

A cityscape at sunset with a glowing cross in the sky. The background is a panoramic view of a city, likely San Francisco, with the Golden Gate Bridge visible in the distance. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with a bright, glowing cross in the upper right corner. The text is overlaid on the image.

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# **Introduction:**

When Paul's perception of Jesus and himself changed, **EVERYTHING** about him changed!

Text: Acts 9:1-6

**Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way...**

**whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.**

**As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.**

**He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"**

**“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.**

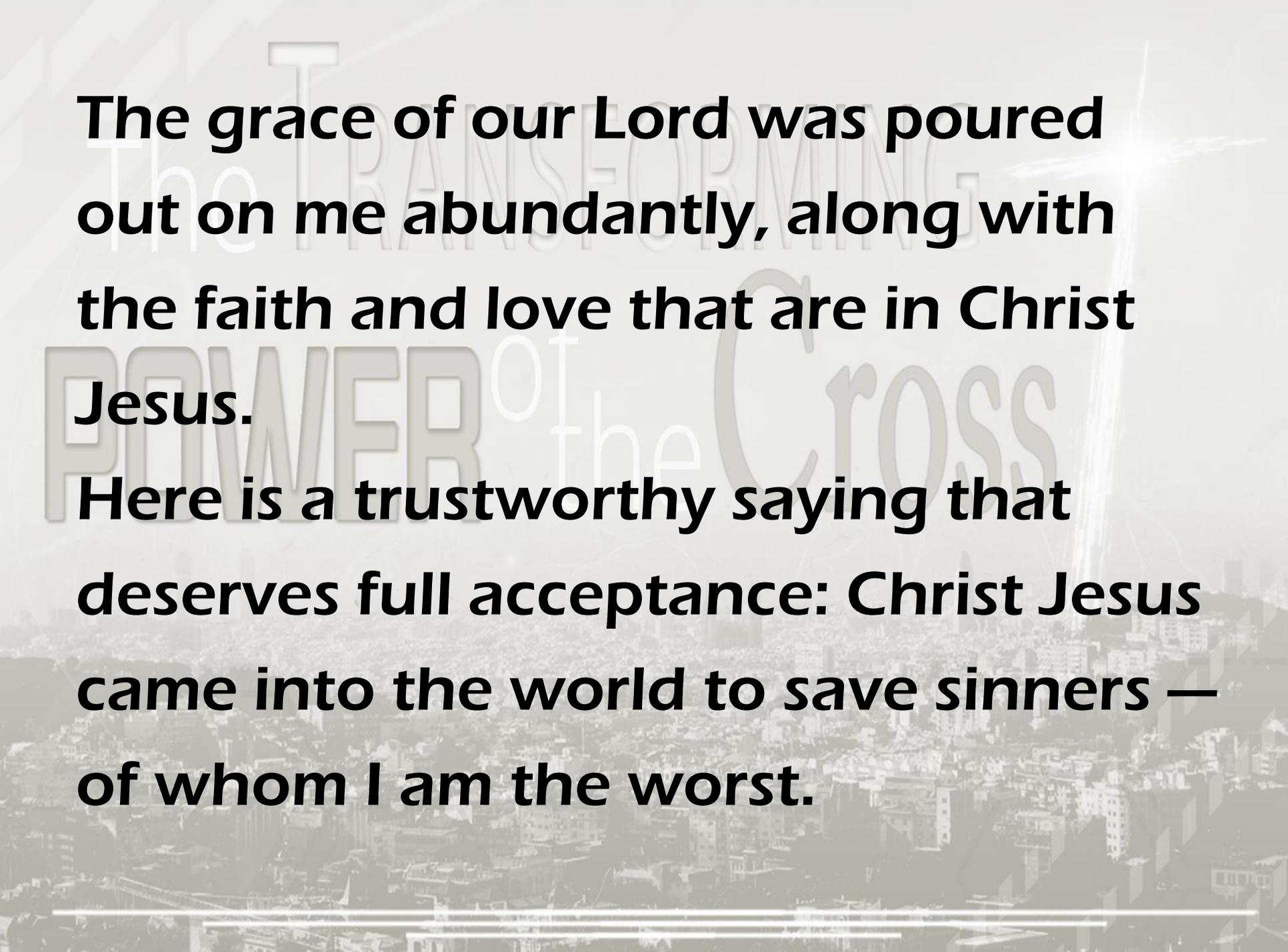
**“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.**

