



BEST TO BE SURE ... “NAILING DOWN YOUR SALVATION”

PART 3: FAILING THE TEST & LOSING YOUR SALVATION



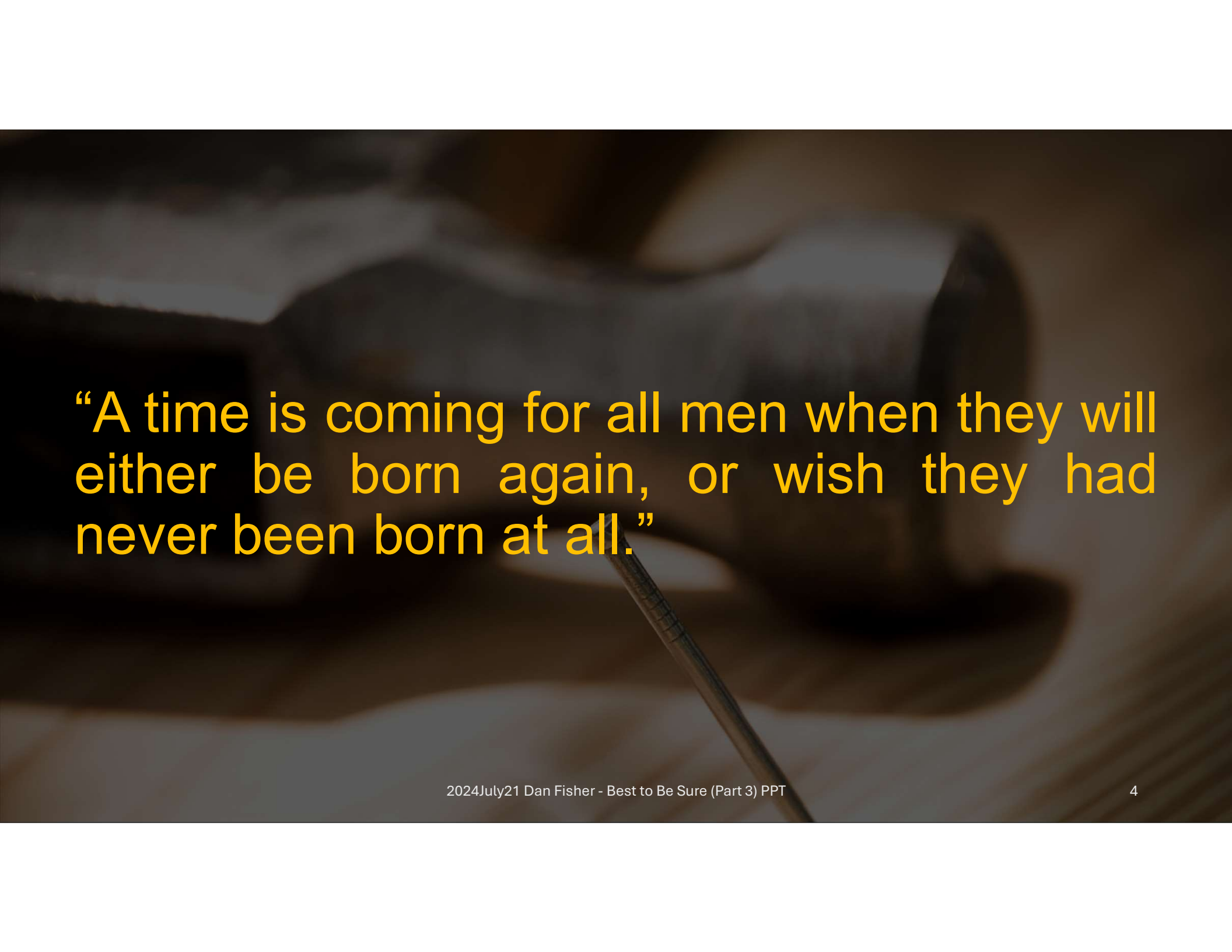
