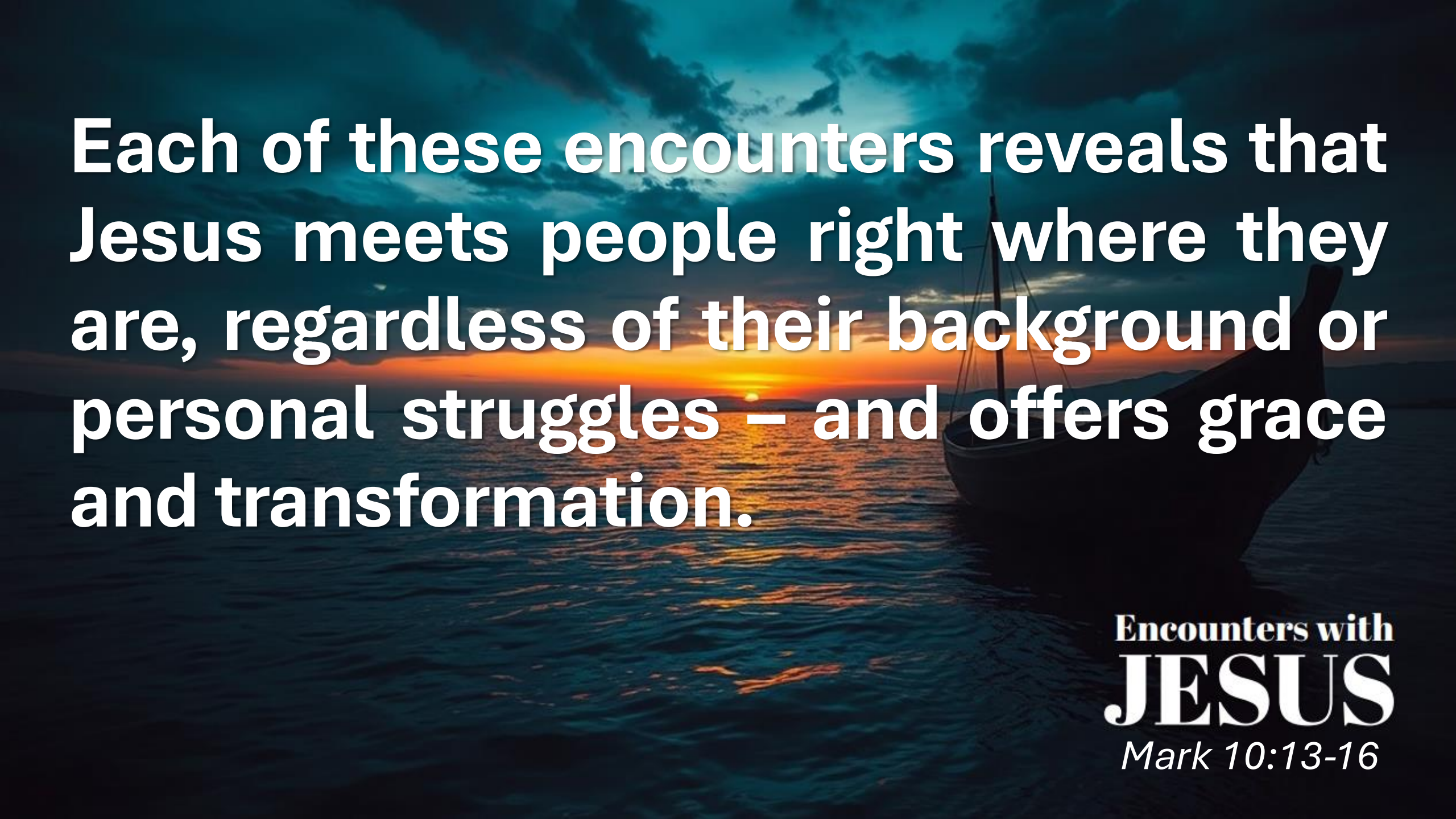


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JESUS

In His Arms

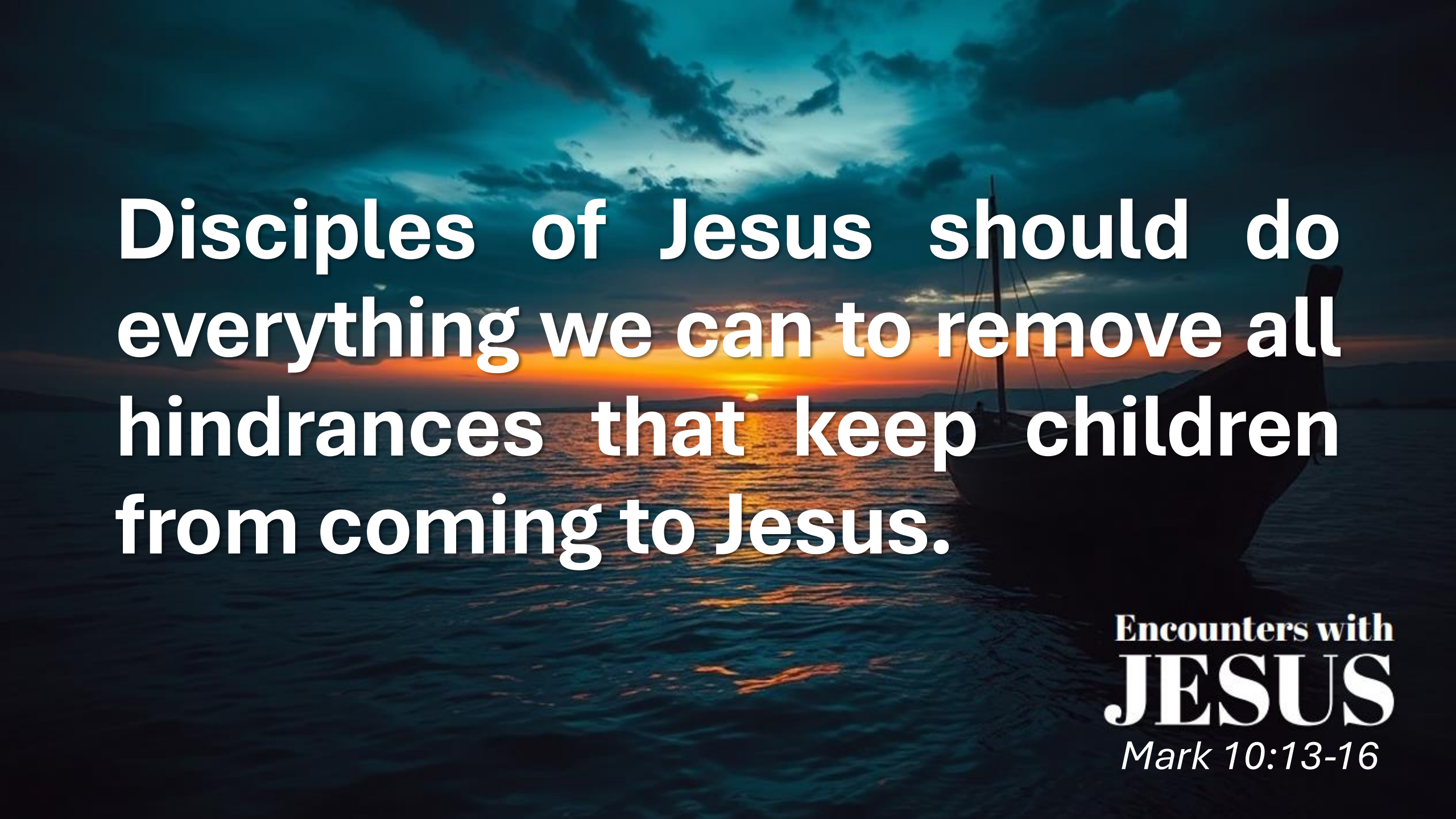
A serene sunset scene over a dark blue ocean. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon, casting a shimmering path of light across the water. The sky is a deep teal with scattered white clouds. On the right side, the dark silhouette of a small boat is visible, its mast and rigging extending upwards.

Each of these encounters reveals that Jesus meets people right where they are, regardless of their background or personal struggles – and offers grace and transformation.

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1. The disciples saw inconvenience.
Jesus saw image-bearers.
2. This is not charity – it's theology.
It's the Gospel embodied!

A dramatic sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with dark, silhouetted clouds. On the right side, the dark silhouette of a boat is visible, partially obscured by the text.

Disciples of Jesus should do everything we can to remove all hindrances that keep children from coming to Jesus.

