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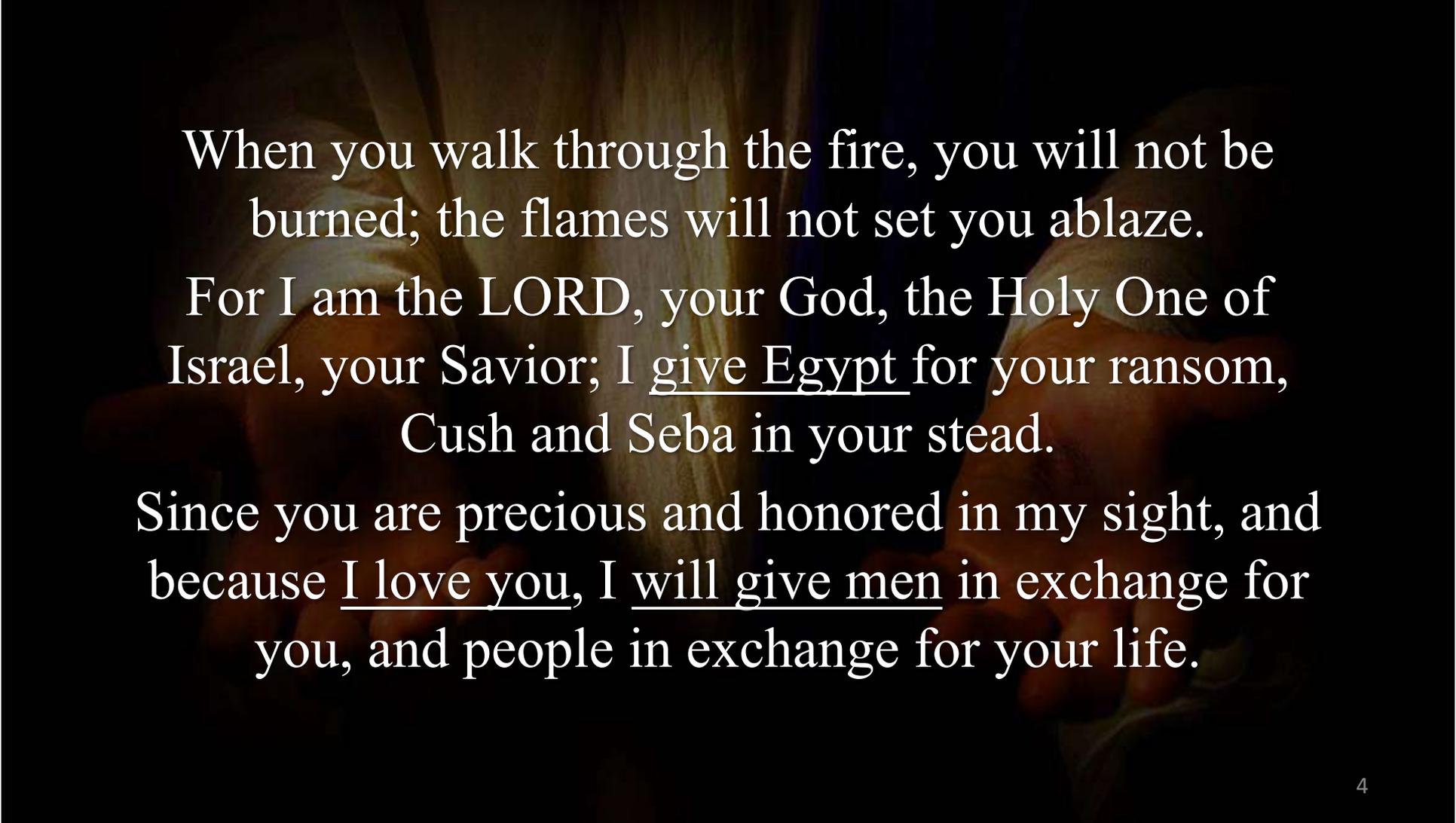


