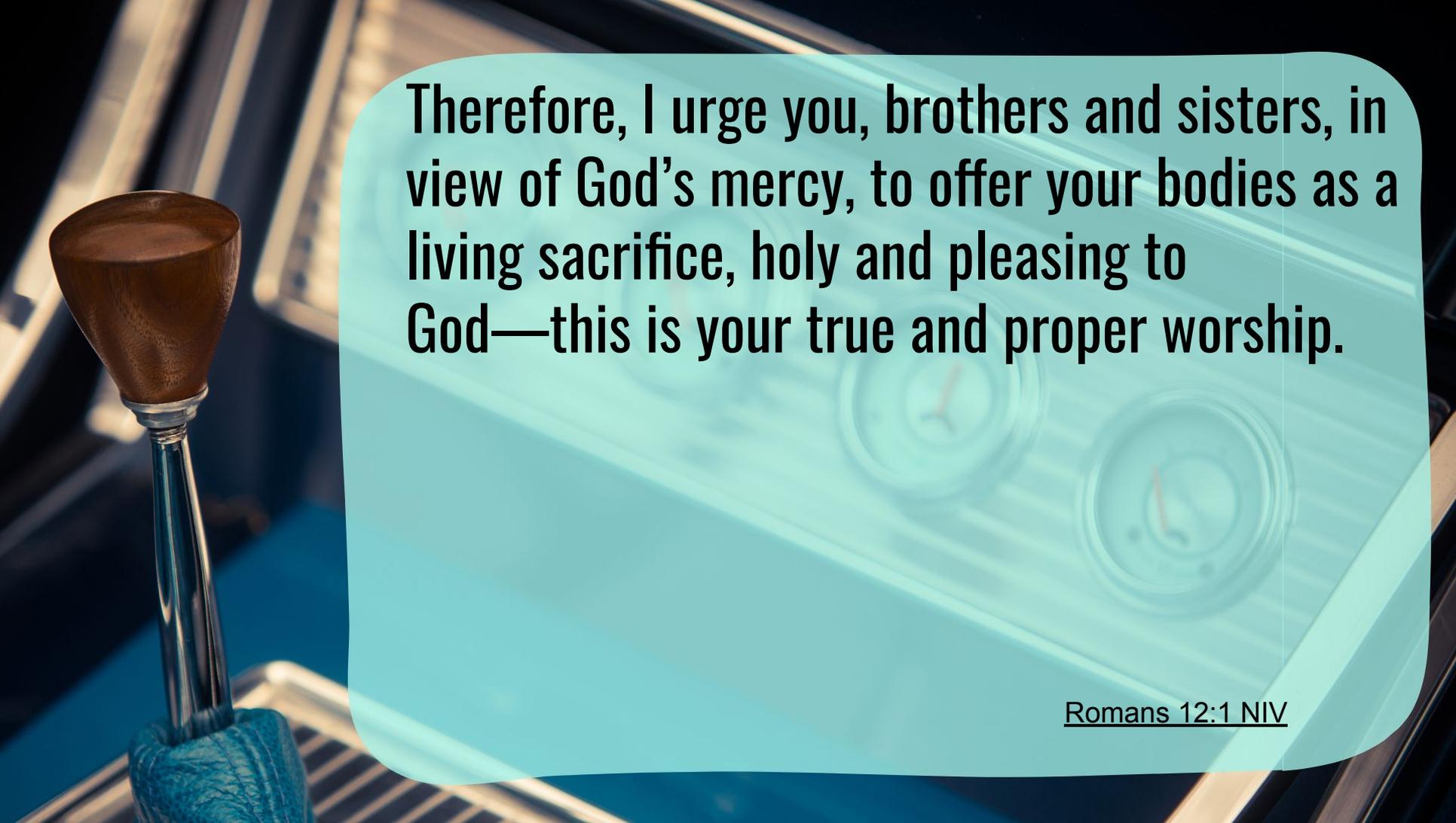




# New Year New Gear

Re-thinking love,  
connection, and worship

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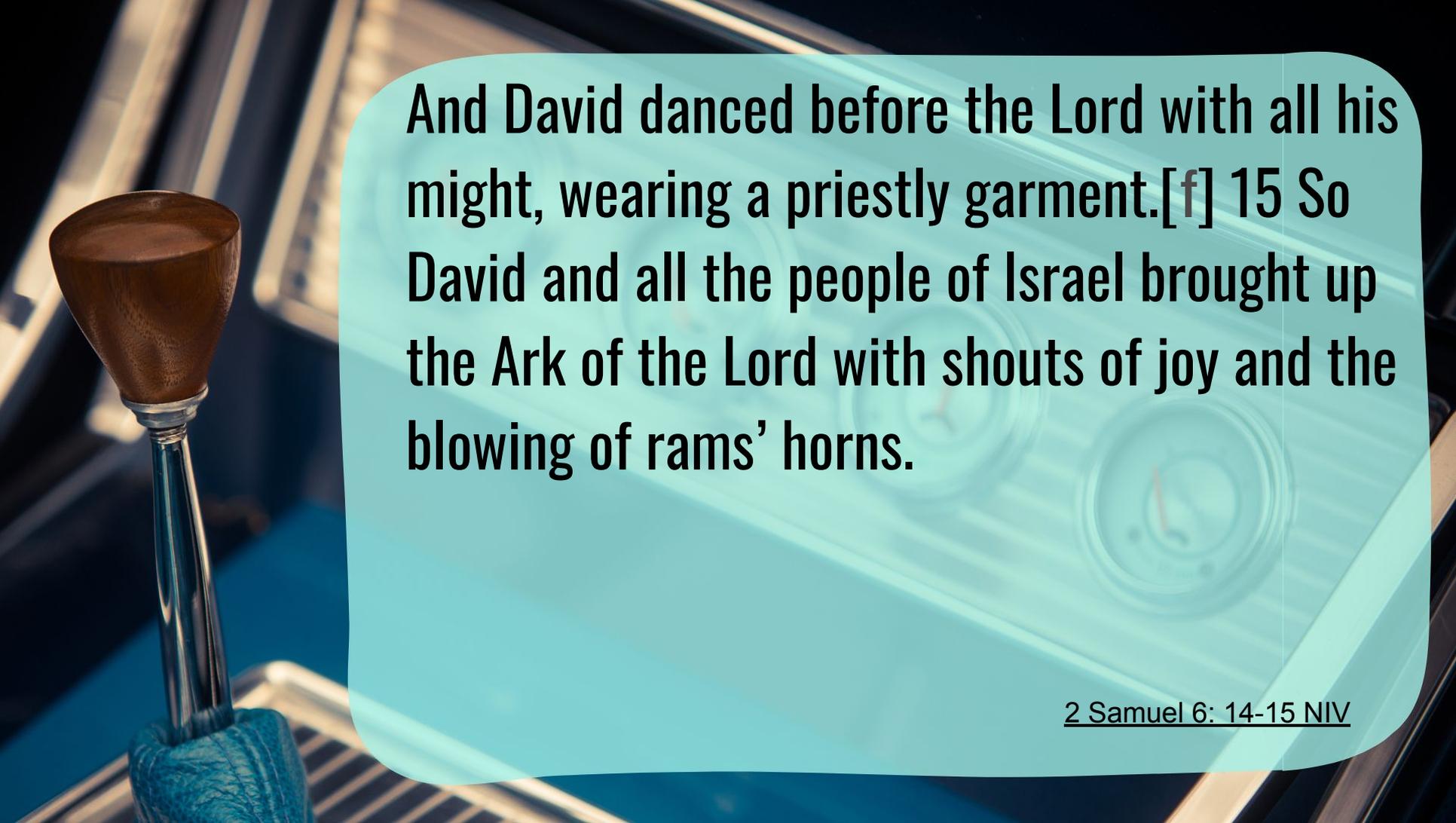
**Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.**

Romans 12:1 NIV

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of a car's interior. On the left side, a portion of a gear shift knob is visible, featuring a polished wooden top and a blue, textured grip. The rest of the image is dominated by a semi-transparent teal overlay that contains the text. The overlay is positioned over the car's instrument cluster, which includes several circular gauges with white faces and red needles, though they are out of focus. The overall lighting is warm, suggesting an interior setting.

## Main Point

**Our heartfelt worship is felt in the heart of God**

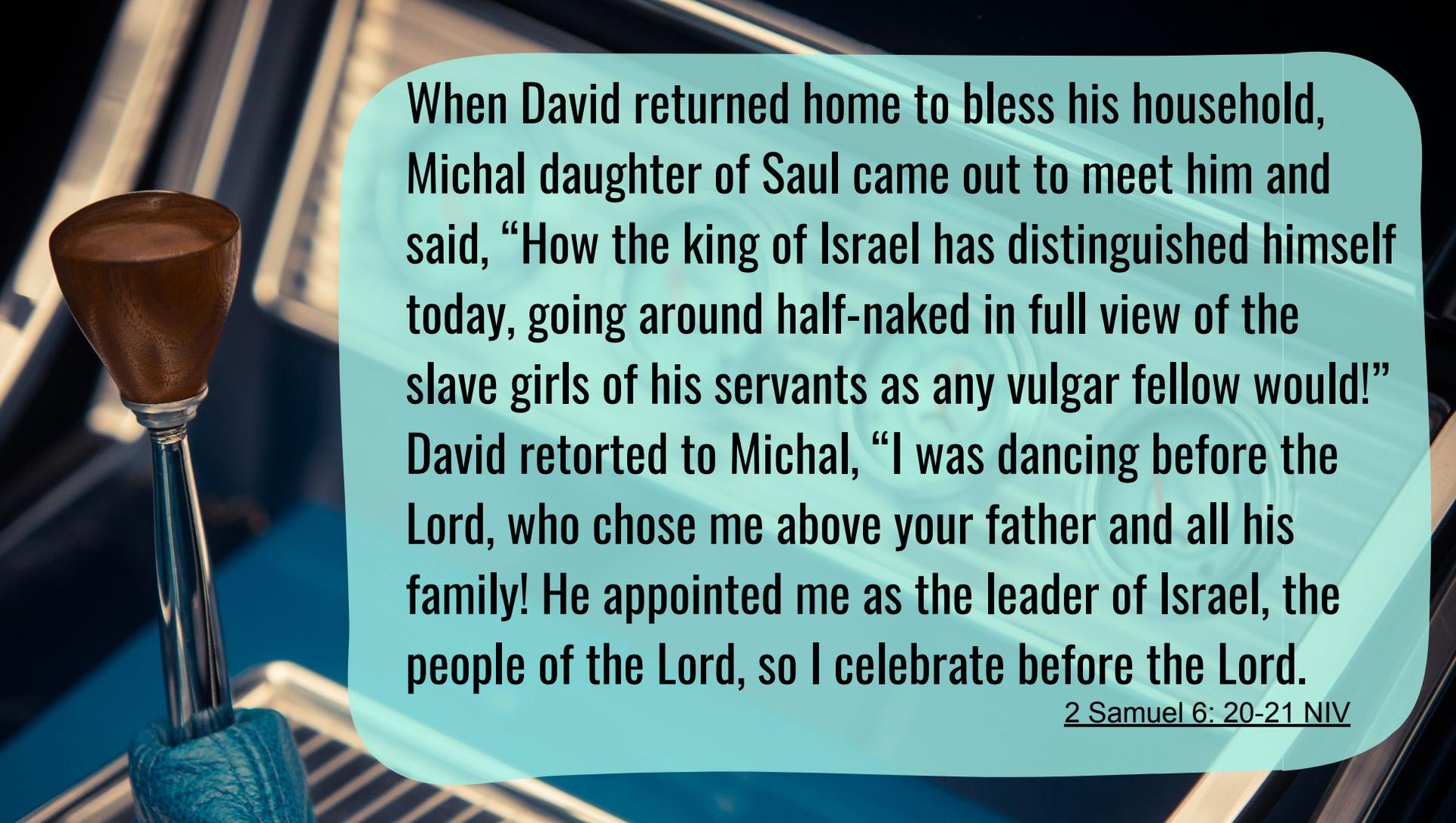


**And David danced before the Lord with all his might, wearing a priestly garment.[f] 15 So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.**

2 Samuel 6: 14-15 NIV

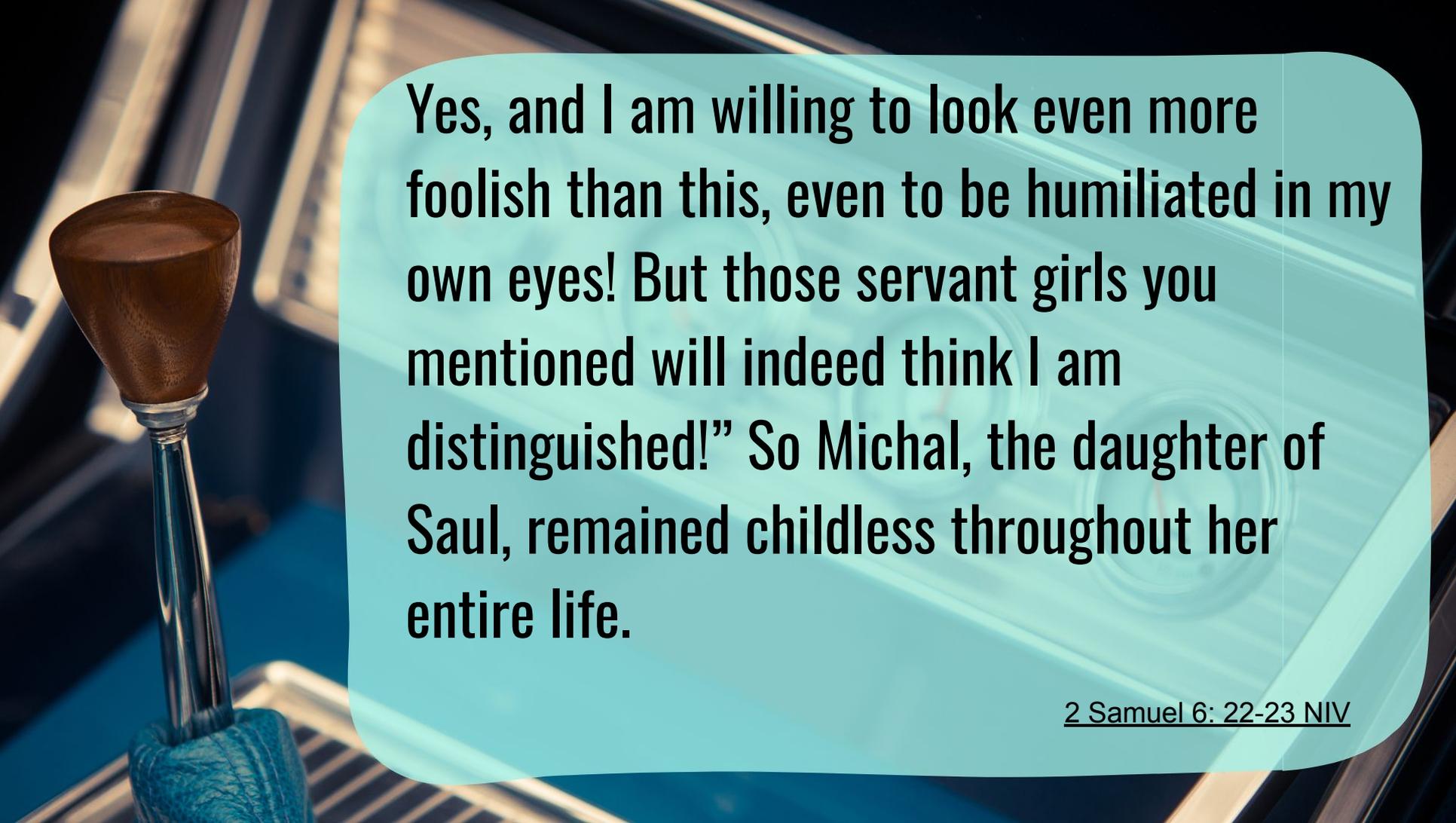
## Worship Through Expression

- ❑ David is whirling before the Lord
- ❑ He was very festively dressed
- ❑ He believes he is showing love and worship to God



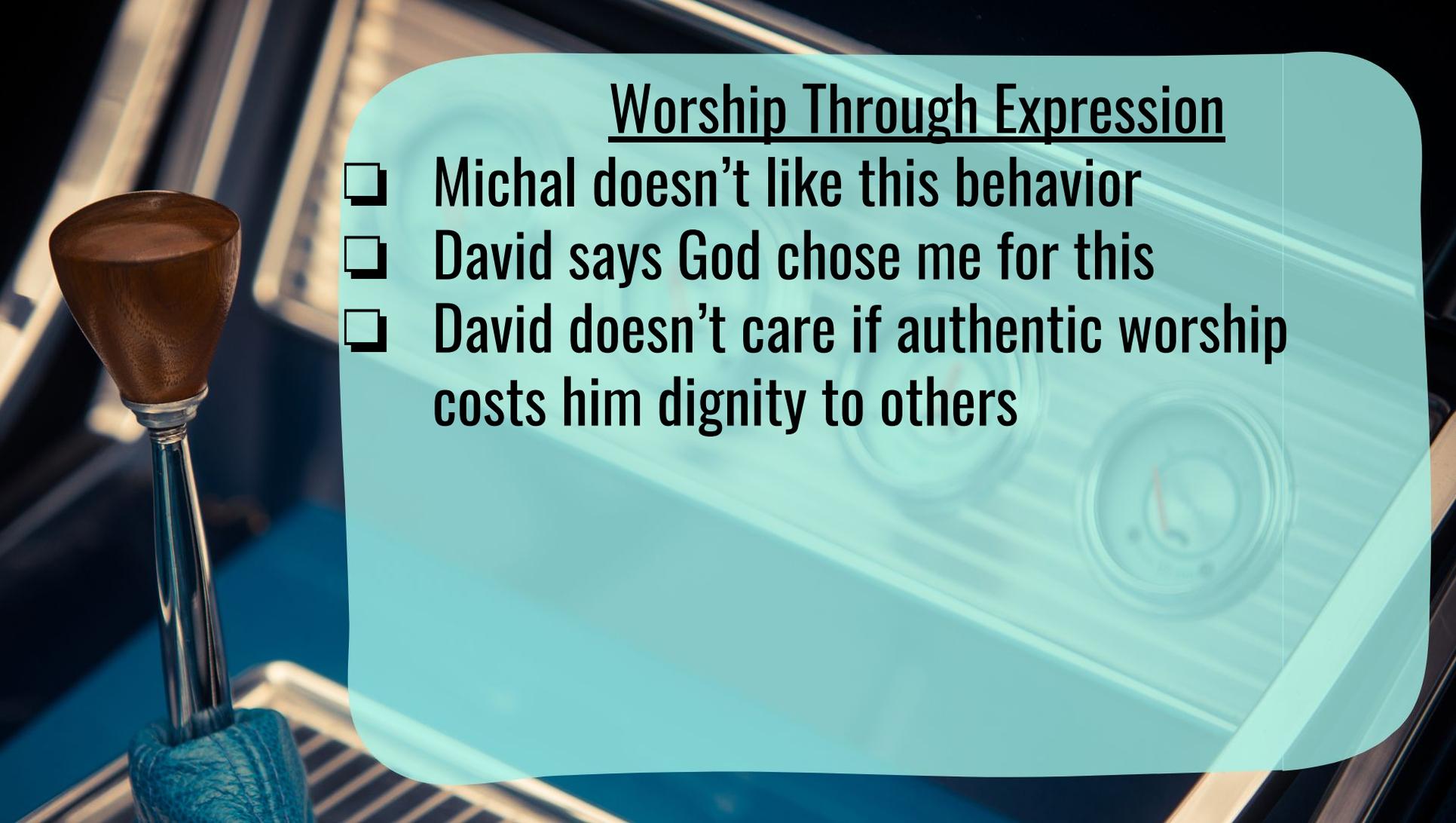
**When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, “How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!” David retorted to Michal, “I was dancing before the Lord, who chose me above your father and all his family! He appointed me as the leader of Israel, the people of the Lord, so I celebrate before the Lord.**

2 Samuel 6: 20-21 NIV



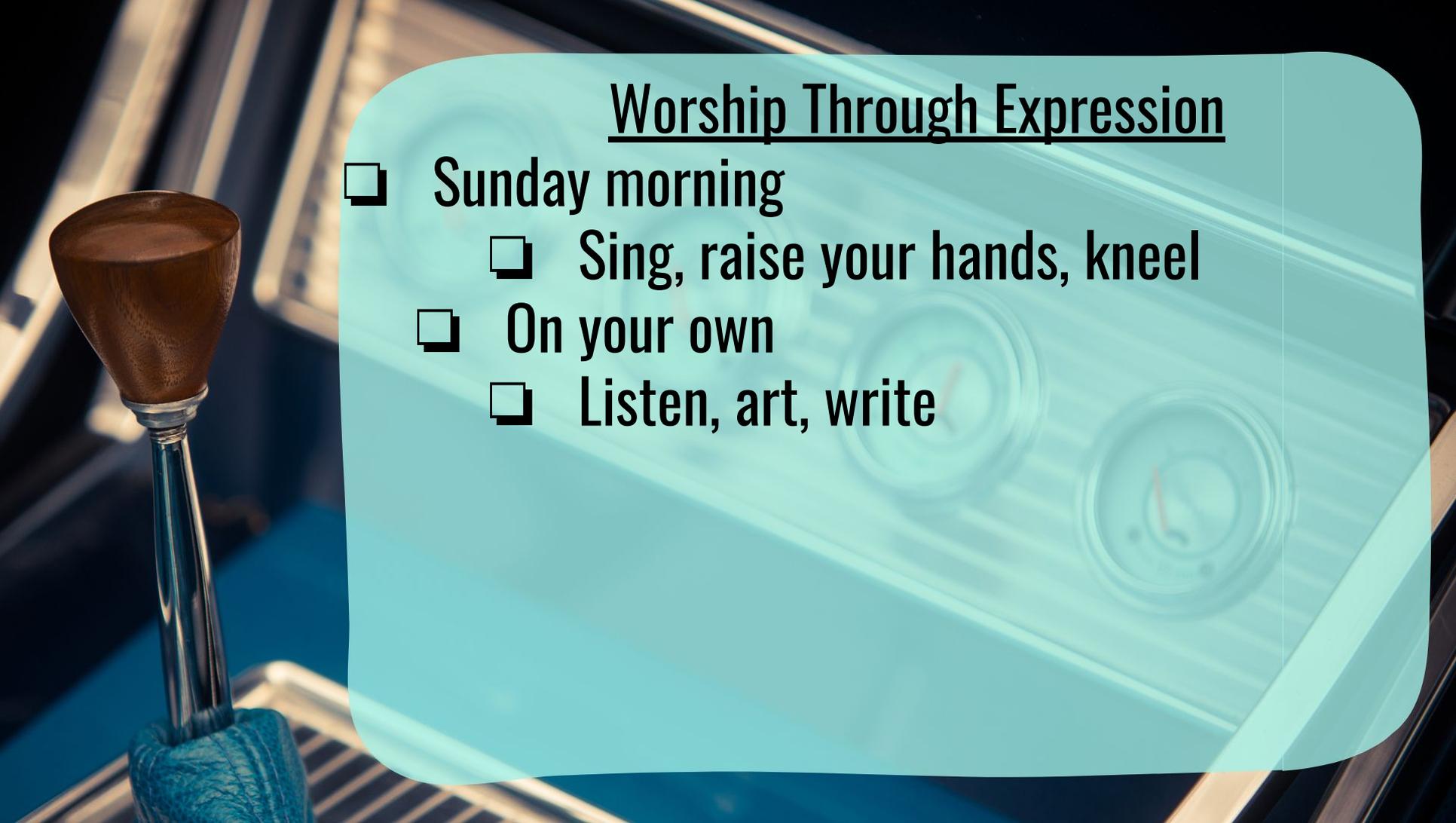
**Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this, even to be humiliated in my own eyes! But those servant girls you mentioned will indeed think I am distinguished!” So Michal, the daughter of Saul, remained childless throughout her entire life.**

2 Samuel 6: 22-23 NIV



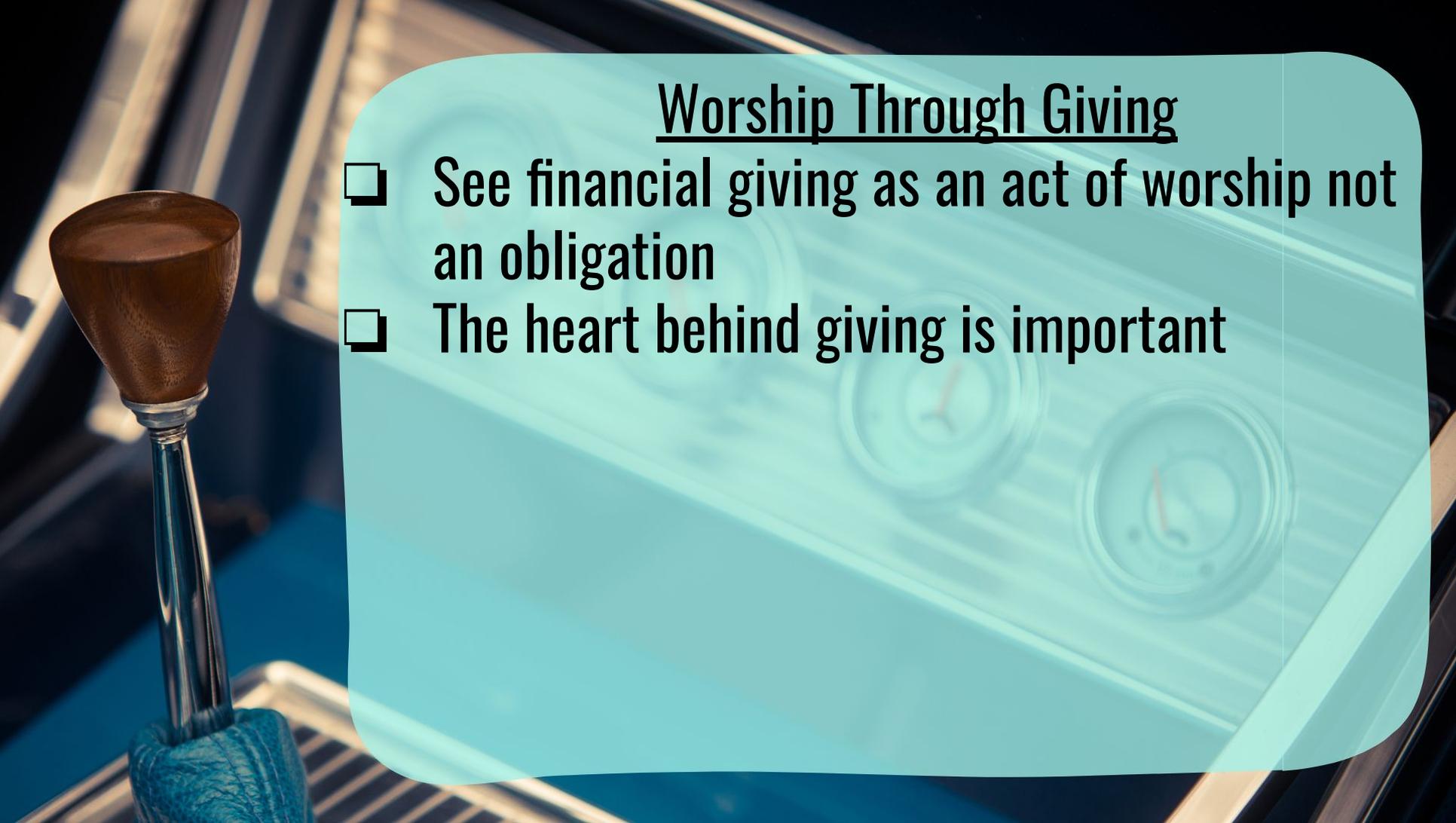
## Worship Through Expression

- ❑ Michal doesn't like this behavior
- ❑ David says God chose me for this
- ❑ David doesn't care if authentic worship costs him dignity to others



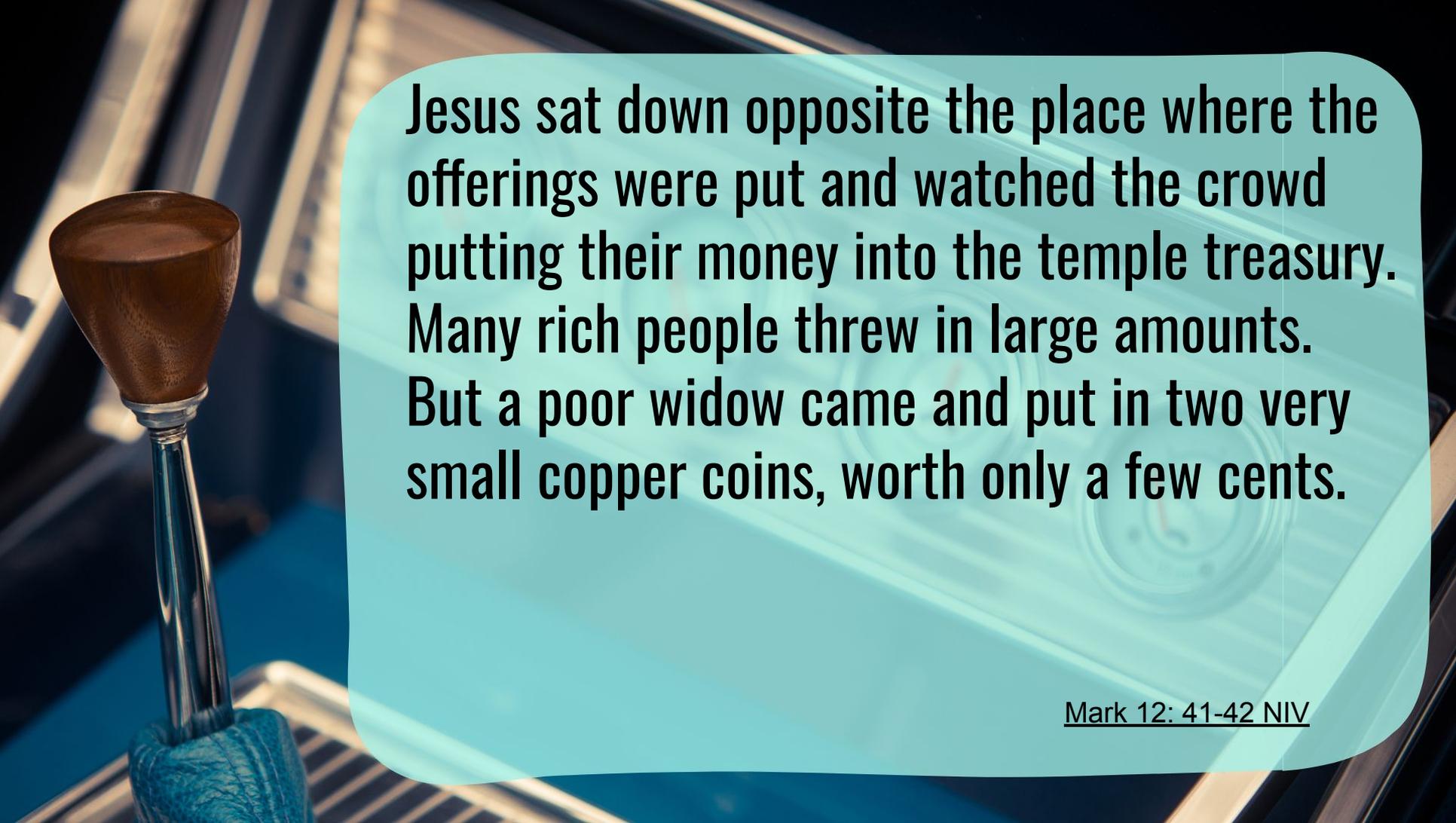
## Worship Through Expression

- ☐ Sunday morning
  - ☐ Sing, raise your hands, kneel
  - ☐ On your own
    - ☐ Listen, art, write

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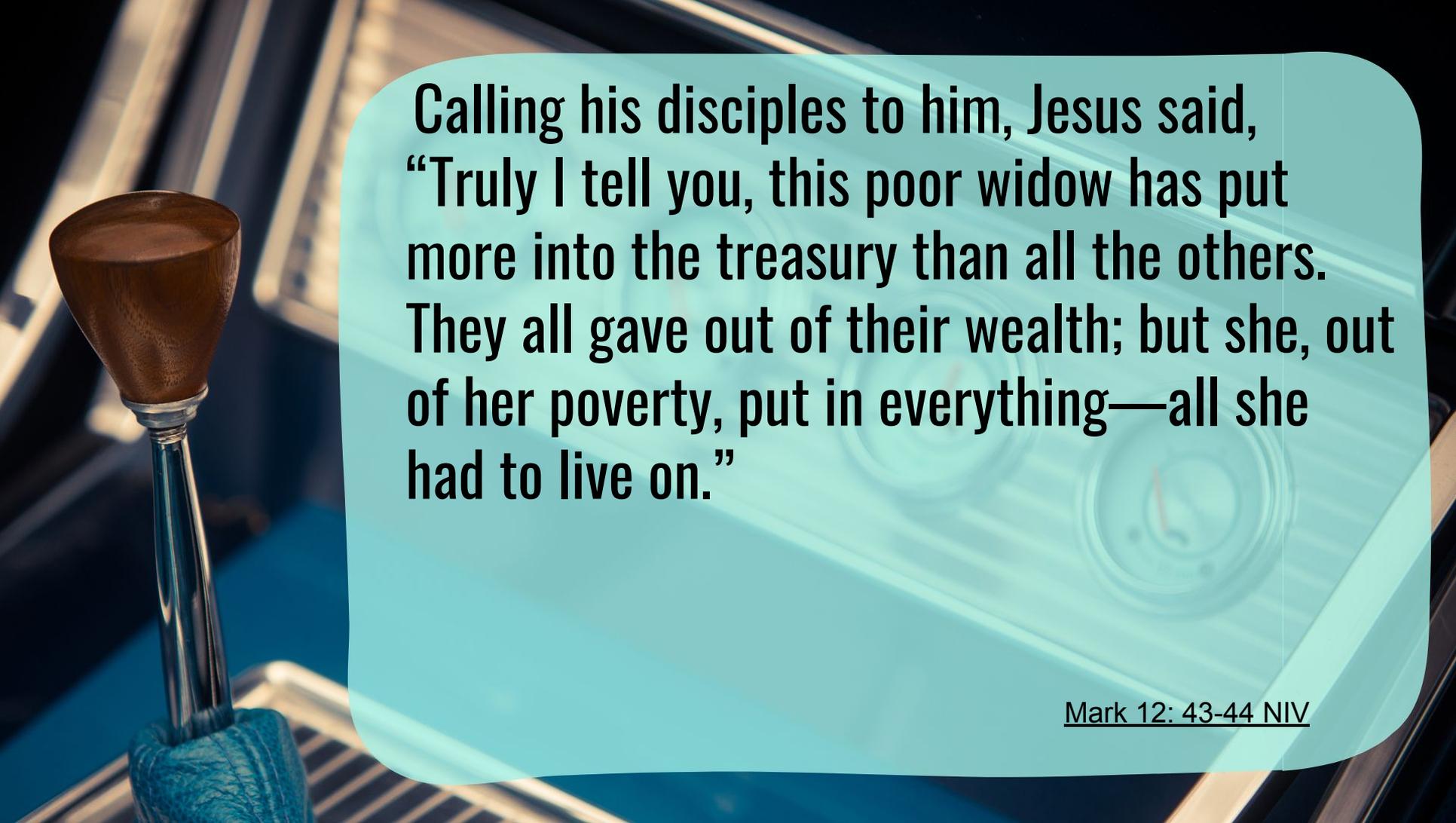
## Worship Through Giving

- ❑ See financial giving as an act of worship not an obligation
- ❑ The heart behind giving is important



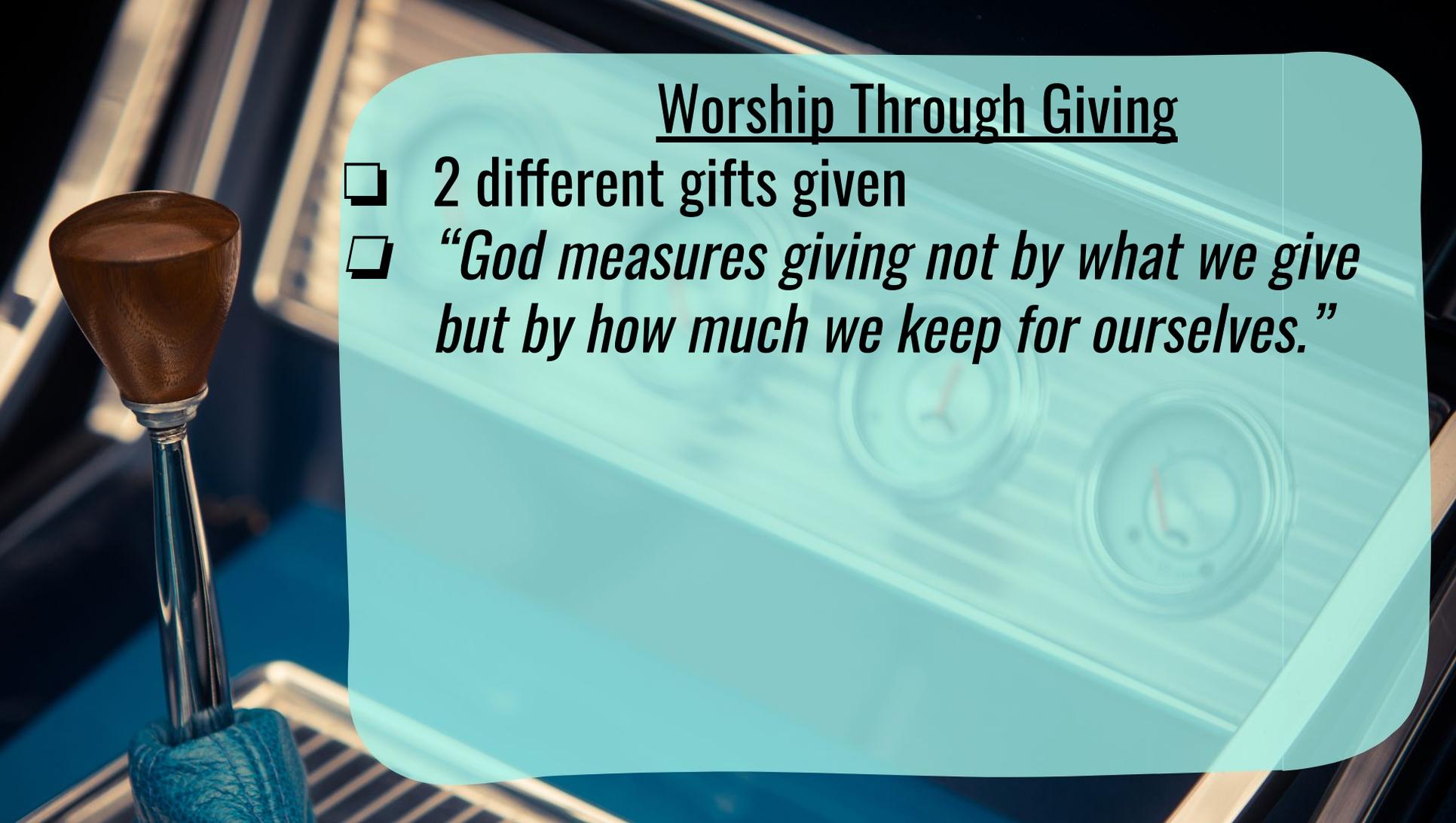
**Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.**

Mark 12: 41-42 NIV



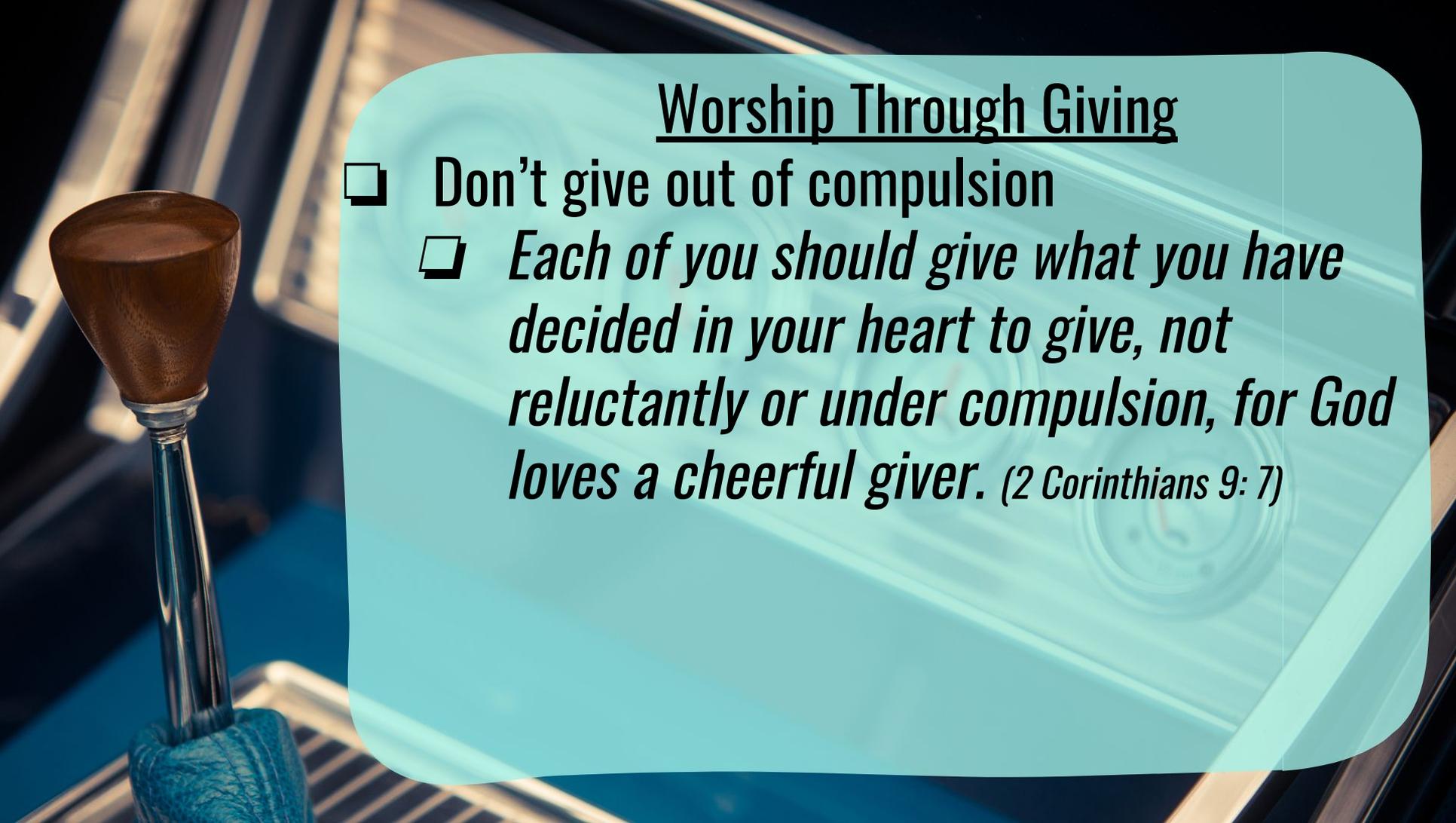
Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Mark 12: 43-44 NIV

