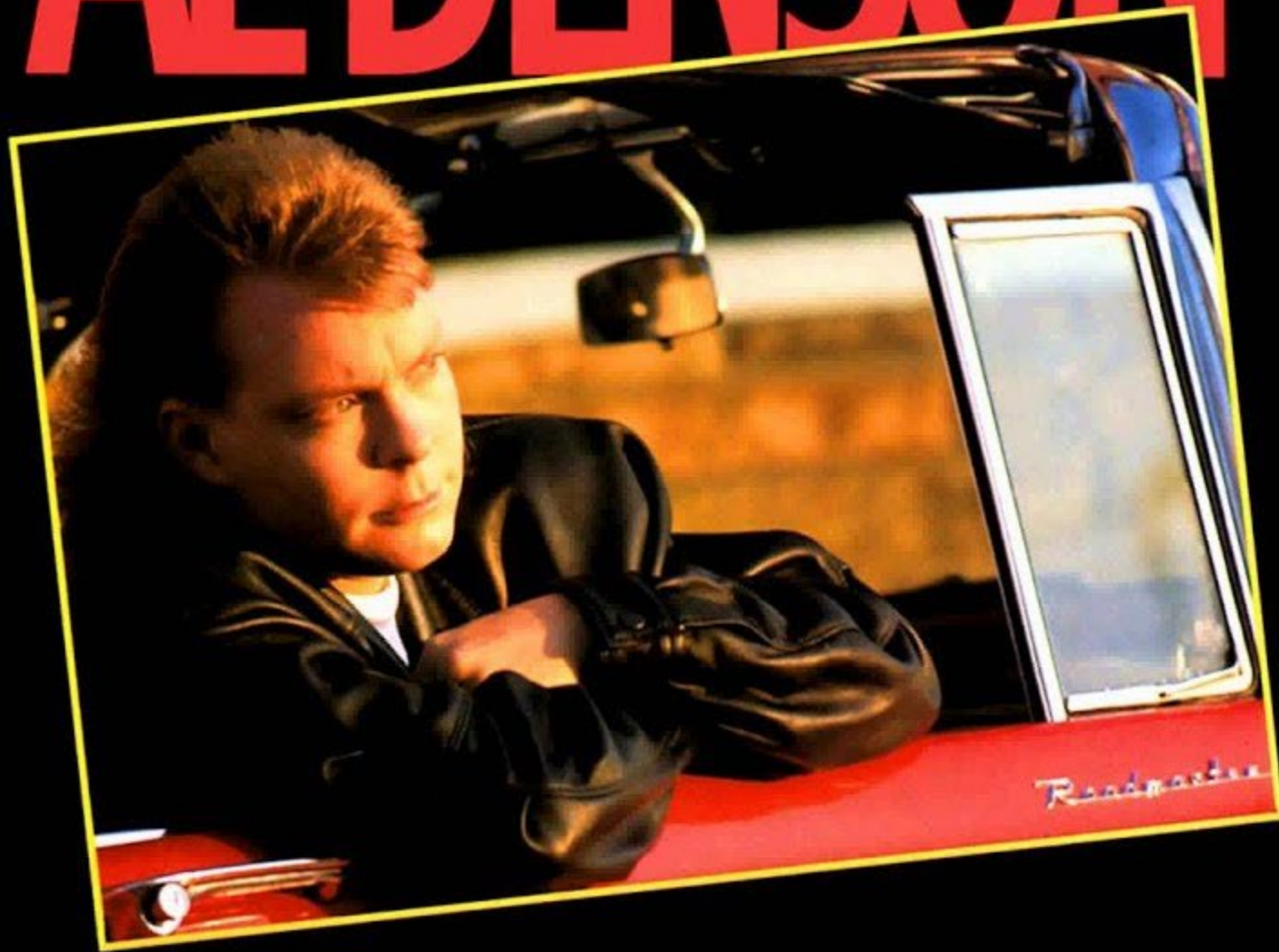


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Living in the
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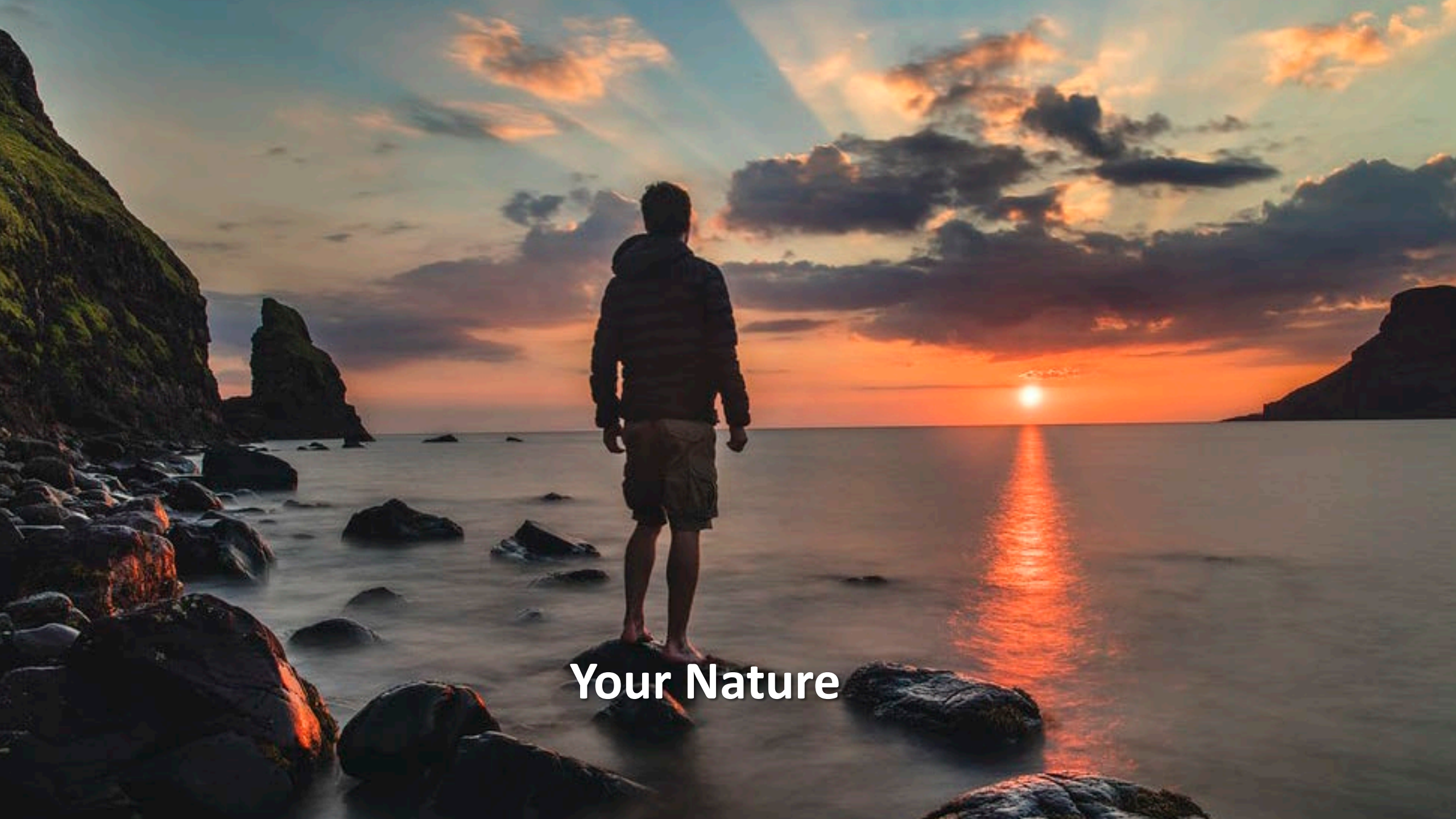
Living Out Who
You Really Are

We live in the invisible spiritual reality of the Kingdom of God



He has delivered us from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son

Colossians 1:13



Your Nature



We Became Light in Darkness



We Became The Salt of the Earth





Living in the
Kingdom of God

What Do You Do in the Kingdom?



Pictures of what we are to do in the Kingdom

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... Matt. 28:19 [TASK]



We Are Ambassadors for The King of Kings
(Sharing God's Goodness and Love)

***Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,
but whoever does not believe will be condemned.***

Mark 16:16 [REASON]



We Are Fishers of Men
(Always fishing never quitting)



**You Are Part of
a Royal Priesthood**





OLD TESTAMENT

Israel – A Nation of Priests

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests
and a holy nation.

Exodus 19:5-6

An open book with a red banner reading "NEW TESTAMENT".

