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# Introduction

God is creating a new home for us all, one that fits. (John 14:2)

Surprisingly though, it is not a location but a Person. (John 14:6)

That new dwelling is in Christ Himself. (1 John 4:13)

# Introduction

By giving us His Life  
we are able to reflect the image  
of God's Person. (1 John 5:11)

We are not only restored and  
rightsized to contain and express  
God's character, nature, desires,  
choices, and actions, but freely  
given all it takes to do so. (2 Peter 1:3)

# Introduction

We are always nothing more than  
the containers. (2 Corinthians 4:7)

He is the expression and expresser.  
(John 15:5)

You are invited to come, by simple  
trust, and let God shine through  
you. (Matthew 5:14)



Humanity's

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efforts to reach God

(Matthew 11:12)

Humanity has made several systems  
from which to launch themselves  
into a sense of safety.

Like:

- family
- politics
- education
- technology
- the arts
- and even religion





BUT

God's way is  
much  
better.

(Hebrews 3:10)



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God's call...

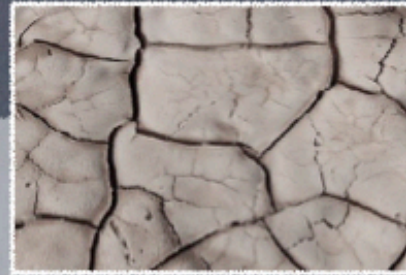
Serving One Another

Leads to His Passionate Life

(John 13:34)

# How did this begin?

God took dirt and with  
His breath said...



(Genesis 2:7)



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That lit up a soul  
worth making whole.

That soul contains the light,



God's love.

(John 1:9)

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In Christ Jesus  
the soul  
functions properly.

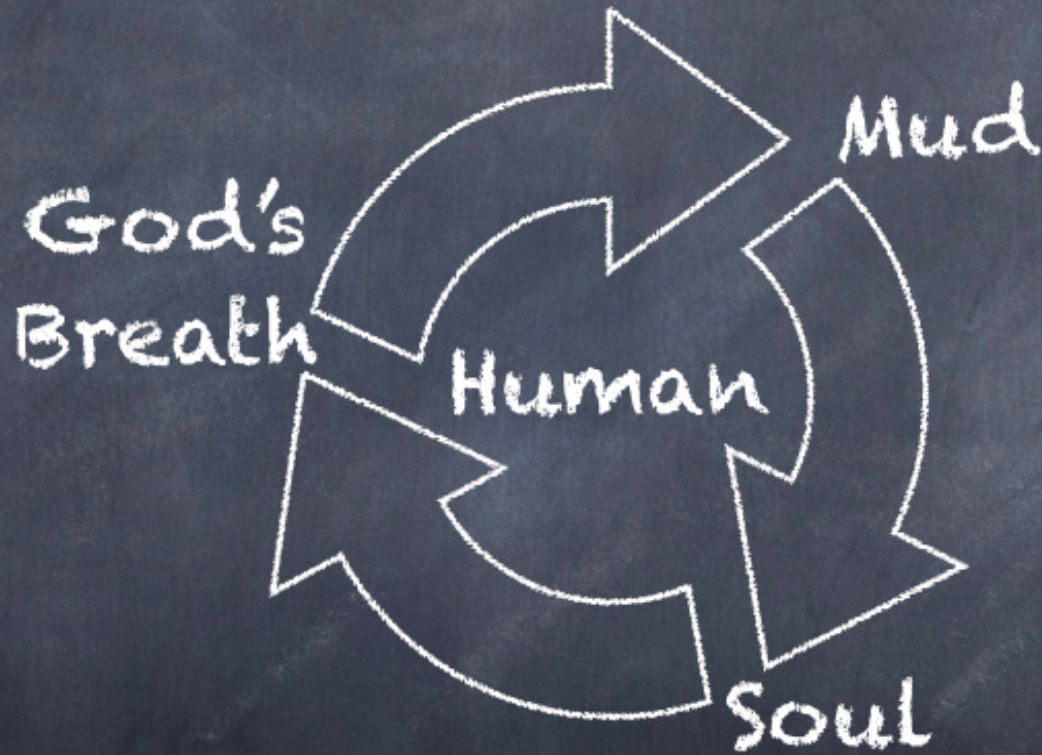
Because of this,  
anyone can see  
what God is like...selfless love.



You in Him  
reflect the light  
of His love.

