

PART 1 | MATT. 3:13-17 | JUNE 28, 2026

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Meaning

Matthew 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy
will be done in earth, as
[it is] in heaven

Luke 17:20-21

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.



The Kingdom doesn't
begin around you; it
begins within you.



You will never effectively release
the Kingdom around you if you
are not connected to the
resources of Heaven above you

Matthew 3:13-15

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer [it to be so] now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

Principle 1:

An Open Heaven is the starting
Point of Your Assignment

Matthew 3:13-15

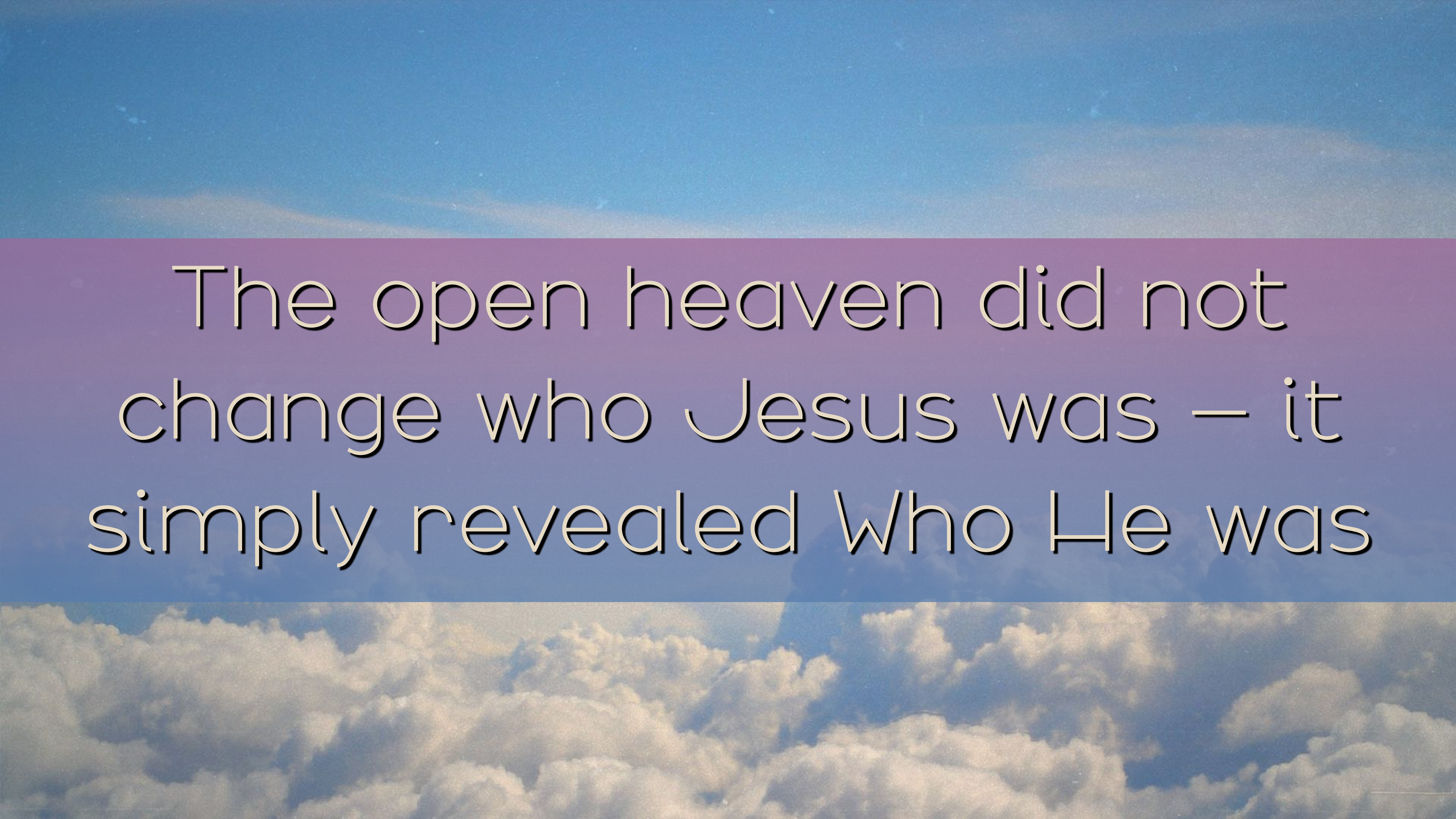
...suffer [it to be so] now:
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Matthew 13:54-56

