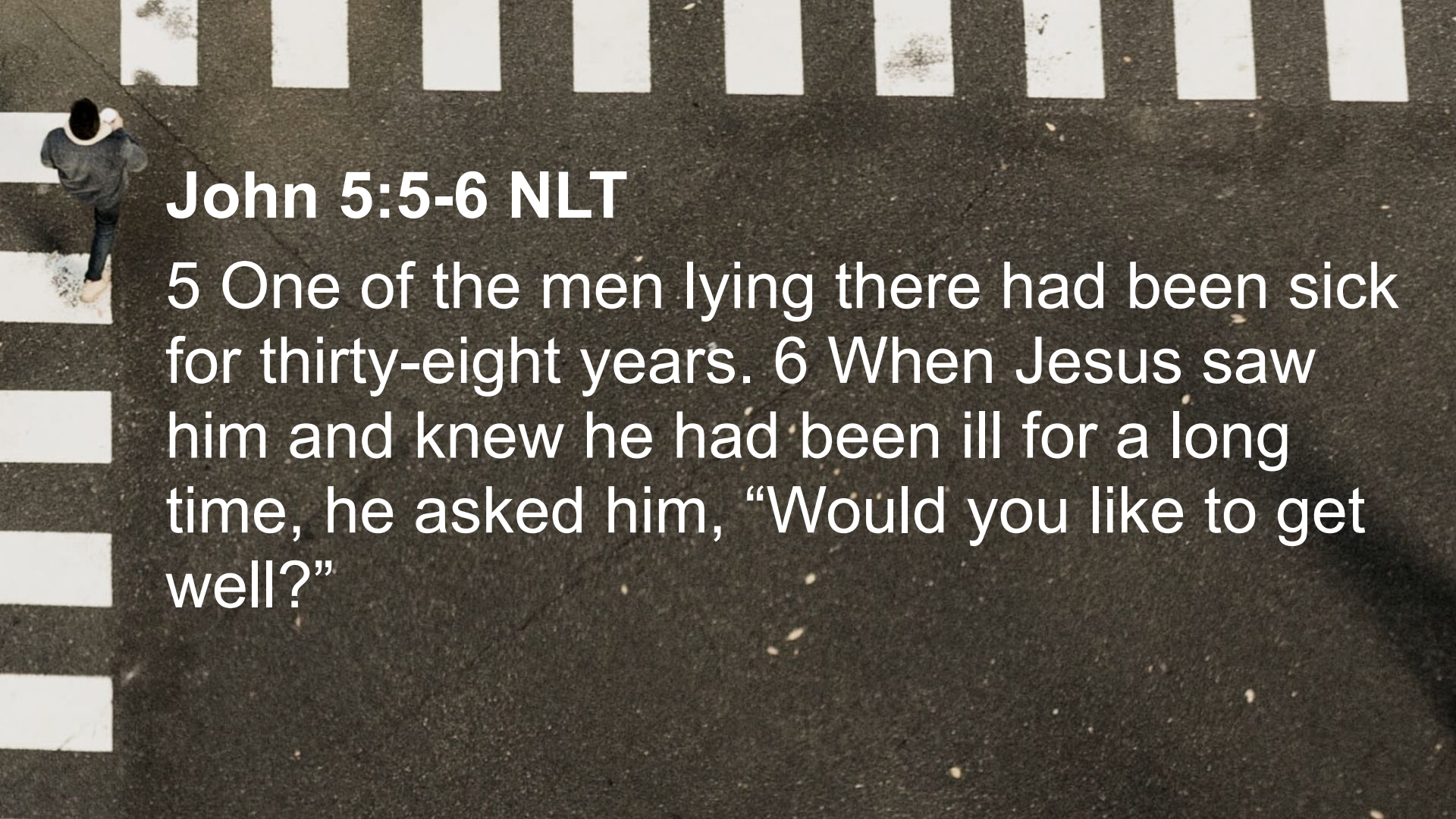


An aerial view of a person walking across a crosswalk on a dark asphalt road. The crosswalk consists of several white rectangular stripes. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a light-colored hat, and is walking from the left side of the frame towards the right. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

FROM VICTIMHOOD TO VICTORY

How the Father's Love Cures
the Victim Mentality

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John 5:5-6 NLT

5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

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John 5:7-8 NLT

7 “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

8 Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”

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Luke 23:32-33

32 Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. 33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

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Luke 23:34

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

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Luke 23:35

35 The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

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1 John 3:1 NIV

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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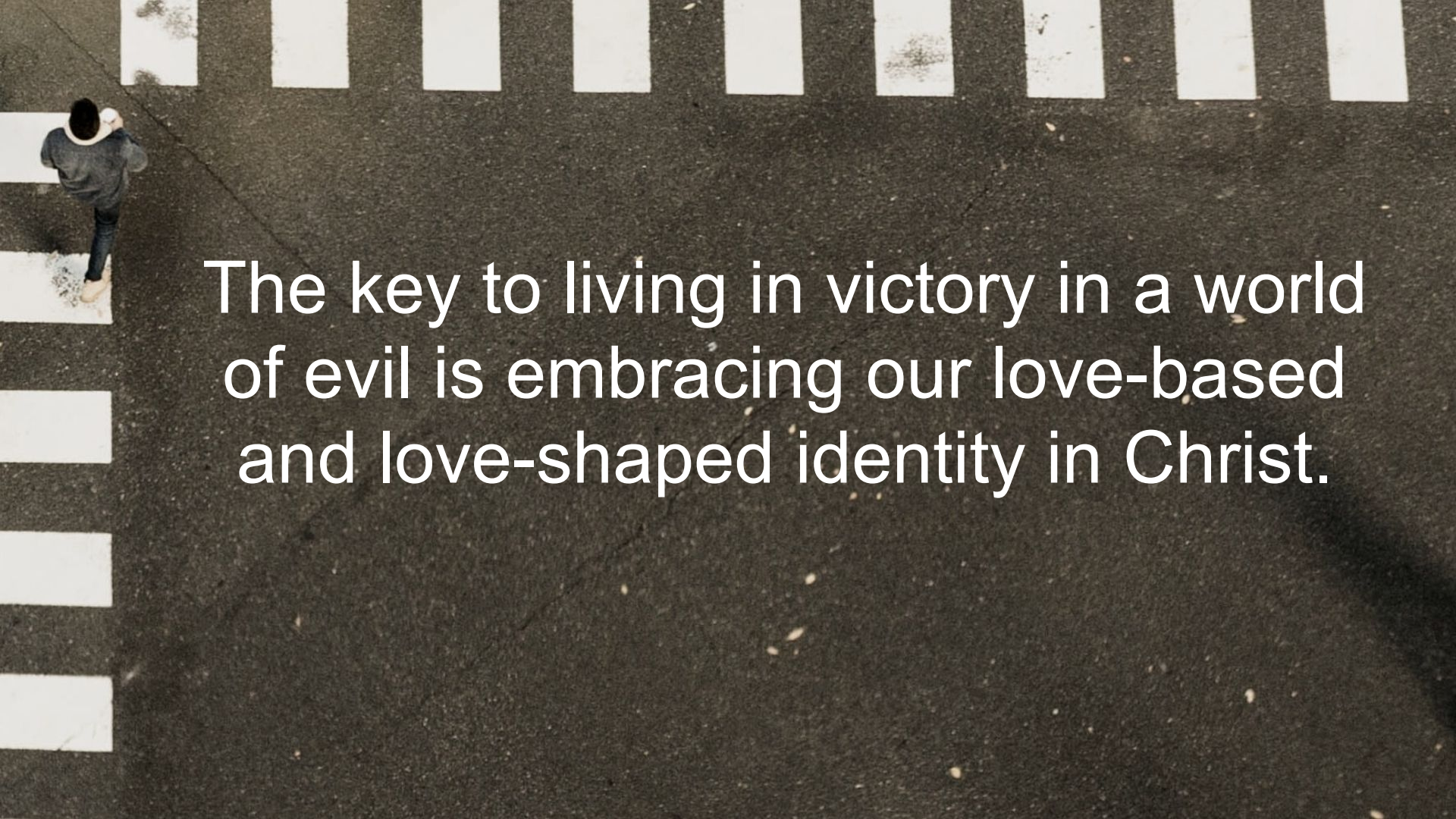
John 16:32

Indeed, an hour is coming, and has come, when each of you will be scattered to his own home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

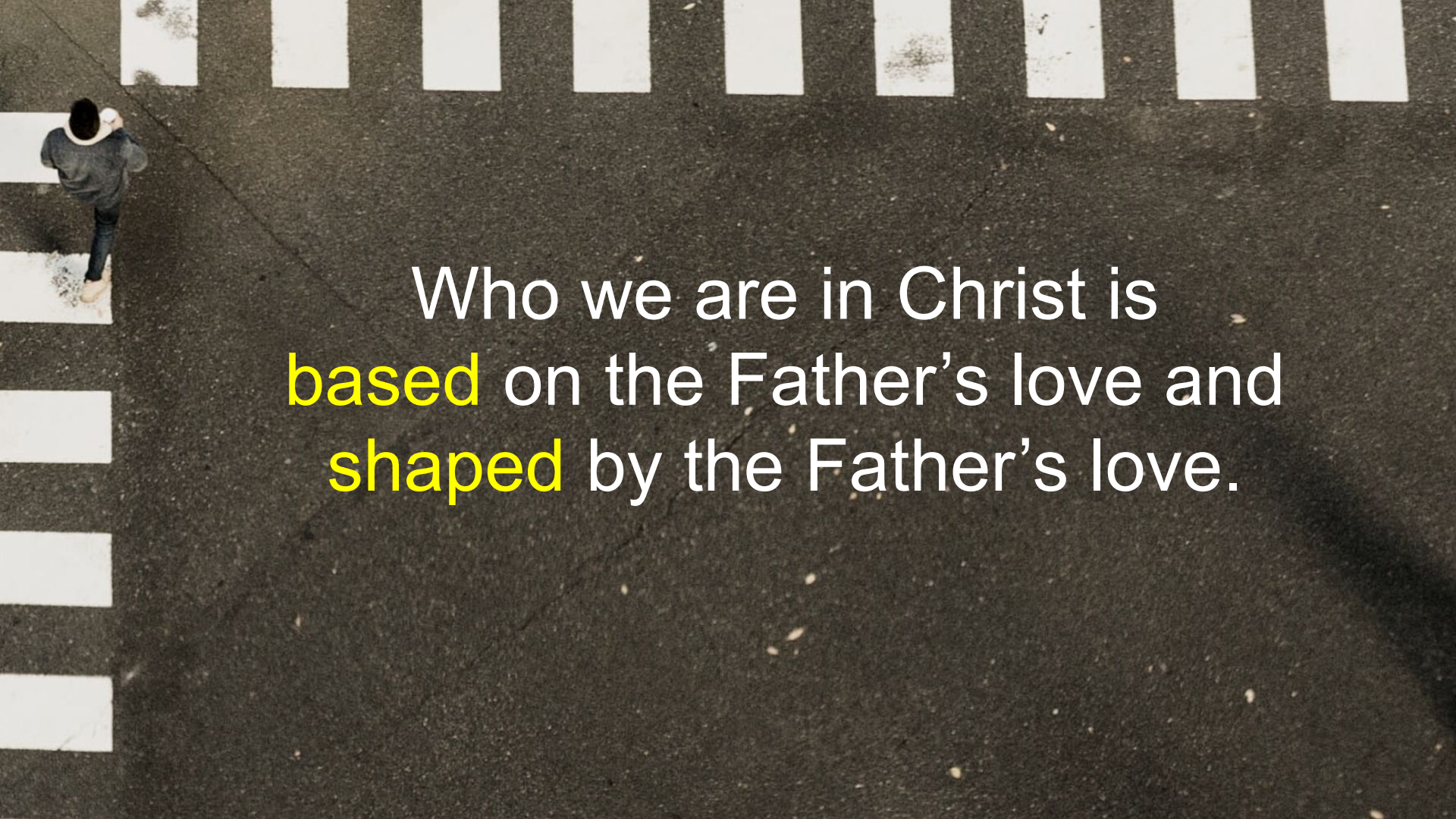
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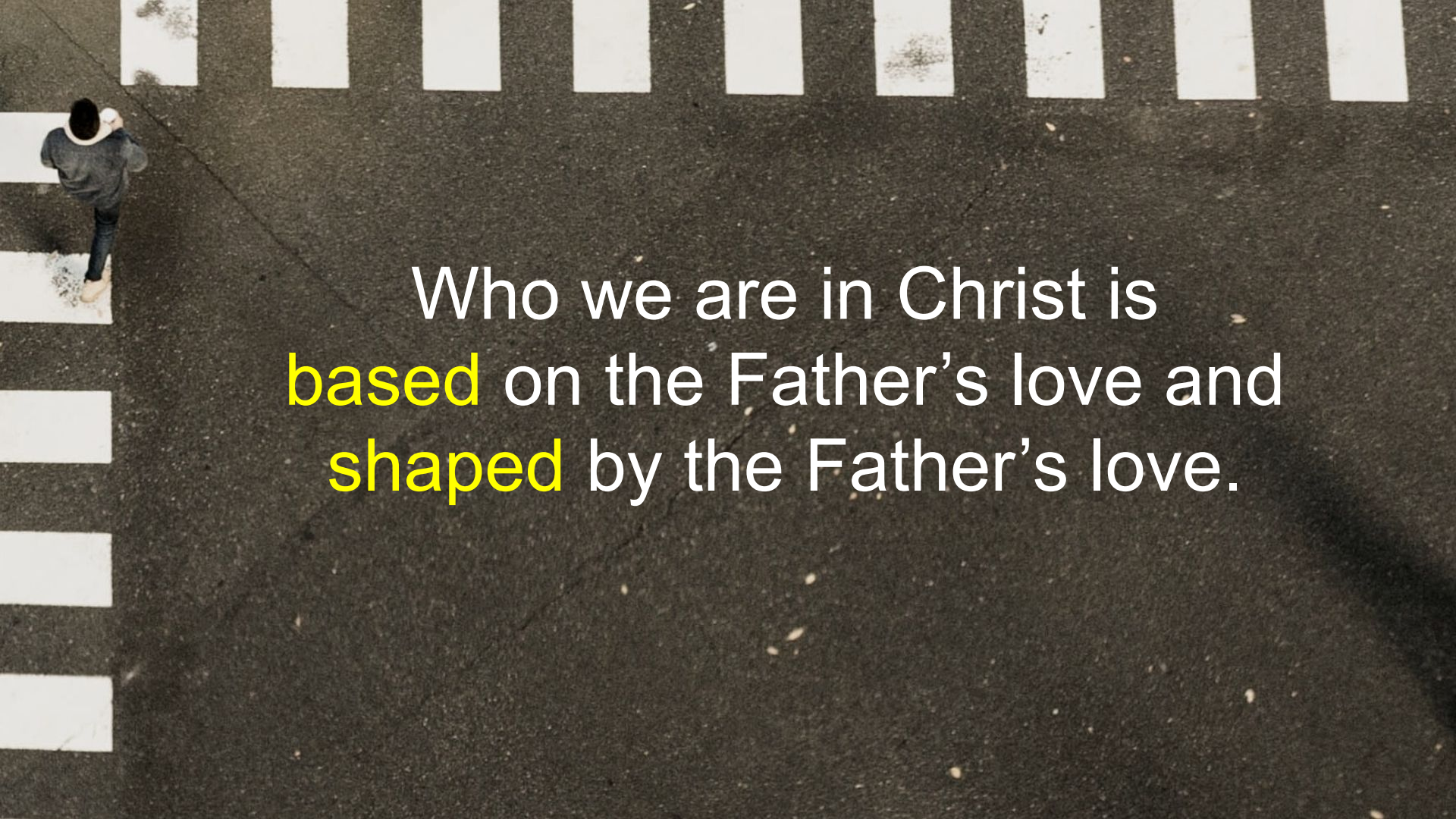
I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.”



The key to living in victory in a world of evil is embracing our love-based and love-shaped identity in Christ.

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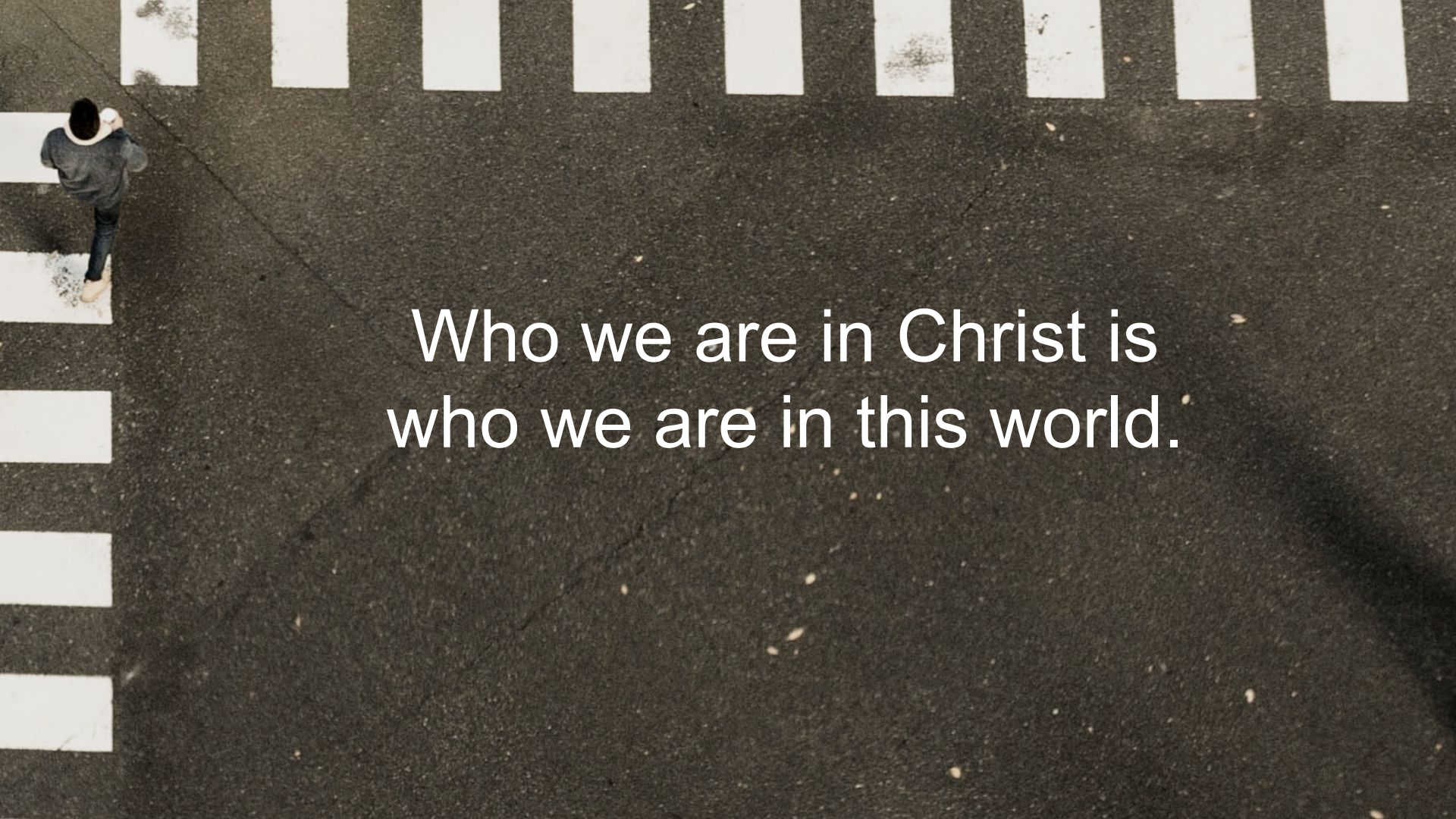


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1 John 4:17 NLT

And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.



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