



THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!



TRUMPET CALL

Call to Worship

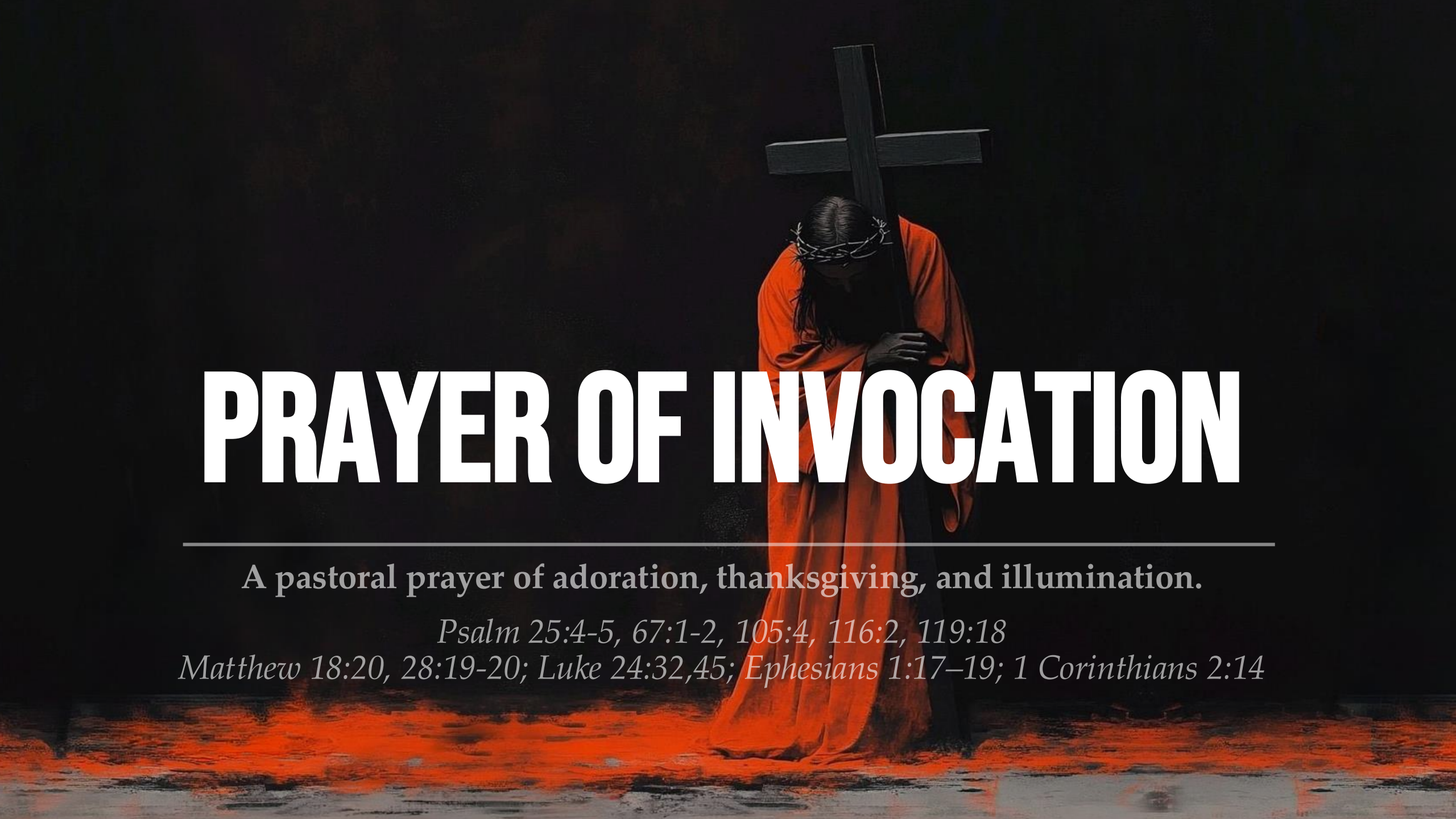
1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17

For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

A religious painting of a figure, likely Jesus, wearing a red robe and a crown of thorns, carrying a large wooden cross. The figure is walking on a path of red dust or blood against a dark background. The word "ANNOUNCEMENTS" is overlaid in large white letters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your bulletin for more information.

