

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERMON



THE TRANSFORMED *COMMUNITY*

1 Thessalonians 1: 9-10

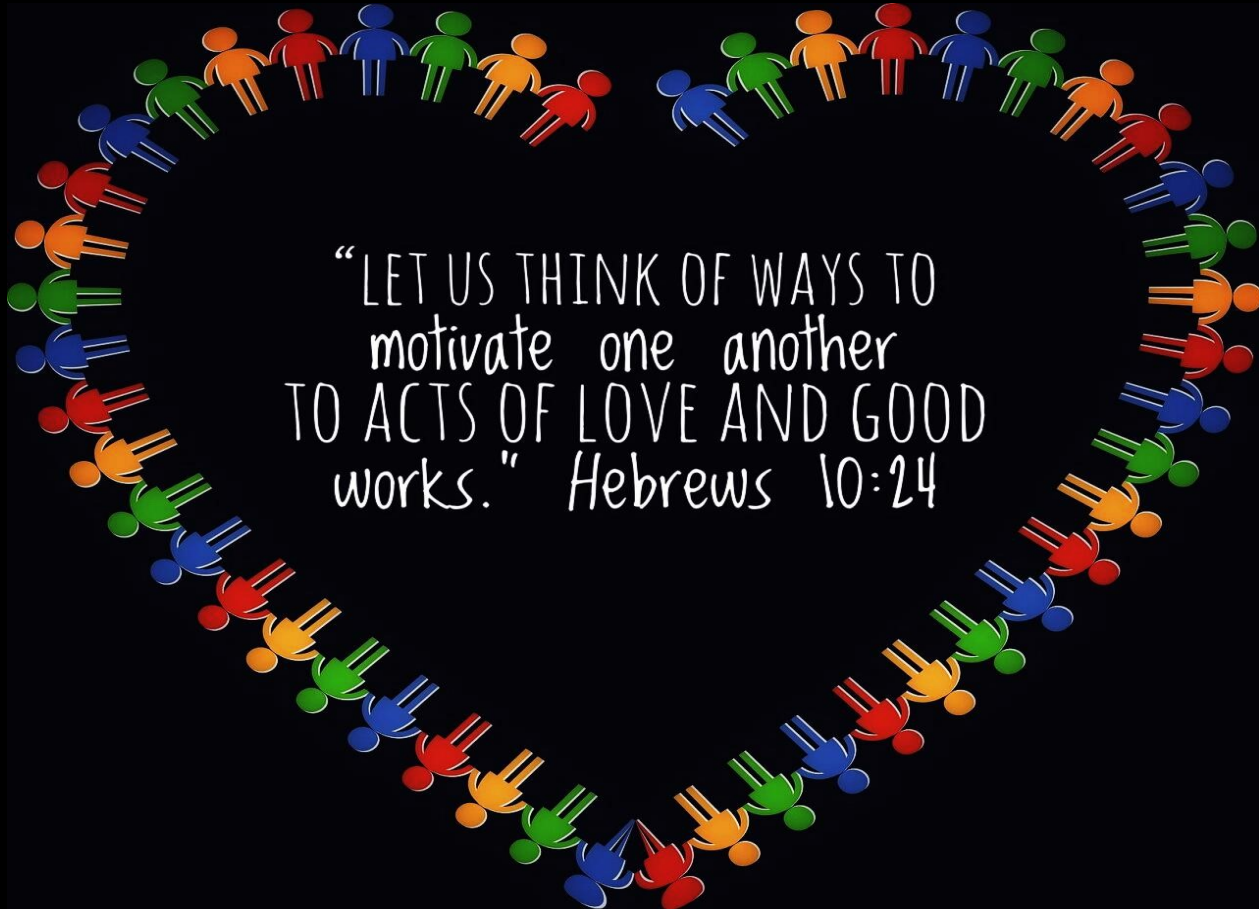


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LET US NOT GIVE UP

MEETING TOGETHER

HEBREWS 10:25A



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

COMMUNITY



COMMON UNITY



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1 Thessalonians 1 *(NIV)*

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that He has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

Apostle Paul's Second Missionary Journey 49 - 52 A.D.

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- ★ Location where Missionary Journey Begins
- > Travel to Jerusalem Conference Before Journey
- > Apostle Paul's Second Missionary Journey



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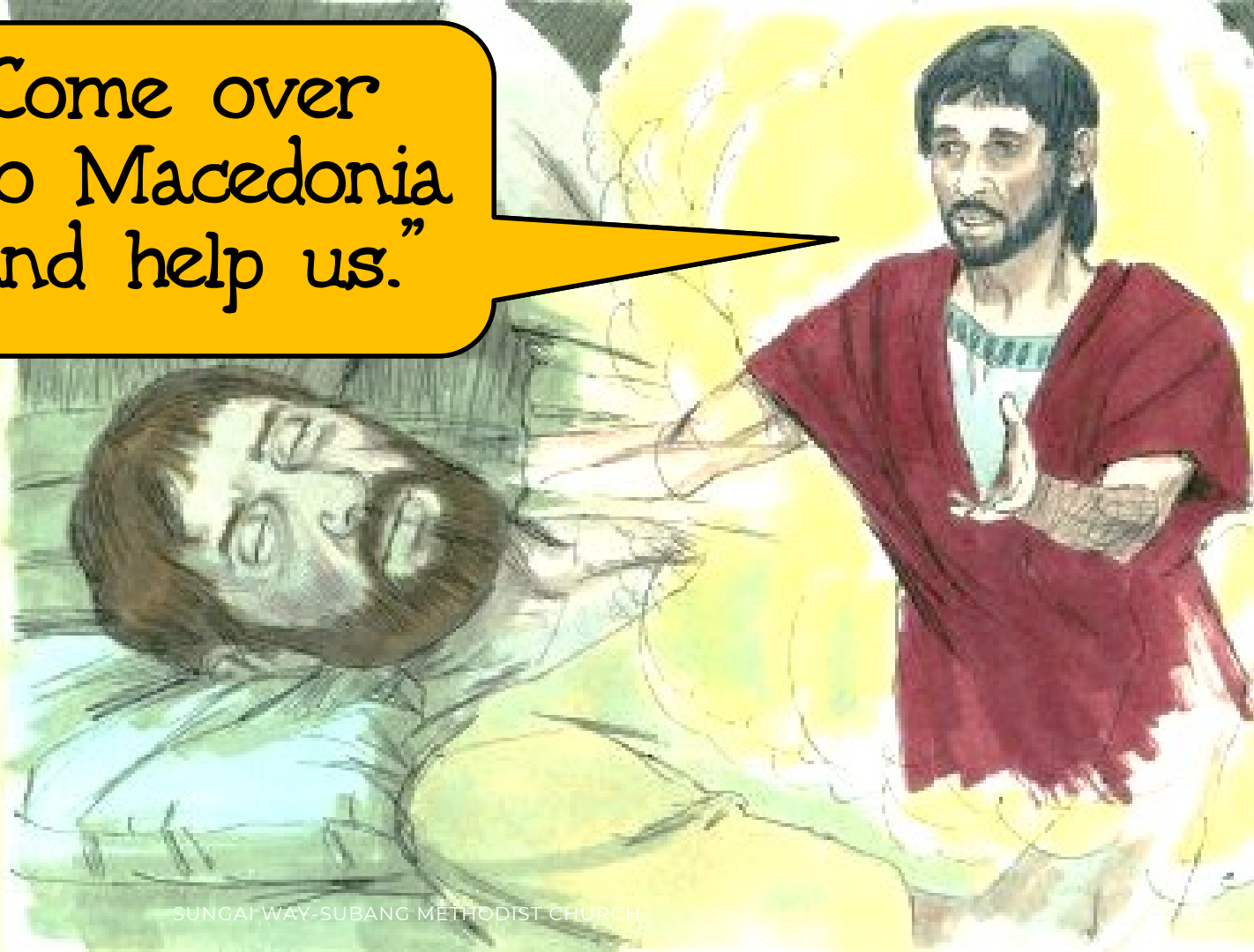


