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# OBEDIENCE

**“DOING WHAT WE ARE TOLD  
WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE.”**



OPENING PRAYER

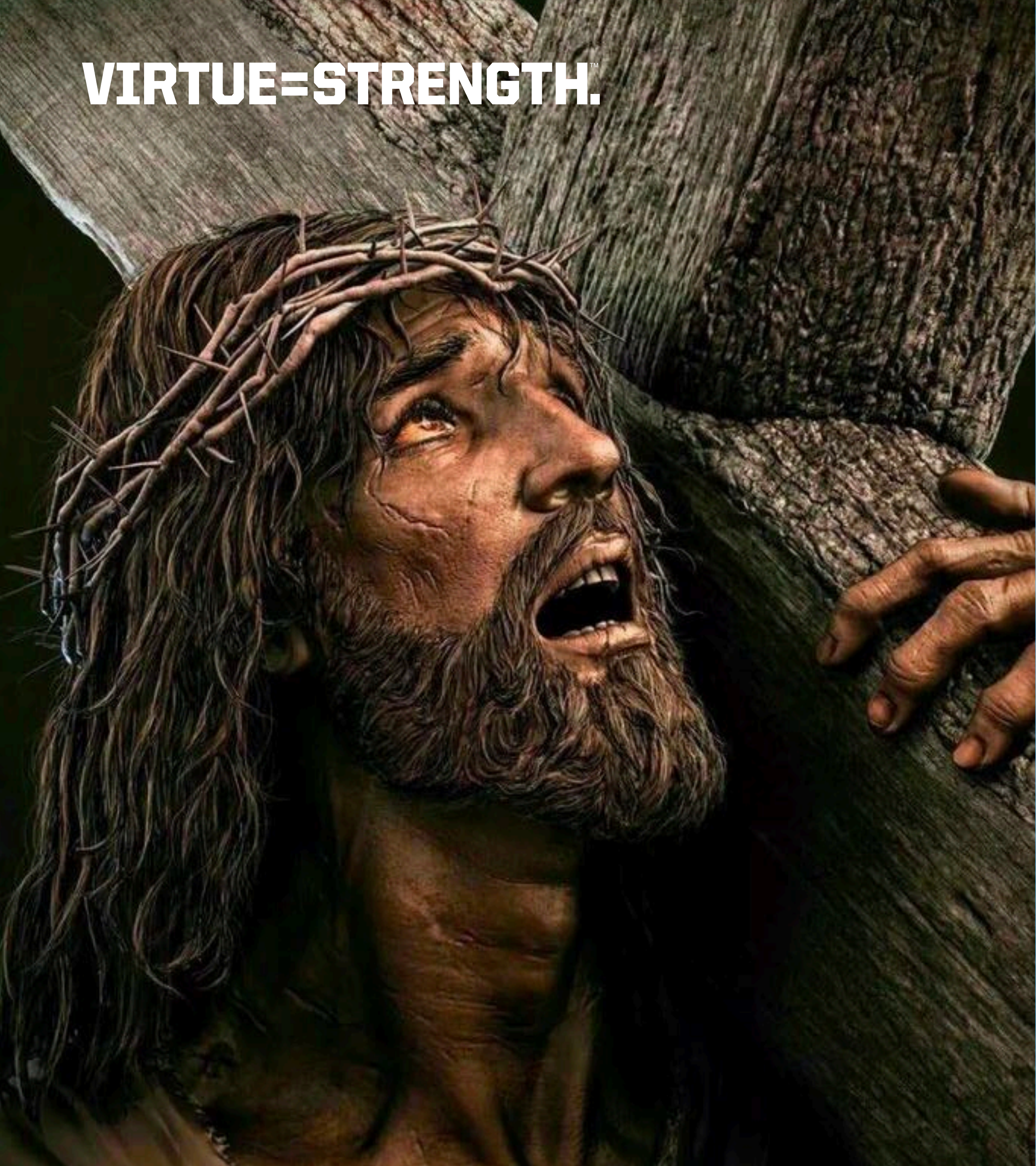
Jesus, Almighty King of kings,  
You Who obeyed Your Father to the end,  
Teach me the meaning of obedience.  
My soul burns to **comply** with Your Will,

Bless me with the strength to obey,  
Especially when I don't feel like it.

I always seek favor in Your eyes,  
To always obey You until my last breath!

Does anyone have any prayer intentions?

Who wants to lead us in a prayer?





### INTRODUCTION

This week our strength building on the virtue of Faith is OBEDIENCE.

**The strength to comply with and respect the authority of those in positions of leadership who have the right to command.**

OBEDIENCE is necessary for success in this life and most importantly for Eternal Life. We need to have OBEDIENCE in the living of our Catholic Faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church addresses the virtue of obedience, even calling it, as we did above, a duty. "The **duty** of obedience requires all to give due honor to authority and to treat those who are charged to exercise it with respect, and, insofar as it is deserved, with gratitude and good-will." (CCC # 1900)





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RESOLUTION

## WAY TO LIVE THE VIRTUE THIS WEEK

Ask your parents what chores/tasks they would like done this week.

