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Worldly Success
vs.
Spiritual
Significance

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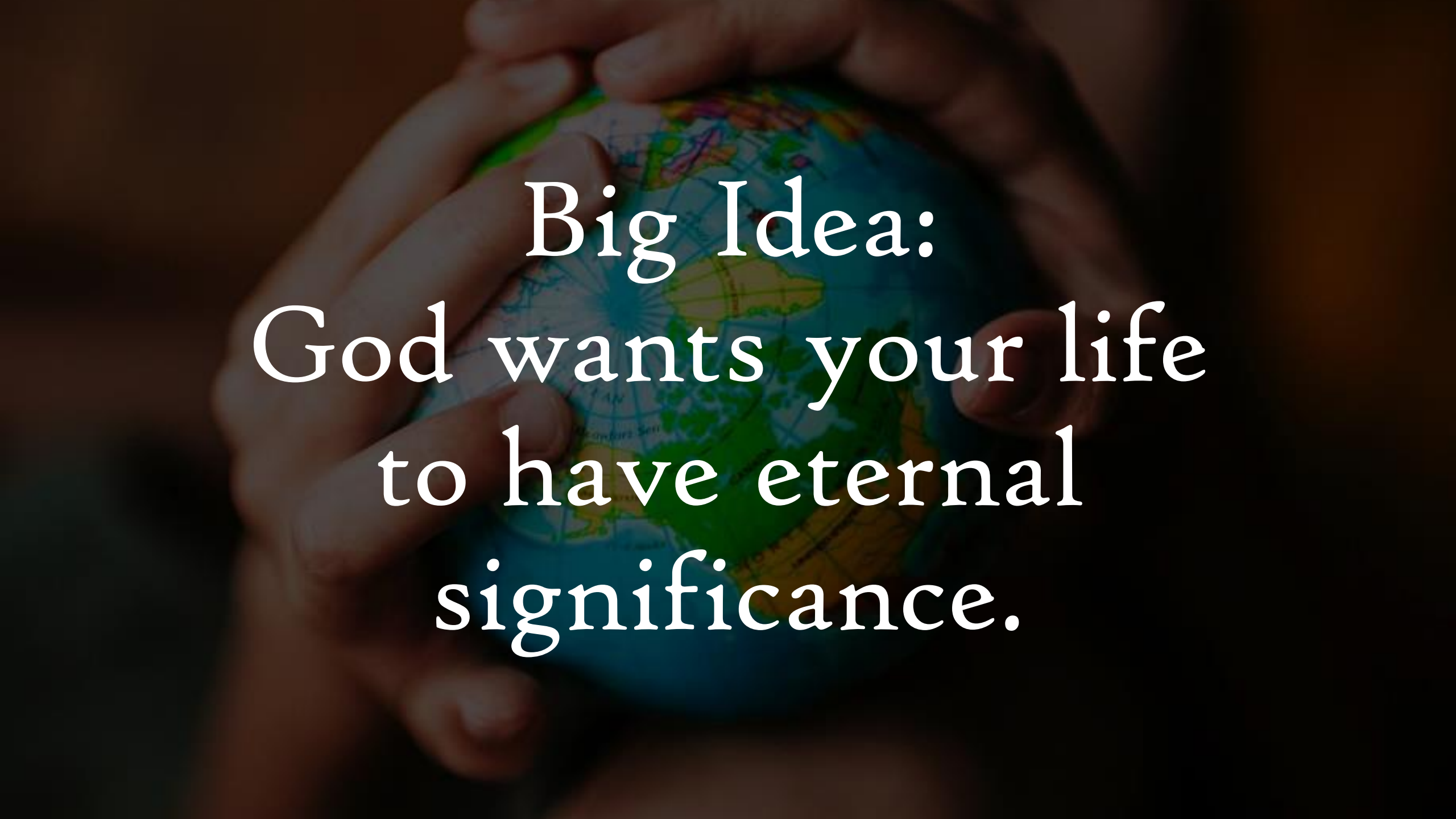
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Spiritual Significance

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Serving and Giving

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God wants your life
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I. By listening to the nature
of Christ's teaching



