Jesus Meets Simon: When Jesus Renames You

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John 1:40-42 NLT
40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus.

41 Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”).

42 Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”)



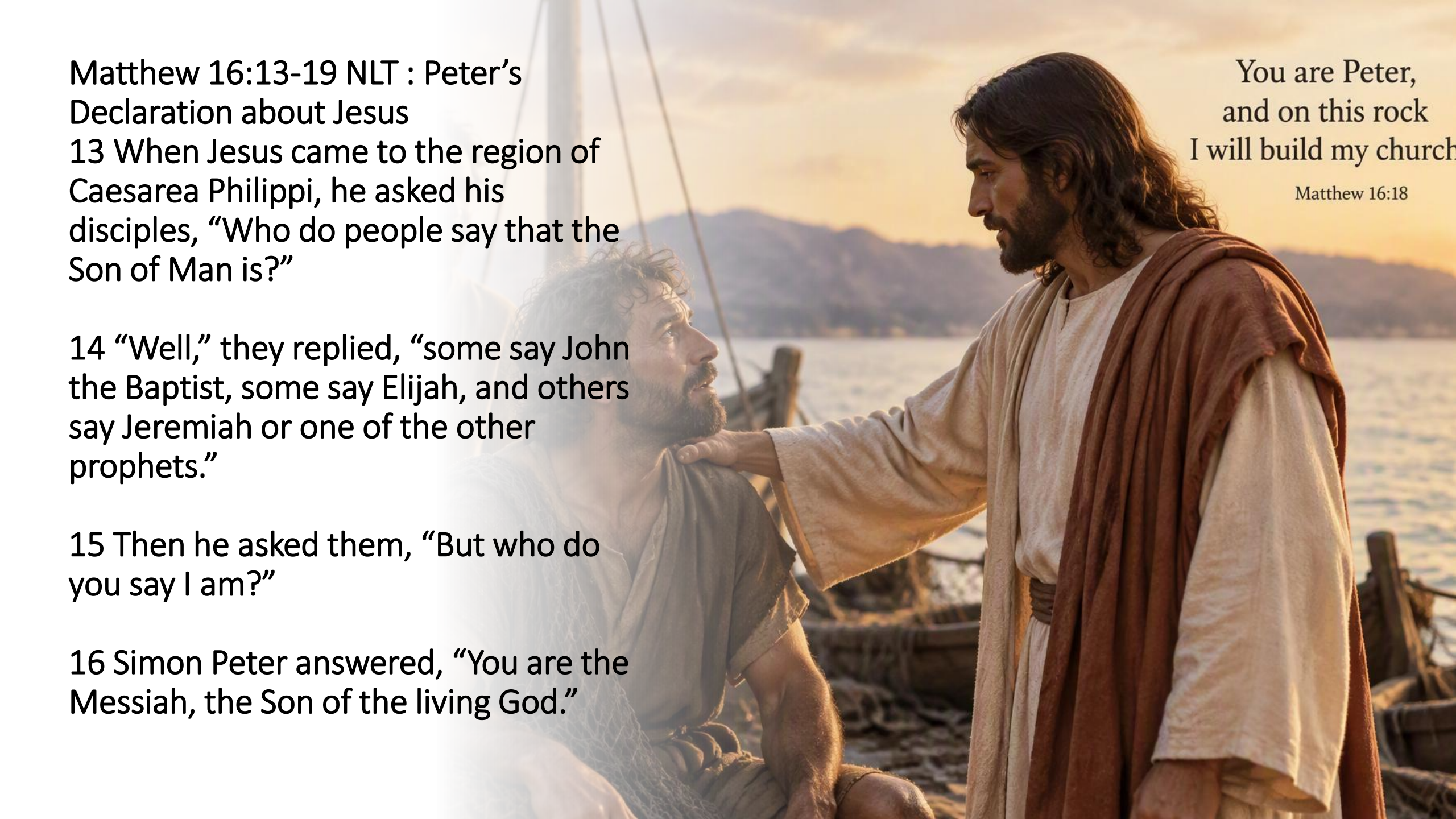
Matthew 16:13-19 NLT : Peter's Declaration about Jesus

