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MAKE IT COUNT

BE THE DIFFERENCE-MAKER

***Friends don't let friends
live without Jesus.***





STEP ONE **IDENTIFY**

Take some time to identify 3 people you know who are far from God and commit to praying for them regularly.

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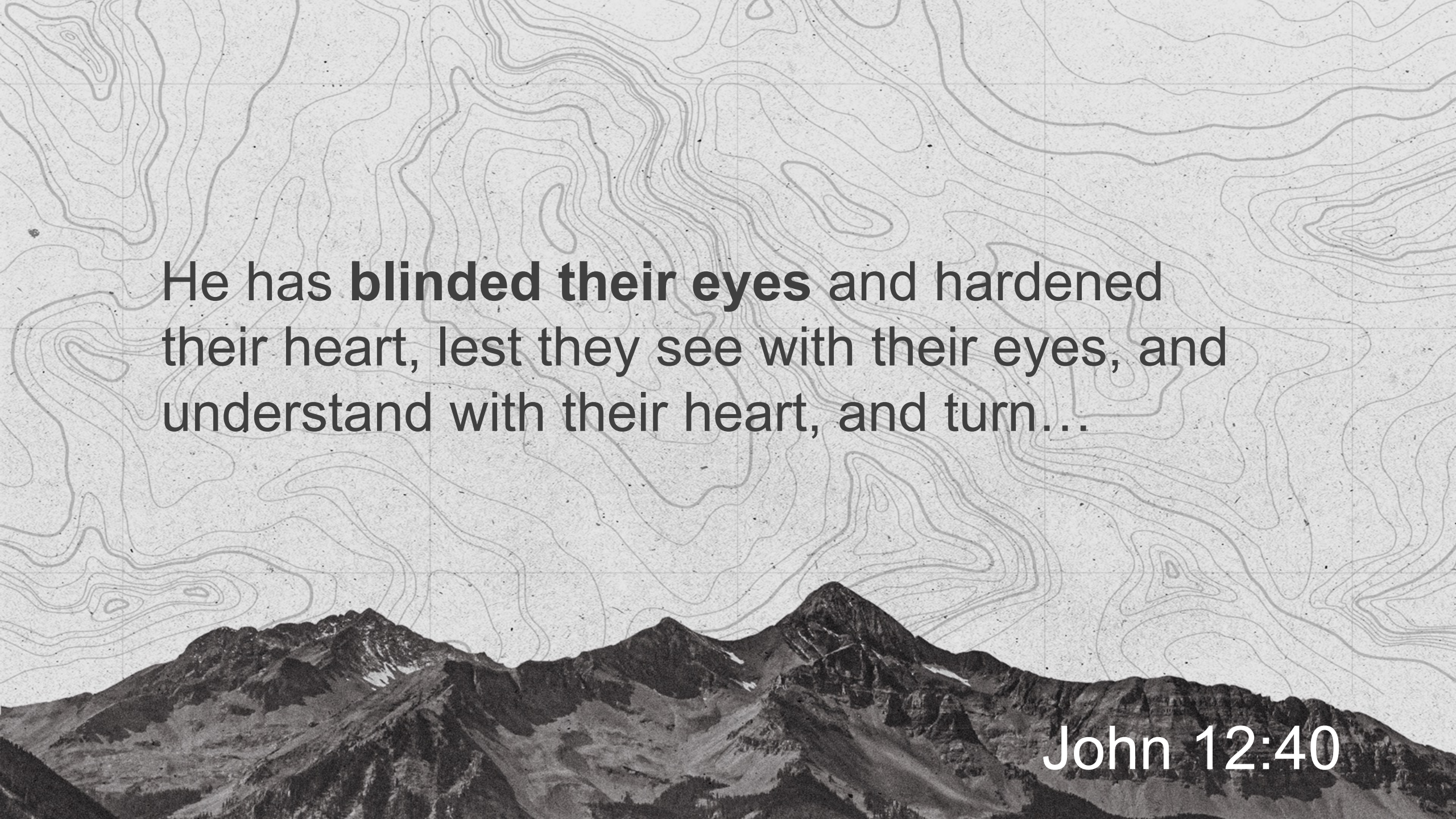
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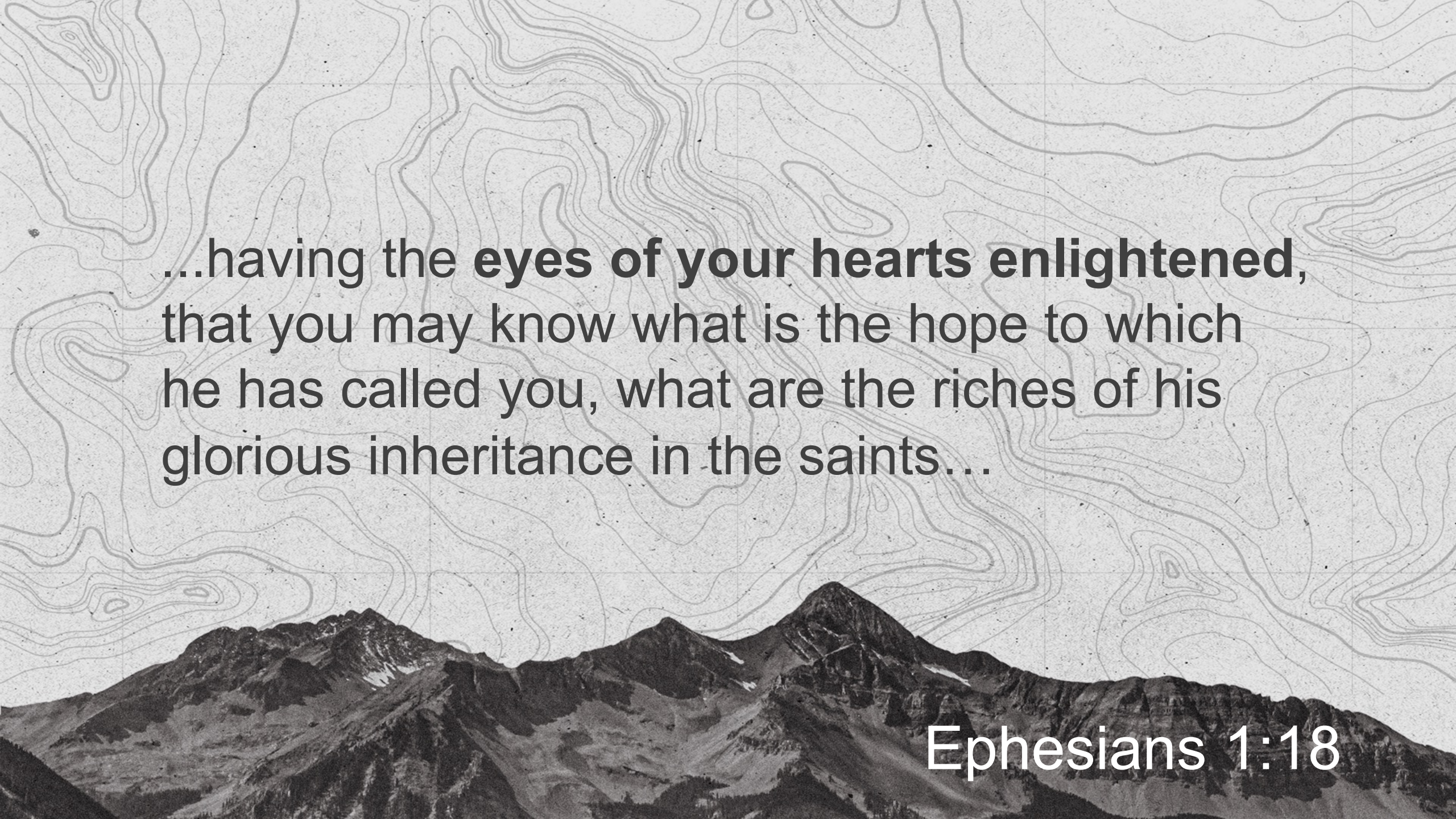
Pray...

