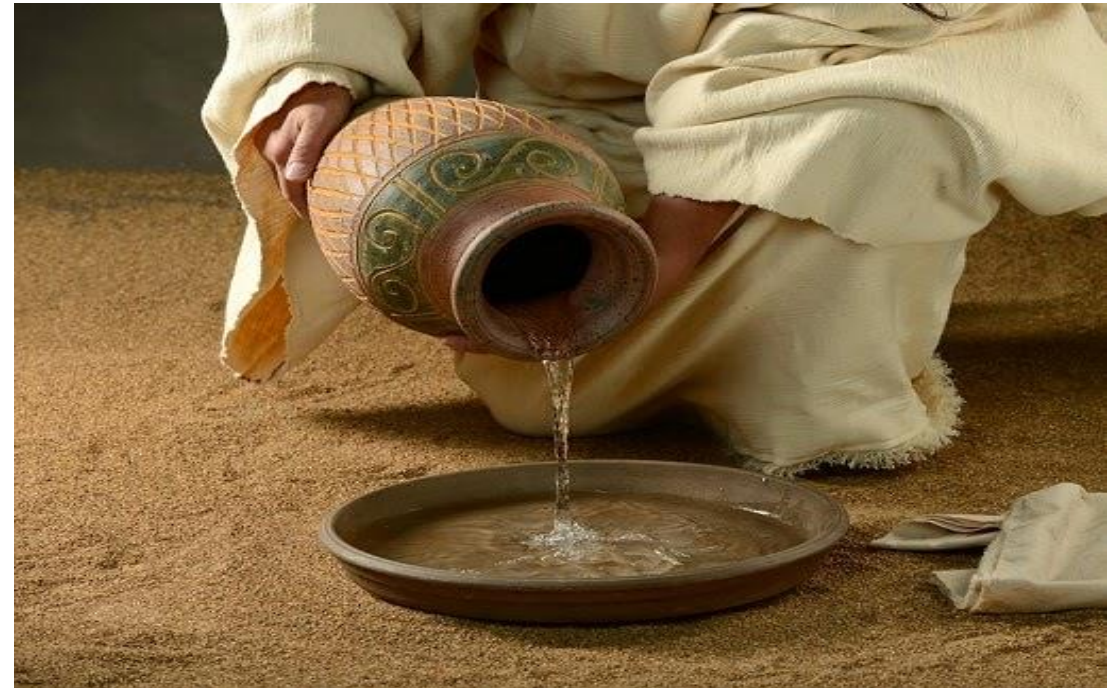

Love and Serve with Obedience

Matthew 17:24-27



the
Gospel
according to
Matthew



Blessed CNY!



Extra-Generous Giving & Serving



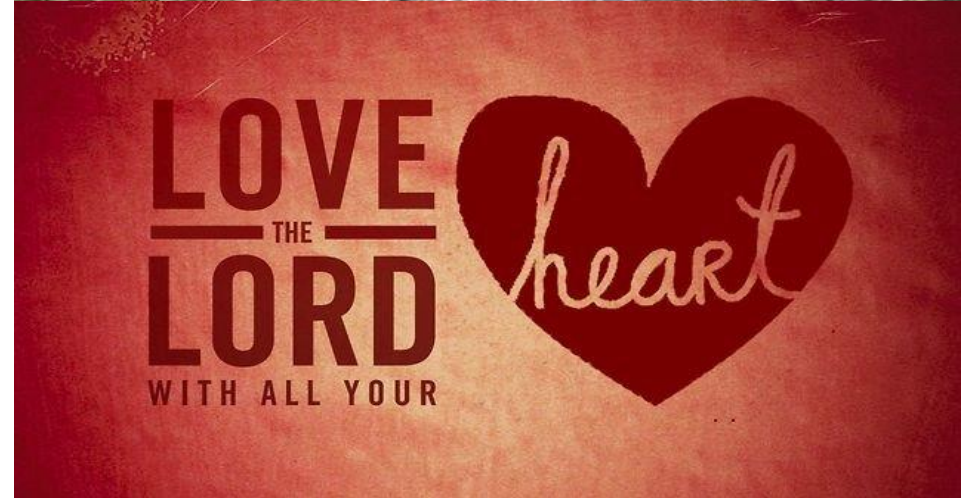
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Year of Service

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Matthew 20:28

***Jesus came not to be
served but to serve***



Matthew 17:1-13

The Glorious Transfiguration

**We must go down
to the valley of service**

*The mountain top
experience is to prepare
us for service and growth
to glorify God*



Matthew 17:14-23
The Power of God to Serve

**Have a Personal
Faith in Jesus Alone**

**Look to the Crucified
and Risen Christ**

*Be Strengthened by the
Love and Power of Christ
on the Cross*



Matthew 17:24-27

Love and Serve with Obedience

Extra-Generous Serving

Be Obedient

Go the Extra Miles

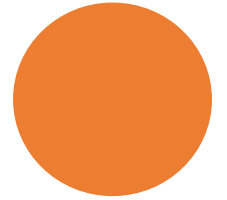
He Provides the Means



Matthew 17:24-27

24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" 25 "Yes, he does," he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?"

