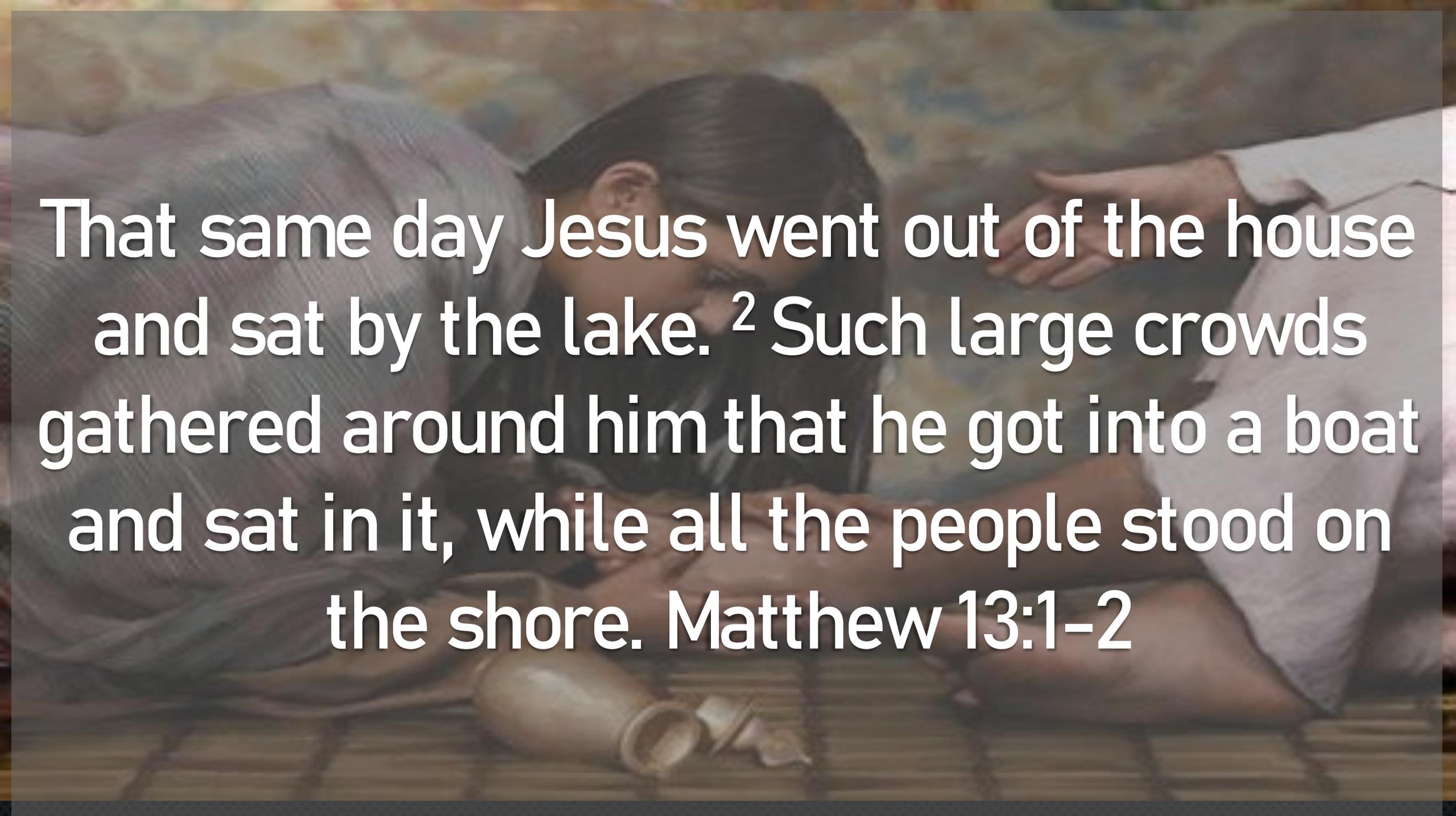


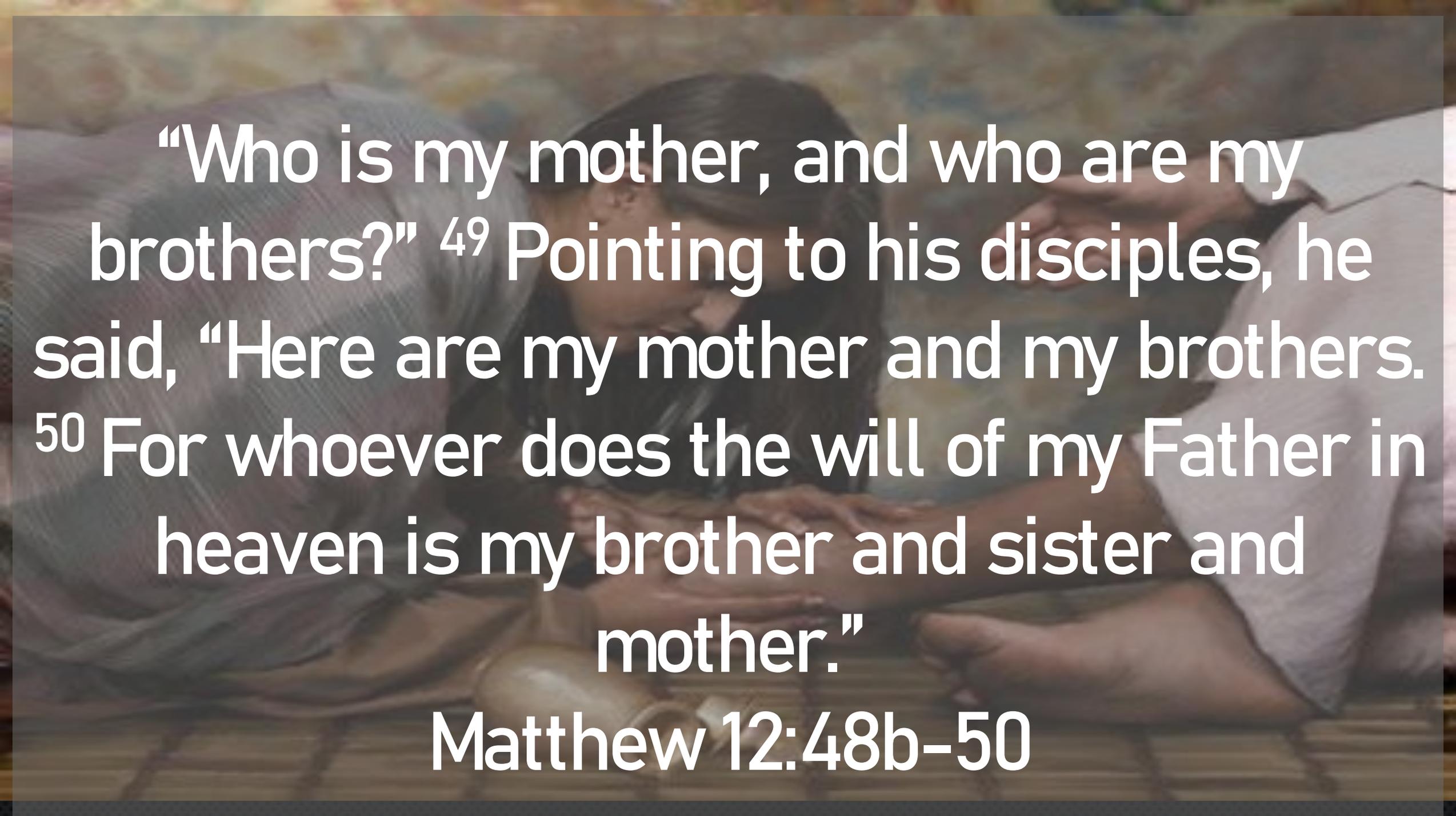


# Love with Abandon

## Matthew 13

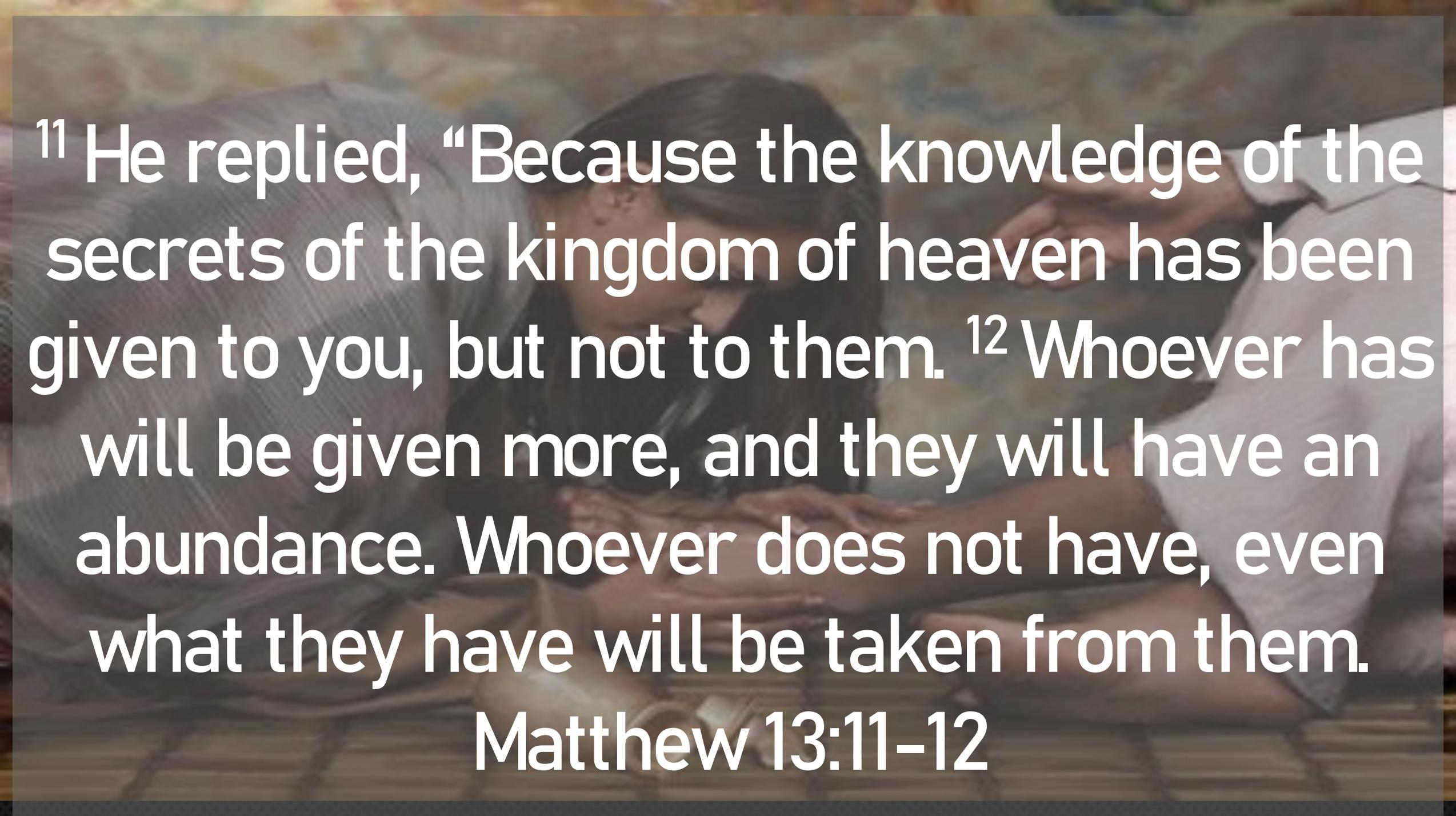
A woman with dark hair, wearing a purple robe, is kneeling on a wooden floor. She is reaching out with her hands to touch the hem of a white robe that belongs to someone sitting next to her. The white robe is partially visible on the right side of the frame. In the foreground, there is a small, light-colored, round object on the floor. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Matthew 13:1-2

A group of people, including a woman in the center, are sitting on the floor with their hands clasped in prayer. The background is a textured, light-colored wall. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold font.

“Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”<sup>49</sup> Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers.<sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 12:48b-50

A group of people, including a woman in the foreground, are shown in a church setting with their hands raised in prayer or praise. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the text.

