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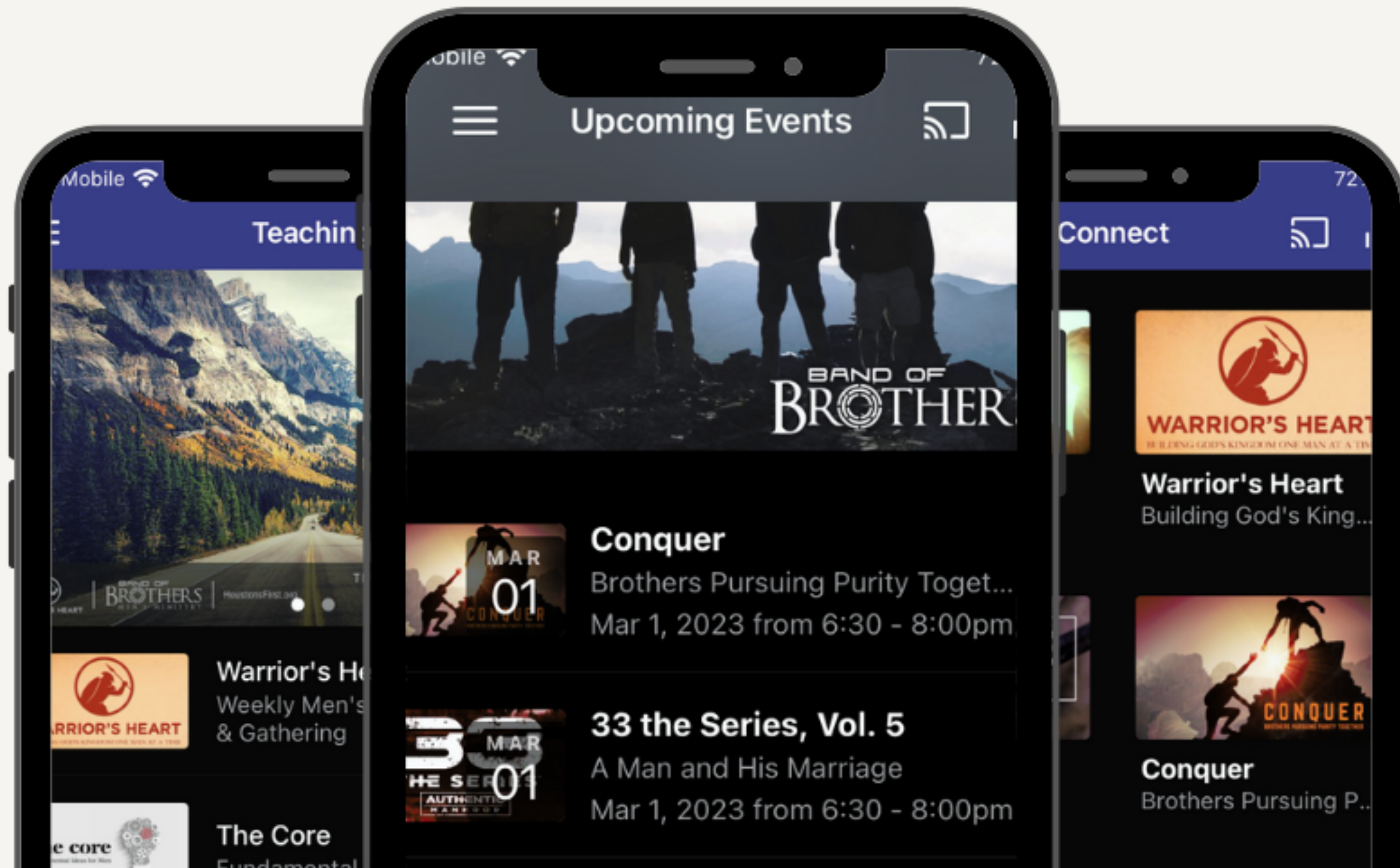
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# Previously...



- Likely the earliest Gospel that is written.
- Also known as the “Gospel of Peter”...lots of action (40x-immediately or “at once”) and little reflection...
- Mark’s purpose is to show Christ as the Son of God who is the Good News and how we are to live in light of how He lived.
- Capernaum was Christ’s launching pad for ministry...driving out unclean spirits on the Sabbath, healing Simon Peter’s mother-in-law.
- Late in evening...whole town shows up for healing. Late night.

