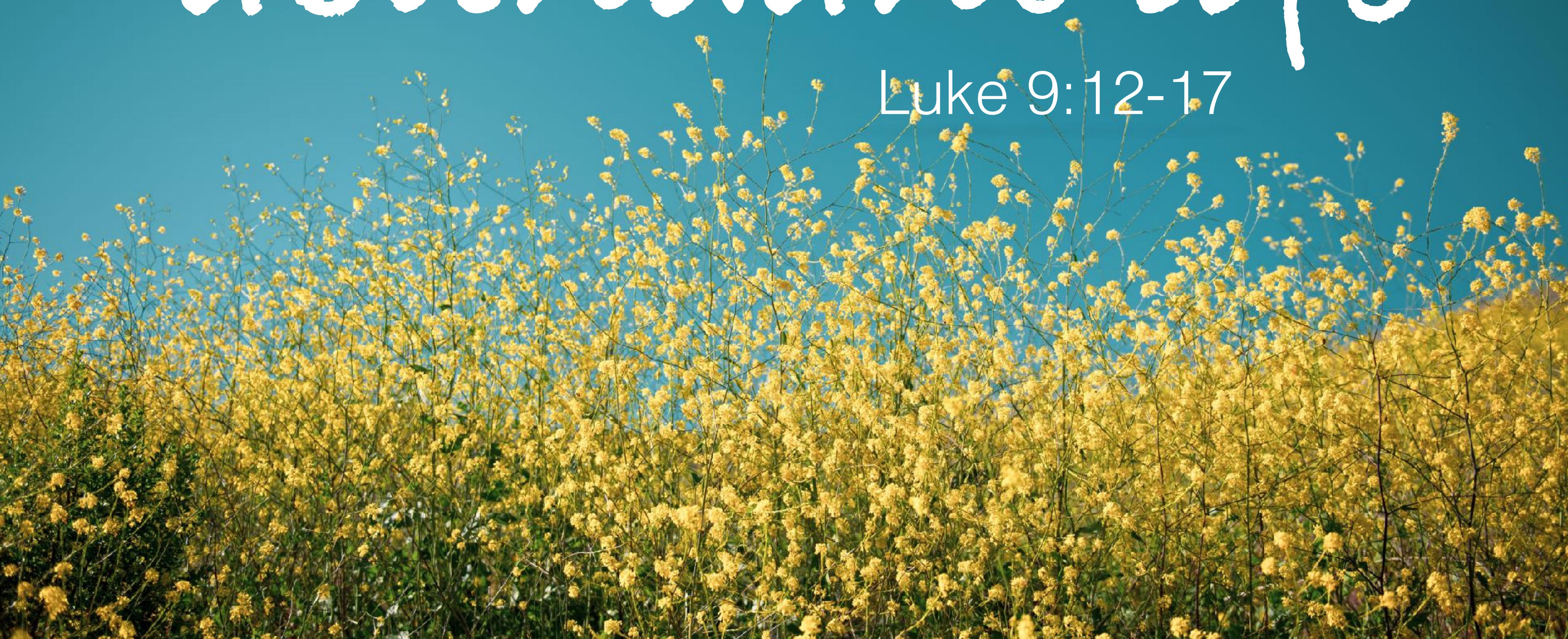


abundant life

Luke 9:12-17

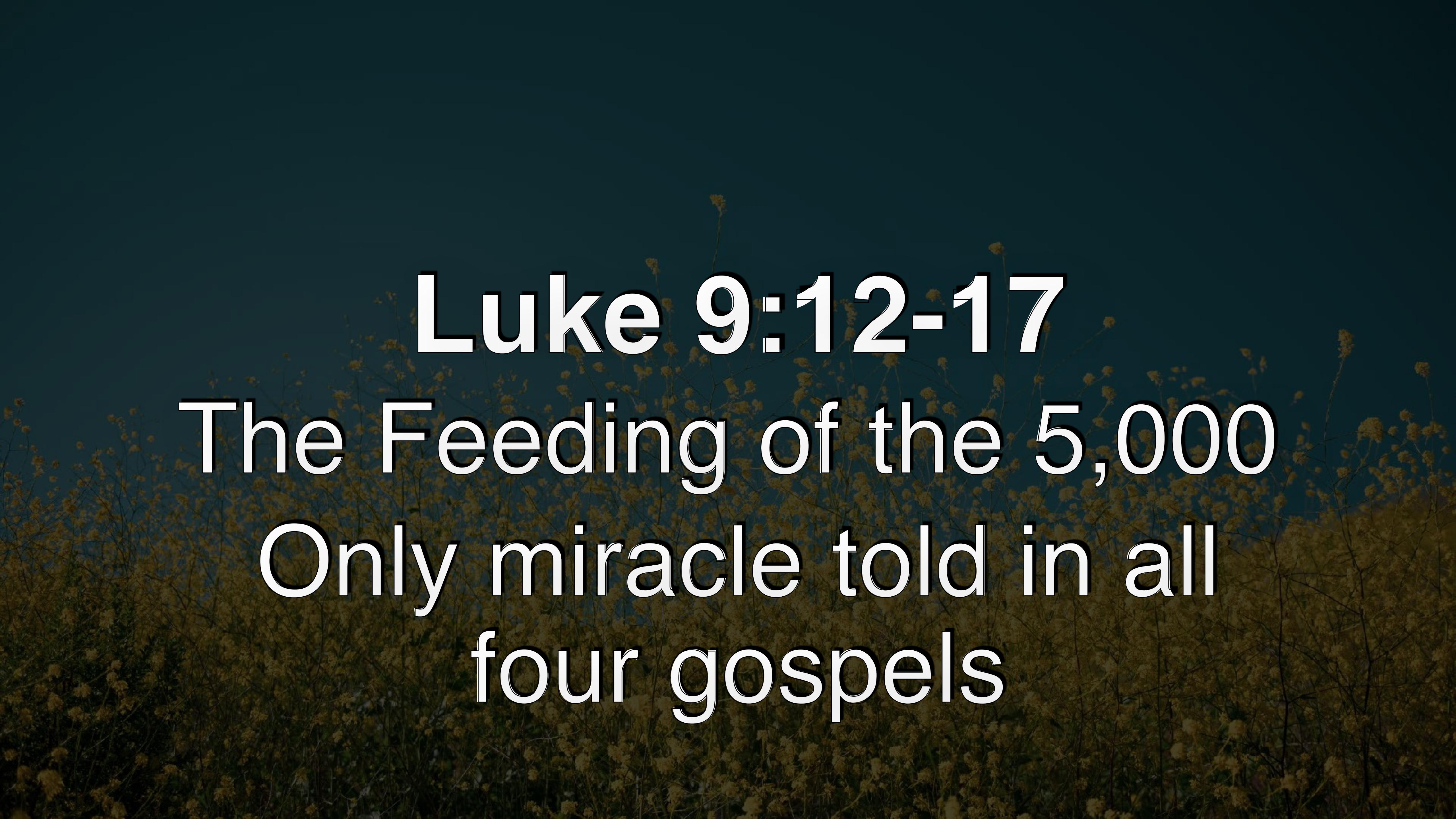


A dark, atmospheric image of a field of small, yellow wildflowers, likely mustard or similar, growing in a dense, sprawling pattern. The flowers are illuminated from within, giving them a glowing, almost ethereal appearance against the deep black background.

Luke 9:12-17

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The Feeding of the 5,000