Then practice the virtue of OBEDIENCE by doing those chores without complaint but **with joy**.

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## STORY

### THE JEWELER'S SHOP

The father of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, who later became St. Louis Martin, was a watchmaker and owned a jeweler's shop. He was an extremely skilled and talented artisan and people would come from all over Europe to visit his shop.

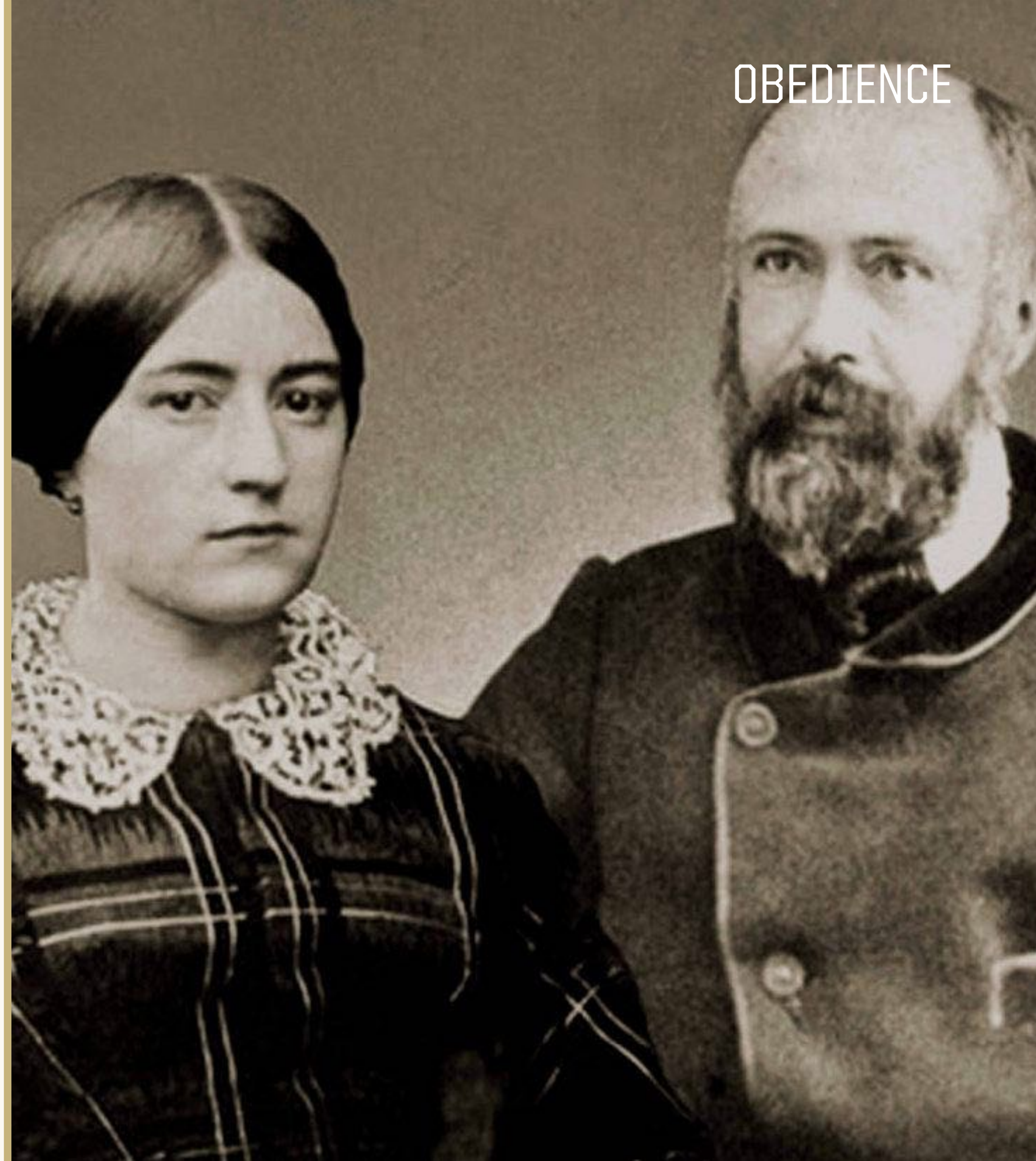
Many of them would soon be disappointed upon arrival to town over the weekend because Monsieur Martin refused to open his shop on Sundays.

He took very seriously the Third Commandment to **keep Holy** the Sabbath.

Many would find out where he lived and come to his door to plead with him but the answer was always the same: "God comes first."

