

Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem –  
*the continuing account by Luke*

Luke 17 & 18 – The Centrality of Faith

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# *Repeating themes...*

**Kingdoms**

**Values**

**Harmony**

**Jerusalem**

**End Times**





*Today...*

*...different, but related elements...*

*If you were going to meet someone  
special...what would you bring?*



Luke 17 & 18 – A Bouquet of Faith

*Holiness*

*Watchfulness*

*Repentance*

*Devotion*

***Faith***

*Forgiveness*

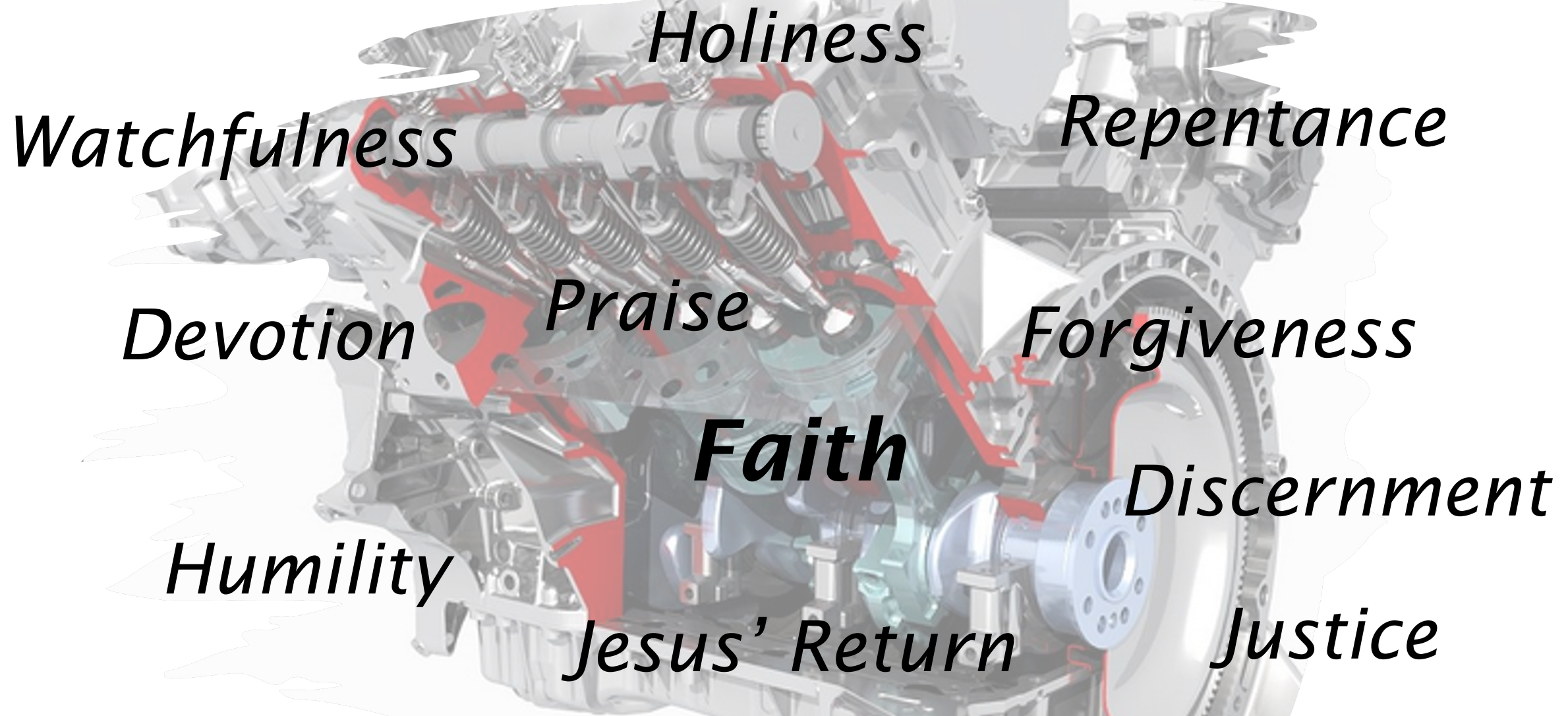
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Luke 17 & 18 – A Functioning Faith

