

Honoring God in Your Work

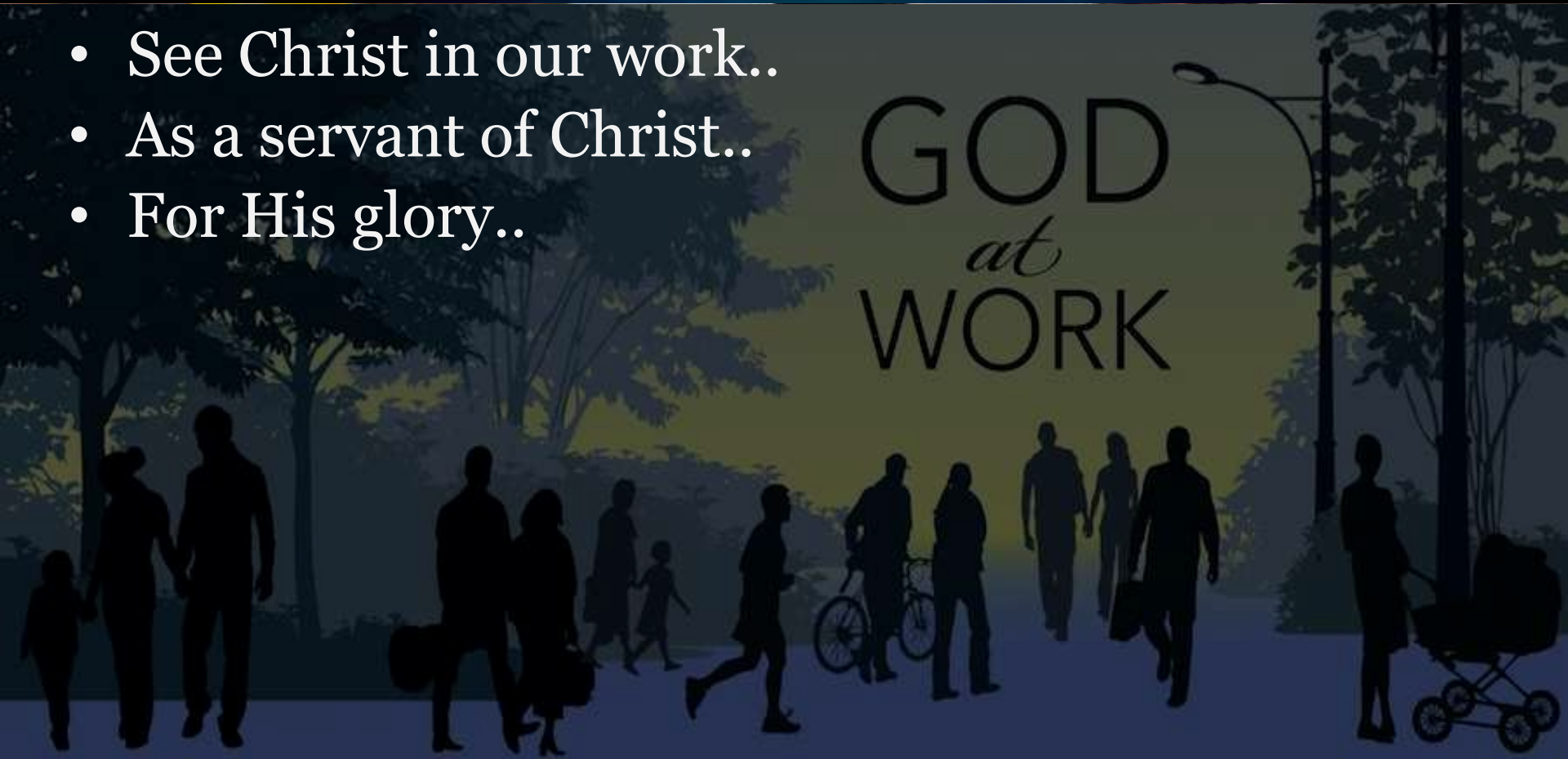


Ephesians 6:5-9

Be thankful for work..

