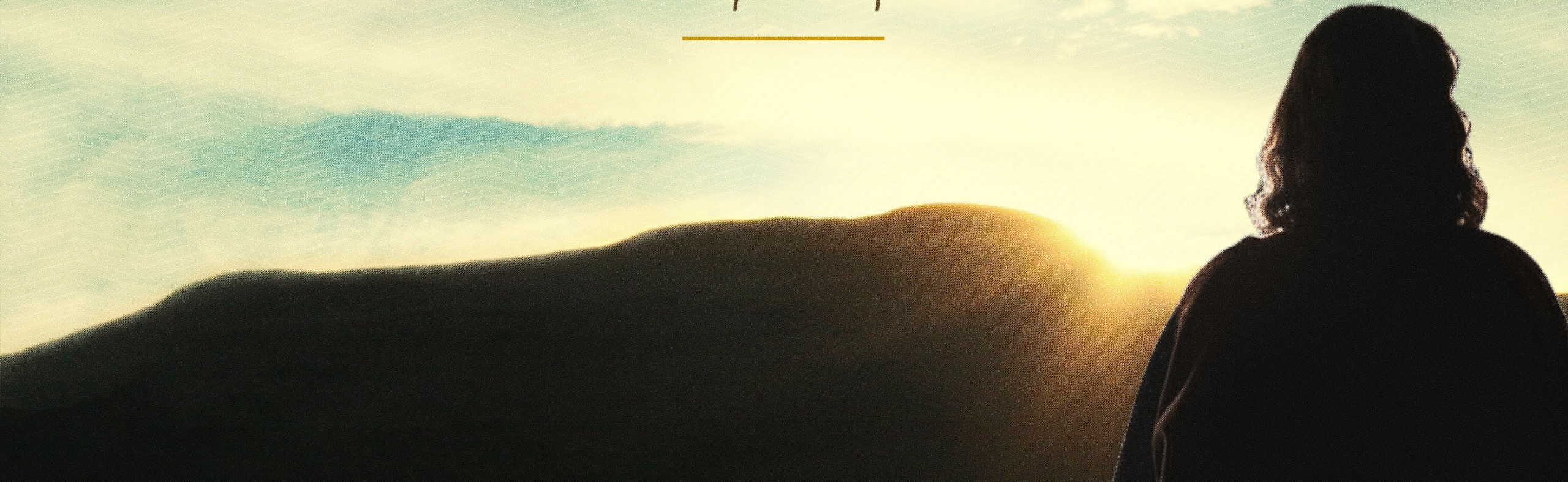


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