# Luke 17 & 18 – A Foundational Faith

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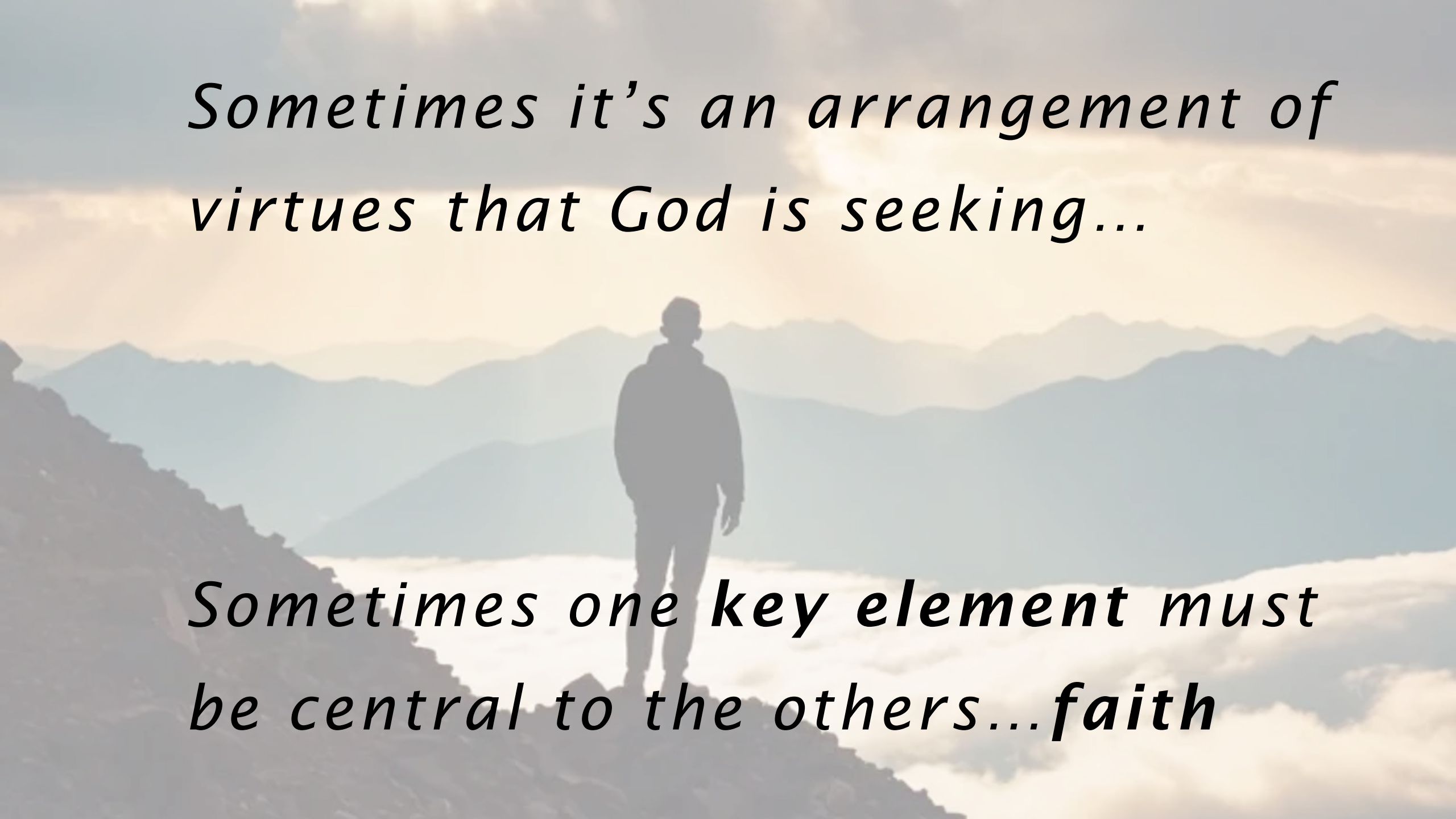
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A person is silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. They are standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast landscape of rolling mountains and a sea of clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

*Sometimes it's an arrangement of virtues that God is seeking...*

*Sometimes one **key element** must be central to the others... **faith***



# I. Luke 17:1-4: Faith, Holiness, and Relationships...

17 <sup>1</sup>Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup>It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>So watch yourselves.

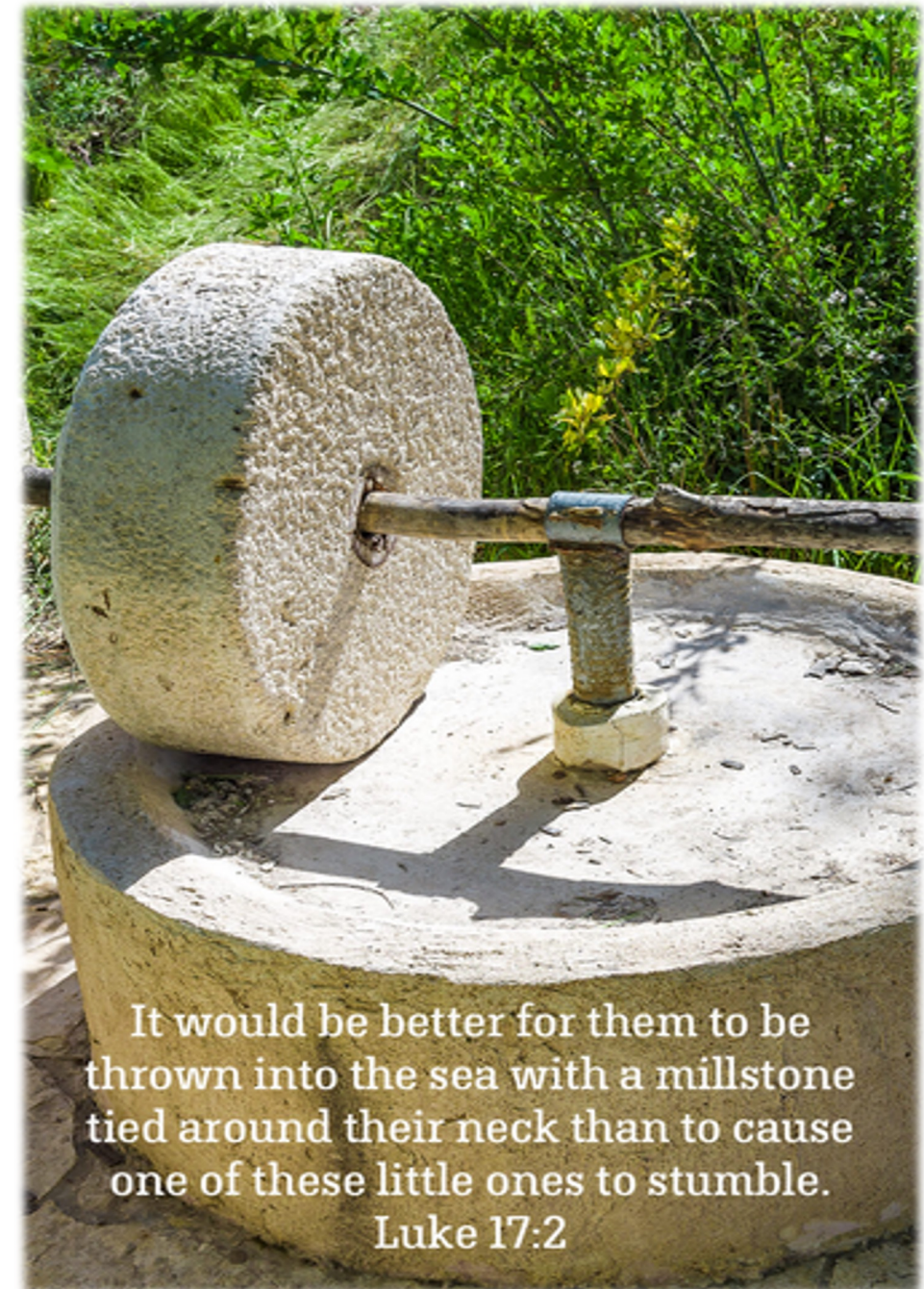
“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup>Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