**“Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”**

Acts 9:1-6

Text: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

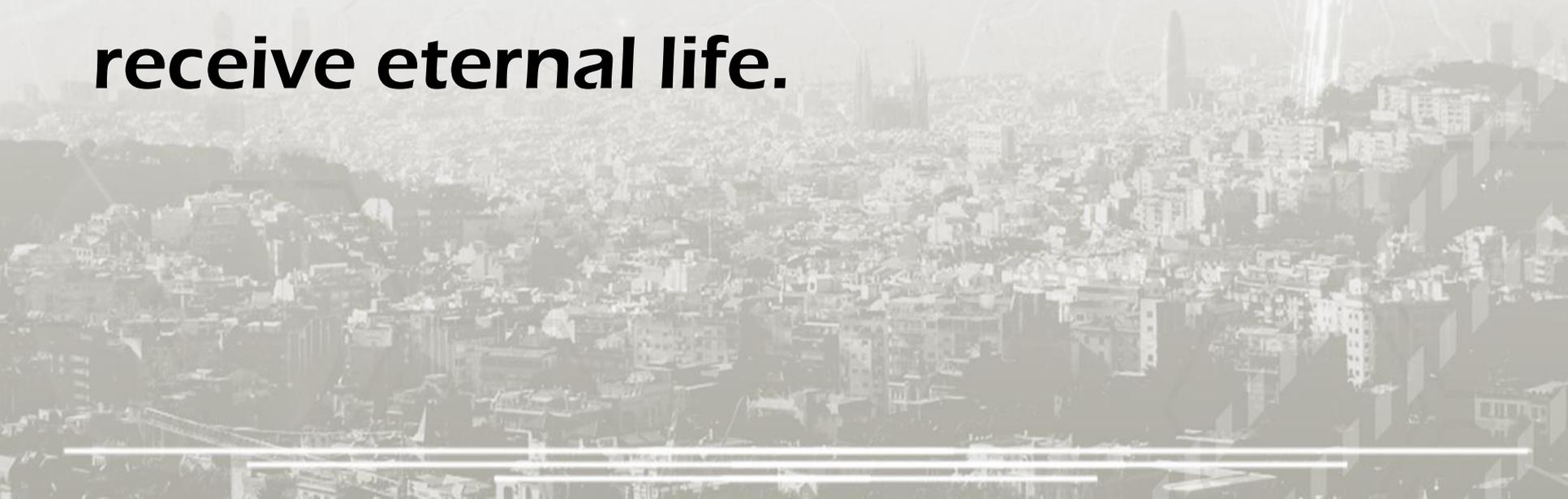
**I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.**



**The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

**Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst.**

**But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.**



**Now to the King eternal, immortal,  
invisible, the only God, be honor and  
glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

1 Timothy 1:12-17

POWER of the Cross

Let's consider Paul's exact words as he looked back at his conversion:

- I thank Christ Jesus
- I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man
- I was shown mercy
- I acted in ignorance and unbelief
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- Along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus
- I am the worst of sinners
- I was shown mercy
- So that...Christ Jesus might display his immense patience

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

Your heart will be filled with

**GRATITUDE**.

Your sins will be consigned to the

**PAST** and you will be freed to walk

boldly into the **FUTURE**.

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

You will learn to understand **MERCY**.

You will receive abundant **GRACE**,  
**FAITH**, and **LOVE** —“I have come  
that you might have life, and have it more  
abundantly (John 10:10).”

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

You will be delivered from your **PRIDE**.

