

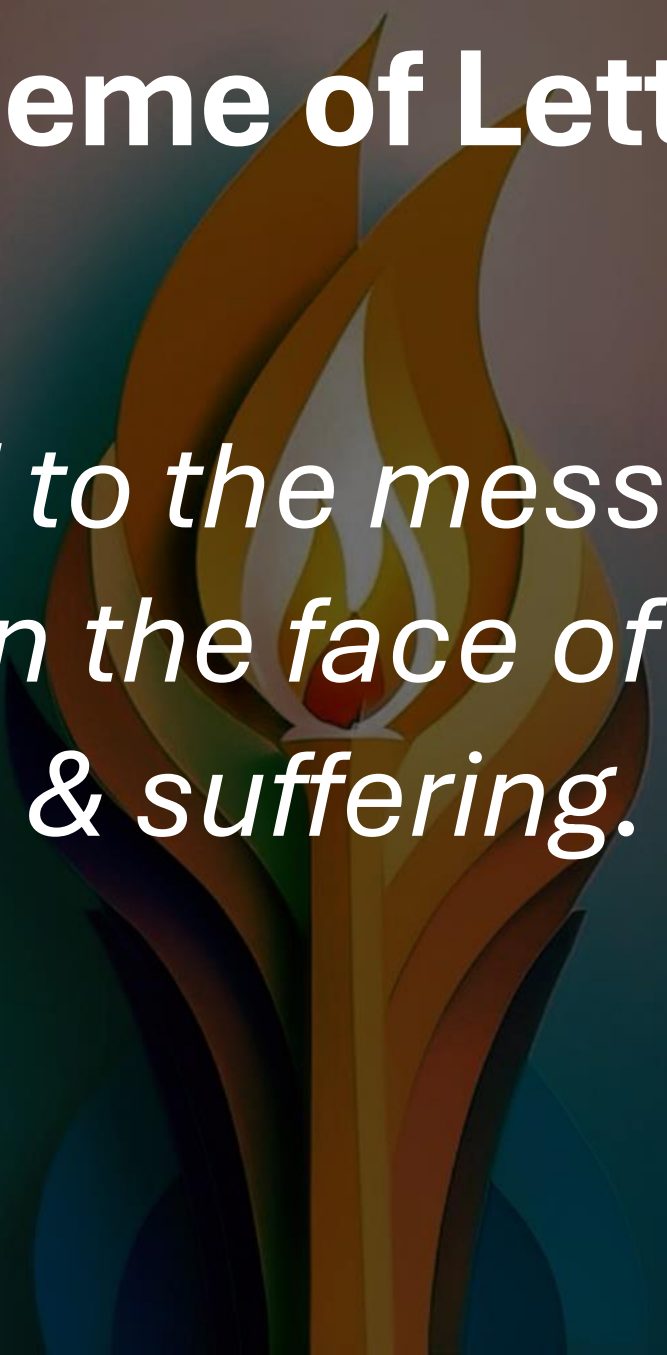


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2 Timothy

Theme of Letter

*To be devoted to the message & mission
of the gospel in the face of false teaching
& suffering.*



Overview

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Call to
SUFFER for
the Gospel

2

Call to
ENDURE for
the Gospel

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Call to be
STRENGTHENED
by the
Gospel

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Call to
PREACH the
Gospel



2 Timothy 2:14-19

Week 7: Stay on Target

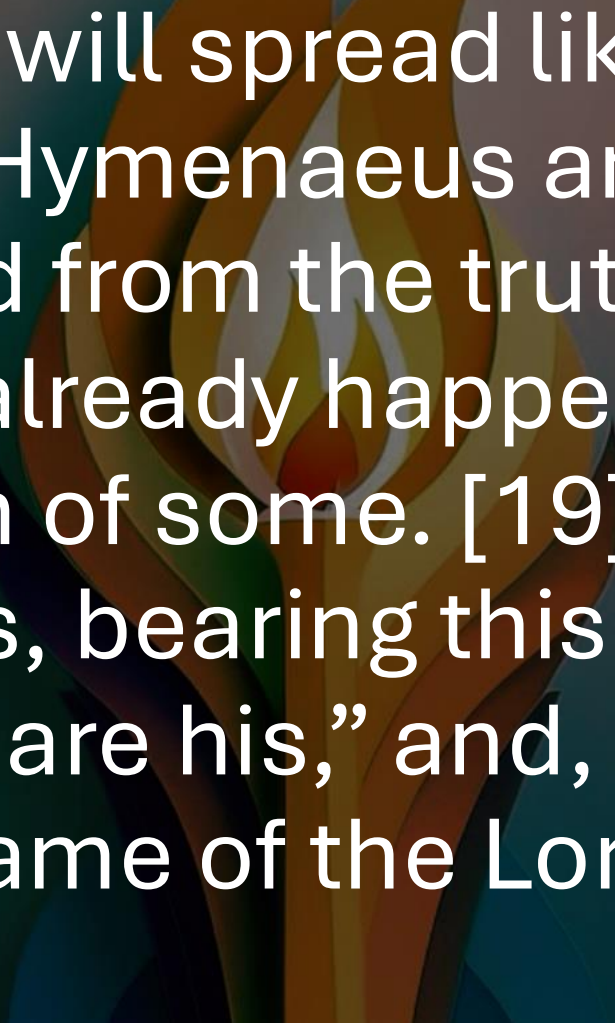
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The Big Idea