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14 "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

15 Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

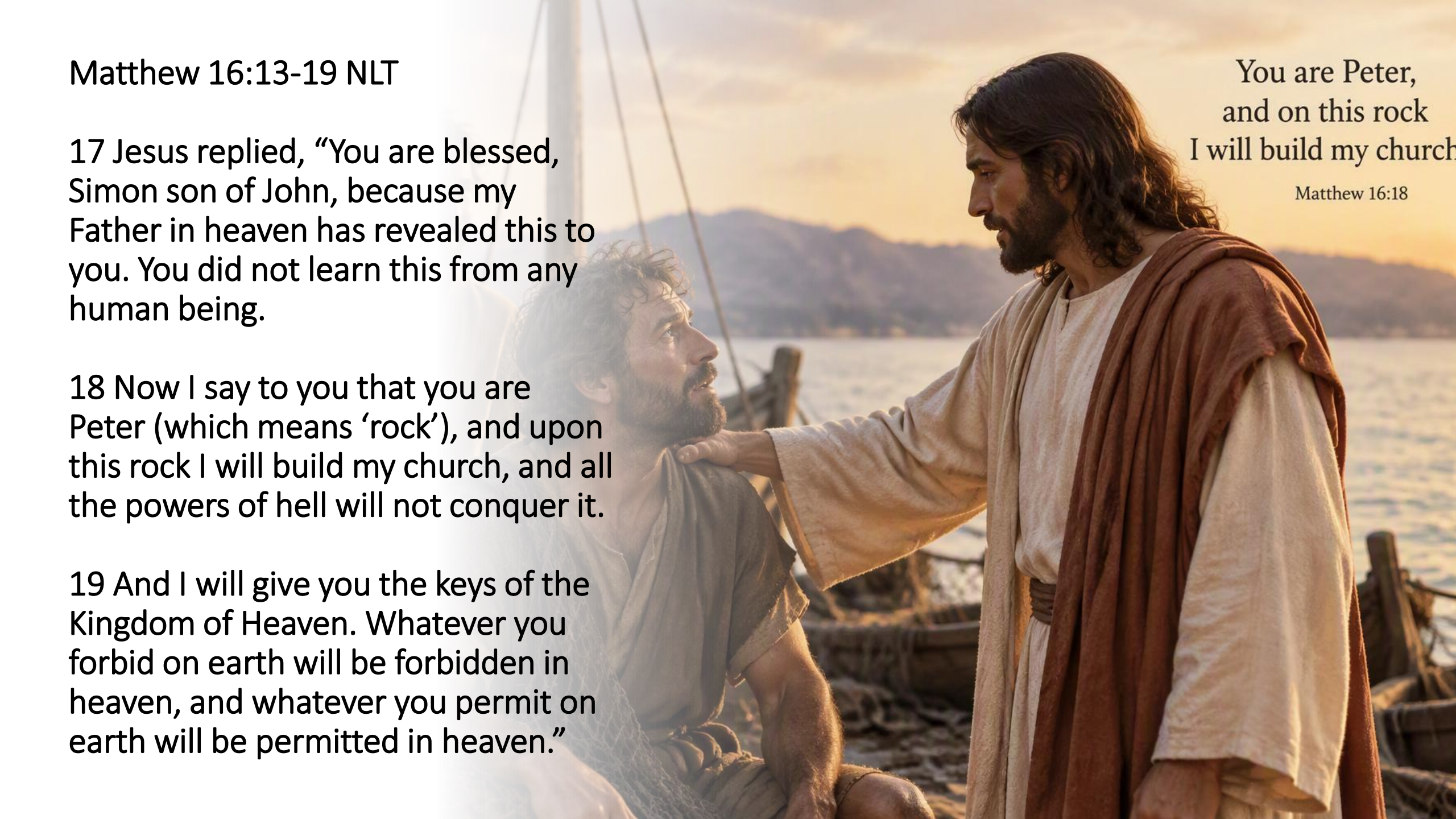


Matthew 16:13-19 NLT

17 Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”




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Matthew 14 :28-31 NLT
Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

29 “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

30 But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink.

“Save me, Lord!” he shouted.
31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”



Matthew 17:1-7 NLT

The Transfiguration

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone.

