



**Lord of the Tempest**  
**Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25**

**Four Voices, One**  
**Story**  
A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

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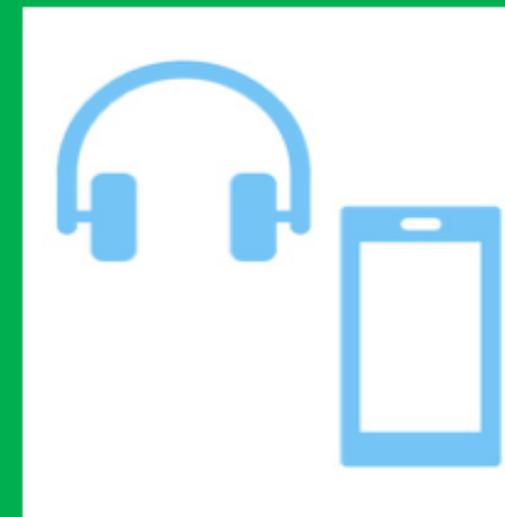
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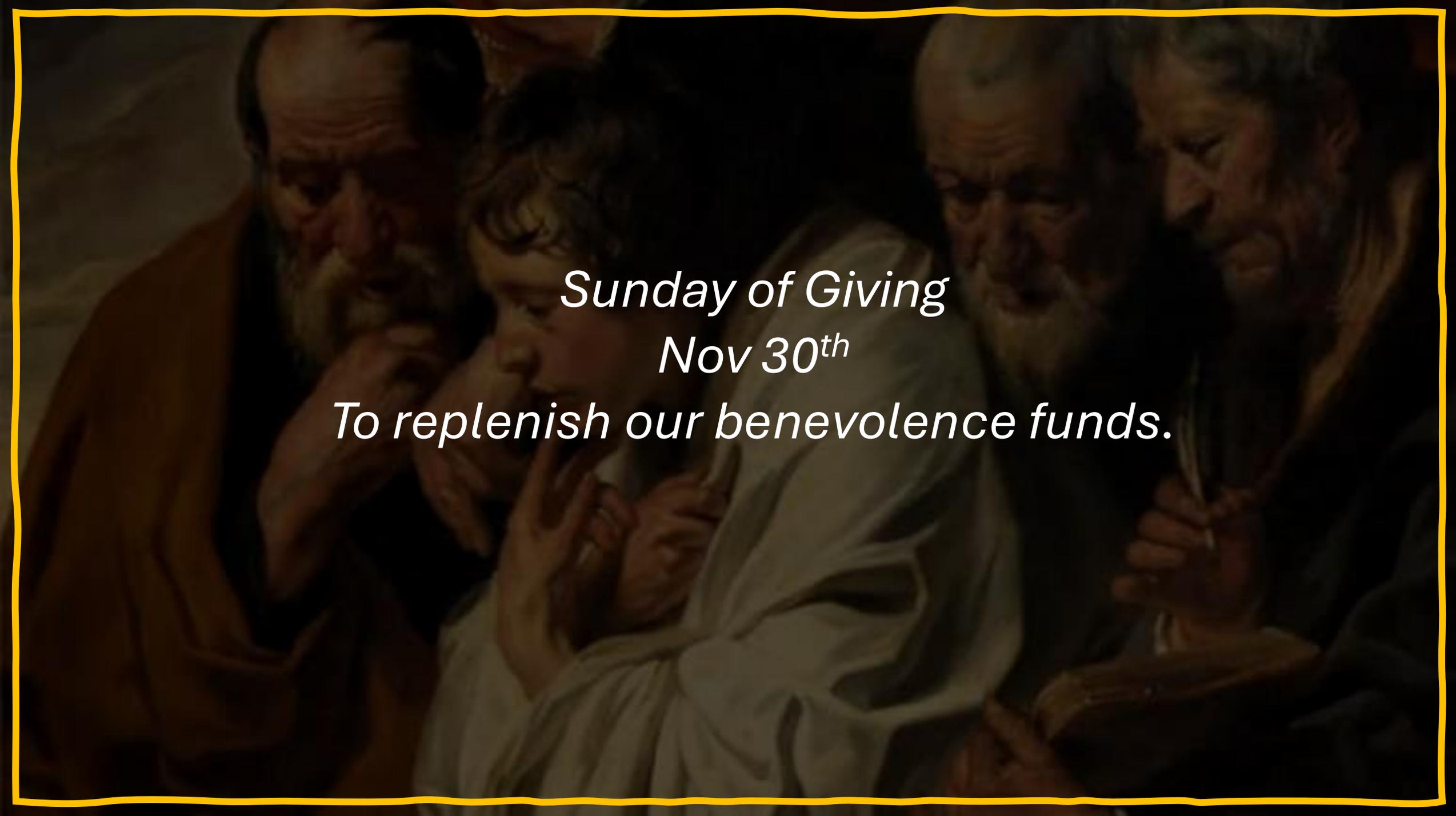


