



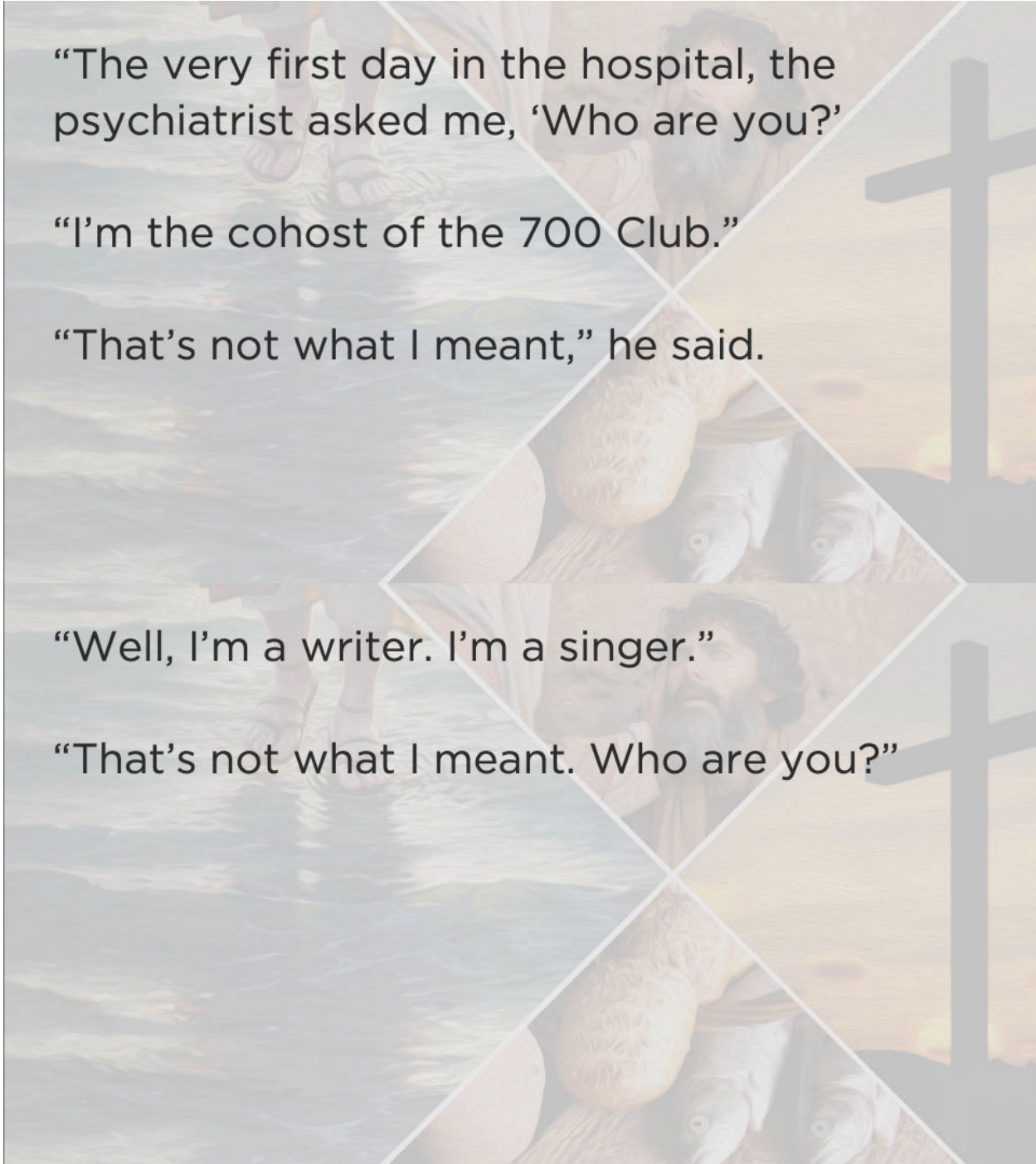
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“In 1992 my life hit the wall. One morning I was sitting on national television with my nice suit and my inflatable hairdo, and that night I was in the locked ward of a psychiatric hospital. It was the kindest thing God could have done to me.



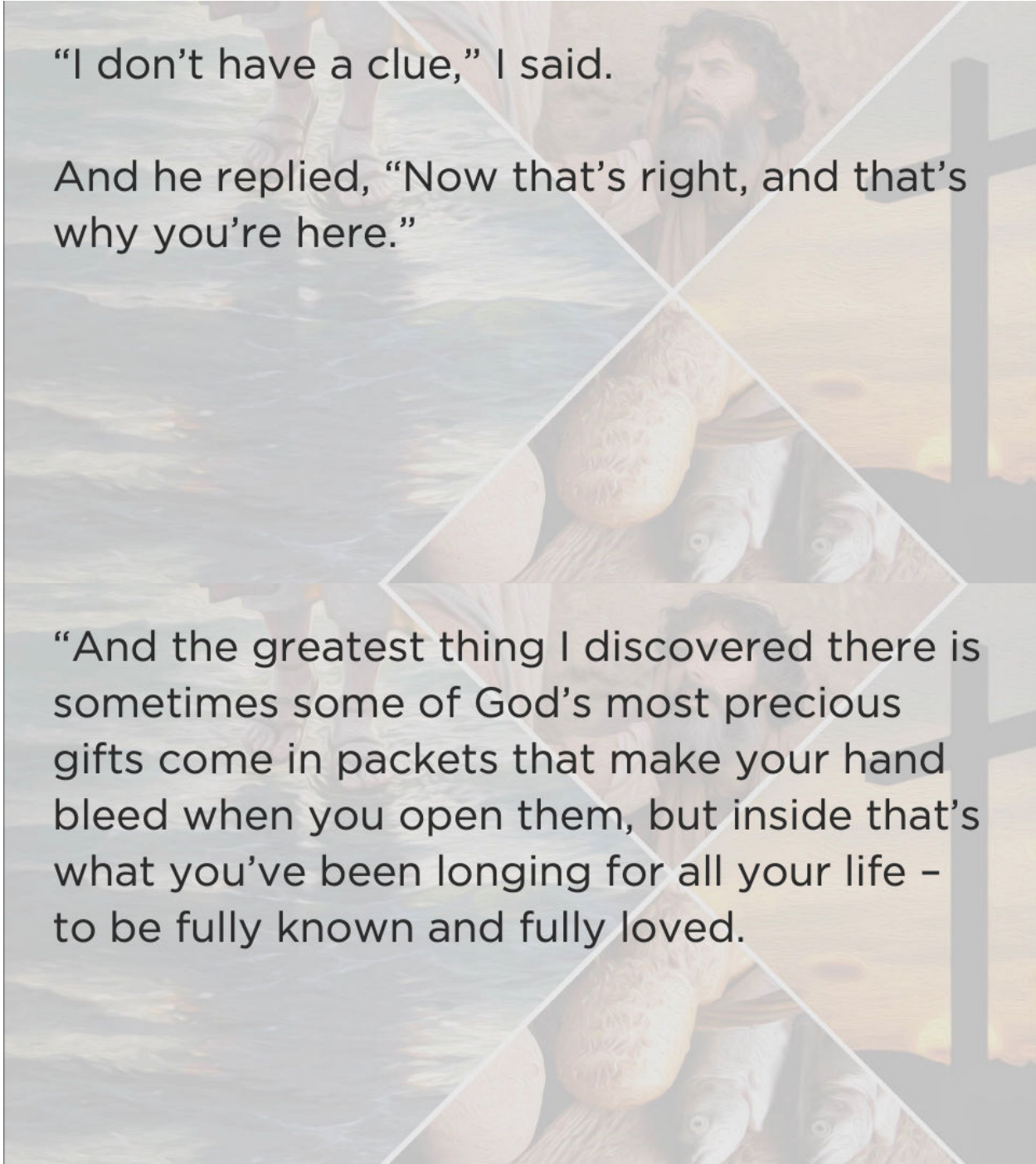
“The very first day in the hospital, the psychiatrist asked me, ‘Who are you?’

“I’m the cohost of the 700 Club.”

“That’s not what I meant,” he said.

“Well, I’m a writer. I’m a singer.”

