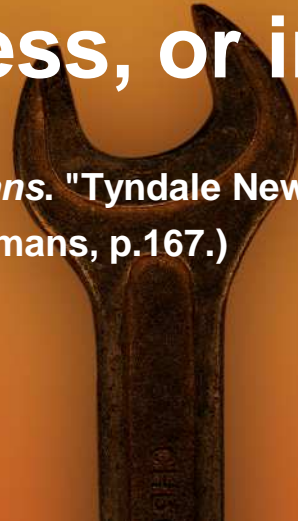
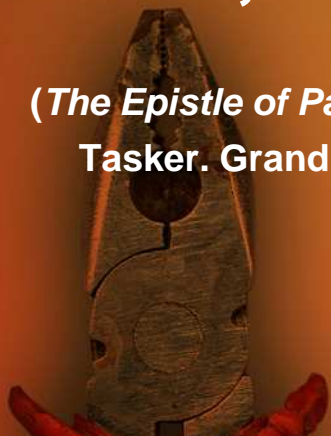




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The instructions to slaves and masters in the New Testament are applicable to every generation of workmen. As Francis Foulkes says, "...the principles of the whole section apply to employees and employers in every age, whether in the home, in business, or in the state"

(The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians. "Tyndale New Testament Commentaries," ed. by RVG Tasker. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, p.167.)





1 Peter 2:18-25 (HCSB)

18 Household slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the cruel.

19 For it [brings] favor if, because of conscience toward God, someone endures grief from suffering unjustly.

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1 Peter 2:18-25 (HCSB)

²⁰ For what credit is there if you endure when you sin and are beaten? But when you do good and suffer, if you endure, it brings favor with God. ²¹ For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps.

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1 Peter 2:18-25 (HCSB)

22 He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth;
23 when reviled, He did not revile in return; when suffering, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to the One who judges justly.

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1 Peter 2:18-25 (HCSB)

The background of the slide features a dark, moody image of three tools: a hammer, a wrench, and a pair of pliers. The tools are arranged vertically, with the hammer at the top right, the wrench in the center, and the pliers on the left. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the metal and wood.

24 He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounding you have been healed.

25 For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

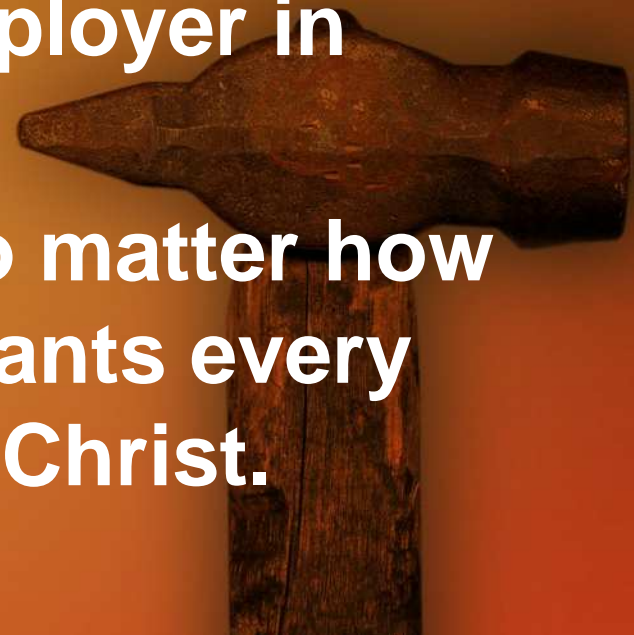
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1. Have a Conscience Toward God

*18...because of conscience toward God,
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The Christian workman is to subject himself to his master or employer in order to please God.