He found that after this trial, that his profits increased rather than decreased.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the Third Commandment?

What does this really mean?

What should we do and what should we avoid on **Sundays**?

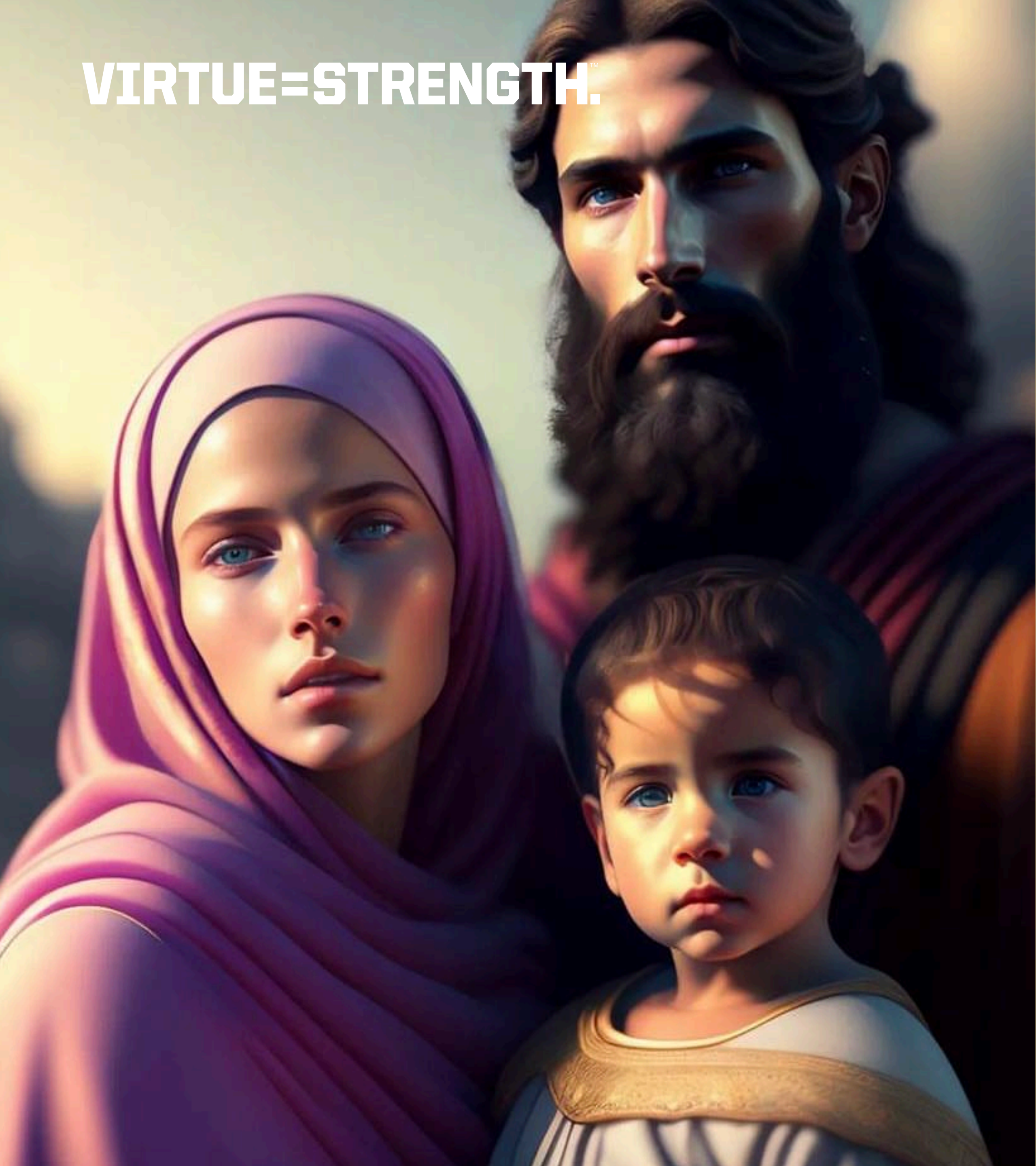




## Luke 2: 51

And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was **subject** to them.

And his mother kept all these words in her heart.







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**DISOBEDIENCE**

**“NOT LISTENING OR COMPLYING.”**





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**VICE**

## SINS OF EXCESS & DEFECT

### **How does one fail in regard to the virtue of obedience?**

Theologians have traditionally distinguished between sins in excess and sins in defect relative to a virtue.

A sin in excess against obedience is servility, which is marked by adherence to a directive that is contrary to a higher law or precept. One would be guilty of servility if he obeyed a civil law that is at odds with God's moral law.

A sin in defect against obedience is disobedience, which is the transgression of an order that falls within the competent authority of the superior and is, therefore, a legitimate directive. One is disobedient if he purposely fails to do or omit something commanded by his lawful authority.





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