

A person wearing a white, textured robe is shown from the chest down. They are holding a large, golden-brown loaf of bread in their left hand and a terracotta bowl filled with red grapes in their right hand. The bowl has a braided rope handle. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

It Is Not Enough
Isaiah 49:6

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A close-up photograph of a person wearing a white, textured robe. They are holding a woven basket filled with golden-brown bread and clusters of red grapes. The background is dark, making the white robe and the food stand out.

Luke 2:30-32

[Simeon's song] ...

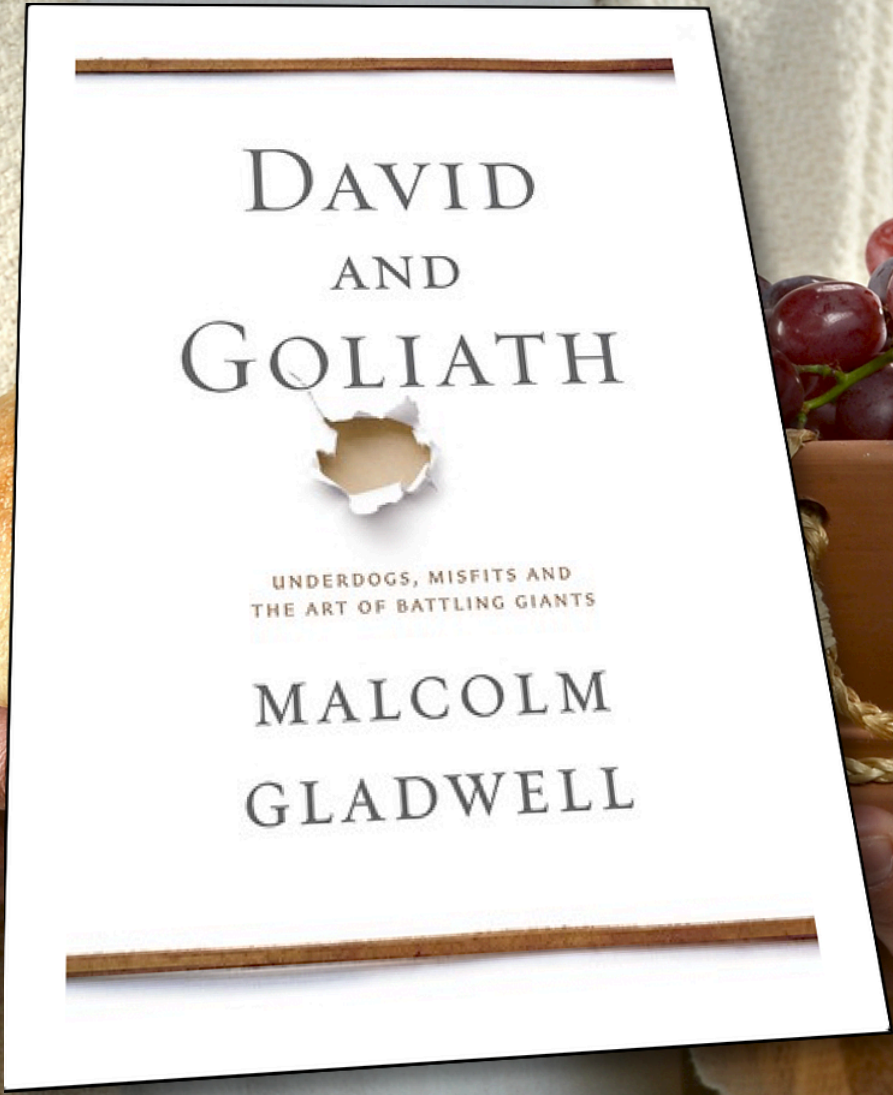
“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

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he says:

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

The image shows the front cover of the book 'David and Goliath' by Malcolm Gladwell. The cover is white with a thin brown border at the top and bottom. The title 'DAVID AND GOLIATH' is printed in a large, black, serif font. Below the title is a small, irregular hole in the paper, resembling a tear. Underneath the hole, the subtitle 'UNDERDOGS, MISFITS AND THE ART OF BATTLING GIANTS' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the cover, the author's name 'MALCOLM GLADWELL' is printed in a large, black, serif font. The book is held in the center of the frame by a person wearing a light-colored, textured robe. The person's left hand holds a round, golden-brown loaf of bread, and their right hand holds a brown ceramic bowl filled with dark red grapes. The background is dark, making the white book cover stand out.

