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1 Corinthians 10:11

These things happened to them as **prefigurative historical events**, and they were written down as a warning to us who are living in the last days.

Amplified Bible

Now these things befell them **by way of a figure** [as an example and warning to us]; **they were written to admonish and fit us for right action by good instruction**, we in whose days the ages have reached their climax (their consummation and concluding period).

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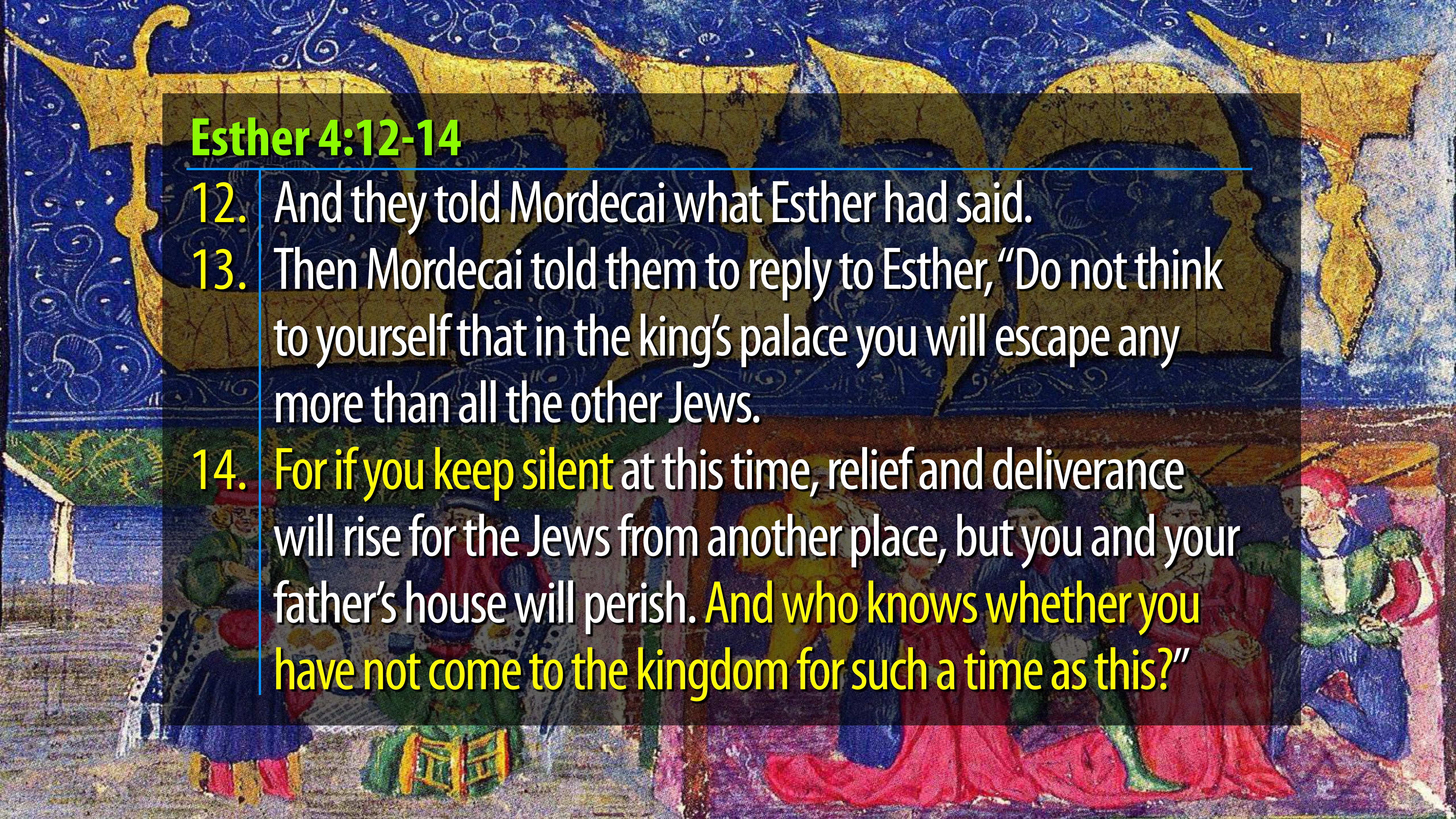
1. When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry.
2. He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth.
3. And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Esther 4:4-7

4. When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them.
5. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was.
6. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate,
7. and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews.

