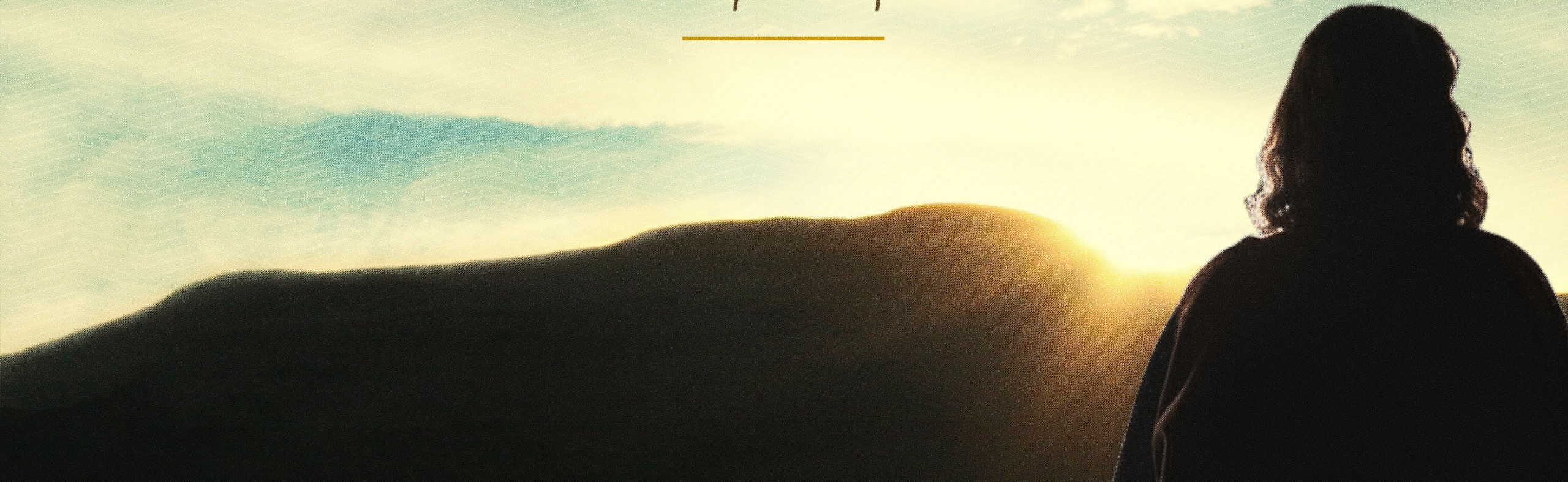


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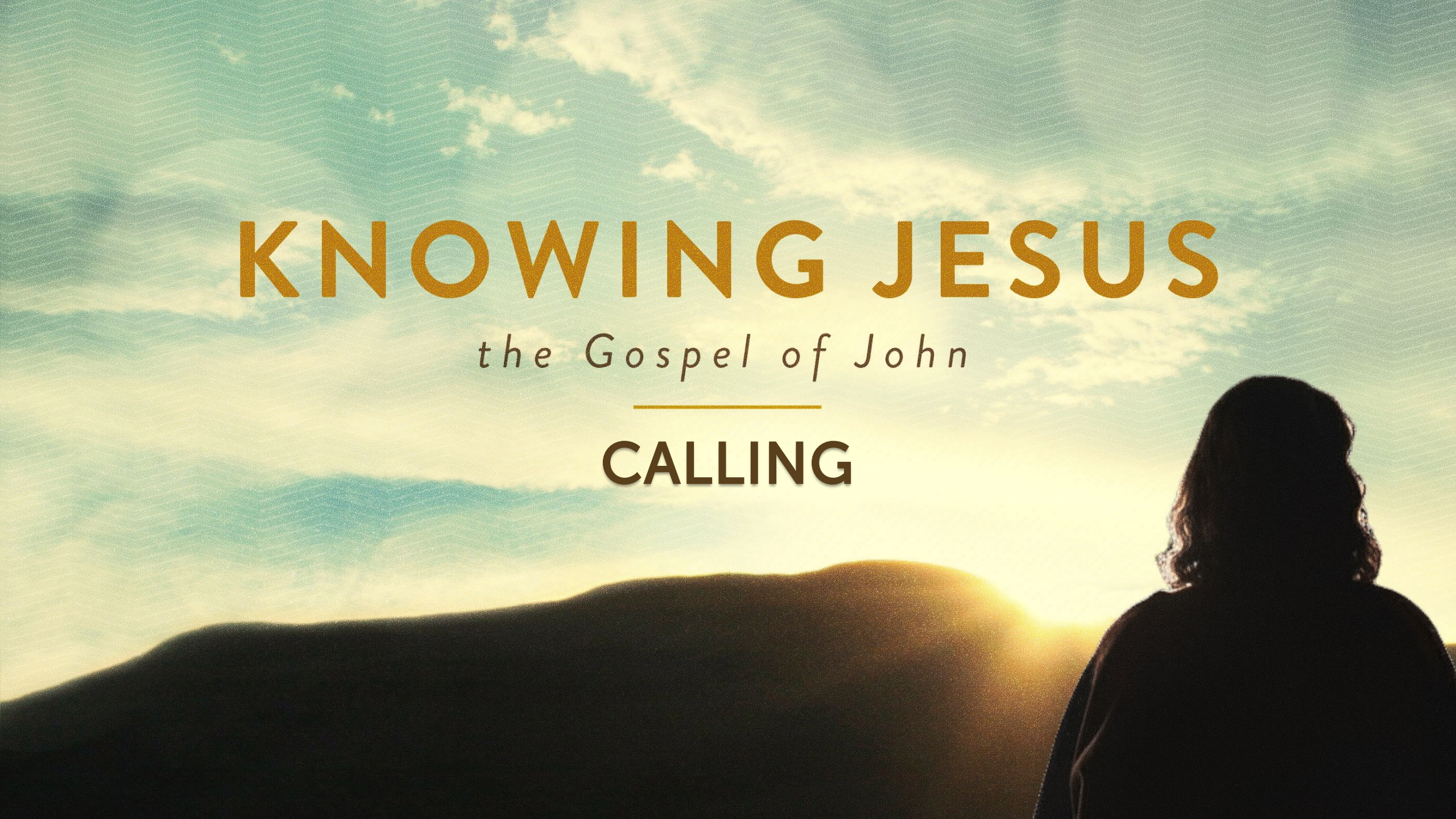


