

Follow Me...

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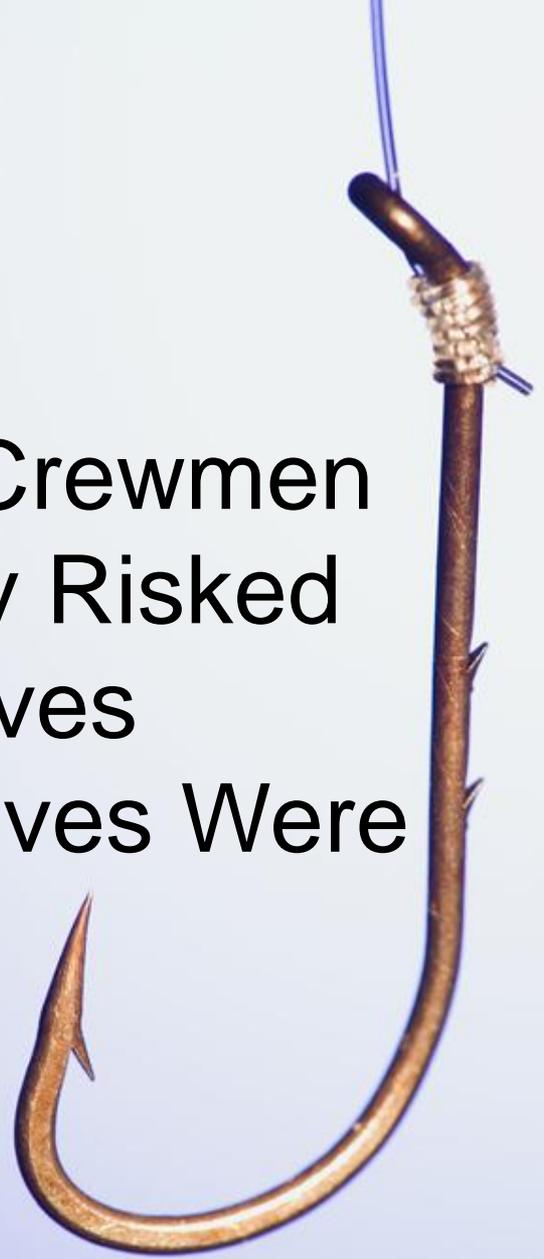
20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

And I will make you fishers of men (Mt 4.19).

Parable of the Life Saving Station



- A Few Crewmen
- Willingly Risked Their Lives
- Many Lives Were Saved



Parable of the Life Saving Station

- People Volunteered to Help.
- Hospital beds. replaced the cots.
- They continued to remodel.
- Professional rescuers were hired.



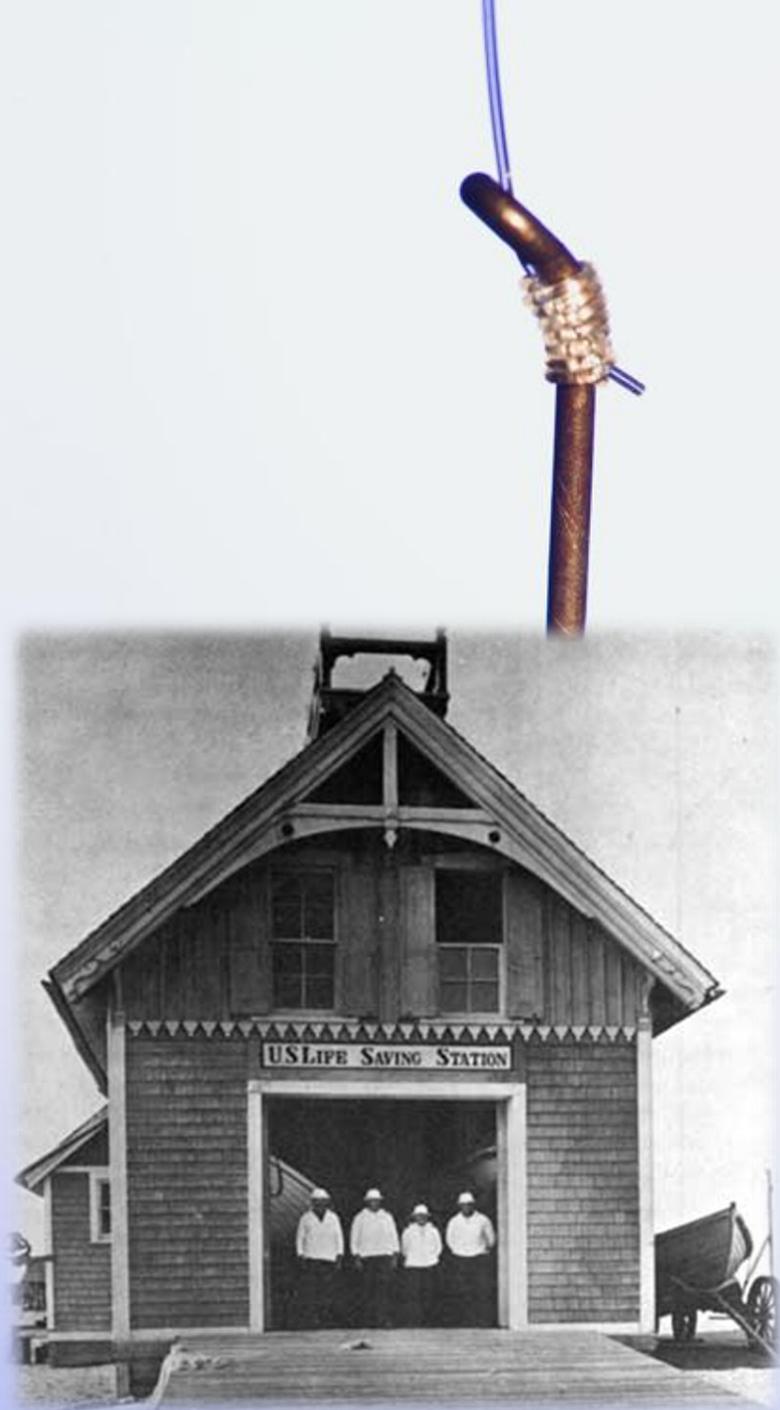
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- The humble station began to resemble a social club.
- There was a split in club membership concerning their mission.



