



Heart Check: Danger Signs

A C T S 8 : 9 - 2 5

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." ¹¹ And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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

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

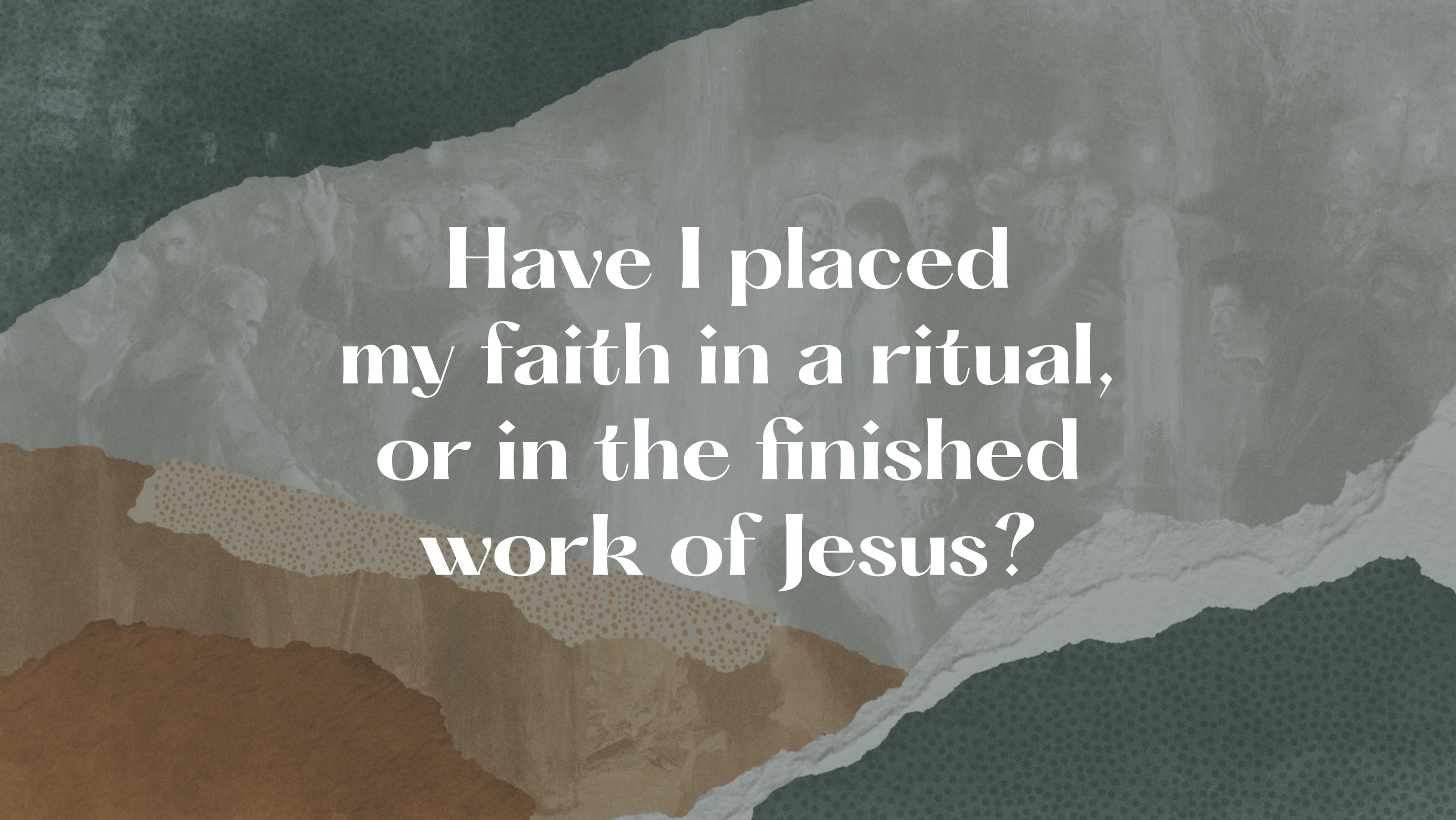
