

“Wisdom for a New Year”
Matthew 2:1-12



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The **New** Testament

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Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1/2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1/2 Thessalonians

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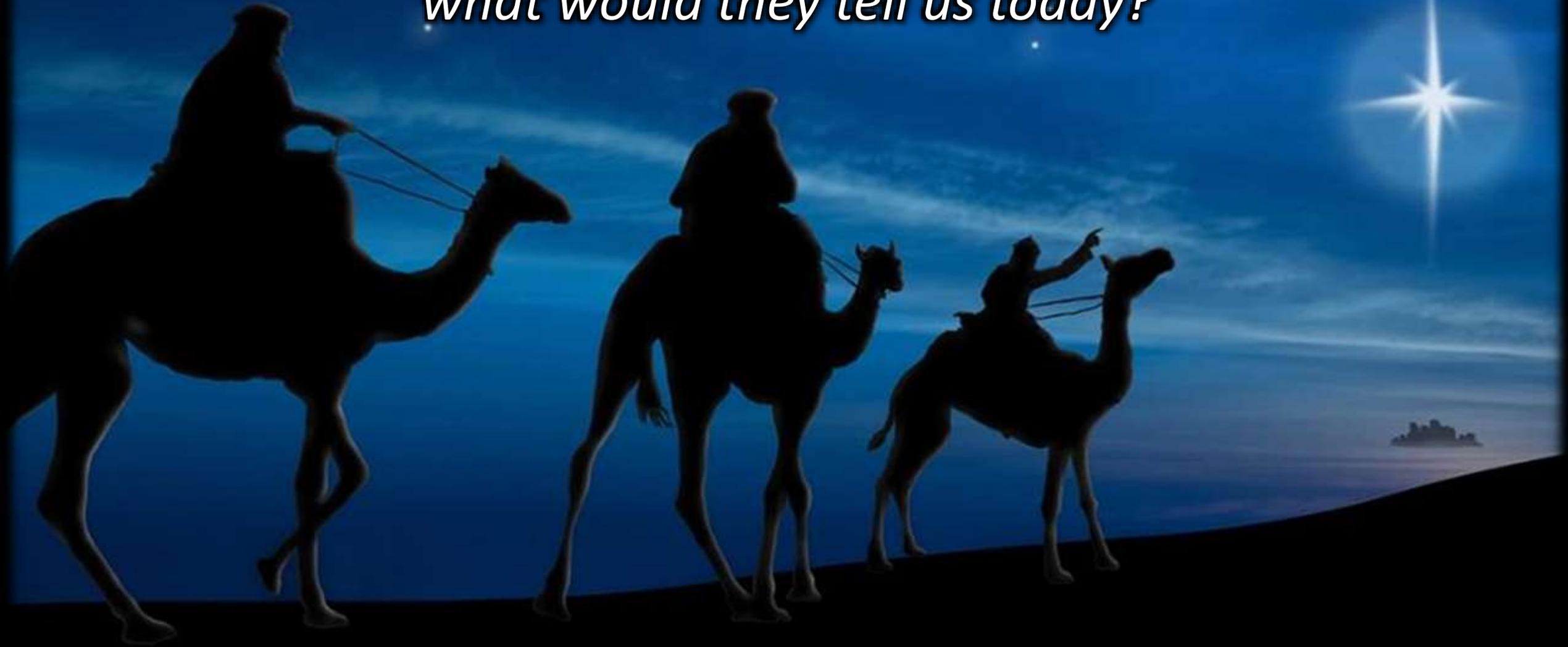
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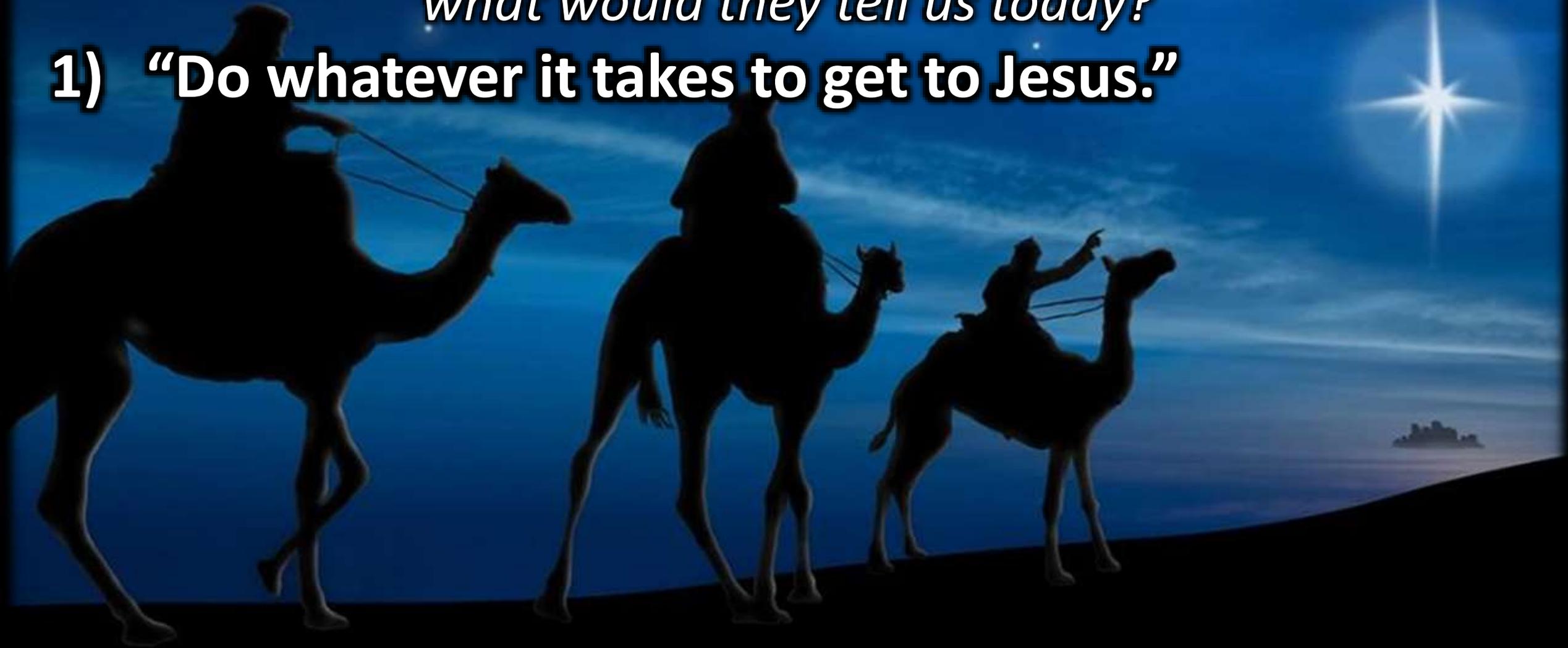
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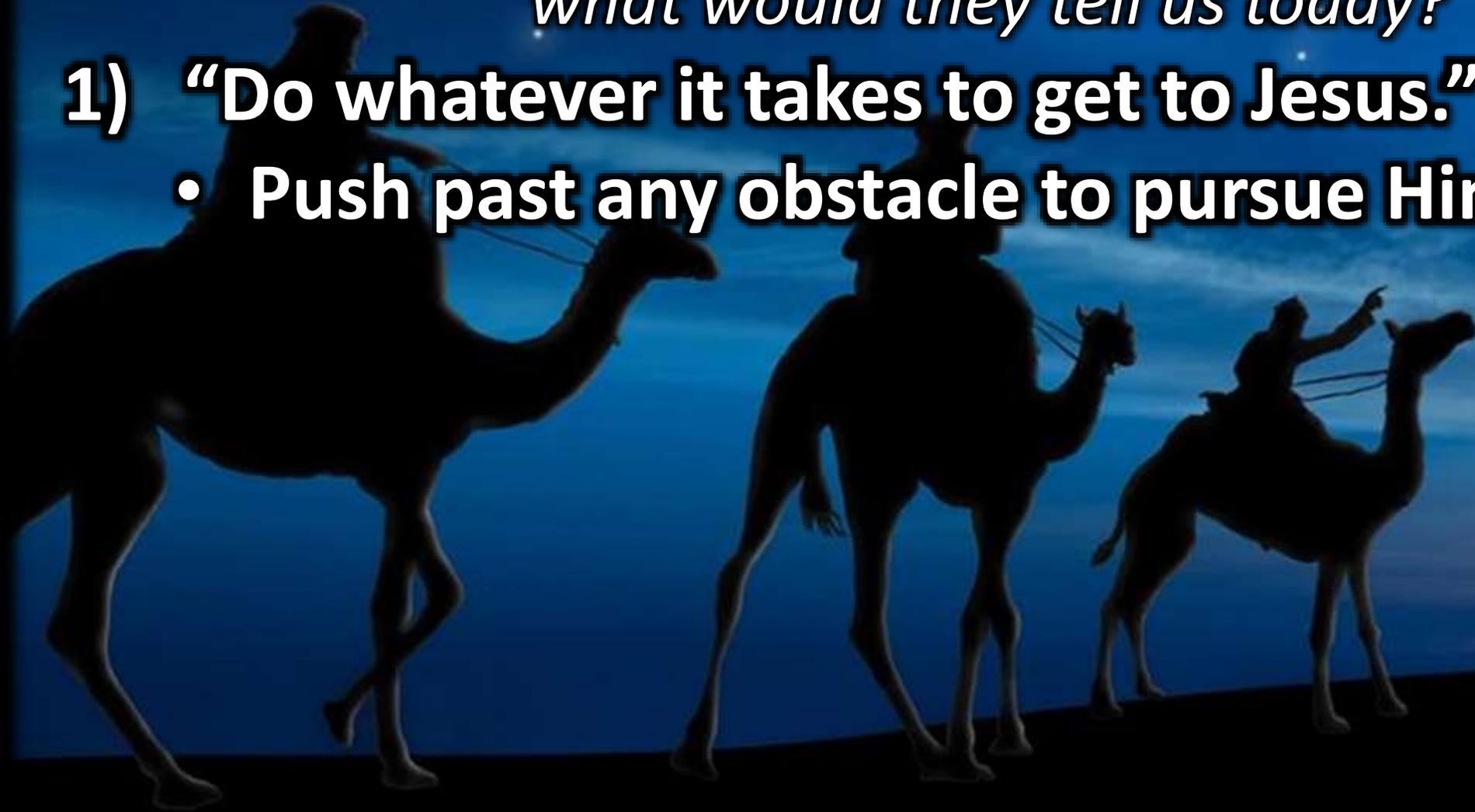


