

Are We Following Jesus For the Right Reason?

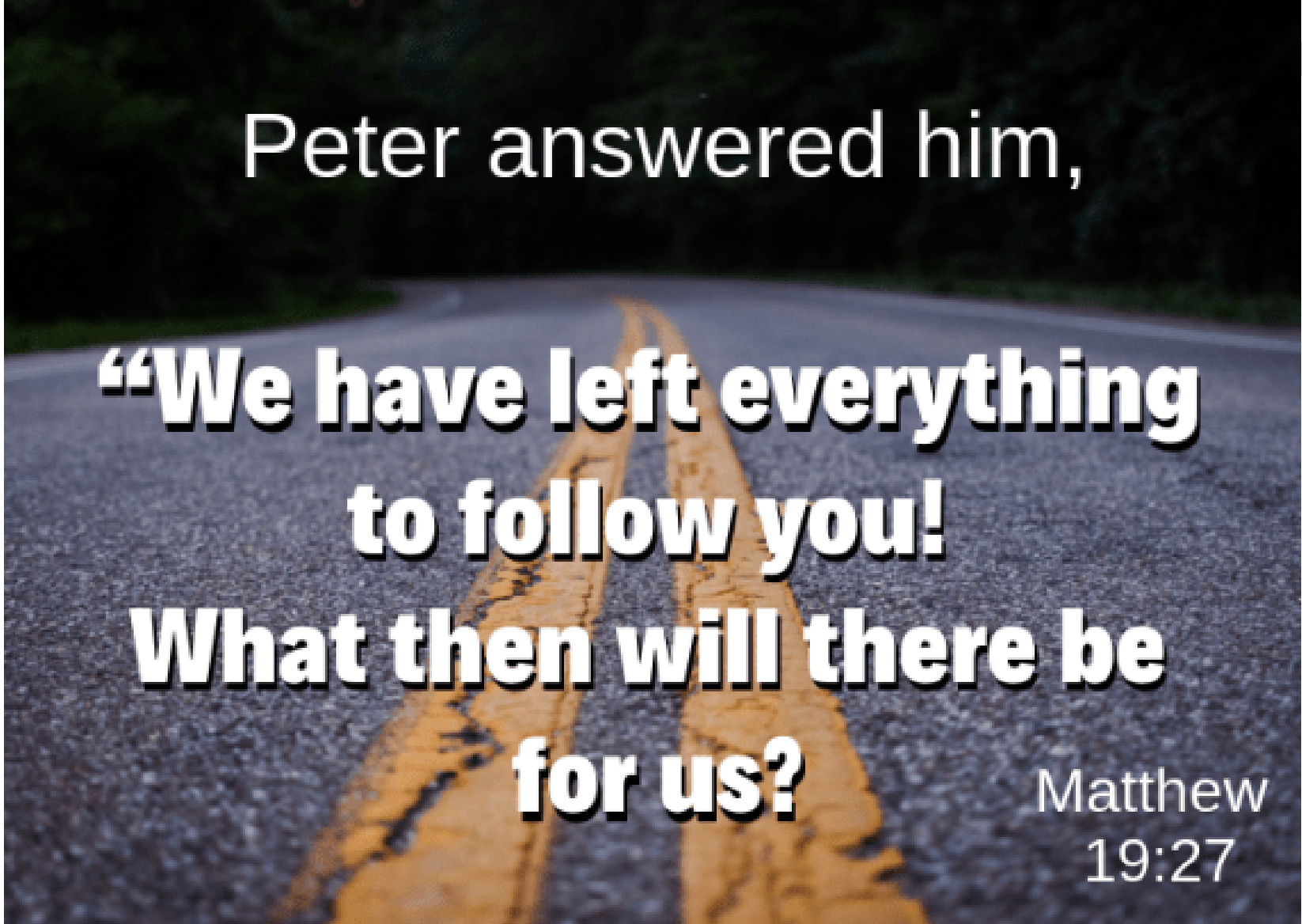
MATTHEW 20:1-16



Matthew 19:21

**"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell
your possessions, and give the
money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me."**

