

# AFTER THE MANGER: Living Changed



What happens  
after the manger?





# The Shepherds

The real miracle  
of the story is not that they  
came to the manger.

**The miracle is what  
happened after the manger.**



The danger of Christmas  
is not opposition—it's  
familiarity.



The greatest danger  
is not rejecting Christ.  
It's admiring Him...  
without following Him.

Jesus was not born to be  
admired for a season,  
but to be followed  
for a lifetime.



Has my encounter  
with Jesus  
truly changed me?



# 4 Things That Happened to the Shepherds After the Manger



# 1. THEY MOVED IN OBEDIENCE

They didn't stay at the manger.





# Luke 2:15-16

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, **“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”**  
16 So **they hurried off** and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



**Revelation  
without response  
slowly turns into  
religion.**



God never reveals  
Himself just to be  
remembered.  
He reveals Himself  
to be followed.



Obedience comes  
before clarity.



## 2. THEY SPOKE WITH BOLDNESS

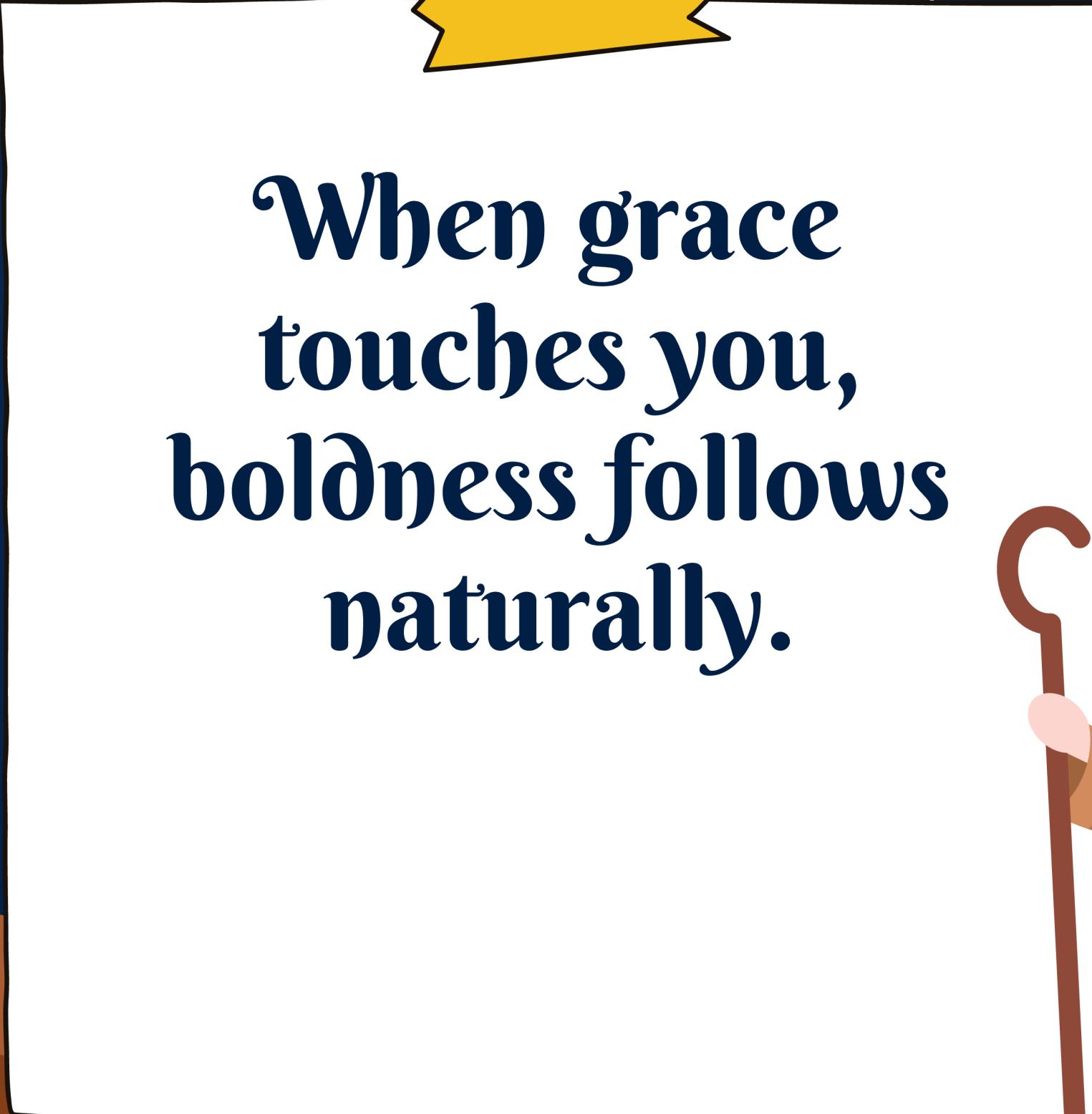
They shared what they experienced.





