

Jesus-Joy in the Middle...

Lessons from the Life (& Letters) of Peter

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Matthew 15:15
Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us."

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Luke 12:41
Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do
You speak this parable *only* to us, or
to all *people?*"

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Luke 8:45b

Peter and those with him said,

"Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

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Luke 22:54b

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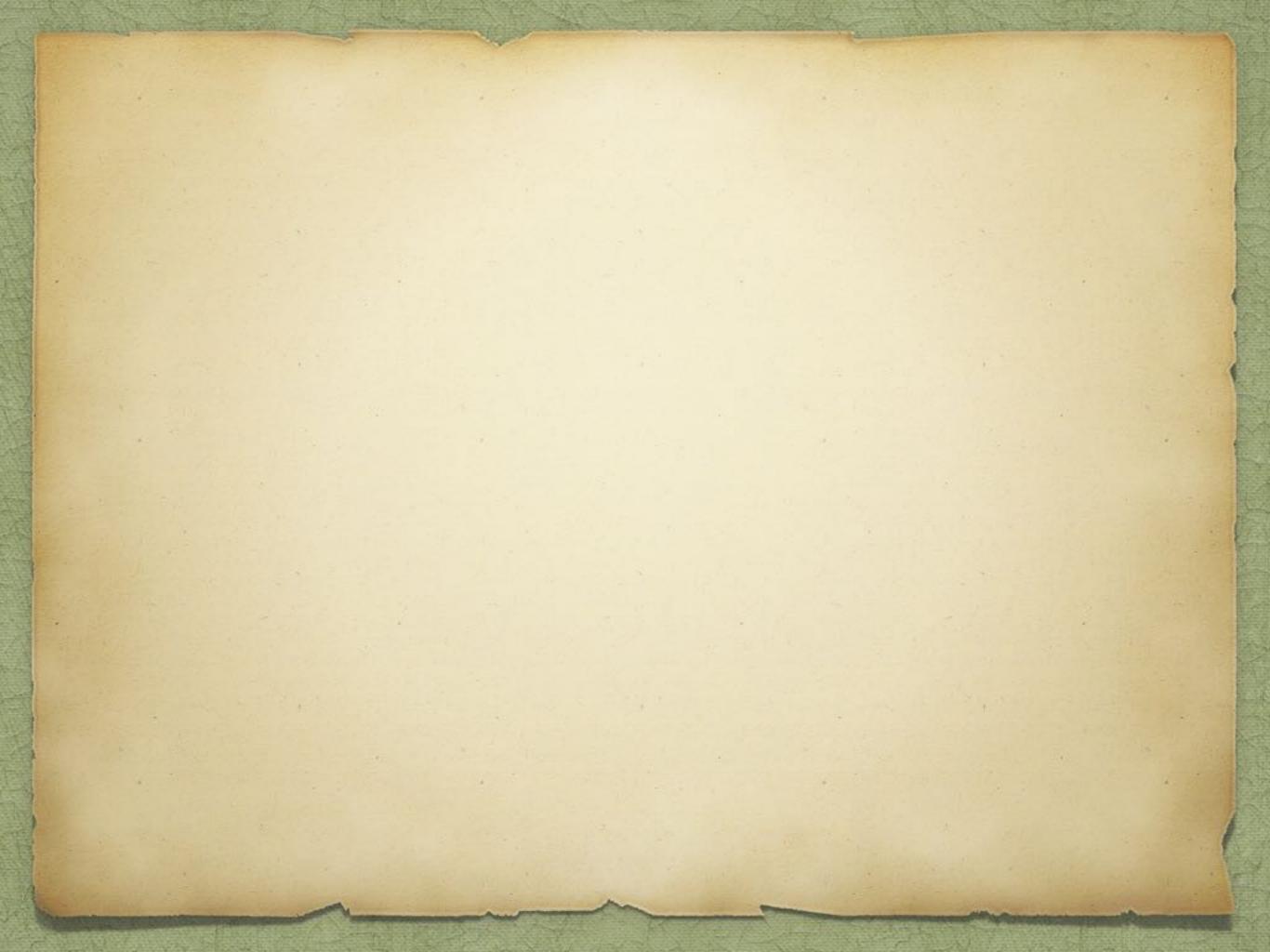
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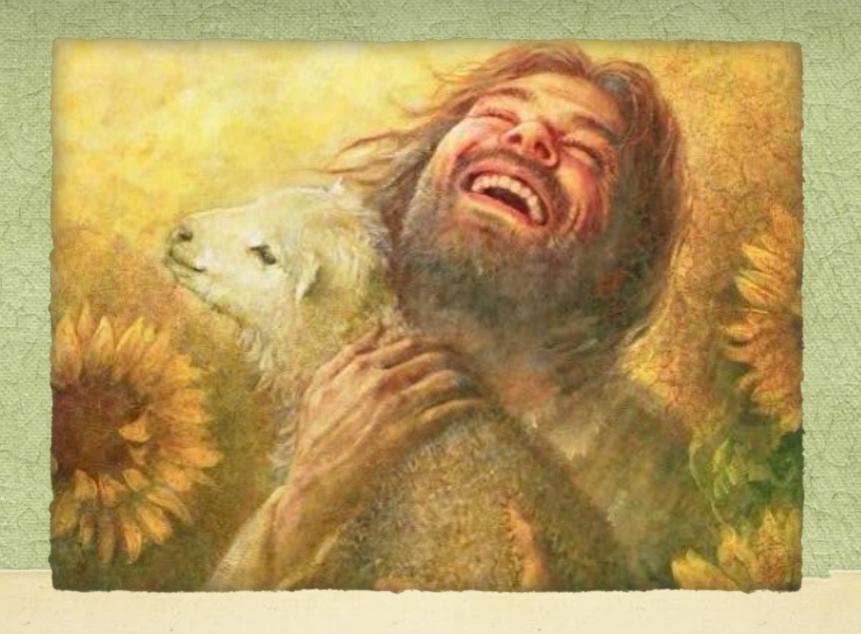
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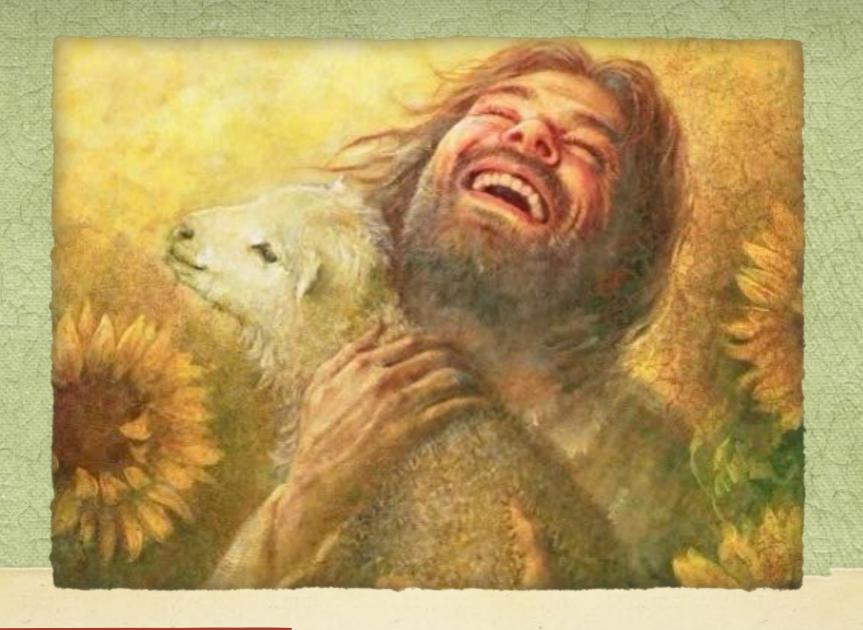
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