

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

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True Discipleship

Mark 8:31-38

Follow Me Series

Life Change: We follow Jesus every day.

Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last!"



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Peter's temptation of Jesus.
Jesus predicts His passion.

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Peter's temptation of Jesus. (cont'd)
Peter reacts horribly.

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Jesus exposes the core problem – thinking about human concerns.

The calling to follow the King.
Ever-present choices.

34-38

Deny self.

Take up one's cross.

Follow Jesus.

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a study of Mark 9-16

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



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**With Harold Lloyd
dangling from a clock
high above the city, our
entire modern world
hangs there too...a
vision of Everyman
successfully hanging on
as time falls away.
– Simon Garfield,
*Timekeepers***



Why bring up
that old image?

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Today's [flatness] has been defined by a set of very specific values: boundarylessness; speed; universal accessibility; an allergy to hierarchy, so much so that the weighting or preferring of some voices or products over others is seen as illegitimate; a commitment to gratification at the push of a button...the idea that all choices can and should be made instantaneously, and that the choices made by the majority in a given moment, on a given platform represent a larger democratic choice, which is therefore both true and good—until the next moment, on the next platform. – Alana Newhouse, “Everything is Broken and How to Fix It”

**Today's [flatness] has
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very specific values:
boundarylessness**



**Jesus shows very clear
boundaries.**

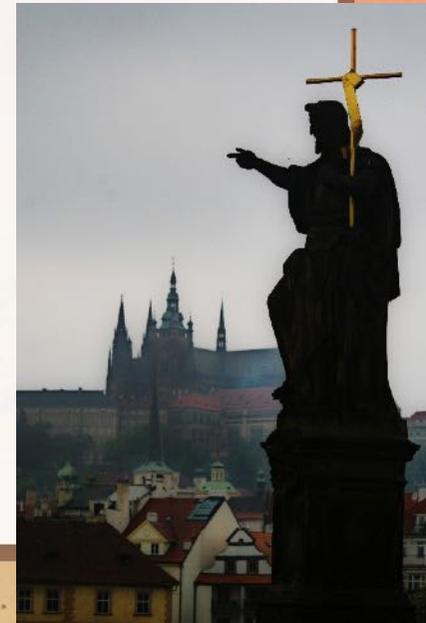
Right v. wrong.

Heaven v. Hell.

Servant

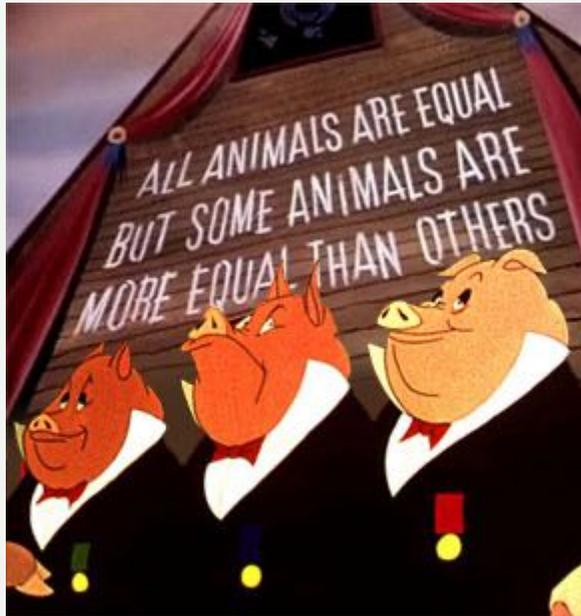
leadership v.

overbearingness.

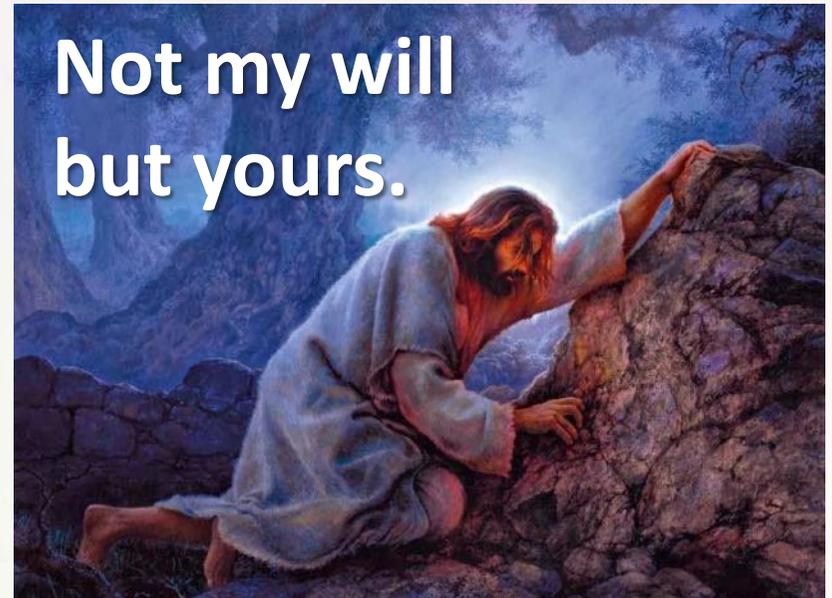


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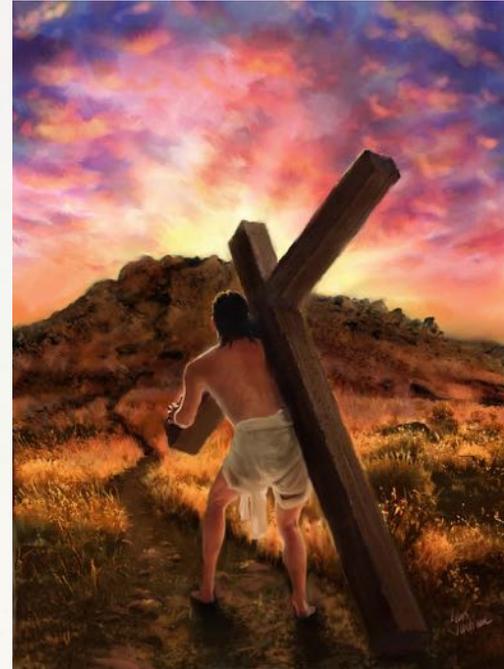
Jesus says that God-ordained order is absolutely necessary.