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Flannery O'Connor

“Jesus was the only One that ever raised the dead,”
The Misfit continued, “and He shouldn’t have
done it. He shown everything off balance.
If He did what He said, then it’s nothing for
you to do but throw away everything and
follow Him, and if He didn’t,

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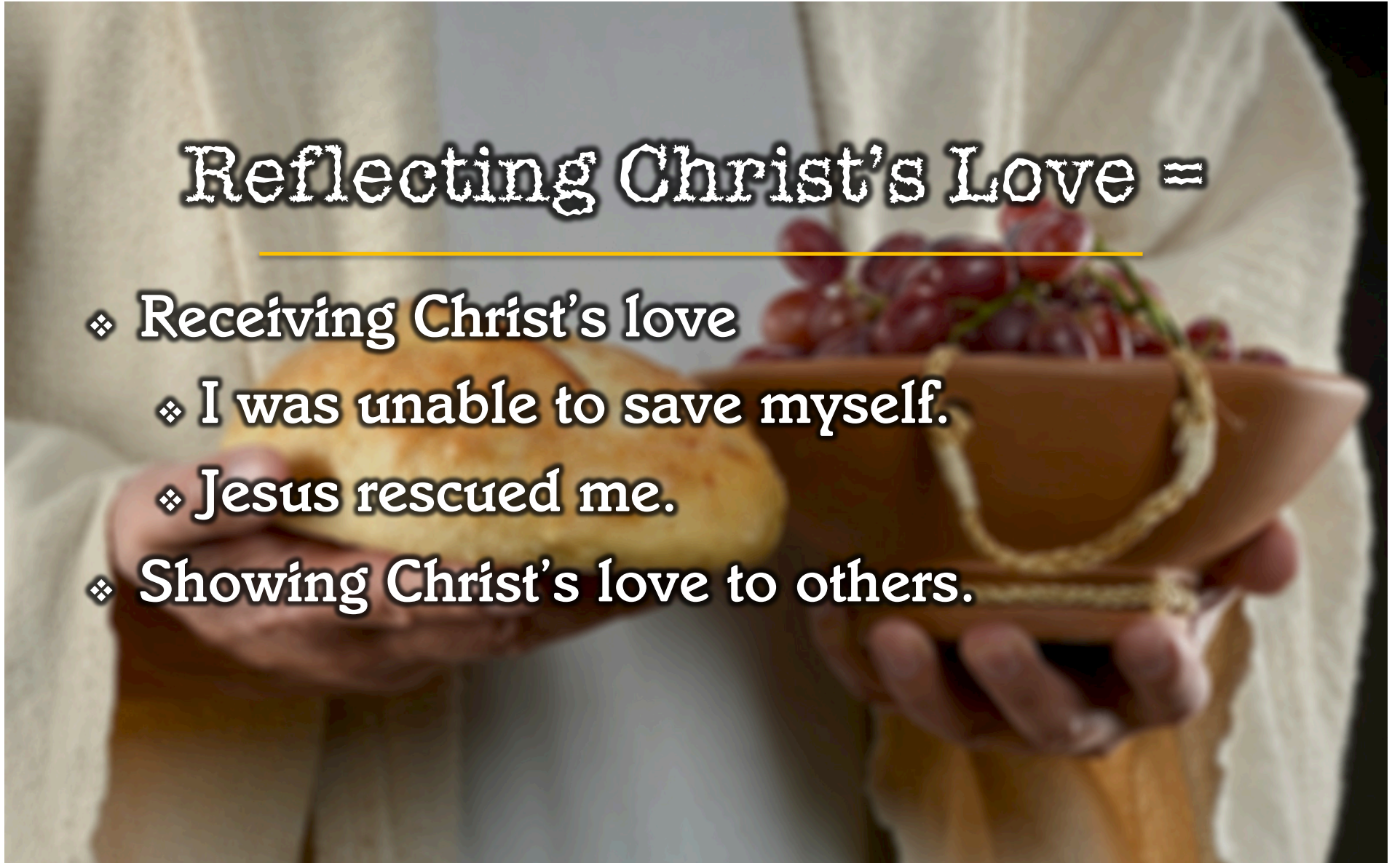
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“then it’s nothing for you to do but enjoy the few minutes you got left the best way you can by killing somebody or burning down his house or doing some other meanness to him.”