- ***that their eyes would be opened***

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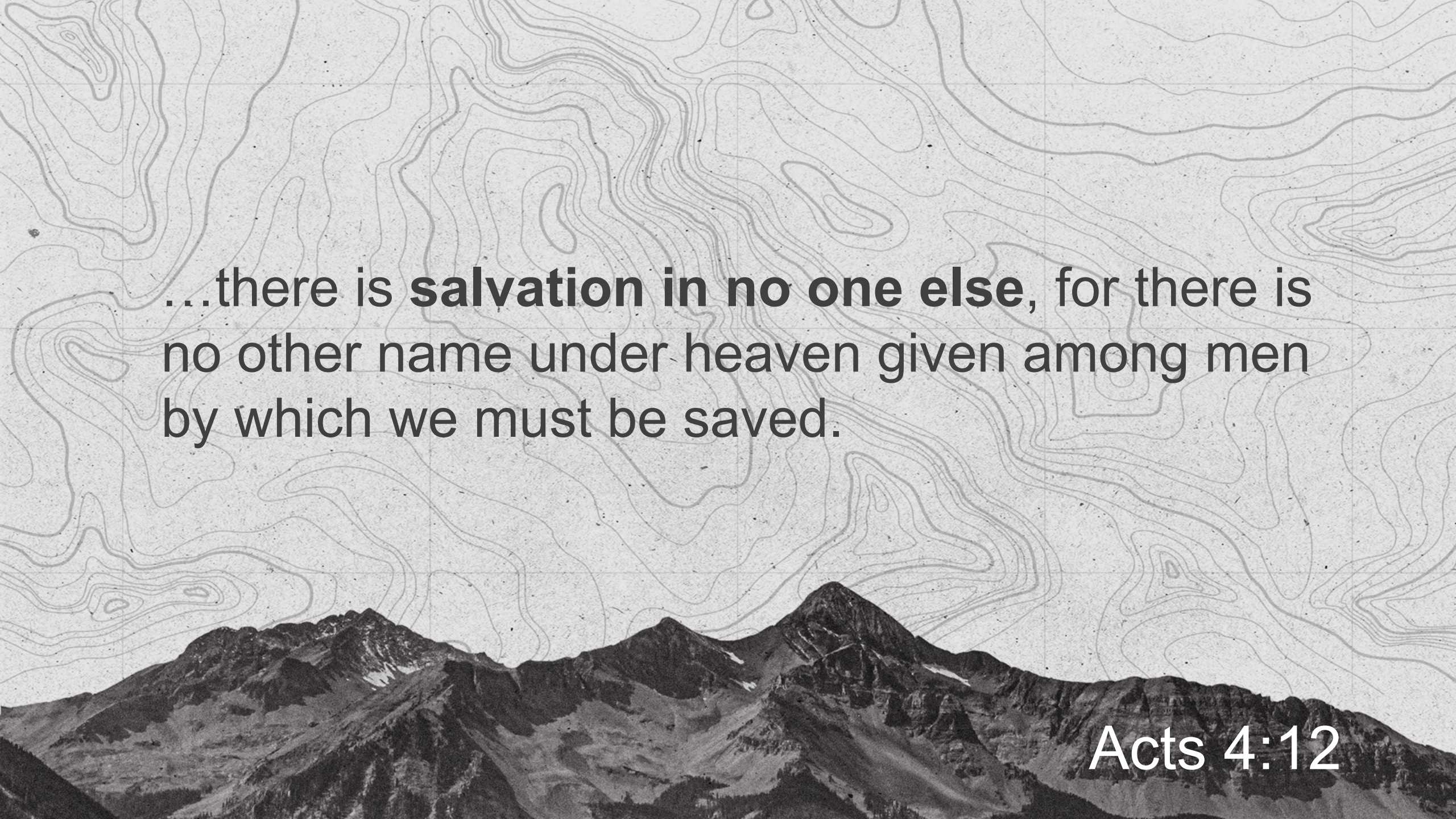
He has **blinded their eyes** and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn...

John 12:40

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...having the **eyes of your hearts enlightened**,
that you may know what is the hope to which
he has called you, what are the riches of his
glorious inheritance in the saints...

Ephesians 1:18

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...there is **salvation in no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