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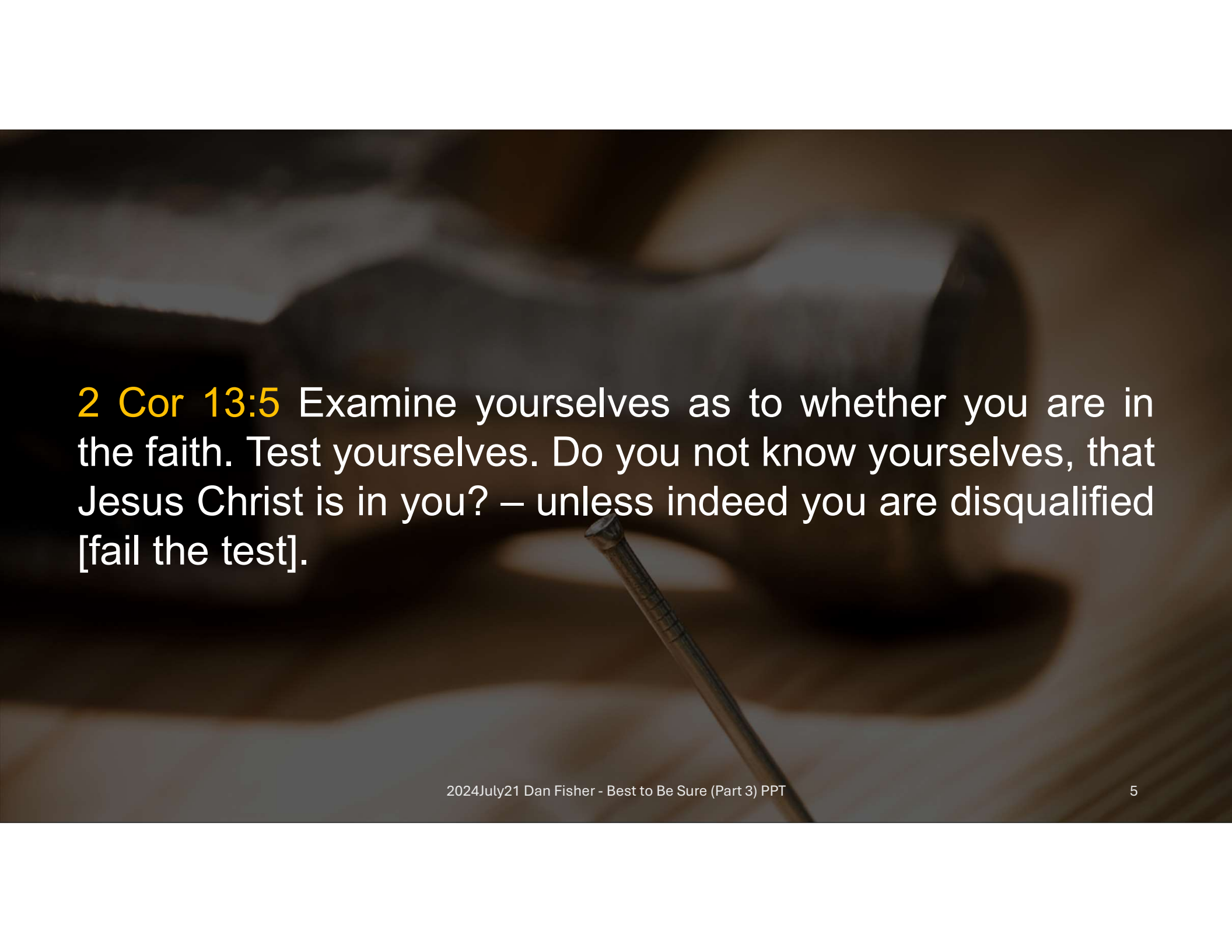
Part 3: Failing the test and losing your salvation



