

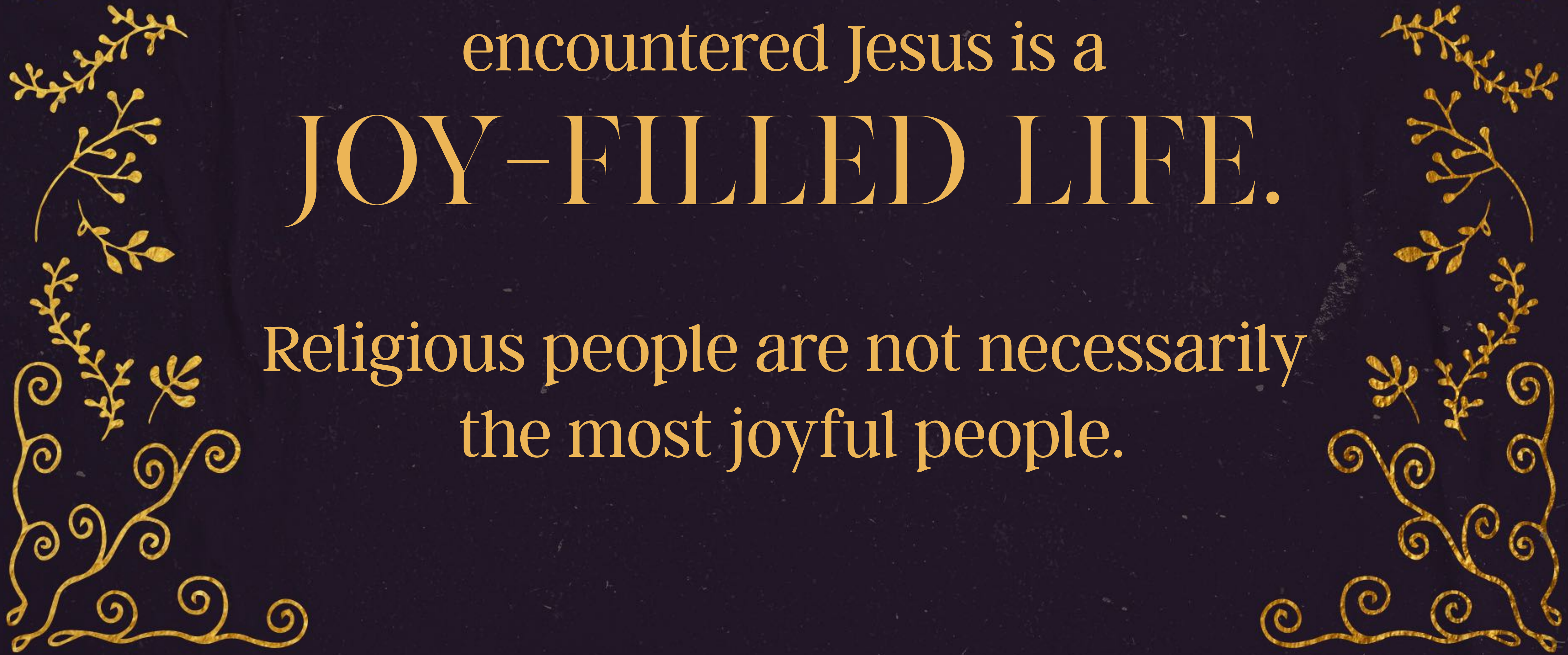
ENCOUNTERS
WITH
JESUS

JOURNEY INTO JOY



An indicator of having
encountered Jesus is a
JOY-FILLED LIFE.

Religious people are not necessarily
the most joyful people.





For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon.” The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.”

MATTHEW 11:18–19A



SIX PRINCIPLE REASONS TO FAST



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- I. to starve off disaster (1 Kings 21:27ff)
 - II. to prompt mercy (2 Sam. 12:22)
 - III. to atone for sin
 - IV. to heal diseases
 - V. to cast out demons
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SIX PRINCIPLE REASONS TO FAST

VI. to speed up the arrival of
the Messiah



For the kingdom of God is not
a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and

JOY

in the Holy Spirit...

ROMANS 14:17





“It refers to the heart or essence of the Greek mind...charis also referred to the presence of grace or beauty, which were the most joy-inspiring of all qualities for the Greek.”

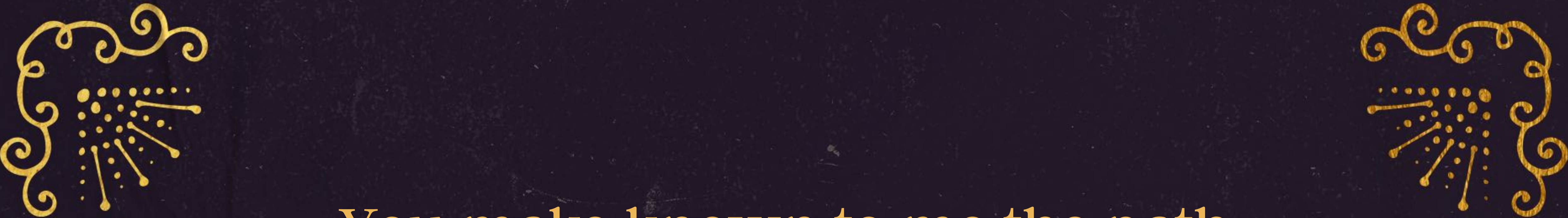
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ENCOUNTERING JESUS

gives us every opportunity
to celebrate because chara is the
natural response to charis.





You make known to me the path
of life; you will fill me with

JOY

in your presence, with eternal
pleasures at your right hand.

PSALM 16:11





REJOICE

in the Lord always.

I will say it again:

REJOICE!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4





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