

MATTHEW

Messiah Has Come



Principle

Jesus exhorts his people to boldly follow Him into His unpredictable plan for redeeming and restoring humanity; choosing a lifestyle of humble teachability, and honest self-awareness of worldly and prideful inclinations.

Justification

To be declared by God to be in a right relationship to Him
= to be in the family of the Trinity

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

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Romans 3:23-25

*²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are **justified** by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

Ephesians 4:1

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

Romans 12:1-2

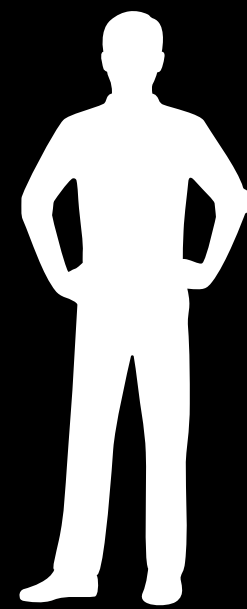
...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

Sanctification

To increasingly think and live in step with God
= to mature in living like a child in the family of the Trinity should live

Justification

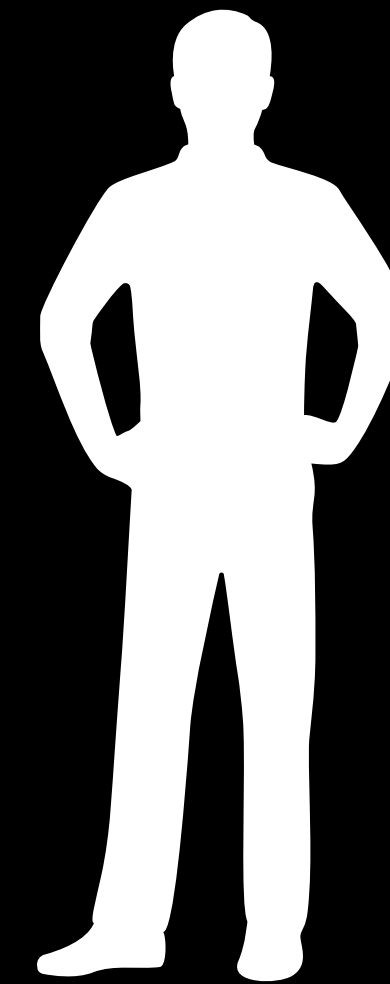
*“Believe in who/what
I will provide for you.”*



