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THE DANGER OF THE FAMILIAR





LUKE 24:13-32 (ESV)

On the Road to Emmaus



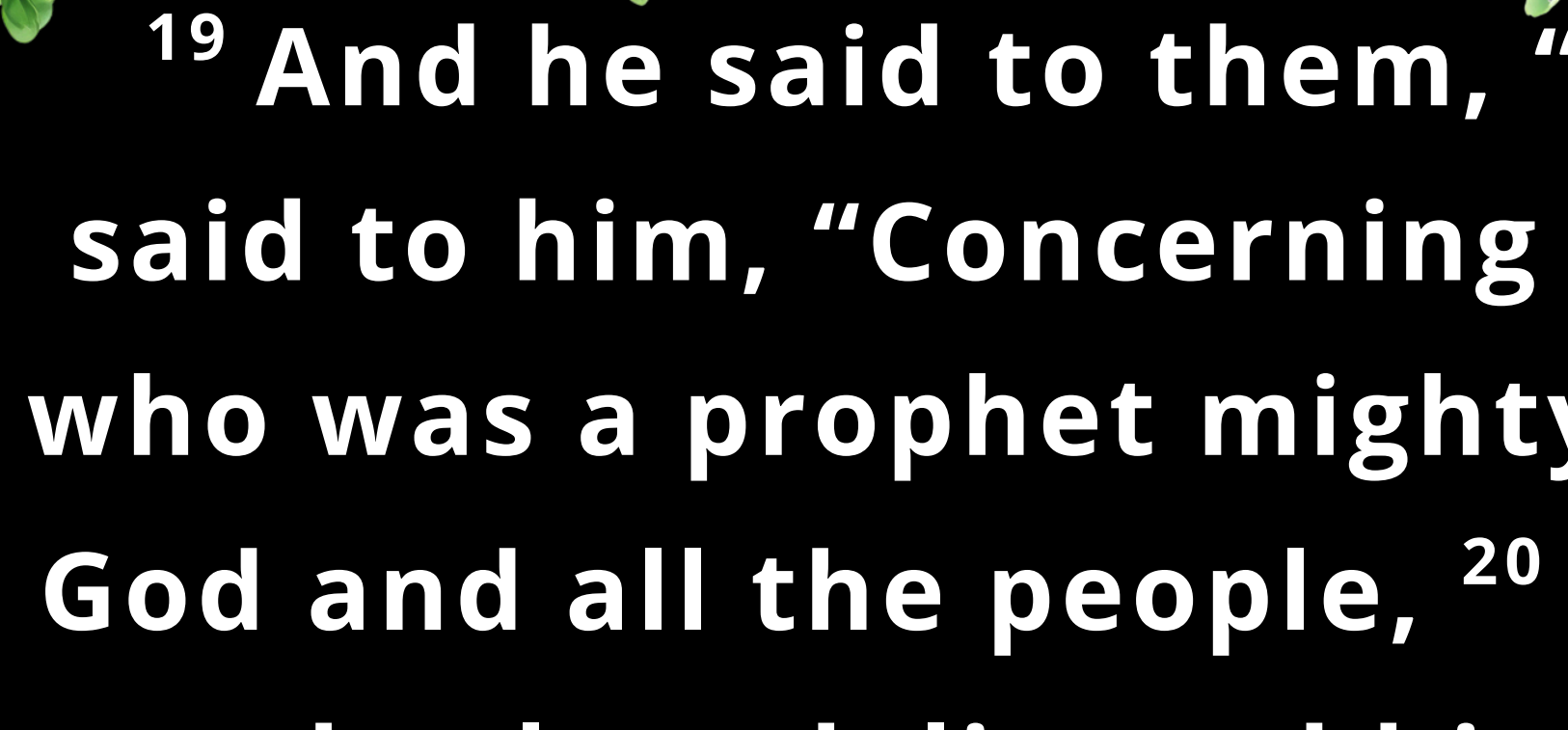
¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷

And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”

And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”





¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.



²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us.

They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”




²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.




²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.





