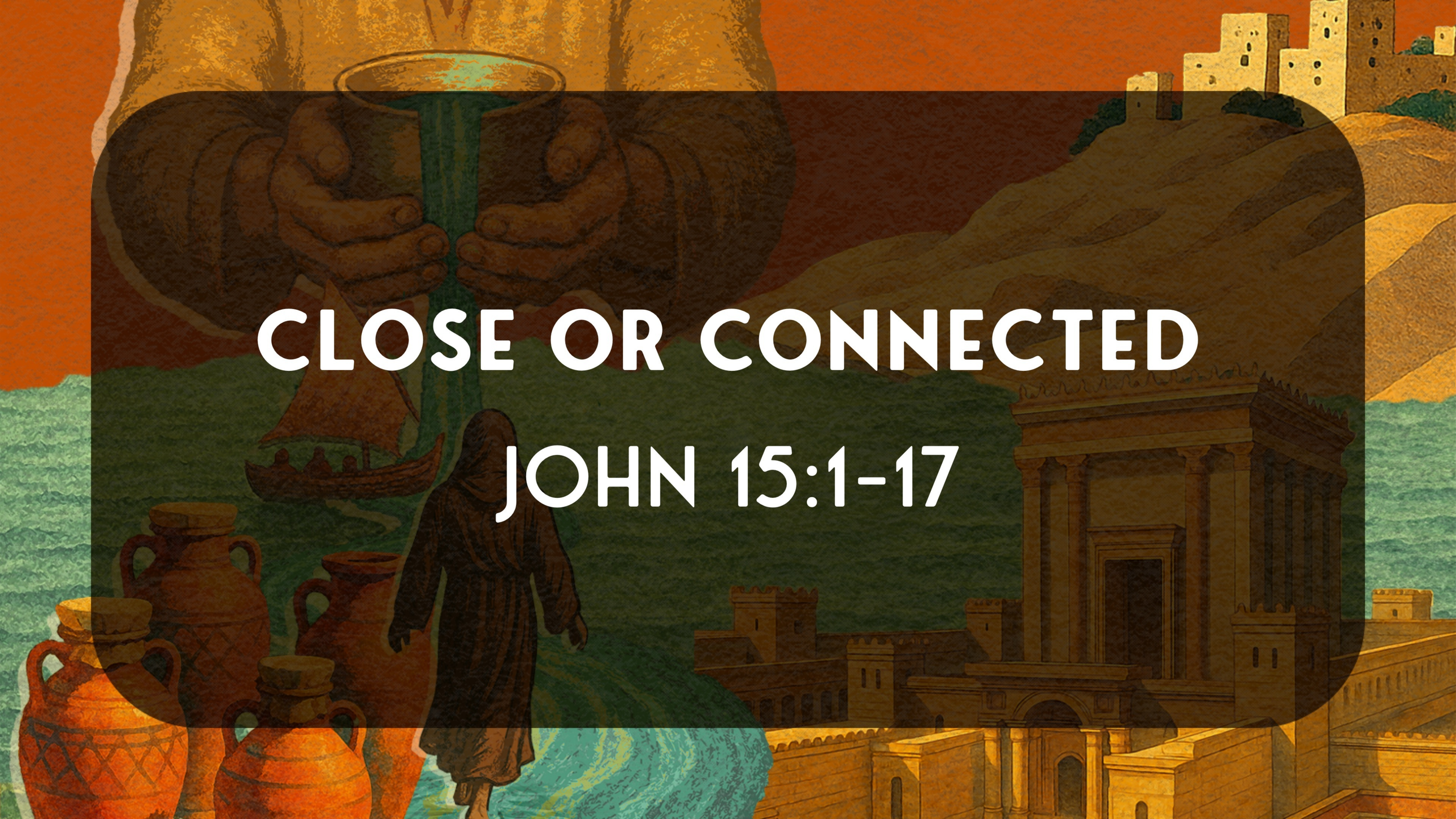
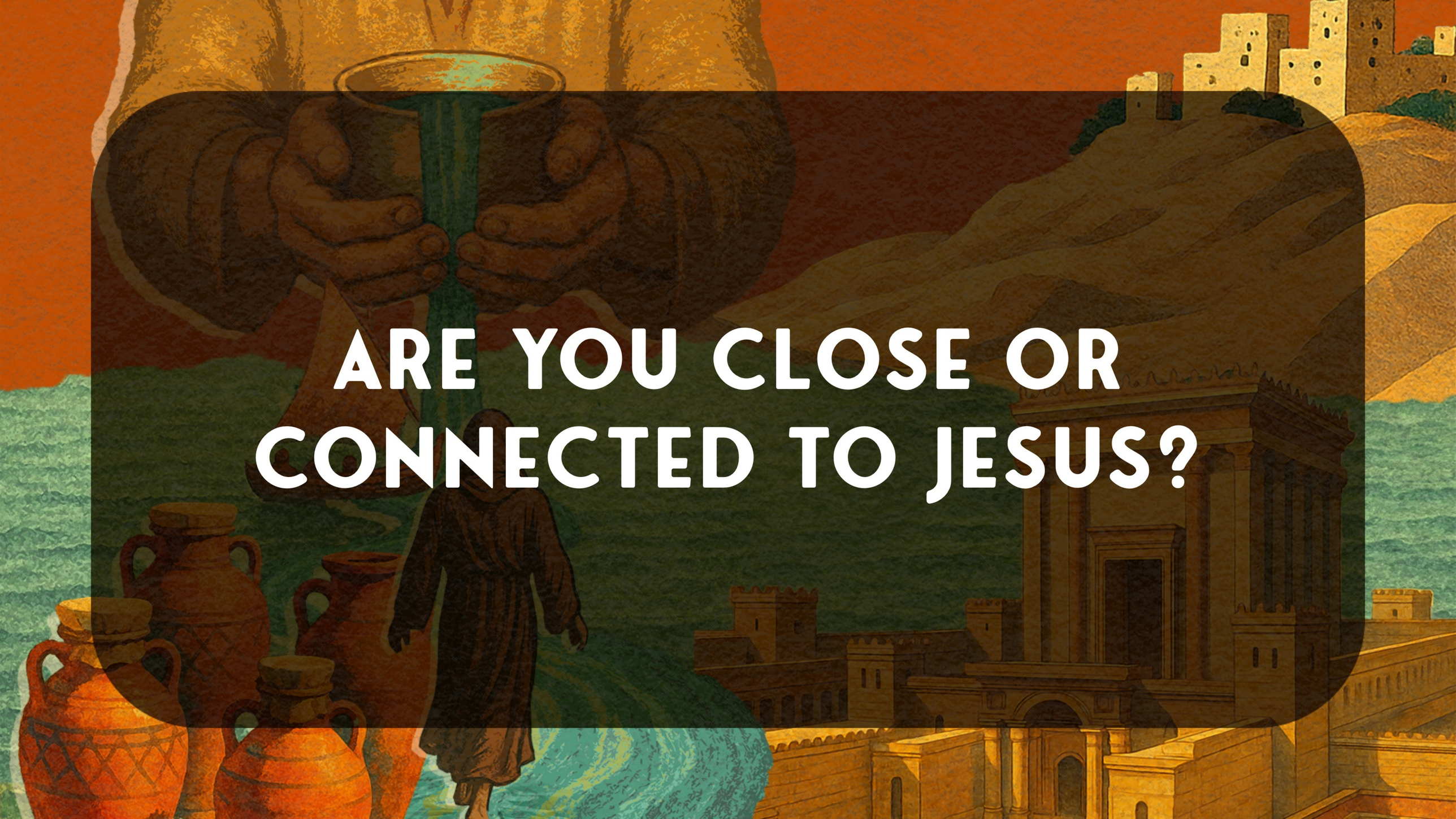
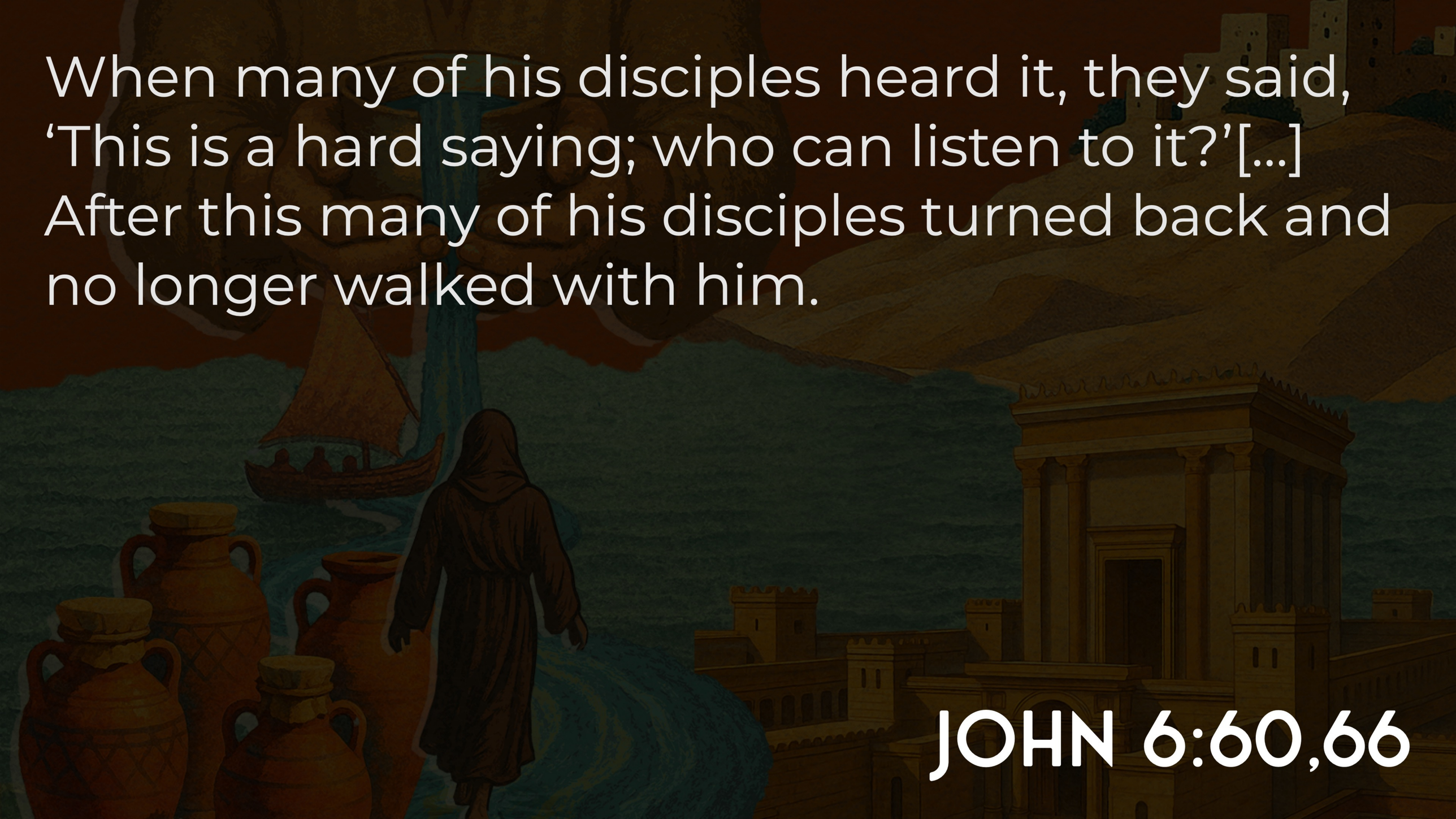
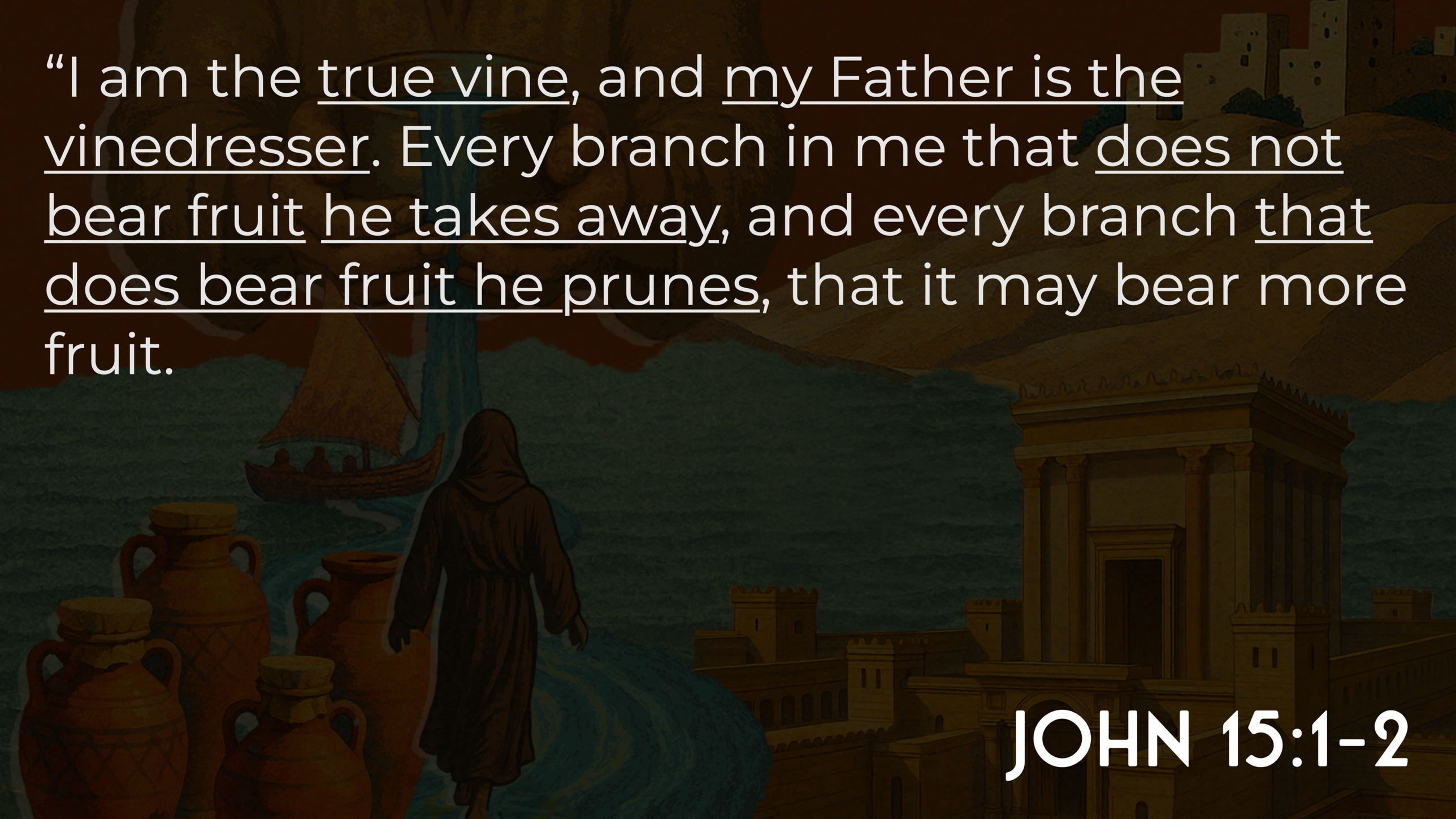

