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WALK WISELY, LIVING SPIRIT FILLED

Ephesians 5:15–20



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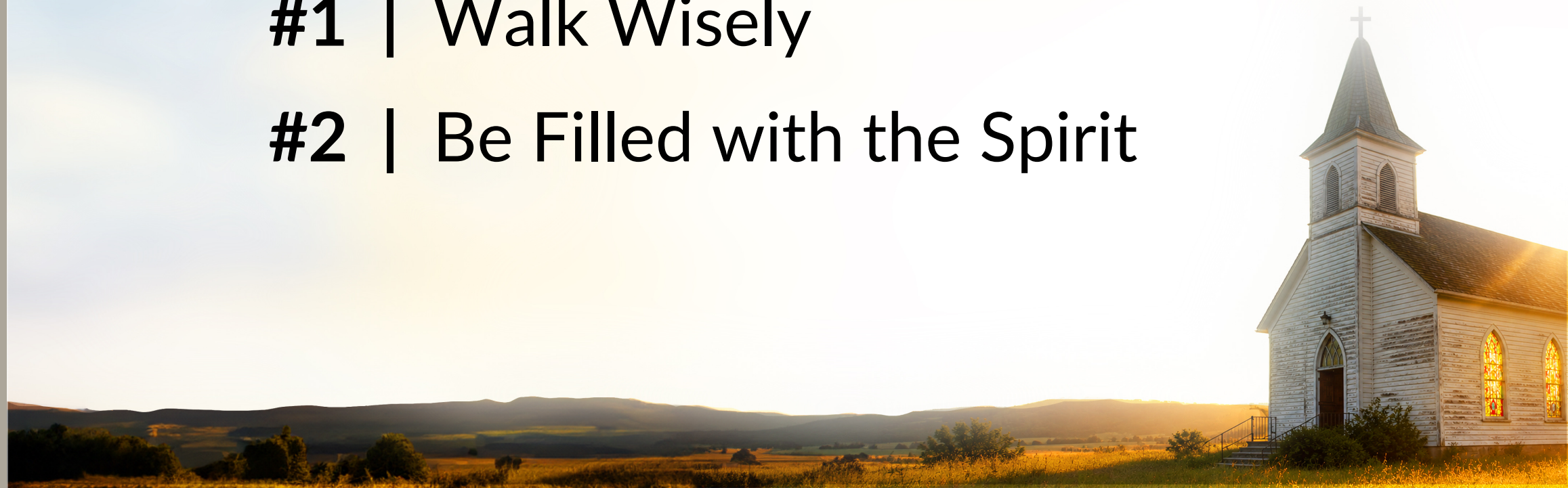
#1 | Walk Wisely

#2 | Be Filled with the Spirit



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IMPERATIVES ON HOW TO WALK — EPHESIANS 4-5

- **WALK** in a manner worthy of your calling | Eph 4:1-3
- **WALK** no longer as the Gentiles do | Eph 4: 17-19
- **WALK** in Love | Eph 5:1-6
- **WALK** in Light | Eph 5:7-14
- **LOOK CAREFULLY** how you **WALK -**

  WALK WISELY | Eph 5:15-17



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WALK WISELY, LIVING SPIRIT-FILLED EPHESIANS 5:15-20

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but
as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the
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not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery,
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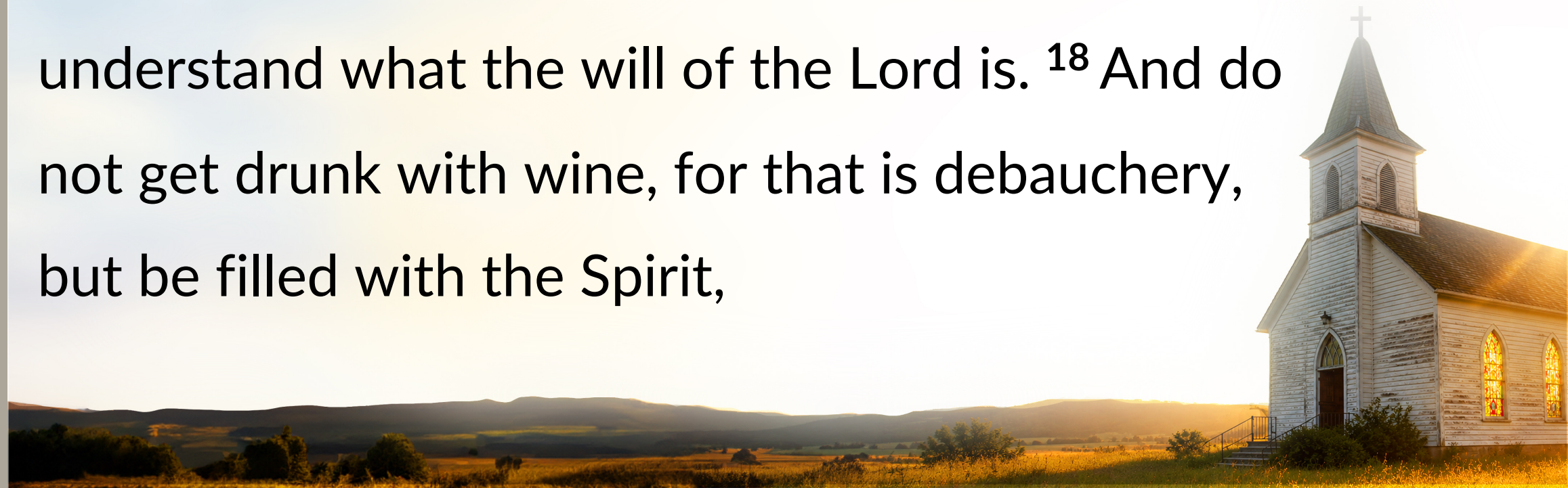

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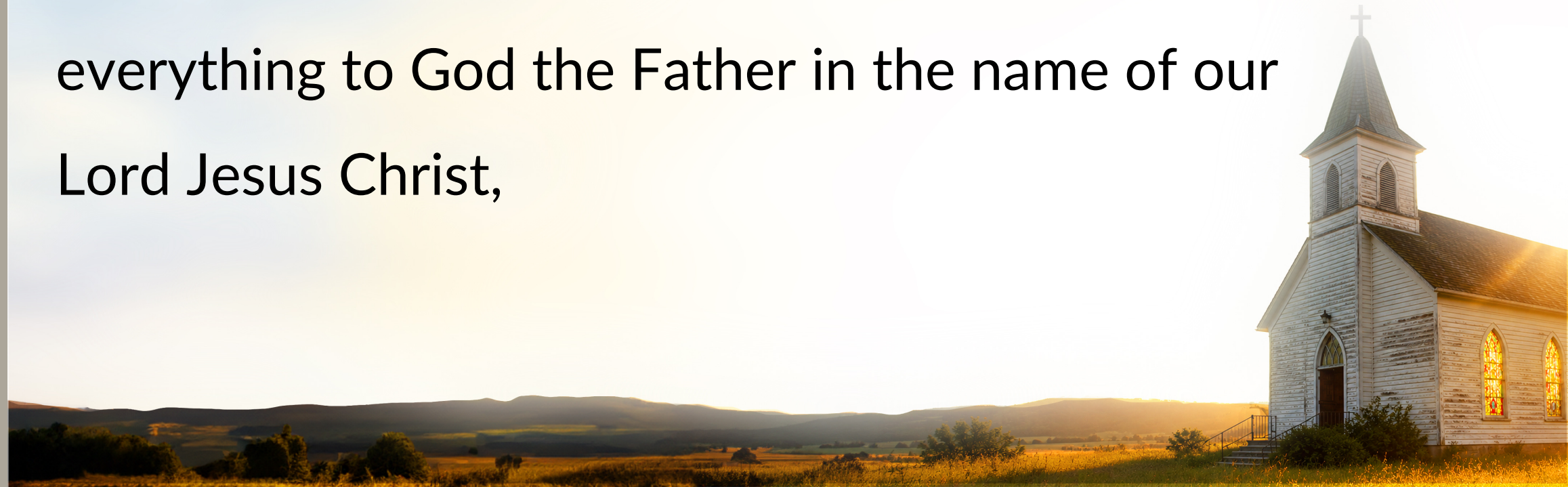

