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1 NOW SHEPHATIAH son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jucal [also called Jehucal] son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malchiah heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying,

2 Thus says the Lord: He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life as his only booty [as a prize of war], and he shall live. [Jer. 21:9.]

3 Thus says the Lord: This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

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4 Therefore the princes said to the king, We beseech you, let this man [Jeremiah] be put to death; for [talking] thus he weakens the hands of the soldiers who remain in this city and the hands of all the people by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of these people, but [to do them] harm.

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9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon or cistern pit; and he is liable to die of hunger and is [as good as] dead in the place where he is, for there is no more bread left in the city.

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from here thirty men with you and raise Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon or cistern pit before he dies.

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11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went into the house of the king [to a room] under the treasury, and took along from there old rags and worn-out garments and let them down by ropes into the dungeon or cistern pit to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, Put now these old rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so.

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13 So they drew up Jeremiah with the ropes and took him up out of the dungeon or cistern pit; and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

28 So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken [by the Chaldeans].

1. Conviction (vs. 1-3)

2. Compromise (vs. 4-6)

3. Compassion (7-13a)

4. Commutation (13b & 28)

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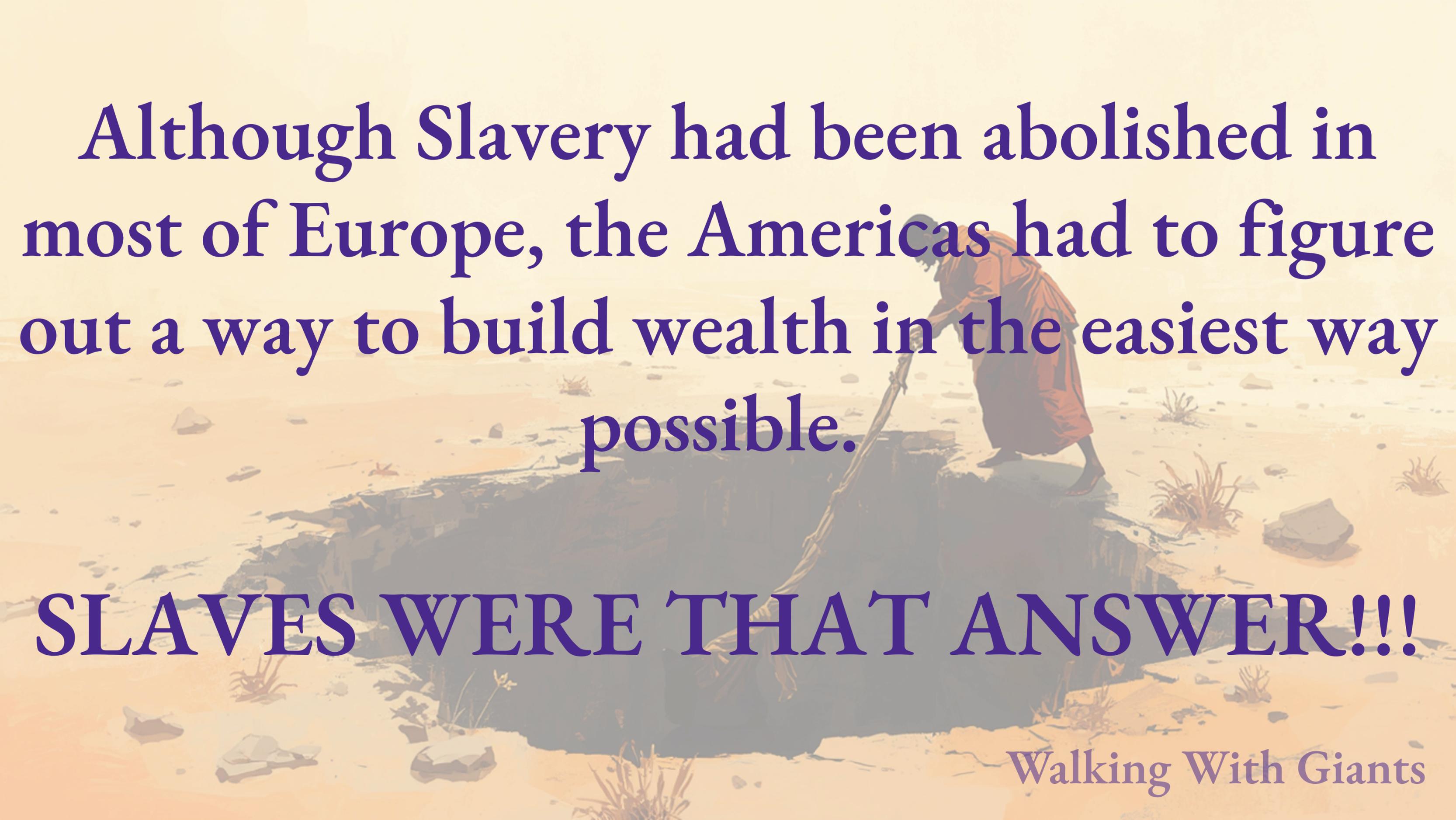
Conviction