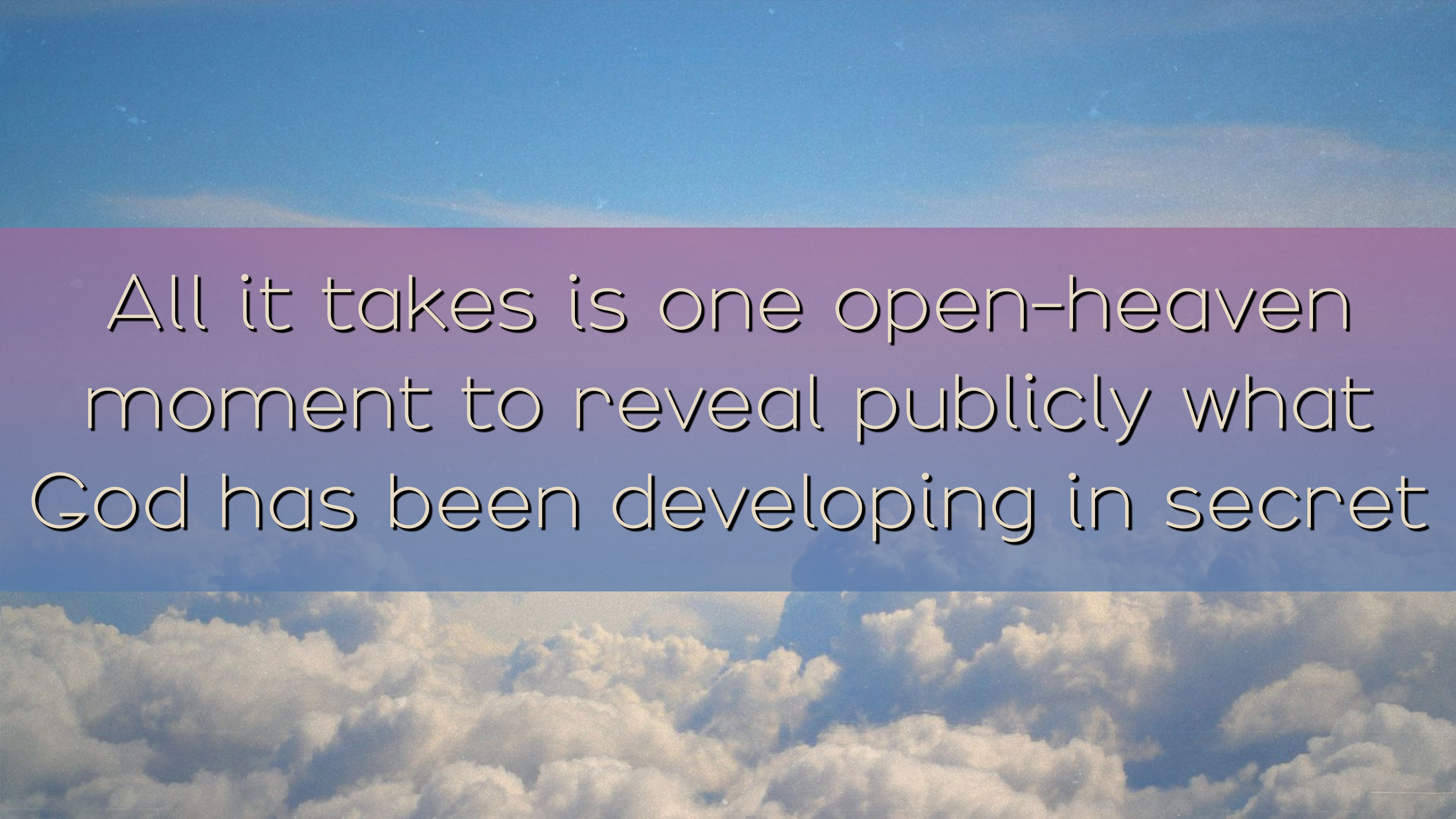
And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this [man] this wisdom, and [these] mighty works?

Matthew 13:54-56

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this [man] all these things?



The open heaven did not
change who Jesus was — it
simply revealed Who He was



All it takes is one open-heaven
moment to reveal publicly what
God has been developing in secret



There will always be a season of
preparation before there is a
season of manifestation

John 1:46

And Nathanael said unto him,
Can there any good thing
come out of Nazareth? Philip
saith unto him, Come and see.



