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Sermon of the mount

Matthew 5-7

Context

The Salt & Light “challenge” is part of the Sermon on the Mount.

The first of the “five great discourses” in Matthew (chap 5-7; 10; 13; 18, 24-25)

Focuses on three themes:

- (1) beatitudes or declarations of blessedness (Mat 5:1-12),
- (2) ethical admonitions (Matt 5:13-20; 6:1-7:23), and,
- (3) contrast between Jesus’ ethical teaching and Jewish legalistic traditions (5:21-48)

Saw the crowds...went to mountain side ... the disciples came to him. He began to teach them....

Matt. 5: 1-2

The exact location is uncertain: gentle sloping hillside at the northwest corner of the sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum (Luke 6:20-49)

This “WORD” this “new law”, like the old (Exodus 19:3) was given from a mountain

And The “WORD IS LIFE”

1 John 1:1-4 (ESV)

- **1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **2** the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— **3** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.



**THE
BEATITUDES:
Matthew 5:3-11**

**BLESSED
ARE...**

- ³ “THE POOR IN SPIRIT...
- ⁴ “THOSE WHO MOURN,...
- ⁵ “THE MEEK...
- ⁶ “THOSE WHO HUNGER
AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS...
- ⁷ “THE MERCIFUL...
- ⁸ “THE PURE IN HEART...
- ⁹ “THE PEACEMAKERS...
- ¹⁰ “THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE...

What does “blessed” mean?

(NIV Study Bible):

- It means more than happy. Happiness is an emotion often dependent on outward circumstances.
 - Blessed here refers to the ultimate well-being and distinctive spiritual joy of those who share in the salvation of the kingdom of God.
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- God's promise to Abraham again serves as a foundation for blessings.
- The pledge that "all peoples on earth shall be blessed" ([Gen 12:3](#)) is fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ ([Ga 3:8-14](#)).
- He has borne the consequences of the curse for believers ([Gal 3:13](#)) and blessed them with the forgiveness of sins ([Rom 4:6-9](#) ; see [Psalm 32:1-2](#)).
- Believers are "blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ" ([Eph 1:3](#)) and now inherit the blessings promised through the patriarchs ([Hebrews 6:12](#) [Hebrews 6:15](#) ; [12:17](#) ; [1 Peter 3:9](#)).
- As a result of receiving God's blessings in Christ, believers are called to be a source of blessing to the world, especially in response to those who persecute them ([Luke 6:27-28](#) ; [Rom 12:14](#) ; [1 Cor 4:12](#) ; [1 Peter 3:9](#) ; cf. [Isa 19:24](#) ; [Zech 8:13](#)).

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Salt & Light
in Jesus
Time






Valued & Wanted

SALT: was used for flavoring and preserving, most of the salt in Israel came from the Dead Sea and was full of impurities

LIGHT: In biblical times they did not have candles. They weren't invented yet!

They had the Herodian lamp. It dates from about 50BC through the time of Christ. Usually made of pottery, with a linen wick, which burned olive or other oil.



**So... If you
have a
relationship
with Jesus**

you have IT.

You got it.

You have the most valuable thing
that everybody is looking for

John 10:10b “ ...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”



Abundant LIFE

What is it?



—

A real Influencer

What is REAL?

**You have been saved by
grace**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

John 8:32

“...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



A hand is shown in silhouette, holding a small green plant with several leaves. The background is a soft-focus scene of sunlight filtering through green foliage, creating a bokeh effect of light spots. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

Light of the world

Live out the abundant life & the fruit of the Spirit

John 10:10 - Galatians 5:22-23



**They will see
your good works**

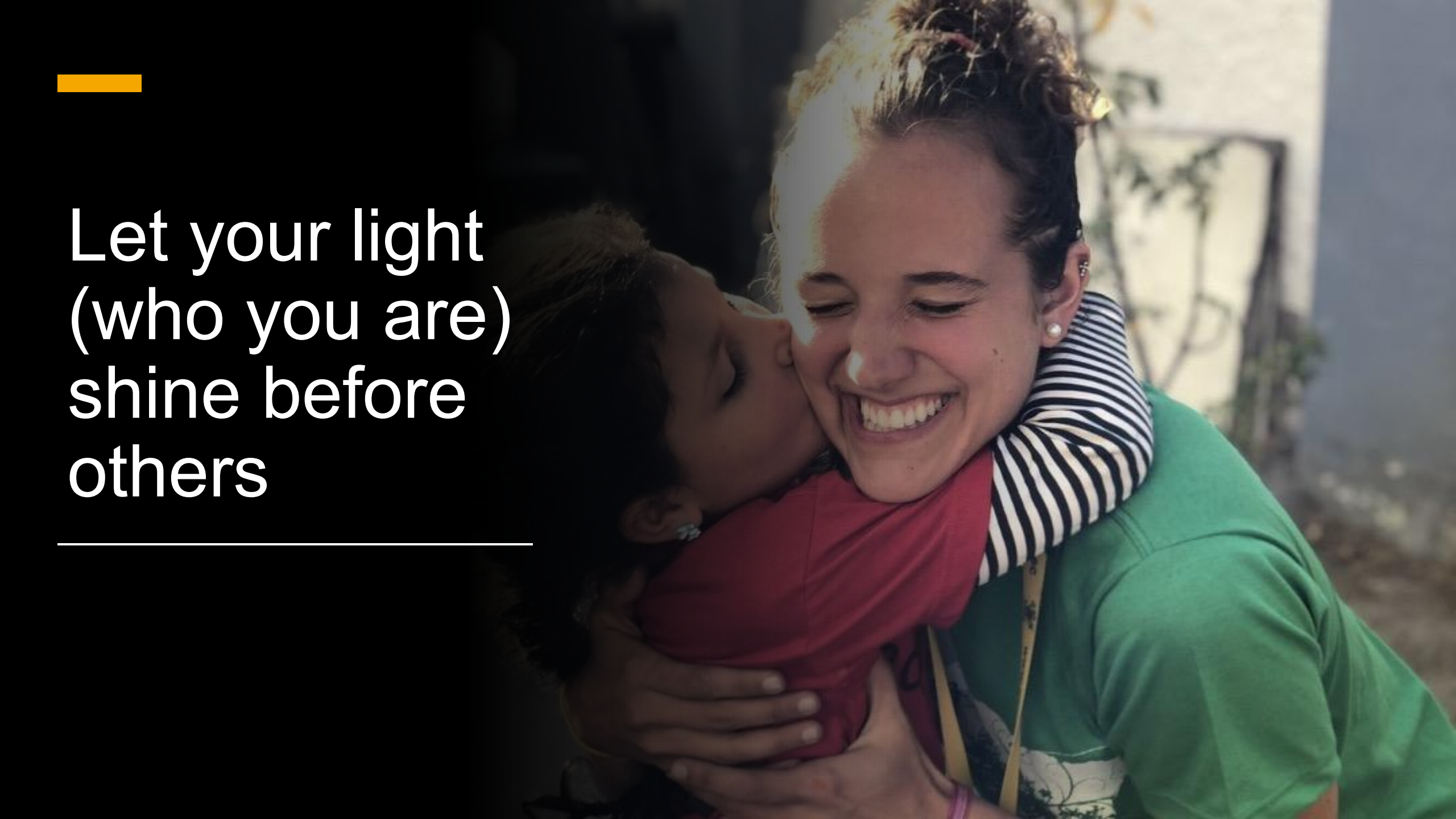
“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for
good works..”

Ephesians 2:10



According to Jesus

- You are truly blessed & you are called to action!
- You are called to **Influence people to glorify God** (your father who is in Heaven)

A photograph of two women embracing. The woman on the right is wearing a green t-shirt and a black and white striped scarf, smiling broadly with her eyes closed. The woman on the left is wearing a red t-shirt and is kissing the first woman on the cheek. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with a white wall and some foliage.

