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Revelation 3: 7-22

I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars...

Revelation 3: 7-22

I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ...

Revelation 3: 7-22

¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. ...

Revelation 3: 7-22

I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. ¹³ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ...

Revelation 3: 7-22

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These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness,
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Revelation 3: 7-22

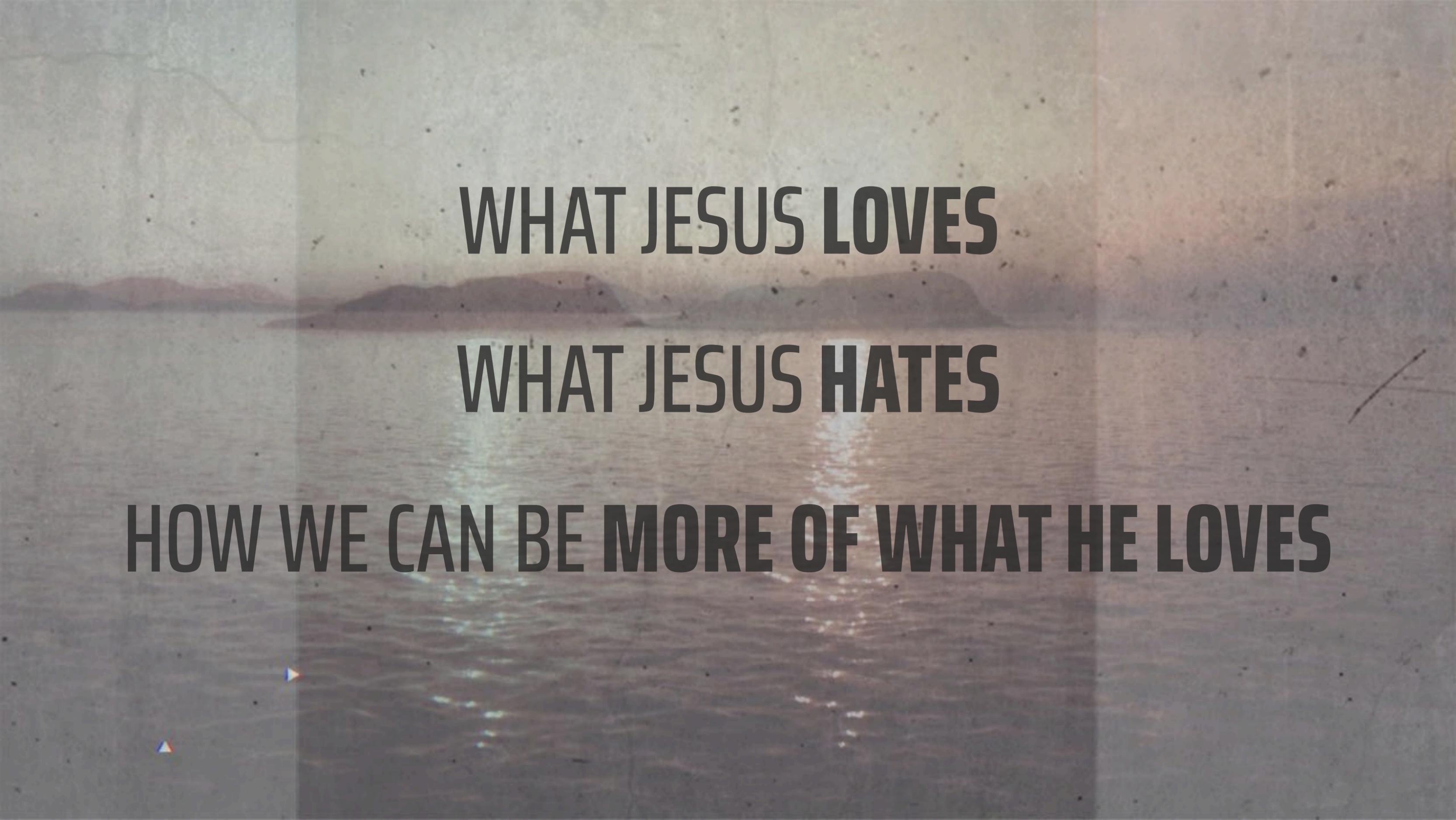
A desolate, post-apocalyptic street scene. The foreground is a cobblestone path leading into the distance. On the left, a dark, damaged car is partially visible. In the middle ground, a person is walking away from the viewer. The background shows tall, multi-story buildings with many windows, some of which appear to be boarded up or broken. The overall atmosphere is one of decay and abandonment.

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Hope for tomorrow... for today

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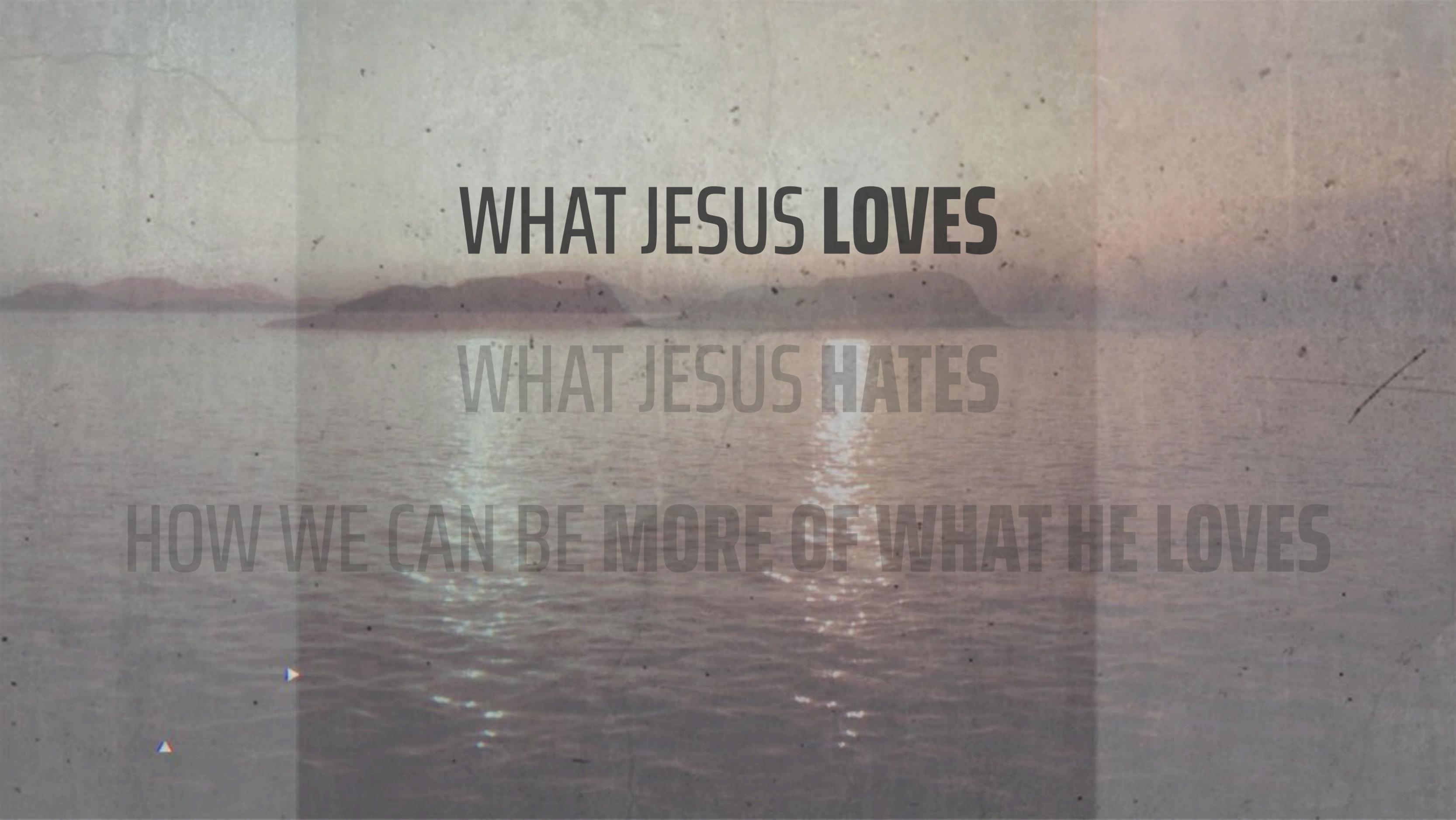
Revelation 3:22



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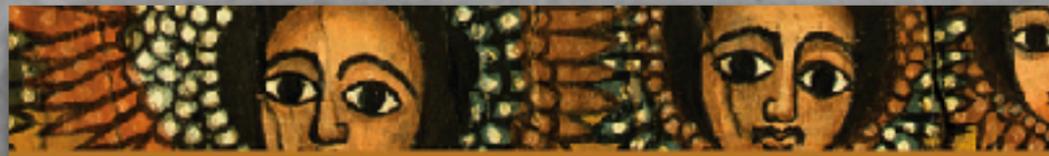
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Revelation 3:9



WHOSE RELIGION IS CHRISTIANITY?

The Gospel beyond the West



LAMIN SANNEH



96% of all Muslims live in the **middle East,**
northern Africa, and **South Asia.**

96% of Muslims live near where their faith began.
And the same goes for the other major world religions.

88% of Buddhists live in **East Asia,**
and **98% of Hindus** live in **India or South Asia.**

South Korea has become **50% Christian** in the last **100 years**,

China is on its way to doing the same.

25% of all Christians are in **Central and**

South America and the **Caribbean**.

22% of Christians are in **Africa**,

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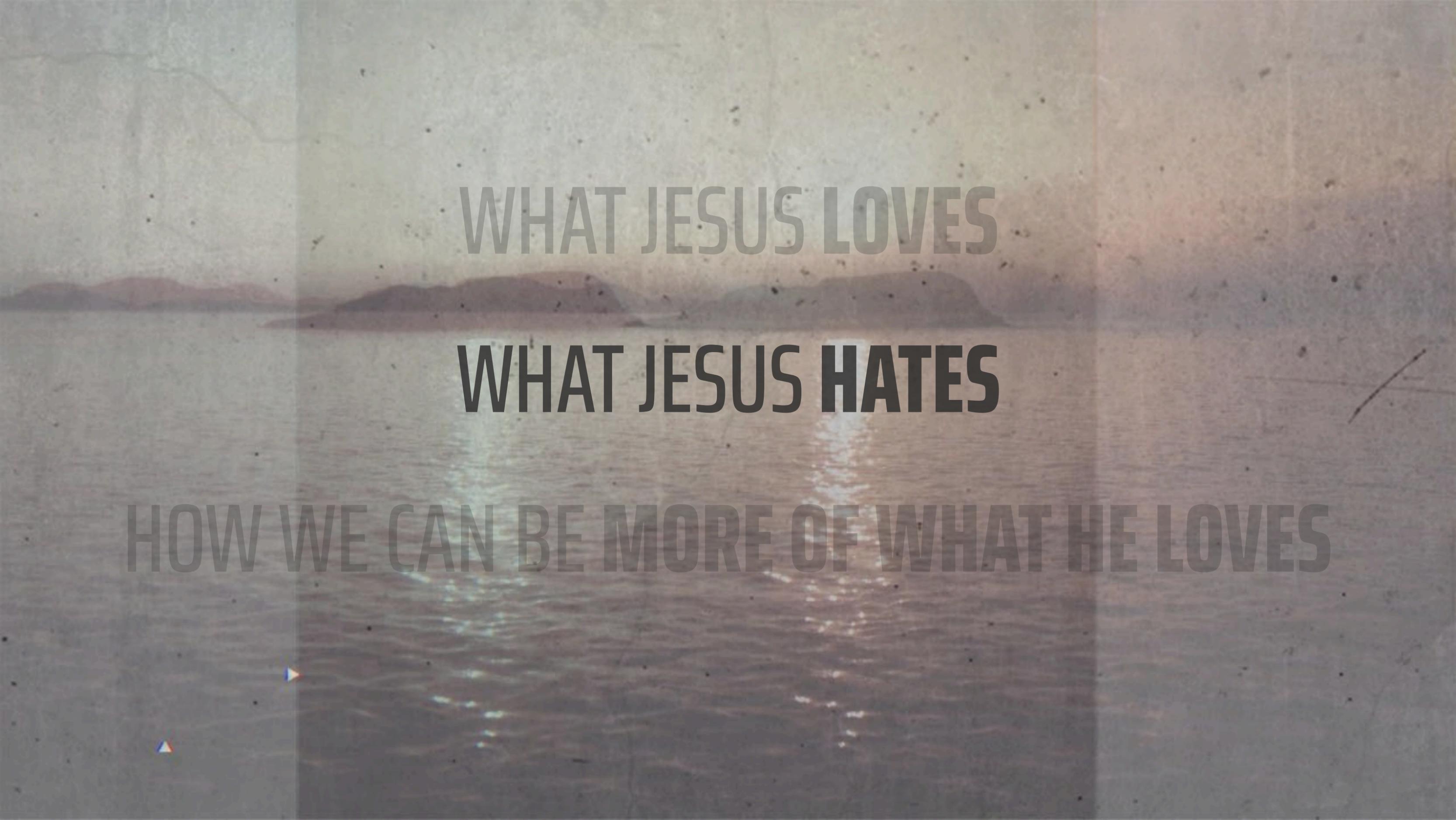
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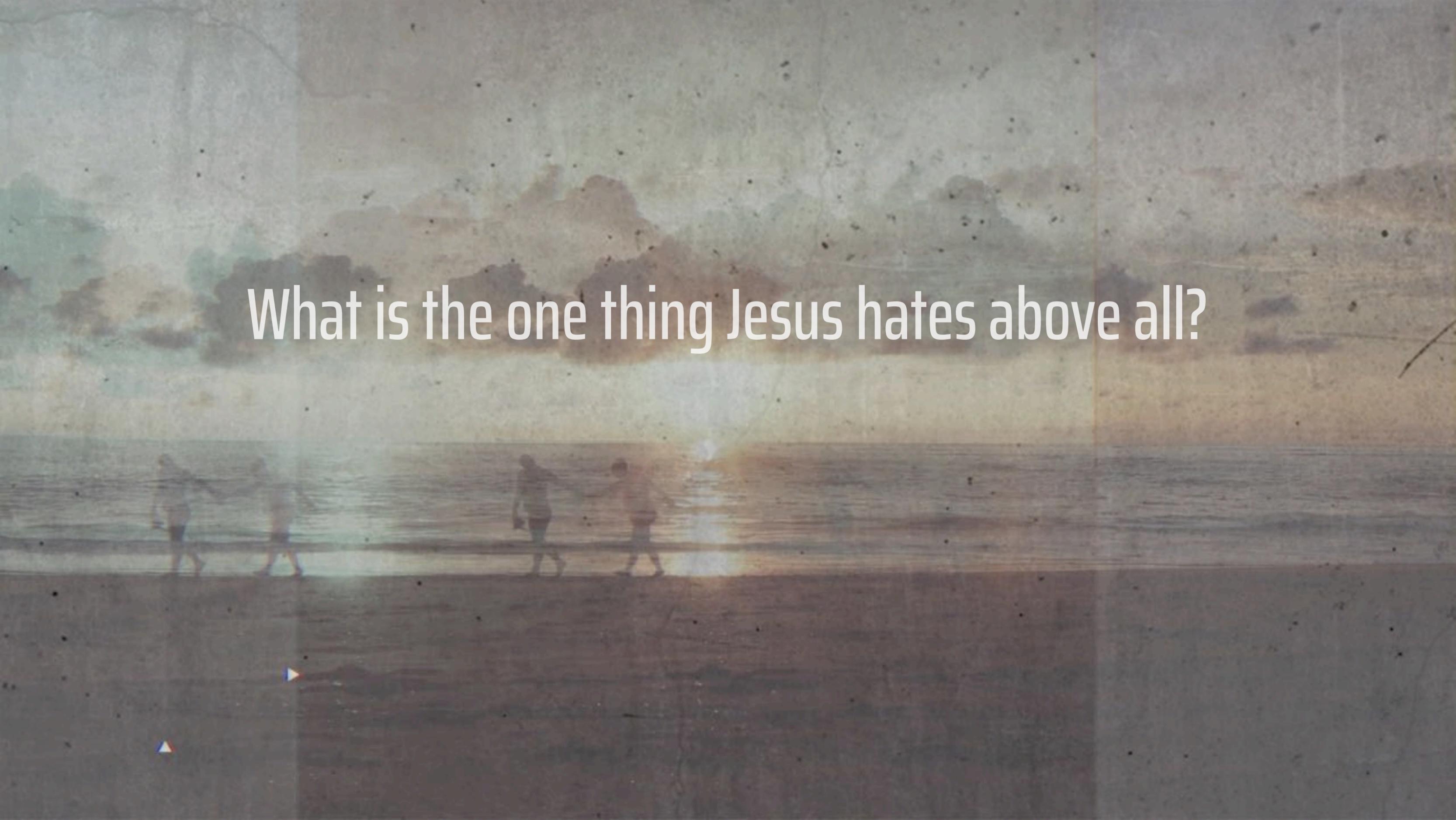
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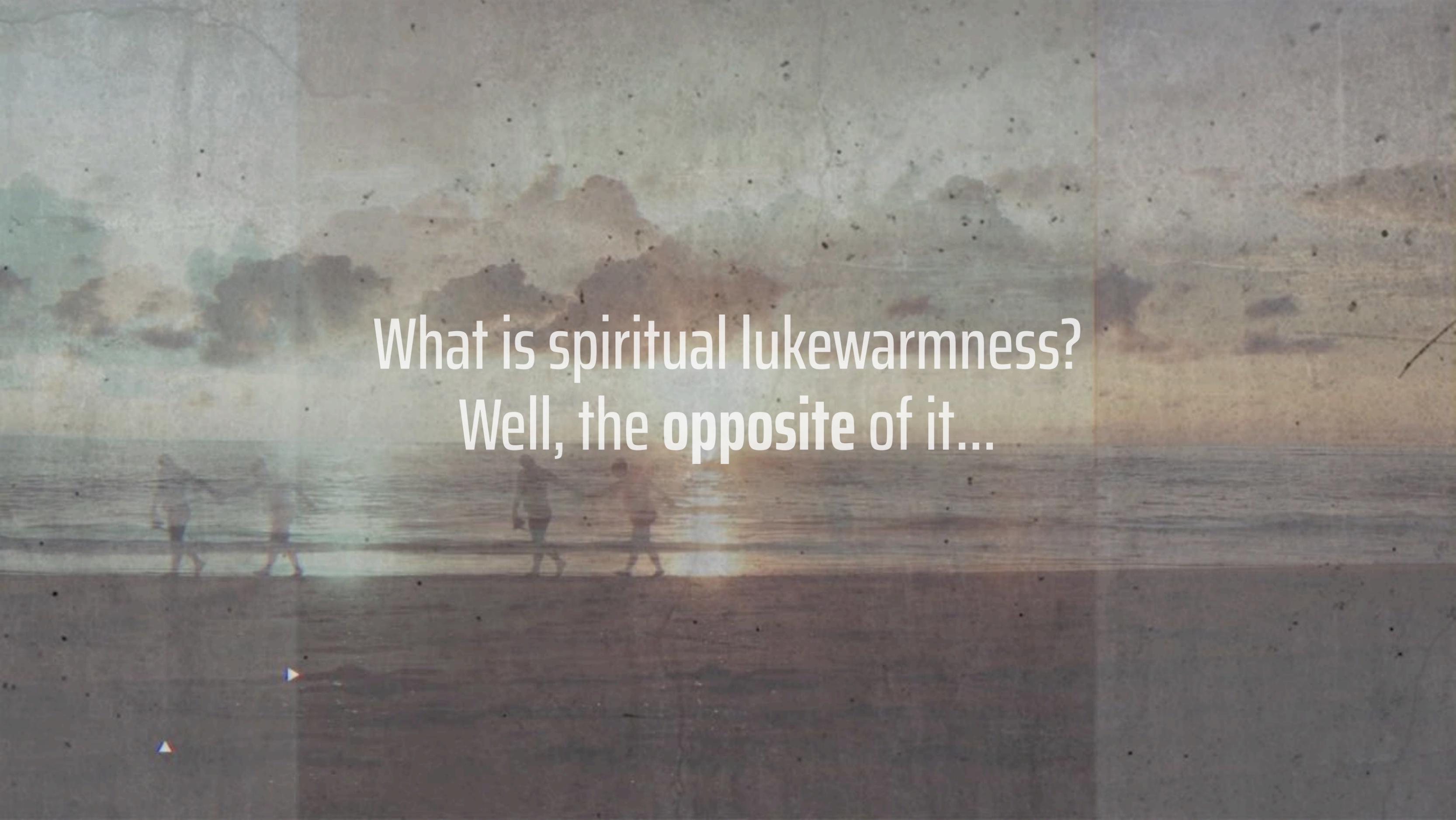
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Lukewarmness.

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Revelation 3:15-16

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What is spiritual lukewarmness?
Well, the **opposite** of it...

So be earnest and repent.

Revelation 3:19

EARNEST



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EARNEST

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I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice ...

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | Letter From Birmingham Jail

Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection. ...

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There was a time when the church was very powerful in the time when the early Christians rejoiced at being deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society. ...

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Whenever the early Christians entered a town, the people in power became disturbed and immediately sought to convict the Christians for being "disturbers of the peace" and "outside agitators"

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But the Christians pressed on, in the conviction that they were "a colony of heaven," called to obey God rather than man. Small in number, they were big in commitment. They were too God intoxicated to be "astronomically intimidated." By their effort and example they brought an end to such ancient evils as infanticide and gladiatorial contests. ...

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But the judgment of God is upon the church as never before. If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. Every day I meet young people whose disappointment with the church has turned into outright disgust.

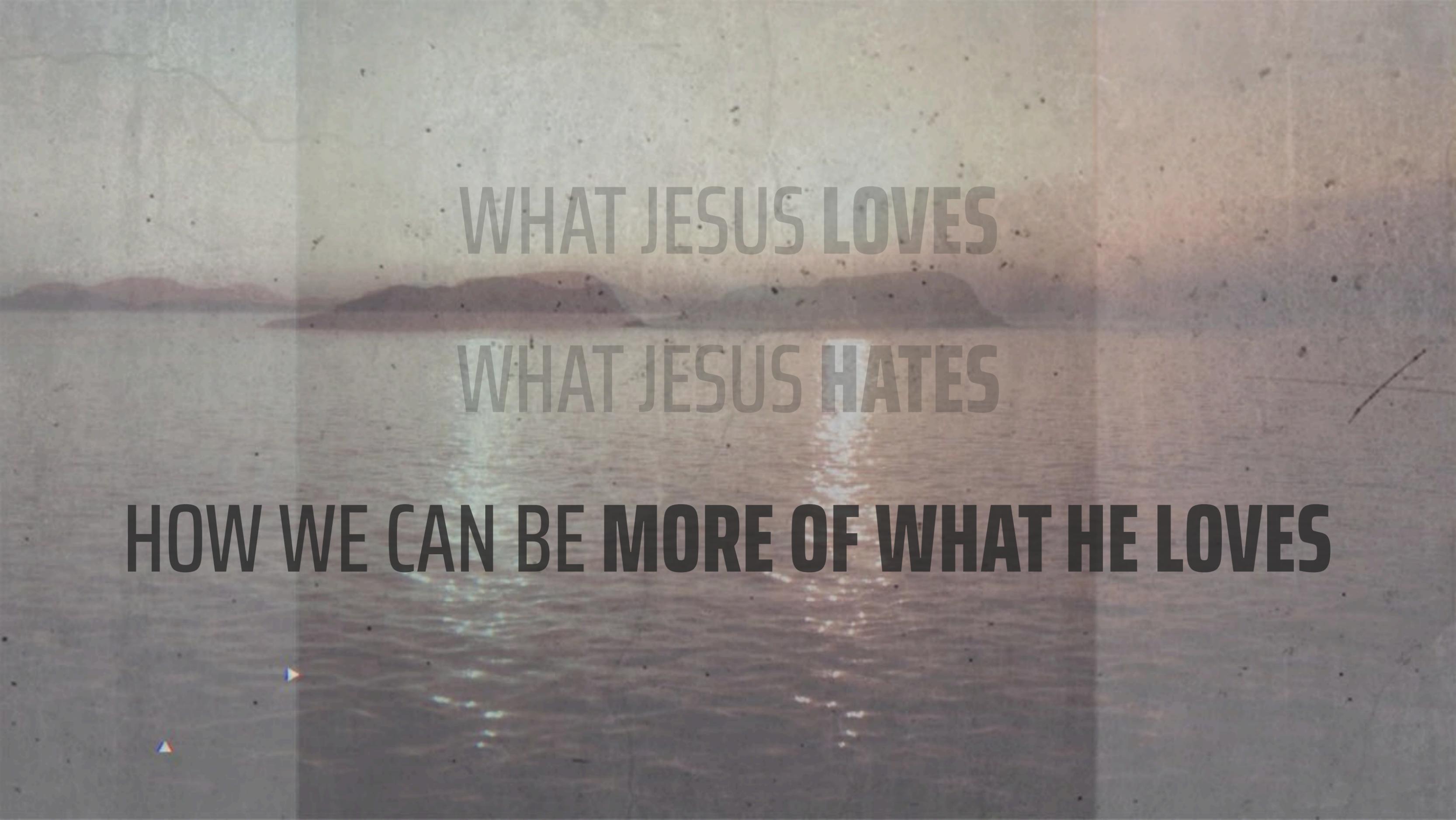
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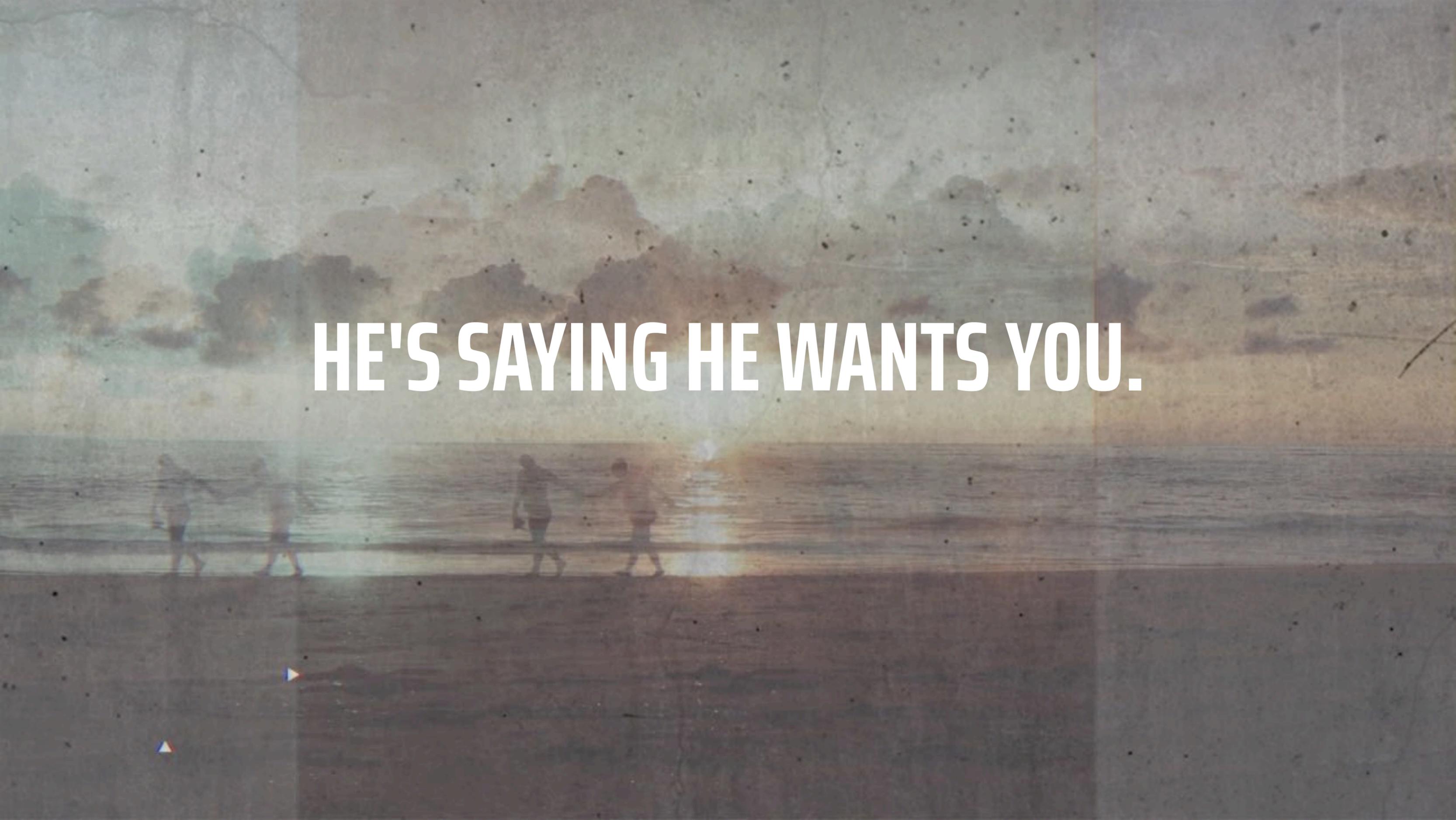
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Revelation 3:20

HE'S SAYING HE WANTS YOU.



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Revelation 3:18

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