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“We are God's *workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus to *do good works*, which God *prepared in advance* for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

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God's purpose for you is not
to be a consumer, but a **builder**.

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*“Your hands **shaped me** and made me.”*

Job 10:8 (NIV)

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Spiritual gifts

Heart

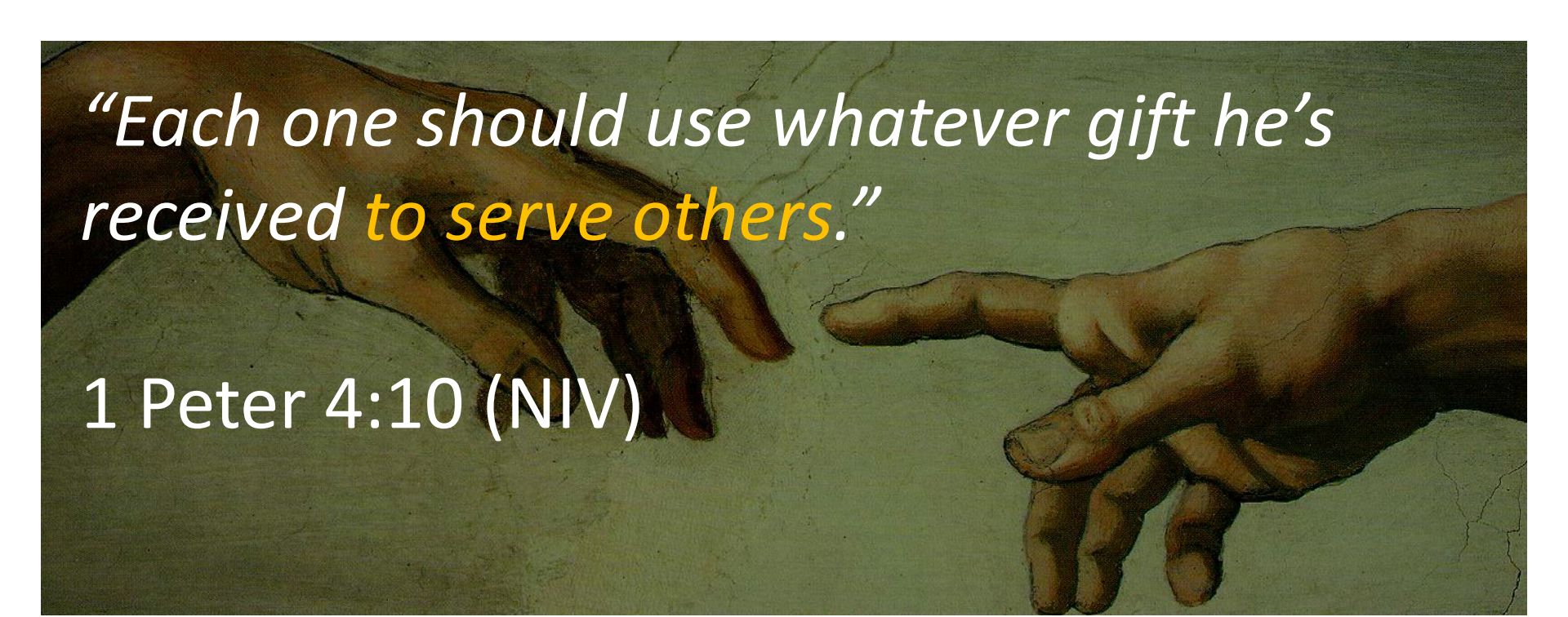
Abilities

Personality

Experiences

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*“Each one should use whatever gift he’s received **to serve others.**”*

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

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SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

(aka 'ministry')

