

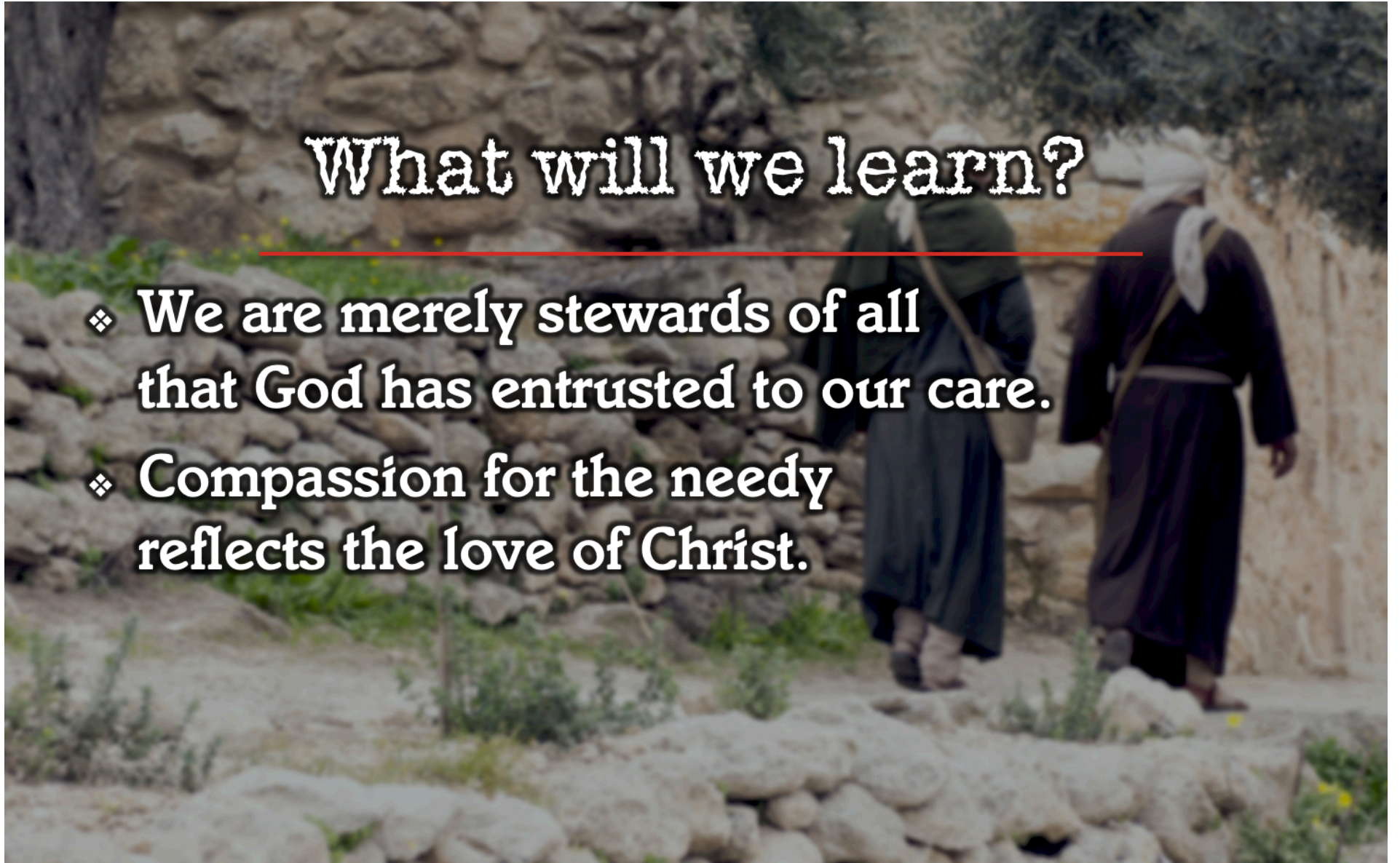
A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a dirt path. They are positioned in front of a large, rustic stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The man on the left is wearing a dark green robe and has a light-colored satchel slung over his shoulder. The man on the right is wearing a dark purple or brown robe. The background shows some greenery, including a tree trunk on the left and some bushes on the right. The overall scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment.

“Listen to Them”
Luke 16:1-31

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What will we learn?

- ❖ We are merely stewards of all that God has entrusted to our care.
- ❖ Compassion for the needy reflects the love of Christ.





The Gospel of Luke

- ❖ I – The Launch (1:1-9:50)
 - ❖ November, 2018 – June, 2019
- ❖ II – The Teachings (9:51- 19:27)
 - ❖ October, 2019 – Spring, 2020
- ❖ III – Jerusalem (19:28 – 24:53)
 - ❖ Fall, 2020 or Spring, 2021

Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Savior
- ❖ Christ
- ❖ Lord
- ❖ Son of David
- ❖ Son of Abraham
- ❖ Son of Adam
- ❖ Son of God
- ❖ Son of Man
- ❖ Suffering Servant
- ❖ Lamb of God
- ❖ Healer
- ❖ Great Teacher
- ❖ “Holy One of God”
- ❖ Bridegroom

Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ A great prophet
- ❖ “Master”
- ❖ “Son of the Most High God”
- ❖ God’s Messiah
- ❖ “My Son, whom I have chosen”

Northern Israel

in the time of Christ

GREAT SEA
(The Mediterranean)

