

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

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1 PETER 3:15

SHARING OUR

faith

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A person with long dark hair, wearing a black top, stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are raised in a gesture of praise or hope. The background is a soft, hazy landscape. Overlaid on the image is the text 'THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE' in white, bold, sans-serif font. The word 'HOPE' is significantly larger than the other words.

THE REASON FOR OUR
HOPE

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13 And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed.

“And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.”

1 Peter 3:13-14 (NKJV)

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer,

I have overcome the world.” **John 16:33 (NKJV)**

⁸ Though you have not seen Him,
you love Him; and even though
you do not see Him now,
you believe in Him and are filled with
an inexpressible and glorious joy,
⁹ for you are receiving the end result of
your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.

³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.

And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

³³ But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with You to prison and to death.”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know Me.”

Luke 22 : 31-34 (NIV)



--some have turned away to follow Satan

1 Timothy 5:15

-- godlessness in the last days –

2 Timothy 3:1-5

*--false doctrines, myths and endless
genealogies – wandered away*

1 Timothy 1:3

-- rejected truth – ship wrecked their faith

1 Timothy 1:19

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”
⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. **Acts 3:6-7 (NIV)**



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1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)



² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.
³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

Acts 4:2-3 (NIV)

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!



²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” **Acts 4:20 (NIV)**

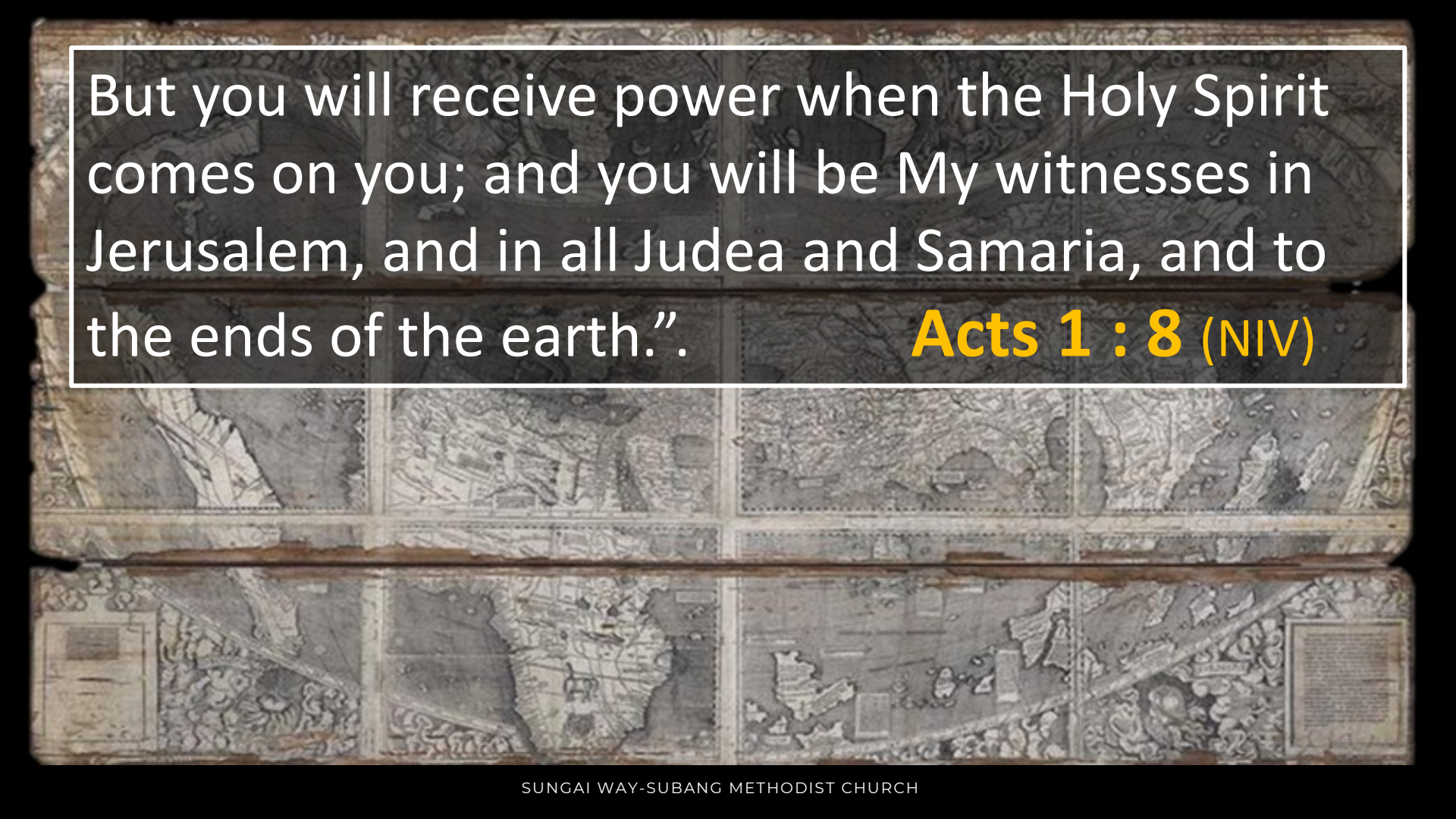
²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “You made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

Acts 4 : 23-24 (NIV)

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed. ²⁸ They did what Your power and will had decided beforehand should happen..

²⁹ **Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Acts 4 : 27-28 (NIV)**



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1 : 8 (NIV)

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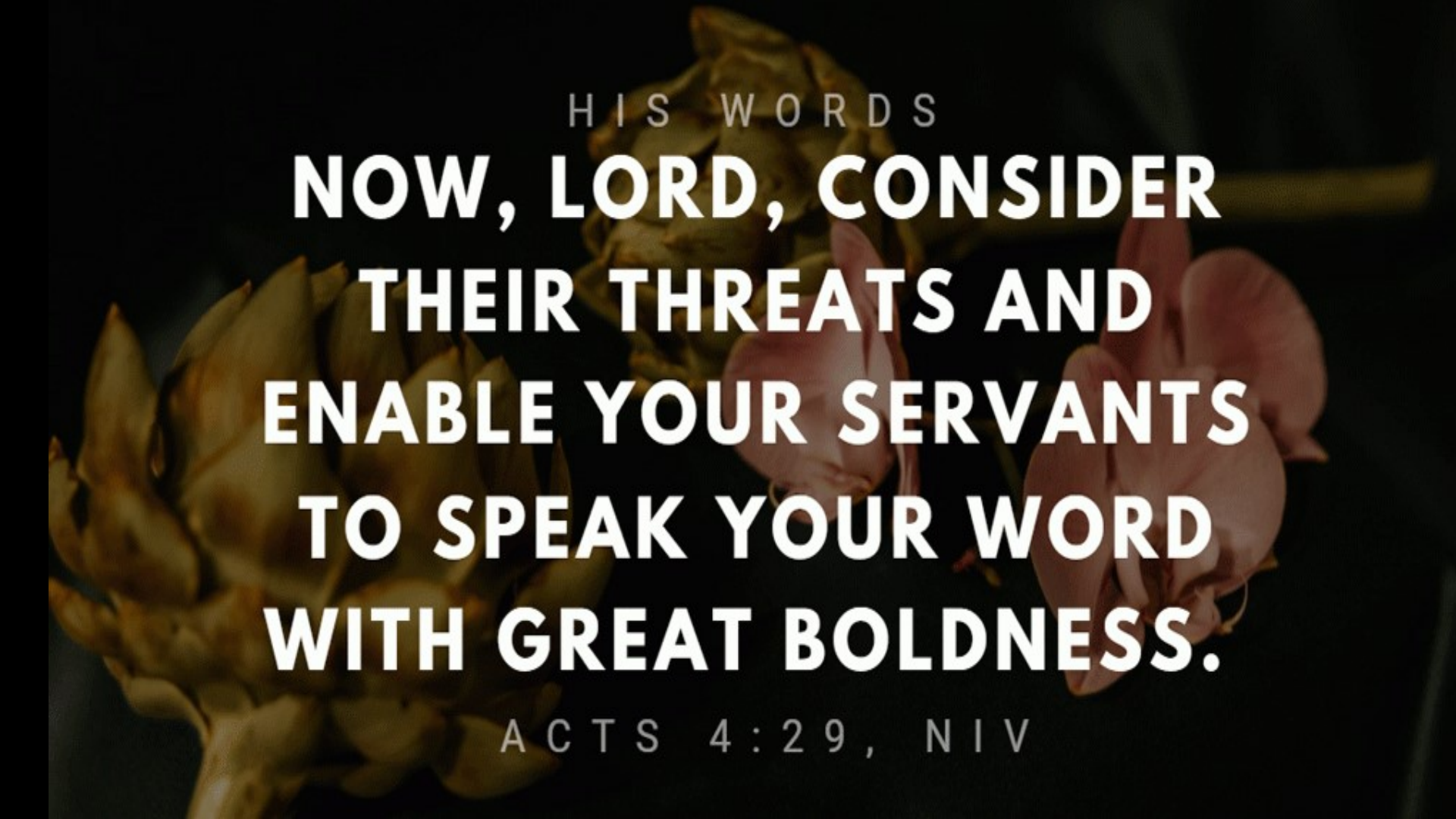
OR

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

Acts 8 : 1 (NIV)

FOR WE CANNOT BUT
SPEAK THE THINGS
WHICH WE HAVE
SEEN AND HEARD.

