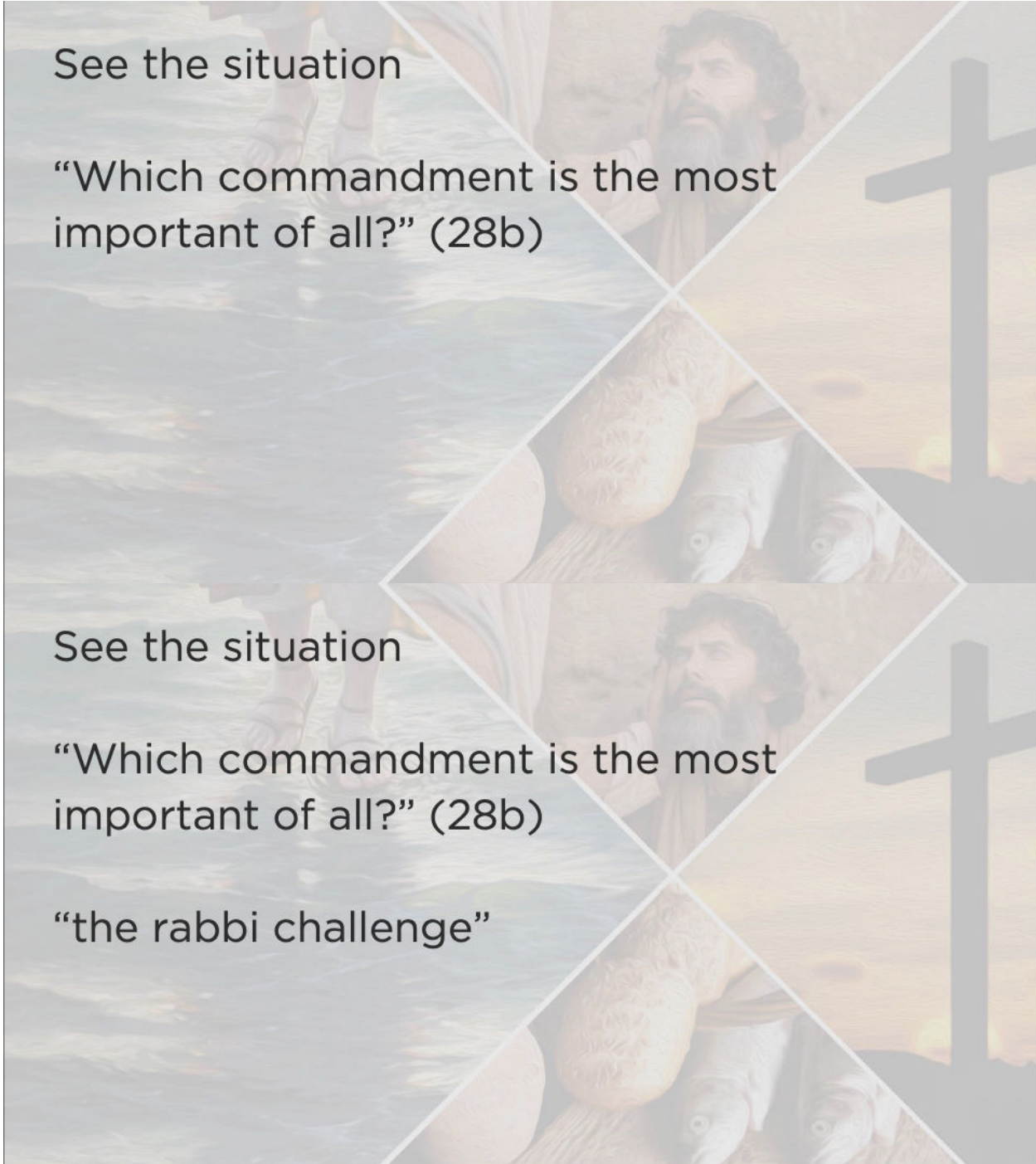




# SHOCK & AWE

See the situation





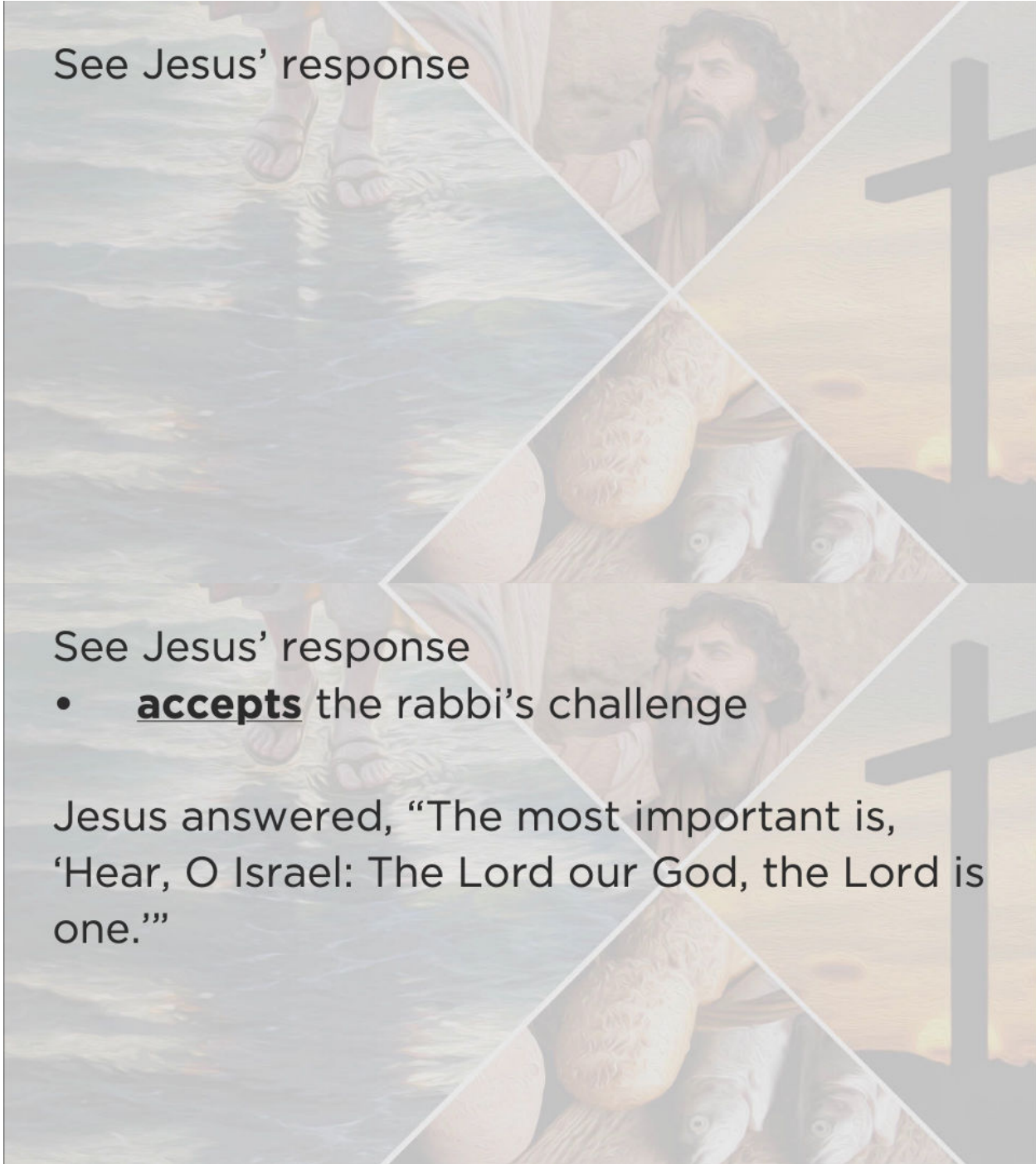
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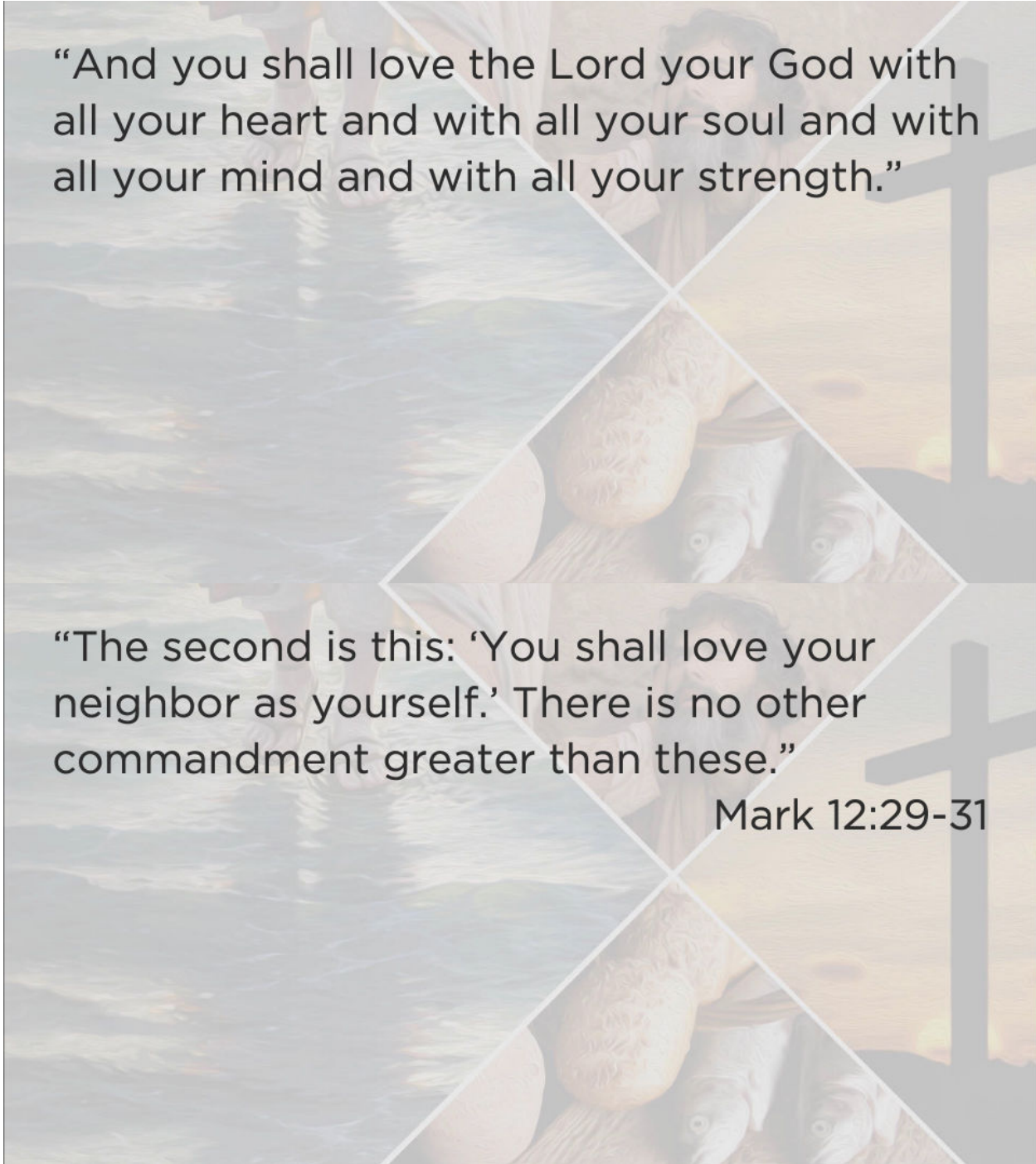
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- **accepts** the rabbi's challenge

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'"

