



SERMON ON THE MOUNT



**GOD IS
TRUSTWORTHY**



An invitation to live a flourishing life.

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**IF GOD IS GOD...
IS GOD GOOD?**

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“IF GOD IS HOLY, THEN HE CAN’T SIN. IF GOD CAN’T SIN, THEN HE CAN’T SIN AGAINST ME. IF HE CAN’T SIN AGAINST ME, SHOULDN’T THAT MAKE HIM THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY BEING THERE IS?”

– Jackie Hill Perry

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MATTHEW 6:19-34 CSB

Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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MATTHEW 6:19-34 CSB

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light within you is darkness, how deep is that darkness! No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other.

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MATTHEW 6:19-34 CSB

You cannot serve both God and money. Therefore I tell you: Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? Consider the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

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MATTHEW 6:19-34 CSB

Aren't you worth more than they? Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying? And why do you worry about clothes? Observe how the wildflowers of the field grow: They don't labor or spin thread. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these.

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MATTHEW 6:19-34 CSB

If that's how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won't he do much more for you – you of little faith? So don't worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

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MATTHEW 6:19-34 CSB

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

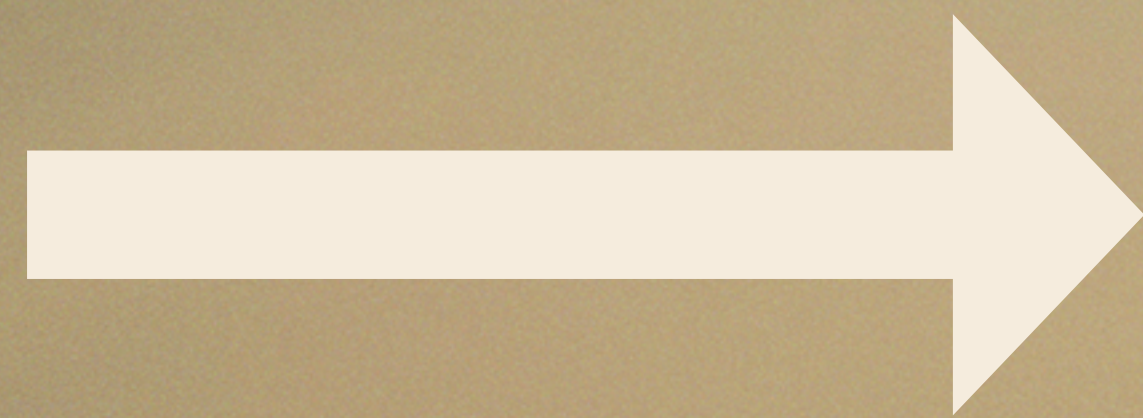
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MATTHEW 6:19-21

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REWARD



TREASURE

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**THĒSAUROS:
A DEPOSIT, WEALTH, TREASURE. A
COLLECTION OF TREASURES/THINGS
PROTECTED IN A TREASURY.**

