

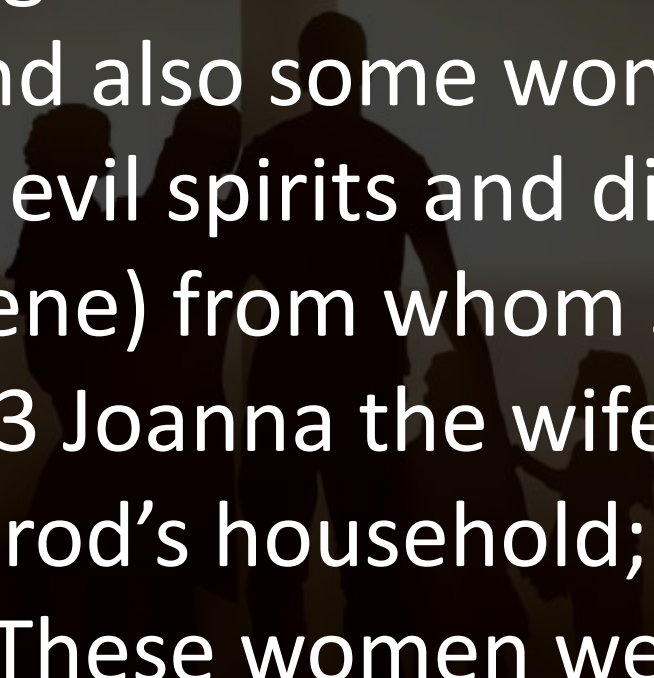
# Experience the Cross

*Week 4: Mary Magdalene*



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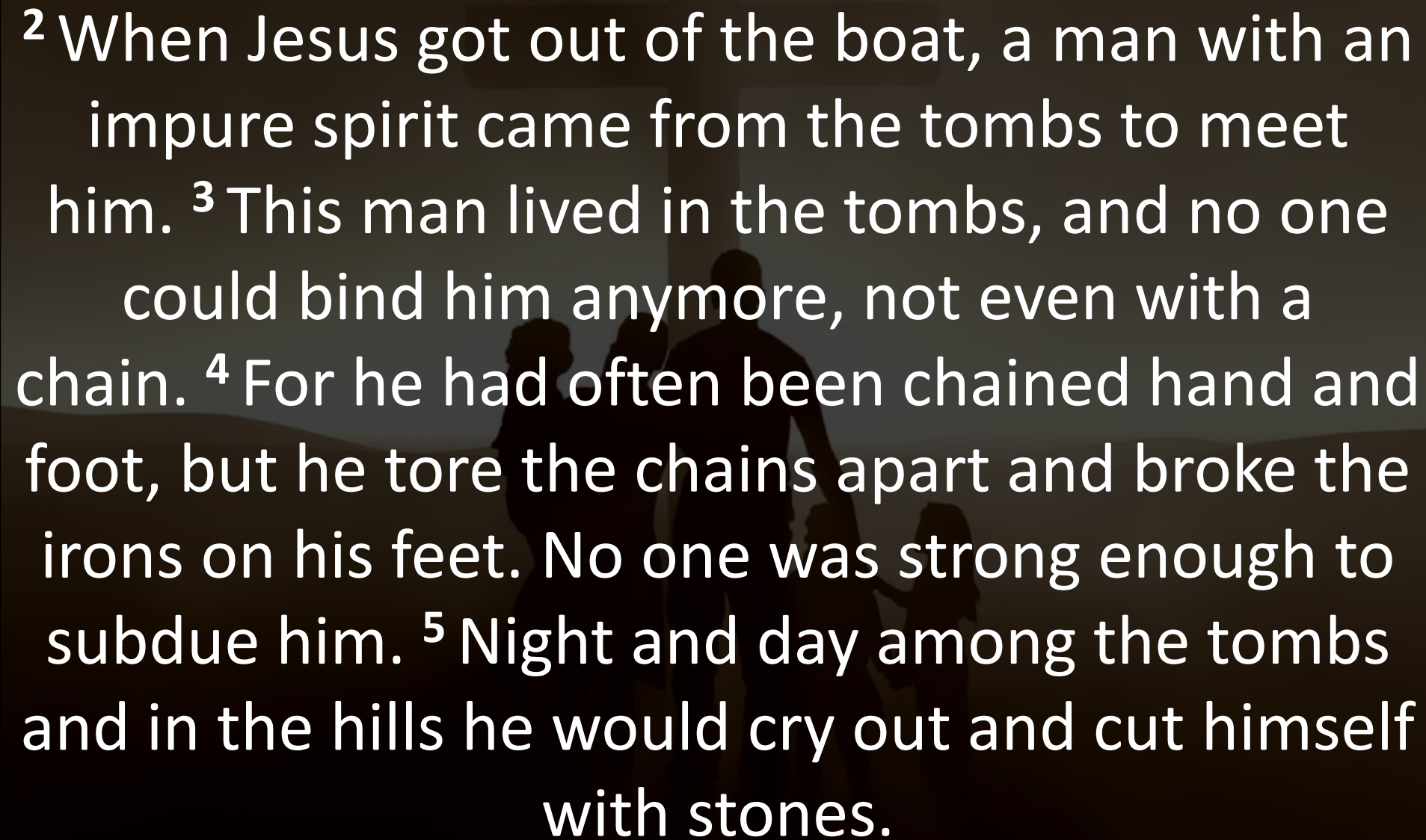