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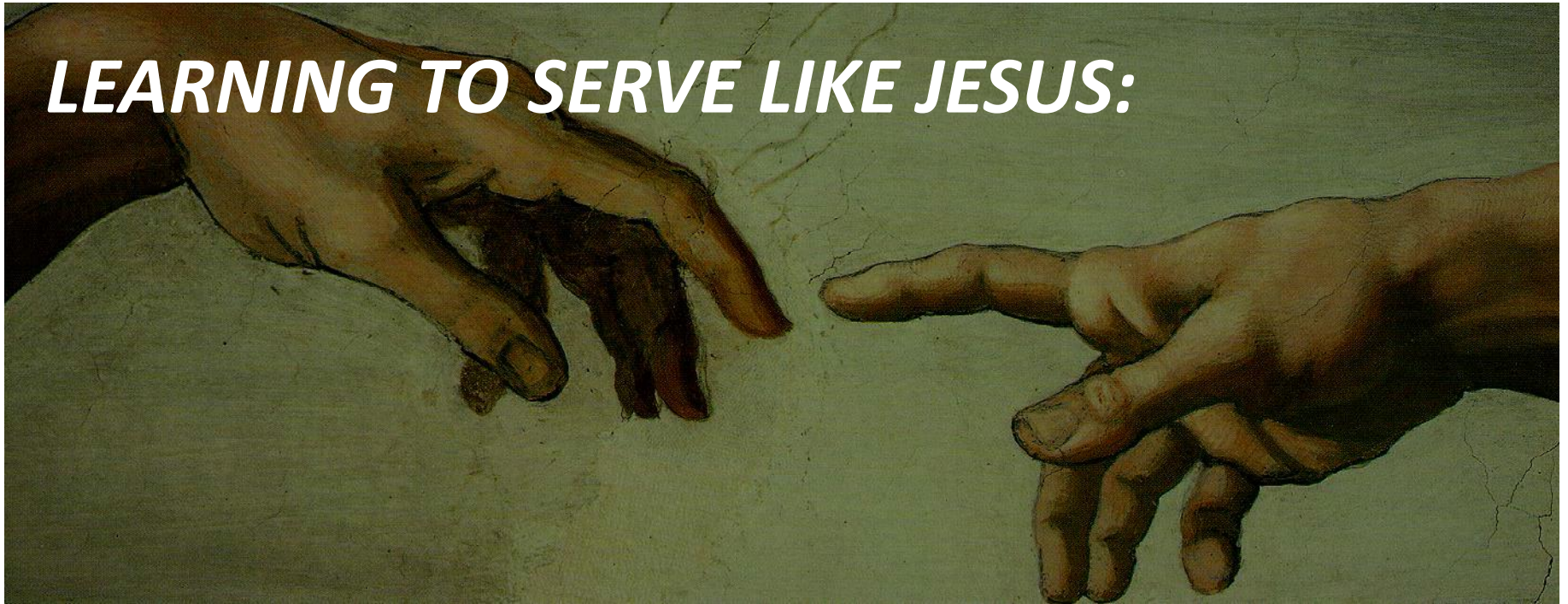
Jesus: “Your *attitude must be* like My Own,
for I did not come to be served, but
to serve...”

Matthew 20:28 (LB)

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LEARNING TO SERVE LIKE JESUS:



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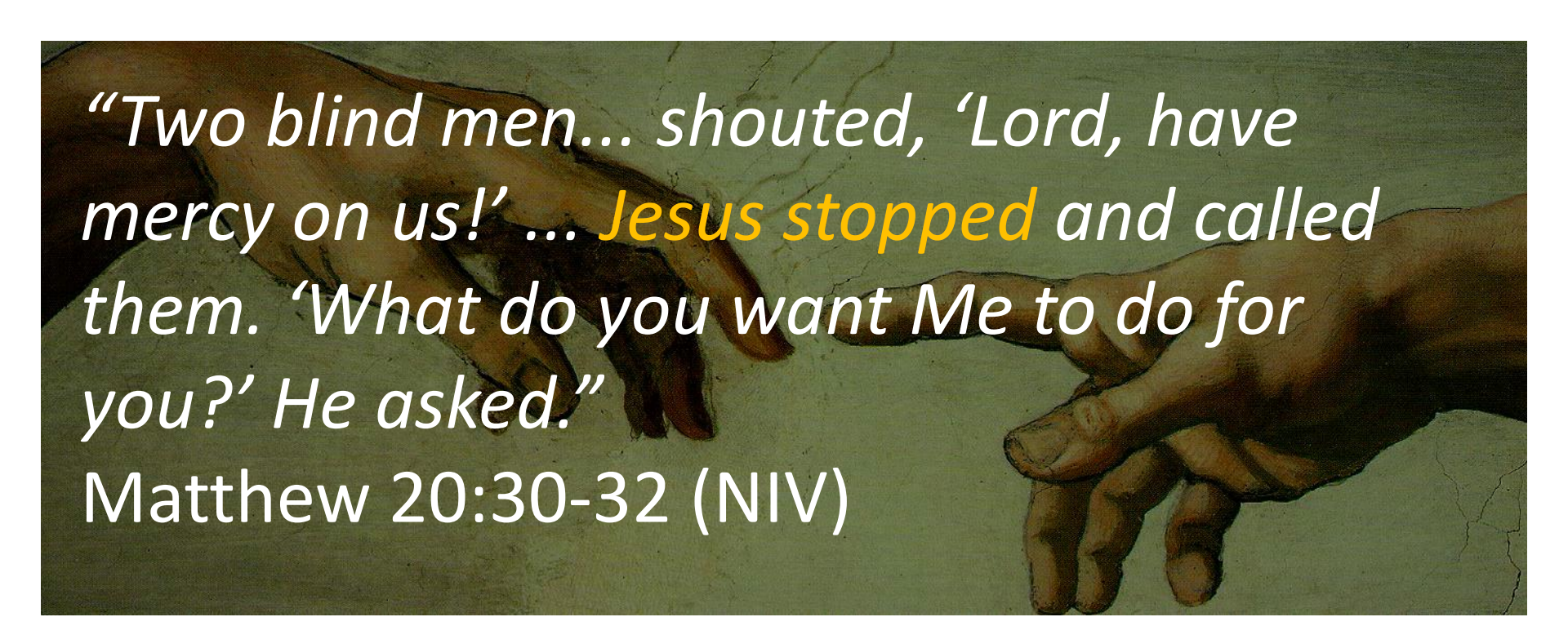
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LEARNING TO SERVE LIKE JESUS:

1. Serving like Jesus means being **available**

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*“Two blind men... shouted, ‘Lord, have mercy on us!’ ... **Jesus stopped** and called them. ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ He asked.”*

Matthew 20:30-32 (NIV)

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*“Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them **now.**”*

Proverbs 3:28 (TEV)

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1st Barrier: *self-centeredness*

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“Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.”

Philippians 2:4 (MSG)

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2nd Barrier: *perfectionism*



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“If you wait for perfect conditions, you’ll never get anything done.”

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT)

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3rd Barrier: *materialism*



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"No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 16:13 (NIV)

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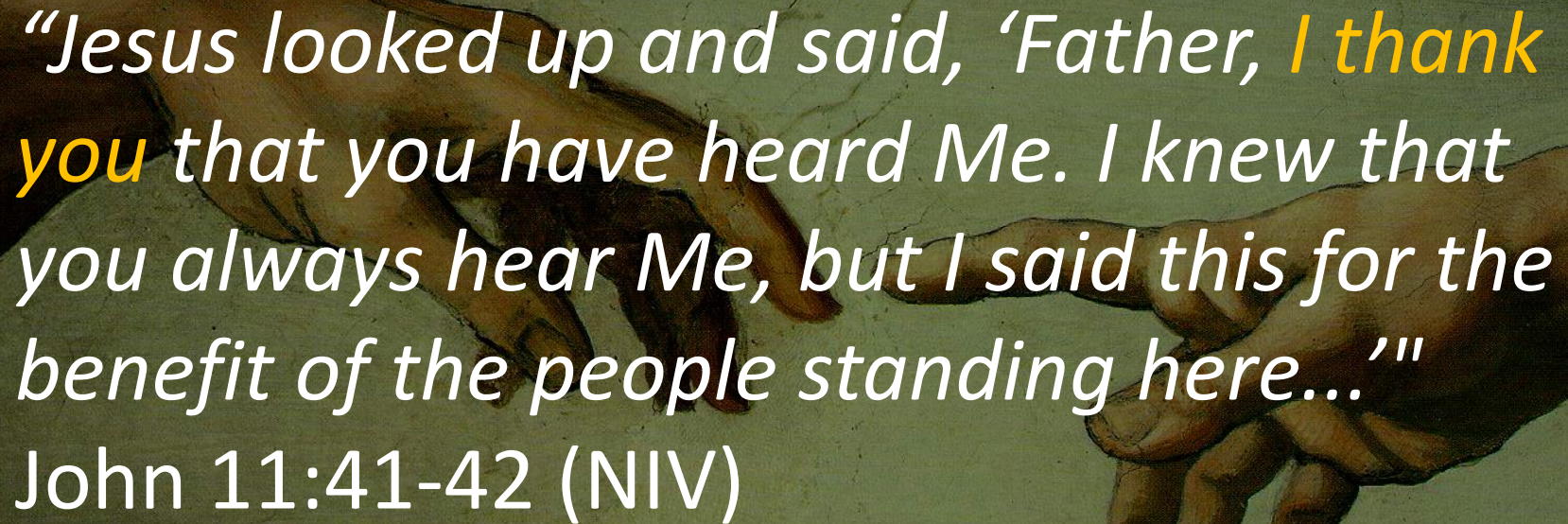
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LEARNING TO SERVE LIKE JESUS:

2. Serving like Jesus means being grateful

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*“Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, **I thank you** that you have heard Me. I knew that you always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here...’”*
John 11:41-42 (NIV)

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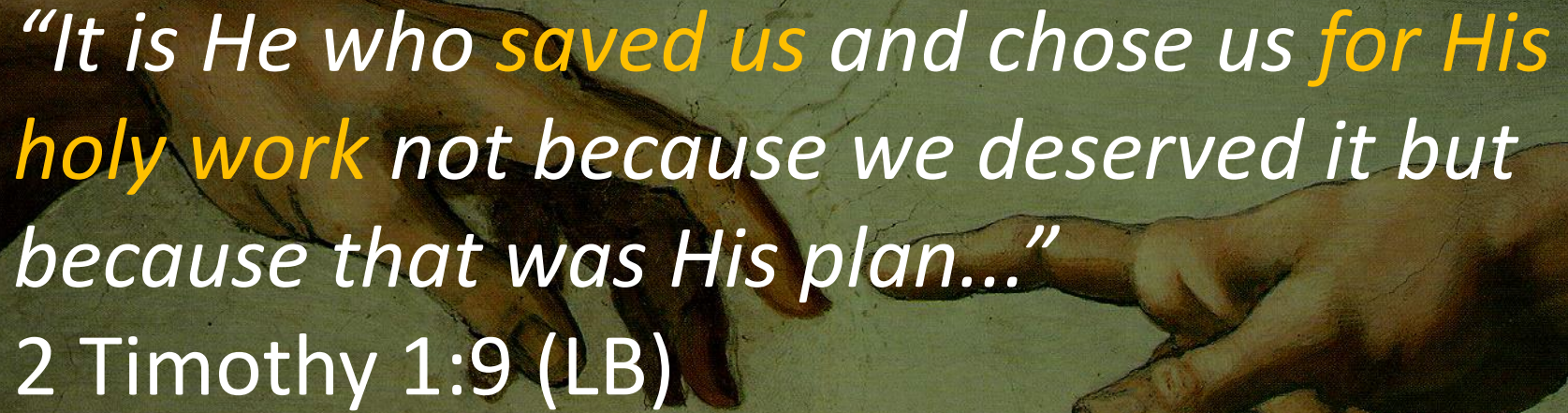
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“Serve the Lord with gladness.”

Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

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*“It is He who **saved us** and chose us **for His holy work** not because we deserved it but because that was His plan...”*
2 Timothy 1:9 (LB)

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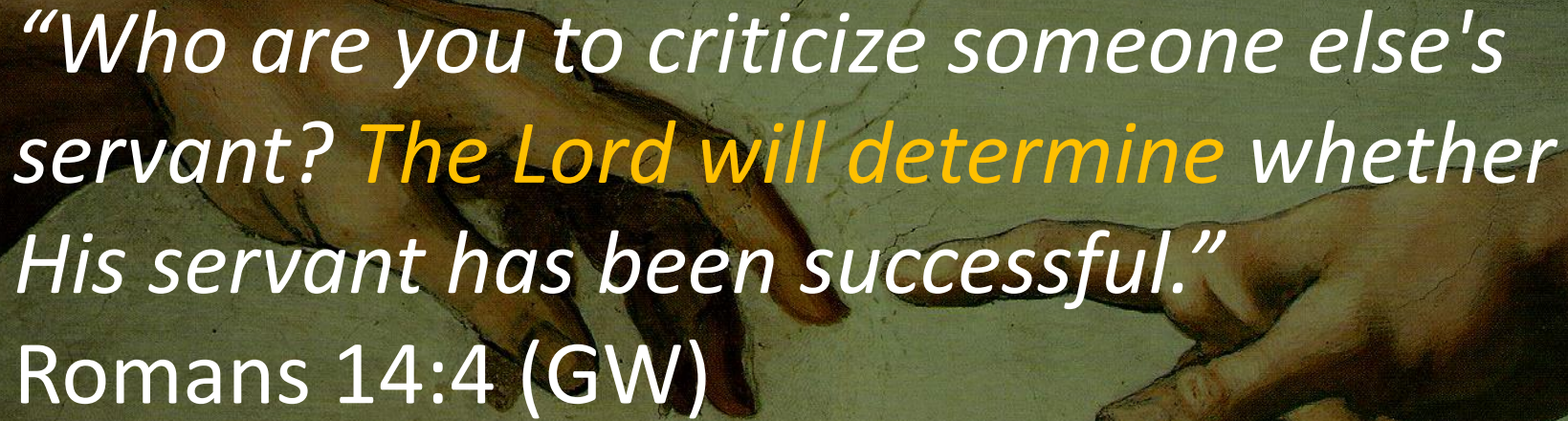
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1st Barrier: *comparing & criticizing*



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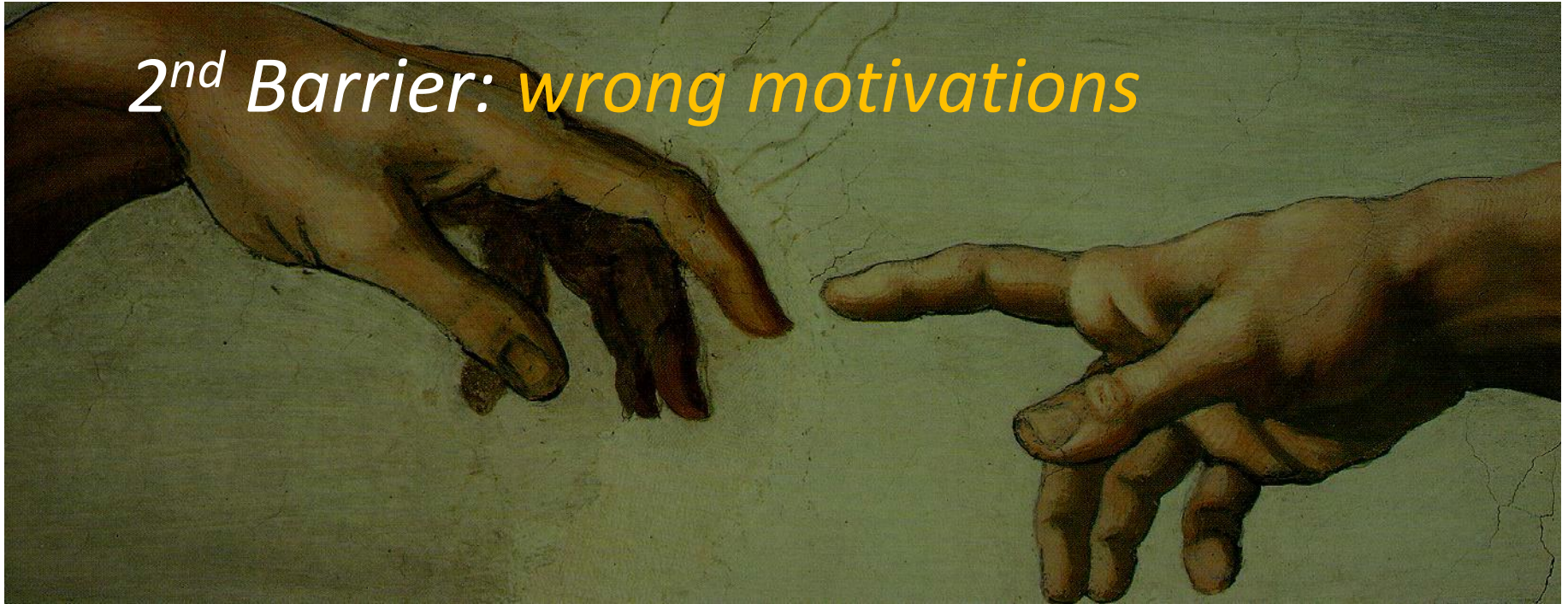