26 "From others," Peter answered. "Then the children are exempt,"



***Jesus said to him.
27 “But so that we may
not cause offense, go to
the lake and throw out
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fish you catch; open its
mouth and you will find
a four-drachma coin.
Take it and give it to them
for my tax and yours.”***



The Tax Collectors Came

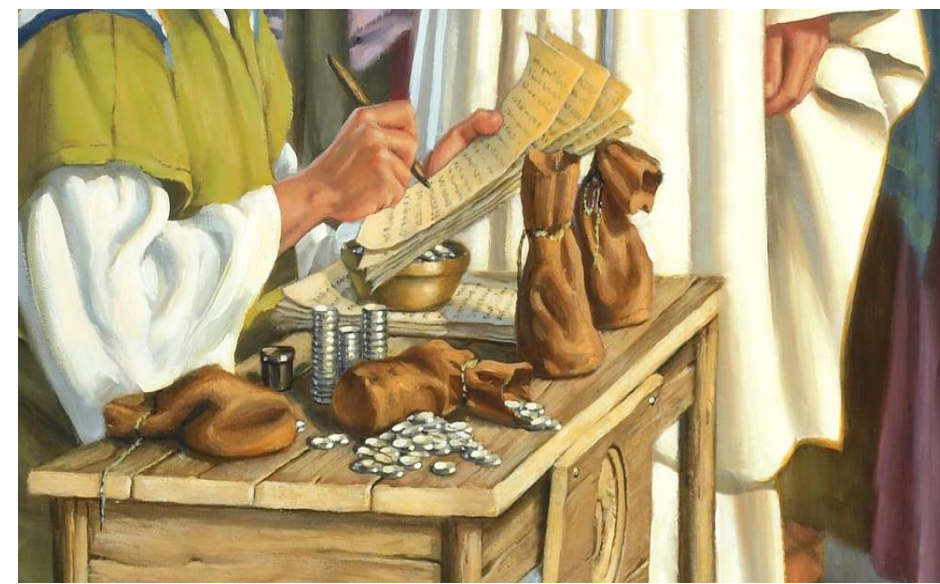
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The Temple Tax

Yearly tax to upkeep the temple

Exodus 30:12-16

Nehemiah 10:32-33



YES! Jesus paid the tax!



Surprise!

*Jesus was obedient
right along the line*

²⁵ "Yes, he does," he replied.



A Parable on Sacrificial Obedient

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Jesus was the first to speak.*

“What do you think, Simon?” he asked.

*“From whom do the kings of the earth
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**Everyone pays tax to
the kings except his children**

**Jesus is the Son of God,
yet he pays**

**The Sons are
Exempt”**

Matthew 17:24-27

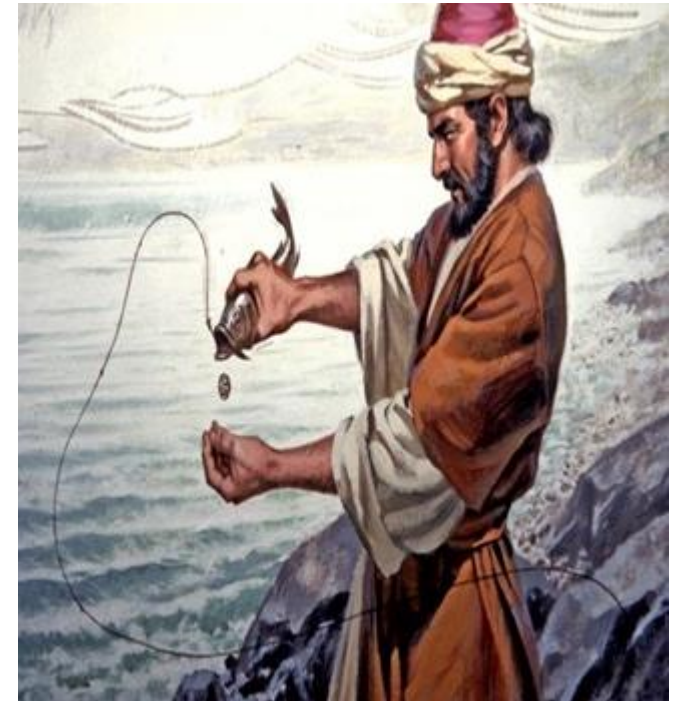
To Avoid Offence

*27 “But so that we may not cause offense,
go to the lake and throw out your line.*

