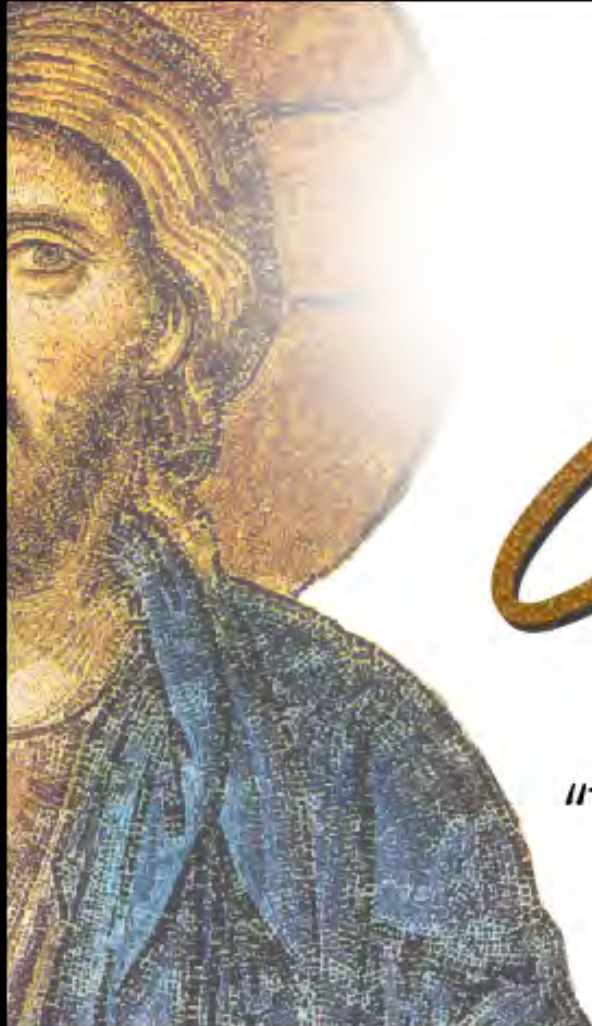


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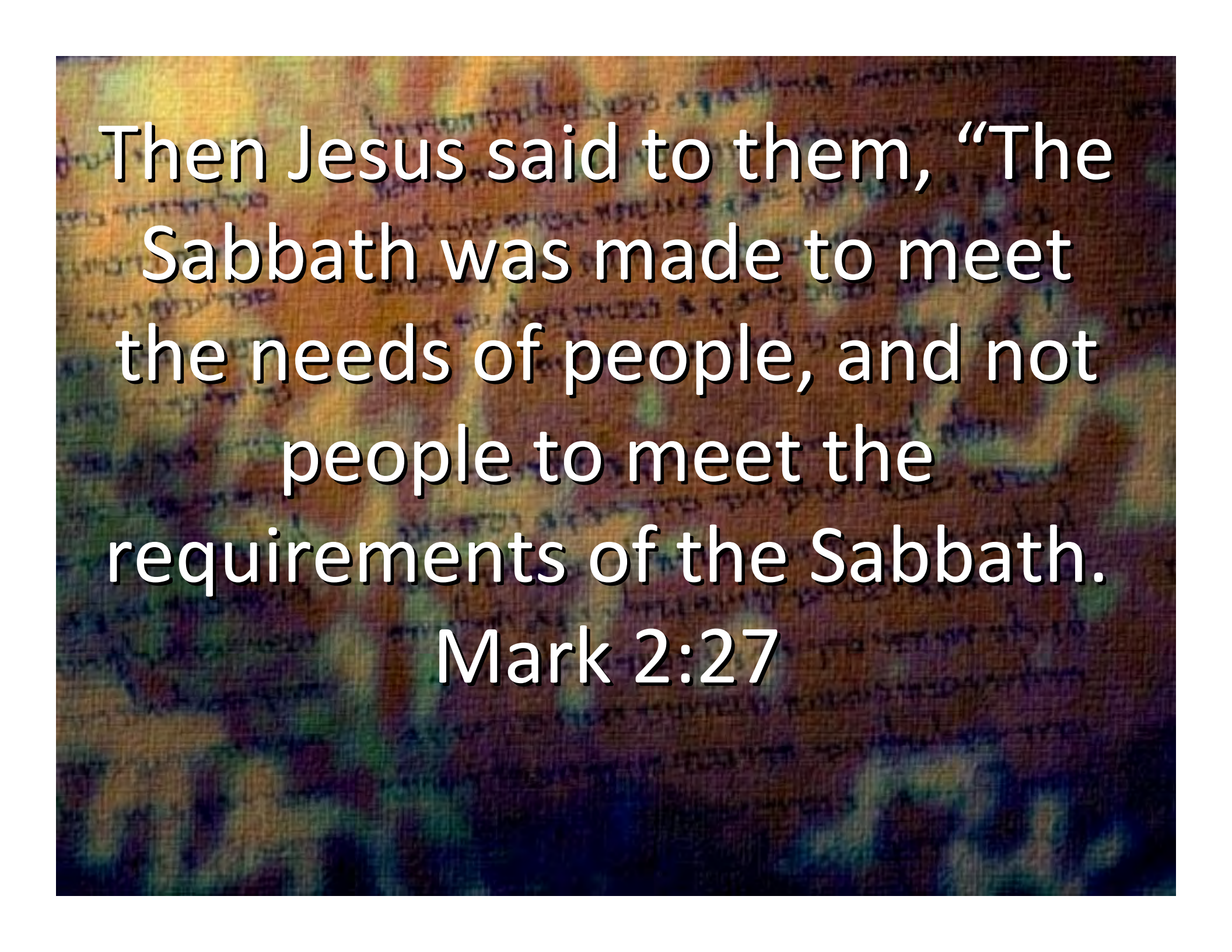


Jesus
THE RISEN KING

"THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE SUCH
A HOPE, WE ARE VERY BOLD.
-2COR. 3:12

Another time he went into the
synagogue, and a man with a
shriveled hand was there. 2

