

THEWAY

WALK WITH JESUS AND GAIN PERSPECTIVE



THE WAY OF A CHILD

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MATTHEW 18:1-5

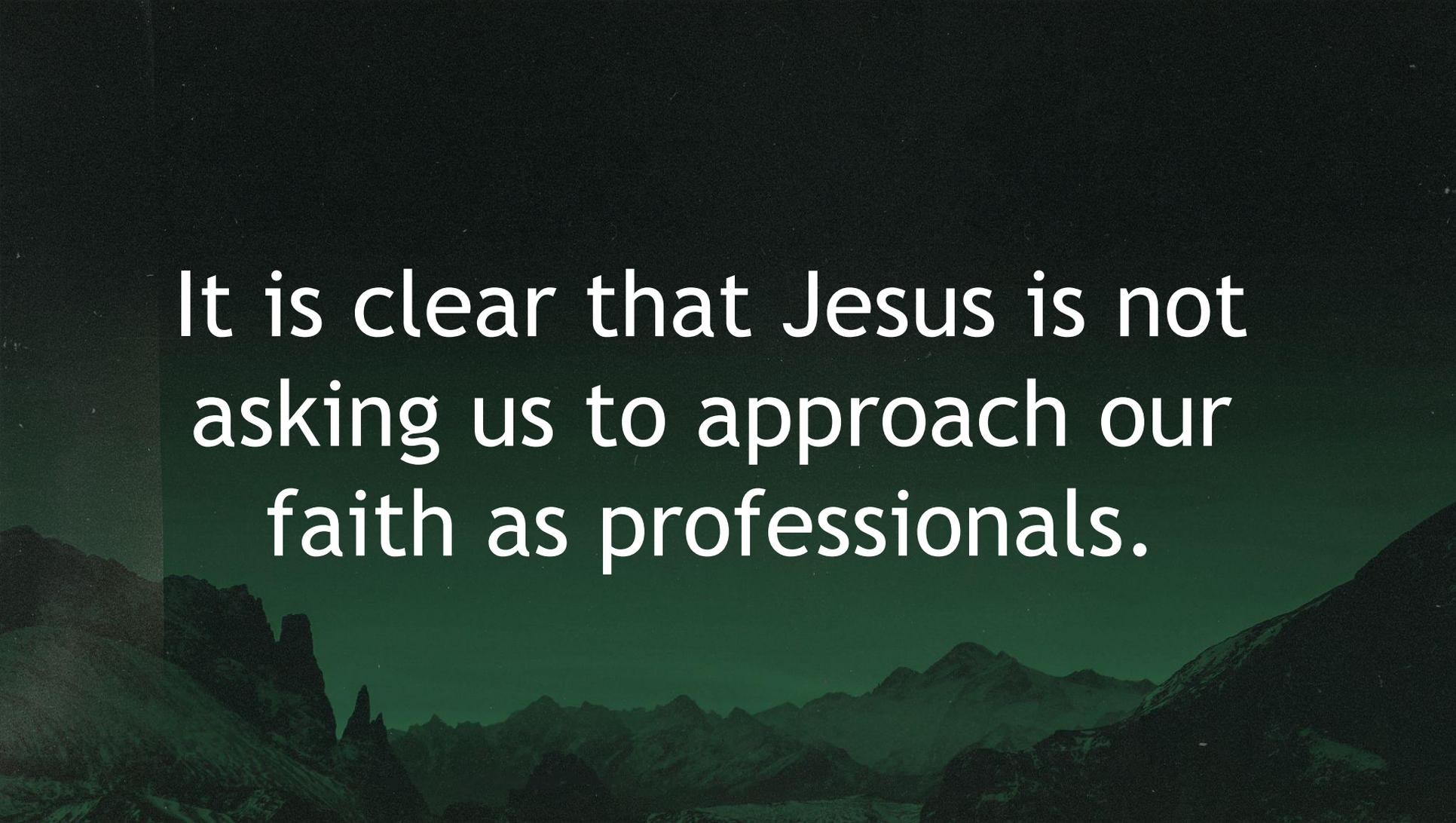
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MATTHEW 18:1-5

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MATTHEW 19:13-14

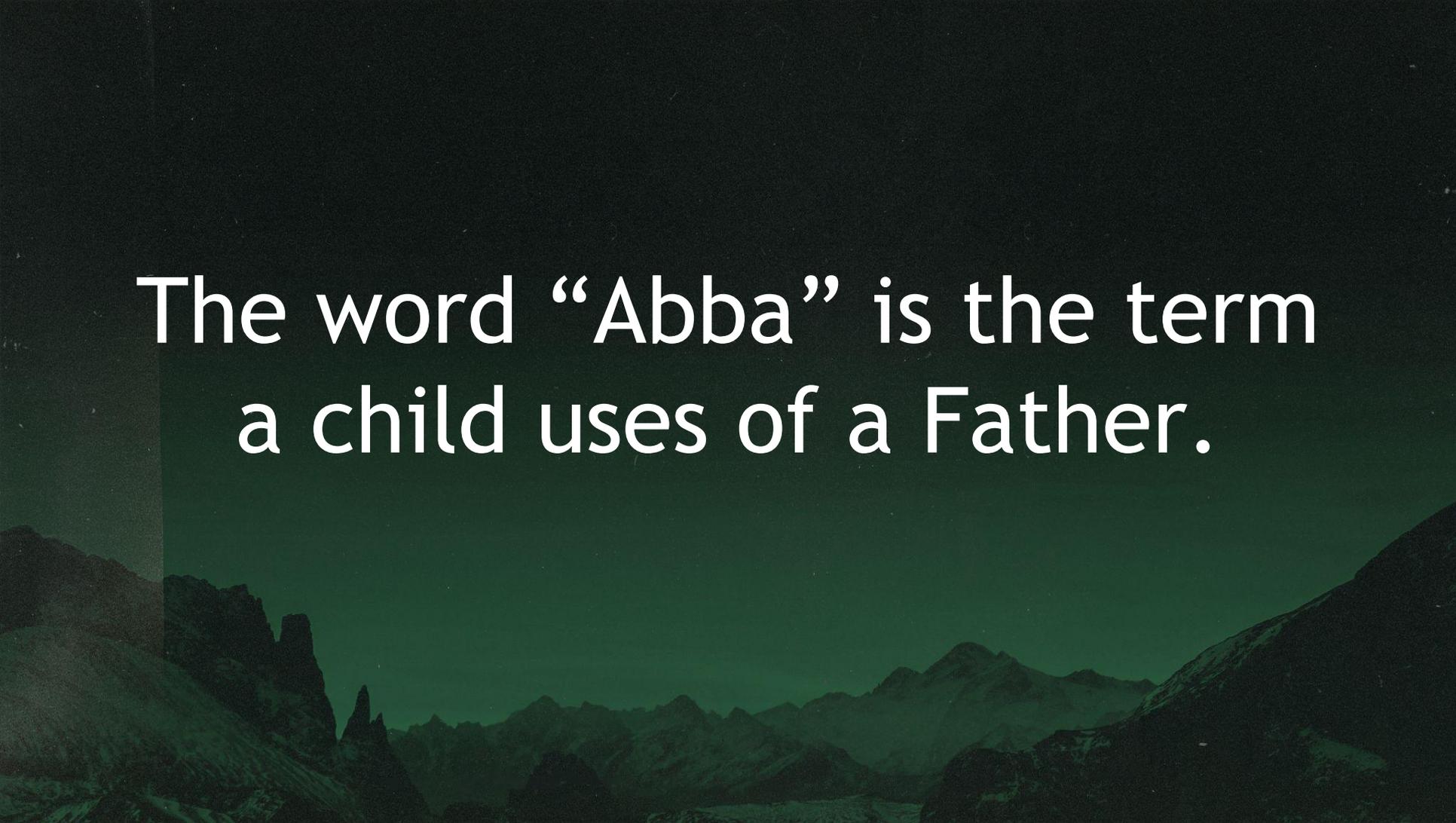




It is clear that Jesus is not asking us to approach our faith as professionals.

⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

MATTHEW 7:9-11

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The word “Abba” is the term
a child uses of a Father.



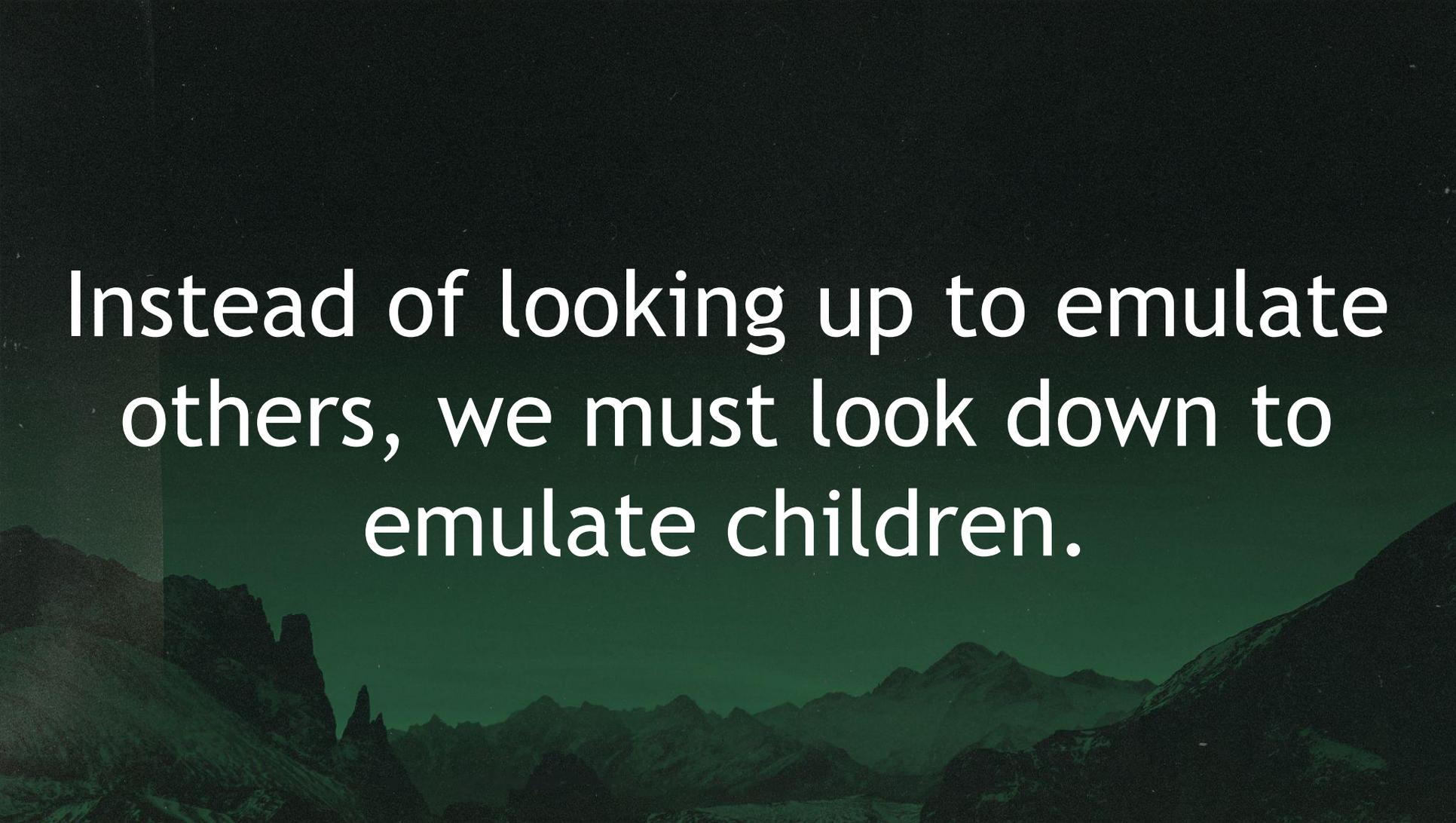
**THE
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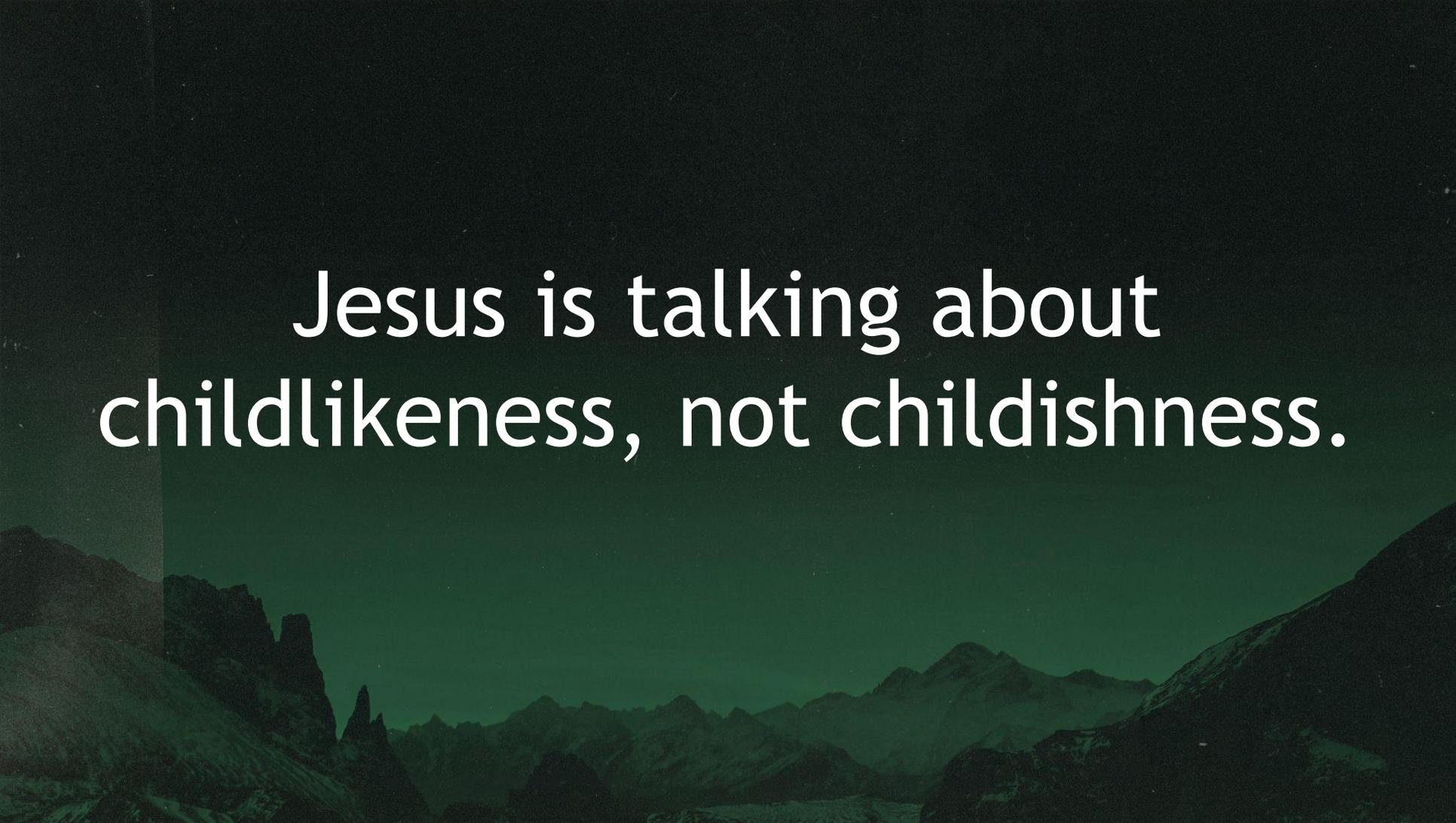
Instead of looking up to emulate
others, we must look down to
emulate children.

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

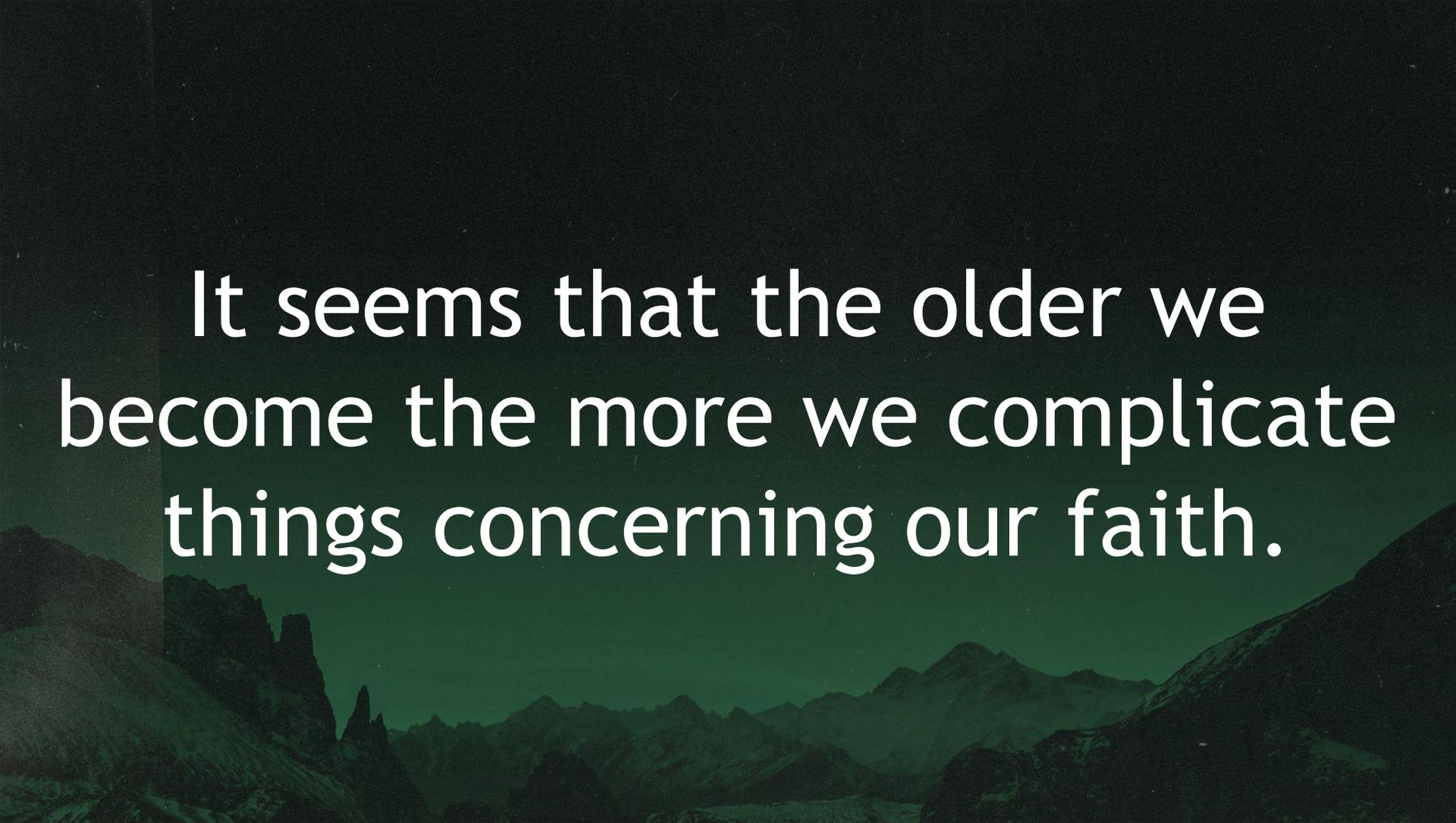
JOHN 3:3-6

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

JOHN 3:3-6

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Jesus is talking about
childlikeness, not childishness.

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It seems that the older we
become the more we complicate
things concerning our faith.

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favour of him.

²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

MATTHEW 20:20-21

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

MATTHEW 20:24-28

²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—
²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

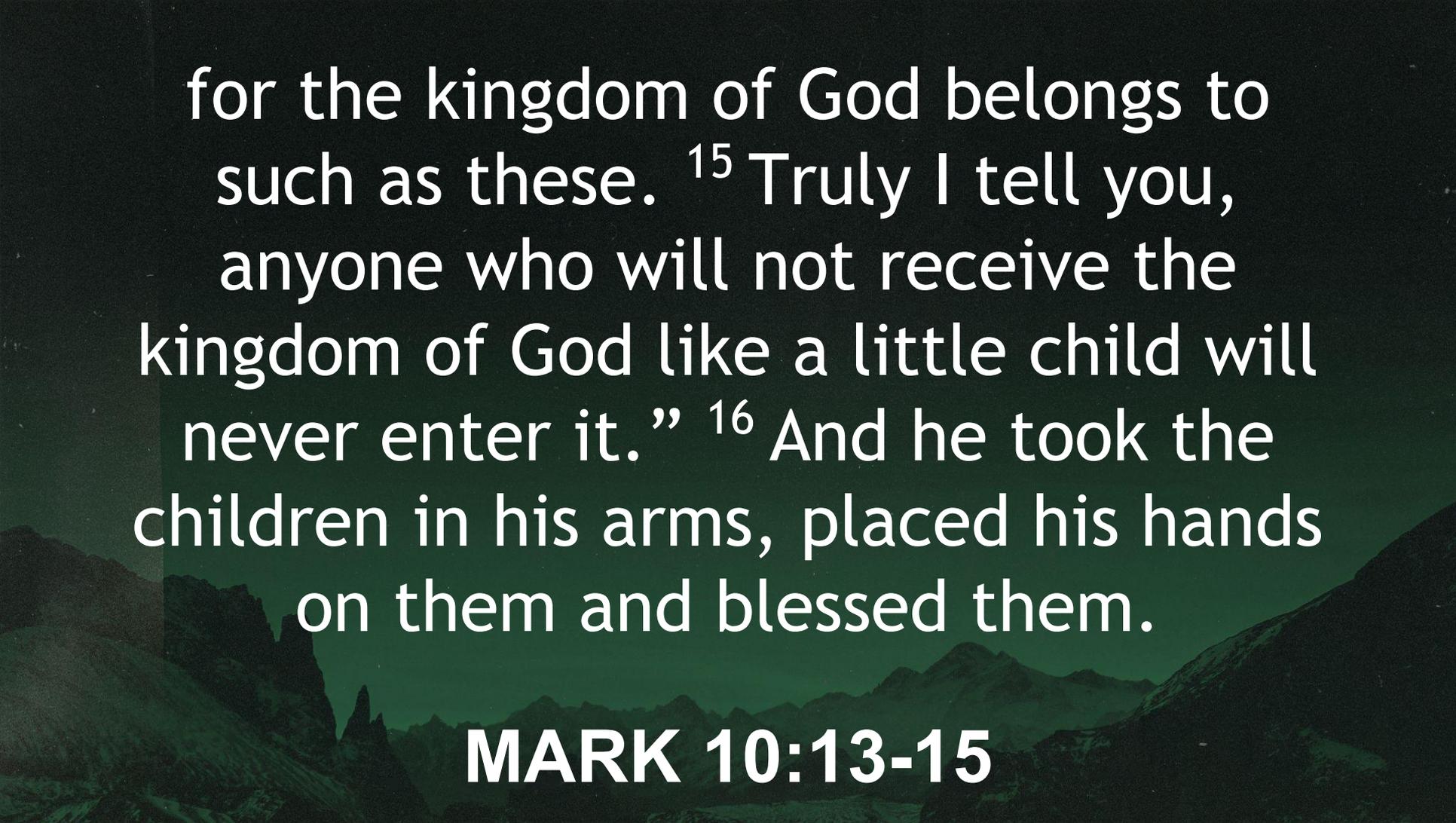
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**THE
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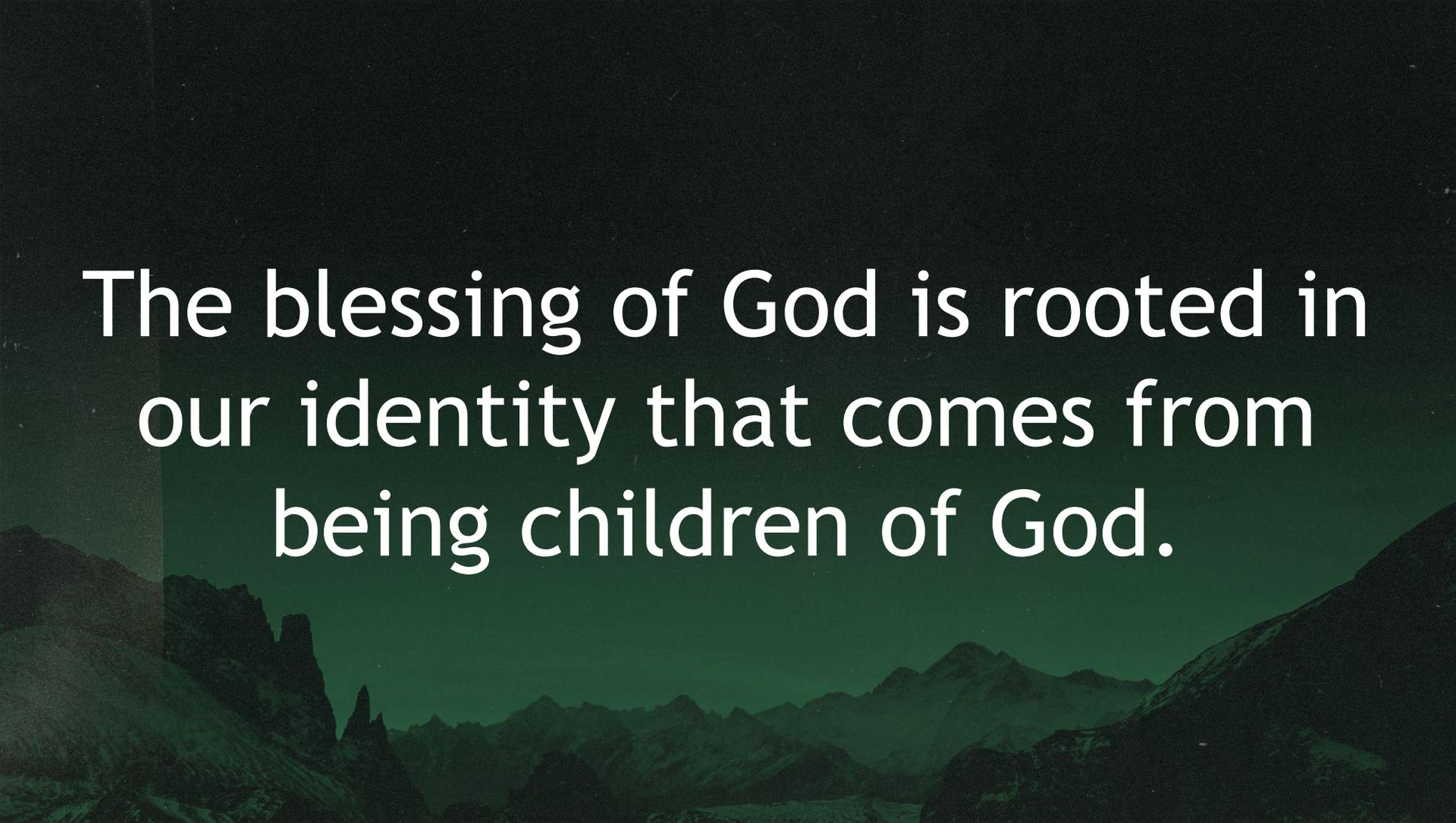
¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,

MARK 10:13-15

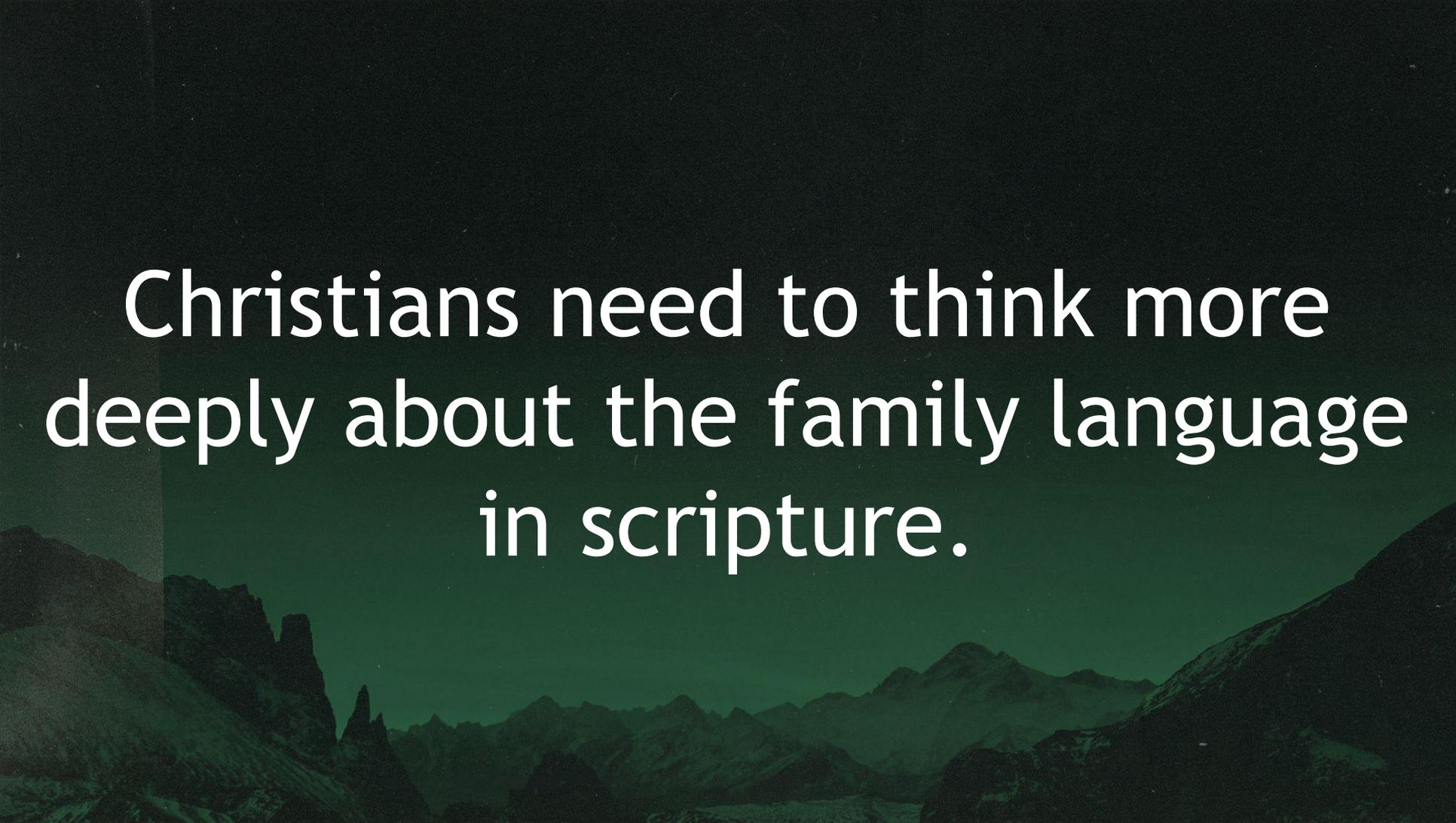


for the kingdom of God belongs to
such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you,
anyone who will not receive the
kingdom of God like a little child will
never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the
children in his arms, placed his hands
on them and blessed them.

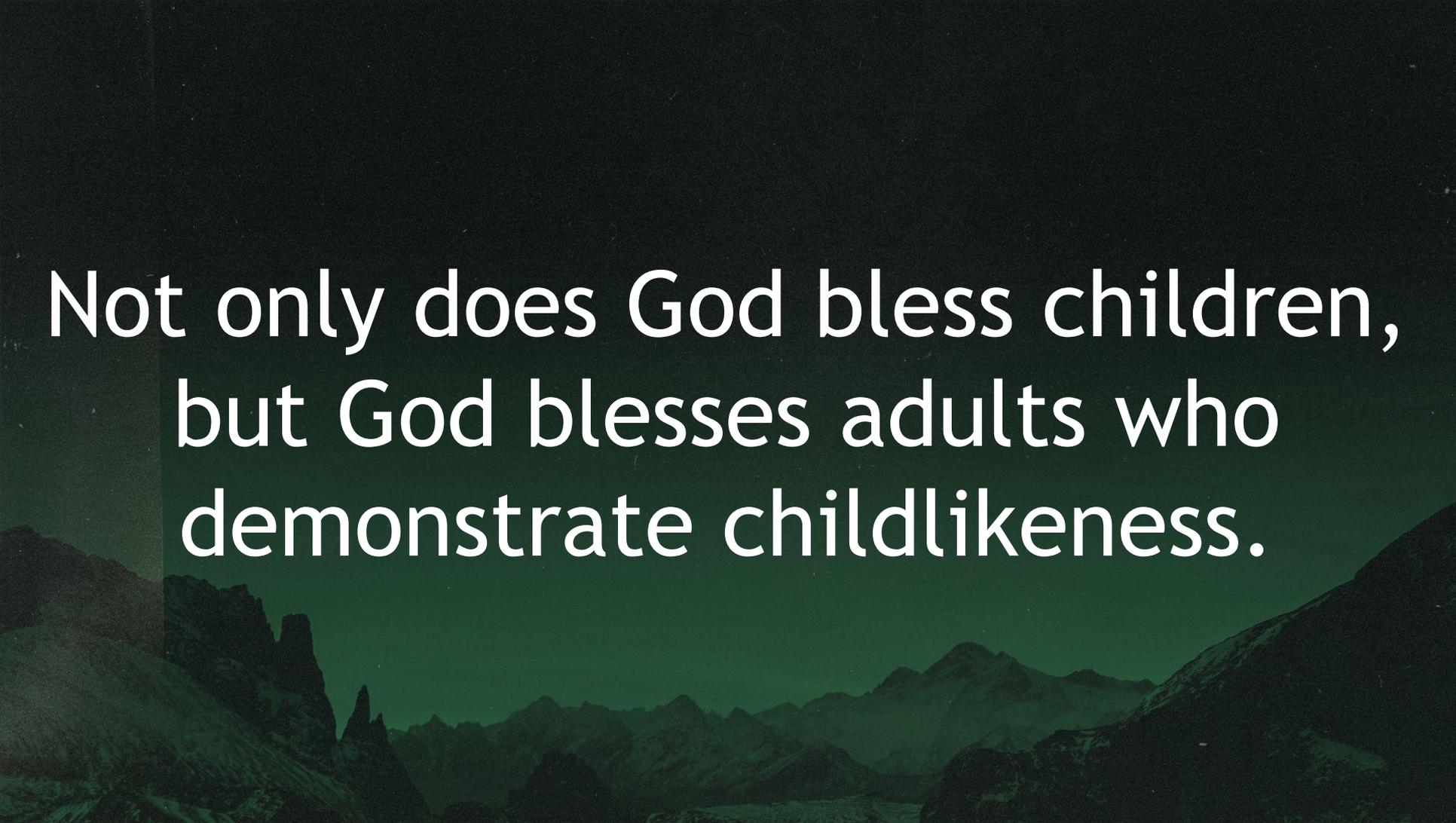
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The blessing of God is rooted in
our identity that comes from
being children of God.



Christians need to think more
deeply about the family language
in scripture.



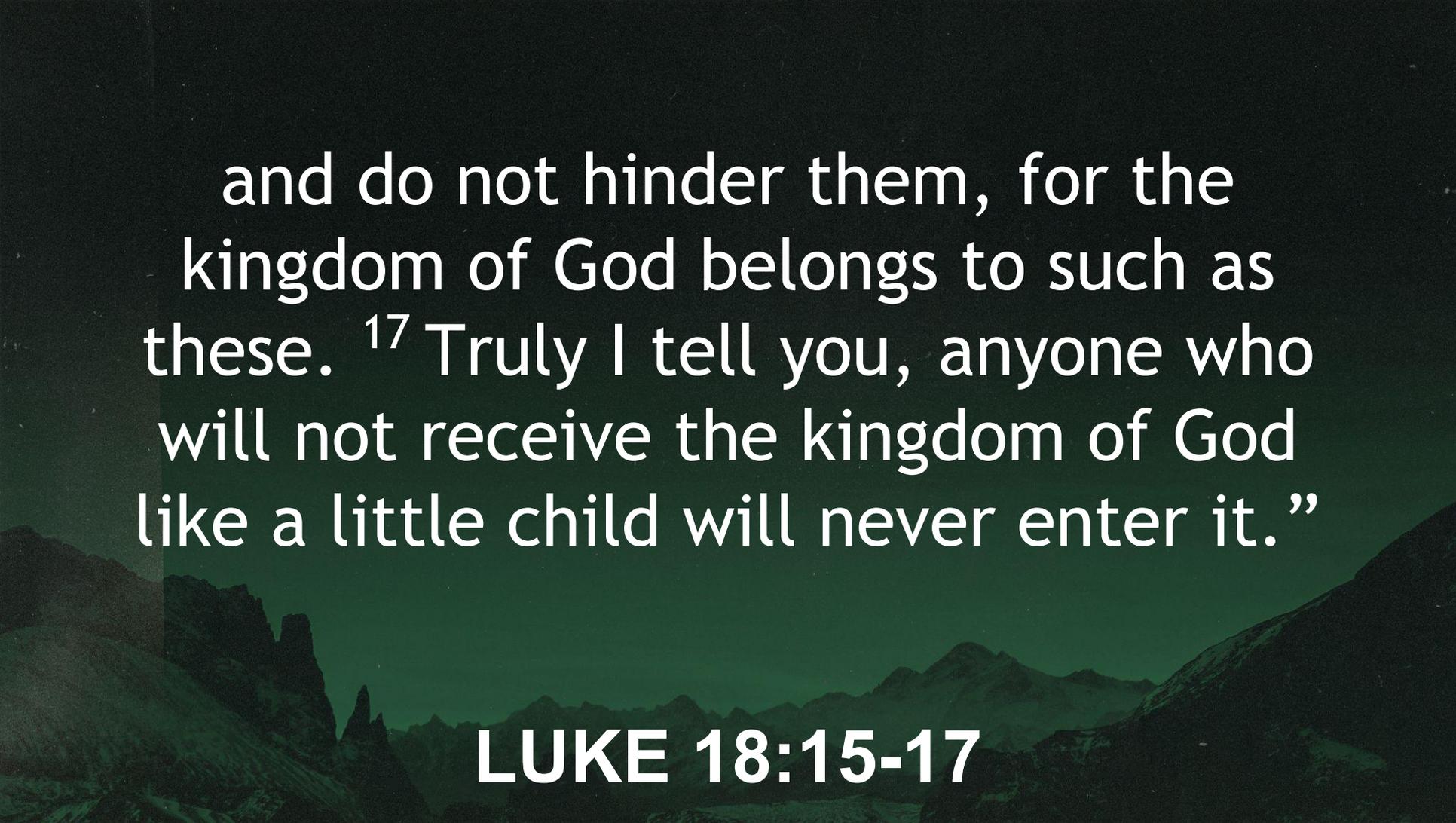
Not only does God bless children,
but God blesses adults who
demonstrate childlikeness.



THE ACCESS OF CHILDLIKENESS

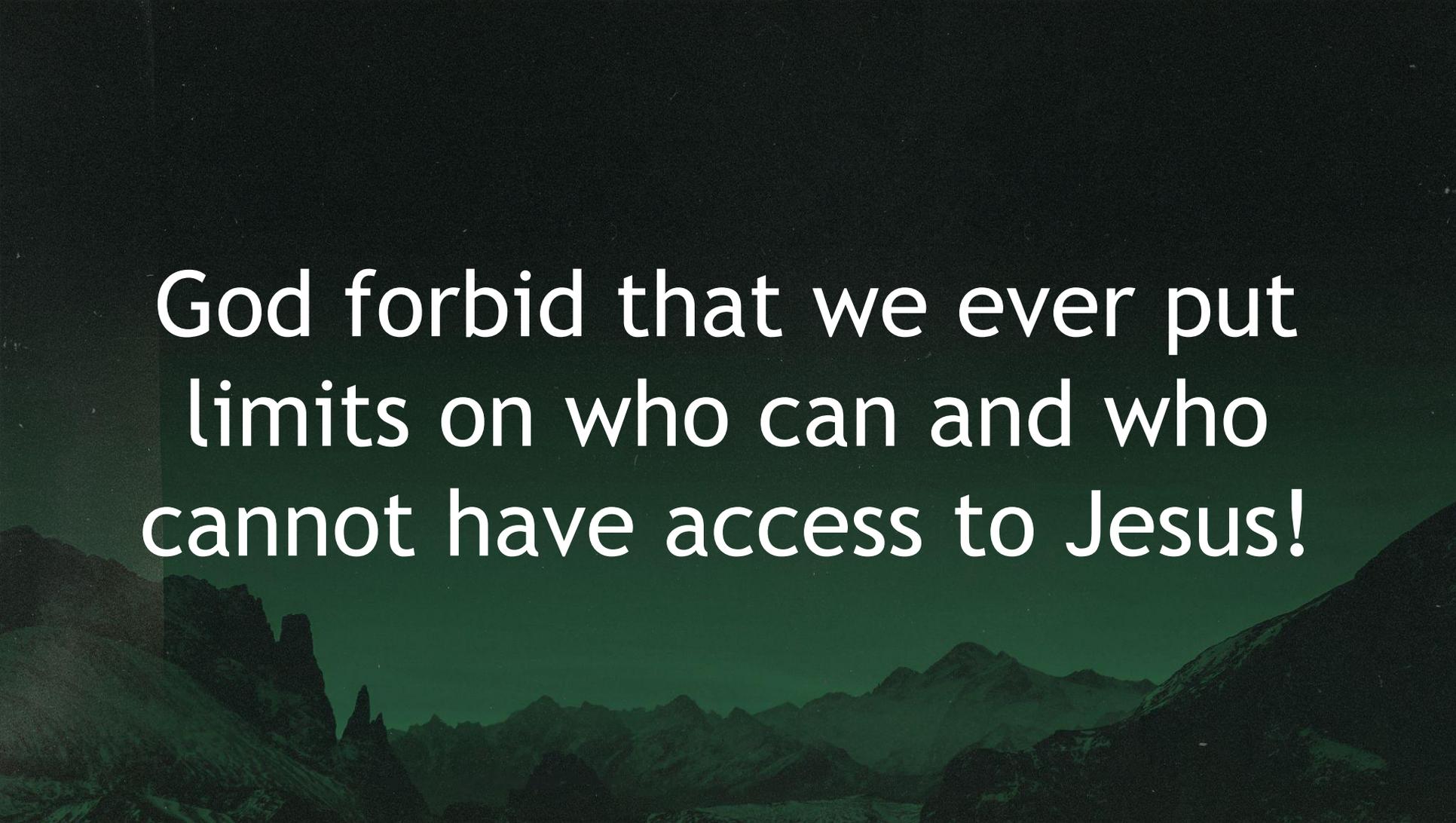
¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me,

LUKE 18:15-17

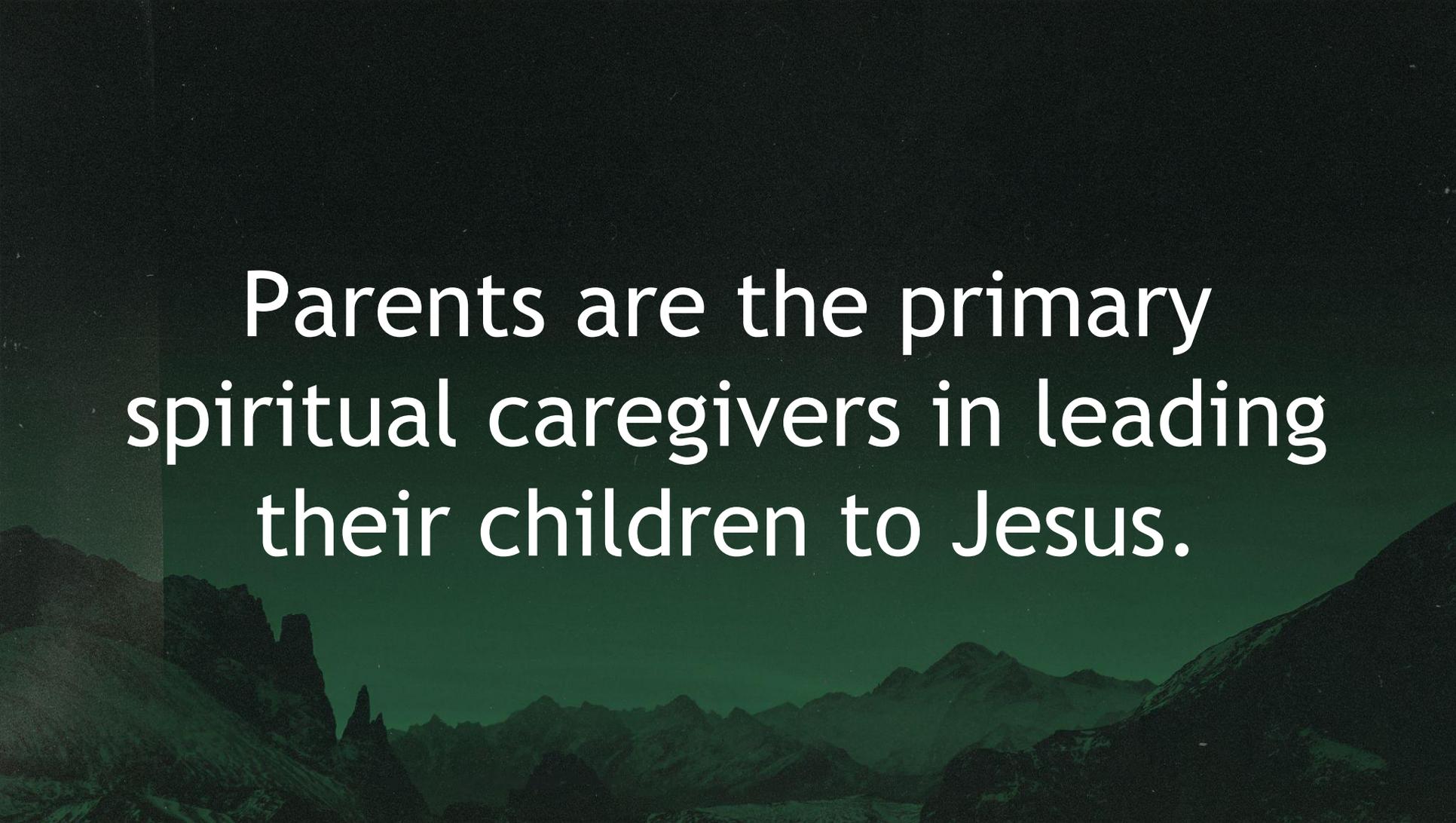


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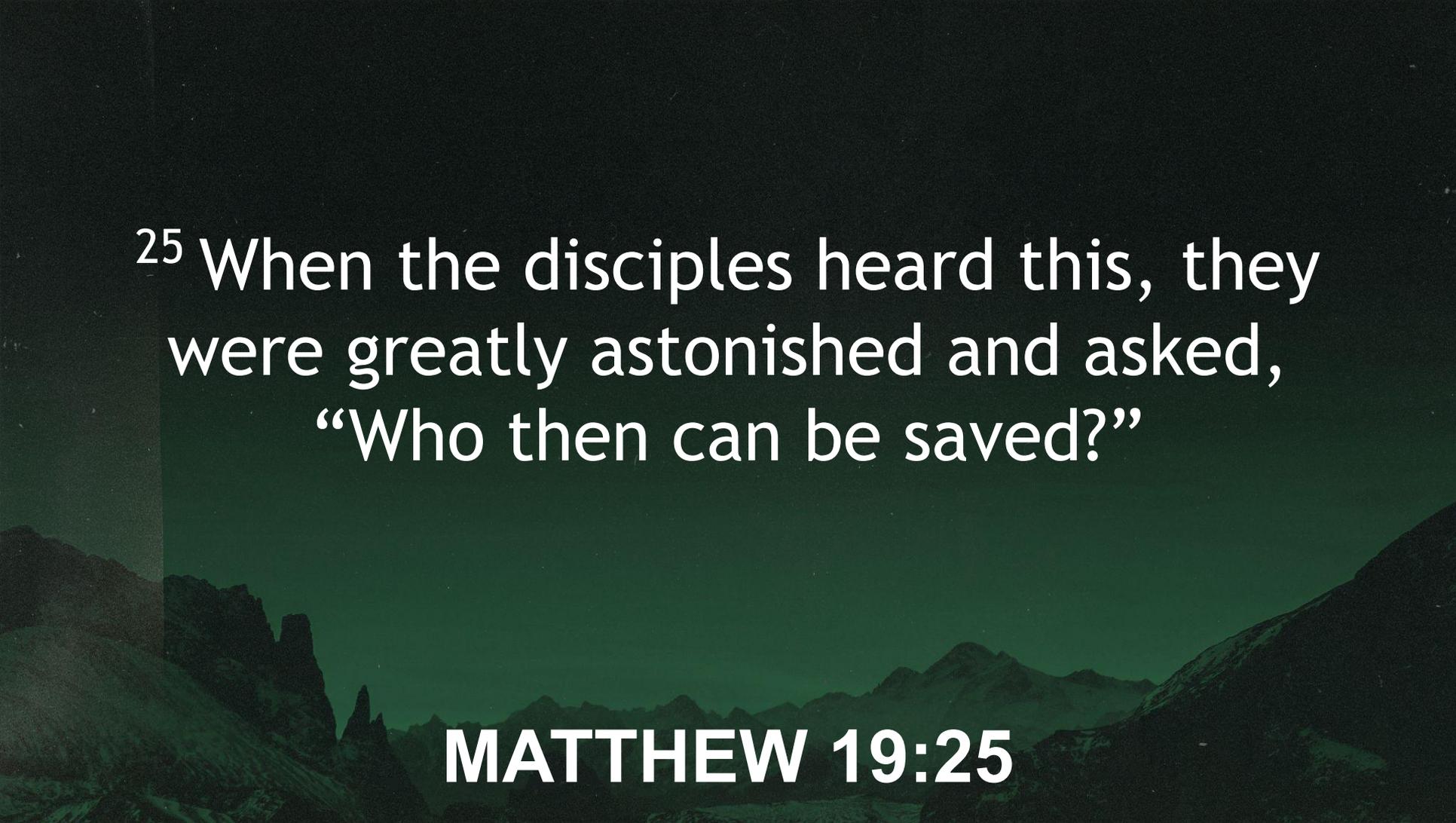
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God forbid that we ever put
limits on who can and who
cannot have access to Jesus!



Parents are the primary
spiritual caregivers in leading
their children to Jesus.

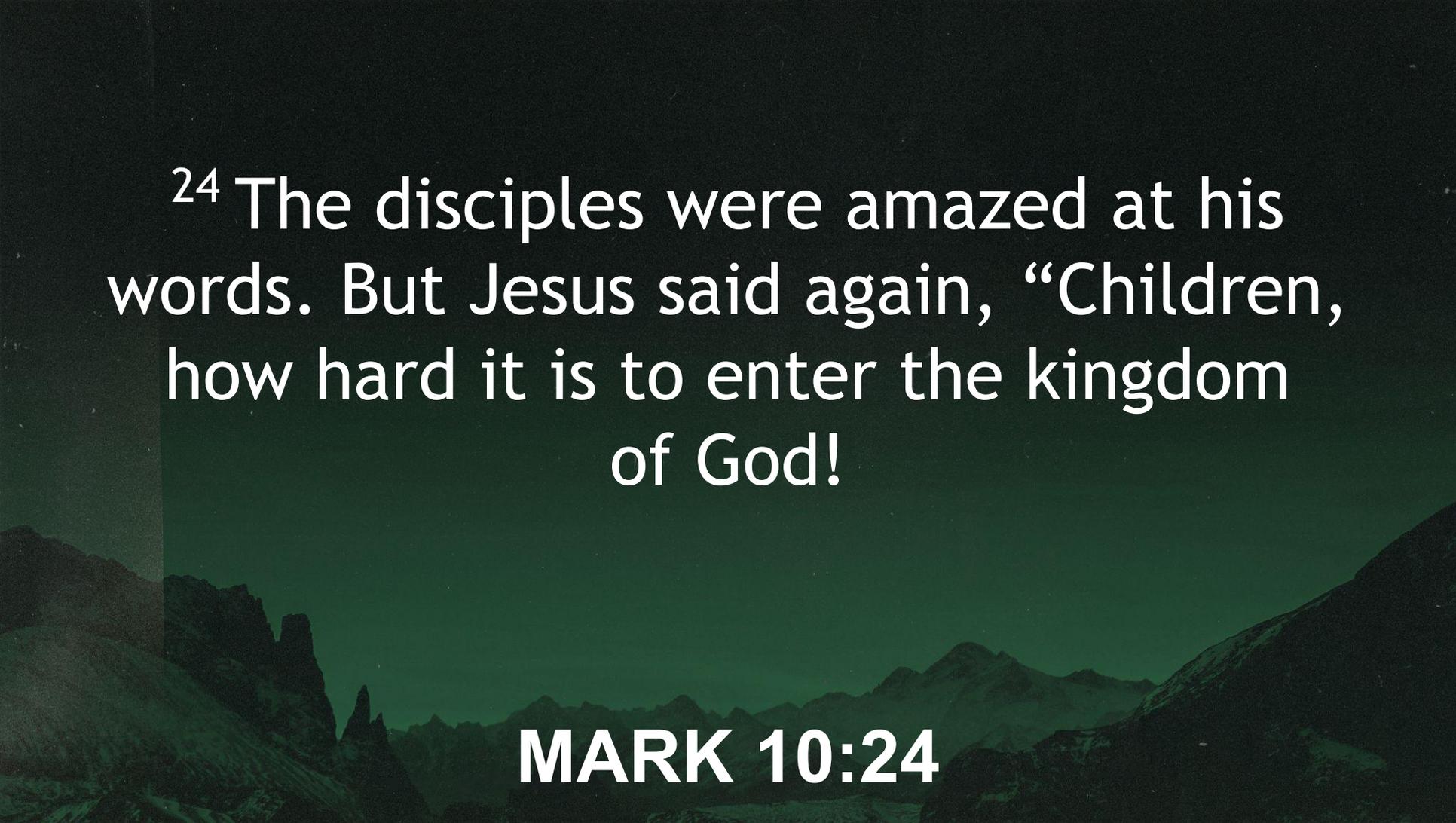


²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

MATTHEW 19:25

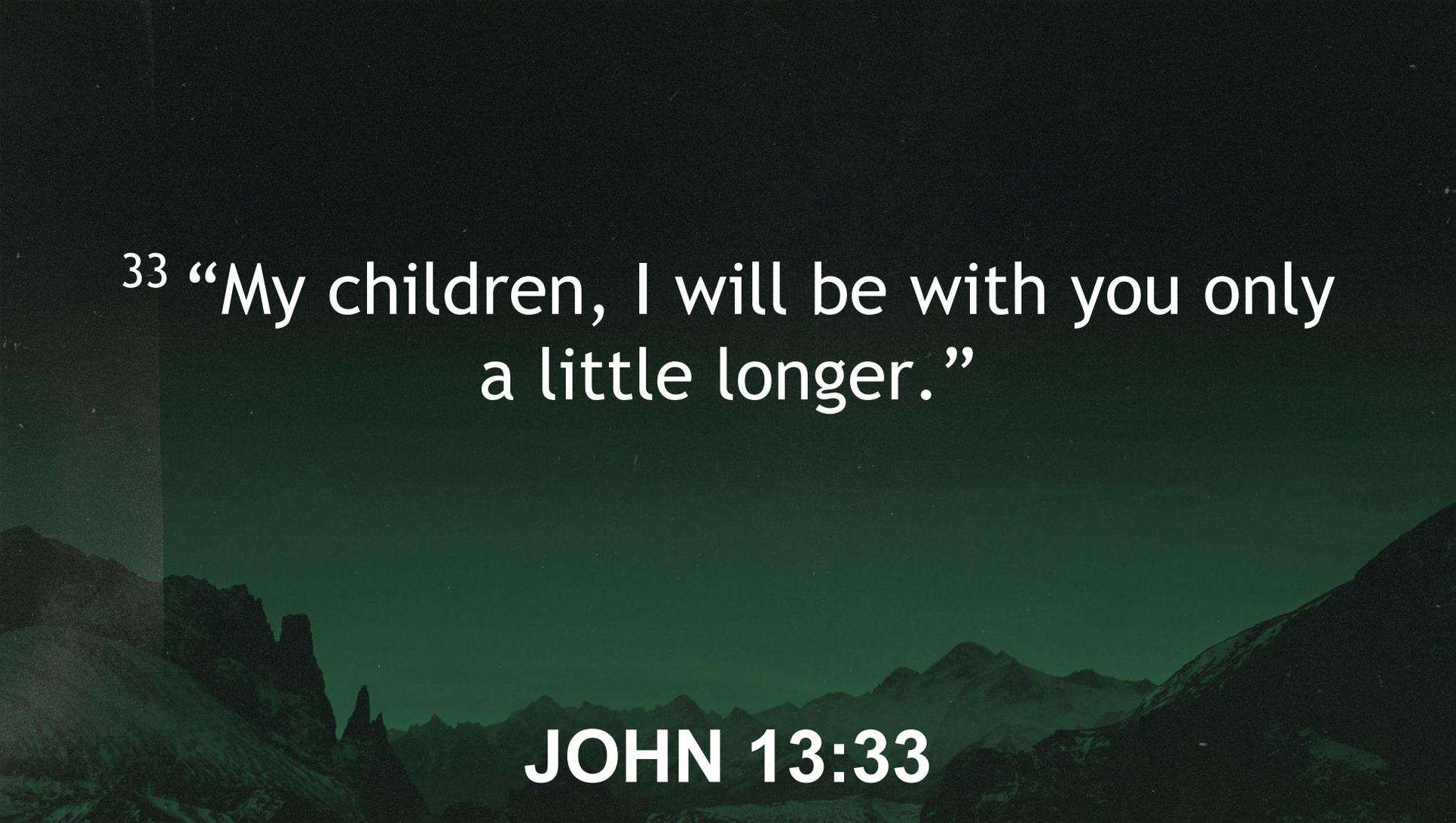
²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things
from the wise and learned, and
revealed them to little children.

MATTHEW 11:25



²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

MARK 10:24



33 “My children, I will be with you only
a little longer.”

JOHN 13:33



“Planes of Colour”

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