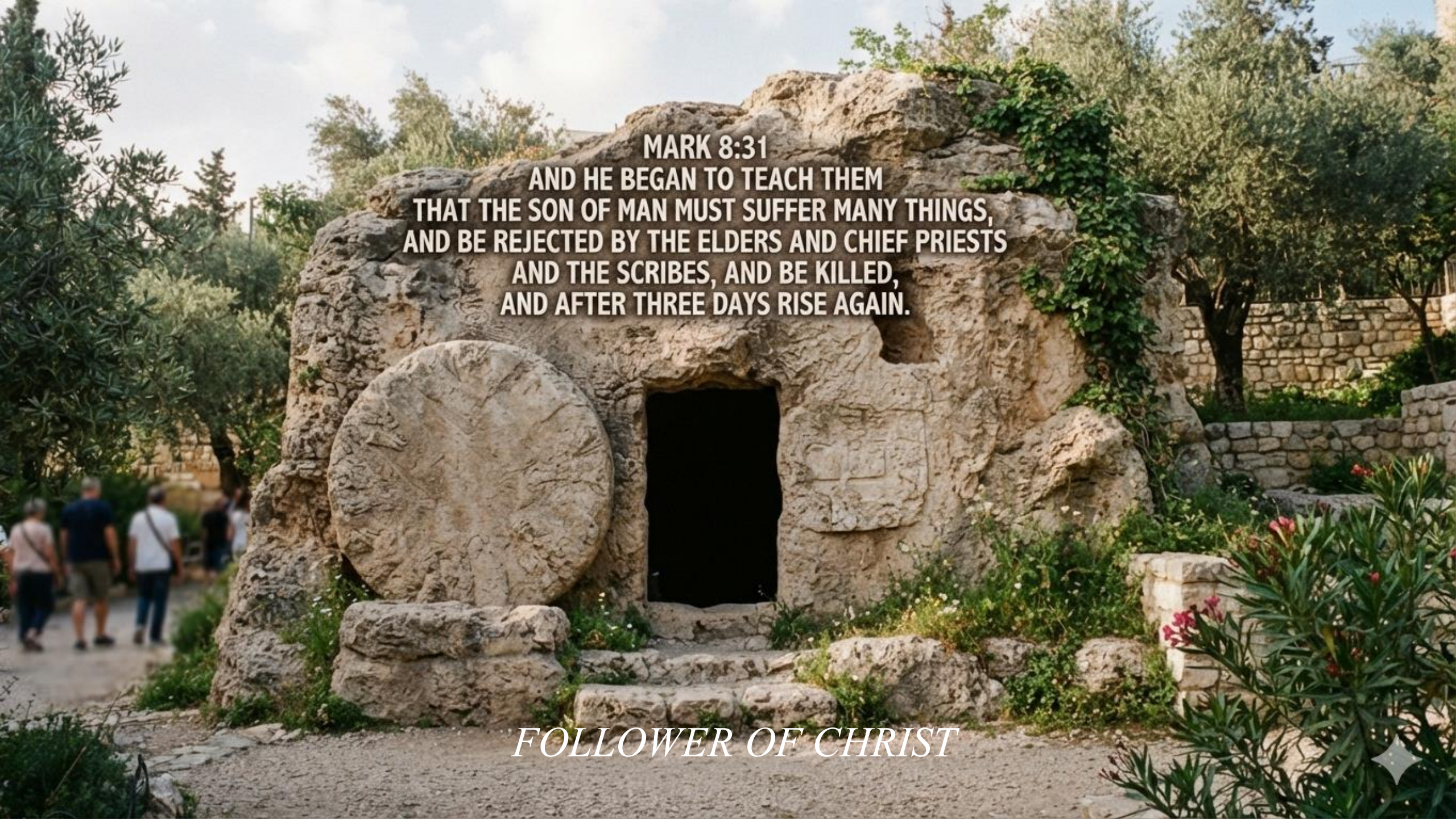
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A still life photograph of a communion table. In the center, a piece of bread is broken and placed on a small wooden plate. To the right of the plate is a silver chalice. Both are on a white cloth. The background is a blurred church interior with a candle and a stained glass window.