NEW TESTAMENT

The Church – A Nation of Priests

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5



Represented God to The People
Represented The People to God

The Design for The Great Commission

Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 24:46-47





**We pray for them...
representing people to God**



**Sometimes we pray with them
Representing God to the People**

But you *are* a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**,
a **holy nation**, His own special people,
that you may **proclaim the praises of Him**
who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God,
who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10





Proclaiming His Praises



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We Are A Royal Priesthood
(Representing God to People and People to God)

The Power for The Great Commission

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8 [POWER]



Spirit Empowered Witness
(Representing God to People and People to God)



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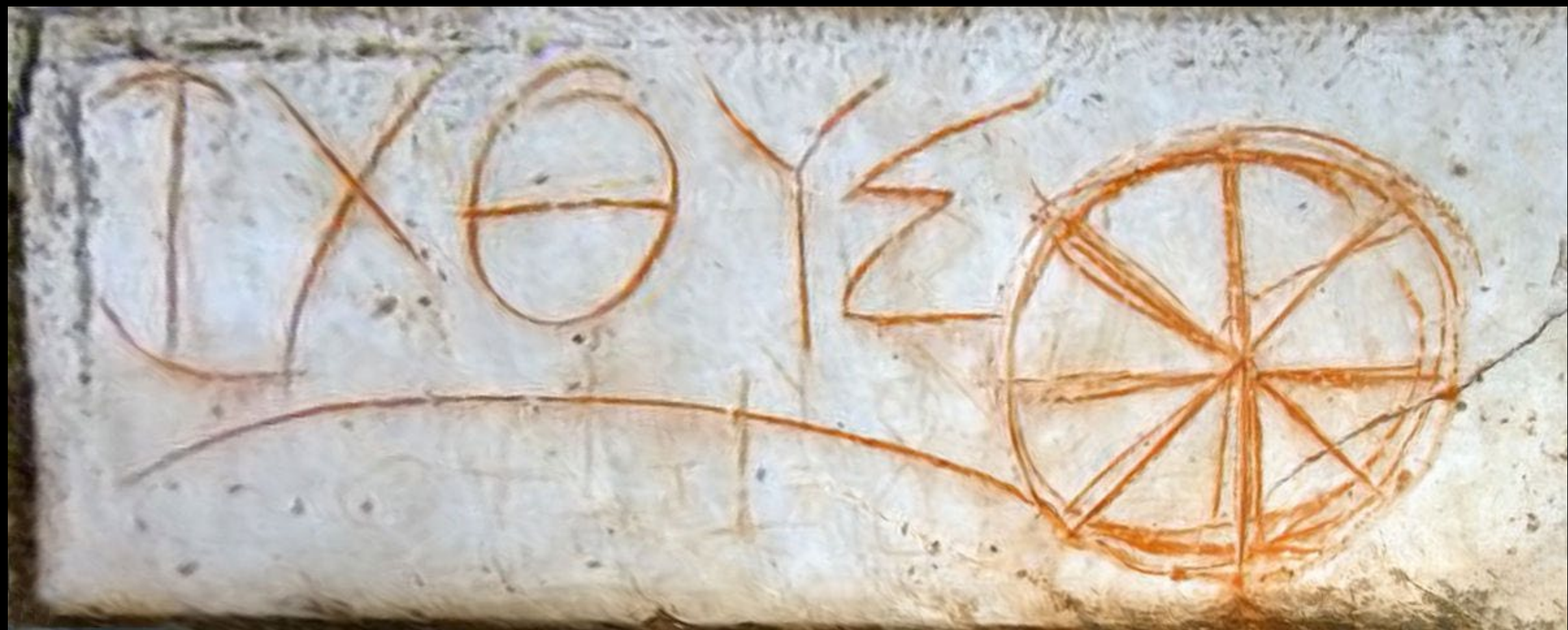
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Χ - Chi Christos (Χριστός), "anointed"

Θ - Theta Theou (Θεοῦ), "God's",

Υ - Upsilon (h)yios (Υἱός), "Son"

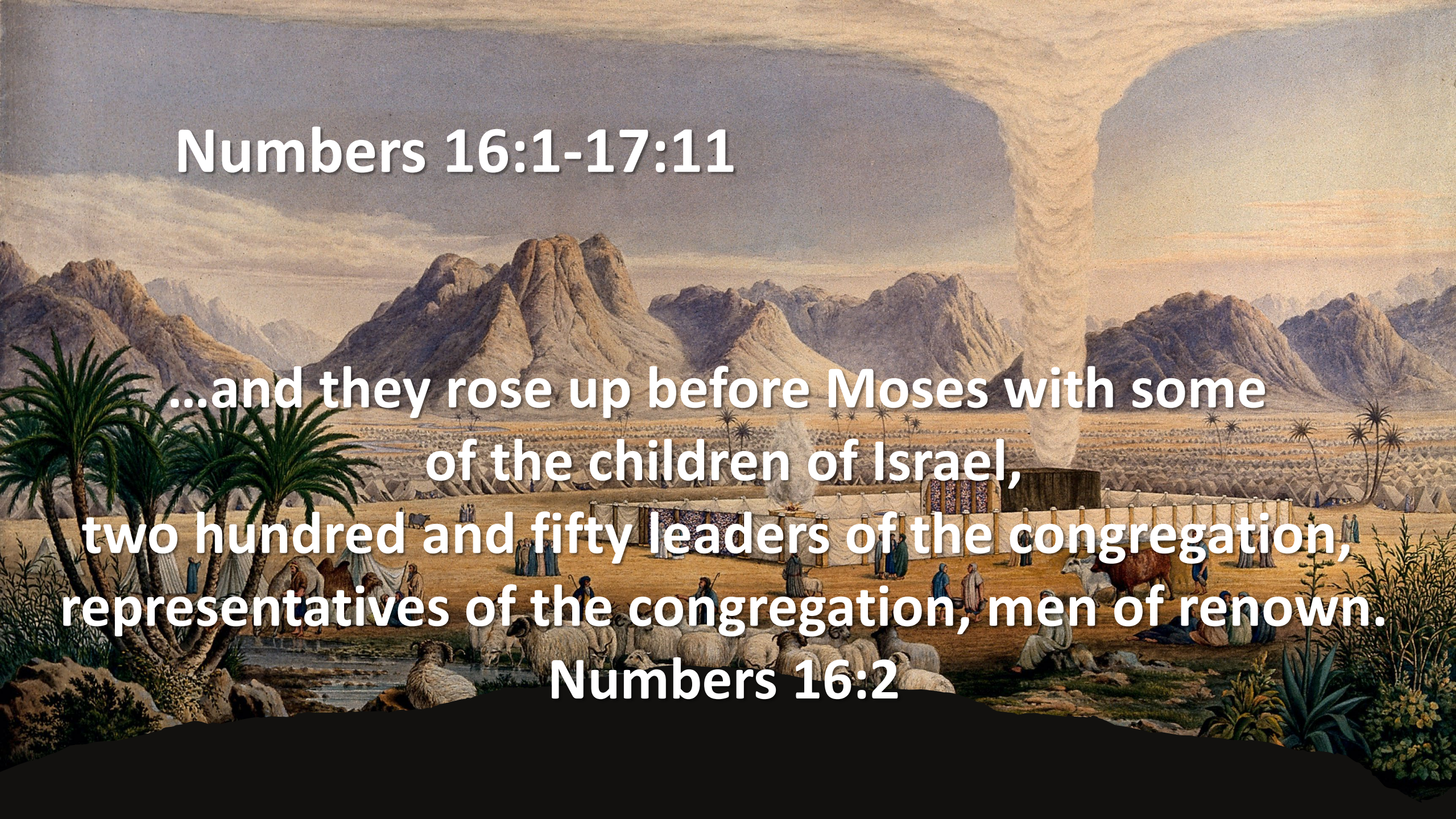
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Numbers 16:1-17:11

...and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown.

