



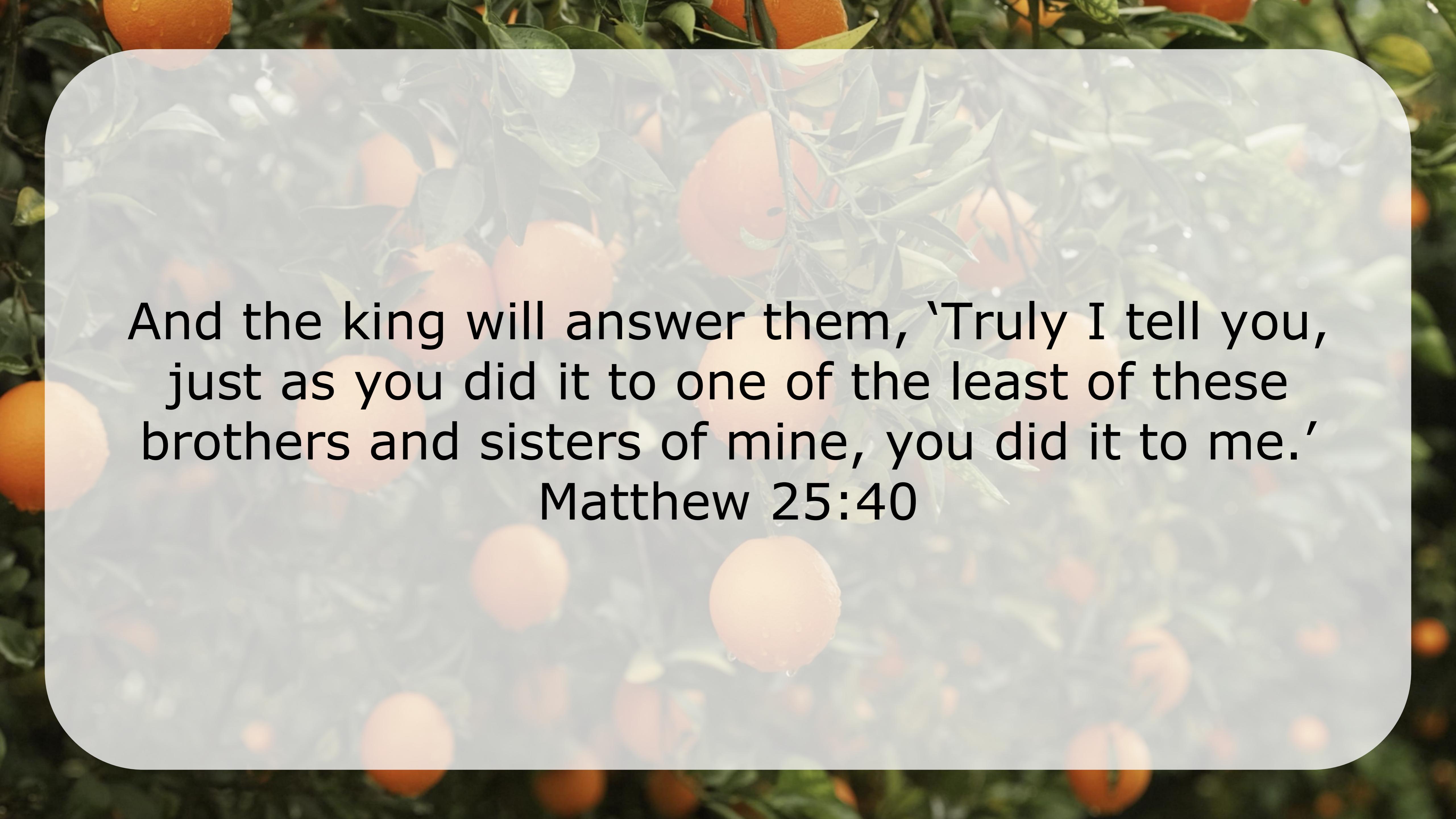


AWAKENED TO GRACE

WEEK 6 • SERVICE

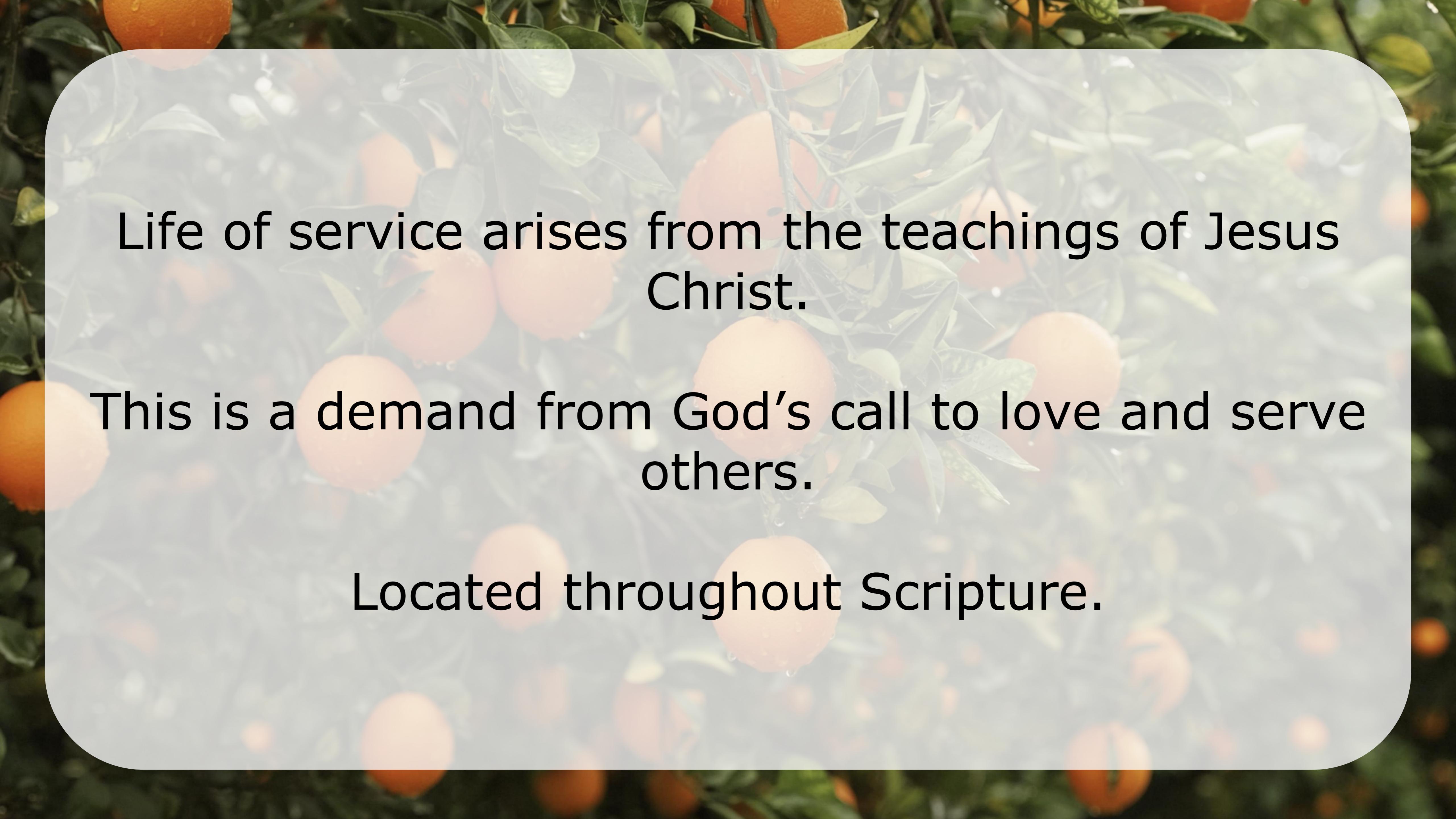


AWAKENED THROUGH SERVICE



And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you,
just as you did it to one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:40



Life of service arises from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

This is a demand from God's call to love and serve others.