*I Love You!*

# God Says Those Words Only One Time.

## Isaiah 43:1-4 (NIV)

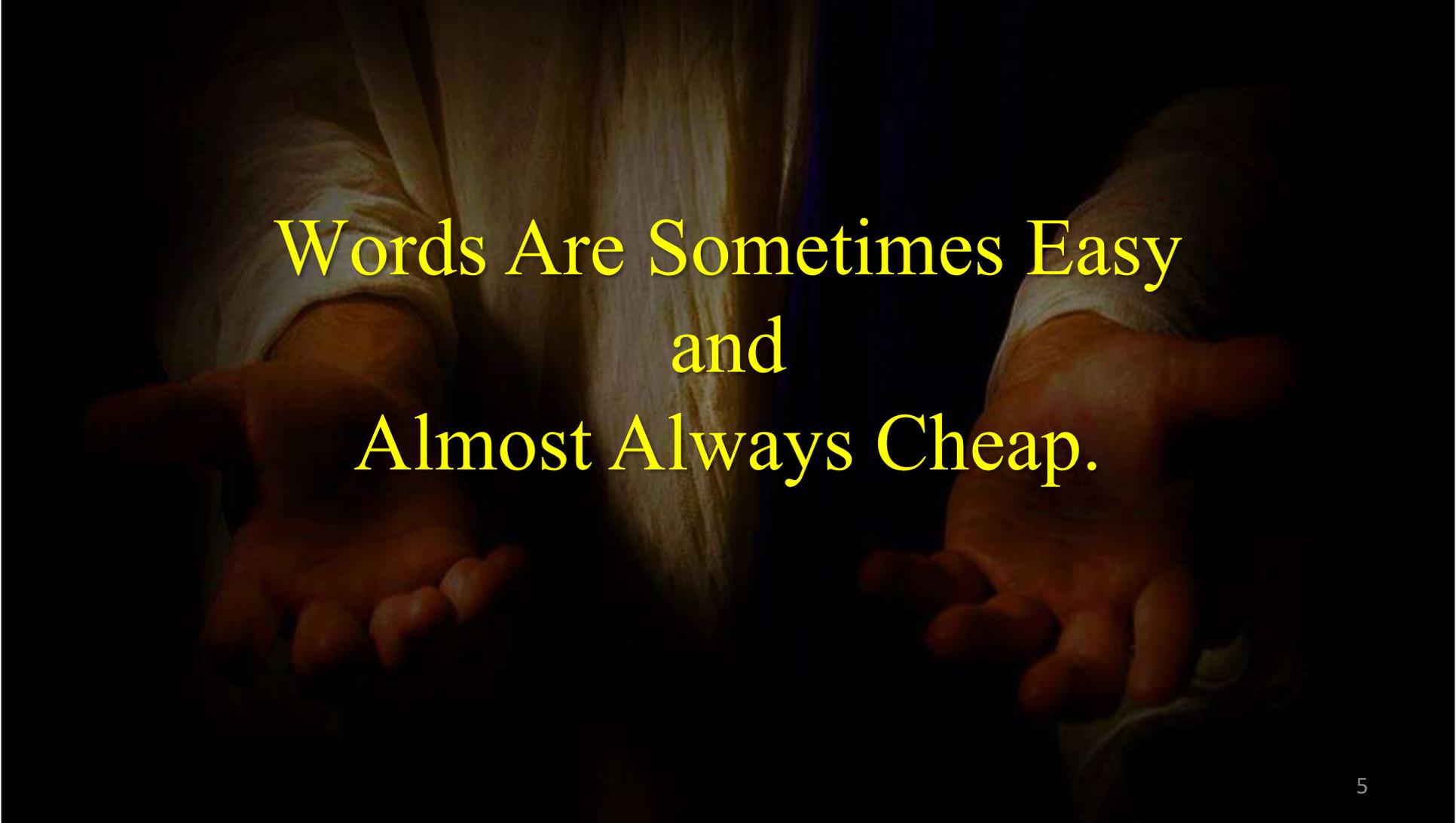
But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.



