





# I. Following Christ will pit you against the worldly values

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"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trials you're suffering, as though something strange were happening to you."

I Peter 4:12

## John 15:20

Jesus said, "No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also."

## II. Keep a positive attitude

"But rejoice that you participate  
in the sufferings of Christ..."

1 Peter 4:13



# Reasons To Rejoice

**Suffering draws me  
closer to Christ.**

Instead, be very glad — for  
these trials make you partners  
with Christ in his suffering,  
1 Peter 4:13 NLT

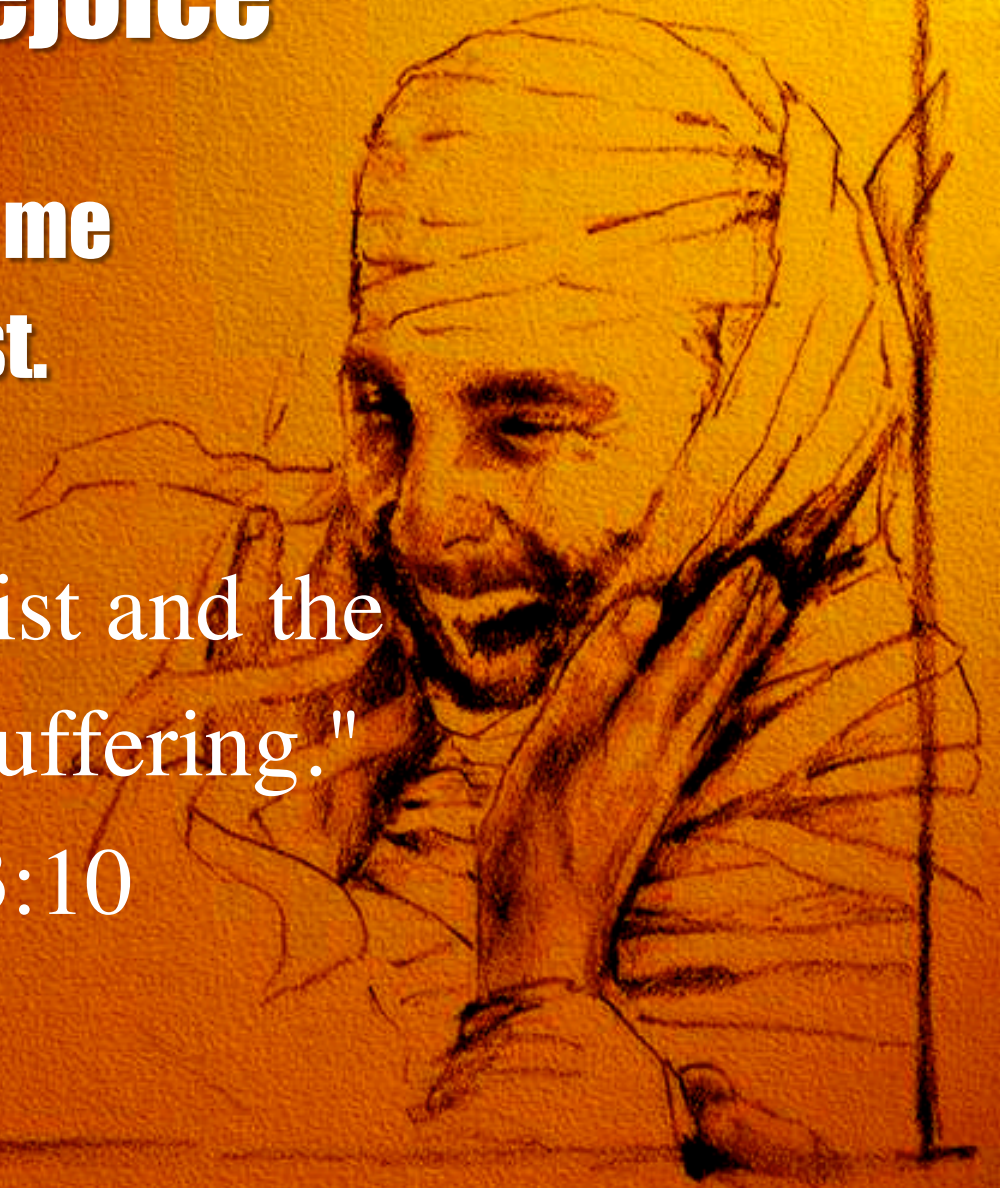


# Reasons To Rejoice

**Suffering draws me  
closer to Christ.**

"I want to know Christ and the  
fellowship of His suffering."