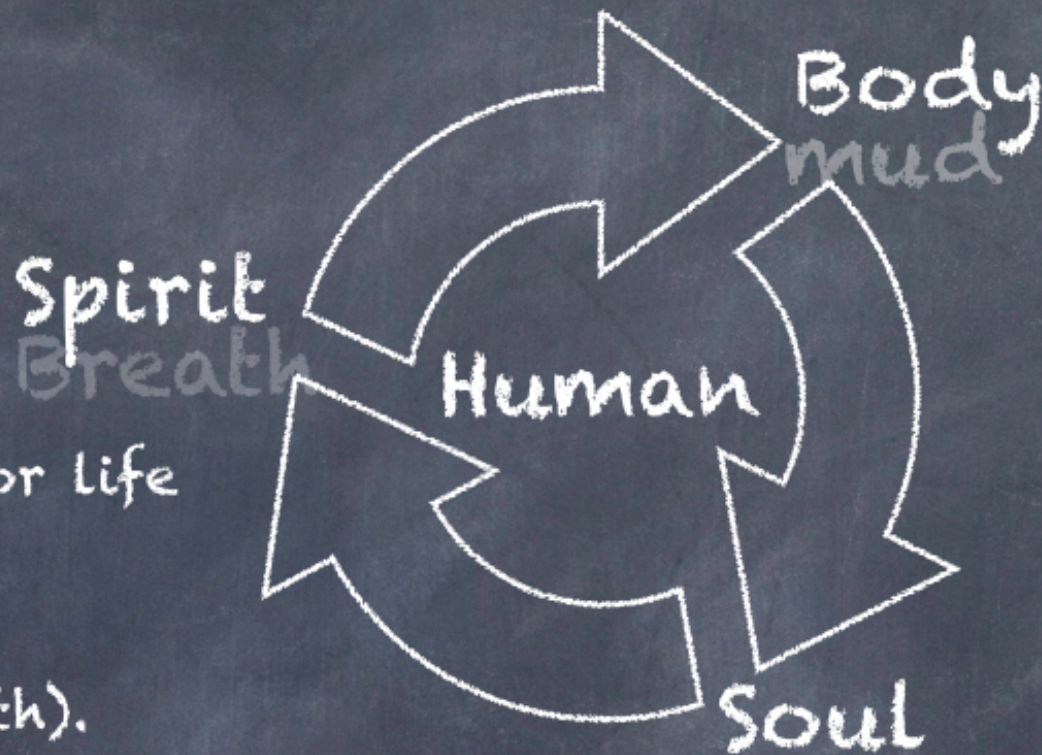
(Ephesians 3:10)

# What makes us human?



(Genesis 2:7)

To repeat...  
The first recipe for life  
was made up of  
dirt and  
God's Spirit (breath).



The result of this combination is a living human soul,  
the container, expresser, and reflector of God Himself.



# What constitutes the soul?



1. A soul is aware (knows)
2. It has preferences (wants)
3. It commits to and chooses a course of action. (Genesis 18:20-33)

Because of this people can be



young and  
dancing.

Smiling and mobile  
or putting around,  
to get around.



Get the point?  
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Then things  
got messy.



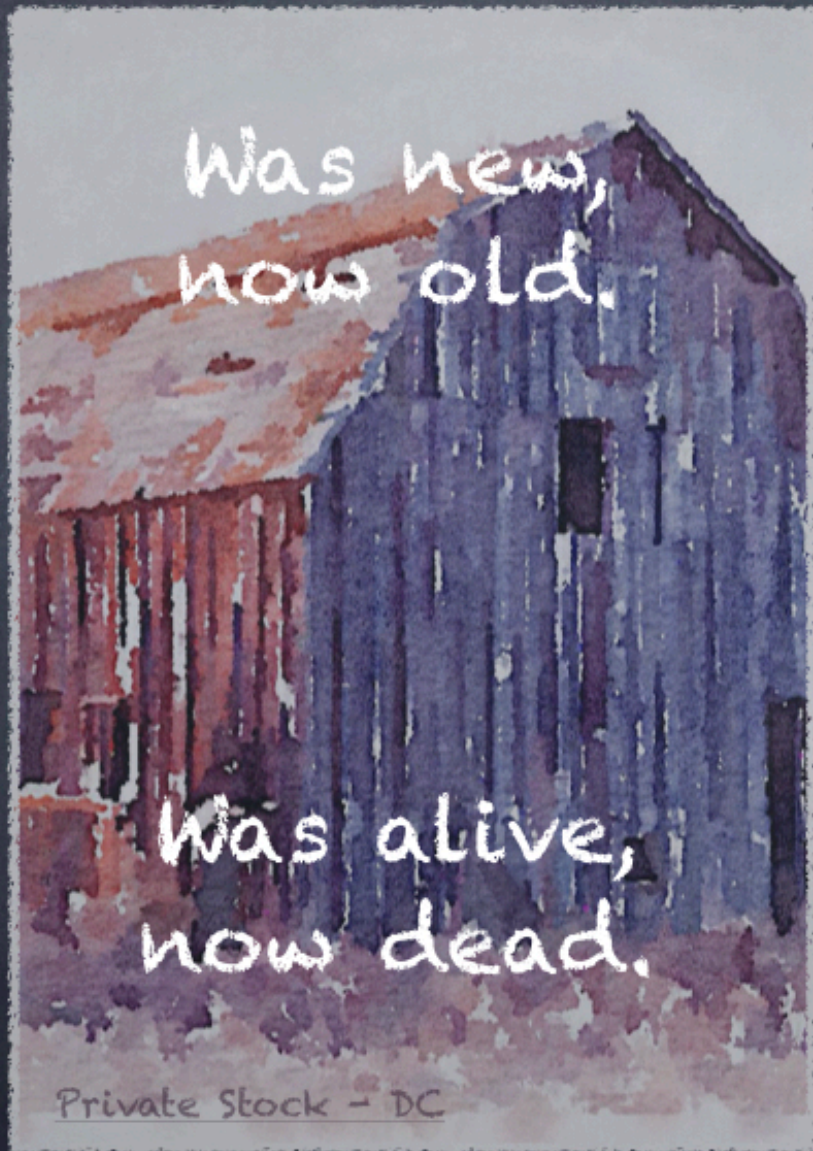
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and corrosive.

