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Lord IS MY
SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:3b / P2



WHEN I'M UNCERTAIN
& SEEKING GUIDANCE



How do I know God's guidance?

“He leads me in paths of
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name’s sake.”

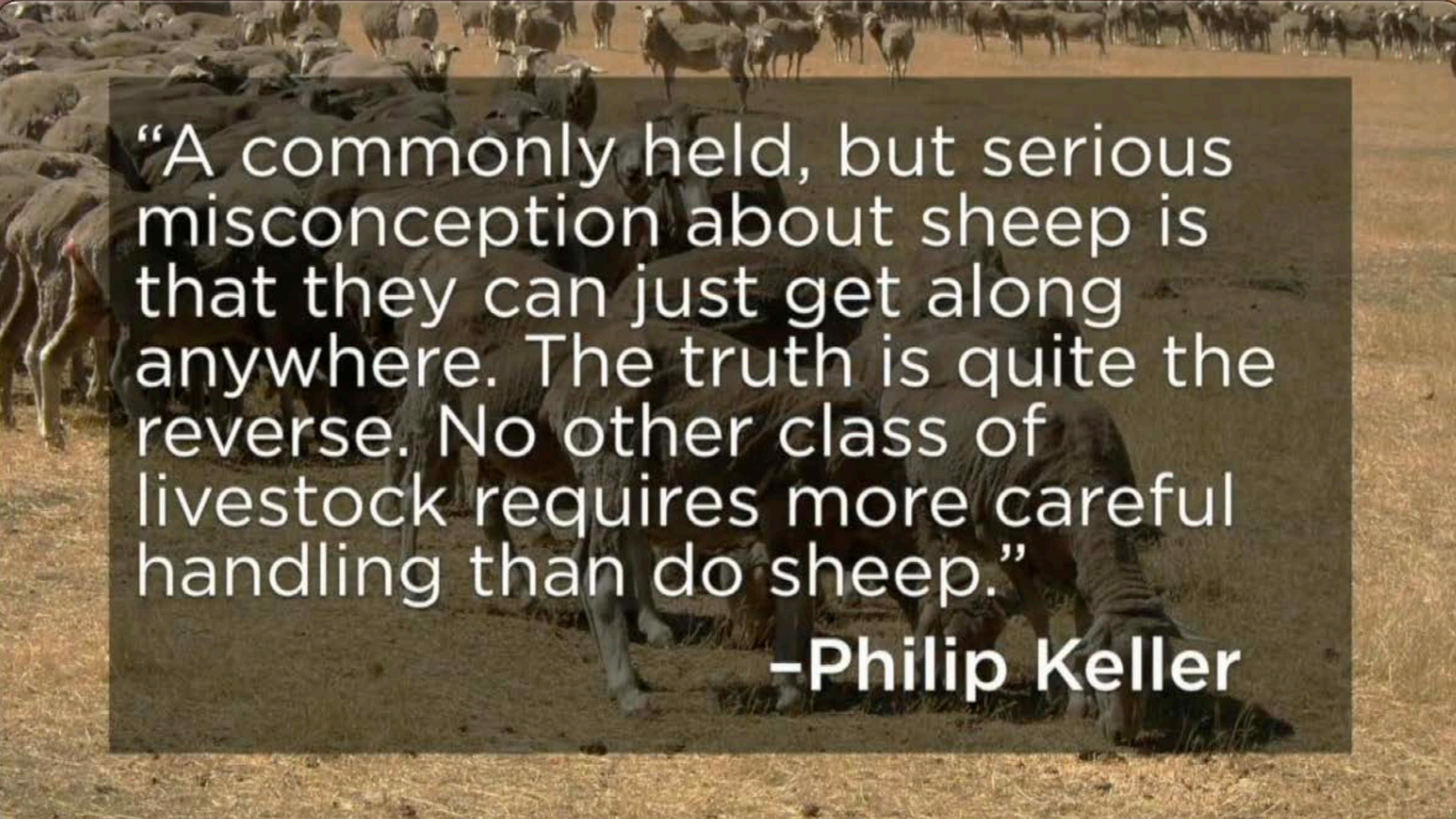
(Psalm 23:2-3b, ESV)



