



S.H.A.P.E

Experience

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- Spiritual Gifts
- Heart
- Abilities
- Personality
- Experience



WHAT IS EXPERIENCE?

- the fact or state of having been affected by or gained knowledge through direct observation or participation
- practical knowledge, skill, or practice derived from direct observation of or participation in events or in a particular activity
- something personally encountered, undergone, or lived through



EXPERIENCES BY CATEGORY

- **Life Experiences** – What specific moments from your past or presently have been impactful?
- **Work Experiences** – What jobs have been impactful in your life?
- **Educational Experiences** – What were some subjects in school you learned from?
- **Spiritual Experiences** – What have been your most meaningful times w/God?
- **Ministry Experiences** – How have you served God in the Past?
- **Painful Experiences** – What problems, hurts, thorns, and trials have you learned from?



GOD'S INTENT:

- **God allows you to go through experiences to equip you for ministry to others. But we can argue the most impactful experiences for ministry come from the “Painful Experiences” category.**



LET'S EXAMINE THE
SCRIPTURE!!



ROMANS 8:28 VOICE

- **28 We are confident that God is able to orchestrate everything to work toward something good and beautiful when we love Him and accept His invitation to live according to His plan.**



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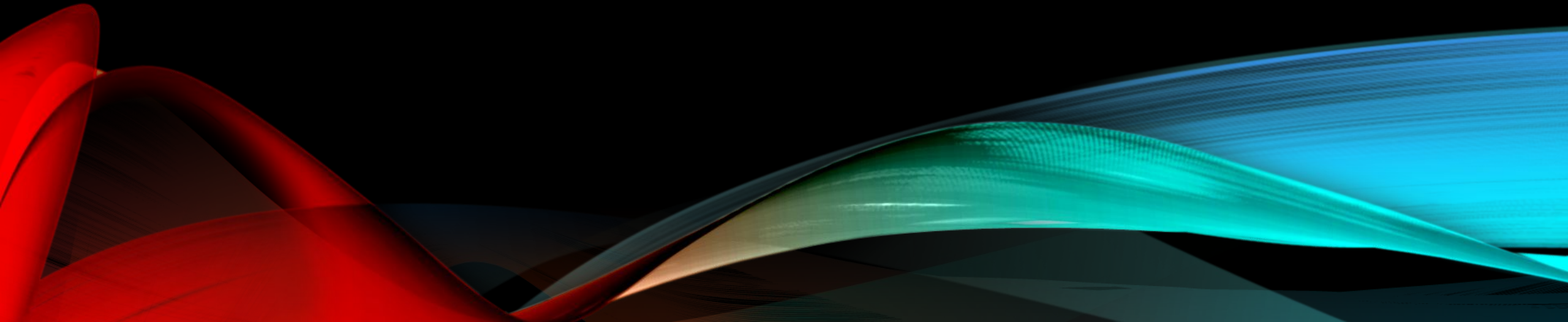
2 COR. 1:4 MSG

- All praise to the God and Father of our Master , Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard time that come from following the Messiah, but no more so that the good times of his healing comfort – we get full measure of that too.

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NO ONE THAT SERVES GOD WILL
SERVE HIM IN PEACE AND
COMFORT!!!!

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LAST DAYS OF THE DISCIPLES

BEATEN, STONED, MISC.

- James – (son of Zebedee) executed by King Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem
- John – natural causes after being boiled in oil in Ephesus
- Thomas – Speared while evangelizing in India
- James (son of Alphaeus) – thrown off a temple in Jerusalem then beaten to death
- **Judas – suicide by hanging**
- Thaddeus – beaten/axed to death in Persia

BEHEADED

- Bartholomew – flayed alive then beheaded
- Matthew – stabbed, burned, then beheaded while preaching in Ethiopia (Persia)
- **Matthias – beheaded/stoned**

CRUCIFIED

- Peter – upside down in Rome
- Andrew – on an X shaped cross in Greece
- Phillip – or impaled in Asia Minor
- Simon the Zealot – crucified or sawn in half

LOOK WHAT PAUL SAID!!!

