

COSTLY GRACE SERIES

Salvation By Wealth Alone

Revelation 3:14-22





Lycus River Valley







746 avrch, arche {ar-khay'}

Meaning: 1) beginning, origin 2) the person or thing that commences, the first person or thing in a series, the leader 3) that by which anything begins to be, the origin, the active cause

THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH

The Preeminence of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by^[a] him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Footnotes:

a. Colossians 1:16 That is, by means of; or *in*

**LUKEWARMNESS IS THE
WORST FORM OF
BLASPHEMY**

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

**LAODICEA=THE NORTH
AMERICAN CHURCH**

There was no hint of authentic discipleship, since they limited their religious orthodoxy to Sundays. They gave themselves to making money, indulging their children, climbing the ladder of success, dressing in fashion, serving on church boards, following their sports teams, eating healthy, working out and having fun.

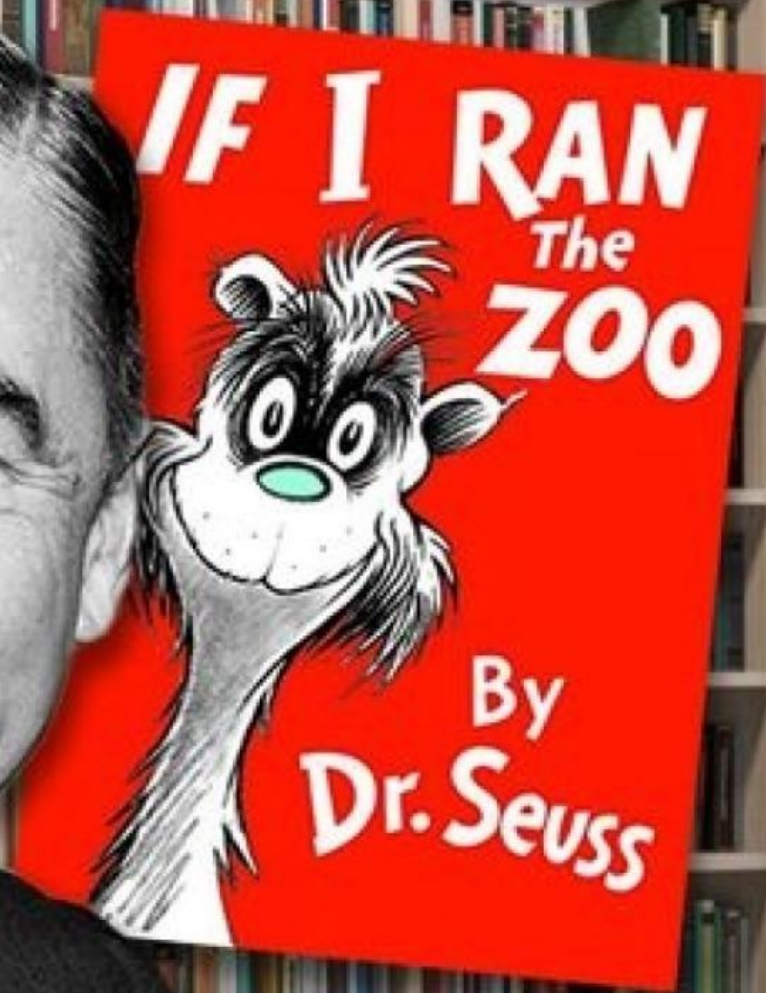
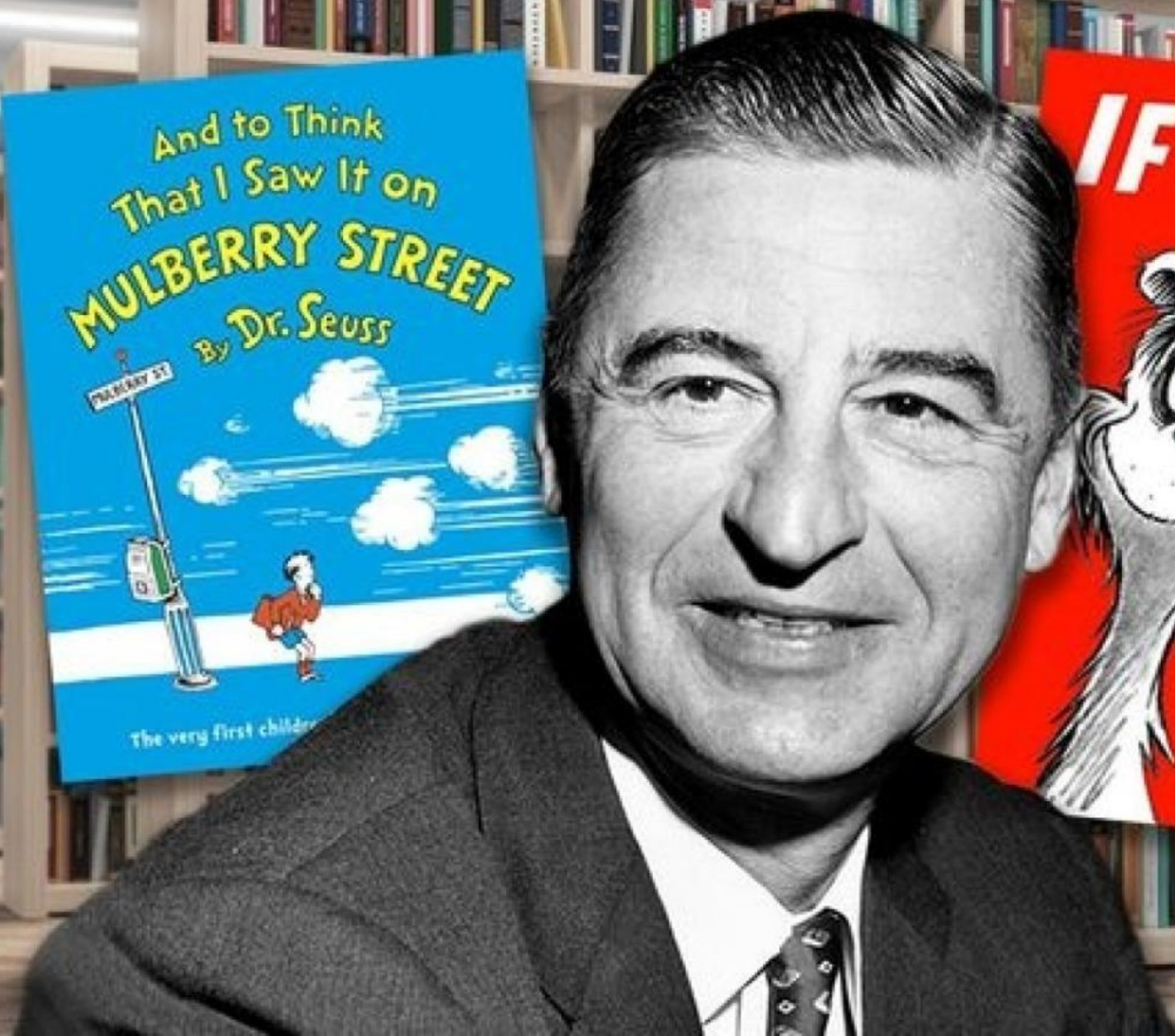
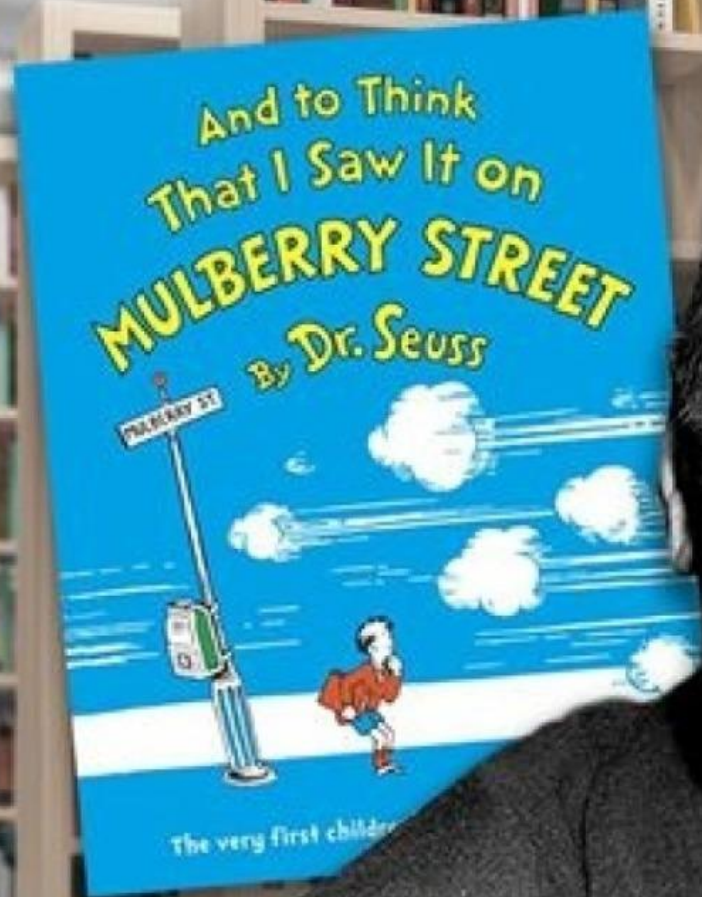
They knew enough of the Bible to debate doctrine. They paid their taxes to the state and their tithes to the church...Of all the seven churches, the Cathedral Church of Laodicea may best capture the ethos of the wealthy American church.