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The Feeding of the 5,000
Only miracle told in all
four gospels



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(Giovanni LaFranco, Miracle of the Bread and Fish)

CONTEXT OF LUKE 9

The disciples are sent out to proclaim the gospel — with zero resources (Luke 9:2,3).

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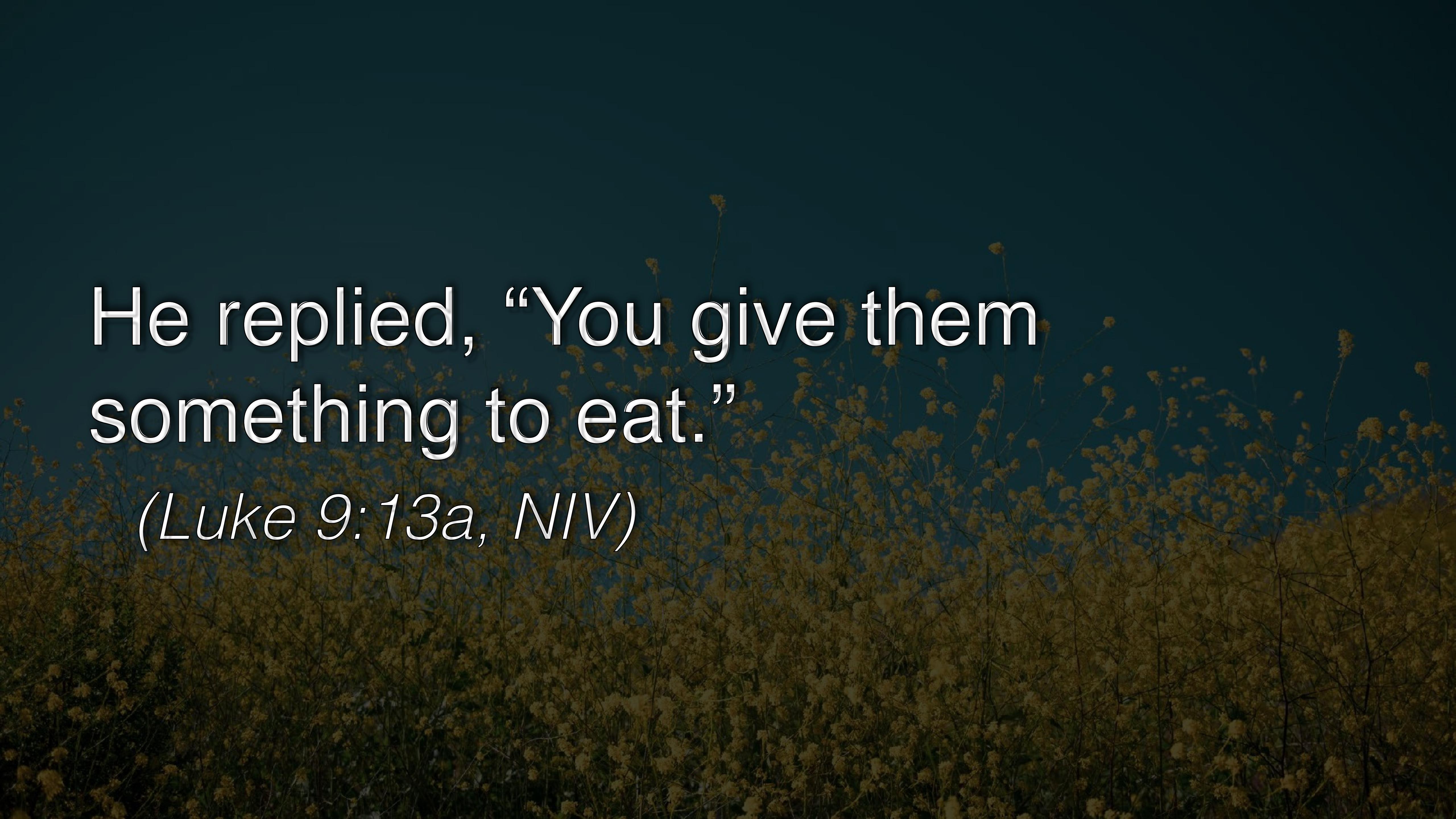
When they return, Jesus takes them away for a debrief, but massive crowds follow....





Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

(Luke 9:12, NIV)

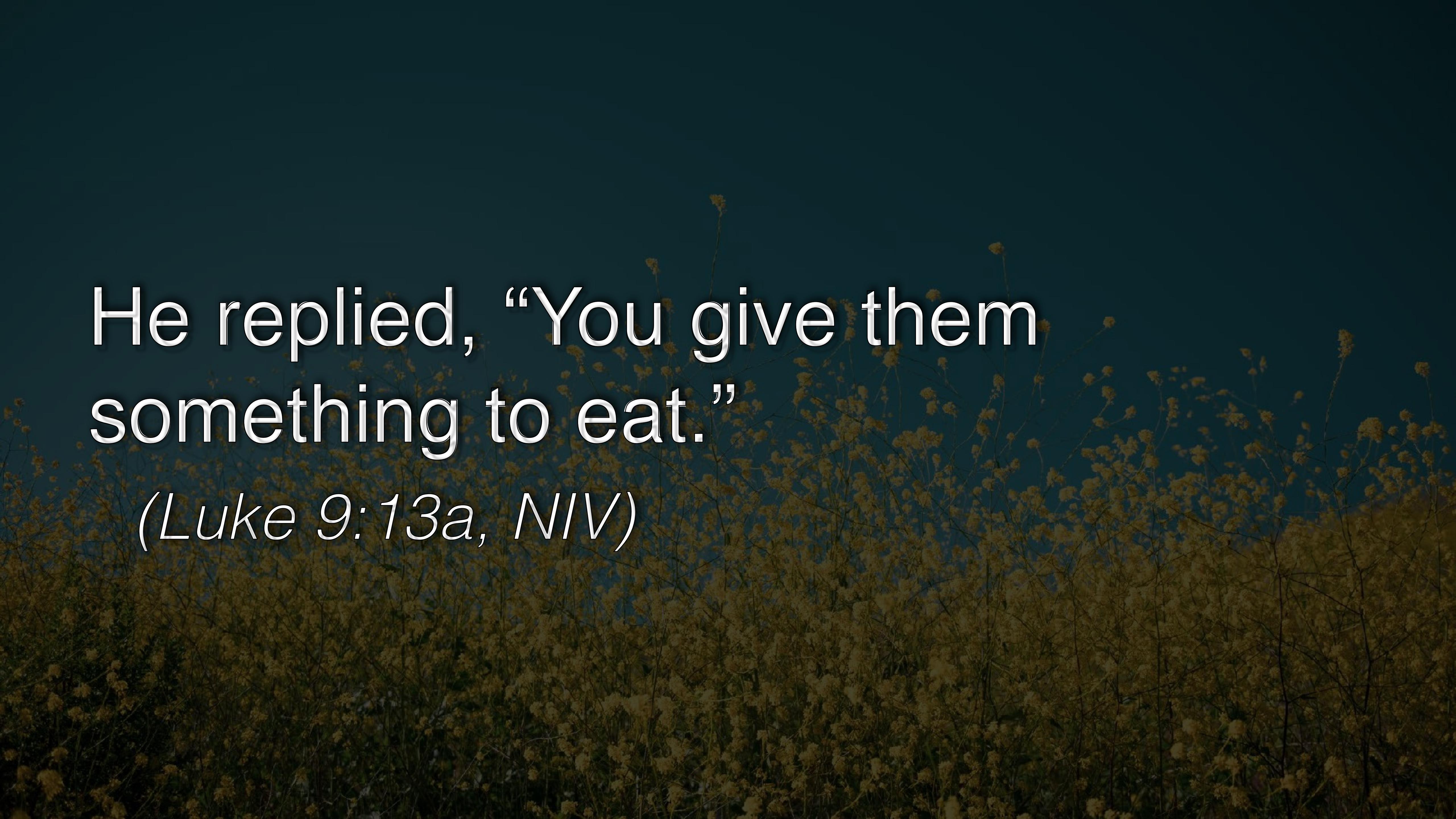
A field of small, yellow wildflowers, likely mustard or similar, growing in a dense, sprawling pattern. The flowers are numerous and delicate, creating a textured, golden-yellow carpet against a dark, solid background.

He replied, “You give them
something to eat.”

(Luke 9:13a, NIV)

“He asked this only to test them, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.”

(John 6:9, NIV)

A field of small, yellow wildflowers, possibly mustard or similar, growing in a dense, sprawling pattern. The flowers are bright yellow and have a delicate, feathery texture. The background is a dark, solid color, creating a strong contrast with the yellow flowers.

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(Luke 9:13a, NIV)

They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish — unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” (About five thousand men were there.)

(Luke 9:13b-14, NIV)

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,
spoke up, "Here is a boy with five
small barley loaves and two small
fish, but how far will they go among
so many?"

(John 6:8b,9, NIV)

“He said to his disciples, ‘Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ The disciples did so, and everyone sat down.”

(Luke 9:14b, 15, NIV)

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people.”

