

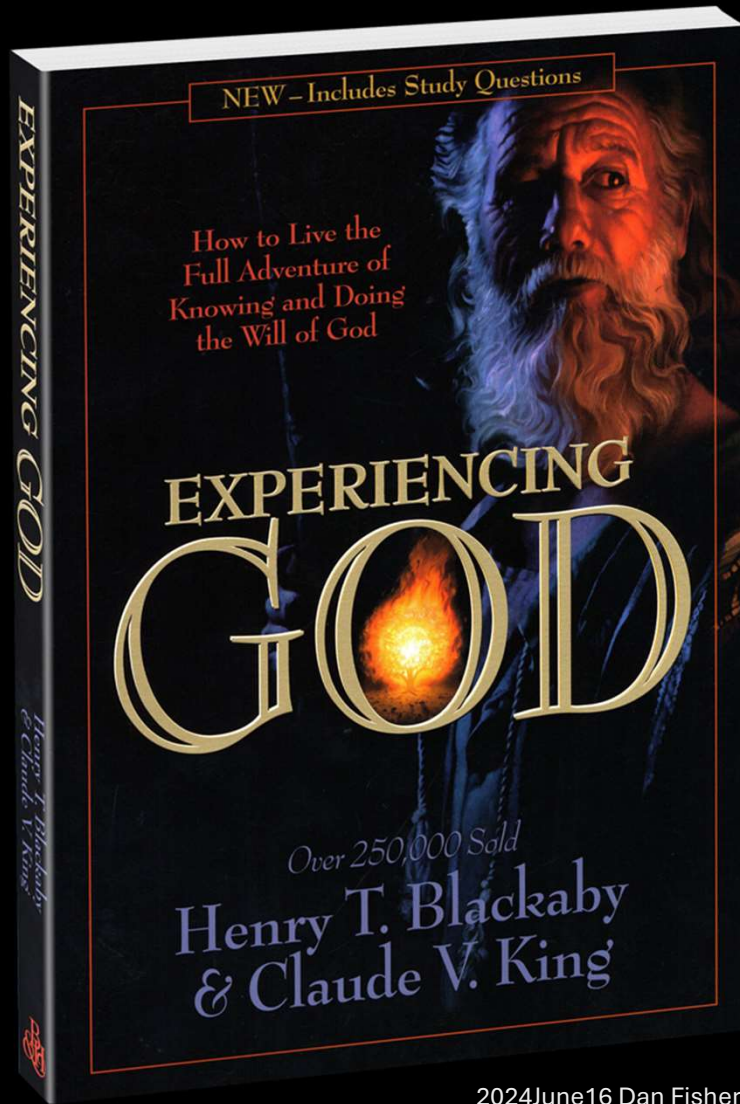
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# Part 5: “It All Depends on Your Center”