2 As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

3 Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.



Matthew 17:1-7 NLT

4 Peter exclaimed, “Lord, it’s wonderful
for us to be here! If you want, I’ll make
three shelters as memorials—one for you,
one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5 But even as he spoke, a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and a voice from the
cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son,
who brings me great joy. Listen to him.”

6 The disciples were terrified and fell face
down on the ground.

7 Then Jesus came over and touched
them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”



Matthew 26:31-35 NLT
Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial

31 On the way, Jesus told them,
“Tonight all of you will desert
me. For the Scriptures say,
‘God will strike the Shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will
be scattered.’

32 But after I have been raised
from the dead, I will go ahead of
you to Galilee and meet you
there.”



Matthew 26:31-35 NLT

33 Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.”

34 Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

35 “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the other disciples vowed the same.



John 18: 1-11 NLT
Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested
18 After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees. 2 Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had often gone there with his disciples. 3 The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a contingent of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove.



John 18: 1-11 NLT

4 Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them.
“Who are you looking for?” he asked.
5 “Jesus the Nazarene,” they replied.
“I AM he,” Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.)

6 As Jesus said “I AM he,” they all drew back and fell to the ground!



John 18: 1-11 NLT

7 Once more he asked them,
“Who are you looking for?”
And again they replied, “Jesus
the Nazarene.”

8 “I told you that I AM he,” Jesus
said. “And since I am the one you
want, let these others go.”

9 He did this to fulfil his own
statement: “I did not lose a single
one of those you have given me.”



John 18: 1-11 NLT

10 Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave.

11 But Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink from the cup of suffering the Father has given me?"



Matthew 26:69-75 NLT

Peter Denies Jesus

69 Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, “You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean.”

70 But Peter denied it in front of everyone. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.



Matthew 26:69-75 NLT

71 Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

72 Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. “I don’t even know the man,” he said.

73 A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, “You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent.”