child of God

Sanctification

*“Believe in what I say, and do
what I say to do, with me.”*

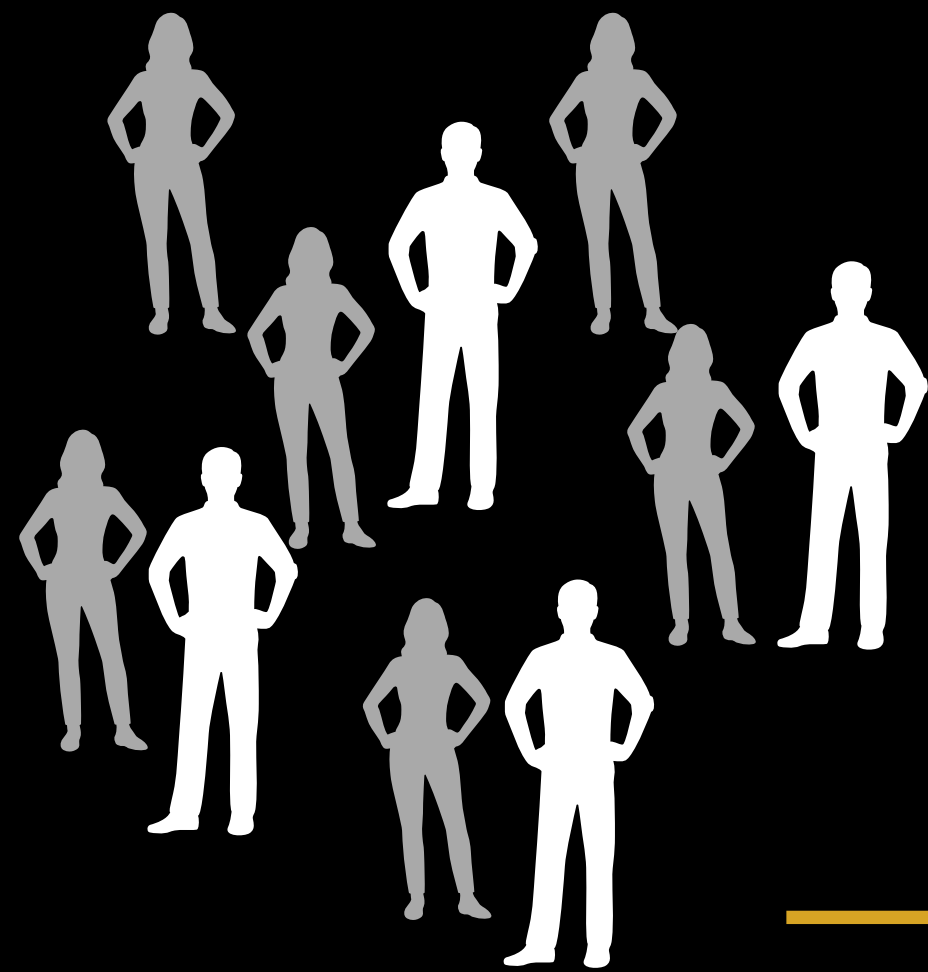


maturing child of God



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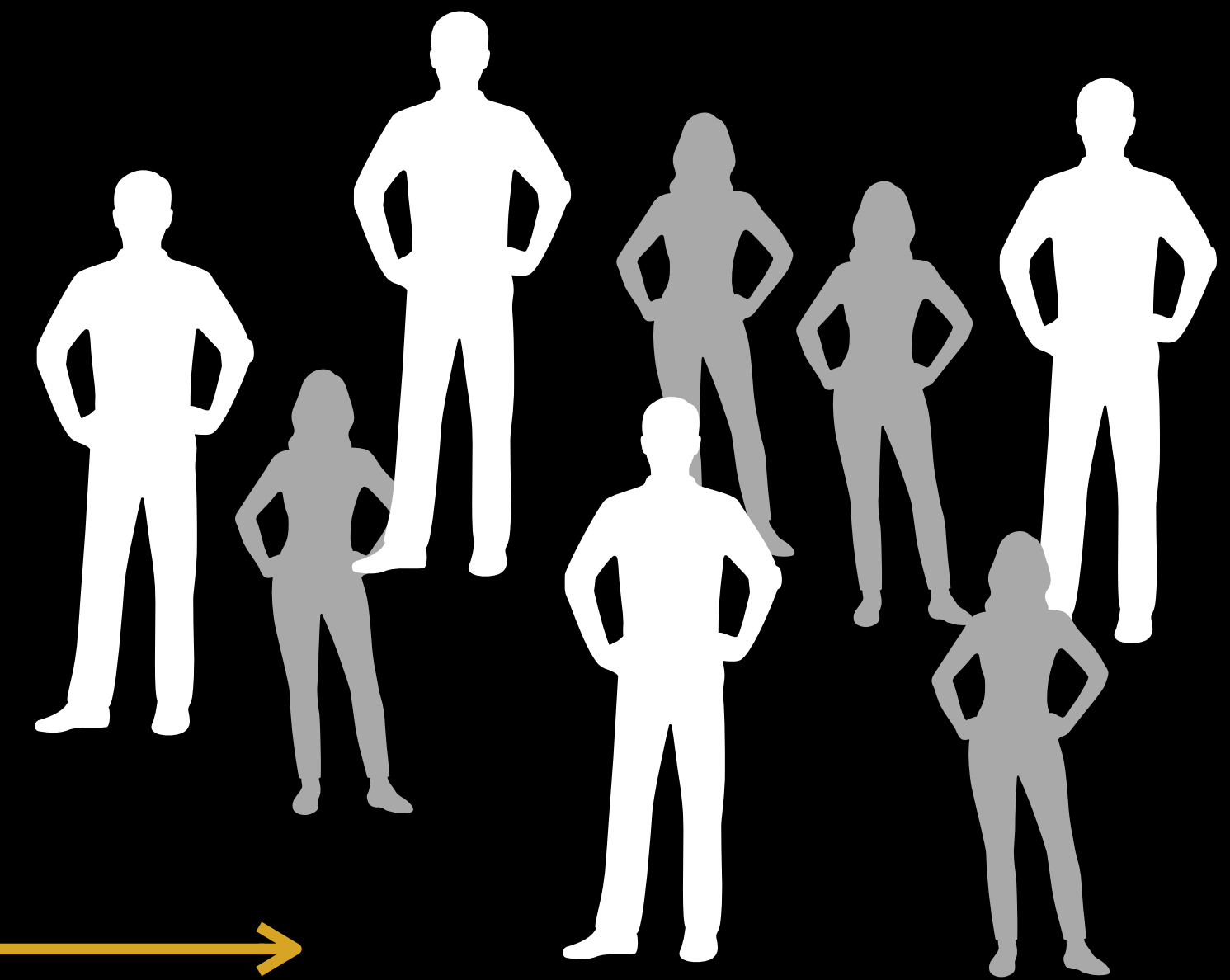
“I will make you a great nation...”



