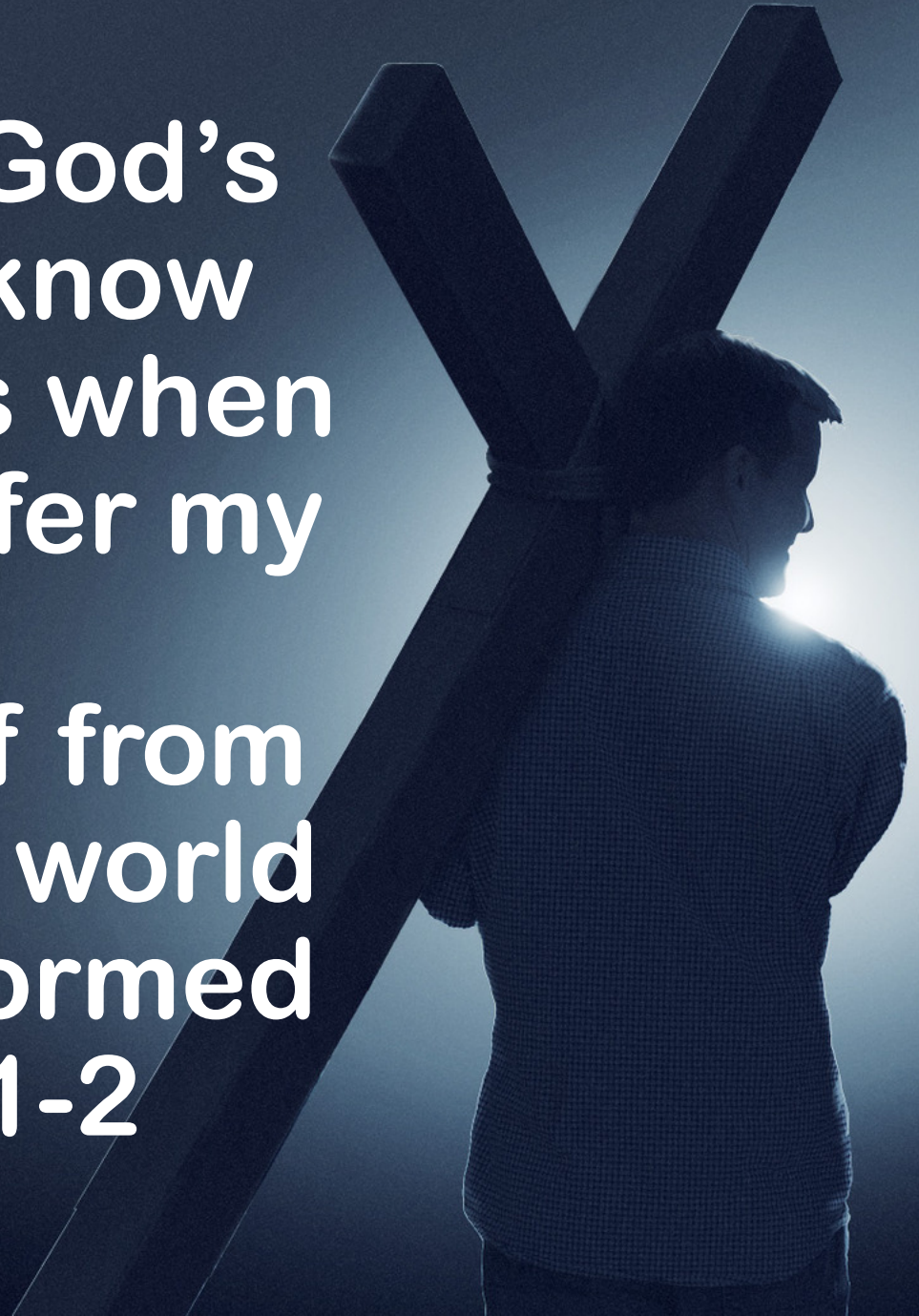




My Relationships

Romans 12

1. I respond to God's mercy and will know God's purposes when I sacrificially offer my life to God and separate myself from the unbelieving world by being transformed in my mind. 12:1-2



Christian
commitment is a
response to
God's mercy.



I am to worship God
by offering my life,
all of who I am, as a
sacrifice to God and
His purposes.



The transformation
and renewal of my
mind allows me to
think the thoughts of
God and live
differently from the
unbelieving world.



The result is that my
life becomes more
and more
concerned with
God's eternal
purposes.