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THREE "NOT....BUT" CONTRAST — EPHESIANS 5:15-18

μὴ - NOT (Negative)	ἀλλὰ - BUT (Positive)
Look Carefully then how you Walk **NOT** as unwise	**BUT** as wise, making the best use of the time
Do NOT be foolish	**BUT** understand what the will of the Lord is
Do NOT get drunk with wine	**BUT** be filled with the Spirit

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WALK WISELY

EPHESIANS 5:15-16

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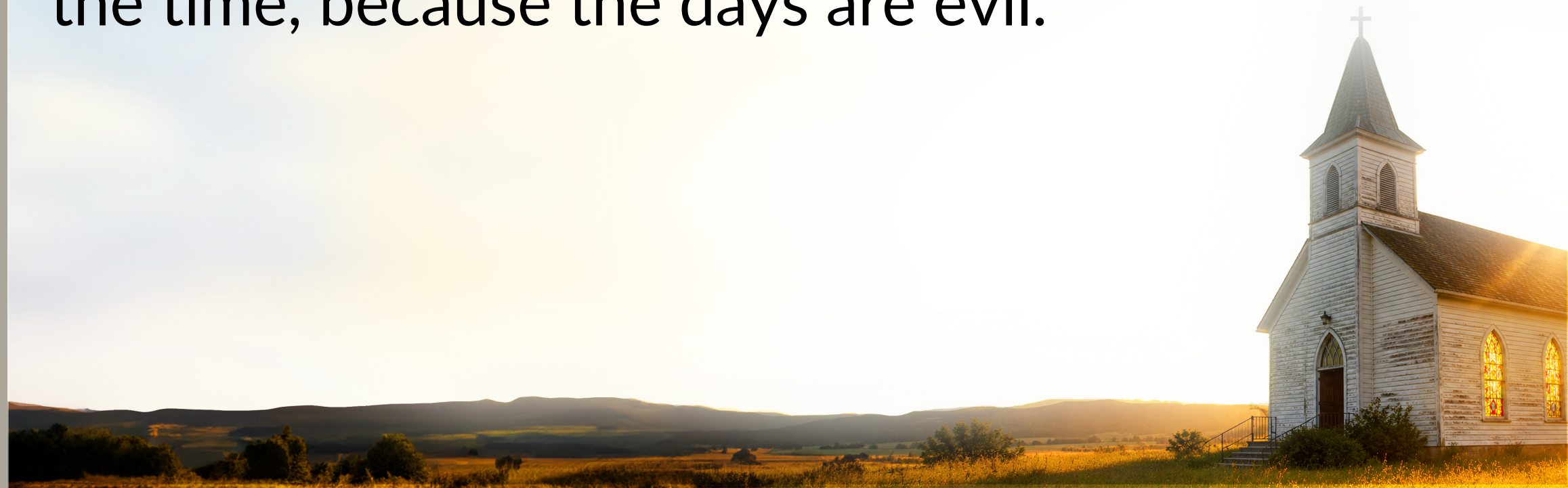

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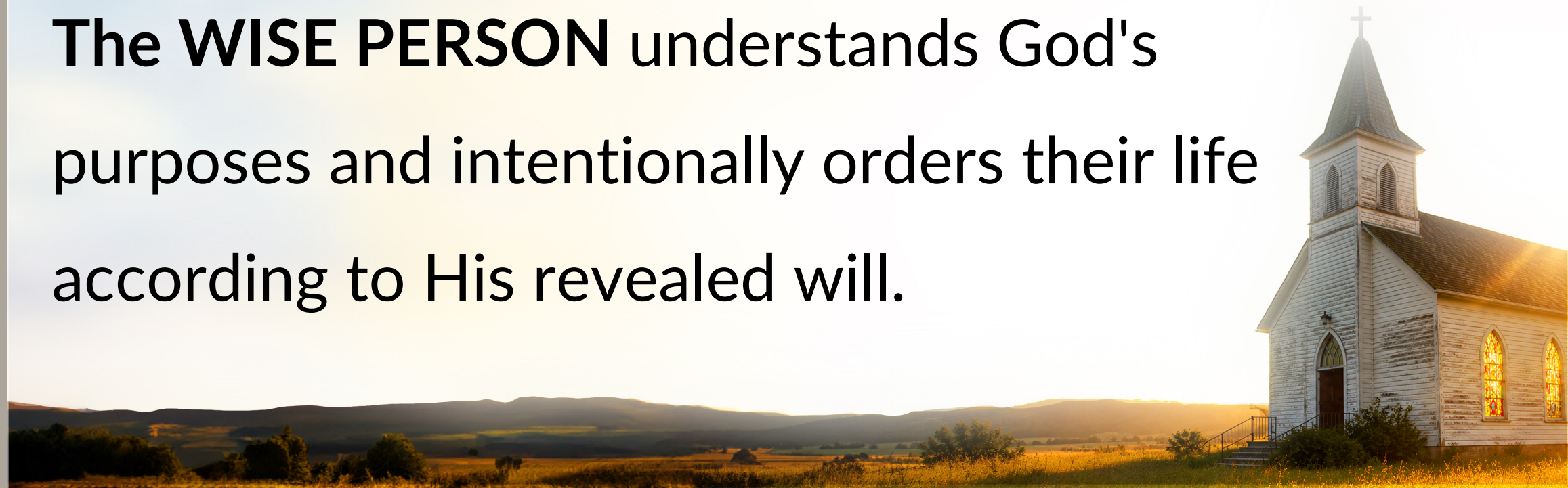
CONTRASTING TWO WAYS TO LIVE

The UNWISE PERSON lives without properly understanding or applying God's truth.

The WISE PERSON understands God's purposes and intentionally orders their life according to His revealed will.