**“The Best Inoculation
against the Gospel IS the
Gospel – heard but not
heeded!”** Greg Laurie



“A time is coming for all men when they will either be born again, or wish they had never been born at all.”



2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified [fail the test].



So, what if you take the test and fail?



1. Act now!



2 Cor 6:2 Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Eph 6:14,16 “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” ... ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

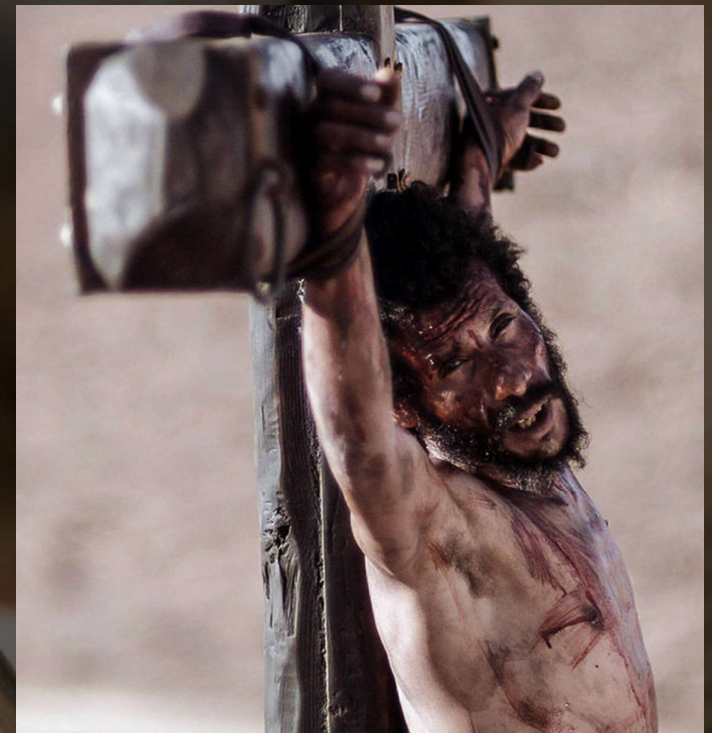


