

A dramatic sunset over the ocean with a fishing net in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that radiates across the sky. The water is a deep blue, and a fishing net is draped across the foreground, its mesh catching the light. The overall mood is serene and powerful.

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Gaining Decisions for Christ





Program Non Response











D.L. Moody

Famous Evangelist





**“I would rather have
that right hand cut
off than to give an
audience a week now
to decide what to do
with Jesus.”**

D.L. Moody

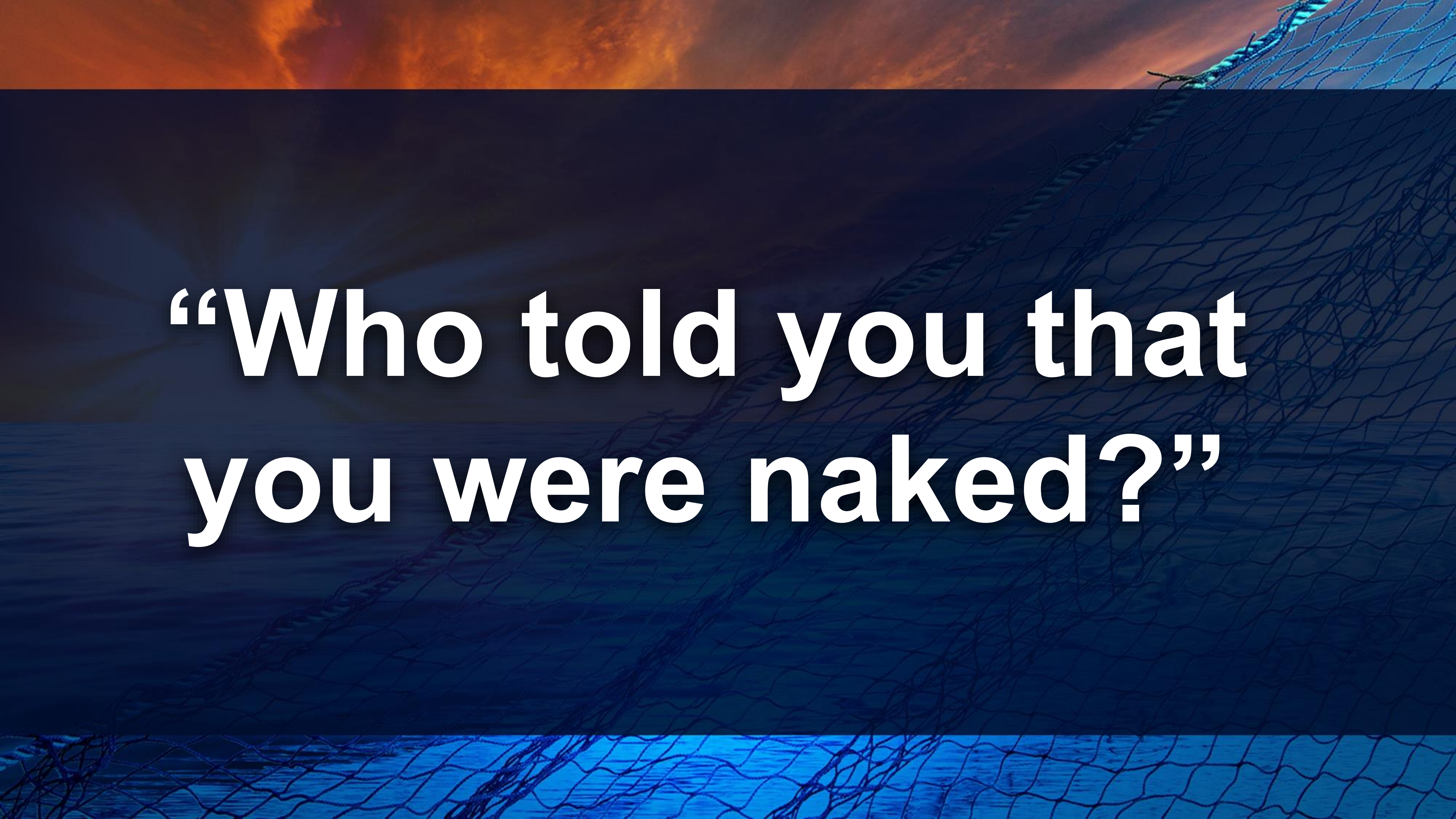


Yesterday | Today | Tomorrow | Eternity





“Where are you?”



**“Who told you that
you were naked?”**



**“Have you eaten of the tree,
that I commanded you
to not eat from?”**



**“What have
you done?”**

**“And did not spare the ancient world,
but saved Noah, one of eight people, a
preacher of righteousness, bringing in
the flood on the world of the ungodly.”**

2 Peter 2:5





Moses

Moses' Five Objections

Objection

Divine Response

Reference

1. "Who am I?"

"I will be with you"

3:11–12

2. "Who are You?"

God reveals His name

3:13–16

3. "What if they don't believe me?"

Three divine signs (rod, leprosy, blood)

4:1–9

4. "I am not eloquent"

"I will teach you"

4:10–12

5. "Send someone else"

God, who had already sent Aaron, becomes angry

4:13–17

Exodus 7:8-13



**“Then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, “Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!”
And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.”**

Exodus 32:26



“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!”

Joshua 24:14



“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River,...”

Joshua 24:15



“Or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Joshua 24:15



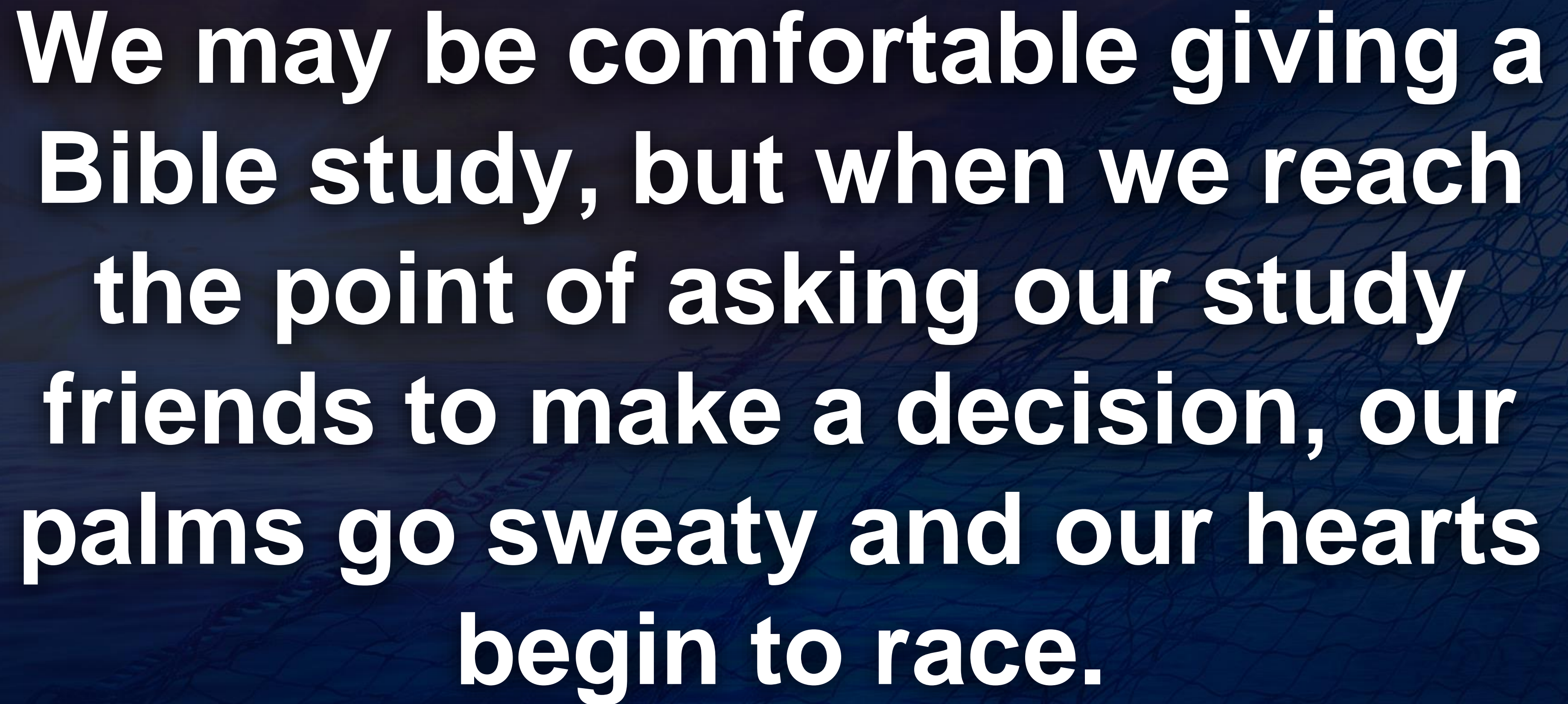
**“And Elijah came to all the people,
and said, “How long will you falter
between two opinions?
If the LORD is God, follow Him;
but if Baal, follow him.”**

1 Kings 18:21





Most people involved in evangelism fear rejection and it is our greatest handicap.



We may be comfortable giving a Bible study, but when we reach the point of asking our study friends to make a decision, our palms go sweaty and our hearts begin to race.

Different types of appeals:

- Raising one hand and the other in the heart.
- Standing up.
- Pray for them while standing or kneeling.
- Allow them to pray in silent.
- Invite them to come forward.
- Fill out a decision card and reaffirm the decision.