A person in a red robe with a crown of thorns carrying a large wooden cross against a dark background.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A pastoral prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

Psalm 25:4-5, 67:1-2, 105:4, 116:2, 119:18

Matthew 18:20, 28:19-20; Luke 24:32,45; Ephesians 1:17-19; 1 Corinthians 2:14

A person in a red robe, wearing a crown of thorns, is carrying a large wooden cross on their back. They are walking on a path that appears to be covered in red, possibly representing blood. The background is dark and textured.

PASSING THE PEACE

Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15; Leviticus 19:17-18*



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

**Our Father,
who is in heaven,
hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive those who are indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 150

A person in a red robe and crown of thorns carries a large wooden cross. The scene is set against a dark, textured background with a pool of red liquid on the ground.

THE LAW OF THE LORD

Responsive Reading of the Psalms

Psalm 1:1-2, 19:7-9, 119:1-3, 72:18-19

PASTOR

Blessed is the man

**who walks not in the counsel of the
wicked,**

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on His law he meditates day and

PASTOR

The law of the Lord is perfect

PEOPLE

Reviving the soul.

PASTOR

The testimony of the Lord is sure

PEOPLE

Making wise the simple.

PASTOR

The precepts of the Lord are right

PEOPLE

Rejoicing the heart.

PASTOR

The commandment of the Lord is pure

PEOPLE

Enlightening the eyes.

PASTOR

The fear of the Lord is clean

PEOPLE

Enduring forever.

PASTOR

The rules of the Lord are true

PEOPLE

And righteous altogether.

PASTOR

**Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!**

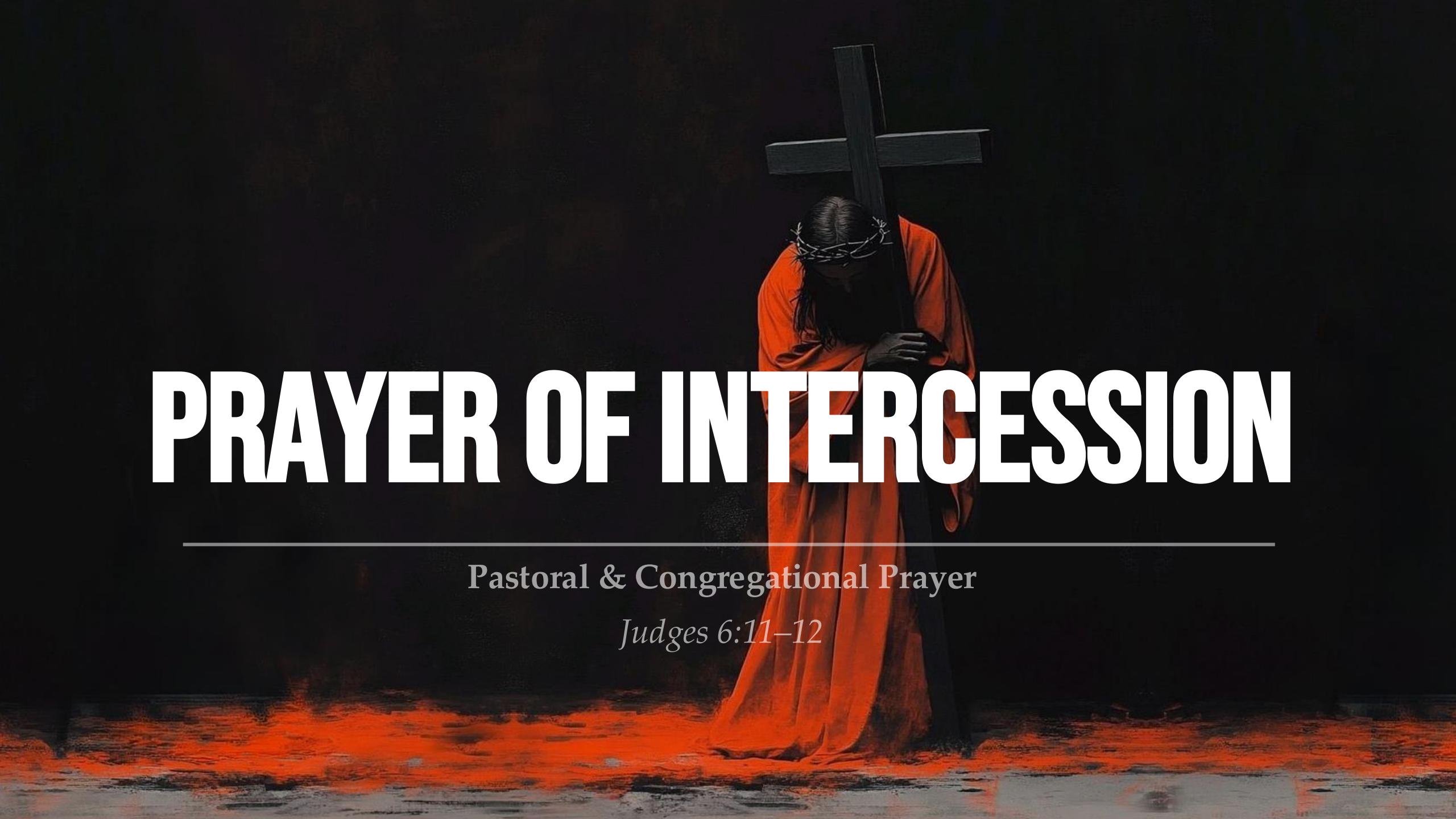
**Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
who seek Him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in His ways!**

