

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." – AUGUSTINE –



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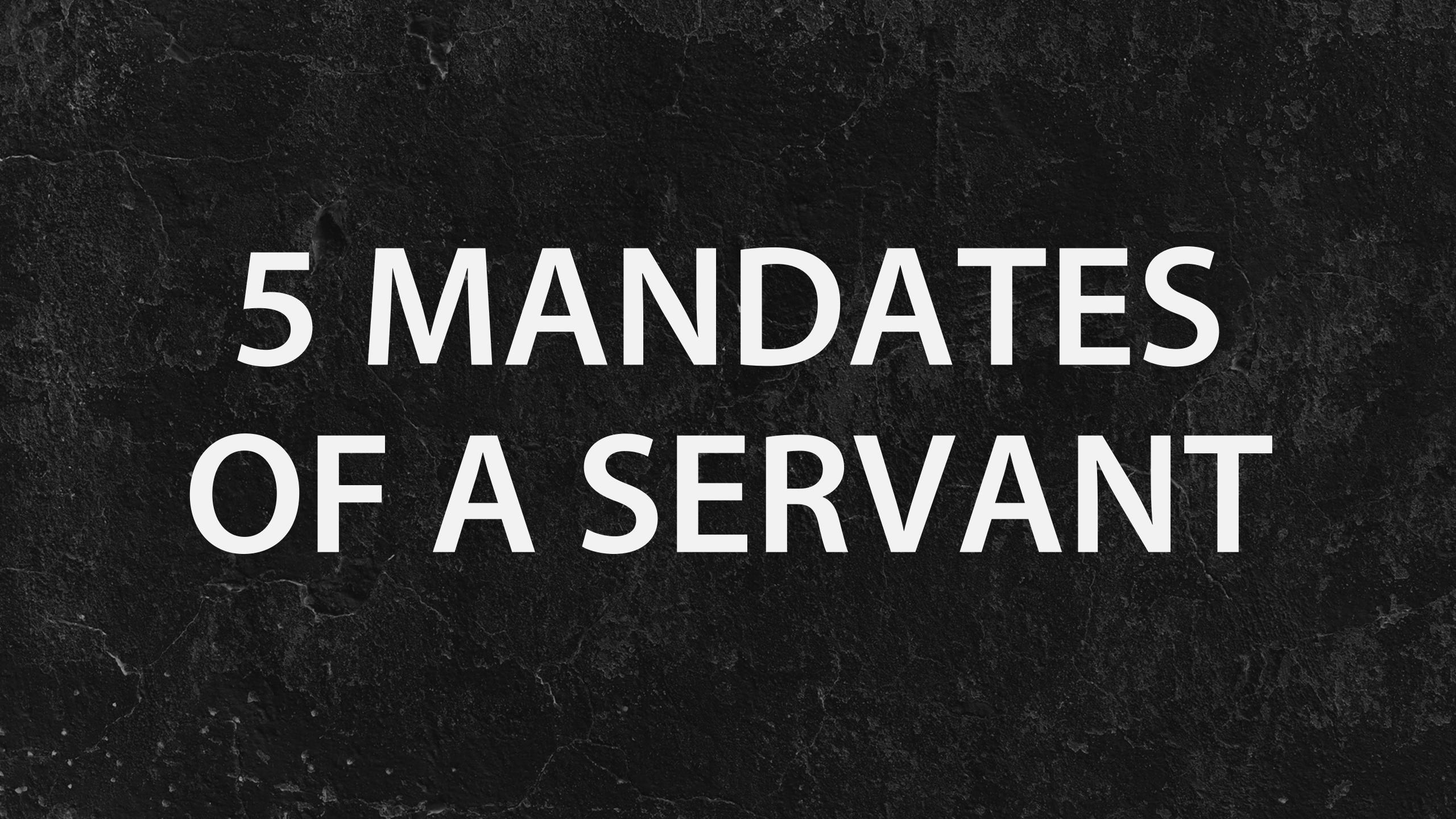