— from “A Good Man is Hard to Find.”

Reflecting Christ's Love =

- ❖ Receiving Christ's love
 - ❖ I was unable to save myself.
 - ❖ Jesus rescued me.
- ❖ Showing Christ's love to others.



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Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 22:37-40

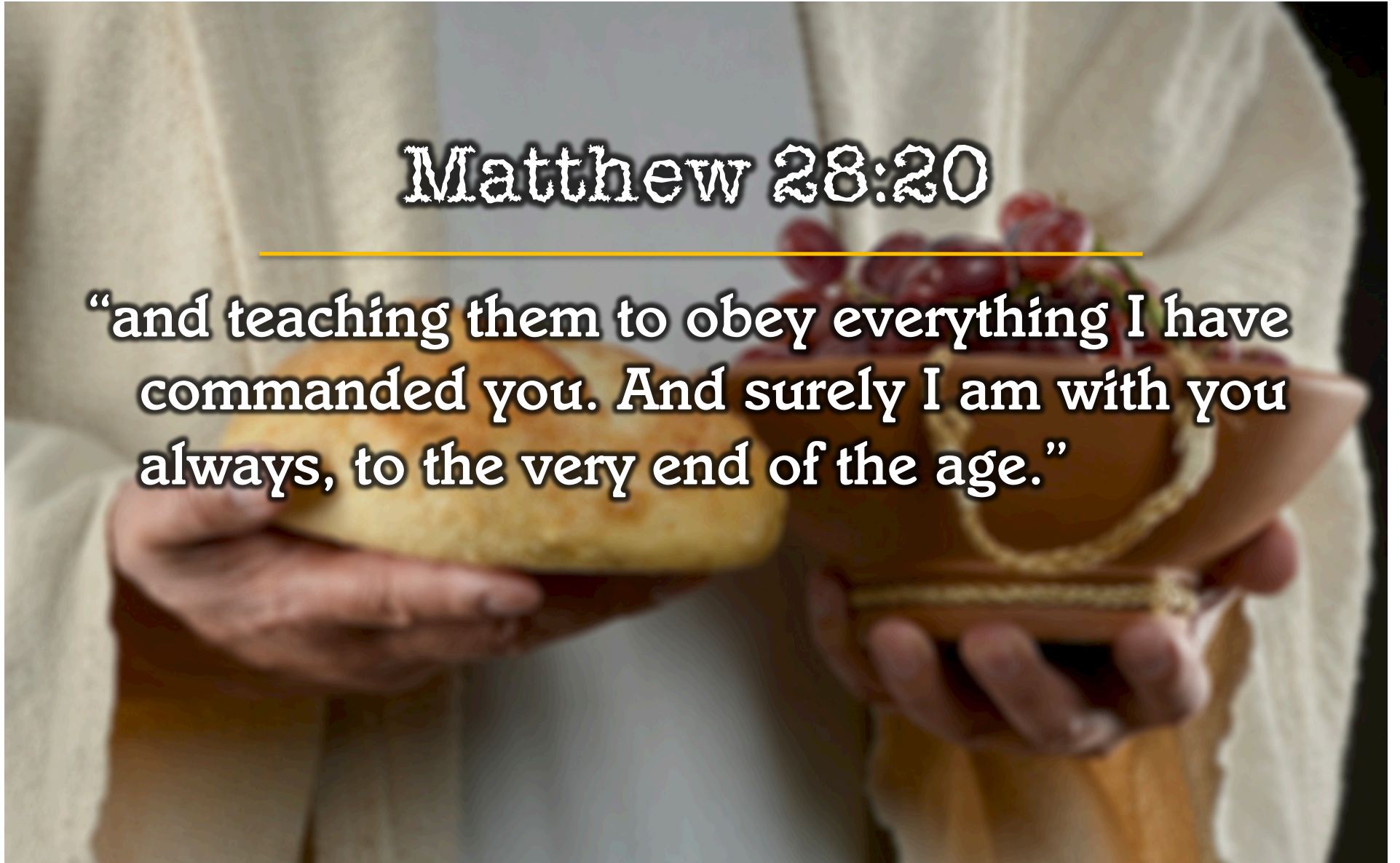
Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:20

