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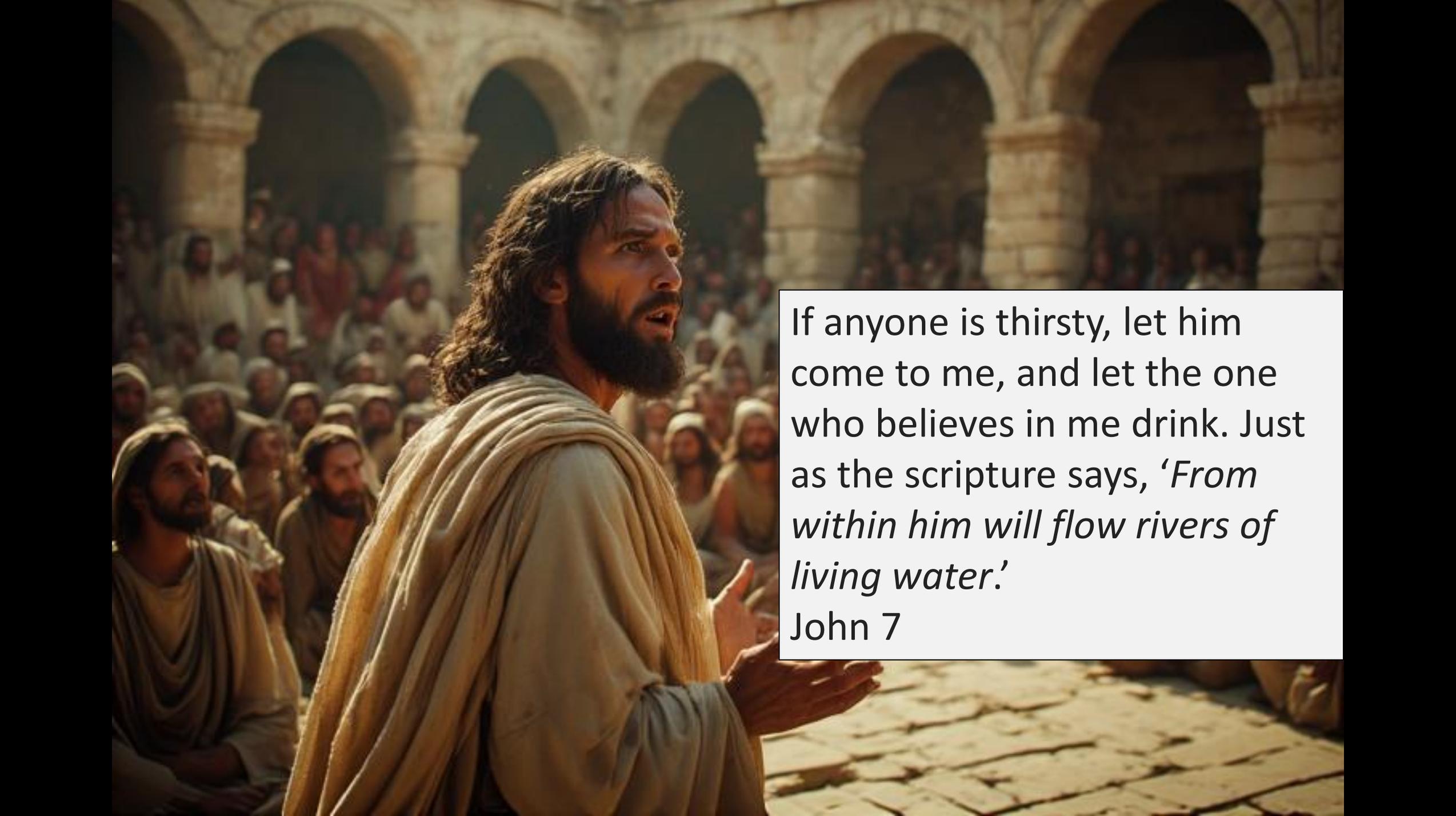
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A cinematic photograph of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a light-colored robe, speaking to a large crowd of people seated in a stone building with arches. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. Jesus is in the foreground, slightly to the left, looking towards the right. The crowd is composed of many people, some looking towards him, others looking away. The architecture features a series of stone arches supported by columns.

If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, *'From within him will flow rivers of living water.'*

John 7

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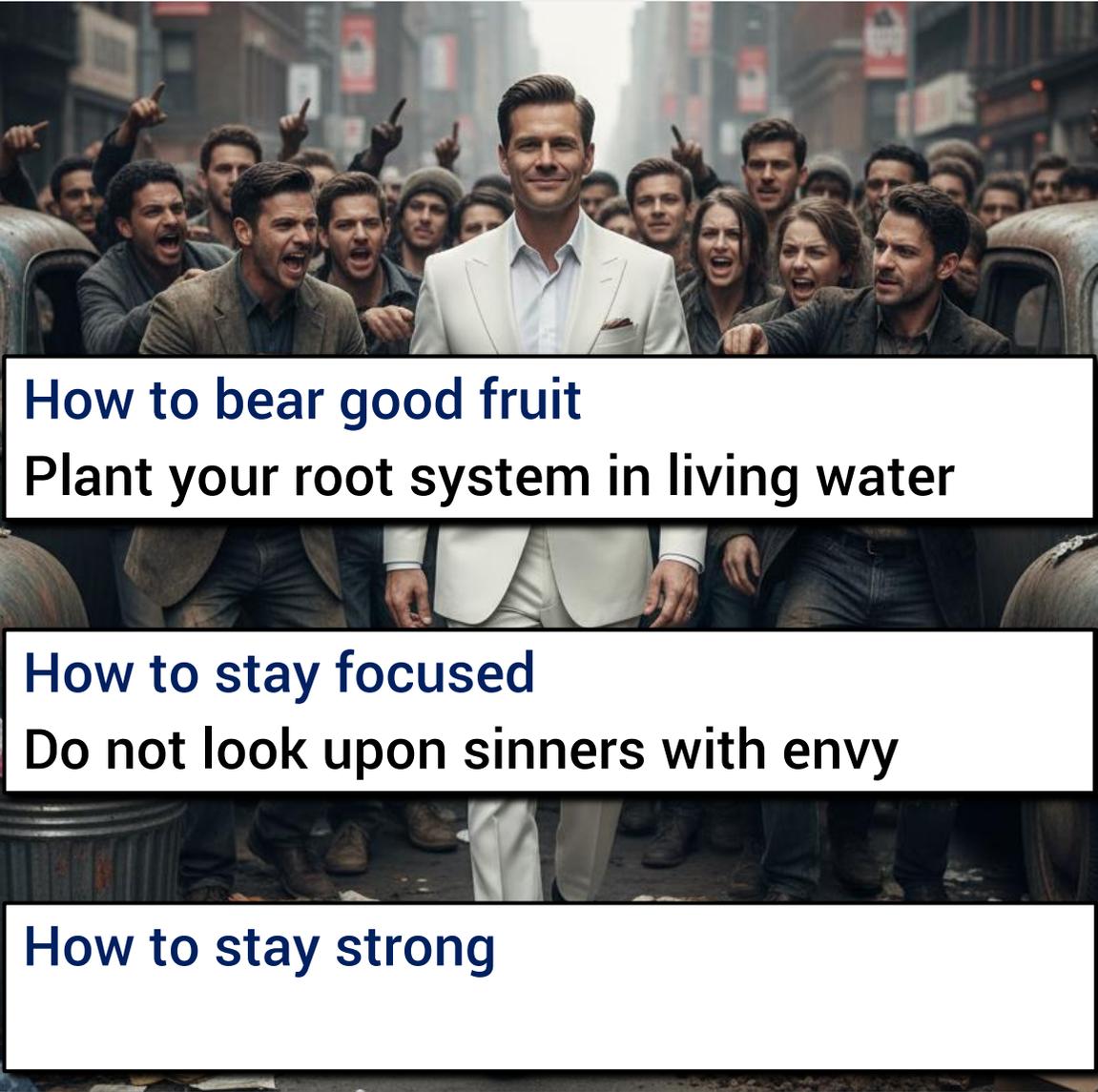
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1 Truly God is good to Israel, to those whose hearts are pure.

2 But as for me, I almost lost my footing. My feet were slipping, and I was almost gone.

3 For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.

4 They seem to live such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong.

5 They don't have troubles like other people; they're not plagued with problems like everyone else.

6 They wear pride like a jeweled necklace and clothe themselves with cruelty.

7 These fat cats have everything their hearts could ever wish for!

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12 Look at these wicked people— enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply.

