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Forgiver of Sins

Mark 2:1-12

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And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Psalm 34:15

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

James 2:18

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

“Bold prayers honor God,
and God honors bold prayers.
God isn’t offended by your
biggest dreams or boldest
prayers. He is offended by
anything /ess. If your prayers
aren’t impossible to you, they
are insulting to God.”

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Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?”

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But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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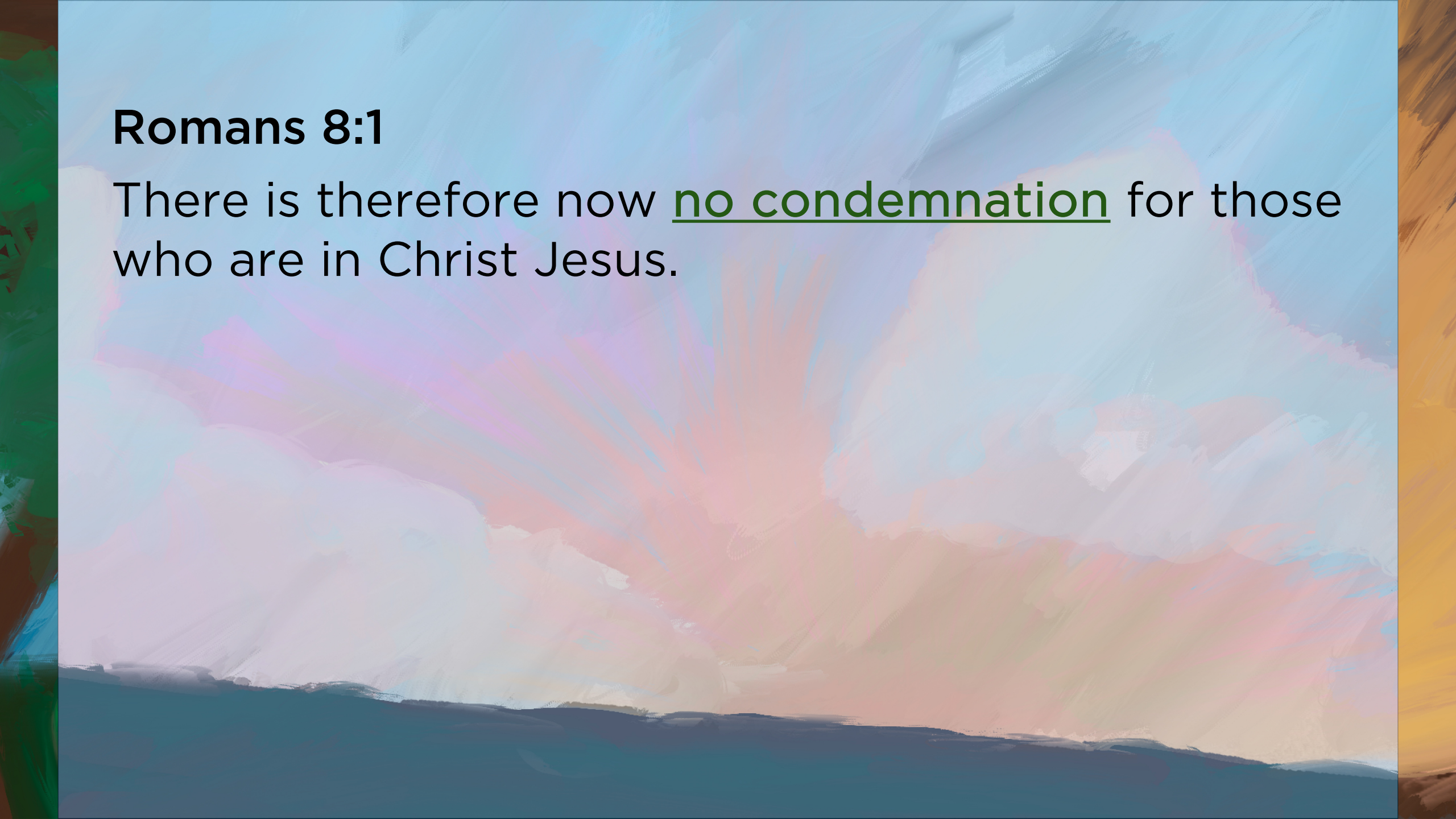
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Acts 13:38