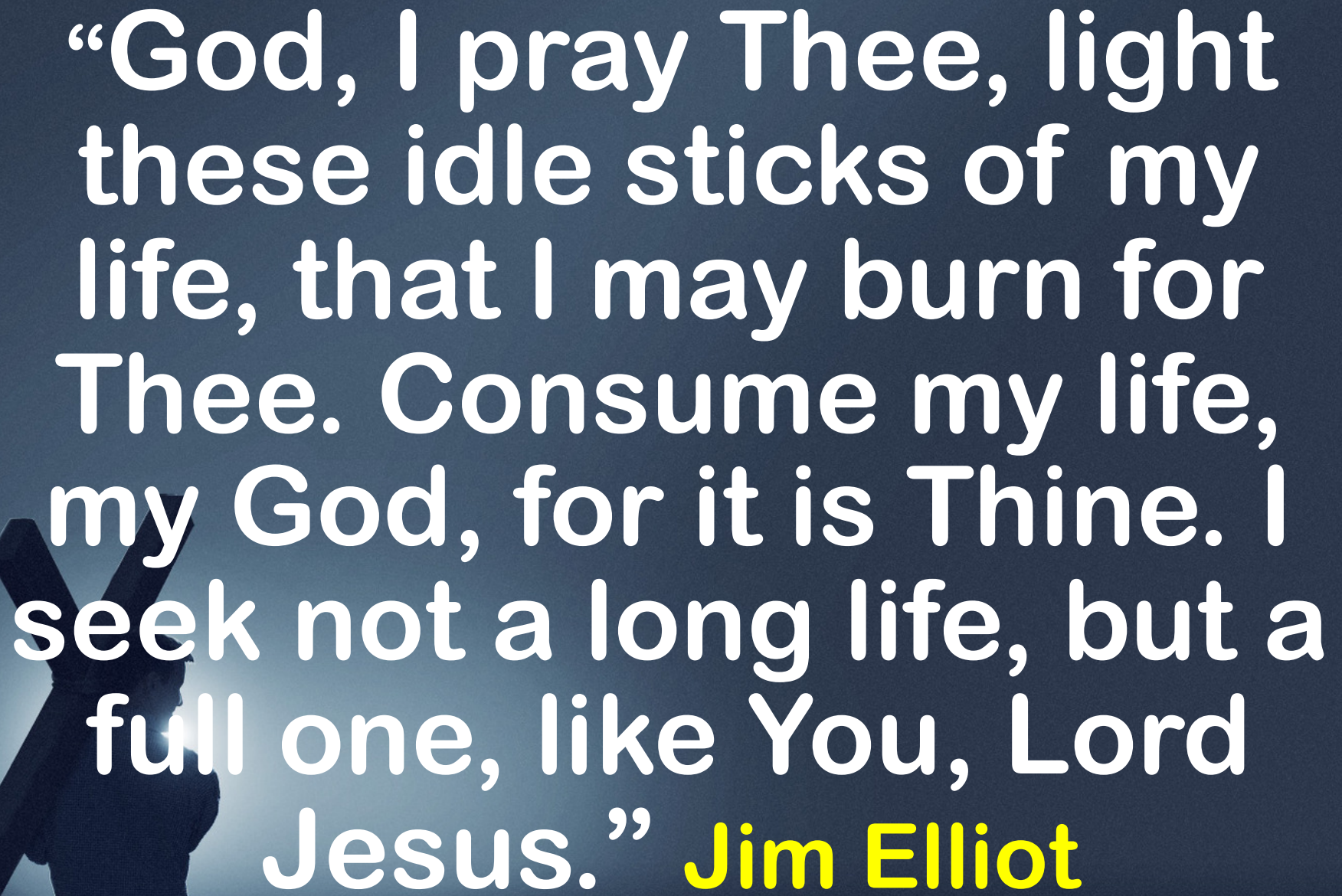
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I'D DO ANYTHING FOR LOVE
(BUT I WON'T DO THAT)

I'd do anything for
God, but I won't
do that.





“God, I pray Thee, light these idle sticks of my life, that I may burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, like You, Lord Jesus.” **Jim Elliot**

How am I responding to God's
mercies?

