

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

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<sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

—Luke 14:12-14 ESV

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<sup>15</sup>When one of those who reclined at table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" <sup>16</sup>But He said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup>And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited,

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'Come, for everything is now ready.' <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' <sup>19</sup>And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' <sup>20</sup>And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

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<sup>21</sup>So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' <sup>22</sup>And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

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<sup>23</sup>And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

—Luke 14:15-24 ESV

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Four Words That Move Us Forward,  
Focusing on the Kingdom of God

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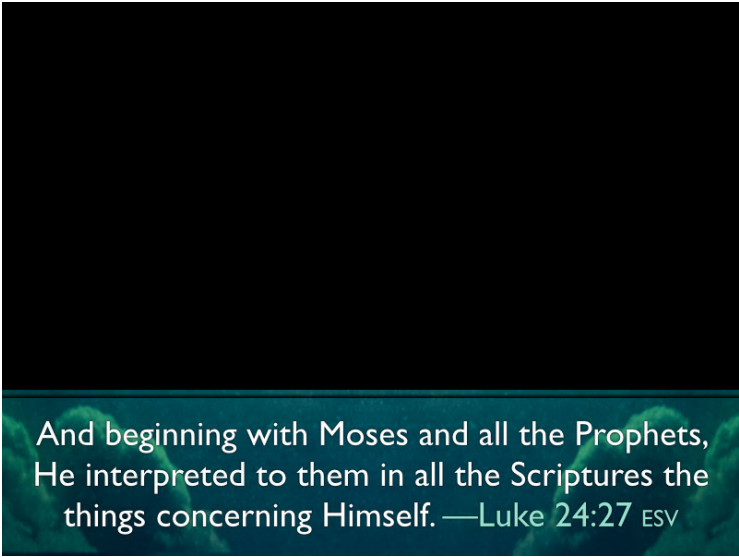
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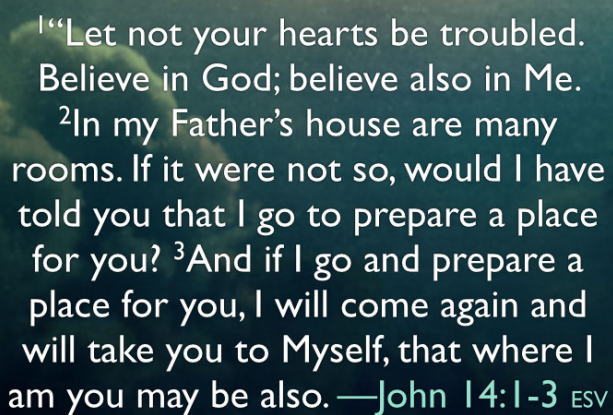
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And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,  
He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the  
things concerning Himself. —Luke 24:27 ESV

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<sup>1</sup>“Let not your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God; believe also in Me.  
<sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many  
rooms. If it were not so, would I have  
told you that I go to prepare a place  
for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a  
place for you, I will come again and  
will take you to Myself, that where I  
am you may be also. —John 14:1-3 ESV

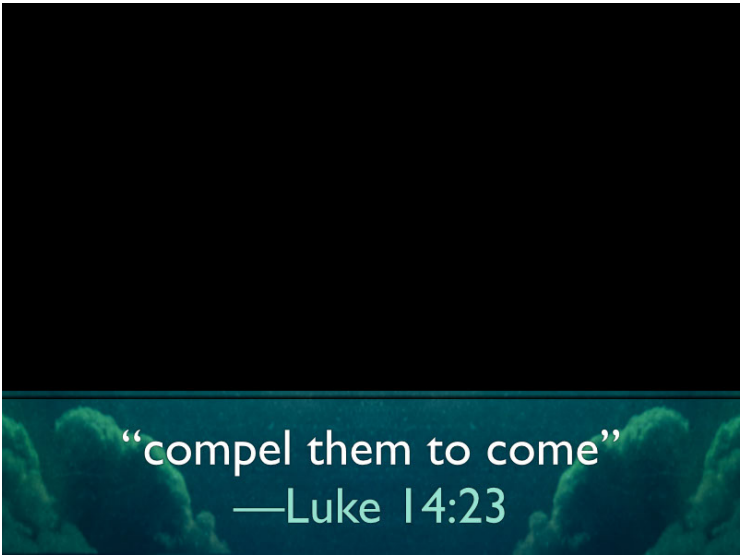
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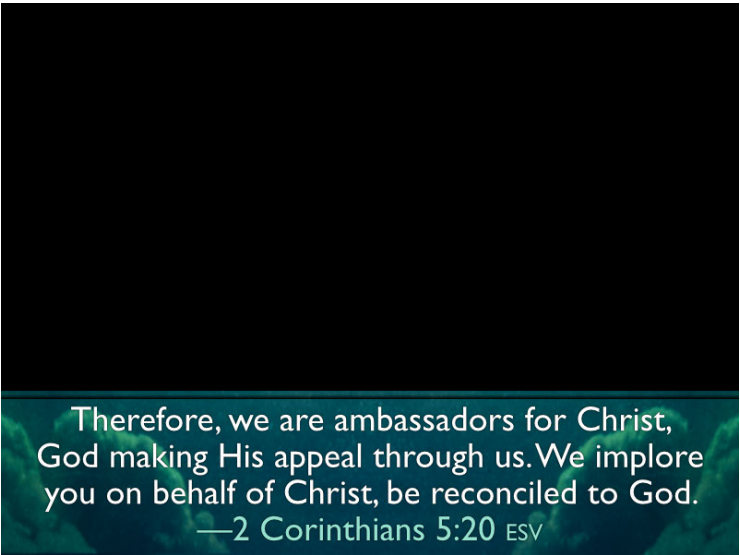
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“compel them to come”  
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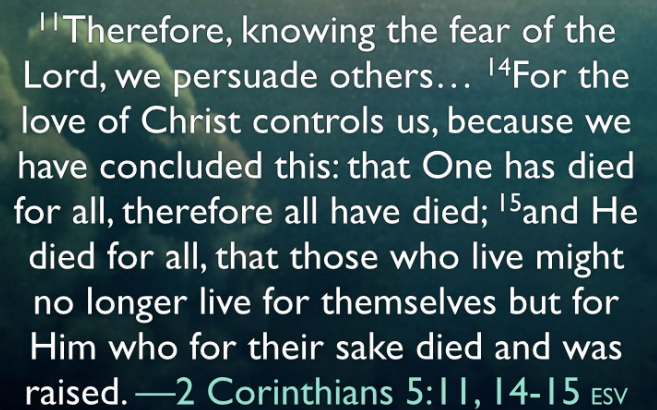
Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
God making His appeal through us. We implore  
you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.  
—2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV

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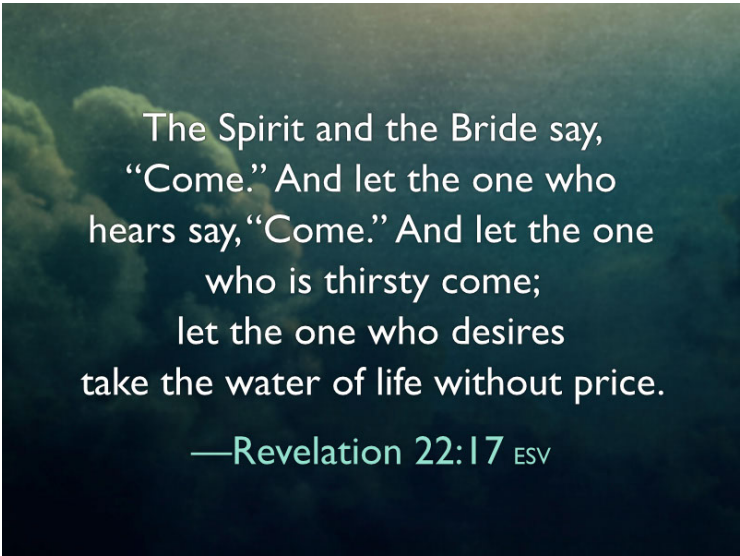
Exclusion

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<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the  
Lord, we persuade others... <sup>14</sup>For the  
love of Christ controls us, because we  
have concluded this: that One has died  
for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and He  
died for all, that those who live might  
no longer live for themselves but for  
Him who for their sake died and was  
raised. —2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-15 ESV

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The Spirit and the Bride say,  
“Come.” And let the one who  
hears say, “Come.” And let the one  
who is thirsty come;  
let the one who desires  
take the water of life without price.

—Revelation 22:17 ESV

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