You will become a powerful

**EXAMPLE** to others that will lead

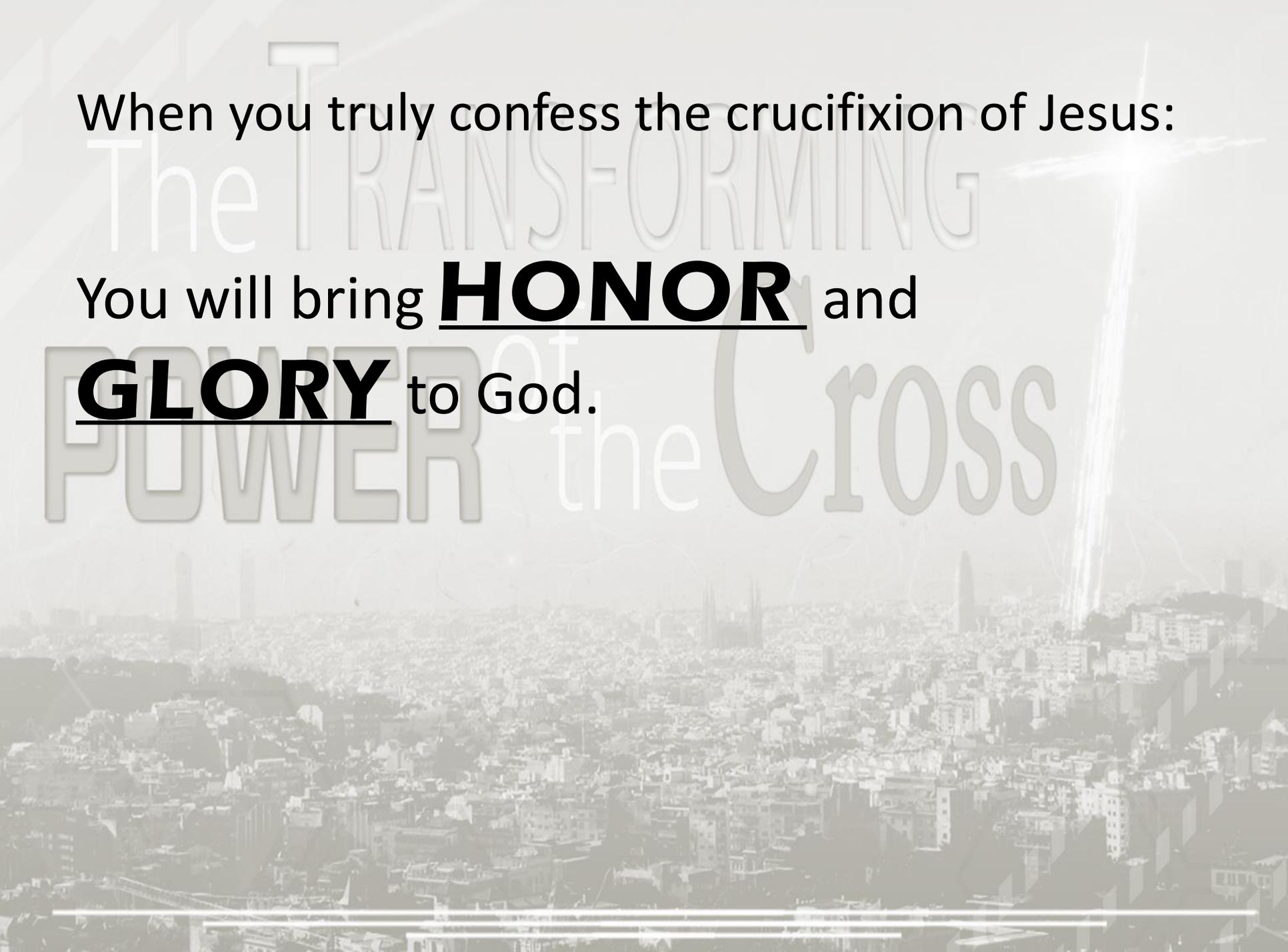
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**ETERNAL LIFE**.

