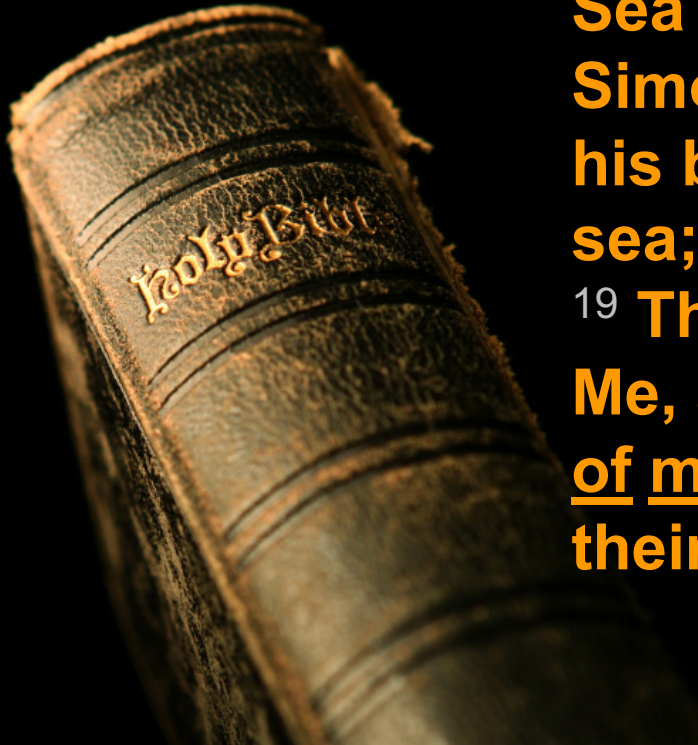


The Gospel of
MATTHEW
CHAPTER 4

Matthew 4:18–20

¹⁸ **And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.**

¹⁹ **Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** ²⁰ **They immediately left their nets and followed Him.**





One of the truths that is evident over and over in the Gospels is that Jesus was passionately interested in the salvation of sinners.



John 3:17

**“For God did not send His Son
into the world to condemn the
world, but that the world
through Him might be saved.”**



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1 Timothy 1:15

“...Christ Jesus came into the world [Why?] to save sinners.”



Jesus made it clear that unrepentant, unforgiven sinners will be judged for their sins and then put in a place of outer darkness, torment, and separation from God.



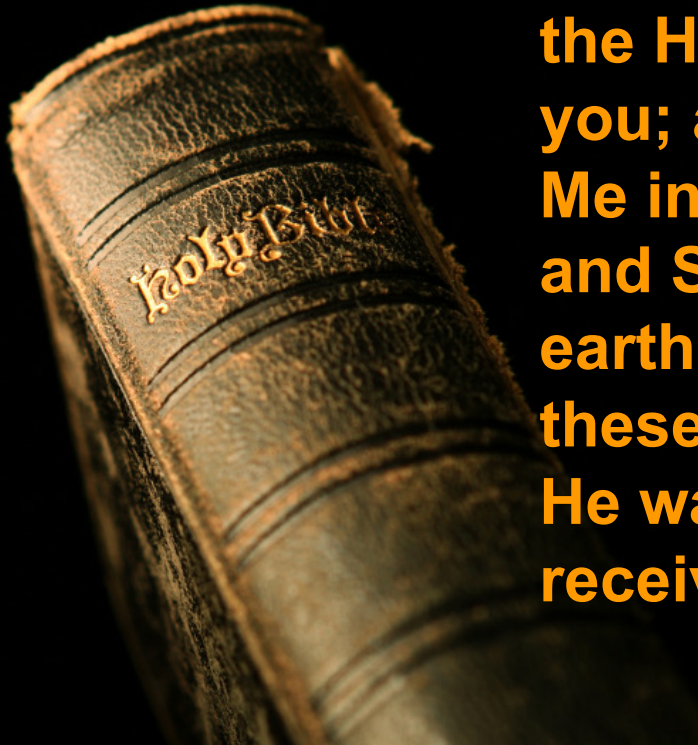


Matthew 4:19
**“Follow Me,
and I will make
you fishers of
men.”**



Acts 1:8–9

⁸ “...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.







The sin of
SILENCE

155,224
people die.

Source: [reference.com](https://www.reference.com)

If we were to line up these people who die
every day, the line would be:

59 MILES LONG

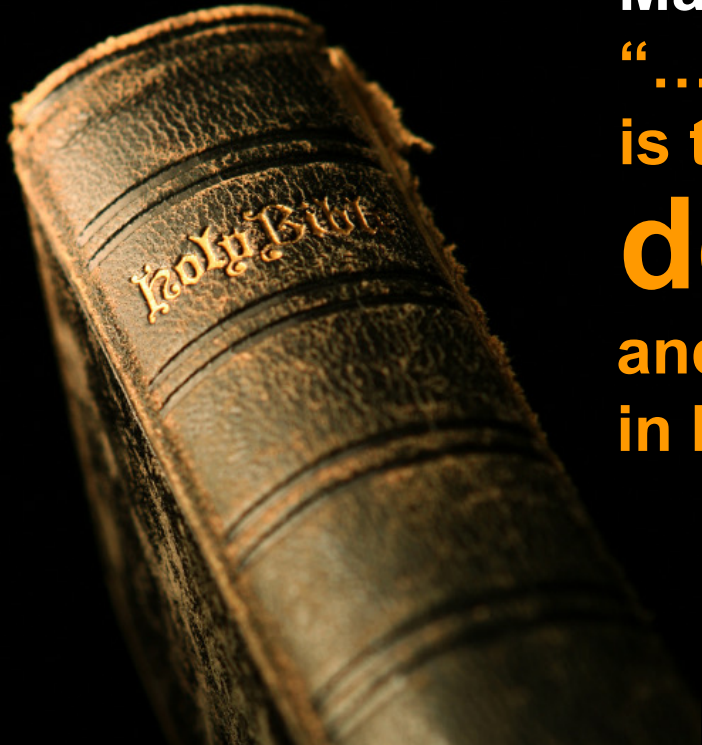


2 MILLION MILES LONG



**EARTH'S EQUATOR
84 TIMES**





Matthew 7:13

“...wide is the gate and broad
is the way that leads to
destruction,
and there are many who go
in by it.” —JESUS

FEAR

- Fear of what people will think about us
- Fear of rejection
- Fear of not having answers for the questions that might come up
- Fear of hurting a relationship
- Fear of losing a job



2 Timothy 1:7

“God has not given us
a spirit of fear, but of
power and love...”

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2 TIMOTHY 2



The President has asked you to be the new ambassador for the United States in a hostile, volatile country.



The night before you leave to Iran, you receive an important envelope from the State Department that contains some of the talking points you need to bring up in your meeting with the President of Iran the following day.