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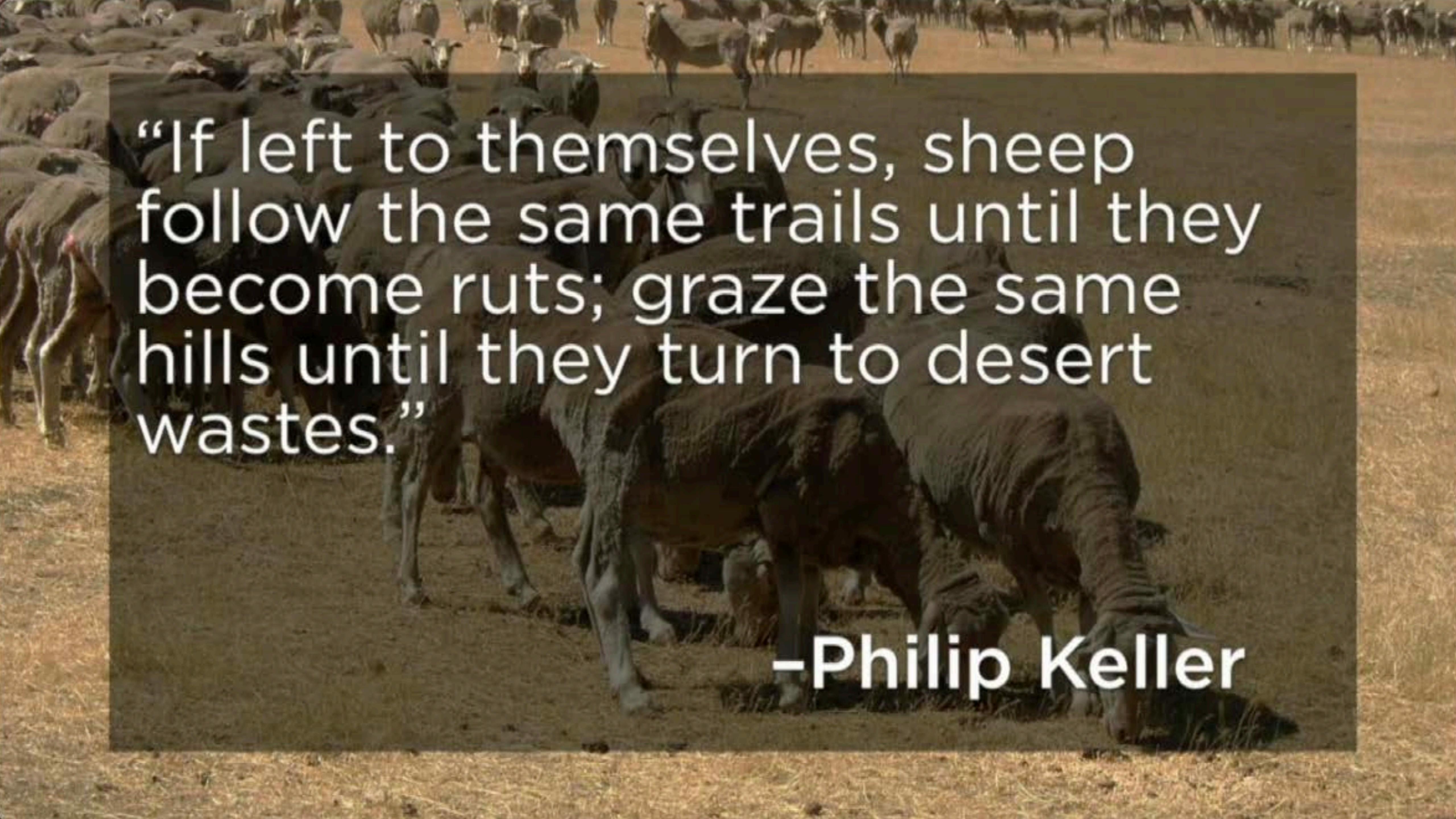
How does God lead me?



A wide-angle photograph of a large flock of sheep grazing in a dry, open landscape. The sheep are scattered across the frame, with many in the foreground and a dense line of sheep stretching into the distance under a clear sky.

“A commonly held, but serious misconception about sheep is that they can just get along anywhere. The truth is quite the reverse. No other class of livestock requires more careful handling than do sheep.”