Esther 4:8-11

8. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people.
9. And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said.
10. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say,
11. “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days.”



Esther 4:12-14

12. And they told Mordecai what Esther had said.
13. Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews.
14. **For if you keep silent** at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. **And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"**



Esther 4:15-17

15. Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai,

16. "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

17. Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The image shows a page from a medieval manuscript. The top half features a decorative border with a blue background and gold leaf patterns, including stylized floral and scrollwork designs. A semi-transparent black box with a red circle on the left contains the text "God uses people to accomplish His purposes". Below the border, the page is divided into two scenes. The left scene shows four people in medieval attire gathered around a table; one man in a red hat and green tunic stands, while others are seated. The right scene shows a group of people in a room, with a man in a yellow hooded robe standing and gesturing towards a woman in a red dress who is kneeling. Other people are standing around them, some in prayerful poses.

● God uses people to accomplish His purposes





Isaiah 6:5 & 8

5. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"
8. And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."



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● God uses flawed, imperfect, weak & obscure people for His glory





1 Corinthians 1:26–29

26. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.
27. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
28. God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,
29. SO THAT no human being might boast in the presence of God.



Abraham: was old

Elijah: was suicidal

Joseph: was abused

Job: went bankrupt

Moses: had a speech problem

Gideon: was afraid

Rahab: was a prostitute

Samaritan Woman: was divorced

Jeremiah: was young

Jacob: was a usurper & a cheat

David: was an adulterer & a murderer

Jonah: ran from God

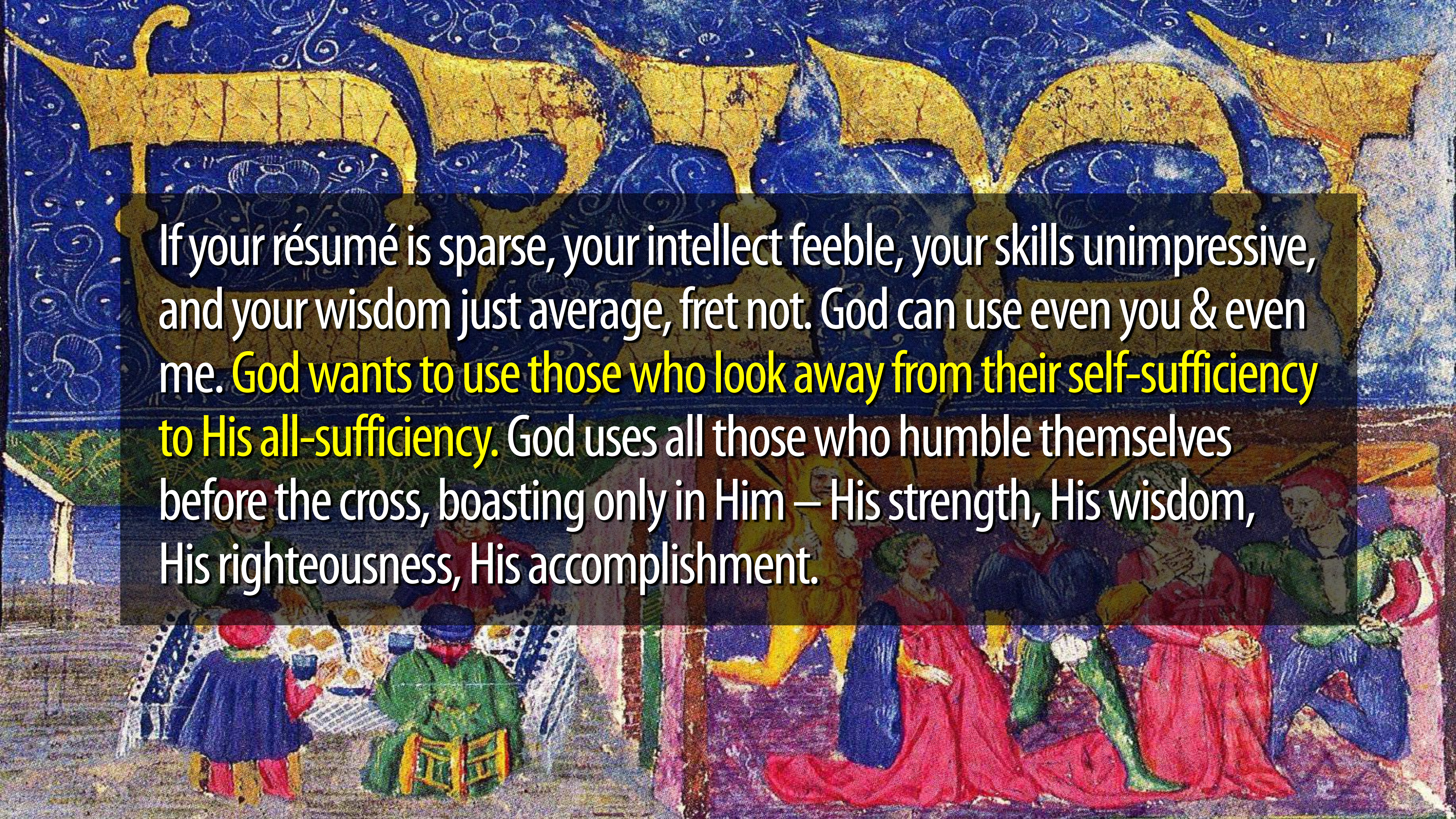
Naomi: was a widow

Peter: denied Christ 3 times

Martha: worried about everything

Zacchaeus: was money hungry

Paul: was a Pharisee who persecuted Christians before becoming a Christian

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If your résumé is sparse, your intellect feeble, your skills unimpressive, and your wisdom just average, fret not. God can use even you & even me. **God wants to use those who look away from their self-sufficiency to His all-sufficiency.** God uses all those who humble themselves before the cross, boasting only in Him – His strength, His wisdom, His righteousness, His accomplishment.


- God uses people to accomplish His purposes
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- God's purpose is to use each of us for His glory





Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The background is a vibrant, textured painting. The upper portion features a large, golden archway set against a deep blue background with intricate white and gold patterns. Below the arch, several figures are depicted in various states of prayer. Some are kneeling on the ground, while others are seated or standing with hands clasped. The color palette is rich, including reds, greens, blues, and purples, with a visible, almost crystalline texture throughout. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional religious art, possibly a tapestry or a heavily layered painting.

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

14. If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
15. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.



1 Timothy 2:1-4

1. First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
2. for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.
3. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour,
4. who desires all people to be saved AND to come to the knowledge of the truth.



Luke 10:2

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.

Mark 11:17

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

.... pray without ceasing

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.



James 5:16 (Amplified Bible)

The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].