**Can we turn
around?**

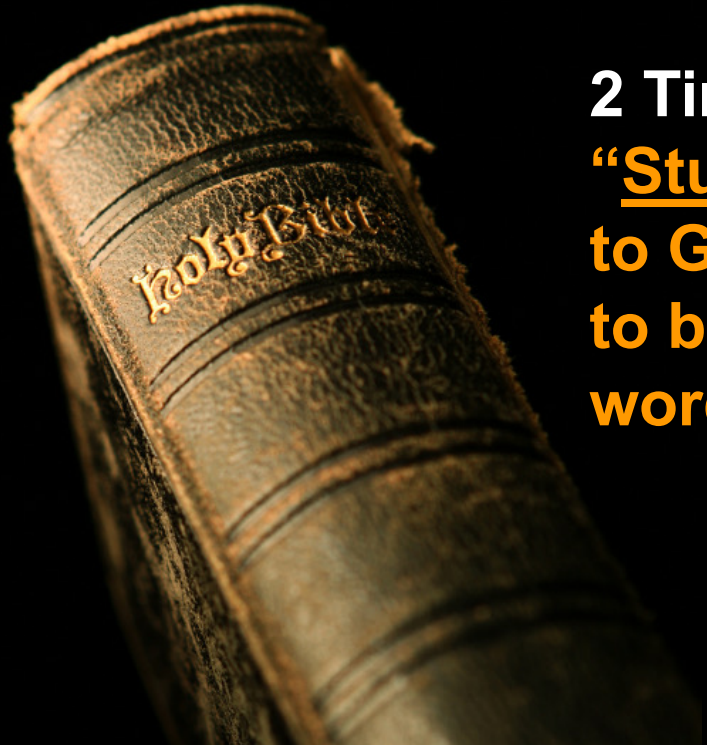
What kind of feelings are you going to experience on the plane?

- Fear
- Anxiousness
- Anger



**They don't take
the time very
often to open the
envelope from
the State
Department
(the Bible)
and go over
their talking
points.**





2 Timothy 2:15

“Study to show yourself approved to God a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”



2 Timothy 2:15

“Study to show yourself approved to God a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

1 Peter 3:15

“...always be ready to give an answer to everyone that asks you to give the reason for the hope that is in you...”









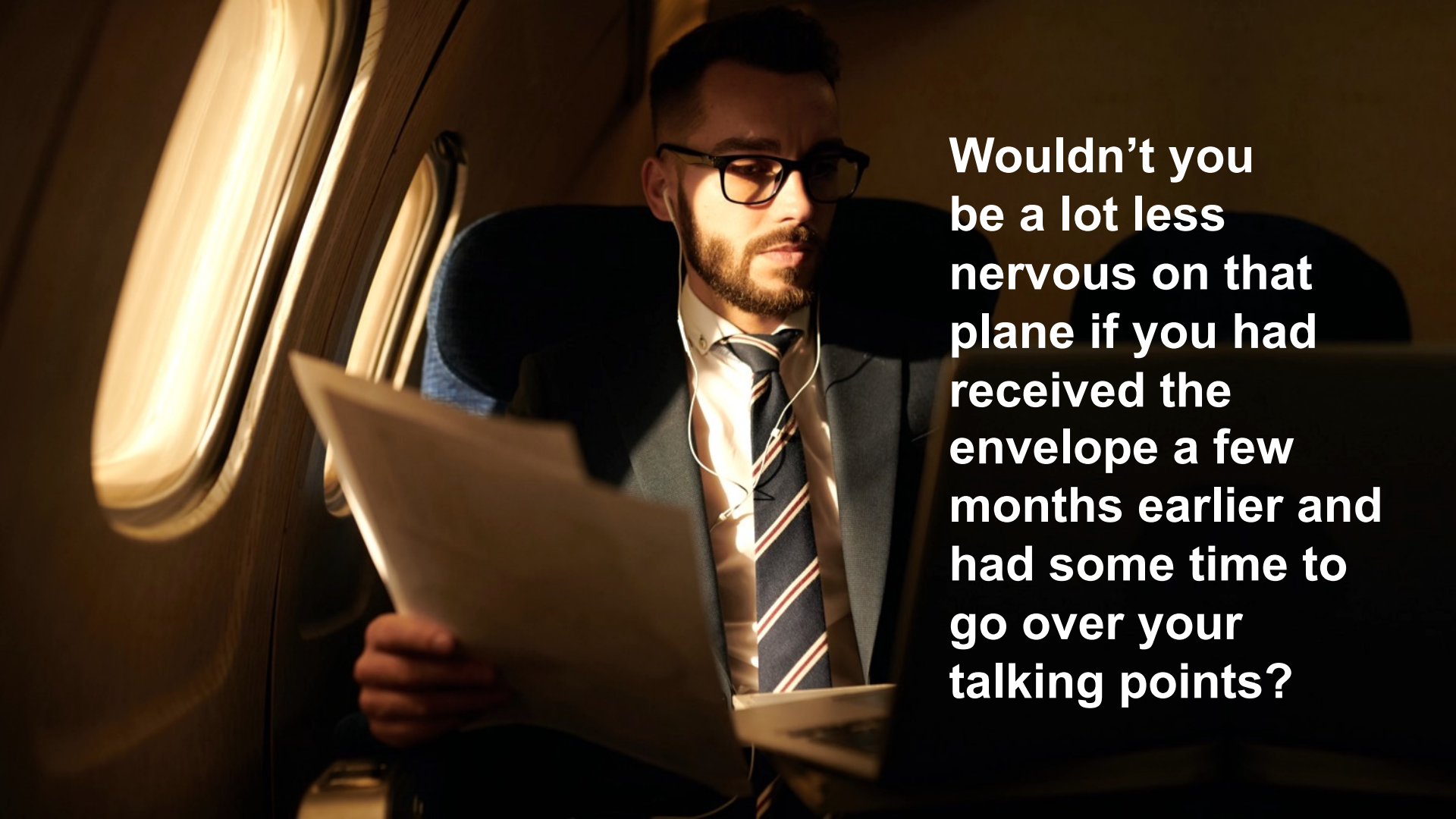


How much more seriously
should you take your call as an
ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20) for the

“KING OF KINGS”

(R e v e l a t i o n 1 9 : 1 6)