-Philip Keller



“If left to themselves, sheep follow the same trails until they become ruts; graze the same hills until they turn to desert wastes.”

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Revelation
from outside:
The Bible

“Your Word is a lamp to
guide me, and a light for
my path.”

(Psalm 119:106, GN)



The Bible God's Wisdom on Life!

Here are some places to start:

On Marriage

Eph. 5:21-30,
Matt. 5:31-32, 19:3-9

On Work

Prov. 16:3, 15:22, 21:5,
Col. 3:23-24

On Words

Prov. 13:3, 16:23, 20:25,
18:21, Jam 3:2-12

On Anger

Prov. 15:1, 29:11, Ecc. 7:9,
Eph. 4:26, 31, Matt. 5:22

On Sexual Morality

Eph. 5:3, 1 Thes. 4:3-8,
Prov. 6:23-28, 5:16-20

On Worry

Phil. 4:6-8, Lk. 12:22-25,
Matt. 6:25-34

On Your Riches in Christ

Eph. 1:3-9, Rom. 8:1-2, 28-39,
2 Cor. 1:20-22

On Peace w/ Others

Matt. 5:23-24, Rom. 12:18, 14:19,
Col. 3:15, 1 Thes. 5:13, Heb. 12:14



Transformation
from inside:
The Holy Spirit

Cautions:

Don't be guided by
feelings alone



Cautions:

God's will never
contradicts
God's Word

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“The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

(James 3:17, NIV)