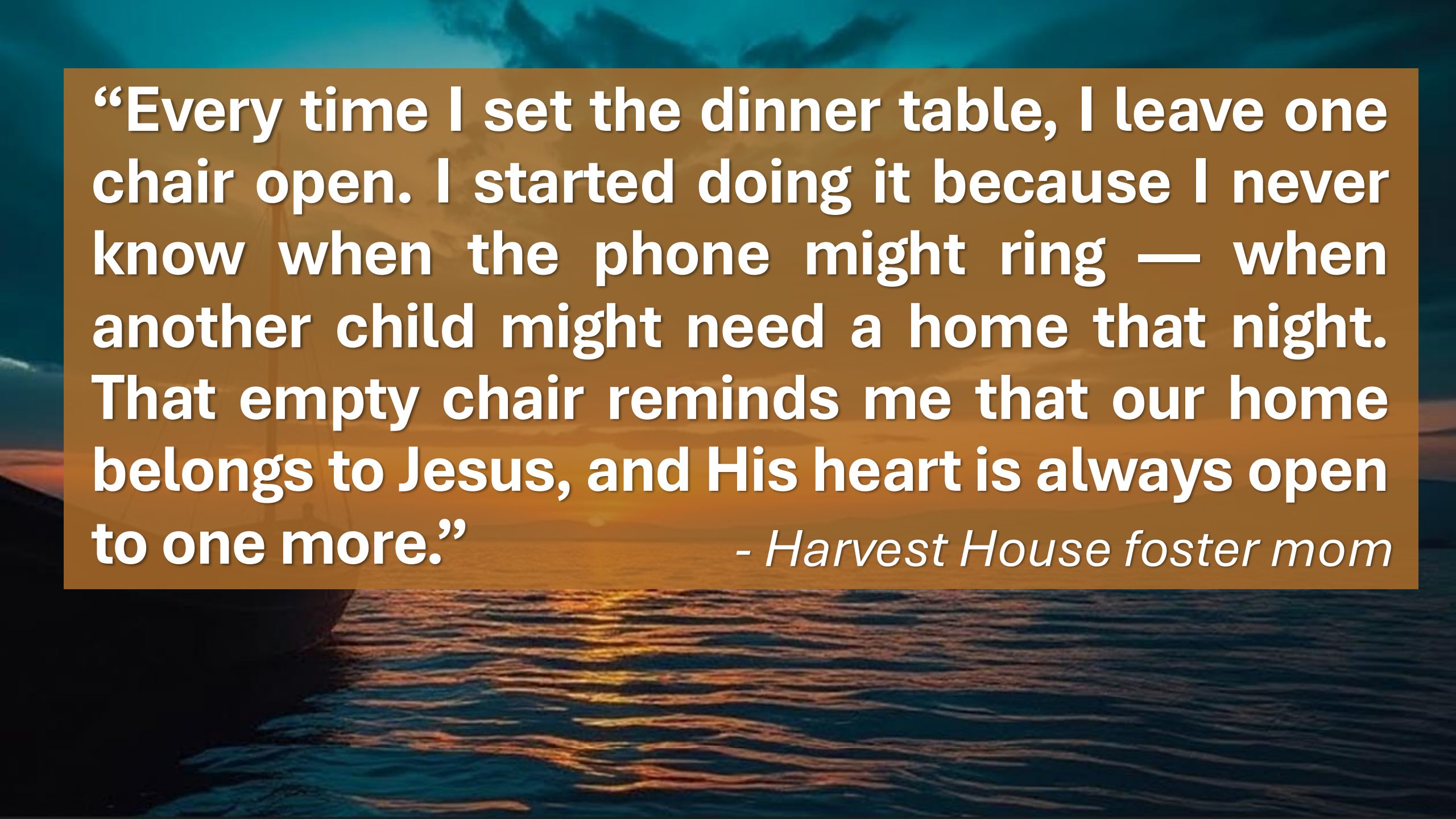
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**“Let the little
children come
unto me”**

- Jesus

(Mark 10:14)



A sunset over the ocean with a boat's wake visible in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with clouds catching the low sun. The water is dark blue with white foam from the boat's wake. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent orange rectangle.

“Every time I set the dinner table, I leave one chair open. I started doing it because I never know when the phone might ring — when another child might need a home that night. That empty chair reminds me that our home belongs to Jesus, and His heart is always open to one more.”

- Harvest House foster mom

**“He took them
in His arms and
blessed them”**

- Mark 10:16



Take Home Truths

- Leave a seat open.
- Leave your heart open.

Not everyone can foster—but everyone can be part of the embrace:

- ✓ Pray for foster families.
- ✓ Support them tangibly.
- ✓ Volunteer with Harvest House.
- ✓ Champion children who need care & hope.

Take Home Truths

- Leave a seat open.
- Leave your heart open.
- Leave space for the overlooked, the small, and the helpless — because that's where the heart of Jesus always goes first.

“Verily I say unto
you, Whoever shall
not **receive** the
kingdom of God as a
little child, he shall
not enter therein.”

- Mark 10:15

