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The Cross in the Community
-purifying hearts for service-

Werner Joubert

Sunday, July 4th

shofar

Mark 10:33-34

(Jesus) saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles.

And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

Mark 10:35-45

- (35) And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”
- (36) And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- (37) And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

Mark 10:35-45

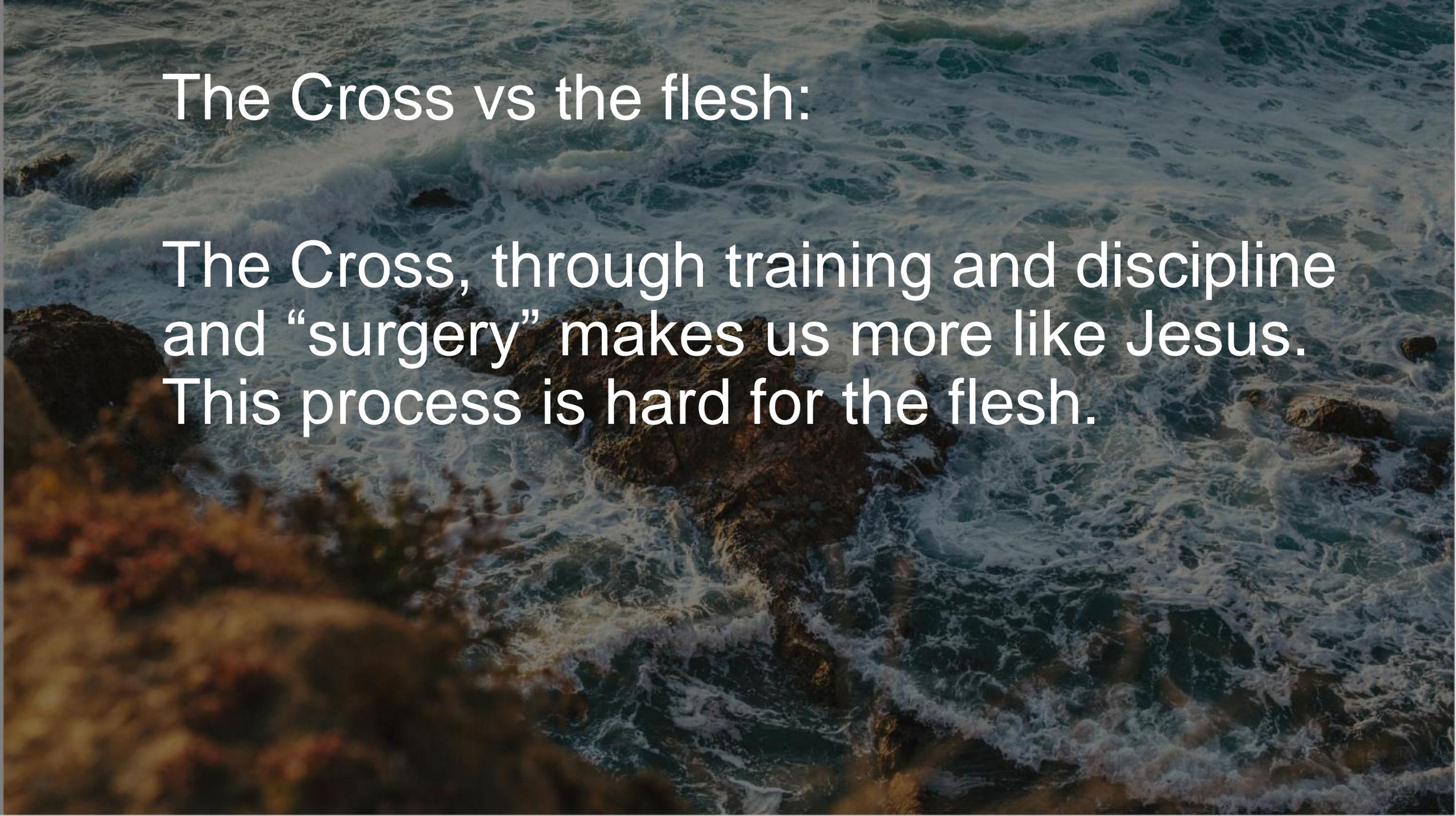
- (38) Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”
- (39) And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,