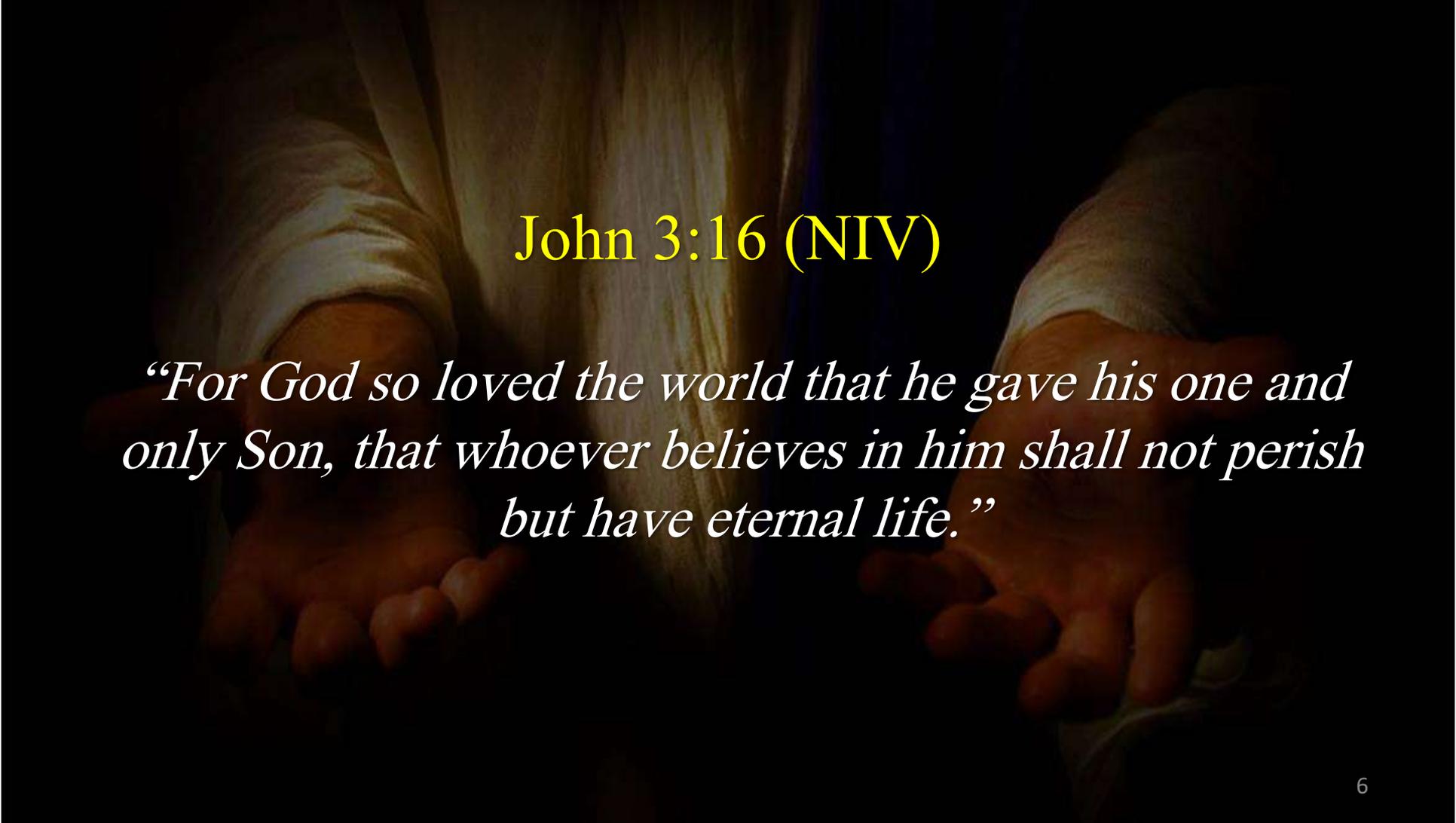
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life.



Words Are Sometimes Easy  
and  
Almost Always Cheap.



John 3:16 (NIV)

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

## 1 John 3:16 (NIV)

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

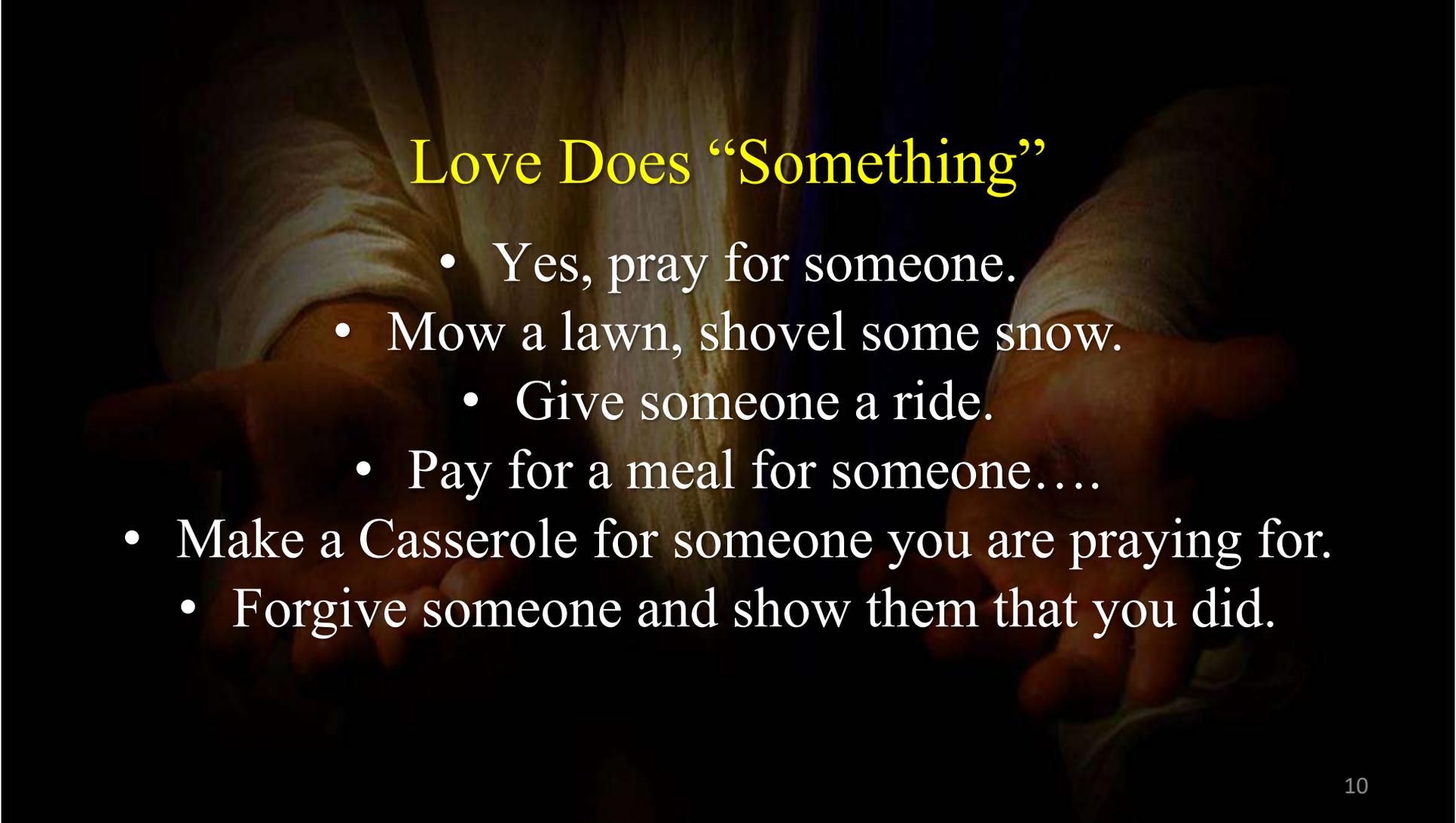


Three Truths About Love  
That  
We Learn From  
The Wounds Of Jesus.

# 1. Love Does.....

## Romans 5:6-8 (NLT2)

*When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*



## Love Does “Something”

- Yes, pray for someone.
- Mow a lawn, shovel some snow.
  - Give someone a ride.
  - Pay for a meal for someone....
- Make a Casserole for someone you are praying for.
  - Forgive someone and show them that you did.

## 2. Love Sacrifices

- Loving like Jesus is expensive.
- Loving like Jesus takes energy.
- Loving like Jesus will "get on your last nerve."
  - Loving like Jesus takes time.
  - Sacrificial love has strength
- Faith without works is dead. So is love without action.
  - Pray with your hands and feet and pocket book.

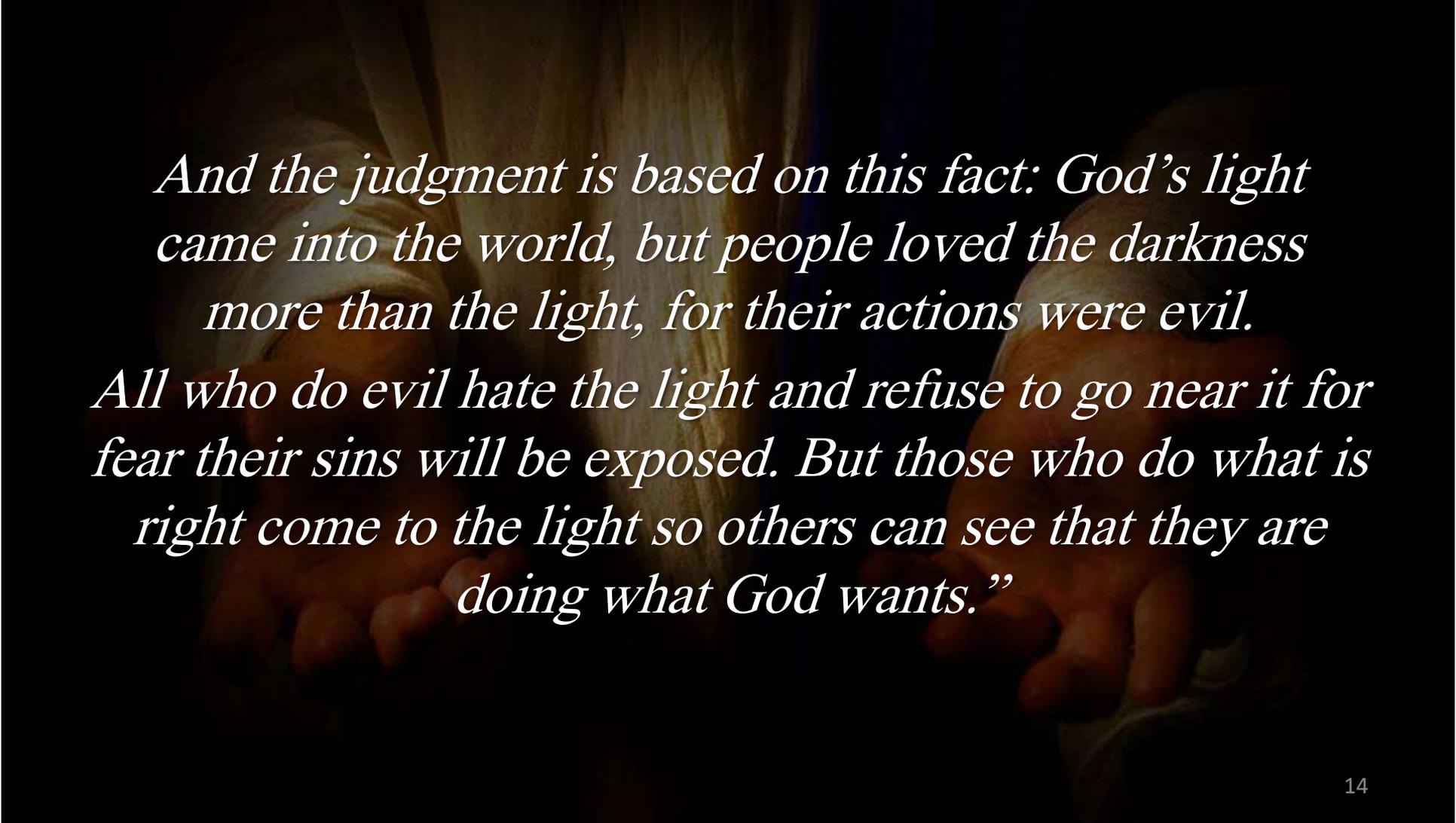
### 3. Love Drives Out Fear

#### 1 John 4:18-20 (NIV)

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.*

## John 3:16-21 (NLT2)

*“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. “There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.*



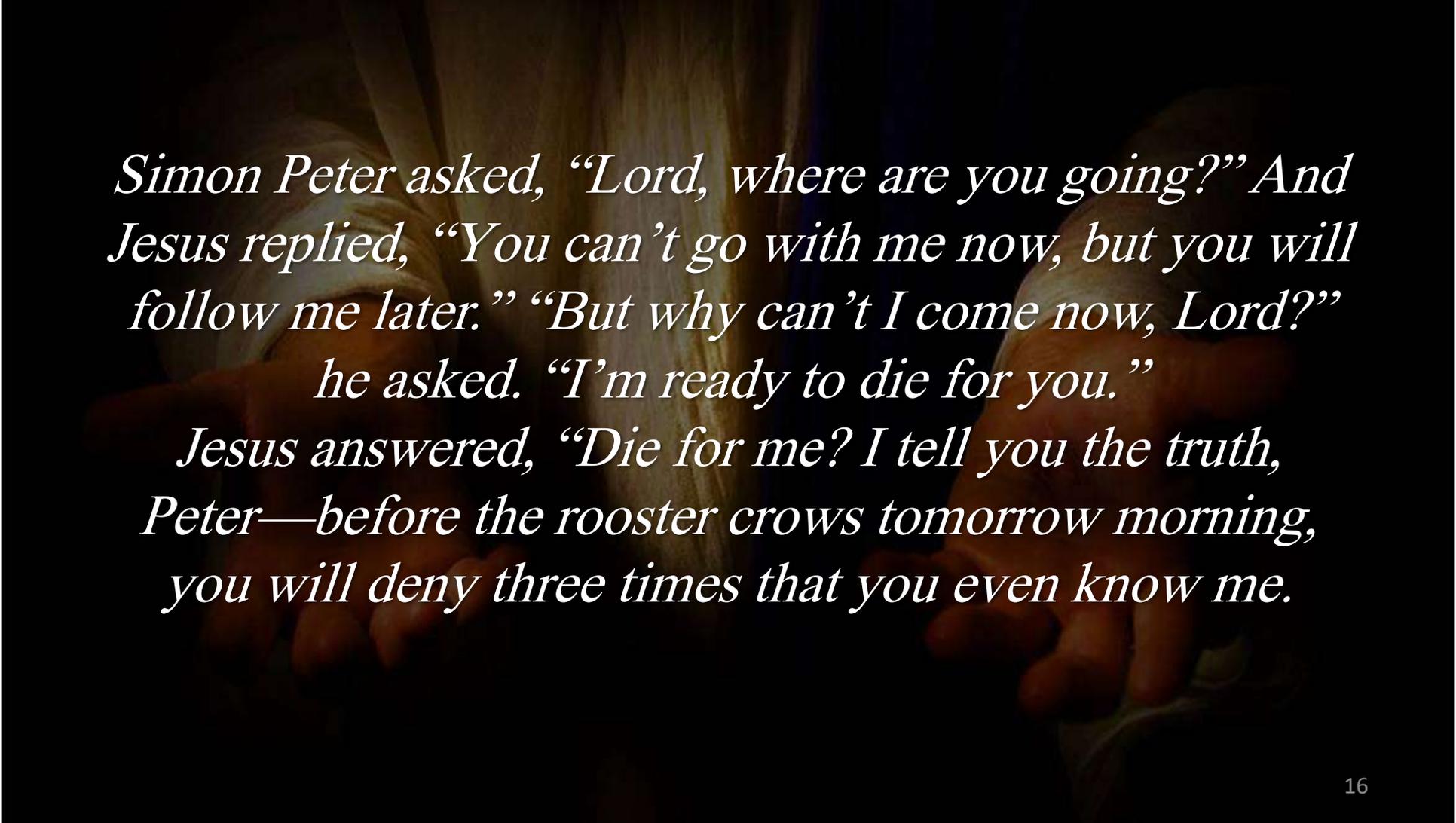
*And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."*



Loving Like Jesus Will Help To  
Love When It Is Scary Hard To Love.

John 13:34-38 (NLT2)

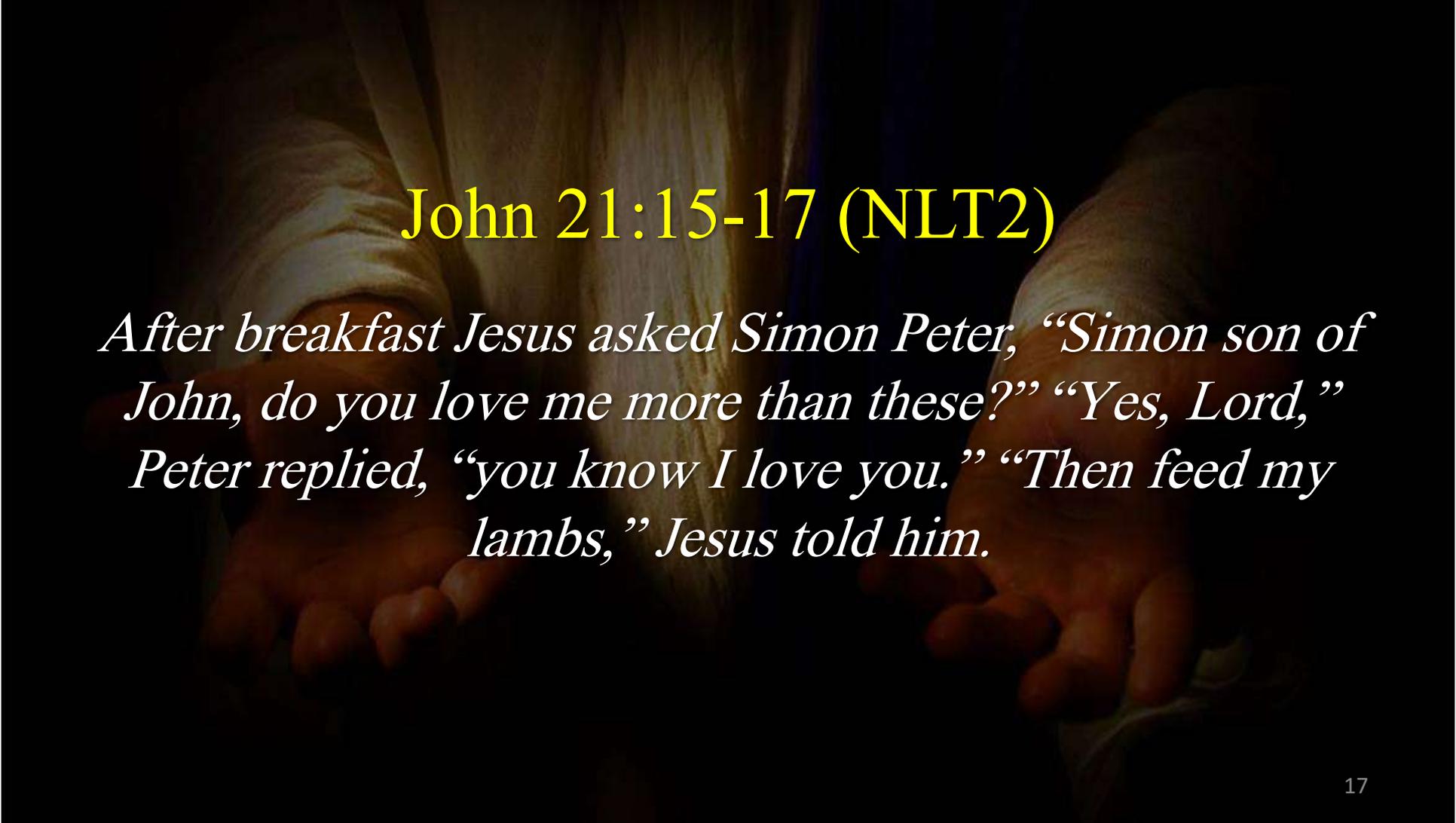
So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”