<sup>11</sup> He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

Matthew 13:11-12

# Two Competing Kingdoms

Kingdom of  
Christ



The Creator

Truth

Selfless

Love

Pseudo  
Kingdom of  
Satan



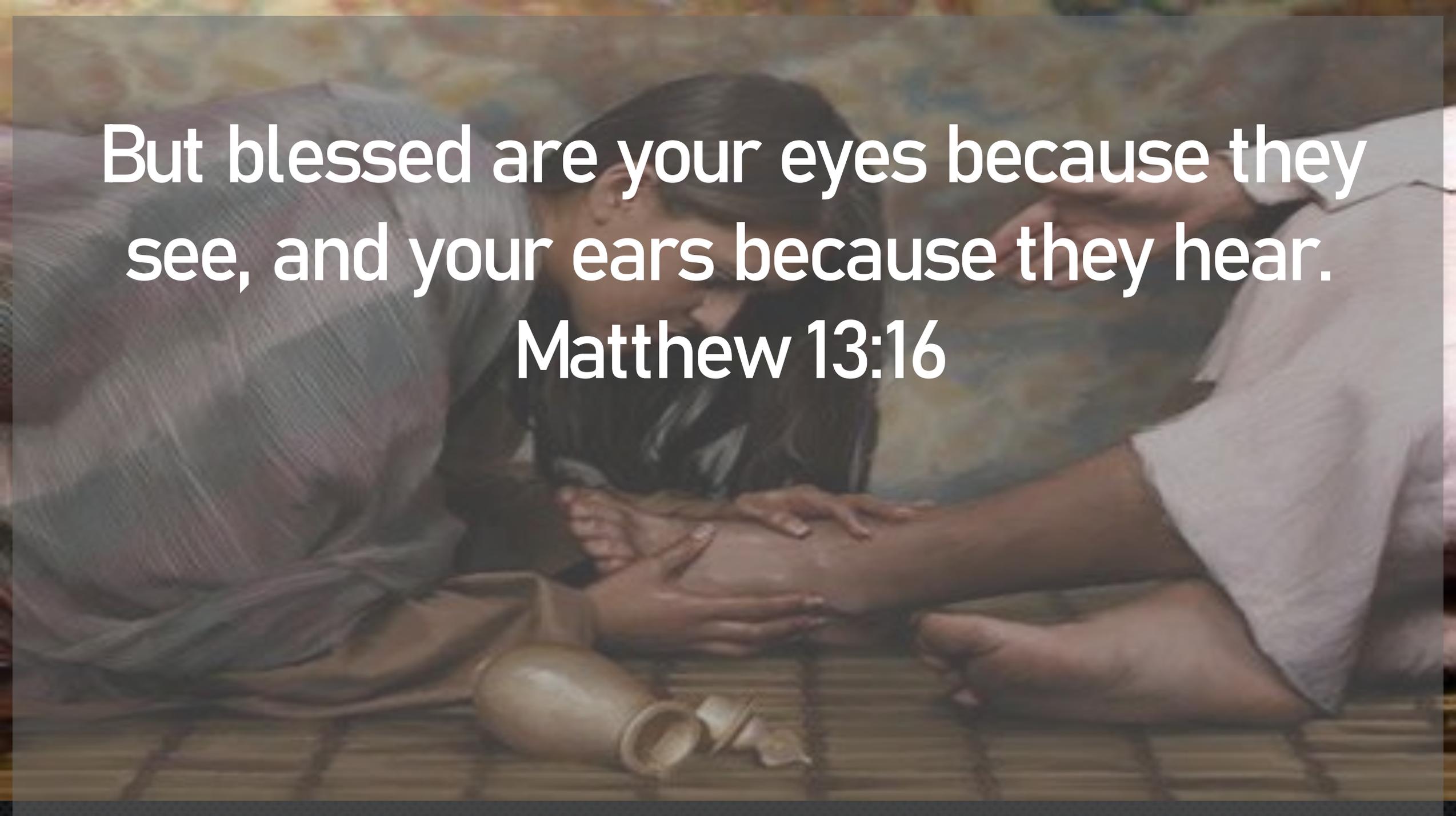
Creature

Father of Lies

Selfish

Hate

You can't live  
successfully in both  
Kingdoms.

A woman wearing a black headscarf and a dark top is kneeling on a woven mat. She is looking down at her feet, which are being held and touched by several hands. The hands appear to be from other people, some wearing light-colored shirts. The scene is set in a traditional, possibly religious or cultural, environment. The background is slightly blurred, showing a patterned wall. The overall tone is solemn and respectful.