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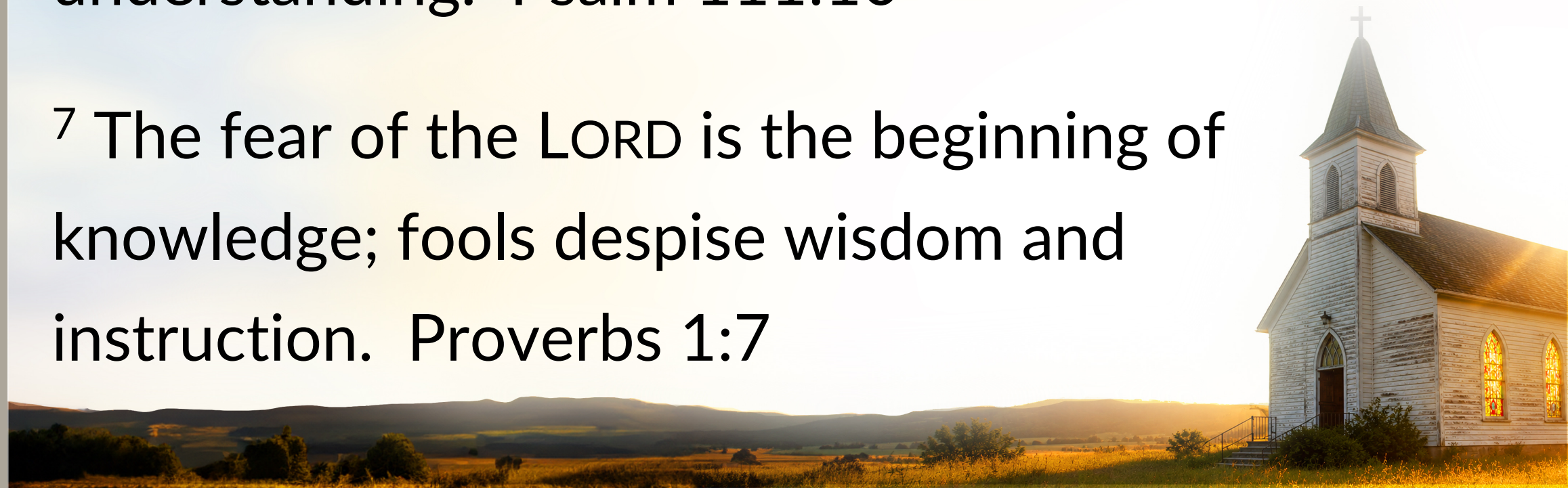
FEAR OF THE LORD — PSALM 111:10; PROVERBS 1:7

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good
understanding. Psalm 111:10

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
knowledge; fools despise wisdom and
instruction. Proverbs 1:7



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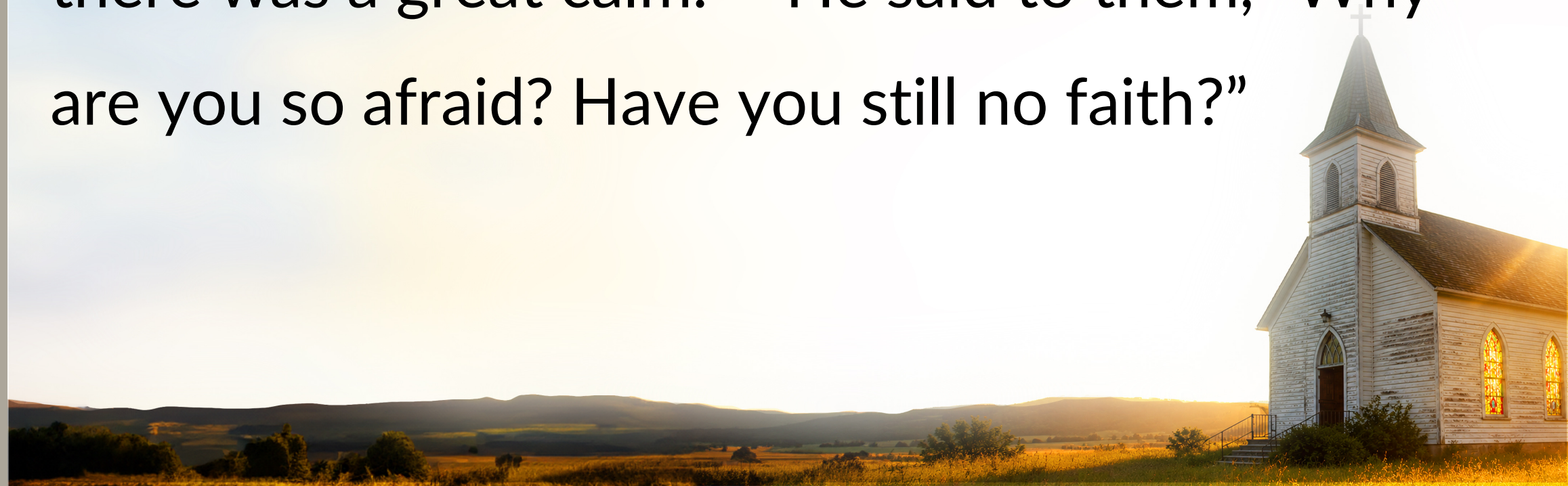
FEAR OF THE LORD

MARK 4:39-41

39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to
the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and
there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “Why
are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”



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FEAR OF THE LORD

MARK 4:39-41

41 And they were **FILLED WITH GREAT FEAR** and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”



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FEAR OF THE LORD

THE STORY OF EVERYTHING (2026)



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WISE PERSON

EPHESIANS 5:16-17

In our passage today, The WISE PERSON

does **TWO THINGS**:

1. REDEEMS THE TIME
2. UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE WILL OF THE LORD IS



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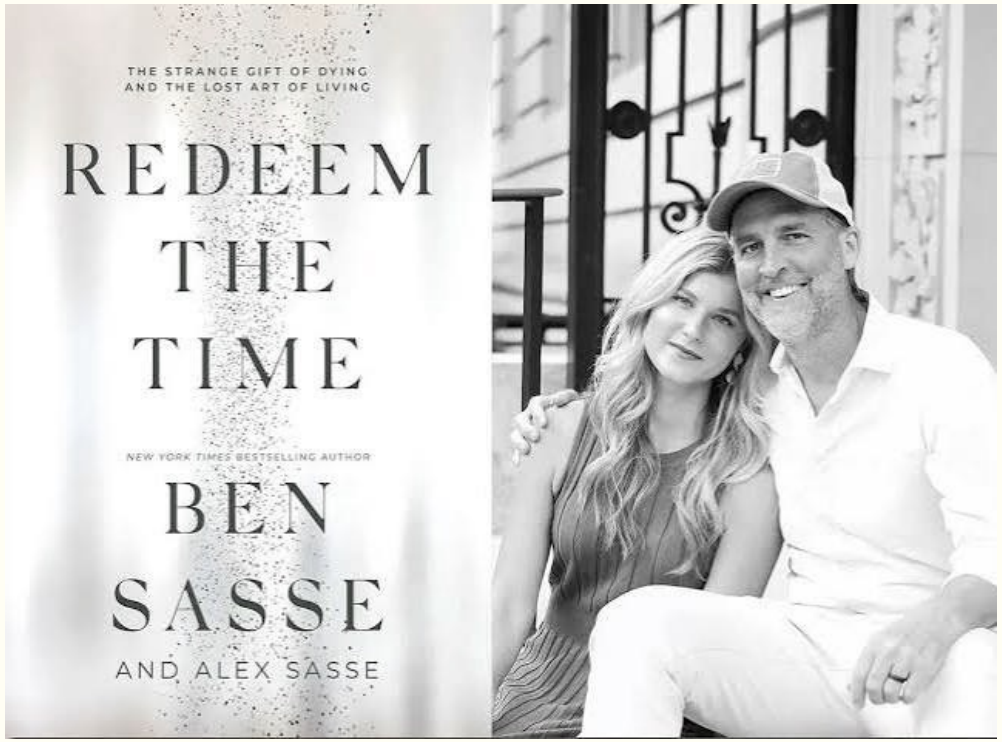
REDEEM THE TIME

EPHESIANS 5:16

16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.





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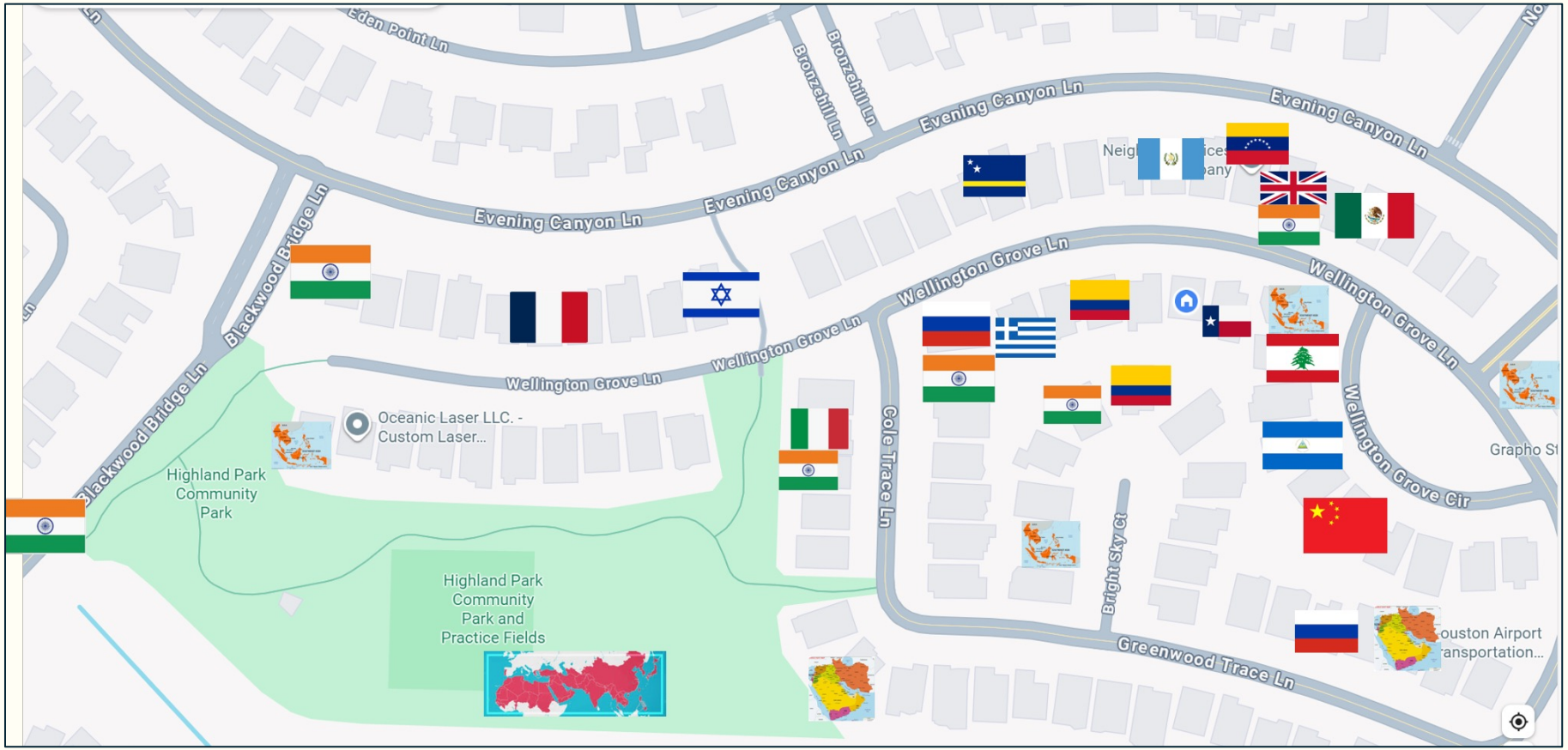

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UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL — EPHESIANS 5:17

17 Therefore DO **NOT** be foolish, **BUT UNDERSTAND** what **THE WILL OF THE LORD** is.



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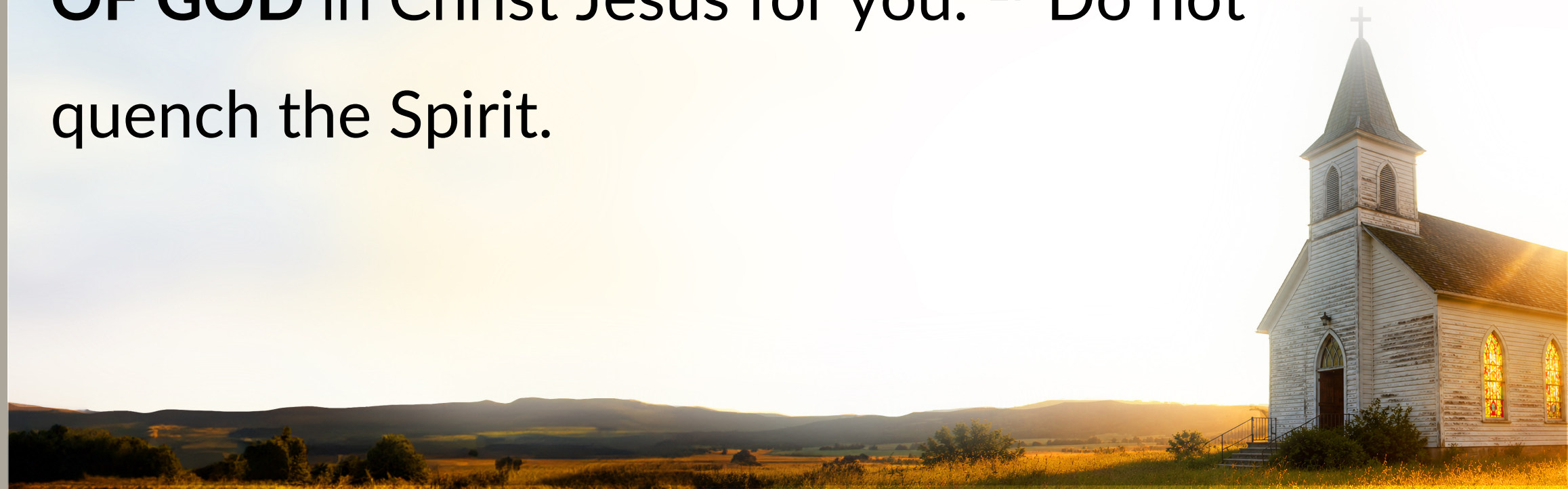
UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL — 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is **THE WILL OF GOD** in Christ Jesus for you. **19** Do not quench the Spirit.



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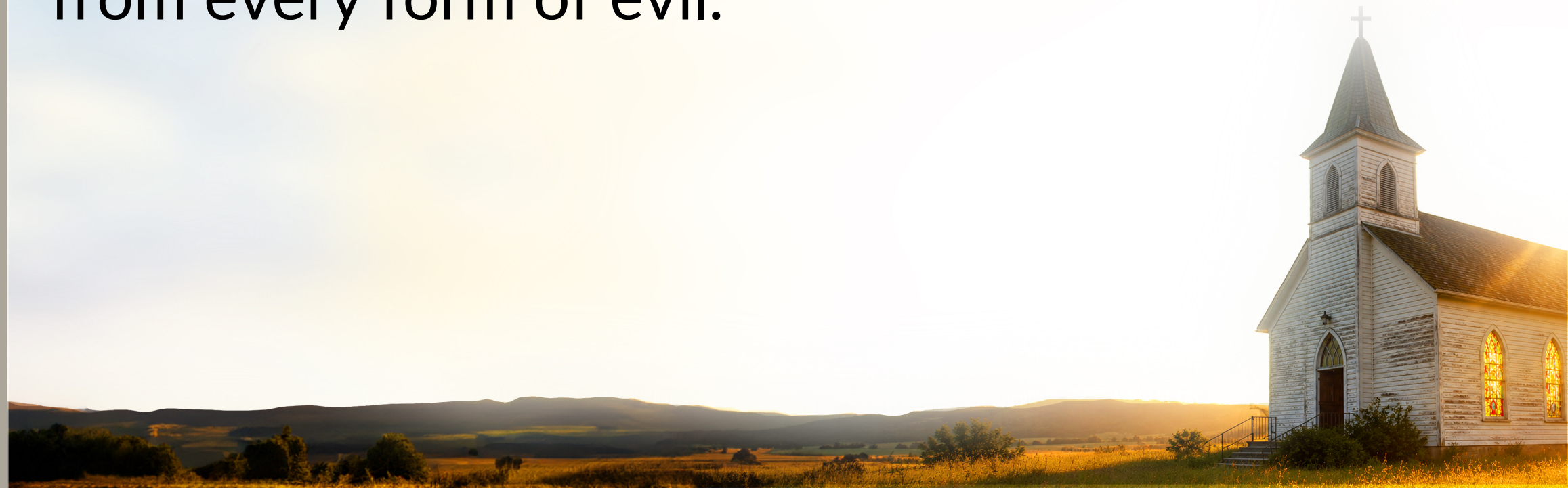
UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL — 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22

20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test
everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain
from every form of evil.



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UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL — ROMANS 12:1-2

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the
mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is
your spiritual worship.



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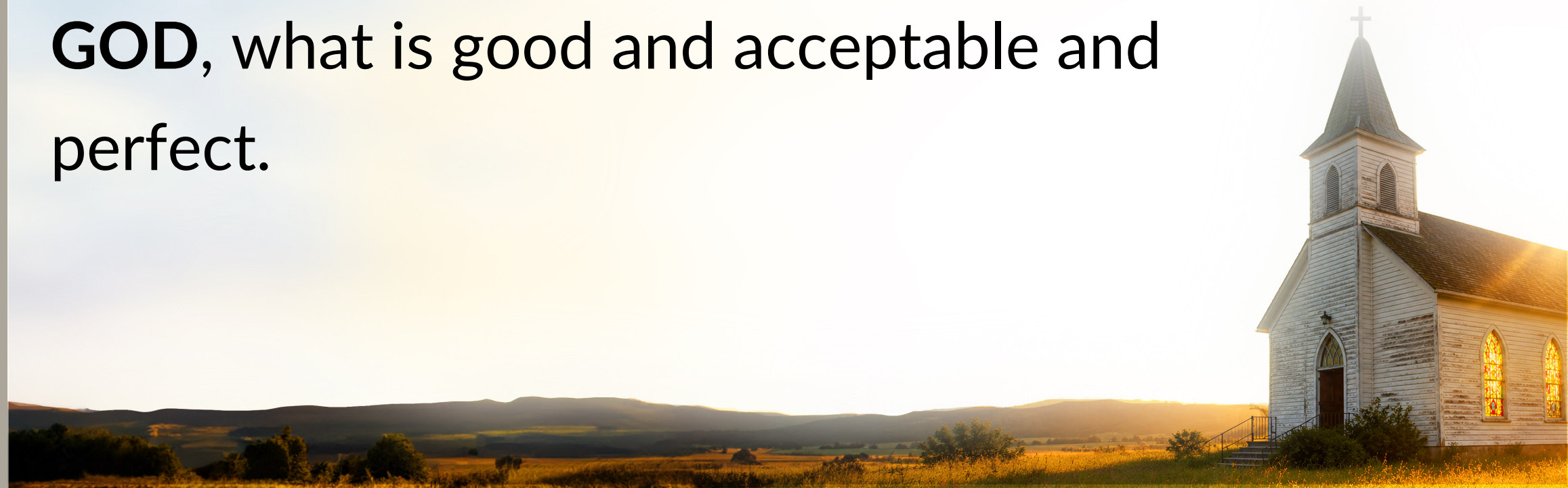
UNDERSTAND GOD'S WILL — ROMANS 12:1-2

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may **discern** what is **THE WILL OF GOD**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



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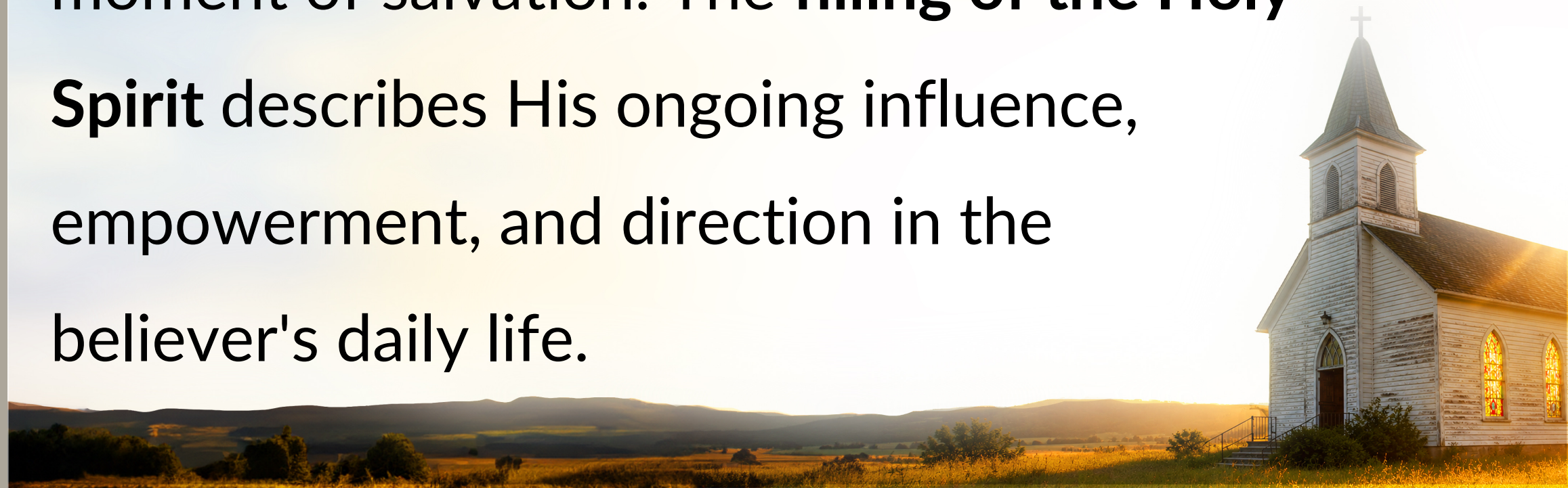
BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT — EPHESIANS 5:18

