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THE MESSAGE

JAMES 1:22

"...DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.
OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."

What do you call a policeman in bed?

An undercover cop!

What do you call a farmer that grows bad jokes?

Corny

What do you call a snobby criminal walking down the steps?

A condescending con descending!

What do you call a person with a tree in their briefcase?

Branch manager.

What do you call security guards outside the Samsung factory?

Guardians of the Galaxy



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What do you call it when...



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What do you call it when...

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*Therefore, go and make
disciples
of all the nations
Matthew 28:19*

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1. Book Sermon

2. Called to be Connected: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

3. Unity in Diversity-1 Corinthians 1:9-17

4. Shaped by the Cross-1 Corinthians 1:18-31

5. Our Witness in the World-1 Corinthians 9

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- To be Witnesses in the world we need **Spiritual Agility**
- To be Witnesses in the world we need **Cultural Agility**
- To be Witnesses in the world we need **Physical Agility**

**Agility = to be able to move, change
or adapt without losing balance or
focus; without falling**

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MP1: To be Witnesses in the world we need Spiritual Agility

Spiritual agility means being able to remain firmly anchored in foundational biblical truth while adapting to life's disruptions changes and trials with resilience, grace, and discernment, rather than rigidity or fear.

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1. His foundations were firm

Am I not as free as anyone else? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus our Lord with my own eyes? Isn't it because of my work that you belong to the Lord? Even if others think I am not an apostle, I certainly am to you. You yourselves are proof that I am the Lord's apostle. This is my answer to those who question my authority

1 Corinthians 9:1-3

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2. His mission was clear

....preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!
1 Corinthians 9:16

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1. His materialistic rights 9: 3 -4
2. His relational rights 9: 5
3. His financial rights 9: 6



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Yet I have never used any of these rights. And I am not writing this to suggest that I want to start now. In fact, I would rather die than lose my right to boast about preaching without charge
1 Corinthians 9: 15

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If I were doing this on my own initiative, I would deserve payment. But I have no choice, for God has given me this sacred trust.

1 Corinthians 9:17

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- **To be Witnesses in the world we need Spiritual Agility**
- **To be Witnesses in the world we need Cultural Agility**

Cultural agility means to communicate the Christian message and live out its values across diverse cultural and social landscapes. It requires holding firmly to scripture while adapting methods and perspectives to effectively engage, understand, and love people of different backgrounds

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Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9: 19-22

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Edoulōsa = ἑδούλωσα = Have made myself a slave

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“That doesn't mean he 'gives them what they want to hear'. It means giving them much they do not want to hear but in language and with arguments they can understand.”



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Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

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Extra Notes / Reflections

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TRANSFORMATION
COMMUNITY CHURCH

- **To be Witnesses in the world we need Spiritual Agility**
- **To be Witnesses in the world we need Cultural Agility**
- **To be Witnesses in the world we need Physical Agility**

Physical agility means to have the strength, desire and perseverance to do what we have been called to do.

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Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