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**WHAT IS GOD ASKING YOU
TO LOOSEN YOUR GRIP ON?**

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MATTHEW 6:22-23

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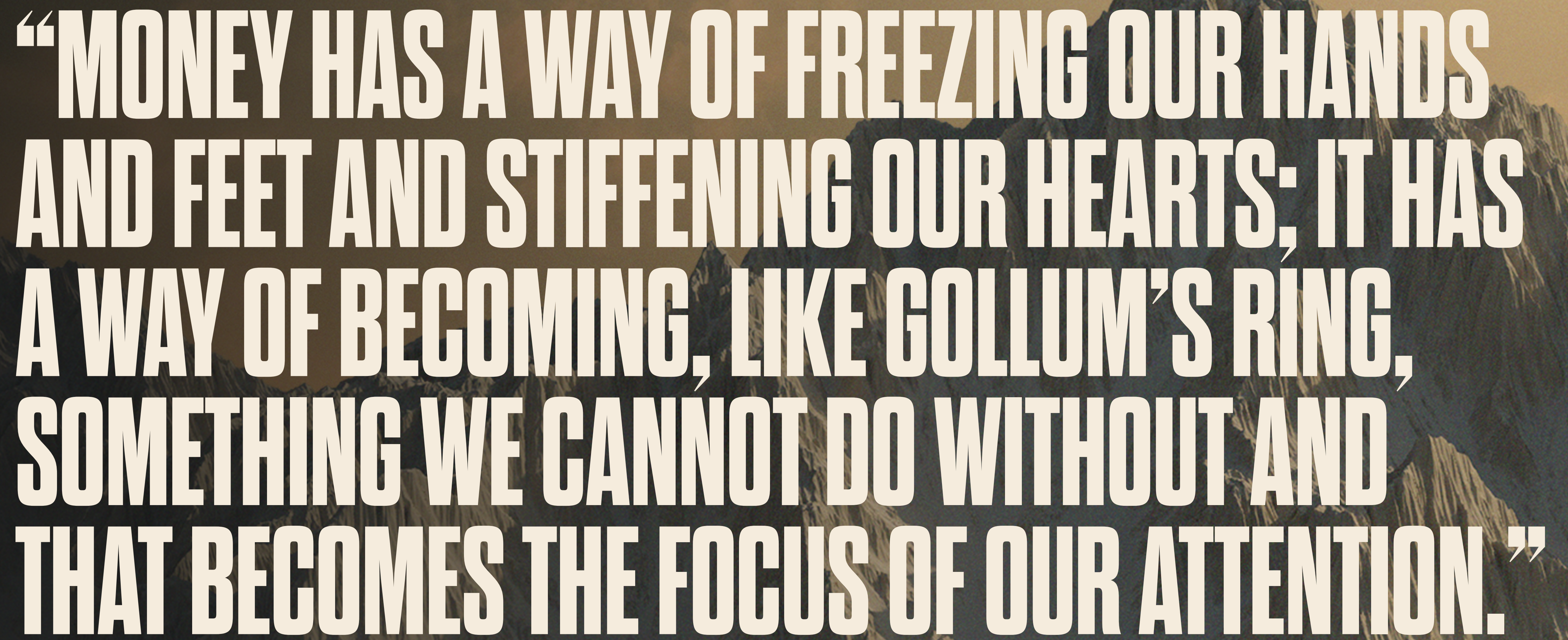
EVIL/BAD EYE = STINGY OR GREEDY
HEALTHY/GOOD EYE = GENEROUS

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MATTHEW 6:24

