

The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. Some droplets are at the top, some at the bottom, and some in the middle. They have highlights and shadows, giving them a 3D appearance.

THE MARKS OF THE CROSS

John 20:11-25

***But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping:
and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into
the sepulchre,***

***And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the
head, and the other at the feet, where the body of
Jesus had lain.***

***And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?
She saith unto them, Because they have taken away
my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.***

***And when she had thus said, she turned herself back,
and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was
Jesus.***


***Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?
whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the
gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him
hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will
take him away.***

***Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and
saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.***

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.



And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:



Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

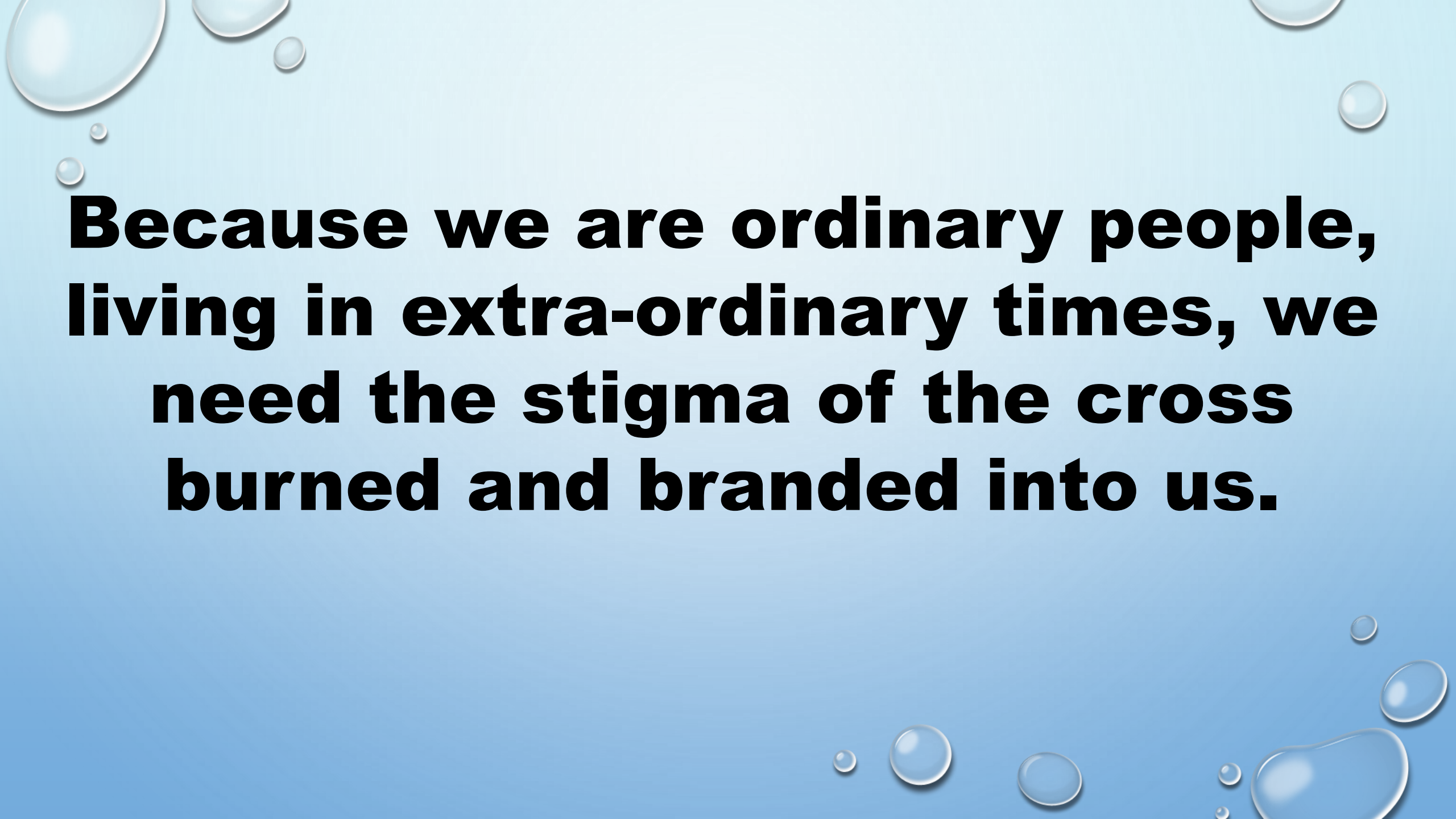
Gal 6:14-17

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

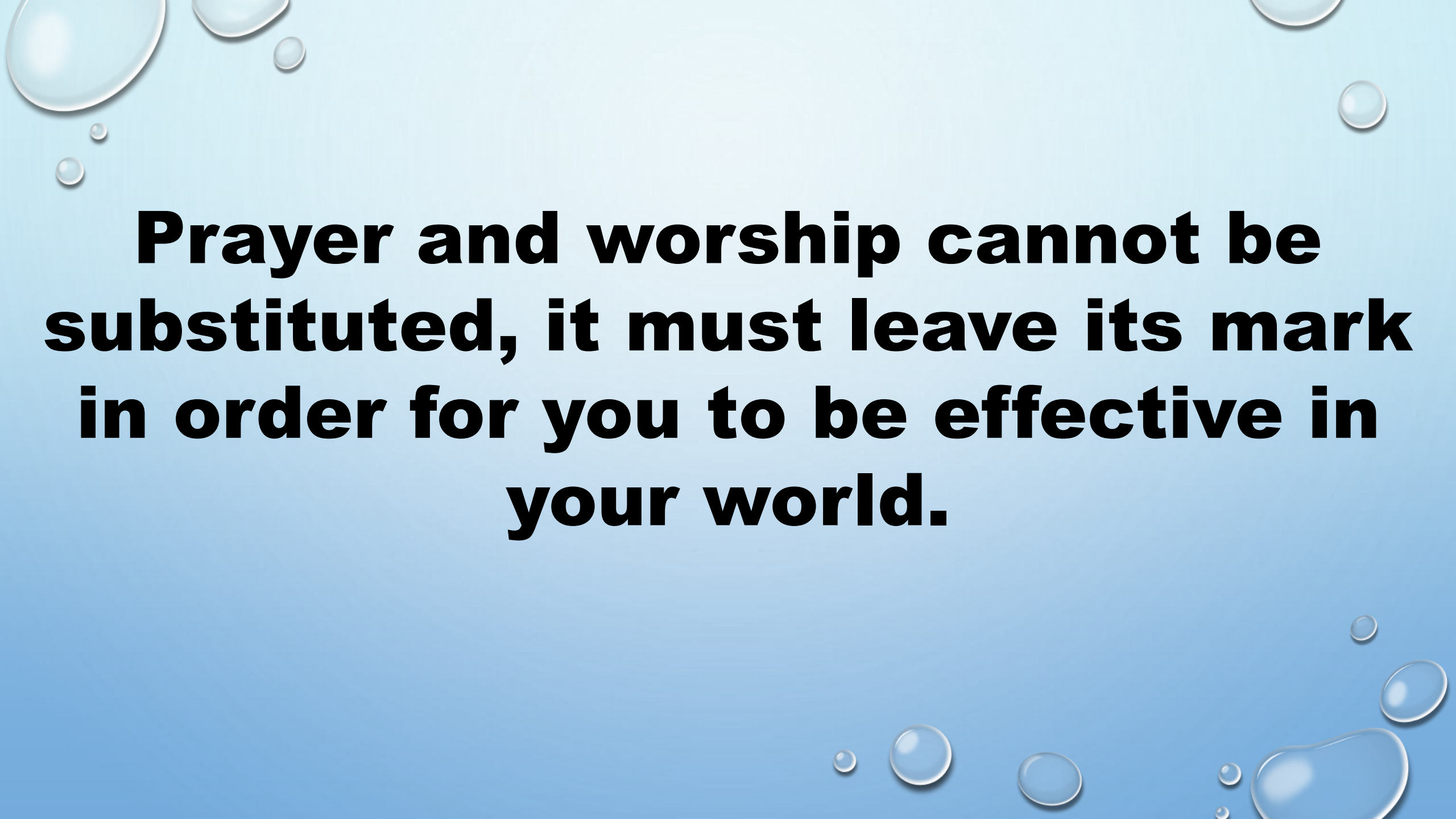
For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.



**Because we are ordinary people,
living in extra-ordinary times, we
need the stigma of the cross
burned and branded into us.**



Prayer and worship cannot be substituted, it must leave its mark in order for you to be effective in your world.