18 And DO **NOT** get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, **BUT BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**,



DISTINCTION BETWEEN INDWELLING & BEING FILLED

The **indwelling of the Holy Spirit** describes His permanent presence in every believer from the moment of salvation. The **filling of the Holy Spirit** describes His ongoing influence, empowerment, and direction in the believer's daily life.



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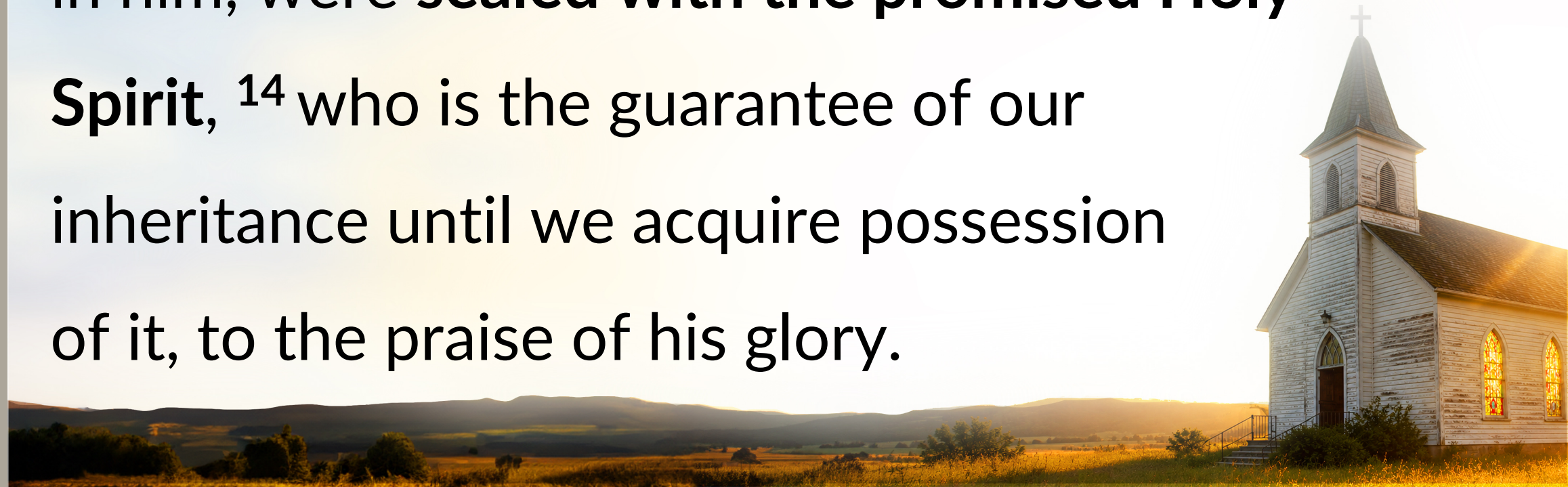
SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT — EPHESIANS 1:13-14

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



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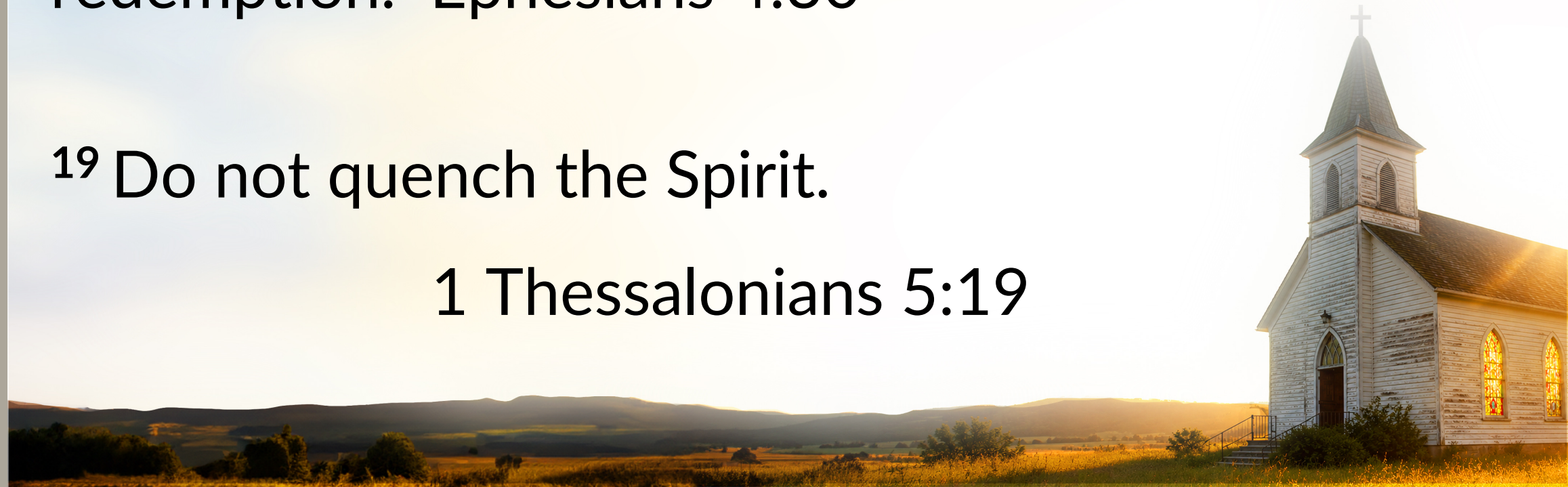
GRIEVE AND QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

19 Do not quench the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19



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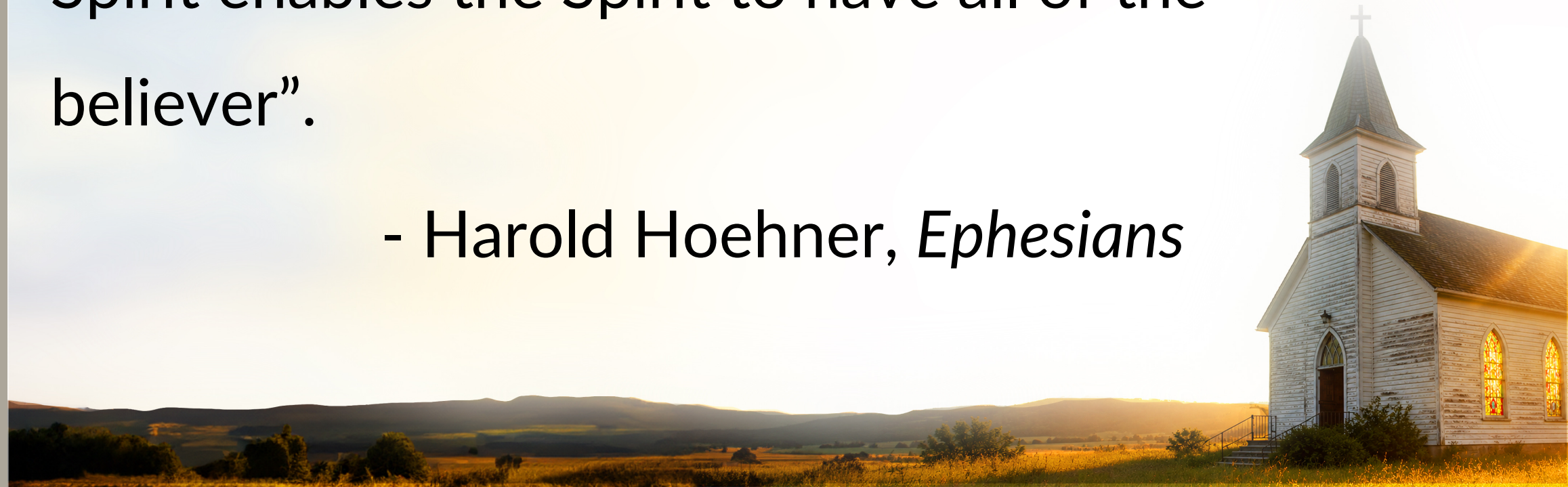
DISTINCTION BETWEEN INDWELLING & BEING FILLED

"With the **INDWELLING** each Christian has all of the Spirit, but the command to **BE FILLED** by the Spirit enables the Spirit to have all of the believer".

- Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*



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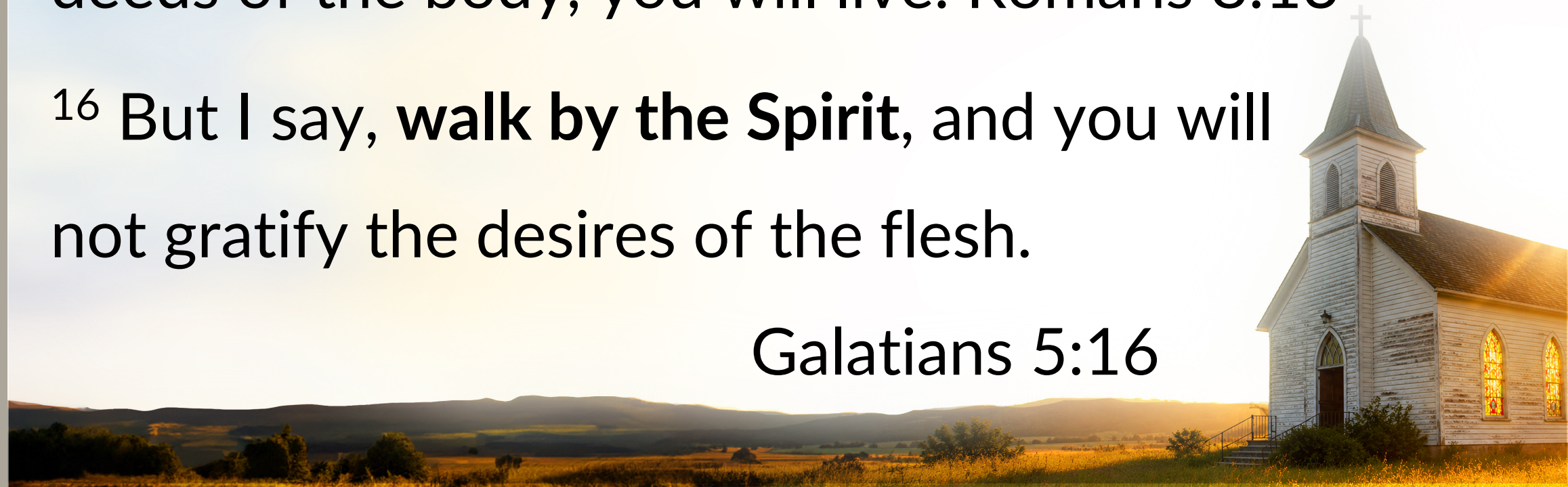
LIVING/WALKING BY THE SPIRIT

13 For if **you live** according to the flesh you will die, but if **by the Spirit** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:13

16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16



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THE SPIRIT'S FILLING

EPHESIANS 5:19-21

19 **addressing** one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and **making melody** to the Lord with your heart,



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THE SPIRIT'S FILLING

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20 **giving thanks** always and for everything to God
the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 **submitting to one another** out of
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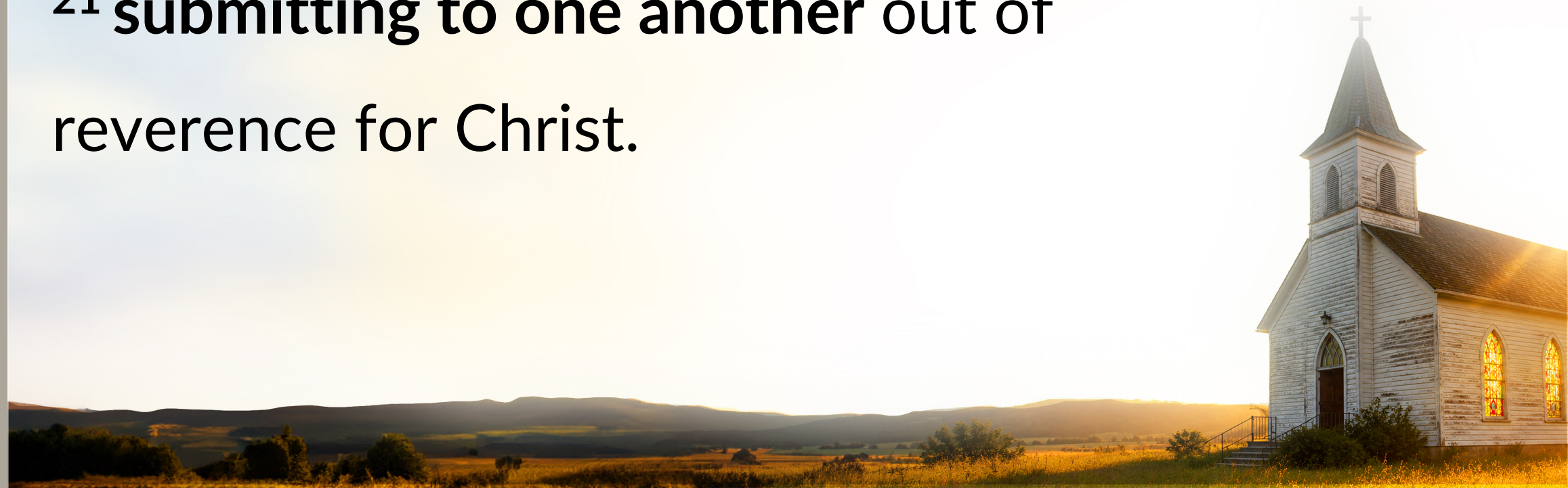