13 Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?

14 I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.

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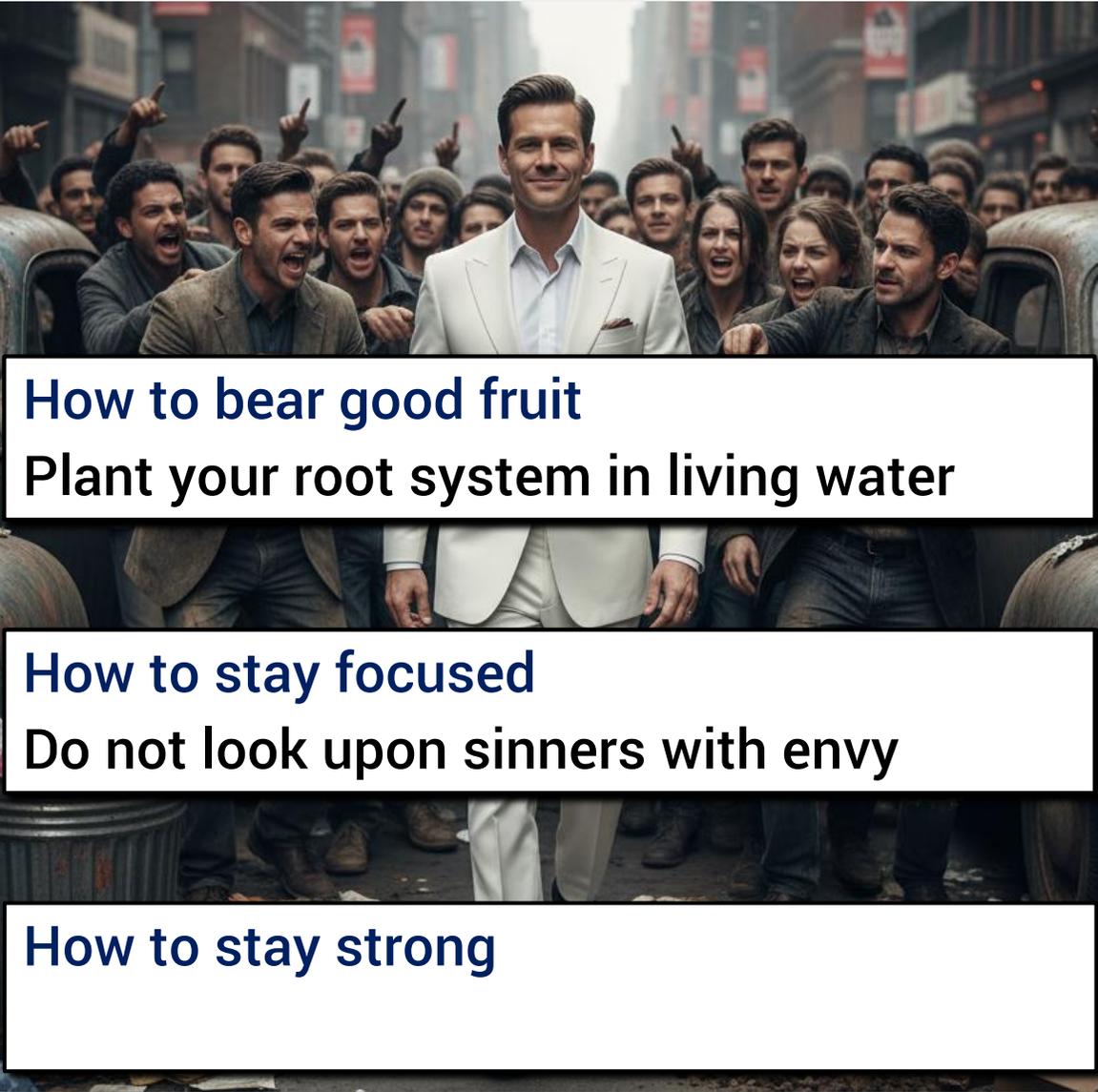
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Marty Sampson, songwriter with Hillsong | Screenshot: YouTube/Hillsong Worship

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15 If I had really spoken this way to others,
I would have been a traitor to your people.
16 So I tried to understand why the wicked
prosper. But what a difficult task it is!
17 Then I went into your sanctuary, O God,
and I finally understood the destiny of the
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25 Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth.

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