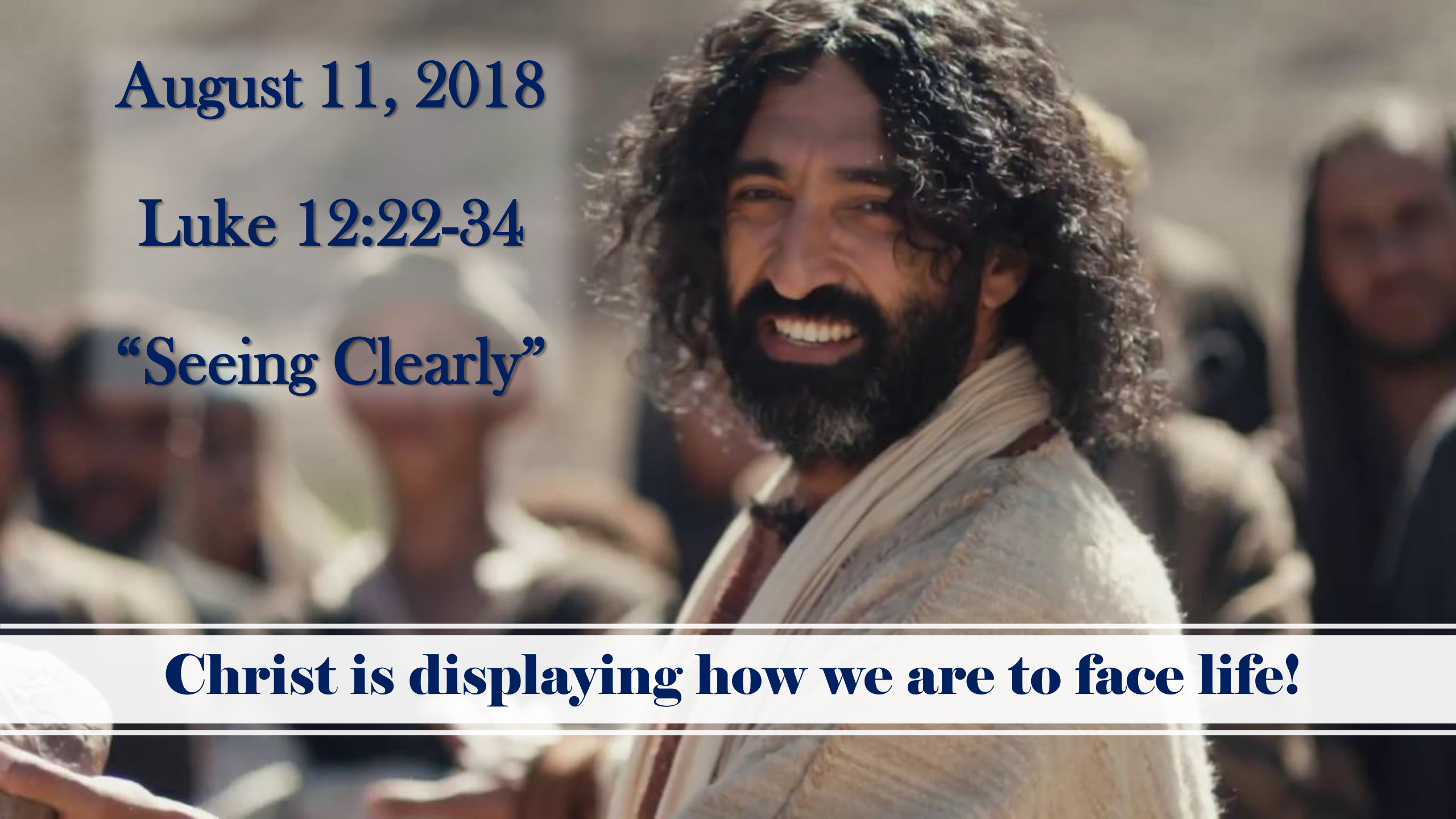


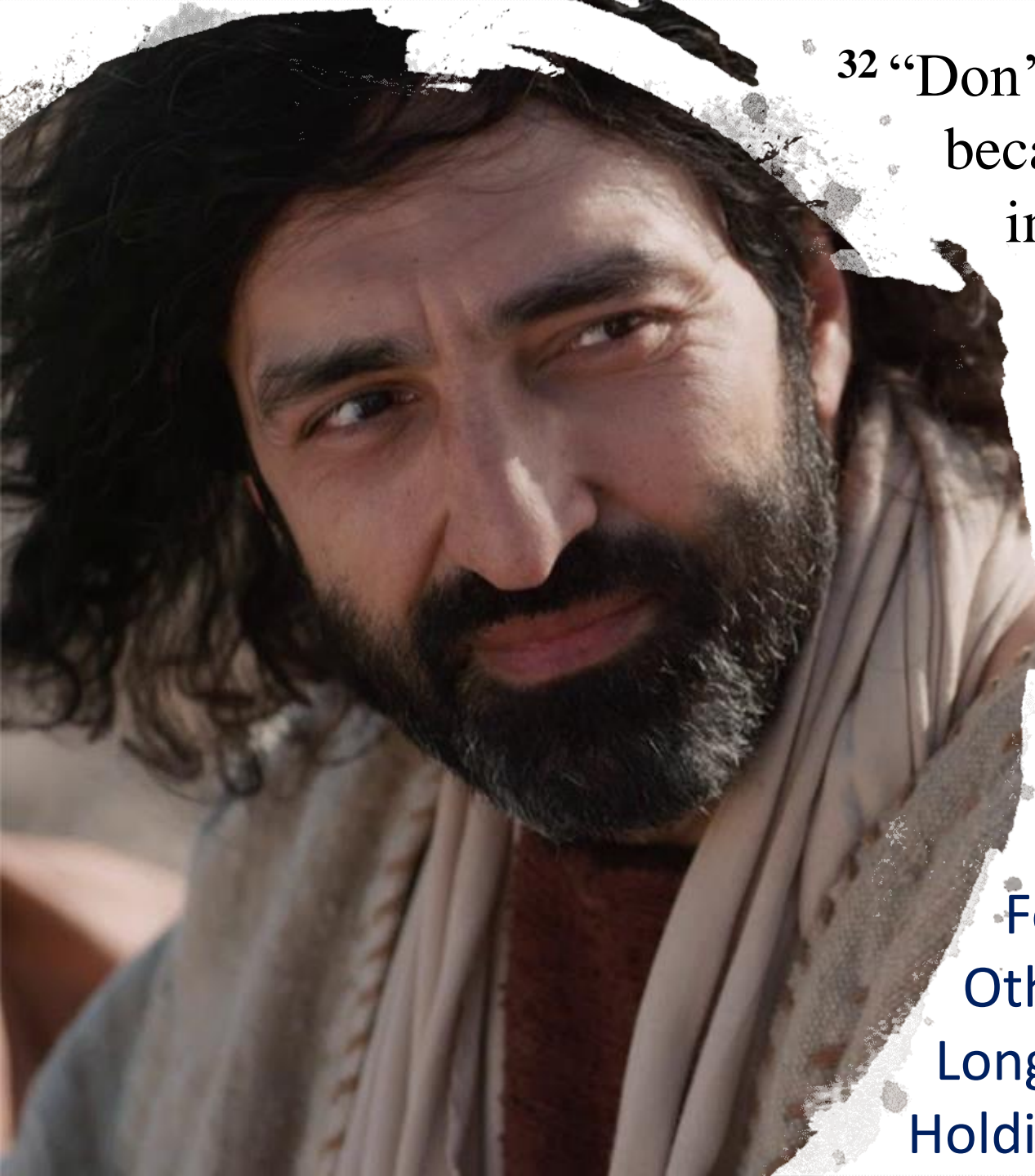
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Luke 12:22-34

“Seeing Clearly”

**Christ is displaying how we are to face life!**





32 “Don’t be afraid, little flock,  
because your God delights  
in giving you the kingdom.

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*Don’t be afraid.*

*Don’t worry.*

*Don’t be anxious.*

*(a repetitive theme in this chapter)*

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**Symptoms:**

Preoccupied with our own life situation.  
Needing others to do things right.  
Feeling that others don’t understand.  
Others really ought to do more, be different.  
Long list of what we don’t want to do.  
Holding bitterness from long ago.

<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to those in need.  
Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out  
—a treasure in heaven that never runs out.

No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys.

<sup>34</sup> Where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be too.

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**The Fear/Worry/bitter Family:**  
worry, anxiety, agitation,  
dread, dismay, distress,  
uneasiness, apprehension,  
nervousness, unrest,  
bitterness, misgiving,  
doubt, suspicion.



**Not  
so  
much  
about  
money**

**God's Spirit  
of Peace  
symbolized as a Dove  
is to demonstrate that  
we can be free from  
these feelings that  
possess us.**

# A Holy Communion is a Holy Gathering!



**Place ourselves** in a giving place  
where we are not in charge.

**Place ourselves** in a feeling place  
where we see the needs of others.

**Place ourselves** in a learning place  
where we are not telling.

**Place ourselves** in a flock  
where we are a part of a whole.

**Place ourselves** in a committed place  
where we are expected to be present.

“Gratitude is not about stuff.

Gratitude is the emotional response to the surprise of our very existence, to sensing that inner light and realizing the astonishing sacred, social, and scientific events that brought each one of us into being.

We cry out like the psalmist,  
“I am fearfully and wonderfully made!””

Gratitude and Grace is a learned mature learned response to life.

“in this moment, I am Ok”

“Grace—gifts given without being earned and with no expectation of return—”



— Diana Butler Bass



Psalm 50:23

The one who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving is the one who honors me. And it is to the one who charts the correct path that I will show divine salvation.”

It will always involve communion with God and Others.

Often when our negative side is dominate in us we withdraw from Spiritual Groupings.



## **Sacrifice:**

a willing gift of something that has positive or negative hold on us.

**Surrendering  
our negative side.**

25 Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?

26 If you can't do such a small thing, why worry about the rest?

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“Faith for Jesus is the opposite of anxiety.

If you are anxious,  
if you are trying to control everything,  
if you are worried about many things,  
you have weak faith, according to Jesus.

You do not trust that God is good  
and on your side.

You're trying to do it all yourself,  
lift yourself up by your own bootstraps.”

– Richard Rohr