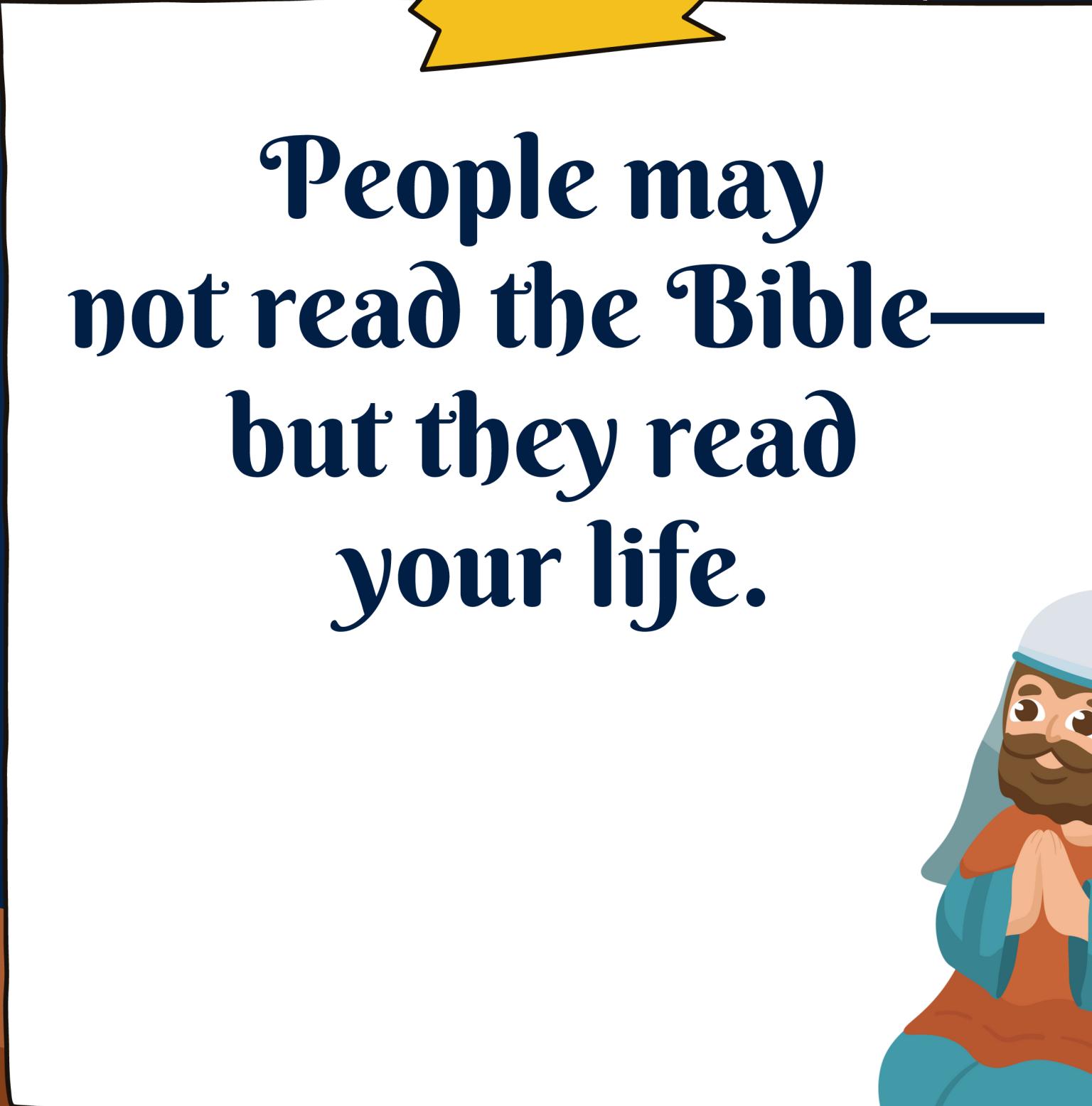
## Luke 2:17-18

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.



