



TRANSFORMED

BY THE RENEWING

¹⁴ WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? IS THERE INJUSTICE ON GOD'S PART? BY NO MEANS! ¹⁵ FOR HE SAYS TO MOSES, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." ¹⁶ SO THEN IT DEPENDS NOT ON HUMAN WILL OR EXERTION, BUT ON GOD, WHO HAS MERCY. ¹⁷ FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAYS TO PHARAOH, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I HAVE RAISED YOU UP, THAT I MIGHT SHOW MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED IN ALL THE EARTH." ¹⁸ SO THEN HE HAS MERCY ON WHOMEVER HE WILLS, AND HE HARDENS WHOMEVER HE WILL." ¹⁹ YOU WILL SAY TO ME THEN, "WHY DOES HE STILL FIND FAULT? FOR WHO CAN RESIST HIS WILL?"

²⁰ BUT WHO ARE YOU, O MAN, TO ANSWER BACK TO GOD?
WILL WHAT IS MOLDED SAY TO ITS MOLDER, “WHY HAVE YOU
MADE ME LIKE THIS?” ²¹ HAS THE POTTER NO RIGHT OVER THE
CLAY, TO MAKE OUT OF THE SAME LUMP ONE VESSEL FOR
HONORABLE USE AND ANOTHER FOR DISHONORABLE USE? ²²
WHAT IF GOD, DESIRING TO SHOW HIS WRATH AND TO MAKE
KNOWN HIS POWER, HAS ENDURED WITH MUCH PATIENCE
VESSELS OF WRATH PREPARED FOR DESTRUCTION, ²³ IN ORDER
TO MAKE KNOWN THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY FOR VESSELS OF
MERCY, WHICH HE HAS PREPARED BEFOREHAND FOR GLORY—
²⁴ EVEN US WHOM HE HAS CALLED, NOT FROM THE JEWS ONLY
BUT ALSO FROM THE GENTILES? ²⁵ AS INDEED HE SAYS IN
HOSEA,

“THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE I WILL CALL ‘MY PEOPLE,’
AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED I WILL CALL ‘BELOVED.’ ”

²⁶ “AND IN THE VERY PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM,
‘YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,’ THERE THEY WILL BE CALLED
‘SONS OF THE LIVING GOD.’ ” ²⁷ AND ISAIAH CRIES OUT
CONCERNING ISRAEL: “THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS
OF ISRAEL BE AS THE SAND OF THE SEA, ONLY A REMNANT OF
THEM WILL BE SAVED, ²⁸ FOR THE LORD WILL CARRY OUT HIS
SENTENCE UPON THE EARTH FULLY AND WITHOUT DELAY.” ²⁹
AND AS ISAIAH PREDICTED, “IF THE LORD OF HOSTS HAD NOT
LEFT US OFFSPRING, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE SODOM AND
BECOME LIKE GOMORRAH.”

³⁰ WHAT SHALL WE SAY, THEN? THAT GENTILES WHO DID NOT PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS HAVE ATTAINED IT, THAT IS, A RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY FAITH; ³¹ BUT THAT ISRAEL WHO PURSUED A LAW THAT WOULD LEAD TO RIGHTEOUSNESS DID NOT SUCCEED IN REACHING THAT LAW. ³² WHY? BECAUSE THEY DID NOT PURSUE IT BY FAITH, BUT AS IF IT WERE BASED ON WORKS. THEY HAVE STUMBLED OVER THE STUMBLING STONE, ³³ AS IT IS WRITTEN, “BEHOLD, I AM LAYING IN ZION A STONE OF STUMBLING, AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE; AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.”