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- **Push past any obstacle to pursue Him.**



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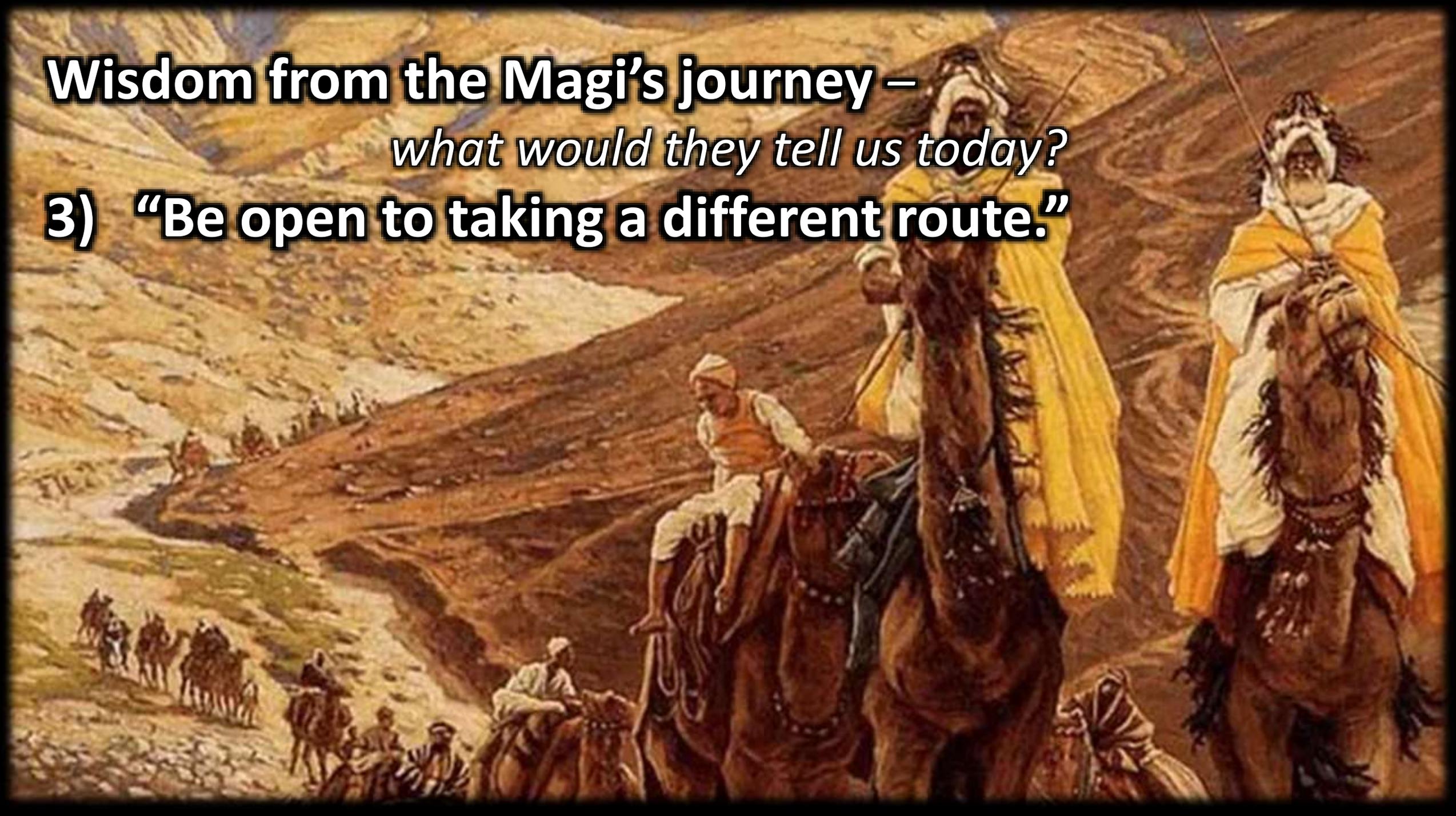
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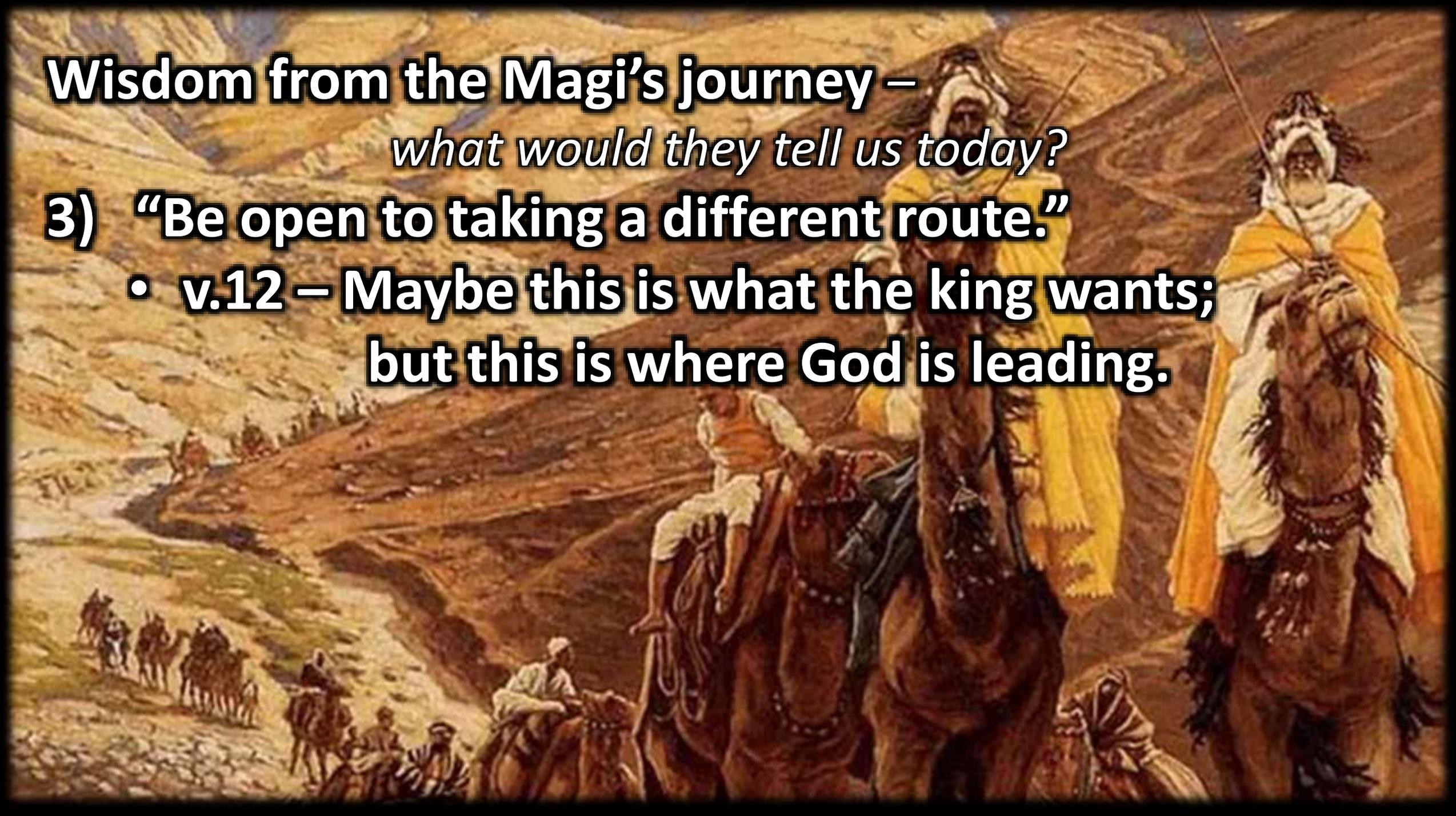