**Offence, a stumbling block,
skandalon to others**

**Jesus went out of his way
to love others**

He gave up his right and privilege



God Provides Supernaturally

***Take the first fish
you catch; open its
mouth and you
will find a four-
drachma coin.
Take it and give it
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and yours.”***



Love and Serve God
with Obedience

**We are the
children of God!**

Go the extra miles to serve

Faith is Practical

We do what we believe

Evidence of Following Jesus



**Respect and submit
to authority**
**God place over us
and pay our taxes**

Roman\$ 13:1-6

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established...

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.



Taxes?

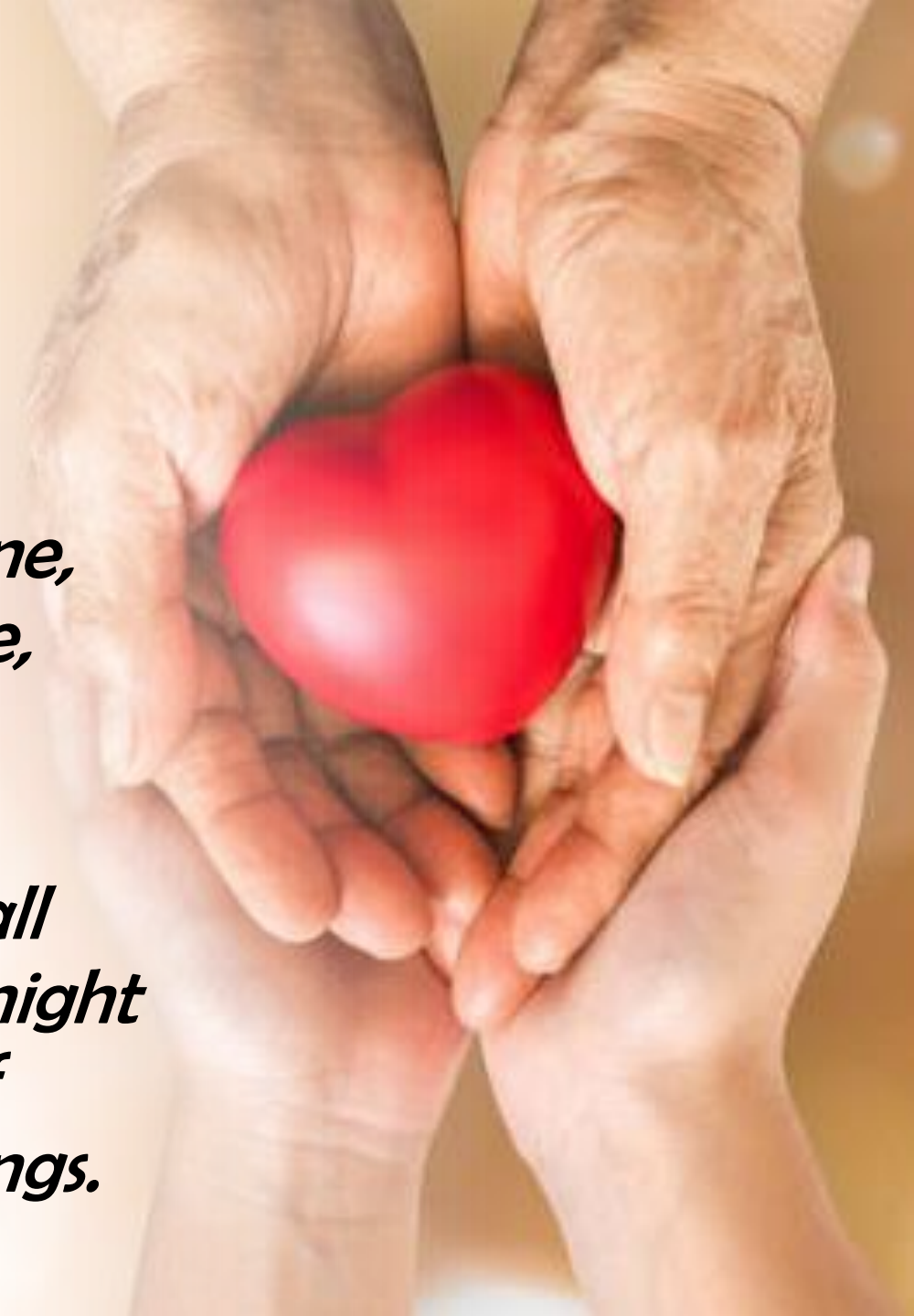
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Paul Uses His Freedom for the Kingdom Work

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...

