

A SERIES IN

EPHESIANS



OUR IDENTITY, CALLING, & CONDUCT
TOGETHER IN CHRIST





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DON'T LOSE HEART

Ephesians 3:1–13





**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON**



DON'T LOSE HEART

#1 | The Paradox of Ministry

#2 | The Paradigm of Ministry

#3 | The Purpose of Ministry





#1 | The Paradox of Ministry

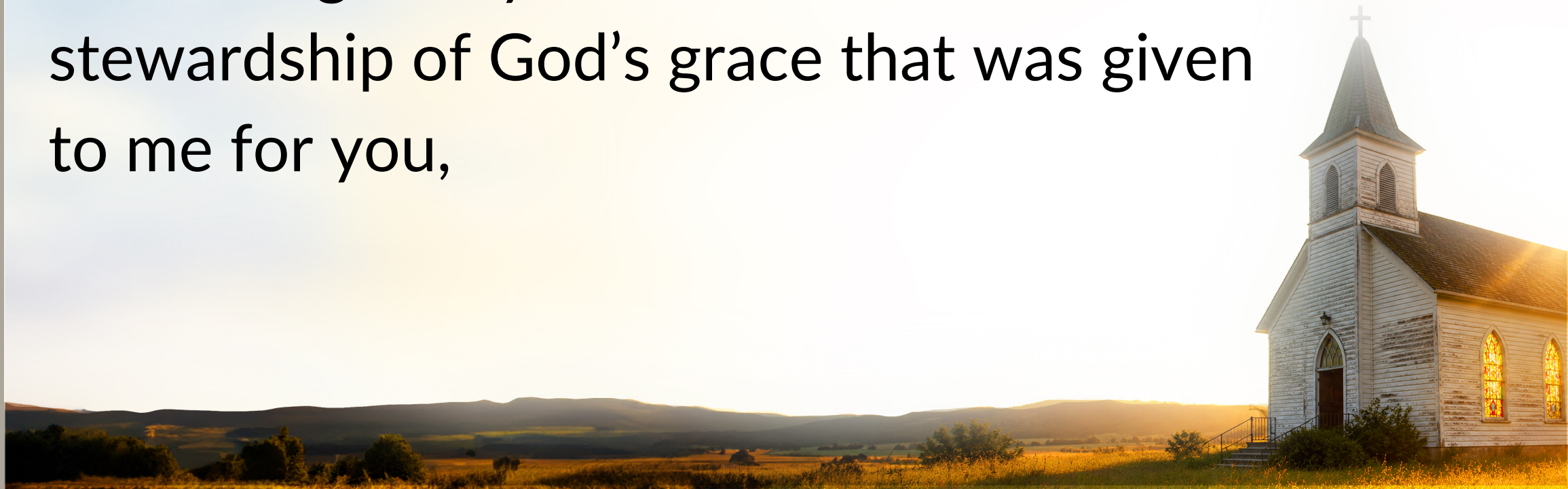
Ephesians 3:1–7





¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

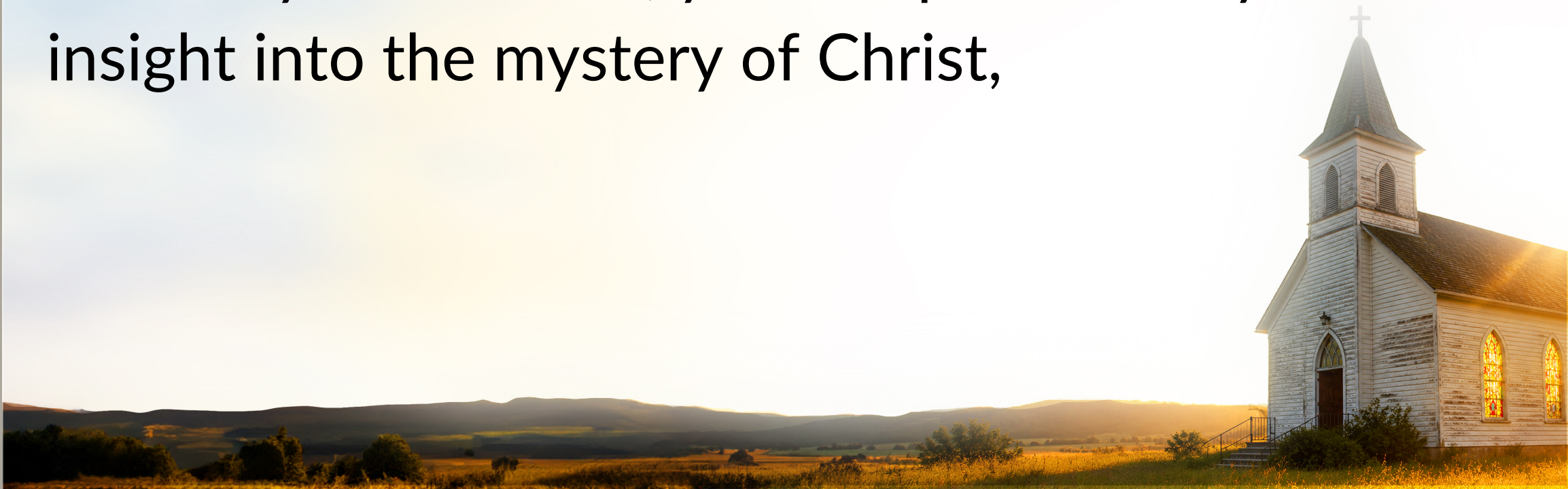
² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,