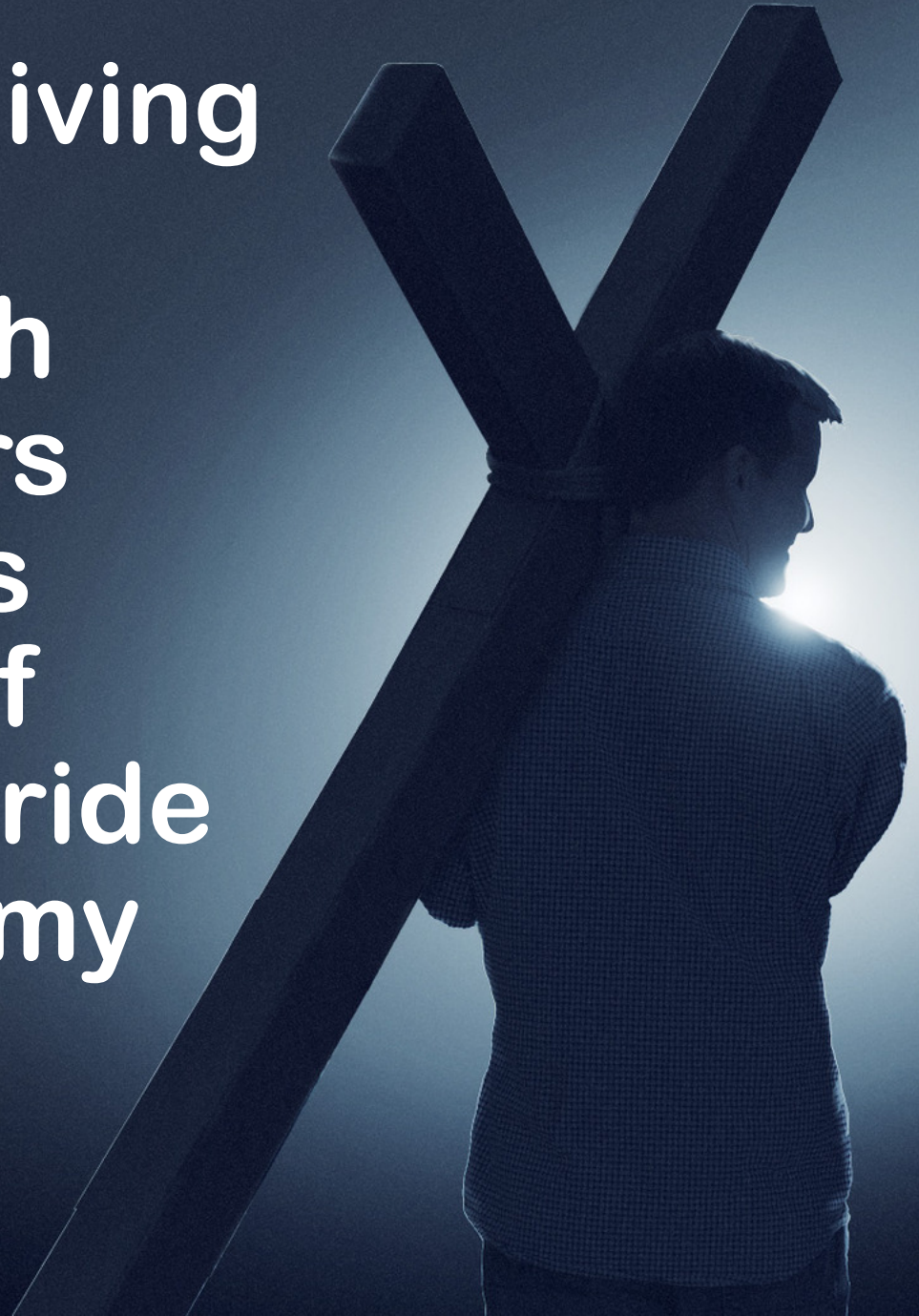
Am I offering my life to God's
purposes?

Am I refusing to conform to the
unbelieving world?

Am I being transformed so I
know and work for God's
purposes?



2. When I am a living sacrifice, my relationship with church members manifests God's grace instead of projecting my pride and protecting my possessions.
12:3-8, 10-16



God distributes
spiritual gifts to every
believer and gives the
faith needed to
exercise those gifts
resulting in a spiritual
unity in Christ.



Christian love is
expressed in
selflessness and
graciousness
toward believers.

12:10-13



How do I impact the body of
Christ?

Am I taking my place?

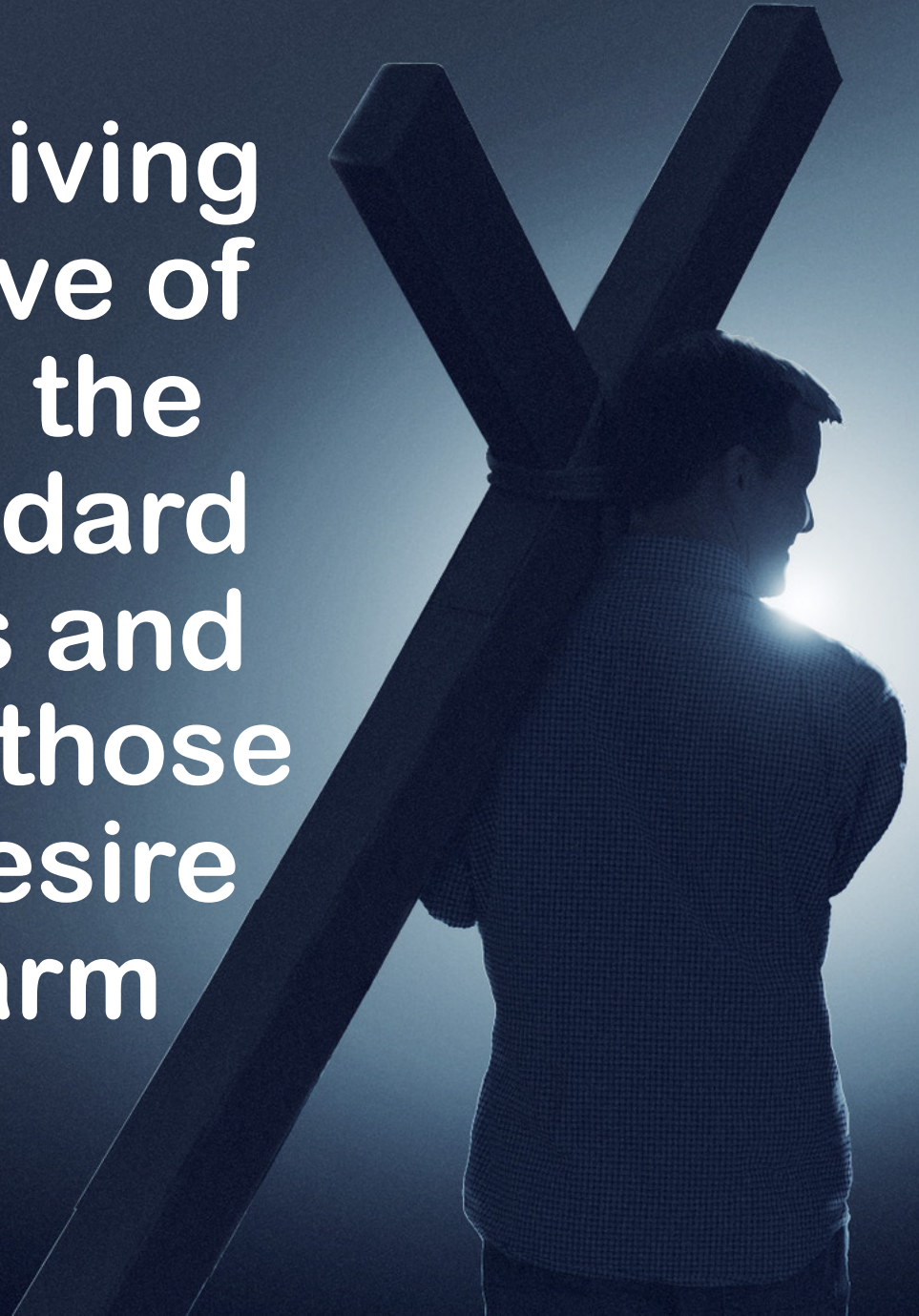
Am I exercising my gift, my
role in the church?

**Does my presence
contribute to a unified
purpose?**

What am I withholding?



3. When I am a living sacrifice, the love of Jesus becomes the basis of or standard for all my words and actions toward those who have the desire and ability to harm me. 12:9, 17-21



The key characteristic of the Christian life is sincere love that actively pushes back against evil and works to accomplish what is good.



Christian love does
not seek revenge or
justice for oneself
but trusts God to
make things right.



Christian love
invokes God's
blessing on behalf
of those whose
intent is to harm the
Christian. 12:14




Christian love goes
out of its way to do
good to enemies.

12:20-21



When I am a living
sacrifice I have nothing
to protect, nothing to
lose because I have
already lost everything.
There is nothing to fear.

A silhouette of a person holding a large cross, positioned on the left side of the image. The person is facing right, and the cross is held in front of a bright light source, creating a strong backlight effect. The background is a dark blue gradient.

Do my words and actions reveal in practical ways the love of Jesus Christ to those who intend to do me harm?