When you truly confess the crucifixion of Jesus:

You will bring **HONOR** and

**GLORY** to God.



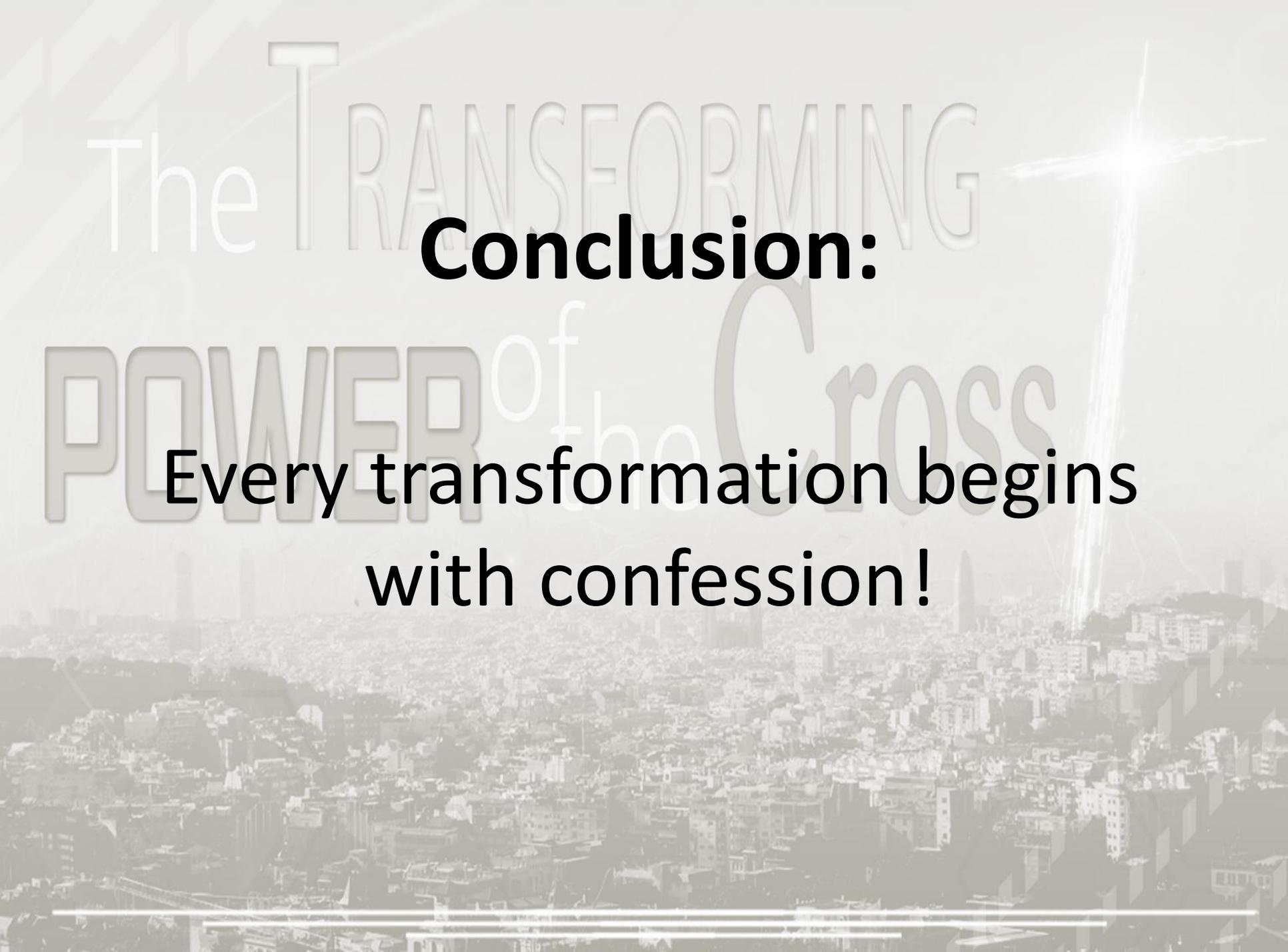
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## **Conclusion:**

Every transformation begins  
with confession!

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