



Our Walk and Witness



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**a certain kind EVANGELISM,
a certain kind of APOLOGETIC,
and a certain kind of DISCIPLESHIP**



a certain kind EVANGELISM,



A CERTAIN KIND...

- that allows others to **discover the truth** for themselves by **asking thought-provoking questions** about what they say they believe.

A CERTAIN KIND...

- **that use an approach that is more conversational.**
- **that seeks to build spiritual conversations to your unbelieving friends from the standpoint of their interest, not your own!**
- **that maximizes our questions by remembering the three D's.**

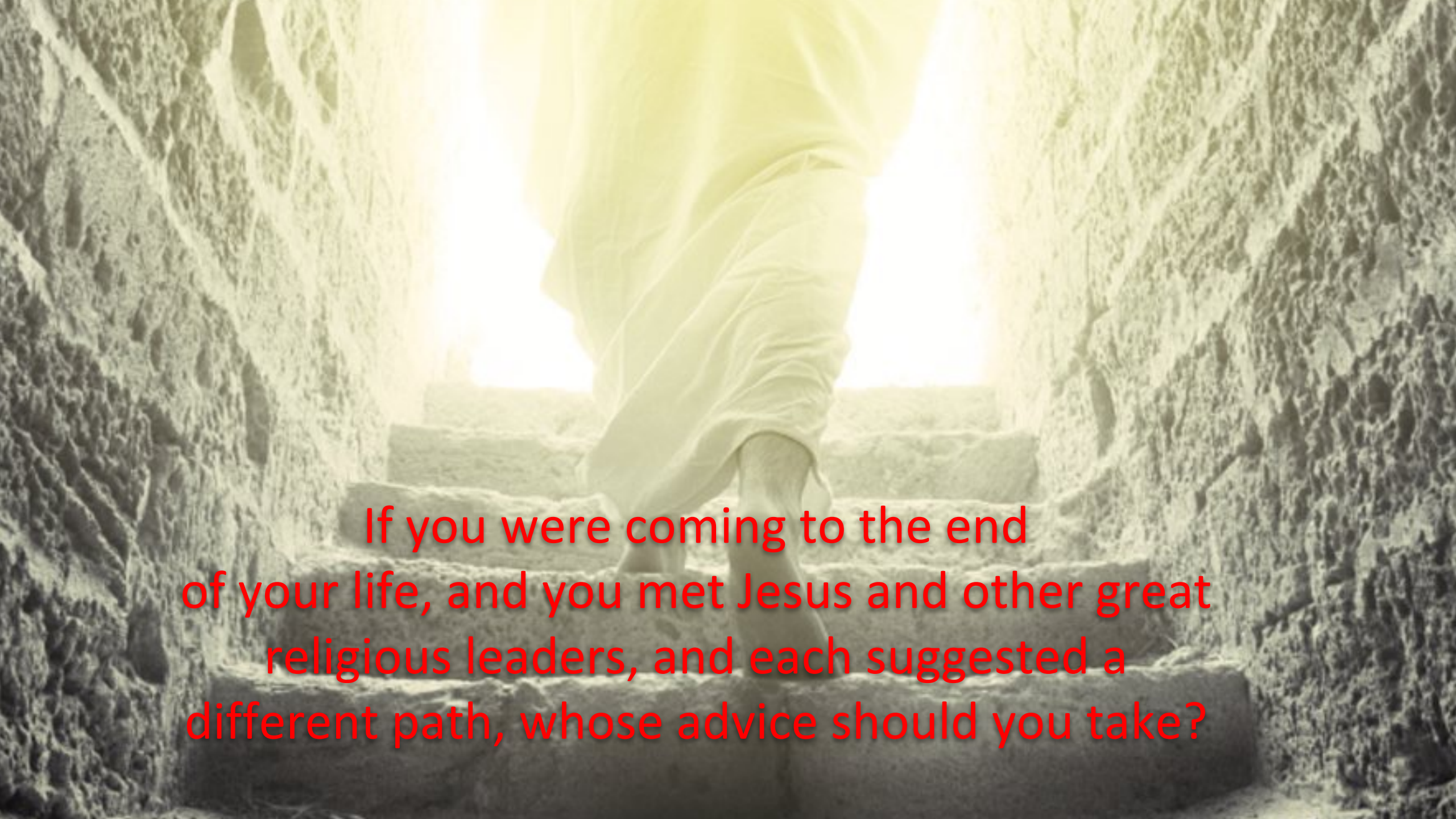


a certain kind of APOLOGETIC



EFFECTIVE WITNESSING TODAY

- will compel us to use an apologetic approach that is “lite” to begin with!**

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is walking up a set of stone steps. The steps are made of large, rough-hewn stones and lead up a narrow, dark tunnel. At the end of the tunnel, there is a bright, glowing light, possibly representing an exit or a destination. The person's feet are visible as they step up the stairs. The overall atmosphere is one of a journey or a path leading to a bright future.

If you were coming to the end of your life, and you met Jesus and other great religious leaders, and each suggested a different path, whose advice should you take?

A person wearing a white, flowing robe is walking up a set of stone steps. The steps are made of large, rough-hewn stones and are set within a narrow, rocky passage. The walls of the passage are made of dark, textured rock. At the top of the steps, there is a bright, glowing light source, possibly a window or an opening, which casts a strong, warm glow over the scene. The person's feet are visible as they step up the stairs. The overall atmosphere is one of a journey or a quest.

Wouldn't you take the
advice of someone who's
been to the other side and
come back to tell us about it?



a certain kind of DISCIPLESHIP

**“The mandate
must precede
the mission.”**

Rev. Edmund Chan





At NGIM we call this blend of
Apologetics, Evangelism, and
Discipleship, the four R's of being:

ROOTED

RESTED

READY

REACHING



1. The key to **rootedness** is abiding in Christ.
2. The key to **restedness** is abiding in the word of God.

DISCIPLESHIP

To be truly effective in witnessing today we need to remember actively blend apologetics, evangelism, and discipleship.

**Isn't It True That
How We Live Our
Life Depends
on Who We Trust?**





Isn't it true that if
we can trust Jesus...



...then we can we trust the Bible!

What Did Jesus Teach About the Bible!

1. It is divinely authoritative (Mt. 4:4, 7, 10).
2. It is imperishable (Mt. 5:17-18).
3. It is infallible (Jn. 10:35).
4. It is inerrant (without error) (Mt. 22:29).
5. It is historically reliable (Mt. 12:40; Mt. 24:37-38).
6. It is scientifically accurate (Mt. 19:4-5).
7. It has ultimate supremacy (Mt. 15:3, 6).



I can trust God for what I don't know because of what He's revealed to me that I do know.

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The Bible Can Be Trusted

- I. If God exists, then miracles are possible
- II. The N.T. documents are historically reliable
- III. In the NT Jesus claimed to be God
- IV. Jesus proved to be God by an unprecedented convergence of miracles
 - A. The miracle of fulfilled prophecy
 - B. The miracle of the Resurrection
- V. Therefore, Jesus was God in human flesh
- VI. What Jesus (who is God) teaches is true
- VII. Jesus taught the Bible is the Word of God
- VIII. Therefore the Bible is the Word of God

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God's plan from the beginning was not...?