nation of God

Sanctification

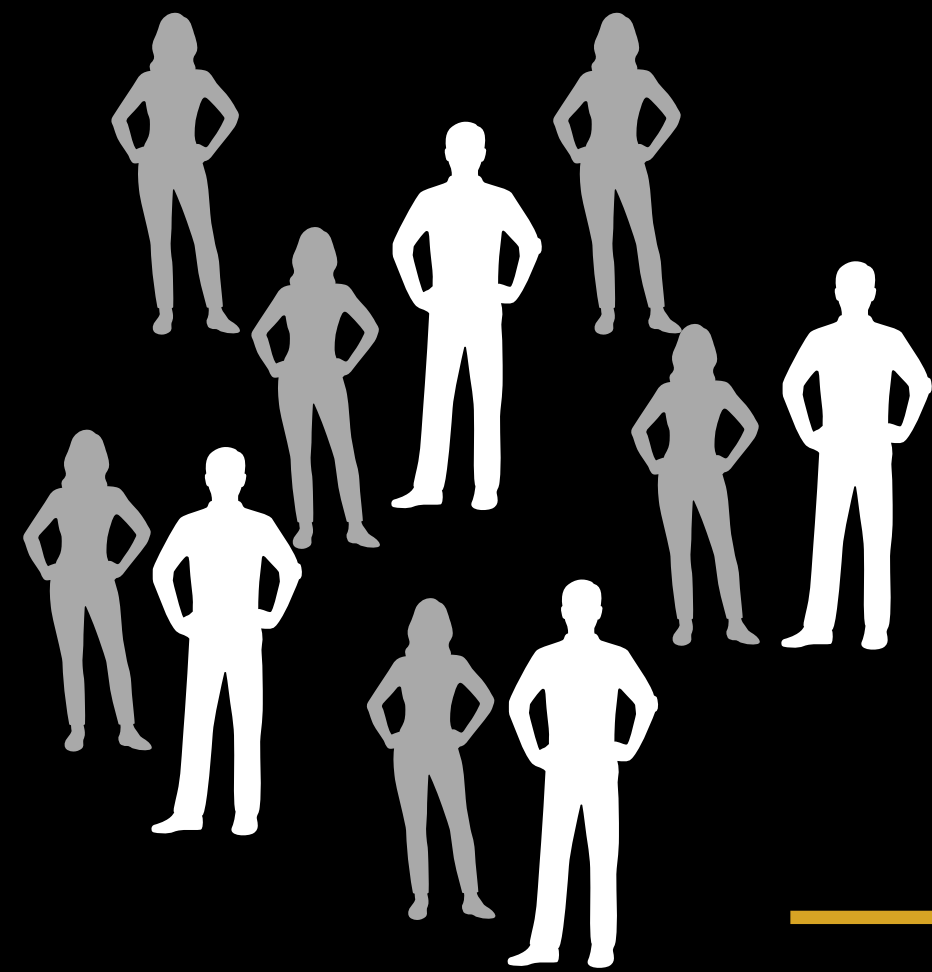
“If you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord...do all his commandments... the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth...”



