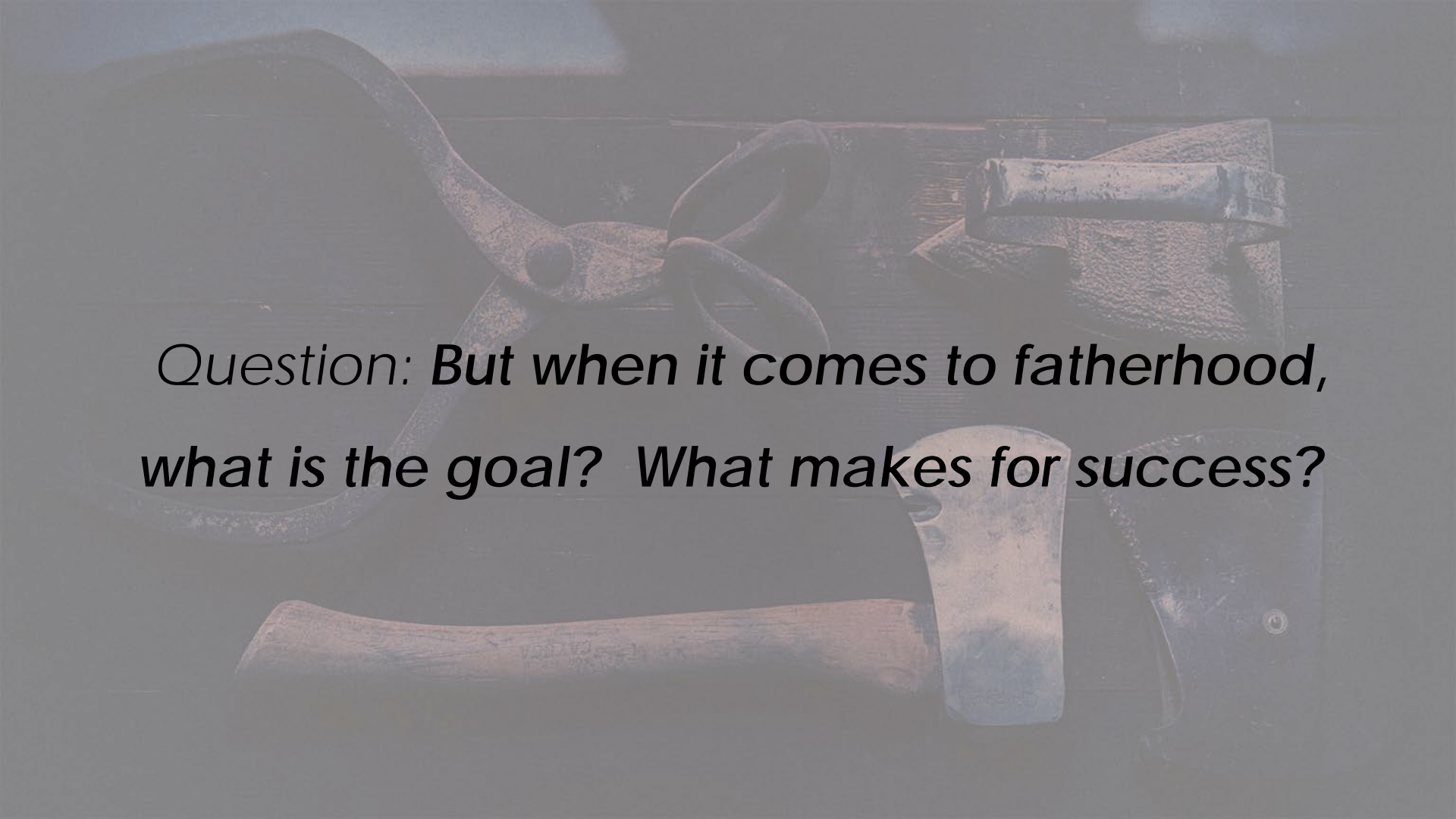


HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



A collection of old, worn tools including a pair of pliers, a hammer, an axe, and a wrench, arranged on a dark wooden surface. The tools are arranged in a way that suggests a workshop or a place of labor. The pliers are on the left, the hammer is in the upper right, the axe is in the lower right, and the wrench is in the lower left. The text "The Highest Goal of Fatherhood" is centered over the image.