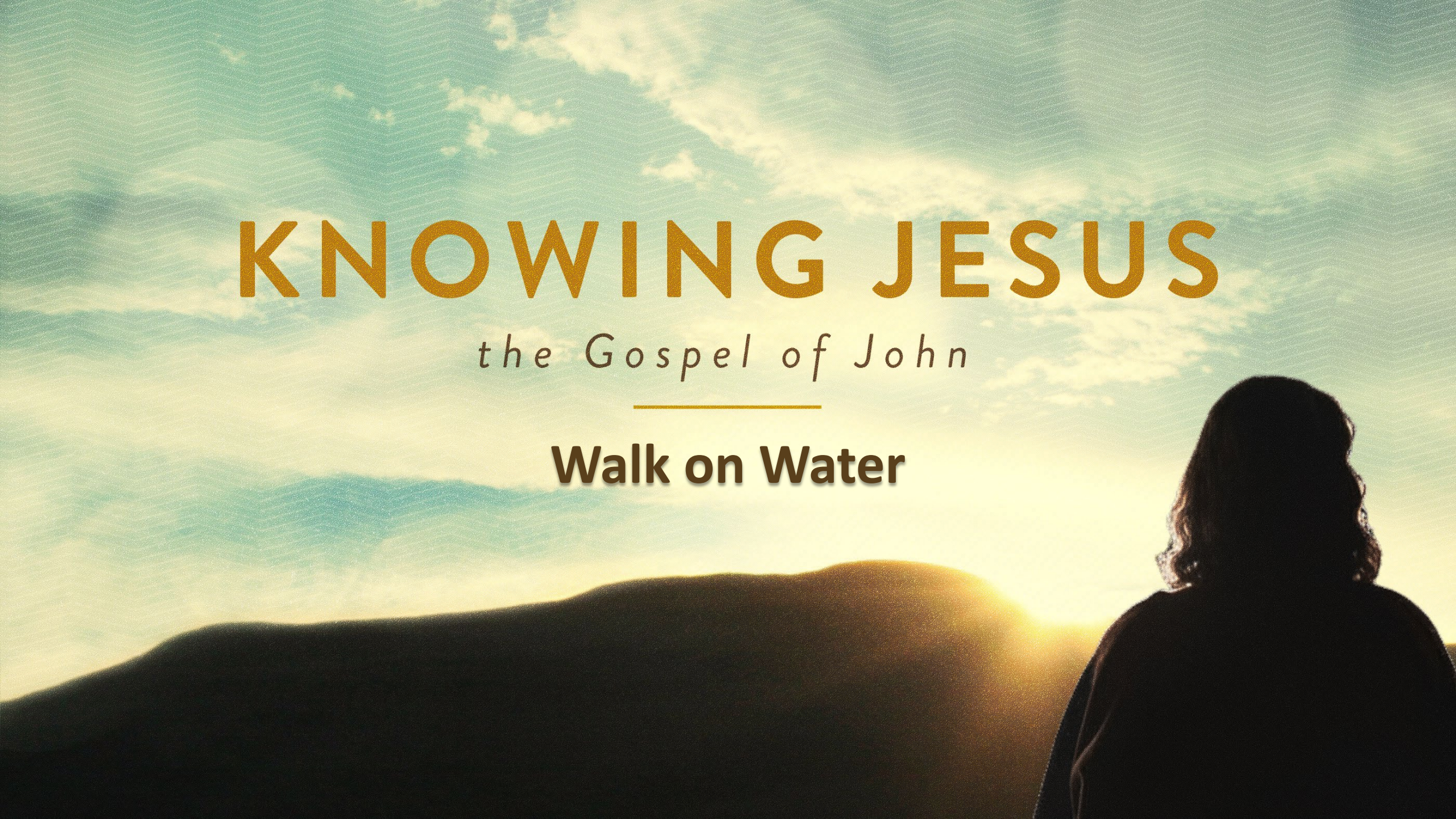


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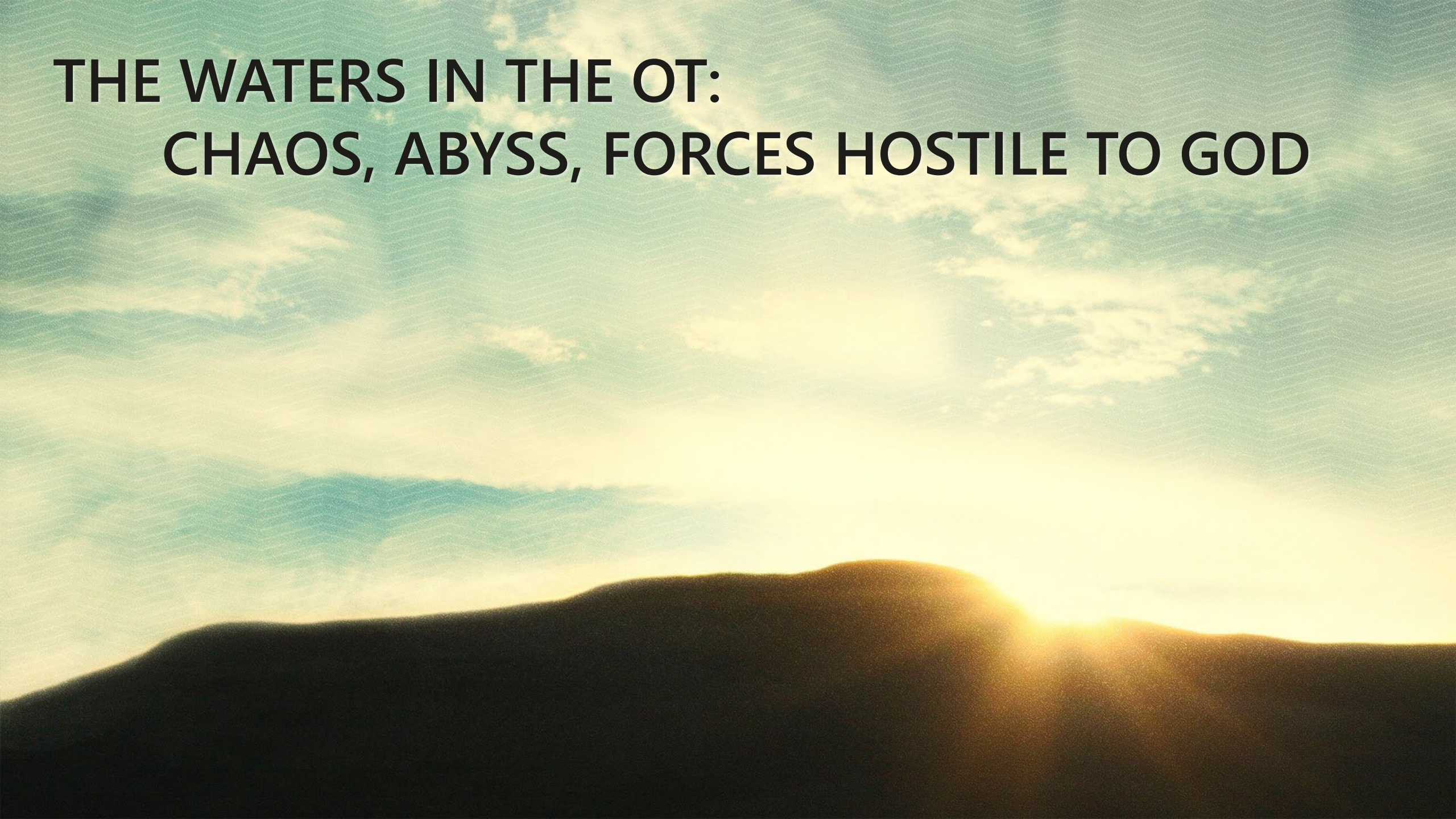
**Walk on Water**



# THE BEAUTY AND FURY OF WATER



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GENESIS 1:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

PSALM 74:12-14 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> But God is my King from long ago;  
he brings salvation on the earth.

<sup>13</sup> It was you who split open the sea by your power;  
you broke the heads of the monster in the waters.

<sup>14</sup> It was you who crushed the heads of Leviathan  
and gave it as food to the creatures of the desert.

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JOB 9:8 (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> He alone stretches out the heavens  
and treads on the waves of the sea.

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PSALM 77:19 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Your path led through the sea,  
your way through the mighty waters,  
though your footprints were not seen.

# THE TEXT FOR TODAY AND IT'S PARALLELS





## **JOHN 6:15-24 (NIV)**

**<sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.**

### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

**<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup> where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. <sup>18</sup> A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.**

A photograph of a sunset over rolling hills. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a hill, creating a bright glow and casting long shadows. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

## **JOHN 6:15-24 (NIV)**

**<sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."  
<sup>21</sup> Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.**



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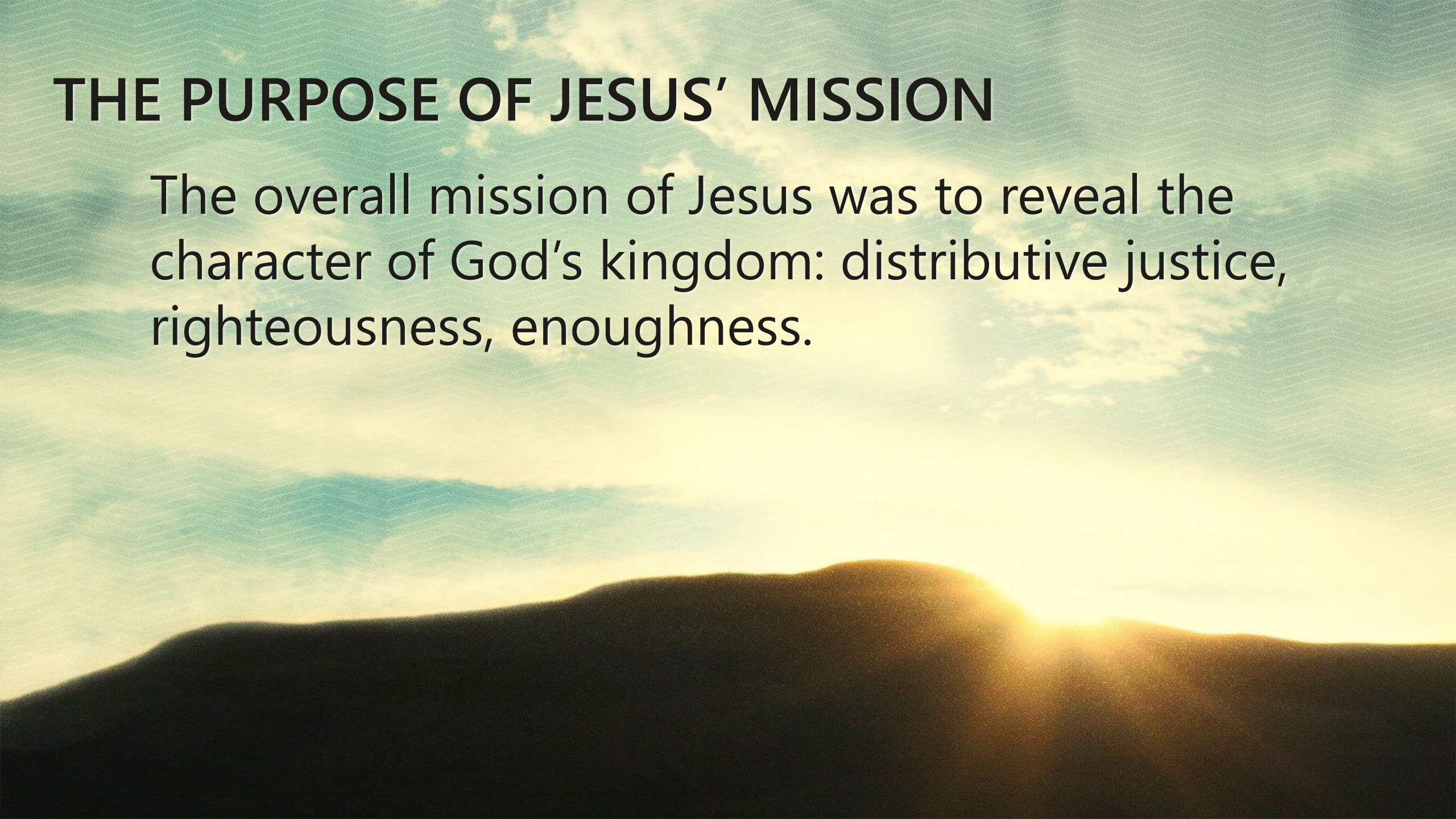
**<sup>22</sup> The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.**

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The overall mission of Jesus was to reveal the character of God's kingdom: distributive justice, righteousness, enoughness.



**WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WALK ON WATER**



# WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WALK ON WATER

- Authority and Power



WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR YOU TO WALK ON  
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# WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR YOU TO WALK ON WATER?

- Fear vs. Trust

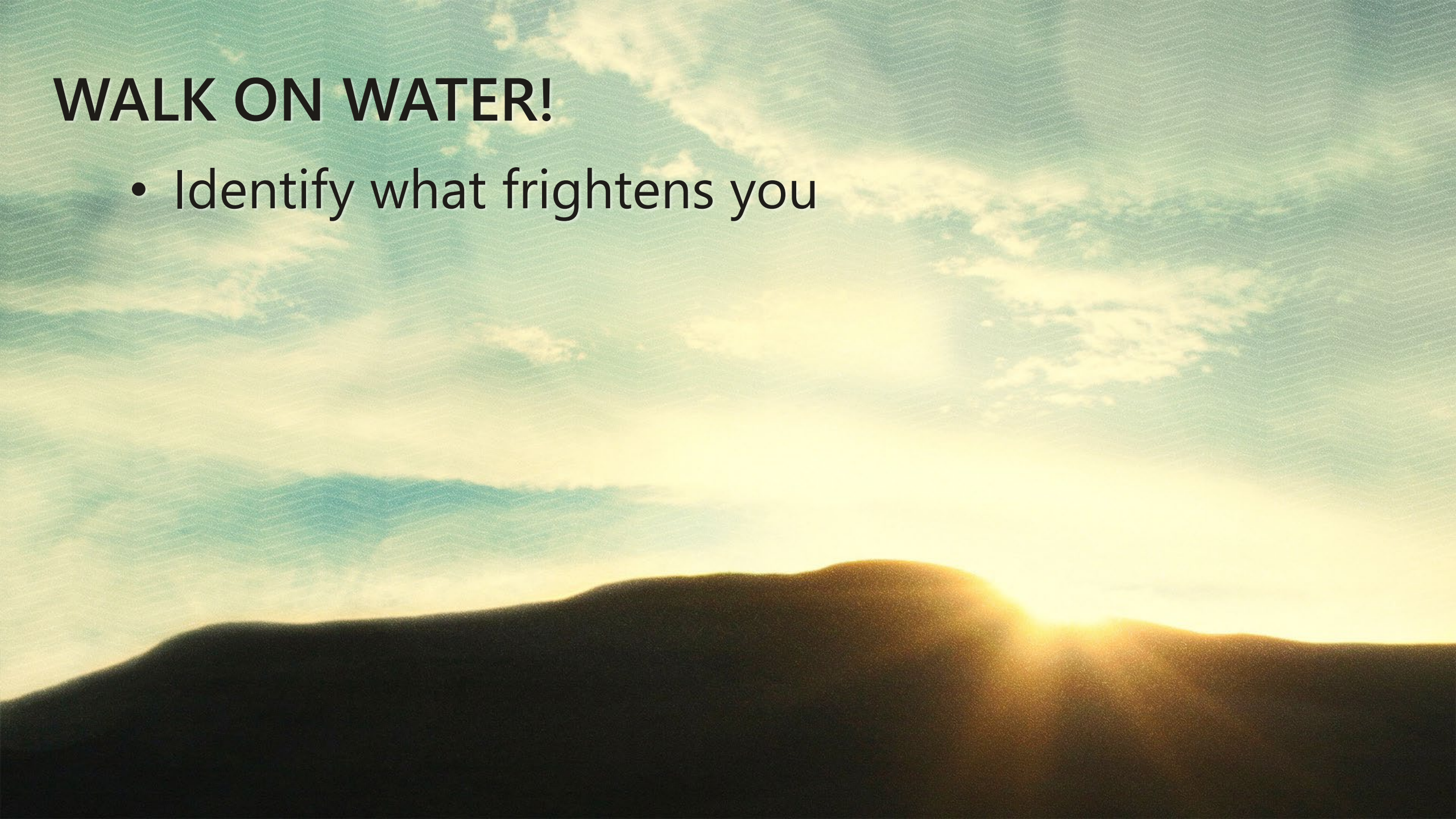


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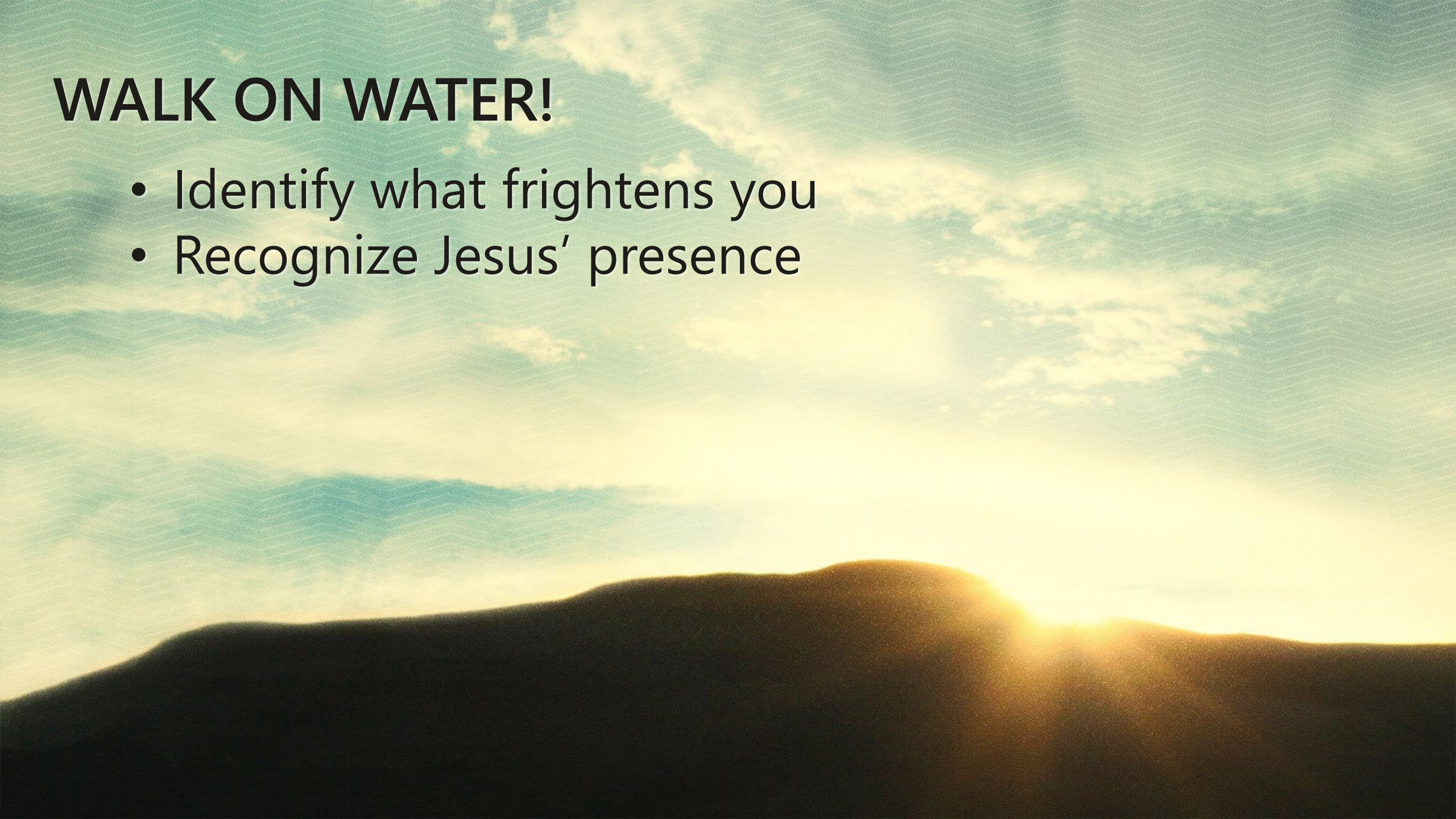
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