

# THE PEOPLE JESUS CALLS

## THE CALL INTO FAMILY



## Mark 1:16-20

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

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<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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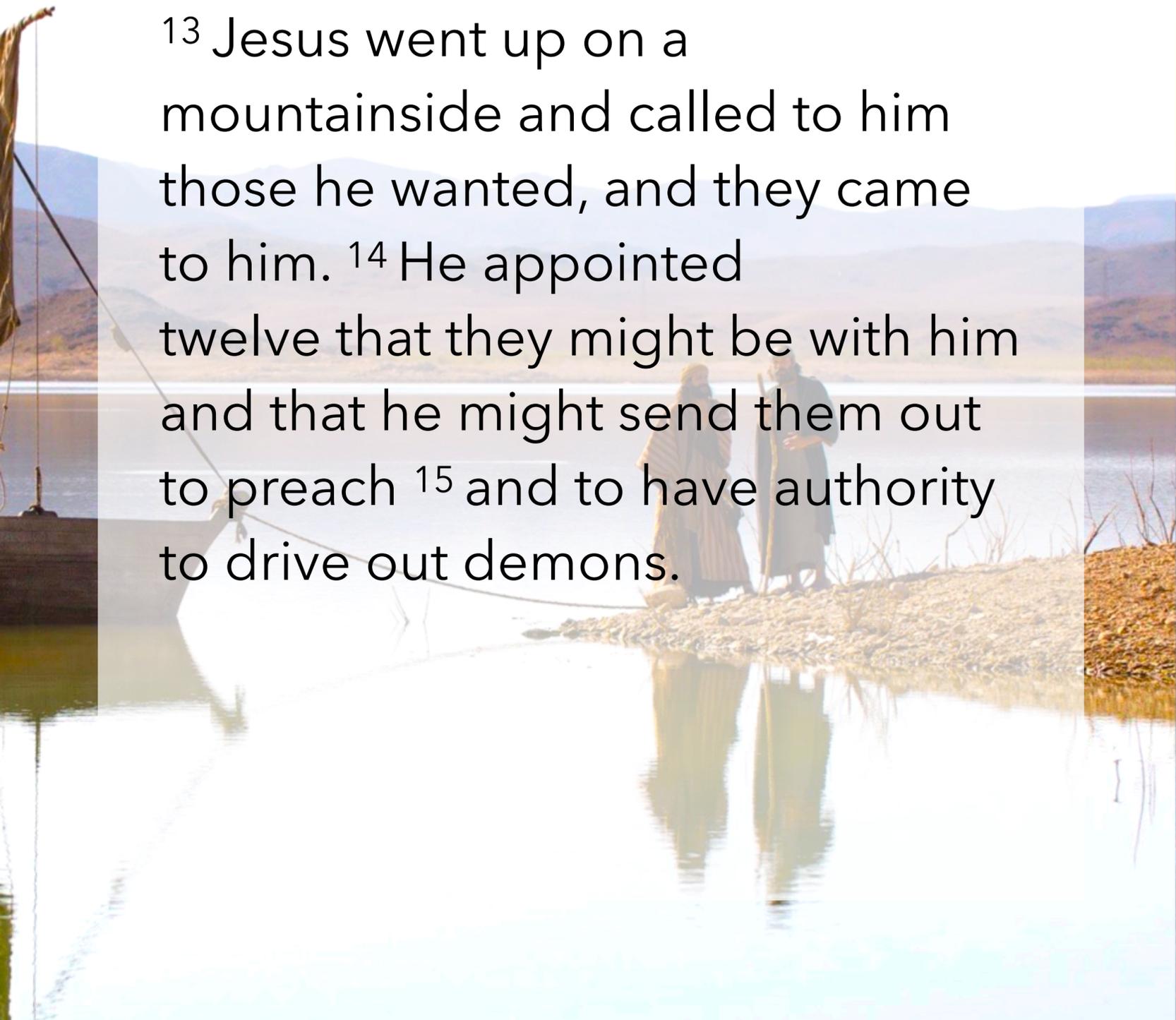