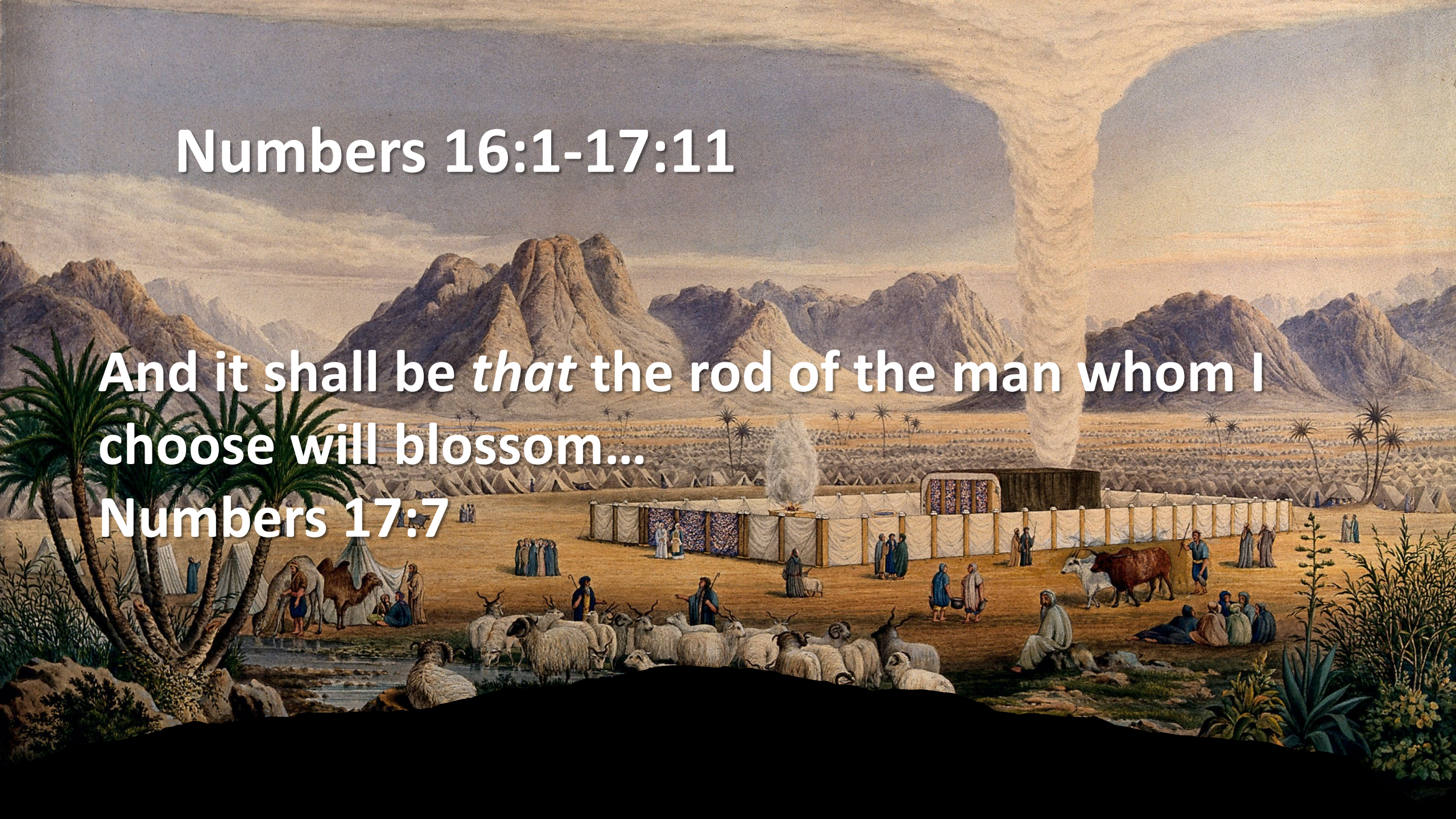
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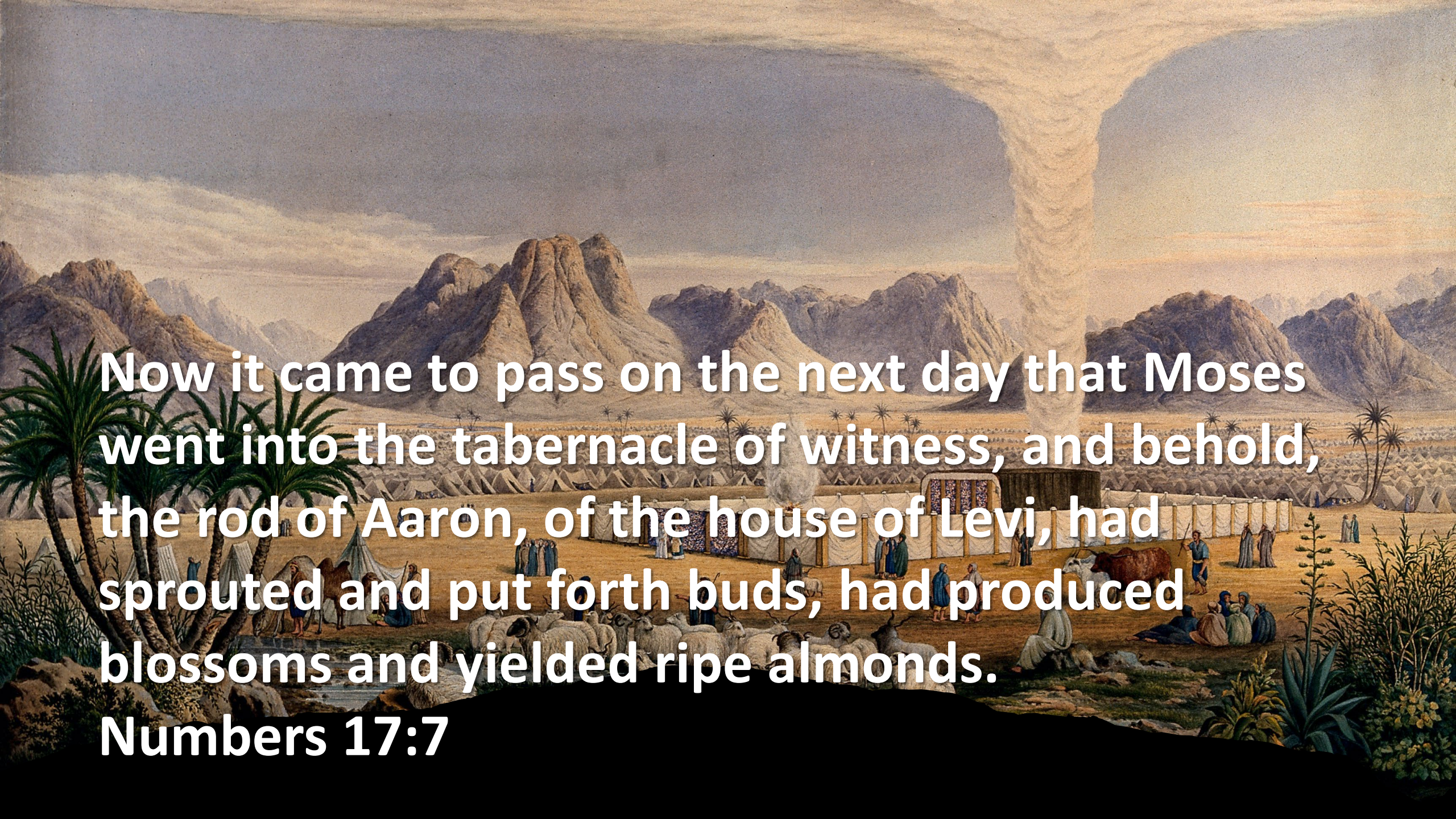


Numbers 16:1-17:11

And it shall be *that* the rod of the man whom I
choose will blossom...

Numbers 17:7





Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds.

Numbers 17:7

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Joshua 24



See!” he said to all the people. “This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words the LORD has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.” Joshua 24:27



**Therefore, when they
had come together,
they asked Him, saying,
“Lord, will You at this time
restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

