

GOD QUESTIONS – IS GOD GOOD? (Job 1:13-21)

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Even if someone believes there is a God, they often wonder if He cares about them or for them. Suffering can make us question God's goodness. The Bible, though it does not answer every question about suffering, is honest about the human struggle with suffering. This is what we see in history's most famous sufferer – Job.

The Question: "Is God Good?" ...

While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you." – Job 1:18-19

This can't be accidental

Job's losses are devastating

The way Job finds out is crushing!

Job's response to the question ...

1. Job _____ his pain.

Job 1:20-21, 2 Kings 2:11-12, Genesis 37:34, Matthew 26:39

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. ... – Job 1:20

2. Job puts his pain into _____.

Job 1:21, Psalm 30:5

*"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will leave this life."
– Job 1:21*

3. Job _____ in his pain.

...He fell to the ground and worshiped, saying ... "The LORD gives, and the LORD takes away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." – Job 1:20-21

• **He believes in God's _____.**

Job 2:9-10

• **He believes in God's _____.**

Job 19:6-7, 25-27; 42:12, Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 27:46

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. – John 19:30

Questions for individual or group reflection:

Have you heard someone ask, "If your God is so good, why is there so much suffering in the world?" How would you respond?

When you look at the suffering of Job in the Bible, do you relate?

Who do you blame for Job's suffering? God or Satan?

How would you respond to losses like Job experienced?

What is the difference between acknowledging your pain and minimizing it? Which is preferred and why?

Do you agree that suffering and pain is a necessary part of life?

Are you able to still praise God even in times of suffering?

How does knowing that God is all-powerful help in times of suffering?

Do you believe that God has a plan for your life?

Do you believe that God can work pain in your life into something good?



Pray: Heavenly Father, we are grateful that you are good. And like your servant Job, we know you are good regardless of what happens around us. So we choose to worship you and trust you even in the midst of pain and suffering. Lord, help us in our brokenness to cling to faith, to cling to hope, and to cling to your plan. Remind us Lord that you have a plan for us, and it is good. Remind us that you take even bad, difficult, and painful things in our life and work them together for our good. You can do this because you are all-powerful, and at the same time you are all-loving. Help us to trust you and to know that you are good – all of the time! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Do:

- **Read a book that delves into this question more deeply:**
 - Lewis, C.S. *The Problem of Pain*. Macmillan, 1962.
 - Warren, Rick. *The Keys to a Blessed Life*. Pastors.com, 2015.
- **Turn to God in your suffering, rather than away from Him.**

Memory Verse: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28

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**Have you
talked to
your soul
this week?**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and salvation!**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things
is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord,
who has fearfully,
wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and,
when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work
and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE




**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
DISMISSAL**



WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

Connection Card



Redeemer by the Sea
September 15, 2019
 8:30 10:45

Name _____

Email (please print) _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest
 3rd+ time Member Out of Town Guest

Address _____

Apt. _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Best Contact Phone: cell home work
(_____) - _____

Children Attending Today: Name (Age) _____


If 1st or 2nd time guest, how did you hear about Redeemer?

(Website, Social media, person who invited you, etc)

*Place this card in the offering plate,
hand it to an usher as you leave,
or on your phone at RedeemerbytheSea.org/Connect*

Please take a moment to fill out your connection card -

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Nursery Available on the Lower Level!

NEWCOMER'S OPEN HOUSE

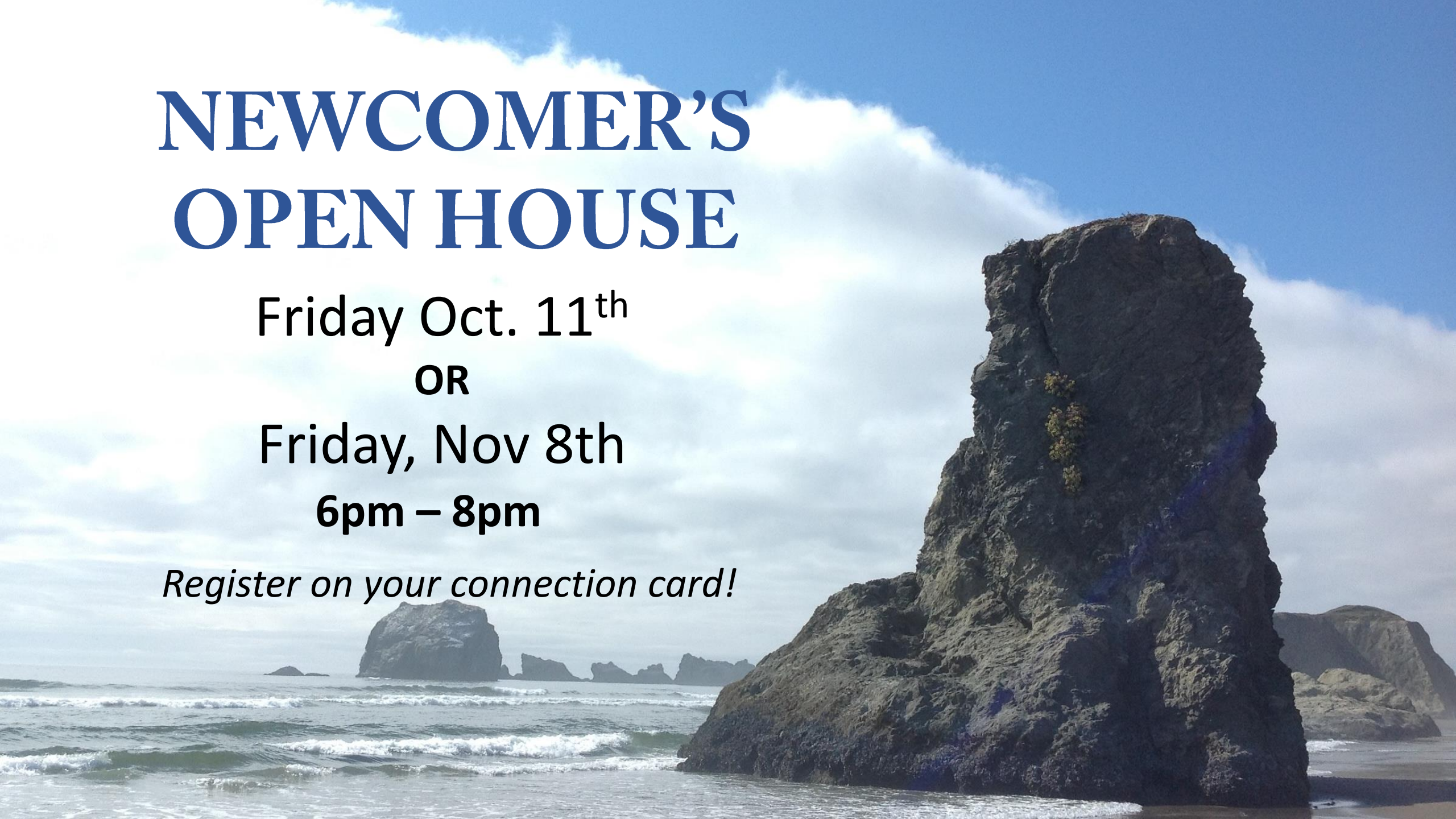
Friday Oct. 11th

OR

Friday, Nov 8th

6pm – 8pm

Register on your connection card!



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IT'S
TOUGH
BEING A
WOMAN

BETH
MOORE



RICK WARREN

Four colorful keys (yellow, pink, blue, and red) are arranged around the title. The yellow key has a green handle, the pink key has a purple handle, the blue key has a blue handle, and the red key has a red handle.

THE KEYS TO A
BLESSED
LIFE

STUDY GUIDE
A Six-Session Video-Based Study for Small Groups

THE DREAM OF YOU

LET GO OF BROKEN IDENTITIES
AND LIVE THE LIFE YOU WERE MADE FOR

JO SAXTON
FOREWORD BY ANN VOSKAMP

THE DREAM OF YOU SAXTON

STUDY GUIDE SIX SESSIONS

A black and white checkered board, likely a chessboard, is shown from a top-down perspective. The squares are alternating black and white.

A GUIDE TO
TO EFFECTIVELY DISCUSSING
YOUR CHRISTIAN
CONVICTIONS

TACTICS

GREGORY KOUKL

Sunday Adult Bible Study
9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall



“God Opens Doors”
– Led by Pastor Augie
Second and Fourth Sundays
Next class on 9/29



“Free to be Faithful”
First and Third Sundays

Tuesday, Oct. 8th at 10:15am

Fellowship Hall

Presenting: Joel Garcia

Member Care Resource Coordinator-Wycliffe Ministry



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Lutheran Women in Mission

*“Bring the WORD to Others in Their Language-
God’s WORD Keeps Changing the World.”*

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, Oct. 12th from
9am – 12:30pm



STARTING SEPT. 29TH

Thanksgiving

FOOD

DRIVE



Redeemer by the Sea's Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 22 @ 11:15am

**Inflatable Slide • Bouncy House • DJ •
Games • Crafts • BBQ Sandwiches • Mac
n Cheese • Salads • Watermelon • Cotton
Candy • Cookie Decorating Station**





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WELCOME

We're glad you're here!

Job 1:13-21

¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby,

Job 1:13-21

15 and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

Job 1:13-21

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

Job 1:13-21

17 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them.

Job 1:13-21

They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house,

Job 1:13-21

19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

Job 1:13-21

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30

and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ...

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30

29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:18-23, 28-30

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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Matthew 5:1-12a

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1-12a

He said:

**³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.**

Matthew 5:1-12a

**⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

**⁶ Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

Matthew 5:1-12a

**⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

**⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.**

Matthew 5:1-12a

**⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

**¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5:1-12a

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven...