Ashkelon

Phoenicia

PTOLEMAIS

Galilee

CAPERNAUM

BETHSAIDA

CANA

SEA OF GALILEE

NAZARETH

CAESAREA

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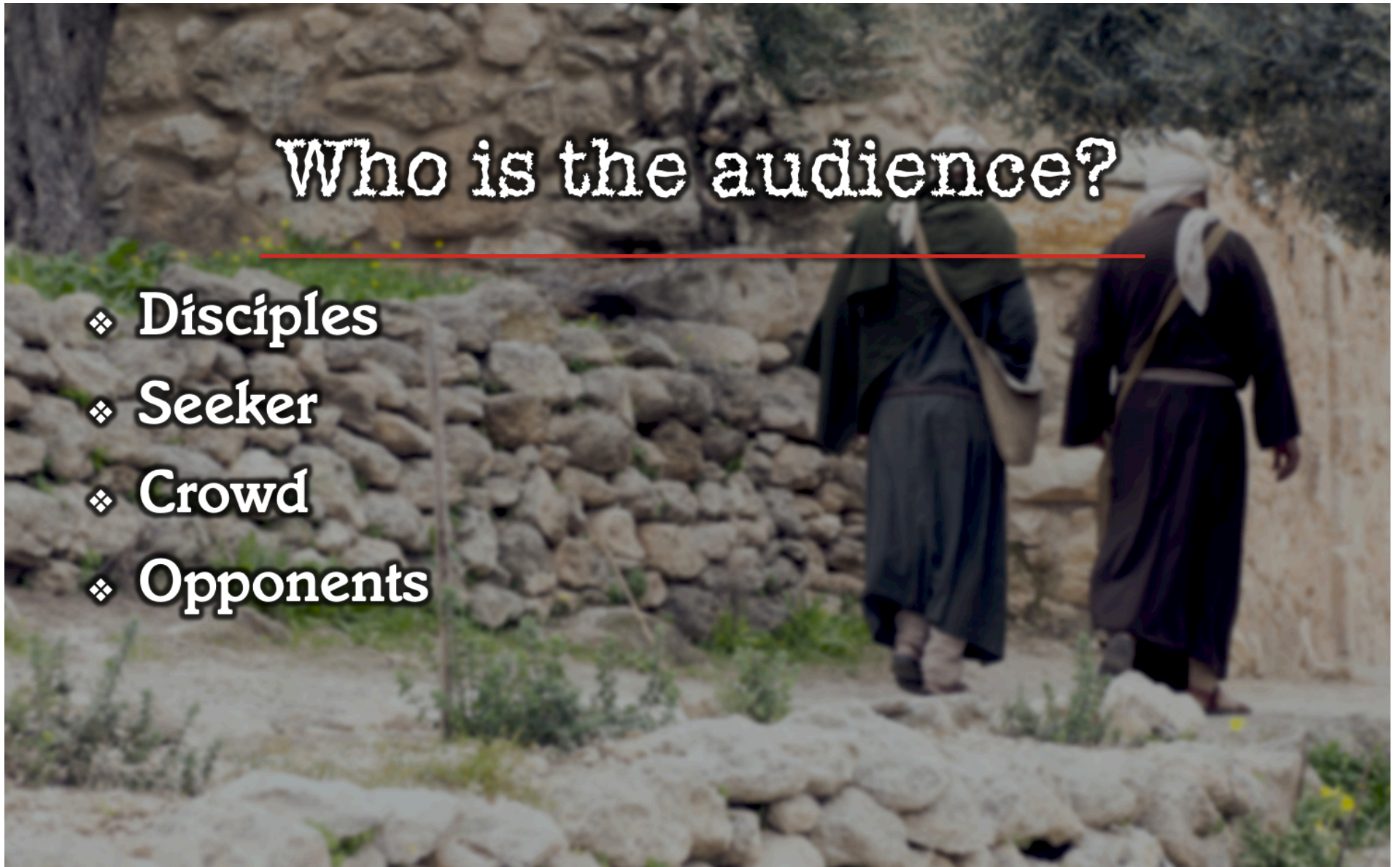
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Who is the audience?

- ❖ Disciples
- ❖ Seeker
- ❖ Crowd
- ❖ Opponents



Luke 16

- ❖ **Parable of the Shrewd Manager (1-9)**
 - ❖ **“There was a rich man ...”**
- ❖ **Teachings (10-18)**
 - ❖ **Stewardship, idolatry, self-righteousness, the Law, marriage and divorce**
- ❖ **Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (19-31)**
 - ❖ **“There was a rich man ...”**

Luke 16:1-2

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’”



Luke 16:3-4

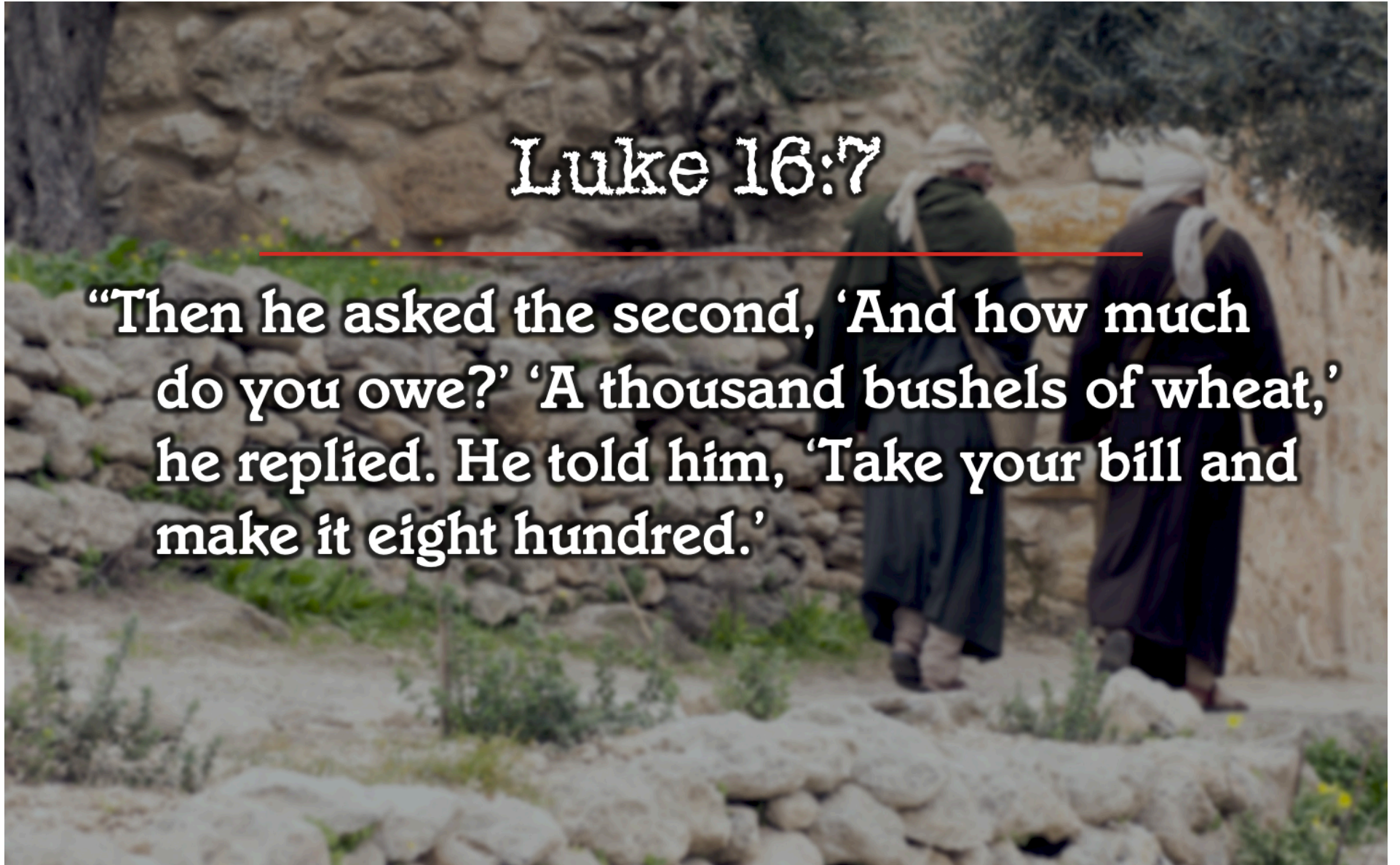
“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg — I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’”