³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.

⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,





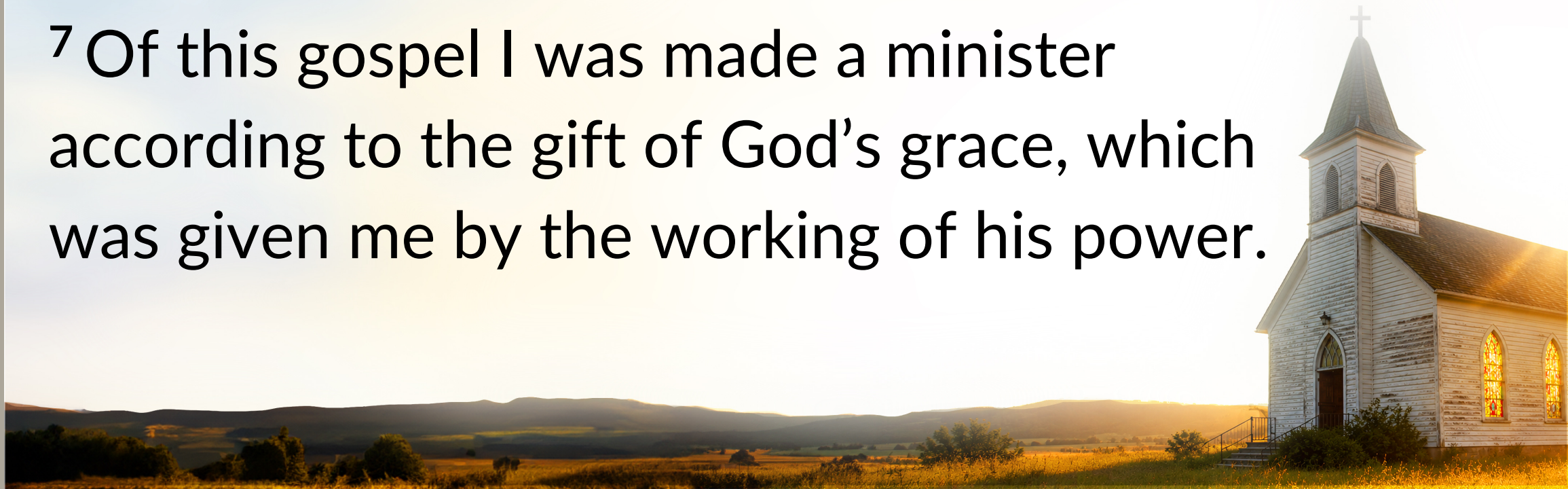
⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.





⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

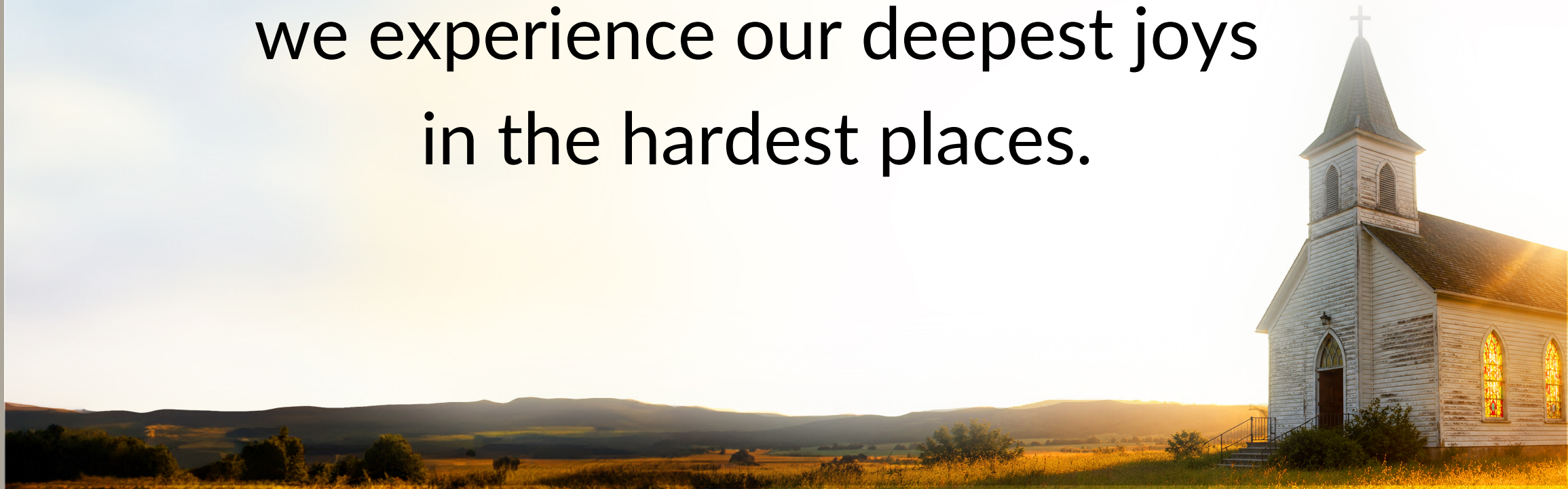
⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.





PARADOX

The Paradox of Ministry is that
we experience our deepest joys
in the hardest places.