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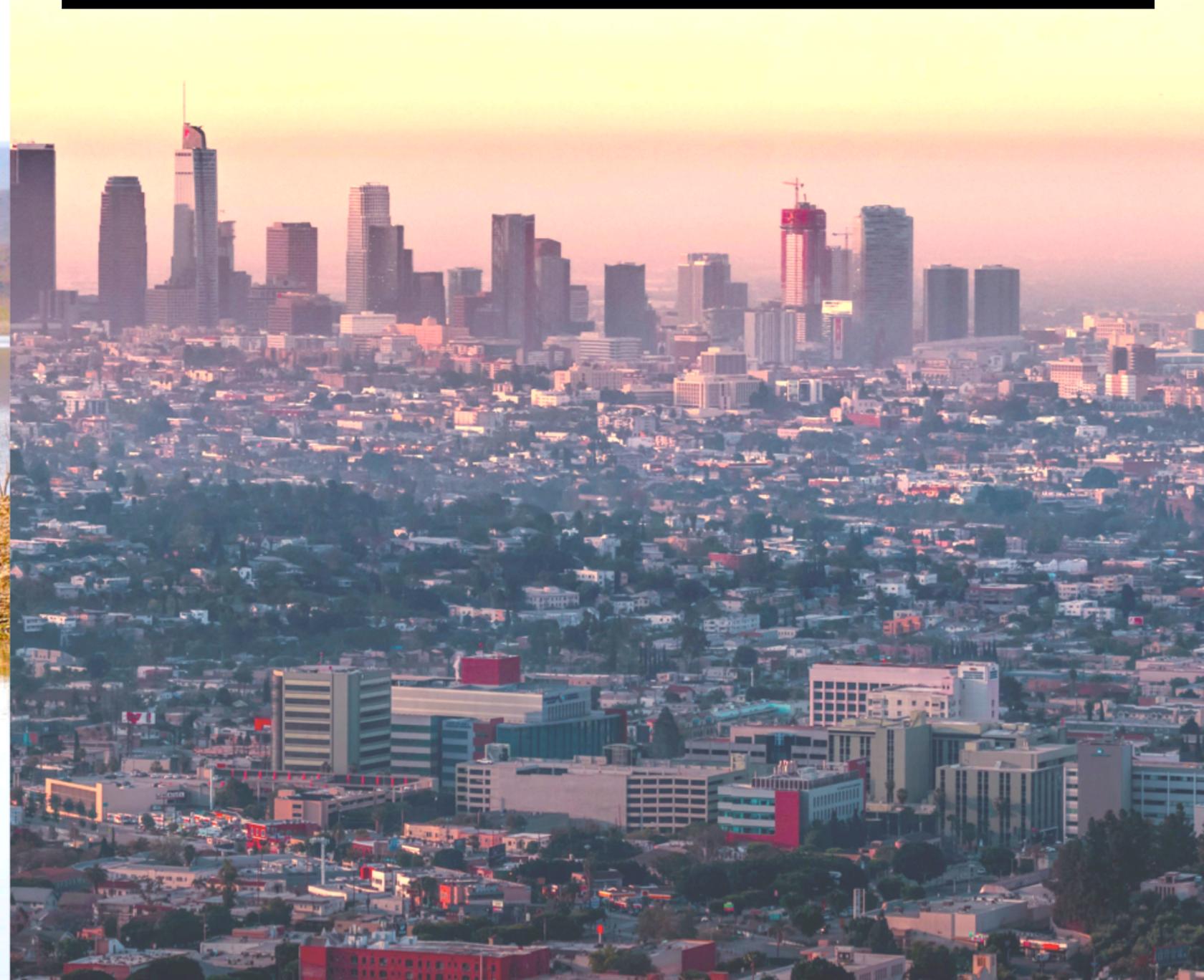