***...Two Parts:***

**a) If we sin against others...**

**b) If others sin against us...**

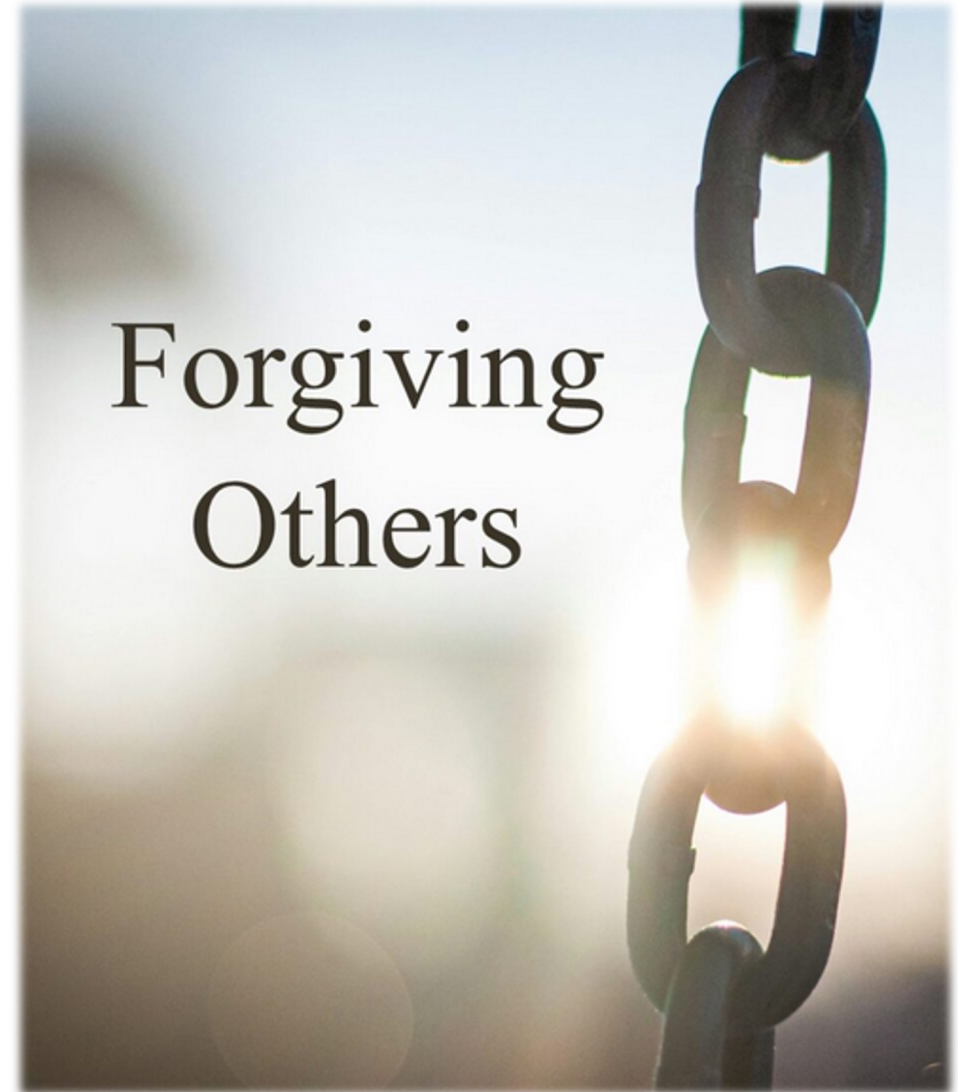
- *Sin may come, but...*
- *Responsibility!*
- *Sin is serious!*