*Don't be distracted by side issues
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Threat: False Teaching

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure **fierce wolves will come in among you**, not sparing the flock; and from **among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.**

(Acts 20:28-30 ESV)

Threat: False Teaching

As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may **charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine**, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

(1 Timothy 1:3-4 ESV)

Threat: False Teaching

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, **he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.** He has an **unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people** who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. (1 Timothy 6:3-5 ESV)




*How should Timothy deal with
the present threat of false
teaching?*

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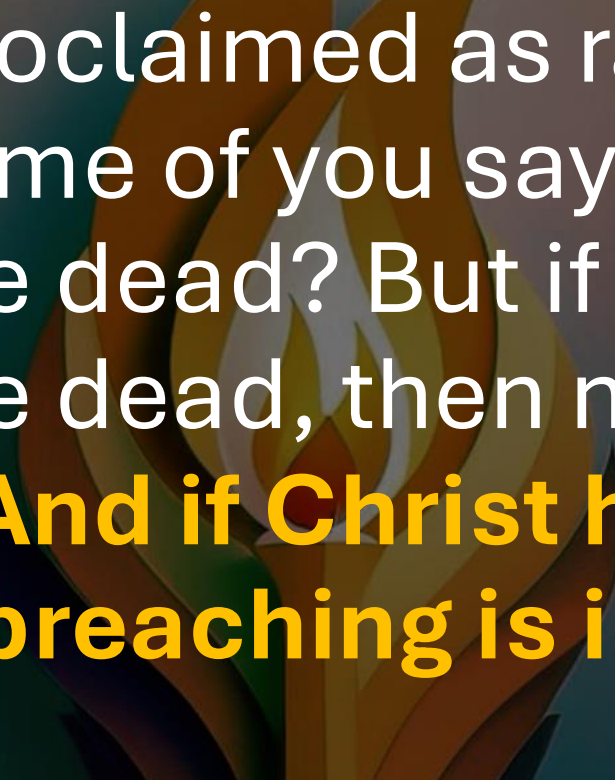
4. Spreads like gangrene ~ false teaching is like a contagious disease
5. Disrupt people's faith ~ words of truth promote faith (Rom. 10:17), but falsehood "flips the table" on people's faith ("upset" same word to describe Jesus flipping tables in the temple in John 2).

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1 Corinthians 15:12-14

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. **And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.**



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*What core biblical doctrines are
under attack today & why?*

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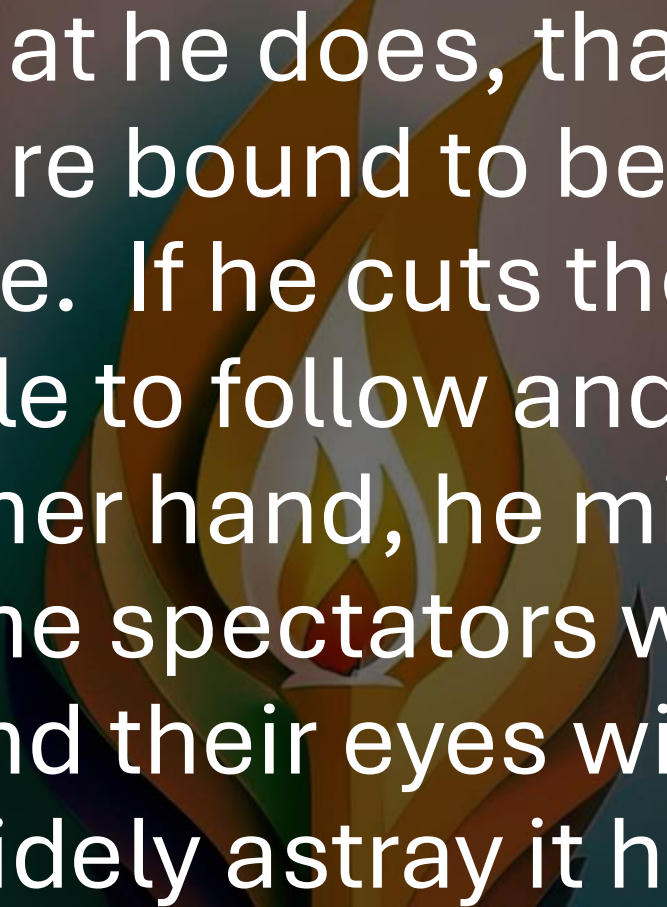
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“As a result of what he does, that is, how he teaches, others are bound to be affected, for better or for worse. If he cuts the road straight, people will be able to follow and so keep in the way. If, on the other hand, he misses the mark, the attention of the spectators will be distracted from the target and their eyes will follow the arrow however widely astray it has gone.”

(Stott, *BST: 2 Timothy*, pg. 68-69)

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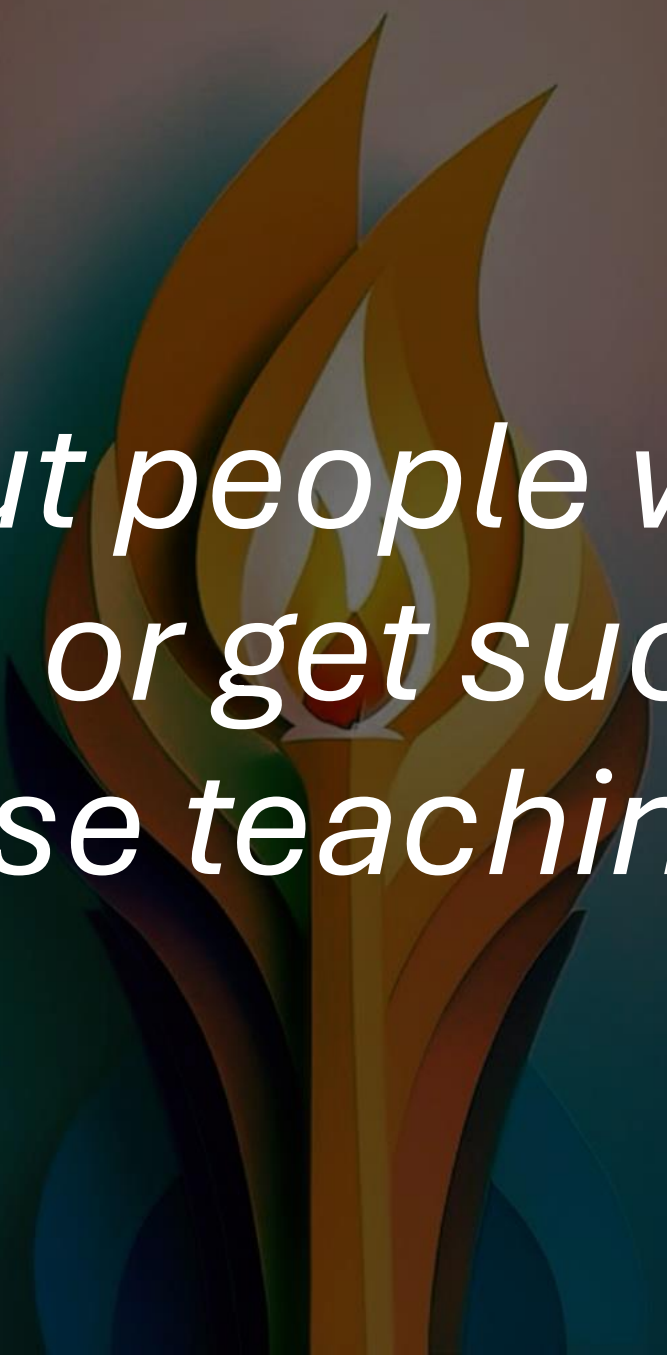
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3. Teach truth like God is watching ~ Timothy’s “work” is to be a communicator of God’s word to God’s people for God’s glory. So God’s opinion matters most.



*What about people who refuse
to listen, or get sucked into
false teaching?*

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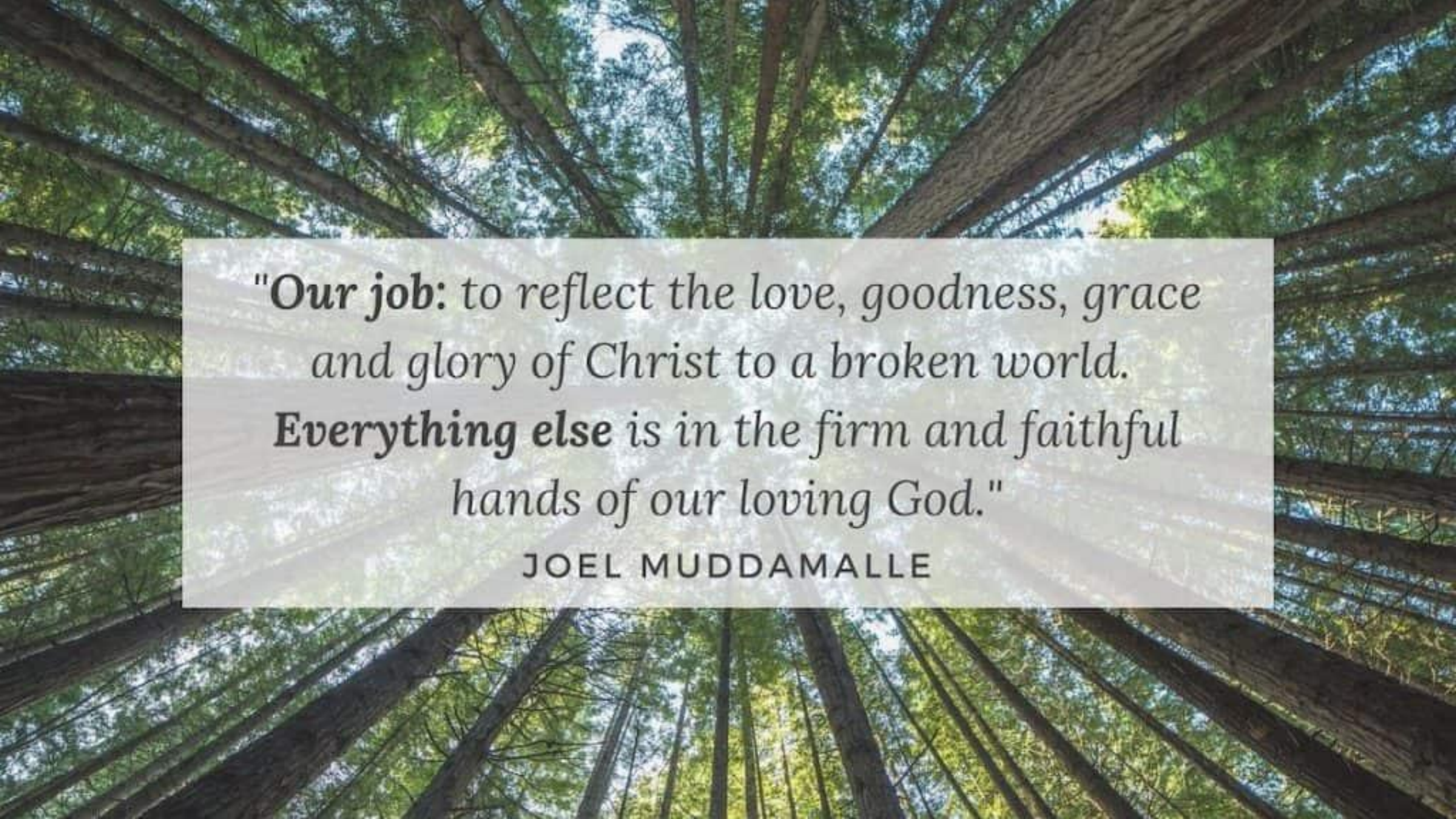
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Korah's Rebellion

When Moses heard it, he fell on his face, and he said to Korah and all his company, “In the morning **the LORD will show who is his**, and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he chooses he will bring near to him.

(Numbers 16:4–5 ESV)



"Our job: to reflect the love, goodness, grace
and glory of Christ to a broken world.
Everything else is in the firm and faithful
hands of our loving God."

JOEL MUDDAMALLE

The Big Idea



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Key Takeaways



- Recognize the spiritual dangers of lies and distortions to the truth
- Refuse to get sucked into pointless debates
- Read the Bible like your life depends upon it
- Rest in God's sovereignty over the people and things you cannot control



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