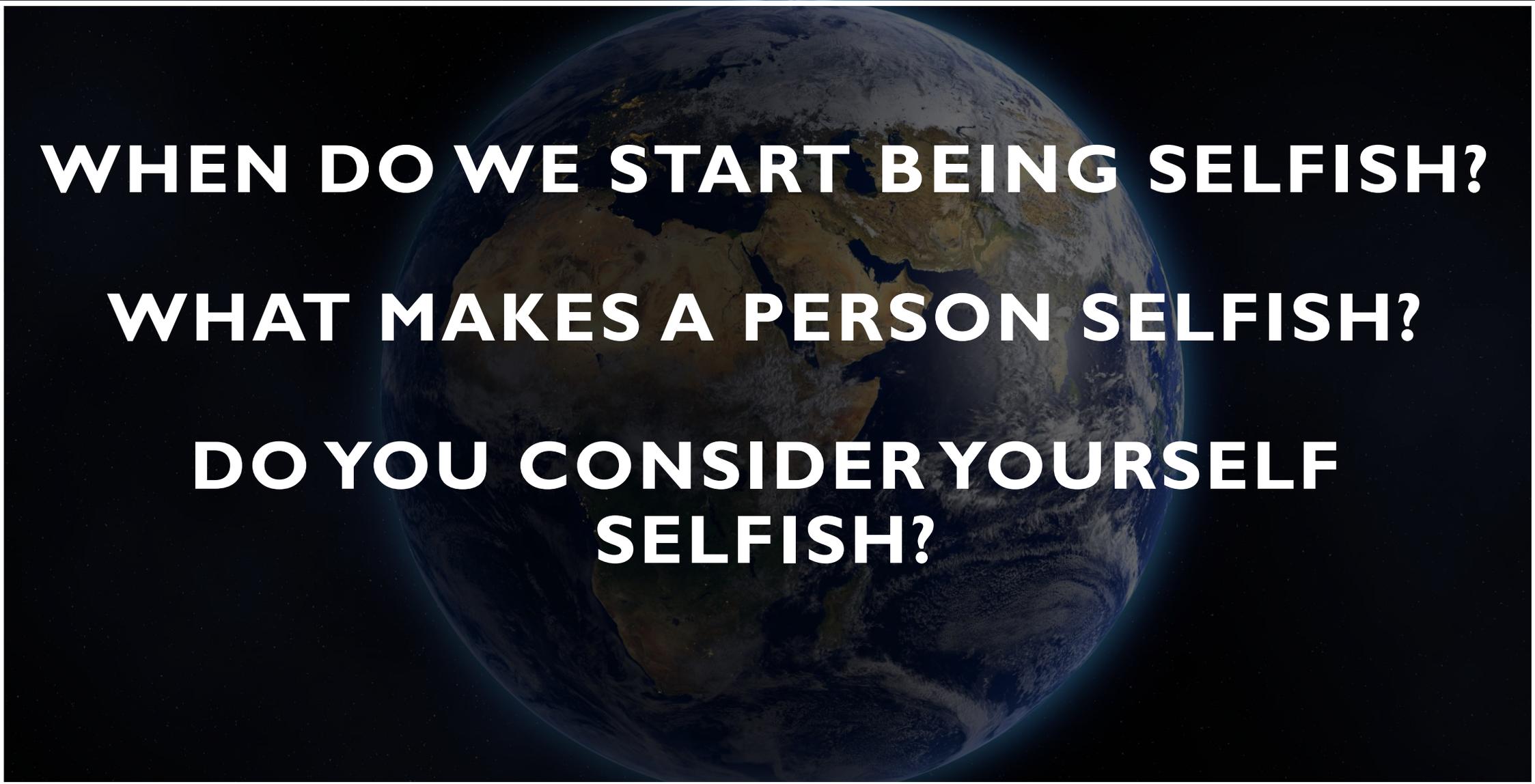




SELFISHNESS

I Peter 3:13-18



WHEN DO WE START BEING SELFISH?

WHAT MAKES A PERSON SELFISH?

**DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF
SELFISH?**

WHAT IS SELFISHNESS?

“CONCERNED EXCESSIVELY OR EXCLUSIVELY WITH ONESELF : SEEKING OR CONCENTRATING ON ONE'S OWN ADVANTAGE, PLEASURE, OR WELL-BEING WITHOUT REGARD FOR OTHERS”

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SIGNS OF SELFISH PEOPLE:



Selfish people are very good manipulators.

Selfish people are uncaring towards others. ...

Selfish people plot and scheme against you.

Selfish people are conceited and self-centered. ...

Selfish people find sharing and giving difficult.

Selfish people don't accept constructive criticism

Selfish people believe they deserve everything

Selfish people take pleasure playing mind games

Selfish people criticize others behind their backs

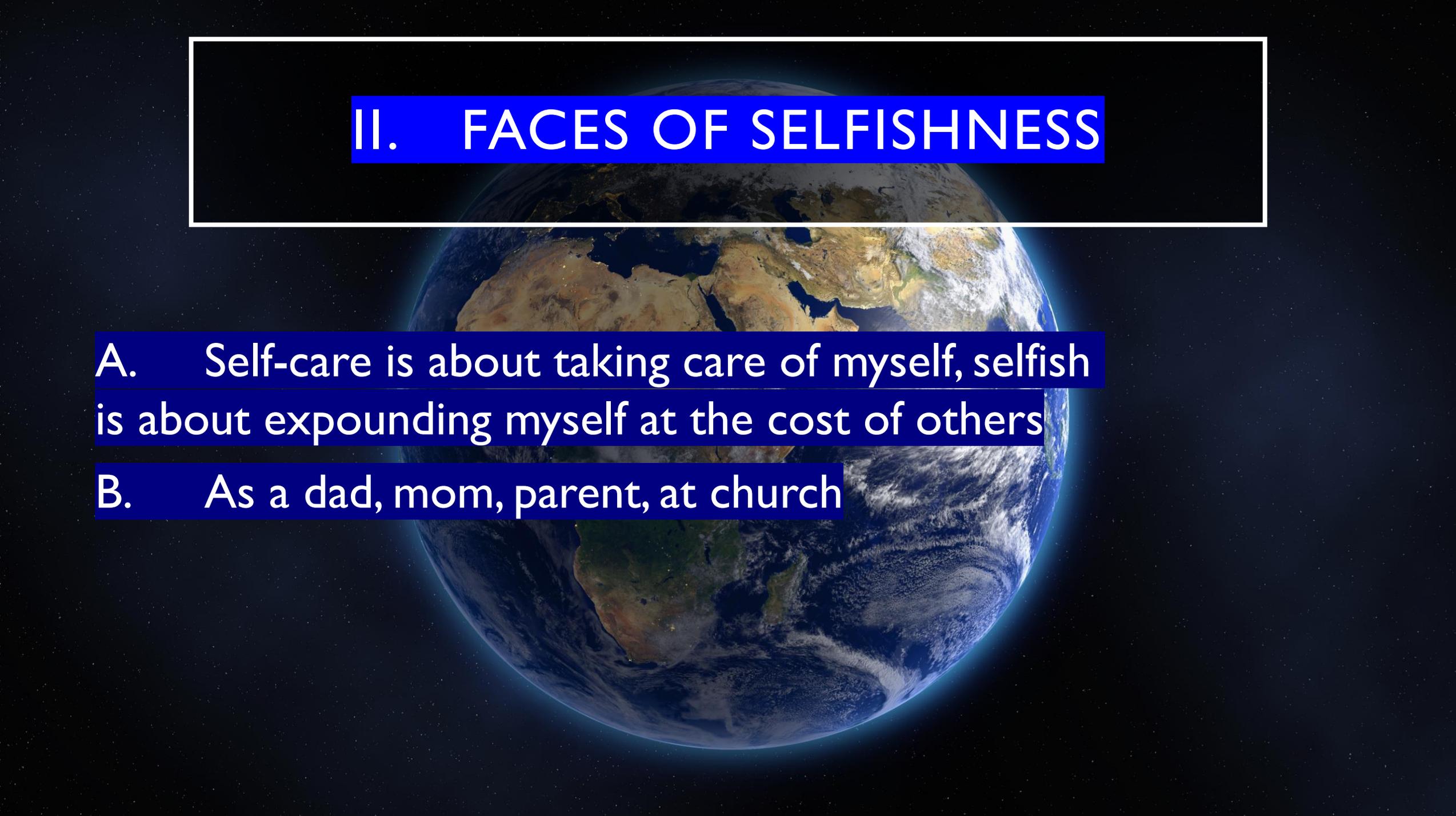
Selfish people exaggerate their achievements

Selfish people do not listen to those who do not agree with them

THE SITUATION OUR WORLD IS IN

B. 2 Timothy 3:2-4 ESV / For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

C. James 3:16 ESV for where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.



II. FACES OF SELFISHNESS

A. Self-care is about taking care of myself, selfish is about expounding myself at the cost of others

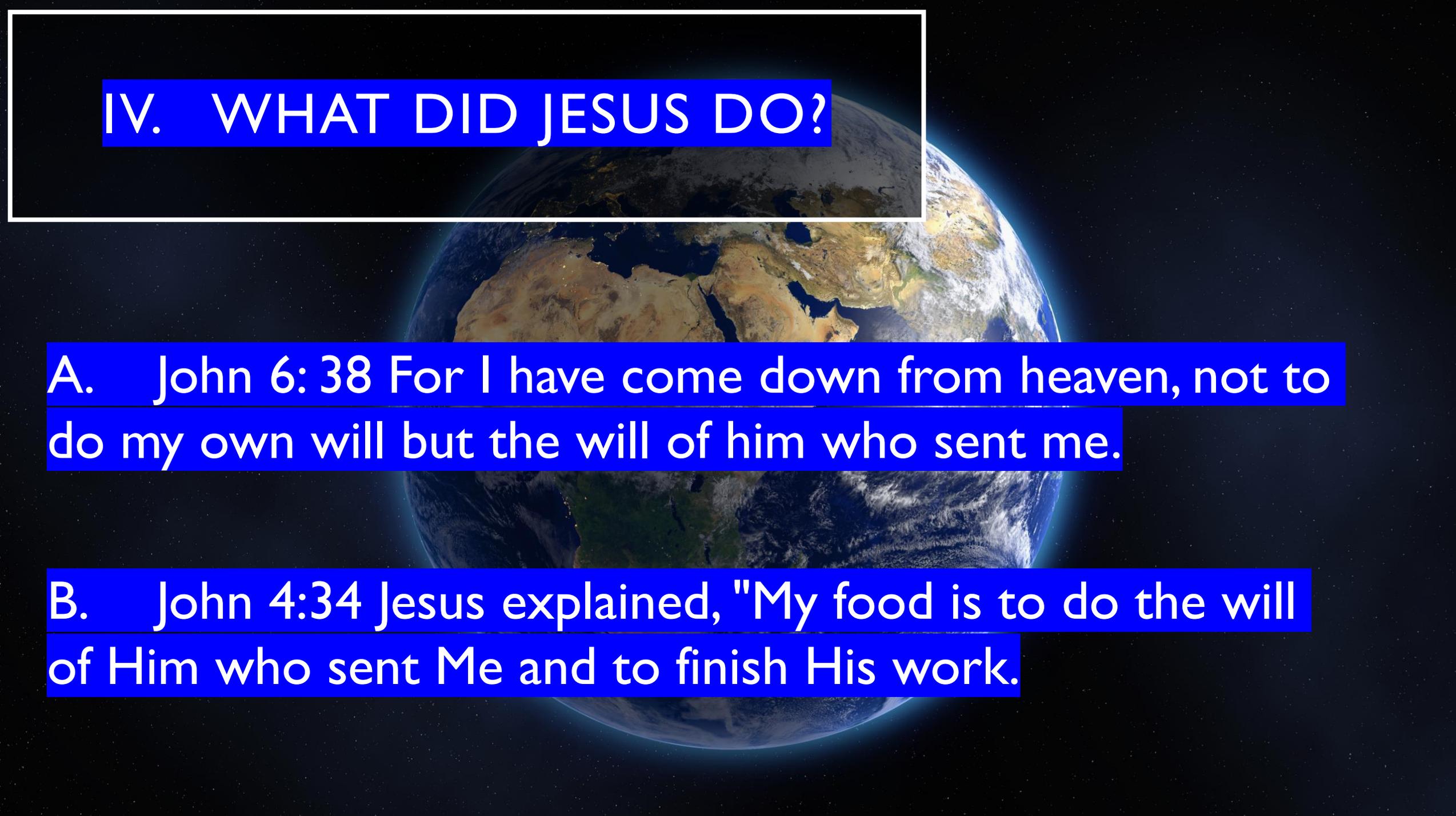
B. As a dad, mom, parent, at church

III. WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

A. Philippians 2:4 ESV Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

B. Philippians 2:21 ESV For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

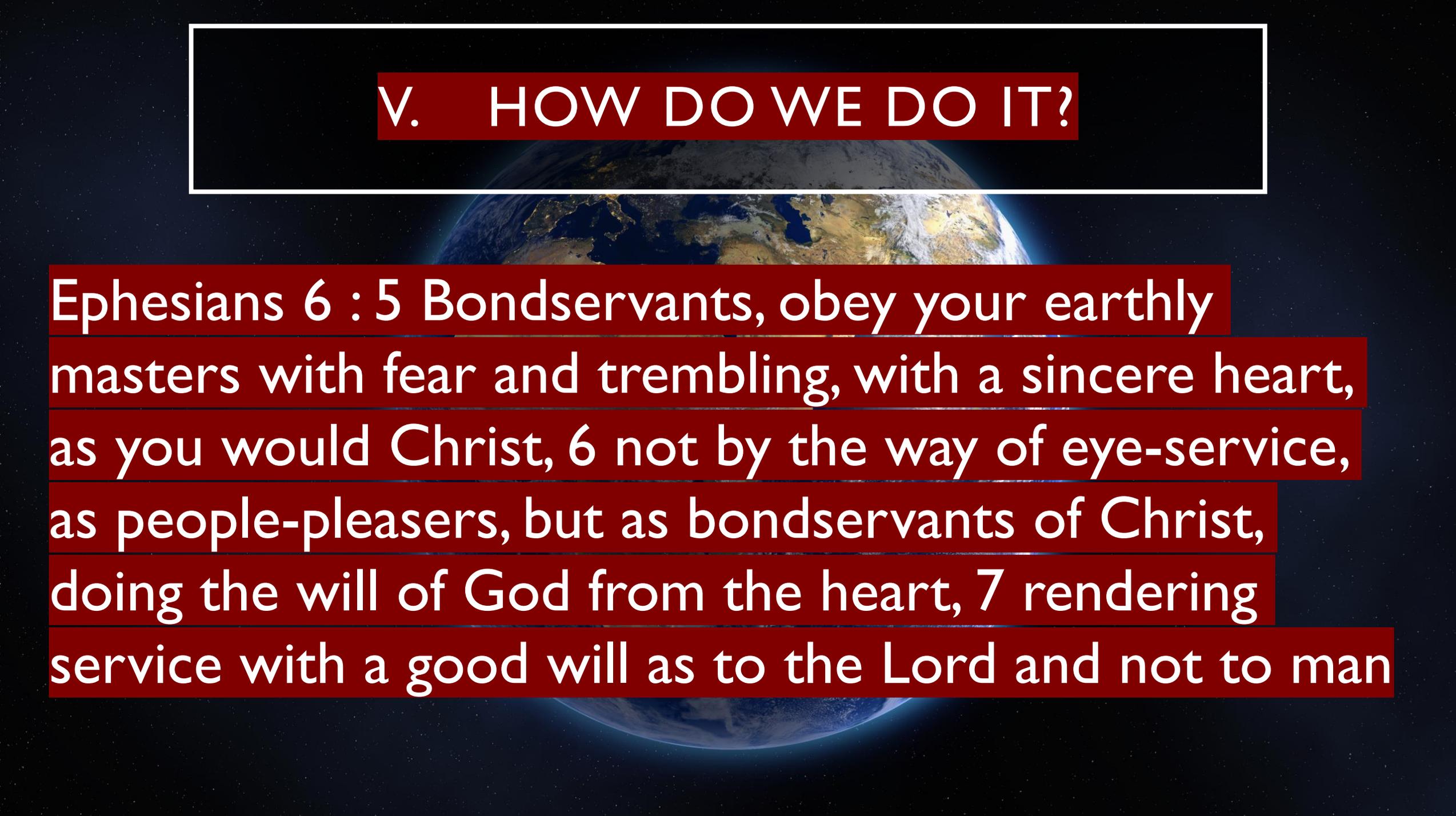
C. Do you believe we can do that? Do feel capable of putting other's interest ahead of yourself?



IV. WHAT DID JESUS DO?

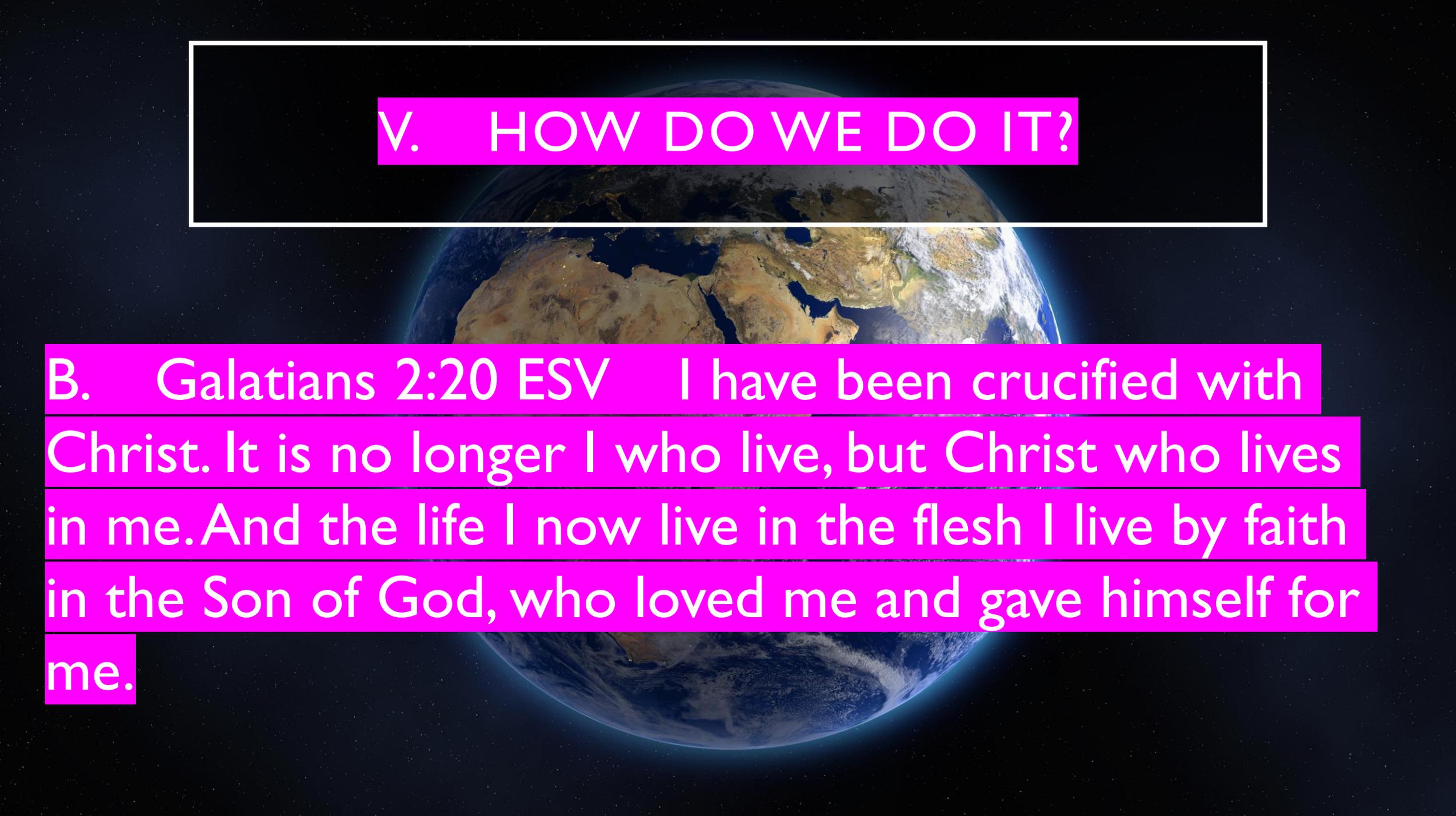
A. John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

B. John 4:34 Jesus explained, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work."



V. HOW DO WE DO IT?

Ephesians 6 : 5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man



V. HOW DO WE DO IT?

B. Galatians 2:20 ESV I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

V. HOW DO WE DO IT?

1 Peter 3:13-18 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,



INVITATION

We are adding something to our invitation going forward this morning. If anyone would like an elder to pray with you or if you would like to talk with an elder in private, you may go to the elders' conference room following service and an elder will be there for you to speak to