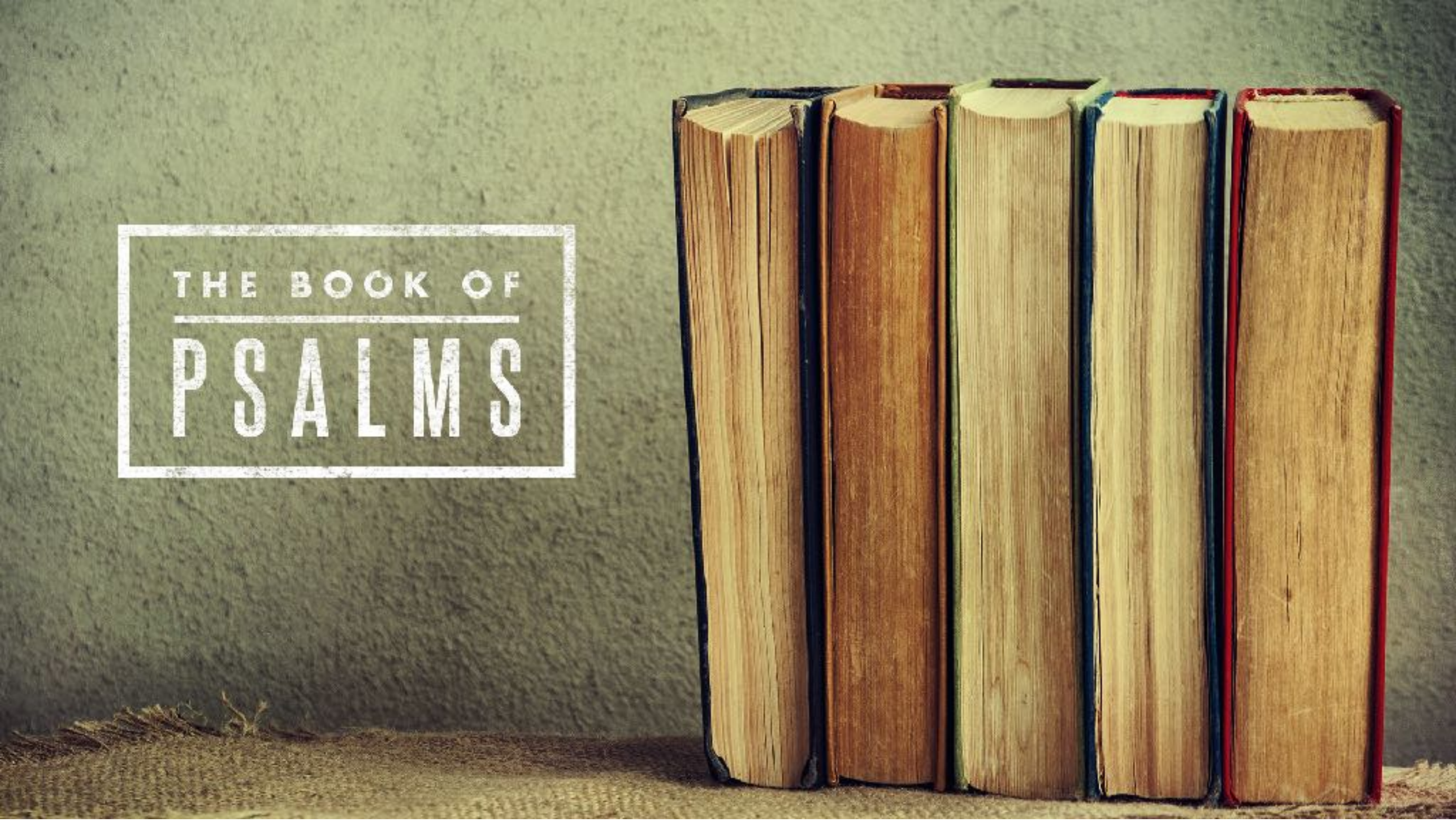
# Thursday, May 21, 2020

# Question...

**Do you have or know anyone whom you would guess has the primary love language of quality time?**

What makes one person feel loved emotionally is not always the thing that makes another person feel loved emotionally.

# God & Quality Time




**The Psalms often speak of God's love for God's creation and God's desire to draw near and spend quality time with them.**

# Psalm 23:4 (VOICE)

**Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness, I am not overcome by fear. Because You are with me in those dark moments, near with Your protection and guidance, I am comforted. I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.**

# Psalm 139:2-5 (MSG)

**I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too—your reassuring presence, coming and going.**

# Psalm 139:7-12 (MSG)

Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute—you're already there waiting! Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!" It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

# Psalm 145:18-20a (NLT)

The LORD is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth. He grants the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them. The Lord protects all those who love him...