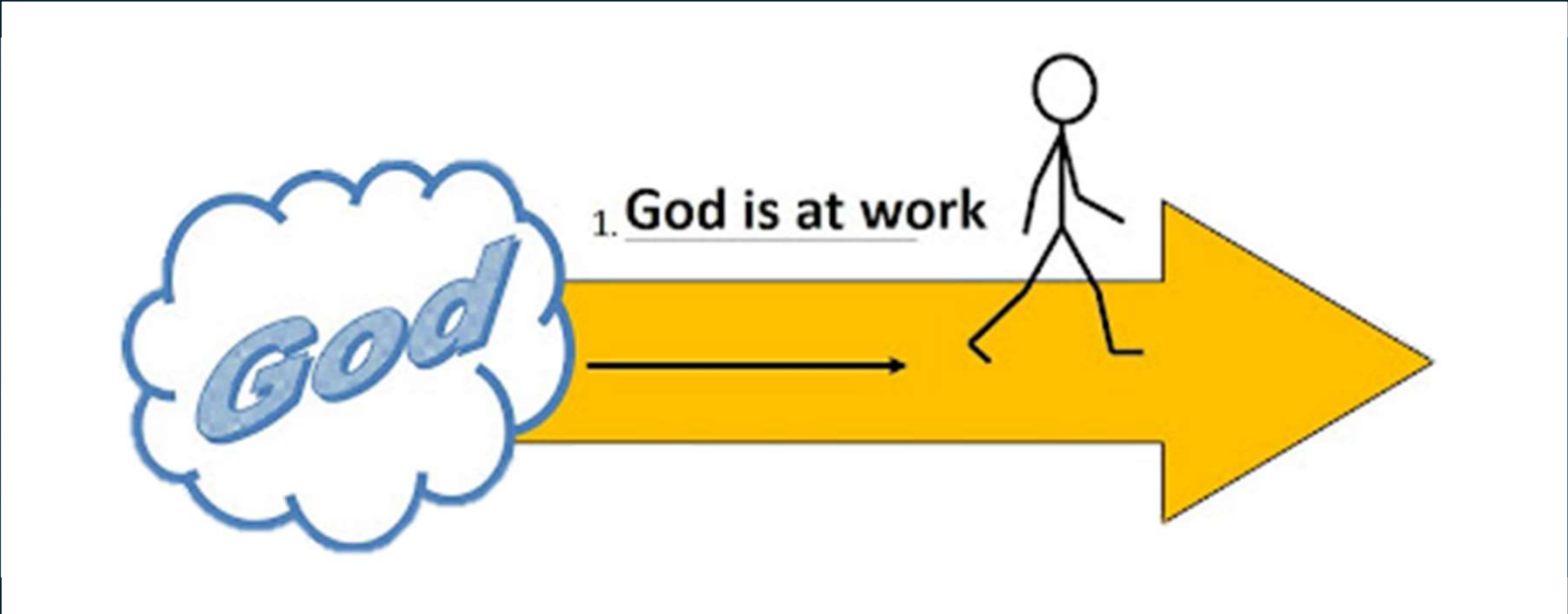


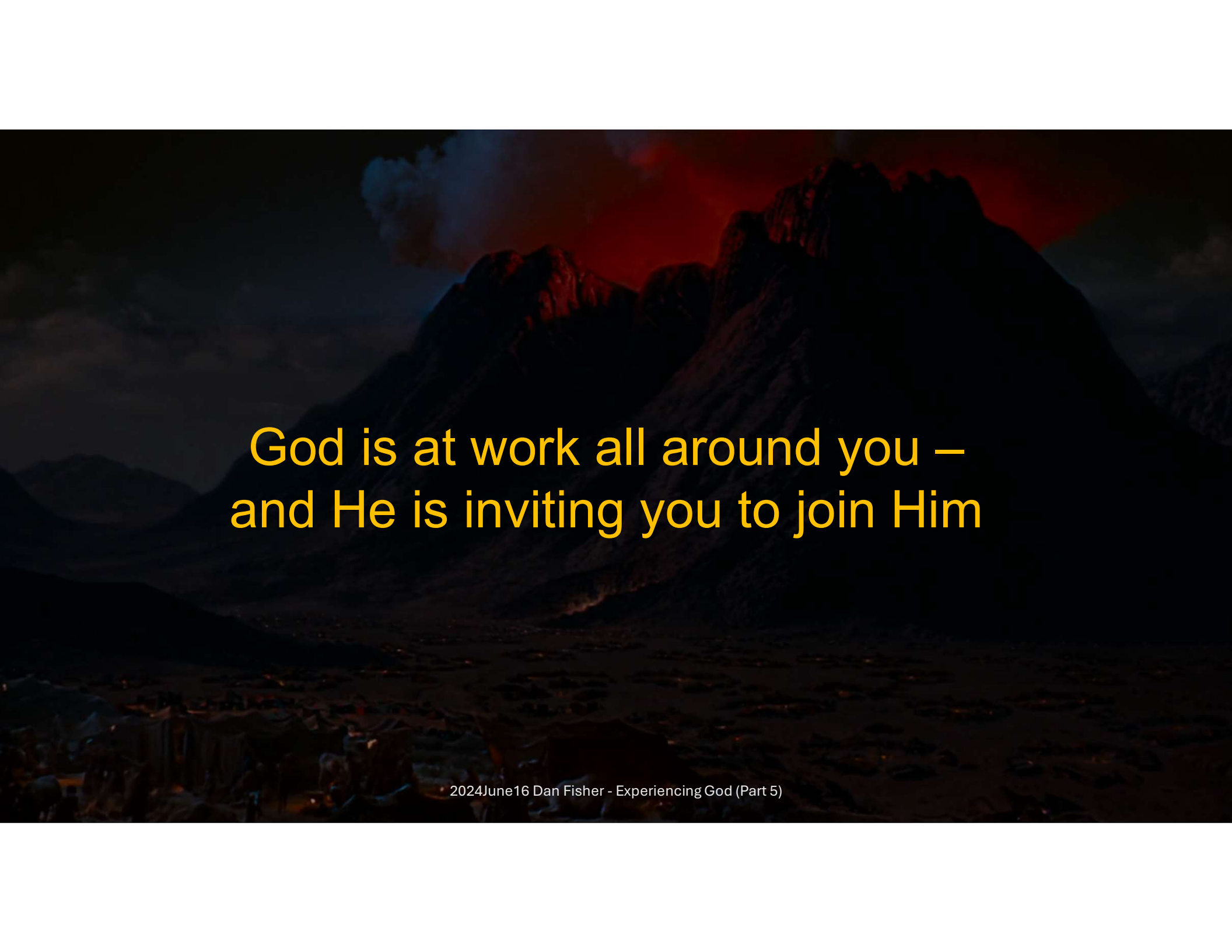
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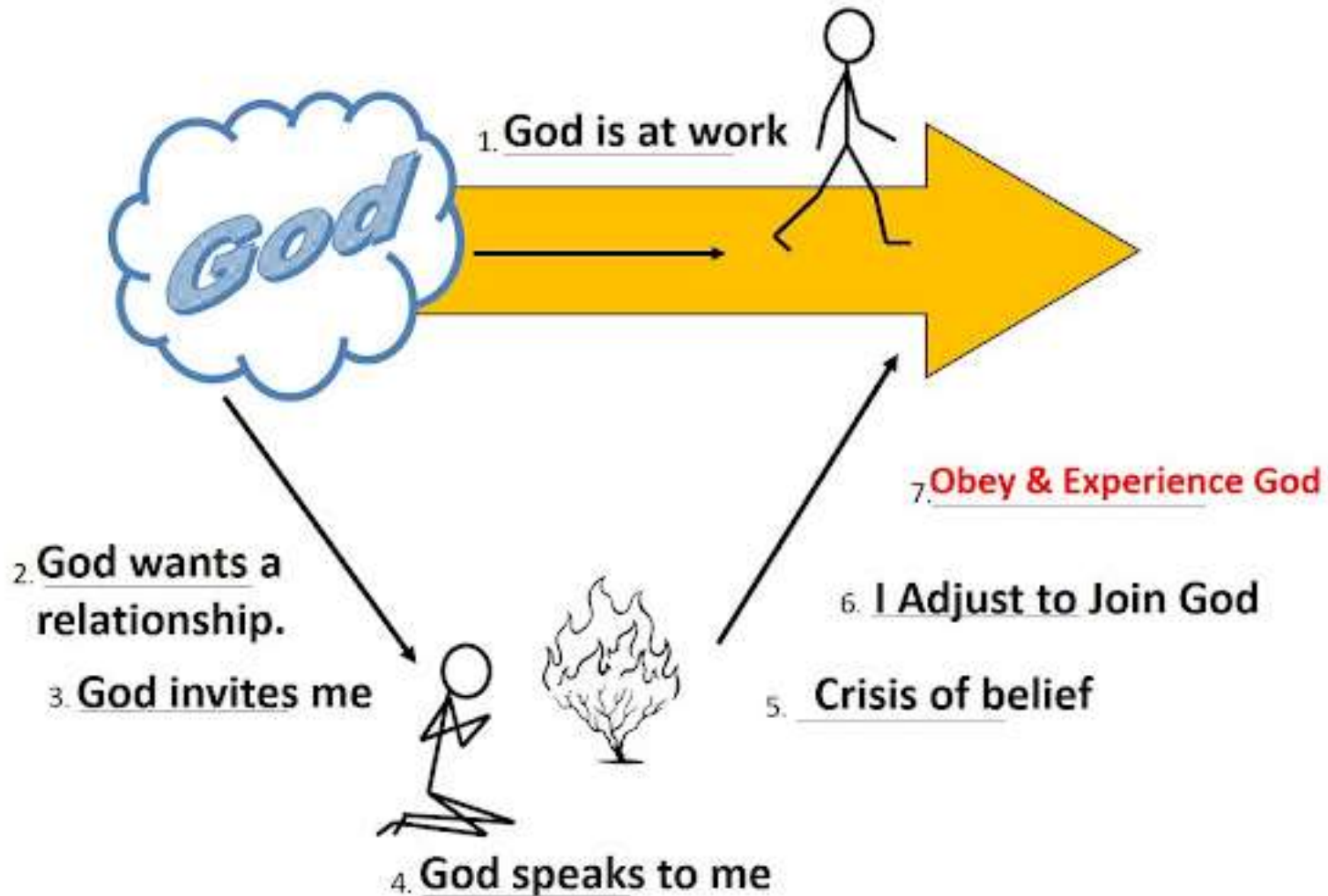
You were not created for  
time – but for eternity





