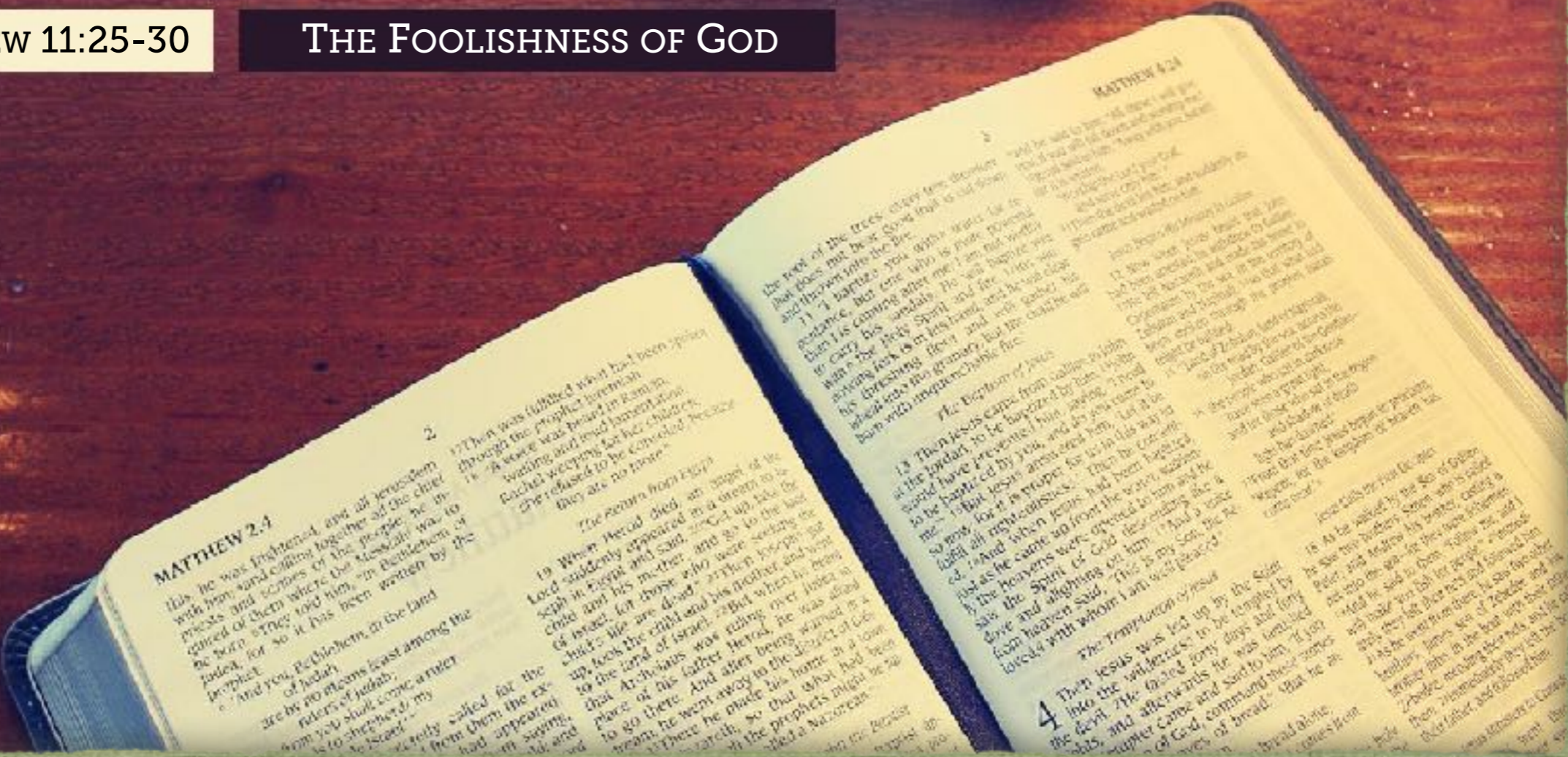


THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 90 DAYS

#1: MATTHEW 11:25-30

THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD



Overview

1. Reading Review

- ◆ Matthew 1 - Matthew 21

2. Matthew Chapter 11:25-30

- ◆ The Foolishness of God

3. Turning Knowledge into Wisdom

- ◆ What Can I Learn From This?

4. This Week's Reading

- ◆ Matthew 22 – Mark 12

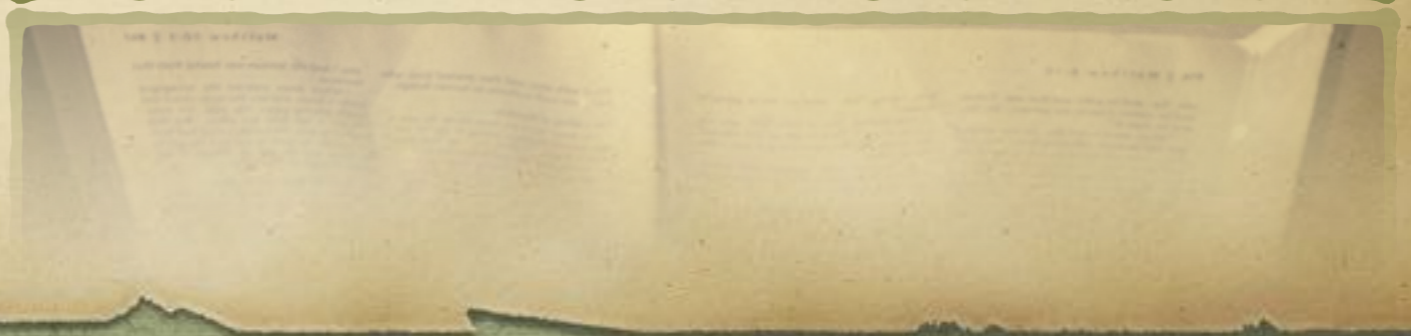


#1 - Bible Reading Review

○ Matthew 1 - Matthew 21

Bible Reading

- What did you learned from your devotions last week?