Acts 8:14-17

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

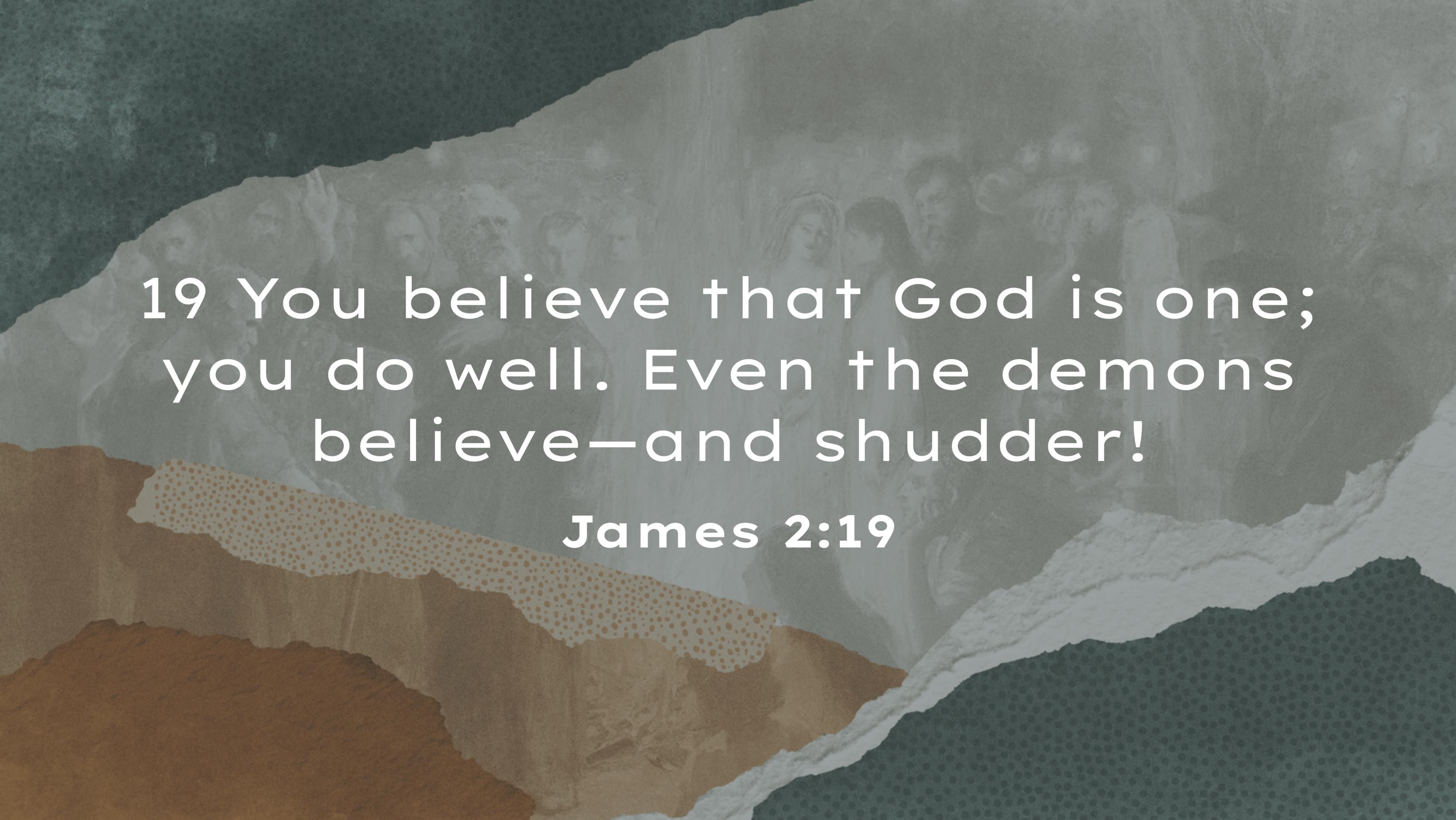
Acts 8:18-25

²² Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.” ²⁴ And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.” ²⁵ 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?**