CLOSE OR CONNECTED
JOHN 15:1-17


ARE YOU CLOSE OR
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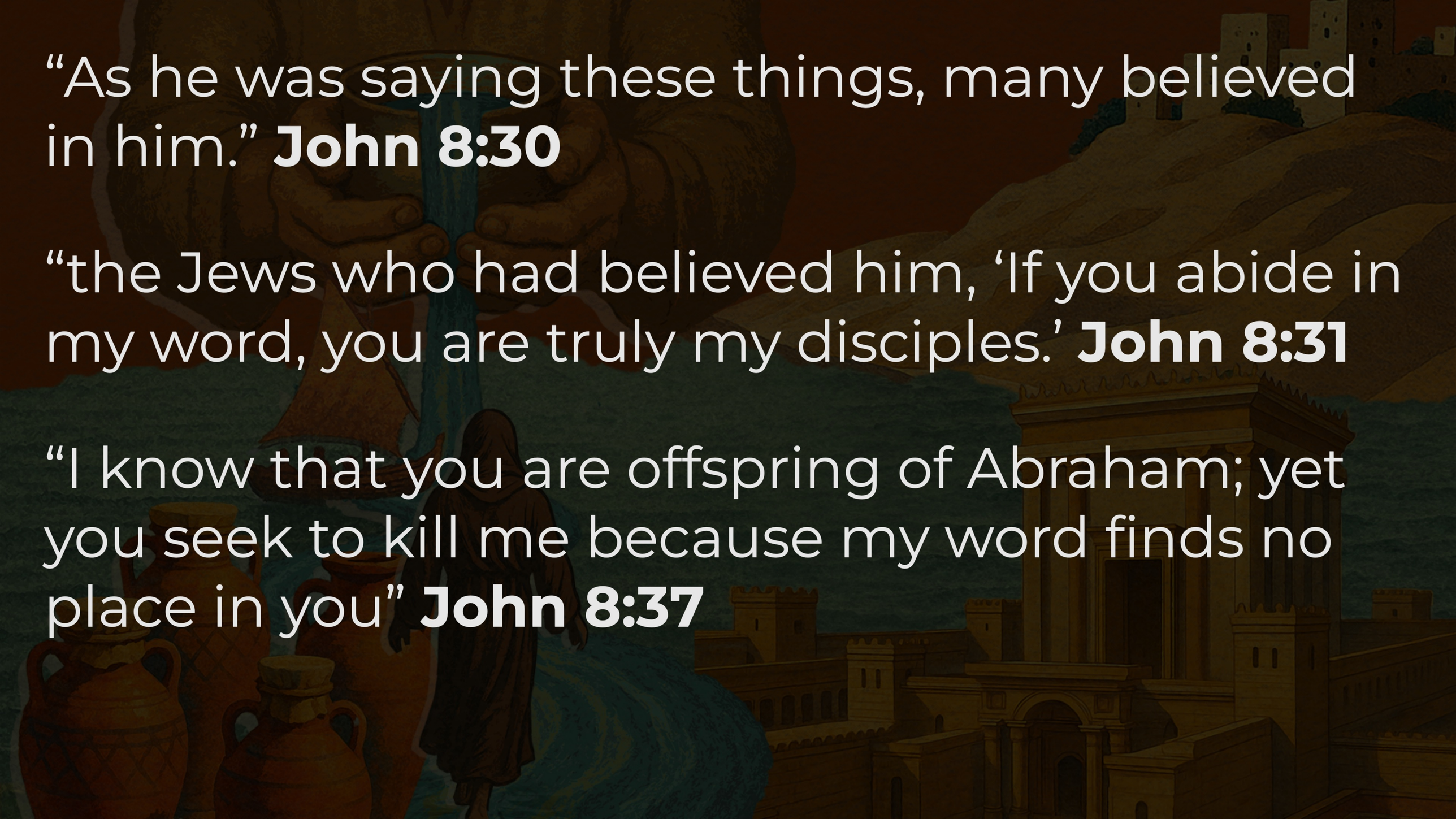
When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?’[...] After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

