

Vertical

Mondays, 6:45pm
Sanctuary



THE
GOSPEL OF THE
KINGDOM

Definition:

The Kingdom of God is the **rule** of God over the hearts of men and women so they can live in the **realm** of Divine blessing.



Living under God's Rule is not human
stifling, but God's design for **human**
thriving.







In relationships
loyalty matters



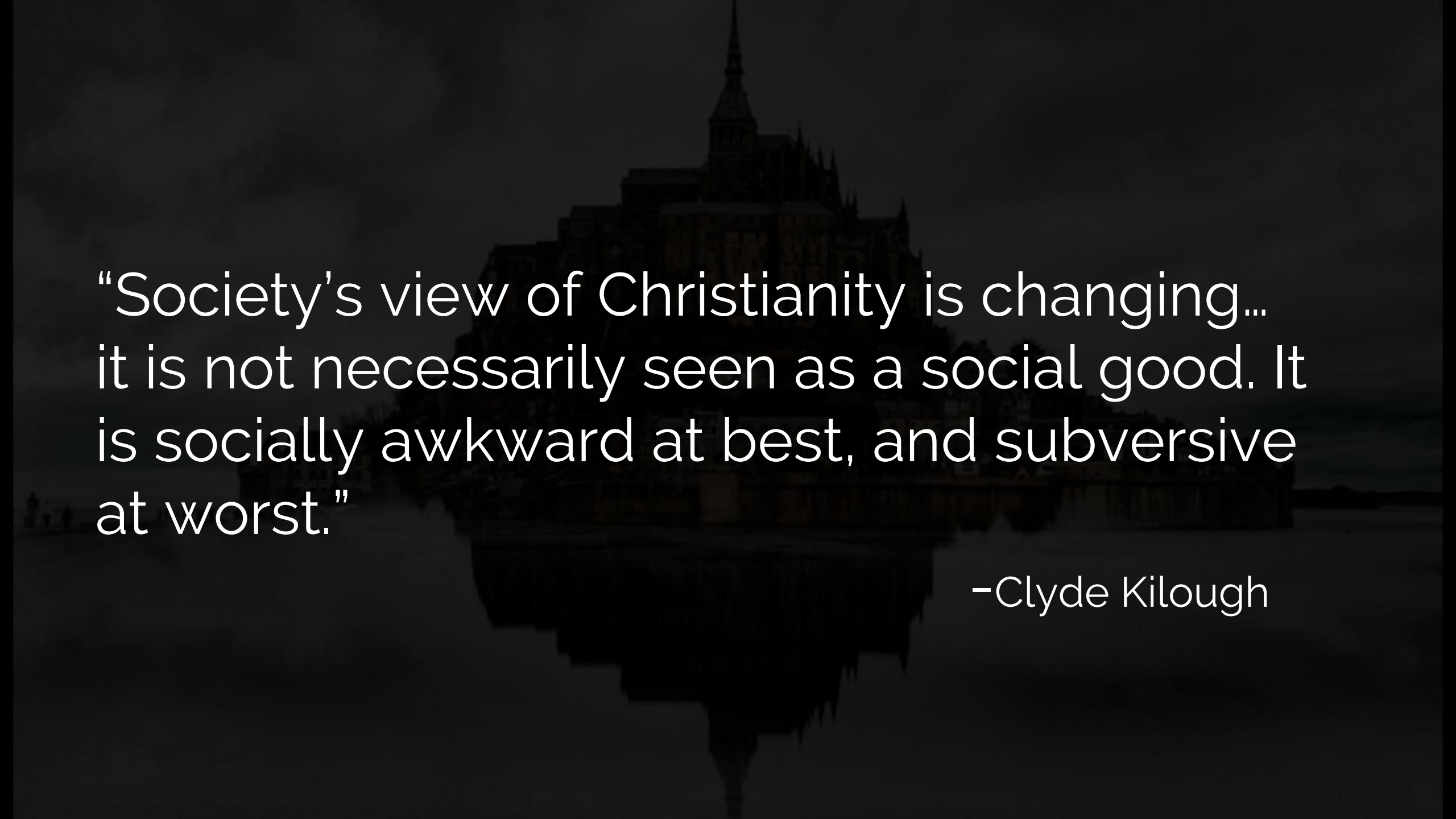
Why remain **loyal** to an
unpopular king?



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Luke 19:38





“Society’s view of Christianity is changing..
it is not necessarily seen as a social good. It
is socially awkward at best, and subversive
at worst.”

