



A Servant Worth Following

Isaiah 50:4-11

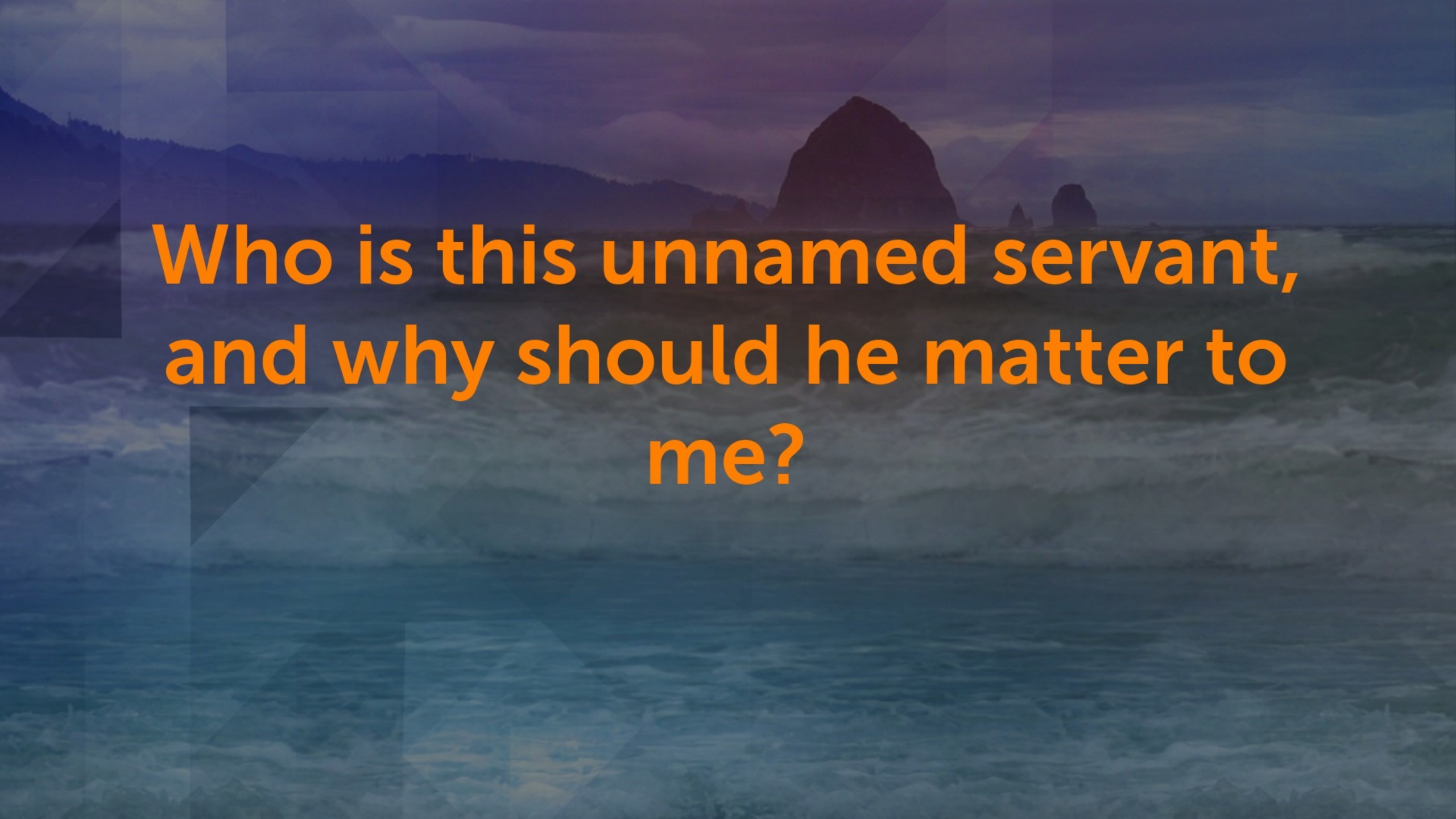
A coastal landscape featuring waves in the foreground, a large rock formation in the middle ground, and mountains in the background under a purple and blue sky. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue and purple geometric pattern.

Introduction



“My Servant” In Isaiah

1. **Isaiah**, the prophet and author of the book (Isaiah 20:3, possibly 44:26)
2. **Eliakim**, son of Hilkiah, over the household of King Hezekiah - (Isaiah 22:20, C.f. Isaiah 36:3; 37:2; 2 Kgs. 18:18, 26, 37; 19:2).
3. **King David** (Isaiah 37:35)
4. **The Nation of Israel/Jacob/Jeshurun** (Isaiah 41:8-9, 42:19, 43:10, 44:1-2, 21; 45:4, 48:20; 49:13; 65:8)
5. **Future descendants of Israel** (Isaiah 65:9, 13, 14).
6. **Unnamed servant** (Isaiah 42:1; 49:5-6, 50:10; 52:13; 53:11)



**Who is this unnamed servant,
and why should he matter to
me?**



Asking 4 Questions of this Passage

Isaiah 50:1-11

- 1. Why is this Servant needed?
(Isaiah 50:1-3)**
- 2. How is this Servant different?
(Isaiah 50:4-6)**
- 3. What happens to this Servant?
(Isaiah 50:7-9)**
- 4. Why should this Servant matter
to me? (Isaiah 50:10-11)**



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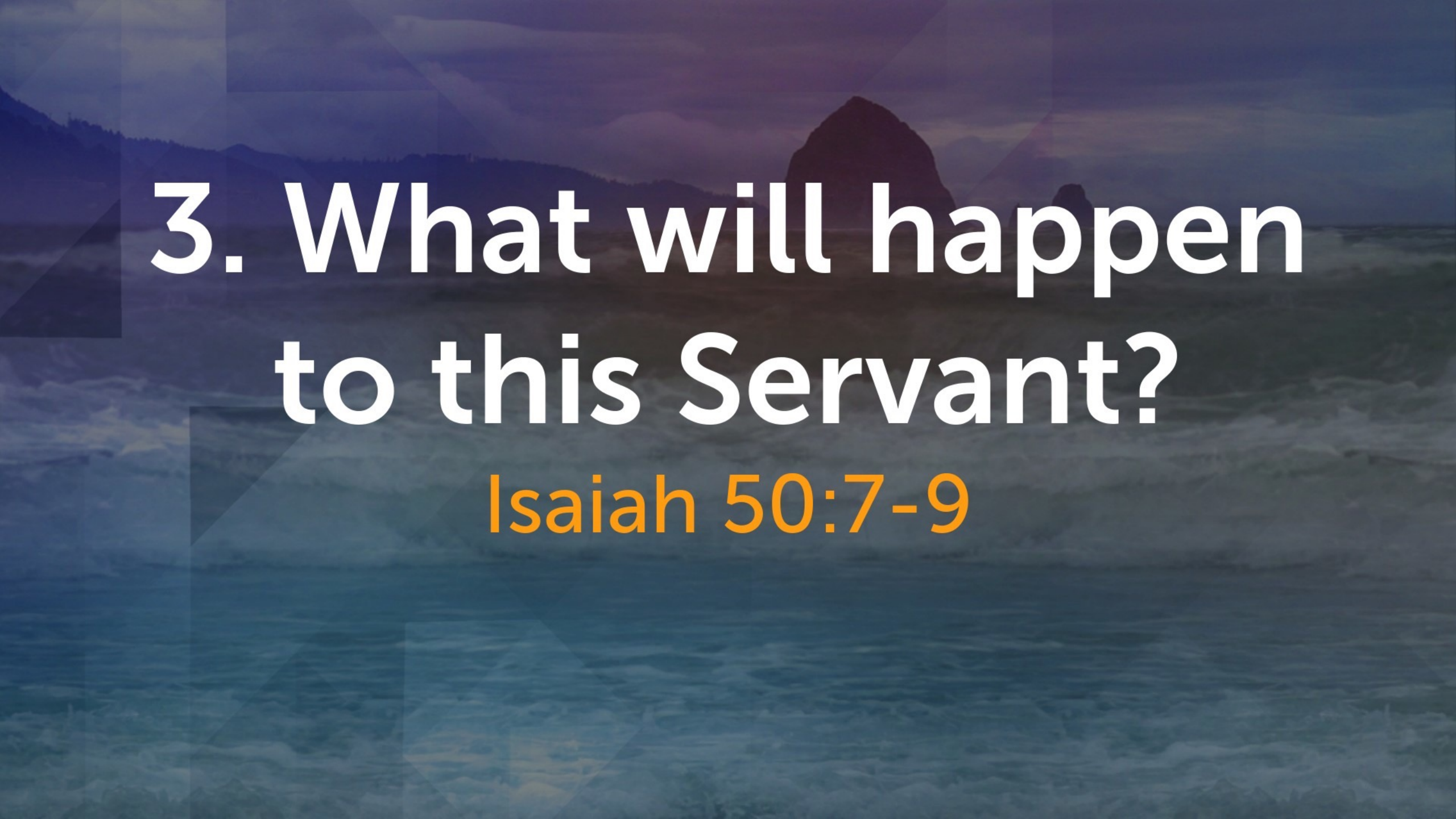
The Servants 3 Responses

1. The servant obediently speaks the words of God (v. 4a).
2. The servant submissively does the will of God (v. 5)
3. The servant habitually listens to the words of God (v. 4b).

Jesus Obediently Speaking: John 3:34,
7:14, 8:26, 28, 38, 10:18, 12:49-50;
14:10, 24, 15:15, 17:8, 14

Jesus Submissively Doing: John 4:34,
5:17, 19, 5:36, 6:38, 10:17, 32, 37-38,
14:10, 31

Jesus Habitually Listening to God:
Matthew 4:1-14; John 8:26, 8:28, 8:40



3. What will happen to this Servant?

Isaiah 50:7-9

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.