³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

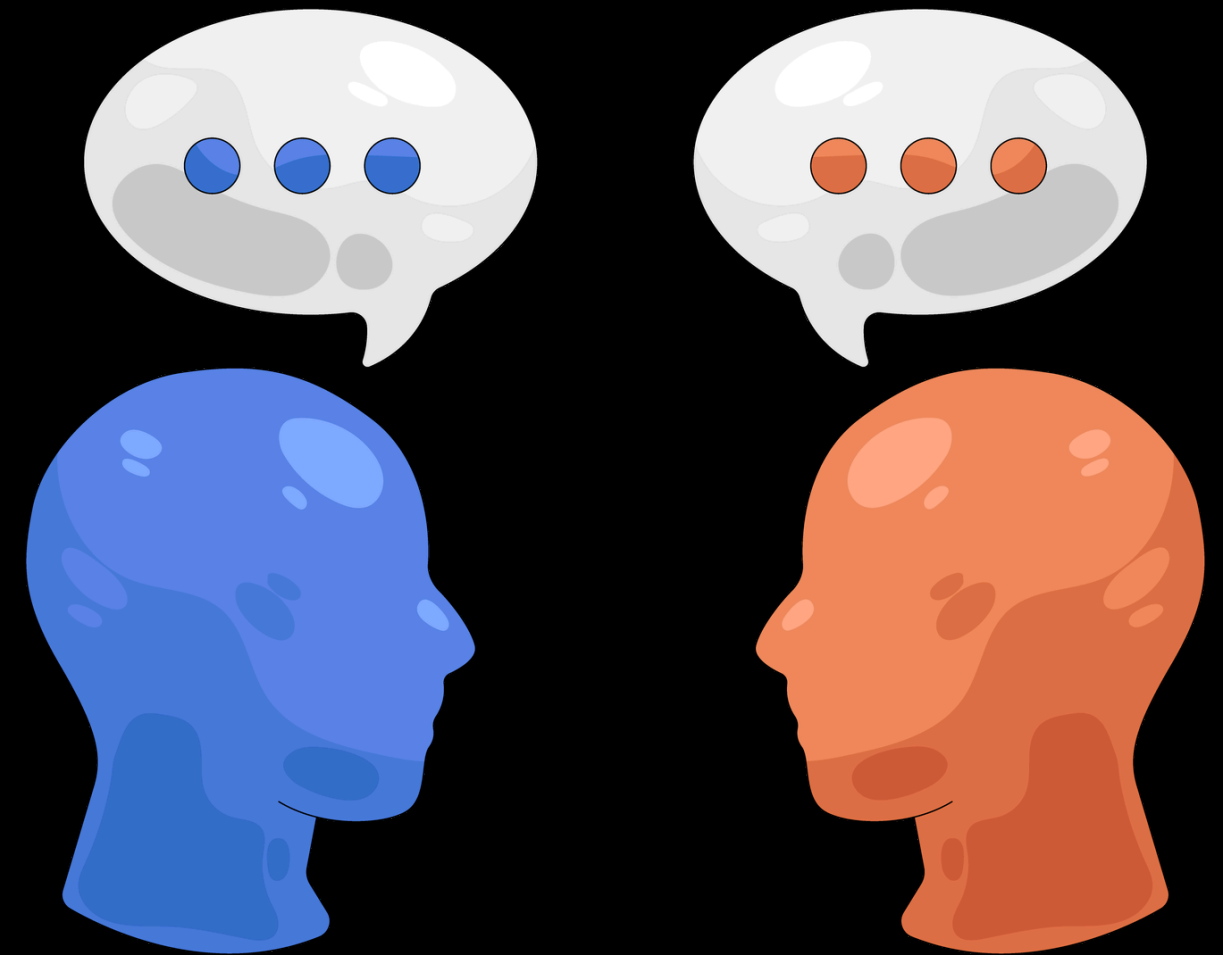


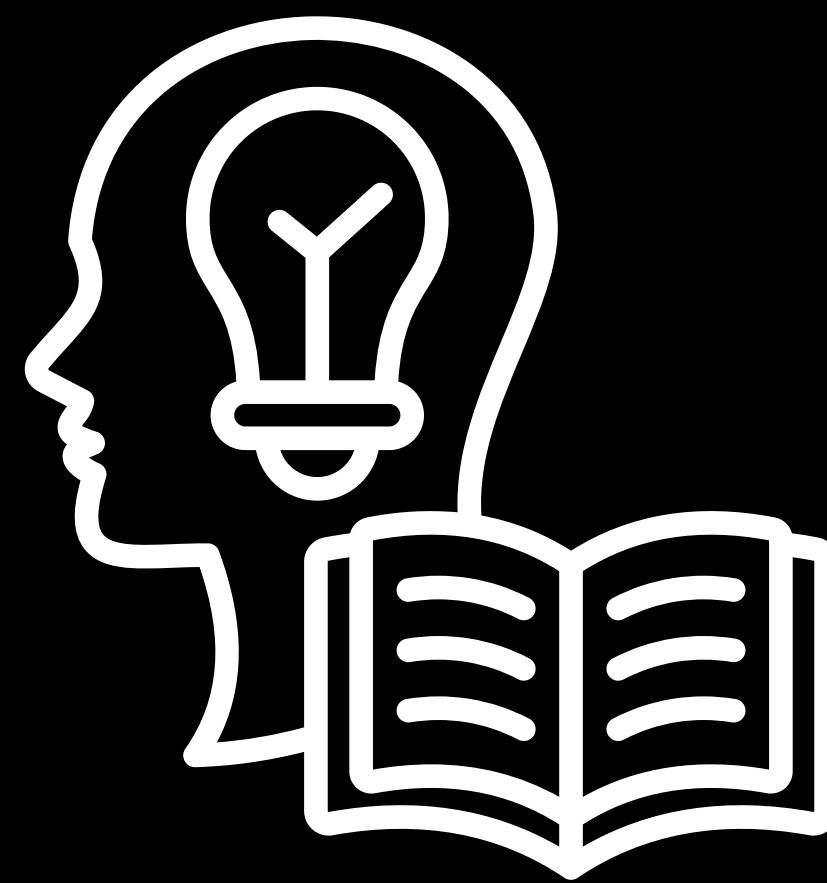
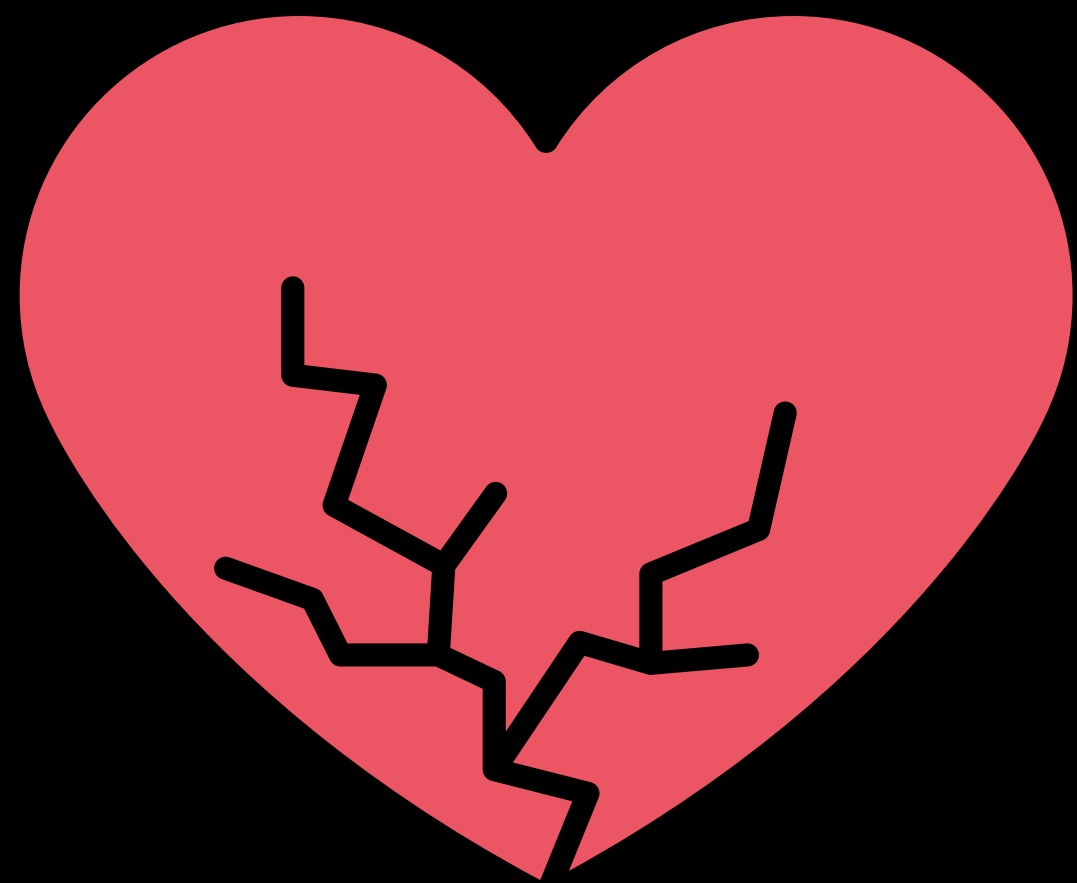
THE B.C. HANGOVER:

THEY WERE EXPLAINING THE CRUCIFIXION TO THE RESURRECTED CHRIST. THEY HAD THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THE ANSWER WALKING RIGHT NEXT TO THEM, BUT WERE BLINDED BY THEIR OWN DISAPPOINTMENT.

THE SETUP:

THE TRANSITION INTO THE A.D.
REALITY REQUIRES MOVING
FROM DISTANT, OBSERVANT
RELIGION INTO A BURNING,
FACE-TO-FACE INTIMACY.