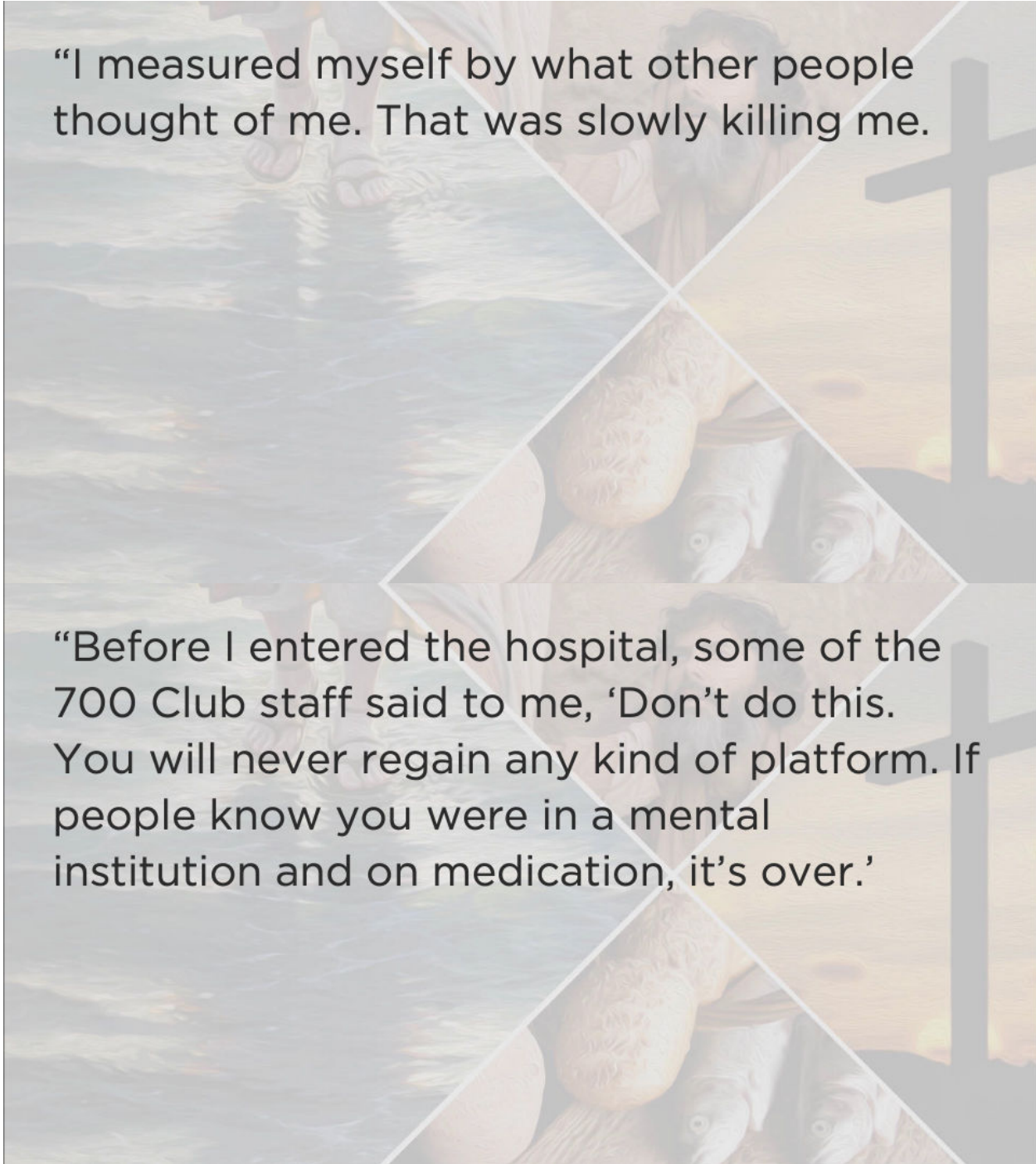
“That’s not what I meant. Who are you?”



“I don’t have a clue,” I said.

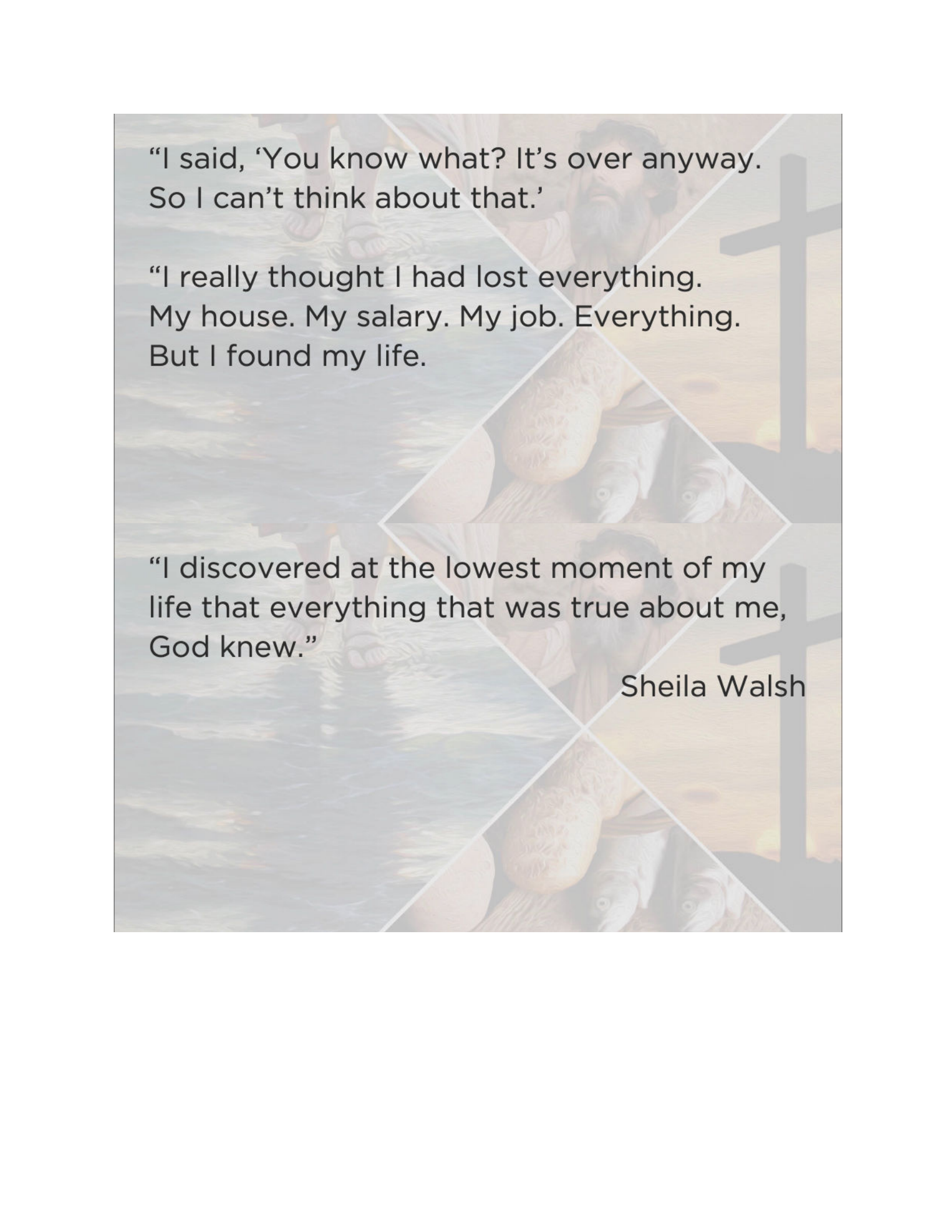
And he replied, “Now that’s right, and that’s why you’re here.”

“And the greatest thing I discovered there is sometimes some of God’s most precious gifts come in packets that make your hand bleed when you open them, but inside that’s what you’ve been longing for all your life – to be fully known and fully loved.



“I measured myself by what other people thought of me. That was slowly killing me.

“Before I entered the hospital, some of the 700 Club staff said to me, ‘Don’t do this. You will never regain any kind of platform. If people know you were in a mental institution and on medication, it’s over.’