You do not need people to
recognize you. You need Heaven
to release you

Matthew 3:16

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Principle 2:

An Open Heaven Empowers
You For Your Assignment

Luke 1:35

The Holy Ghost shall come
upon thee, and the power of
the Highest shall overshadow
thee...

Matthew 3:16

...he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove,
and lighting upon him:



God never reveals your identity
without also providing the power
to walk it out

Luke 4:14

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Zechariah 4:6

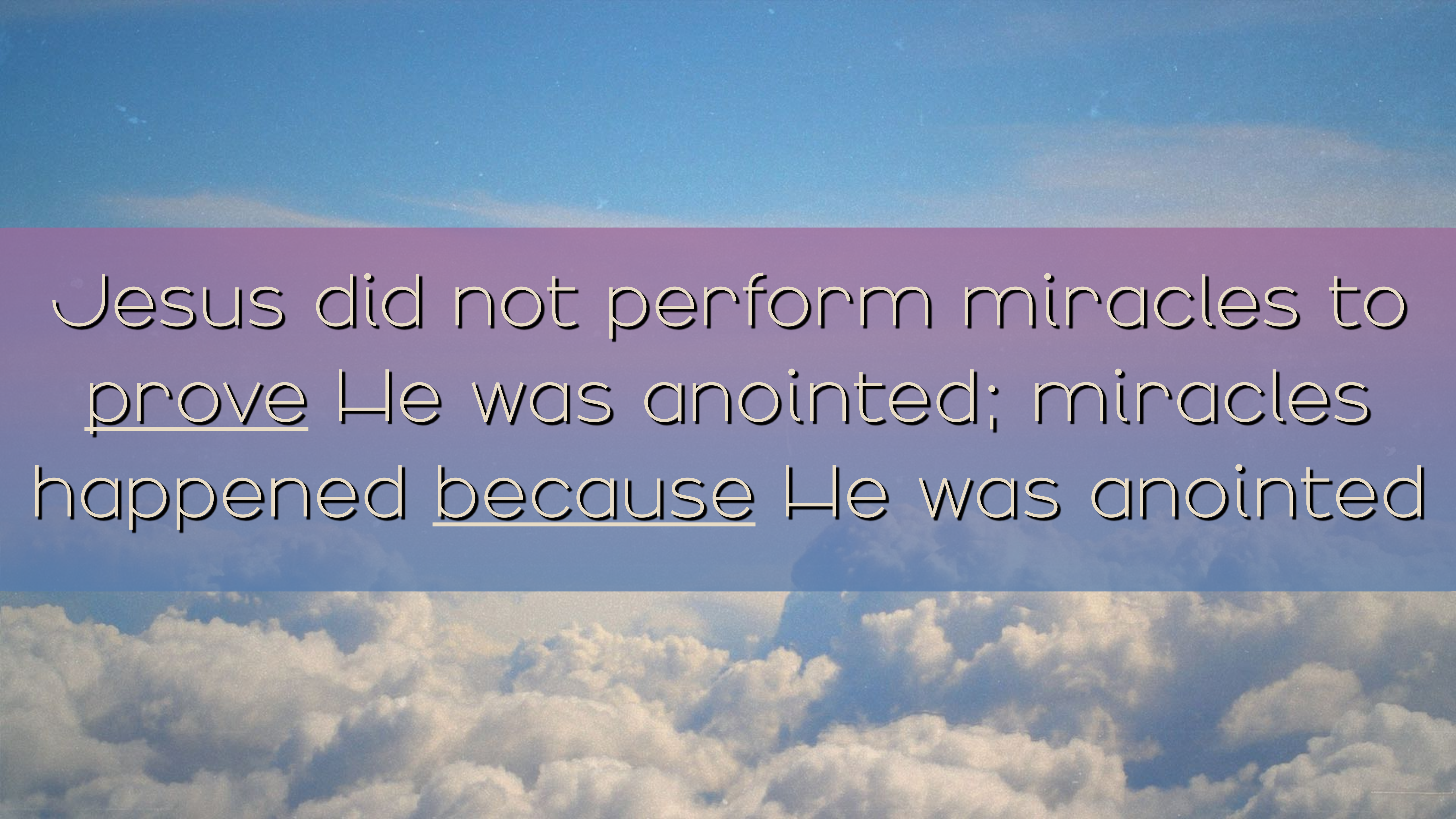
Not by might, nor by
power, but by my spirit,
saith the LORD of hosts

Luke 4:18-19

The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord [is]
upon me, because he hath
anoointed me




Jesus did not perform miracles to
prove He was anointed; miracles
happened because He was anointed

John 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.



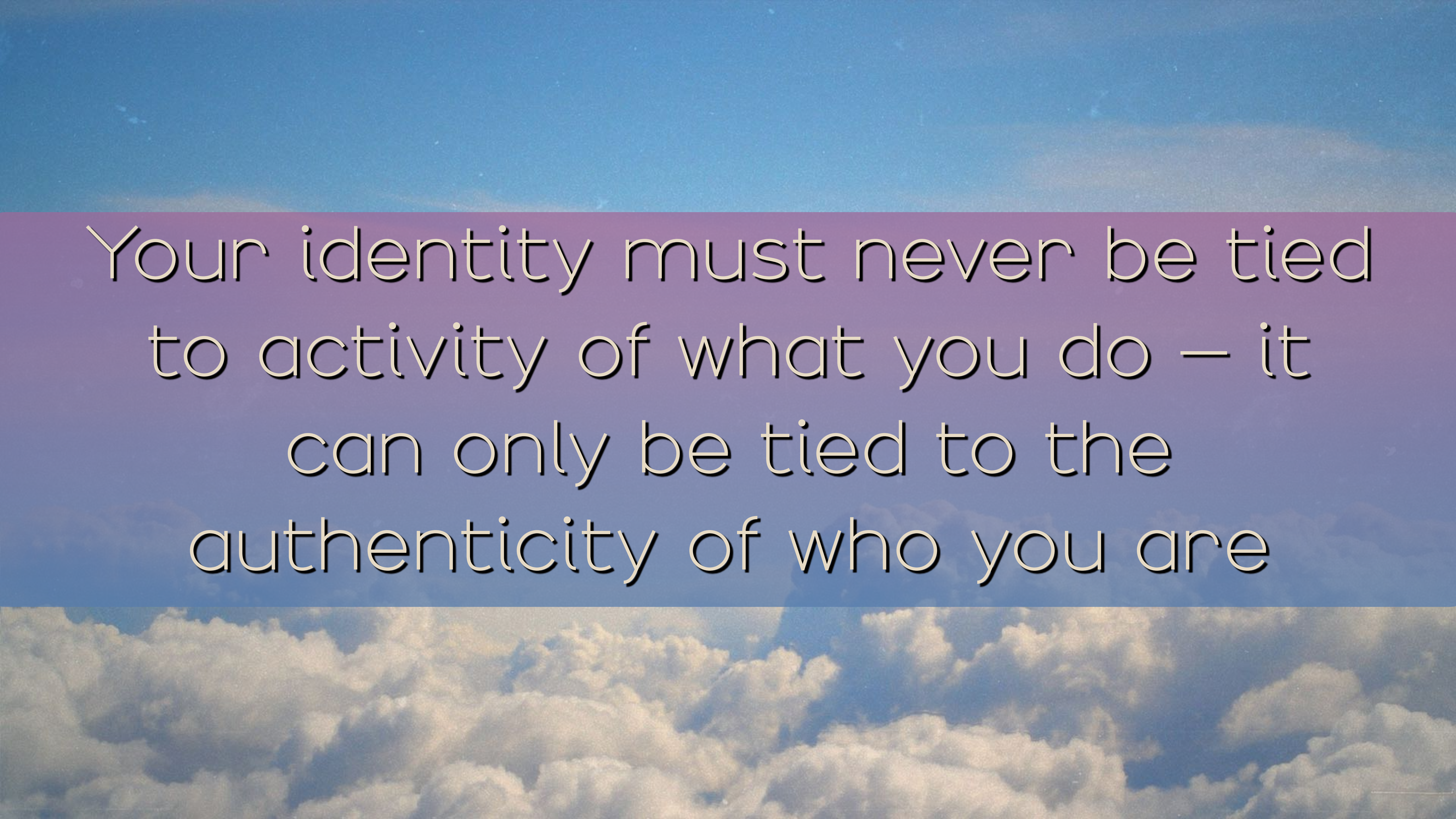
God never calls you to an assignment without also providing the anointing to accomplish it

Matthew 3:17

And lo a voice from heaven,
saying, This is my beloved
son, in whom I am well
pleased.