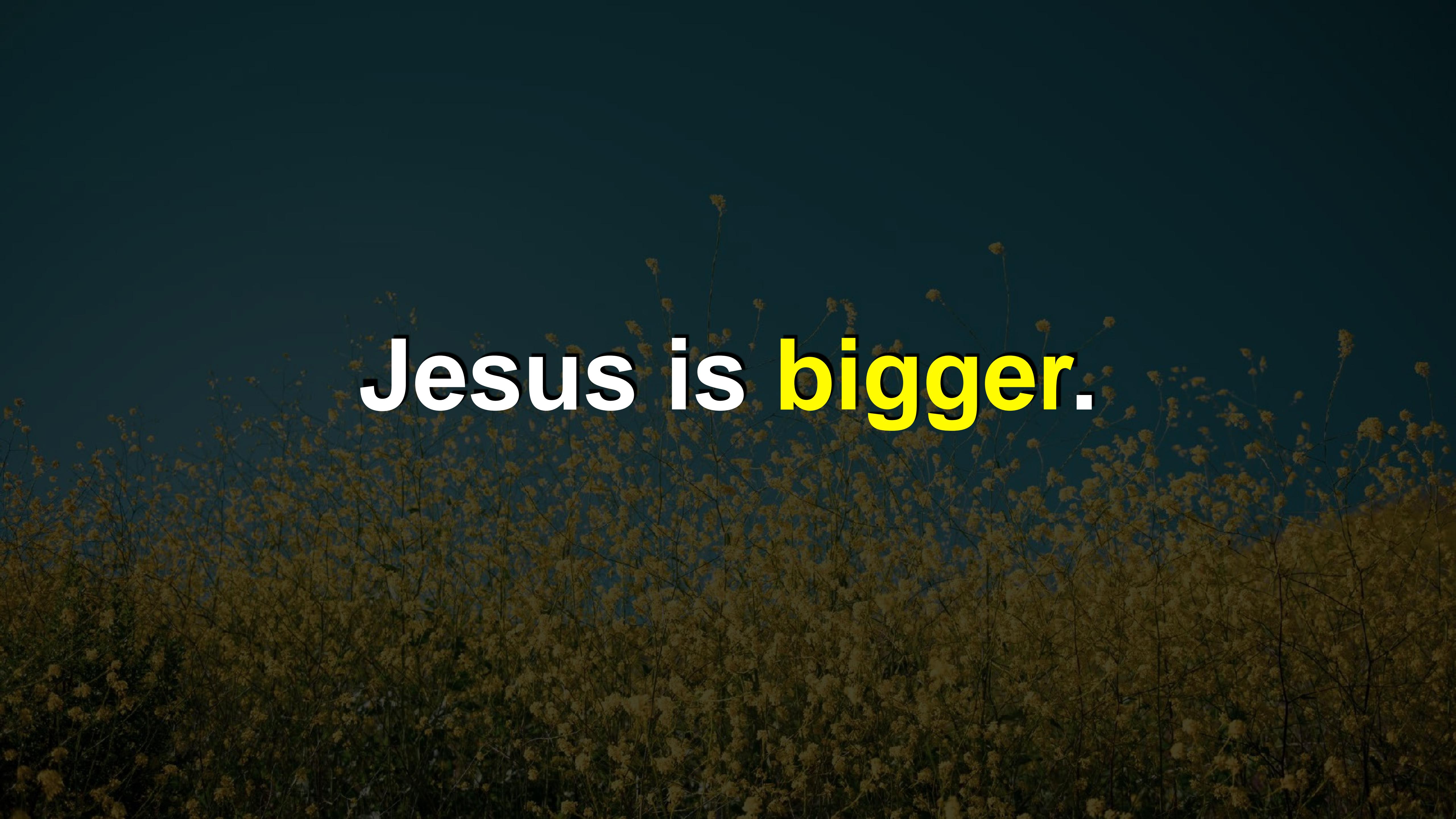
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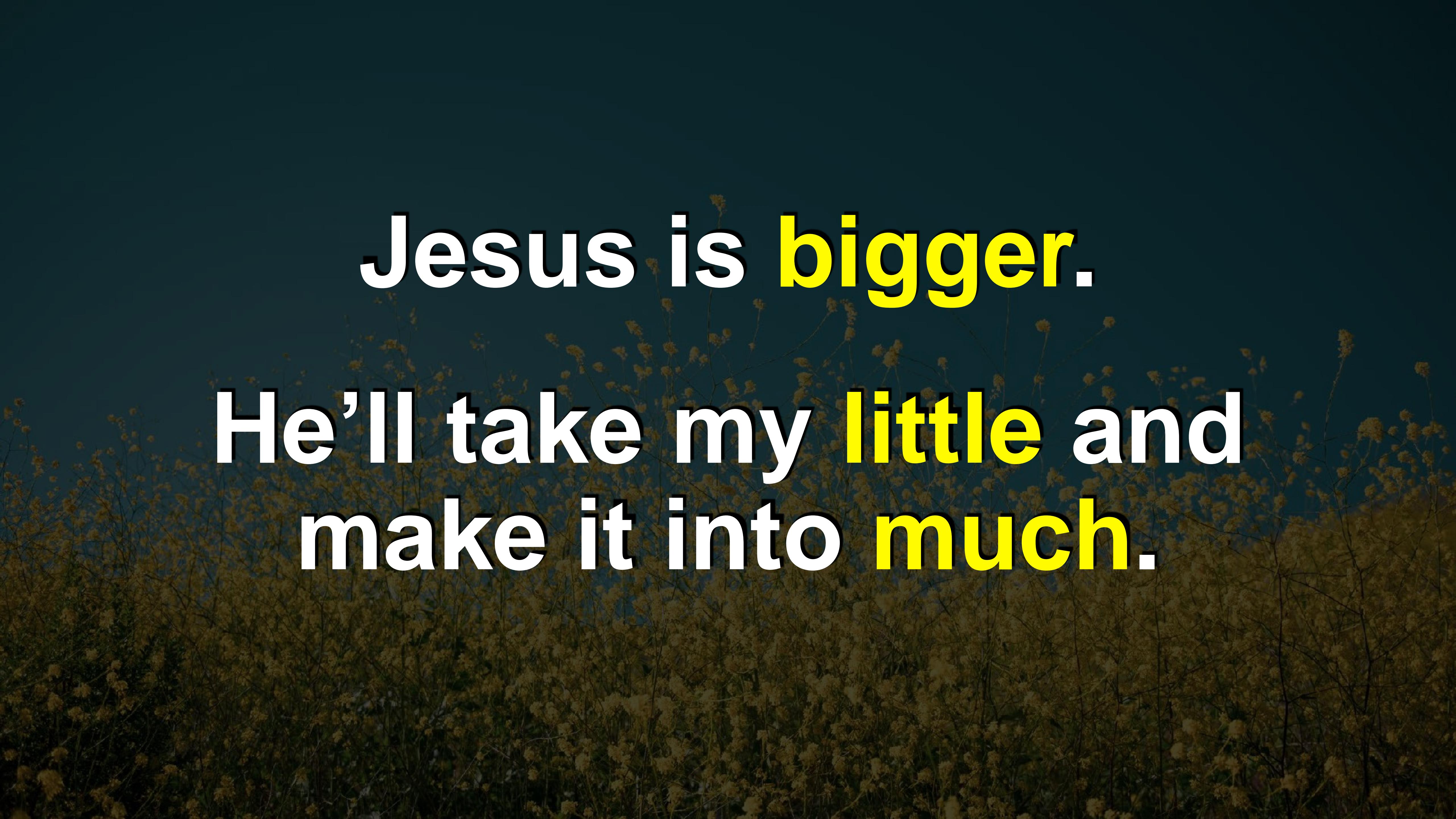
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“They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.”