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Luke 17:2

# *...the second part also challenges*

- *Sin*
- *Rebuke*
- *Repentance*
- *Forgiveness*
- *Repeatedly!*



# Can we break our chains?



*And that man said, 'I'm now  
Christian. I found the Lord'*

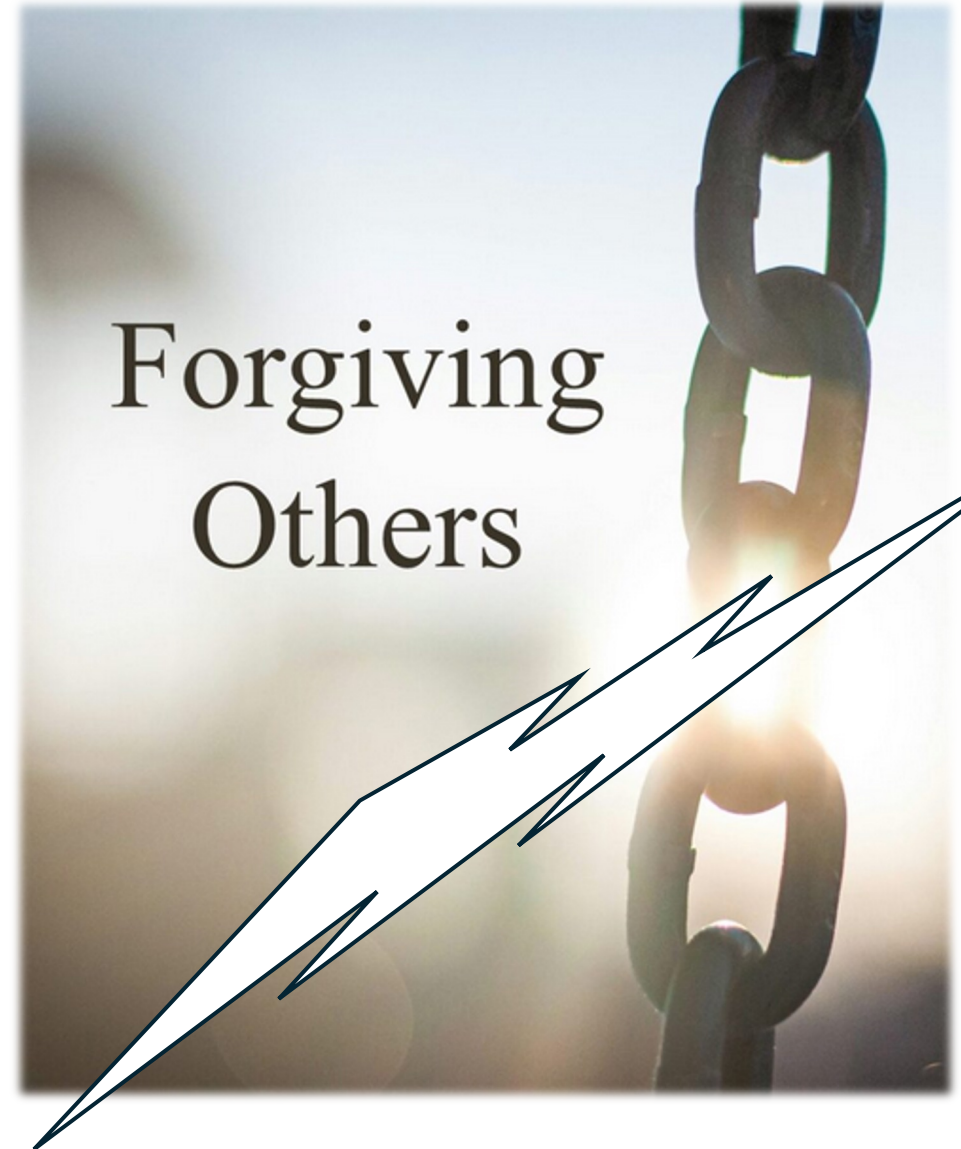


Forgiveness is setting the  
prisoner free, only to find out  
that the prisoner was me.

Corrie ten Boom

*...desiring faith*

*It might not  
surprise us the  
disciples wanted  
more faith at this  
point!*



Forgiving  
Others

## II. Luke 17:5-10: Faith with Humility...

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

<sup>6</sup> He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

*But is there more?*



**Luke 17:6**  
"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed"

<sup>7</sup>“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’?”