Matthew 20:17-19

¹⁷Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, ¹⁸“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”

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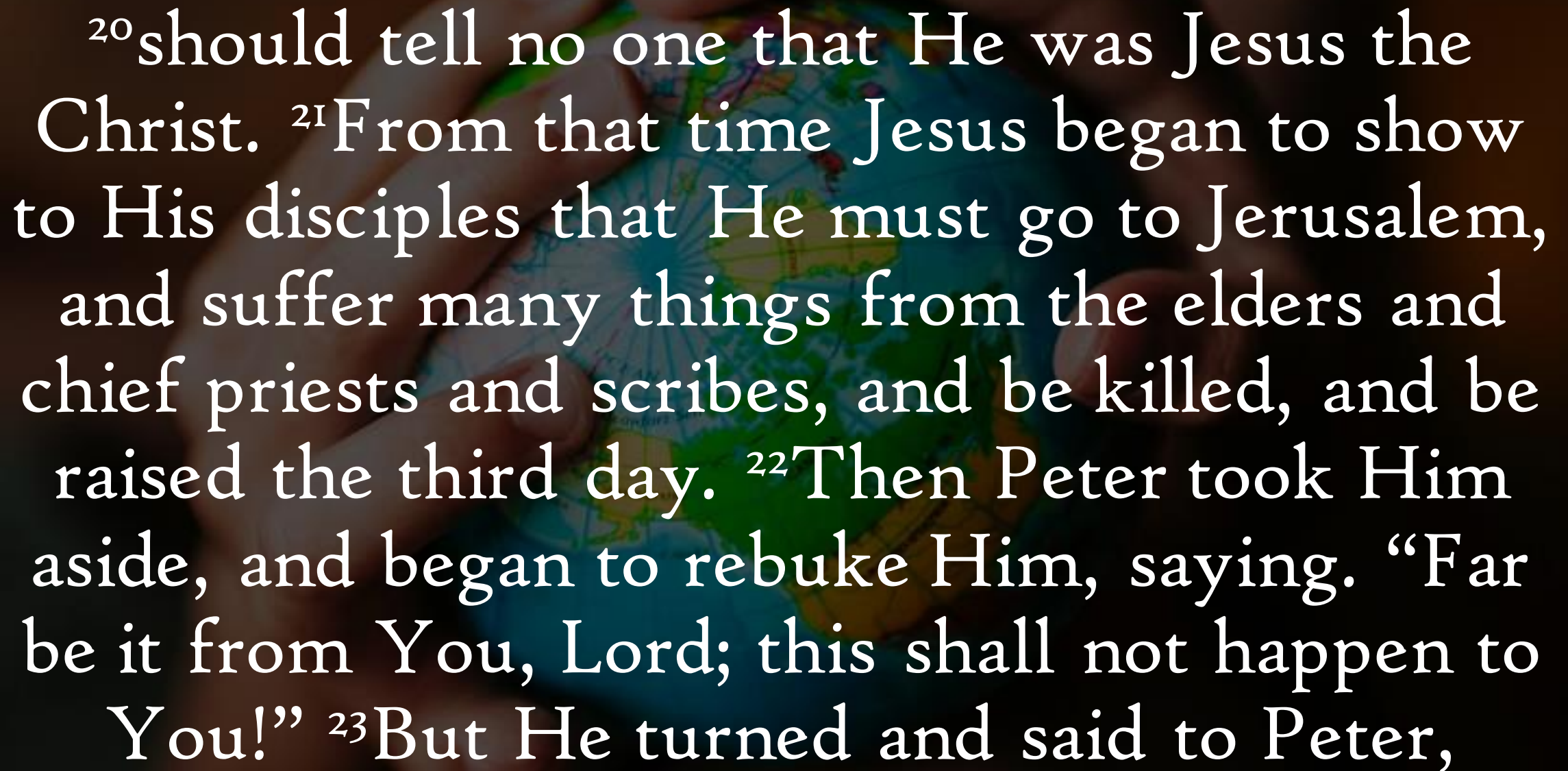
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Matthew 16:18-23