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- **v.12 – Maybe this is what the king wants;
but this is where God is leading.**



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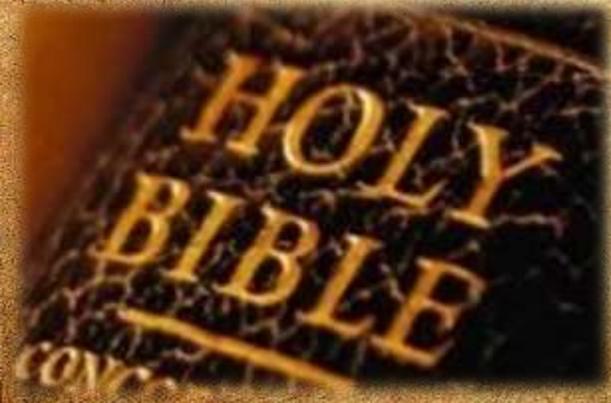
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Philippians 3:13-14



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“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

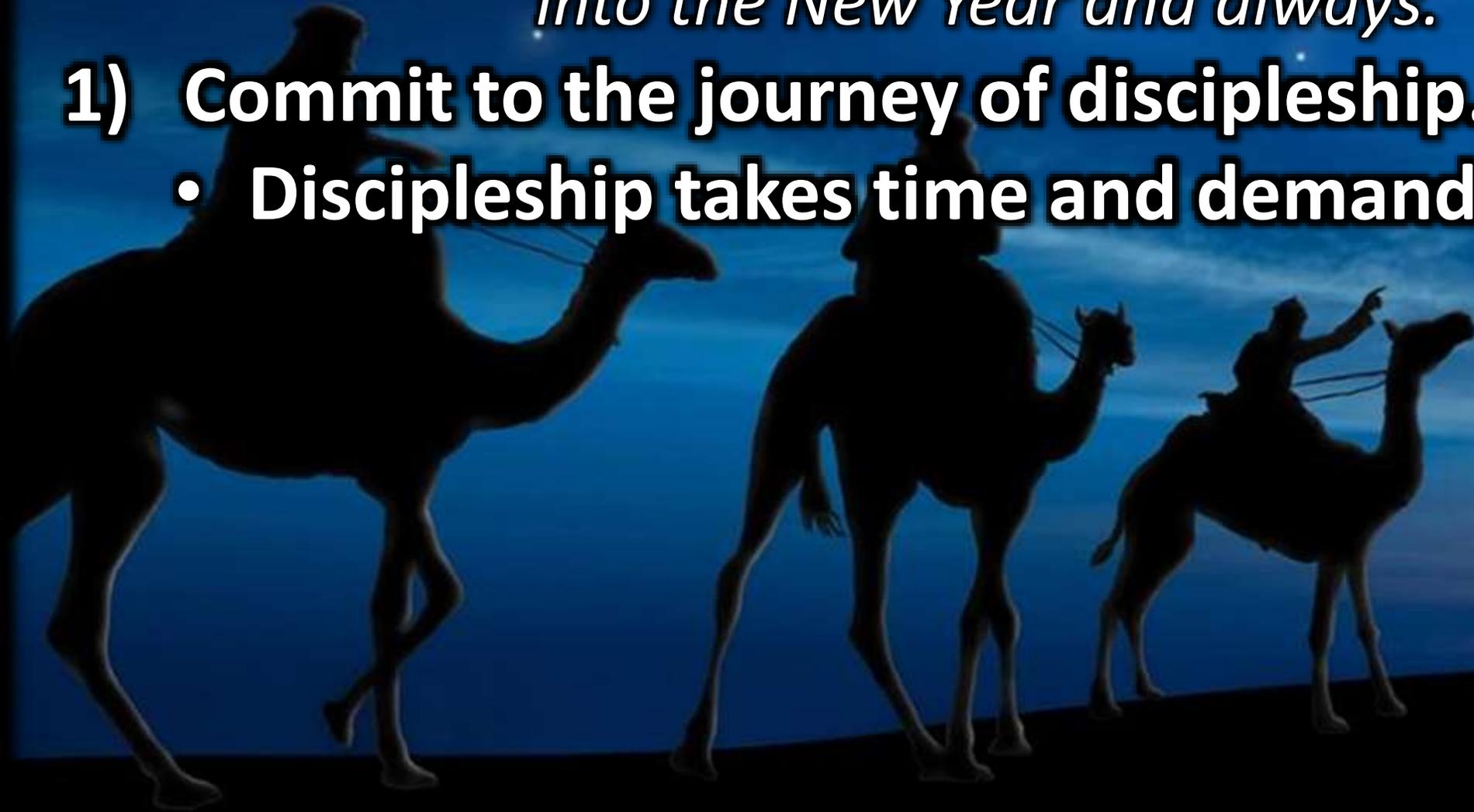


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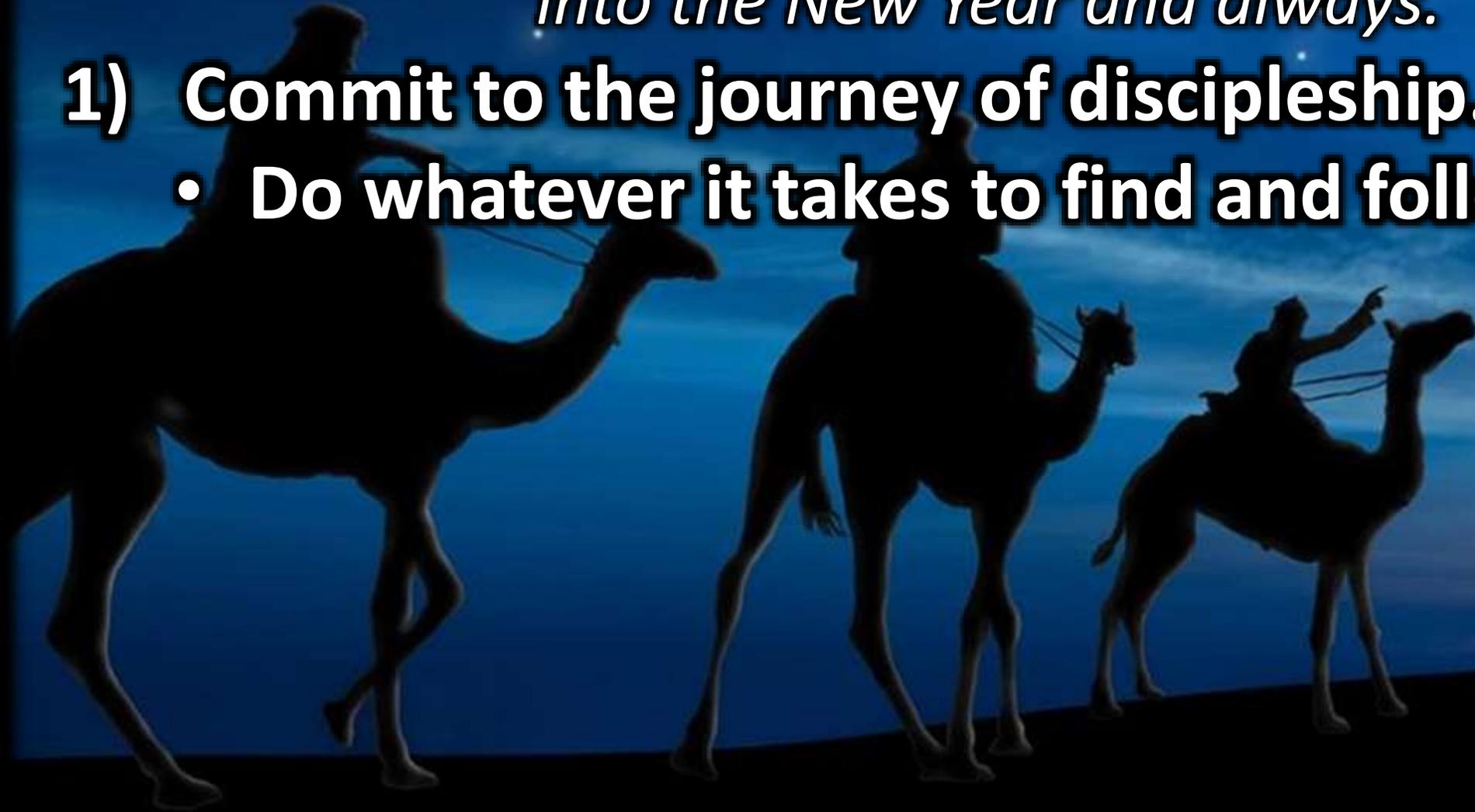