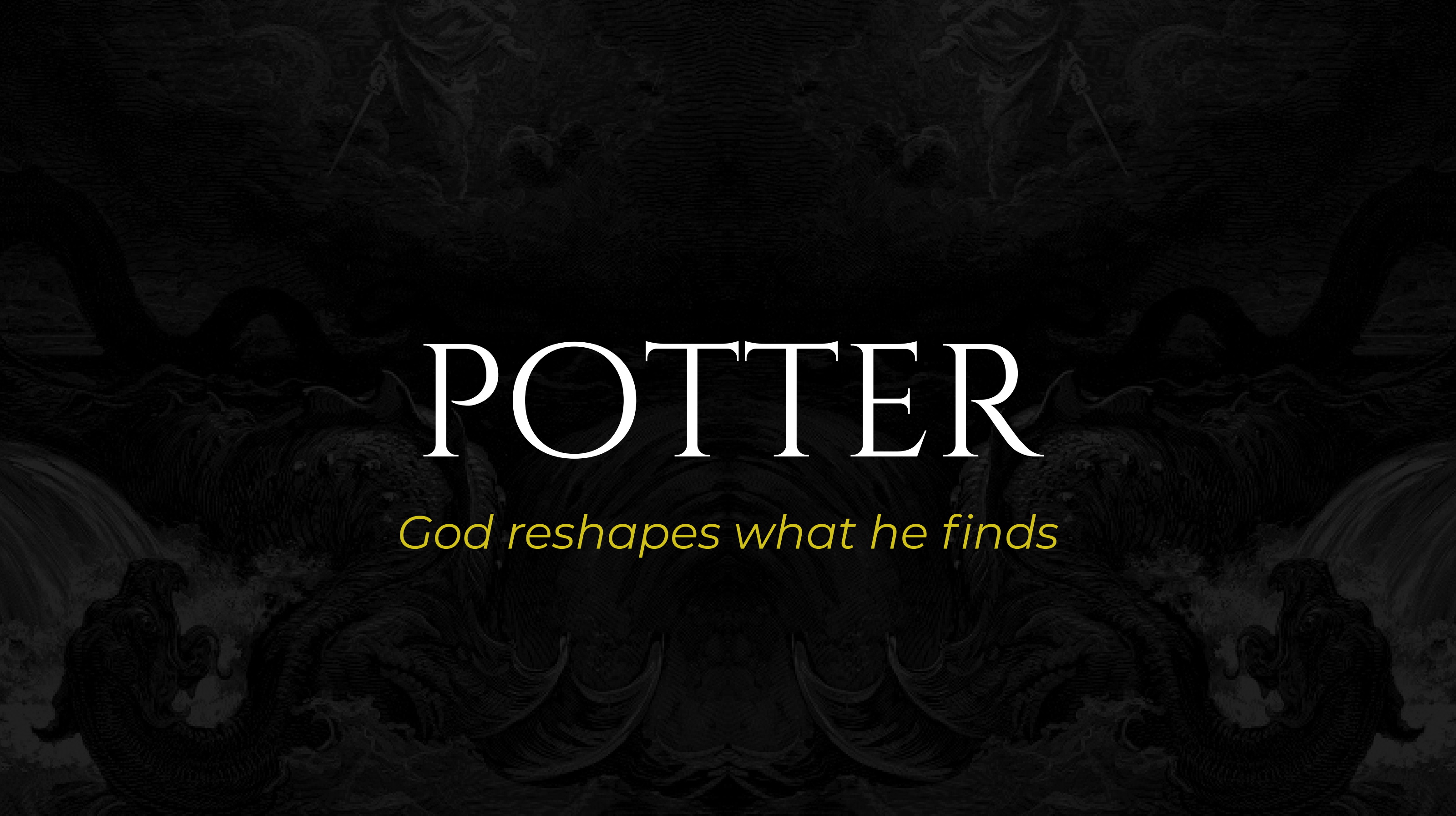
ROMANS 9:14- 33 ESV



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