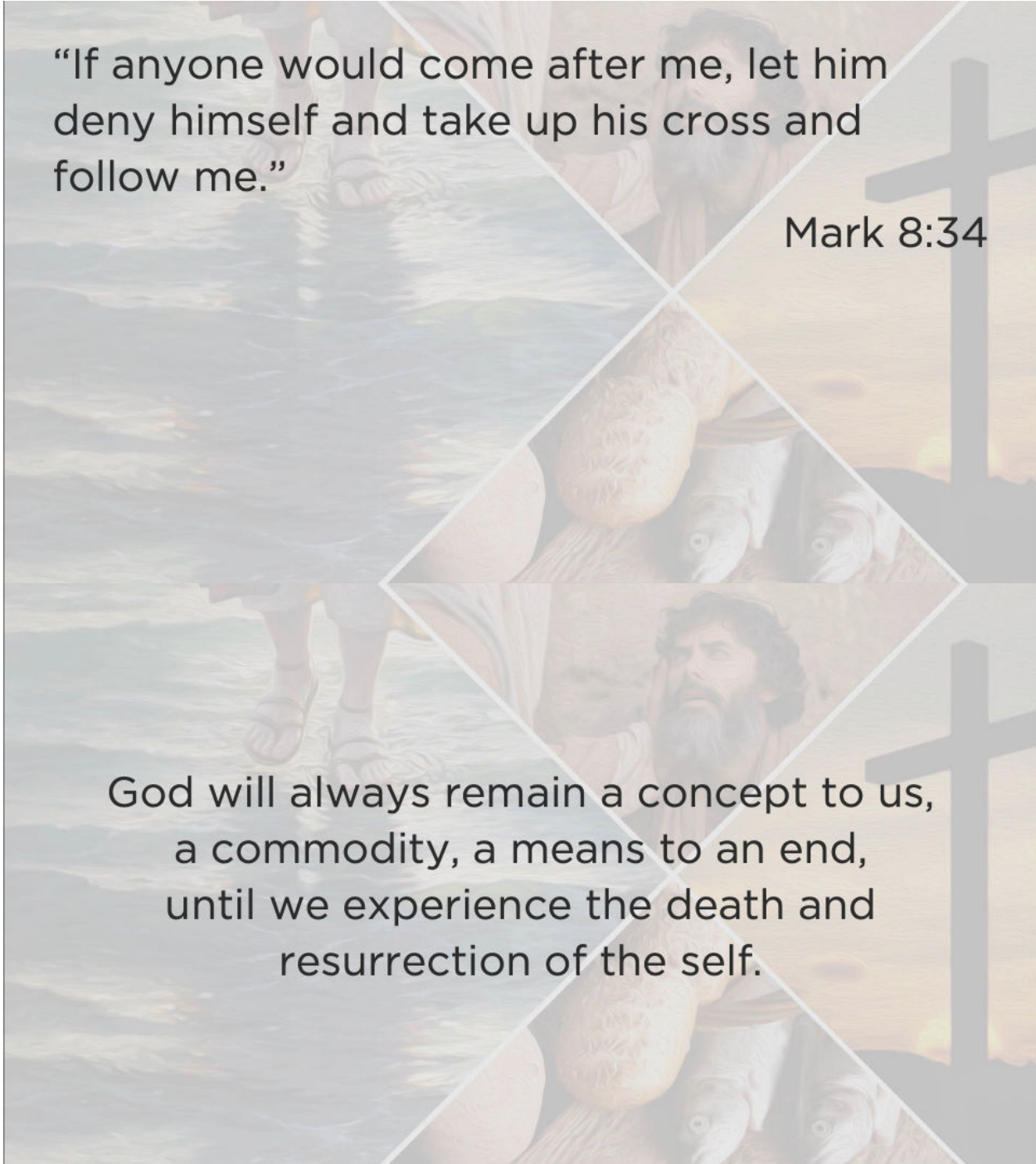


“I said, ‘You know what? It’s over anyway. So I can’t think about that.’

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“I discovered at the lowest moment of my life that everything that was true about me, God knew.”

Sheila Walsh



“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

Mark 8:34


God will always remain a concept to us,
a commodity, a means to an end,
until we experience the death and
resurrection of the self.

Our **false self** (38-40)

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- **impressive**



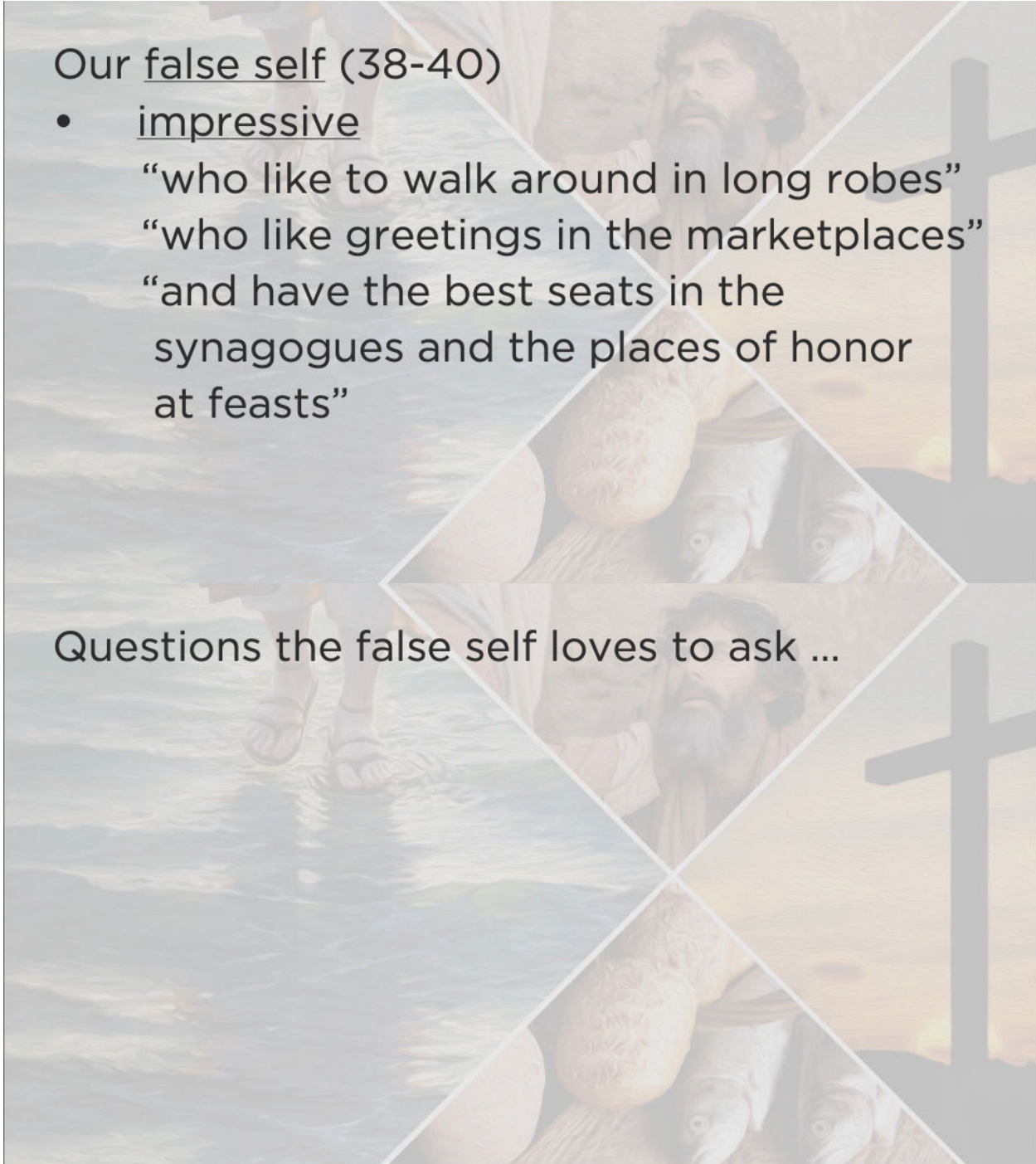
The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a depiction of a sea with waves. On the right, there is a large, dark cross. In the center, there is a portrait of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a robe. Below the portrait, there are several fish, likely representing the 'fishermen' mentioned in the text. The entire background is overlaid with a large, light-colored 'X' shape.

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- impressive
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“and have the best seats in the
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The background of the slide is a composite image. It features a central figure, likely Jesus, with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe. He is surrounded by several large, golden fish. To the right, a large, dark cross is visible against a light, hazy background. The entire scene is overlaid with a faint, white, diamond-shaped grid pattern.

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- What have I **achieved**?