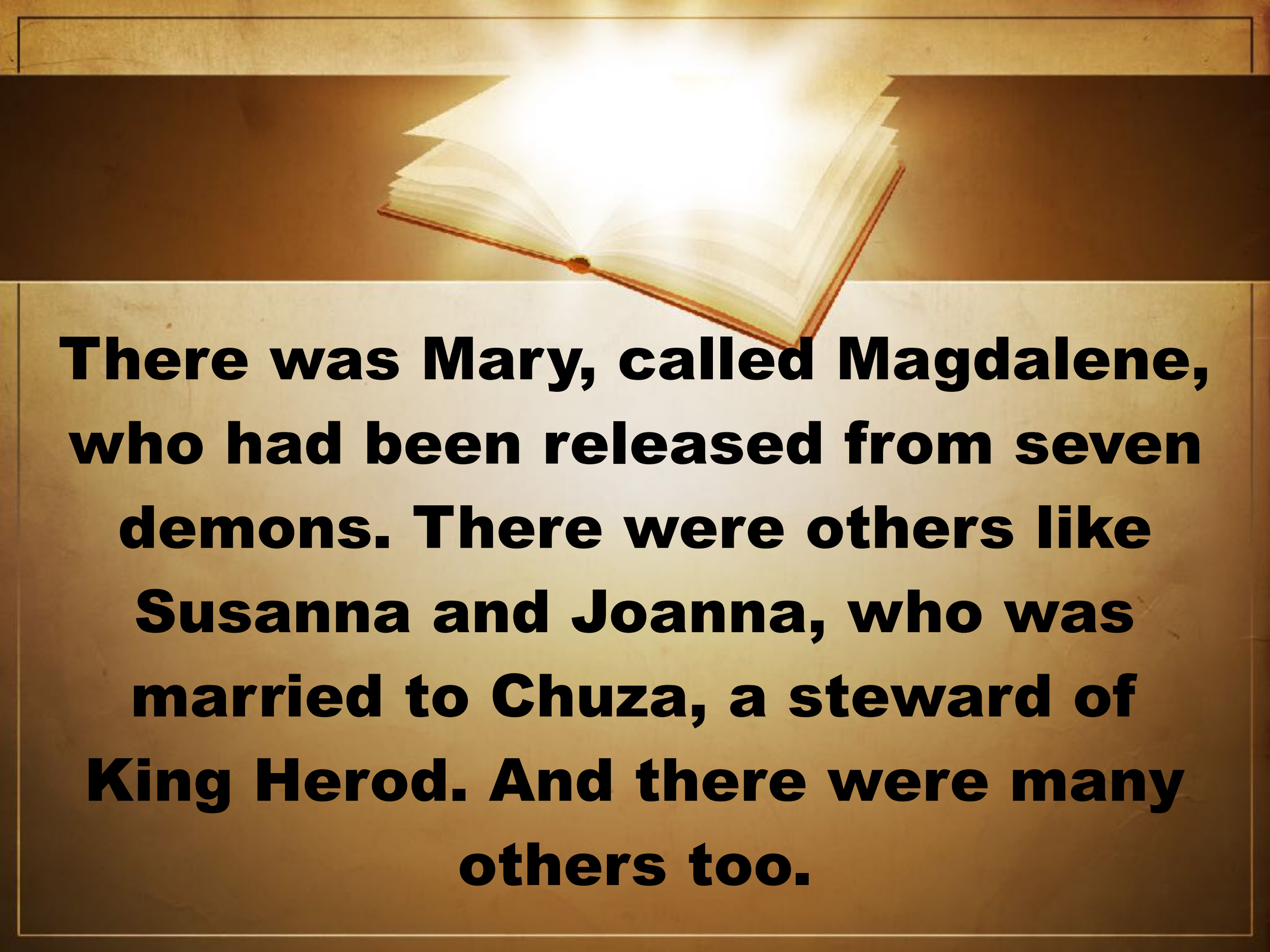
# Isaiah 43:1b-3a (VOICE)

**See, you have nothing to fear. I, who made you, will take you back. I have chosen you, named you as My own. When you face stormy seas I will be there with you with endurance and calm; you will not be engulfed in raging rivers. If it seems like you're walking through fire with flames licking at your limbs, keep going; you won't be burned. Because I, the Eternal One, am your God. I am the Holy One of Israel, and I will save you.**