JOHN 6:60,66



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

JOHN 15:1-2

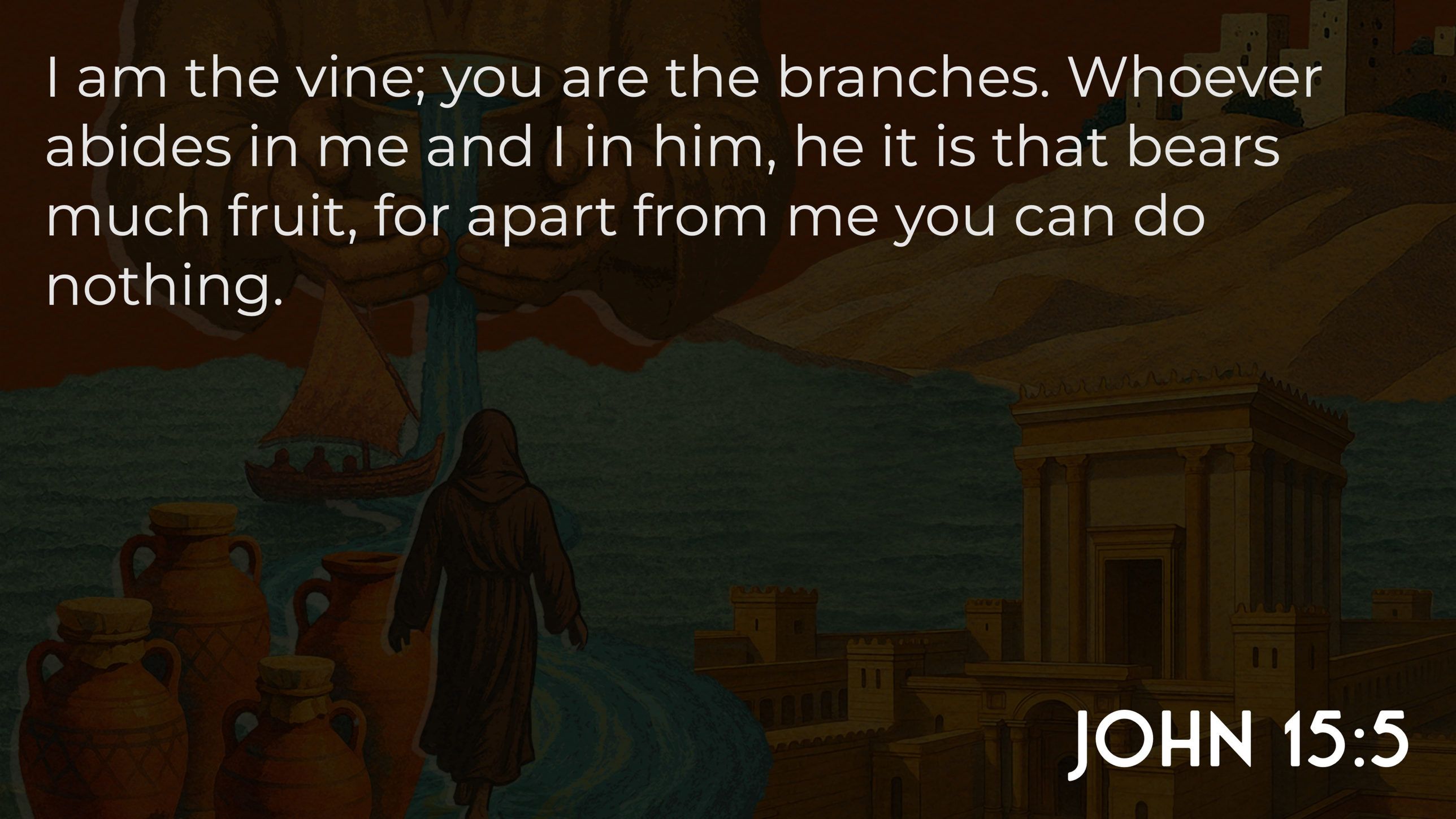


“As he was saying these things, many believed in him.” **John 8:30**

“the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.’ **John 8:31**

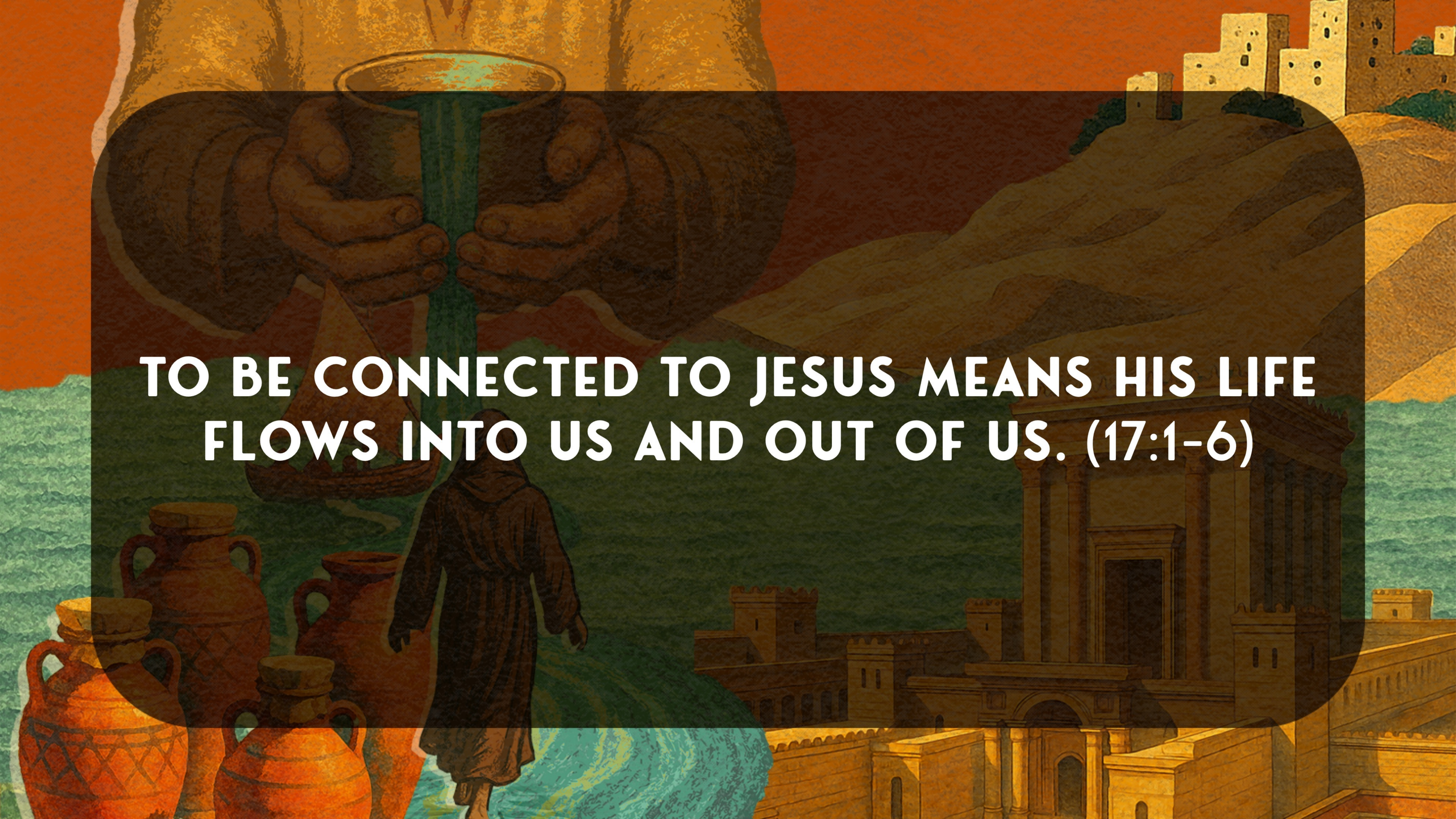
“I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you” **John 8:37**