**And He said to them,
“It is not for you to know times
or seasons which the Father
has put in His own authority.**

Acts 1:6-7



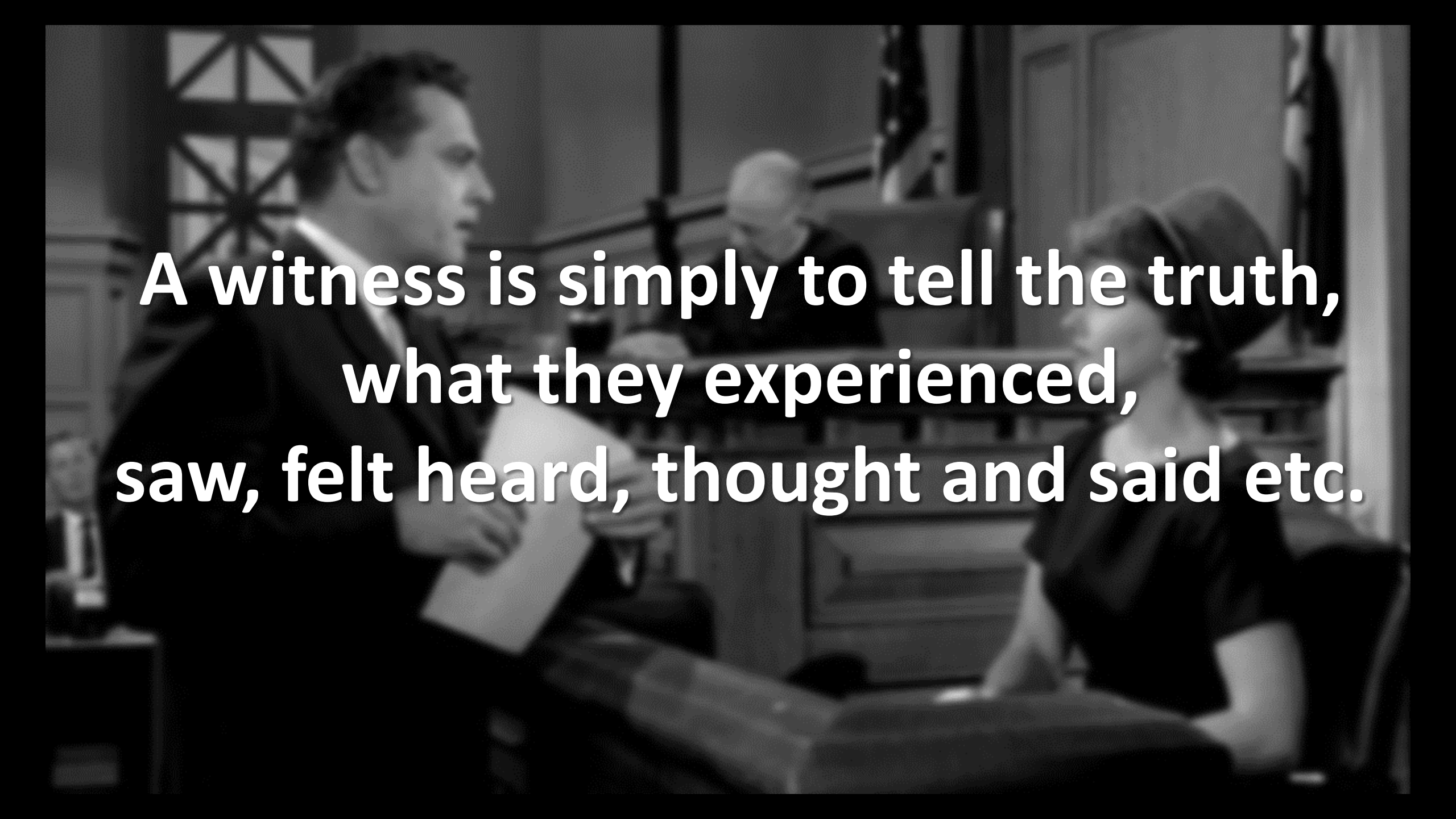
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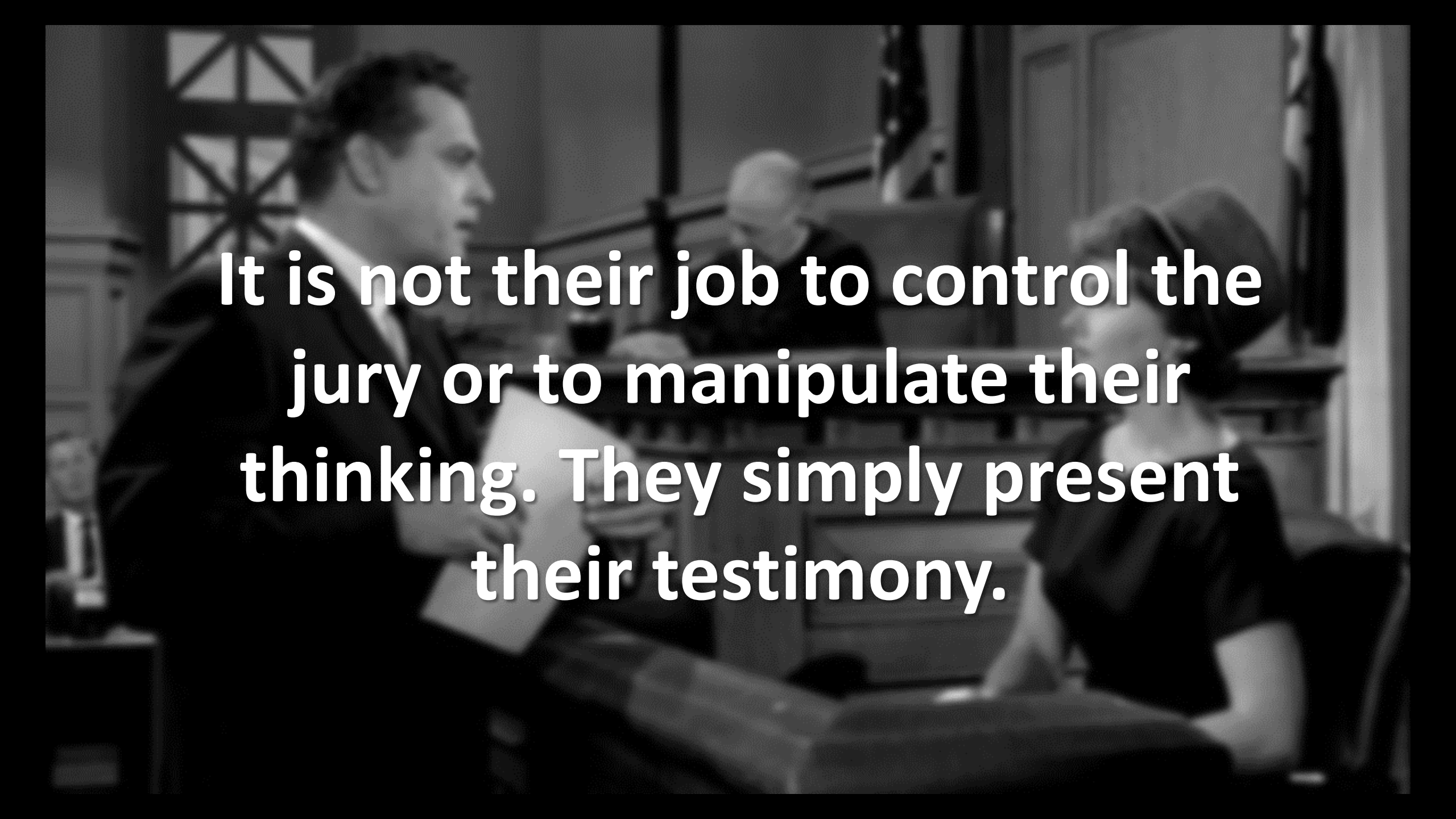








**A witness is simply to tell the truth,
what they experienced,
saw, felt heard, thought and said etc.**

A black and white photograph of a courtroom scene. A man in a suit is speaking to a woman seated at a table. A judge is visible in the background.

It is not their job to control the jury or to manipulate their thinking. They simply present their testimony.

Yes, I try but





To Tell Your Story

1. Where were you spiritually before receiving God's gift of salvation?

How did that affect you –feelings, attitudes, actions relationships?



To Tell Your Story

2. What caused you to begin to begin to consider Jesus as the solution to your needs?



To Tell Your Story

3. Specifically, how did you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?



To Tell Your Story

4. How did your life begin to change after you trusted Jesus Christ for your salvation?



To Tell Your Story

5. What other benefits have you experienced since you became a Christian?

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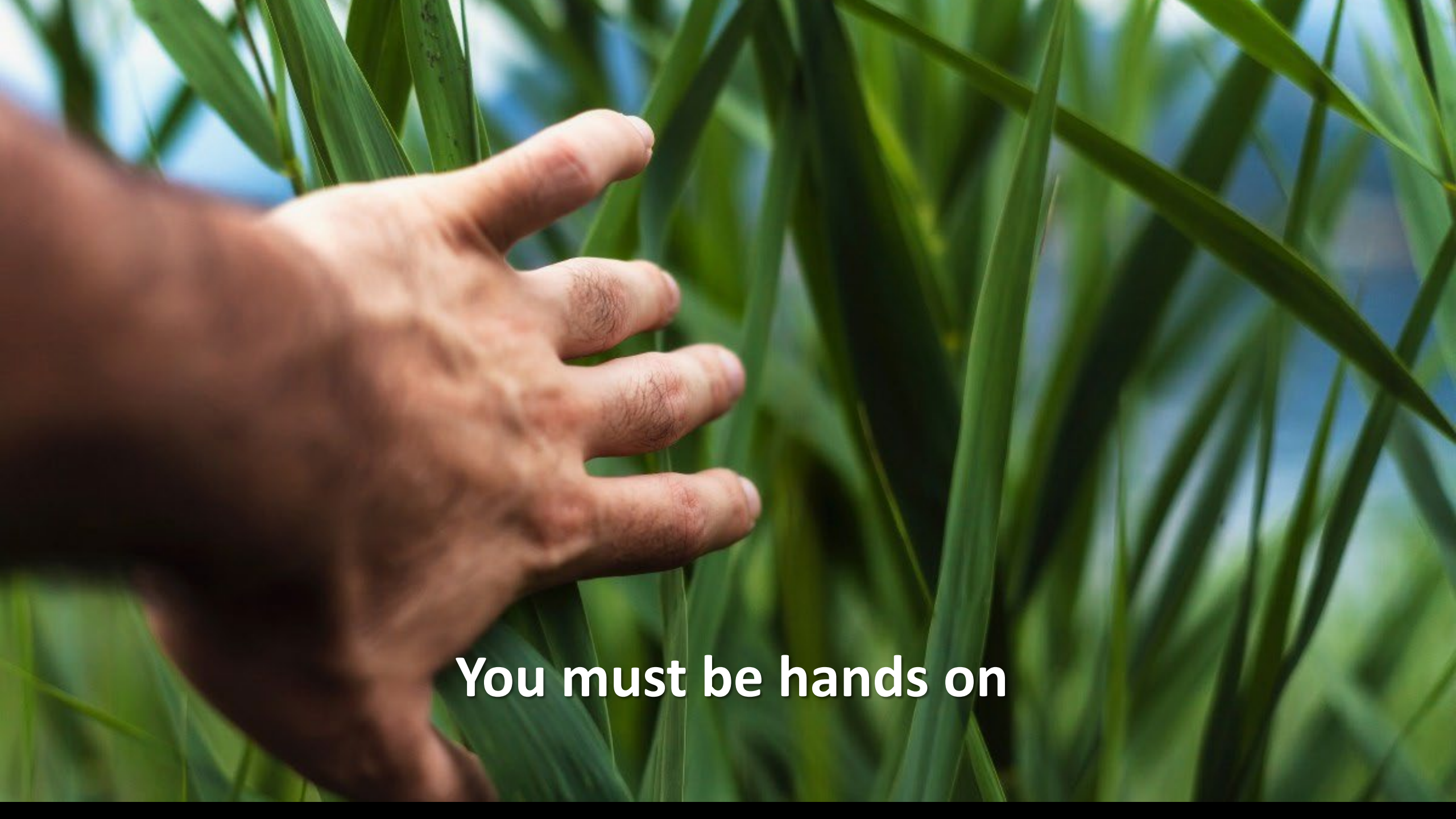
Spirit Empowered Witness
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The Method for The Great Commission

As the Father has sent me,
even so I am sending you.

