



The Kingdom of God

EPSOM Module 7 – Week 1

What is the Kingdom of God?

- Kingdom of God = Invisible rule and government of God
- Kingdom of heaven = Manifested in the natural (Matthew 4:17; 6:10)
- Original form of government.
- God's Goal = Advances his kingdom

God's Original Plan

A man with long hair, seen from behind, stands in a lush, green jungle. He is looking out over a vast, hazy landscape that stretches to the horizon. The scene is filled with various tropical plants, including large green leaves in the foreground and a tree with red fruit on the left. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

- **God created everything from nothing (Genesis 1:1)**
- **Heaven: God's spiritual rule; Earth: where God desires His rule**
- **Humans made in God's image to represent Him (Genesis 1:26)**
- **Dominion = responsibility, stewardship, governance**

The Garden of Eden

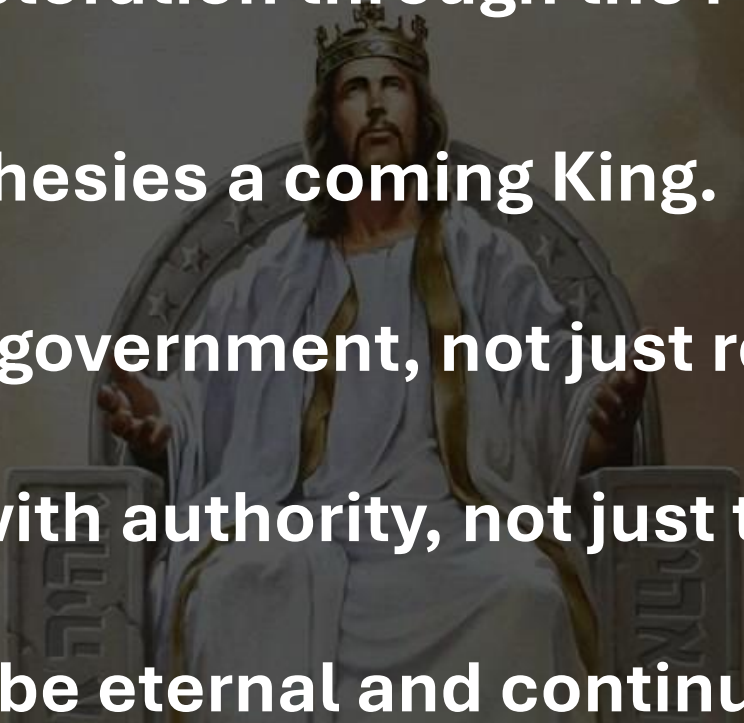
- **Eden = heaven on earth**
- **Adam's assignment: tend, keep, expand God's presence**
- **Tree of knowledge = choice between God's rule and self-rule**

The Loss of the Kingdom



- **Humanity lost its original authority through disobedience.**
- **Adam disobeyed God (Genesis 3:6–8).**
- **Authority was handed over to the enemy (Luke 4:5–7).**
- **Humanity lost dominion and became subject to the earth (Genesis 3:17–19).**
- **Separation from God occurred (Genesis 3:24).**

The Messiah and the Coming Kingdom

- God promised restoration through the Messiah.
 - Isaiah 9:6–7 prophesies a coming King.
 - He would bring a government, not just religion.
 - He would come with authority, not just tradition.
 - His Kingdom will be eternal and continually increasing.
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Jesus and the Gospel of the Kingdom



Matthew 4:17(NKJV) – “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

- **The Kingdom of God entered the natural world through Jesus.**
- **God took on flesh to establish His Kingdom in humanity.**
- **Jesus taught and demonstrated Kingdom living (Matthew 4:23–24).**
- **Through His death, burial, and resurrection, access to the Kingdom was restored.**

John 3:3(NKJV) – One must be born again to see the Kingdom of God.

Demonstrations of the Kingdom

- **1 Corinthians 4:20 – The Kingdom of God is not in word only but in power**

Divine Healing

- **Divine Healing is a manifestation of the Kingdom of God**
- **Sickness must leave where God's rule is fully established (Matthew 12:15; Luke 4:40).**
- **Healing is a preview taste of the fully restored Kingdom to come.**





Deliverance

Luke 11:20 – Casting out demons proves the Kingdom has come.

