

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!



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HE IS RISEN



Christ is risen from the dead!

Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is:

- the central organizing **fact** of human history.
- a demonstration of Jesus' **victory** over death.

The Resurrection is more than

- **More than a fact of history**
- **More than a doctrine to affirm.**

Promises

- Hope of life
- Identity
- Dead to sin
- Inheritance

Demands

- Calling and Message
- Worthy of Christ
- Crucified with Christ
- Filling up

Promise - Hope of Life

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

1 Corinthians 15:20 NLT

Promise - Hope of Life

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Promise - Identity

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Promise - Dead to sin

Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives.

Romans 6:5,6

Promise - Dead to sin

We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him.

Romans 6:7,8

Promise - Dead to sin

He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

By His wounds you are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Promise - Inheritance

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him.

Ephesians 1:19a

Promise - Inheritance

This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 1:19b,20

Promise - Inheritance

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6

Promise - Inheritance

So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:7

Demands - Calling and Message

So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Demands - Calling and Message

For I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

Demands - Worthy of Christ

If you refuse to take up your cross and follow Me, you are not worthy of being Mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for Me, you will find it.

Matthew 10:38-39

Demands - Crucified with Christ

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

Demands - Filling Up

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

Colossians 1:24 ESV

Demands - Filling Up

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps.

1 Peter 2:21 NLT

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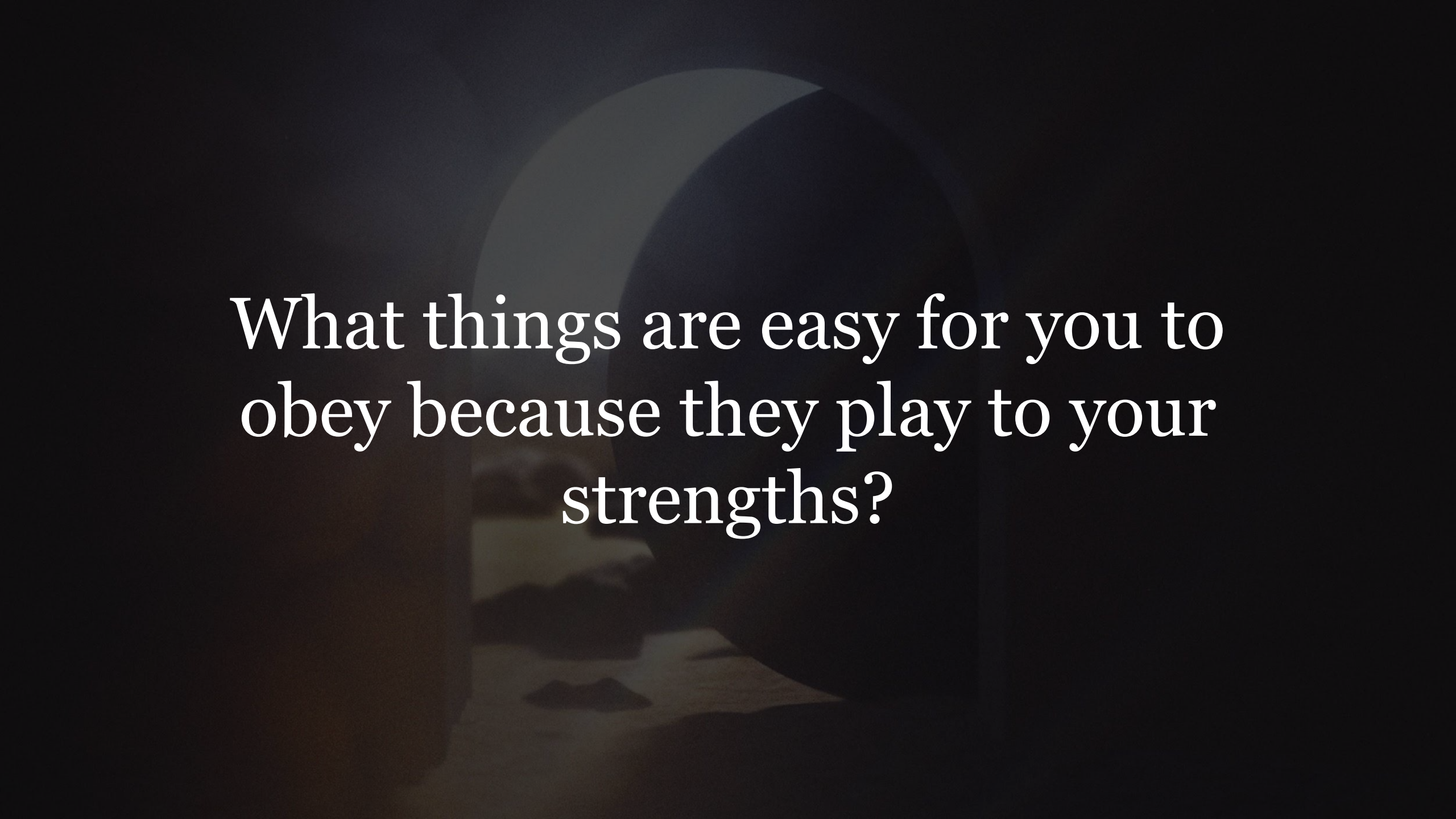
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I can do that!