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder
Consider all
the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout
the universe displayed;**

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How Great Thou Art

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!**

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How Great Thou Art

**When through the woods
and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze;**

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How Great Thou Art

**Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
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my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
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How Great Thou Art

**But when I think that God,
His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross
my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

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How Great Thou Art

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How Great Thou Art

**When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim:
“My God, how great Thou art!”**

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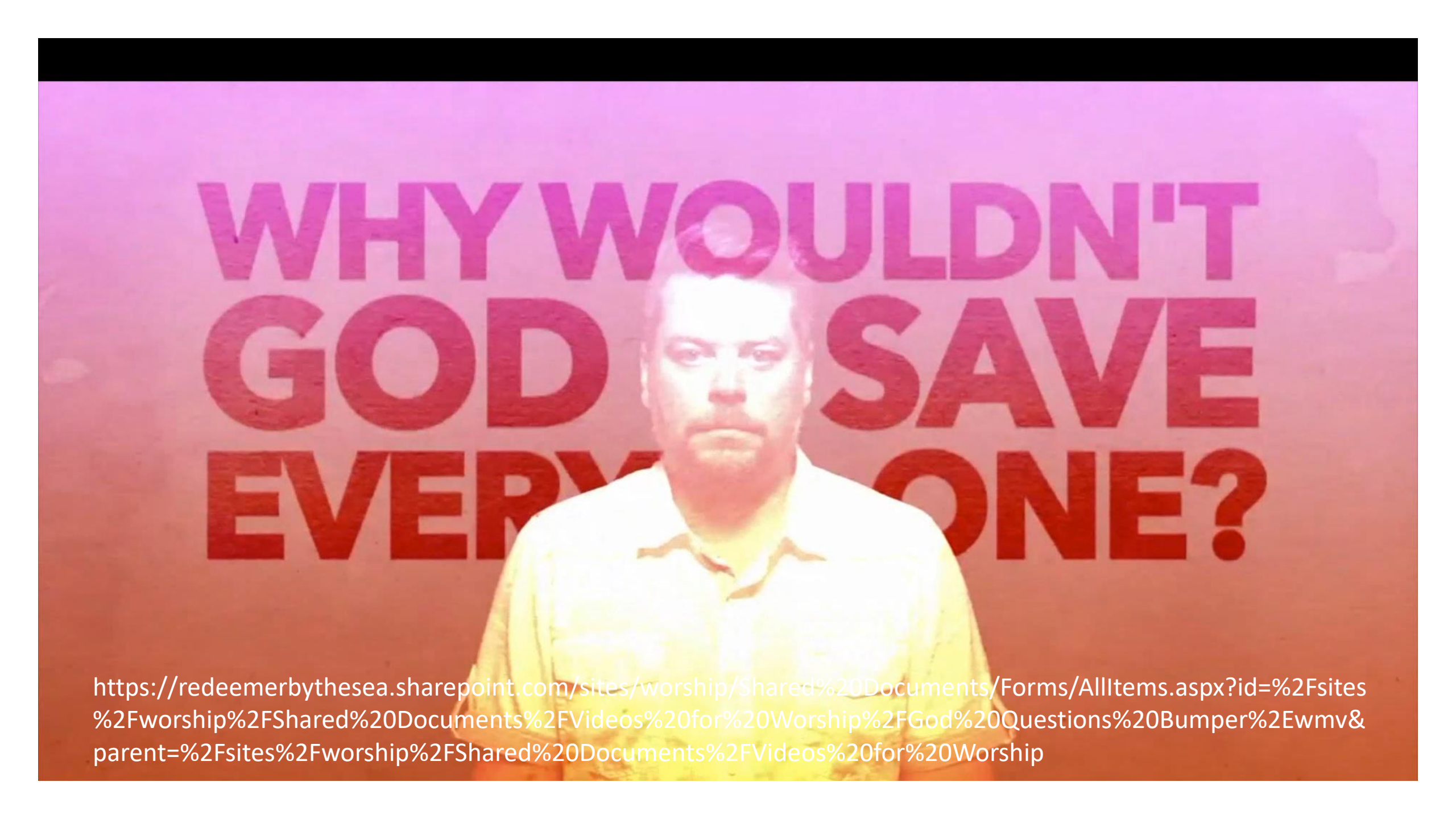
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IS GOD
GOOD?

GOD QUESTIONS





**WHY WOULDN'T
GOD SAVE
EVERYONE?**

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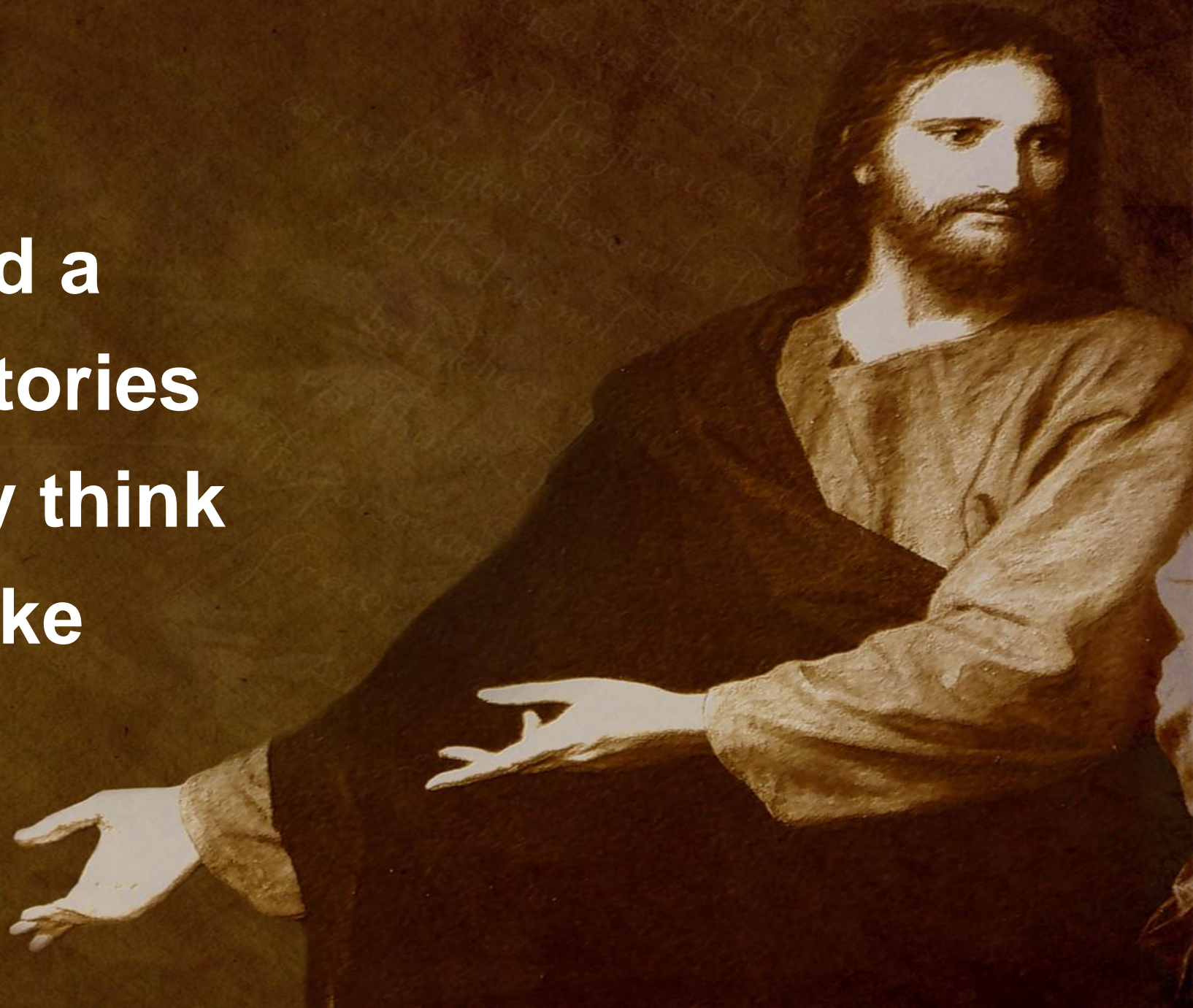
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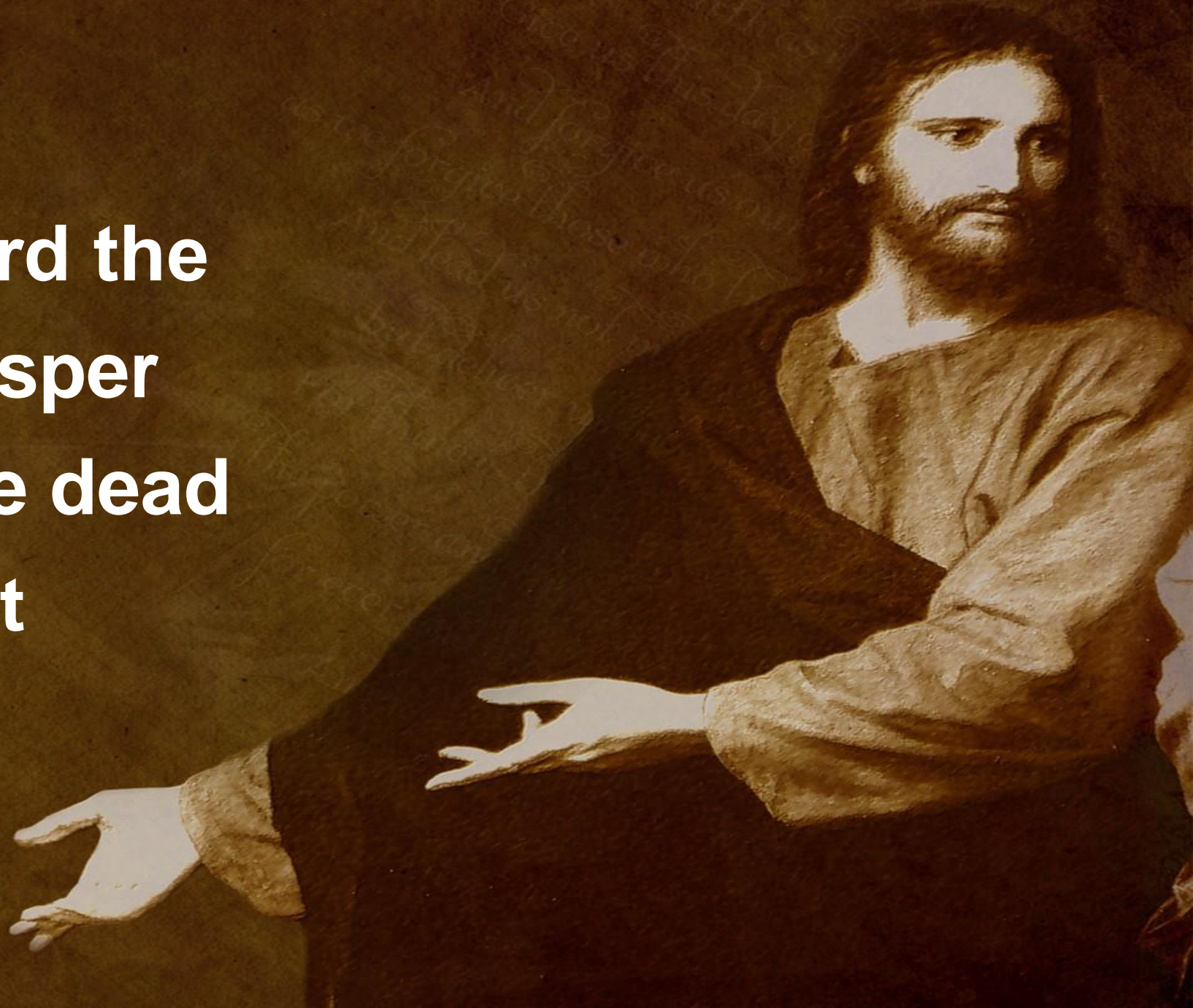