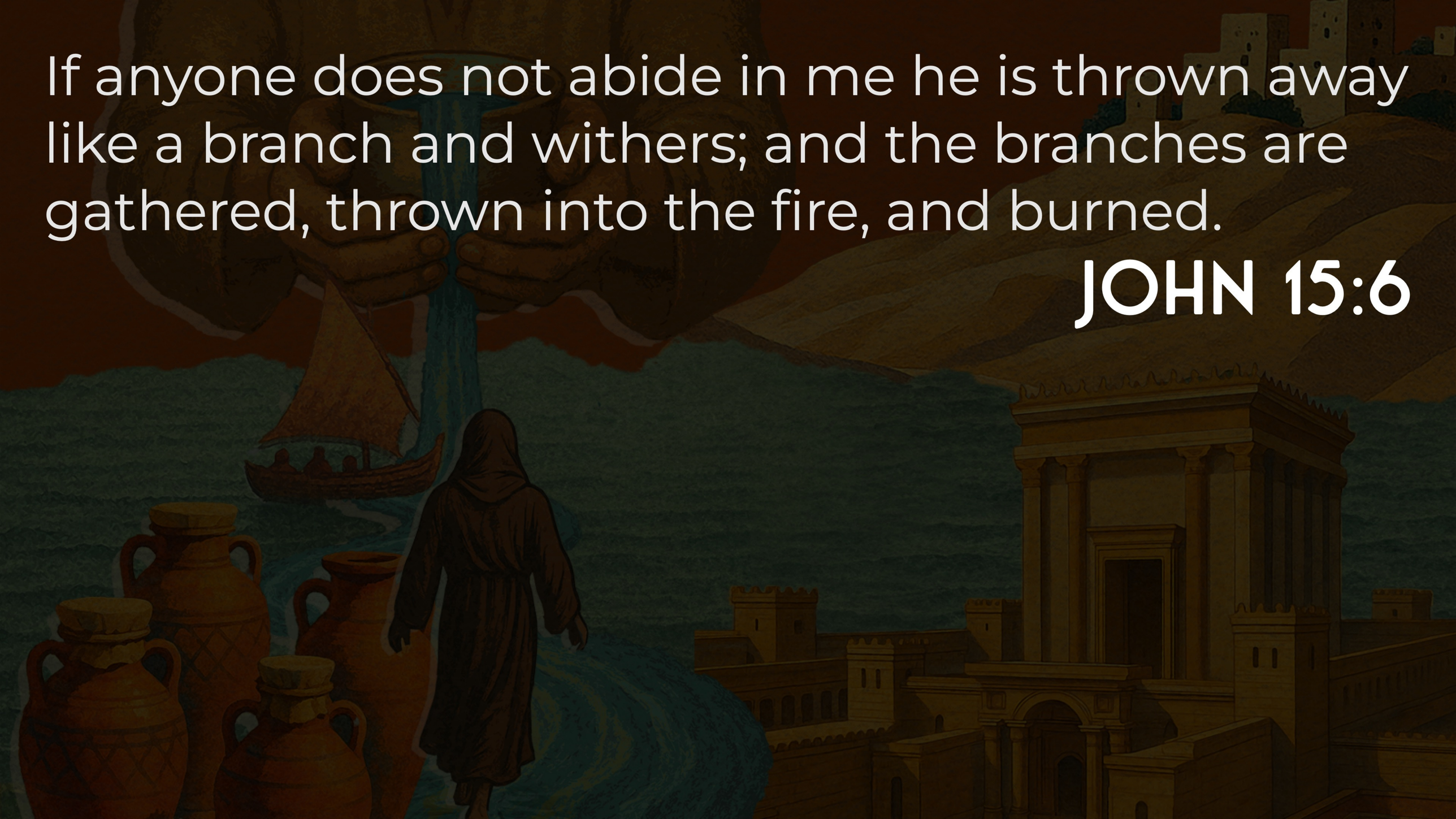

PRUNE - KATHAIREI (KAH-THY-RAY)
CLEAN - KATHAROI (KAH-THAH-ROY)



I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

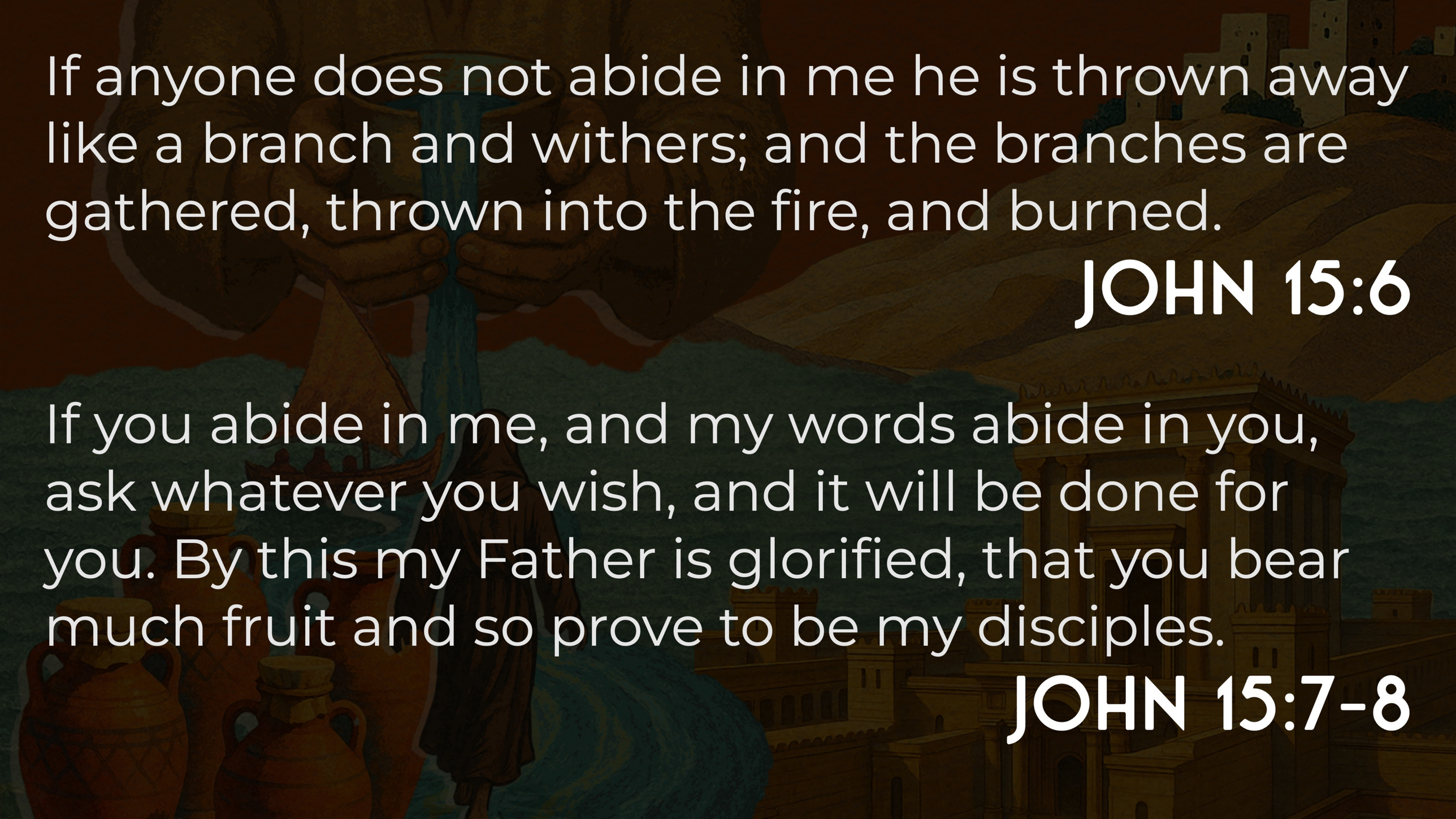
JOHN 15:5


TO BE CONNECTED TO JESUS MEANS HIS LIFE
FLOWS INTO US AND OUT OF US. (17:1-6)