Some of them were looking for
a reason to accuse Jesus, so
they watched him closely to
see if he would heal him on
the Sabbath. Mark 3:1,2

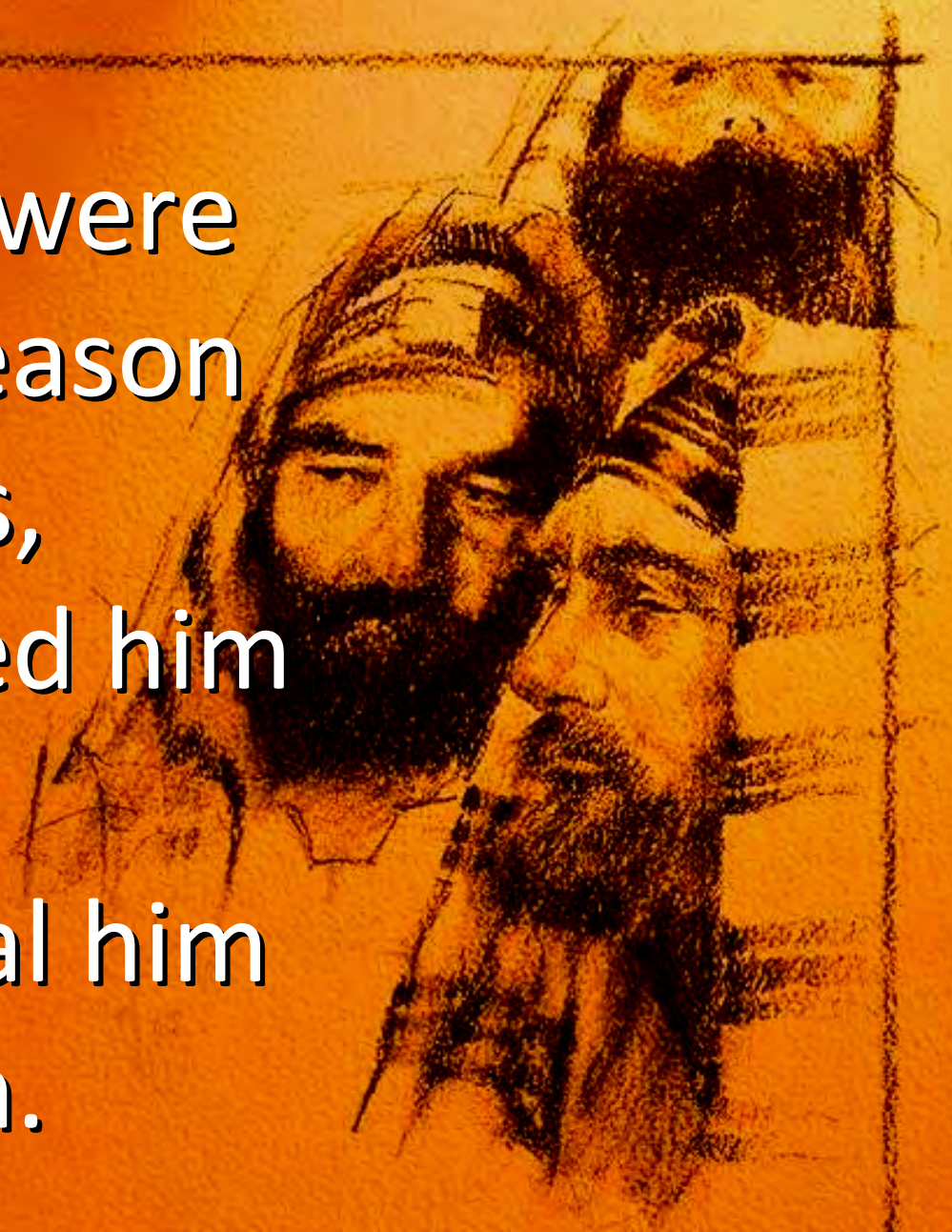
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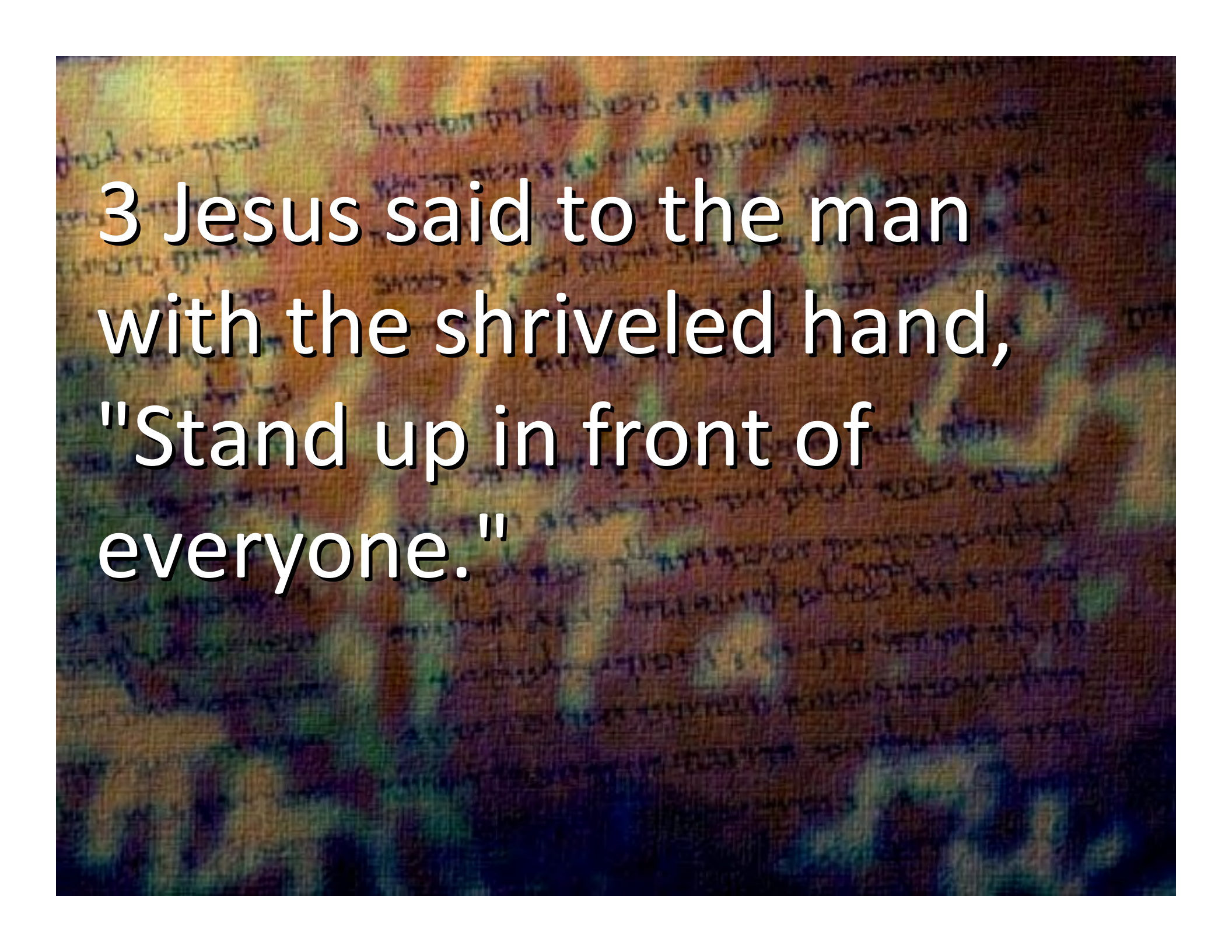
Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.