Let your light
(who you are)
shine before
others



GO to all nations & get involved

Matthew 28: 19 - 20



Being Salt & Light in Ecuador

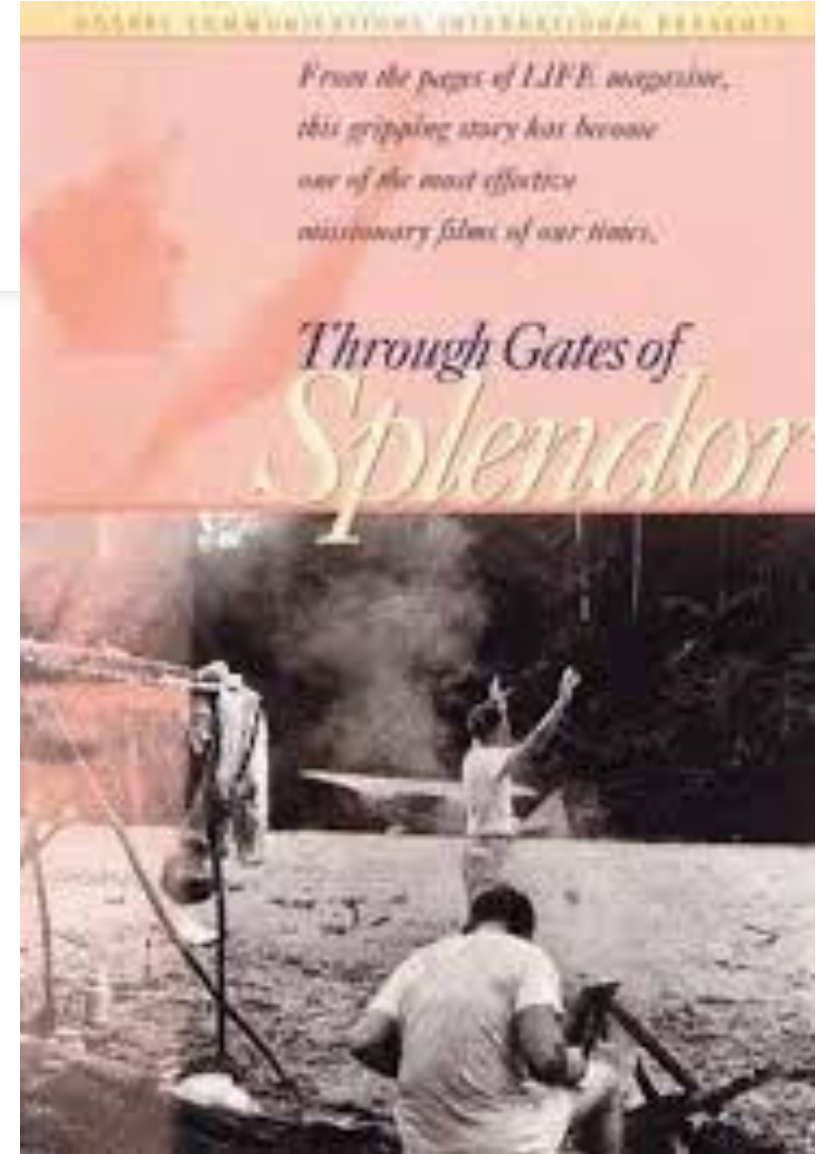
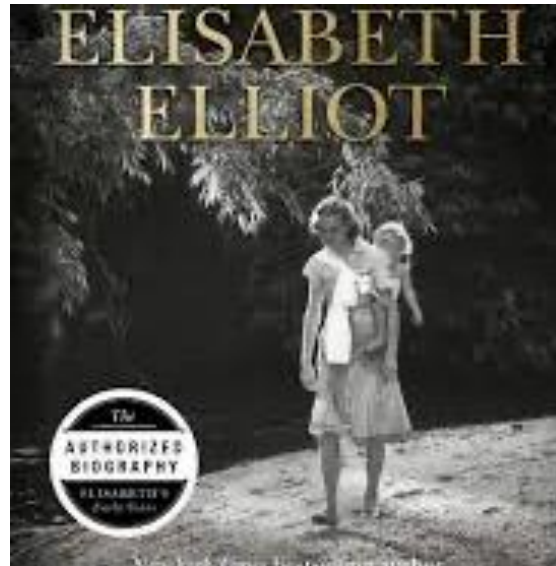
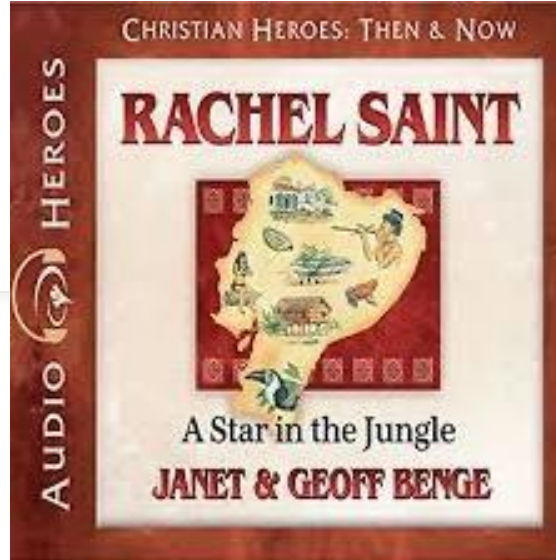