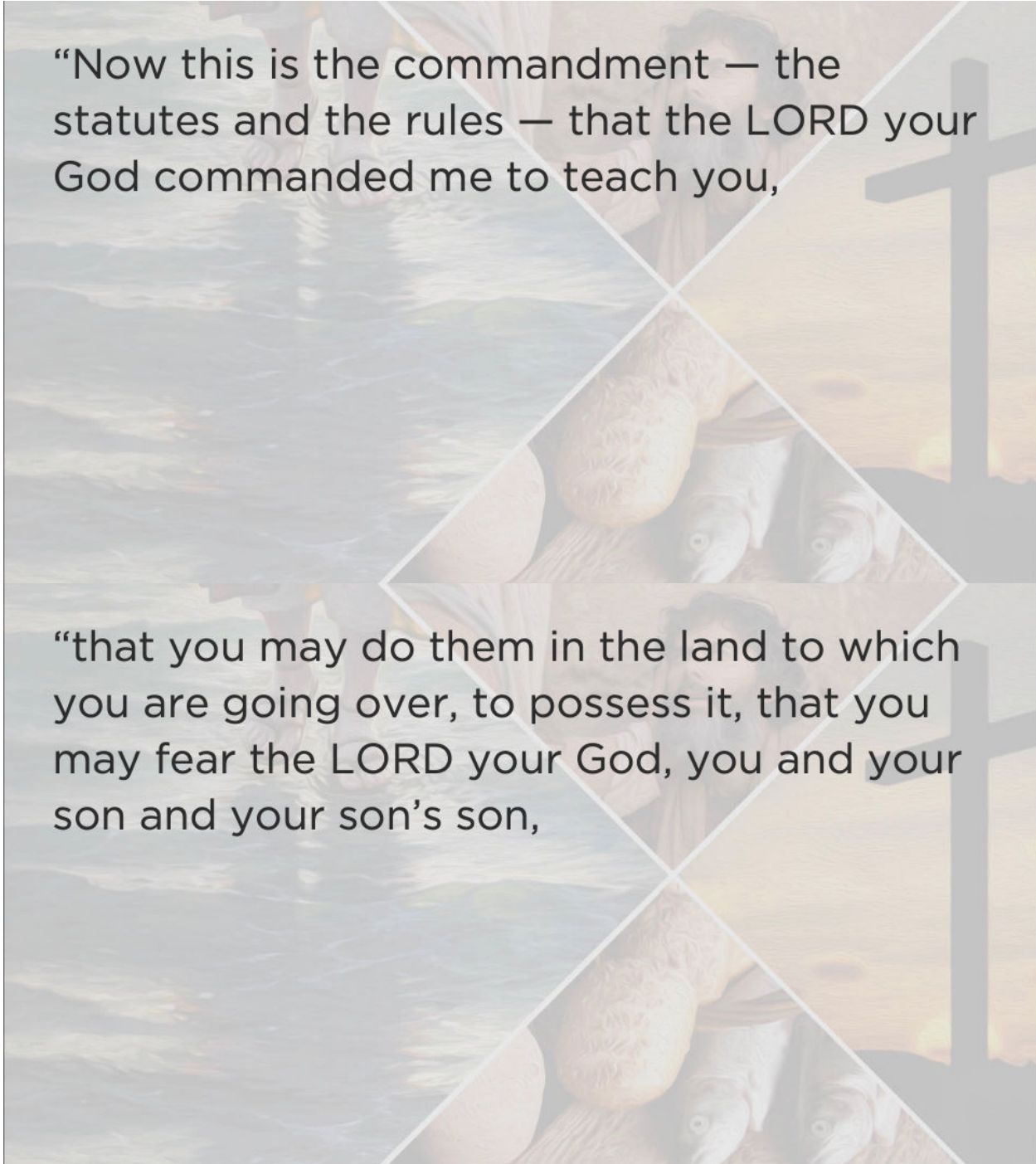




“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

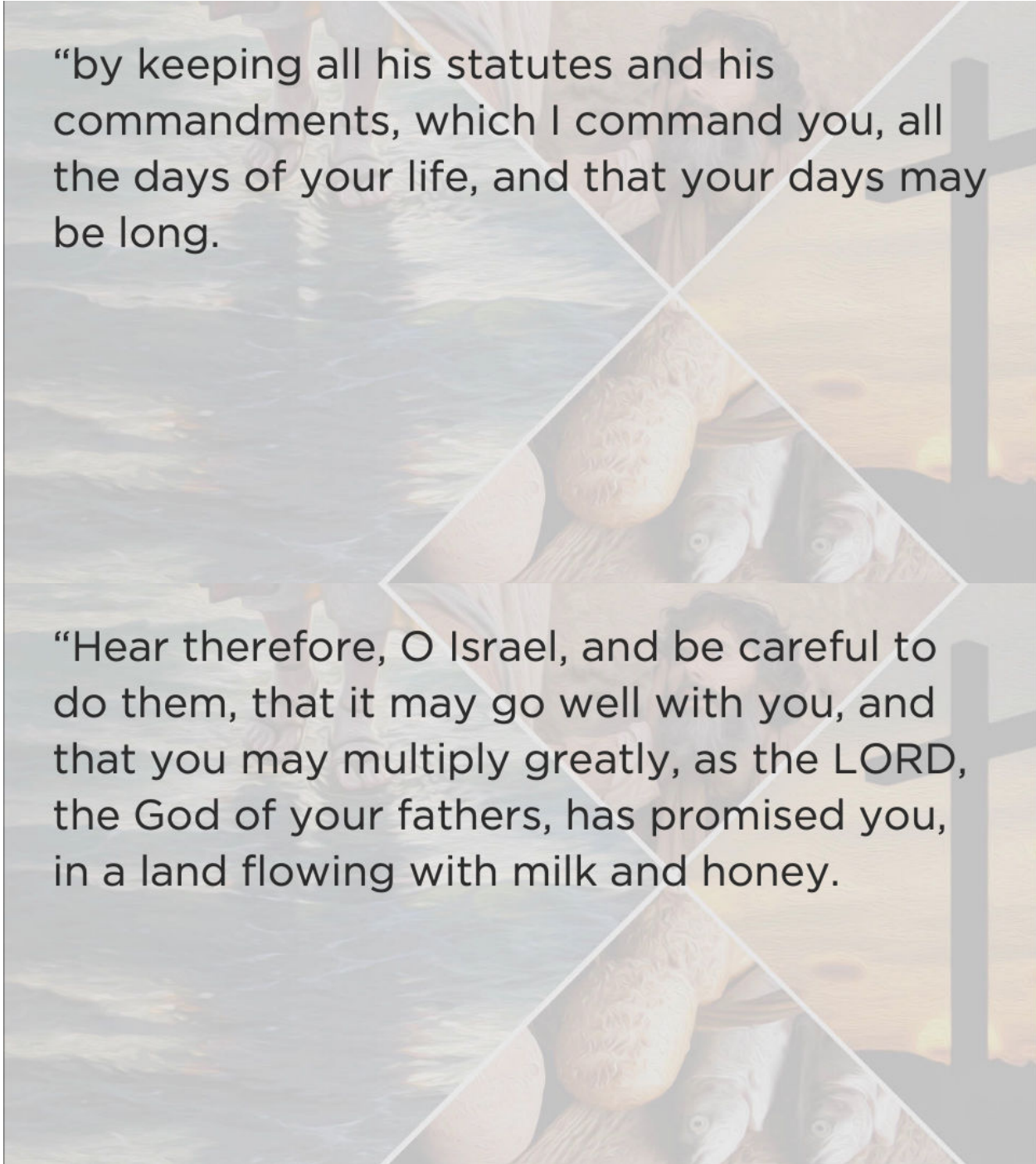
“The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31

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“Now this is the commandment — the statutes and the rules — that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you,

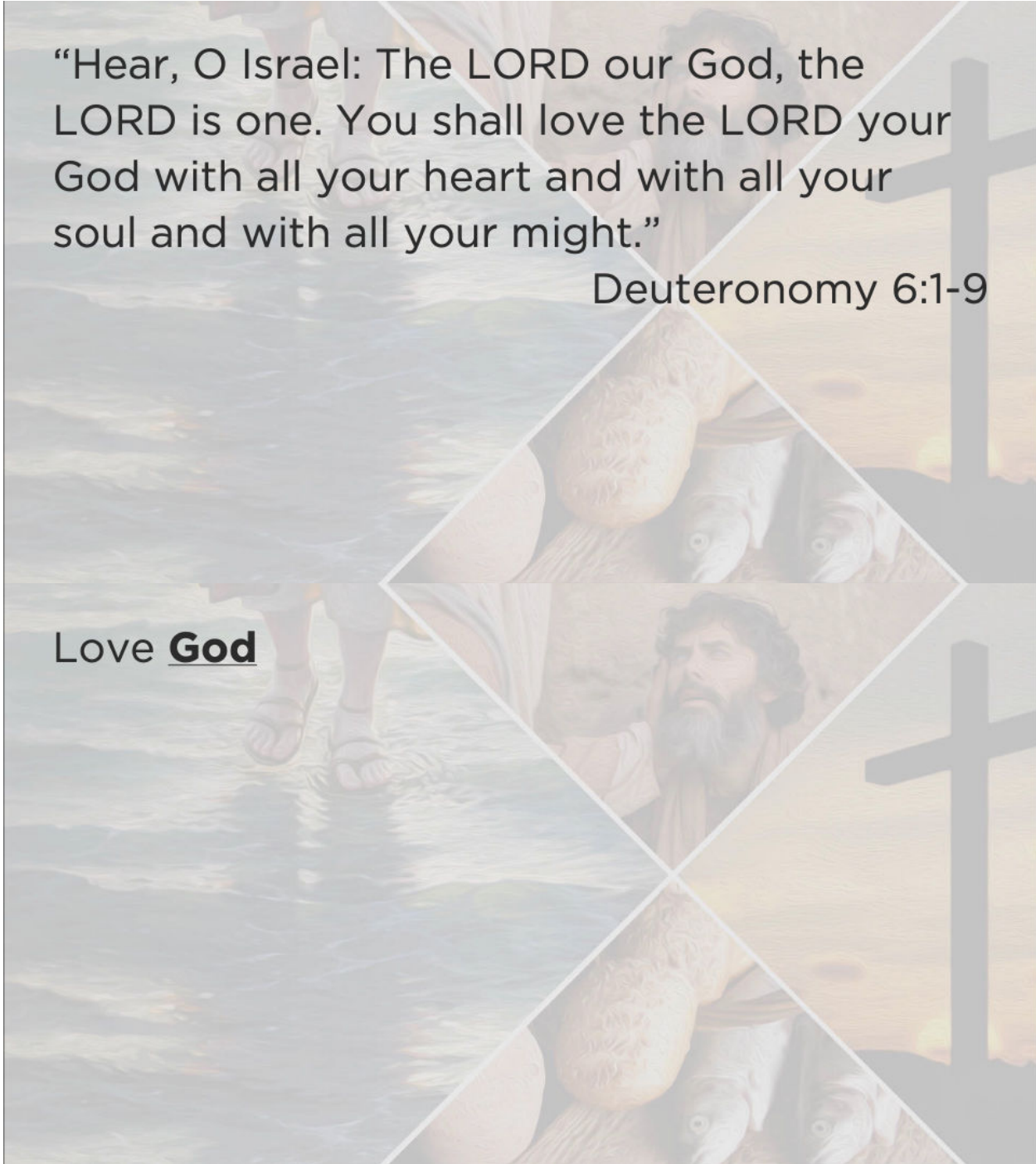
“that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son,



“by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

“Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.