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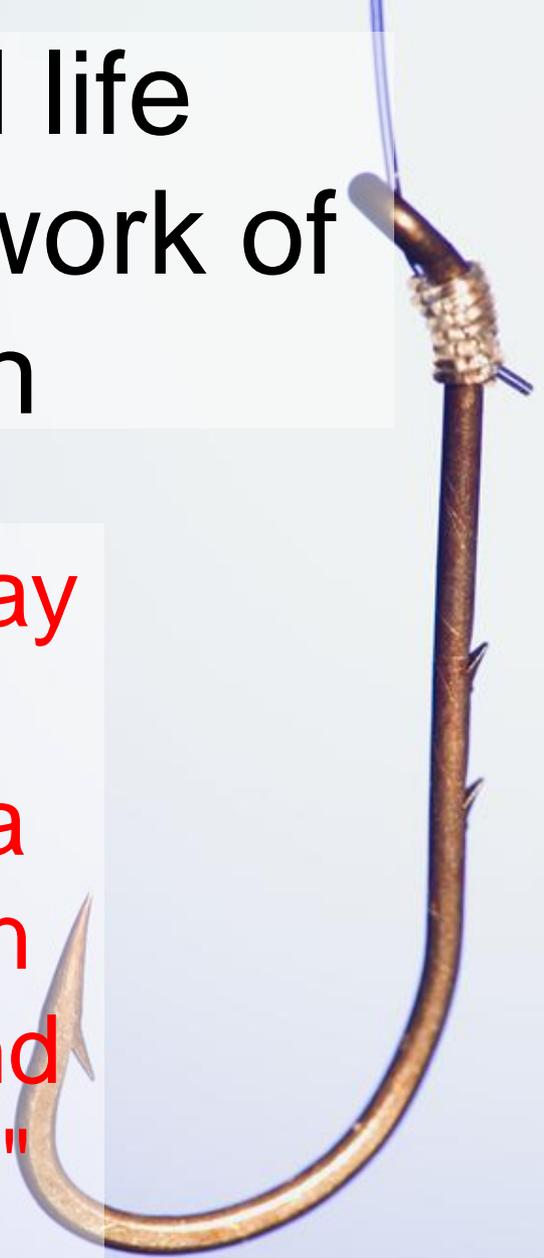
- Soon there was a new Life Saving Station built down the road from the first one



The work of spiritual life saving is the greatest work of the Lord's Church

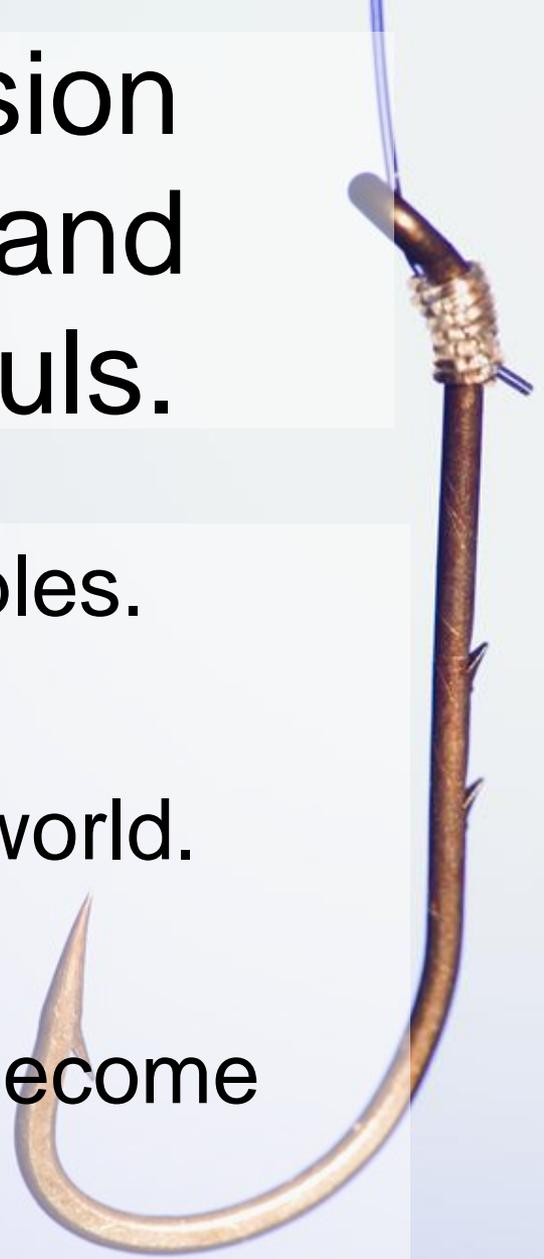
And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

(Luk 19:9-10)

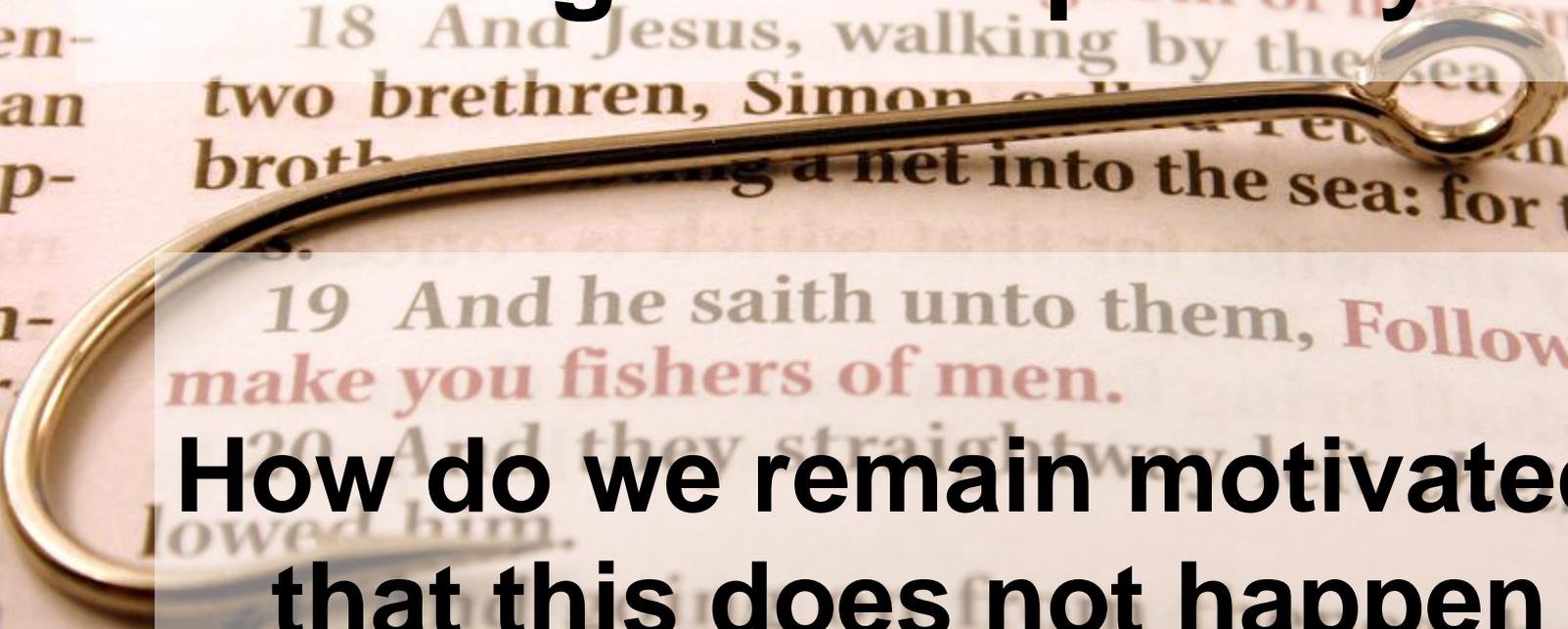


The Great Commission involves the saving and strengthening of Souls.

- Mt 28.18-20 / Go, make disciples.
- Mk 16.15-16 / Go into all the world.
- Mk 1.16-18 / I will make you become fishers of men.



Let's Be Honest...few congregations today make evangelism a priority.

A golden fishing hook is positioned horizontally across the middle of the image, resting on the pages of an open Bible. The hook's curved end is on the left, and its handle with a circular ring is on the right. The Bible text is visible in the background, with some words highlighted in red.

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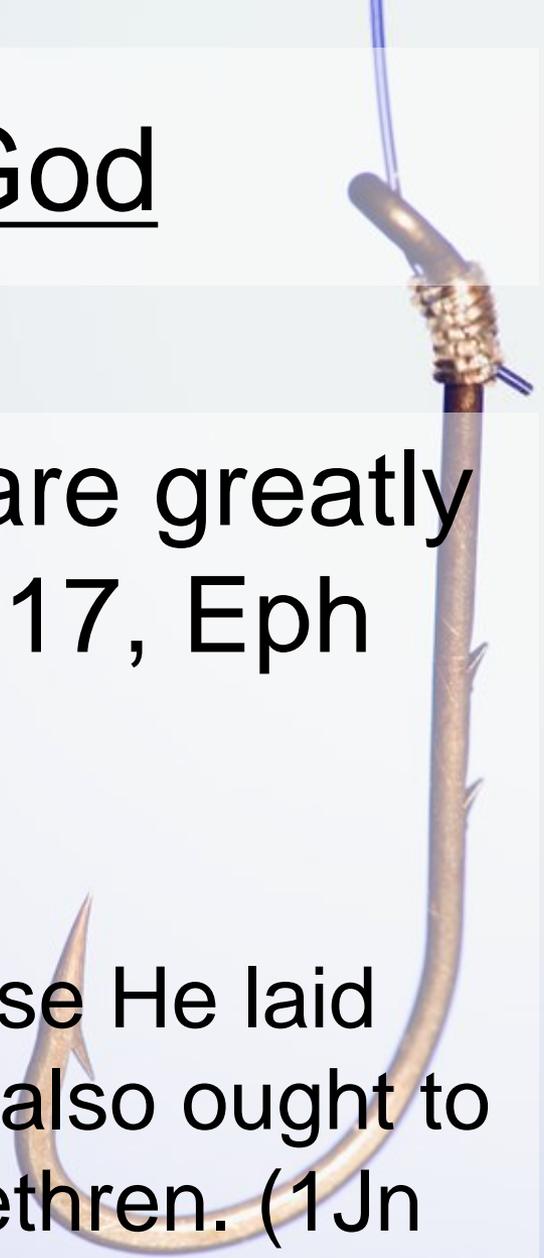
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How do we remain motivated so that this does not happen to us?