–Clyde Kilough

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-Eph. 2:10

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Will we remain **loyal** to an
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Because...

This life is **temporary**, it is a **trust**,
a **test**, and because of Jesus the
best is yet to come.

“For the Son of
man came to
seek and to save
the lost.”

Luke 19: 10





Archelaus 4 B.C.

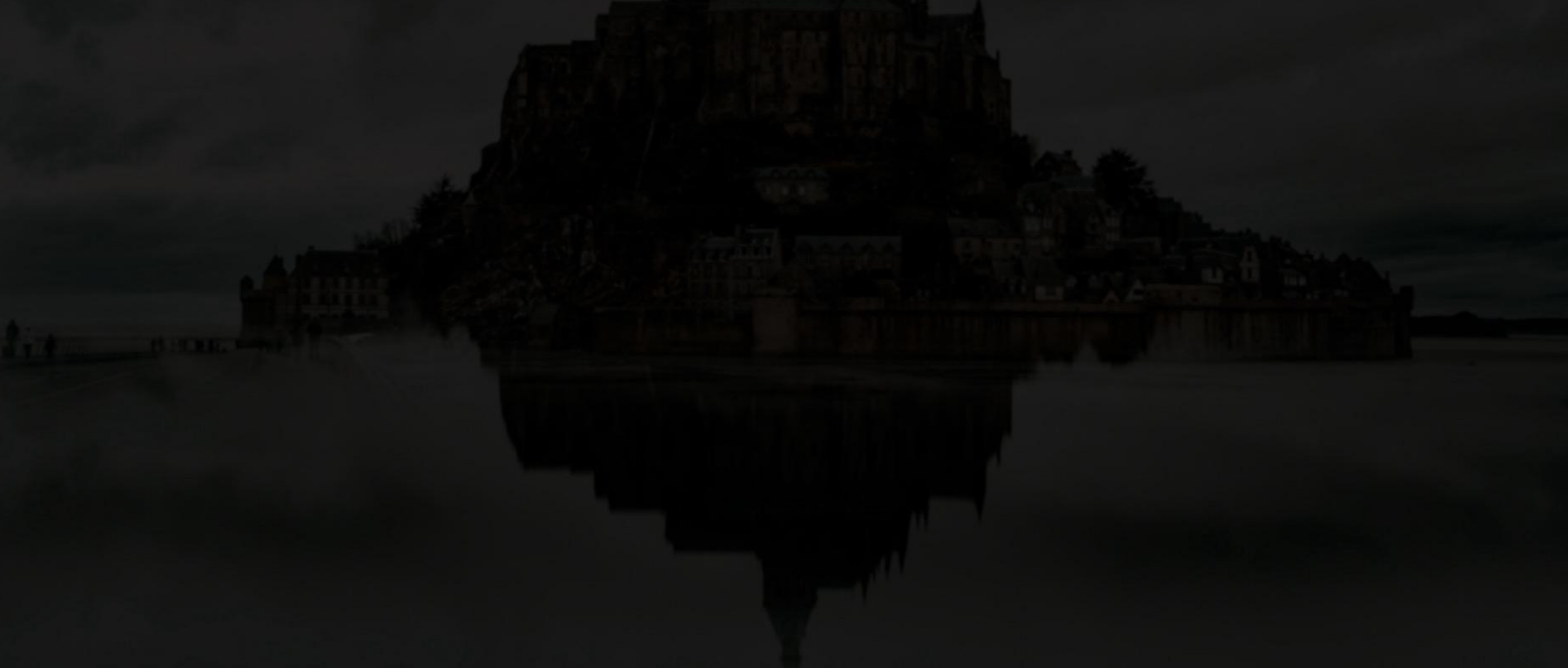


“Put this money to work...”