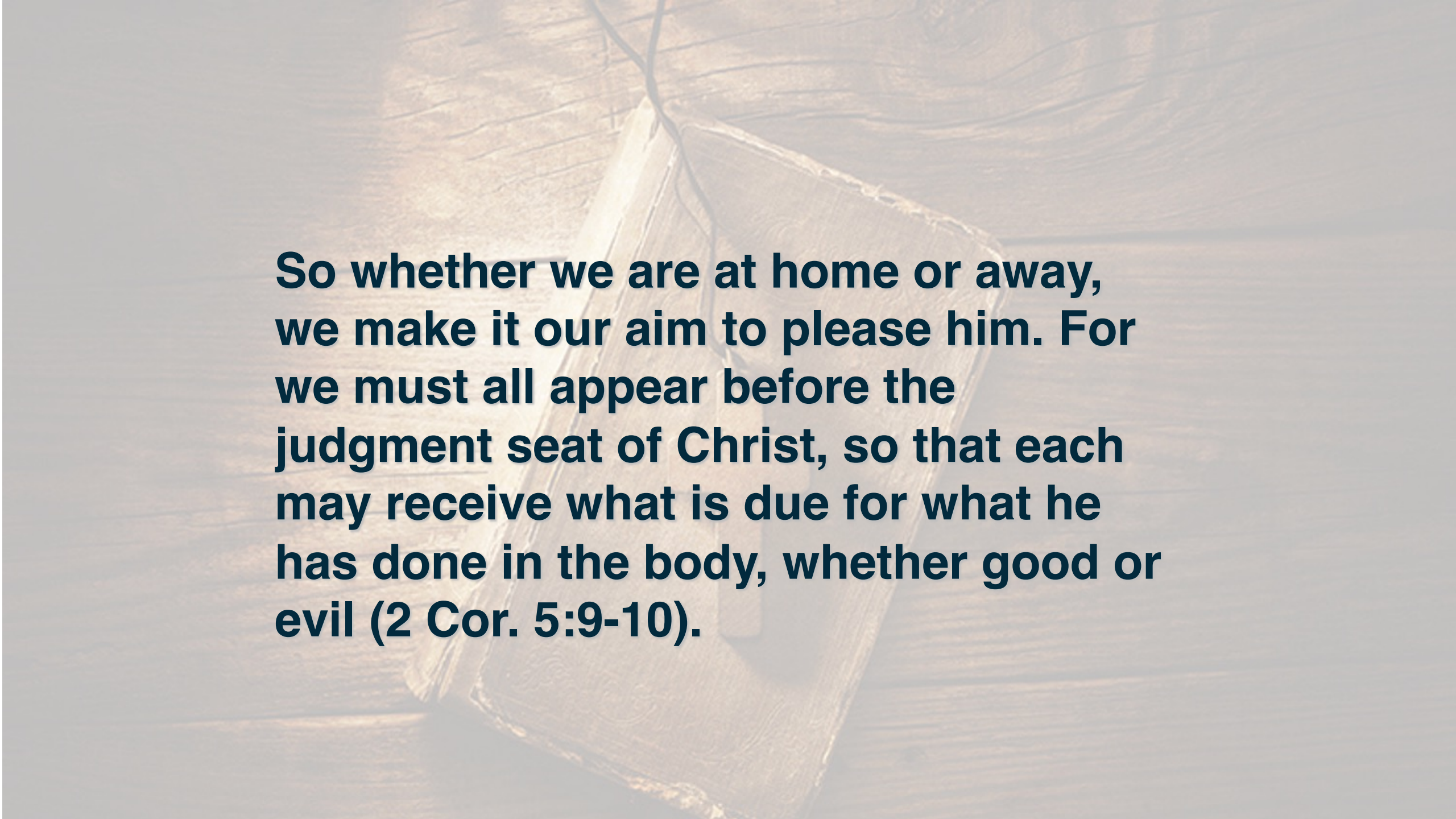
**God's plan from the beginning
was not to make you and I feel
overwhelmed by the task God has
left His followers to do!**



Jesus said

“Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me, for I
am gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. 30 For my
yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.”

Matthew 11:29-30 ESV




**So whether we are at home or away,
we make it our aim to please him. For
we must all appear before the
judgment seat of Christ, so that each
may receive what is due for what he
has done in the body, whether good or
evil (2 Cor. 5:9-10).**

**“We love because
He first loved us.”**

(1 John 4:19, ESV)





Forgive

**“Therefore I tell you, her sins,
which are many, are forgiven
—for she loved much. But he
who is forgiven little, loves little.”
(Luke 7:47, ESV)**

A Perspective To Remember

— The more we realize our sinful condition apart from Christ, the more we will realize the degree in which we have been forgiven.

— The degree in which you and I realize we have been forgiven a great debt will be the degree in which through God's power we will be able to love in return.

— This love will translate into having a great desire to serve God.

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What was God's ...?

We also need to keep in mind that whatever God has called us to do, we must do it in His strength not our own.

(Ps. 103:14; Jn. 15:5; Phil. 2:13; 4:13)

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What was God's ...?

**What can we discern of
God's original plan for
Adam and Eve?**

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What was God's plan...?

God's plan from the beginning was the redemption of mankind.

How do we know this is true?

Answer: He allowed Lucifer to tempt Eve.

What Was God's Plan From The Beginning?

Answer: To maximize the good and quarantine evil (Matt. 13:36-43)

“...He is the best of all beings possible and, as such, He must produce the best of all worlds actually possible (if He is going to create). Permitting this evil world is the best of all possible ways to produce the best of all possible worlds. Our own societies are an illustration of this point.

Norm Geisler, If God, Why Evil? P. 68-69

Redemption of Mankind


Answer: The Redemption of Mankind

"The underlying theme of all the Scriptures is *Redemption*: in the *Old Testament* the *anticipation* of it in type and prophecy; in the *Gospels* the *accomplishment* of it by the death of Christ; In the *Acts* and *Epistles*, the *application* of it to the needs of man; in the *Revelation*, the *achievement* of it in the subjection of all kingdoms to the rule of God."

W. Graham Scroggie, *The Unfolding Drama of Redemption*, p.32

Was This God's Original Plan?

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you (1 Pet. 1:18-20).**

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- **God's plan from the beginning was to redeem mankind through the blood of Christ.**
 - **He did this so we can be reconciled to God.**

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- God's eternal plan for mankind was for intimate eternal fellowship with God and conforming us to be just like Christ (1 Jn. 3:2).



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What was God's plan...?