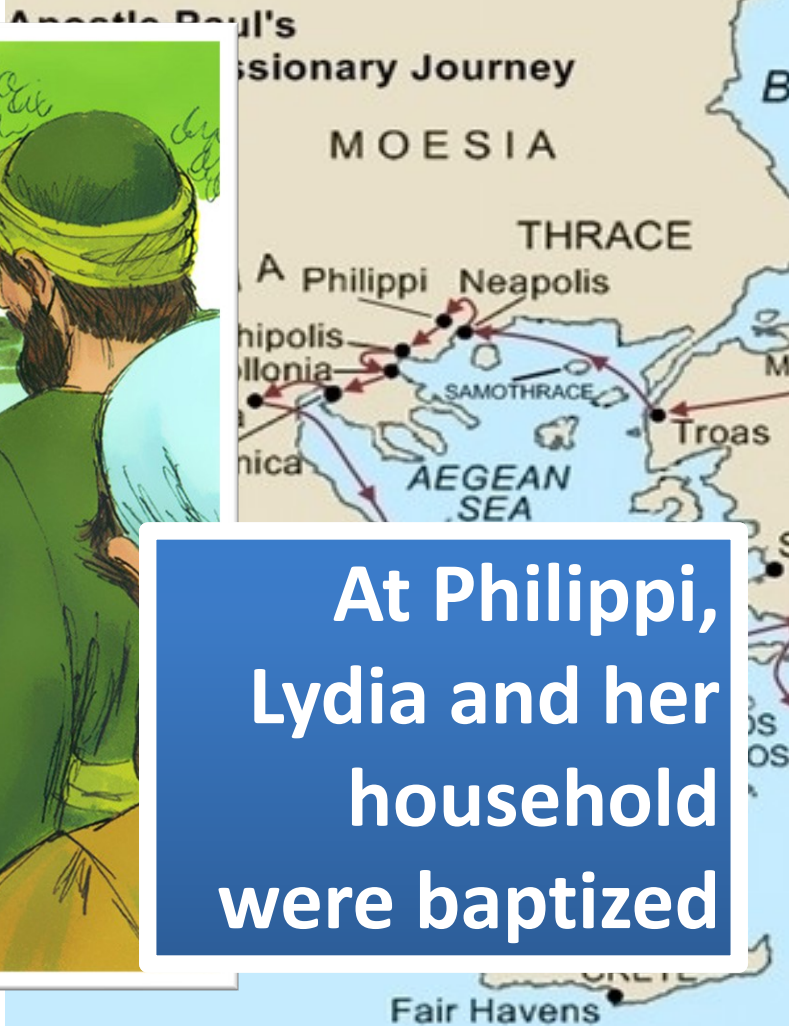
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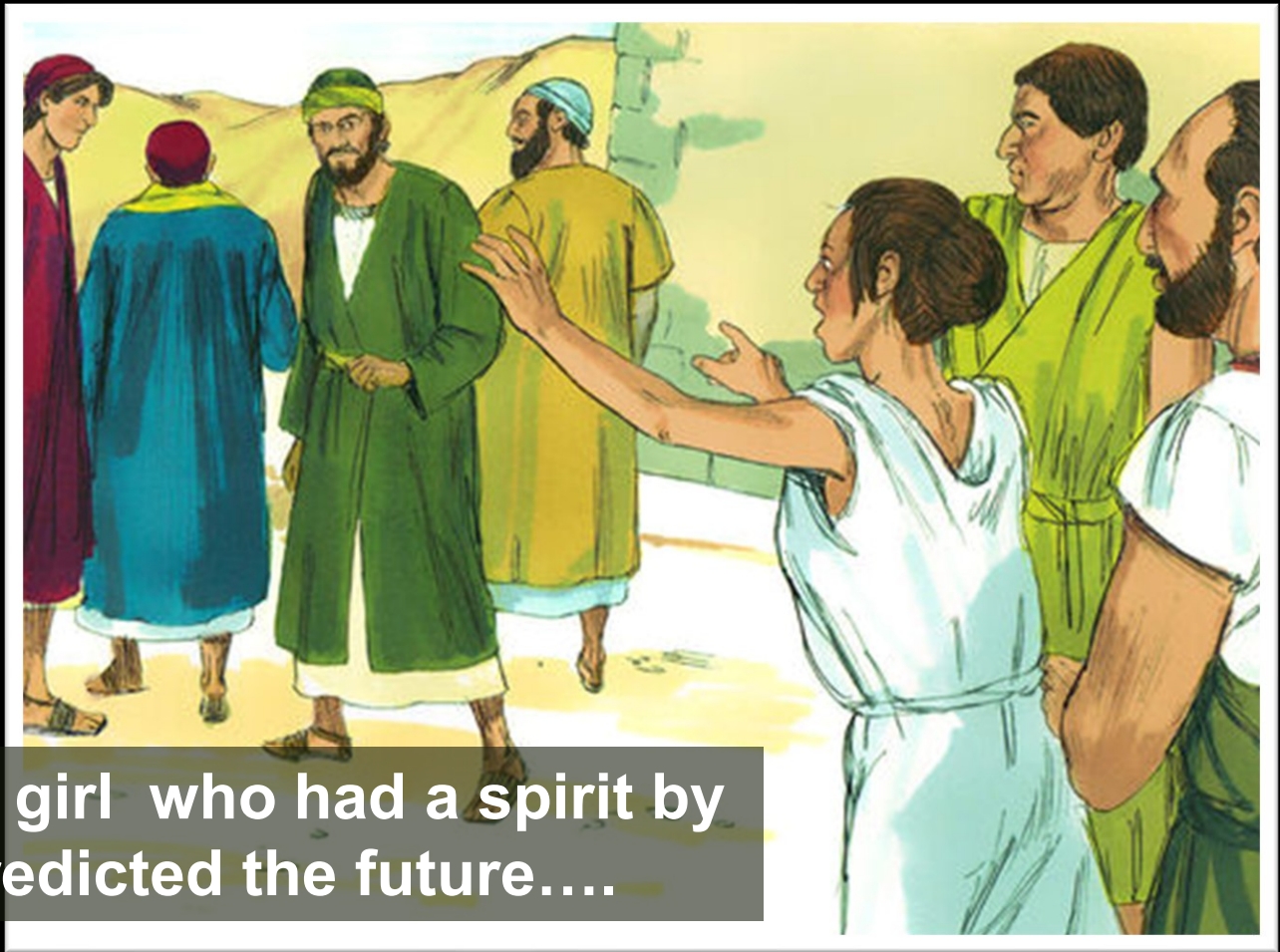
“Come over to Macedonia and help us.”