#2 - Passage

Matthew 11:25-30

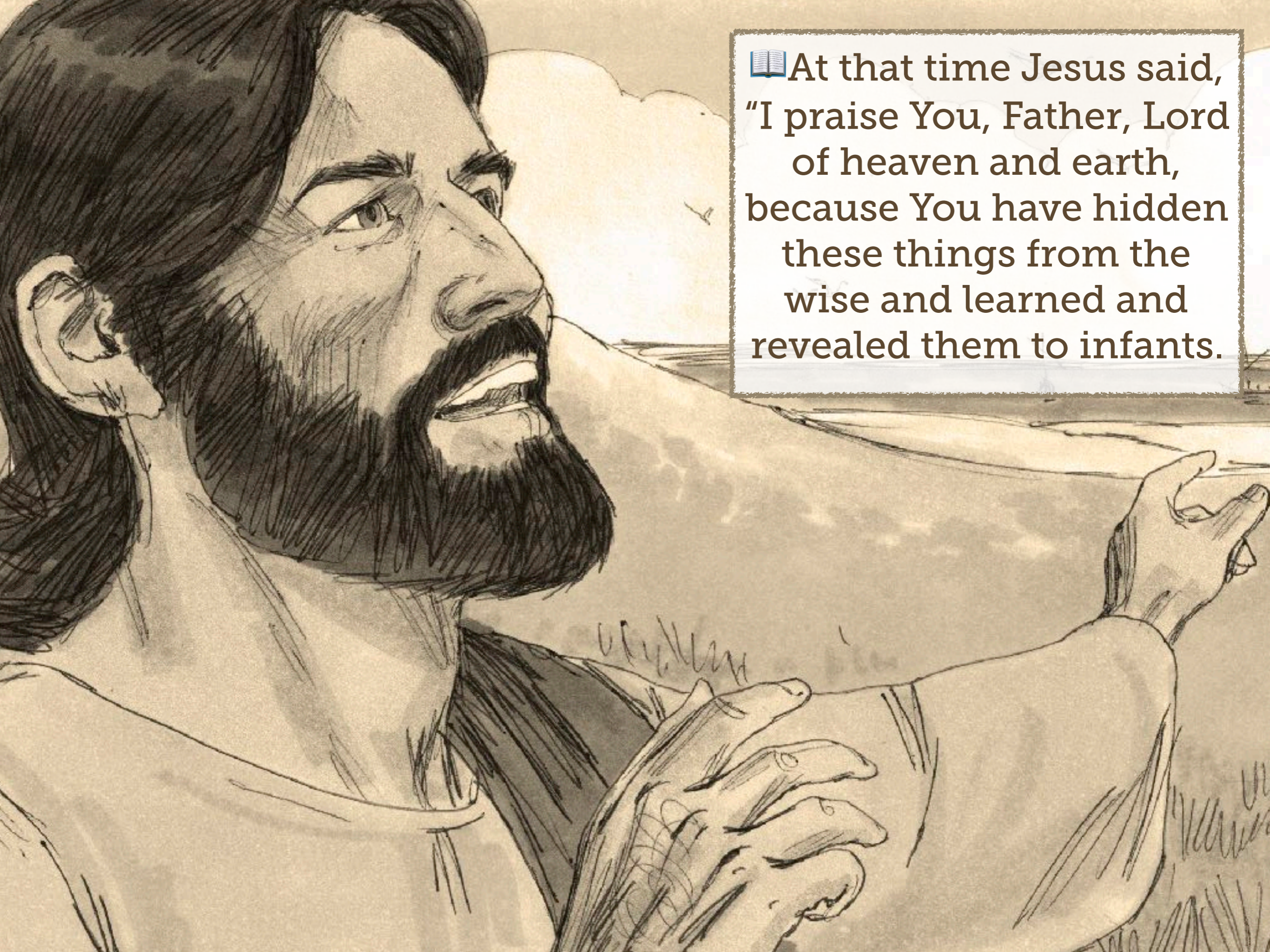


Context: Setting The Stage

Jesus has just finished condemning his generation for rejecting John the Baptist.

He then warns the cities that have rejected Him and His works that they will be judge harshly.

Jesus changes His tone as He invites all those who are listening to come and find rest in Him.



📖 At that time Jesus said,
"I praise You, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth,
because You have hidden
these things from the
wise and learned and
revealed them to infants."

Questions

1. Question - What time is this passage talking about? *think context
2. What things have the Father hidden?
3. Who are the wise and the infants?



Question #1

What time is this passage talking about?
*think context

▶ Jesus had just denounced the cities that had rejected Him - so the time was immediately following His curse upon the nations



Question #2

What things have the Father hidden?

- ▶ That Jesus was the Messiah - all of the "so called" wise men of Jesus' age, could not fathom that a carpenter was truly the Son of God



Question #3


Who are the wise and the infants?


- ▶ The wise were the religious cities which rejected Him - Jesus using sarcasm
- ▶ The infants are the common people or the non-religious cities that accepted Him


Many of the common men (infants) followed Jesus whereas the cities that were religious (wise) were too proud to realize that Jesus was the Messiah.




