



The Heart We Need Before Jesus

Mark 10:35-52





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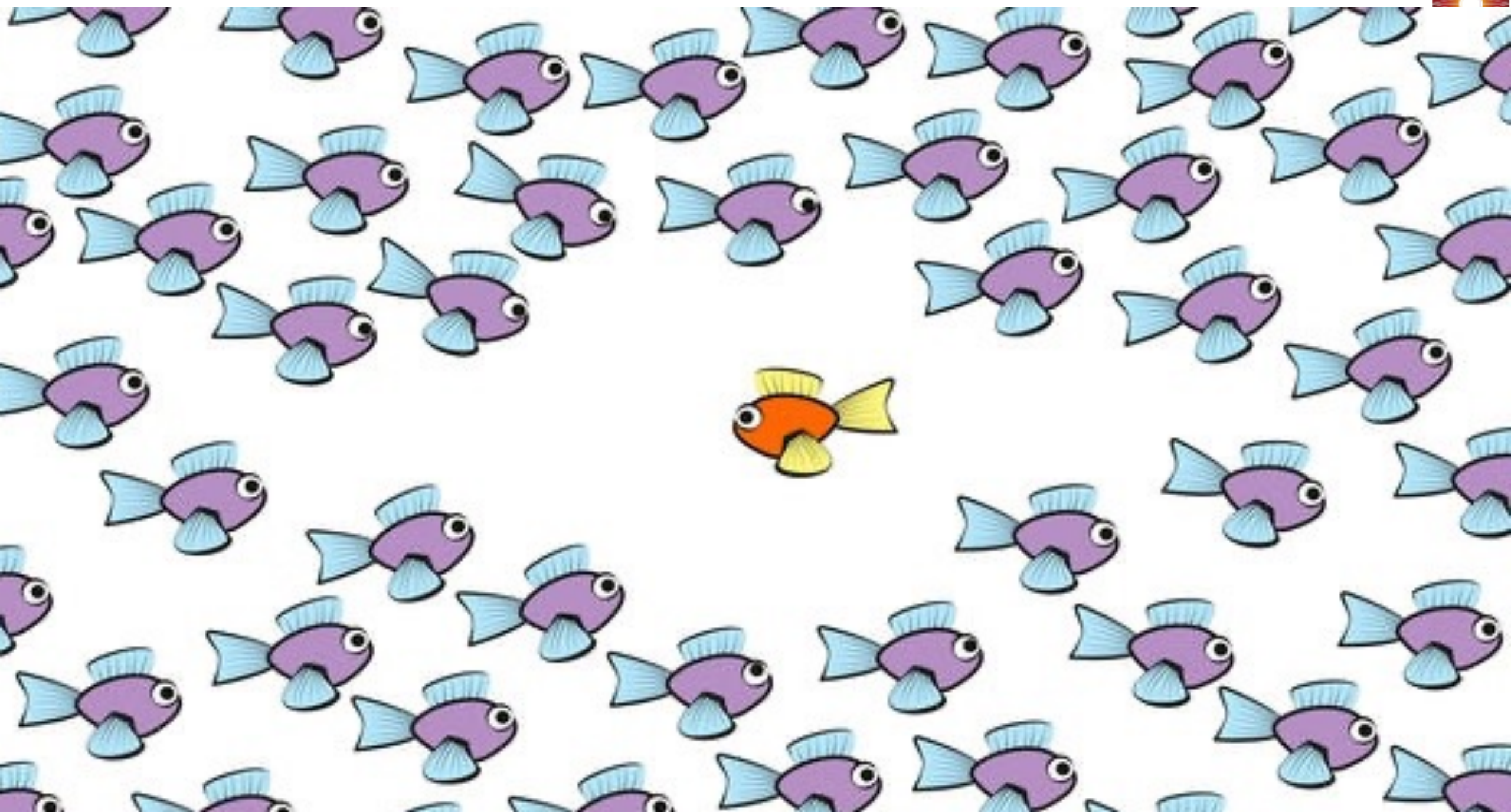
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Being a Christian sometimes feels like we are **swimming upstream** against all the odds





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This is an issue of **Control vs Surrender**

If we can **embrace surrender**, it starts to shape how we see God!



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Road Map

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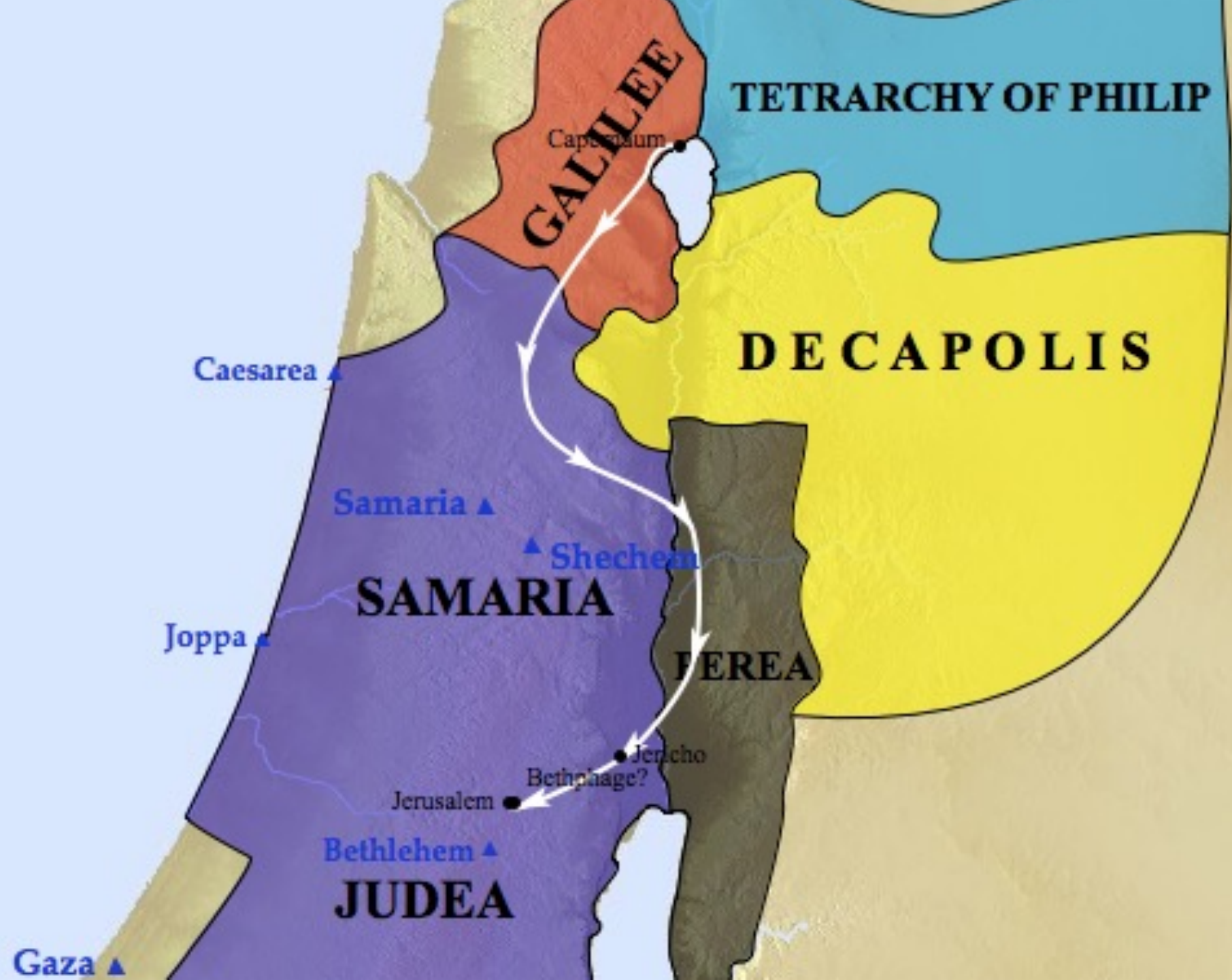
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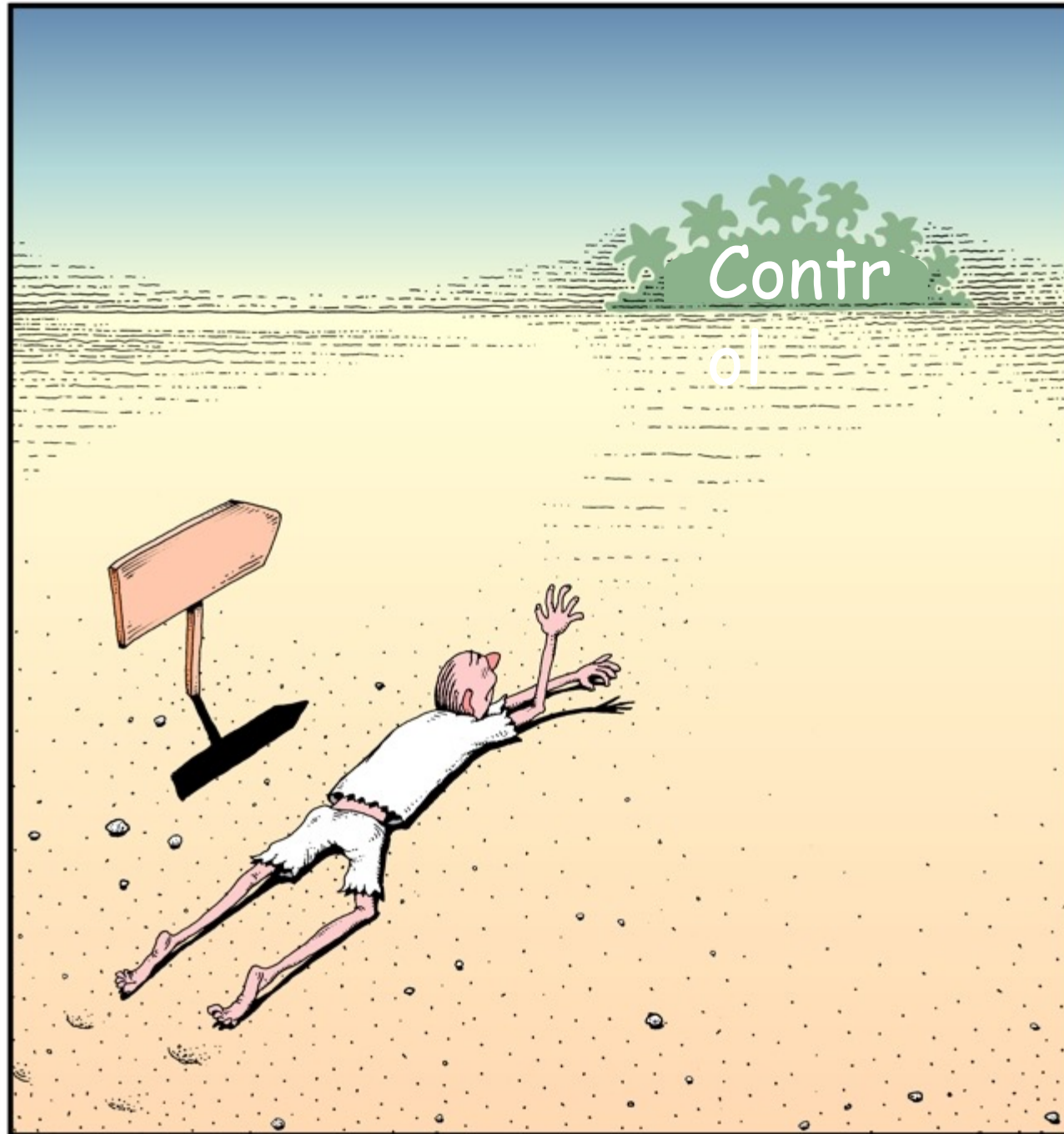
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Jesus tells James and John **you do not have all the information. Jesus points to his Suffering and Death**



