

An aerial photograph of a river with white-water rapids. The water is a vibrant blue-green color, and the surrounding rocks are dark and jagged. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# The River of God

**Part 3 - The Voice on the River #1**

***37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'...***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***

***...39 Now this he said about the Spirit,  
whom those who believed in him  
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit  
had not been given, because Jesus was  
not yet glorified.***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***

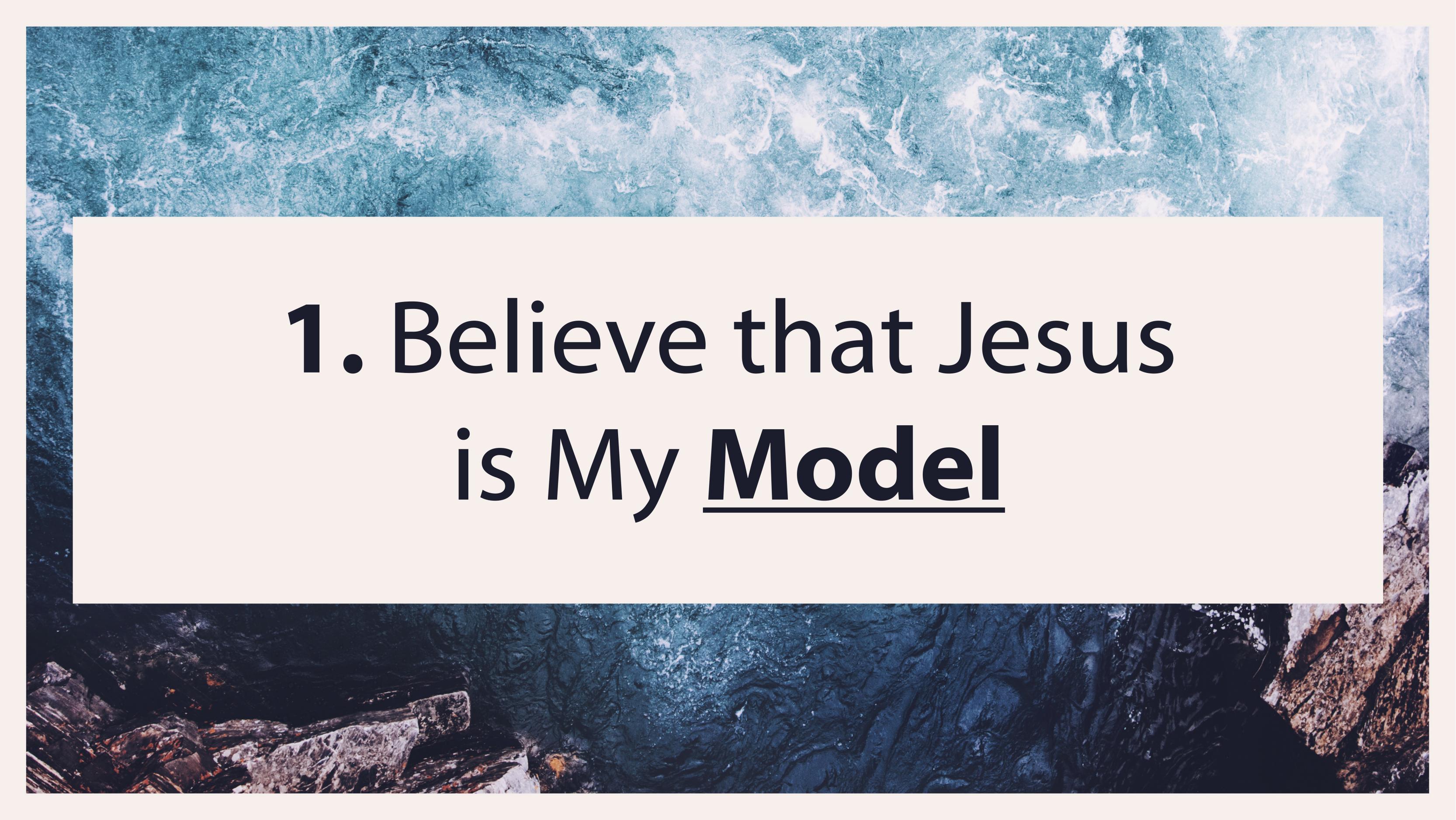
***There will be swarms of living things  
wherever the water of this river flows.***

***Fish will abound in the Dead Sea,  
for its waters will become fresh.  
Life will flourish wherever this water  
flows...watered by the river flowing  
from the Temple.***

