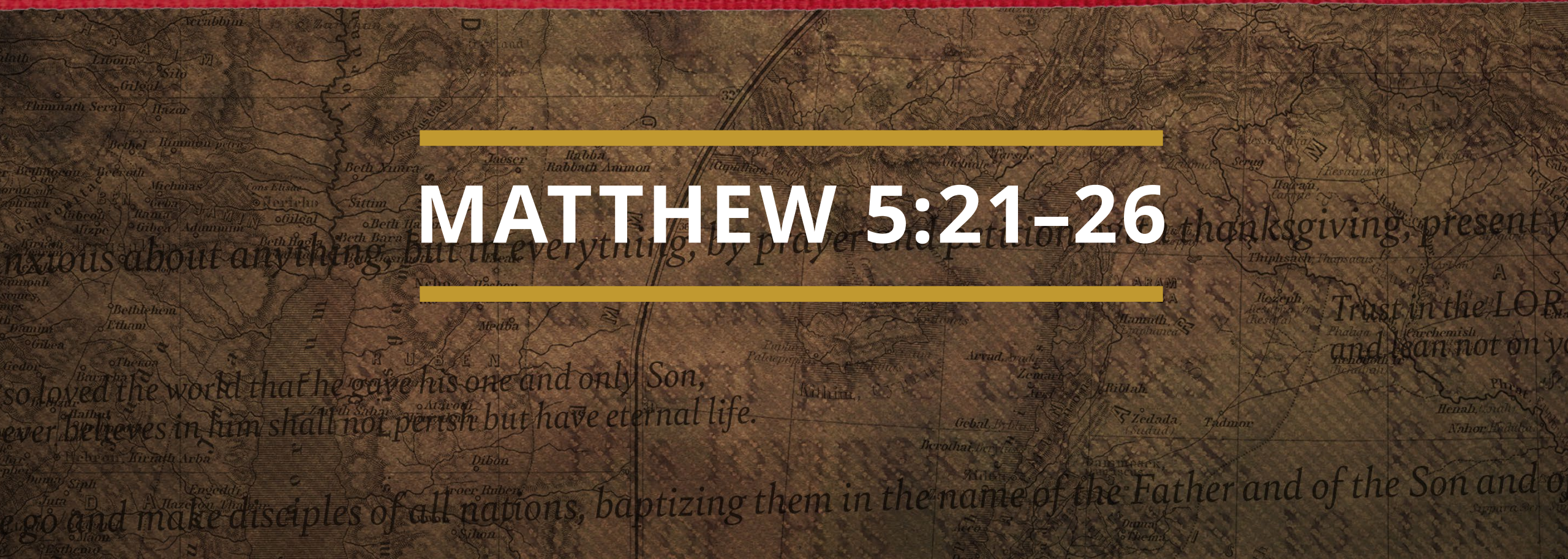




# WHAT IF JESUS DESIGNED OUR WORSHIP SERVICE?



MATTHEW 5:21-26



<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister, will be subject to the court. Whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to hellfire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

**MATTHEW 5:21–26**



<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary while you're on the way with him to the court, or your adversary will hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny.

**MATTHEW 5:21-26**



<sup>24</sup>...First go and be reconciled  
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then come and offer your gift.

**MATTHEW 5:24**



# 1. RECONCILIATION IS REQUIRED FOR A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

*So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.* — **verses 23–23**

A spiritual law to remember!

**The acceptability of any gift is determined by the acceptability of the giver.**



## 2. RECONCILIATION REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.

*Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary while you're on the way with him to the court, or your adversary will hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny.*

**— verses 25–26**



## 2. RECONCILIATION REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.

- **When we fail to forgive someone, we place them in debtor's prison.** (v. 25)

Reach a settlement quickly with your adversary while you're on the way with him to the court, or your adversary will hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison.