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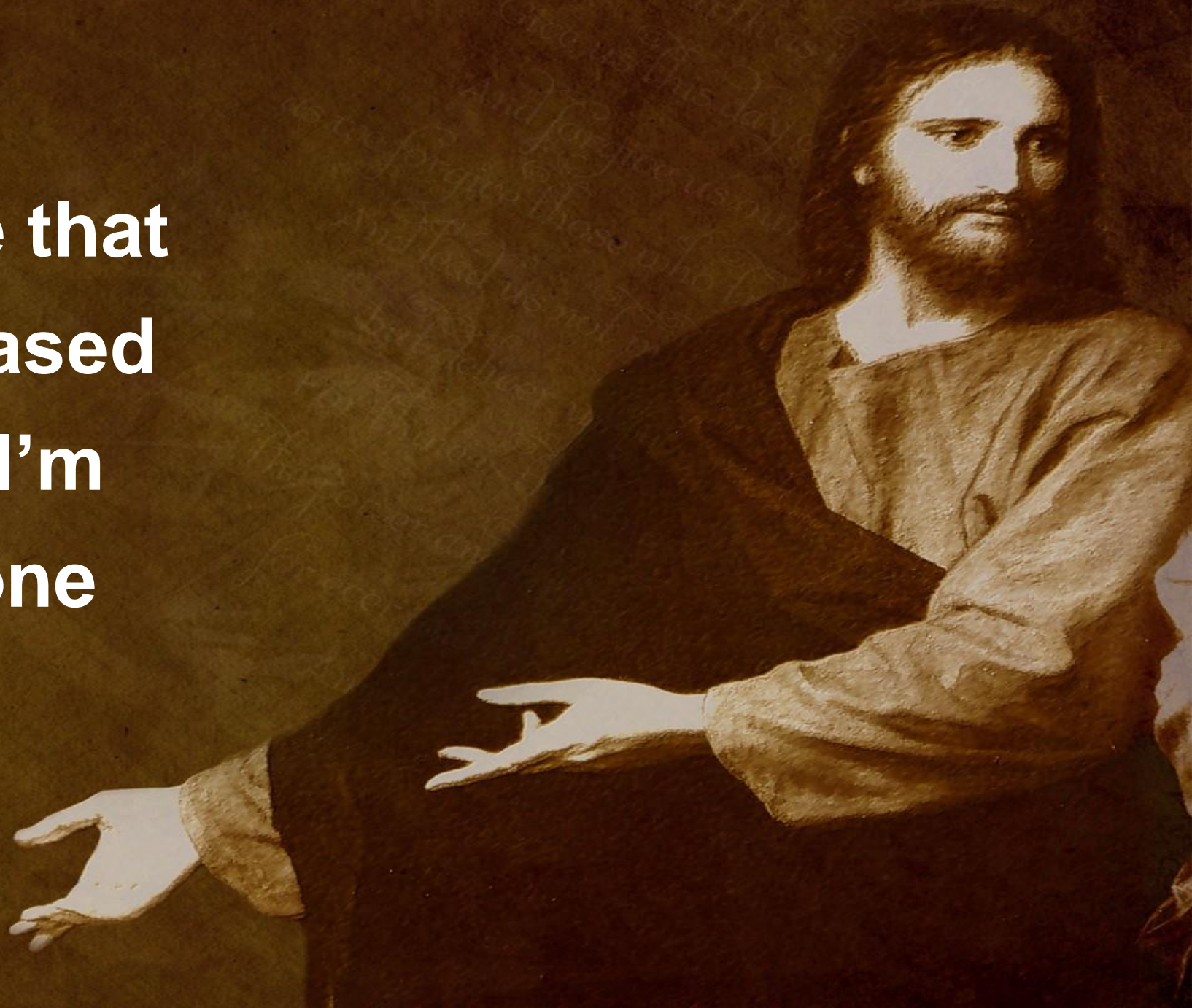
**I've heard a
thousand stories
Of what they think
You're like**



**But I've heard the
tender whisper
Of love in the dead
of night**



**You tell me that
You're pleased
And that I'm
never alone**



You're a good good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

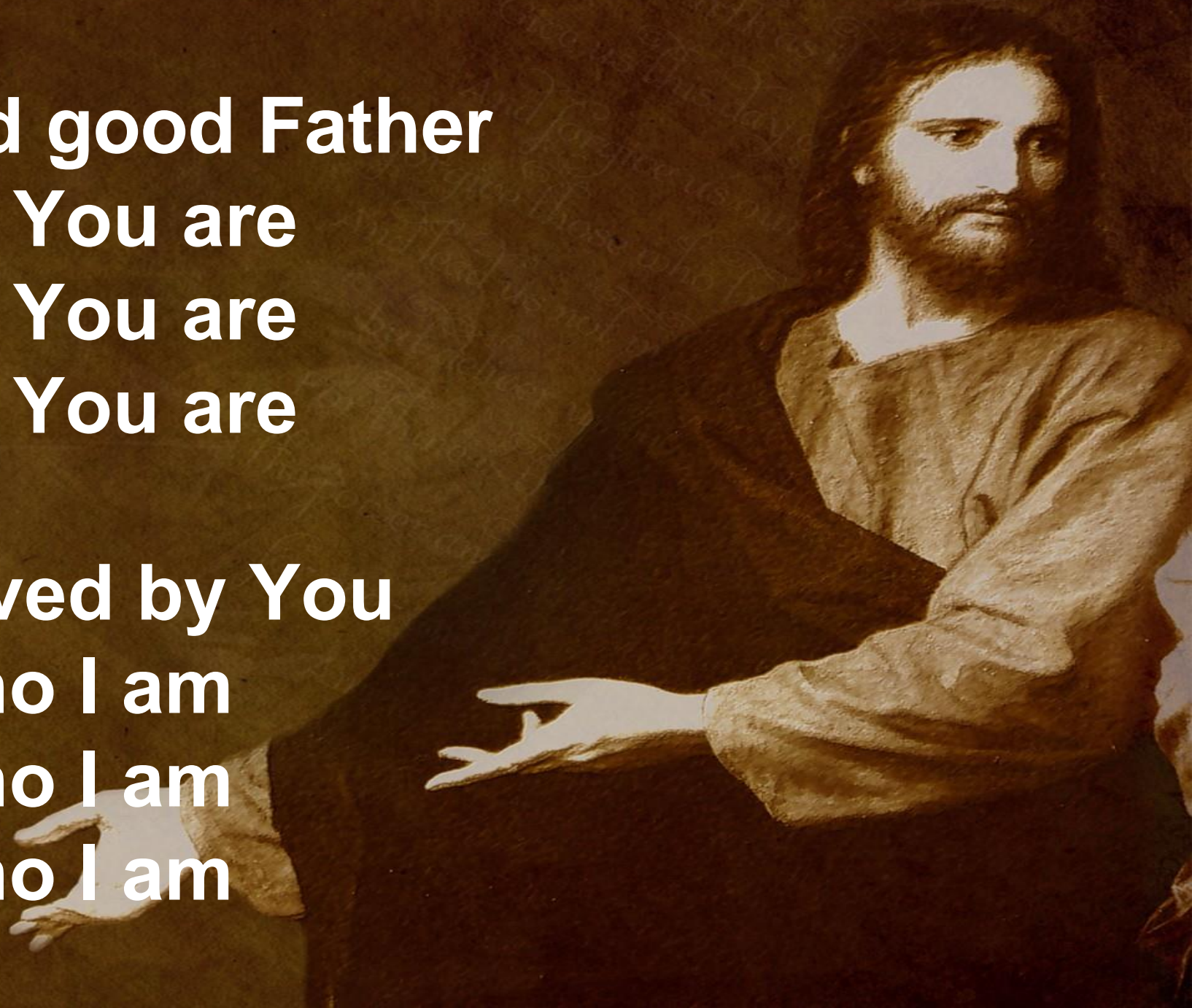
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And I'm loved by You