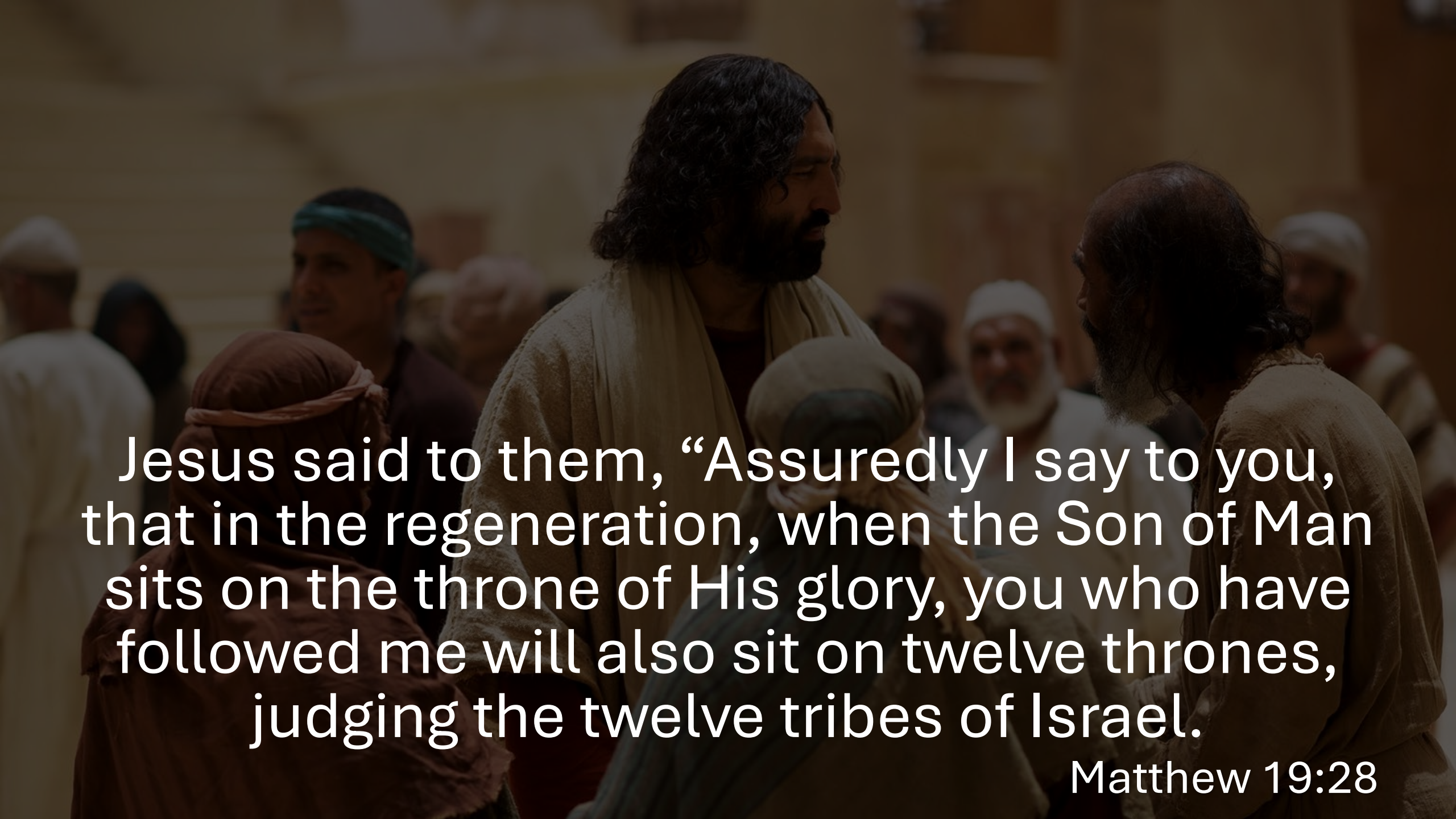




Peter answered him,

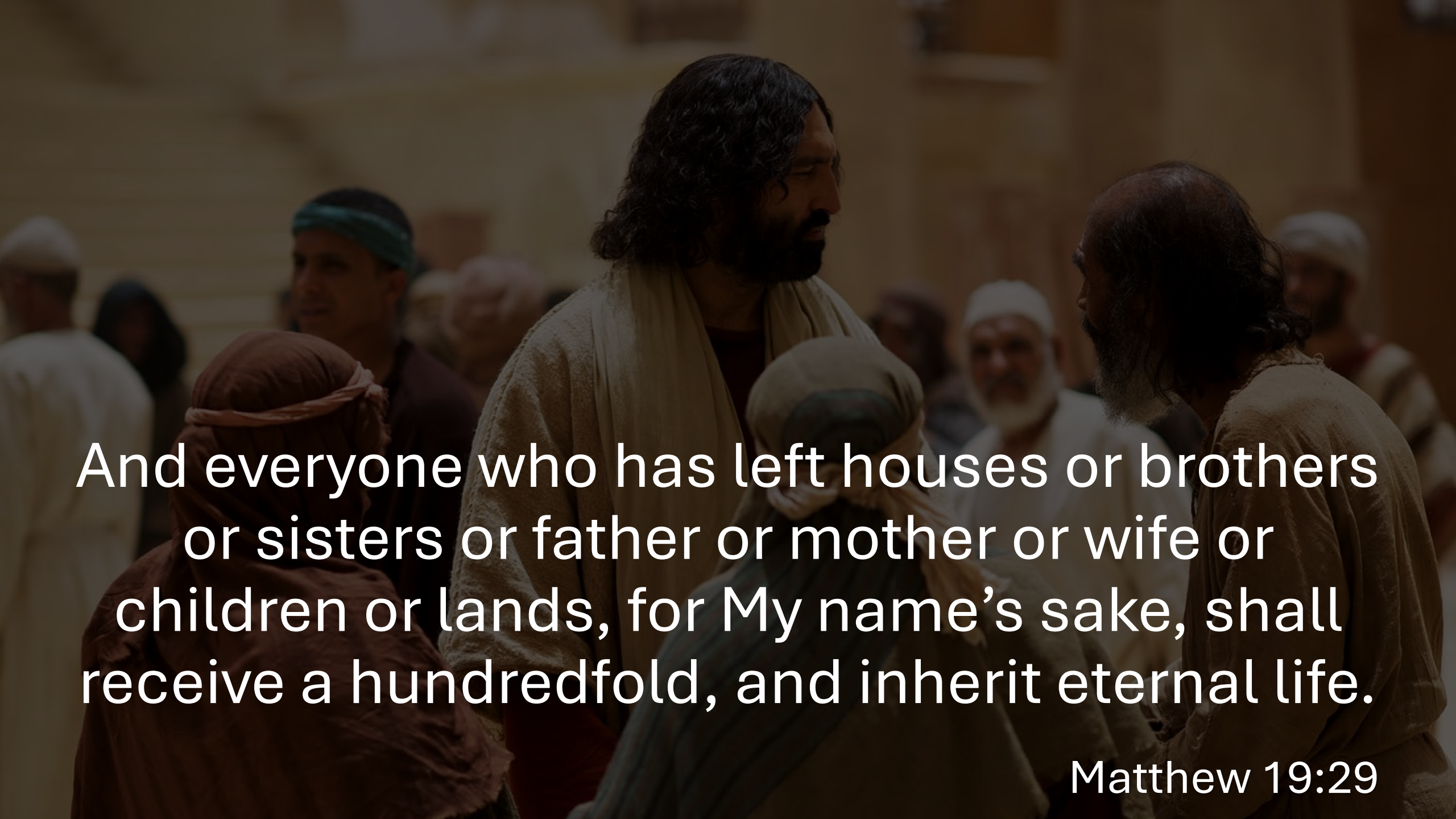
**“We have left everything
to follow you!
What then will there be
for us?”**

Matthew
19:27

A photograph of Jesus with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, speaking to a group of people in a crowd. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in traditional attire. The text is overlaid on the image in white font.


Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:28

A scene from a film depicting Jesus with a crowd of people. Jesus, with long dark hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored robe, is in the center, looking towards a man on the right. The man has a beard and is wearing a brown robe. In the foreground, a woman is seen from behind, wearing a brown headscarf. The background is filled with other people in traditional attire, slightly out of focus. The overall lighting is warm and somewhat dim, suggesting an indoor setting.

And everyone who has left houses or brothers