# Mark 1:35-45



<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He got up, went out, and made His way to a deserted place. And He was praying there. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went searching for Him.

<sup>37</sup> They found Him and said, “Everyone’s looking for You!”

<sup>38</sup> And He said to them, “Let’s go on to the neighboring villages so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come.” <sup>39</sup> So He went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

<sup>40</sup> Then a man with a serious skin disease came to Him and, on his knees, begged Him: “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

<sup>41</sup> Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched him. “I am willing,” He told him. “Be made clean.” <sup>42</sup> Immediately the disease left him, and he was healed. <sup>43</sup> Then He sternly warned him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> telling him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go and show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses prescribed for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” <sup>45</sup> Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely and to spread the news, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly. But He was out in deserted places, and they would come to Him from everywhere.

# Mark 1:35



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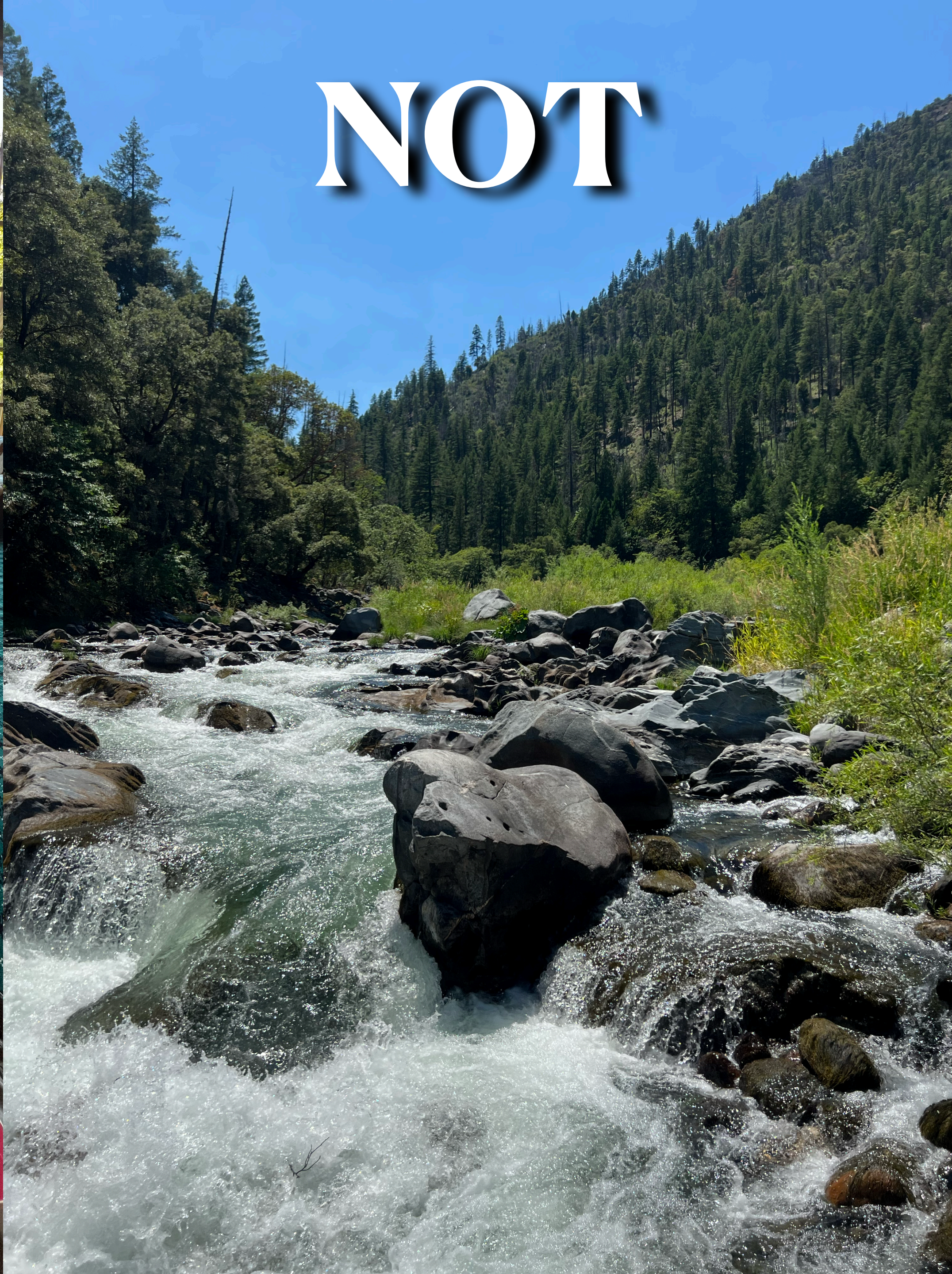
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***And He was praying there.***

