

***46 An argument started among them as to which of them might be the greatest.
47 But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side,***

(Luke 9:46-47)

48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great."



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How does Jesus define greatness?

Test 1:

Humblly relating to people
in Jesus' name.



“ . . . I always remember that if instead of making a political speech I was being hanged, the crowd would be twice as big.”

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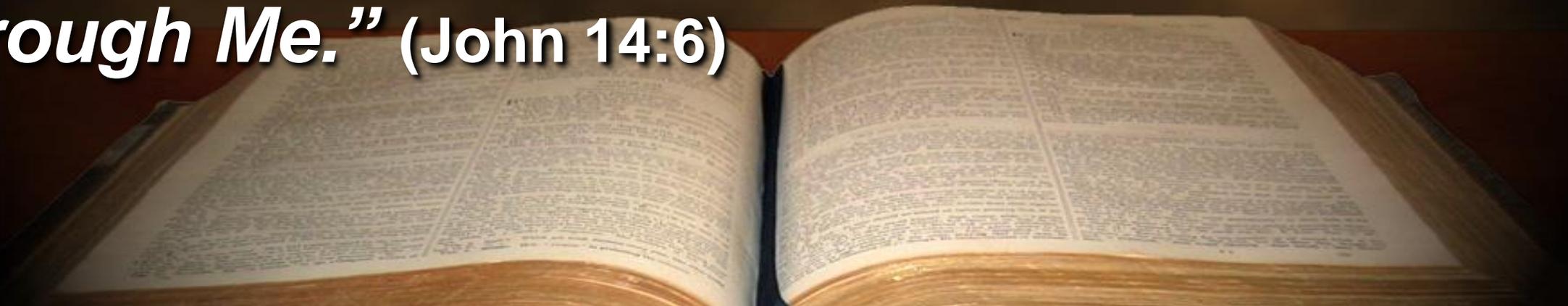
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Test 2:
Relating to God the Father
through faith in Jesus.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:6)



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*Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, **“If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”** Taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, **“Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me.”***

(Mark 9:35-37)

*And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. **Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**"*

(Matthew 18:2-4)

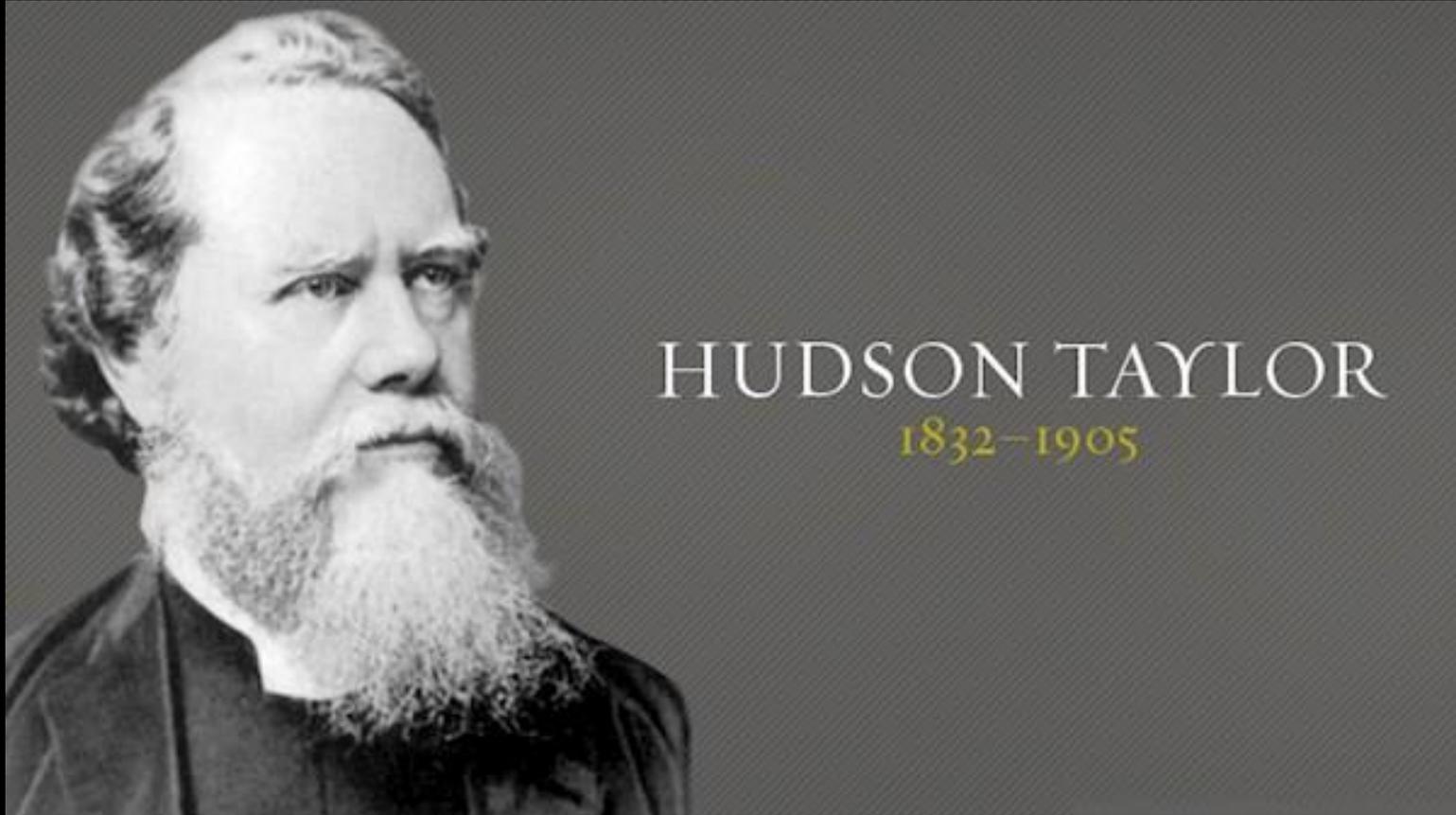
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Test 3:

Relating to people as obedient servants of Jesus.

49 John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us." 50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not hinder him; for he who is not against you is for you."

(Luke 9:49-50)

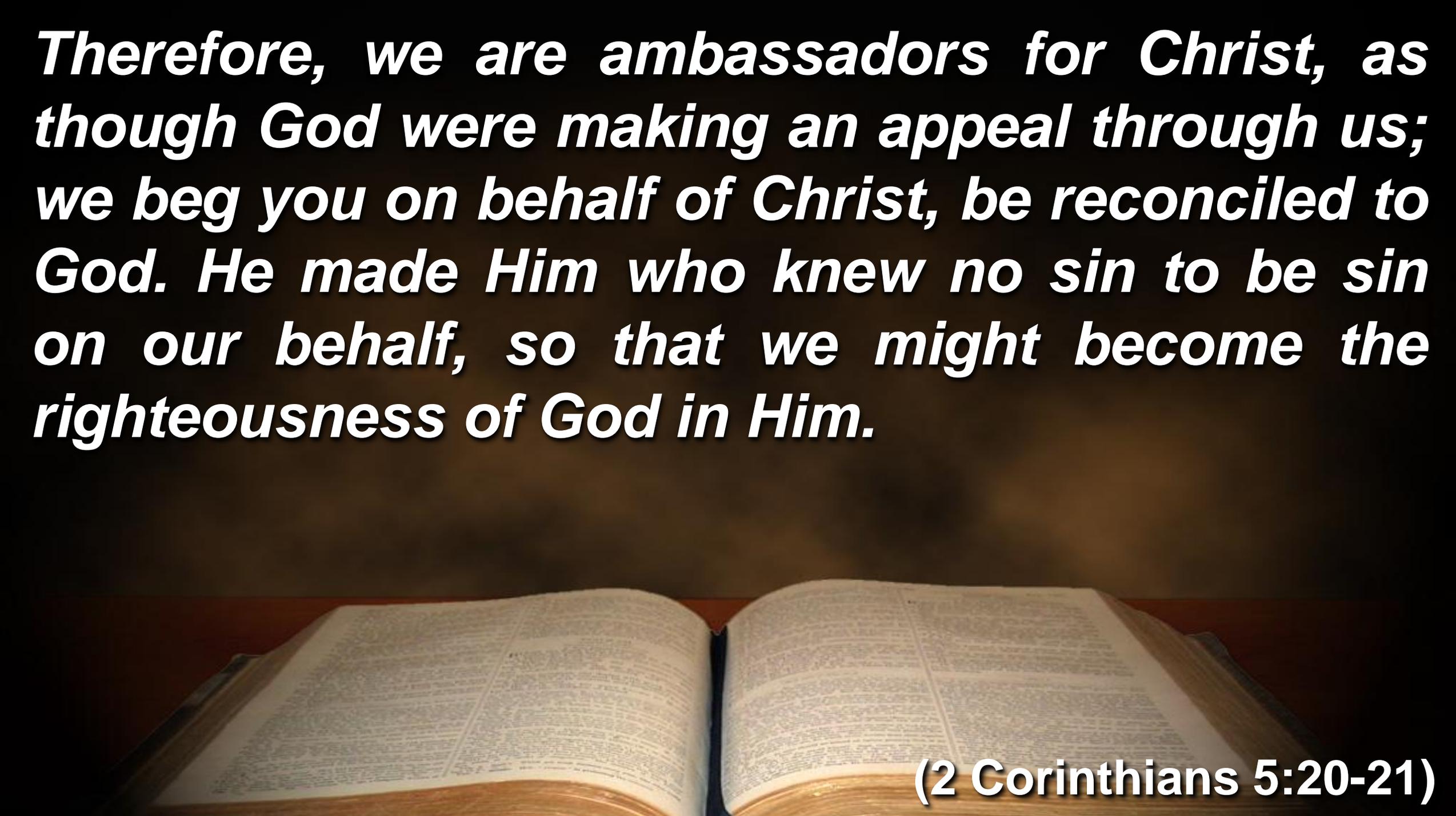


**“Dear friends, I am the little servant
of an illustrious Master.”**

CHALLENGE

Let us remember that we belong to God in Christ, and be His humble and obedient servant representatives in this world.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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(2 Corinthians 5:20-21)