or sisters or father or mother or wife or
children or lands, for My name's sake, shall
receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Matthew 19:29



**They were not
making sacrifices—
they were making
investments.**

Jesus detected
in Peter's
question the
possibility of a
wrong **motive**
for service.



SOME
WRONG
REASONS

FOR FOLLOWING JESUS

WRONG REASONS



MATERIALISM

WRONG REASONS



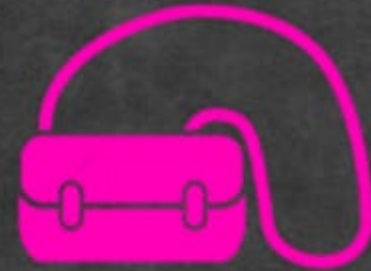
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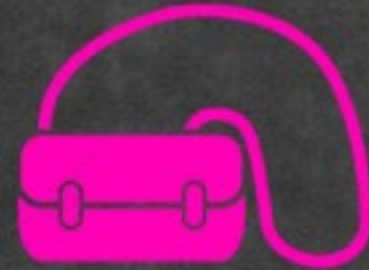
ENTERTAINMENT

WRONG REASONS



CULTURAL & SOCIAL PRESSURE

WRONG REASONS



Following when it's CONVENIENT

WRONG REASONS



Following LEADERS instead of Christ

Some **right** reasons for following Jesus





FOLLOWING *jesus*

wholeheartedly out of
Love for who He is,
rather than for what He
can give.





FOLLOWING *jesus*

out of Gratitude for what
Jesus has done for us.





FOLLOWING *jesus*

To demonstrate our total
Devotion to his teachings
and His way of life.





