



love

LEARNING TO LEARN

Introduction:

Many of us want to learn how to love better, but before we can learn how to love, we have to learn how to learn!

Text: Matthew 11:16-30

“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: “ ‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent.

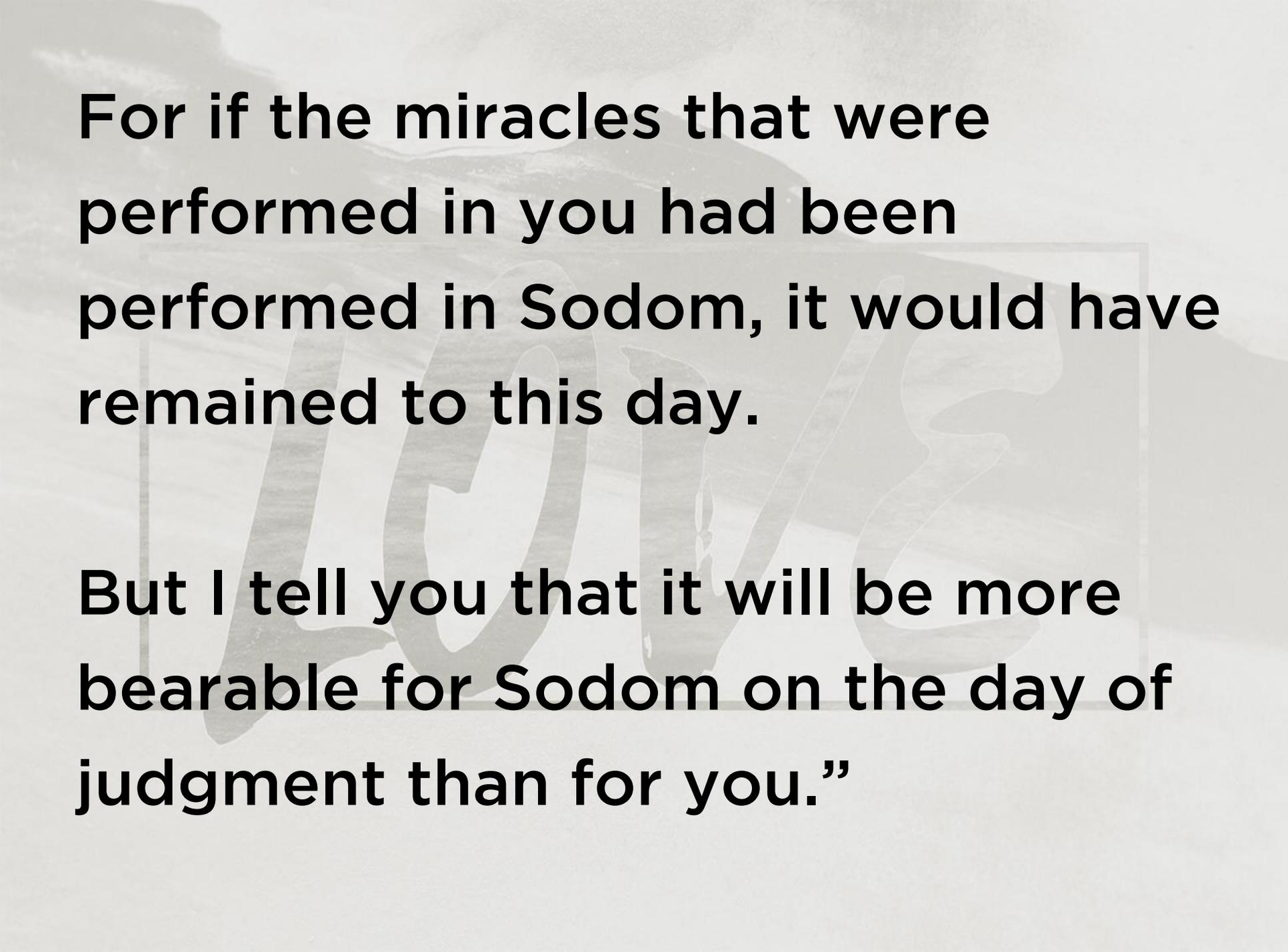
“Woe to you, Chorazin!

Woe to you, Bethsaida!