**But blessed are your eyes because they  
see, and your ears because they hear.  
Matthew 13:16**

# The Kingdom of God

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*" <sup>11</sup> *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.* <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

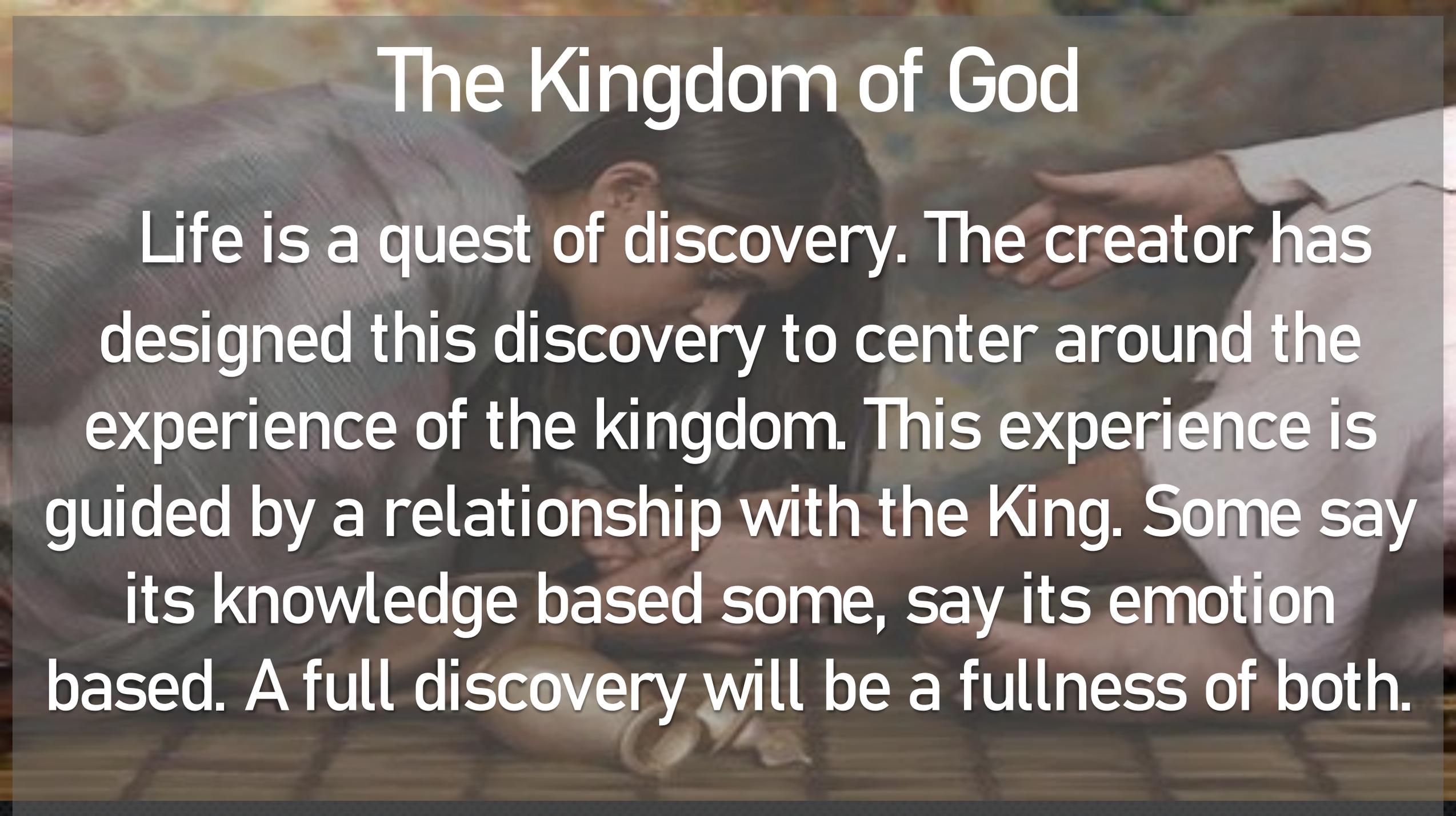
<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-14

# The Kingdom of God

*“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”<sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.*”

Luke 2:10-11

# The Kingdom of God

A woman wearing a black cap and a man in a white shirt are shaking hands over a table. The woman is looking down at something on the table, and the man is looking at her. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden table and some papers.