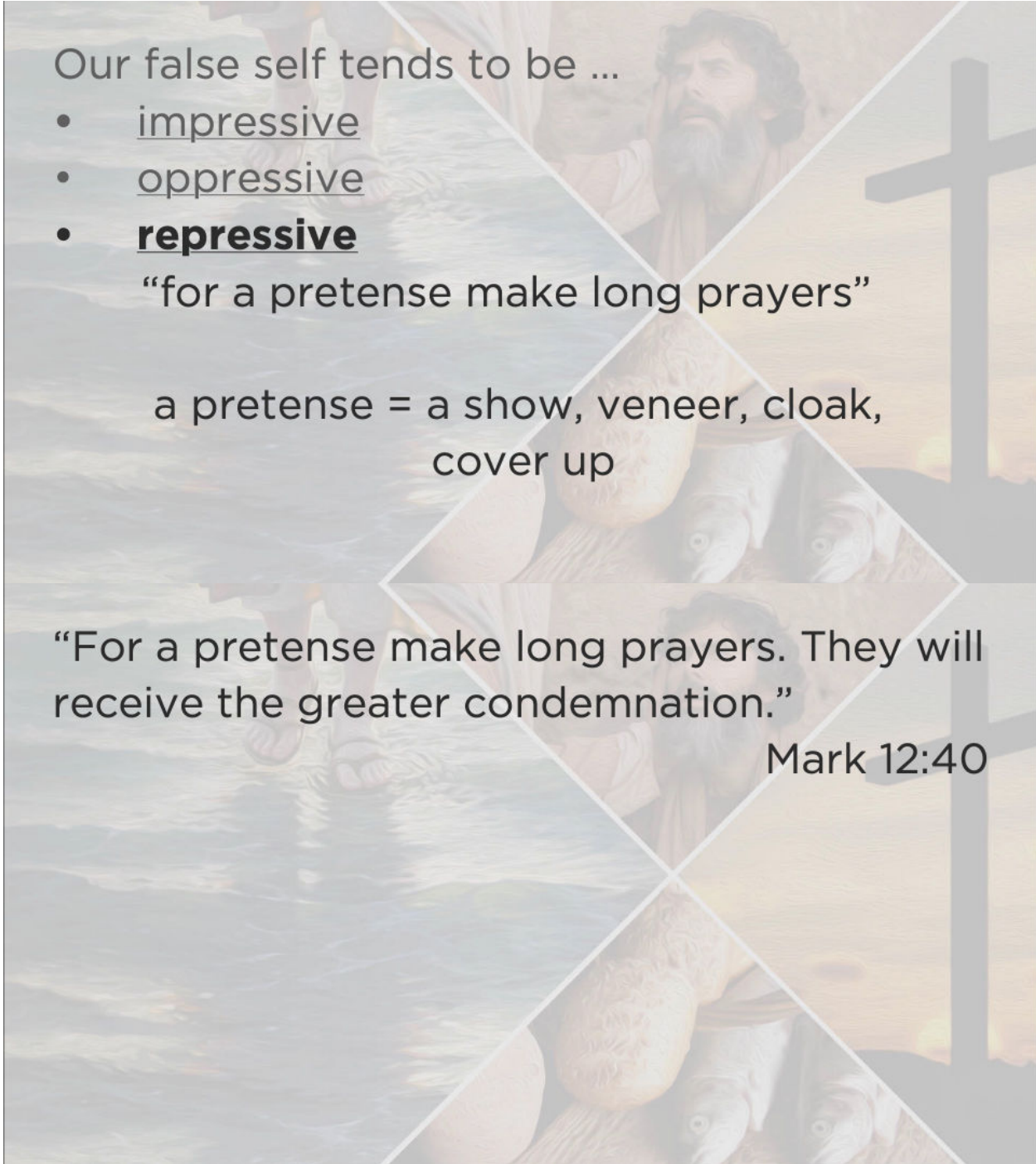


Our false self tends to be ...

- impressive
- **oppressive**
“who devour widow’s houses”

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- oppressive
- **repressive**
“for a pretense make long prayers”

The background of the slide features a composite image. On the left, there is a depiction of Jesus with a long beard and hair, wearing a brown robe, looking upwards with a pained expression. To the right, a large, dark cross is visible against a light, hazy sky. Below these elements, there are several large, golden-brown fish, possibly loaves of bread, arranged in a row. The entire scene is set against a backdrop of a body of water with gentle ripples. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent white 'X' shape that divides the slide into four quadrants.

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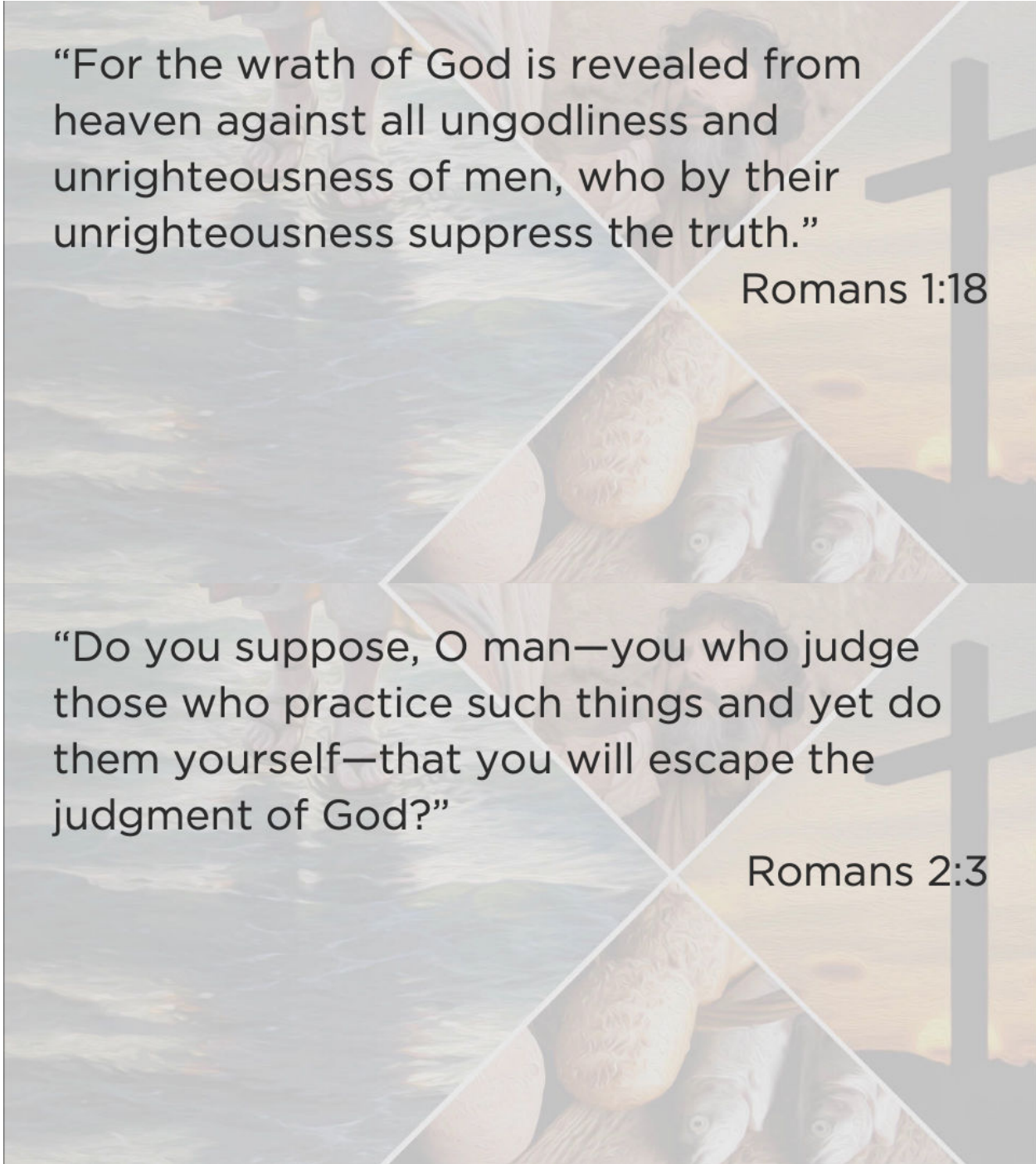
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“for a pretense make long prayers”