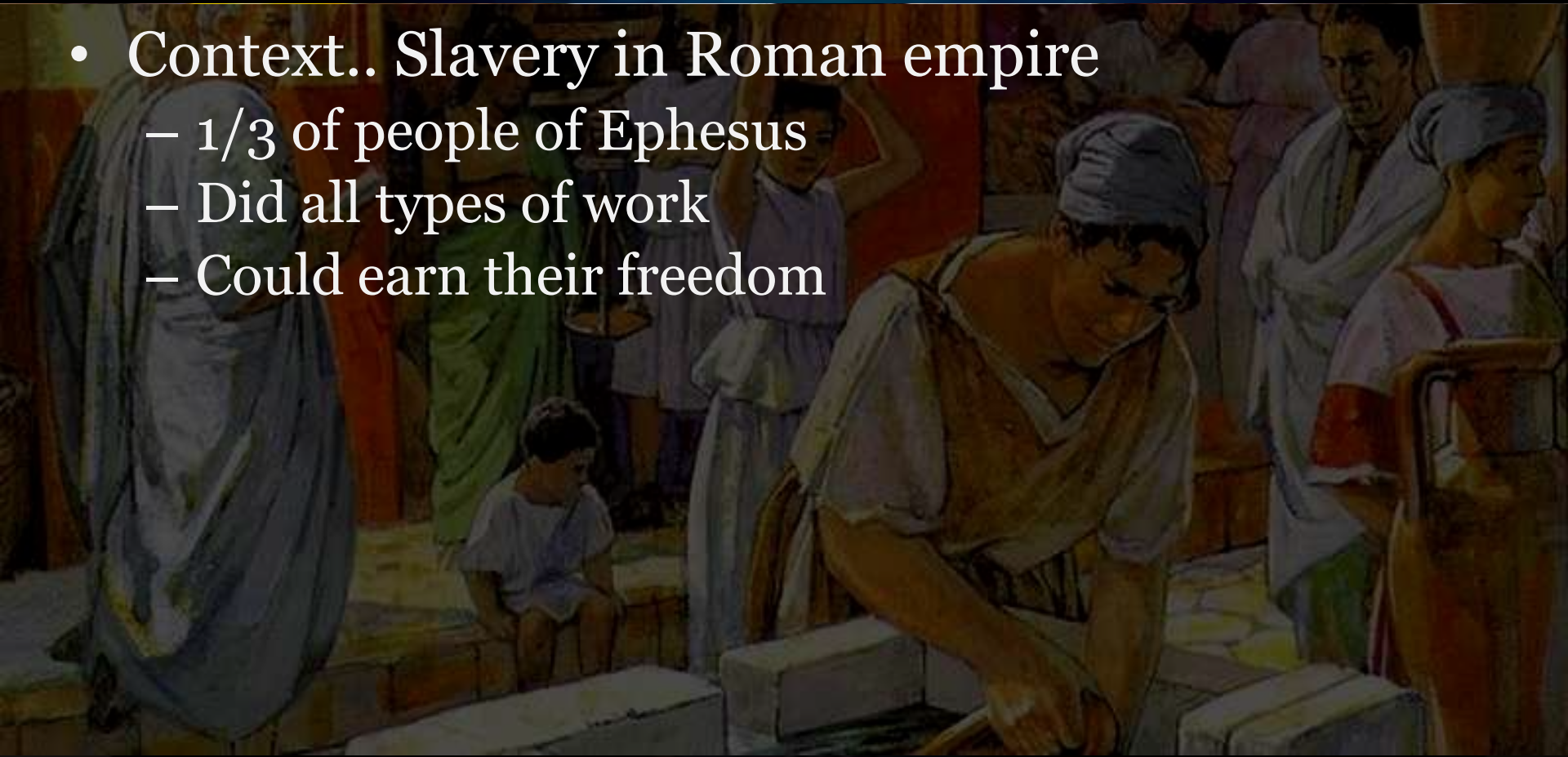
- See Christ in our work..
- As a servant of Christ..
- For His glory..

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Slaves and Masters..

