

THE JOY OF LEADERSHIP IN EVANGELISATION



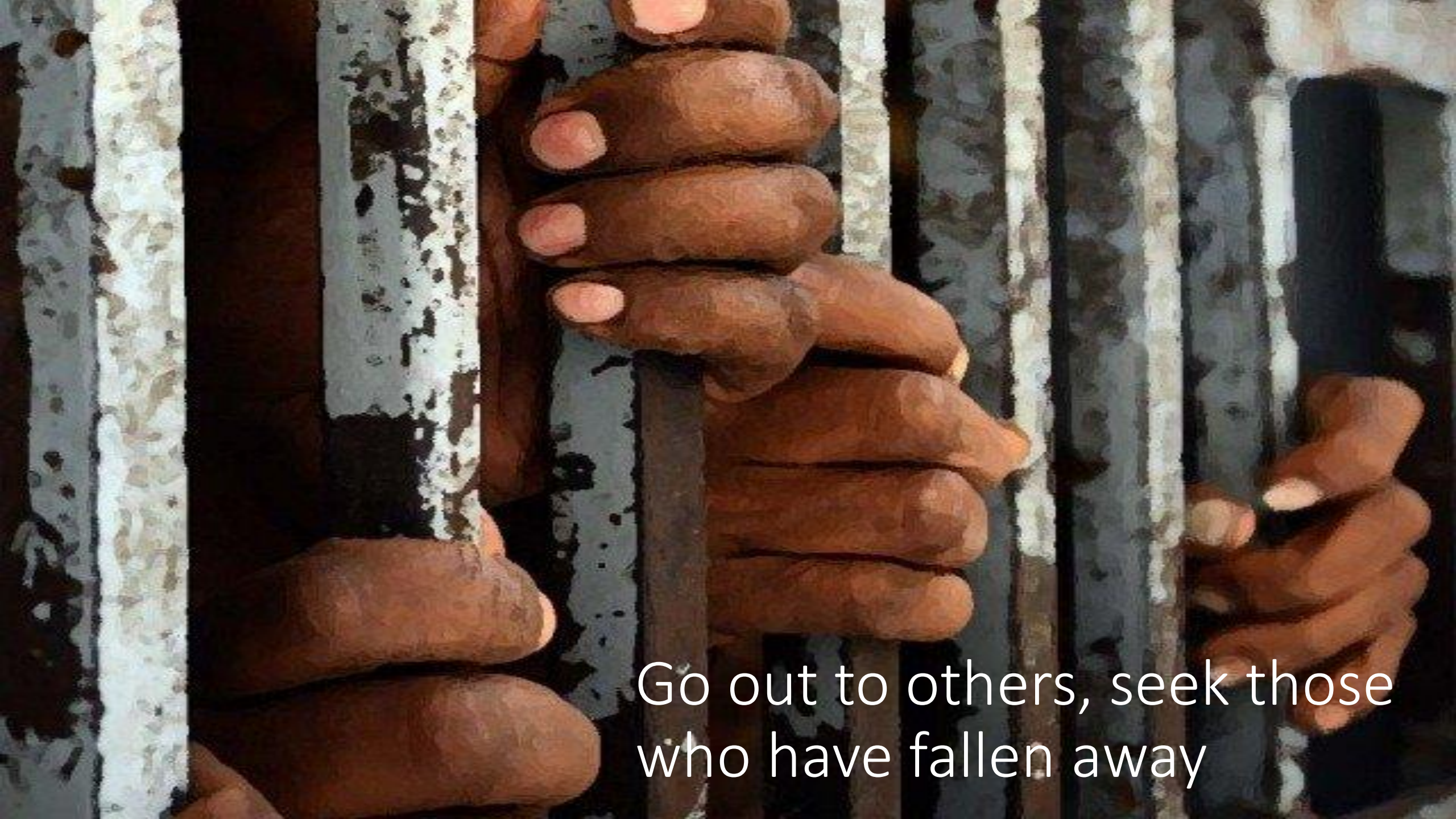
Bearing fruit and rejoicing in the Church which 'Goes forth...'