*Simon Peter asked, “Lord, where are you going?” And Jesus replied, “You can’t go with me now, but you will follow me later.” “But why can’t I come now, Lord?”*

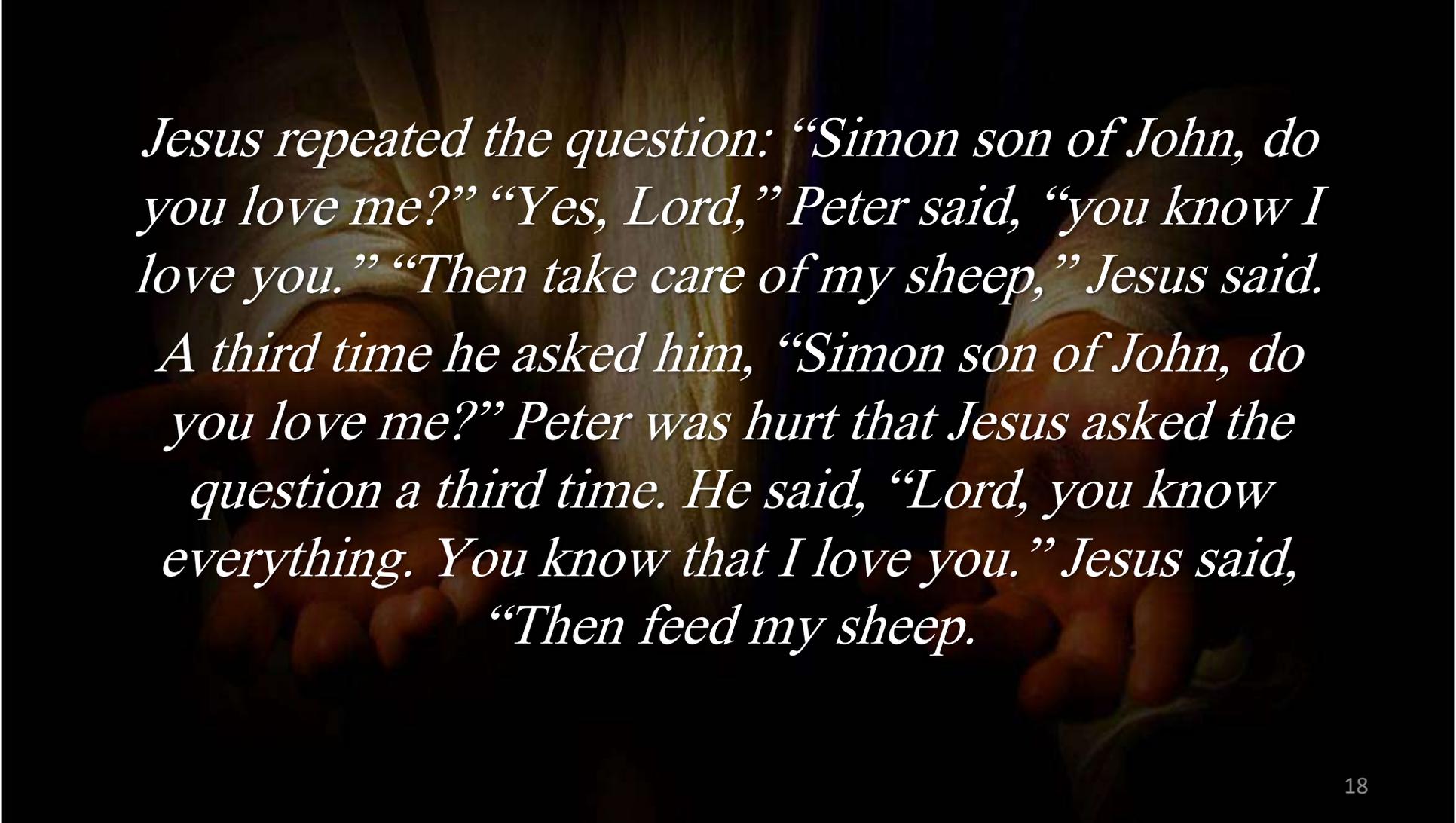
*he asked. “I’m ready to die for you.”*

*Jesus answered, “Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.*

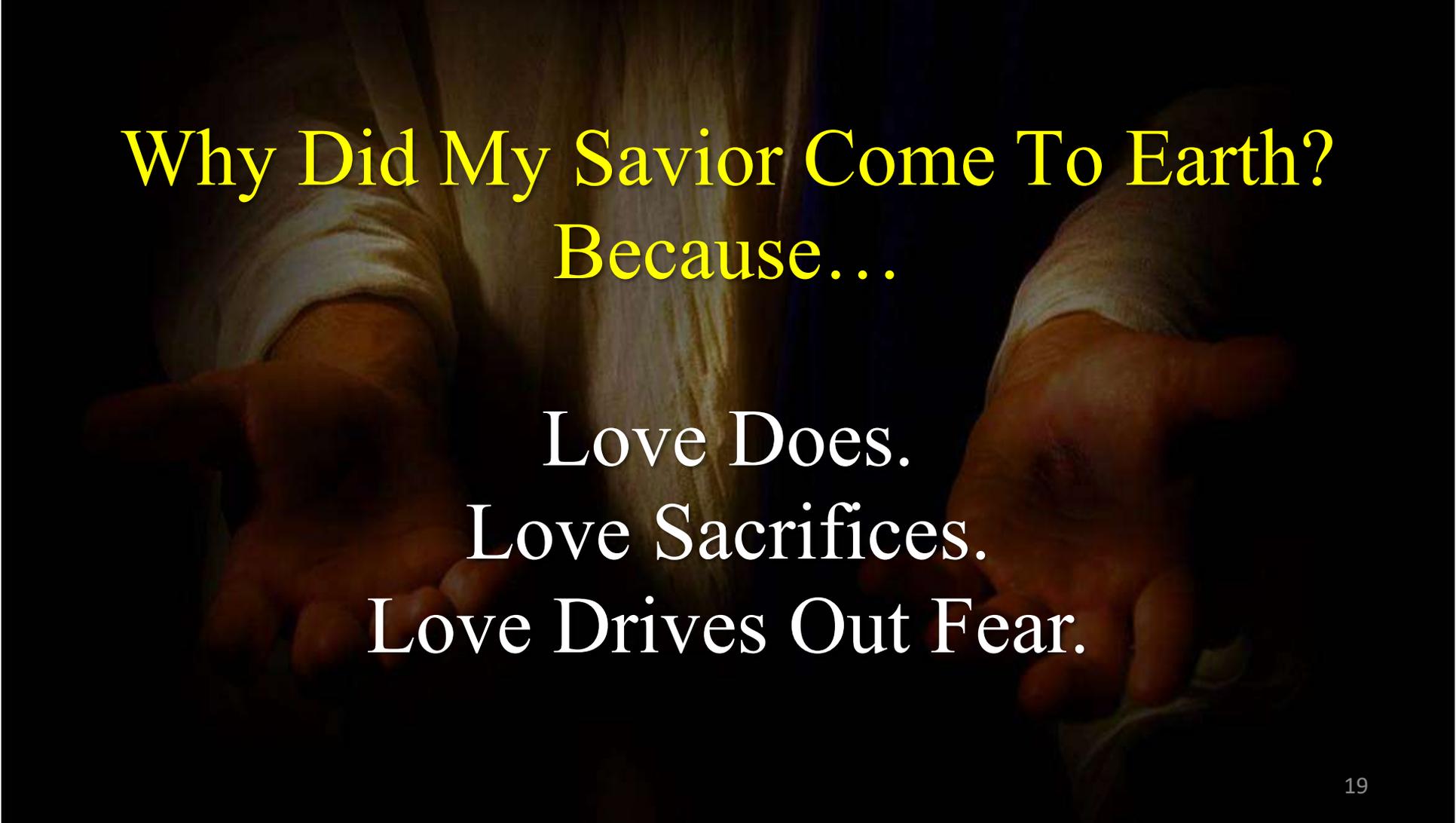


## John 21:15-17 (NLT2)

*After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.*



*Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.*



Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?  
Because...

Love Does.  
Love Sacrifices.  
Love Drives Out Fear.



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*“Give It Away”*

by Michael W. Smith