If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

JOHN 15:6

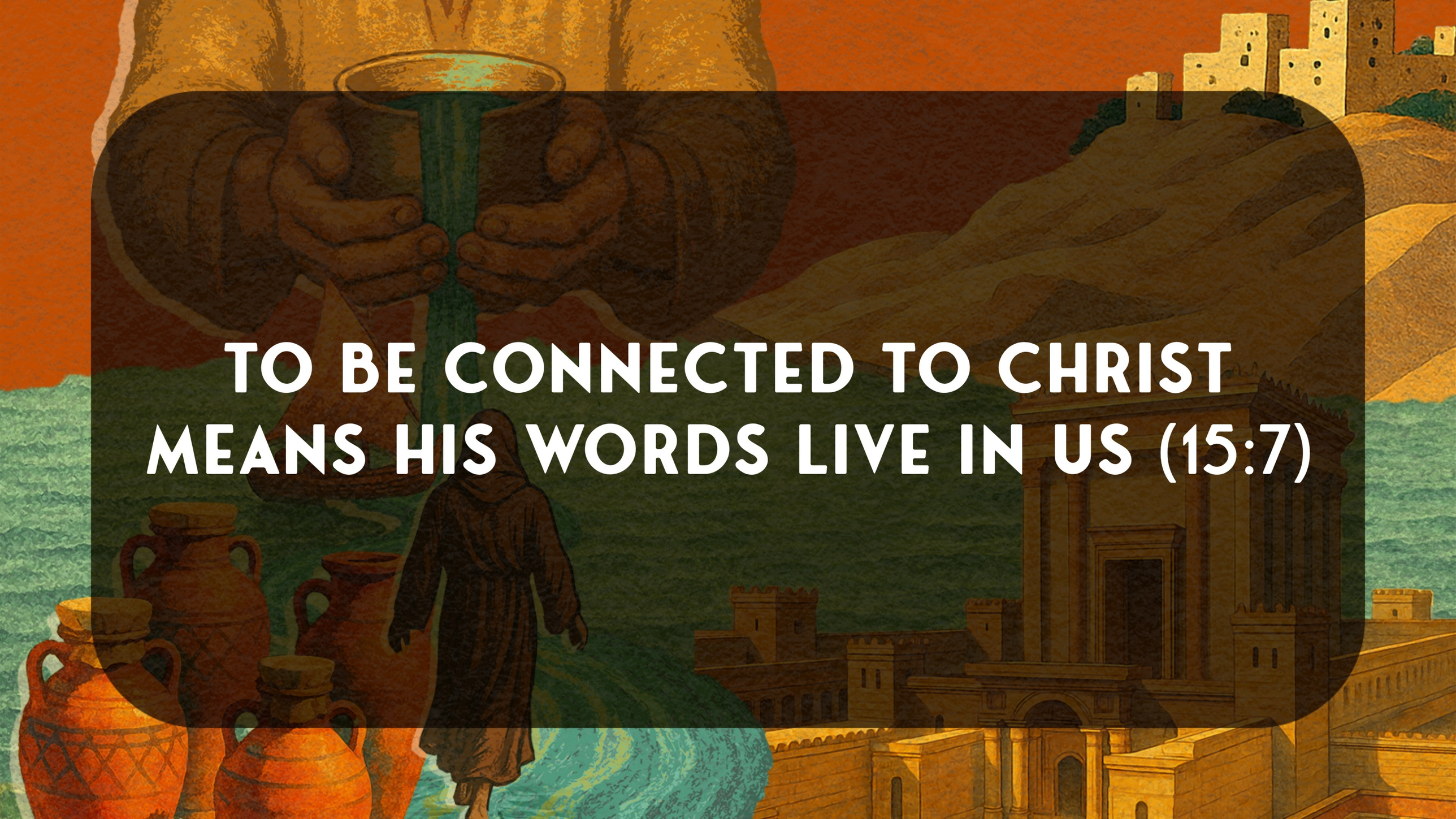


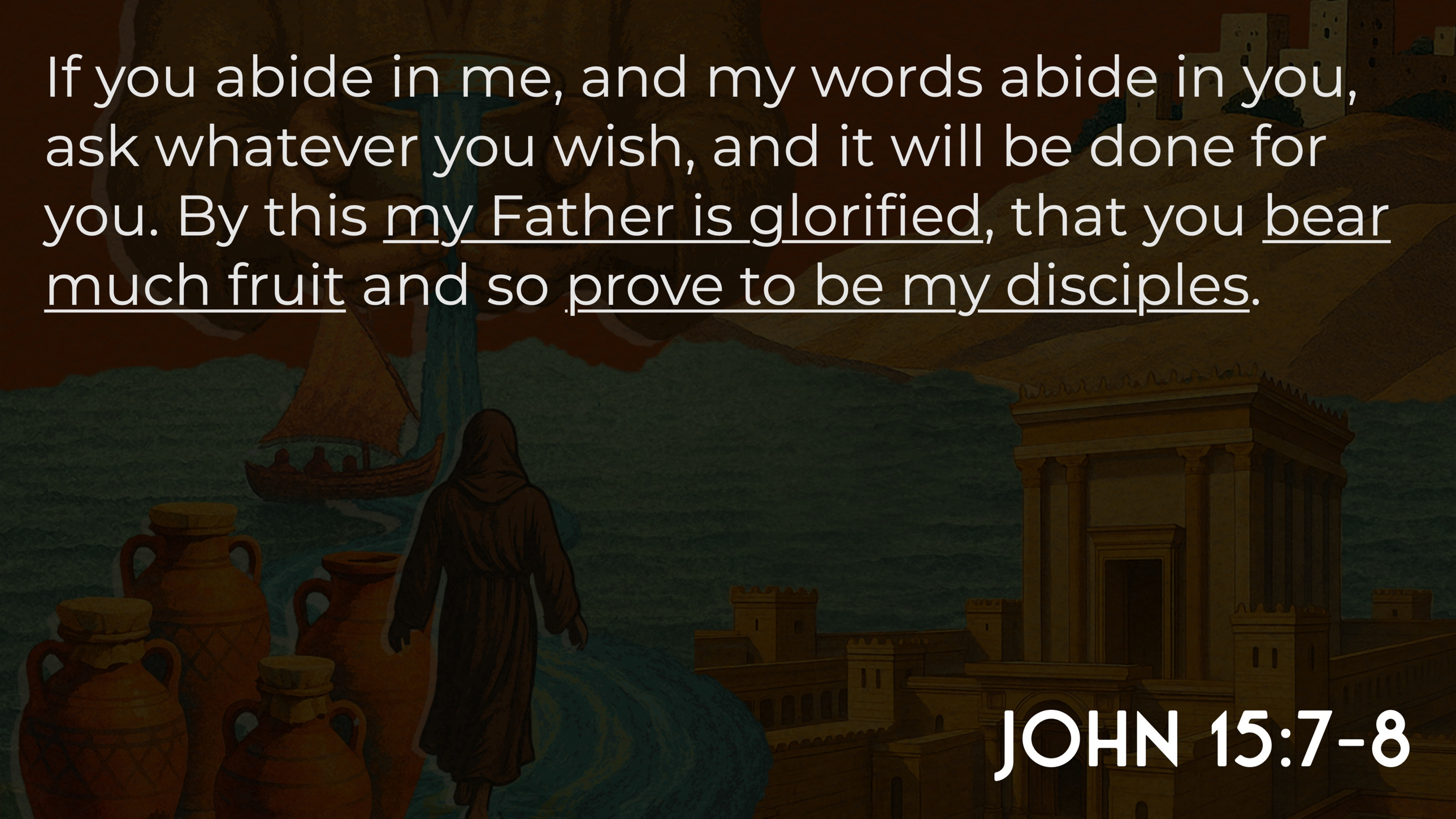
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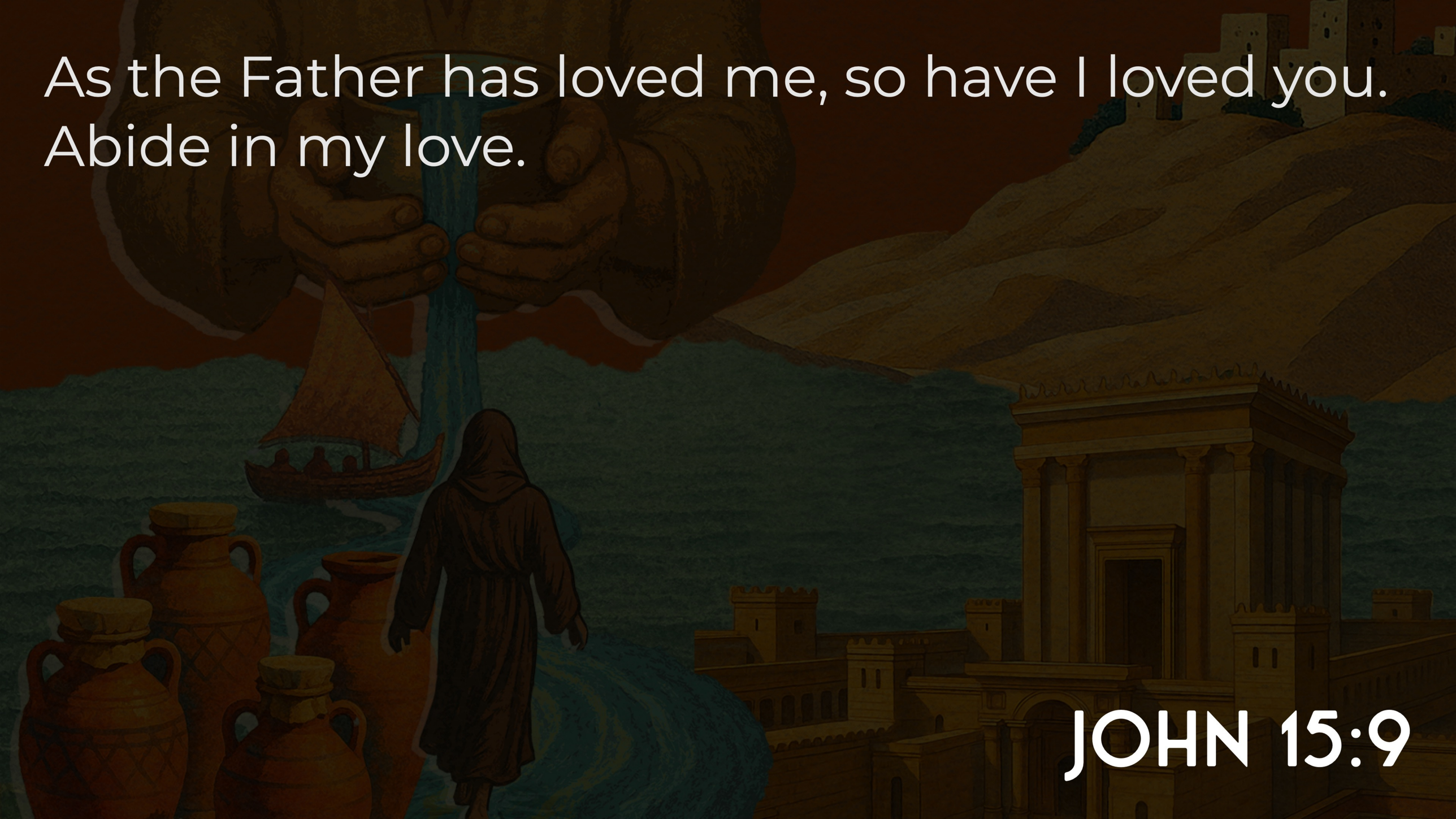
JOHN 15:7-8