Mark 10:35-45

- (40) but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”
- (41) And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.
- (42) And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

The Vanity of Man

“This narrative contains a bright mirror of human vanity for it shows that proper and holy zeal is often accompanied by ambition.... They who are not satisfied with himself alone, but seek this or the other thing apart from him and his promises, wander grievously from the right path.” - Calvin

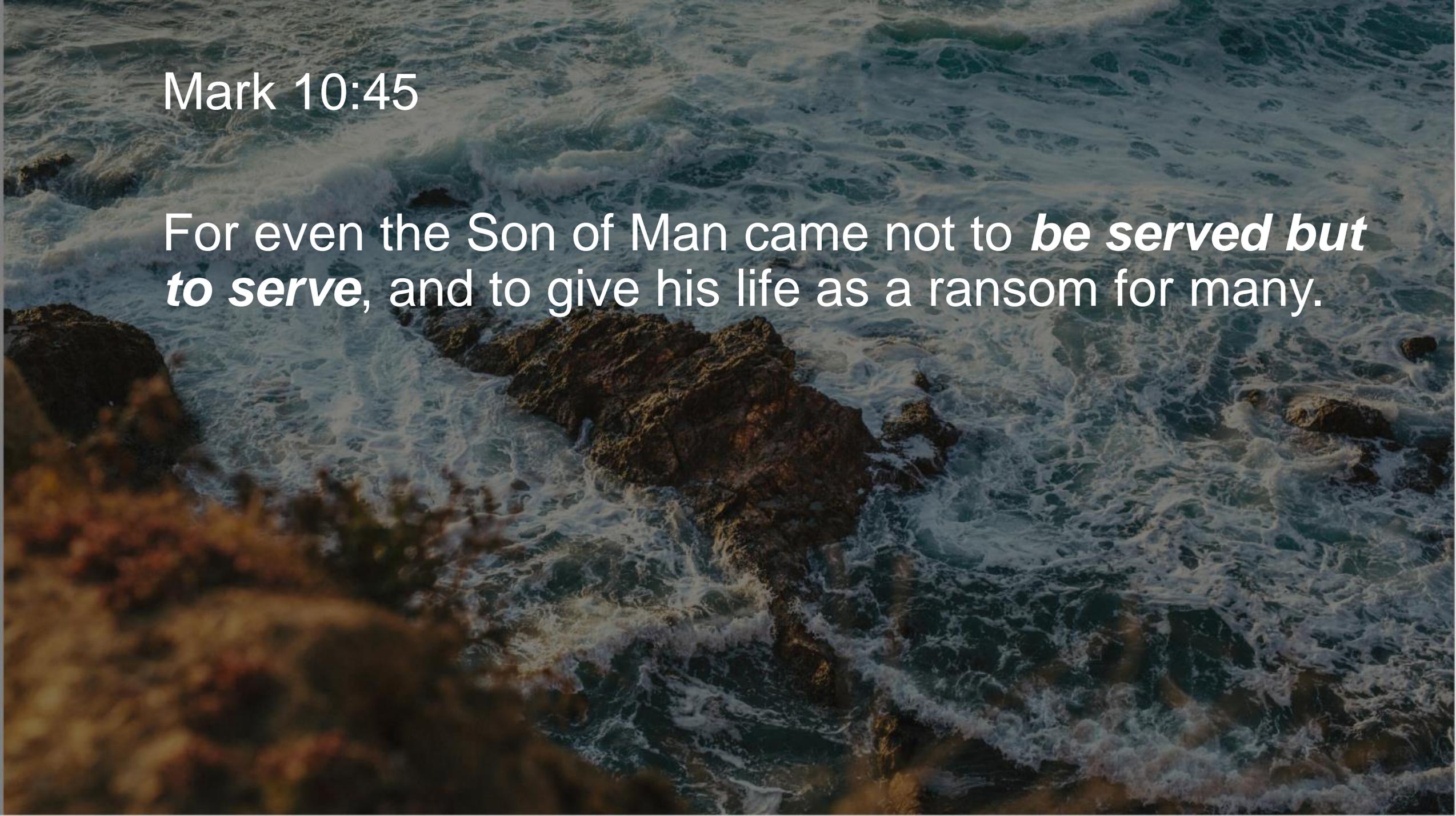


The Cross vs the flesh:

The Cross, through training and discipline and “surgery” makes us more like Jesus. This process is hard for the flesh.