(Luke 9:17, NIV)

A photograph of a field of small, yellow wildflowers, likely mustard or similar, growing in a dense, sprawling pattern. The image is heavily desaturated, giving it a dark, almost monochromatic appearance. In the center, the words "Jesus is bigger." are written in a bold, sans-serif font. The word "Jesus" is in white, and "is bigger." is in a bright yellow that stands out against the dark background.

Jesus is bigger.



Jesus is **bigger.**

He'll take my **little** and
make it into **much.**

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So how am I living my life
in light of Christ's power?

3 KEY QUESTIONS:

In light of Christ's power...



1. How do I perceive my **needs**?

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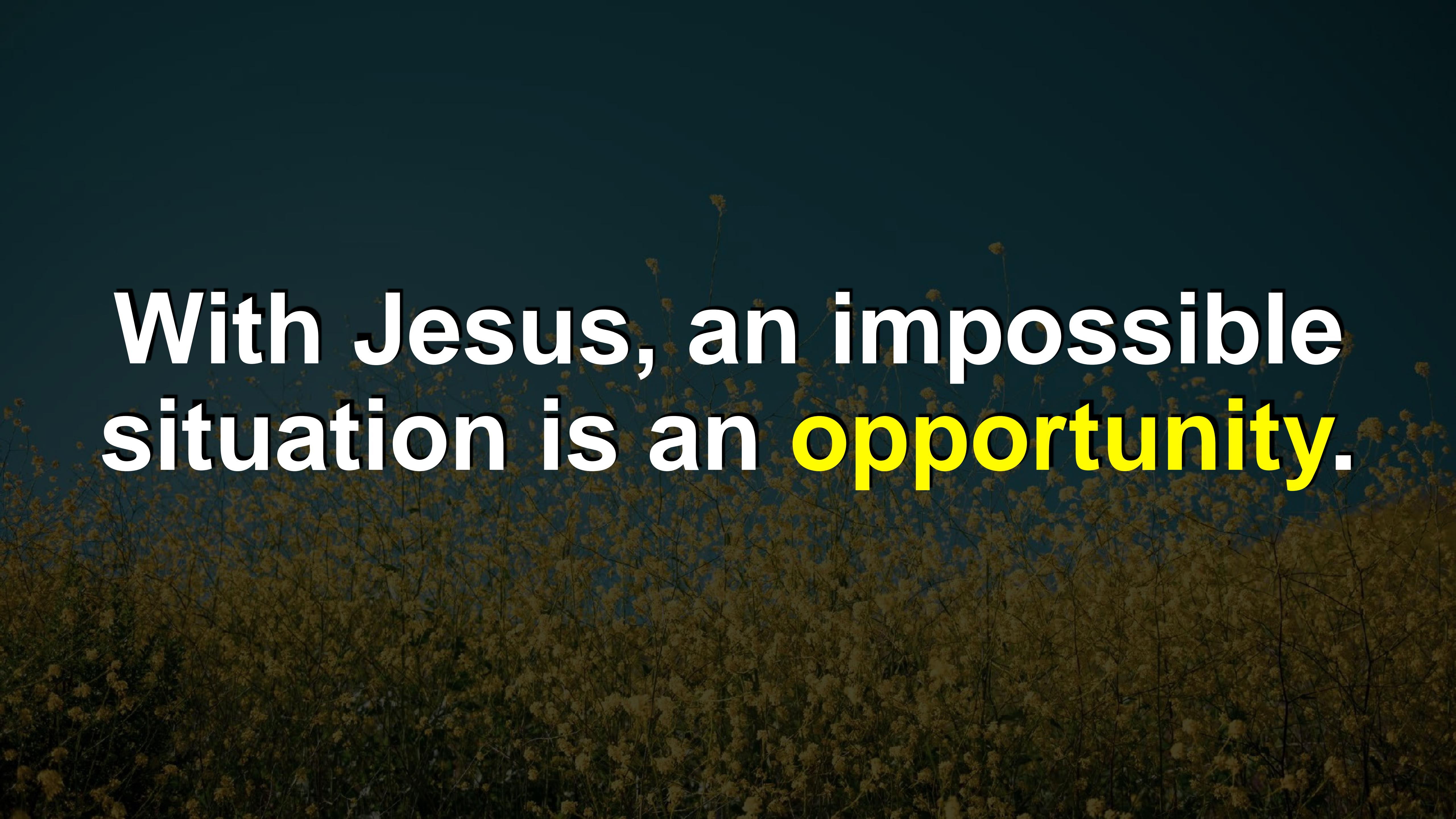
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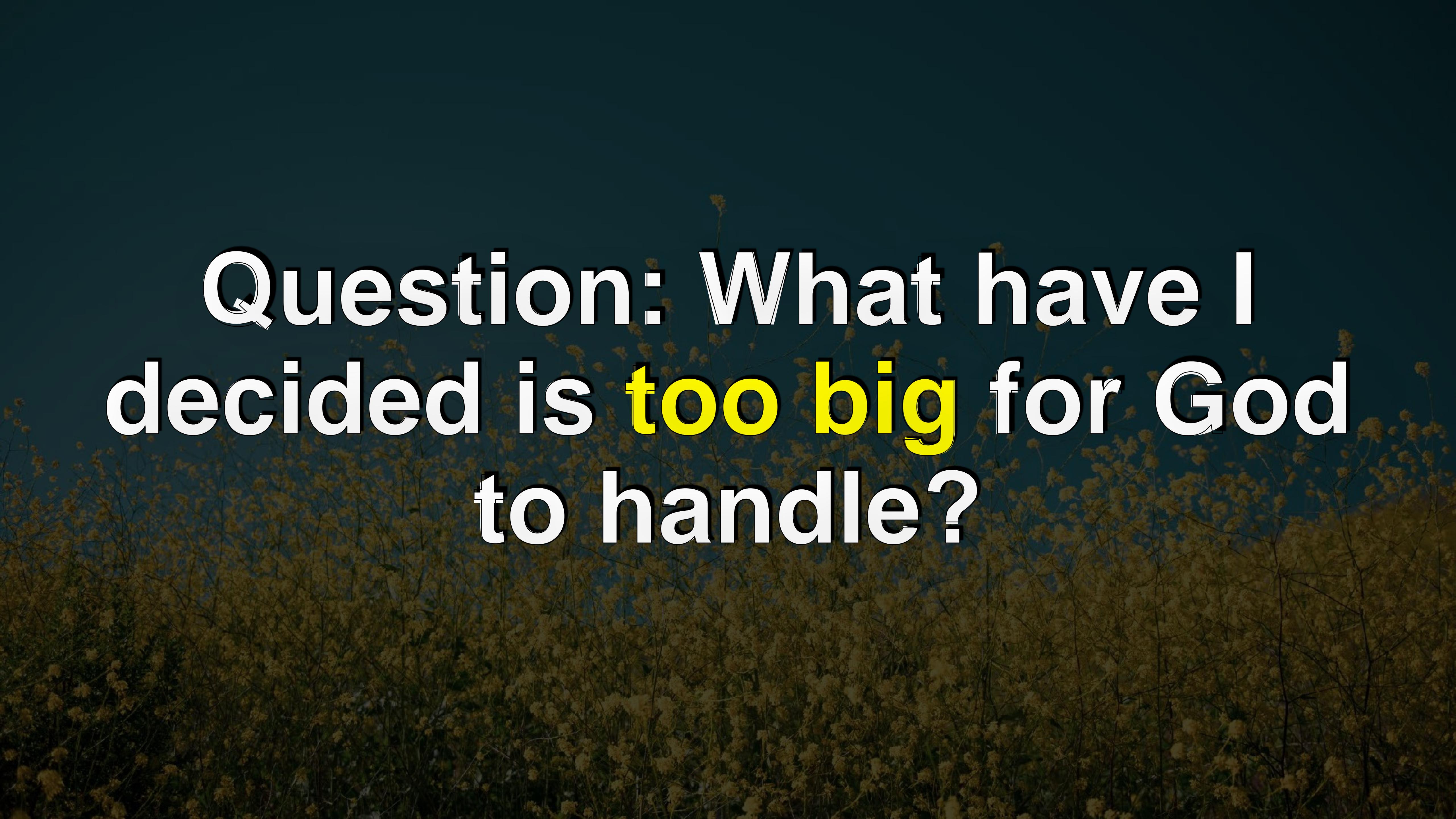
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A dark, atmospheric image of a field of small, yellow wildflowers, possibly mustard or dandelions, at night or in low light. The flowers are scattered across the frame, with some taller plants visible in the background. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay covers the upper half of the image, containing the text.

Many Christians live as
practical atheists.

A dark, moody photograph of a field of yellow wildflowers, likely mustard, at sunset. The flowers are small and numerous, creating a textured pattern against a dark background. The lighting is low, with the flowers appearing as bright yellow dots against a dark blue and black sky.

With Jesus, an impossible
situation is an **opportunity**.