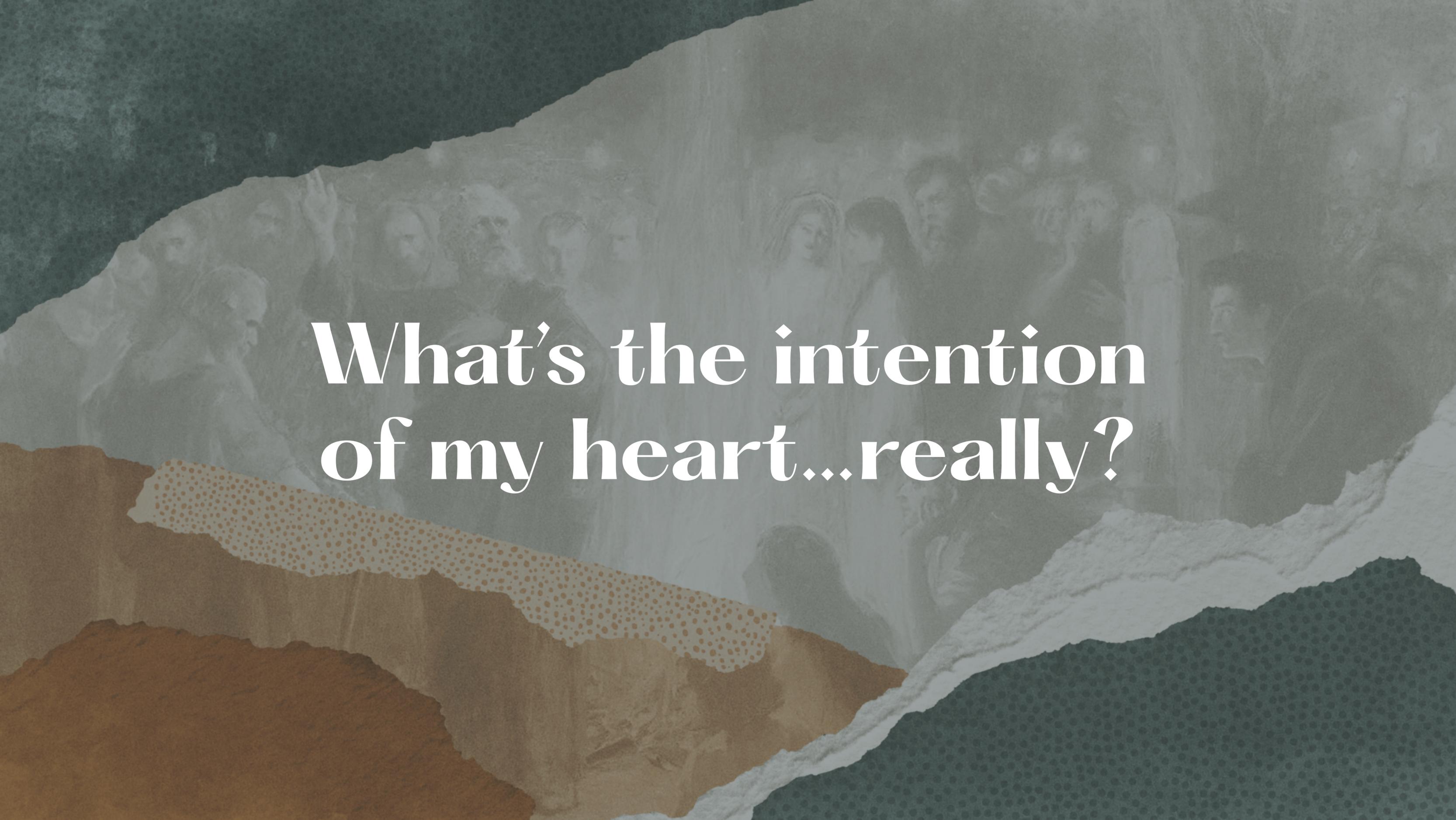


19 You believe that God is one;
you do well. Even the demons
believe—and shudder!

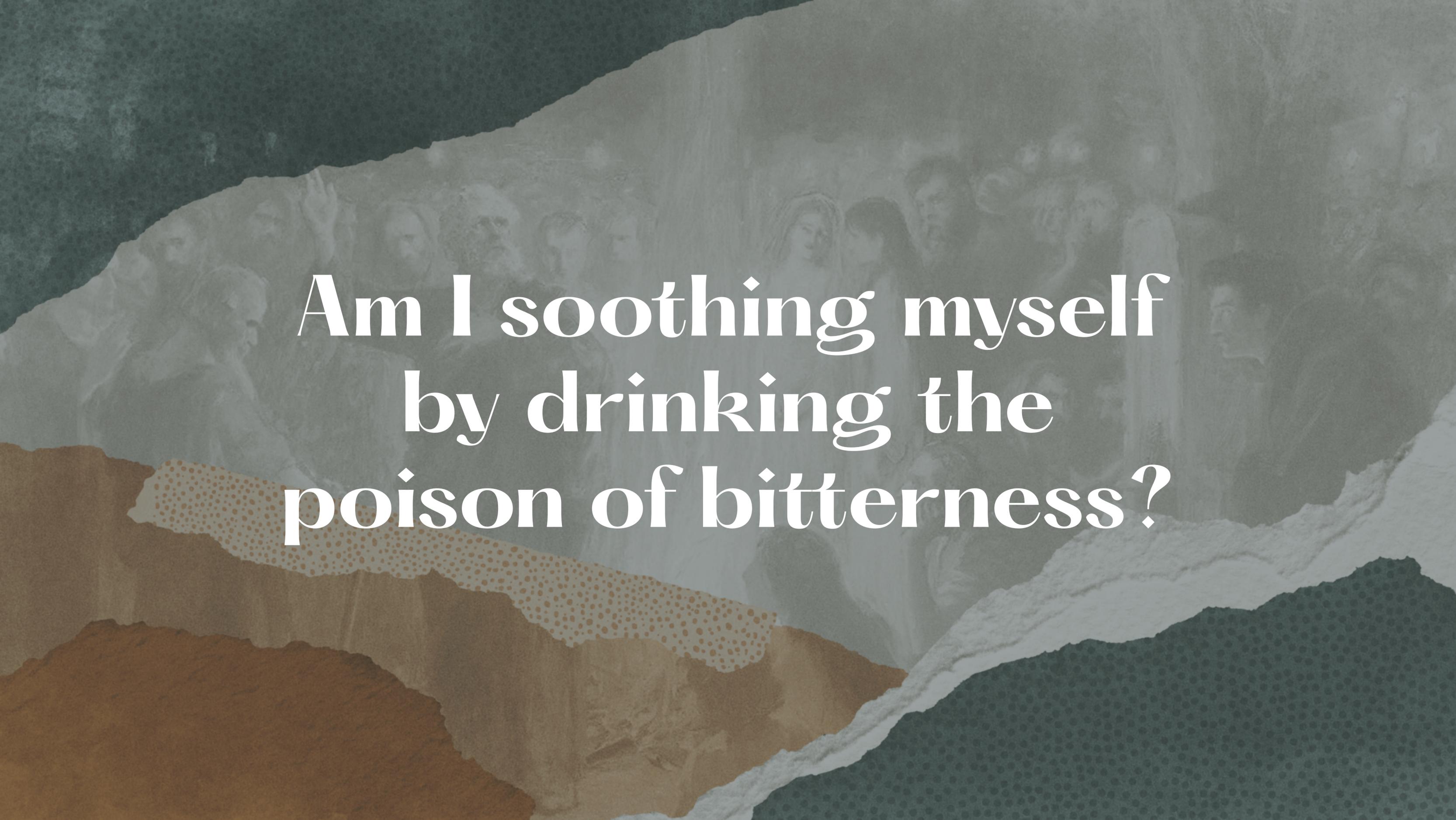
James 2:19

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

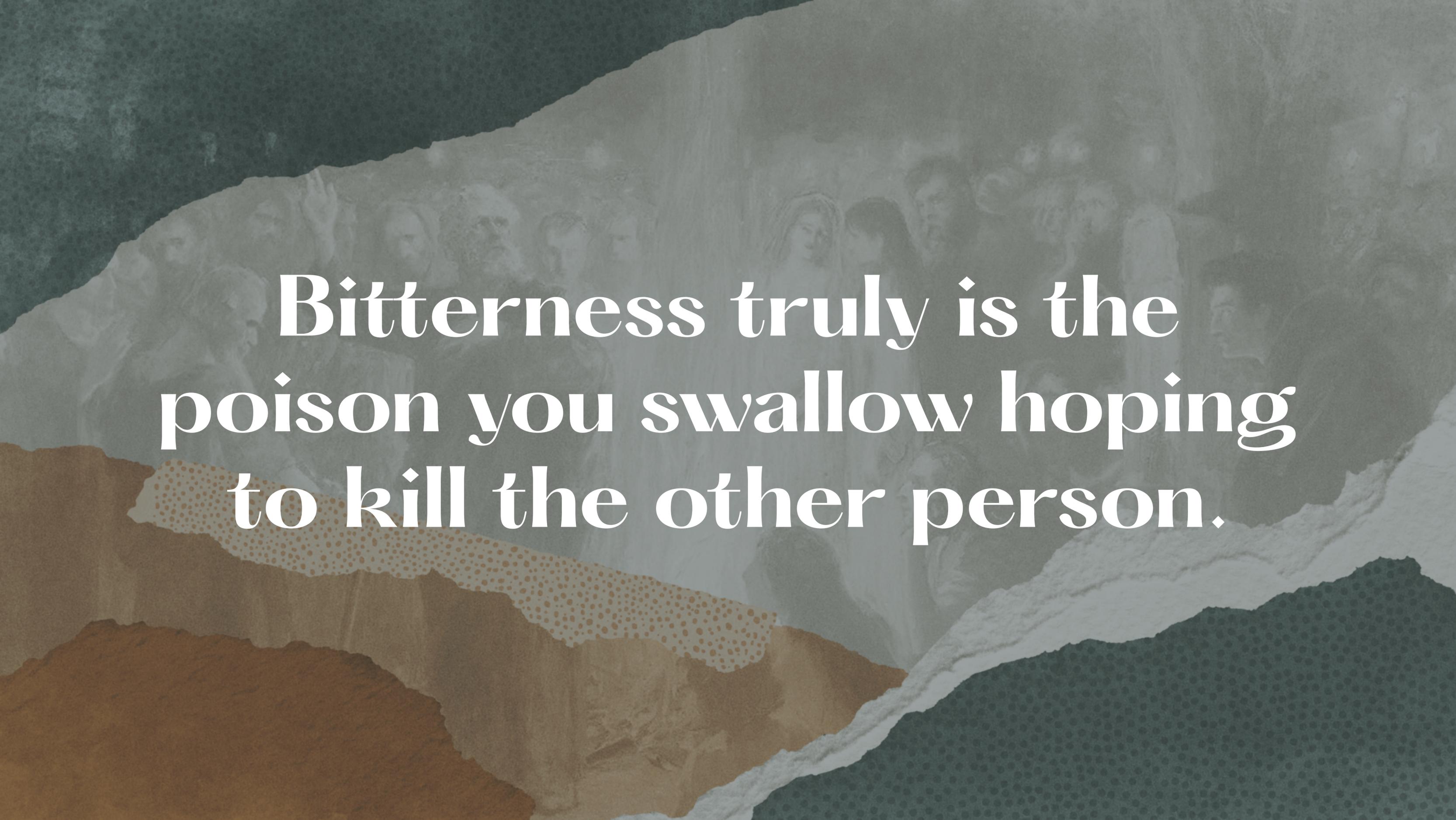
Romans 10:9-10



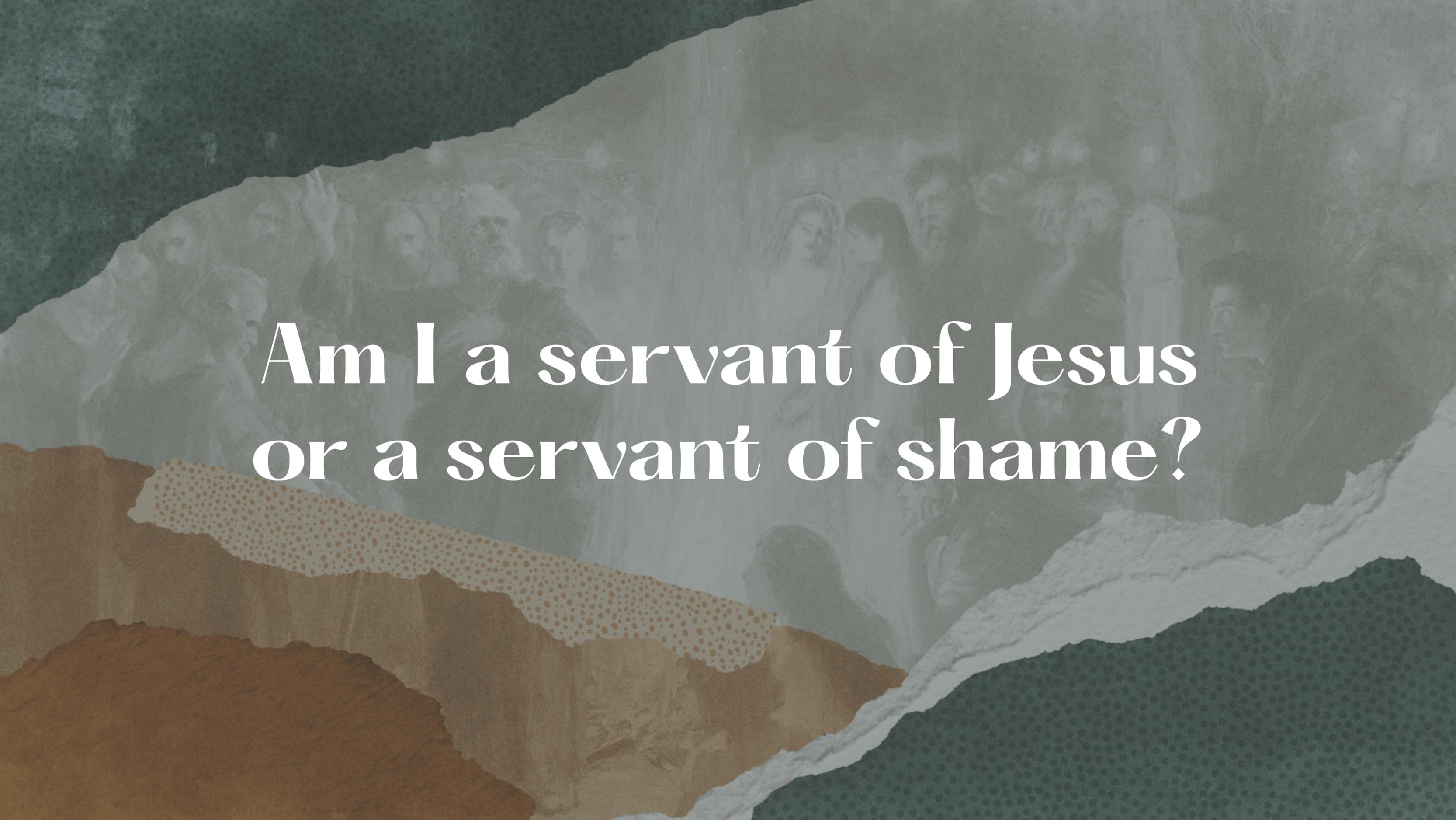
**What's the intention
of my heart...really?**



**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?**