ACTS 4:20 · KJV



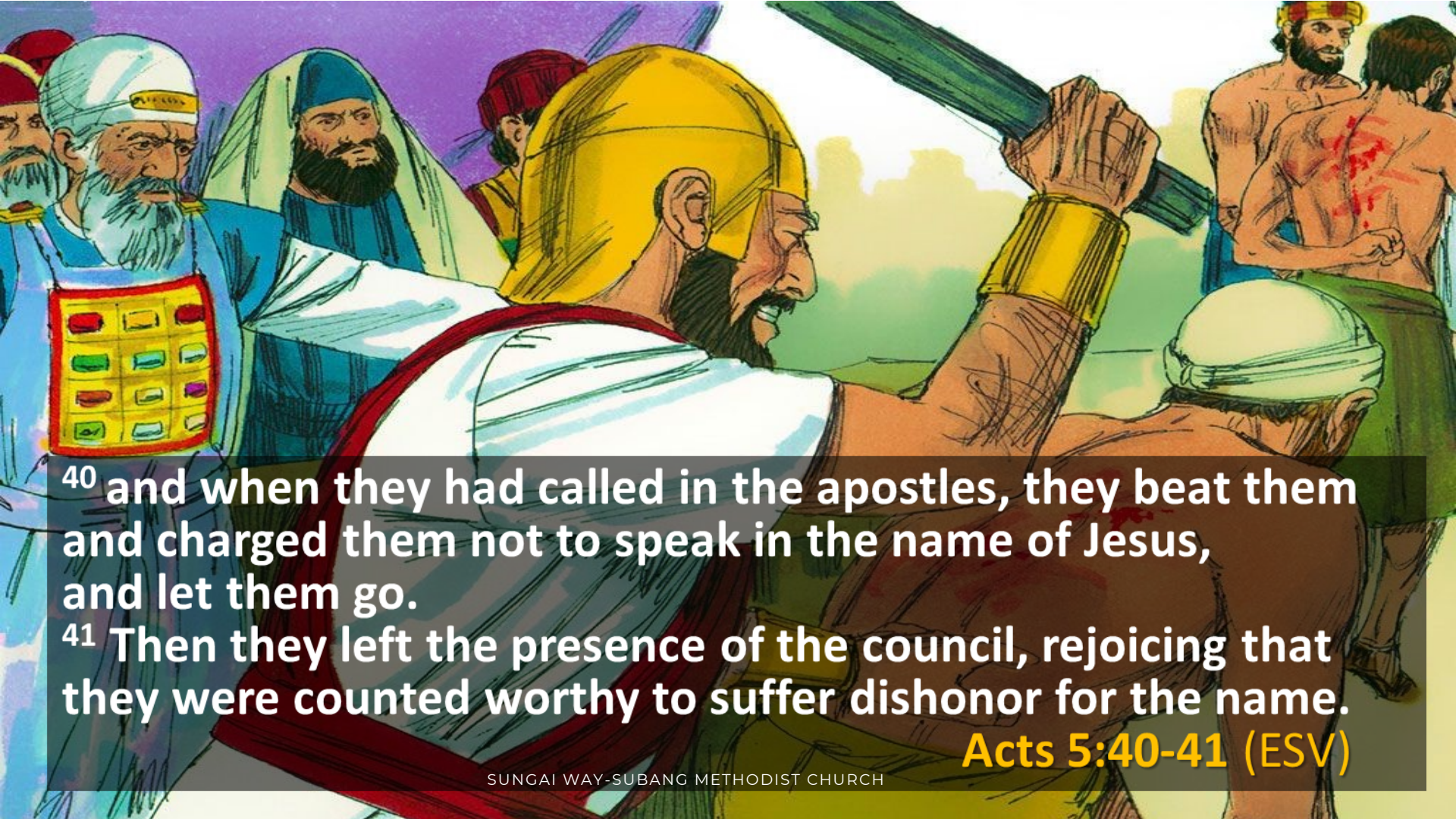
HIS WORDS

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ACTS 4:29, NIV



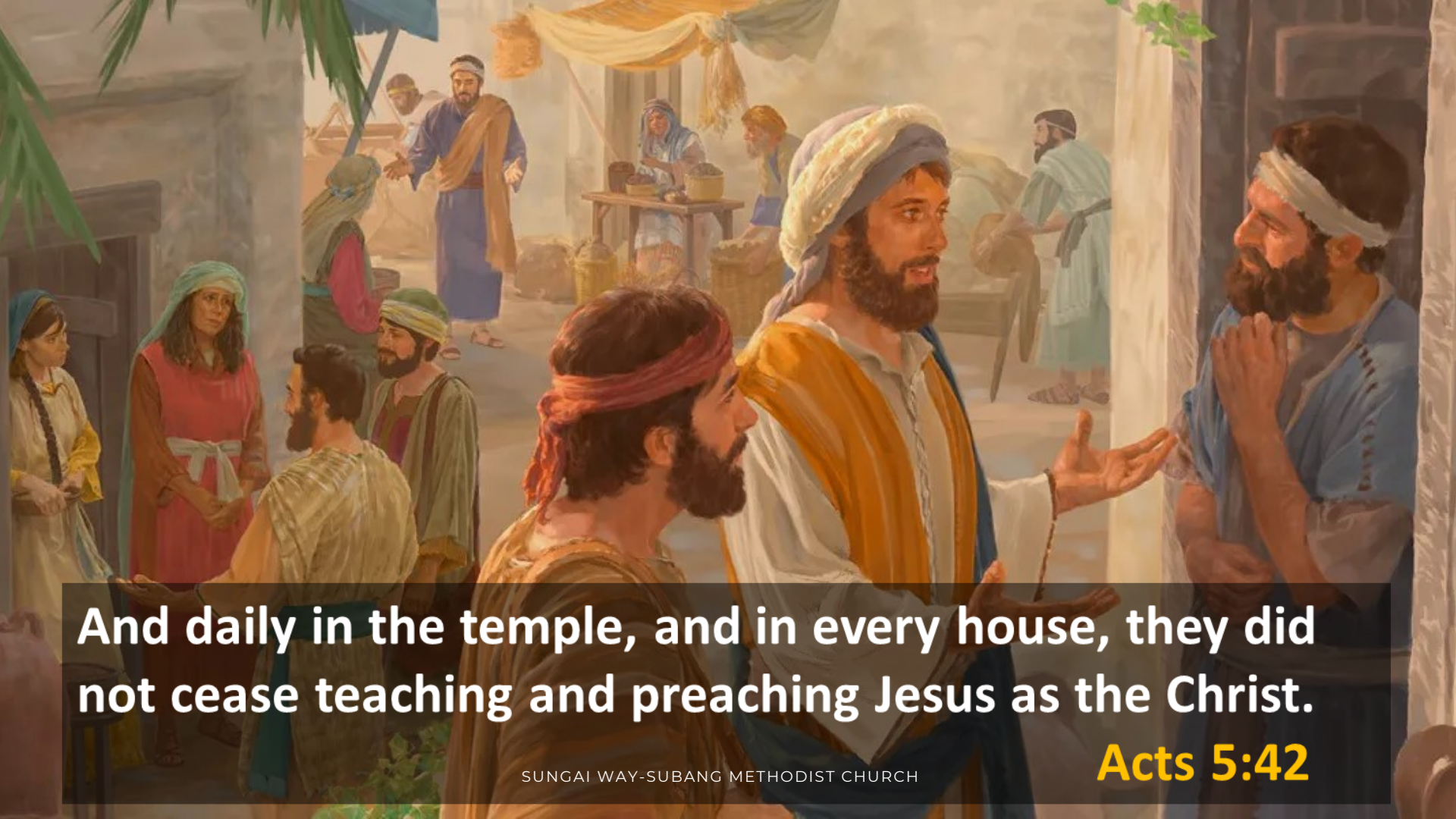
But Peter and the apostles answered,
"We must obey God rather than men."
(Acts 5:29, ESV)



40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

Acts 5:40-41 (ESV)



And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Acts 5:42



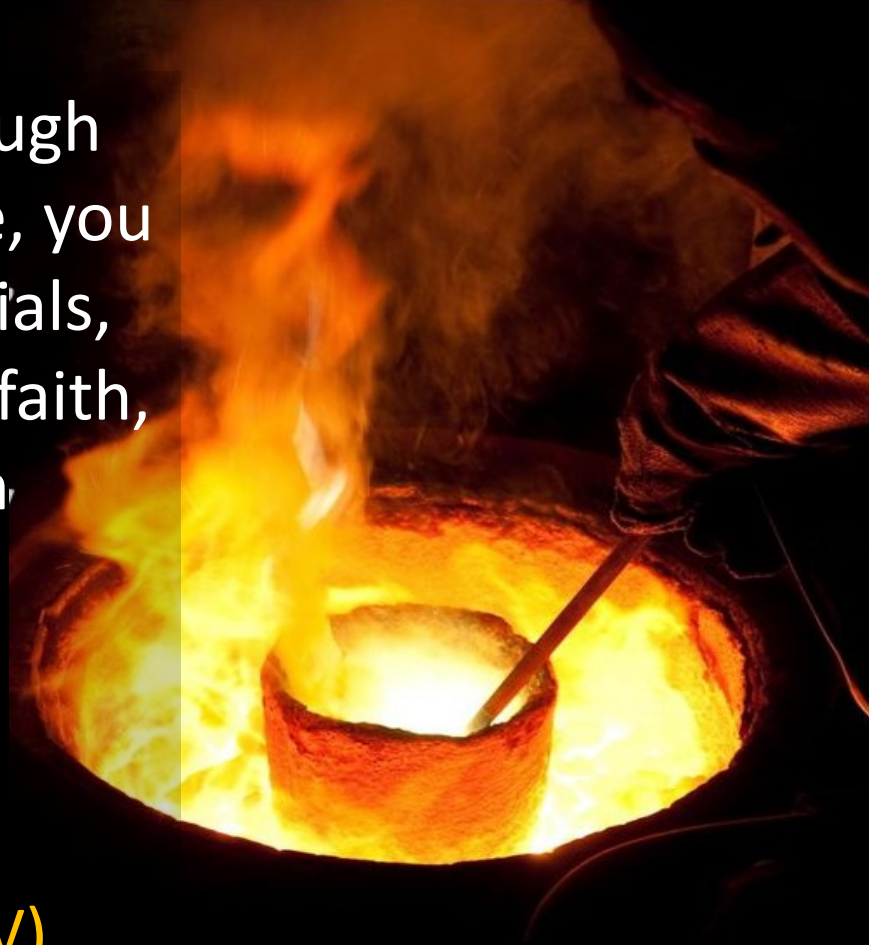
Stephen the first Christian Martyr

Acts 7:54-60

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⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