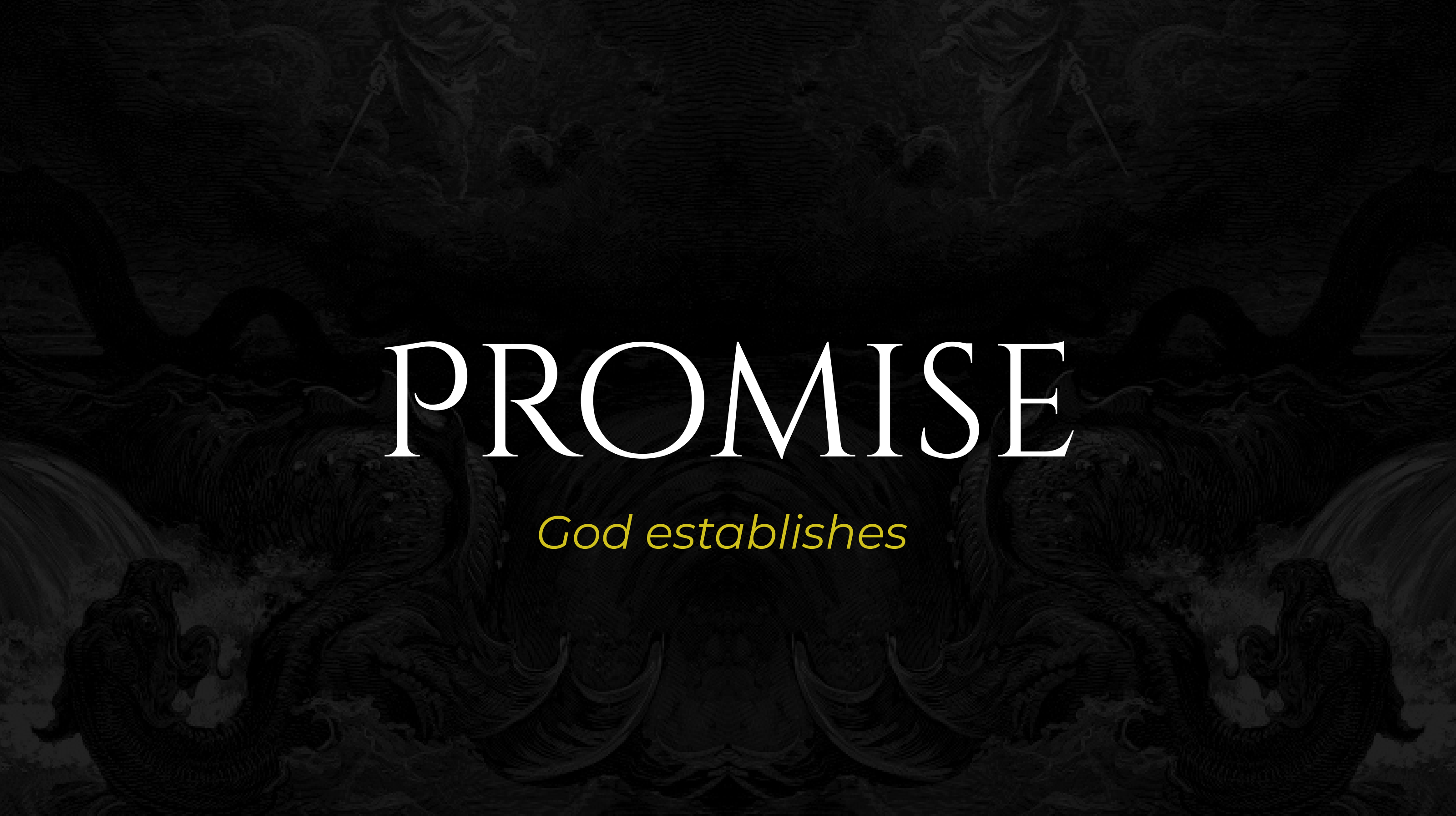
PROVISION

God comes looking



POTTER

God reshapes what he finds



PROMISE

God establishes