22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.



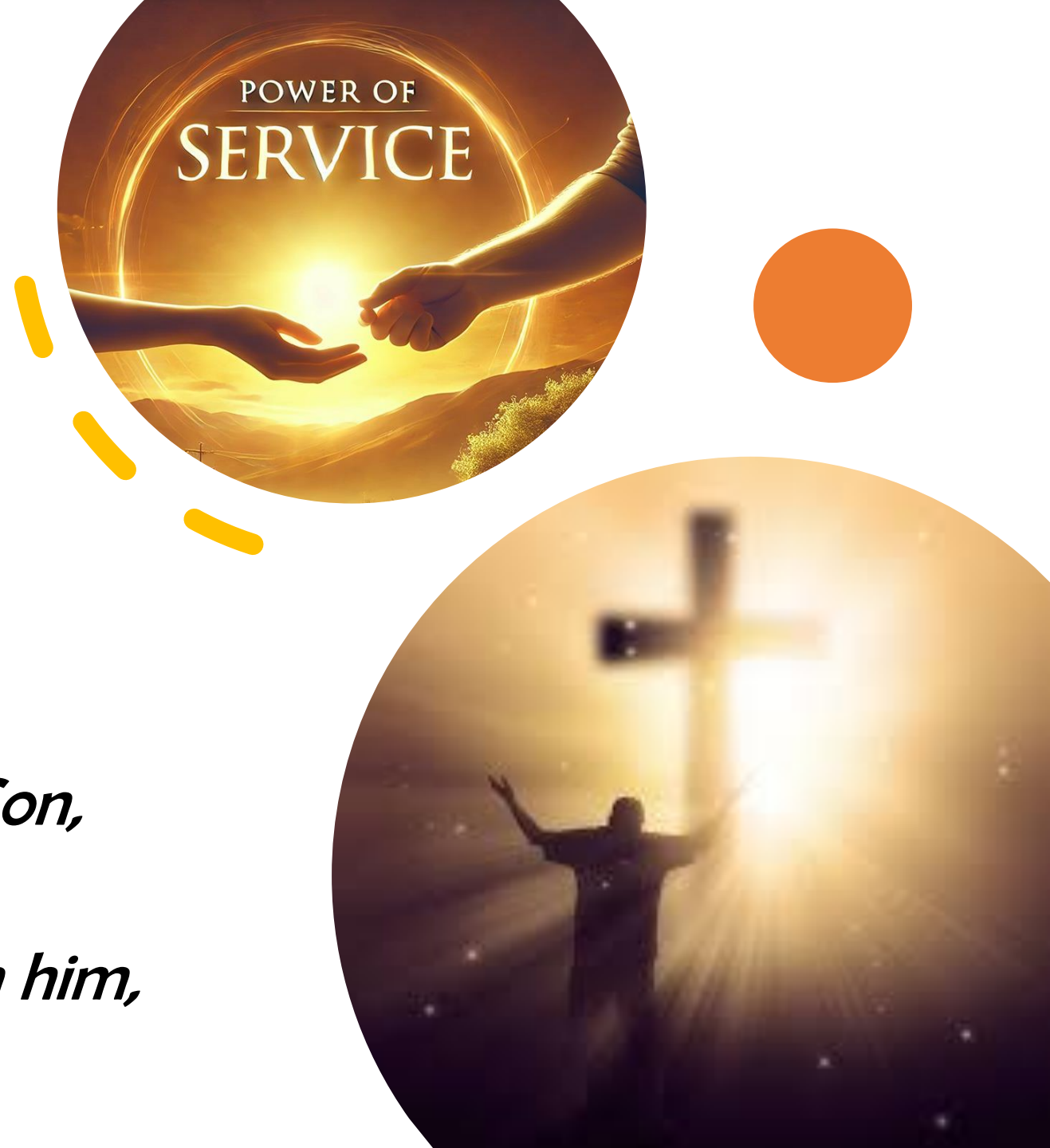
**God Provides
Mysteriously
& Supernaturally!**

