

Part 7c: God is speaking to you – but how?





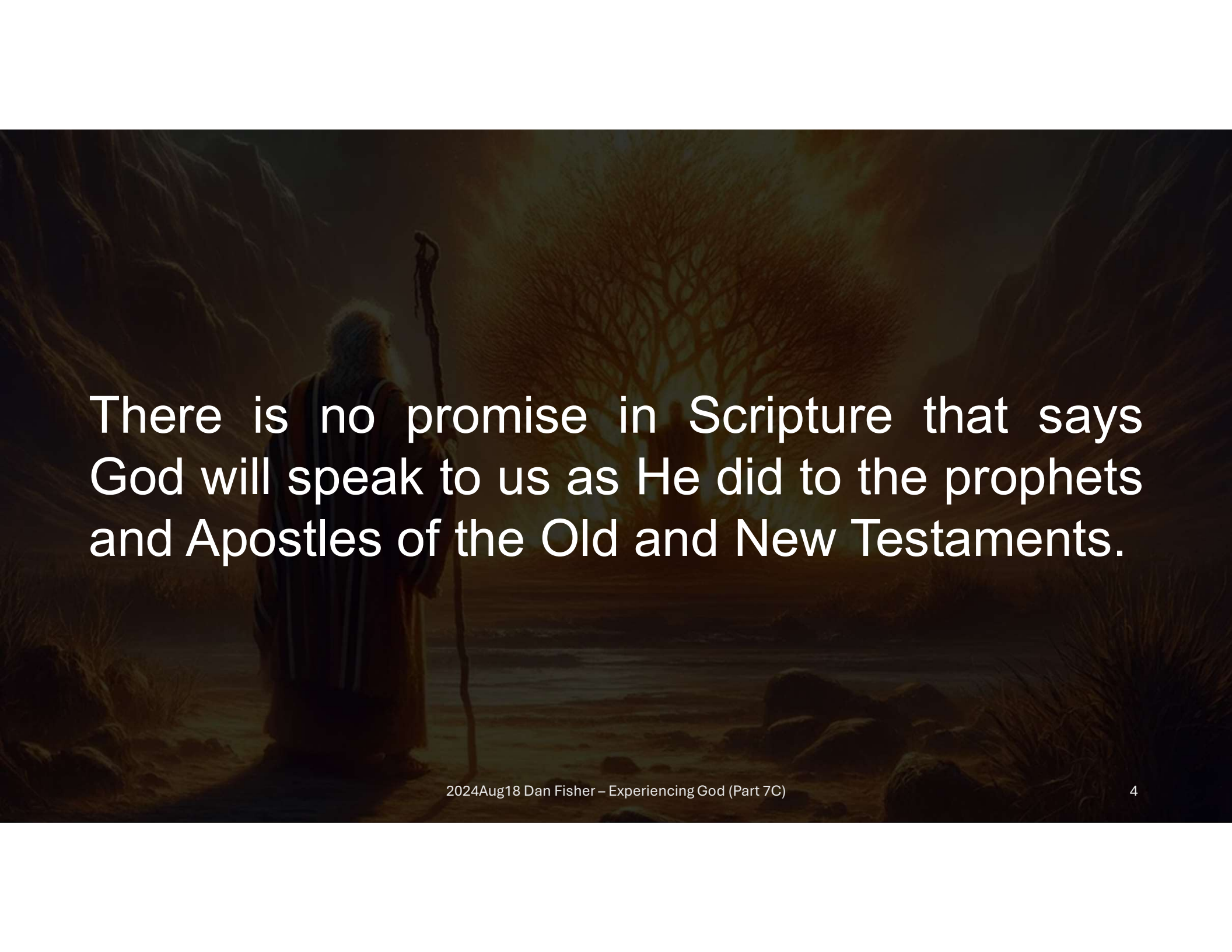
Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*:

“The Bible is one of the results of God’s speaking. ... while the Bible is the written Word of God, the word of God is not simply the Bible.”



Charles Stanley, *How to Listen to God*:

“[T]he Bible is explicit, God speaks to us **just as powerfully** today as in the days in which the Bible was written.”



There is no promise in Scripture that says God will speak to us as He did to the prophets and Apostles of the Old and New Testaments.

God Doesn't Whisper:

“Scripture is God’s complete revelation of Himself to humanity. ... Scripture is not a ‘record’ of things God has said. It *is* what God has said. ... In a theology where God speaks outside Scripture, the ground beneath [key biblical] doctrines erodes away to nothing. Scripture is unique because it *alone* is the Word of God.”

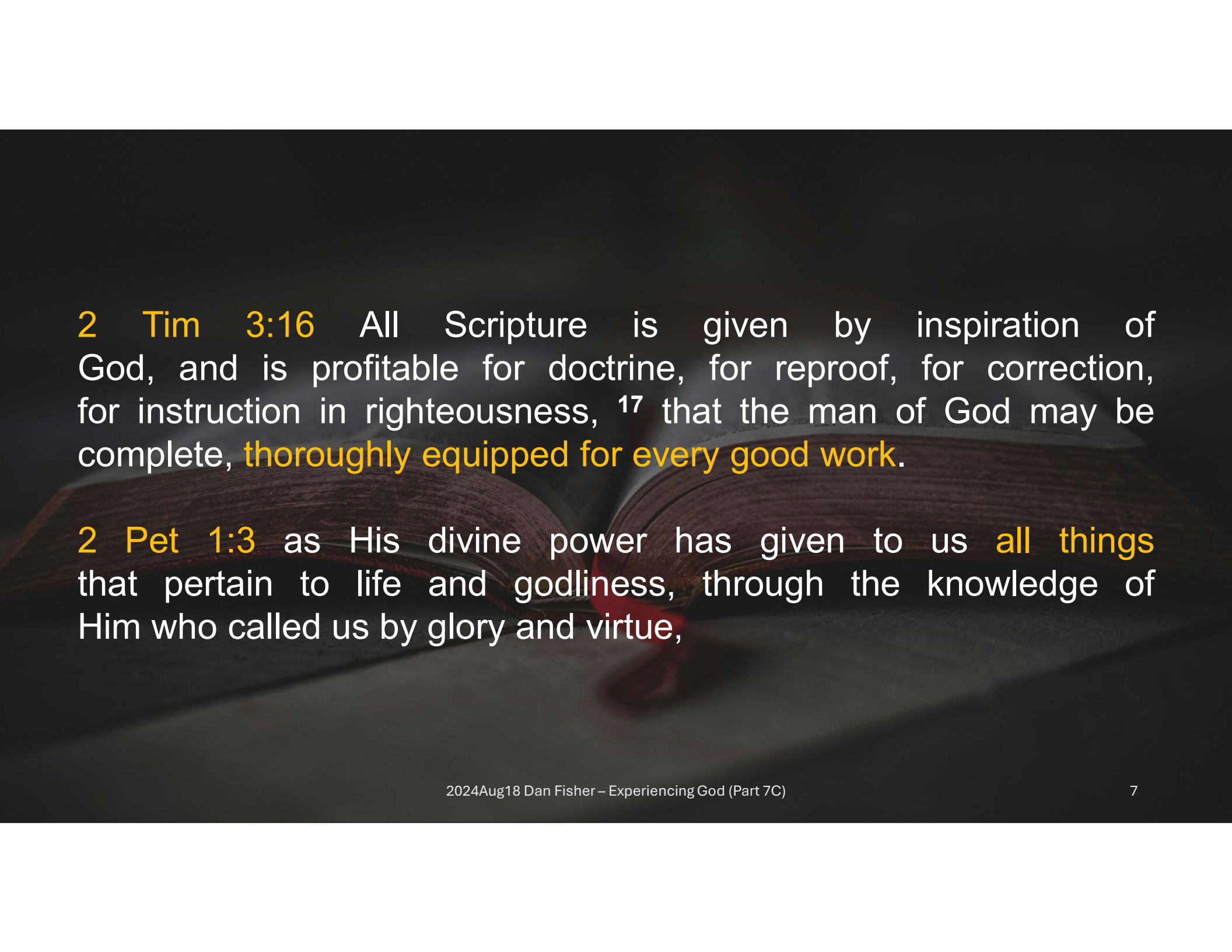


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The **primary** way God speaks to His children is **His Word - Scripture**



2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, **thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

2 Pet 1:3 as His divine power has given to us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,



If God has spoken to us sufficiently in the Scriptures – nothing more is necessary.


If Scripture is not sufficient, we cannot know, absolutely, what God's word is and we are lost in a sea of subjectivism.



A large grey naval ship, possibly a destroyer or cruiser, is shown from a low angle, sailing on the ocean. The ship is moving towards the right, leaving a white wake. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. The ship's superstructure is visible, including radar masts and various antennas.

We must have the captain of our souls on board if we are going to sail life's seas successfully.

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the **captain of their salvation** perfect through sufferings. **Heb 2:10**



We are perfectly positioned to hear from God. Adrian Rogers once said, we have:

The Father above us
The Son beside us
The Spirit within us

Acts 9:1-6

Acts 9:6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

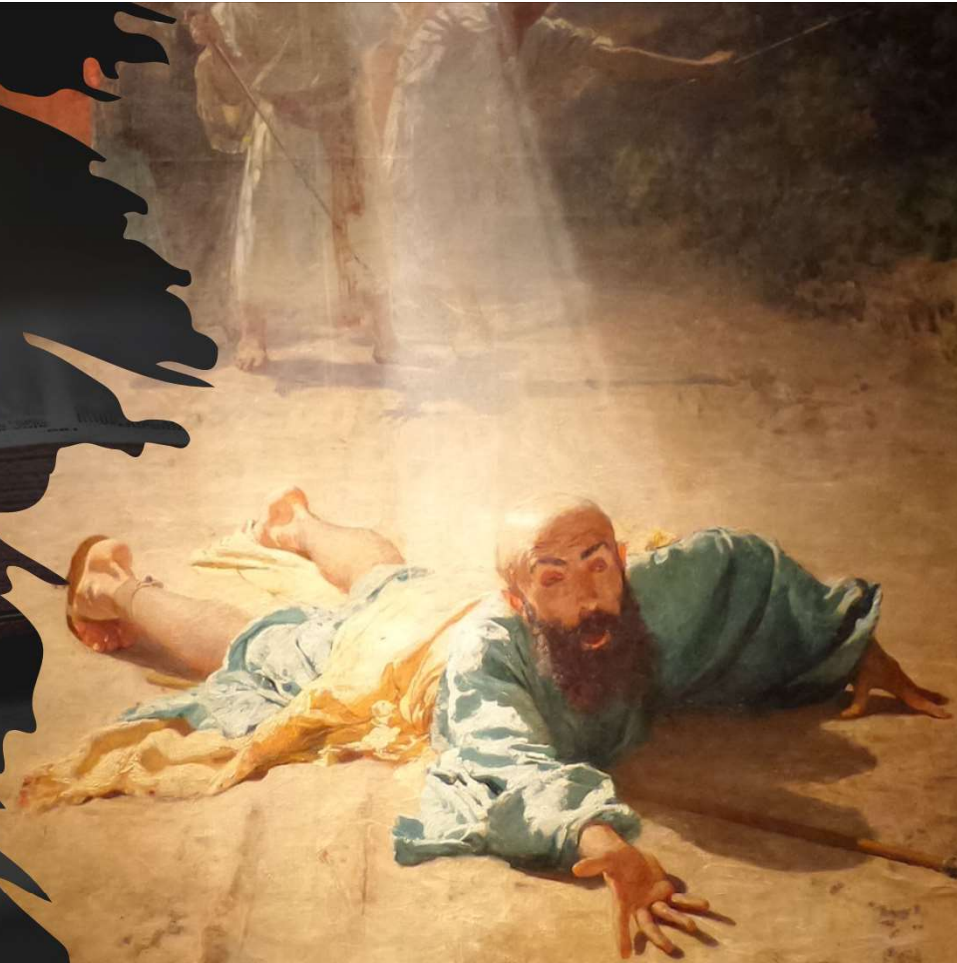


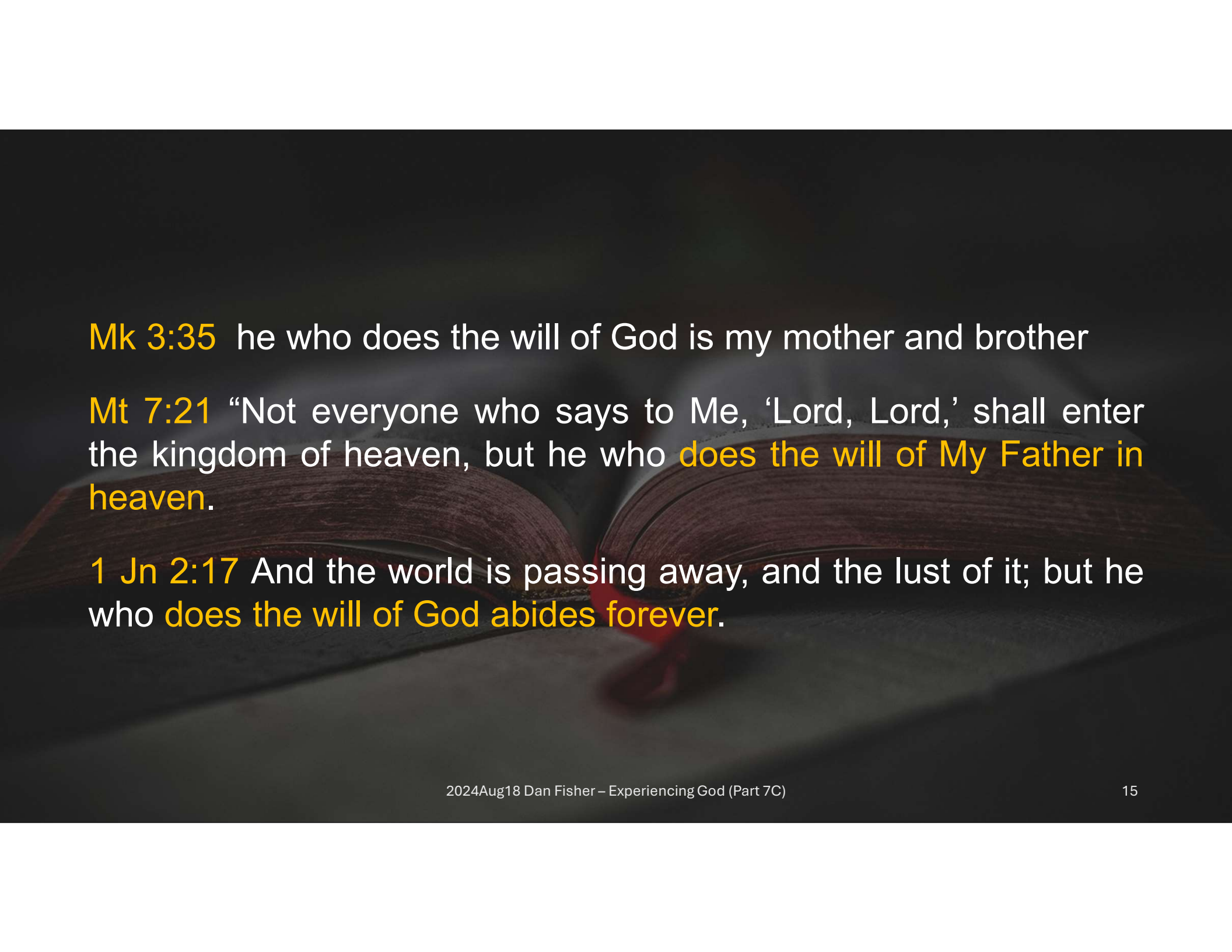
Saul asked the two most important questions one can ask:

1. Who are You Lord?
2. What do You want me to do?



So, how important
is it that we know
the will of God?

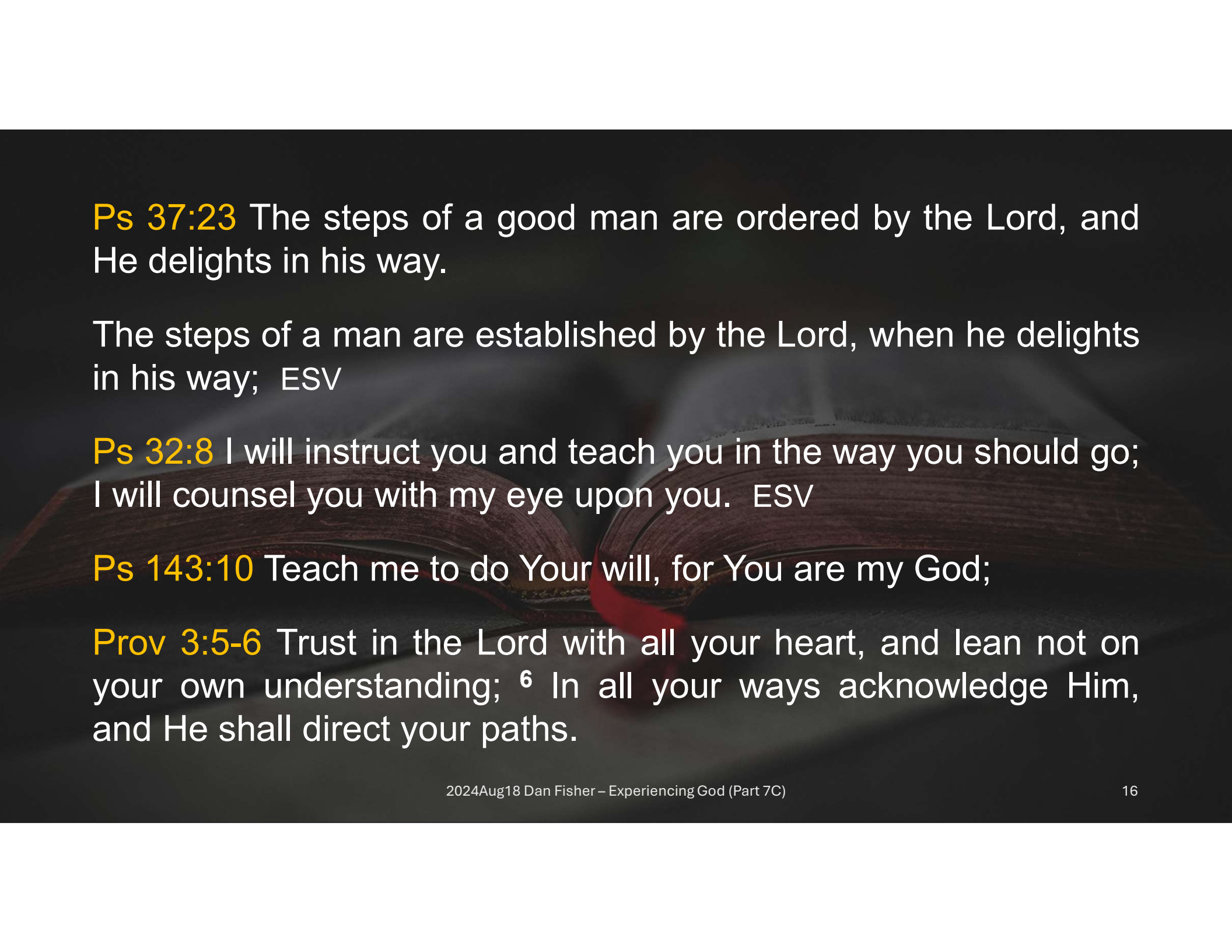




Mk 3:35 he who does the will of God is my mother and brother

Mt 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father in heaven.**

1 Jn 2:17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who **does the will of God abides forever.**



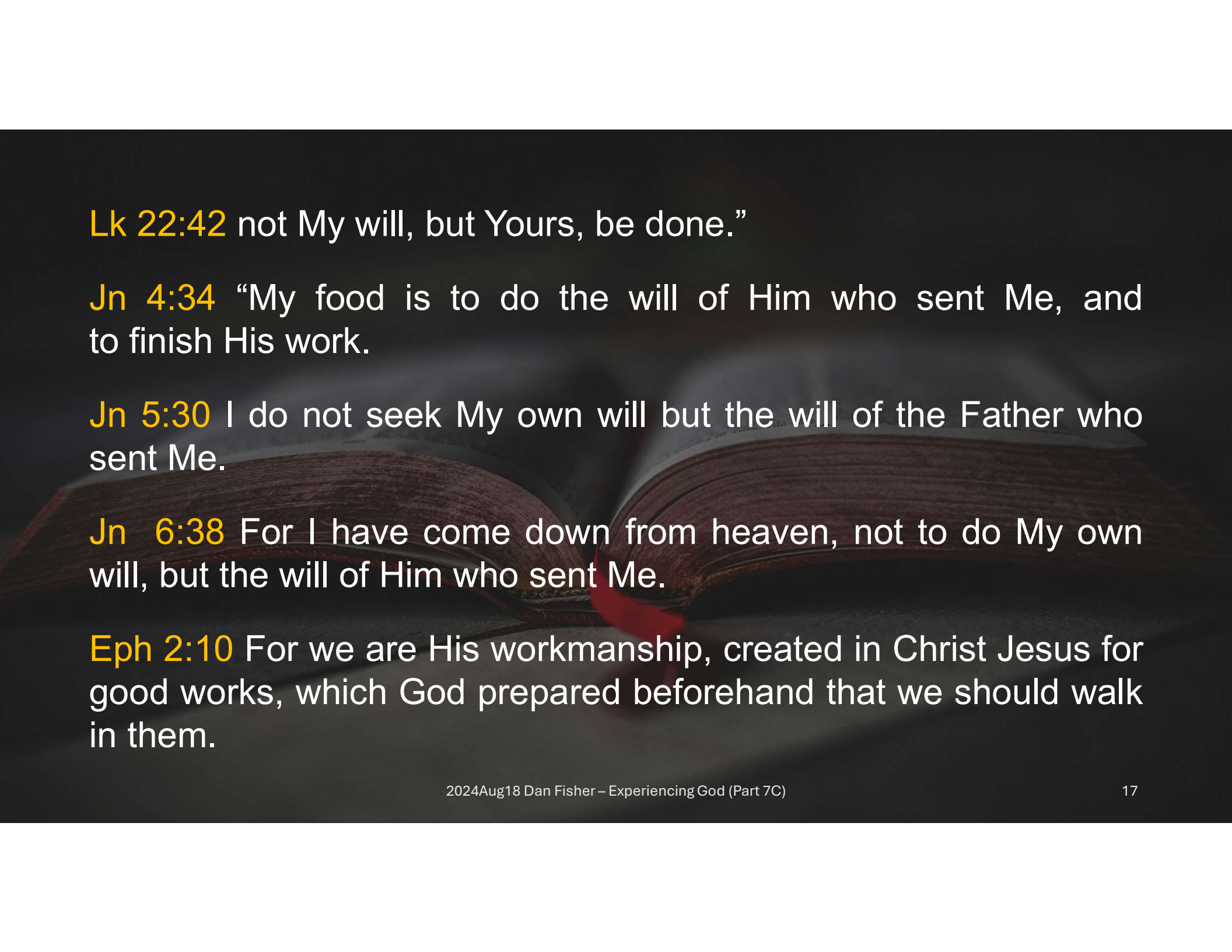
Ps 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.

The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; ESV

Ps 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ESV

Ps 143:10 Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God;

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.



Lk 22:42 not My will, but Yours, be done.”

Jn 4:34 “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

Jn 5:30 I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Jn 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



Can we know the will of God?

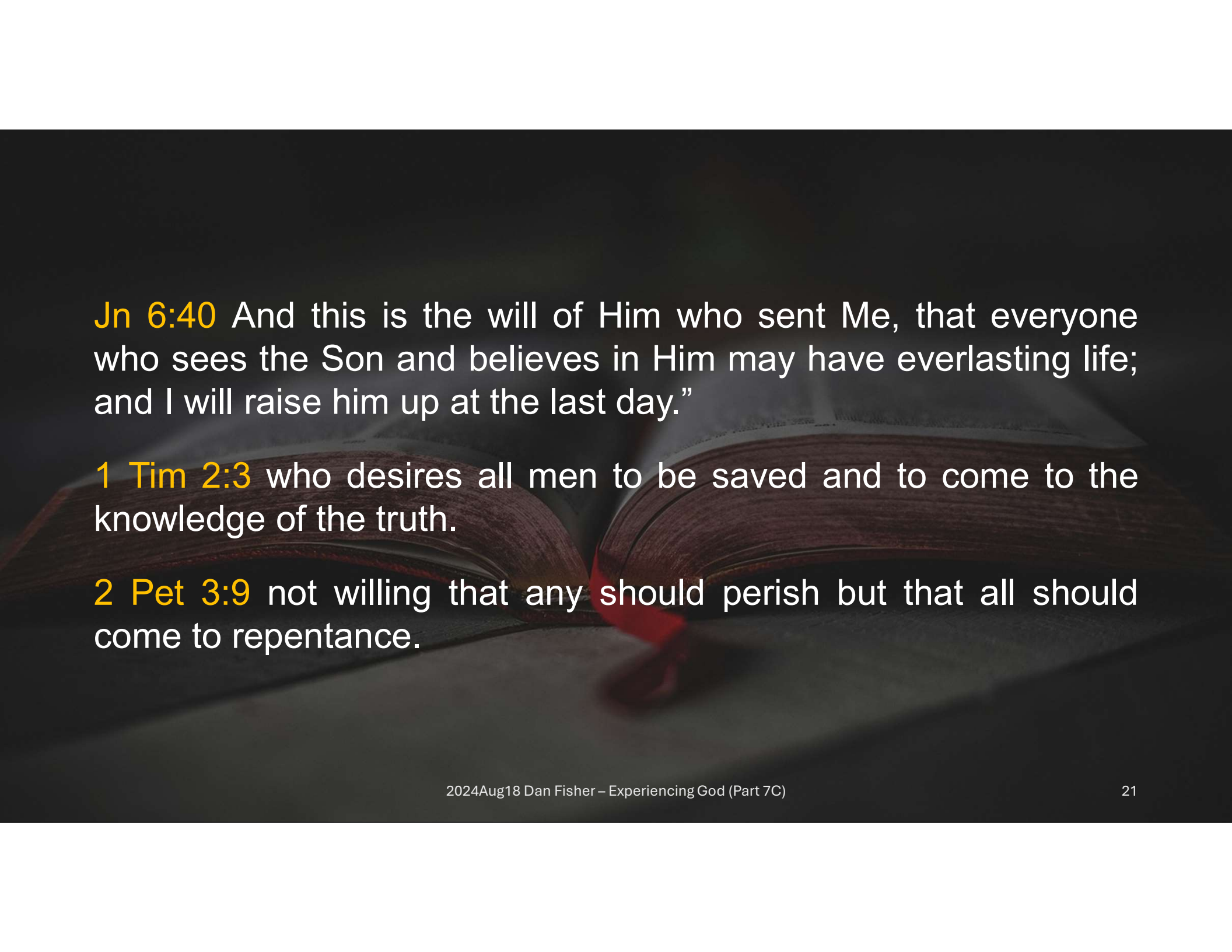
Col 4:12 that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ESV

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God reveals His will through Scripture



1. He wants you to be **Saved**



Jn 6:40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

1 Tim 2:3 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Pet 3:9 not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.



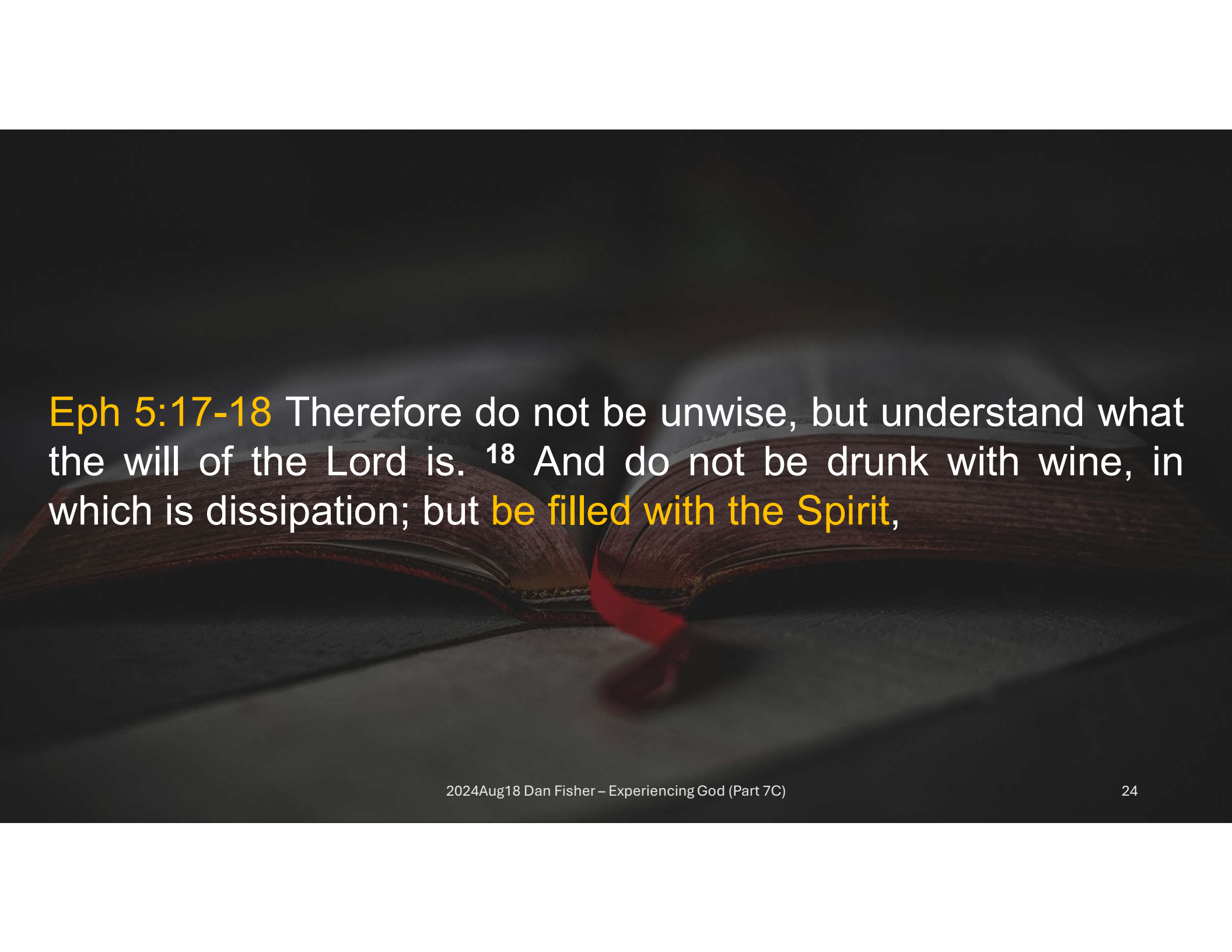
2. He wants you to be Spirit filled

Every believer receives the Holy Spirit:


Rom 8:9 if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Jn 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, ... but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

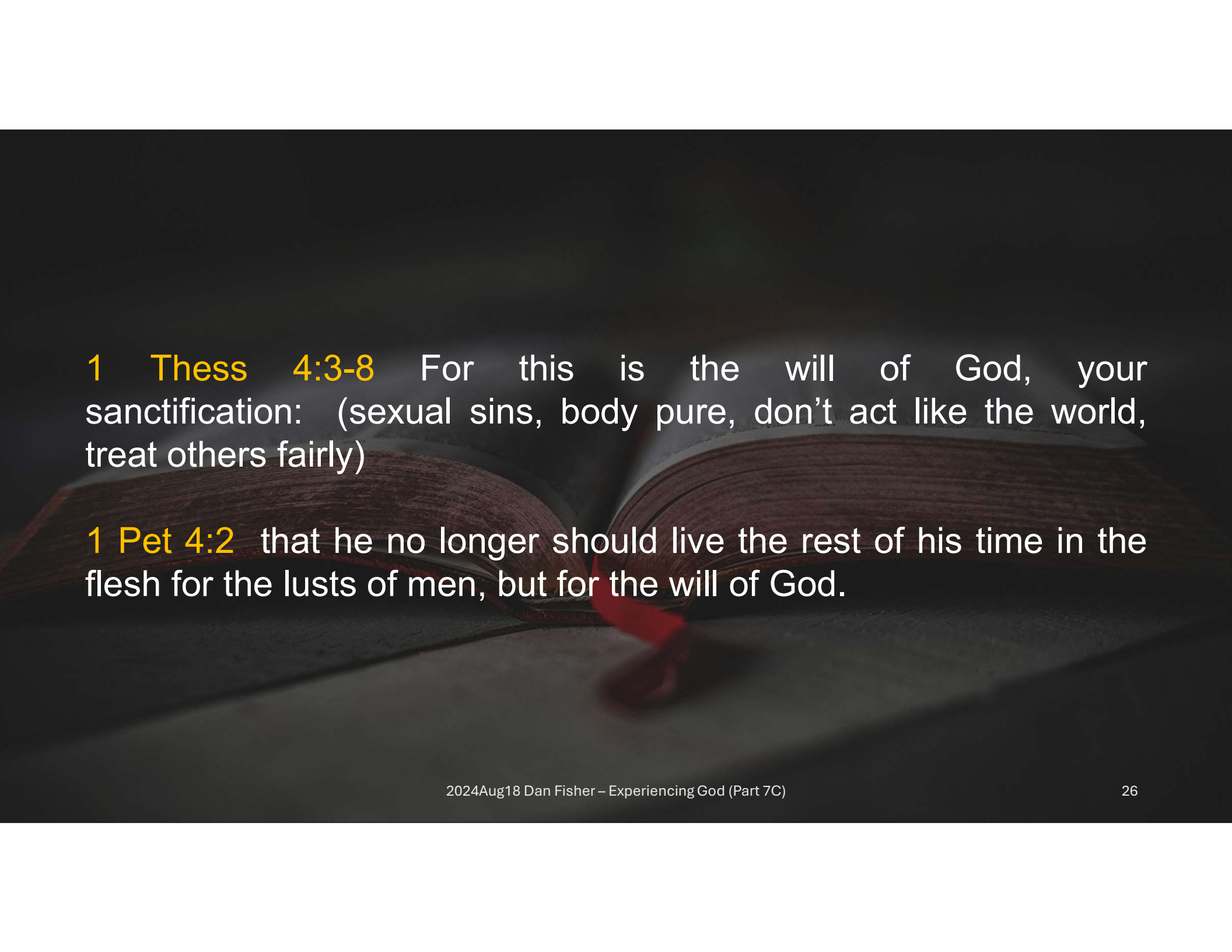
Eph 1:13-14 When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession ESV

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Eph 5:17-18 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit,**



