



**“BUT LOVE YOUR
ENEMIES, DO GOOD,
AND LEND, HOPING
FOR NOTHING IN
RETURN”**

Luke 6: 35

Love your.
Enemies!



WHY DO YOU NOT
rather accept
wrong?



HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Divine Wisdom.
2. Is it doable?
3. Why follow?
4. The Path to Transformation.



I. THE DIVINE WISDOM



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1. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you” *Luke 6: 27*
 2. “Pray for those who spitefully use you” *Luke 6:29*
 3. “And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back” *Luke 6:30*



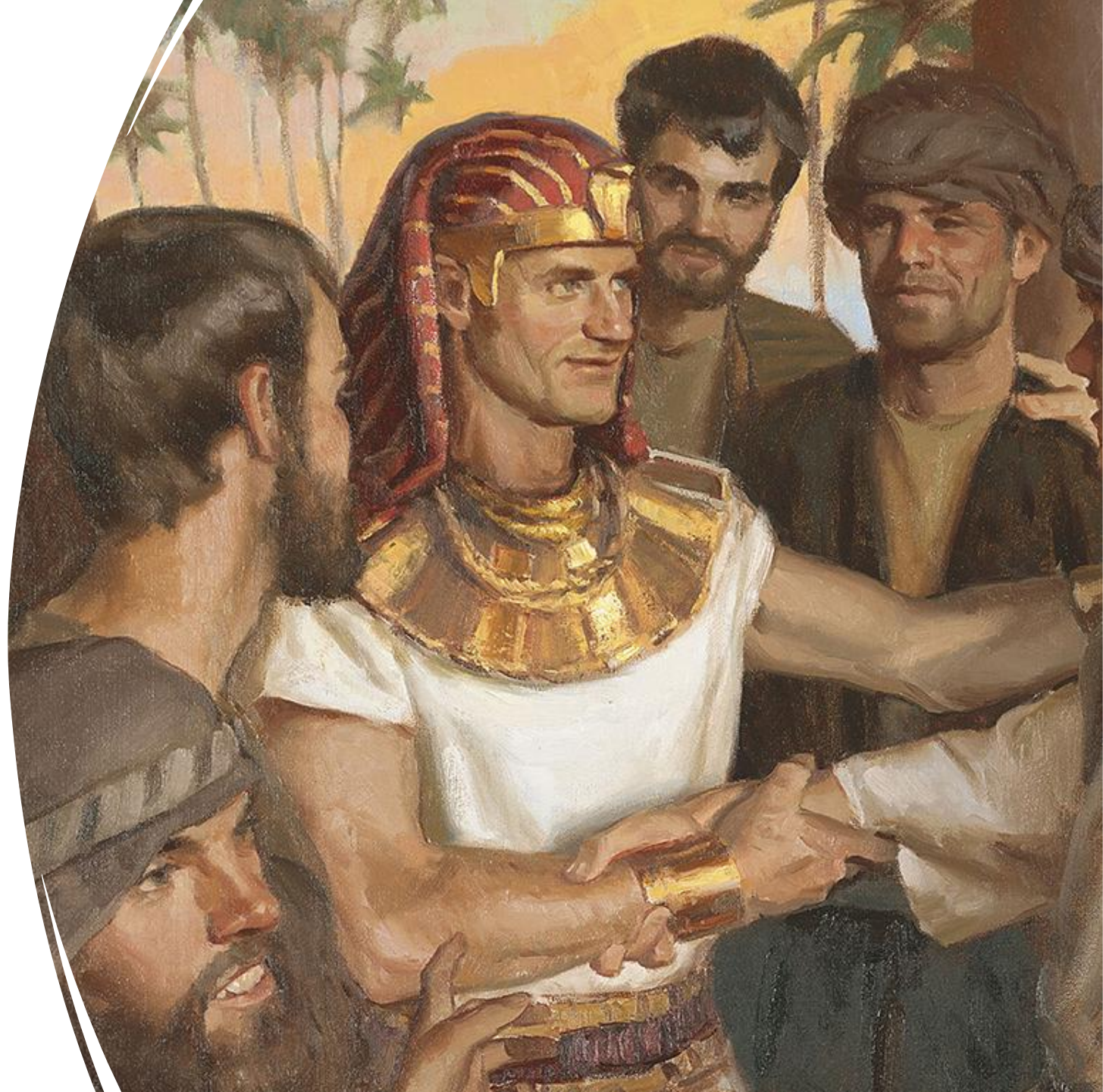


4. “Repay no one evil for evil” *Romans 12: 17*
5. “...live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath” *Romans 12: 18 – 19*
6. “Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather *let* yourselves be cheated” *1 Cor. 6: 7*

II. IS IT DOABLE?



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1. Abraham allowing Lot to pick the better portion of the land.
 2. Joseph treating his brothers gently after what they did to him.
 3. David letting Shemi the son Gera cursing at him.