Today's [flatness] has been defined by a set of very specific values:
instant gratification



Jesus shows us genuine pleasure in denying self



Today's [flatness] has been defined by a set of very specific values: speed



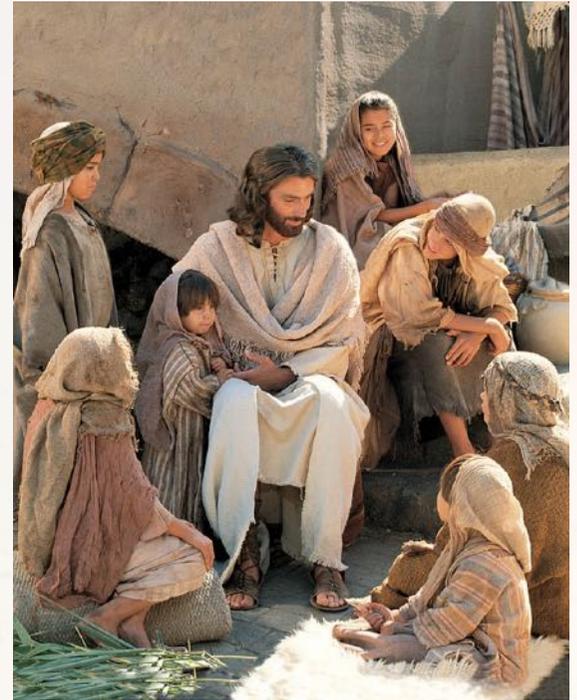
Jesus says, "Let go and follow Me. I'll show you real speed!"



Today's [flatness] has been defined by a set of very specific values: universal accessibility



Jesus shows us real accessibility to true power



Today's [flatness] has been defined by a set of very specific values: mob rule



Jesus displays that He is Lord indeed, even through violence.



Mark 8

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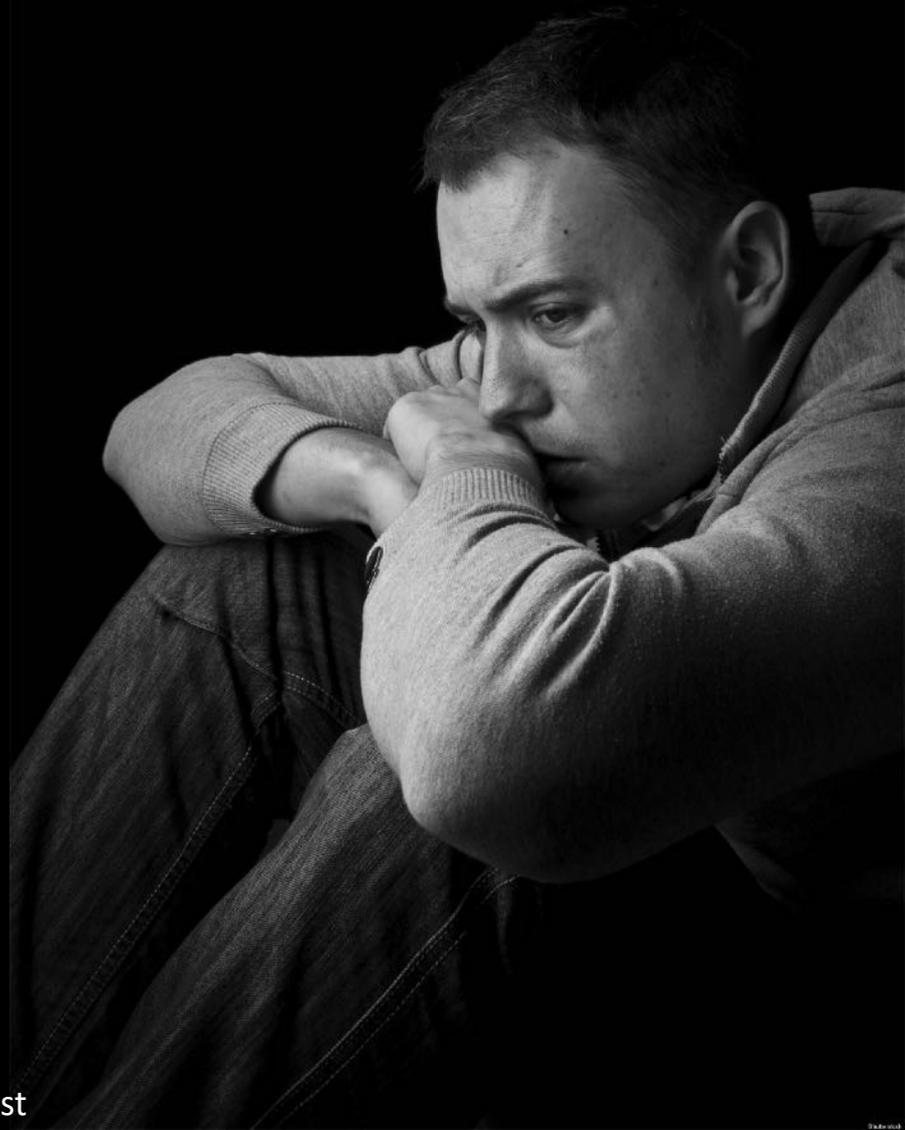
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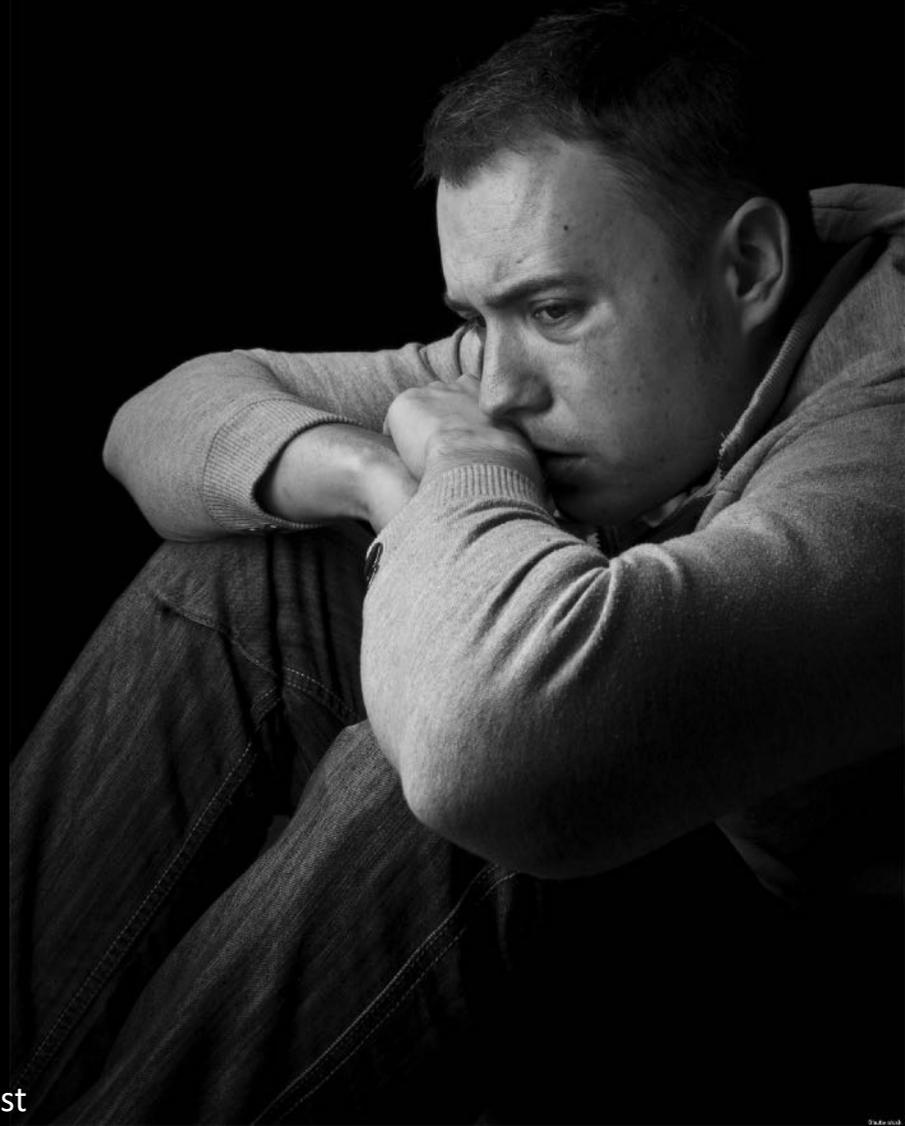
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**The pain is part
of the plan.**