There's a wrong, I must repent, change and acknowledge. Instead the king's response was to **NOT ACT!**

How We Respond to Conviction shows our true heart.

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SLAVES WERE THAT ANSWER!!!

A person wearing a red robe is shown from the back, digging a deep hole in a sandy, rocky desert landscape. The person is using a long-handled tool, possibly a pickaxe or shovel, to dig. The ground is uneven with scattered rocks and small, dry plants. The background shows a vast, open desert under a bright sky.

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ELEVEN SESSIONS

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE AMERICAN CHURCH'S
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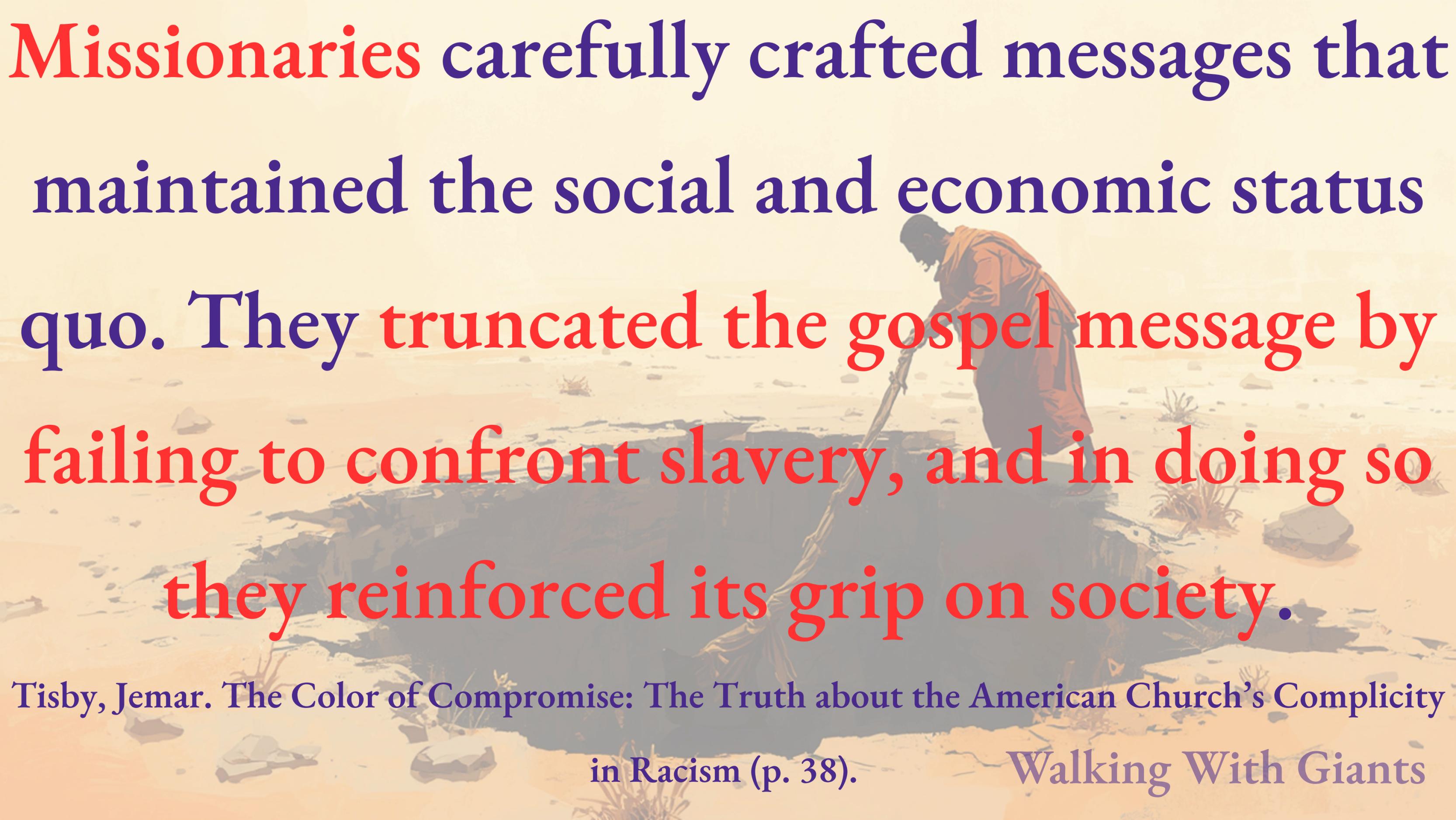
THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE

New York Times Bestselling Author

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Missionaries carefully crafted messages that maintained the social and economic status quo. They truncated the gospel message by failing to confront slavery, and in doing so they reinforced its grip on society.

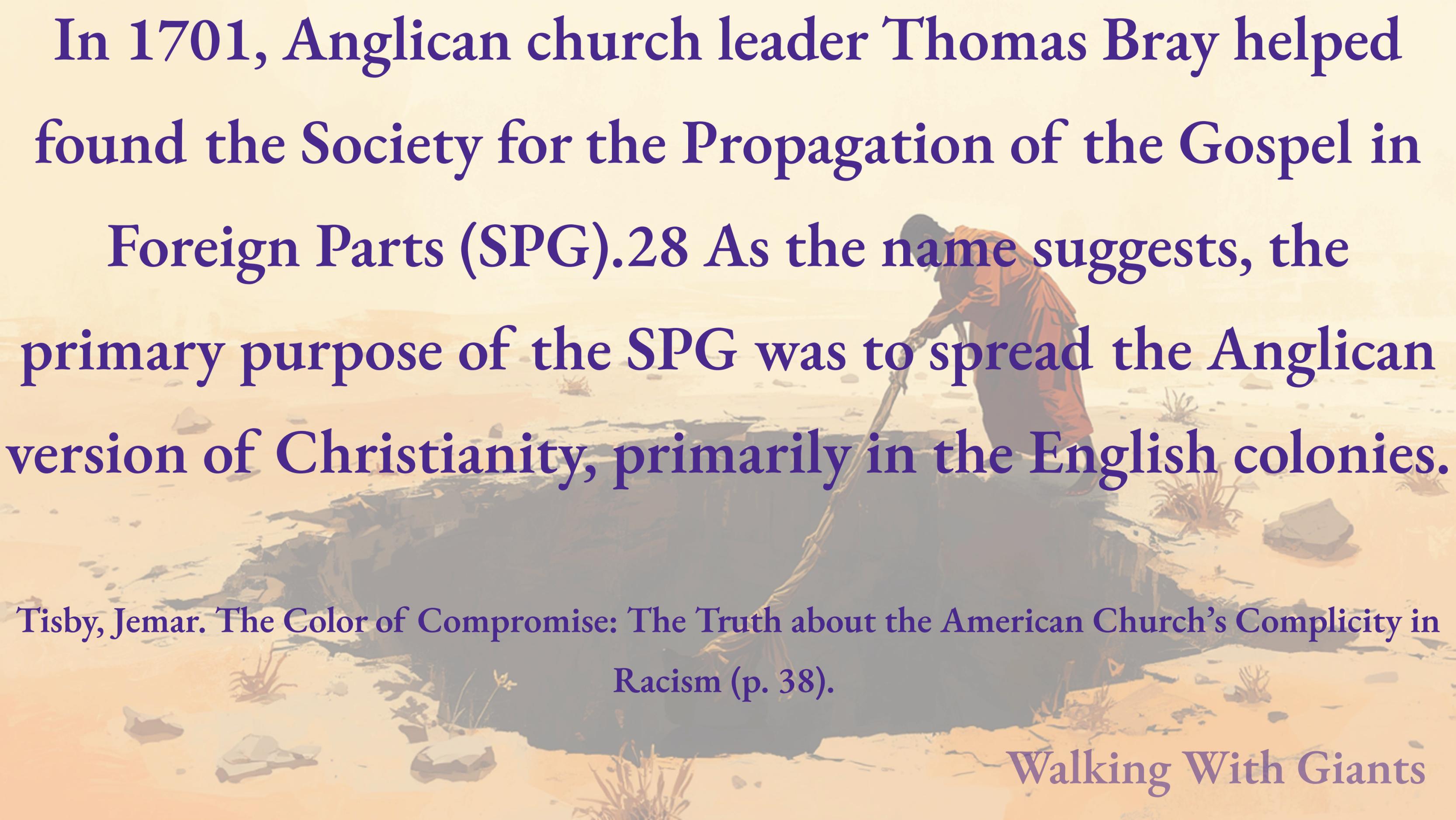
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Compromise