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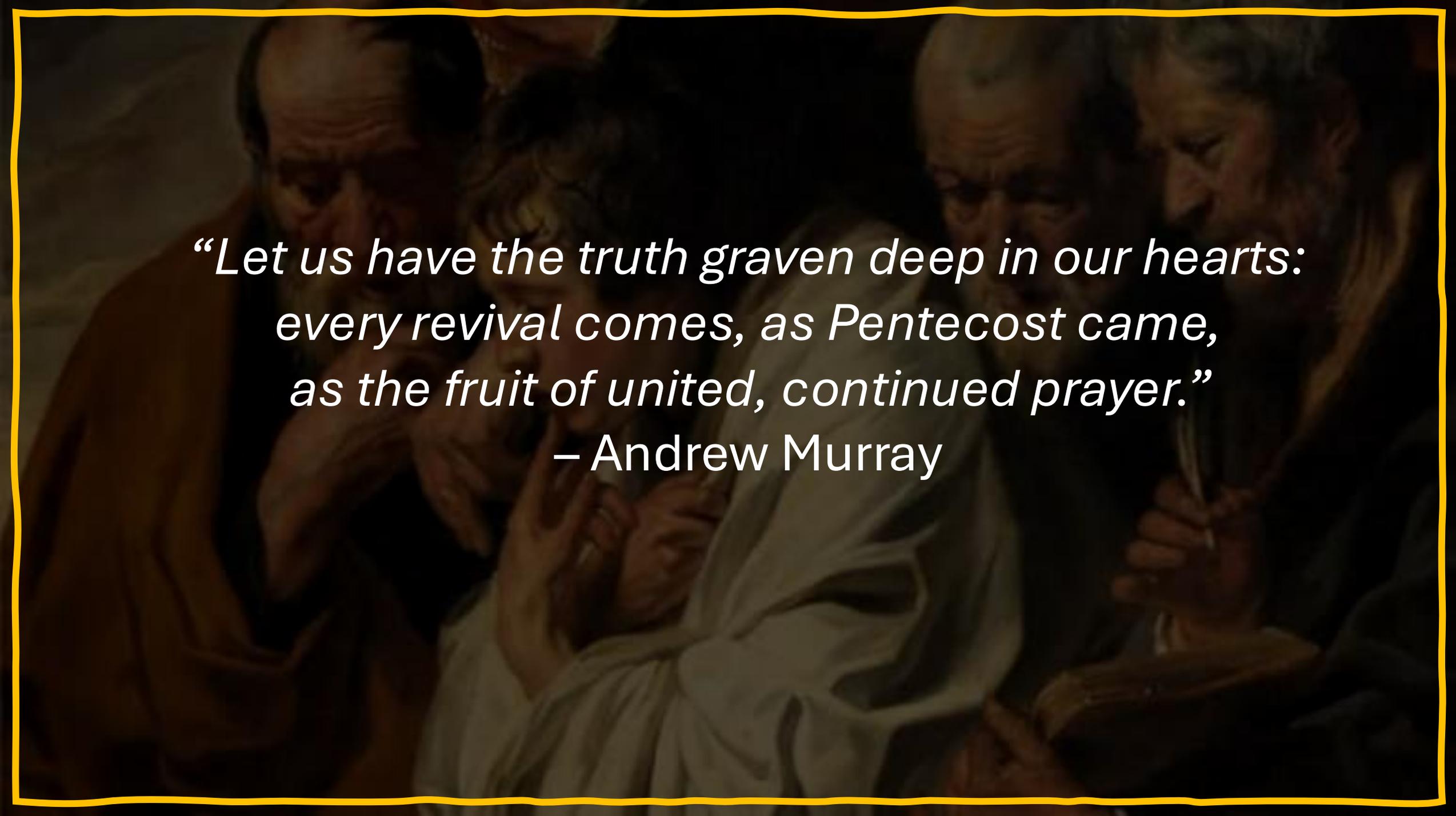
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# The Word Without Borders



*Sunday of Giving  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup>*

*To replenish our benevolence funds.*

A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are shown in a state of prayer. They are gathered together, with some hands raised in the air. The scene is dimly lit, creating a solemn and focused atmosphere. The background is dark, and the overall tone is one of spiritual intensity.

*“Let us have the truth graven deep in our hearts:  
every revival comes, as Pentecost came,  
as the fruit of united, continued prayer.”*

– Andrew Murray



## Next Week:

- Matt 9:18-34;  
13:53-58
- Mark 5:21-43;  
6:1-6
- Luke 8:40-56

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# Call to the Word

**Mark 5:1-3, 8, 15(NKJV)**



# Introduction



# Demons Among Gentiles

Spirits could bring blessing, protection, inspiration.

A bad spirit could bring harm, sickness, and madness.

They tried to manage spirits with magic and ritual and often treated the severely afflicted as dangerous outcasts.

# “The Other Side” – Decapolis Setting

- This is Decapolis—Gentile land:
- Why is He there?
  - Because there is a man—two in Matthew—whose life is completely wrecked, and Jesus is coming for him.
  - Jesus doesn’t just calm storms for us; He crosses us over into someone else’s mess.