**If redemption of mankind was
God's greatest plan, fulfilling
the Great Commission should
be the church's greatest
passion!**

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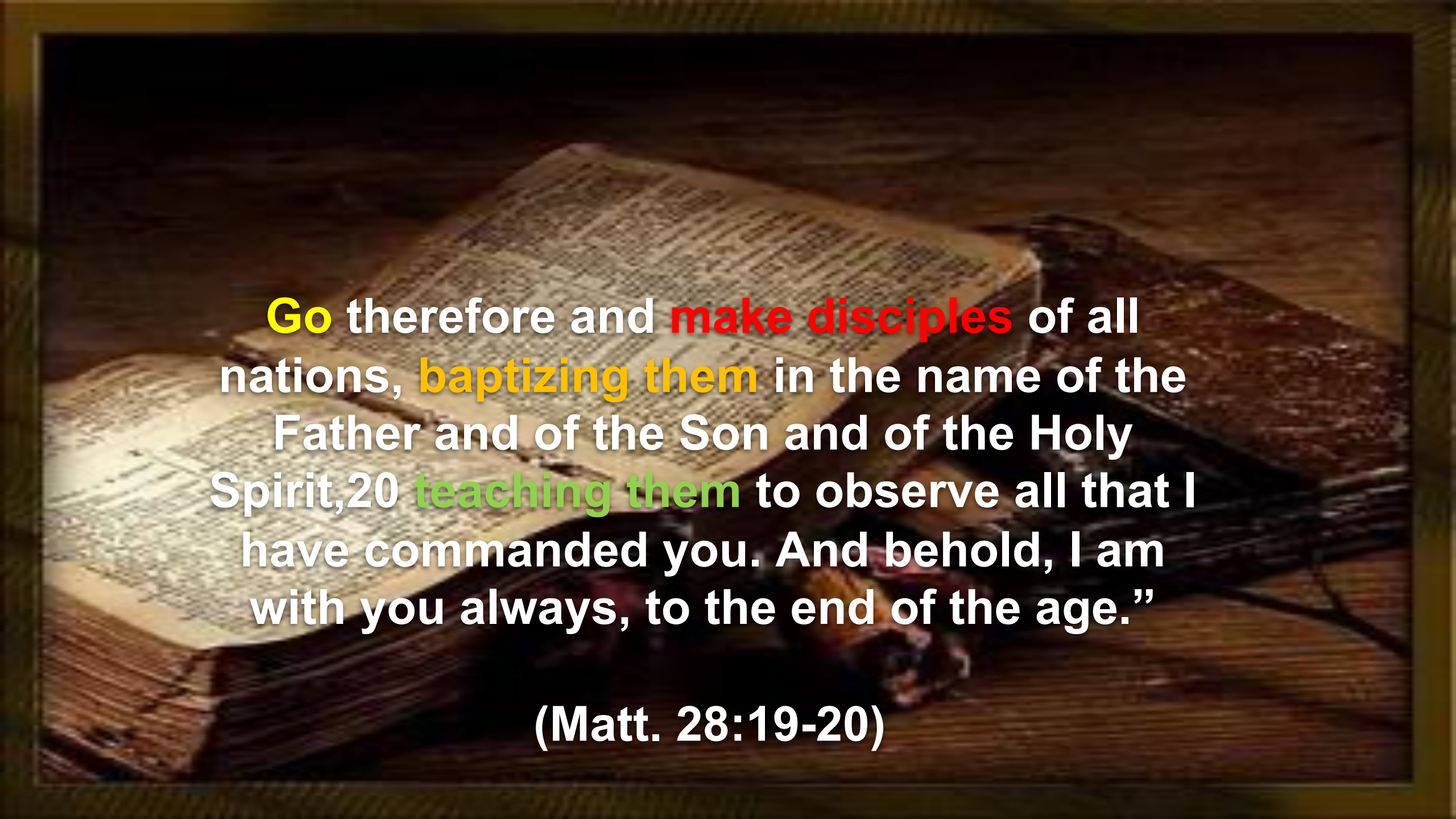
Because Jesus gave us everything, so we should care about what he cares most about.



Remember that Jesus didn't teach us
to **just go and make converts only!**

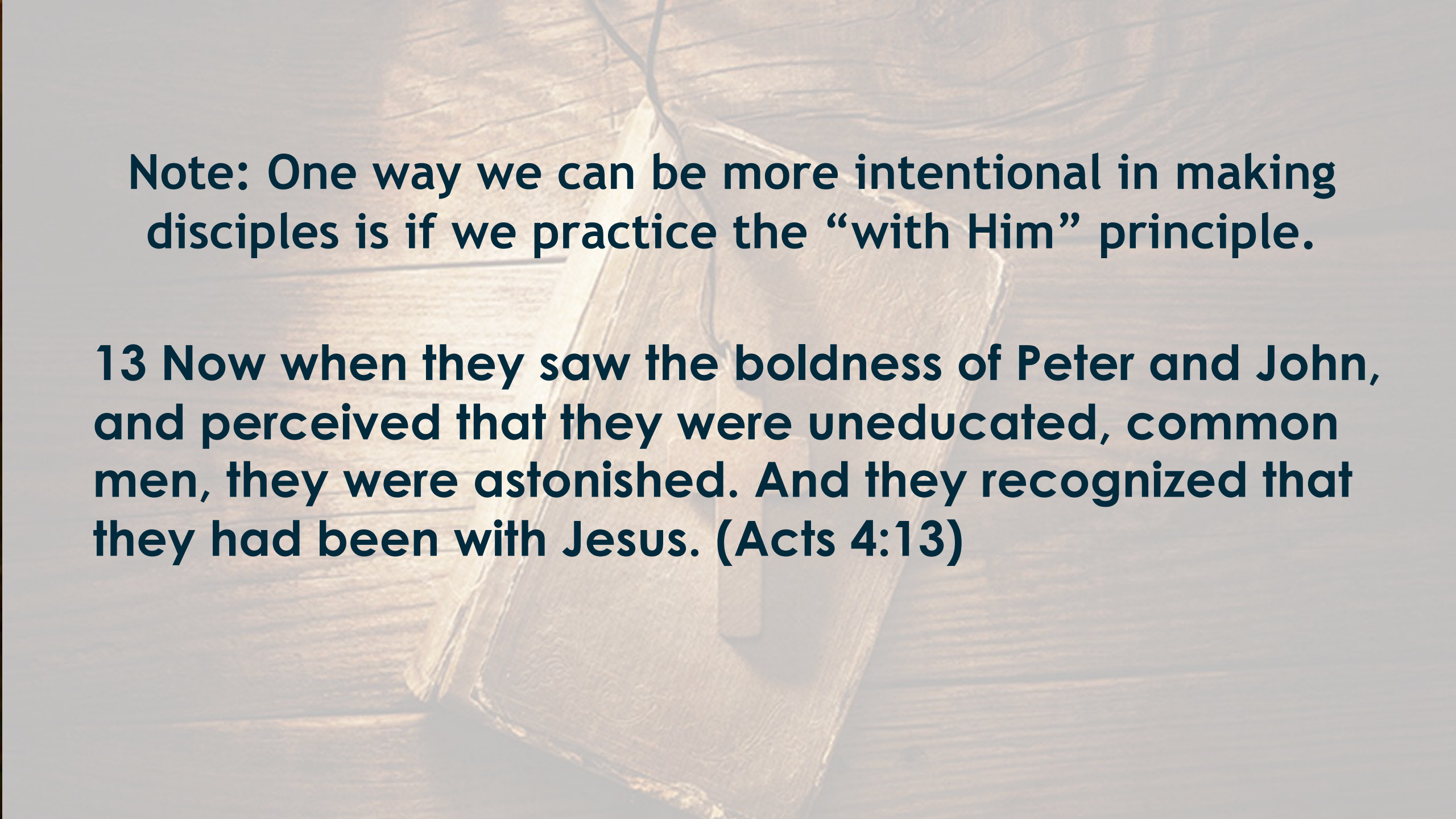
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Matt. 28:19-20)