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Mom, it's not brave. It's just honest. The Lord promises me a perfect resurrection, right? So the worst I can do is end up all well forever. That's not bad.



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Jesus Rebukes Peter
James Tissot
1890



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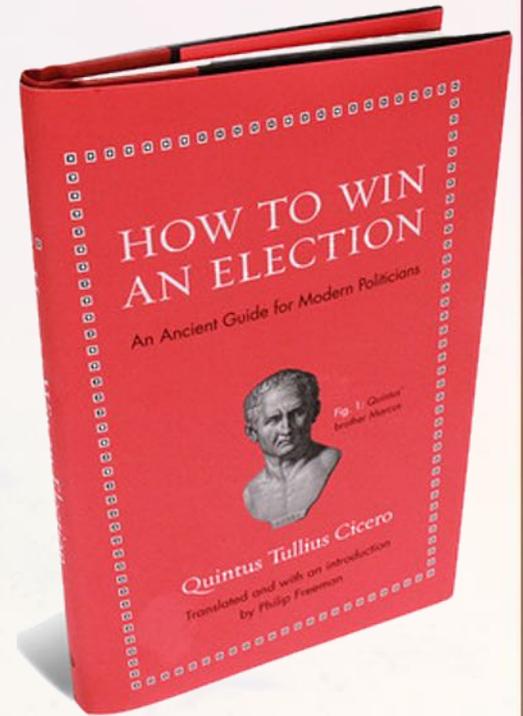
**You are the
Christ, the
Son of God!**

I promise you if I'm elected president, you're going to see the single most important thing that changes America – we're going to cure cancer. June 10, 2019



I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for it. Mark my words. July 13, 2015

Remember Cotta, that master of campaigning, who said he would promise anything, unless some clear obligation prevented him, but only lived up to those promises that benefited him...People will be much angrier with a candidate who refuses to make promises than with one who, once elected, breaks them. – *Letter on Elections*, Quintus Cicero, 64 B.C.

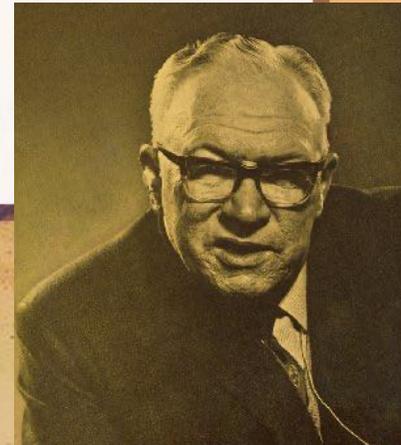


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The tempter can make no more terrible attack than when he attacks in the voice of those who love us, and who think they seek only our good. That is what happened to Jesus that day; that is why He answered so sternly. Not even the pleading voice of love must silence for us the imperious voice of God.