Philippians 3:10

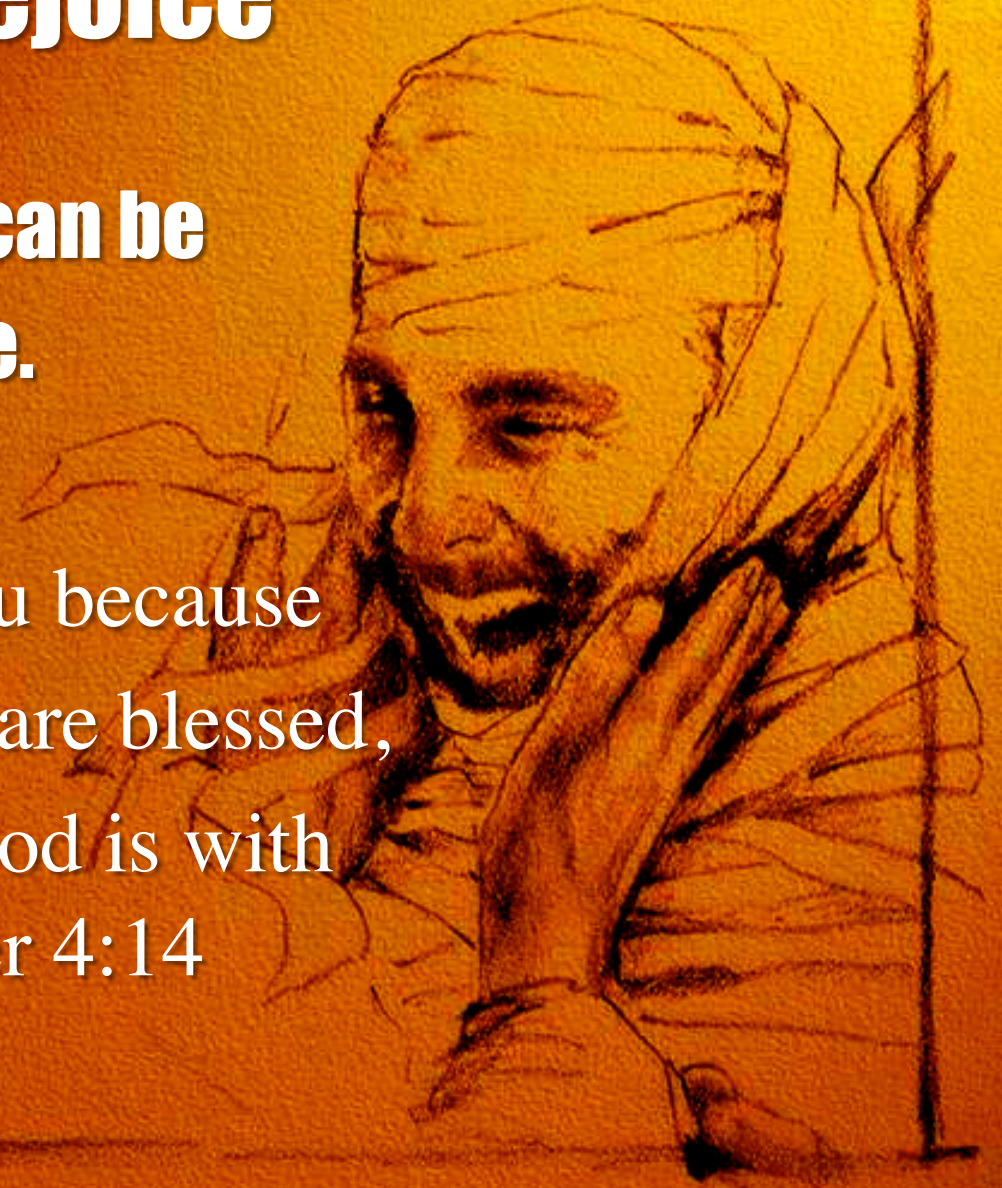


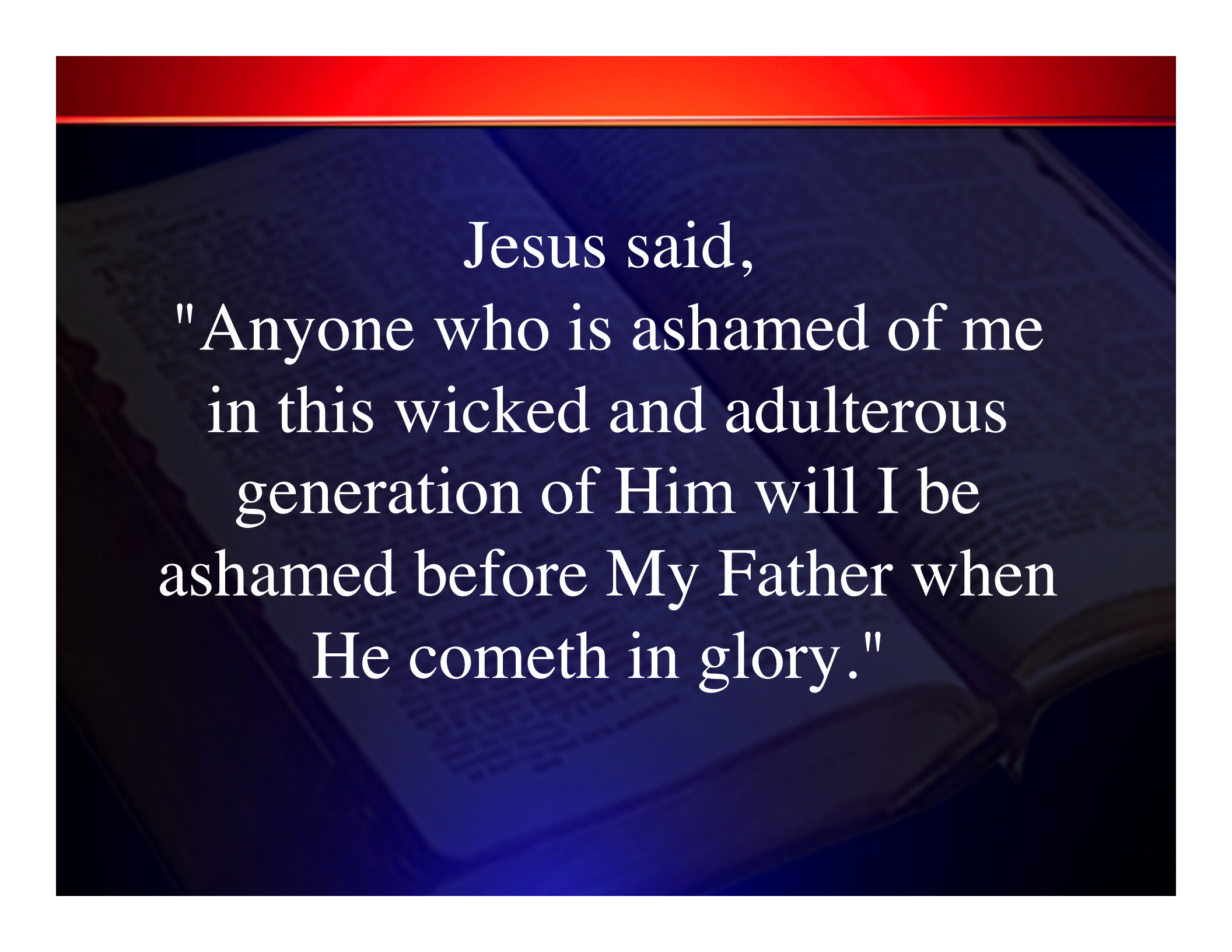
# Reasons To Rejoice

**It means that God can be  
seen in my life.**

"When people insult you because  
you follow Christ, you are blessed,  
because the Spirit of God is with  
you."

I Peter 4:14



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Jesus said,  
"Anyone who is ashamed of me  
in this wicked and adulterous  
generation of Him will I be  
ashamed before My Father when  
He cometh in glory."



