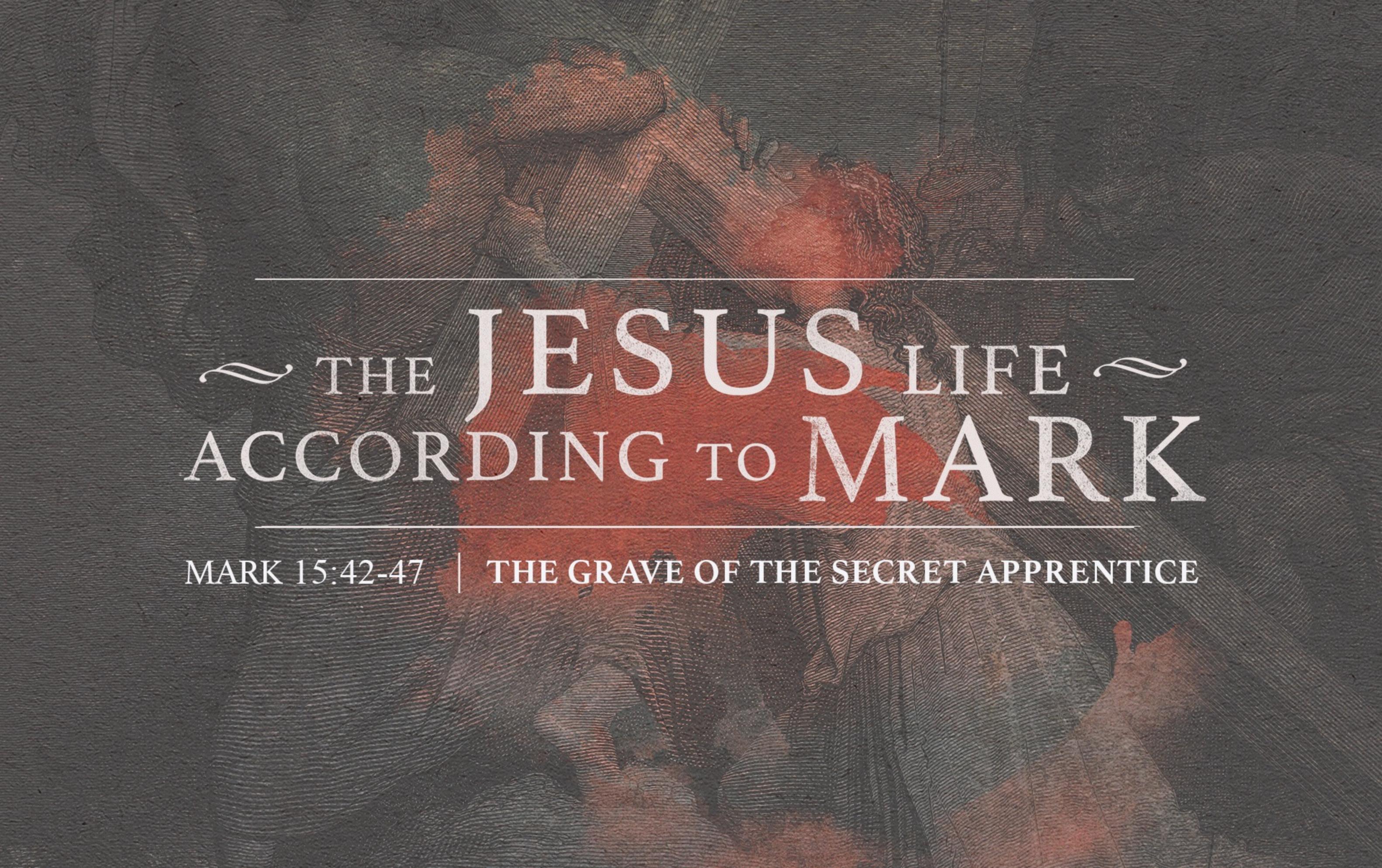


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MARK 15:42-47



~ THE JESUS LIFE ~
ACCORDING TO MARK