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## MARK 5:2-5 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup> For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

The background of the text features a dark, atmospheric photograph of several people walking away from the camera on a path through a hilly landscape. The scene is dimly lit, with the figures appearing as dark silhouettes against a slightly lighter, misty background. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

## JOHN 19:1-4 (NIV)

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe <sup>3</sup> and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

<sup>4</sup> Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

## JOHN 19:5-6 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

<sup>6</sup> As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!” But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

## JOHN 19:16:18 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

A dark, atmospheric background featuring the silhouettes of several people standing near a large cross. The figures are dark against a lighter, hazy background, suggesting a scene of mourning or reflection. The cross is the central vertical element, with a horizontal bar across its upper portion.

## JOHN 19:25 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.



## JOHN 20:11-13 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

## JOHN 20:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

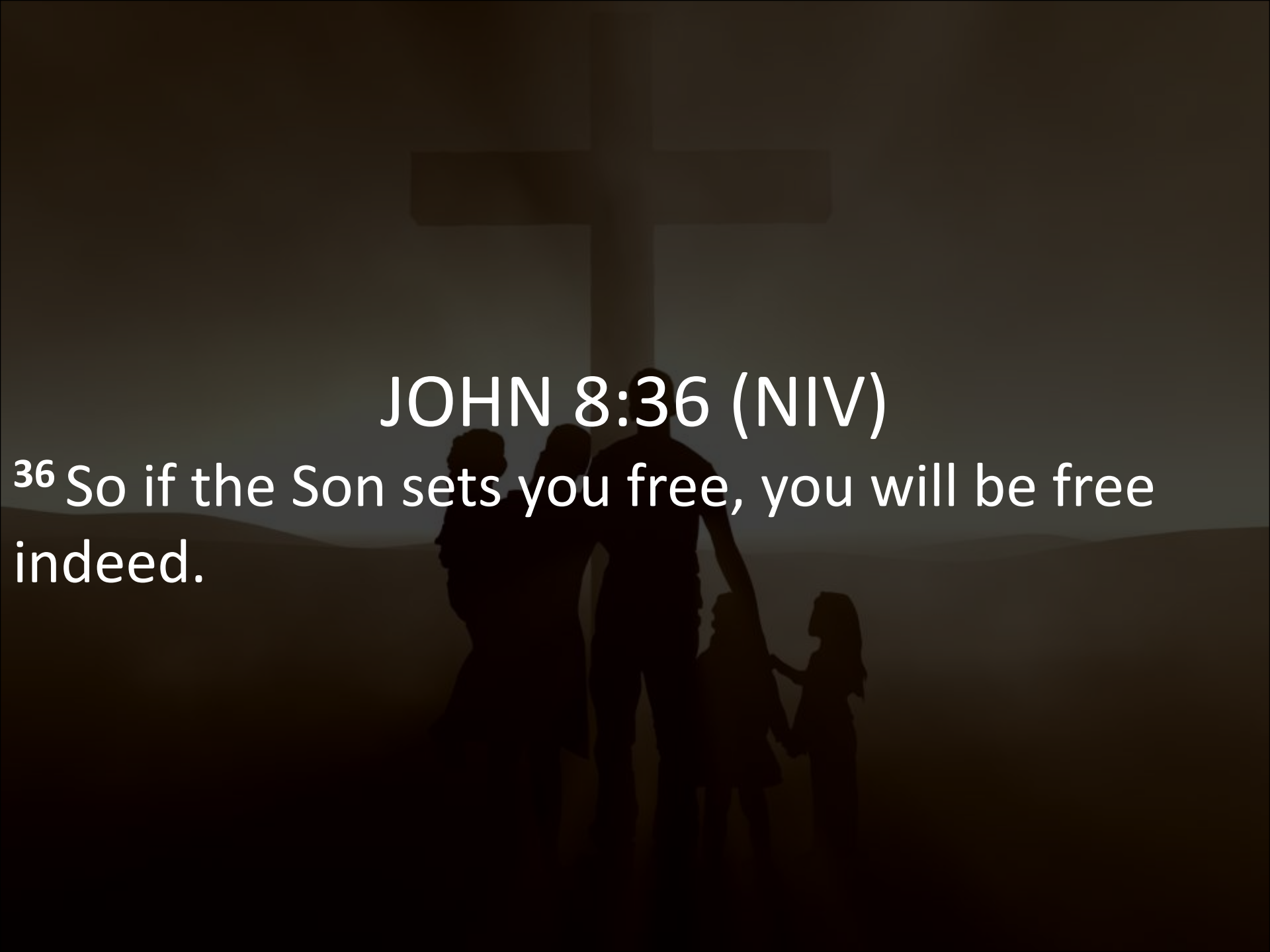
## JOHN 20:16-18 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