- **Darkness cannot remain where God rules.**
- **Deliverance shows the conflict between God's Kingdom and Satan's kingdom.**


Divine Provision

- **Matthew 6:33 – Seek first the Kingdom and all needs will be provided.**
- **God's Kingdom contains no lack (Philippians 4:17).**
- **In God's Kingdom he takes responsibility for his Kingdom needs.**

The Upside-Down Kingdom (Kingdom Values)

- God's Kingdom is counter-cultural to man's systems and values.

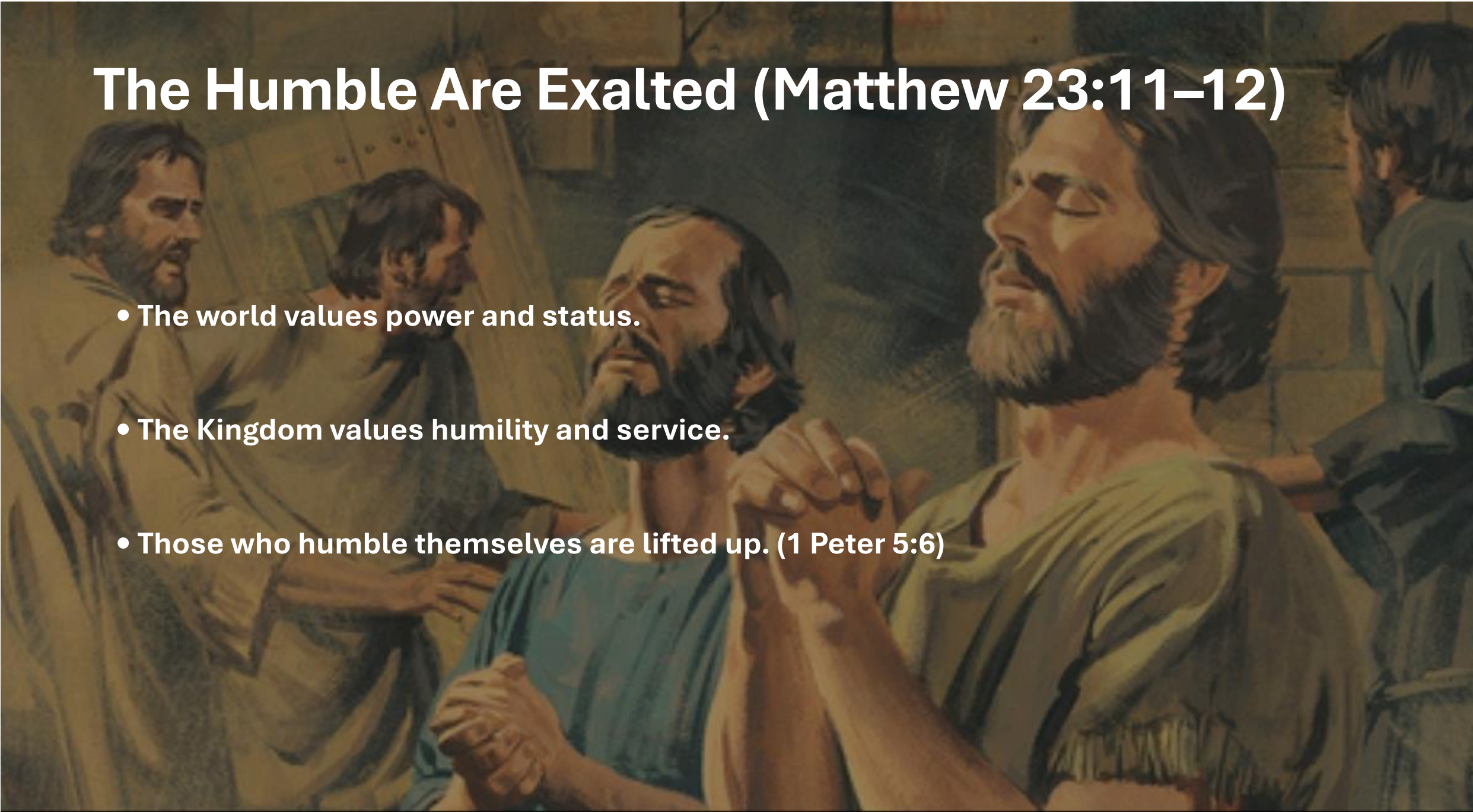
Greatness in Serving (Matthew 20:25–28)



