

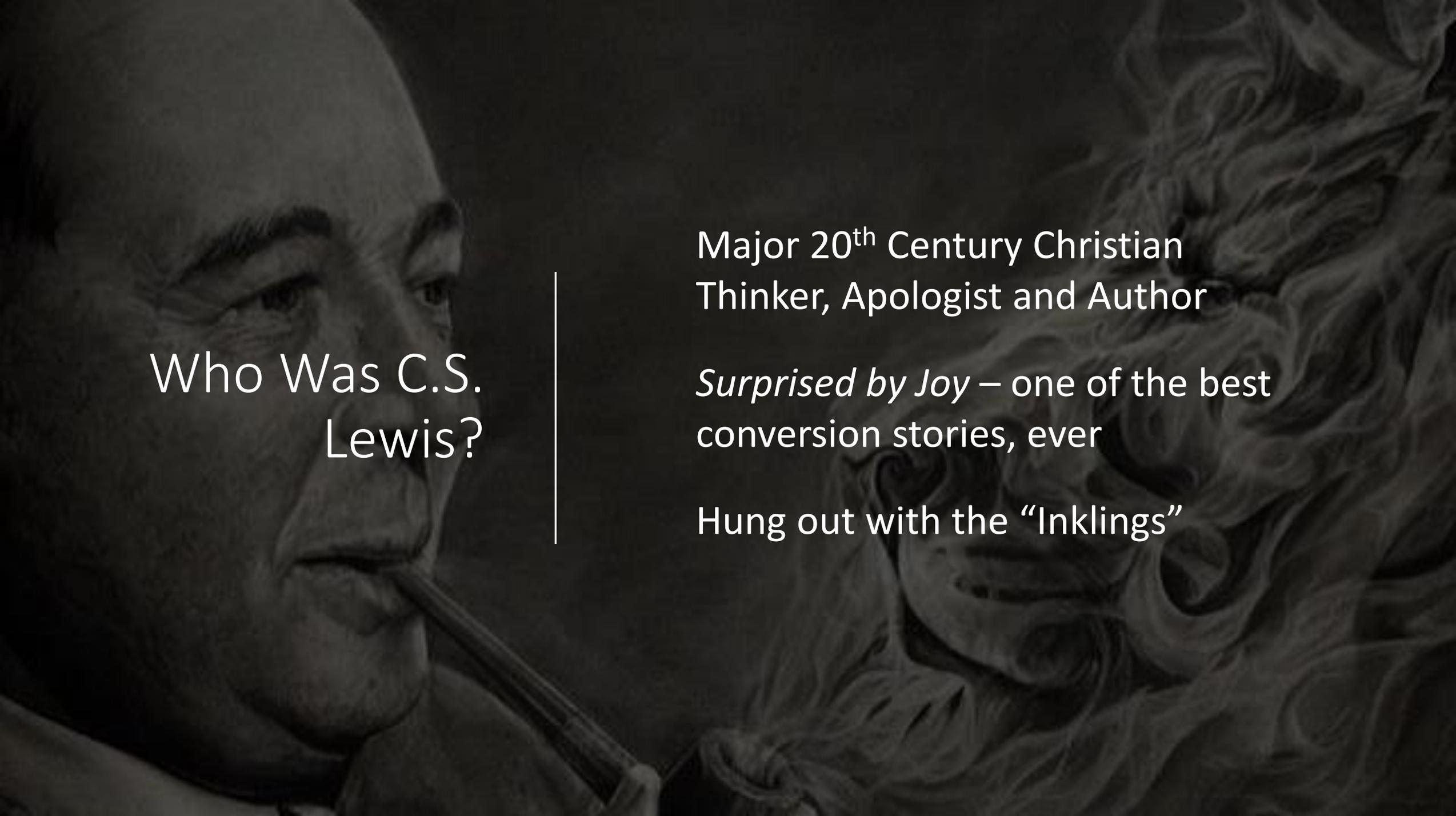
C.S. LEWIS  
1898-1963

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# GIVING ALL TO CHRIST

*Renovare Devotional Classic*

*Sunday 9/23 @ 10 am*



Who Was C.S.  
Lewis?

Major 20<sup>th</sup> Century Christian  
Thinker, Apologist and Author

*Surprised by Joy* – one of the best  
conversion stories, ever

Hung out with the “Inklings”

A person is walking away from the viewer on a path of light lines that recede into the distance. The background is a dark, cloudy sky. The person is in the upper center of the frame, and their shadow is cast on the path.