The Love of God

We can know that we are greatly loved by God (Jn 15.9-17, Eph 3.14-19)

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. (1Jn 3:16)

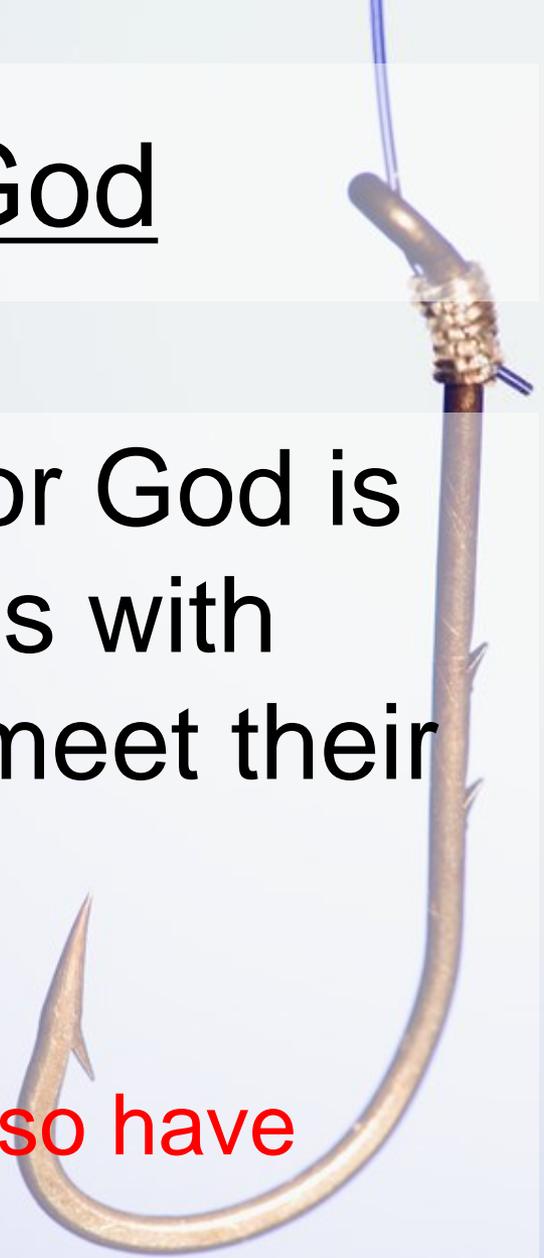


The Love of God

The *proof* of our love for God is reflected in our dealings with others as we strive to meet their needs.

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

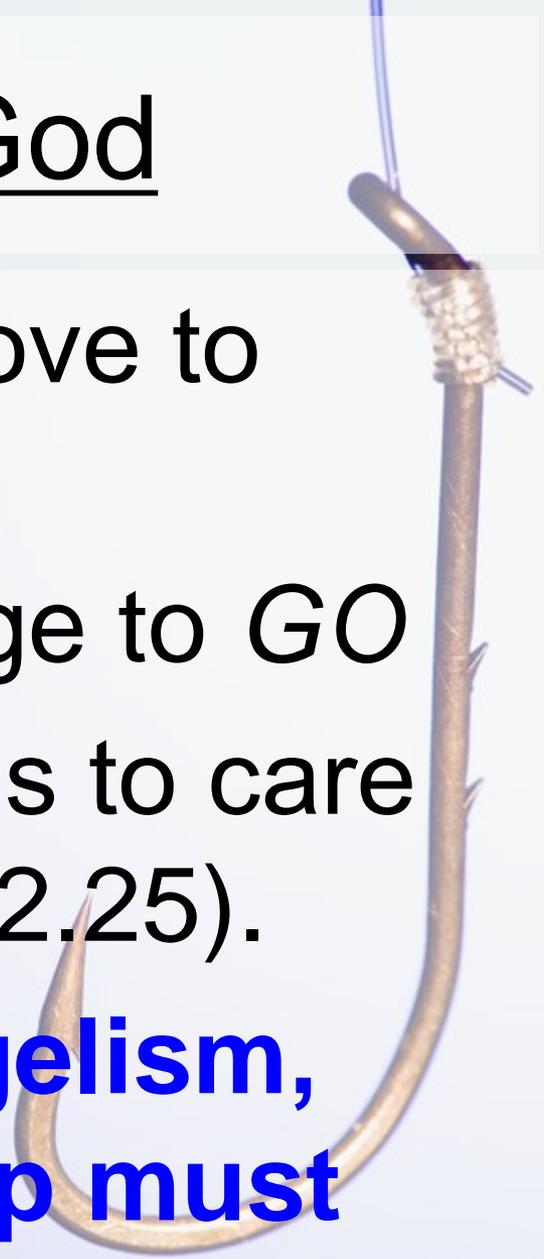
(Jn 15:9)



The Love of God

- Learn to reflect God's love to others
- This will give us courage to GO
- God's love motivates us to care for one another (1 Cor 12.25).

To have effective evangelism, true Christian fellowship must exist first.