“and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



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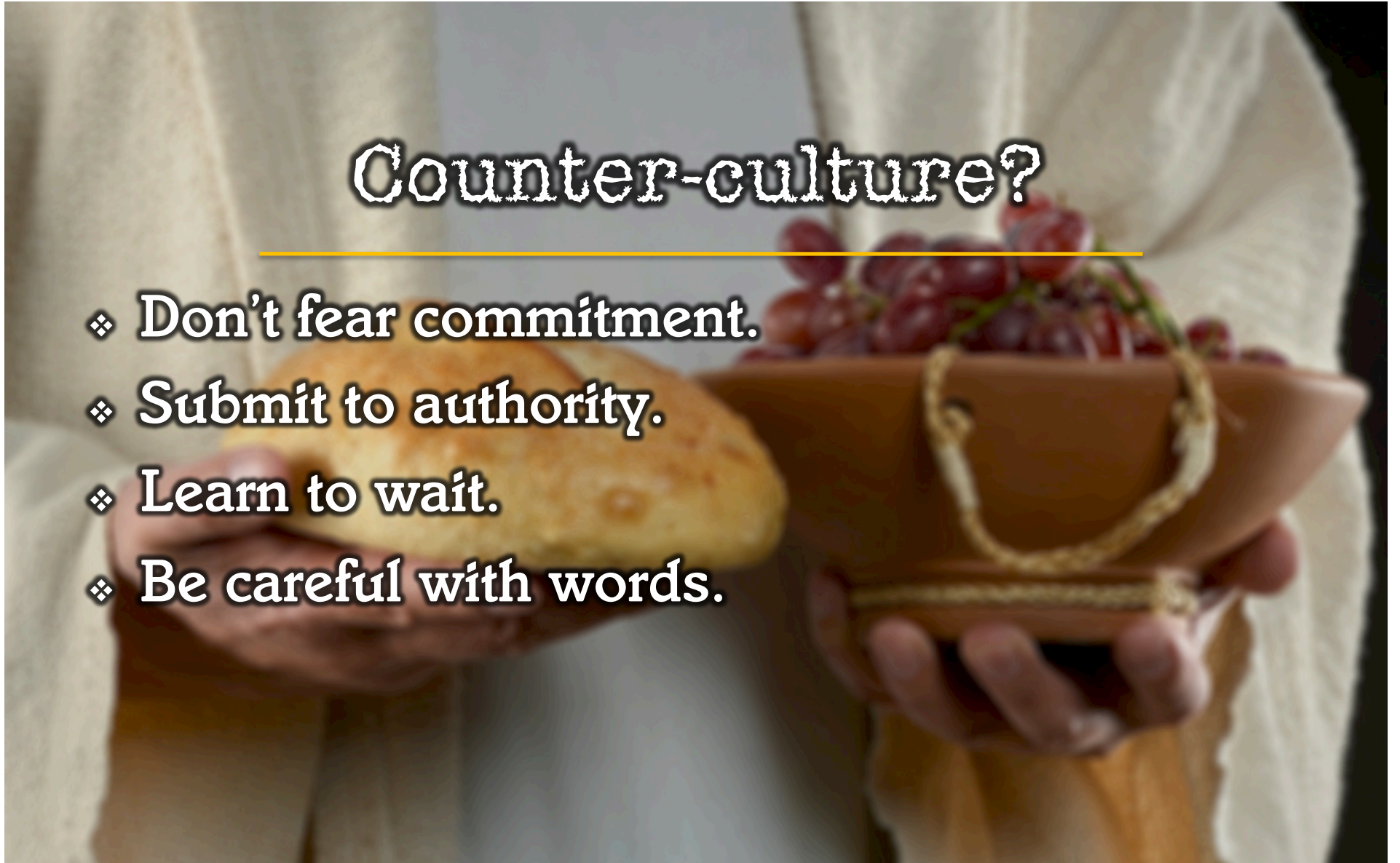
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Matthew 16:17-18