An evangelising community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative; he has loved us first. (1 Jn 4:19)



Therefore move forward, boldly take the initiative



Go out to others, seek those
who have fallen away



Stand at the crossroads and welcome
the outcast

Jesus washed the feet of his disciples The Lord gets involved and he involves his own.



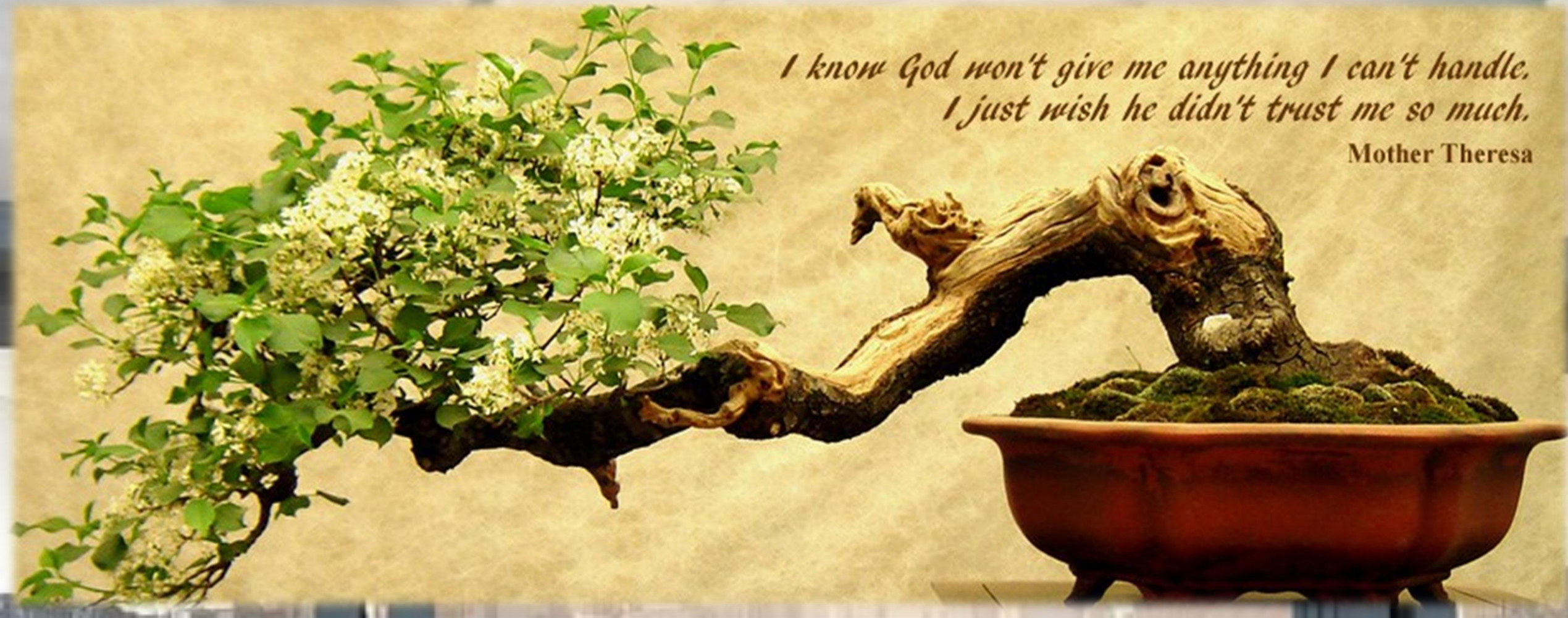


He tells his disciples: 'You will be
blessed if you do this.' (Jn: 13:17)

An evangelising community gets involved
by word by and deed in people's daily
lives; it bridges distances,

*I know God won't give me anything I can't handle.
I just wish he didn't trust me so much.*

Mother Theresa



It is willing to abase itself if necessary and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.



Evangelisers thus take on the 'smell of the sheep' and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.





An evangelising community is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance Evangelisation consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time.



It is faithful to the Lord's gift and it also bears fruit. It is always concerned with fruit because the Lord wants it to be fruitful.