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- Do whatever it takes to find and follow Jesus.**



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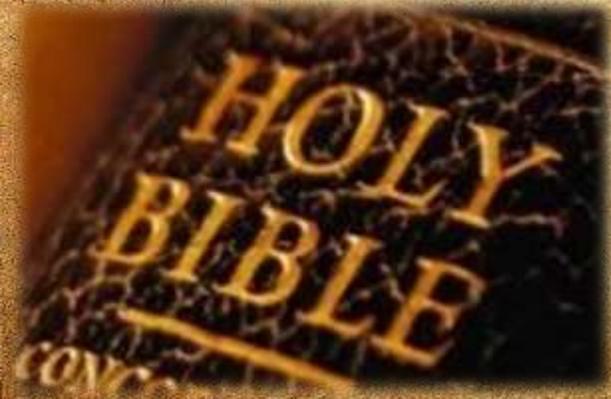
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John 4:23



*“Yet a time is coming and has now come
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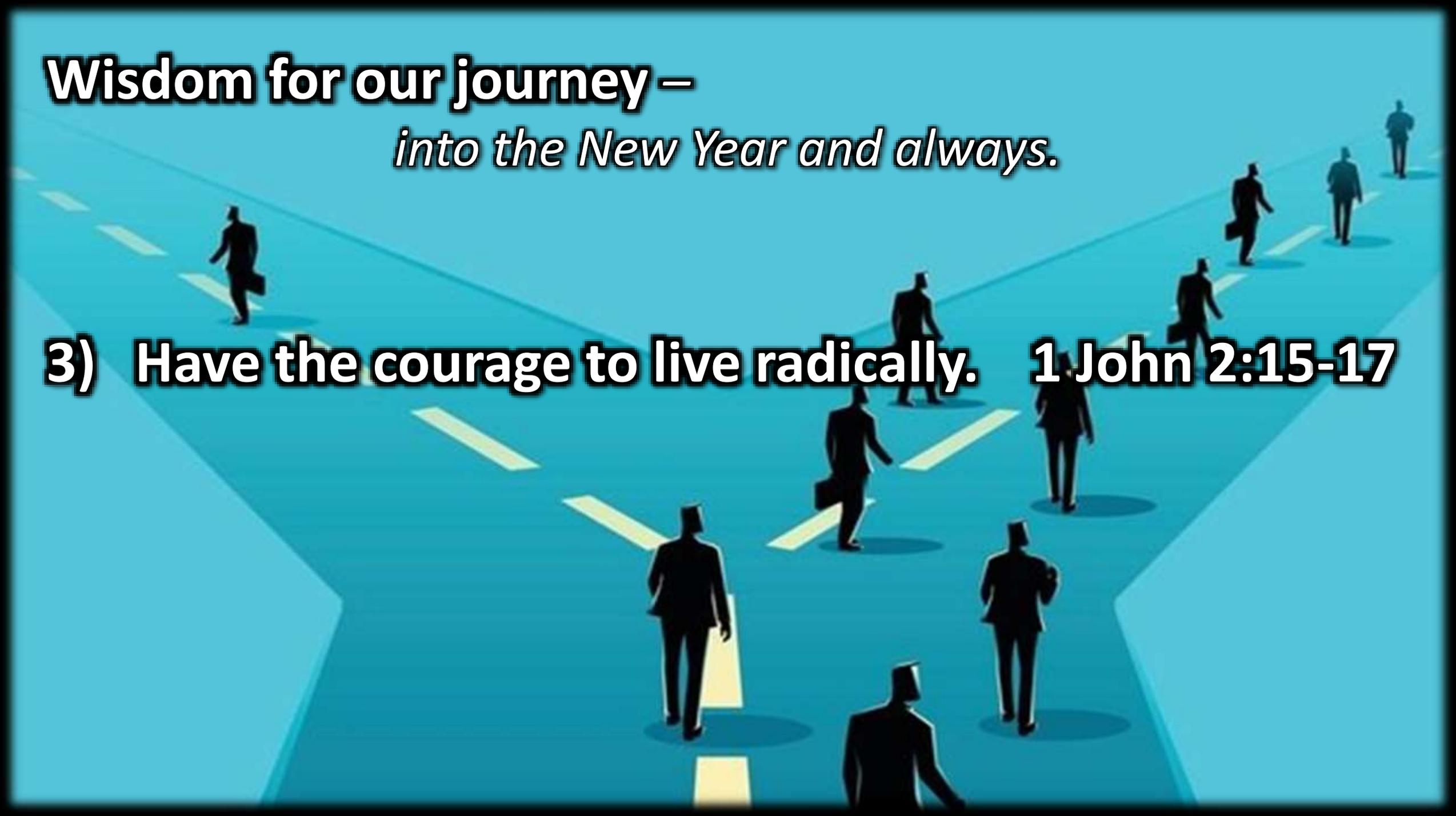
- Let your worship of God declare Who He is,
not just your opinion about Him.**



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“Do not love the world or anything in the world.

