

Catholic Social Teaching

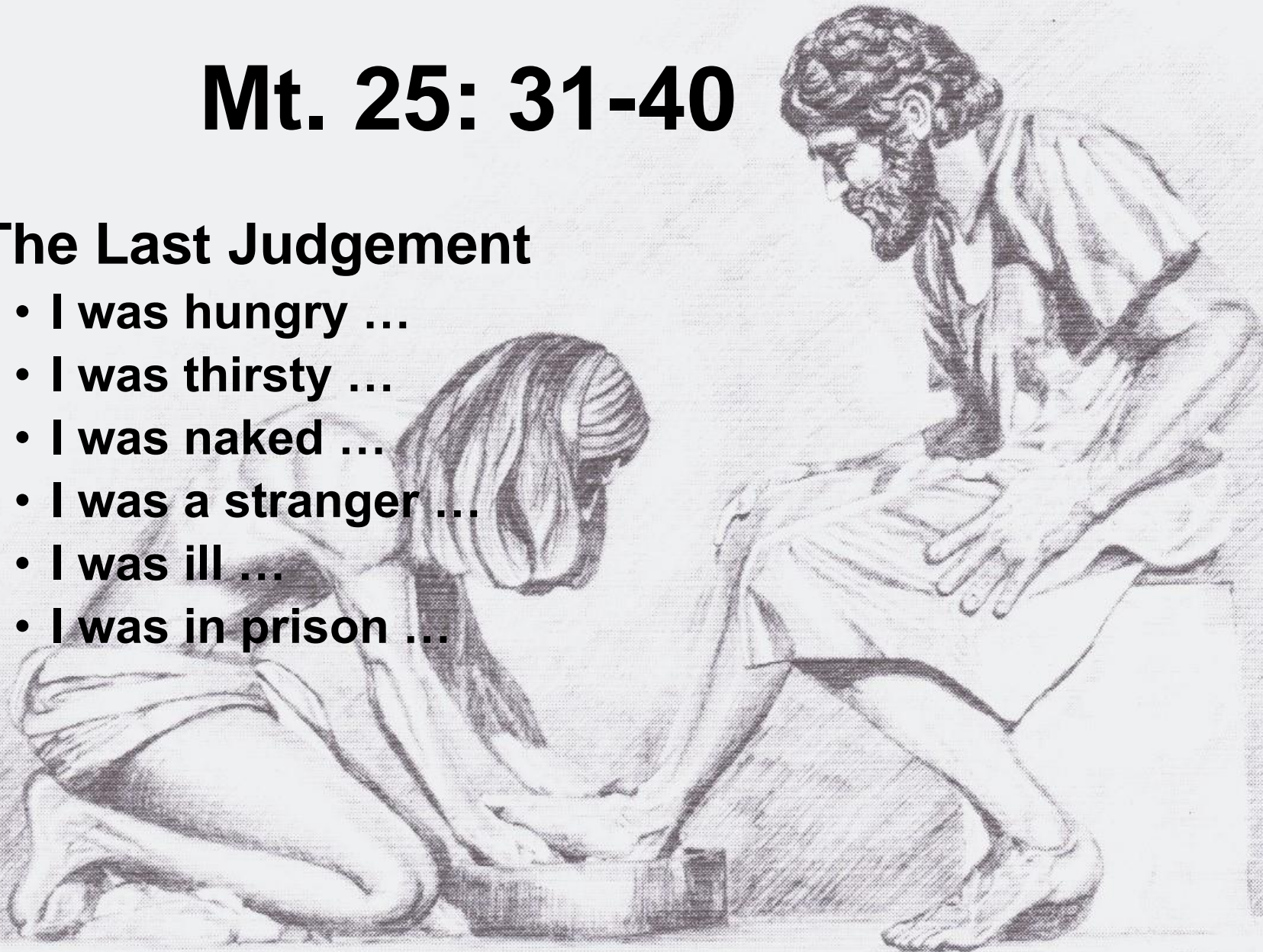


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- **The Last Judgement**

- I was hungry ...
- I was thirsty ...
- I was naked ...
- I was a stranger ...
- I was ill ...
- I was in prison ...



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Best Kept Secret!

- **Corporal Works of Mercy**

- **Feed the hungry**
- **Drink to the thirsty**
- **Clothe the naked**
- **Shelter the homeless**
- **Visit the sick**
- **Ransom the captive**
- **Bury the dead**



