



deeper discipleship







# WHAT A WASTE

MARK 14:1-11

# PSALM 40

**2** He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay...

**7** Then I said, "Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me..."

**12** For evils beyond number have surrounded me...



# MARK 14

**1** Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill Him; **2** for they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people.” **3** While He was in Bethany at the home of

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Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured it over His head. **4** But some were indignantly remarking to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? **5** For this perfume



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might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they were scolding her. **6** But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. **7** For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do

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good to them; but you do not always have Me. **8** She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. **9** Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.” **10** Then

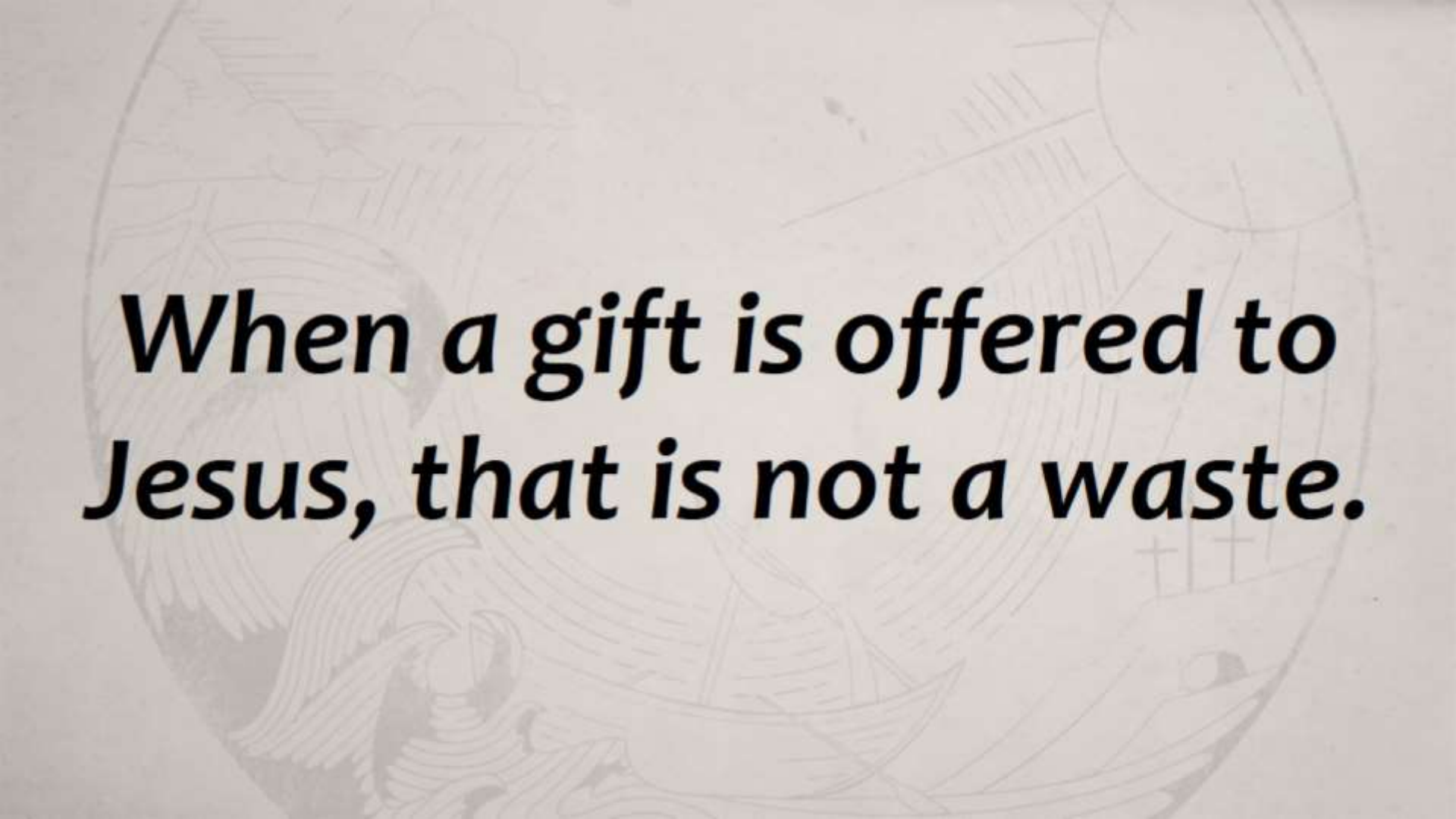
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Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. **11** They were glad when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