Matthew 26:69-75 NLT

74 Peter swore, “A curse on me if I’m lying—I don’t know the man!” And immediately the rooster crowed.

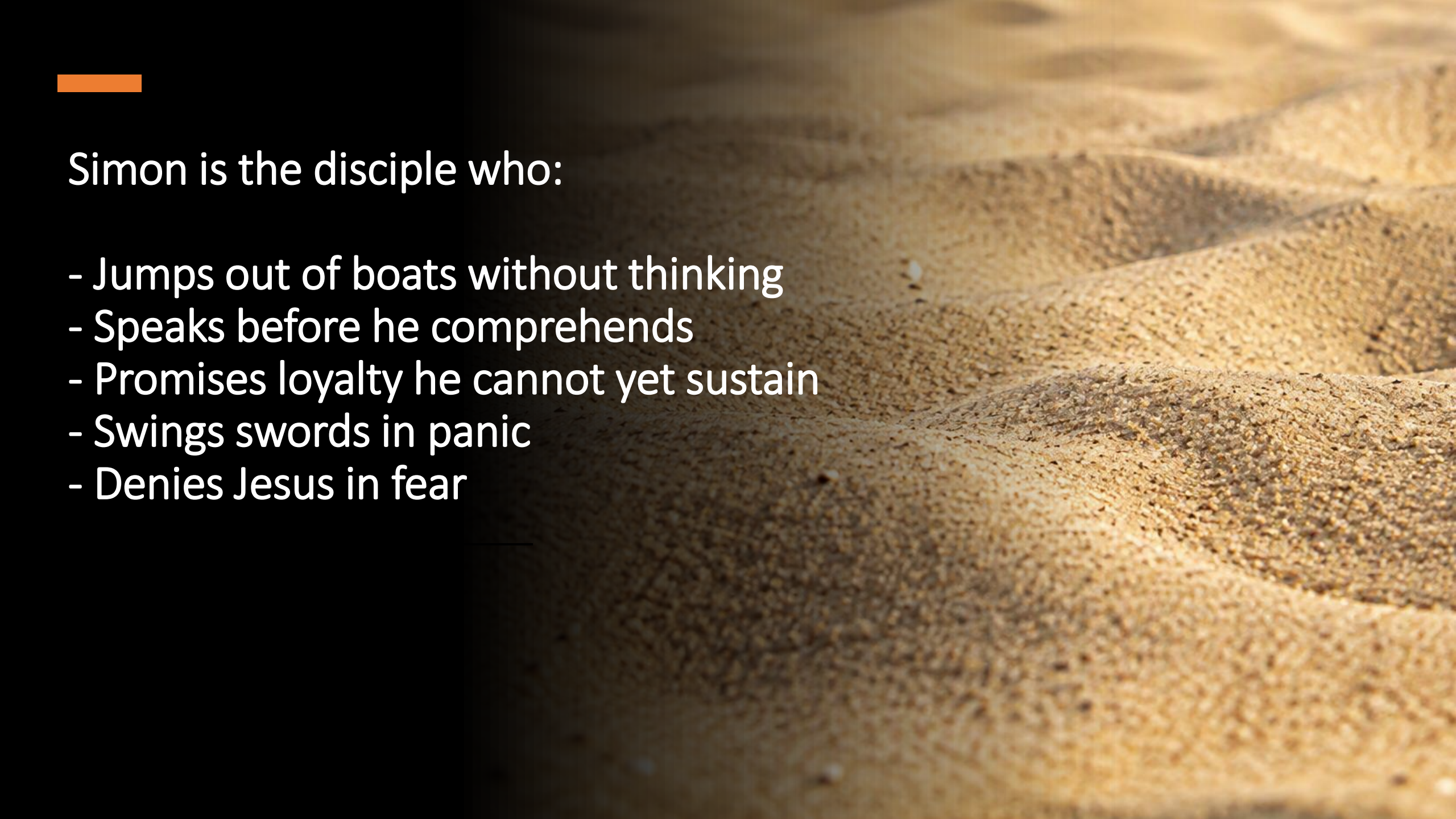
75 Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