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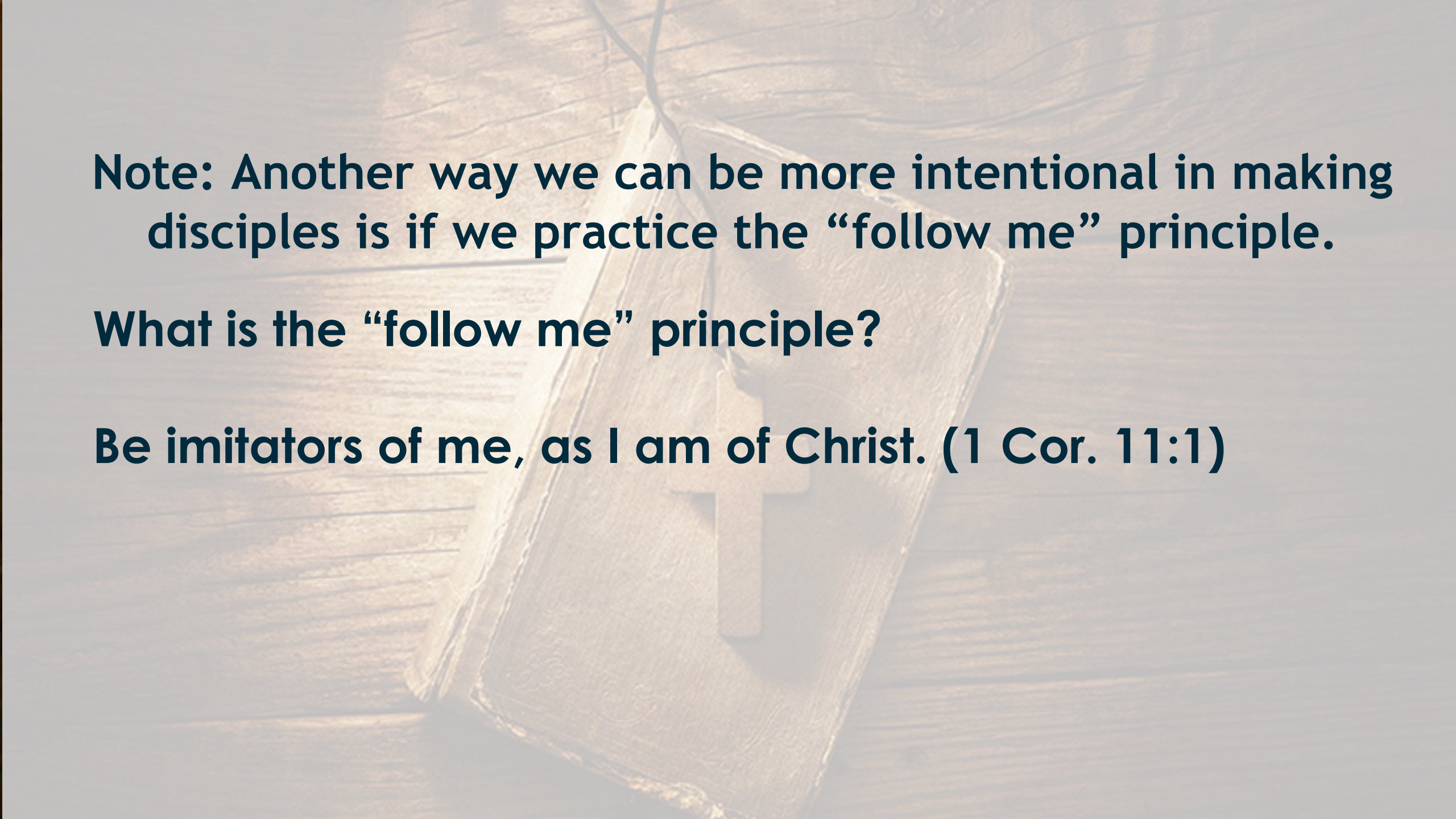
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Note: One way we can be more intentional in making disciples is if we practice the “with Him” principle.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)



Note: Another way we can be more intentional in making disciples is if we practice the “follow me” principle.

What is the “follow me” principle?

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1 Cor. 11:1)

Putting The Pieces Together...




Why is the great commission so important?



People matter to God and that should matter to us!

14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?[a] And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Rom. 10:14-15)

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**“Spiritual multiplication through
disciplemaking is God’s plan in the New
Testament for evangelizing the lost and for
multiplying the saints.”**

Edmund Chan, A Certain Kind, p. 100-101.

Putting The Pieces Together...