– William Barclay, *The Gospel of Mark*



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Pam Wishbow 1988

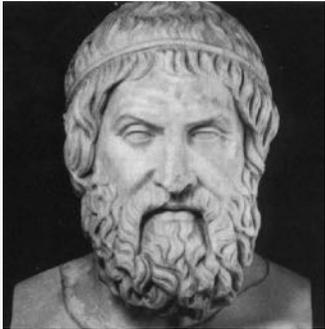
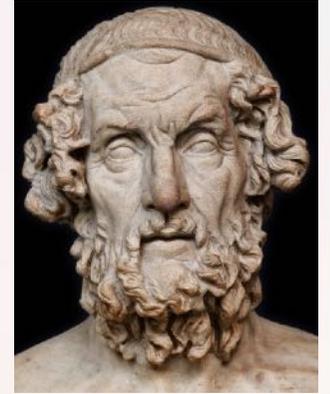
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- In Homer's *Odyssey* (23, lines 10-14) *phroneo* is employed in this exact same construction to depict how a human mind is either moving toward soundness or sickness.



- Aeschylus uses *phroneo* in his play *Persae* (lines 808-828) to show the divide between humility and arrogance.
- In *Prometheus Vinctus* (line 1000), Aeschylus again utilizes *phroneo* to contrast presumption with rational thinking.

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Premise: Christians throughout history have tended to react to the pressing immediacy of life by either completely withdrawing from the world or becoming consumed by stuff of earth. Each response is understandable yet unacceptable for a follower of Jesus. We are called to follow Jesus, not the world. We are called to engage the world in Christ, not withdraw. The only solution is to let our eyes become filled with the wonder of Jesus. In His passion and resurrection, the most elaborate Roman triumph is put to shame.

The wonder of this changes everything. When God's concerns fill my thoughts, I see His deep care for humans. When God's concerns are my concerns, following Jesus becomes an honor instead of a burden. When God's concerns guide my thinking, my soul is unruffled by either the press of time or the immediacy of events around me.

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**“...but stay: follow the deer
By these tall firs and our fast-falling burns;
So make thy manhood mightier day by day;
Sweet is the chase: and I will seek thee out
Some comfortable bride and fair, to grace
Thy climbing life, and cherish my prone year”
– Alfred, Lord Tennyson, *“Gareth and Lynette”* in
*Idylls of the King***

**“O Mother,
How can ye keep me tethered to you – Shame.
Man am I grown, a man’s work must I do.
Follow the deer? follow the Christ, the King,
Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King –
Else, wherefore born?”**

– Alfred, Lord Tennyson, “*Gareth and Lynette*” in *Idylls of the King*



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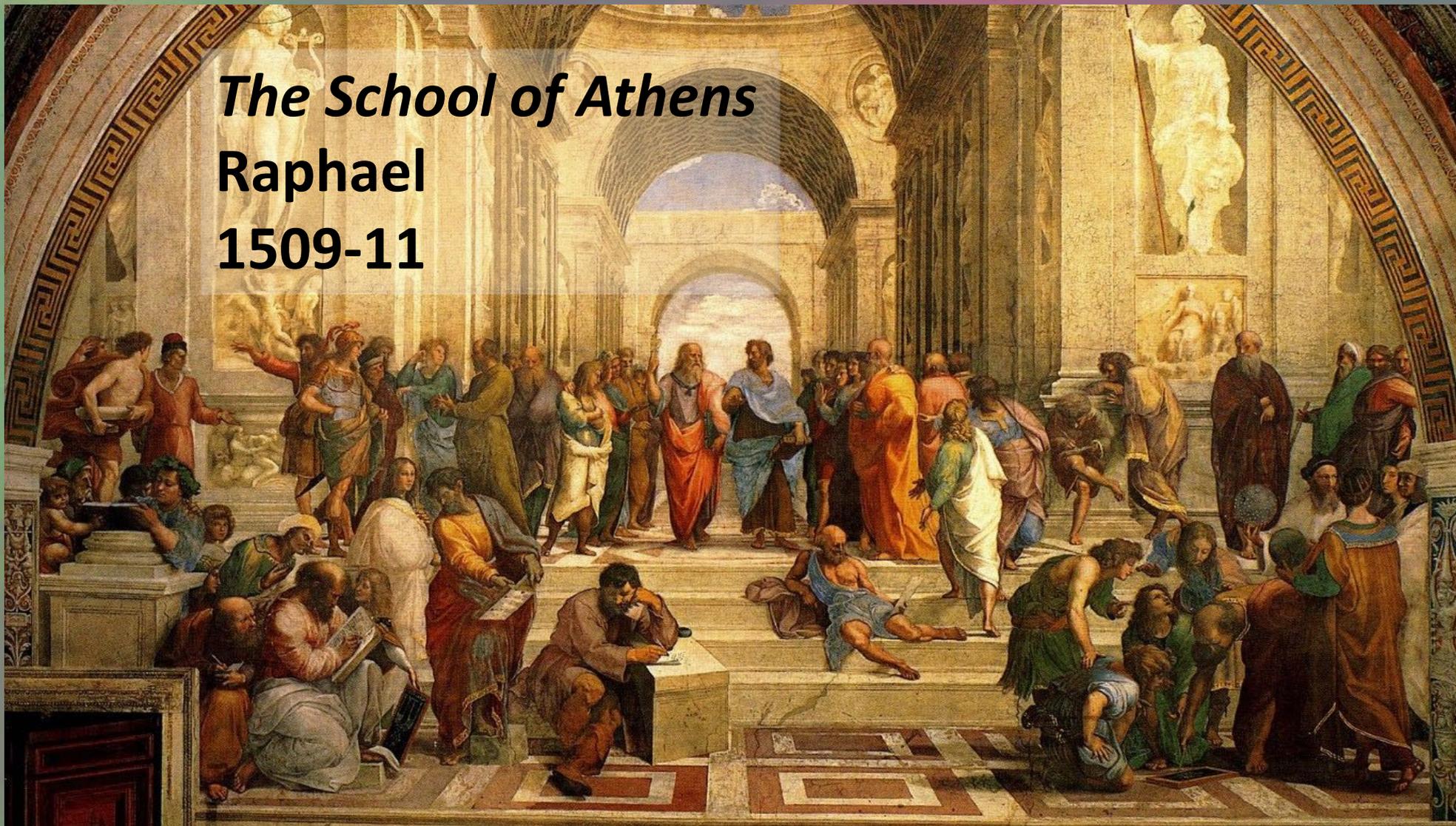
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The School of Athens
Raphael
1509-11