- The world defines greatness by power and position.
- The Kingdom defines greatness through serving others.
- Jesus modeled greatness through humble service and giving His life.
- Our goal is to reflect God's glory through service, not rule over others.
- Servants are the greatest in the Kingdom (1 Peter 4:10; John 13:14–15).

The Humble Are Exalted (Matthew 23:11–12)

- The world values power and status.
- The Kingdom values humility and service.
- Those who humble themselves are lifted up. (1 Peter 5:6)




Others Over Self (Philippians 2:3–4)

- The world promotes self-first thinking.
- The Kingdom teaches God first, others second, self-last.
- Selflessness reflects Kingdom character (John 15:13).

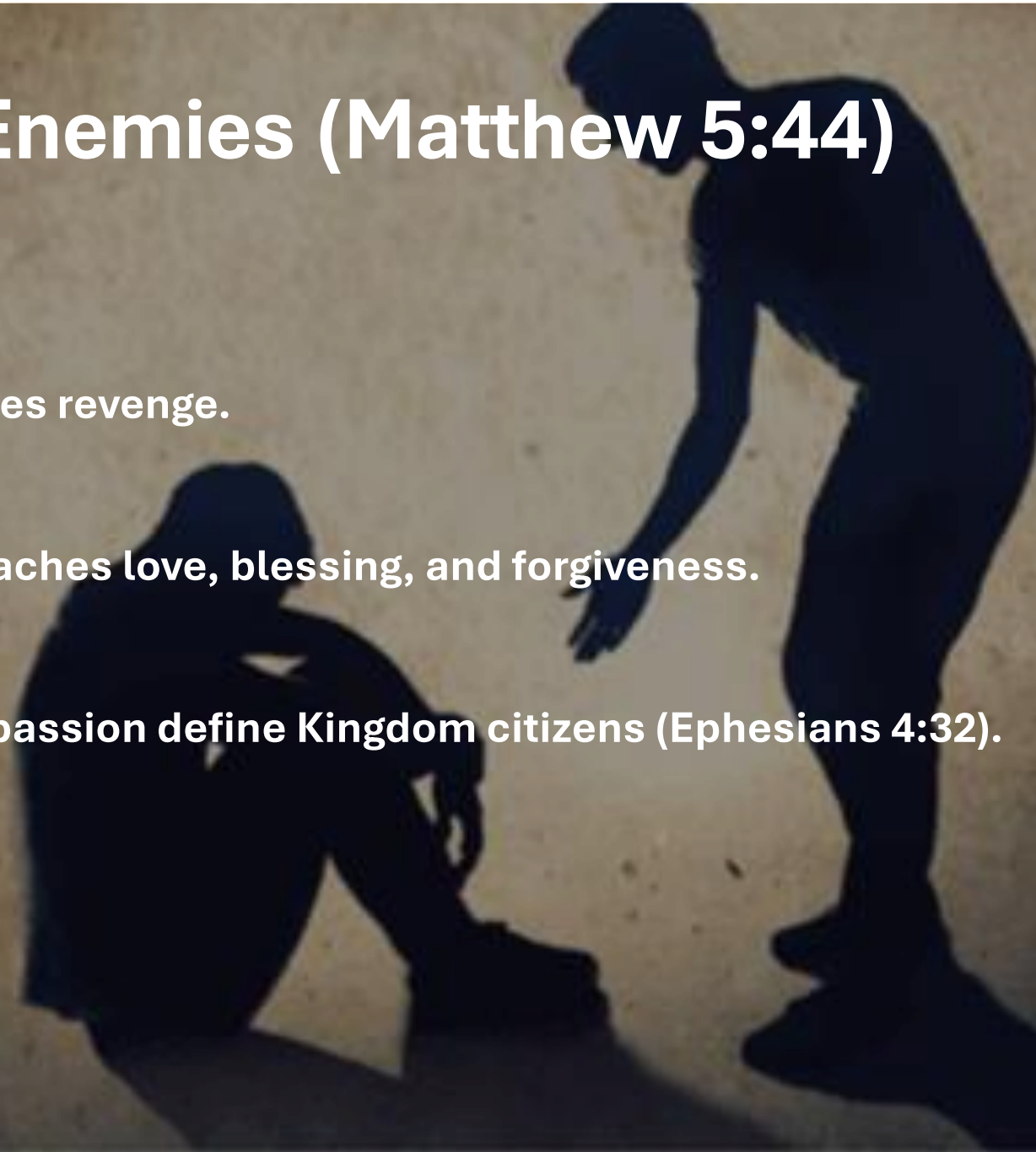


Motives Over Actions (Matthew 5:8)

- The world focuses on outward actions.
 - God focuses on the heart and motives (1 Samuel 16:7).
 - Pure motives are essential in Kingdom living.
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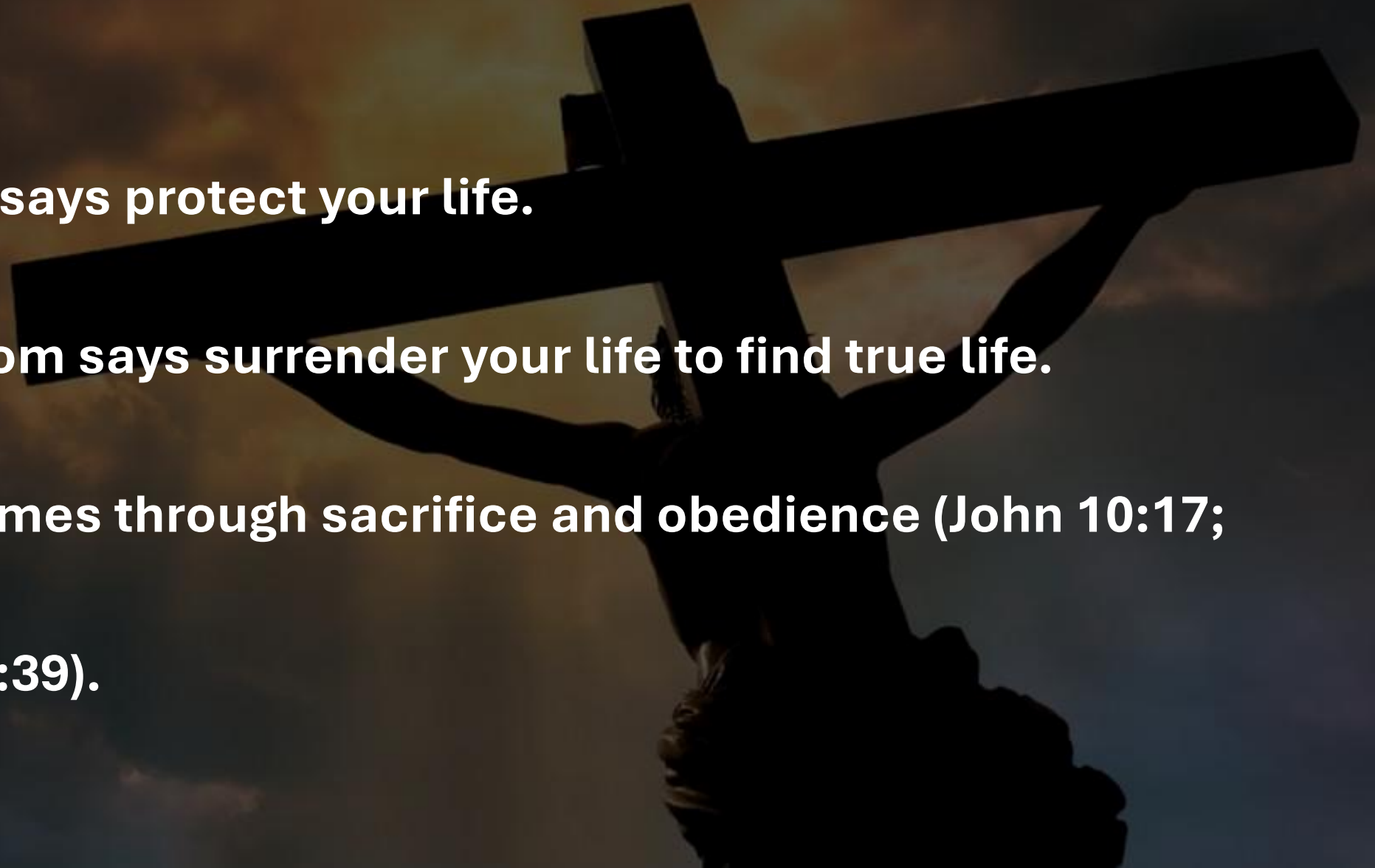
Love for Enemies (Matthew 5:44)

