

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERMON

LIVING *Sacrifice*

Romans 12:1-2

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A LIVING SACRIFICE

Romans 12:1-2

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FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF
THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS
THE POWER OF GOD THAT
BRINGS SALVATION TO
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES:
FIRST TO THE JEW, THEN TO
THE GENTILE.

ROMANS 1:16

⁹ If you declare with your mouth,
“Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart
that God raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe
and are justified, and it is with your mouth
that you profess your faith and are saved.

¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9-13 (NIV)

“How, then, can they *call*
on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they *believe*
in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they *hear*
without someone preaching to them?
And how can they *preach*
unless they are *sent*?”

Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)



CALL
BELIEVE
HEAR
PREACH
SENT

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⁹ If you openly declare (confess) that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

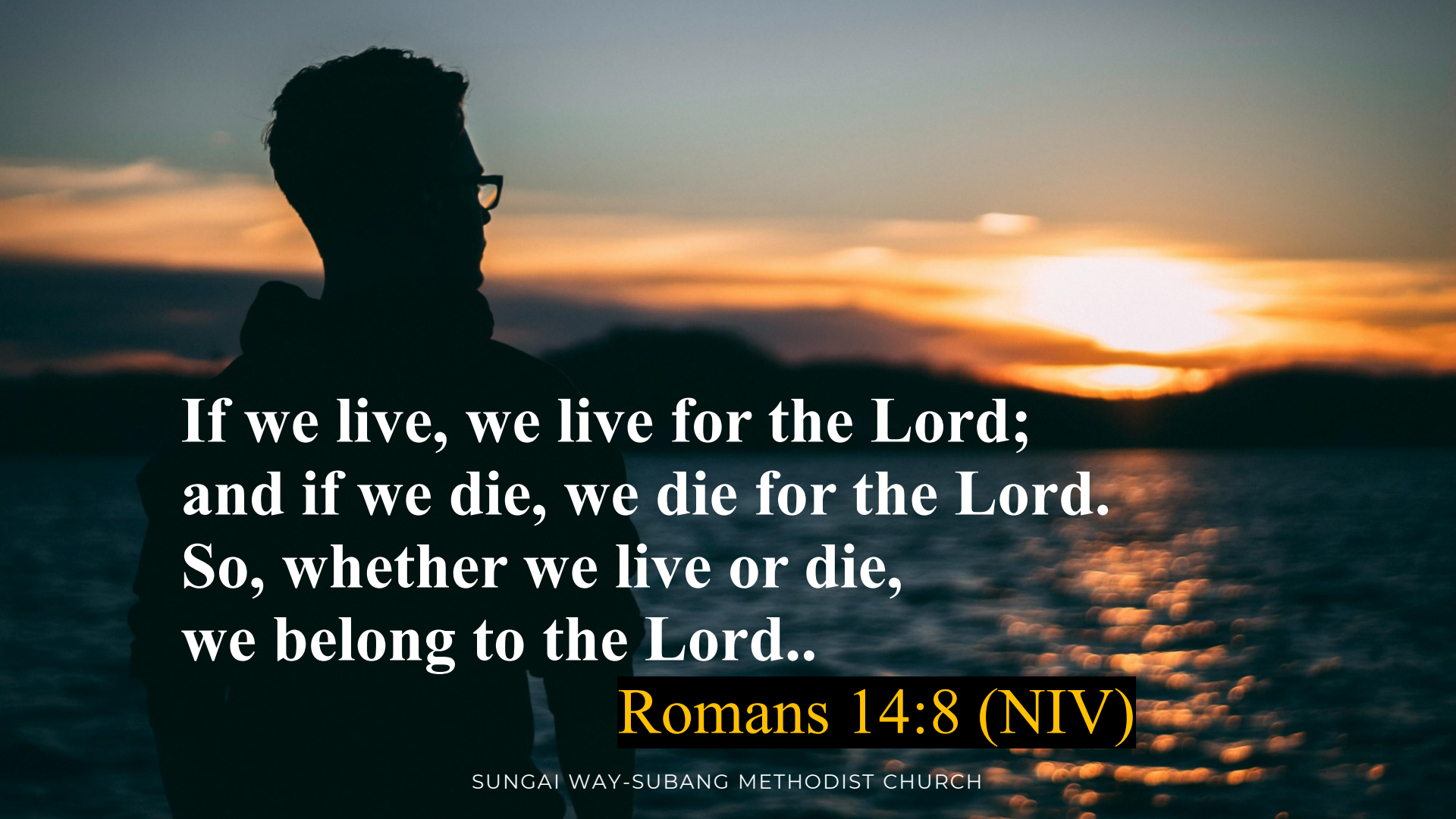
¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

Romans 15:20

“It has always been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.”



A silhouette of a man with glasses is shown in profile, looking out over a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water below. The man's silhouette is dark against the bright background of the sunset.

**If we live, we live for the Lord;
and if we die, we die for the Lord.
So, whether we live or die,
we belong to the Lord..**

Romans 14:8 (NIV)

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)



Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

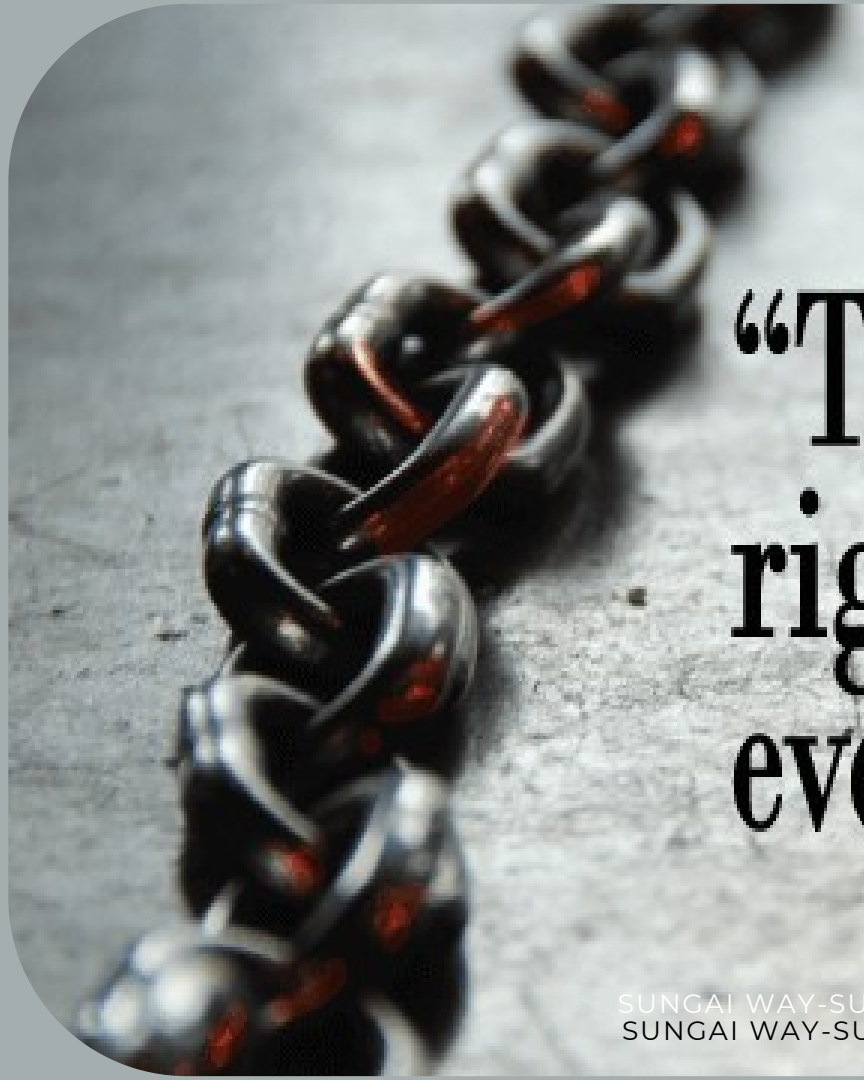
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Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Therefore, in
view of
God's Mercy..

LIVING SACRIFICE



As it is written:
“There is no one
righteous, not
even one... Romans 3:10

H I S W O R D S

**FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL
SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD, AND
ALL ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS
GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION
THAT CAME BY CHRIST JESUS.**

R O M A N S 3 : 2 3 , N I V

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Therefore, there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
because through Christ Jesus the law
of the Spirit who gives life has set you free
from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