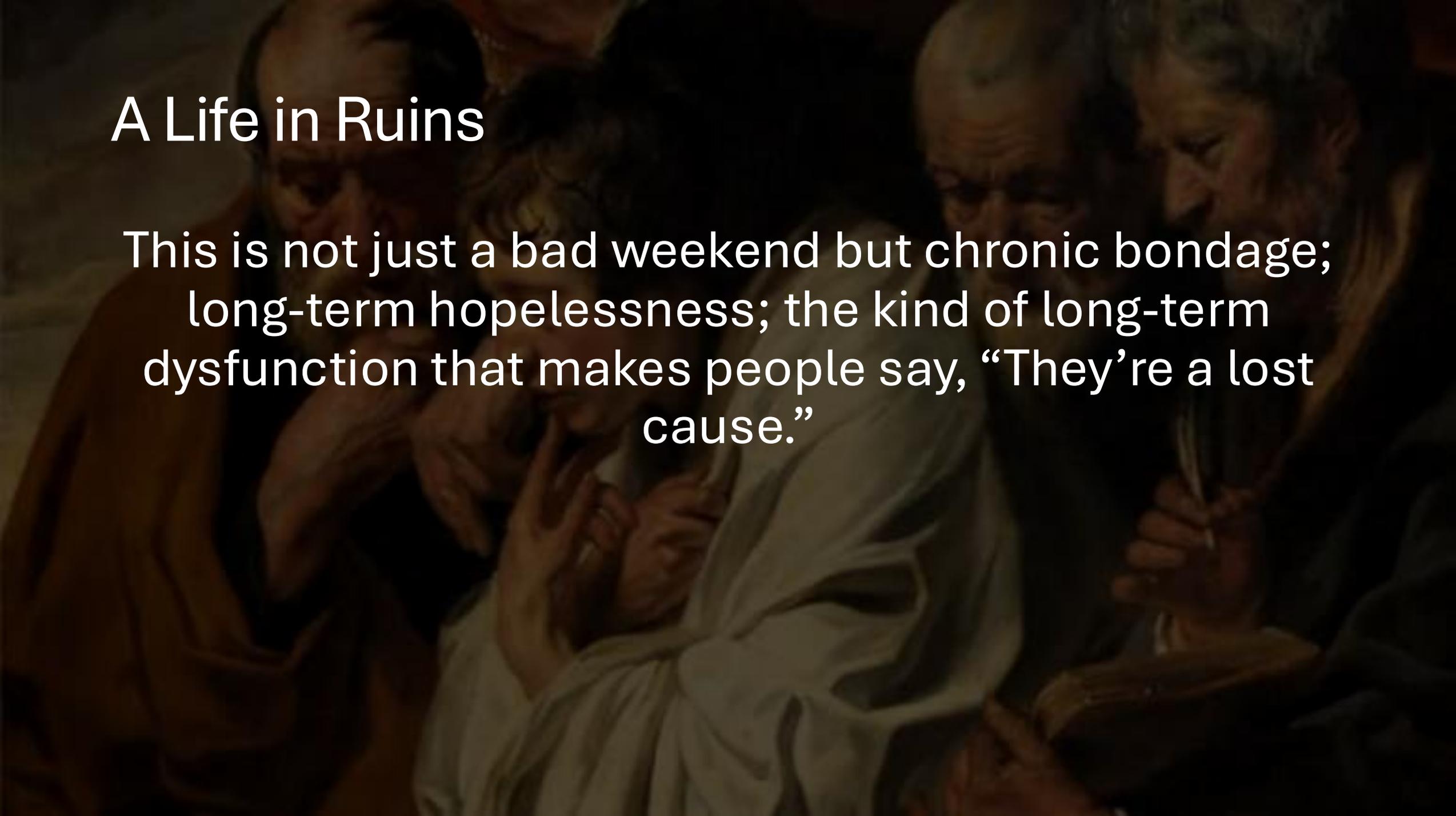
## The Man No One Could Tame (vv.2–5)

- Matt 8:28 – two demon-possessed men, “exceedingly fierce... so that no one could pass that way.”
- Luke 8:27, 29 – had demons “for a long time... wore no clothes... kept under guard... driven by the demon into the wilderness.”

# A Life in Ruins

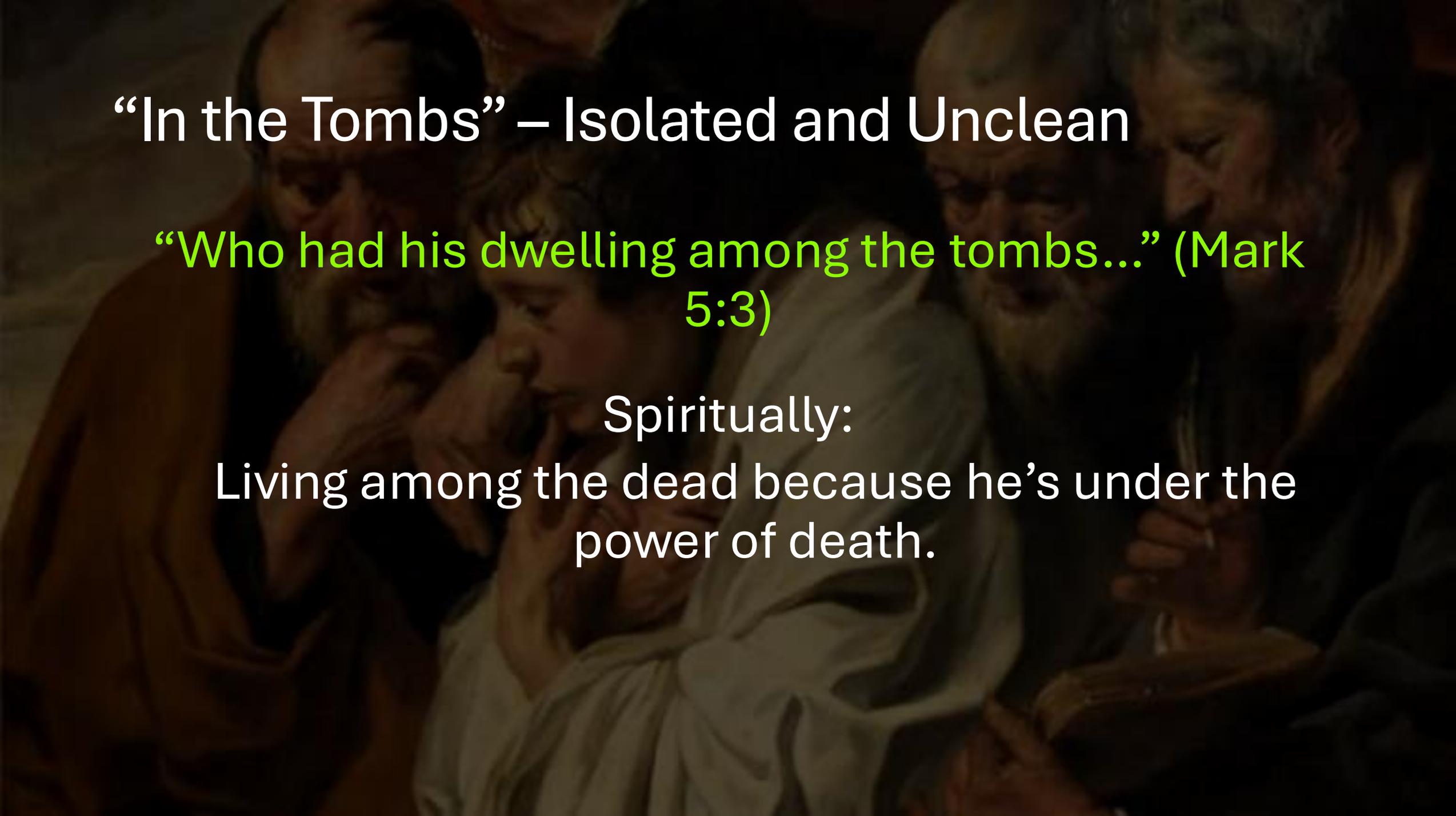
## The Picture:

- Two demon-possessed men (Matthew)
- Living in a graveyard
- Exceedingly violent—no one could pass that way
- Chained and shackled

A group of people, including children and adults, are shown in a dimly lit setting, looking down with somber expressions. The image is dark and grainy, with the text overlaid in white. The people appear to be of various ages and ethnicities, and their faces are partially obscured by shadows.

# A Life in Ruins

This is not just a bad weekend but chronic bondage;  
long-term hopelessness; the kind of long-term  
dysfunction that makes people say, “They’re a lost  
cause.”



## “In the Tombs” – Isolated and Unclean

“Who had his dwelling among the tombs...” (Mark 5:3)

Spiritually:

Living among the dead because he’s under the power of death.

# Truth Steps Ashore

Truth steps ashore—Jesus Himself.

John 14:6 – “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

John 8:32 – “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:36 – “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

# Night and Day – Crying and Cutting

Mark 5:5

He's roaming—restless.

He's crying out—anguish, not just anger.

He's cutting himself—wounds on the outside revealing torment on the inside.

No off switch. No rest. No peace—just torment.

# Self-Harm and Spiritual Battle

- Modern psychology calls it non-suicidal self-injury. (NSSI)
  - Heartbreakingly common, especially among teens (and especially girls).
  - Christian kids are not immune.

# Self-Harm and Spiritual Battle

- Most who cut are not trying to be dramatic; they are trying to cope:
  - To feel something instead of numb.
  - To get a moment of relief from inner chaos.
  - To punish themselves.
  - To cry for help when they don't have words.

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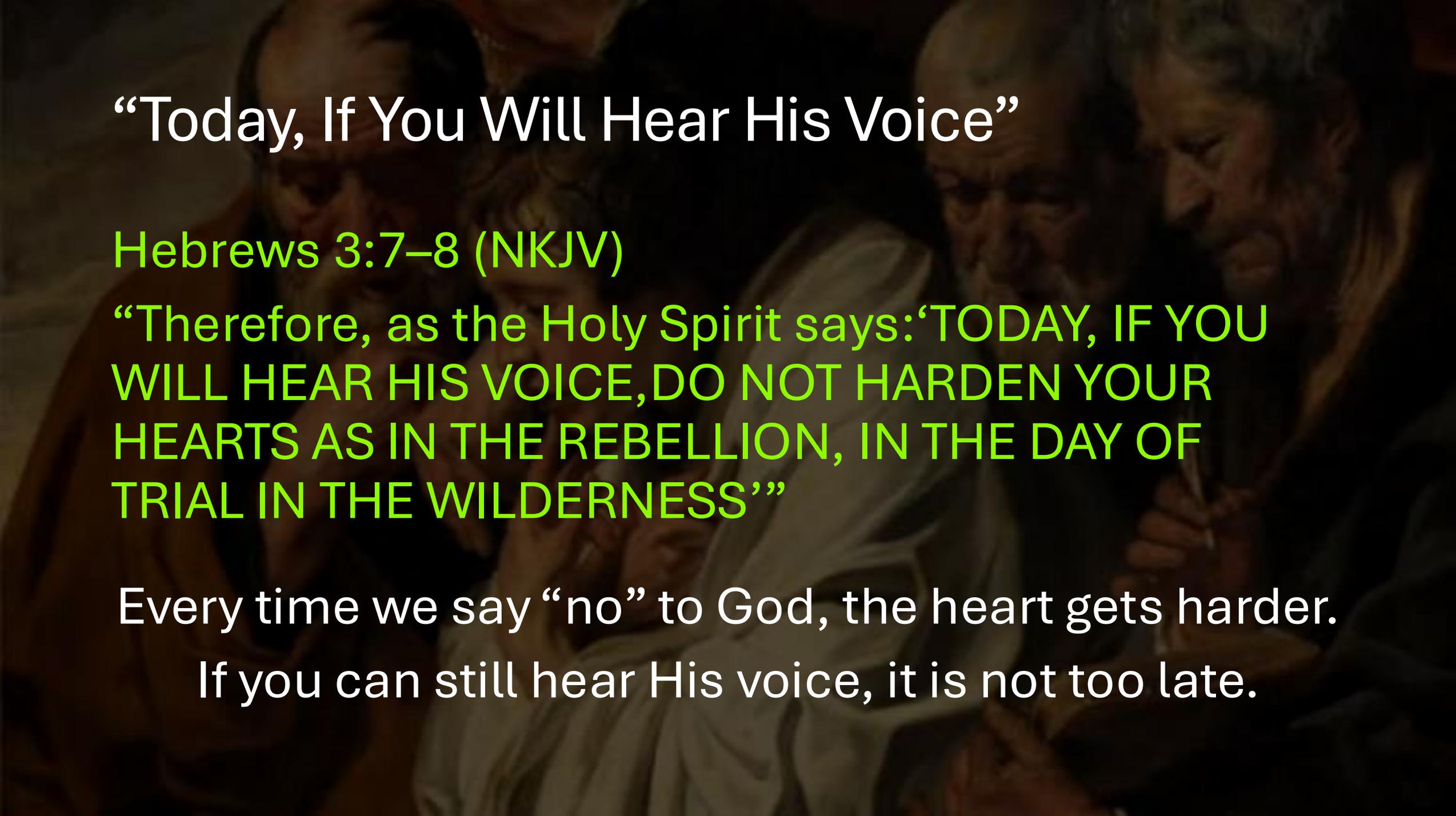
- Spiritually, it sits at the intersection of:
  - Body – brain, trauma, adrenaline.
  - Soul – “I’m worthless; I deserve this.”
  - Spirit – an enemy who loves shame and self-hatred.
- Every act of self-harm happens on a spiritual battlefield where Jesus wants to rescue, cleanse, and restore.