EVERYONE

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.**

**Blessed be His glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with His
glory!**

Amen and Amen!



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

Judges 6:11–12

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Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

A person wearing a red robe is standing in the center, holding a large black cross. The background is dark, and the floor is a mix of red and grey. The text is overlaid on the image.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

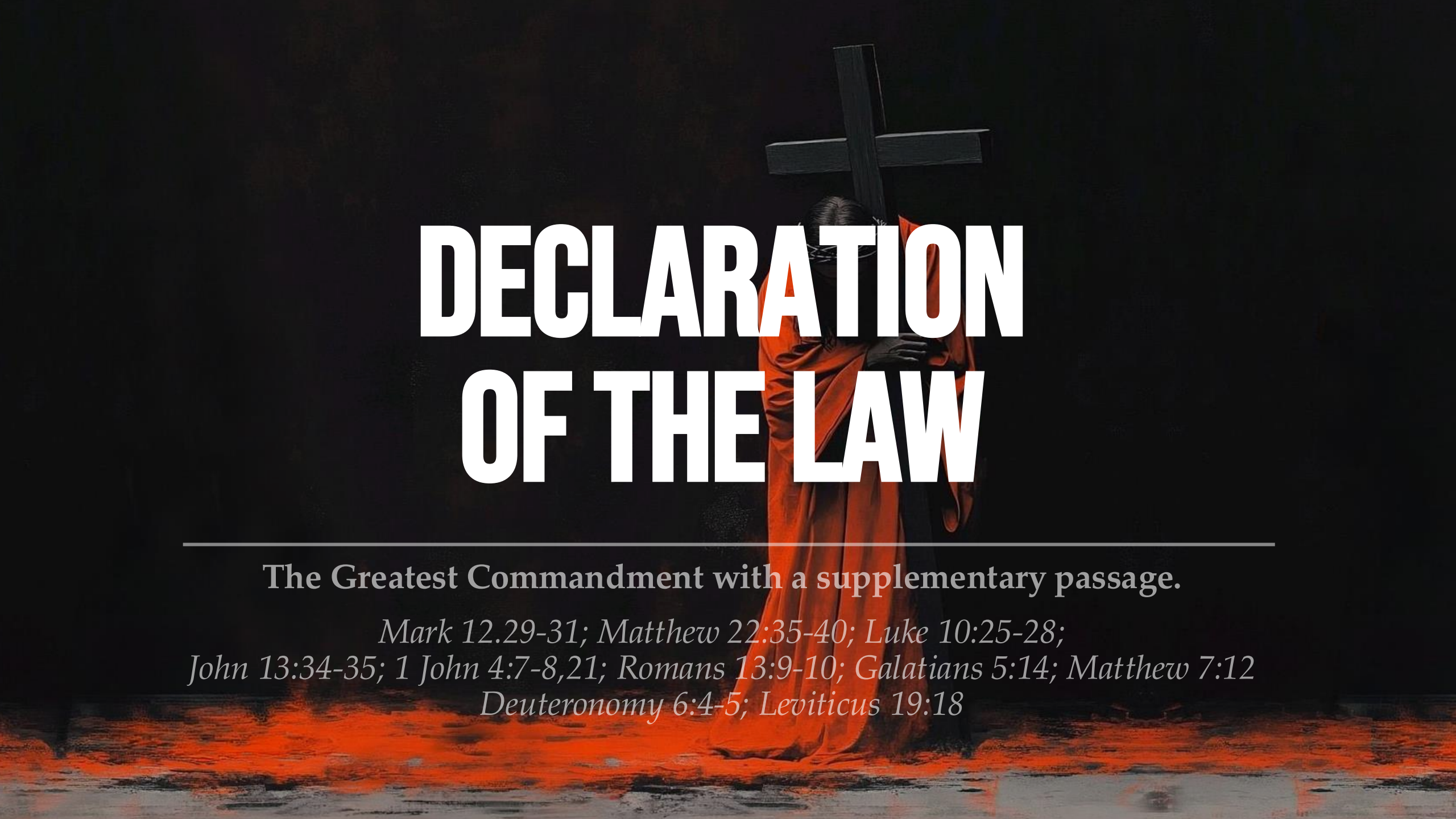
Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14