1 Corinthians 1:18-21


 ¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God's power to us who are being saved.

 ¹⁹For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the experts.


 ²⁰Where is the philosopher? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn't God made the world's wisdom foolish?


 ²¹For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of the message preached.


1 Corinthians 1:22-25

 ²²For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom,

 ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles.

 ²⁴Yet to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is God's power and God's wisdom,

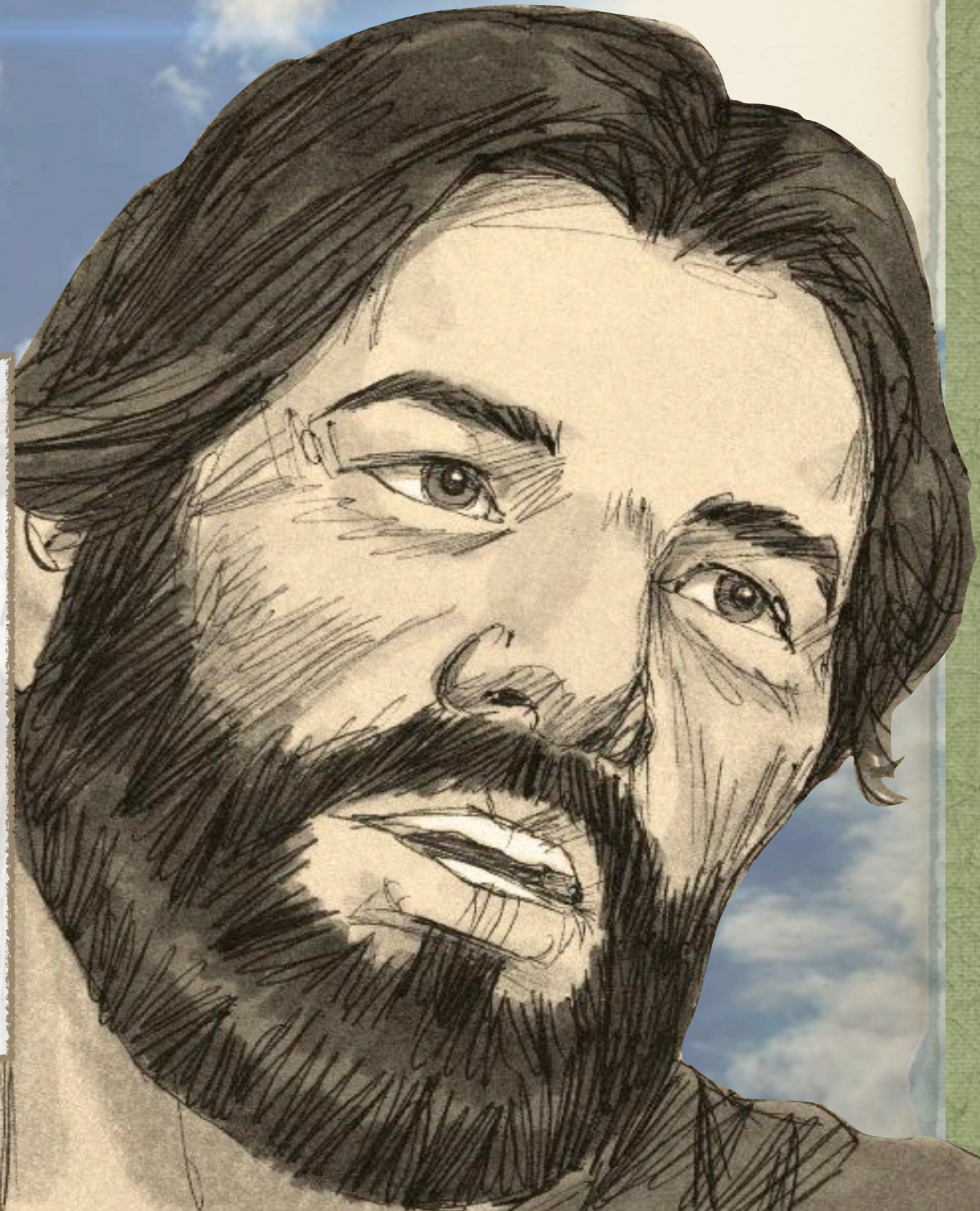
 ²⁵because God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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📖 "Yes, Father, because this was Your good pleasure.

📖 All things have been entrusted to Me by My Father.