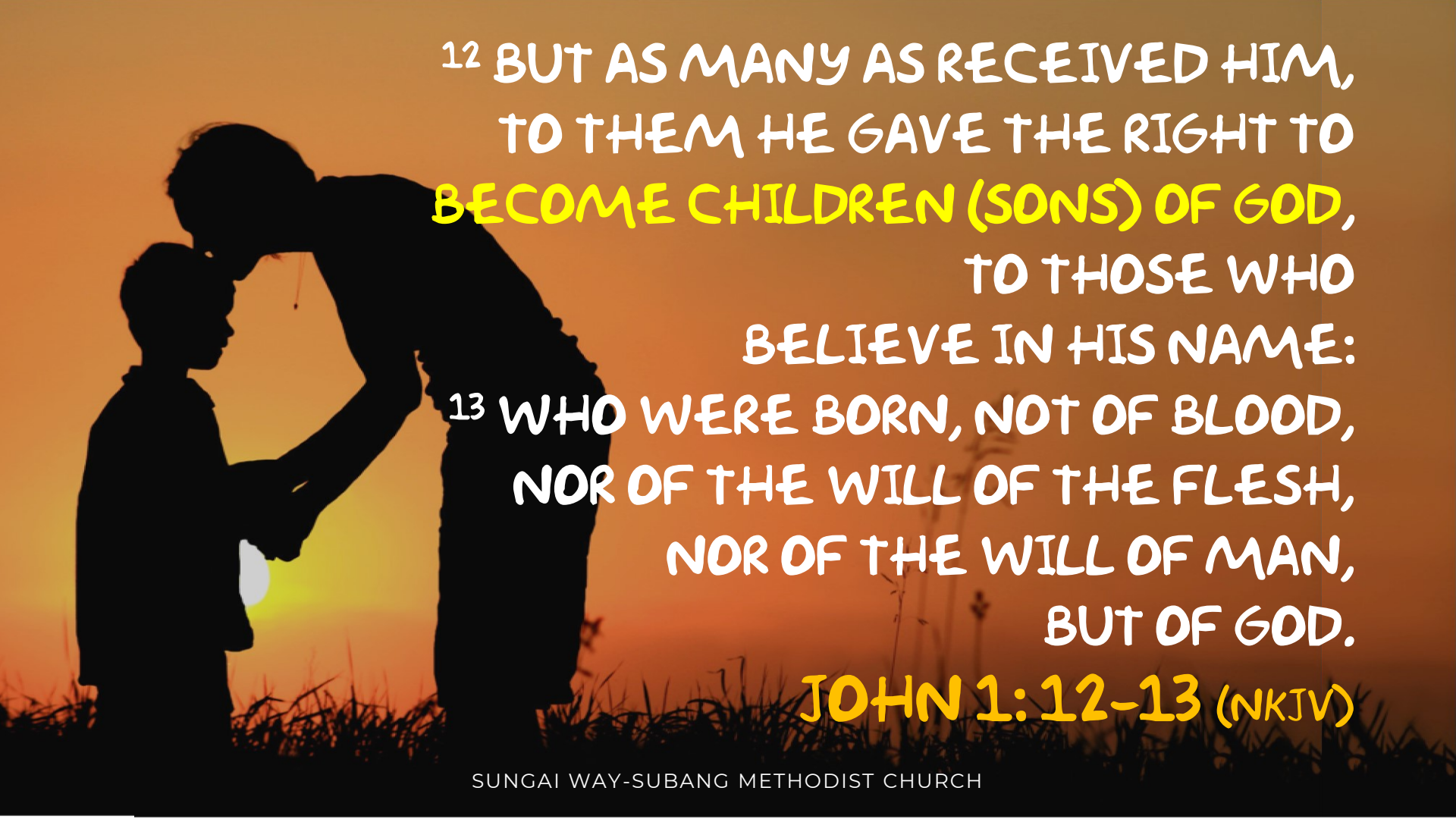


SINNERS TO SONS

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.

And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15

A silhouette of a man and a child embracing against a sunset background. The man is on the right, leaning over the child on the left. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange glow. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

¹² BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM,
TO THEM HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO
BECOME CHILDREN (SONS) OF GOD,
TO THOSE WHO
BELIEVE IN HIS NAME:

¹³ 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 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **PEACE WITH GOD** through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)



PEACE WITH GOD

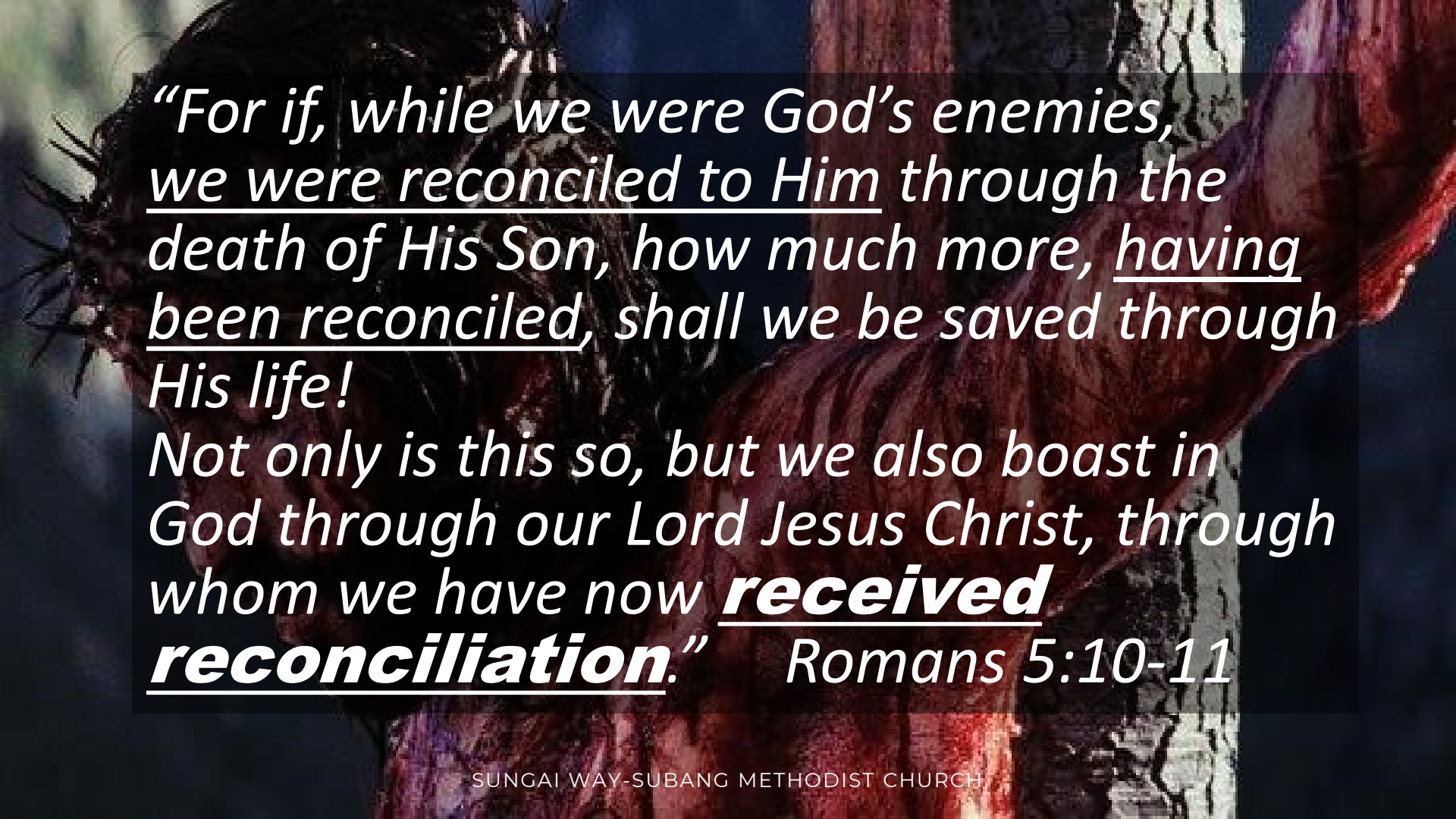


PEACE WITH MAN



PEACE WITH CREATION

Peace



“For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!

*Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now **received reconciliation.**”* Romans 5:10-11

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ENMITY TO RECONCILIATION

God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” Romans 5:10-11

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation:**



^{19b} ...And He has committed to us the **message of reconciliation.**

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us....

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (NIV)

**For the
wages of sin
is death, but
the gift of
God is
eternal life in
Christ Jesus
our Lord.**

- Romans 6:23 -



**For the
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SEPARATION TO SALVATION

**Christ Jesus
our Lord.**

- Romans 6:23 -

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a red heart-shaped sign with white, hand-painted text reads "THE WAGES OF SIN". The sign is positioned behind vertical grey bars. In the background, several people are sitting on the floor, some with their backs to the camera, in a room with light blue walls and colorful posters. The overall scene suggests a theme of sin and redemption.

THE WAGES
OF SIN

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THE WAGES
OF SIN

SEPARATION TO SALVATION

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

²⁴ Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Romans 3:23 NLT

H I S W O R D S

**IN THE SAME WAY, COUNT
YOURSELVES DEAD TO SIN
BUT ALIVE TO GOD IN
CHRIST JESUS.**

R O M A N S 6 : 1 1 , N I V

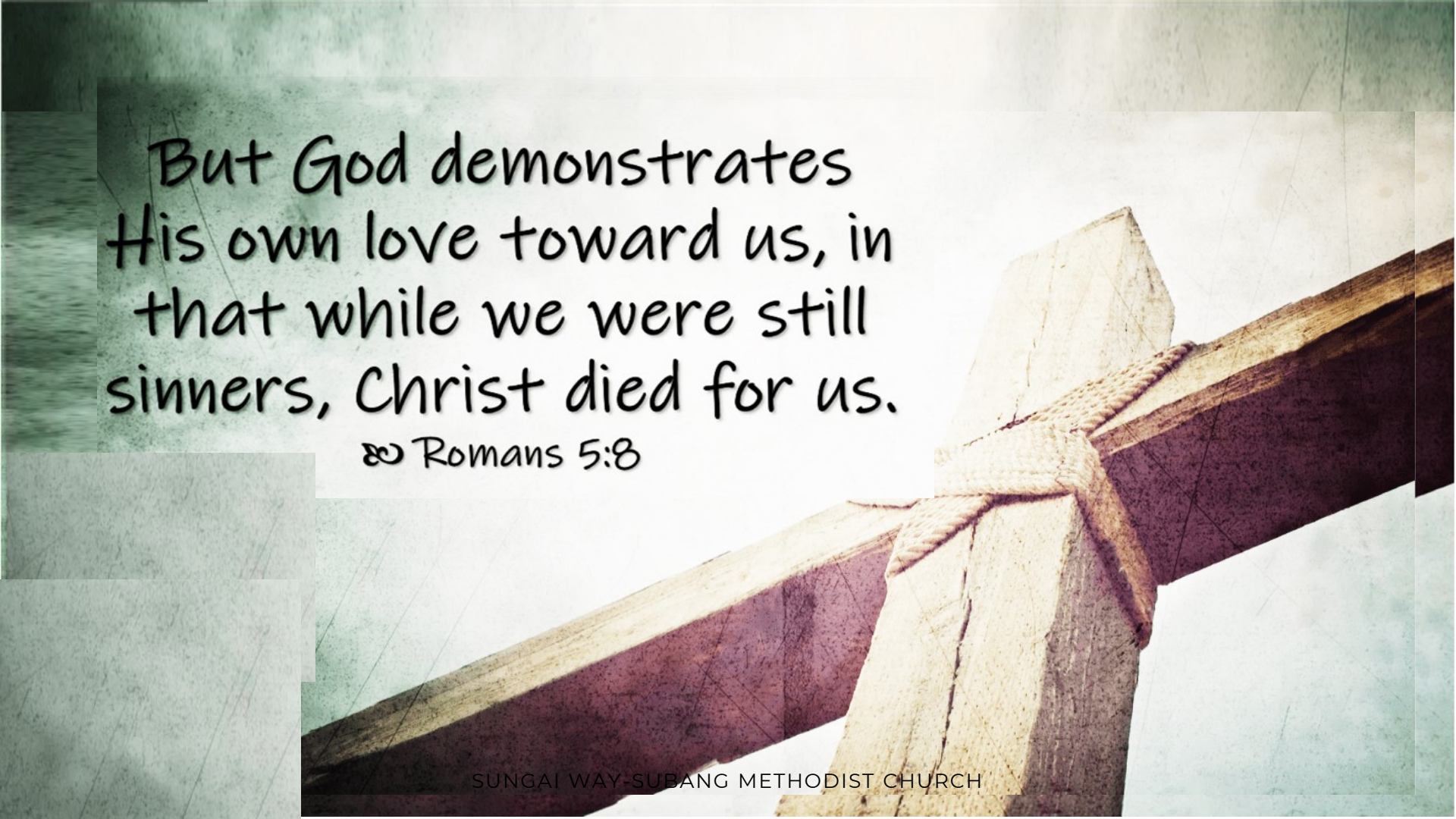
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DEAD TO SIN – ALIVE TO GOD

CHRIST JESUS.