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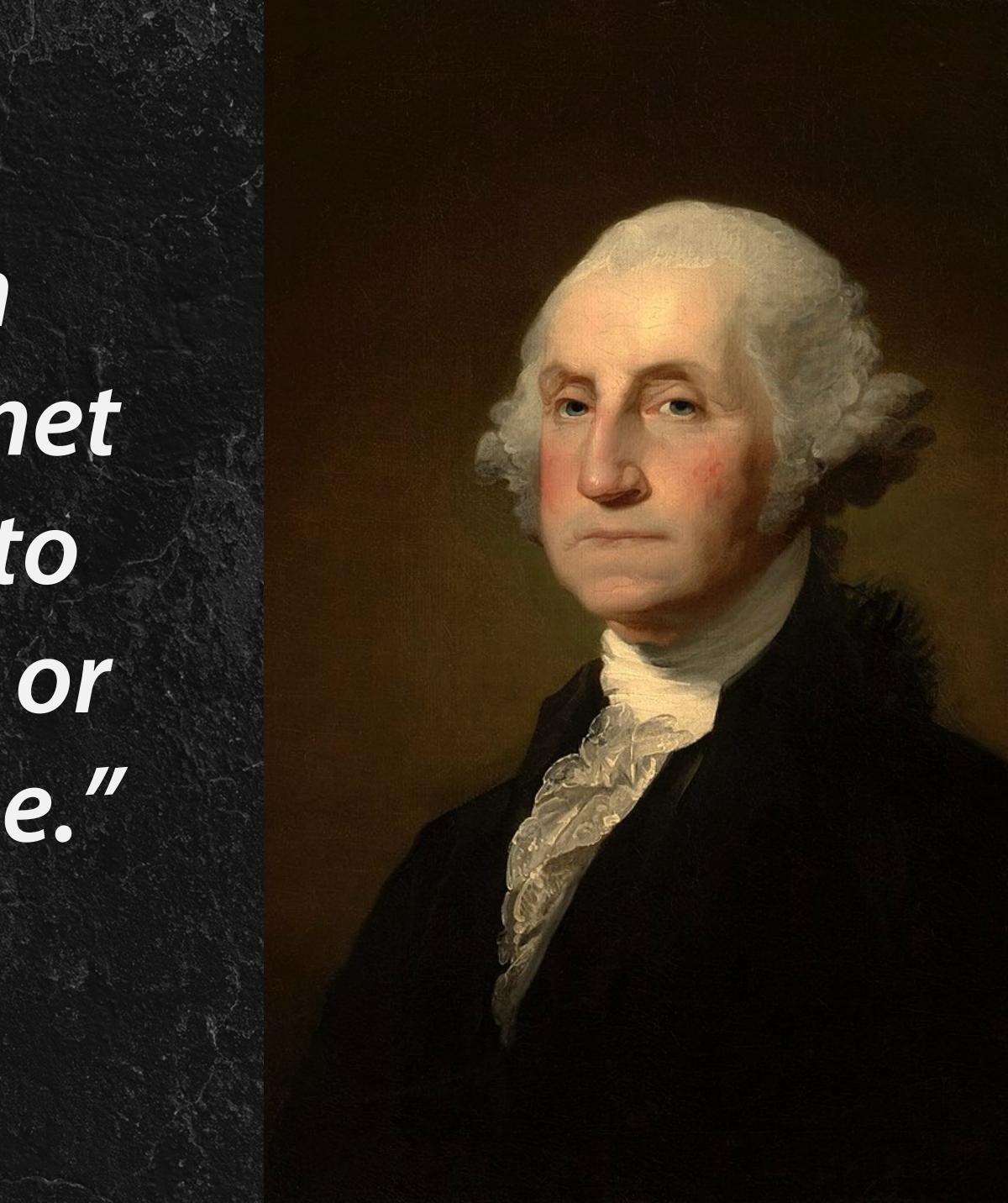
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Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus... PHILIPPIANS 1:1