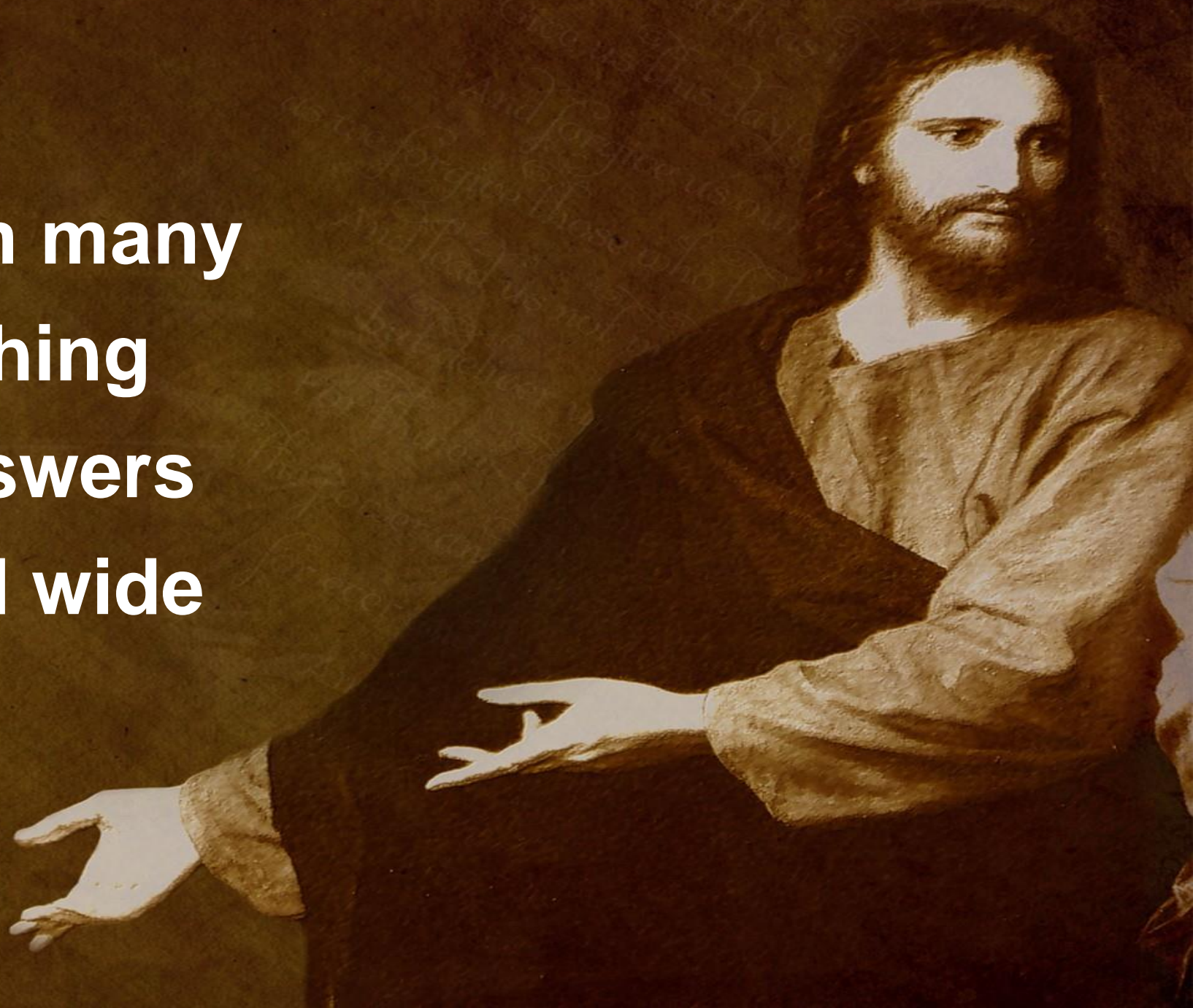
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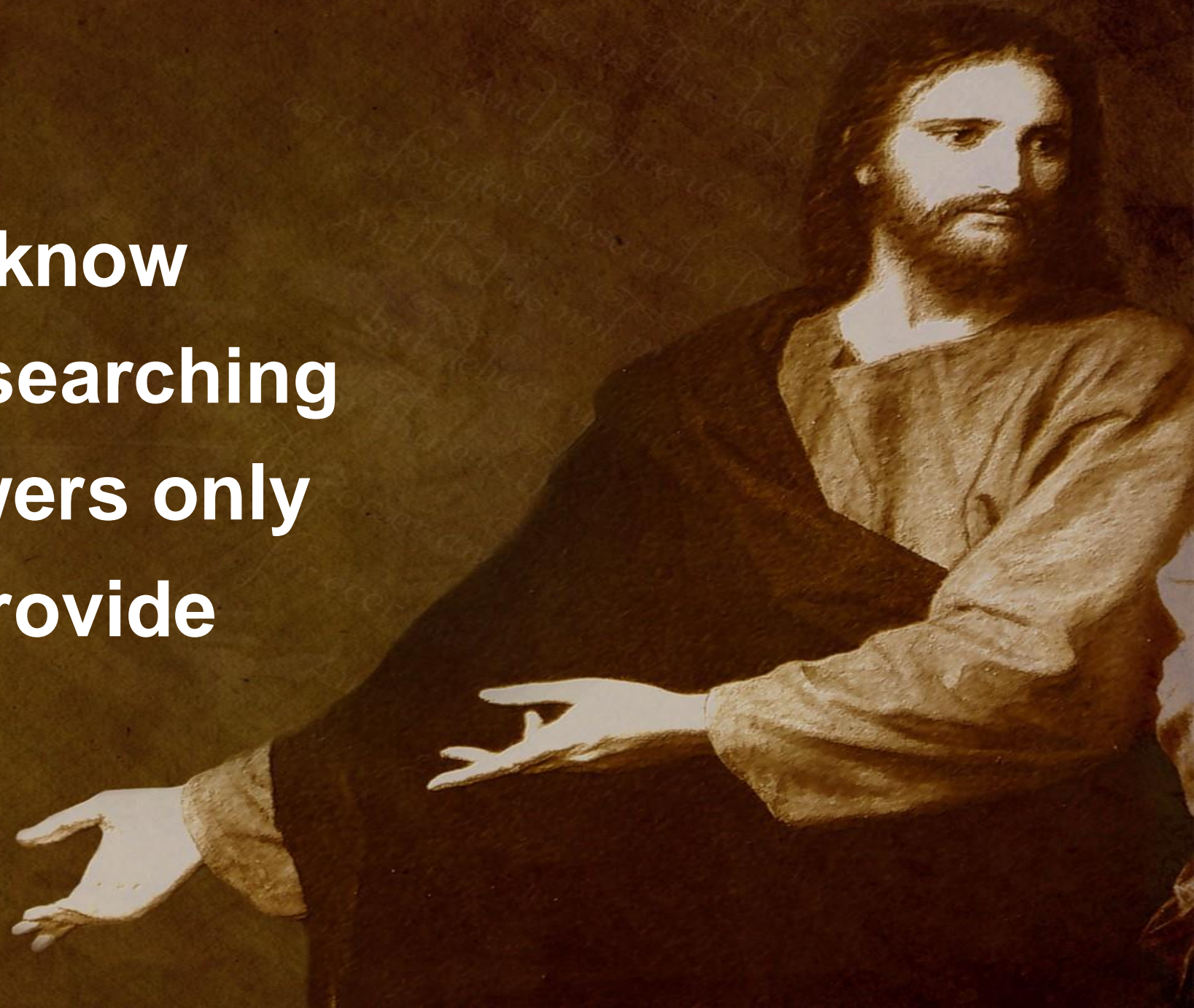
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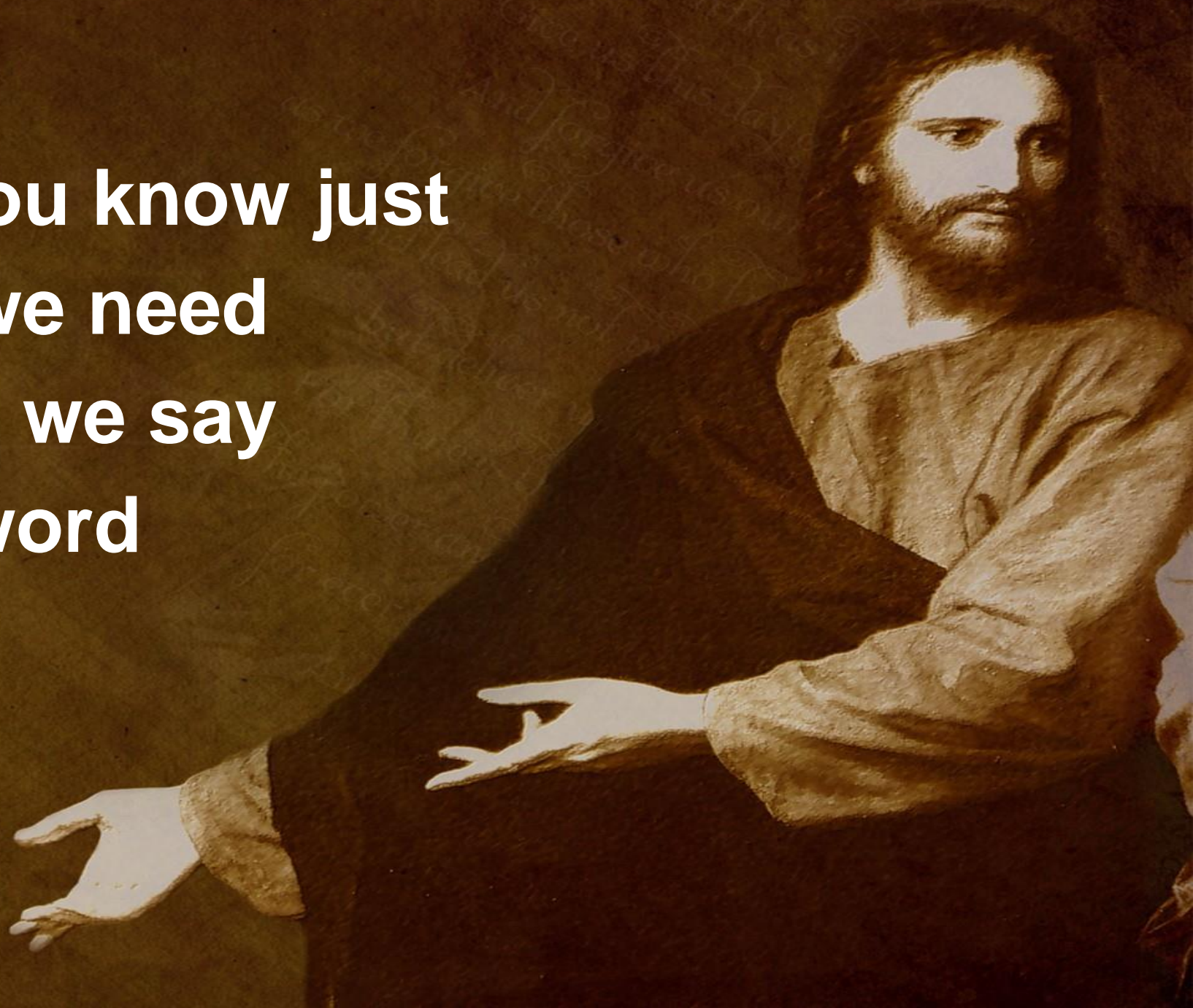
**I've seen many
searching
For answers
Far and wide**