Mark 2:27

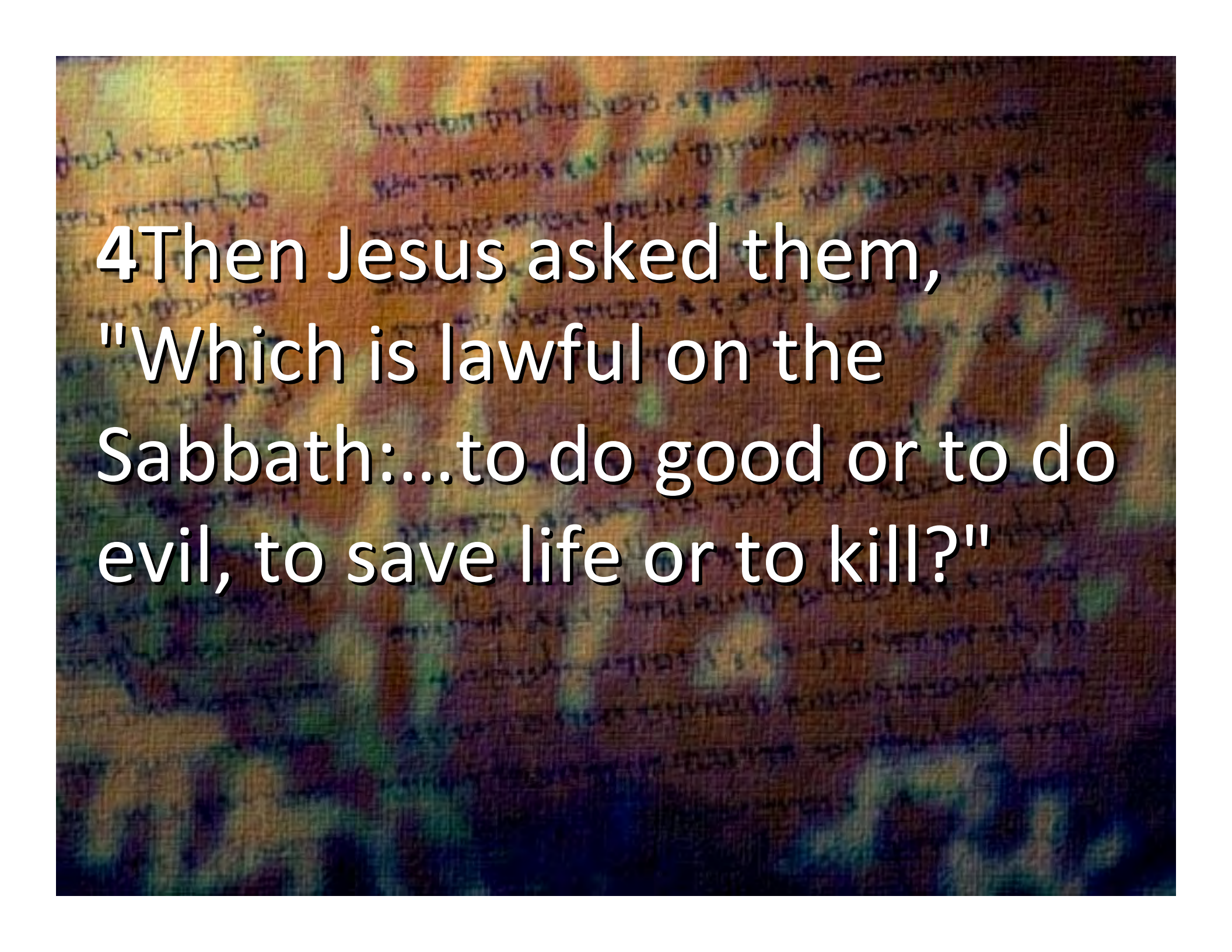
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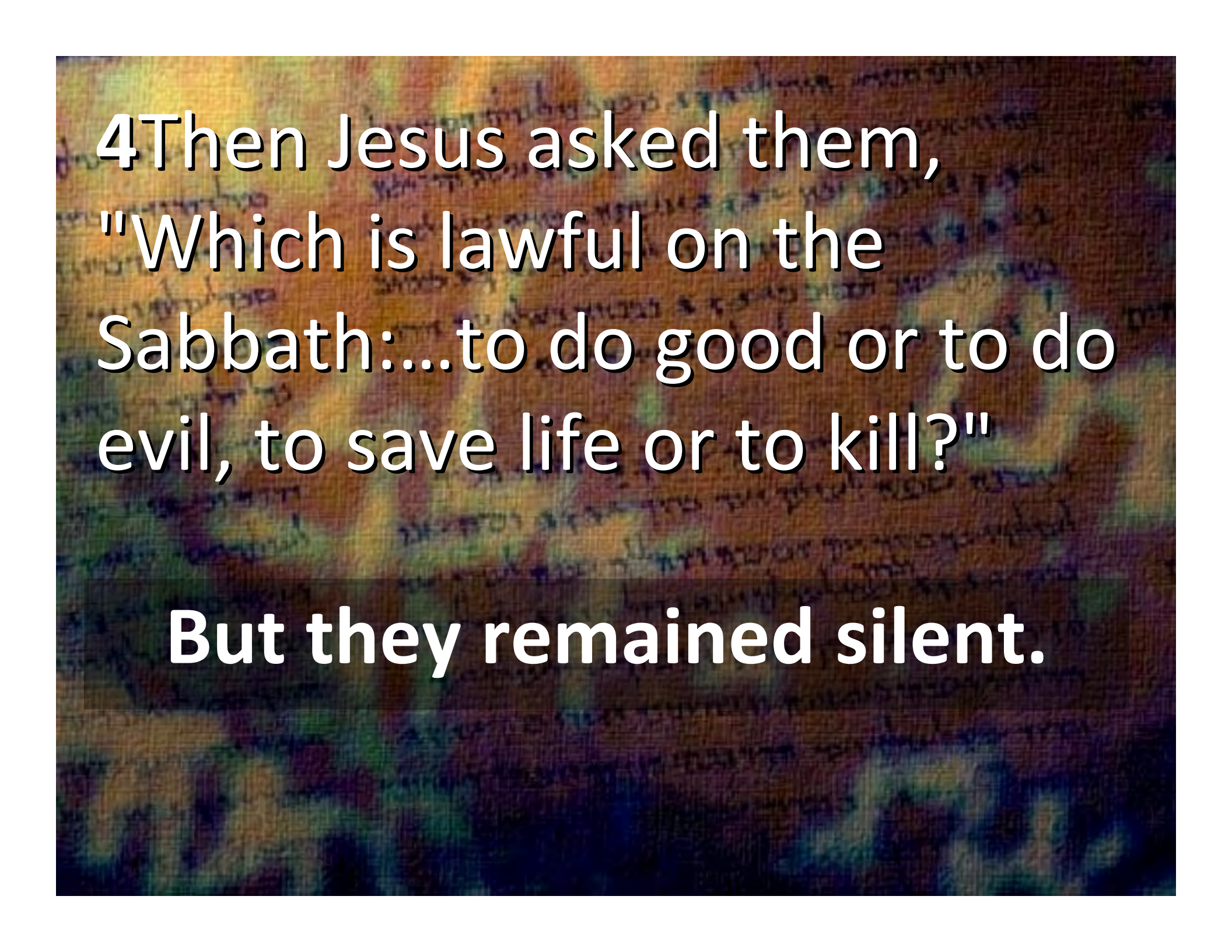


