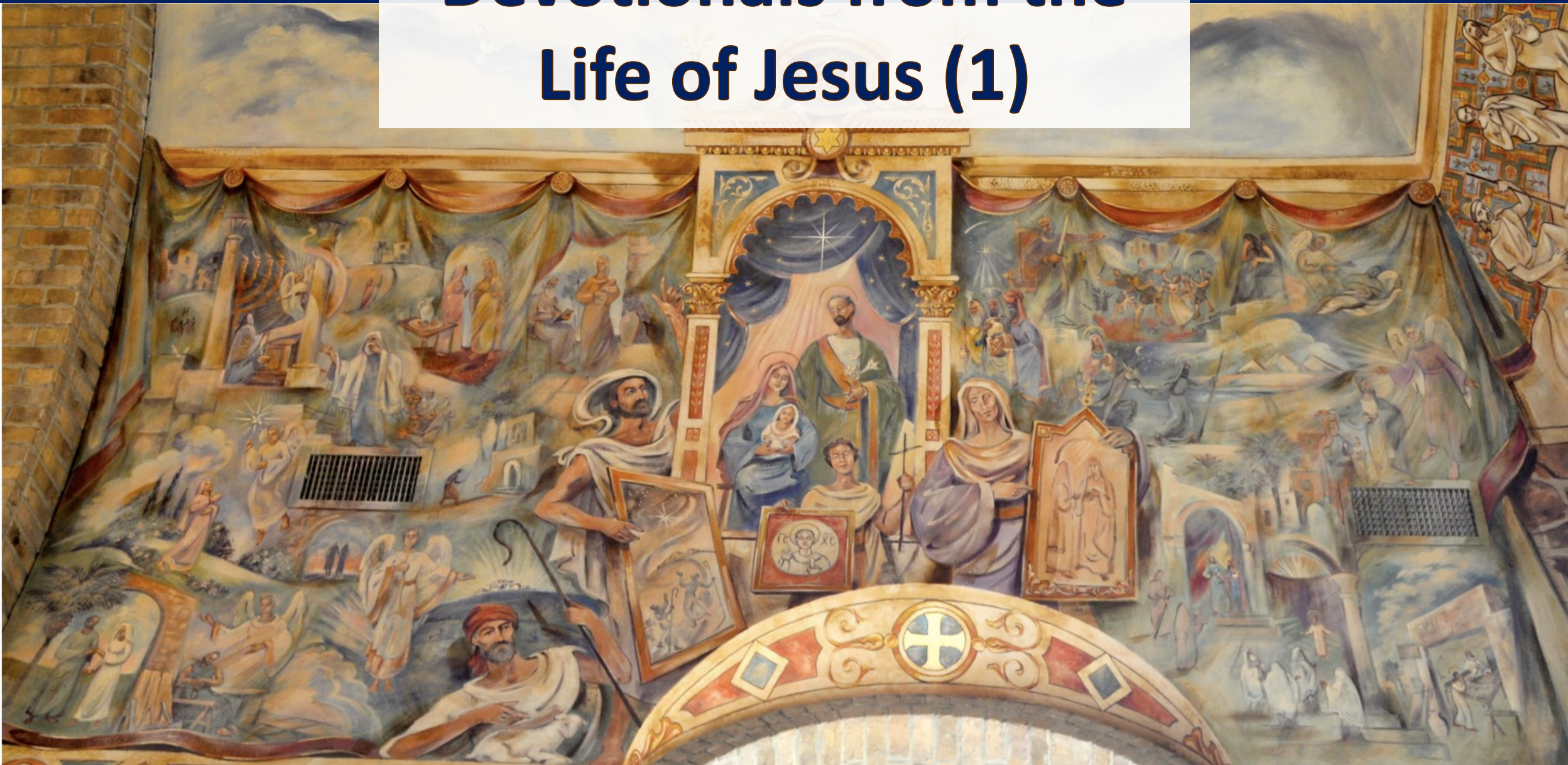


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Does fear or lack of
faith hold you back?

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TO DO:

See the set-up?

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TO DO:

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- 3. I will do what I learn**



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What makes life
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GrΣΣk for the day:

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If you are down in your
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You can turn to God
who will rescue you!

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Matthew 5:5
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Gratitude for the day:

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Moses was “very meek, more
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Jesus was “meek and lowly
in heart” (Mt. 11:29)



Matthew 5:7
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**“Blessed are the merciful,
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Compare Ps. 119:156 with
Prov. 21:10



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- 3. Give God time**



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See Ps. 24:3-6



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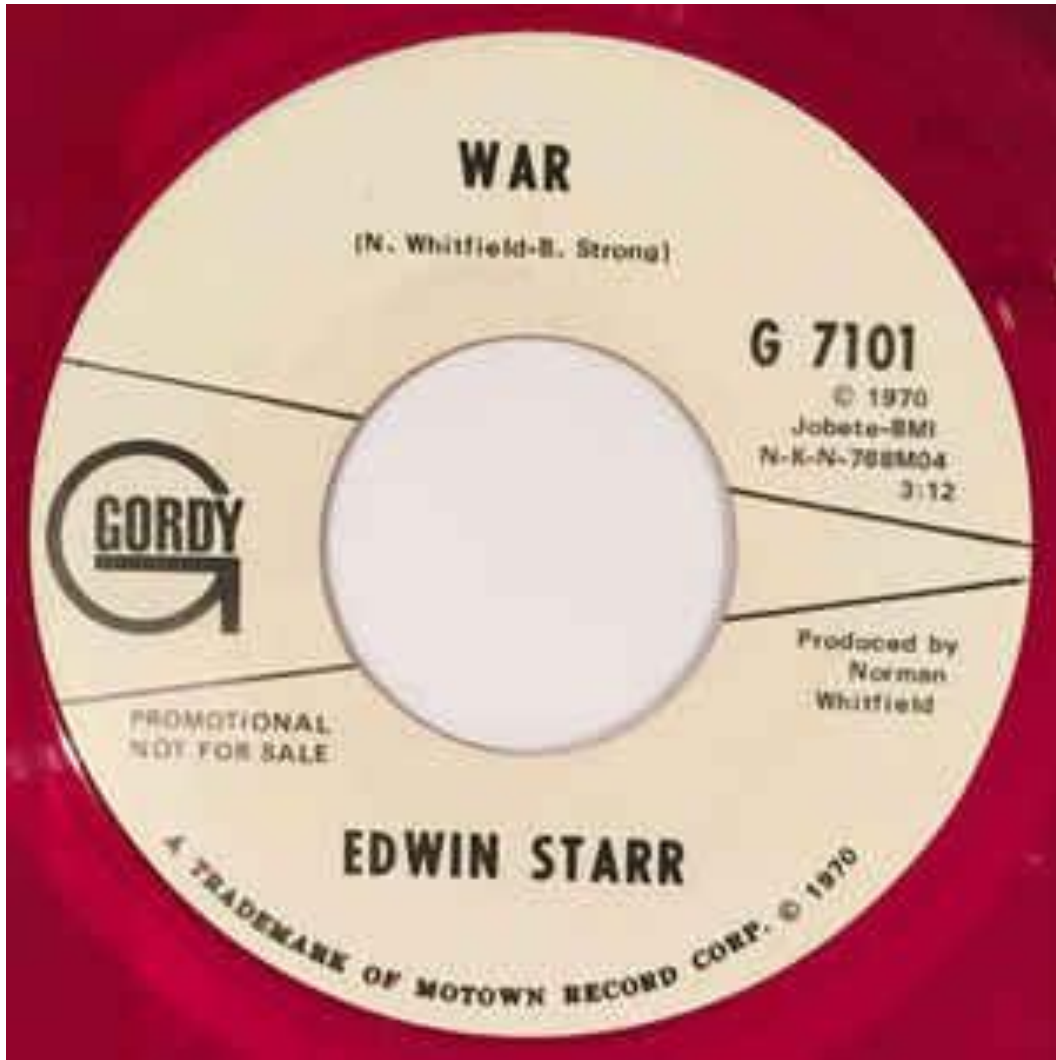
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It Starts With ME

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