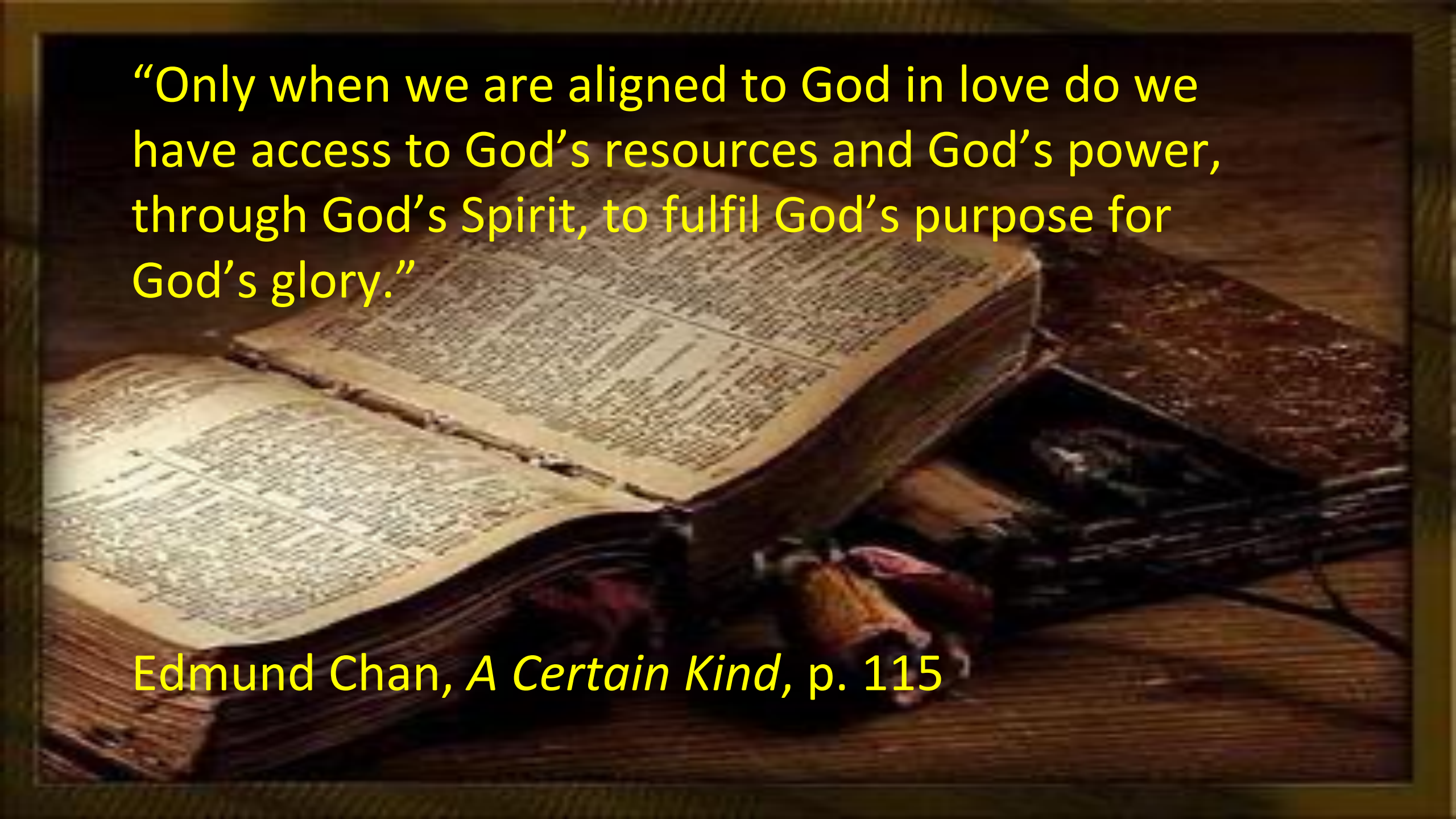


But why is the great commandment so important?

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“The Great Commission is the core mission of the Church, not her chief mandate. The assignment of the Great Commission cannot be meaningfully carried out without an alignment to the Great Commandment.

Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*, p. 115

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“Only when we are aligned to God in love do we have access to God’s resources and God’s power, through God’s Spirit, to fulfil God’s purpose for God’s glory.”

Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*, p. 115

The Great Commandment

30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ Mark 12:30

The Great Commandment

37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Matt. 22:37-40

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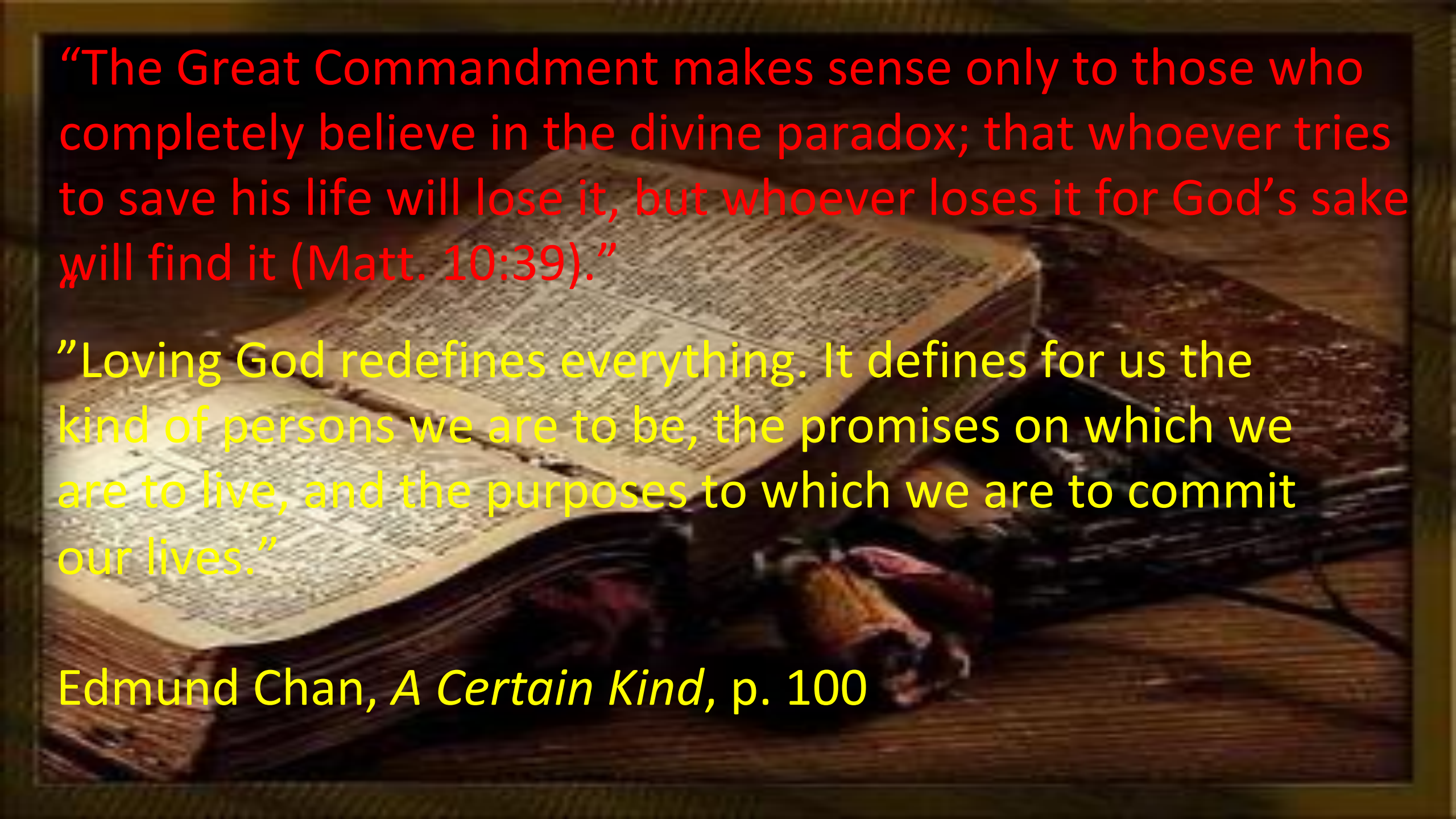
43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and **hate your enemy.**’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (Matt. 5:43-44)

The Great Commandment

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (Jn. 13:34)

Our love for God should have no comparison!