We are all born with  
our parents' virus of  
selfishness.

From birth  
we have all tried  
to fill or hide  
a gaping hole.

(Romans 5:12)



Was new,  
now old.

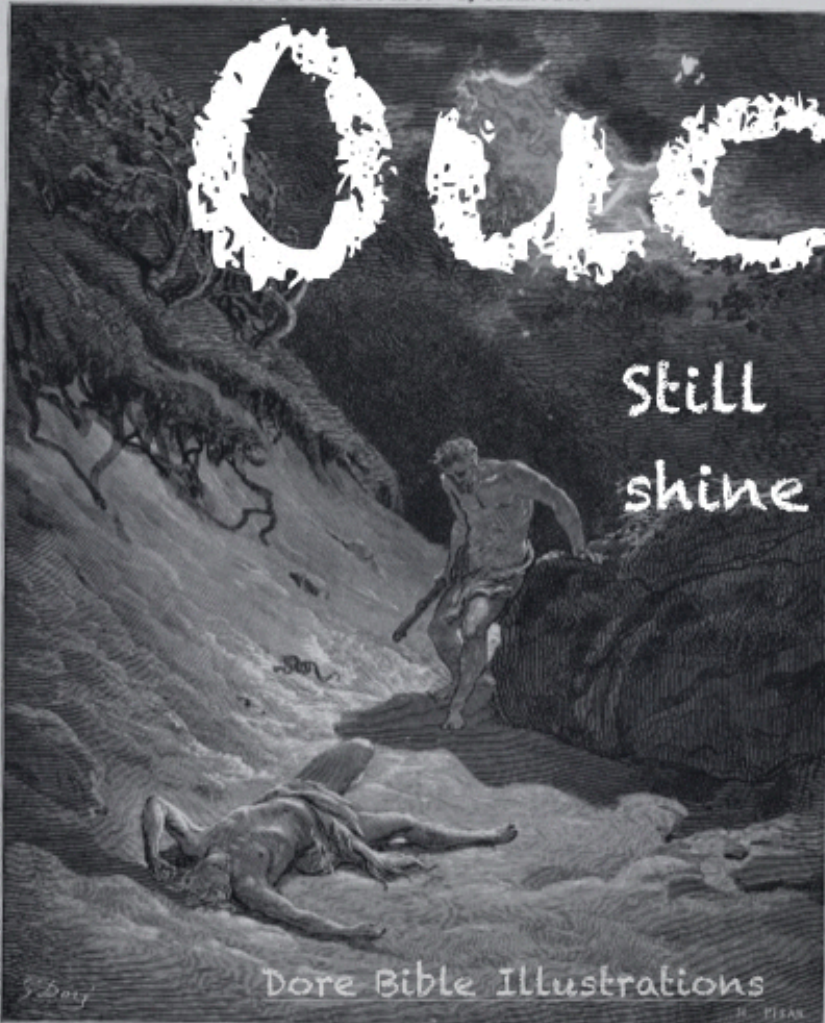
Was alive,  
now dead.

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After we lost our  
reason for living,  
(Loving one another)  
the Light went out  
(death) and the  
outer shell (flesh)  
began to decay.

(Romans 3:23)

"The Death of Abel" by Gustave Doré



Ouch!

Still  
shine

wanting to  
the LIGHT...

humanity found it  
could only share  
their empty  
fearing  
souls.