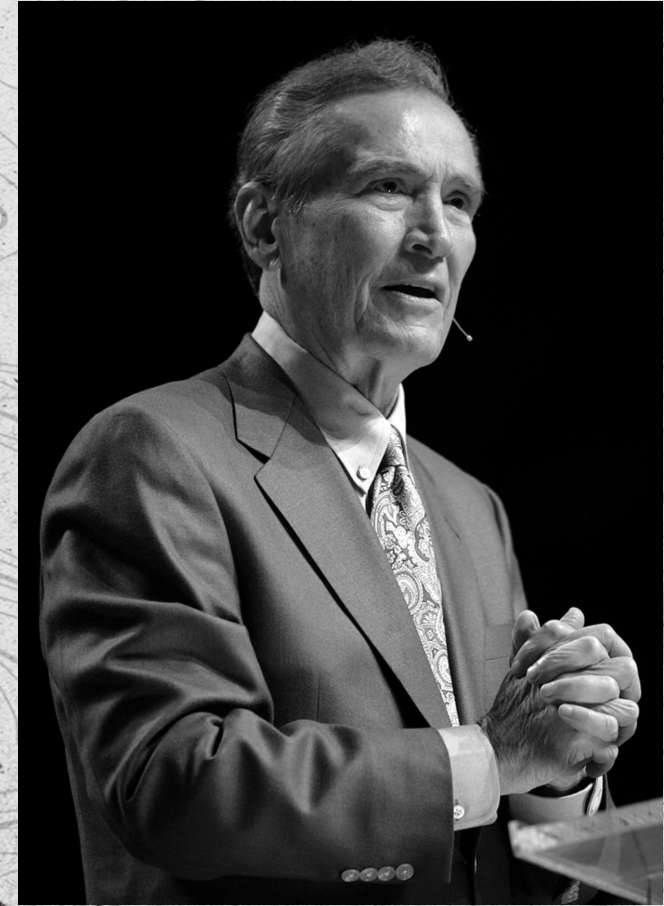
Acts 4:12

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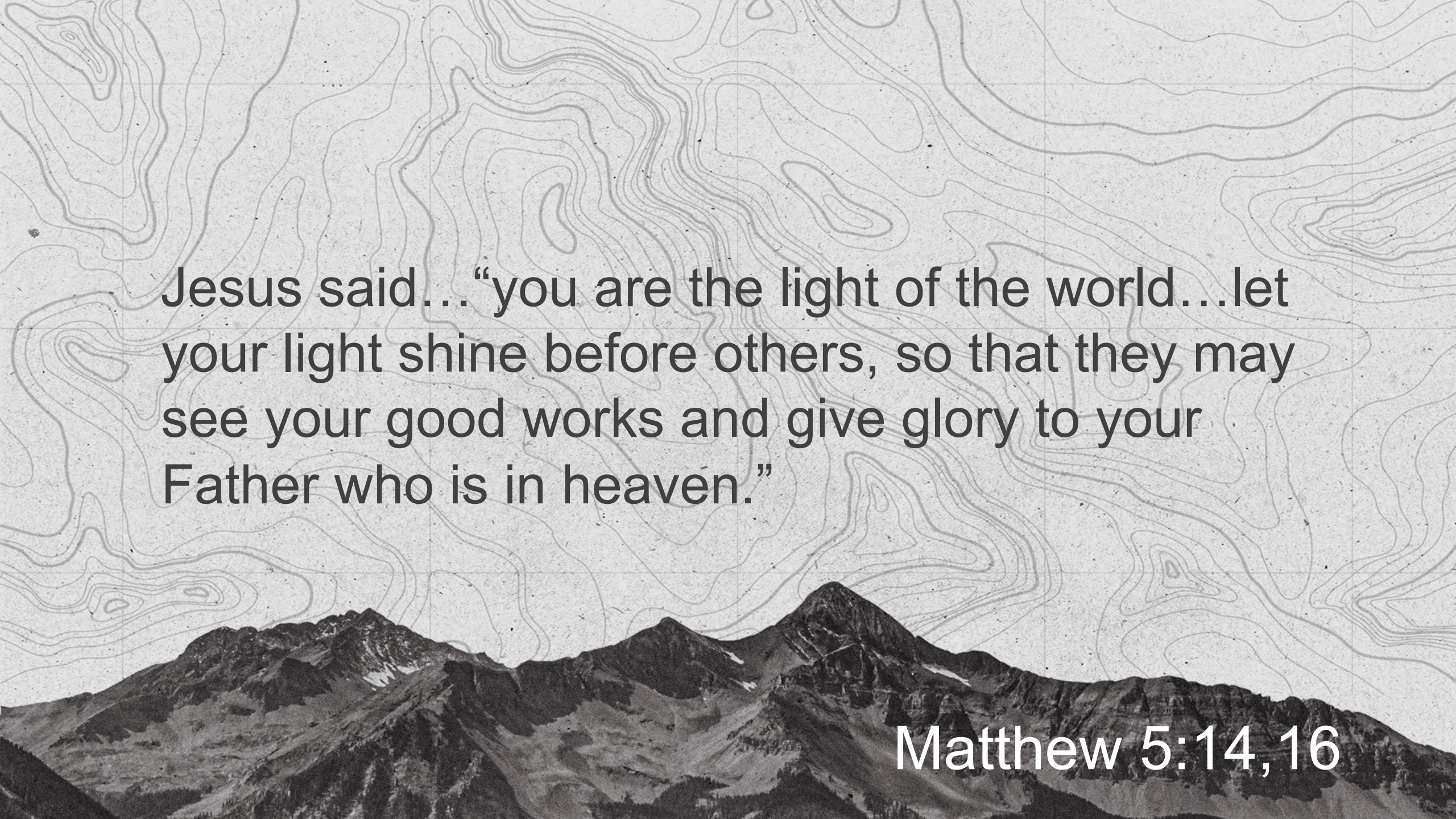
- *that their eyes would be opened*
- ***that they see, sense, and hear Jesus in me.***



“The greatest argument
for Jesus and the
greatest argument
against Jesus is the life
of a Christian.”



Adrian Rogers

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Jesus said... “you are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14,16

Luke 5:27-32



Life Principle

Jesus didn't let a man's past stand in the way of his future.