3. He wants you to be Sanctified

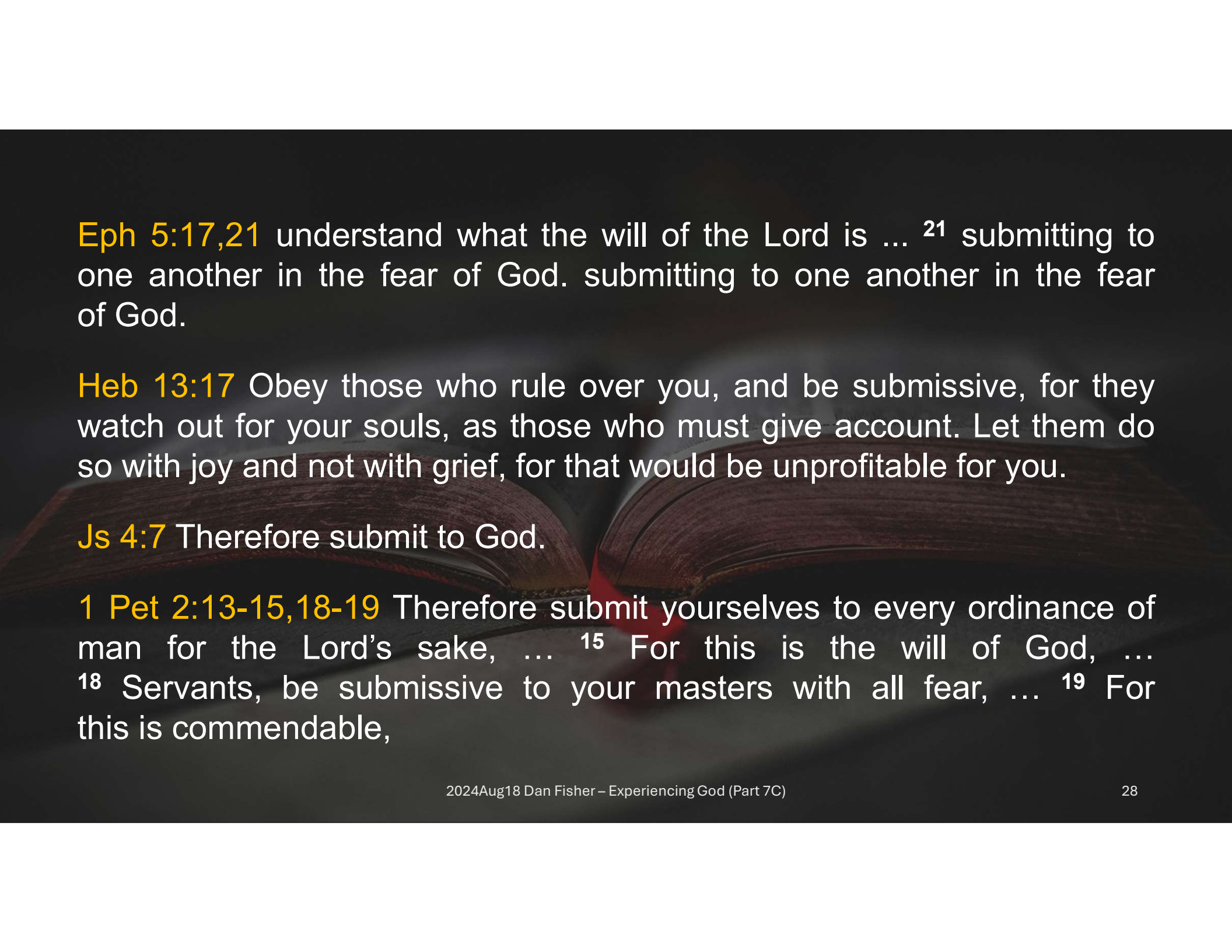


1 Thess 4:3-8 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: (sexual sins, body pure, don't act like the world, treat others fairly)

1 Pet 4:2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.



4. He wants you to be **Submissive**



Eph 5:17,21 understand what the will of the Lord is ... ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God. submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Heb 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Js 4:7 Therefore submit to God.

1 Pet 2:13-15,18-19 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, ... ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, ... ¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, ... ¹⁹ For this is commendable,



5. He may want you to **Suffer**

1 Pet 3:17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

2:20 But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

4:19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

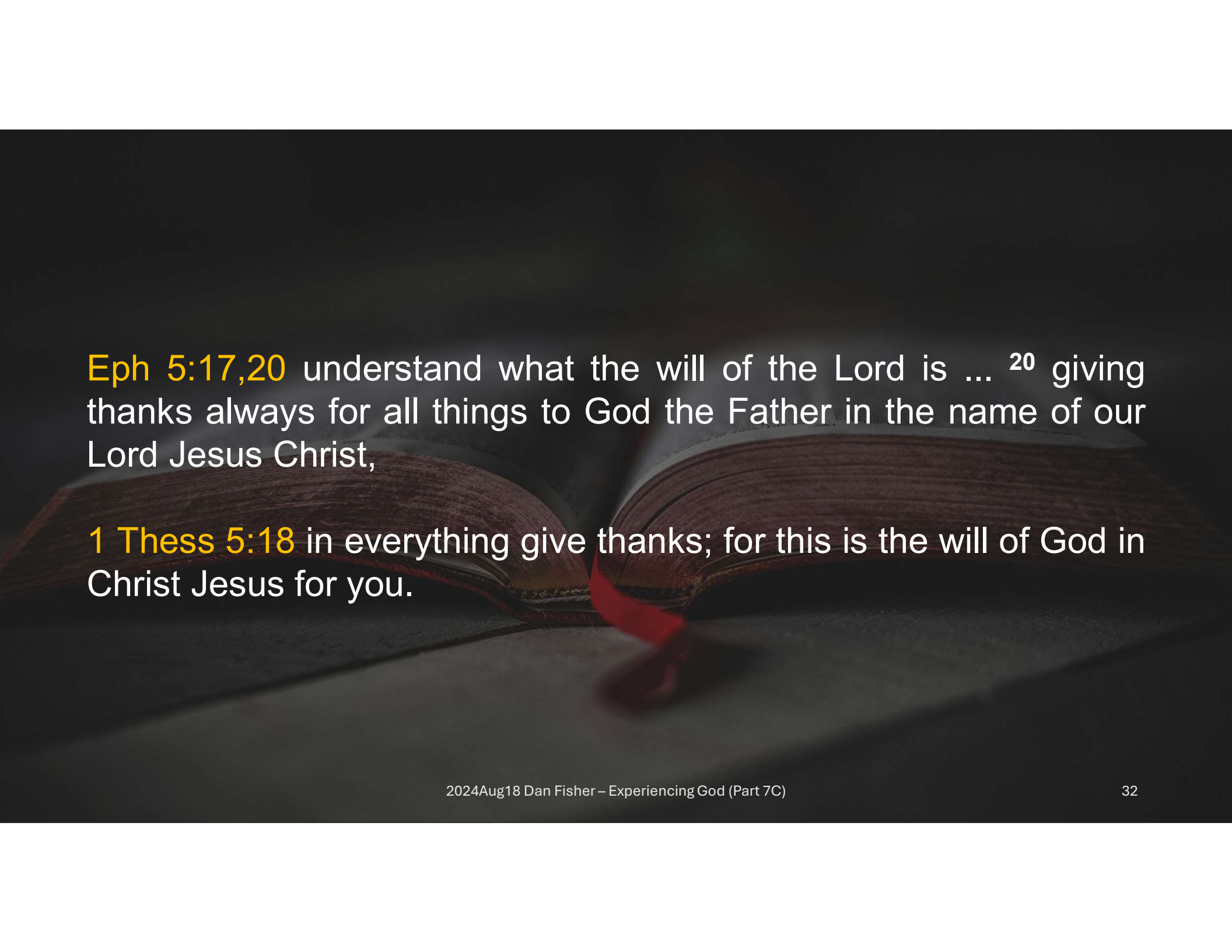
5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

Js 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

2 Tim 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.



6. He wants you to be **Satisfied**



Eph 5:17,20 understand what the will of the Lord is ... ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thess 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



If you have all of this, you can likely do
whatever you want

Ps 37:4-5 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him,