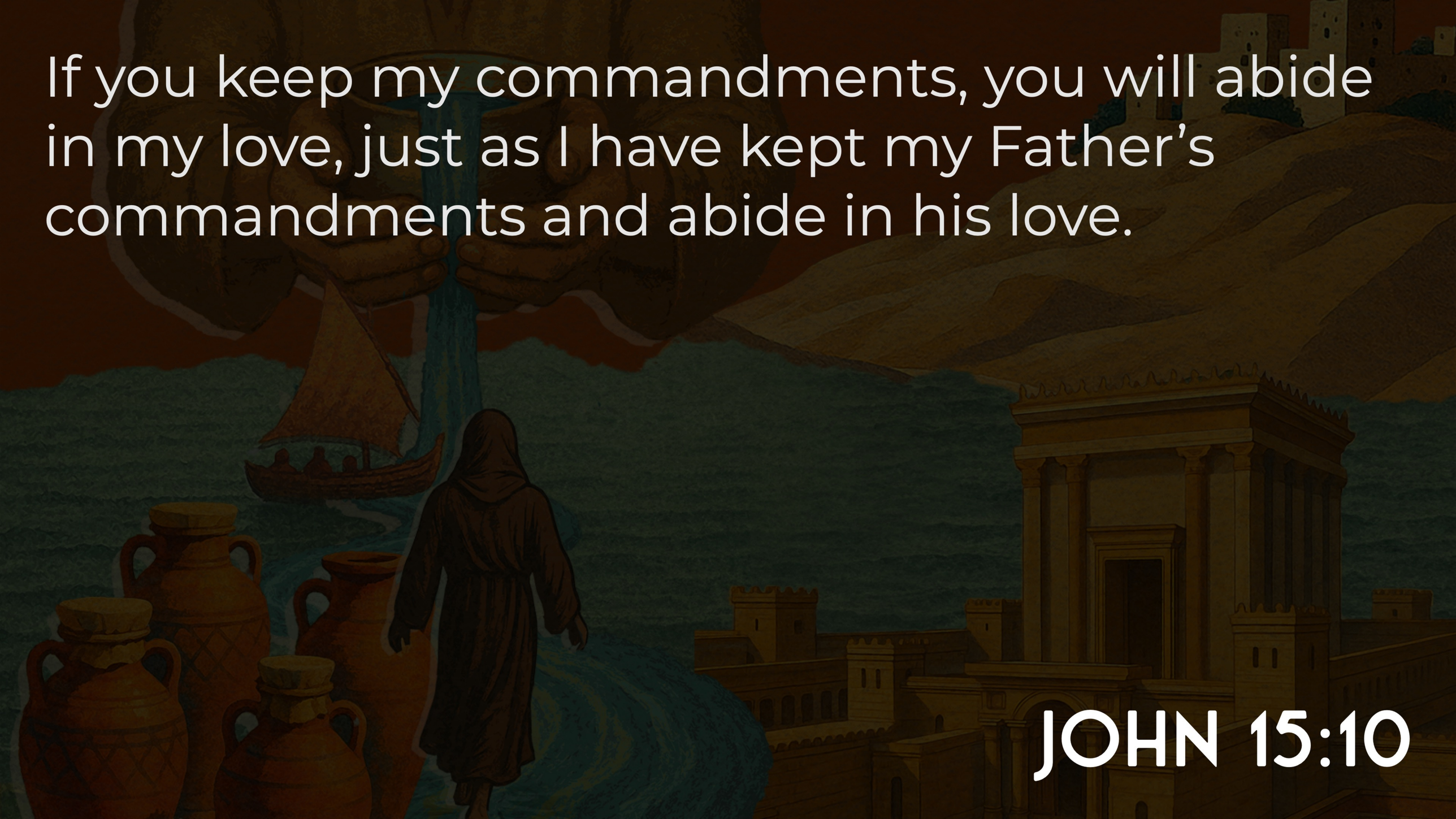

TO BE CONNECTED TO CHRIST
MEANS HIS WORDS LIVE IN US (15:7)



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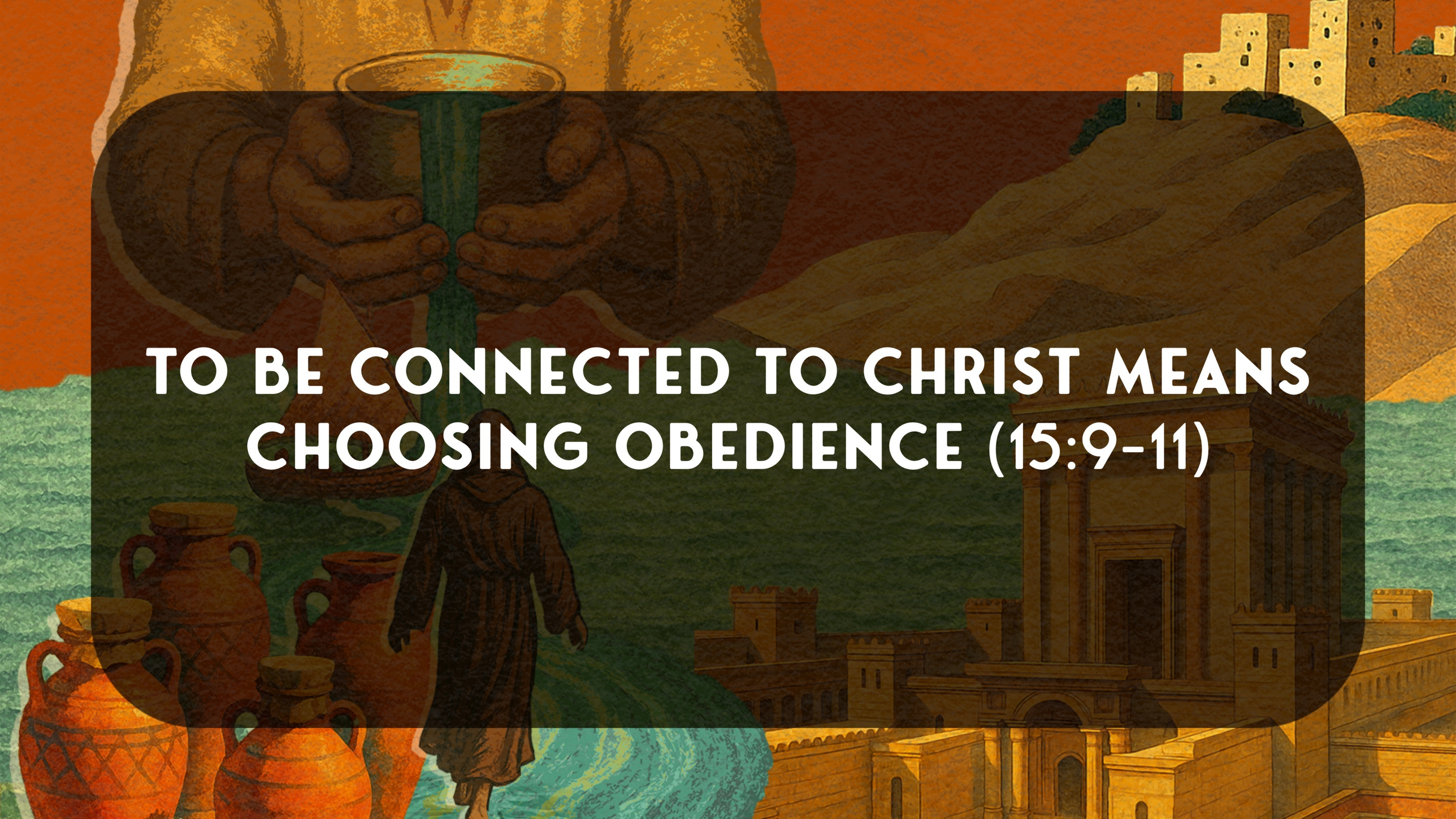
JOHN 15:7-8


As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Abide in my love.
JOHN 15:9