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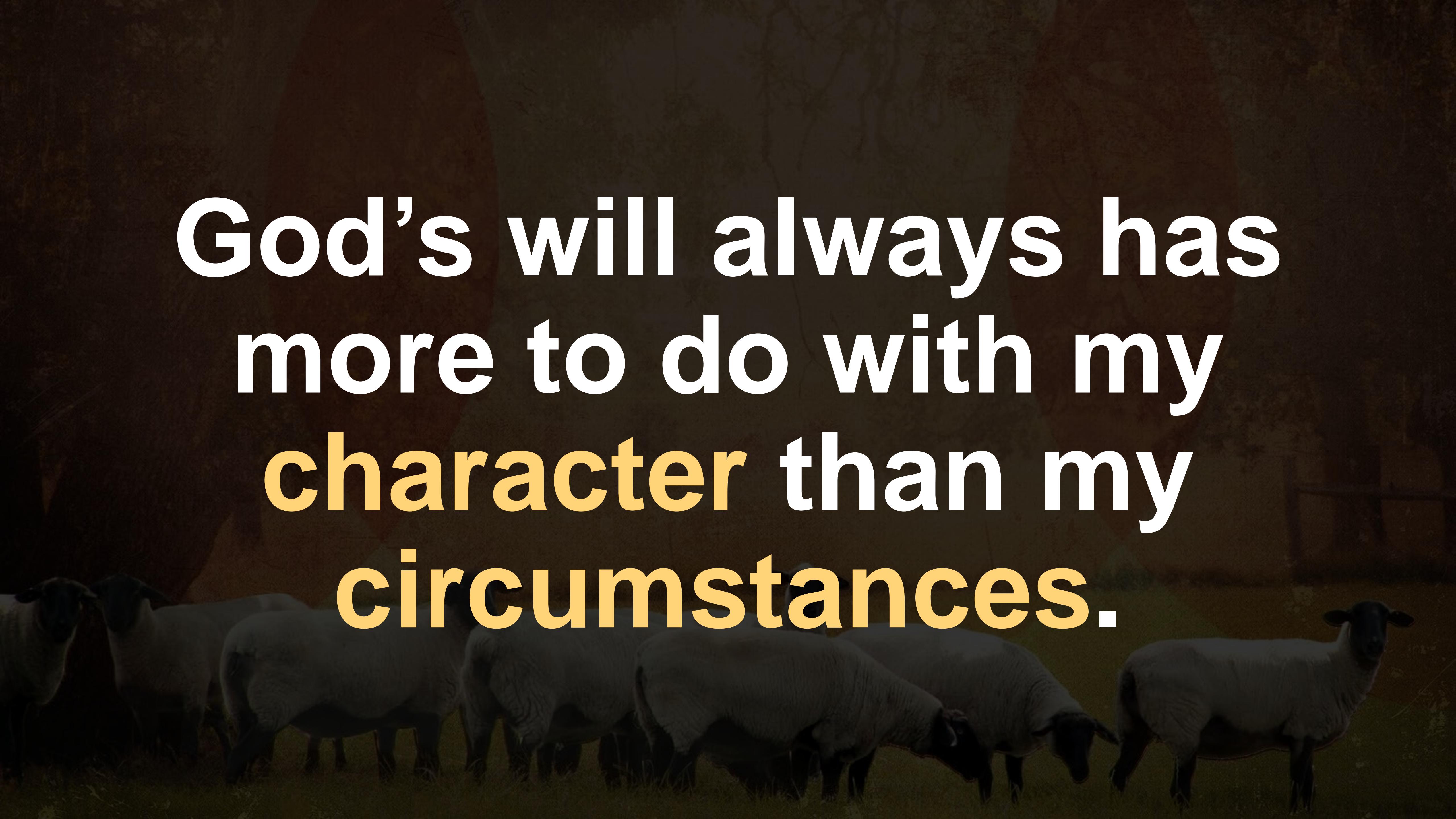
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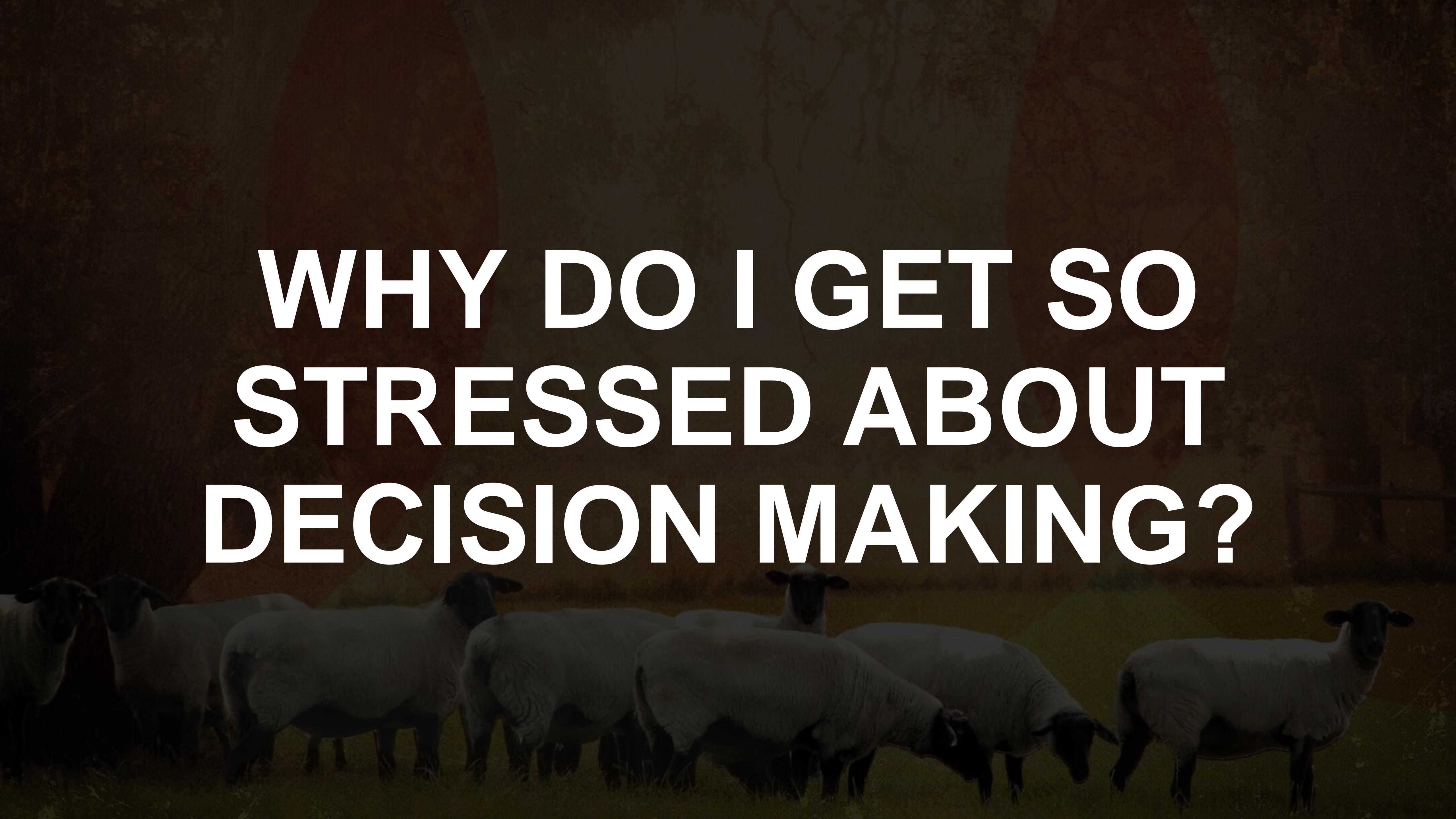
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details of life



God's will always has
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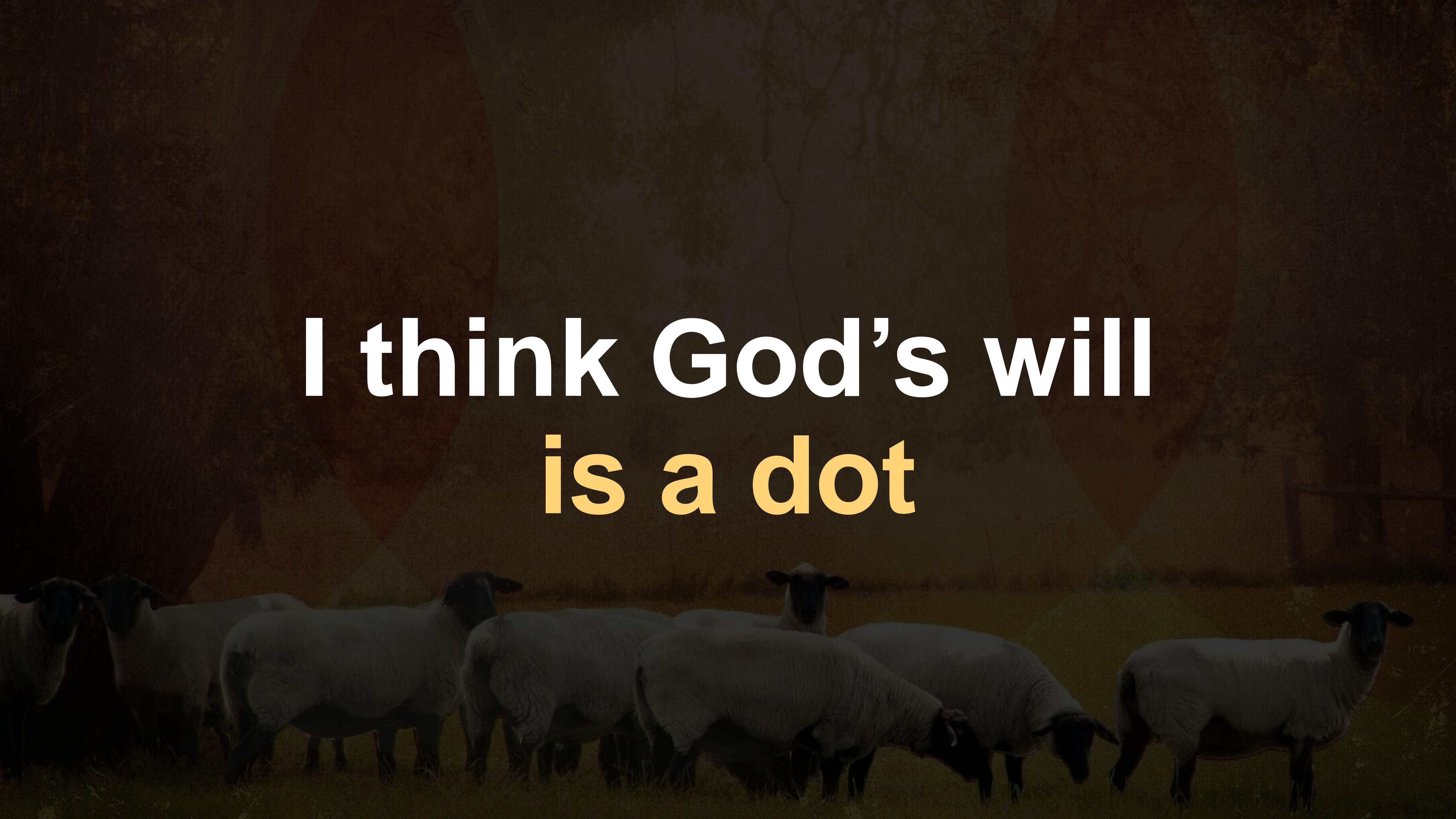
I think God might
trick me