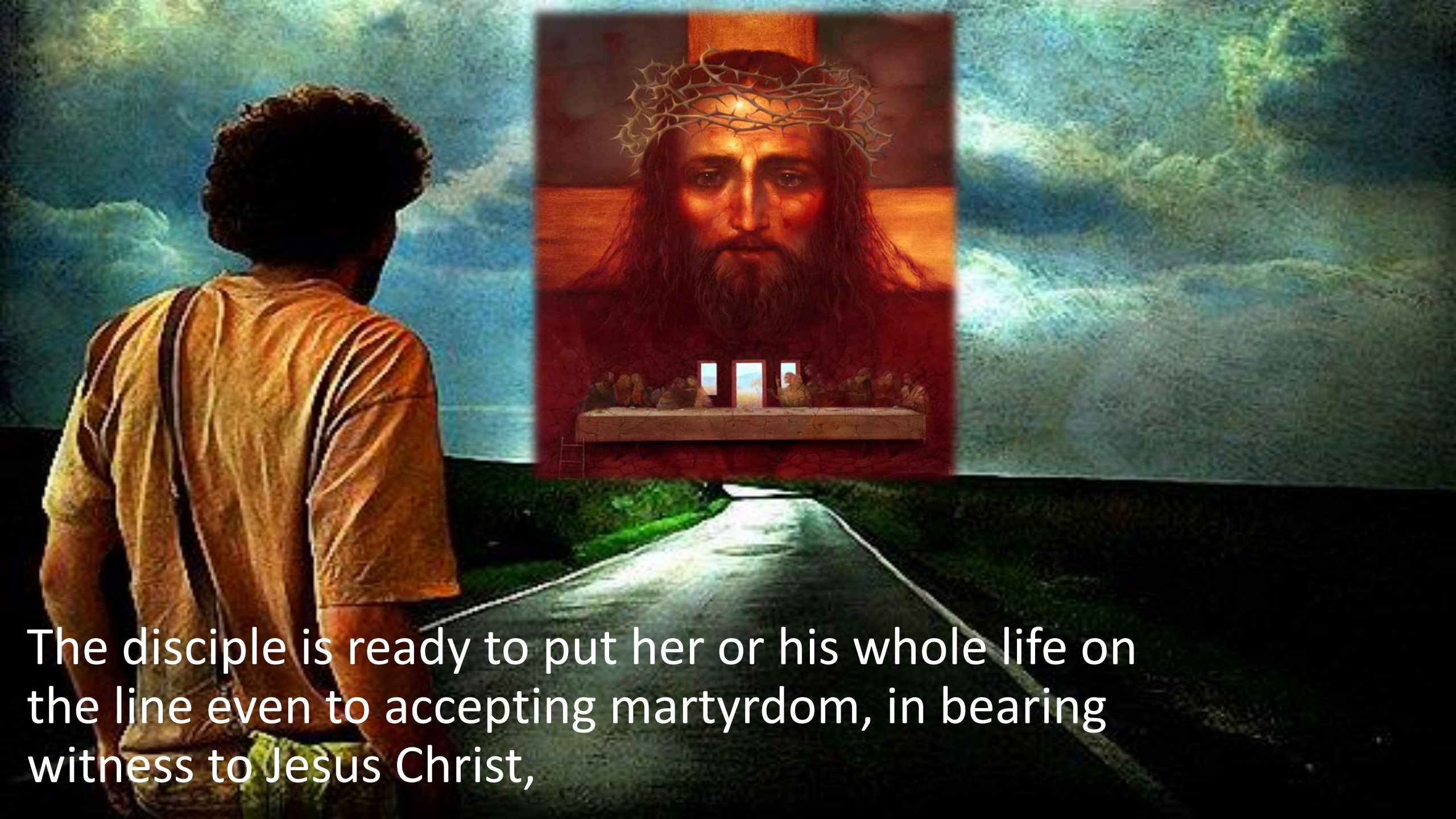


It cares for the grain and does not grow impatient
with the weeds.