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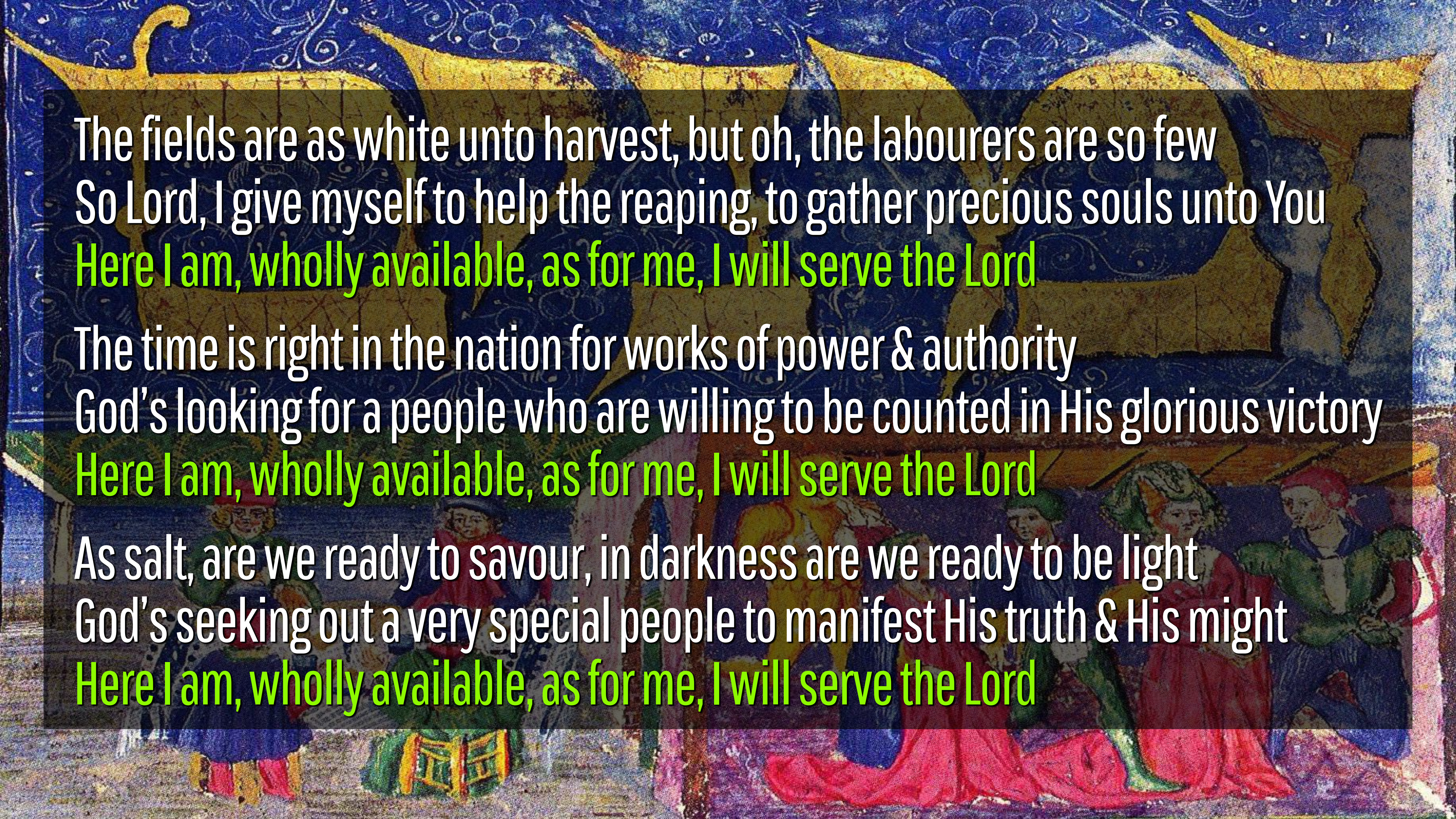
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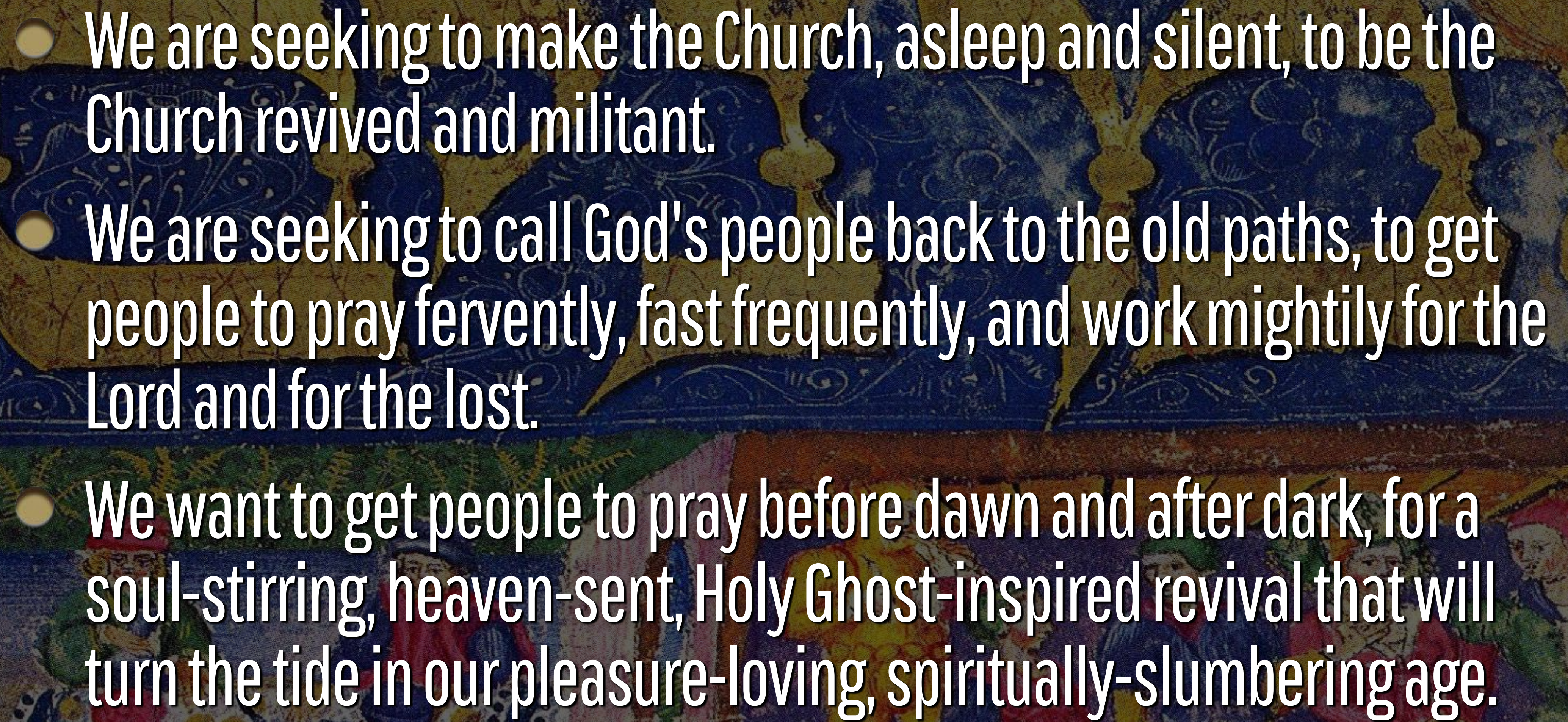
- All around us a multitude is rushing to an eternity in hell & our nation is on a collision course with God & with His judgment



The fields are as white unto harvest, but oh, the labourers are so few
So Lord, I give myself to help the reaping, to gather precious souls unto You
Here I am, wholly available, as for me, I will serve the Lord

The time is right in the nation for works of power & authority
God's looking for a people who are willing to be counted in His glorious victory
Here I am, wholly available, as for me, I will serve the Lord

As salt, are we ready to savour, in darkness are we ready to be light
God's seeking out a very special people to manifest His truth & His might
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- We are seeking to make the Church, asleep and silent, to be the Church revived and militant.
 - We are seeking to call God's people back to the old paths, to get people to pray fervently, fast frequently, and work mightily for the Lord and for the lost.
 - We want to get people to pray before dawn and after dark, for a soul-stirring, heaven-sent, Holy Ghost-inspired revival that will turn the tide in our pleasure-loving, spiritually-slumbering age.

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God wants His children hot-hearted and not lukewarm or cold.

- He wants soldiers, not sleepers.
- He wants life service, not lip service.
- He wants total commitment, not token commitment.
- He wants the church to be an evangelistic center, not a social rendezvous.
- He wants Christians on their knees in prayer, and then on their toes for the lost!

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