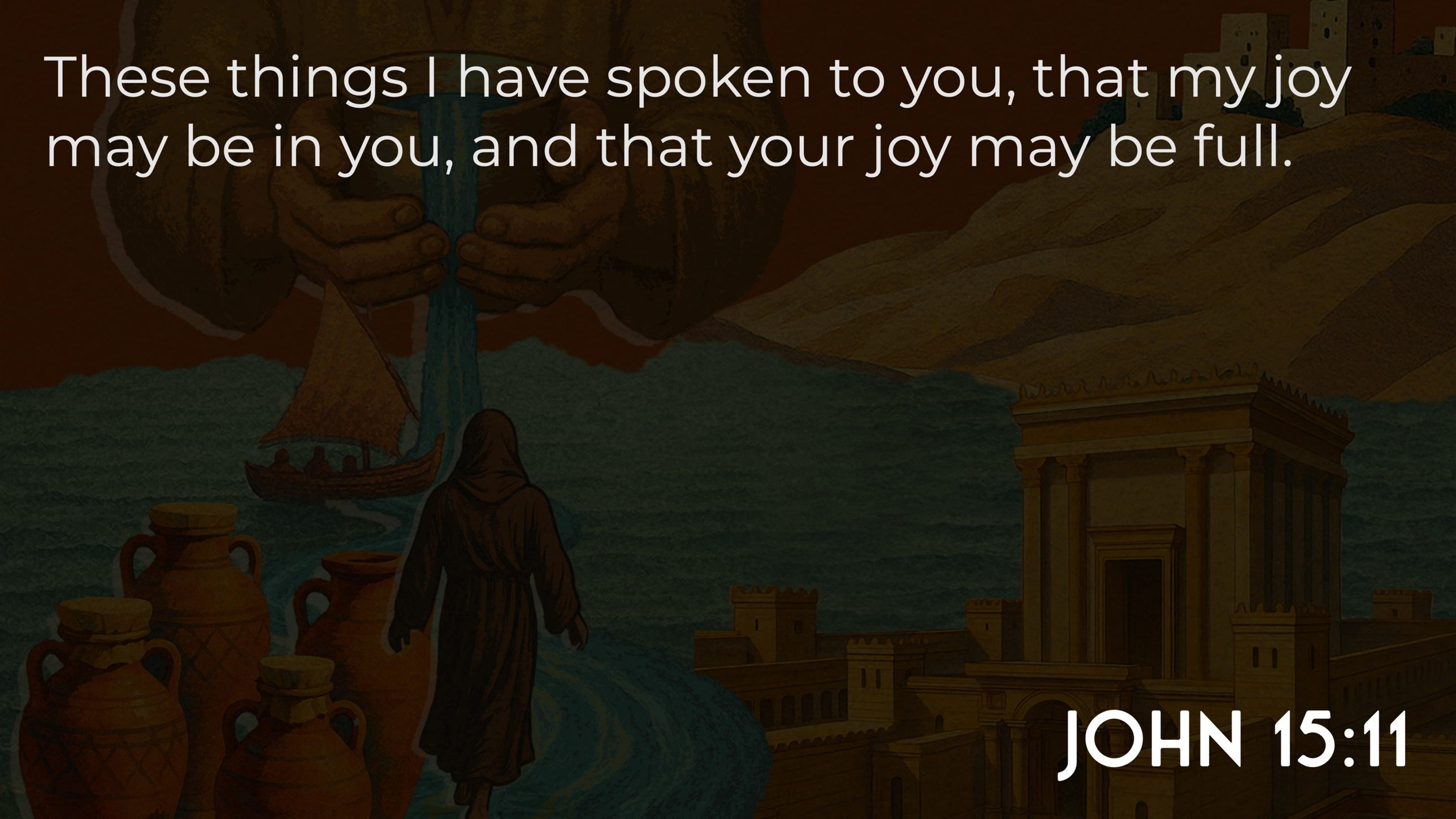


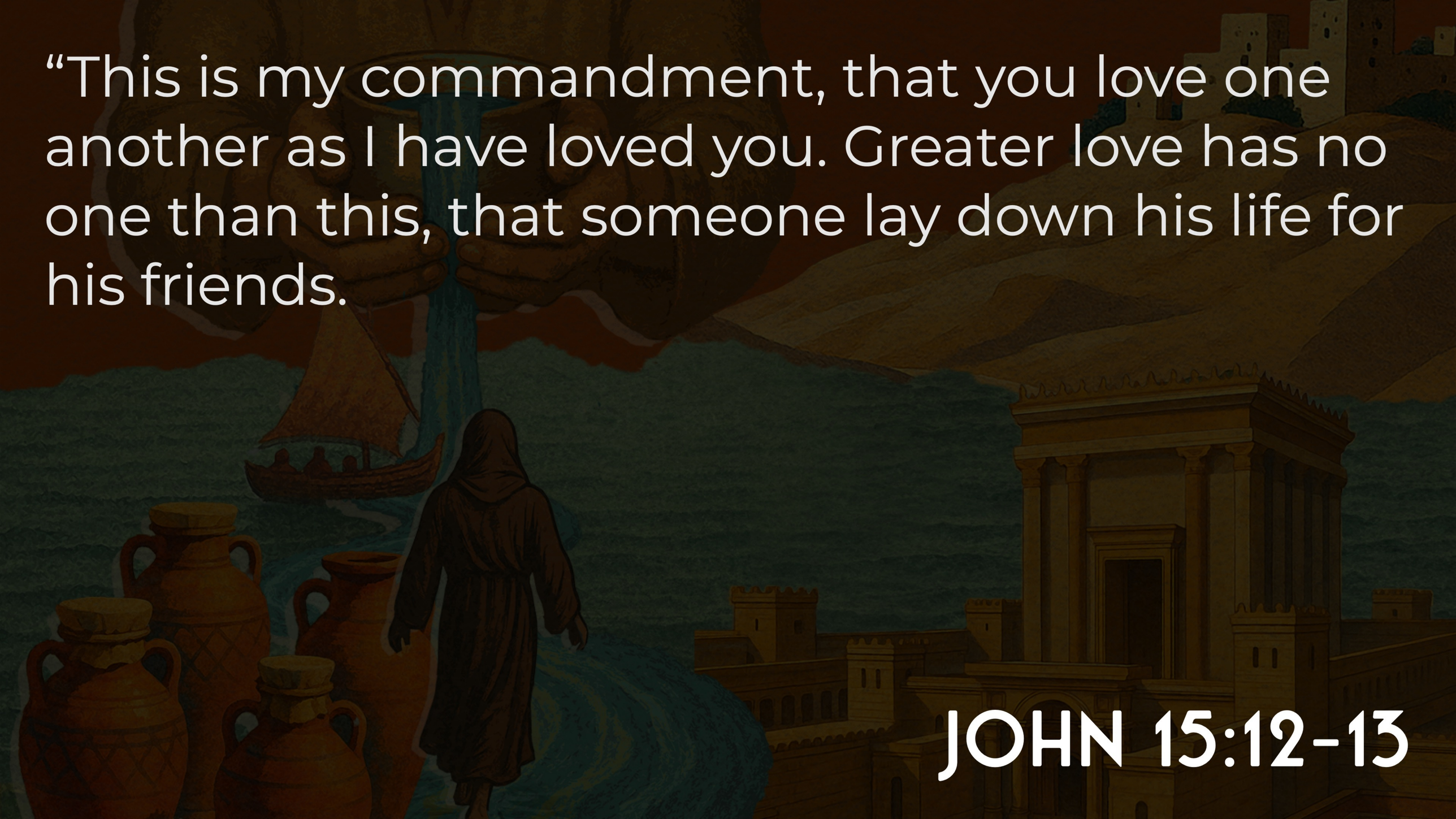
If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

JOHN 15:10



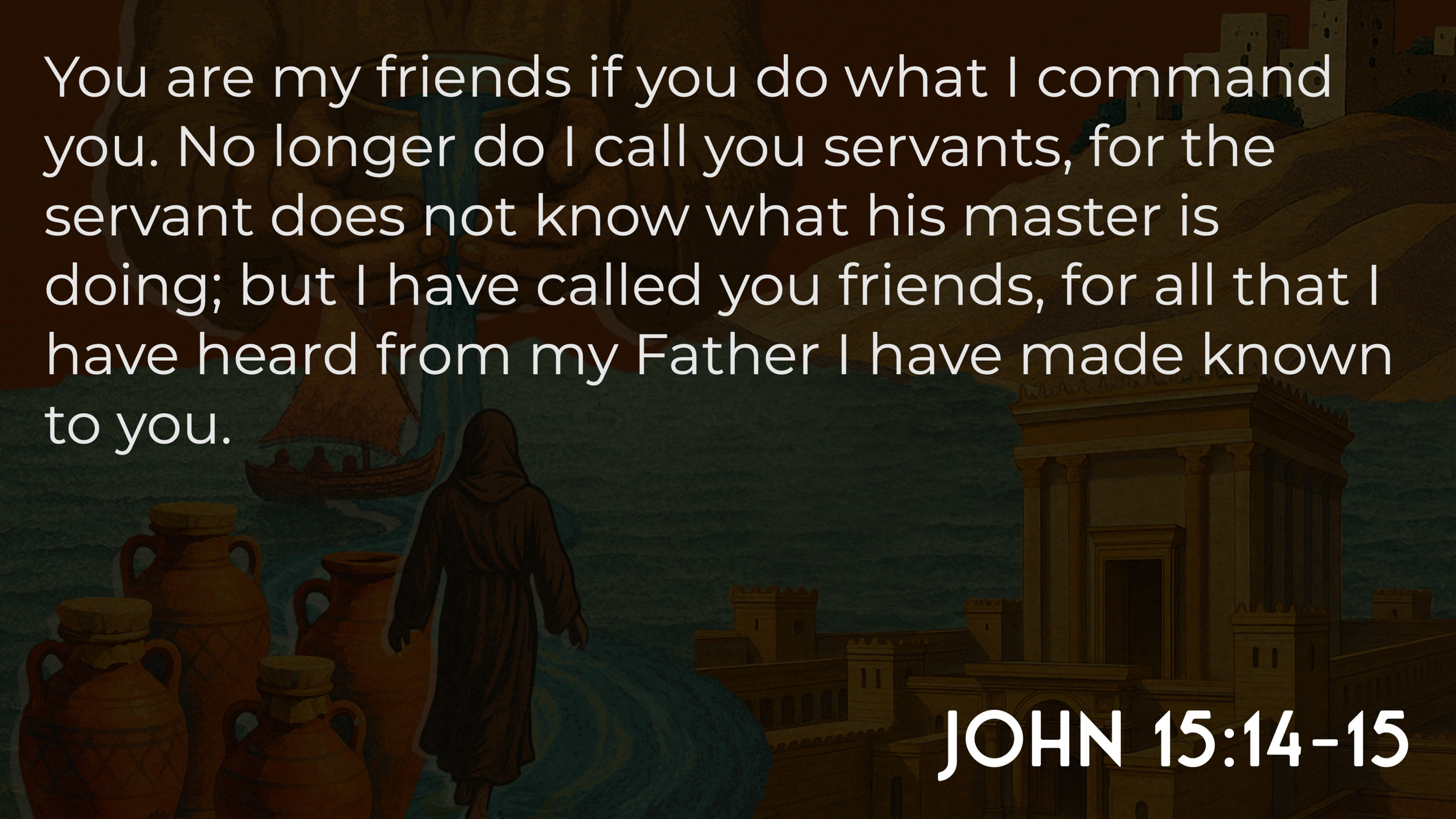
TO BE CONNECTED TO CHRIST MEANS CHOOSING OBEDIENCE (15:9–11)


These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
JOHN 15:11



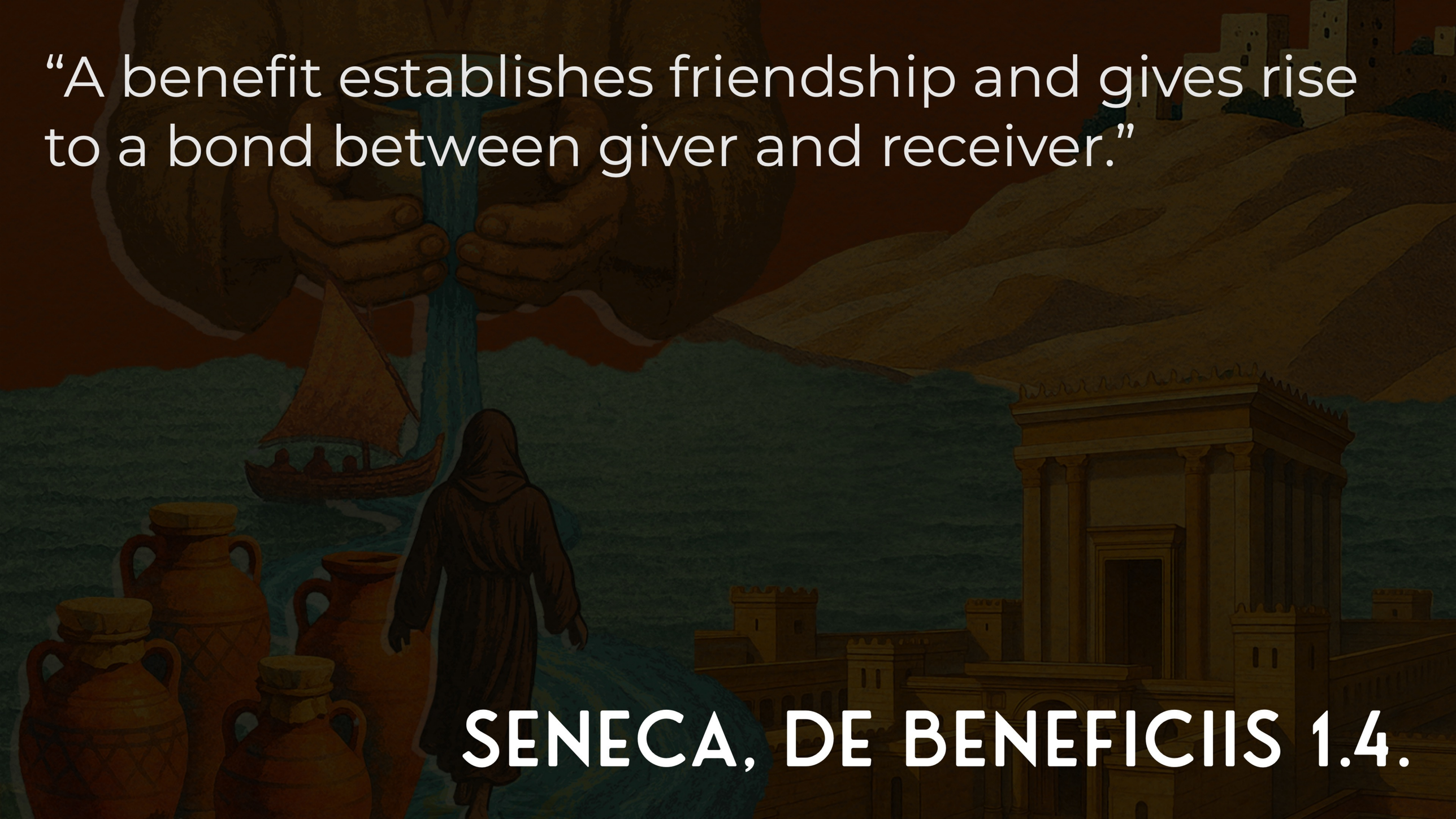
“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

JOHN 15:12-13



You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

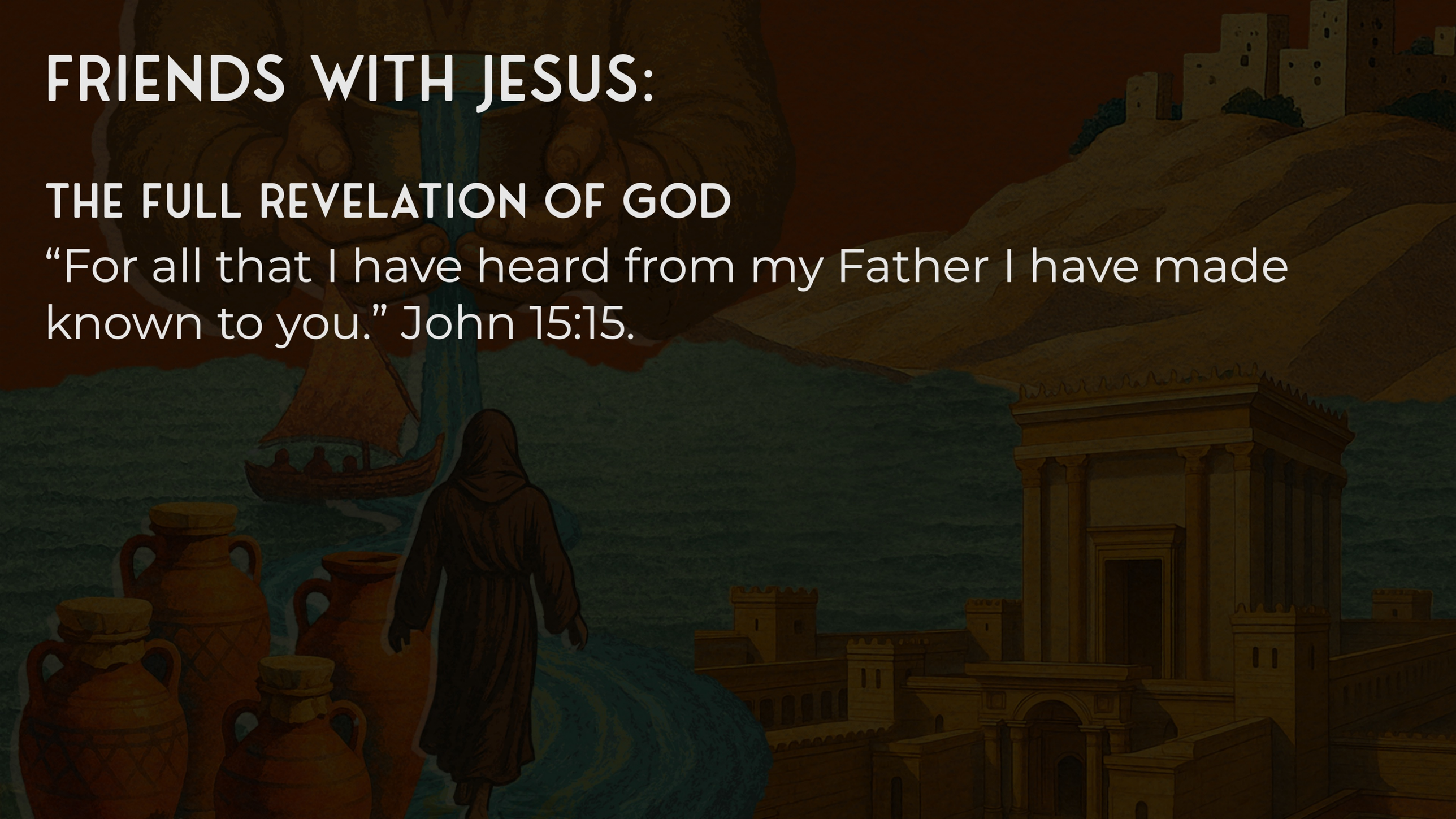
JOHN 15:14-15


“A benefit establishes friendship and gives rise to a bond between giver and receiver.”
SENECA, DE BENEFICIIS 1.4.

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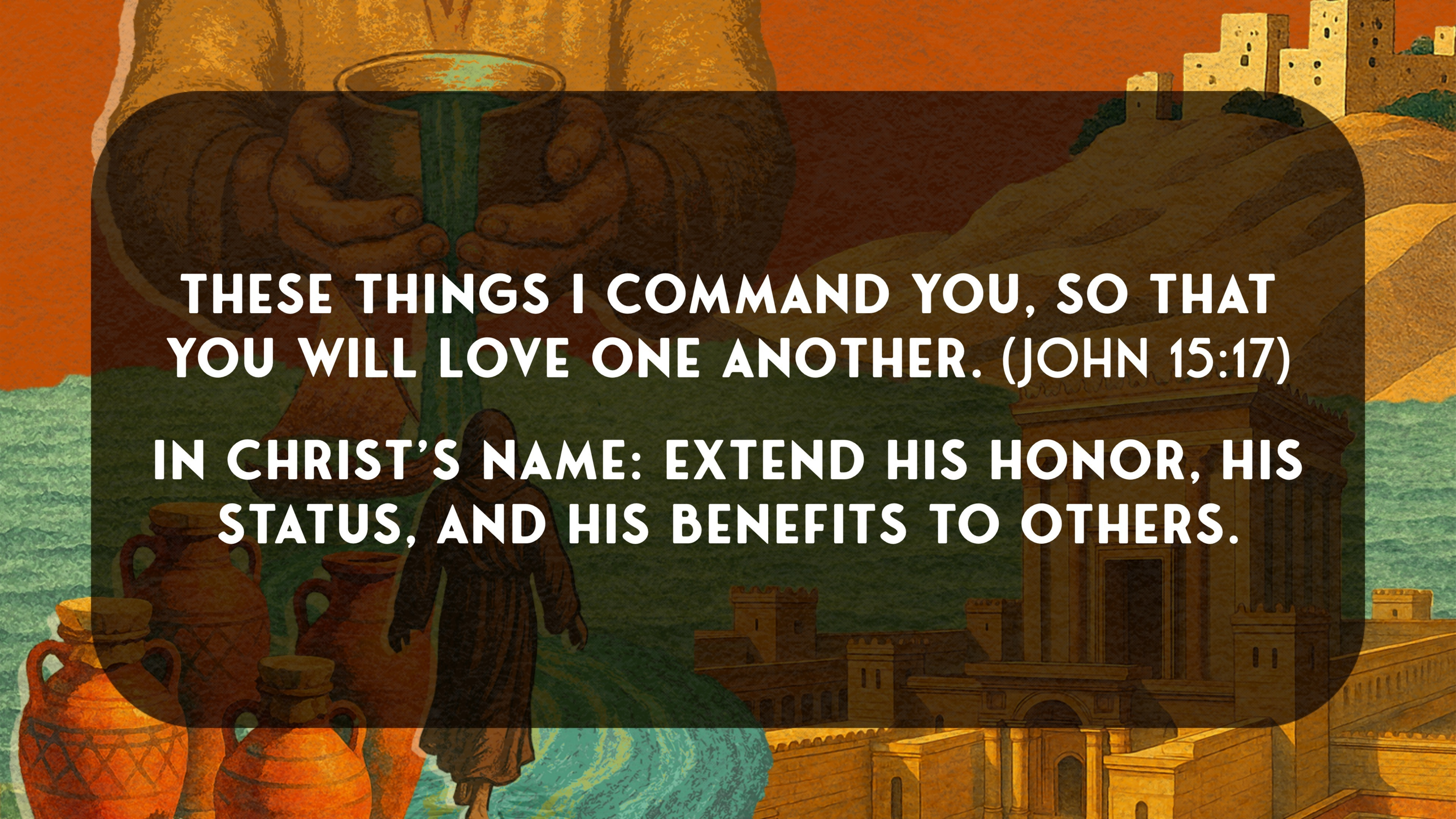
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ACCESS BY HIS NAME

“Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.” John 15:16b


THESE THINGS I COMMAND YOU, SO THAT YOU WILL LOVE ONE ANOTHER. (JOHN 15:17)
IN CHRIST'S NAME: EXTEND HIS HONOR, HIS STATUS, AND HIS BENEFITS TO OTHERS.