HEARTBURN OVER HEAD KNOWLEDGE



DATA VS. REVELATION:

**THESE DISCIPLES HAD ALL THE
SCRIPTURAL DATA AND KNEW THE
PROPHECIES, YET THEY MISSED THE
SAVIOR STANDING RIGHT IN THEIR
BLIND SPOT.**

The background features a glowing, cracked globe of Earth, appearing to be melting or burning, set against a dark, heavily textured metal surface. The globe is the central focus, with bright orange and red light emanating from its cracks. The surrounding metal is dark and shows signs of intense heat, with several bright orange sparks or embers scattered around it. The overall atmosphere is one of destruction and urgency.

THE PROPHETIC CRY:

**HE IS HUNTING FOR SONS
AND DAUGHTERS WHOSE HEARTS
CATCH FIRE WHEN HE SPEAKS.**

A person in a white shirt is holding an open book. The book's pages are visible, and the person's hands are partially seen. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

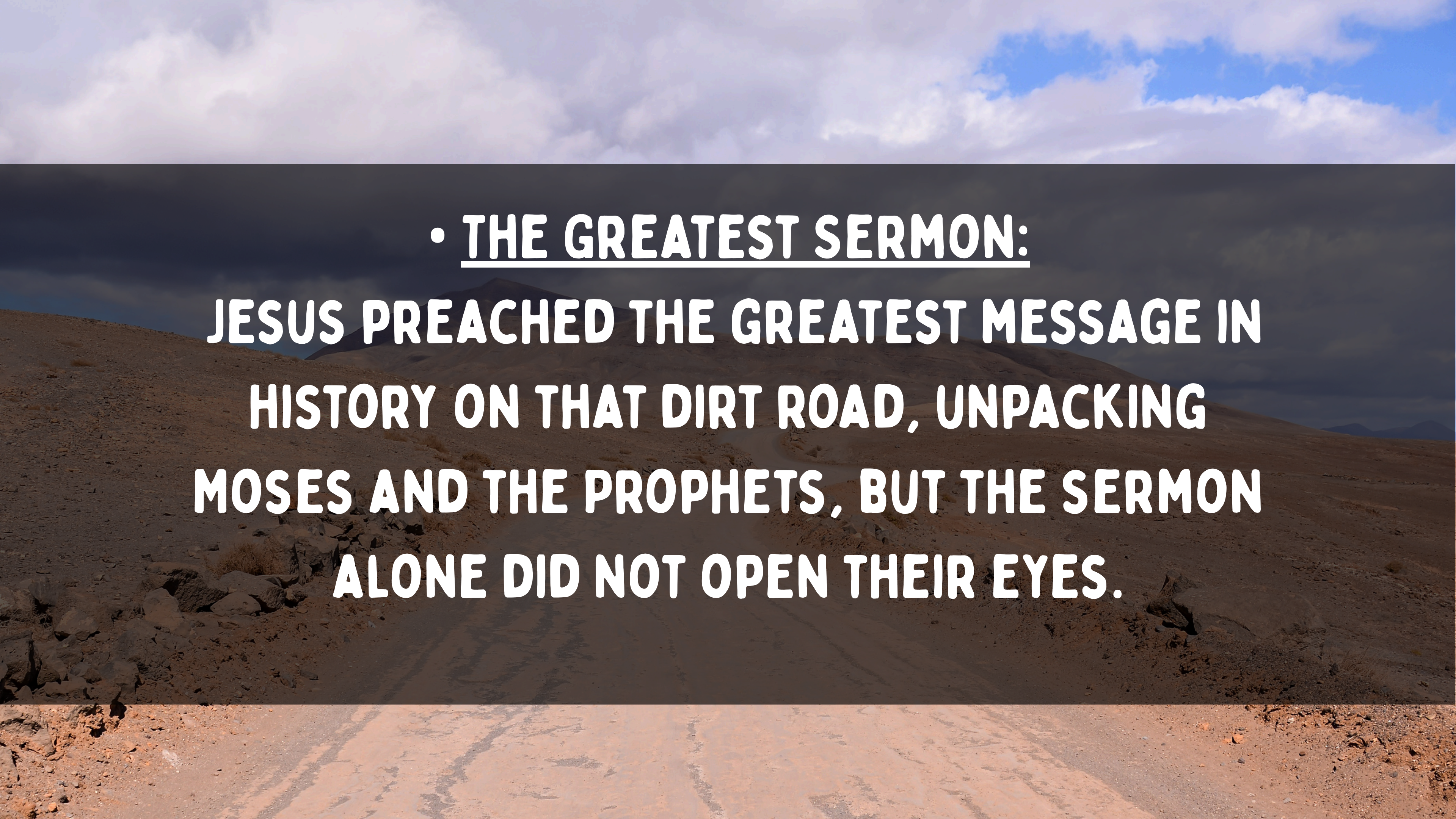
- **THE RELIGIOUS TRAP**

**WE HAVE TOO OFTEN TRADED THE
RAW, BURNING PRESENCE OF
GOD FOR HIGHLY PRODUCED,
POLISHED
RELIGIOUS ROUTINES.**

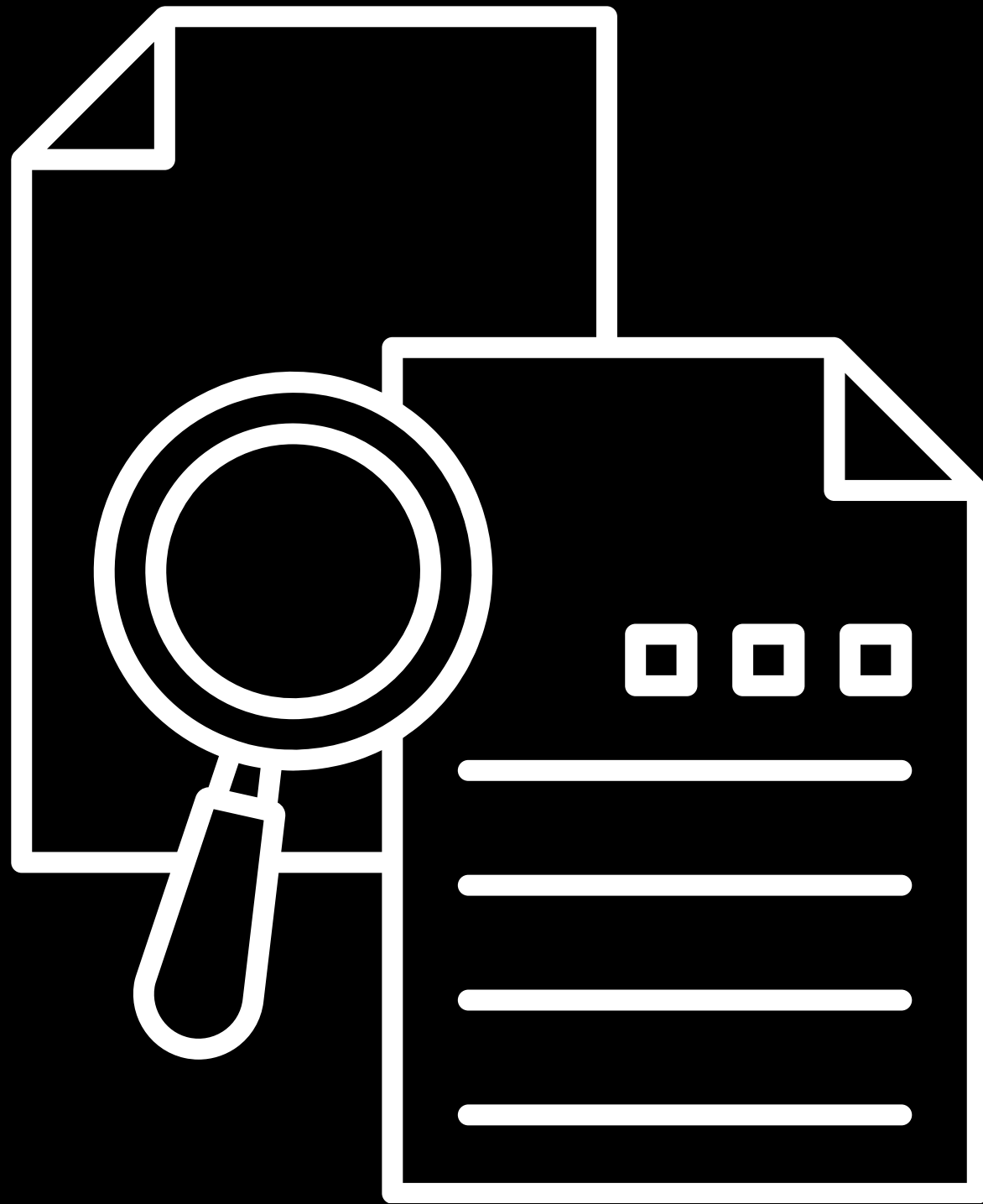
- THE EMMAUS BENCHMARK:

**"DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US?"
WE MUST BECOME A GENERATION
COMPLETELY RUINED FOR ANYTHING
LESS THAN THE CONSUMING
FIRE OF HIS PRESENCE.**