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

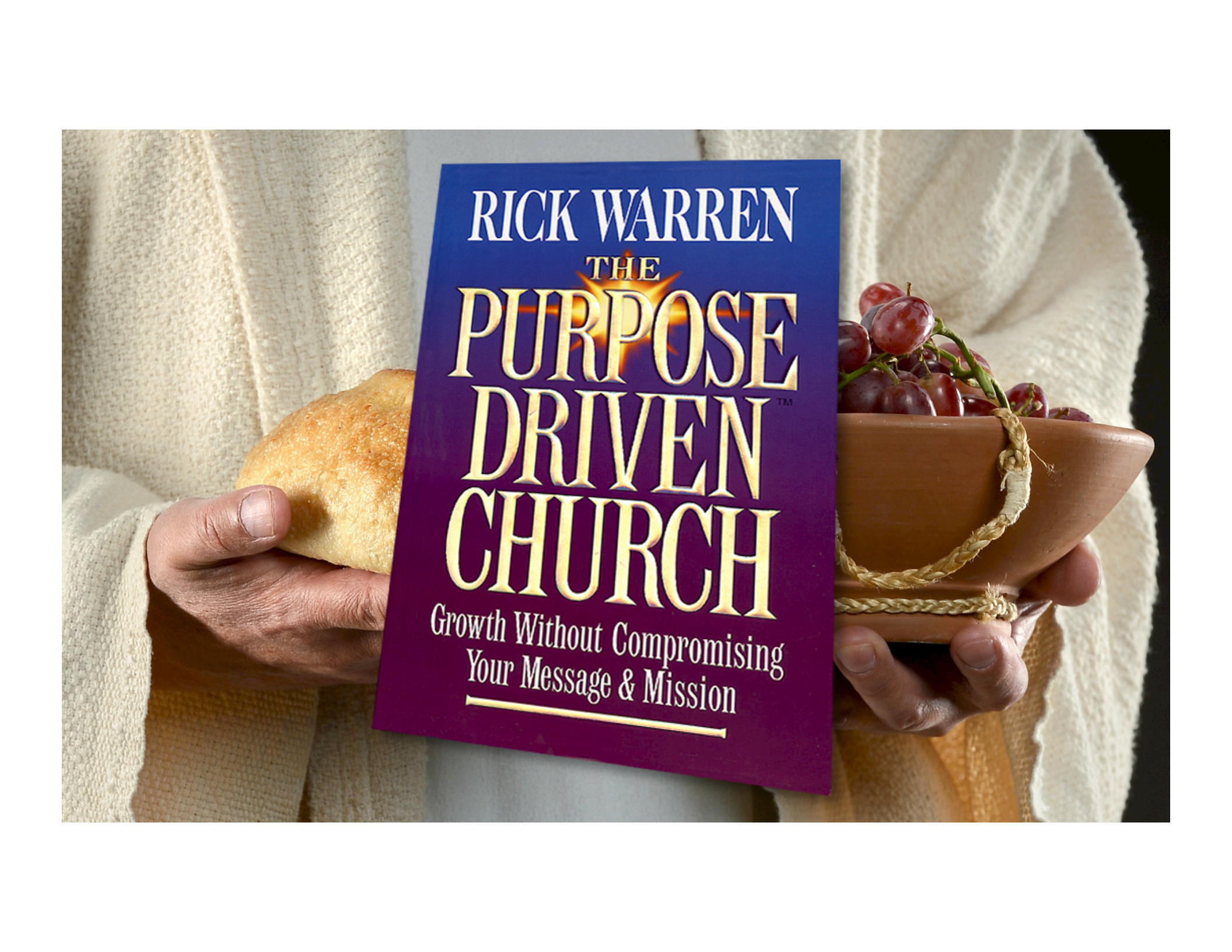
Counter-culture?