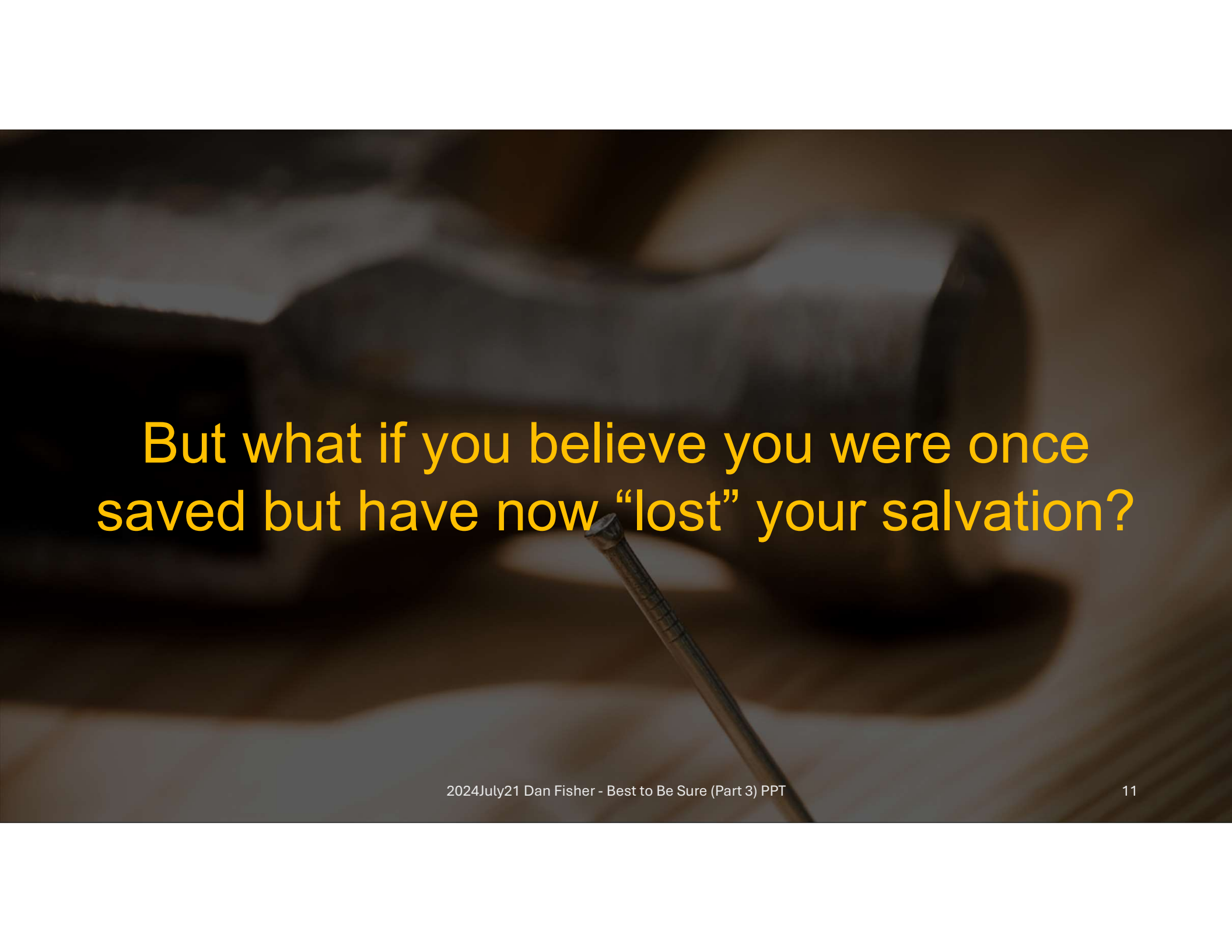
2. Salvation is “very near” you

Rom 10:9 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.


Mk 12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Lk 23:42-43 Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”






But what if you believe you were once saved but have now “lost” your salvation?



1. If you can “lose” your salvation,
you will.



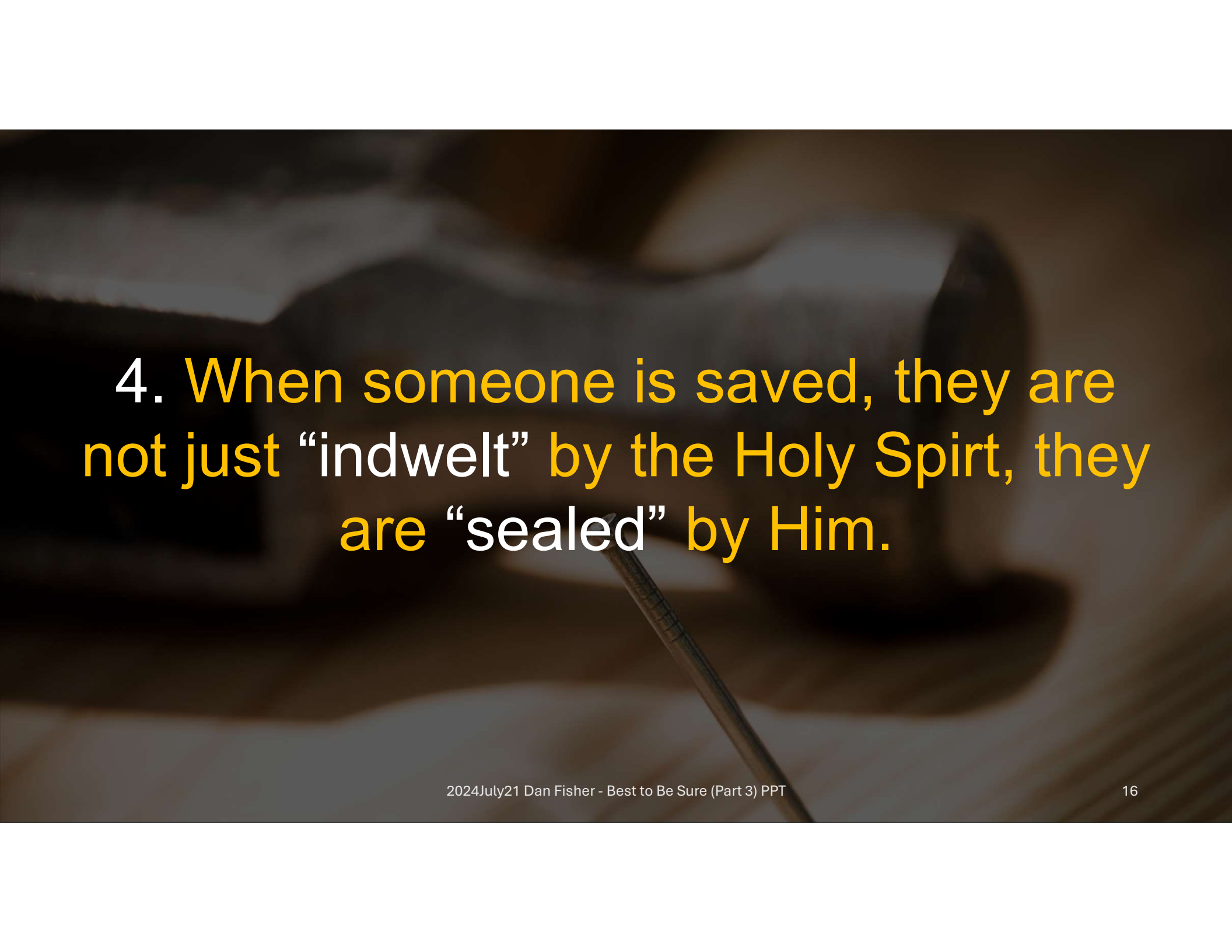
2. It is just as impossible to keep yourself saved as it is to save yourself in the first place.