Mark 10:35-45

- (43) But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,
- (44) and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.
- (45) For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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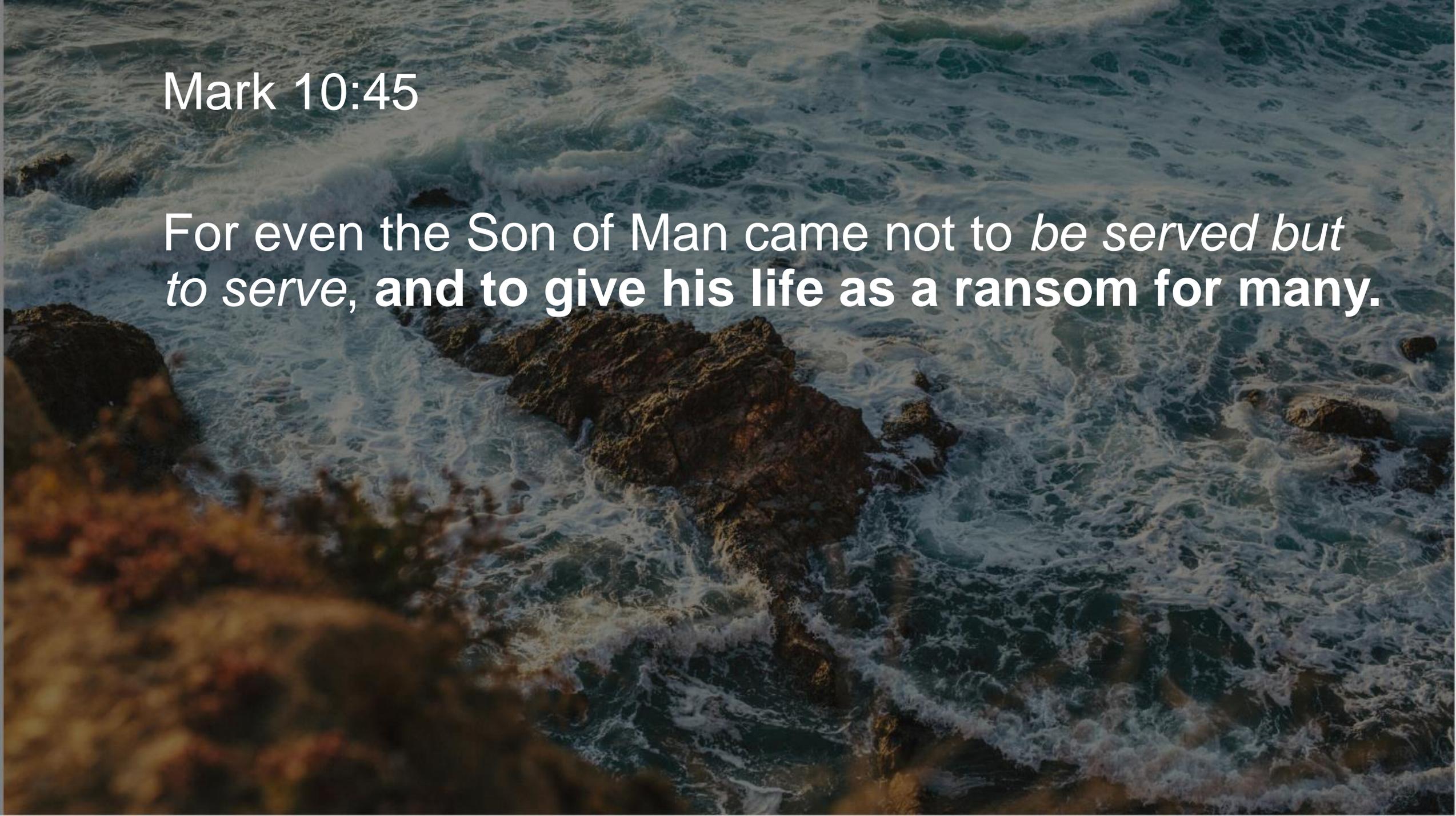
