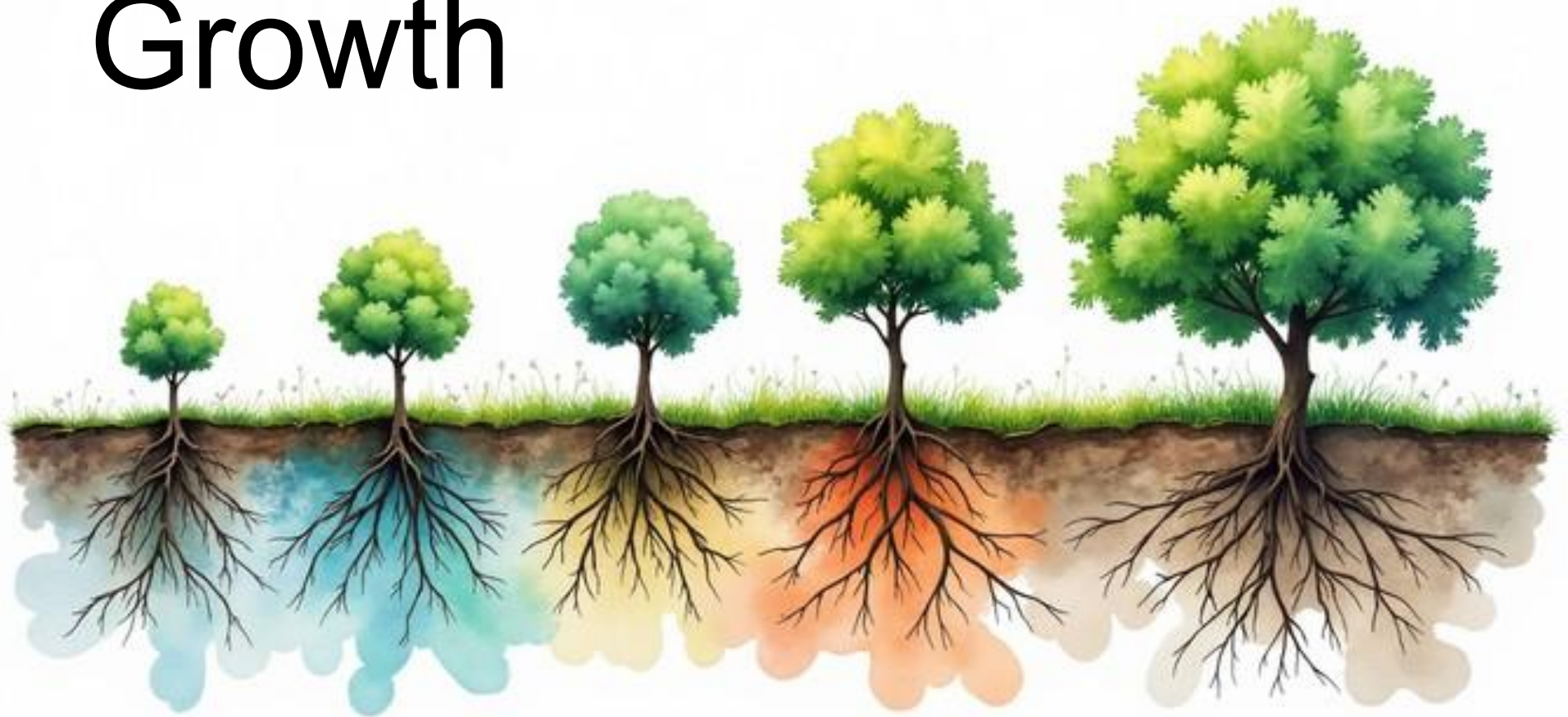


Fundamentals Of Spiritual Growth



Agenda



Recap

Central question

Course Preview

- 1: Introduction / Overview
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- 3: Appropriation
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- 5: The Atmosphere of Growth
- 6: Walking by Faith
- 7: Cultivation
- 8: Finding Rest – Abiding in Christ

Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

A close-up photograph of a car's side-view mirror. The mirror is oval-shaped with a chrome or polished metal frame. The reflection inside the mirror shows a long, straight desert road stretching towards the horizon under a hazy sky. The road has visible tire tracks. In the lower right corner of the mirror's frame, there is a white warning label.

OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE
CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

The Foundation

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MADE COMPLETE IN CHRIST

Colossians 2:9



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The atmosphere of Growth



A watercolor-style background featuring a soft, warm glow in the upper left corner, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. Dark, silhouetted trees are visible in the upper right, while various shades of red, orange, and yellow washes fill the lower half, resembling autumn foliage or a misty landscape.

Walking By Faith

HEBREWS 11:1-3

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of green leaves and stems, possibly from a plant like a peace lily. The image is heavily overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent grey filter, which makes the green colors appear muted and dark. The text is centered and rendered in a white, thin-outlined font.

Who is the Holy
Spirit?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT

AN ACTIVE
IMPERSONAL FORCE

Pneumatology

THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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PNEUMA

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LOGIA

SPIRIT • BREATH • WIND

The subject: the Spirit of God—who He is.

STUDY • DISCOURSE

The inquiry: an ordered account of truth.

PNEUMATOLOGY = THE STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Its framework asks two questions: Who is He? • What does He do?

The Person of the Holy Spirit

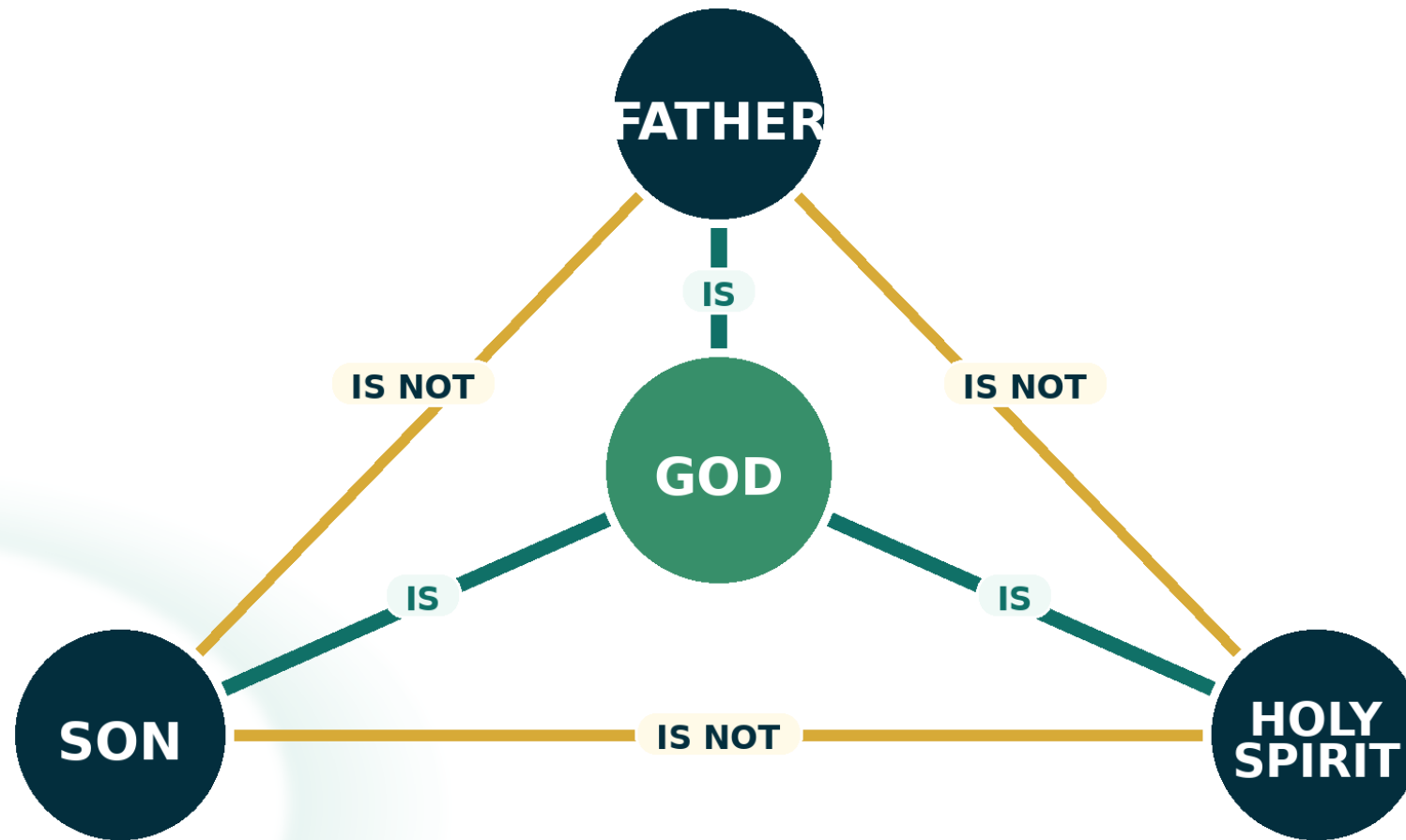
WHO HE IS

He is a divine Person—not an impersonal force.

Scripture describes the Spirit with intelligence, will, relationship, and divine identity.