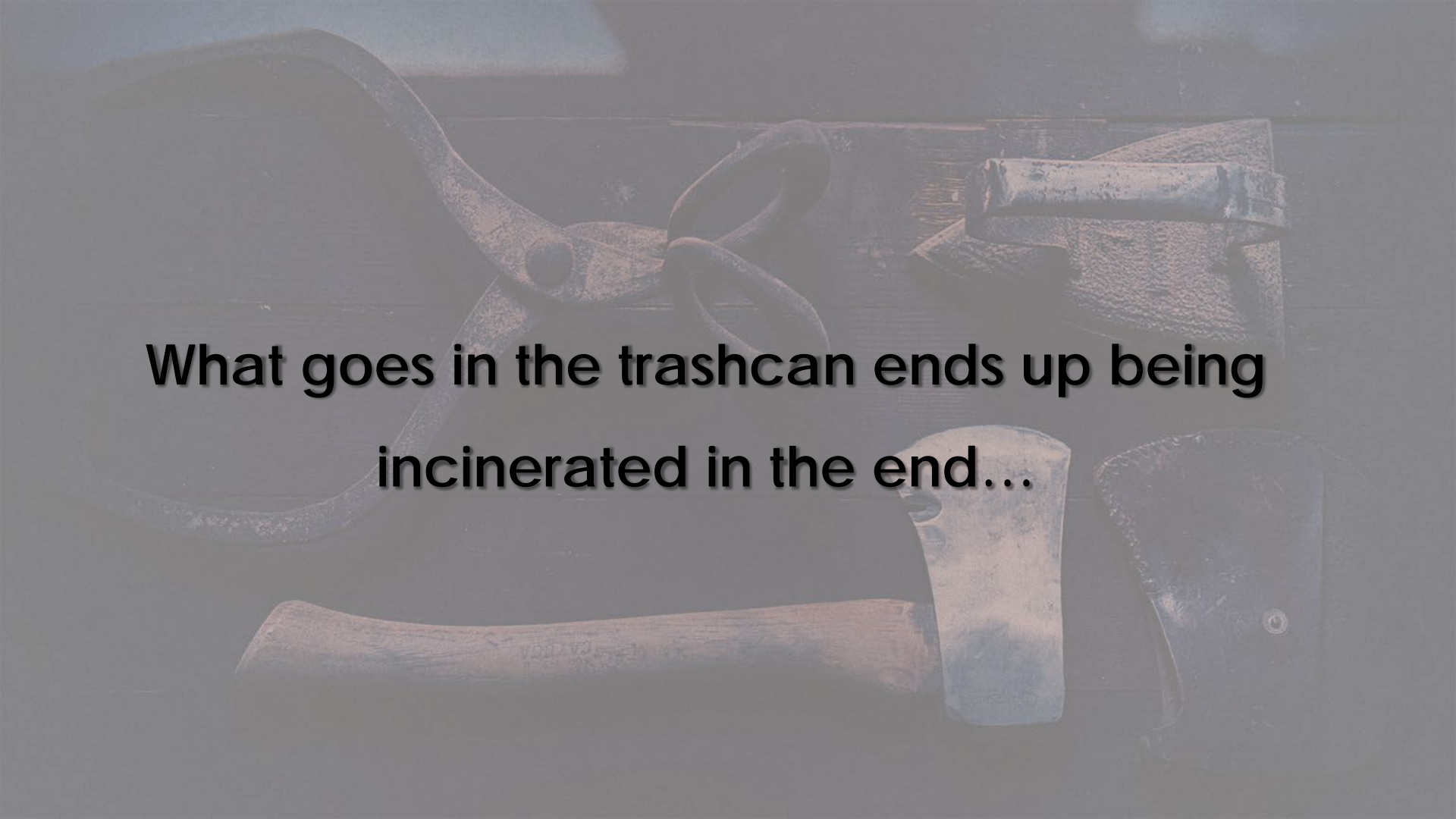
The Highest Goal of Fatherhood

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Question: But when it comes to fatherhood, what is the goal? What makes for success?

A collection of old, worn tools including a pair of shears, a hammer, an axe, and a leather tool holder, all resting on a wooden surface. The tools are arranged in a way that suggests a workshop or a place of manual labor. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the wood and metal.