THE TABLE OF INTIMACY

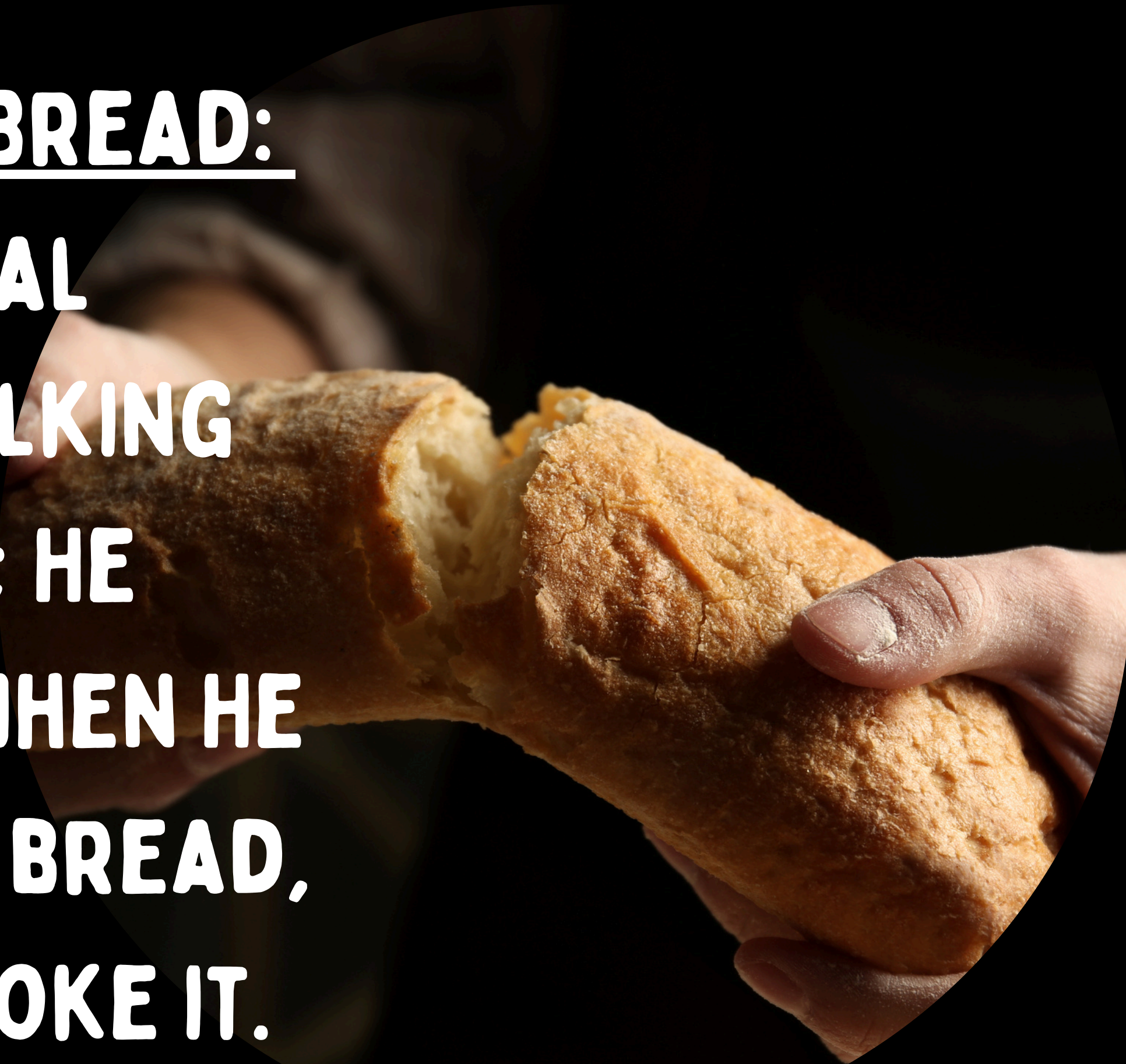
A desert landscape with a dirt road leading into the distance under a cloudy sky. The road is reddish-brown and shows tire tracks. The sky is blue with white and grey clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

• THE GREATEST SERMON:
JESUS PREACHED THE GREATEST MESSAGE IN
HISTORY ON THAT DIRT ROAD, UNPACKING
MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, BUT THE SERMON
ALONE DID NOT OPEN THEIR EYES.



- THE LIMIT OF INFORMATION:
INFORMATION DOES NOT
AUTOMATICALLY
EQUAL REVELATION, AND
PHYSICAL PROXIMITY
TO CHURCH DOES NOT EQUAL
INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER.

- THE BREAKING OF BREAD:
HE DIDN'T REVEAL
HIMSELF IN THE WALKING
OR THE TALKING: HE
REVEALED HIMSELF WHEN HE
SAT DOWN, TOOK THE BREAD,
BLESSED IT, AND BROKE IT.



