



Beyond SUNDAY

Following Jesus in the Regular Stuff of Life

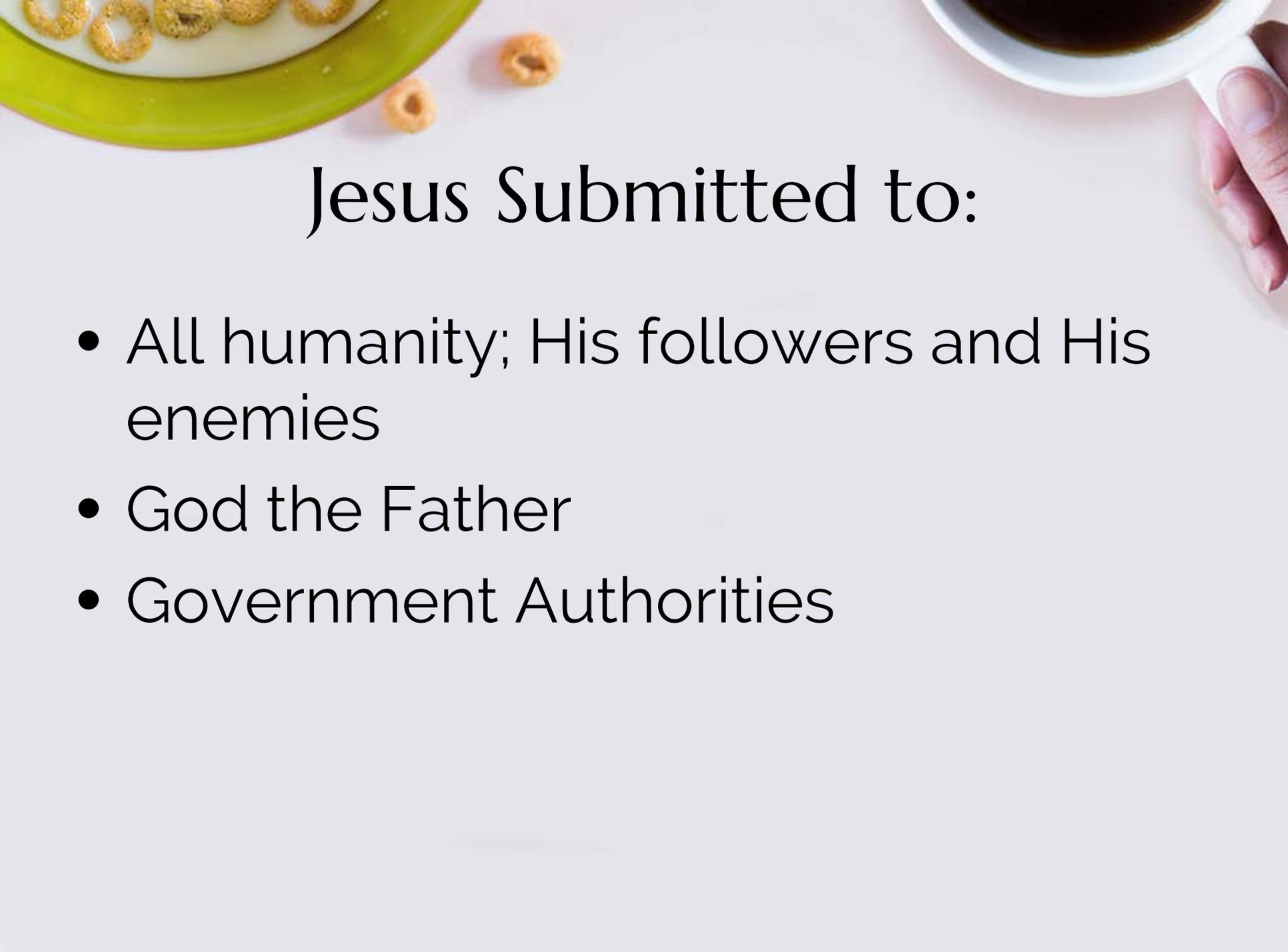
At Your Service

Philippians 2:5-11; 1Peter 2:13-18



Philippians 2:5-8 (NASB)

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but ***emptied Himself***, taking the form of a ***bond-servant***, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He ***humiliated Himself*** by becoming ***obedient to the point of death***, even death on a cross.



Jesus Submitted to:

- All humanity; His followers and His enemies
- God the Father
- Government Authorities

A top-down view of a white table. In the top left, a green bowl contains white milk with several golden-brown cereal rings. A few more cereal rings are scattered on the table. In the top right, a white mug filled with dark coffee is held by a hand. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Jesus Submits to All Humanity