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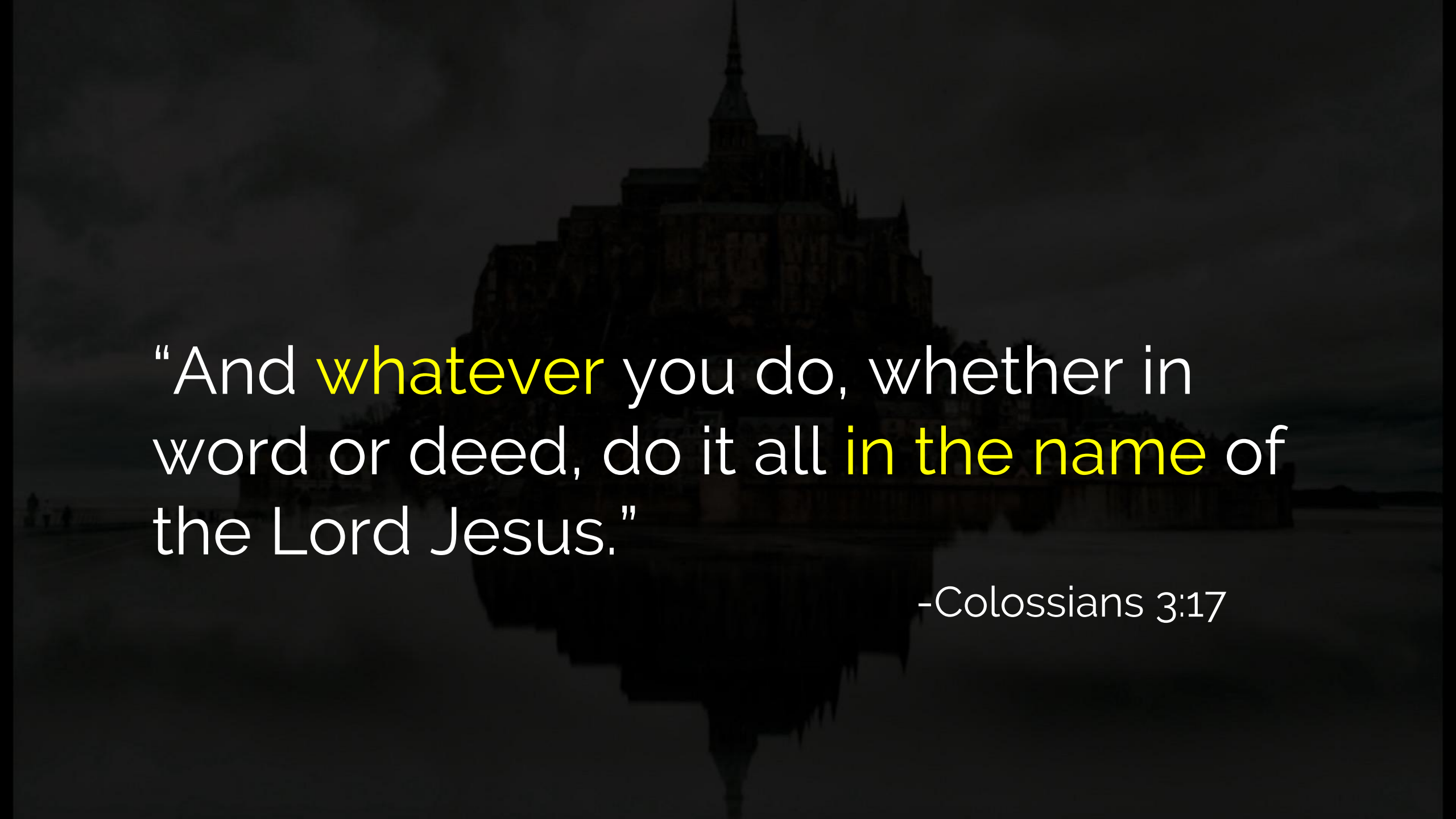
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What will you do with the
gifts that Jesus has **entrusted**
to you?

A dark, atmospheric background featuring the silhouette of a Gothic cathedral with a prominent spire, reflected in water. The scene is dimly lit, with the building's intricate details visible against the dark sky and water.

“And **whatever** you do, whether in word or deed, do it all **in the name** of the Lord Jesus.”

-Colossians 3:17



Pragmateuomai = Pragmatic



Loyalty = Public risk as
opposed to
private safety

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“In essence the servant says, ‘Master, your gift did this. I just put it in motion, and you created the environment, the conditions, you created what was needed to cause your gift to grow. It was your power, your influence. I just invested it.’”

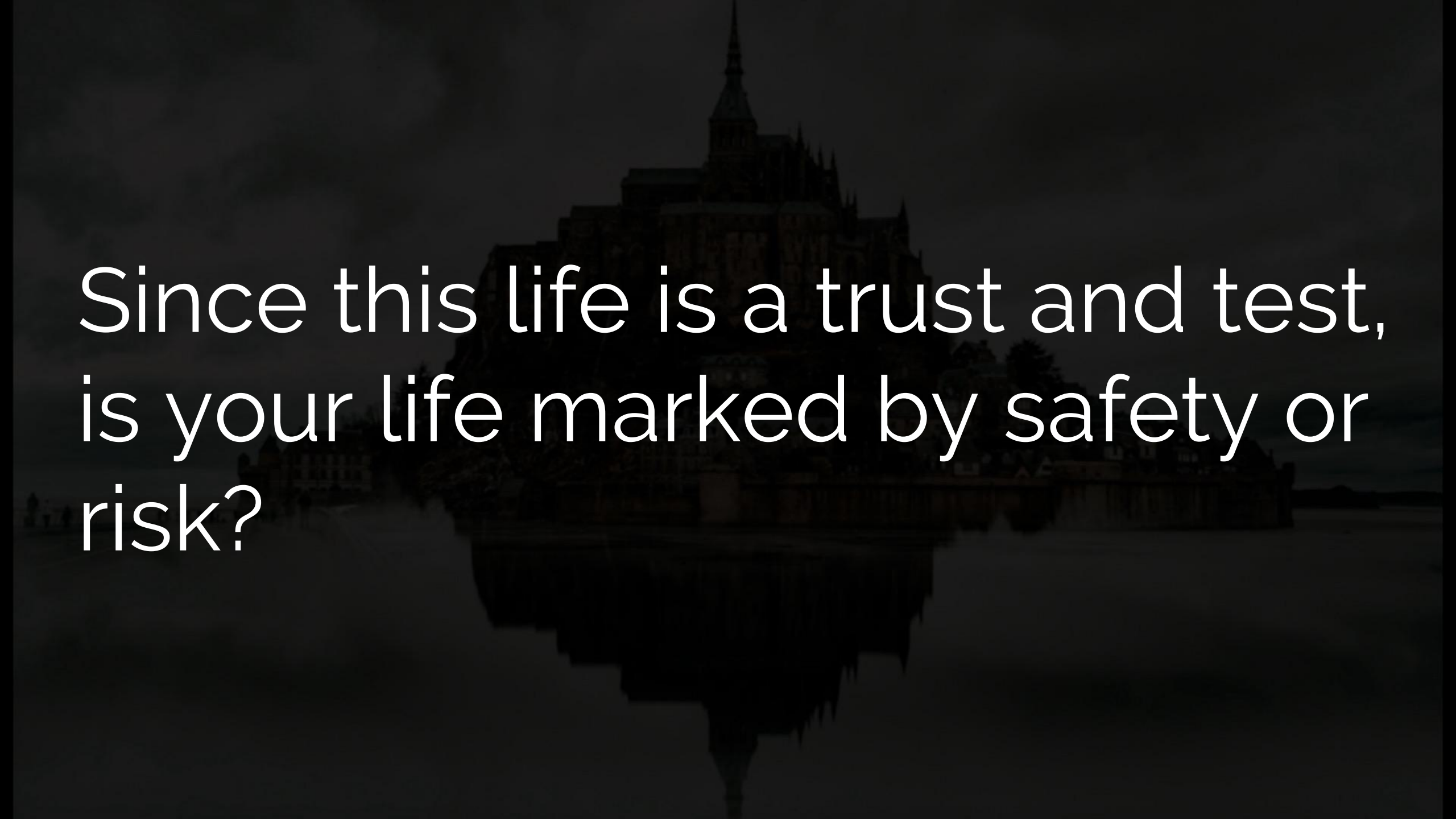
-Kyle Snodgrass



A Boy and His Fifty Dollars

“This is about living the Christian life as a trust, taking the trust, the power of the Spirit, spiritual opportunities, spiritual gifts, basically everything the Lord puts in your life, and maximizing it for His honor and glory.”

-Tim Keller

A dark, high-contrast image of a Gothic cathedral silhouette reflected in water. The cathedral features a prominent central spire and multiple smaller spires, all rendered in black against a dark background. The reflection of the cathedral is visible in the water below, creating a symmetrical effect. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

Since this life is a trust and test,
is your life marked by safety or
risk?