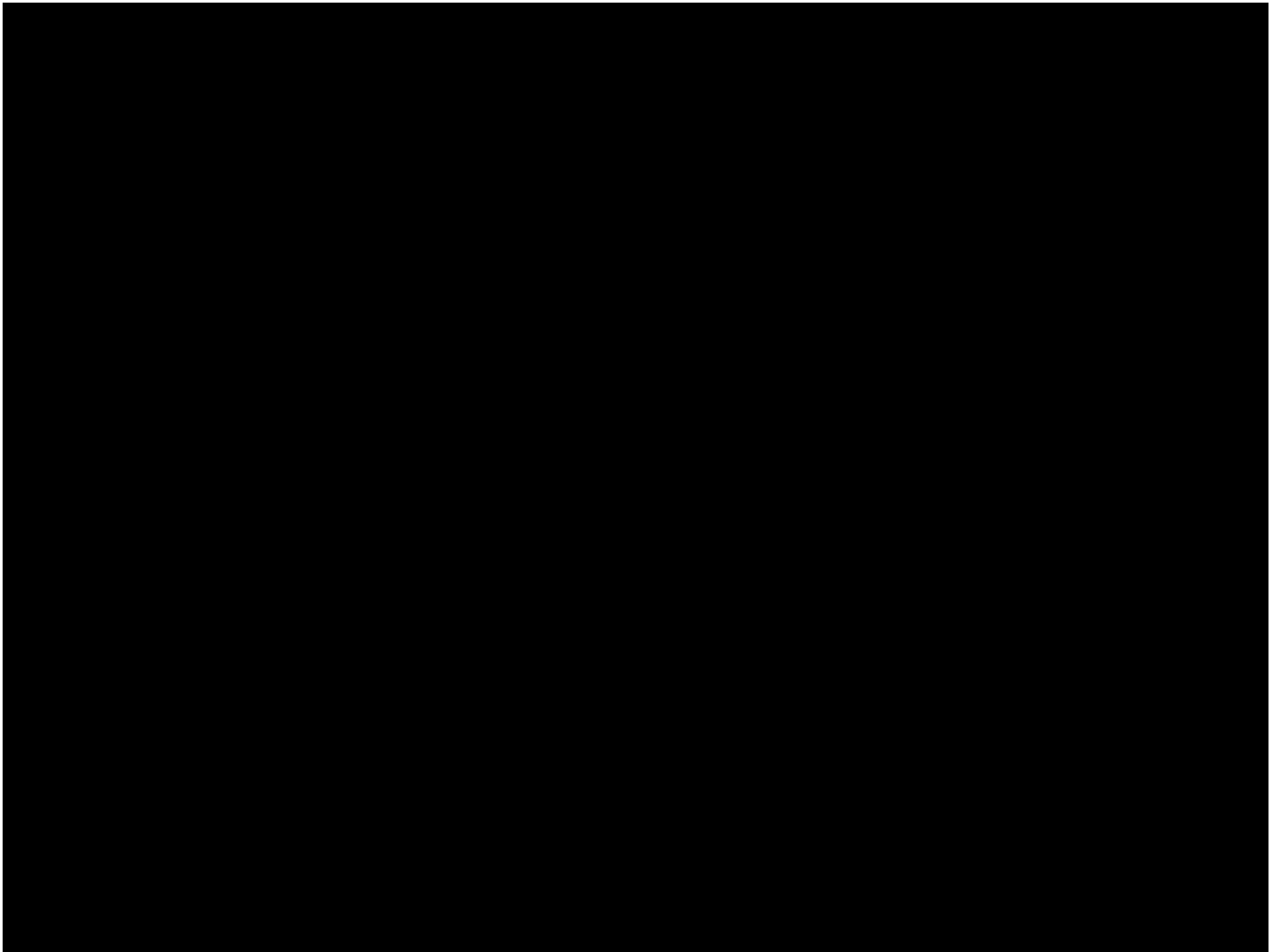
### **III. Never act ashamed for following Jesus**


If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

1 Peter 4:15,16

## Matthew 5:44

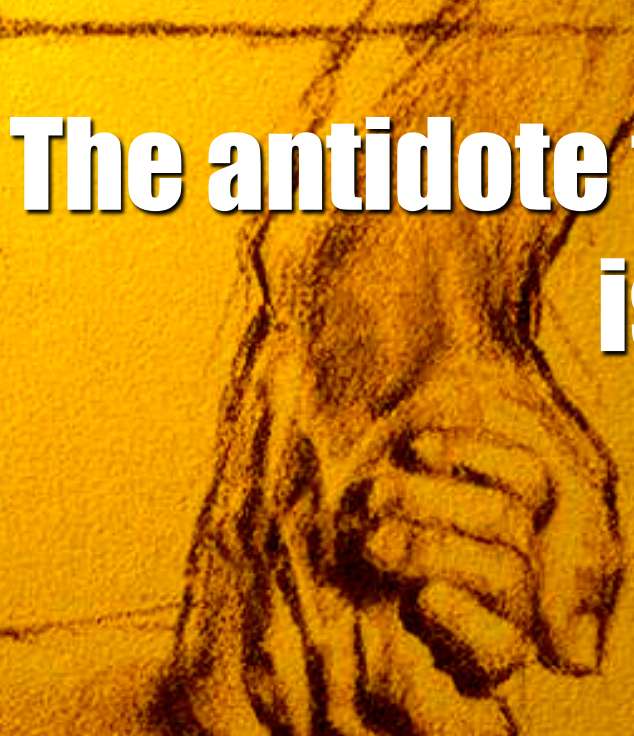
“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.”



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**The antidote to the fear of rejection  
is two fold:**

1. Realize that you don't need the approval of everybody in order to be happy in life.



**The antidote to the fear of rejection  
is two fold:**

2. Be more concerned with what  
God thinks about you, than what  
other people think about you.



## **IV. REMAIN FAITHFUL TO GOD!**

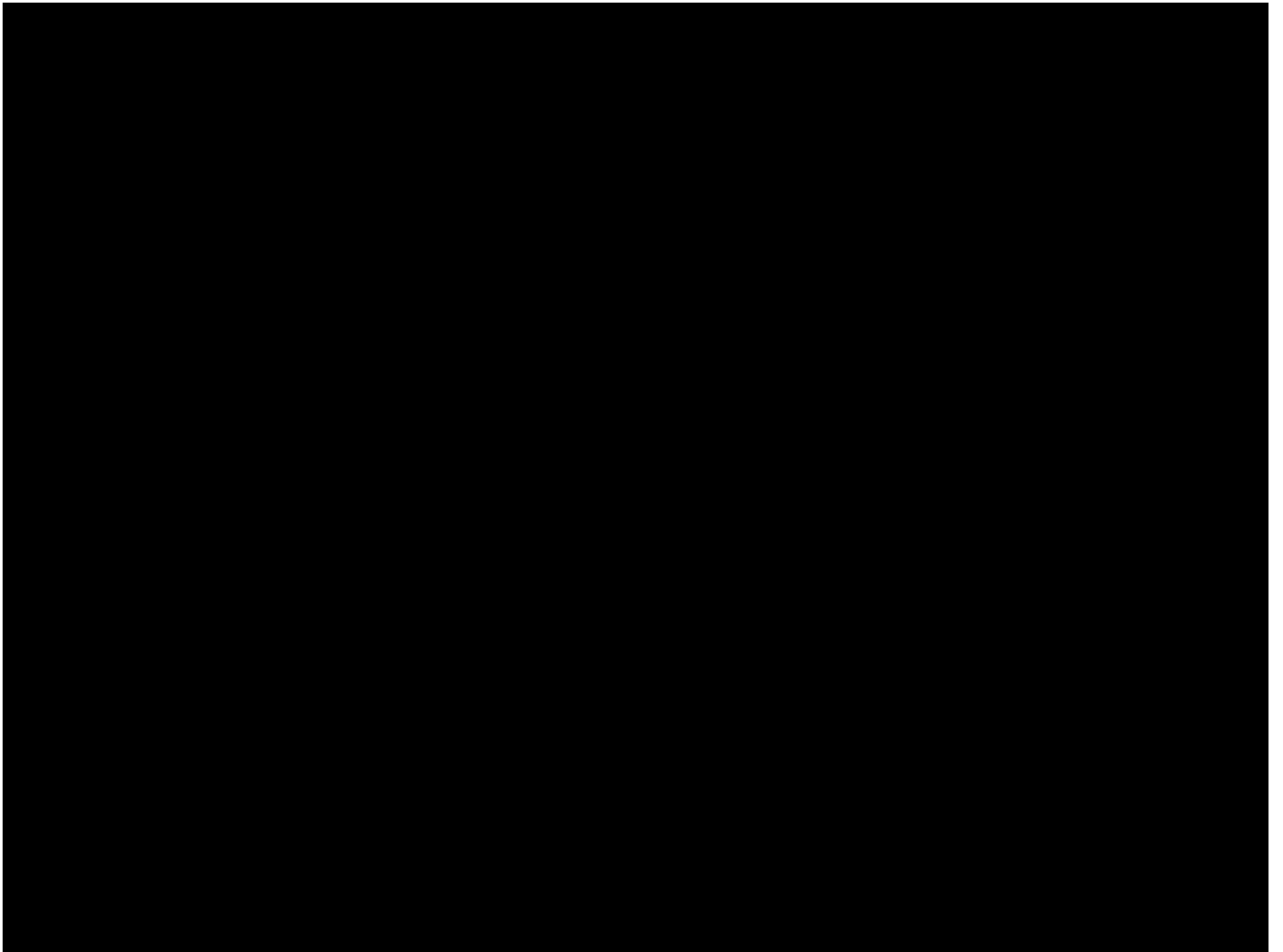
So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

1 Peter 4:19

## **IV. REMAIN FAITHFUL TO GOD!**

For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News?

1 Peter 4:17





## Romans 8:17

"Since we are God's children, if we share in Christ's suffering, we will also share in His glory."