The King did not respond, but rather let the majority assist in making him “ignore” the truth.

He threw Jeremiah in the Pit

5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hands; for the king is in no position to do anything against you.

A person wearing a red jacket and dark pants is shown from the side, leaning over and digging a hole in the ground with a long-handled tool. The ground is sandy and rocky, with some sparse, dry vegetation. The background shows a vast, open desert landscape under a bright sky. The overall scene is set in a warm, arid environment.

In 1701, Anglican church leader Thomas Bray helped found the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG).²⁸ As the name suggests, the primary purpose of the SPG was to spread the Anglican version of Christianity, primarily in the English colonies.

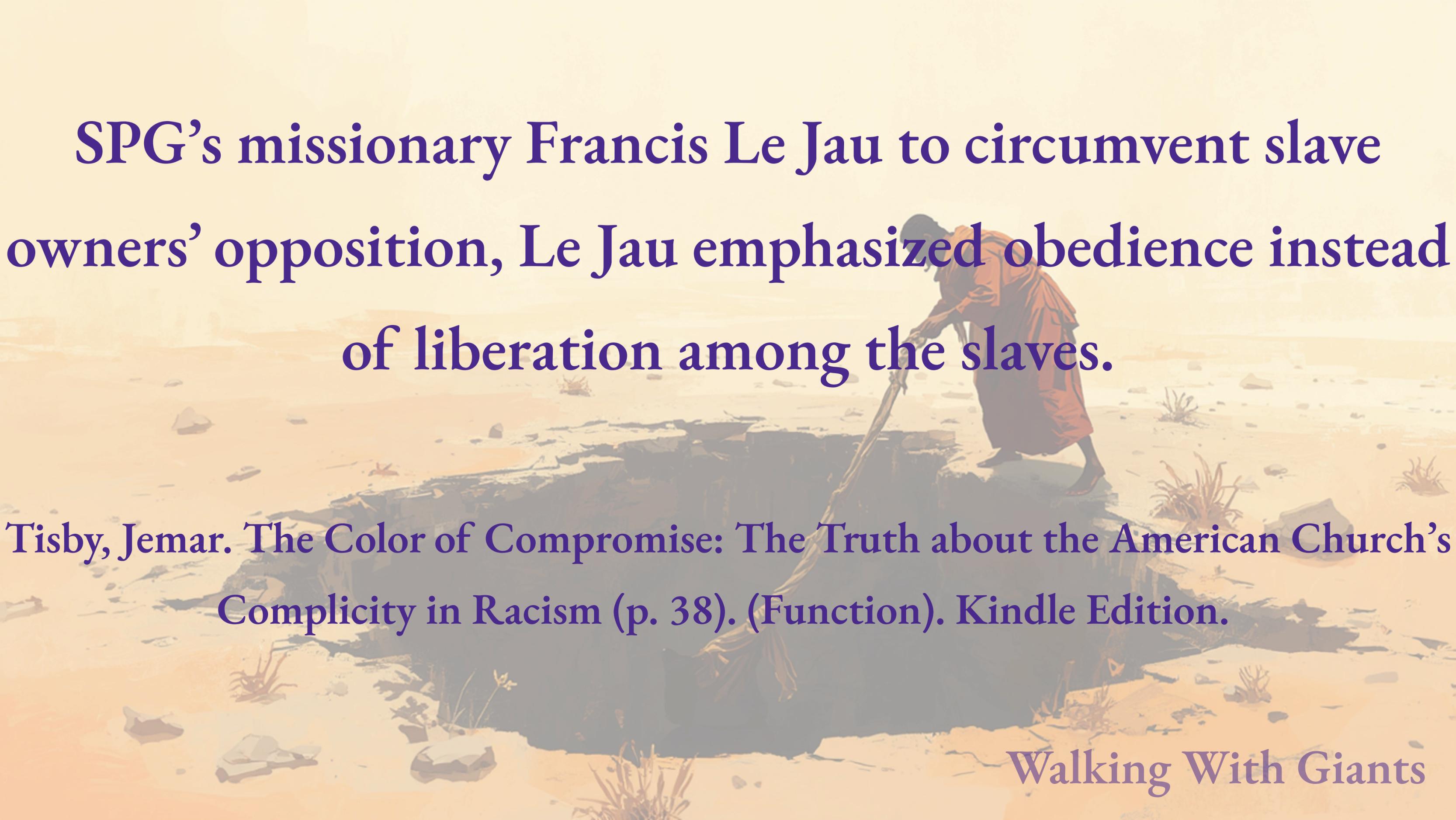
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While many officials had an interest in sharing the gospel with non-Europeans, they were not interested in sharing power or promoting equality. Instead, the SPG, like many European missionary endeavors in North America, preached a message that said Christianity could save one's soul but not break one's chains.