maturing nation of God

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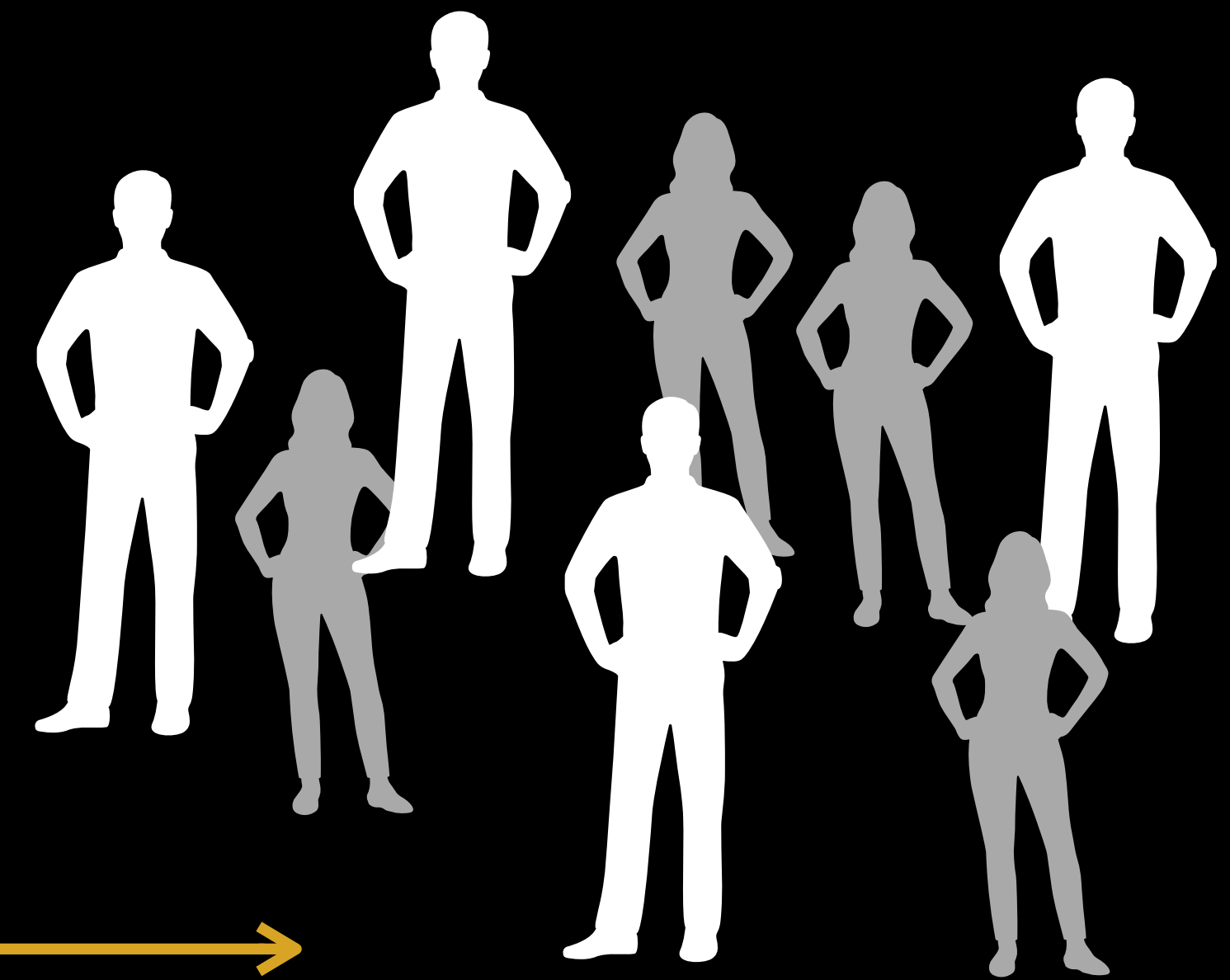
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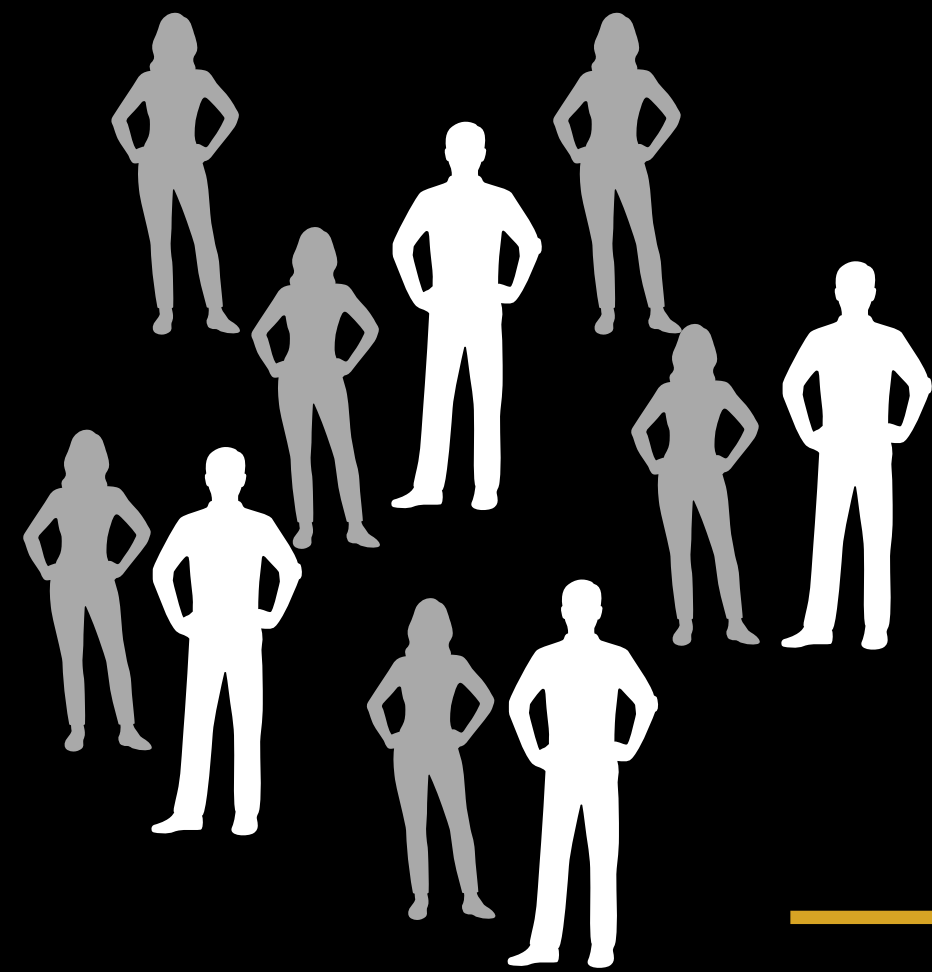
“Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand”