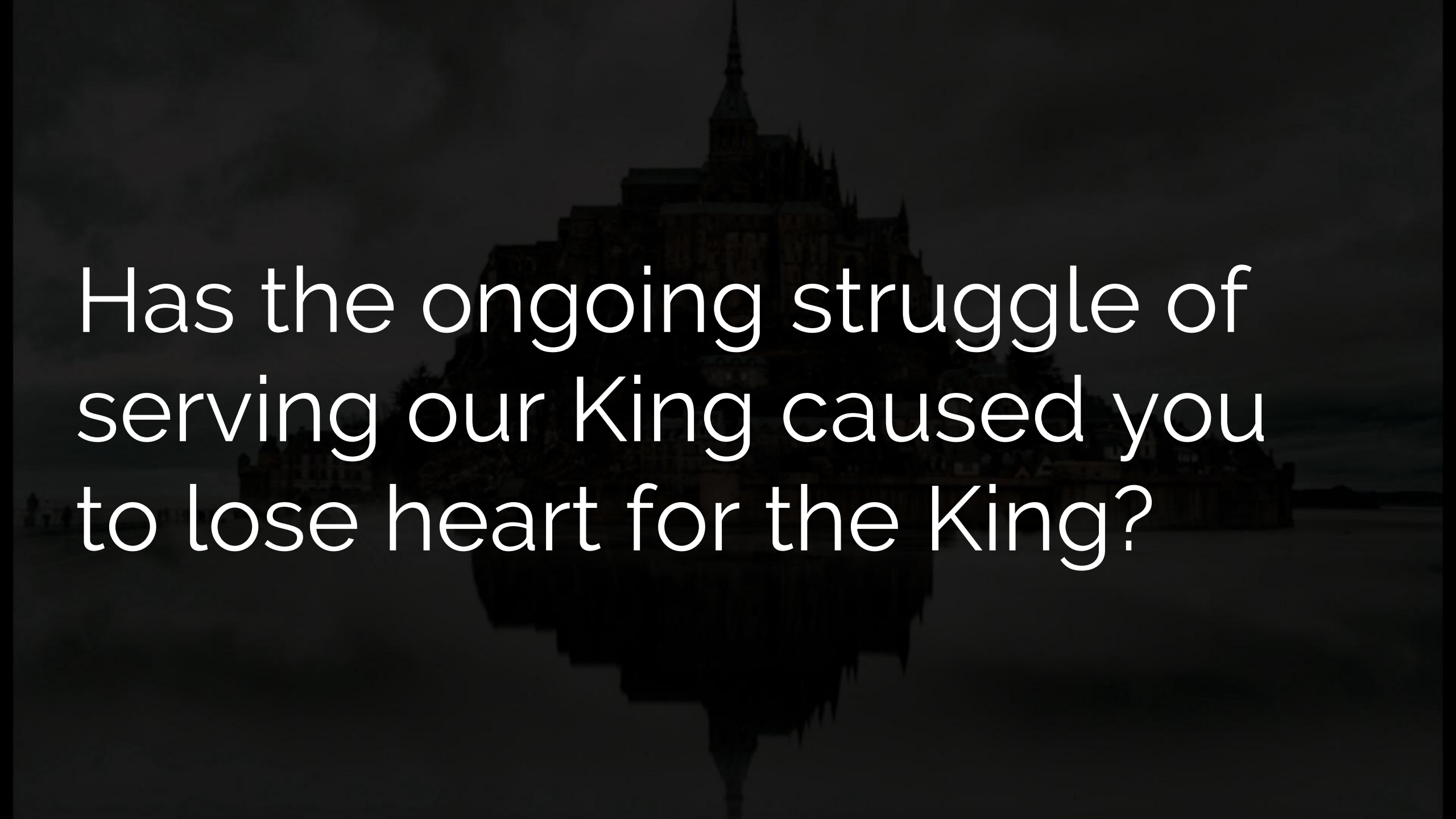
As Christians...

Our loyalty will be tested in a
context of opposition to our
King.

“Clearly the servants must go through public struggle and endure public hardship for the sake of the gift and the trust that was given to them. But the noble wants to know, ‘Are you willing to risk and openly declare yourself to be my servants in a world that openly opposes me and my rule?’”

“On the master’s return, at first, he gives no attention to his enemies. This is the equivalent of an elephant walking into the room and no one noticing. Clearly his priority is the loyalty of his servants in his absence.”

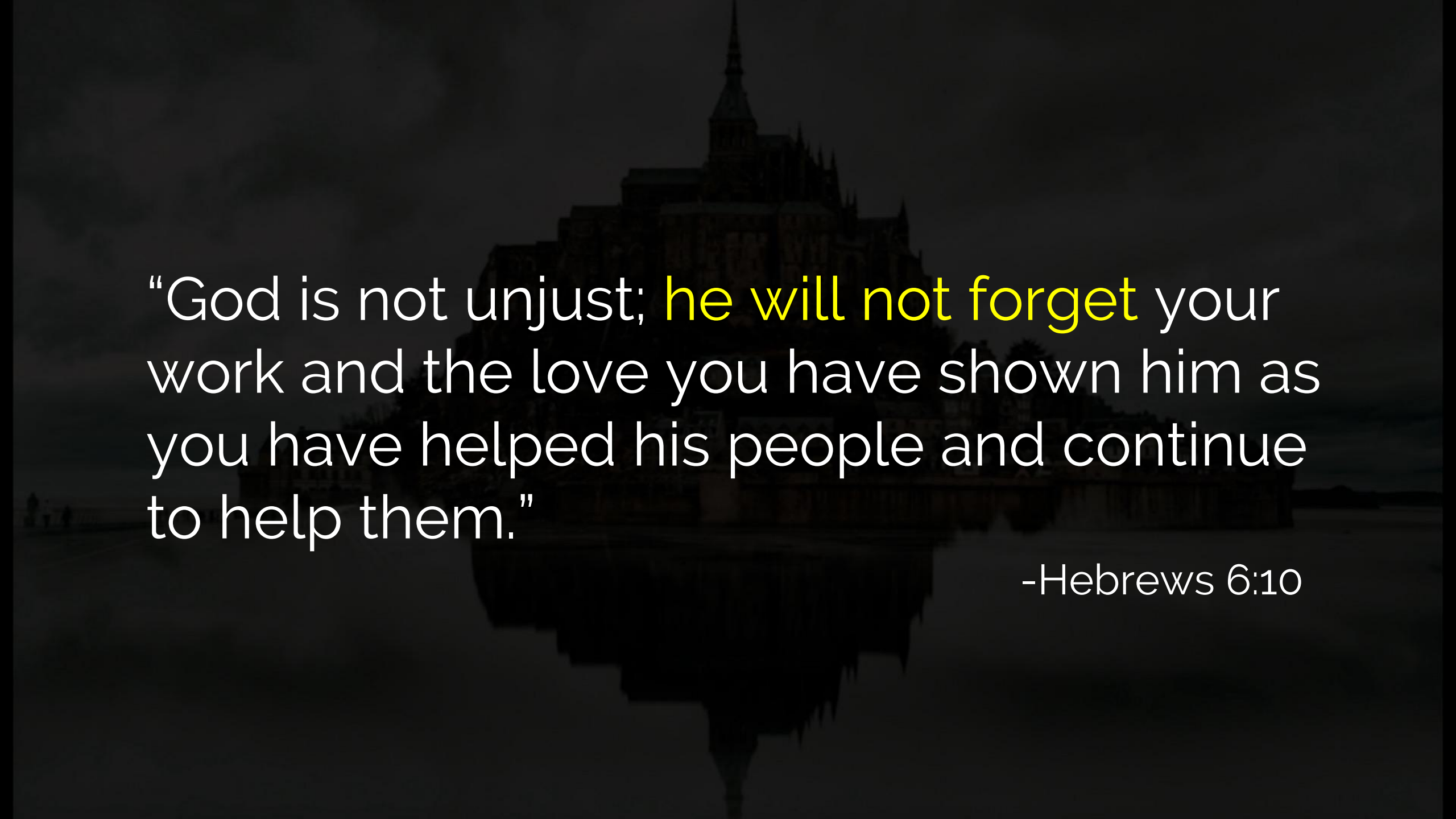
-Kenneth Bailey



Has the ongoing struggle of serving our King caused you to lose heart for the King?

“I had no concept of the battles I would face in my life. My Christian walk seemed to be marked by more trial than joy and more stressed than blessed. I had forgotten that Christianity can be a war fought on the battle ground of your heart. This is a battle of allegiances when one's personal expectations have not been fulfilled.”

