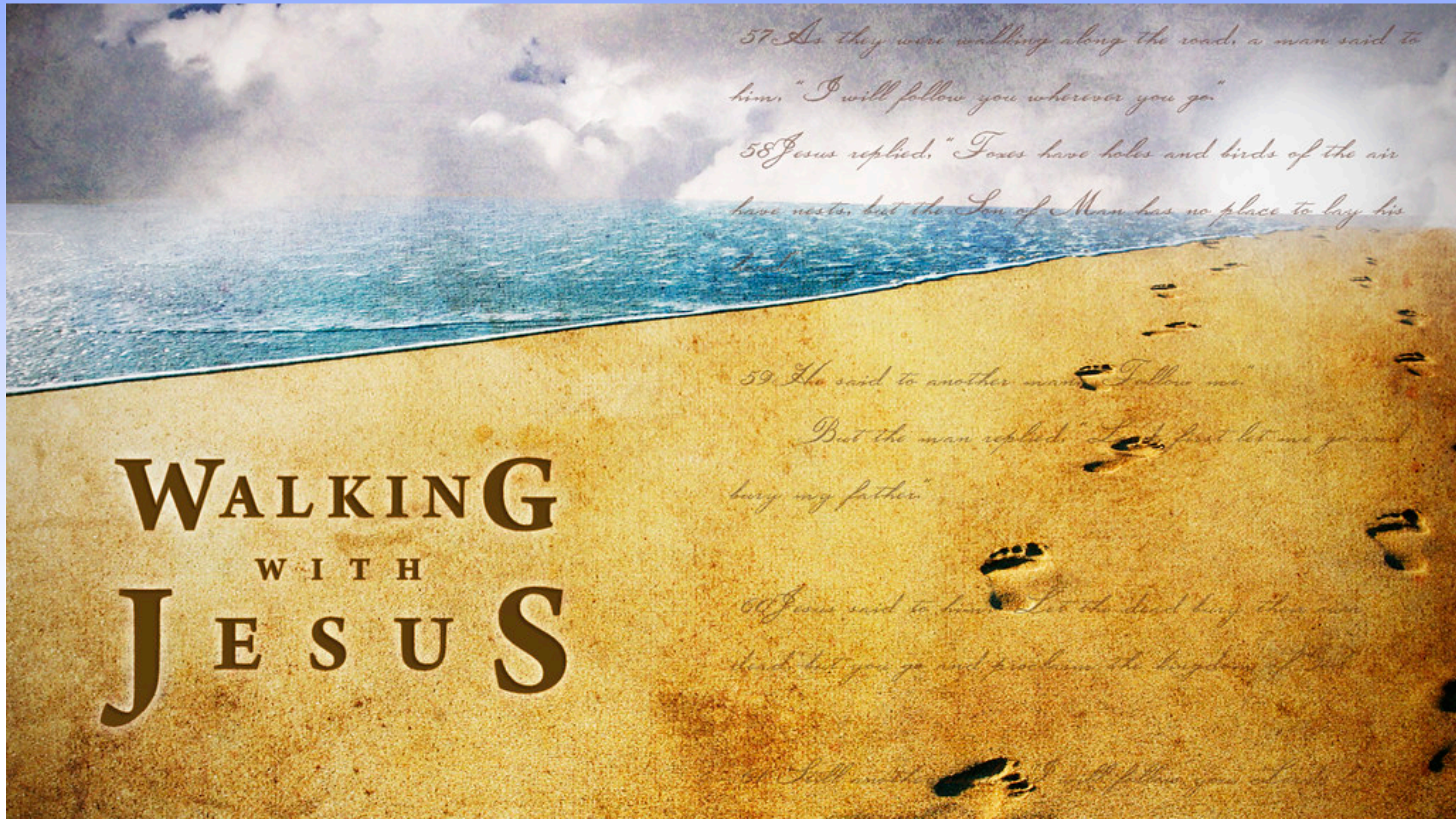




# Parables

*“More Than A Story”*





# WALKING WITH JESUS

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

59 He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

61 He said, "I will follow you, Lord."



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**One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”**





Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our  
daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive  
everyone who  
sins against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation.