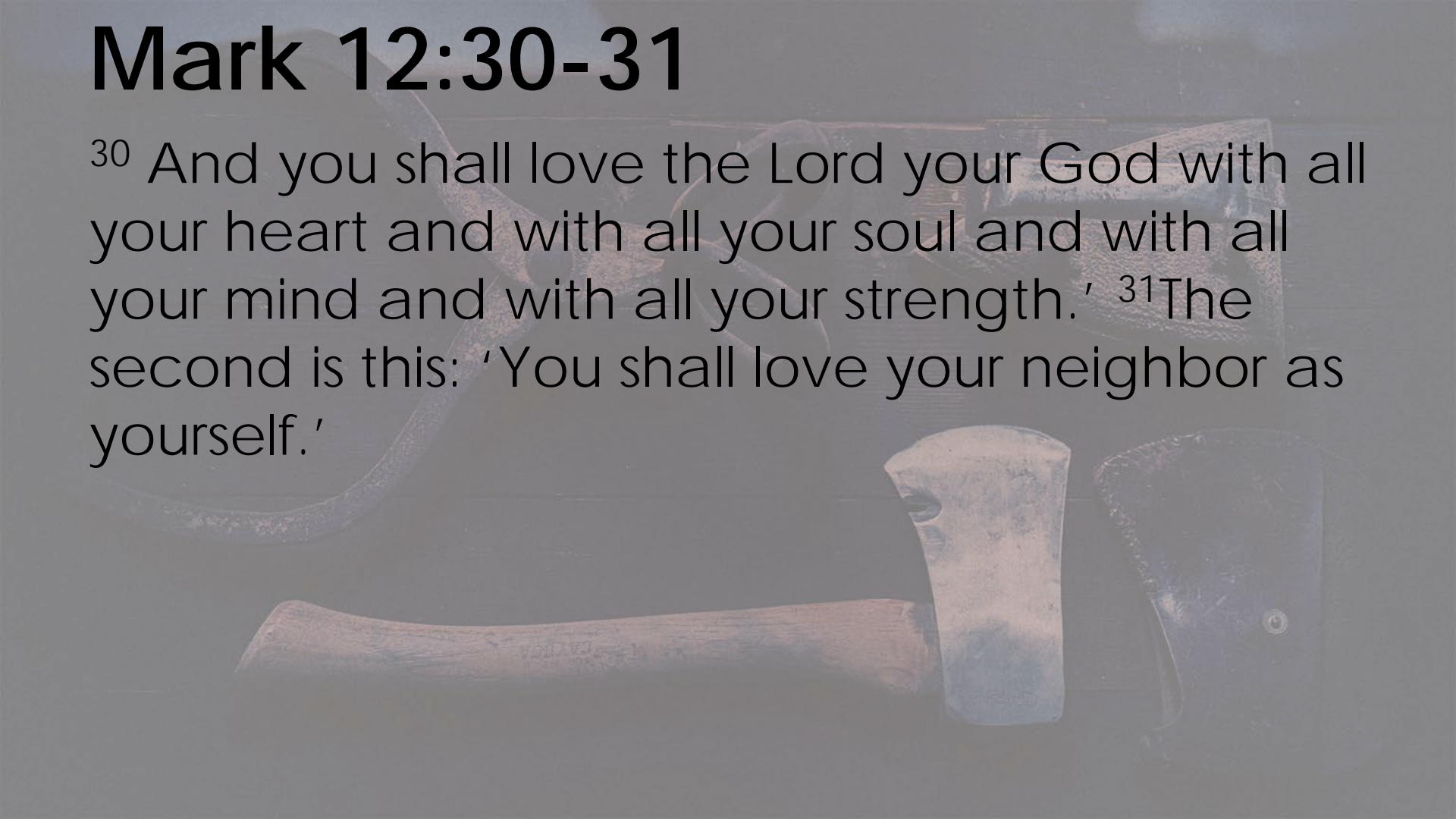
What makes for successful fatherhood?


A collection of old, worn tools including a pair of pliers, a hammer, and an axe, arranged on a dark surface. The pliers are at the top left, the hammer is at the top right, and the axe is at the bottom center. The tools are heavily used and show signs of age and rust.

**What goes in the trashcan ends up being
incinerated in the end...**

Mark 12:30-31

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'



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**The Problem: We Have Our Own Ideas of
Success**

Mark 8:31-33

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For ***you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.***"

A collection of old, weathered tools including a pair of shears, a hammer, an axe, and a leather pouch, all resting on a wooden surface. The tools are arranged in a somewhat haphazard manner, with the shears on the left, the hammer and axe in the center, and the leather pouch on the right. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface.

3 Ways to Help Direct

Mark 8:34-38

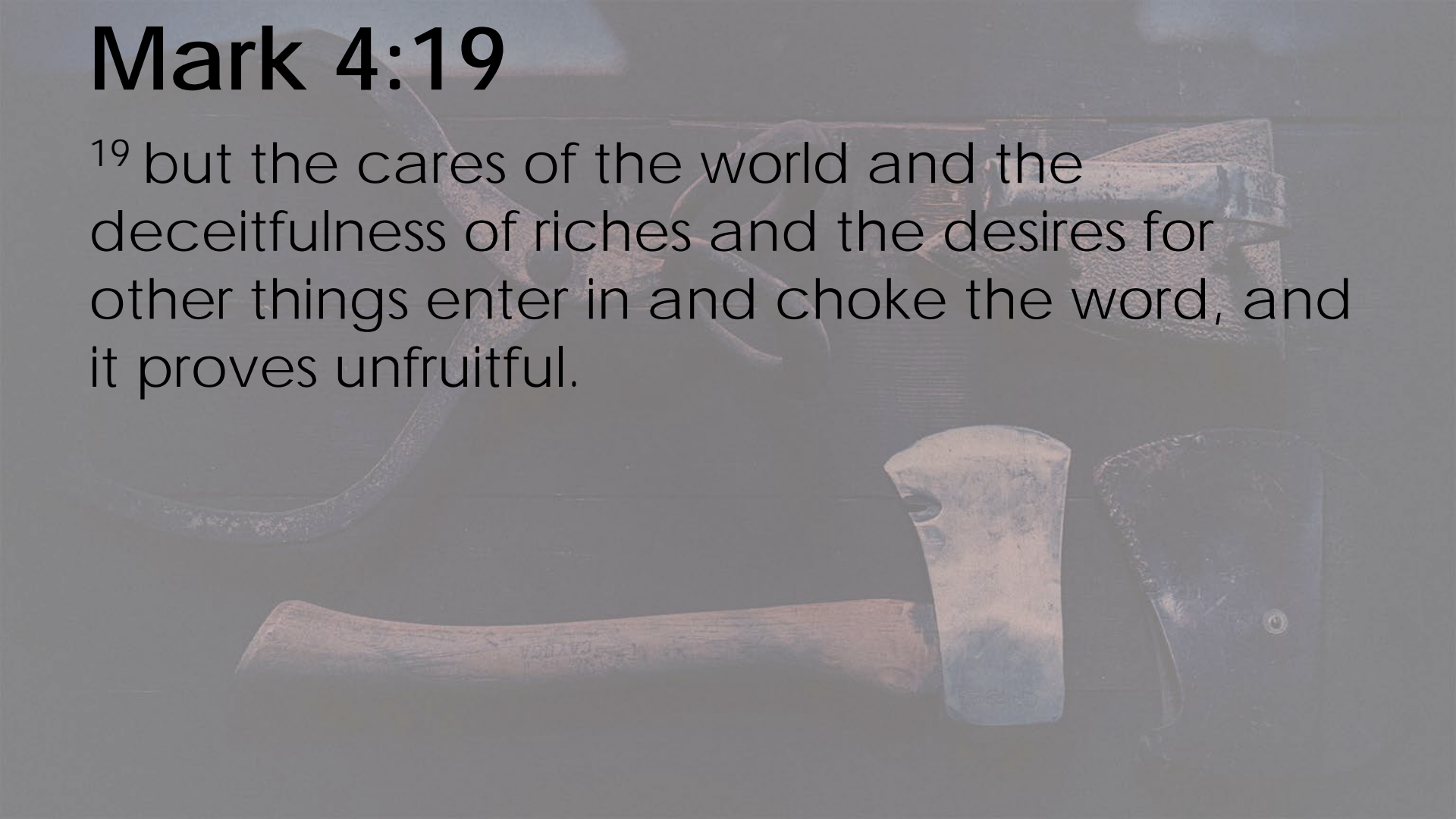
³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, ***let him deny himself*** and ***take up his cross*** and ***follow me***. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man ***(son or daughter)*** to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

