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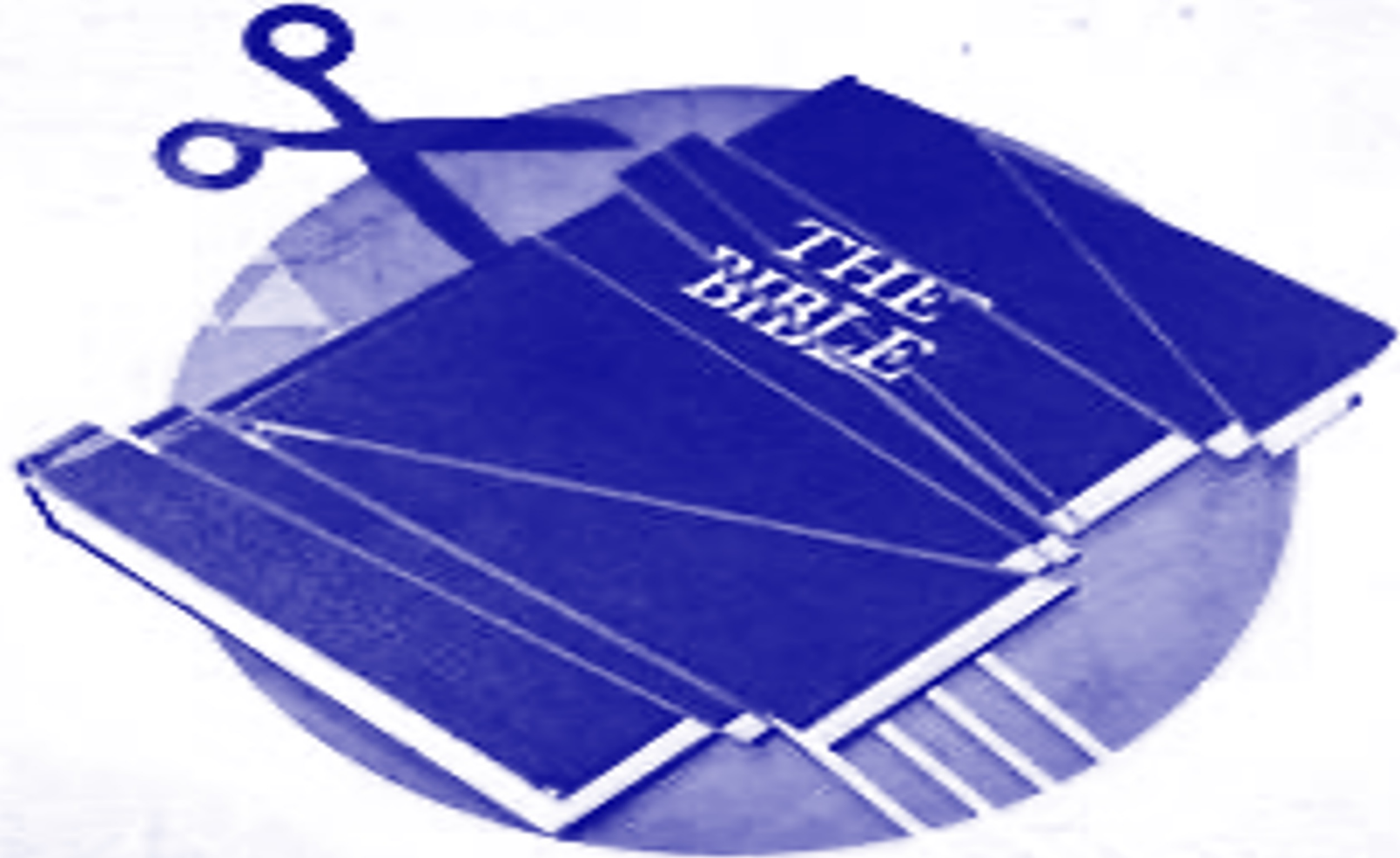


your copy of God's Word
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The most misused, misquoted,
out of **context** verses



Christians use and **abuse**
[SERIES]



Context

and he went away and
hanged himself.

Matthew 27:5

Go, and do likewise.

Luke 10:37b

is King!





