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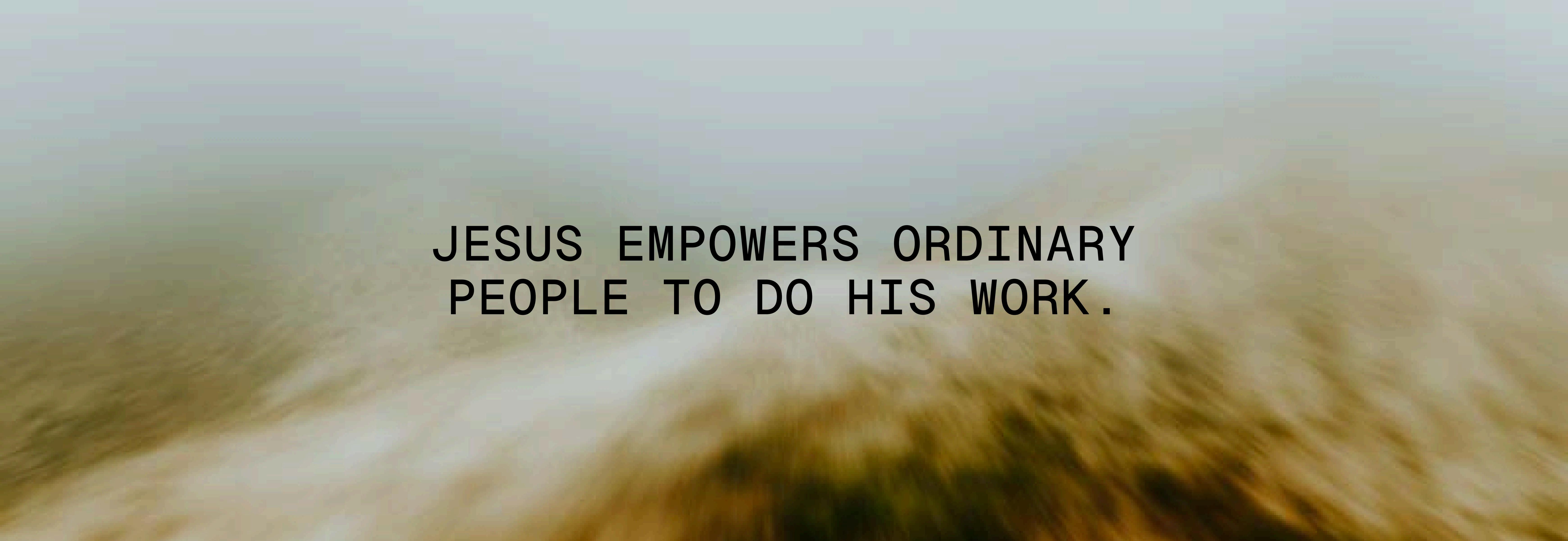




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JESUS EMPOWERS ORDINARY
PEOPLE TO DO HIS WORK.

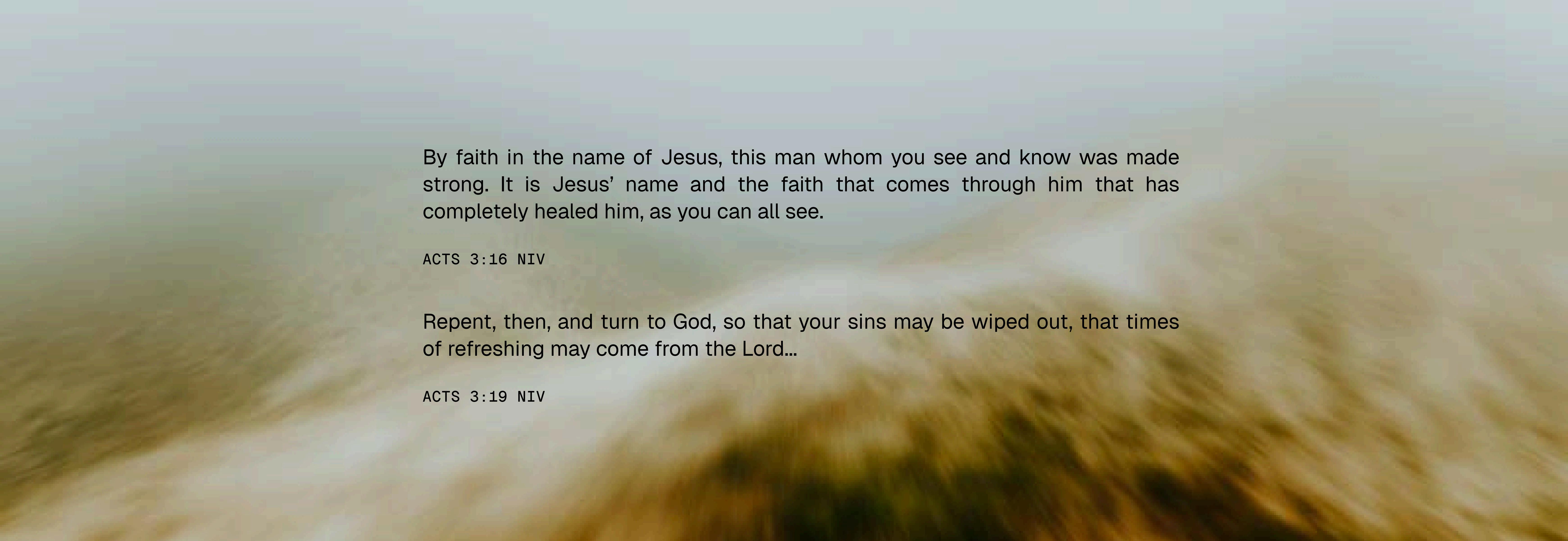


A landscape photograph of a dirt road winding through a field of tall, golden grass under a clear blue sky. The road leads from the foreground into the distance, with the grass on either side. The sky is a bright, clear blue with a few wispy clouds.