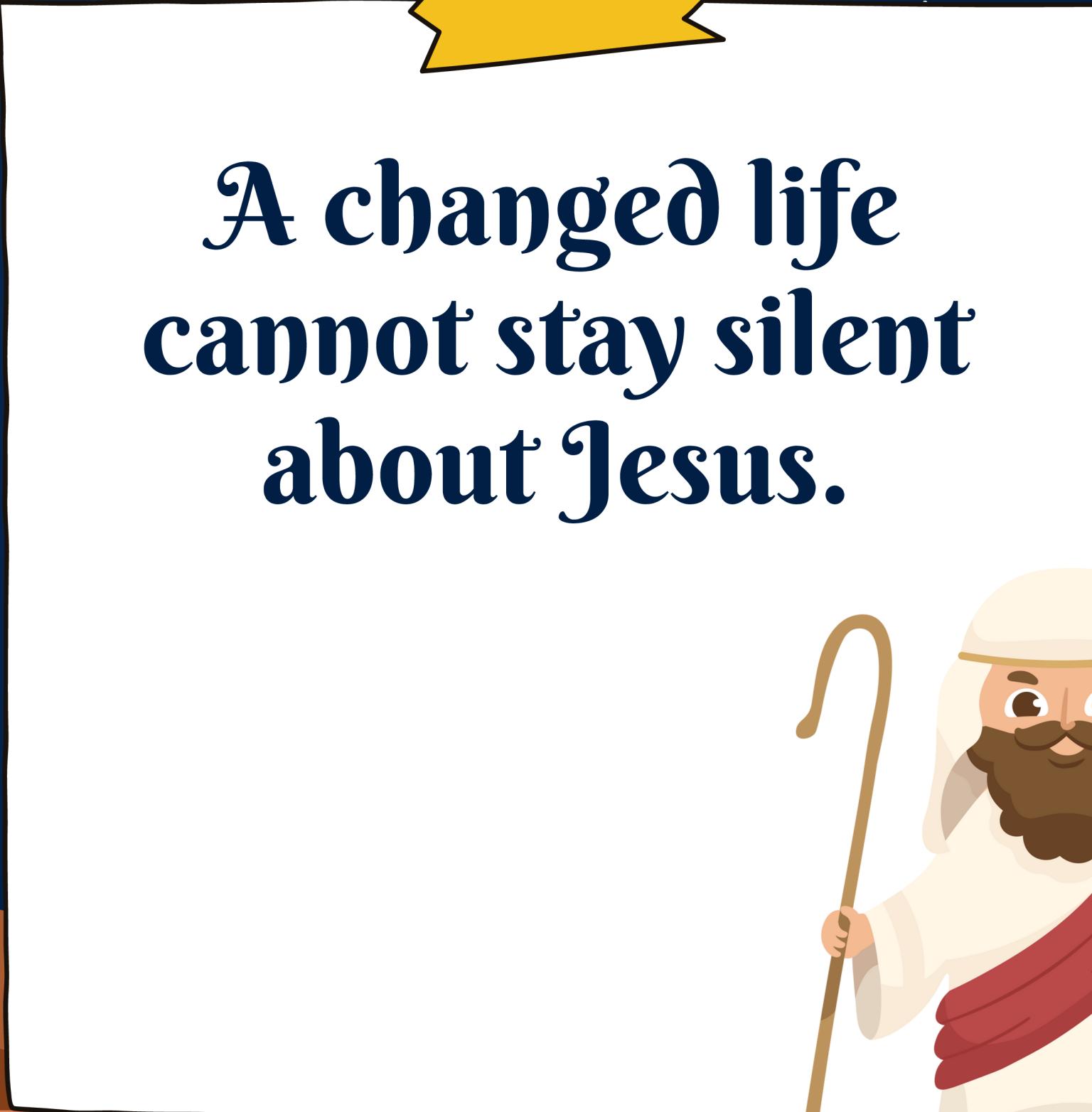
When grace  
touches you,  
**boldness follows**  
naturally.





**People may  
not read the Bible—  
but they read  
your life.**





A changed life  
cannot stay silent  
about Jesus.