John 20:21





You must be hands on

As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. John 20:21 [METHOD]



We Are Harvesters - Farmers

(Putting out seed, giving water, watching God give the increase)

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying

Matthew 13:3



*“Behold, a sower
went out to sow.*

Matthew 13:3



*And as he sowed,
some seed fell by the
wayside; and the
birds came and
devoured them.*

Matthew 13:4



Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

Matthew 13:5



*But when the sun was
up they were scorched,
and because
they had no root
they withered away.*

Matthew 13:6



*And some fell
among thorns,
and the thorns sprang
up and choked them.*

Matthew 13:7



*But others fell
on good ground*

Matthew 13:8



and yielded a crop:

Matthew 13:8



*some a hundredfold,
some sixty, some thirty.*

*He who has ears to
hear, let him hear!”*

Matthew 13:8-9



*“Therefore hear the
parable of the sower:*

Matthew 13:18-20



*When anyone hears
the word of the
kingdom, and does not
understand it, then the
wicked one comes and
snatches away what
was sown in his heart.
This is he who received
seed by the wayside.*

Matthew 13:19



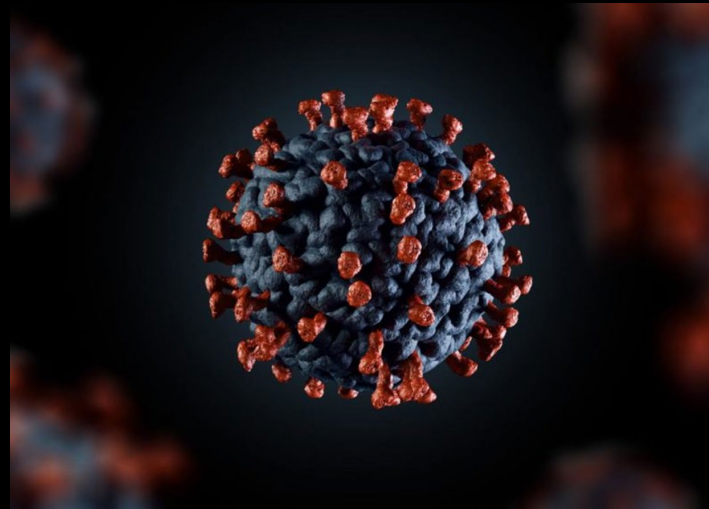
But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Matthew 13:20-21



*Now he who received
seed among the thorns
is he who hears
the word,
and the cares
of this world...*

Matthew 13:21-22



*and the deceitfulness of
riches choke the word,
and he becomes
unfruitful*


Matthew 13:21-22



But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Matthew 13:23



A photograph showing a man and a woman plowing a field. The man, wearing a grey shirt and shorts, is barefoot and stands between two oxen, holding their reins. The woman, wearing a bright pink sari, stands to the right, also barefoot. The oxen are pulling a wooden plow through a field of dark, rich soil. The scene is set in a rural, agricultural environment.

To deal with
Hardness of the soil
Rocks in the field
Thorns that take over a field

Often we have to prepare the soil











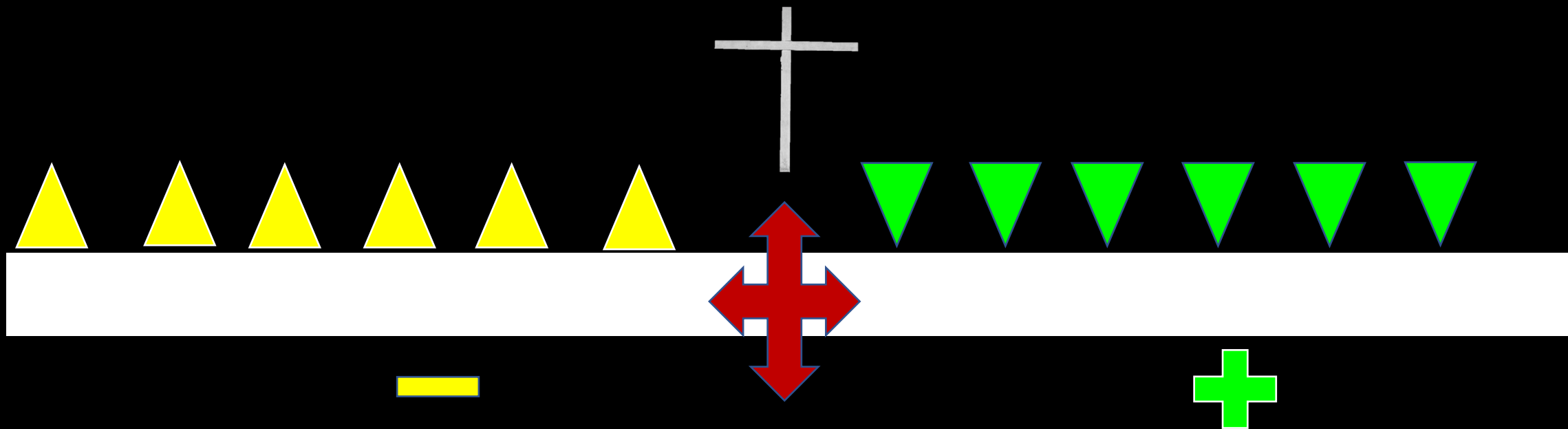


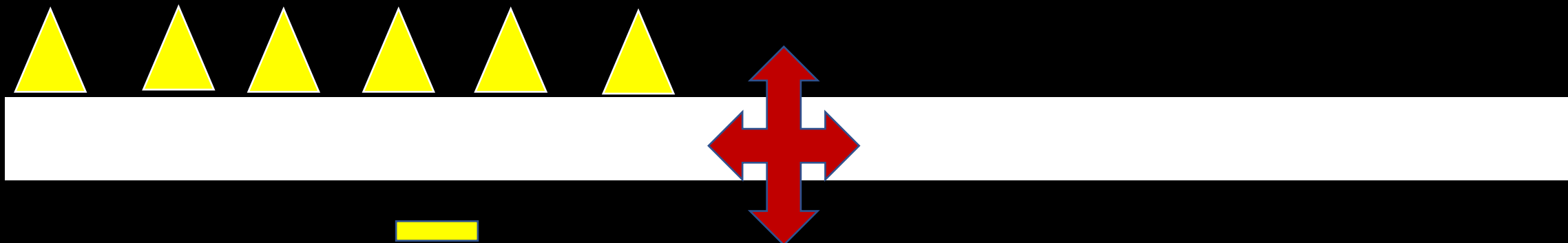
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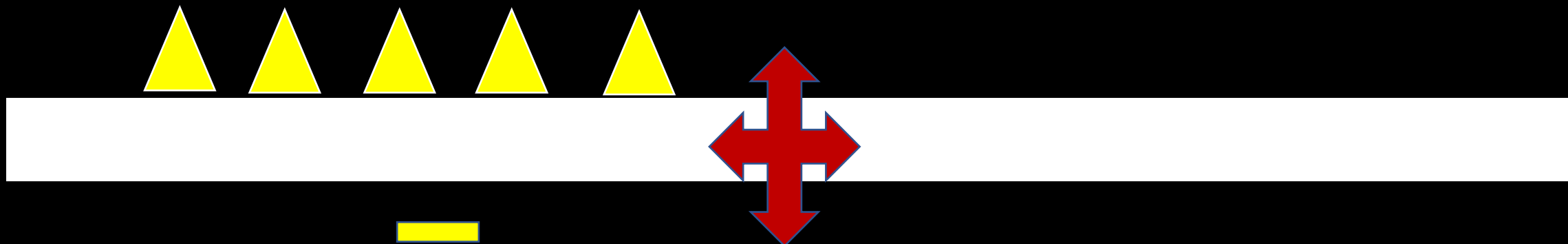
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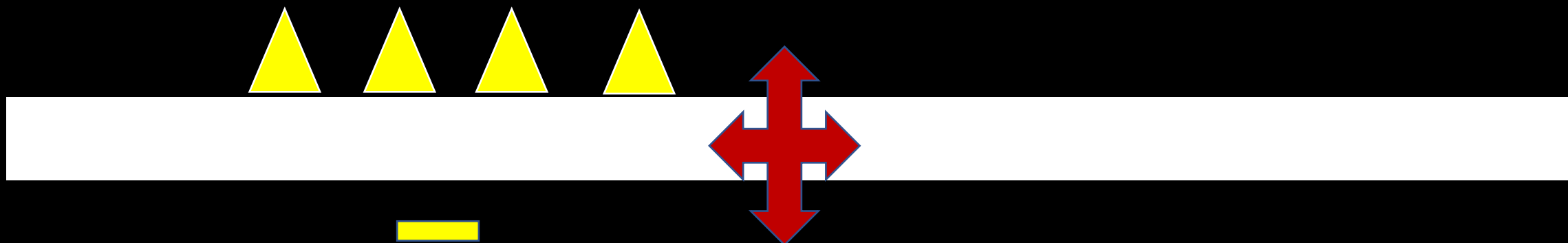
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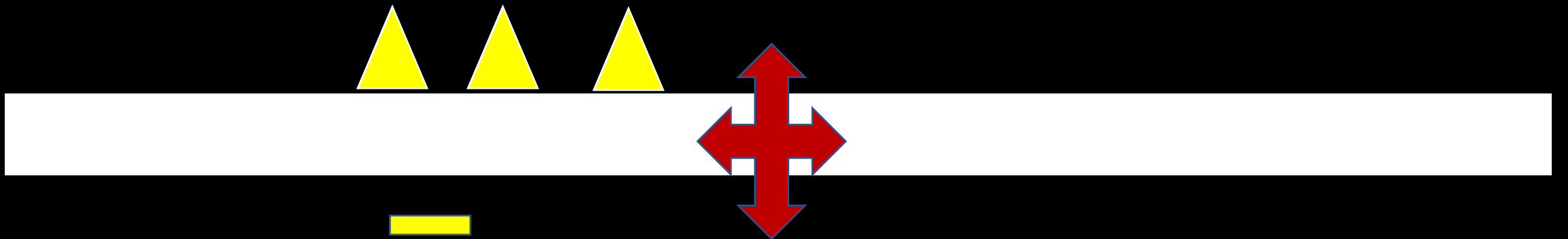
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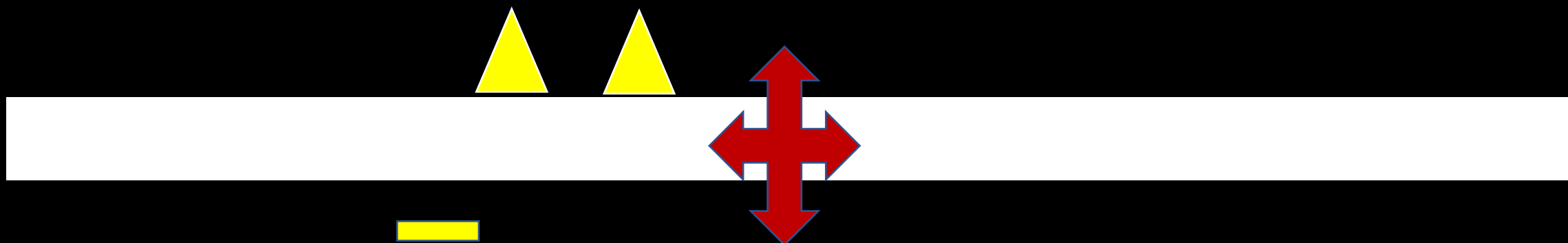