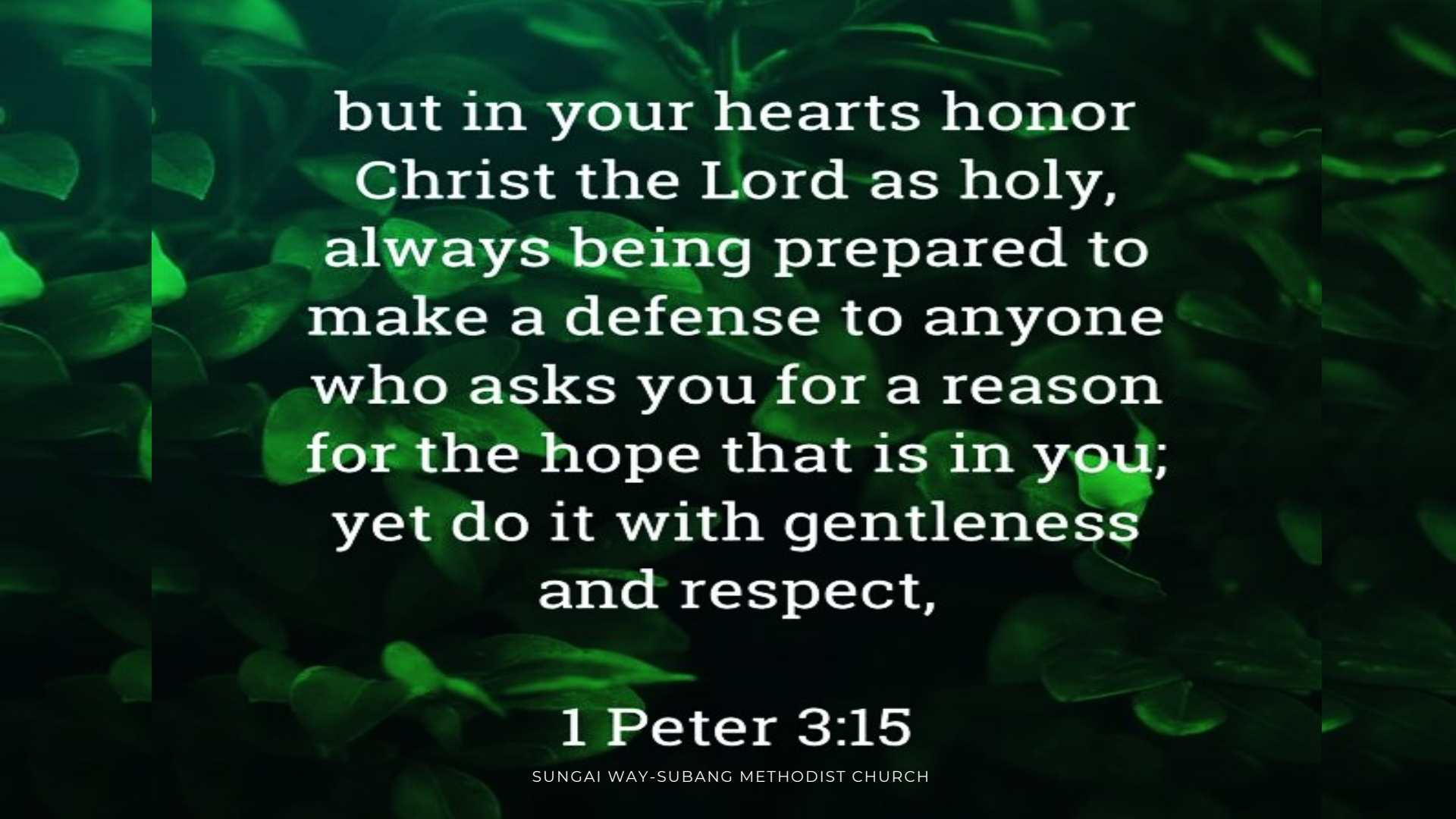
1 Peter 1: 6-7 (NKJV)



But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15





but in your hearts honor
Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to
make a defense to anyone
who asks you for a reason
for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness
and respect,

1 Peter 3:15

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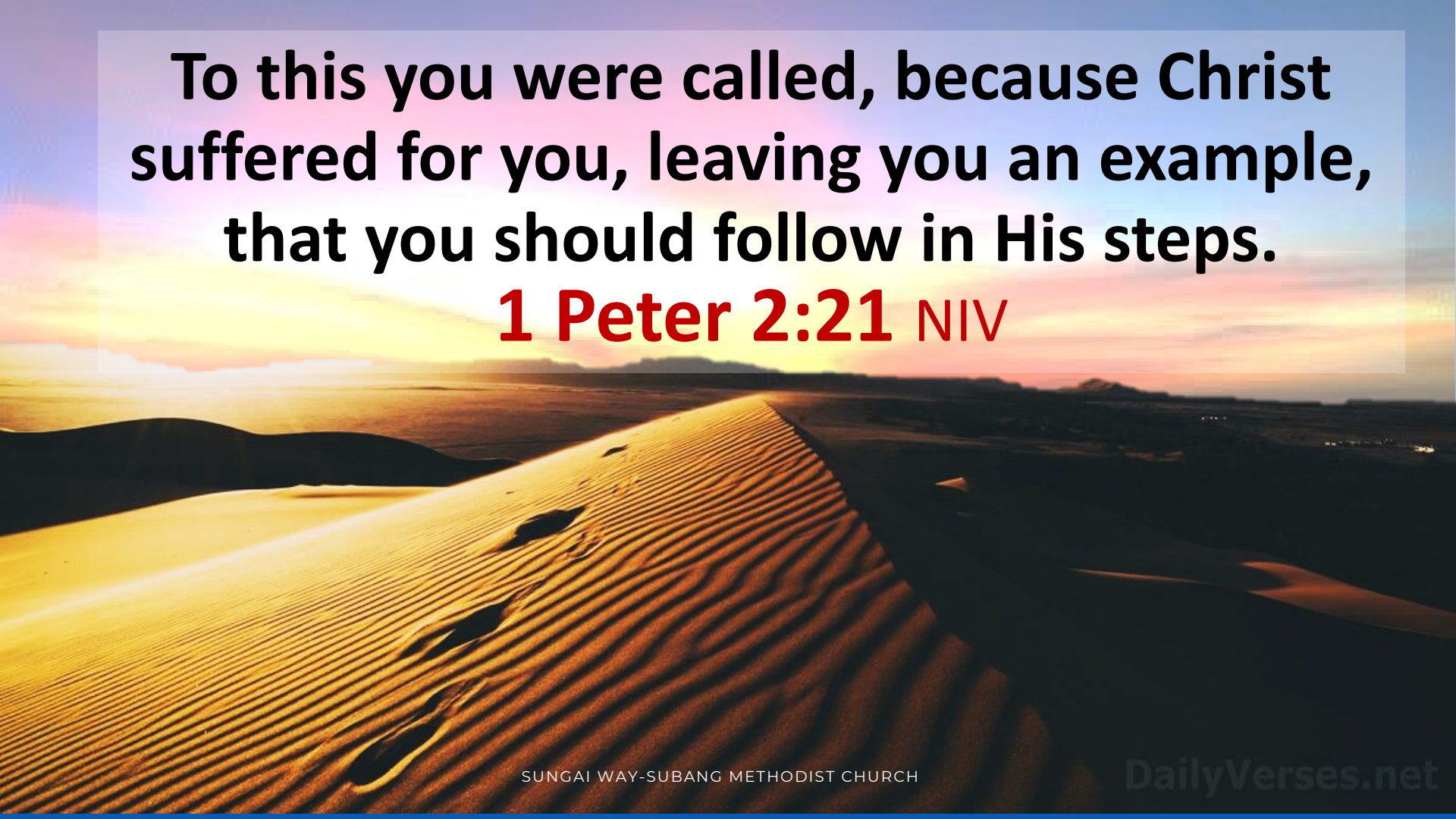
set apart
CHRIST
as LORD

1 Peter 3:18




**DO YOU
LOVE
ME MORE THAN
THESE?**

John 21:15-23



To this you were called, because Christ
suffered for you, leaving you an example,
that you should follow in His steps.

1 Peter 2:21 NIV



Above all, love each other deeply, because
love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 NIV

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**But sanctify the Lord God
in your hearts, and...**

**ALWAYS
Be READY**

**...to give an answer to every man
that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you
with meekness and fear: **1 Peter 3:15** (KJV 2000)**

AND WHATEVER YOU DO,
IN WORD OR DEED,
DO EVERYTHING IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS,
GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER
THROUGH HIM.

COLOSSIANS 3:17





HOLY
BIBLE

AND

whatever you do

WORK

Heartily

as for the

Lord

and

NOT for **MEN**

Colossians 3:23

THE REASON FOR OUR

HOPE

57 But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers
and sisters, stand firm.

Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully
to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your
labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (NIV)

A beach scene at sunset with the words "stand FIRM" in large, metallic, 3D letters on the sand. The word "stand" is in a lowercase, rounded font, and "FIRM" is in a bold, uppercase, blocky font. The letters are positioned on a sandy beach with waves in the background under a cloudy sky.

Tell me why you have

HOPE 

⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. **Romans 14:7-8 (NIV)**



Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!

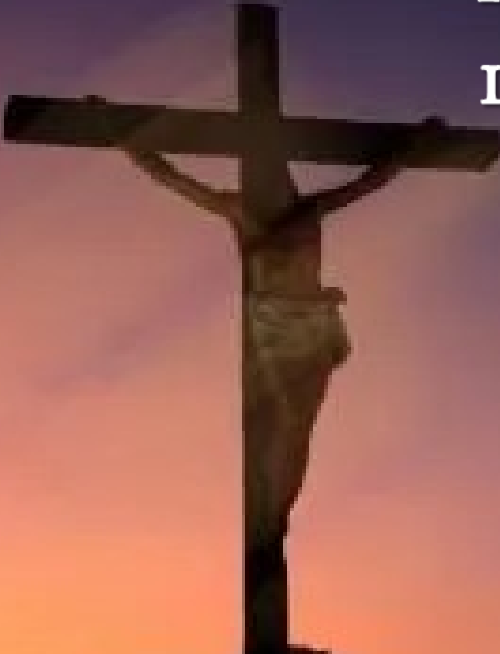
According to His great mercy,
He has caused us to be born again to
a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)




1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

³ Praise be to the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us
new birth into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead,
⁴ and into an inheritance
that can never perish, spoil or fade.




“HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS”
IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS,
SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE
TO SINS AND LIVE FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS;
“BY HIS WOUNDS YOU
HAVE BEEN HEALED.”