• THE KINGDOM AUTHORITY:
THE ENEMY WANTS
TO KEEP YOU DISTRACTED AND
ARGUING ON THE ROAD SO YOU
NEVER SIT DOWN AT THE TABLE OF
COMMUNION
WHERE YOUR SPIRITUAL EYES ARE
ACTUALLY OPENED.





THE EMMAUS U-TURN

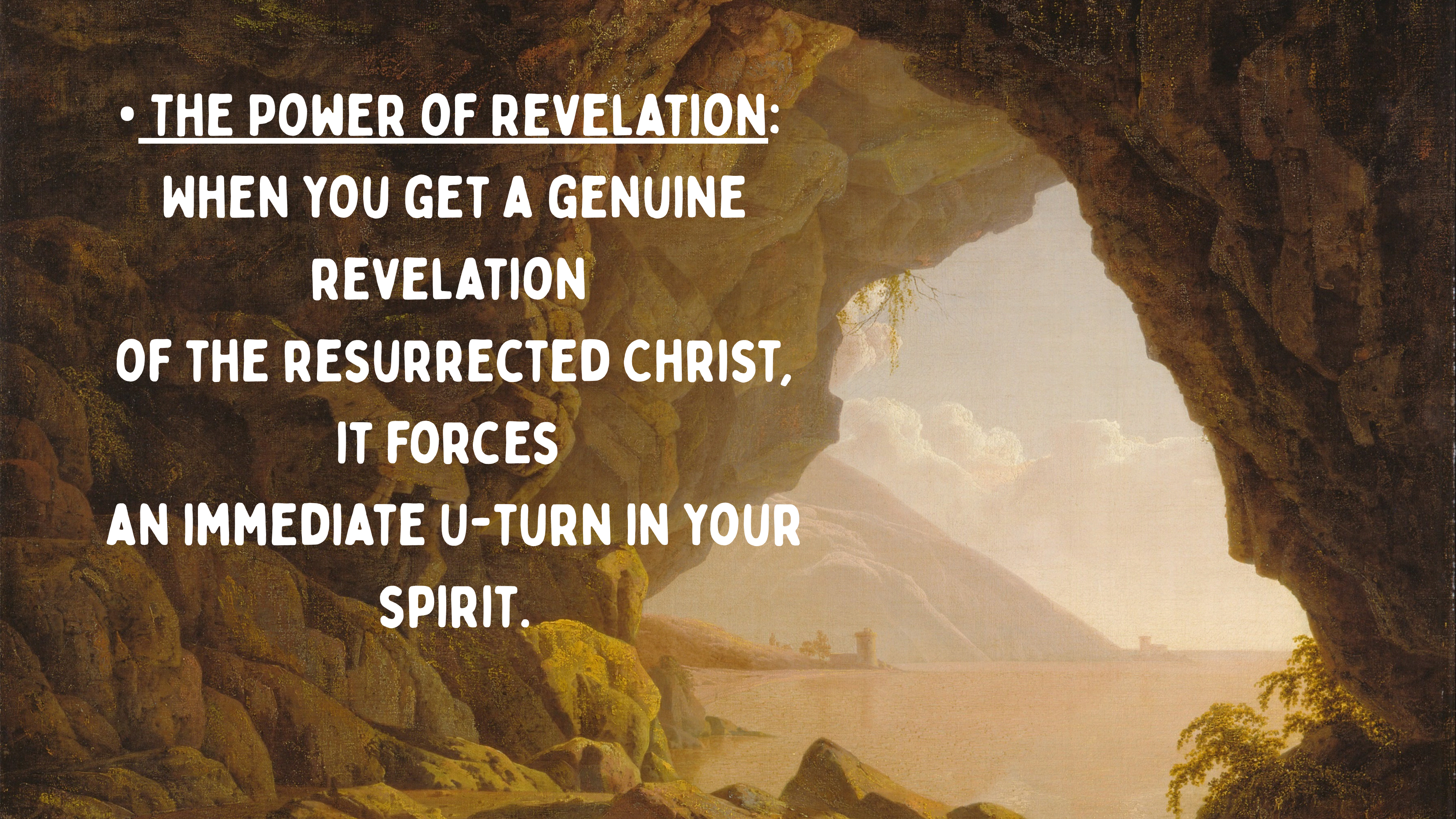
• WALKING THE WRONG WAY:

THEY WERE PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY
WALKING AWAY FROM JERUSALEM,
AWAY FROM THE
CALLING, AND AWAY FROM WHERE
THE HOLY SPIRIT
WAS ABOUT TO FALL.

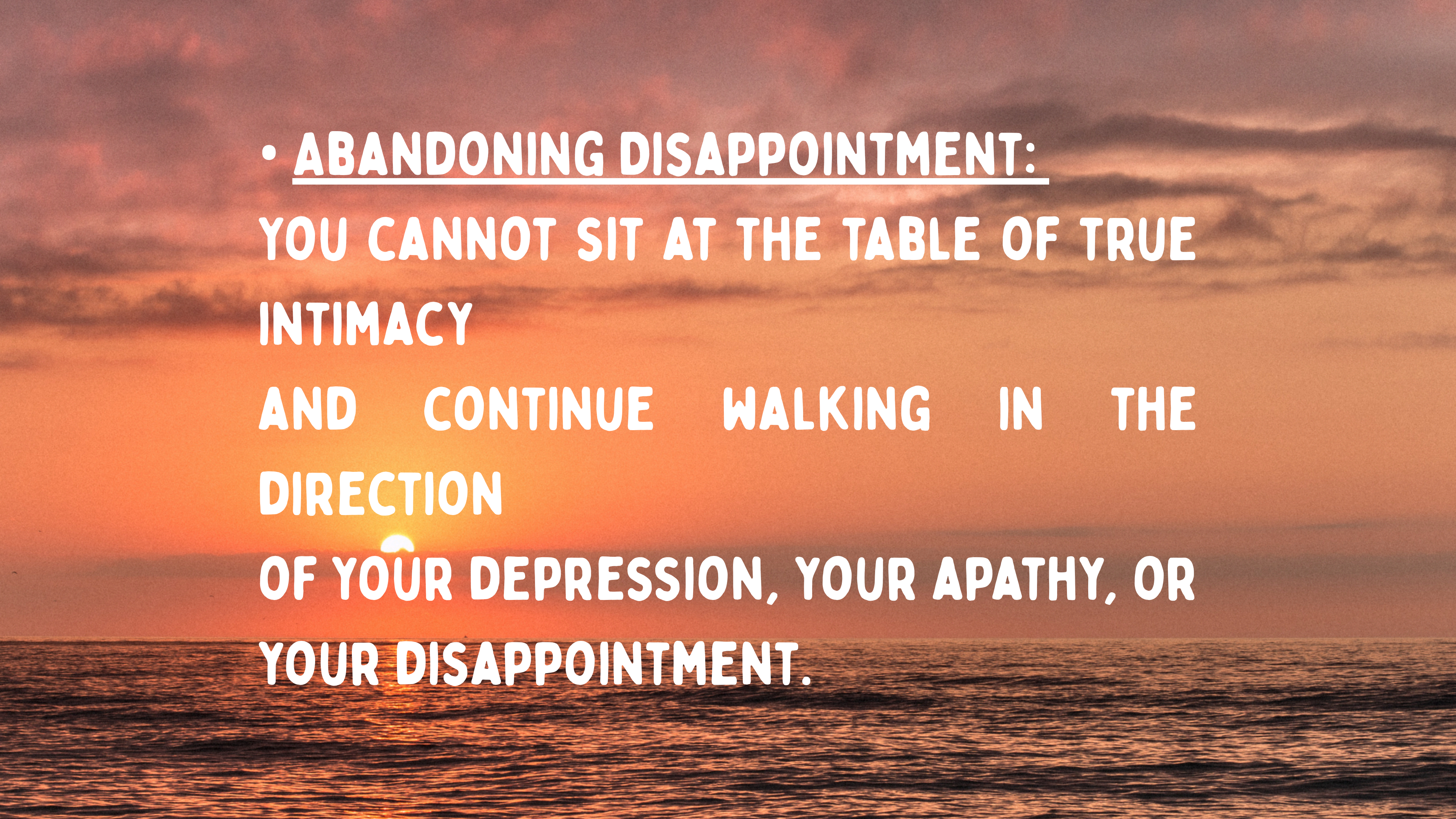




- THE IMMEDIATE SHIFT:
THE MOMENT THEIR EYES
WERE OPENED AT THE TABLE,
THE SCRIPTURE SAYS THEY
GOT UP THAT VERY HOUR AND
WENT STRAIGHT BACK TO
JERUSALEM IN THE DARK.

A painting of a cave opening with a landscape view. The cave is dark and rocky, with a large opening on the right side. Through the opening, a bright, hazy landscape is visible, featuring a body of water, distant mountains, and a small structure on the shore. The overall mood is one of discovery and revelation.

• THE POWER OF REVELATION:
WHEN YOU GET A GENUINE
REVELATION
OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST,
IT FORCES
AN IMMEDIATE U-TURN IN YOUR
SPIRIT.



• ABANDONING DISAPPOINTMENT:
YOU CANNOT SIT AT THE TABLE OF TRUE
INTIMACY
AND CONTINUE WALKING IN THE
DIRECTION
OF YOUR DEPRESSION, YOUR APATHY, OR
YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT.