



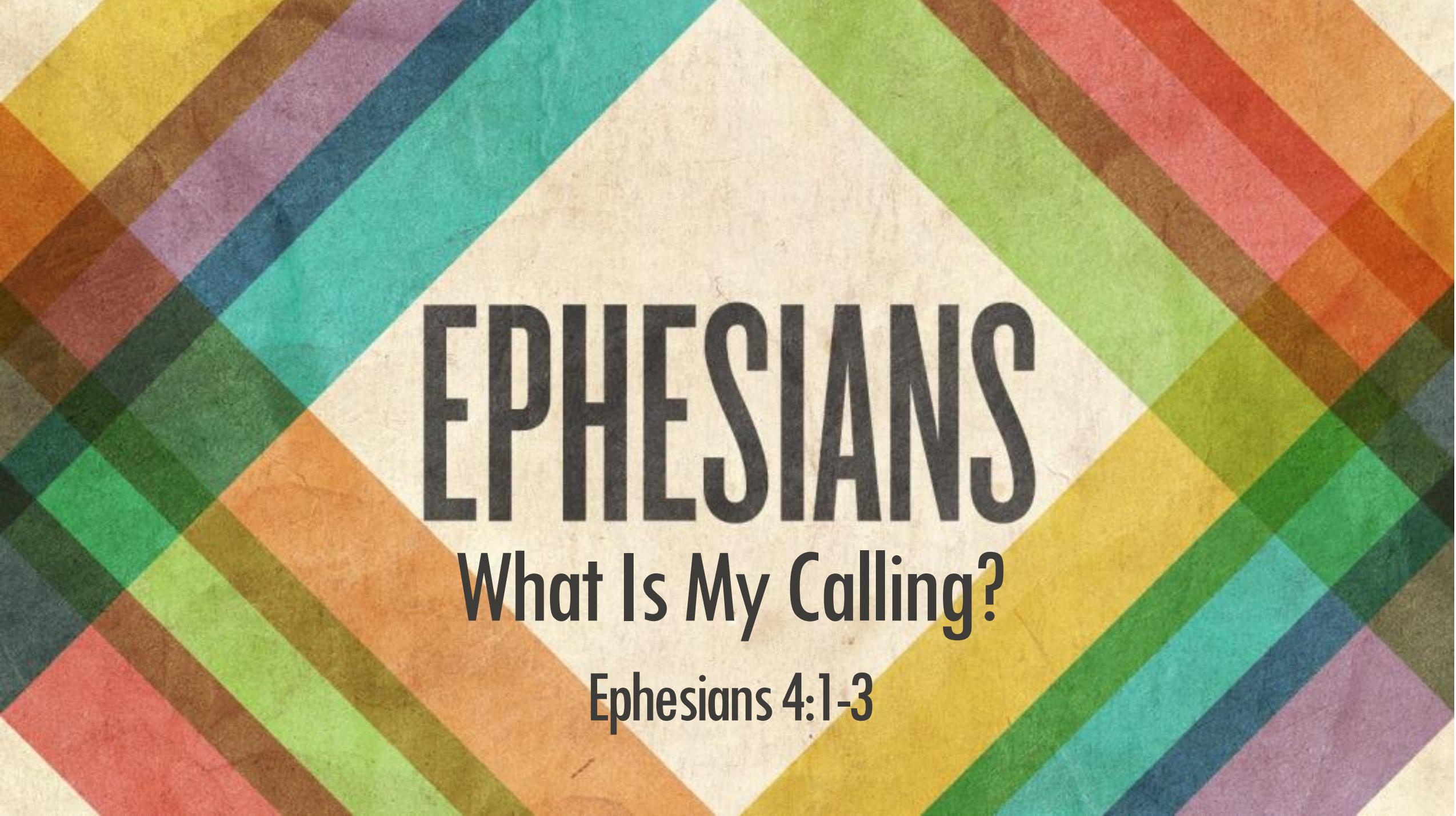
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A LIFE SPENT FOLLOWING CHRIST



Jesus is Worthy

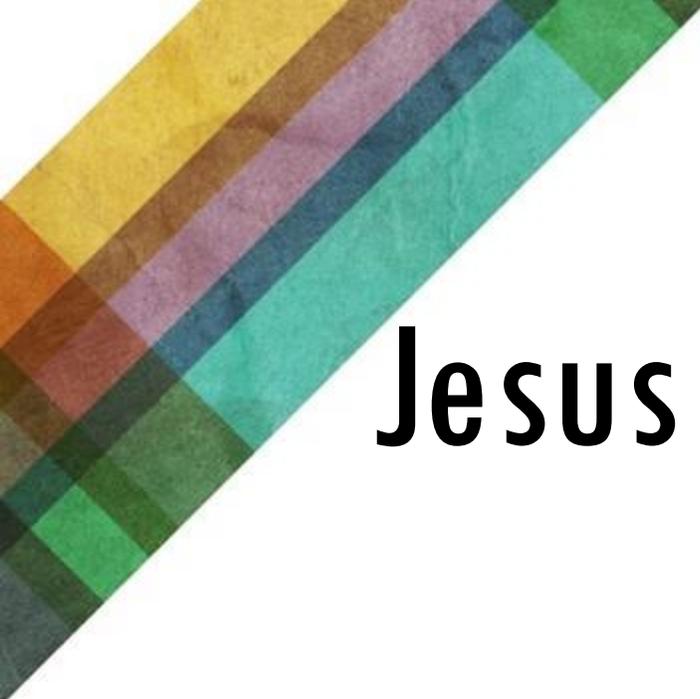
- Blessed us with every spiritual blessing (1:1)
- Redeemed us through His blood (1:7)
- Gives us Wisdom (1:8, 17-18)
- Is above all things (1:20-22)
- Gives life to those who are spiritually dead (2:1)
- Loves us and shows mercy to us (2:4)
- Saves us by grace through faith (2:8)
- Made strangers into a family (2:12-13)
- He is the chief cornerstone (2:20)
- Made us the temple of the Holy Spirit (2:22)
- Revealed Himself to us (3:3-4)
- Invites all peoples into salvation (3:6)
- Gives us power to minister (3:7)
- Tears down Jew/Gentile divide (3:11)
- He dwells in every believer (3:17)
- Does more for us than we can comprehend (3:20)



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What Is My Calling?

Ephesians 4:1-3



**Jesus is humble, gentle, patient,
tolerant, and loving.**

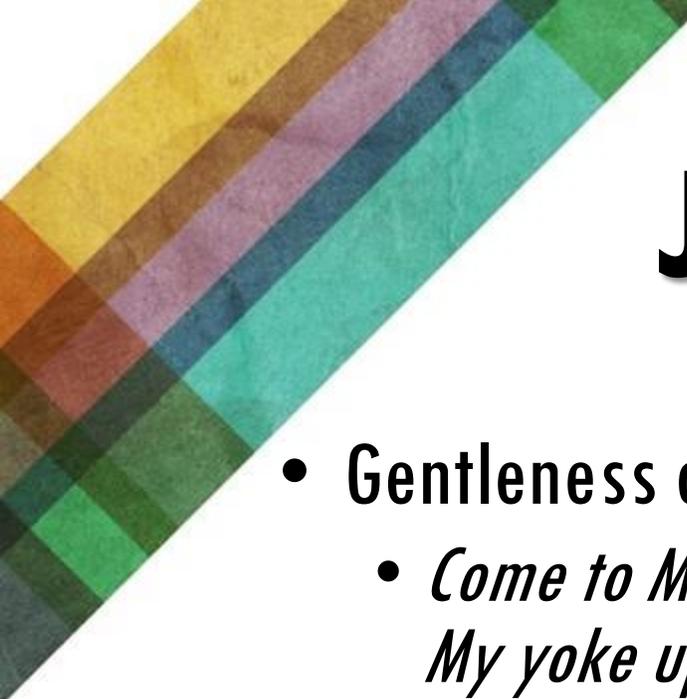
Followers of Jesus should be too.





Jesus is Humble, So Be Humble

- Humility is simply recognizing that it is not about you
 - *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23*
- He showed us how to be humble so we could be humble
 - *And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."* Mark 10:44-45



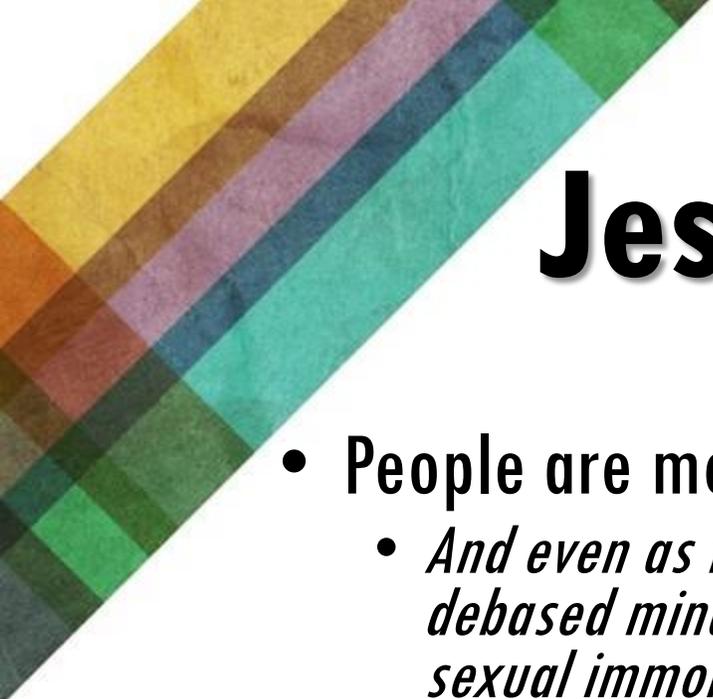
Jesus is Gentle, So Be Gentle

- Gentleness comes from humility
 - *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*
Matthew 11:28-30
- Gentleness comes from our intimacy with Christ
 - *Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God*
Philippians 4:4-6



Jesus is Patient, So Be Patient

- A lack of patience shows a lack of faith
 - Patience is first and foremost about the sovereignty and power of God
- A lack of patience shows a lack of love
 - *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up*
1 Corinthians 13:4
 - *Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.*
2 Thessalonians 3:5



Jesus is Tolerant, So Be Tolerant

- People are messy

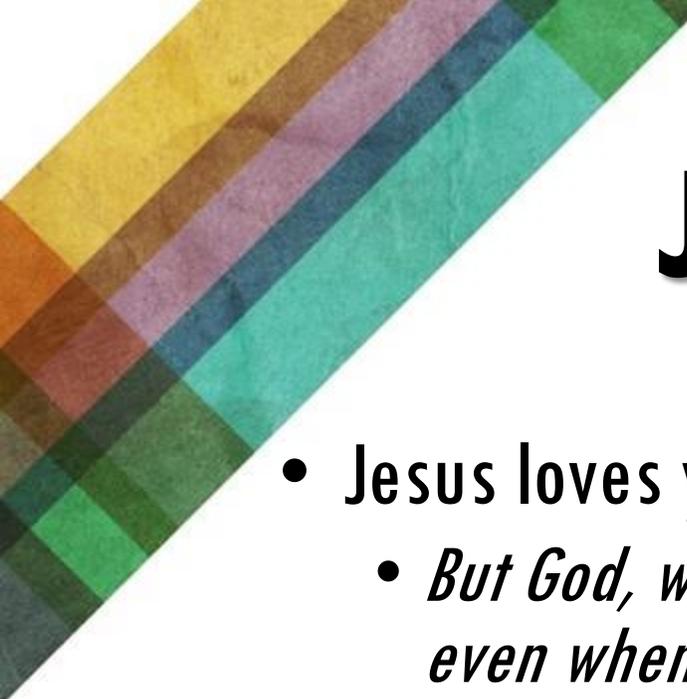
- *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful.*

Romans 1:28-31

- Jesus loves messy people

- *Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

Matthew 9:10-13



Jesus is Loving, So Be Loving

- Jesus loves you, this I know
 - *But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.*
Ephesians 2:4-5
 - *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
Romans 5:8
- Jesus loved so we would know how to love
 - *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*
John 13:34-35



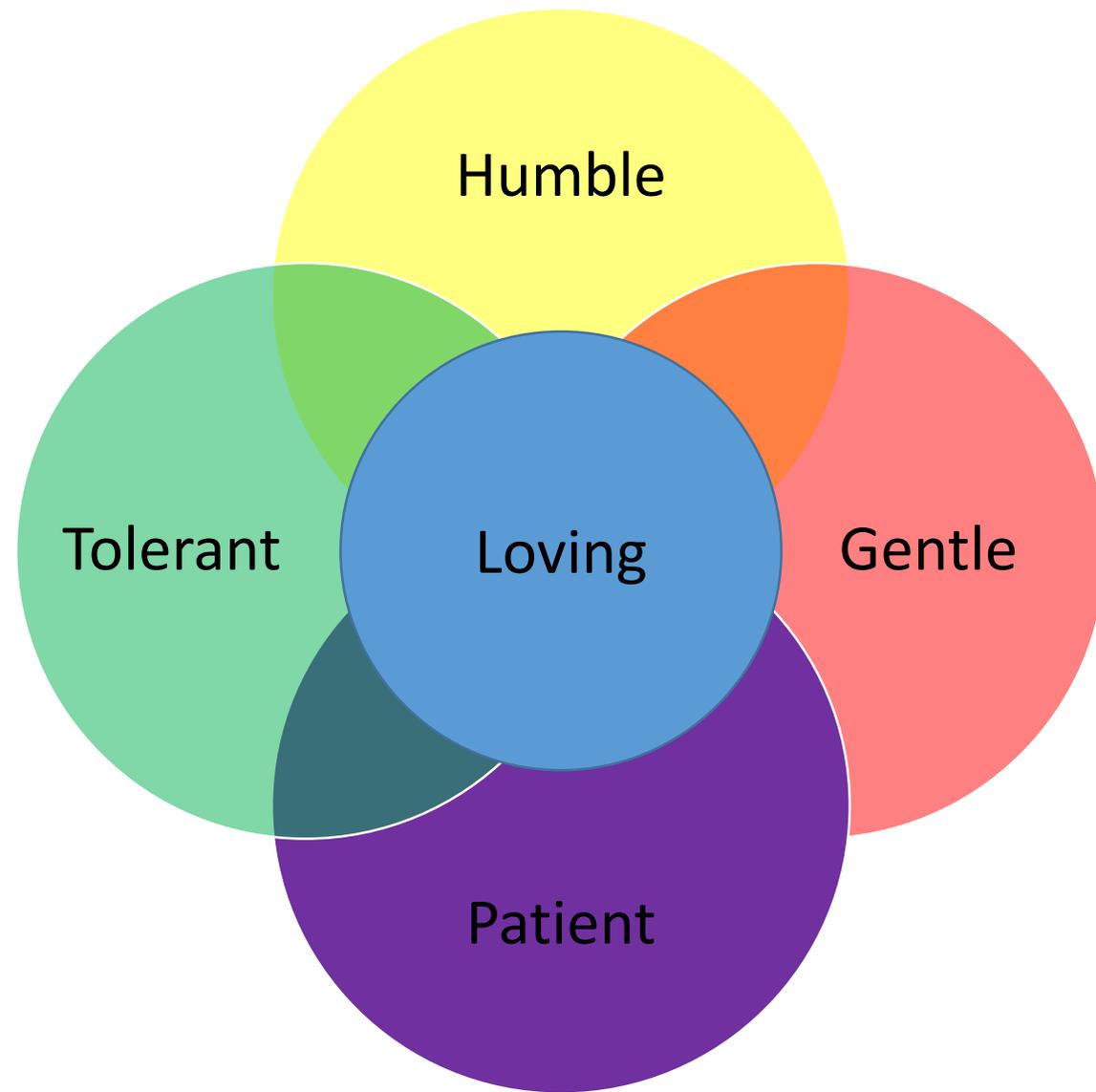
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Being Like Jesus Is Not Easy

- Being like Jesus requires Jesus

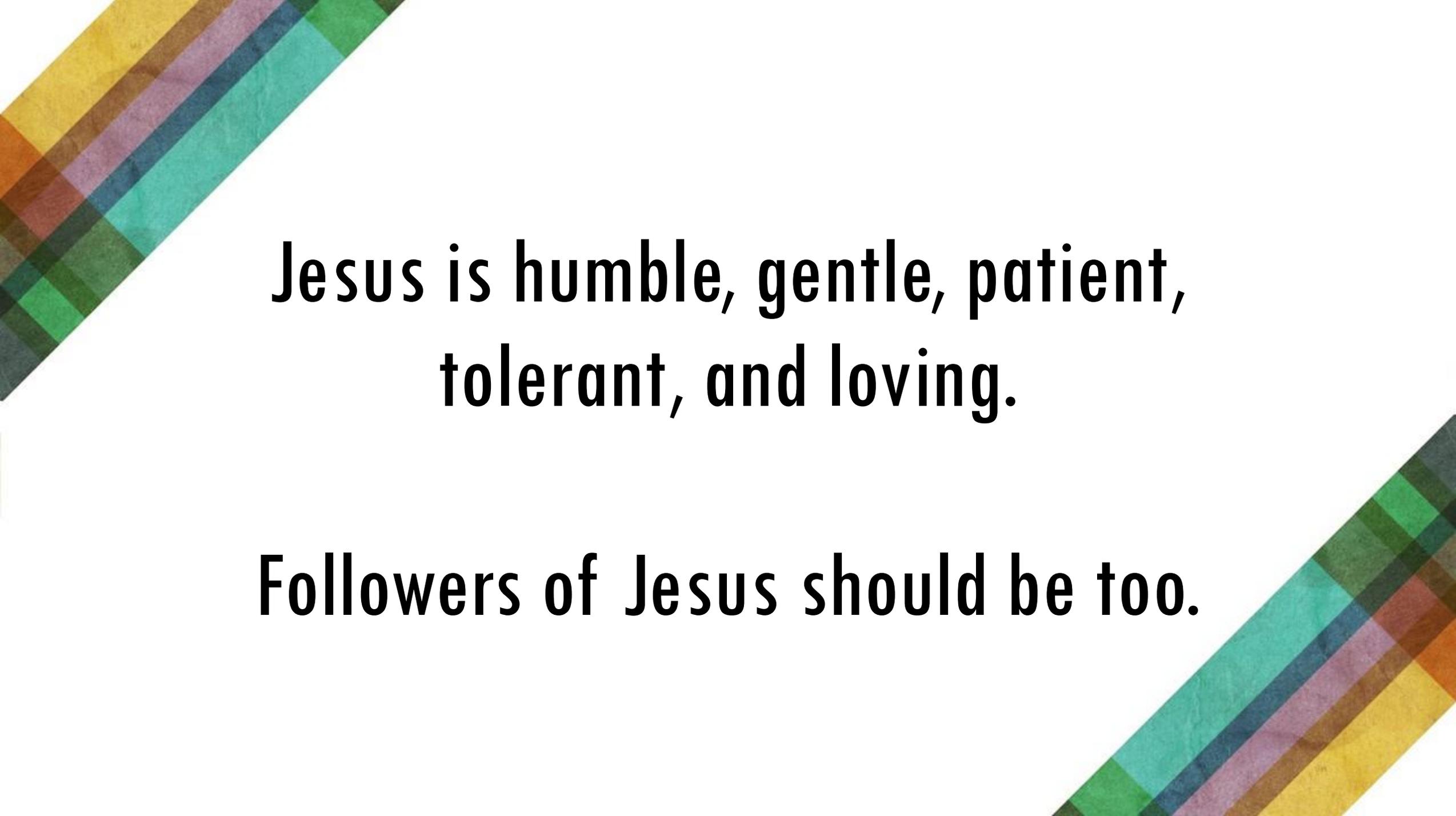
- *Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.*

Matthew 4:19

- Being like Jesus requires the Holy Spirit

- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

Galatians 5:22-23



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