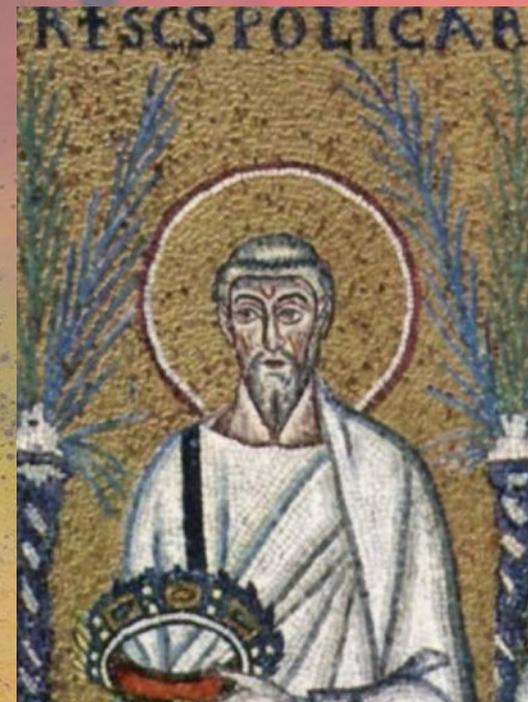
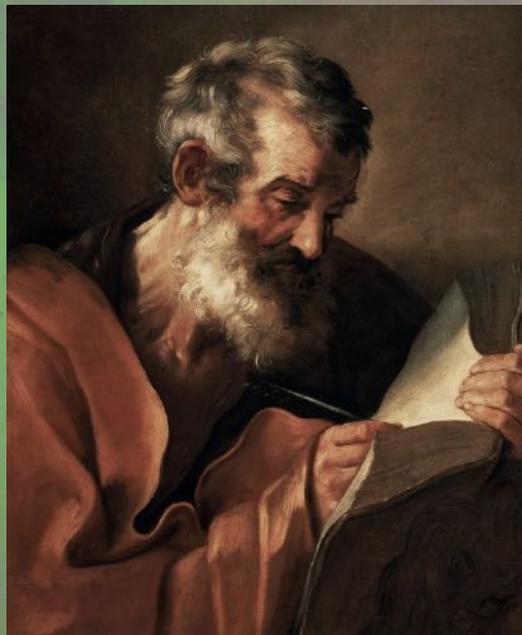
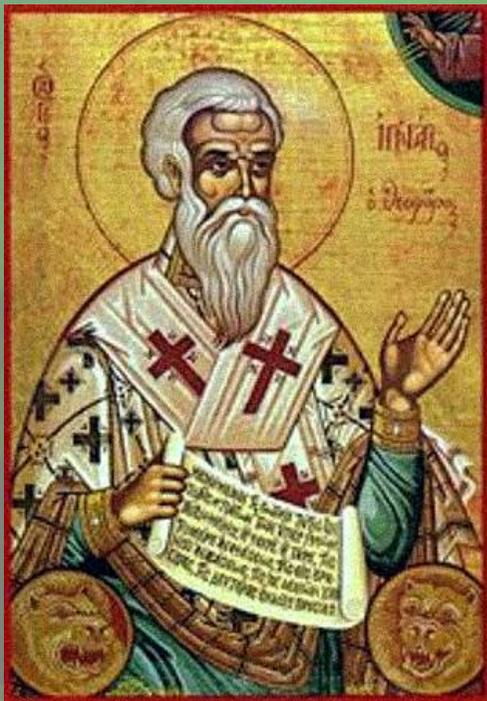


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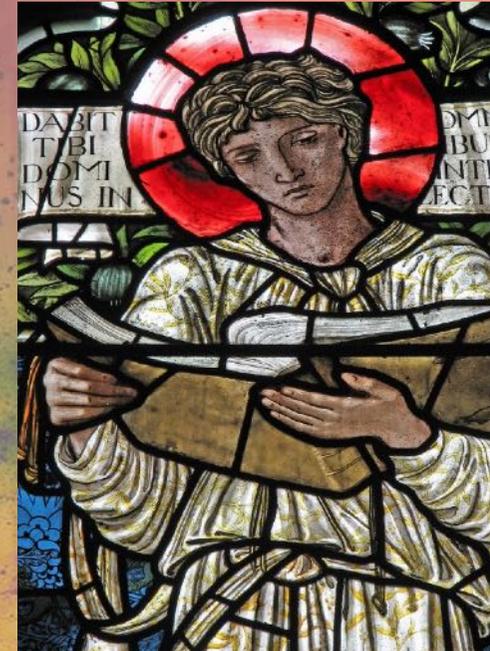
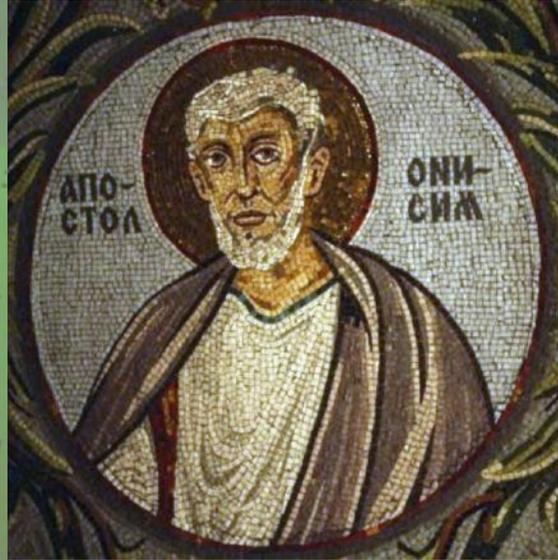
Plato [and other famous teachers] all used disciple to mean “learner” or “one who is a diligent student.”

– Bill Hull, *The Complete Book of Discipleship*

Some disciples of Peter and John



Some disciples of Saul/Paul



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Romans 13

**¹⁴ But put on
the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision
for the flesh
to gratify its desires.**

CSB



Nero never denied himself.

Paul (and according to legend, Peter) denied self before Nero.