Their ministry was ineffective, their witness innocuous, and their lifestyle idolatrous. They may have plenty of emotional zeal, but they lacked wholehearted commitment to Christ. Believers in Laodicea blended into the urban-suburban culture so completely that their lifestyle left no distinguishing marks of true faith in Christ.

Jesus produced mainly three effects: hatred, terror, adoration. There was no trace of people expressing mild approval.

C S Lewis

**SALVATION BY FAITH
ALONE THROUGH GRACE**





"So *this* is what you do while I'm away."



***Fixing the
awful working
conditions of
their minimum
wage workers.***



***Making
Mr. Potato head
gender
neutral.***



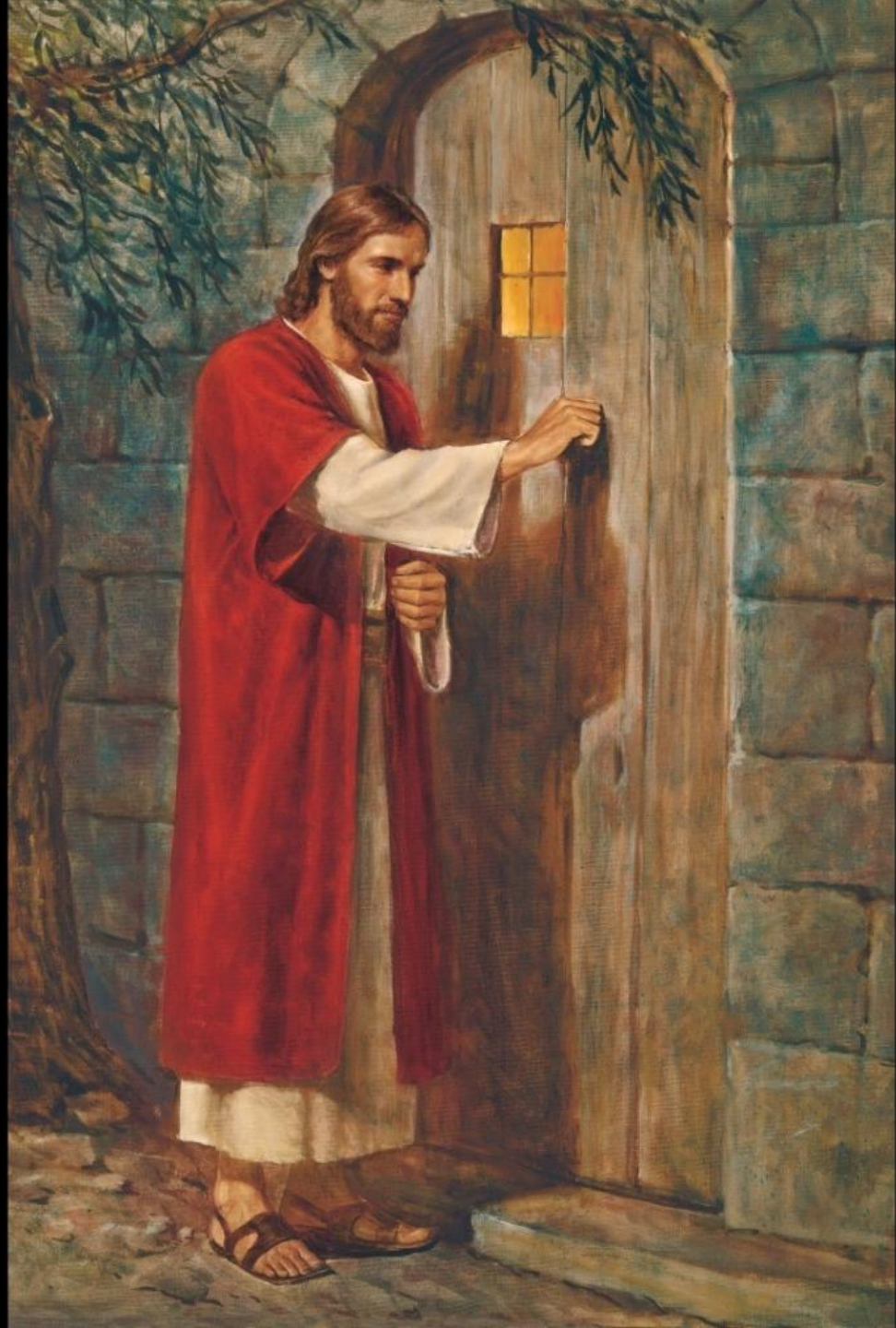
“TO BE CONVINCED
IN OUR HEARTS THAT
WE HAVE THE
FORGIVENESS OF SINS
AND PEACE WITH
GOD **BY GRACE**
ALONE IS THE
HARDEST THING.”

