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From Crying to Calling

1 Samuel 1:9–11 (NLT)

Hannah's Prayer for a Son

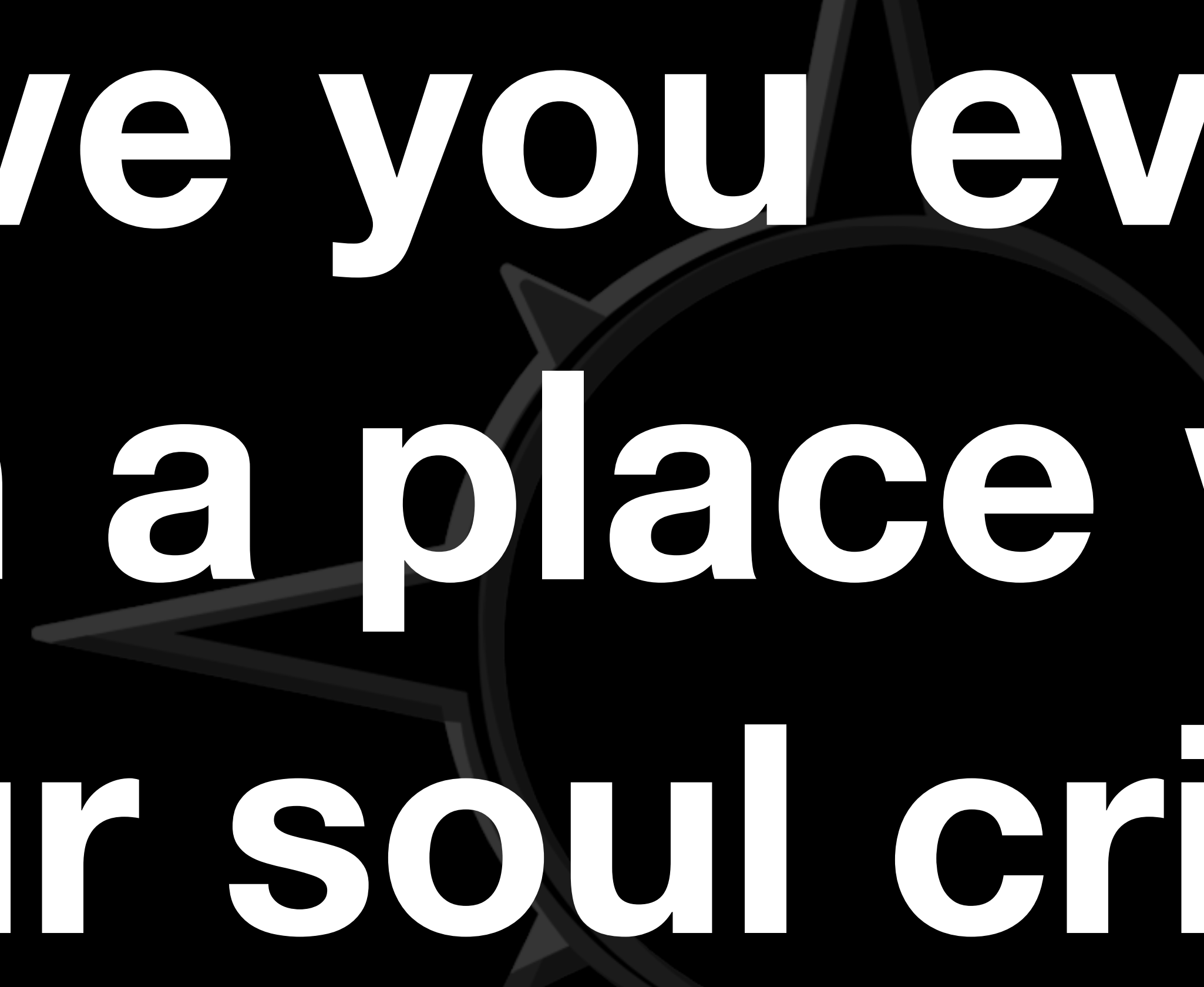
Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle.

Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord.