- Context.. Slavery in Roman empire
 - 1/3 of people of Ephesus
 - Did all types of work
 - Could earn their freedom

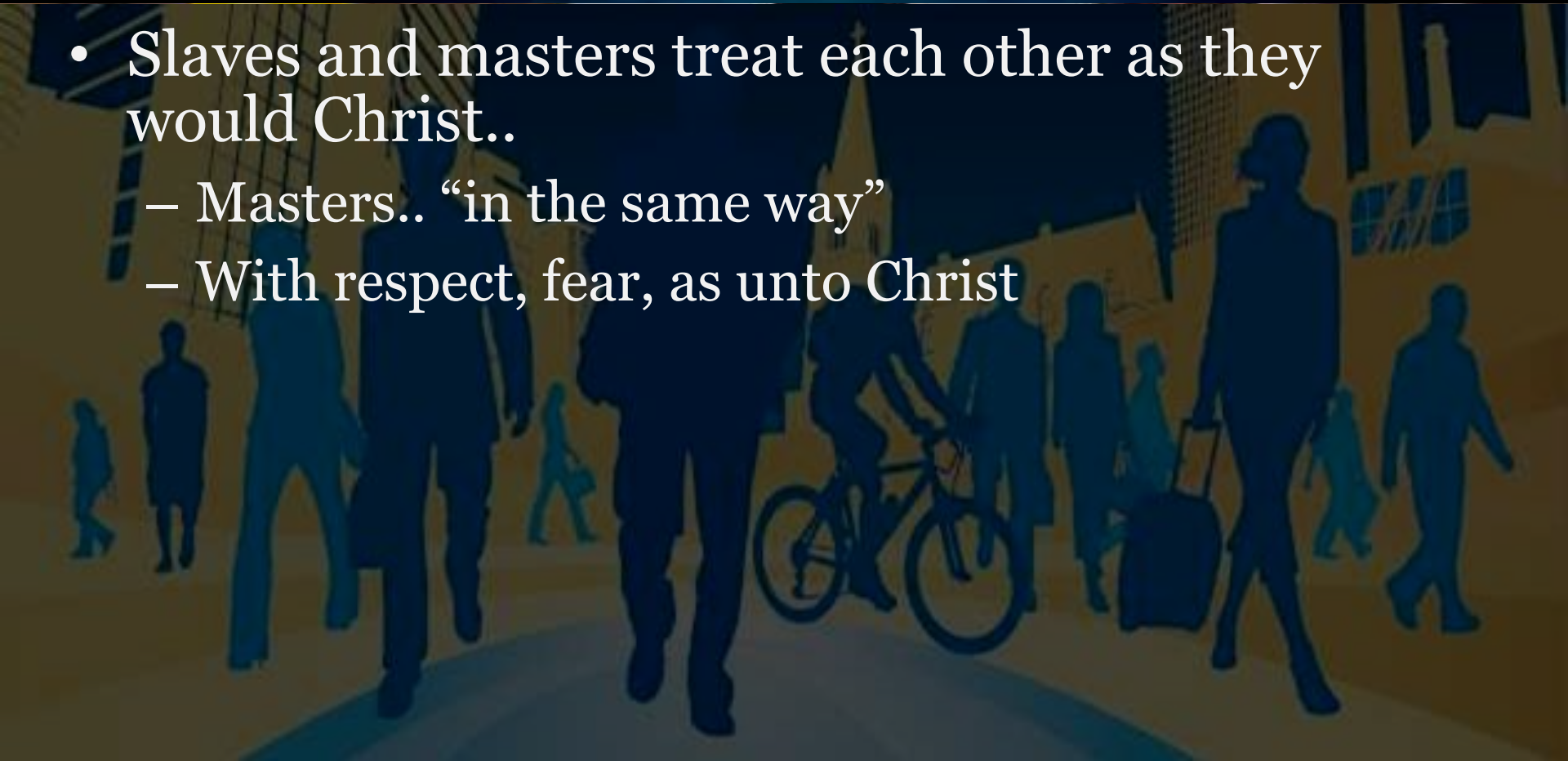


Does the Bible condone slavery?

- Paul gives instructions for household relationships in a given society..
- **Exod 21:16** “He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.
- **1 Tim 1:10** the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners.. for kidnappers..
- Equality in Christ.. **Gal 3:28; Col 3:11; 1 Cor 7:21**

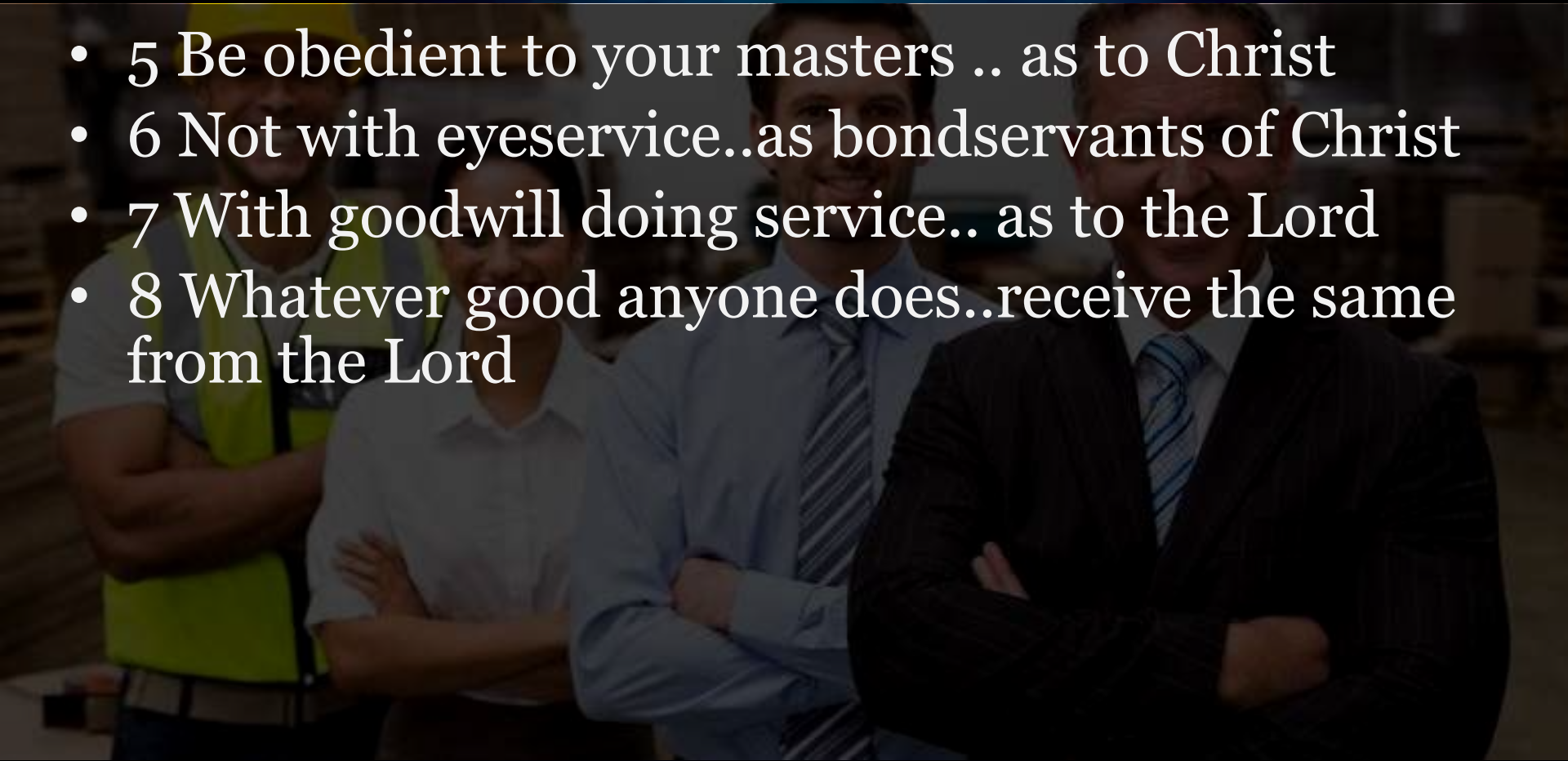
How Christ changed slavery..

- Slaves and masters treat each other as they would Christ..
 - Masters.. “in the same way”
 - With respect, fear, as unto Christ



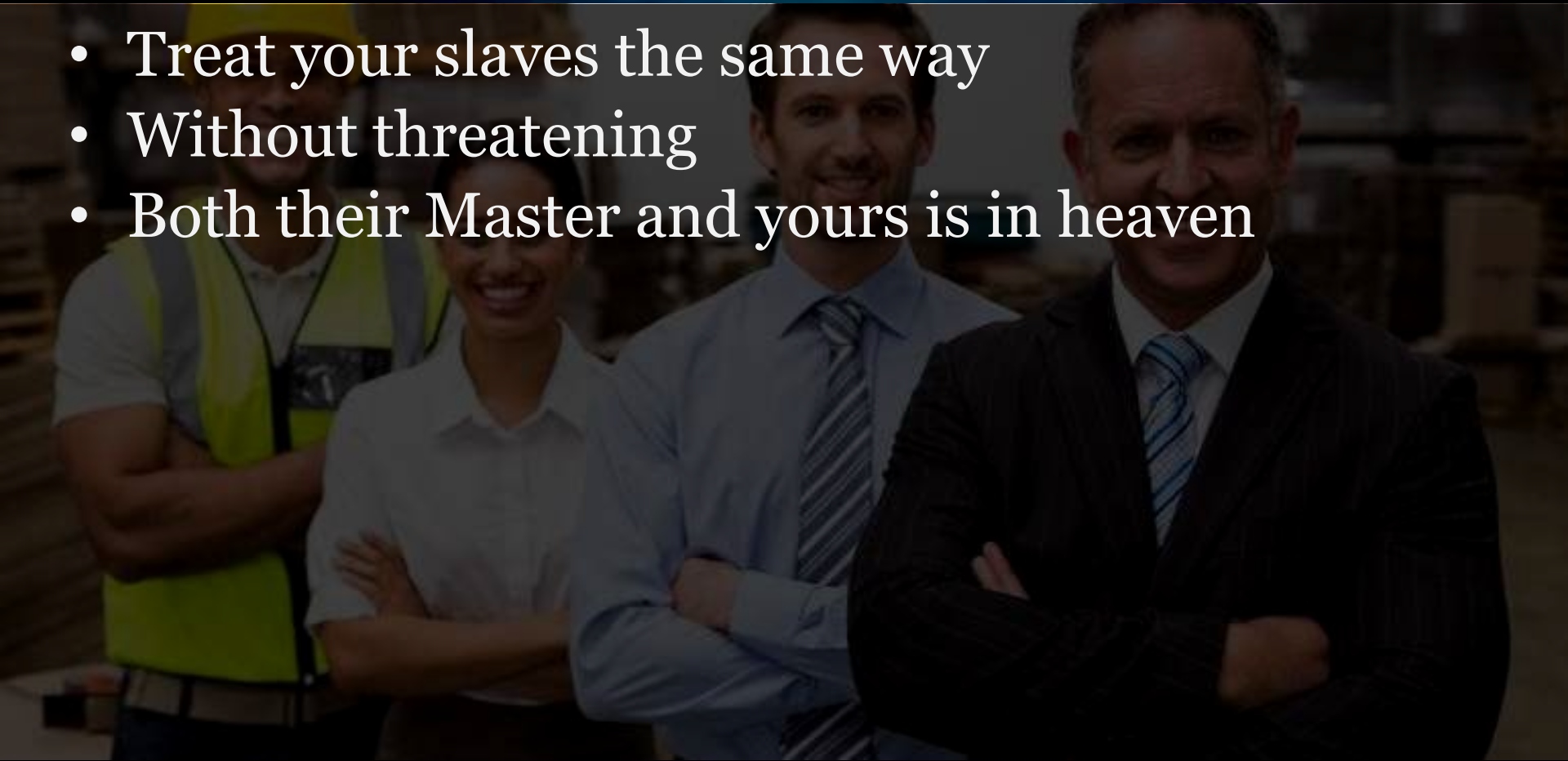
Instructions for slaves (5-8)

- 5 Be obedient to your masters .. as to Christ
- 6 Not with eyeservice..as bondservants of Christ
- 7 With goodwill doing service.. as to the Lord
- 8 Whatever good anyone does..receive the same from the Lord



Instructions for masters (9)

- Treat your slaves the same way
- Without threatening
- Both their Master and yours is in heaven



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