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Darrell Johnson, Experiencing the Trinity



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shema

Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God,
the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4



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In the beginning was
the Word, and the
Word was with God
and the Word was
God... and the word
became flesh and
dwelt among us.

John 1:1, 14

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The Son is the
radiance of God's
glory and the exact
representation of his
being.

Hebrews 1:3

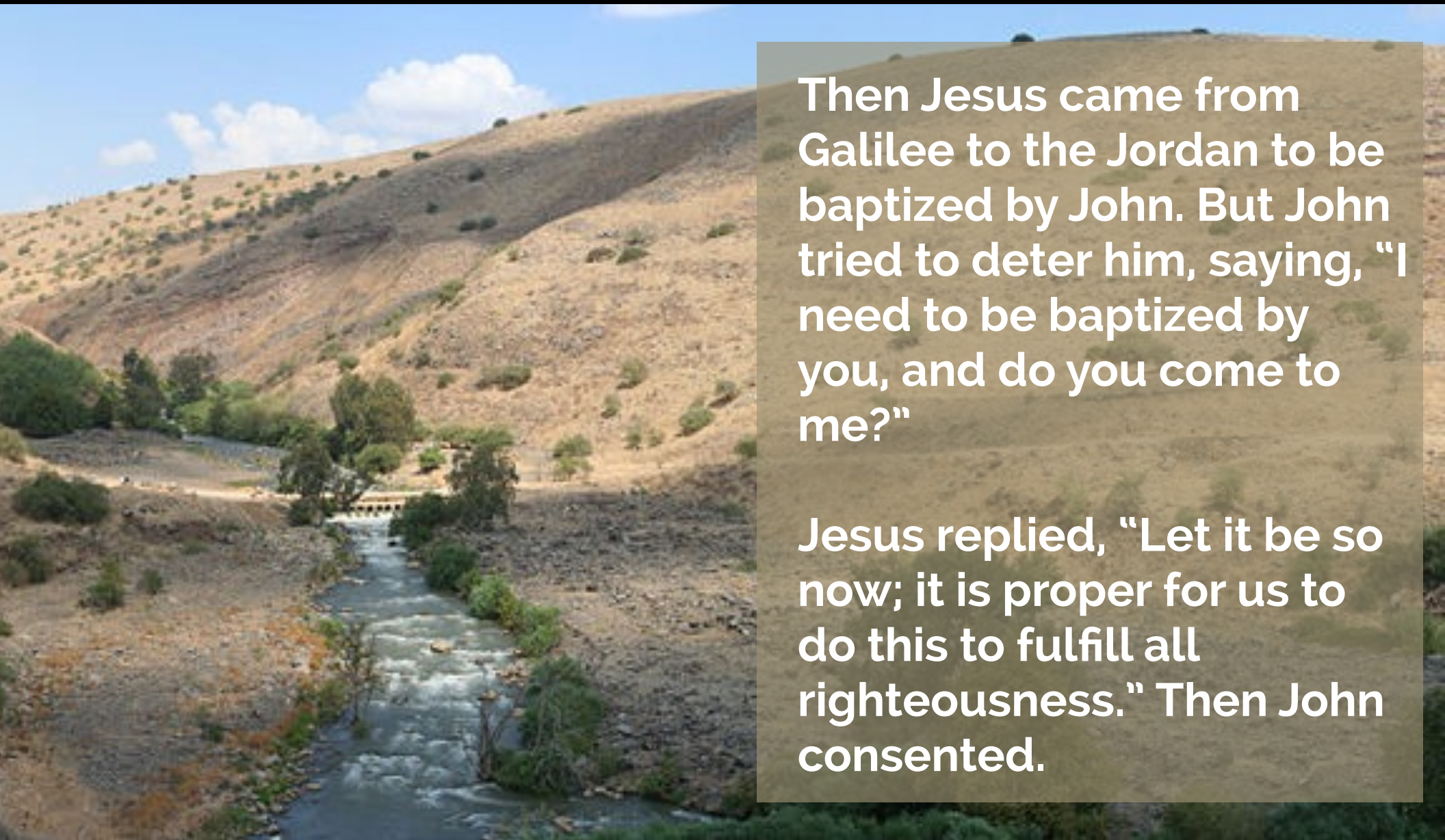
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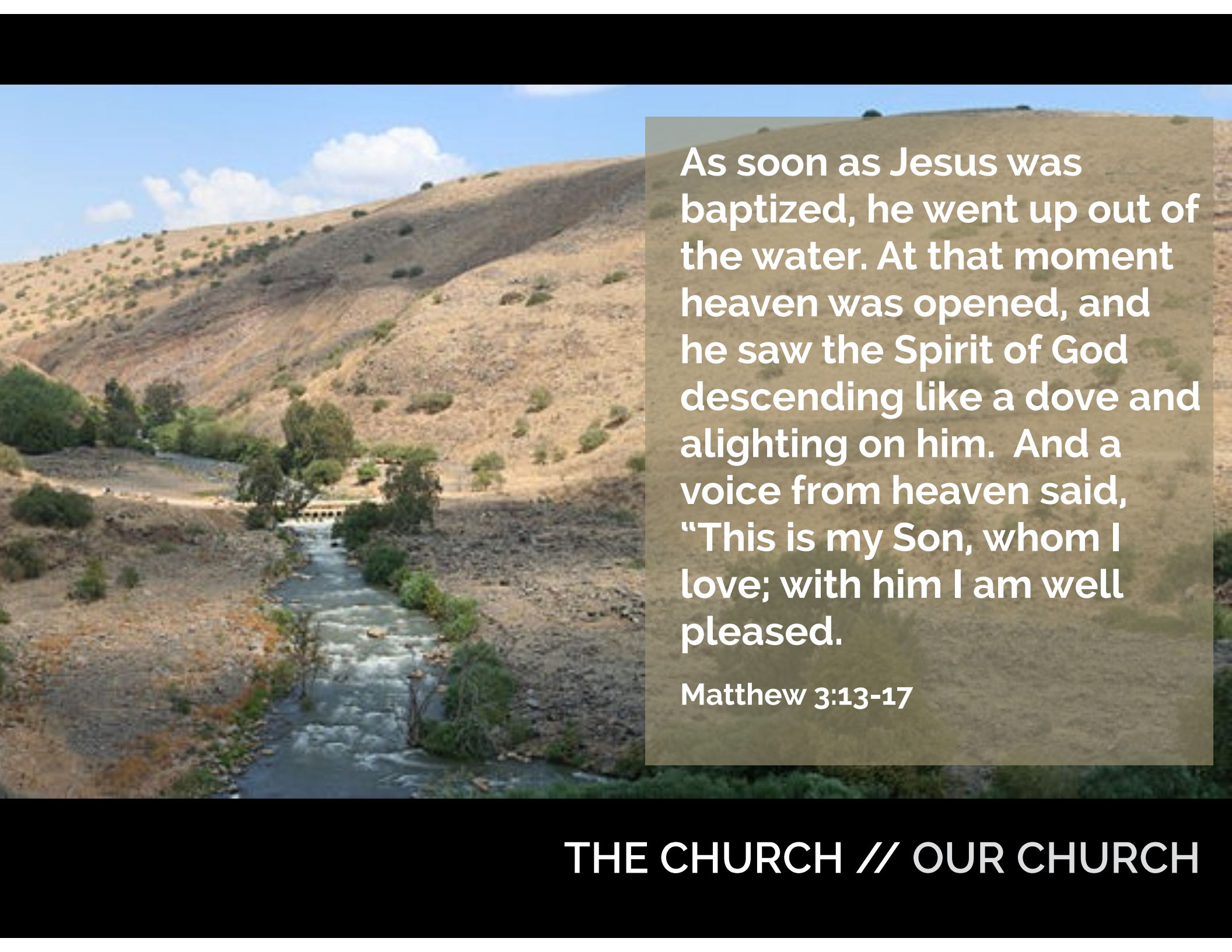
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Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

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As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:13-17