And she made this vow: “O Lord of Heaven’s Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut.”



**1. There are Times
of Crying.**



**Have you ever been
in a place where
your soul cried out?**

There are moments when:

**Words fail, Strength is gone,
and all you have left... is a
cry.**

1 Samuel 1:12-14 (NLT)

As she was praying to the Lord, Eli watched her.

Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking.

“Must you come here drunk?” he demanded. “Throw away your wine!”



**People may misinterpret
your pain, but God
never misinterprets your
prayer.**

1 Samuel 1:15-18 (NLT)

“Oh no, sir!” she replied. “I haven’t been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the Lord.

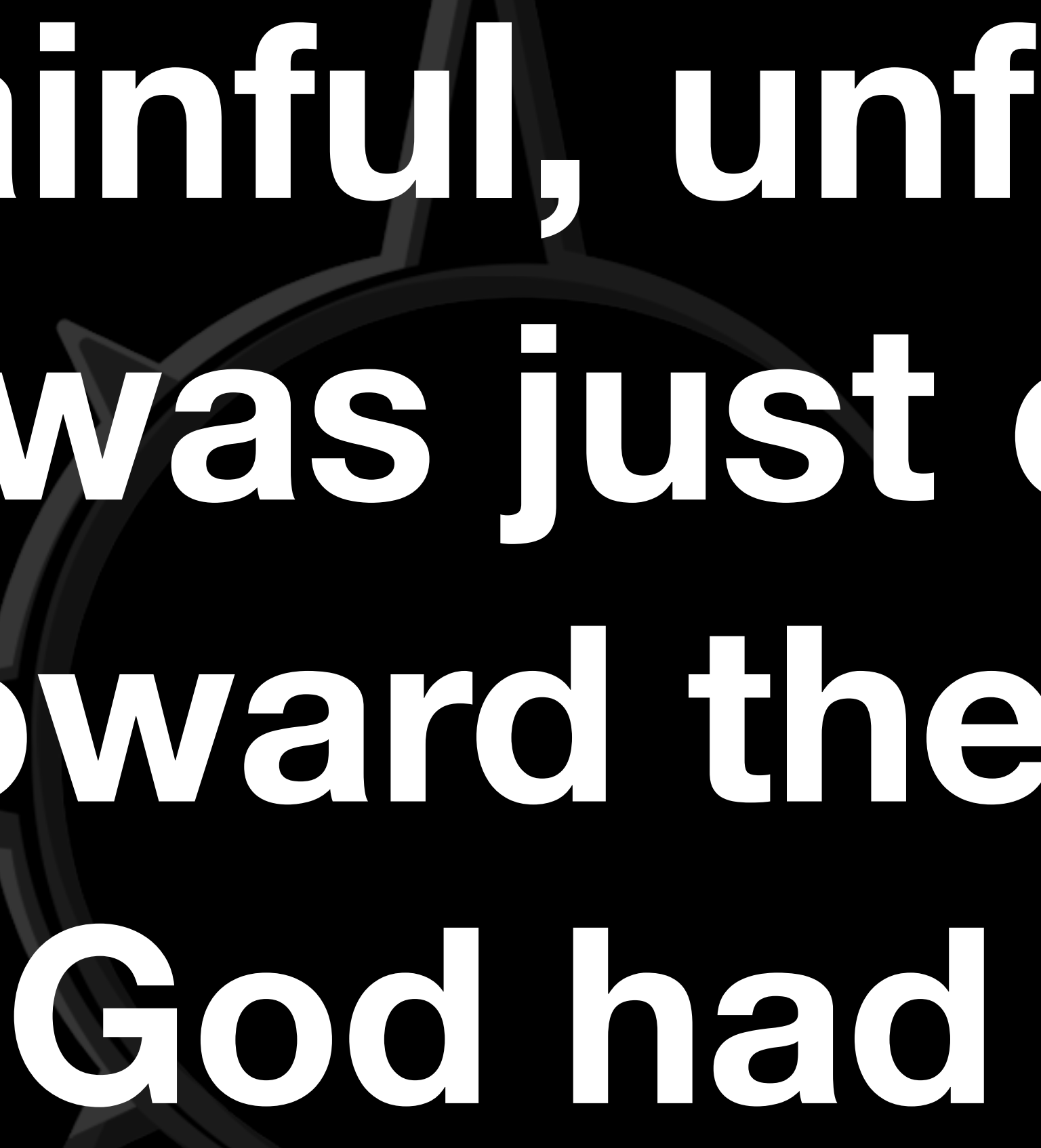
Don’t think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow.”