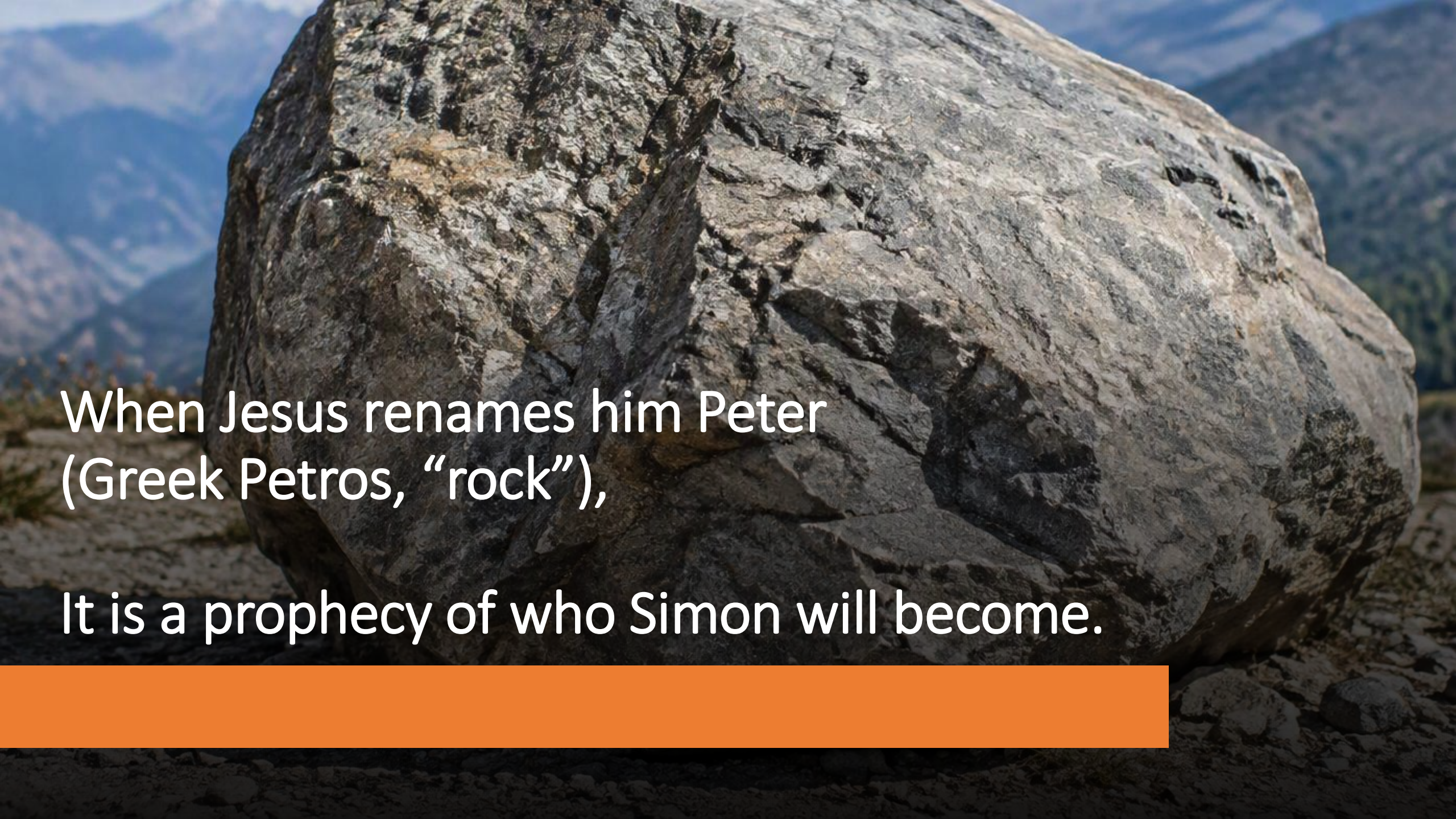
And he went away, weeping bitterly.



Simon is the disciple who:

- Jumps out of boats without thinking
- Speaks before he comprehends
- Promises loyalty he cannot yet sustain
- Swings swords in panic
- Denies Jesus in fear





When Jesus renames him Peter
(Greek Petros, “rock”),

It is a prophecy of who Simon will become.