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- **Mark 14:36** → “³⁶ “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. **Take this cup from me.** Yet not what I will, but what you will.”
- **Luke 12:50** → “I have a terrible **baptism of suffering ahead of me**, and I am under a heavy burden until it is accomplished.” (NLT)

Acts 12:1-5 → James is martyred. In Revelations 1, Apostle John suffers great persecution as well.



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II. The Response of Jesus – Isaiah 53

⁴ **Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,** yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But **he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.**

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and **the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**



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The Compassion of Jesus for the Lost and Broken

- Jesus stops what he is doing and **invites him to come!**
- He wants to know Bartimaeus’ pain! **It’s the same invitation we all have today.**
- It is a reminder that prayer does not have to be perfect, **BUT TO BE HONEST!**



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We need a **“JESUS HAVE MERCY ON US”** attitude about
Life!



Paul's Testimony - 1 Timothy 1:15-16

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.**

¹⁶ But for that very reason **I was shown mercy** so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.



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The Psalms Prayer for **HELP**:

H - “**Hear** me lord and answer me for I am poor and needy.” (Psalm 86:1)

E - “**Establish** my steps in your word.” (Psalm 119:133)

L - “**Lead** me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:2-3)

P - “**Protect** me, God, because I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, You are my Lord, apart from You I have nothing good.” (Psalm 16:1)



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Bartimaeus throws off everything.

He tells Jesus his darkest pains because He is **his Only Hope!**



Conclusion

Where is **your Heart** Today?

Are you still trying to **Control** your own life or
are you ready to **Submit and Surrender**?



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Prayer time:

Palms Down (To Release our burdens)

Palms Up (To Receive whatever He wants from us)

Psalm 57:1

¹ Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,
for in you I take refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings
until the disaster has passed.