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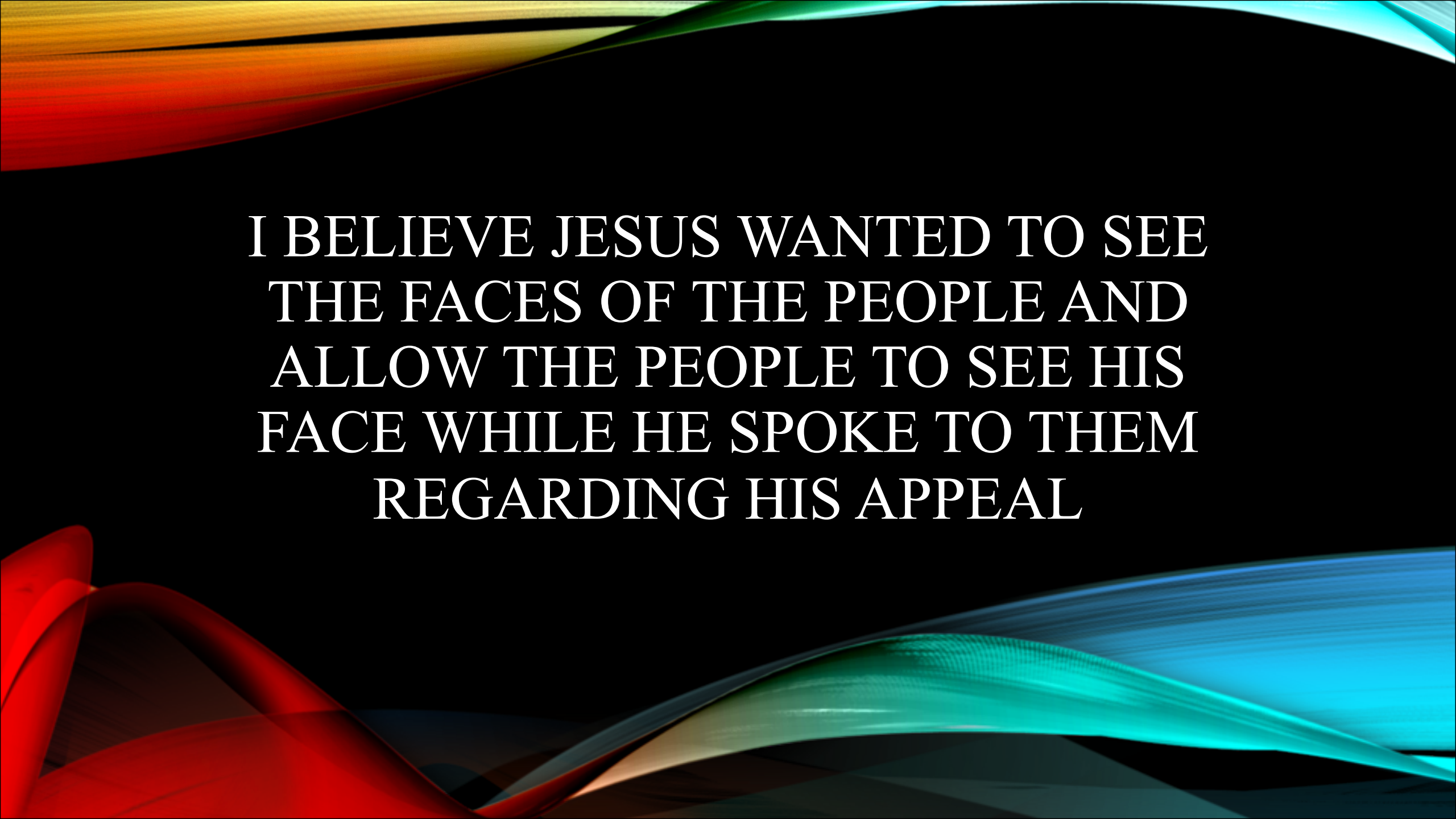
“FOLLOW CHRIST”



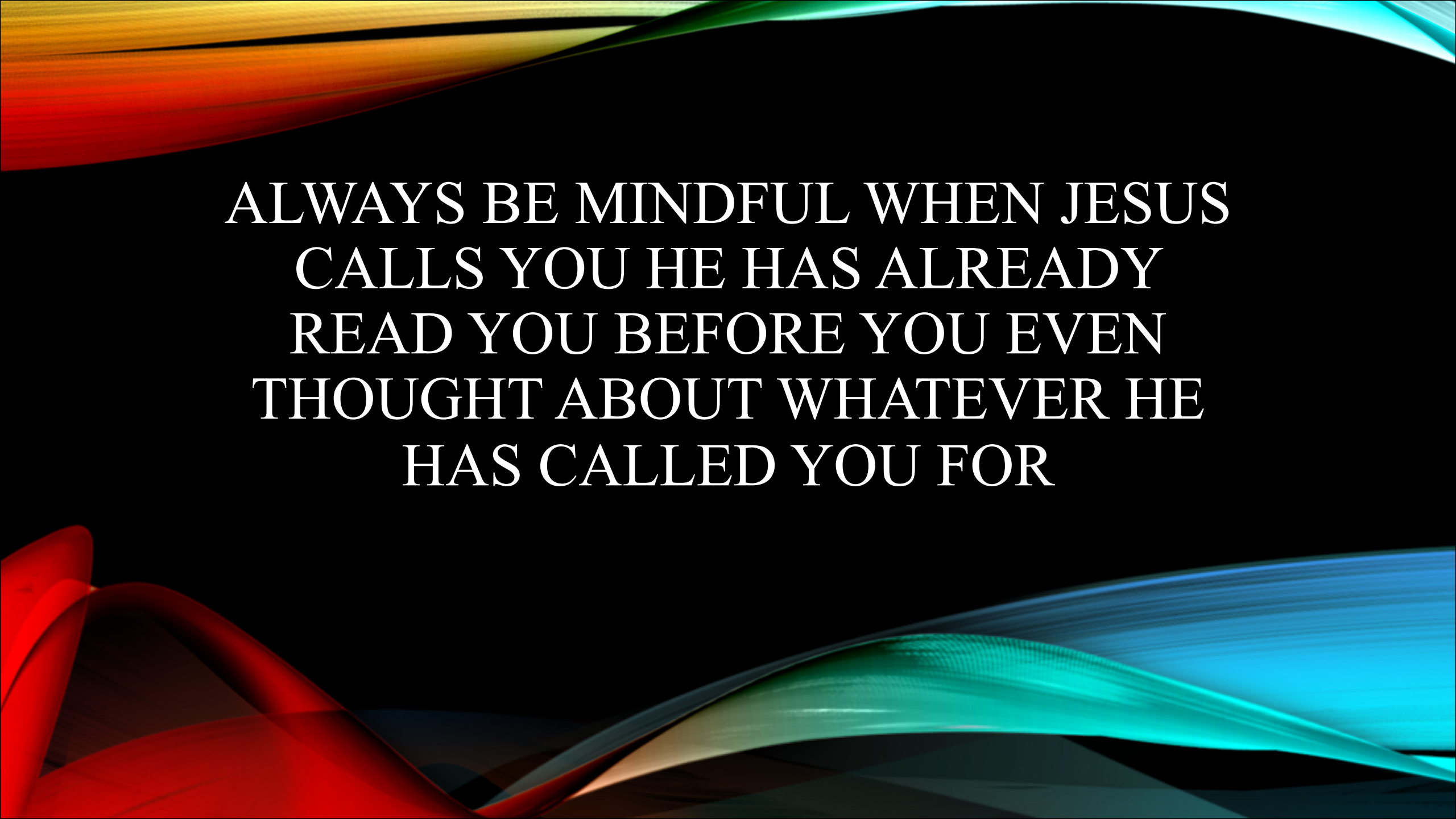
*“WHOEVER DESIRES TO COME
AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF,
AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND
FOLLOW ME.”*



TAKE NOTE THAT BEFORE JESUS GAVE
THE APPEAL TO *FOLLOW HIM*
HE CALLED THE PEOPLE TO HIMSELF



I BELIEVE JESUS WANTED TO SEE
THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE AND
ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO SEE HIS
FACE WHILE HE SPOKE TO THEM
REGARDING HIS APPEAL



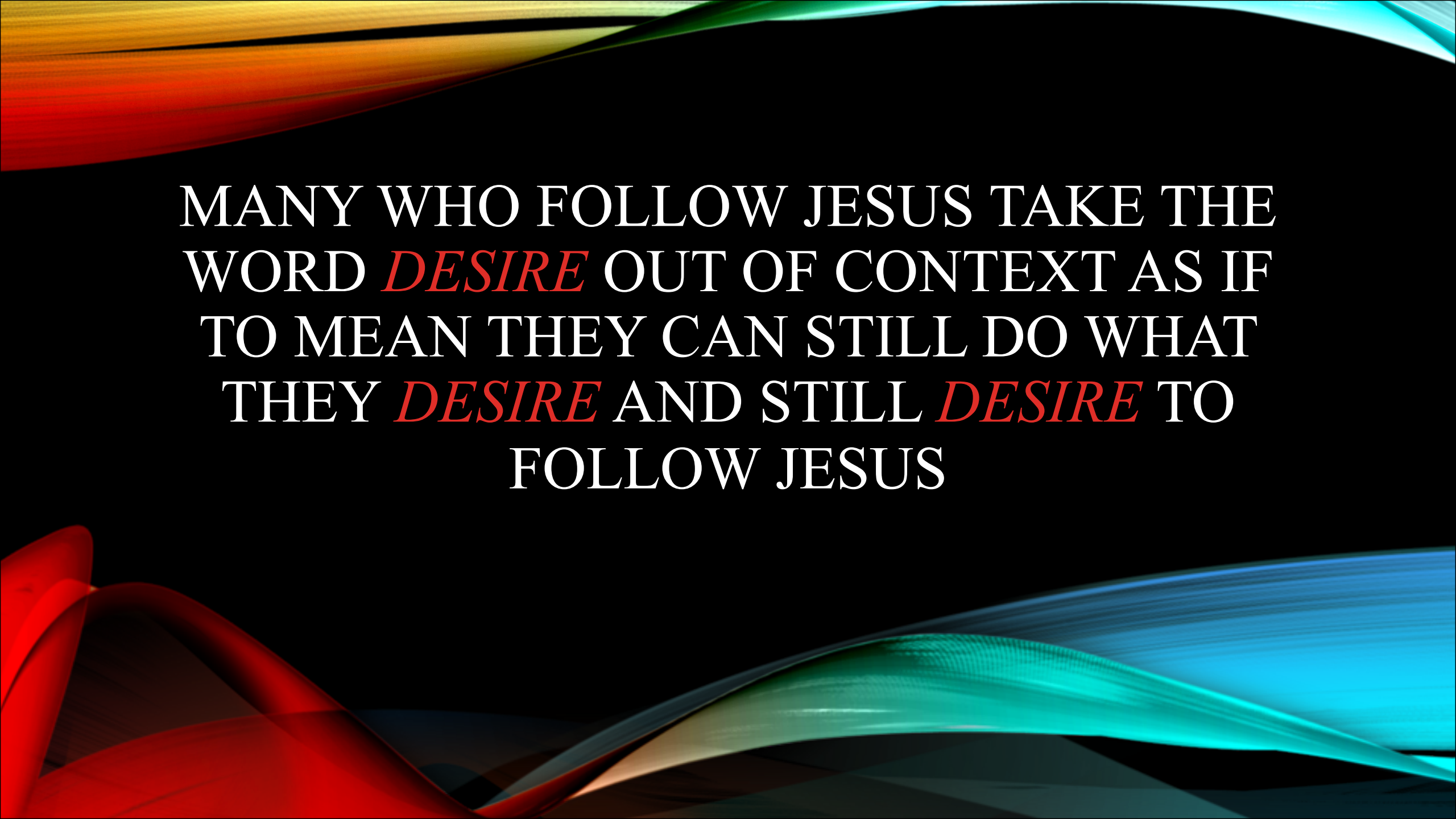
ALWAYS BE MINDFUL WHEN JESUS
CALLS YOU HE HAS ALREADY
READ YOU BEFORE YOU EVEN
THOUGHT ABOUT WHATEVER HE
HAS CALLED YOU FOR



JESUS STARTED OUT BY SAYING
“WHOEVER **DESIRES**
TO COME AFTER HIM”



MANY FOLLOW JESUS WITHOUT
A CLUE OF THE CONSEQUENCES
BEHIND THEIR CHOICE



MANY WHO FOLLOW JESUS TAKE THE
WORD *DESIRE* OUT OF CONTEXT AS IF
TO MEAN THEY CAN STILL DO WHAT
THEY *DESIRE* AND STILL *DESIRE* TO
FOLLOW JESUS

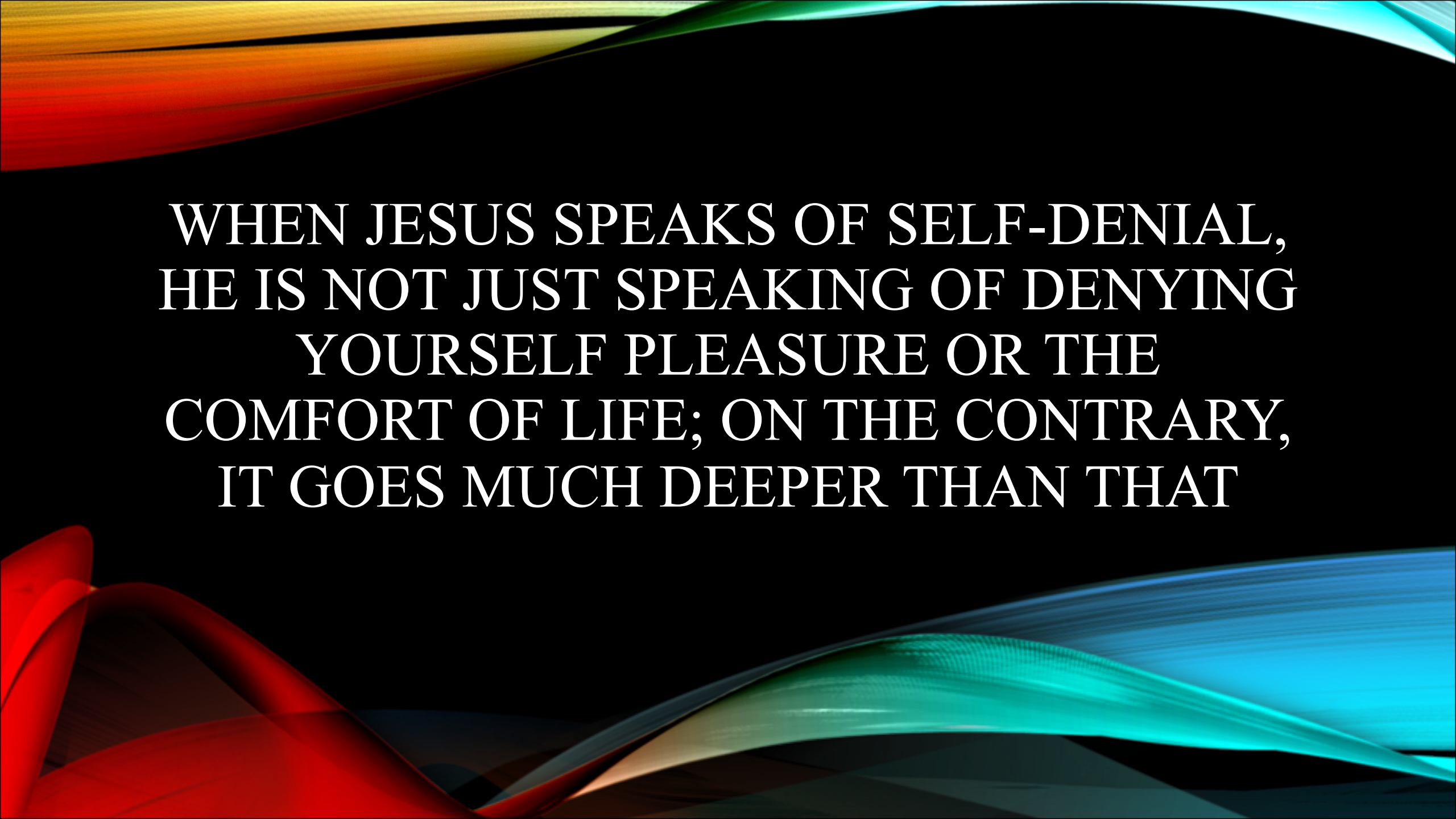


THE TRUE CONTEXT OF THE
WORD DESIRE MEANT, NO
PRETENDING BUT BE TRUE TO
ME AND GET READY TO DO
THESE THREE THINGS



DO THESE 3 THINGS

1) DENY YOURSELF



WHEN JESUS SPEAKS OF SELF-DENIAL,
HE IS NOT JUST SPEAKING OF DENYING
YOURSELF PLEASURE OR THE
COMFORT OF LIFE; ON THE CONTRARY,
IT GOES MUCH DEEPER THAN THAT

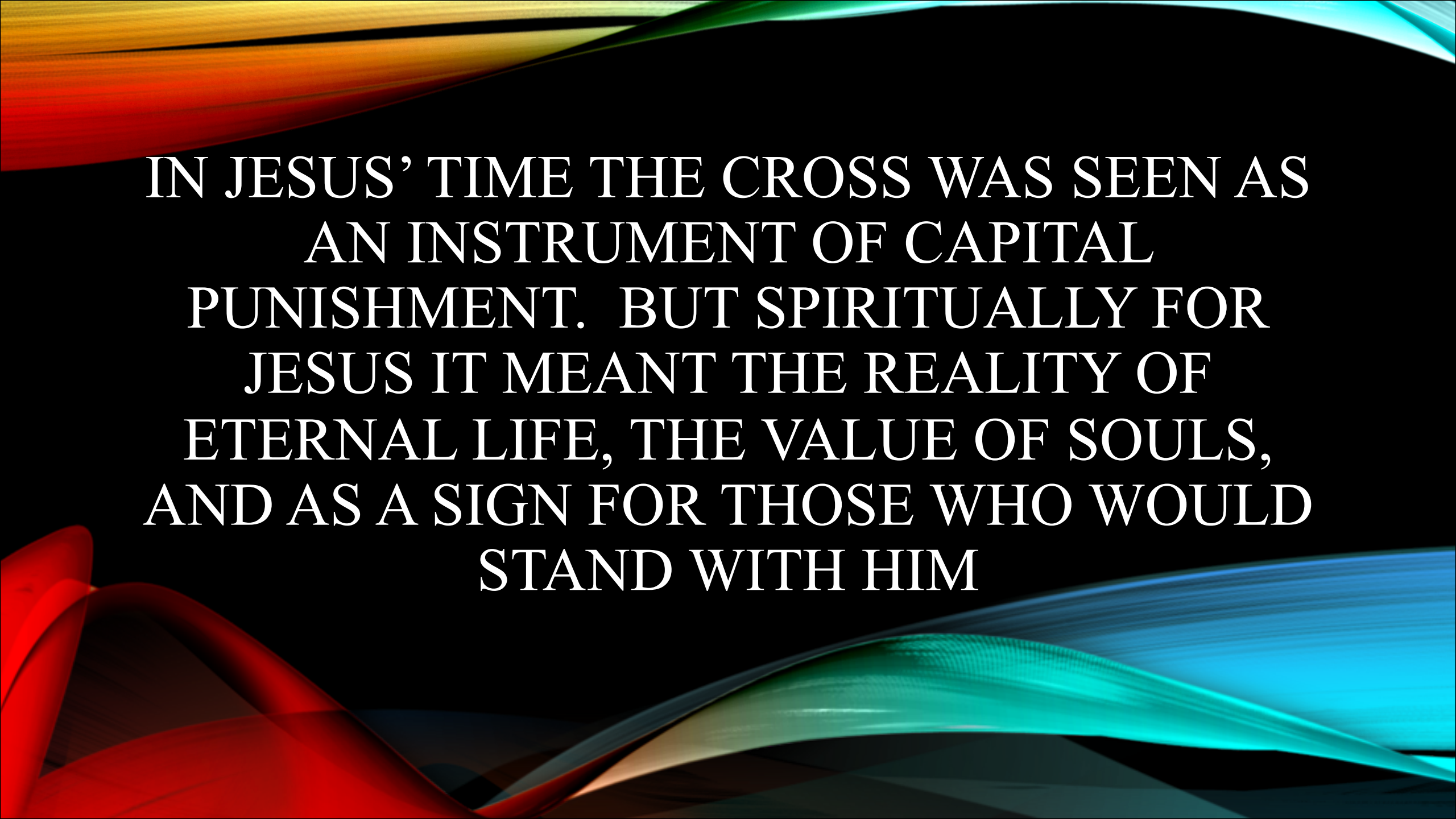


ONE OF THE THINGS JESUS IS SAYING
IS TO DENY YOURSELF OF THE
UNNECESSARY PAIN, SUFFERING,
LACK, OR DEFEAT BY TRYING NOT TO
FOLLOW HIM

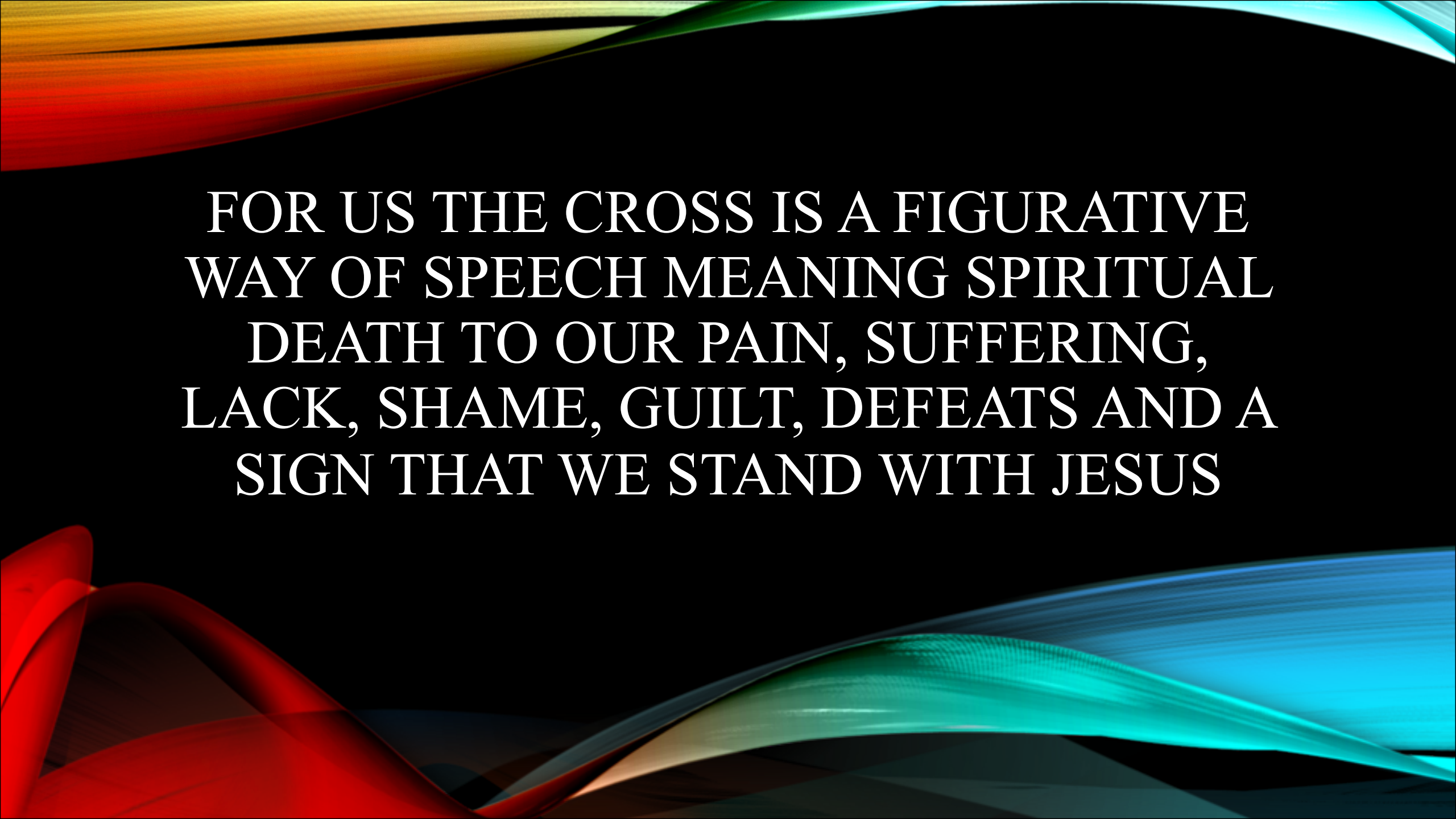


DO THESE 3 THINGS

2) TAKE UP YOUR CROSS



IN JESUS' TIME THE CROSS WAS SEEN AS
AN INSTRUMENT OF CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT. BUT SPIRITUALLY FOR
JESUS IT MEANT THE REALITY OF
ETERNAL LIFE, THE VALUE OF SOULS,
AND AS A SIGN FOR THOSE WHO WOULD
STAND WITH HIM



FOR US THE CROSS IS A FIGURATIVE
WAY OF SPEECH MEANING SPIRITUAL
DEATH TO OUR PAIN, SUFFERING,
LACK, SHAME, GUILT, DEFEATS AND A
SIGN THAT WE STAND WITH JESUS



DO THESE 3 THINGS

3) FOLLOW ME




WHEREVER CHRIST LEADS
I WILL FOLLOW



WHATEVER CONSEQUENCE
MAY ARISE
IT WON'T DETER ME
I WILL STILL FOLLOW



THOUGH IT MAY SEEM LIKE
I WILL SUFFER FOR CHRIST
NAME'S SAKE,
I WILL STILL FOLLOW



BY FOLLOWING CHRIST AND
TAKING UP MY CROSS,
ONE DAY I WILL TRADE IN MY
CROSS FOR A CROWN!
SO, I WILL FOLLOW



“FOLLOW CHRIST”