R O M A N S 6 : 1 1 , N I V



But God demonstrates
His own love toward us, in
that while we were still
sinners, Christ died for us.

☞ Romans 5:8

A hiker with a backpack is walking away from the viewer on a rocky path that winds through a vast, mountainous valley. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light illuminating the sky and the distant peaks. The mountains are rugged and layered, creating a sense of depth and scale. The hiker is positioned in the lower center of the frame, looking towards the horizon. The overall mood is one of solitude and adventure.

Nothing can separate us...

Romans 8:35-39

Nothing can separate us...

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of

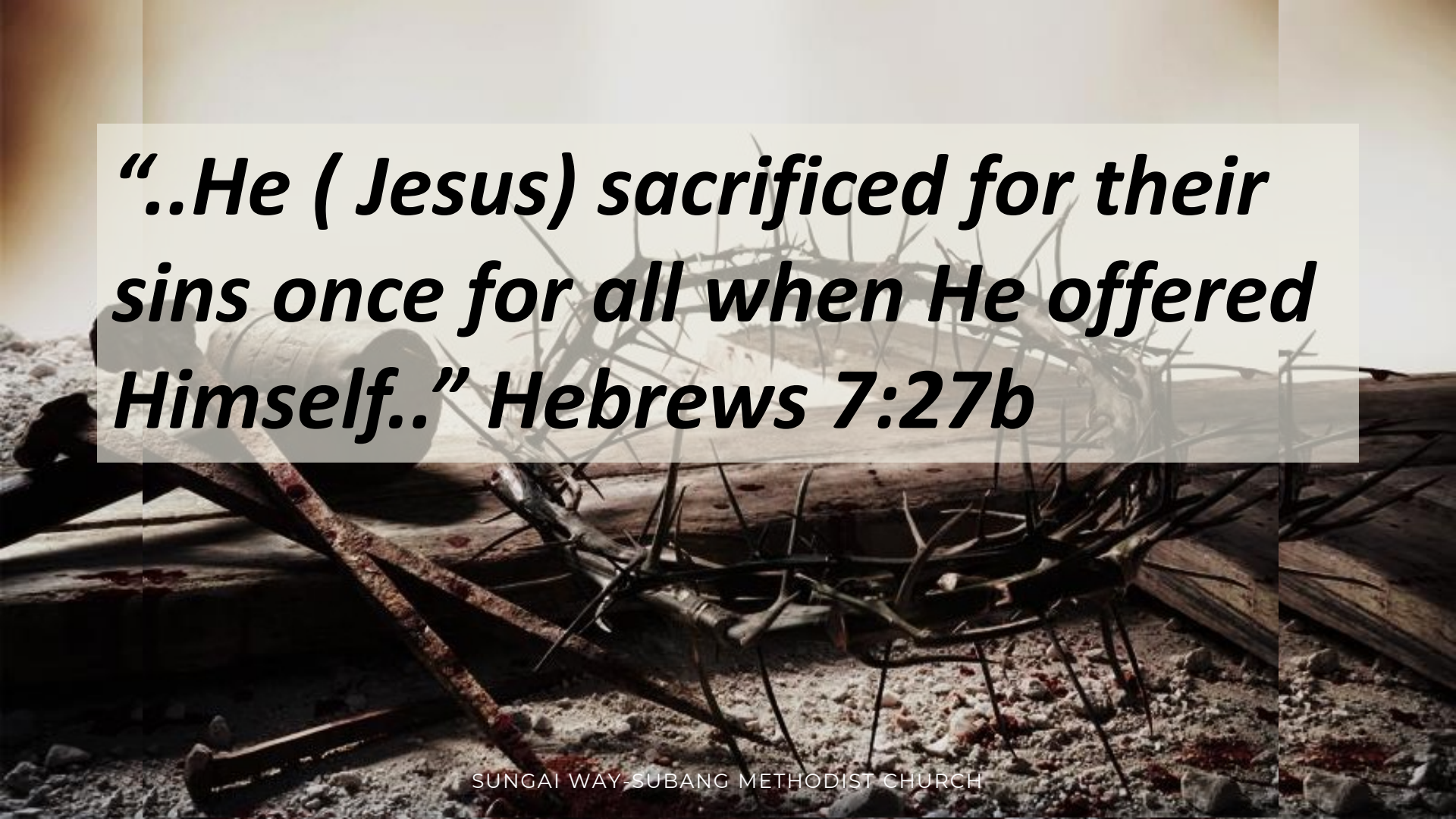
God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:35-39** (NIV)

NOTHING CAN
SEPARATE US FROM
THE LOVE OF GOD

ROMANS 8:39

Therefore, in
view of
God's Mercy..

LIVING SACRIFICE

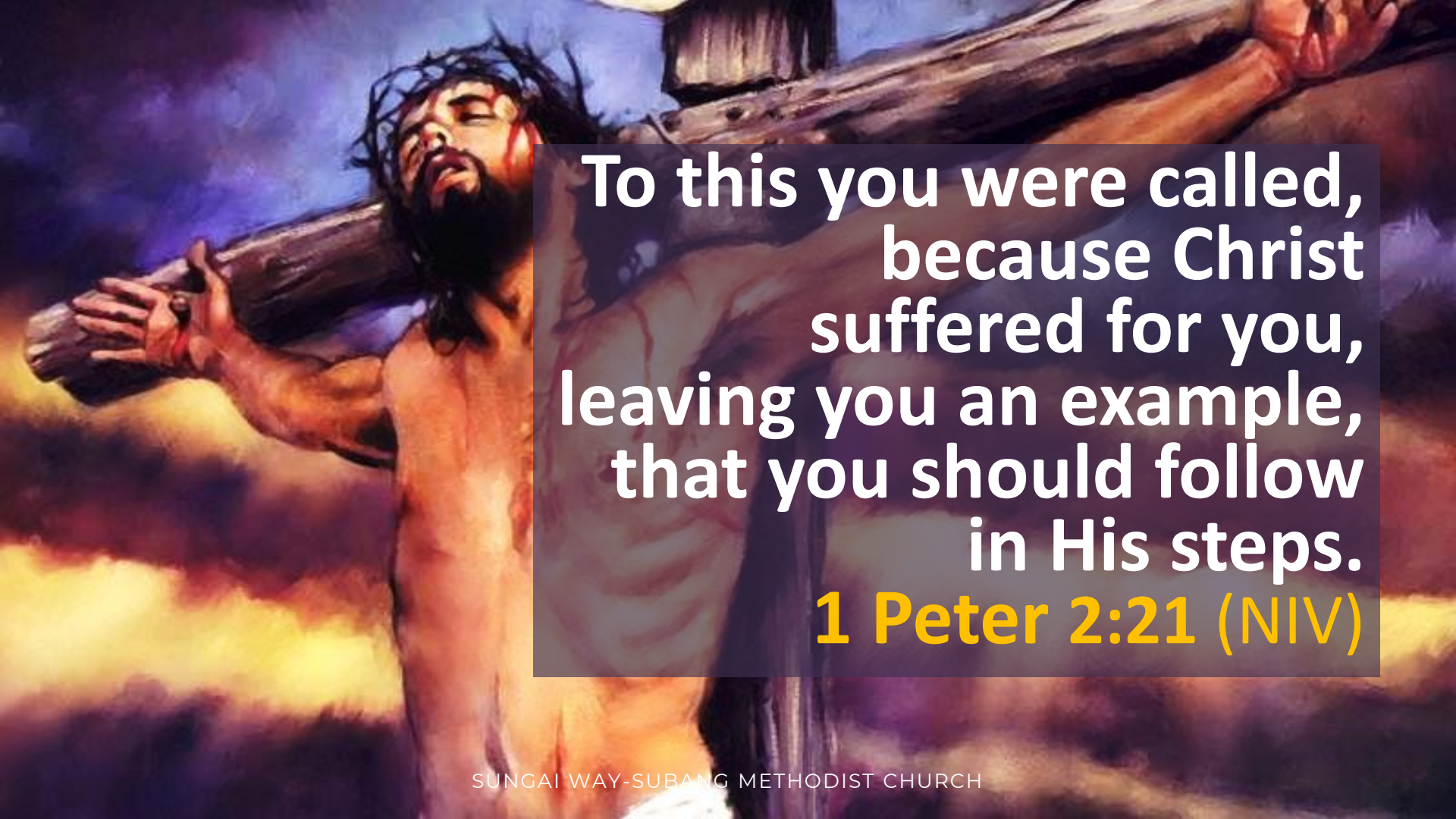
A crown of thorns and a wooden cross are shown on a rocky, uneven ground. The crown of thorns is made of dark, sharp, and tangled branches. The cross is made of light-colored wood. The background is a bright, hazy sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the upper half of the image.