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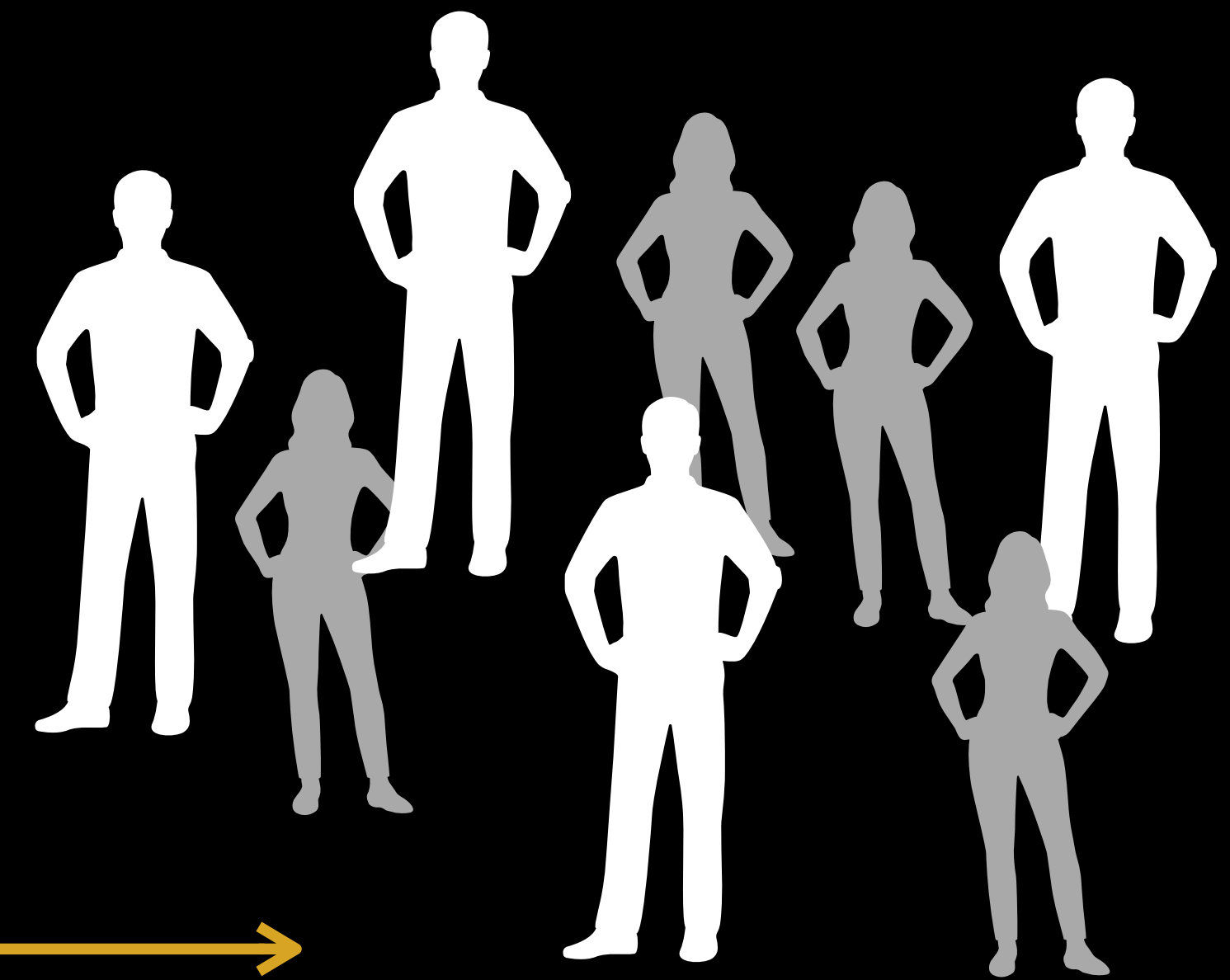
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nation of God