A dramatic landscape featuring dark, jagged mountains under a sky with a gradient of red and blue. The foreground shows a body of water reflecting the light. The overall mood is mysterious and powerful.

God is at work all around you –  
and He is inviting you to join Him

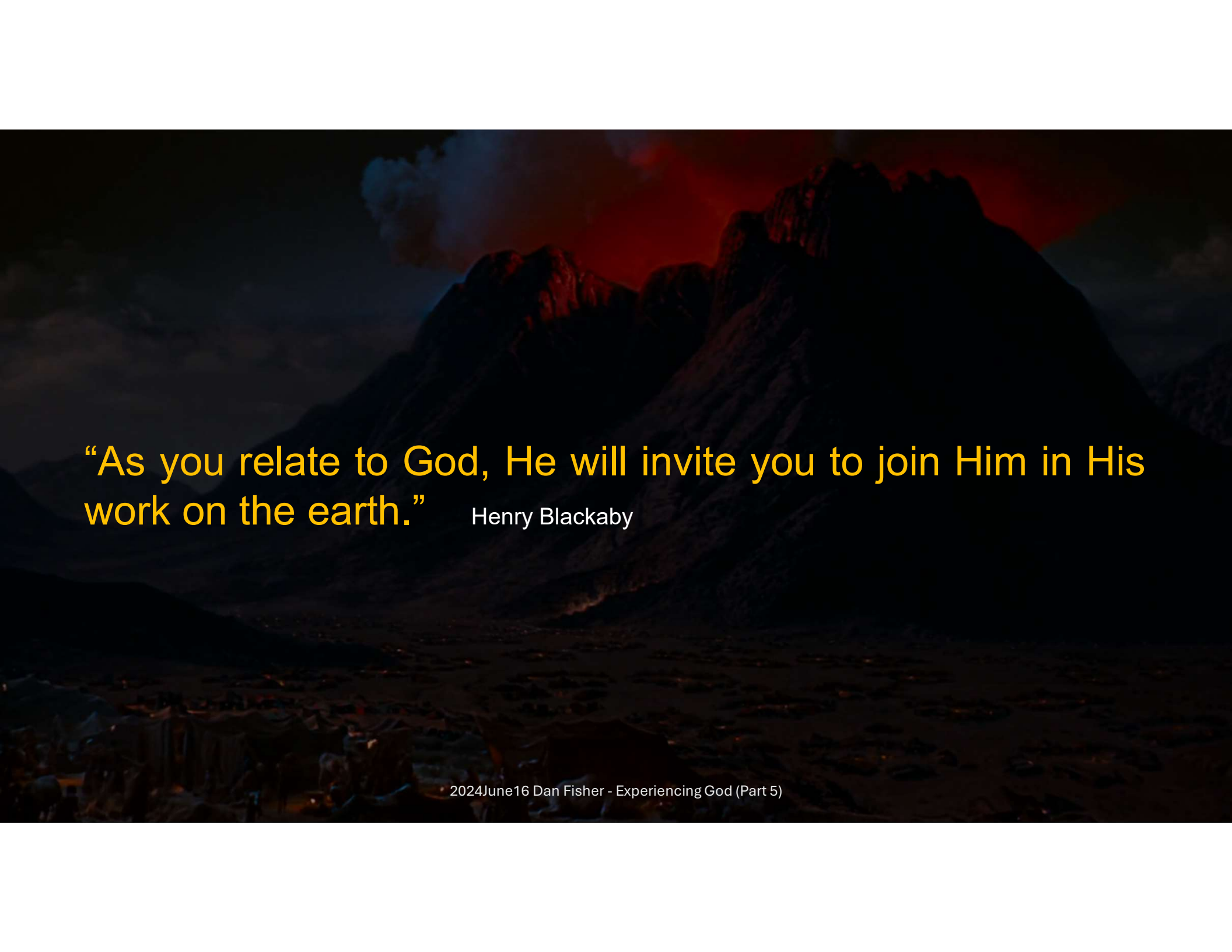




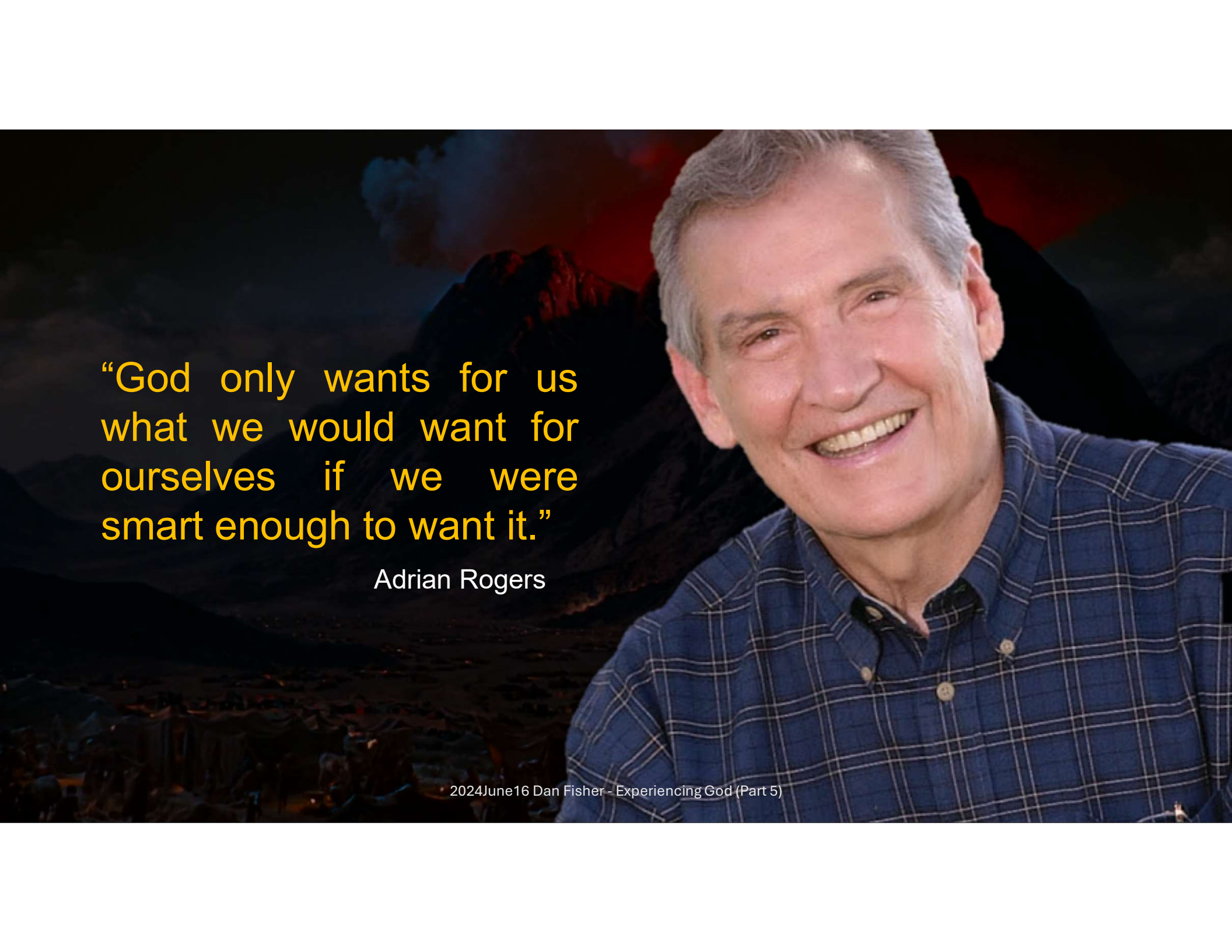