#1 | The Paradox of Ministry

Ephesians 3:1–7





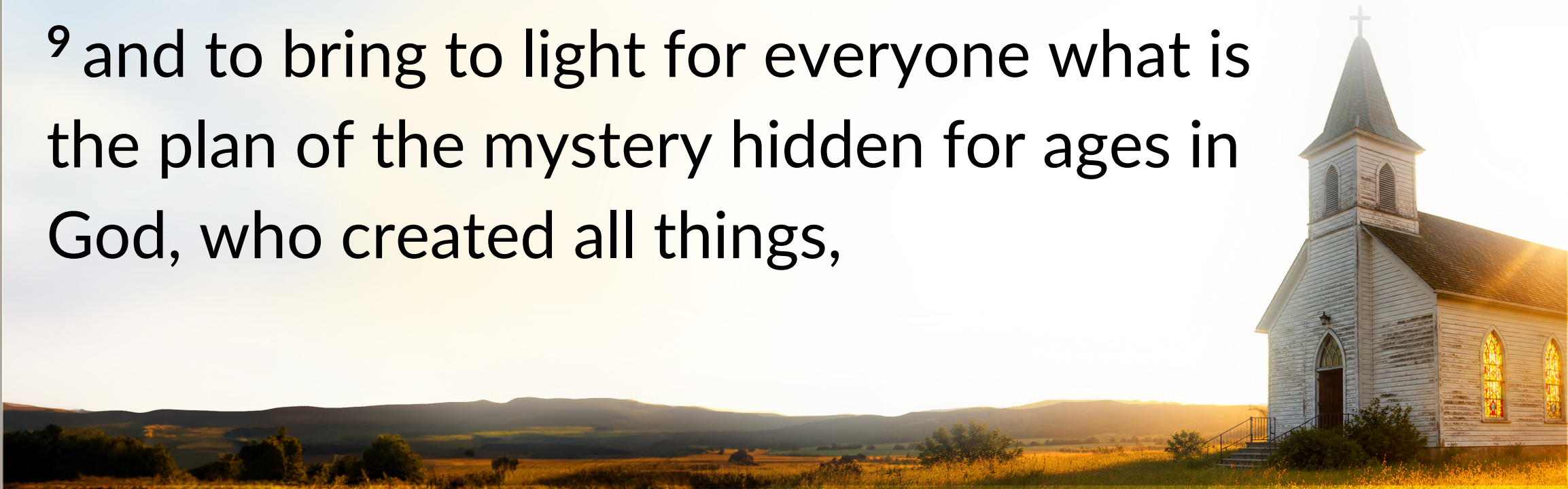
#2 | The Paradigm of Ministry

Ephesians 3:8–9





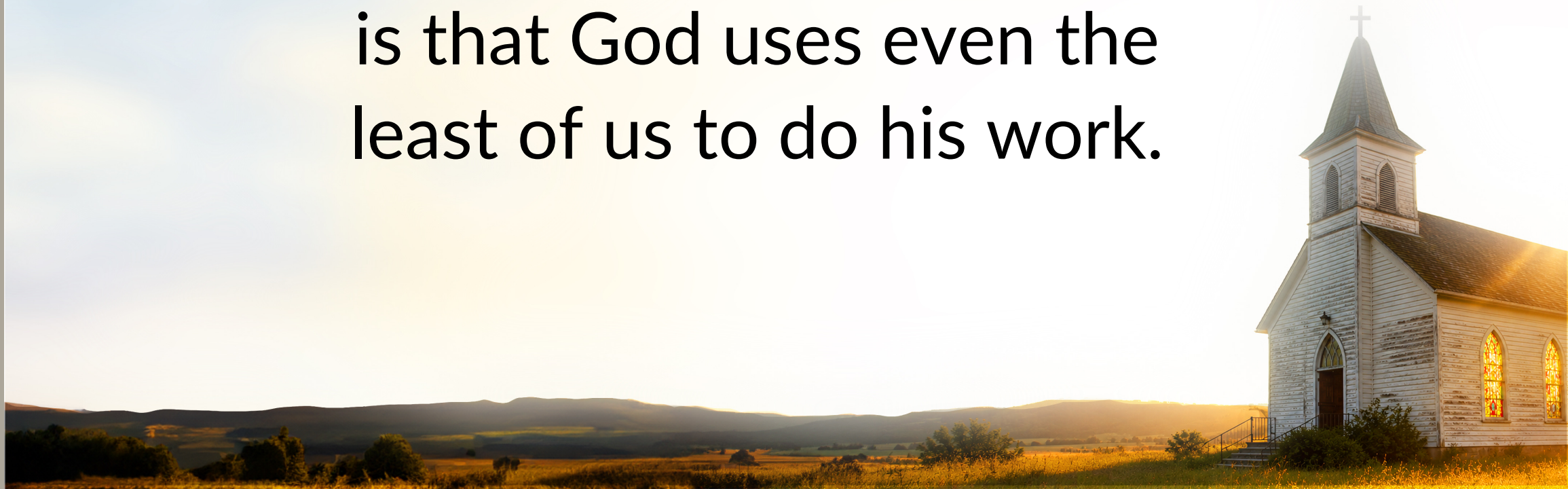
⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,





PARADIGM

The Paradigm of Ministry
is that God uses even the
least of us to do his work.