“In that case,” Eli said, “go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of him.”

“Oh, thank you, sir!” she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad.



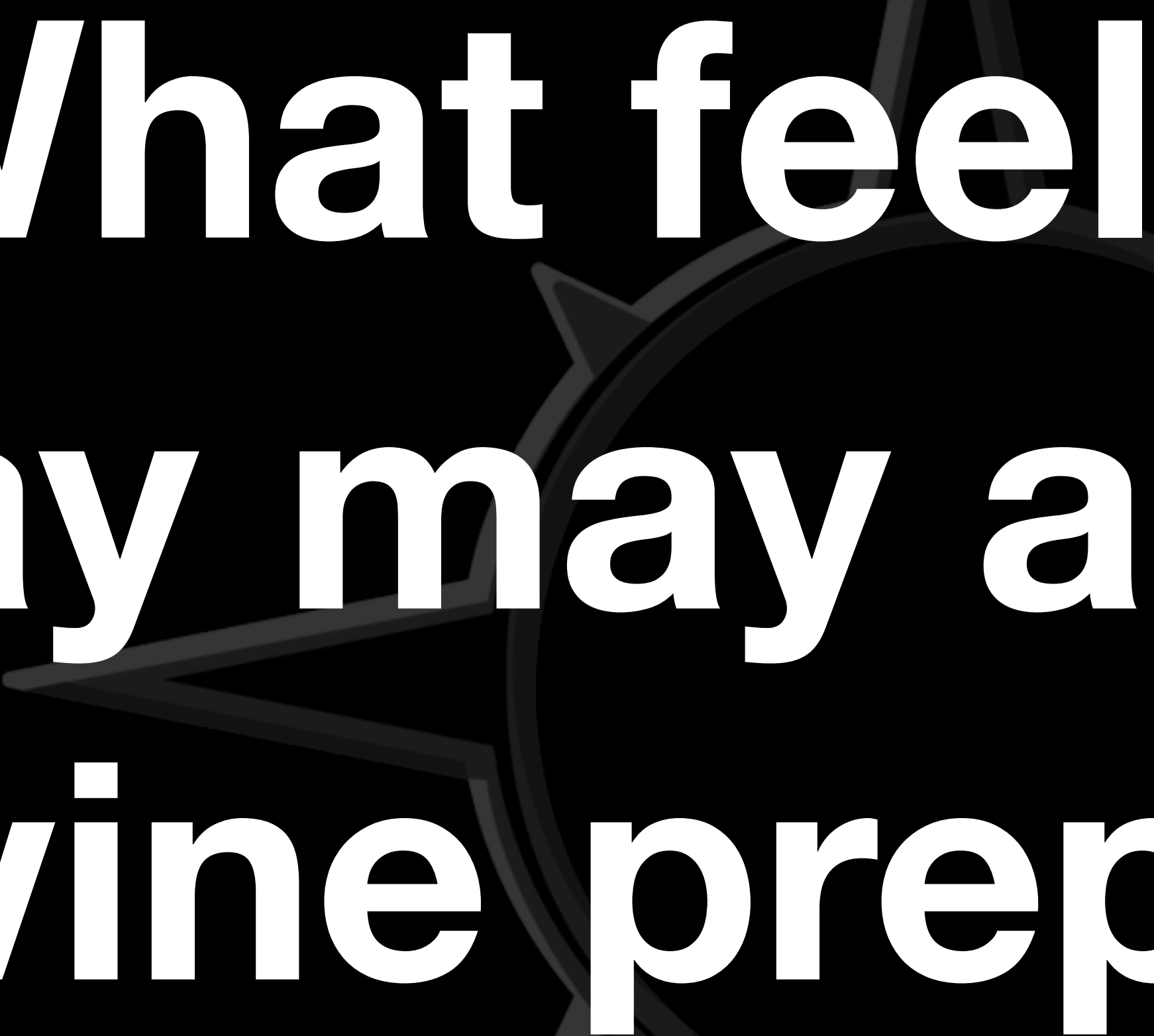
2. Pain Has a Purpose.



