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“Discipleship and the Word of God” with Eric Reed,
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Symphony in 3 Movements



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1. Movement 1: The Gospel Story

2. Movement 2: 3 Tools of Gospel Transformation

3. Movement 3: A Gospel Exercise with the Word of God



LOST

CONFUSED

UNSURE

UNCLEAR

PERPLEXED

DISORIENTED

BEWILDERED



-THE CHRONICLES OF-

NARNIA

THE LION, THE WITCH
AND THE WARDROBE





GENESIS



IN THE BEGINNING...

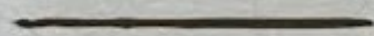


**Then the Lord God
formed the man out of
the dust from the ground
and breathed the breath
of life into his nostrils,
and the man became a
living being.**

Genesis 2:7



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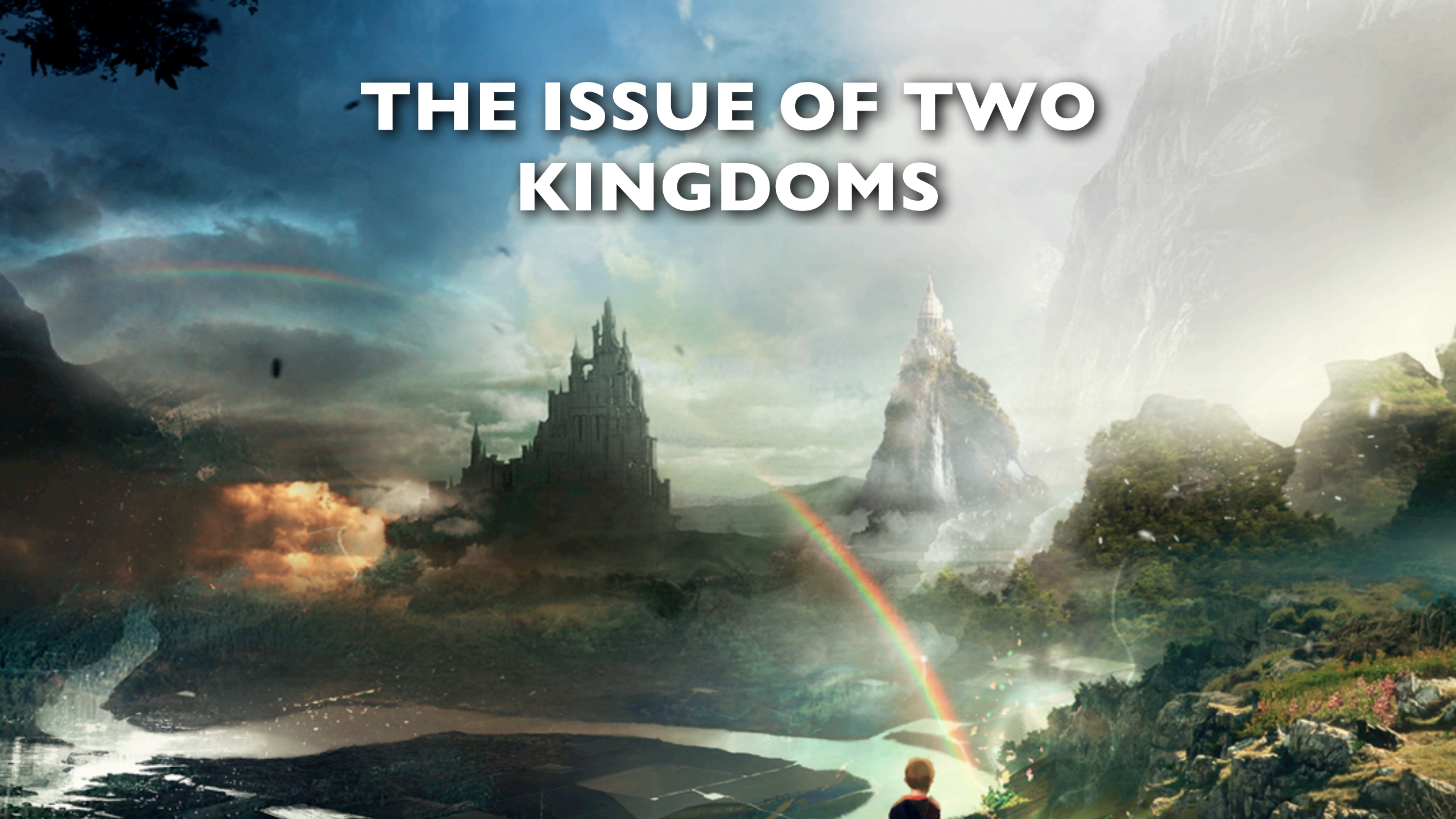




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THE ISSUE OF TWO KINGDOMS





DEATH, DECAY, CONFUSION



THE
LORD OF THE RINGS
THE RETURN OF THE KING™

GOSPEL



1 Corinthians 15:1-2 ESV

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² & by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.