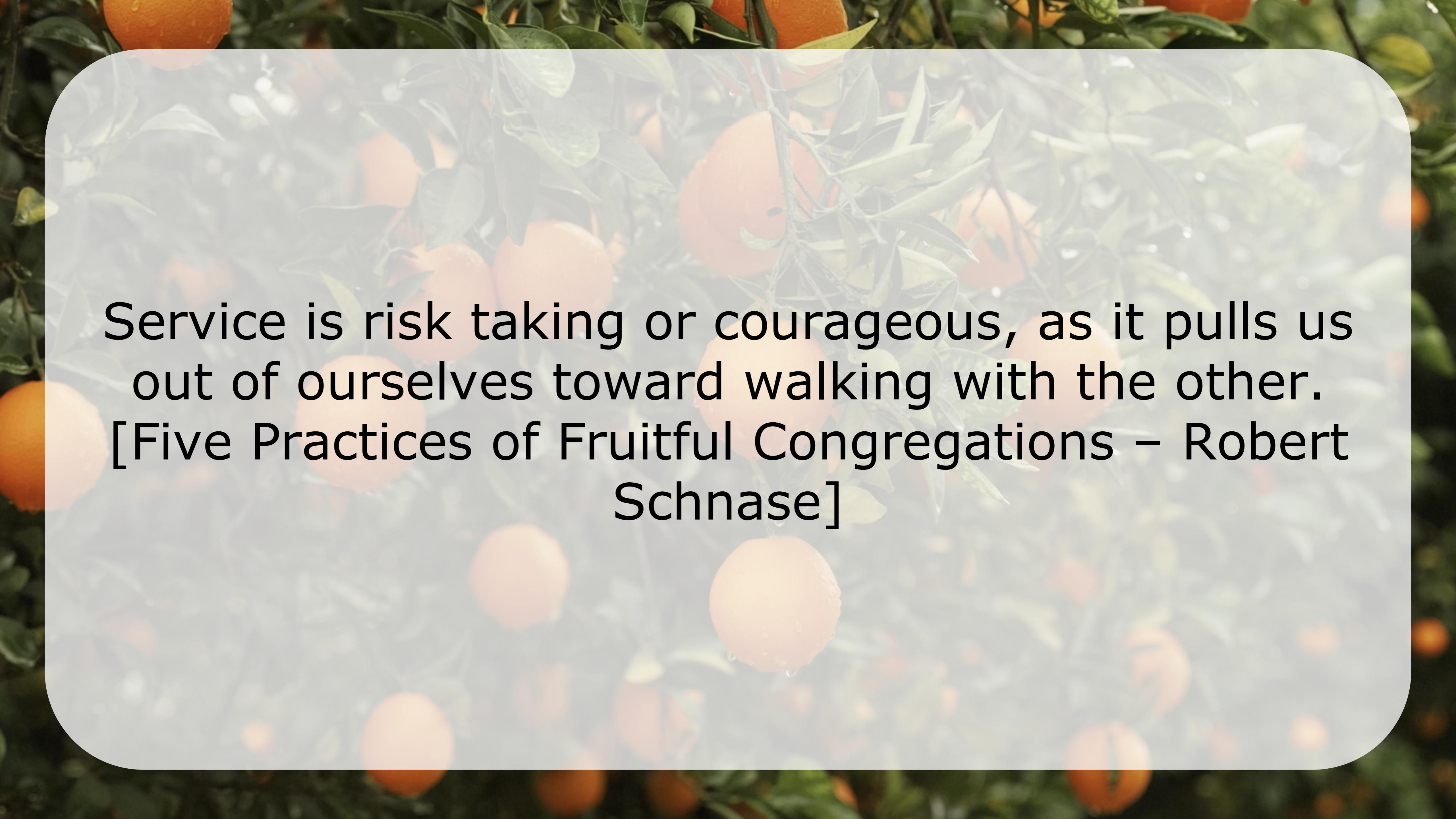
Located throughout Scripture.

³ The LORD proclaims: Do what is just and right; rescue the oppressed from the power of the oppressor. Don't exploit or mistreat the refugee, the orphan, and the widow. Don't spill the blood of the innocent in this place.