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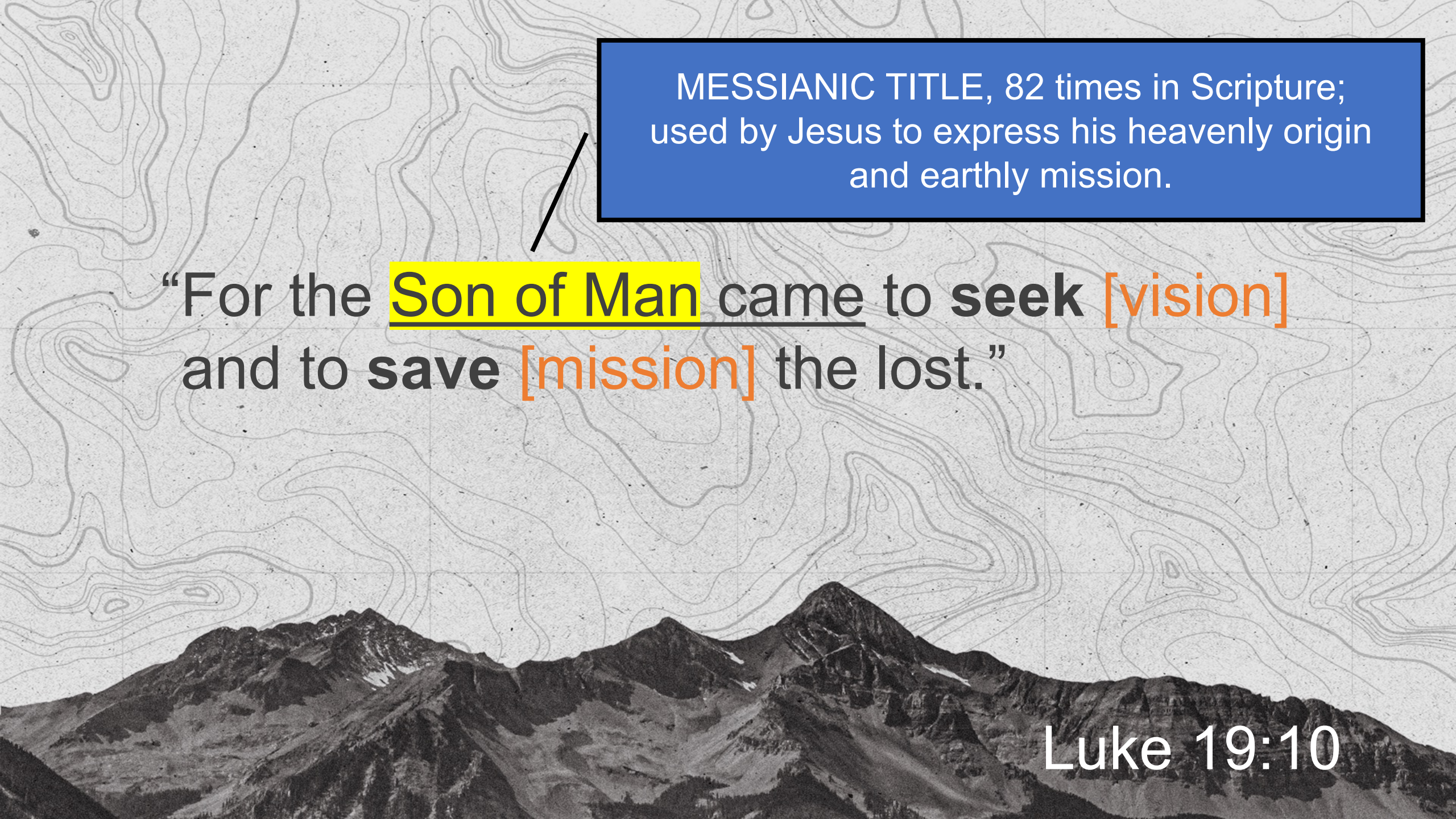
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Luke 19:10

Jesus is the **“Son of man”**

*Messianic title used by Jesus to express his
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ἔρχομαι – *erchomai*
used only three times

Luke 19:10

• Identify

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– Luke 19:10



• Identify

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– Luke 19:10

• Invite

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,
‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard,
a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ ...”

– Matthew 11:19



THREE QUALITIES OF THE INVITATIONS EVERYONE NEEDS

The invitation to Jesus needs to be

1) CLEAR

“follow me”



Life Principle

Jesus accepts us as we are, but he loves us enough not to leave us there.



After this he **went out** and **saw** a **tax collector** named Levi sitting at the tax booth. And he **said to him...**

Luke 5:27

“Jesus is not calling
these disciples because
of who they are, but *in
spite* of who they are.”



