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THE CHURCH AT WORK

God invites us to join him in his work in the world.

What is “the mission of God?”

The BEING, TELLING, DOING work of the kingdom.

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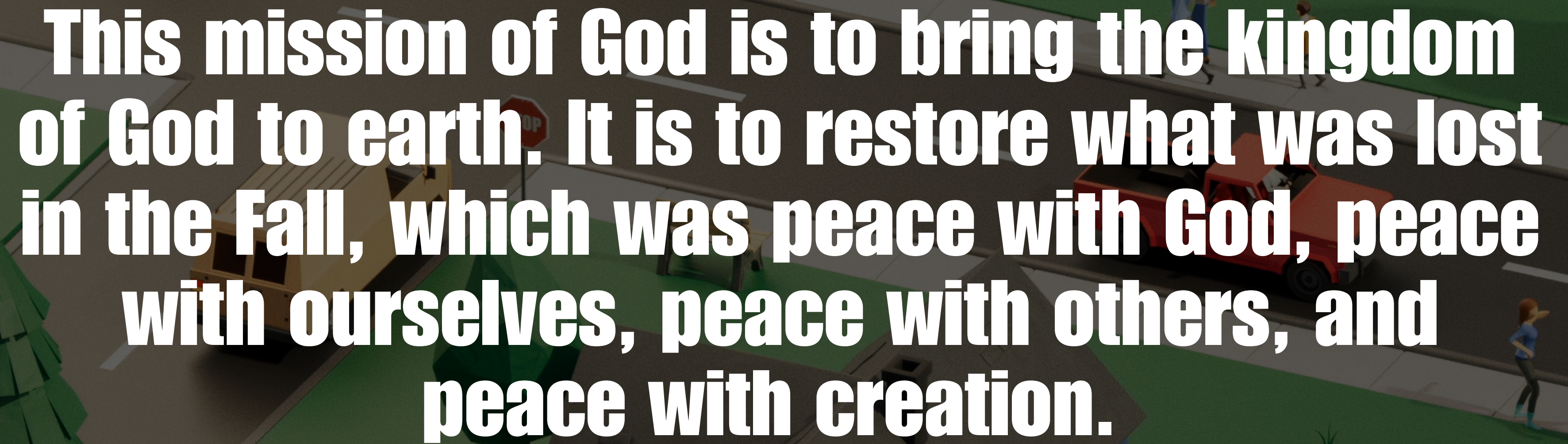
“God doesn’t divide the world into sacred and secular. God is at work sustaining and providing for his creation, and he accomplishes much of that work through human hands at work.”

ANDY CROUCH

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:1–3

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This mission of God is to bring the kingdom of God to earth. It is to restore what was lost in the Fall, which was peace with God, peace with ourselves, peace with others, and peace with creation.



Through the ministry of Jesus, God in the flesh, God renews the invitation for humans to join in the mission of God, to bring the kingdom of God.

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.

John 20:21

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**There is a being, telling,
doing work of kingdom building.**