*“Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? **The Lord will determine** whether His servant has been successful.”*
Romans 14:4 (GW)

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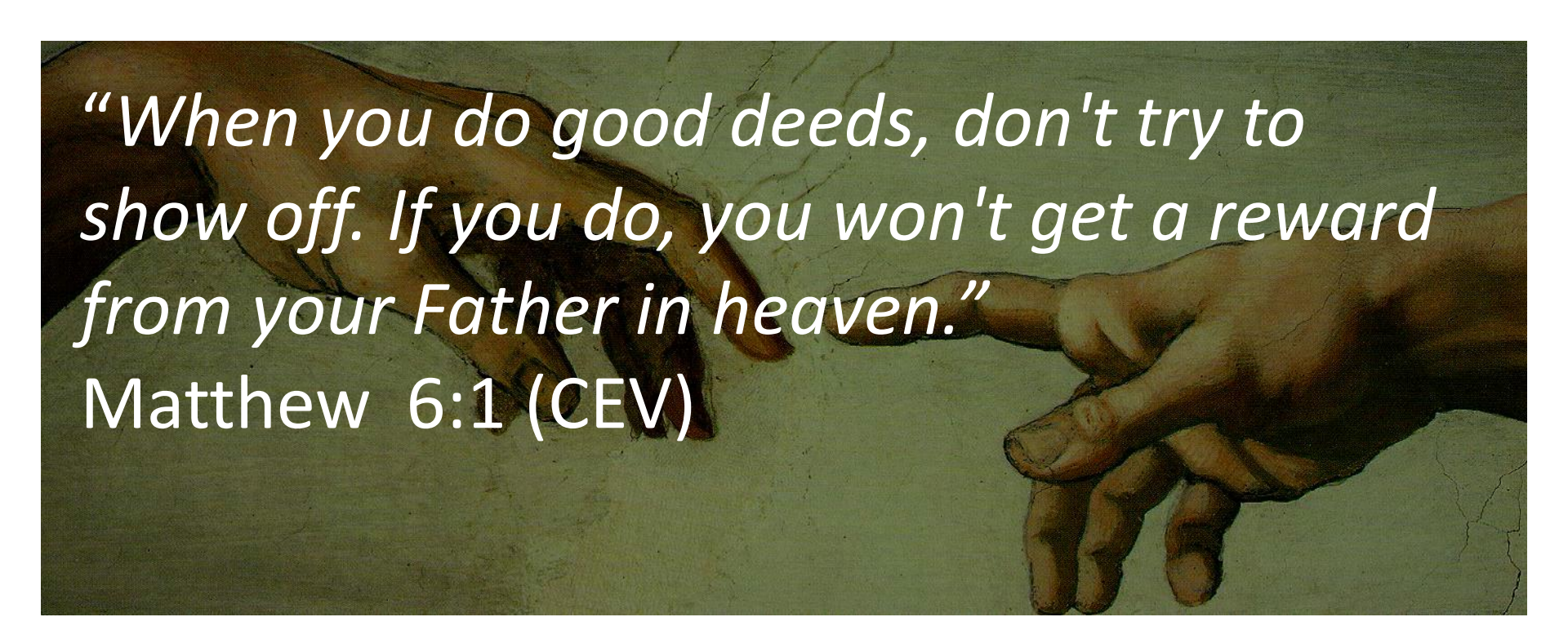
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2nd Barrier: *wrong motivations*



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“When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 6:1 (CEV)

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LEARNING TO SERVE LIKE JESUS:

3. Serving like Jesus means being **faithful**

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*“I have brought You glory on earth by
completing the work You gave me to do.”*

John 17:4 (NIV)

