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The Supremacy of Christ & the Necessity of Maturity



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³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



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“This is where a tremendous decision takes place: whether we Christians have enough strength to witness before the world that we are not dreamers with our heads in the clouds ... that our faith really is not opium that keeps us content within an unjust world. Instead, and precisely because our minds are set on things above, we are that much more stubborn and purposeful in protesting here on earth.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. **7** In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices **10** and **have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.**



**If this is what we need to take off,
what do we need to put on?**

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**What else do we need in order to
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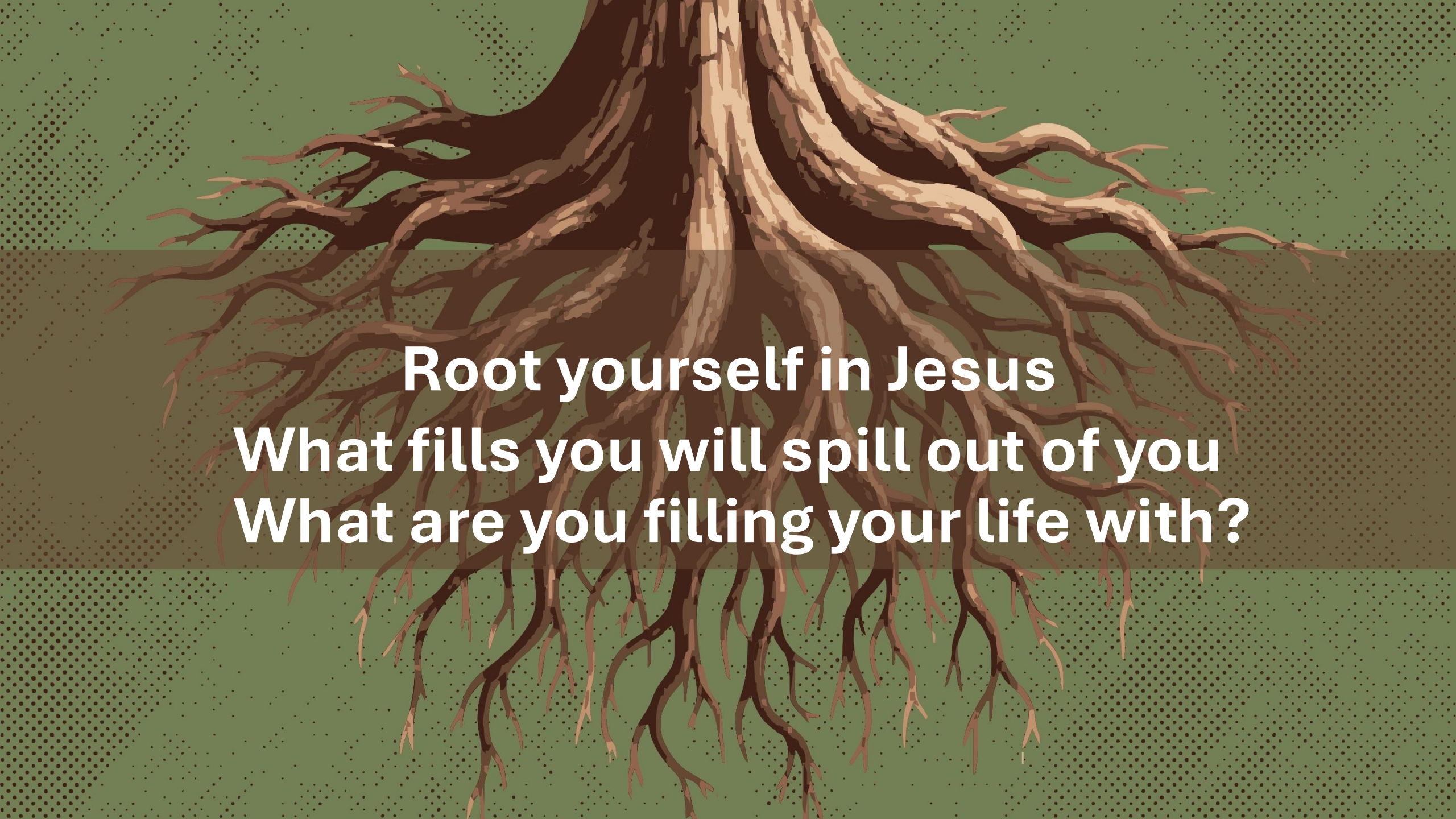
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A large, detailed illustration of a tree's root system. The roots are thick and gnarled, extending downwards from a central trunk. The background is a dark green color with a halftone dot pattern. The text "Root yourself in Jesus" is centered over the roots.

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Romans 8:11

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit **who dwells in you**.

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Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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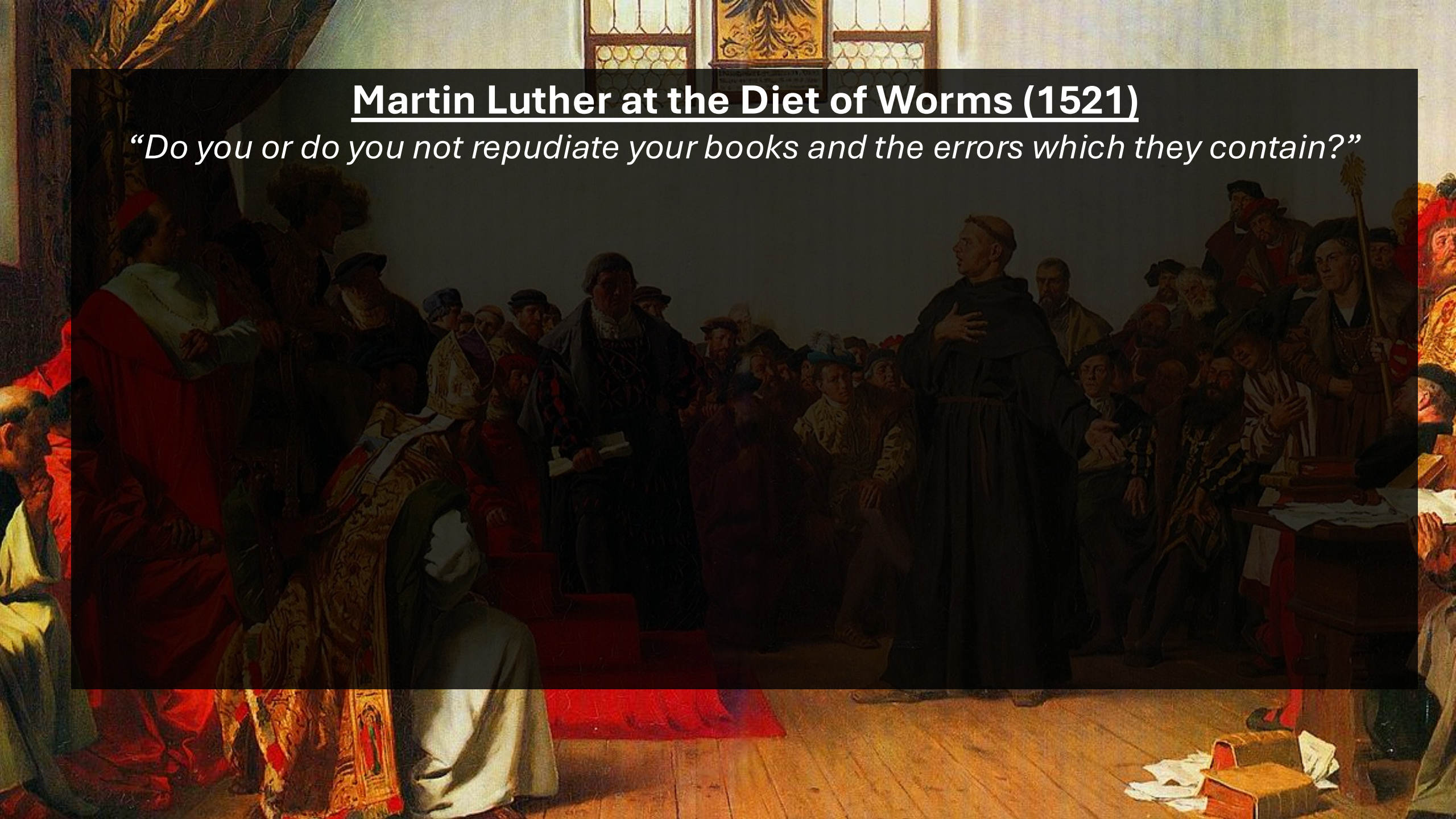


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Live your life as a representative of Jesus



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John 15:4–5

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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What is the foundational authority in life?





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