David Platt

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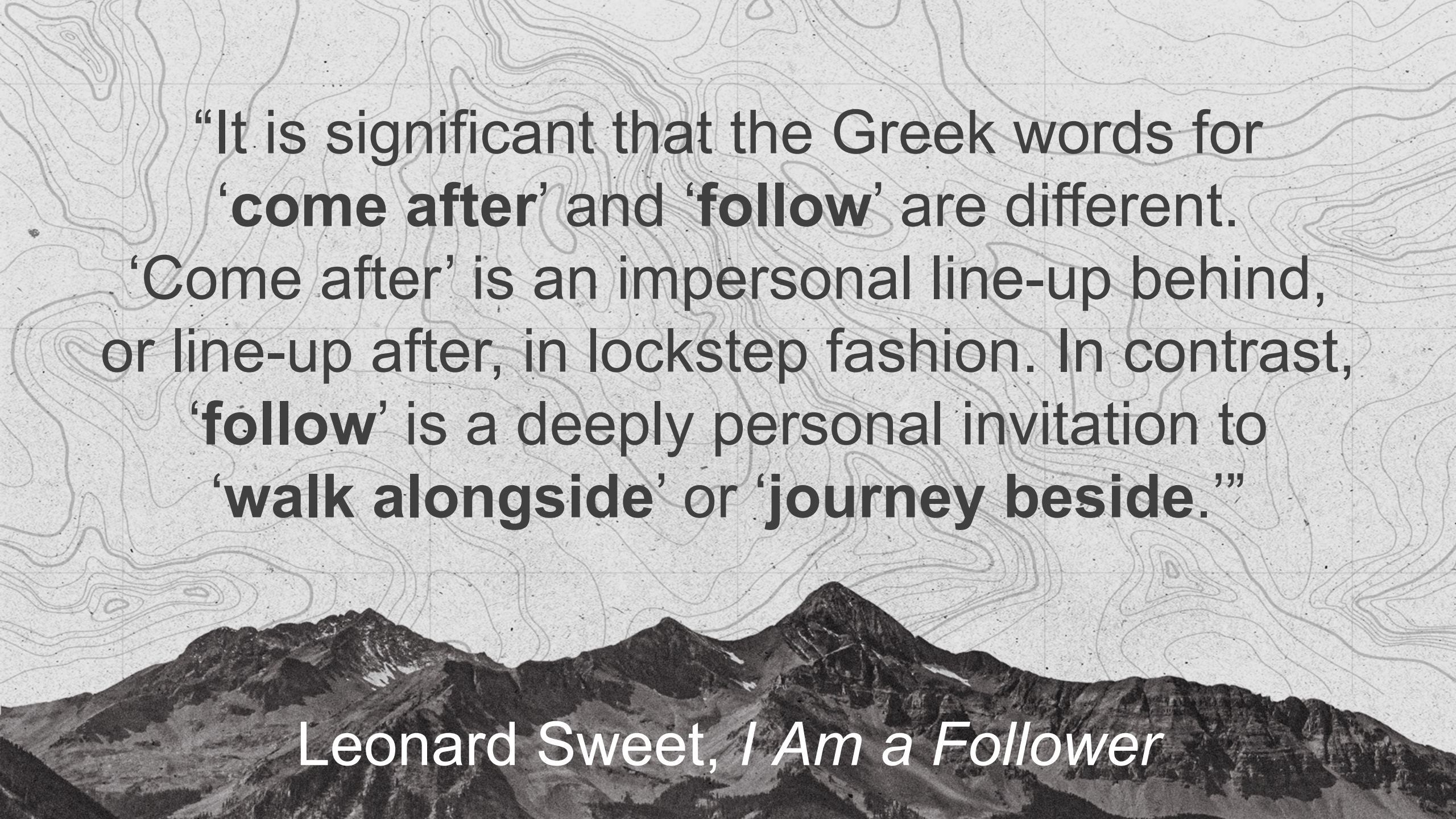
[21 times in the Gospels]



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Clarifying Question:

What is being asked of me?

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“It is significant that the Greek words for
‘come after’ and **‘follow’** are different.
‘Come after’ is an impersonal line-up behind,
or line-up after, in lockstep fashion. In contrast,