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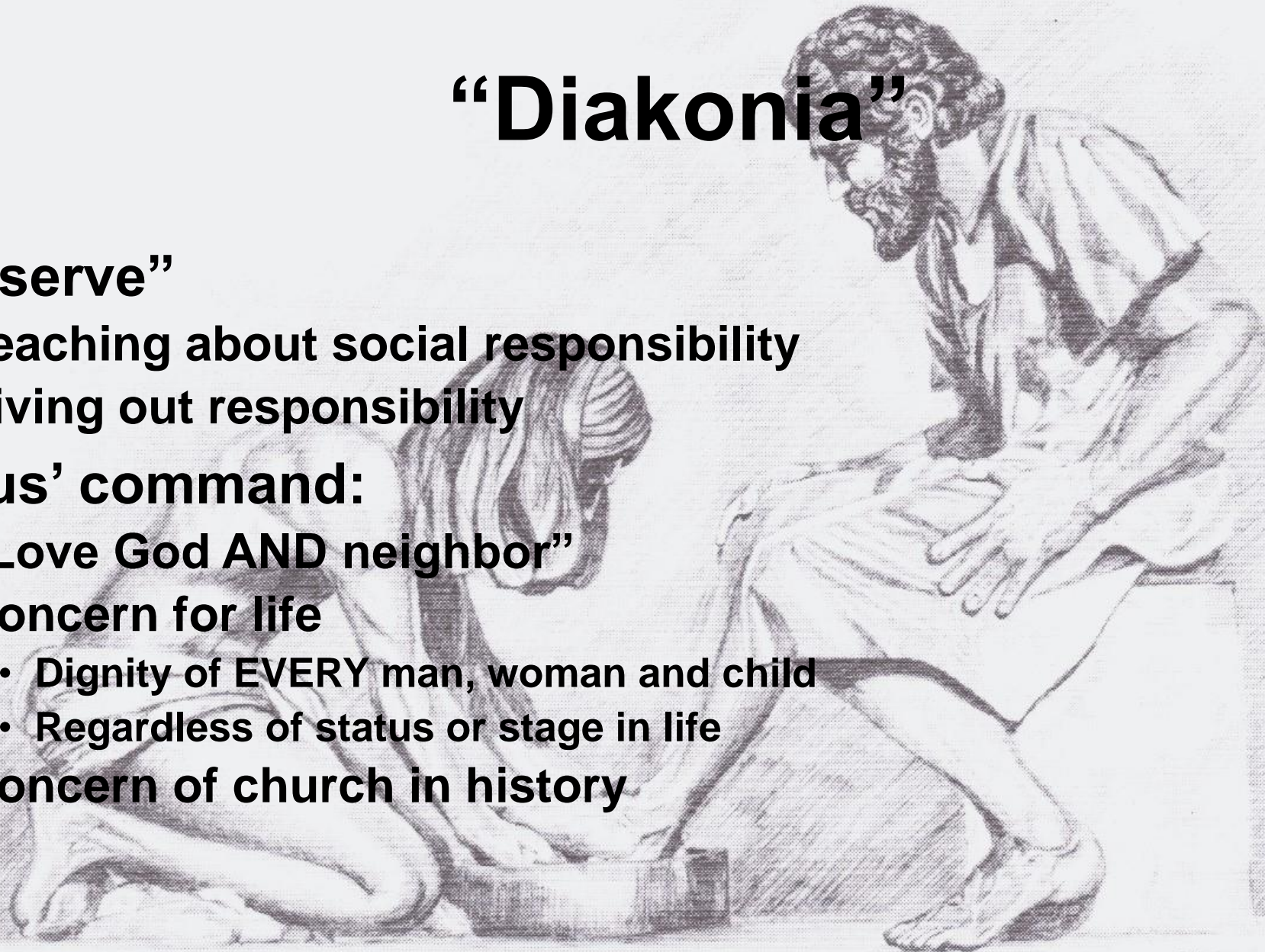
Sharing Catholic Teaching: Challenges and Directions

- **“Catholic social teaching emerges from the truth of what God has revealed to us about himself.”**
- **Based on and inseparable from our understanding of human life and human dignity.**
- **Our commitment to the Catholic social mission must be rooted in and strengthened by our spiritual lives, including participation in the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ.**

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“Diakonia”

- “To serve”
 - Teaching about social responsibility
 - Living out responsibility
- Jesus’ command:
 - “Love God AND neighbor”
 - Concern for life
 - Dignity of EVERY man, woman and child
 - Regardless of status or stage in life
 - Concern of church in history



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Rerum Novarum

- **Pope Leo XIII**
 - Encyclical
 - “On the dignity and right of workers”
- **Not ideology or political philosophy**
- **“it springs from the Good News about salvation in Jesus Christ and that there is a definite content to Catholic Social Teaching which springs from the Word of God as lived and reflected on within the life of the church.”**

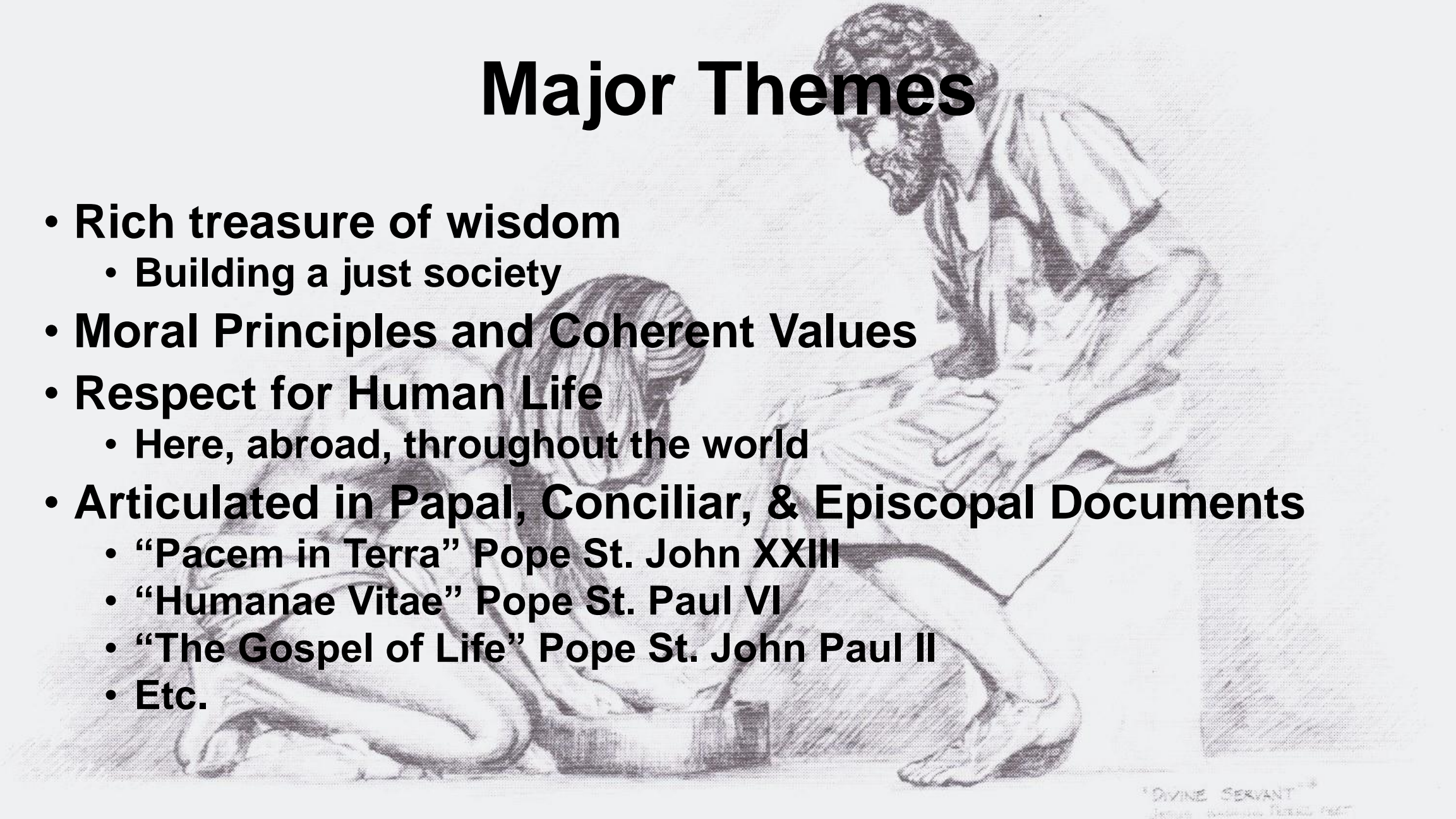
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“Catholic Social Teaching: A consistent and Coherent Message”

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Major Themes

- **Rich treasure of wisdom**
 - Building a just society
- **Moral Principles and Coherent Values**
- **Respect for Human Life**
 - Here, abroad, throughout the world
- **Articulated in Papal, Conciliar, & Episcopal Documents**
 - “Pacem in Terra” Pope St. John XXIII
 - “Humanae Vitae” Pope St. Paul VI
 - “The Gospel of Life” Pope St. John Paul II
 - Etc.



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Jesus washing Peter's feet
Matt. 26:6-13 & John 13:4-7
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Major Themes

- **Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers**

- Bottom line has precedence
- Rights of workers ignored
- Economy should serve people

- **Solidarity**

- One human family
 - No national, racial, ethnic, economic, or ideological differences
- “Love our neighbor” has global dimensions

- **Care for God’s Creation**

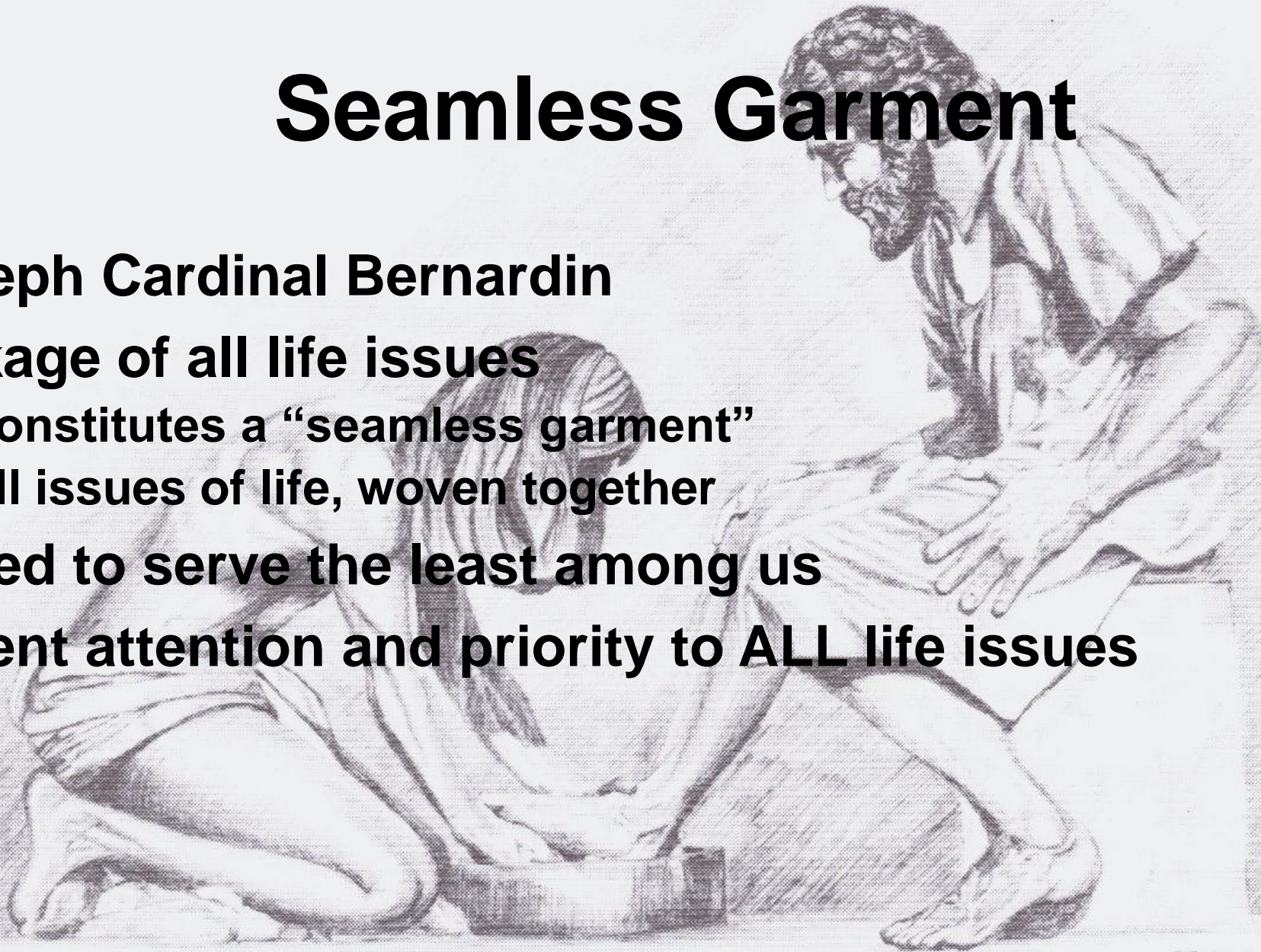
- Stewardship of creation
- Called to protect people and the planet