***Ezekiel 47:9,12 (NLT)***

**For Me to Hear the  
Voice of The Spirit  
I Need to...**

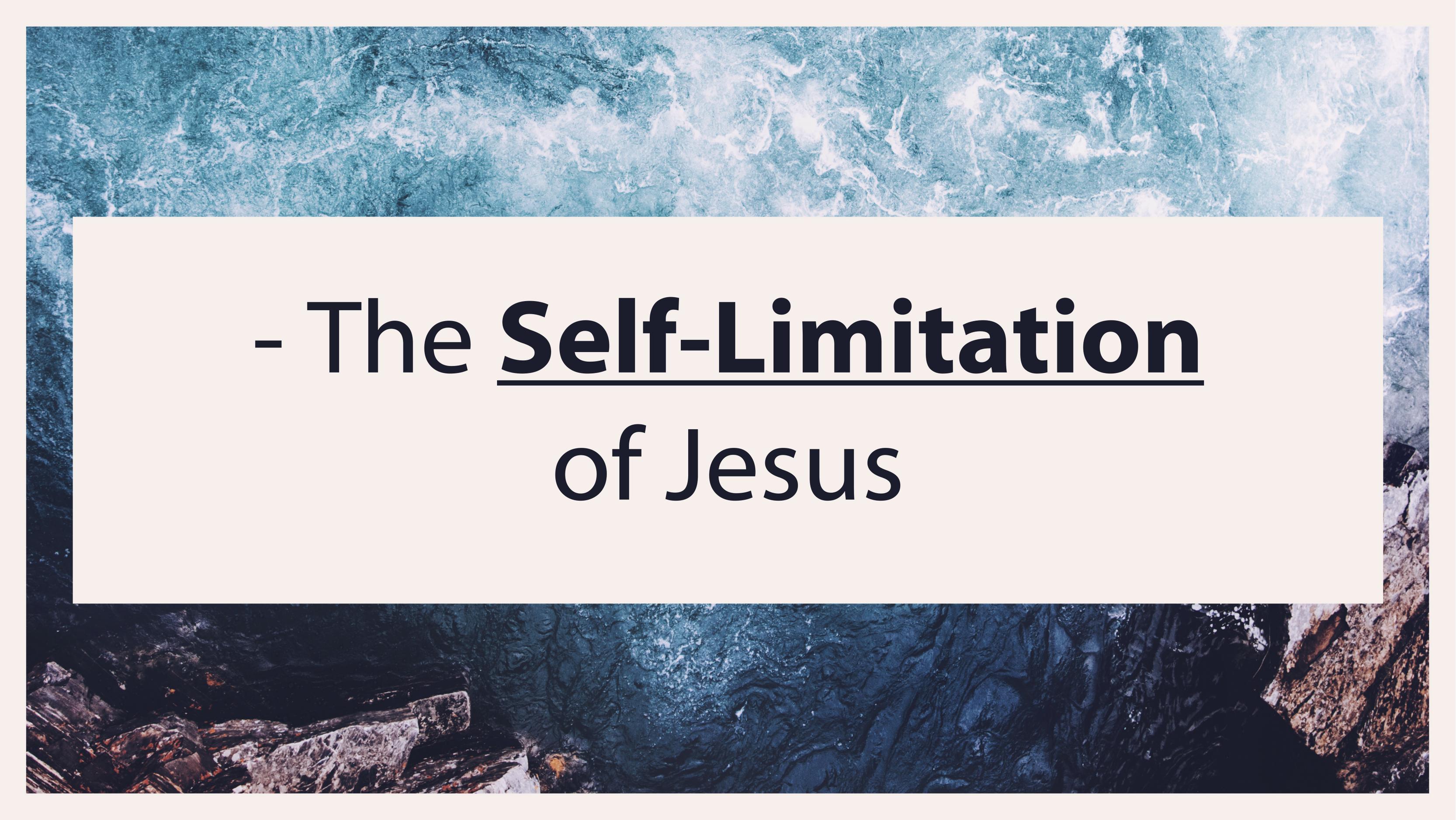




# 1. Believe that Jesus is My Model

***And no doubt you know that God  
anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the  
Holy Spirit and with power.  
Then Jesus went around doing good  
and healing all who were oppressed  
by the Devil, for God was with him.***

***Acts 10:38 (NLT)***



- The Self-Limitation  
of Jesus



- His Total Dependence  
on The Holy Spirit

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When He Cast out Demons – **Matthew 12:28**





- His Submission to the  
Voice of God

***By myself I can do nothing;  
I judge only as I hear,  
and my judgment is just,  
for I seek not to please myself  
but him who sent me.***

***John 5:30 (NIV)***

***21 Jesus said to them again...***

***“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”***

***John 20:21-22 (ESV)***



**2. See the Bible's Stories as  
Normal for Today**

***16 The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with. 17 Elijah, for instance, human just like us, prayed hard that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't—not a drop for three and a half years...***

***James 5:16-18 (MSG)***

***...18 Then he prayed that it would rain,  
and it did. The showers came and  
everything started growing again.***

***James 5:16-18 (MSG)***

***37 The Father who sent me also speaks for me, but you have never heard his voice...38 You have not believed his message, because you refused to have faith in the one he sent...***

***John 5:37-40 (CEV)***

***...39 You search the Scriptures,  
because you think you will find eternal  
life in them. The Scriptures tell about  
me, 40 but you refuse to come to me  
for eternal life.***

***John 5:37-40 (CEV)***

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- Then the Bible is Just for Moral Guidelines.



***The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts more incisively than any two-edged sword: it can seek out the place where soul is divided from spirit, or joints from marrow; it can pass judgment on secret emotions and thoughts.***

***Hebrews 4:12 (NJB)***



**3. Know the Spirit of God**  
Ushered in the age of  
**Supernatural Communication**

***17 In the last days, God said,  
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
and your old men will dream dreams...***

***Acts 2:17-18 (NLT)***

***...18 In those days I will pour out  
my Spirit upon all my servants,  
men and women alike,  
and they will prophesy.***

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