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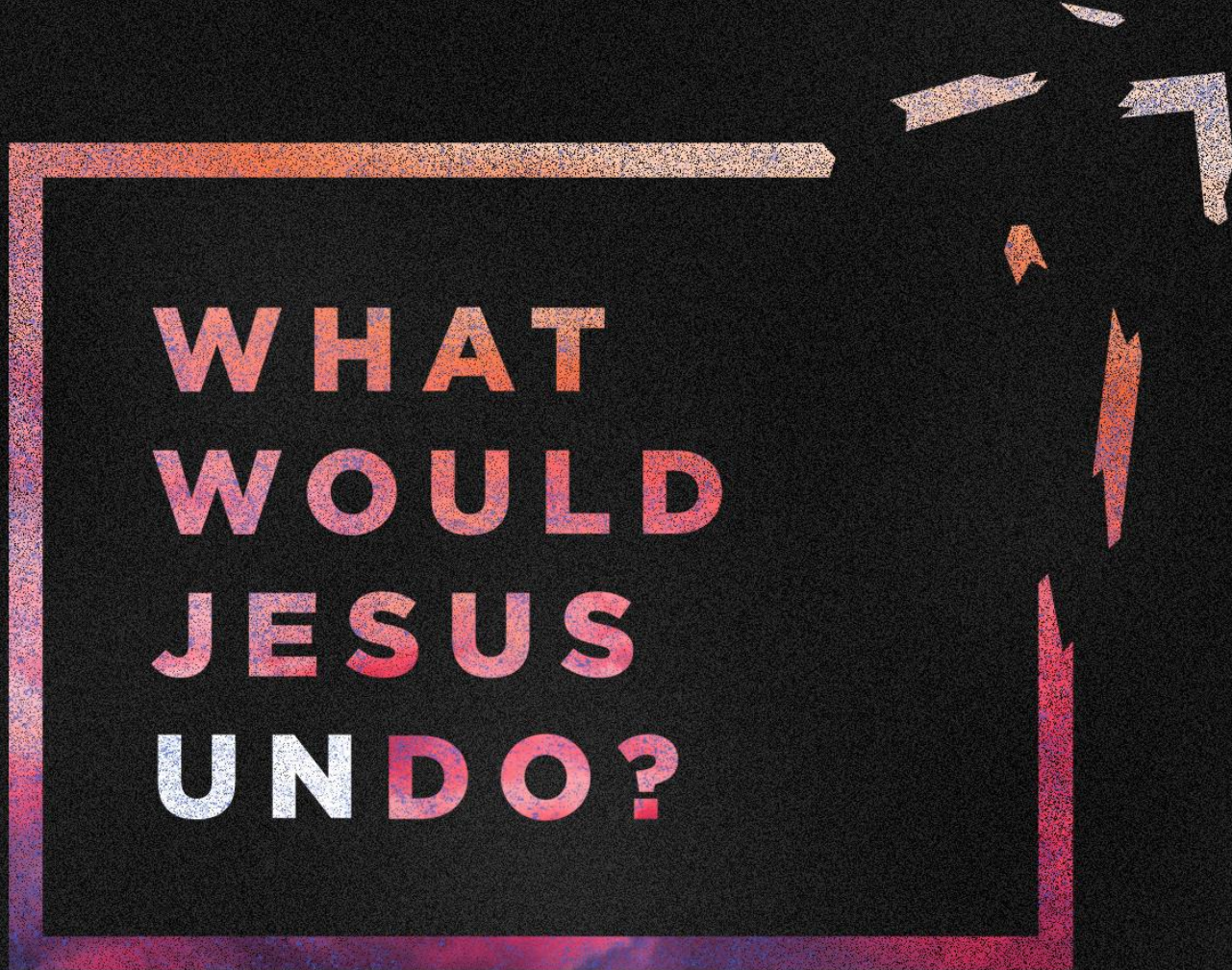
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You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