The effect of self-denial can be seen in this...two thousand years later, we name our sons Paul and our dogs Nero. – Ray Steadman, *The Ruler Who Serves*



courtesy The Vatican

**Well if I come across a little bit distant
It's just because I am
Things just seem to feel a little bit different
You understand
Believe it or not, life is not apparently
About me anyways
But I have met the One who really is worthy
So let me say**



So long, self

Well, it's been fun, but I have found somebody else

So long, self

There's just no room for two

So you are gonna have to move

So long, self

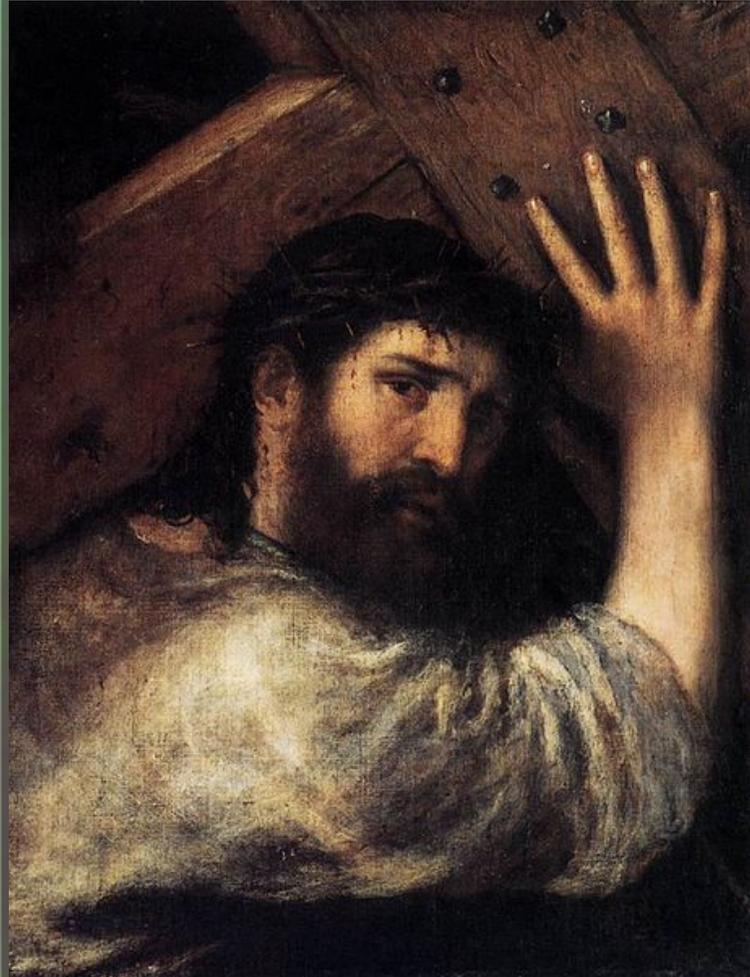
Don't take this wrong but you are wrong for me, farewell

Oh well, goodbye, don't cry

So long, self



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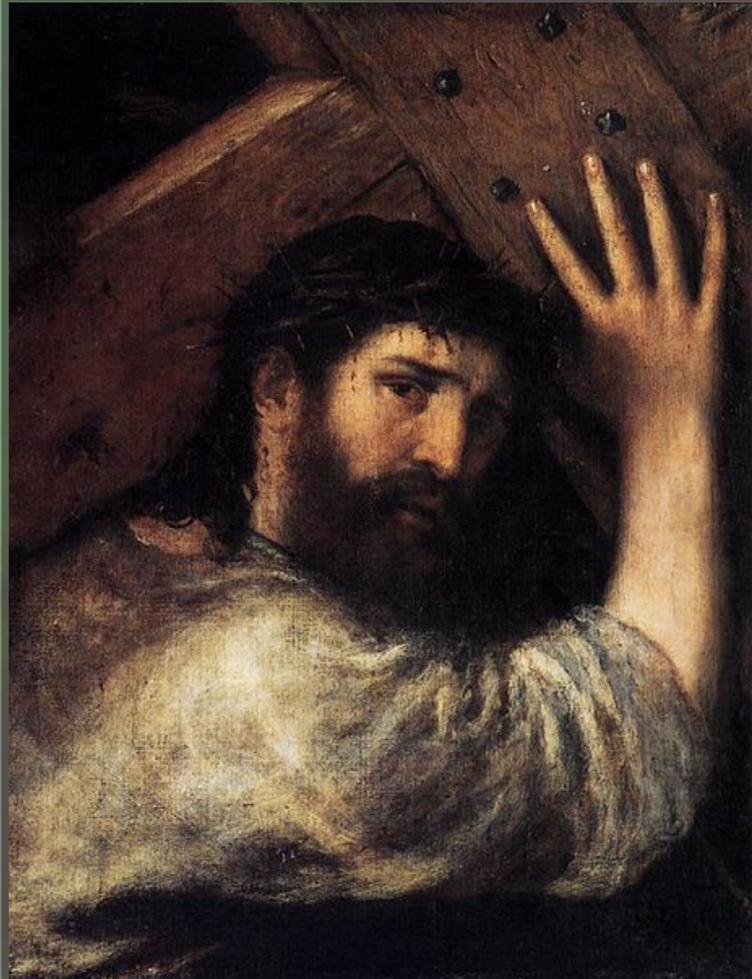


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Christ carrying the cross

Titian

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To willingly take up a cross means to welcome exposure, marginalization, and minimization. It means to walk towards the diminishment of control, power, self-righteousness, and public importance. It is the ultimate in surrender and the opposite of a Roman-era ruler.