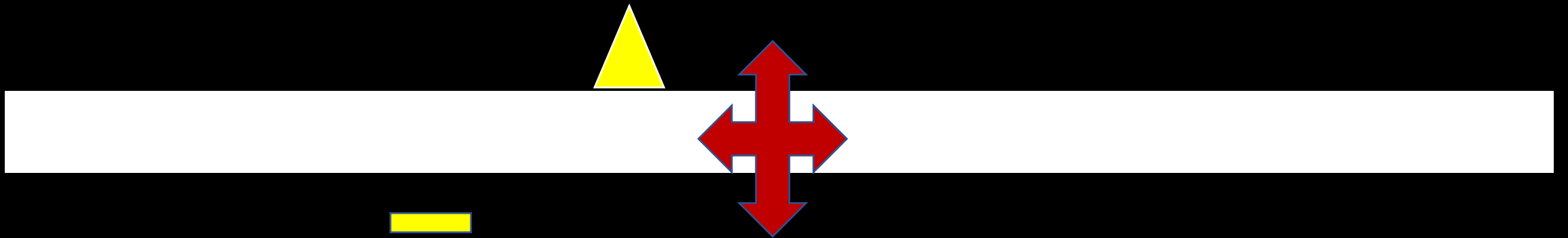


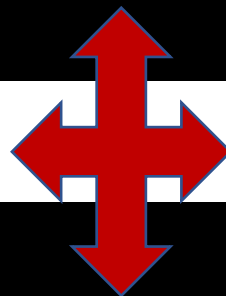
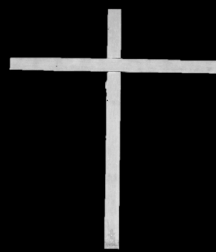












How do we take away those negative points?



Building a true relationship

Living a consistent Christian life walking with Jesus Christ

Showing concern for them as a person

Sharing God's love with them

*Who then is Paul, and
who is Apollos,
but ministers through
whom you believed,
as the Lord gave
to each one?*

*I planted,
Apollos watered,
but God
gave the increase.*

1 Corinthians 3:5-6



*So then neither he who
plants is anything,
nor he who waters,
but God who
gives the increase.*

1 Corinthians 3:7



*Now he who plants and
he who waters are one,
and each one will
receive his own reward
according to his own
labor.*

1 Corinthians 3:7-8



*For we are
God's fellow workers;*

1 Corinthians 3:9



*“The harvest truly is
plentiful, but the
laborers are few.*

Matthew 9:37



*Therefore, pray
the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers
into His harvest.*

Matthew 9:38



*Do you not say,
'There are still
four months and
then comes the harvest'*

John 4:35



*Behold, I say to you,
lift up your eyes
and look at the fields,
for they are already
white for harvest!*

John 4:35



Planting & Harvesting Helps



Planting & Harvesting Helps

Remember who God calls

*For you see your calling, brethren,
that not many wise according to the flesh,
not many mighty, not many noble, are called.
But God has chosen the foolish things of the world
to put to shame the wise,
and God has chosen the weak things of the world
to put to shame the things which are mighty;*

Planting & Harvesting Helps

Remember who God calls

*And the base things of the world
and the things which are despised God has chosen,
and the things which are not,
to bring to nothing the things that are,
that no flesh should glory in His presence.*

1 Corinthians 1:26-28

People who are often overlooked





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Common people
who often are overlooked



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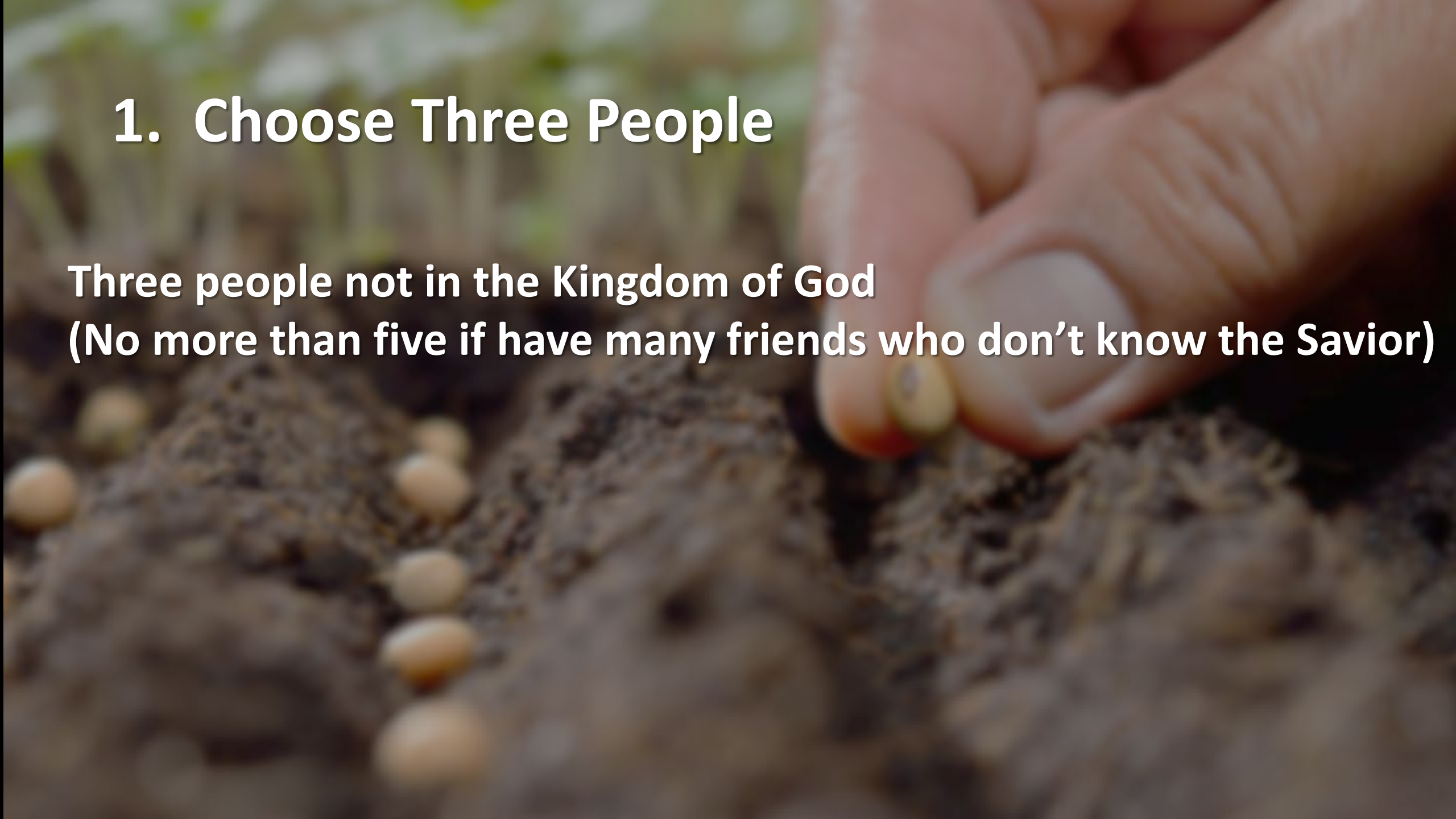


Planting Instructions



1. Choose Three People

Three people not in the Kingdom of God
(No more than five if have many friends who don't know the Savior)



2. Pray God's Blessing Into Their Lives

B – Bodily Needs (health)

L – Labor Needs (work or school)

E – Emotional Needs

S – Social Needs (relationships, friends and family)

S – Spiritual Needs

3. Let them know you are praying for them

As they share personal needs, and problems, you can let them know that you are praying about the matters.