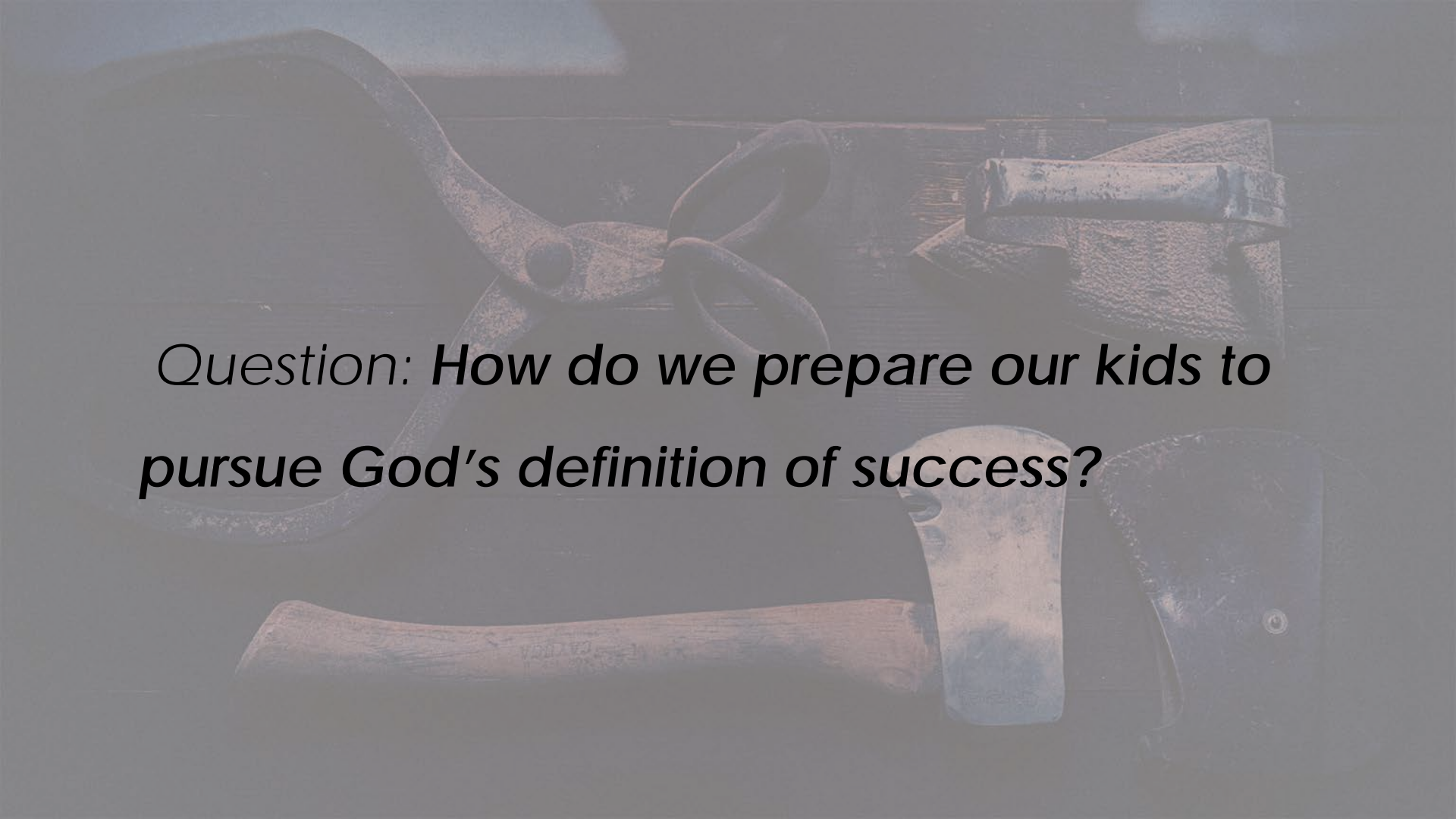
Mark 8:34-38

³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For *whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed* when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