**The painful, unfulfilled
moment was just one more
step toward the future
purpose God had planned.**

Prophet Samuel





**What feels like a
delay may actually be
divine preparation.**



3. The Power of Dedication.

1 Samuel 1:25-28 (NLT)

After sacrificing the bull, they brought the boy to Eli.

“Sir, do you remember me?” Hannah asked. “I am the very woman who stood here several years ago praying to the Lord.

I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and he has granted my request.

Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.” And they worshiped the Lord there.



**True faith doesn't
just ask — it
surrenders.**

1 Samuel 2:1-2 (NLT)

Hannah's Prayer of Praise

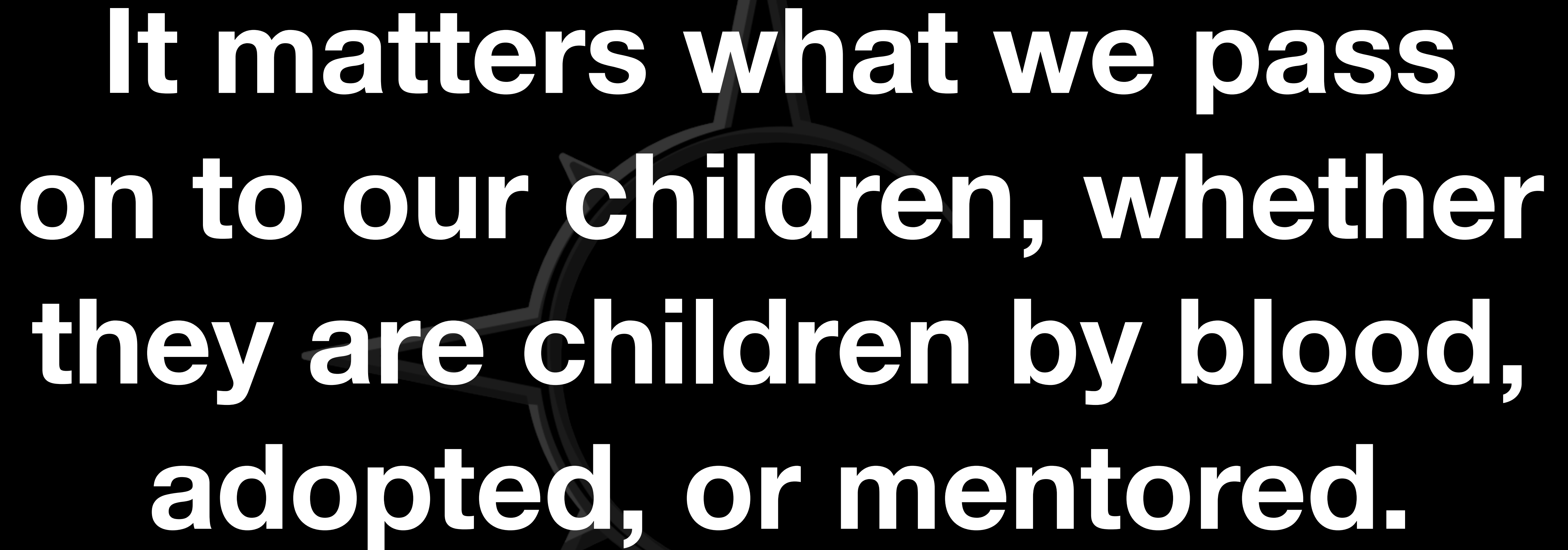
Then Hannah prayed:

“My heart rejoices in the Lord! The Lord has made me strong. Now I have an answer for my enemies; I rejoice because you rescued me.

