



# Heart Check: Danger Signs

A C T S 8 : 9 - 2 5

<sup>9</sup> But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. <sup>10</sup> They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." <sup>11</sup> And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

**Acts 8:9-13**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

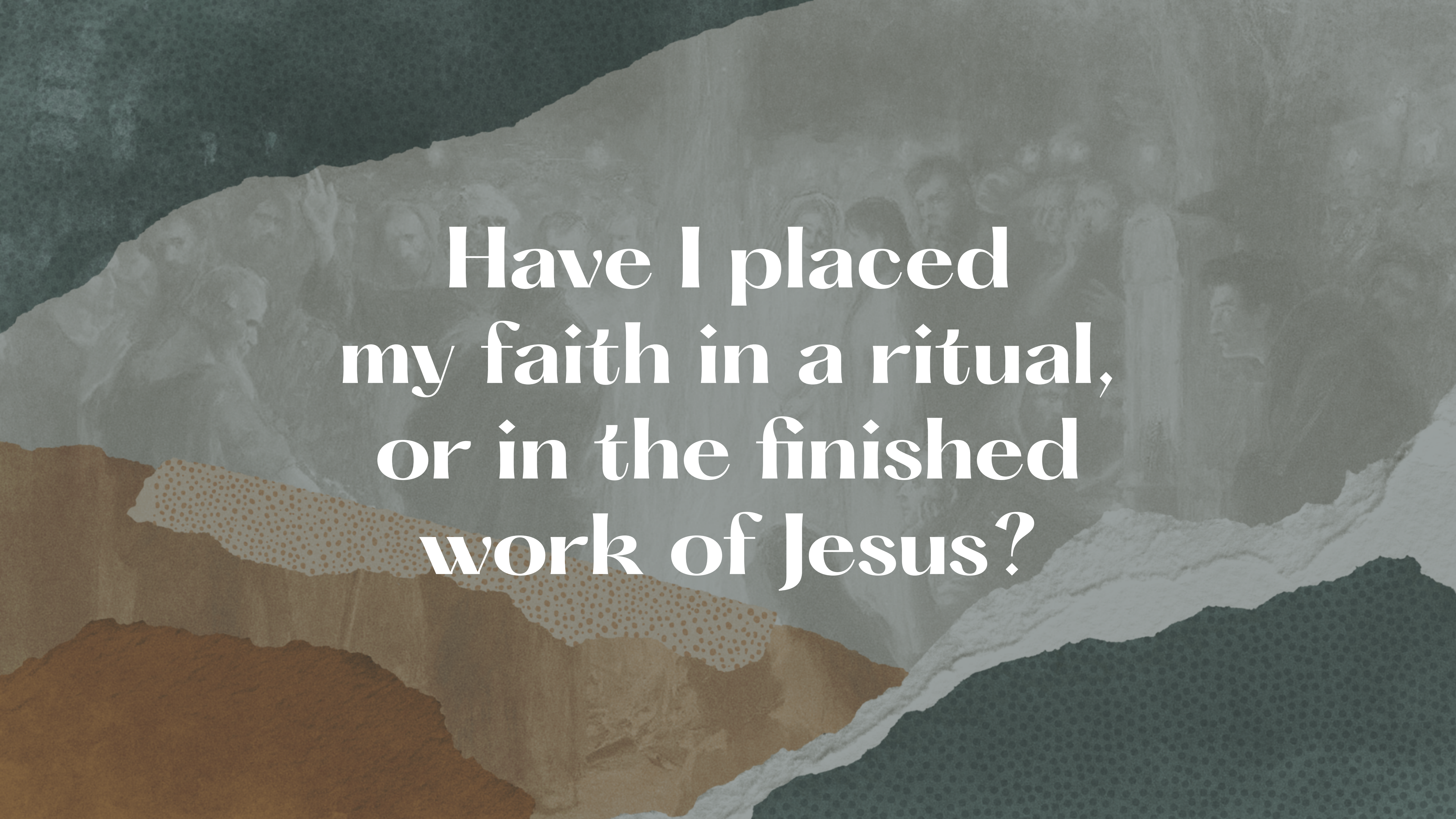
**Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>18</sup> Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,  
<sup>19</sup> saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."  
<sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!  
<sup>21</sup> You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

**Acts 8:18-25**

<sup>22</sup> Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.” <sup>24</sup> And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.” <sup>25</sup> Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