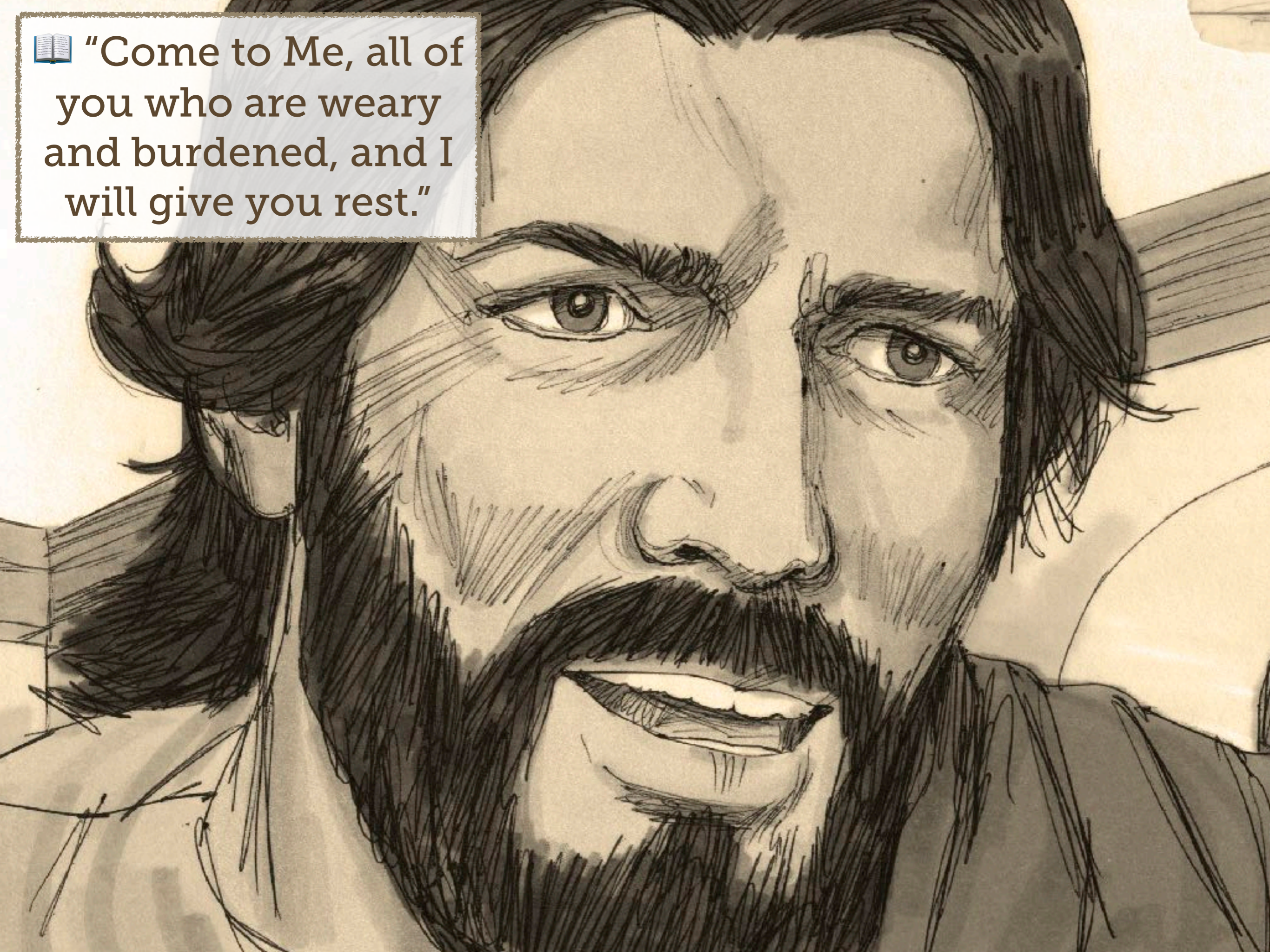
📖 No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son desires to reveal Him."