John 13:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

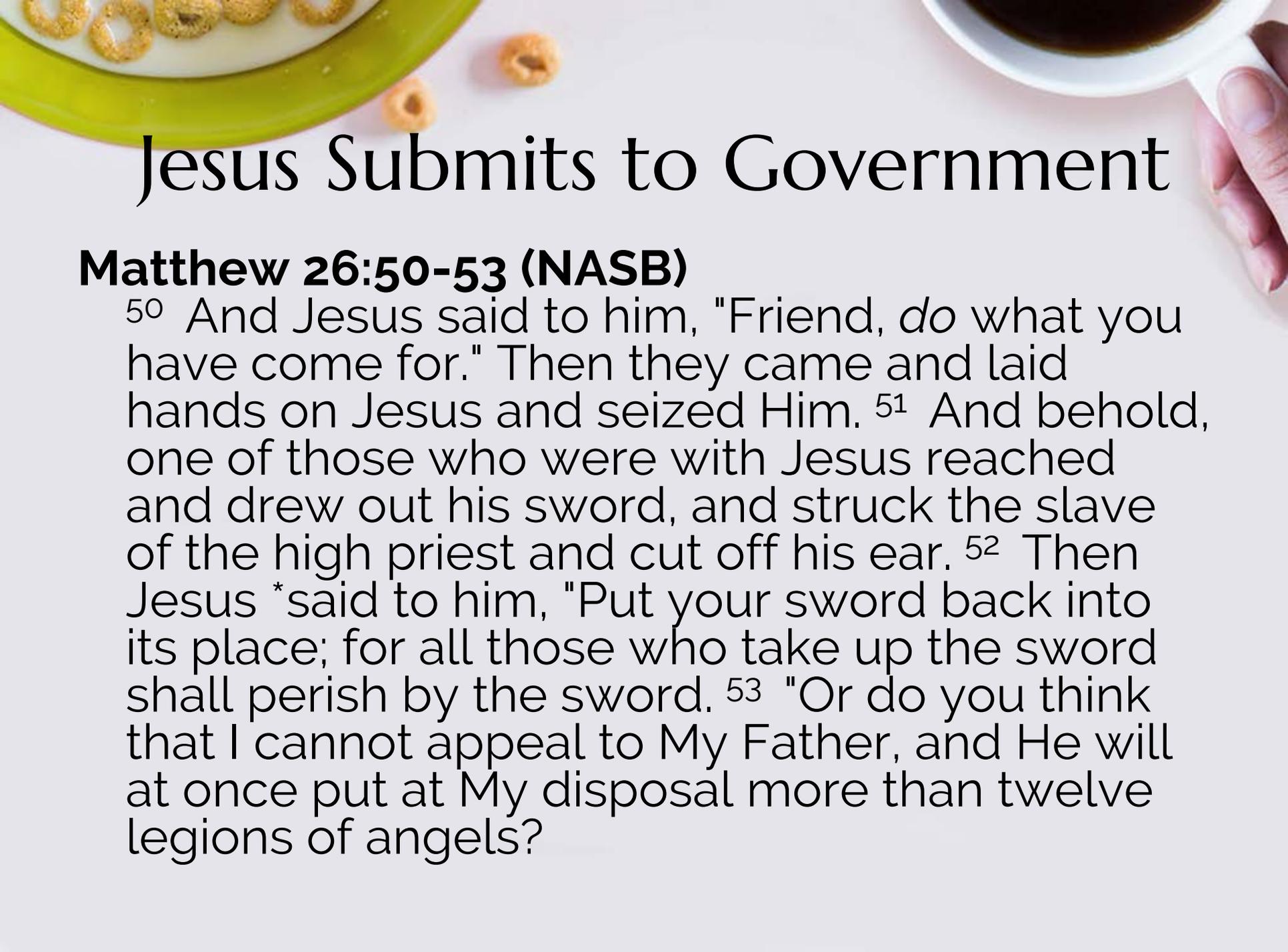
¹⁵ "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.



Jesus Submits to God the Father

Luke 22:42-44 (NASB)