‘follow’ is a deeply personal invitation to
‘walk alongside’ or **‘journey beside.’”**

Leonard Sweet, *I Am a Follower*

You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you... – John 15:16



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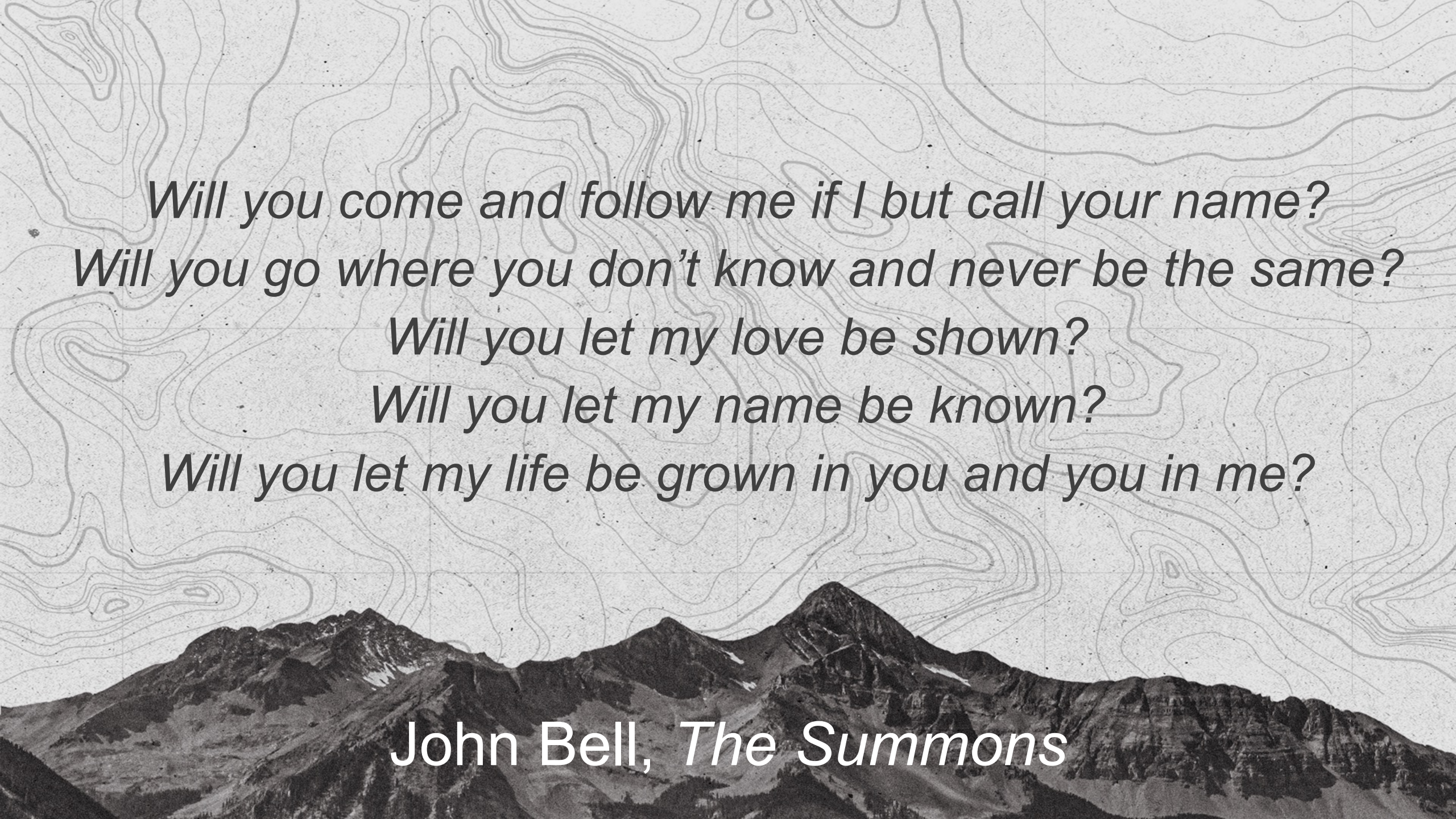
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You cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own. – Luke 14:33 (NLT)