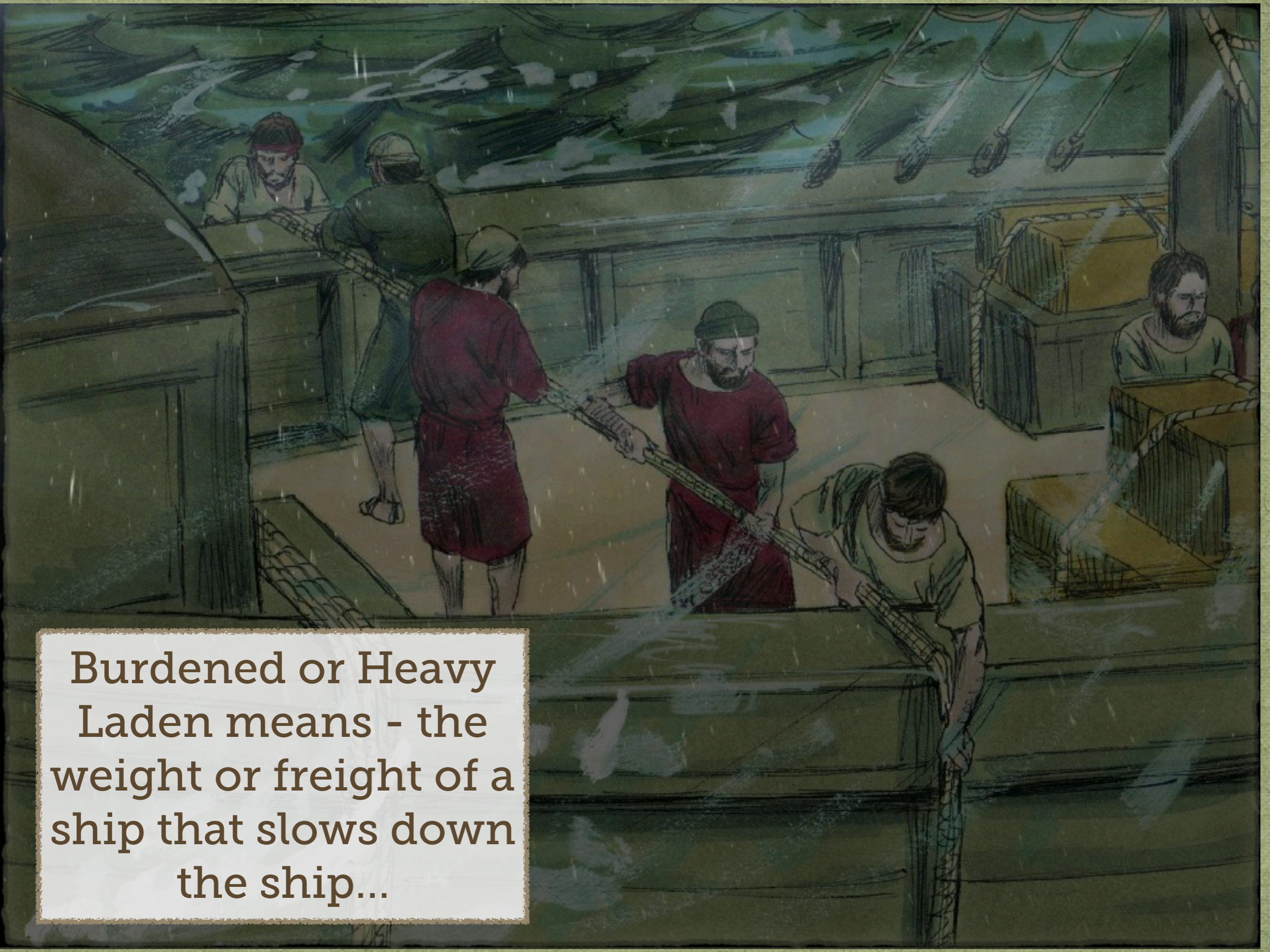


"Jesus is the Agent who reveals God to men.
Only the Son fully knows the Father's eternal
knowledge."

- *Dr. Ken Burge Sr.*

📖 "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."





Burdened or Heavy Laden means - the weight or freight of a ship that slows down the ship...

"The Pharisees all say "do!" and tried to make
the people follow Moses and traditions.
But true salvation is found only in the person,
Jesus Christ.... Jesus says come!"

- Warren W. Wiersbe

Do miracles & signs...



Do pilgrimages & works...

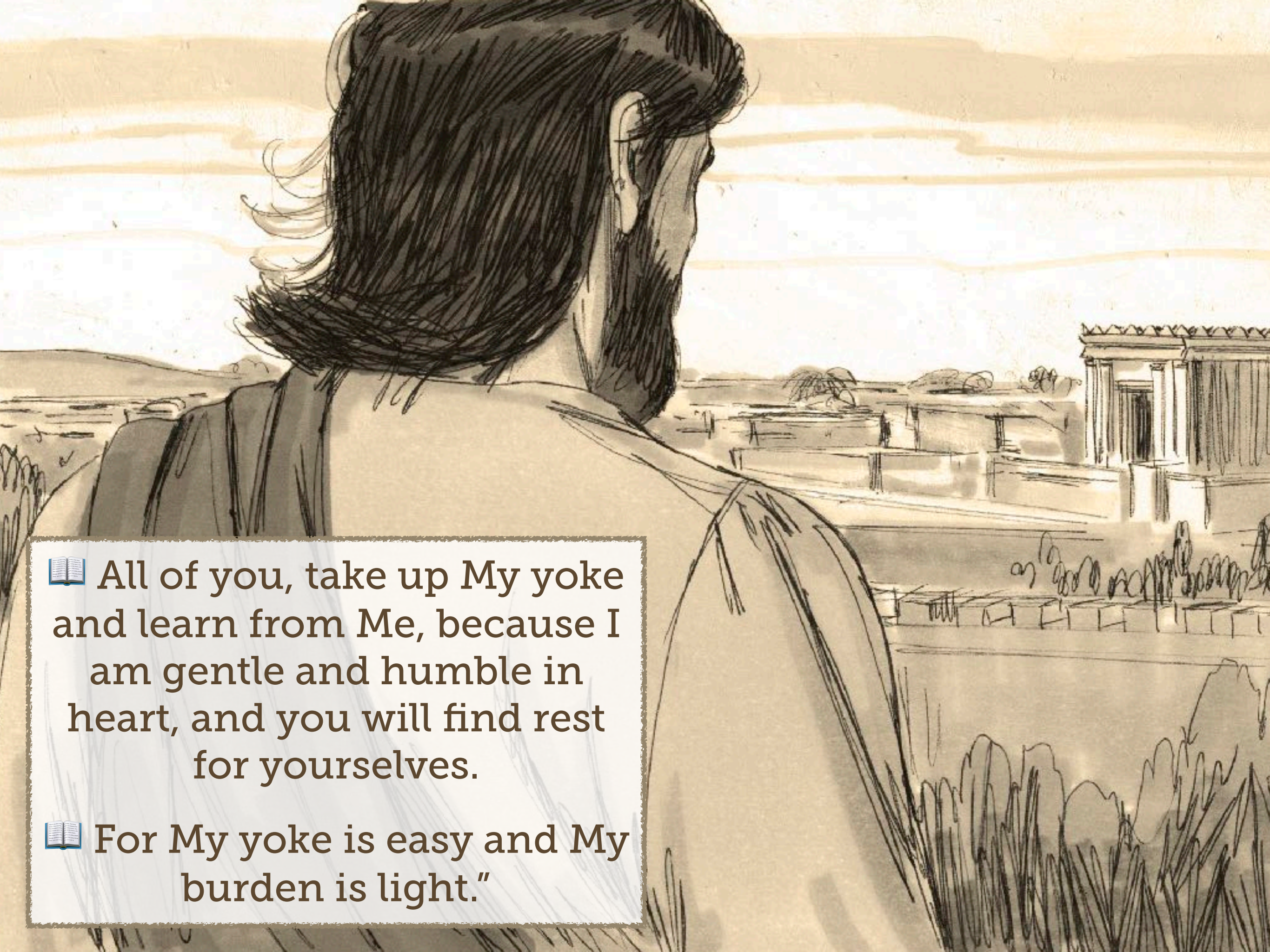



Do good works to earn merit ...




Come and find rest...