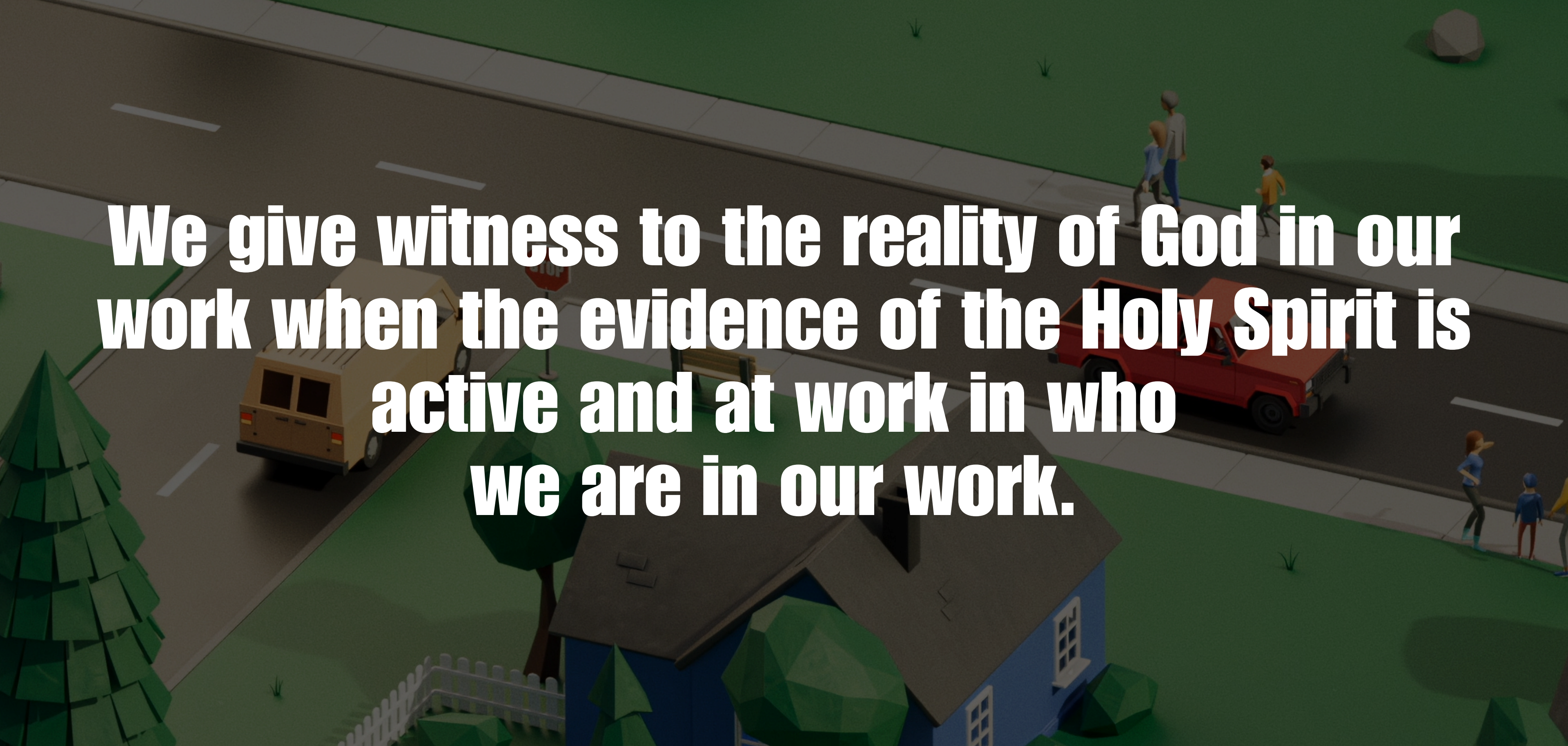
BEING:
Jesus embodied the kingdom of God.



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**“The gospel was not only proclaimed by Jesus.
Jesus was the message and the messenger.”**

LUCIEN LEGRAND



We give witness to the reality of God in our work when the evidence of the Holy Spirit is active and at work in who we are in our work.


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

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TELLING:
Jesus announced the kingdom of God.



**We can live lives that point to Jesus, but
salvation comes from hearing the word
proclaimed and believing it.**



The “telling” of the kingdom was offensive and confrontational in Jesus’s day and it is the same for us today.