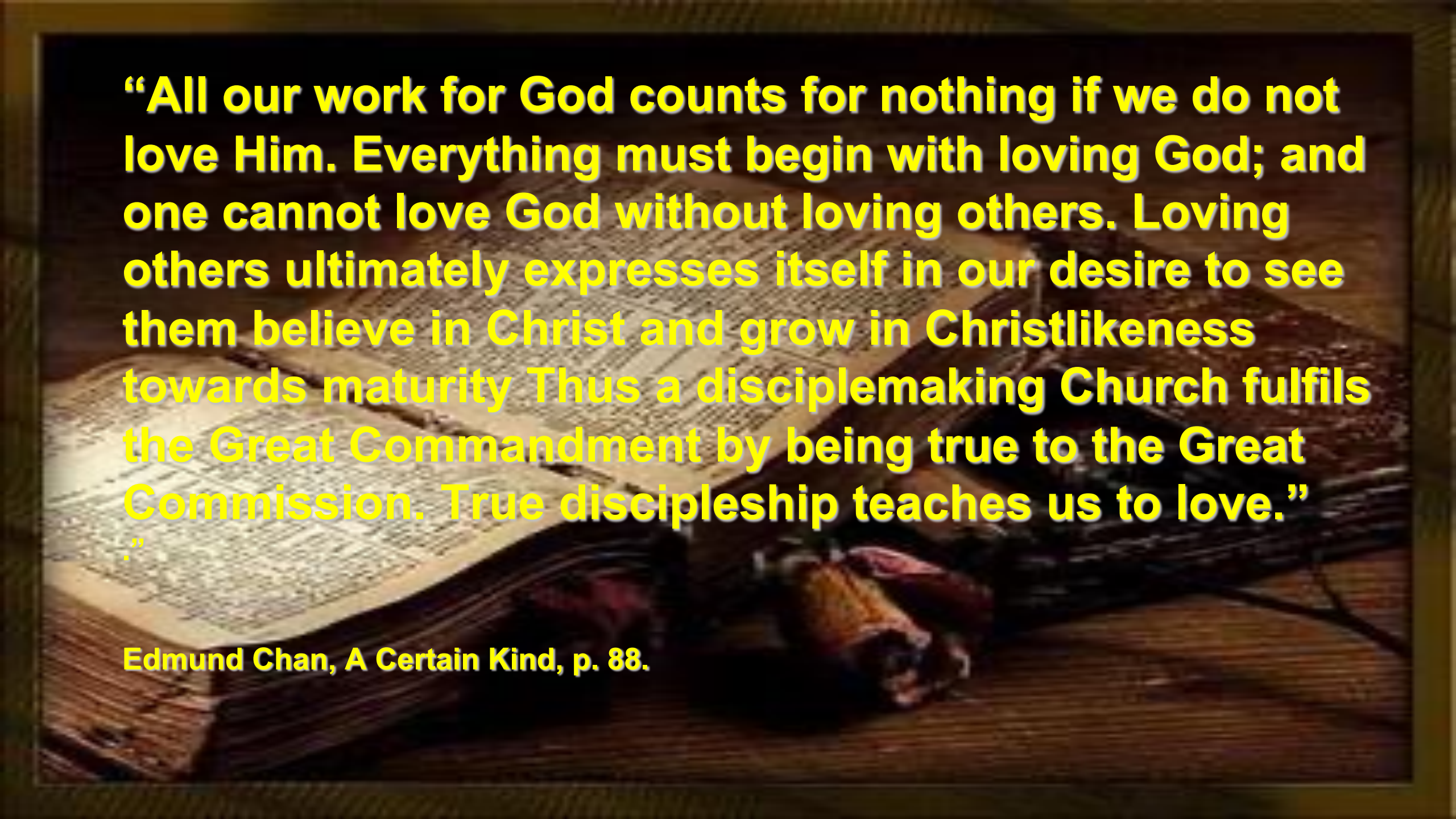
25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:25-27)

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“The Great Commandment makes sense only to those who completely believe in the divine paradox; that whoever tries to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses it for God’s sake will find it (Matt. 10:39).”

”Loving God redefines everything. It defines for us the kind of persons we are to be, the promises on which we are to live, and the purposes to which we are to commit our lives.”

Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*, p. 100

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“All our work for God counts for nothing if we do not love Him. Everything must begin with loving God; and one cannot love God without loving others. Loving others ultimately expresses itself in our desire to see them believe in Christ and grow in Christlikeness towards maturity Thus a discipling Church fulfils the Great Commandment by being true to the Great Commission. True discipleship teaches us to love.”

Edmund Chan, A Certain Kind, p. 88.

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The first part of our commitment to discipleship
may come about when we desire more and more
to be like Christ.

The Cost of Discipleship

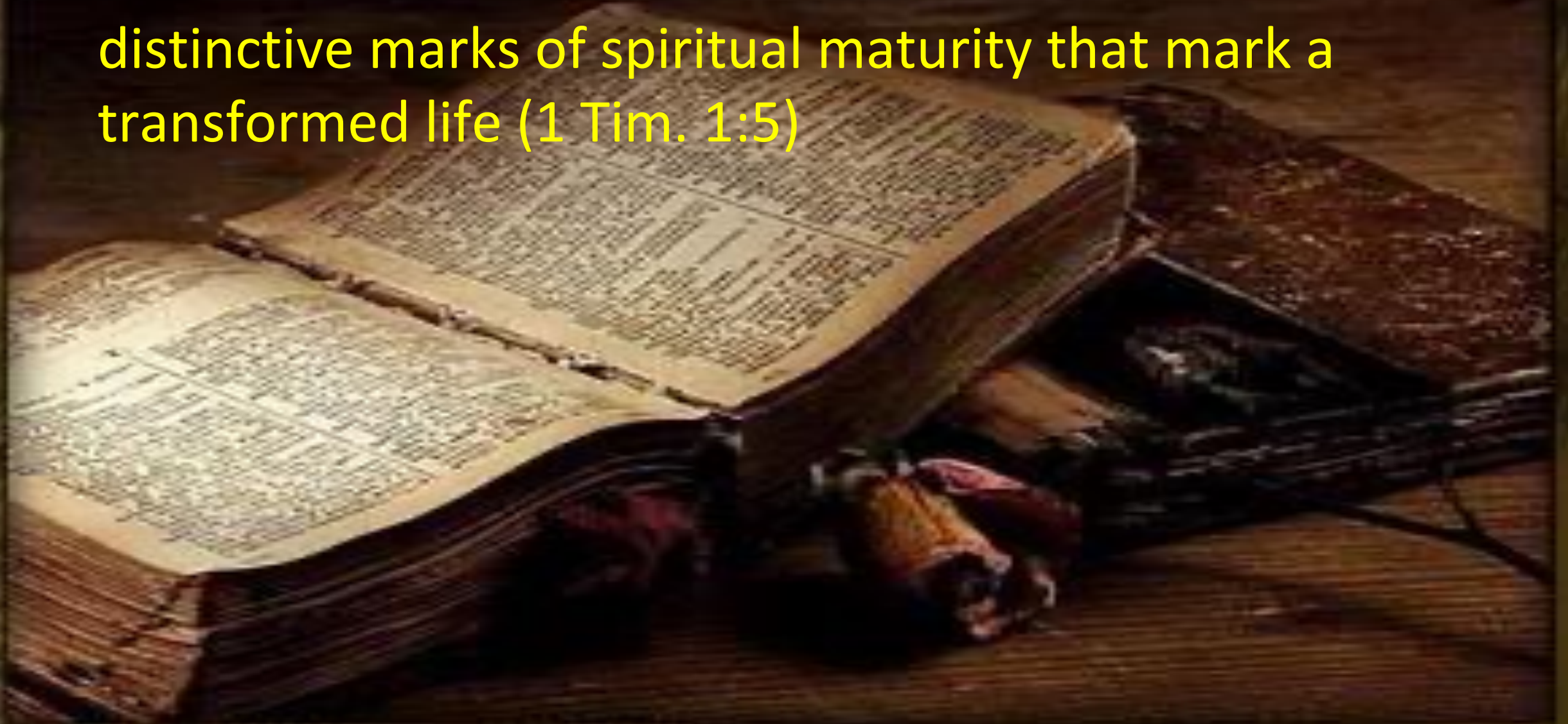
23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”

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“...we can't truly follow Christ” without desiring to become like Him.”

Bill Hull, *The Complete Book of Discipleship*, page 16

When we desire to be “like Christ” there are three distinctive marks of spiritual maturity that mark a transformed life (1 Tim. 1:5)



Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (1 Tim. 1:5)

Observation: 1 Tim. 1:5

“It is important to grasp that Paul is not talking here about the different aspects of his instruction but rather the decisive aim of his teaching. They are not the crucial points of his instructions. They are the core purpose of it.”

Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*, p. 120.

Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

1. Love from a pure heart (2 Tim. 2:22)

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. (2 Tim. 2:22)

Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

2. From a good conscience (1 Tim. 1:19; 3:9; 2 Tim. 1:3; 1 Pet. 3:16, 21)

19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith (1 Tim 1:19)

9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 1 Tim. 3:9

Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

3 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 2 Tim. 1:3

16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 1 Pet. 3:16,

21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Pet. 3:21

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What is the difference between a clear conscience and a good conscience?

“A good conscience employs that faculty to shun the wrong and choose the right. It enables us to live with nothing to lose, nothing to prove and nothing to hide. The decisive choice and ability to shun the wrong and choose the right is a defining mark of spiritual maturity.”

Edmund Chan, p. 122

Marks of Spiritual Maturity...

**3. A sincere (Gk. Anypokritou, “unhypocritical”
(2 Tim.1:5) faith.**

5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 2 Tim. 1:5

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Traits classified under three major dimensions

The Godward Dimension – yieldedness and allegiance

The Inward Dimension – humility and gentleness

The Outward Dimension – holiness and love

Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*, p. 171

Traits classified under three major dimensions

The Godward Dimension – yieldedness and allegiance

“True discipleship calls us to abide in Christ. Out of that abiding, two fundamental traits arise in relation to God: Yieldedness and allegiance.”

Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*, p. 171

Traits classified under three major dimensions

The Godward Dimension – Yieldedness

“When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

The Godward Dimension – Allegiance

Uncompromising allegiance to Christ has two important roots:
the Cross and the Scriptures.

Edmund Chan, *A Certain Kind*, p. 172

Traits classified under three major dimensions

The Inward Dimension – Humility - Gentleness

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:1-3)

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The Outward Dimension – holiness and love

48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. (James 2:10)

Traits classified under three major dimensions

The Outward Dimension – holiness and love

“Jesus speaks of a deeper love in His Sermon on the Mount. He calls for us to love our enemies as well (Matt. 5:43-44). From that vantage point, the disciples ‘can now perceive that even his enemy is the object of God’s love, and that he stands like himself beneath the cross of Christ.’”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship, p. 98

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The second part of our commitment to discipleship may come about when we see the benefit of following Him, and want to encourage others to follow Him also.

God's Plan ...

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9:35-38

Things To Remember about Discipleship

Discipleship is important because God needs people to labor in the field.