“..He (Jesus) sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered Himself..” Hebrews 7:27b

JESUS

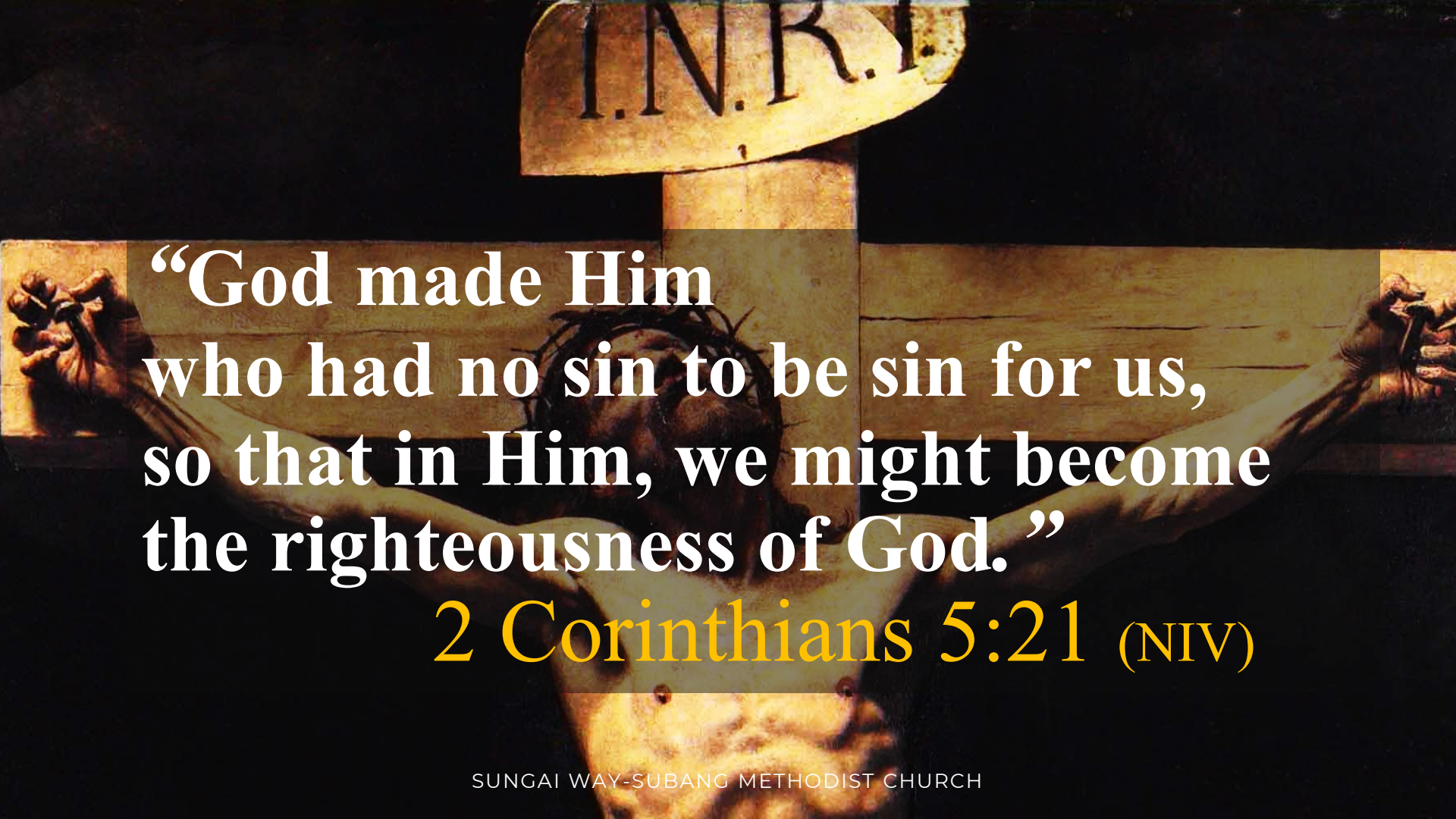
OUR GREAT EXAMPLE

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To this you were called,
because Christ
suffered for you,
leaving you an example,
that you should follow
in His steps.

1 Peter 2:21 (NIV)



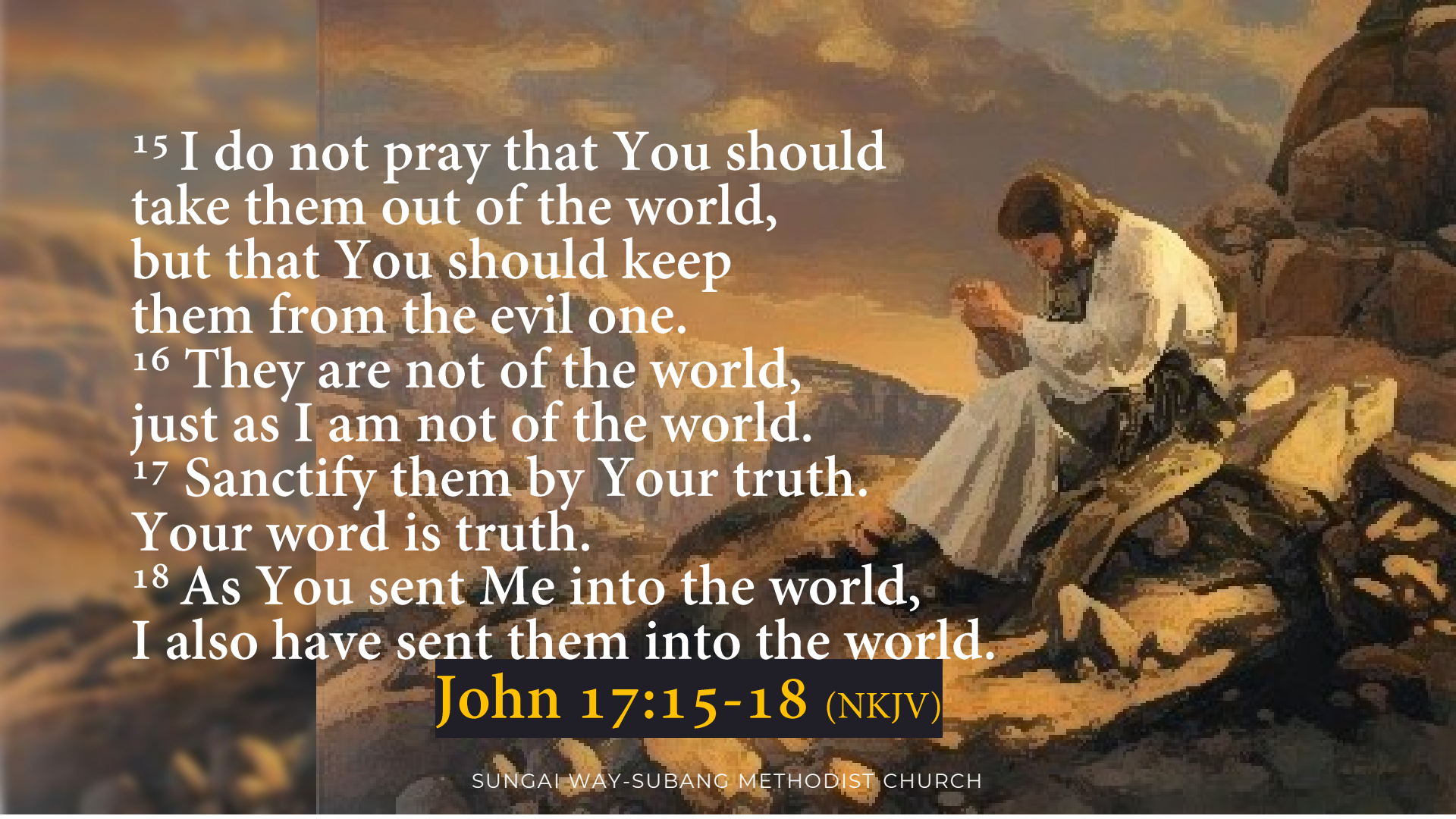
**“God made Him
who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in Him, we might become
the righteousness of God.”**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

Therefore, in
view of
God's Mercy..

Do not be
conformed to
the pattern this
world

LIVING SACRIFICE



¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

John 17:15-18 (NKJV)



Do not conform
to the pattern
of this world,
but be
transformed by
the renewing
of your mind.

Romans 12:2

*Do not love the world or
the things in the world.
If anyone loves the world,
the love of the Father
is not in him.*

1 John 2:15 (NKJV)





*Let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles...*

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

A conceptual image showing two hands, one on the left and one on the right, both reaching upwards. The hands are positioned as if they have just broken through a thick, dark metal chain. The chain is broken in the middle, with a cloud of white particles or dust surrounding the point of separation. The background is a gradient from light blue at the top to light green at the bottom. The text 'CHAINS BROKEN' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline, and 'SET FREE' is written below it in the same style. At the bottom, the text 'SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH' is written in a smaller, white font.