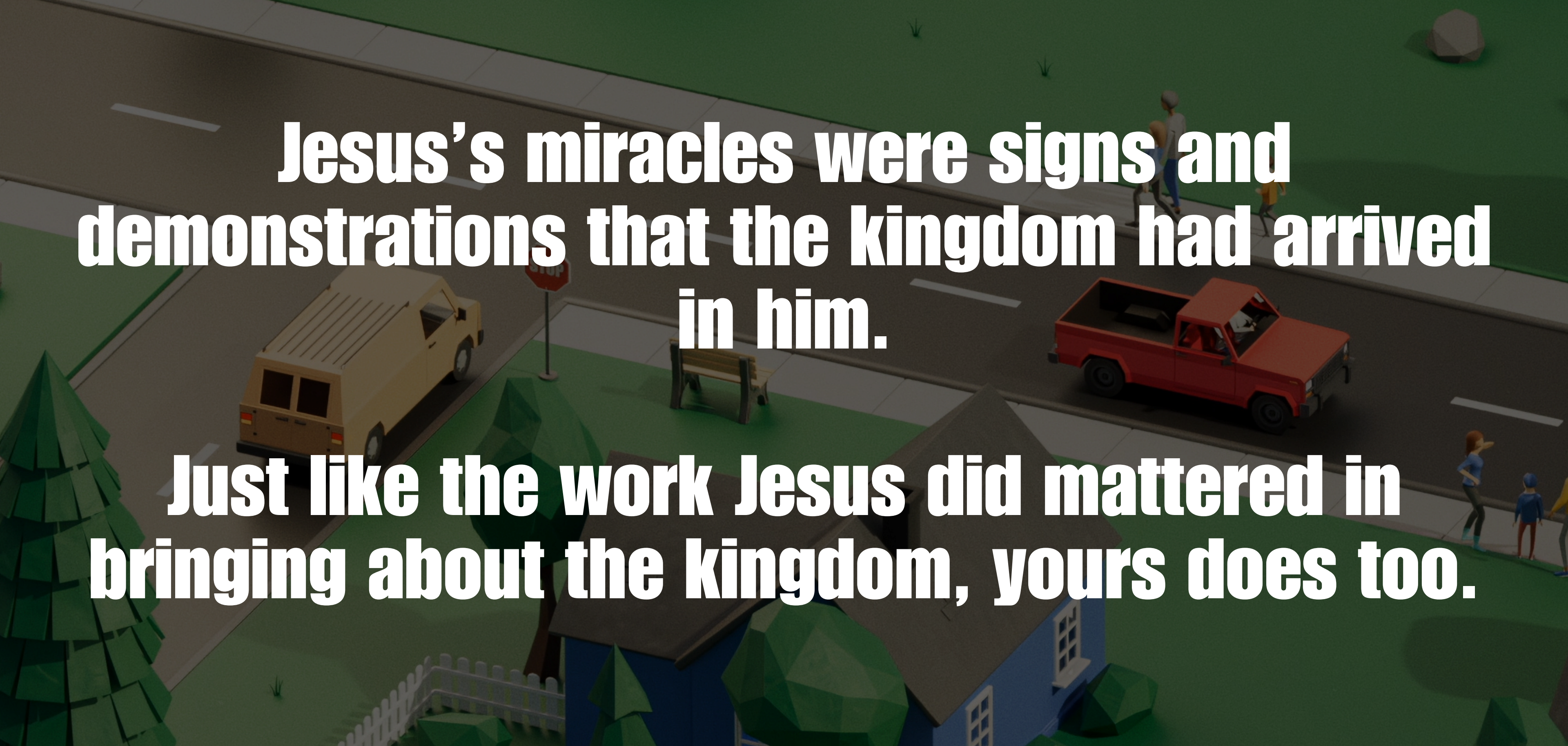


Jesus was bold, unafraid, and unashamed to tell this good news.

In our work, are we bold, unafraid and unashamed to talk about Jesus and the kingdom in this way?



DOING:
Jesus enacted the kingdom of God.



Jesus's miracles were signs and demonstrations that the kingdom had arrived in him.

Just like the work Jesus did mattered in bringing about the kingdom, yours does too.



You were made for work.

**Work was established in the garden before
the Fall.**

**It is a good and noble task to work for the
glory of God.**



**Everything you do in your work is an
opportunity to join God on his mission in the
world—**

**through creating order and beauty and
cultivating the world that we live in.**



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