I PETER 2:24

The background of the image shows the silhouettes of a man on the left and a child on the right, standing in a field of tall grass. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, warm glow that silhouettes the figures. The man is leaning forward with his hands outstretched towards the child, who is also leaning forward. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

***“But to all who did receive Him,
who believed in His name,
He gave the right
to become
children of God”***

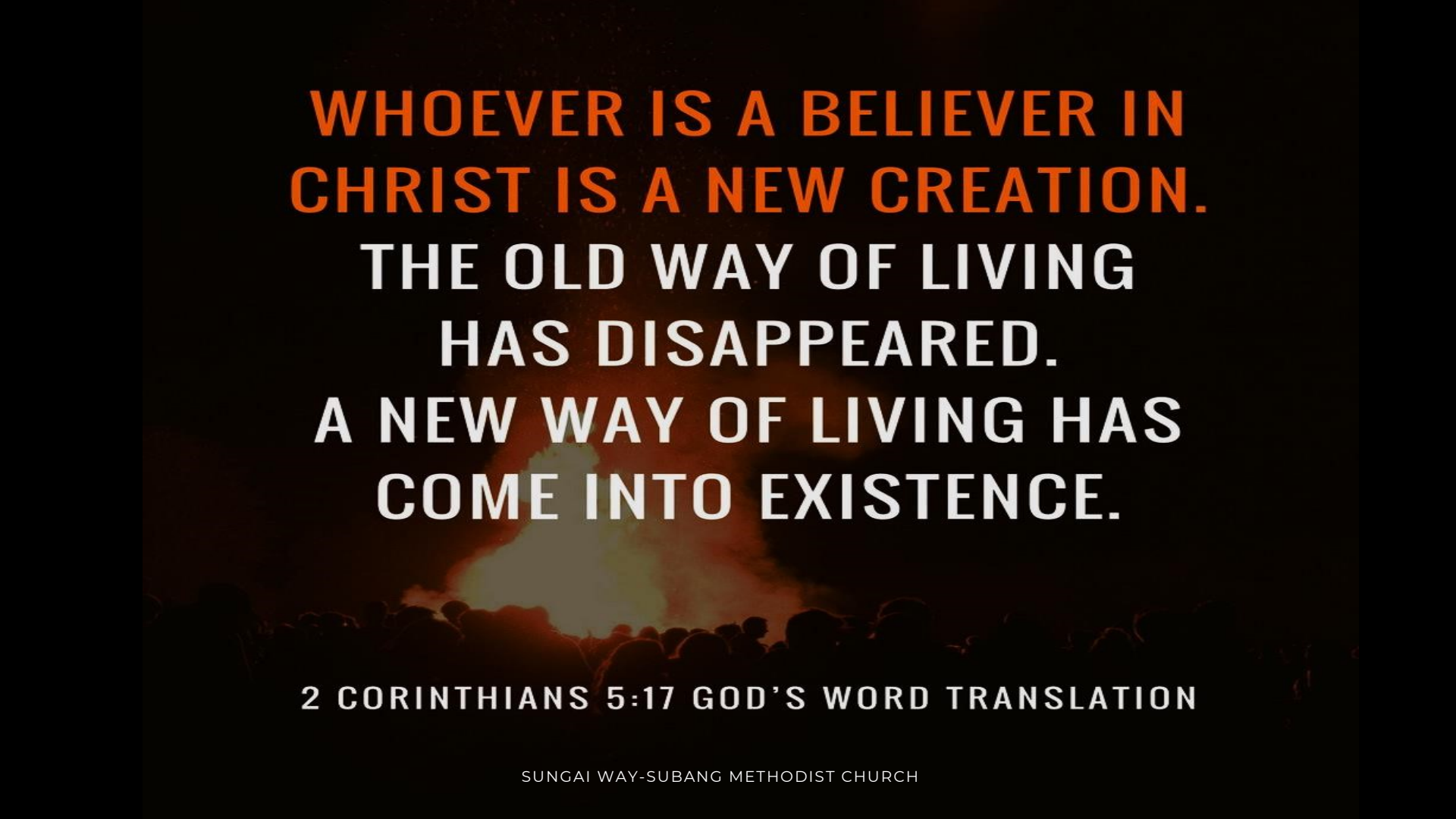
John 1:12 (NIV)

The background of the slide features a warm, golden sunset sky. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a man on the left and a child on the right are visible. The man is standing with his arms slightly outstretched, and the child is leaning forward, looking towards the man. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

The Spirit you received
does not make you slaves,
so that you live in fear
again; rather, the Spirit
you received
brought
about your
adoption to
sonship.

And by Him we cry,
“Abba, Father.”

Romans 8:15 (NIV)



**WHOEVER IS A BELIEVER IN
CHRIST IS A NEW CREATION.
THE OLD WAY OF LIVING
HAS DISAPPEARED.
A NEW WAY OF LIVING HAS
COME INTO EXISTENCE.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

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CHRISTLIKENESS

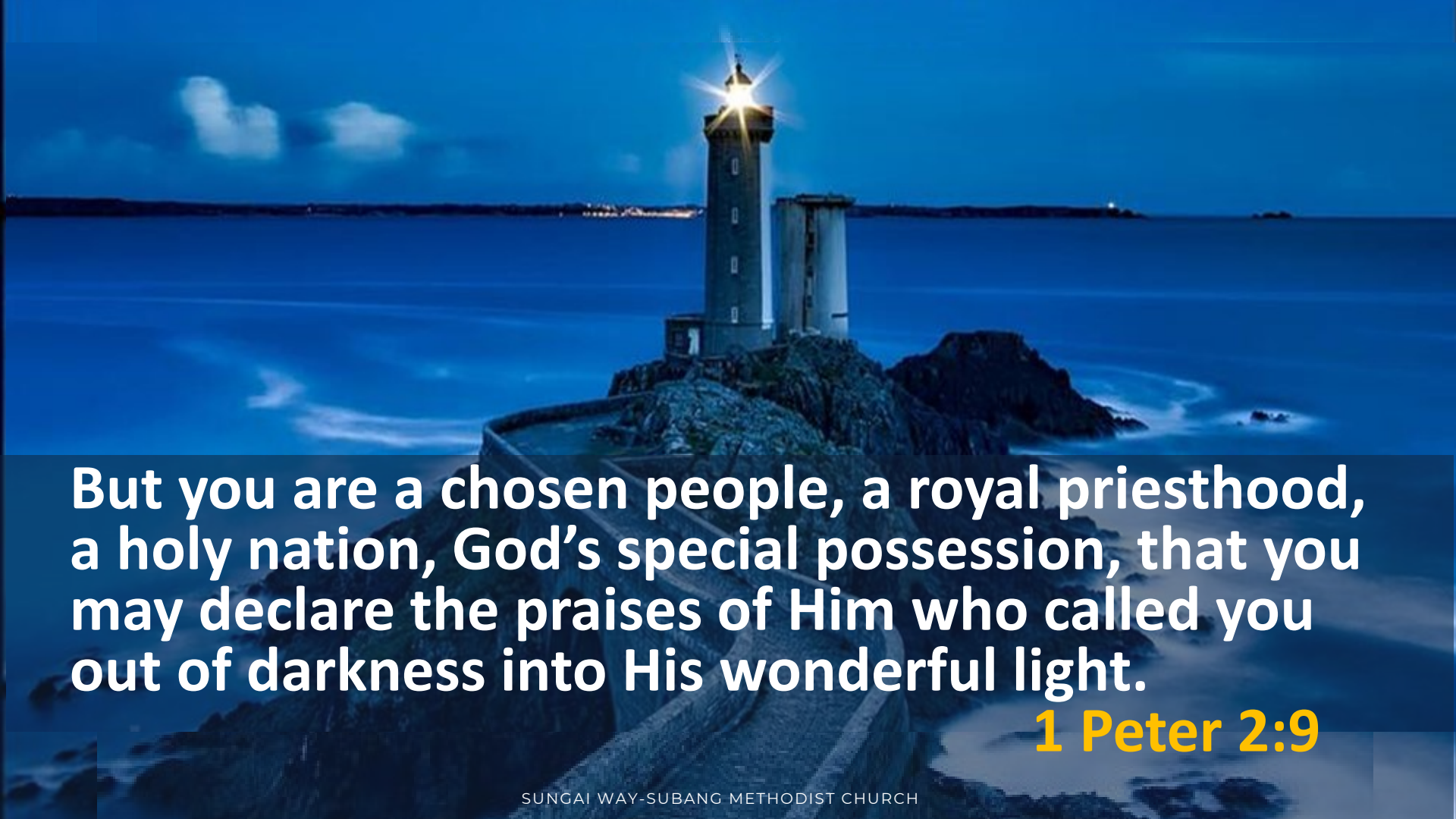
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

17 The third time He said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love Me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love You.”

Jesus said,

“Feed My sheep”.

John 21:17 (NIV)



**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's special possession, that you
may declare the praises of Him who called you
out of darkness into His wonderful light.**

1 Peter 2:9

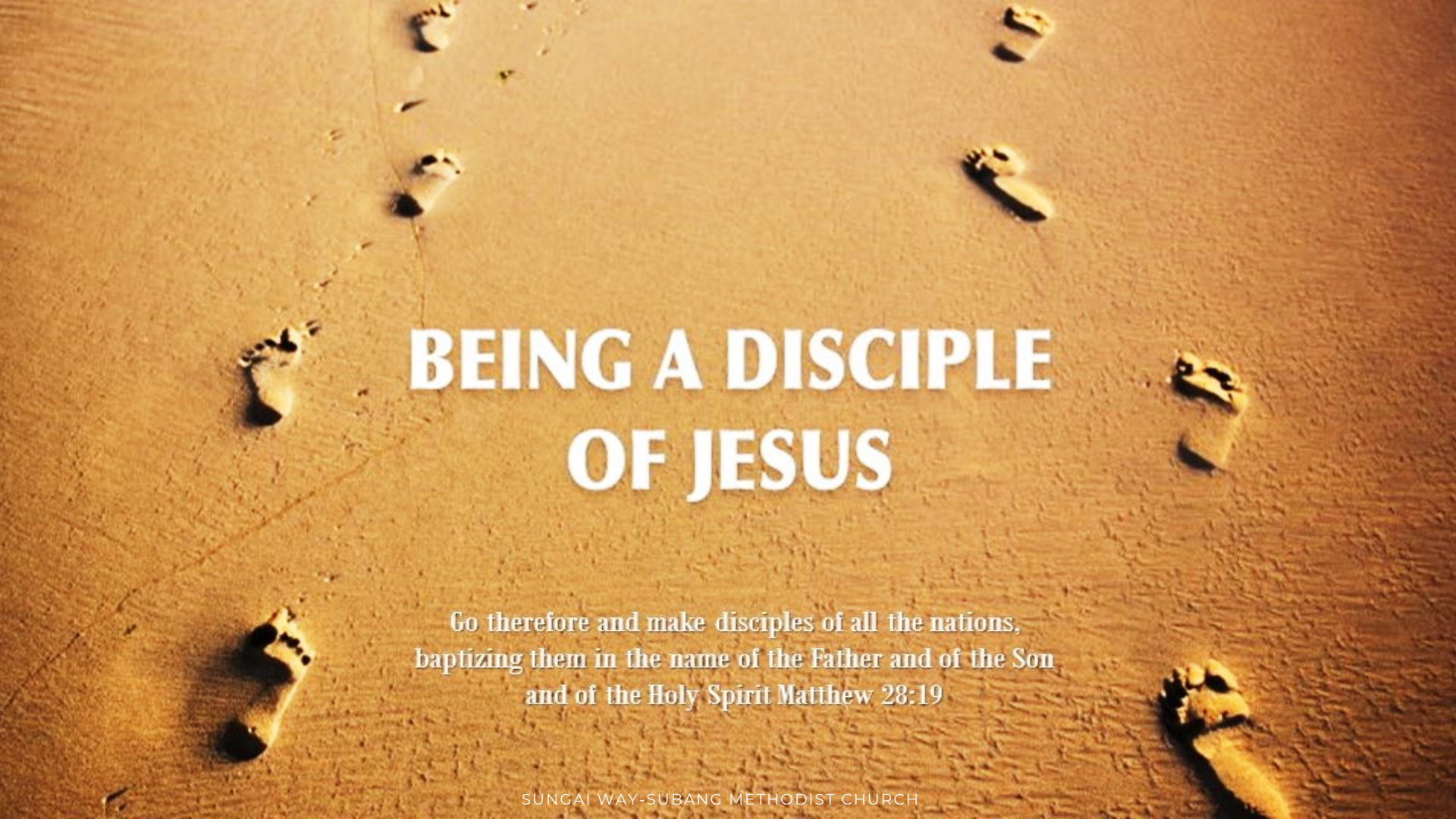
A sunset over a body of water with reeds in the foreground. The sky is a vibrant orange and red, and the water reflects the light. The reeds are dark silhouettes against the bright background.