Self-Righteousness & Shame

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10



Self-Righteousness & Shame

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful
and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanses us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:9

GOSPEL



A disciple is “a Loving, obedient follower of Jesus Christ.”

The purpose of discipleship is to know, love and share Christ's grace and truth with others who will in turn share with others.

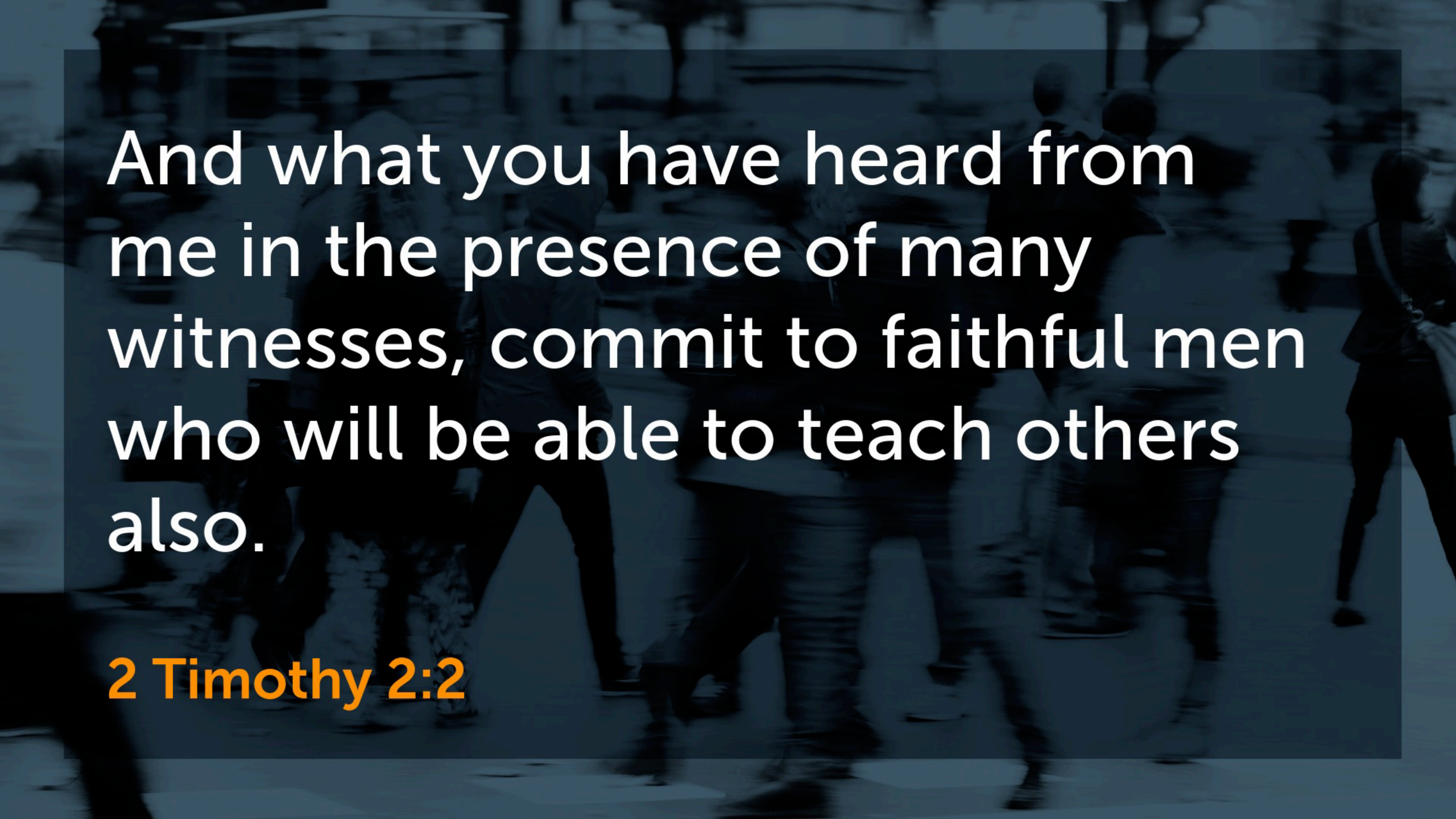
MATTHEW 28:18-20 --> The AUTHORITY, the COMMAND and the PROMISE

“All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



DISCIPLESHIP

Time + Life + Bible = Discipleship



And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2

The Method

- **Biblical**
- **Intentional**
- **Relational**
- **Generational**

Gospel = εὐαγγέλιον
“Good” + “News”