FIVE PARTICIPLES REGARDING "BE FILLED"

- **addressing** one another…
- **singing** and…
- **making melody** to the Lord…
- **giving thanks** always…
- **submitting to one another**…



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DISPLAY THE SPIRIT'S FILLING — COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

16 Let the **word of Christ dwell in you richly**, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



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DISPLAY THE SPIRIT'S FILLING — COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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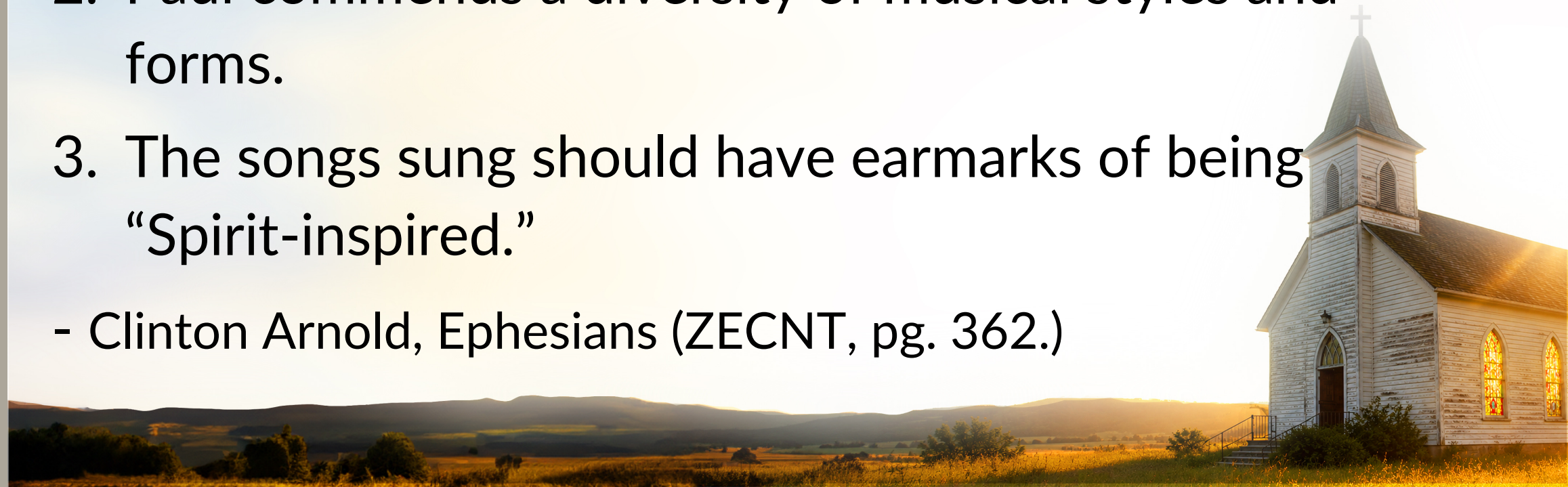
REGARDING WORSHIP

Arnold, *Ephesians*

1. There are two audiences. Worship is directed to God (5:20), but it is also directed to "one another" (5:19). This is how it can have a teaching function as well.
2. Paul commends a diversity of musical styles and forms.
3. The songs sung should have earmarks of being "Spirit-inspired."

- Clinton Arnold, Ephesians (ZECNT, pg. 362.)



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GIVING THANKS

EPHESIANS 5:20

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SUMBITTING TO ONE ANOTHER EPHESIANS 5:21

21 **SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER** out of reverence for Christ.

NEXT WEEK….WE START

THE HOUSEHOLD CODE



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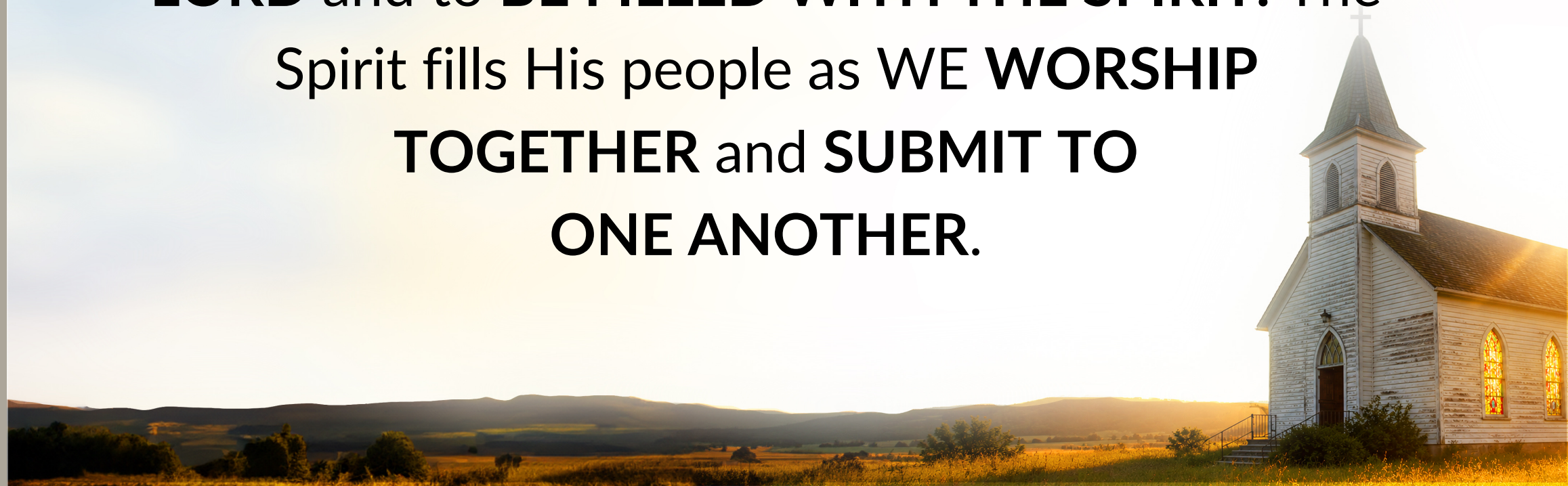
CONCLUSION

God calls His children to **LOOK CAREFULLY HOW WE WALK, T0 BE WISE** by redeeming the time. We are commanded to **UNDERSTAND THE WILL OF THE LORD** and to **BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.** The Spirit fills His people as WE **WORSHIP TOGETHER** and **SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER**.



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CONCLUSION

Both wisdom and the Spirit are essential for knowing the will of the Lord and living as the people of God.



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