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# Romans 6:14-23

## Slaves of Jesus

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A stone cross stands at the end of a stone path that leads towards it. The path is made of large, irregular stones and is flanked by a low stone wall. The background is dark, making the cross and the path stand out.

## Romans 6

<sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?



A stone cross stands at the end of a stone path that leads up to it. The path is made of large, irregular stones and is flanked by a low stone wall. The background is a dark, solid color.

## Romans 6

<sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

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A stone cross stands at the end of a stone path that leads up a hill. The path is made of large, irregular stones and is flanked by a low stone wall. The background is a dark, hilly landscape.

## Romans 6

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



A perspective view of a stone path made of irregular, dark grey stones, leading towards a wooden cross in the distance. The path is flanked by low stone walls. The background is a solid dark grey.

1. What this passage does and does not teach.

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## Romans 6:14

...you are not under the law, but under grace.



A stone cross stands at the end of a long, straight path made of dark, irregular cobblestones. The path leads from the bottom of the frame towards the cross, which is centered in the upper third of the image. The background is a solid dark color.

## Romans 6:15

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## Matt. 5:21-22

[Jesus said,] <sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

<sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ [idiot] is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.





## Matt. 5:38-42

[Jesus said,] <sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.



## Exodus 22:1

“Whoever steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.”



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## Luke 19:8-10

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”





2. You can only have one master!

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## Romans 6:16

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?



## Matt. 6:24

[Jesus said,] No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other...



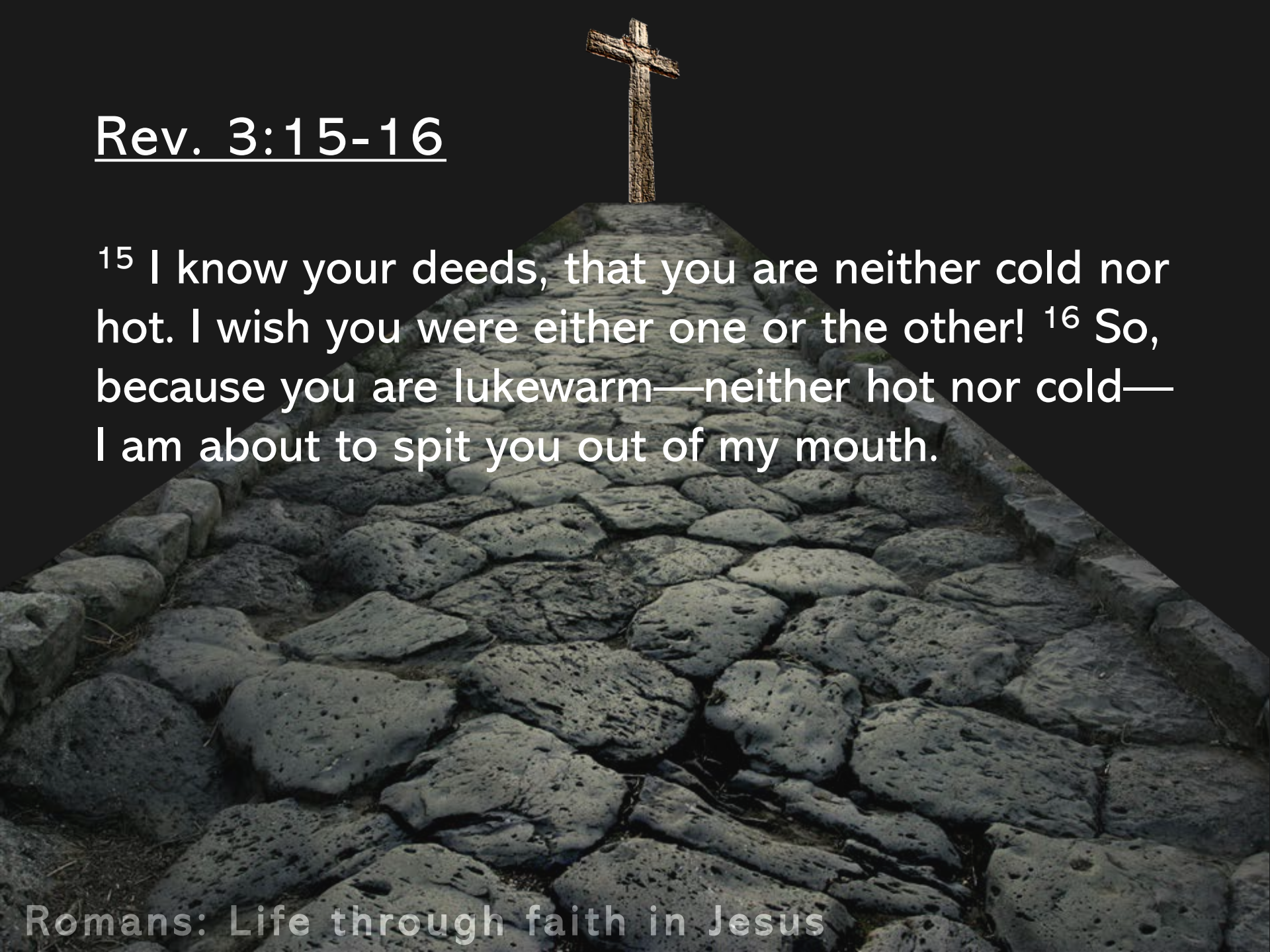
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Matt. 12:30