## *Mere Christianity*

“ One of the most important religious works of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”

“...because people say it is the best summary of what it means to be a Christian and what Christians believe and practice.”

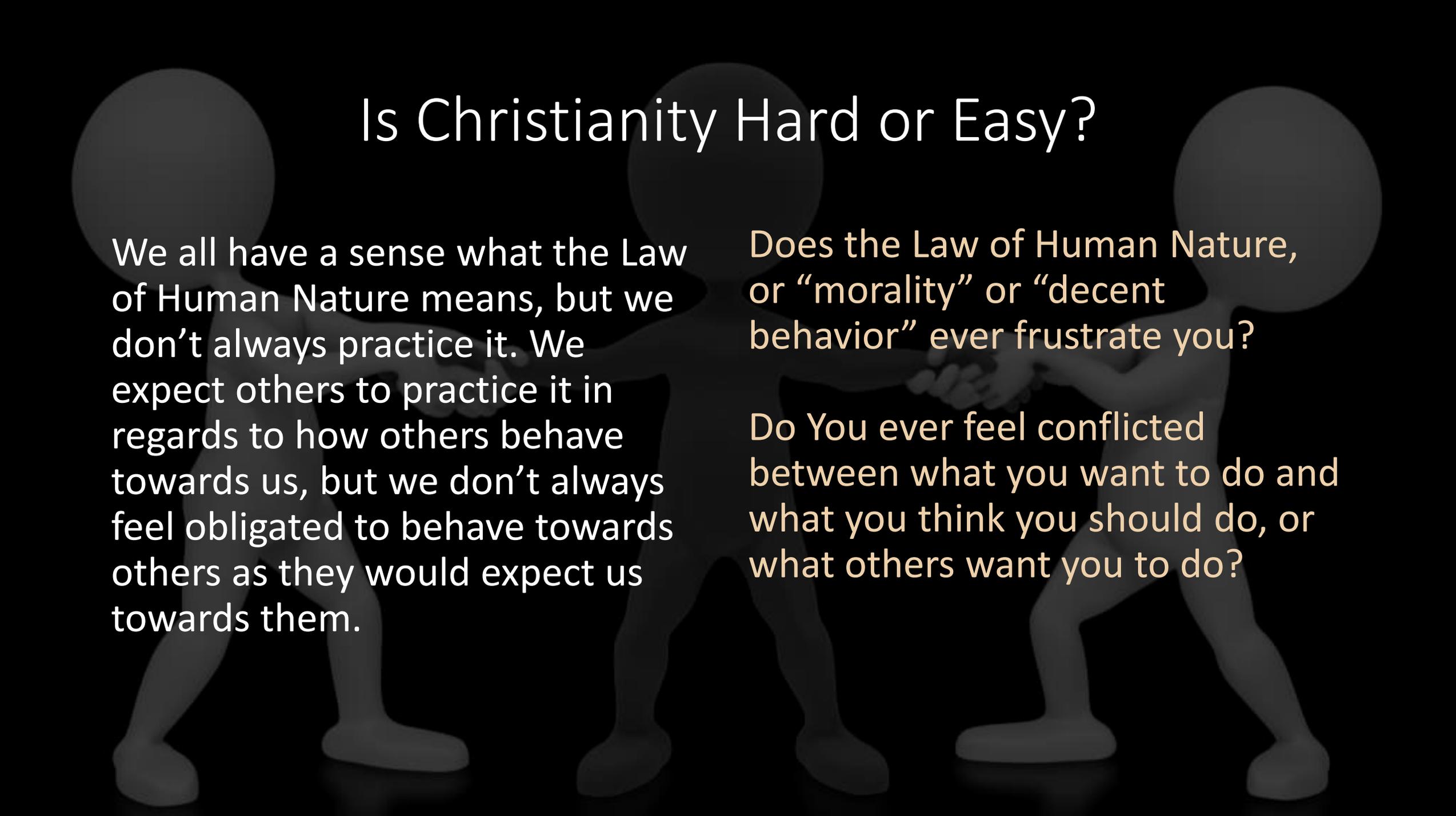
“It’s vitality continues today”

## Devotional Frame

*The contrast between God's way of doing things and our way is never more acute than in this area of human change and transformation. We focus on specific actions; God focuses on us. We work from the outside in; God works from the inside out. We try; God transforms."*

*Richard Foster*

# Is Christianity Hard or Easy?



We all have a sense what the Law of Human Nature means, but we don't always practice it. We expect others to practice it in regards to how others behave towards us, but we don't always feel obligated to behave towards others as they would expect us towards them.