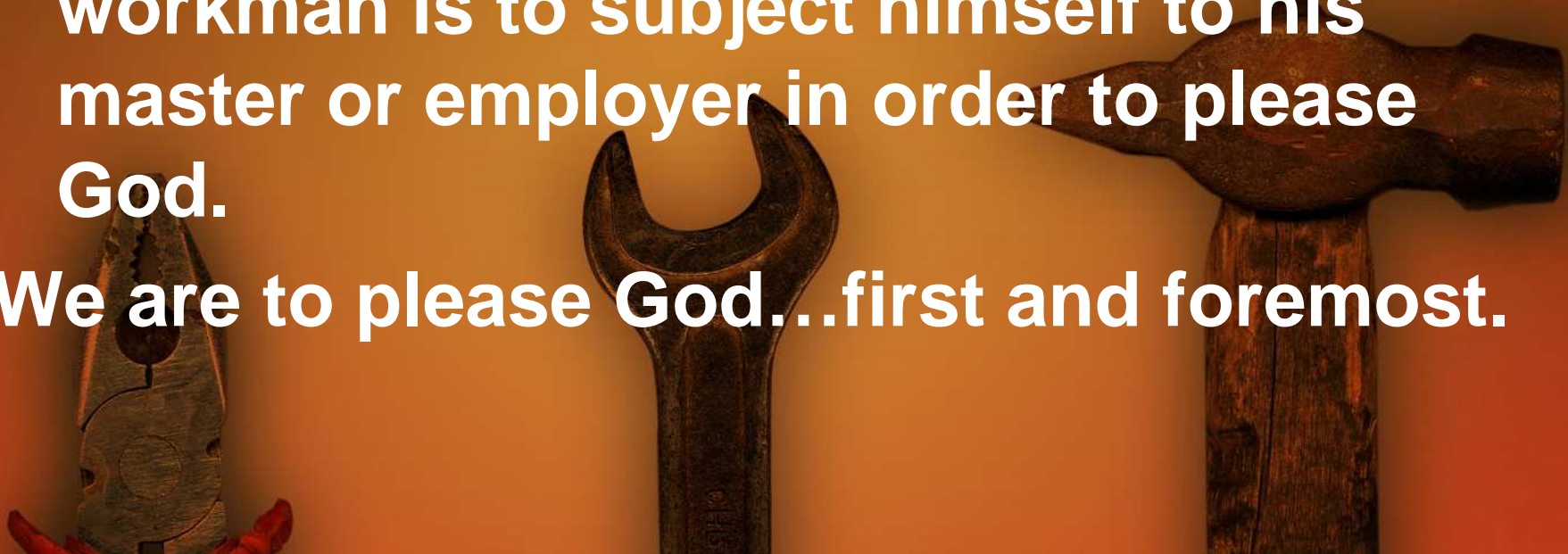
God loves all employers, no matter how unjust or unfair, and God wants every employer to be reached for Christ.



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We are to please God...first and foremost.



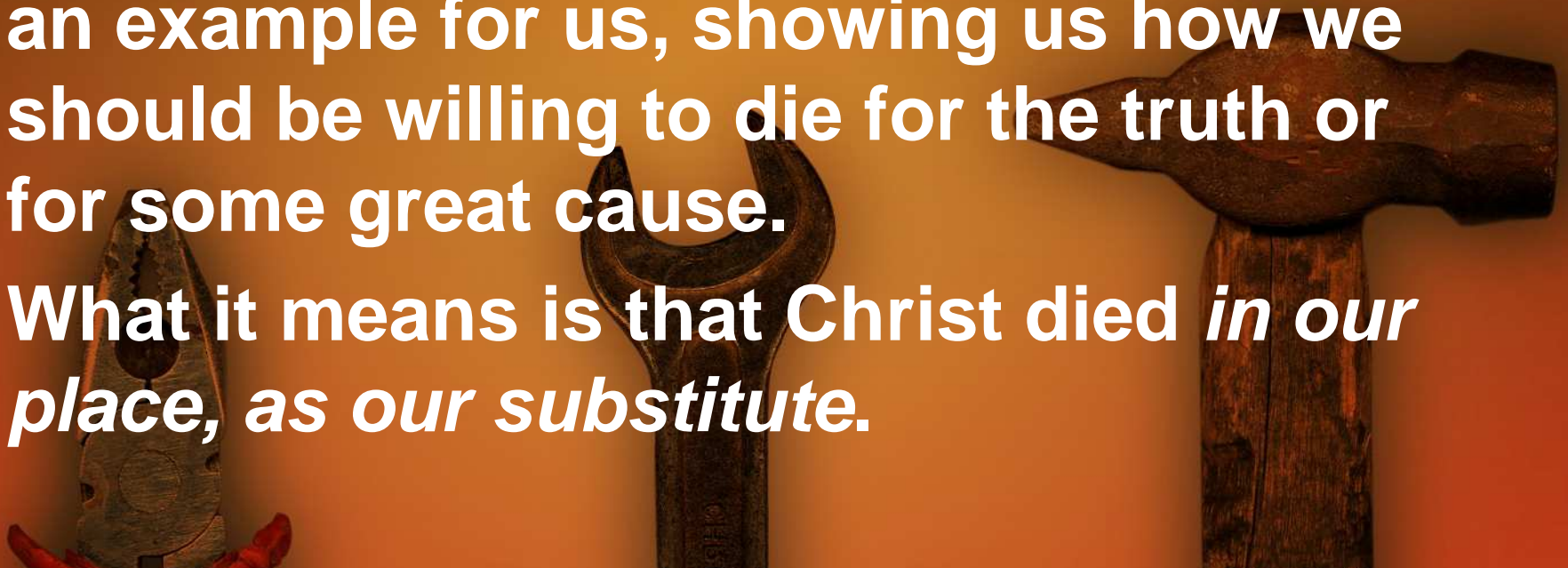
2. Christ is the Example

...because Christ also died (suffered) for you, leaving you an example,

The word "for" (*huper*) is a simple word with profound meaning.