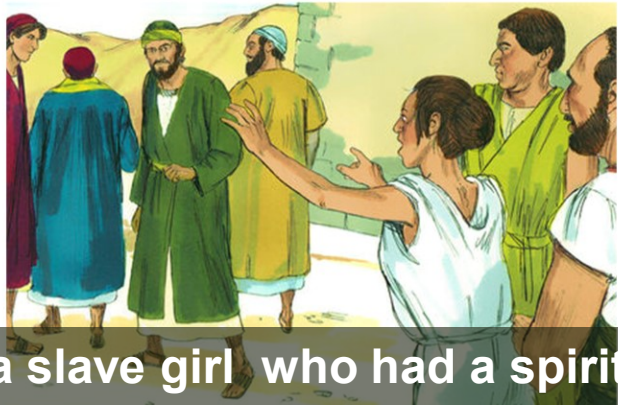


**At Philippi,
Lydia and her
household
were baptized**

Acts 16:16-38

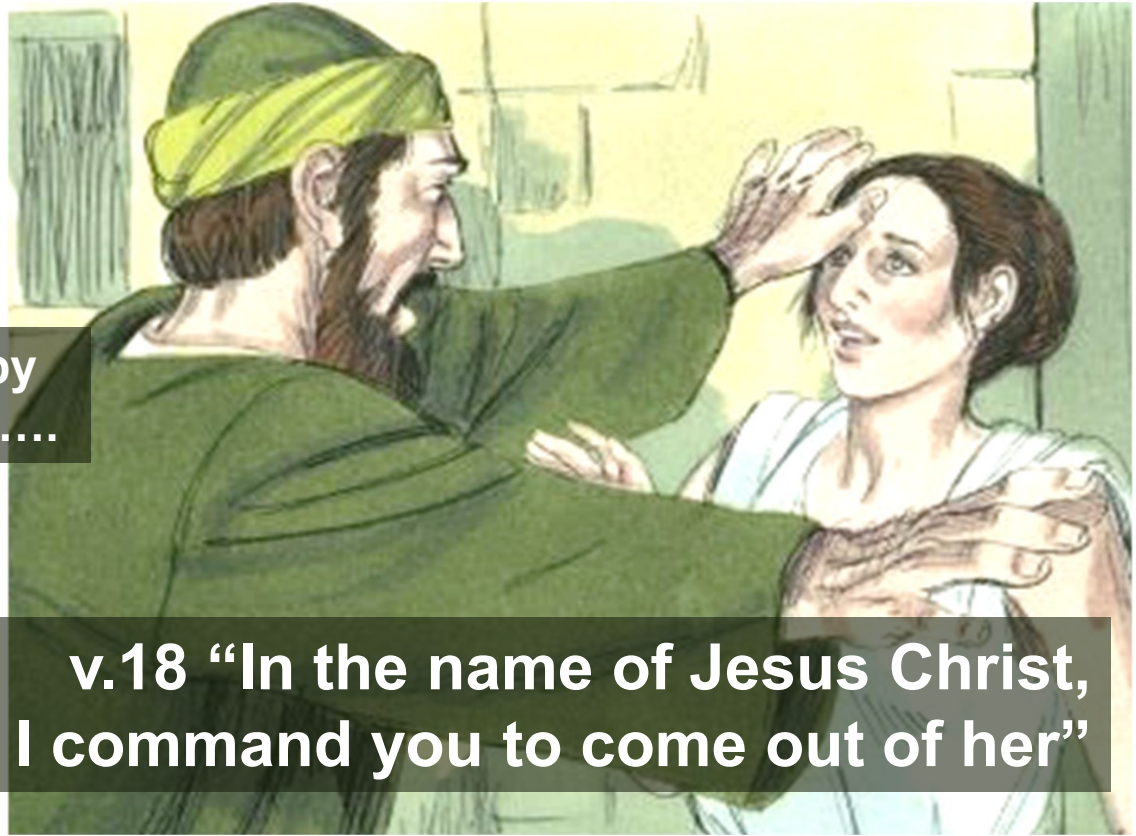


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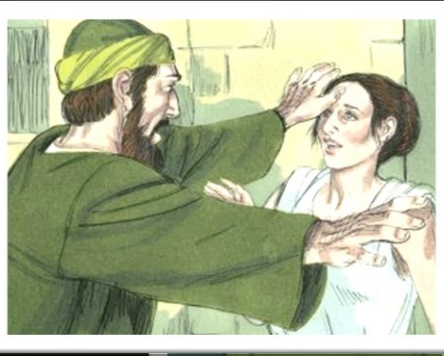
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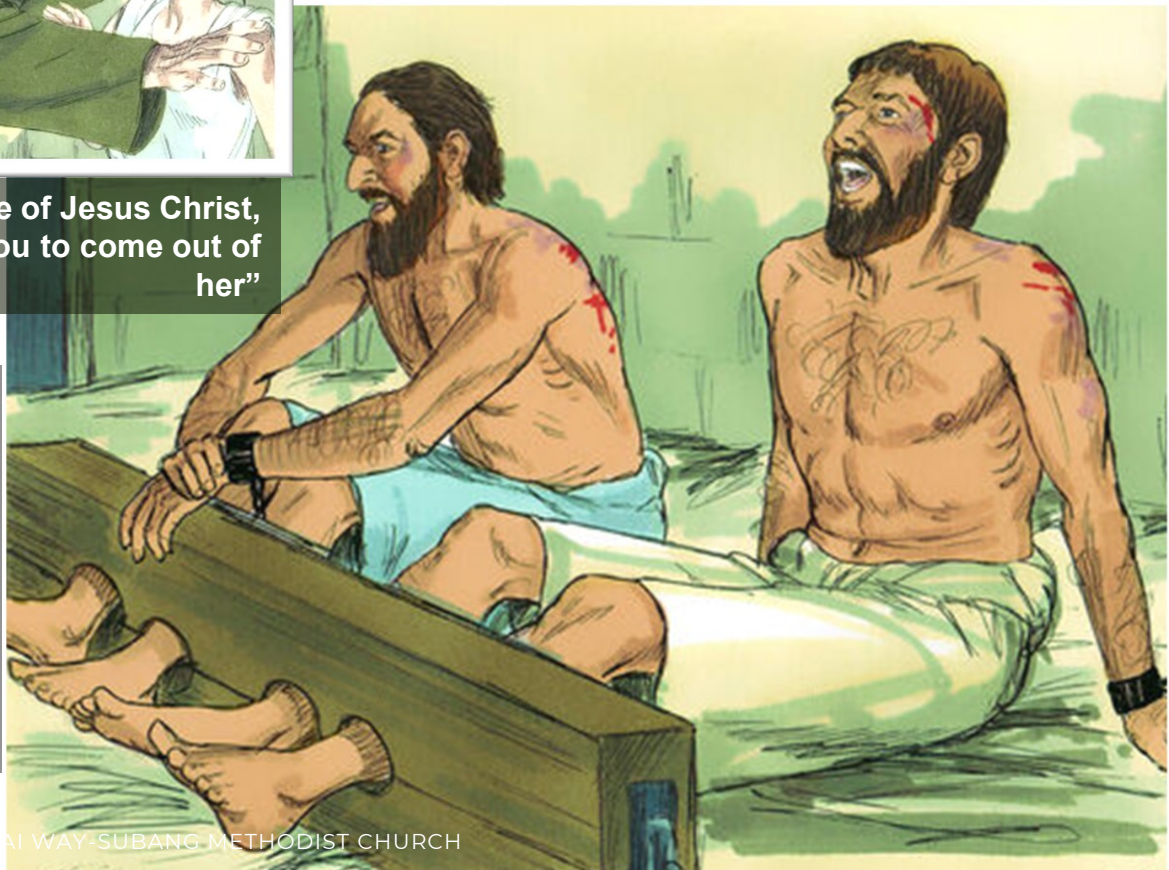
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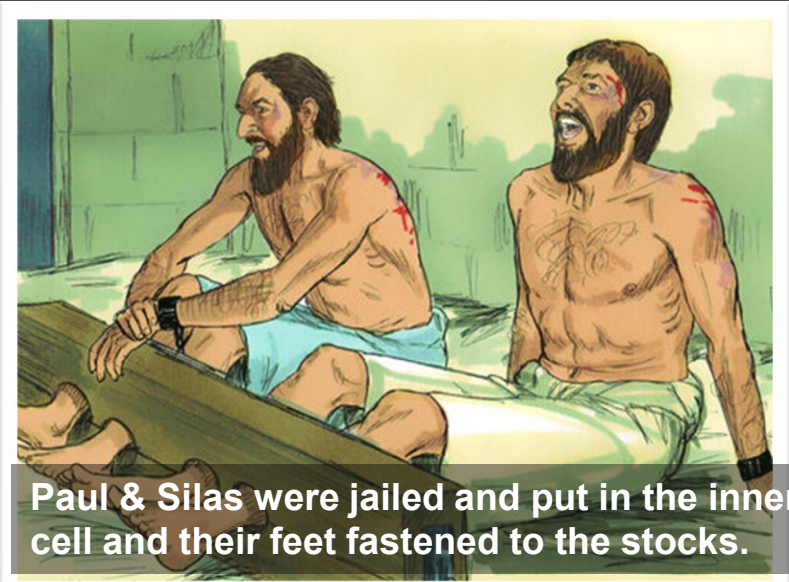
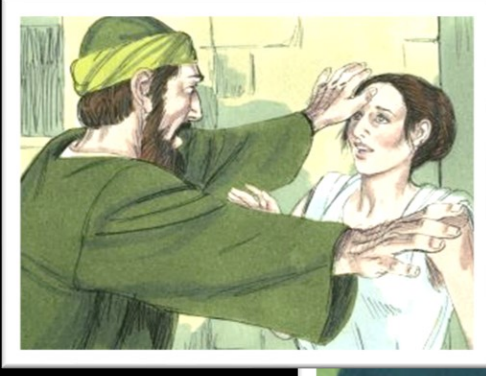
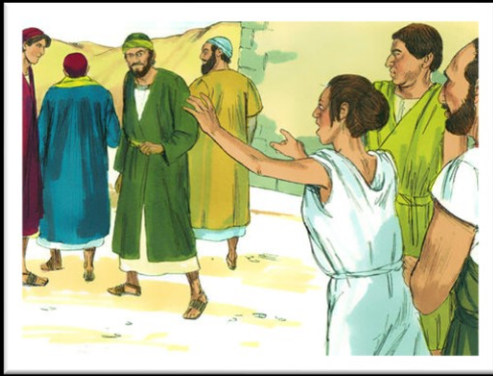