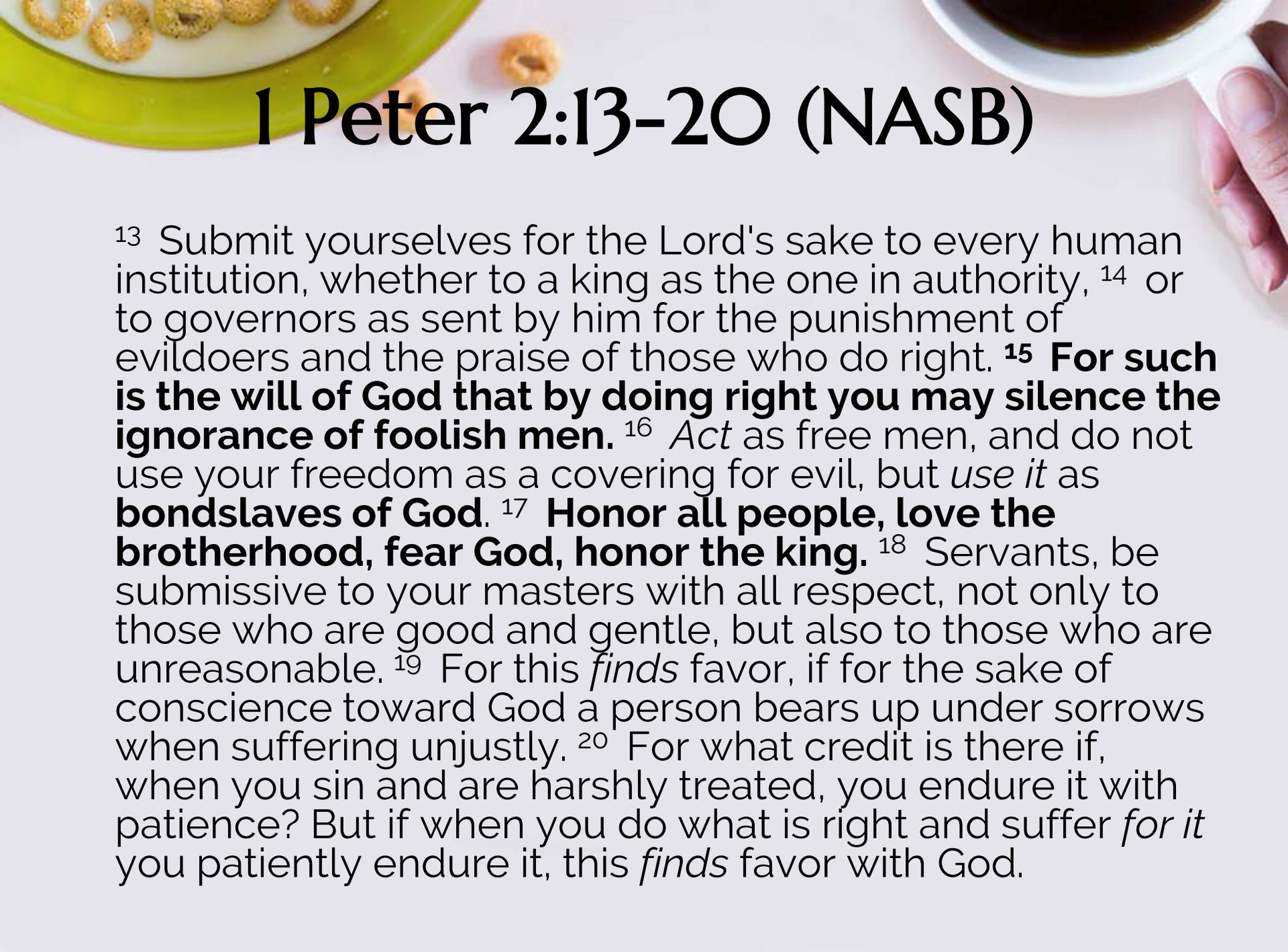
⁴² "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." ⁴³ Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.



Jesus Submits to Government

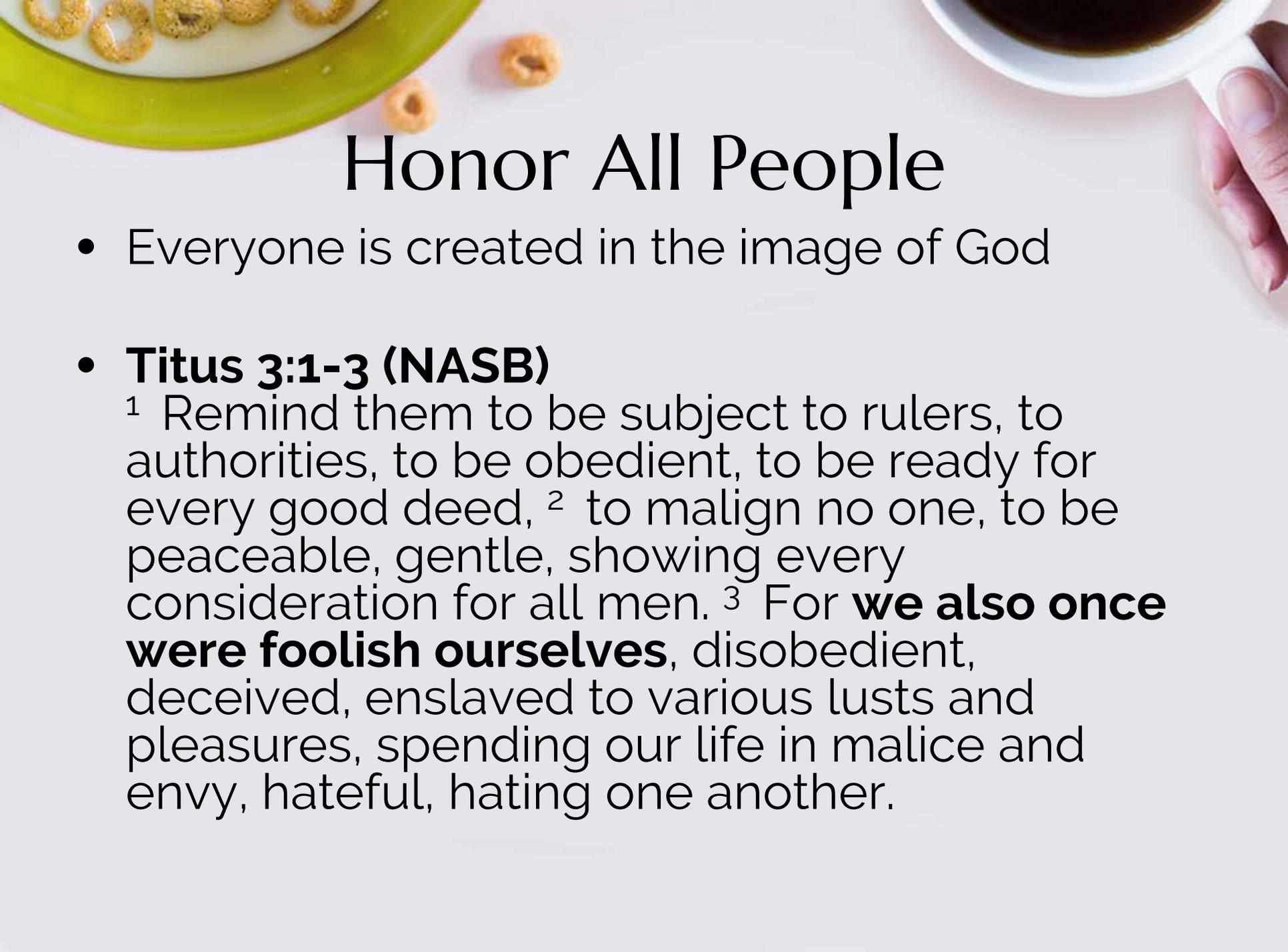
Matthew 26:50-53 (NASB)

⁵⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Friend, *do what you have come for.*" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus *said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. ⁵³ "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"

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1 Peter 2:13-20 (NASB)

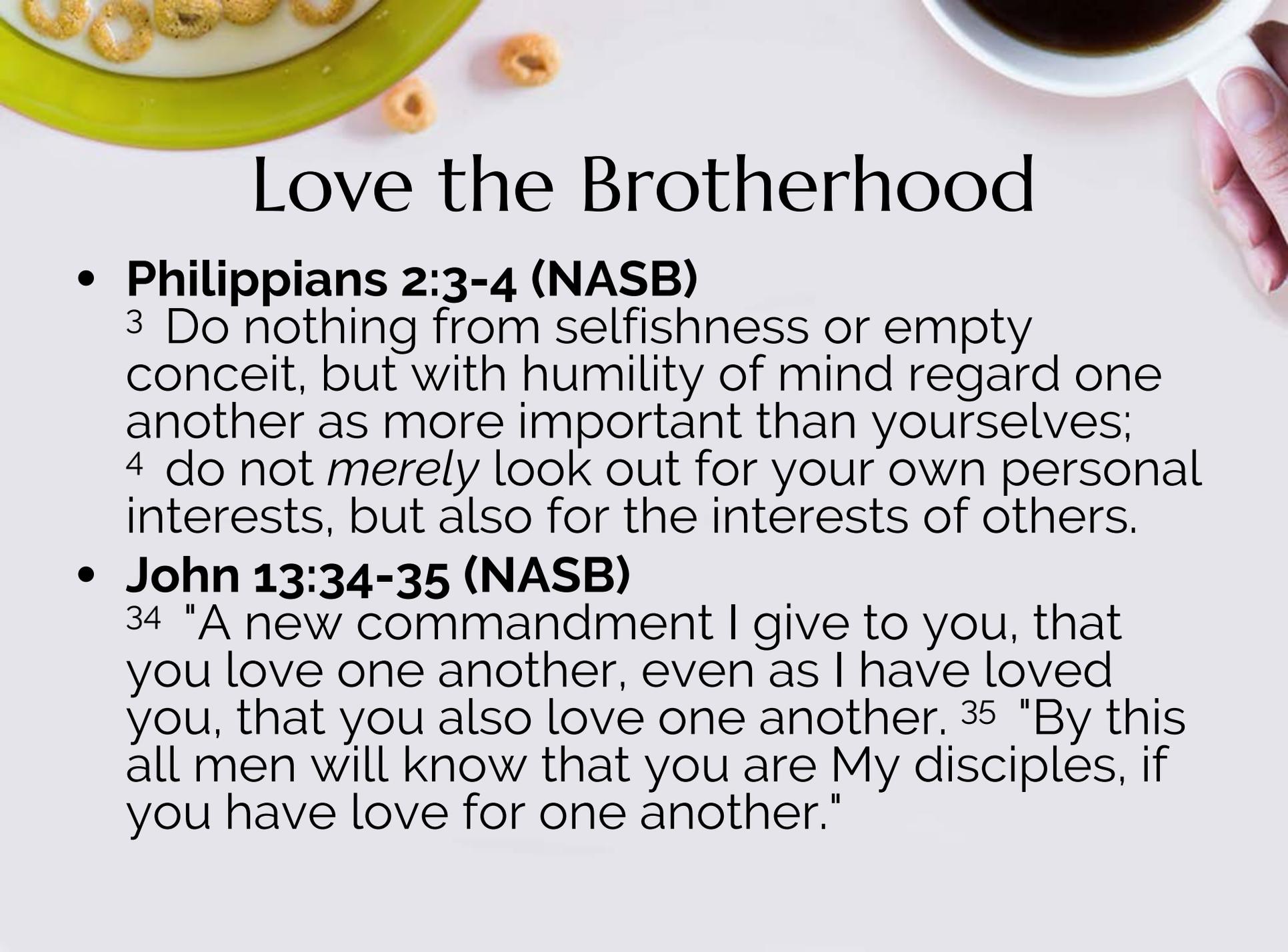
¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ **For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.** ¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as **bondslaves of God.** ¹⁷ **Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.** ¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. ¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.



Honor All People

- Everyone is created in the image of God
- **Titus 3:1-3 (NASB)**

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, ² to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men. ³ For **we also once were foolish ourselves**, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.