FOLLOWING *jesus*

Because we Trust Him in
The present for a better
Tomorrow and a glorious
future.





FOLLOWING *jesus*

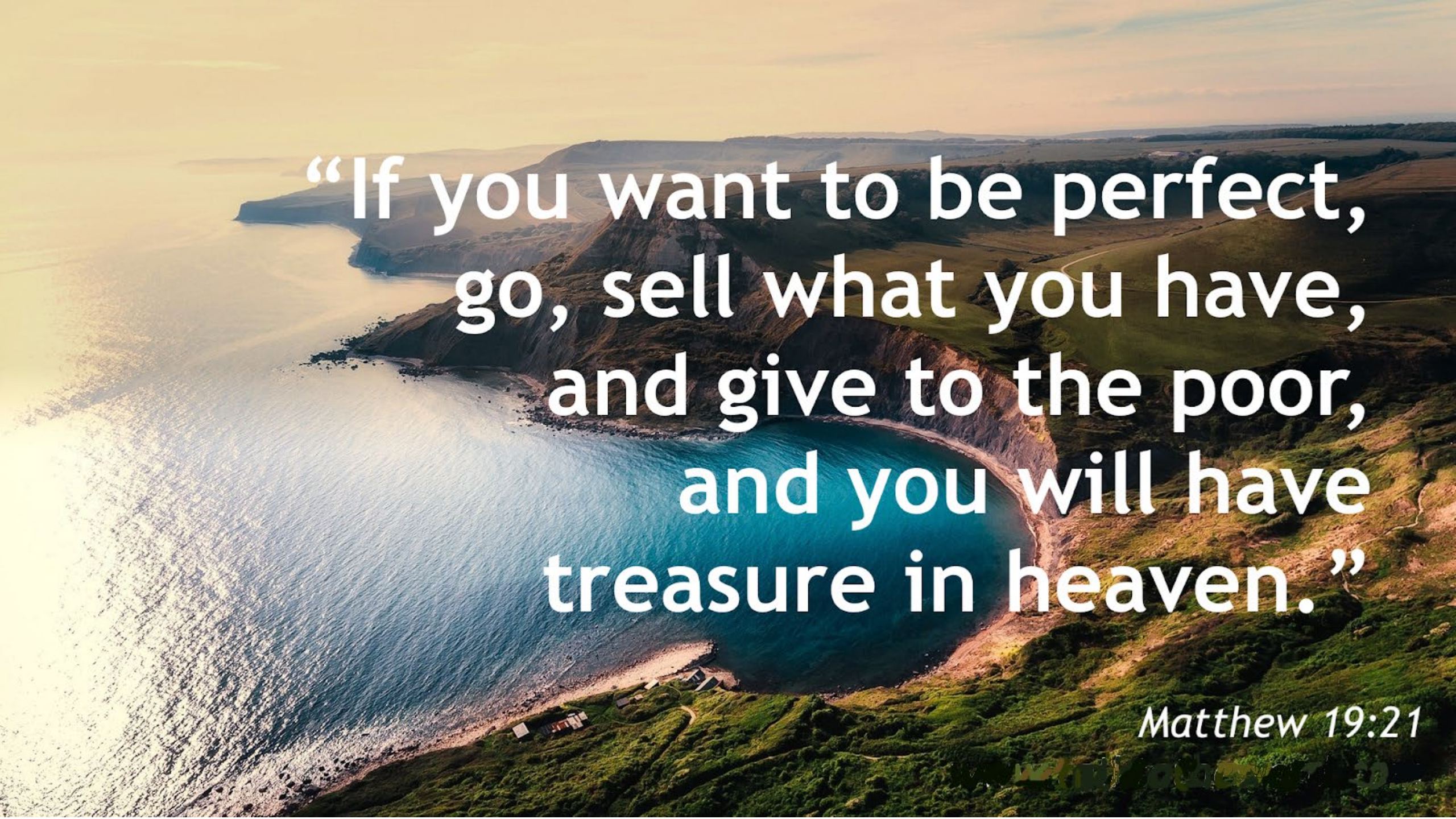
In Obedience and for the
right reasons.



Matthew 19:23-24



²³ “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The sea is a deep blue, with white foam from waves crashing against the shore. The land is covered in green grass and shrubs, with a few small buildings visible near the water's edge. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting a bright day. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**“If you want to be perfect,
go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor,
and you will have
treasure in heaven.”**

Matthew 19:21

Here Matthew records Jesus talking about a landowner who got up early in the morning and went out to hire some workers to work in his vineyard.