# Mark 1:35



- 1. The Supreme Priority of Prayer**
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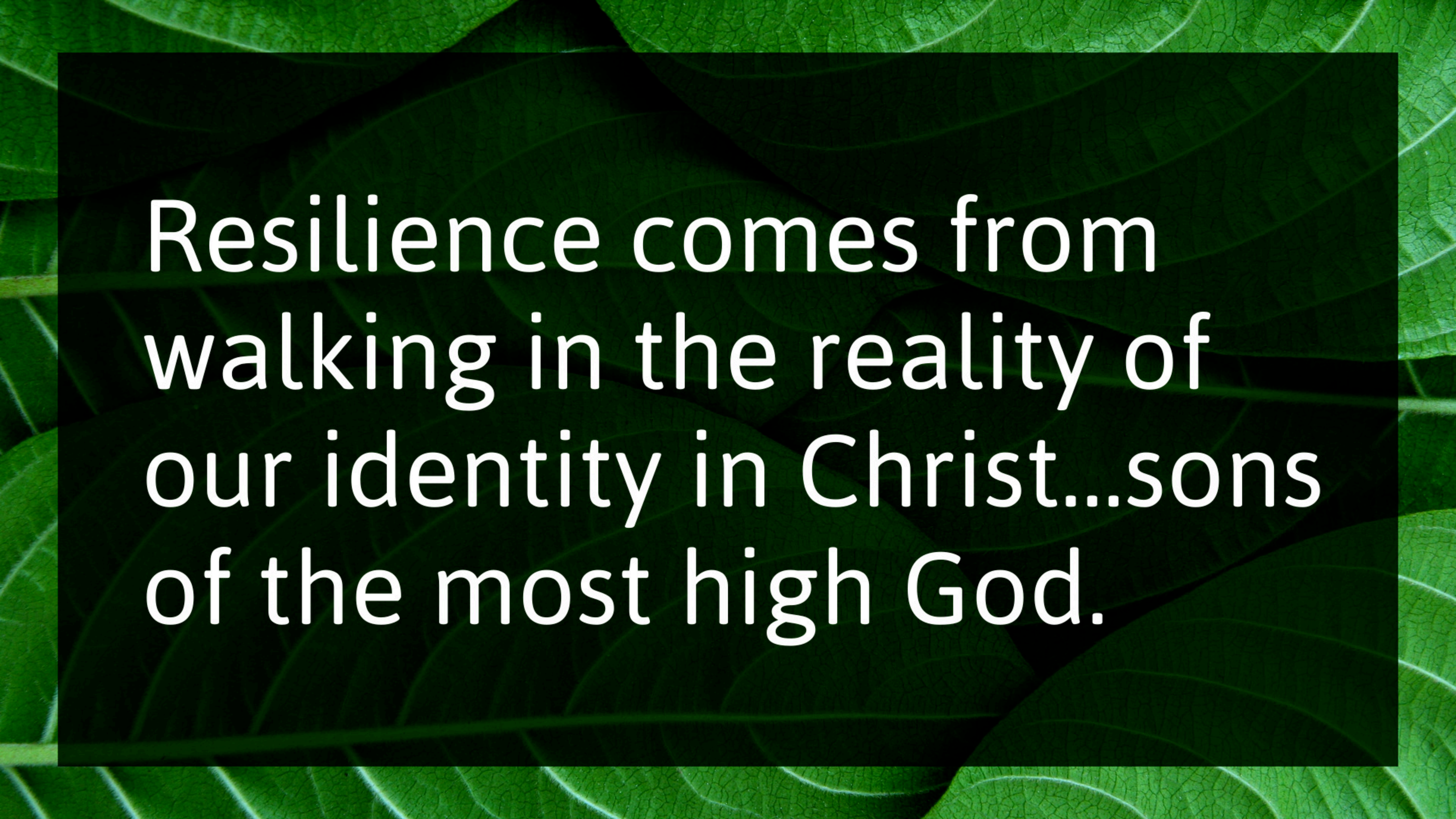




# Mark 1:35



- 1. The Supreme Priority of Prayer**
- 2. The Power of Prayer is Rooted in Sonship**

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Resilience comes from  
walking in the reality of  
our identity in Christ...sons  
of the most high God.