What things are easy for you to obey because they play to your strengths?

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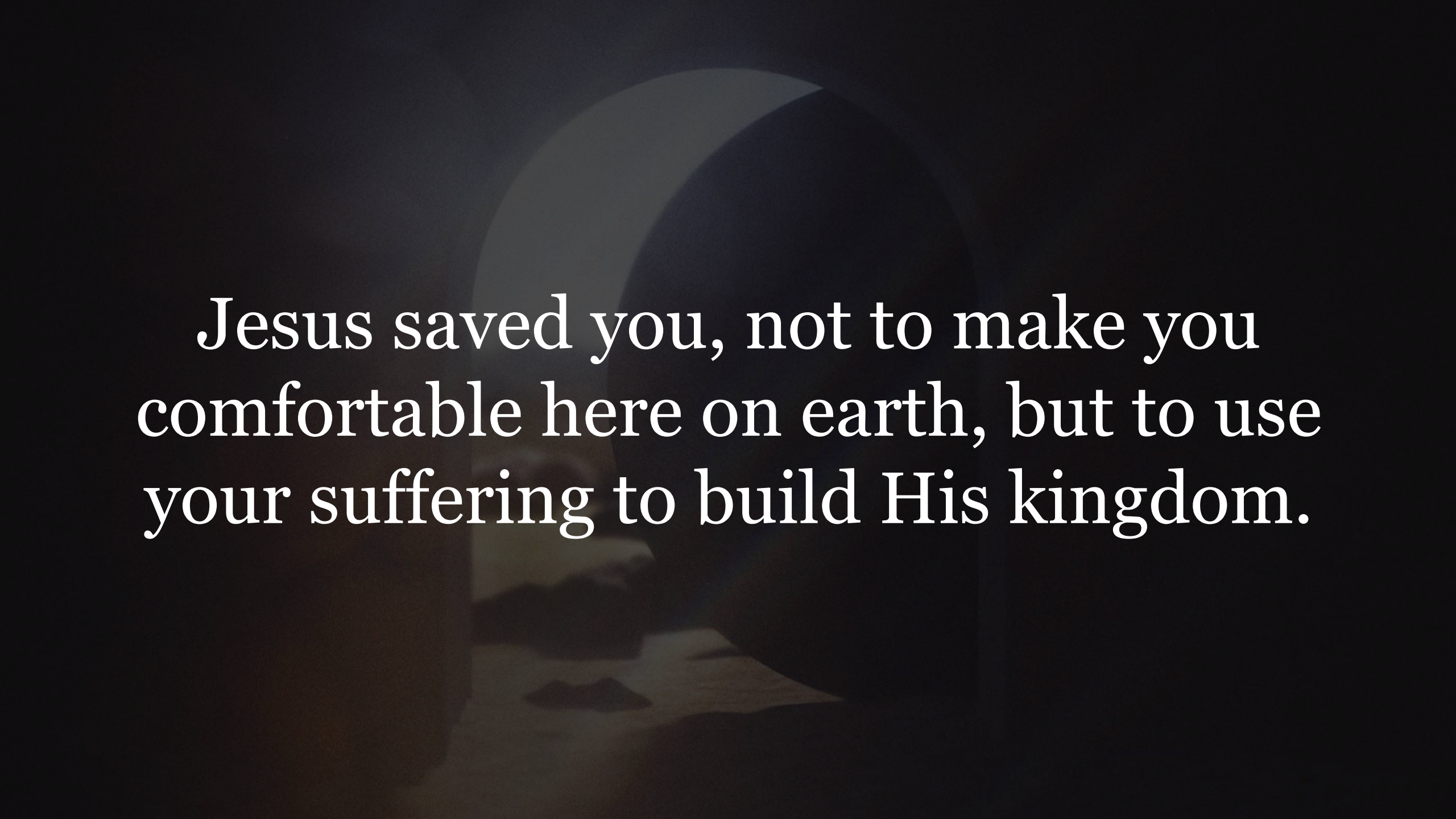
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What about you?