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Seamless Garment

- **Joseph Cardinal Bernardin**
- **Linkage of all life issues**
 - **Constitutes a “seamless garment”**
 - **All issues of life, woven together**
- **Called to serve the least among us**
- **Urgent attention and priority to ALL life issues**



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Specifics of Social Justice

- **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**

- **Direct attacks against innocent civilians**

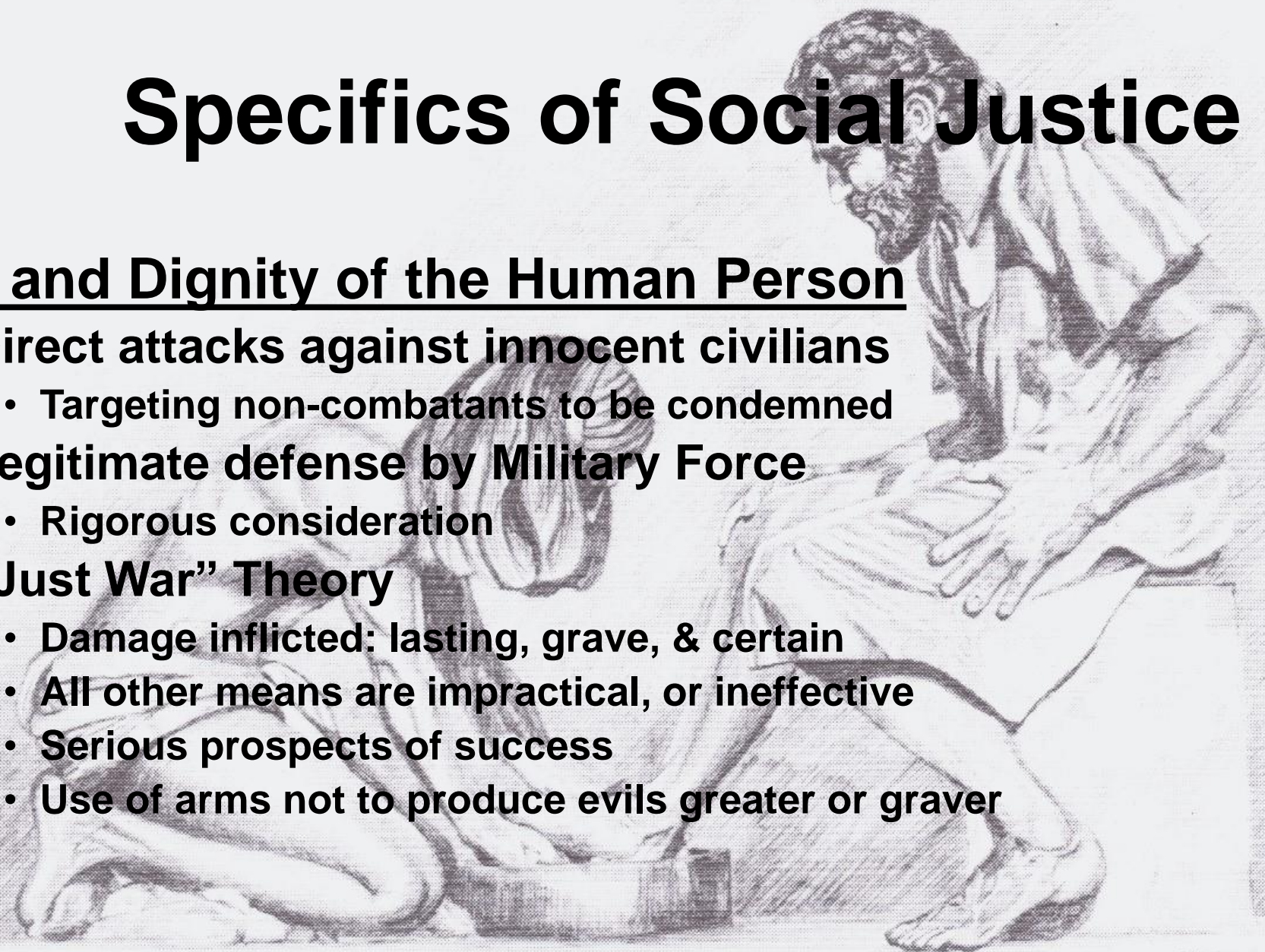
- Targeting non-combatants to be condemned

- **Legitimate defense by Military Force**

- Rigorous consideration

- **“Just War” Theory**

- Damage inflicted: lasting, grave, & certain
- All other means are impractical, or ineffective
- Serious prospects of success
- Use of arms not to produce evils greater or graver

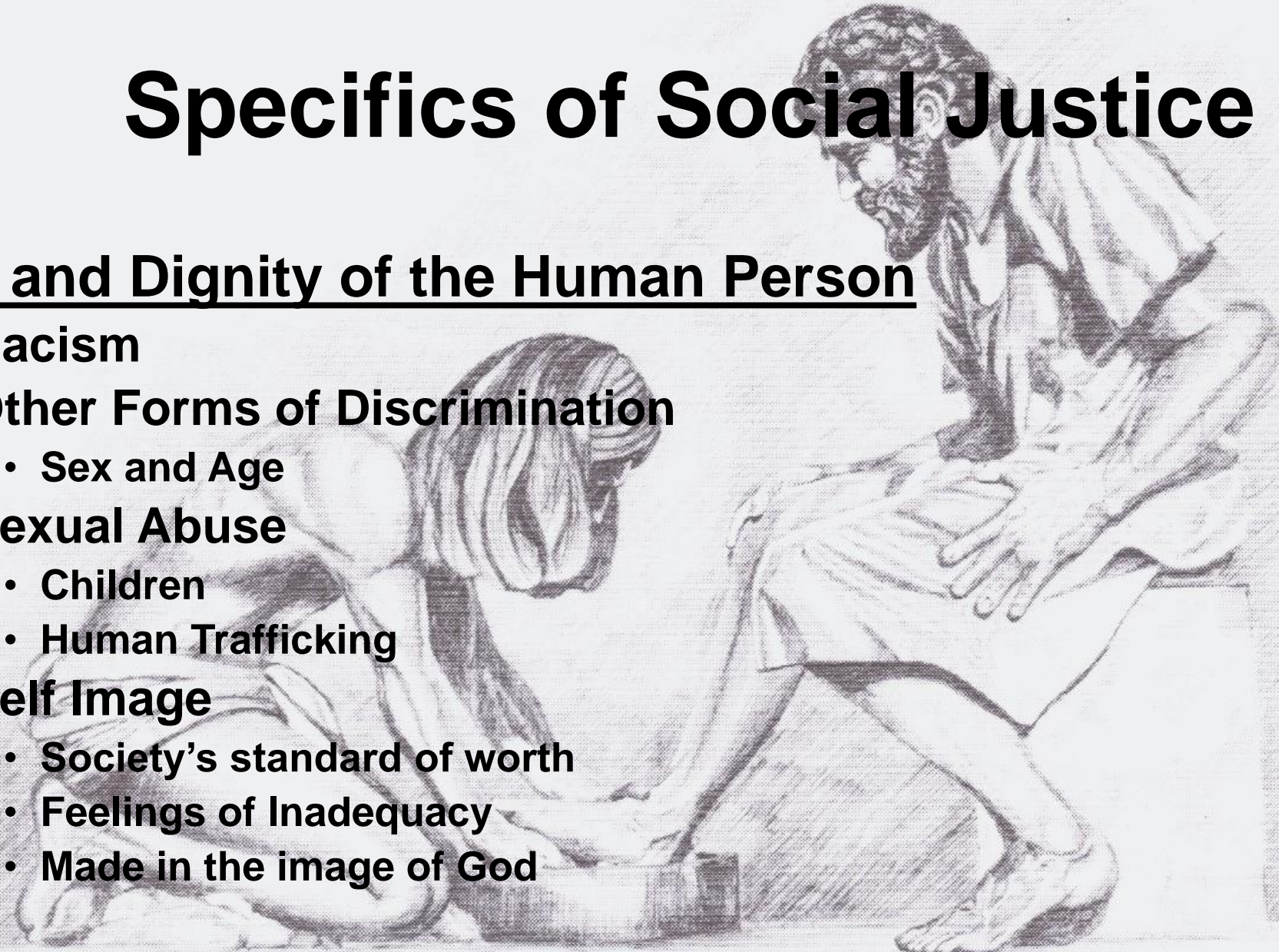


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Specifics of Social Justice

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person

- Racism
- Other Forms of Discrimination
 - Sex and Age
- Sexual Abuse
 - Children
 - Human Trafficking
- Self Image
 - Society's standard of worth
 - Feelings of Inadequacy
 - Made in the image of God



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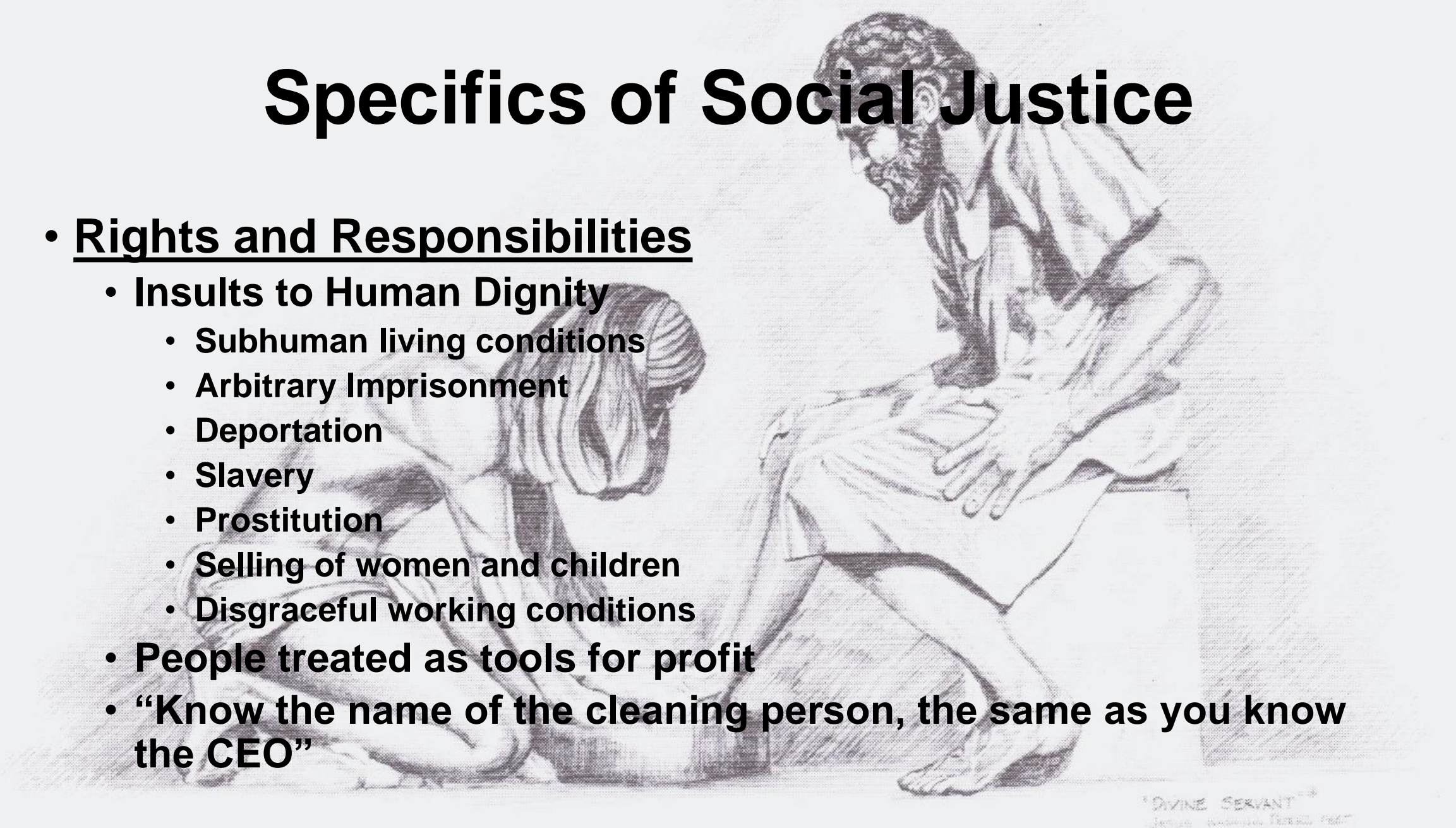
- Rights and Responsibilities

- **Insults to Human Dignity**

- Subhuman living conditions
- Arbitrary Imprisonment
- Deportation
- Slavery
- Prostitution
- Selling of women and children
- Disgraceful working conditions

- **People treated as tools for profit**

- **“Know the name of the cleaning person, the same as you know the CEO”**

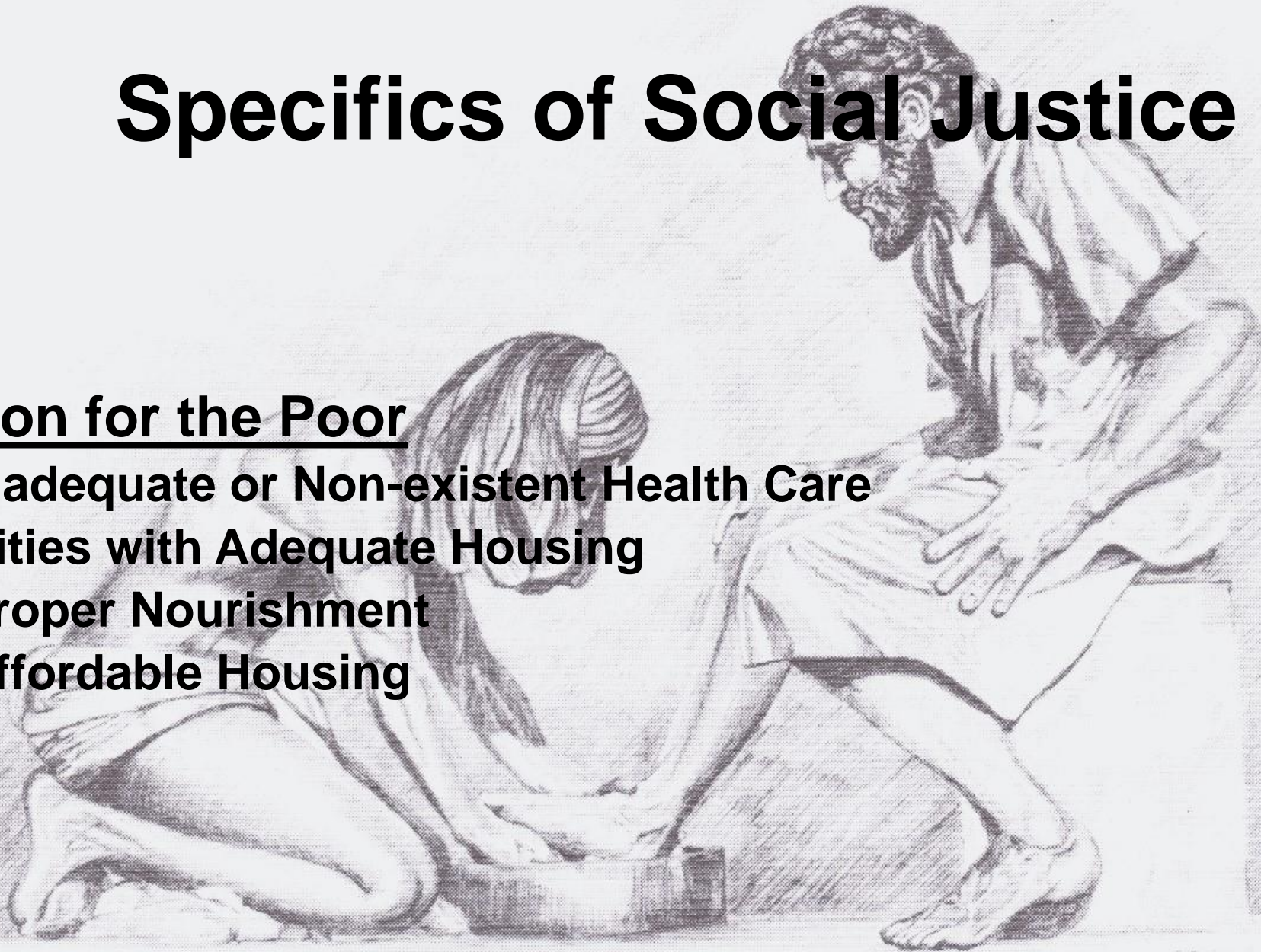


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- Option for the Poor

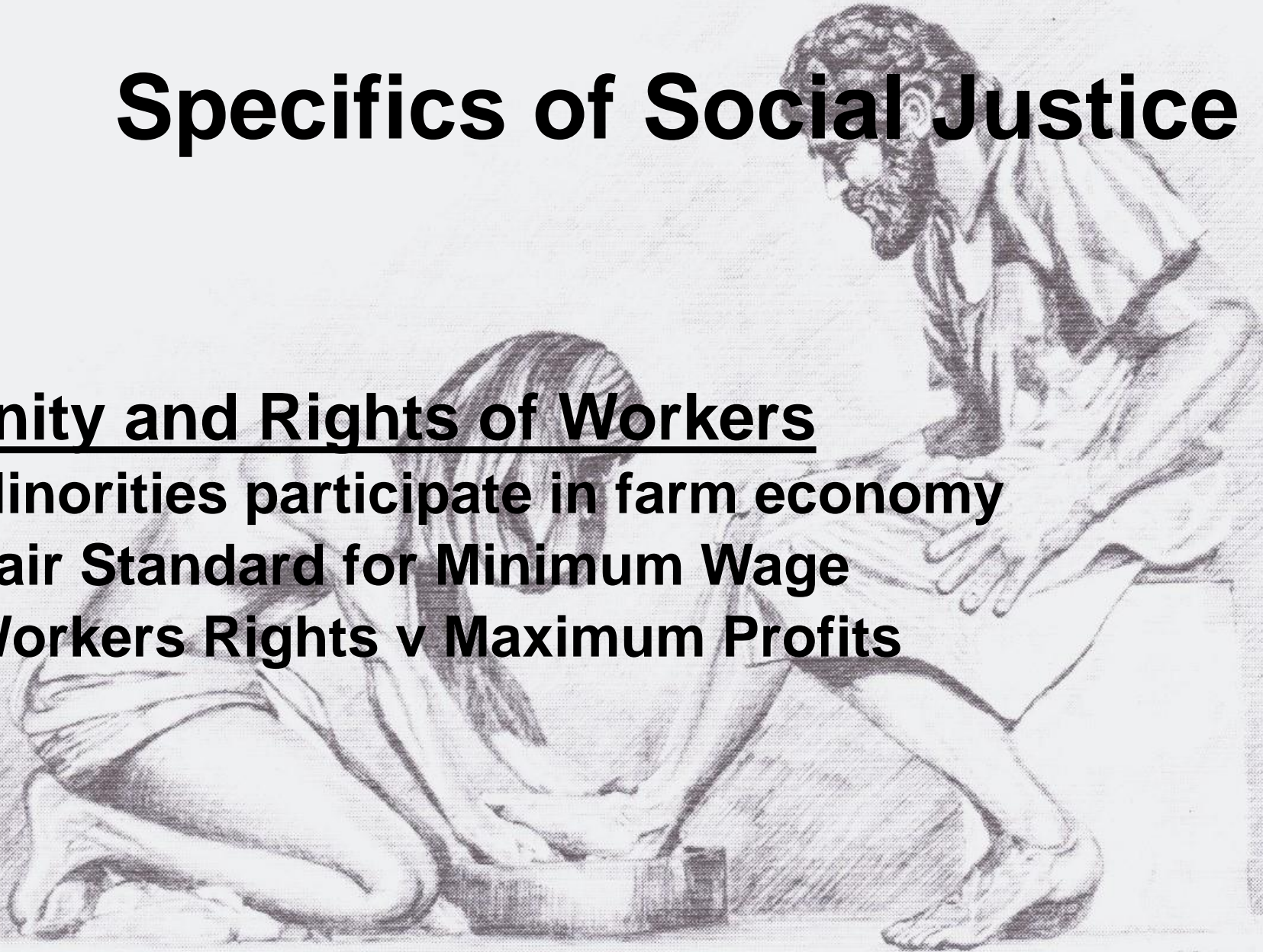
- Inadequate or Non-existent Health Care
- Cities with Adequate Housing
- Proper Nourishment
- Affordable Housing



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A POOR MAN
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Specifics of Social Justice

- Dignity and Rights of Workers
 - Minorities participate in farm economy
 - Fair Standard for Minimum Wage
 - Workers Rights v Maximum Profits

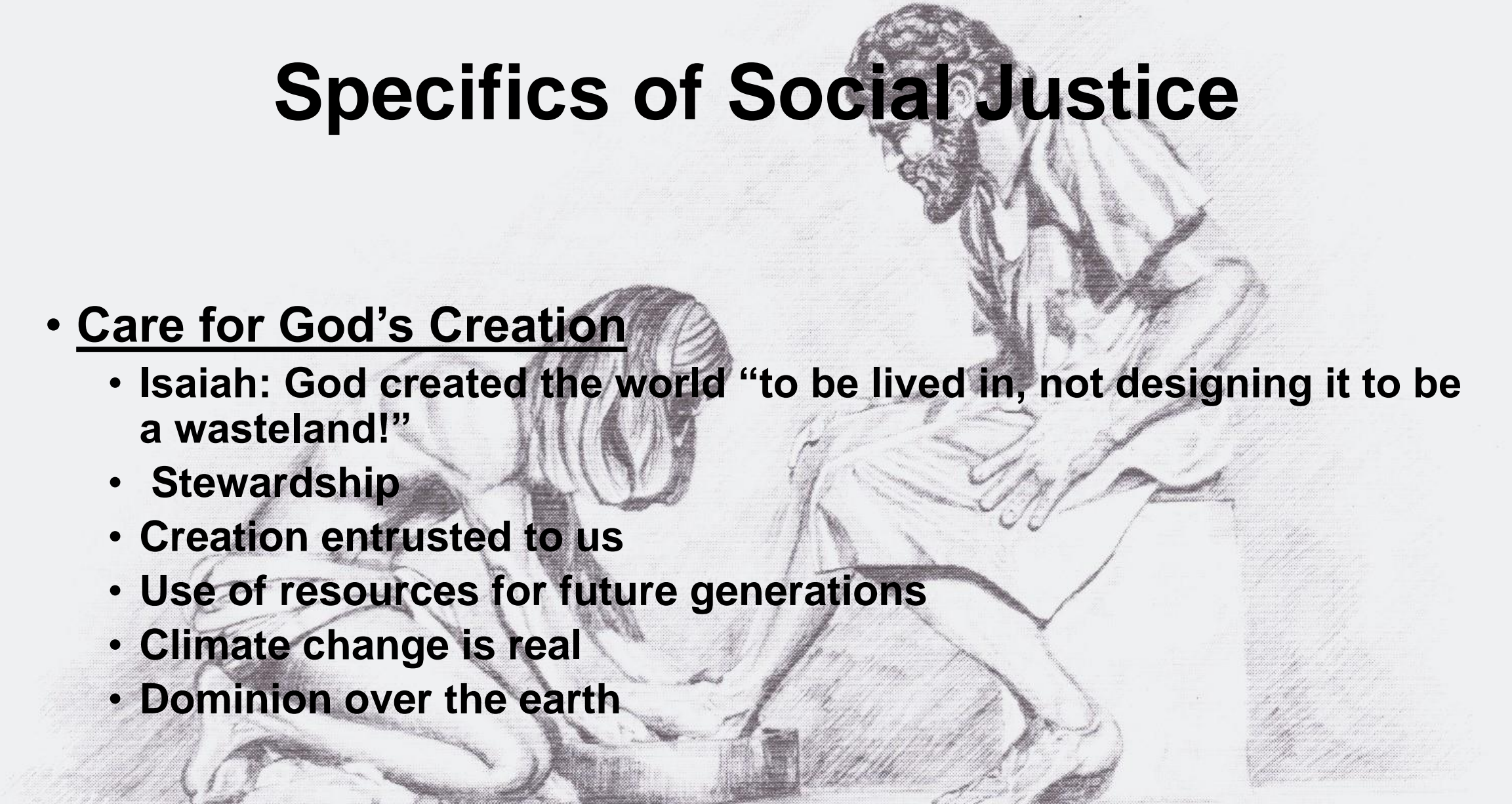


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Specifics of Social Justice

- Care for God's Creation

- Isaiah: God created the world "to be lived in, not designing it to be a wasteland!"
- Stewardship
- Creation entrusted to us
- Use of resources for future generations
- Climate change is real
- Dominion over the earth



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- All of these are issues of Social Justice that we cannot ignore. Respect for the dignity of the human person demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. The development of a compassionate culture is all of our responsibility.

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