**But I know
we're all searching
For answers only
You provide**



**Because You know just
what we need
Before we say
a word**



You're a good good Father

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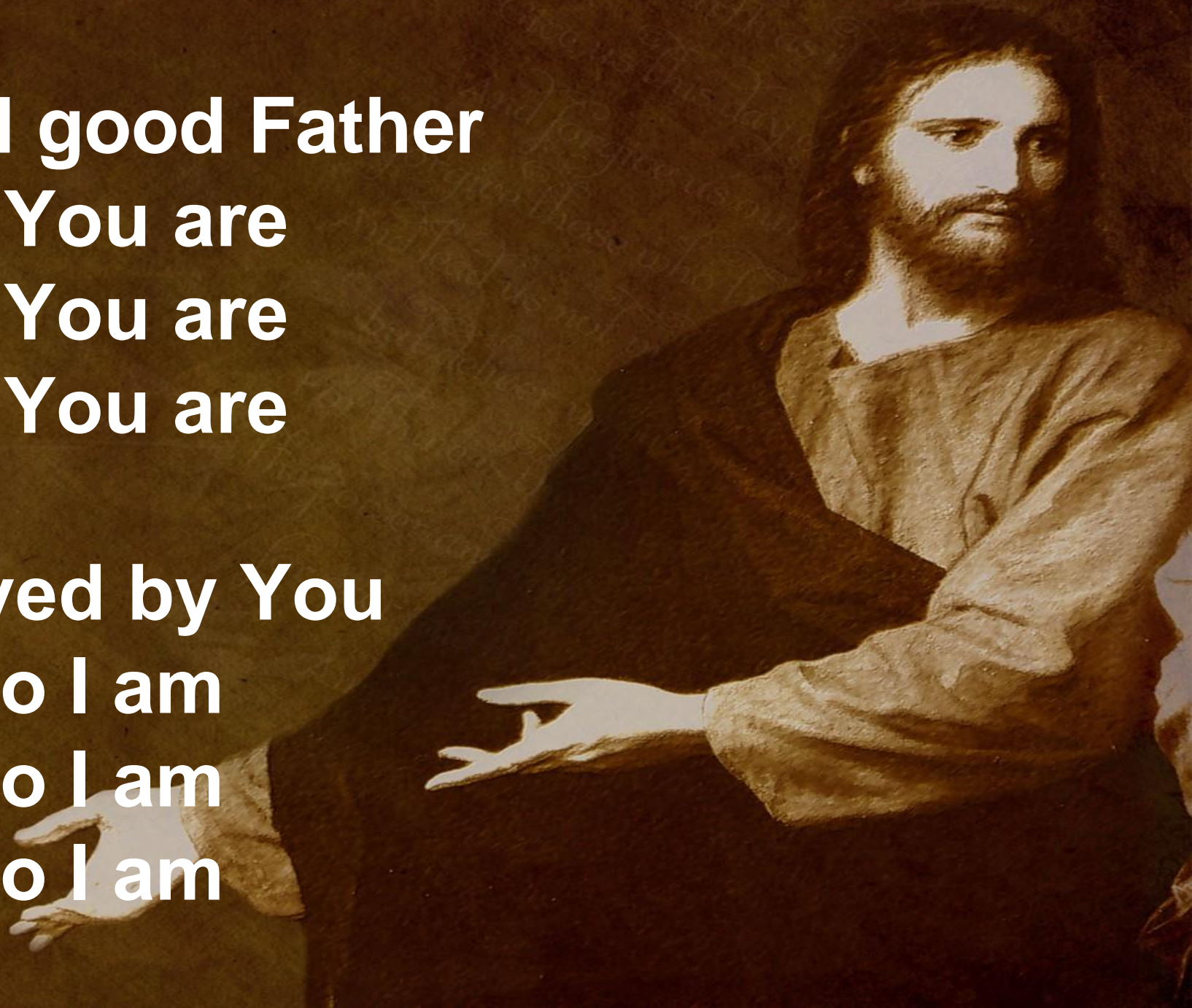
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And I'm loved by You