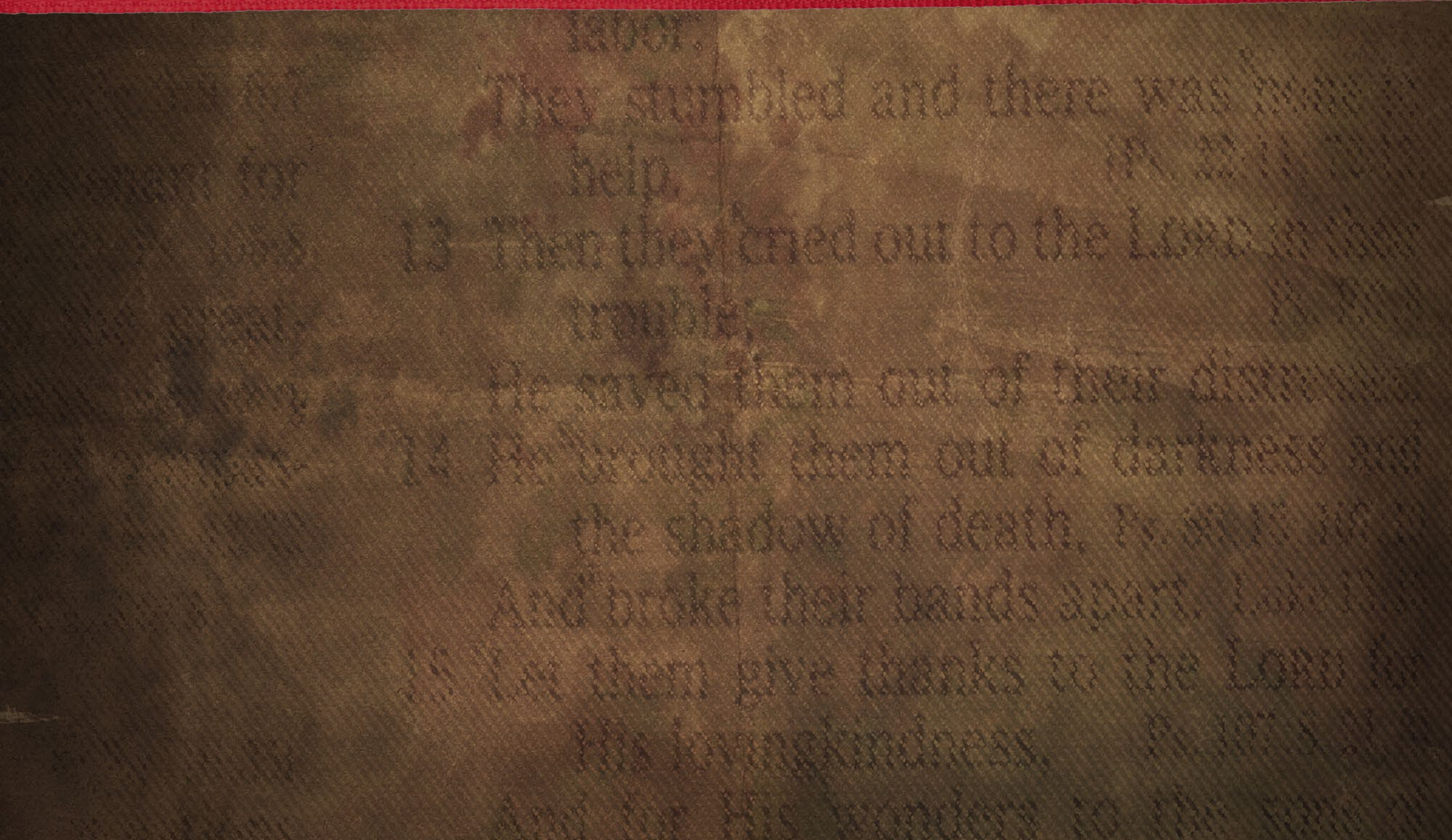
- **We place ourselves in debtor's prison.**

<sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup> "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."— *Matthew 18:34–25*



### 3. RECONCILIATION DOES NOT MEAN WE FORGET THE PAST.





# ***OUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:***

- ***Make a list of those who have hurt or offended you.***
- ***Read Eph. 4:32 [Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.]***
- ***Tear up the list.***