“I have so much to do today  
that I’m going to need to  
spend three hours in prayer in  
order to be able to get it all  
done.”

Martin Luther



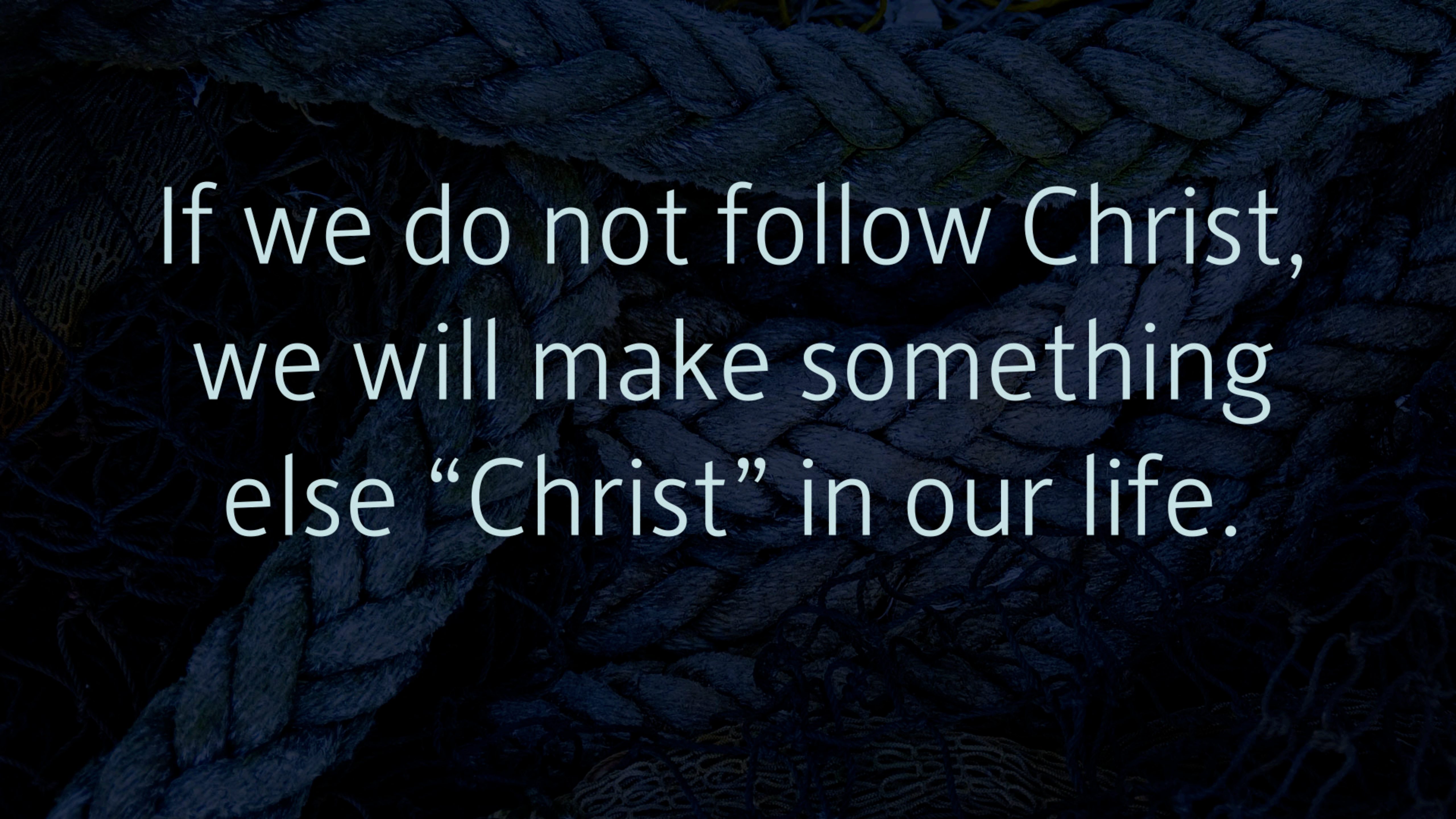
**We are far too quick  
to ask Google and far  
too slow to ask God!**

# Mark 1:36-37



<sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went searching for Him. <sup>37</sup> They found Him and said, “Everyone’s looking for You!”