If you are leading, you are not following;
If you are following, you are not leading.





*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

John Bell, *The Summons*

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And leaving everything, he rose and
followed him.

Luke 5:28

THREE QUALITIES OF THE INVITATIONS EVERYONE NEEDS

The invitation to Jesus needs to be

1) CLEAR

2) BARRIER BREAKER



And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰ And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Luke 5:29-30

Clarifying Question:
Who is welcomed?



Eats with the “WORST”

Why do you eat and drink with such scum? – v. 30 (NLT)



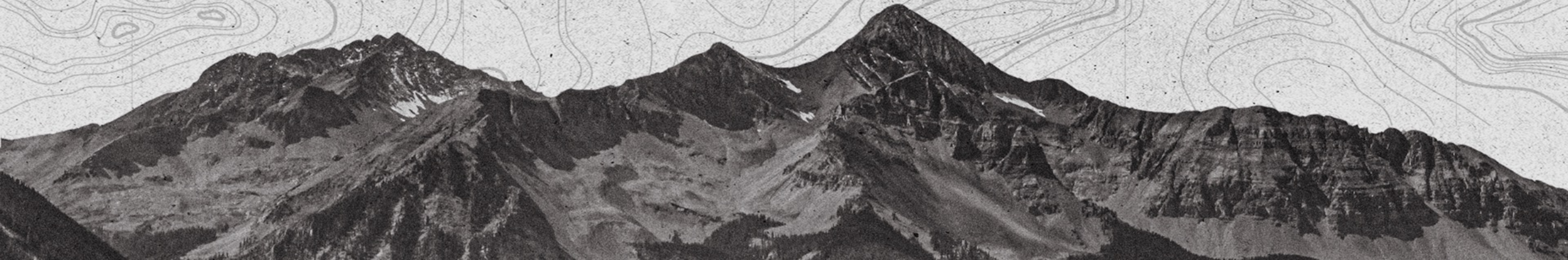
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Eats with the “BEST”

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table....