Luke 16:5-6

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’”

Luke 16:7

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’



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Luke 16:8

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

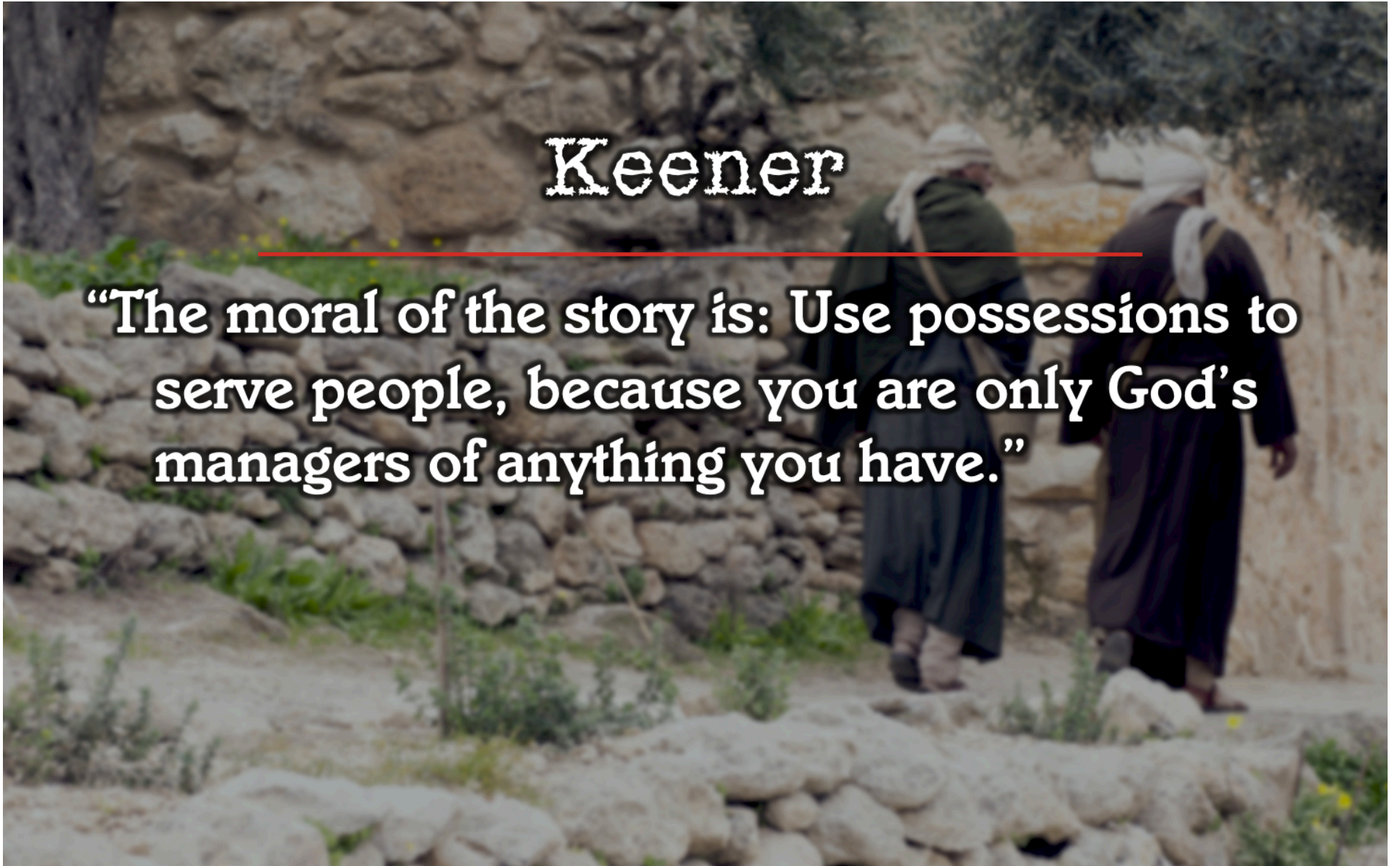
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Luke 16:9

“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”

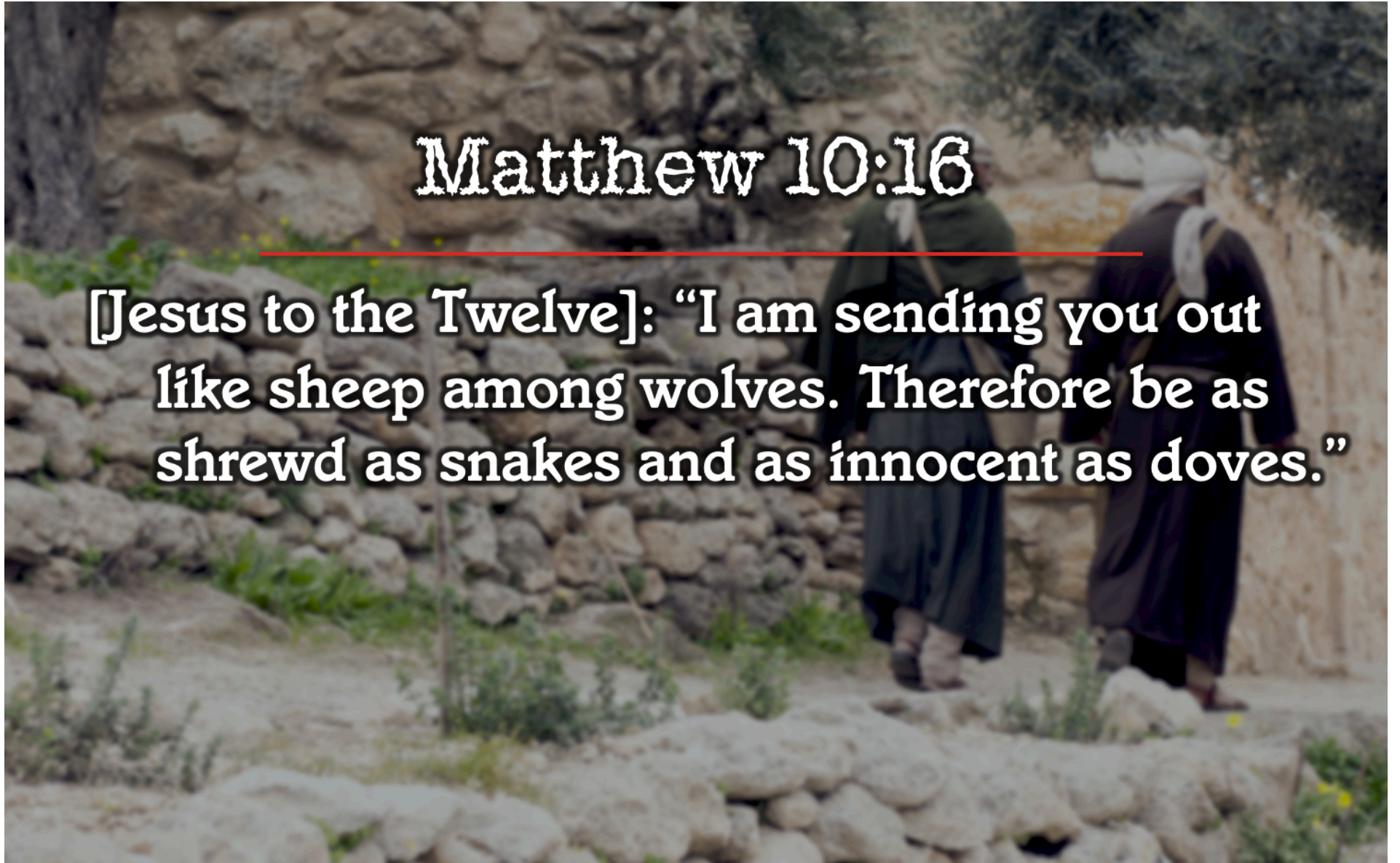
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“The moral of the story is: Use possessions to serve people, because you are only God’s managers of anything you have.”