“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Love **God**

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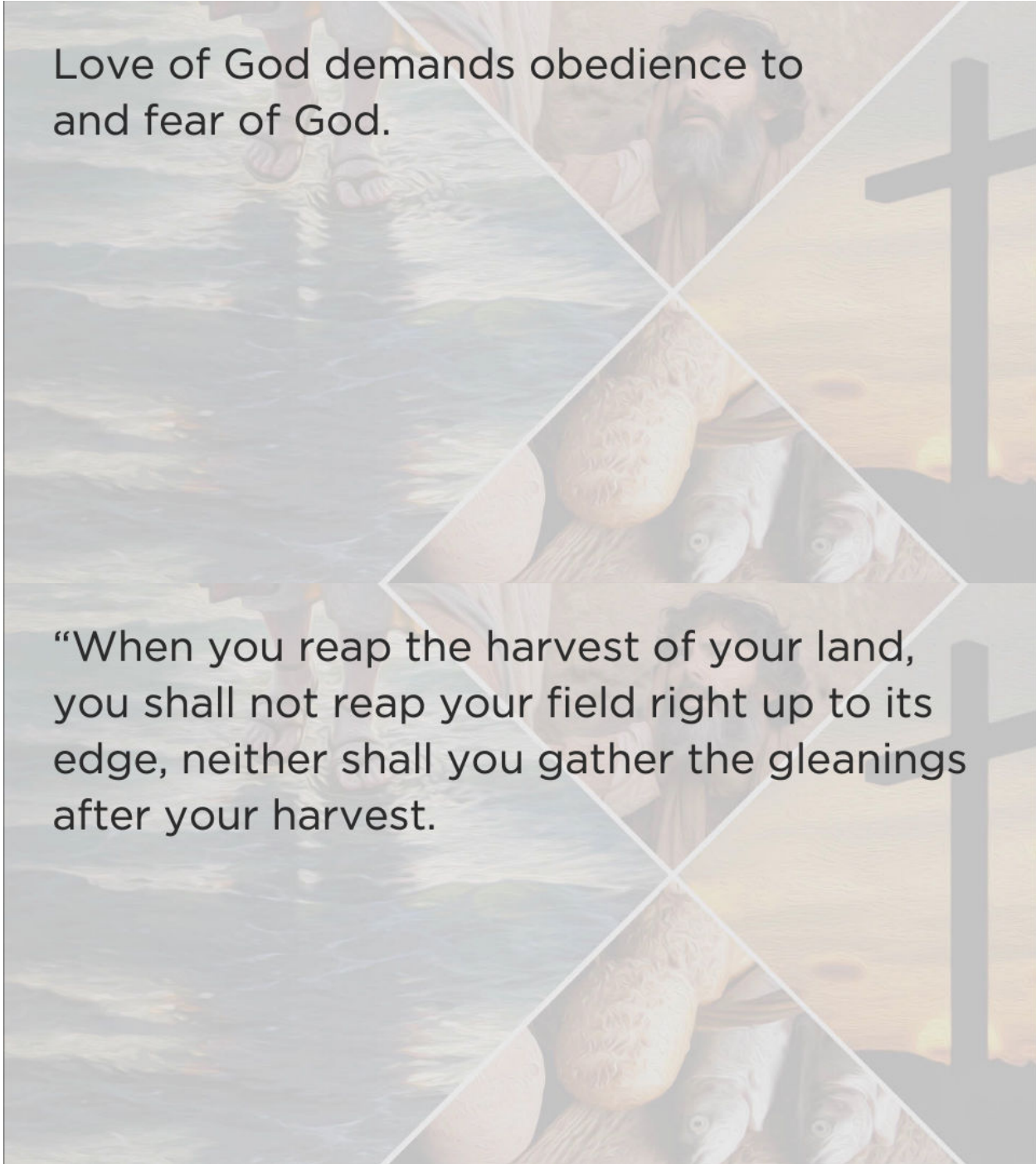
Love **God**

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

“You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

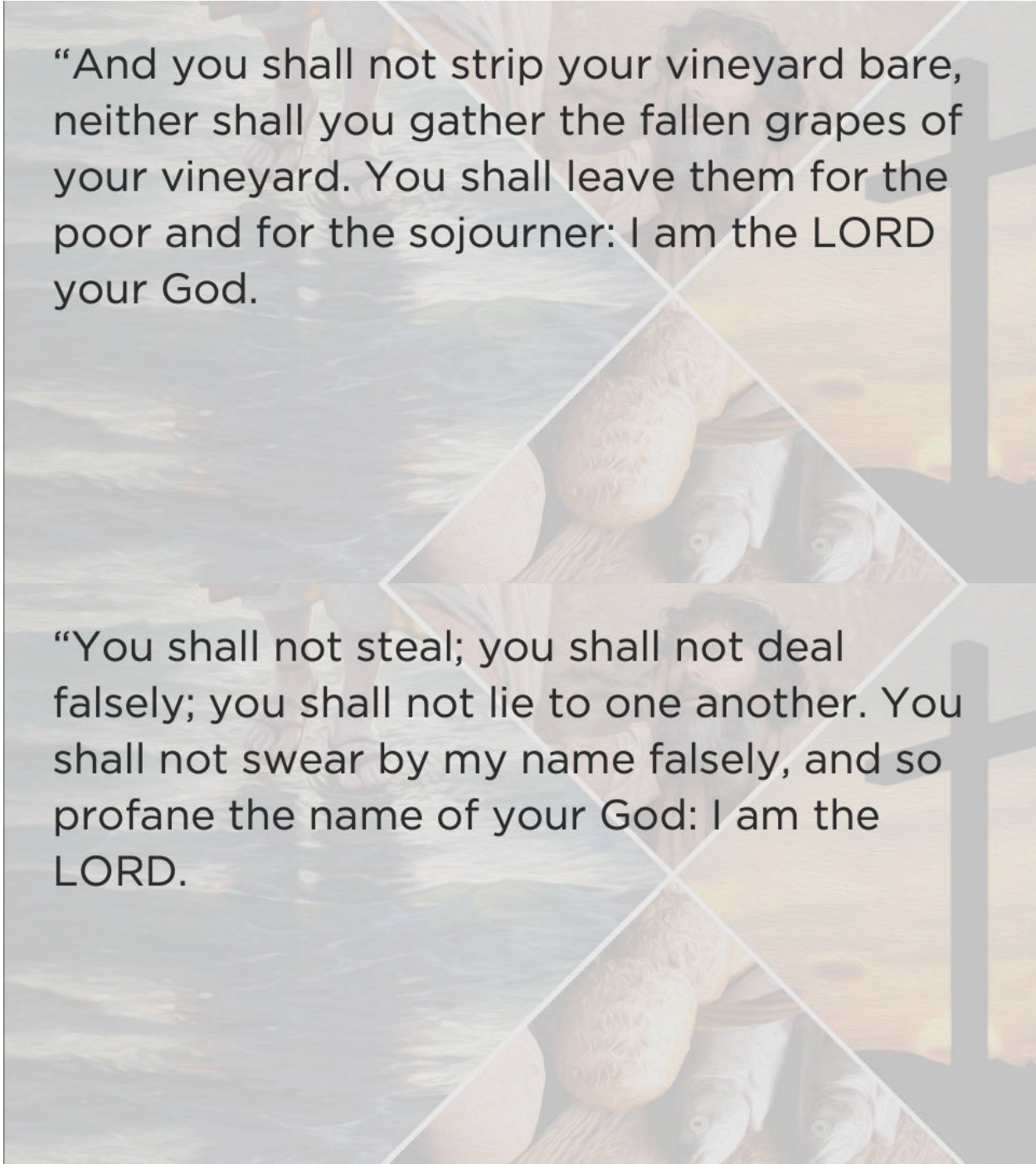
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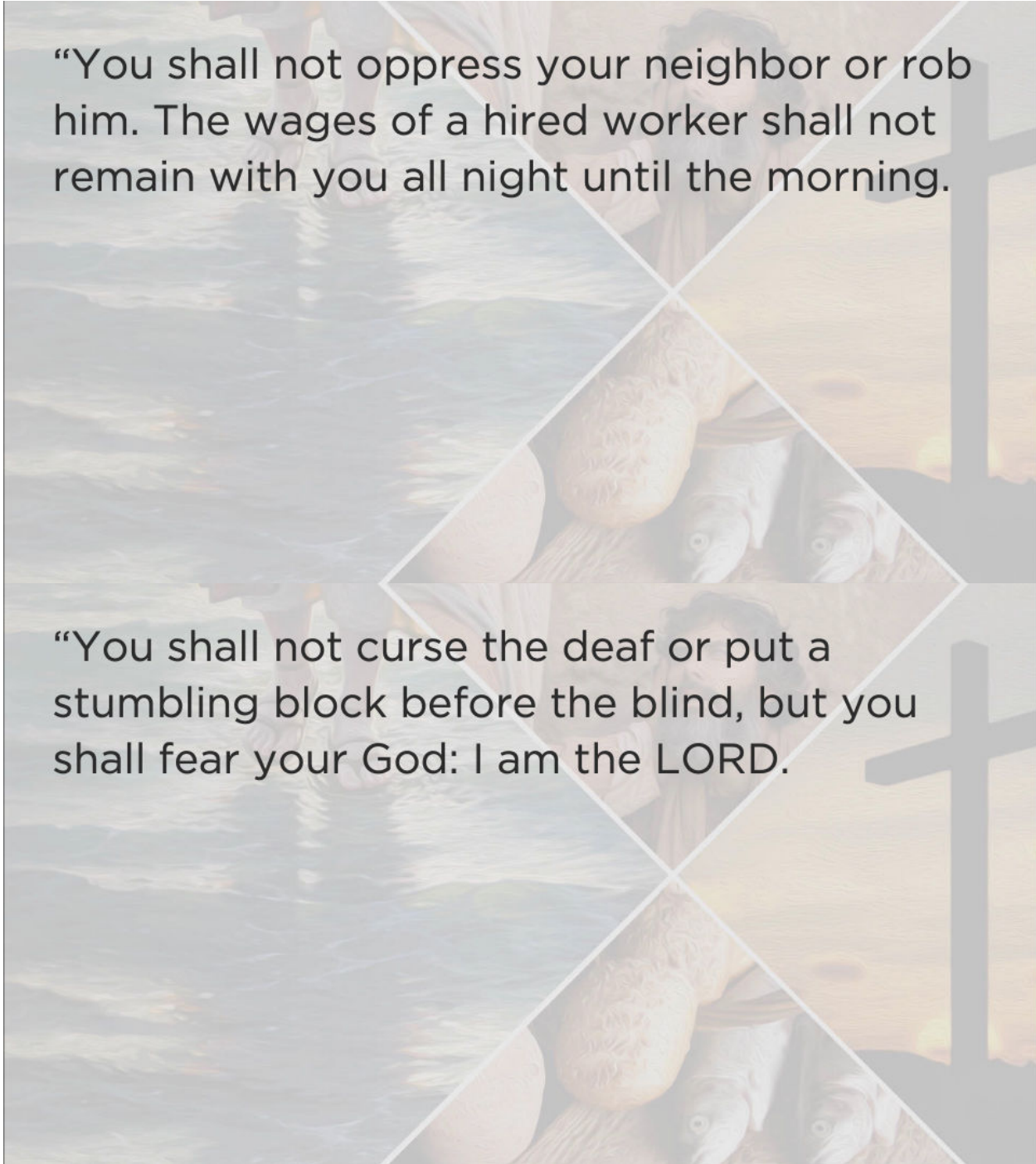
Love of God demands obedience to  
and fear of God.

“When you reap the harvest of your land,  
you shall not reap your field right up to its  
edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings  
after your harvest.