A person in a red robe is seen from behind, carrying a large black cross. The scene is set against a dark background with a red, textured ground. The text is overlaid on the image.

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DECLARATION OF THE LAW

The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28;
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8,21; Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14; Matthew 7:12
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18*

‘Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**And you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your
strength.’**

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

**On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets.**

For the commandments,
“You shall not commit adultery,
You shall not murder,
You shall not steal,
You shall not covet,”

and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

NO LYING

Understanding the Decalogue, Part IX

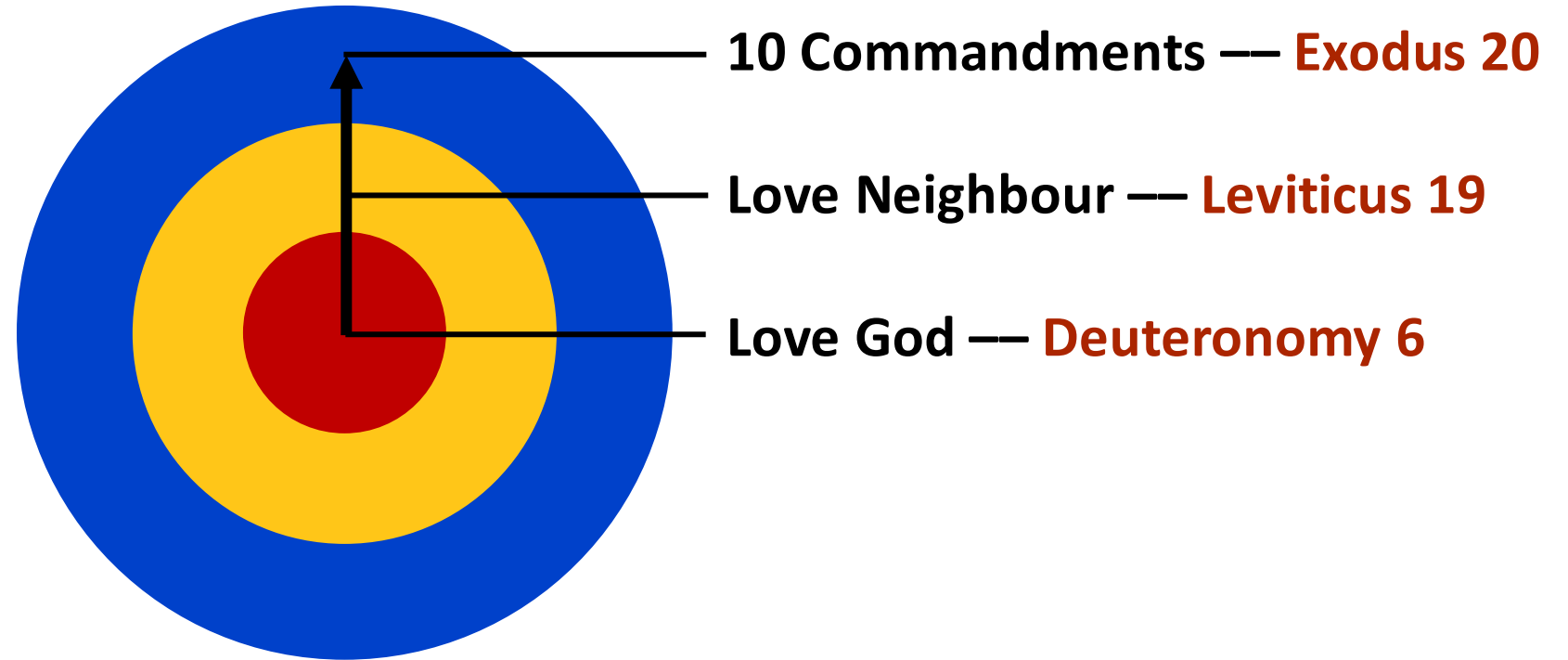
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LOVING MEMORY
OF
MARY CAROLAN
THE BELOVED WIFE OF JOHN KIRBY
WHO DIED JANUARY 15TH 1920
Aged 55 Years
"Peace unto her soul"