Love the Brotherhood

- **Philippians 2:3-4 (NASB)**

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

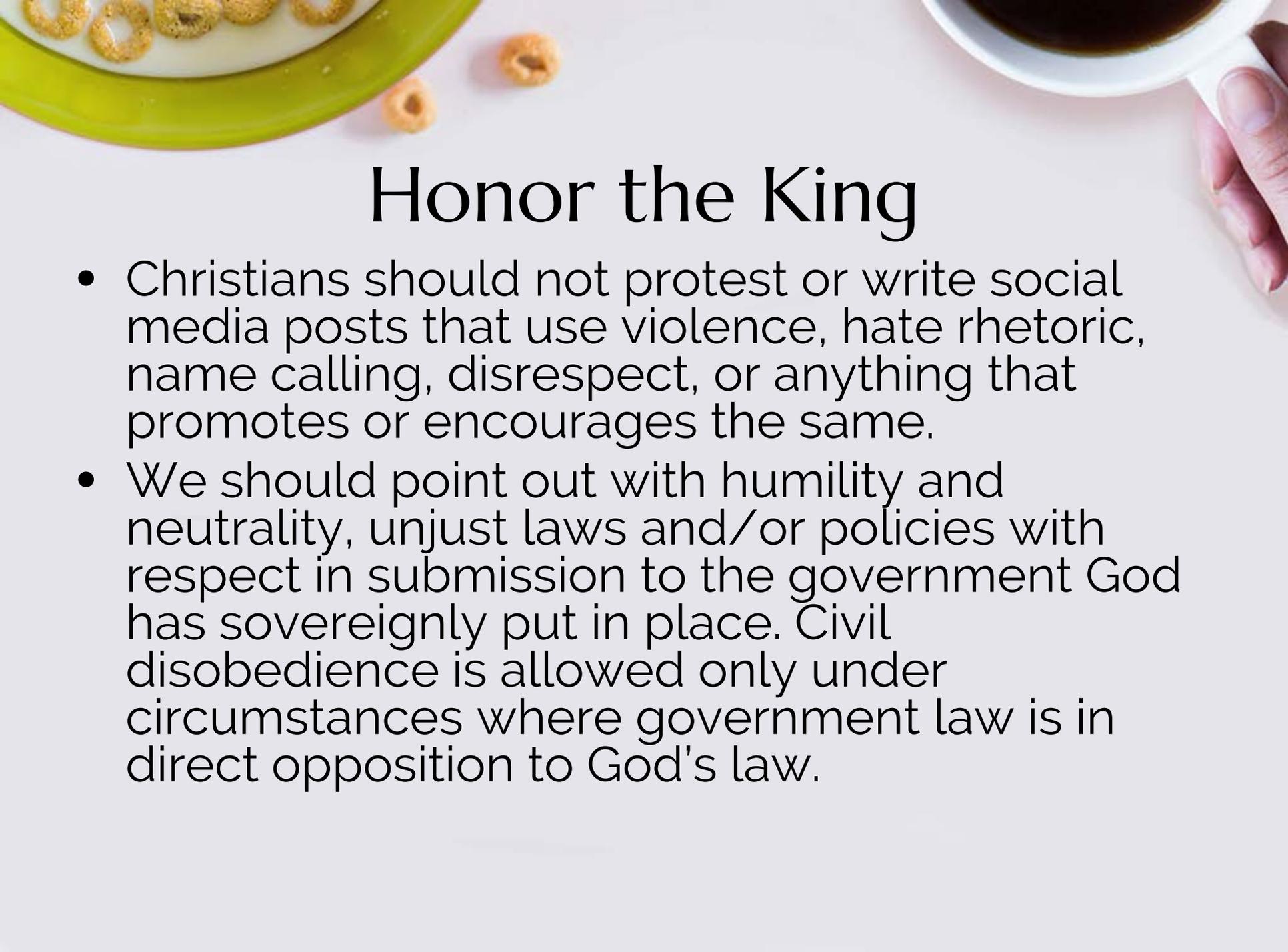
- **John 13:34-35 (NASB)**

³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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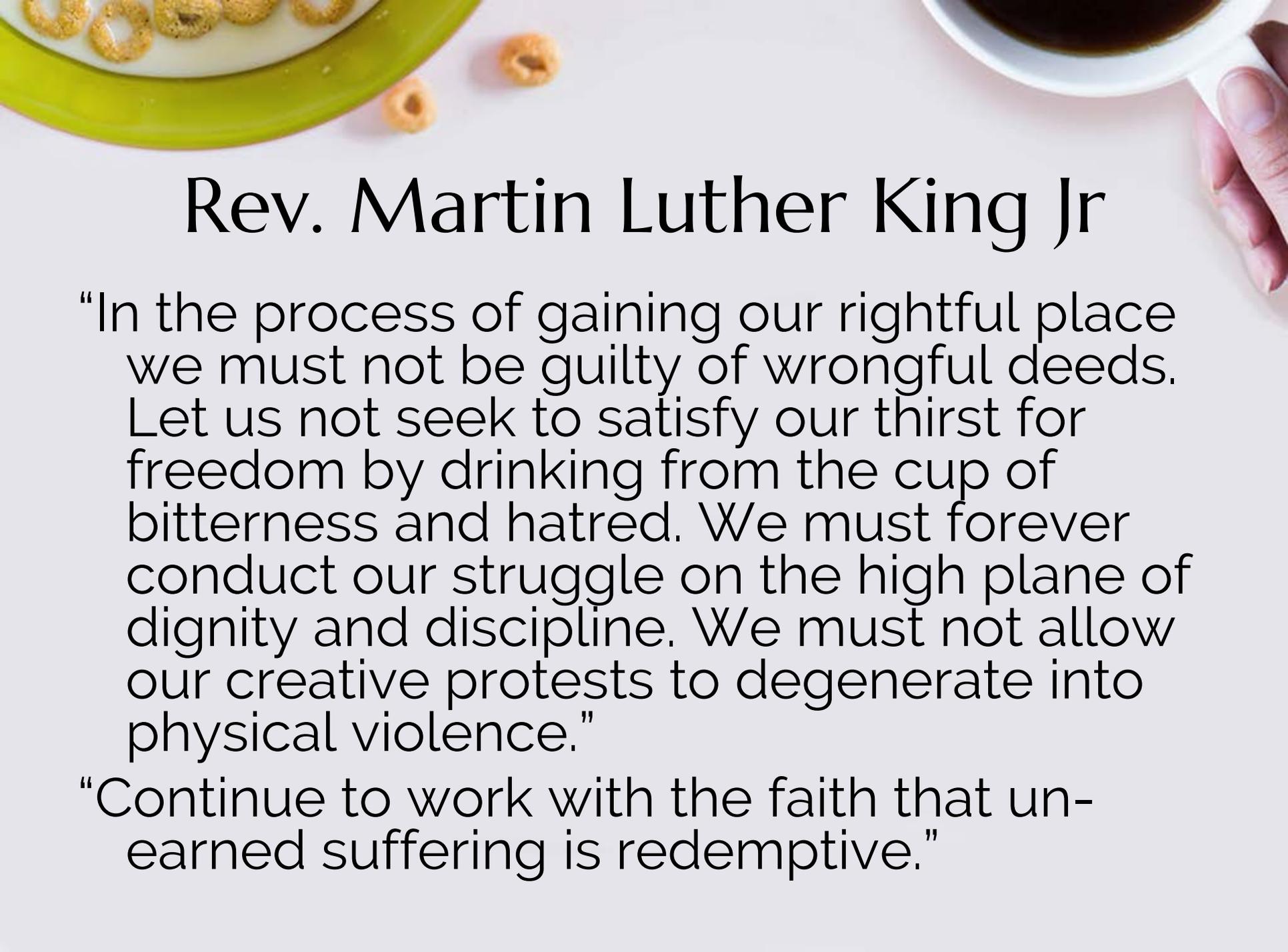
Fear God

Trusting in Him, acknowledging His
sovereignty over all things.
Submitting to Him above all else.



Honor the King

