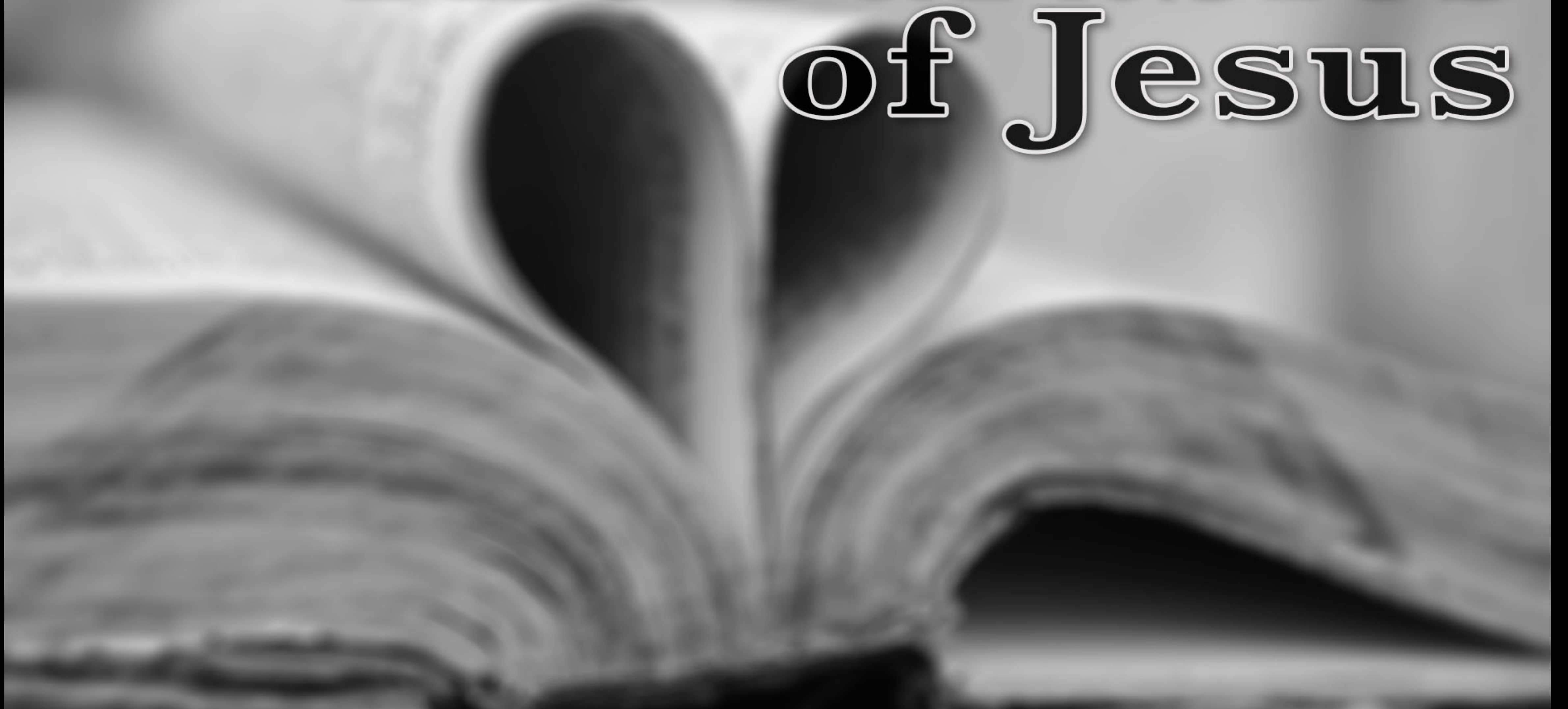


# The Parables of Jesus



## Matthew 13:1-9

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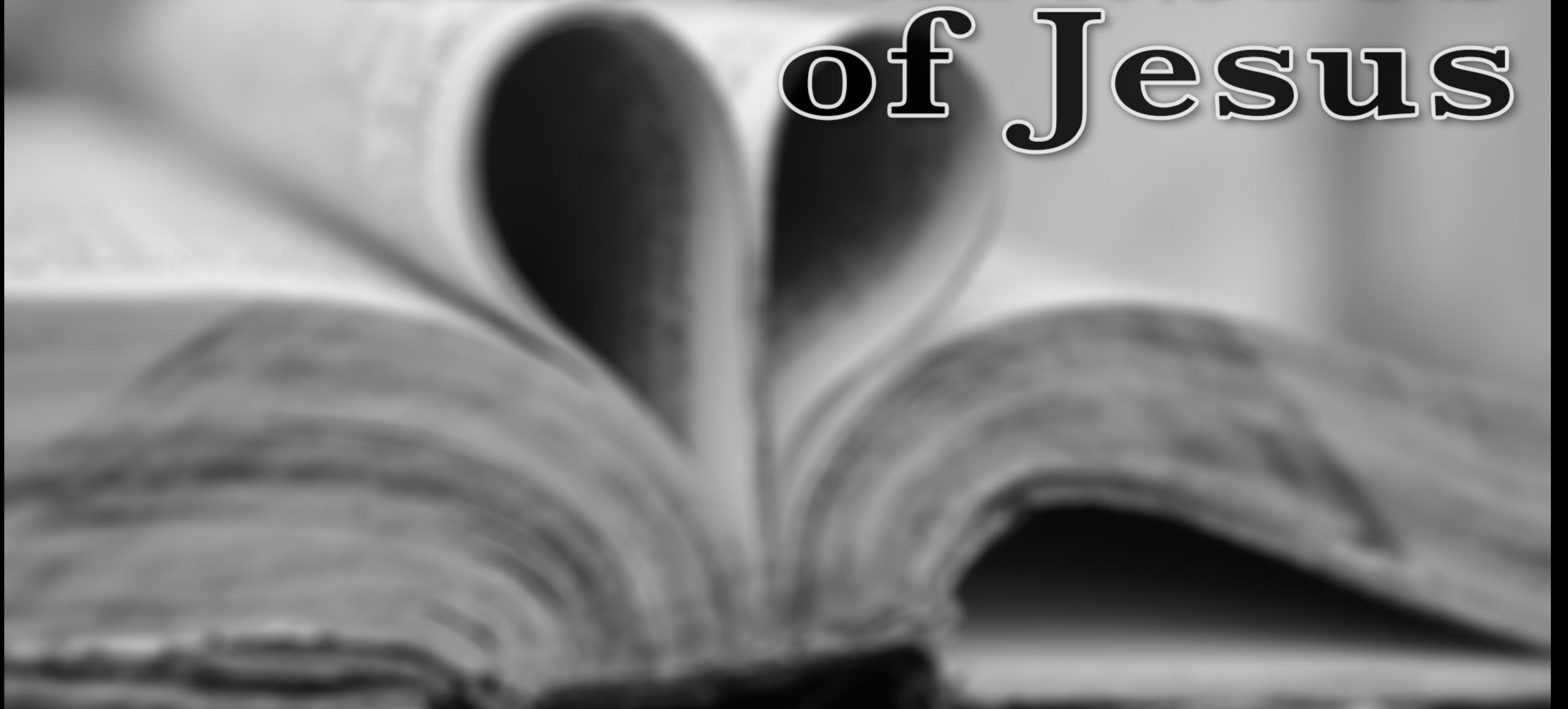
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<sup>22</sup> ...the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control;  
against such things there is no law.

- Galatians 5:22-23

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## 2. Hope for Our Hearts

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and reassure our heart before him;  
<sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us,  
God is greater than our heart...

- 1 John 3:19-20

## 2. Hope for Our Hearts

<sup>19</sup> And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup> that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them.  
And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

- Ezekiel 11:19-20







## 2. Hope for Our Hearts

<sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

- John 12:24



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<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,...<sup>5</sup> so that we might receive adoption as sons.  
<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- Galatians 4:4-7