**Where Two Or More Are Gathered
in My Name...
What Happens?**

**Matthew
18:18-20**

Matthew 18

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Context of the Book of Matthew

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Matthew 1 – Genealogy thru King David

Matthew 2 – Magi (Royalty)

Matthew 21 – Triumphal Entry

Matthew 27 – “Jesus, King of the Jews”

Matthew 28 – All authority has been given Him

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Kingdom Living

Jesus has been given all authority on earth to which we should humble ourselves in obedience to what He says living in His Kingdom should look like.

Narrower context of Matthew 16-23

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Matthew 16:5-12; 23:1-3, 11-14 – Pharisees/Sadducees

Matthew 18:1-4 – Humble like children

Matthew 19:13-14 – Humble like children

Matthew 21:1-11 – Triumphal Entry

Matthew 23 – [Pharisees/Sadducees]

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...involves Humility over and against the Pride and Hypocrisy of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

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Kingdom citizens should see sin as horrible in their own lives and in the lives of others and humbly deal with it appropriately.

And when we do, Christ is with us backing us up.

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Matthew 16:13-19 – Binding and Loosing

Luke 11:52-12:1 – Lawyers took away key to knowledge

Acts 4:10-12 – No other Name to be saved

Acts 2:14 – Peter opened door to Heaven to Jews

Acts 10:45 – Peter opened door to Heaven to Gentiles

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- 1 Corinthians 5:3-5** – My [Paul's] spirit is with you
- 2 Corinthians 2:10** – If you forgive, I [Paul] also forgive
- 2 Chronicles 19:6-7** – LORD was with appointed Judges

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The presence of Jesus where two or more are gathered is based on a heart of humility

and is in the context of...

dealing with sin

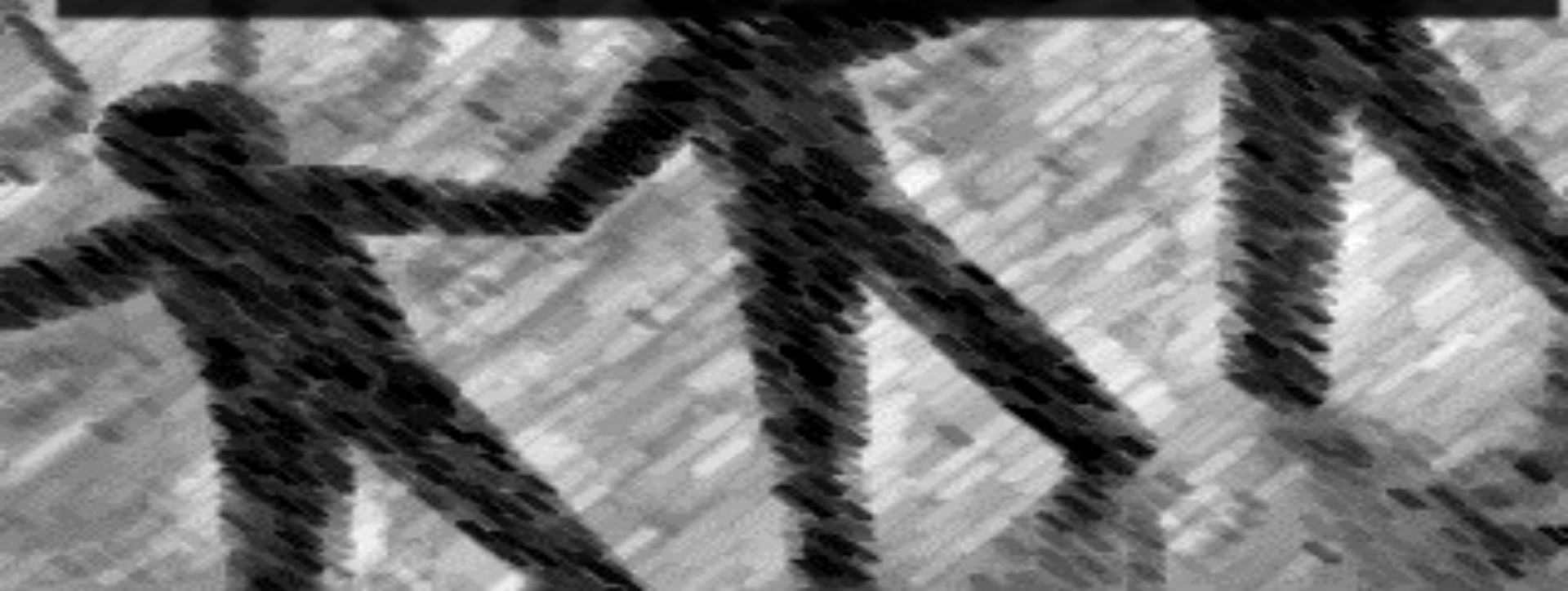
offering forgiveness

seeking repentance

and reflects our dependence upon His power and authority

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that when the Church humbly follows Christ's guidelines on how to deal with sin amongst us, He is backing the Church up (is with us) as the Church represents Heaven authority.