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Gen 4:8-9 ...Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?



Empty within  
and  
storms  
without

Humanity, being glued to the flesh,  
became a slave to the spirit of trying  
which produces selfish love. (2 Thessalonians 2:12)

Humanity's efforts of trying to be better,  
even excellent, only express a self which is  
out for itself.

(Romans 3:20)

## Storms between



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(Hebrews 2:15)

The soul which died to the Spirit of God (Love)  
was joined with the spirit of fear.

Even trying to be like God  
reflects a soul bound to flesh.  
With the breath of fear  
the soul is darkened (selfish).



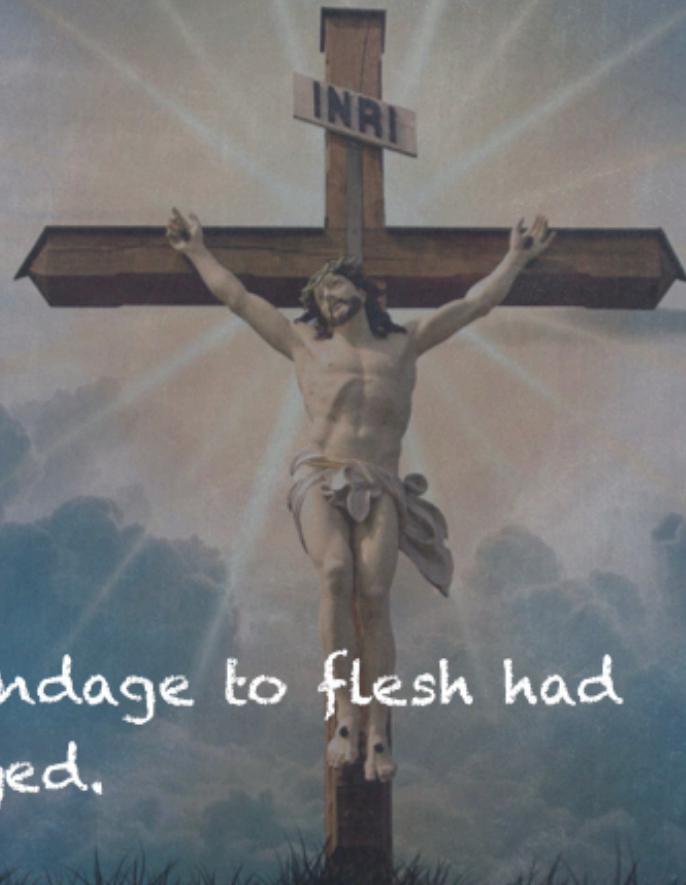
A person is silhouetted against a sunset sky, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange near the horizon.

The happy life  
always seems distant.

The way to inner peace and a safe tomorrow  
will never come by flesh effort.

Neither will our souls find peace  
by disobeying God.

This will never reunite us to the God of  
**LOVE.** (Colossians 3:14-15)



The soul's bondage to flesh had  
to be destroyed.