No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.



4. What We Pass On Matters.



**It matters what we pass
on to our children, whether
they are children by blood,
adopted, or mentored.**



**This is about
Spiritual influence.**

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (NLT)

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.

Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders.

Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

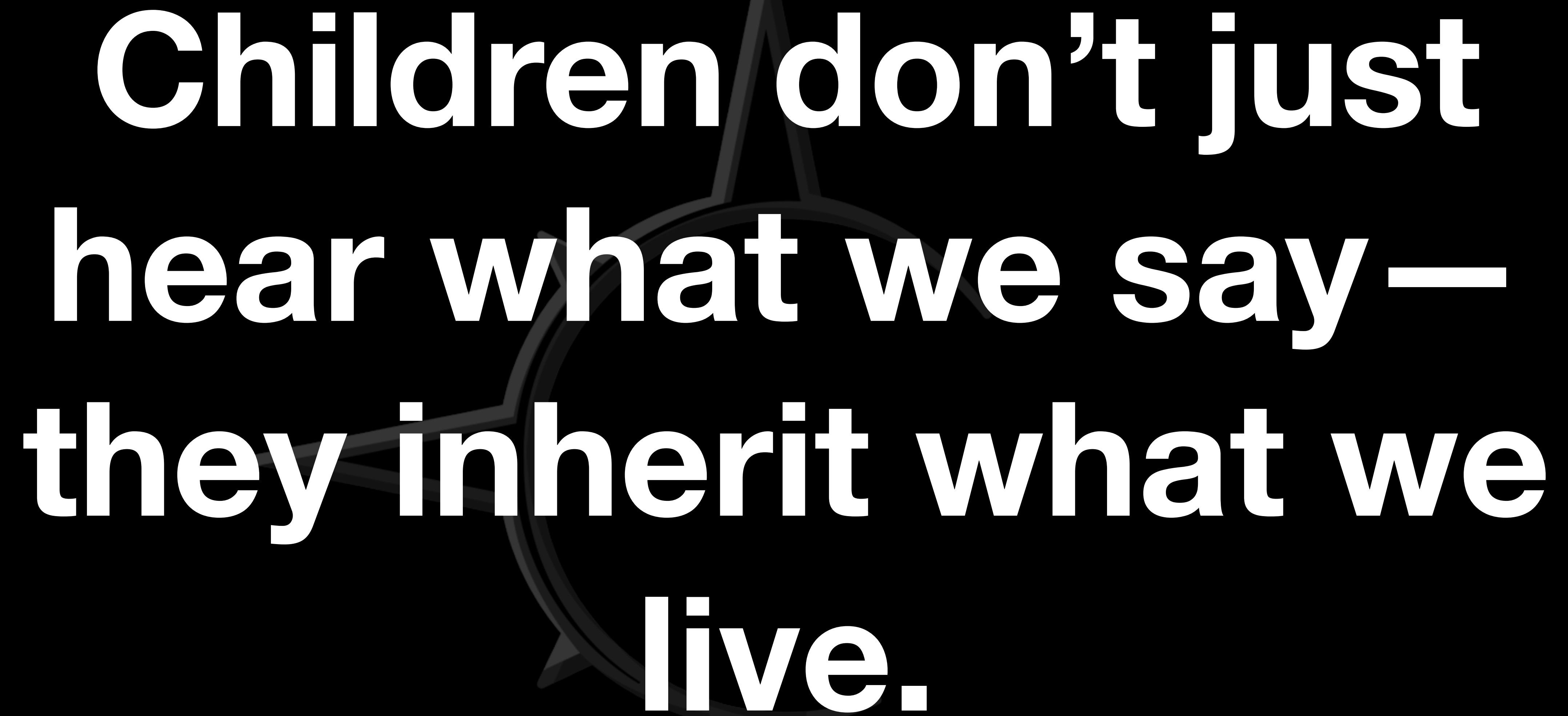


We are always teaching:

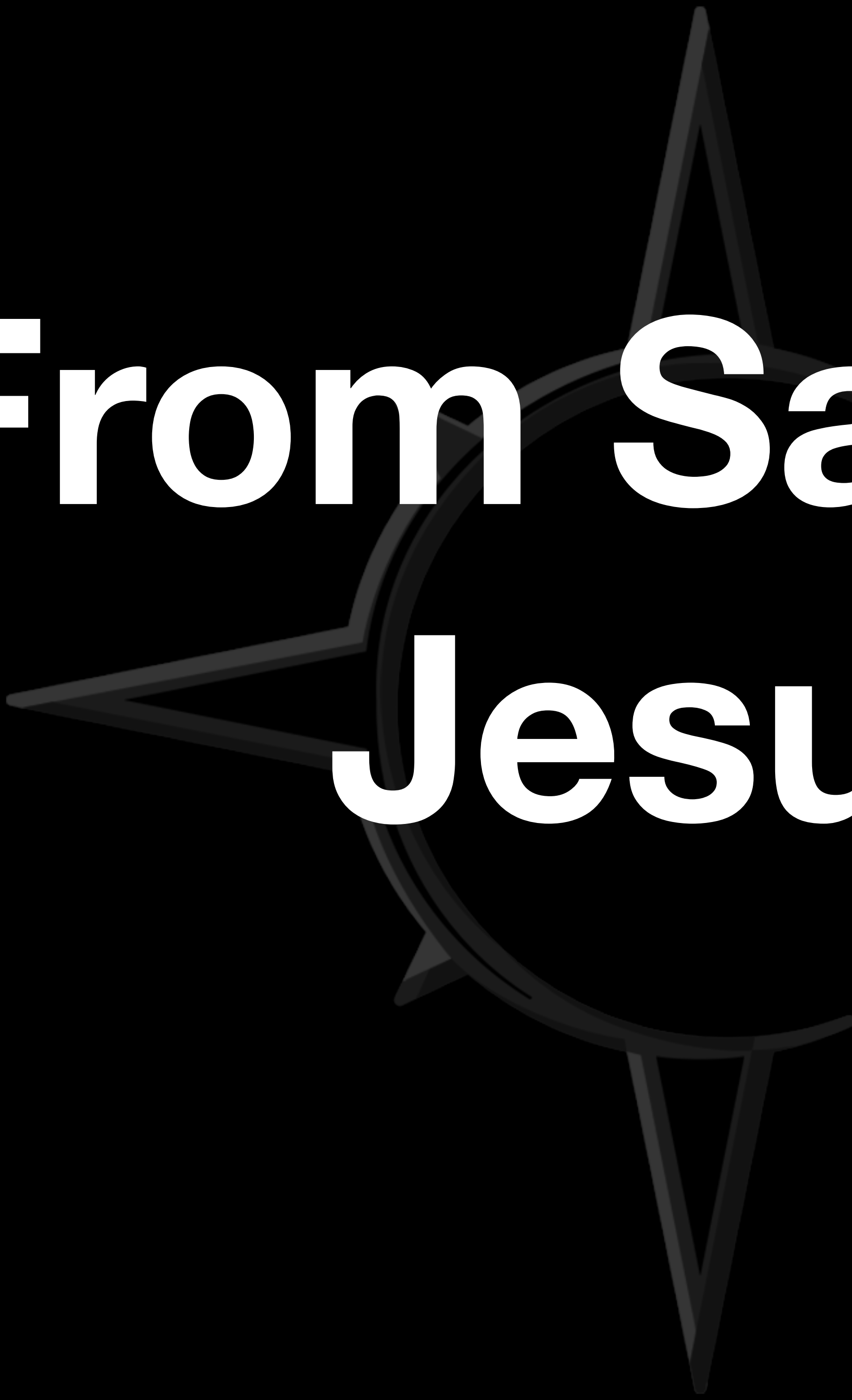
By what we say.

By what we tolerate.

By what we model.



**Children don't just
hear what we say —
they inherit what we
live.**



5. From Samuel to Jesus.

Luke 2:22 (NLT)

Then it was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2:27-32 (NLT)

That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required,

Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised.

