



Seeking the Heart of God

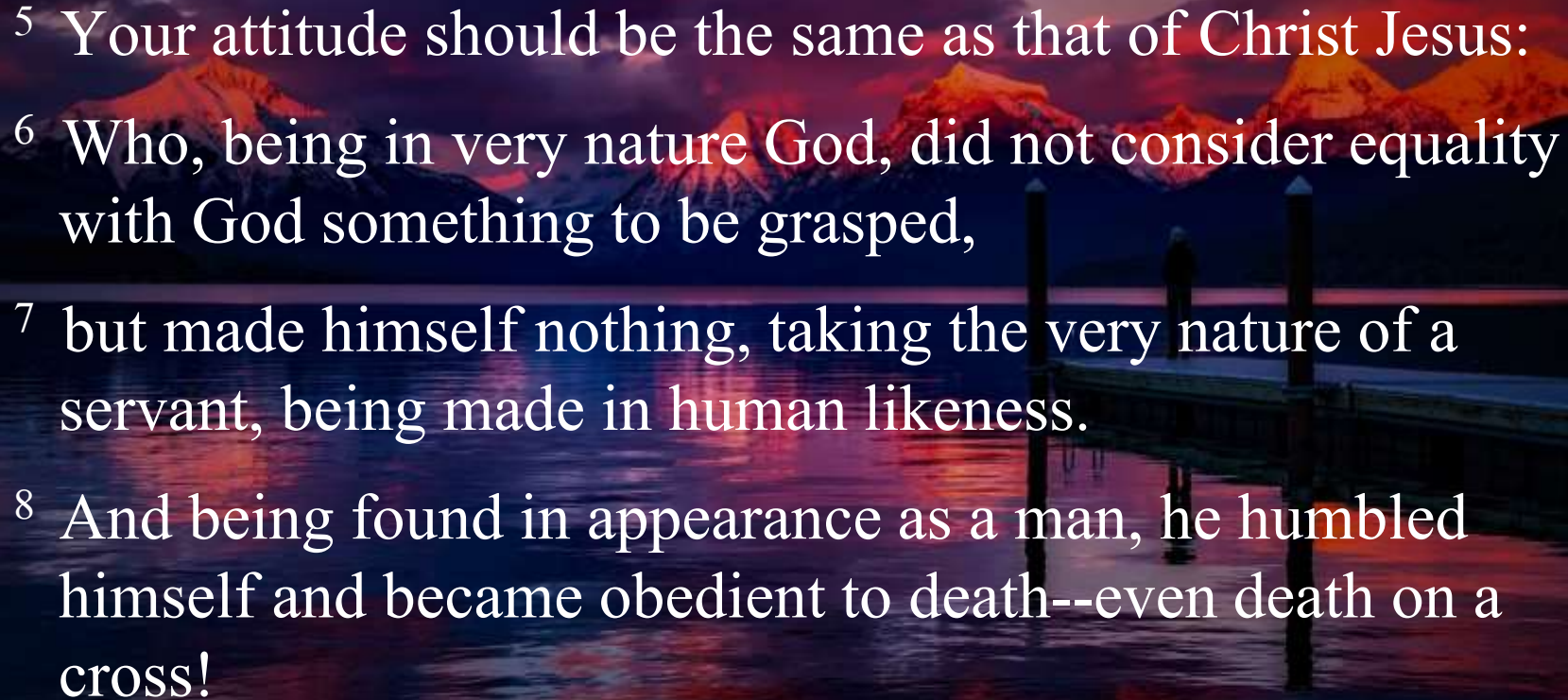
“The God Who Washes Feet”

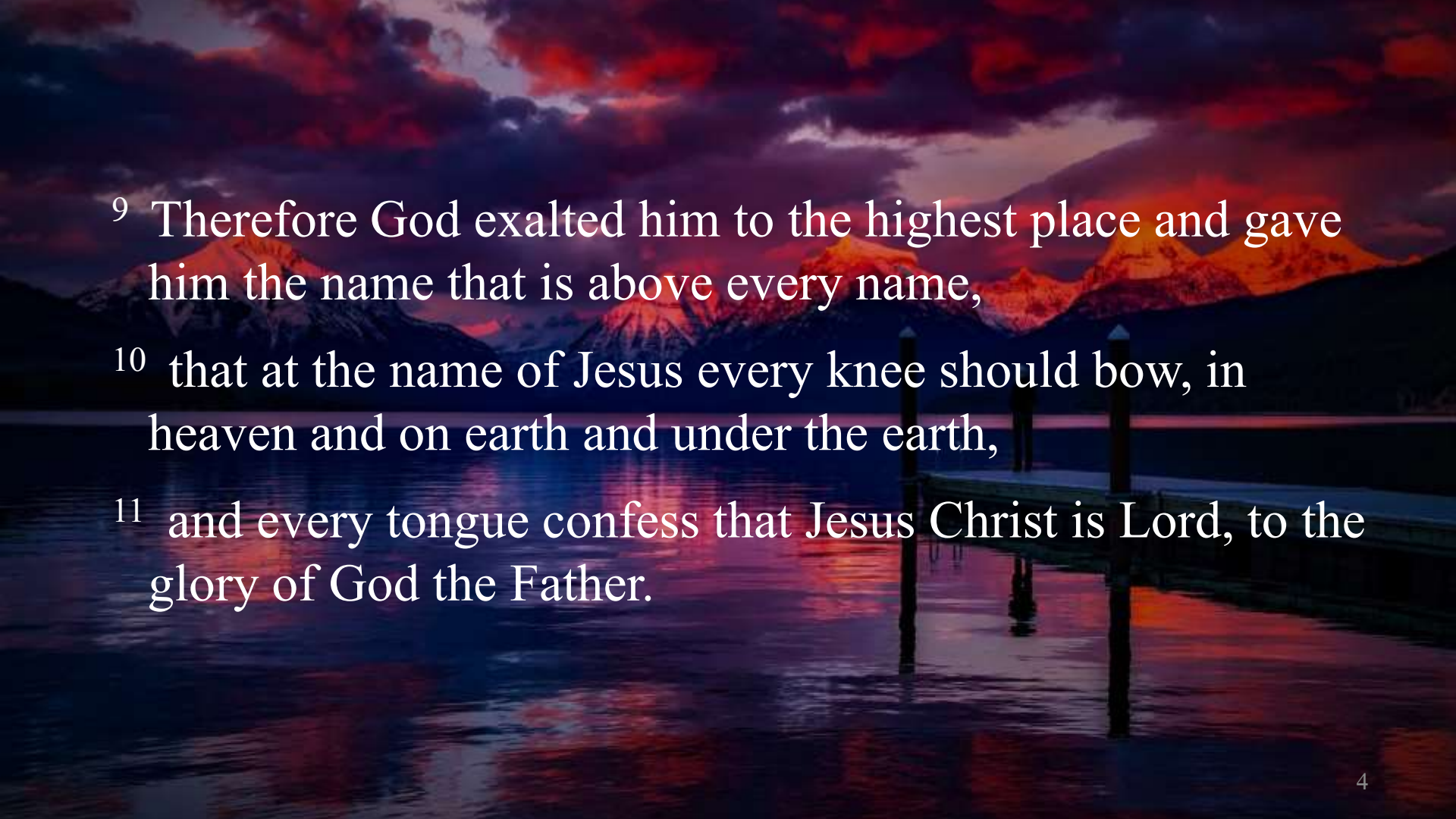
The Positive Side of Power

– By Mark Allan Kirk

- Clout – Positional Leadership
- Competence – Special Knowledge or Ability
 - Character – Trustworthy and Selfless

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

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- ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
- ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
- ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death--even death on a cross!



⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



“We Mustn’t Think
Jesus The Christ Has All Authority
Because He Is *Greater* Than Us;
He Has All Authority Because
He Is *Better* Than Us.”

—Jim McGuigan

God Gave Jesus Power...

- Over knowledge and He used it to honor His Father.
 - Over food and He used it to feed thousands.
- Over demons and He used it to release the oppressed.
 - Over disease and He used it to heal the sick.
 - Over sin and He used it to forgive people.
- Over nature and He used it to calm storms and people.
 - Over death and He brought people back to life.
- Over His own life and He laid it down for you and me.

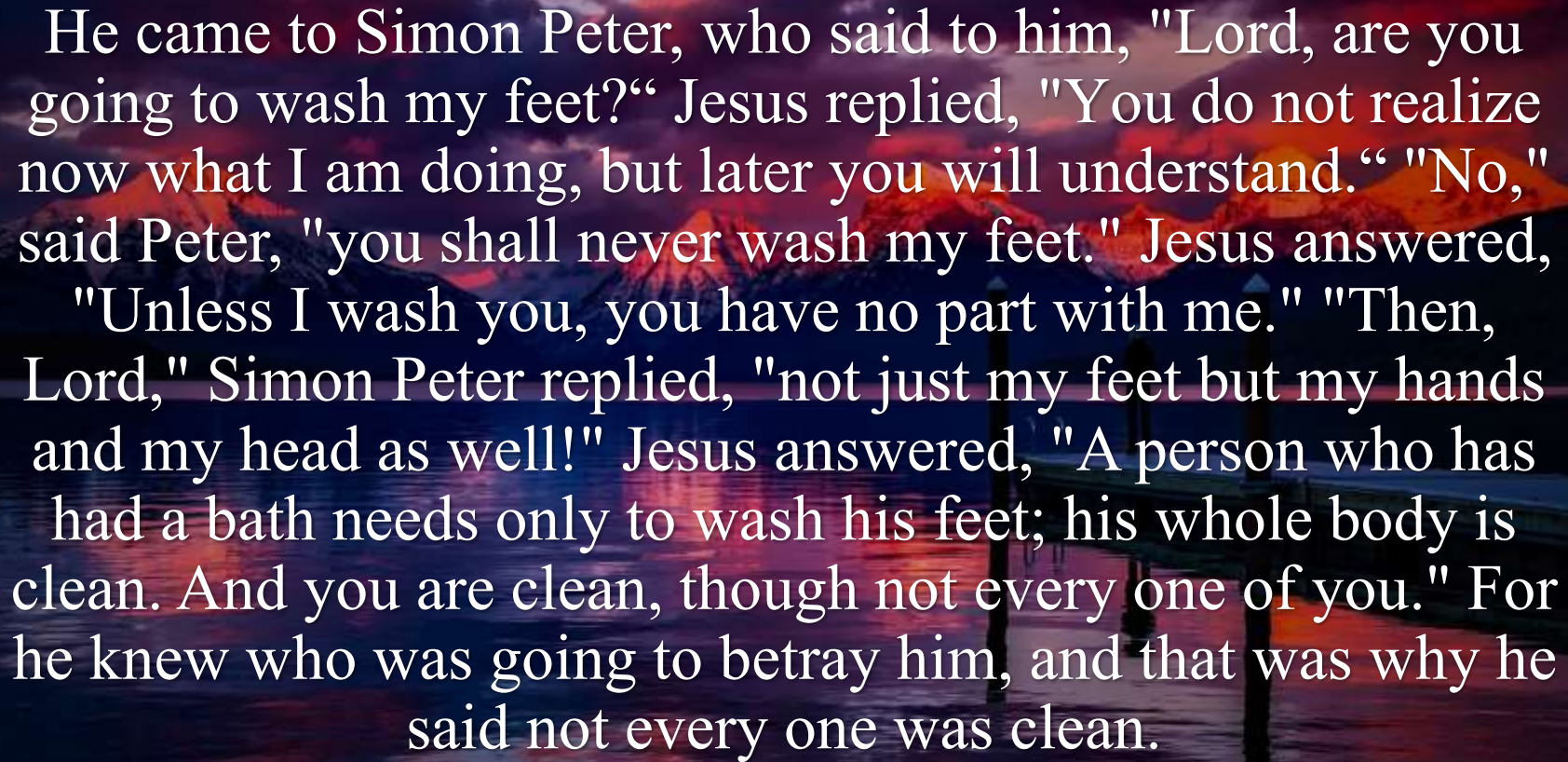




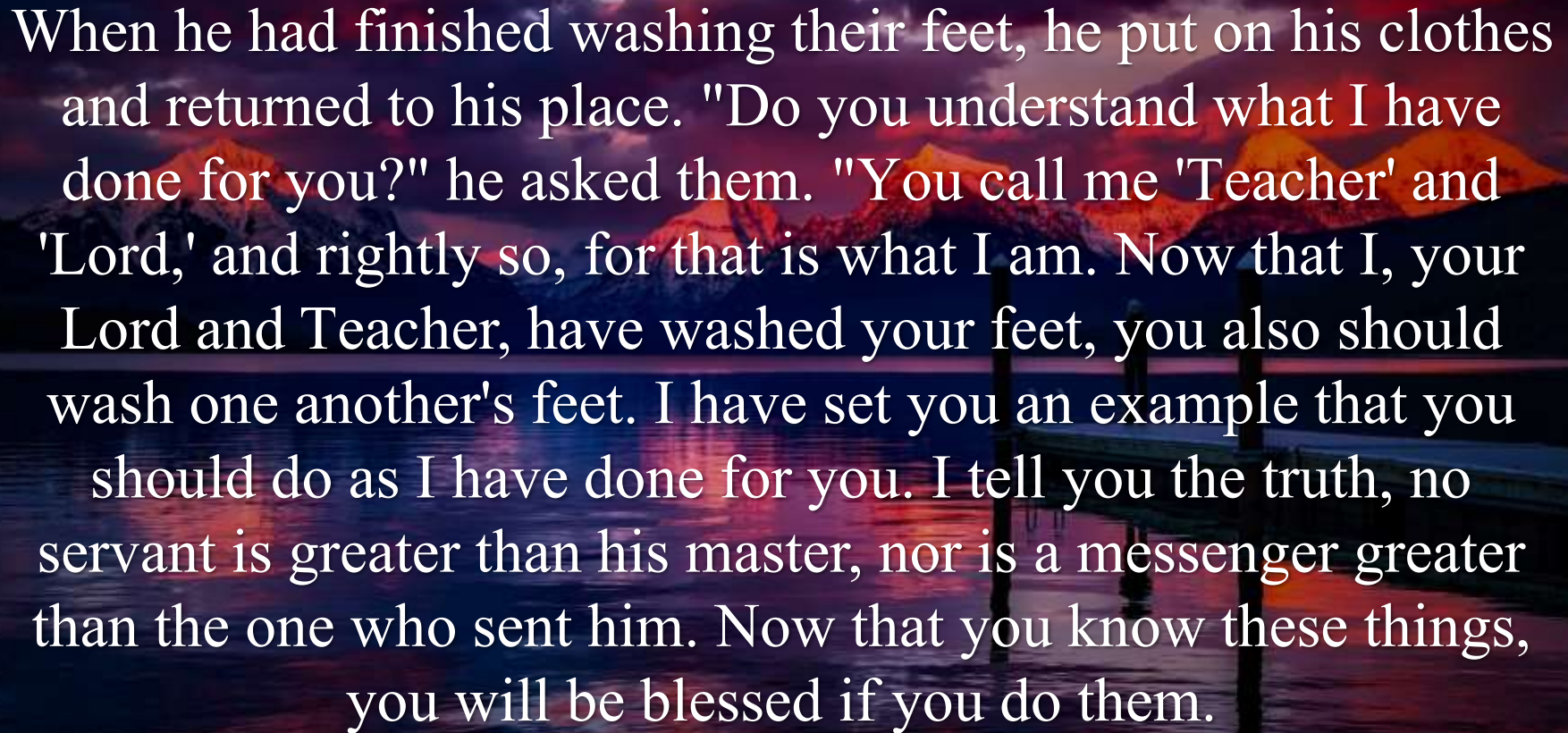
The Story OF Twelve LORDS And One SERVANT

John 13:1-17 (NTV)

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.



When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

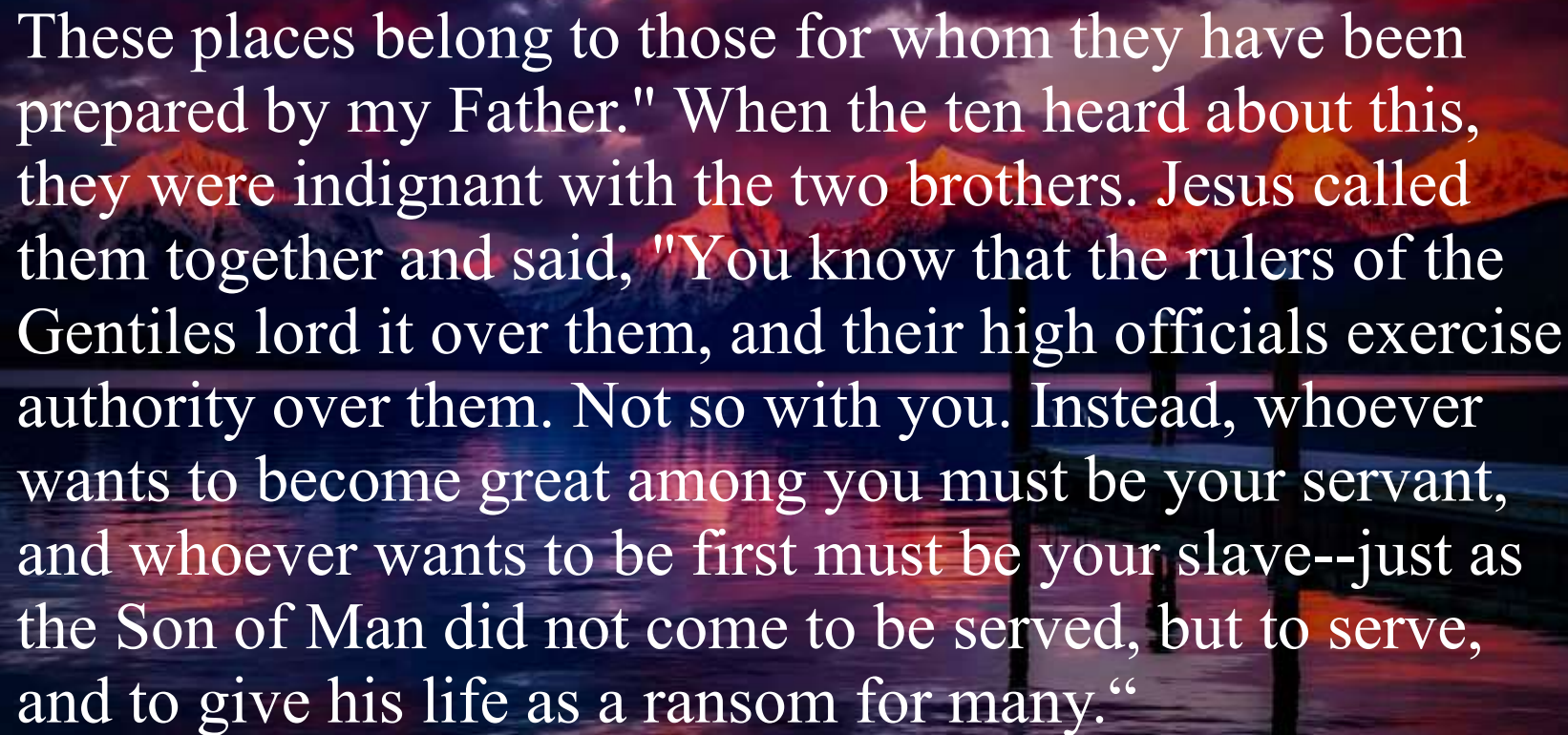
Jesus Knew...

- ... That the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.*
- ... That the Father had put all things under his power.*
- ... That he had come from God.*
- ... That he was returning to God.*
- ... That he needed to show his disciples the full extent of his love.*
- ... So, Jesus washed feet, even Judas' feet.*

He Was Modeling What He Taught

Matthew 20:20-28 (NIV)

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "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." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant."



These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 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. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave--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."