- ❖ Don't fear commitment.
- ❖ Submit to authority.
- ❖ Learn to wait.
- ❖ Be careful with words.



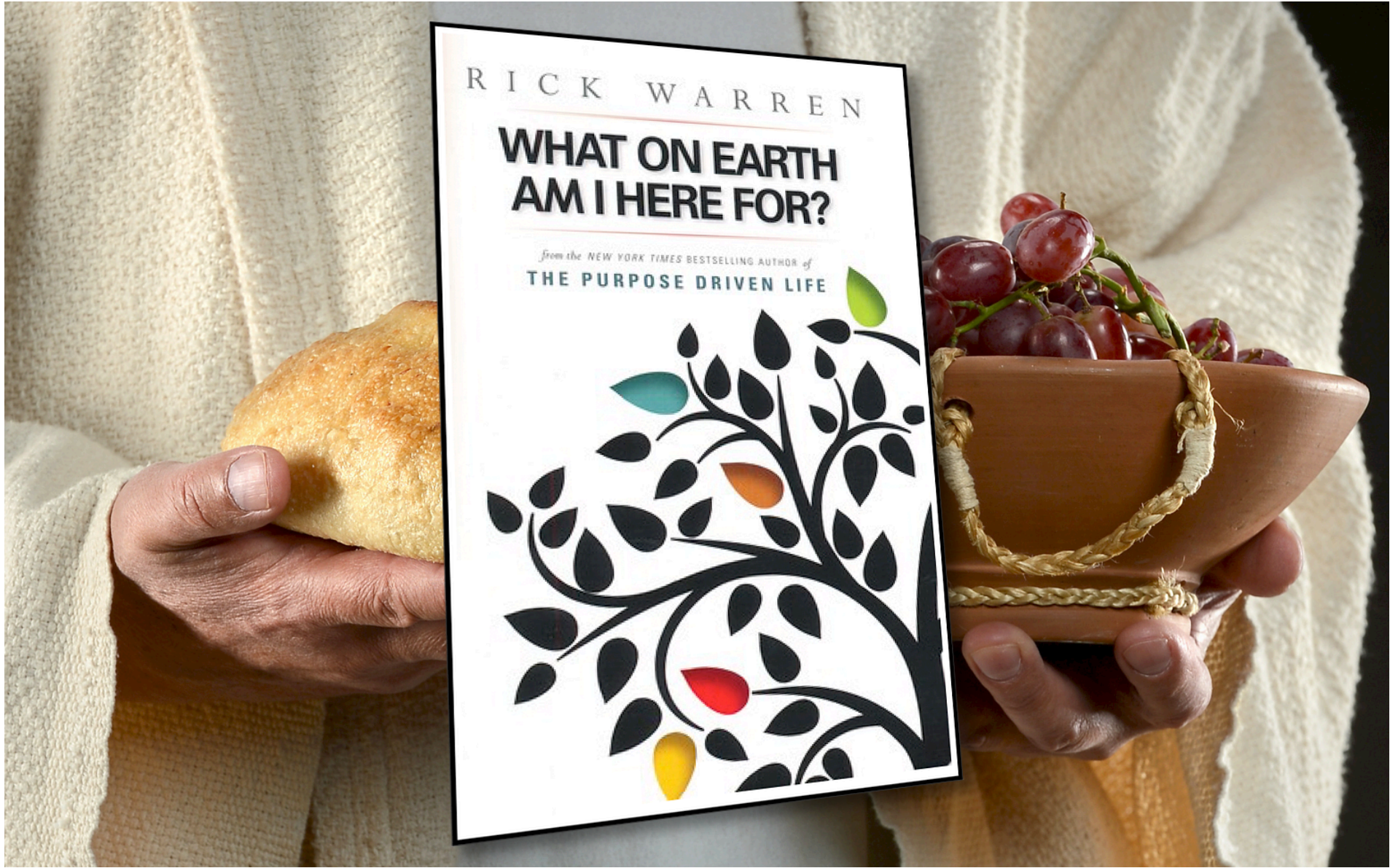
Counter-culture?