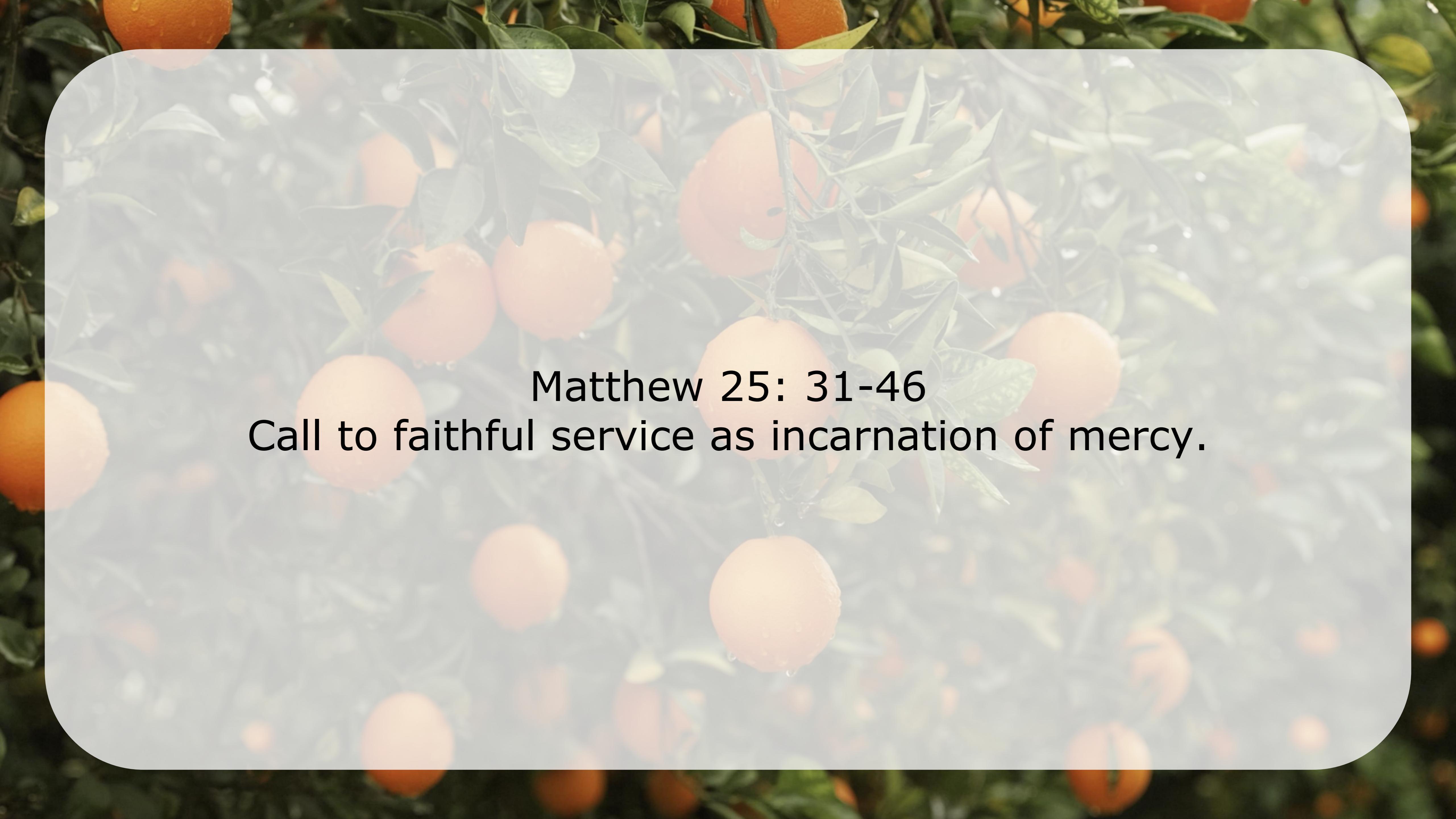
Jer.22:3

¹⁰ And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. 1

Peter 4:10 CEB



Service is risk taking or courageous, as it pulls us out of ourselves toward walking with the other.
[Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations – Robert Schnase]



Matthew 25: 31-46
Call to faithful service as incarnation of mercy.