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

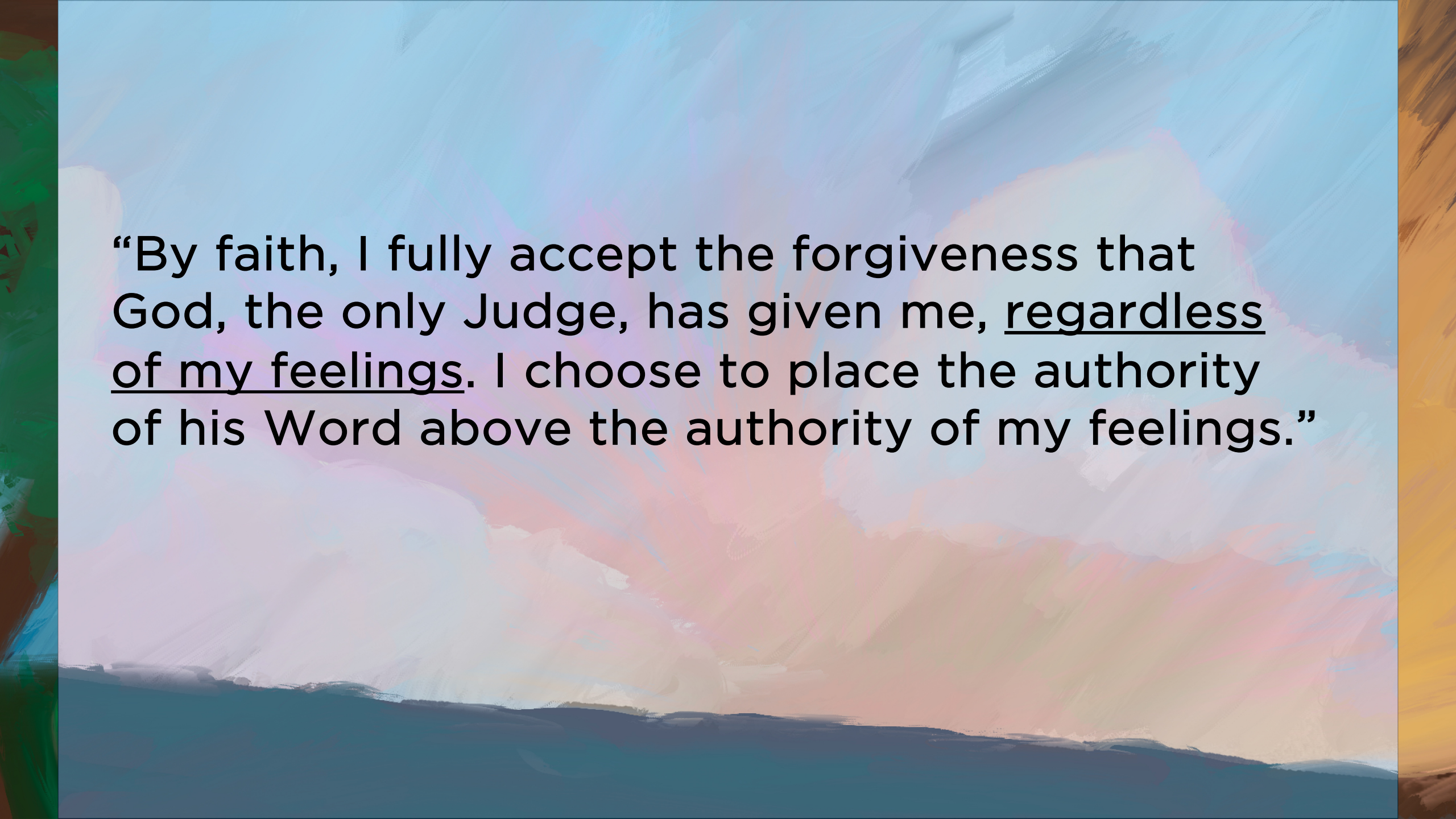


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Romans 8:33

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?



“By faith, I fully accept the forgiveness that God, the only Judge, has given me, regardless of my feelings. I choose to place the authority of his Word above the authority of my feelings.”

Take-Aways:

1. The greatest words you will ever hear from God are, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”
2. Jesus always has time for you. You are *never* an interruption.
3. Seek to value God’s spiritual blessings *above* his physical blessings.
4. Exercise bold, audacious faith in your prayers and actions. Believe God for the impossible.

Take-Aways:

5. Your circle of friends matters. Run with others who have audacious faith.
6. Like the man's four friends, be willing to go to extreme lengths to bring others to Jesus.
7. Freely receive God's forgiveness by faith, regardless of your feelings.

To Forgive Requires:

1. A fear of the Lord regarding his command to forgive
2. A willingness to absorb the very real cost of an offense
3. A faith that God allowed the offense, and that he can use it for my good
4. A satisfaction that perfect justice will be had, either at the cross, or in hell
5. A deep understanding of the gospel itself, and how much God has forgiven me

A painting of Jesus walking on water, wearing a white robe and sandals. The background features a sunset with orange and yellow rays of light over a dark blue sea. The sky is a mix of blue and white clouds.

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**That's what
I love about
Jesus!**

Mark 2:12

And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Psalm 103:1-5, 10-12

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5, 10-12

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.