**Acts 8:18-25**



**Have I placed  
my faith in a ritual,  
or in the finished  
work of Jesus?**



19 You believe that God is one;  
you do well. Even the demons  
believe—and shudder!

**James 2:19**

<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

**Romans 10:9-10**

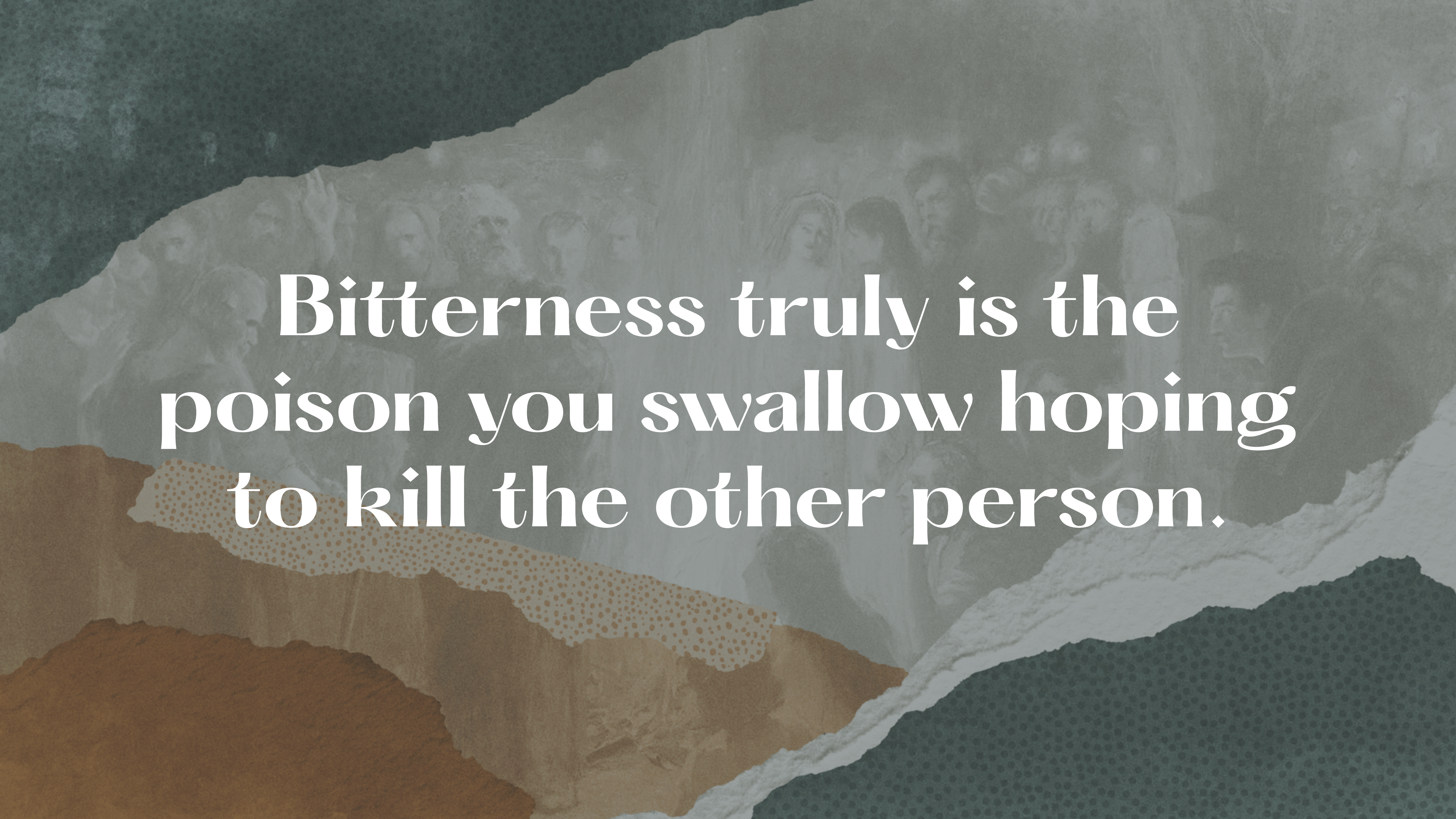




**What's the intention  
of my heart...really?**



**Am I soothing myself  
by drinking the  
poison of bitterness?**



**Bitterness truly is the  
poison you swallow hoping  
to kill the other person.**



**Am I a servant of Jesus  
or a servant of shame?**