I have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared for all people.

He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

**Samuel served God's
house.**

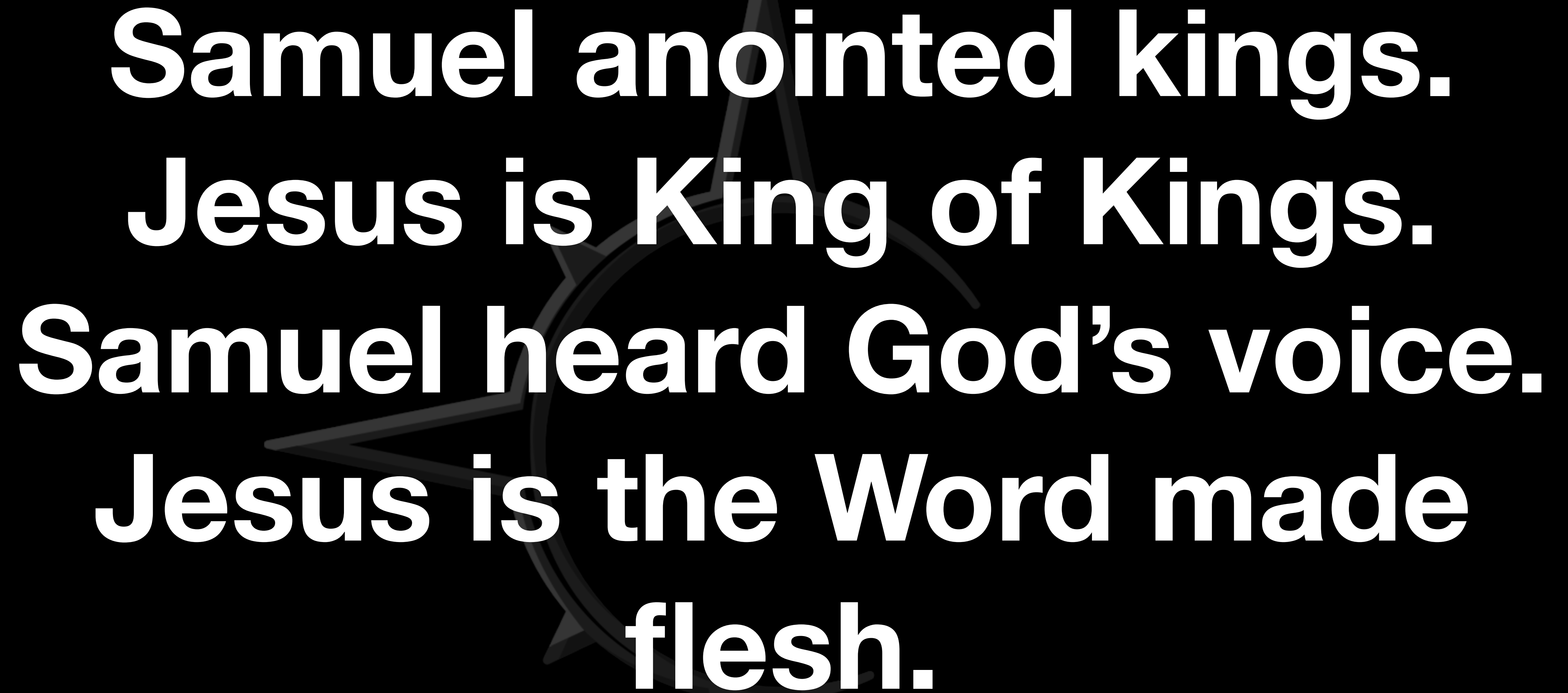
**Jesus became
salvation for all people.**



