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JAMES 3:1-12 (NIV)

Taming the Tongue

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

JAMES 3:1-12 (NIV)

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

JAMES 3:1-12 (NIV)

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

OUT OF CONTROL

- The Bit
- The Rudder
- The Spark
 - Lying
 - Unkind
 - Gossiping
 - Running down
 - Fighting
 - Polarizing
 - Sarcasm

ROMAS 15:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done.

OUT OF CONTROL

- James 3 Today
 - Information is:
 - Cheap
 - Relentless
 - Anonymous
 - Autonomous
 - Biased

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- James 3 Today
 - Information is:
 - Word definitions
 - Emails
 - Posts
 - DMs
 - Texts
 - Reviews

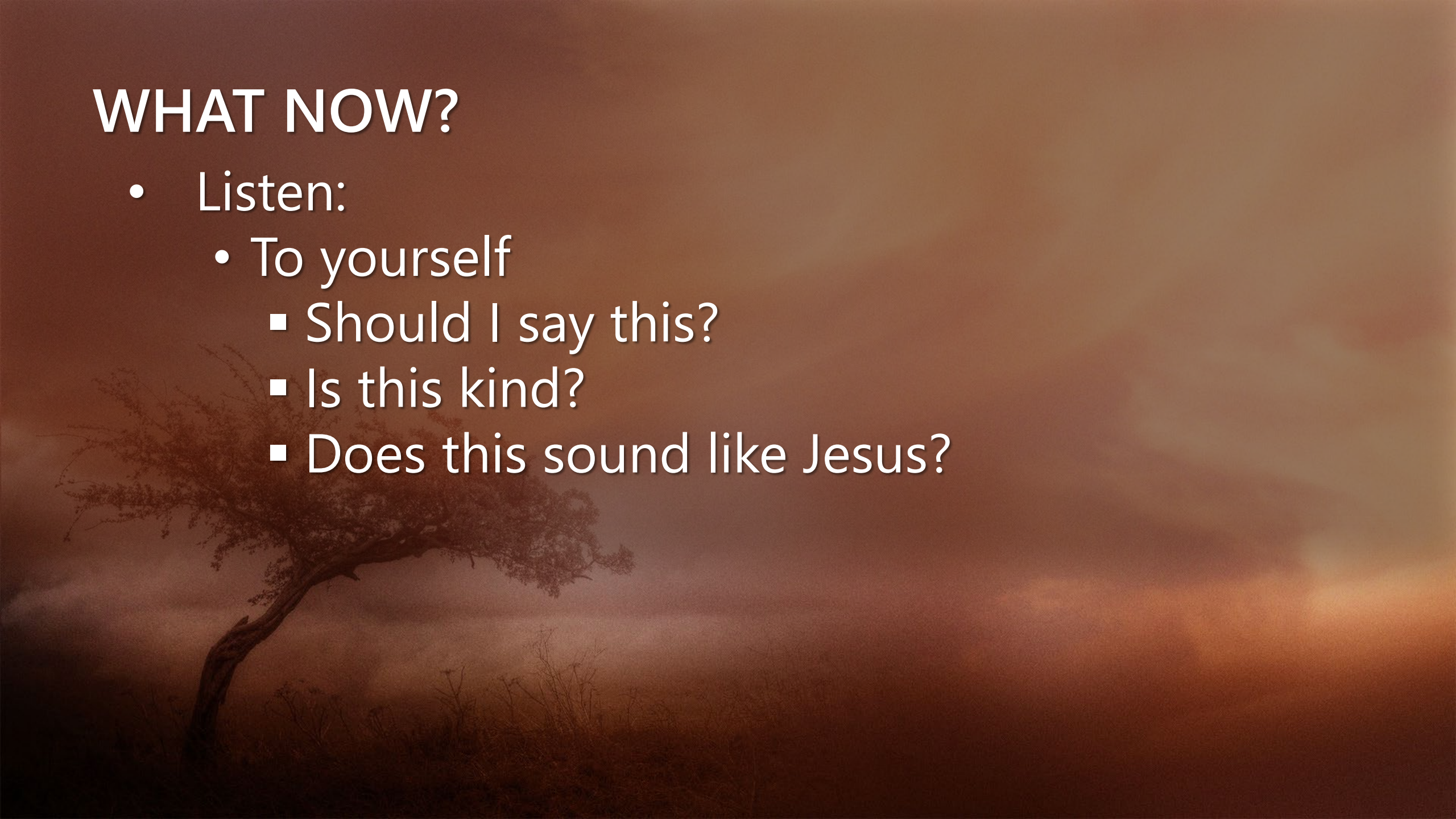
UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

- Small
- Mighty
- Relentless



WHAT NOW?

- Listen:
 - To yourself
 - Should I say this?
 - Is this kind?
 - Does this sound like Jesus?



WHAT NOW?

- Listen:
 - To others
 - Hear the feedback
 - My reaction
 - Defensive
 - Angry
 - Introspective
 - Open

WHAT NOW?

- Listen
- Wisdom
 - The tongue reveals the heart
 - Exposing the inner world

ROMANS 13:14

¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

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T.H.I.N.K

True

Helpful

Inspiring

Necessary

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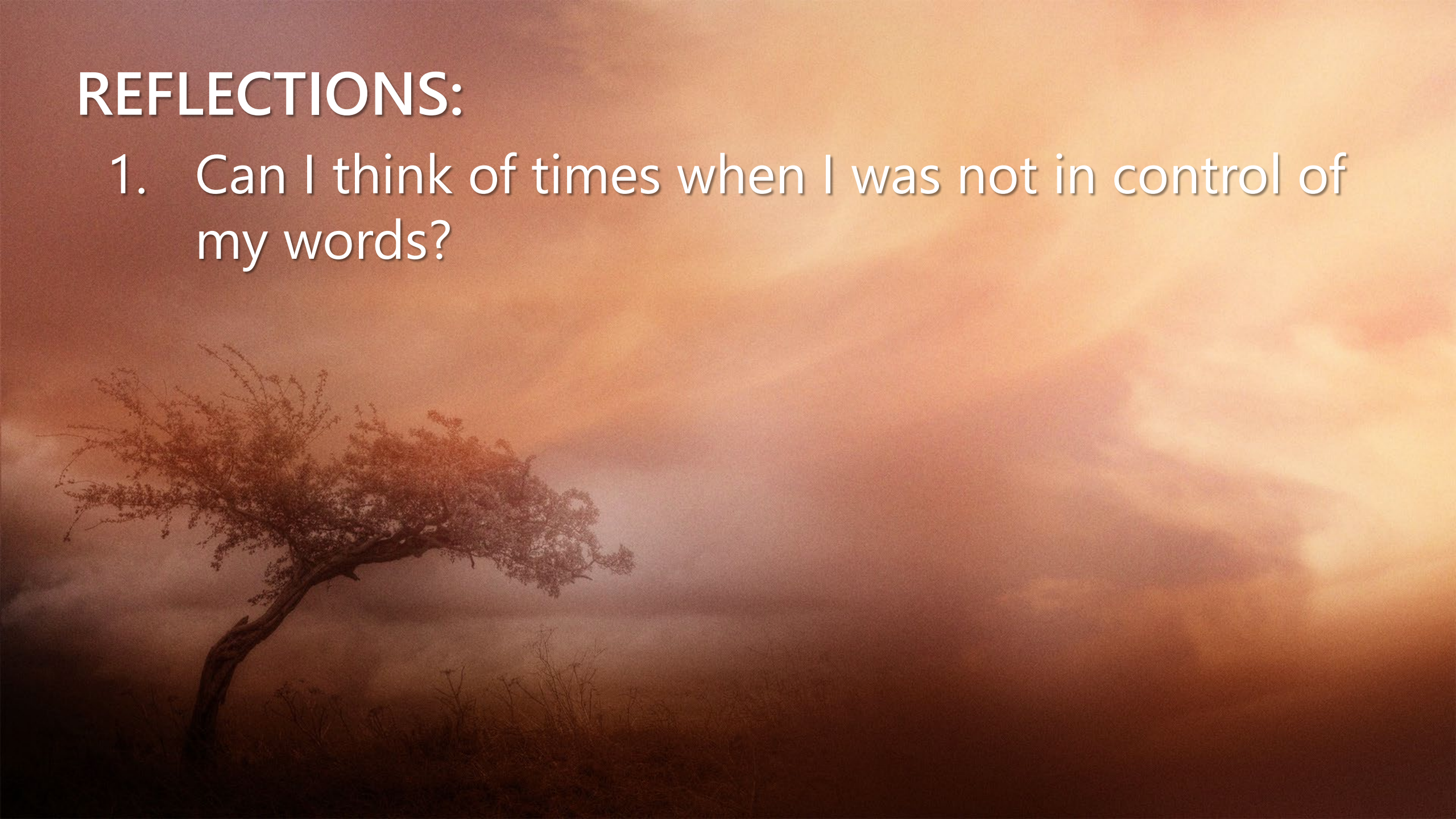
- Listen
- Wisdom
- Power
 - See God's help
 - Thankful to God
 - Imitating Jesus
 - Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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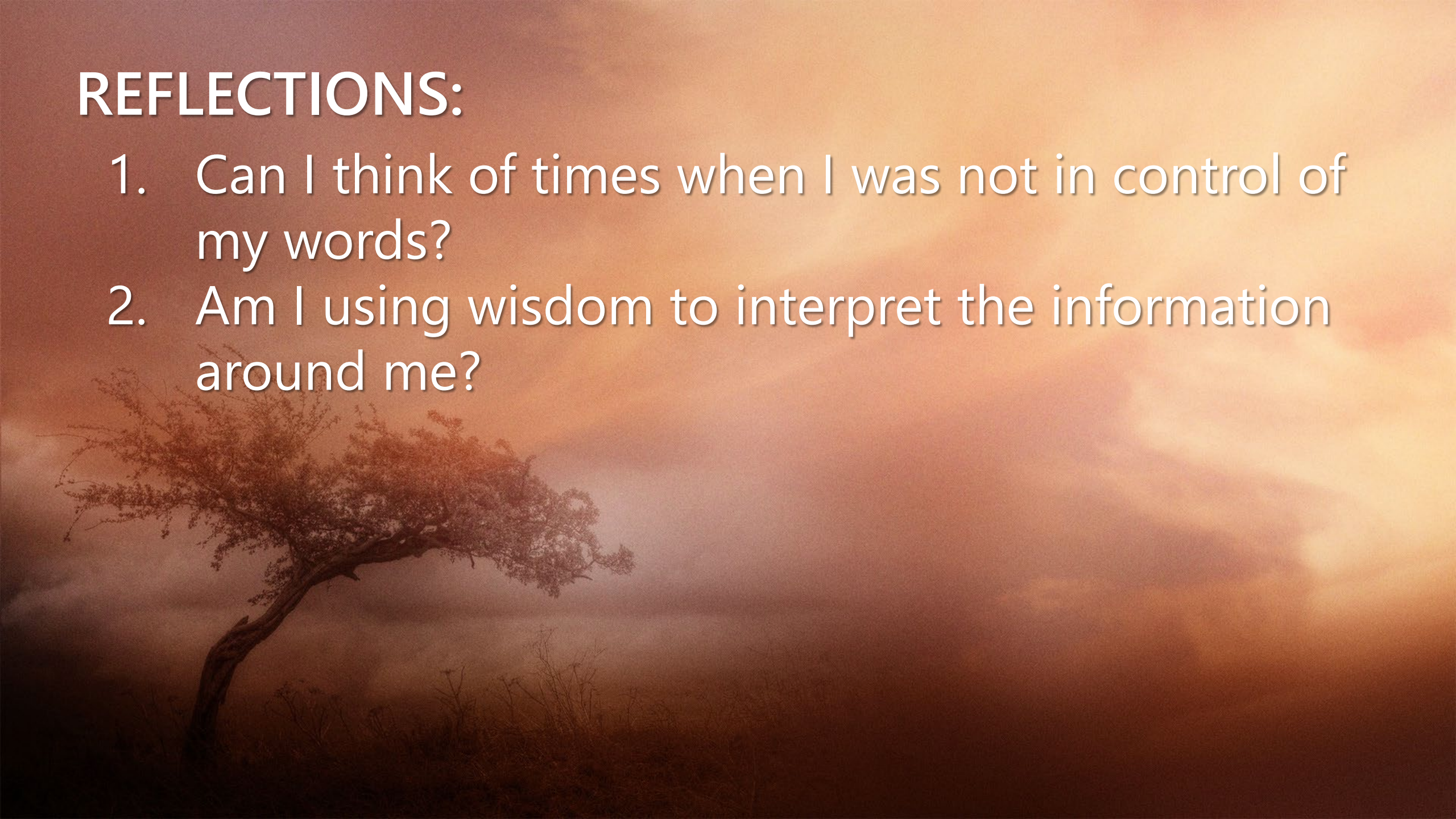
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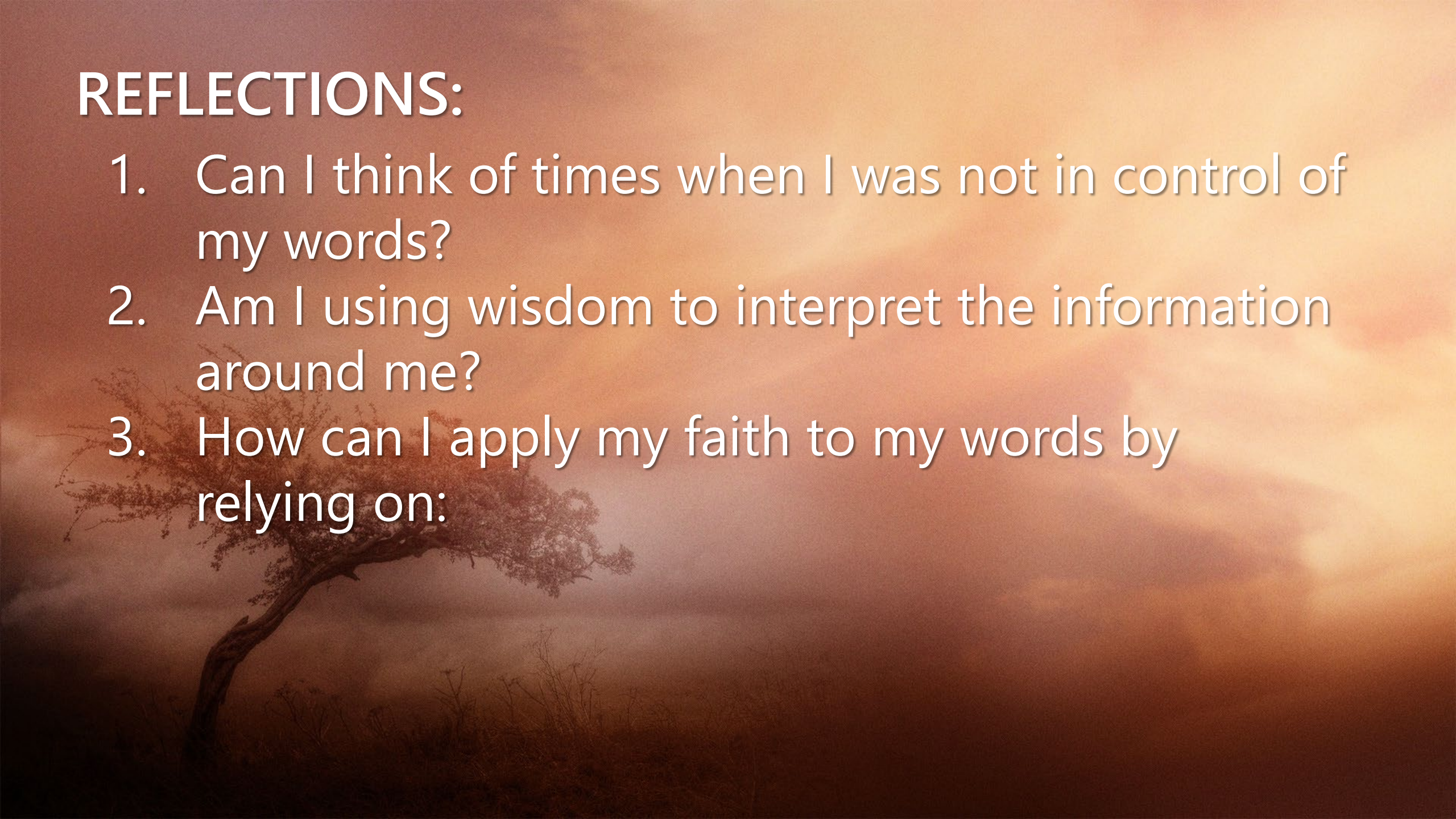
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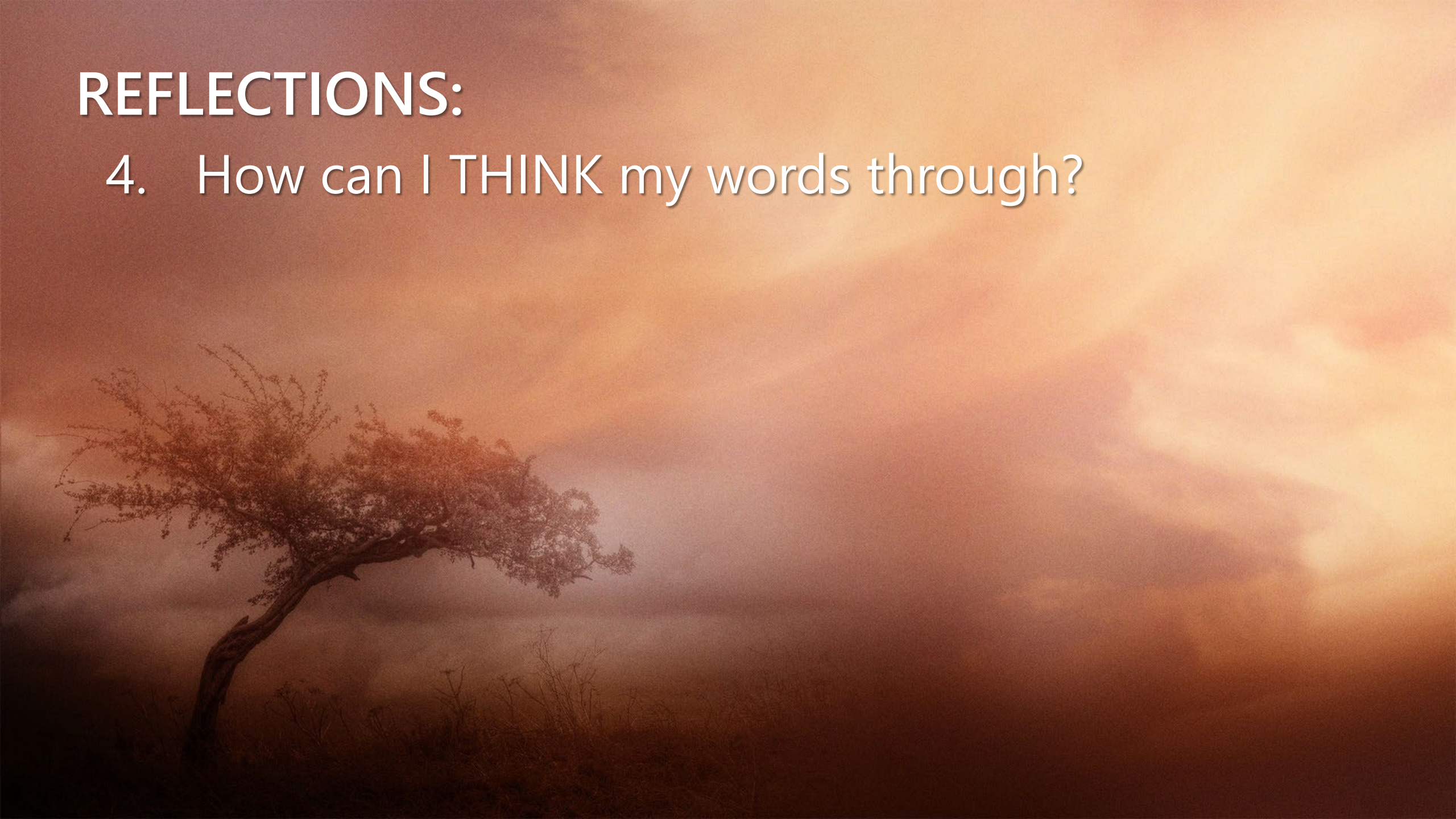
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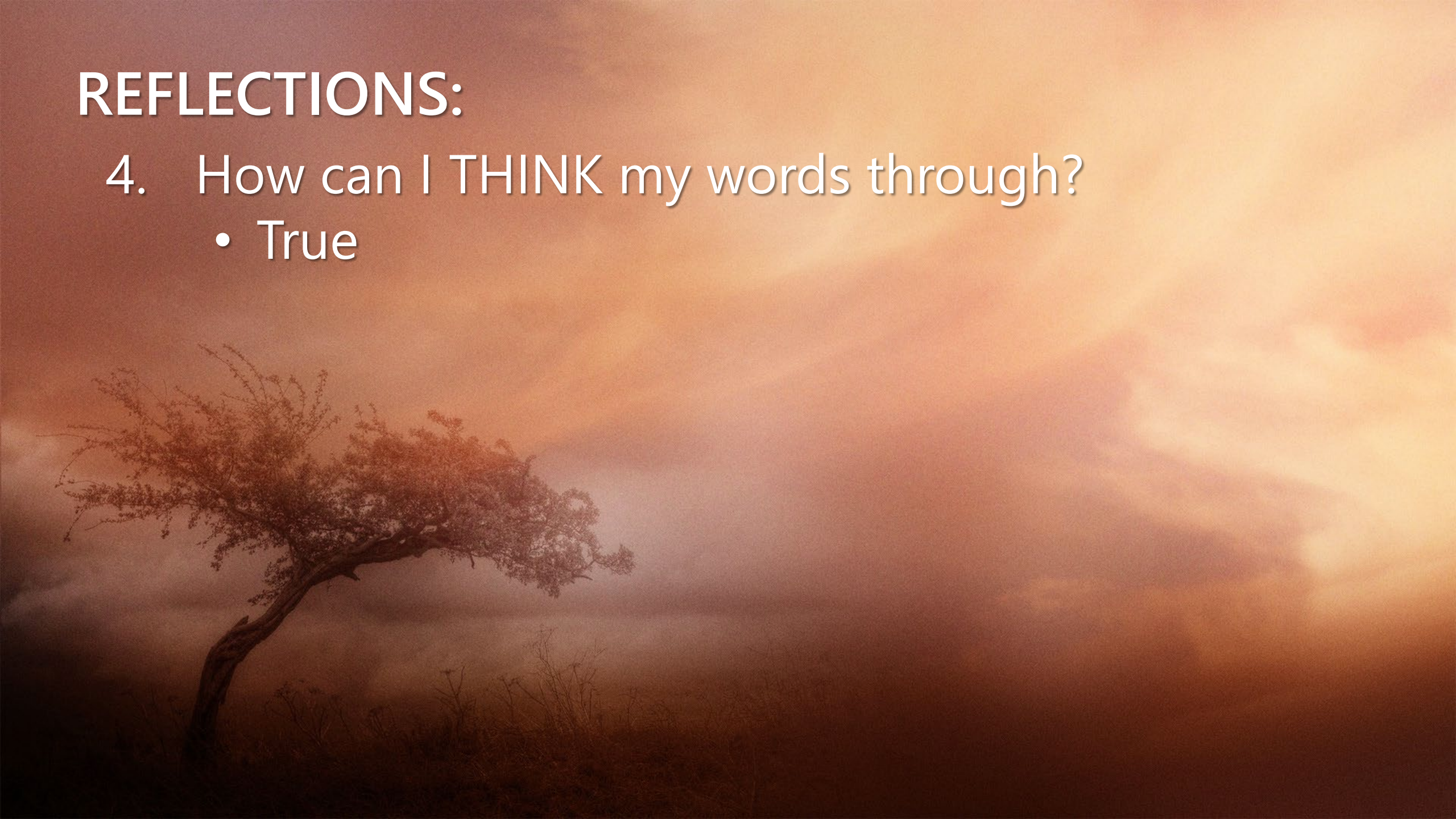
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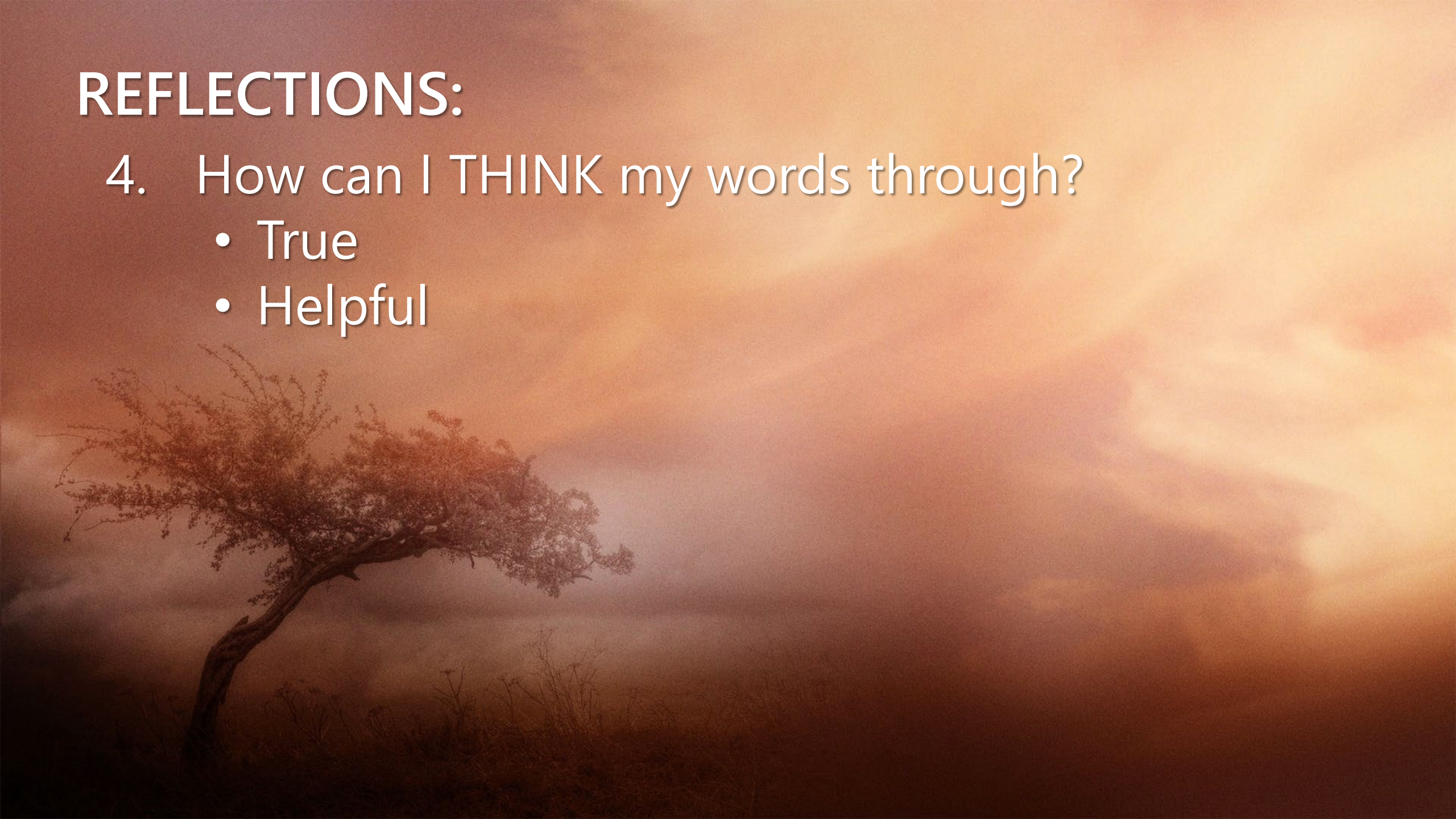
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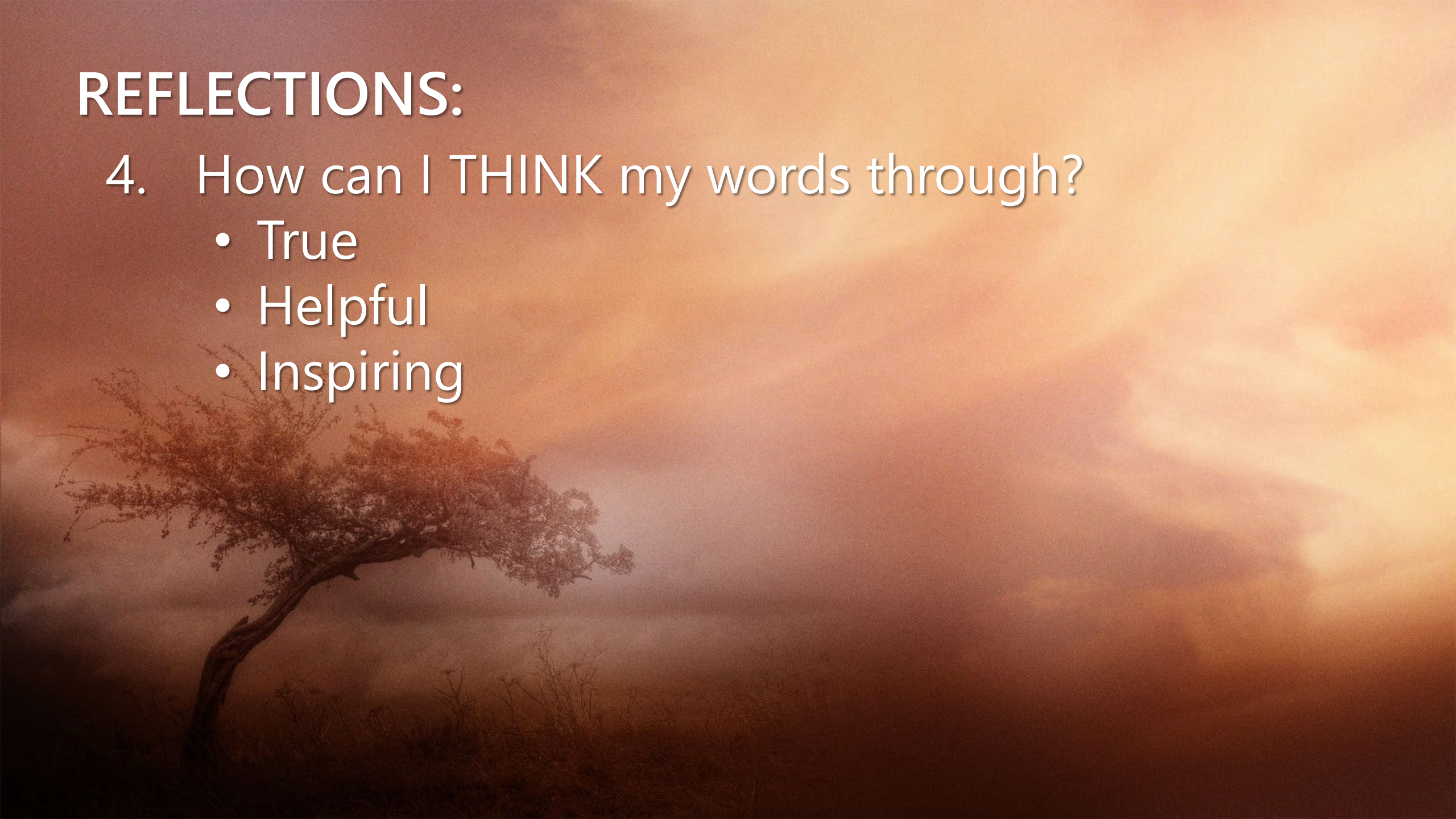
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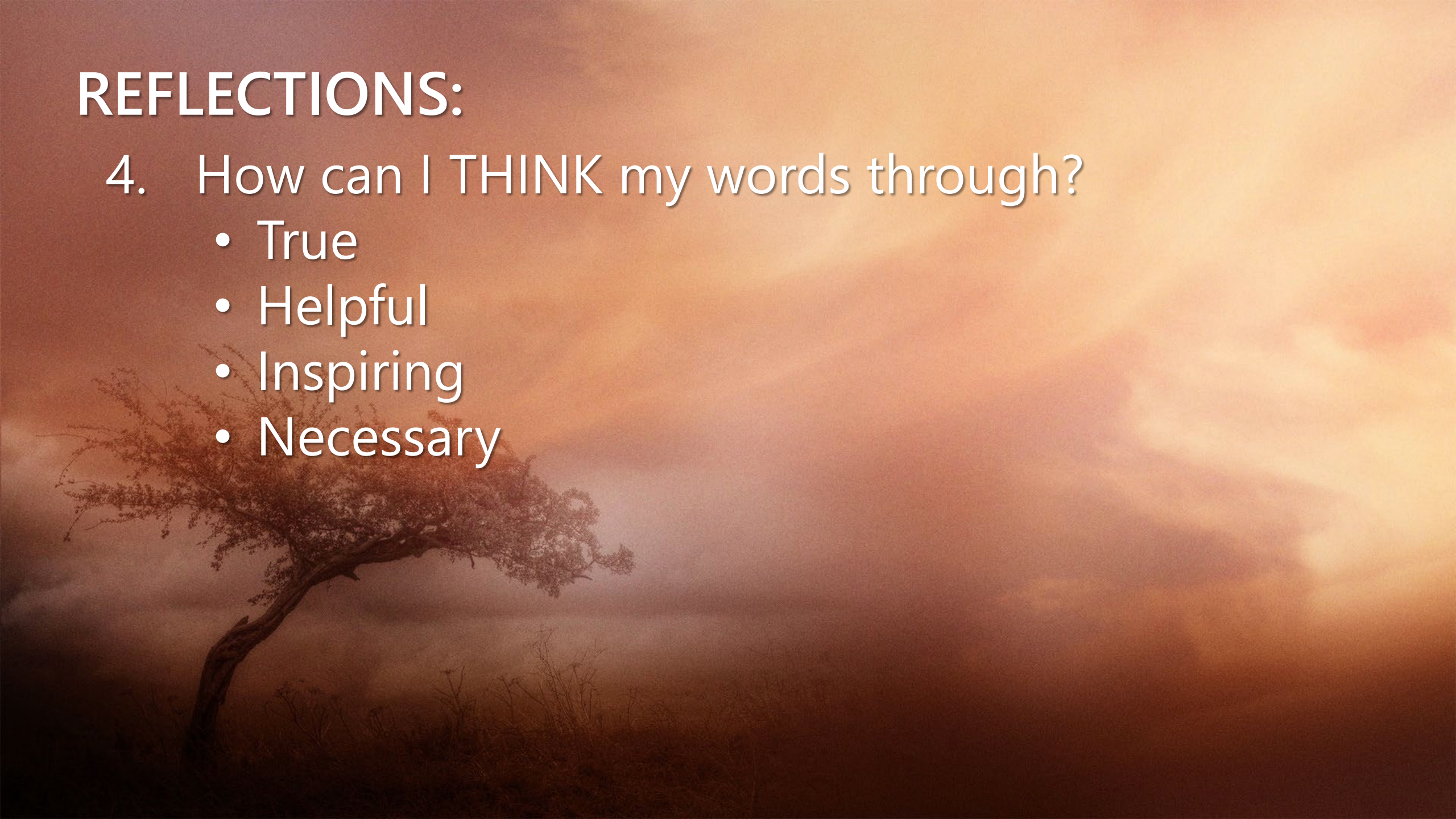
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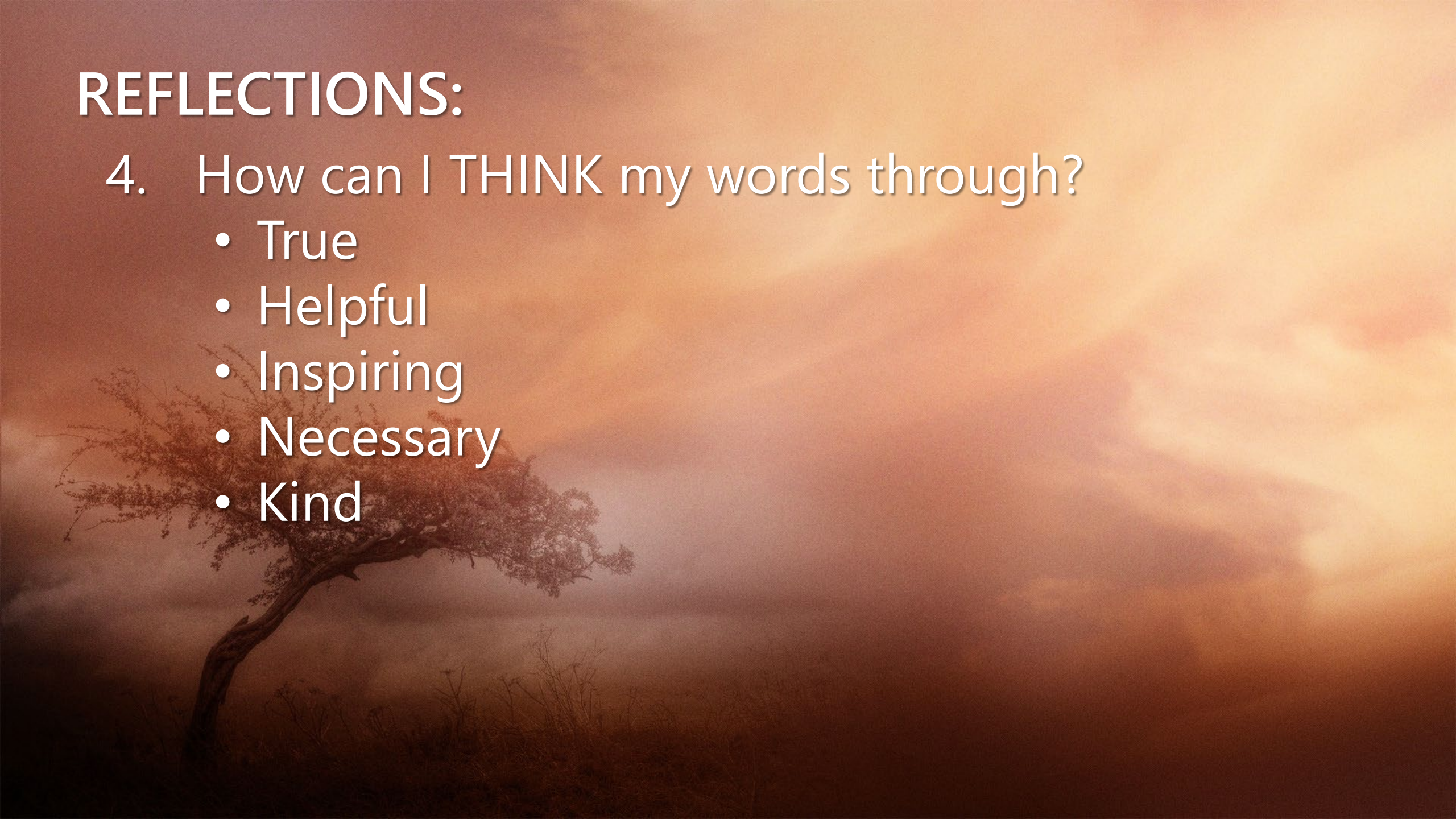
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5. Who can help me?

