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- Written: AD 50-ish



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 - Galatians 5.4
 - You who are trying to be justified by the law are alienated from Christ; you have fallen from grace.



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*Am I hearing God
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as the ultimate voice
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- “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us” — A.W. Tozer



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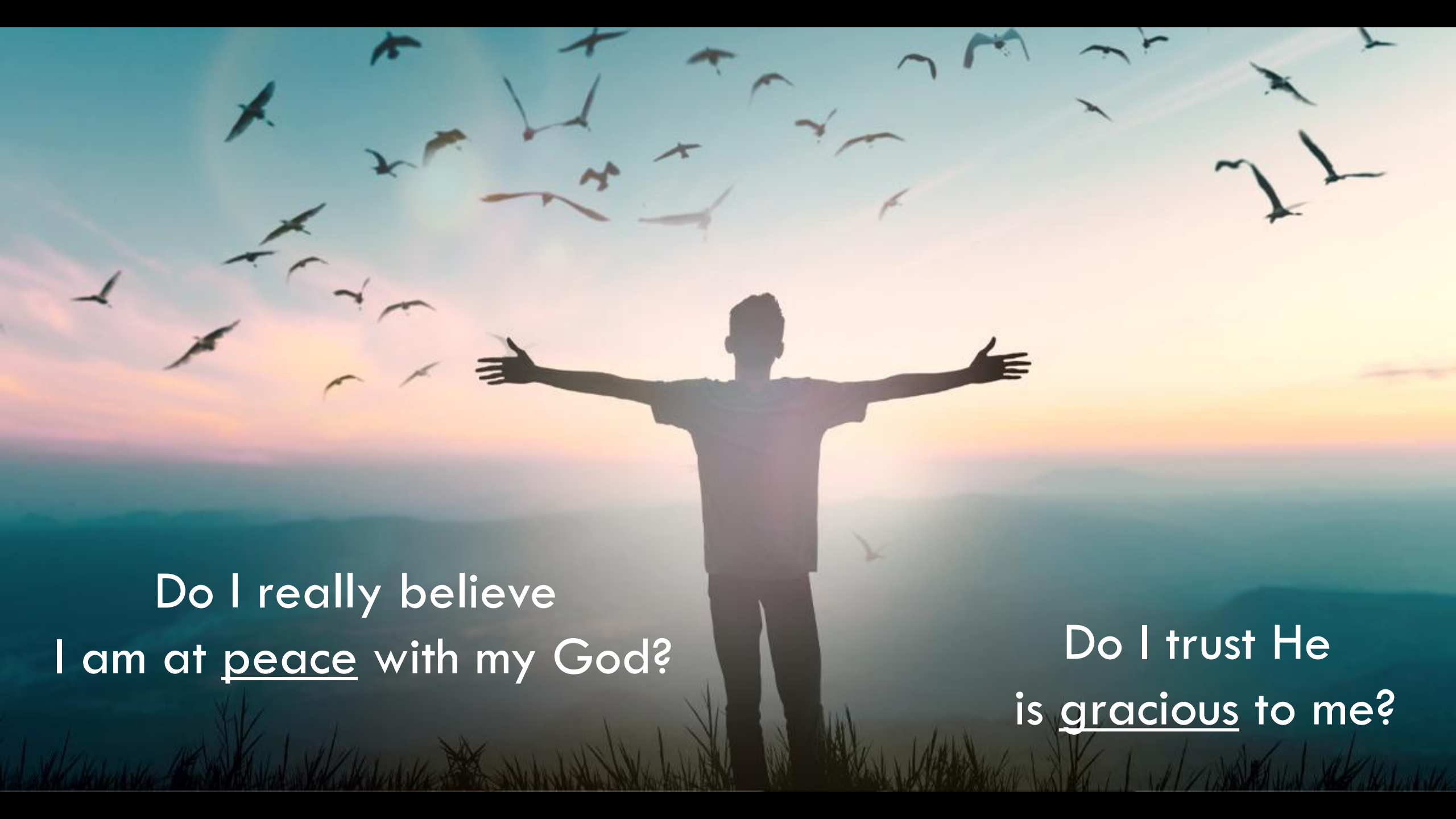
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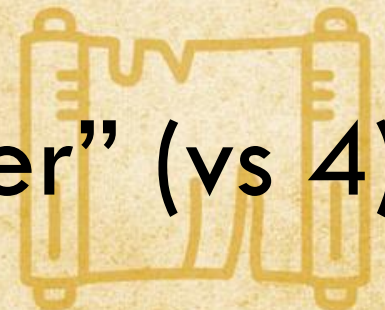
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- “according to the will of our God and Father” (vs 4)



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The problem:
We love to be our own saviors



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The solution:

The only way forward is to go back to grace



Am I extending God's gospel of grace to those around me?