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4. The father giving the money to the prodigal son and receiving him back with open arms after he wasted his living.
 5. St. Marina the monk who accepted a false accusation and mistreatment till the end of her life.



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6. St. Paul to the Corinthians:
“Though the more abundantly I
love you, the less I am loved.
But be that as it may”

2 Cor. 12: 15 – 16

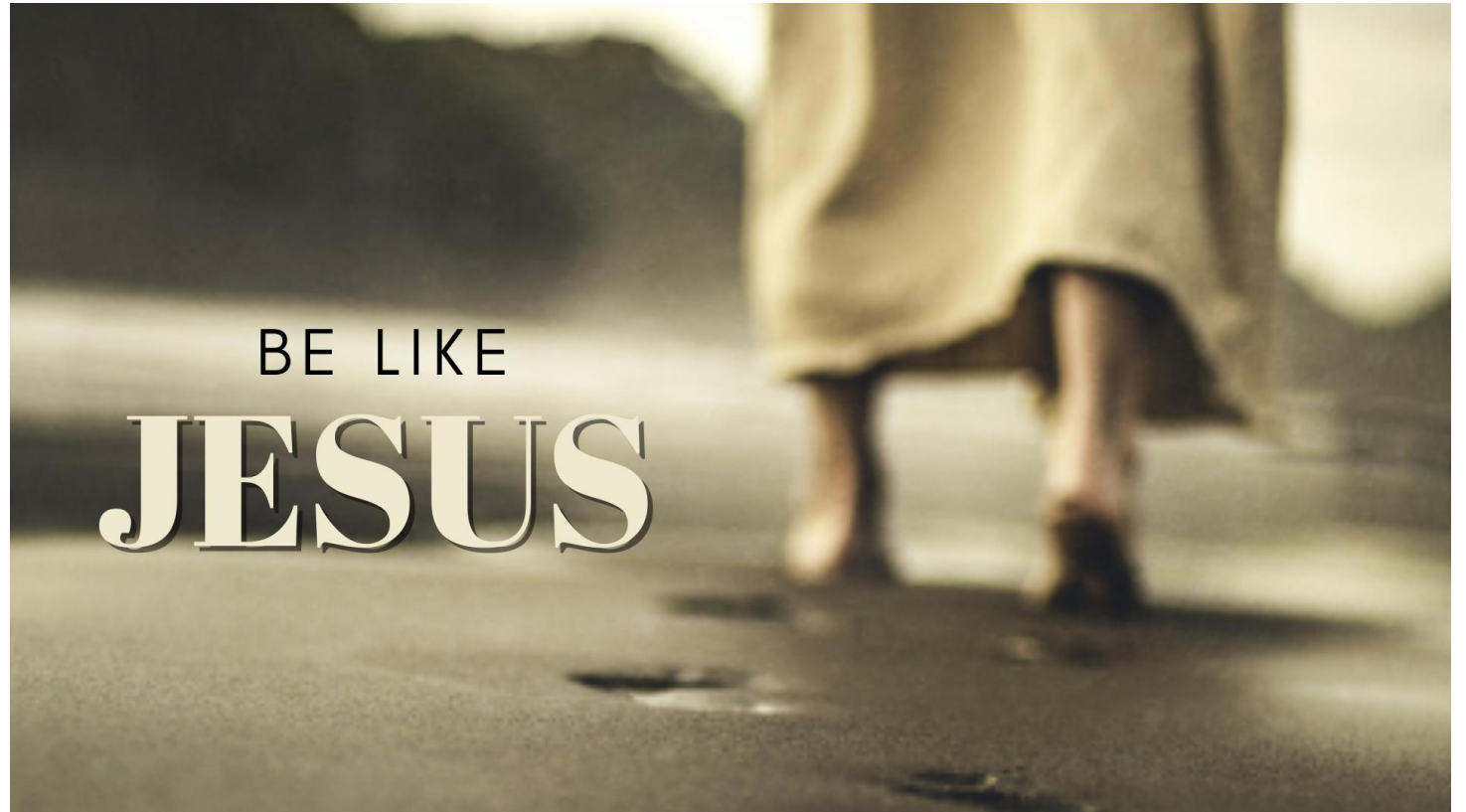
7. The Copts in Egypt.
8. The Lord Christ and those who
crucified Him.



III. WHY FOLLOW?

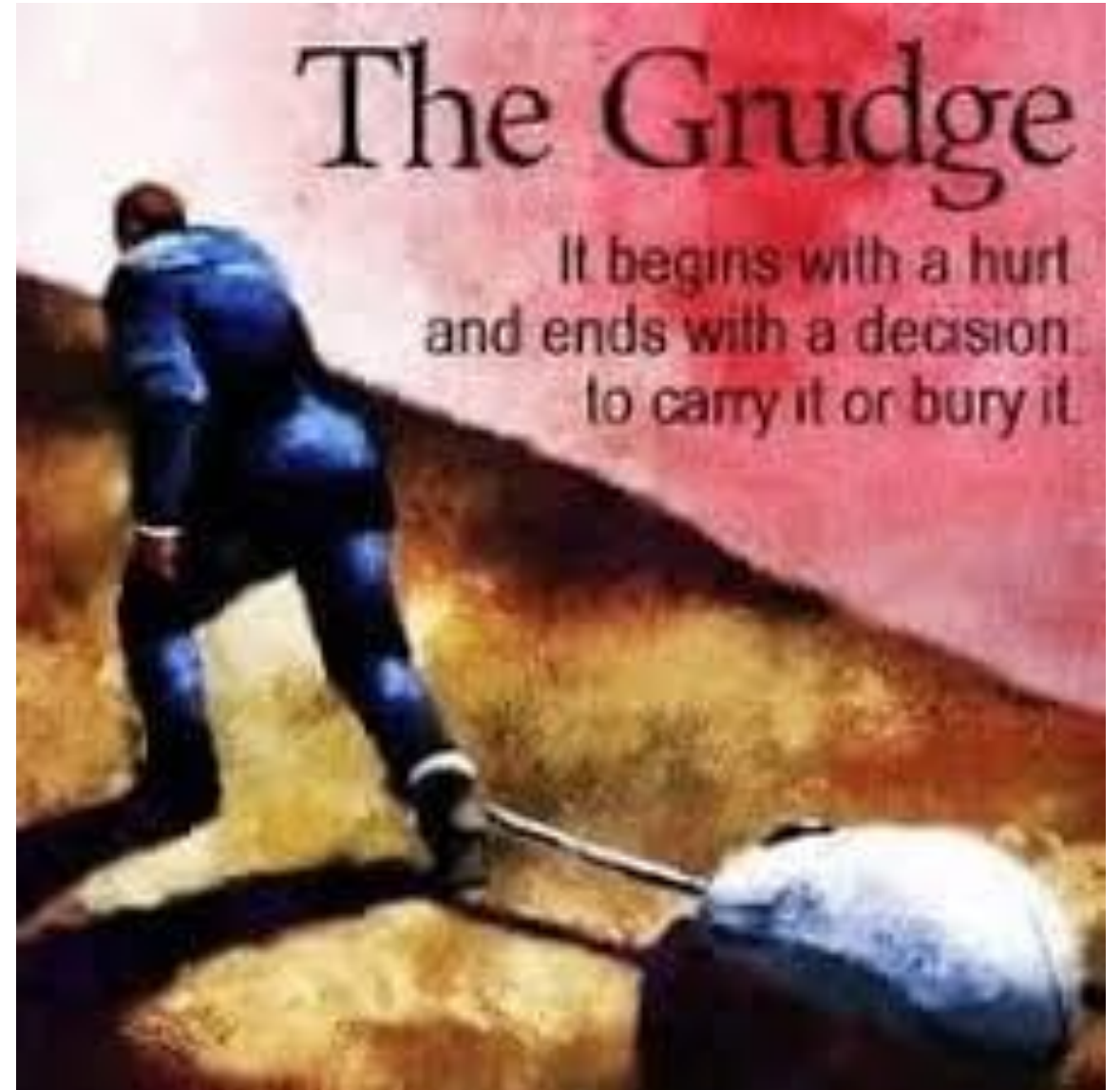


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1. The evidence of sonship to the Most High.
 2. It's the way for an earthly blessing and a heavenly reward.
 3. The only way possible to win the “Enemy”



4. Avoiding the negative consequences of holding a grudge:

- Being consumed with anger, obsession and loss of focus.
- Hatred and thoughts of revenge.
- Self pity and the victim mentality.
- Inability to grow spiritually.



IV. THE PATH TO TRANSFORMATION



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1. Learning to live with wounds or ongoing pain without necessarily finding an immediate solution.
 2. Recognizing that my emotions and the course of my life are shaped by my choices, not by the actions of others toward me.



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3. Trusting in the heavenly wisdom that is pure and peaceable, while discerning that earthly wisdom, though attractive, can ultimately be demonic.
 4. Embracing the motto of St. Paul: “None of these things move me, nor do I count my life dear to myself.” *Acts 20:24*





5. Finding comfort and peace by laying my heart and suffering before God and looking to Him alone as the source of consolation and peace.