#2 | The Paradigm of Ministry

Ephesians 3:8–9





#3 | The Purpose of Ministry

Ephesians 3:10–12



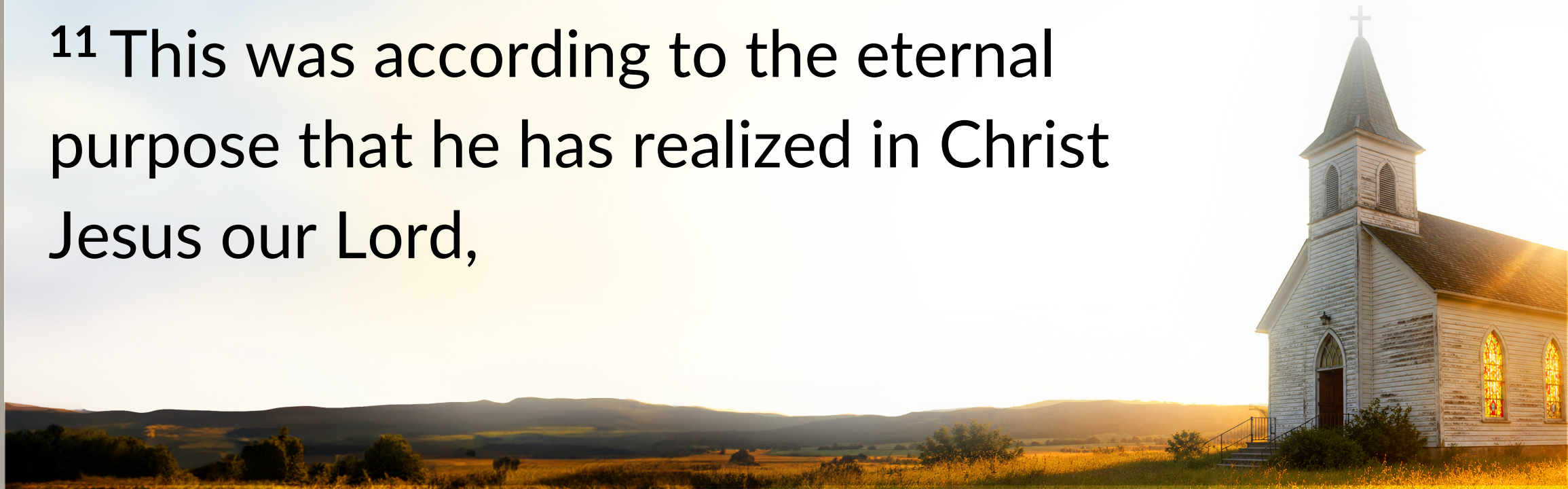


PURPOSE

EPHESIANS 3:10–12

¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,





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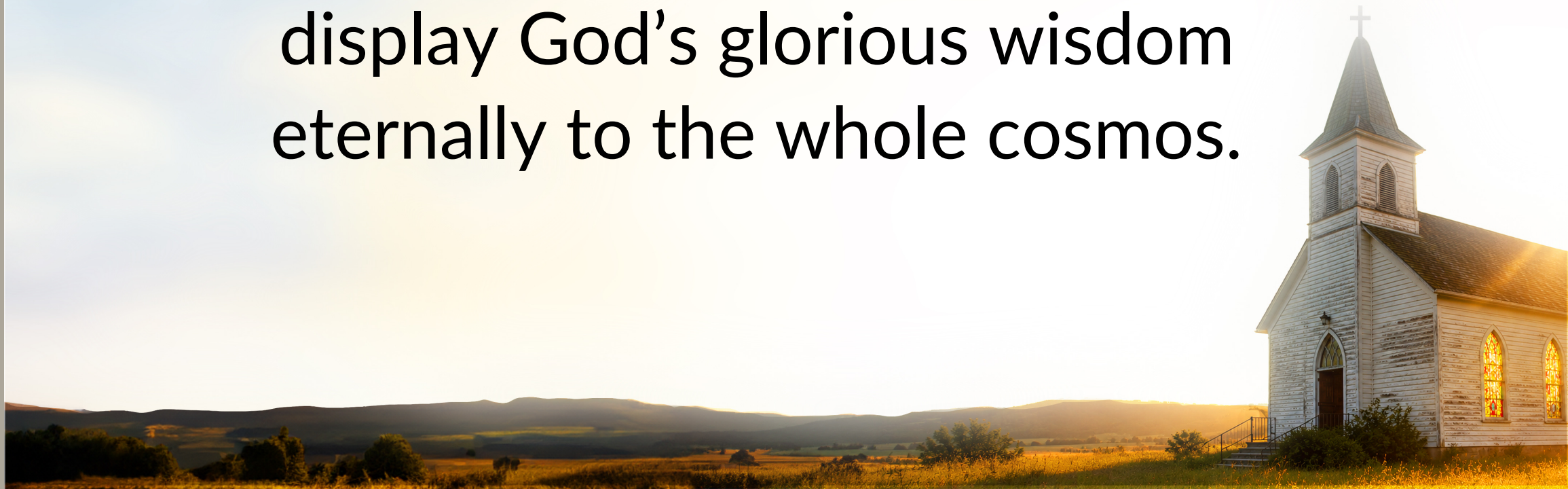
¹² in whom we have boldness and access
with confidence through our faith in him.