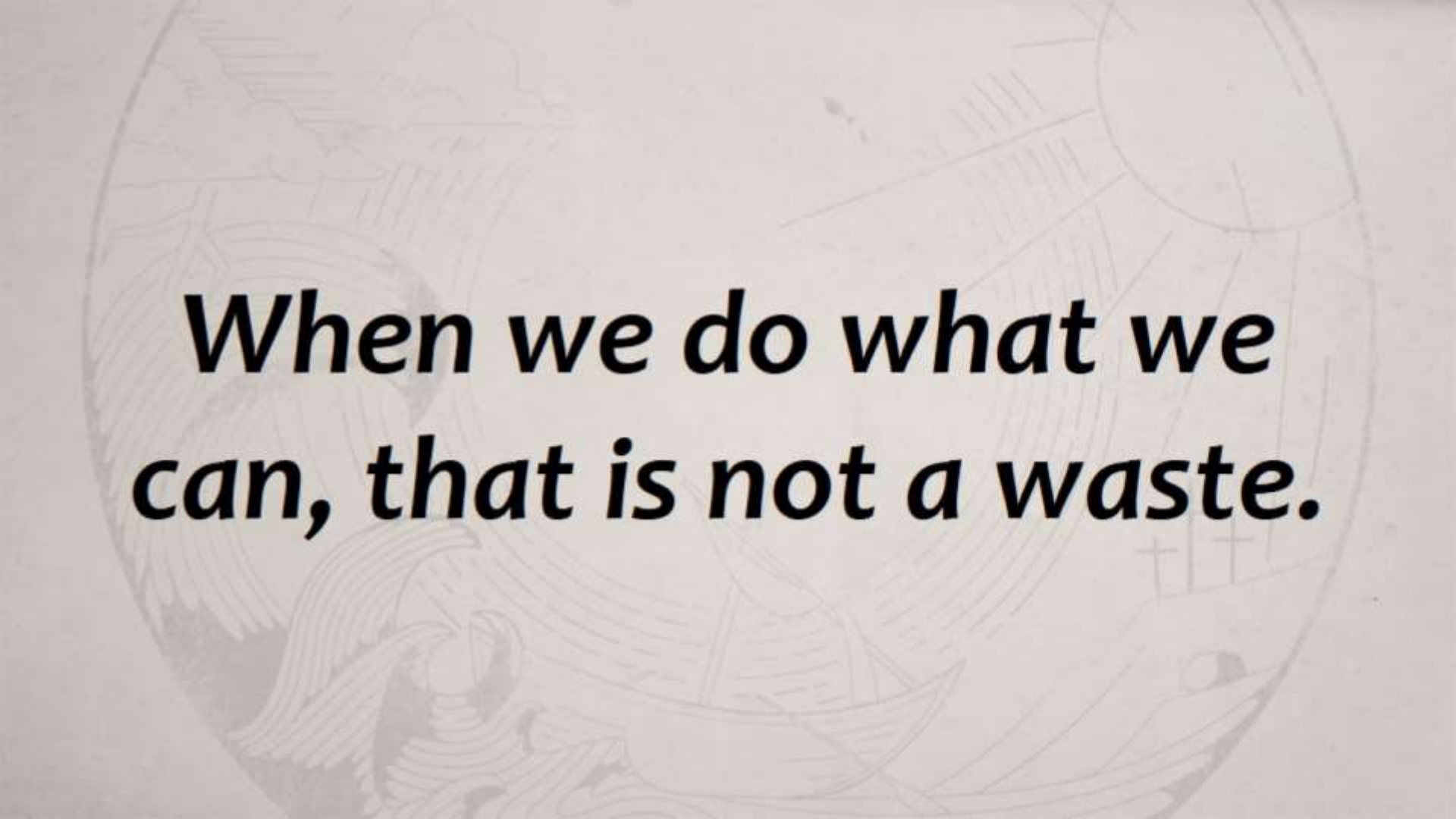


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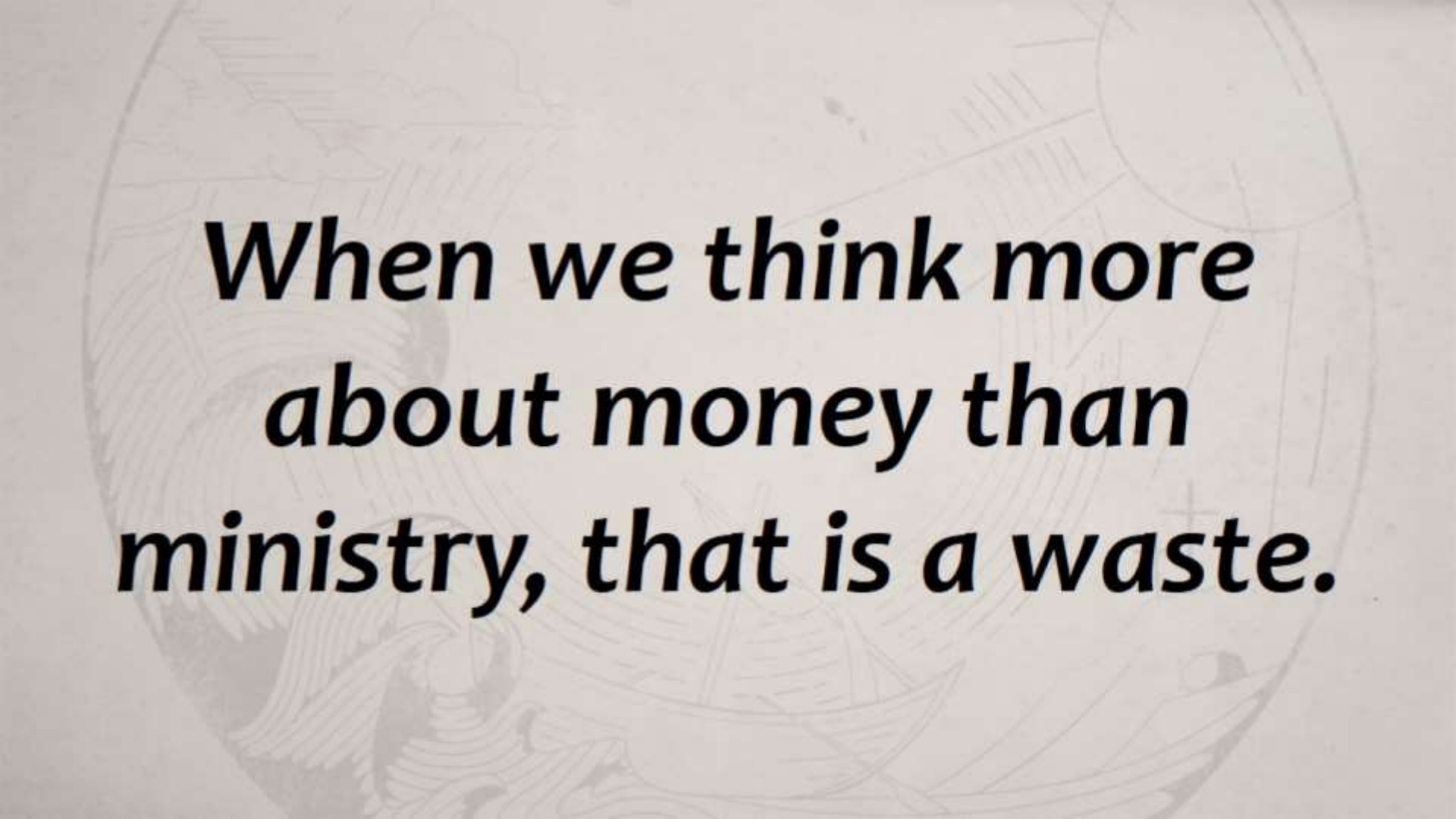
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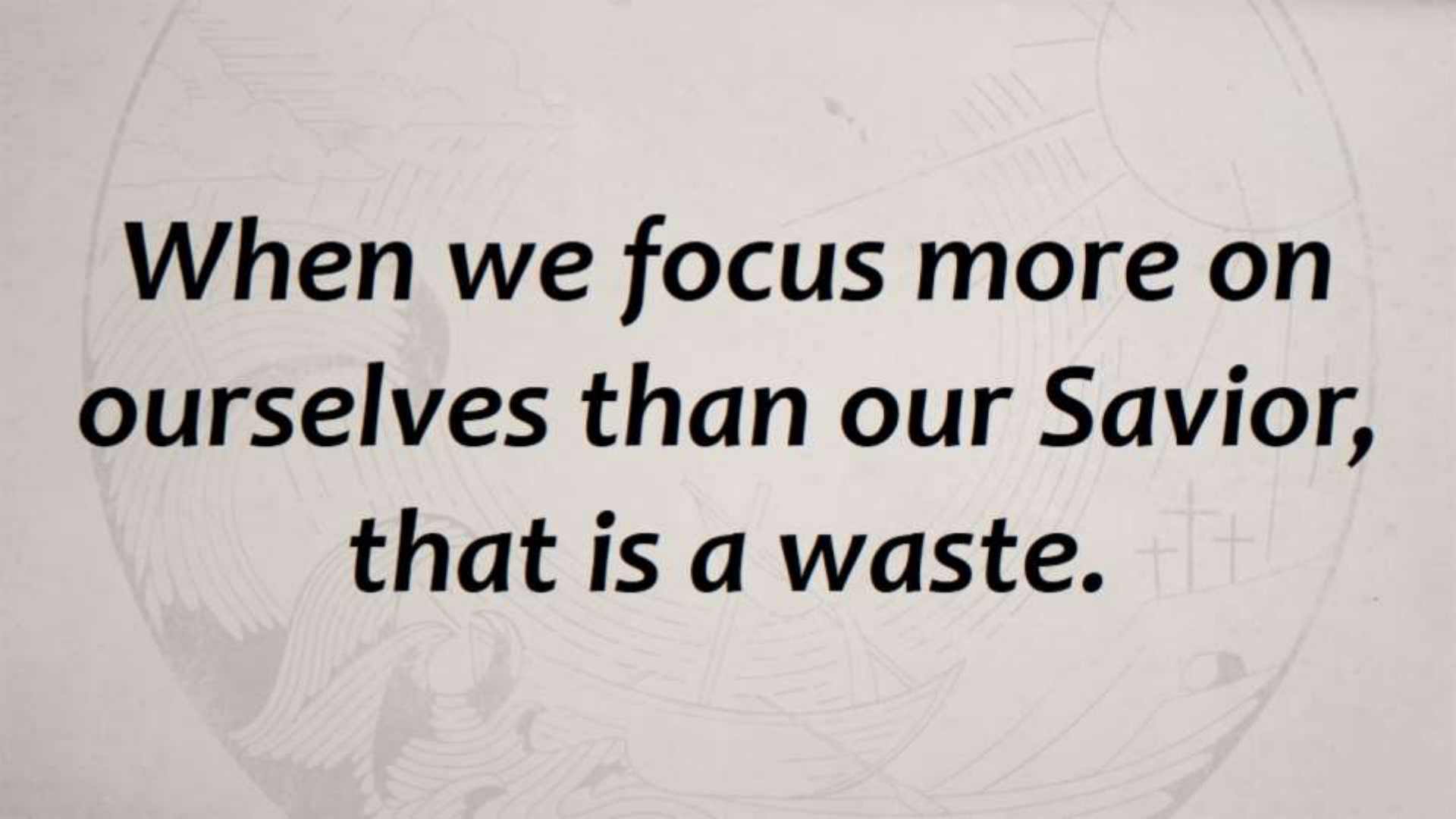
***When a gift is offered to  
Jesus, that is not a waste.***

A faint, circular background illustration of a sailing ship on the sea. The ship is a three-masted vessel with a full rig, sailing on a choppy sea. The illustration is rendered in a light, sketchy style, possibly a woodcut or engraving, and is centered behind the text.

***When we do what we  
can, that is not a waste.***



***When we think more  
about money than  
ministry, that is a waste.***

A faint, light-colored background illustration of a globe with a ship sailing on the waves. The globe shows latitude and longitude lines. The ship is a multi-masted sailing vessel with several sails visible. The overall tone is light and subtle.

***When we focus more on  
ourselves than our Savior,  
that is a waste.***