Does the Law of Human Nature, or "morality" or "decent behavior" ever frustrate you?

Do You ever feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you think you should do, or what others want you to do?

# Take Up Your Cross *vs* My Yoke is Easy and my Burden Light

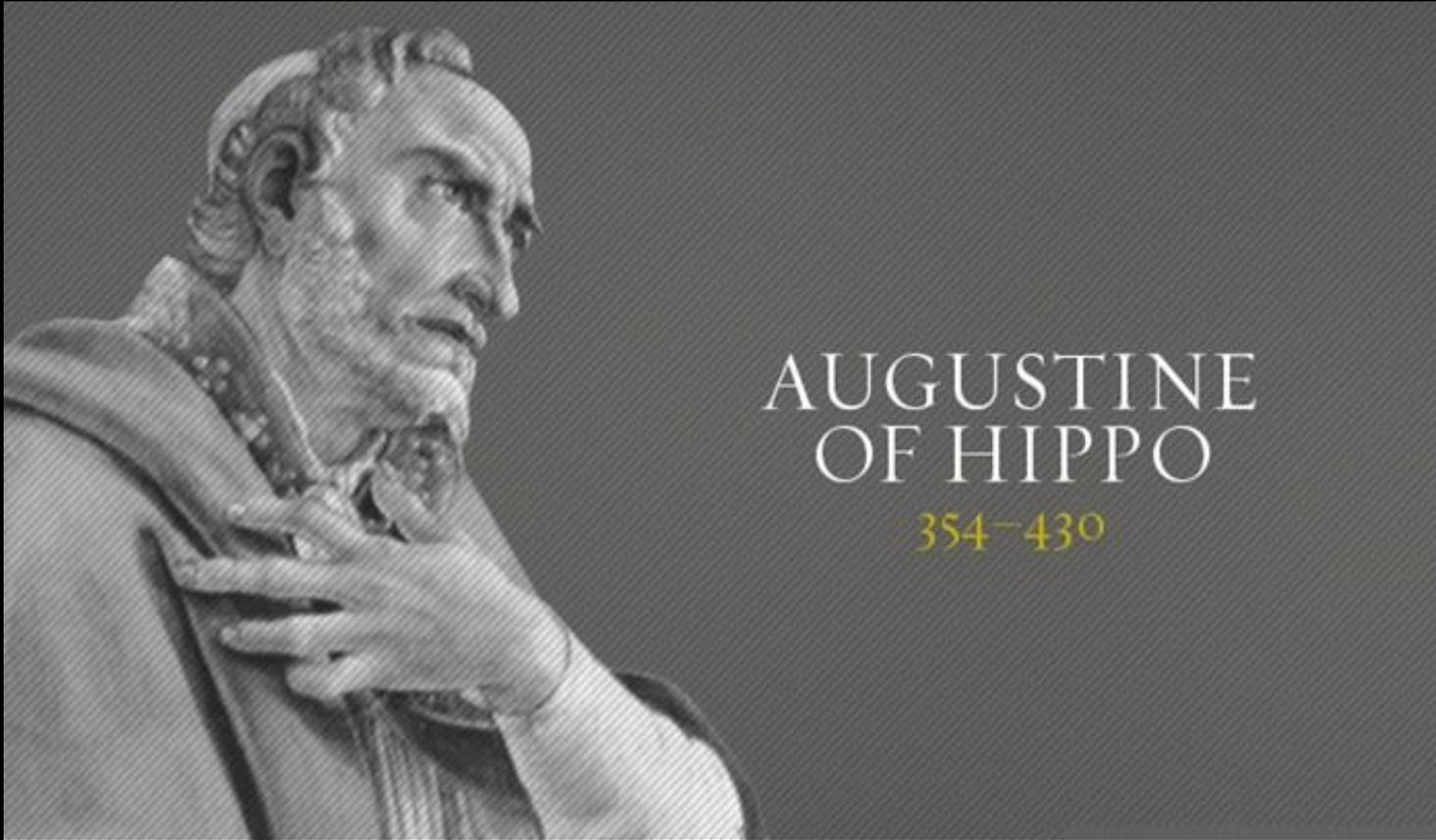
The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing, is to hand over your whole self. But it is far easier than trying to remain what we call “ourselves”

Describe how you would feel if Jesus came to you today and spoke “Give me all. I don’t want so much of your time, and so much of your money, and so much of your work: I want you.”



## Taking it Home

C.S. Lewis believes that the way to a surrendered life begins each morning. This week make a conscious effort to push back the clamoring voice of your natural self as soon as you awaken, and, instead, give ear to God, letting him guide and direct your every thought and word.