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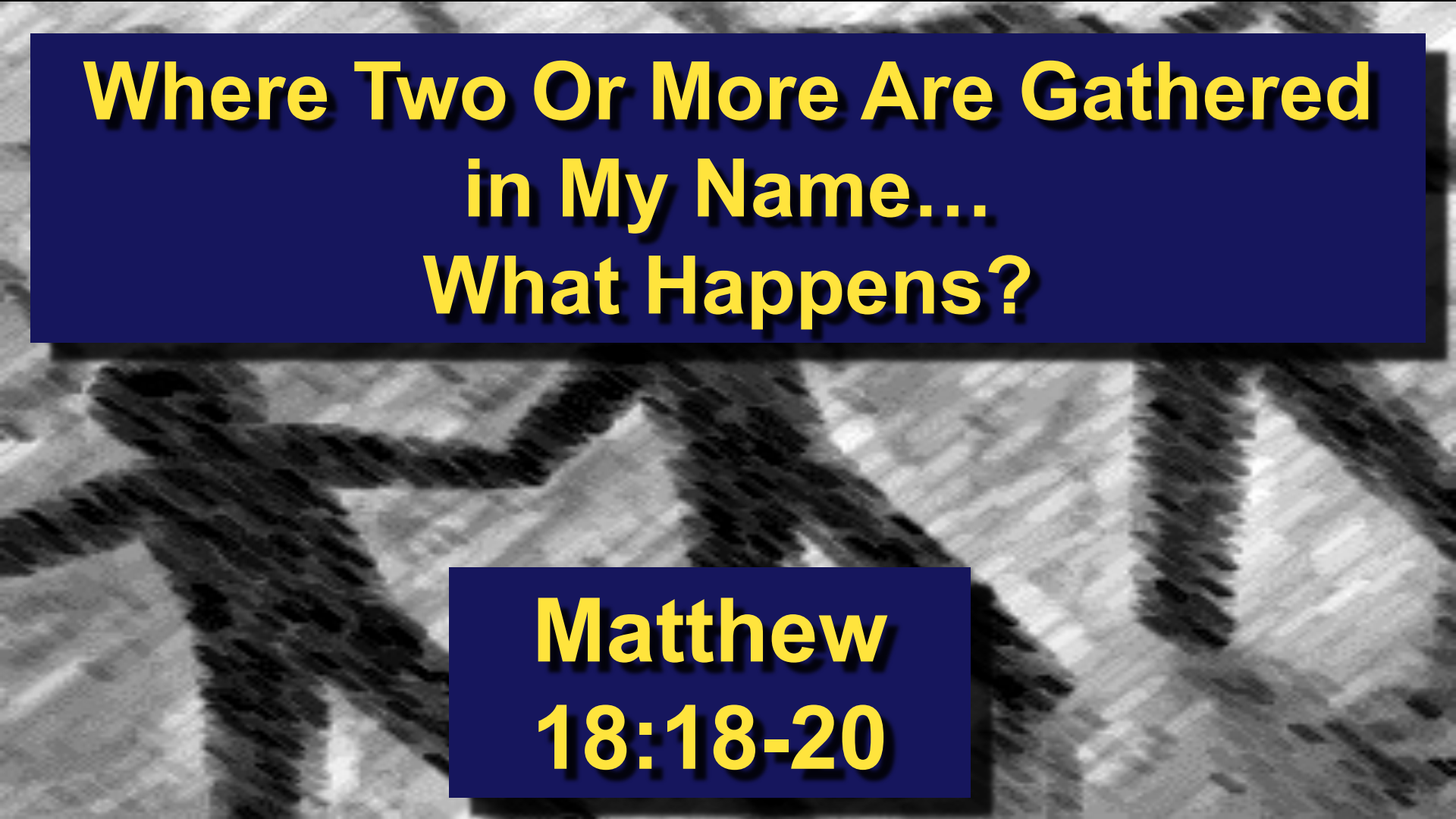
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