

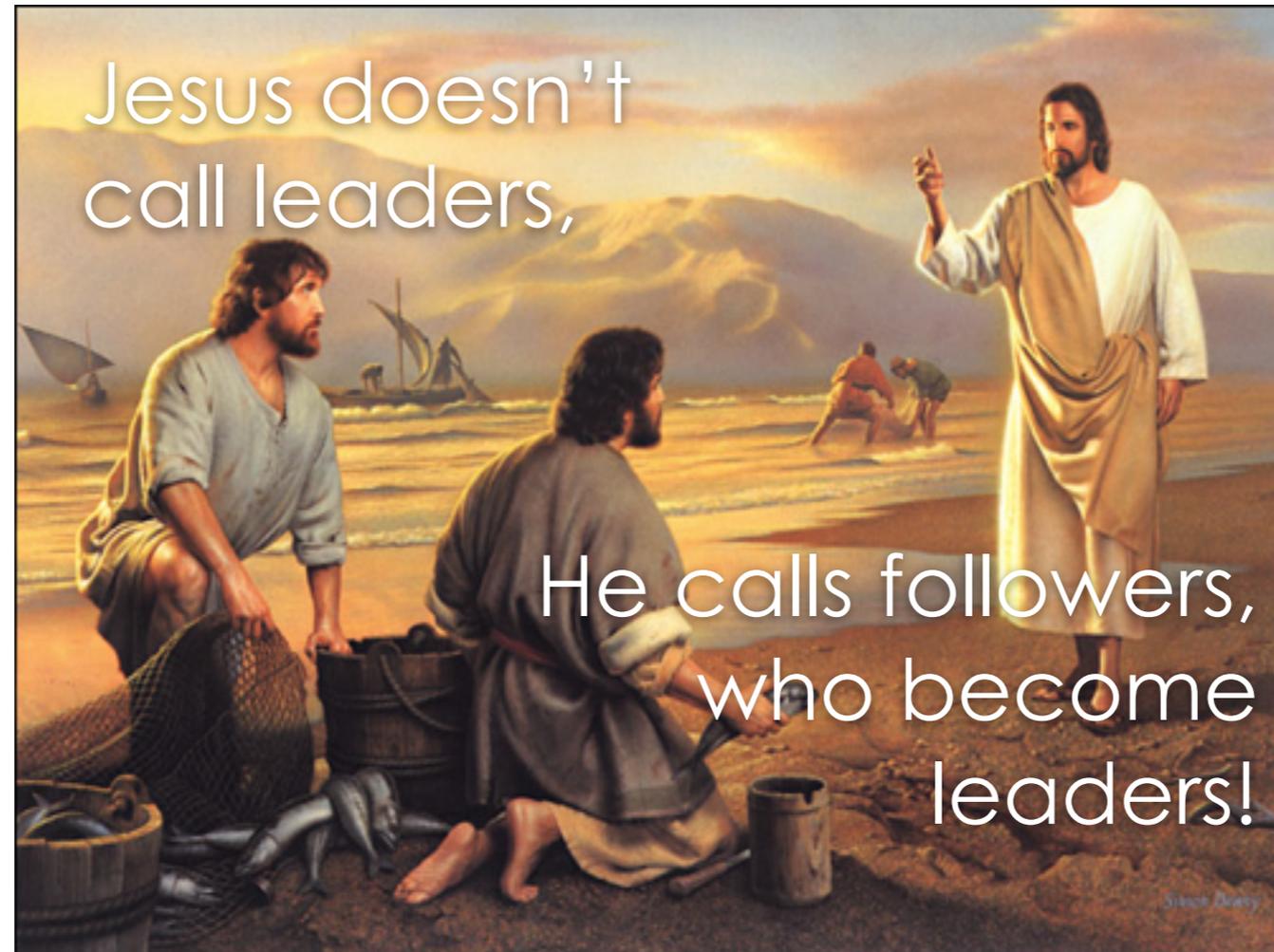


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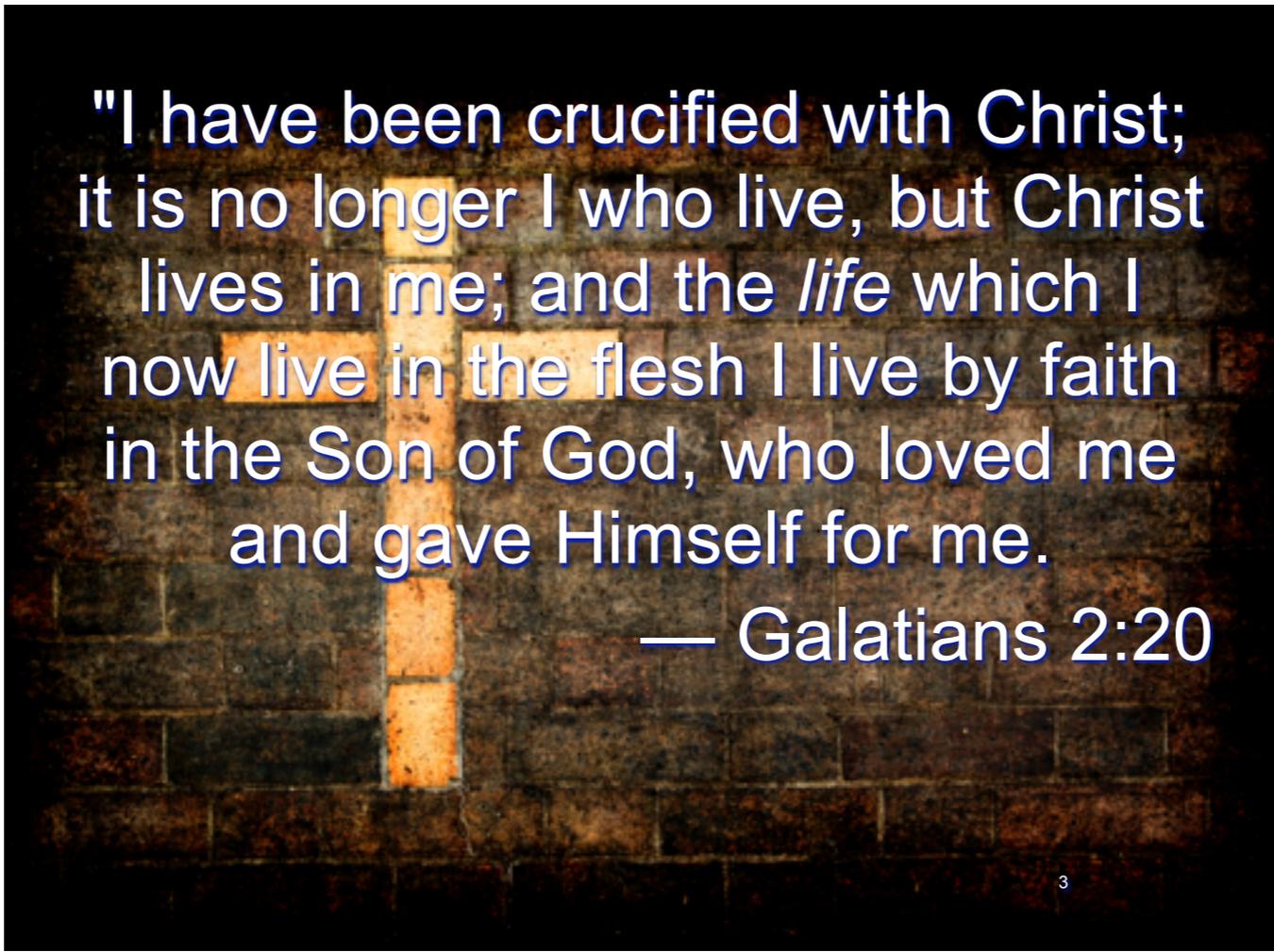
Learning to Lead
by Living to Follow

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Peter's invitation – Come (walk on water)
Not one to think things through, Peter tests the Lord – then the Lord tested him.
“If it is You, command me to come”
“Come”

Matthew 14:26-31

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— Even the greatest of disciples –and followers of Christ– have times of crises and moments of doubt.

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— In the company of believing peers and in the safety of common faith it is easy to stand for convictions and swear allegiance. When faith is in the majority and no one is present to confront your testimony you can be as emphatic as you want to be about your steadfastness and determination to stand in the face of adversity. It is when you stand alone in a den of wolves you may cower in fear. When the majority takes a position that leaves you isolated it is more difficult to remain resolute.

— There's no cause to brag of our steadfast devotion if we have never faced persecution. We truly do not know how we would respond given the same set of circumstances others faced. But even in our own witness there may have been times when it was easier to remain quiet than to speak up for our convictions and stand up for our faith. When someone is criticizing Christians or making fun of the Pentecostal experience it is easier to remain in the background and ignore them than to confront them and declare your convictions.

— When our failures are crowed from the rooftops how will we respond? Will we, like Peter, find a place of repentance and restoration? Or will we, like Judas, be defeated by our defeat and fail to learn from our failures?

When the rooster crows just remember; He didn't call us to leave us. He didn't tell us we would fail to forsake us in our pain. He didn't predict our defeat to leave us without hope. He loves us even when we fail and cares for us even if we curse Him. There is restoration and redemption and a new day of promise after the rooster crows!

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- John 21:15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

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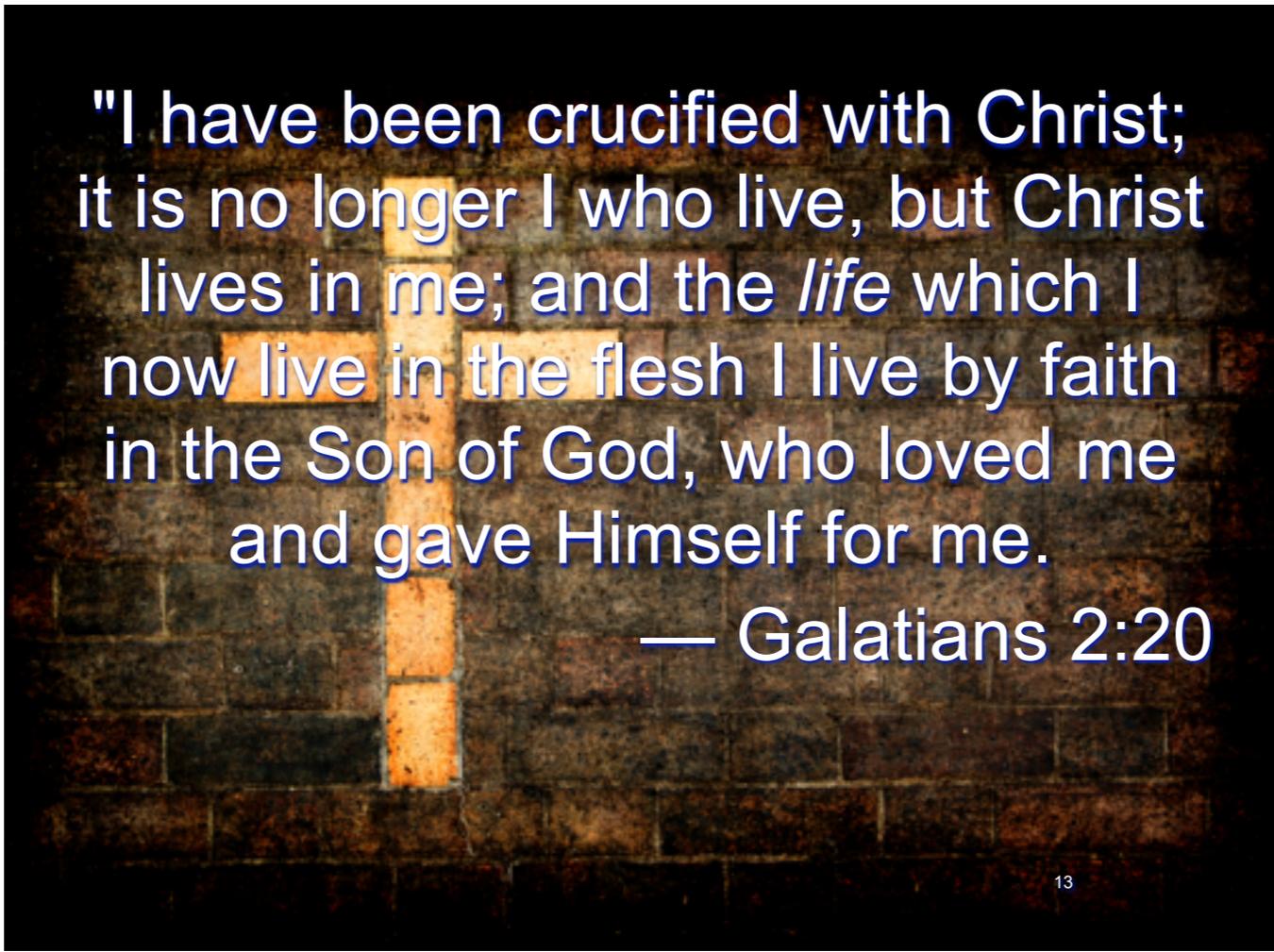
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John 21:18-19