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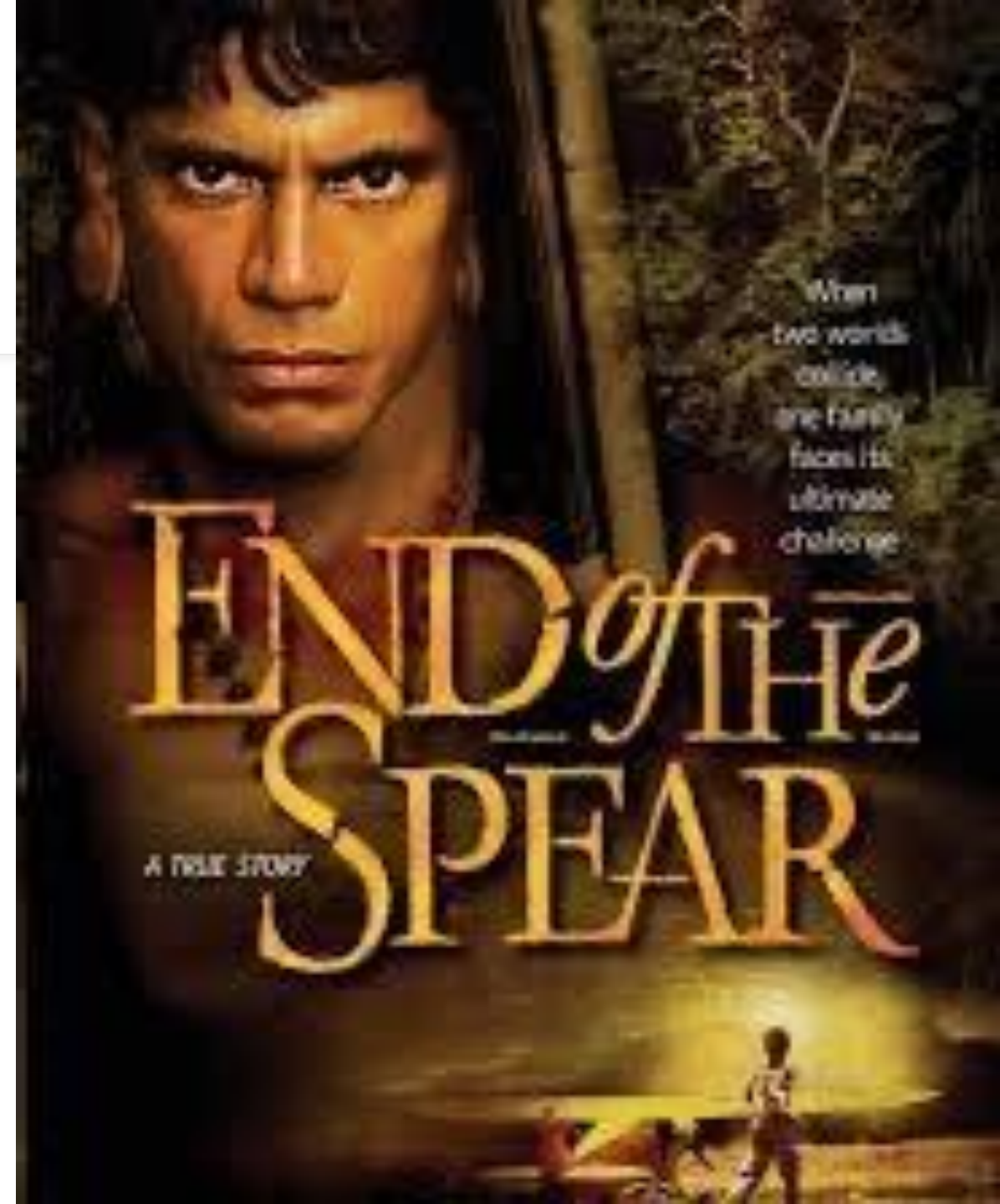
Jim Elliot

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.



Steve Saint

Your story is the greatest legacy that you will leave to your friends. It's the longest-lasting legacy you will leave to your heirs.





**35 THEN JESUS DECLARED, “I
AM THE BREAD OF
LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO
ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN
ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY.**

John 6:35



**Would you be Salt
and Light?**