You can also ask if there are things that they would like for you to pray about for them.

Pray consistently for them, daily for six months.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small, light-colored seed between the thumb and index finger. The hand is positioned over a mound of dark, rich soil. Several other similar seeds are scattered on the soil surface in the foreground and background. The background is softly blurred, showing more soil and some green foliage. The overall scene is a metaphor for sowing seeds, representing the act of sharing the Gospel.

4. Look for ways to show God's love


5. Look for open doors to share the Gospel

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6. After six months if no openness to share

Continue to pray for them

Begin to plant in someone else's life

A close-up photograph of a hand sowing seeds into dark, rich soil. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers gently dropping small, light-colored seeds into a furrow. The soil is dark brown and appears moist. In the background, there are blurred green plants, suggesting a garden or field setting. The overall scene is focused on the act of planting, symbolizing growth and the cycle of life.

*While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest...
Shall not cease.*

Genesis 8:22

Lessons from Harvesting - Farming



There is nothing now
or never has been
anything wrong with
the harvest.

The problem has
always been the need
of harvesters.

Lessons from Harvesting - Farming



While one may harvest, it has always been a team effort. Some plant, some water, but God gives the increase.

Lessons from Harvesting - Farming



Growth never happens overnight.

Time is needed for harvesting in the world of agriculture and in salvation.



Harvesters – Allow the Lord Jesus to give them eyes to see those who have need of Him and join in the process of sowing the Word of God, watering with the love of God, and reaping under the direction of the Spirit of God.



Harvesters – take the initiative to, in love:
prepare the soil, plant the seed, water and weed with good
works and words of encouragement and at the proper time
reap the harvest.

*The
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New Testament*

*with
Master Outlines
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JESUS SPOKE...
I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
HE WHO FOLLOWS ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS,
BUT HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.
JOHN 8:12 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)

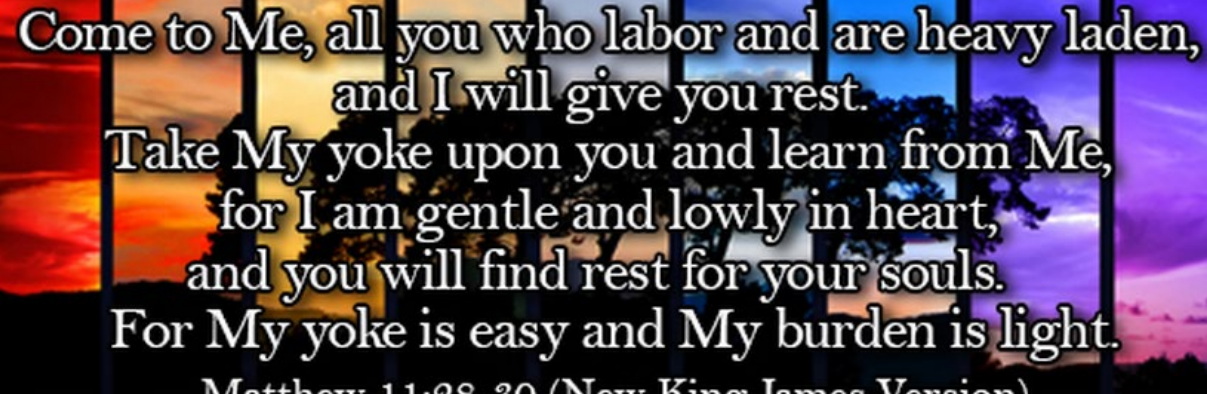


Seek first
the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.
Matthew 6:33 (New King James Version)

He has delivered us from
the power of darkness
and conveyed us into
the kingdom of
the Son of His love
Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)



For to me to live is **Christ**,
and to die is **gain**.
Philippians 1:21 (New King James Version)




Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.
Matthew 11:28, 30 (New King James Version)



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105 New King James Version



As for God, His way is perfect;
The word of the LORD is proven;
He is a shield to all who trust in Him

Psalm 18:30 (New King James Version)



Be strong and of good courage;
do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,
for the LORD your God is with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (New King James Version)



*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (New King James Version)



He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:1 New King James Version

A man with a full, reddish-brown beard and short hair, wearing a green t-shirt, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is looking upwards and to the right with a contemplative expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting.

**He who kneels
the most,
stands the best.**

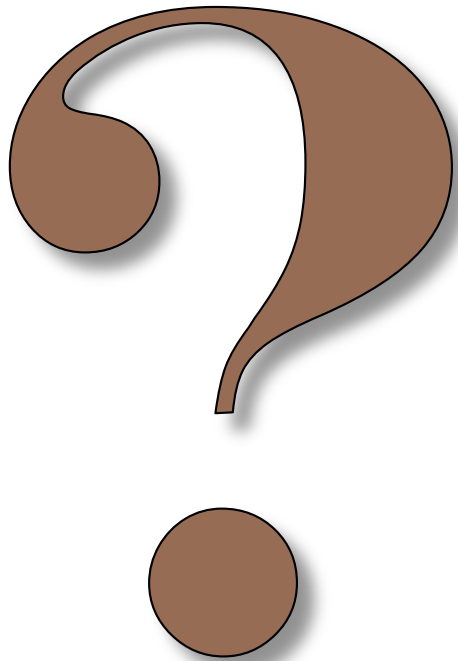
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IS IN THE WORLD.

- 1 John 4:4 KJV -



We Are Harvesters - Farmers
(Putting out seed, water, watching God give the increase)

Questions to Discuss



Living in the
Kingdom of God

You Are
A Harvester

1. What can you do to plant the seed of the Word of God into someone's life who does not know the Savior?

2. Who would that person be? If you do not have someone in mind, how could you select someone?

3. How could you water the seed that has been planted? What specifically could you do?



Living in the Kingdom of God

Who You Are

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(Sharing God's Goodness and Love)

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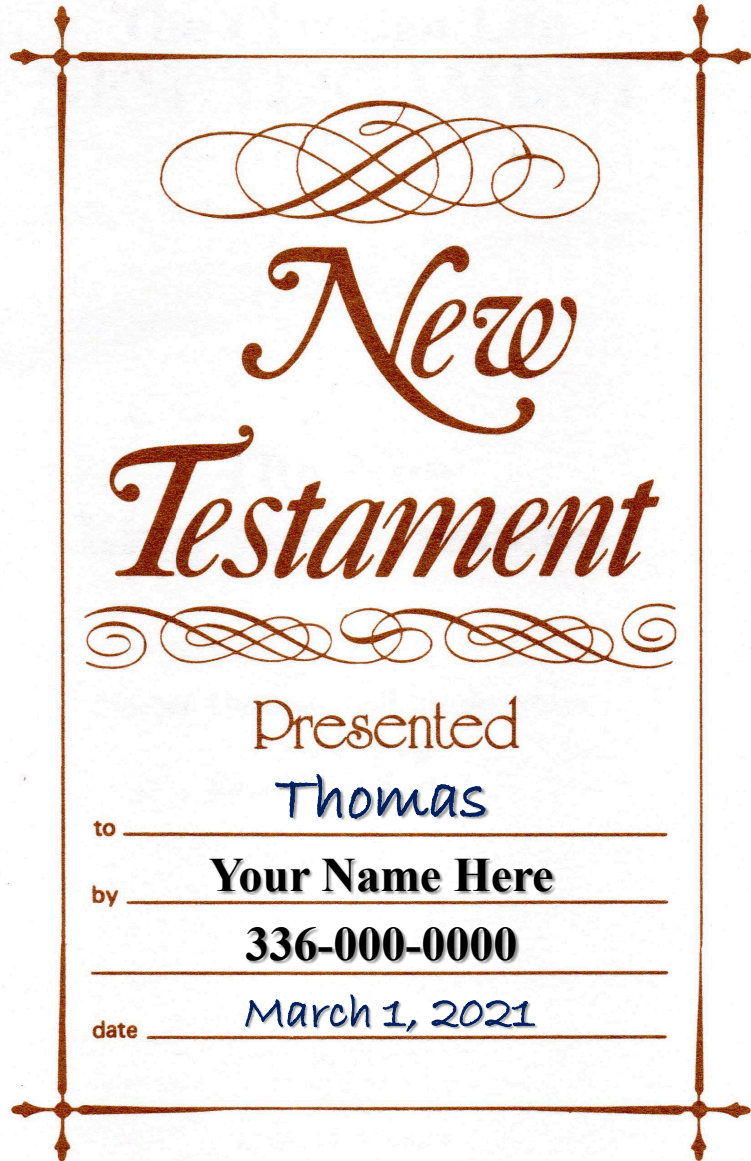
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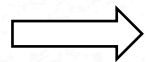
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- Romans 3:23 – All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrated His love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 6:23 – The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 10:9-10 – If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 2 Corinthians 5:15 – And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.
- Revelation 3:20 – Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

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will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

IV. The New Birth—Its Means

(A) 14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

I. It Is a Fact that God Loves You

(A) 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the

IV(A) Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (Num. 21:5-9 OT). He lifted up the serpent for a sinful, disobedient people. When anyone was bitten by a serpent, he had a choice: he could humble himself and by a simple act of faith look and live (Is. 45:22 OT); or he could refuse to look on the serpent of brass and die.