[Jesus said,] “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

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## Rev. 3:15-16

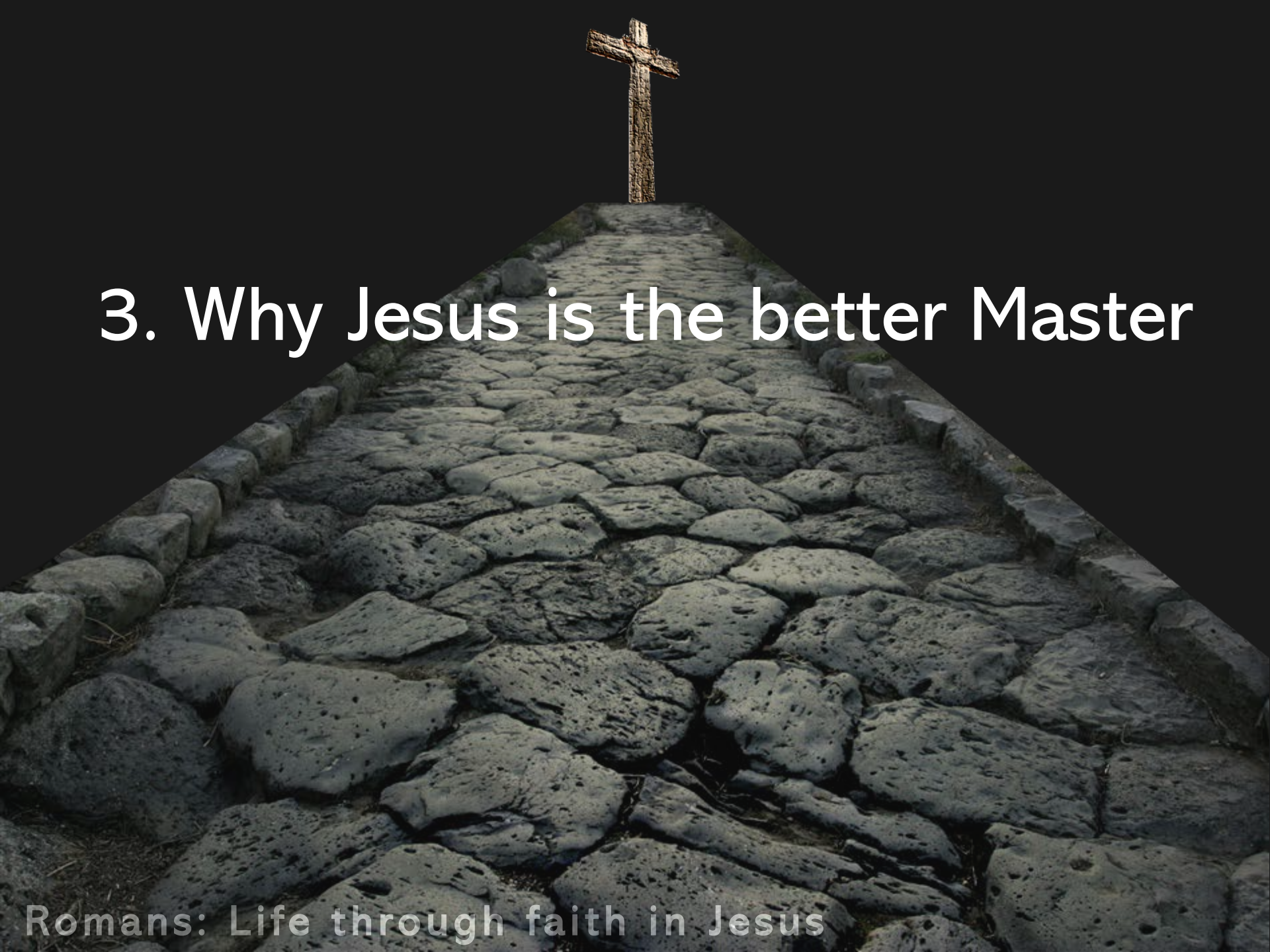
<sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.



## Romans 6:18

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.



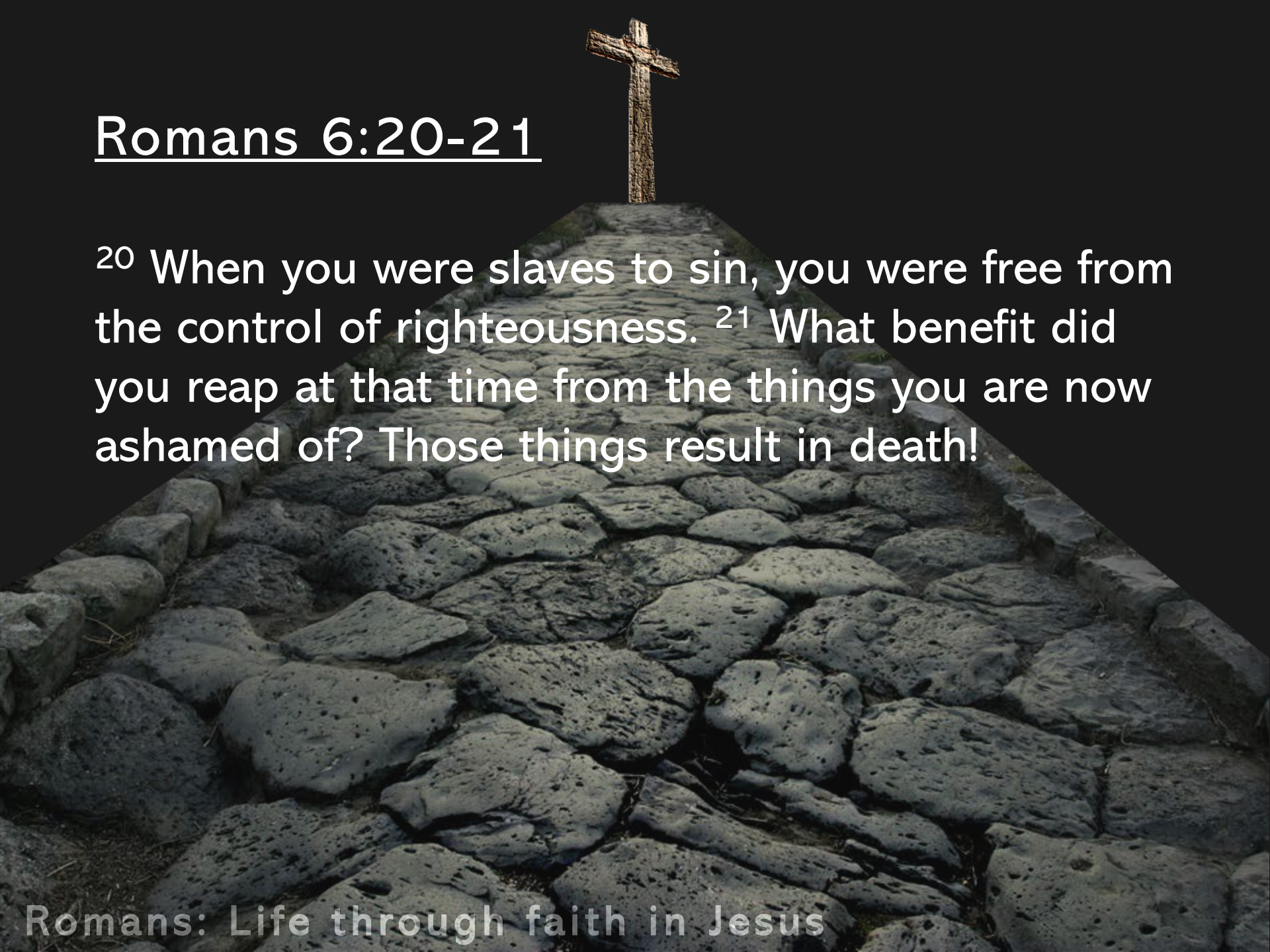


### 3. Why Jesus is the better Master

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## Romans 6:20-21

A stone path made of irregular, dark grey stones leads from the bottom of the frame towards a wooden cross at the top. The cross is made of rough, weathered wood and stands against a dark, solid background. The path is flanked by dark, shadowed areas, creating a sense of depth and focus on the cross.

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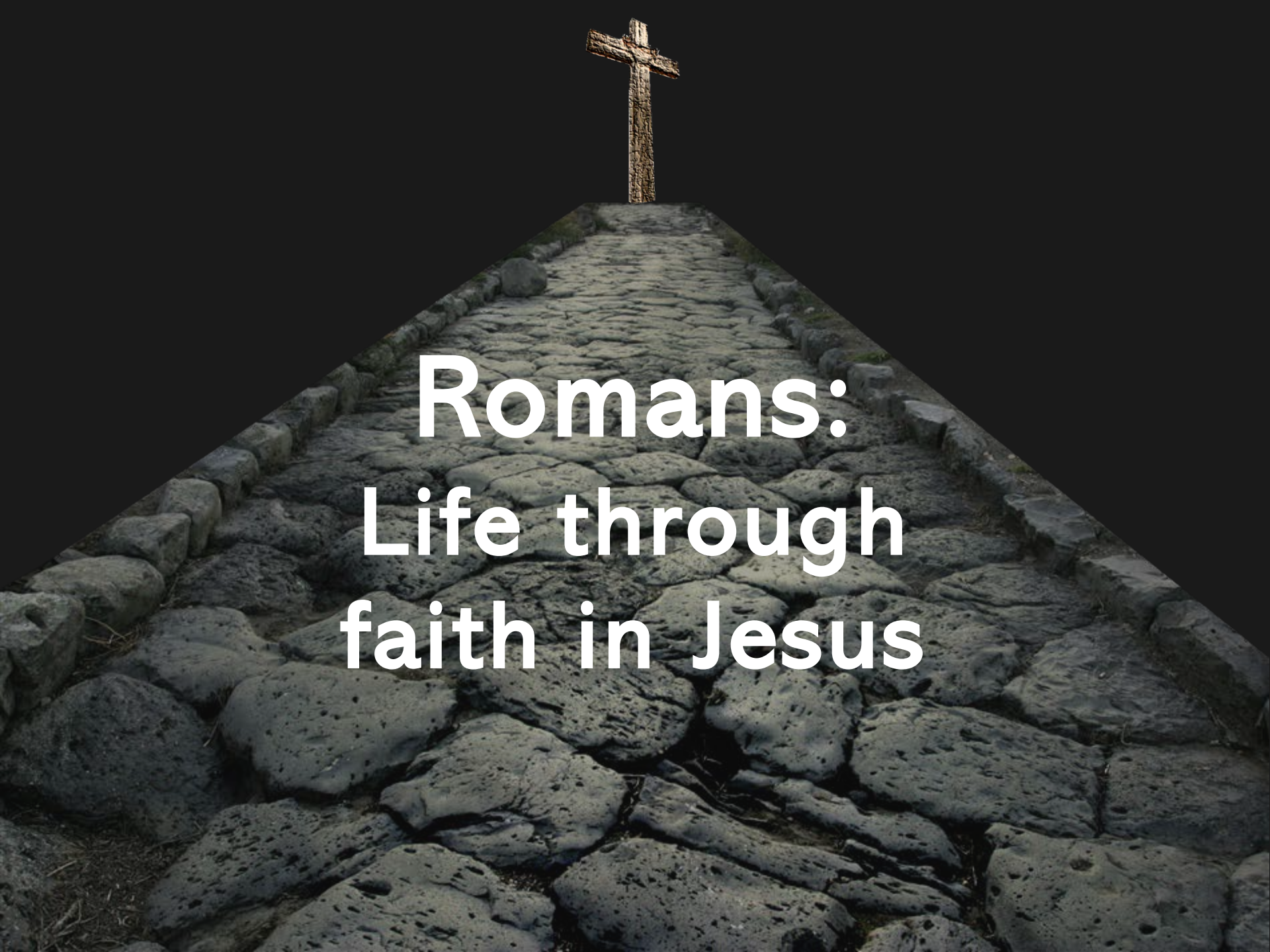




## Matt. 11:28-30

[Jesus said,] <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



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