-Luke 11:2-4



**5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’**



**7 And suppose the one inside answers,  
'Don't bother me. The door is already  
locked, and my children and I are in bed. I  
can't get up and give you anything.'**



**8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.**





**9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**



**11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?”**



**13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”**



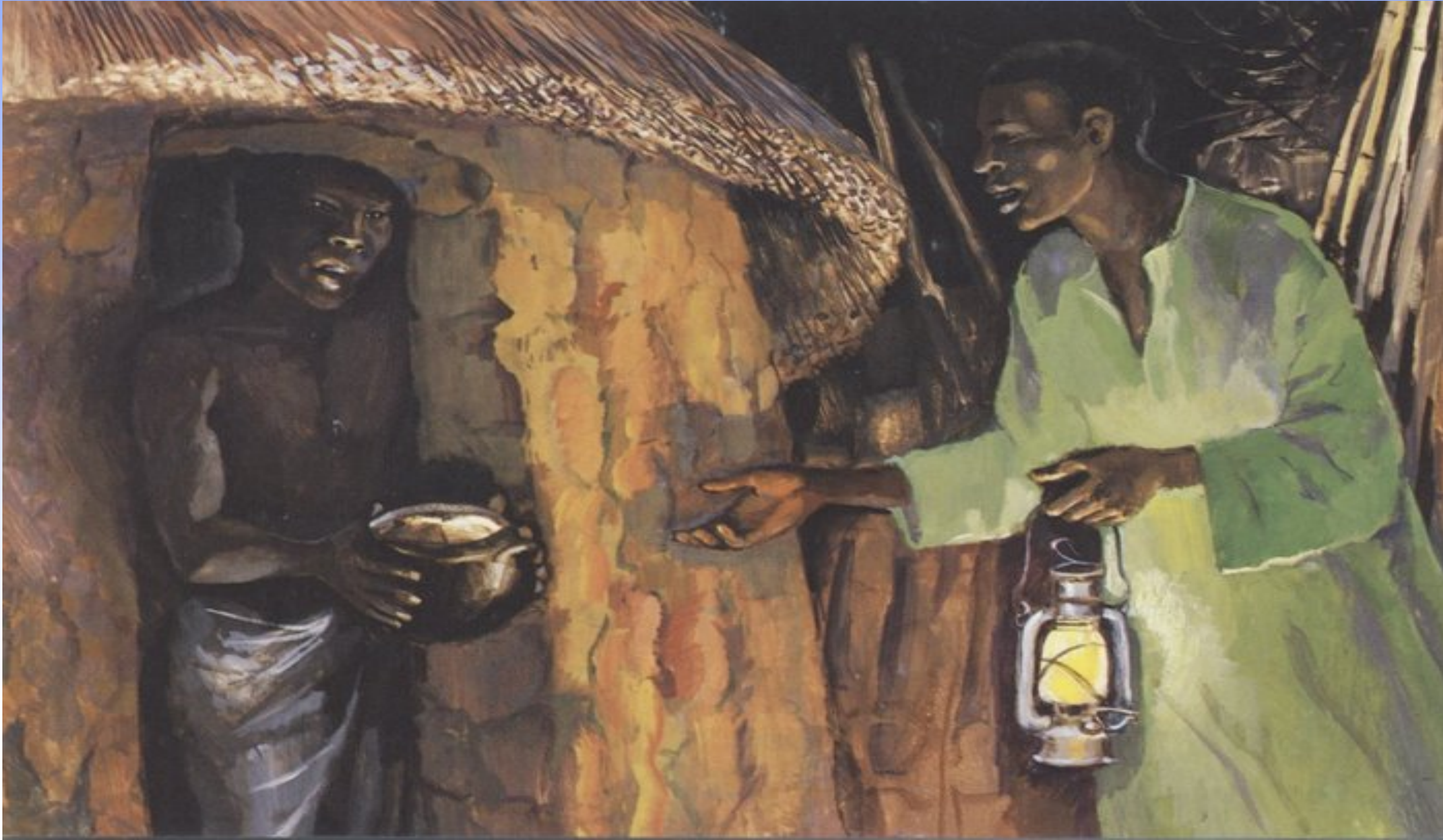
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“... yet because of your shameless audacity  
he will surely get up and give you as much  
as you need.”

- Luke 11: 8



**A parable begins innocently as a picture that arrests our attention and arouses our interest. But as we study the picture it becomes a mirror in which we suddenly see ourselves.**





**”If we continue to look by faith, the mirror becomes a window through which we see God and his truth. How we respond to that truth will determine what further truth God will teach us.”**

**Warren Wiersbe**





**Who am I in this parable?**



# **Lesson #1**

**We have great need and have nothing to meet that need.**

**I have nothing.....no food to offer my guest.**

**Prayer and helplessness are inseparable. Only the person who is helpless can truly pray.**



## Step 1

We admitted that we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors. That our lives had become unmanageable.

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## Lesson #2 The Character of God




Cast all your anxiety  
on him [God] because  
he cares for you.

- 1 Peter 5:7 -




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## Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation,  
through prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.  
And the peace of God,  
which transcends all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and minds  
in Christ Jesus.





*Call to Me &  
I will answer you*

AND TELL YOU GREAT AND  
UNSEARCHABLE THINGS  
YOU DO NOT KNOW.