3. **The same power that** saves you in
the first place **is the same power that**
keeps you saved.

1 Pet 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Tim 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.



4. When someone is saved, they are not just “indwelt” by the Holy Spirit, they are “sealed” by Him.

Eph 1:13-14 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.


ESV – ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.



5. Once you are saved, nothing can separate you from Jesus.

Jn 10:28-29 And I give them eternal life, and they shall **never perish**; **neither shall anyone** snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and **no one** is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

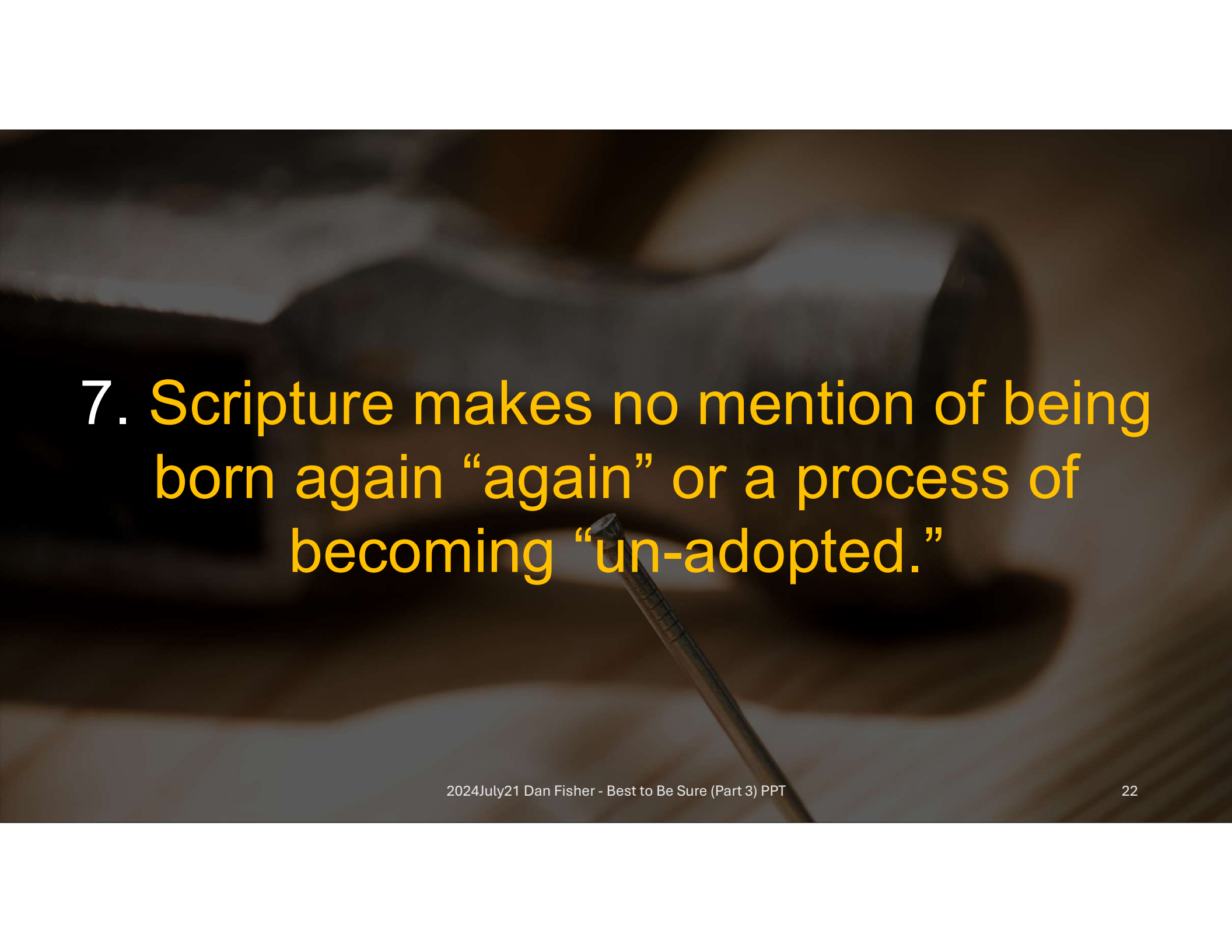
Rom 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that **neither** death nor life, **nor** angels **nor** principalities **nor** powers, **nor** things present **nor** things to come, ³⁹ **nor** height **nor** depth, **nor** any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