Matthew 10:16

[Jesus to the Twelve]: “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.”



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Luke 16:10

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.



Luke 16:11-12

“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”



Luke 16:13

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

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Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

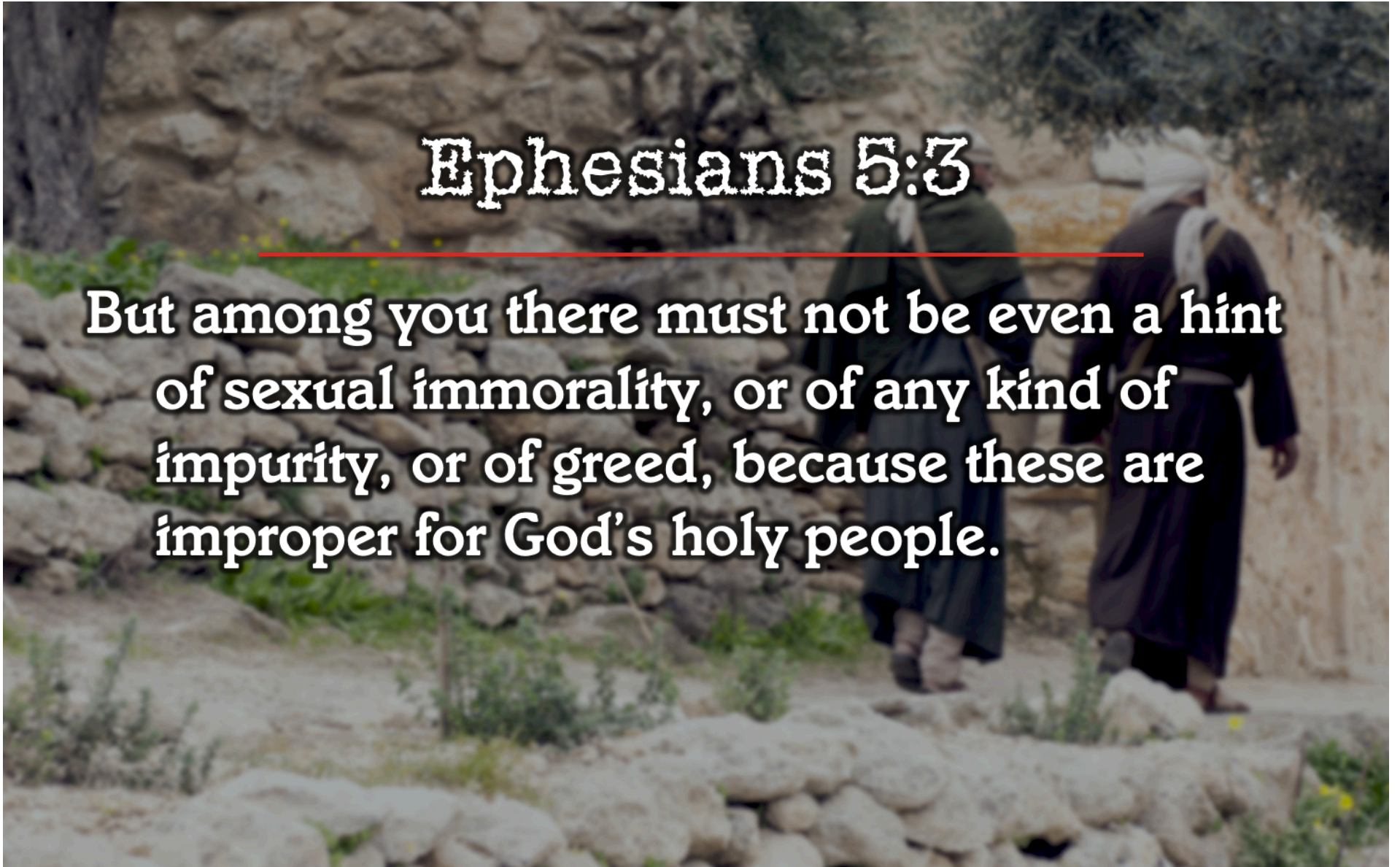


Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:3

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.



Luke 16:14-15

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight."