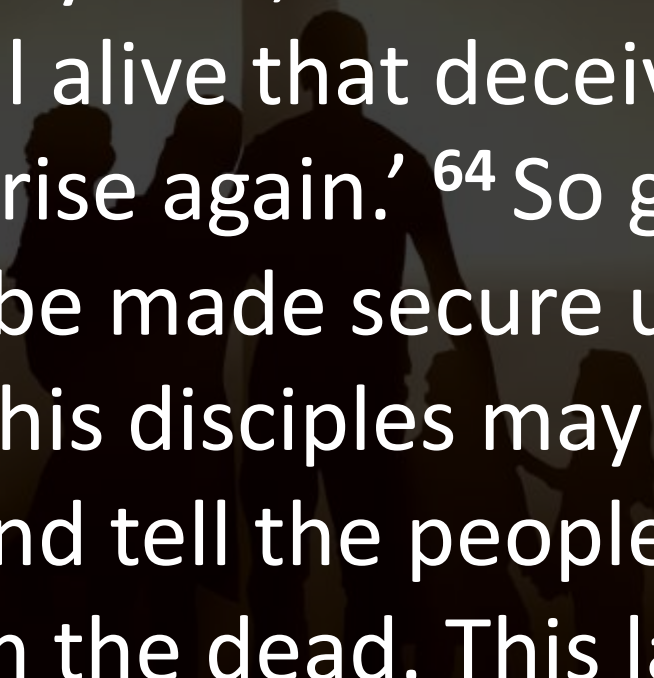


## JOHN 8:36 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

## MATTHEW 27:62-64 (NIV)

<sup>62</sup> The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. <sup>63</sup> “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup> So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.





## 1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

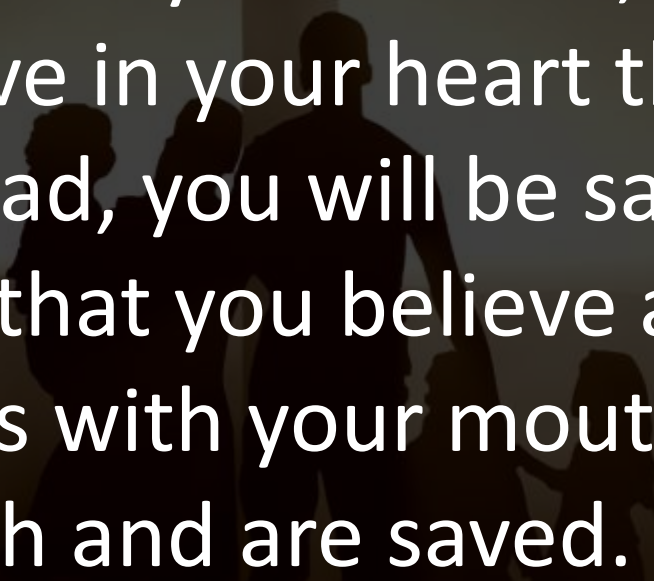
A silhouette of a family walking towards a large cross in the background. The family consists of a man, a woman, and two children. The man is in the center, holding the hand of a child. The woman is to the left, and another child is to the right. The cross is a simple wooden structure with a horizontal beam and a vertical post. The background is a dark, gradient sky.

## JOHN 14:6(NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## ROMANS 10:9-10(NIV)

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

A silhouette of a family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children walking away from the camera towards a bright, hazy background. The man is in the center, holding the hands of two children. The woman is to the left, also holding a child's hand. The scene is backlit, creating a glowing effect around the figures.





## ROMANS 6:23(NIV)

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.