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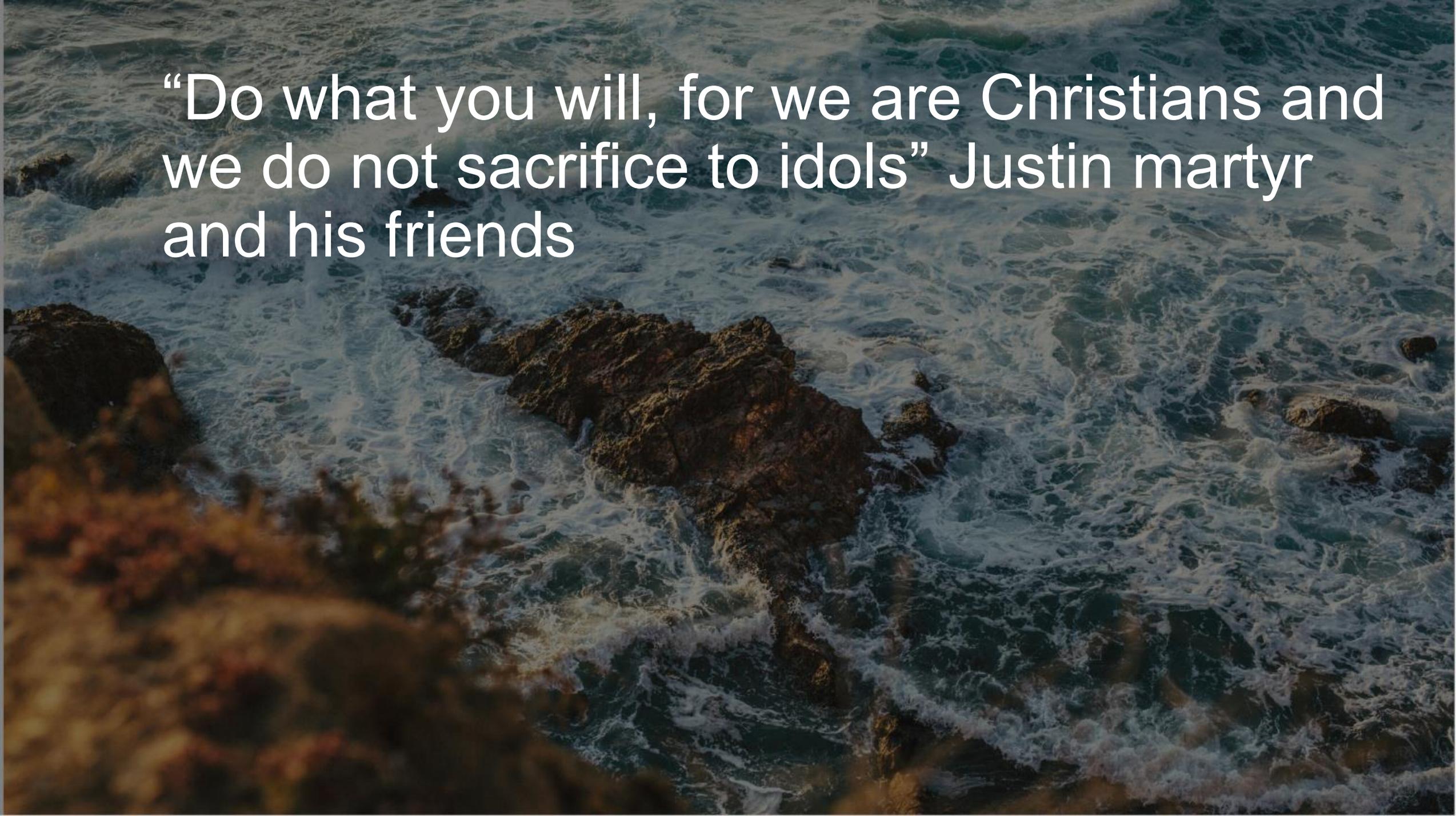
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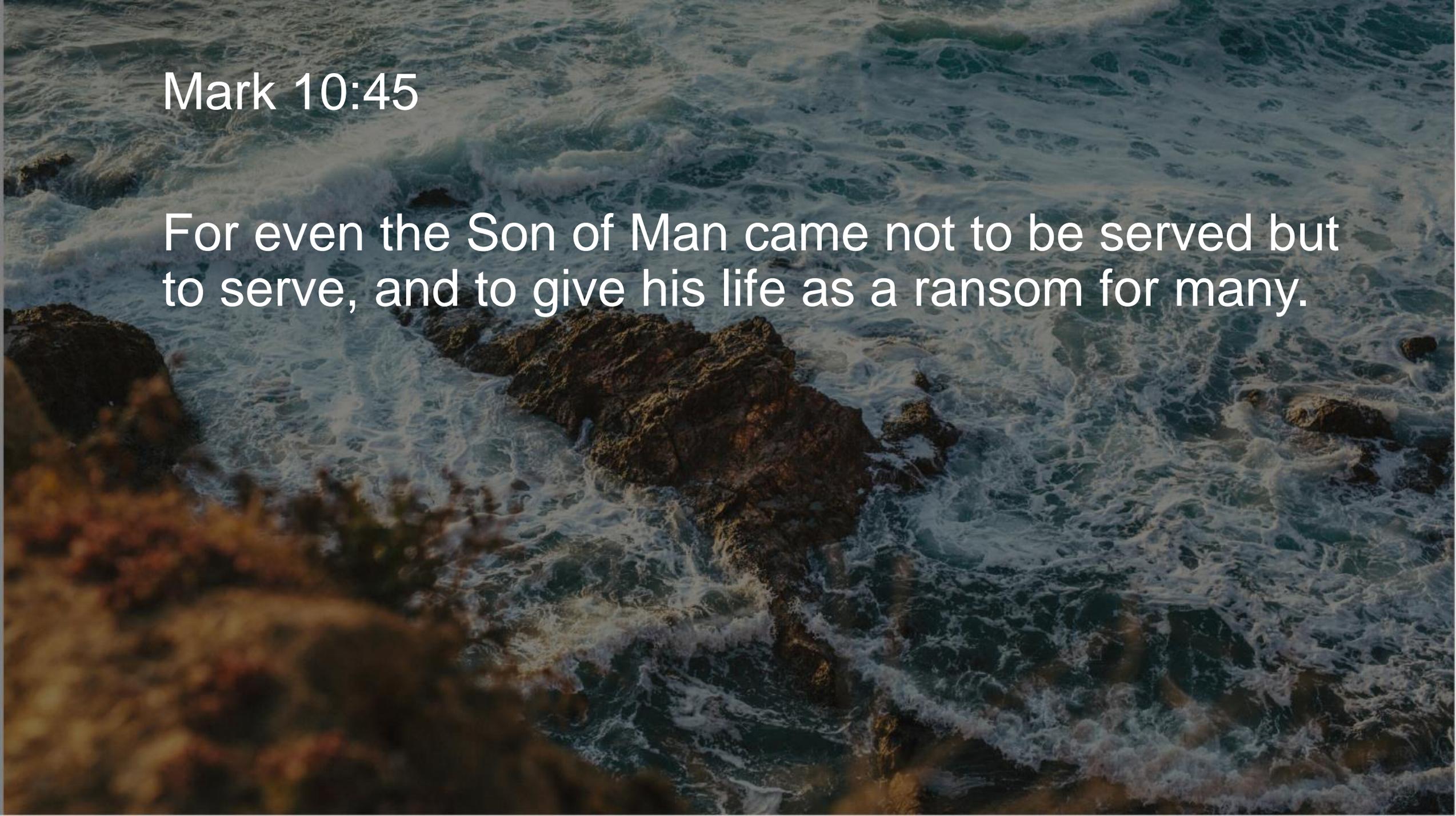
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“Do what you will, for we are Christians and we do not sacrifice to idols” Justin martyr and his friends

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- 2. The Cross will deliver you from Self-Preservation and bring you to Self-Giving*

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