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“As you relate to God, He will invite you to join Him in His work on the earth.” Henry Blackaby



“God only wants for us  
what we would want for  
ourselves if we were  
smart enough to want it.”

Adrian Rogers

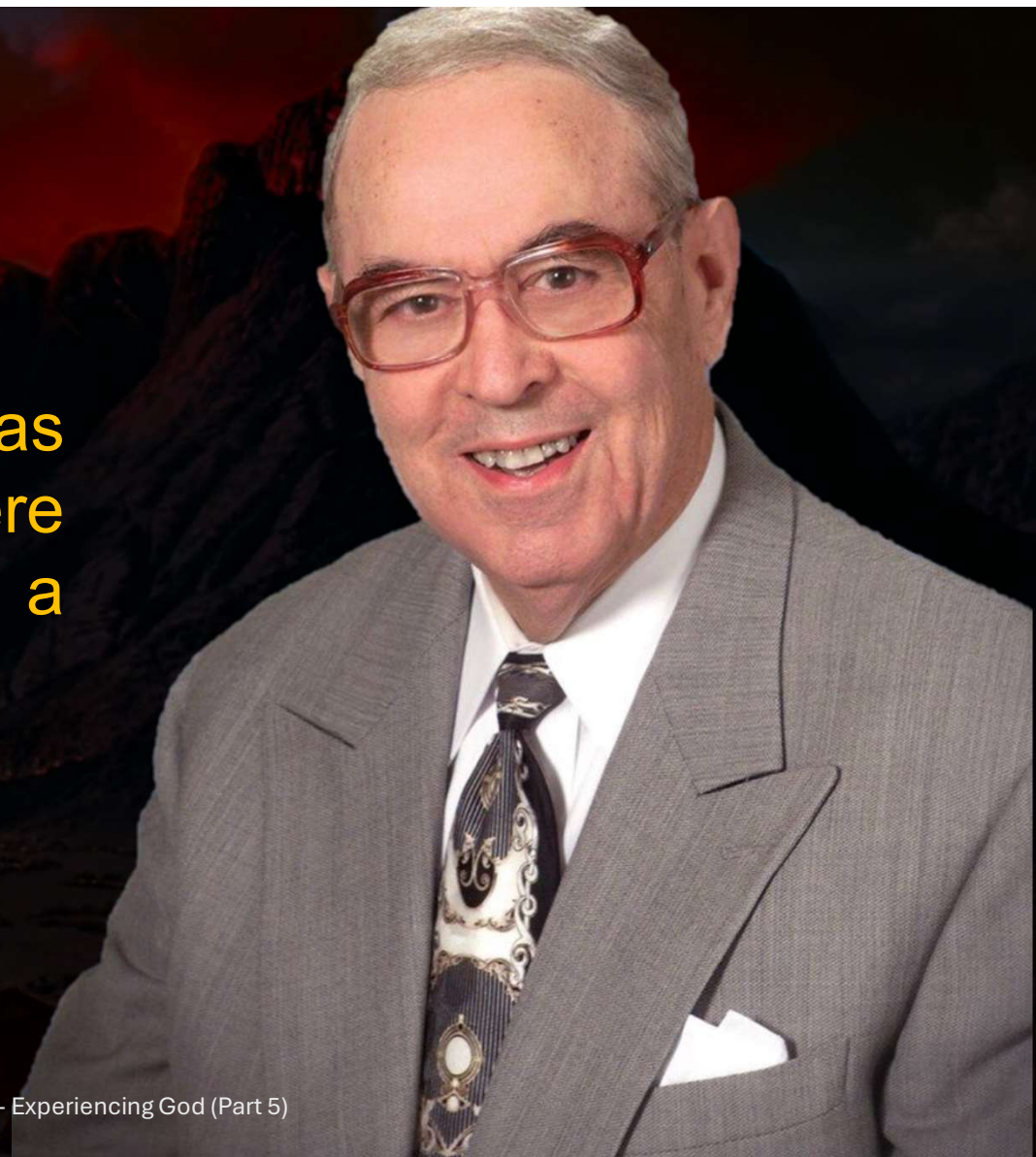
**Mt 6:33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

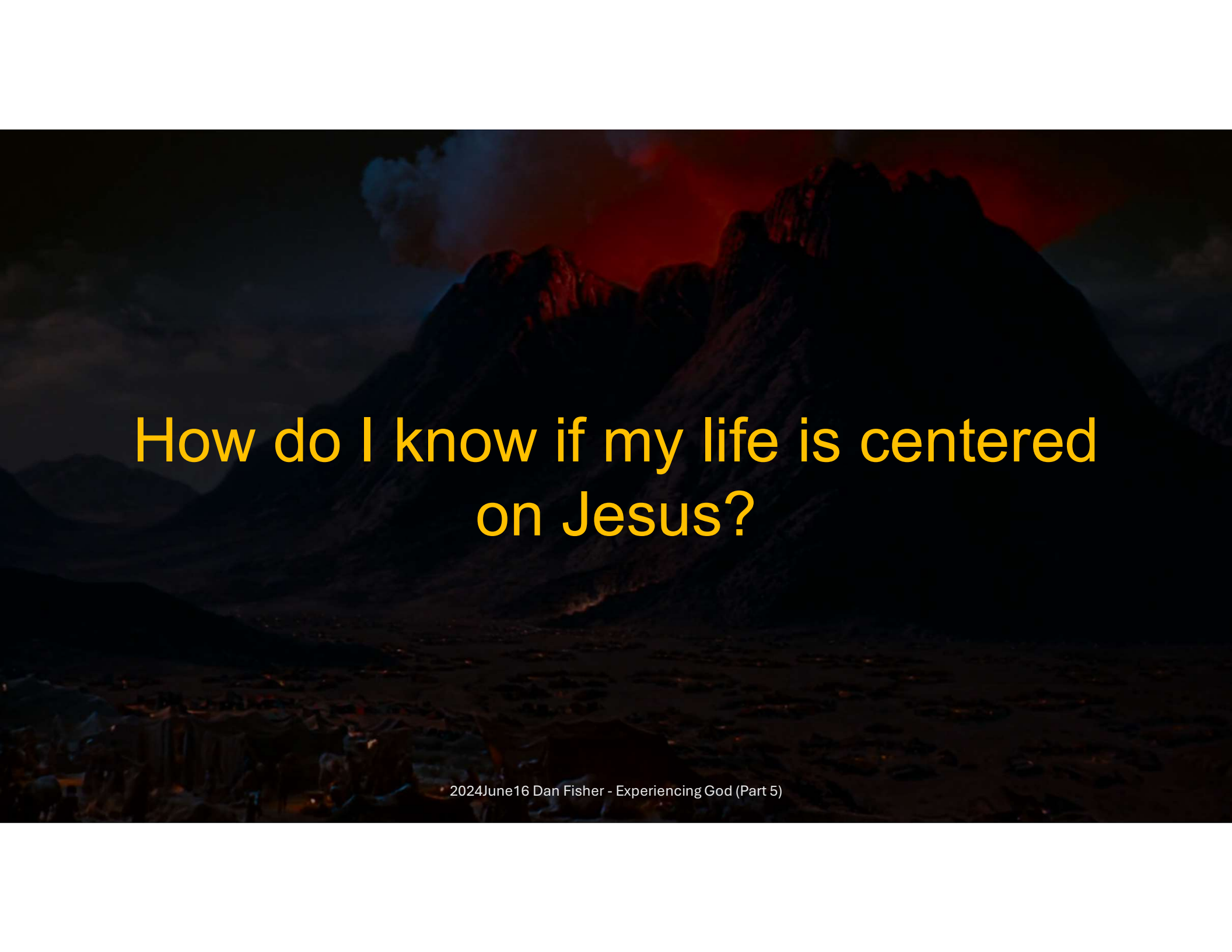
**Mt 16:24-25** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

**Mt 6:24** “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”



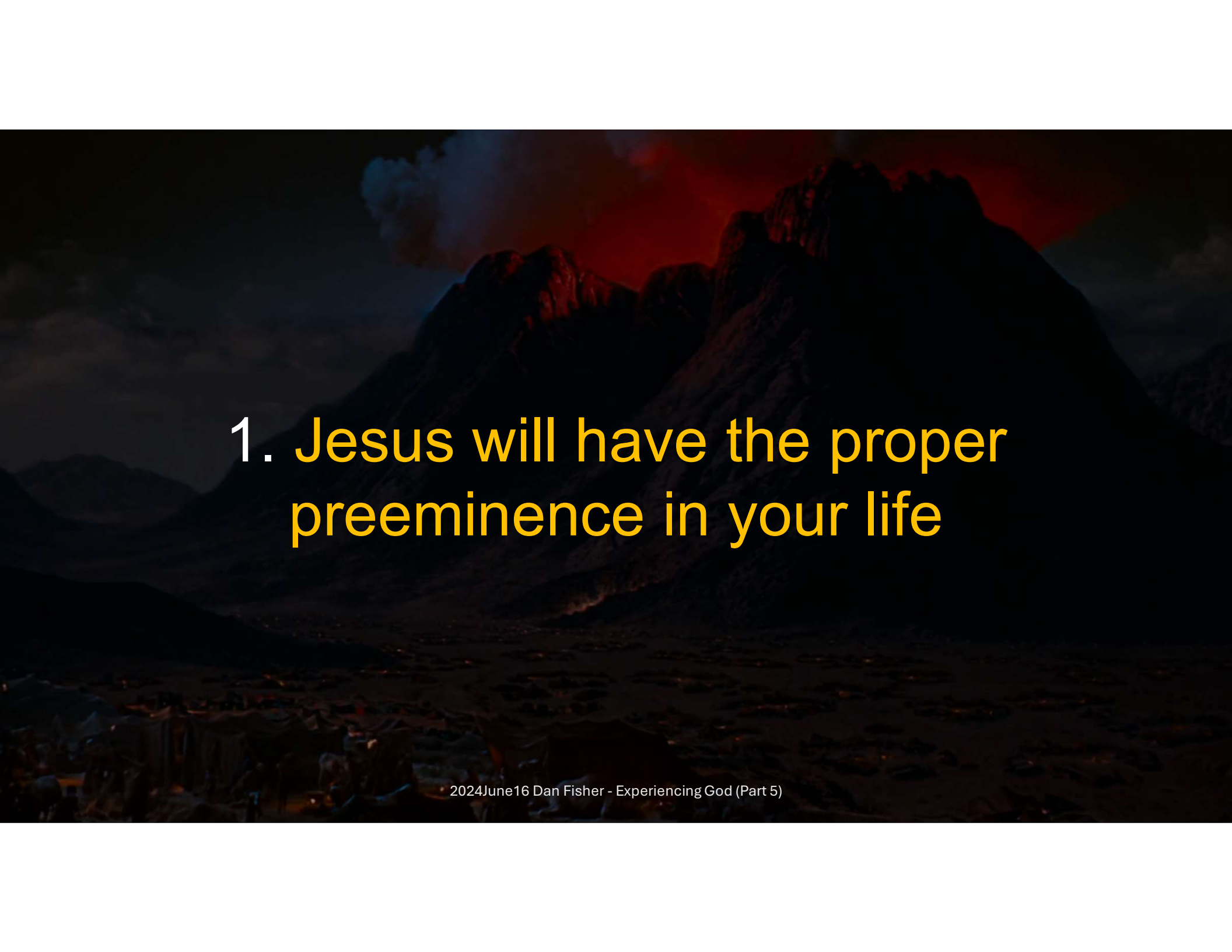
“There is no life so empty as a self-centered life, and there is no life so centered as a self-emptied life.” Jack Hyles





How do I know if my life is centered  
on Jesus?

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1. Jesus will have the proper  
preeminence in your life





Will it be me or Him?

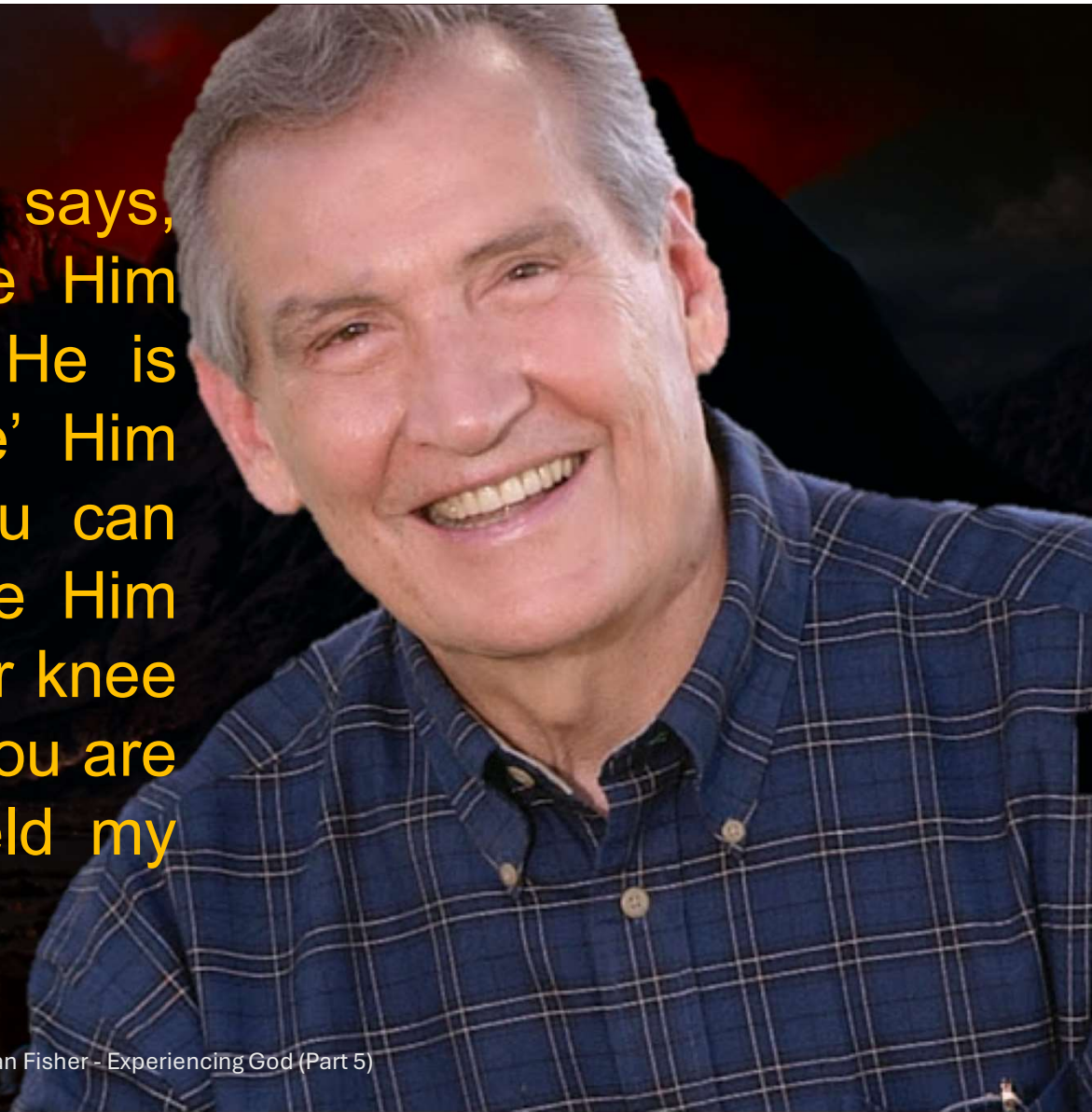
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**Rom 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Phil 2:9-11** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Rom 14:11** For it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

“Every so often someone says, ‘Well, I decided to make Him Lord.’ Too late for that. He is Lord. You cannot ‘make’ Him the Lord of your life. You can only reject Him or receive Him as Lord. You can bow your knee to Him and say, ‘O Lord, You are the King. Therefore, I yield my heart to You.’” Adrian Rogers








“Salvation is not a cafeteria line where we order ‘a little Saviorhood’ today, but no Lordship, thank you.”

Dr. Vance Havner




## 2. You will have the proper priorities in your life

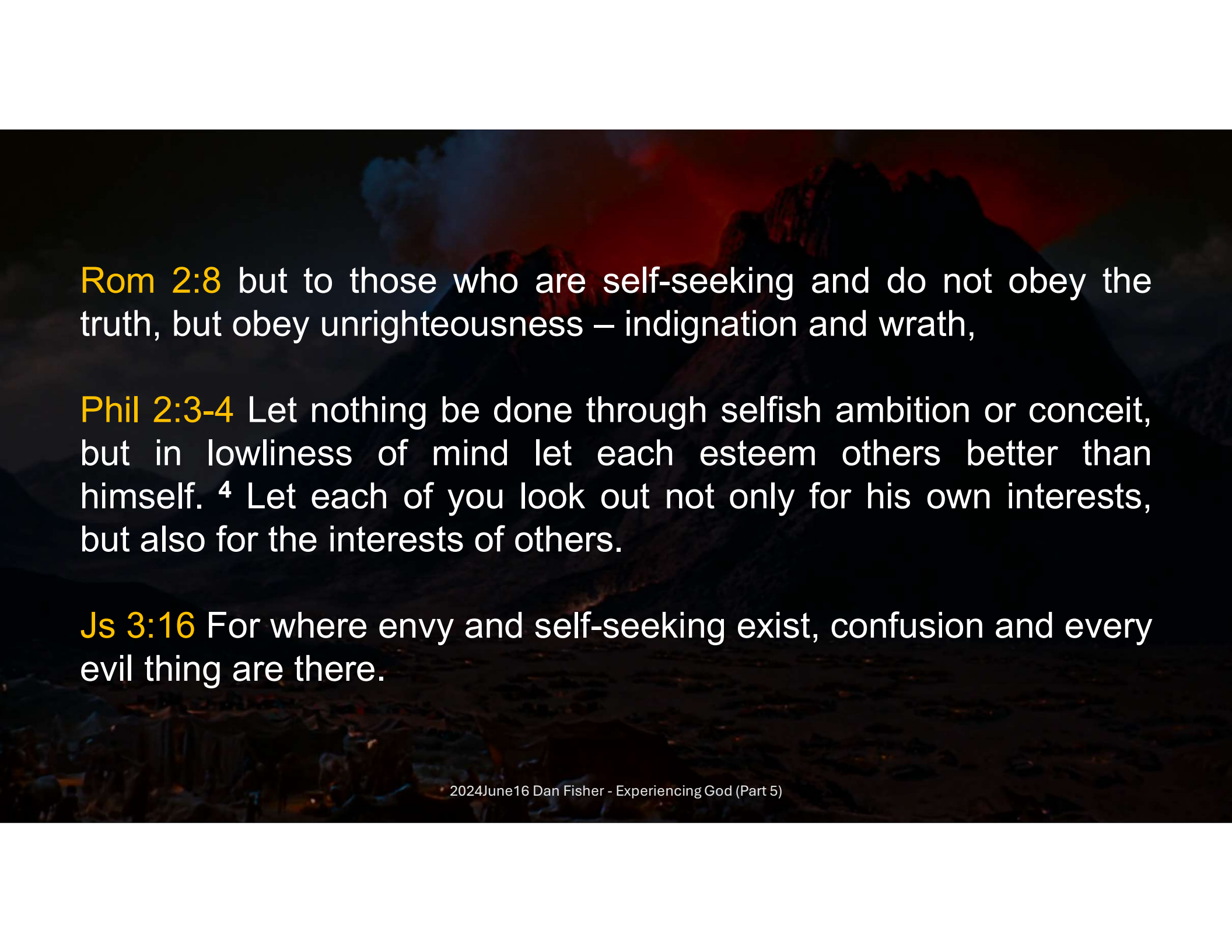


**Phil 2:13** for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.





Will it be God's purposes or  
your plans?



**Rom 2:8** but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness – indignation and wrath,

**Phil 2:3-4** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

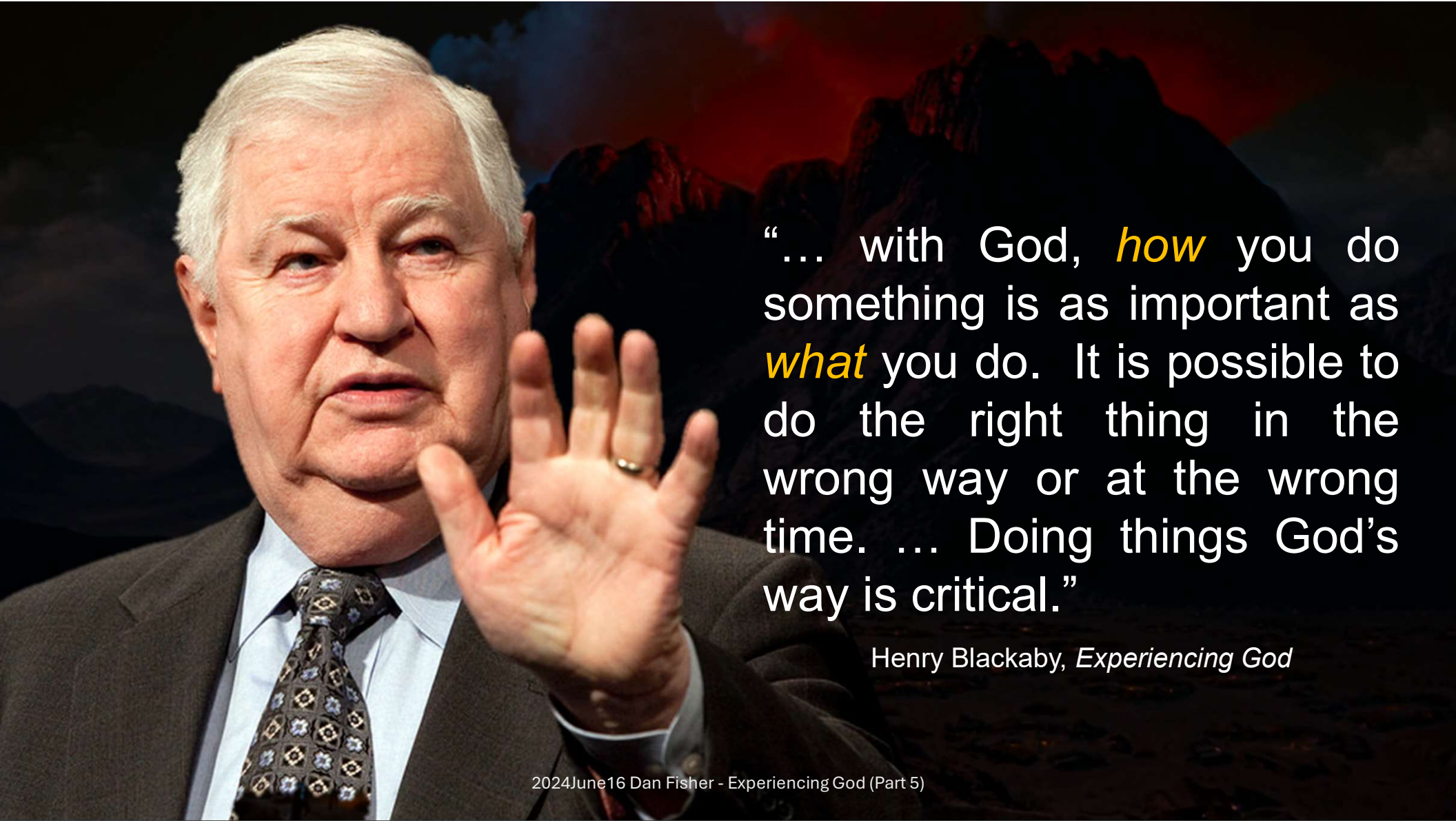
**Js 3:16** For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.





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“... with God, *how* you do something is as important as *what* you do. It is possible to do the right thing in the wrong way or at the wrong time. ... Doing things God’s way is critical.”

Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God*

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric landscape. It features jagged, dark mountains under a sky with a gradient of red and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground is dark and textured, possibly a rocky or volcanic terrain.

## The self-centered life:


- Self-indulgent
- Fleshly living
- Focus on the world and its ways
- Dependence on logic and human ability



## The God-centered life:

- Self-denial
- Godly living
- Focus on God & His perspective & plans
- Total dependence on God





# 3. You will have the proper practices in your life



# 4. You will have the proper production in your life



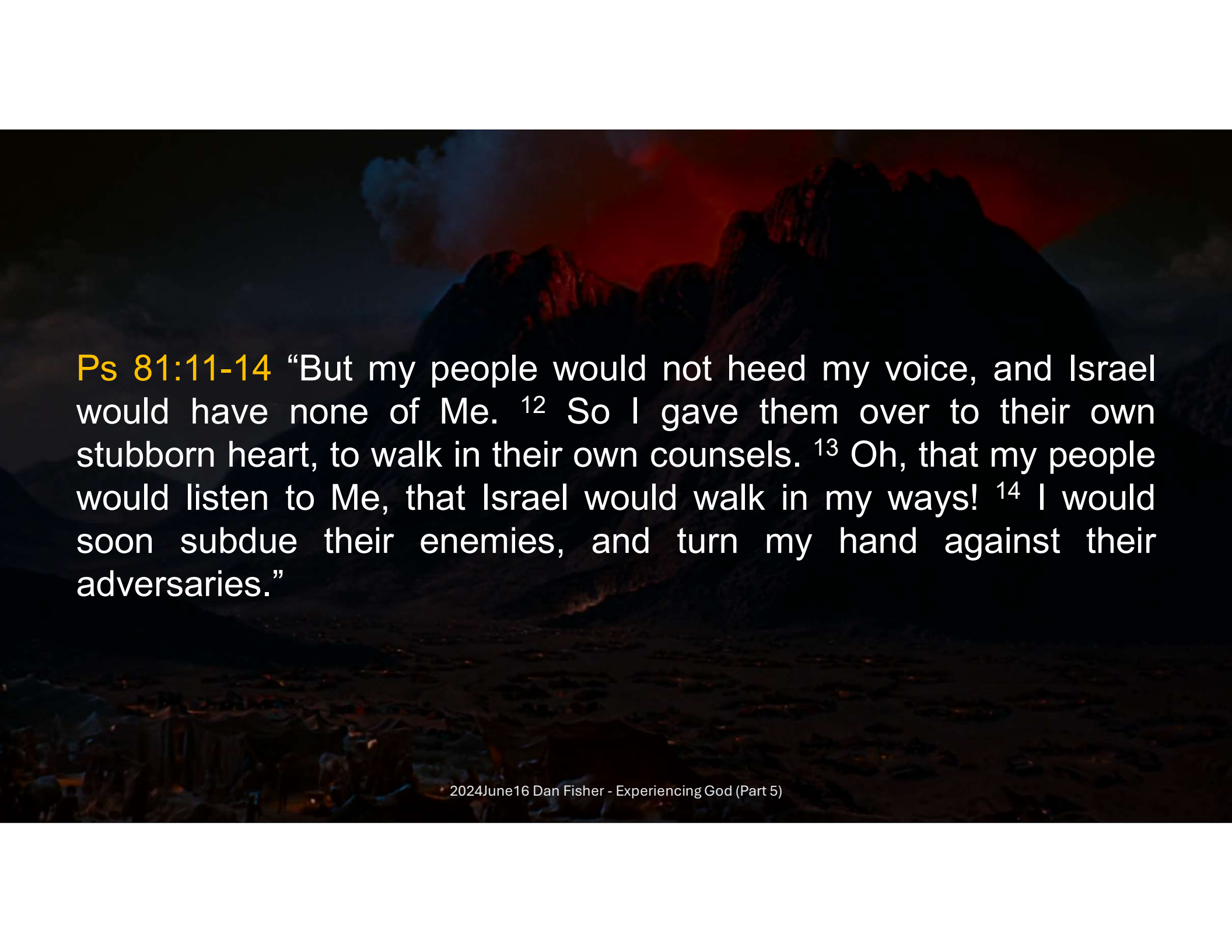
It is only profitable if we do it God's way

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**Ps 81:11-14** “But my people would not heed my voice, and Israel would have none of Me. <sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, to walk in their own counsels. <sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in my ways! <sup>14</sup> I would soon subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their adversaries.”



A detailed oil painting of a man in a military uniform. He is wearing a black bicorne hat with gold trim and a central ornament. His uniform is dark blue with gold buttons and epaulettes. The background is a dark, textured brown. The text "Your sword first." is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the center of the man's face.

“Your sword first.”

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