

ADVENT SERIES – WEEK THREE
JOY

The Greatest Christmas Concert

Luke 2:8-20

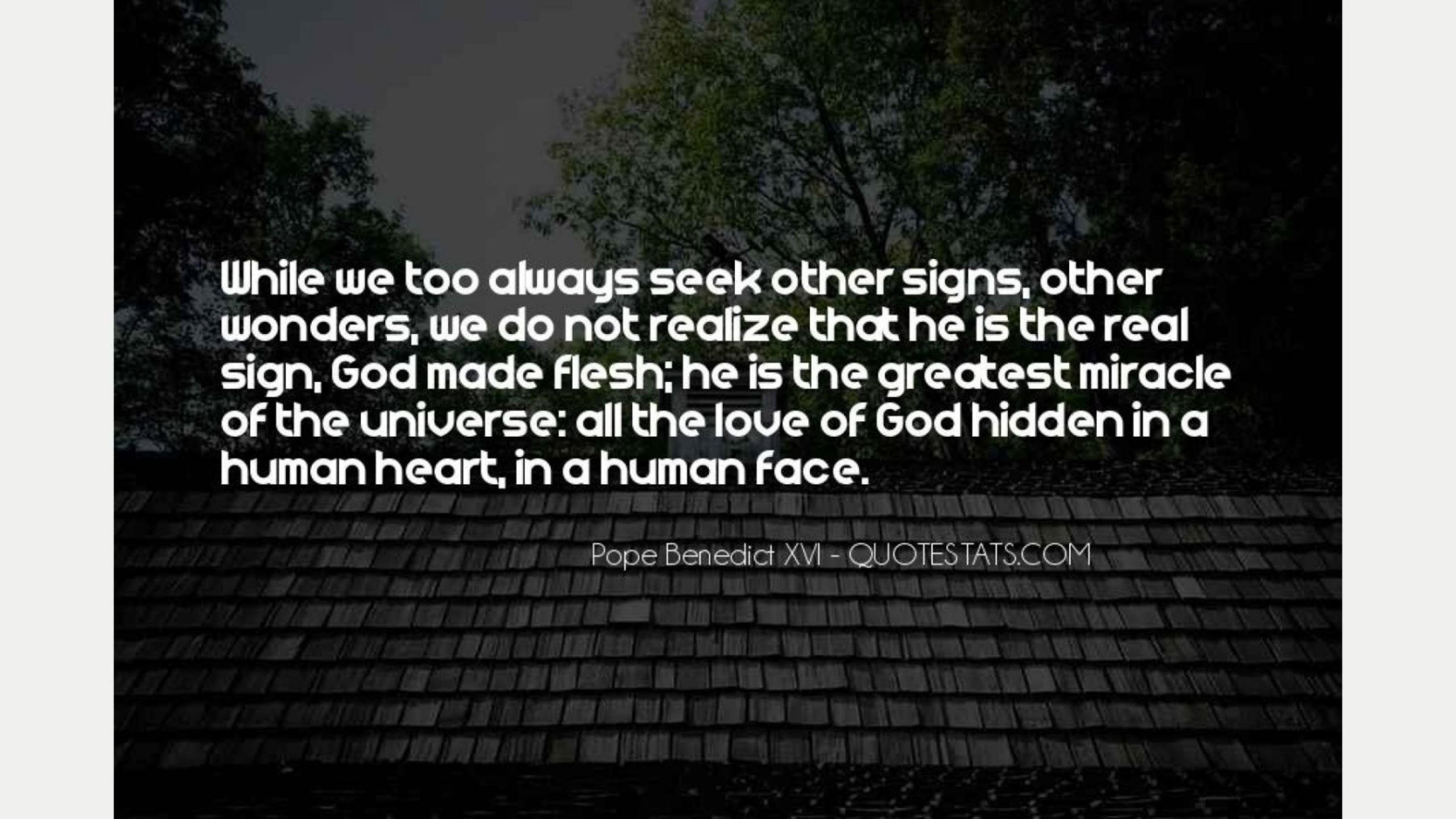


SEEKING SIGNS

**WHEREAS THE PROVIDENCE WHICH DIVINELY
ORDERED OUR LIVES CREATED WITH ZEAL AND
MUNIFICENCE THE MOST PERFECT GOOD FOR OUR
LIVES BY PRODUCING AUGUSTUS AND FILLING HIM
WITH VIRTUE FOR THE BENEFACTION OF MANKIND,
SENDING US AND THOSE AFTER US A SAVIOUR WHO
PUT AN END TO WAR AND ESTABLISHED ALL THINGS;**