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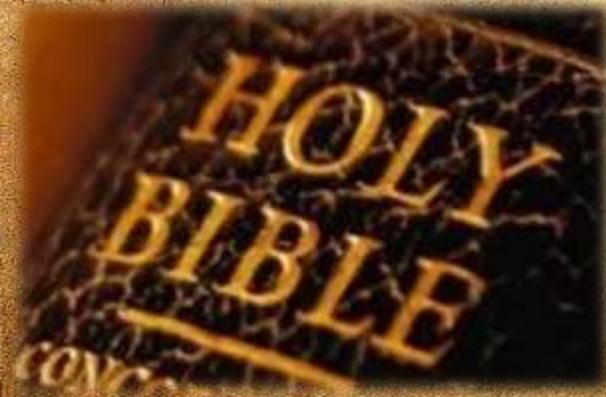
love for the Father is not in them.

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh,

the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—

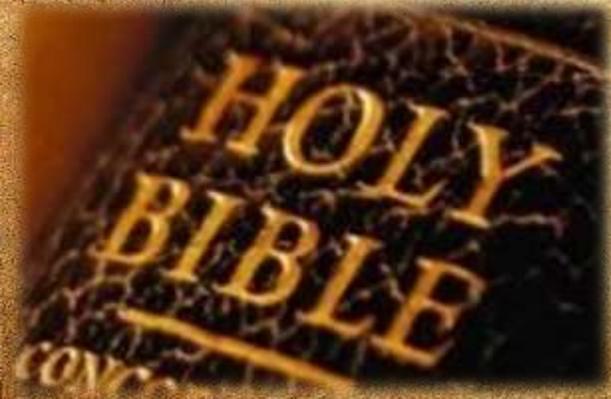
comes not from the Father

but from the world.



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***“The world and its desires pass away,
but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”***



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3) Have the courage to live radically.

- **God's wisdom is never trendy;
but it is always dependable.**

A golden wheat field at sunset with birds in the sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The wheat stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, and the sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. Several birds are seen flying in the upper right corner of the sky.

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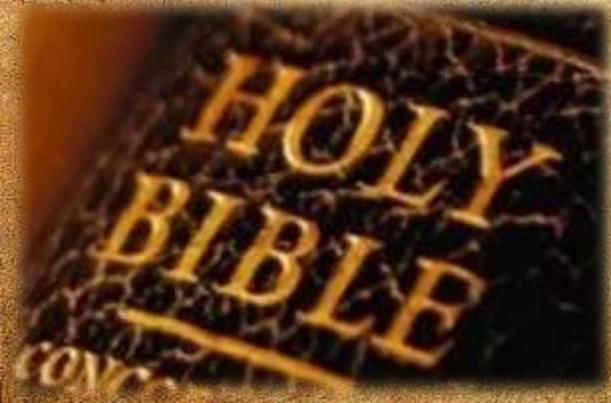
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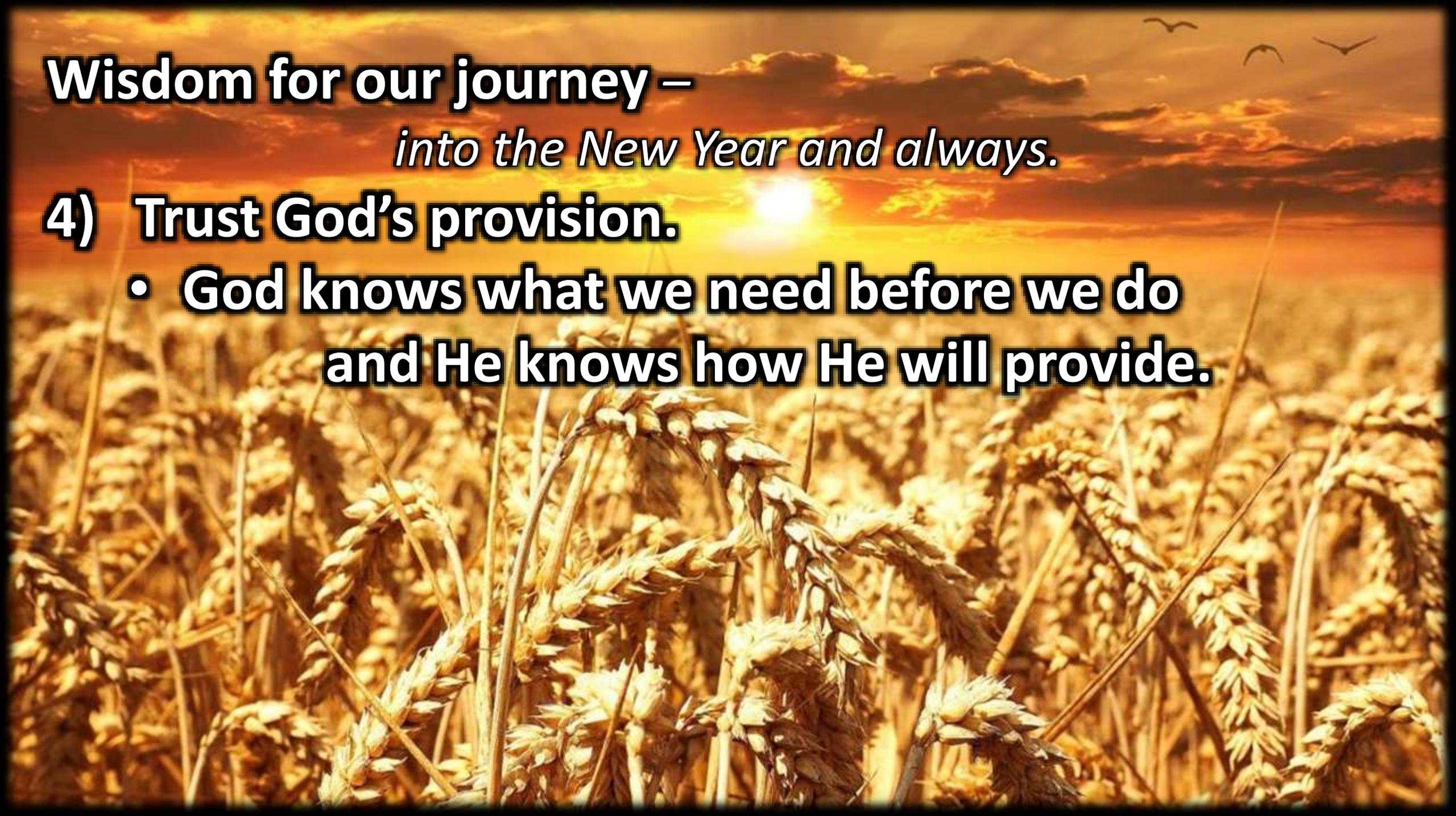
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***“And my God will meet all your needs
according to the riches of his glory
in Christ Jesus.”***