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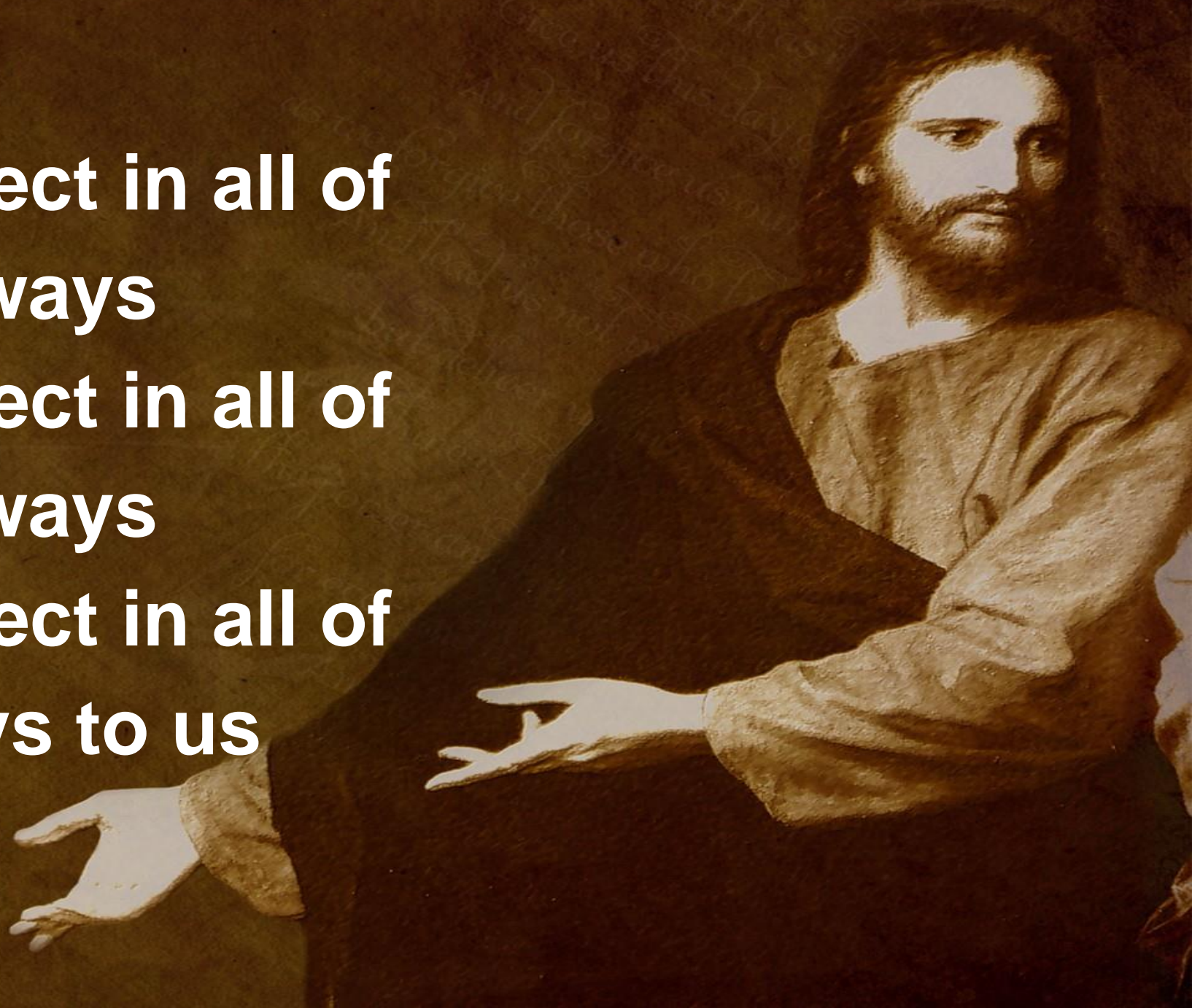
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**You are perfect in all of
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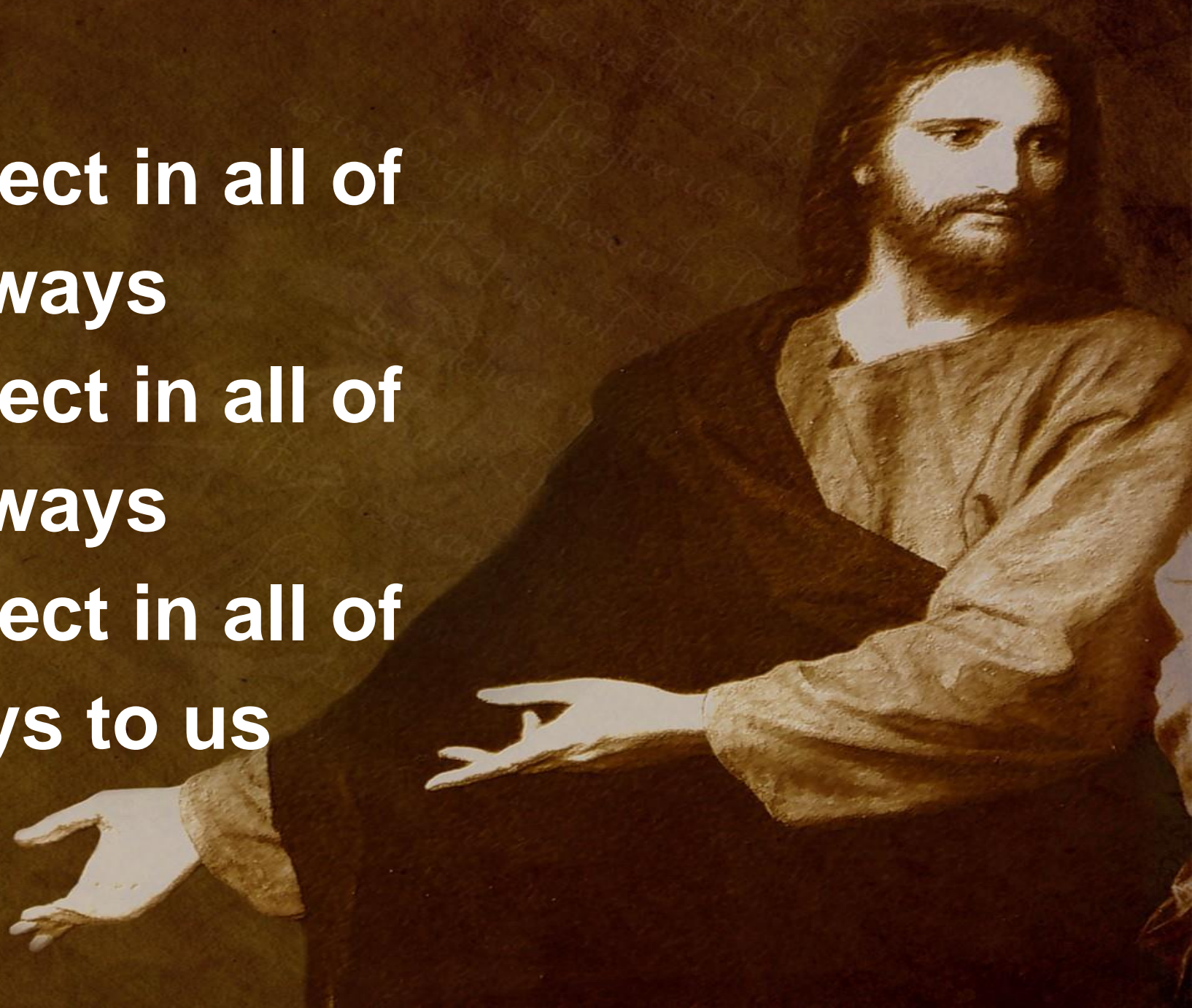