“And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

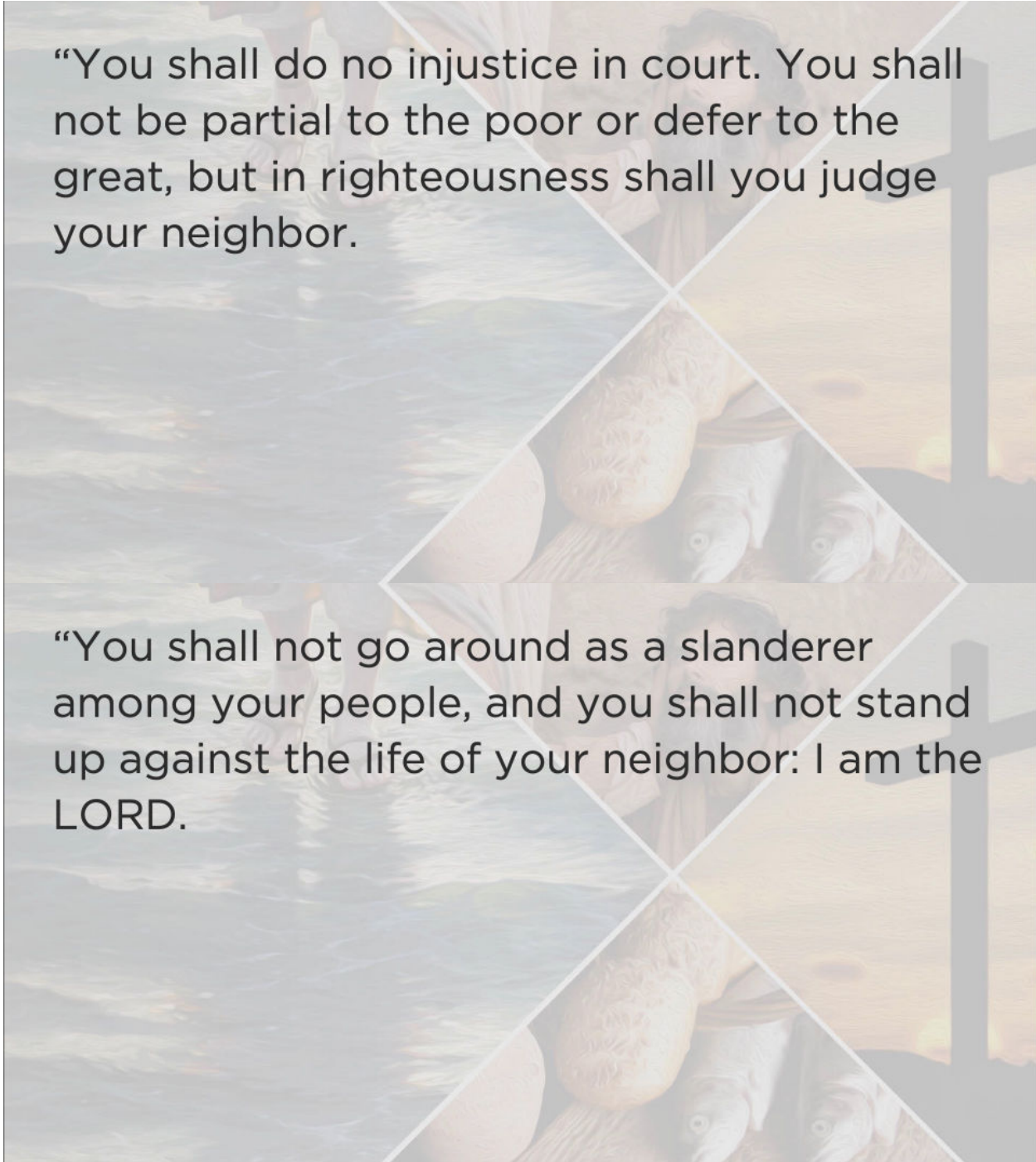
“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

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“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

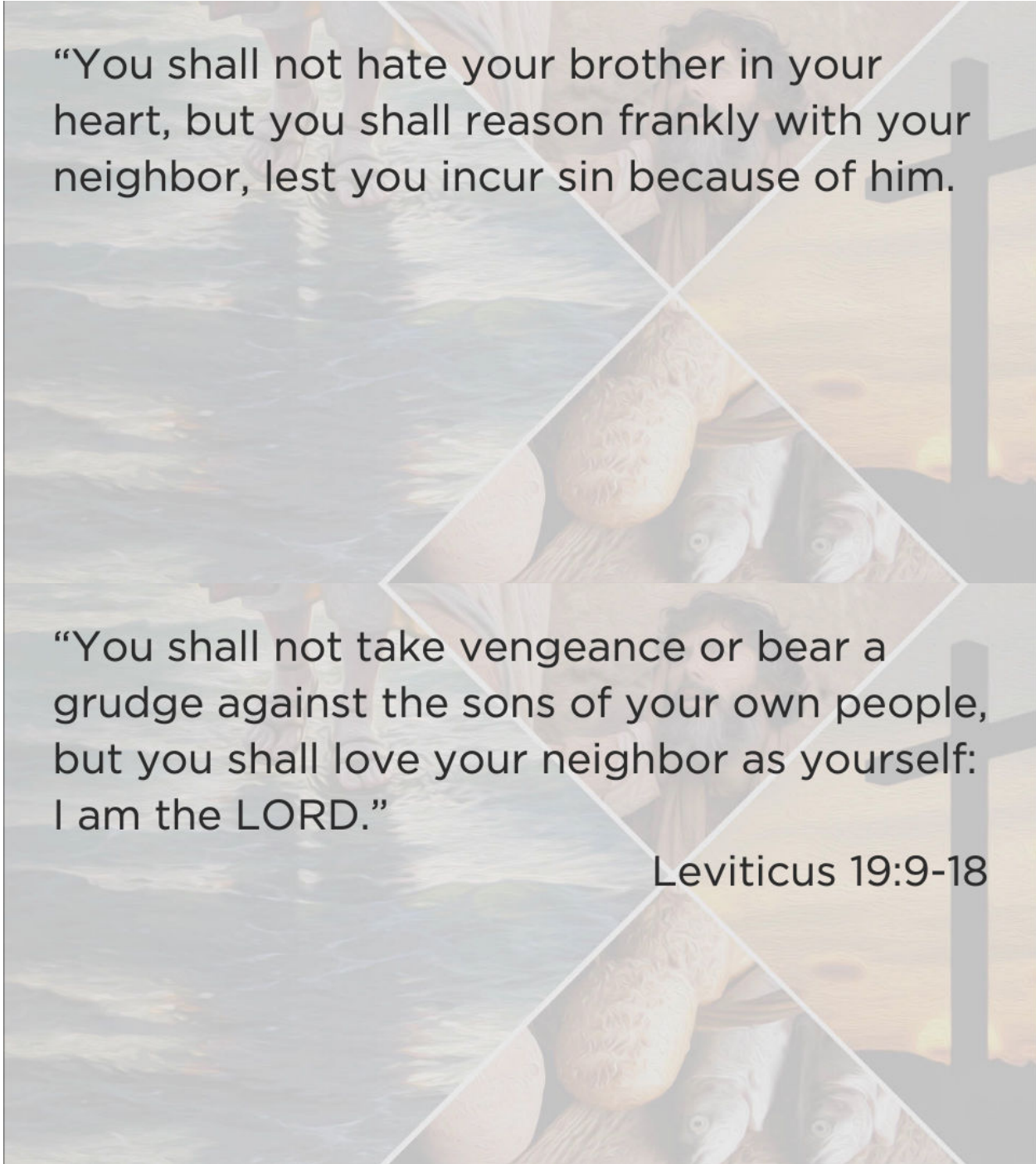
“You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.





“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.


“You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.



“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

“You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

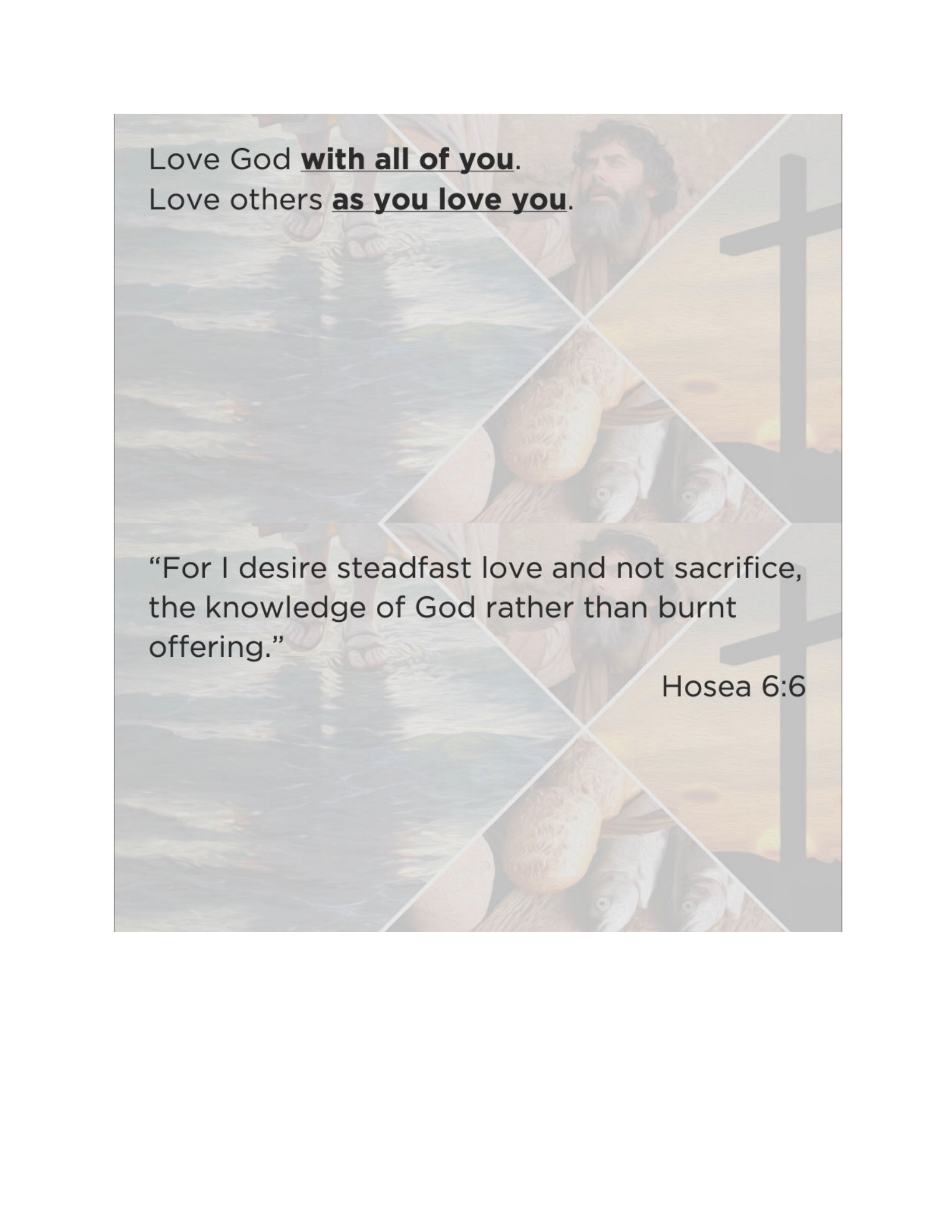
Leviticus 19:9-18



Love God  
Love **neighbor**

Love God **with all of you.**

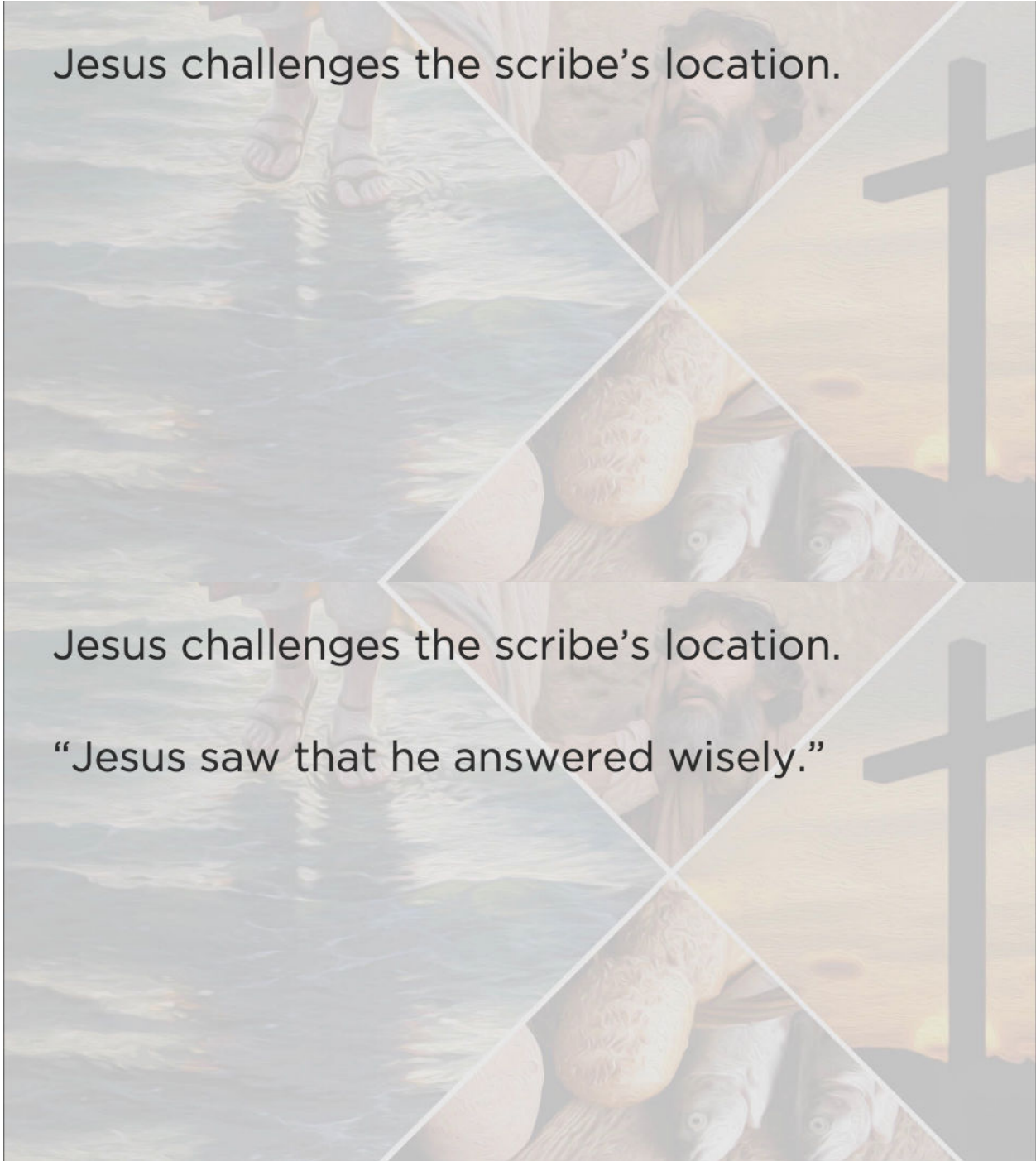




Love God **with all of you.**  
Love others **as you love you.**

“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt  
offering.”

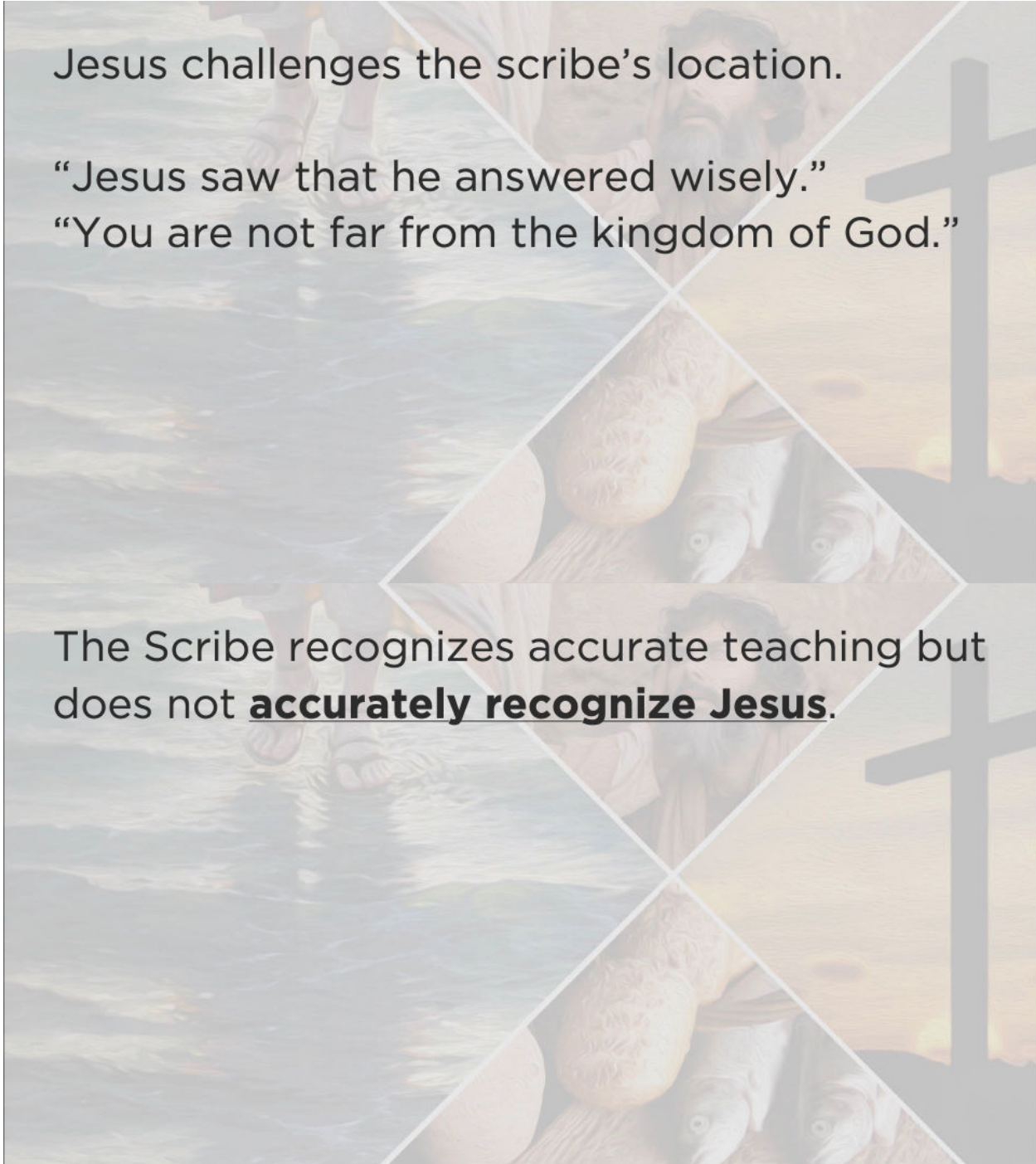
Hosea 6:6



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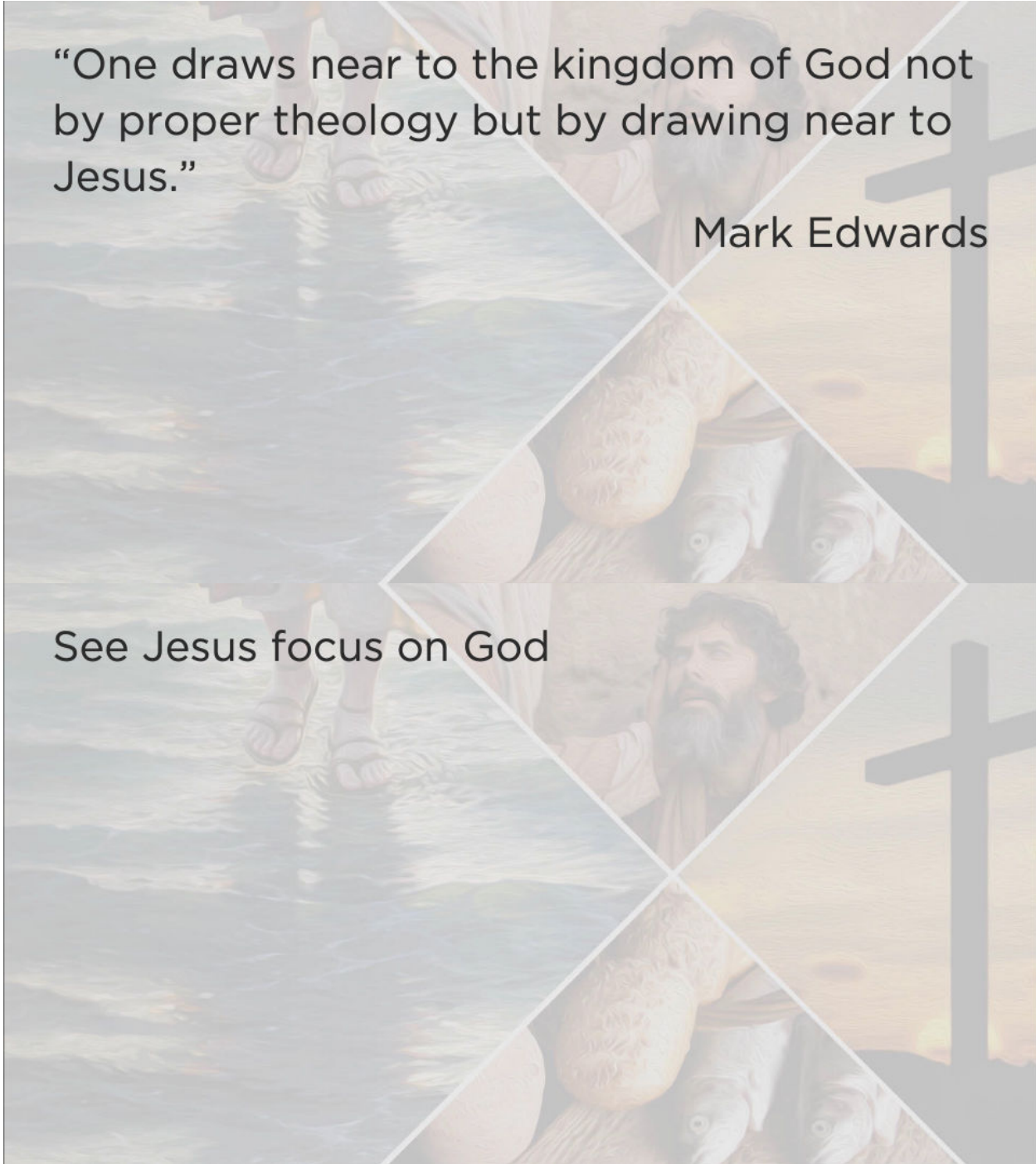
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“Jesus saw that he answered wisely.”

“You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

The Scribe recognizes accurate teaching but does not **accurately recognize Jesus.**






“One draws near to the kingdom of God not by proper theology but by drawing near to Jesus.”

