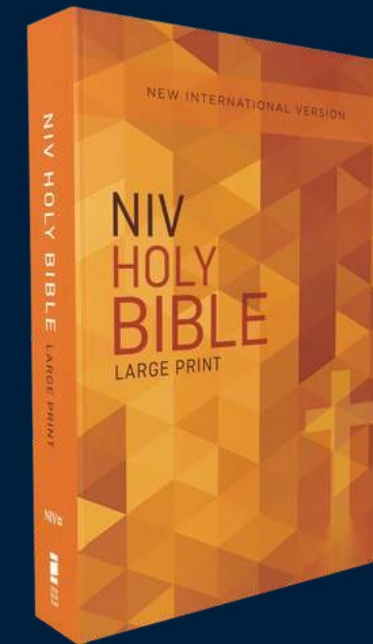


STRIVE TO ENTER THE NARROW DOOR

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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LUKE 13:18-35

THE MUSTARD SEED

1) In spite of the Kingdom of God appearing small and insignificant, the gospel will prevail, spread, and grow large.



A LITTLE YEAST IN 60LBS OF FLOUR

2) The Kingdom of God will
spread and change us
individually from the inside out.



PHILIPPIANS 1:6

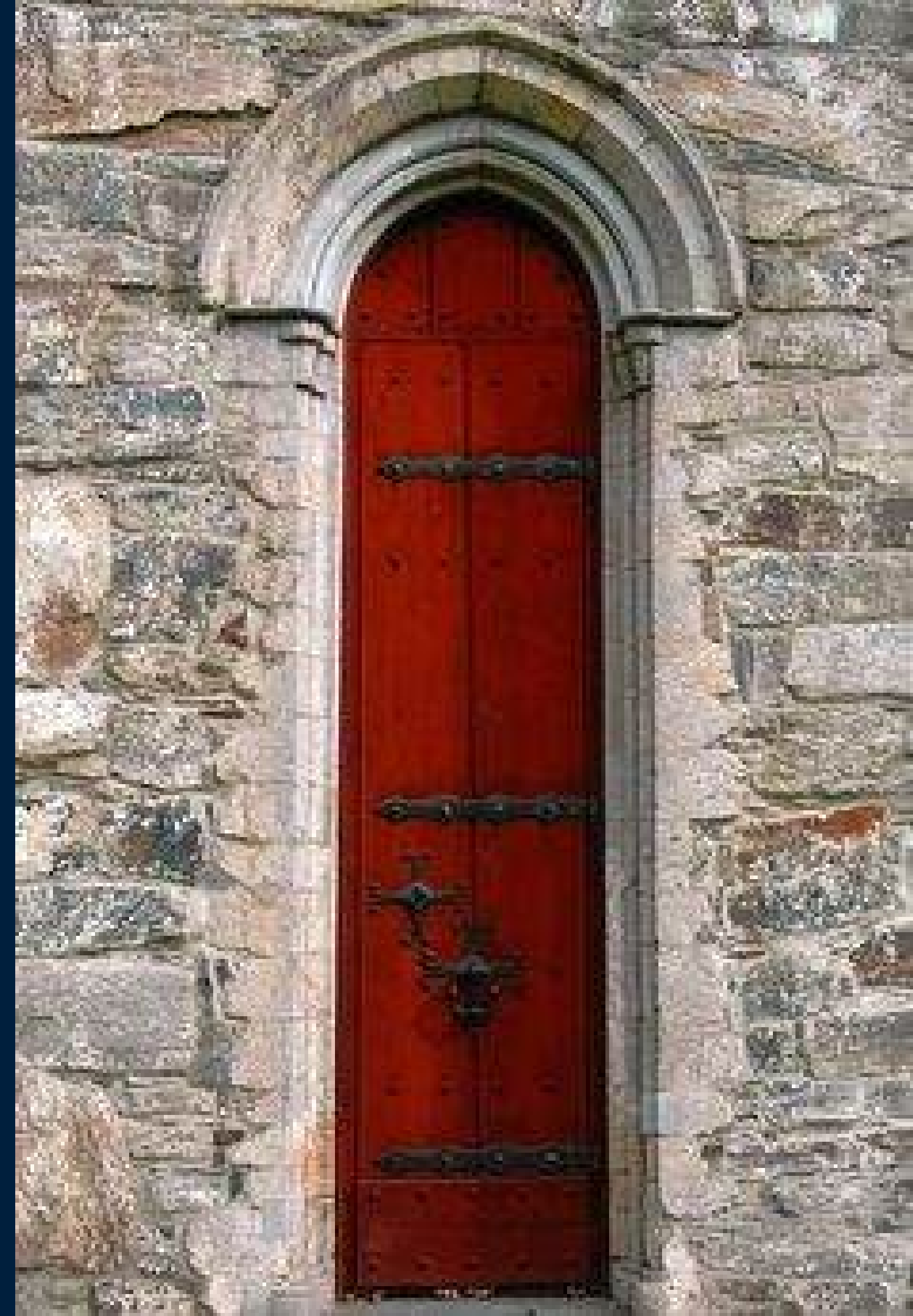
“being confident of this,
that he who began a good
work in you will carry it on
to completion until the
day of Christ Jesus.”

Make every effort (strive)
to enter through the
narrow door...

LUKE 13:24



What is the narrow door?