a pretense = a show, veneer, cloak,
cover up

“For a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

Mark 12:40

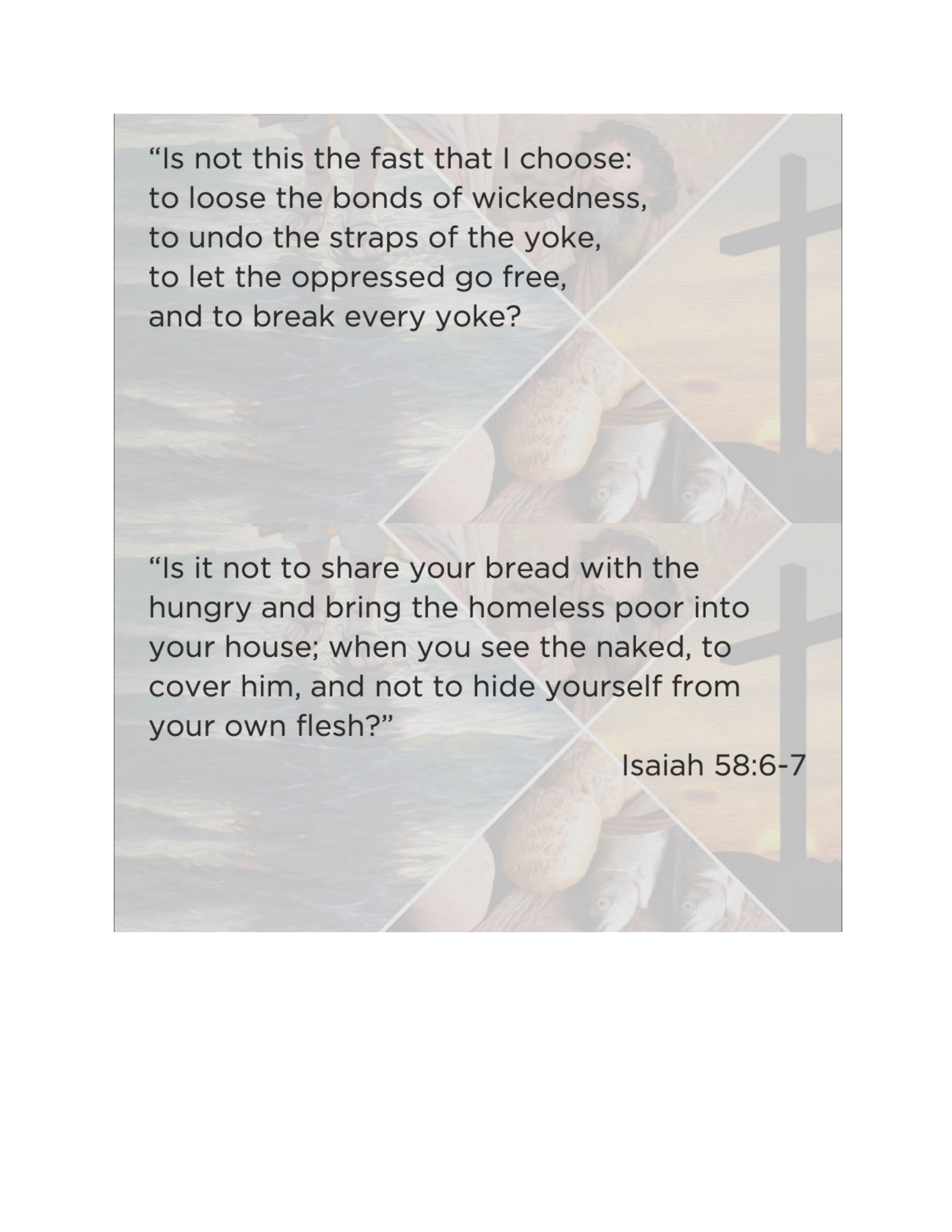


“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”

Romans 1:18

“Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?”

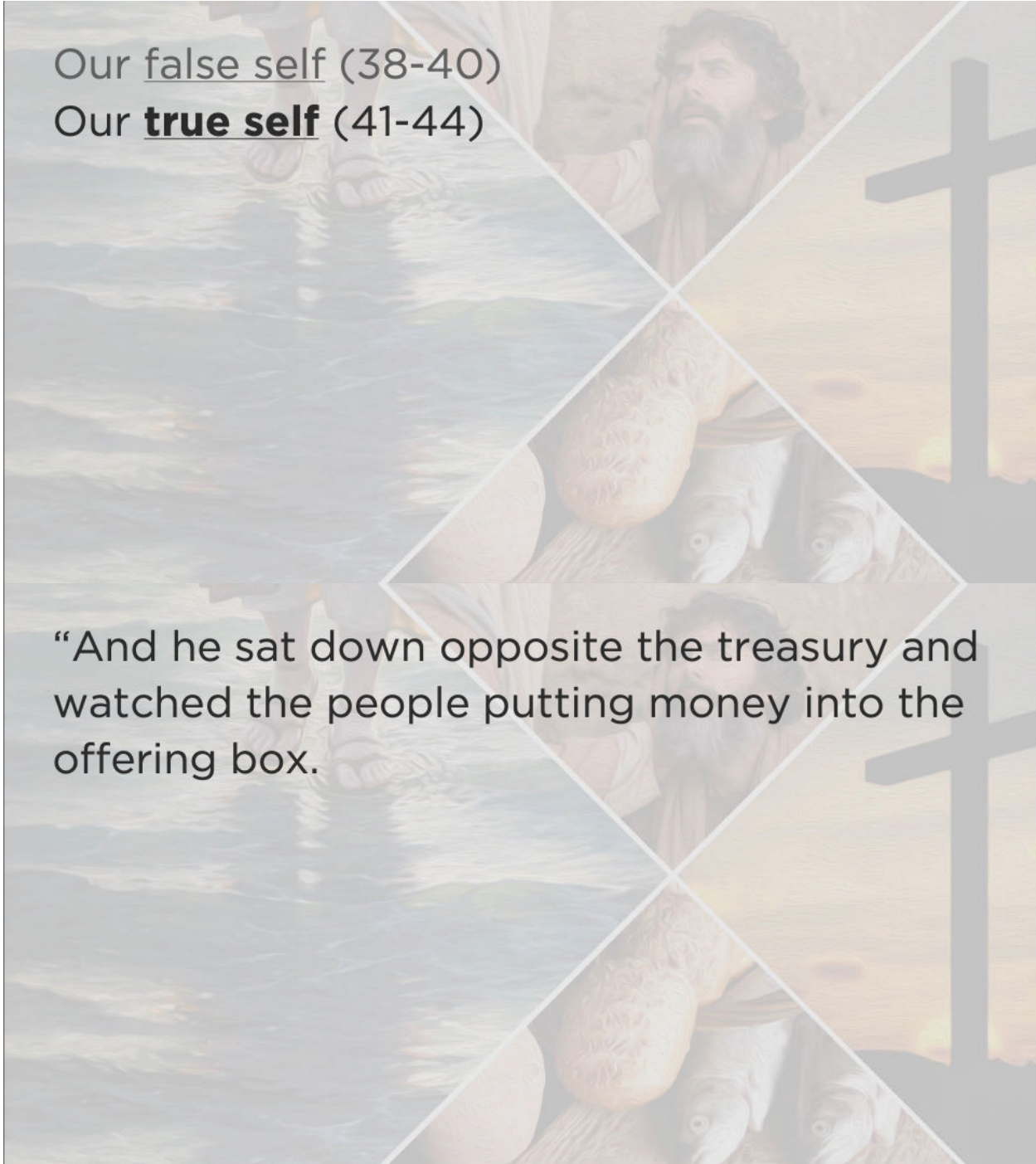
Romans 2:3



“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?”

“Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry and bring the homeless poor into
your house; when you see the naked, to
cover him, and not to hide yourself from
your own flesh?”

Isaiah 58:6-7



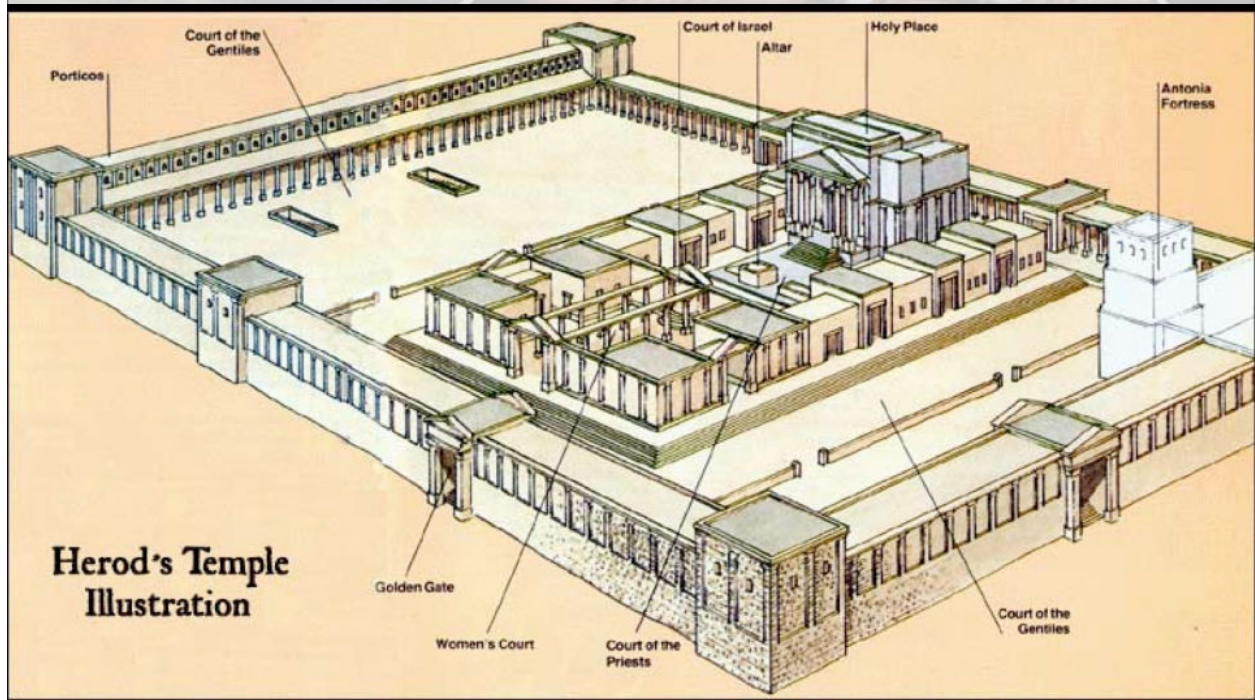
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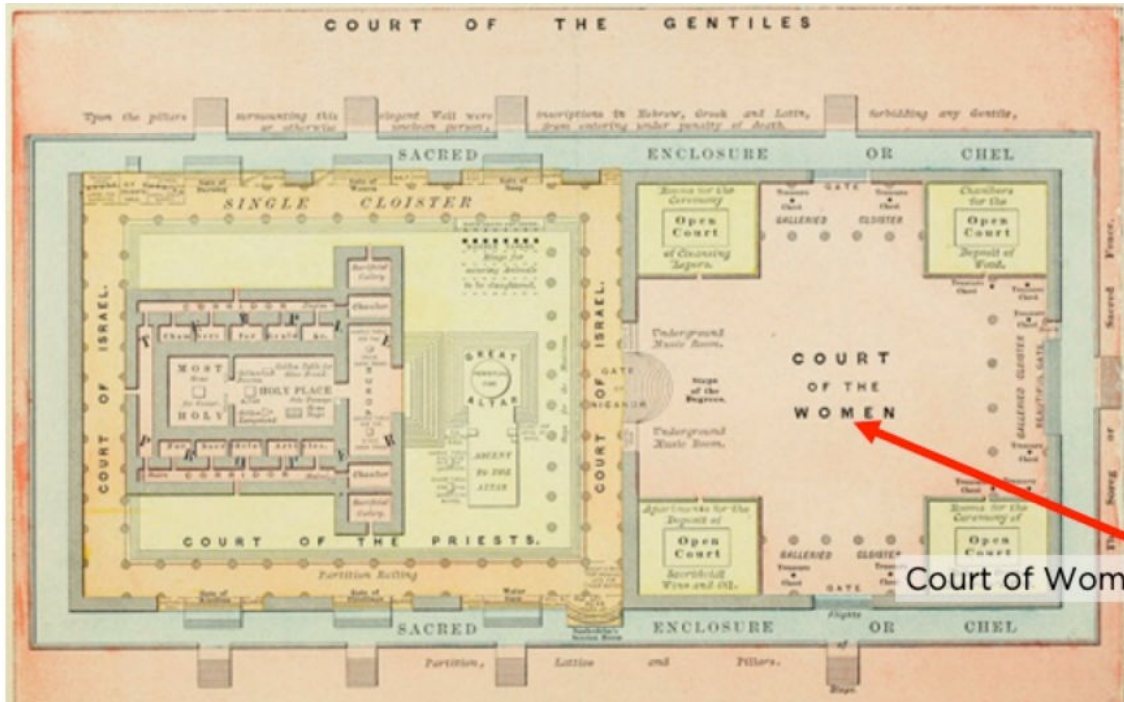
Our **true self** (41-44)