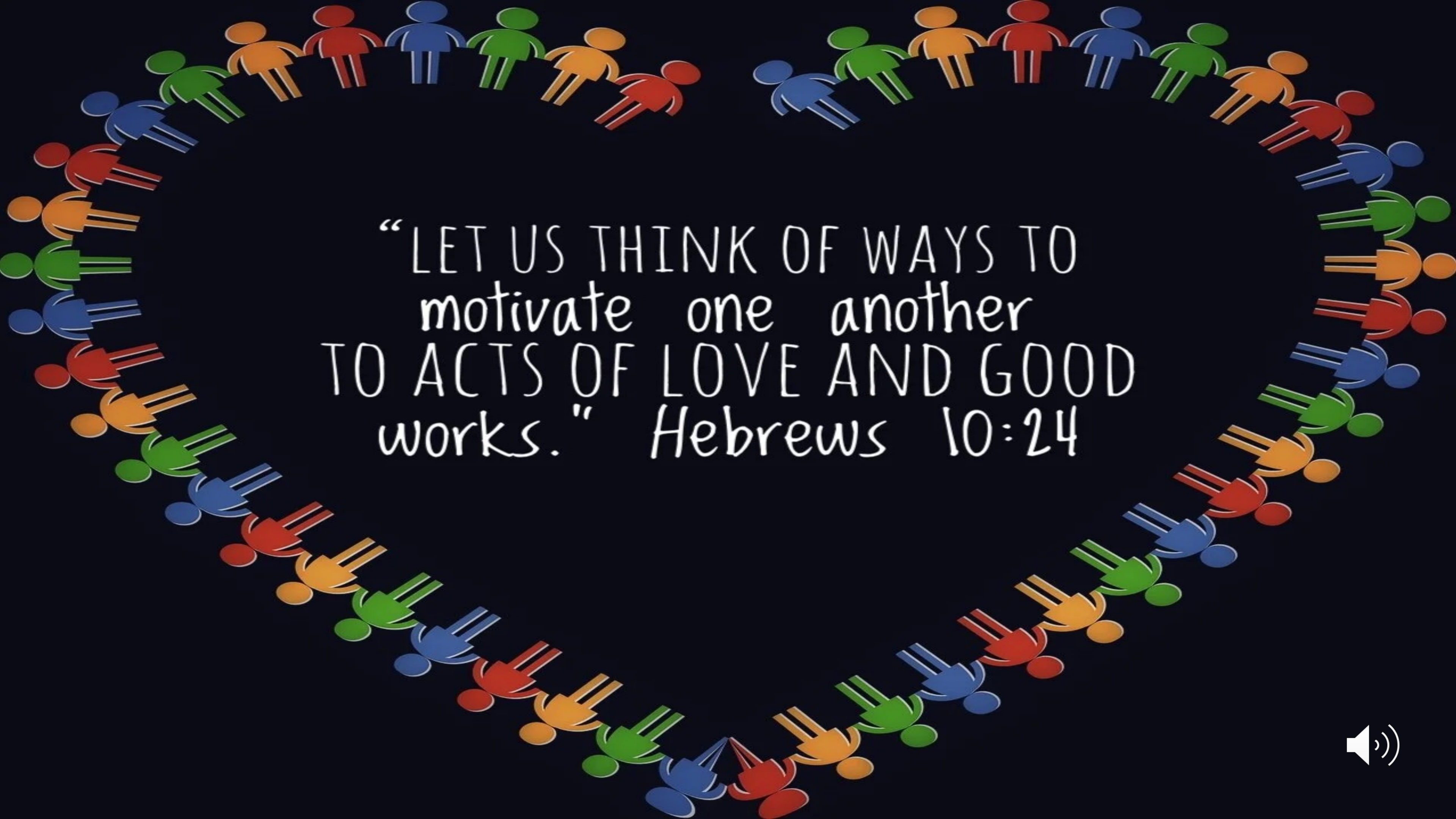
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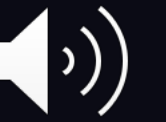
**Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.
Indeed, the water I give him will become in him
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**

— John 4:14





“LET US THINK OF WAYS TO
motivate one another
TO ACTS OF LOVE AND GOOD
works.” Hebrews 10:24



**But those who trust in the LORD
will find new strength.**



**They will soar high on wings like eagles
They will run and not grow weary
They will walk and not faint**

Isaiah 40:31





COME TO ME

ALL WHO LABOR
AND ARE HEAVY LADEN
AND I WILL GIVE YOU

REST

MATTHEW 11:28

How do we Respond?

*I do everything to spread the Good News
and share in its blessings
1 Corinthians 9:23*

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Where do we need to work on our agility?