– Luke 7:36



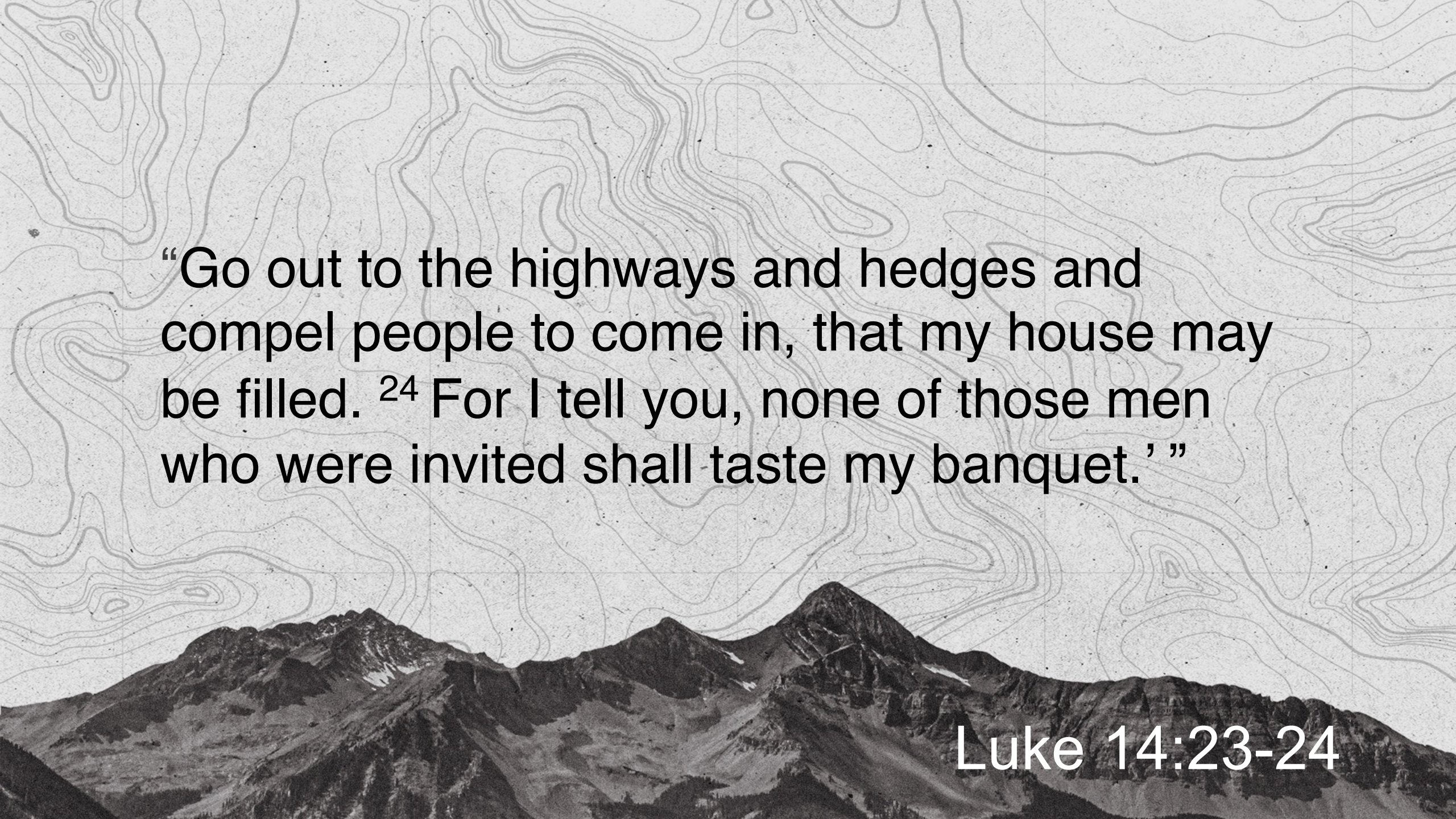
- Luke 5: We see Jesus eating with Levi and a bunch of tax collectors.
- Luke 7: Jesus is anointed at the home of Simon the Pharisee during a meal.
- Luke 9: Jesus feeds the five thousand.
- Luke 10: Jesus eats in the home of Martha and Mary.
- Luke 11: Jesus condemns the Pharisees and teachers of the law at a meal.
- Luke 14: Jesus is at a meal when he urges people to invite the poor to their meals rather than their friends.
- Luke 19: Jesus invites himself to dinner with Zacchaeus.
- Luke 22: we have the account of the Last Supper.
- Luke 24: the risen Christ has a meal with the two disciples in Emmaus, and then later eats fish with the disciples in Jerusalem.

Tim Chester, *A Meal with Jesus*

“Meals represent
‘boundary markers.’”



Mary Douglas, British Anthropologist

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“Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ ”

Luke 14:23-24



STEP TWO **INVITE**

Gospel conversations happen best in relationship. Invite someone into a safe space where you can begin to form a meaningful relationship. Here's a few ideas:

- **Invite them to go grab coffee or a meal**
- **Have them over for a game or dinner at your home**
- **Find a shared hobby and participate together**
- **Host a neighborhood cookout with your small group**

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The invitation to Jesus needs to be

1) CLEAR

2) BARRIER BREAKER

3) RESTORATIVE



Clarifying Question:

How does Jesus restore?



“For God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is **not condemned**, but whoever does not believe is **condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

John 3:17-18

GRACE POINT CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

**We
are**

...an authentic church
for those who have given up
on the church but have
not given up on God

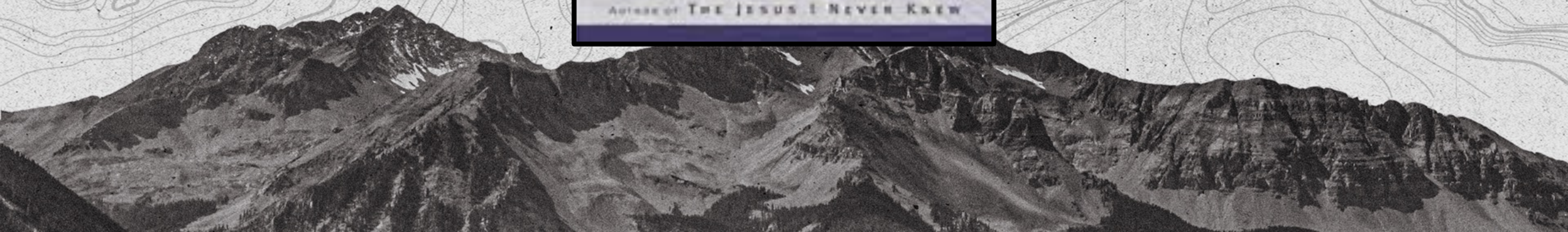


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Author of THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW



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