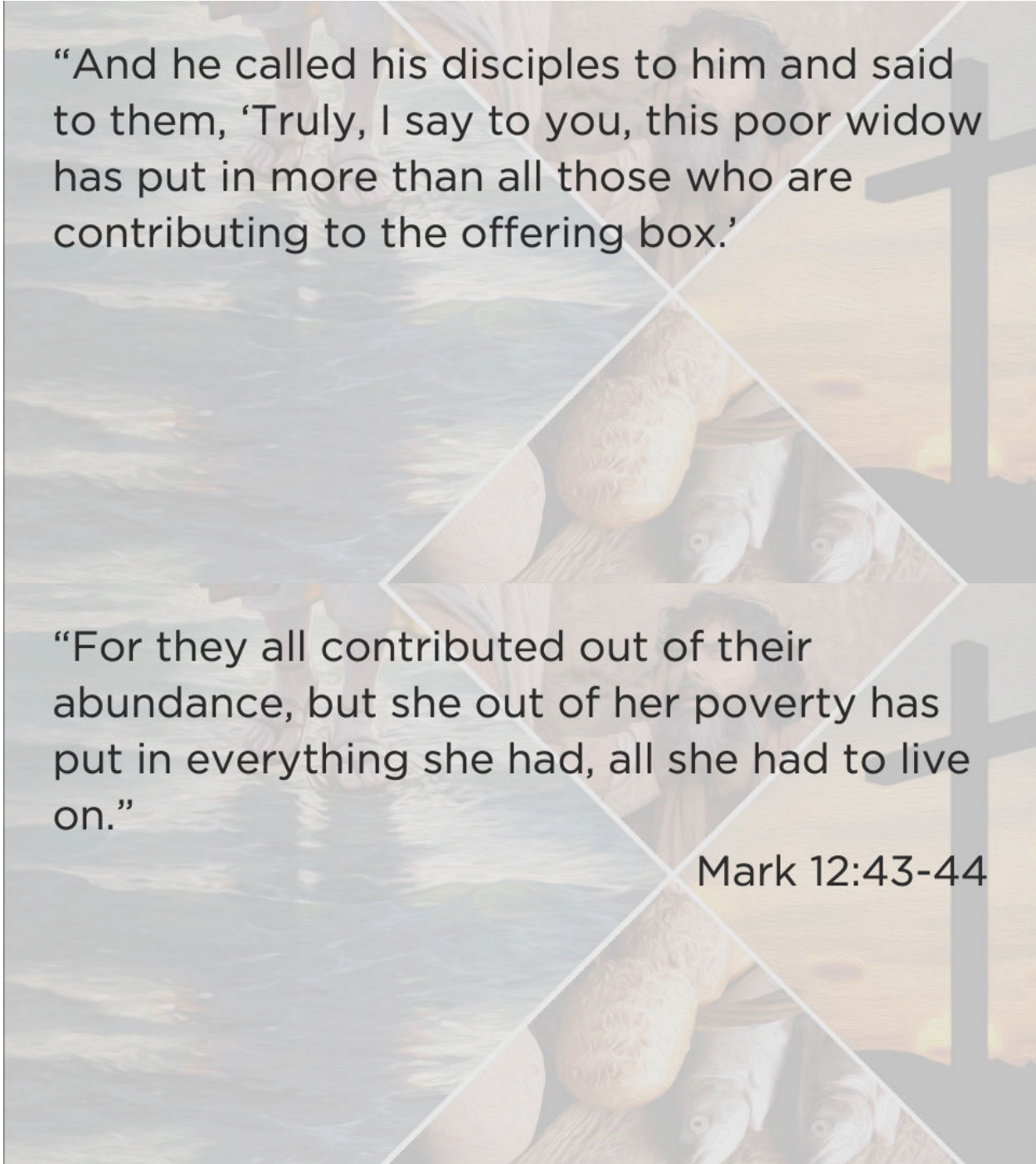
“And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box.

“Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.”

Mark 12:41-42







“And he called his disciples to him and said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.’

“For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:43-44

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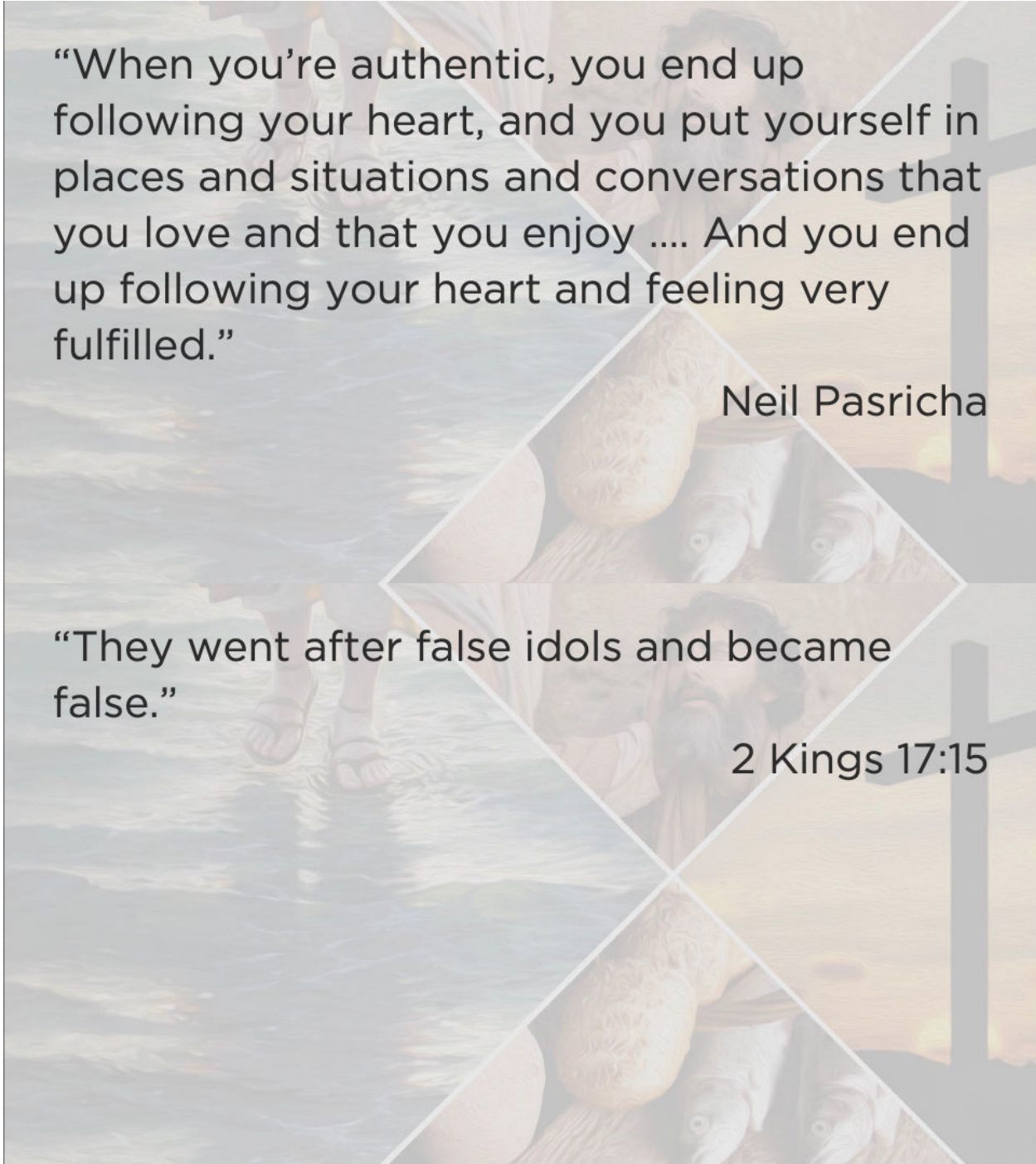