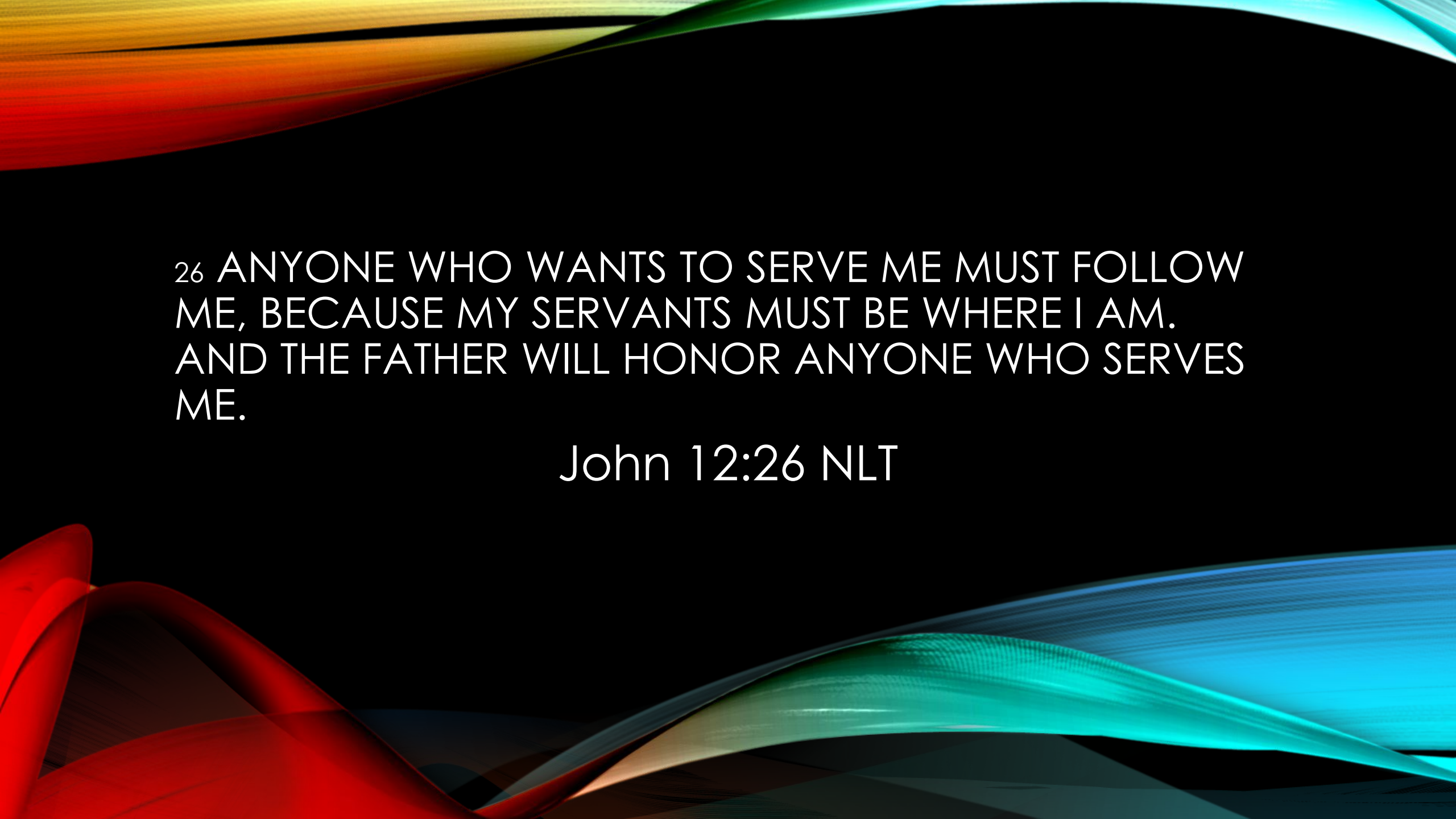
If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, ⁷ even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

- ⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



IS SERVICE YOUR PRIORITY???

- Service doesn't take great ability,
but it does take great availability!



²⁶ ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SERVE ME MUST FOLLOW
ME, BECAUSE MY SERVANTS MUST BE WHERE I AM.
AND THE FATHER WILL HONOR ANYONE WHO SERVES
ME.

John 12:26 NLT



QUESTIONS???