



# **The Church of The Desperate**





# FACING YOUR GIANTS



# I. David the Desperate



facing your  
**GIANTS**

Now David came to  
Nob, to Ahimelech the  
priest,

(1 Samuel 21:1)





# "the city of the priests"

(1 Samuel 22:19)

1. David the Desperate



Ahimelech was  
trembling as he went to  
meet David,

(1 Samuel 21:1, GNT)





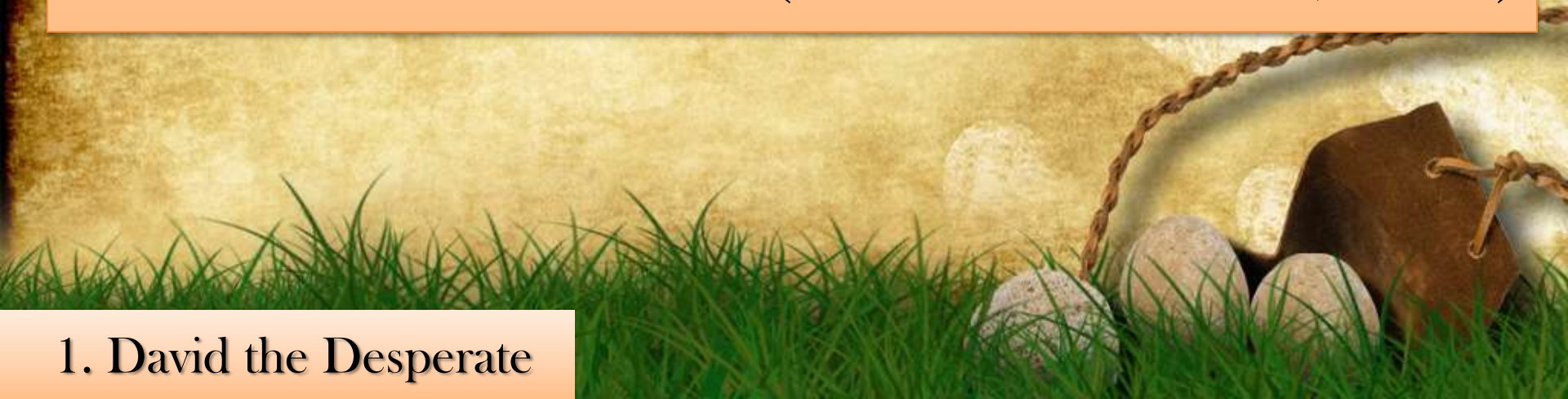
“Why are you alone?”  
he asked. “Why is no  
one with you?”

(1 Samuel 21:1-3, NLT)



“The king has sent me  
on a private matter,”  
David said.

(1 Samuel 21:1-3, NLT)



“He told me not to tell anyone why I am here. I have told my men where to meet me later. Now, what is there to eat? Give me five loaves of bread or anything else you have.”

(1 Samuel 21:1-3, NLT)





Christ did not sin  
or ever tell a lie.

(1 Peter 2:22, CEV)



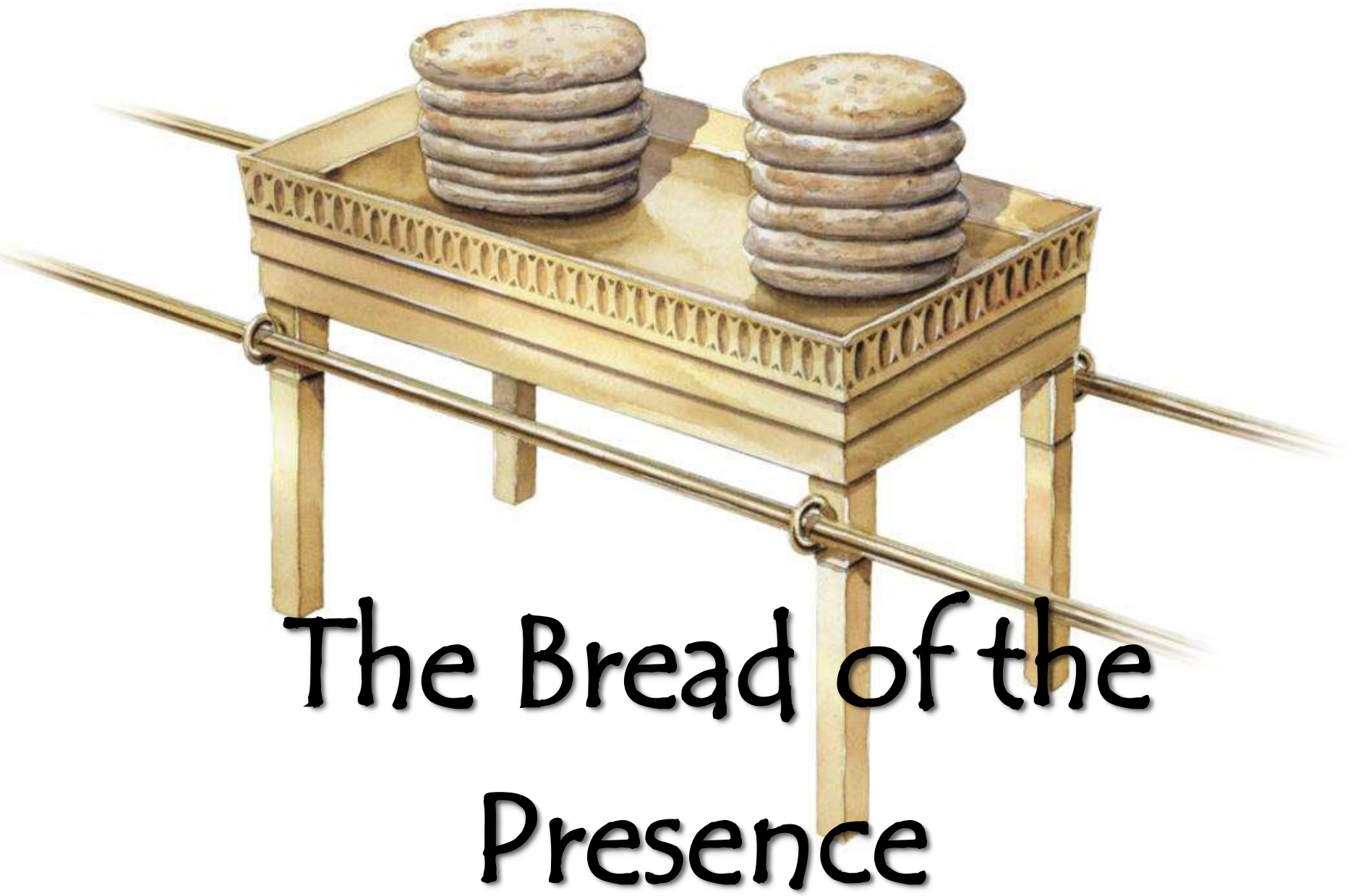


# II. Ahimelech the Compassionate



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# The Bread of the Presence

“There is no common bread on hand; but there is holy bread, if the young men have at least kept themselves from women.”

(1 Samuel 21:4)





“Of course we didn’t sleep with women,” David answered. “I never let my men do that when we’re on a mission. They have to be acceptable to worship God even when we’re on a regular mission, and today we’re on a special mission.”

(1 Samuel 21:5, CEV)



"the bread is in effect  
common,"

(1 Samuel 21:5, KJV)



Since there was no other  
food available, the priest  
gave him the holy bread

(1 Samuel 21:6, NLT)



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"David asked Ahimelech, "Do you have a spear or sword? The king's business was so urgent that I didn't even have time to grab a weapon!"