“You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not!”

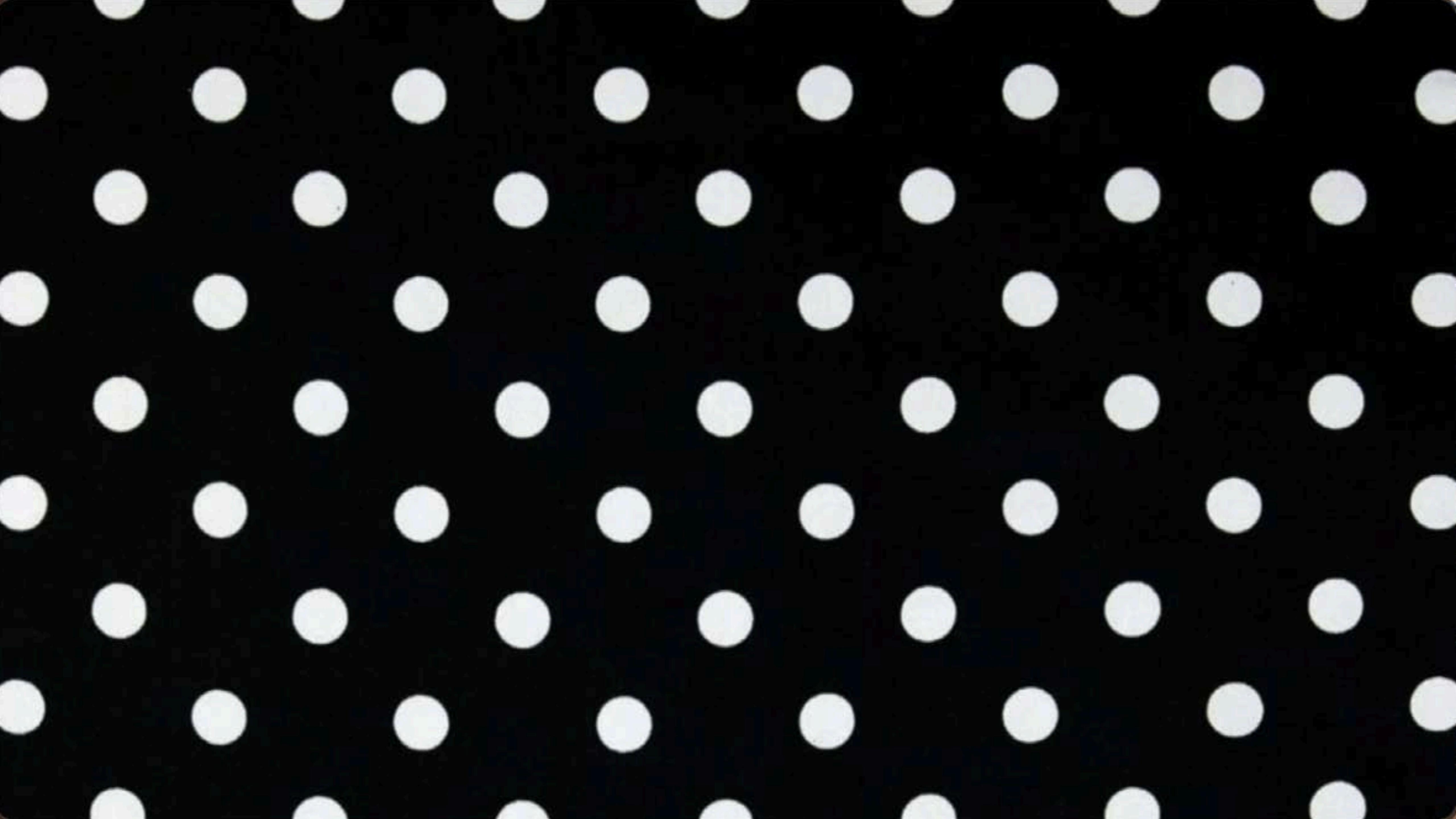
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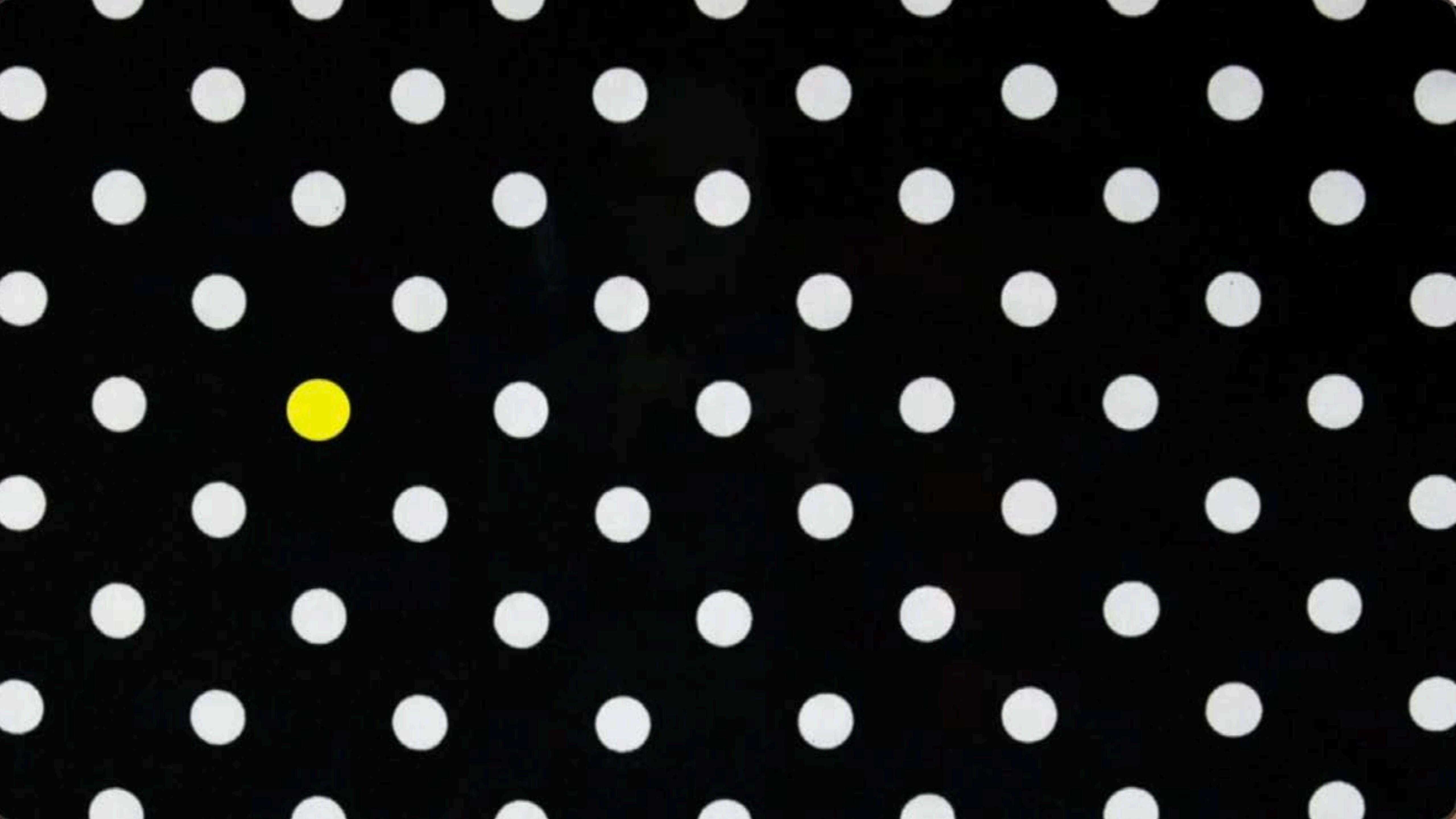
“So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.”