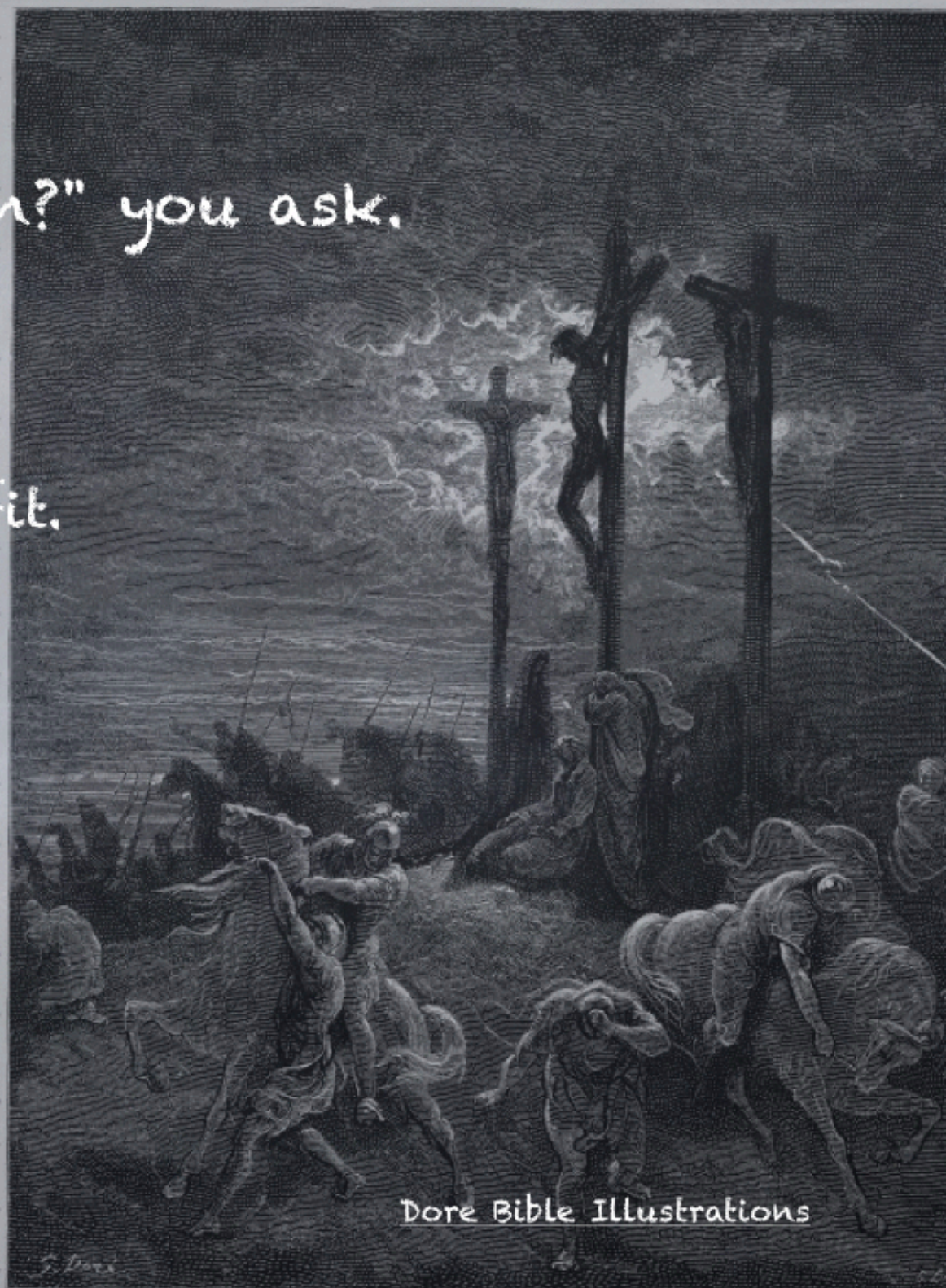
The only solution was a separation  
of our soul from the flesh life and  
united to Spirit. (Ephesians 4:22-24)

"How can that happen?" you ask.

Simple, create a vessel  
for destruction  
in which all souls can fit.

Once glued to TRYING  
the spirit can now  
be glued  
to that new  
body of trust,  
the body of Christ.

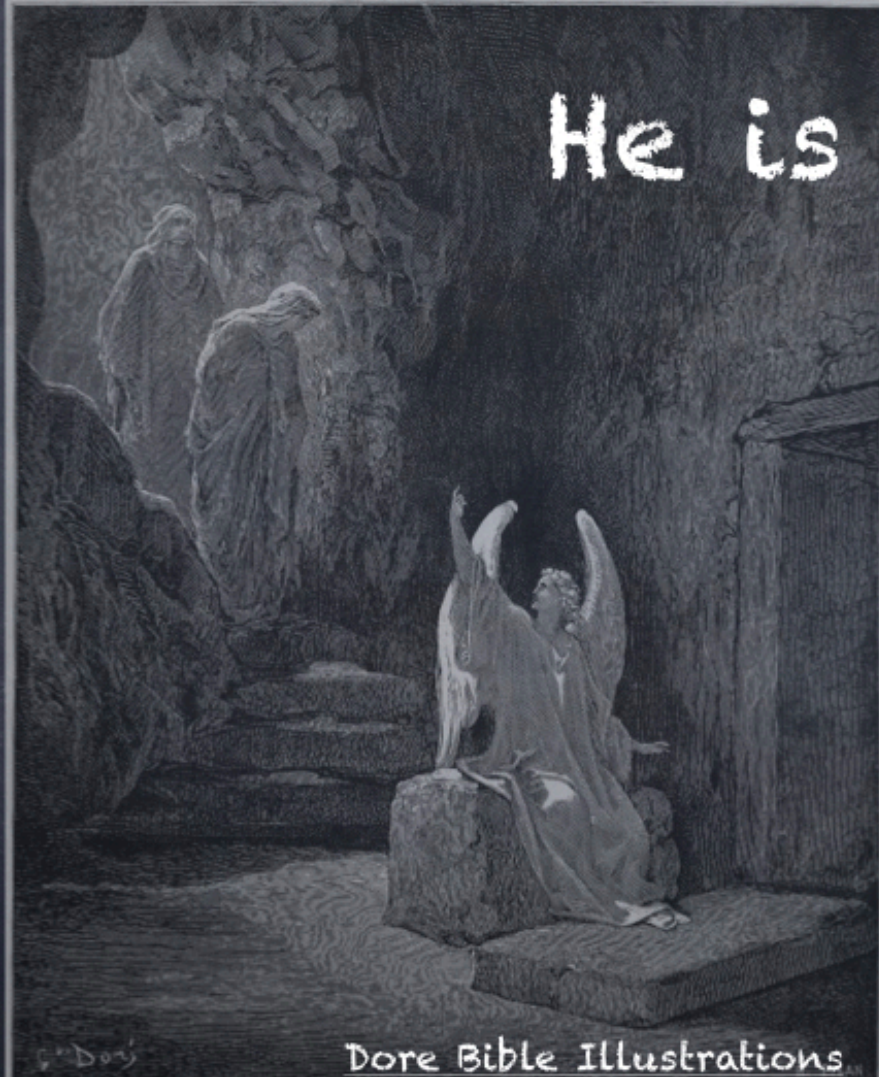
(2 Corinthians 5:14-15)