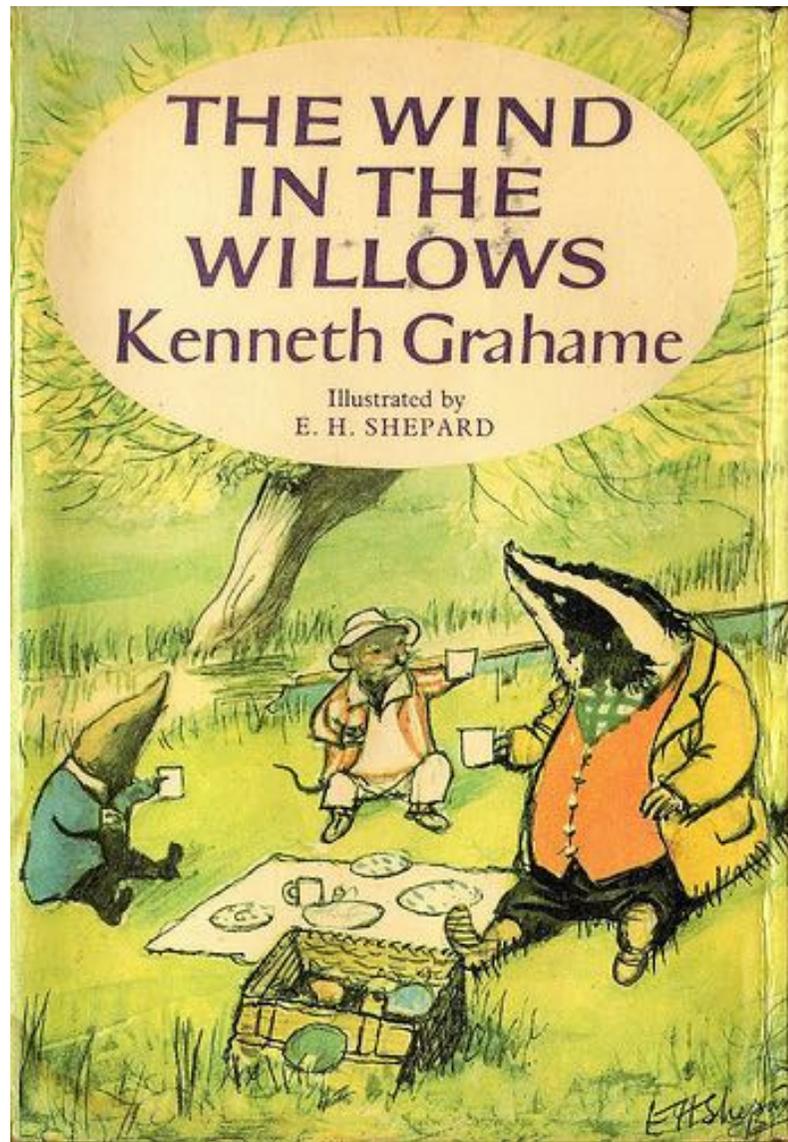
"Look, there goes the great,
Mr Toad"

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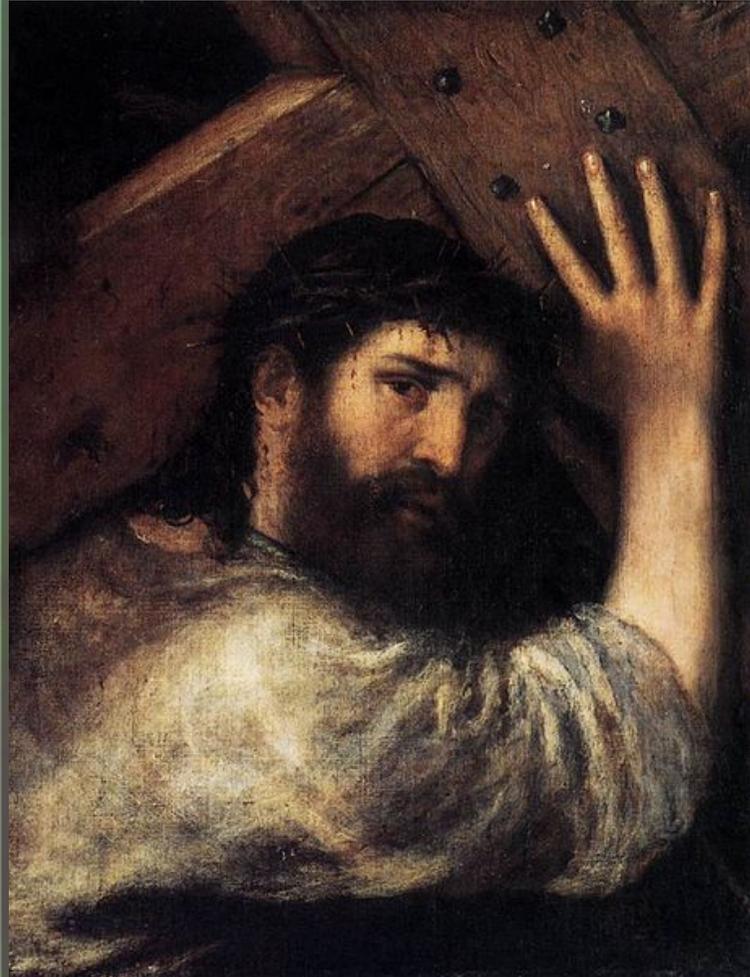
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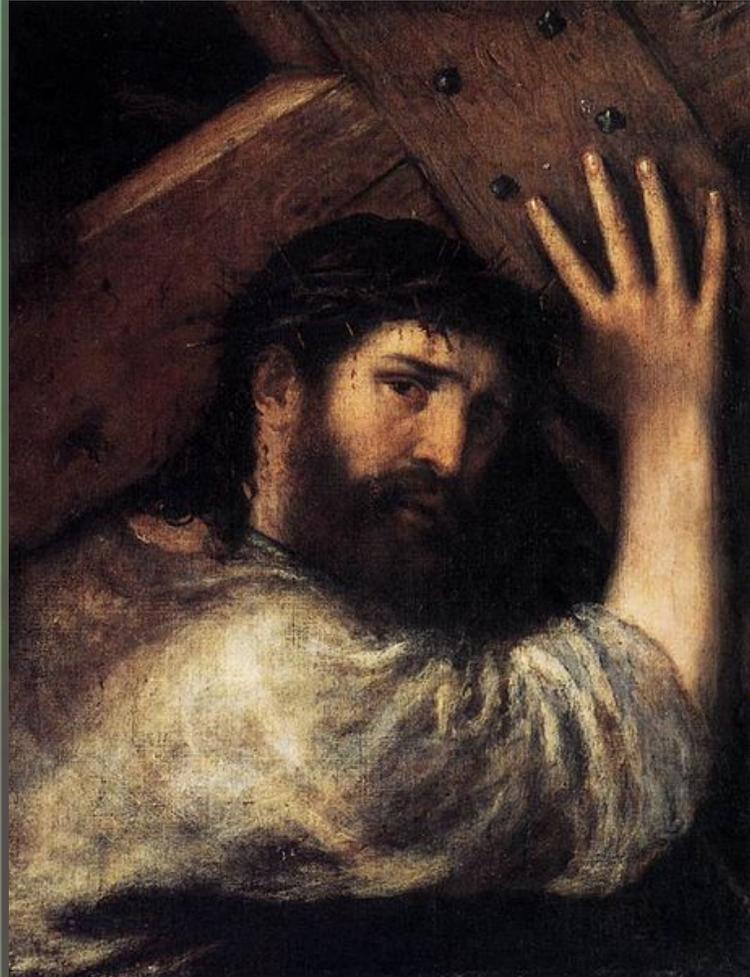
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**It's too hard.
This isn't what I
signed up for!**