<sup>8</sup>Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

*...how would we act if we were miracle workers?*



- ❖ ***Whose Work?***
- ❖ ***Whose Glory?***









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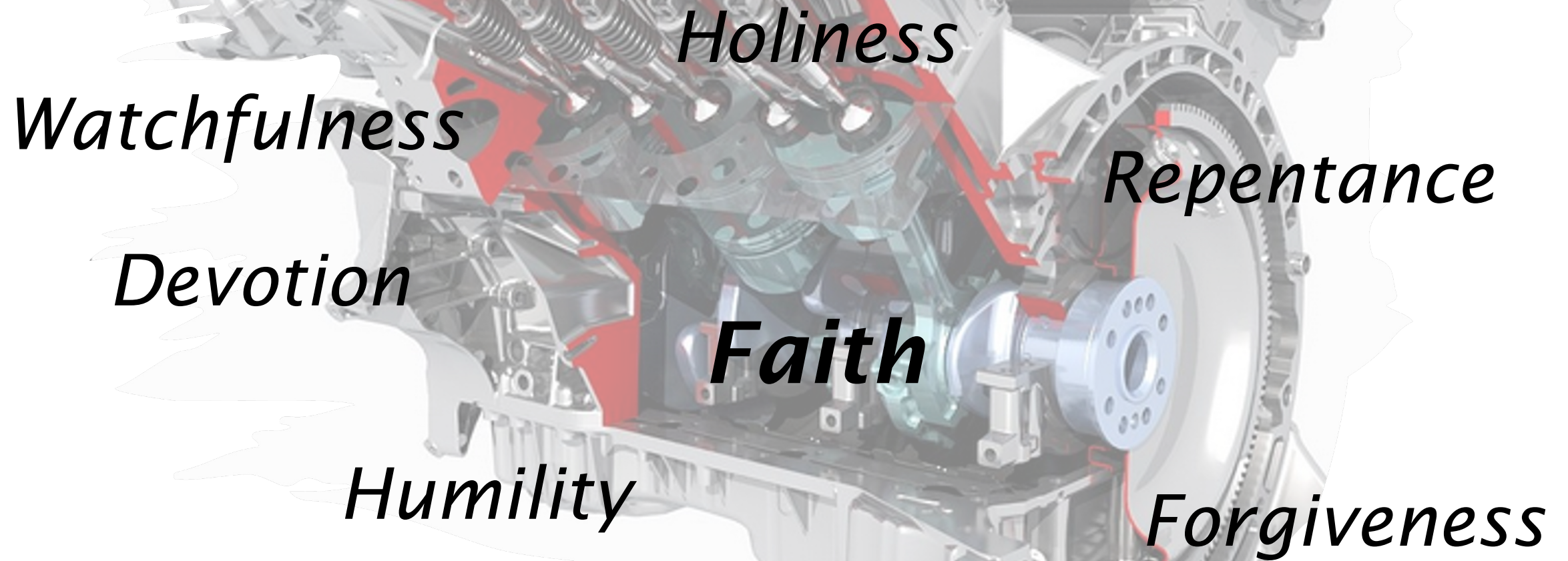
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*Sometimes it's a **combination** of  
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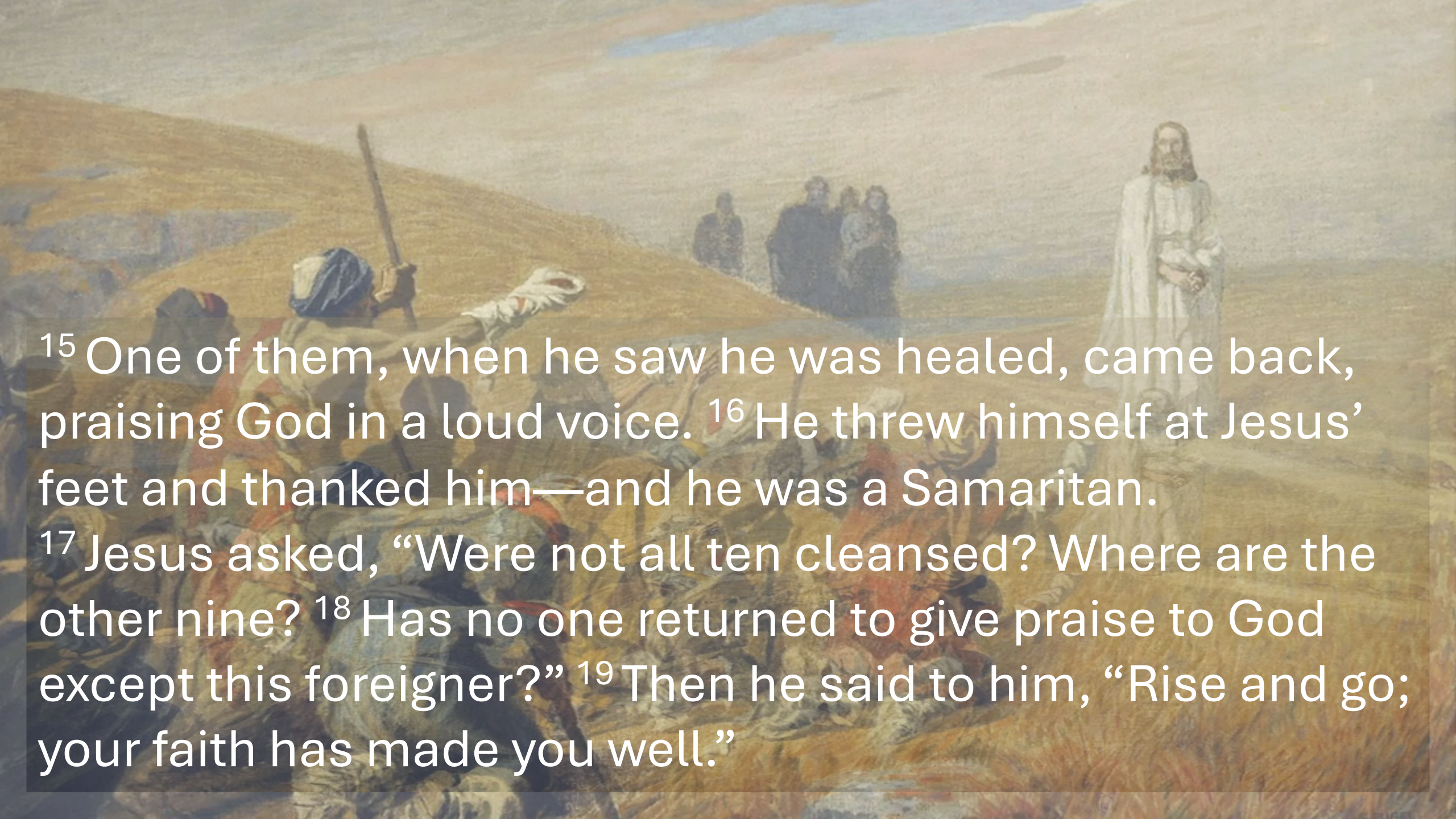
*Sometimes it's a **centrality** of faith that God is seeking...*



### III. Luke 17:11-19: Faith, Healing, and Praise

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.