- The world teaches revenge.
- The Kingdom teaches love, blessing, and forgiveness.
- Mercy and compassion define Kingdom citizens (Ephesians 4:32).

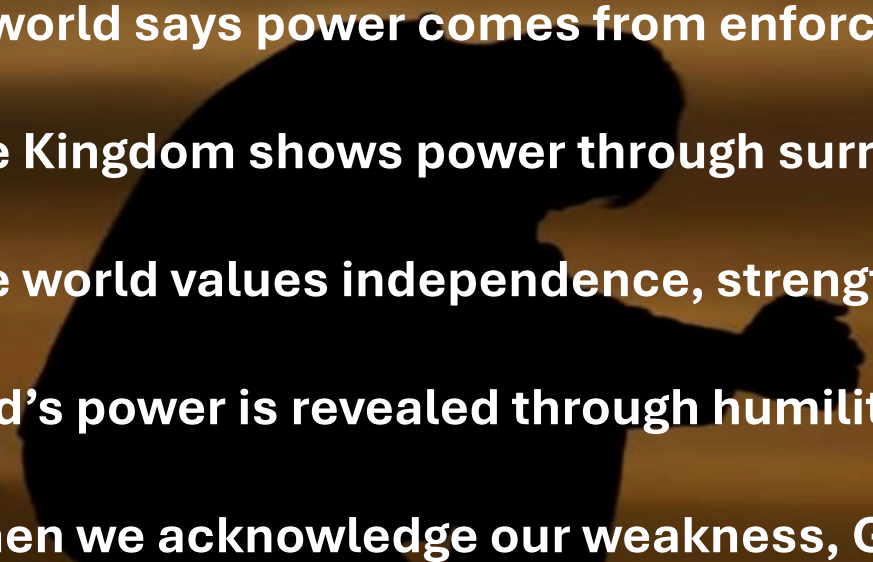


Winning Through Dying (Matthew 16:25)