PURPOSE

The **Purpose** of Ministry is to display God's glorious wisdom eternally to the whole cosmos.





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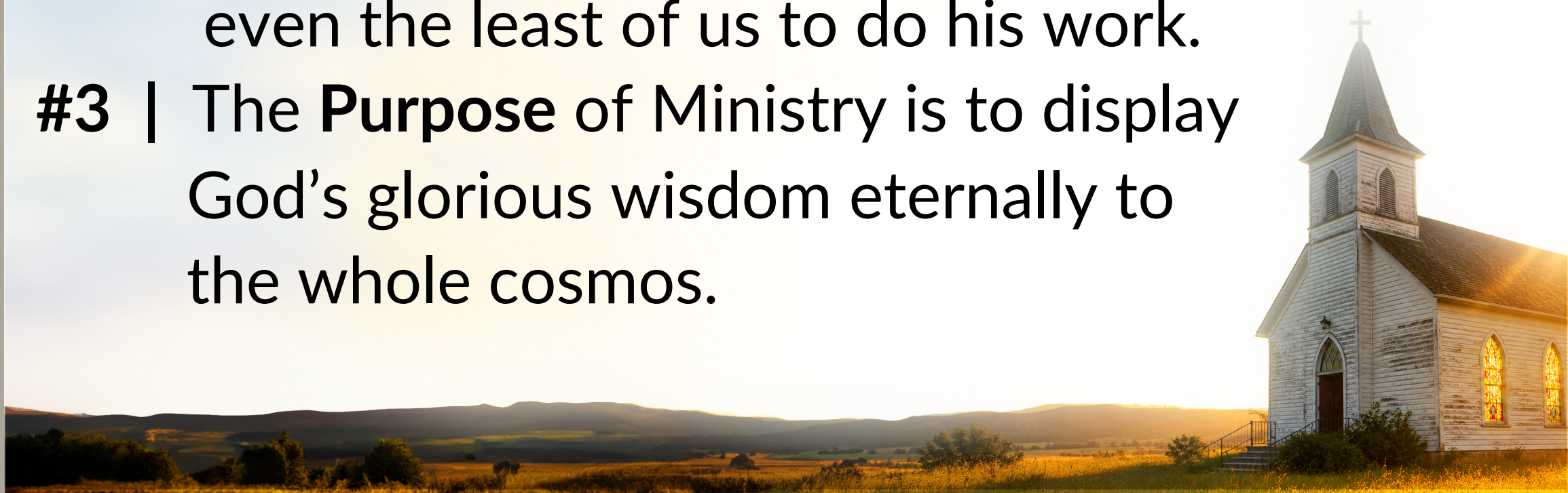
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DON'T LOSE HEART

- #1 | The **Paradox** of Ministry is that we experience our deepest joys in the hardest places.
- #2 | The **Paradigm** of Ministry is that God uses even the least of us to do his work.
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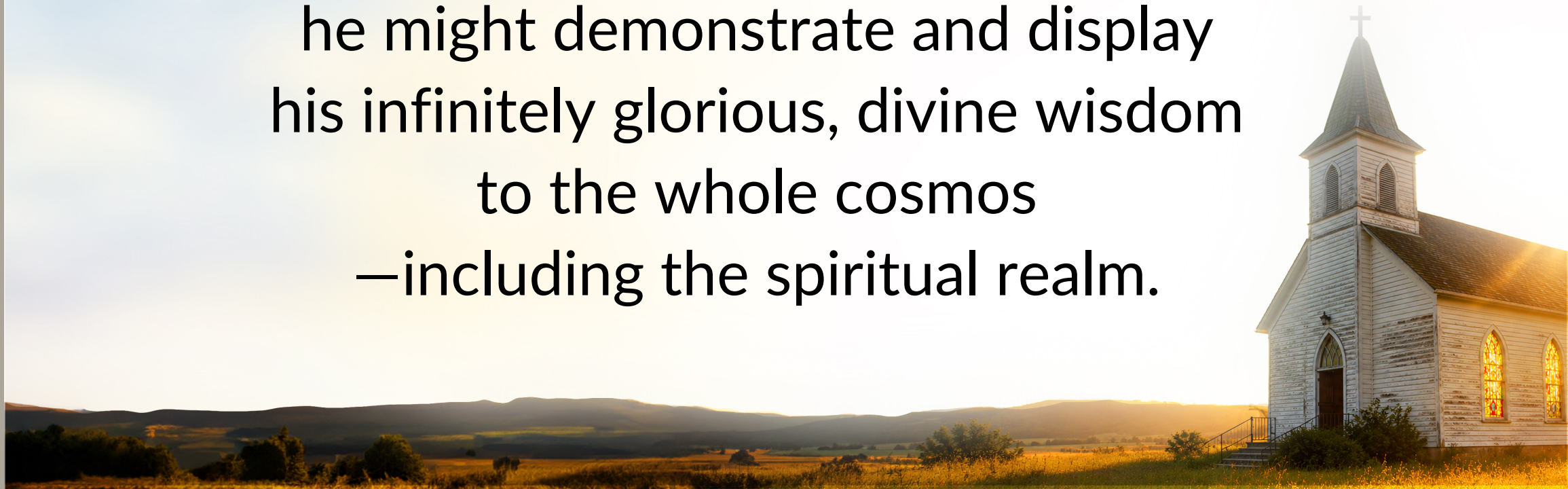