Philippians 4:19

*He gives us out of his
glorious riches in Christ Jesus*

Roman 8:32

*He who did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all –
how will he not also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?*



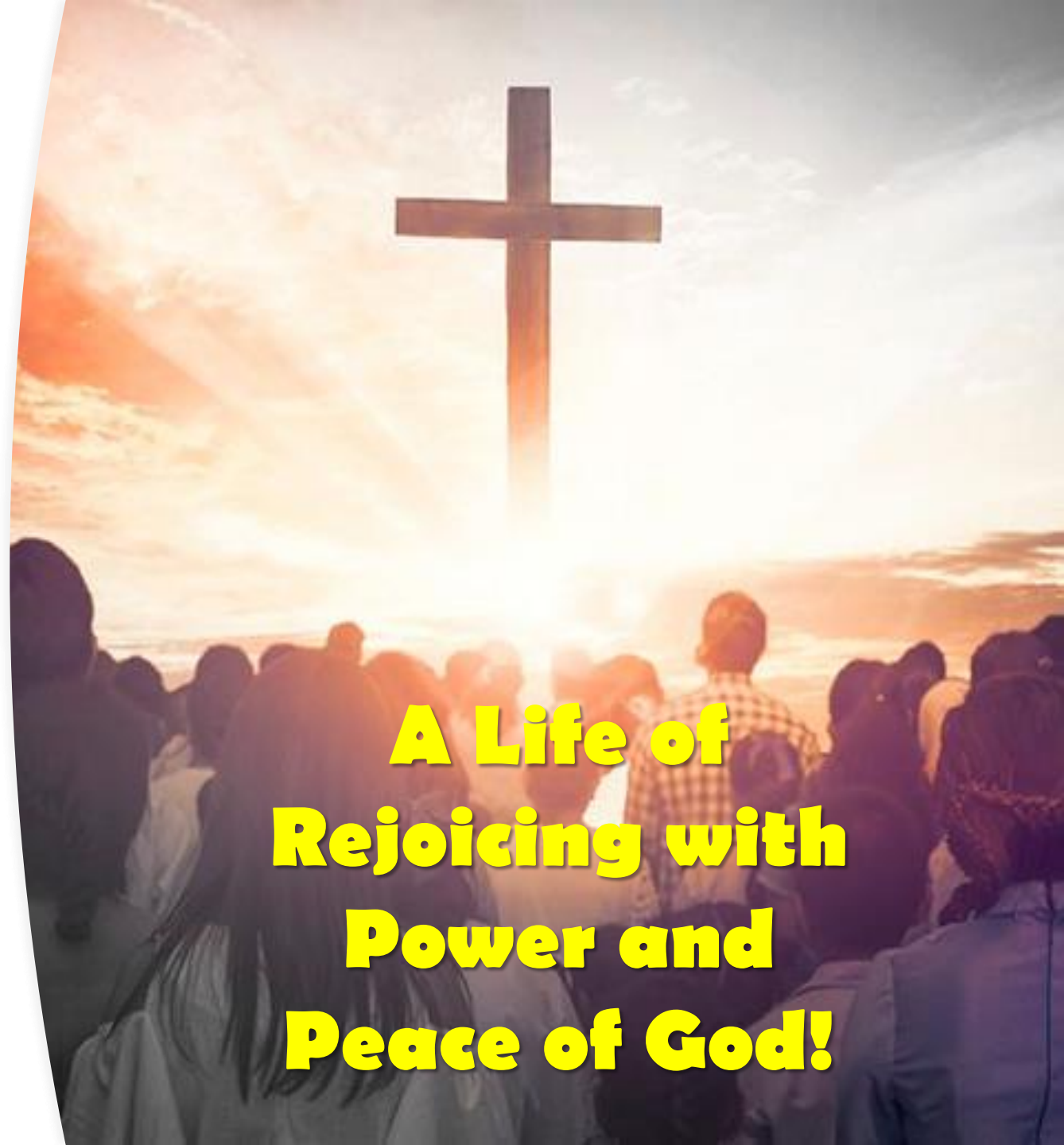
How can we do so?

2 Corinthians 10:5

*Take our thoughts captive
to the obedient of Christ*

Philippians 4:8-9

*Think of Jesus, Do what he says
and the God of peace will be
with us to help us*



**A Life of
Rejoicing with
Power and
Peace of God!**

***Come Follow Jesus
Love and Serve Him!***

Have Faith in God, Be Dependent on Him



Love & Serve Him Obediently & Extra-Generously