Luke 9:51-53

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This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing...Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

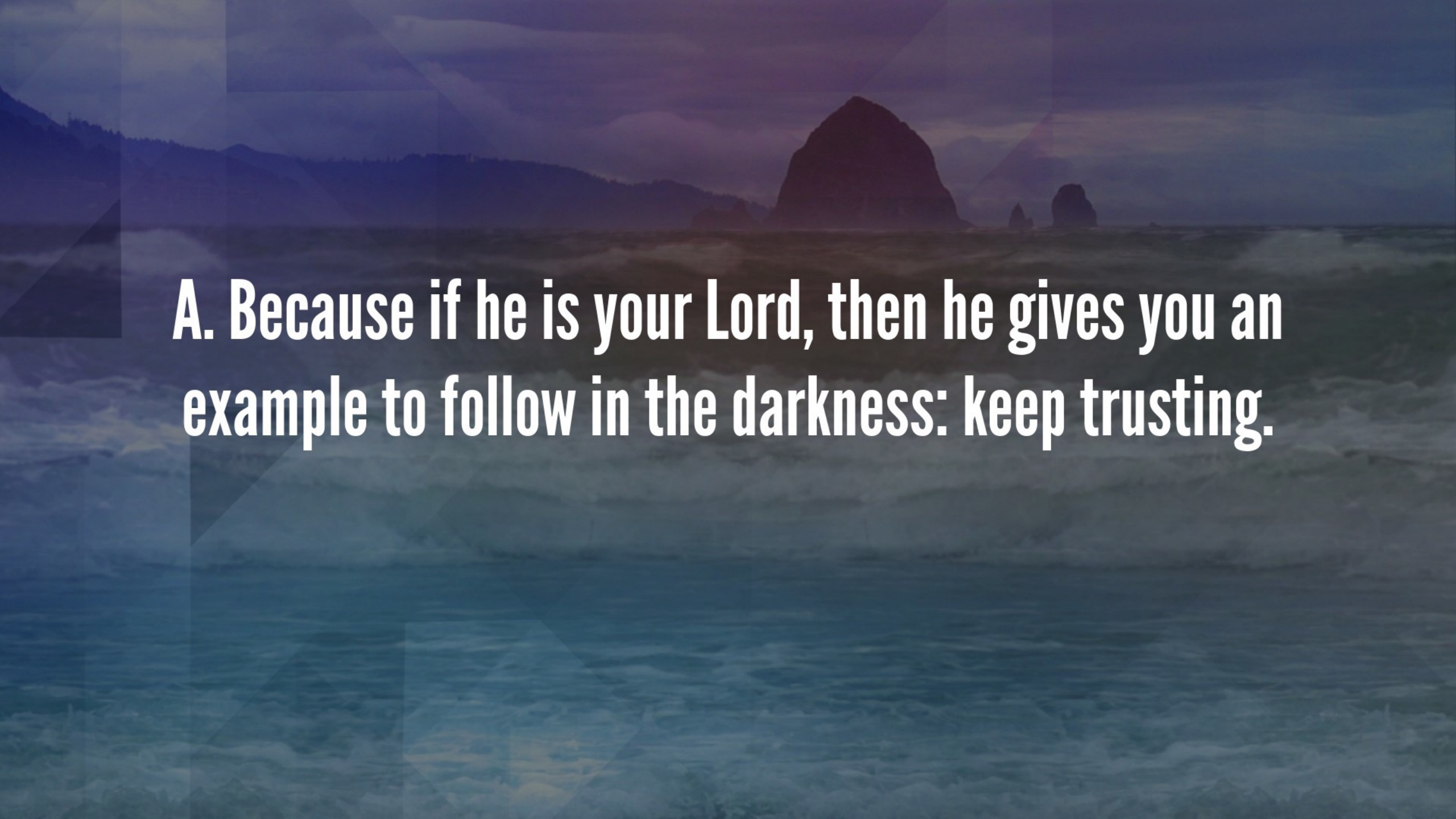
Acts 2:32-36

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4. Why should this Servant matter to me?

Isaiah 50:10-11



A. Because if he is your Lord, then he gives you an example to follow in the darkness: keep trusting.



**B. Because if you are self-reliant, God tells you the end
you can expect: torment (v. 11).**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not
be quiet, until her righteousness
goes forth as brightness, and her
salvation as a burning torch.

Isaiah 62:1

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Uses of this Text for the Believer:

And we all, with unveiled face,
beholding the glory of the Lord, are
being transformed into the same
image from one degree of glory to
another. For this comes from the
Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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1. Use this passage when you lack motivation to read, study, and memorize God's word (v. 4).
2. Use this passage when you lack motivation to obey God's word (v. 5).
3. Use this passage when you fail to be affected by God's word (v. 4-5).
4. Use this passage when you want to doubt God's goodness in your suffering (v. 6-9).
5. Use this passage when you want to doubt God's power in your suffering (v. 4a, 5a, 7a, 9a).
6. Use this passage when you fear God may let you down, and when you wonder if your faith will turn out to be one giant embarrassment (v. 7).
7. Use this passage when Satan accuses you of unworthiness (v. 8-9).
8. Use this passage when you are tempted towards self-reliance, manipulation, and idolatry (v. 10-11).
9. Use this passage when you fear death (v. 8a).

He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 50:8-9

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