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3 Jesus said to the man
with the shriveled hand,
"Stand up in front of
everyone."

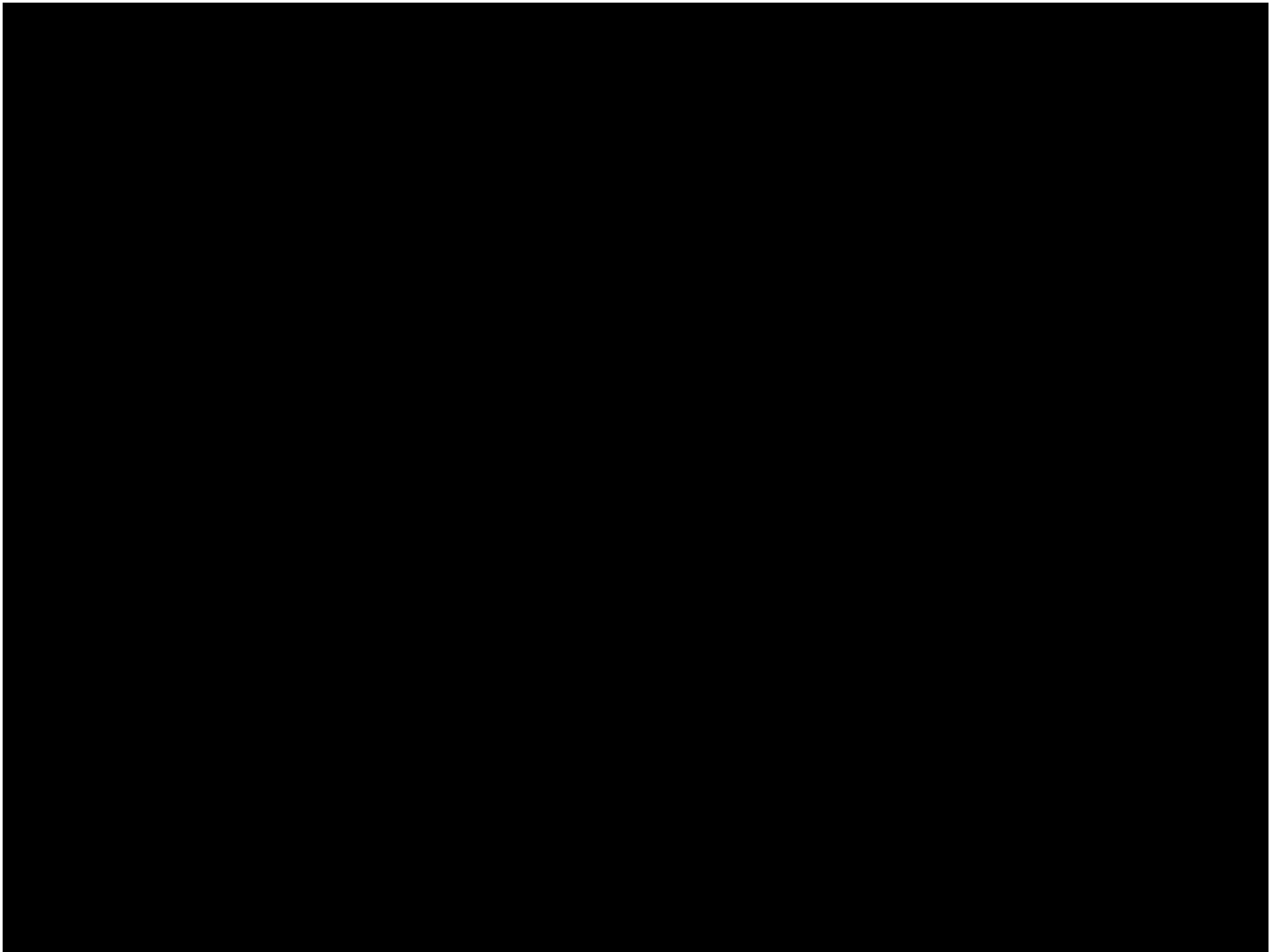


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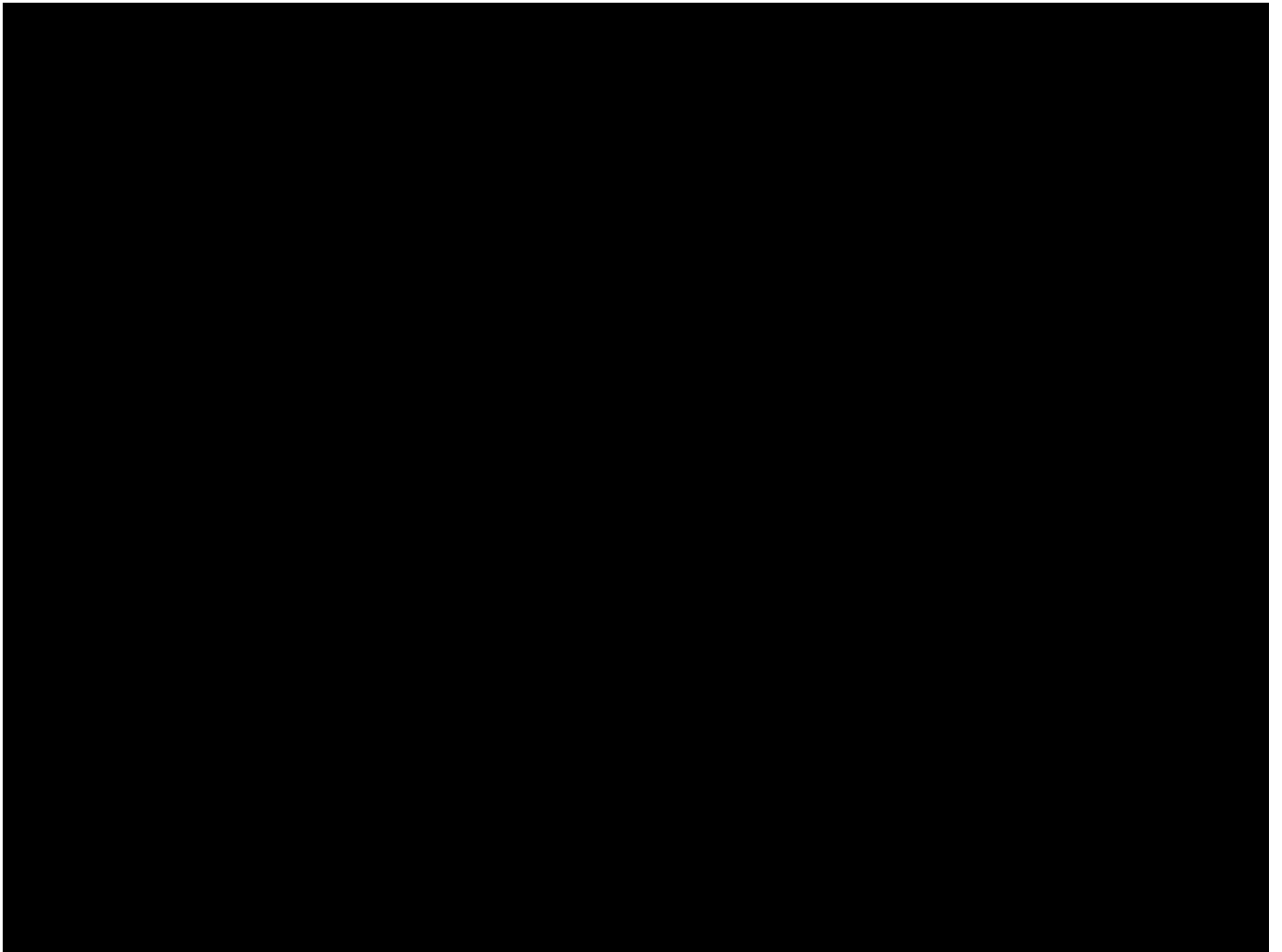


**5 He looked around at
them in anger...**



...and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Mark 3:5





For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. Romans 3:20

**Pretending To Be What We Are Not
The Great Sin Of The Church Today**

For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. [I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out.]

Romans 7:18

Paul's Legacy as a Christian:

We put no confidence in human effort, 4 though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

Philippians 3:3,4

**I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel
and a member of the tribe of
Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there
ever was one! I was a member of
the Pharisees, who demand the
strictest obedience to the Jewish
law.**

Philippians 3:5

I was so **zealous** that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I **obeyed the law without fault.**

Philippians 3:6

I once thought these things were
valuable, but now I consider them
worthless because of what Christ has
done.

Philippians 3:7

Paul's Progression as a Christian:

56AD- *For I am the least of all the apostles.* In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church. 1 Corinthians 15:9

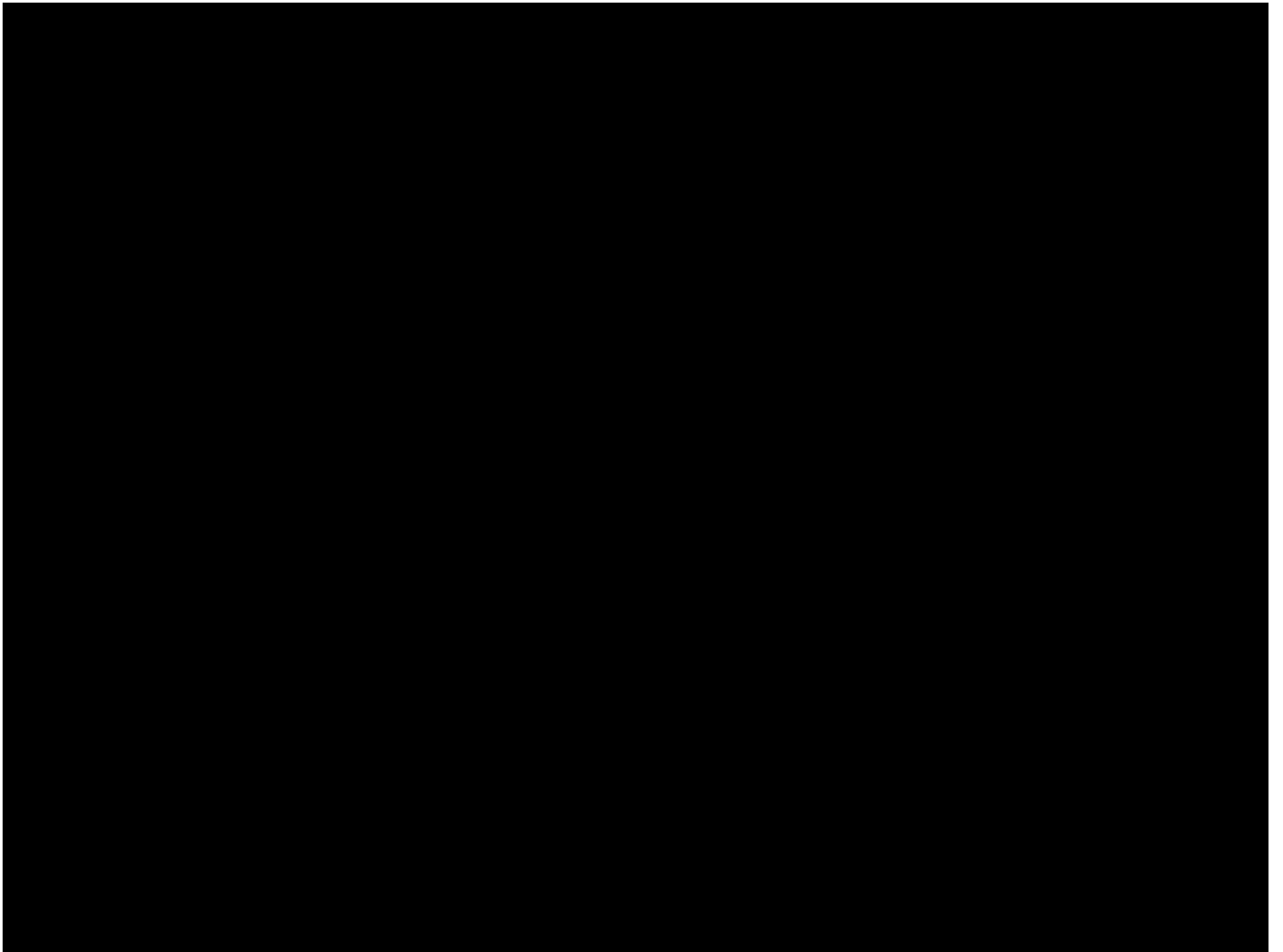
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61AD- Although *I am less than the least of all the Lord's people*, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, Ephesians 3:8

Paul's Progression as a Christian:

63AD- Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—
of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 1:15



2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:8,9

We are afflicted in every way,
but not crushed; perplexed,
but not driven to despair; 9
persecuted, but not forsaken;
struck down, but not
destroyed;

2 Corinthians 4:10

... always carrying in the body
the death of Jesus, so that the
life of Jesus may also be
manifested in our bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:11

For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Paraphrased by author Michael
Spencer, the mistruth:

But we have this treasure in saved,
healed, delivered and
supernaturally changed vessels,
to show that God has given to
us, right now, His surpassing
power over ever situation.

Paraphrased by author Michael
Spencer, the mistruth:

We are no longer afflicted,
perplexed, in conflict or defeated.
No, we are alive with the power of
Jesus, and the resurrection power
of Jesus has changed us
now...TODAY! In every way!.

Paraphrased by author Michael
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God wants you to see just what a
Jesus-controlled person is all about,
so the power of Jesus is on display
in the life I am living, and those
who don't have this life, are
miserable and dying.

Paraphrased by author
Michael Spencer the truth:

We're dying. Life is full of pain and perplexity. We have Christ, and so, in the future, his life will manifest in us in resurrection and glory. In the present, that life manifests in us in this very odd, contradictory experience.

Paraphrased by author
Michael Spencer the truth:

We are dying, afflicted, broken, hurting,
confused...yet we hold on to Jesus in all
these things, and continue to love him
and believe in him.

Paraphrased by author
Michael Spencer the truth:

The power of God is in us, not in making us above the human, but allowing us to be merely human, yet part of a new creation in Jesus.