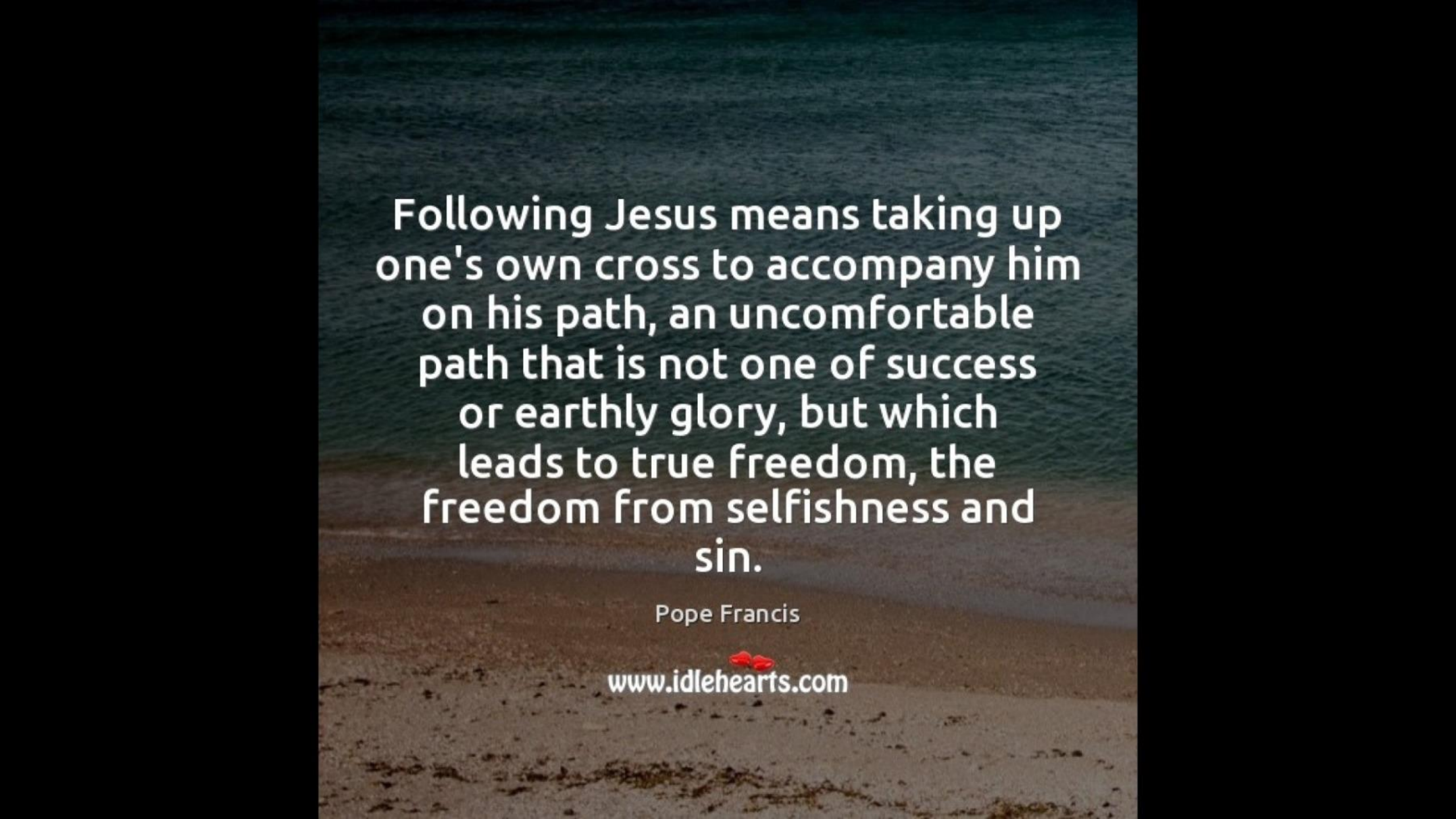
Relevant Scripture:

OT | Genesis 6:8

NT | Ephesians 2:8-9

WILL WE OPEN THE DOOR?





Following Jesus means taking up
one's own cross to accompany him
on his path, an uncomfortable
path that is not one of success
or earthly glory, but which
leads to true freedom, the
freedom from selfishness and
sin.

Pope Francis


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