Also of
JOHN KIRBY
BORN OCTOBER 12TH 1845
DIED AUGUST 28TH 1920
Aged 73 Years
"Peace unto his soul"

Also of
ANNA MARY KIRBY
BORN JANUARY 18TH 1903
Aged 77 Years
"Peace unto her soul"

EXODUS 20 – 10 COMMANDMENTS



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1. **No other gods:** Worship only the one true God.
2. **No idols:** Do not make or worship images/idols.
3. **No misusing God's name:** Do not carry God's name falsely.
4. **Keep the Sabbath (No working):** Set aside a day to worship and rest in God.
5. **Honor parents:** Respect your father and mother.
6. **No murder:** Do not kill people unjustly.
7. **No adultery:** Be faithful to your spouse.
8. **No stealing:** Do not take what belongs to others.
9. **No lying:** Do not give a false testimony or witness.
10. **No coveting:** Do not desire, envy, or crave what belongs to your neighbor.



NO LYING

Exodus 20:16 — “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Deuteronomy 5:20 — “And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

- Also translated: “give false testimony”
- In Hebrew, the word translated “bear” “or “give” is *anaw*, and means “to speak, answer, respond, testify, shout”.



LEVITICUS 19:11-12,15-17

“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.... 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.”



EXODUS 23:1-3

“You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. You shall not fall in with the many [crowd] to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.”



KINDS OF DECEPTION

- **Falsehood** (Claim, Misinformation)
- **Lie** (Blatant, Pretext)
- **Slander** (Defamation, Gossip, Perjury) — Matthew 5:11-12
- **Pretence** (Vainglory, “Mask”) — Philippians 1:18; Romans 16:18
- **Promise** (Oath, Vow) — Matthew 5:33-37
- **Altruism** (Perceived, “White lie”) — Exodus 1:15-22; Joshua 2:1-7



WAYS OF DECEIVING

- Fabrication
- Exaggeration
- Minimization
- Omission



DEUTERONOMY 19:18-19

“The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.”

- **Matthew 7:1-2** — “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”



TRUTH-BEARING

- **God is truth.** Therefore, we ought to be truthful.
- **Name-bearers represent the truth.** Therefore, lying strives against God's character, defaming and slandering the identity and reputation of God.
- Consider: If lying/deceiving does not bring you guilt, shame, remorse, regret, or conviction for sinning against God, then your relationship with God may not be real. You may be treating God like an idea, not like a Person—your heavenly Father.



TRUTH-BEARING

- The ninth command is the social (*horizontal*) equivalent to taking the Lord's name in vain (*vertical*).
- Bearing false witness against your neighbour strives against their reputation and moral character (identity), directly and indirectly slandering God's image and name.



TRUTH-BEARING

- God has called us to live in steadfast commitment to truthfulness, which includes the protection of moral character, the accurate portrayal of reputation, the preservation of societal trust and the integrity of justice—
—moral truth.
- Bearing false witness or giving false testimony is the greatest way to destroy trust in society: Destroy trust > Destroy relationships.
- A society that loses sight of this will stop trusting and loving one another. We see that happening today...



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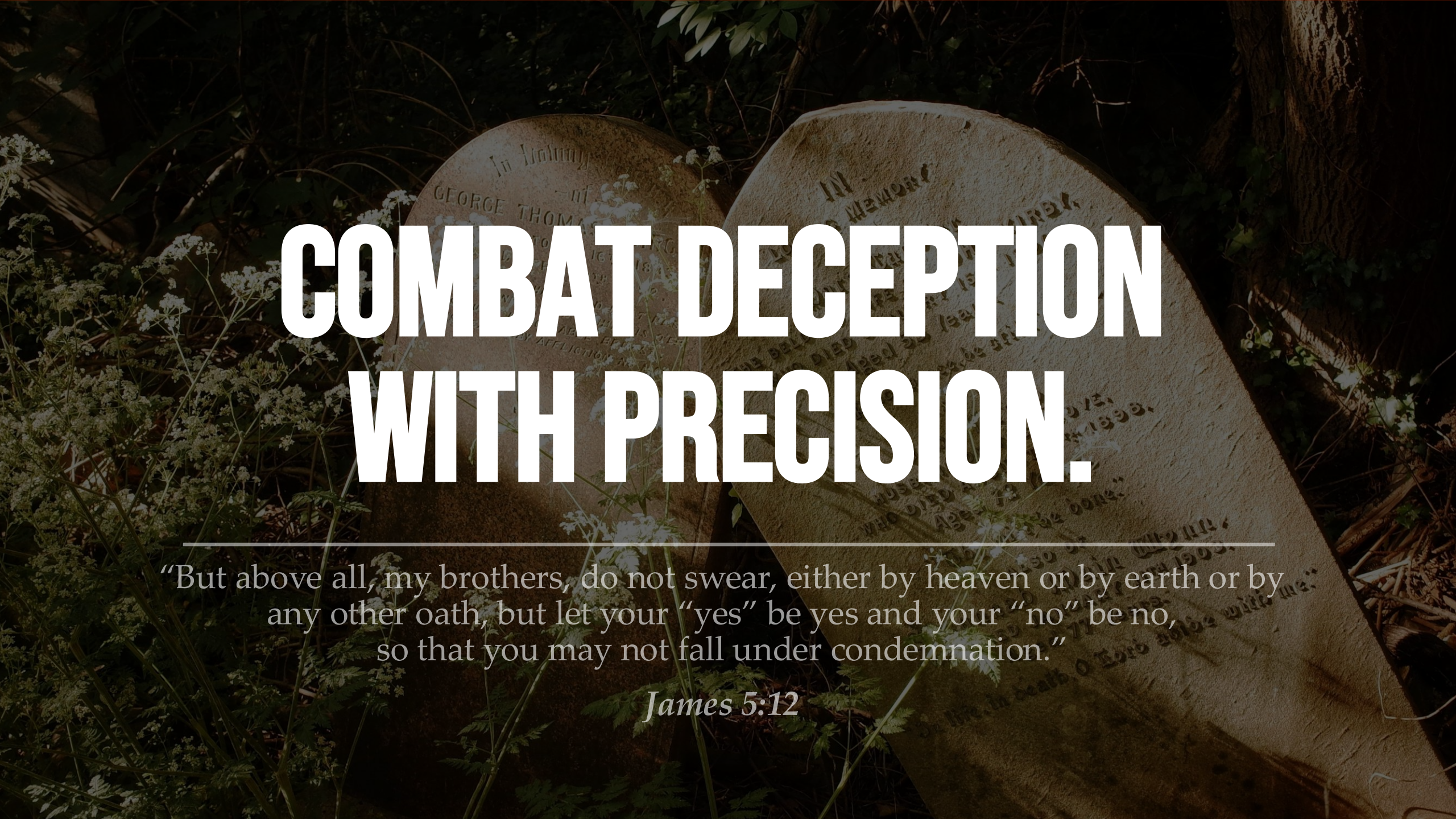
- The commandment ultimately reflects the character of God, who is Truth Himself, calling us — His people, His children — to image and bear that truthfulness in our speech, conduct, and relationships. **God is truth, so be truthful.**
- That's why false prophets are so vile and repugnant — they are deliberately bearing false witness against Truth Himself on behalf of Truth Himself (**Jeremiah 23:32; Ezekiel 13:6-9**).



MATTHEW 12:33-37

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? **For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.** The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, **on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**”



The background of the image is a photograph of several old, weathered gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are made of light-colored material, possibly marble or granite, and are partially covered in ivy and other climbing plants. The scene is dimly lit, with a dark, moody atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background.

COMBAT DECEPTION WITH PRECISION.

“But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.”

James 5:12

EPHESIANS 4:14-16

“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”



A photograph of two large, weathered gravestones in a cemetery, partially obscured by green foliage and vines. The stones are light-colored and have inscriptions, though some are faded. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a dark, moody atmosphere.

SHARPEN PRECISION WITH CONFESSION

*"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another,
that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person
has great power as it is working."*

James 5:16

THE LOVE OF LIES: SELF-DECEPTION

- Deceiving yourself is the first step to breaking other laws. Lying out loud and to others reveals this self-deception. Even the temptation to lie reveals the sin that is within you.
- **Fact**: If you're willing to deceive others, then you're already self-deceived. A spoken lie is the fruit of your heart, the evidence that you have already deceived yourself. You just can't see it yet.
(Jeremiah 17:9-10; Matthew 15:19)

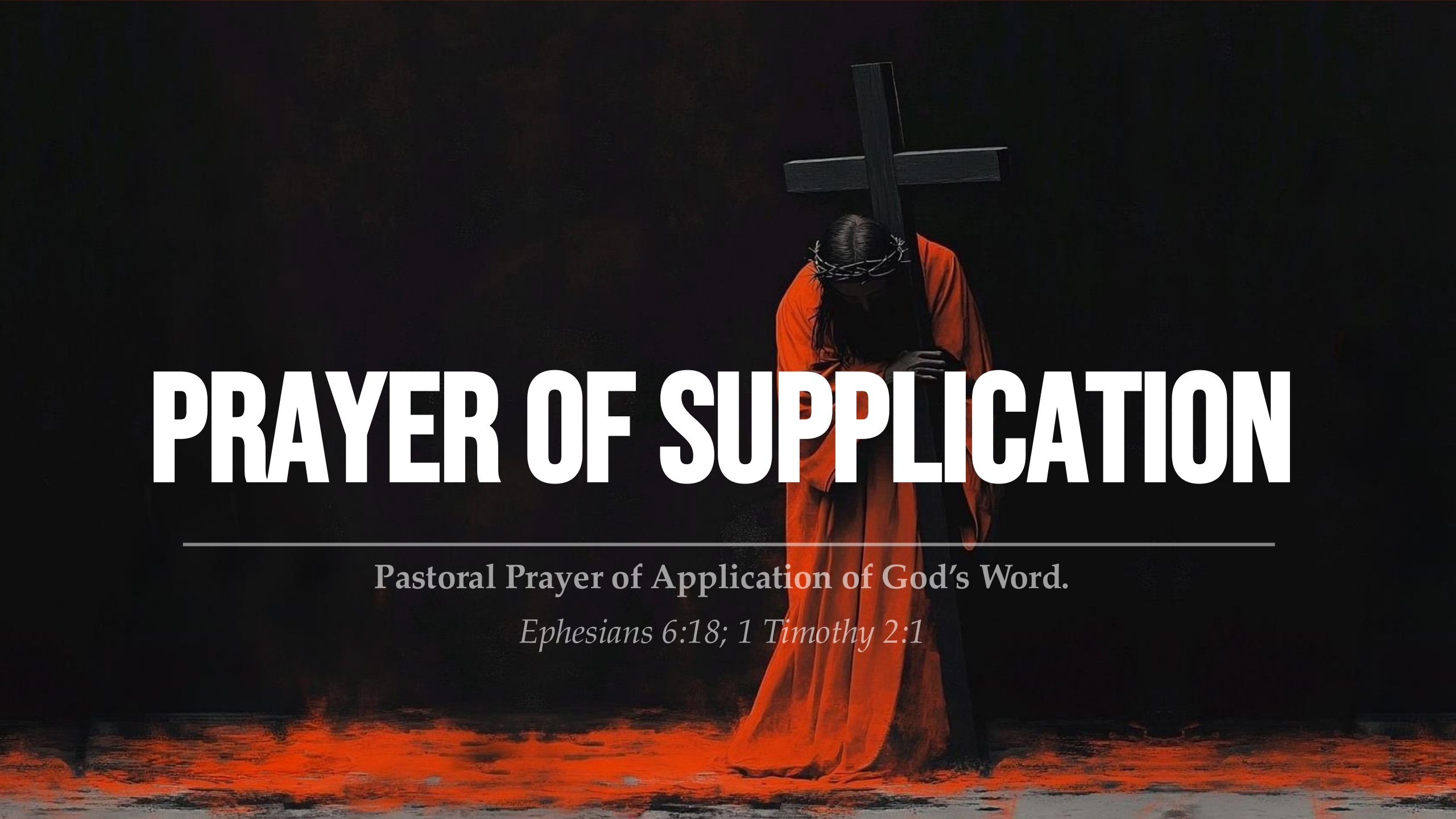


The background of the image is a photograph of several large, rounded gravestones in a cemetery. The stones are weathered and have inscriptions, though they are mostly illegible due to the low light and focus. The scene is surrounded by dark, dense foliage and trees, creating a somber and reflective atmosphere. The overall lighting is dim, with some highlights on the stones and leaves.

COMBAT SELF-DECEPTION WITH MUTUAL ADORATION

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

Jeremiah 17:9-10



PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1

A person wearing a red robe and a crown of thorns stands holding a large black cross. The background is dark, and the floor is a textured red. The title text is overlaid on the image.

CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer in the aisles — confession of sin, anointing of the sick, and pastoral intercession alongside communal prayer, praise, and worship.

James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5

PSALM 103:1-5

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,

PSALM 103:1-5

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

JAMES 5:13-16

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

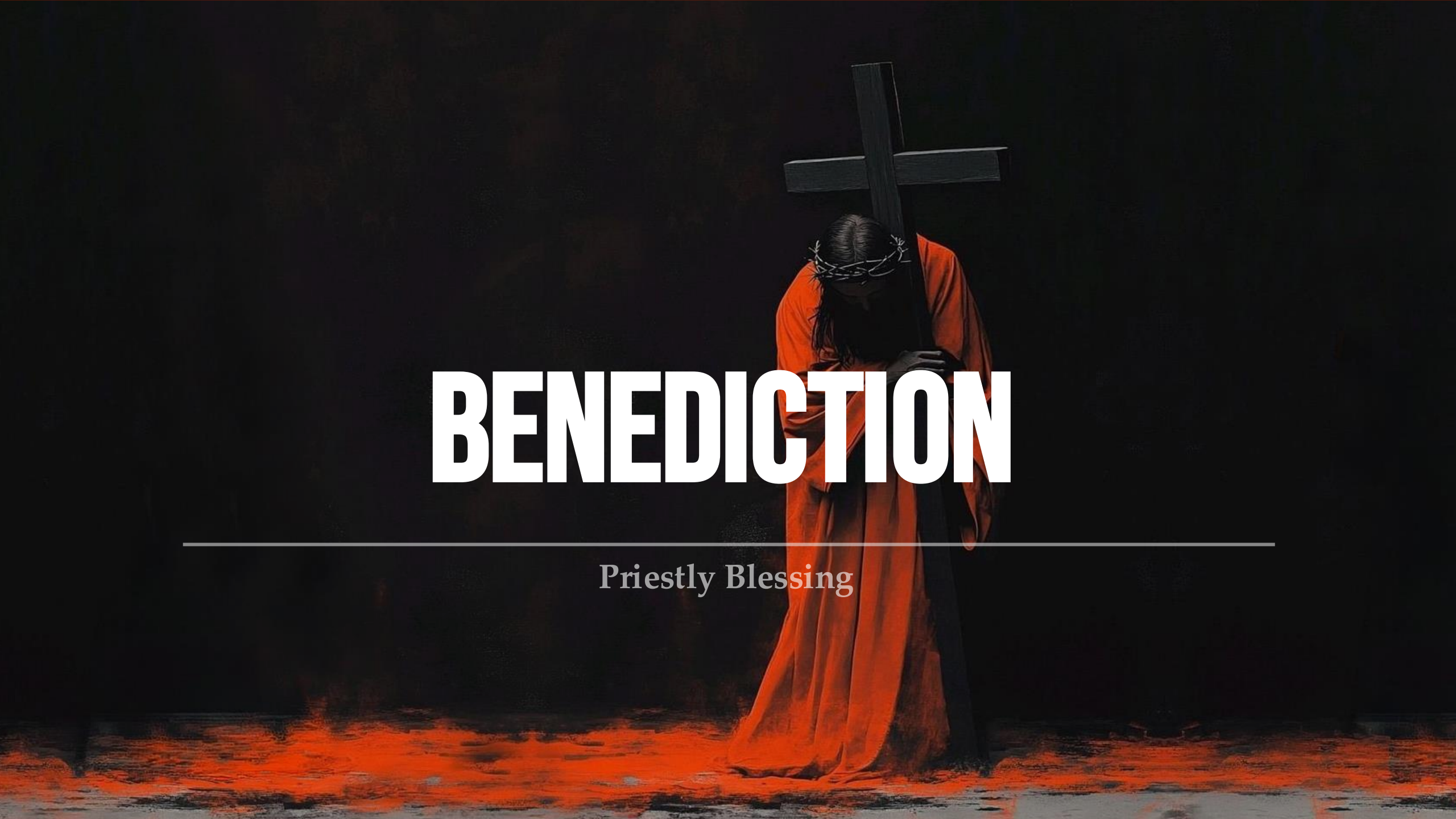
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SENDING SONG

The final song of service before we go out and share the good news.

Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 103:1-5, 150:1-6



BENEDICTION

Priestly Blessing



FELLOWSHIP

Please enjoy some coffee and tea on us 😊