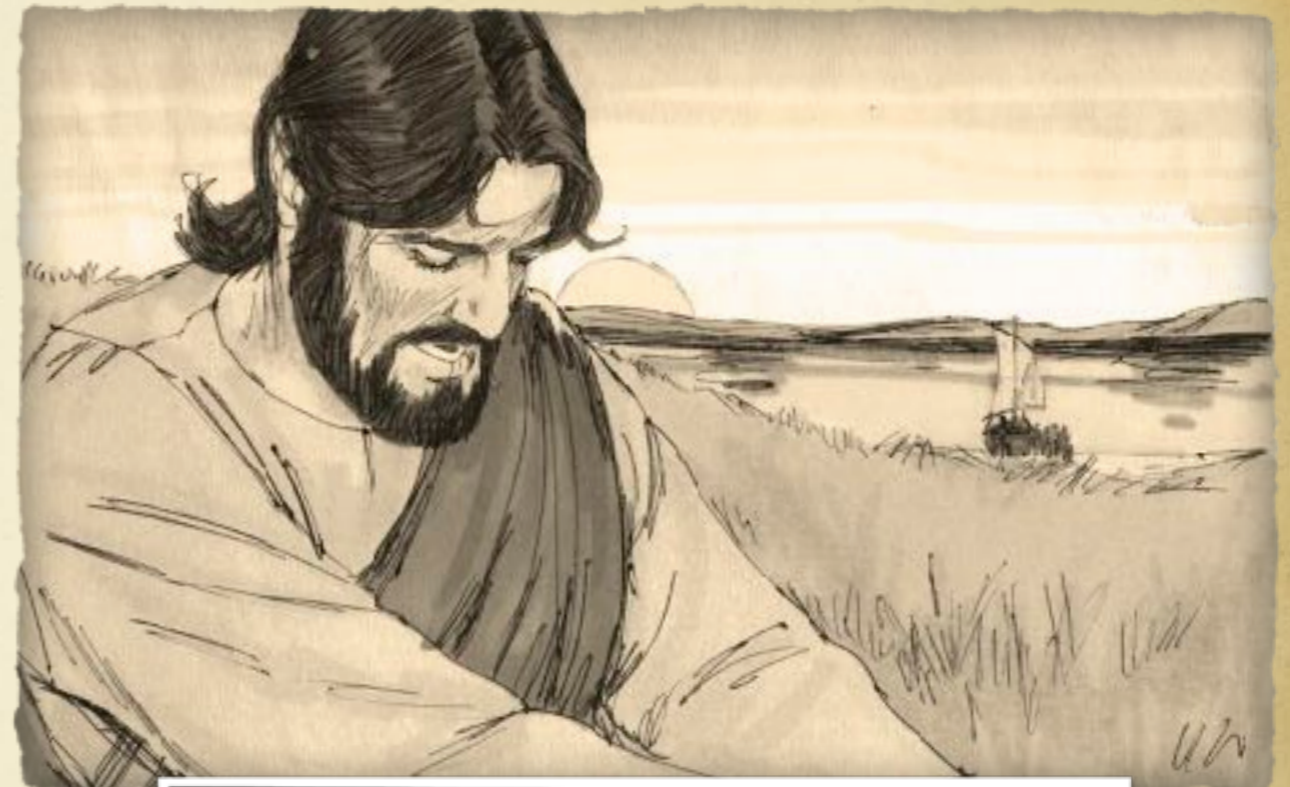
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Religious Leaders

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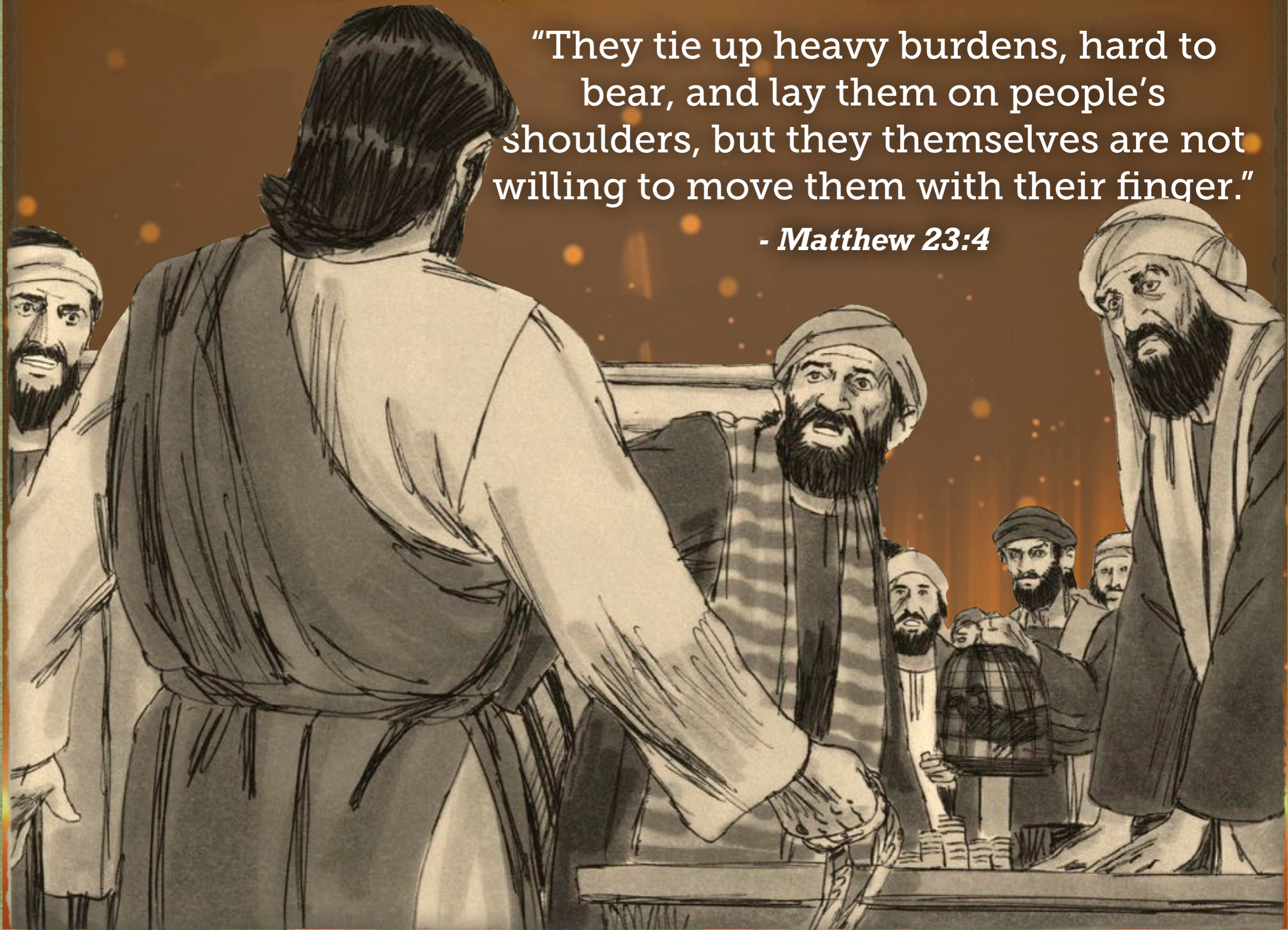