CONCLUSION



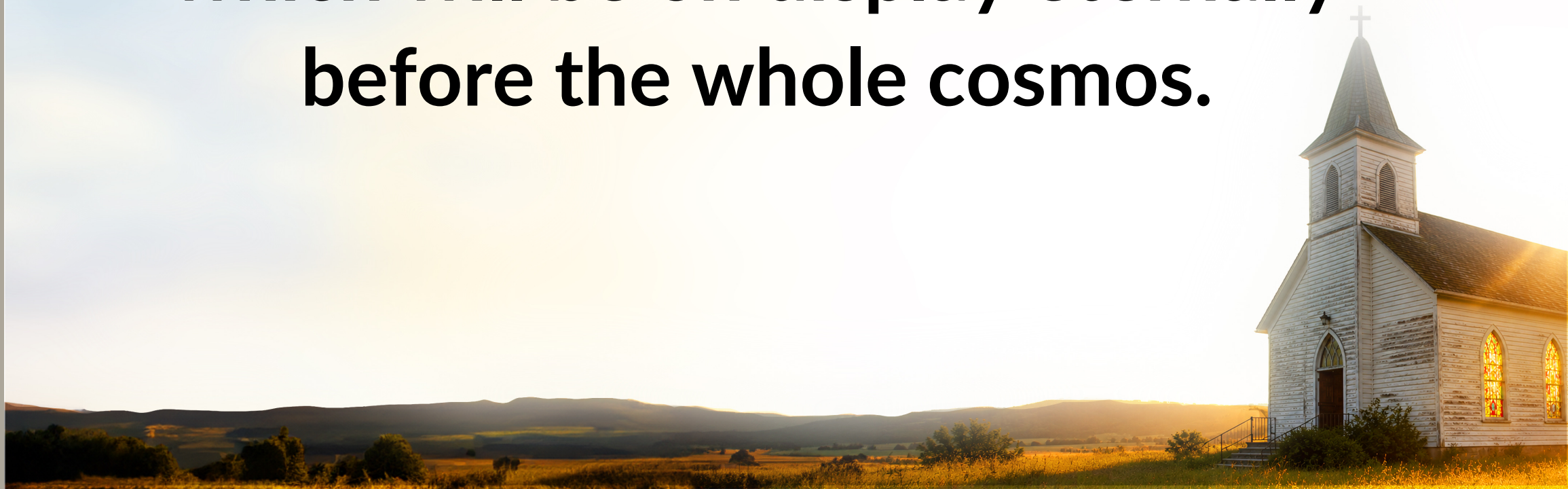


**God is building his Church according to his
Eternal plans and purposes in Christ,
using even the least of us
even in the hardest places, to our great joy,
in order that, through the Church,
he might demonstrate and display
his infinitely glorious, divine wisdom
to the whole cosmos
—including the spiritual realm.**





**The Church is God's Trophy of Grace
which will be on display eternally
before the whole cosmos.**





CONCLUSION

EPHESIANS 3:13

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.





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Keep Calm
&
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Trusting Jesus**



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