For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

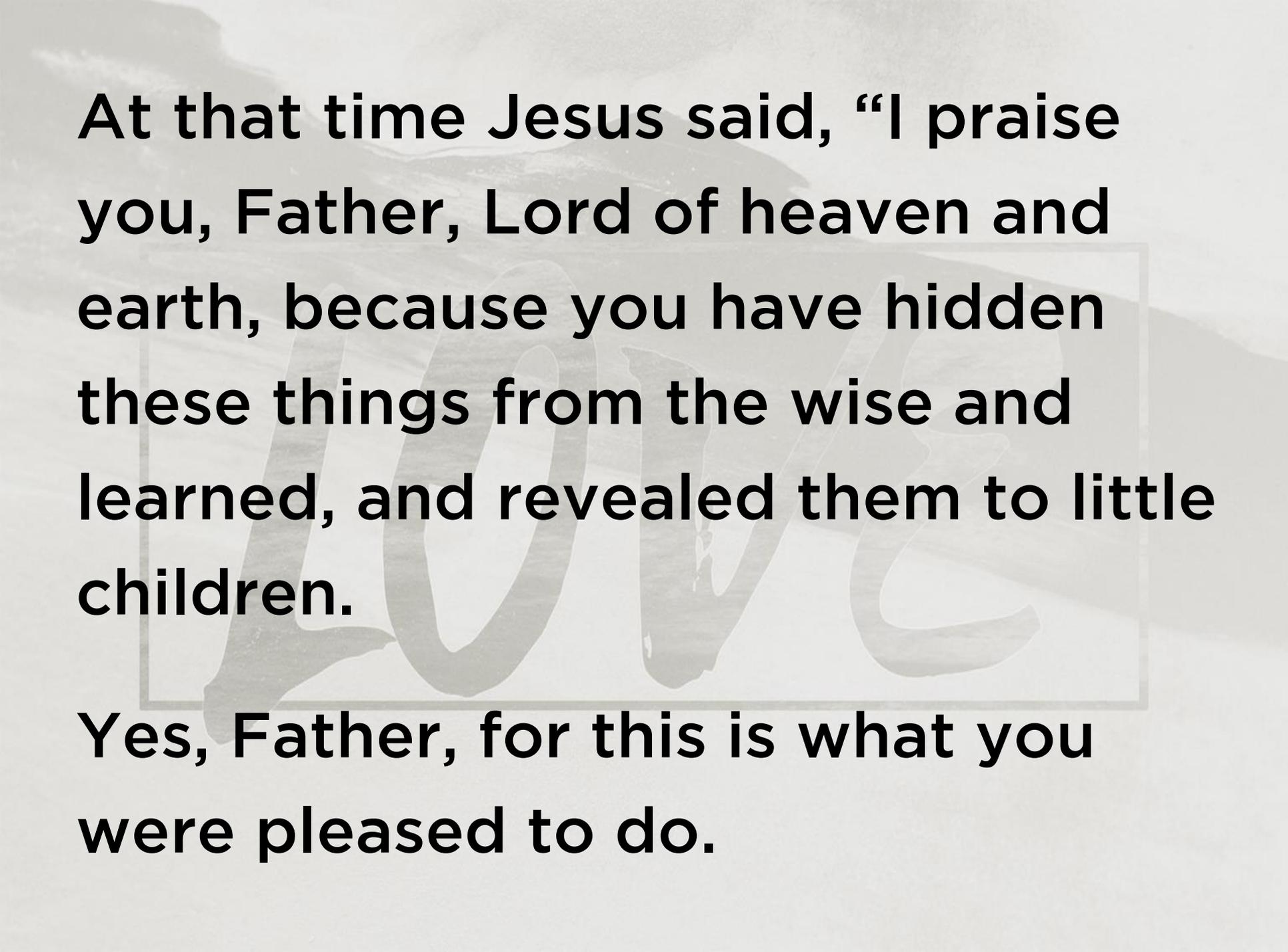
But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.



For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day.

But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”



At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**For my yoke is easy and my
burden is light.”**

Matthew 11:16-30



We can always find a reason to reject the **TRUTH** when we love **LIES**.

We will usually reject the **TRUTH** when we reject the **PERSON** telling it.

Spiritual truth has three powerful enemies:

1. **DISTRACTION**: "I don't have the time or energy for anything that isn't **URGENT!**"

Spiritual truth has three powerful enemies:

2. **DENIAL**: "I'm not
WEARY and
BURDENED! I **LIKE** living
this way!"

Spiritual truth has three powerful enemies:

3. **DEFIANCE**: "I'm not willing to accept any **YOKE**, and I don't need to **LEARN** anything!"

Three weapons are powerful enough to defeat the enemies of truth:

1. **HUMILITY** -- we must recognize our spiritual shortcomings and failures.

Three weapons are powerful enough to defeat the enemies of truth:

2. **DEPENDENCE** -- we must recognize our personal limitations and acknowledge our need for help.

Three weapons are powerful enough to defeat the enemies of truth:

3. **TRUST** -- we must recognize that it is best to carefully choose who and what we will trust.

Conclusion:

The Bible isn't a biography
ABOUT a Jesus who once lived,
but rather is an autobiography
BY a living Jesus that shows us
where and how to find Him!



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