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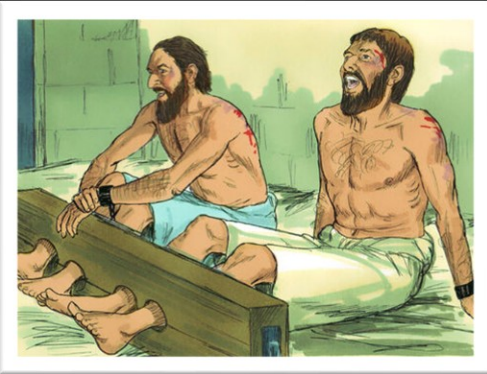
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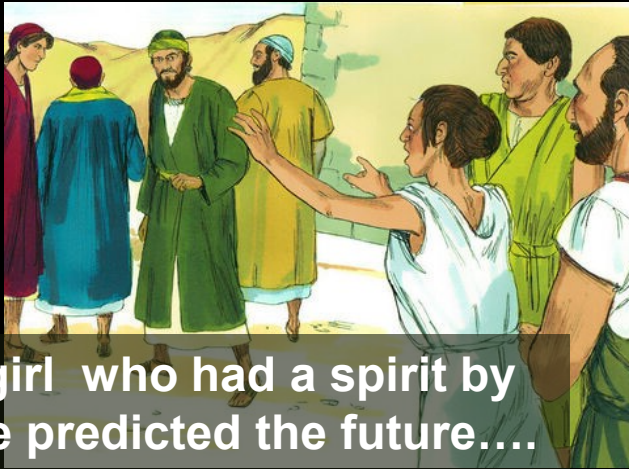
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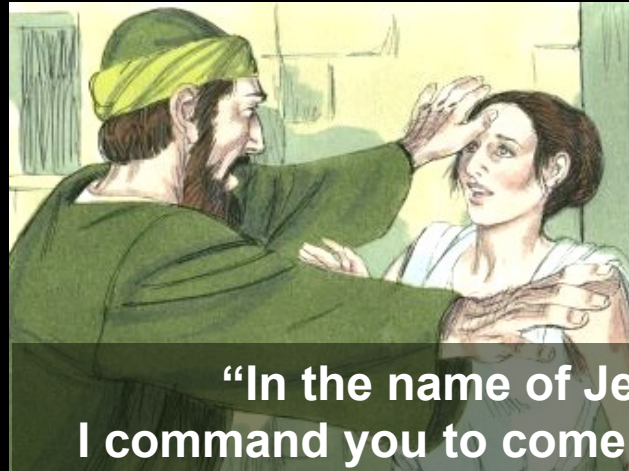
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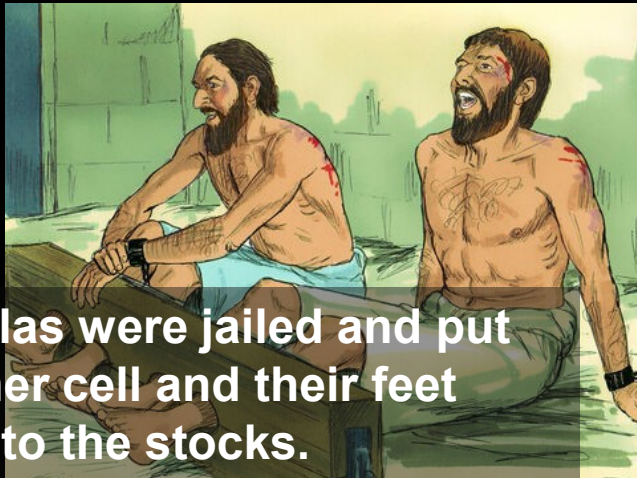
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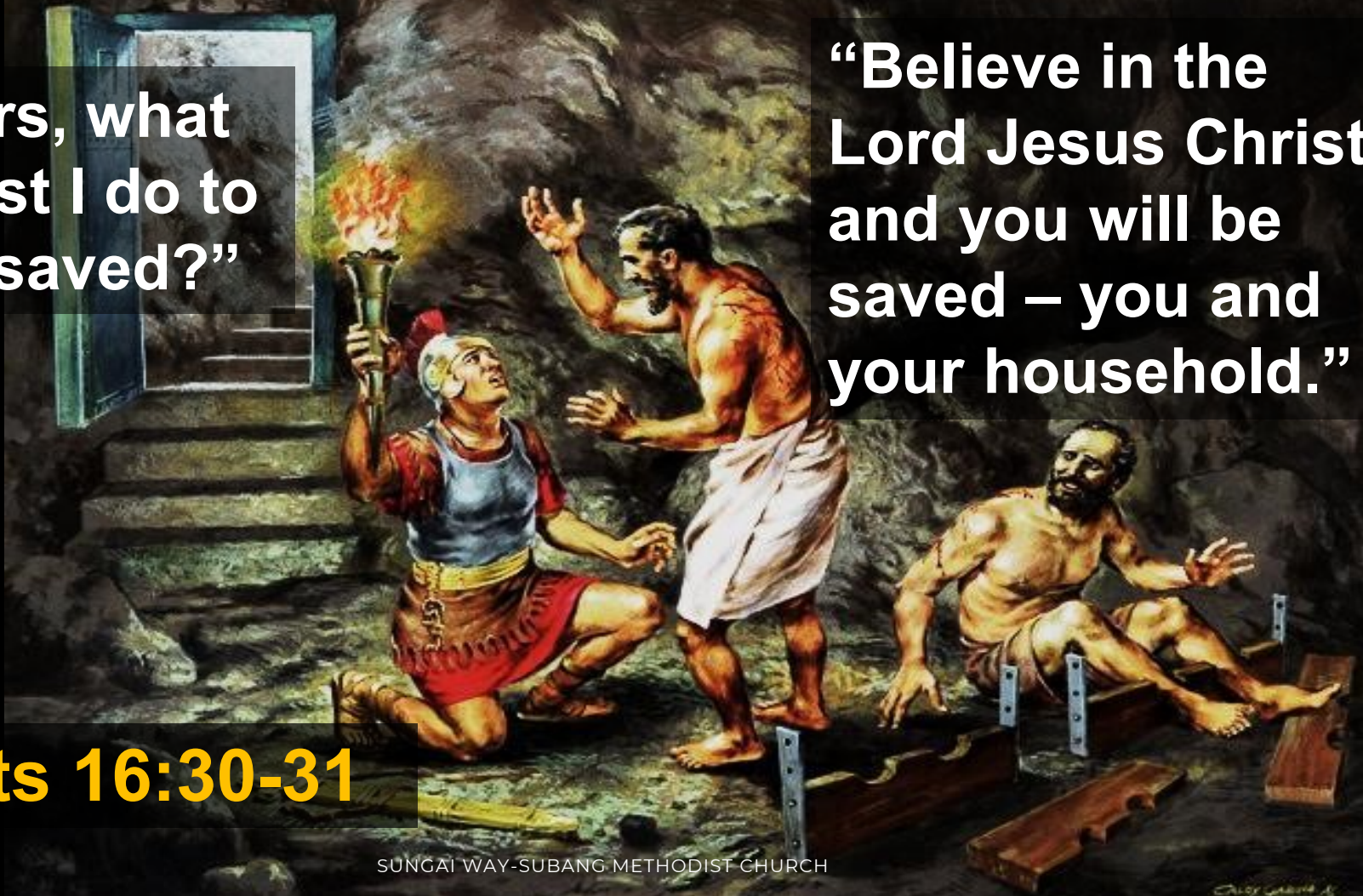
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“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved – you and your household.”