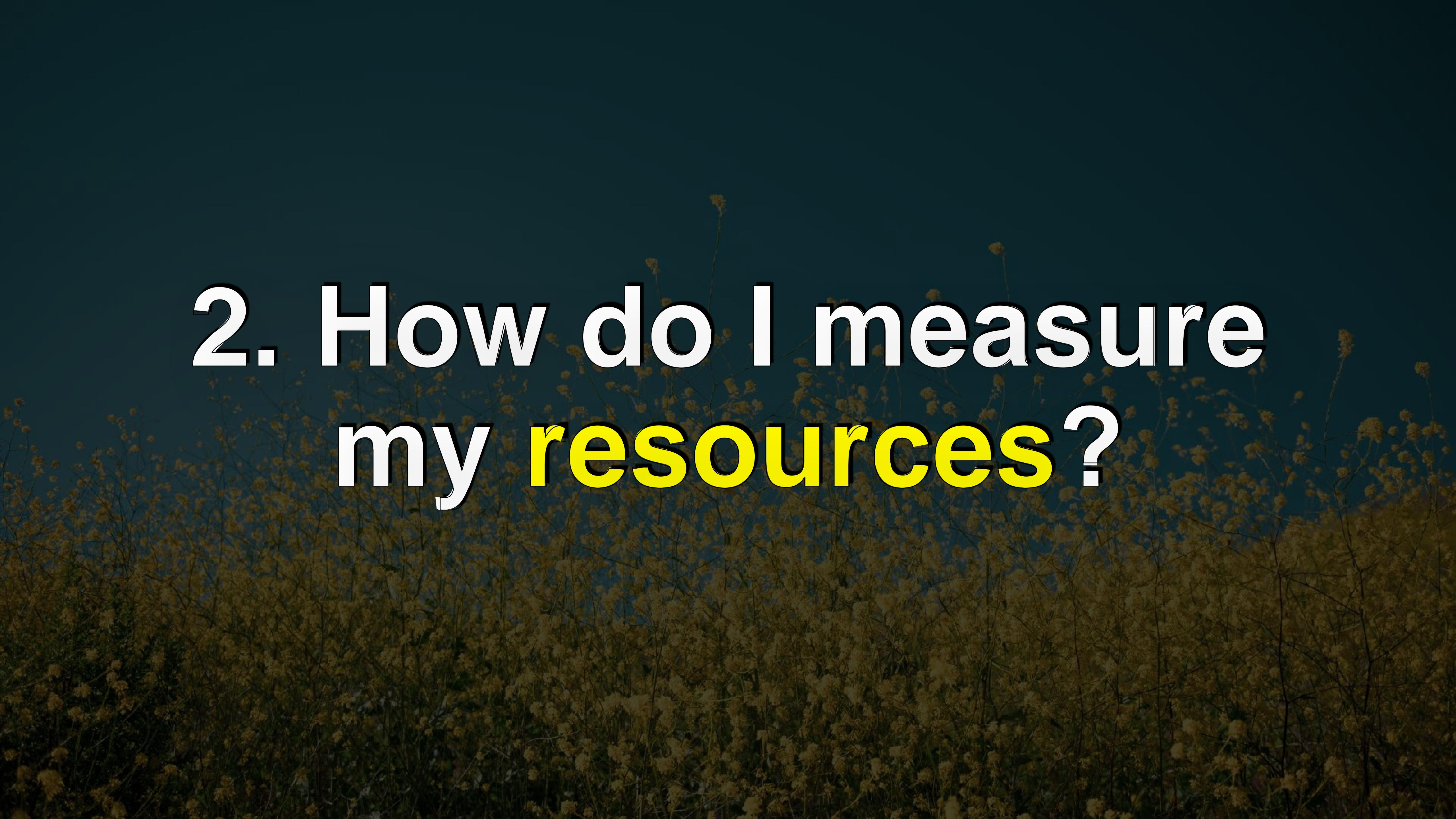


Question: What have I
decided is **too big** for God
to handle?

“When I worry, I go to the mirror and say to myself, ‘This tremendous thing which is worrying me is beyond a solution. It is especially too hard for Jesus Christ to handle.’ After I have said that, I smile...”

CORRIE TEN BOOM





2. How do I measure
my **resources**?

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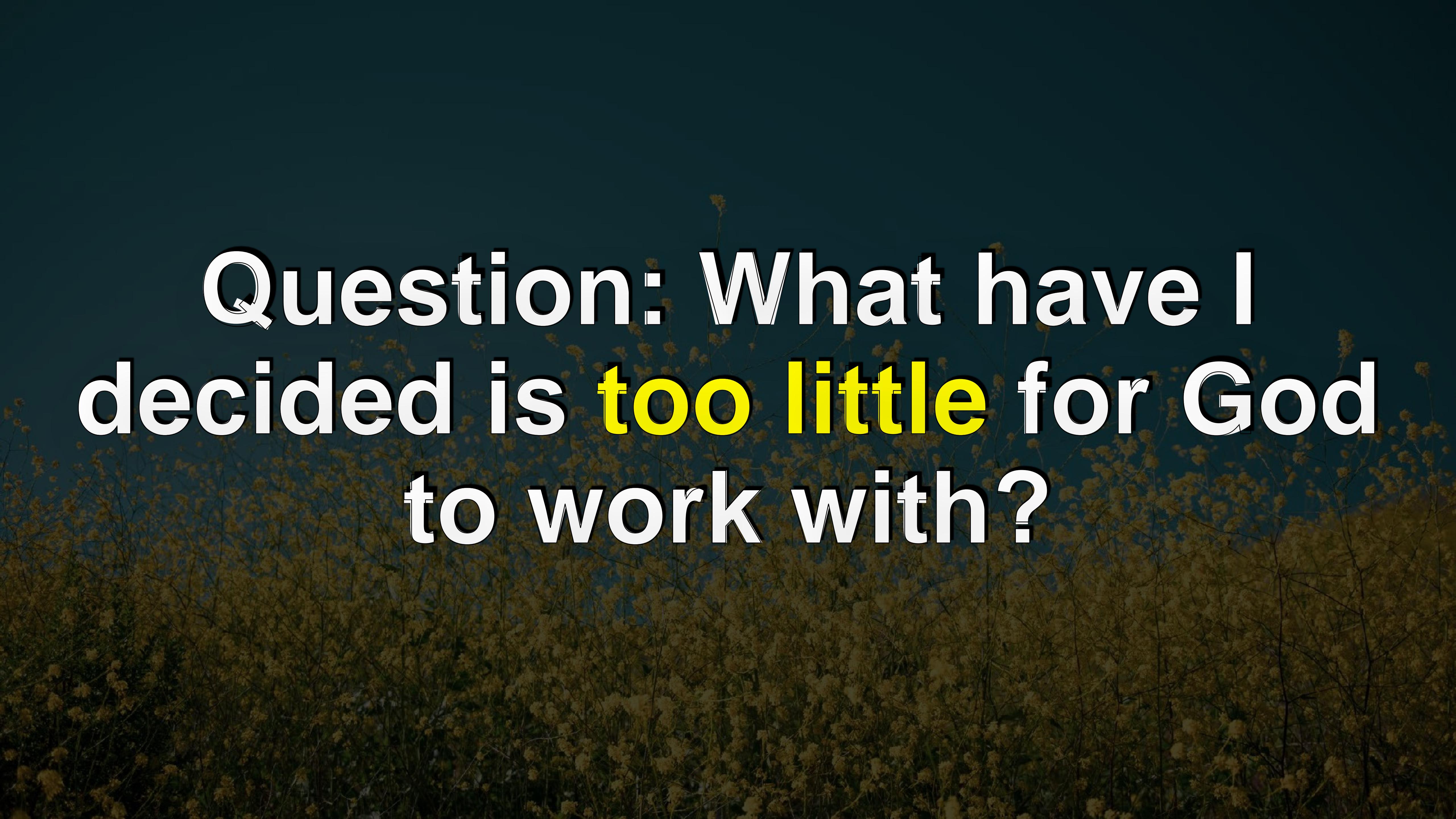
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Question: What have I
decided is **too little** for God
to work with?



Start with what you have
and watch what God does



3. How will I respond
to my **opportunities**?

“Bring them here to me,” He said.

(Matthew 14:18, NIV)



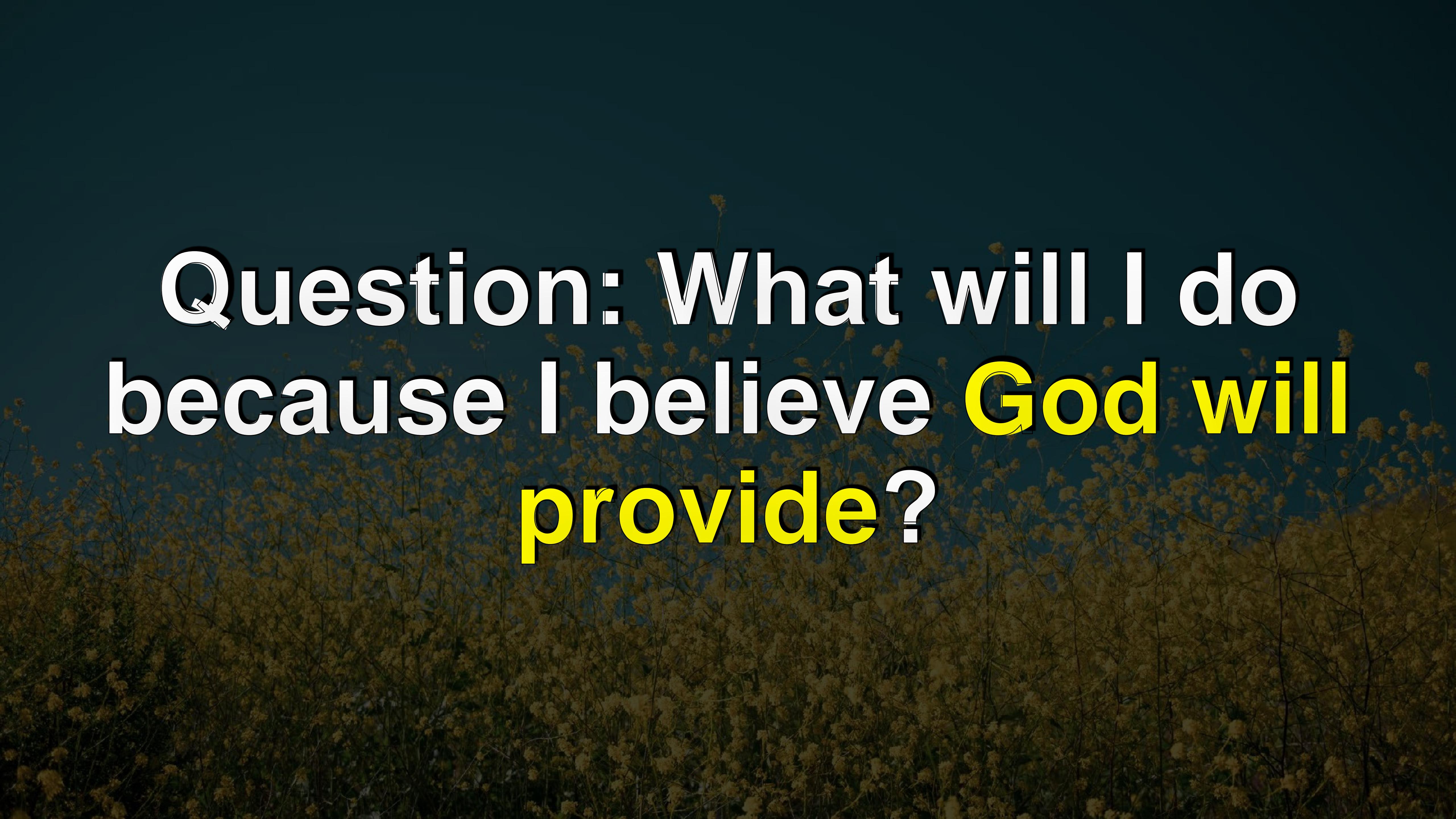
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Question: What will I do
because I believe **God will**
provide?

“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.” *(Luke 10:1, NIV)*



BIG IDEA:

When my imagination is
captured by God's grace,
I will be generous with my
little lunch.

abundant life

Luke 9:12-17