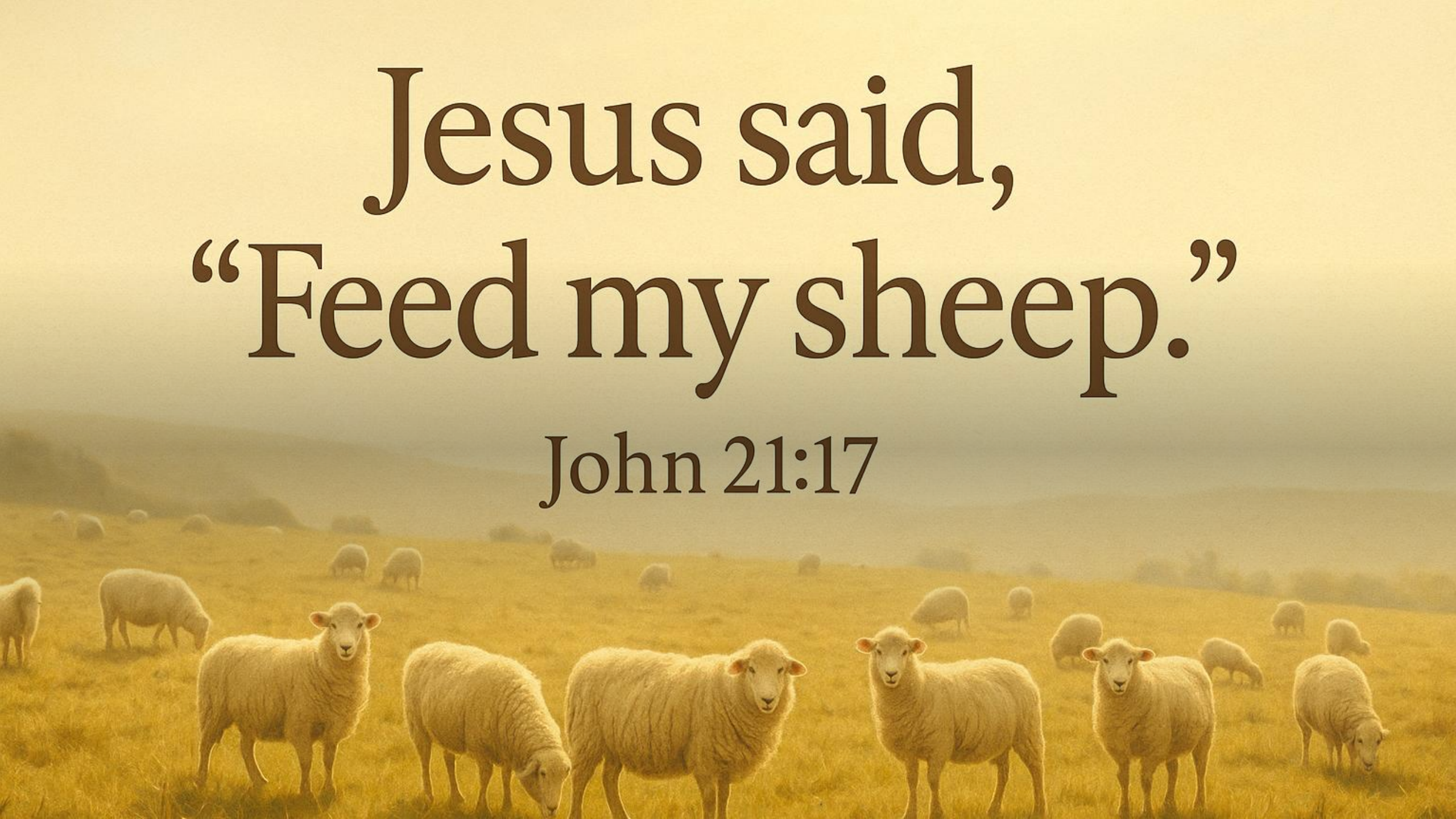
“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you like wheat.” Luke 22:31

“Simon, are you sleeping? Couldn’t you watch with me even for one hour?” Mark 14:38

“Simon, son of John do you love me?” John 21:15-16

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

John 21:17



Peter stands boldly before crowds.