CHAINS BROKEN

SET FREE

THE CALL IS TO



JESUS



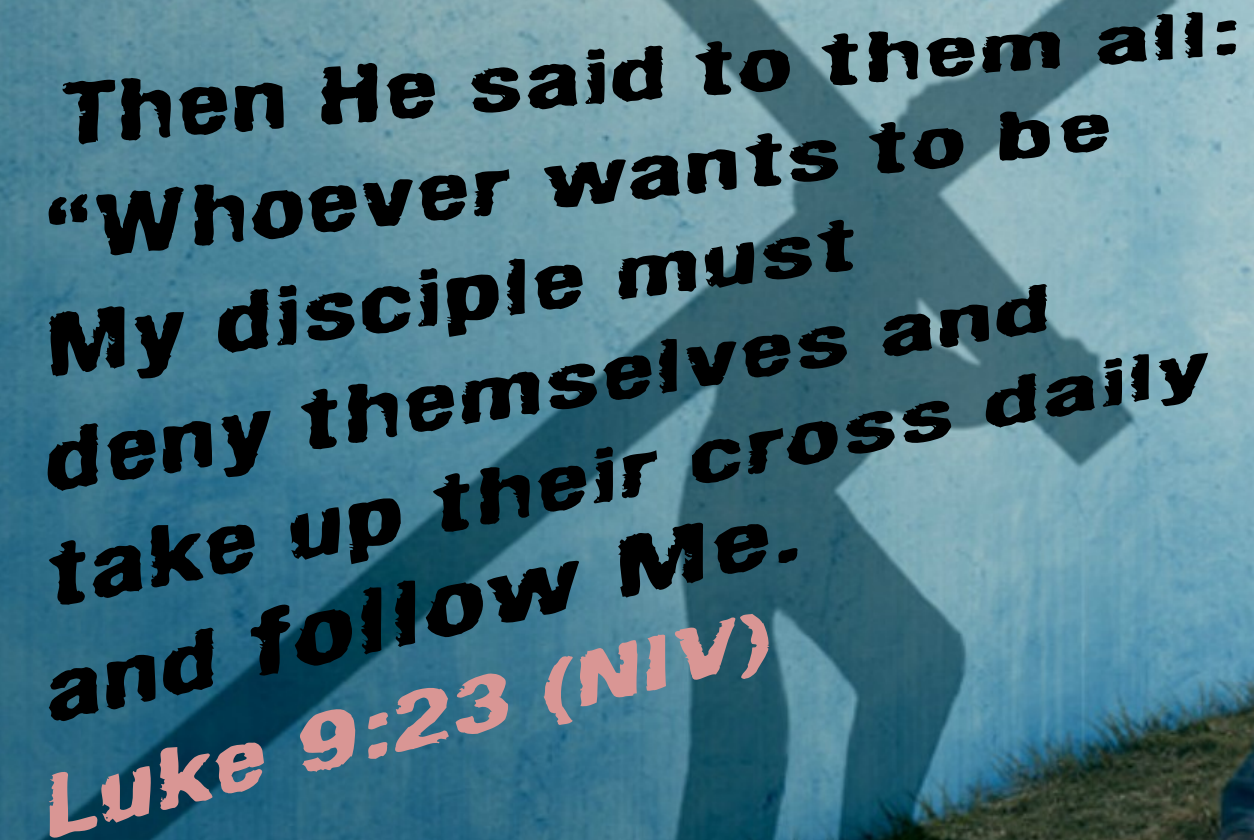
***“Live
like
Jesus”***

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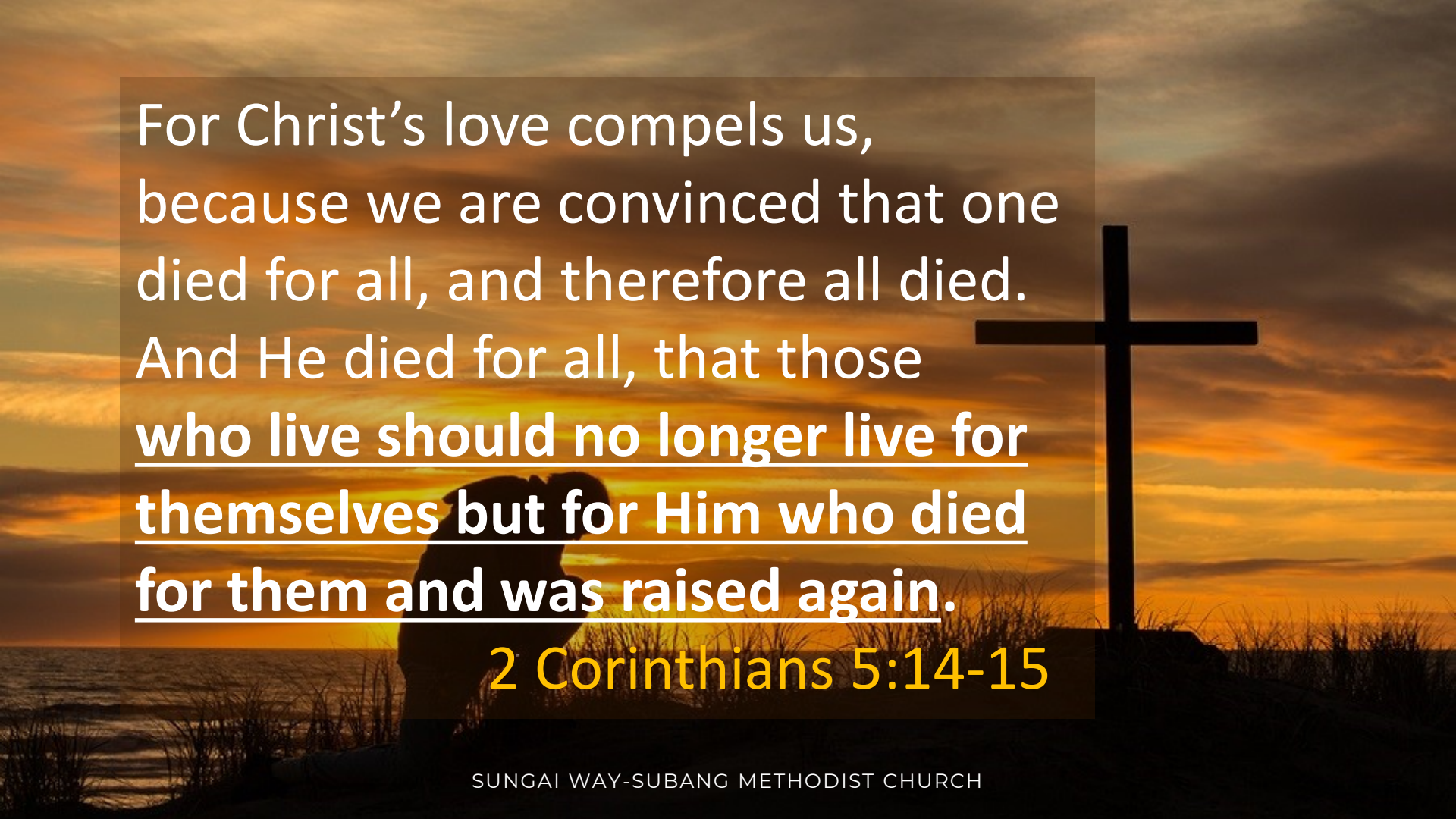


WHOEVER CLAIMS TO LIVE IN HIM
MUST LIVE AS JESUS DID

1 JOHN 2:6



**Then He said to them all:
“Whoever wants to be
My disciple must
deny themselves and
take up their cross daily
and follow Me.
Luke 9:23 (NIV)**



For Christ's love compels us,
because we are convinced that one
died for all, and therefore all died.
And He died for all, that those
who live should no longer live for
themselves but for Him who died
for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Therefore, in
view of
God's Mercy..


Do not be
conformed to
the pattern this
world

LIVING SACRIFICE

Be transformed
by the renewing
of your mind

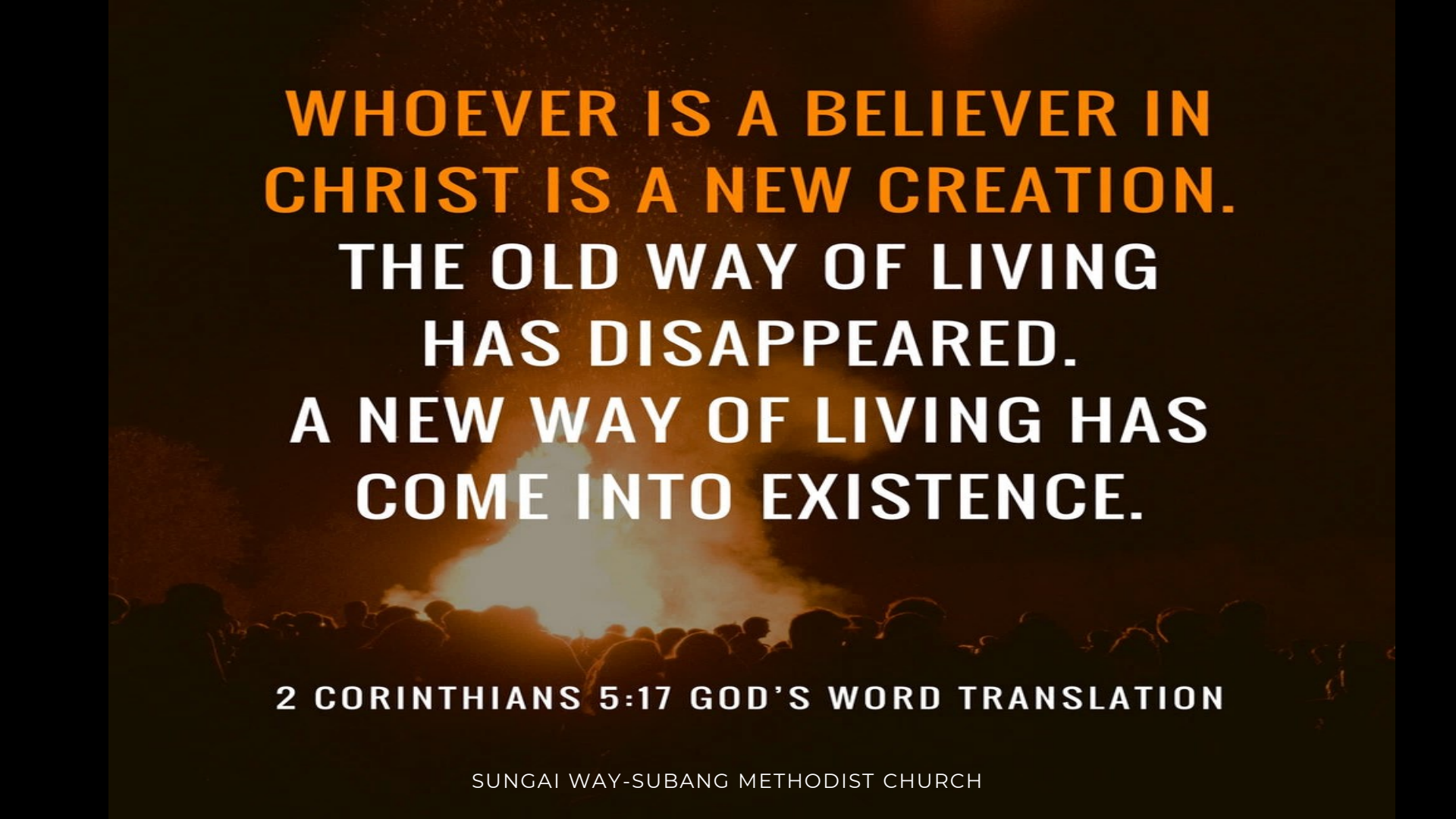


For whom He foreknew, He also predestined
to be conformed to the image of His Son,
that He might be the firstborn among many
brethren. **Romans 8:29 (NKJV)**



“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come”

2 Corinthians 5:17



**WHOEVER IS A BELIEVER IN
CHRIST IS A NEW CREATION.
THE OLD WAY OF LIVING
HAS DISAPPEARED.
A NEW WAY OF LIVING HAS
COME INTO EXISTENCE.**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

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WHOEVER IS A BELIEVER IN
CHRIST IS A NEW CREATION.

THE OLD WAY OF LIVING

TRANSFORMATION

COME INTO EXISTENCE.

CHRISTLIKENESS


2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

work in progress



“..He who began a good work in you...”

Philippians 1:6



BEING CONFIDENT OF THAT WHICH HAS BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL THE COMPLETION OF IT UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST;
PHILIPPIANS 1:6



Diamonds
**ARE GIRL'S
BEST FRIEND**

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Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

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"...being confident of this,
that He who began
a good work in you
will carry it on
to completion until
the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)



*“For we are
His workmanship,
created in
Christ Jesus
for good works,
which God
prepared beforehand,
that we should
walk in them.”*

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)



*‘Remain in Me,
and I in you.’*

John 15:4 (NIV)


Therefore, in
view of
God's Mercy..

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LIVING SACRIFICE

Be transformed
by the renewing
of your mind

Worship,
service and
doing His will

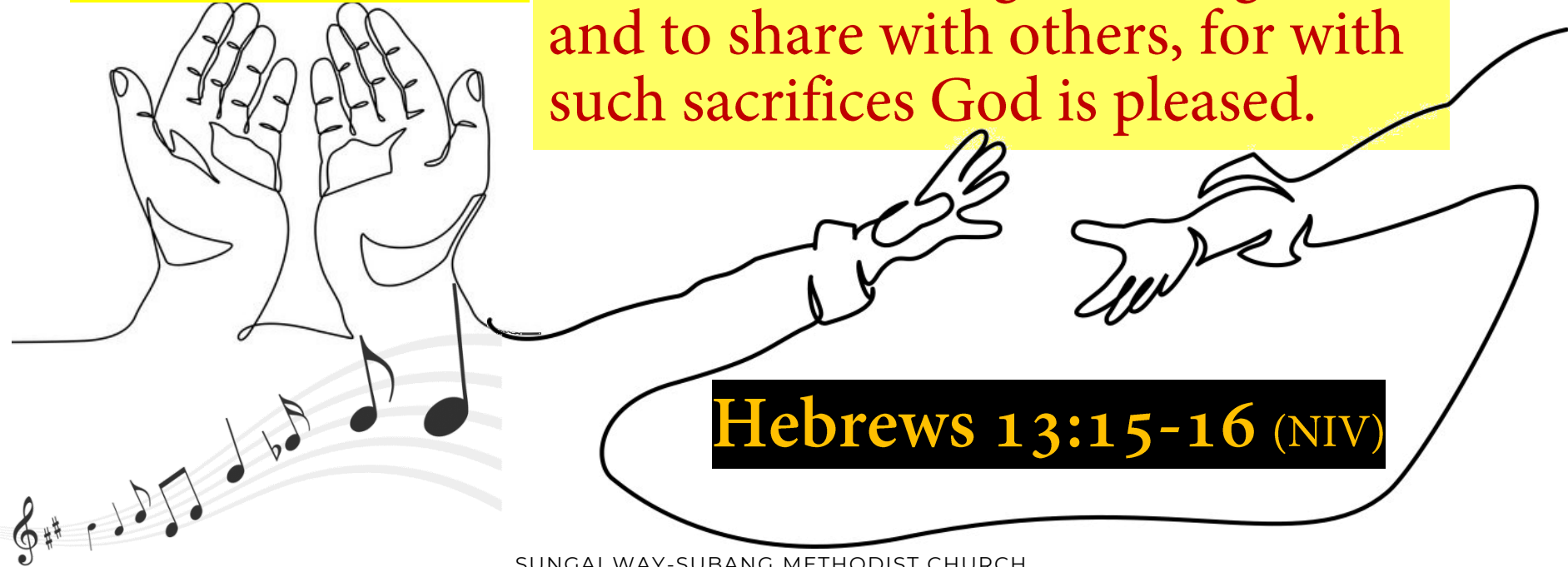
A painting of Jesus in a field of wheat. He is wearing a white robe and a blue sash. He is holding a sheaf of wheat in his right hand and reaching out with his left hand towards another sheaf. The background shows a landscape with hills and a cloudy sky.

**Jesus said to them,
“My food is to do the will
of Him who sent Me,
and to finish His work.**

John 4:34 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.

¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.



Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)

I WILL GIVE YOU
A NEW HEART AND PUT
A NEW SPIRIT IN YOU;
I WILL REMOVE FROM YOU
YOUR HEART OF STONE
AND GIVE YOU
A HEART OF FLESH.

EZEKIEL 36:26 (NIV)





**AND I WILL
PUT MY SPIRIT
WITHIN YOU,**

and cause you to walk in my
statutes and be careful
to obey my rules.

EZEKIEL 36:27

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A stylized flame graphic with a yellow center and red-orange outer edges, set against a red background with geometric patterns.

**AND I WILL
PUT MY SPIRIT
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EZEKIEL 36:27

A photograph of a sunset over a sea of white clouds, with a person standing on a rocky outcrop in the foreground.

**good,
acceptable
& perfect.**

WILL OF GOD

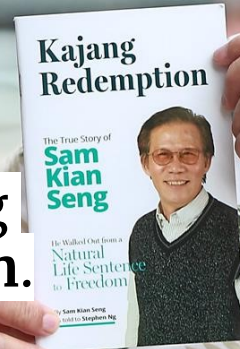
ROMANS 12:2 KJV

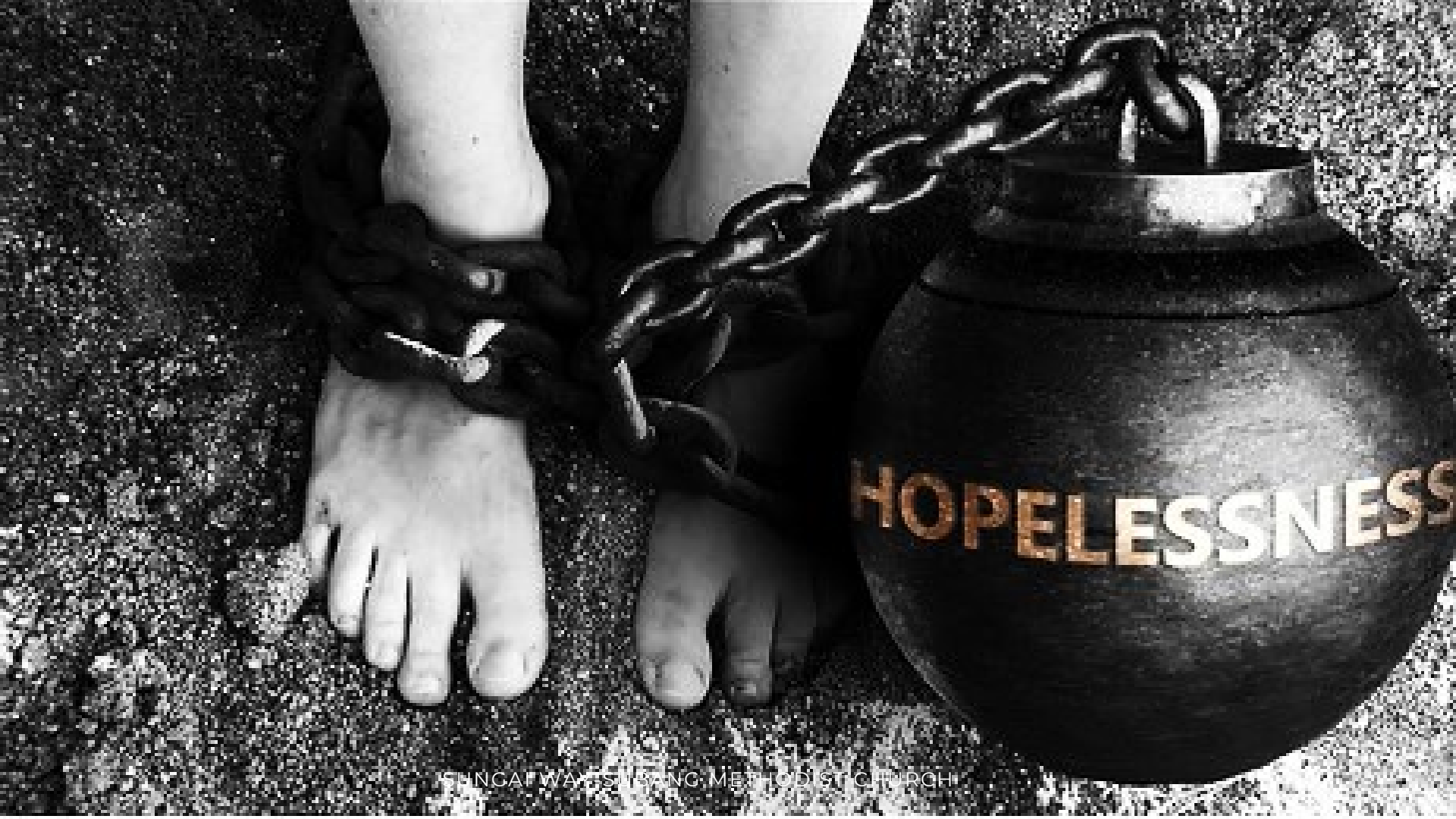
2 And be not conformed to this world:
but be ye transformed by the renewing
of your mind, that ye may **prove what
is that good, and acceptable, and
perfect, will of God.**



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It's the kind of story Oscar-winning films are made of: Poor boy, bullied, school drop-out, gangster, arrested for assault, life sentence, 28 years in prison, finds religion, changes character, redeems himself, gets a royal pardon, commits to helping others in the outside world. This is the true story of Sam Kian Seng as told in the book **Kajang Redemption**. Since before becoming a free man in 2016, The Star has followed his story, even recording several videos about his incredible journey.



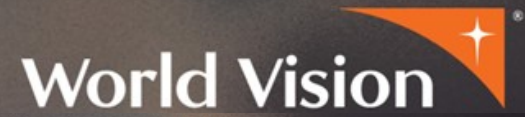


SINGAPOREAN MEDITATION METHOD



“Let my heart
be broken
with the things
that break
God’s heart”
Bob Pierce





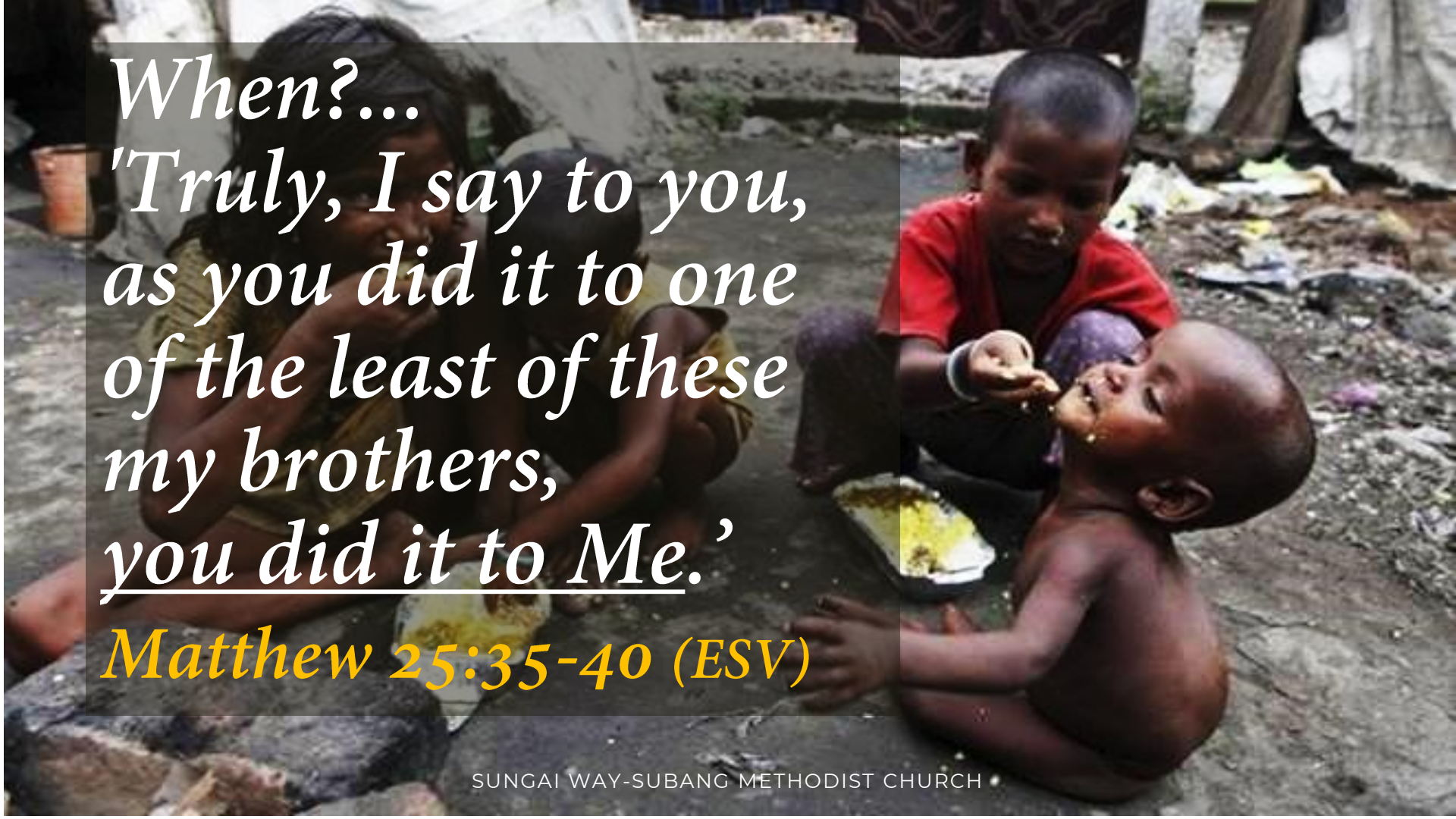
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Dr. Bob Pierce
- World Vision Founder -


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When?...
'Truly, I say to you,
as you did it to one
of the least of these
my brothers,
you did it to Me.

Matthew 25:35-40 (ESV)



**“Making the
opportunity,
days are evil.”**

**most of every
because the
Ephesians 5:16**



Teach us to **NUMBER**
OUR DAYS

that we may gain

a **HEART**
of **WISDOM**

Psalm 90:12

"He (the devil) is
filled with fury,
because he
knows that his
time is short."
Revelation 12:12b

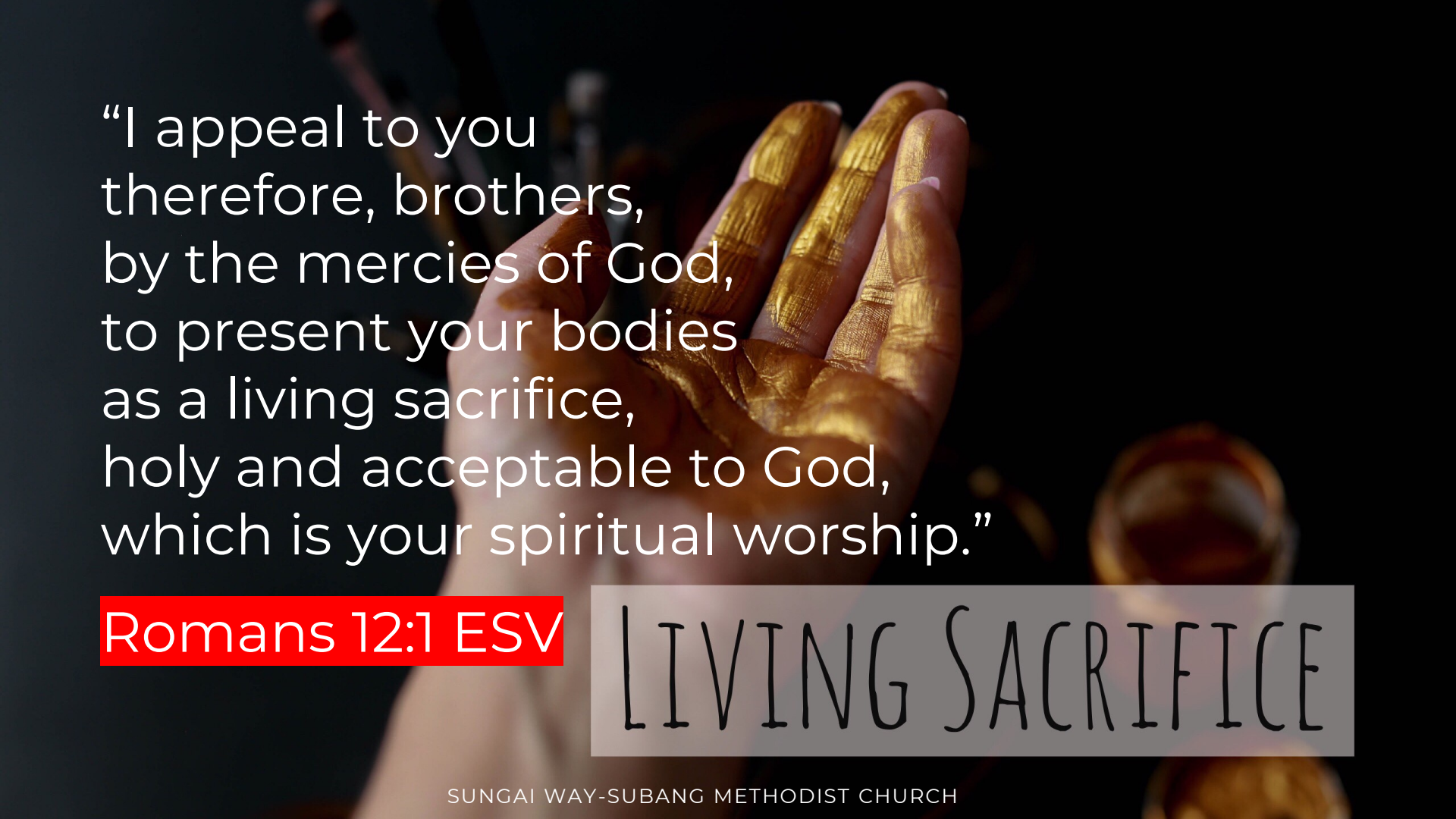


Book of
Revelation
Conclusion

**JESUS
WINS**

**“The kingdom of the world has become kingdom of our Lord
and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.”**

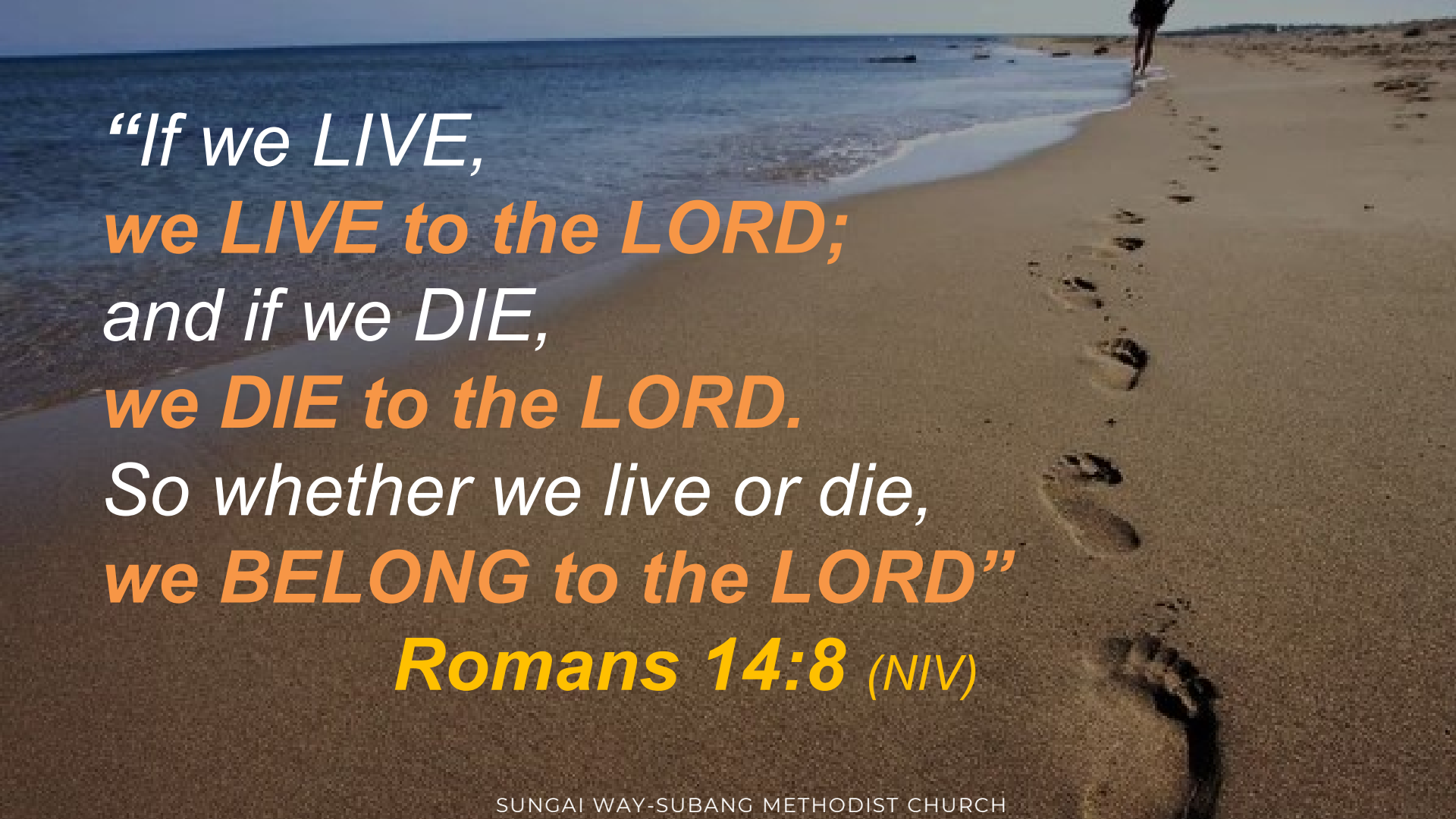
Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)



“I appeal to you
therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies
as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.”

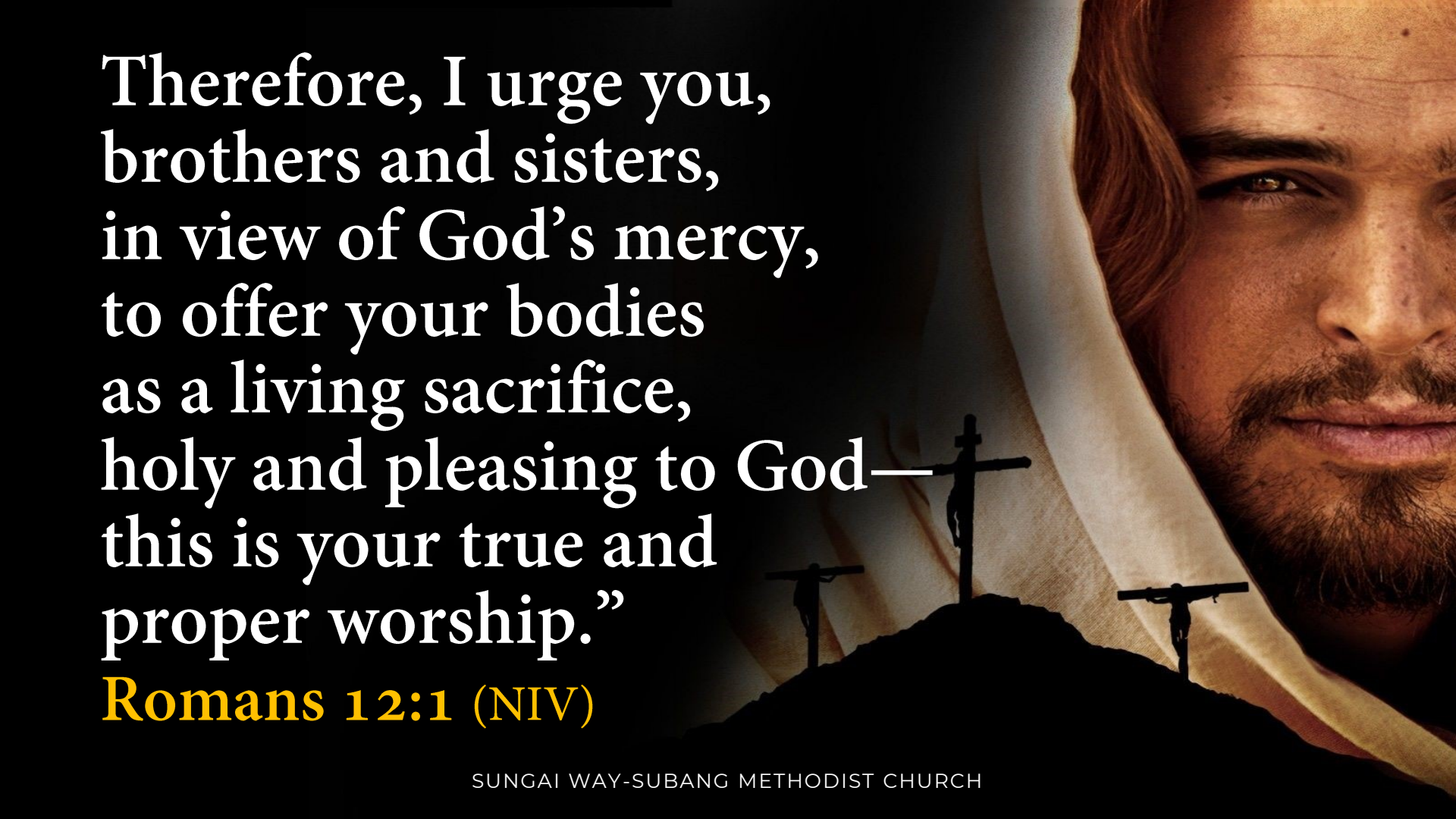
Romans 12:1 ESV

LIVING SACRIFICE

A person is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach, leaving a trail of footprints. The ocean is on the left, and the sky is clear. The text is overlaid on the image.

*“If we LIVE,
we LIVE to the LORD;
and if we DIE,
we DIE to the LORD.
So whether we live or die,
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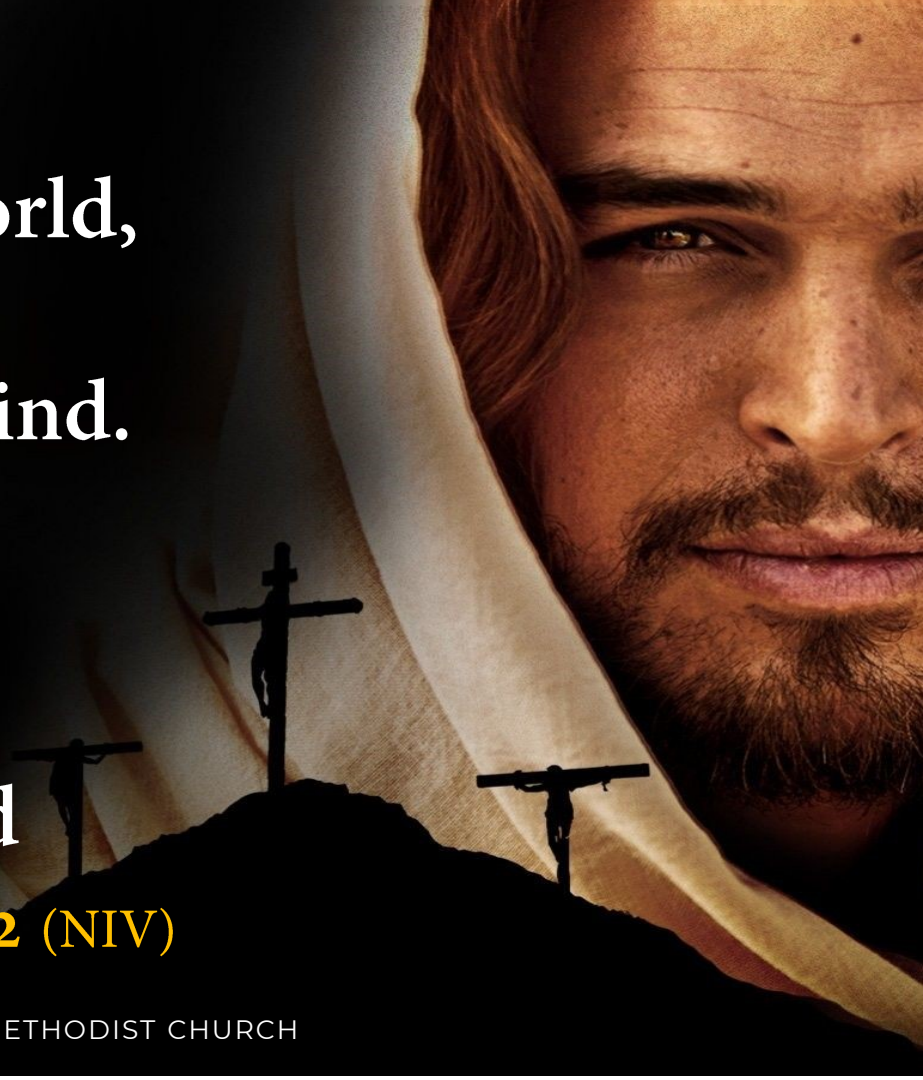
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A Living Sacrifice

Romans 12:1



WILL
YOU
BE

A Living
Sacrifice

FOR
HIM?

Romans 12:1