THE
GOSPELS

ACTS

NEW TESTAMENT
LETTERS



By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

ACTS 3:16 NIV

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...

ACTS 3:19 NIV

CONFRONTATION

INTERROGATION

PROCLAMATION

OUTCOME

CONCLUSION

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees **came up to** Peter and John **while they were speaking** to the people.² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

ACTS 4:1-4 NIV

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The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem.

⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought **before them** and began to question them: **“By what power or what name did you do this?”**

ACTS 4:5-7 NIV

Peter

FISHERMAN → DISCIPLE → LEADER → MARTYR



SILENCE

DISRESPECT

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Then Peter, **filled with** the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!

⁹ If we are being called to account today for **an act of kindness** shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed,¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.¹¹ Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which **we** must be saved.”

ACTS 4:8-12 NIV

APOLOGETIC TEMPLATE

RULERS AND ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE → RESPECTS THEIR AUTHORITY

AN ACT OF KINDNESS → CLARIFIES THE ACCUSATION

BY THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST → ESTABLISHES THE DEFENSE

WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED, BUT WHOM GOD
RAISED FROM THE DEAD → CONFRONTS THEIR SIN AND GUILT

THE STONE YOU BUILDERS REJECTED, WHICH
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE → APPEALS TO SHARED AUTHORITY

SALVATION IS FOUND IN NO ONE ELSE → PROCLAIMS TRUTH WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

JOHN 14:6 NIV

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When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.¹⁶ “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it.”¹⁷ But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

ACTS 4:13-17 NIV

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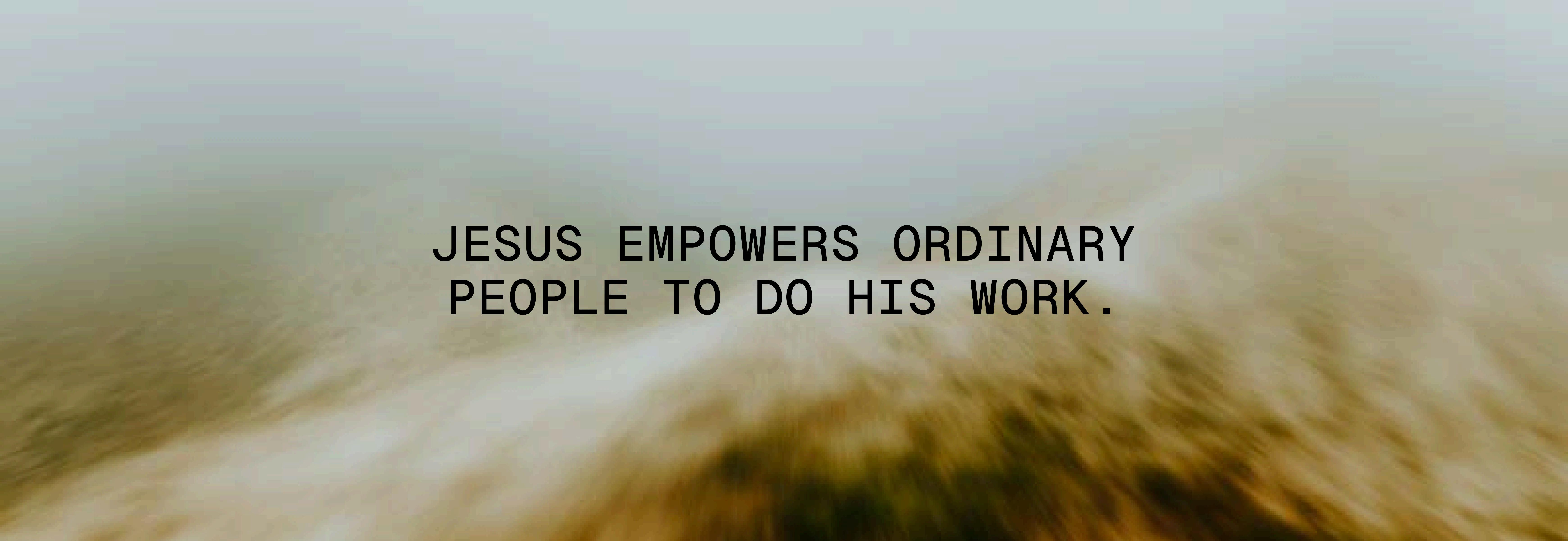
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Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

²¹ After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened.²² For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

ACTS 4:18-22 NIV



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NEXT STEPS

Respond

TO JESUS' CALL
ON YOUR LIFE

Engage

IN PRAYER AND
THE SCRIPTURES

Connect

WITH ANOTHER BELIEVER
OR SMALL GROUP

Enroll

IN A CORE
TRAINING CLASS