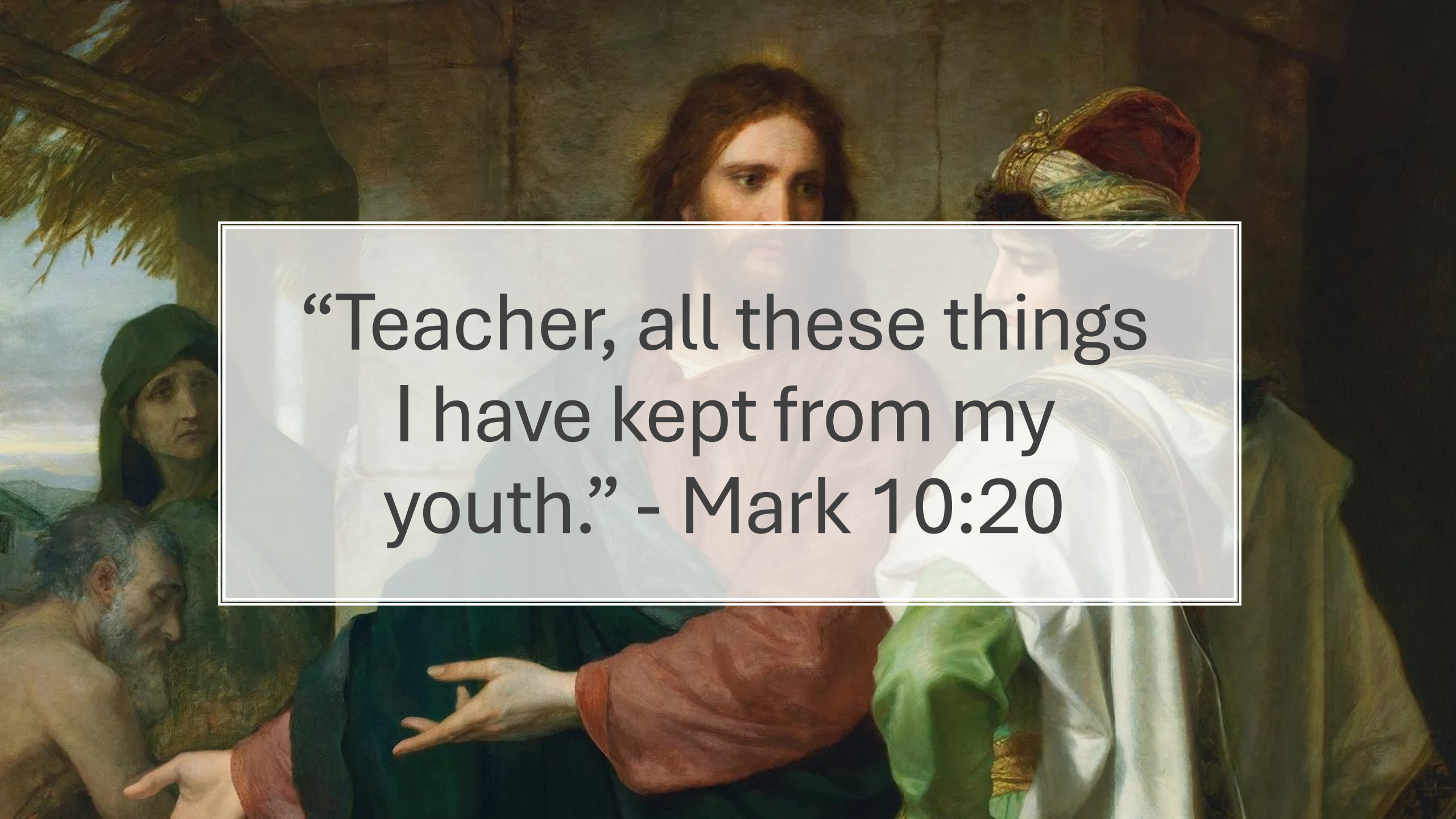

“Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” - Mark 10:20

When Loyalty is Divided