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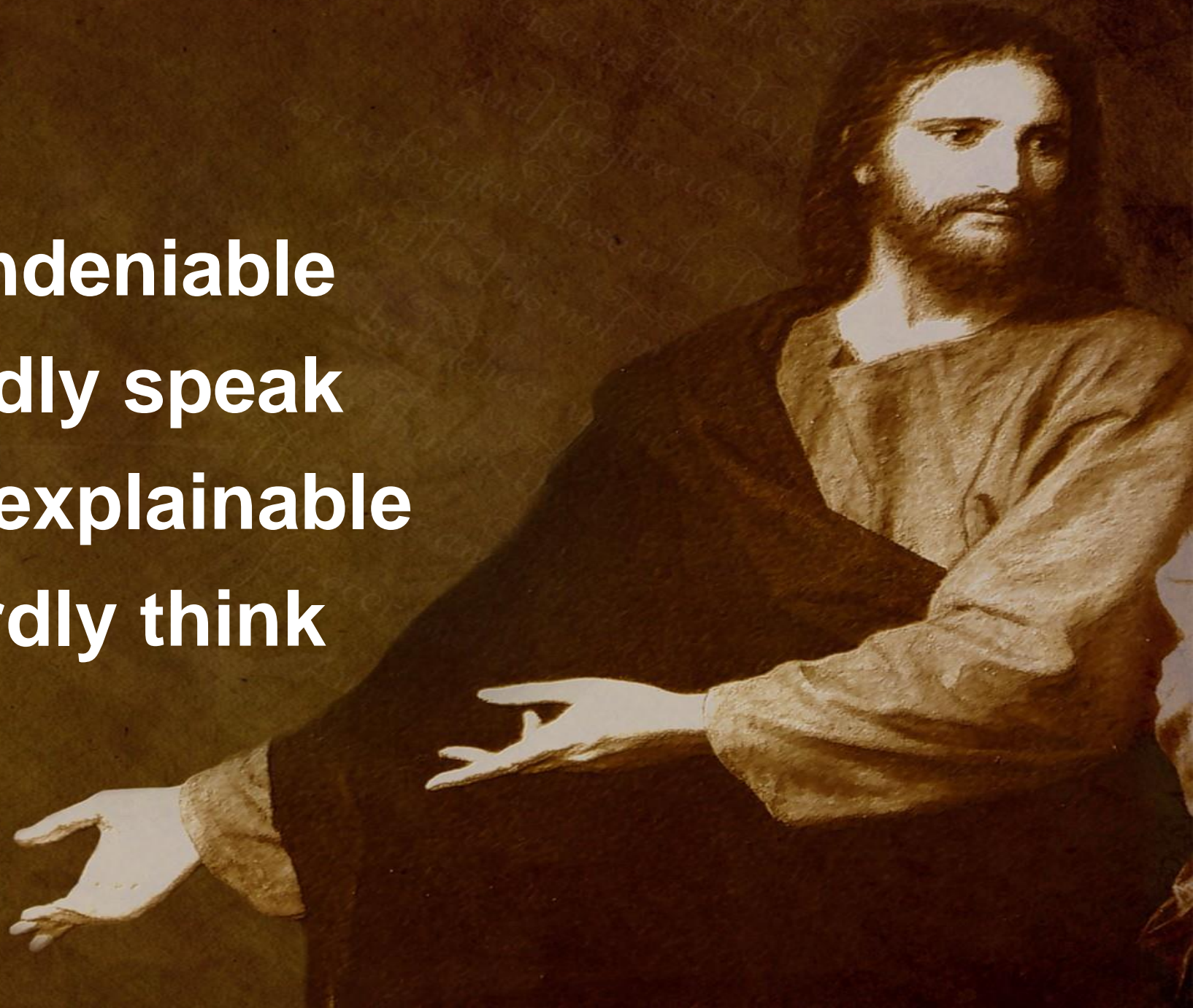
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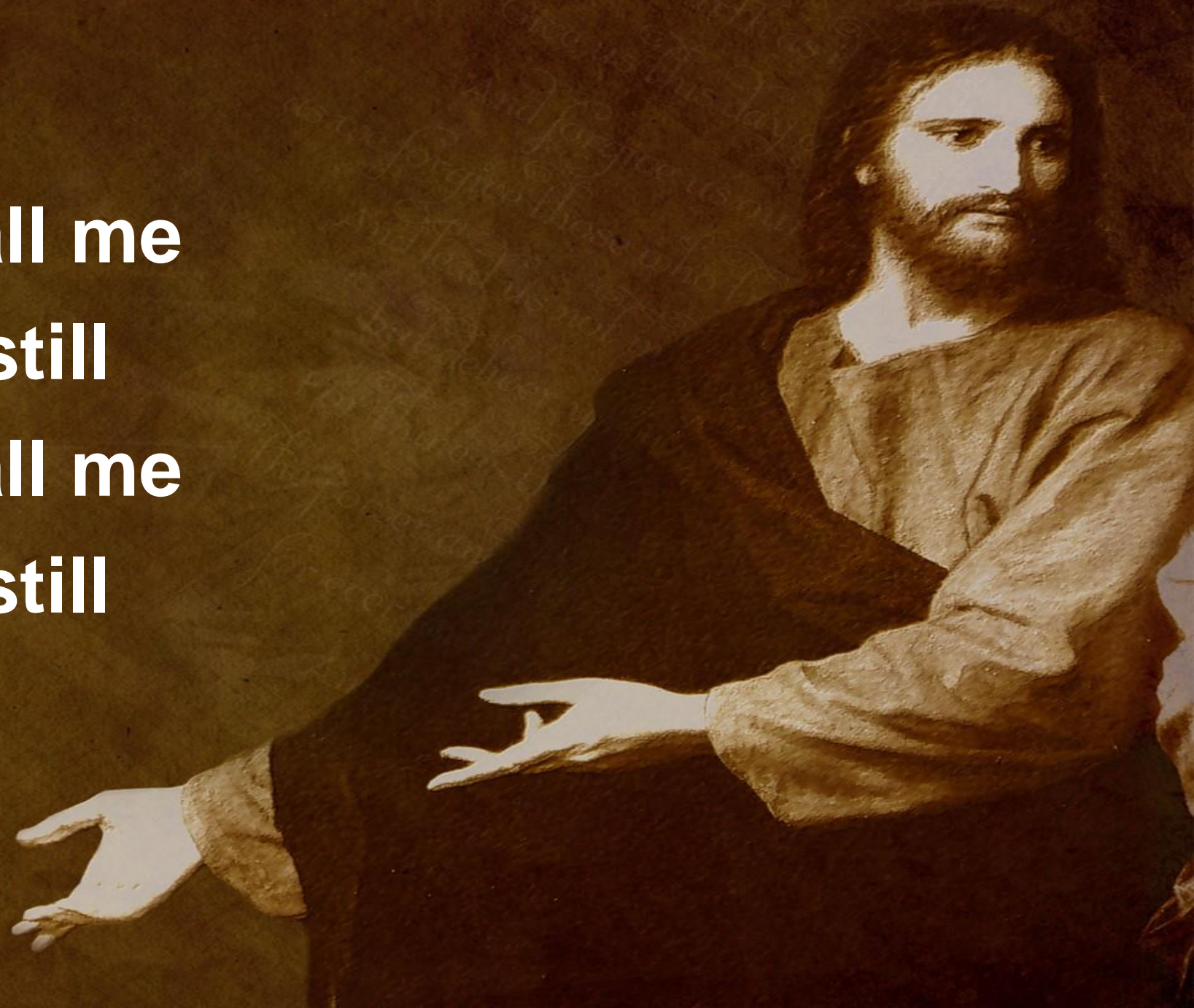
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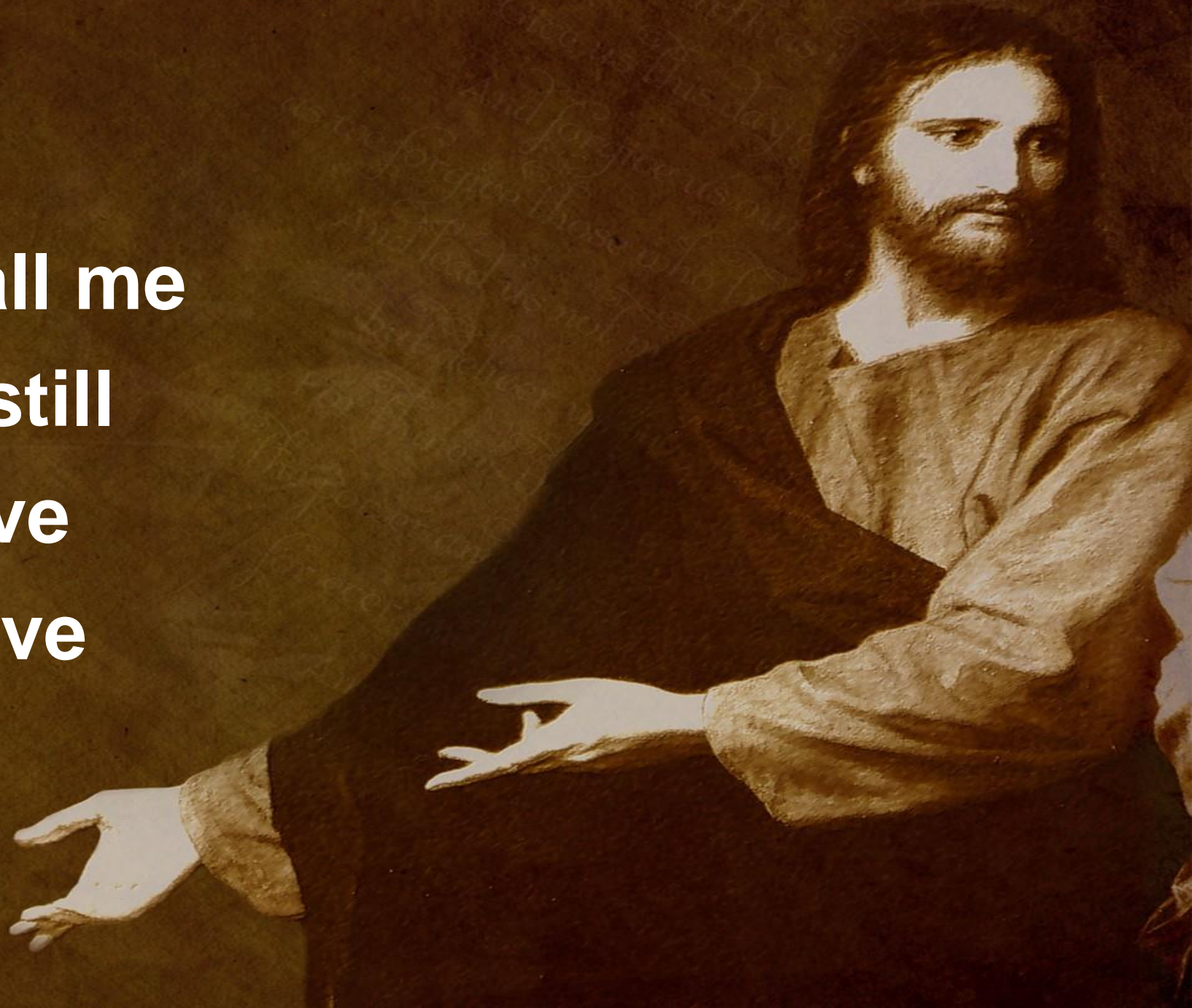
**Love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think**