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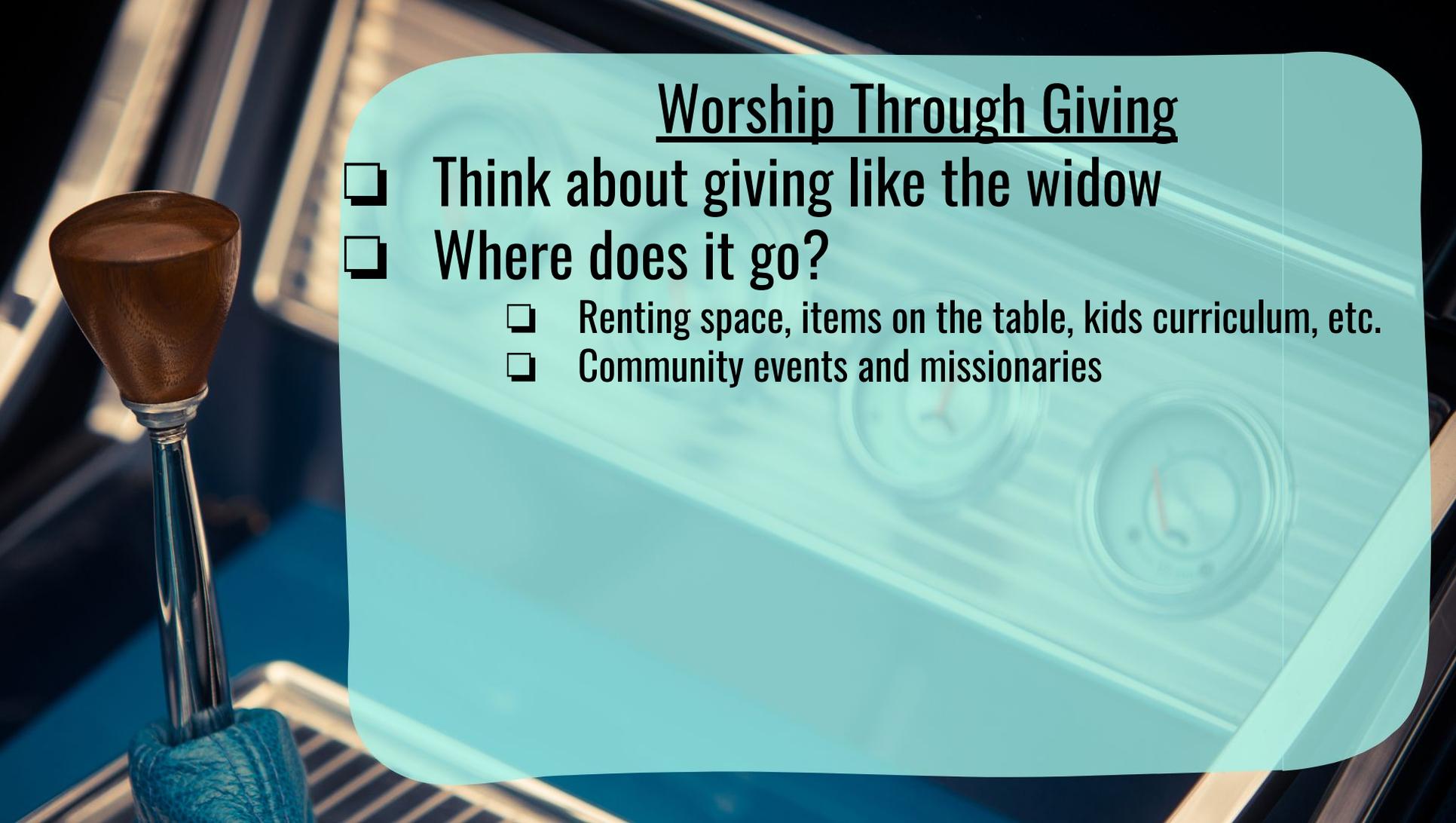
## Worship Through Giving

- ❑ 2 different gifts given
- ❑ *“God measures giving not by what we give but by how much we keep for ourselves.”*



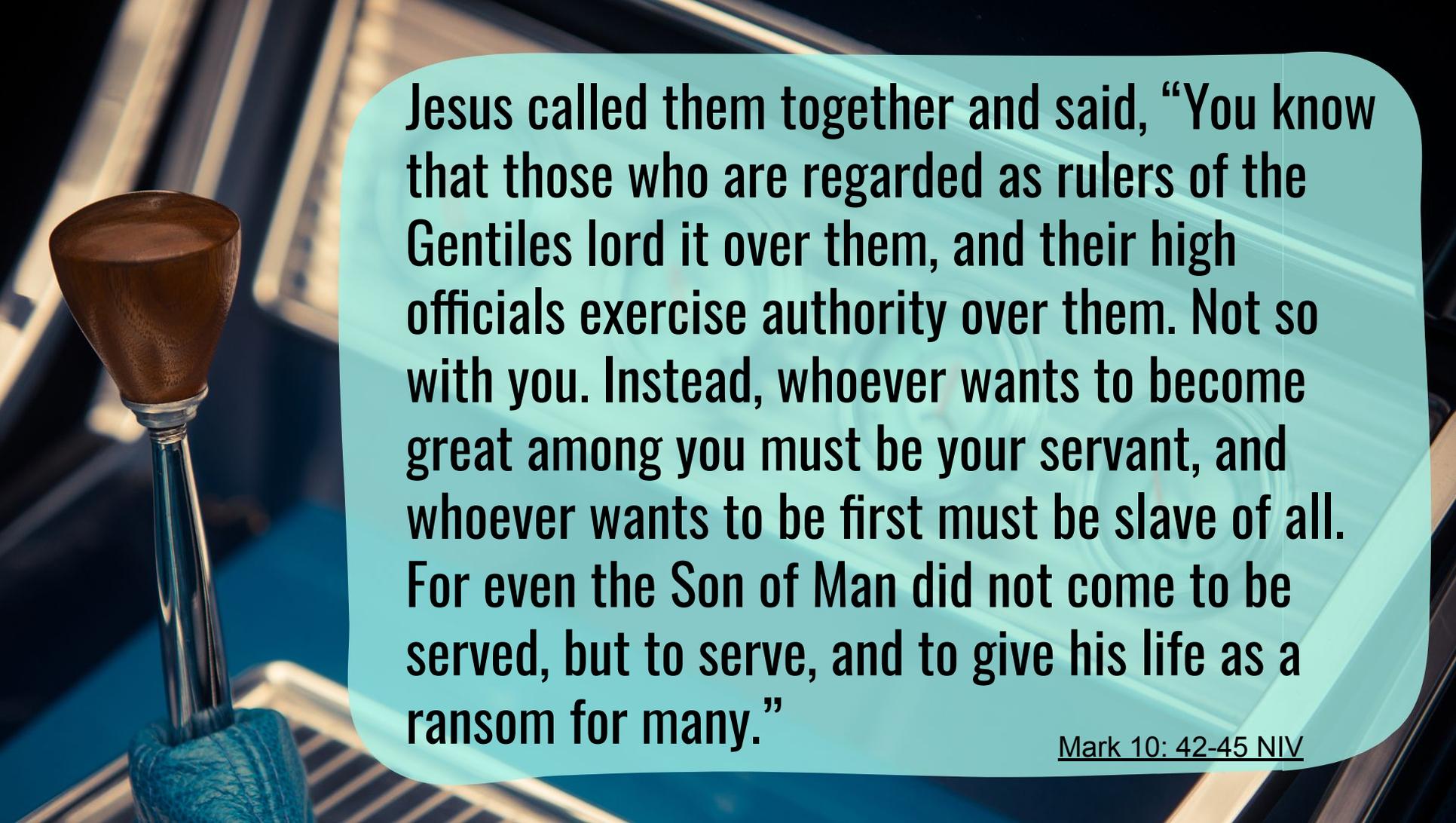
## Worship Through Giving

- ❑ Don't give out of compulsion
- ❑ *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9: 7)*