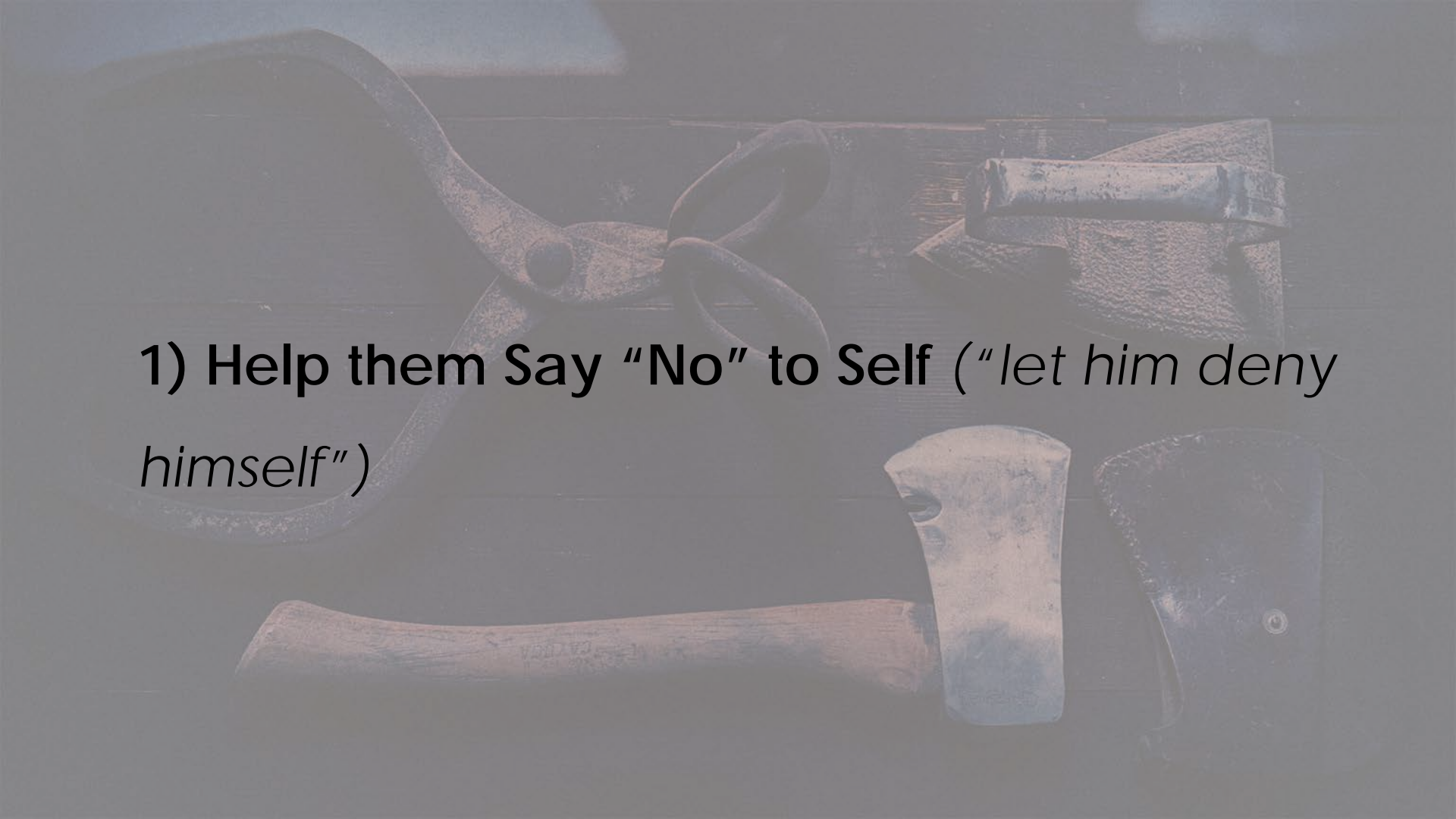
Mark 4:19

¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

The background of the slide features a collection of antique tools, including a scythe with a curved blade, an axe with a wooden handle and a metal head, and a dark leather sheath. These tools are arranged in a way that suggests they are part of a farmer's or a laborer's equipment, which is a visual metaphor for the parable of the sower mentioned in the text.