### 3. THEY RETURNED TRANSFORMED

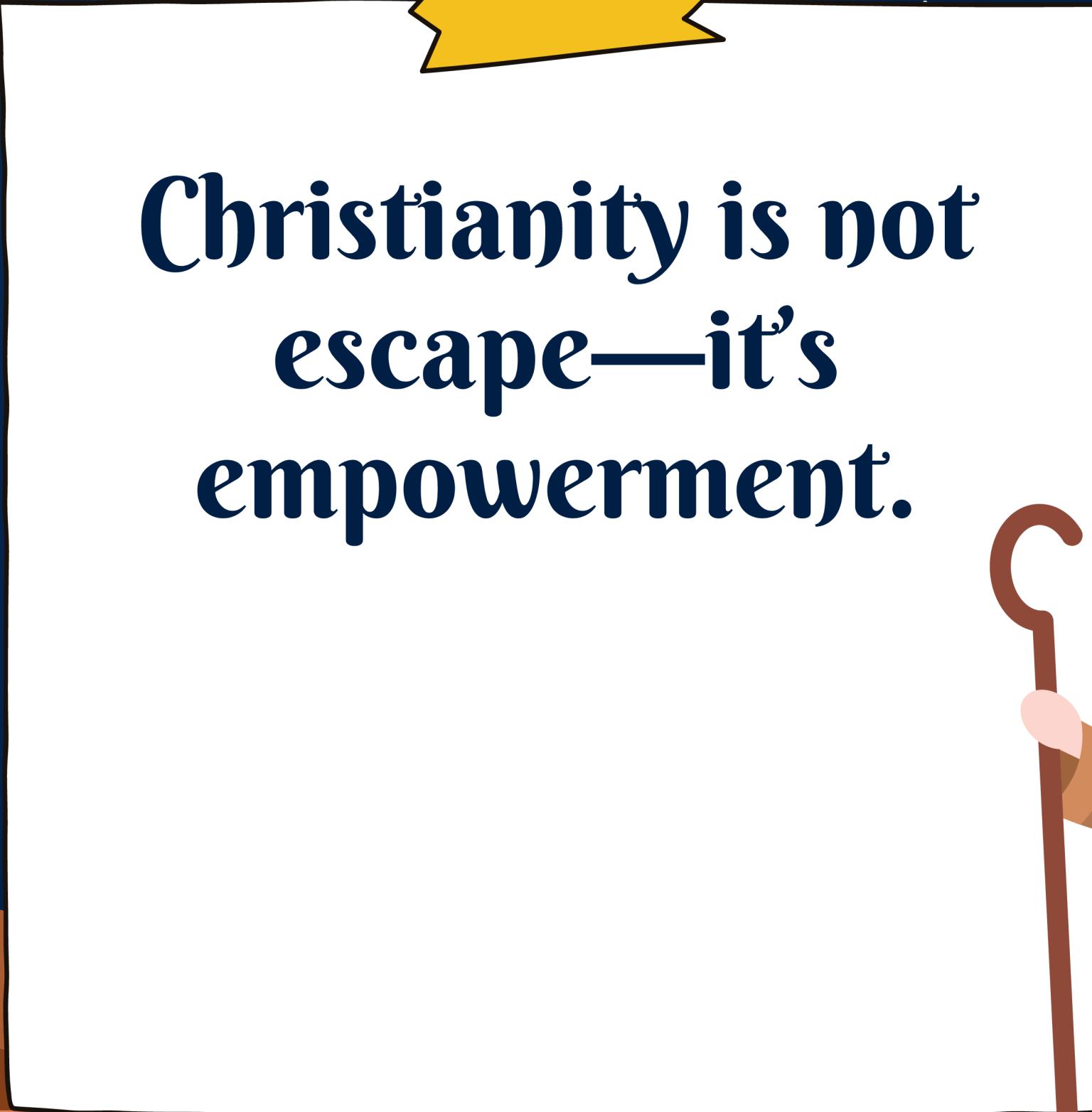
They returned-  
But they were not the  
same.





# Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Christianity is not  
escape—it's  
empowerment.





Encounter doesn't  
cancel responsibility  
—it consecrates it.



An encounter with  
God doesn't remove  
you from life—it  
sends you back into  
it, transformed and  
commissioned.



# 4. THEY LIVED AS NEW CREATIONS

Living changed after  
the manger





# 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here!



Grace didn't come to  
manage your old life.  
Grace came to end it  
—and birth  
something new.