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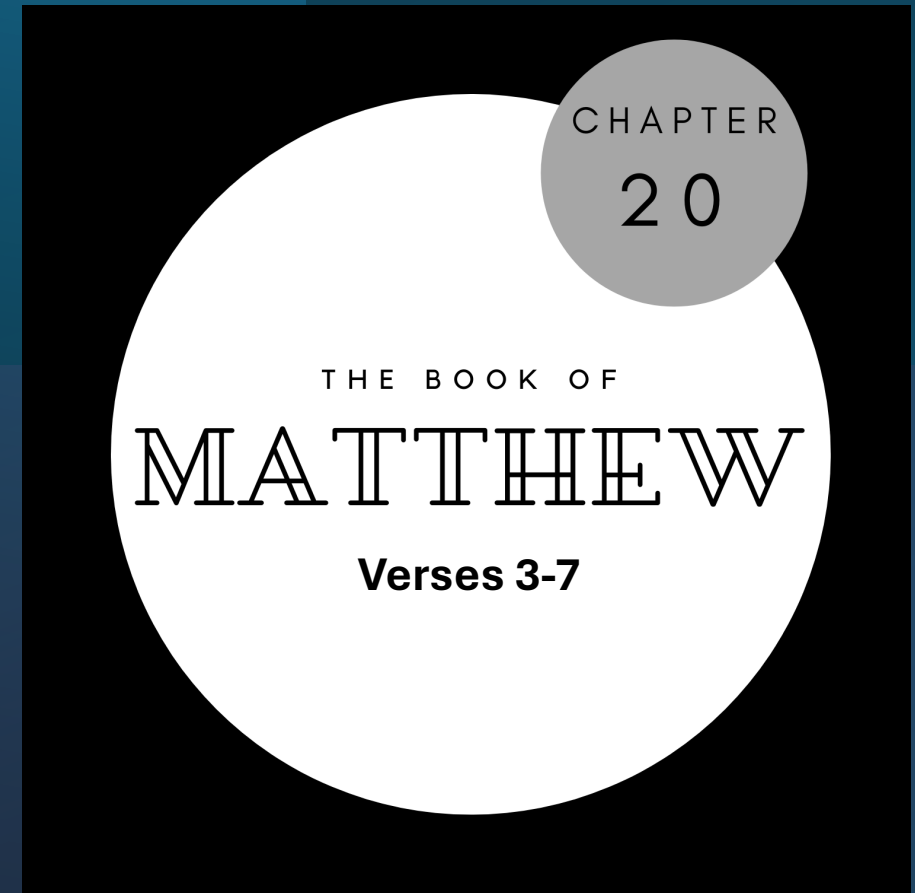
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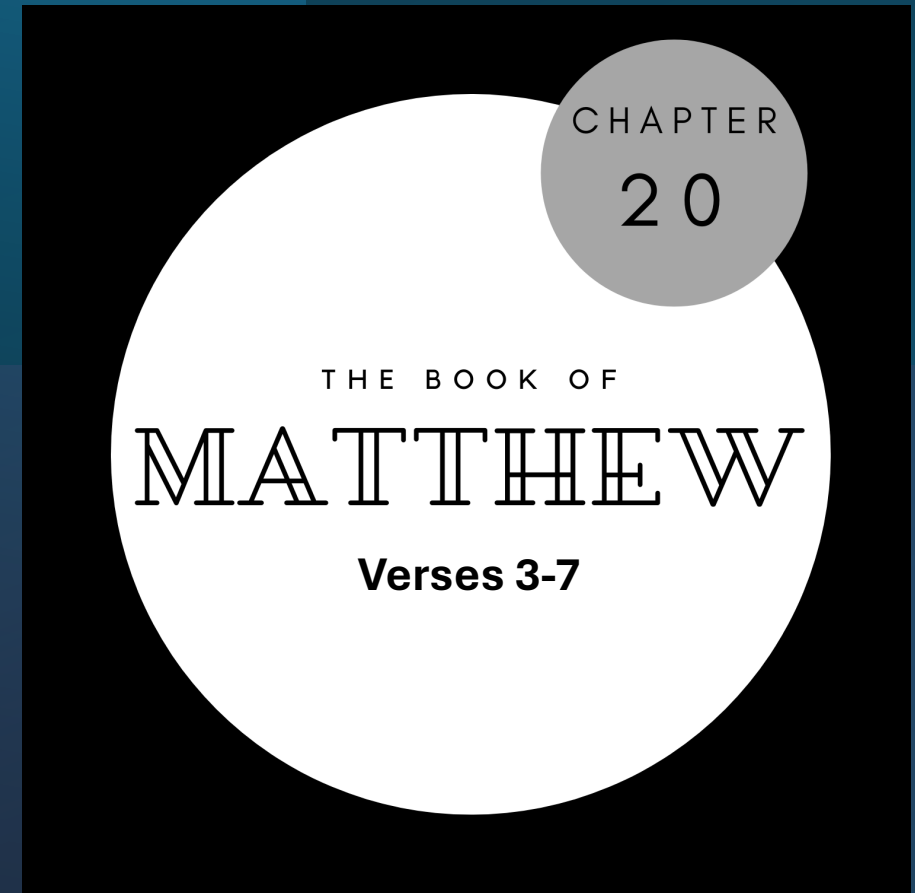
**Now he that planteth and he that
watereth are one: and every man
shall receive his own reward
according to his own labour.**

1 Corinthians 3:8 KJV

³ And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So, they went. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.



⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’



**“ ATTITUDE
IS A LITTLE
THING
THAT MAKES A
BIG
DIFFERENCE ”**

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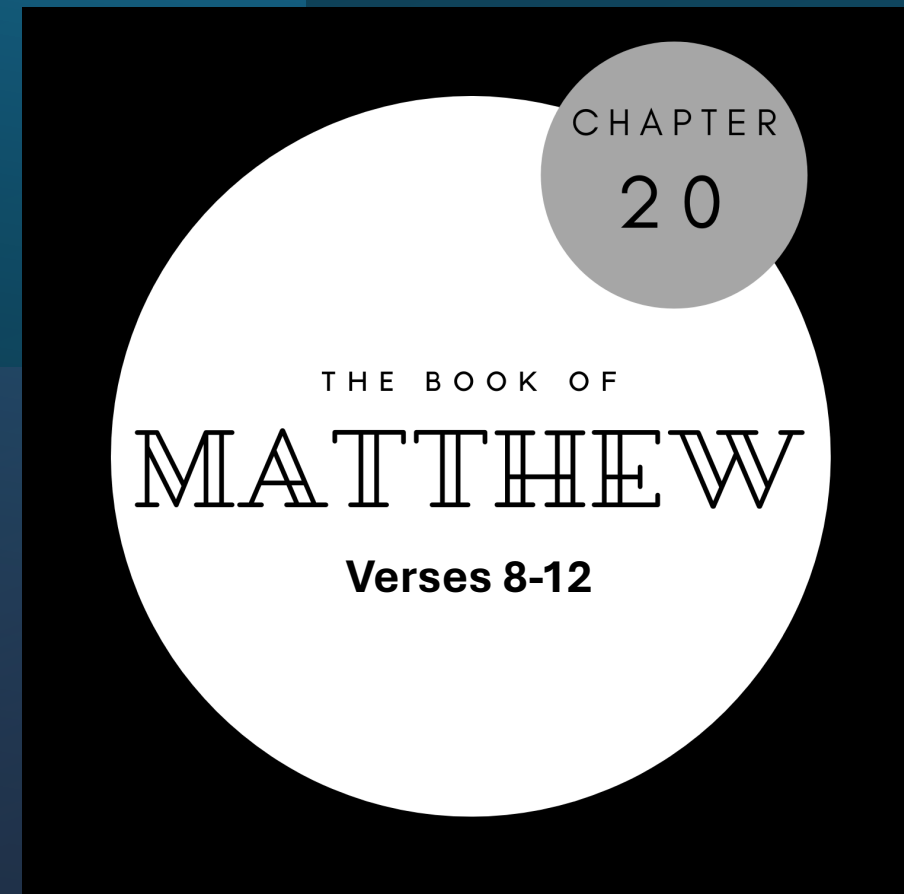
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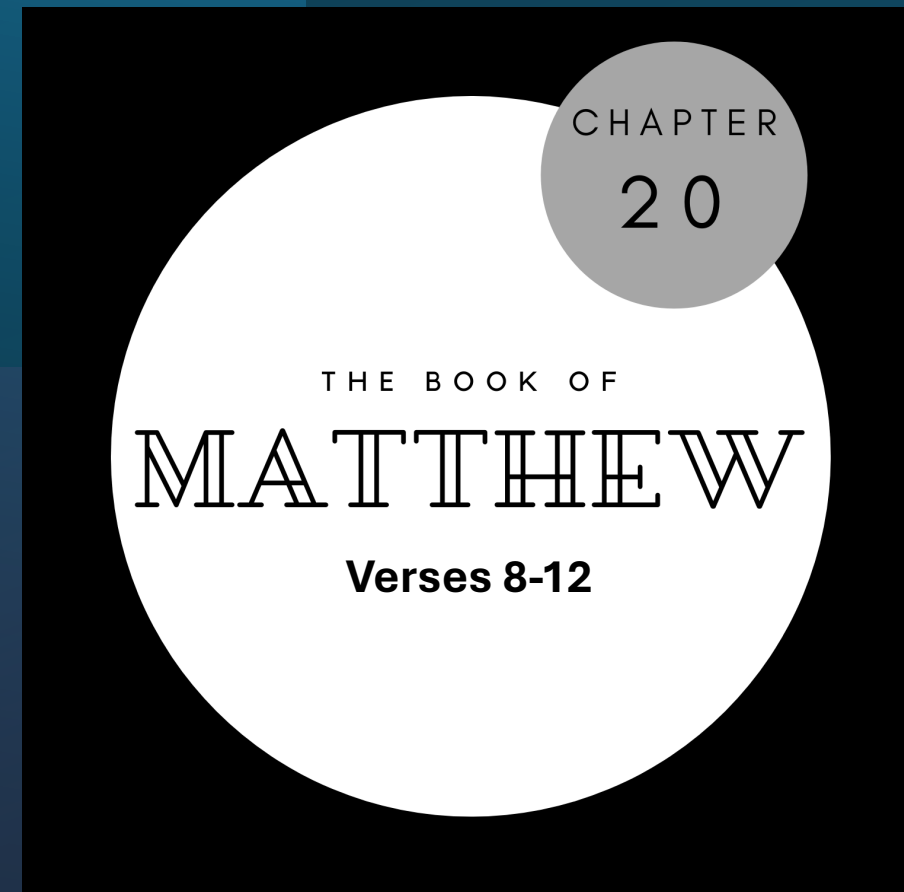
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Verses 3-7