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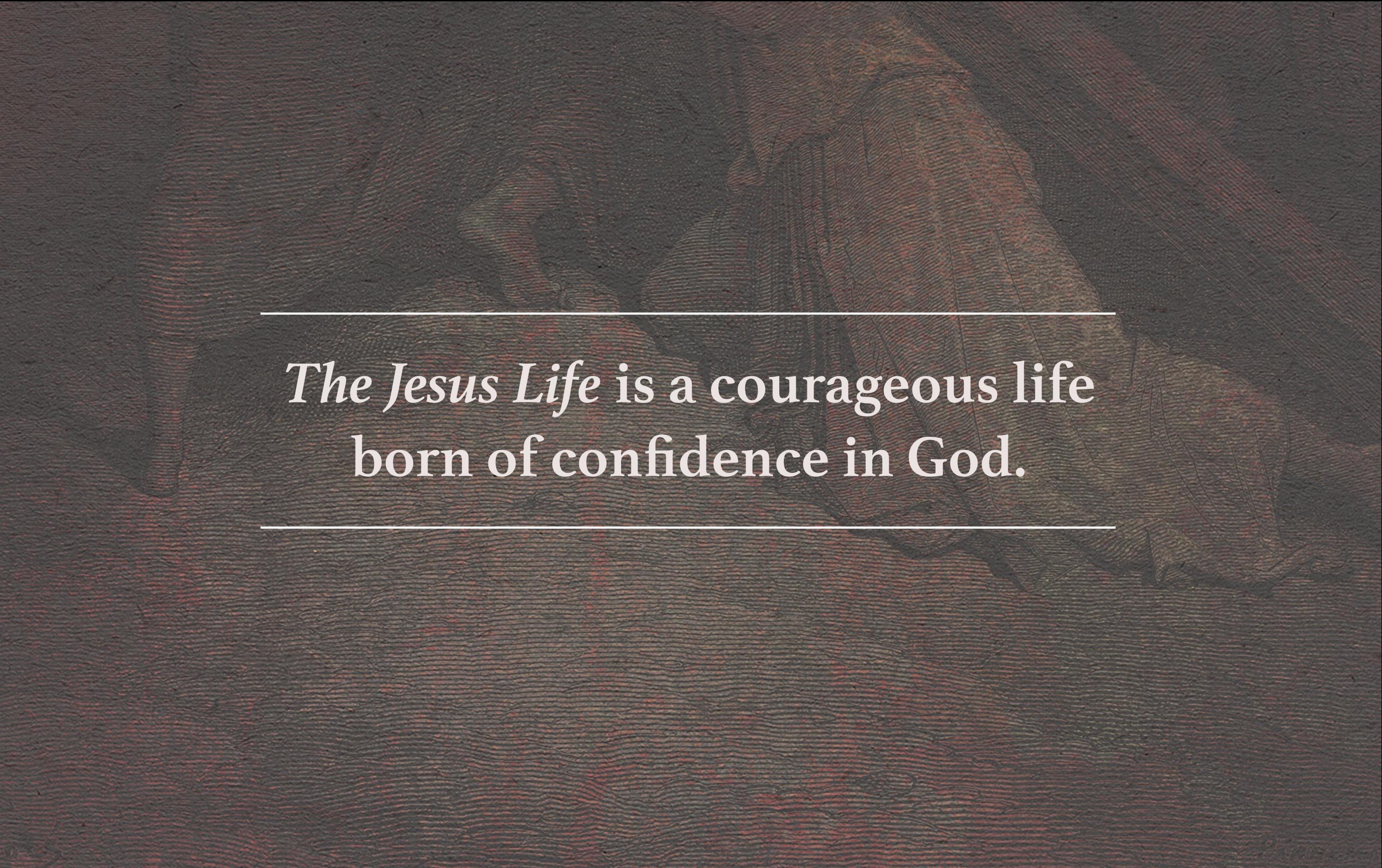
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JOHN 19:38-42