(Matthew 7:11, NLT)



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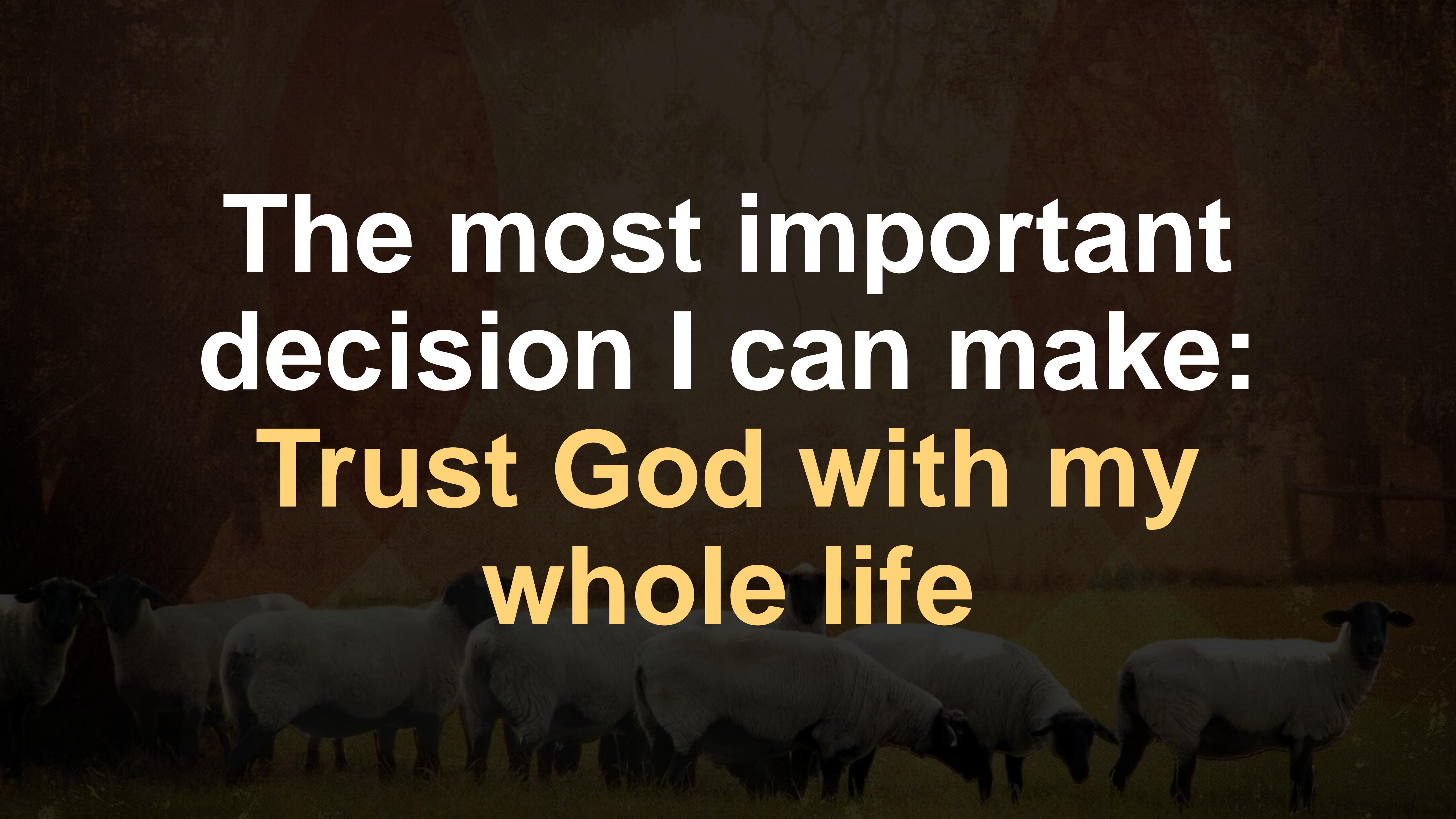
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