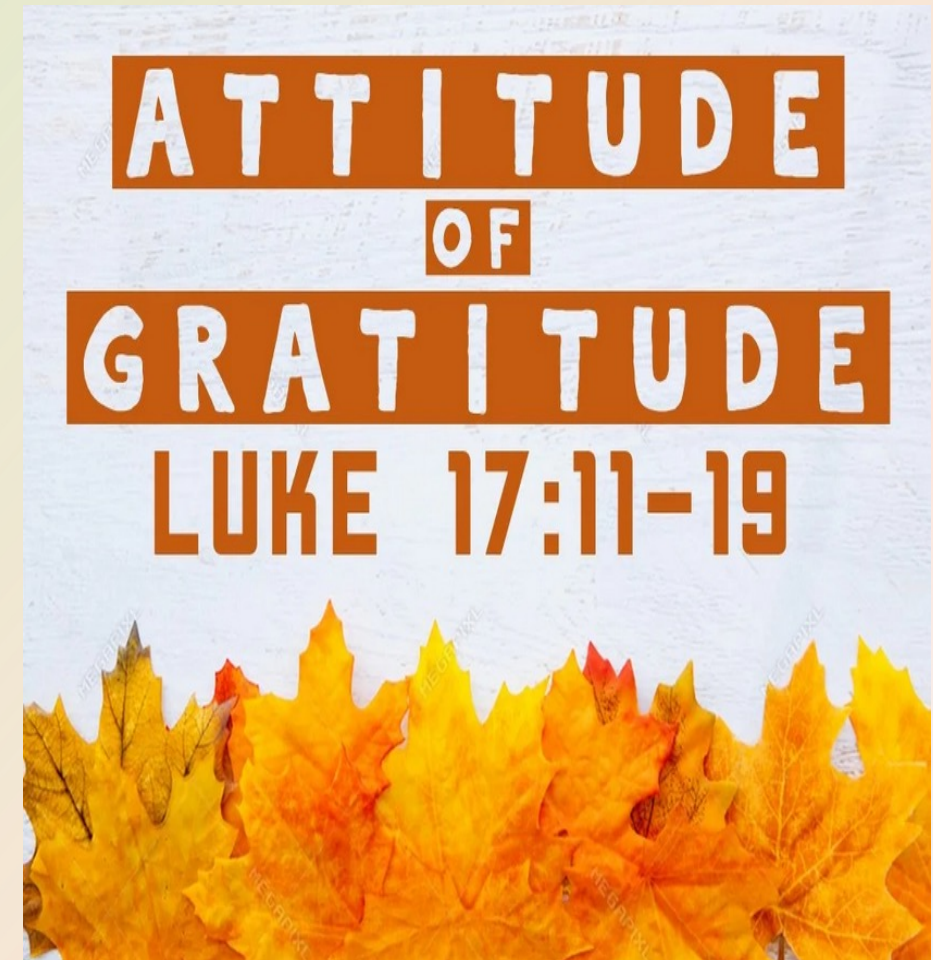
<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

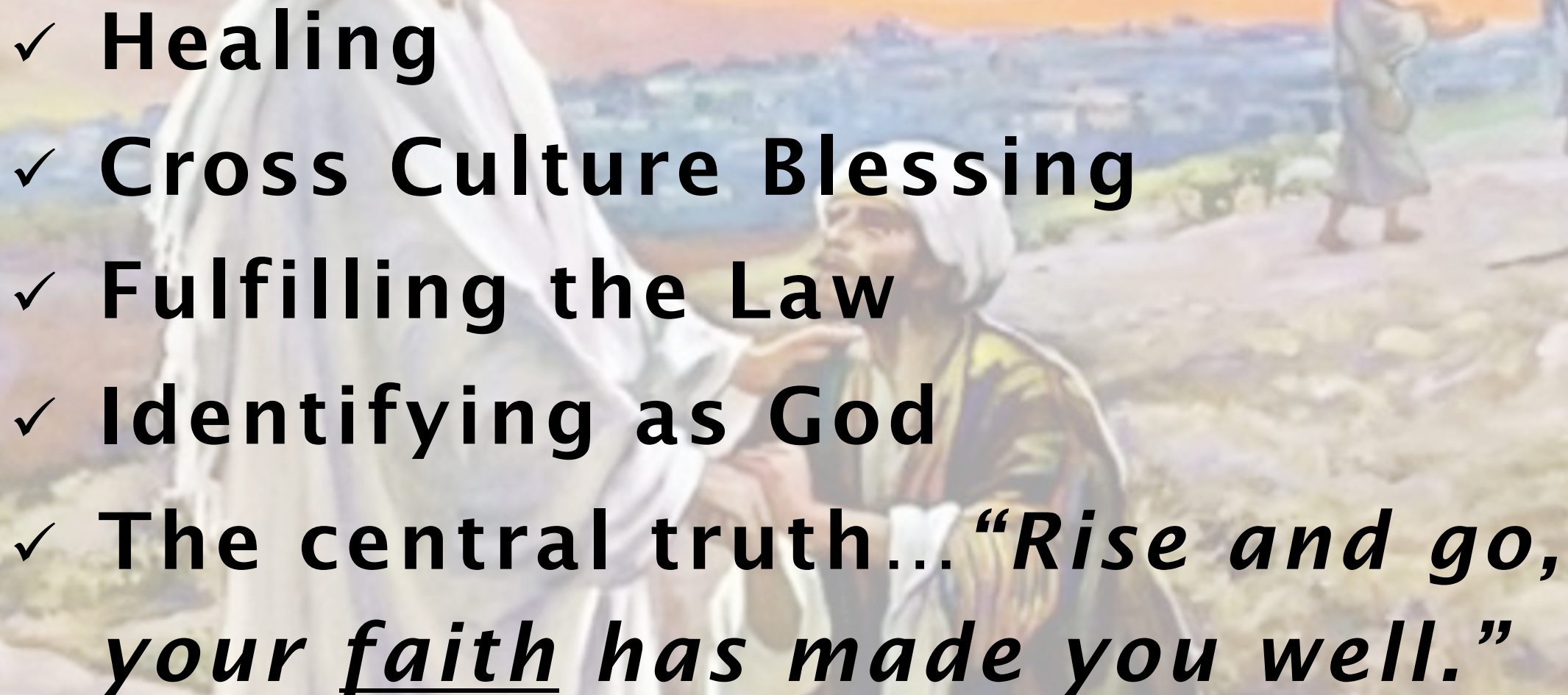
<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