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Flesh's SELF must be replaced with Christ.

"The Resurrection" by Gustave Doré



He is risen!

It is foolish to  
seek the Author  
of Life in a tomb.

The soul glued to  
the flesh can be a  
tomb.

(Luke 24:5)

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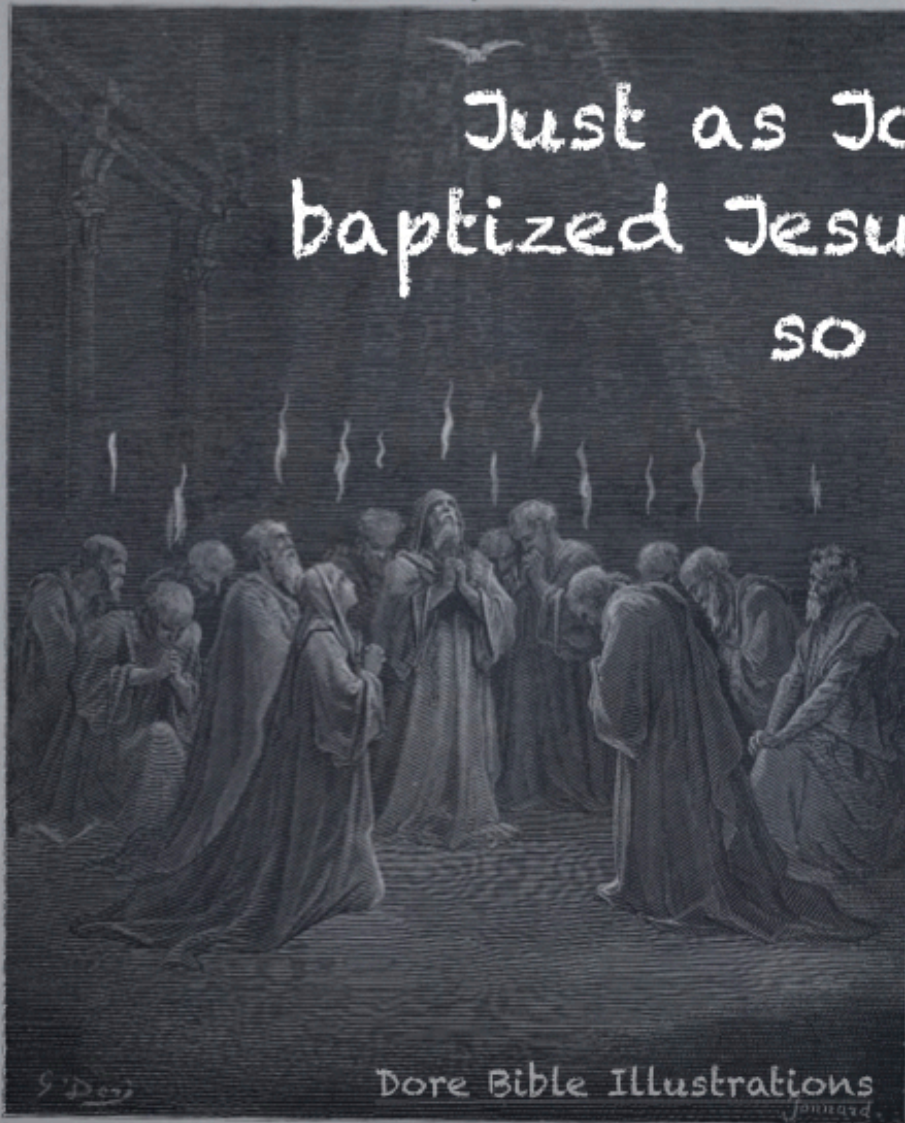
Mar 10:13-14 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: ... Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

What can I do?