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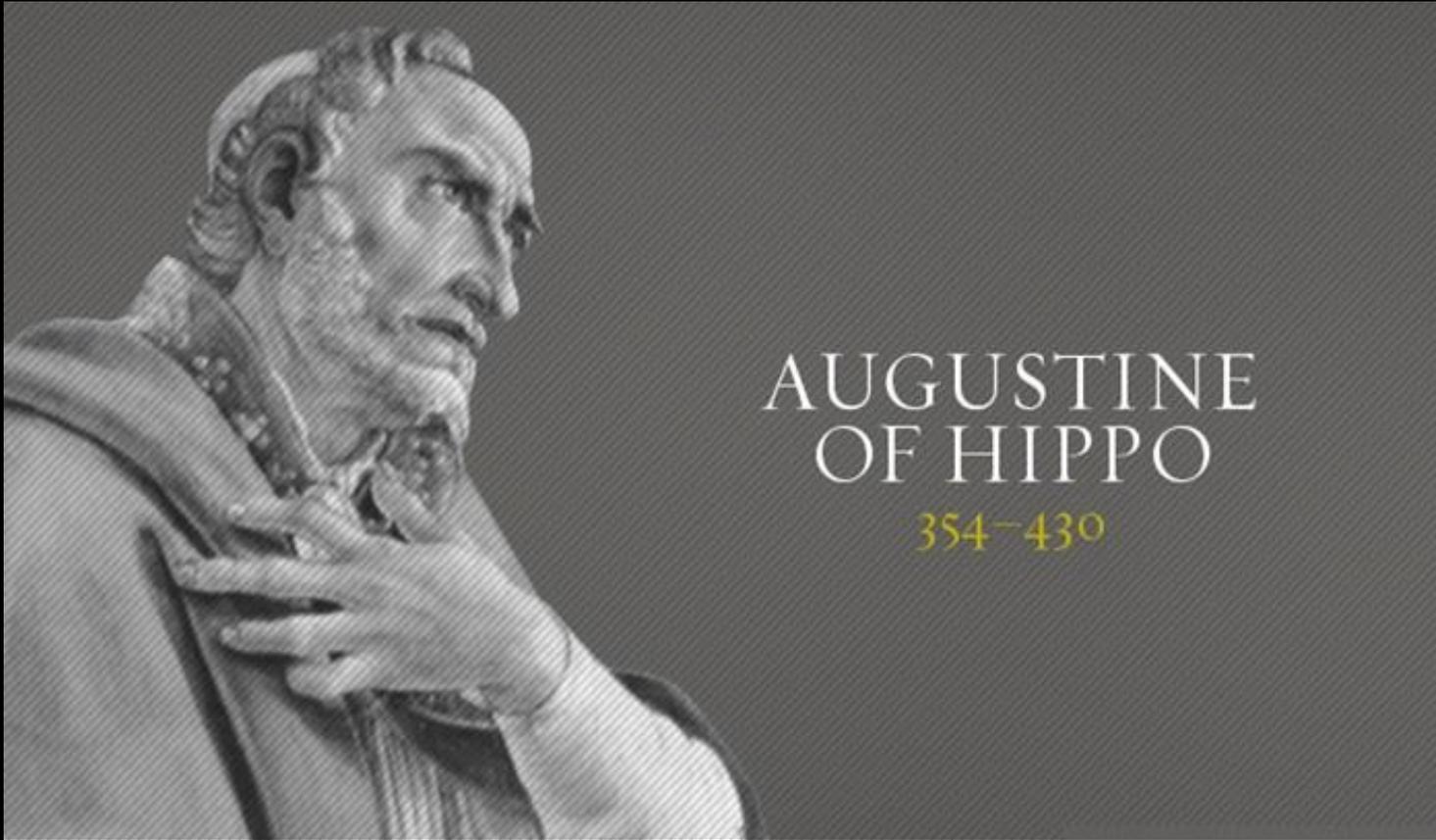
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# Your Turn – Round Table Questions

1. C.S. Lewis stresses the need to give all areas of our lives to God. What do you find most difficult about giving all to God?
2. Describe how you would feel if Jesus came to you and spoke “Give me all. I don’t want so much of your time, and so much of your money, and so much of your work: I want you.”
3. The pursuit of personal happiness by being morally good, says Lewis, ends in frustration. What is his reasoning behind this? Do you agree or disagree?
4. In Luke 14:25-33, Jesus encourages those who would follow him to “count the cost” of being one his disciples. What has being a Christian cost you?

## Homework

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