-Paul Tripp

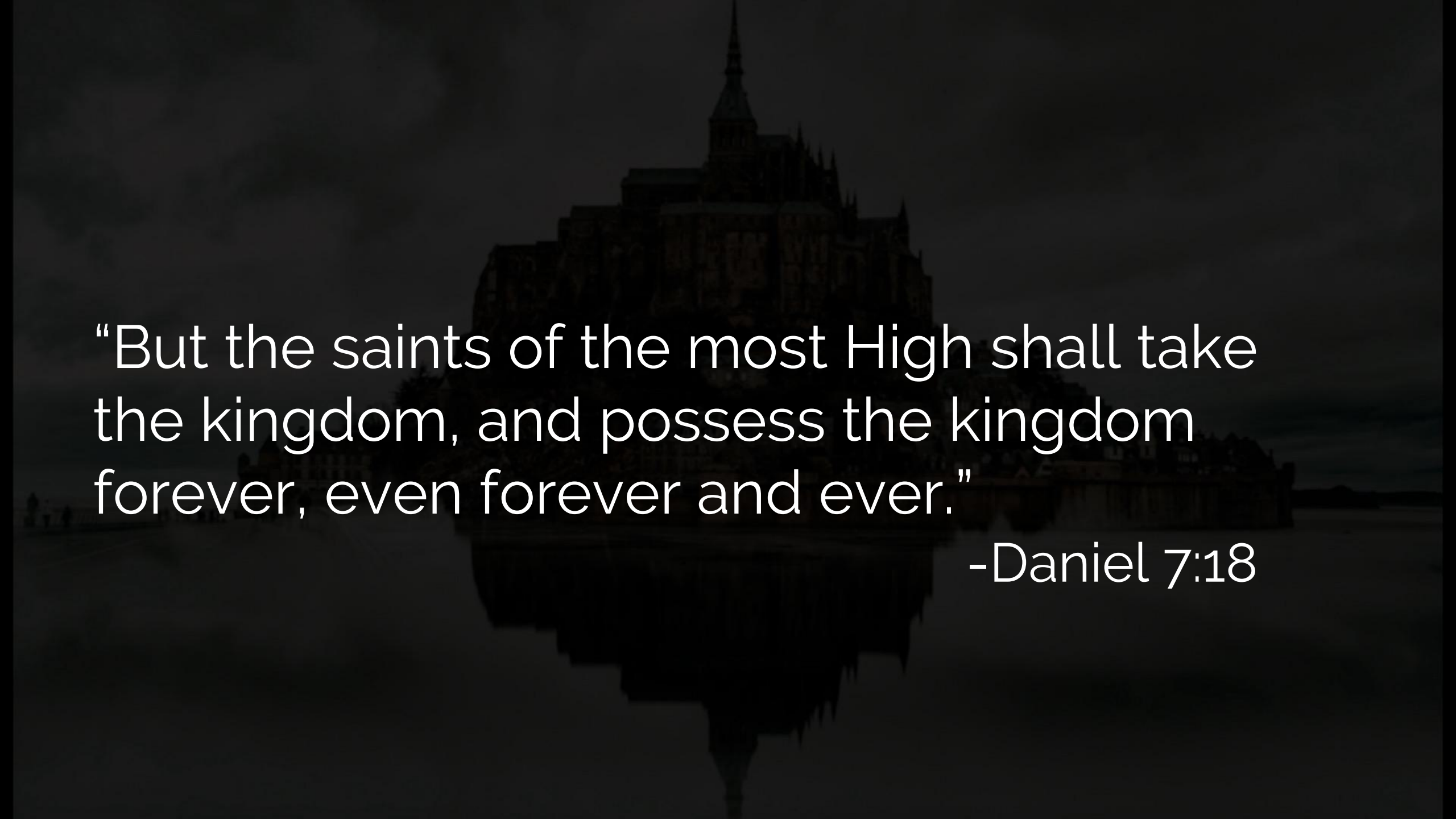


“God is not unjust; **he will not forget** your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

-Hebrews 6:10

This life is temporary, it is a trust, a test;

Those who endure in loyalty to
the King receive overwhelming
reward in the life to come.



“But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”

-Daniel 7:18

Larson

...Wish I'd
brought a magazine.



“The reigning, expanding, culture-enriching purpose of God for mankind on earth was never revoked or abandoned. It has only been interrupted and twisted by the fall. But neither Satan or sin will thwart God’s purposes. For Christ’s redemptive work will restore God’s original plan for man to rule over his creation.”

-Randy Alcorn



Jesus says...

Keeping your focus on the
promised gain of the next life will
fuel your loyalty and love for Me in
this life.



Bonus Question...

To those servants who have received an abundance of grace, how will you respond to those who have the sentence of death over their life?



This is my Father's World...

This is my Father's world:
O let me never forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!