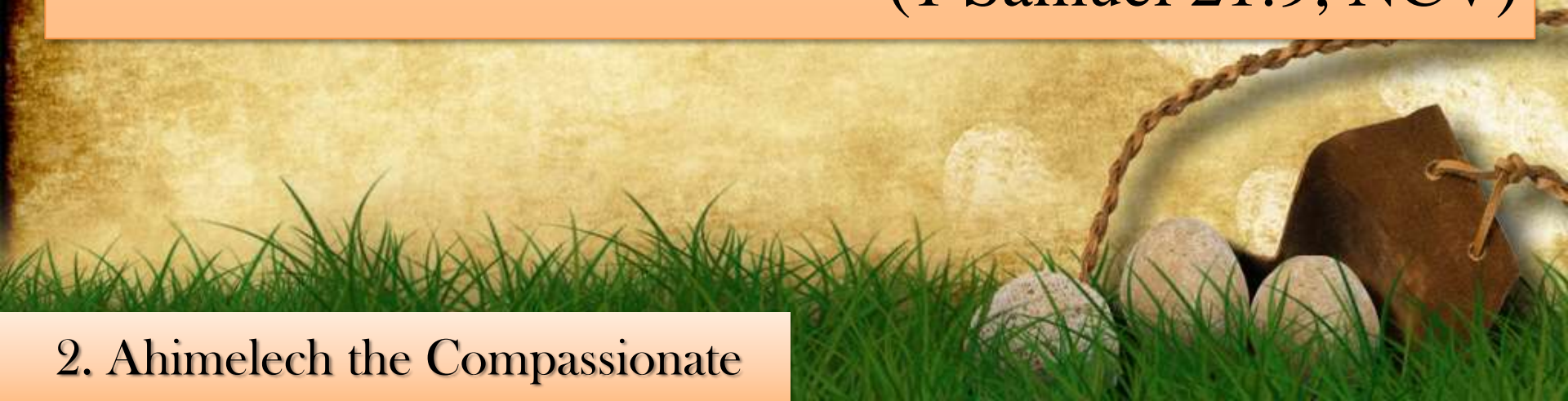
(1 Samuel 21:8, NLT)





“The sword of Goliath the Philistine,  
the one you killed in the Valley of  
Elah, is here. It is wrapped in a cloth  
behind the holy vest. If you want it,  
you may take it.”

(1 Samuel 21:9, NCV)



“It’s the best sword  
there is,” David said.

“I’ll take it!”

(1 Samuel 21:9, NCV)





THIS IS  
JESUS'  
CHURCH





# Matthew 4:4



**Man shall not  
live on bread  
alone, but on  
ever word that  
comes from the  
mouth of God.**





NEW  
TESTAMENT

“...take the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.”

(Ephesians 6:17, NLT)

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:38-39)





And we know that all things work  
together for good to those who love  
God, to those who are the called  
according to His purpose.

(Romans 8:28)





# III. Doeg the Selfish



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Now Doeg the Edomite, Saul's  
chief herdsman, was there that  
day, having been detained before  
the Lord.

(1 Samuel 21:7, NLT)



“When I was at Nob,” he said, “I saw the son of Jesse talking to the priest, Ahimelech son of Ahitub. Ahimelech consulted the LORD for him. Then he gave him food and the sword of Goliath the Philistine.”

(1 Samuel 22:9-10)



On that same day, Doeg  
killed eighty-five priests.

(1 Samuel 22:18)

# 3 Messages for 3 Characters in the Church of the Desperate

3 Messages...





To Doeg, God says,  
*“Your Day is Coming”*

3 Messages...



*A psalm of David, regarding the time Doeg the Edomite said to Saul, “David has gone to see Ahimelech.”*

You love to say cruel things, and your words are a trap. God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living.

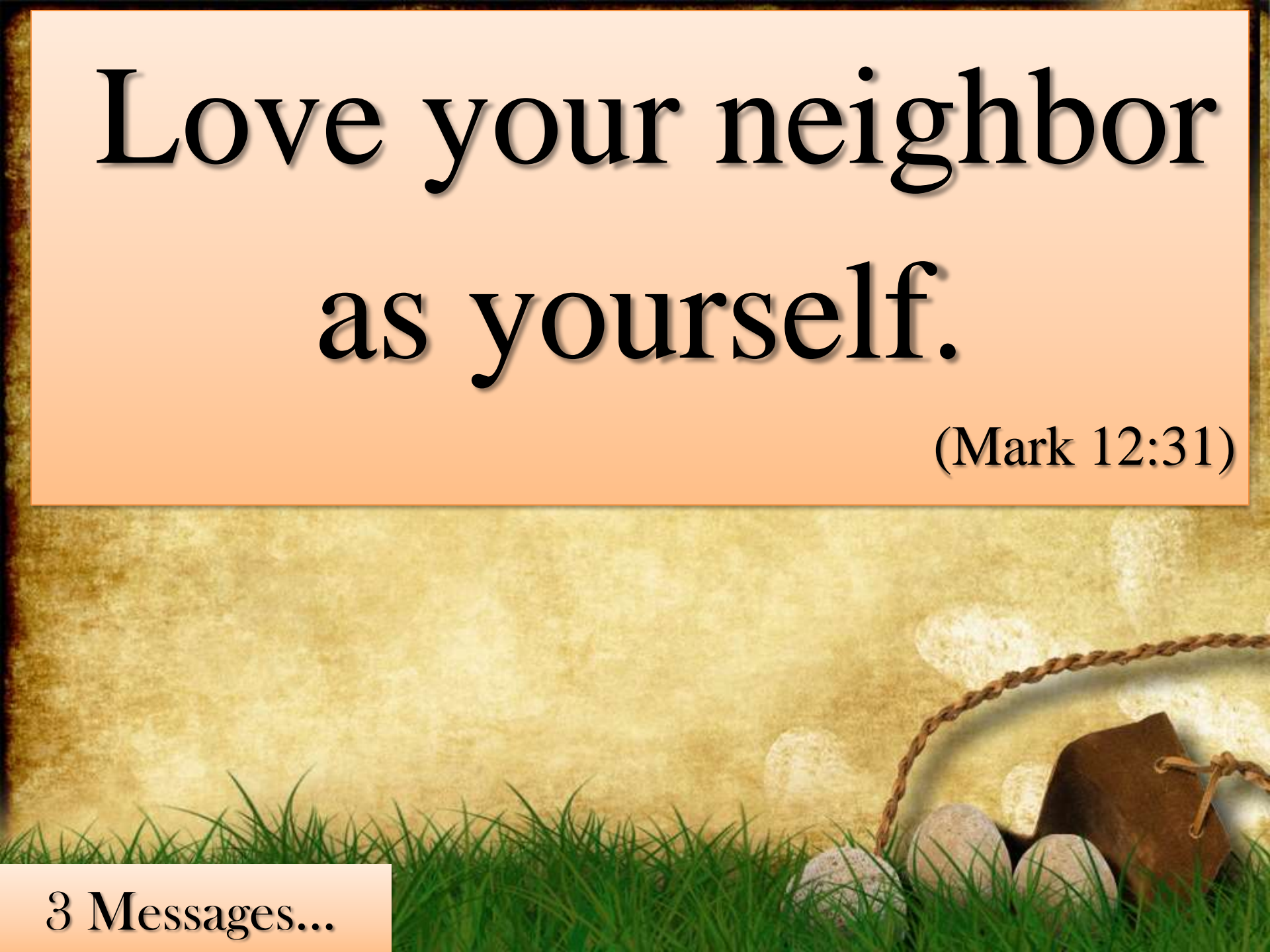
(Psalm 52: 4-5, CEV, NKJV)



# Love your neighbor as yourself.

(Mark 12:31)

3 Messages...



To Ahimelech, God says,  
*“Keep Up the  
Good Work!”*

3 Messages...







At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath.” (Matthew 12:1-5)



He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. (Matthew 12:1-5)





Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? (Matthew 12:1-5)

The true measure of a healthy church is not “*How many laws were kept?*” but rather “*How many desperate Davids were fed & equipped?*”

3 Messages...





To Desperate Davids,  
God says,  
*“You Don’t Have to  
Lie Anymore!”*

3 Messages...



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