**What happens when
Christian love grows
cold?**

**Jesus says to the church at
Ephesus....**

**Nevertheless I have *this*
against you, that you have
left your first love. (Rev 2:4)**



Compassion For Lost Souls

➤ **Jesus showed Compassion**

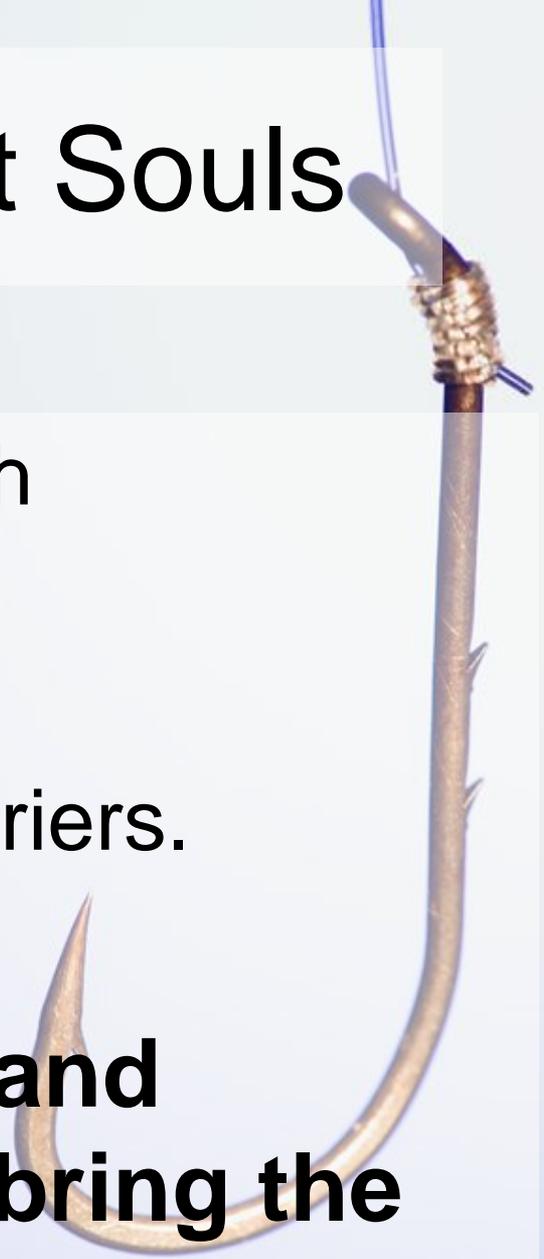
- ✓ For the Lost (Mt 23.37)
- ✓ The sick (Mt 14.14)
- ✓ The hungry (Mt 15.32)
- ✓ The Blind (Mt 20.34)
- ✓ On all who had physical and spiritual need (Mt 11.5)



Compassion For Lost Souls

- True Love is Shown Through Compassion
- It creates a desire to help.
- It allows us to overcome barriers.

Jesus can heal the hurts and heartaches, but we must bring the hurting to Him.

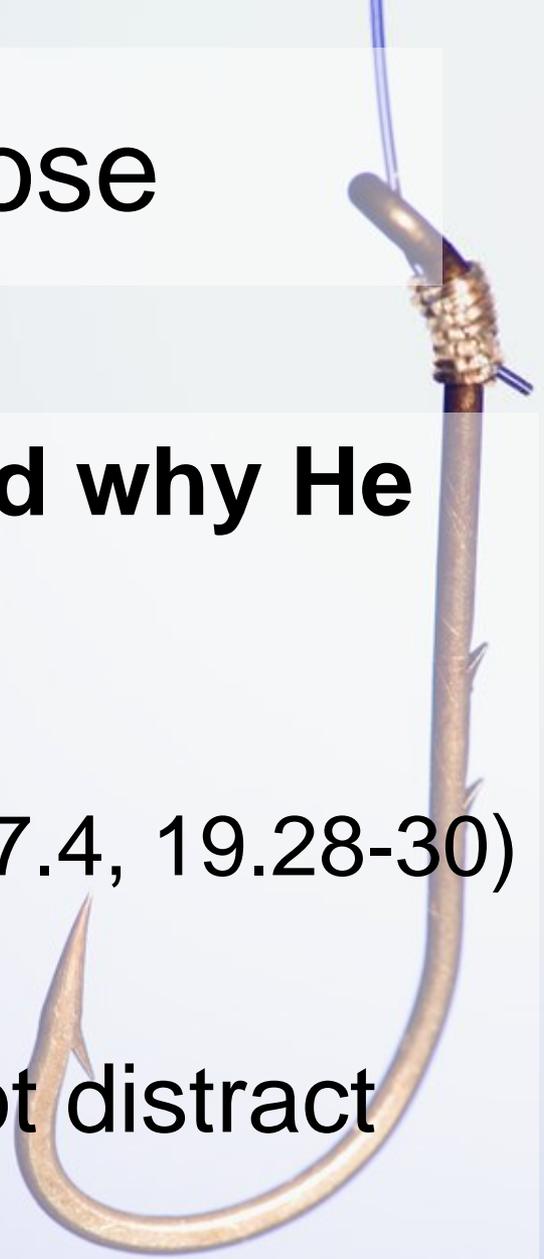


A Sense Of Purpose

Jesus always kept in mind why He was on Earth.

➤ Jn 4.27-34, 5.30-36, 6.38, 17.4, 19.28-30)

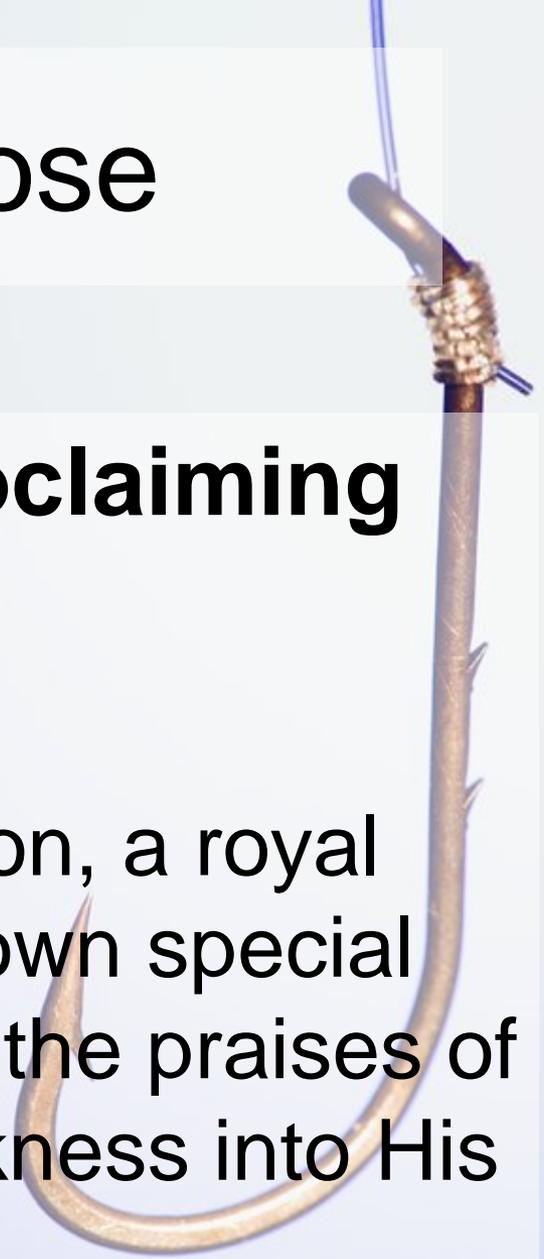
Even His disciples could not distract Him (Mt 16.21-23)