Principle 3:

An Open Heaven Validates
Your Identity



Your identity must never be tied
to activity of what you do – it
can only be tied to the
authenticity of who you are

1 John 3:1

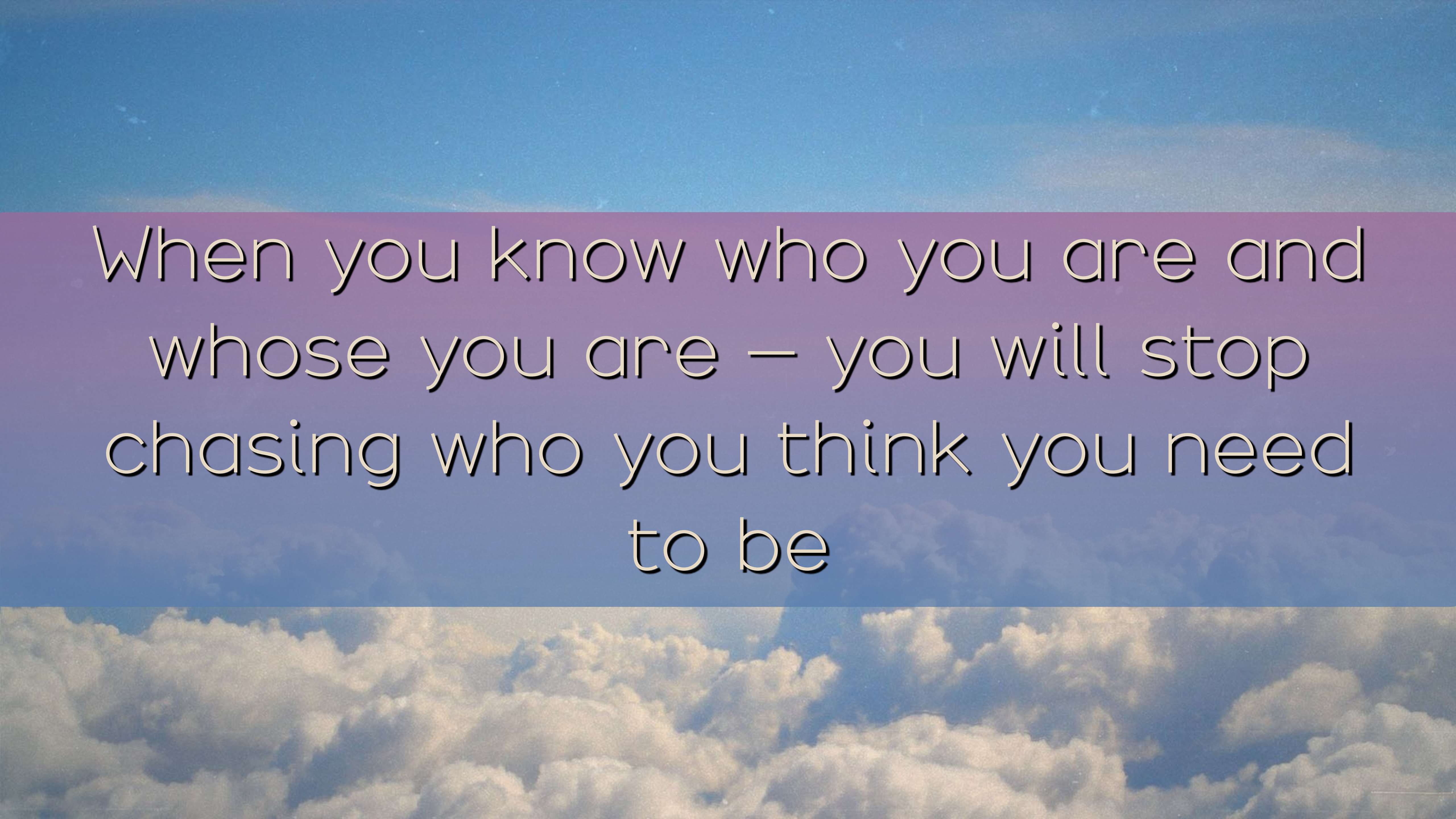
Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not

Romans 8:15

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15

...whereby we cry, Abba,
Father.



When you know who you are and
whose you are – you will stop
chasing who you think you need
to be

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