



# The incident on the roof

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Luke 5, 17-26



v15: Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed .....

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And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.





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v20: When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

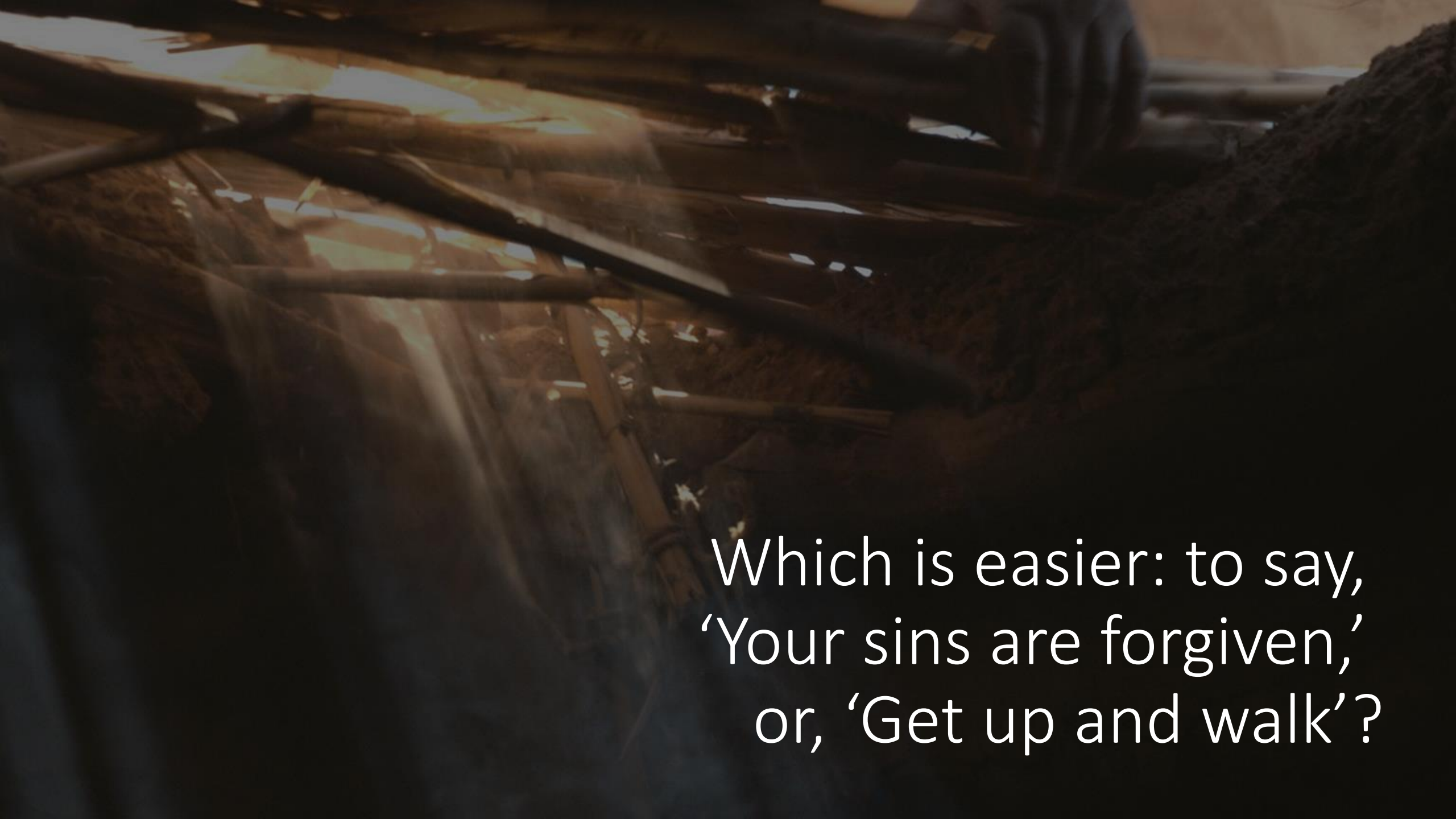


v21: The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

v22: Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” Immediately he stood up in front of them ....





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# The book of Job

## John 9

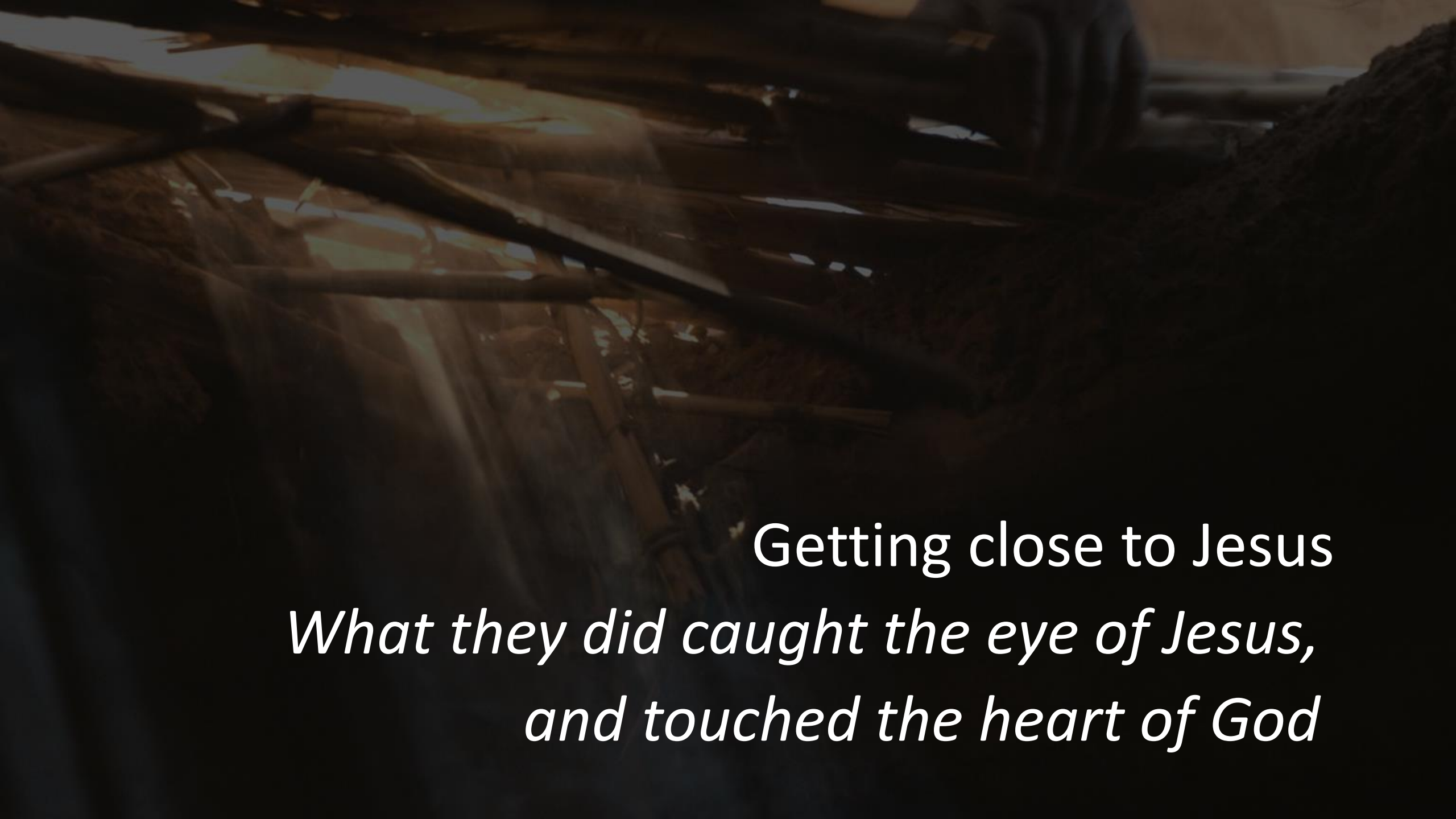
*“As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”*

*“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus ...*



A dark, atmospheric scene of a wooden structure, possibly a tomb or a simple dwelling. The structure is made of rough-hewn wooden beams and planks, with some light filtering through the gaps, creating a dramatic, low-key lighting effect. In the upper right corner, a person's hand is visible, reaching towards the structure. The overall mood is somber and intimate.

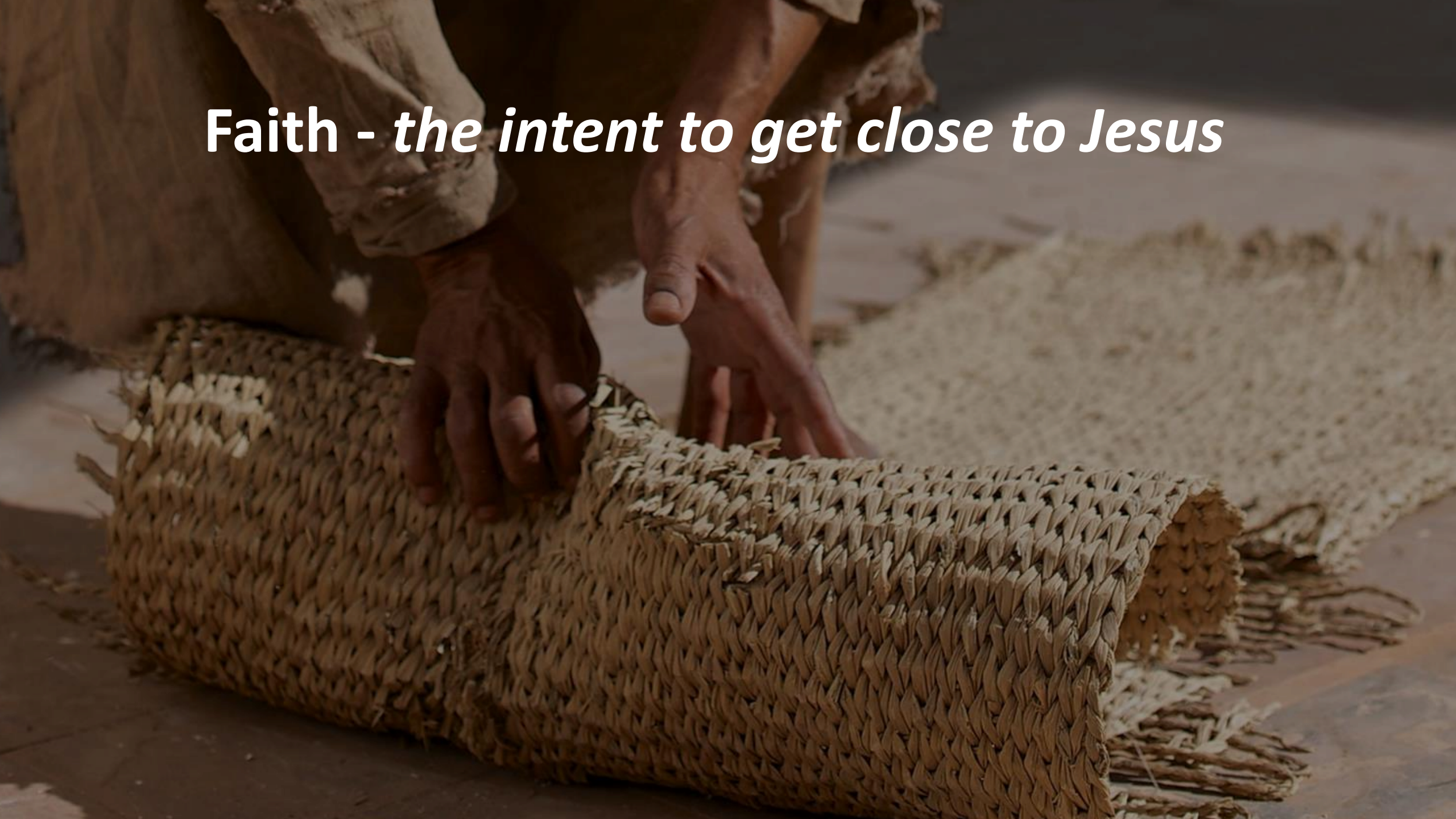
*Getting close to Jesus*



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*What they did caught the eye of Jesus,  
and touched the heart of God*

**Faith - *the intent to get close to Jesus***





# ***Faith - the intent to get close to Jesus***

***Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near***  
*Isaiah 55*

***Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and  
it will be opened to you***  
*Matthew 7*

***Come close to God and he will come close to you***  
*James 4*