**AND WHEREAS CAESAR [SC. AUGUSTUS]
WHEN HE APPEARED EXCEEDED THE HOPES OF
ALL WHO HAD ANTICIPATED GOOD TIDINGS ...;
AND WHEREAS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE GOD
MARKED FOR THE WORLD THE BEGINNING OF
GOOD TIDINGS THROUGH HIS COMING....**

**THE ULTIMATE
SIGN?**



While we too always seek other signs, other wonders, we do not realize that he is the real sign, God made flesh; he is the greatest miracle of the universe: all the love of God hidden in a human heart, in a human face.

Pope Benedict XVI - QUOTESTATS.COM


**WHO SEES THE
SIGN?**

**IF WE SEEK GOD FOR
OUR OWN GOOD AND
PROFIT, WE ARE NOT
SEEKING GOD.**

- MEISTER ECKHART -

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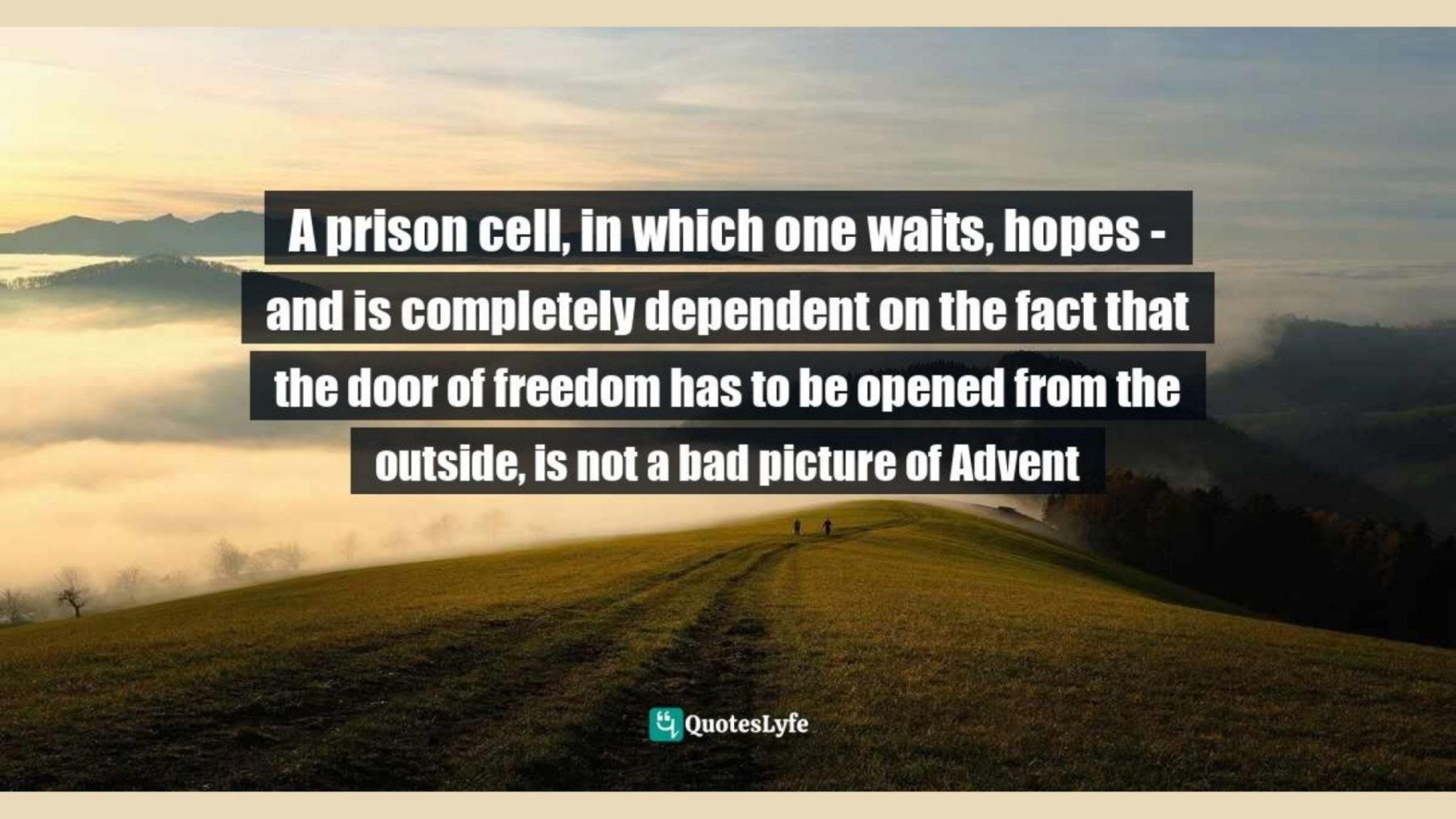


The only people whose soul can truly
magnify the Lord are people who
acknowledge their lowly estate and
are overwhelmed by the
condescension of the magnificent
God.