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## CALLING



A landscape photograph showing rolling hills under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. The hills are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky.

## **JOHN 1:24-34(NIV)**

<sup>24</sup> Now the Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup> questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

<sup>26</sup> "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup> He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."



## **JOHN 1:24-34(NIV)**

**<sup>28</sup> This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.**

### **John Testifies About Jesus**

**<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**



## **JOHN 1:24-34(NIV)**

**<sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."**



## **JOHN 1:24-34 (NIV)**

<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

# JOHN THE BAPTIST



# JOHN THE BAPTIST

- Messenger



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- Reveals Jesus



# JOHN THE BAPTIST

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- Testimony





## **JOHN 1:35-39(NIV)**

### **John's Disciples Follow Jesus**

**<sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.**

**<sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"**

**<sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"**



## **JOHN 1:35-39(NIV)**

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup> "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT?**



# WHAT DO YOU WANT?

- What are you...



# WHAT DO YOU WANT?

- What are you...
  - Looking for



# WHAT DO YOU WANT?

- What are you...
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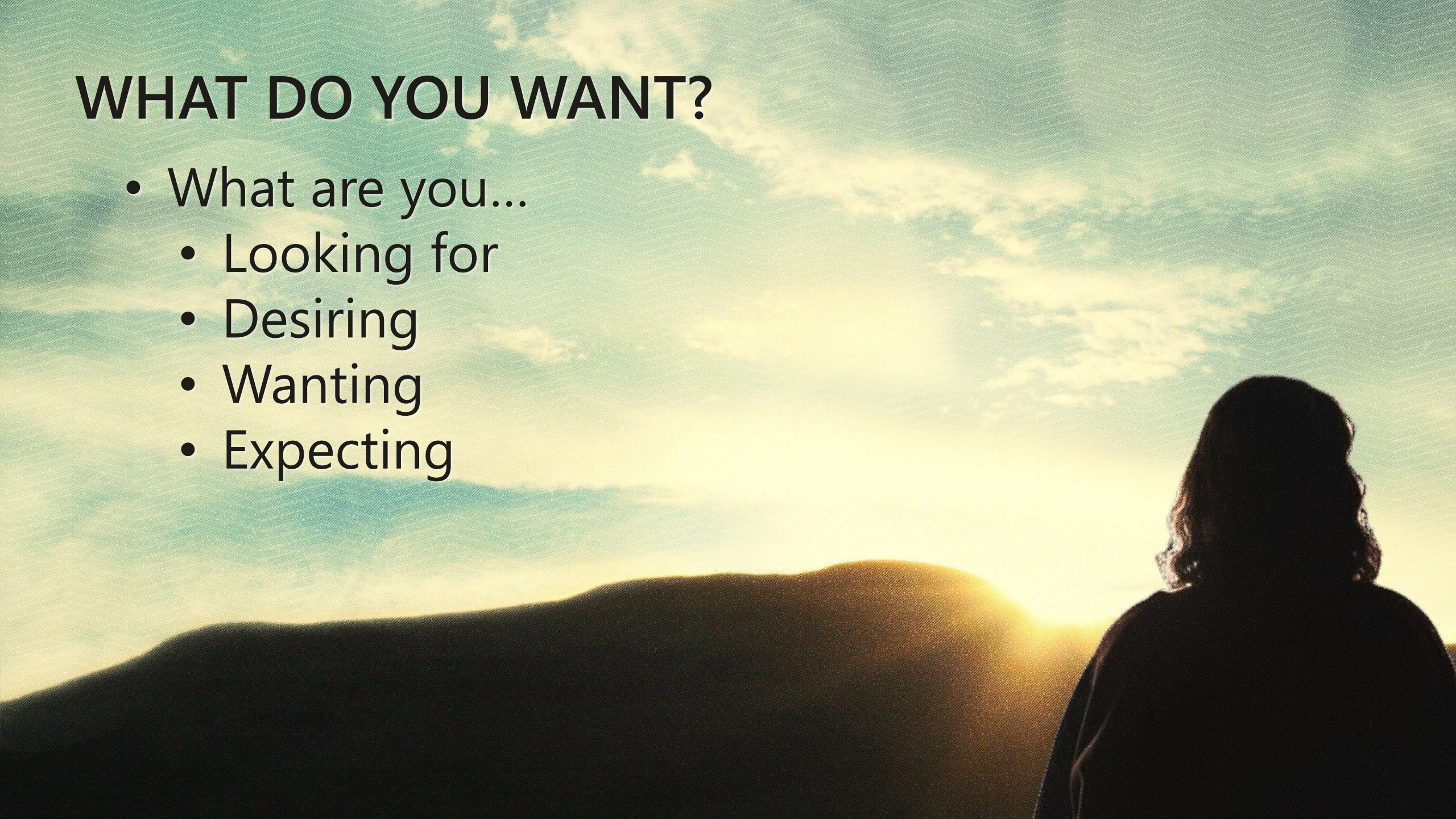
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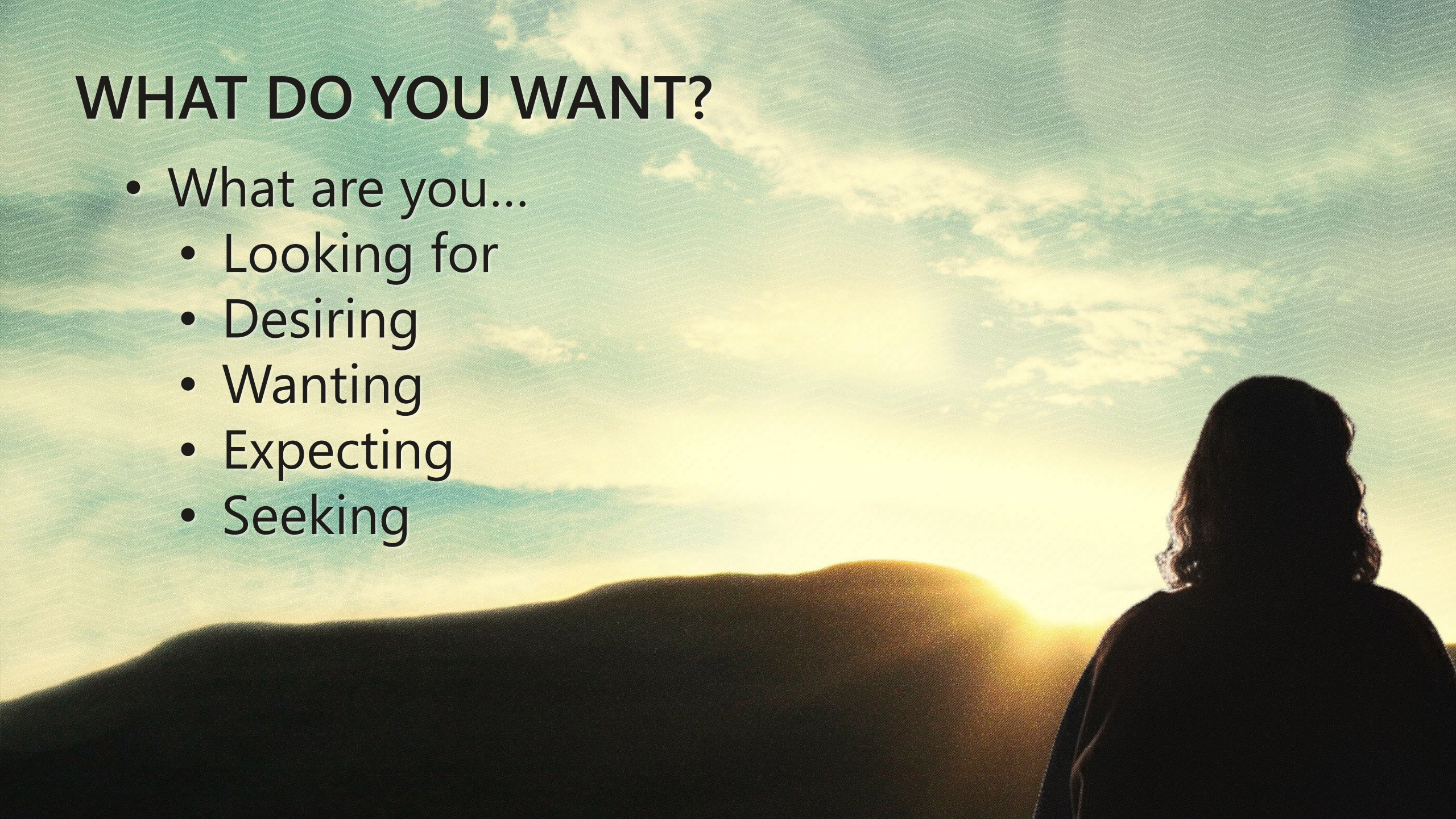
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# WHAT DO YOU WANT?

- Come and see



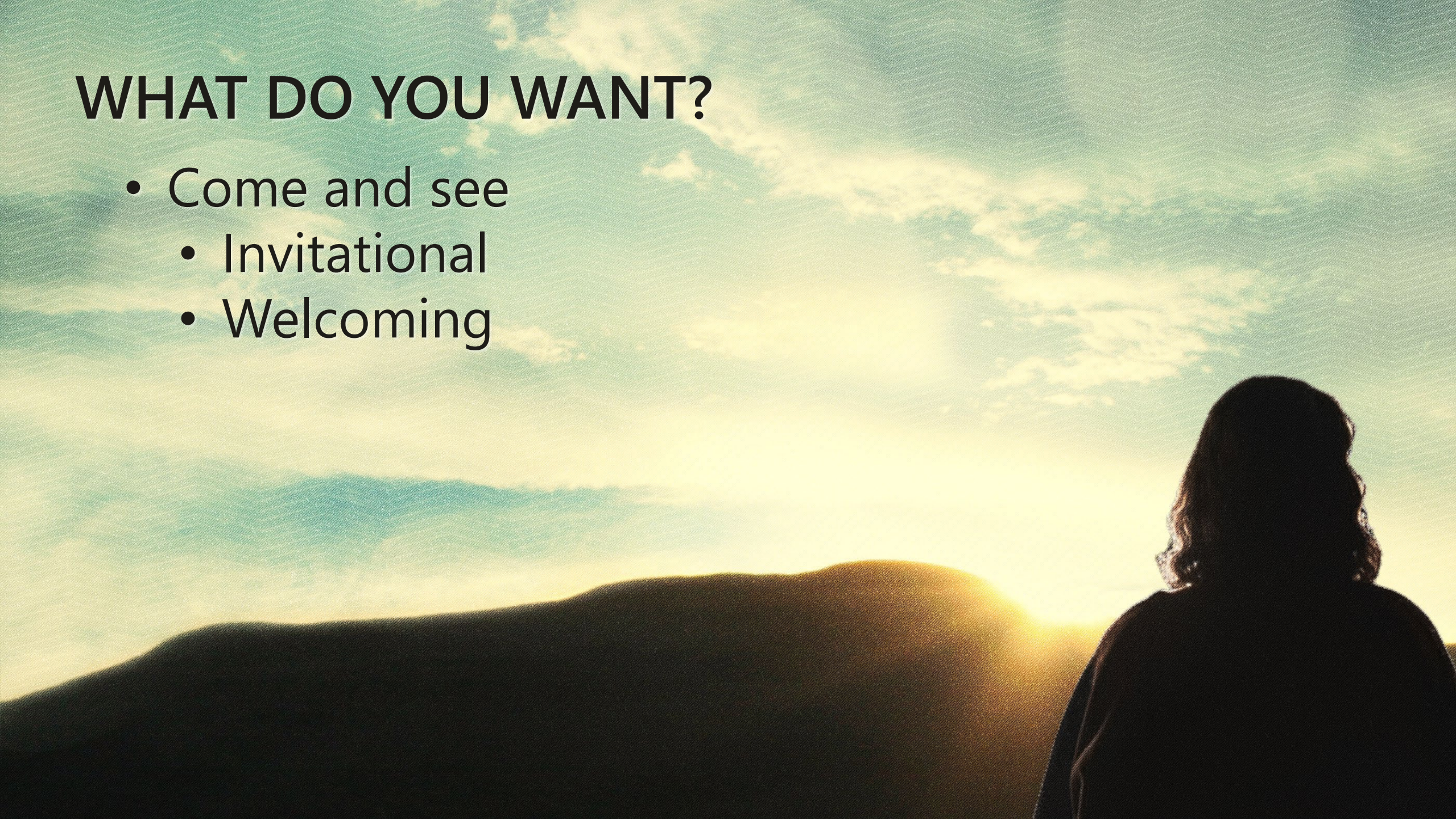
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- Come and see
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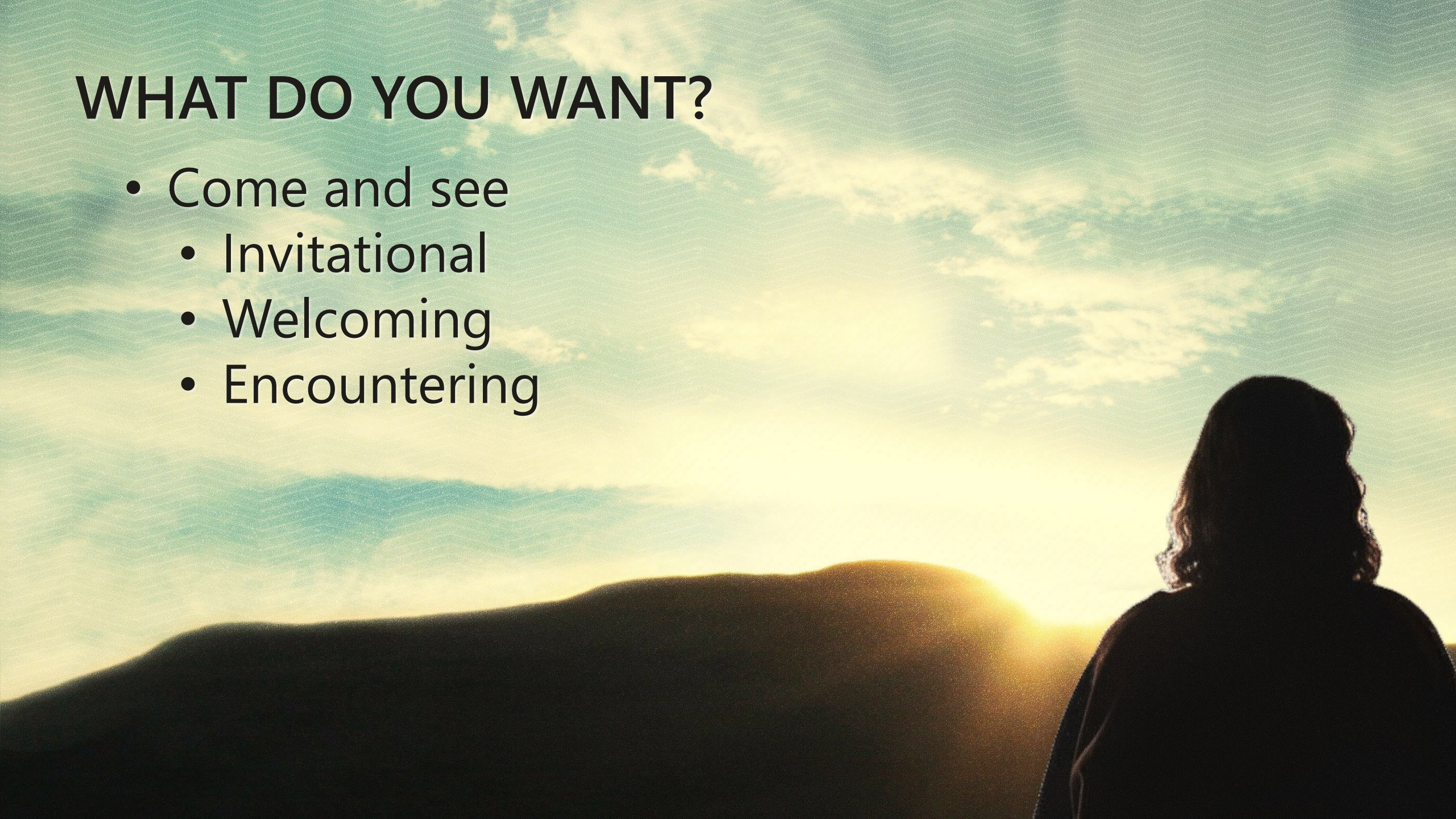
# WHAT DO YOU WANT?