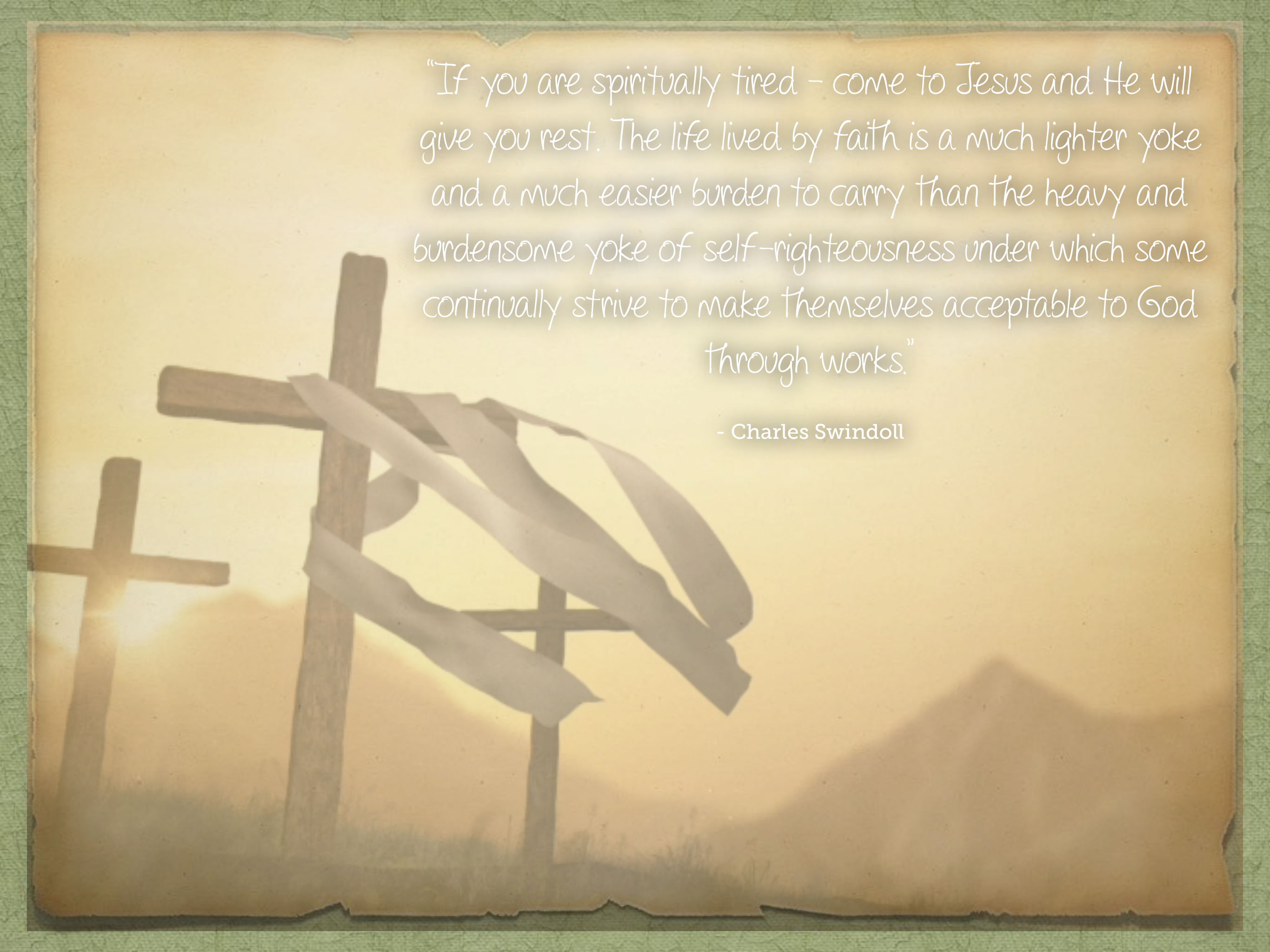
Jesus Son Of God

The yoke of Jesus is light and easy to carry because it is the yoke of repentance and faith followed by a singular commitment to follow Him

"They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger."

- Matthew 23:4






"If you are spiritually tired - come to Jesus and He will give you rest. The life lived by faith is a much lighter yoke and a much easier burden to carry than the heavy and burdensome yoke of self-righteousness under which some continually strive to make themselves acceptable to God through works."


- Charles Swindoll


**"TRUST JESUS WITH THE FAITH
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Main Point


Re-read...


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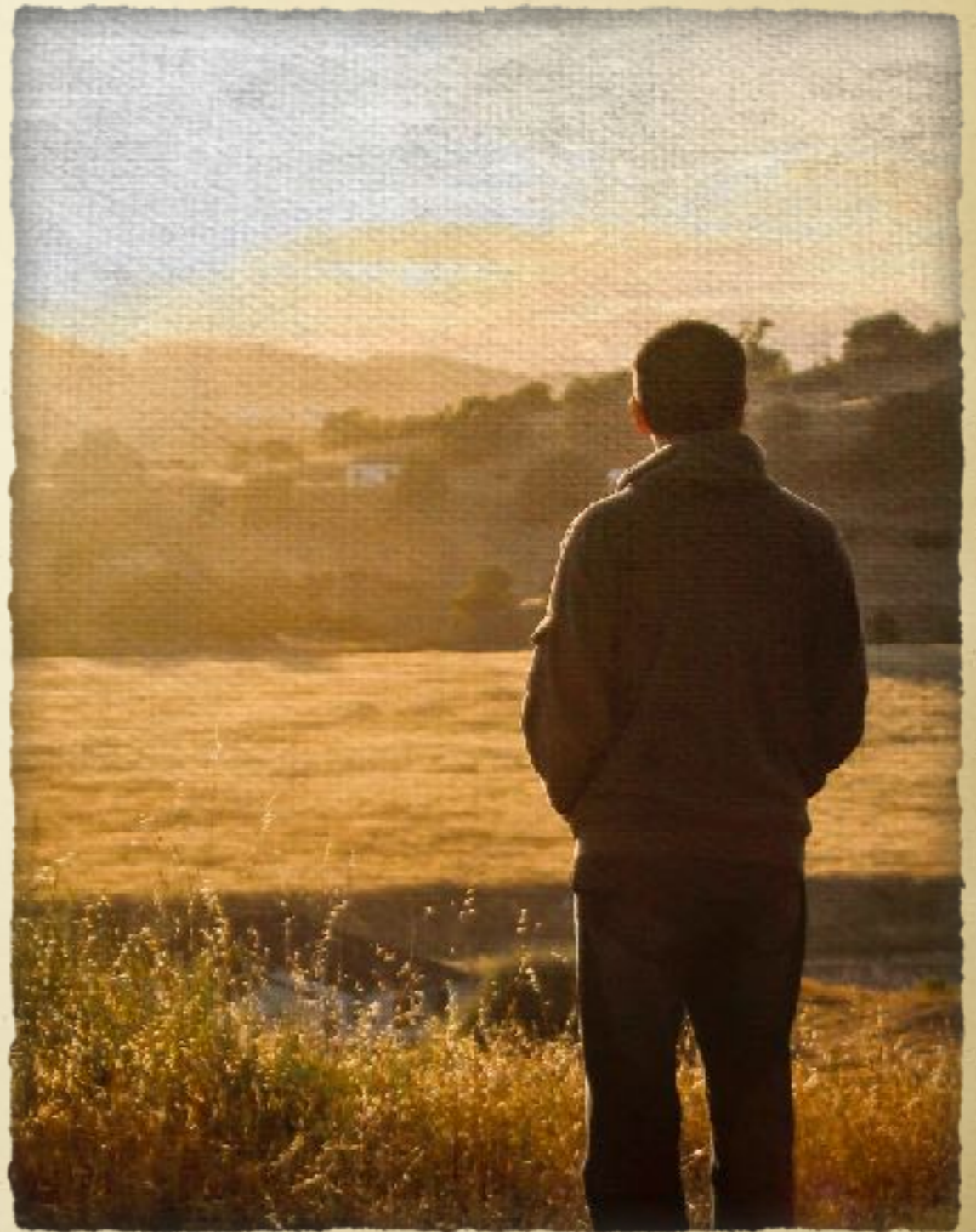
#3 - Turning Knowledge Into Wisdom

Matthew 11:25-30

Whose Yoke Are You Under?

You might find yourself tired and depressed because you are not yoked (submitted) to Jesus, but to your own selfish desires.

Stress, spiritual restlessness, and depression often come when you try to find fulfillment apart from Jesus and His word.



3 Yokes - 3 Roads



Yoke #1 - Yourself

You try to find peace in pleasing yourself (from making more money, bigger better vacations, nicer things) but this road will leave you restless, depressed, and in need.

Yoke #2 Good Works

You think you can please God by doing good works (giving money, time, sacrifice) in order to gain favor from Him. This road will leave you burned out, empty and confused.

Yoke #3 - Jesus

You place your faith in Him, and follow His commands. Your motive is love and thankfulness. This road will find you satisfaction and joy even in the midst of troubles.

Dr. David Jeremiah says:

“When believers take Jesus’ yoke, they place themselves under His dominion. Only then do His followers enjoy the day-to-day release from stress that God intended.”





#4 - This Week's Reading

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