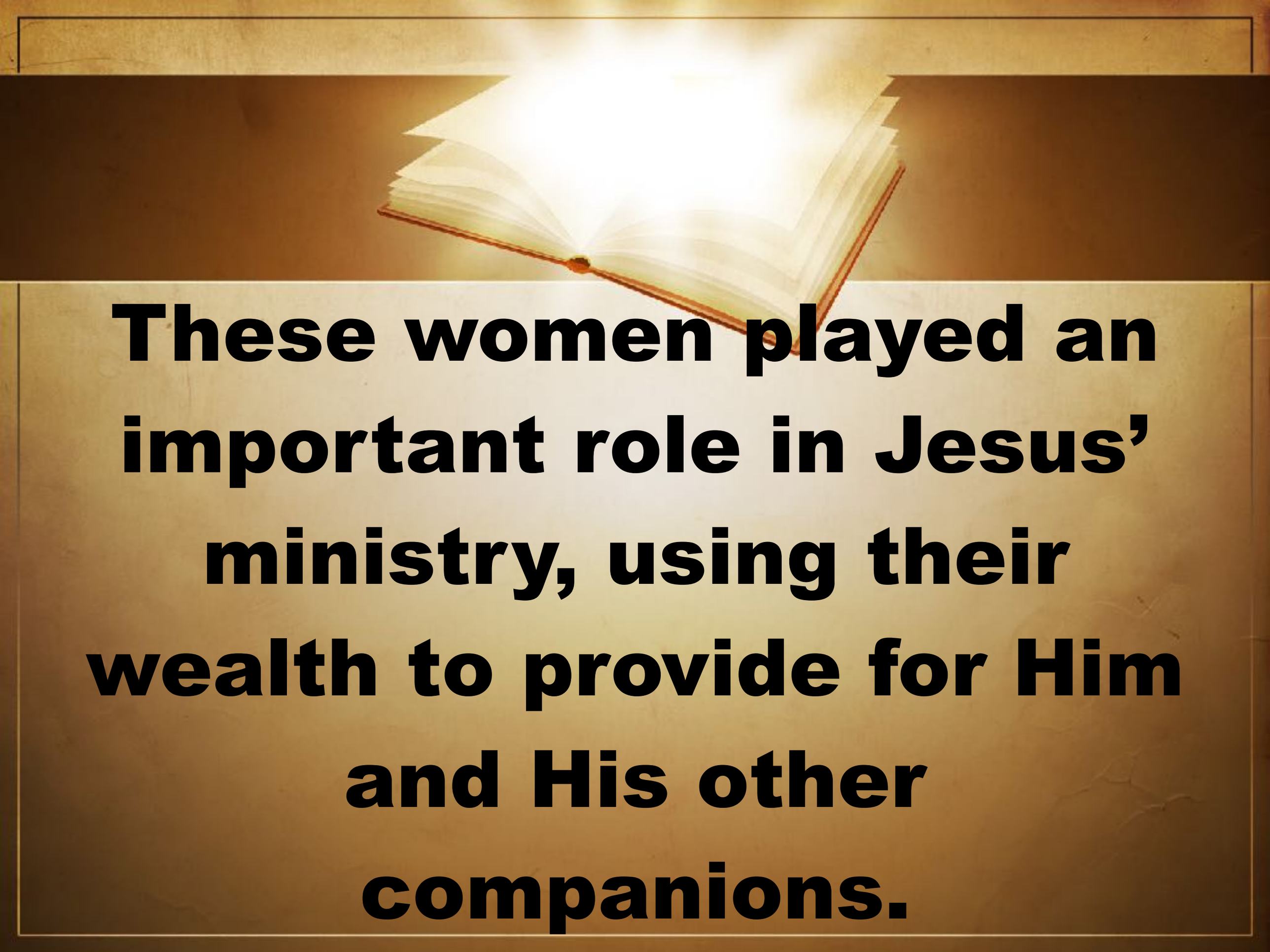
# The design of Jesus' earthly ministry was an illustration of quality time.

# Luke 8:1-3 (VOICE)

Soon after this incident, Jesus preached from city to city, village to village, carrying the good news of the kingdom of God. He was accompanied by a group called “the twelve,” and also by a larger group including some women who had been rescued from evil spirits and healed of diseases.