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“When you’re authentic, you end up following your heart, and you put yourself in places and situations and conversations that you love and that you enjoy And you end up following your heart and feeling very fulfilled.”

Neil Pasricha

“They went after false idols and became false.”

2 Kings 17:15

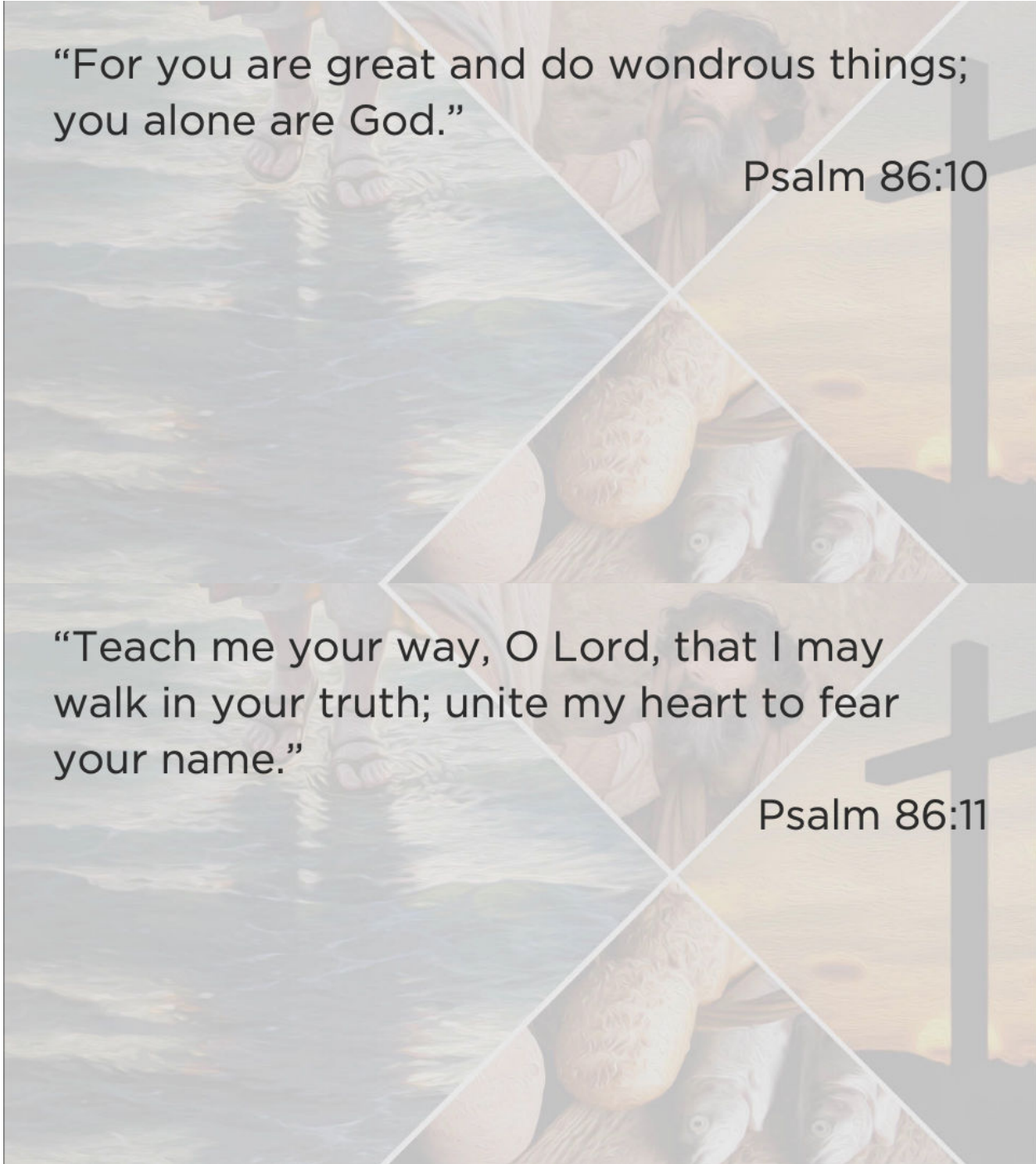
The background of the slide is a collage of religious images. On the right side, there is a large, faint grey cross. The rest of the background is a composite of several scenes: a man with a beard (likely Jesus) looking down, a group of people in a boat on a body of water, and a close-up of hands holding fish. The collage is divided into diamond-shaped sections by white lines.

Should I be trying to find my true self?

- This question is situational.
- This question can be circular.
- This question can be **biblical**.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!”

Psalm 103:1

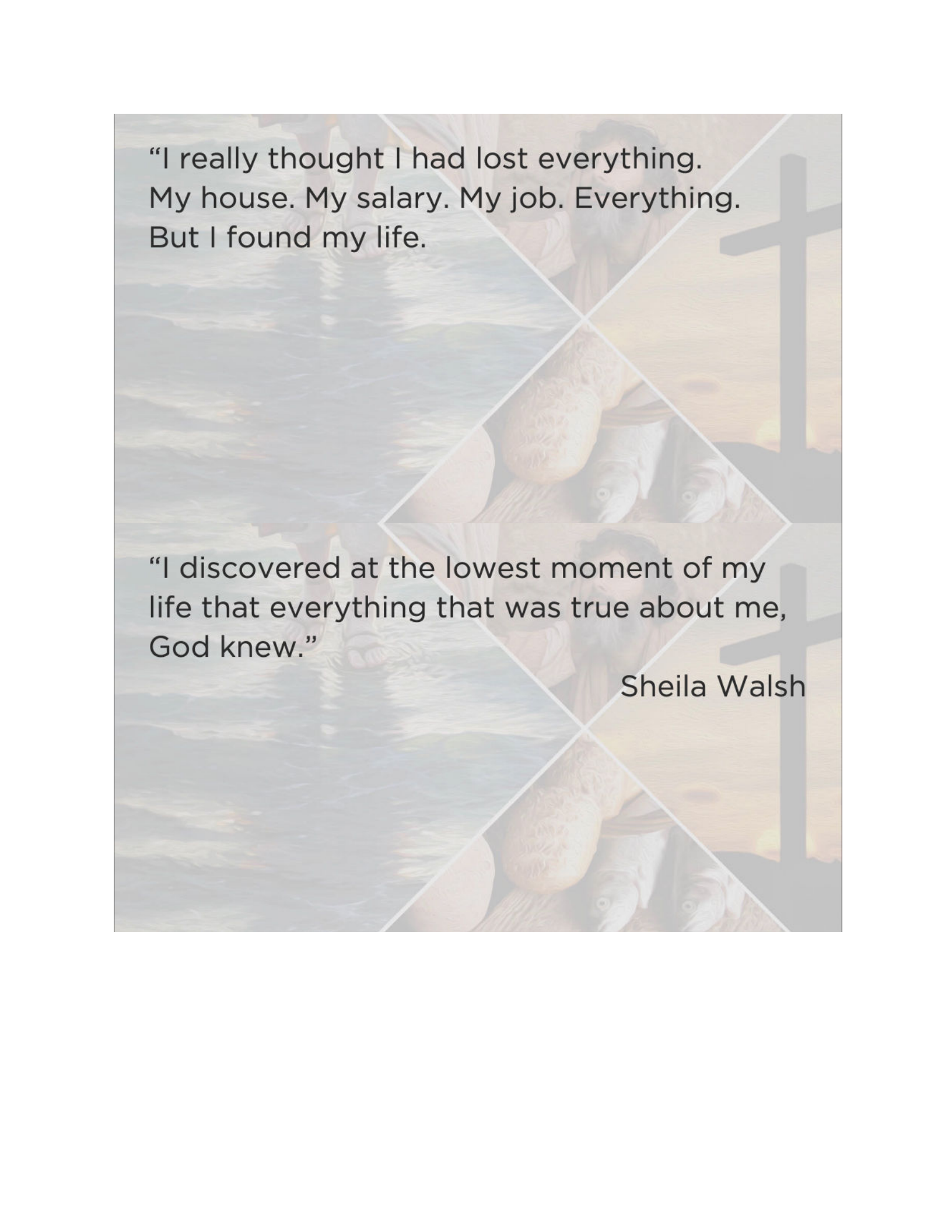


“For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.”