**Truths all Christians
need to understand:**

**I am a sinner and I
will always struggle
with sin in this life.**



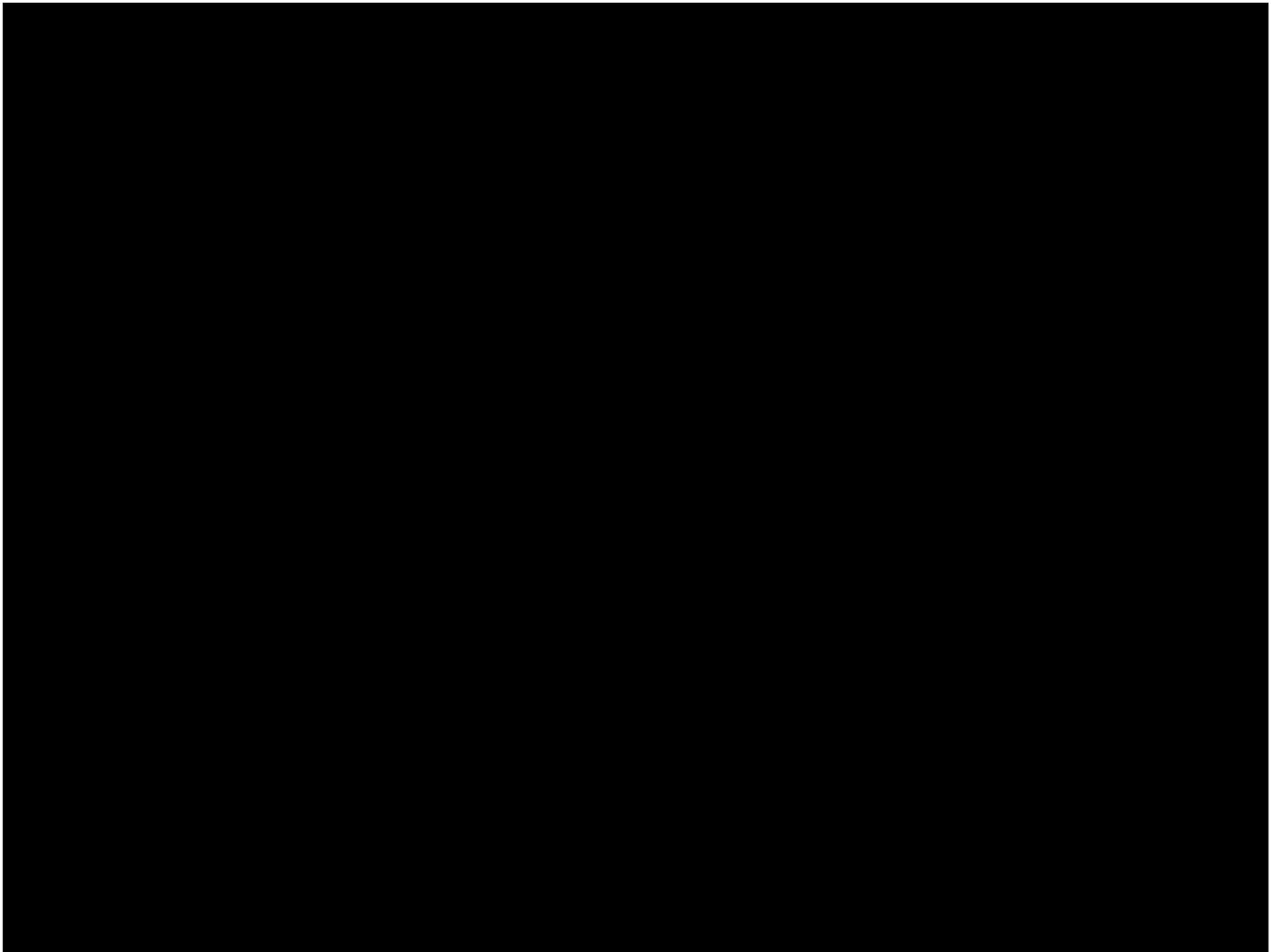


Truths all Christians need to understand:

In the Bible, the messed up people- like Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Hosea- outnumber the "good ones" by about ten to one.

We are messed
up. Then. Now. All
the time in
between and, it's
a safe bet to
assume, the rest
of the time we'll
be alive.





You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. **17** The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.


Psalm 51:16,17

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 9

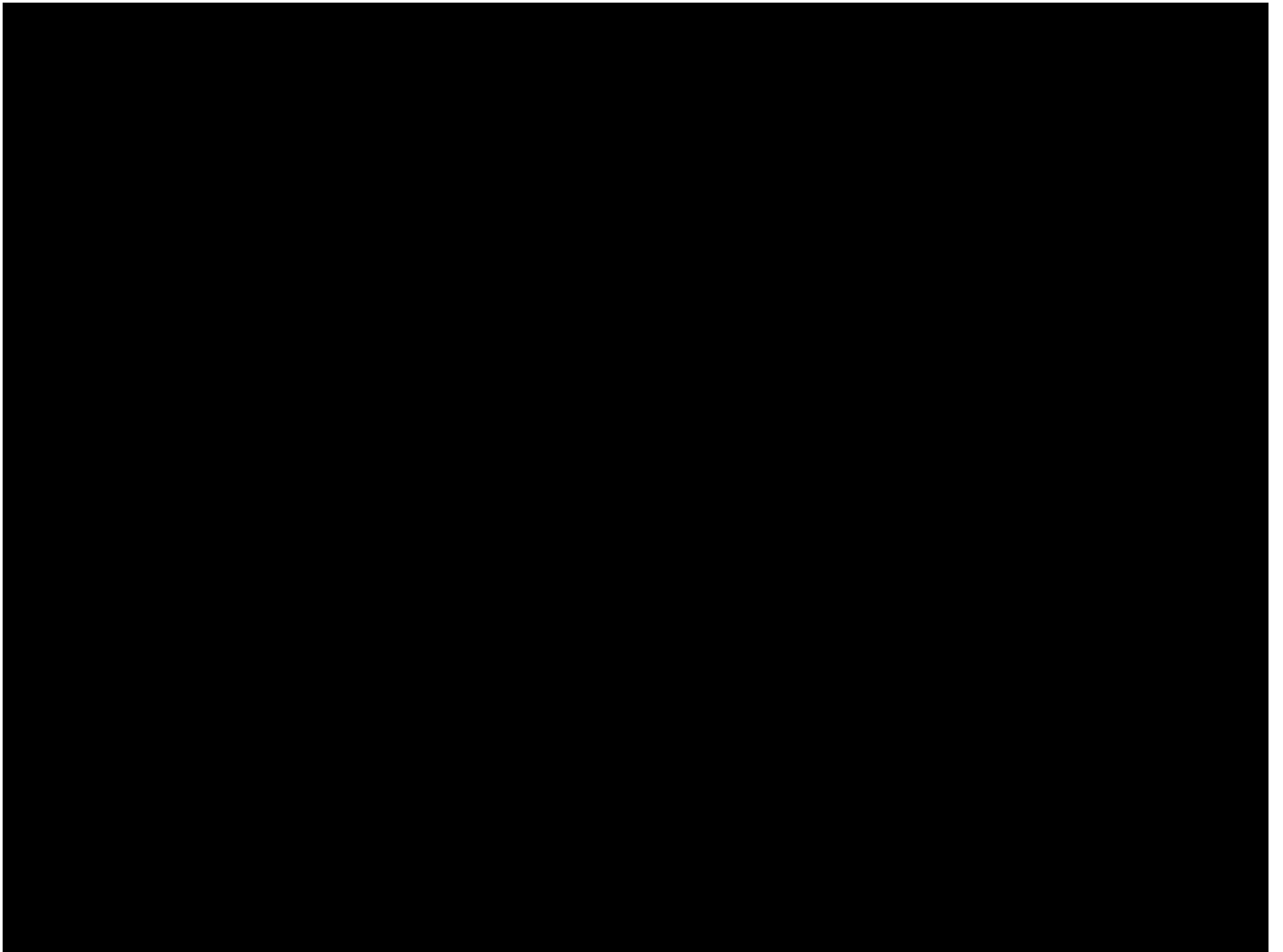
But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

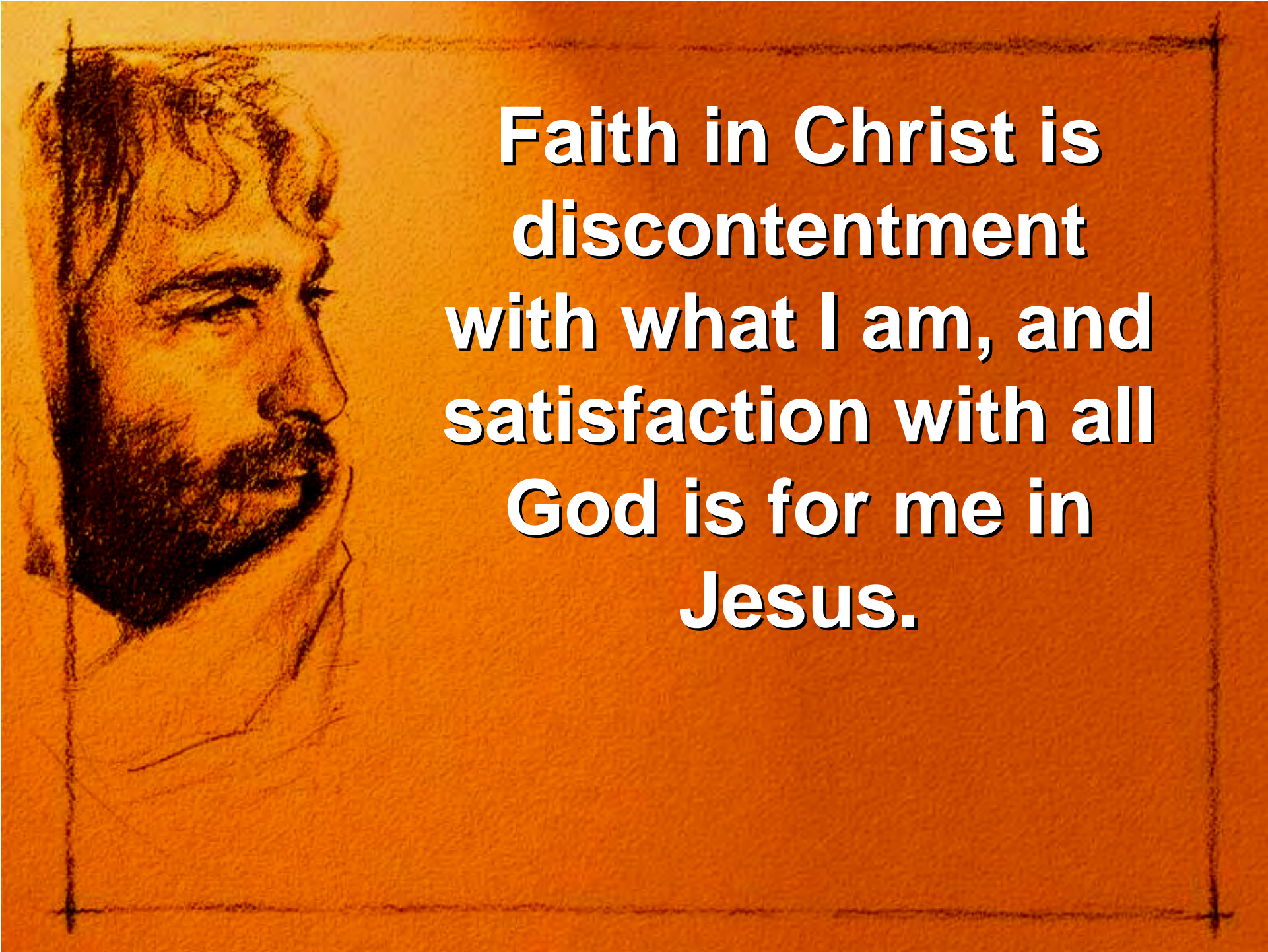
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

..... For when I am weak, then I am strong.



**the human
experience of
weakness- is God's
blueprint for
exalting and
magnifying his Son.**





**Faith in Christ is
discontentment
with what I am, and
satisfaction with all
God is for me in
Jesus.**

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