***“Everyone’s looking for You!”***



If we do not follow Christ,  
we will make something  
else “Christ” in our life.

# Mark 1:38



<sup>38</sup> And He said to them, “Let’s go on to the neighboring villages so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come.”

***...so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come.***

Christ did not come to be  
the King of Capernaum. He  
came to be the King of  
Kings!



Because you say, 'I'm rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing,' and you don't know that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked,

REVELATION 3:17

# Foundational Truth #1



***Spiritual Healing > Physical Healing***

# Mark 1:39



<sup>39</sup> So He went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

***Preaching... and driving out demons.***


# Foundational Truth #2



***No words without deeds.***

***&***

***No deeds without words.***



Little children, we must  
not love with word or  
speech, but with truth  
and action.

**1 JOHN 3:18**

# Mark 1:40



<sup>40</sup> Then a man with a serious skin disease came to Him and, on his knees, begged Him: “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

***Describe how this man approaches Christ.***

***What stands out to you?***

# Mark 1:40



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***“came to Him...”***

***“...on his knees, begged Him:”***

***“If You are willing, You can make me clean.”***

“The person afflicted with an infectious skin disease is to have his clothes torn and his hair hanging loose, and he must cover his mouth and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ He will remain unclean as long as he has the infection; he is unclean. He must live alone in a place outside the camp.”

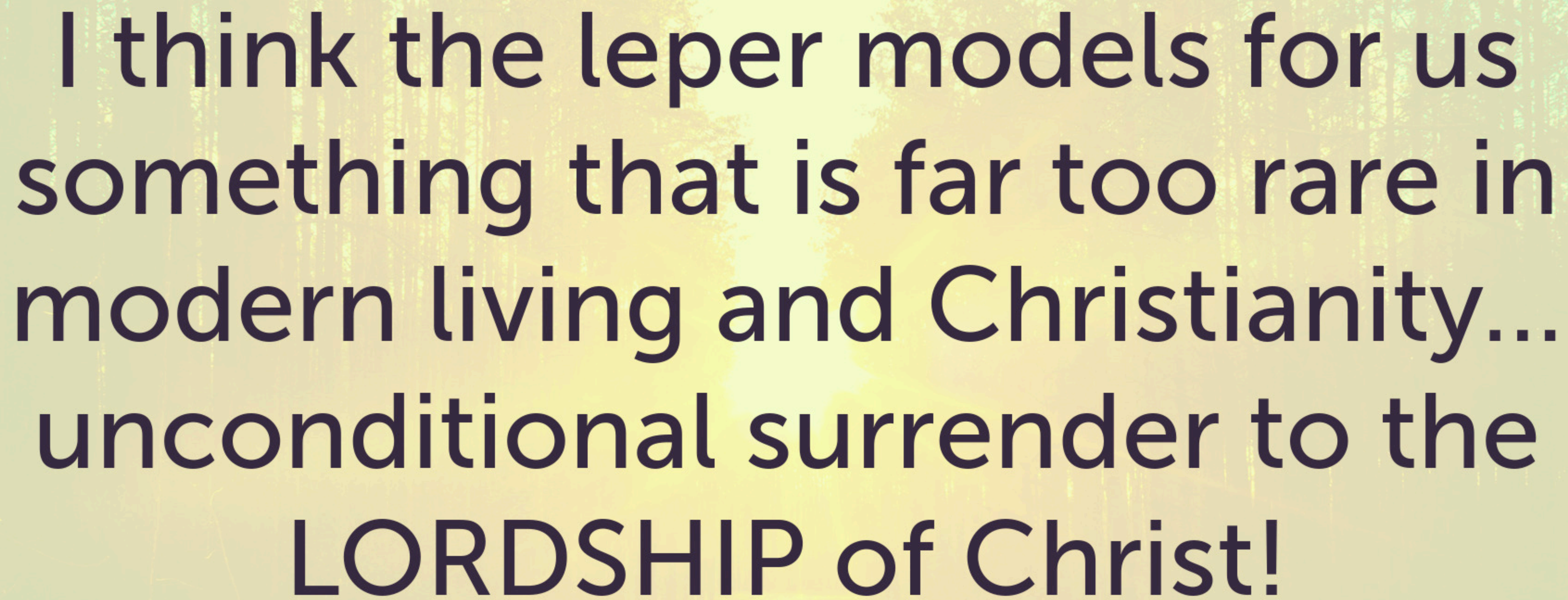
**LEVITICUS 13:45-46**

# Mark 1:40



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***What is the leper demanding?***



I think the leper models for us  
something that is far too rare in  
modern living and Christianity...  
unconditional surrender to the  
**LORDSHIP** of Christ!