Be Specific

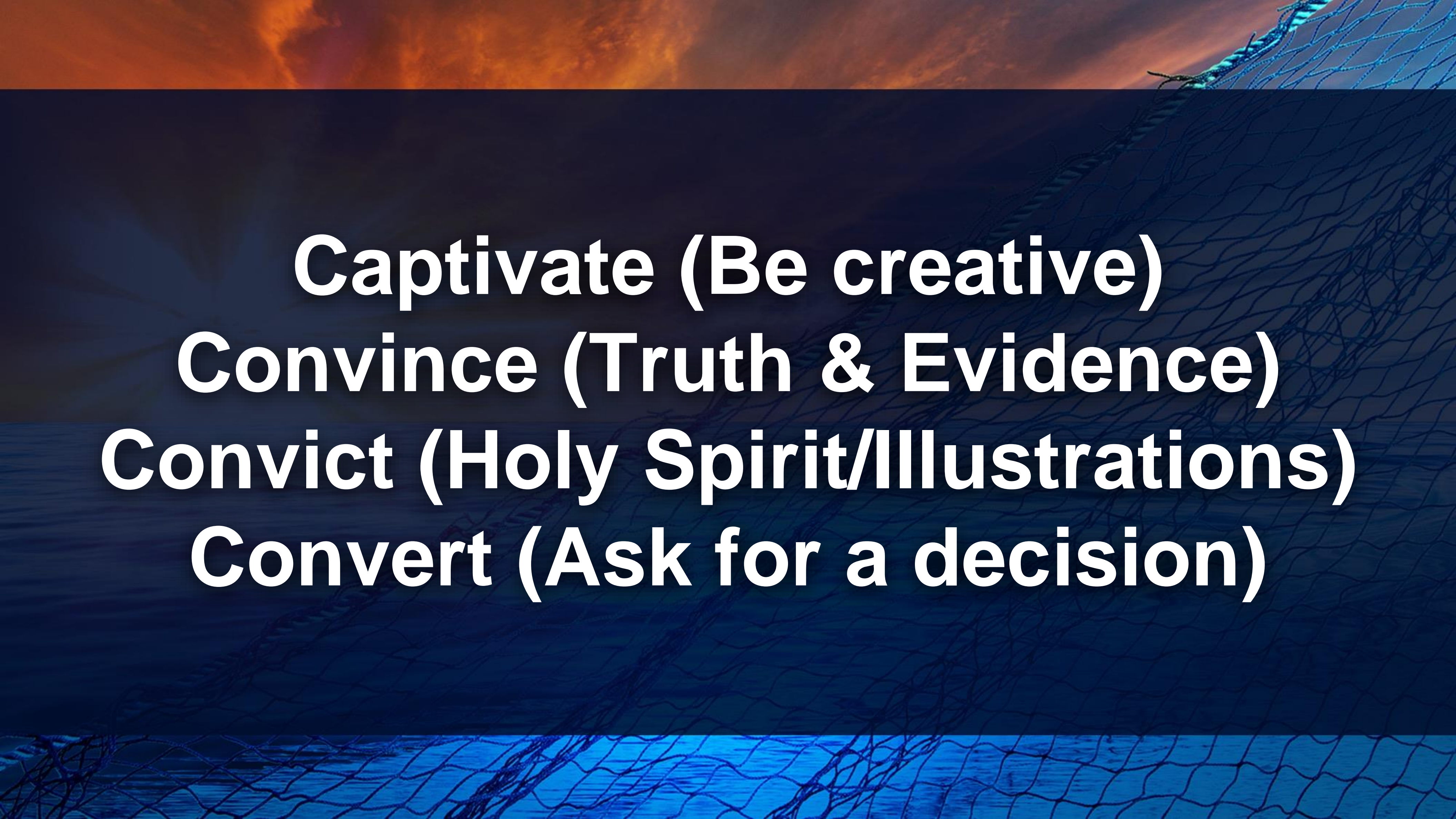
What decision are you asking the listener to make? To be baptized? To accept Christ? To have a forgiving heart? If the decision you are asking for is not clear people won't respond because they won't know what they are responding to.



**Be positive,
not negative.**



Captivate
Convince
Convict
Convert

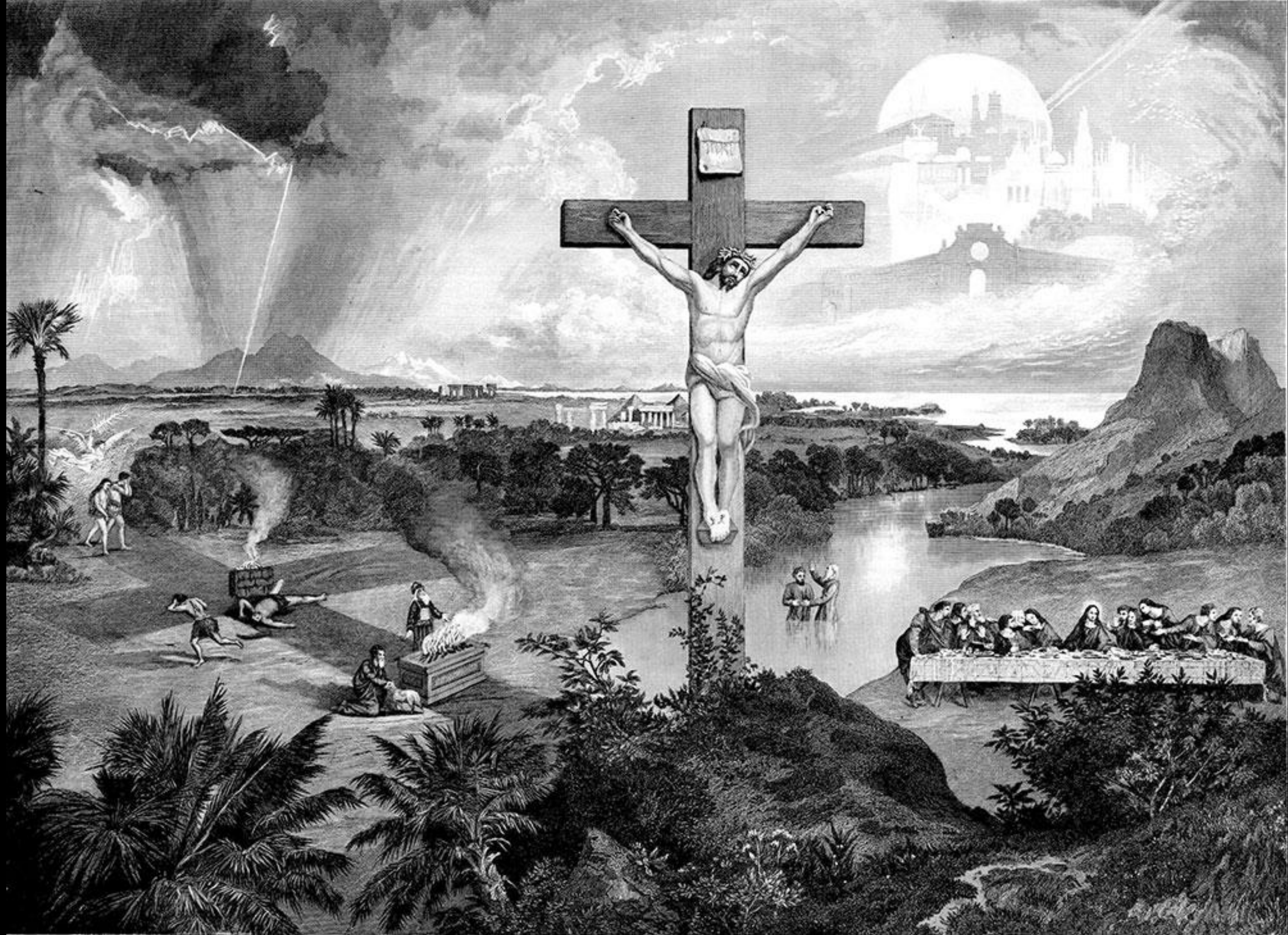


Captivate (Be creative)
Convince (Truth & Evidence)
Convict (Holy Spirit/Illustrations)
Convert (Ask for a decision)



LOVE TO GOD
I
Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
II
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
III
Thou shalt not take the name of thy God in vain.
IV
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall thou labour, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

LOVE TO MAN
V
Honour thy father and thy mother.
VI
Thou shalt not kill.
VII
Thou shalt not commit adultery.
VIII
Thou shalt not steal.
IX
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
X
Thou shalt not covet.