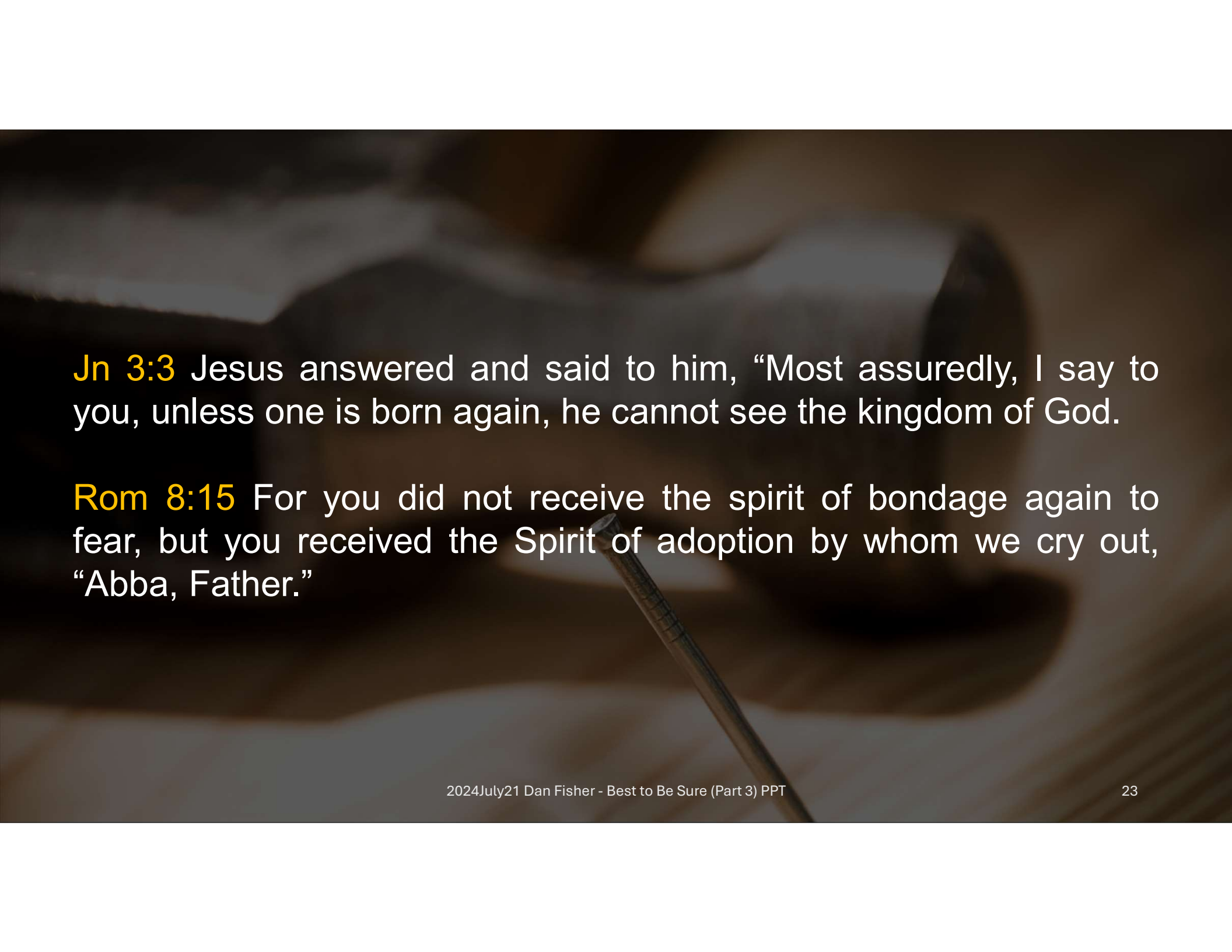
6. But what if you “fall from grace”?

Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

Gal 5:1-4 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.



