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ANXIETY (NOT PEACE)

WINTER HOLIDAYS

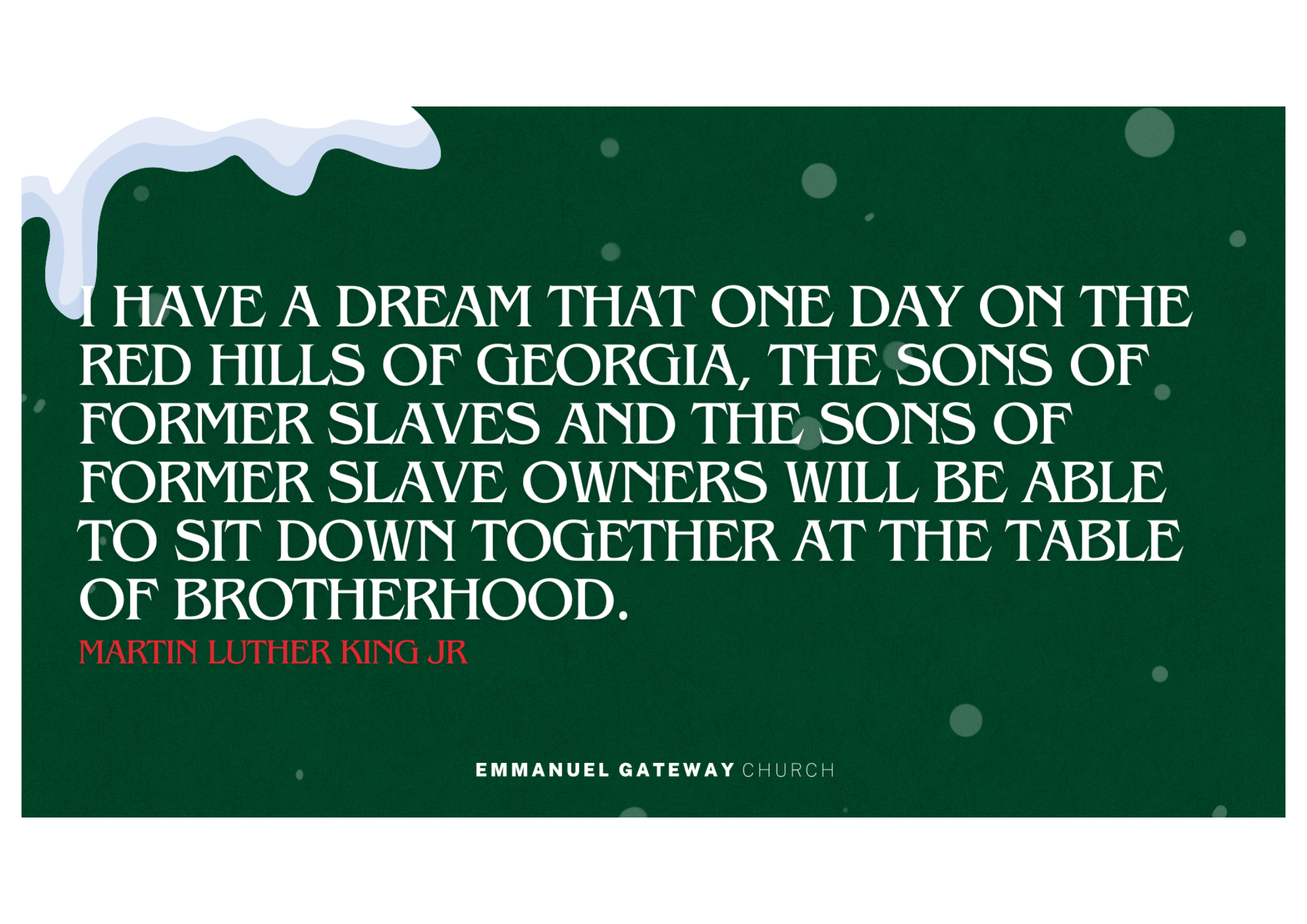
IT WAS ALL A DREAM

EMMANUEL GATEWAY CHURCH

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MATTHEW 2:13

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I HAVE A DREAM THAT ONE DAY ON THE
RED HILLS OF GEORGIA, THE SONS OF
FORMER SLAVES AND THE SONS OF
FORMER SLAVE OWNERS WILL BE ABLE
TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER AT THE TABLE
OF BROTHERHOOD.

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20 “BUT AFTER HE HAD CONSIDERED THIS, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A **DREAM** AND SAID, “JOSEPH SON OF DAVID, DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY HOME AS YOUR WIFE, BECAUSE WHAT IS CONCEIVED IN HER IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

MATTHEW 1:20

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12 “AND HAVING BEEN WARNED IN A **DREAM** NOT TO GO BACK TO HEROD, THEY RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRY BY ANOTHER ROUTE.

MATTHEW 2:12

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19 “AFTER HEROD DIED, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED IN A **DREAM** TO JOSEPH IN EGYPT”

MATTHEW 2:19

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1 AFTER JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA, DURING THE TIME OF KING HEROD, MAGI FROM THE EAST CAME TO JERUSALEM

MATTHEW 2:1-3

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2 AND ASKED, “WHERE IS THE ONE WHO HAS BEEN BORN KING OF THE JEWS? WE SAW HIS STAR WHEN IT ROSE AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.”