Life of mercy in service mirrors Christ to the world

Feeding the hungry

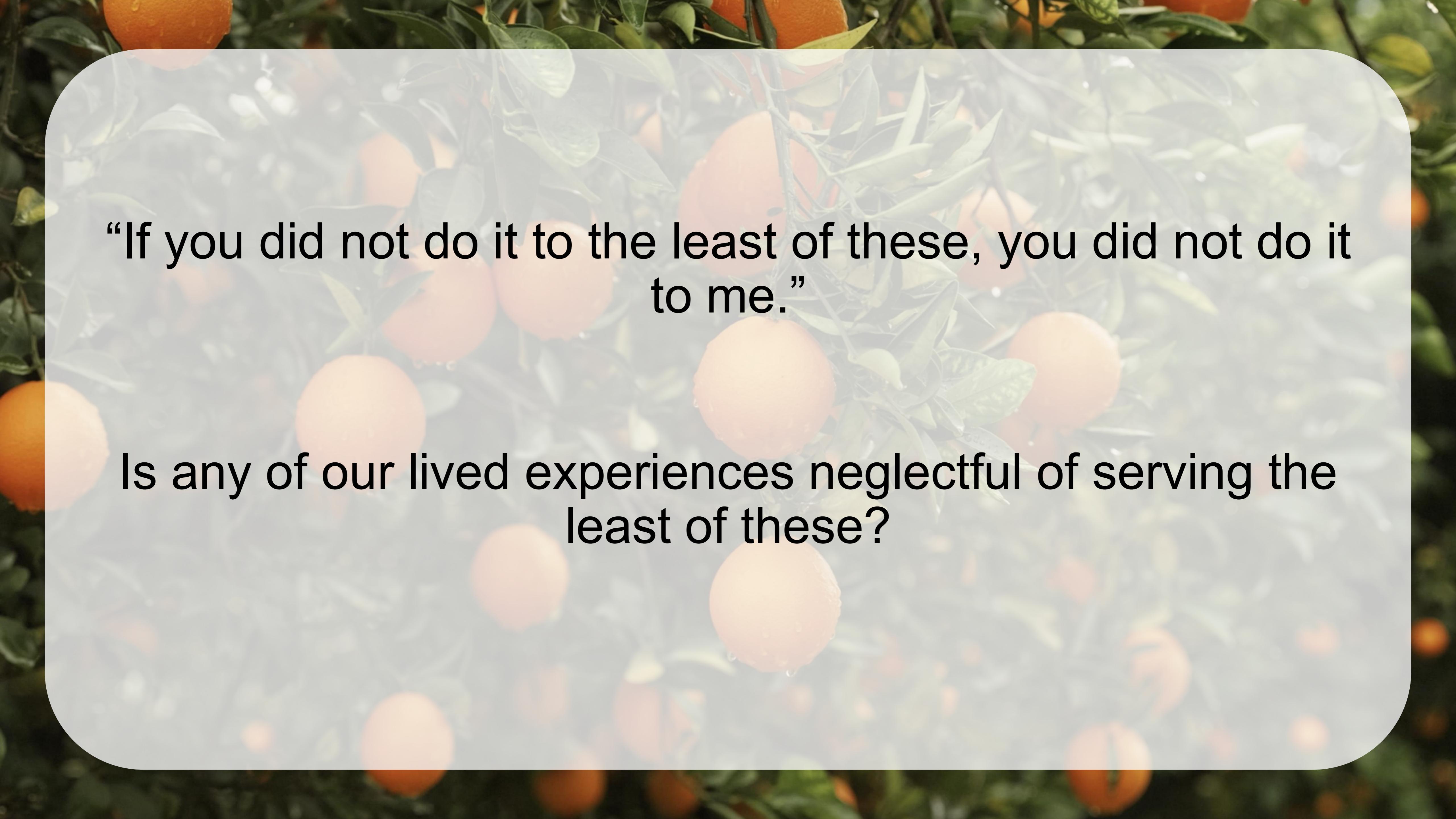
Giving the thirsty drink

Welcoming the stranger

Clothing the naked

Caring for the sick

Visiting the imprisoned



“If you did not do it to the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

Is any of our lived experiences neglectful of serving the least of these?