7. Scripture makes no mention of being born again “again” or a process of becoming “un-adopted.”



Jn 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

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8. Being born again “again” would require Christ’s re-crucifixion.

Heb 6:4,6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. ... ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

9:26-28 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.



9. If salvation can be lost, it cannot be regained.

Heb 6:4-6 & Heb 10:26-31

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10. God is going to “finish” what He started in you!

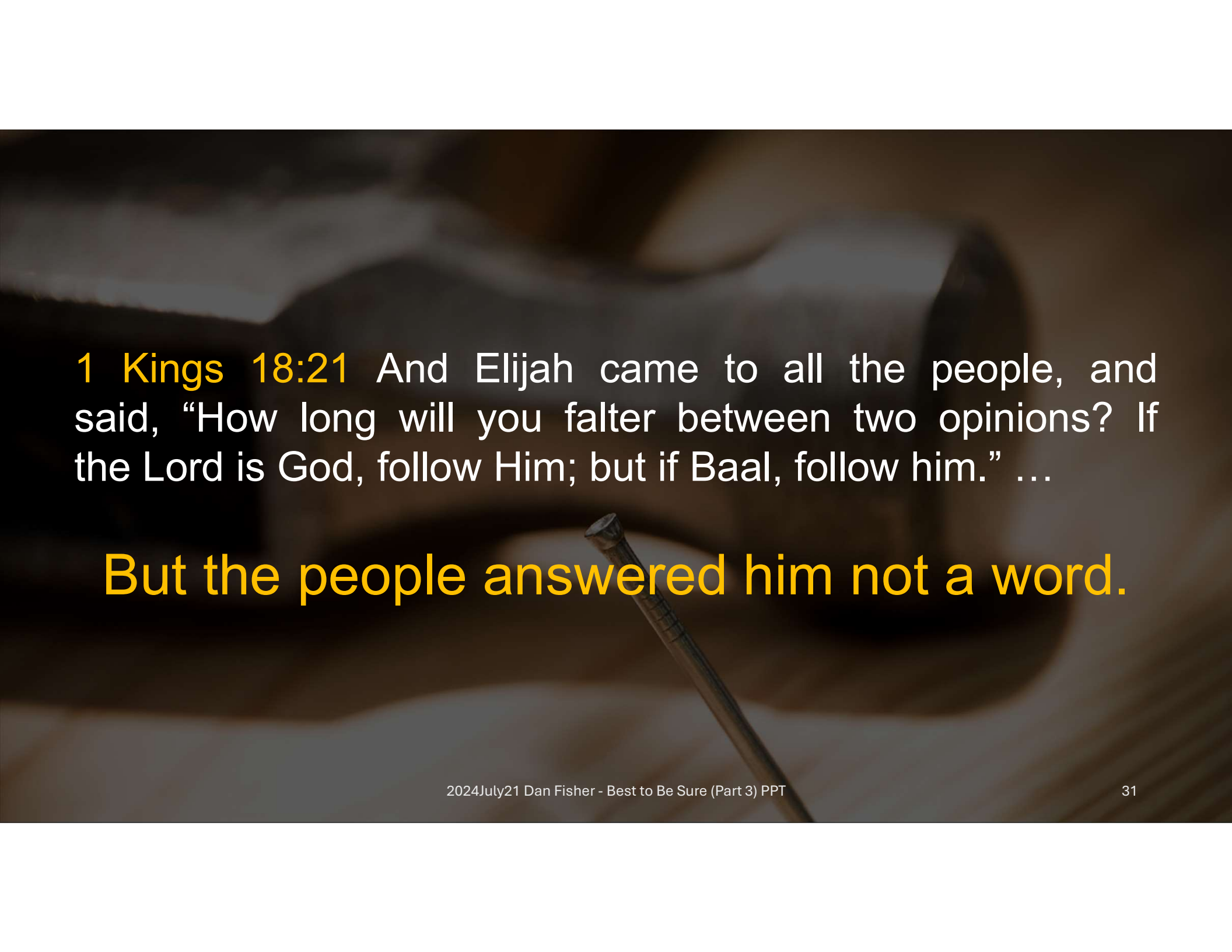


Phil 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it **until the day of Jesus Christ**;



So, can you pass the test?

Do you have the assurance that if you
died right now you would go
to heaven?



1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” ...

But the people answered him not a word.