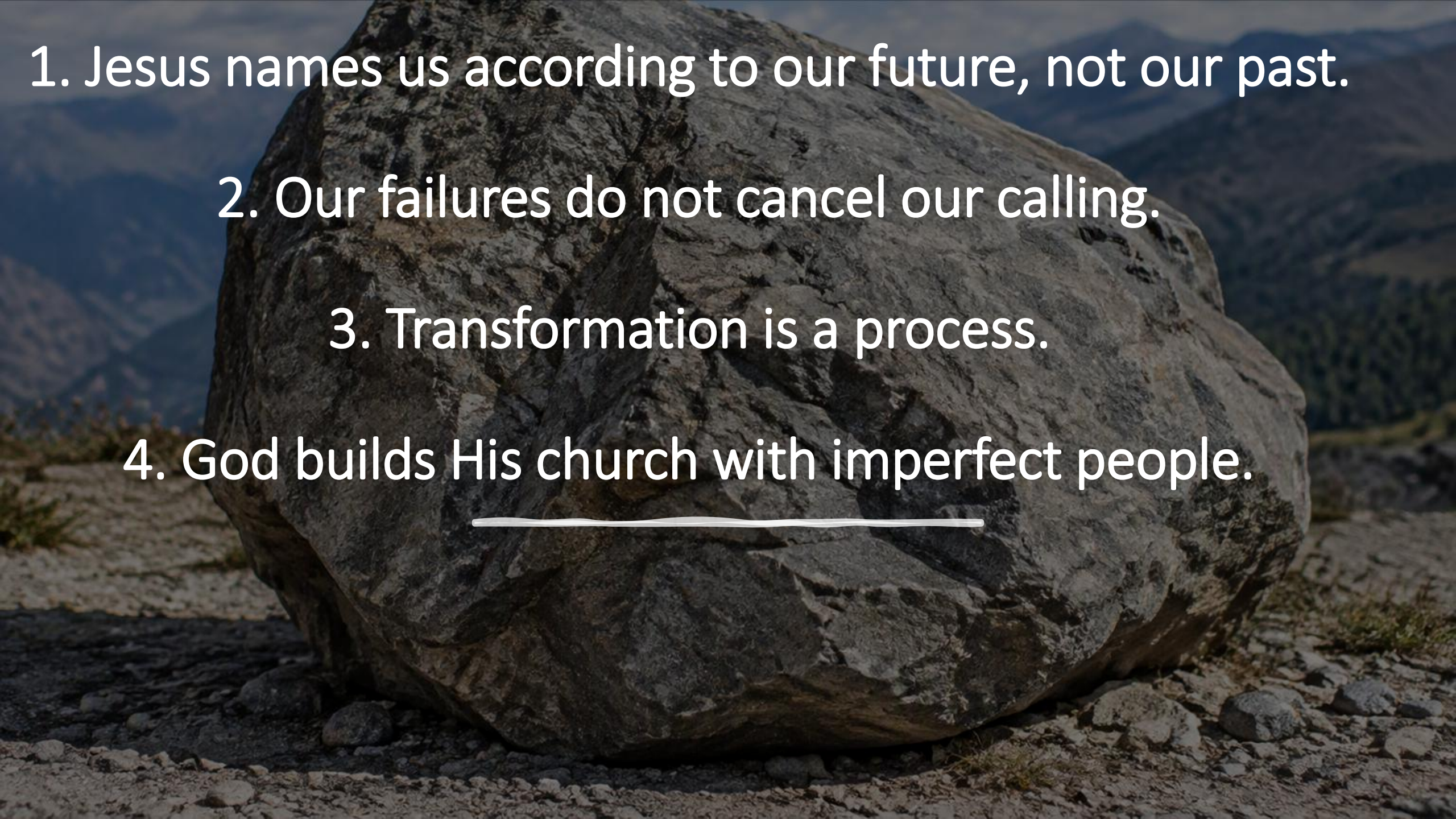
Peter preaches with authority.

Peter heals the sick.

Peter leads the early church.

Peter writes letters that strengthen believers across generations.




1. Jesus names us according to our future, not our past.
2. Our failures do not cancel our calling.
3. Transformation is a process.
4. God builds His church with imperfect people.

Before we ever change…Jesus calls us:

- His beloved
- forgiven
- chosen
- redeemed
- a new creation
- a child of God
- a royal priesthood
- His Workmanship





And He still calls us:
“Follow me.”

So let’s continue to step into our new lives and follow Him

Let’s close in prayer

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