—John Piper

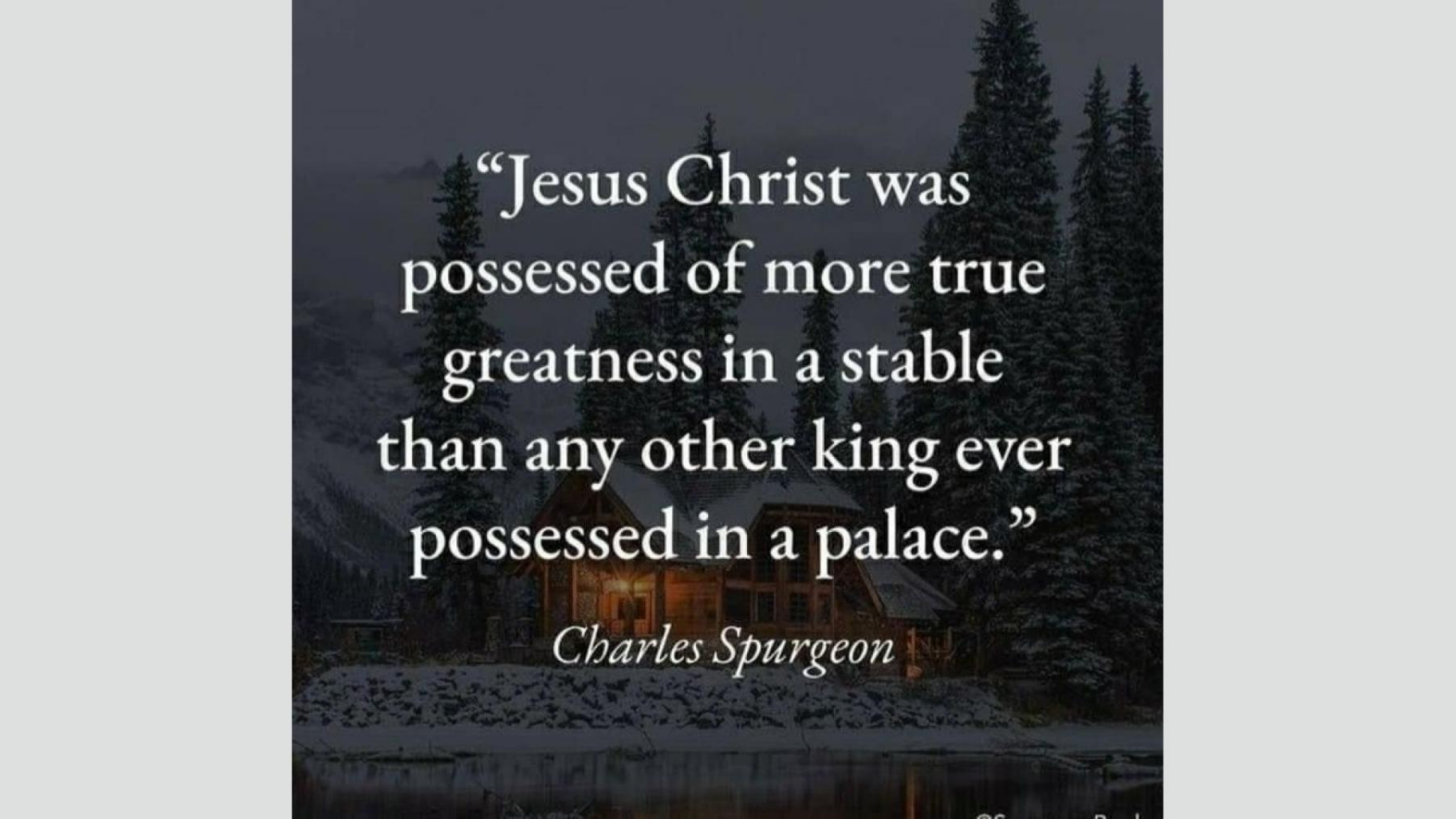


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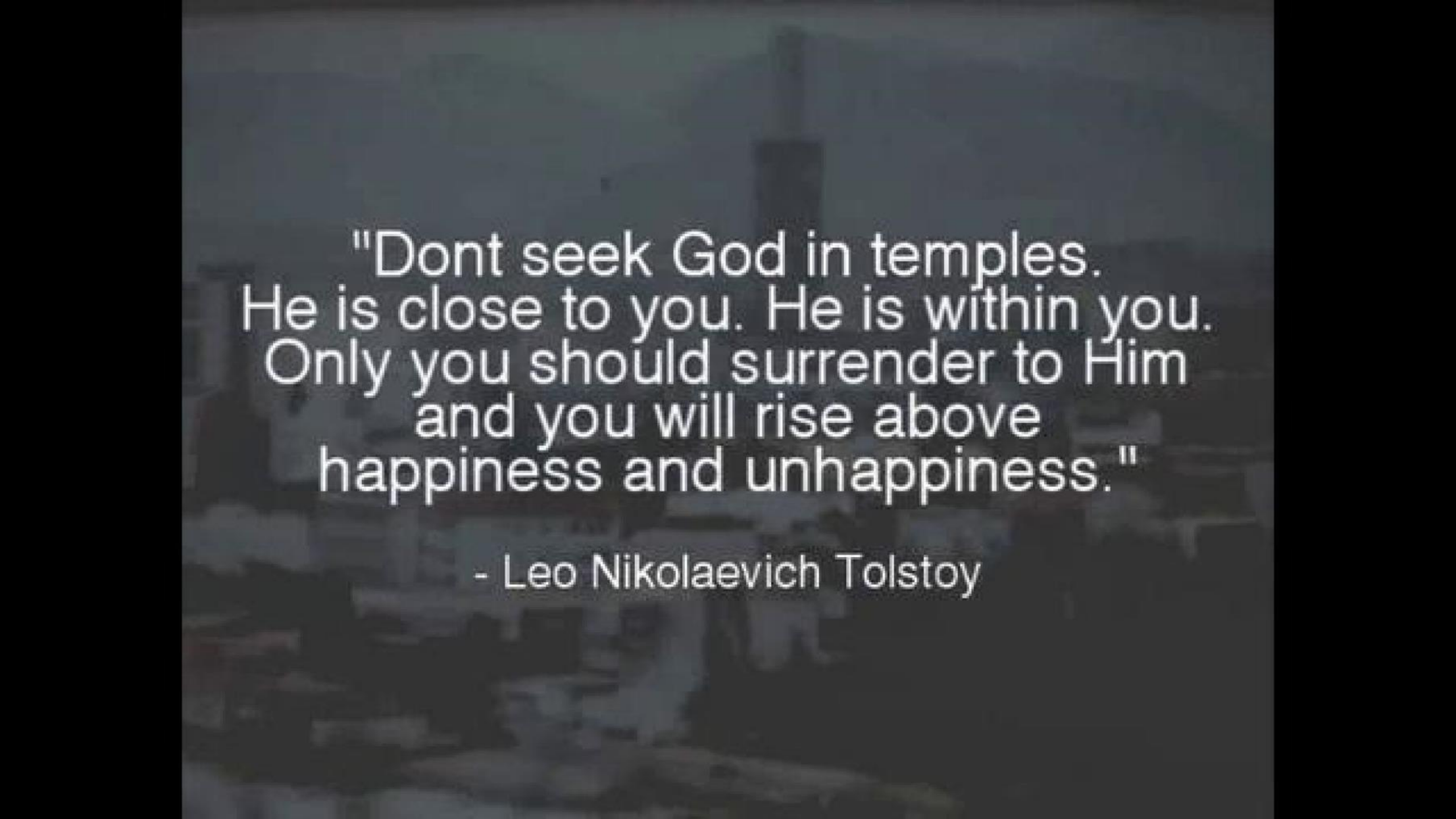
**A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes -
and is completely dependent on the fact that
the door of freedom has to be opened from the
outside, is not a bad picture of Advent**

INCREDIBLE JOY



“Jesus Christ was
possessed of more true
greatness in a stable
than any other king ever
possessed in a palace.”

Charles Spurgeon



"Don't seek God in temples.
He is close to you. He is within you.
Only you should surrender to Him
and you will rise above
happiness and unhappiness."

- Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy