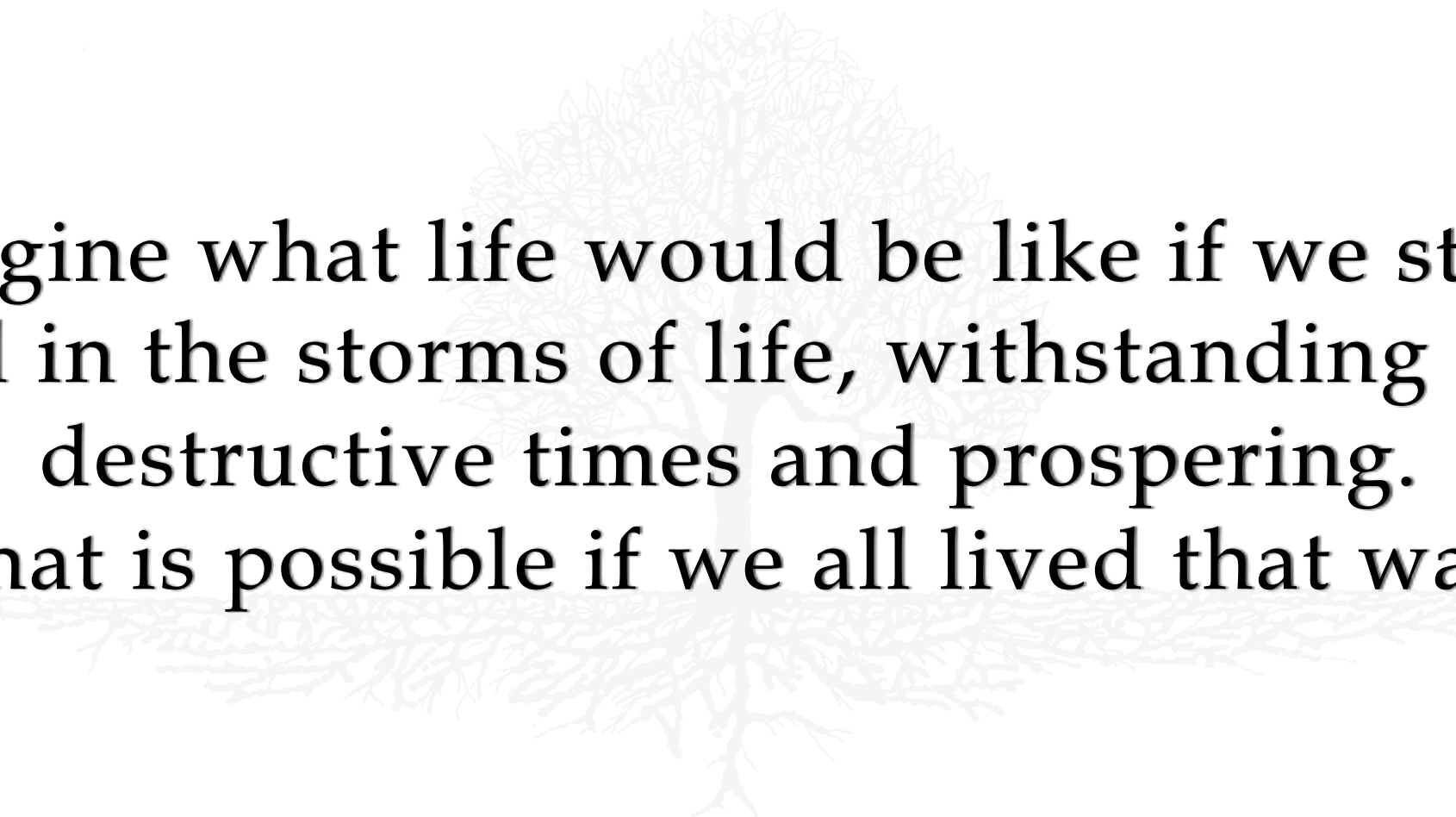


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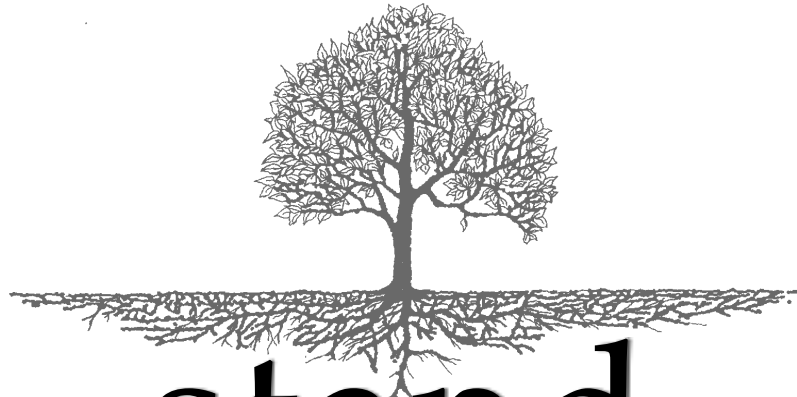
a life of character. a life of power.



Imagine what life would be like if we stood
tall in the storms of life, withstanding the
destructive times and prospering.
What is possible if we all lived that way?

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standing tall for
the long haul

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Purpose

- ★ I want us to live a life filled with deep joy and a fulfilling purpose.
- ★ I want us to be a family of healthy families known for integrity and strong character.
- ★ I want us to be a family of empowered families that supernaturally demonstrates the power of God by destroying the work of the devil and doing good.

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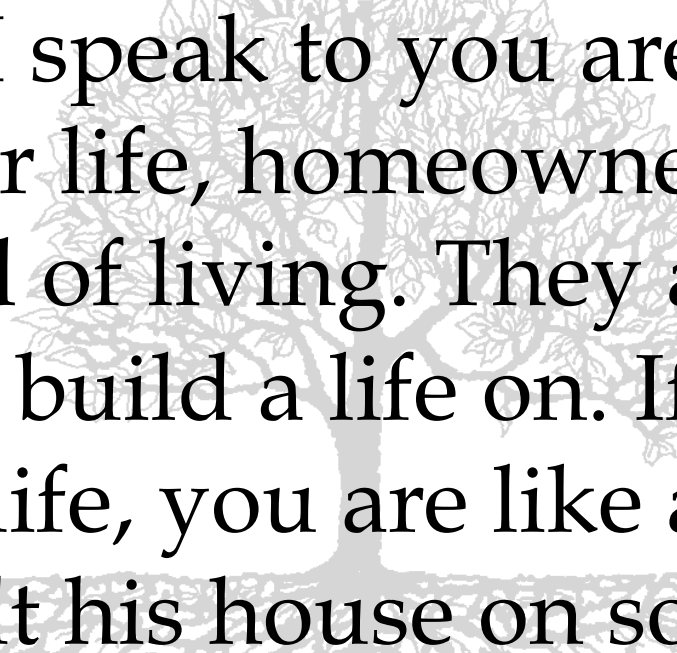
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Goal

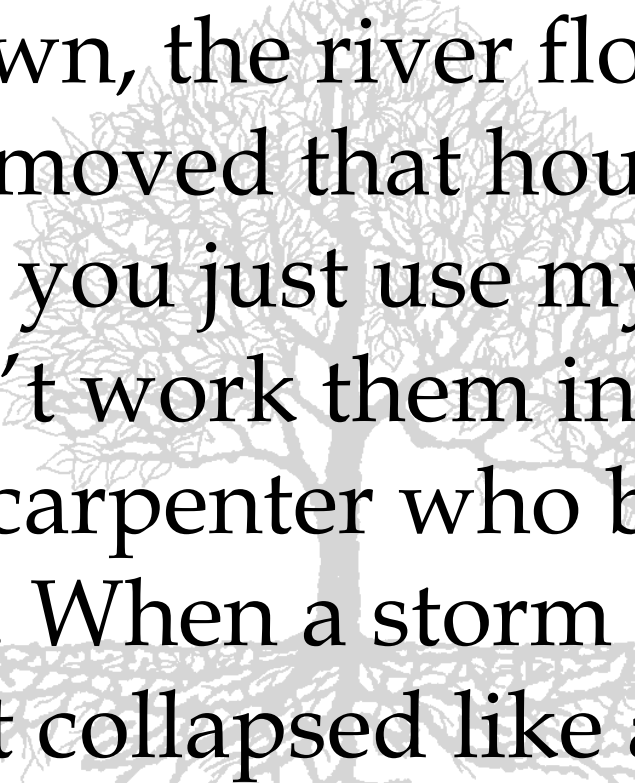
- ★ To understand character and it's process of development so we are carriers of hope, standing joyfully and triumphantly in any situation. (*Ephesians 6:10-14, Romans 5:3-5, Colossians 4:12*)
- ★ I want us partnering with God, by taking risks and believing God will demonstrate His goodness with supernatural power. (*Acts 1:8*)

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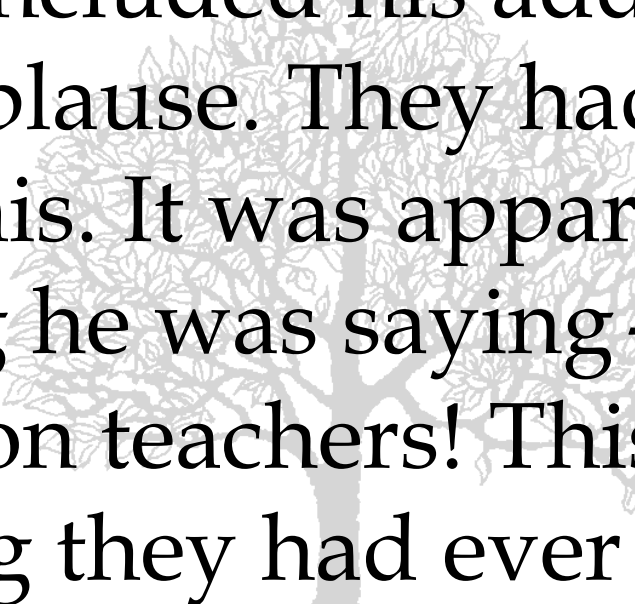
“These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock.

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Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit – but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. “But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don’t work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards.”

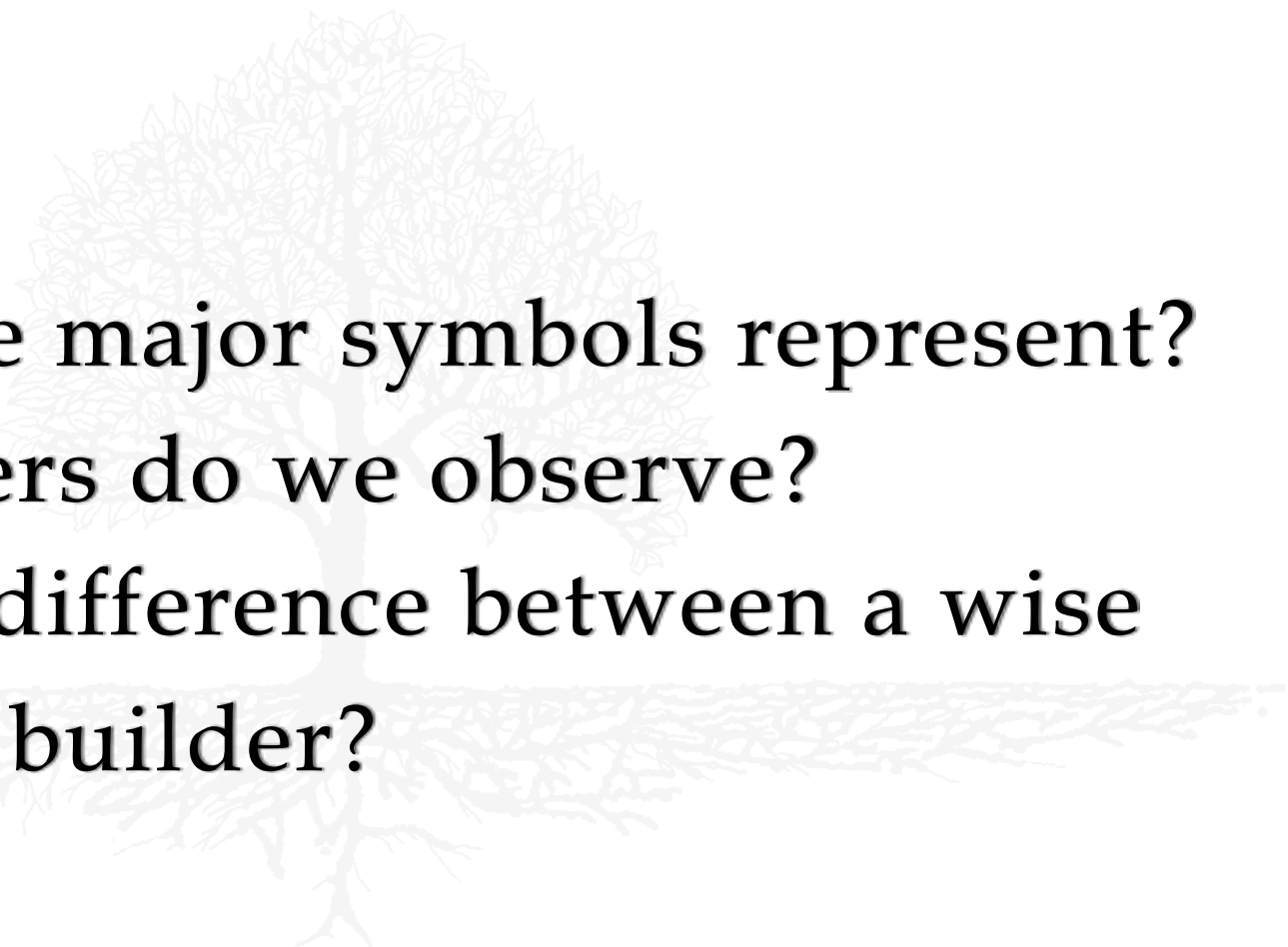
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When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying – quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.”

Matthew 7:24-29 *The Message*

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1. What do the major symbols represent?
 2. What dangers do we observe?
 3. What's the difference between a wise and foolish builder?

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1. What do the major symbols represent?

- a. Jesus & his teaching.*
- b. Everyone / wise or foolish builder*
- c. The House*
- d. Building*
- e. The Rock*
- f. Storms*

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2. What dangers do we observe?

- a. A house on the rock is not built overnight.*
- b. A house on sand will not immediately fall down.*
- c. Times of trials are going to come.*

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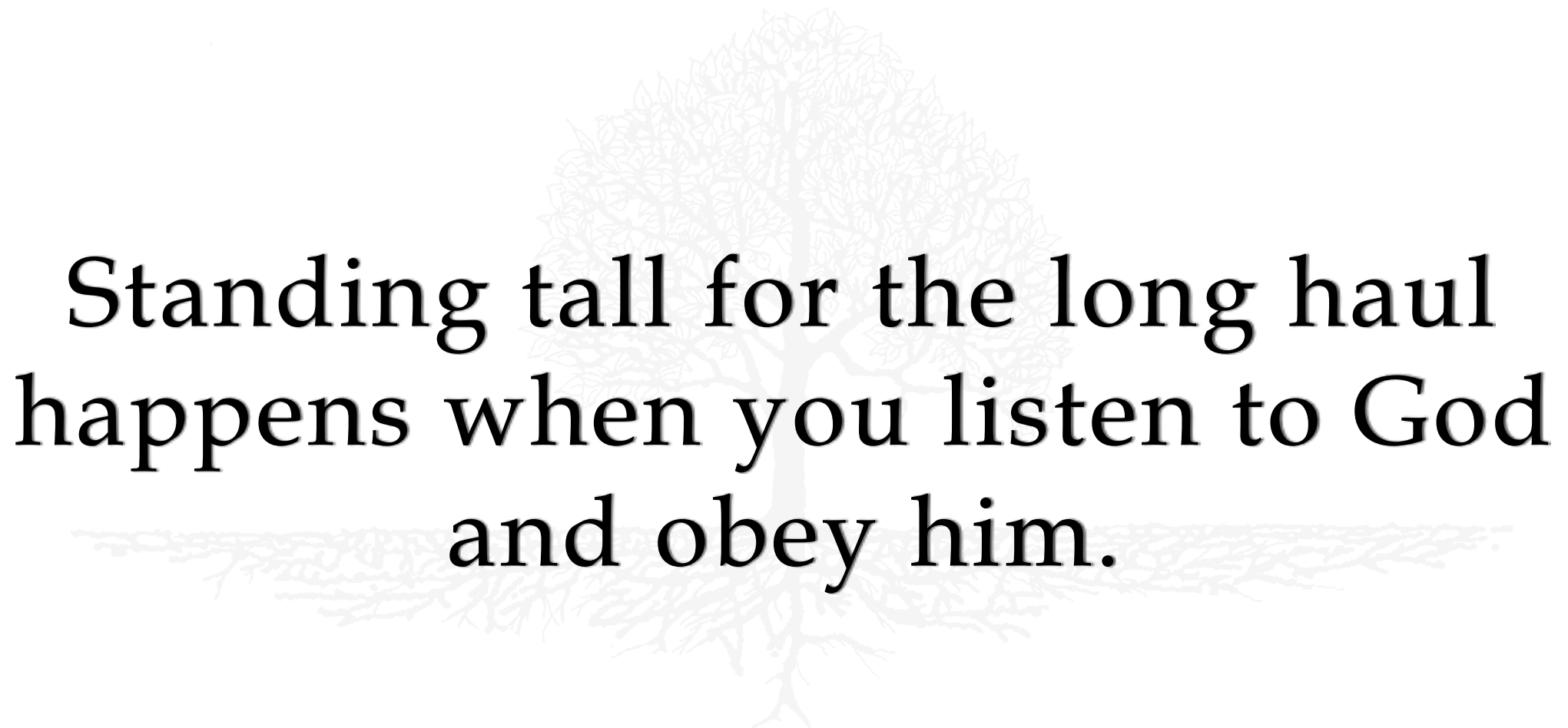
3. What's the difference between the wise and foolish builder?

a. The foolish builder listens to Jesus.

*b. The wise builder listens to Jesus **AND** obeys him.*

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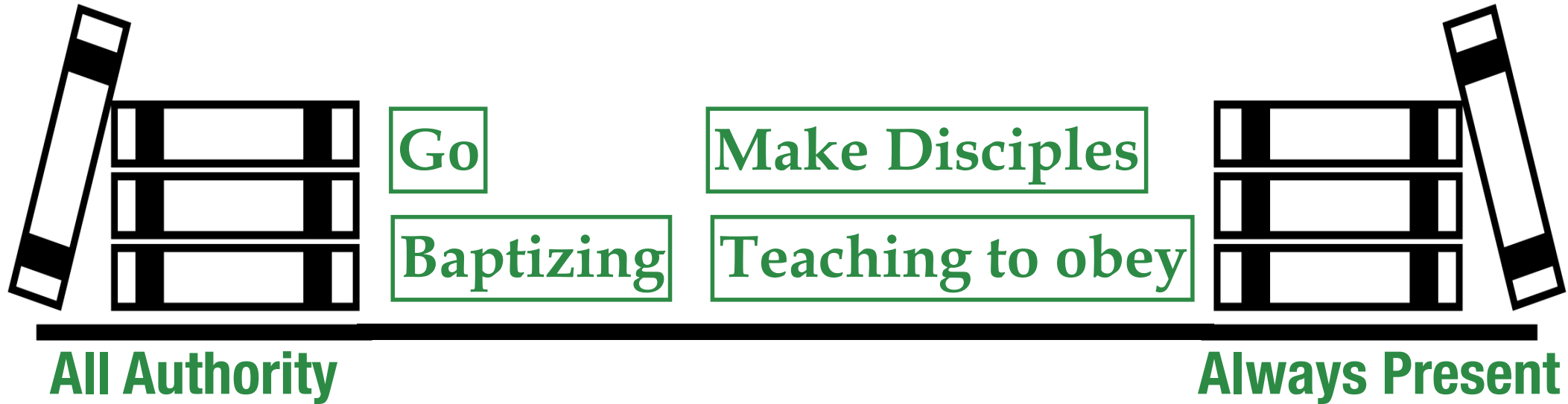


Standing tall for the long haul
happens when you listen to God
and obey him.

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Matthew 28:18-20



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What do we do?

- 1. Ask Holy Spirit to search & diagnose your foundation.**
- 2. Build your foundation by giving God your “YES.”**
- 3. Strengthen your foundation through healing, wholeness and equipping.**
- 4. Be engaged & consistent in a Peer-to-Peer discipling relationship**