It does *not mean* that Christ died only as an example for us, showing us how we should be willing to die for the truth or for some great cause.

What it means is that Christ died *in our place, as our substitute.*



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Christ suffered for us. He gave everything He was and had to meet our need.

Therefore, we are to follow His example.



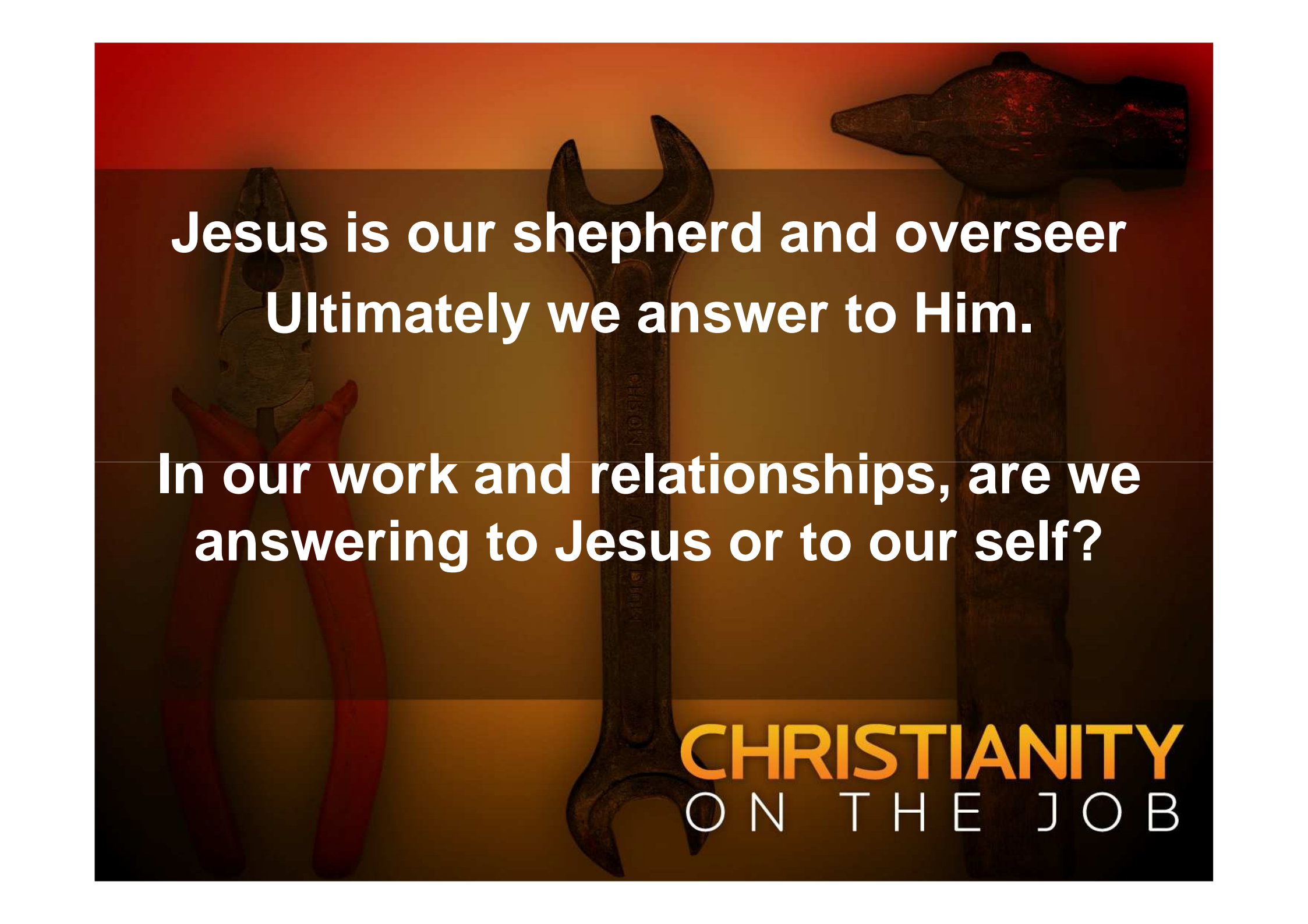
3. Live for Righteousness

...we might live for righteousness; by His wounding you have been healed.

Christ's death was not for physical healing but for spiritual healing.

Because of this righteousness have been brought back into His grace (flock).





**Jesus is our shepherd and overseer
Ultimately we answer to Him.**

**In our work and relationships, are we
answering to Jesus or to our self?**

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