Mark Edwards

See Jesus focus on God



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God's greatest commandment is **love God**  
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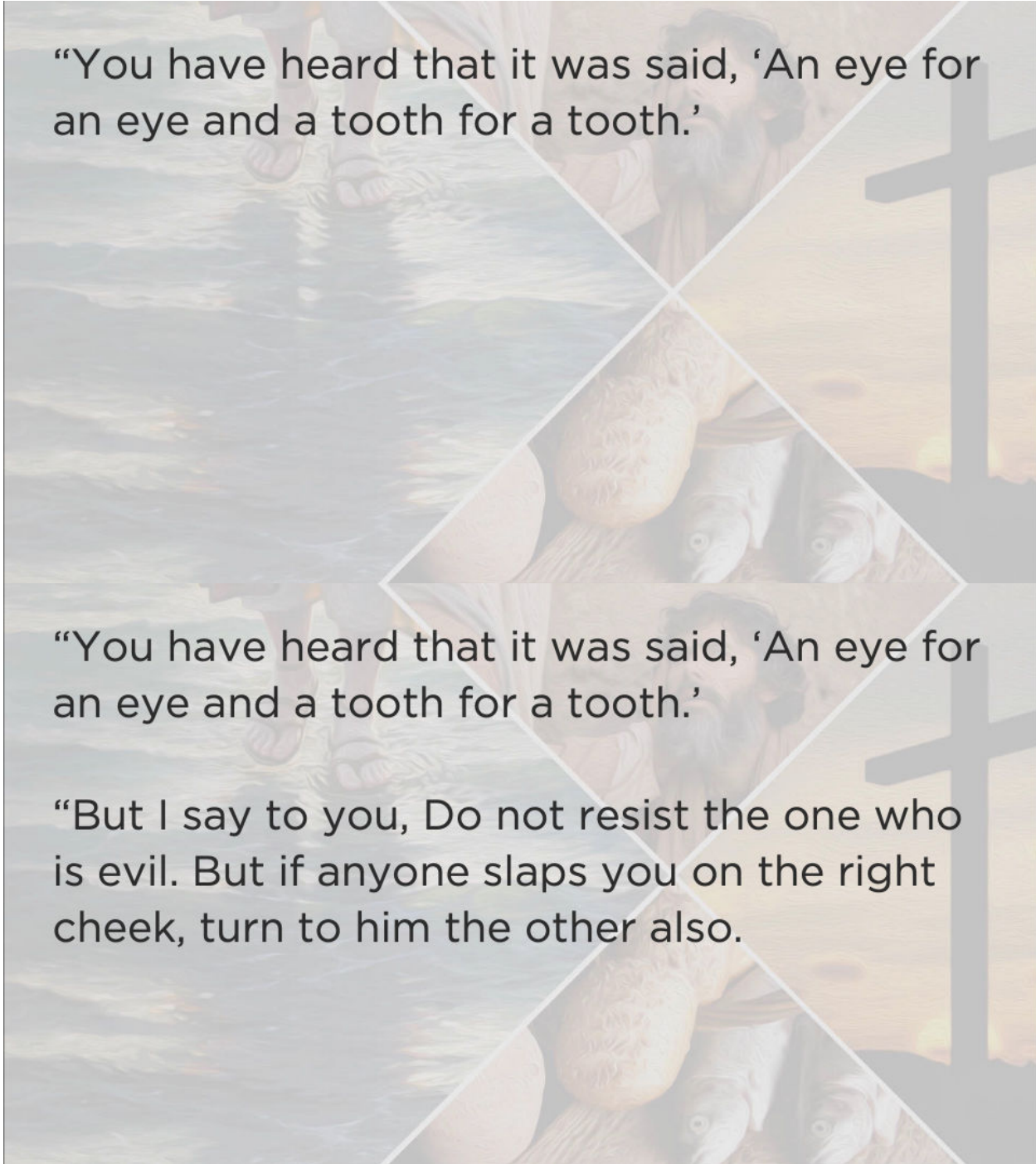


Love God with all of you.

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Love others like you love you.

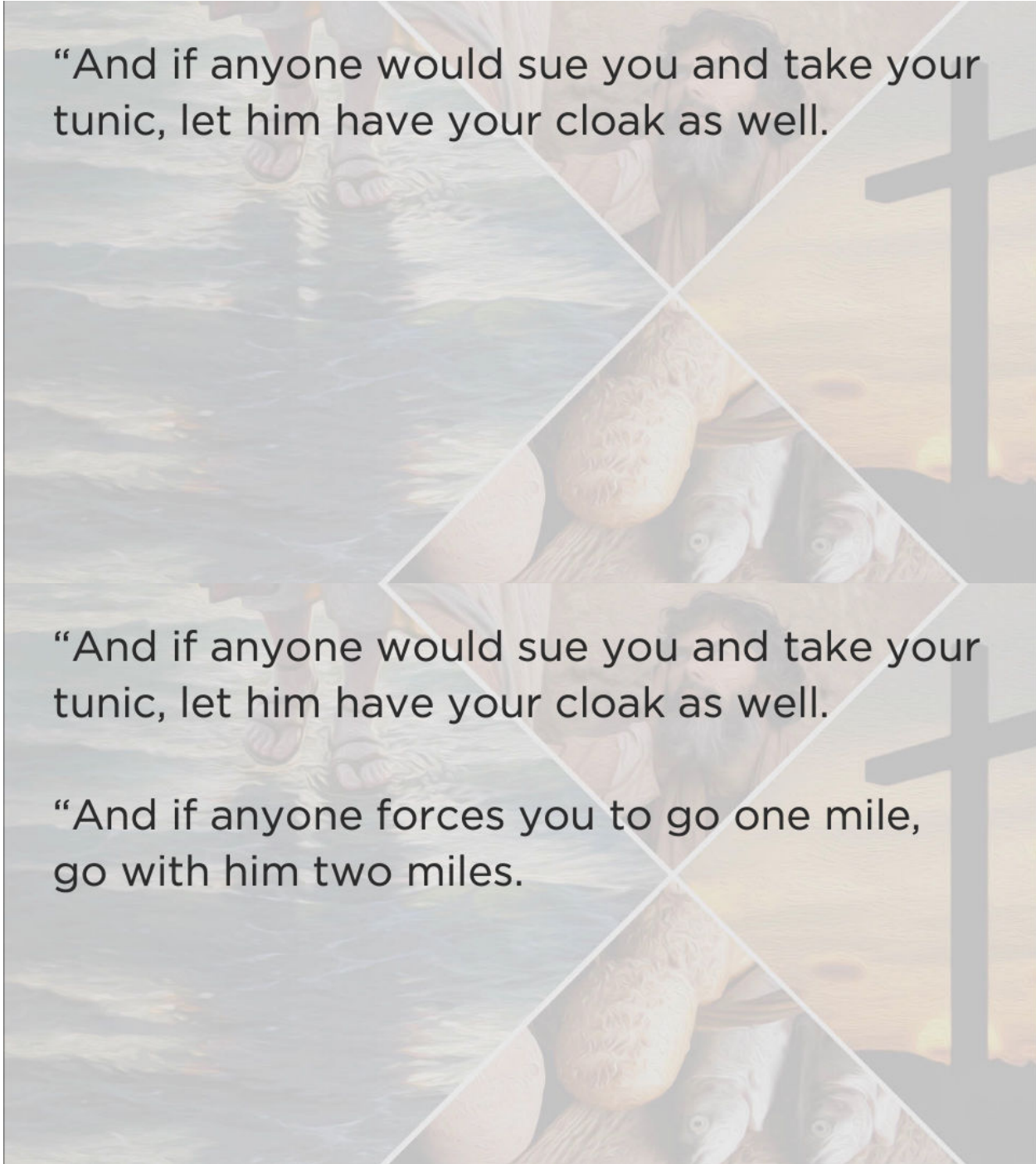




“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’

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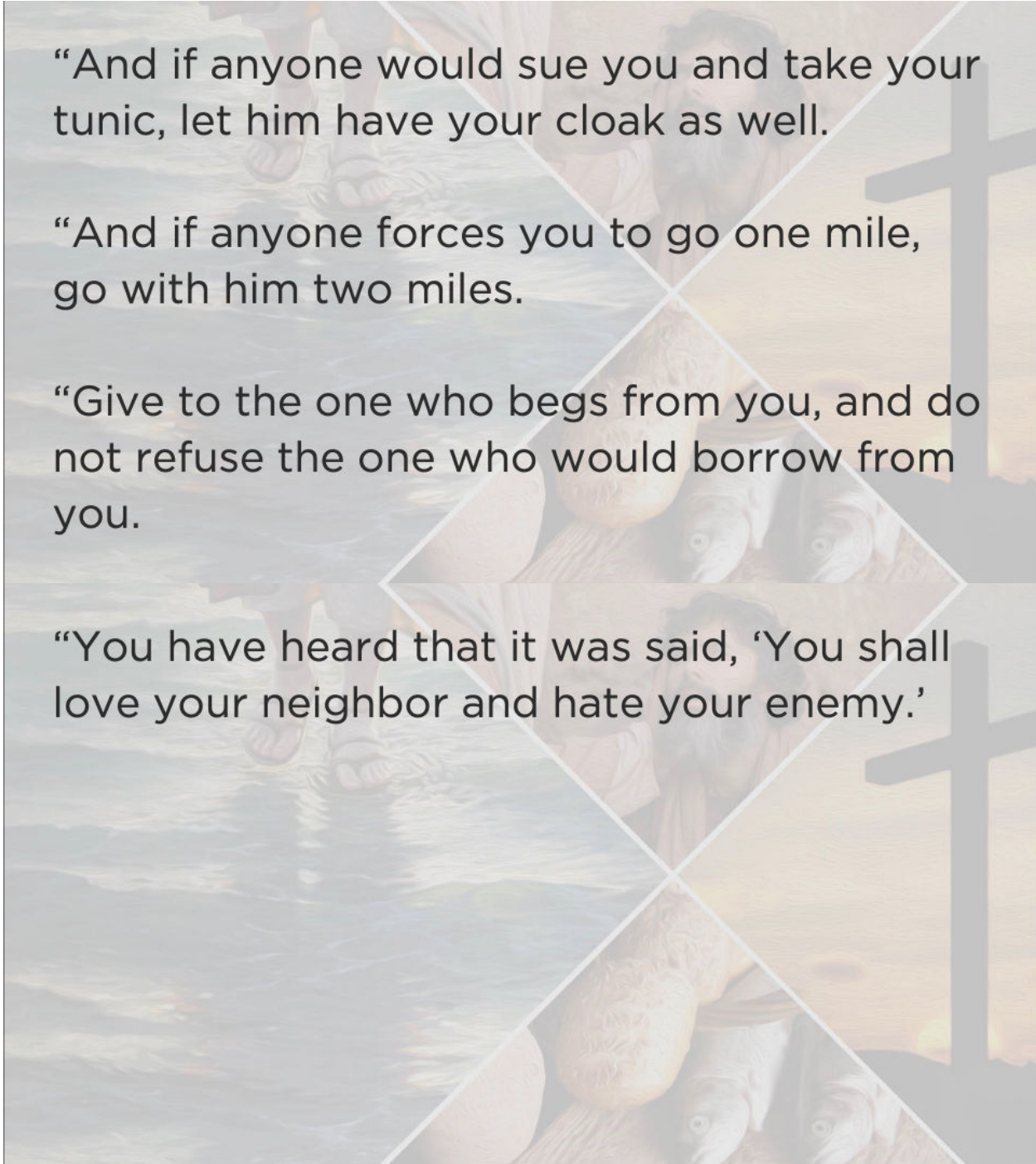
“But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.



“And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.”

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“And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”



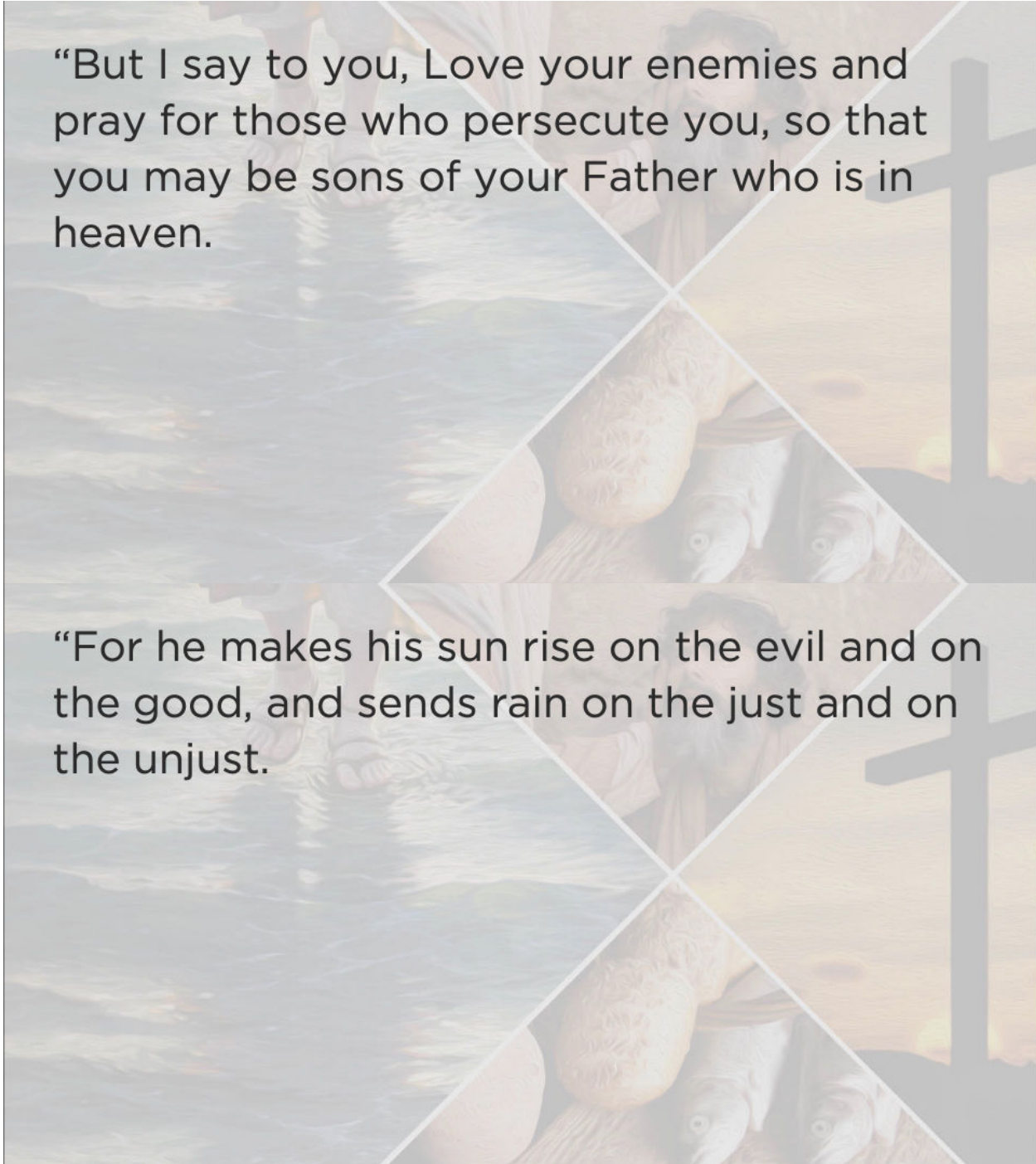
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“And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

“Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

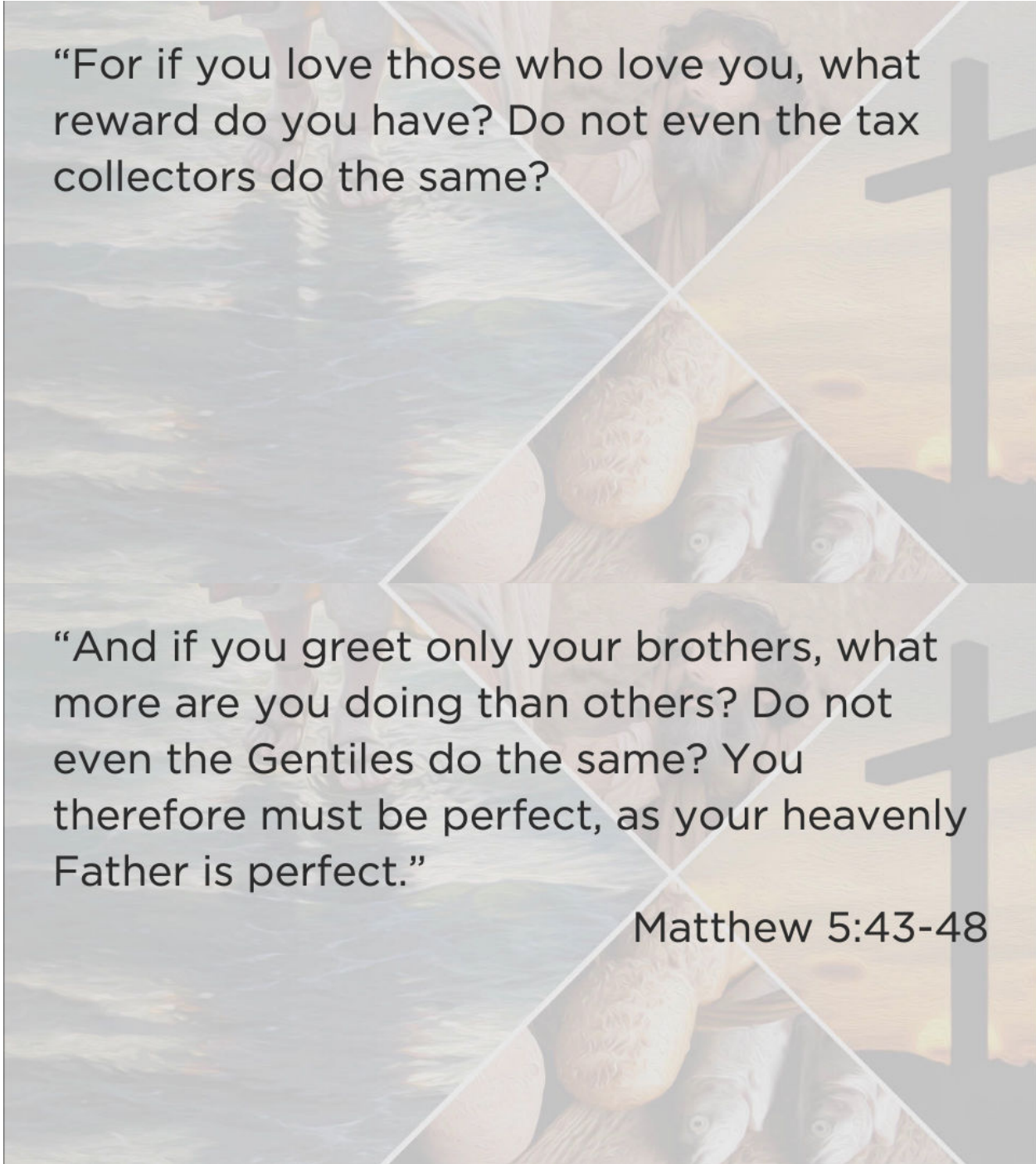
“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’





“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

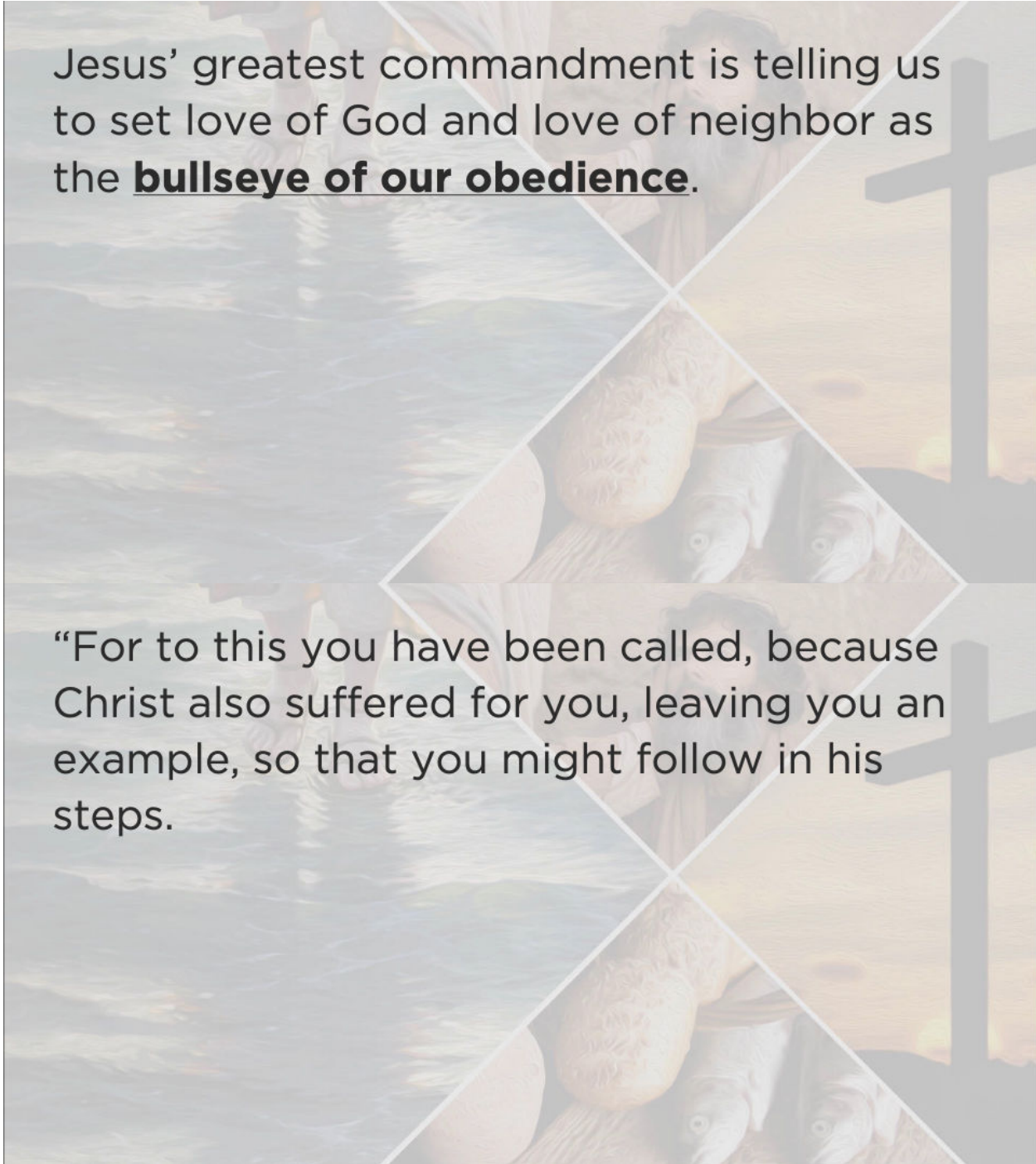
“For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.



“For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

“And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

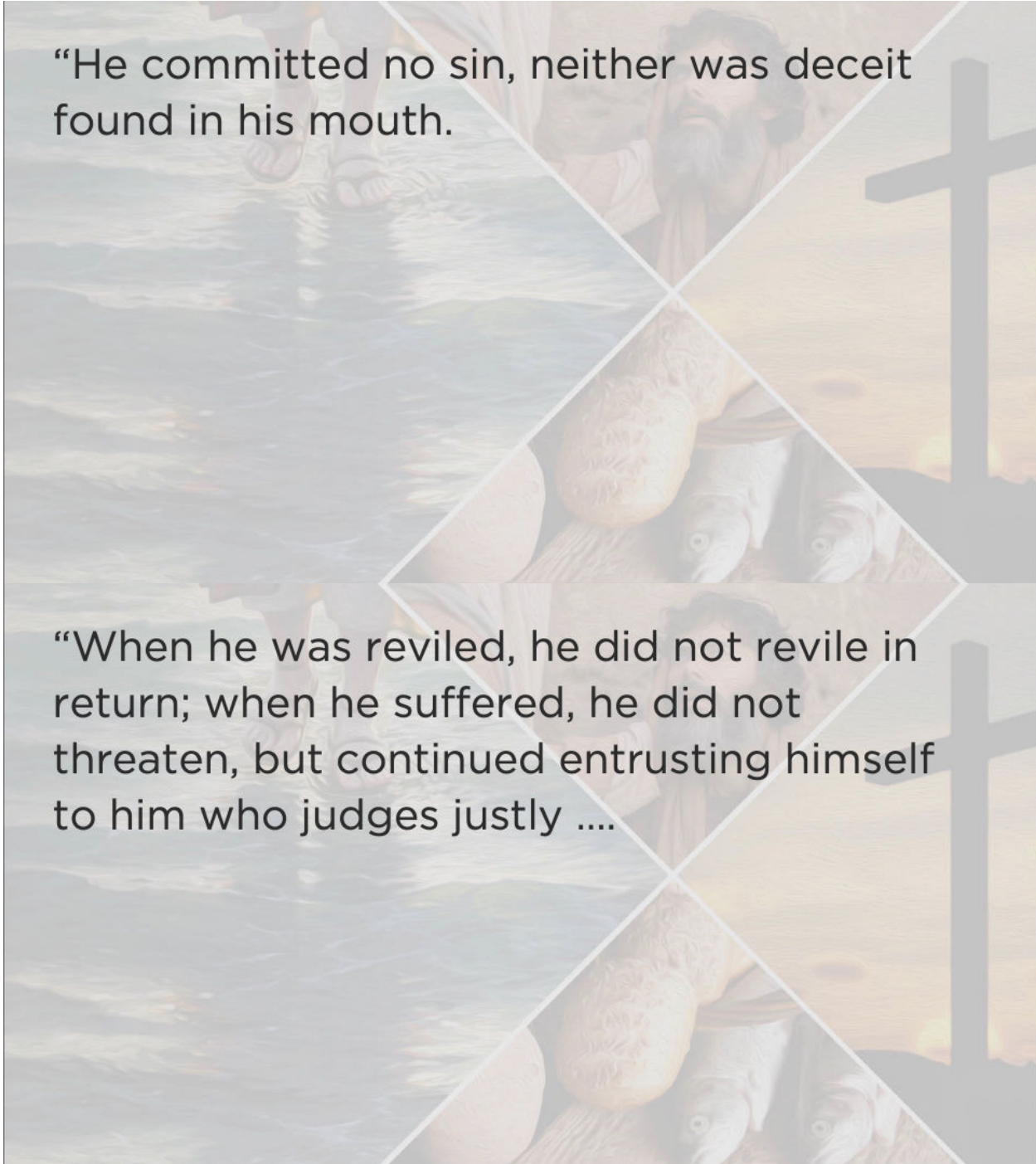
Matthew 5:43-48



Jesus' greatest commandment is telling us to set love of God and love of neighbor as the **bullseye of our obedience**.

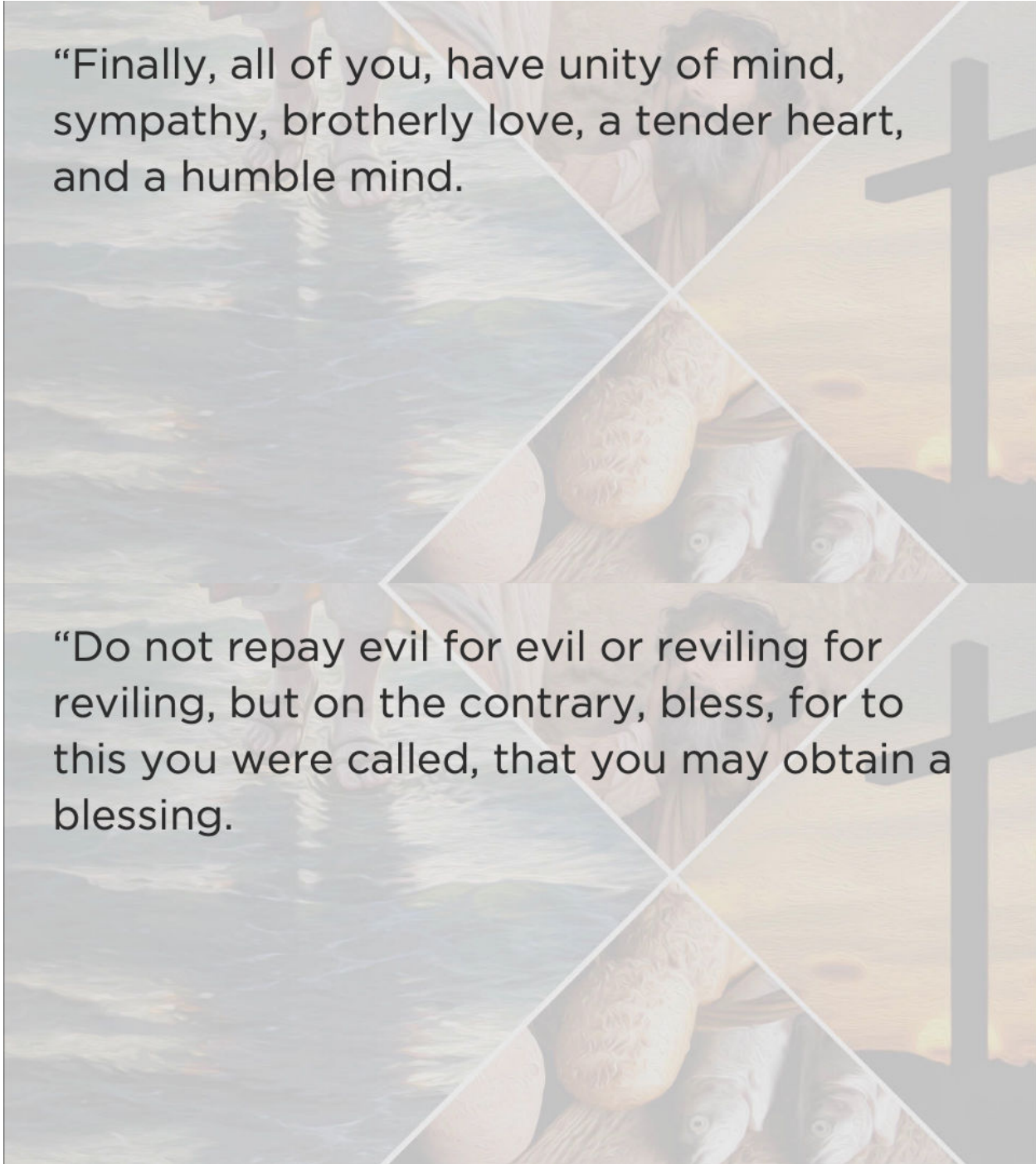
“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.





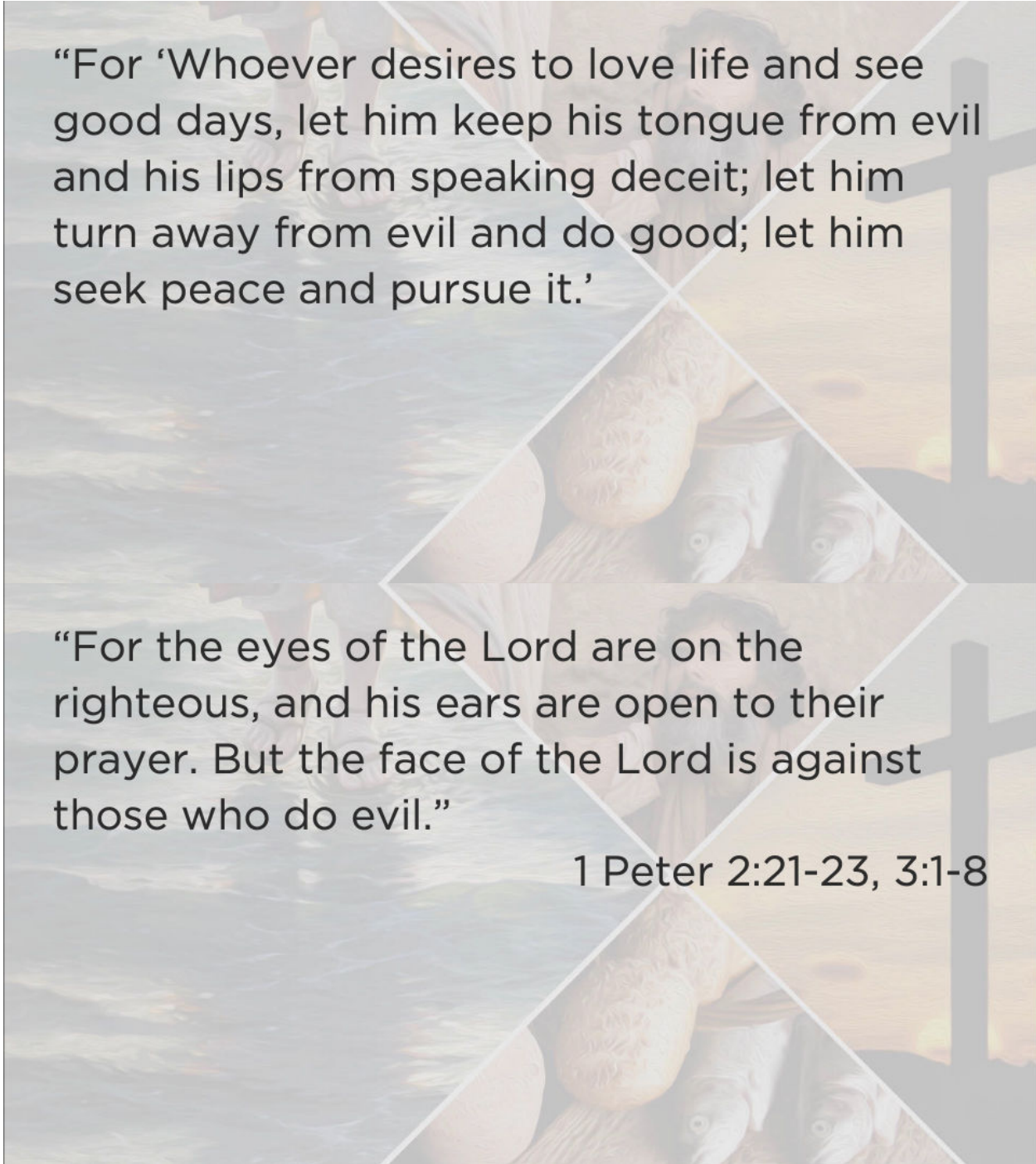
“He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

“When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly ....



“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind,  
sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart,  
and a humble mind.

“Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for  
reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to  
this you were called, that you may obtain a  
blessing.



“For ‘Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.’

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

1 Peter 2:21-23, 3:1-8