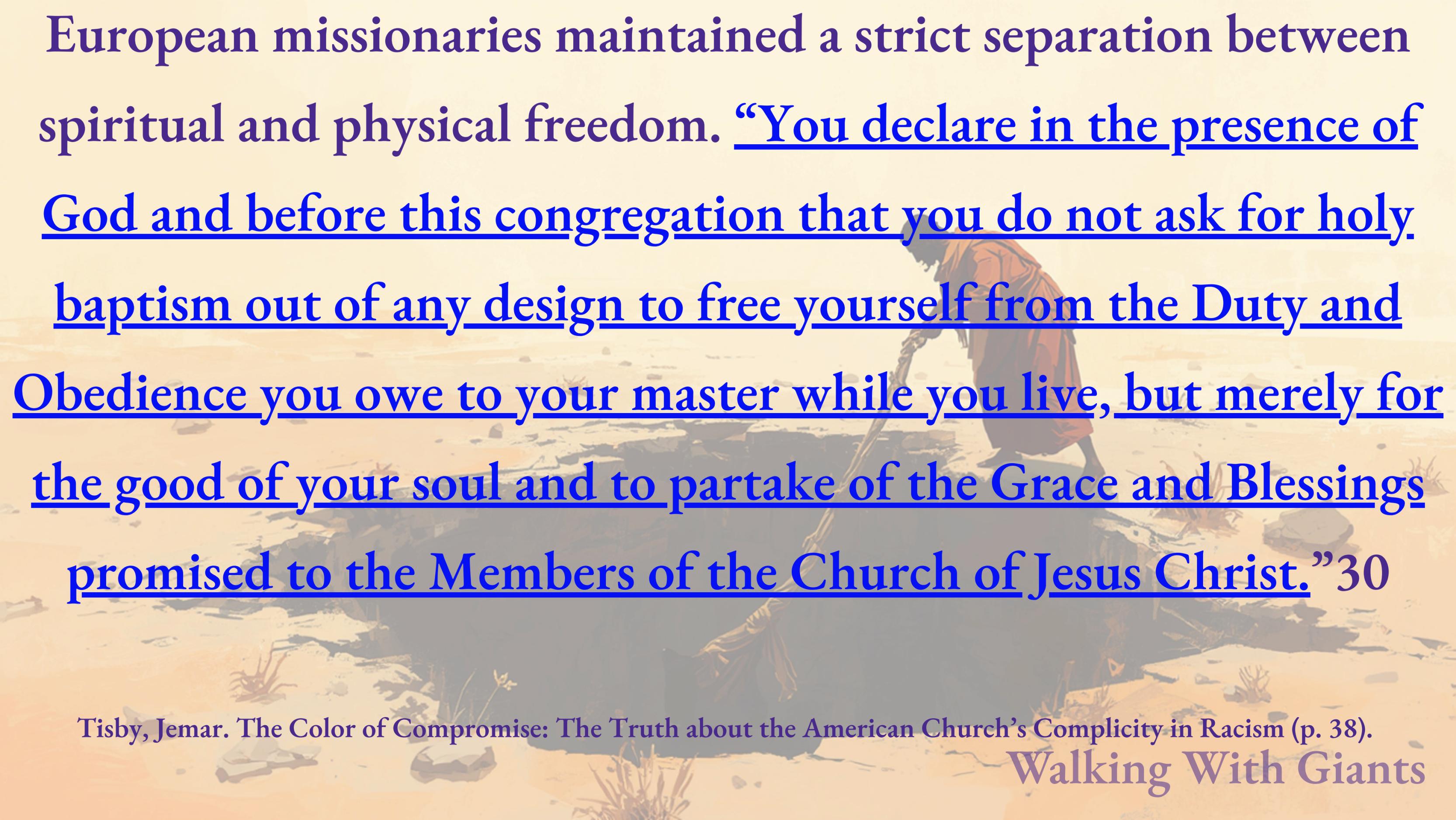
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A person wearing a red robe is standing on a stone wall in a desert landscape. The person is leaning forward, holding a long, thin object, possibly a staff or a tool. The background shows a vast, arid desert with some sparse vegetation and a clear sky.

SPG's missionary Francis Le Jau to circumvent slave owners' opposition, Le Jau emphasized obedience instead of liberation among the slaves.

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European missionaries maintained a strict separation between spiritual and physical freedom. “You declare in the presence of God and before this congregation that you do not ask for holy baptism out of any design to free yourself from the Duty and Obedience you owe to your master while you live, but merely for the good of your soul and to partake of the Grace and Blessings promised to the Members of the Church of Jesus Christ.”³⁰

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Allen helped start the Bethel African Church in Philadelphia in 1794. Since so many black Methodists faced similar racial obstacles with their white coreligionists, Allen helped found the African Methodist Episcopal denomination in 1816 and became its first bishop.

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We Were in a pit!

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Raise Them Up!
Out of Their Dungeons or Pits!
Before They Die!

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4. Commutation (13b & 28)

A commutation is the substitution of a lesser penalty for that given after a conviction for a crime. It does not mean the crime didn't happen; it means the Sovereign power has decided to change the outcome

38b “and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.”

28: So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken [by the Chaldeans].

From The Pit to the Palace!

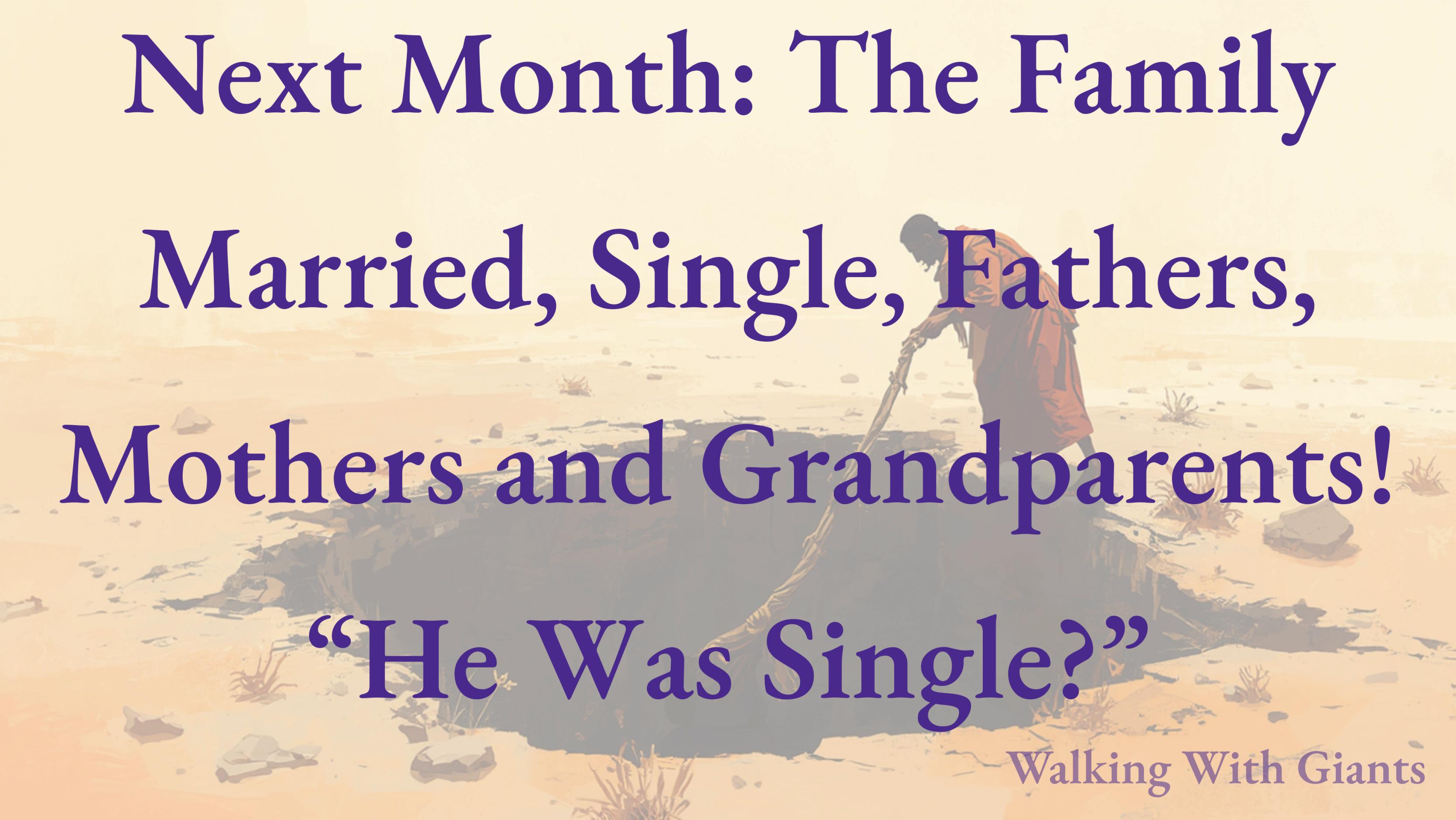
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A man in a red robe is shown in a desert landscape, lifting a large, dark stone from a hole in the ground. The scene is set against a bright, hazy background, suggesting a hot, sunny day. The man is leaning over the hole, and the stone is being hoisted by a rope or pulley system. The overall tone is one of labor and perseverance.

They Ain't Heavy...

Lift Them UP!!!

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A man in a red robe is leaning over a large, dark, irregular hole in a sandy, rocky landscape. The scene is set in a desert-like environment with sparse vegetation and scattered rocks. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The man's shadow is cast on the ground to his right.

Next Month: The Family

**Married, Single, Fathers,
Mothers and Grandparents!**

“He Was Single?”

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