- Come and see
  - Invitational
  - Welcoming



# WHAT DO YOU WANT?

- Come and see
  - Invitational
  - Welcoming
  - Encountering





## **JOHN 1:40-46 (NIV)**

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).



## **JOHN 1:40-46 (NIV)**

### **Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."



## **JOHN 1:40-46 (NIV)**

<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

# THE HUMAN ELEMENT OF INVITATION



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- Andrew & Simon



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- Andrew & Simon
- Philip & Nathaniel



# THE HUMAN ELEMENT OF INVITATION

- Andrew & Simon
- Philip & Nathaniel
- Bringing others to “come and see”



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## **JOHN 1:47-51 (NIV)**

**47** When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

**48** "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

A background image showing a sunset over rolling hills. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and the silhouettes of the hills. The sky is a mix of light blue and yellow, with some wispy clouds. The hills are dark and rounded, creating a peaceful and serene landscape.

## **JOHN 1:47-51 (NIV)**

**<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."**

**<sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."**

**KNOWN BY GOD**



# KNOWN BY GOD

- Encountering



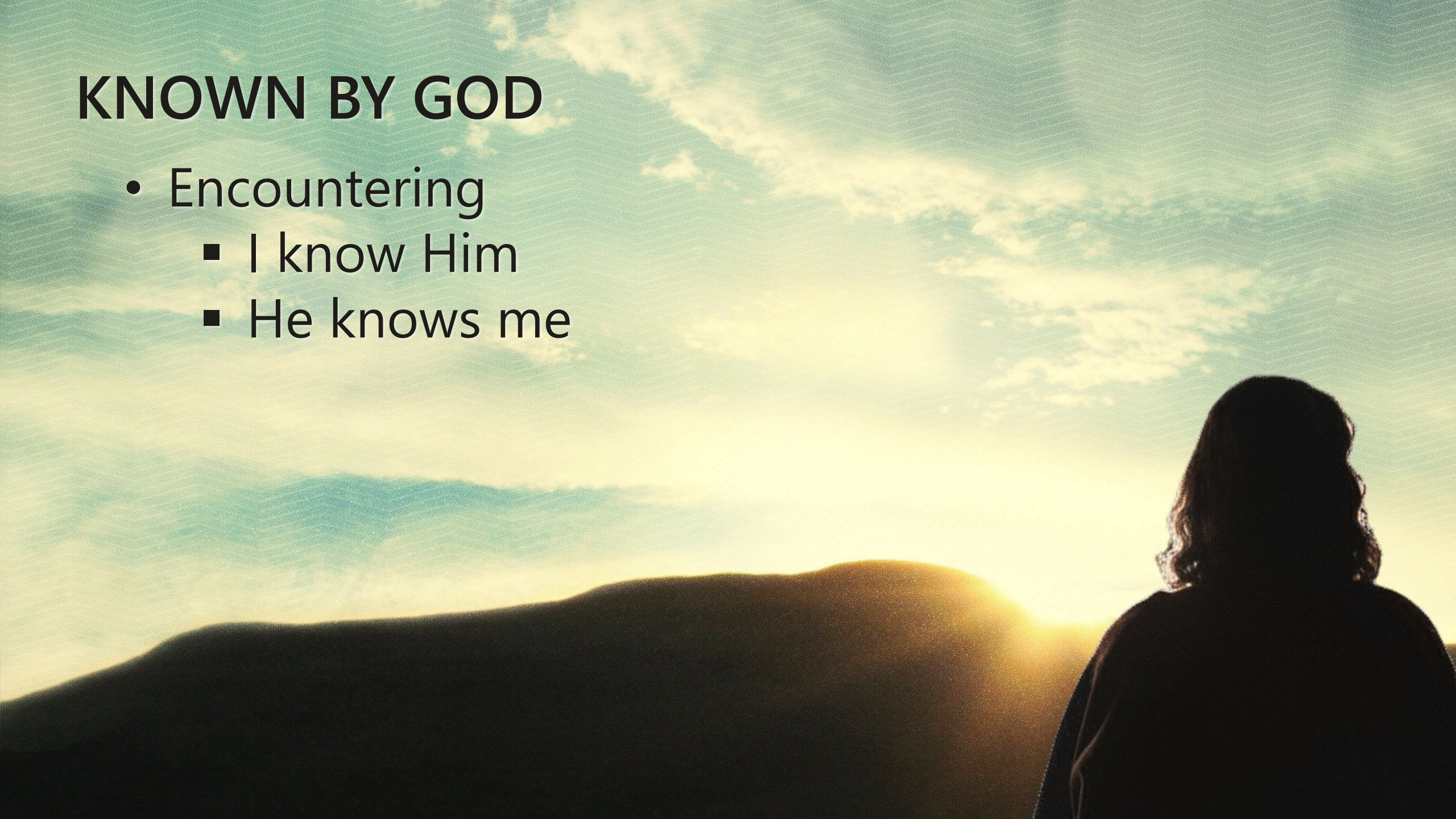
# KNOWN BY GOD

- Encountering
  - I know Him



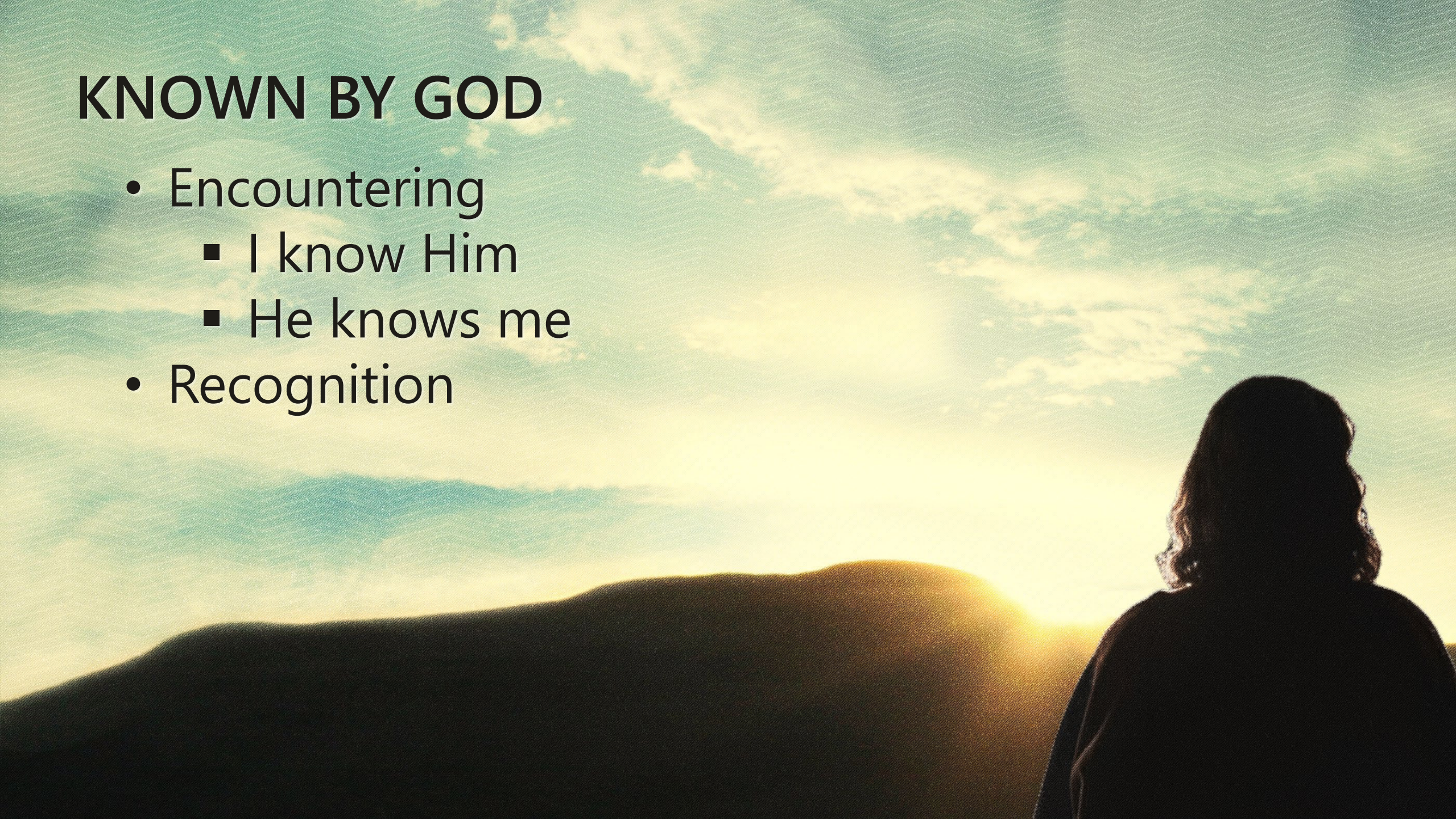
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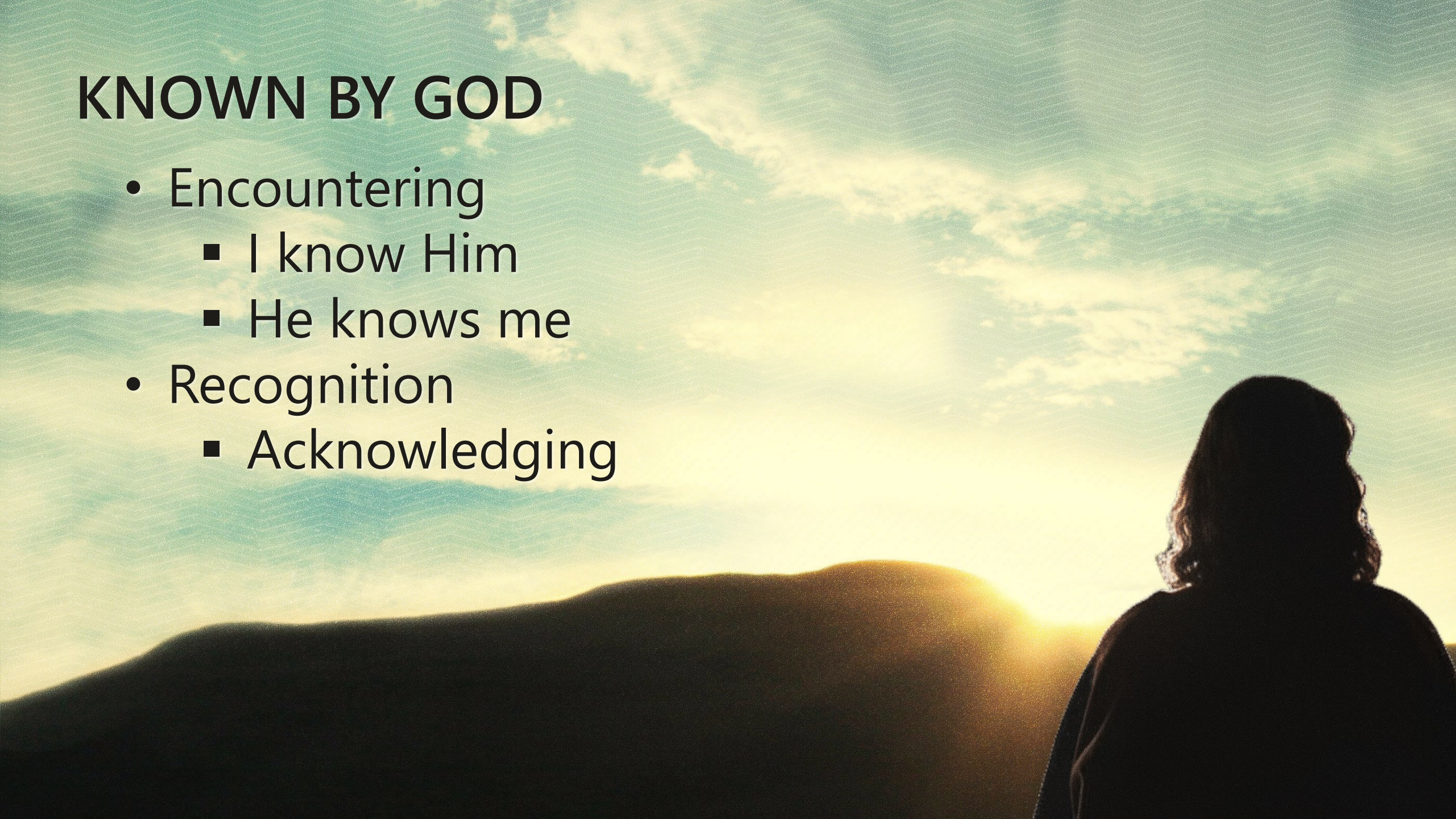
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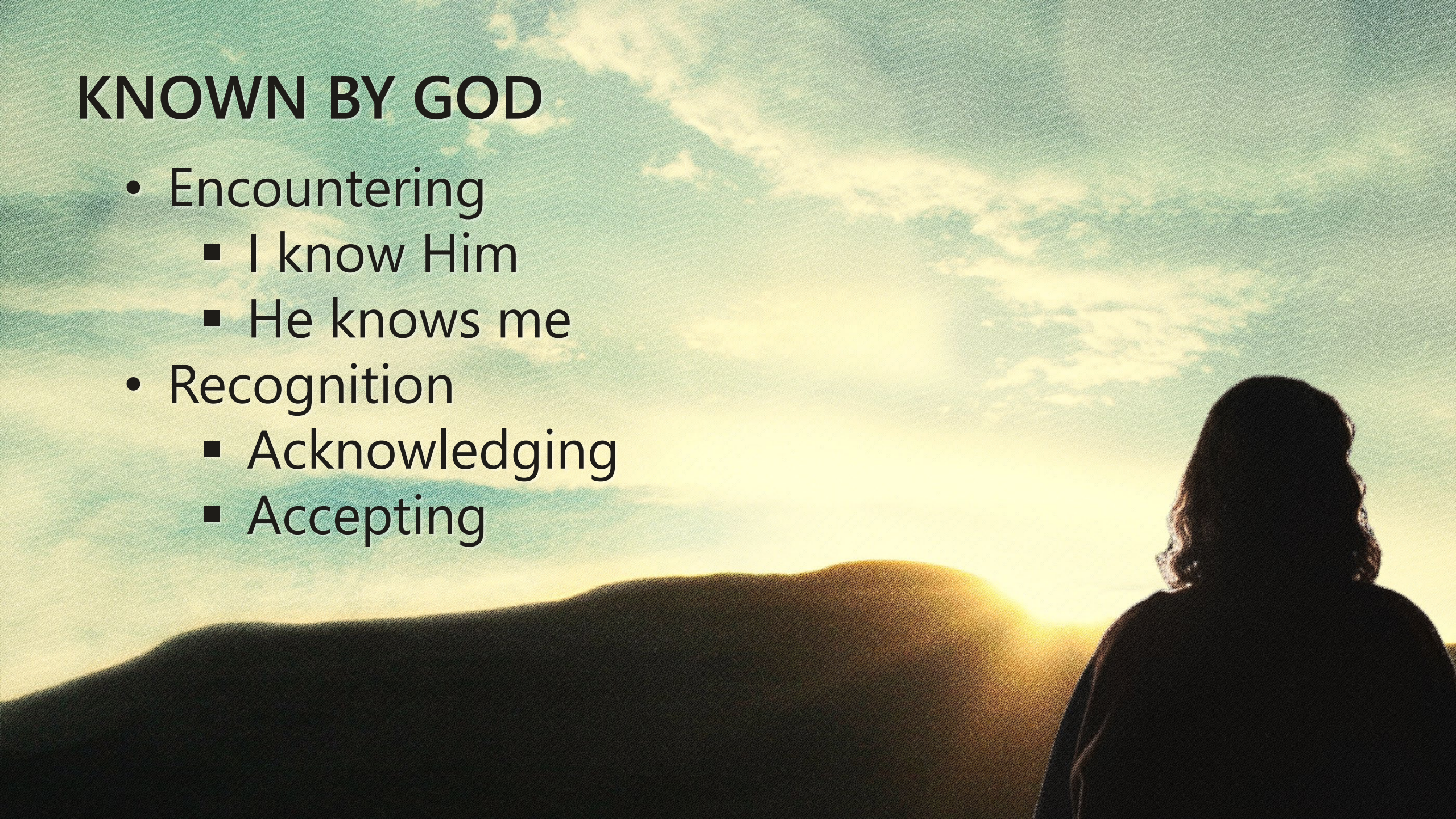
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- The Larger Story



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**REFLECTION:**



## REFLECTION:

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4. How do I experience my encounter with Jesus?