...You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:35-45



PLAY YOUR PART: You are a part of 1 His plan.

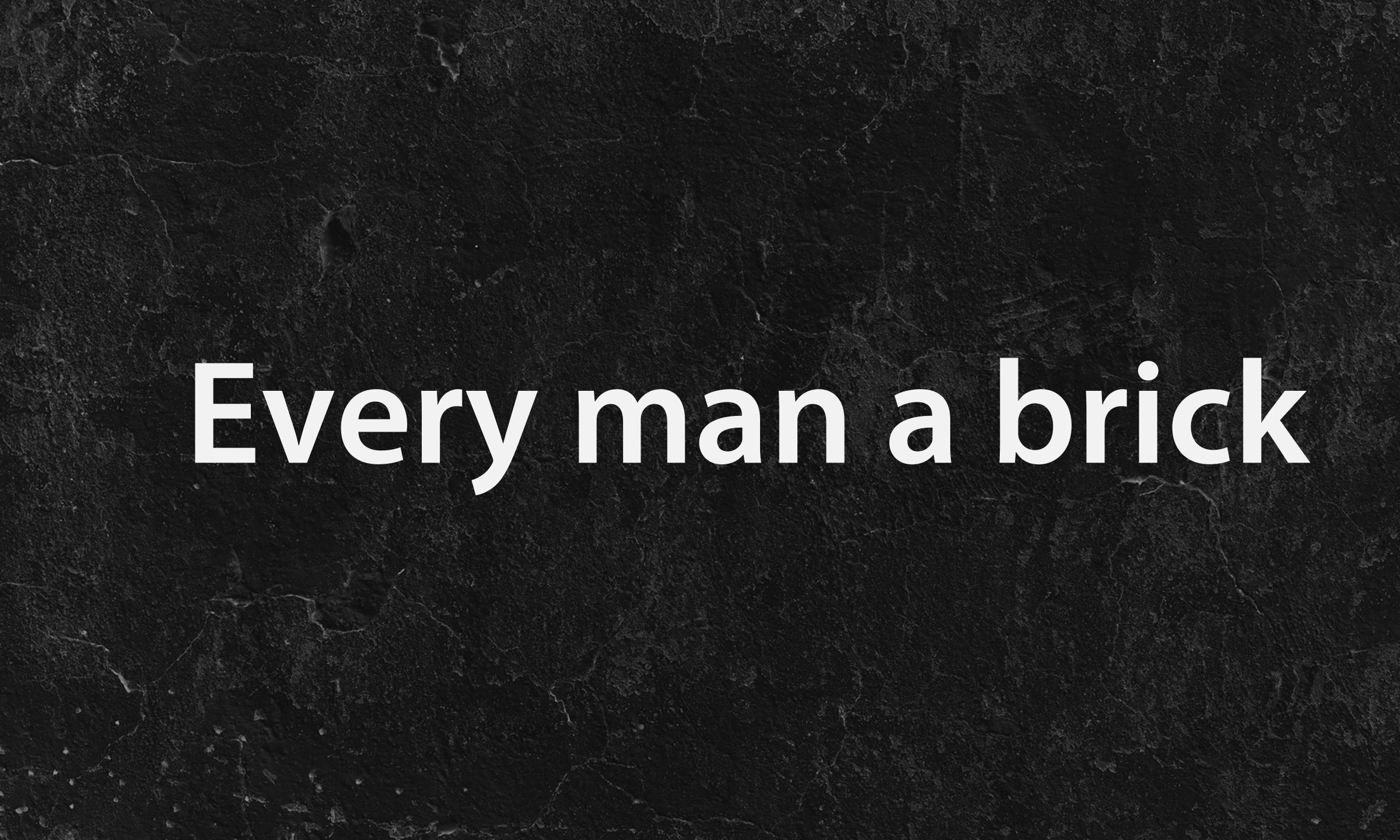
... You also, like living stones... 1 PETER 2:4-6



As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

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Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22









LIVE YOUR FAITH: 2 You are His personal representative.

...a holy priesthood... 1 PETER 2:5,9





You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... But you are a chosen people, <u>a royal</u> priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 PETER 2:5,9



GOD REVEALS HIMSELF VIA:

> The Bible (special) > Nature (natural) > You (personal)



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **ROMANS 12:1-2**



Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 PETER 2:11-12



CHARACTERISTICS OF A PRIEST:

> A priest has access to God and is to bring others to Him. > The priest is the man who brings an offering to God.



3 EMBRACE YOUR IDENTITY: You belong to God.

...you are a chosen people... 1 PETER 2:9-10



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 PETER 2:9-10



...whom I have chosen. **ISAIAH 44:1-2**

...my treasured possession... EXODUS 19:5-6



For he chose us... he predestined us for adoption to sonship... In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him... And you also were included in Christ... When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. **EPHESIANS 1:4-13**



WE ARE CHOSEN FOR 3 THINGS:

> We are chosen for blessing. > We are chosen for obedience. > We are chosen for service.



4 **REALLIZE YOUR** DESTINY: You are not of this world.

...*a holy nation*... 1 PETER 2:9,11-12



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1 PETER 2:9,11-12



But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ... PHILIPPIANS 3:20

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

JOHN 18:36



All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were <u>foreigners and strangers on earth</u>.

HEBREWS 11:13



WE ARE SET APART. HOW?