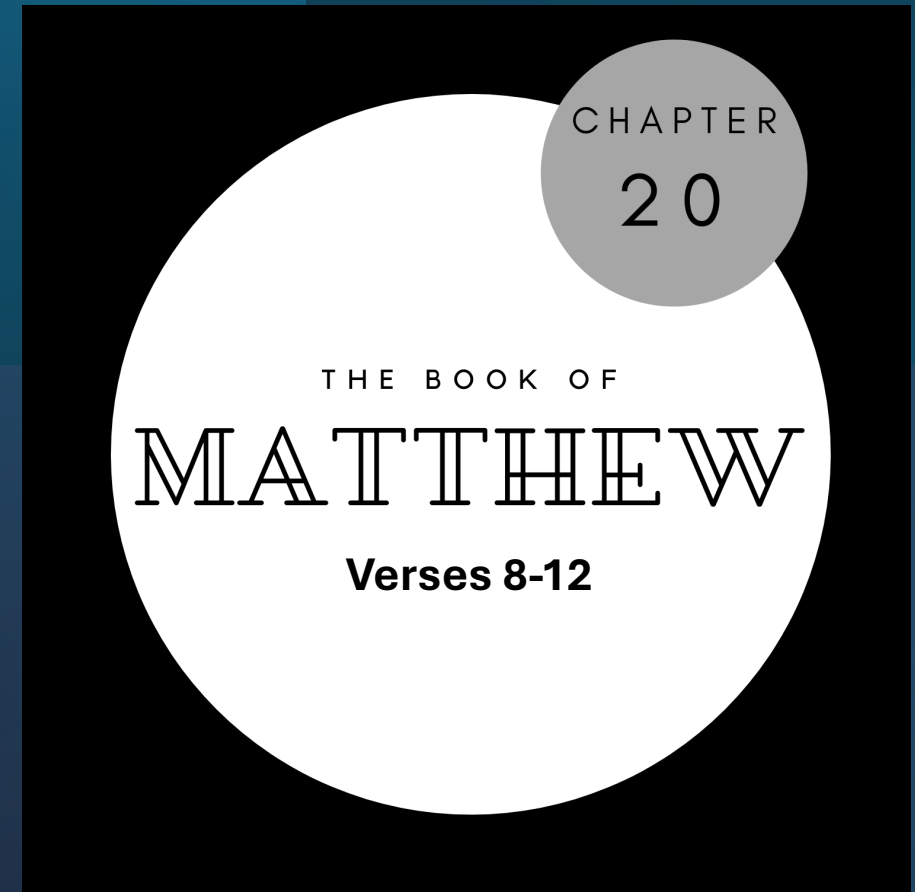
⁸ “So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them *their wages*, beginning with the last to the first.’ ⁹ And when those came who *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more;



and they likewise received each a denarius. ¹¹ And when they had received *it*, they complained against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’