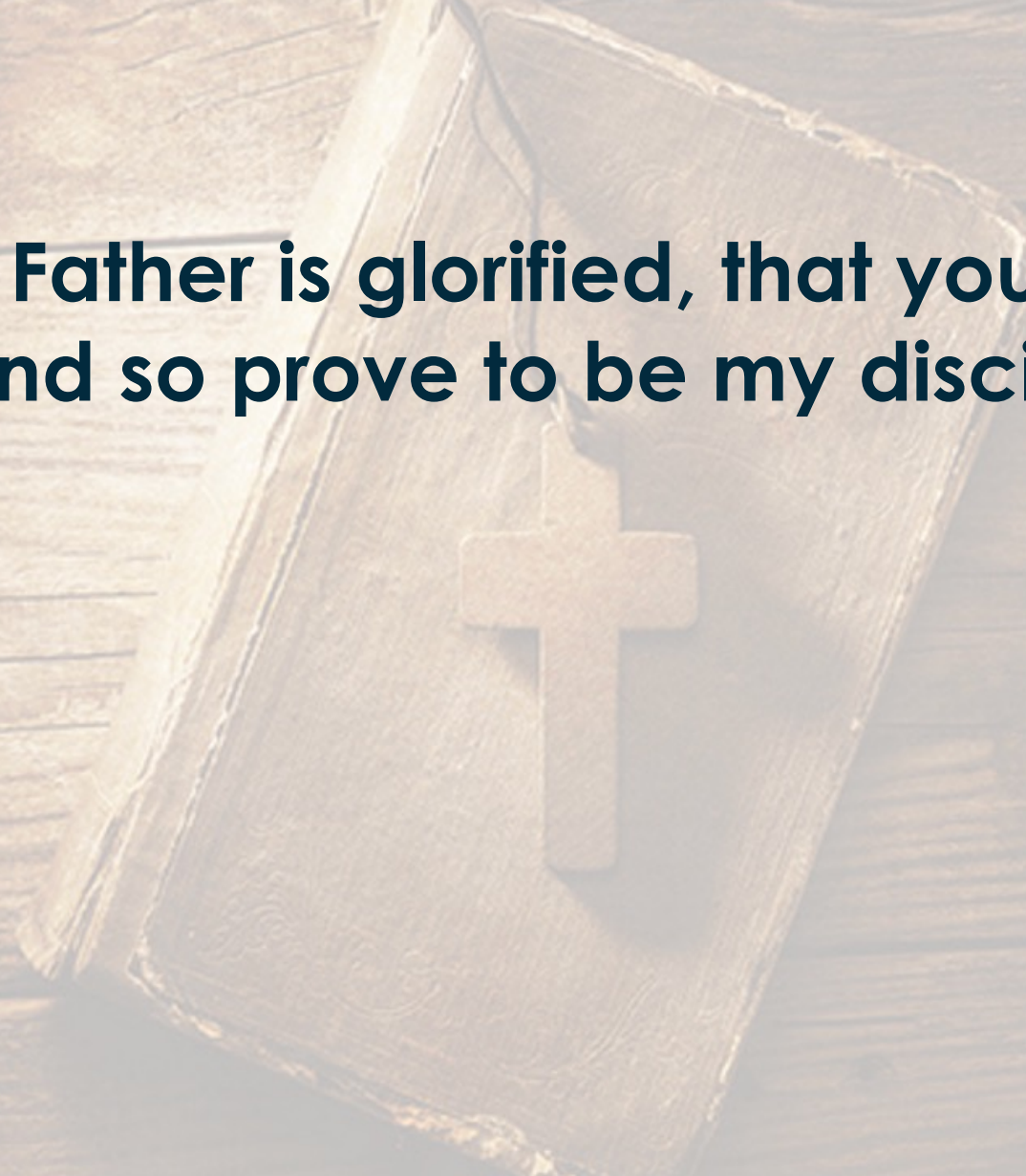


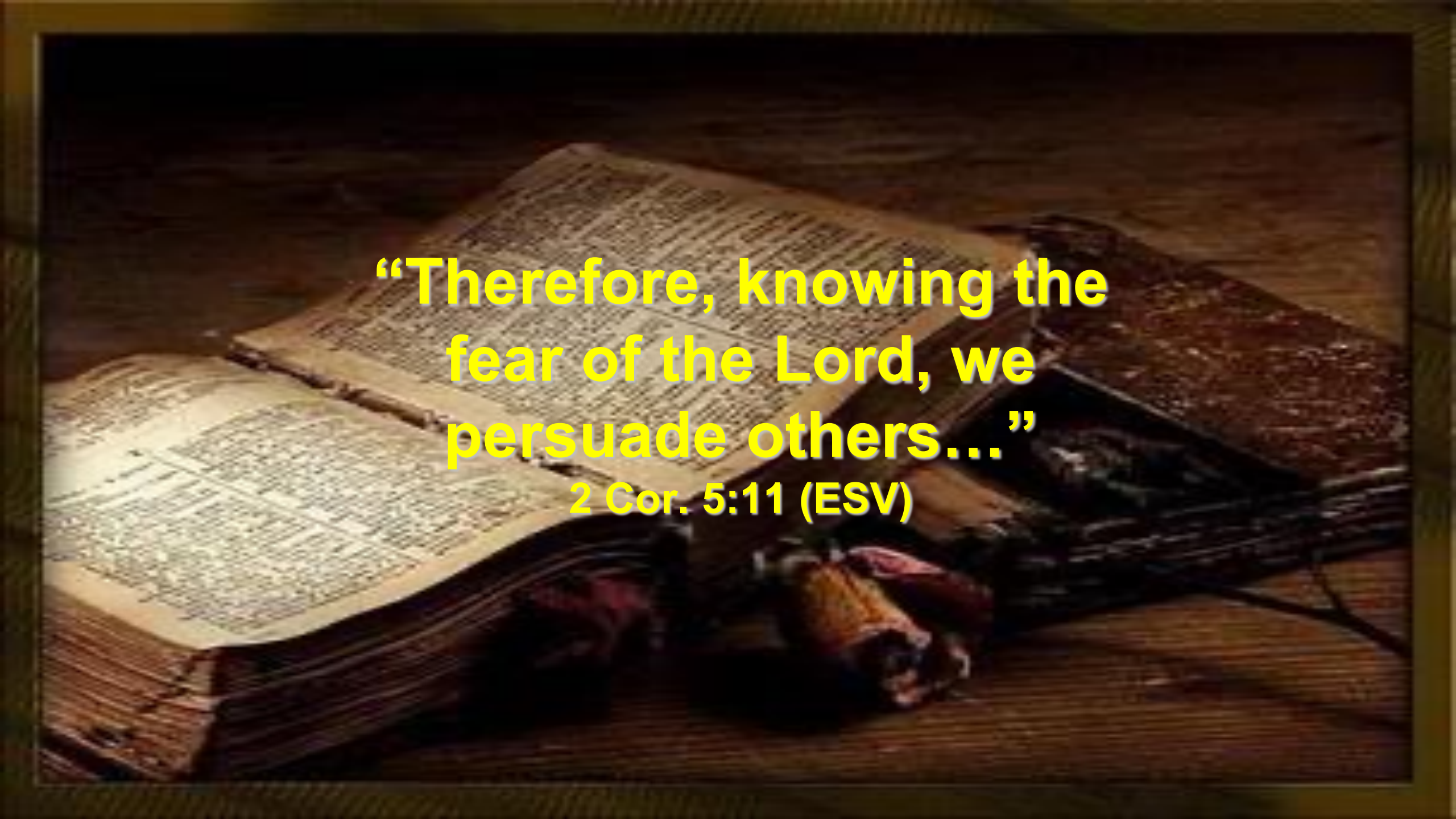
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“The ‘way we are to walk’ must cradle the ‘work we are to do’!...So the Great Commission is not merely an assignment from God, it calls for an alignment to God!” E. Chan, p. 140

Things to Remember About Discipleship

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

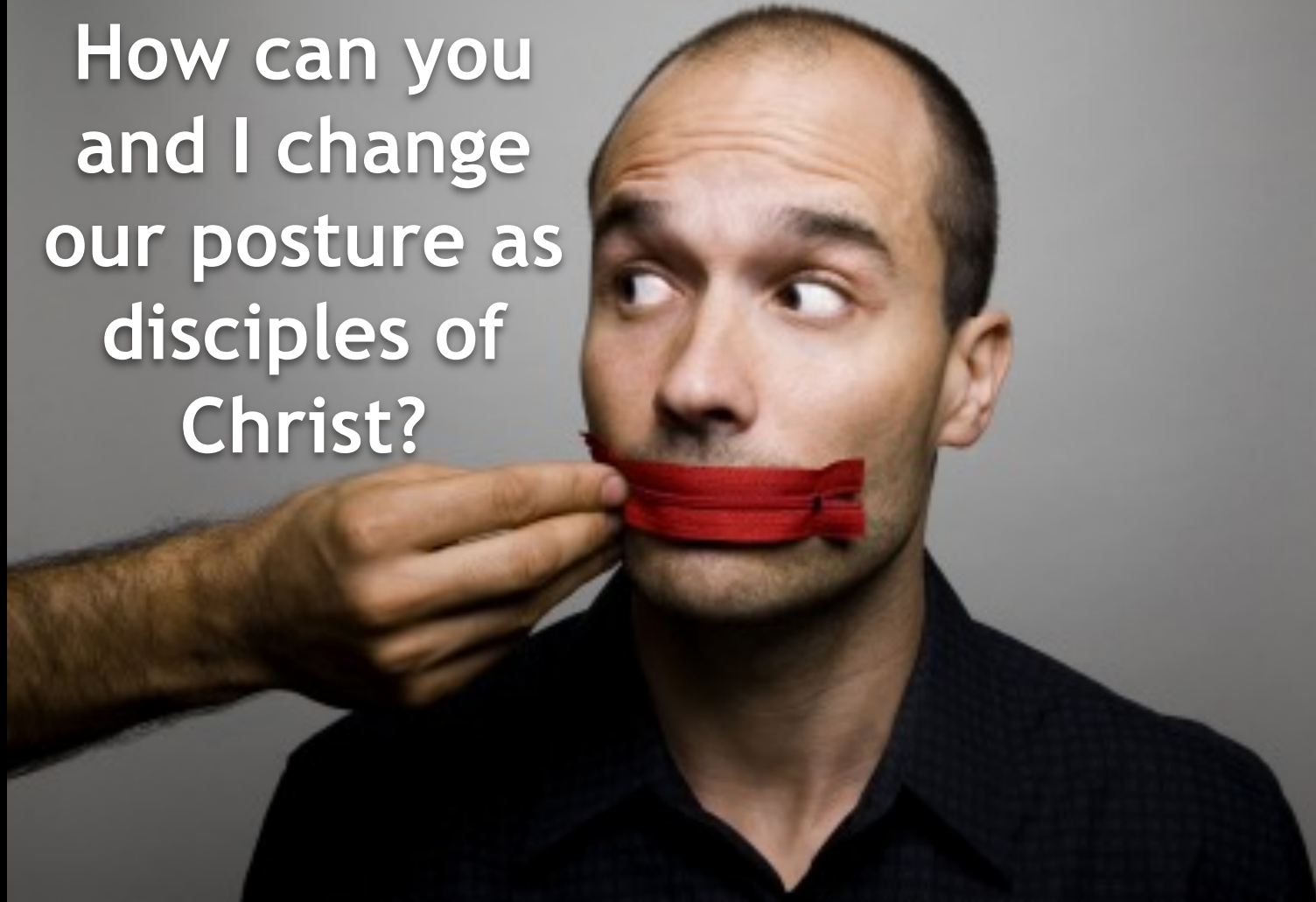


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**“Therefore, knowing the
fear of the Lord, we
persuade others...”**

2 Cor. 5:11 (ESV)

How can you
and I change
our posture as
disciples of
Christ?



Mark of Being a Disciple of Christ

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