**Hannah gave a son
to God — but God
gave His Son to us.**



**6. The Fulfillment:
A Cry Answered
Through Christ.**




**Samuel anointed kings.
Jesus is King of Kings.
Samuel heard God's voice.
Jesus is the Word made
flesh.**

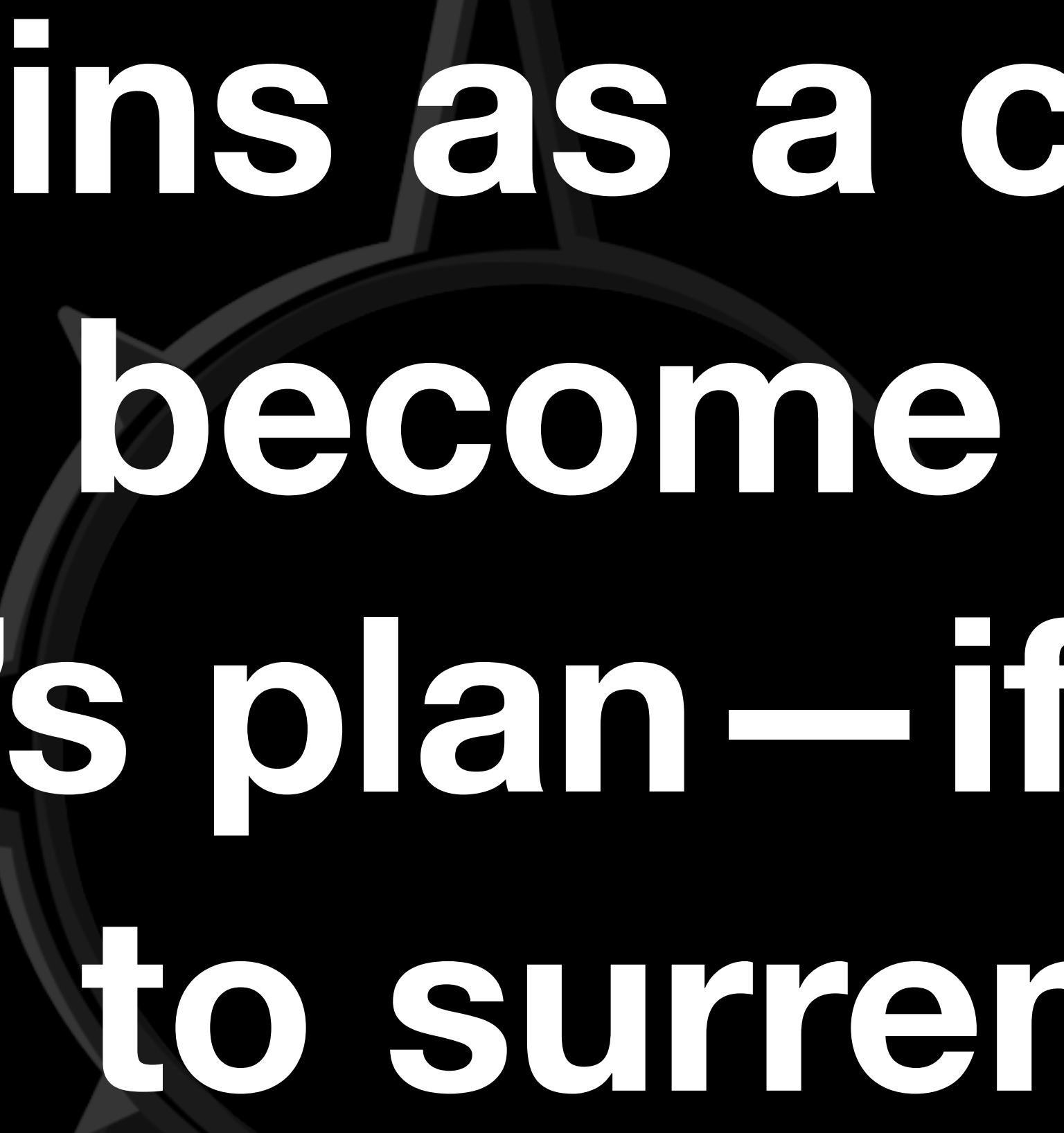
Mark 10:15–16

“Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.



**The same posture
Hannah had in her pain...
is the posture Jesus
calls us to in our faith.**



**What begins as a cry in your
soul can become a calling
in God's plan — if you're
willing to surrender it.**