courtesy Feisal Omar/Reuters

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Ephesians 6



**¹⁰ Finally,
be strengthened by the Lord
and by his vast strength. ^{CSB}**

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35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and the gospel will save it. 36 For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and yet lose his life? 37 What can anyone give in exchange for his life?

Greek: ψυχή psyche

- 1) soul or life**
- 2) a metaphor for things dearer than life.**



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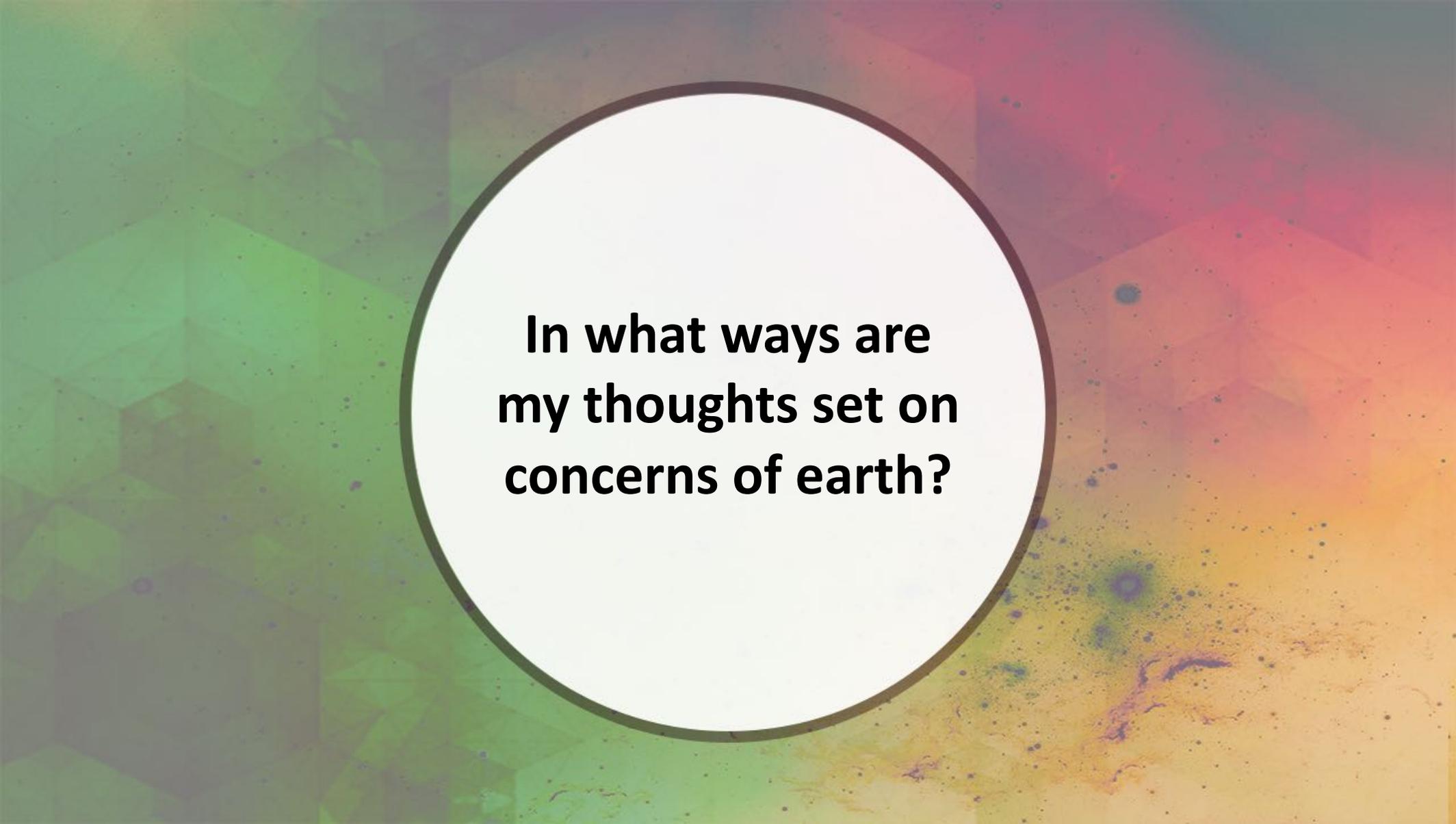


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The shepherd would have noticed later and gone back. By then the ram would have finished the flower and would be wandering around lost, the fun of disobedience long gone. The shepherd boy would find him, strike him with his stick, and lead him back to the others. But when they arrived, it would be time to move on. That ram wouldn't get any of the field of flowers.

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of overlapping geometric shapes, primarily hexagons and pentagons, in shades of green, blue, yellow, and red. The colors transition from cool greens and blues on the left to warm yellows and oranges on the right. A large, white circle with a dark, thin border is centered on the page, containing the text.

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- **What is one thing I know needs to change now for me to better obey Jesus?**

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