The Tools of Gospel Transformation

1.The Truth...God's Word

2.The Teacher...God's Spirit

3.The Tribe...God's People

Our Response to the Tools

1. Time

2. Transparency

3. Turning

Our Heart Motives

Defiance < Duty

Duty < Devotion

Devotion < Delight

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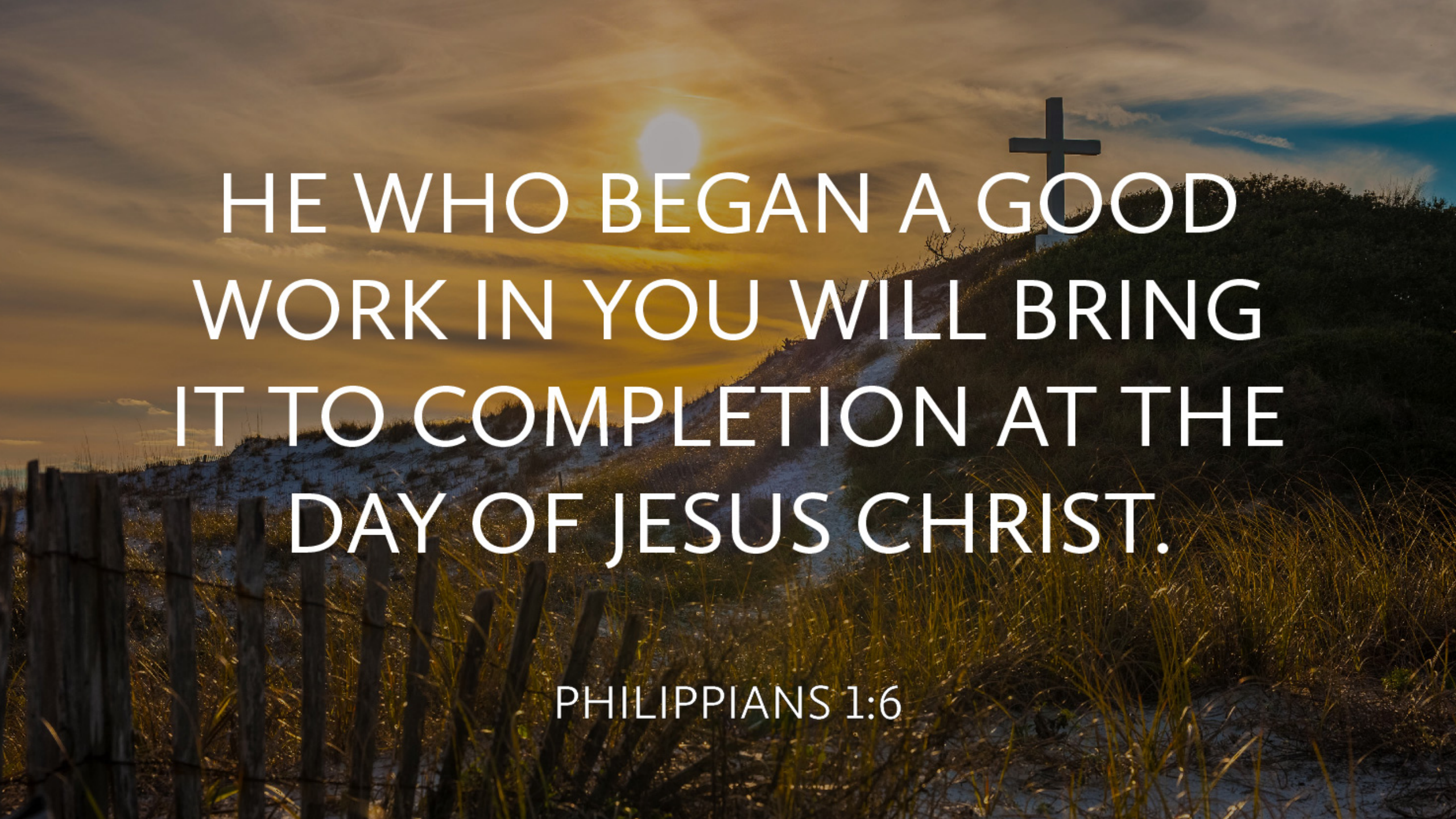
SIN AND SHAME



Sin, Repentance and Celebration

Repentance is the only response that builds intimacy with the father since it is the only response that is a move toward Christ and not away. It is rooted in trusting the heart of God

