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<sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

Acts 2:43 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer — at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

Acts 3:1-2 (NIV)

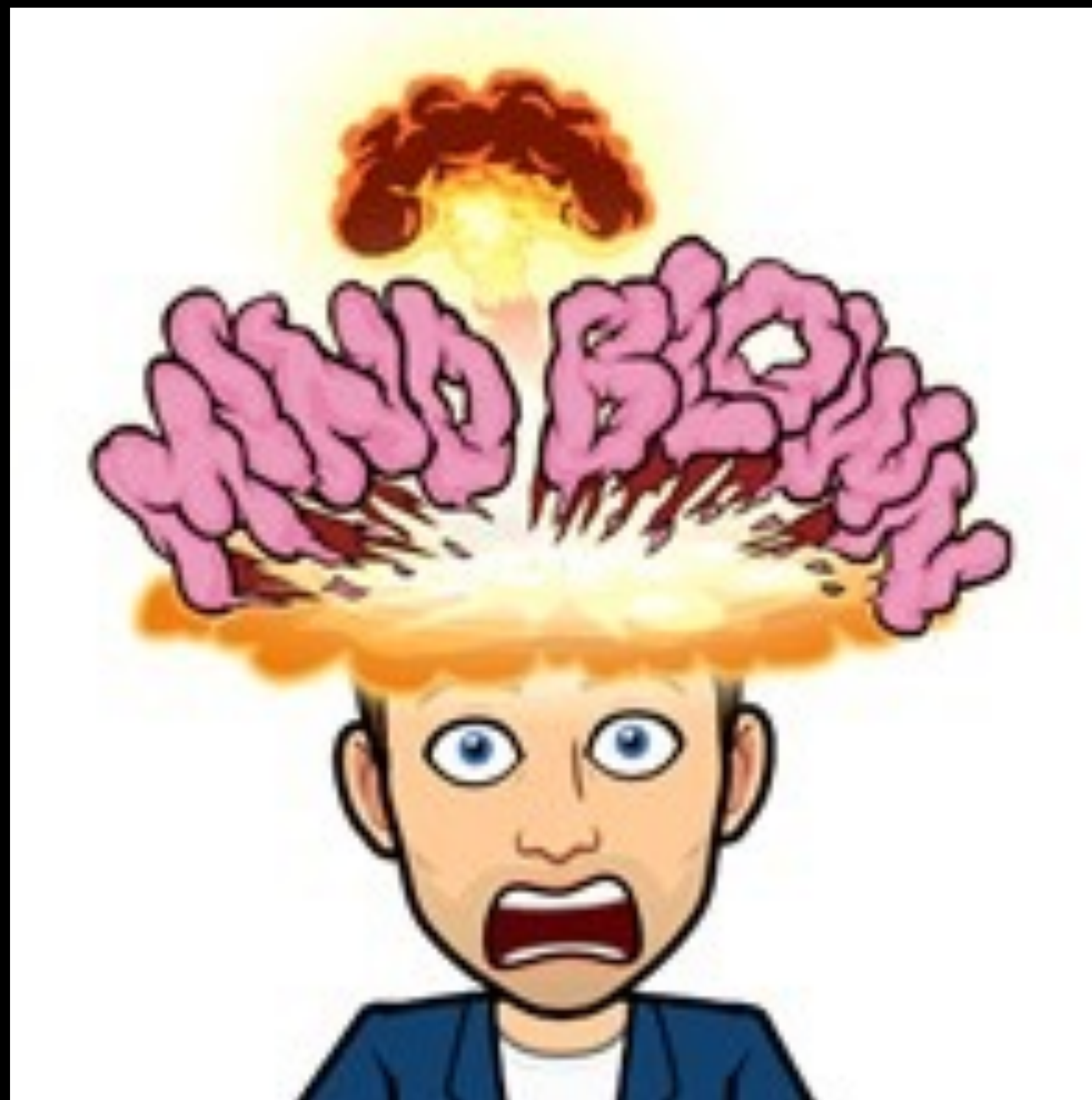
<sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

Acts 3:1-2 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 3:1-2 (NIV)







This darkness can happen to a believer, it  
doesn't mean you are lost.