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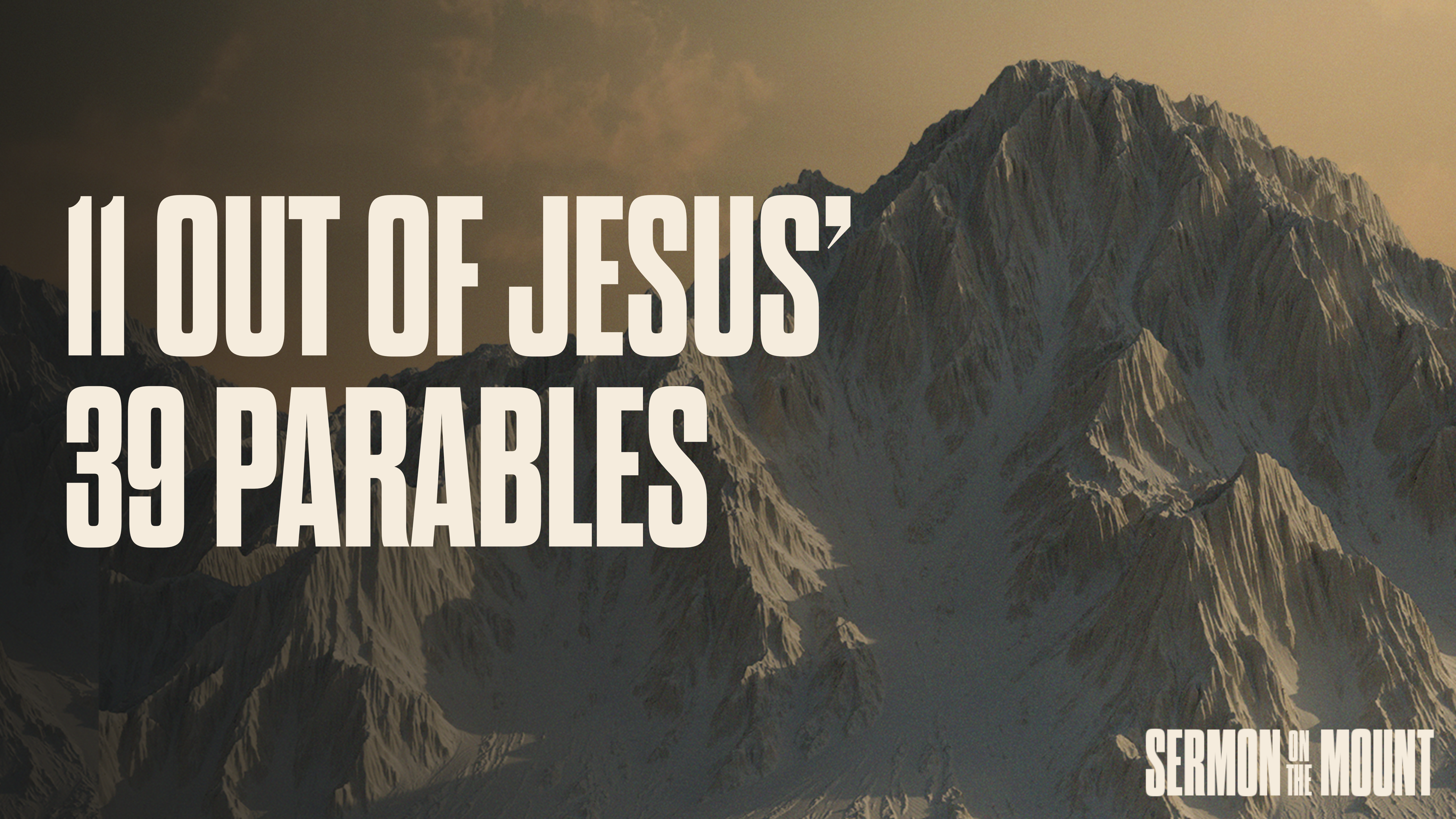
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“MONEY HAS A WAY OF FREEZING OUR HANDS AND FEET AND STIFFENING OUR HEARTS; IT HAS A WAY OF BECOMING, LIKE GOLLUM’S RING, SOMETHING WE CANNOT DO WITHOUT AND THAT BECOMES THE FOCUS OF OUR ATTENTION.”

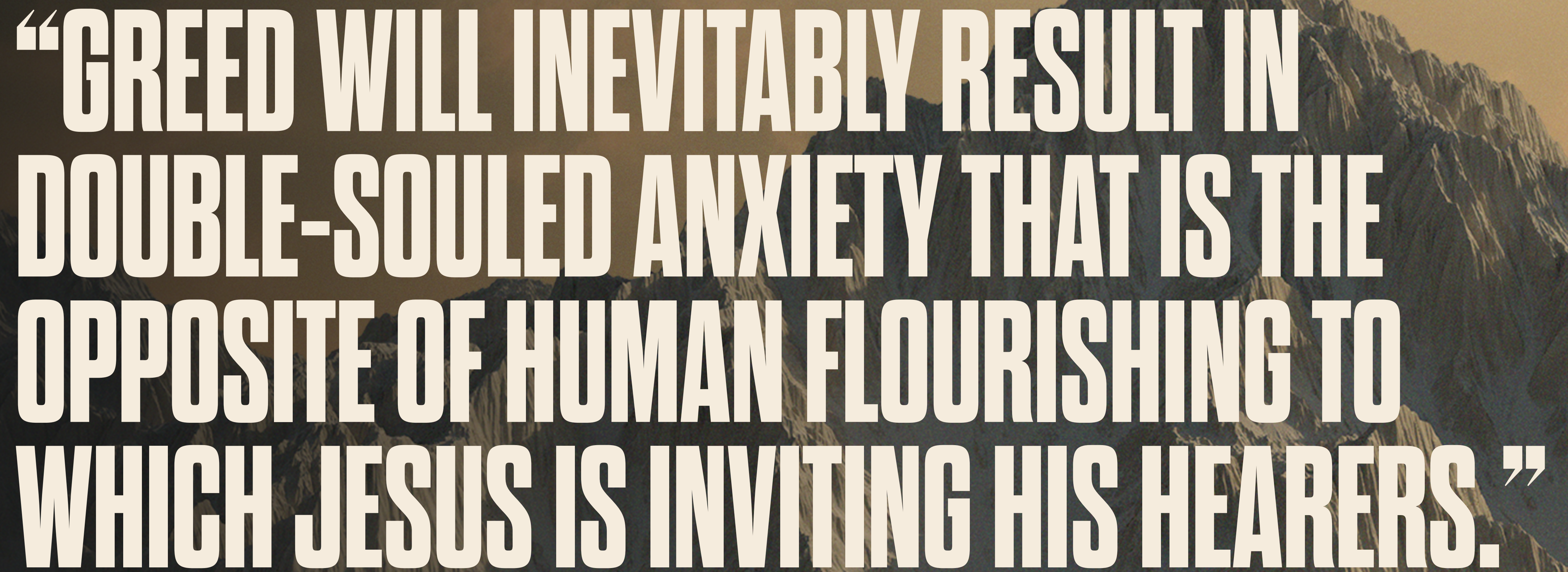
– Scot McKnight

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11 OUT OF JESUS' 39 PARABLES

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**“GREED WILL INEVITABLY RESULT IN
DOUBLE-SOULED ANXIETY THAT IS THE
OPPOSITE OF HUMAN FLOURISHING TO
WHICH JESUS IS INVITING HIS HEARERS.”**

– Jonathan T. Pennington

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MATTHEW 6:25-32

Therefore I tell you: Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? Consider the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they?

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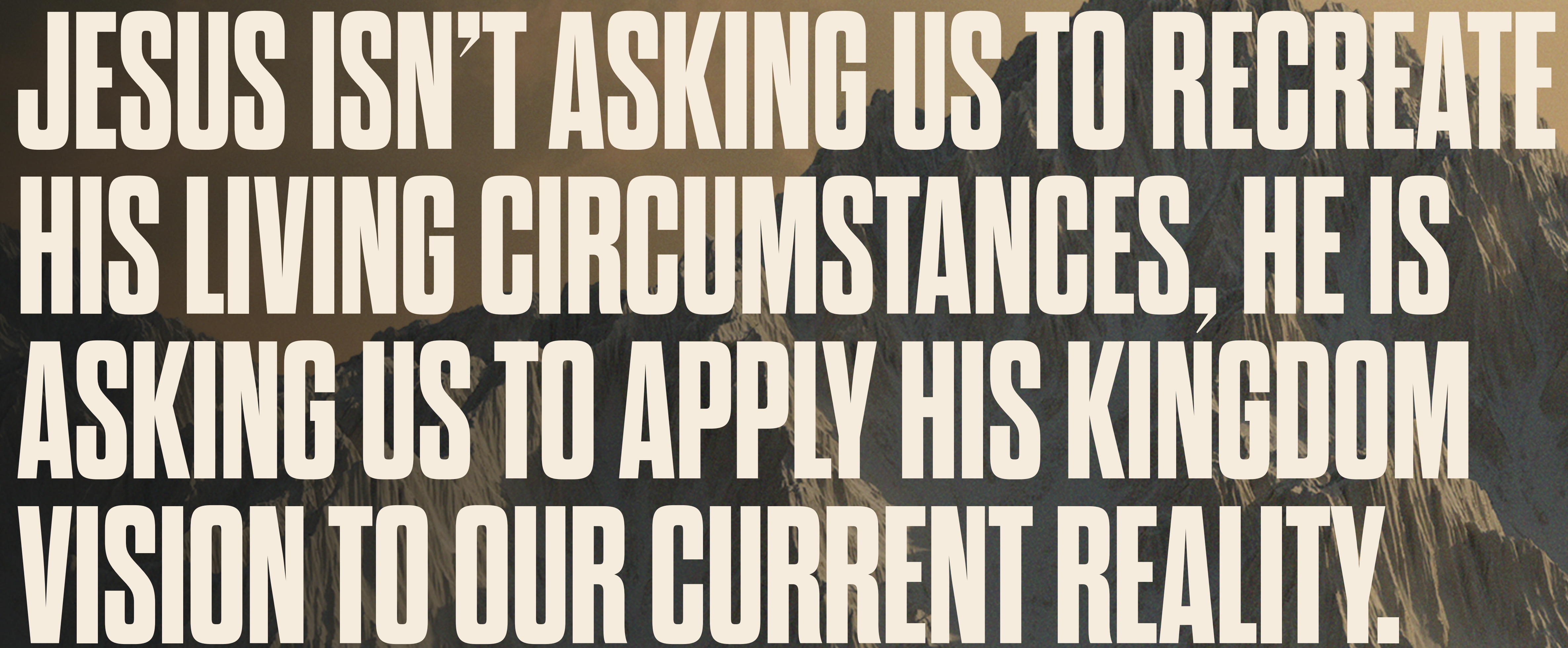
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**JESUS ISN'T ASKING US TO RECREATE
HIS LIVING CIRCUMSTANCES. HE IS
ASKING US TO APPLY HIS KINGDOM
VISION TO OUR CURRENT REALITY.**