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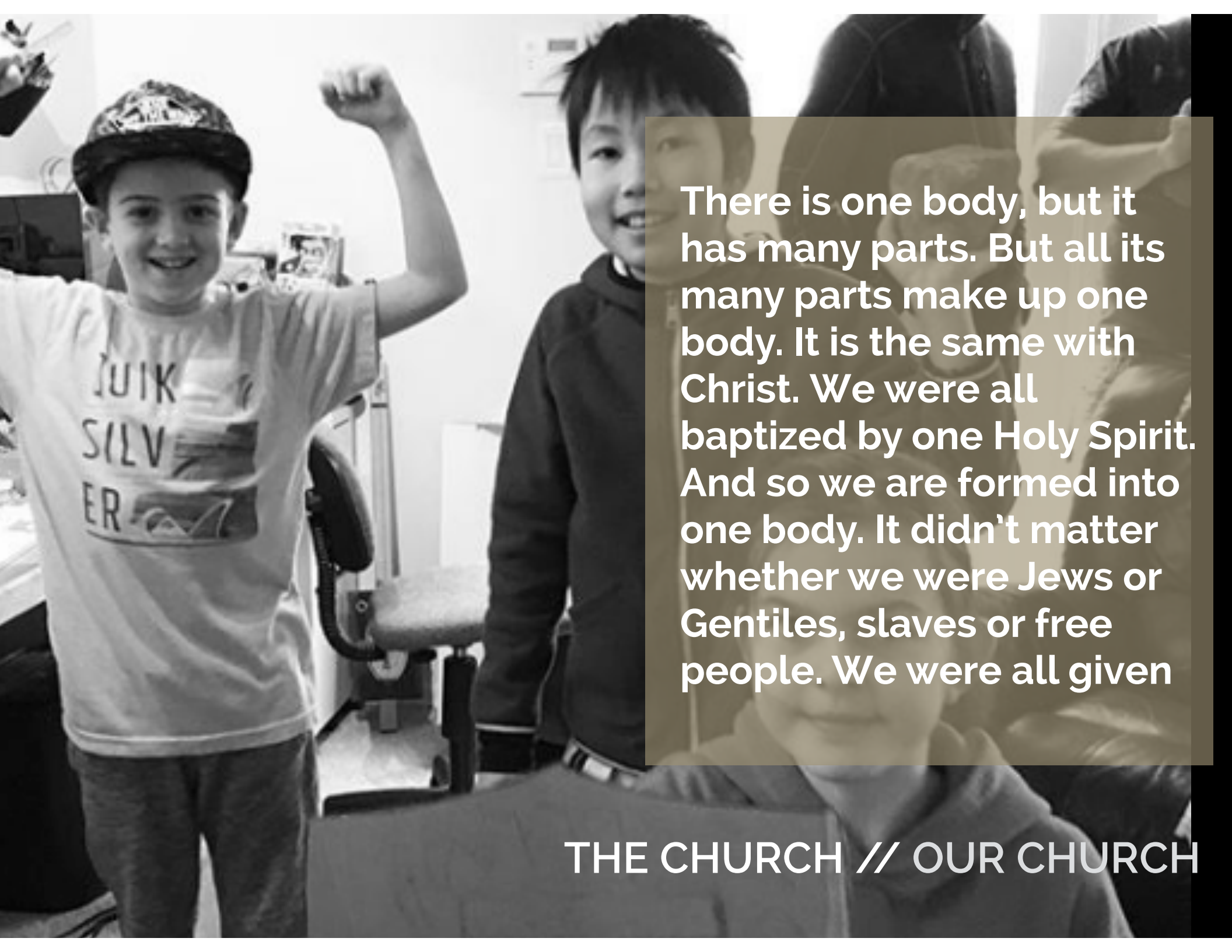
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If we have been
created in God's
image, and God
is a community
of love... what
does that imply?

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There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people. We were all given

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the same Spirit to drink. So
the body is not made up of
just one part. It has many
parts.

1 Corinthians 12

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Value: Relationship

At the centre of it all, Jesus was always engaged in loving relationships. He ate with people, walked with people, mentored and disciplined people. He also established a kingdom, not made of bricks and mortar, but of people in fellowship around him. And for this people he had one cry –

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“Oh Father, let them be one.” We want to be a people that answer that cry. We want to be a fellowship of people united in a communal life around Christ... We will not gather around programs or religious events, but as friends on a movement toward Christ.

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