BEGIN LENT SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

FASTING for ASH WEDNESDAY

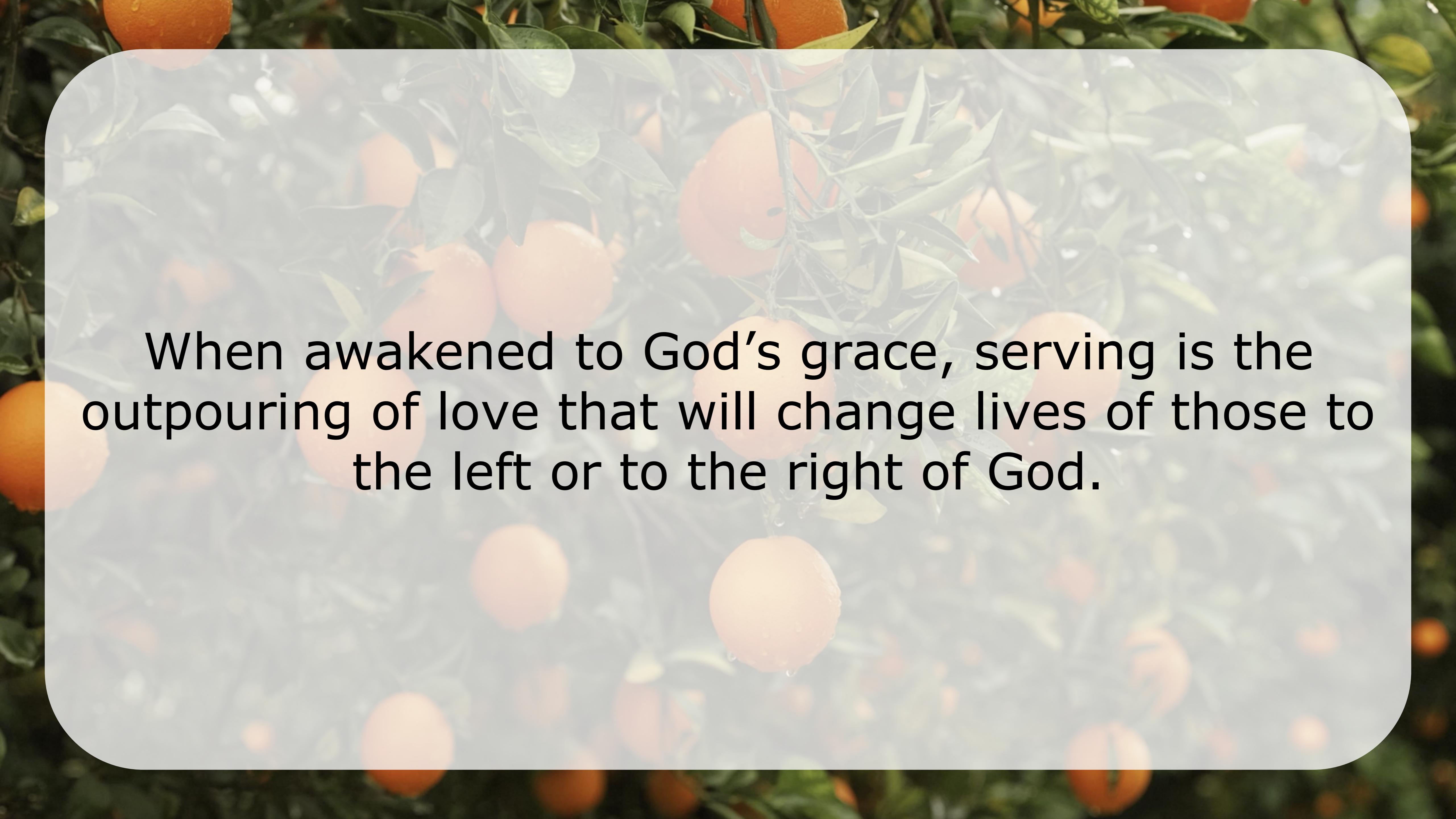
With Scripture reading

And Prayer

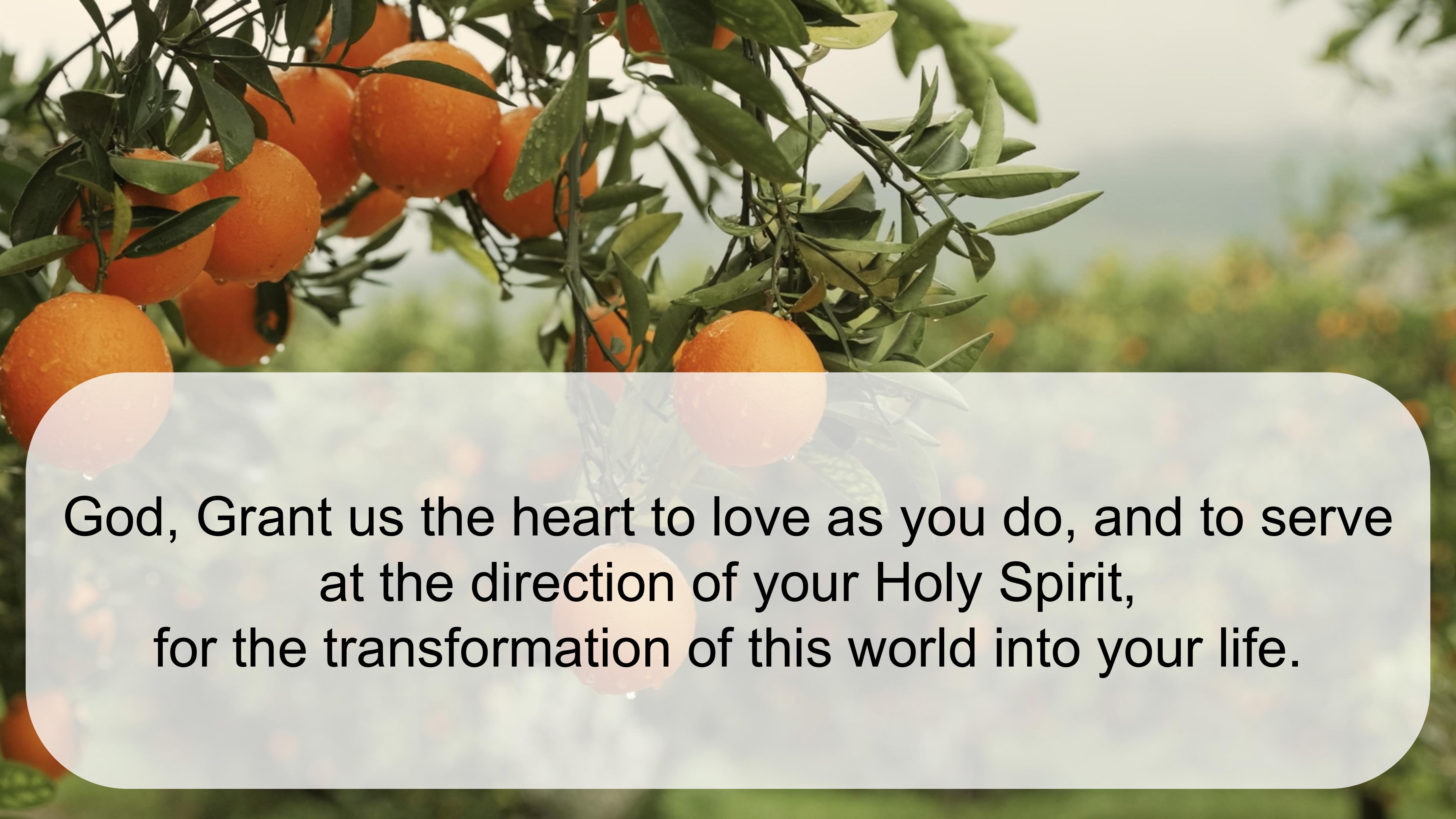
Listening in stillness to the Holy Spirit.



Join weekly fasting and
prayers
using
Awakened to Grace
devotional,
Other devotionals,
Daily scripture readings,
And
our Church App.



When awakened to God's grace, serving is the outpouring of love that will change lives of those to the left or to the right of God.



God, Grant us the heart to love as you do, and to serve
at the direction of your Holy Spirit,
for the transformation of this world into your life.