**As You call me
deeper still
As You call me
deeper still**

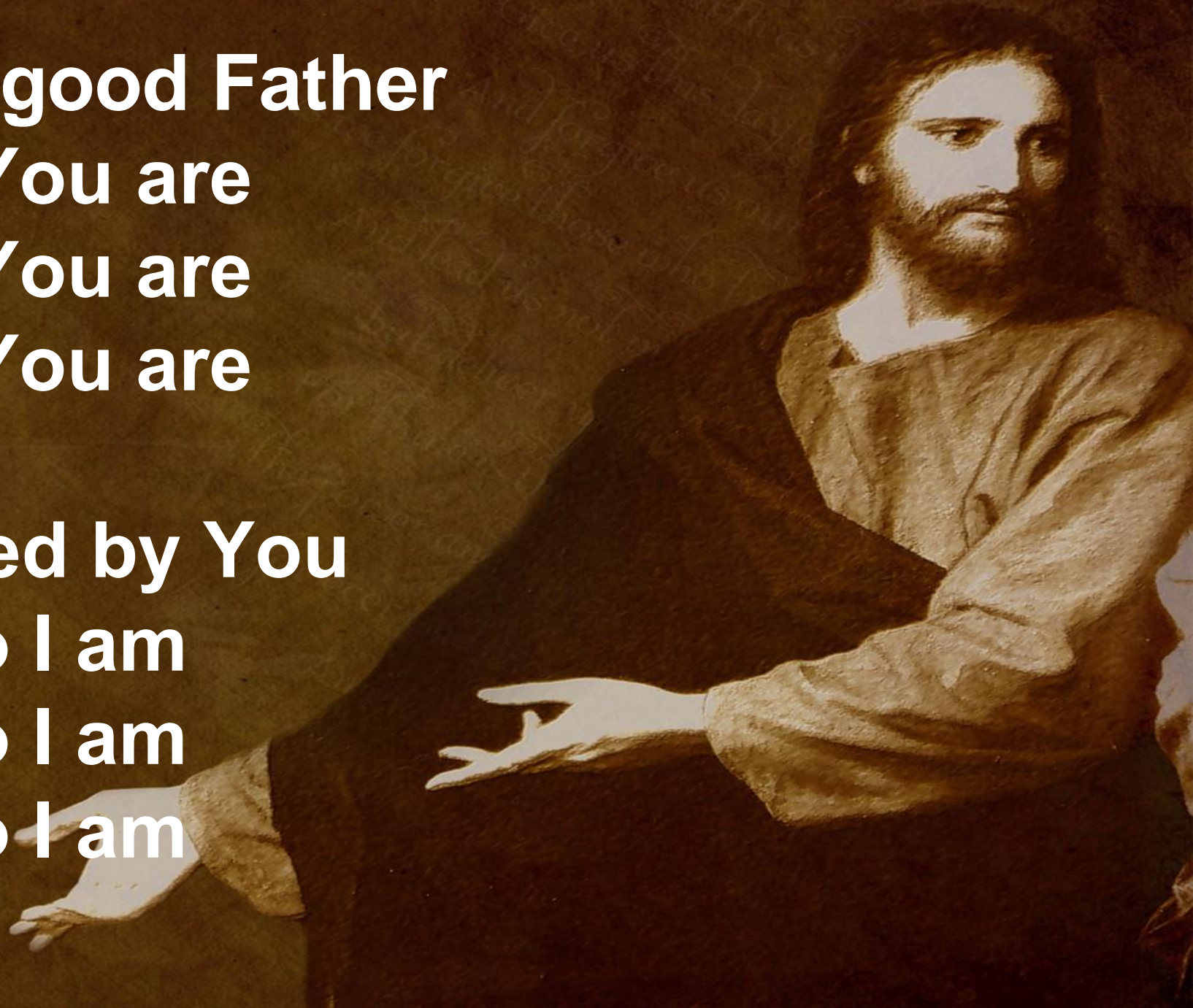


**As You call me
deeper still
Into love
love, love**



**You're a good good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are**

**And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am**



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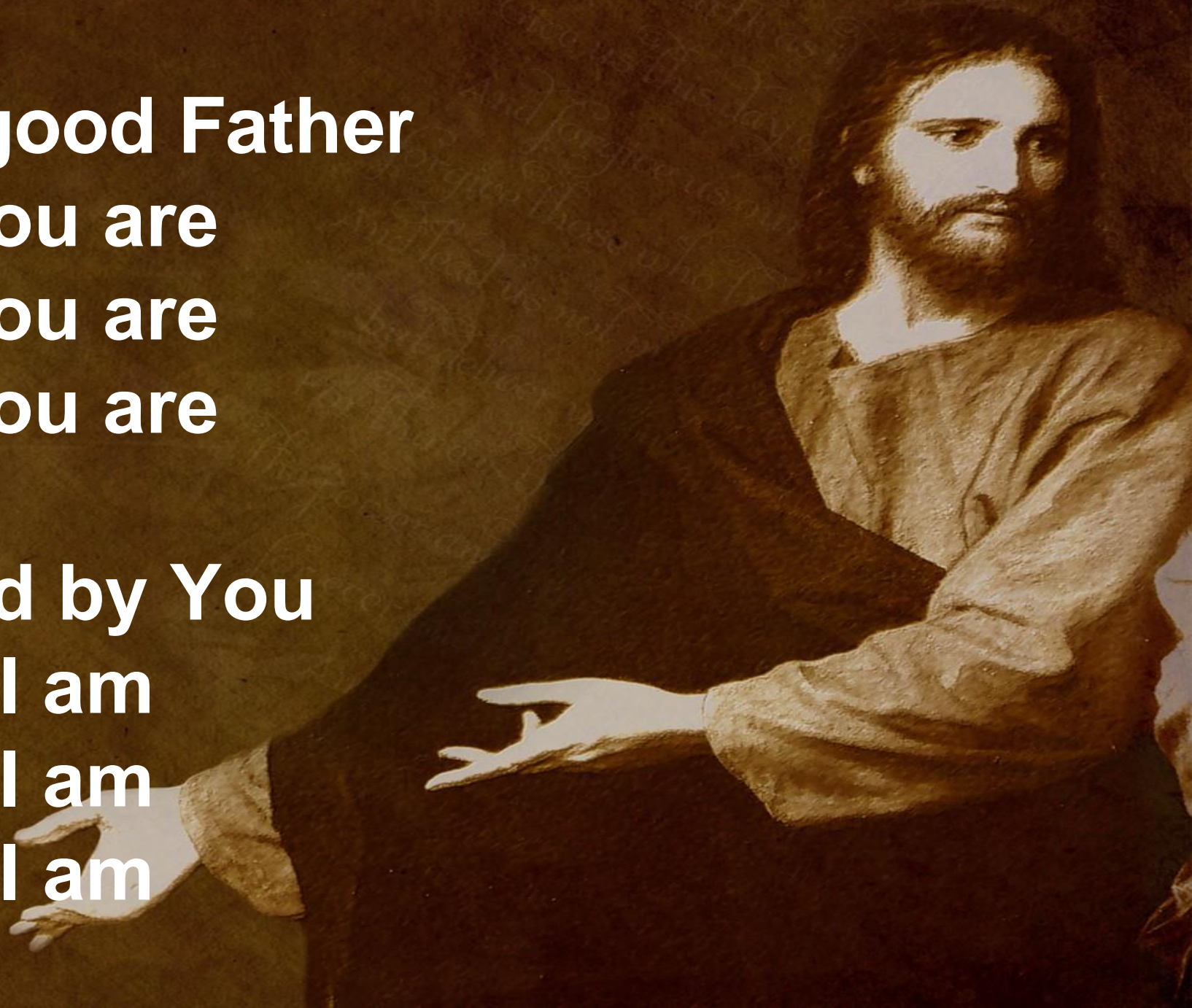
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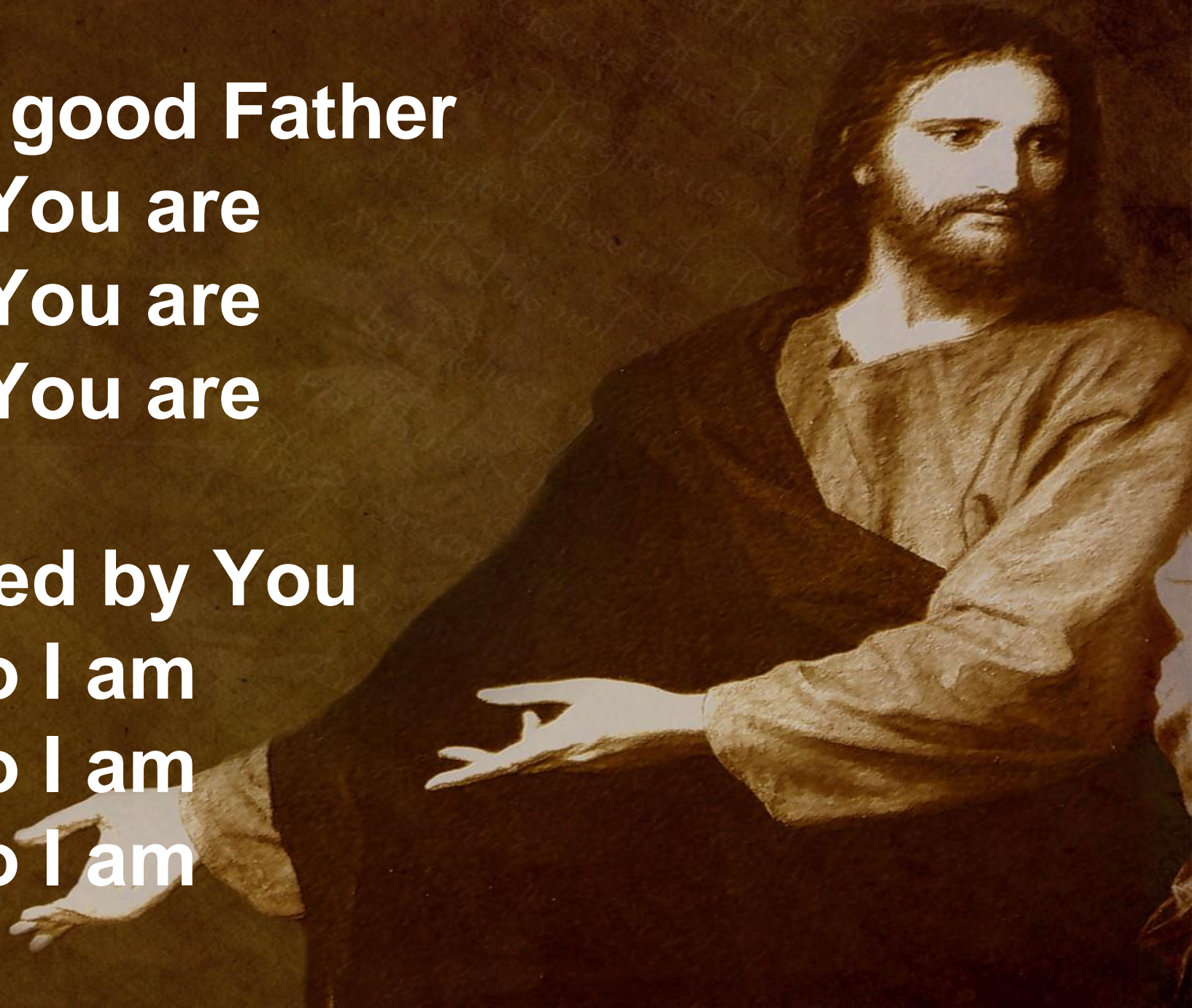
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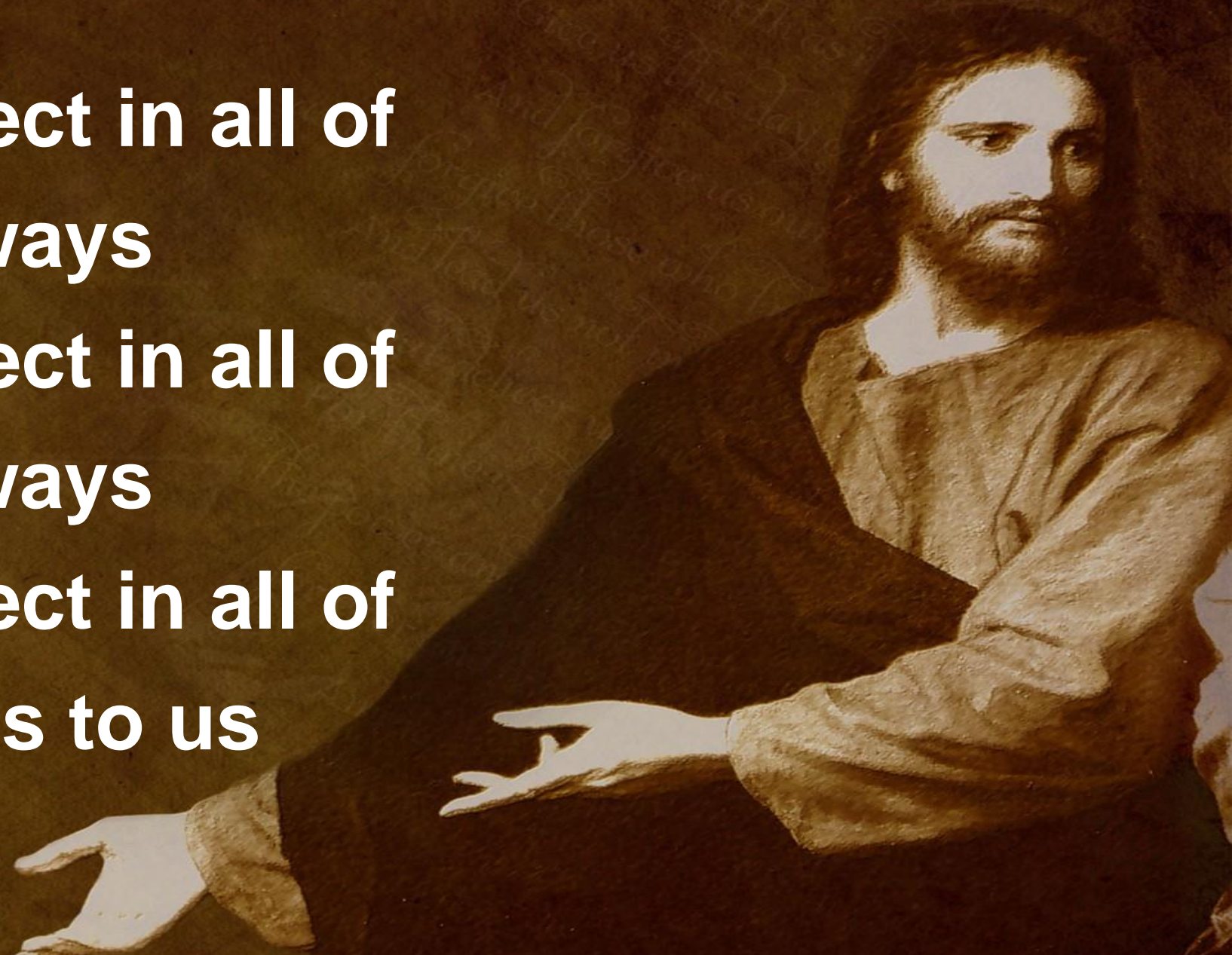
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Your ways to us



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

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He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF SENDING

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
And ✠ give you peace.*

People: Amen.

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance
flow

Blessed be Your name



Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the
wilderness
Blessed be Your name

**Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say:**



Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name



Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's 'all as it should be'

Blessed be Your name



Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name



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You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name

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