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“You’ll never know Jesus  
is all you need until Jesus  
is all you’ve got.”



# Mark 1:41



<sup>41</sup> Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched him. “I am willing,” He told him. “Be made clean.”

***Moved with compassion, Jesus...touched him.***

Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses, and He carried our pains; but we in turn regarded Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds. We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the LORD has punished Him for the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 53:3-5**

# Mark 1:42



42 Immediately the disease left him, and he was healed.

***“Immediately...he was healed.”***

What the Law could  
not do, Christ  
completely does!!!



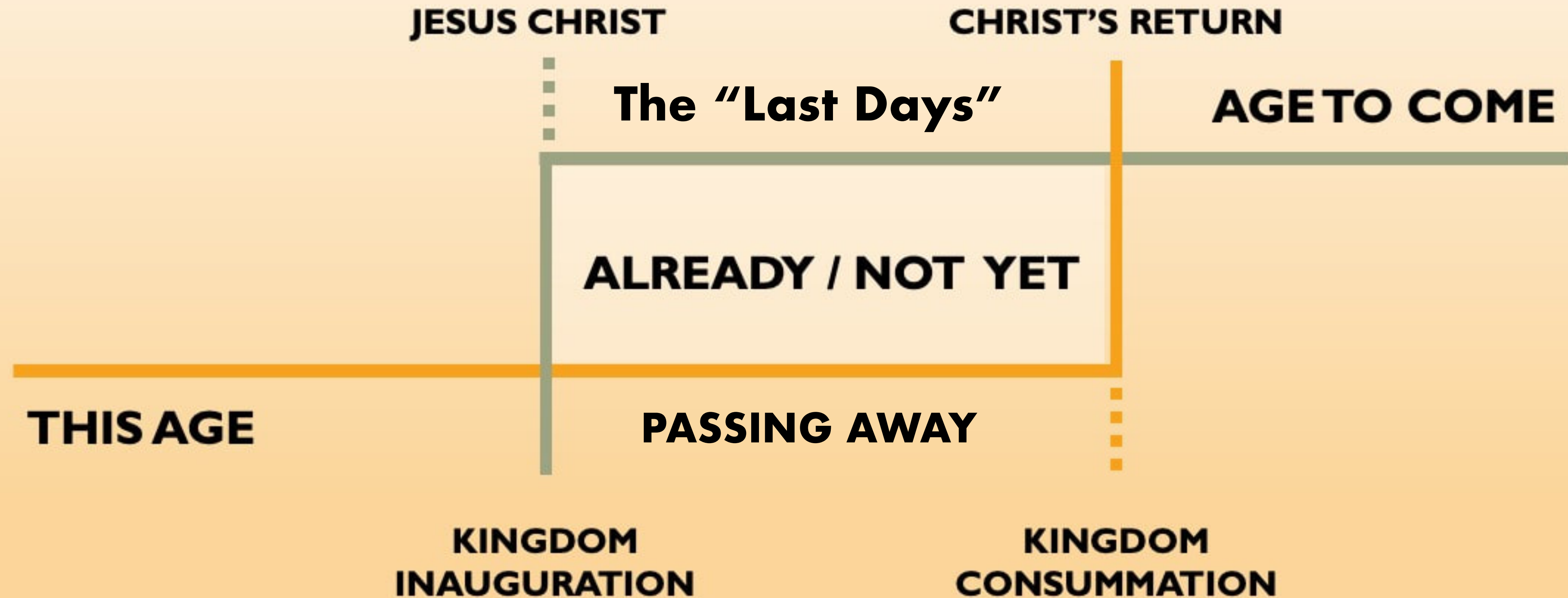
# Mark 1:42



42 Immediately the disease left him, and he was healed.

***When sin and Christ collide,  
Christ wins!***

# The Already, but Not Yet nature of the Kingdom



# Mark 1:43-44



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***“say nothing to anyone...”***

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***“Jesus could no longer enter a town openly.”***