**Jeremiah 33:3**



**“If you sinful people know  
how to give good gifts to your  
children, how much more will your  
heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit  
to those who ask him.”**

**LUKE 11:13**



**This idea is that our confidence in prayer should not come from us “getting it right” (i.e. knocking long enough or saying the correct words to persuade) but rather from the knowledge that the One who sometimes seems to be sleeping and unavailable will answer because of this commitment to doing what he has promised.**



## **Lesson #3**

**God's response --- "How much more ..."**

**More than you ever dreamed.....**

**We experience the abundant provision that comes from God.....**

**.....everything we need.**



**Prayer is a means to energy (J.I. Packer).  
Spiritual alertness, vigor and confidence are  
the regular spin-off from earnest prayer on any  
subject.**

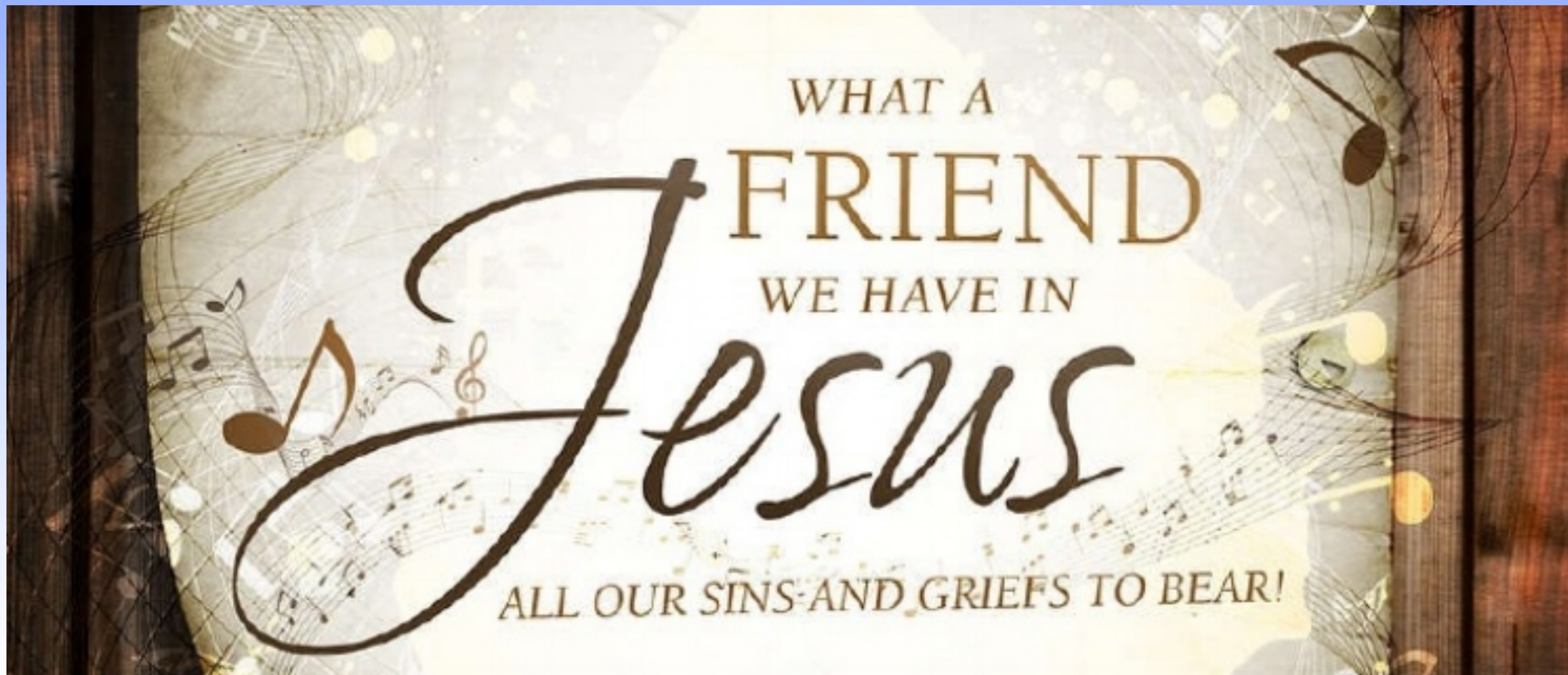
**Prayer brings with it, as food does, a new sense  
of power and health. When we are united with  
Christ the life of Christ flows through us more  
and more.**



**In verse 9 Jesus sums it up----**

**Ask, Seek, Knock. Be confident in prayer, not because you have gotten the words right or put in the right amount of time speaking your request, but be confident because of the goodness of the One to whom you are praying.**





- **Lyrics by Charles Scriven**



**What a friend we have in Jesus,**

**All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry**

**Everything to God in prayer!**





**Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!**



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