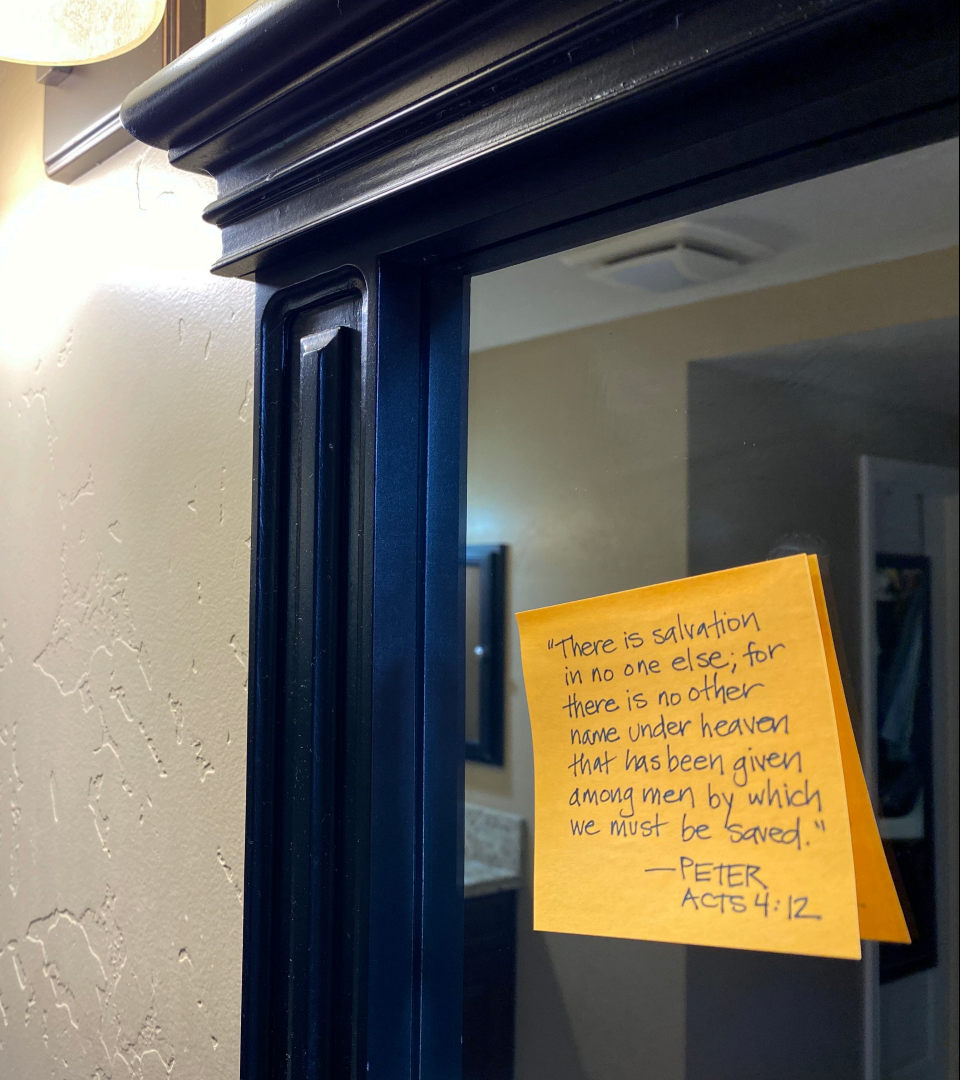
A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a striped tie, is seated in an airplane cabin. He is looking down at a large sheet of paper he is holding in his hands. He has white earbuds in his ears. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light coming from a window on the left, creating a soft glow on his face and the paper. The background shows the interior of the plane, including the window frame and the back of another seat.

**Wouldn't you
be a lot less
nervous on that
plane if you had
received the
envelope a few
months earlier and
had some time to
go over your
talking points?**

1. Know the gospel.



- **John 3:16**
- **Romans 3:10**
- **Romans 6:23**
- **Romans 5:8**
- **Romans 10:9–10**
- **Acts 4:12**
- **John 14:6**
- **Acts 17:30**



"There is salvation
in no one else; for
there is no other
name under heaven
that has been given
among men by which
we must be saved."

—PETER
ACTS 4:12

- John 3:16
- Romans 3:10
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 10:9–10
- Acts 4:12
- John 14:6
- Acts 17:30



**Be able to
answer the
common
QUESTIONS
that often
come up when
sharing the
gospel with
people.**

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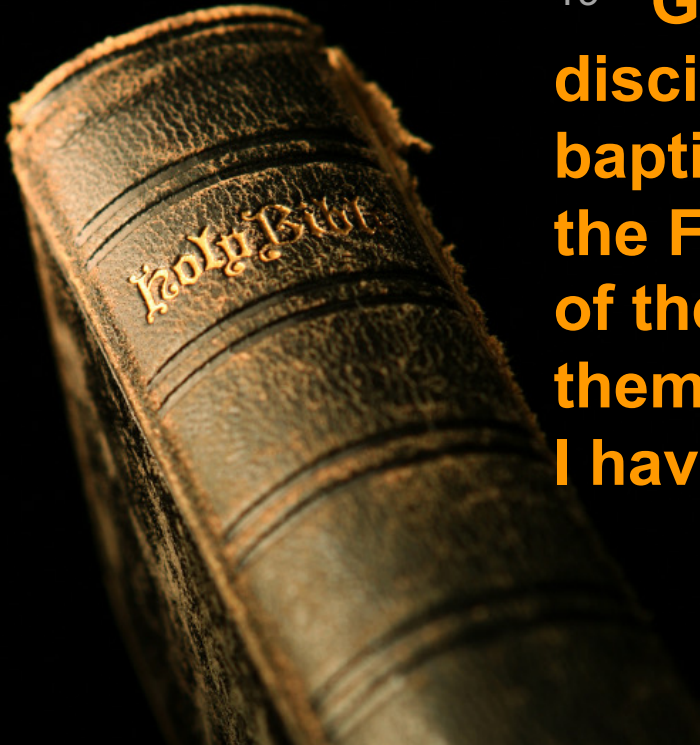
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MATTHEW
CHAPTER 28

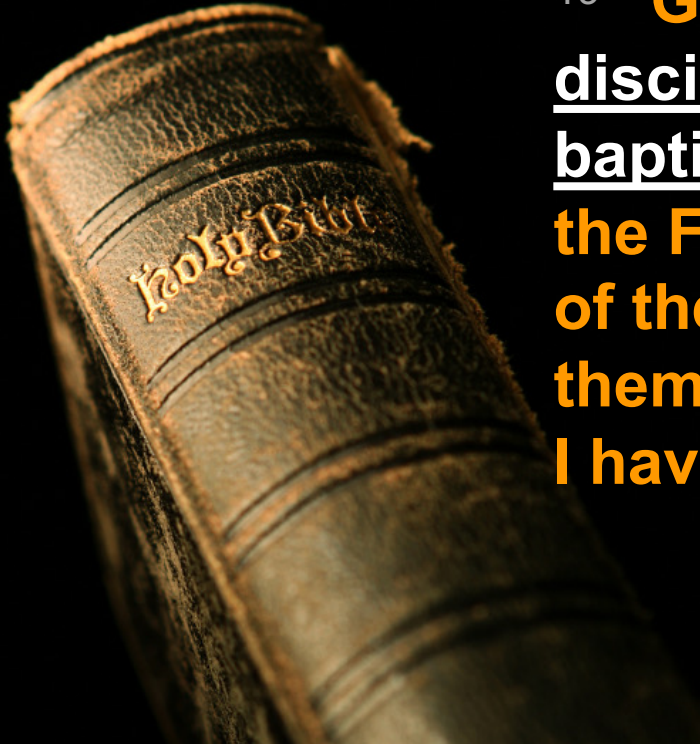
Matthew 28:19–20

¹⁹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”



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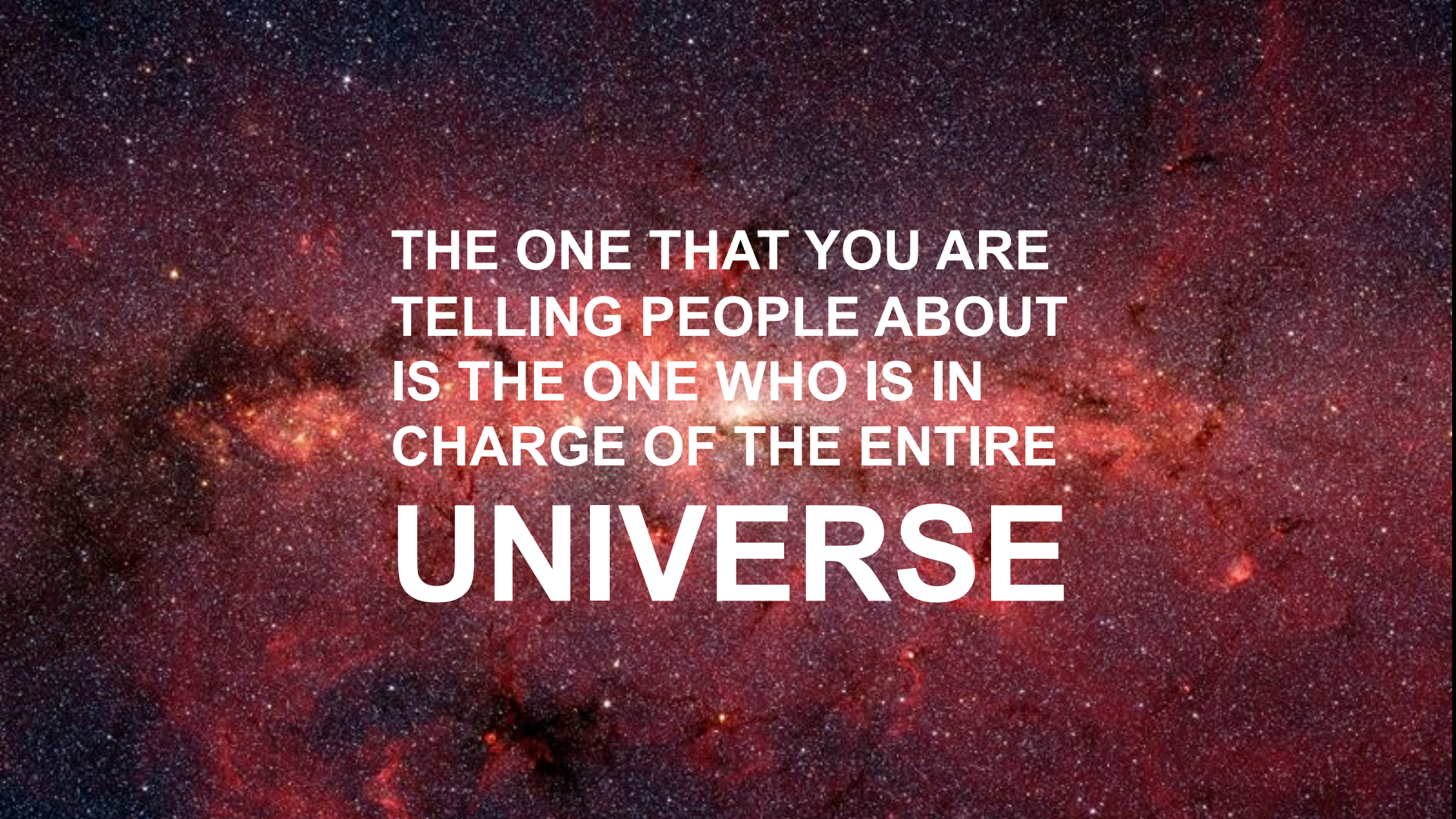
Matthew 28:18

**“All authority has been given
to Me in Heaven and on
Earth.”**



‘I have authority over every king and queen, every fallen angel, every person who would seek to harm you, the weather, disease, over life and death.’

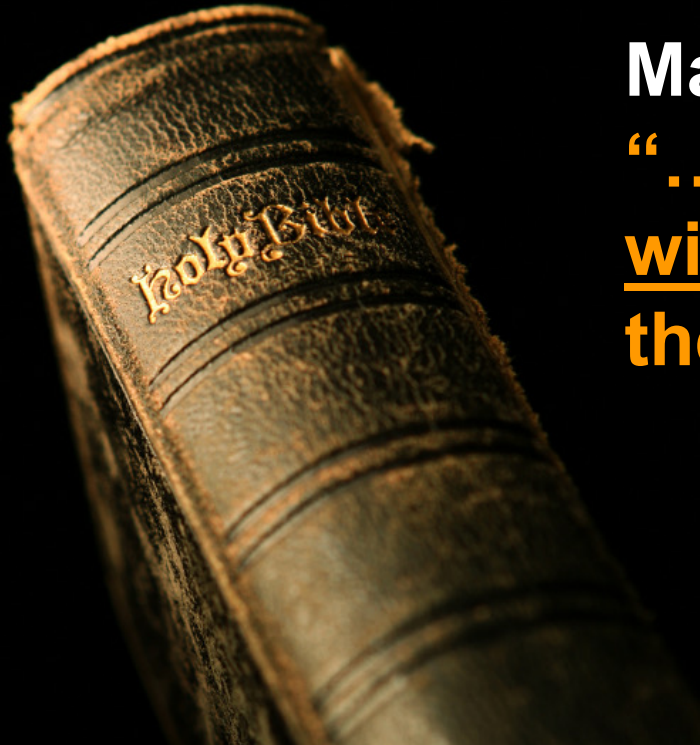




THE ONE THAT YOU ARE
TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT
IS THE ONE WHO IS IN
CHARGE OF THE ENTIRE
UNIVERSE

**2. Remember
that Jesus has
“all authority”
in Heaven and
on Earth.**





Matthew 28:20

**“...And behold, I am
with you always, to
the end of the age.”**



In other words, Jesus tells them, *‘As you go and make disciples, telling others about Me, not only am I in charge, I am going to go with you! Wherever you go, even to the end of the age, I will be with you.’*



**What a blessing it is
to know that when
you seek to make
disciples—when
you open your
mouth to speak
about the Lord—*He
is with you.***



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**You don't have
to do this alone!**

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2 CORINTHIANS
CHAPTER 5

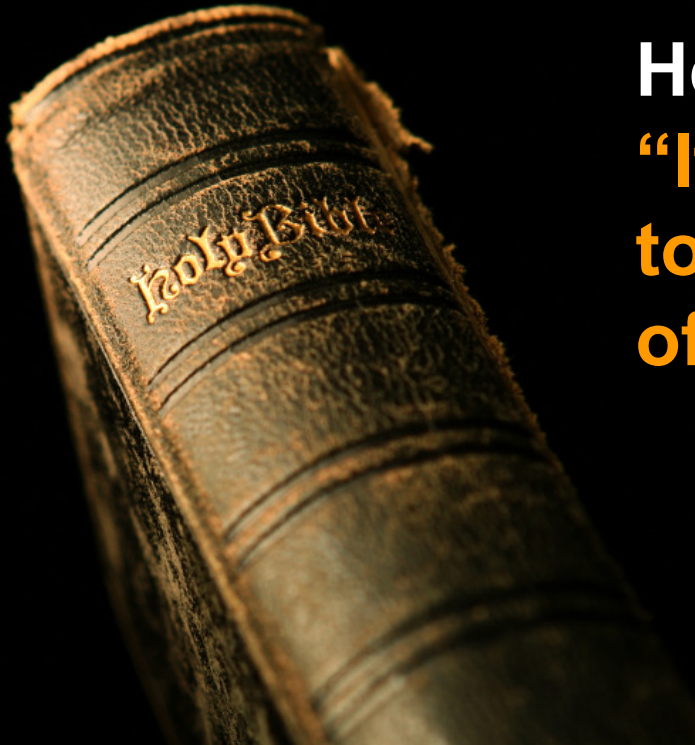
2 Corinthians 5:10–11

¹⁰ “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...”





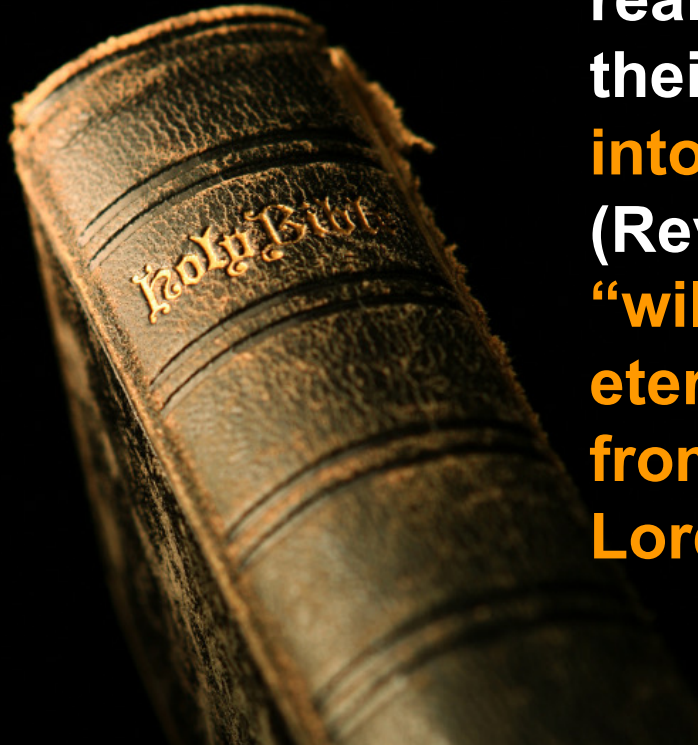
It was alive and well in the forefront of Paul's mind that there was coming a day when men and women would tremble before the throne of a holy God, where all of their sins would be exposed and they would be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).



Hebrews 10:31

**“It is a terrifying thing
to fall into the hands
of the living God...”**





They have lost sight of the reality that all who die in their sins will be **“thrown into the lake of fire”** (Rev. 20:15) where they **“will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord”** (2 Thess. 1:9).



“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees...Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”

—Charles Spurgeon
(1834–1892)

**“What do I
say? How do
I transition
from talking
about
baseball or
the weather
to Jesus?”**





- **Where'd you grow up?**



- Where'd you grow up?
- What do you do for work?



- Where'd you grow up?
- What do you do for work?
- **Where are some of your favorite places you've traveled?**



- Where'd you grow up?
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- Where are some of your favorite places you've traveled?
- **Do you have any spiritual beliefs?**




- Where'd you grow up?
- What do you do for work?
- Where are some of your favorite places you've traveled?
- Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
- **Who is Jesus to you?**



Jesus—knowing full well
what awaited the unsaved—
was willing to leave behind
the glory and comfort of
Heaven and endure the
humiliation and excruciating
pain of the crucifixion so
that they could be saved.

Do you value knowing people temporarily here on Earth over knowing them throughout eternity in Heaven?

**Unless that person repents
and turns to Jesus, you're
going to lose that friend for
all eternity.**

A man with a grey beard and a yellow robe with a brown fur trim stands in the center, gesturing with his hands as if speaking. He is surrounded by a group of people in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including robes and head coverings. Some are standing and listening, while others are seated. The setting is a stone building with large columns and a lattice window in the background. The lighting is warm and dramatic.

**4. Remind yourself of what
awaits the unsaved.**

- the great white throne judgment (Rev. 20:11)
- those dreadful words the unrepentant will hear: **“I never knew you; depart from Me”** (Matt. 7:23)
- the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15)
- the **“weeping and gnashing of the teeth”**
(Matt. 13:42)

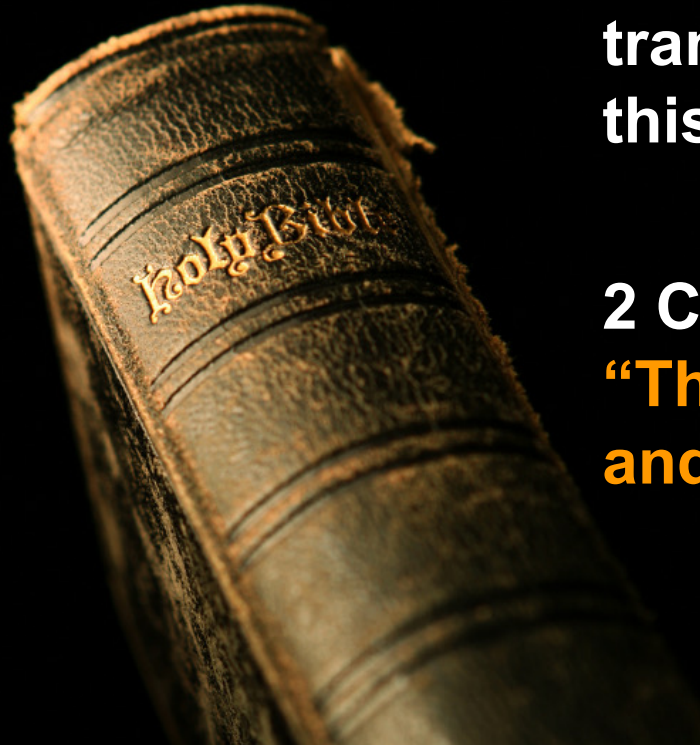


2 Corinthians 5:14

**“For the love of Christ
compels us...”**



Paul was not only motivated to share the gospel out of fear for sinners (realizing what awaited them in eternity), he was motivated by...
the love of Christ.



The Amplified Version
translates Paul's statement
this way:

2 Corinthians 5:14

**“The love of Christ controls
and urges and impels us...”**



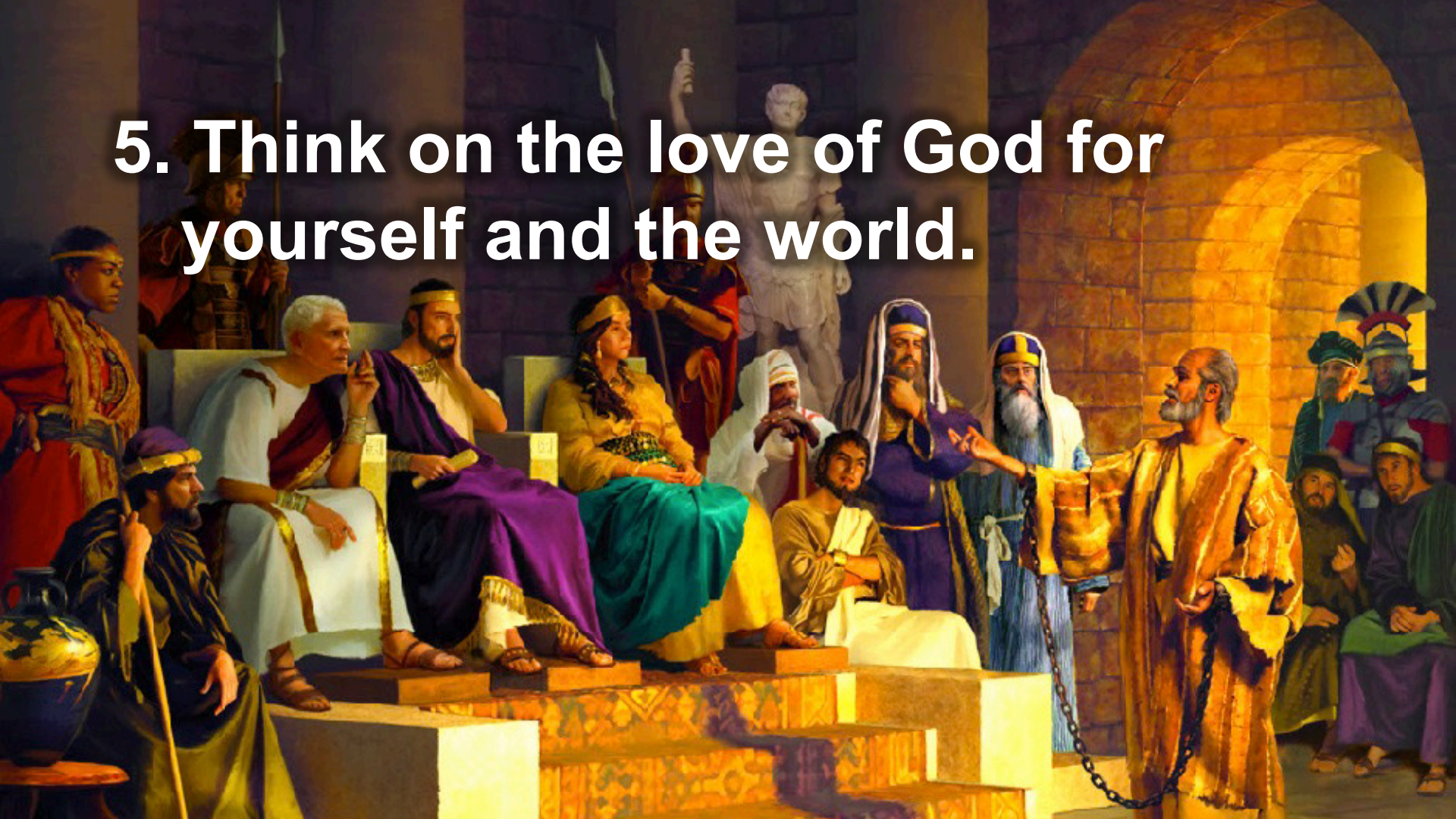
Paul is not referring to *his* love for Christ (though Paul did love Jesus); Paul's referring to...

Jesus' love for him and the lost world.

- **Knowing the love of God that surpasses knowledge** (Eph. 3:19)
- **Knowing the love of God that is higher than the heavens are above the Earth** (Psalm 103:11)
- **And knowing that He has that kind of love for me and that He loves the world** (John 3:16)...

...what glorious news that is!!

**5. Think on the love of God for
yourself and the world.**



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PSALM 106

**Most of you
are familiar
with the story
of how the
Israelites
initially failed
to enter into
the Promised
Land back in
the Book of
Numbers.**



**Moses sent
in the spies
who came
back and
spoke of
large fortified
cities and the
large men
who lived in
the land.**

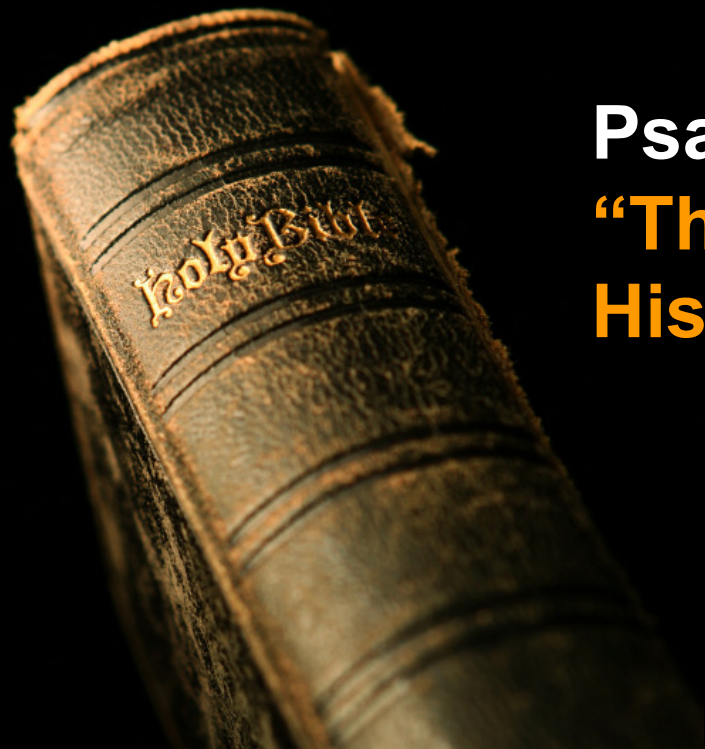


FEAR

(Numbers 14:3)

Psalm 106
recounts some of
Israel's history,
including the
Exodus out of
Egypt. It says that
after the parting of
the Red Sea (v. 9–11),
the people were
singing praise to
the Lord (v. 12) .





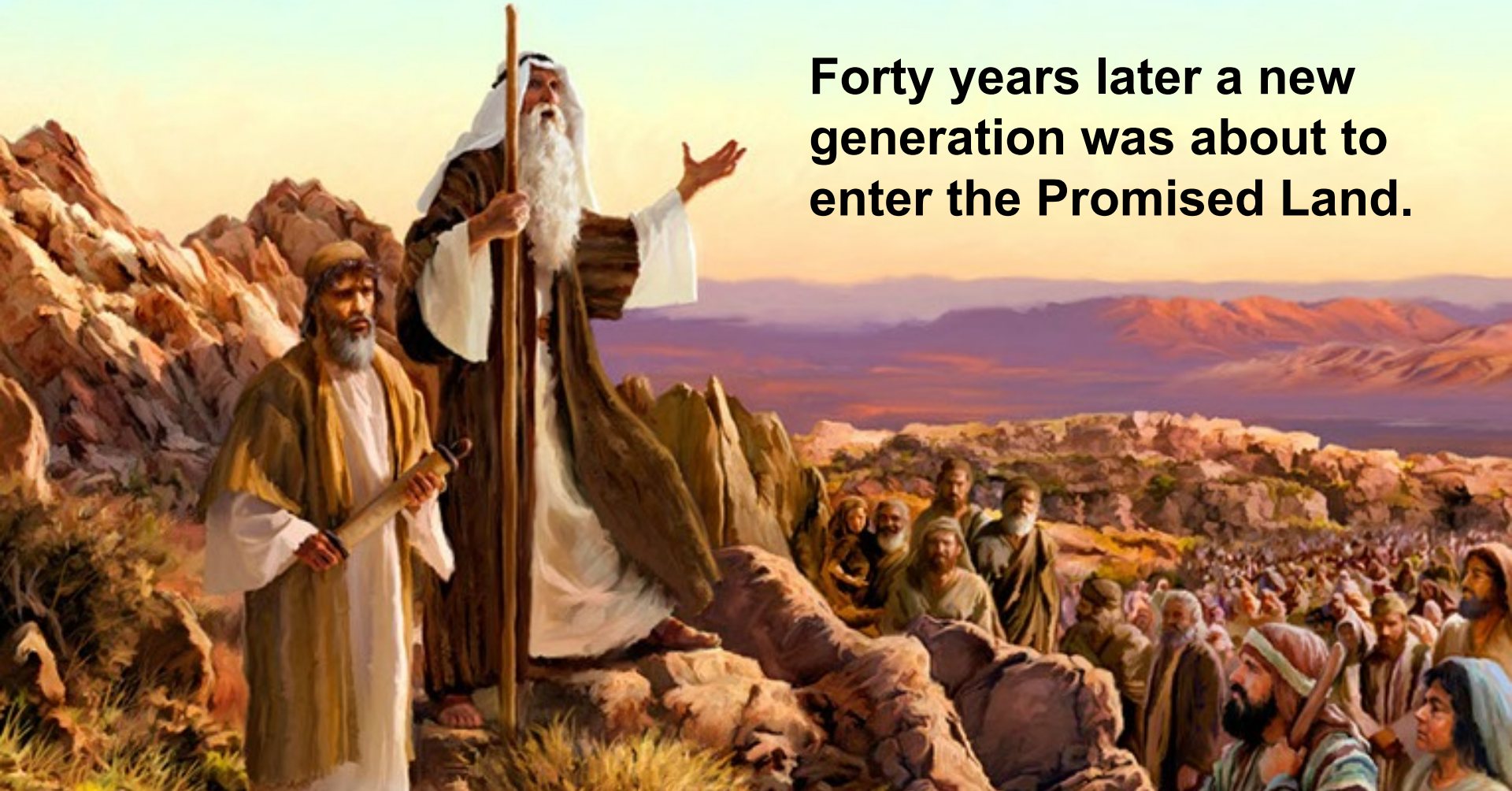
Psalm 106:13

**“They soon forgot
His works.”**





Forty years later a new generation was about to enter the Promised Land.



Deuteronomy 7:17–21

“If you should say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?’ – you shall *not* be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt: the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by

Deuteronomy 7:17–21

**which the LORD your God brought you out.
So shall the LORD your God do to all the
peoples of whom you are afraid...You shall not
be terrified of them; for the LORD your God,
the great and awesome God, is among you.”**

—Moses



This new generation of people, many of whom were youths 40 years earlier when their parents refused to go into the Promised Land, were surely experiencing some fear themselves.



***‘Don’t be afraid (v.18).
You just remember
what the LORD your
God did in the past.
Remember that
mighty way He
brought you out of
that terrible place.
Remember the signs
and wonders you
saw!!’***

- **Think back on some of the great things God did delivering you from your old life in Egypt (your slavery to sin, how He's changed you)**
- **Remember how He spoke the universe and every living thing into existence in Genesis 1**
- **Think of how He used the early disciples in the Book of Acts**

A detailed painting depicting Moses, with a long white beard and wearing a white and brown robe, standing on a rocky peak. He holds a long wooden staff in his right hand and gestures with his left. To his left, Aaron, also with a beard and wearing a brown and white robe, holds a scroll. Below them, a large crowd of Israelites, including men, women, and children, are gathered on the rocky terrain, looking up at Moses. The background shows a vast, hilly landscape under a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

6. Dwell often on how God has powerfully worked in the past.

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ACTS 4



The disciples
had just been
forbidden by
the Sanhedrin
“to speak or
teach at all in
the name of
Jesus”
(Acts 4:18).



The Sanhedrin were the Jewish rulers who condemned Jesus to death and delivered Him over to Pilate to be crucified. When they threatened the disciples and commanded them to not speak about Jesus, they meant business!

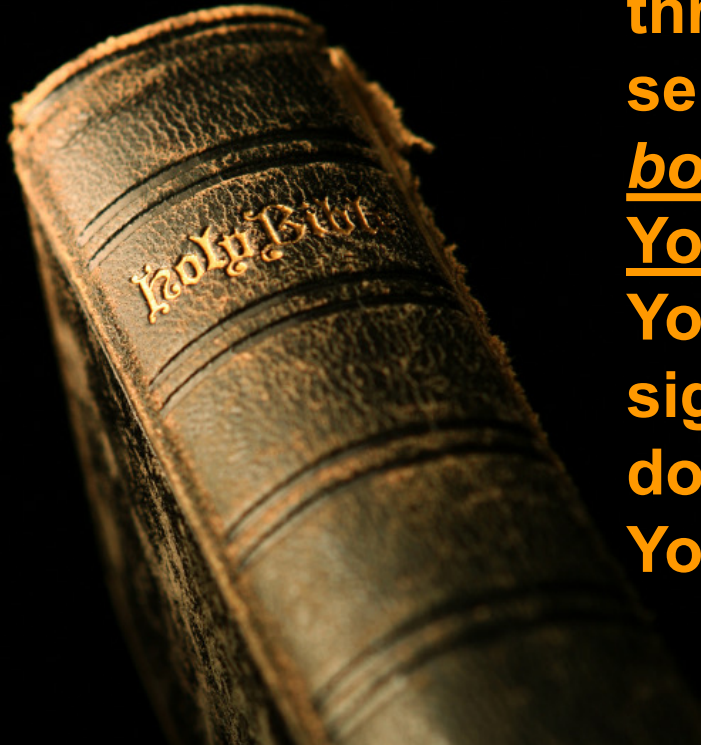
Acts 4:19–20

¹⁹ **But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; ²⁰ for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard.”**



Acts 4:29–30

²⁹ “Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

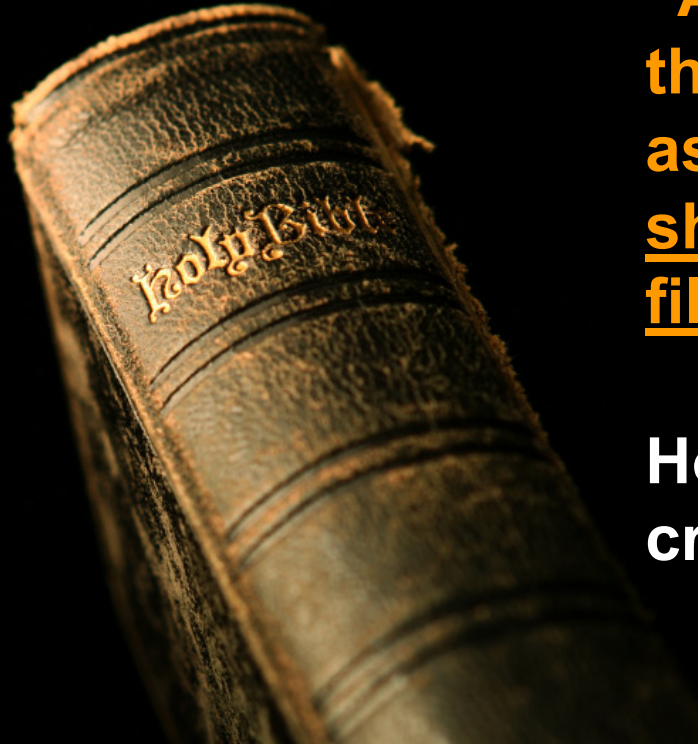






Acts 4:31

“And when they had prayed,
the place where they were
assembled together was
shaken; and they were all
filled with the Holy Spirit...”



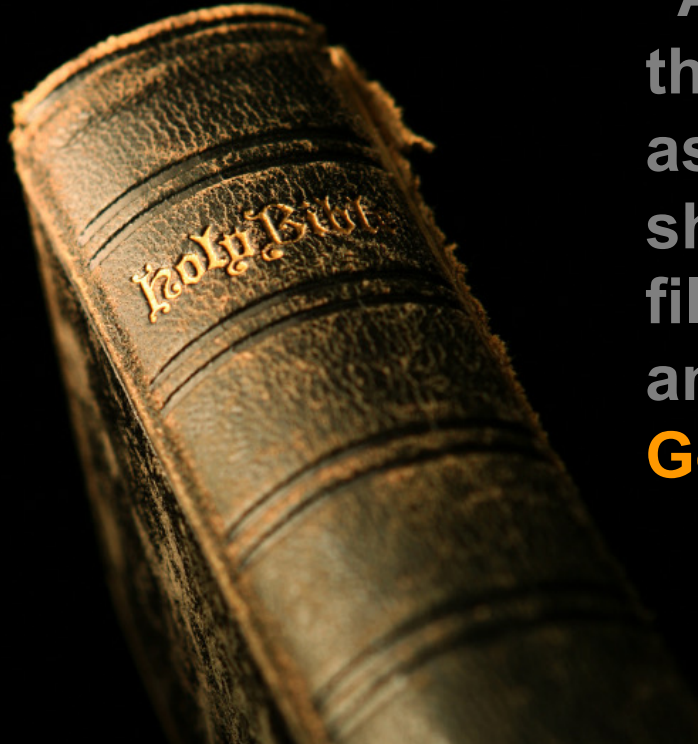
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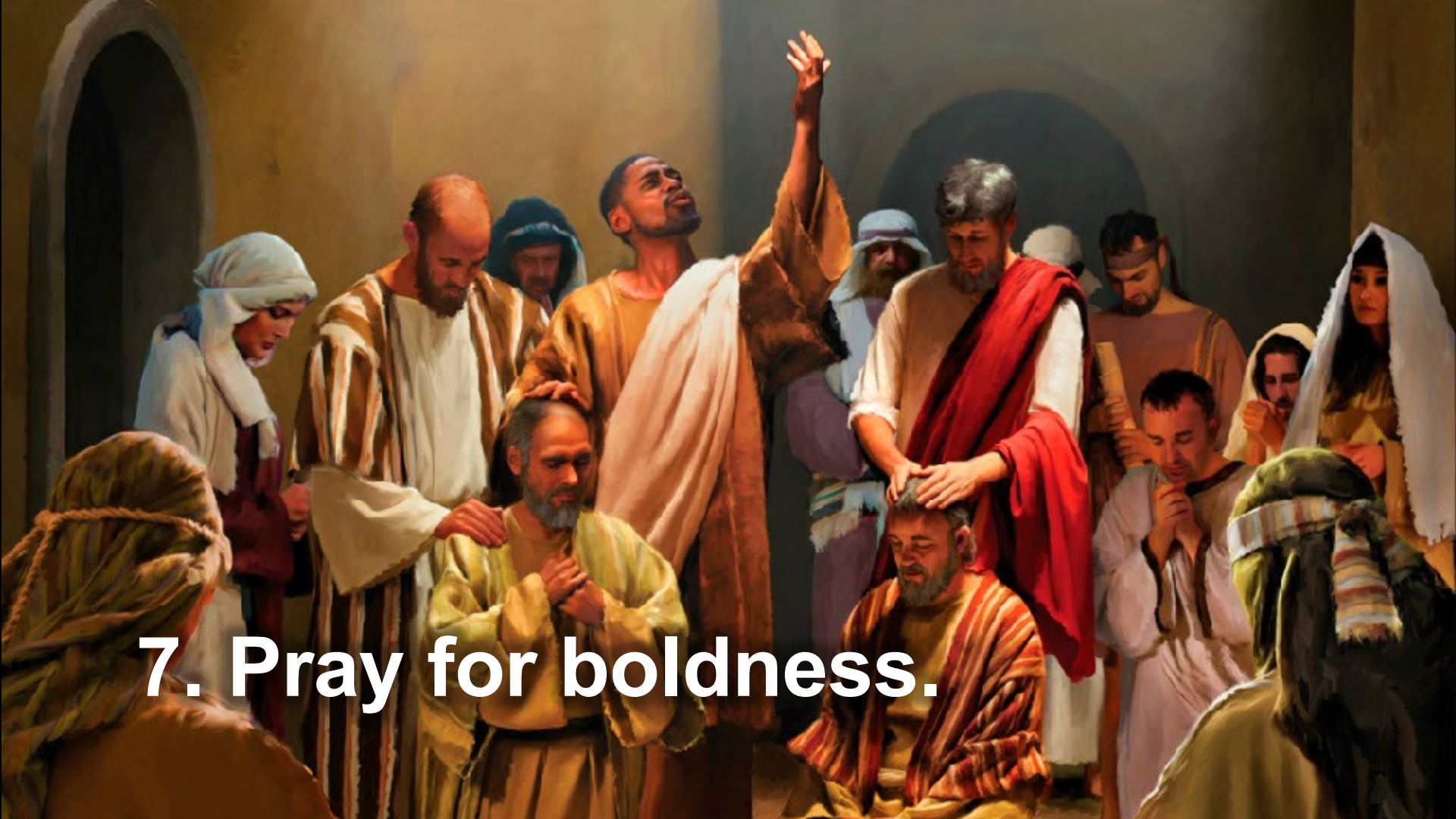
**“And when they had prayed,
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**How did God answer their
cries for “boldness”?**

Acts 4:31

“And when they had prayed,
the place where they were
assembled together was
shaken; and they were all
filled with the Holy Spirit,
and **they spoke the word of
God with boldness.**”





7. Pray for boldness.



“God, forgive me. I’ve been keeping this good news to myself; I’ve been afraid to speak up. But I’m not content to go on living this way! Please change me. Give me a burden for the lost. Give me boldness to share with people. Fill me with Your Spirit.”

- 1. Know the gospel.**
- 2. Remember that Jesus has “all authority” in Heaven and on Earth.**
- 3. Remember that God is with you.**
- 4. Remind yourself of what awaits the unsaved.**
- 5. Think on the love of God for yourself and the world.**
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