# A Tormented Man Runs to Jesus: Mark 5:6–8

Matthew 8:29 – “Have You come here to torment us before the time?”

Tension of wills:

- Demons hate Jesus.
- Somewhere in this broken image-bearer, there is still a flicker of desire for Jesus.



“Today, If You Will Hear His Voice”

Hebrews 3:7–8 (NKJV)

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: ‘TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION, IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS’”

Every time we say “no” to God, the heart gets harder.

If you can still hear His voice, it is not too late.

# The Depth of Bondage – Legion and the Abyss

Mark 5:9–10 (NKJV)

“Legion” – Roman military term (5,000–6,000 soldiers).

- The man is outnumbered on the inside.
- Demons attached to the man and to the territory.

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Revelation and the abyss:

- **Rev 9:1–2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1–3** – See the abyss as a maximum-security lockup for spiritual criminals.
- Even demons beg Jesus, “Anywhere but there. Not yet.”

# The Pigs and the Cliff – Hell's Intent

Mark 5:11–13 (NKJV)

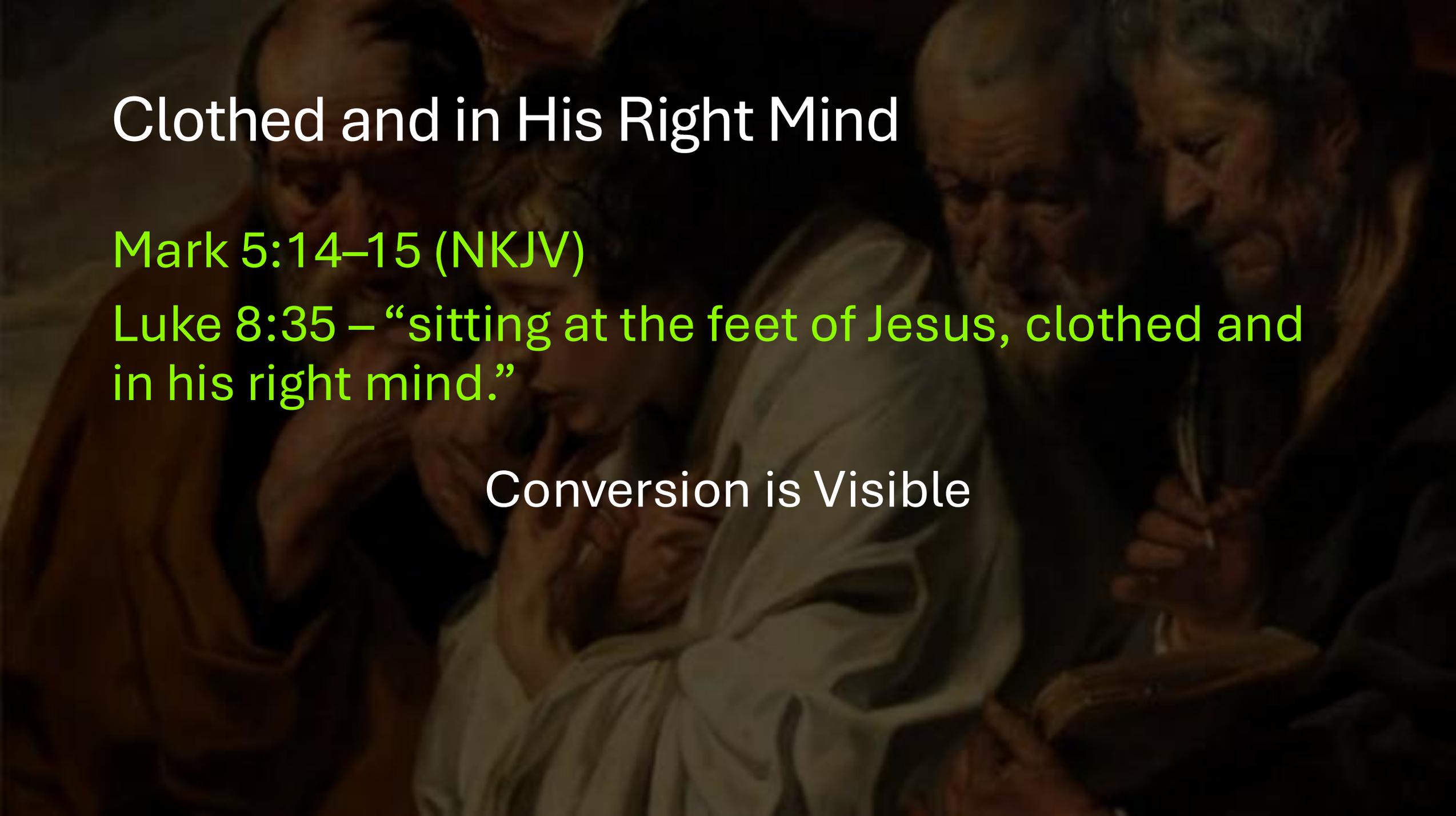
- **Matt 8:30–32; Luke 8:32–33** – the whole herd rushed into the sea and drowned.
- Unclean spirits, in an unclean man, among the unclean dead, and now an unclean herd.

# Hell's Endgame and Jesus' Heart

- Why would Jesus allow the pigs to drown? To give everyone a visible picture of what those demons had been doing to that man's soul for years.
- John 10:10 – “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

# Hell's Endgame and Jesus' Heart

- Better two thousand pigs perish than one image-bearer be lost. Don't ever doubt His heart for you. God loves you enough to take away what you think you can't live without, if that's what it takes to save you.