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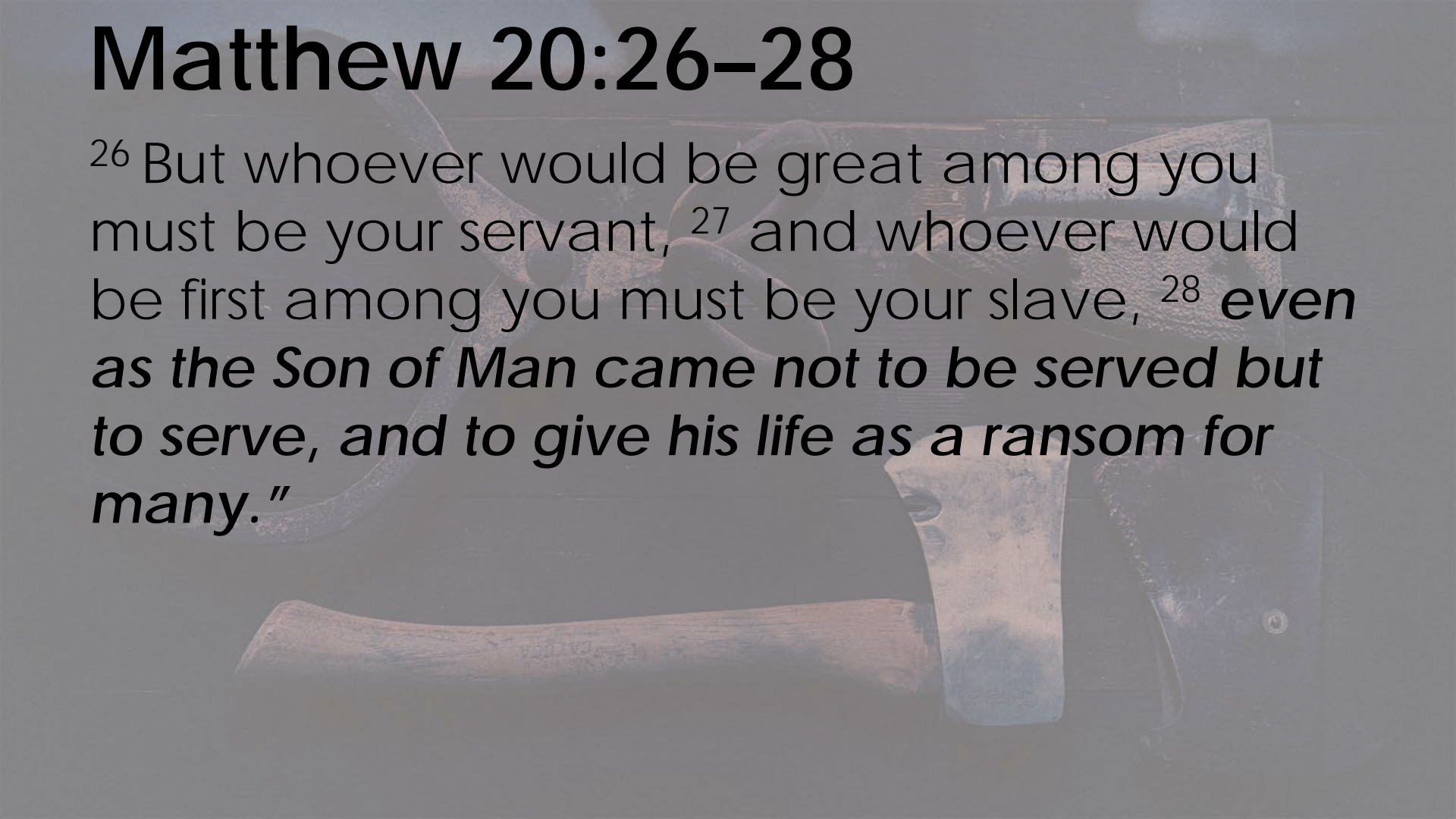
Question: How do we prepare our kids to pursue God's definition of success?