A Sense Of Purpose

Our purpose involves proclaiming God to the world.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (1Pe 2:9)

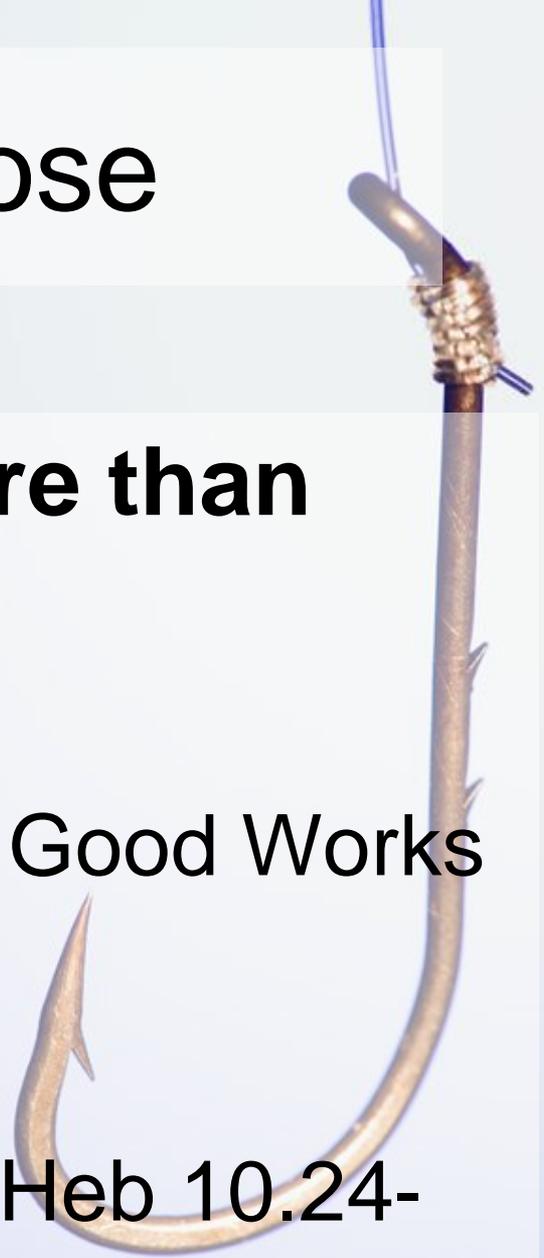


A Sense Of Purpose

Faithfulness involves more than Church attendance.

We are Created out of love for Good Works
(Eph 2.8-10)

We are to stir one another up (Heb 10.24-25)

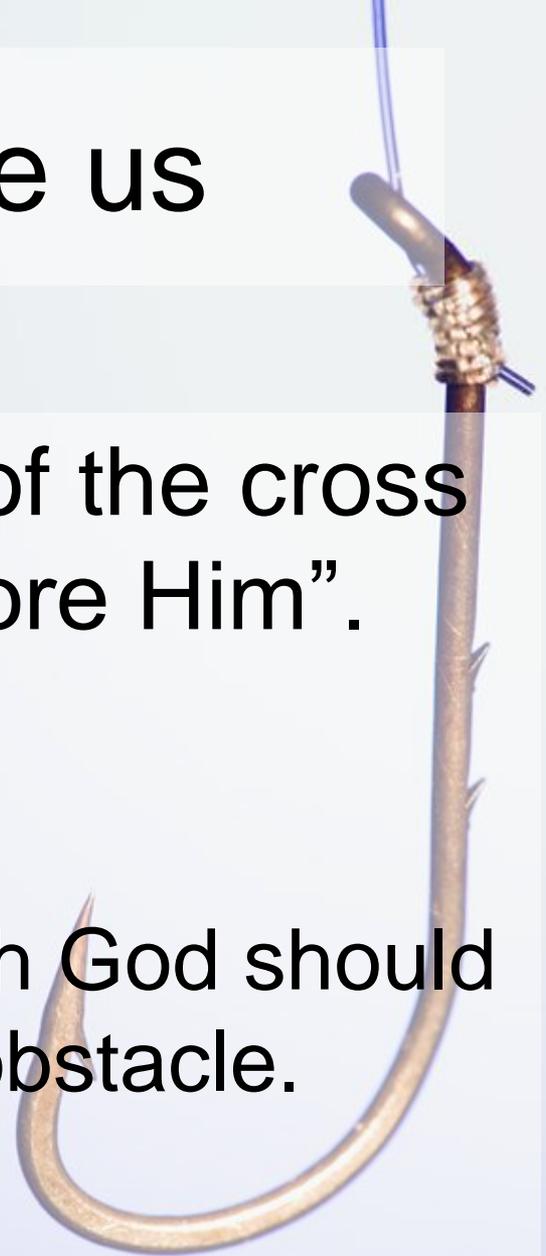


The Joy Set Before us

Jesus endured the cruelty of the cross because of the “joy set before Him”.
(Heb 12.1-2)

The prospect of an eternity with God should motivate us to overcome any obstacle.