***“He was out in deserted places...”***

# The Great Exchange

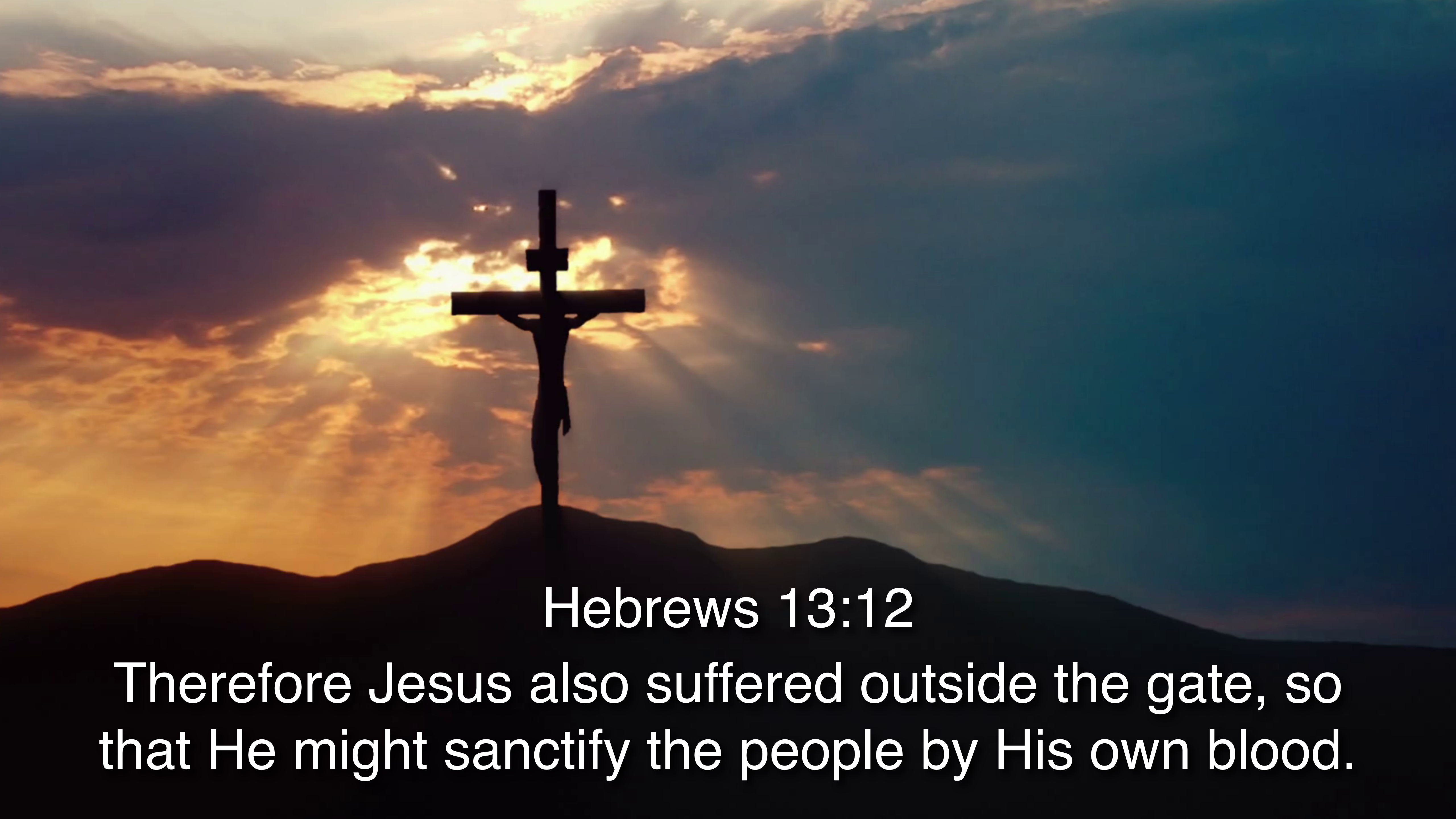


**The Leper and Christ changed places...**

**The Sinners and Christ change places...**

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

**He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**



Hebrews 13:12

Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that He might sanctify the people by His own blood.

# Discussion



1. Where do you get distraction-free time with the Father?
2. What barriers are there for your prayer life?
3. Which is easier for you in ministry to others: Words or Deeds?  
Why do you think that is?
4. How approachable are you, our church, your LBS to outsiders?  
What can help us be more approachable?
5. Have you experienced the Great Exchange in your own life with Christ? Share your story.