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Peter's sermon



NKJ Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

15 "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

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37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Peter's miracles



Lame man at the Beautiful Gate — (Peter and John)

The shadow of Peter brought miracles

NKJ Acts 5:12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

He is called upon to give his life for this faith

Peter's martyrdom



Tradition is that Peter was crucified upside down.

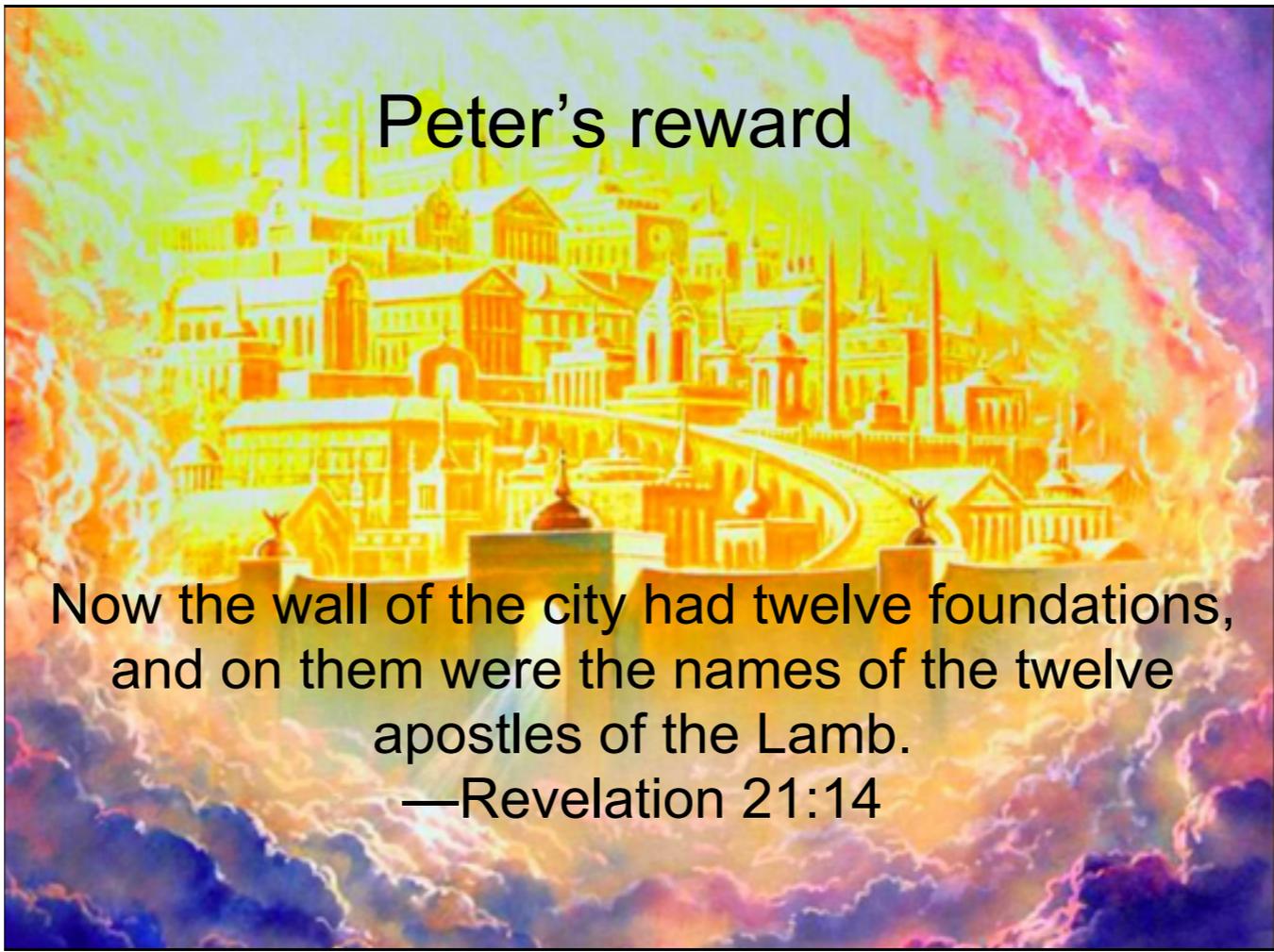
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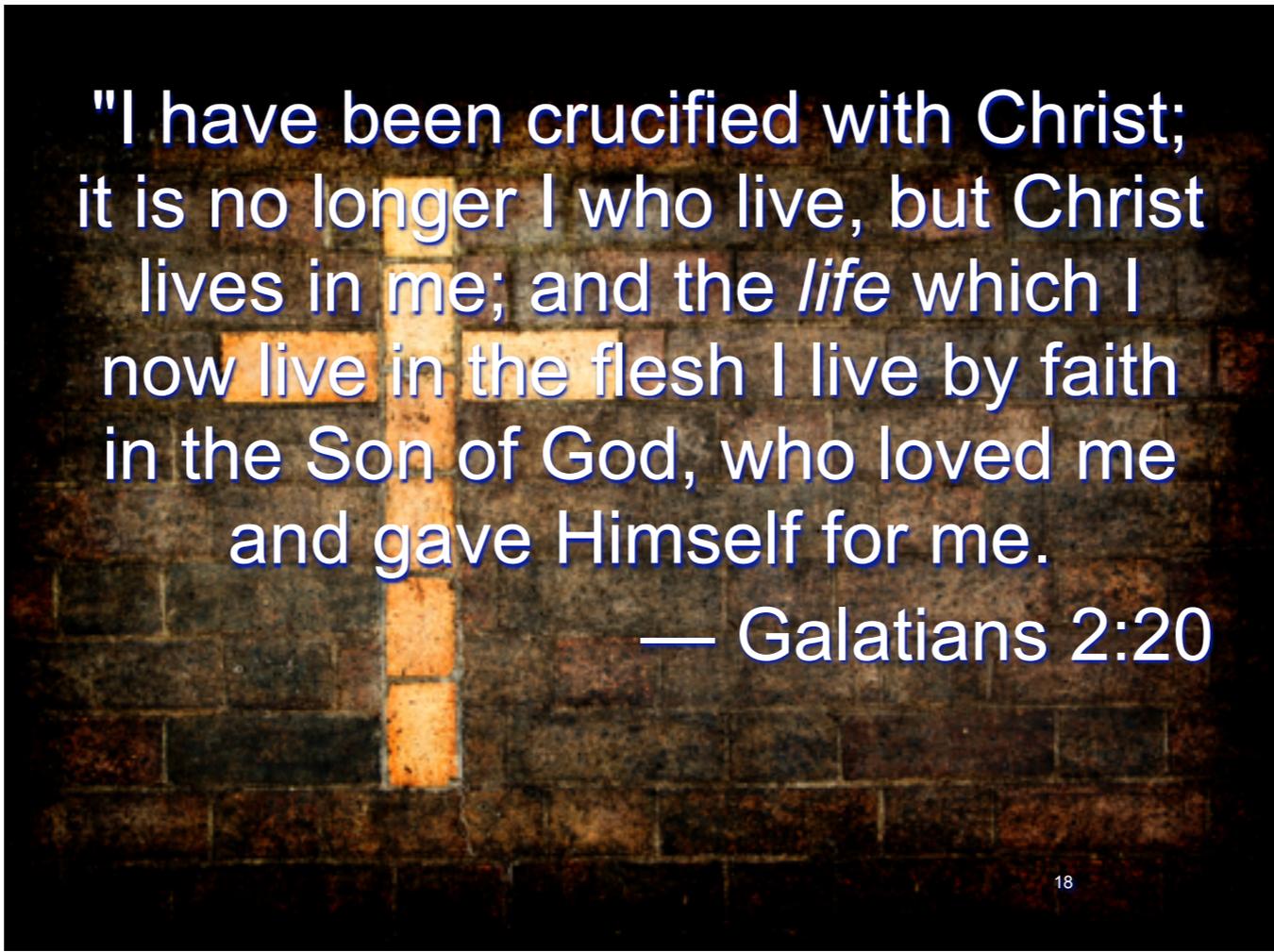
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