JOHN 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”



F B MEYER

**THE DOOR IS SO NARROW THAT
THERE IS NO ROOM TO CARRY
THROUGH IT THE LOVE OF SELF,
THE GREED OF GAIN, THE THIRST
FOR THE APPLAUSE AND
REWARDS OF THE WORLD.**

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Make every effort
(STRIVE) to enter through
the narrow door...

LUKE 13:24



What does it mean
to make every
effort (STRIVE)?

Ἀγωνίζεσθε

agonize-sthe:

engage in a contest, struggle, fight





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**YOU CANNOT JUST DRIFT INTO
CHRISTIANITY. THE TRUE GATE
IS NARROW AND THE WAY THAT
LEADS TO IT IS HARD. IF YOU
ARE TO BECOME A BELIEVER,
YOU MUST MAKE A DECISION.
NO ONE ELSE CAN SETTLE THE
MATTER FOR YOU.**

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JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

CONTEXT OF JOHN 3:16

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

JOHN 3:14–15



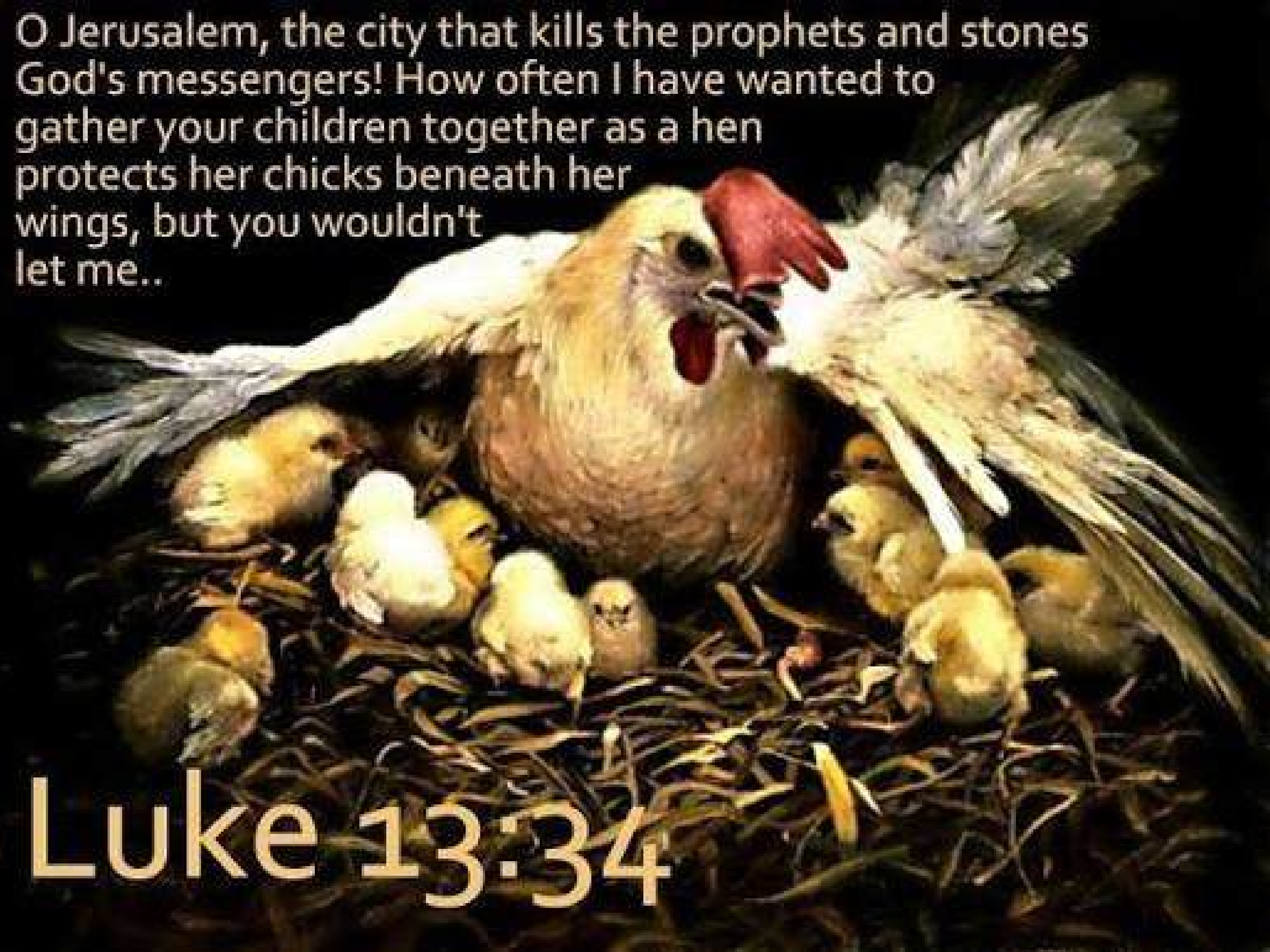








O Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones
God's messengers! How often I have wanted to
gather your children together as a hen
protects her chicks beneath her
wings, but you wouldn't
let me..



Luke 13:34

But... “you were
not willing.”

LUKE 13:24



HOMEGROUP QUESTIONS

Re-read Luke 13:18-35 and summarize as a group. What do we learn about God in this passage? What are we being called to obey?

- 1) How do the tiny mustard seed and the hidden yeast describe the way God's kingdom works quietly in the world and in our own lives?**
- 2) Jesus didn't answer if "only a few would be saved" – what did he focus on instead?**
- 3) What does it mean to "make every effort" (or strive) to enter the narrow door? How does this interact with being saved by grace?**
- 4) Read Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-19 and discuss how these passages relate to one another.**