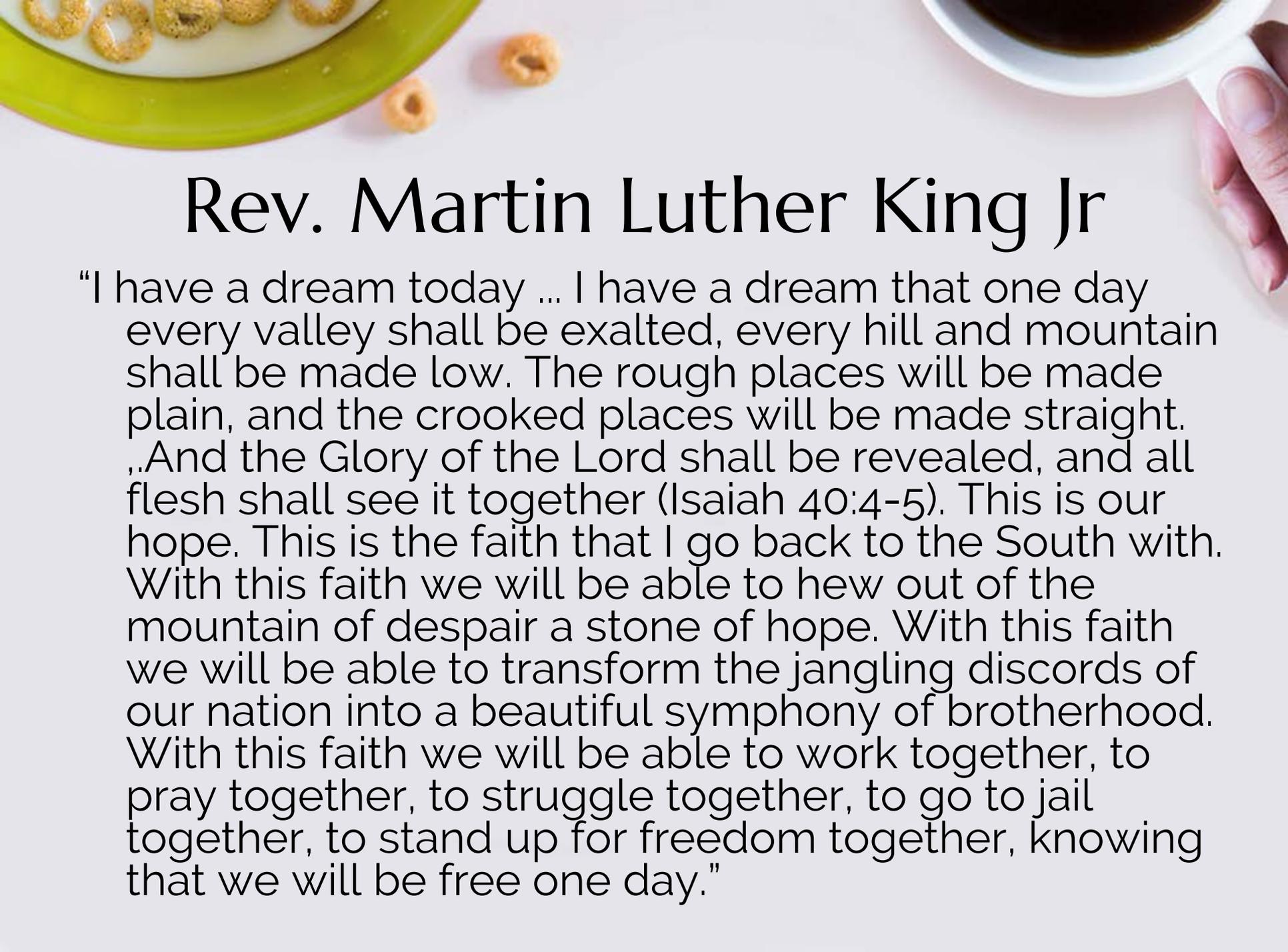
- Christians should not protest or write social media posts that use violence, hate rhetoric, name calling, disrespect, or anything that promotes or encourages the same.
- We should point out with humility and neutrality, unjust laws and/or policies with respect in submission to the government God has sovereignly put in place. Civil disobedience is allowed only under circumstances where government law is in direct opposition to God's law.