Sanctification

“I am the Messiah, but the Kingdom, at this time, is not a possibility. Trust me though, I have a new plan...”



maturing nation of God



Take my “easy yoke”
and believe in me



Reject my “easy yoke”
and oppose me



Matthew 14:1-12

- Herod approves the murder of John the Baptist
- Herod demonstrates his unprincipled leadership over Israel
- The disciples bury John's body and inform Jesus

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- Final political rejection of Israel
 - Deep personal loss for Jesus and the disciples



Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. — — ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied — —

Embracing Jesus would lead to a sacrificial ministry lifestyle of tethered dependence on Him.

Actors

They must embrace a new ministry for Him while depending on the provision from Him.

Recipients

They must trust His desire to work through them and His provision for strength in suffering.

Us

We must embrace a Jesus-styled ministry, but only through constant relational dependence on Jesus.

Matthew 14:22-33



²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side — — ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified — — Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” — —

Embracing Jesus would require a fortitude of mind and conviction to the exclusivity of His view of self and others.

Actors

They must trust him for their own personal spiritual life in the midst of challenges.

Recipients

They must trust His love for them in the midst of their persecution and His love for their persecutors.

Us

We must live free from the confines of human perceptions; embracing His perspective of us.



Matthew 15:1-20

¹ Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.”

The Oral Torah

Additional laws, interpretations, and applications believed to have been given by God to Moses *orally* at Mount Sinai.

Mishna

The record of *Oral Torah

Midrash

Rabbinic commentary on the True Torah

Talmud

Rabbinic commentary on the *Oral Torah



Matthew 15:1-20

¹ Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, ² “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” ³ He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ⁵ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” ⁶ he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.



Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ⁸ “ ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁹ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

¹⁰ And he called the people to him and said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”



— — ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.” ¹⁶ And he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Embracing Jesus must be about living in and proclaiming authentic inward transformation.

Actors

His disciples would have to pursue a life and ministry of true inward transformation, not external conformity.

Recipients

The persecuted church needed to discern their own hearts and that of their persecutors.

Us

We must grow in authentic spirituality; embracing personal culpability and not feelings or circumstances.

Principle

Jesus challenges his disciples to boldly follow Him into a ministry of authentic inward transformation; forsaking circumstances and depending solely on His provisions and promises.

Next Week

Matthew 16:13-17:13