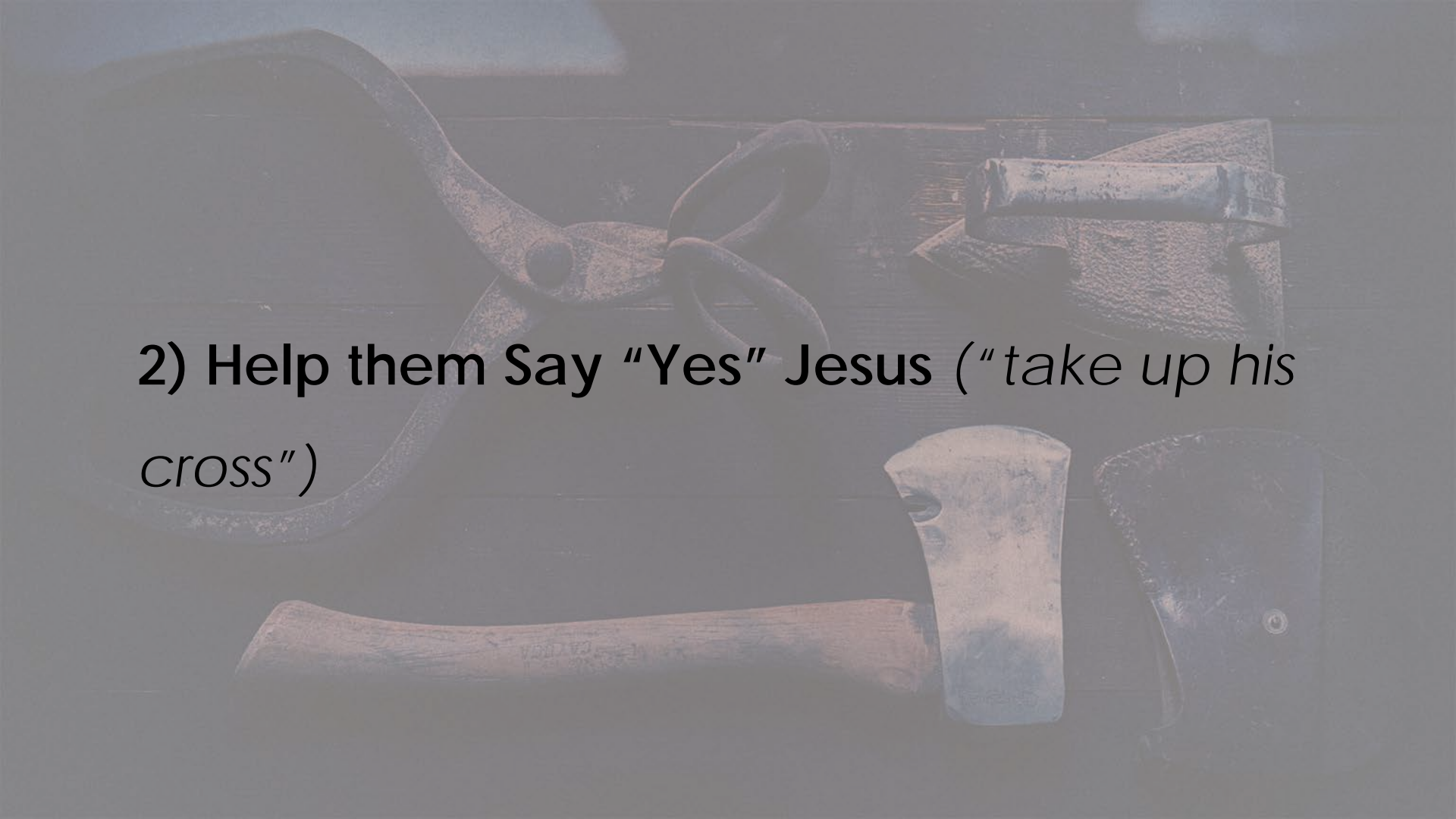
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1) Help them Say "No" to Self (*"let him deny himself"*)

Matthew 20:26–28

²⁶ But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ ***even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.***"

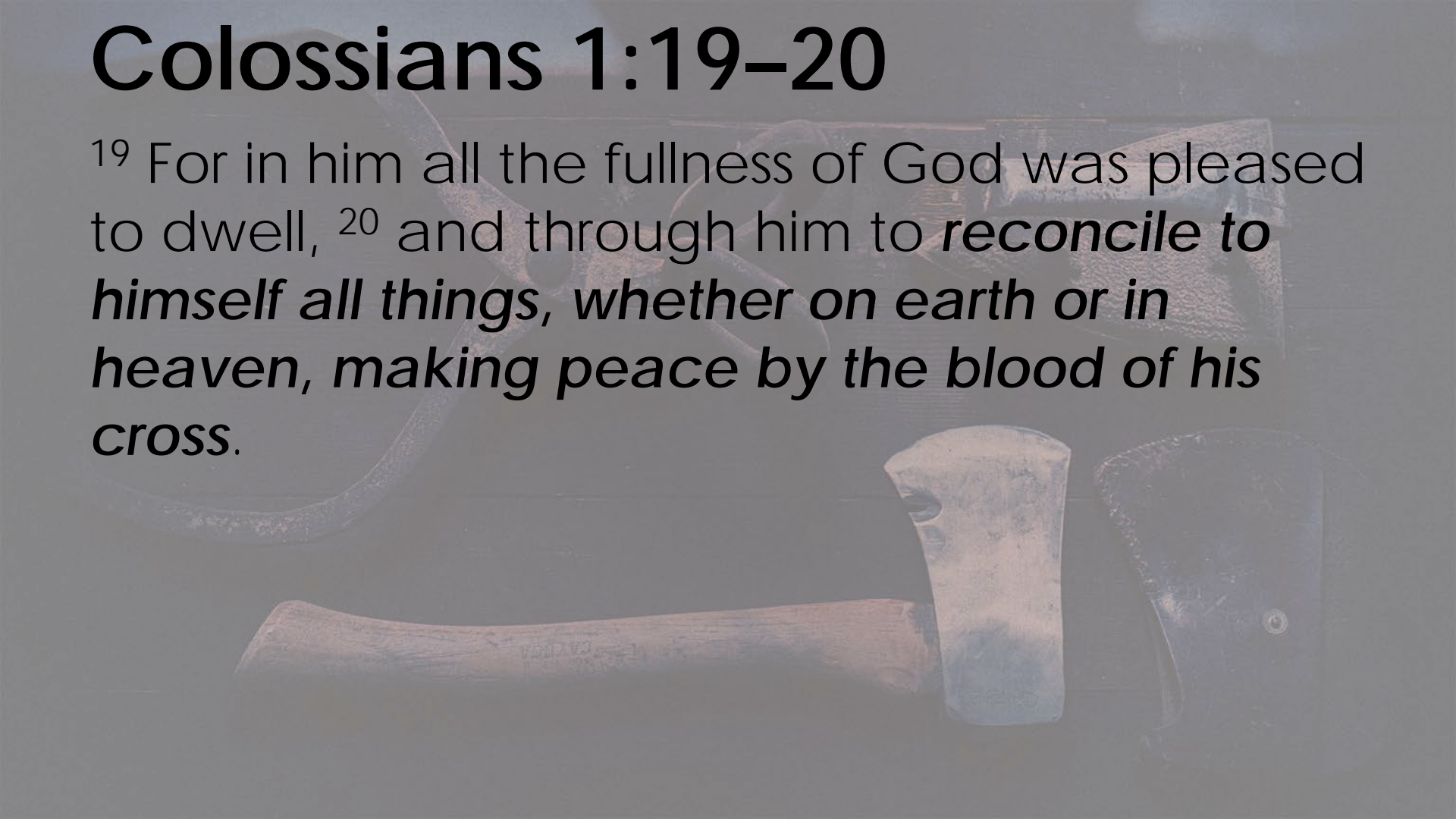


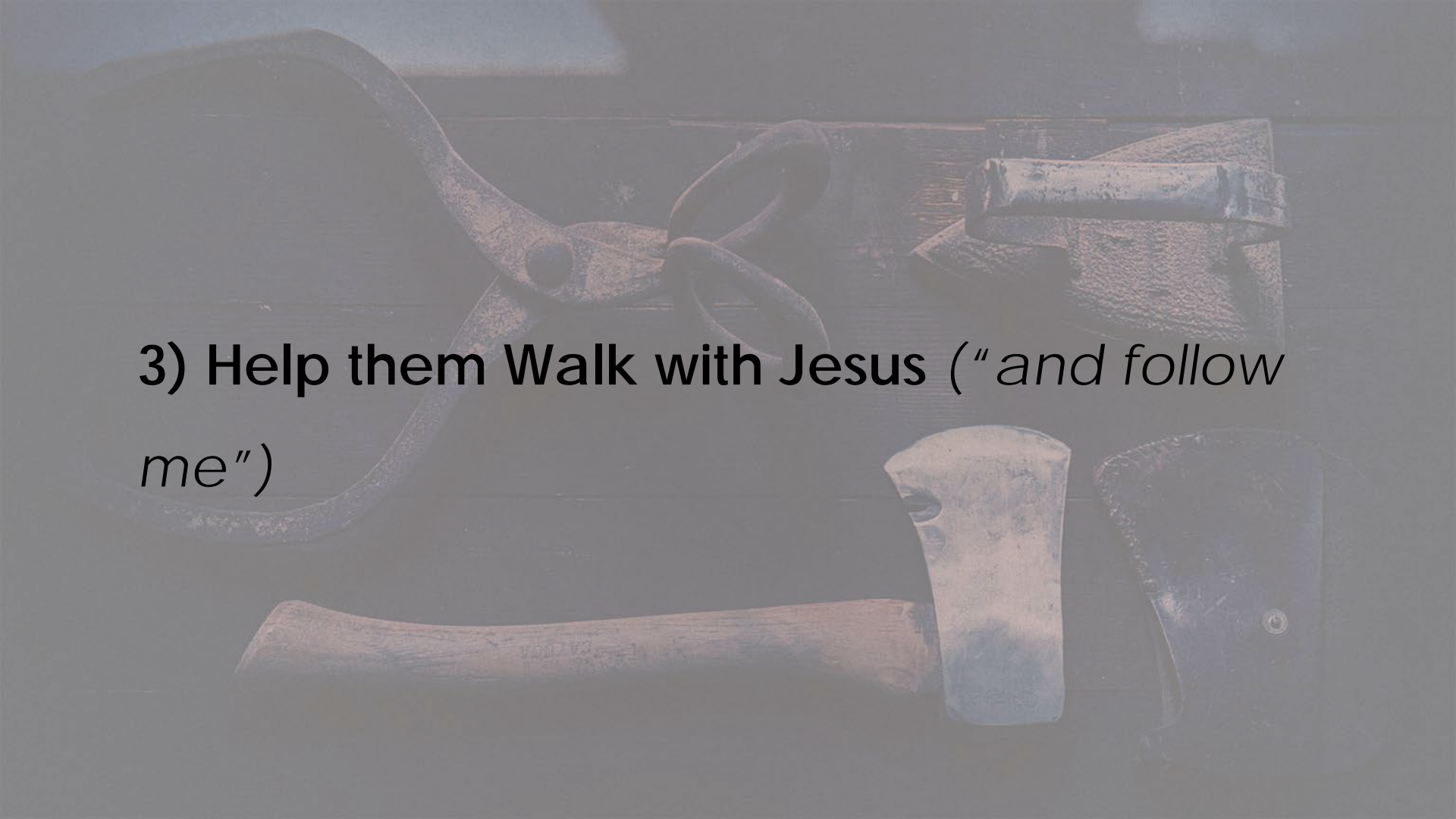
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2) Help them Say "Yes" Jesus (*"take up his cross"*)

Colossians 1:19–20

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to *reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*



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3) Help them Walk with Jesus (*"and follow me"*)

Mark 10:21

²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."



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