MATTHEW 2:1-3

**3 WHEN KING HEROD HEARD THIS HE WAS
DISTURBED, AND ALL JERUSALEM WITH HIM.**

MATTHEW 2:1-3

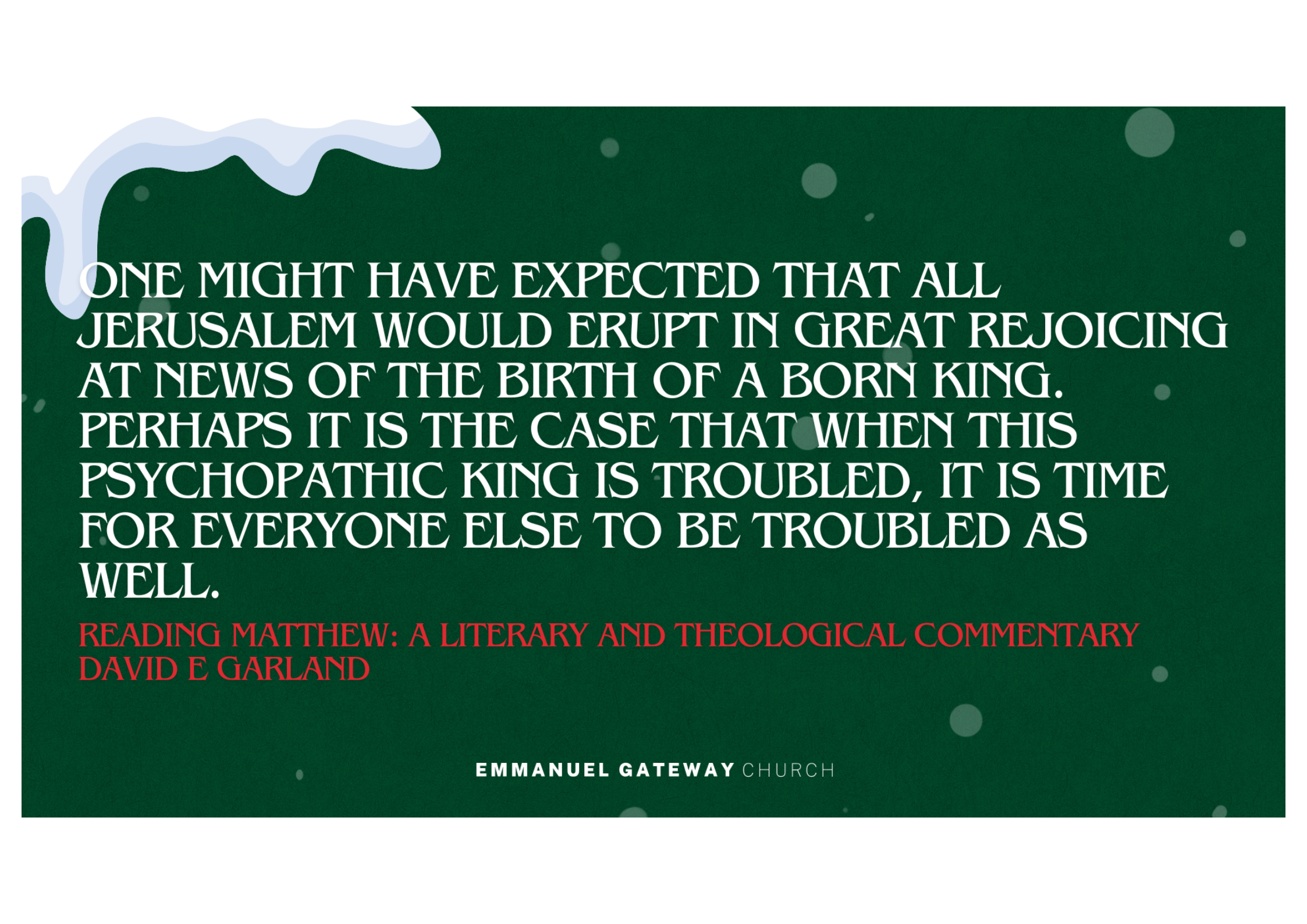
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HEROD'S VEXATION DOES NOT STARTLE ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH HIS PARANOID CONCERN TO PRESERVE HIS THRONE AND POWER AT ALL COSTS. WHAT IS SURPRISING, HOWEVER, IS THE REPORT THAT "ALL JERUSALEM" IS TROUBLED WITH HIM (2:3).

READING MATTHEW: A LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL COMMENTARY
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ONE MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED THAT ALL JERUSALEM WOULD ERUPT IN GREAT REJOICING AT NEWS OF THE BIRTH OF A BORN KING. PERHAPS IT IS THE CASE THAT WHEN THIS PSYCHOPATHIC KING IS TROUBLED, IT IS TIME FOR EVERYONE ELSE TO BE TROUBLED AS WELL.

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8 “HE SENT THEM TO BETHLEHEM AND SAID,
“GO AND SEARCH CAREFULLY FOR THE CHILD.
AS SOON AS YOU FIND HIM, REPORT TO ME, SO
THAT I TOO MAY GO AND WORSHIP HIM.””

MATTHEW 2:8

6 FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN, AND **THE GOVERNMENT** WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS. AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

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7 OF THE GREATNESS OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEACE THERE WILL BE NO END HE WILL REIGN ON DAVID'S THRONE AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, ESTABLISHING AND UPHOLDING IT WITH JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THAT TIME ON AND FOREVER. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD ALMIGHTY WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

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WE NEED TO
NAVIGATE THE
NIGHTMARES OF LIFE
WHILE BEING AWARE
OF THE DREAM OF
HEAVEN

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