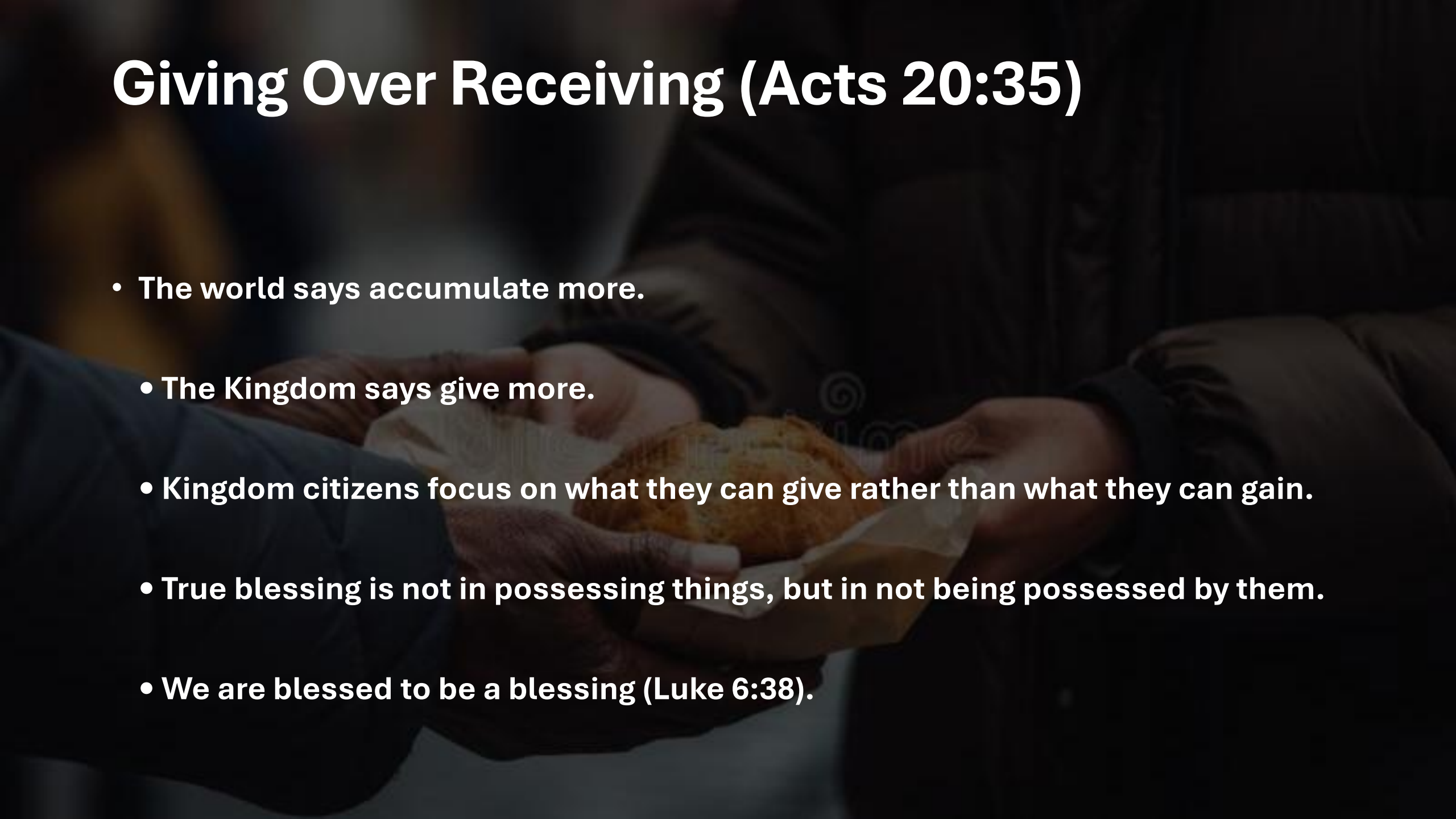
- The world says protect your life.
- The Kingdom says surrender your life to find true life.
- Victory comes through sacrifice and obedience (John 10:17; Matthew 26:39).



Power Through Weakness (2 Corinthians 12:8–10)

- The world says power comes from enforcing your will.
 - The Kingdom shows power through surrendering your will.
 - The world values independence, strength, and control.
 - God's power is revealed through humility, dependence, and trust.
 - When we acknowledge our weakness, God's strength is made perfect.
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- A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with their hands clasped together, set against a warm, golden sunset background. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right.

Giving Over Receiving (Acts 20:35)

- The world says accumulate more.
 - The Kingdom says give more.
 - Kingdom citizens focus on what they can give rather than what they can gain.
 - True blessing is not in possessing things, but in not being possessed by them.
 - We are blessed to be a blessing (Luke 6:38).
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- A background image showing a person in a blue uniform holding a sandwich in a paper wrapper. Another person's hands are visible holding the sandwich from below, suggesting a service or care scenario.