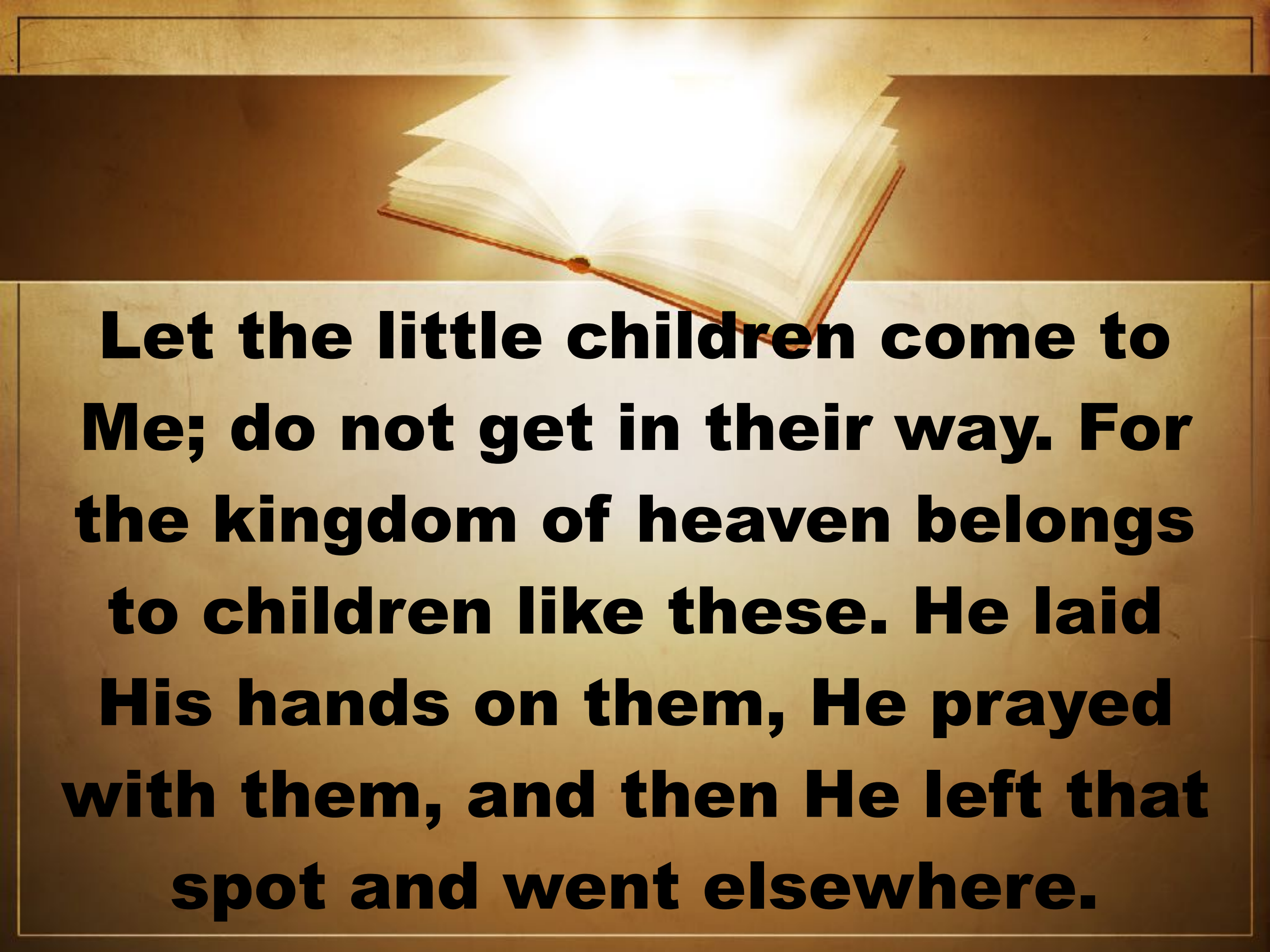
There was Mary, called Magdalene, who had been released from seven demons. There were others like Susanna and Joanna, who was married to Chuza, a steward of King Herod. And there were many others too.



These women played an important role in Jesus' ministry, using their wealth to provide for Him and His other companions.

# Matthew 19:13-15 (VOICE)

At this, some of Jesus' followers brought their children before Jesus; they wanted Him to place His hands on the children and pray for them. Some of the disciples, mistakenly thinking that Jesus wouldn't want to be bothered with the likes of children, began to rebuke the crowd.


Let the little children come to Me; do not get in their way. For the kingdom of heaven belongs to children like these. He laid His hands on them, He prayed with them, and then He left that spot and went elsewhere.

Jesus did not attempt to make His ministry as broad as possible, but rather as deep as possible.

James 4:8 (NLT)

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Quality time is
a love language
that God is
always
prepared to
speak.

When someone's primary love language is quality time, uninterrupted times of communion with God are not difficult.

One expectation of every believer is to spend time with God. Rather than feeling condemned about not having a set devotional and prayer time, be creative with what that looks like in your life.