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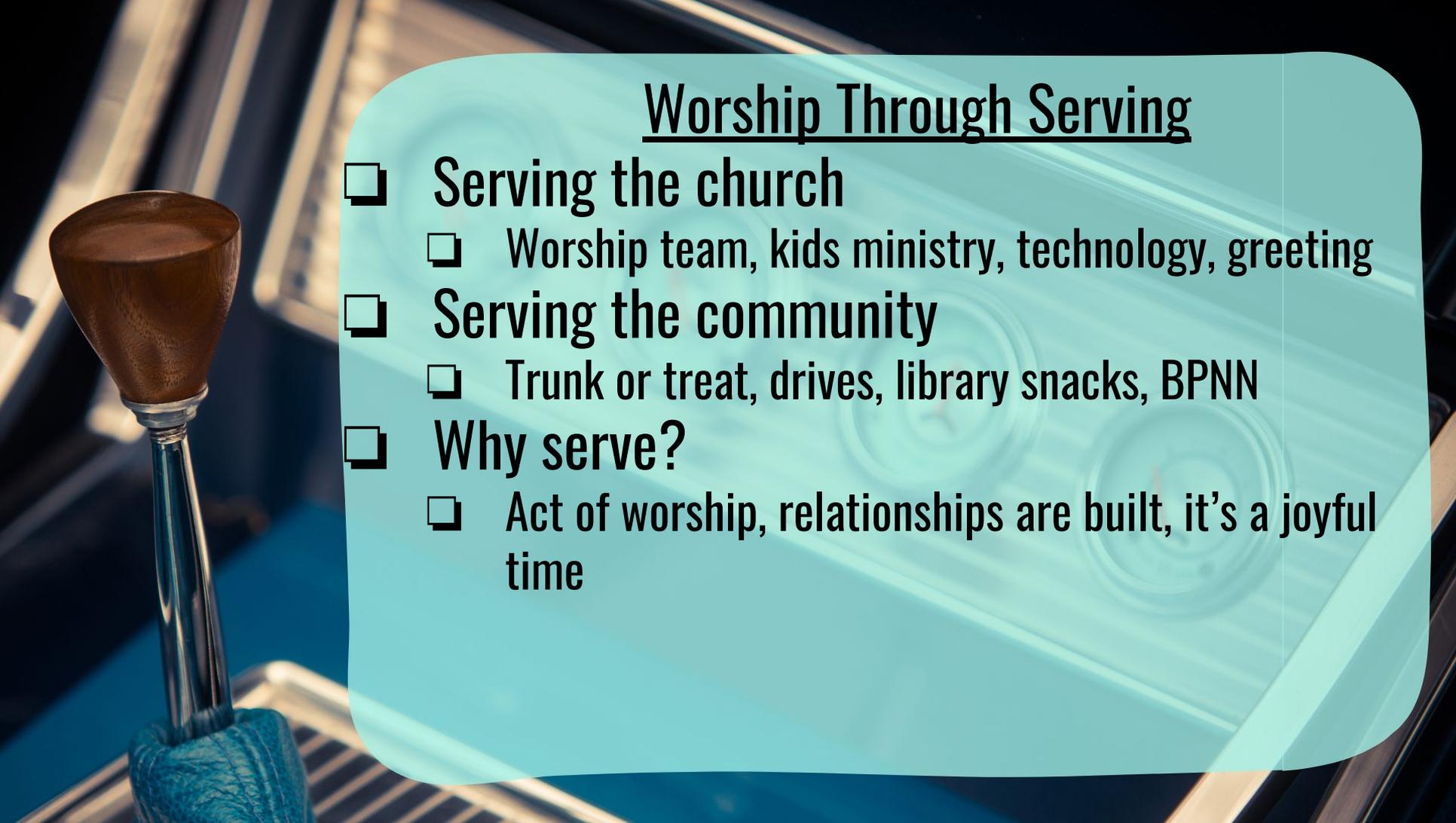
## Worship Through Giving

- ❑ Think about giving like the widow
- ❑ Where does it go?
  - ❑ Renting space, items on the table, kids curriculum, etc.
  - ❑ Community events and missionaries



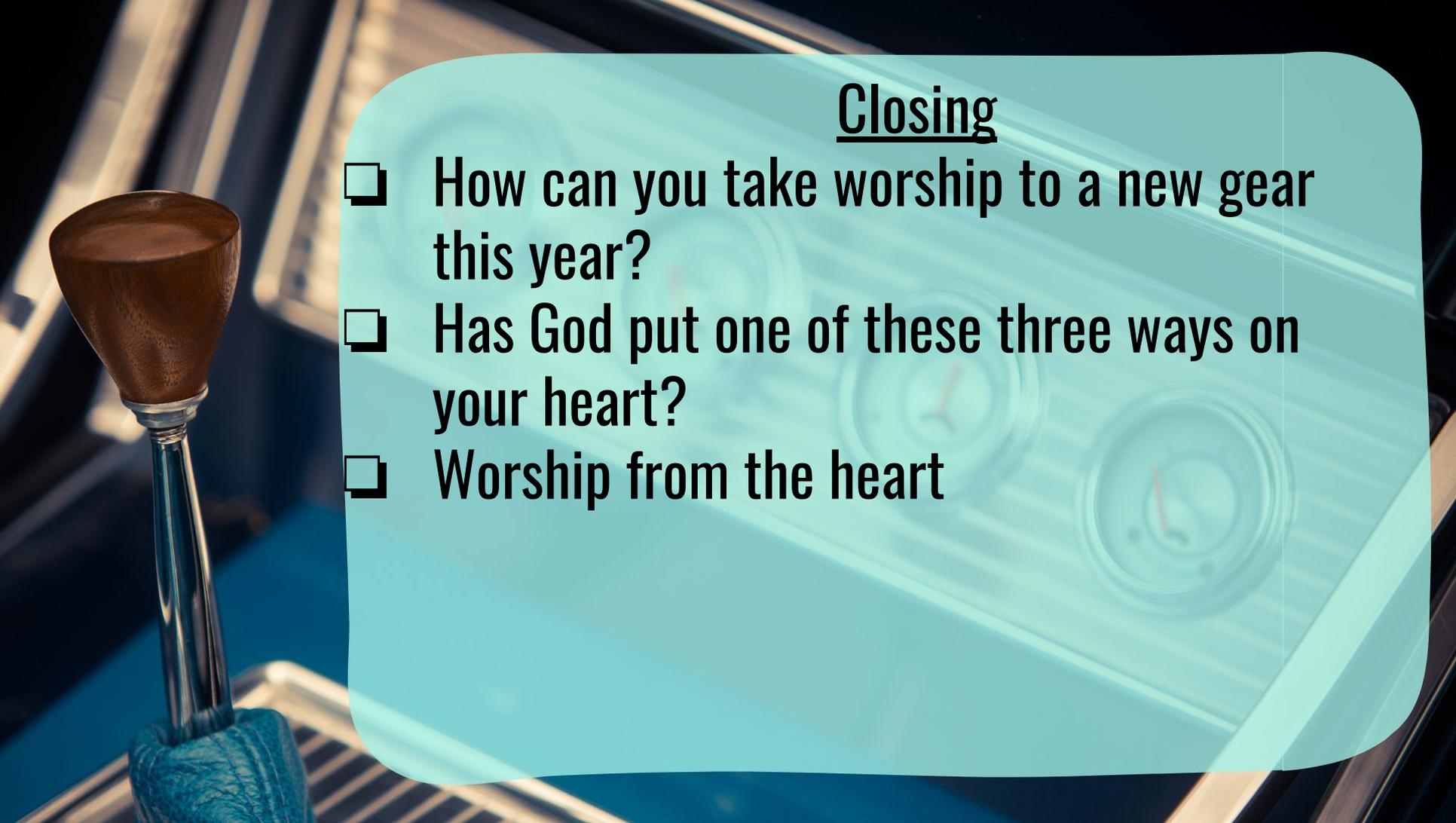
**Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

Mark 10: 42-45 NIV



## Worship Through Serving

- ❑ **Serving the church**
  - ❑ Worship team, kids ministry, technology, greeting
- ❑ **Serving the community**
  - ❑ Trunk or treat, drives, library snacks, BPNN
- ❑ **Why serve?**
  - ❑ Act of worship, relationships are built, it's a joyful time



## Closing

- ❑ How can you take worship to a new gear this year?
- ❑ Has God put one of these three ways on your heart?
- ❑ Worship from the heart