A group of people, including a man in a white robe, gathered around a table, possibly in a classroom or study setting. The image is dark and serves as a background for the text.

# Clothed and in His Right Mind

Mark 5:14–15 (NKJV)

Luke 8:35 – “sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.”

Conversion is Visible

# Clothed and in His Right Mind

- He used to roam; now he's sitting—at rest.
- He used to be naked; now he's clothed—shame covered.
- He used to be tormented; now he's in his right mind—spiritually and emotionally restored.

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# The Town Begs Jesus to Leave

Two stories in parallel:

- A man is saved.
- A herd is drowned.

They choose which story matters more.

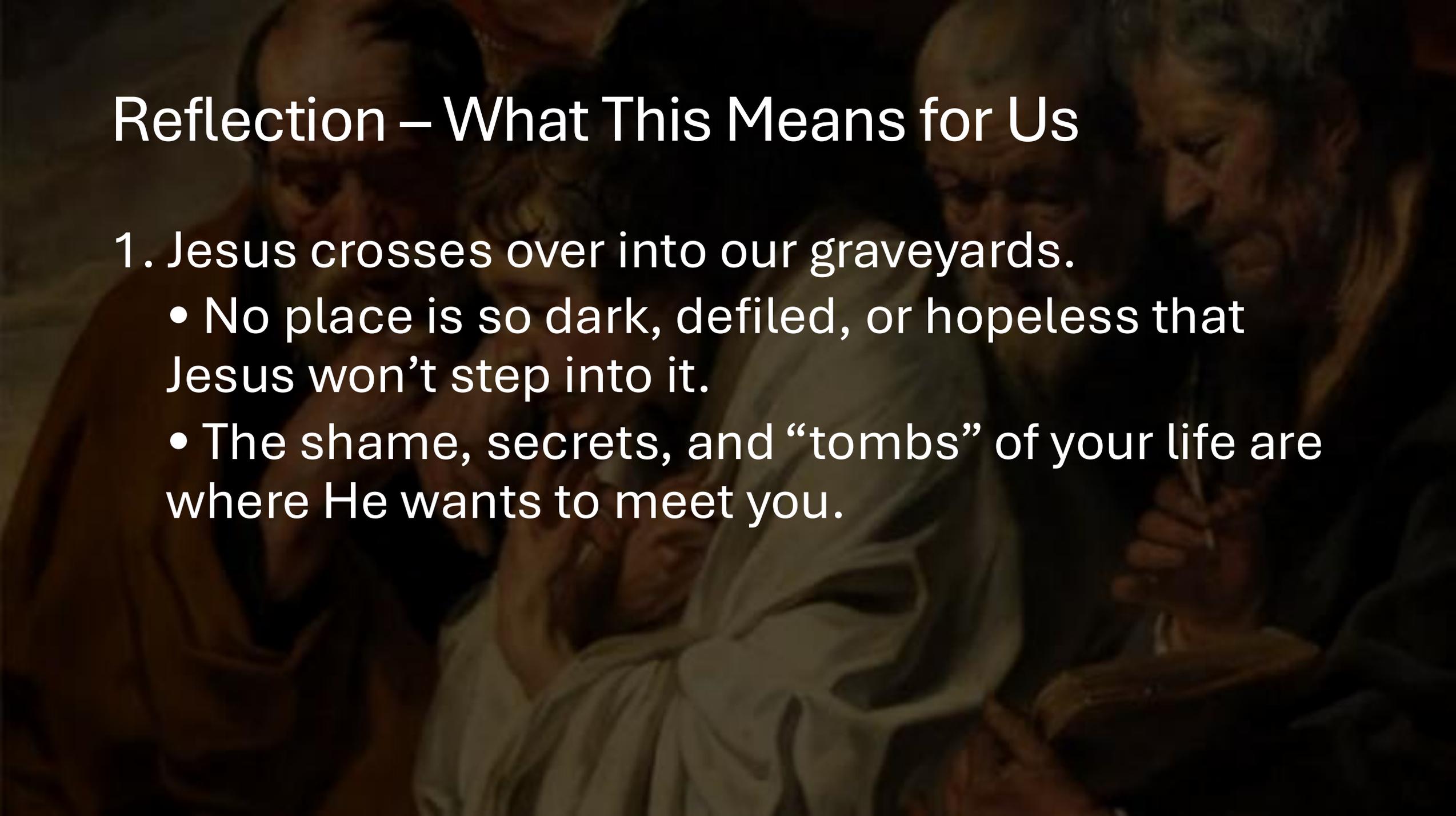
- “Jesus, please go away” – He honors that request.
- Sometimes God gives people what they ask for, even when they never should’ve asked.

# From Demoniac to Decapolis Missionary

Mark 5:18–20 (NKJV)

Jesus sends him home as a missionary.

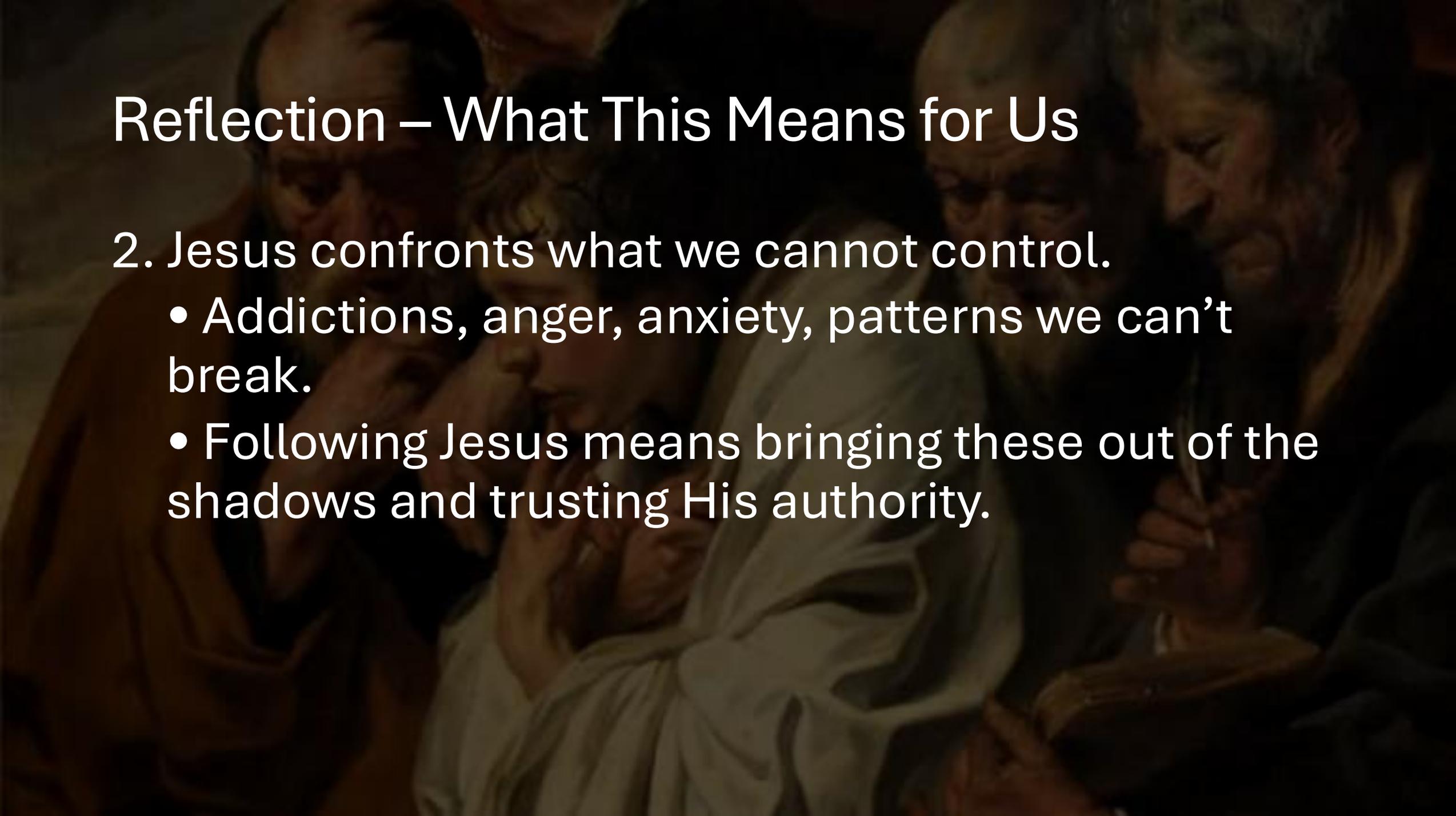
- Ministry starts with “home and friends.”
- The man who once terrorized the region now evangelizes the region.

A group of people, including a man in a white robe, gathered around a person lying down, possibly Jesus, in a dark setting. The scene is dimly lit, with the white robe standing out against the dark background. The people are looking down at the person lying down with expressions of concern and care.

# Reflection – What This Means for Us

1. Jesus crosses over into our graveyards.

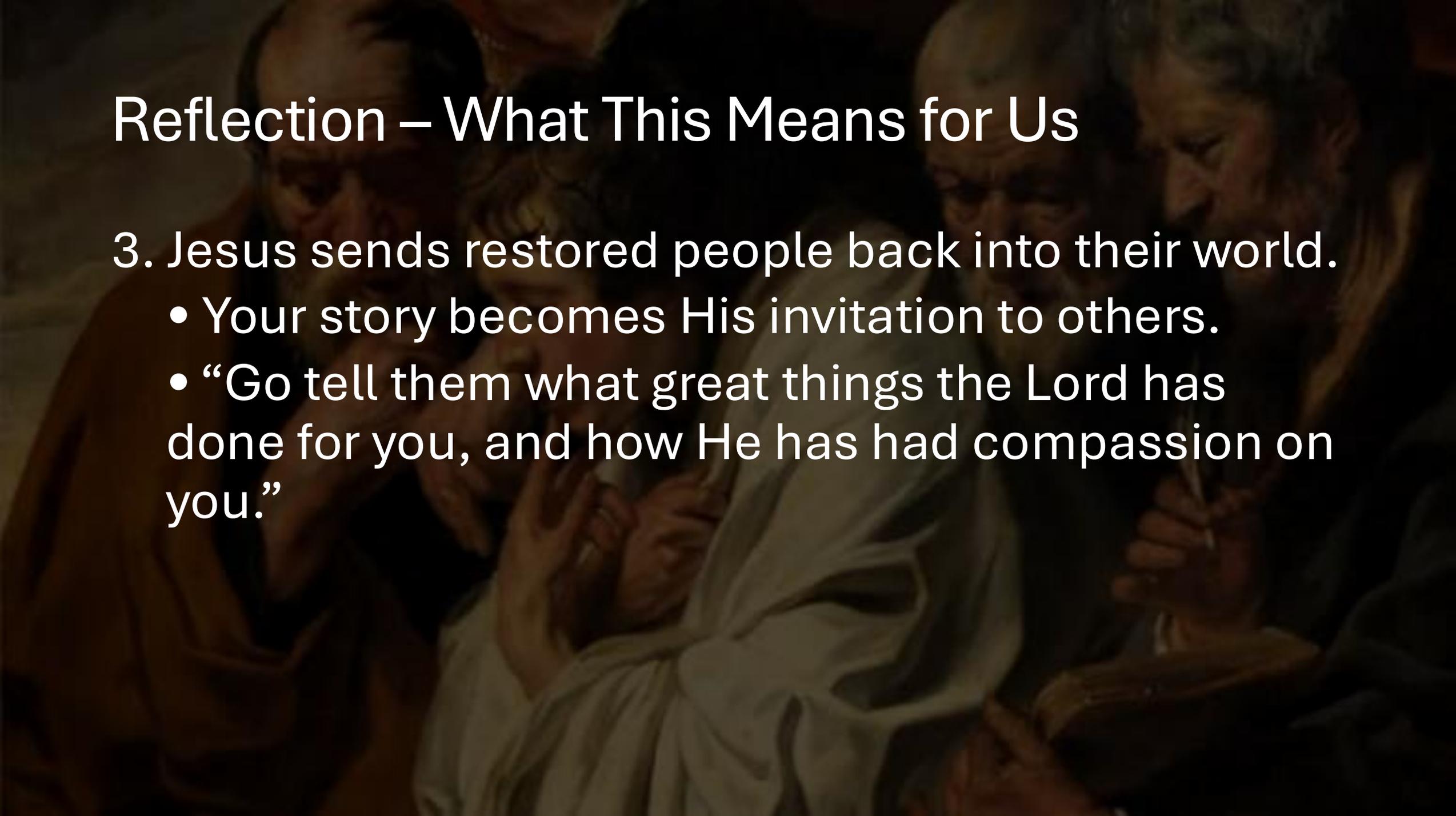
- No place is so dark, defiled, or hopeless that Jesus won't step into it.
- The shame, secrets, and “tombs” of your life are where He wants to meet you.



## Reflection – What This Means for Us

2. Jesus confronts what we cannot control.

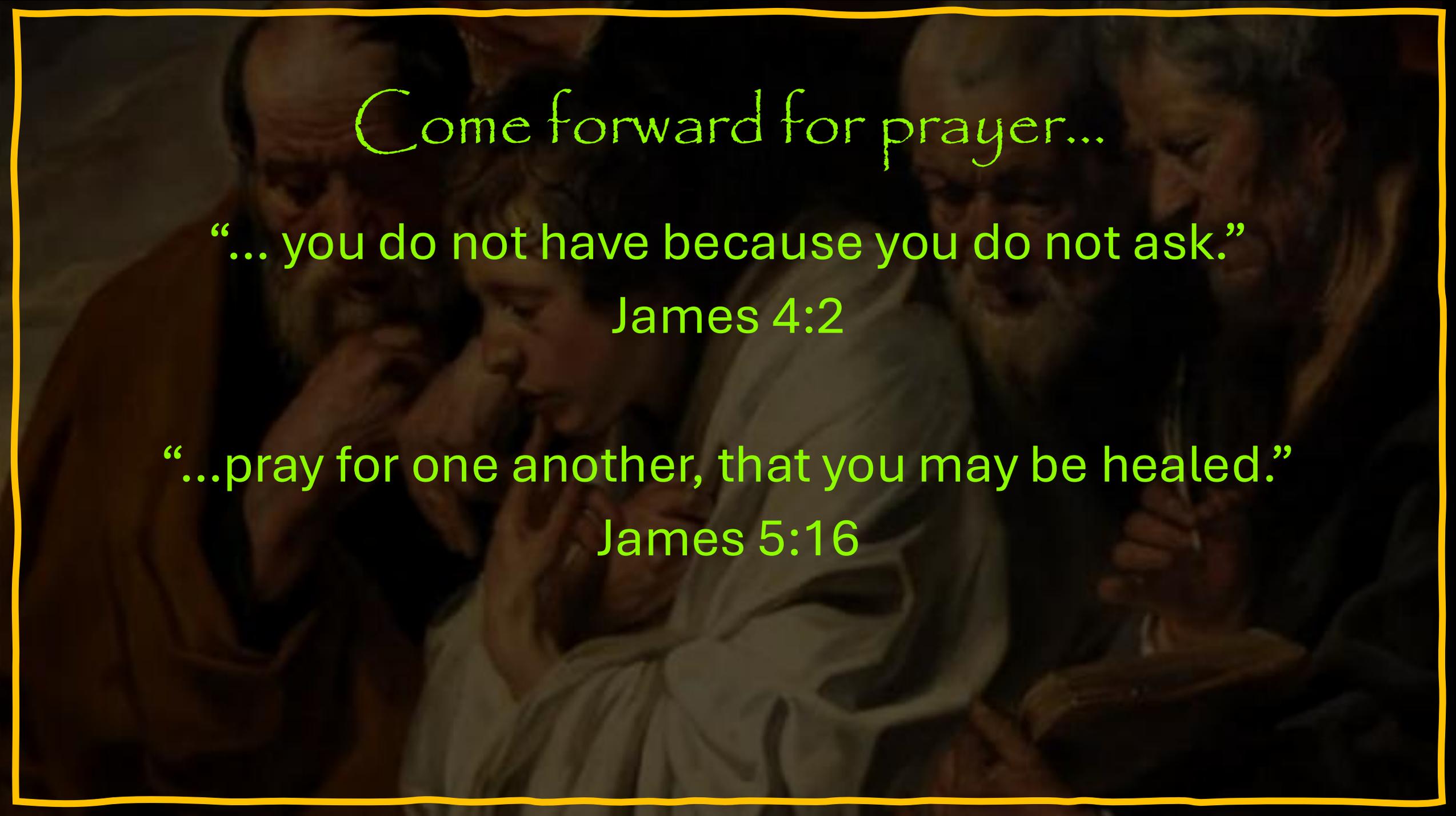
- Addictions, anger, anxiety, patterns we can't break.
- Following Jesus means bringing these out of the shadows and trusting His authority.



## Reflection – What This Means for Us

3. Jesus sends restored people back into their world.

- Your story becomes His invitation to others.
- “Go tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”



Come forward for prayer..

“... you do not have because you do not ask.”

James 4:2

“...pray for one another, that you may be healed.”

James 5:16



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