Psalm 86:10

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may
walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear
your name.”

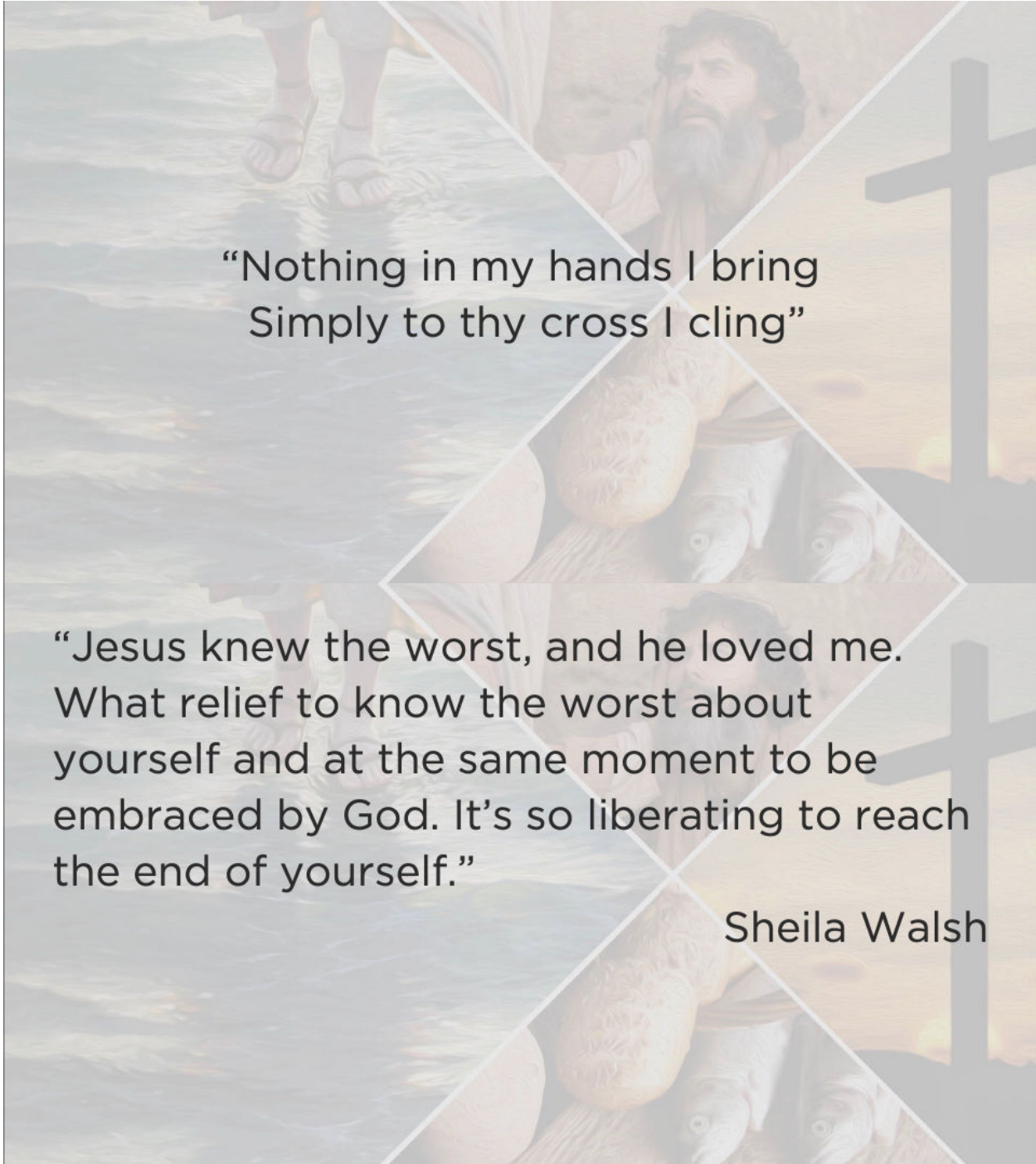
Psalm 86:11

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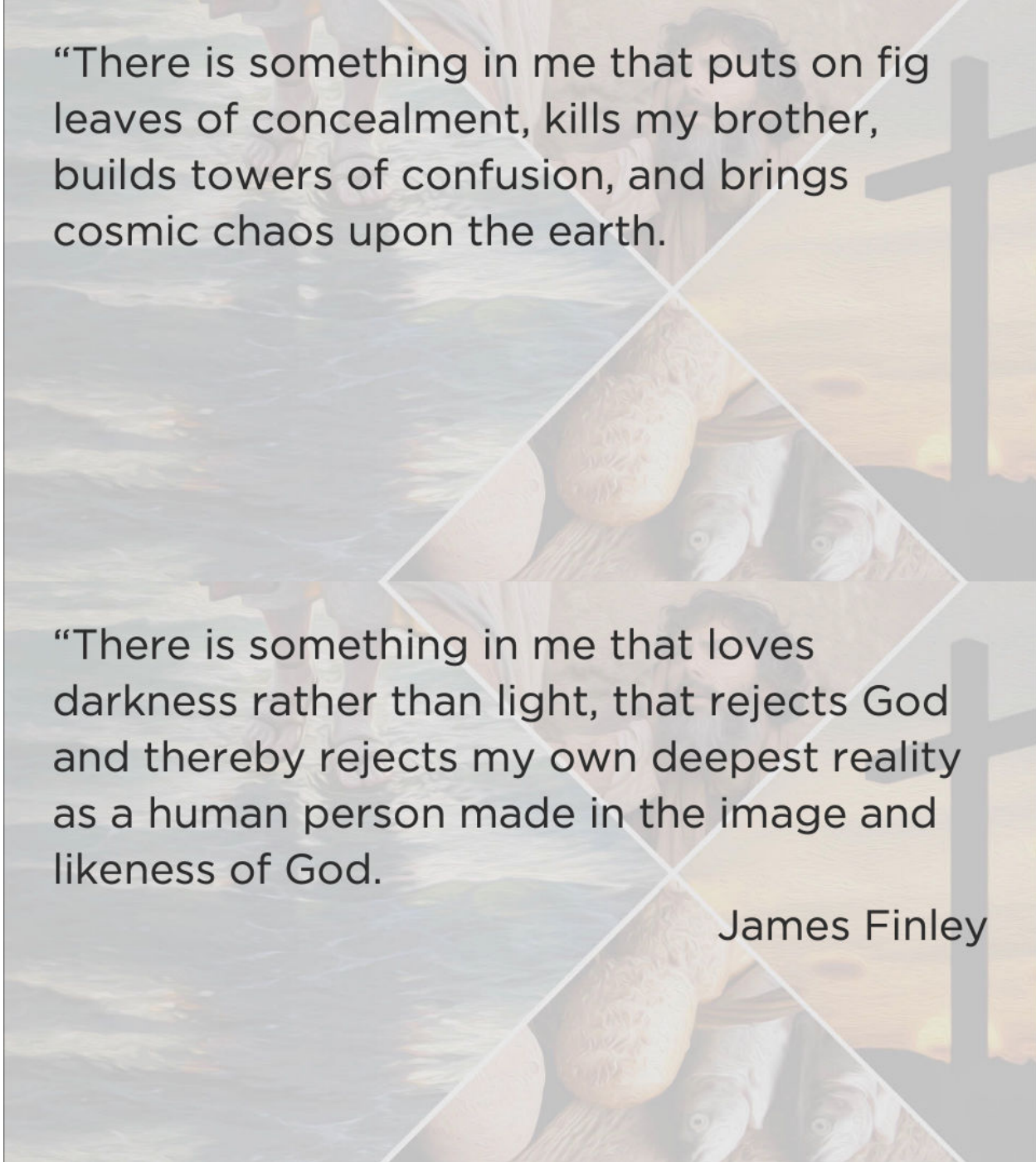
Sheila Walsh



“Nothing in my hands I bring
Simply to thy cross I cling”

“Jesus knew the worst, and he loved me.
What relief to know the worst about
yourself and at the same moment to be
embraced by God. It’s so liberating to reach
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Sheila Walsh



“There is something in me that puts on fig leaves of concealment, kills my brother, builds towers of confusion, and brings cosmic chaos upon the earth.

“There is something in me that loves darkness rather than light, that rejects God and thereby rejects my own deepest reality as a human person made in the image and likeness of God.

James Finley