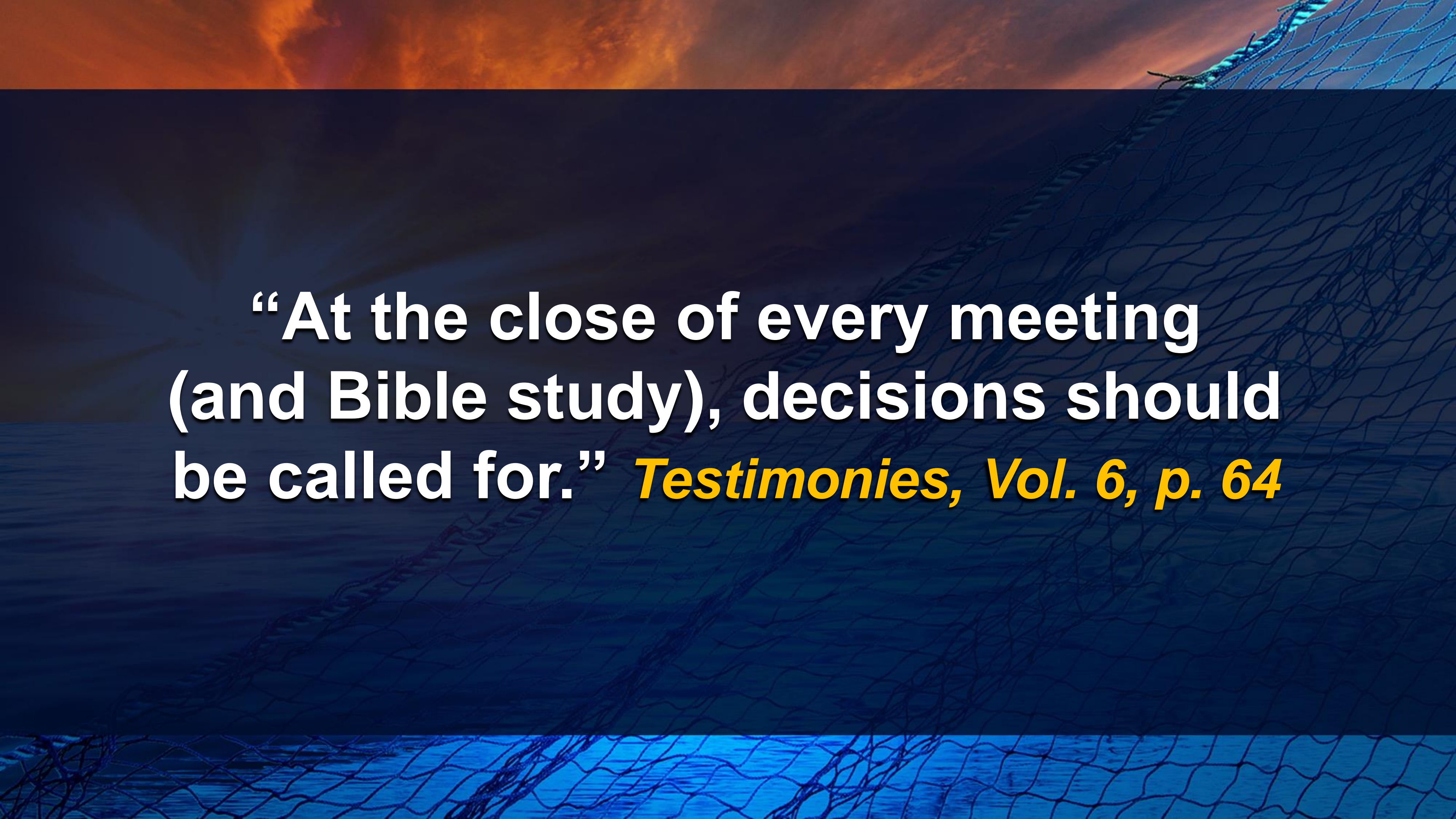




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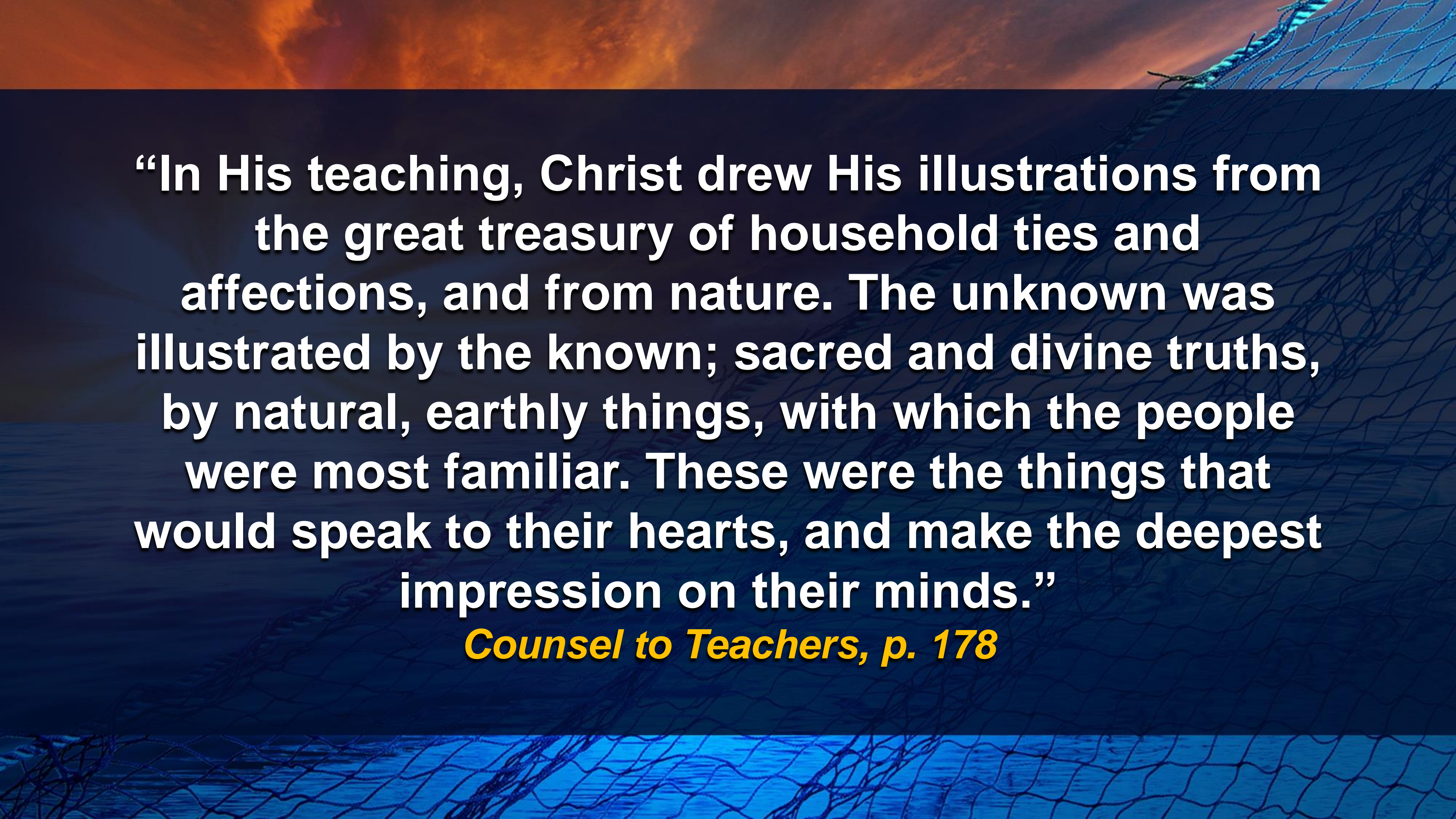




**“At the close of every meeting
(and Bible study), decisions should
be called for.” *Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 64***

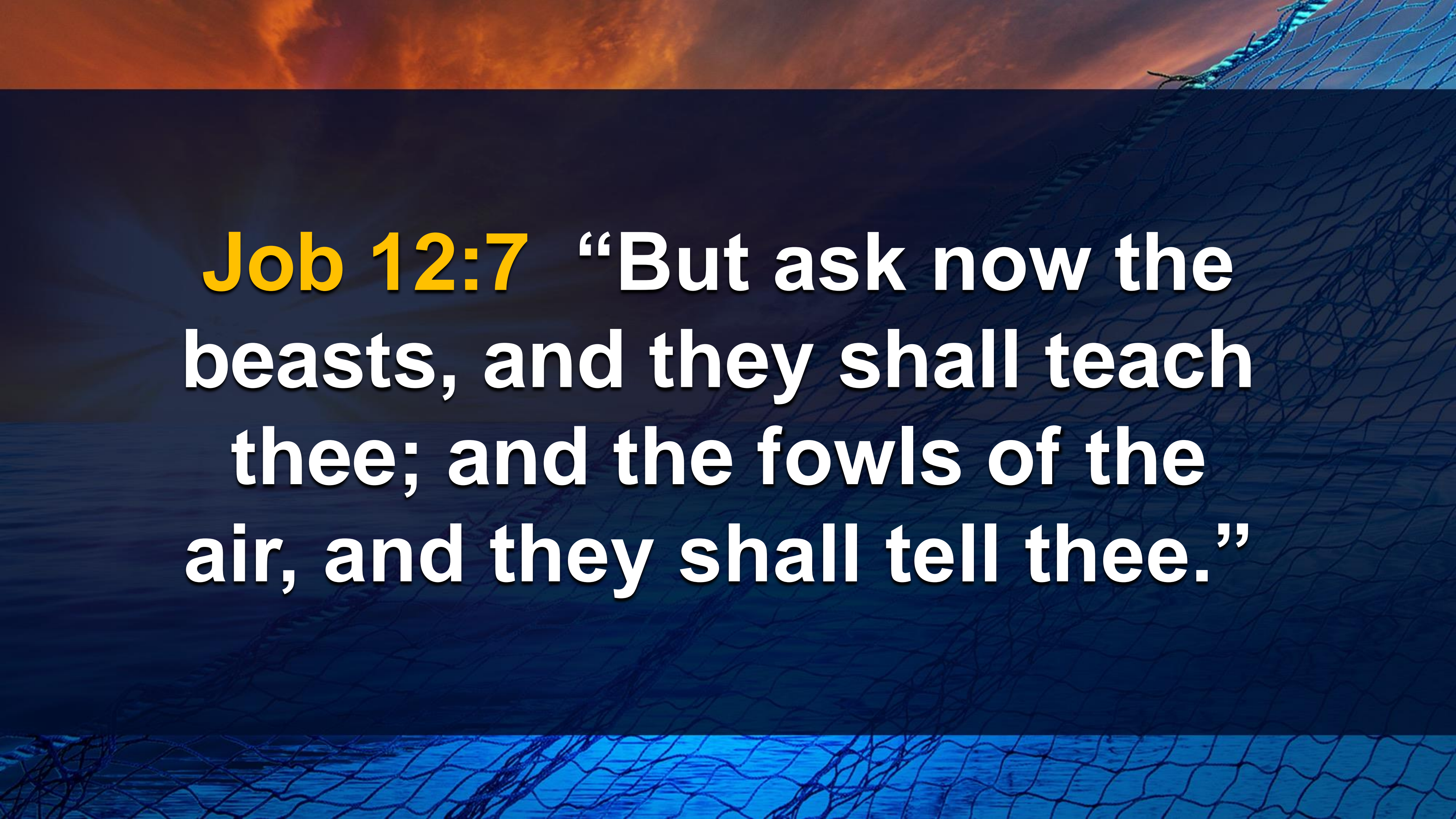
Creating Illustrations

**Our goal with the new truth is to
“make it click” in their minds!
Illustrations do this beautifully.**

The background of the slide features a fishing net, likely a cast net, draped over a surface. The top portion of the image shows a sunset sky with warm orange and red tones, while the rest of the image is dominated by the blue and white mesh of the net. The text is overlaid on this background.

“In His teaching, Christ drew His illustrations from the great treasury of household ties and affections, and from nature. The unknown was illustrated by the known; sacred and divine truths, by natural, earthly things, with which the people were most familiar. These were the things that would speak to their hearts, and make the deepest impression on their minds.”

Counsel to Teachers, p. 178



Job 12:7 “But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee.”



**Nature and revelation alike
testify of God's love.**

Steps to Christ – Chapter 1





Illustration Websites:

www.sermonillustrations.com

www.bible.org/illus.php

<http://www.crosswalk.com/pastors/illustrations/>

<http://www.ozsermonillustrations.com/>

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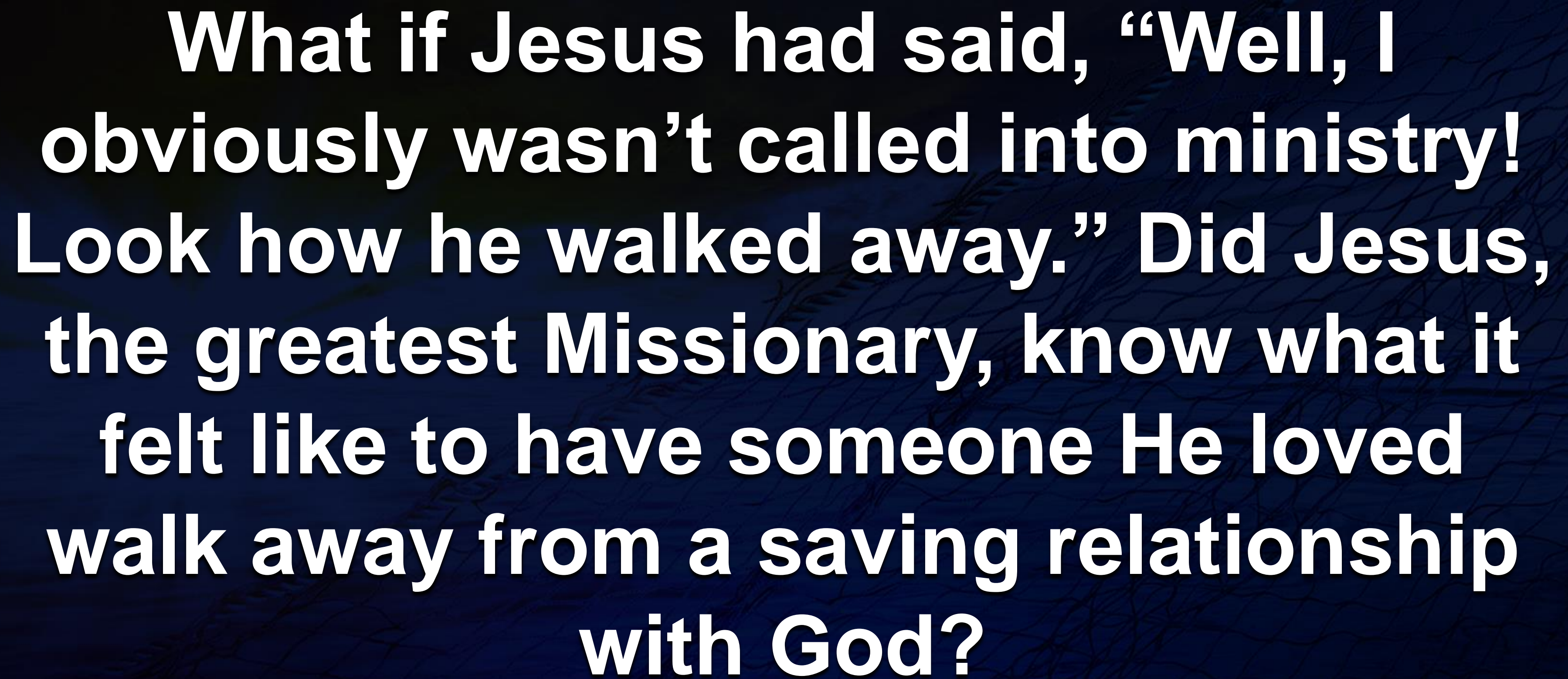
Revelation 12:11



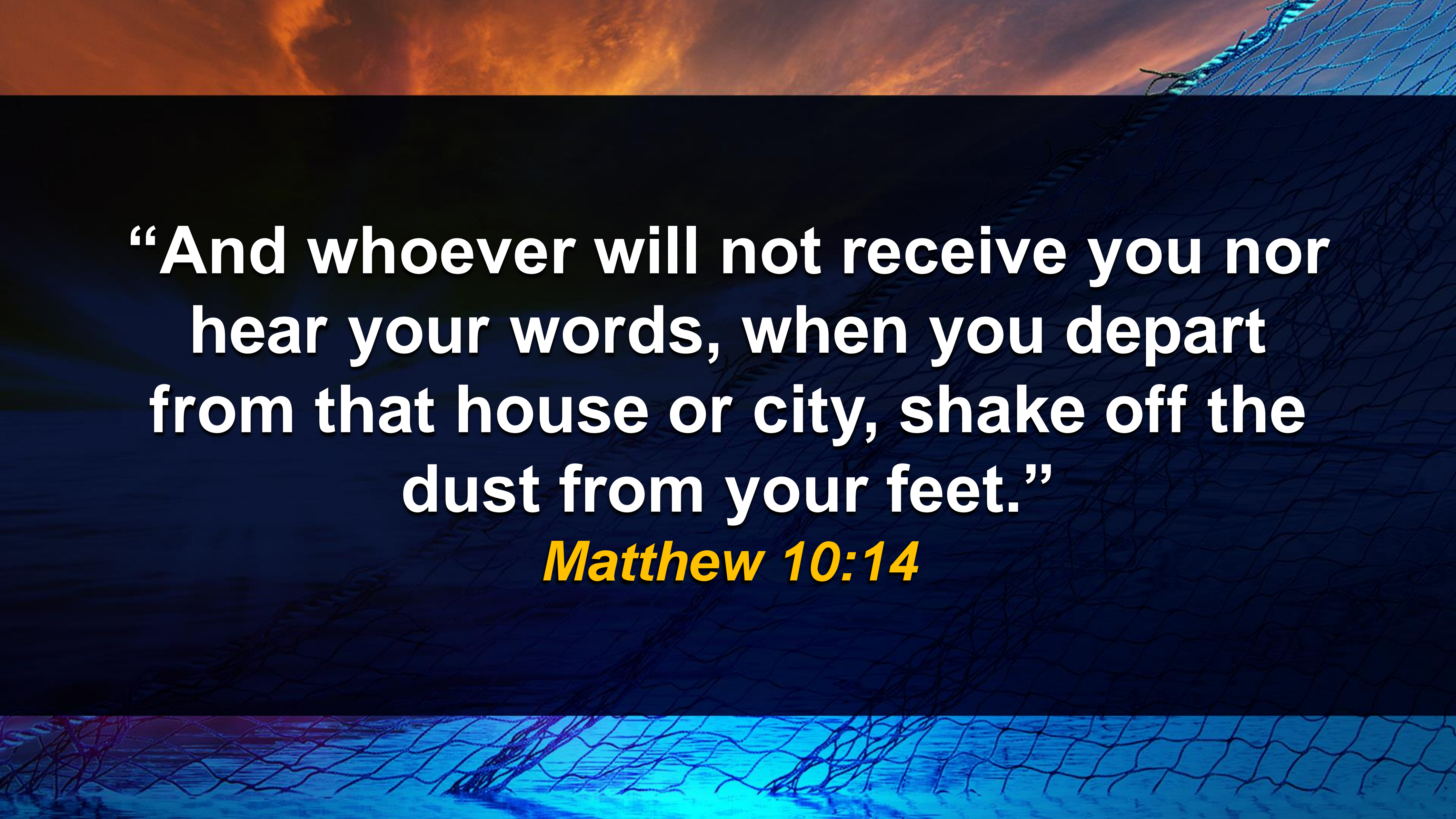
Jeremiah 1:4–9



Mark 10:17-22



What if Jesus had said, “Well, I obviously wasn’t called into ministry! Look how he walked away.” Did Jesus, the greatest Missionary, know what it felt like to have someone He loved walk away from a saving relationship with God?



**“And whoever will not receive you nor
hear your words, when you depart
from that house or city, shake off the
dust from your feet.”**

Matthew 10:14

TOOLS YOU CAN USE!



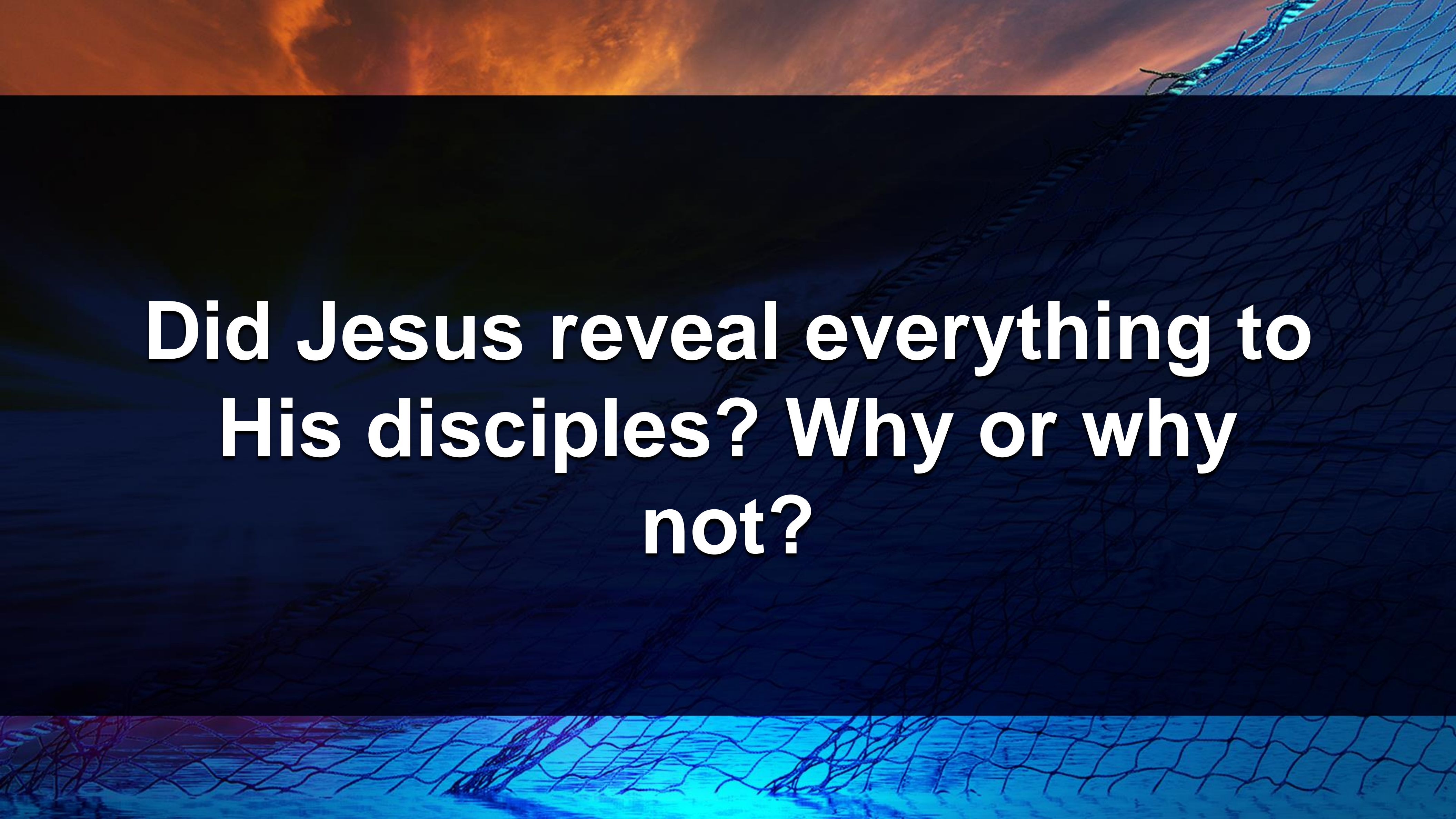
1 John 3:8 — Origin of sin & evil.
Romans 3:23 — All have sinned.
James 2:10 — Offend in one point, guilty of all.
Romans 6:23 — Wages of sin is death.
Isaiah 59:2 — Sin separates us from God.
Romans 5:8 — While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
John 14:6 — Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Ephesians 2:8, 9 — By grace we are saved through faith.
1 John 1:9 — If we confess, He will forgive.
Revelation 3:20 — Will you open your heart to God today?
2 Corinthians 5:17 — We will experience that new life.

SANCTUARY WITNESS





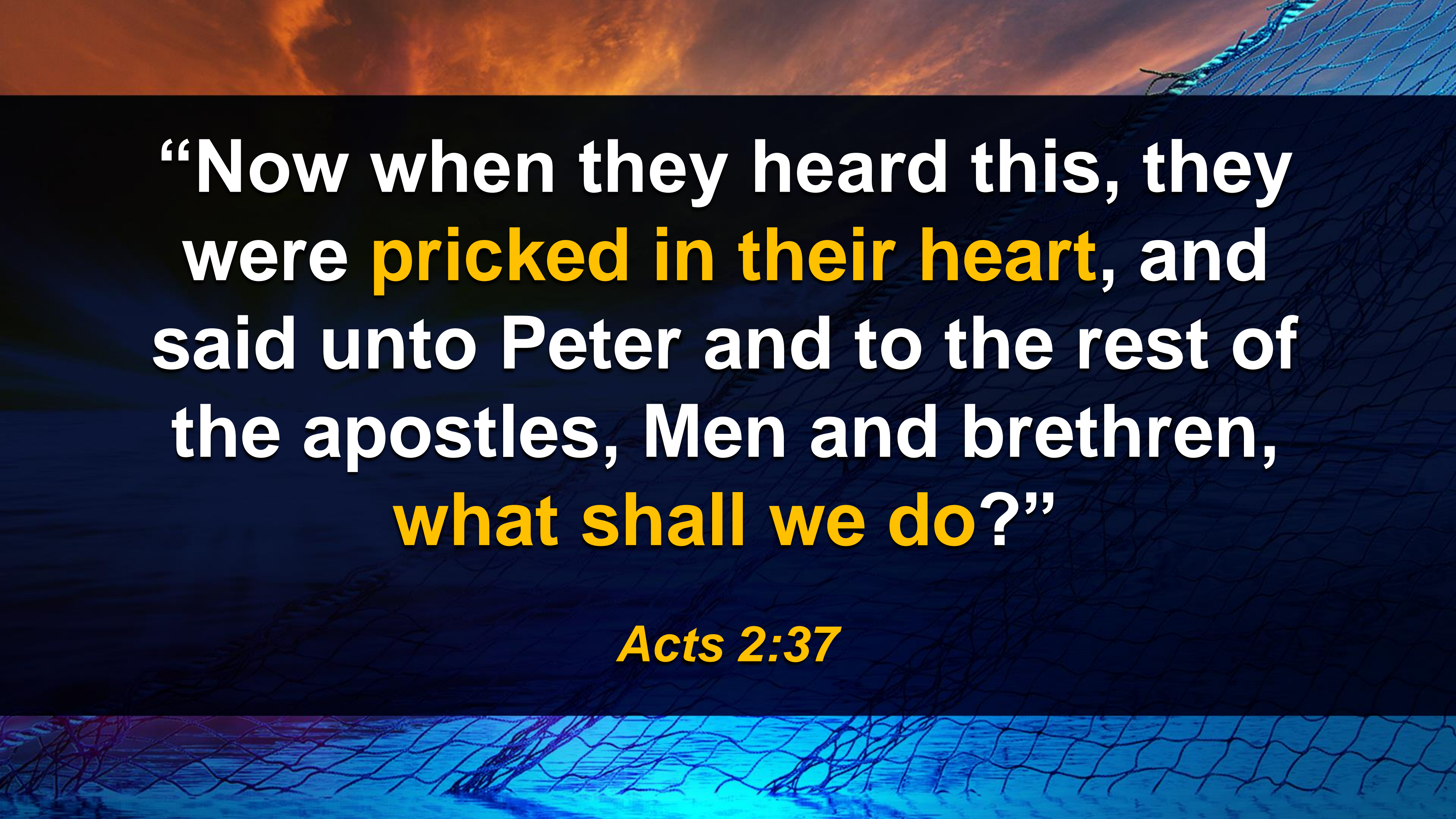
**What is a
Seventh-day
Adventist?**



**Did Jesus reveal everything to
His disciples? Why or why
not?**

John 16:12-14





“Now when they heard this, they were **pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**”**

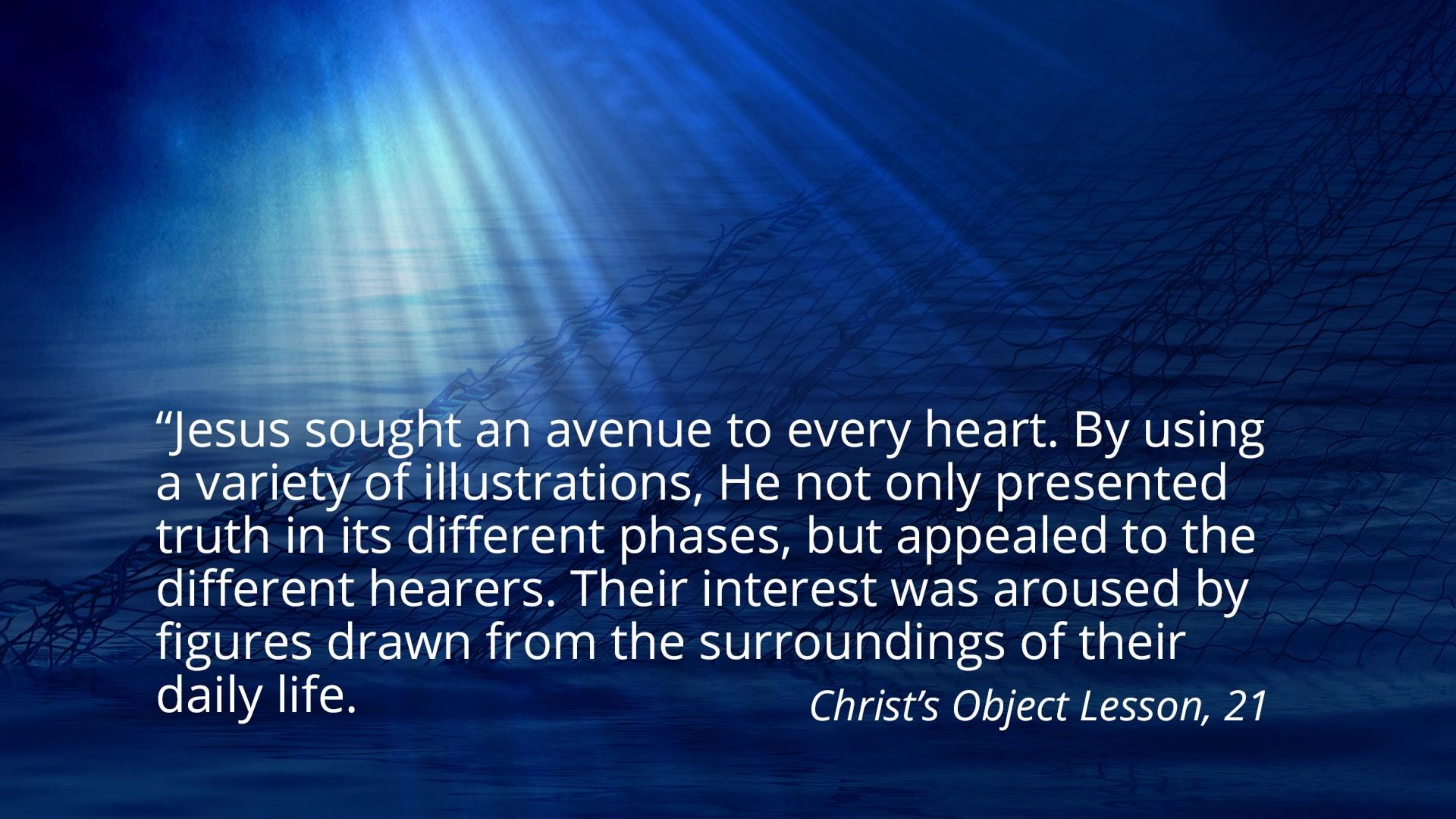
Acts 2:37



**How do we
prick hearts?**

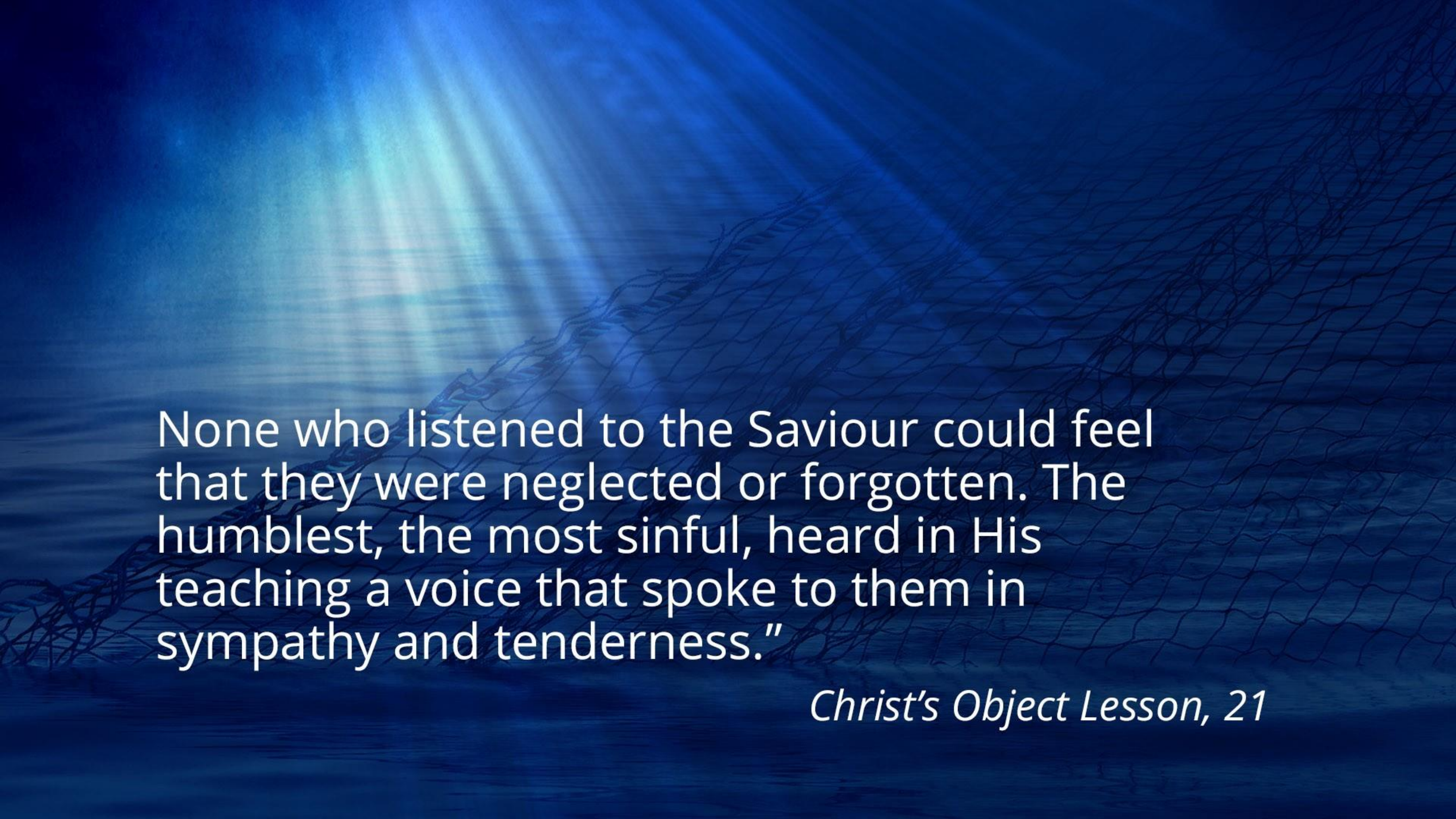






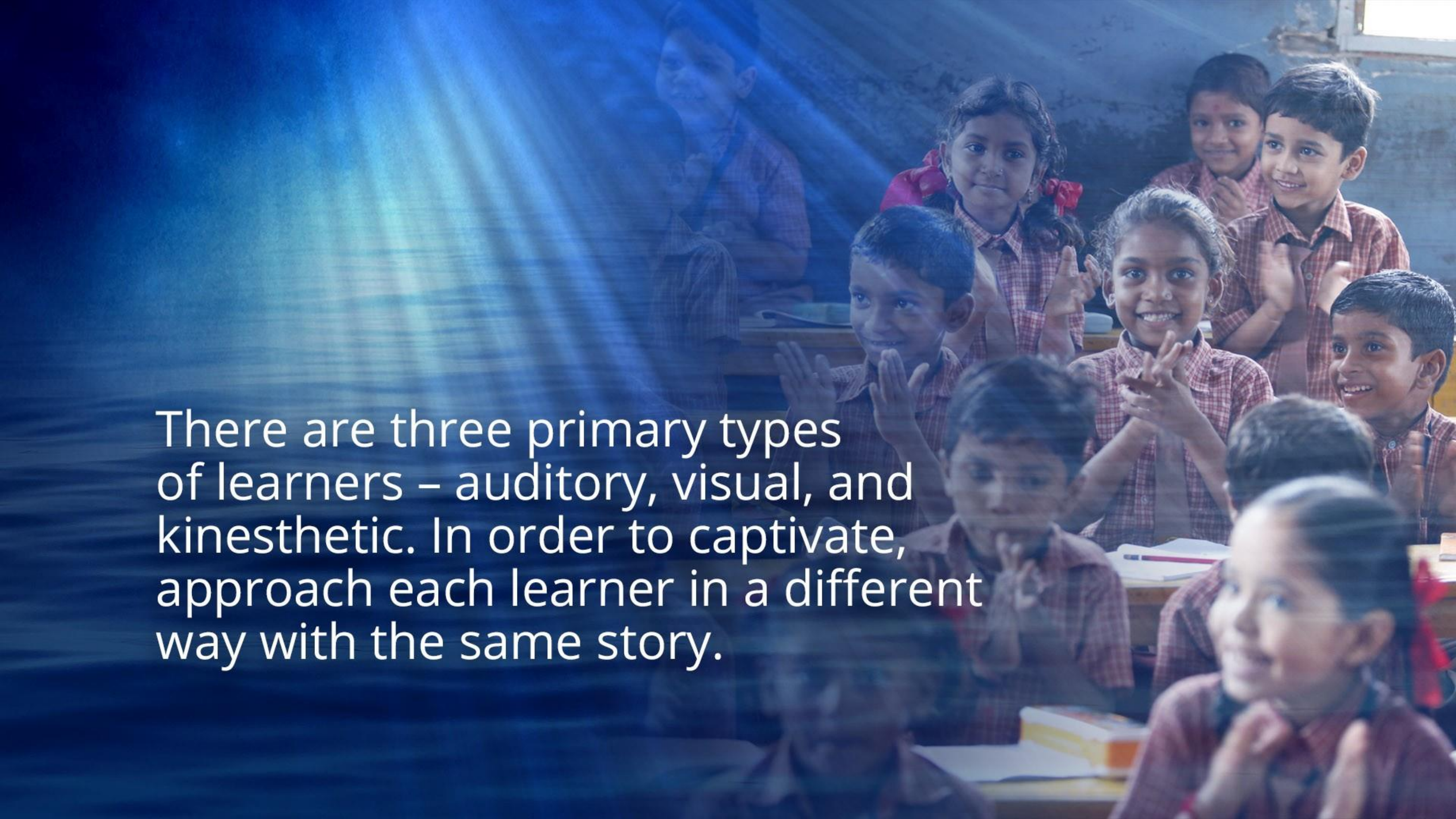
“Jesus sought an avenue to every heart. By using a variety of illustrations, He not only presented truth in its different phases, but appealed to the different hearers. Their interest was aroused by figures drawn from the surroundings of their daily life.

Christ's Object Lesson, 21

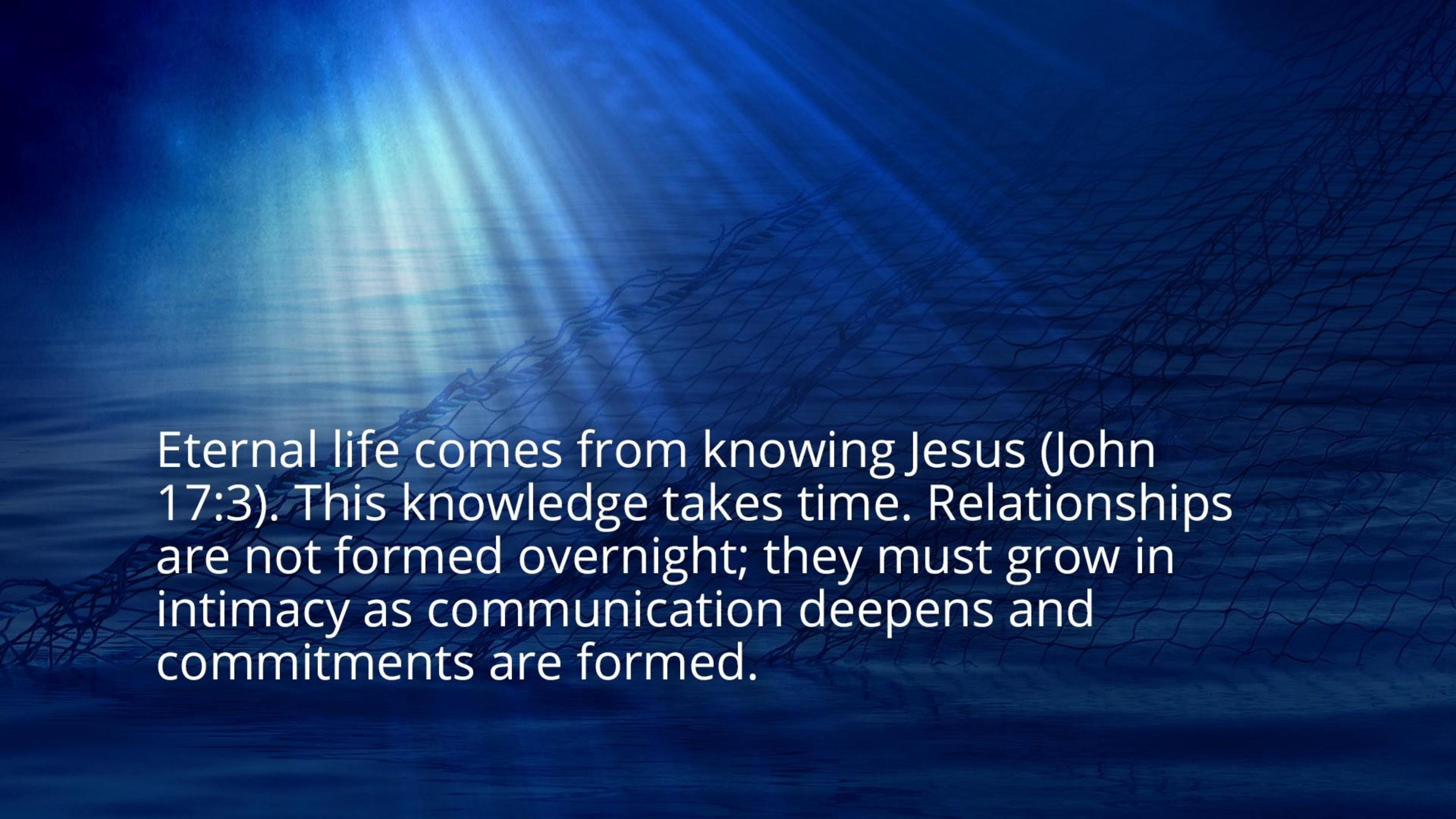


None who listened to the Saviour could feel that they were neglected or forgotten. The humblest, the most sinful, heard in His teaching a voice that spoke to them in sympathy and tenderness."

Christ's Object Lesson, 21

A group of diverse school children in a classroom. Some are clapping, while others are looking thoughtful or attentive. The scene is lit with a blue light effect on the left side. The children are wearing school uniforms.

There are three primary types of learners – auditory, visual, and kinesthetic. In order to captivate, approach each learner in a different way with the same story.

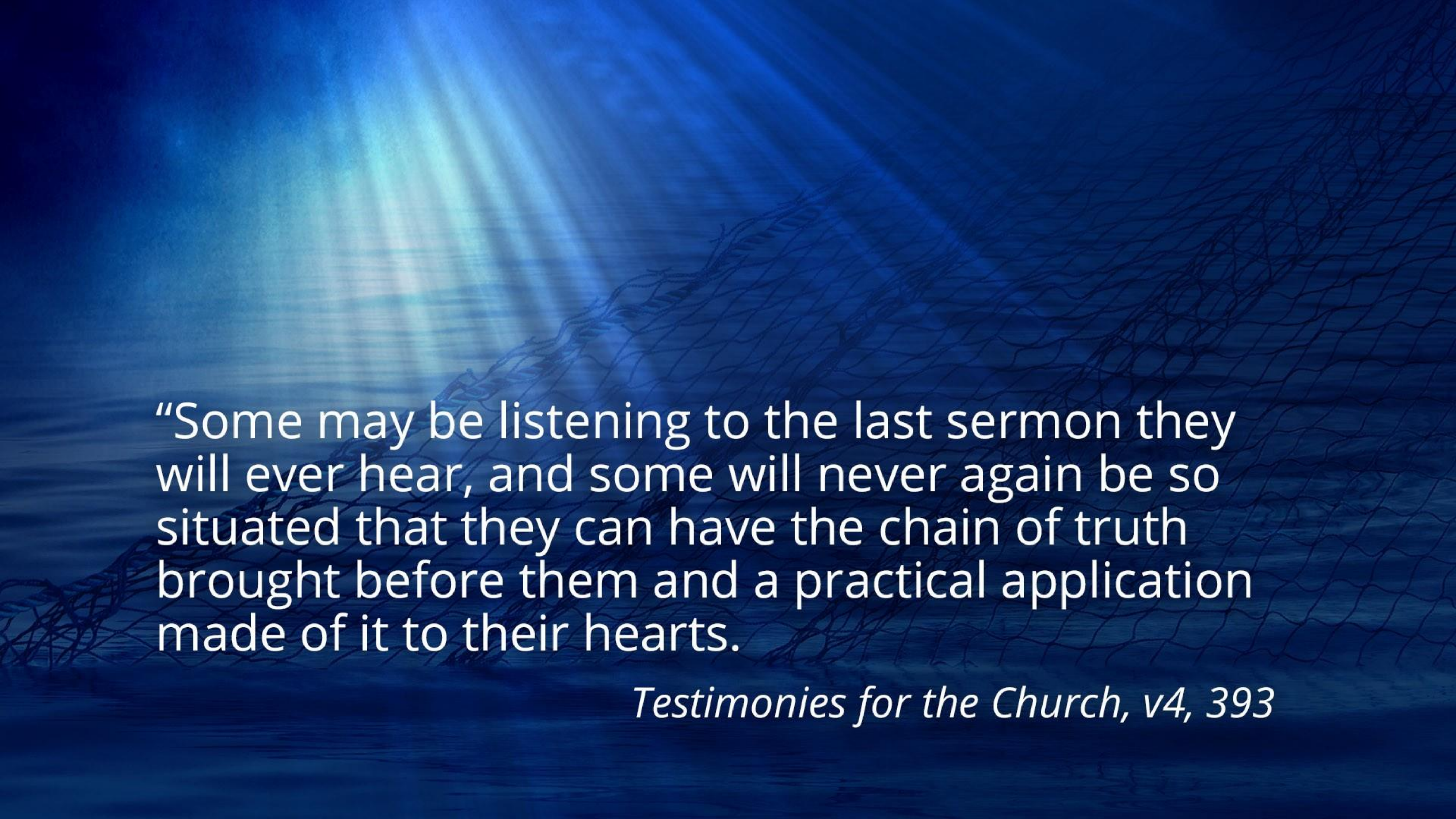
A blue-toned underwater scene. Sunlight rays filter through the water from the top left, creating a bright, ethereal glow. A fishing net is visible in the foreground, partially obscuring the view. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

Eternal life comes from knowing Jesus (John 17:3). This knowledge takes time. Relationships are not formed overnight; they must grow in intimacy as communication deepens and commitments are formed.

A butterfly with white wings and black and red markings is shown emerging from its brown chrysalis. The chrysalis is attached to a green vine that is coiled around a wooden surface. The background is a deep blue with light rays emanating from the top left corner, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere.

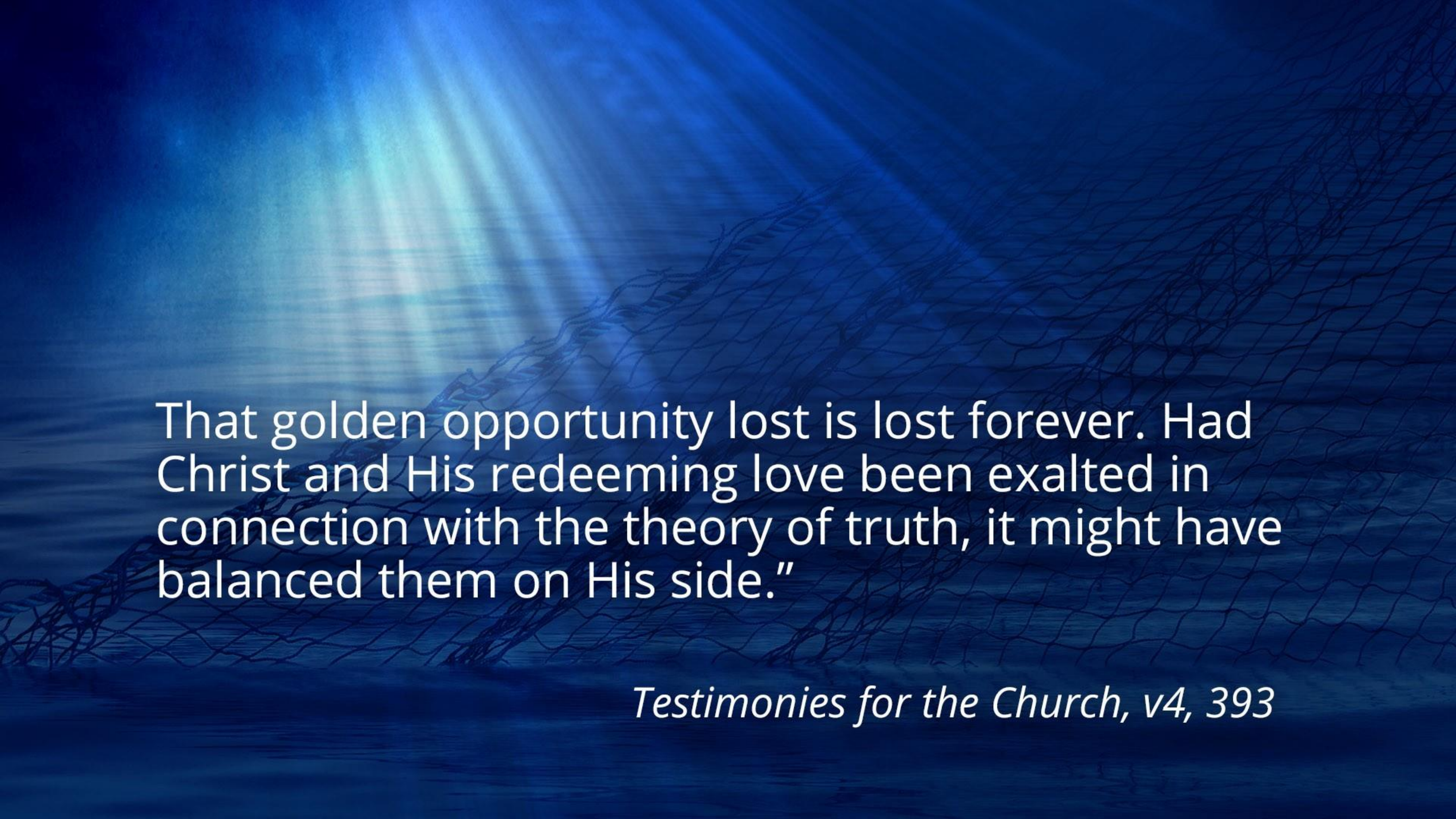
REVEAL TRUTH GRADUALLY

Proverbs 4:18



“Some may be listening to the last sermon they will ever hear, and some will never again be so situated that they can have the chain of truth brought before them and a practical application made of it to their hearts.

Testimonies for the Church, v4, 393



That golden opportunity lost is lost forever. Had Christ and His redeeming love been exalted in connection with the theory of truth, it might have balanced them on His side."

Testimonies for the Church, v4, 393

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a white turtleneck sweater, is sitting on a grey couch. She is holding an open book and looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In the background, a fireplace with a warm fire is visible. The scene is dimly lit, with a blueish tint on the left side of the image.

HELPFUL QUESTIONS

In order to know their level of understanding, ask diagnostic questions throughout your Bible study: “Is it clear to you that the seventh day is the Sabbath?”

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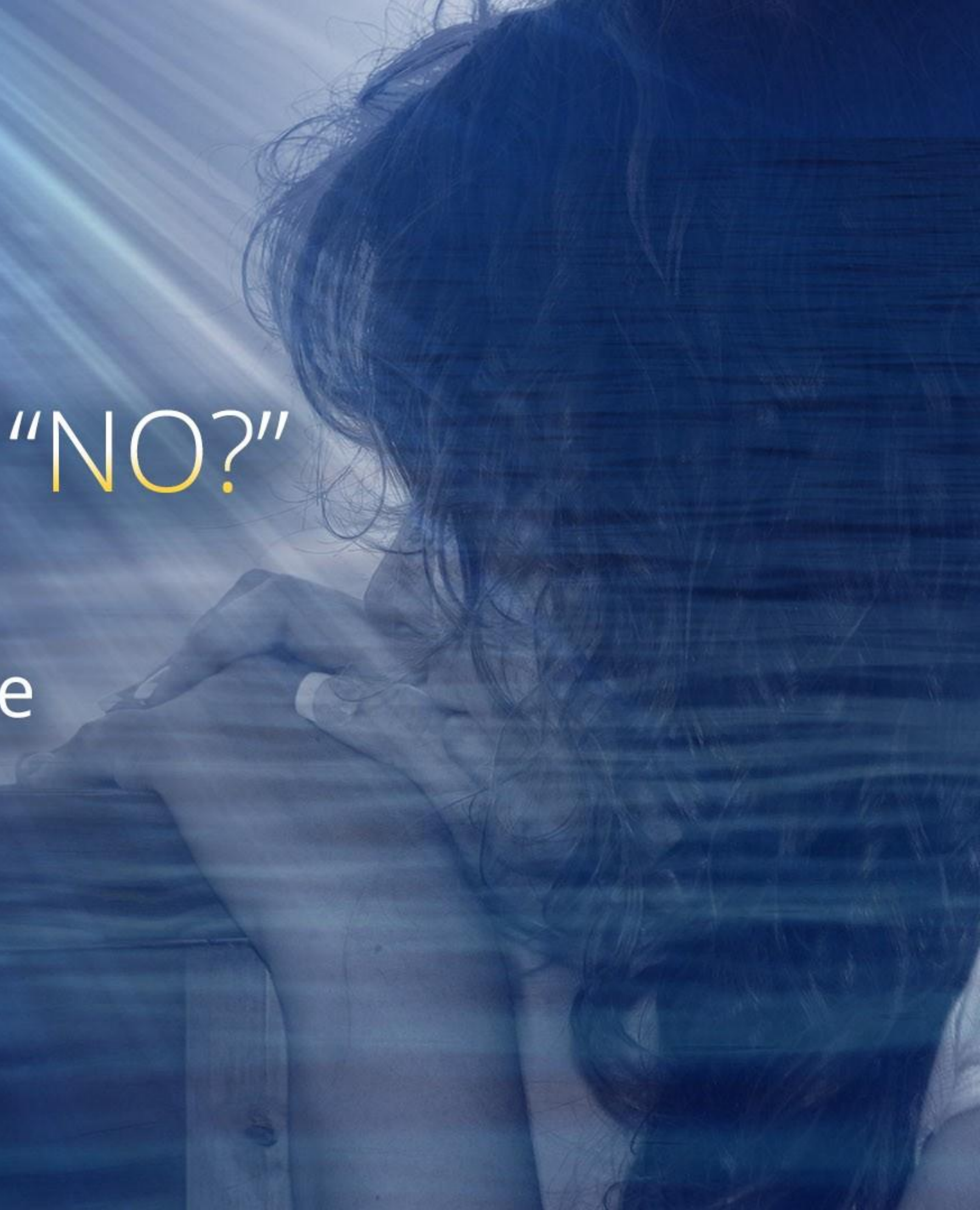
“Do you see from this passage that the rock in Daniel 2 represents Jesus and His everlasting kingdom?” “Do you have any questions?”



WHAT IF THEY SAY "NO?"

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Remember to ask this important question: "Is there anything keeping you from making this decision?"





WHAT IF THEY SAY "NO?"

"If this obstacle were removed, would you then see your way clear to keep the seventh-day Sabbath?" (or whatever decision you are calling them to make).

A photograph of two men in business attire. The man on the left is wearing a light-colored shirt and glasses, looking towards the man on the right. The man on the right is wearing a dark suit jacket, a blue shirt, and a patterned tie, looking back at the first man. They are both holding and looking at a document. The background is a blurred office interior with a wooden wall and a window with curtains. The image has a blue tint and a radial light effect emanating from the top left.

REMEMBER TO:

Always include yourself in appeals

Keep Jesus at the center