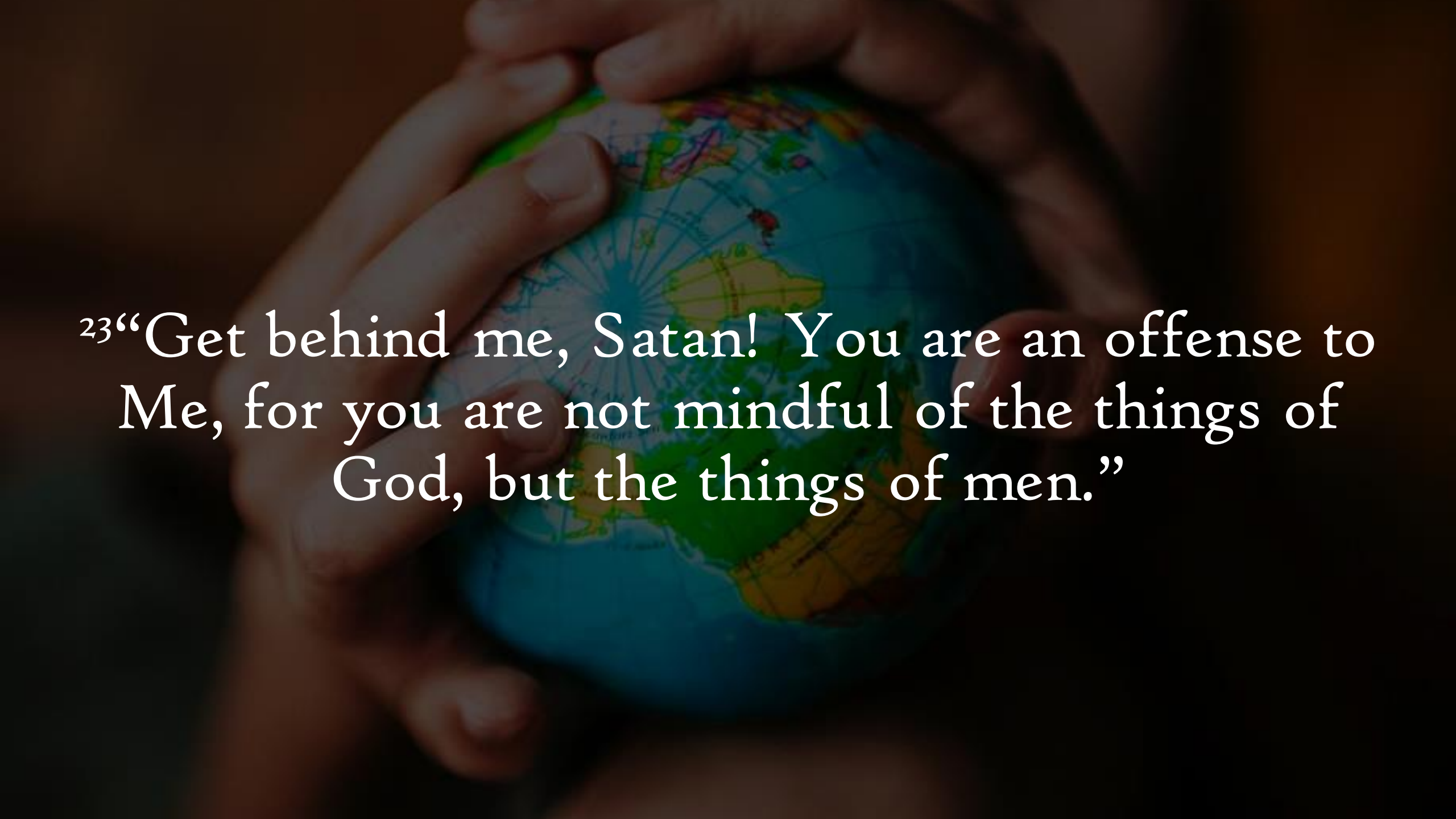
¹⁸“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

²⁰Then He commanded His disciples that they



²⁰should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. ²¹From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²²Then Peter took Him aside, and began to rebuke Him, saying. “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” ²³But He turned and said to Peter,

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²³“Get behind me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

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III. By seeing how subtle
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Matthew 20:20-21

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. ²¹And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

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IV. By understanding the
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Matthew 20:22

²²But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am to be baptized with?”

They said to Him, “We are able.”

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Matthew 20:23

²²So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.”

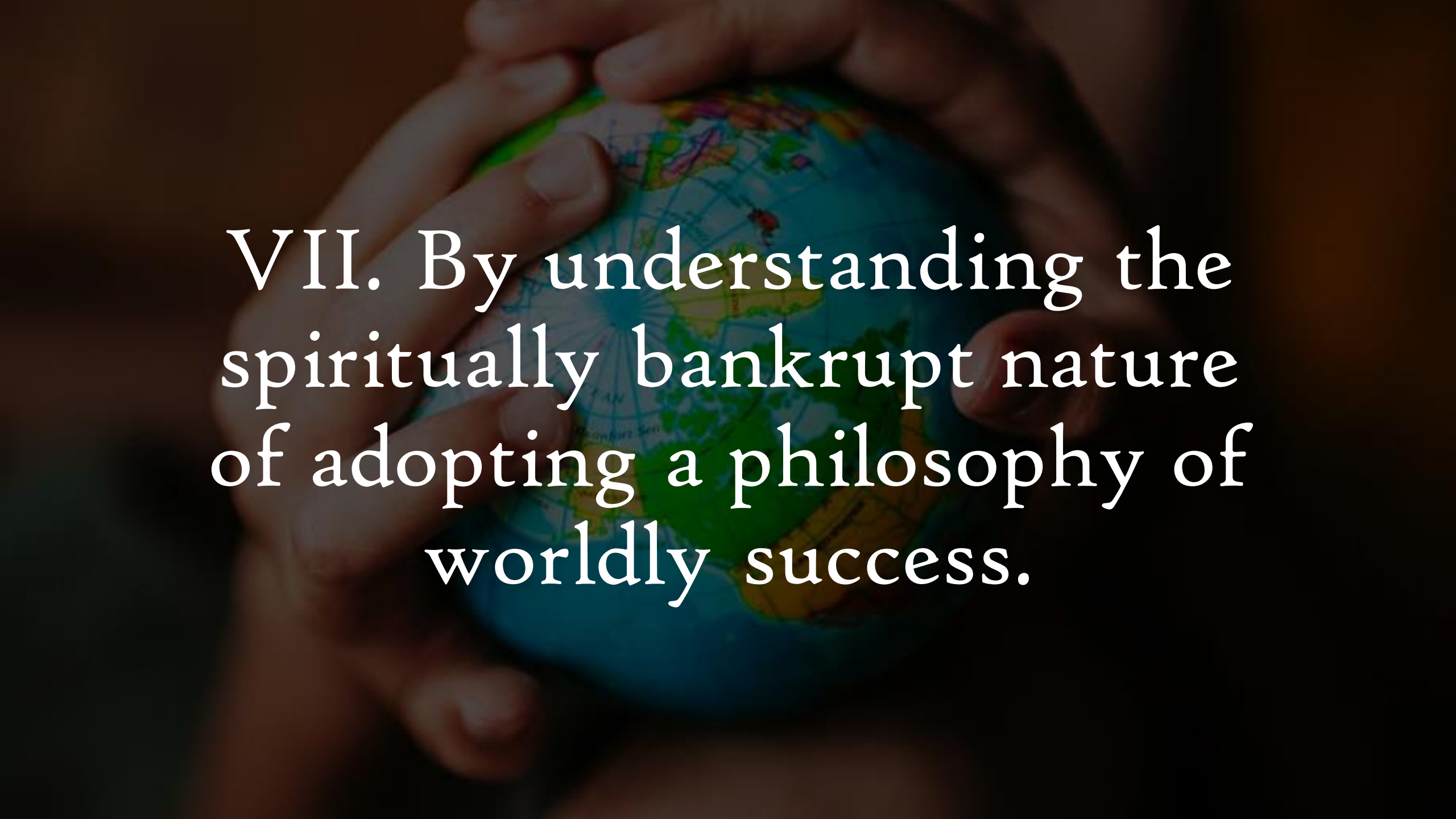
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Matthew 20:24

²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

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Matthew 20:25

²⁵But Jesus called them to Himself and said,
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles
lord it over them, and those who are great
exercise authority over them.”



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Matthew 20:26-27

²⁶“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave –”





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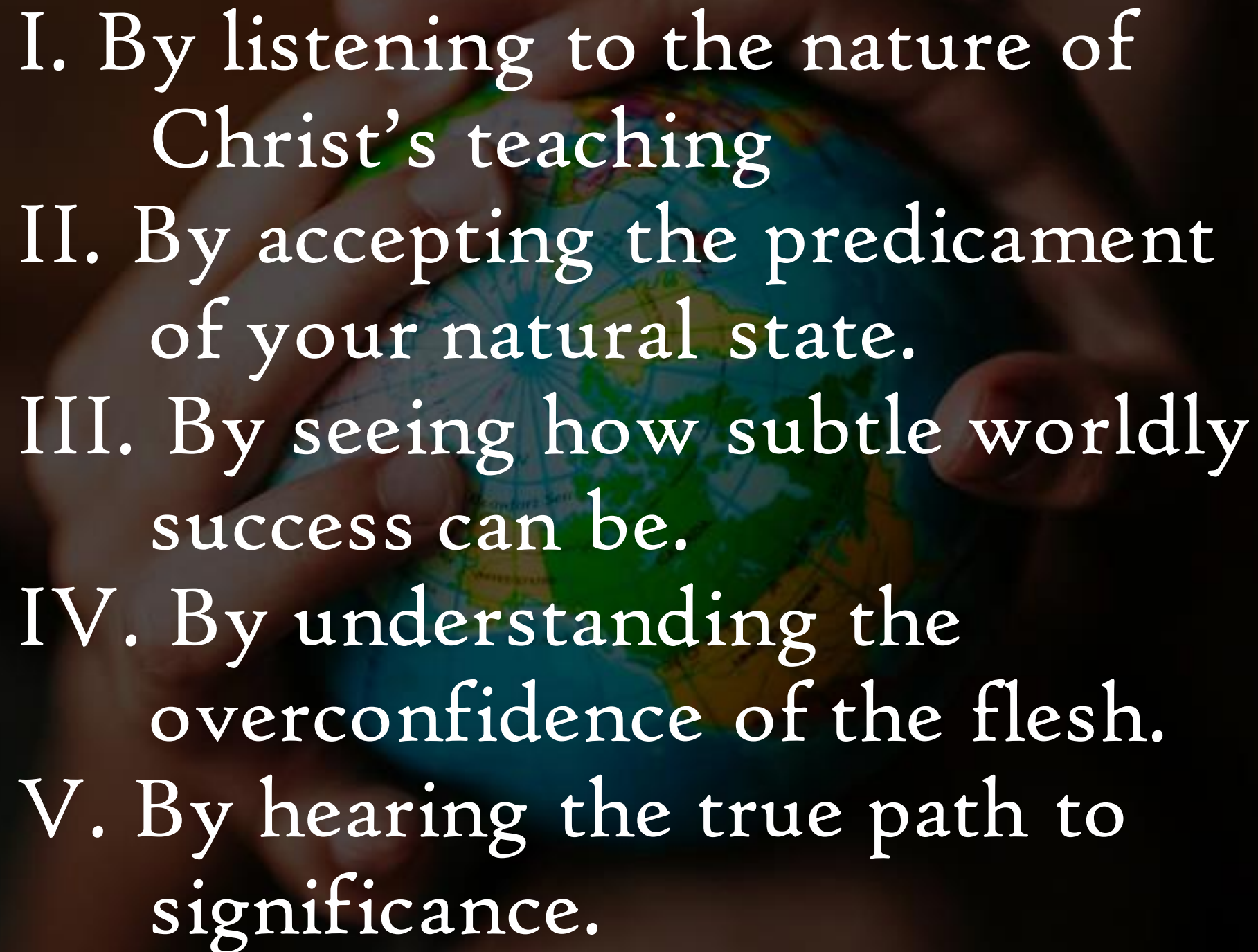
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Matthew 20:28

²⁹“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”



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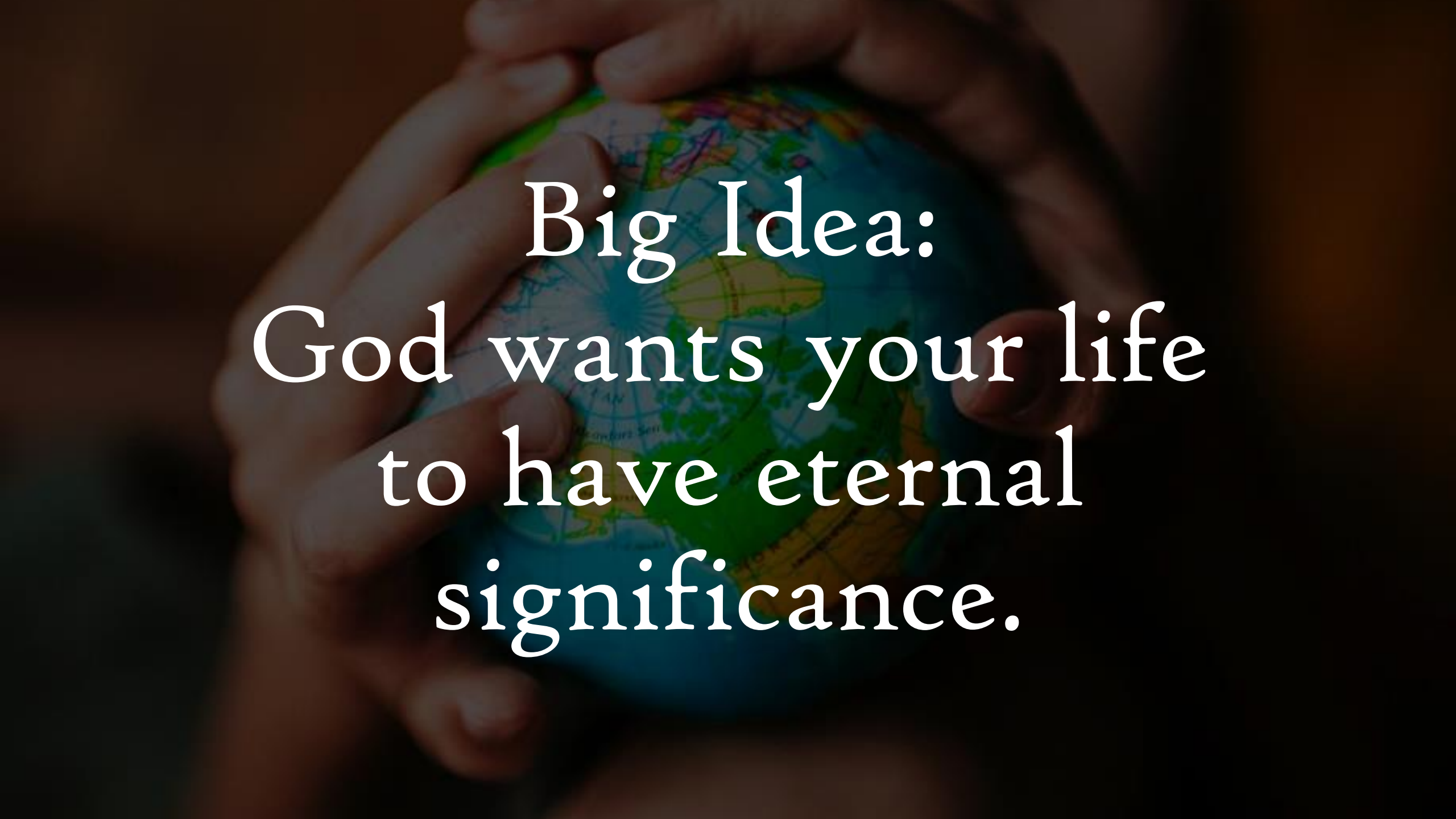
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