This darkness can happen to someone who does not deserve it, after all it happened to Jesus, that doesn't mean you've strayed.



This darkness can happen at any time as long as  
this world lasts because only in the next world  
will such things be done away with.



This darkness can happen without you knowing  
why, but there are answers, there is a purpose,  
and eventually you will know it.

Michael Wilcock  
*The Message of Psalms 73 – 150, p. 65*



<sup>11</sup> While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

Acts 3:11 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

Acts 3:12-13 (NIV)



<sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Acts 3:14-16 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

Acts 3:17-18 (NIV)



<sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything as he promised long ago through his Holy prophets.

Acts 3:19-21 (NIV)





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Following Jesus has to make it onto your schedule and into your practices or it will simply never happen. Apprenticeship to Jesus will remain an idea, not a reality in your life. But here's the rub: most of us are too busy to follow Jesus.

Comer, John Mark  
*The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, p. 95



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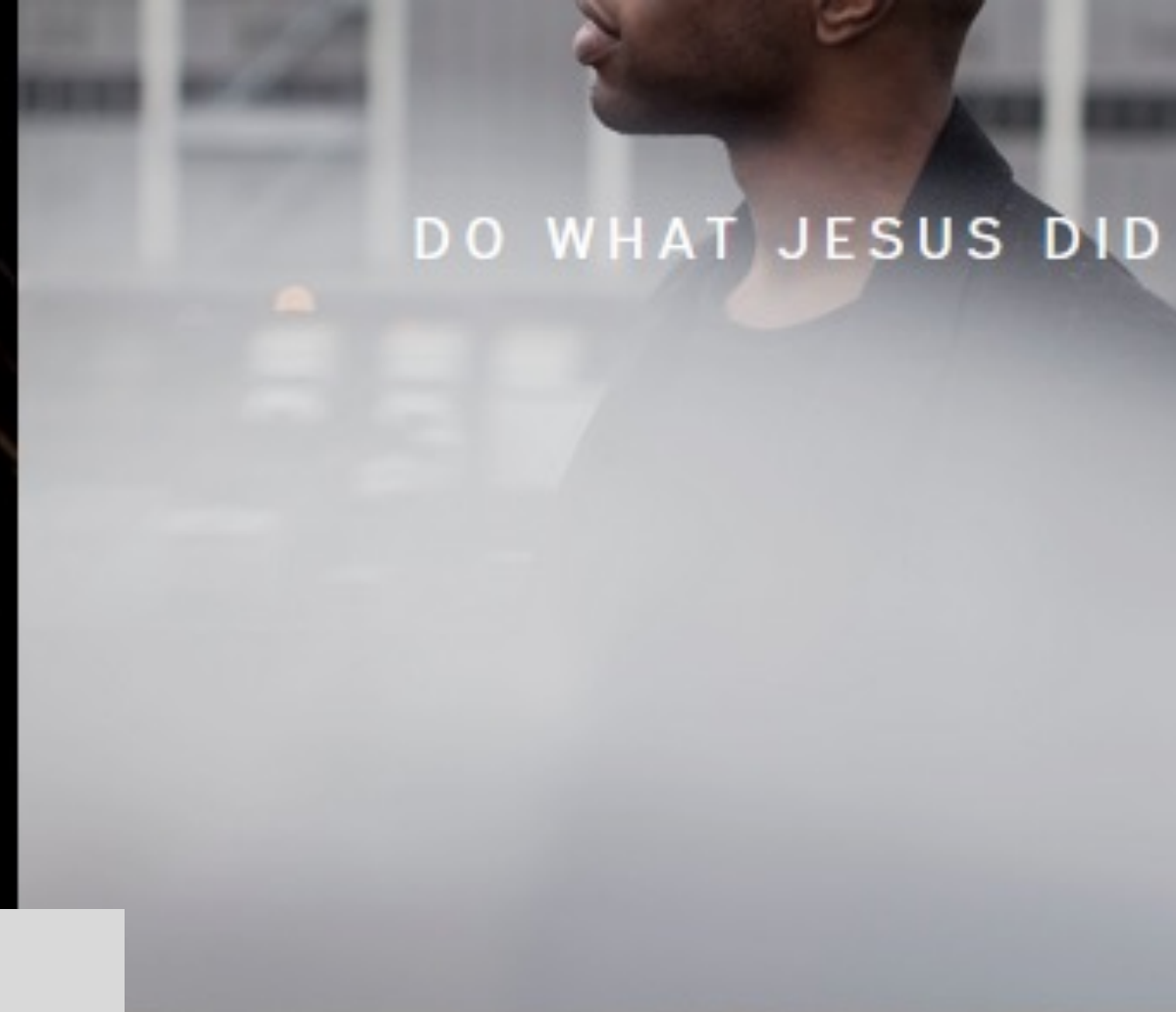
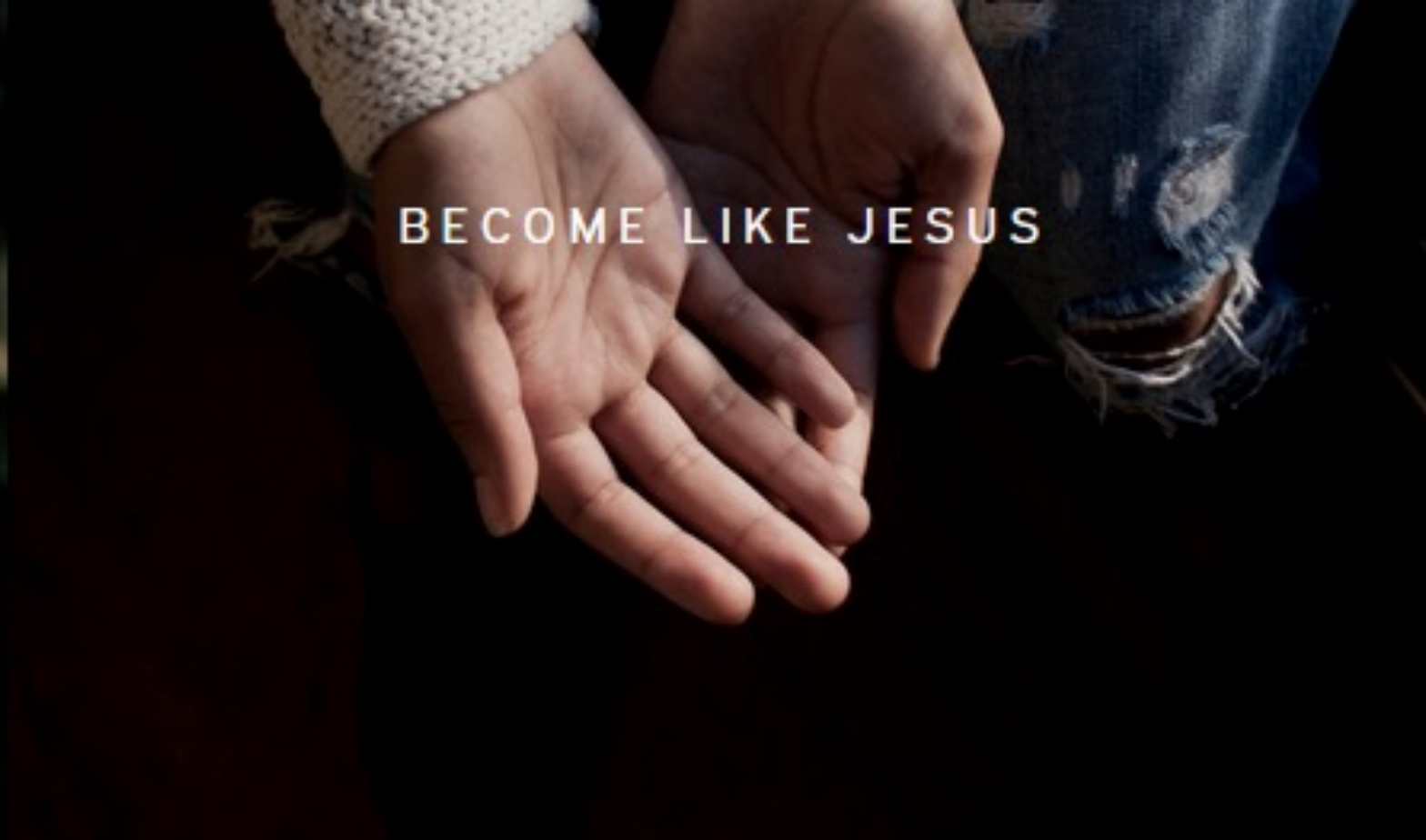
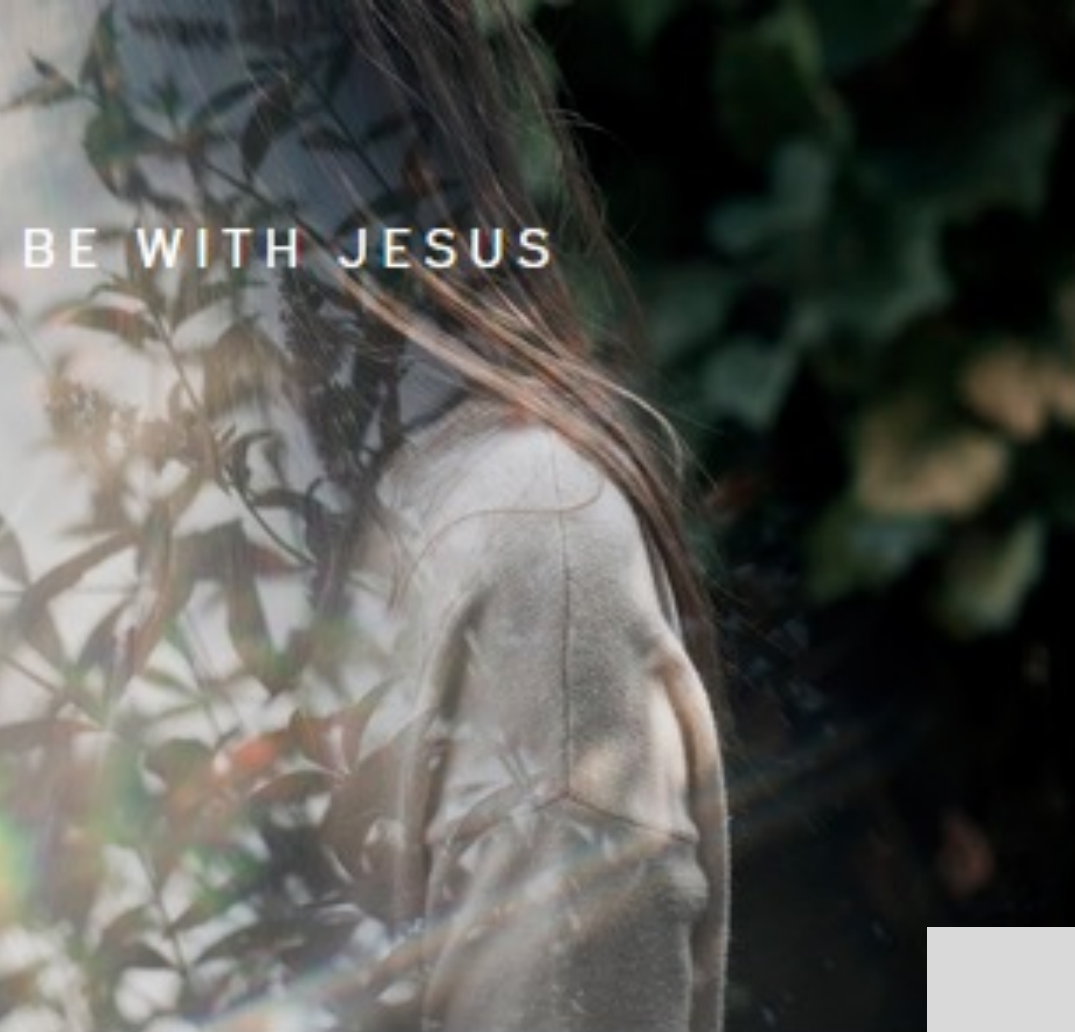
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