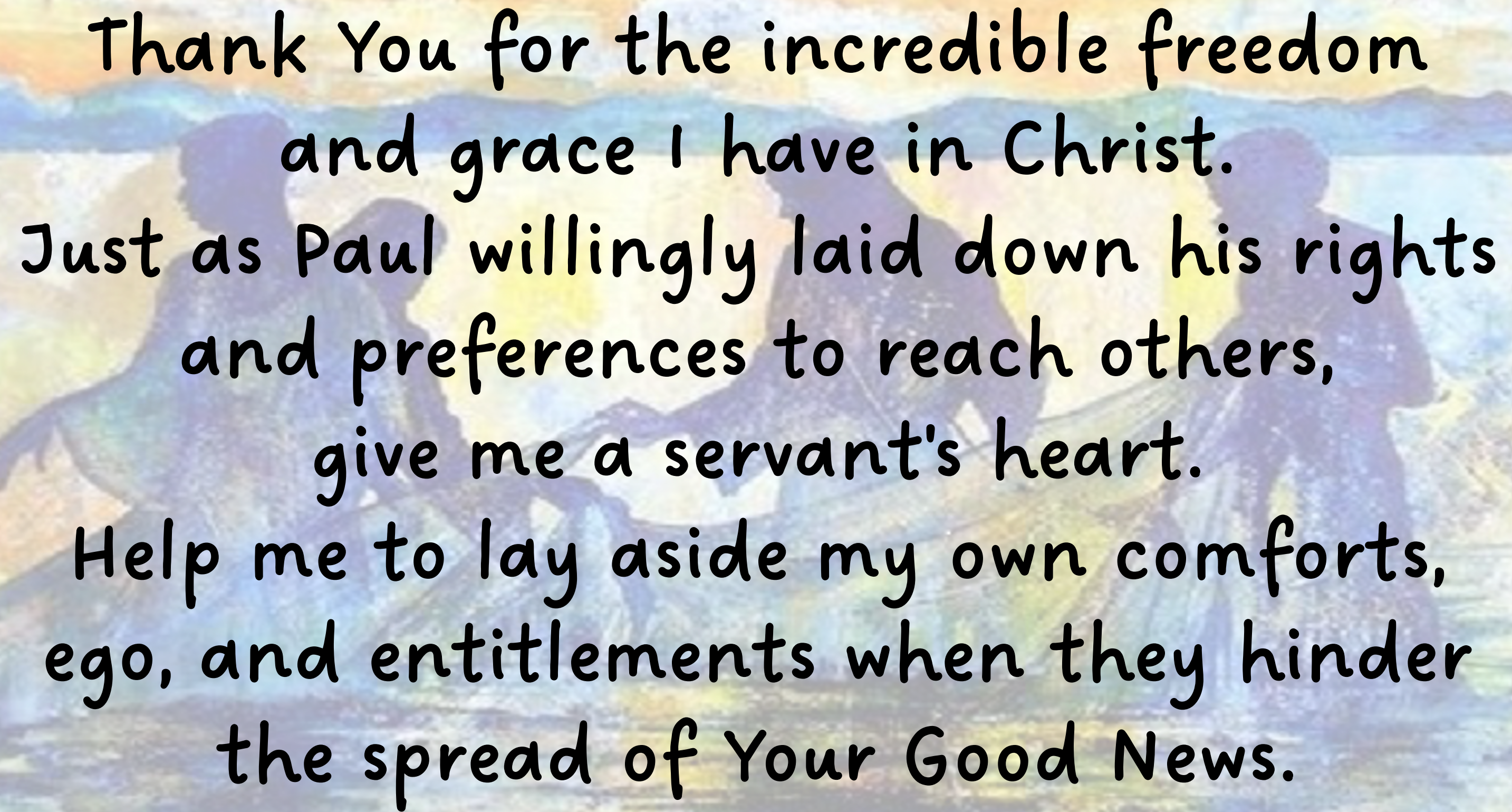
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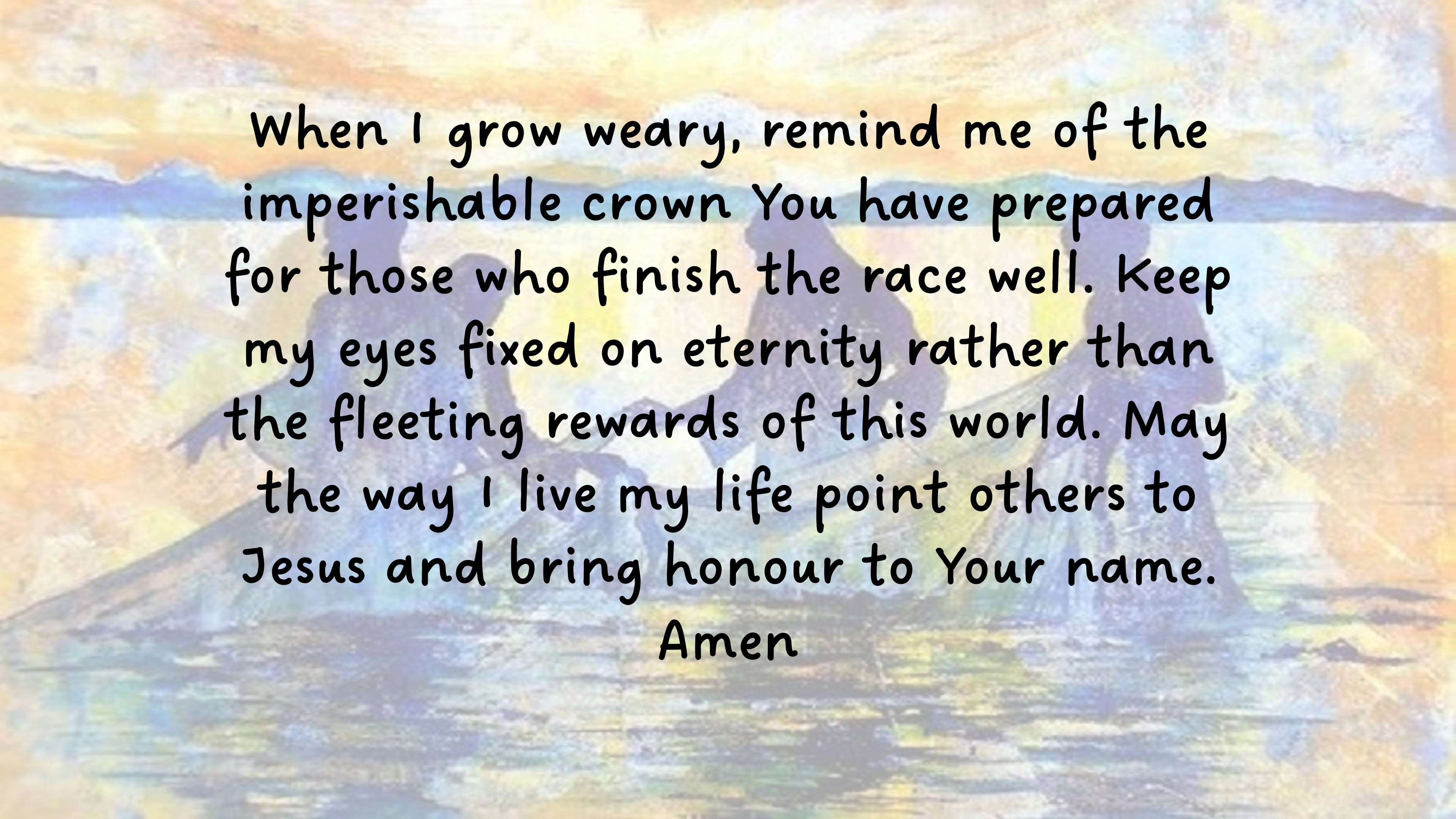
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Thank You for the incredible freedom
and grace I have in Christ.
Just as Paul willingly laid down his rights
and preferences to reach others,
give me a servant's heart.
Help me to lay aside my own comforts,
ego, and entitlements when they hinder
the spread of Your Good News.

A painting of three people in a boat on a lake at sunset. The scene is rendered in a soft, painterly style with warm colors like orange, yellow, and blue. The figures are silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun. The text is overlaid on the image in a black, handwritten-style font.

Lord, give me the wisdom to meet
people where they are, and the
courage to share Your love boldly
and compassionately.

I pray that I would not run aimlessly,
but with deep purpose and focus,
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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When I grow weary, remind me of the imperishable crown You have prepared for those who finish the race well. Keep my eyes fixed on eternity rather than the fleeting rewards of this world. May the way I live my life point others to Jesus and bring honour to Your name.

Amen

THE LIVE STREAM

**IS NOW
FINISHING**

SEE YOU NEXT TIME