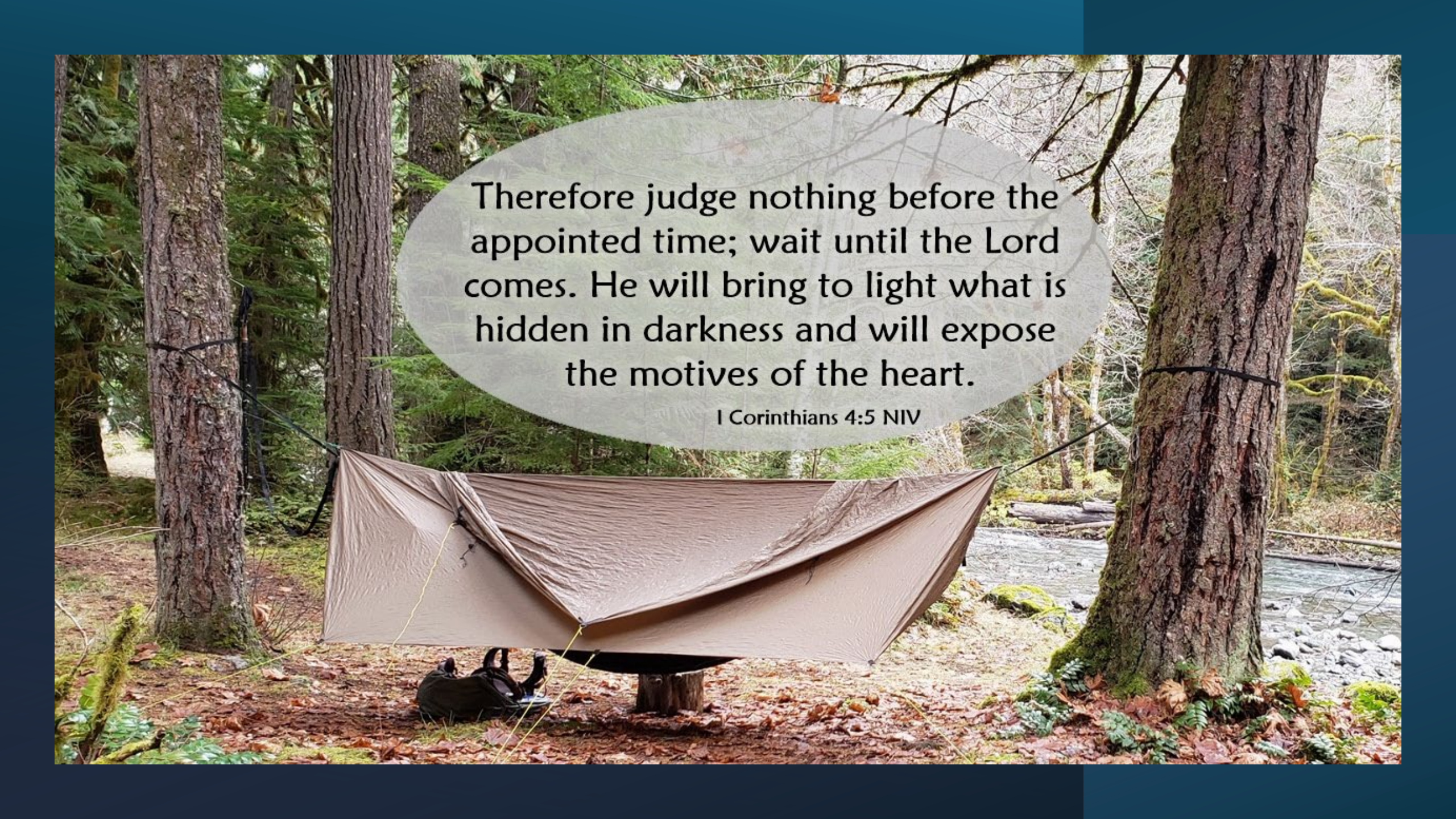


The lesson for Christ's disciples is obvious. We should not serve Him because we want to receive an expected reward, and we should not insist on knowing what we will get. God is infinitely generous and gracious and will always give us better than we deserve.



SOME OBSERVATIONS



A photograph of a brown tarp pitched between two large trees in a forest. The tarp is stretched out and supported by a log. In the background, a stream flows through the woods. The scene is set in a lush, green forest with many trees and ferns.

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart.

1 Corinthians 4:5 NIV

SOME OBSERVATIONS



We see the worker
and the work, but
God sees the Heart.

SOME OBSERVATIONS



**Beware of the perils
of Presumption.**

“See we have left all and followed You. Therefore, what shall we have?”

Matthew 19:27

SOME OBSERVATIONS



Beware of Criticizing
God.

**The goodness of
the owner did not
lead them to regret
but to jealousy.**

**GOD IS KIND,
BUT HE'S NOT SOFT.
IN KINDNESS HE TAKES US
FIRMLY BY THE HAND AND
LEADS US INTO A RADICAL
LIFE-CHANGE.
ROMANS 2:4**

19:30 But many who are first, will be last
and the last first.” & repeated in 20:16



Are YOU Following Jesus For the Right Reason?



**What we do, we do
from the heart for the
Lord. Not for what we
might gain, but what
we might give in
recognition of God's
great love for us**