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**THE POINT JESUS IS MAKING
IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
SOMETHING MATTERING AND
US WORSHIPPING IT.**

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MATTHEW 6:33-34

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KINGDOM OF GOD = HIS VISION

RIGHTEOUSNESS = THE WHOLE-SELF

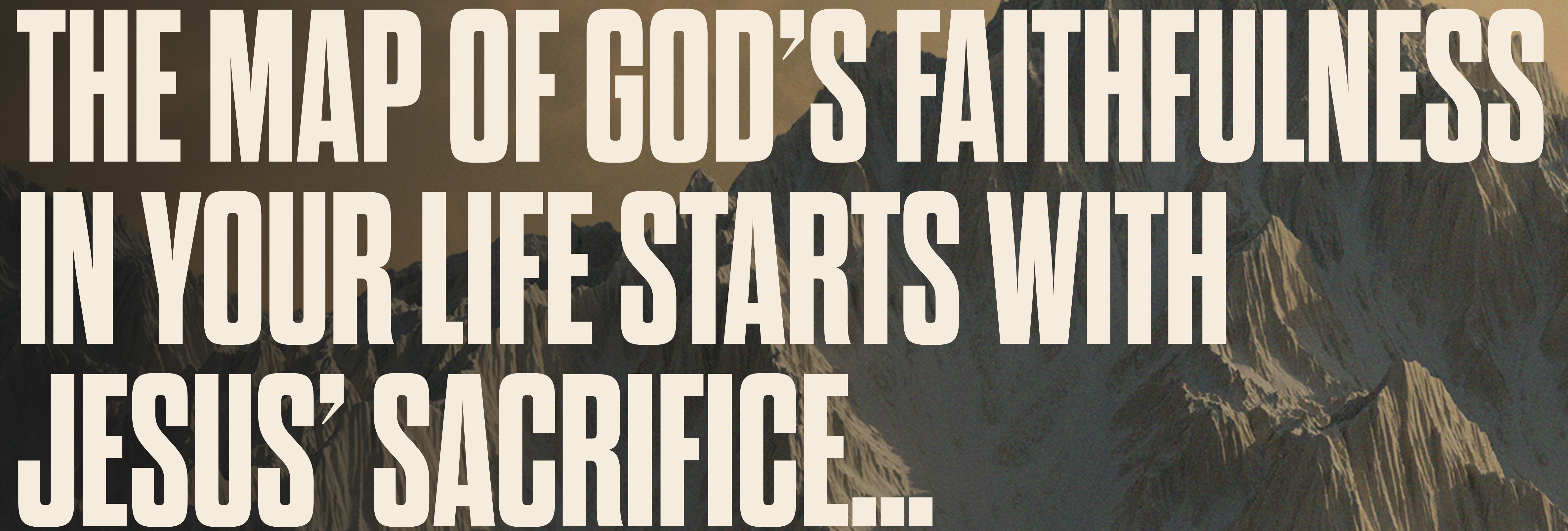
ACTIONS NEEDED TO BRING IT TO EARTH

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**THE MAP OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
IN YOUR LIFE STARTS WITH
JESUS' SACRIFICE...**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you read Matthew 6:19-34, what is your initial reaction? Emotions/thoughts/arguments that come to mind can all be a good indicator of whether we want to step into this area of flourishing.
2. What area of your life would you say is the hardest for you to “loosen your grip”?
3. When it comes to God’s faithfulness to you personally, is it easy or difficult for you to pinpoint His presence? If it’s easy for you, what do you think helps you identify those moments? If it’s difficult for you, ask your family or friends to help you find some!
4. Pray as a group for God to help you loosen your grip on the things we’ve accidentally turned to idols, and to open our eyes to His faithfulness so that we can be more focused on that rather than our worries!