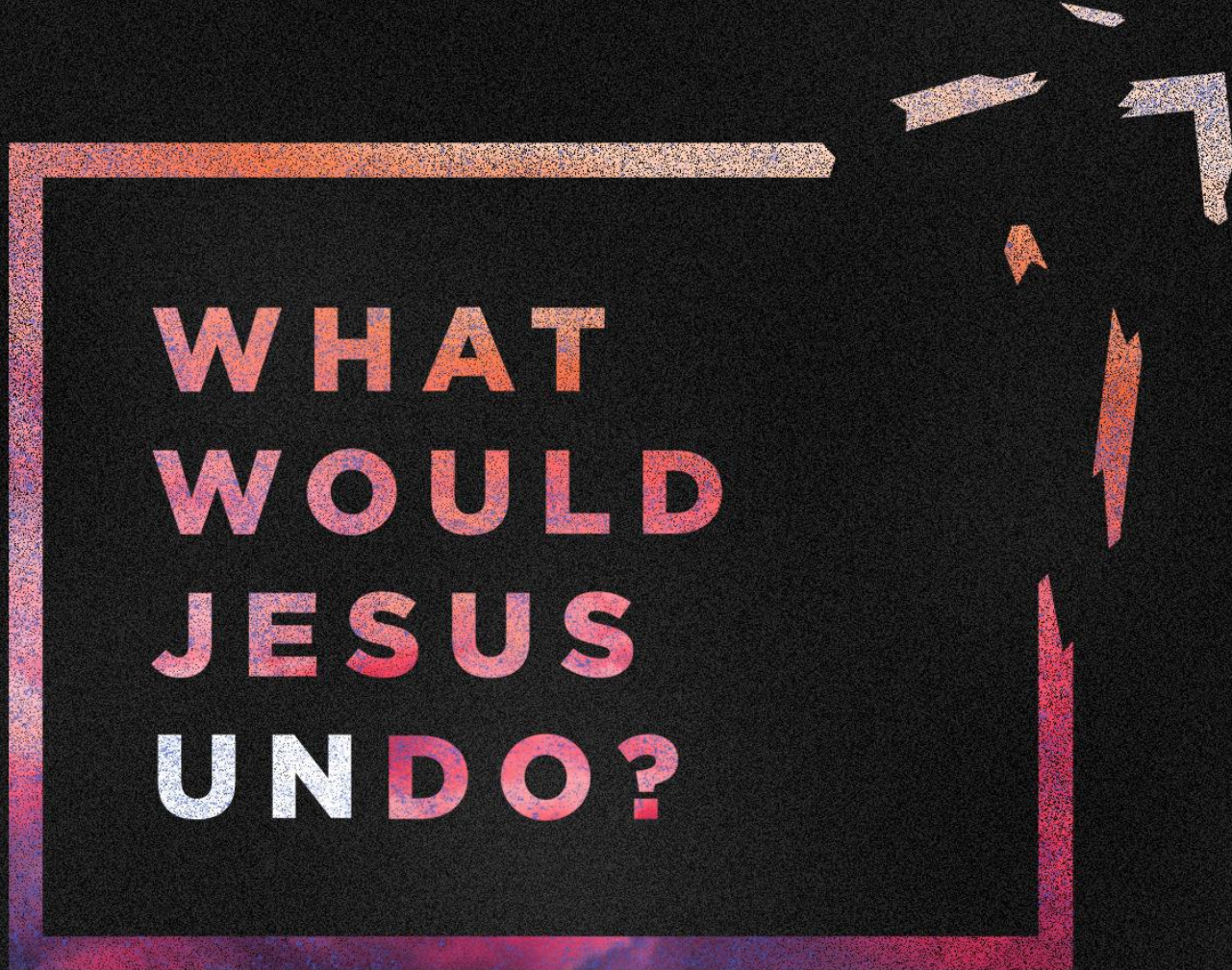
I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

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Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”



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**6.11 – Indifference**

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# IN HIS STEPS

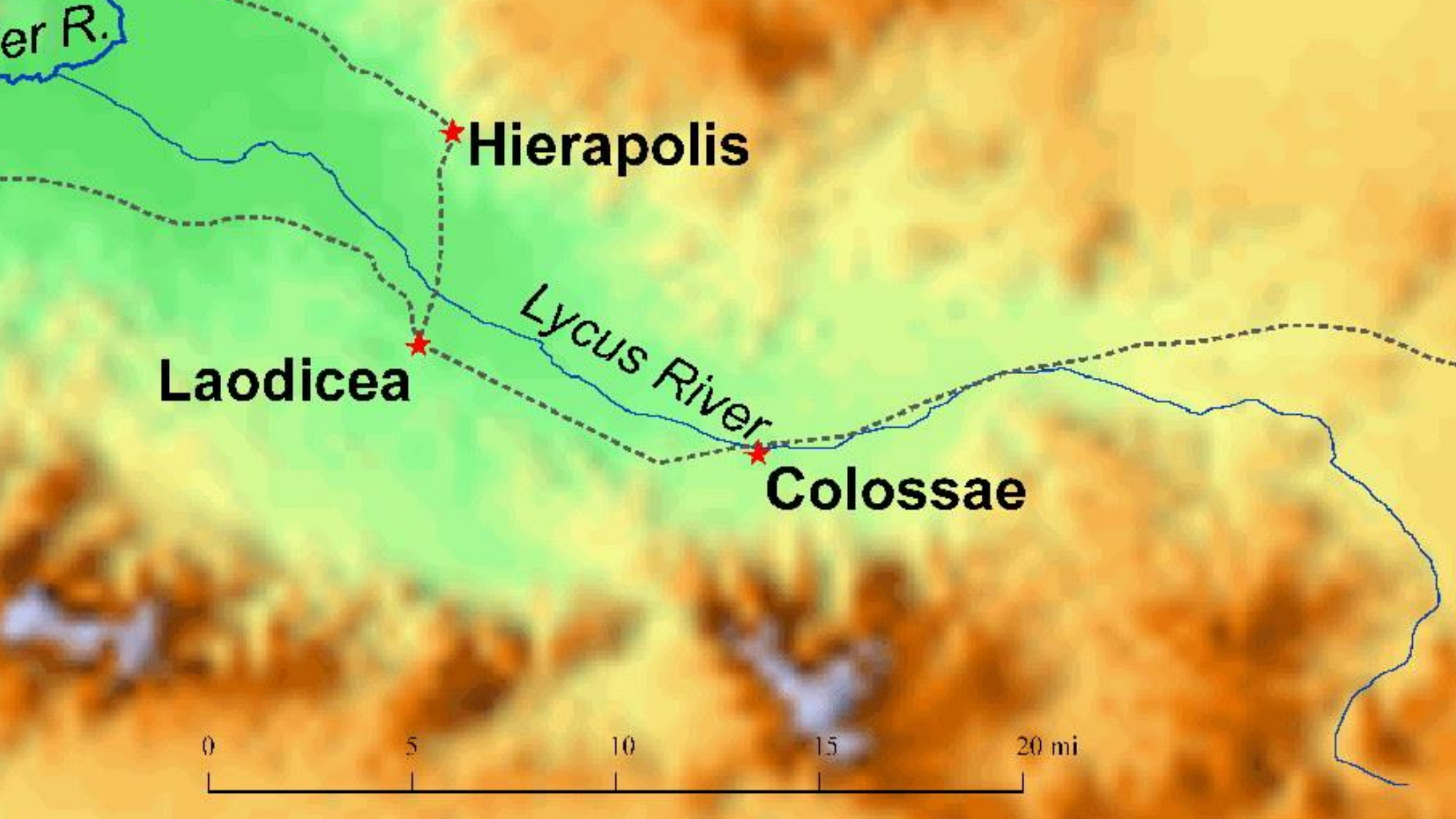
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Mark 4:19 – “... but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.”

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Gal 1:10 – Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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Gal 5:6 – The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

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7. We end up living not very different from the rest of the world

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Hebrews 11:6 – Without faith,  
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# Prayer of Repentance for Lukewarmness

Lord God, you have created me with the capacity for deep affections.

Yet I confess that my passion for You is often grievously tepid while my own selfish interests boil over.

I am bold to defend my own honor and reputation,  
but reluctant to defend Yours.

I am quick to satisfy my bodily appetites, but slow  
to feed my soul with the Bread of Life.

I squander moments devoted to communing with  
You while carefully protecting moments devoted to  
personal entertainment.

I am distracted from spending time with You by email that needs answering, rooms that need cleaning, a bald spot in the yard that needs seeding.

I am easily and foolishly concerned with worldly success and prosperity while languid and unmoved about the Greater Things of another world!

And I know that my lukewarm commitment to You is especially offensive when compared to the infinite height, depth, length, and breadth of Your love for me in Christ Jesus. You sacrificed it all on our behalf, and my response is lethargic and indifferent.

Thank you, Lord, that your Son's great sacrifice is so great and so sufficient that it pays even for such sins of erroneous affections!

Holy Spirit, make me burn with passion for You!

Whatever it takes, whatever it costs, give me the Spirit-salve for my heart-eyes, so that I may see what is Real, believe what is True, treasure what is Valuable, and forsake what is worthless.

In the name of Jesus, Your glorious Son,  
the Pearl of Great Price, Amen.