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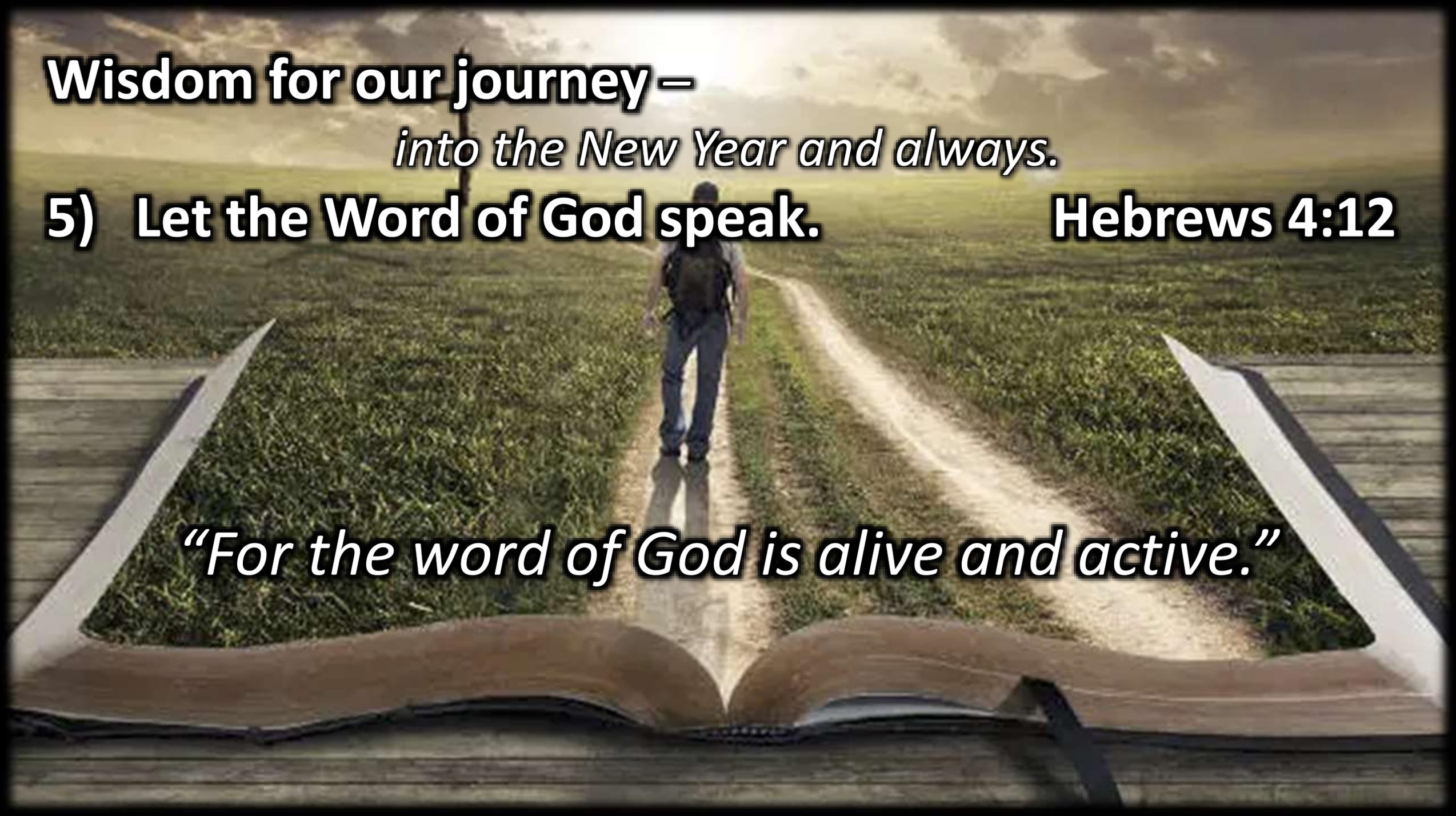
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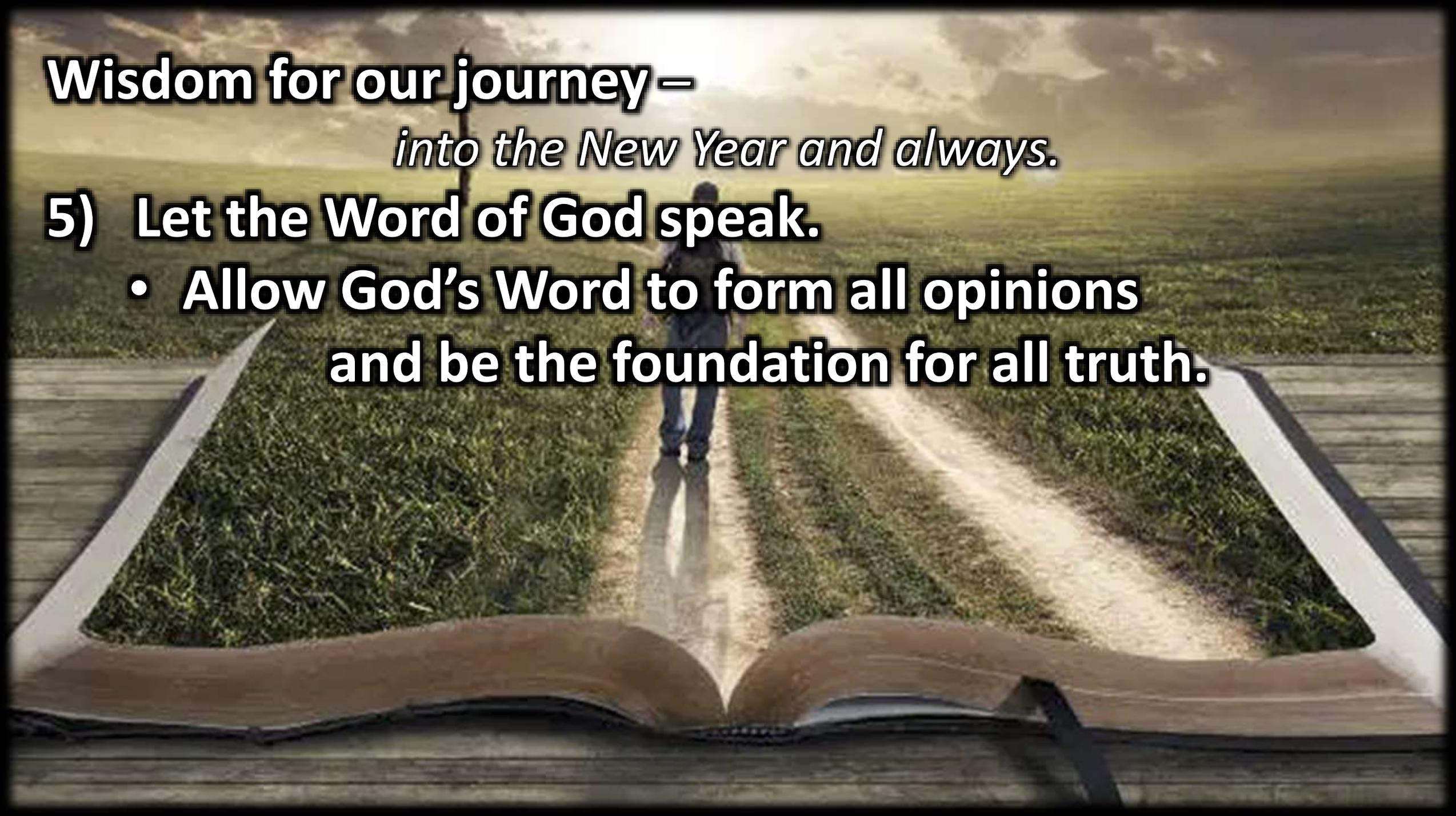
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5) Let the Word of God speak.

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is alive and active.”



The image features a composite background. At the bottom, an open book with aged, yellowed pages is visible. From the center of the book, a dirt path extends upwards into a vast, green, hilly landscape under a bright, hazy sky. A person is walking away from the viewer on this path, their reflection visible on the ground. The overall scene suggests a journey of discovery and faith.

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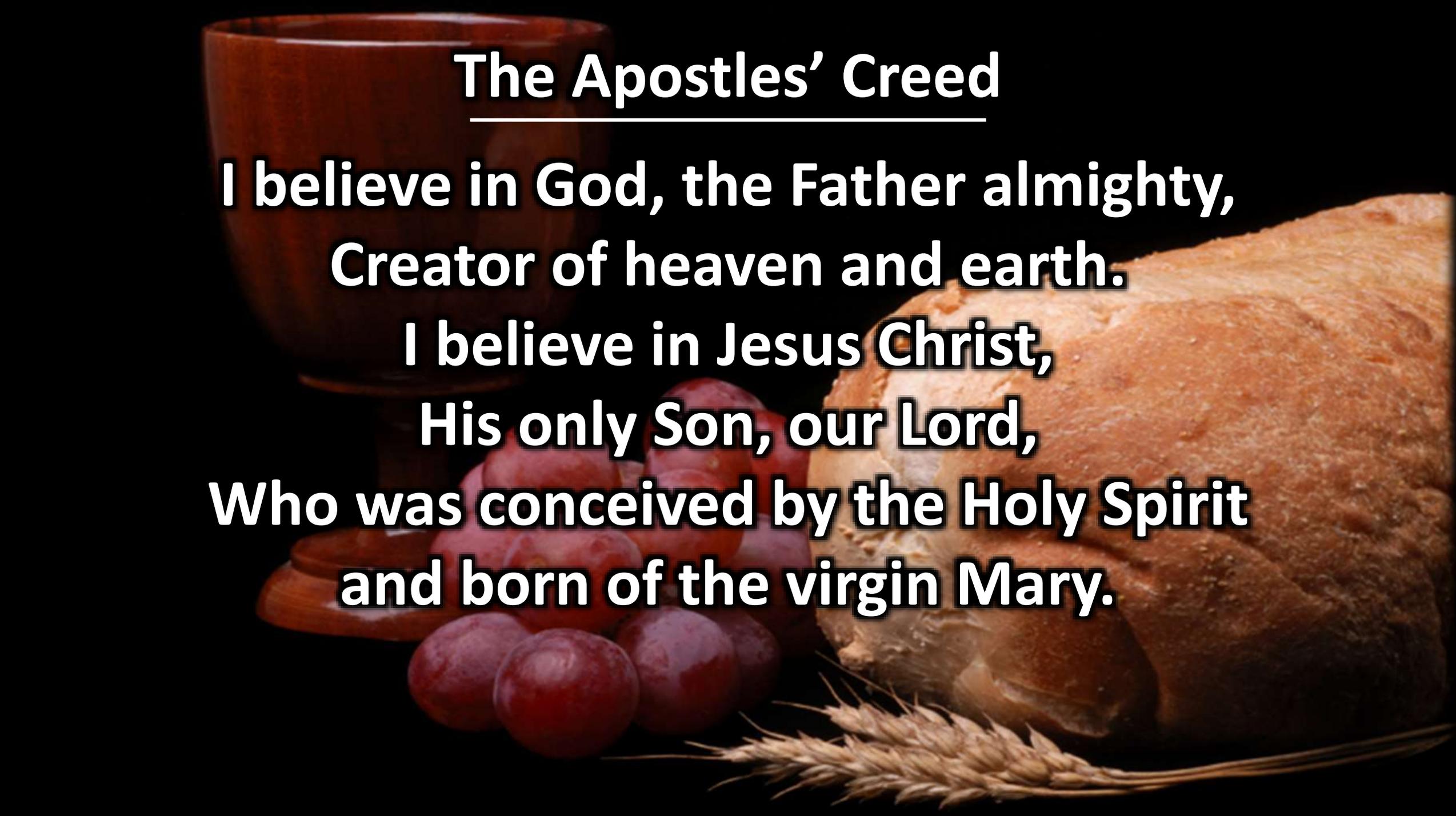
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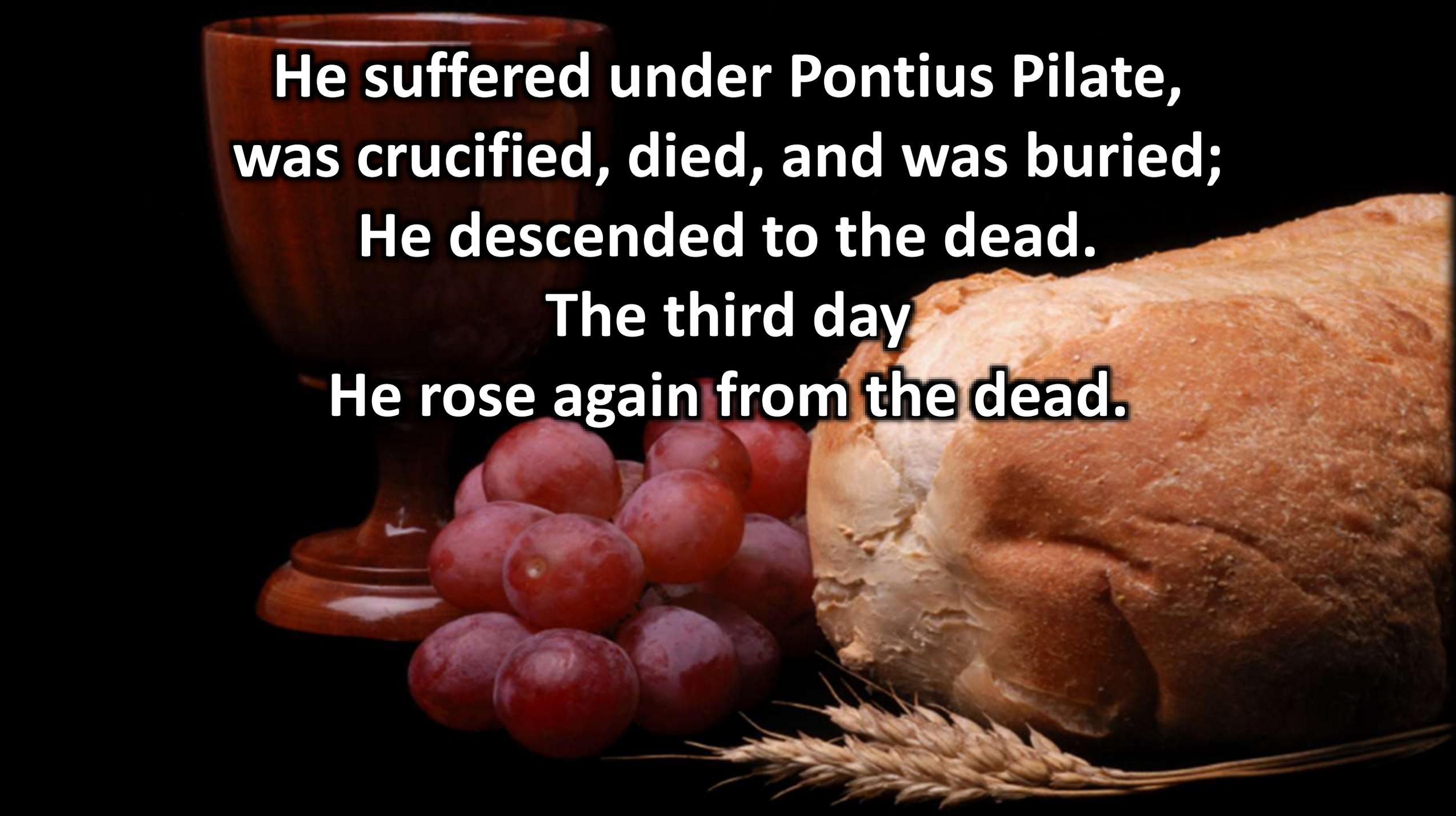




The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

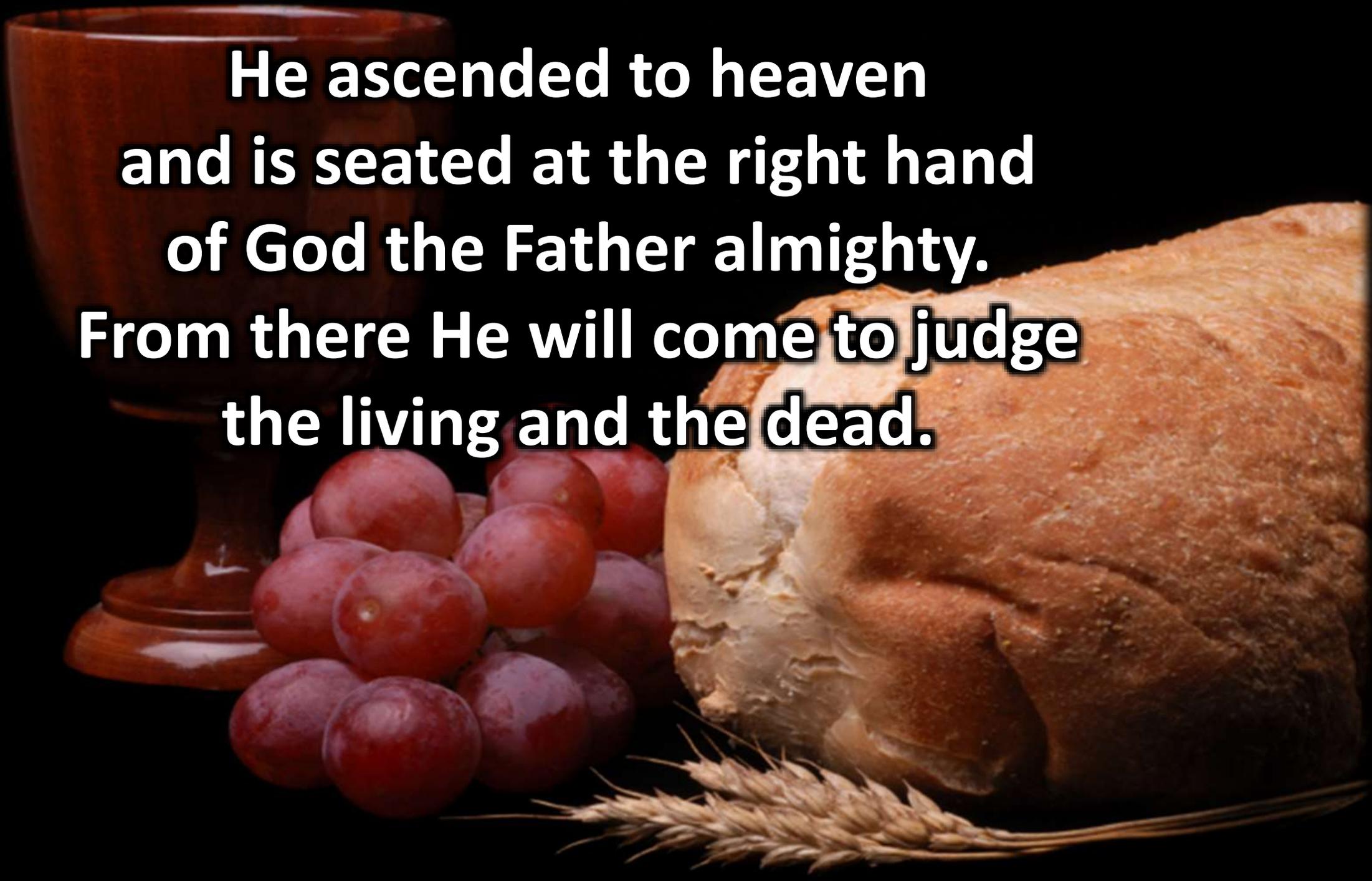
**I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

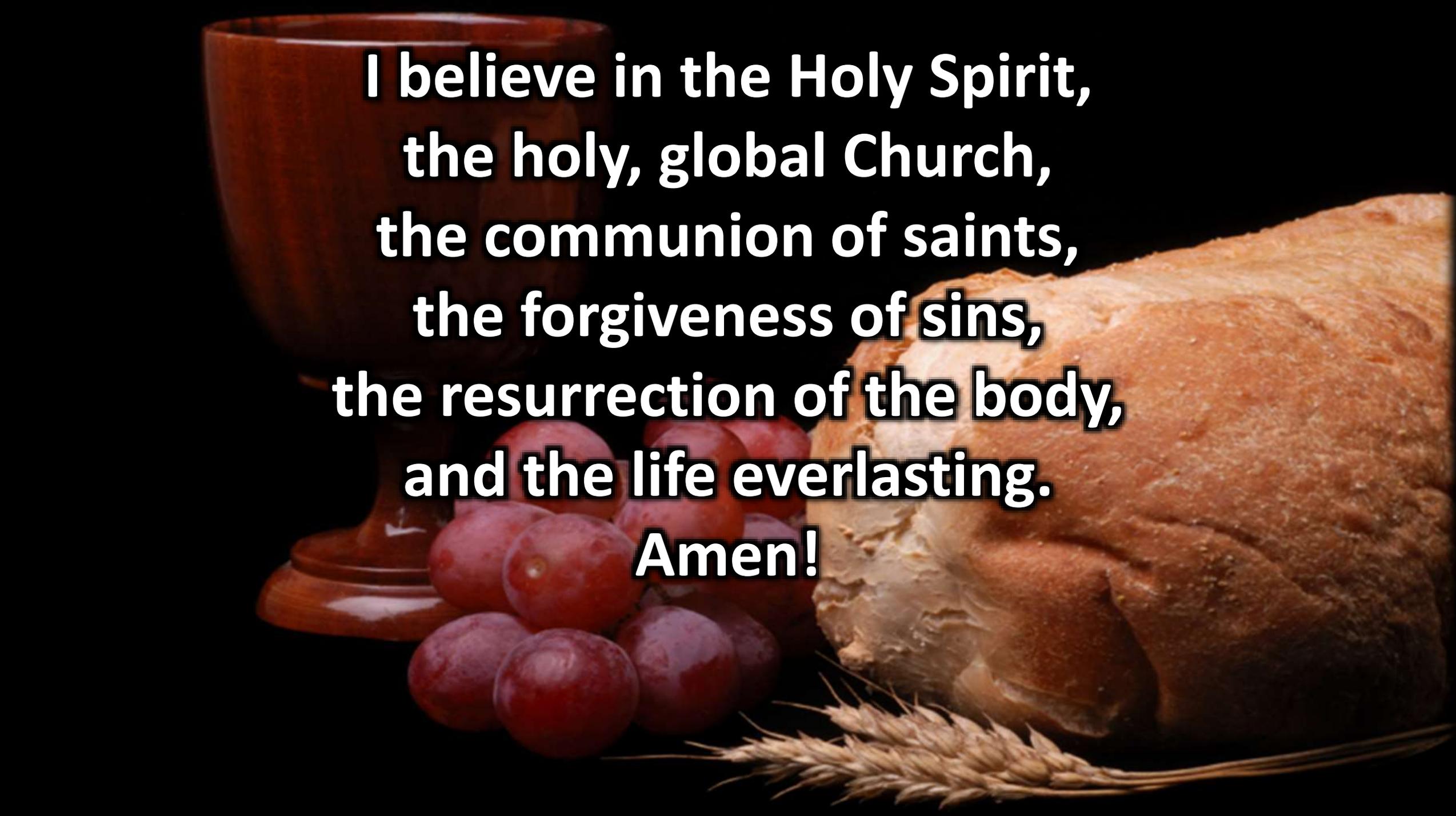


**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**

**The third day
He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**



A still life composition featuring a wooden chalice, a bunch of red grapes, a loaf of bread, and a stalk of wheat against a black background. The text is overlaid on the image.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy, global Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen!