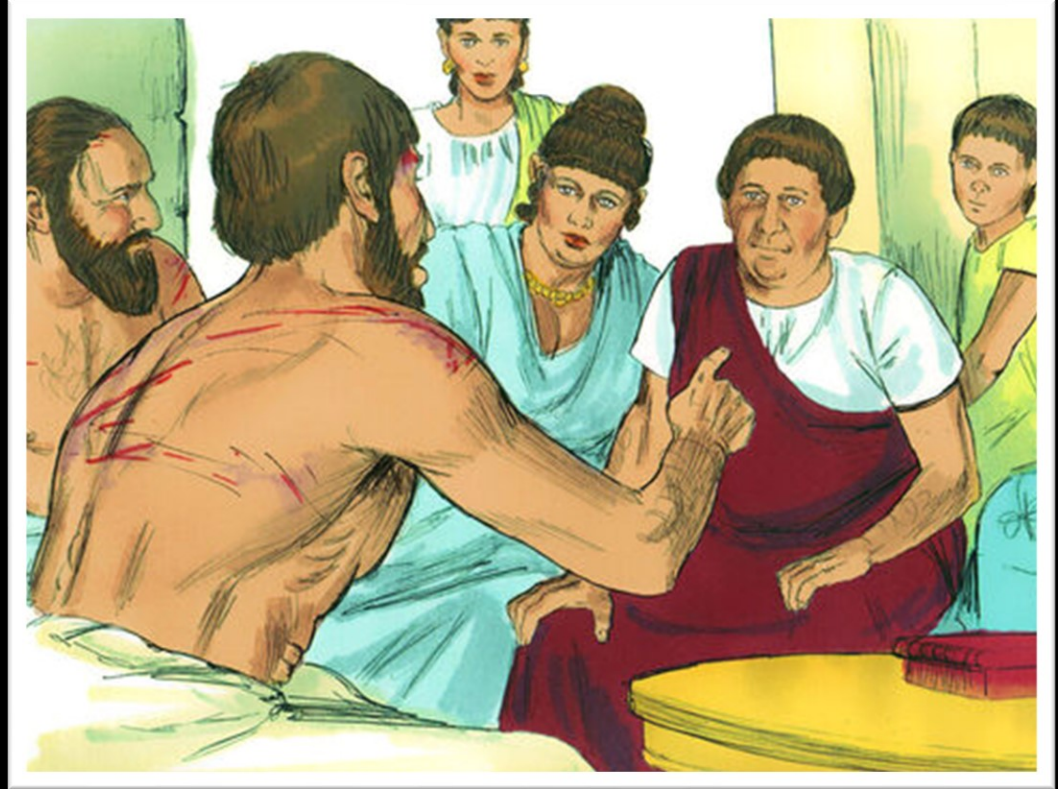


Acts 16:30-31

Acts 16

32 And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household.

33 Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds.



Acts 16

v33.

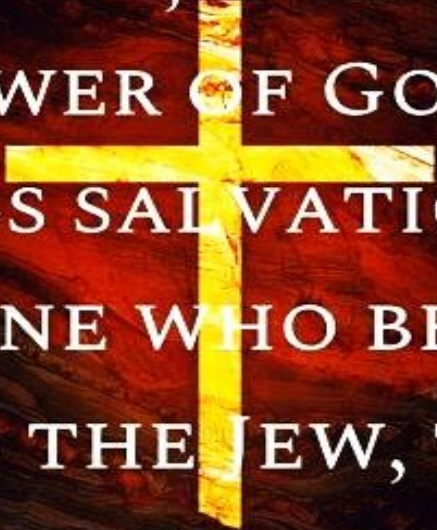
..immediately
he and all his
family were
baptized...



v34. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.



A new church was planted

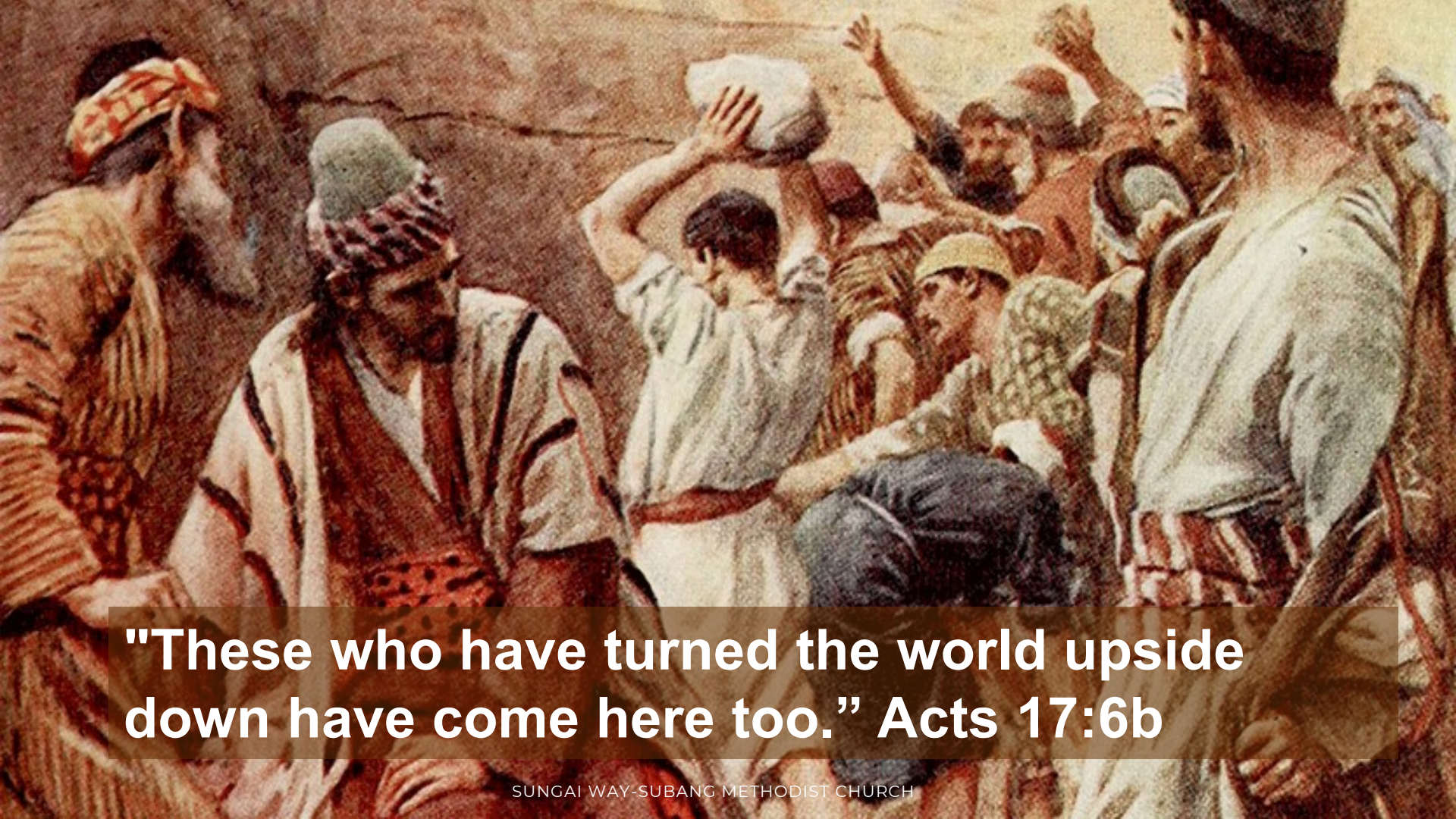


FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF
THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS
THE POWER OF GOD THAT
BRINGS SALVATION TO
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES:
FIRST TO THE JEW, THEN TO
THE GENTILE.

ROMANS 1:16

A silhouette of a person sitting on a hill next to a large cross, with a sunset sky in the background. The person is sitting on the right side of the hill, looking down. The cross is on the left side of the hill. The sky is filled with clouds and a bright sun, creating a warm, golden glow.

**“For to me to live is
Christ, and to die is gain.”
Philippians 1:21**



"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." Acts 17:6b

1) A Transformed FAITH

****They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God... 1 Thessalonians 1:9b**



**“...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



***“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.**

CHRISTLIKENESS

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

WHOEVER IS A BELIEVER IN
CHRIST IS A NEW CREATION.

TRANSFORMATION

A NEW WAY OF LIVING HAS
COME INTO EXISTENCE.

CHRISTLIKENESS

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

A close-up photograph of a heavy metal chain that has been broken. The chain is made of large, interlocking links. The top part of the chain is still connected, but the bottom part is broken, with several links and a portion of the chain falling away. The background is dark, making the metallic links stand out. Overlaid on the image is the text "CHAINS BROKEN SET FREE!" in a bold, black, hand-drawn font. The text is arranged in two lines, with "CHAINS BROKEN" on the top line and "SET FREE!" on the bottom line. The exclamation point is large and prominent.