A COURAGEOUS COMING OUT

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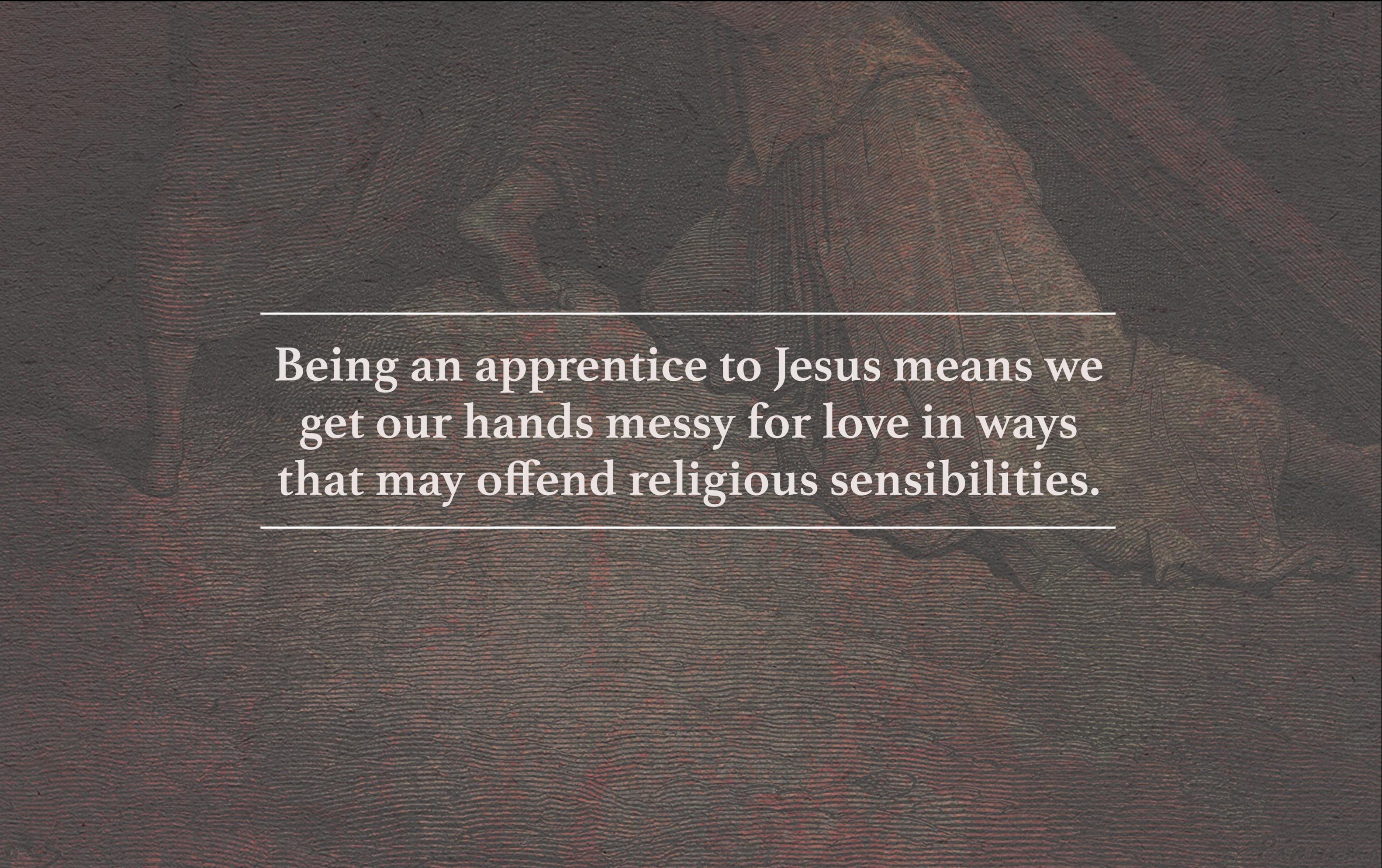


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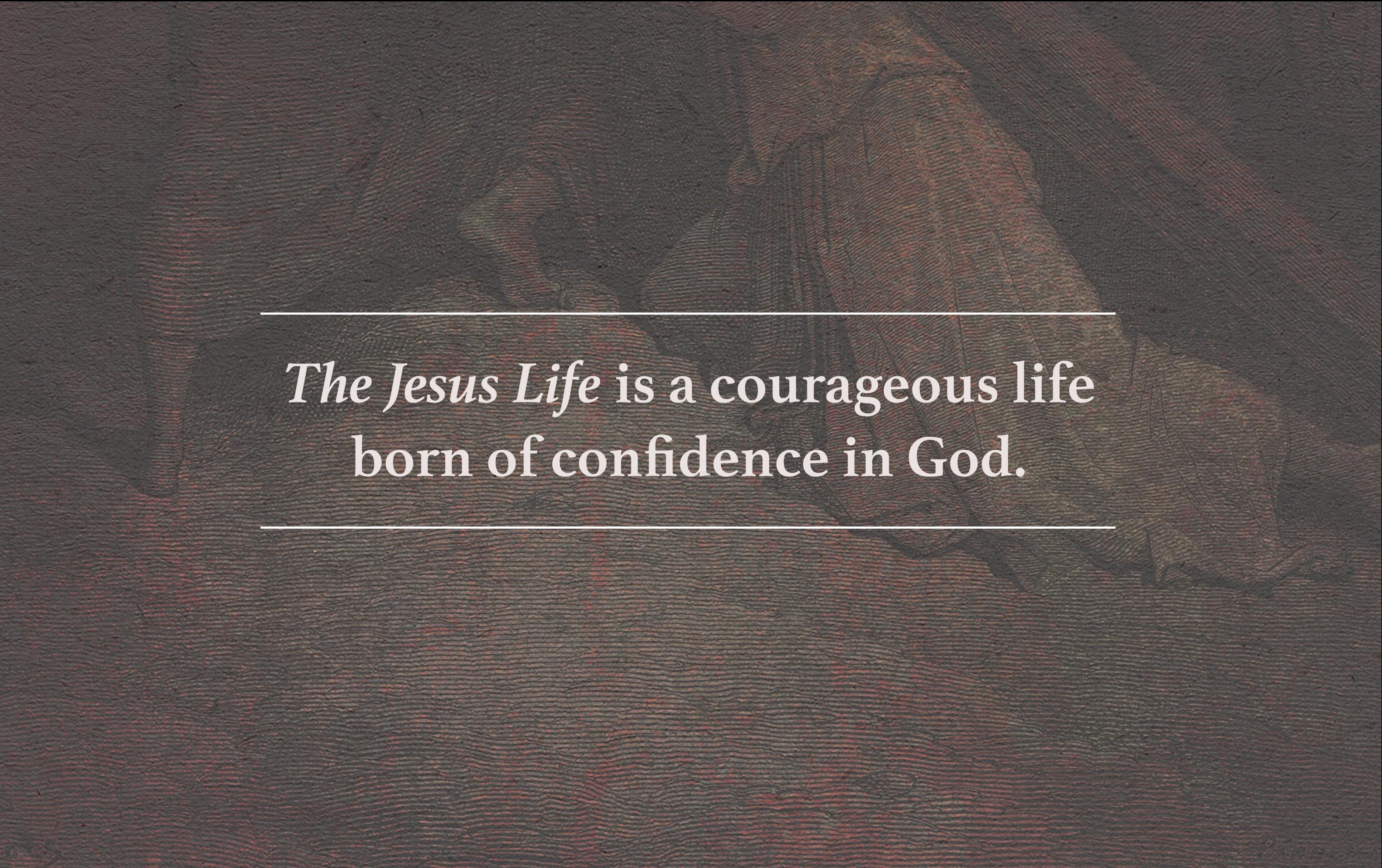
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THE KING IS DEAD, LONG LIVE THE KING!

And What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

ROMANS 8:31-39

PROMISES OF...

- God's love / *John 14:21*
- Salvation for all who believe / *Romans 1:16-17*
- Eternal life / *John 3:16*
- Adoption as His children / *Galatians 4:5-7*
- Cleansing from sin / *1 John 1:7,9*
- Finishing the work He has started in us / *Philippians 1:6*
- Confidence in access to God / *Hebrews 10:19-23*
- Peace / *Philippians 4:6-7*
- Rest / *Matthew 11:28-30*
- No more condemnation / *Romans 8:1*
- Empowering us with His Spirit / *Acts 1:8*
- Victory to His people / *Matthew 16:18*
- Every spiritual blessing in Jesus / *Ephesians 1:3*
- Returning to us / *John 14:2-3*