Trust Jesus.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who trust in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.  
(John 1:12-13 DLT)

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Just as John the Baptist  
baptized Jesus in the water,  
so Jesus wants to  
baptize you in  
Holy Spirit.

I indeed baptize you with water  
unto repentance: but he that  
cometh after me is mightier than  
I, whose shoes I am not worthy  
to bear: he shall baptize you with  
the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

(Matthew 3:11 KJV)

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Act 2:2-3 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.



THE LORD is within.

This Life is His Life.

Let Jesus be LORD.

He is enough!

Just trust.

Burst forth in the abundance of the Spirit  
with whom you are joined.



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Be fruitful by  
Loving  
indiscriminately.

Let the LORD  
Who lives within,  
shine out.

(John 15:5)



"You are HIS  
hands and feet!"

It's only challenging  
when you try to  
make things work out  
the way you want  
them.

# He is the door.

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Many prefer another door,  
but no one else has the  
ability to heal your broken  
heart and create you anew  
in union with Him.

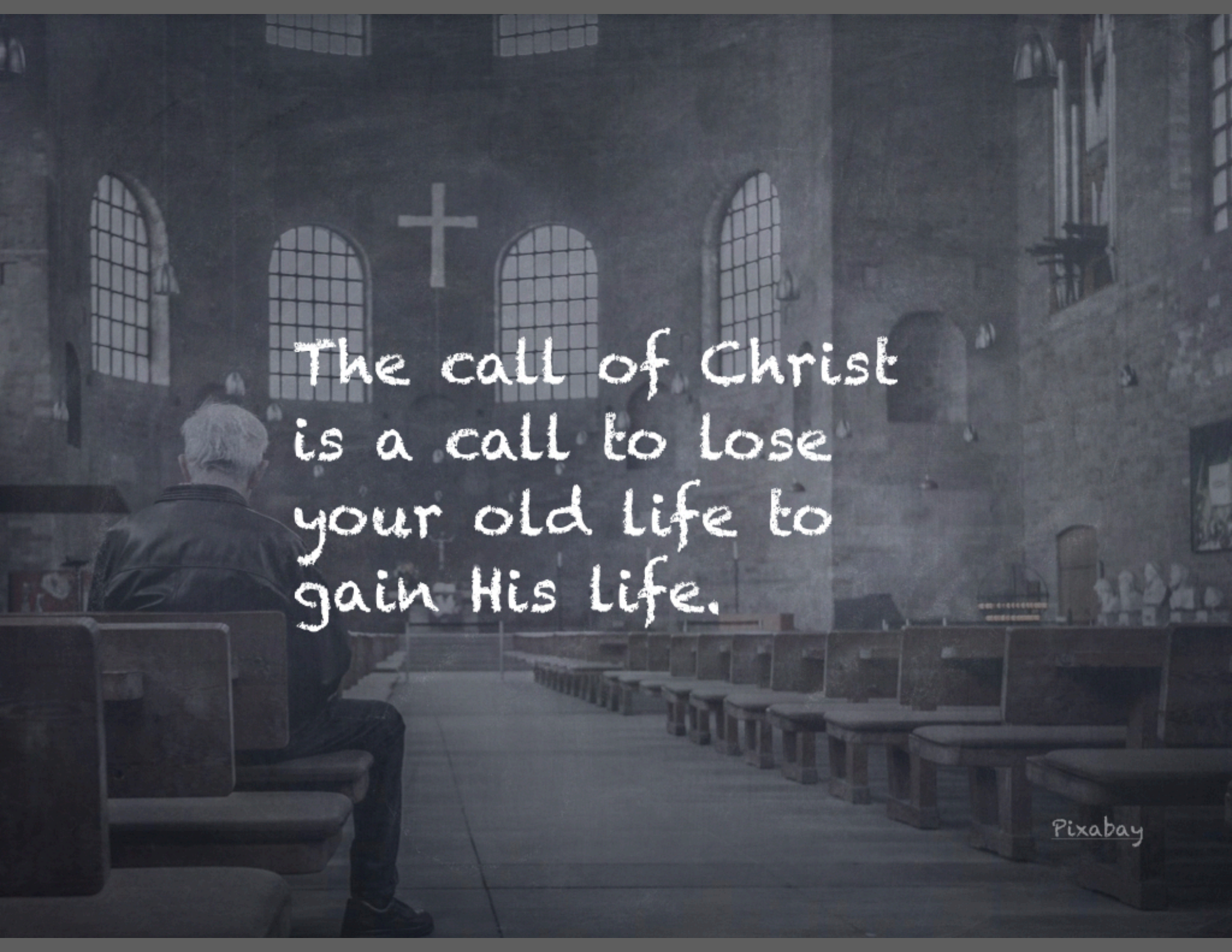
(John 10:1)