**But do this
with
gentleness
and
RESPECT.**

-1 Peter 3:15



I AM A FULL-TIME FOLLOWER OF JESUS

A background image of golden sand with several footprints scattered across it, some appearing to lead towards the center. The lighting is warm, creating soft shadows and highlights on the sand's surface.

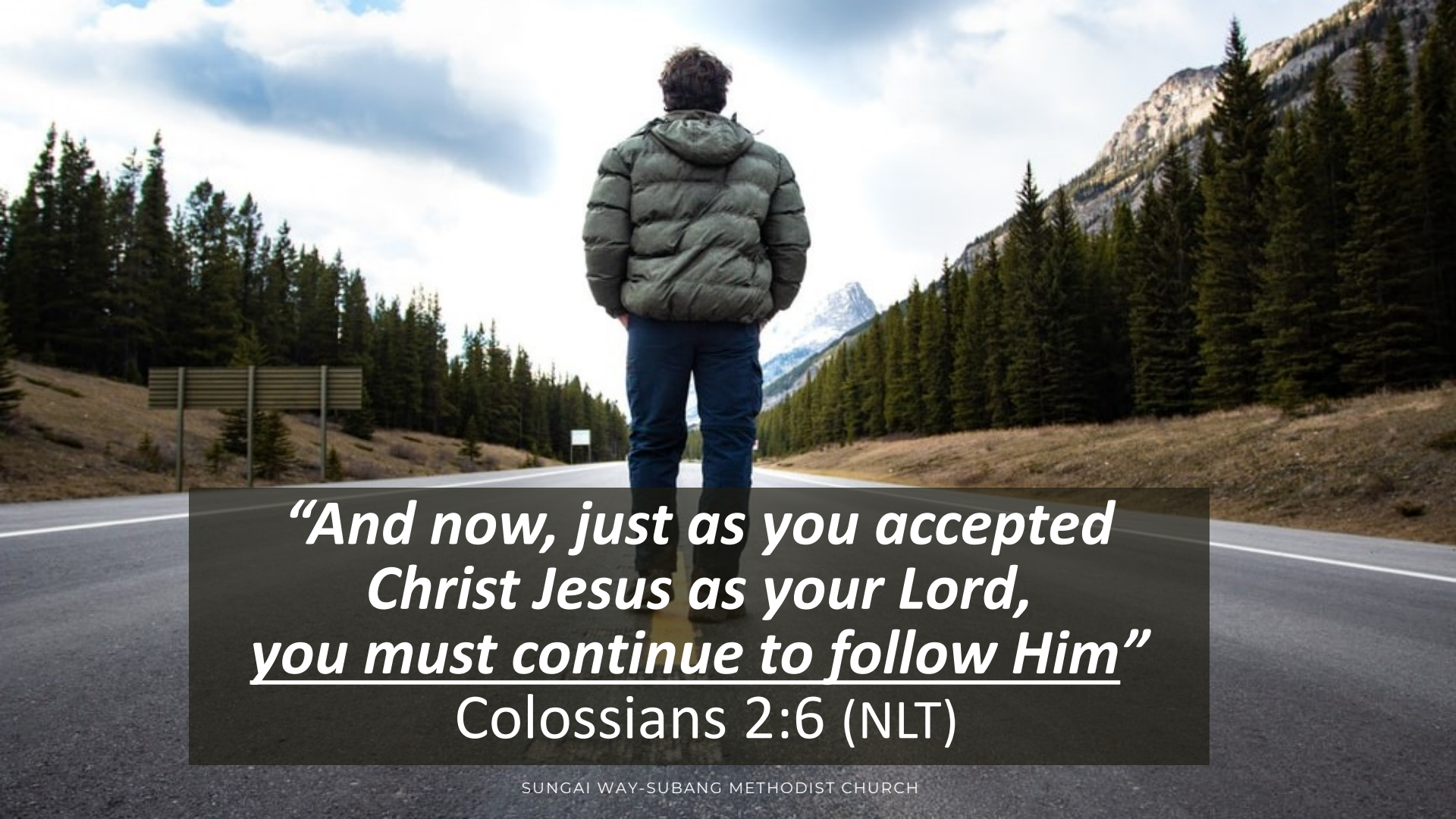
BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit Matthew 28:19


**FOLLOW
HIM**

GO THEREFORE AND
MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER AND OF THE SON
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL
THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.

MATTHEW 28:19-20



***“And now, just as you accepted
Christ Jesus as your Lord,
you must continue to follow Him”***
Colossians 2:6 (NLT)



**AND HE SAID TO ALL,
“IF ANYONE WOULD
COME AFTER ME,
LET HIM DENY HIMSELF
AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS
DAILY AND FOLLOW ME”**

LUKE 9:23 (NIV)

The Great Commission



The Great Commission



Matt 28:19 – go...make disciples

Mark 16:15-- go...preach

Luke 24:49-- send you with power

John 20:21-- I am sending you

Acts 1:8-- power –my witnesses everywhere

The Great Commission



is not an **OPTION**
but it is a **MANDATE !**

The Great Commission

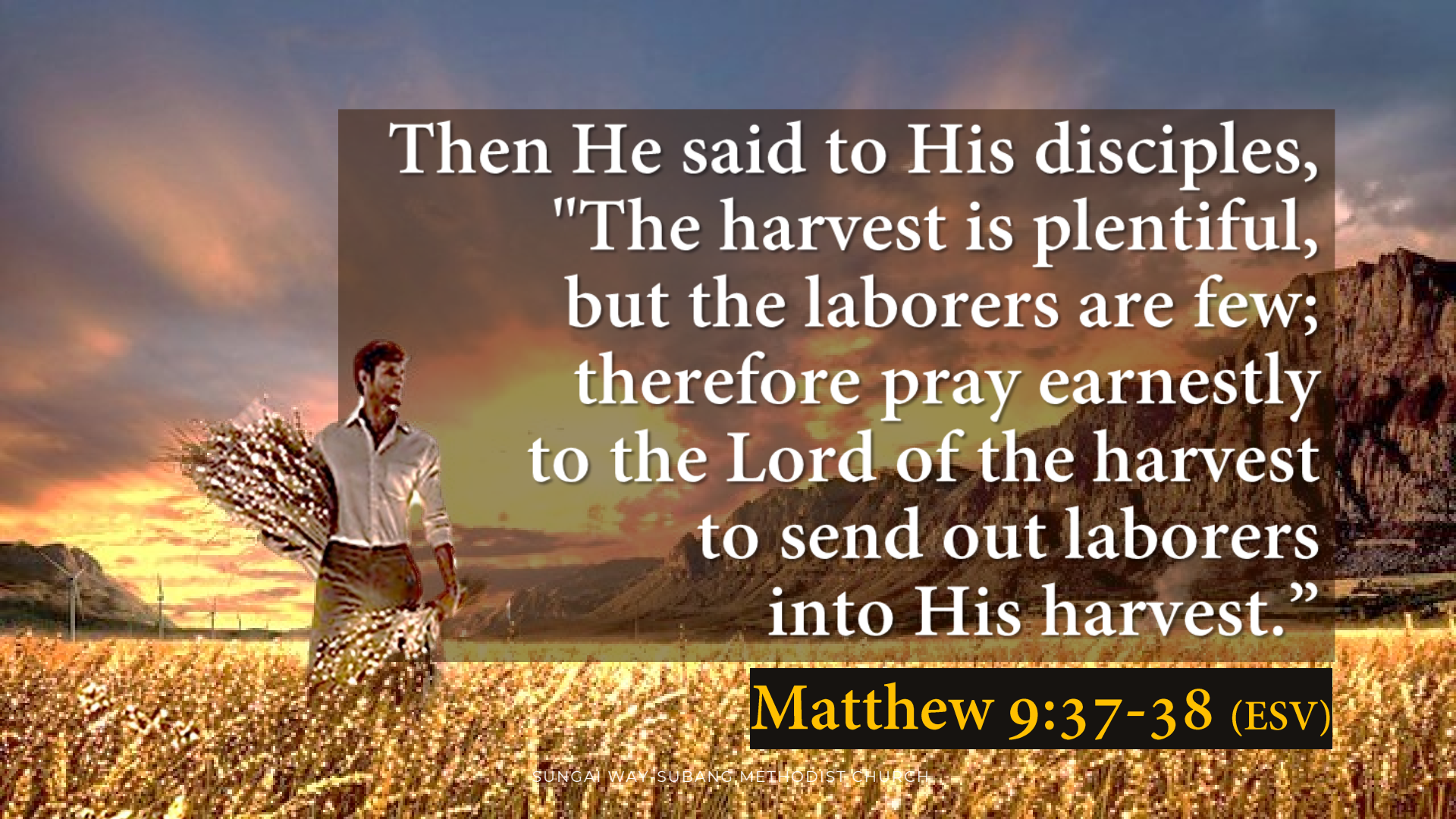
A pair of hands is shown holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if cradling the globe, with fingers gently gripping it. The globe shows the Americas, with North and South America visible. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light rays or bokeh effects.

It Requires

OBEDIENCE!

The Unfinished Task



A man in a white shirt and brown pants is walking through a golden wheat field, carrying a large bundle of harvested wheat on his back. The background features a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow hues, and a rugged, rocky mountain range in the distance. The overall scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of harvest and labor.

Then He said to His disciples,
"The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few;
therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers
into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV)

The Lord is not slow
in keeping His promise,
as some understand slowness.
Instead He is patient with you,
not wanting anyone to perish,
but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)



AS GOD'S FELLOW
WORKERS, THEN, WE URGE
YOU NOT TO RECEIVE
GOD'S GRACE IN VAIN.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1



For I am not ashamed of the
gospel of Christ, for it is the
power of God to salvation for
everyone who believes...

Romans 1:16

A silhouette of a person standing on a mountain peak with their arms outstretched, set against a bright sunrise or sunset sky. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking out over a vast landscape of mountains and valleys. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong glow and long shadows.

We need a
Fresh Vision,
Passion and **Desire**
to **SHARE**
our **Hope** in **Jesus**



And they said,
“Believe in the Lord Jesus,
and you will be saved,
you and your household.