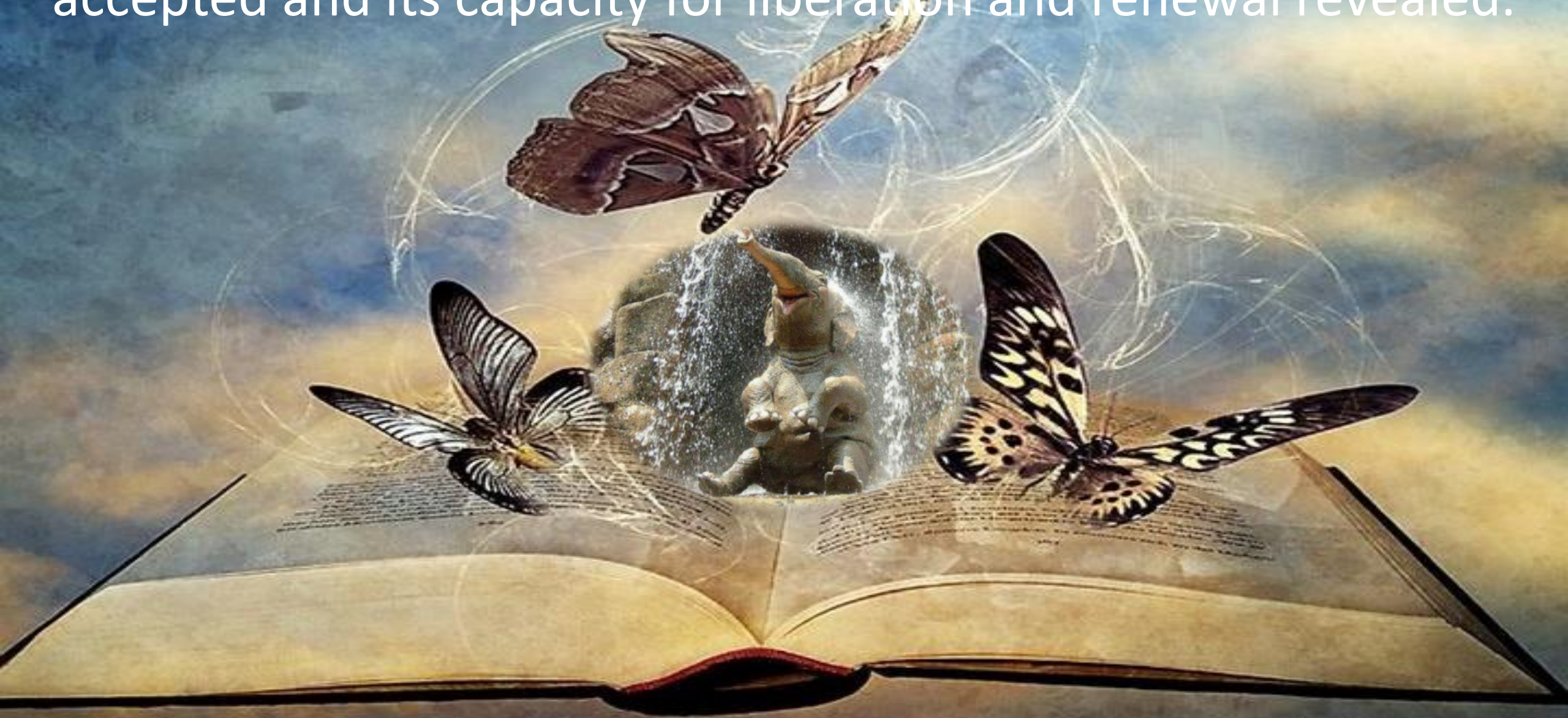


It finds a way to let the word take flesh in a particular situation and bear fruits of new life however imperfect these may appear.



The disciple is ready to put her or his whole life on the line even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ,

Yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God's word accepted and its capacity for liberation and renewal revealed.



Finally, and evangelising community is filled
with joy; it knows how to rejoice always.



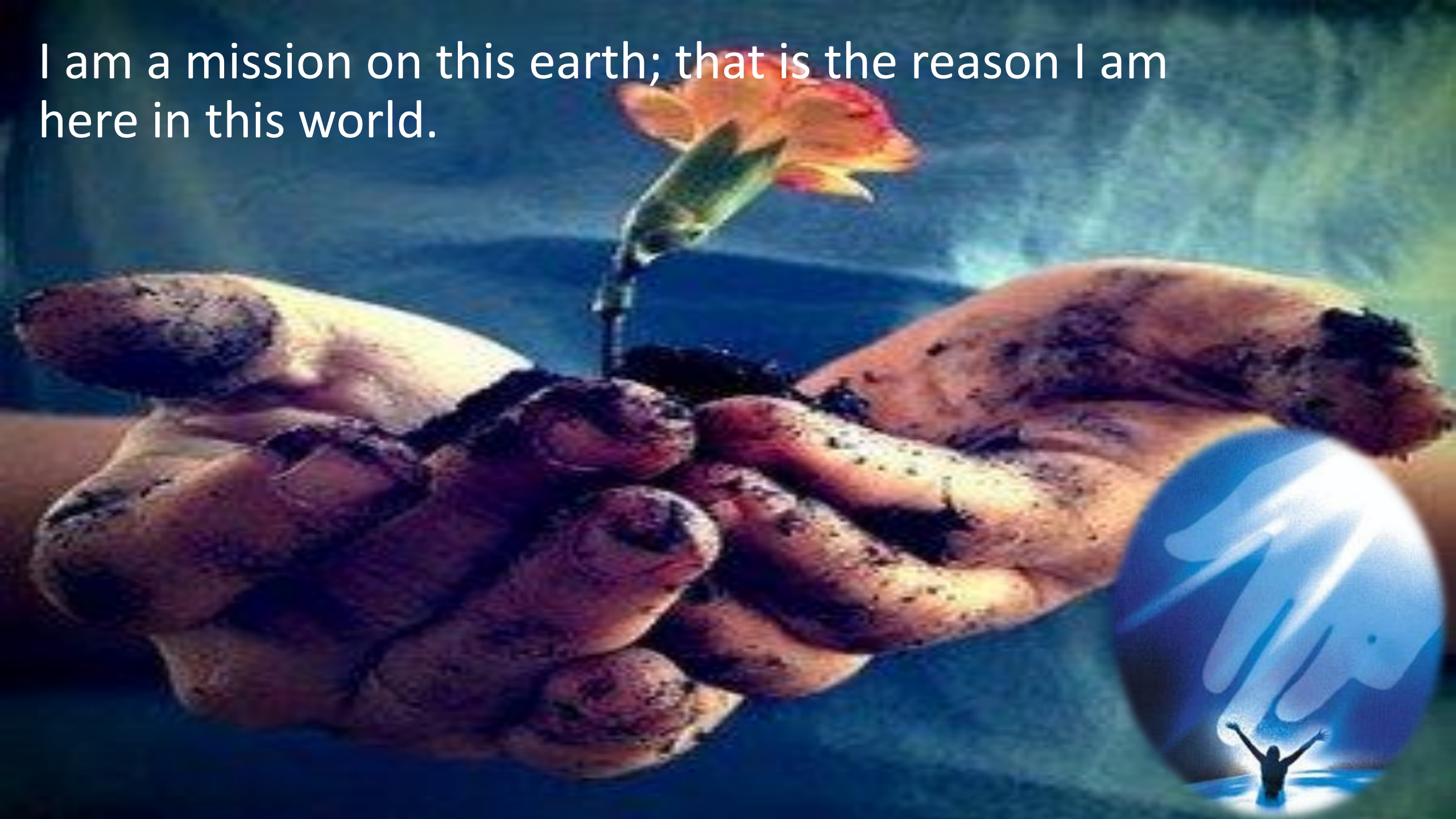


It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelisation.



My mission of being in the heart of the people is not just part of my life, it is something I cannot uproot from my being without destroying my very self.

I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason I am here in this world.



We have to regard ourselves as sealed, even branded
by this mission of bringing light and blessing,

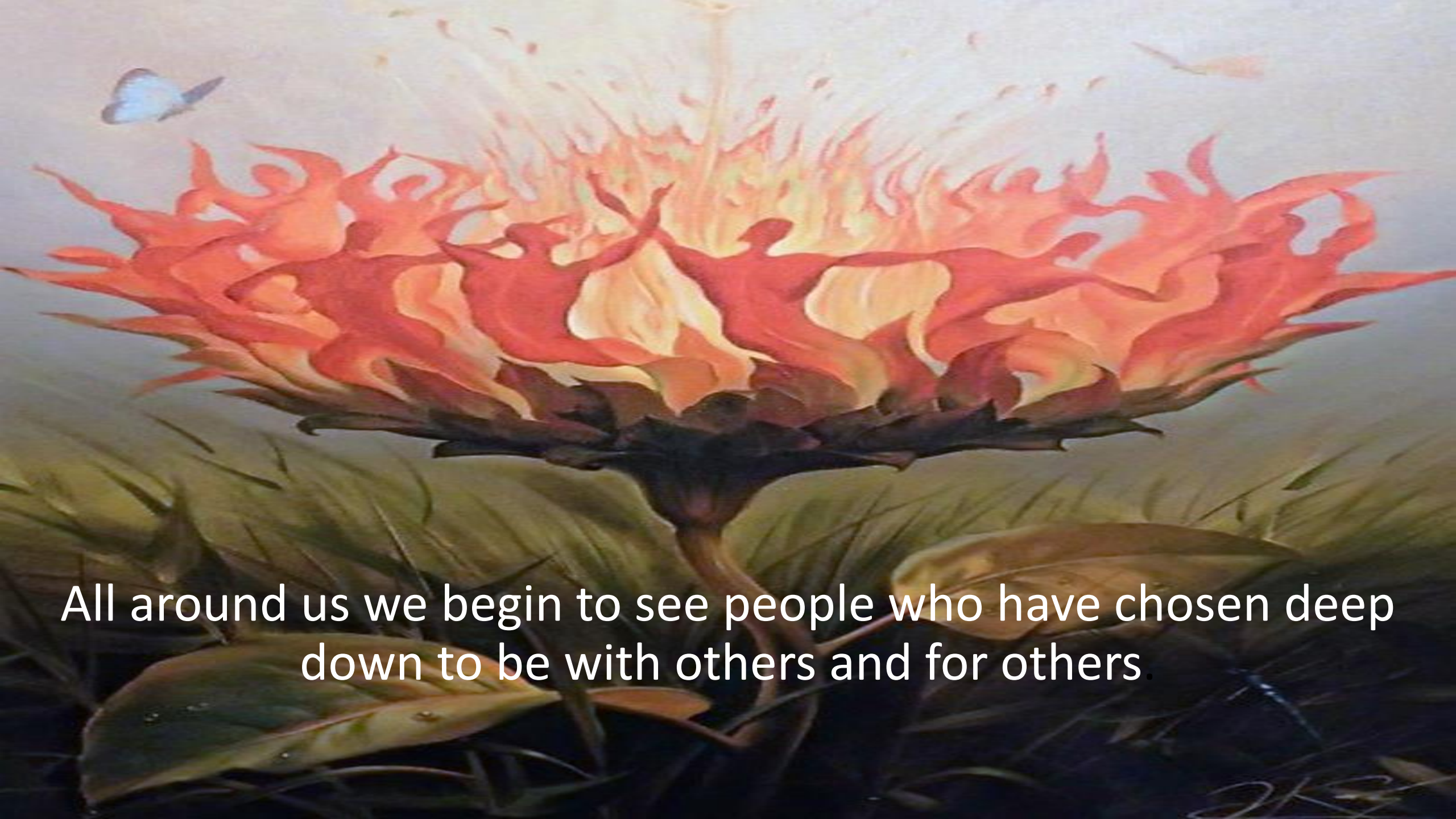




Enlivening and raising up,

Healing and freeing...





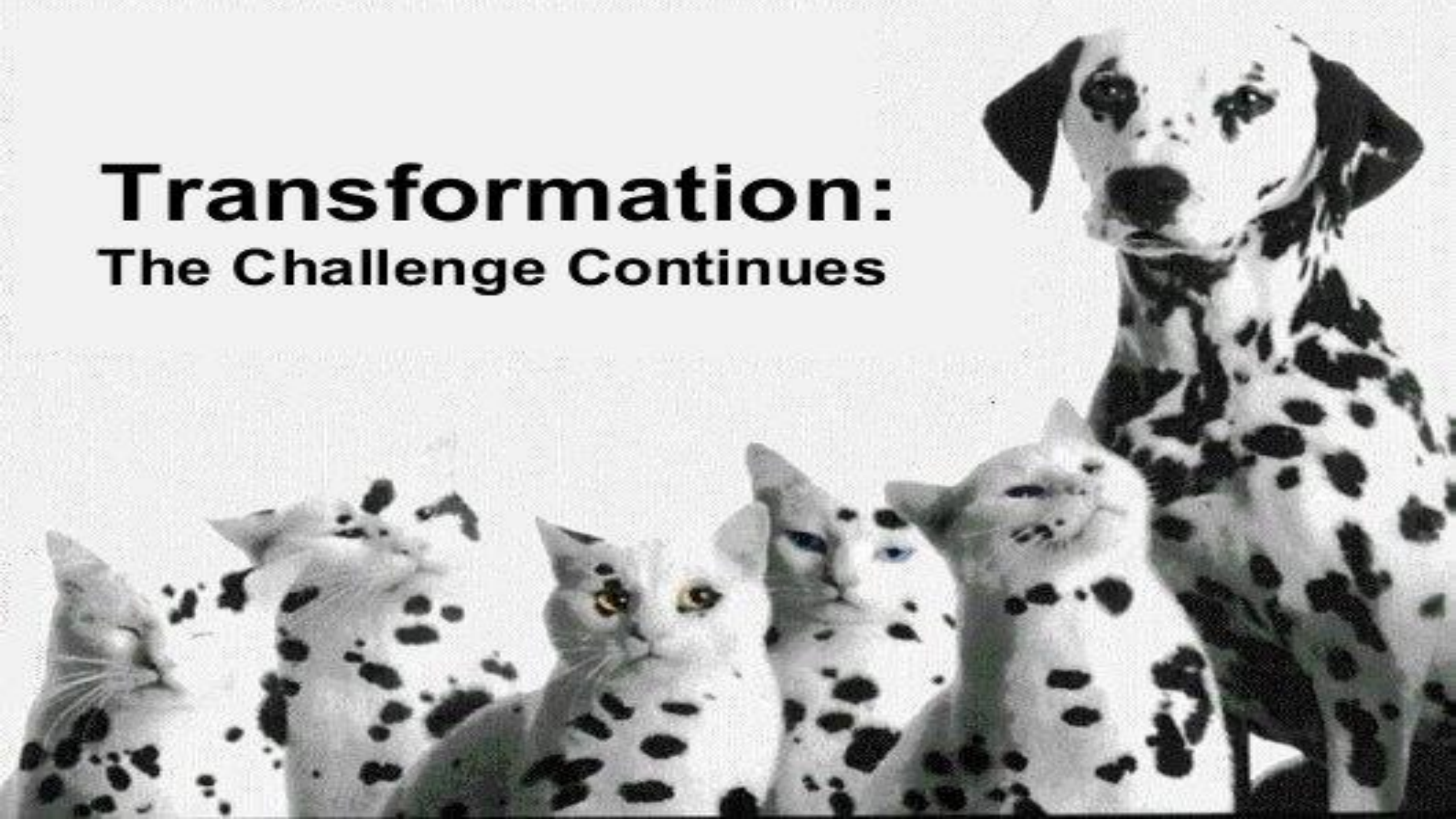
All around us we begin to see people who have chosen deep
down to be with others and for others.

But once we separate our work from our private lives, we will always be seeking recognition or asserting our needs. We stop being a people...



Transformation:

The Challenge Continues



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