## *COST OF DISCIPLESHIP*

*“This is my body given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.” – Luke 22:19*





**MARK 8:31  
AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM  
THAT THE SON OF MAN MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS,  
AND BE REJECTED BY THE ELDERS AND CHIEF PRIESTS  
AND THE SCRIBES, AND BE KILLED,  
AND AFTER THREE DAYS RISE AGAIN.**

*FOLLOWER OF CHRIST*

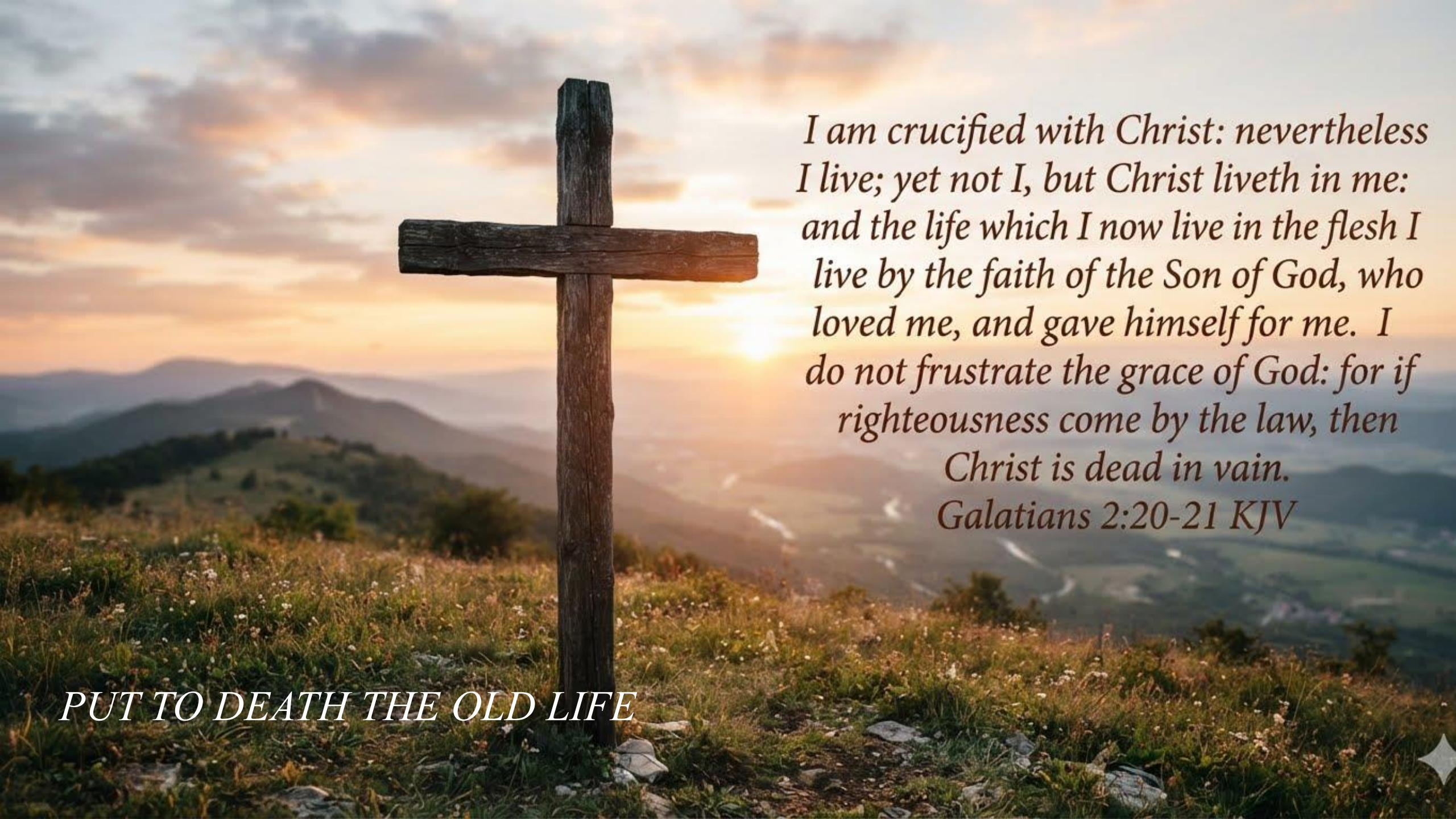
LUKE 9:23 KJV

And he said to them all,  
If any man will come  
after me, let him deny  
and take up his cross  
daily, and follow me.