Grace doesn't  
excuse sin.  
Grace breaks its  
authority.





# Living changed after the manger means:

Obedience over convenience.

Surrender over control.

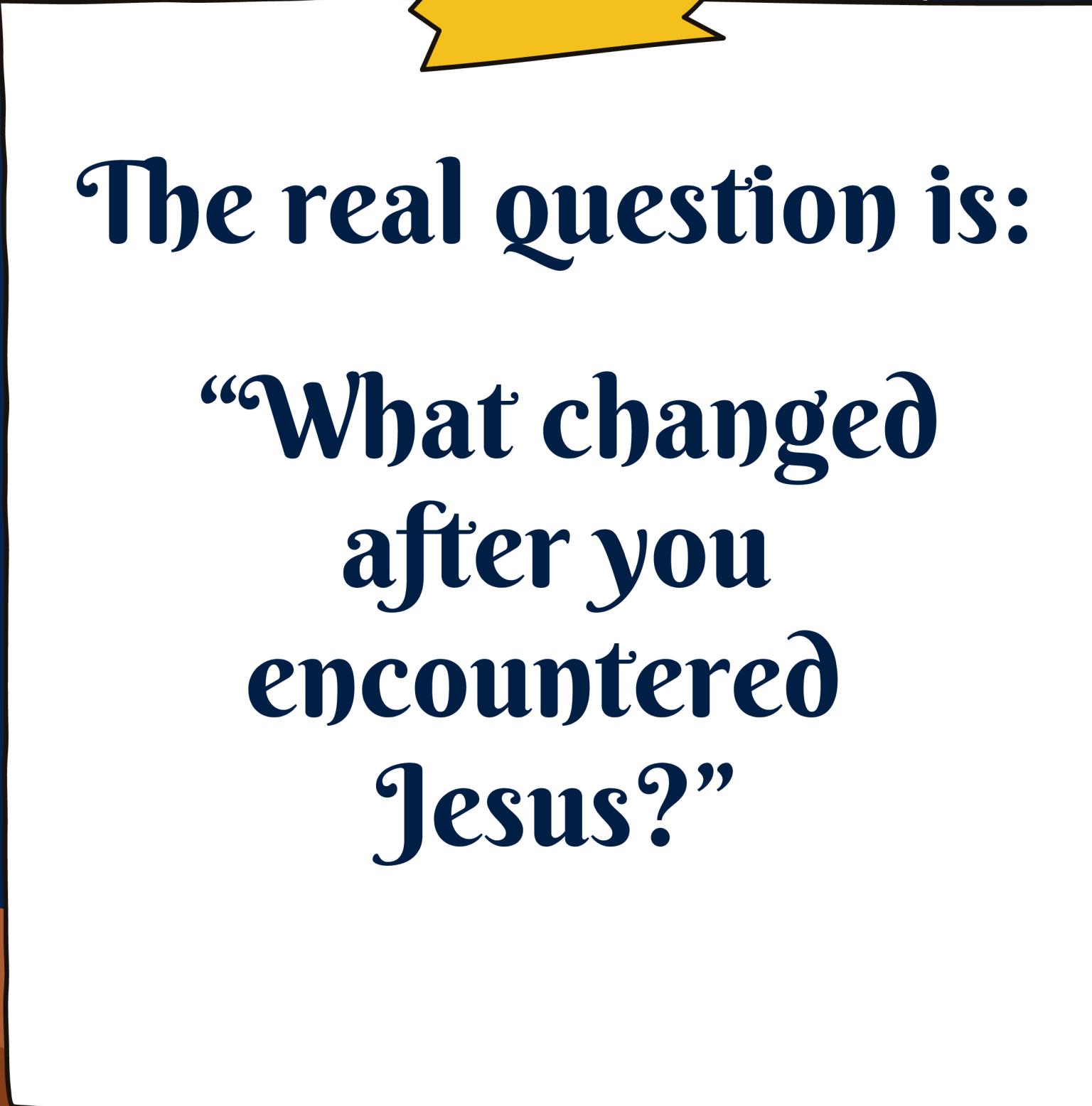
Faith over fear.



# After the manger:

- They obeyed.
- They testified.
- They returned transformed.
- They lived changed.





The real question is:

“What changed  
after you  
encountered  
Jesus?”



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