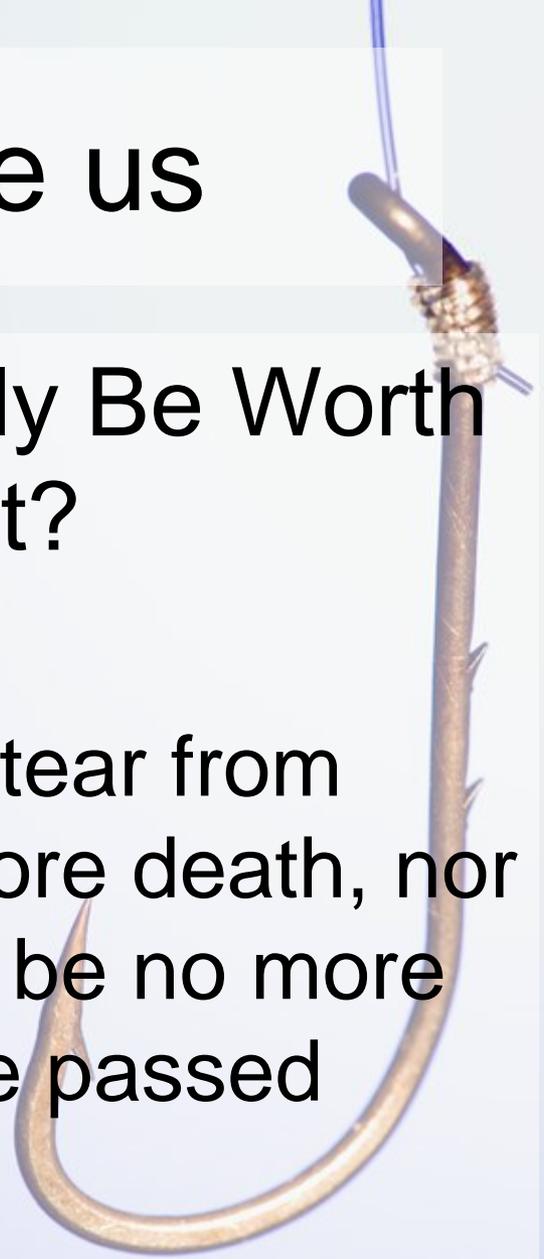
Seeing other walk in truth is a joy (III Jn 4)



The Joy Set Before us

We sing "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All"...do we truly believe it?

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Rev 21:4)

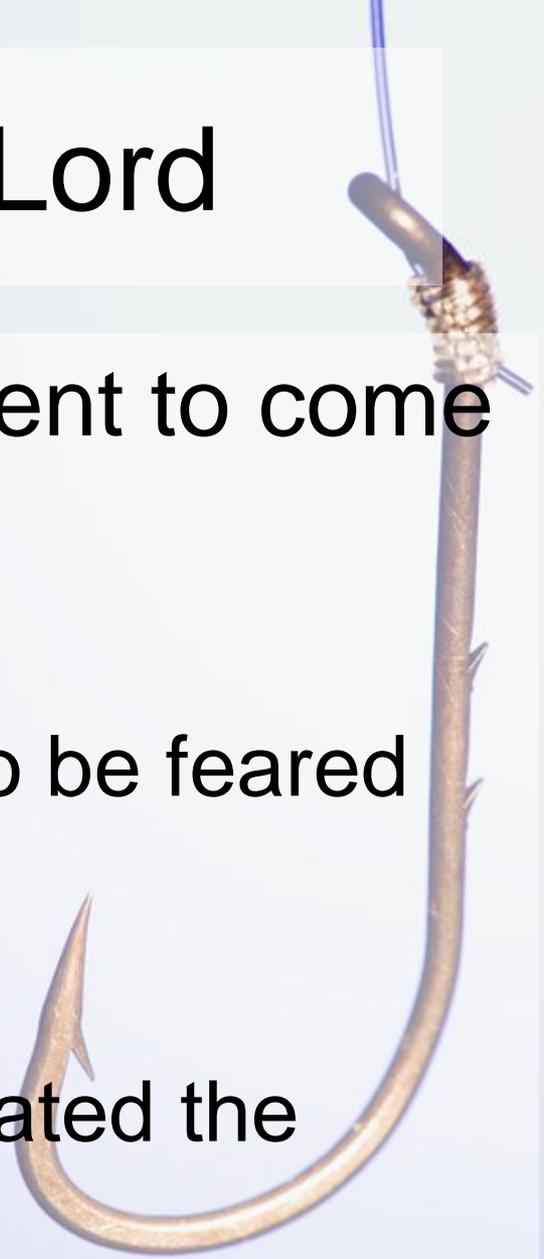


The Terror of The Lord

Jesus warned of the judgment to come
(Mk 9.43-48)

Hell is real (Mt 10.28), and is to be feared
by the unrighteous.