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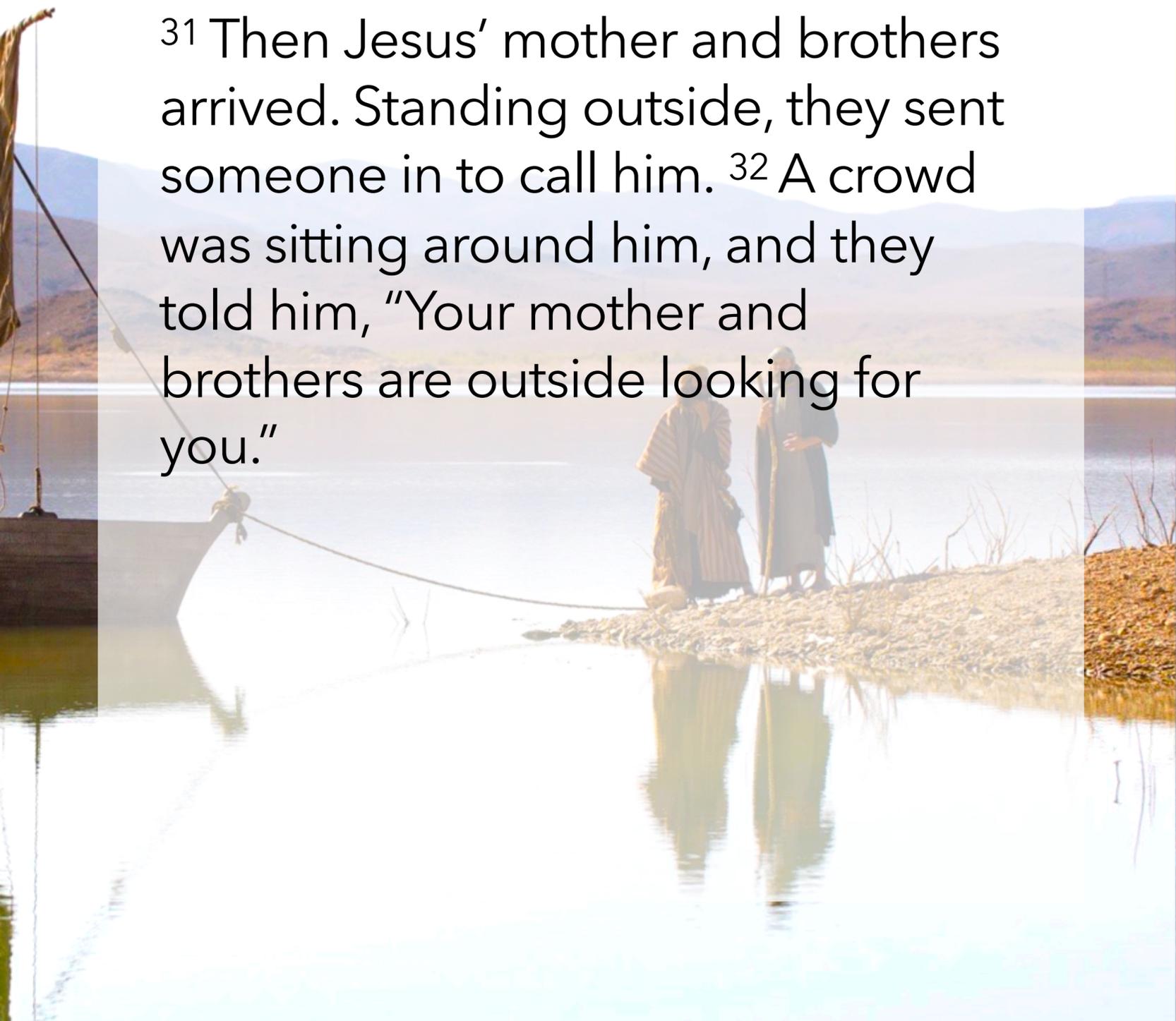
**The indirect call: to be with each other**