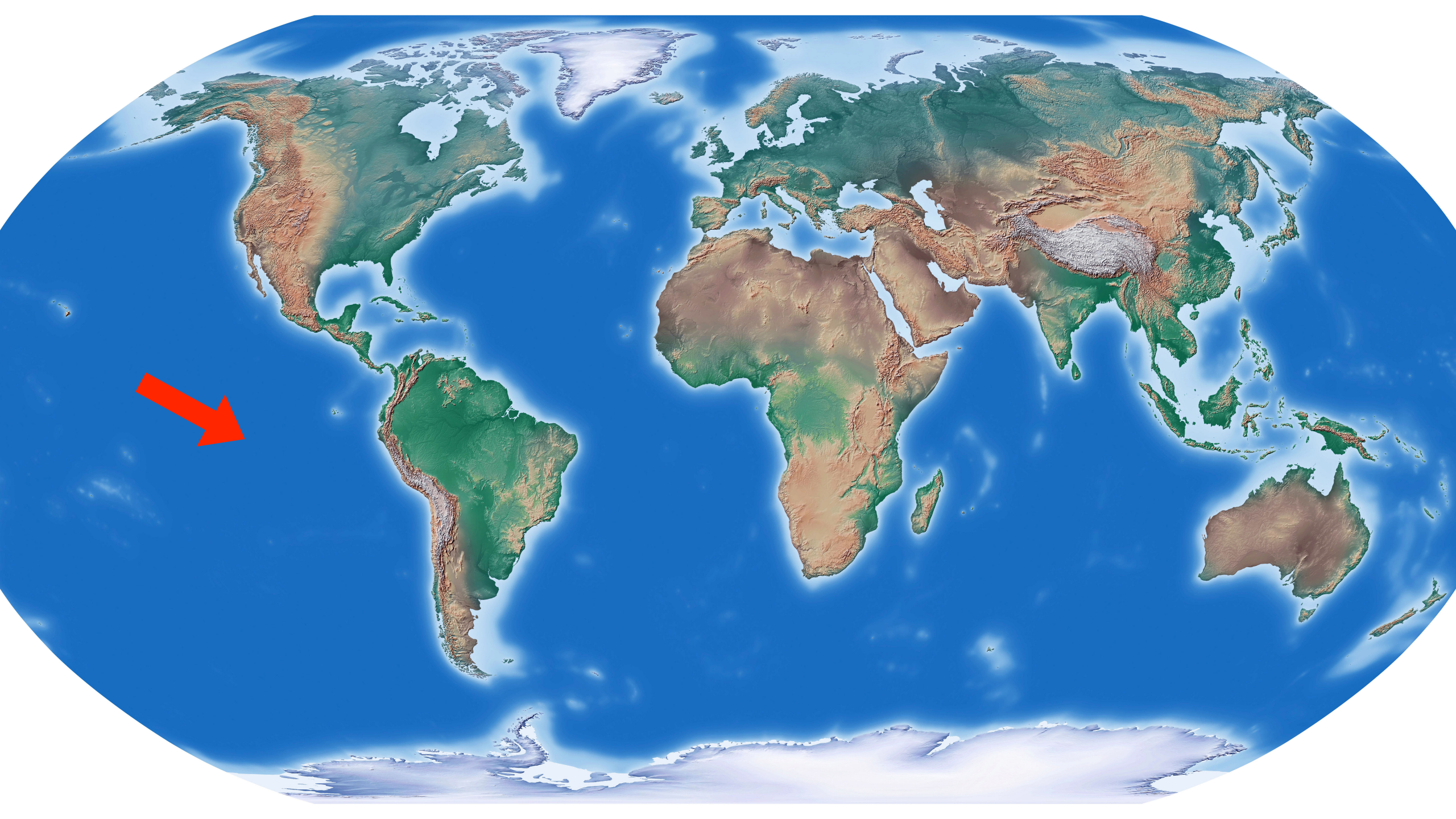
Μέγας+αγγέλιον
“Great” + “News”

A sunset over a grassy dune with a wooden fence in the foreground and a cross on the dune. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and some clouds. The dune is covered in tall grass, and a simple wooden cross stands on the peak. In the foreground, a rustic wooden fence runs across the frame.

HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD
WORK IN YOU WILL BRING
IT TO COMPLETION AT THE
DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

The Word

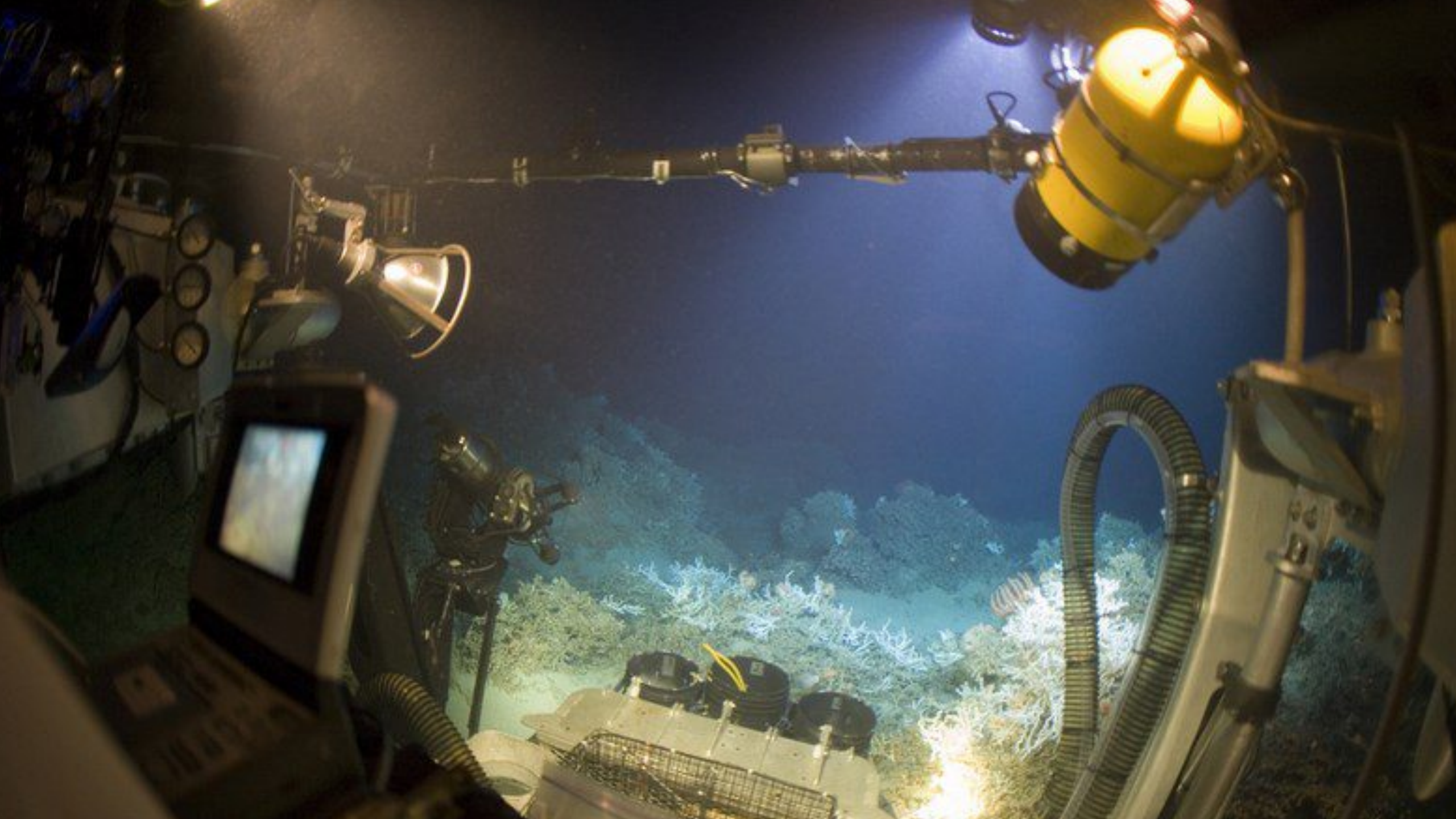




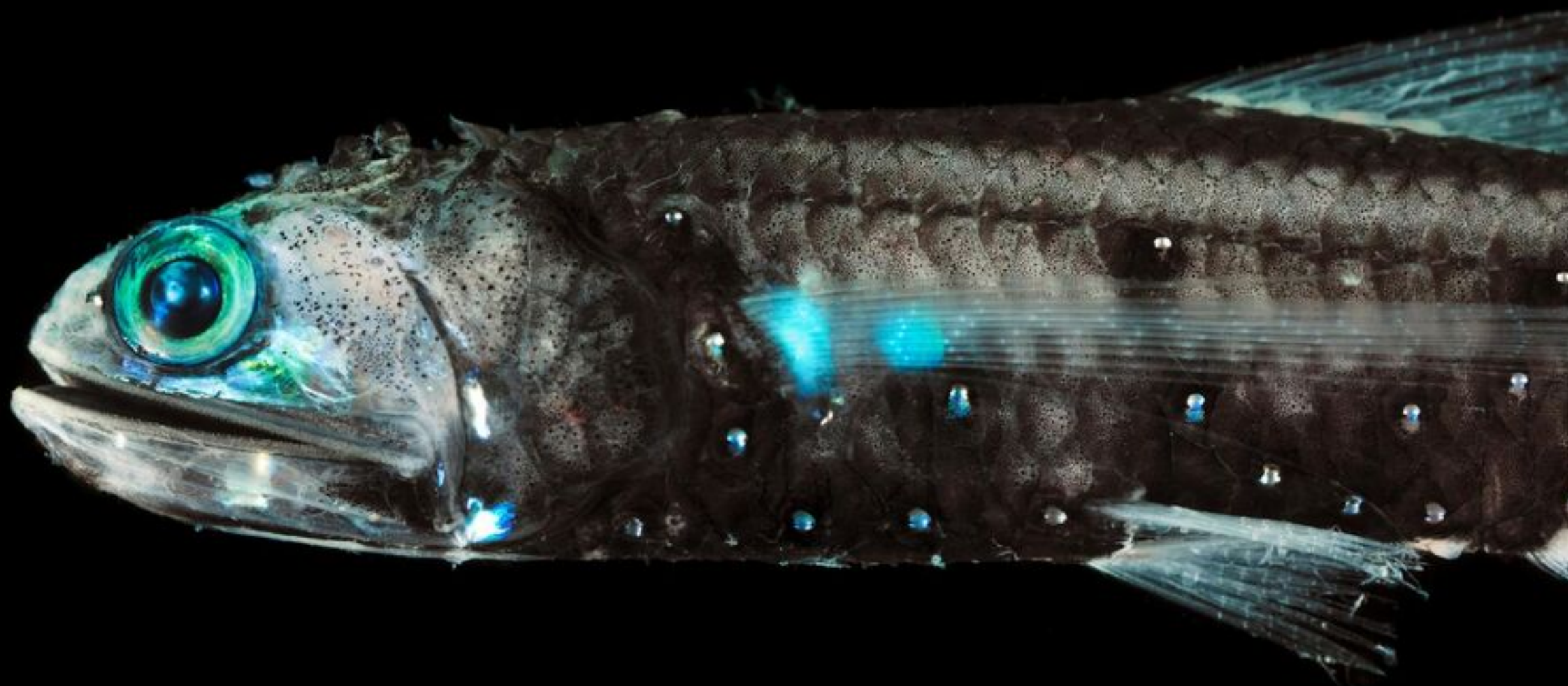












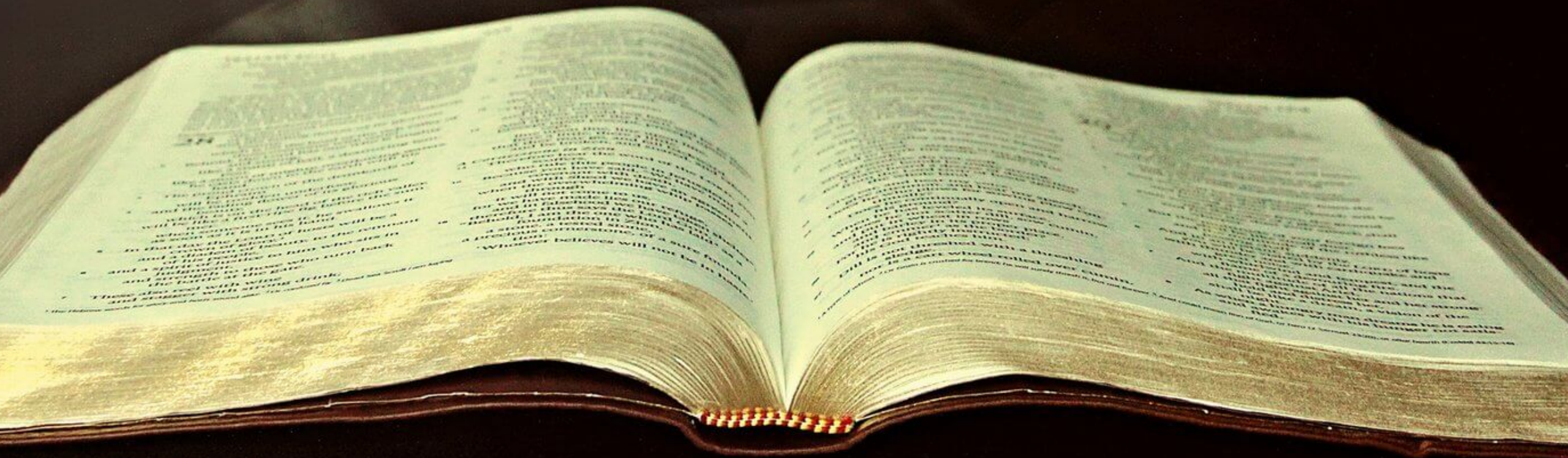
2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work

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**The Blade that
cuts is the
blade that
heals.**





...the first of these is the doctrine of the Trinity...
...the second is the doctrine of the Incarnation...
...the third is the doctrine of the Atonement...
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Whoever believes will not be condemned.

Where to Start in Your life with the Word?

1. Choose a time

2. Choose a place

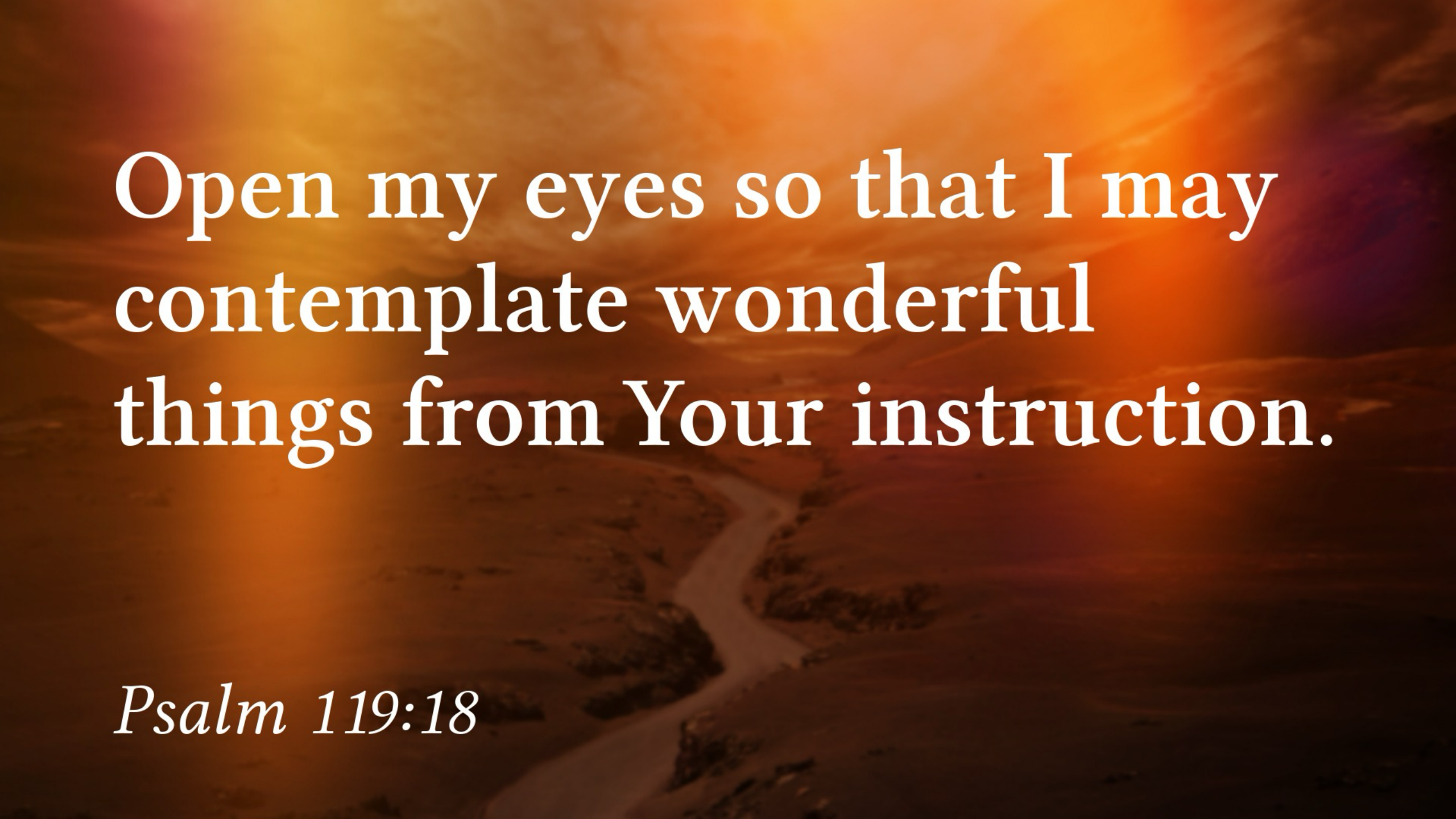
3. Choose a passage

4. Begin in stillness

5. Shift into Prayer

6. Read

7. Write & Share



Open my eyes so that I may
contemplate wonderful
things from Your instruction.