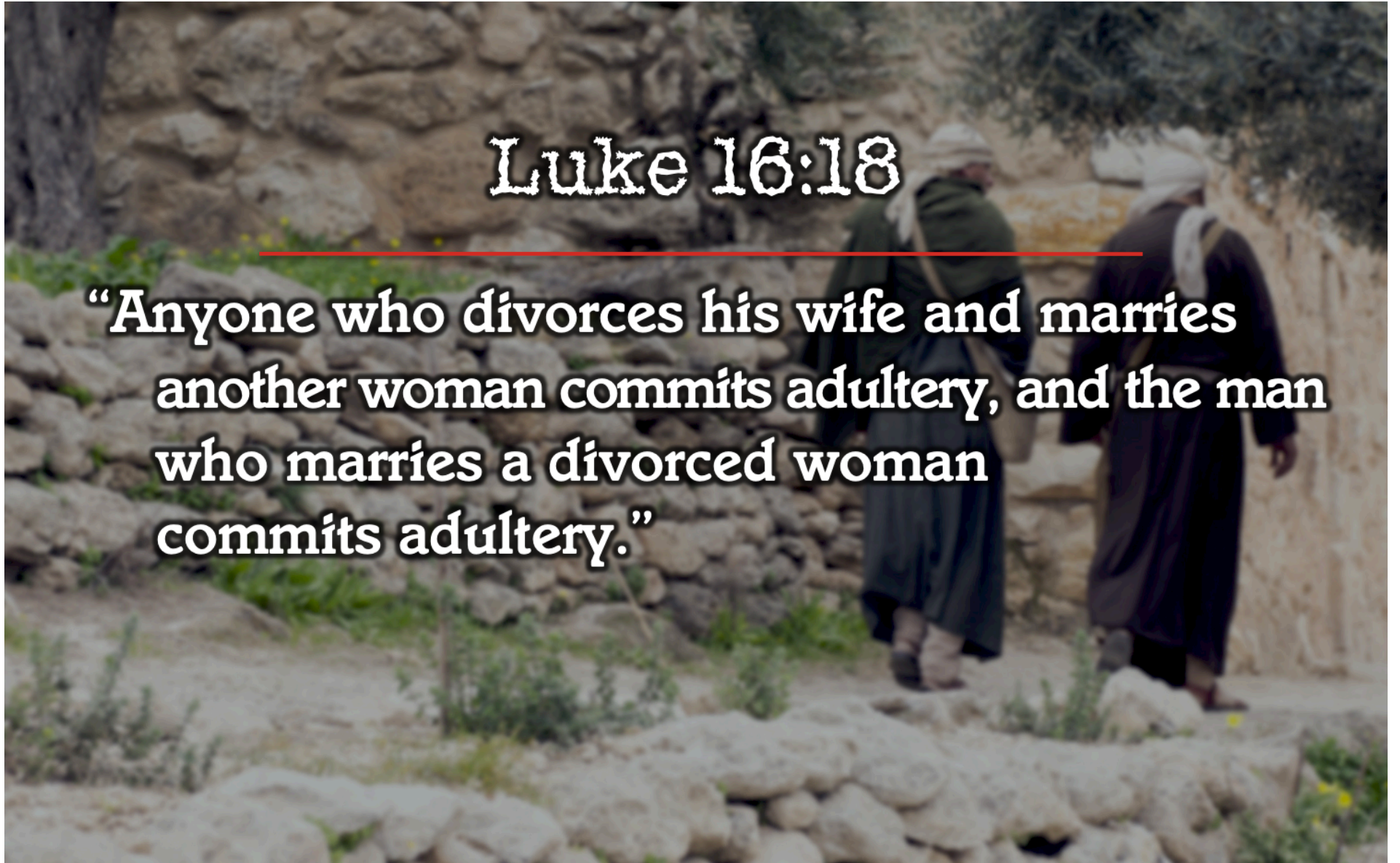


Luke 16:16-17

“The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it. It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

Luke 16:18

“Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”



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Mark 10:5-6

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’



Mark 10:7-9

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Luke 16:19-21

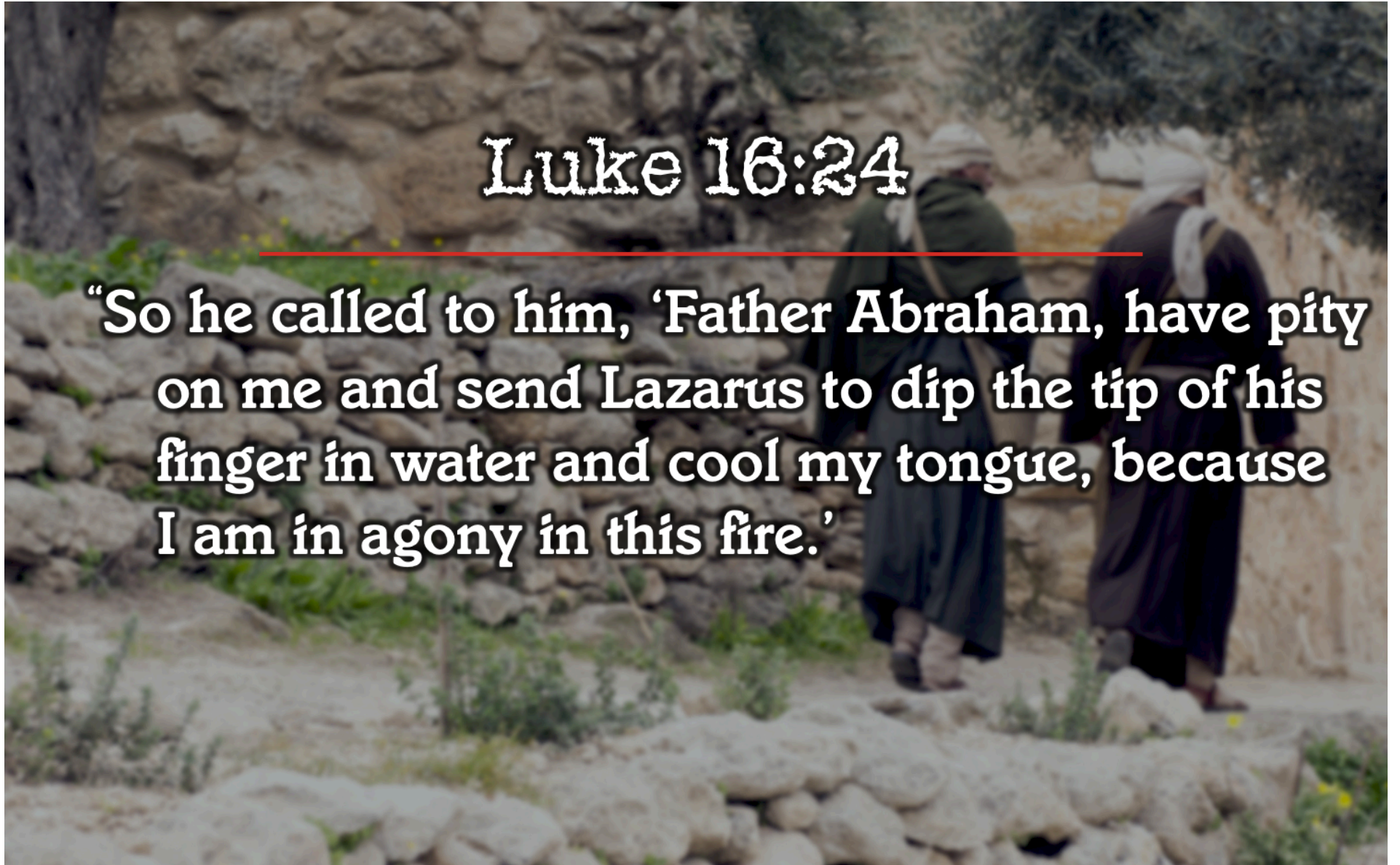
“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 16:22-23

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

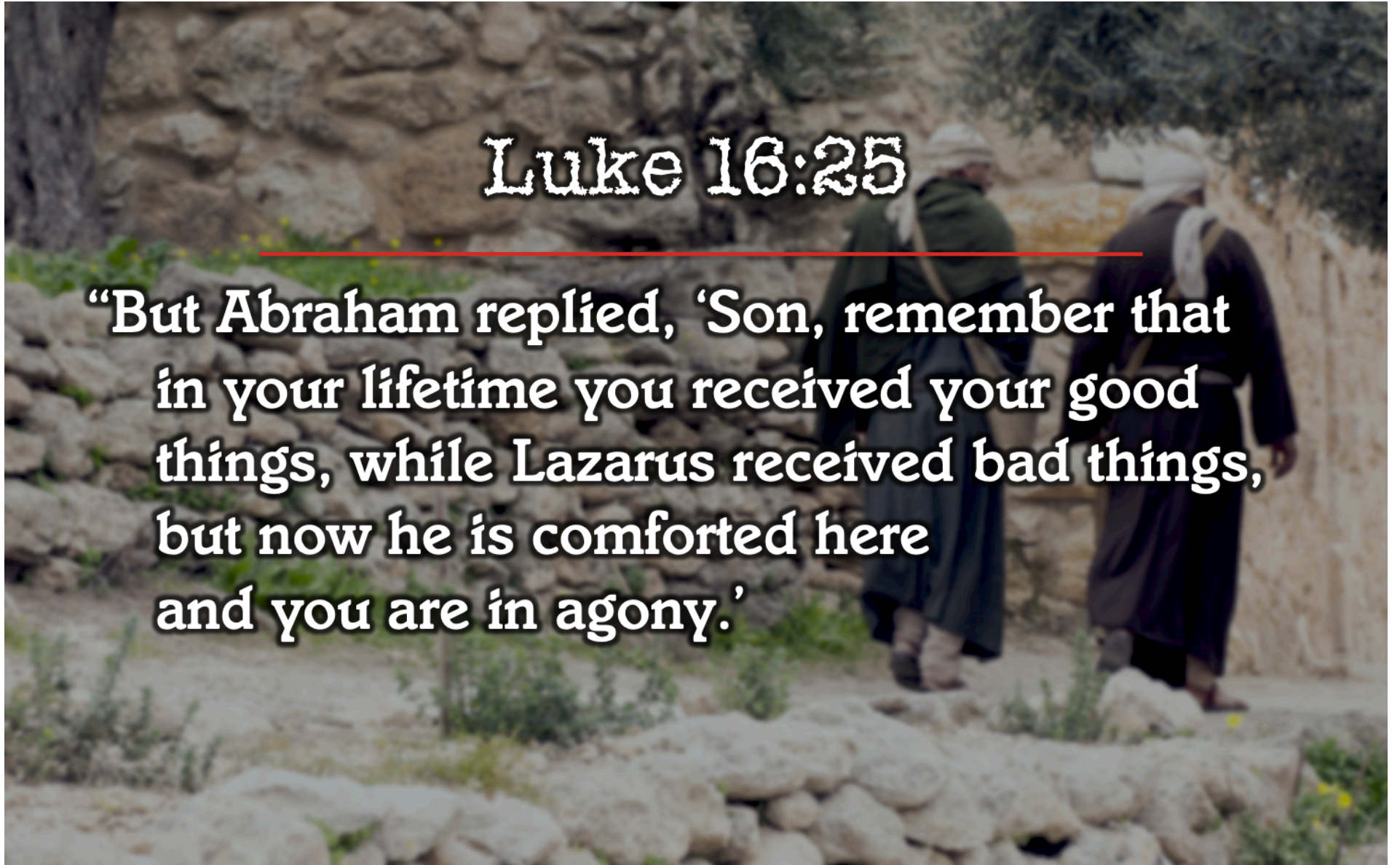
Luke 16:24

“So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’



Luke 16:25

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.’



Luke 16:26

“And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.”

Compassion for the needy:

- ❖ Deuteronomy 15
- ❖ Isaiah 3, 10, 58
- ❖ Amos 6:4; 8:4-6
- ❖ Micah 2:1-2



Deuteronomy 15:10-11

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

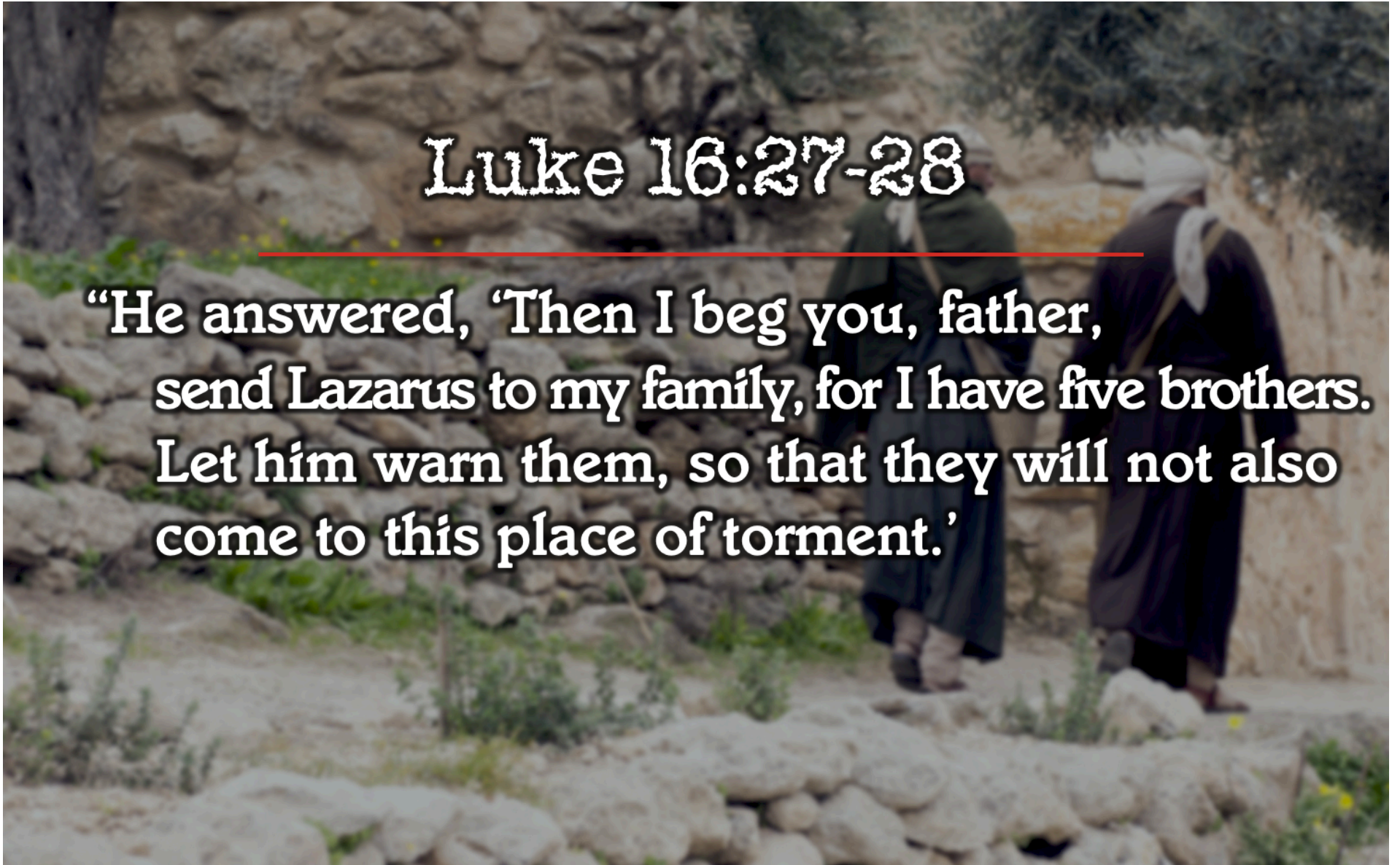
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Isaiah 58:9-10