"Even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." Just as the serpent in the wilderness was the only means for the healing of Israel, so the death of Jesus Christ is the only means for the new birth. And the only way to appropriate the regenerating power of God is by faith in the vicarious death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Page 308—1 Cor. 15:1-4).

The sinner must come to Christ by faith, believing:

(1) That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures (Is. 53:1-12 OT; also Zech. 13:6 OT).

(2) And that He was buried. This is the proof of His death. He was in the tomb three days and nights.

(3) And that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. This is the gospel that saves—but it is powerless to save until the sinner believes it (Page 264—Rom. 1:16).

The means of the new birth is found in that:

(1) "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"—to be the only means of the new birth (verse 16; also Page 210—Acts 4:12).

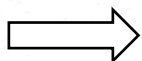
(2) Jesus Christ gladly came into the world to become the only means of the new birth (Page 185—John 12:27; also Pages 193, 194—John 17:1-5).

(3) The Holy Spirit came into the world on the day of Pentecost to convince men of their need of the new birth (Page 192—John 16:7-11). A personal faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only means of the new birth.

Now turn to Page 428, 1 John 5:1, for point number V: THE NEW BIRTH—ITS THREEFOLD PROOF.

I(A) It is an eternal fact that God loves you with an everlasting love that cannot be fathomed; it is so boundless that it can only be known by faith.

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revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference,

II. It Is a Fact that You Are a Sinner

✦ (A) 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Boasting Excluded

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.

II(A) What is sin?

Sin is lawlessness (Page 424—1 John 3:4).

Sin is unbelief; it calls God a liar (Page 429—1 John 5:10).

Sin is active rebellion against God (Is. 1:2 OT).

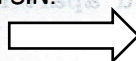
Sin in passive rebellion against God (Is. 1:2 OT).

All unrighteousness is sin (Page 430—1 John 5:17).

God, who cannot lie, said: "All have sinned." "All" includes you. You have sinned against God by thought, word, and deed. You have committed sins of commission and sins of omission. In the sight of God, you are a lost sinner.

Before turning to the next fact, admit to yourself: "I am a lost sinner, because I have sinned."

Now turn to Page 273, Rom. 6:23, for fact number III: IT IS A FACT THAT YOU ARE NOW DEAD IN SIN.



28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

CHAPTER 4

Abraham Justified by Faith

WHAT then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.



ROMANS 3:23

sake alone that it was imputed to him,

24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

CHAPTER 5

Faith Triumphs in Trouble

THEREFORE, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now hope does not disap-

point, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

IV. It Is a Fact that Christ Died for You

Christ in Our Place

(A) 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more,

IV(A) He died for those who are unlike God; this includes you. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (above verse 8).

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (Page 317—2 Cor. 5:21).

"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (Page 409—1 Pet. 1:18, 19).

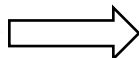
"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit" (Page 413—1 Pet. 3:18).

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (Page 308—1 Cor. 15:3).

In the light of these wonderful Scriptures, will you now thank God for His great love in sending His Son to bear your sins in His own body on the cross, and admit to yourself that: "Christ died on Calvary for me"?

Now turn to Page 238, Acts 16:30, 31, for fact number V: IT IS A FACT THAT YOU CAN BE SAVED BY FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

ROMANS 5:8



the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

*From Slaves of Sin
to Slaves of God*

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of un-

cleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

**III. It Is a Fact that You
Are Now Dead in Sin**

(A) 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

Freed from the Law

OR do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has

III(A) You have already confessed and admitted that you are a sinner. Now God would have you know that "the wages of sin is death" (above verse 23). You are dead in sin until you accept Christ as personal Savior. The apostle Paul said, "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Page 335—Eph. 2:1). To be saved is to be made spiritually alive in Christ.

What is death?

(1) Death is spiritual separation. Your sins have separated you from God; you are dead in your sins.

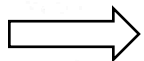
(2) Death is physical separation. It separates the spirit and soul from the body.

(3) Death is eternal separation. If you remain lost in your sins, you will stand before God at the great white throne judgment. And there your sins will separate you from the mercy of God forever; this is Hades (Pages 457, 458—Rev. 20:11–15).

You know that God loves you, and that you are a sinner—dead in sins. Before turning to the next fact, admit to yourself: "I am dead in sins."

Now turn to Page 270, Rom. 5:6–8, for fact number IV: IT IS A FACT THAT CHRIST DIED FOR YOU.

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5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, *“The man who does those things shall live by them.”*

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, *“Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’”* (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

7 or, *“Who will descend into the abyss?”* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”* (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, *“Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”*

I(A) For “whoever calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved” (above verse 13). Do not lift this text out of context. There are three questions in verse 14 that must be considered along with verse 13. They are:

First question, “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?” The answer is that the lost cannot call on the Lord to be saved until they believe—

- (1) “That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- (2) And that He was buried,
- (3) And that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (Pages 307, 308—1 Cor. 15:1–4).

Second question, “How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?” The answer is that the lost cannot believe in Him until they hear the good news of salvation.

- (1) The eunuch had to hear to believe (Pages 221, 222—Acts 8:26–39).
- (2) Paul had to hear to believe (Pages 222, 223—Acts 9:1–18).
- (3) Cornelius had to hear to believe (Pages 224–226—Acts 10:1–48).
- (4) The Philippian jailer had to hear to believe (Pages 238, 239—Acts 16:25–40).

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12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

I. The Importance of Witnessing

(A) 13 For *“whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”*

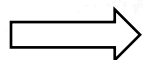
Israel Rejects the Gospel

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,
Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

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III. The Judgment of the Believer's Works

(A) 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Be Reconciled to God

12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

13 For if we are beside ourselves, *it is* for God; or if we are of sound mind, *it is* for you.

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has

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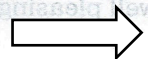
III(A) The believer's works will be judged at the "judgment seat of Christ." The term "judgment seat of Christ" is found only twice in the Bible, but it is referred to many times. It is found in the above verse; also see Page 285—Rom. 14:10. A careful reading of both verses with the context reveals that only believers will appear at the "judgment seat of Christ." Their works will be judged, not their sins, for we have already seen that the sins of the believer were judged in Christ on Calvary, and "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus" (Page 275—Rom. 8:1).

(1) This judgment will take place "in the air," following the first resurrection. "The dead in Christ will rise first" (Page 360—1 Thess. 4:14–18). There will be a thousand years between the resurrection of the saved and the unsaved (Page 459—Rev. 20:4, 5), and there will be a thousand years between the "judgment seat of Christ" where only saved will appear and the "great white throne judgment" where only unsaved will appear.

(2) At the judgment seat of Christ, the believer will give an account of himself to God. Therefore, we should look to our own works, and not judge the works of others (Page 285—Rom. 14:10–13).

(3) It is a most humbling thought to know that some day the believer will face all of his works—"good or bad." Some will be ashamed (Page 424—1 John 2:28) and "suffer loss"—not the loss of salvation, but the loss of rewards (Page 292—1 Cor. 3:11–15). So whatever you do, do it to the glory of God (Page 355—Col. 3:17).

Now turn to Pages 50–52, Matt. 25:31–46, for point number IV: THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS.



have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

9 “Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

10 “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

11 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

12 “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. *And I will write on him* My new name.

13 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The Lukewarm Church

14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,

“These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16 “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

18 “I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

21 “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

CHAPTER 4

The Throne Room of Heaven

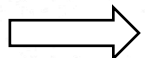
AFTER these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.



REVELATION 3:20



FIVE QUESTIONS

1. Do you understand that you are a sinner, you have done wrong activities?
2. Do you want to be forgiven of your sins?
3. Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and rose from the grave?
4. Are you willing to repent of your sins and surrender your life to Jesus and allow Him to lead your life?
5. If so, pray ask God for His forgiveness of your sins and invite Jesus to enter your life and be your Lord.

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