01	PERSONAL	He speaks, wills, teaches, leads, and can be grieved. Acts 13:2 • 1 Cor. 12:11 • Eph. 4:30
02	DIVINE	He is called God and shares the divine nature and glory. Acts 5:3–4
03	TRINITARIAN	He is distinct from, yet equal with, the Father and the Son. Matt. 28:19 • 2 Cor. 13:14
04	RELATIONAL	He teaches, reminds, testifies, and brings believers to Christ. John 14:26 • 15:26 • 16:14

The Holy Spirit is “He,” not “it”—the third Person of the Trinity.



The Holy Spirit is God

ONE DIVINE NATURE

Scripture gives the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit the same divine attributes.

DIVINE ATTRIBUTE	GOD THE FATHER	GOD THE SON	HOLY SPIRIT
ETERNAL	Psalm 90:2	Hebrews 13:8	Hebrews 9:14
OMNISCIENT	1 John 3:20	John 21:17	1 Corinthians 2:10–11
OMNIPRESENT	Jeremiah 23:23–24	Matthew 28:20	Psalm 139:7
CREATOR / LIFE-GIVER	Genesis 1:1	John 1:3	Genesis 1:2; Job 33:4

The Spirit shares God’s divine attributes

The Work of the Holy Spirit

WHAT HE DOES | He makes the saving work of Christ real in God's people. How?

01 REVEALS TRUTH

Inspires Scripture and guides into truth.

2 Pet. 1:21 • John 16:13

02 CONVICTS & REGENERATES

Exposes sin and gives new birth.

John 16:8 • 3:5–8

03 INDWELLS, SEALS & ASSURES

Lives in believers and guarantees their inheritance.

Rom. 8:9,16 • Eph. 1:13–14

04 SANCTIFIES & PRODUCES FRUIT

Forms Christlike character and holy living.

2 Thess. 2:13 • Gal. 5:16,22–23

05 GIFTS & EMPOWERS THE CHURCH

Equips every believer for service and witness.

1 Cor. 12:4–11 • Acts 1:8

06 GLORIFIES CHRIST

Directs attention, affection, and obedience to Jesus.

John 16:14

The Spirit reveals Christ, applies salvation, forms believers, and empowers the Church.

JOHN 16:14

15 “If you **love** me, you will **keep my commandments**.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever,

17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

The promise of the Helper

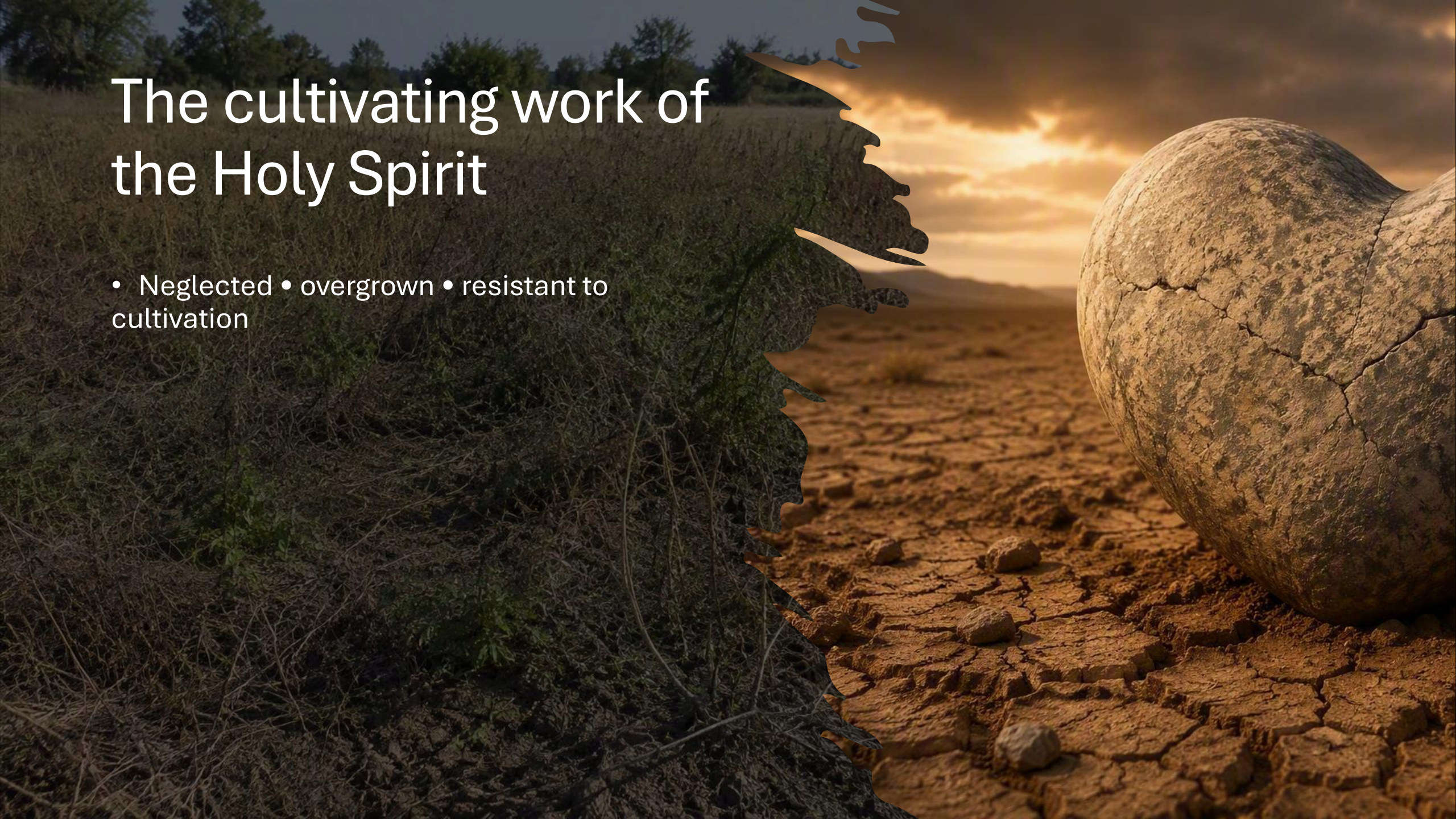


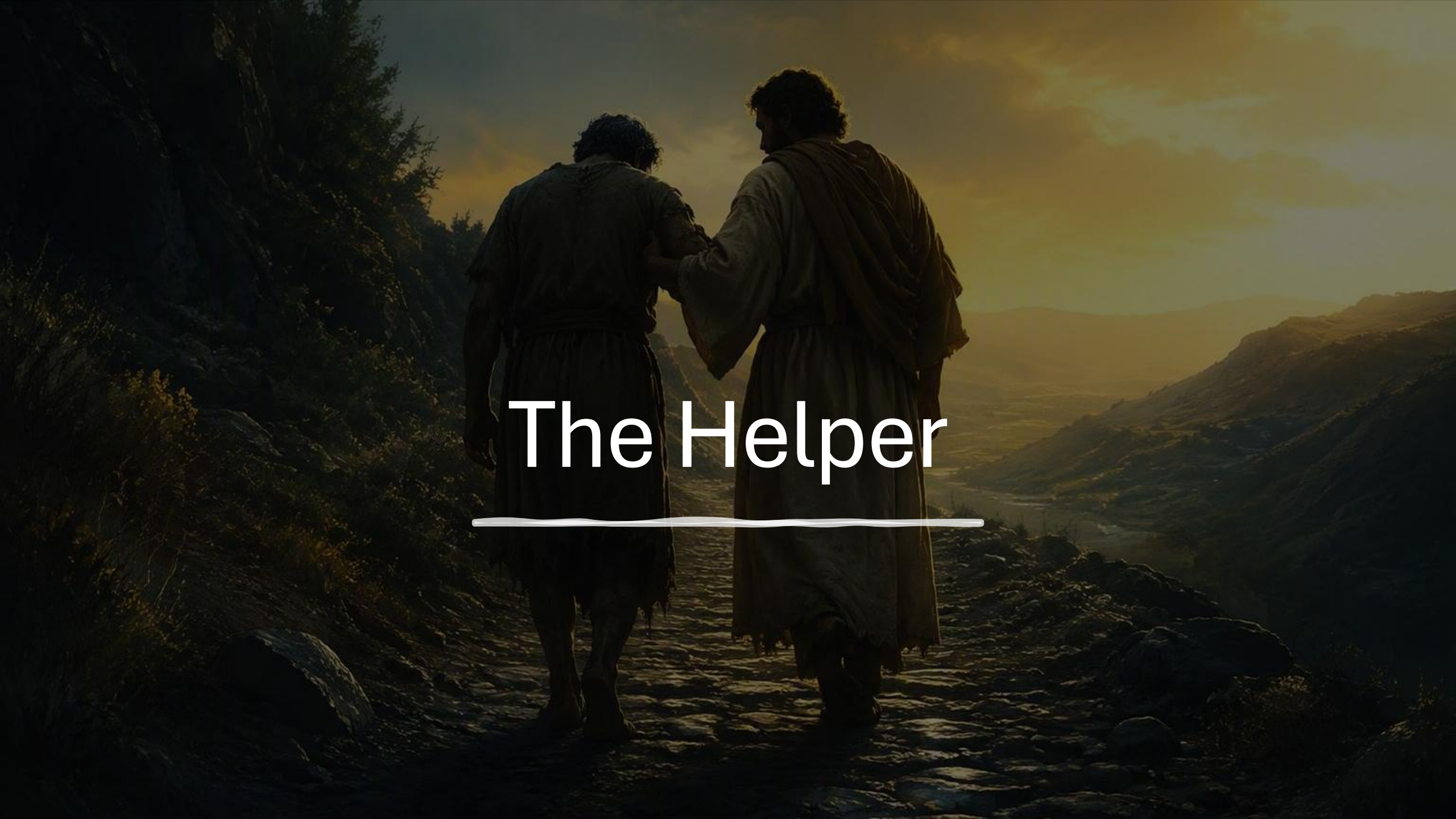
Advocate / Comforter / Helper



The cultivating work of the Holy Spirit

- Neglected • overgrown • resistant to cultivation



A cinematic photograph of two men in ancient-style robes walking away from the viewer on a rocky mountain path. The man on the right is placing his hand on the shoulder of the man on the left, suggesting support or guidance. The scene is set during a golden sunset or sunrise, with a vast, hazy valley and distant mountains in the background. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the silhouettes of the men and the textures of their clothing and the landscape.

The Helper

Pride exalts self; humility yields to God

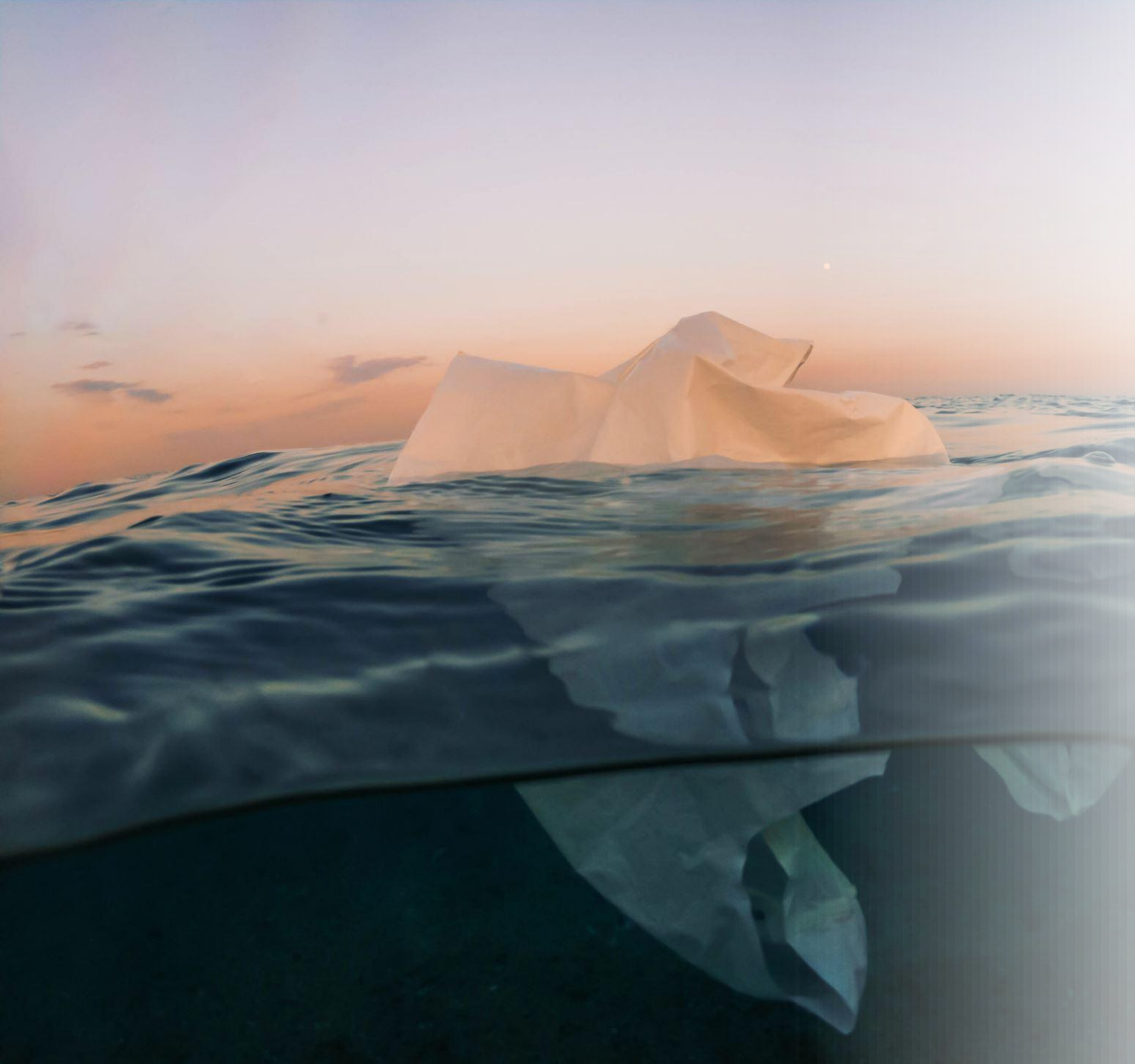
“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” — James 4:6

BIBLICAL CONTRAST	PRIDE	HUMILITY
Relationship to God	Exalts self; resists dependence and submission.	Recognizes God’s sovereignty; submits to His will.
View of self	Inflates importance; overlooks weakness and need.	Acknowledges limitations and receives grace.
Treatment of others	Compares, condemns, and seeks status.	Serves gently, bears with others, and pursues unity.
Spiritual effect	Hardens the heart and blocks spiritual growth.	Cultivates wisdom, obedience, peace, and love.
Scriptural picture	The Pharisee: self-righteous and contemptuous (Luke 18:9–14).	Christ: servant-hearted and obedient (Phil. 2:5–8).
Outcome	Opposition from God; destruction and a fall (Prov. 16:18; James 4:6).	Grace, honor, life, and exaltation by God (Prov. 22:4; James 4:6).

The background image shows a construction site. On the left, there is a large pile of brush and branches. In the center, a person is kneeling on the ground, possibly taking a sample. In the background, a red tractor is parked on a cleared area of land. The sky is overcast.

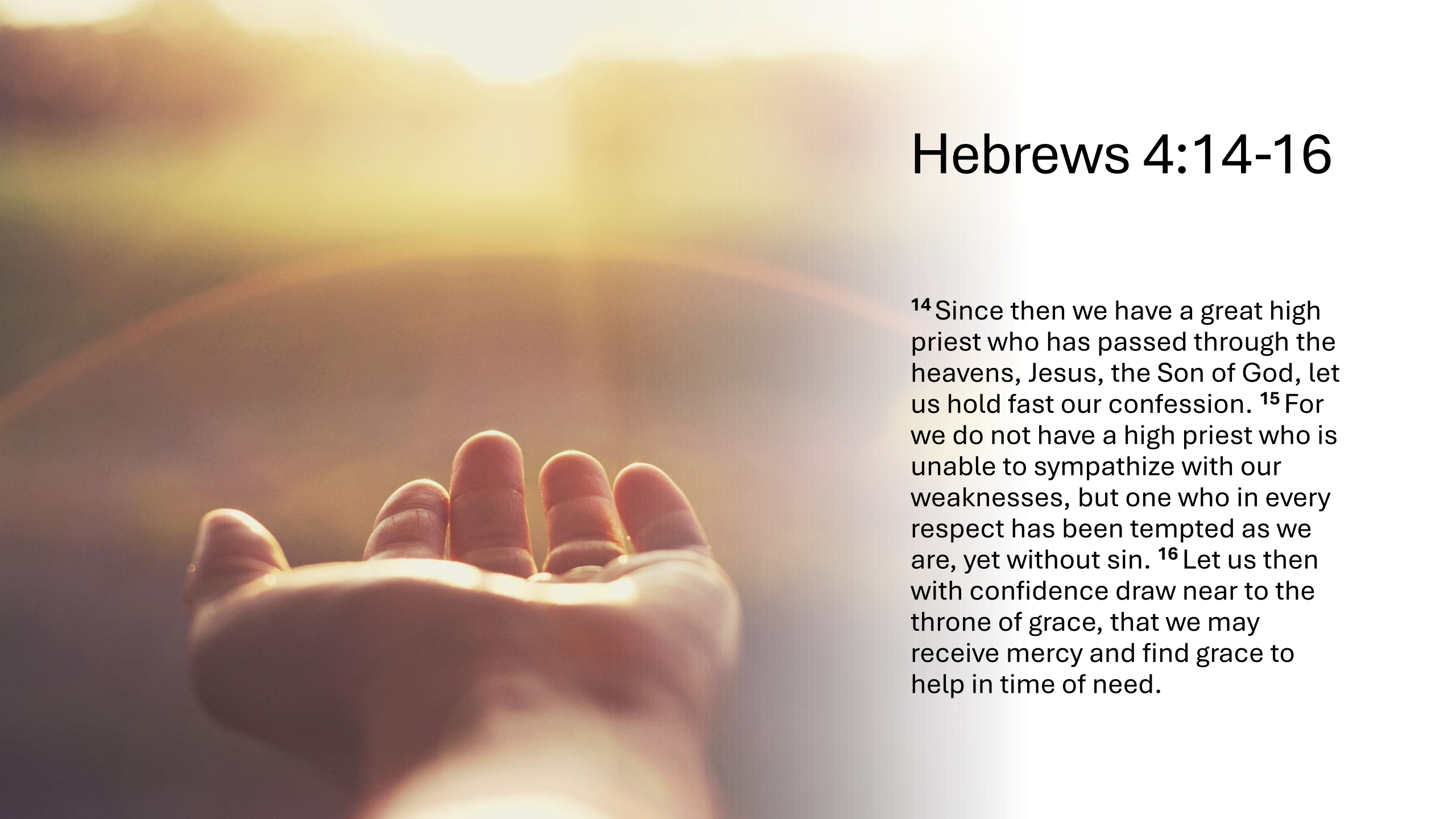
Preparing the Ground

CLEARED • ANALYZED • PREPARED FOR BREAKING UP



2 Corinthians 3:16-18

¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**



Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



What is the purpose of a
cultivated heart?

After: Tilled Land and a Softened Heart

TILLED, KEPT LAND



Cultivated • maintained • ready to receive seed

A SOFTENED, TILLED HEART



Softened • receptive • prepared for new growth

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
LOVE • JOY • PEACE • PATIENCE • KINDNESS
GOODNESS • FAITHFULNESS • GENTLENESS • SELF-CONTROL

"Against such things there is no law." **GALATIANS 5:22–23**



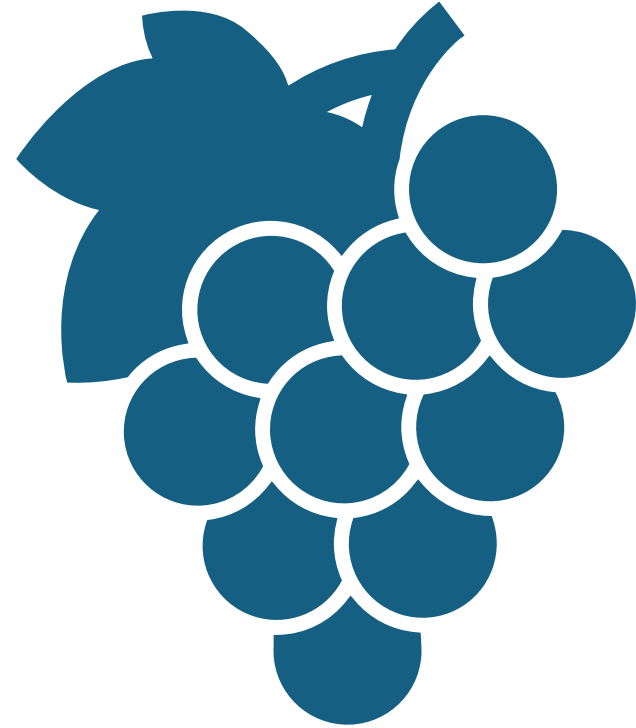
Central Question

How do we remain fruitful?

Abiding in Christ

I Am the True Vine

- 1** I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser
- 2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit
- 3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.
- 4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.
- 5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
- 6** If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- 7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- 8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.





I am the true vine



Pruning

ABIDING IN THE VINE







John 15:5



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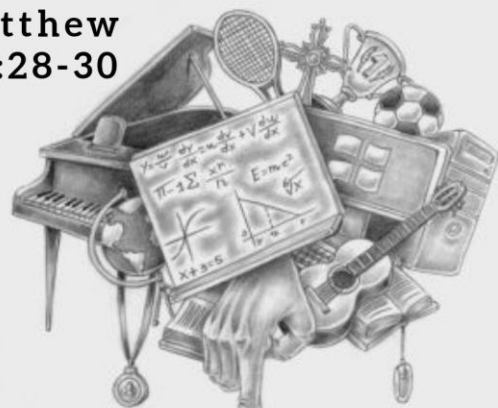




Enter God's Rest



Matthew
11:28-30



“Come to
me, all you
who labor
and are
heavily
burdened,

and I
will
give
you
rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn
from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart; and you will
find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.”