**The call to community is the call to be with Jesus**

**Their preparation to do the work of Jesus consisted of them being together**

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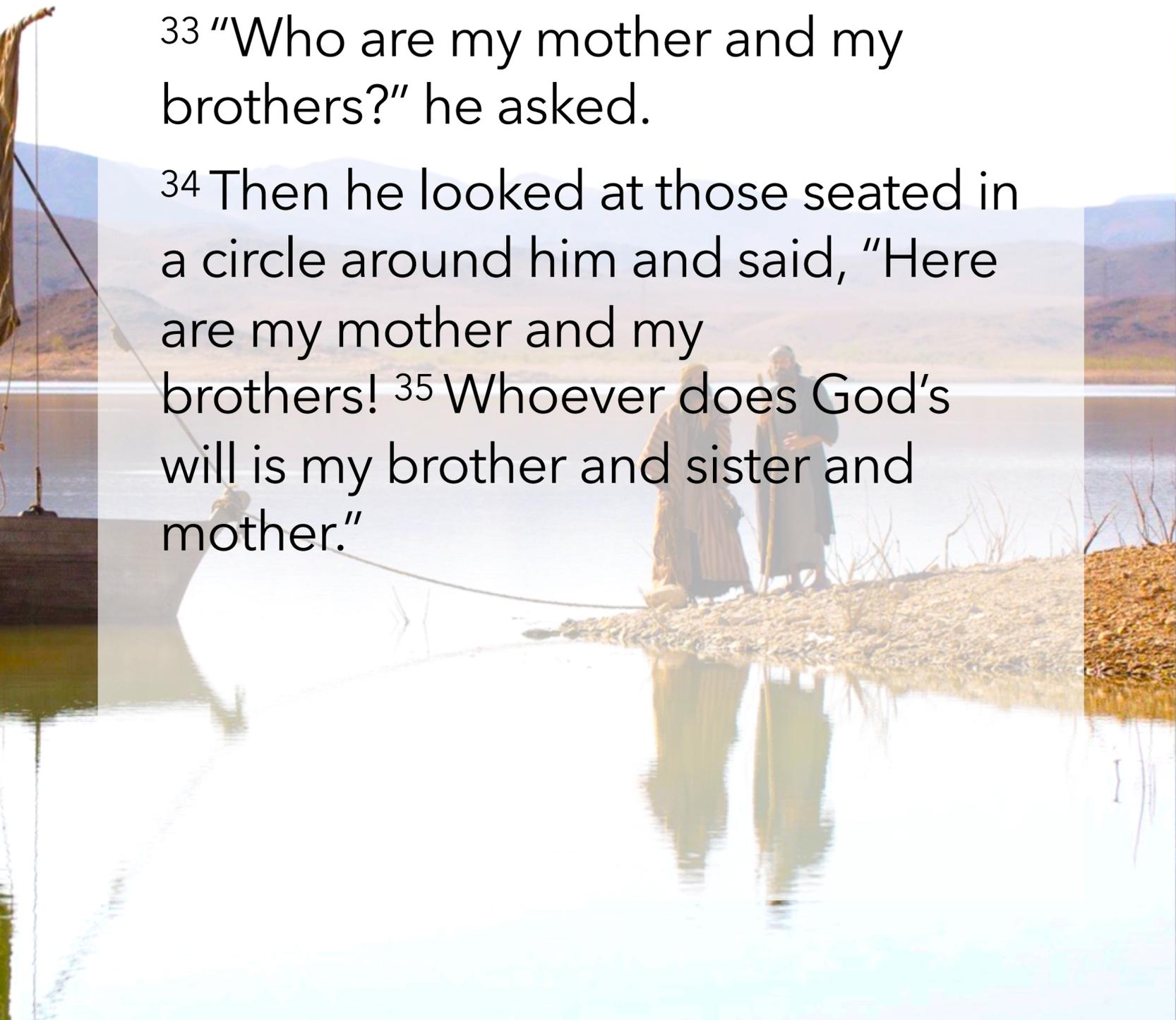
<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."



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Family is also what people today really need

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John 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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God calls us into family to grow us

God calls us into family to equip us for our calling

God places us into a family community to learn the habits and skills we need to be salt, light and peace in a divided and torn world

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## TRUST

Jesus, I trust that you know my true self and have plans to grow me

## HEAL

Jesus, I'm stuck. I need healing from wounds from my biological family or former church family. Come heal my heart.

## EMBRACE

Father, help me to embrace and step into the family you've called me into. Grow me beyond what I'm capable of by your grace.

## FOLLOW

Jesus, I pledge to continue to follow you, no matter where that leads, or who you lead me to.

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