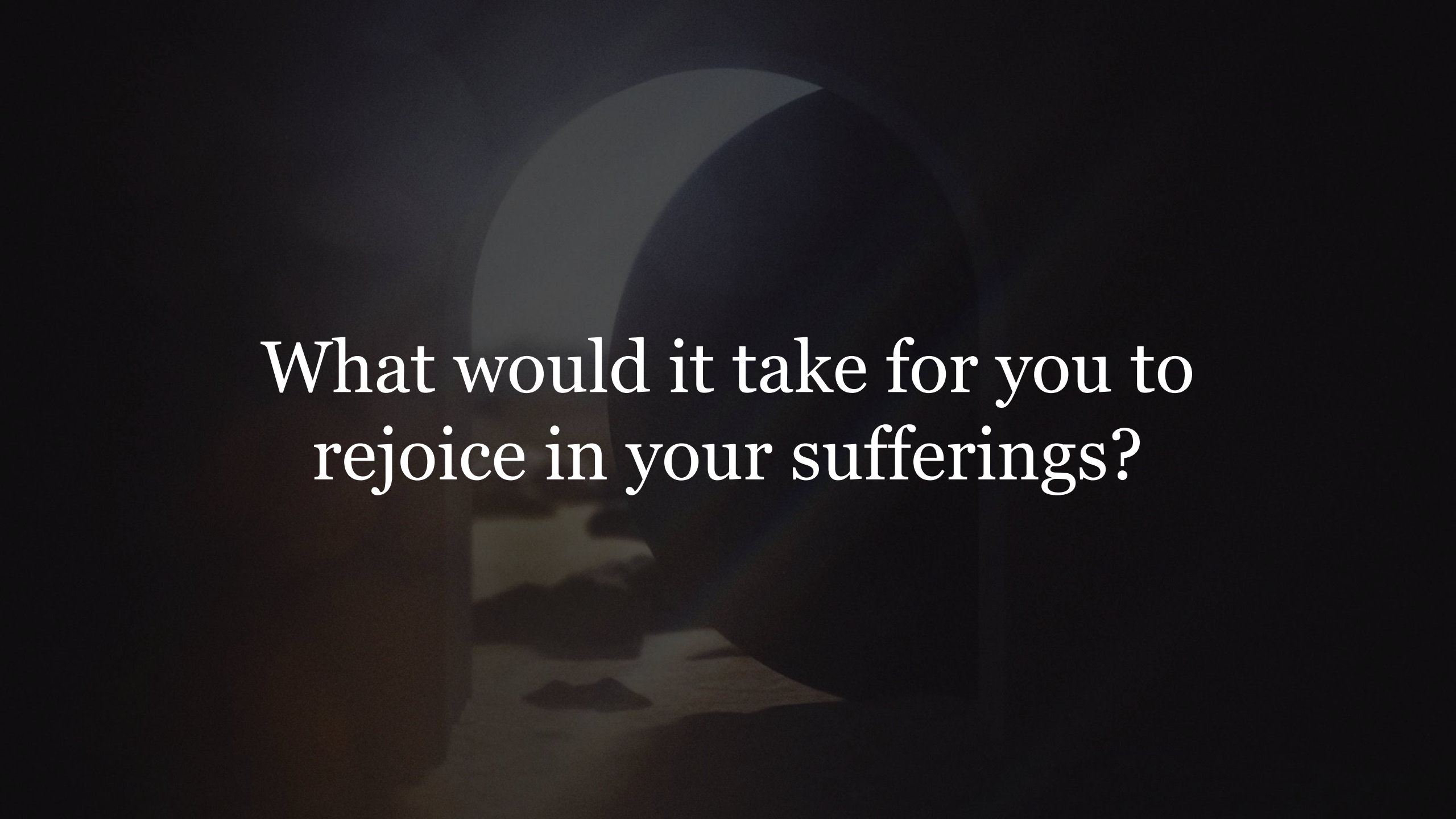
- **Do you enjoy the promises of salvation, but ignore the demands of following Christ?**
- **Do you, like the disciples, misunderstand His commands?**
- **How do you evade suffering?**



Jesus saved you, not to make you comfortable here on earth, but to use your suffering to build His kingdom.

Take up your cross

- **Suffer**
- **Fill up that which is lacking**
- **Live a life worthy of Christ.**



What would it take for you to
rejoice in your sufferings?

Communion



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He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Luke 22:19

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After supper He took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and His people—an agreement confirmed with My blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.”

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