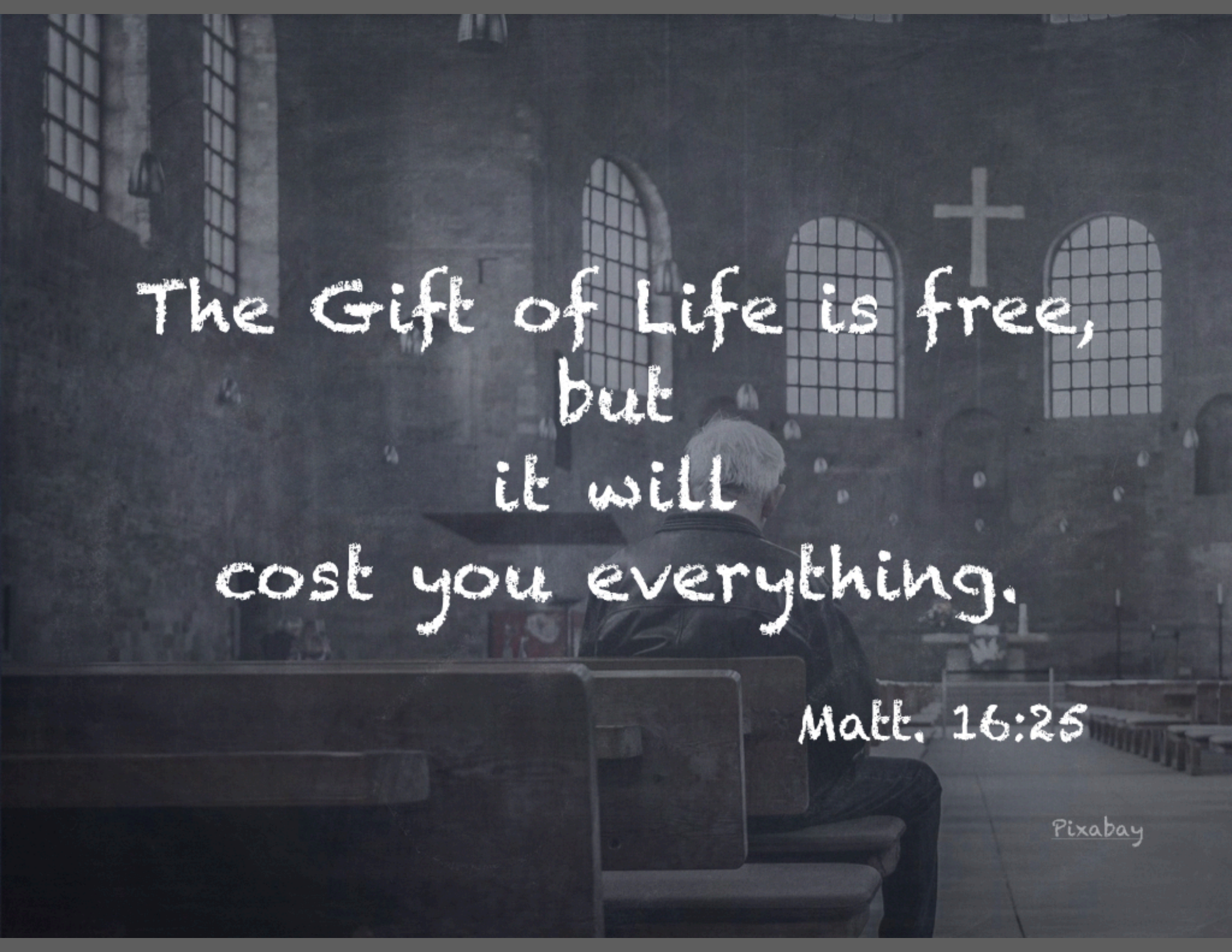
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The crossing to life looks scary  
but the bridge is safe.

(Mark 8:35)

A grayscale photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, a person with white hair is seen from behind, sitting on a wooden pew. The church has a high ceiling with several large, arched windows. In the center of the wall, a large, simple cross is mounted. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

The call of Christ  
is a call to lose  
your old life to  
gain His life.



The Gift of Life is free,  
but  
it will  
cost you everything.

Matt. 16:25



To  
have  
a new Life you  
must  
give  
up  
the  
old  
Life.

(Colossians 3:9)

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Then  
Let that new Spirit do His thing!

Let Jesus  
have His way.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to  
them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not  
after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

(Romans 8:1 KJV)

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