> Live the Jesus life. > Live a pure life. > Live a Christ-minded life. > Live an abundant life. > Live a hope-filled life.



FULFILL YOUR CALLING: You have 5 been saved to serve.

... God's own people... **1 PETER 2:9 (RSV)**





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1 PETER 2:9



... to be the people of his inheritance... **DEUTERONOMY 4:20**

...a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. **TITUS 2:11-14**



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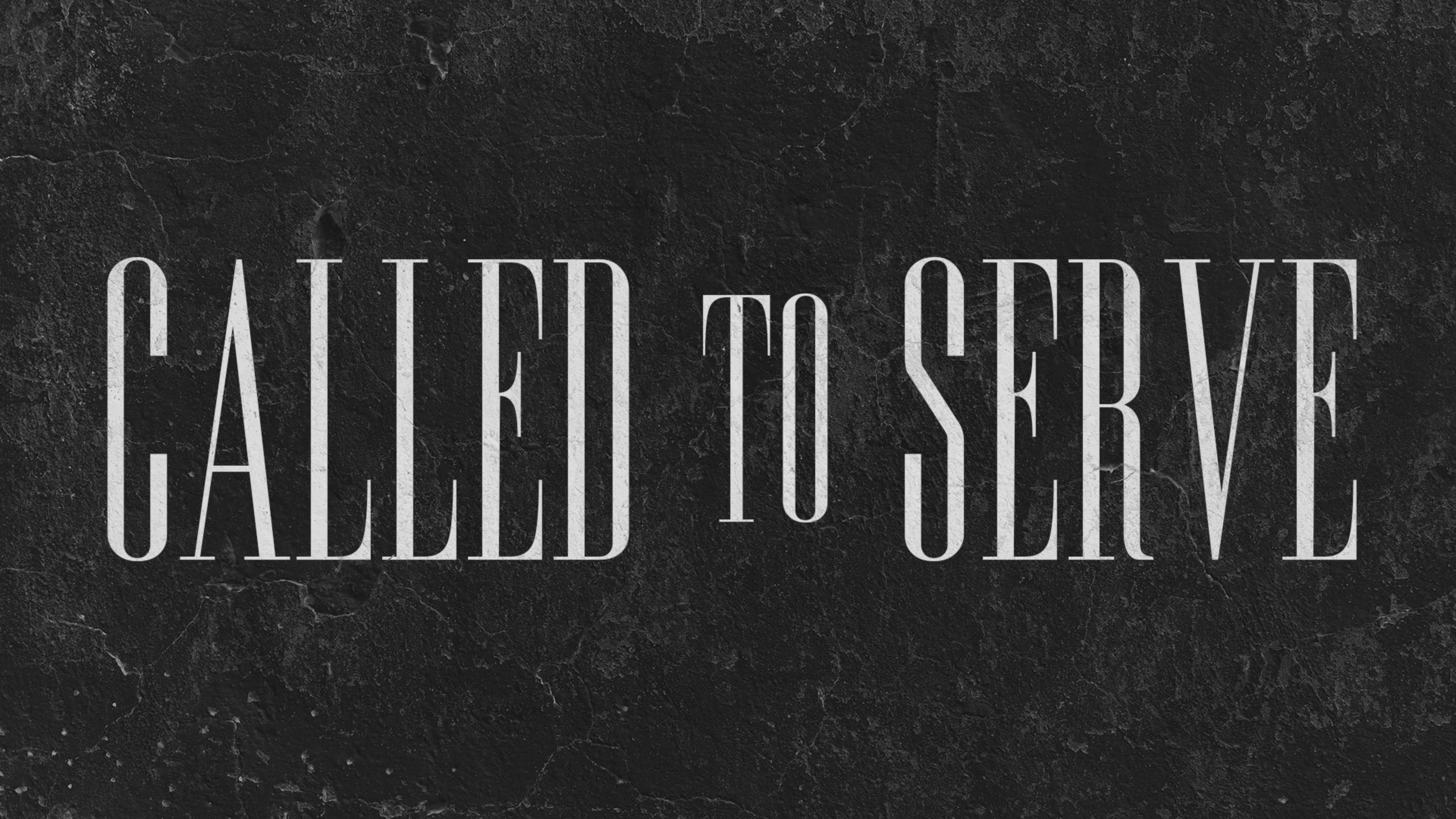




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> Played his part > Lived his faith > Embraced his identity > Realized his destiny > Fulfilled his calling







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