## ***What is this about?***

- **All are healed (Jesus is a miracle worker)**
- **Priest affirmed as a witness...**
- **One foreigner commended**
- ***The outcome?***

## ***Praise***




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- ✓ **Healing**
  - ✓ **Cross Culture Blessing**
  - ✓ **Fulfilling the Law**
  - ✓ **Identifying as God**
  - ✓ **The central truth... *“Rise and go, your faith has made you well.”***

The Kingdom Of God Is  
**WITHIN YOU**

**IV. Luke  
17:20-37:  
Faith in Jesus'  
Kingdom &  
Coming**

<sup>20</sup> Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.” (or, “The kingdom of God is within you”)





"The days will come when you will desire  
to see one of the days of the Son of Man,  
and you will not see it.

*And they will say to you,  
'Look here!' or 'Look there!'*

*Do not go after them or follow them.  
For as the lightning that flashes...*

... out of one part under heaven  
shines to the other part under heaven,

***so also the Son of Man will be in His day***

Luke 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to his disciples,  
"The time is coming when you  
will long to see one of the days  
of the Son of Man, but you will  
not see it. <sup>23</sup> People will tell  
you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he  
is!' Do not go running off after  
them. <sup>24</sup> For the Son of Man in  
his day will be like the  
lightning, which flashes and  
lights up the sky from one end  
to the other. <sup>25</sup> But first he must  
suffer many things and be  
rejected by this generation.

# ***What is Jesus saying?***

- The Pharisees want proof
- Jesus gives intangible evidence...  
(Faith is again key)
- Jesus gives a prophecy
- Two generations compared...faith  
again is key
- Jesus will be rejected *first*...



<sup>26</sup> “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

<sup>28</sup> “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

<sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

<sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot's wife!

<sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.” <sup>[36]</sup> (*some manuscripts include what Matt. 24:40 has: “Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.”*)

<sup>37</sup> “Where, Lord?” they asked. He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”

# *Jesus is warning...*

- Sudden, complete
- Remnant
- From Heaven
- Preserve? Go Back?
- Why do the disciples ask, “*where*”?
- Jesus affirms—God is in control!
- ***Faith is needed!***

V. Luke 18:1-8: Faith and Persistence

# The Persistent Widow

***One last  
ingredient...***

18 <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup>He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’



<sup>4</sup>“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’” (or, “wear me out”)

<sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

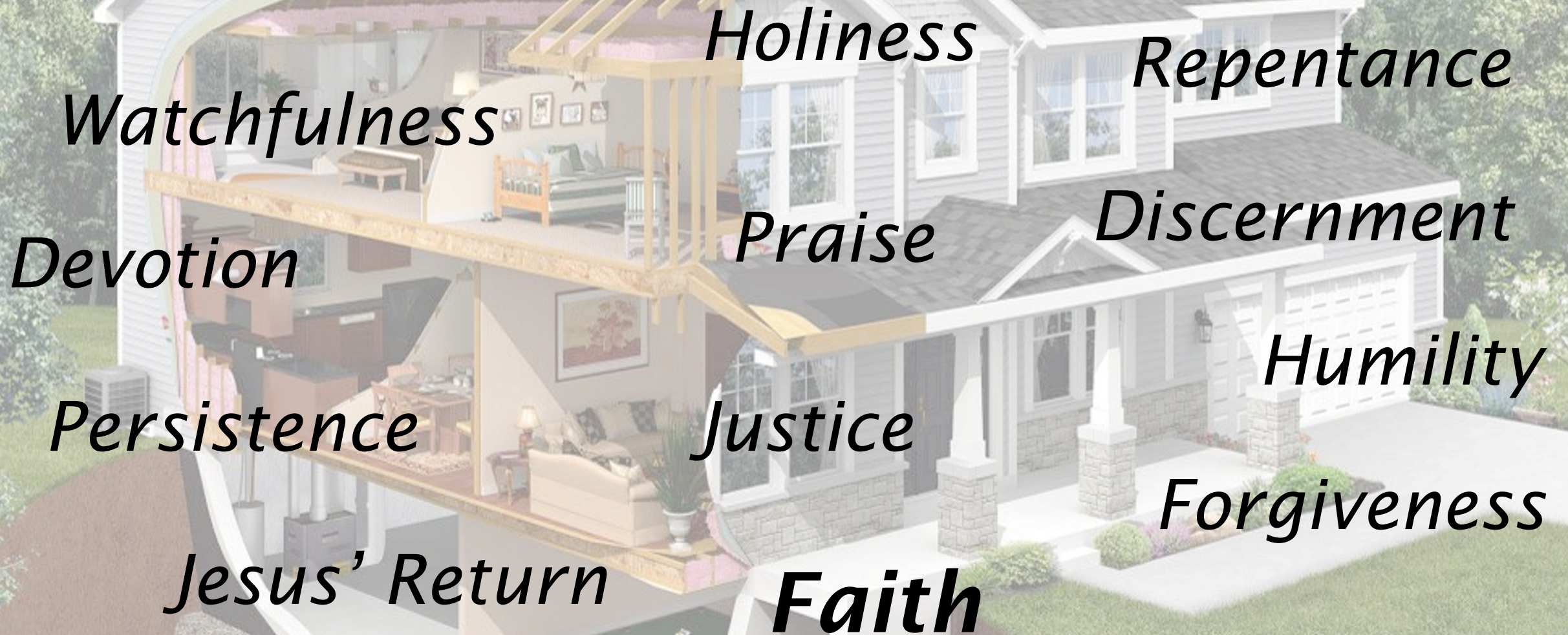
# ***Faith, Justice, and Persistence...***