A top-down view of a breakfast table. In the upper left, a green bowl contains cereal with milk. In the upper right, a white cup of coffee is being held by a hand. The background is a plain white surface.

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr

“In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protests to degenerate into physical violence.”

“Continue to work with the faith that un-earned suffering is redemptive.”



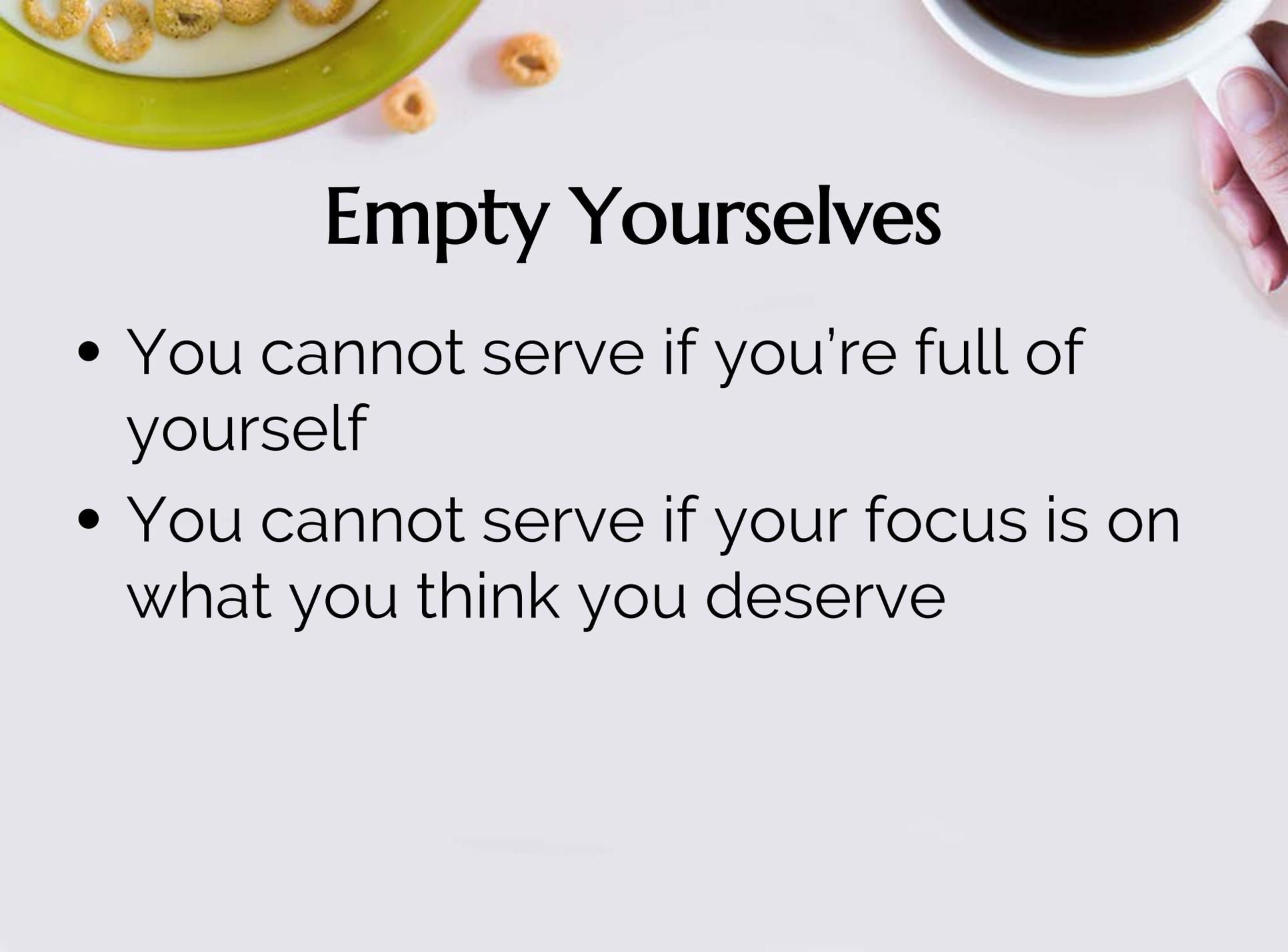
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"I have a dream today ... I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. „And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together (Isaiah 40:4-5). This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."