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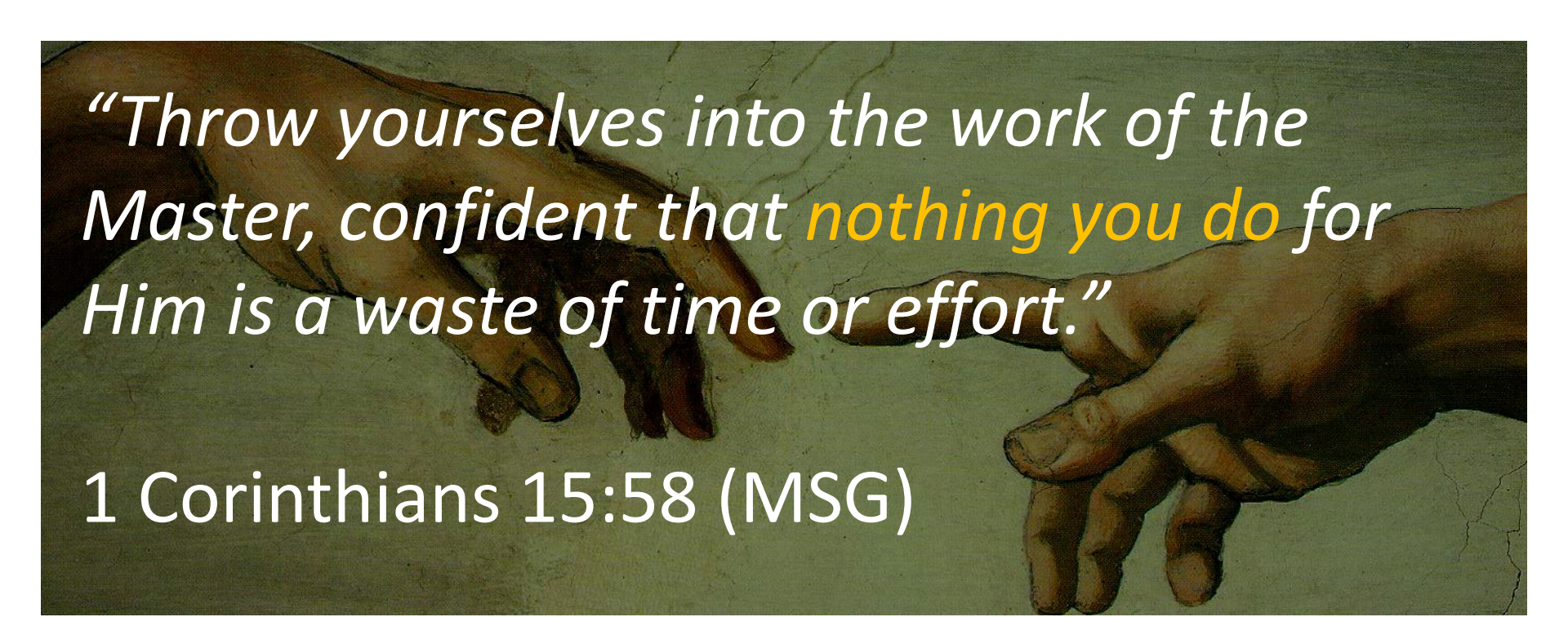


“The one thing required of servants is that they be faithful...”