Psalm 119:18

SPEAK

FOR YOUR SERVANT HEARS

1 SAMUEL 3:10



Movement 3: A Gospel Exercise with the Word of God

- Colossians 3:1-4
- Micah 6:1-5
- Joshua 1:1-9

**Experience One:
Meditating on God's Word**

Tips and Pitfalls

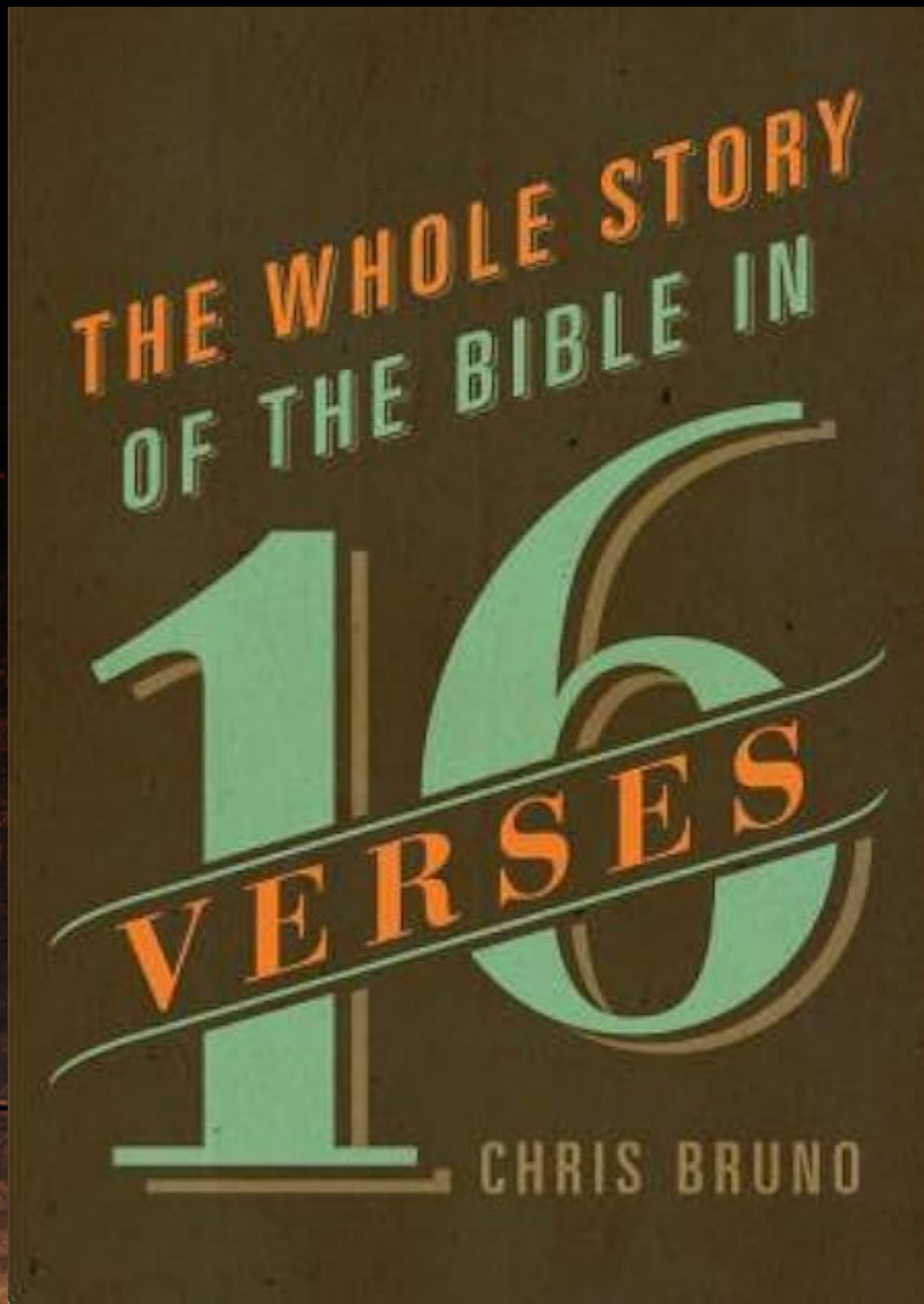
- Worship Songs?
- Pacing?
- Lingering Worship,
Prayer and Word

Lingering leads
to life change.



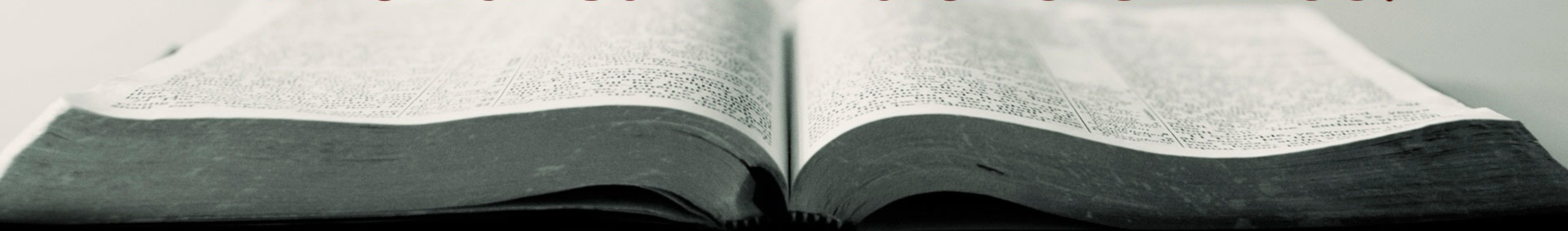
Tips and Pitfalls Continued

- Do not be impatient with God's transformation.
- Don't get bogged down when you don't understand.
- Don't feel like you have to finish a chapter or two all at once.
- Get an overview of the Bible early on.



***The Whole Story of
the Bible in 16 Verse***
By Chris Bruno

We read the Bible to spend time with Jesus! Don't come to the text in order to get something from God. Come to the text to encounter Him and let Him transform us!



Other Great Resources

- Get a good study bible like the CSV or ESV study bible.
- Get *What the Bible is all about: Bible Handbook* by Henrietta Mears

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Q&A

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