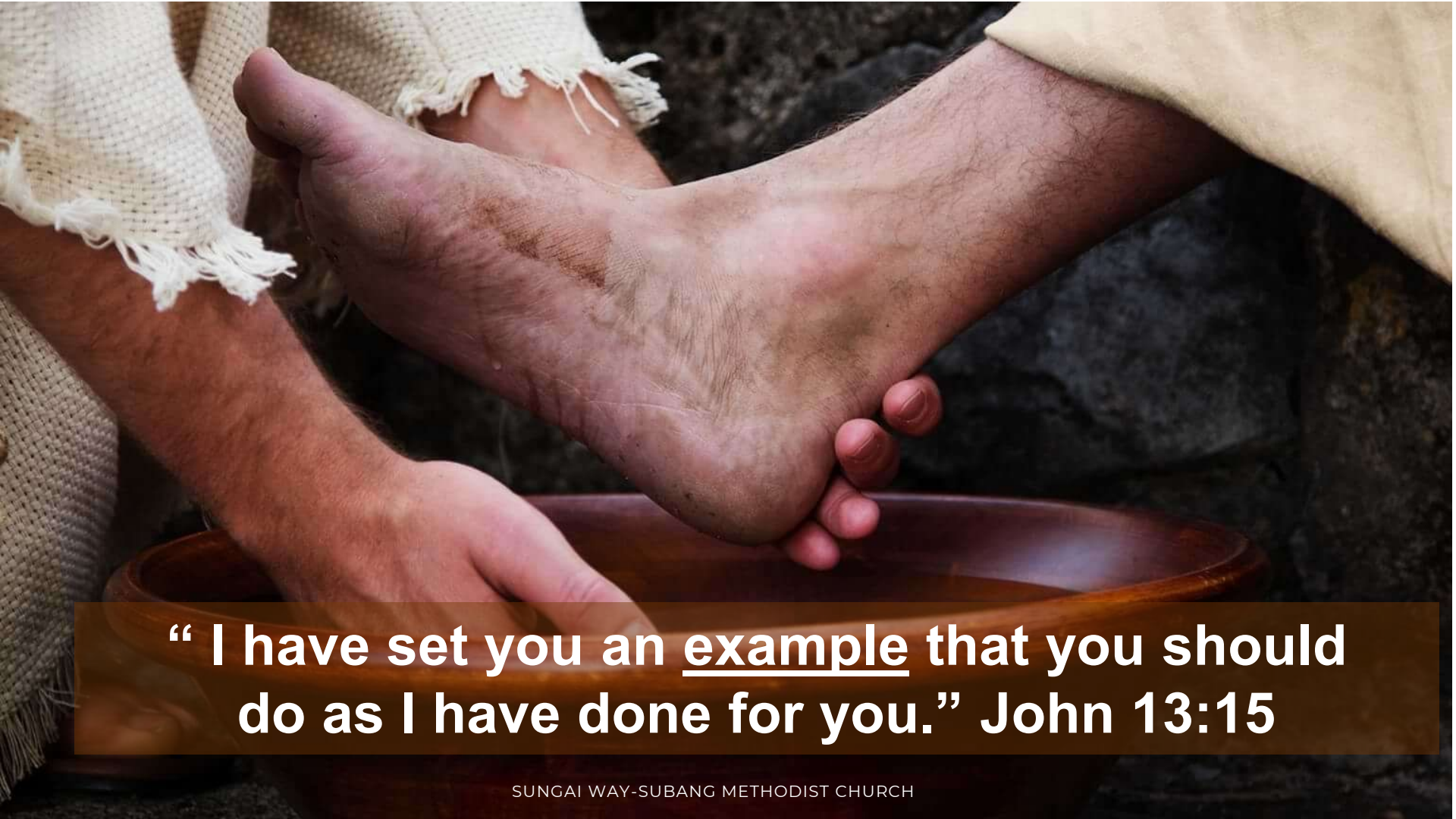
**CHAINS BROKEN
SET FREE!**

2) A Transformed WAY OF LIFE

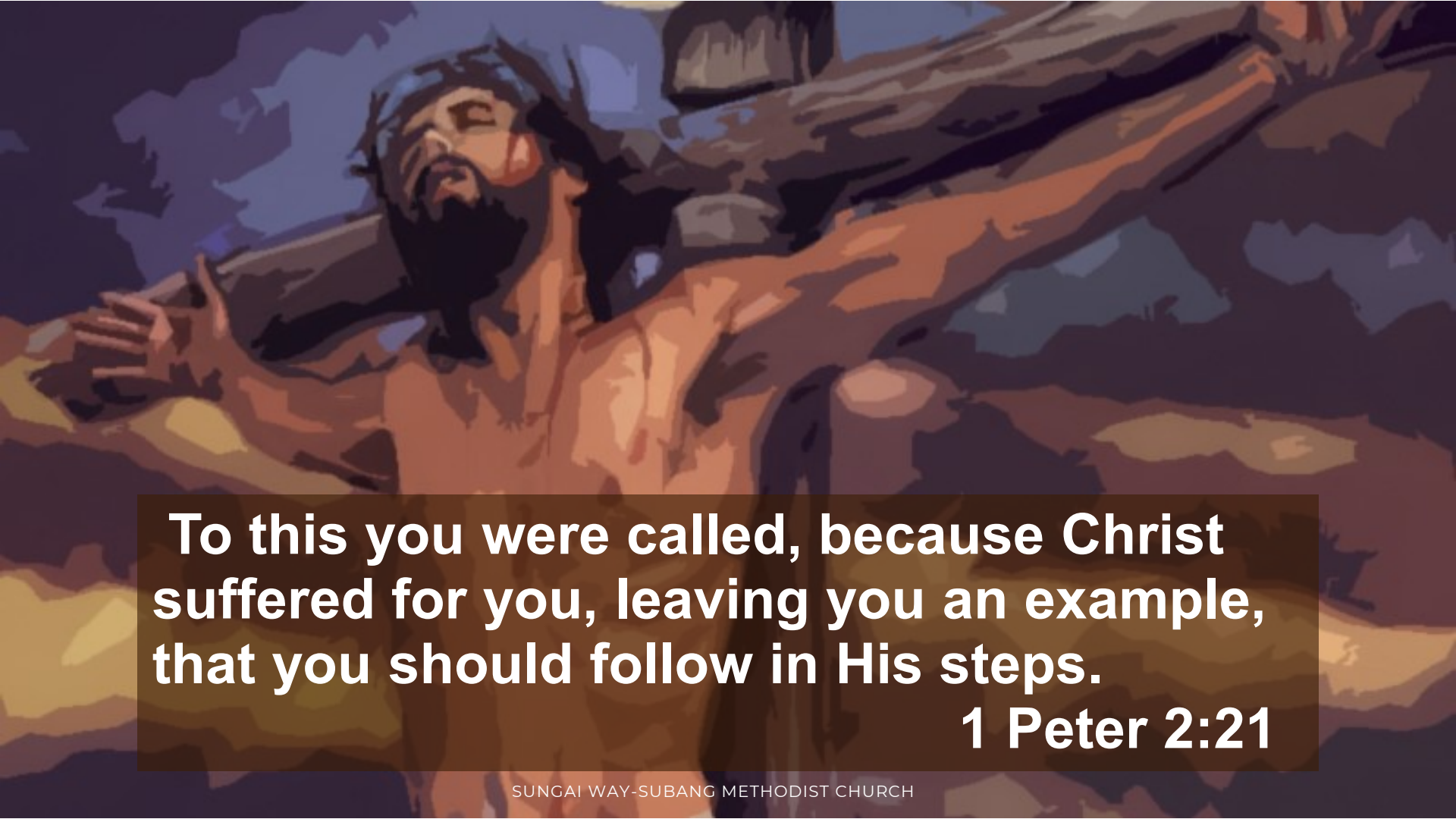
****and so you became a model to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message RANG out from you...and your faith in God has become known everywhere.**

1 Thessalonians 1:7-8





“ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” John 13:15



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



like **JESUS**

Step Out of our Comfort Zone

Christ became a Servant

Philippians 2:5-8 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

FOR YOU KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR

LORD JESUS CHRIST.

THAT THOUGH HE WAS RICH,

YET FOR YOUR SAKE HE BECAME POOR,

SO THAT YOU **BY HIS POVERTY**

MIGHT BECOME RICH.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

1 Thessalonians 3 : 2-3, 6-8 (NIV)

² We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith,

³ so that no one would be unsettled by these trials.

For you know quite well that we are destined for them.

^{6a} But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love ...

⁷ Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith.