Acts 16:31 (NIV)



18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that You are a prophet.

John 4:18-19

THE EVANGELIST

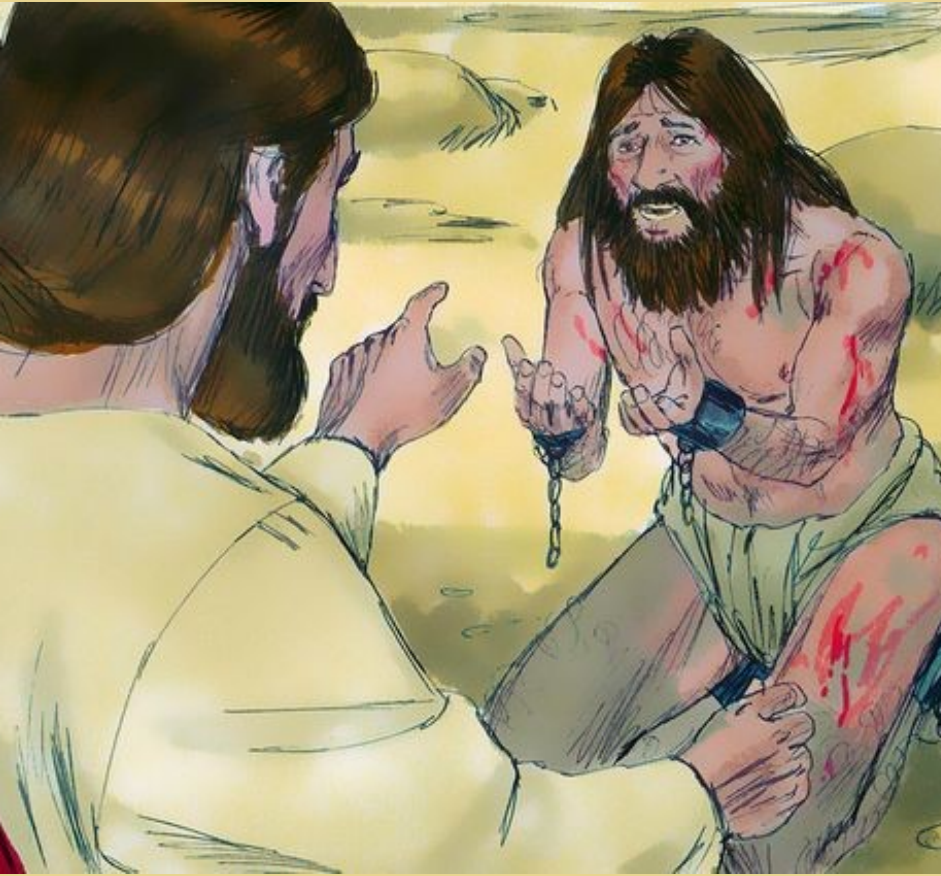


Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

John 4:39 (NIV)

JOHN 4:39-42

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**Jesus said to him,
"Go home to your friends
And tell them how much the
Lord has done for you, and
how He has had mercy on you.
And he went away and began
to proclaim in the Decapolis
how much Jesus had done for
him, and everyone marveled.**

Mark 5:20

BUT THE BELIEVERS WHO WERE SCATTERED PREACHED THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS WHEREVER THEY WENT.

ACTS 8:4 (NLT)

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The background of the image shows the silhouettes of several people with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. They are set against a vibrant sunset sky with warm orange and yellow tones near the horizon, transitioning to a cooler blue at the top. Numerous birds are scattered across the sky, some in flight. The overall mood is one of joy and spiritual fervor.

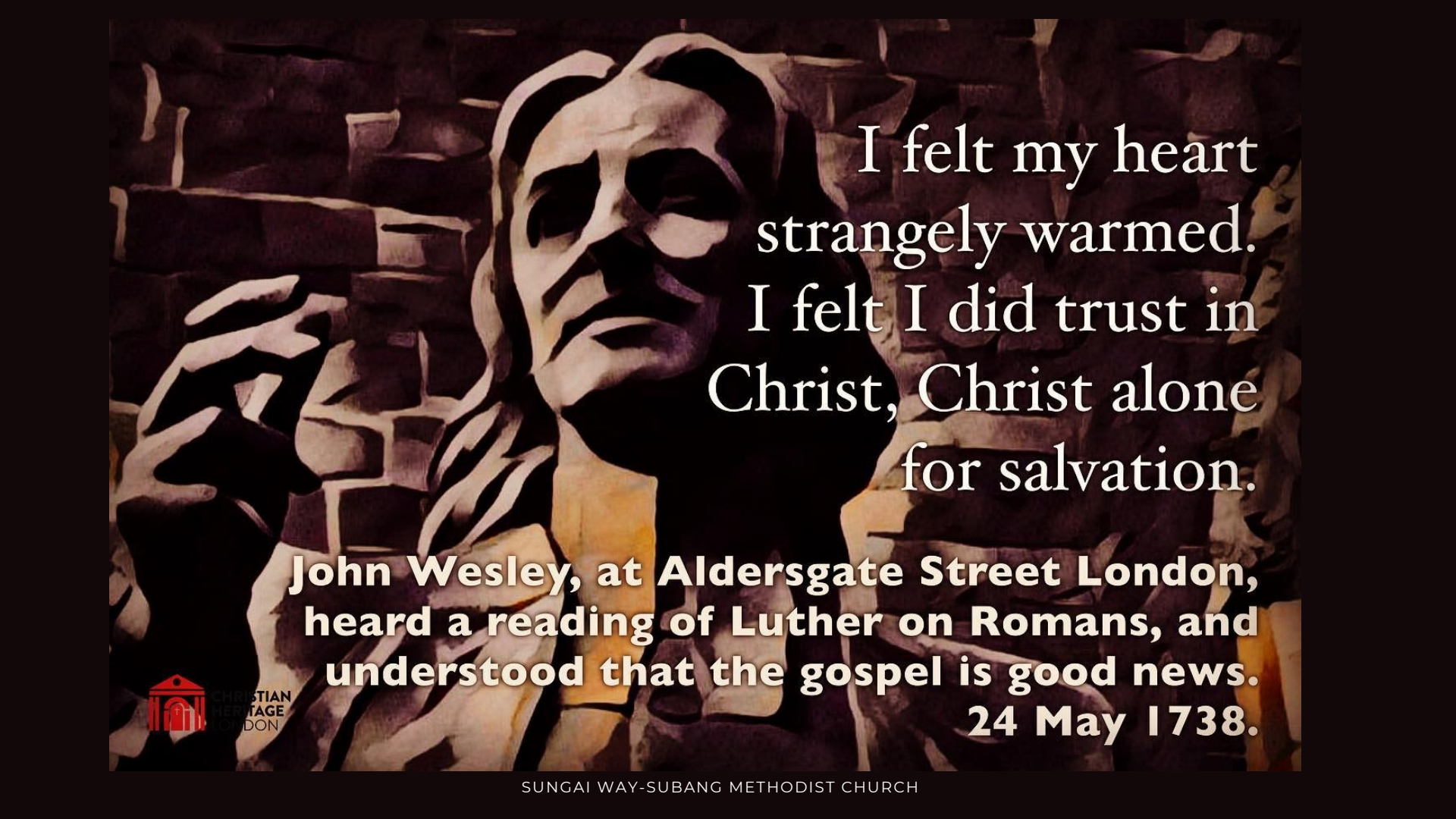
Never be lacking in zeal,
but keep your spiritual fervor,
serving the Lord.

Romans 12:11

Never be lazy,
BUT
WORK HARD
& SERVE THE LORD
enthusiastically.

ROMANS
12:11 NLT

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I felt my heart
strangely warmed.
I felt I did trust in
Christ, Christ alone
for salvation.

**John Wesley, at Aldersgate Street London,
heard a reading of Luther on Romans, and
understood that the gospel is good news.**

24 May 1738.



CHRISTIAN
HERITAGE
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“CATCH ON FIRE
WITH ENTHUSIASM AND
PEOPLE WILL COME
FOR MILES TO WATCH
YOU BURN”

JOHN WESLEY

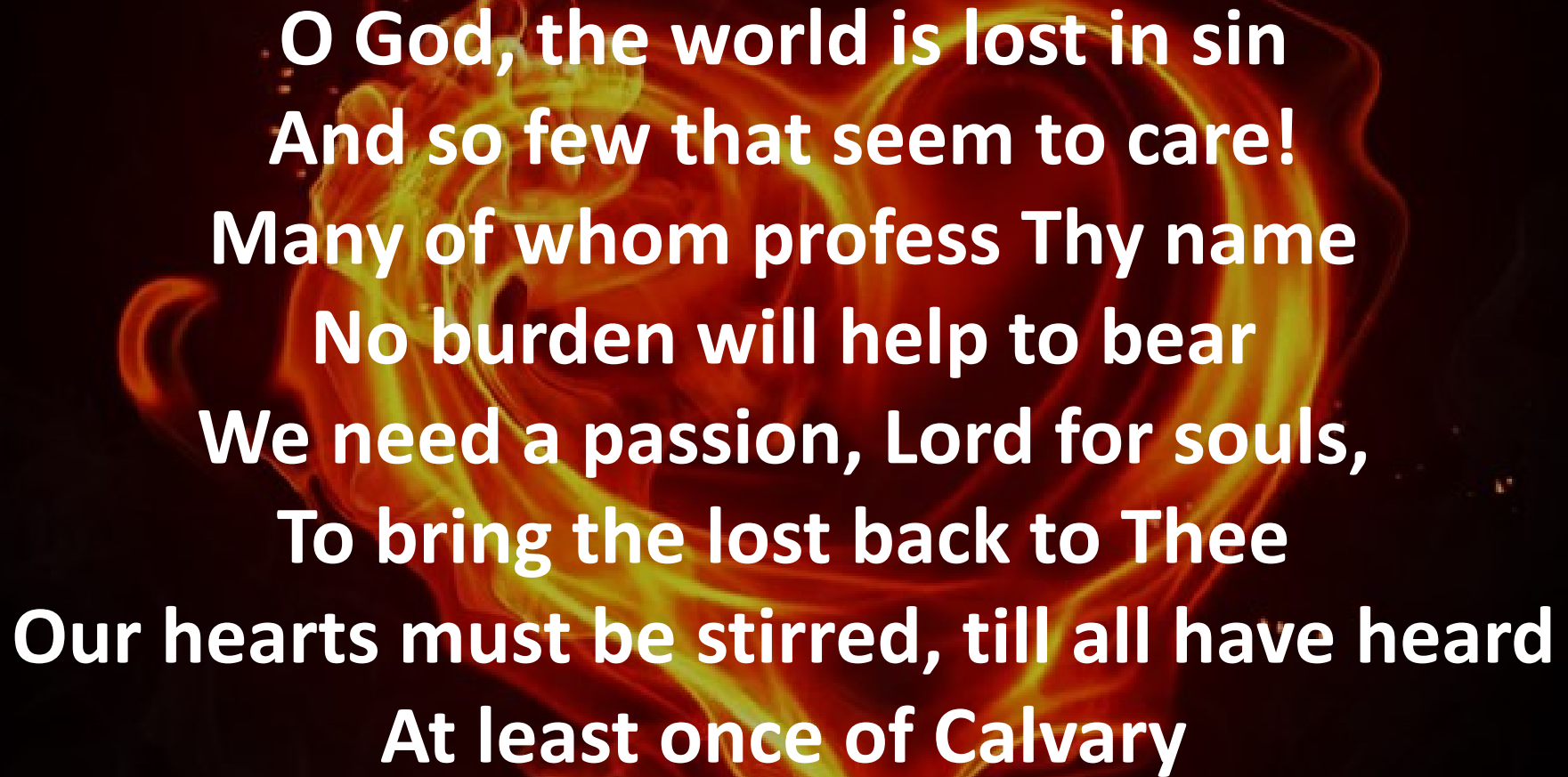




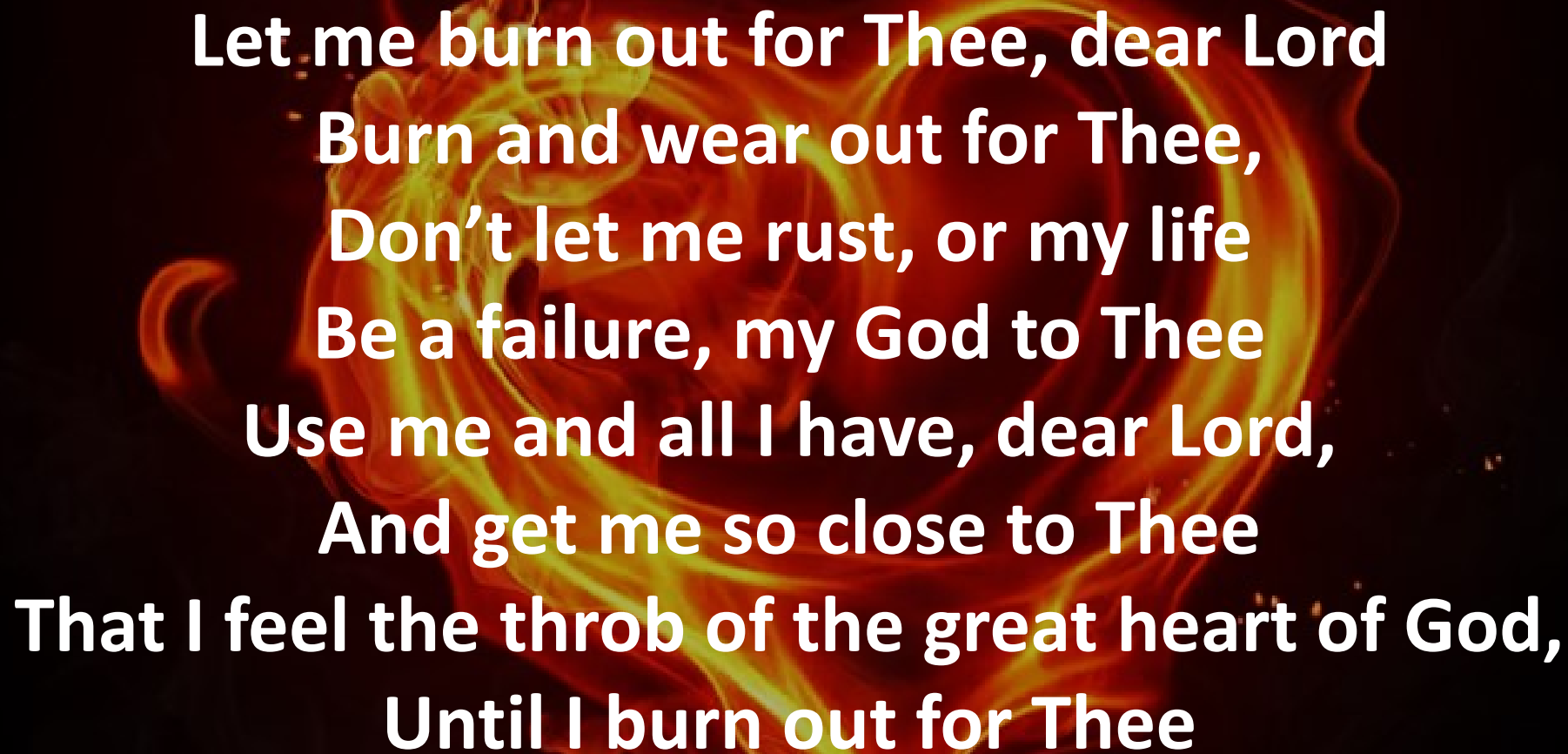
LET ME BURN
OUT FOR THEE

Hymn writer

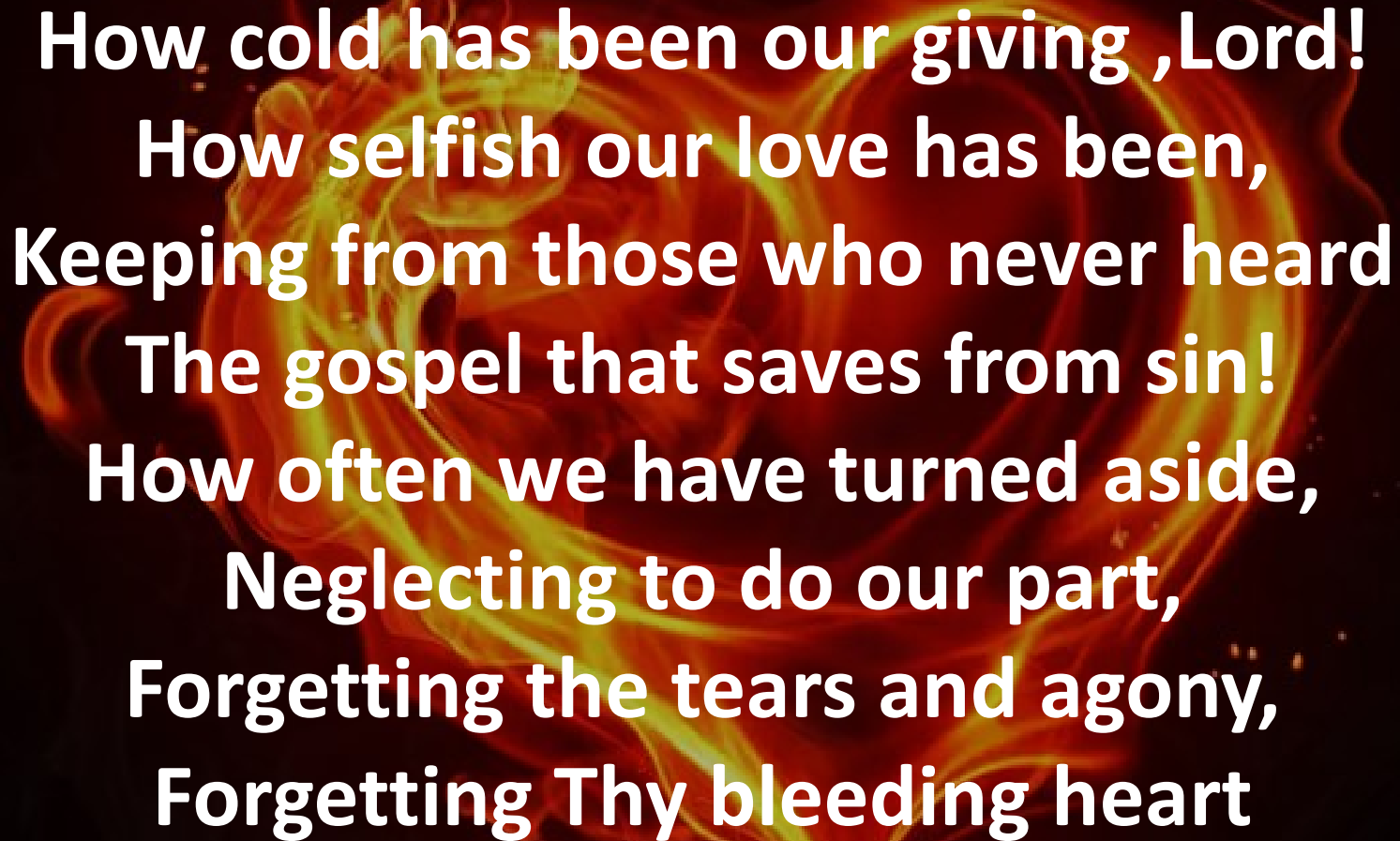
Bessie F. Hatcher, 1957



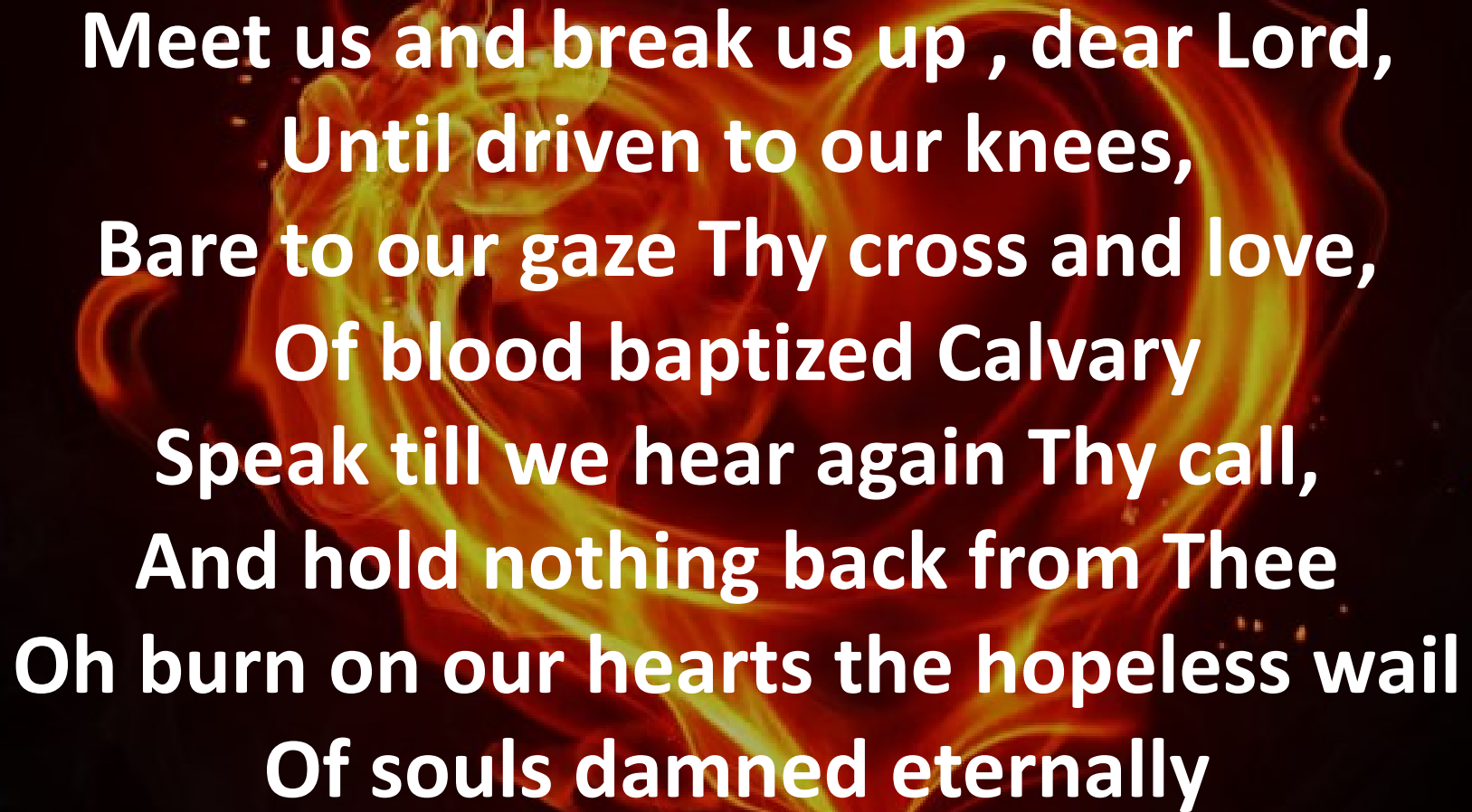
**O God, the world is lost in sin
And so few that seem to care!
Many of whom profess Thy name
No burden will help to bear
We need a passion, Lord for souls,
To bring the lost back to Thee
Our hearts must be stirred, till all have heard
At least once of Calvary**



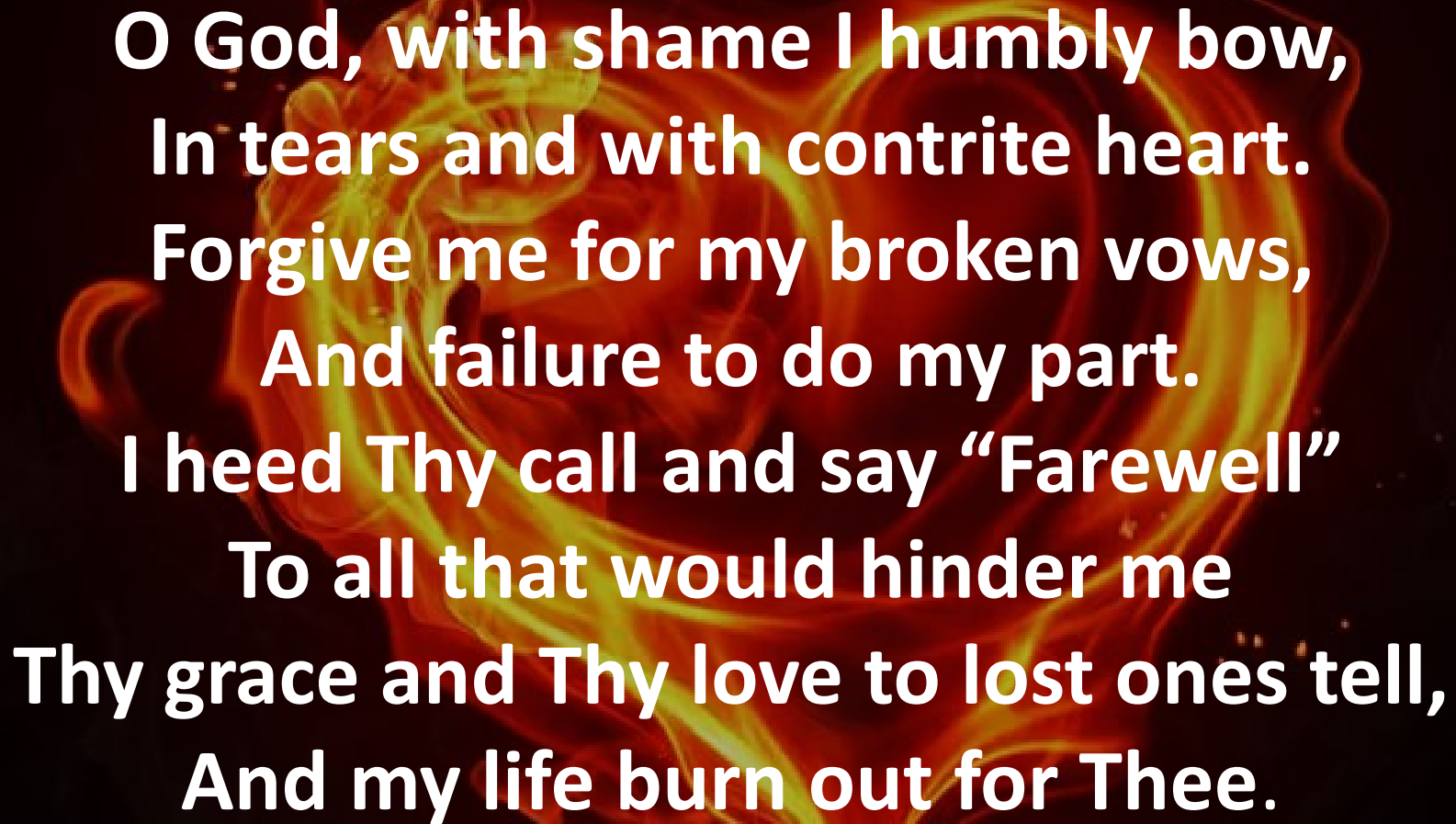
**Let me burn out for Thee, dear Lord
Burn and wear out for Thee,
Don't let me rust, or my life
Be a failure, my God to Thee
Use me and all I have, dear Lord,
And get me so close to Thee
That I feel the throb of the great heart of God,
Until I burn out for Thee**



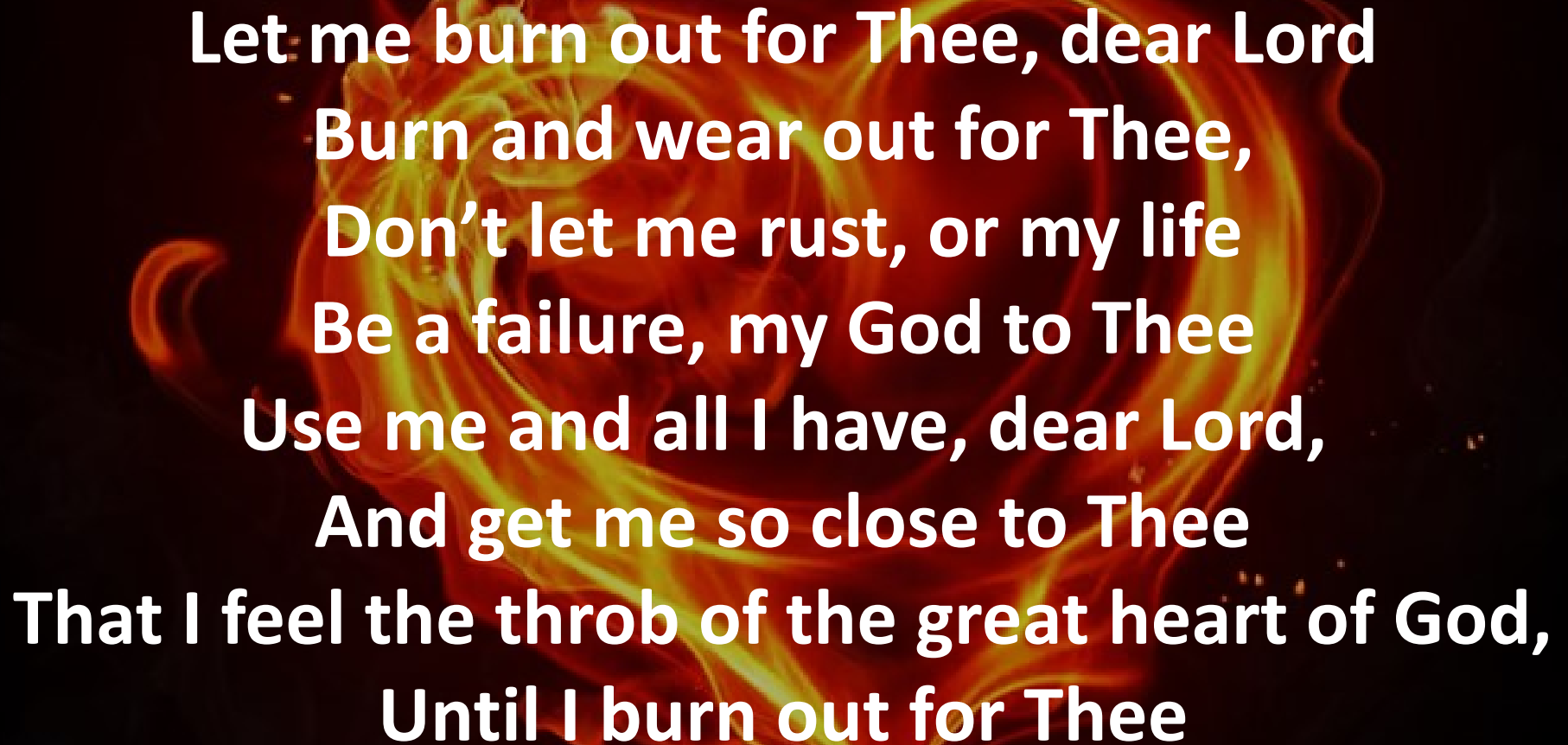
**How cold has been our giving ,Lord!
How selfish our love has been,
Keeping from those who never heard
The gospel that saves from sin!
How often we have turned aside,
Neglecting to do our part,
Forgetting the tears and agony,
Forgetting Thy bleeding heart**



**Meet us and break us up , dear Lord,
Until driven to our knees,
Bare to our gaze Thy cross and love,
Of blood baptized Calvary
Speak till we hear again Thy call,
And hold nothing back from Thee
Oh burn on our hearts the hopeless wail
Of souls damned eternally**



**O God, with shame I humbly bow,
In tears and with contrite heart.
Forgive me for my broken vows,
And failure to do my part.
I heed Thy call and say “Farewell”
To all that would hinder me
Thy grace and Thy love to lost ones tell,
And my life burn out for Thee.**



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