1 Corinthians 4:2 (TEV)

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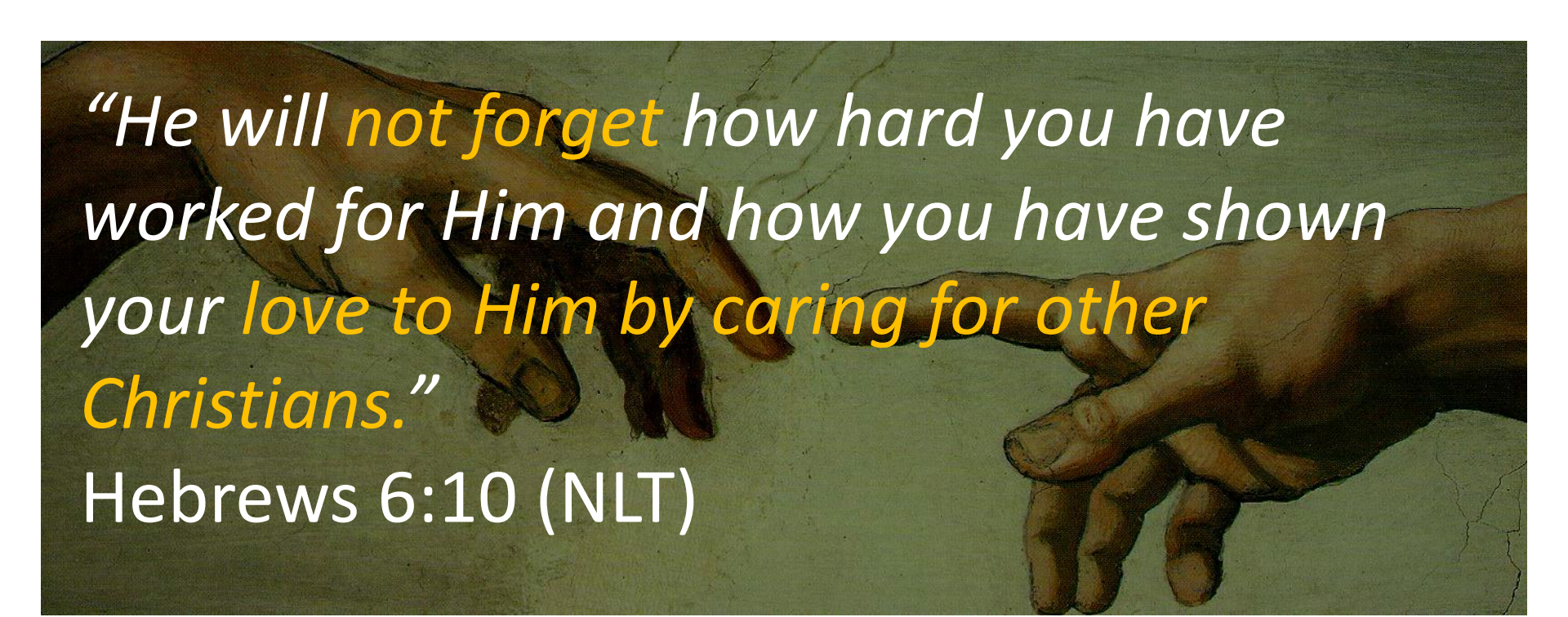
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*“Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that **nothing you do** for Him is a waste of time or effort.”*

1 Corinthians 15:58 (MSG)

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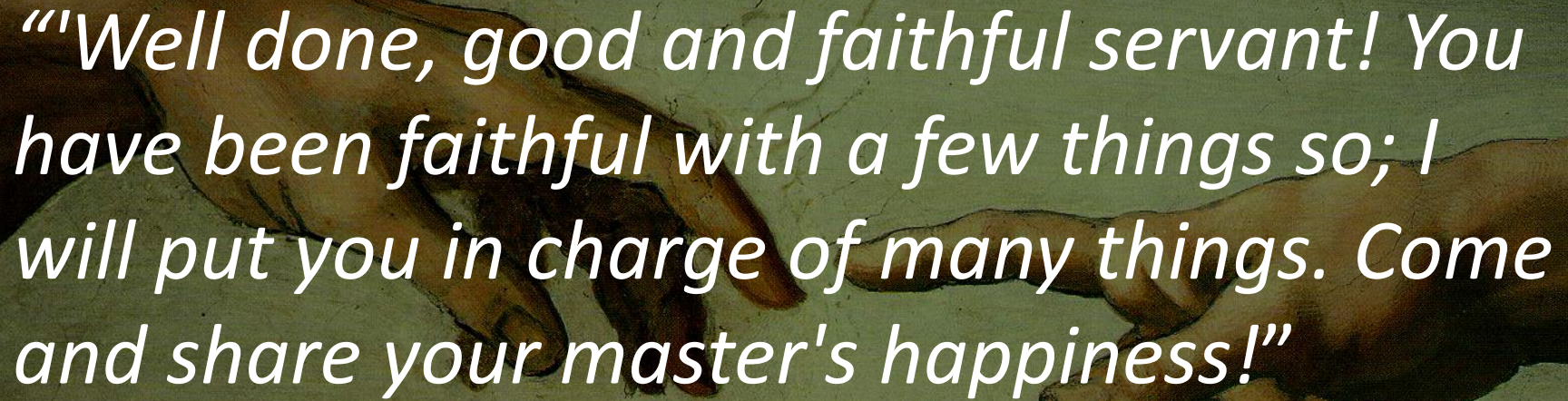


*“He will **not forget** how hard you have worked for Him and how you have shown your **love to Him by caring for other Christians.**”*

Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)

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“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!”

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

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