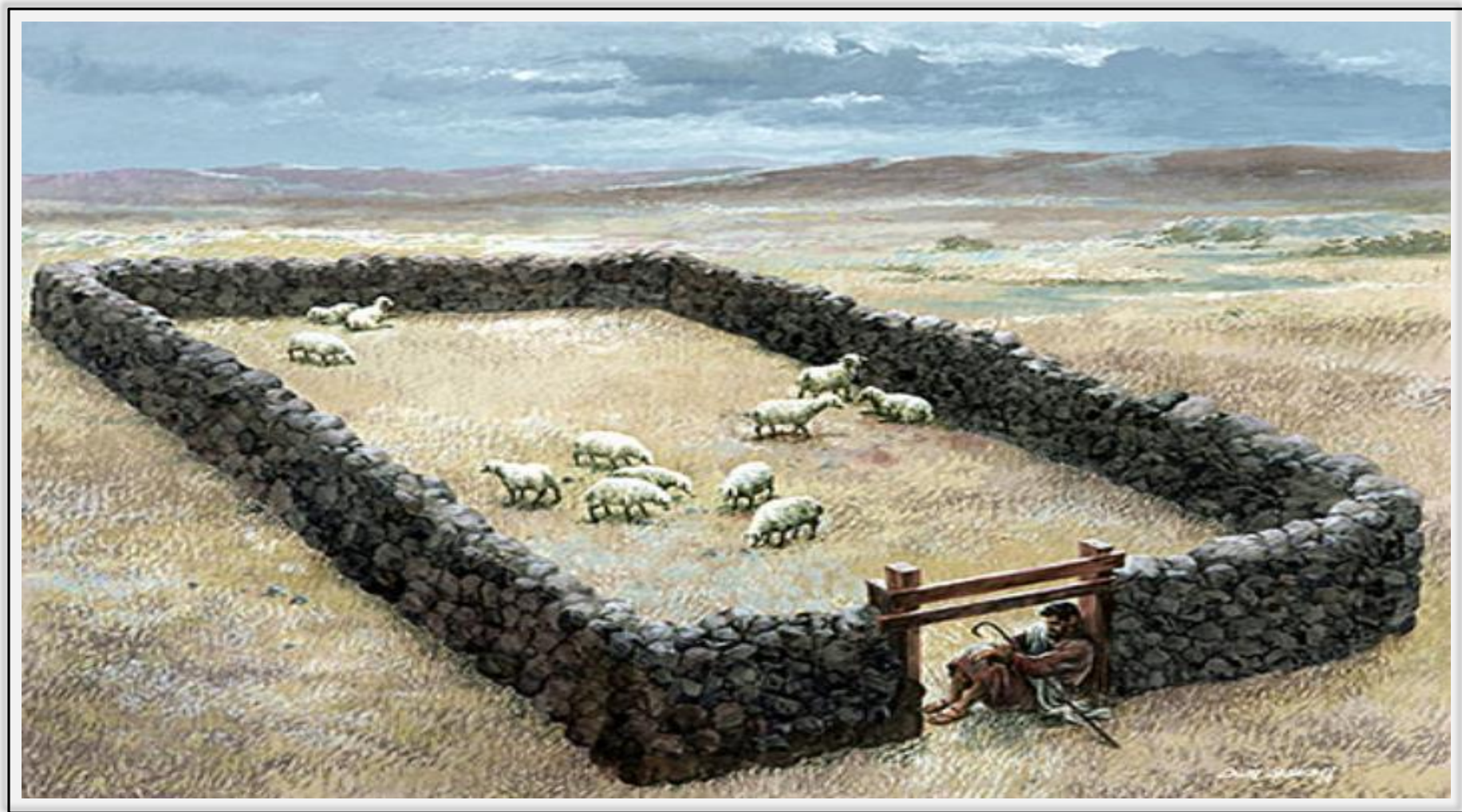


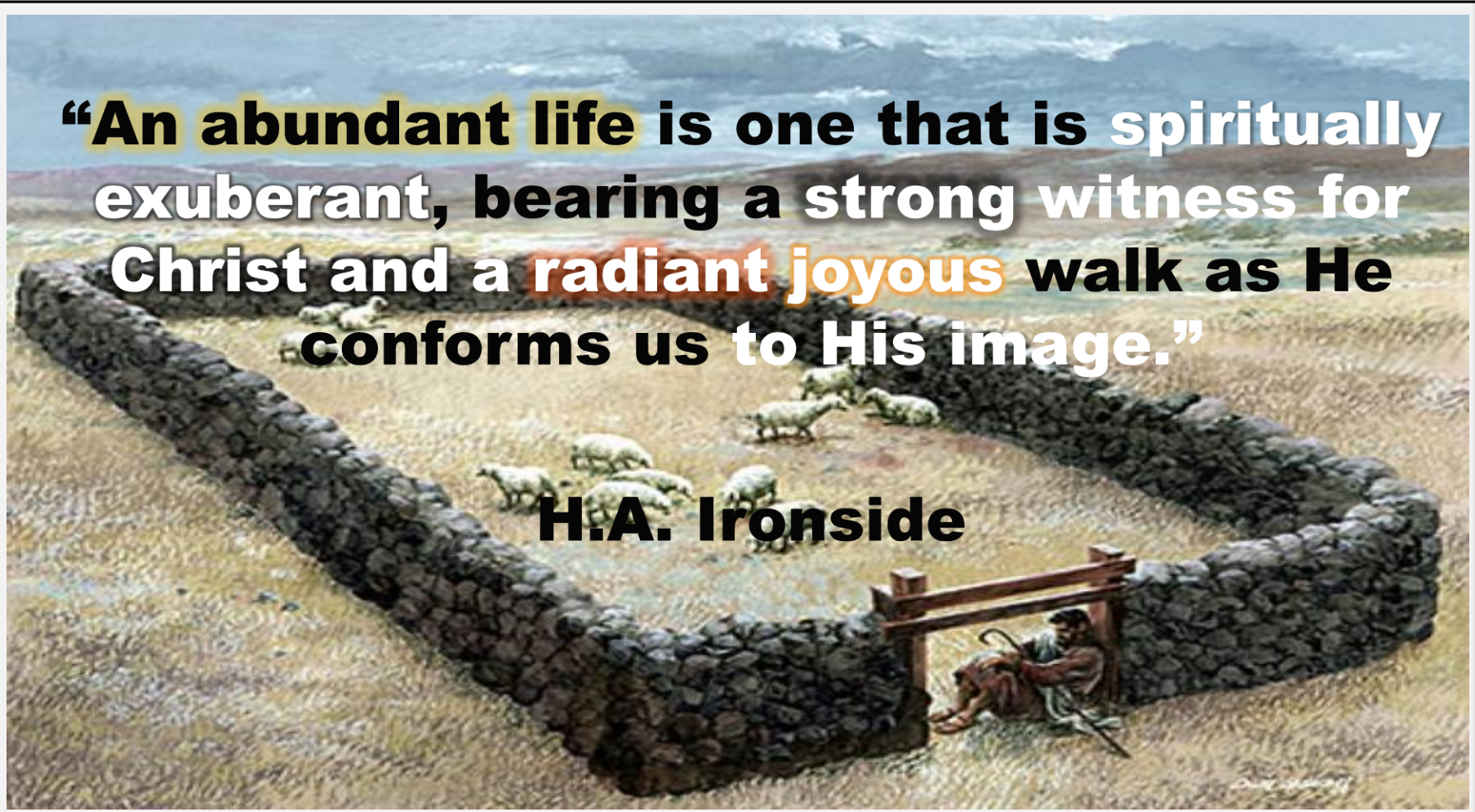
Jesus, the Door

John 10:1-10

It was once my privilege to cross the Atlantic with Adam Smith. I shall never forget the fascination at that voyage as he talked about those Eastern lands he knew so well. One story he told me was this. He was one day traveling with a guide and came across a shepherd and his sheep... the man showed him the fold where the sheep were led at night. It consisted of four walls with a way in. Smith said to him, "That is where you go at night?" "Yes," said the shepherd, "and when the sheep are in there they are perfectly safe." "But there is no door," said Smith. "I am the door," said the shepherd. He was not a Christian man. He was not speaking in the language of the New Testament. He was speaking from the Arab shepherd standpoint. Smith looked at him and said, "What do you mean by 'the door'?" The shepherd said, "When the light has gone, and all the sheep are inside, I lie in that open space, and no sheep ever goes out but across my body, and no wolf comes in unless he crosses my body; I am the door."

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A pastoral scene featuring a shepherd in traditional attire sitting on the ground, leaning against a wooden post, and holding a staff. A flock of sheep is gathered within a large, rectangular enclosure made of dark, stacked stones. The field is dry and yellowish-brown. In the background, there are rolling hills and a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

“An abundant life is one that is spiritually exuberant, bearing a strong witness for Christ and a radiant joyous walk as He conforms us to His image.”

H.A. Ironside

Scripture Meditation

John 10:10b

**I have come that they may have life, and that they
may have *it* more abundantly.**