*FOLLOWER OF CHRIST*



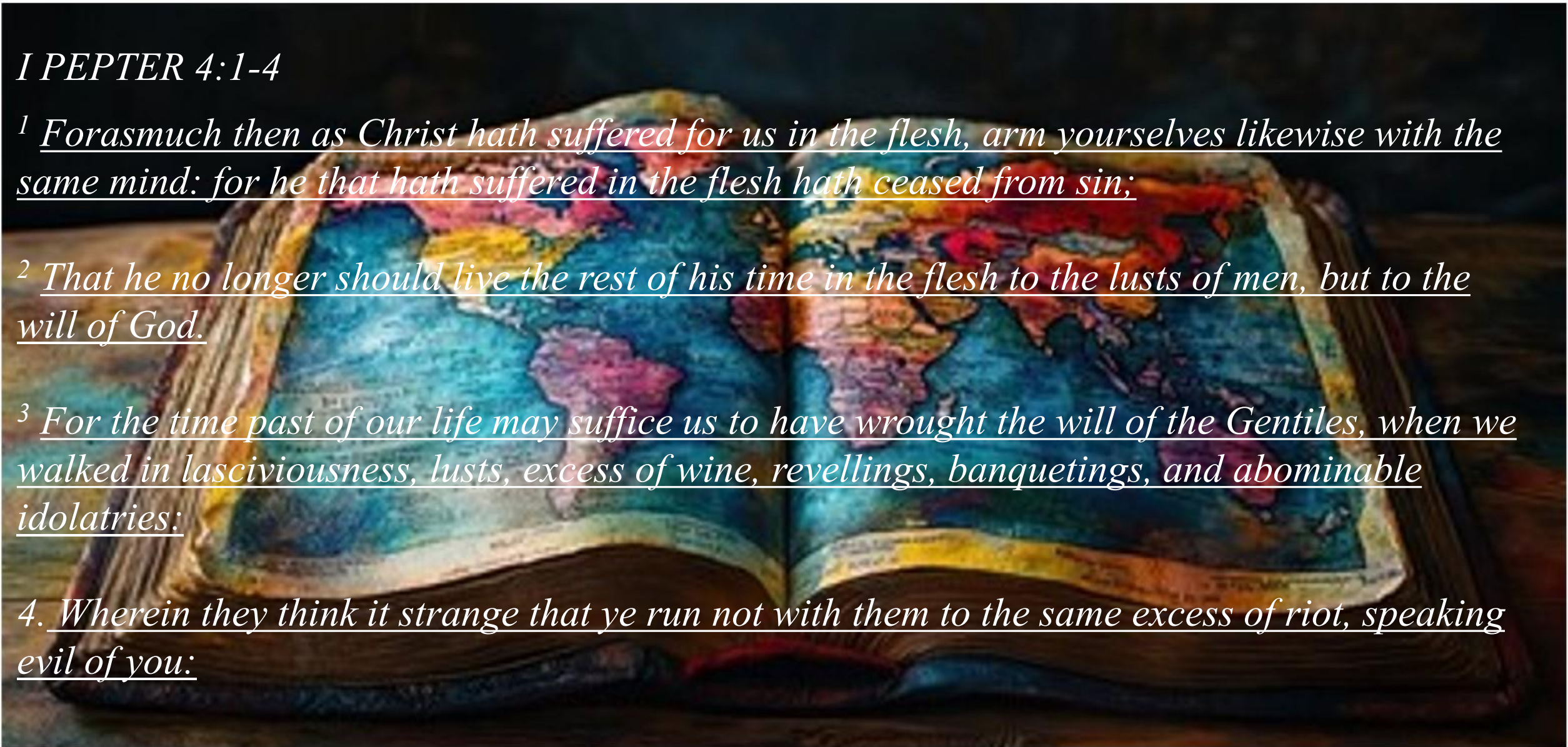
A wooden cross stands on a grassy hill, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the landscape. In the background, there are rolling hills and a valley. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams.

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless  
I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:  
and the life which I now live in the flesh I  
live by the faith of the Son of God, who  
loved me, and gave himself for me. I  
do not frustrate the grace of God: for if  
righteousness come by the law, then  
Christ is dead in vain.  
Galatians 2:20-21 KJV*

*PUT TO DEATH THE OLD LIFE*



*ABSTAIN FROM SINFUL LUSTS*

An open antique book with a colorful, stained map of the world on its pages. The map is painted in various colors like blue, red, yellow, and green, showing the continents. The book is old, with worn edges and a dark cover.

## 1 PETER 4:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

<sup>2</sup> That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

<sup>3</sup> For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4. Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

# *Christ Is Our Example – I PETER 2:21-25*

*<sup>21</sup> For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you would follow in His steps,*

*<sup>22</sup> HE WHO COMMITTED NO sin, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT found IN HIS MOUTH;*

*<sup>23</sup> and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

*<sup>24</sup> and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.*

*<sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian* ✦