**“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.”**

Luke 16:27-28

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

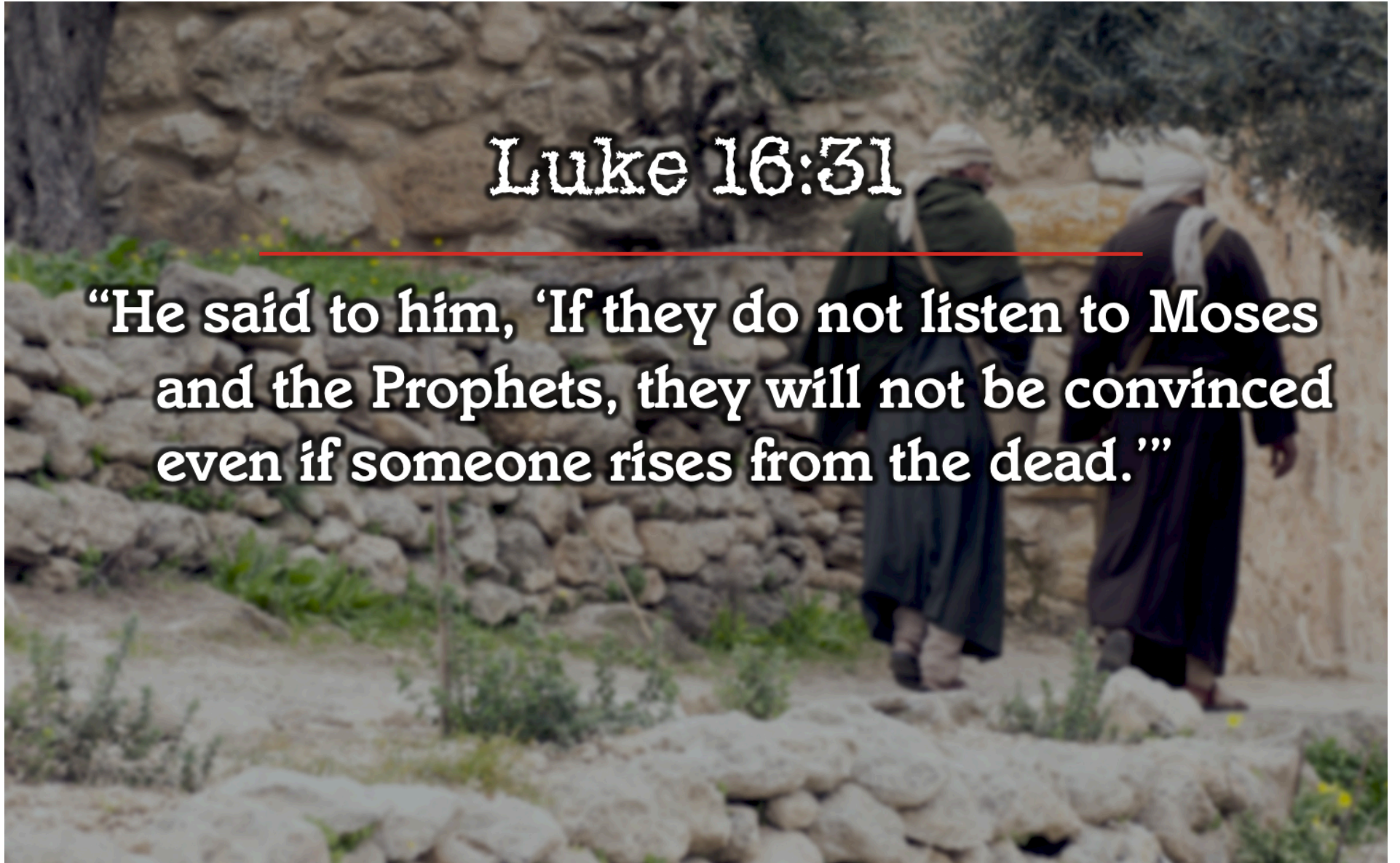


Luke 16:29-30

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

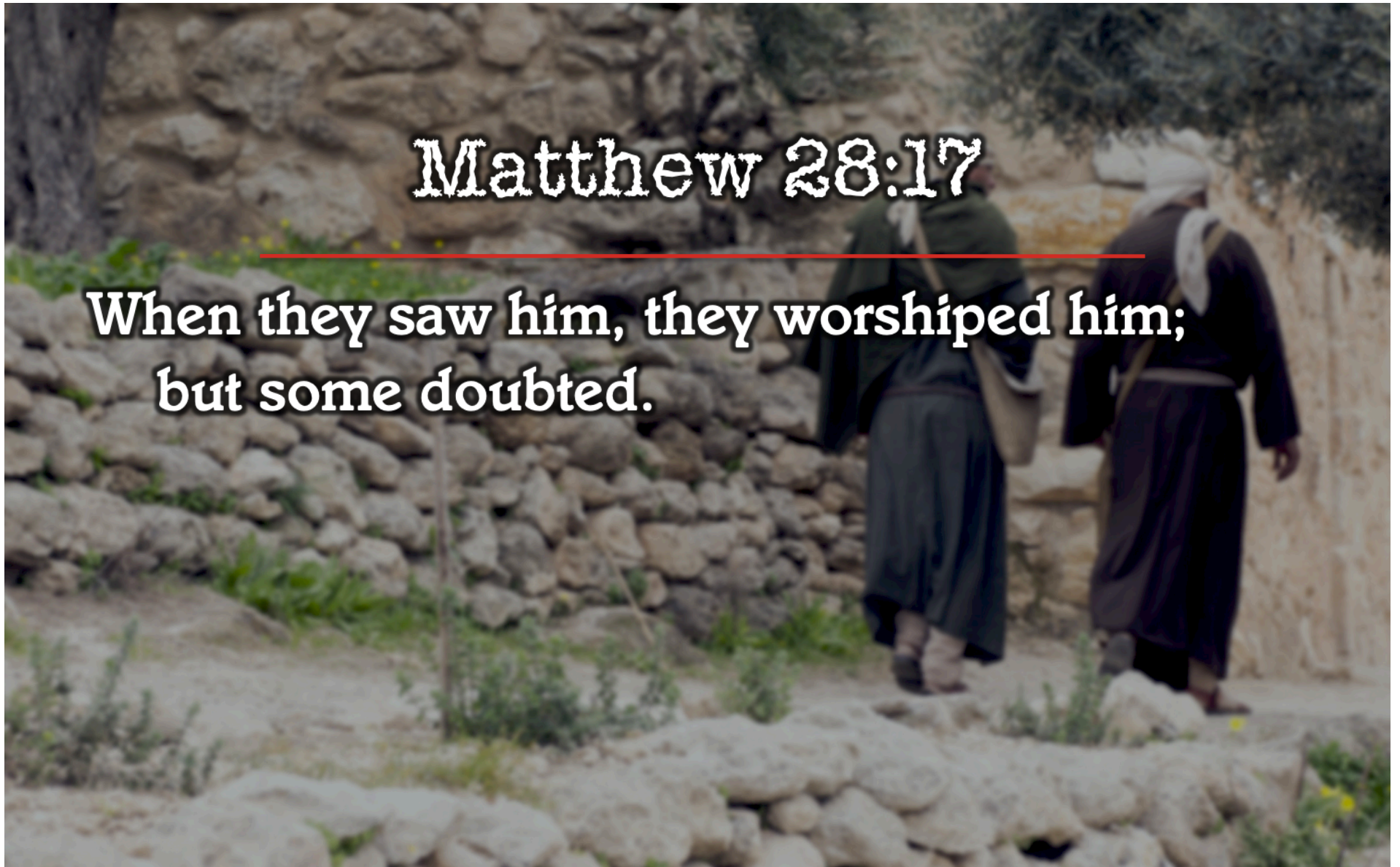
Luke 16:31

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”



Matthew 28:17

When they saw him, they worshiped him;
but some doubted.





Darrell C. Bock

**“It depicts a tragic and serious reality.
The coming judgment is permanent ...
Furthermore, the test of a heart that loves God,