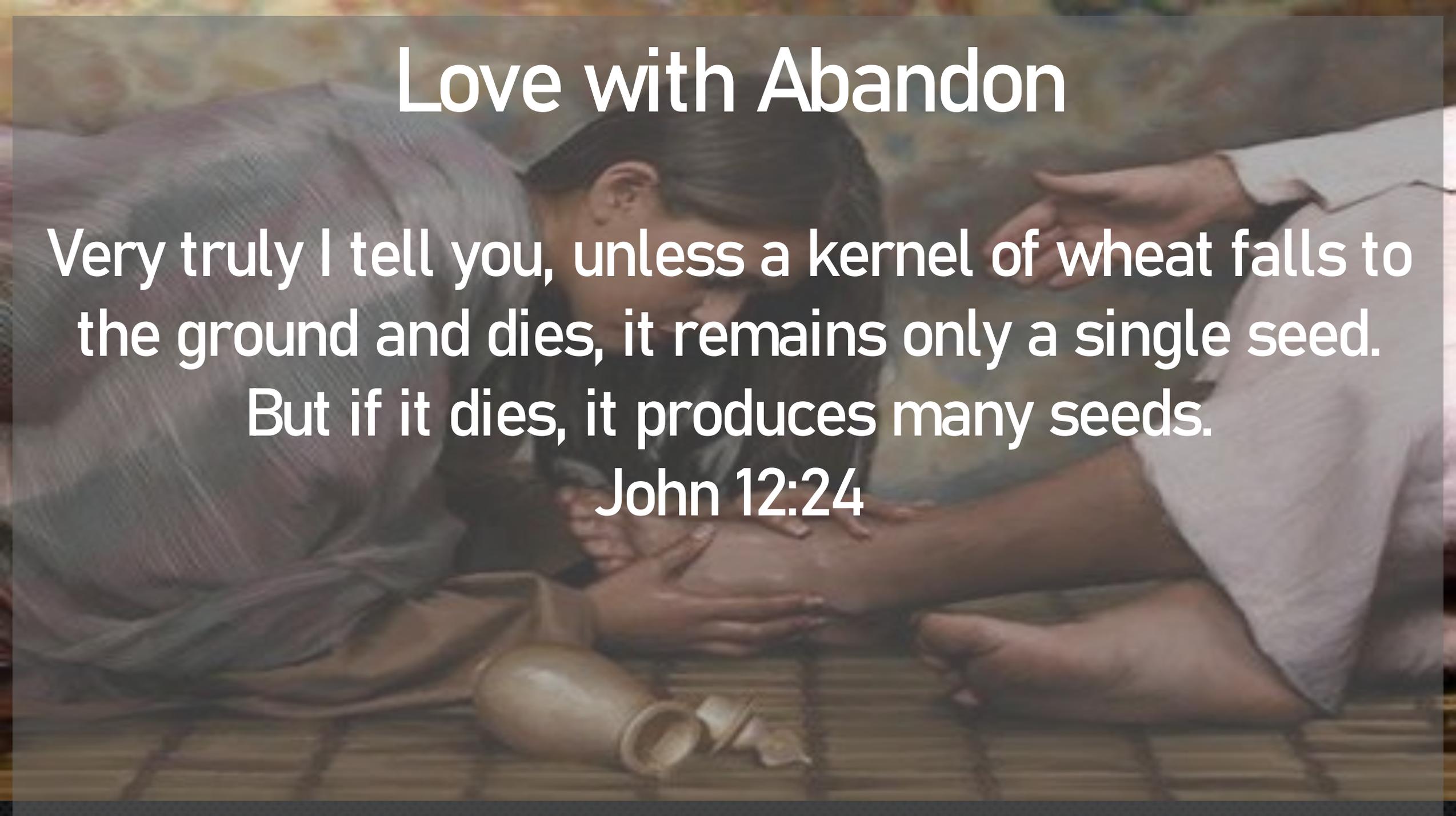
Life is a quest of discovery. The creator has designed this discovery to center around the experience of the kingdom. This experience is guided by a relationship with the King. Some say its knowledge based some, say its emotion based. A full discovery will be a fullness of both.

# Love with Abandon

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed.

But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

John 12:24



# Love with Abandon

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like  
(Six parables)