God's ultimate judgment motivated the
apostle Paul (II Cor 5.9-11)

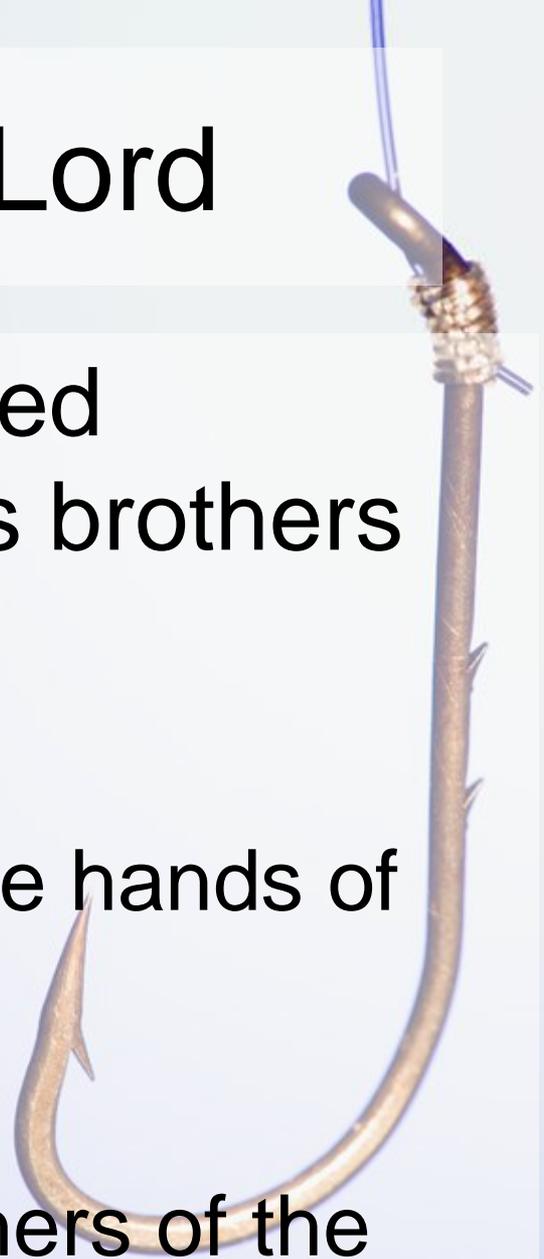


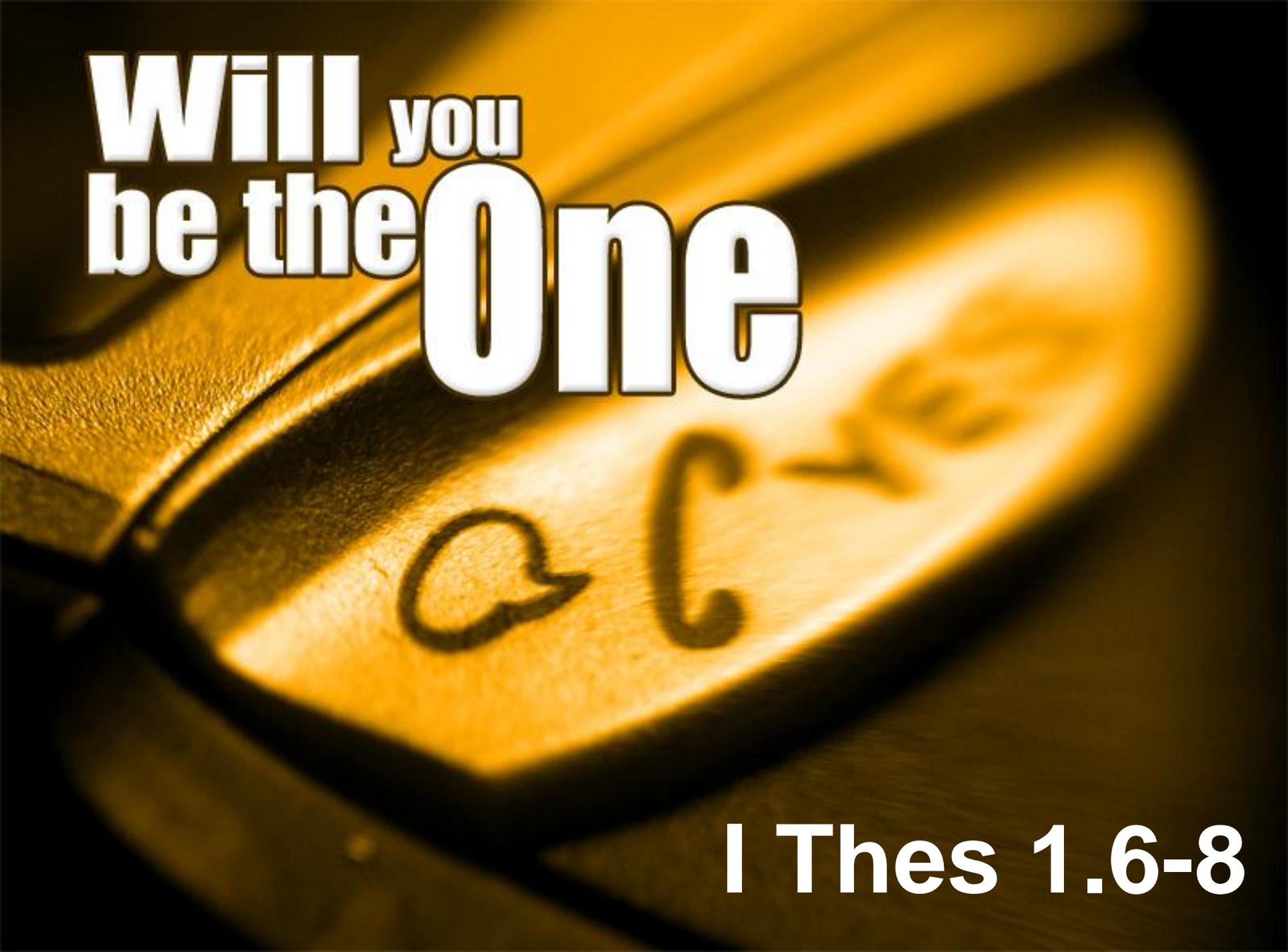
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The rich man certainly gained motivation to evangelize his brothers (Lk 16.27)

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Heb 10.26-31)

Paul was not afraid to warn others of the judgment to come (Act 24.25)





Will you
be the **One**

I Thes 1.6-8