Jesus Speaks of Two Kinds of Authority

1. Gentile Lords = Pagan or unbeliever

- Lord it over = overpower
- Exercise authority over

2. Christ-like Power

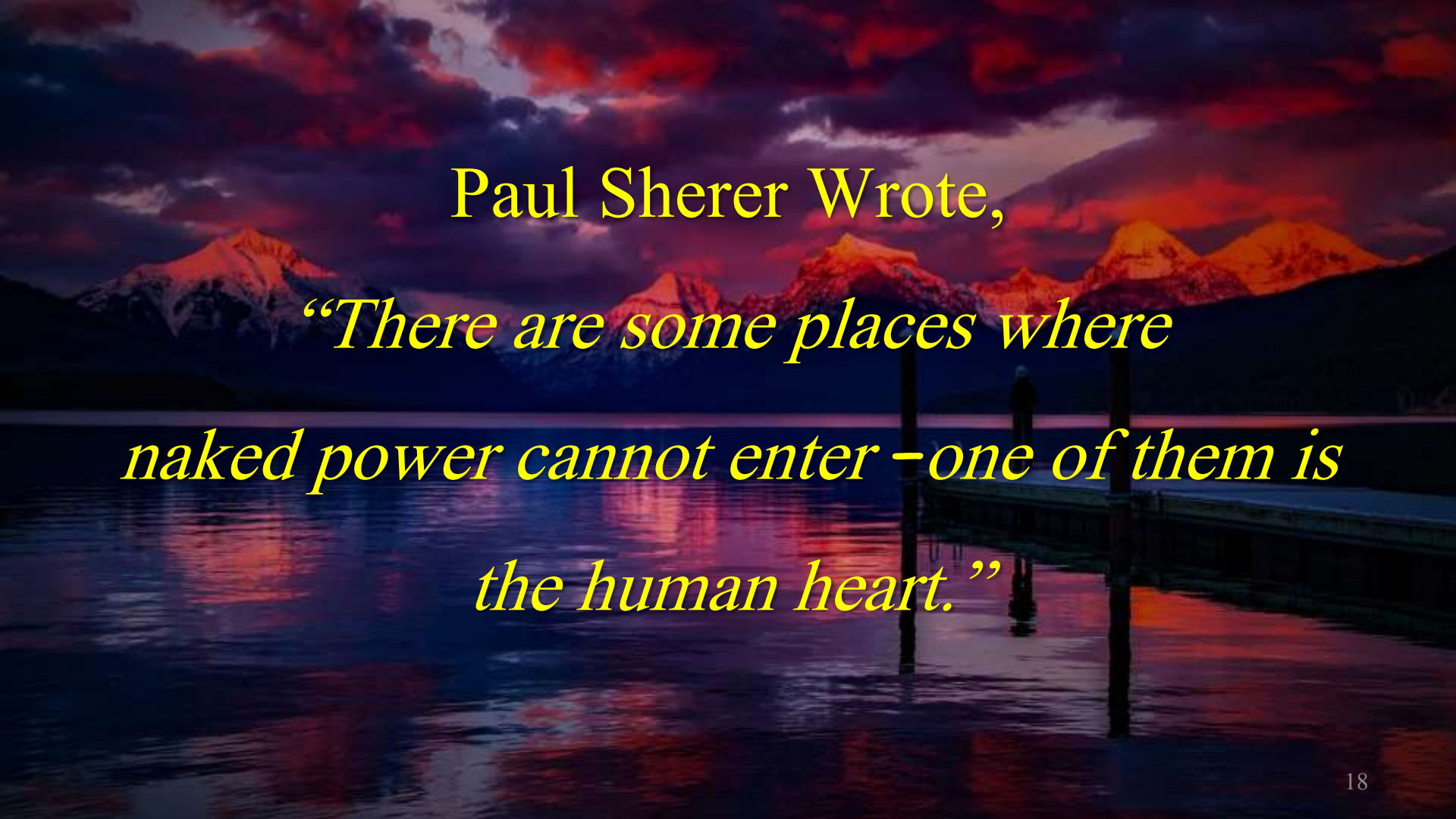
- Servant = διάκονος – deacon or minister
- Slave = δοῦλος – a state of being completely controlled by someone or something
- Give up the right to be first and seek to be last.

We Follow The Savior Who Serves

- Omnipotence was displayed in weakness.
- There is great power in weakness.
- *If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. 2 Corinthians 11:30*
- *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9*

The background image is a scenic landscape. In the foreground, a wooden pier with several vertical posts extends from the right side into a calm body of water. The water reflects the colors of the sky and the mountains. In the middle ground, there are dark, silhouetted mountains. In the background, several mountain peaks are visible, some of which are covered in snow and are illuminated by a warm, orange and red light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, some of which are also lit with the warm colors of the low sun. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

This Mission Of God
Is To
Bring The Message Of Christ
To
The Multitudes Of The Human Hearts.



Paul Sherer Wrote,
*“There are some places where
naked power cannot enter – one of them is
the human heart.”*



We Cannot *Force* People
To Believe Or Follow Jesus.

As Servants Of Jesus The Christ,
We Are To Serve Others And In So Doing,
Lead Them To Christ.

It Is Love That Pierces And
Changes The Heart For The Better.



*“People Don’t Care What We Know
Until They Know That We Care.”*

Serving People In Love, As Jesus Did,
One Person At A Time,
Is An Effective Way To Show We Care.