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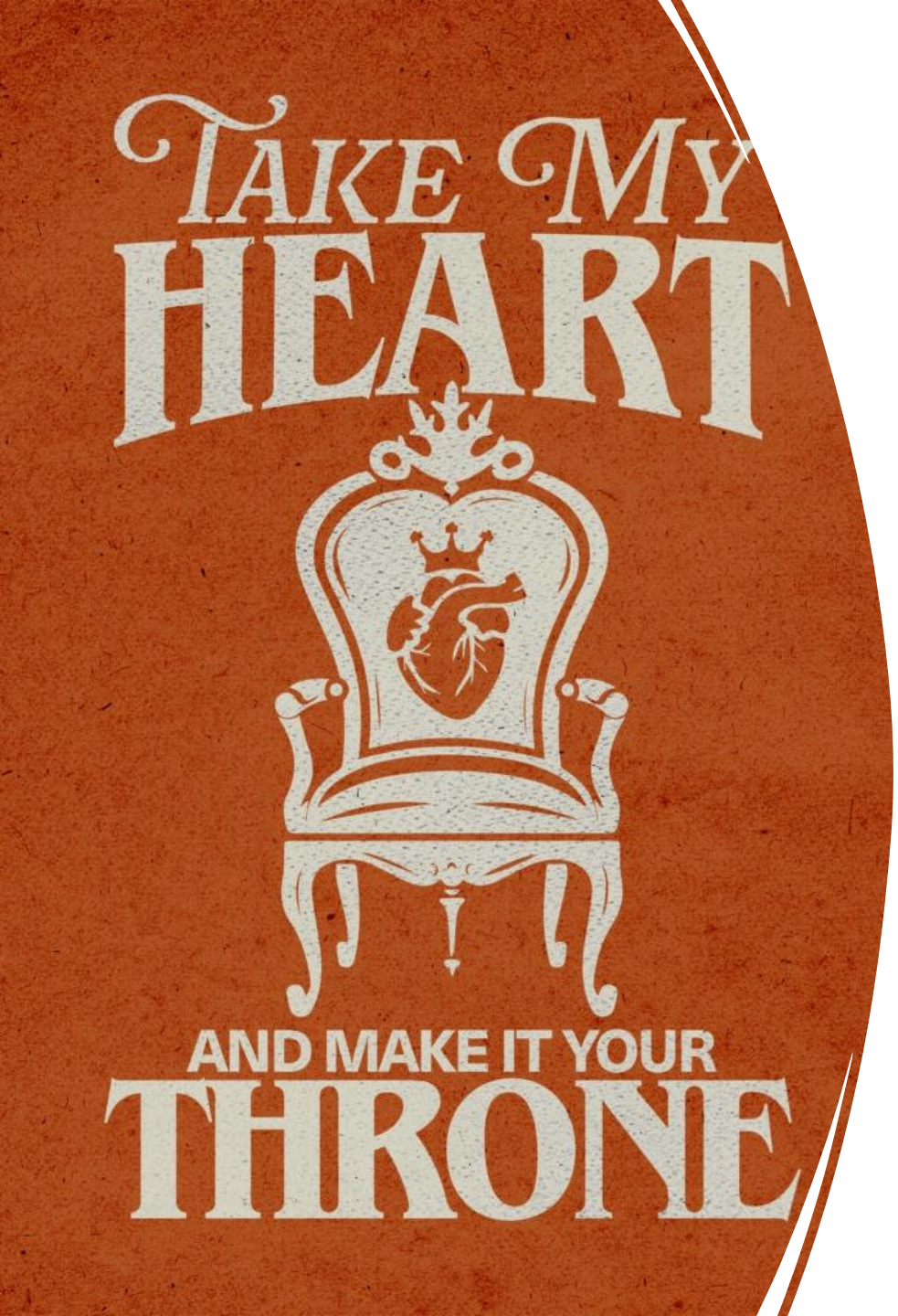
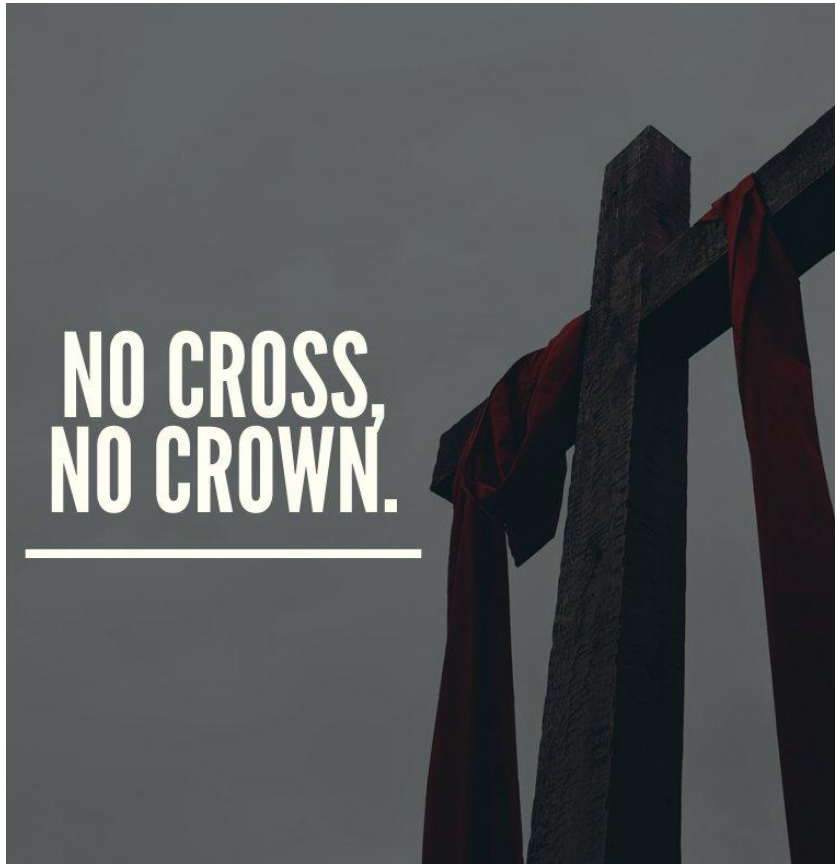


Principles of Divided Loyalty

- Outward/emotional loyalty
  - He obeyed God's commands = moral integrity
  - Emotional admiration and moral integrity are not God's ultimate desire
  - Our loyalty is shown through obedience
- The throne of my heart
  - Our divided loyalty becomes clear when God confronts the master we refuse to release.
  - Every heart has ONE throne

Principles of Divided Loyalty

- Christ without the Cross
- "They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us." (Heb. 11:37-40)
- There is no union with Christ without the Cross

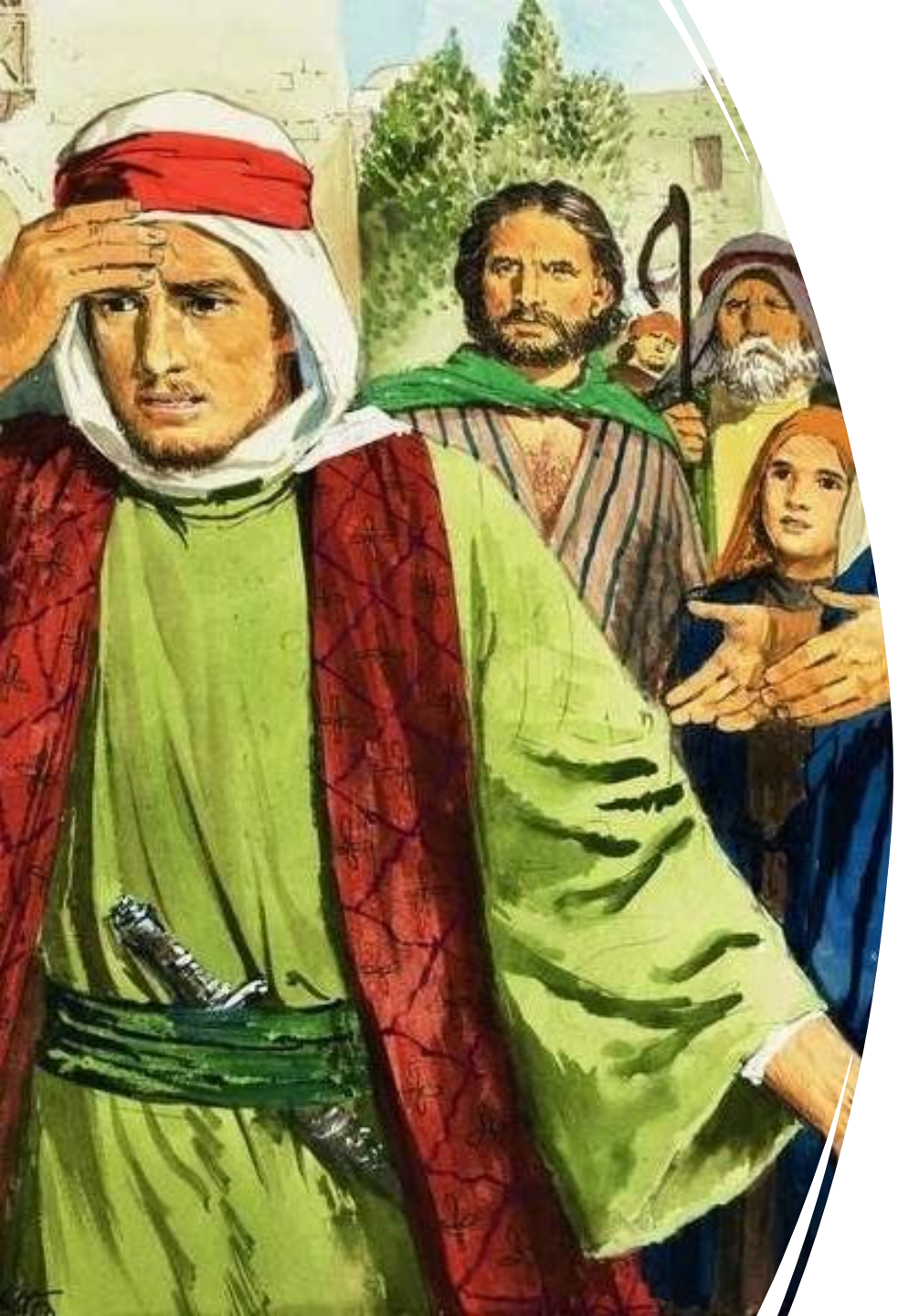


Principles of Divided Loyalty

- The Reward of an Undivided heart
- "See, we have left all and followed You." So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold…" (Mk 10:28-30)
- Whenever we surrender to Him, He multiplies with abundance

Principles of Divided Loyalty

- EX: Feeding 5000
- EX: Solomon
- "…I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" (1 Kings 3:7-9)



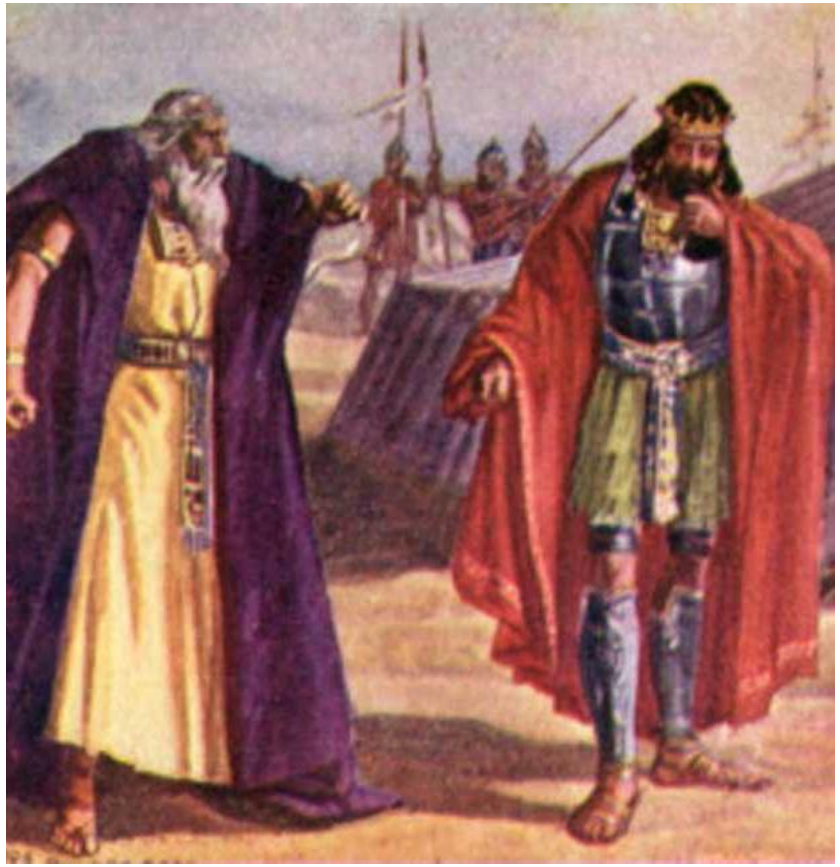
Instructions to the Rich Young Ruler

- The Lord Jesus gave him two instructions – "Go and Sell", and "Come"
- "In the world you will have tribulation…" (Jn. 16:33)
- "Remember the word that I said to you, A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.'" (Jn. 15:20)

Examples of Loyalty and Disloyalty

Saul

- His initial calling and surrender
- "Am I not the least of the tribes?" (1 Samuel 9:21)
- The cost of his disloyalty
- "The Lord has rejected you from being king" (1 Samuel 15:23)
- He became tormented by jealousy, anger, and insecurity



The Three Holy Youth

- “If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.” (Daniel 3:17-18)

Abraham

- Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey…” (Genesis 22:2-3)
- **The reward**
- “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed” (Genesis 22:18)

Final Thoughts

- **Outward / Emotional Loyalty**
  - Loyalty is not what we say or feel — it is what we do when obedience costs us.
- **The Throne of My Heart**
  - Whatever I am unwilling to surrender is what truly sits on the throne of my heart.
- **No Christ Without the Cross**
  - Real loyalty embraces the cross — obedience even when it hurts
- **The Reward of an Undivided Heart**
  - The reward of loyalty is God Himself