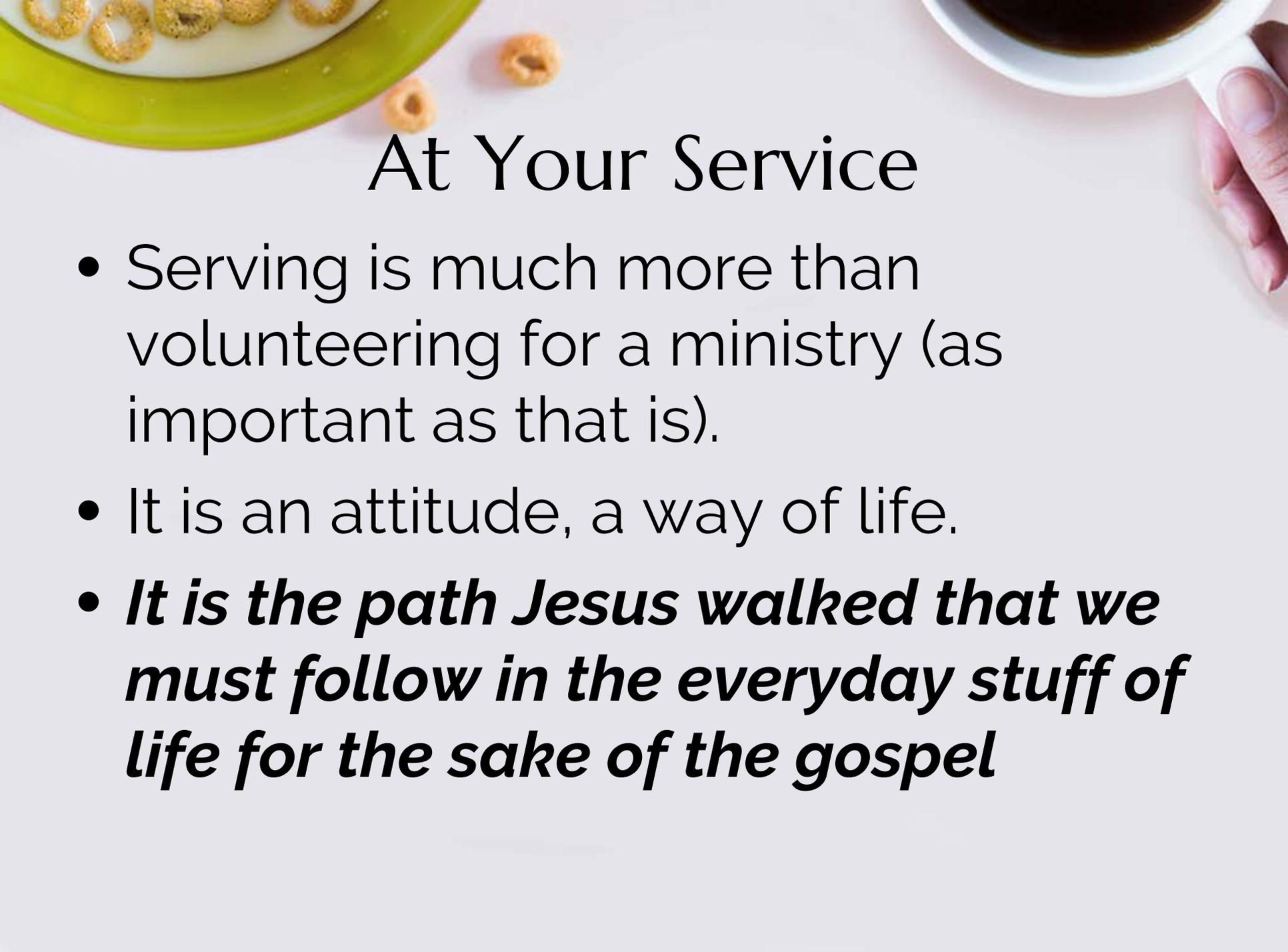
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Spent more time on his knees in
prayer than on his feet in protest.

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Empty Yourself

- You cannot serve if you're full of yourself
- You cannot serve if your focus is on what you think you deserve



At Your Service

- Serving is much more than volunteering for a ministry (as important as that is).
- It is an attitude, a way of life.
- ***It is the path Jesus walked that we must follow in the everyday stuff of life for the sake of the gospel***