⁸ **For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.**

STAND FIRM



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⁸ For now we really live, **since you are standing firm in the Lord.**

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (NIV)

STAND
FIRM



BE STEADFAST



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)**

“But he who stands firm to the end will be saved”

Matthew 24:13



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

Romans 12:2



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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 (ESV)

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



Hebrews 12:1

Church in the World - Excellent





World in the Church -- Disaster




All wrapped up by and with the world
that we can't move anywhere

3) The Encouraged became the Encourager

****Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution, we were encouraged about you because of your faith. For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you.****

1 Thessalonians 3:7-9



*“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus
as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him”*

Colossians 2:6 (NLT)

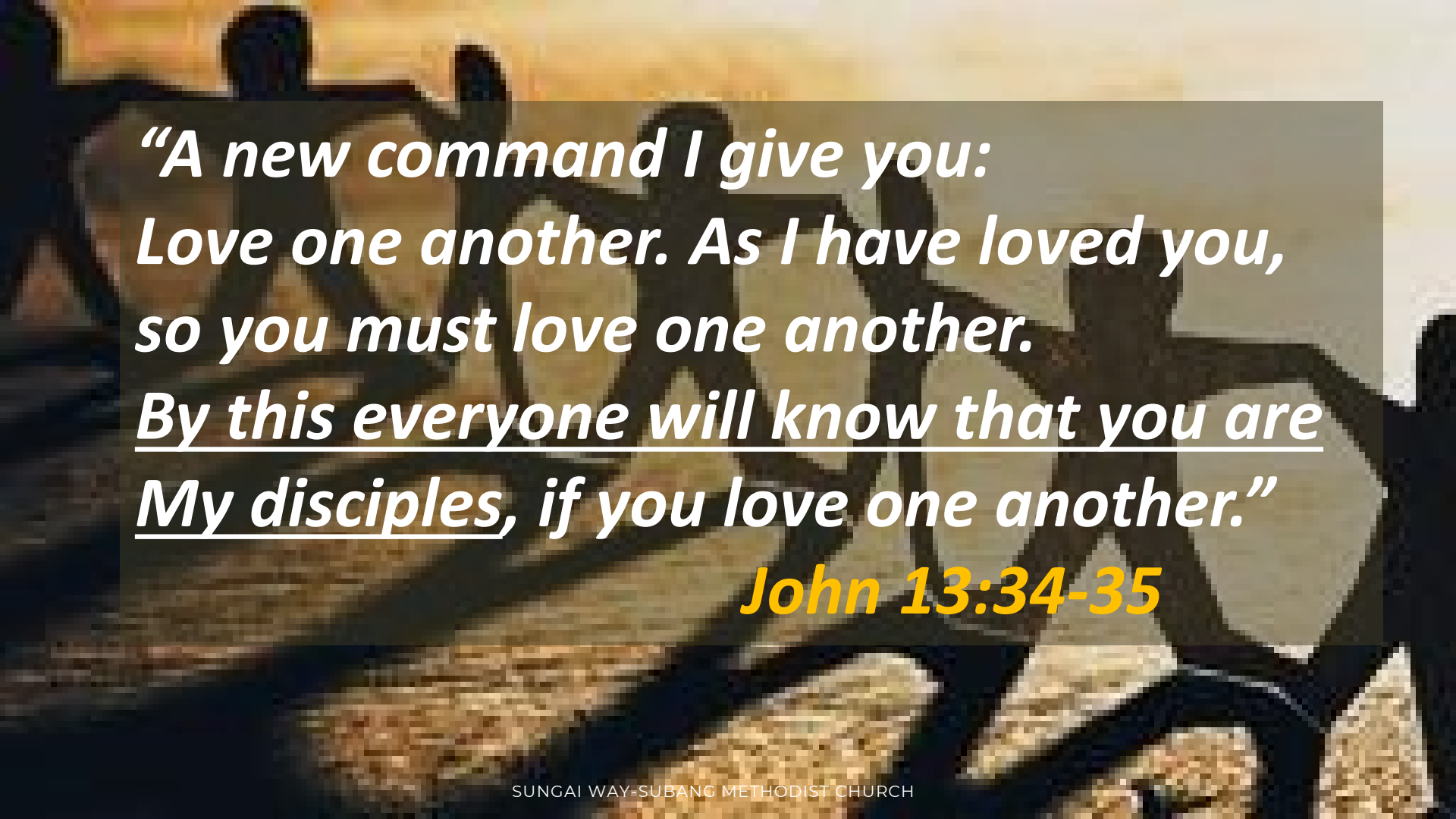
4) Transformed to continually Press On

“May the Lord make your Love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else”

1 Thessalonians 3:10

And in fact you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you brothers to do so more and more.

1 Thessalonians 4:10




*“A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are
My disciples, if you love one another.”*

John 13:34-35

4) Transformed to continually Press On

“...encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God who calls you into His kingdom and glory.” 1 Thessalonians 2:12

“Finally my brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you to do so more and more.” 1 Thessalonians 4:1



ENCOURAGE
one another
and BUILD
each other up

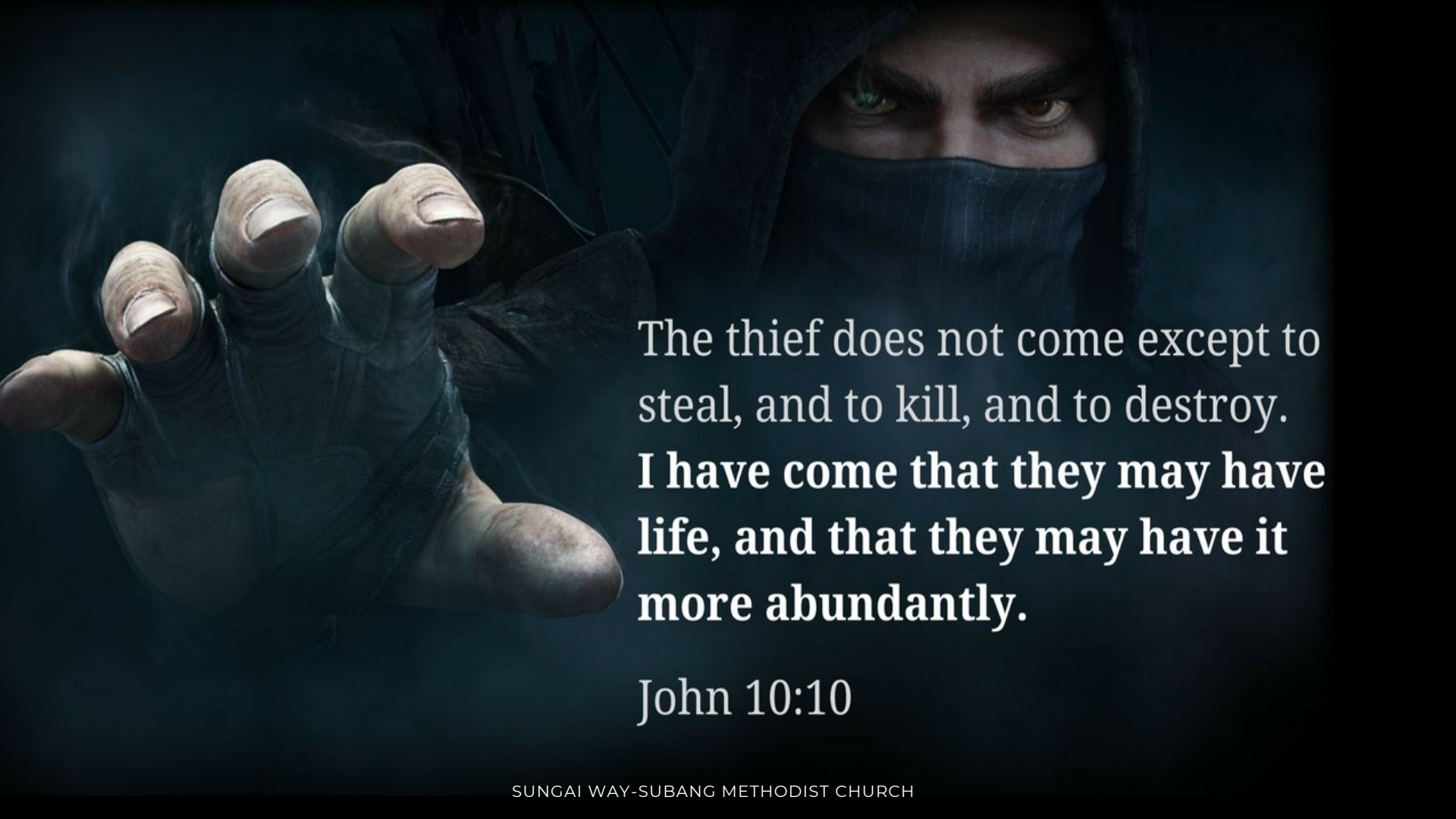


“Let us run with endurance the race marked out for us...” Hebrews 12:1b

SUDDENLY

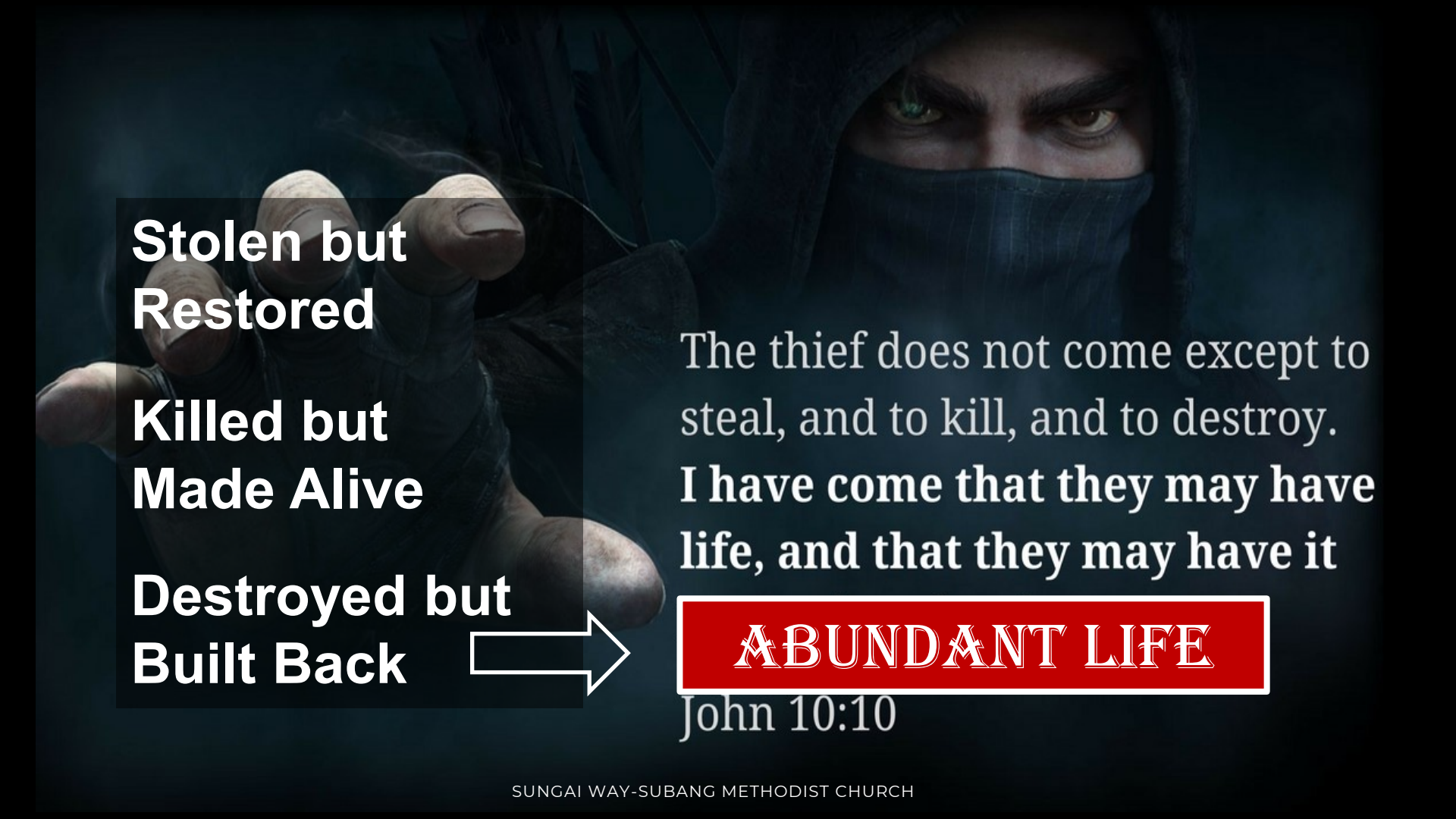
Expect the
Unexpected!





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.

John 10:10



**Stolen but
Restored**

**Killed but
Made Alive**

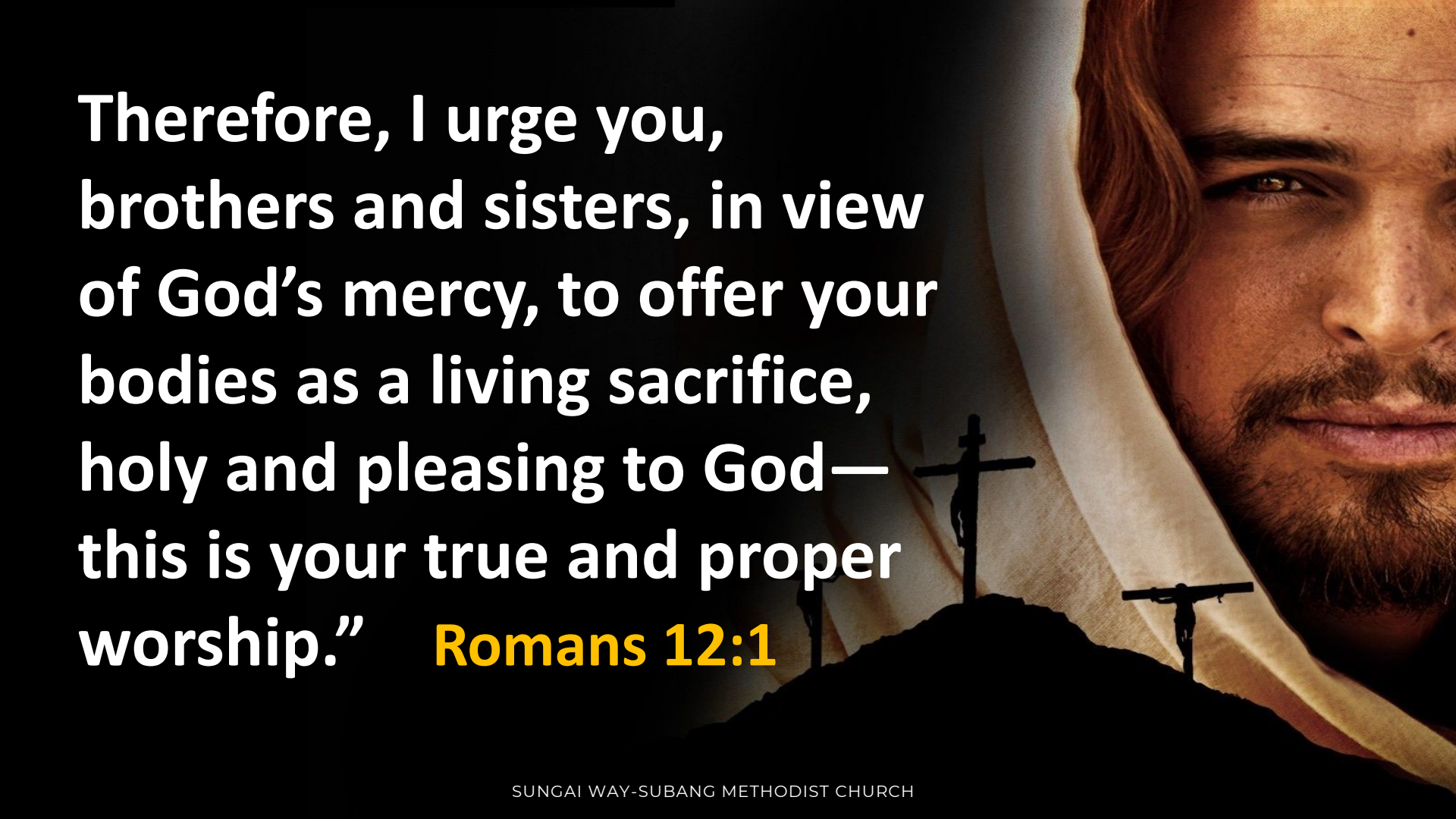
**Destroyed but
Built Back**



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ABUNDANT LIFE

John 10:10



Therefore, I urge you,
brothers and sisters, in view
of God's mercy, to offer your
bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God—
this is your true and proper
worship.” **Romans 12:1**