- A hardened judge?...
- Persistence wins
- God knows and cares...but
- *Will Jesus find faith?*





*Sometimes it's a foundation of faith  
upholding all virtues...*



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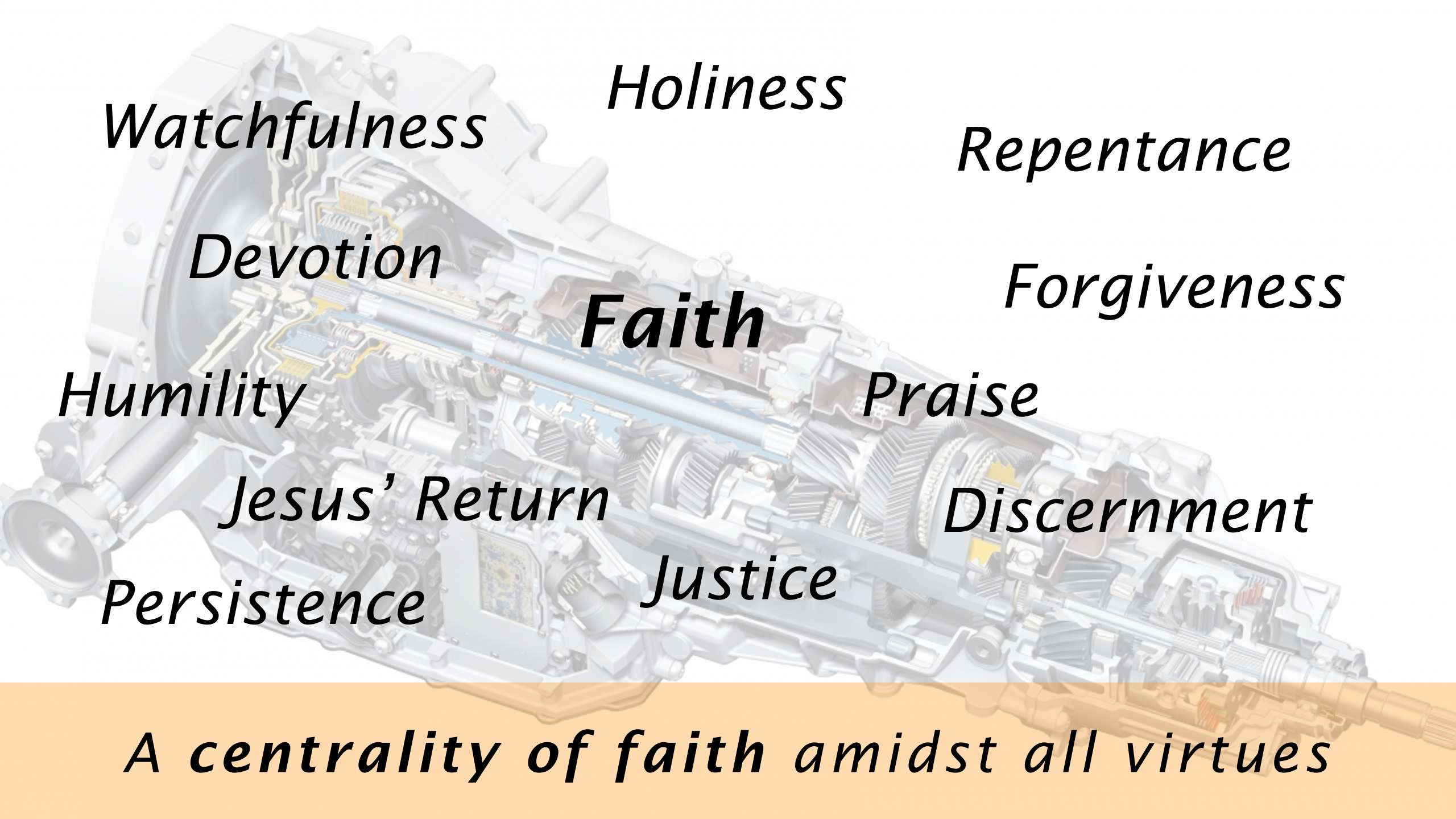
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***A bouquet of virtues, centered on faith...***



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***A centrality of faith amidst all virtues***

# Conclusions

- *Other illustrations...*
- *The key element*
- *Jesus refers three times to faith*
- *The key verse is last...*
- *“Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”*

*Last week was about treasures*

*This week – the greatest treasure is free: faith*

- **Arrangement**
- **Centrality**
- **Empowerment**
- **Foundation**





# Faith

***The centrality of Faith***

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