- ❖ Tend to my responsibilities, and let others handle theirs.
- ❖ My preferences / comfort do not matter.
- ❖ Serve the Lord with gladness.



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WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

from the *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR of
THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE



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Five purposes:

- ❖ **Worship**
- ❖ **Discipleship**
- ❖ **Fellowship**
- ❖ **Evangelism**
- ❖ **Ministry**

A person wearing a white robe is holding a wooden bowl filled with red grapes and a loaf of bread. The background is dark, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the bread and the grapes.

MCC distinctives:

- ❖ Connected as members
- ❖ Safe for children and visitors
- ❖ Creative worship music
- ❖ High regard for Scripture
- ❖ People > programs
- ❖ Thriving small groups

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Topical series:

- ❖ Discerning God's will
- ❖ Marriage (x2)
- ❖ Breaking free from family patterns
- ❖ Christmas songs

Old Testament book series:

- ❖ Genesis
- ❖ Exodus
- ❖ OT heroes = Judges
- ❖ David bio = 1st and 2nd Samuel
- ❖ Psalms We Sing
- ❖ Proverbs
- ❖ Nehemiah
- ❖ Esther
- ❖ Isaiah
- ❖ Jonah
- ❖ Obadiah

New Testament book series:

- ❖ Matthew
- ❖ Mark
- ❖ John
- ❖ Acts
- ❖ Romans
- ❖ Galatians
- ❖ Ephesians
- ❖ Philippians
- ❖ Colossians
- ❖ 1st and 2nd Peter
- ❖ James
- ❖ Jude

A person wearing a white, textured robe is shown from the chest down, holding a wooden bowl. The bowl contains several round, golden-brown loaves of bread and a bunch of red grapes. The person's hands are visible, holding the bowl from underneath. The background is dark and out of focus.

Other books

- ❖ Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*
- ❖ Richard Foster, *Streams of Living Water*
- ❖ Dan Brown, *The DaVinci Code*
- ❖ Dan Allender, *Bold Love*

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2018 series:

- ❖ Genesis, part 3
- ❖ It Makes Sense to Believe
- ❖ 1 Corinthians

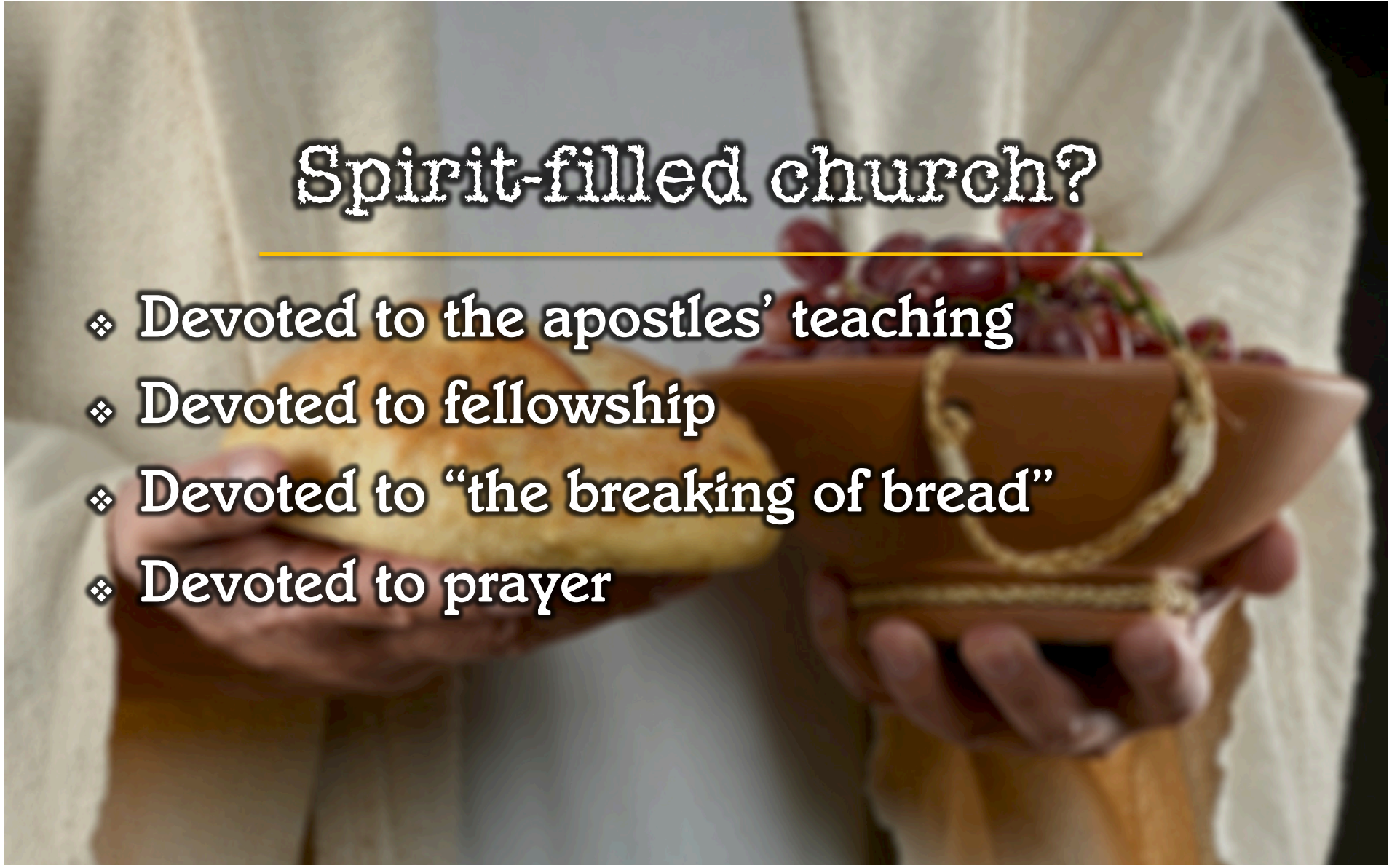
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Thom Rainer

- ❖ *Transformational Church*
- ❖ *Simple Church*
- ❖ *Autopsy of a Dying Church*
- ❖ *Breakout Churches*
- ❖ *I am a Church Member*
- ❖ *I Will: 9 Habits of the Outwardly Focused Christian*

Spirit-filled church?

- ❖ Devoted to the apostles' teaching
- ❖ Devoted to fellowship
- ❖ Devoted to "the breaking of bread"
- ❖ Devoted to prayer



What do MCC members do?

- ❖ **Worship**
- ❖ **Connect**
- ❖ **Serve**



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Old news:

- ❖ I believe the Gospel.
- ❖ I will support the Great Commission by contributing my time, talent and treasure through my church.

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Old news:

- ❖ I will make our worship services a priority.
- ❖ I will connect with a small group.
- ❖ I will serve my community in and out of church.

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Exhortations:

- ❖ Church as a “hobby” doesn’t really make sense.
- ❖ A church’s purpose is not to accommodate the preferences of its members.
- ❖ What is your plan?

My convictions / resolutions:

- ❖ I will pray for people who need to meet the Lord.
- ❖ I will meet and serve my neighbors.
- ❖ I will practice hospitality.
- ❖ I will be ready for opportunities to invite people to church.



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