which is the most basic ethical command
of Scripture, is that it heeds his words.
How we relate to God vertically influences
how we relate to people horizontally.”**

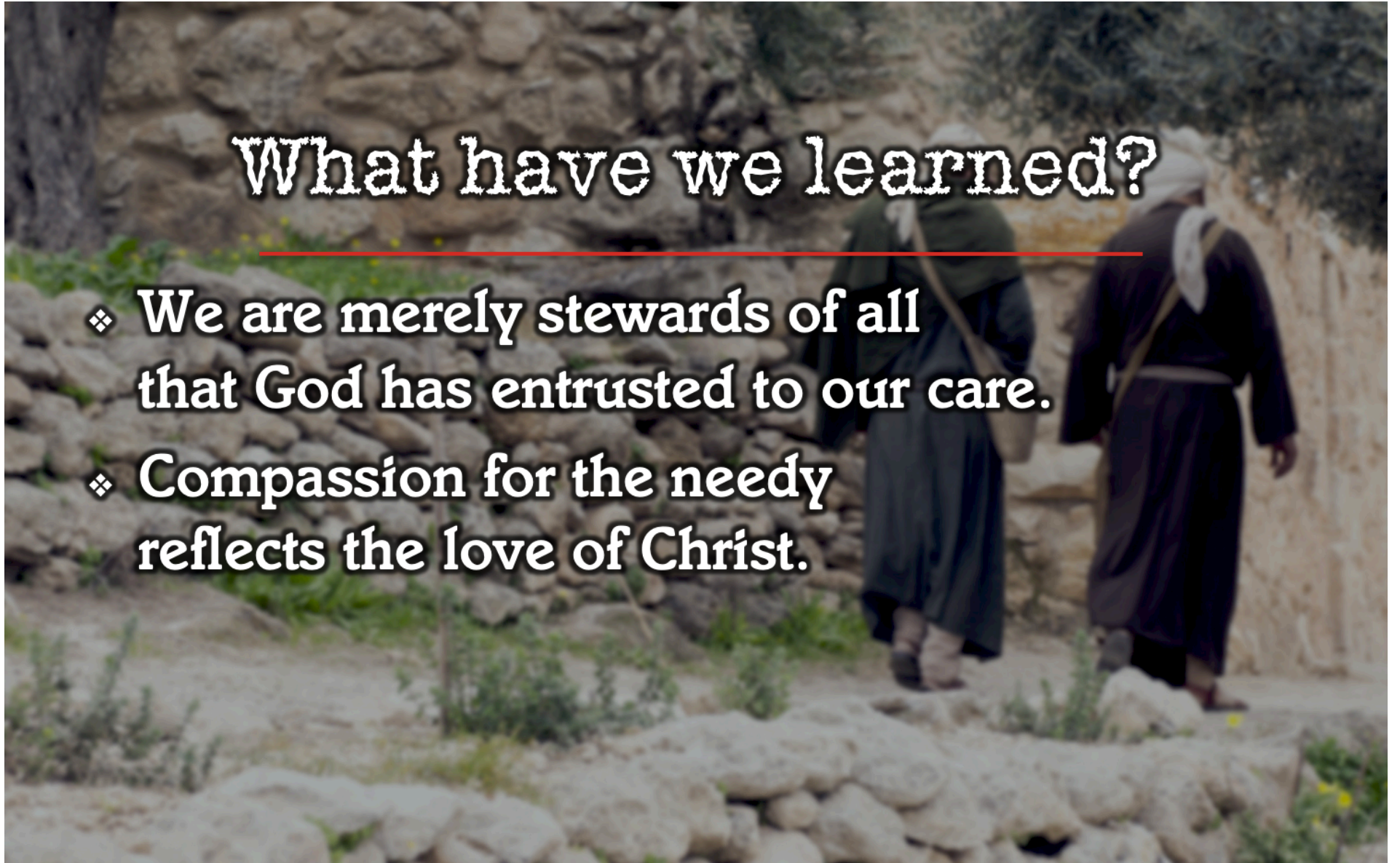
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Resources:

- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Time
- ❖ Talent
- ❖ Treasure

What have we learned?

- ❖ We are merely stewards of all that God has entrusted to our care.
- ❖ Compassion for the needy reflects the love of Christ.





Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper