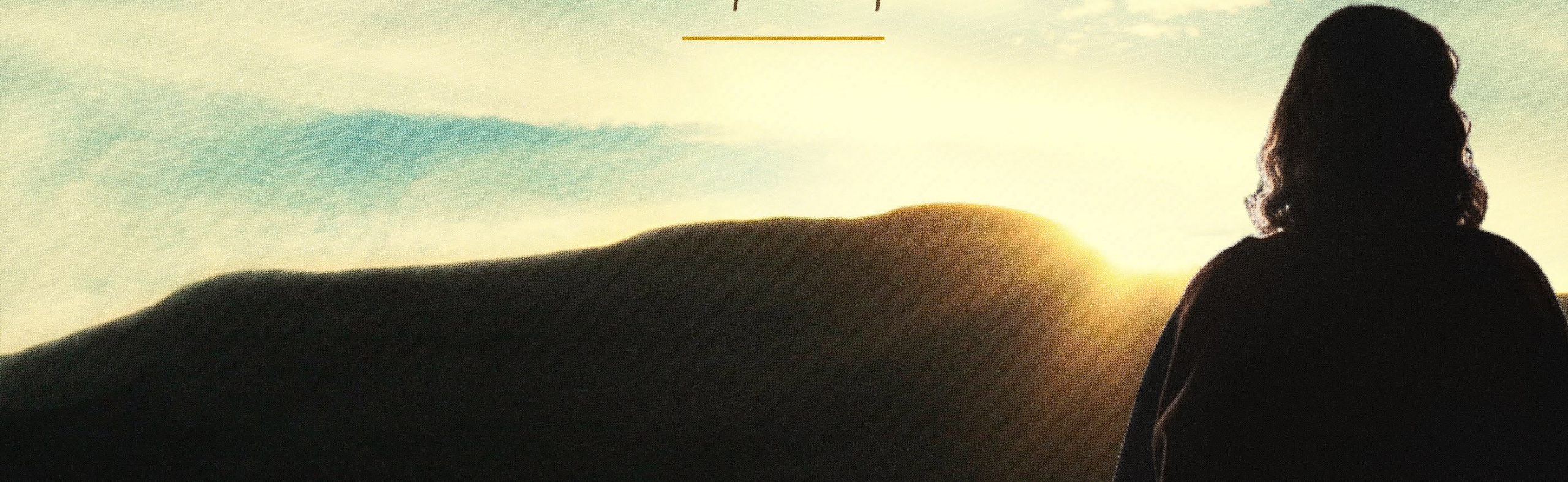


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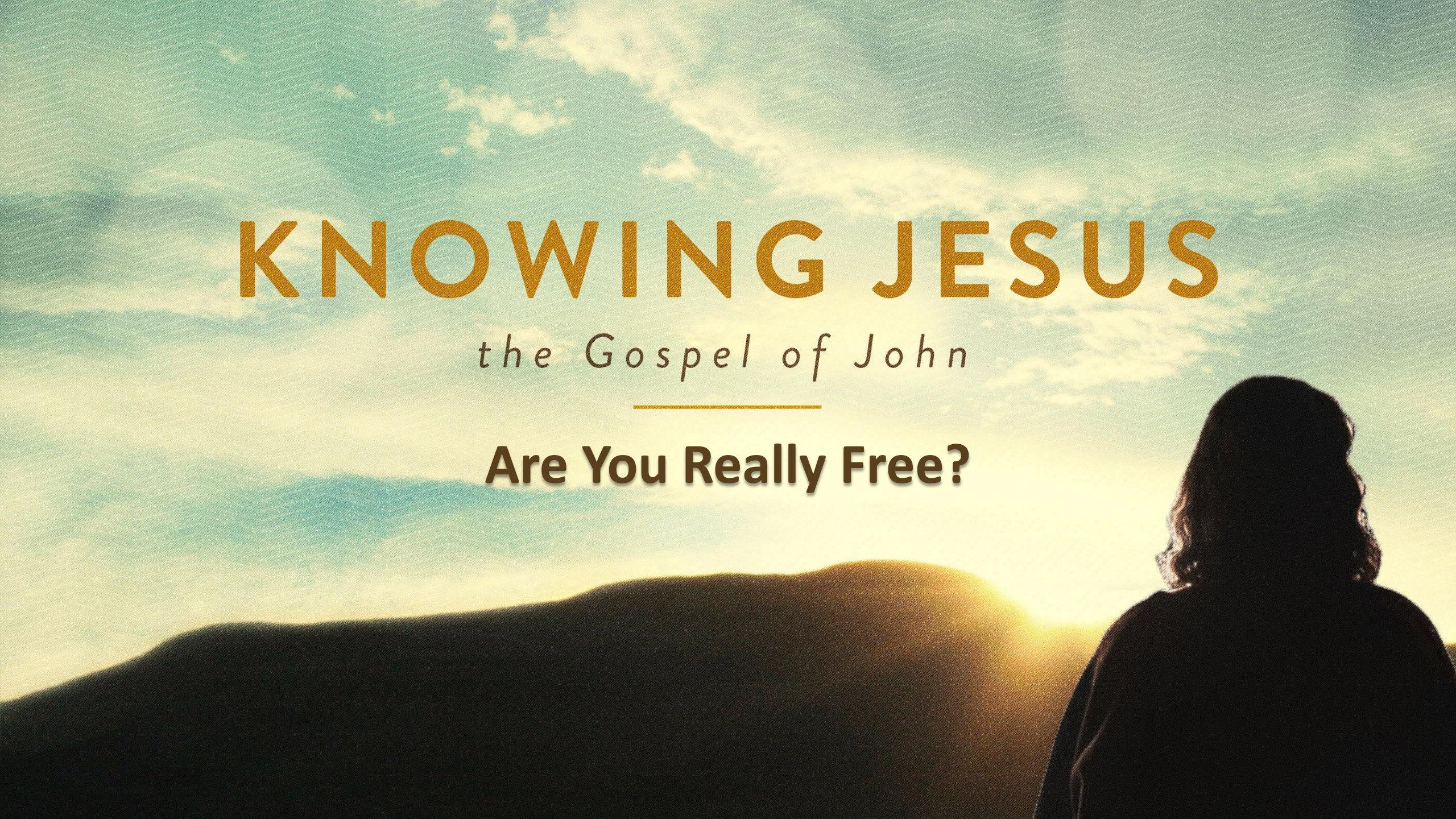
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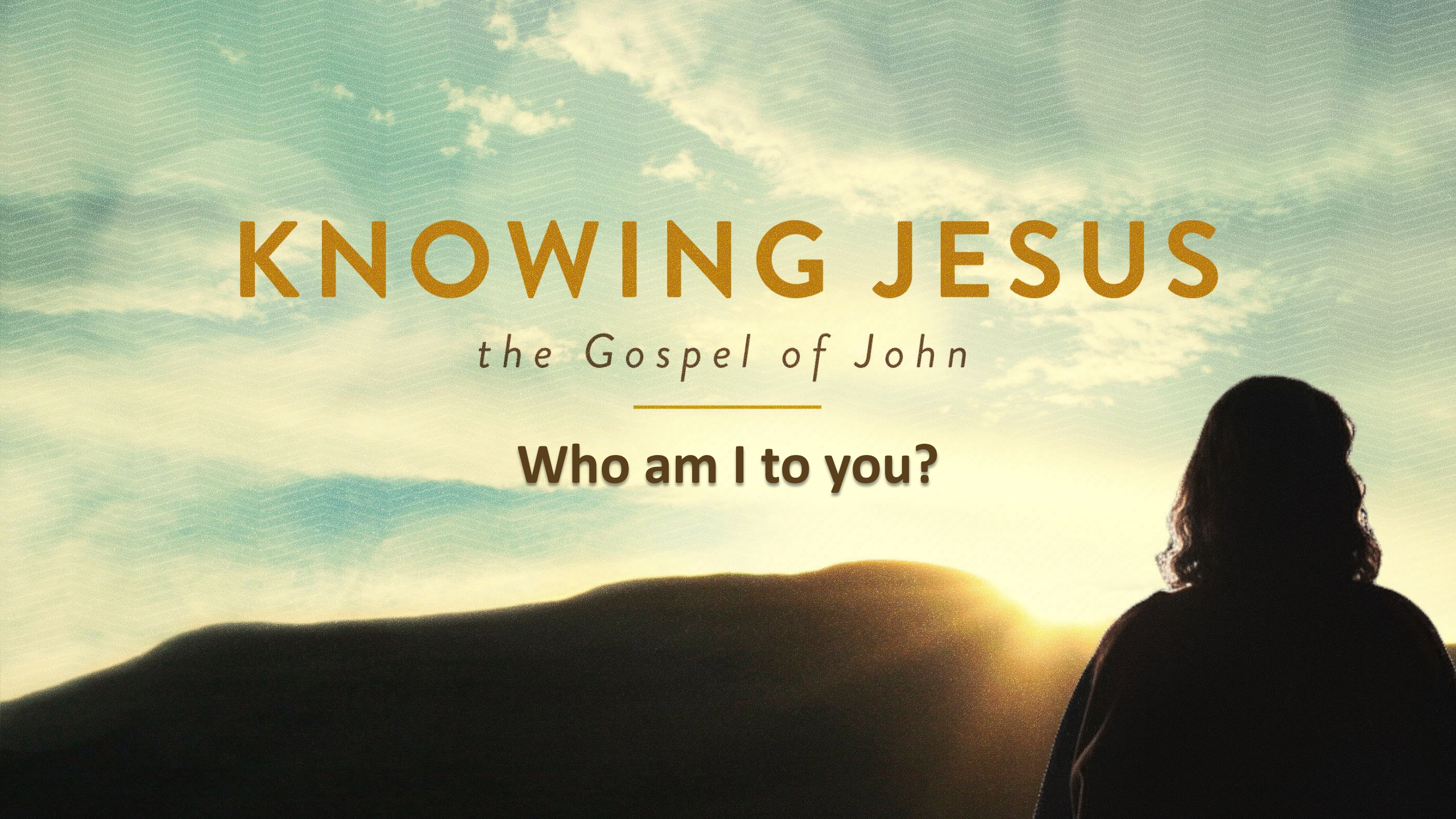
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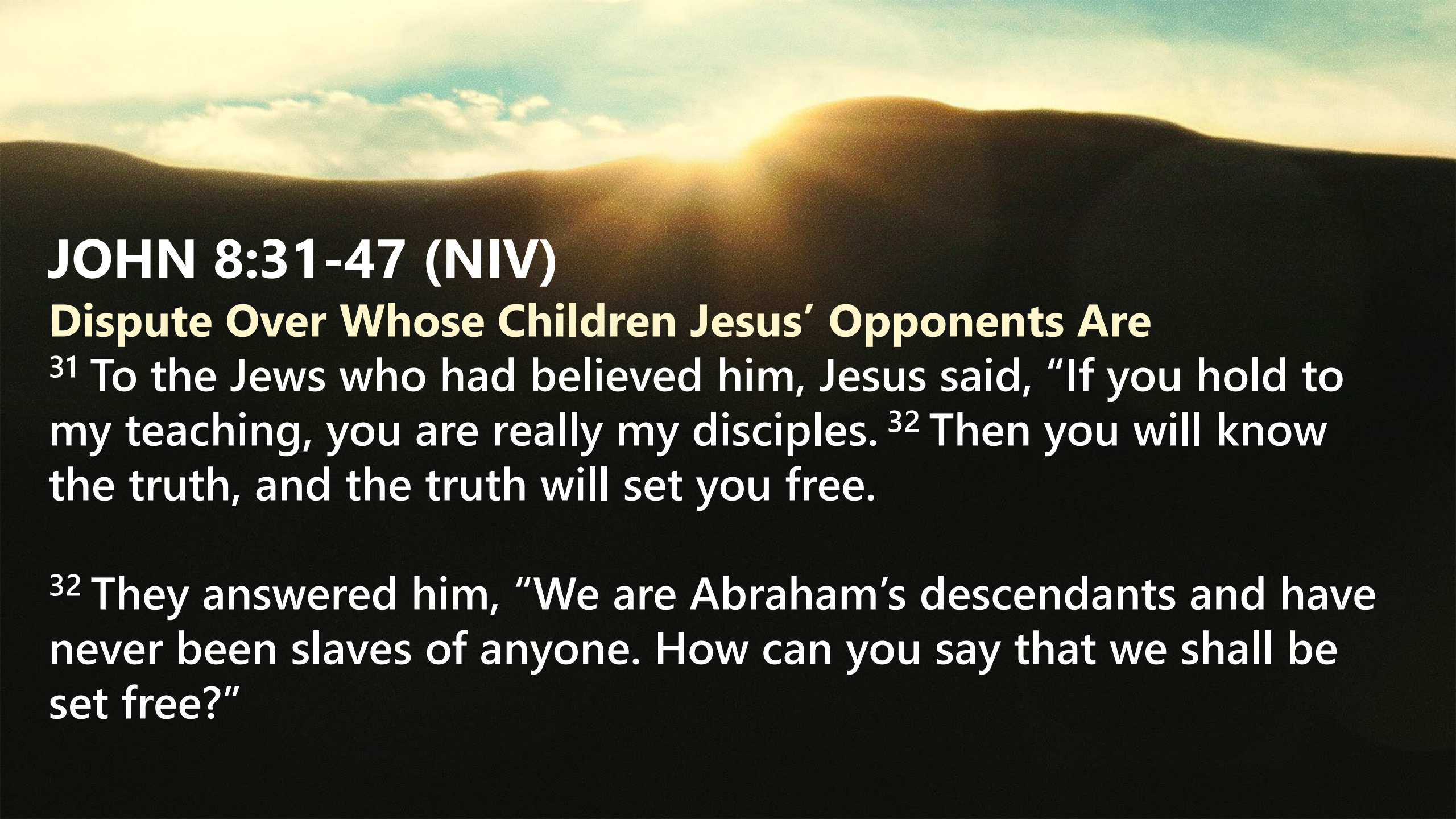


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Who am I to you?



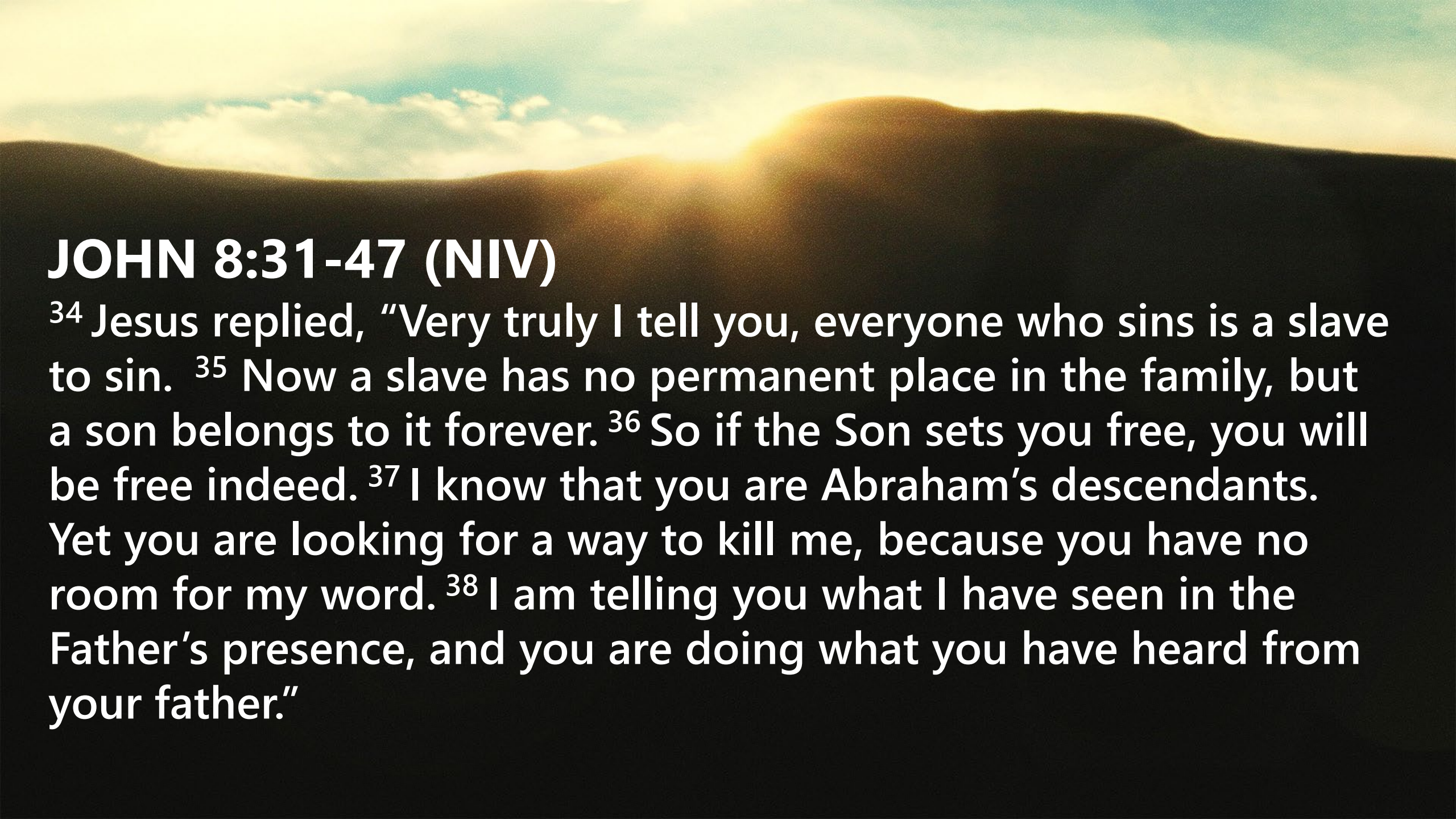


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Dispute Over Whose Children Jesus' Opponents Are

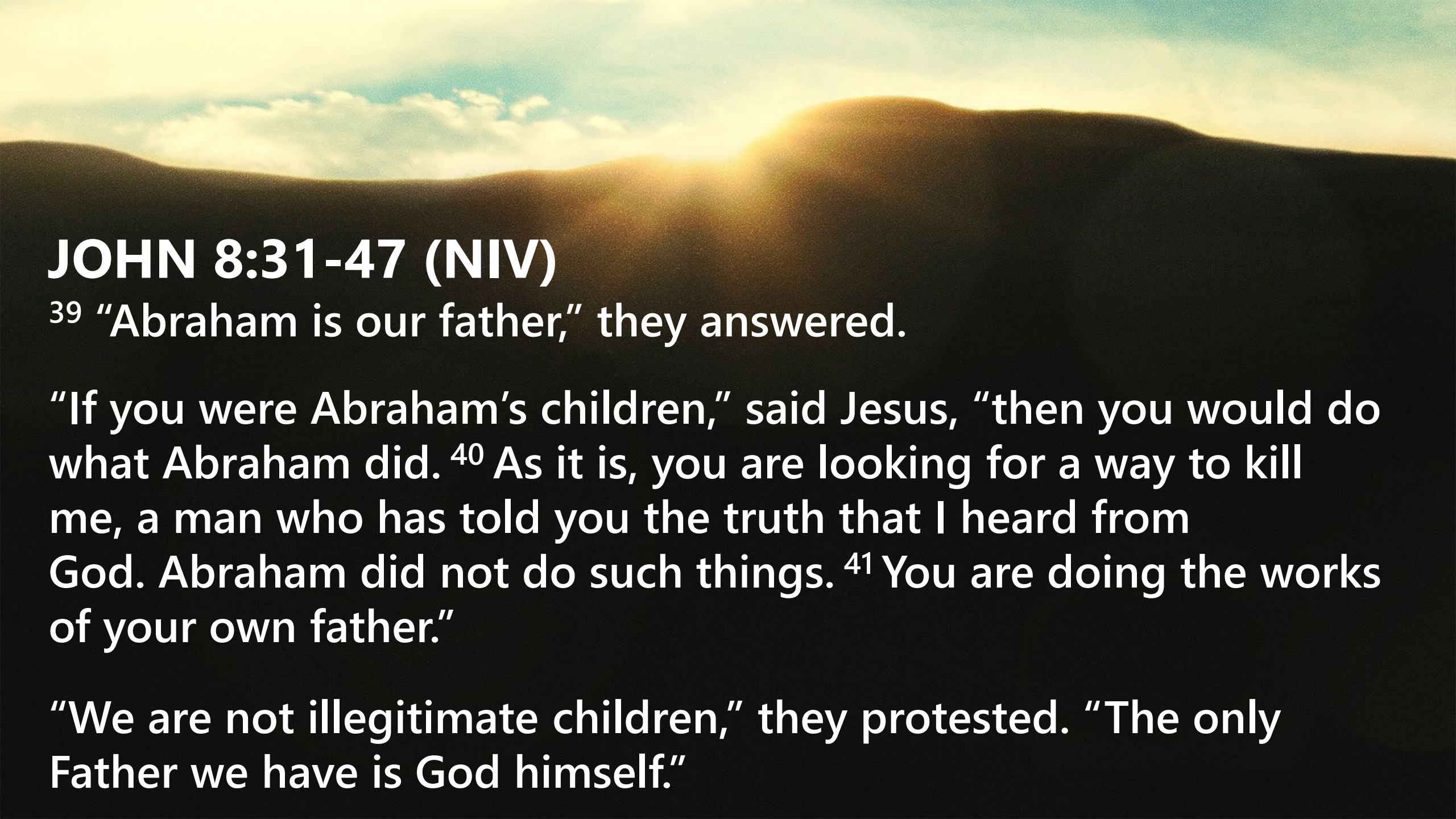
³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

³² They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"



JOHN 8:31-47 (NIV)

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father."

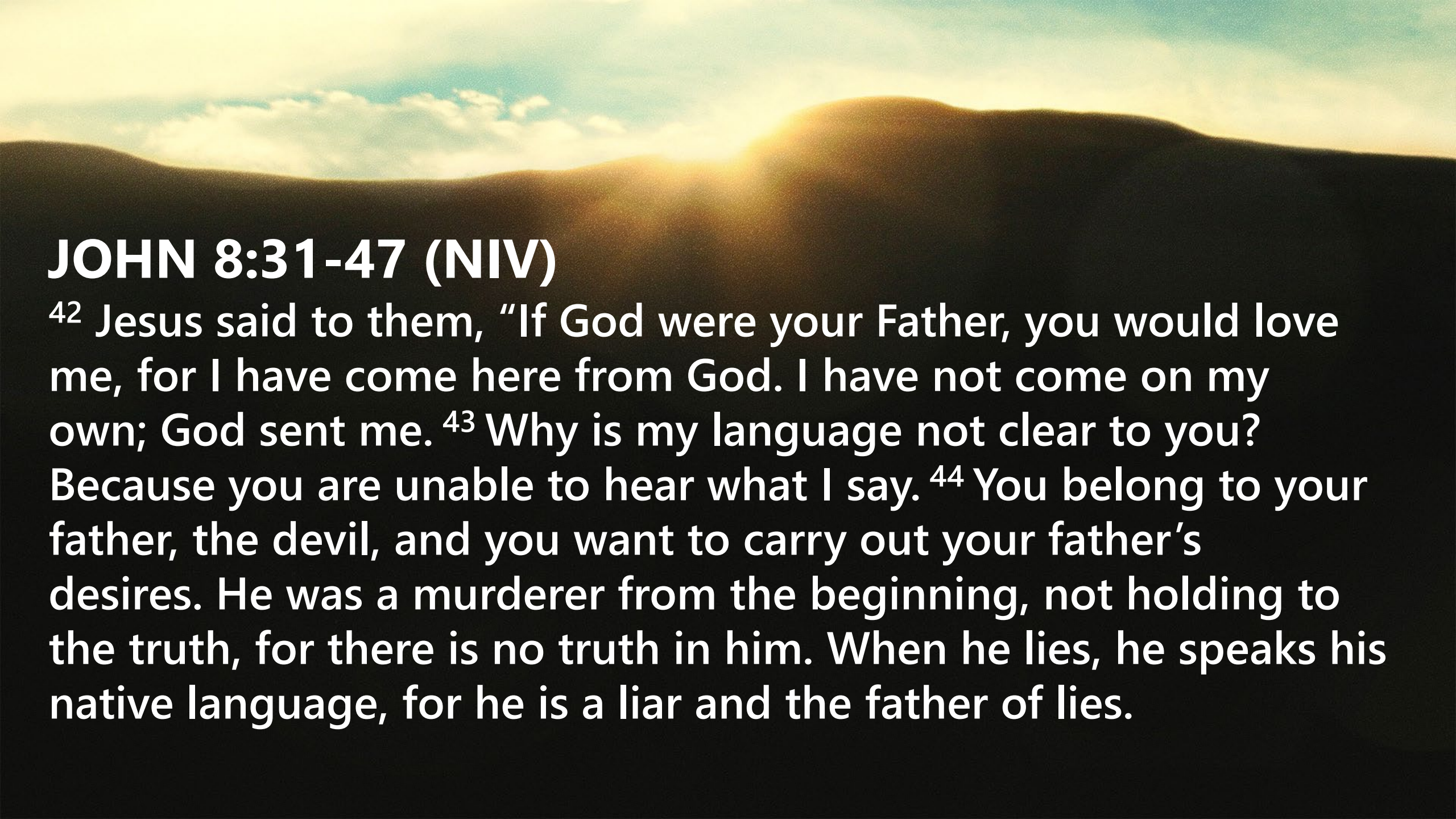


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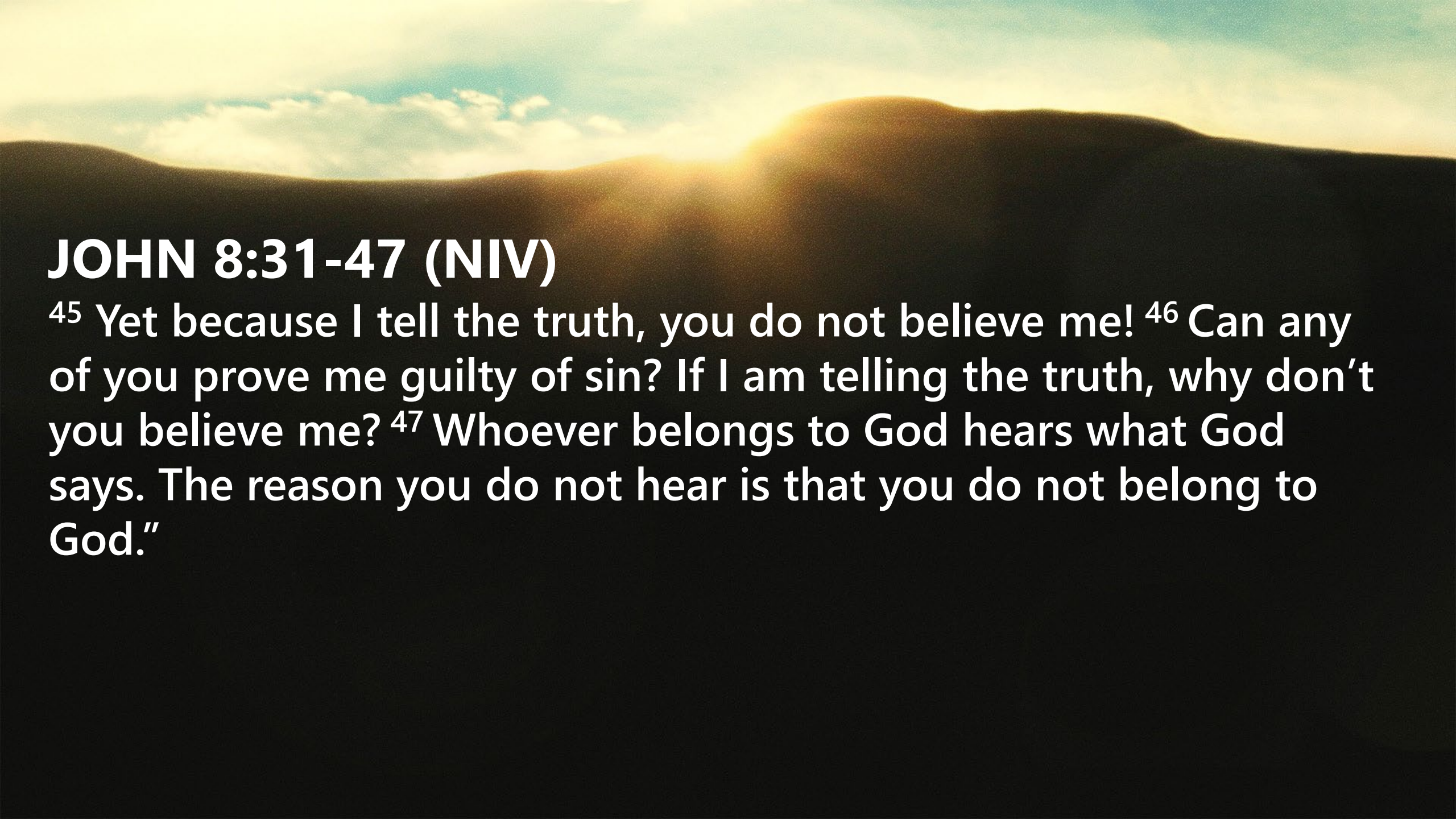
"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. ⁴⁰ As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. ⁴¹ You are doing the works of your own father."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."



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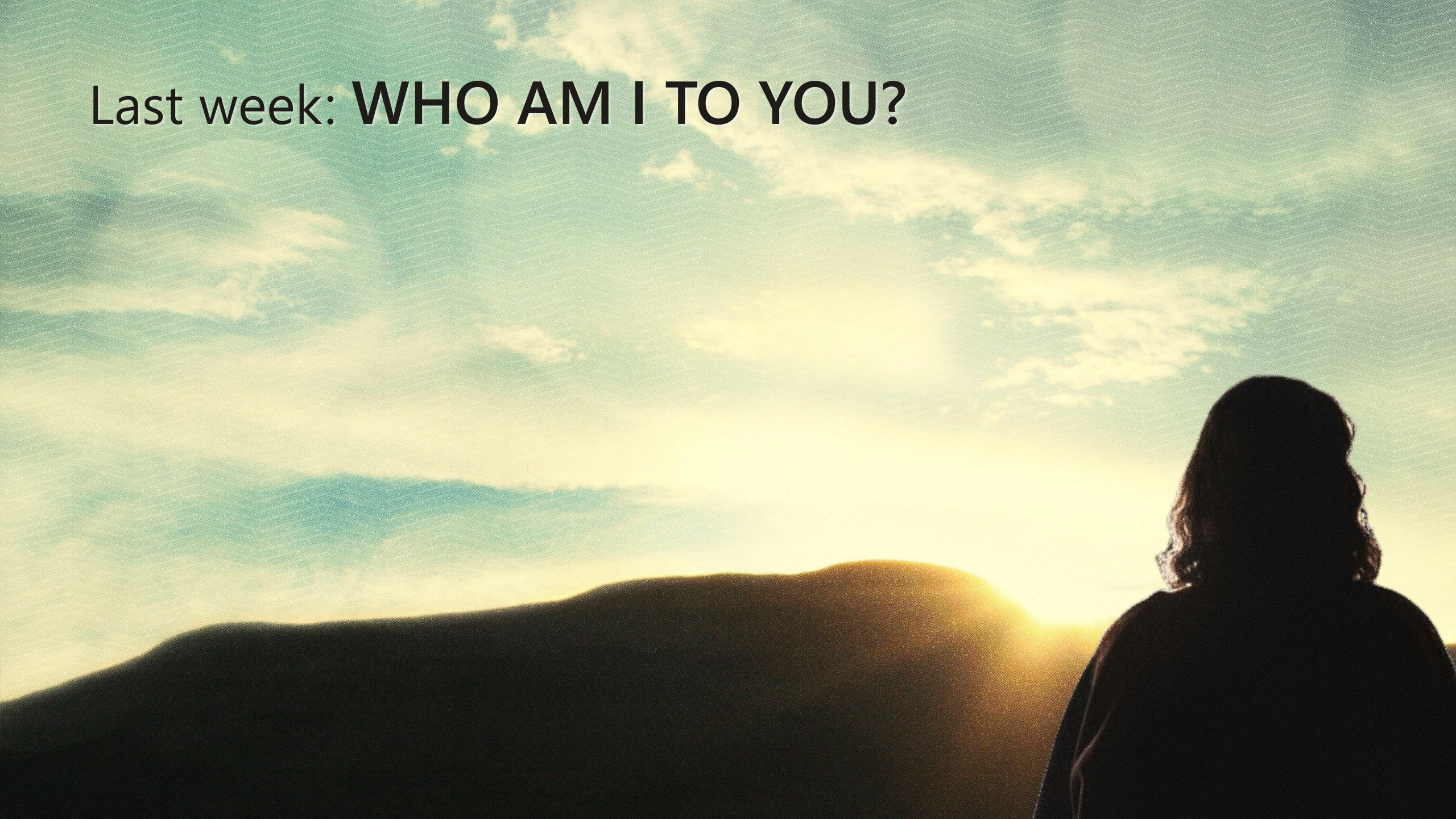
⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.



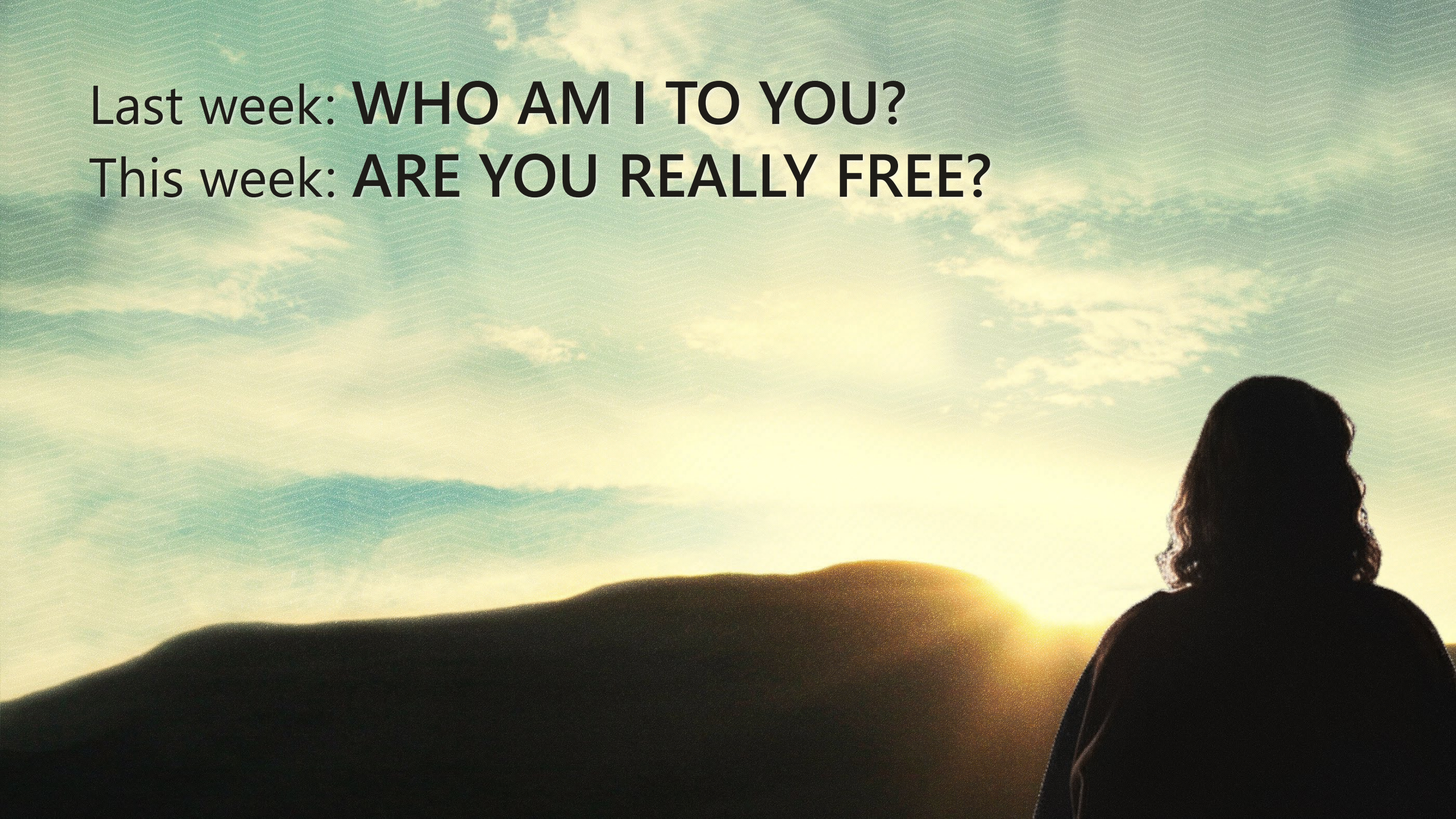
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⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! ⁴⁶ Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? ⁴⁷ Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

Last week: **WHO AM I TO YOU?**

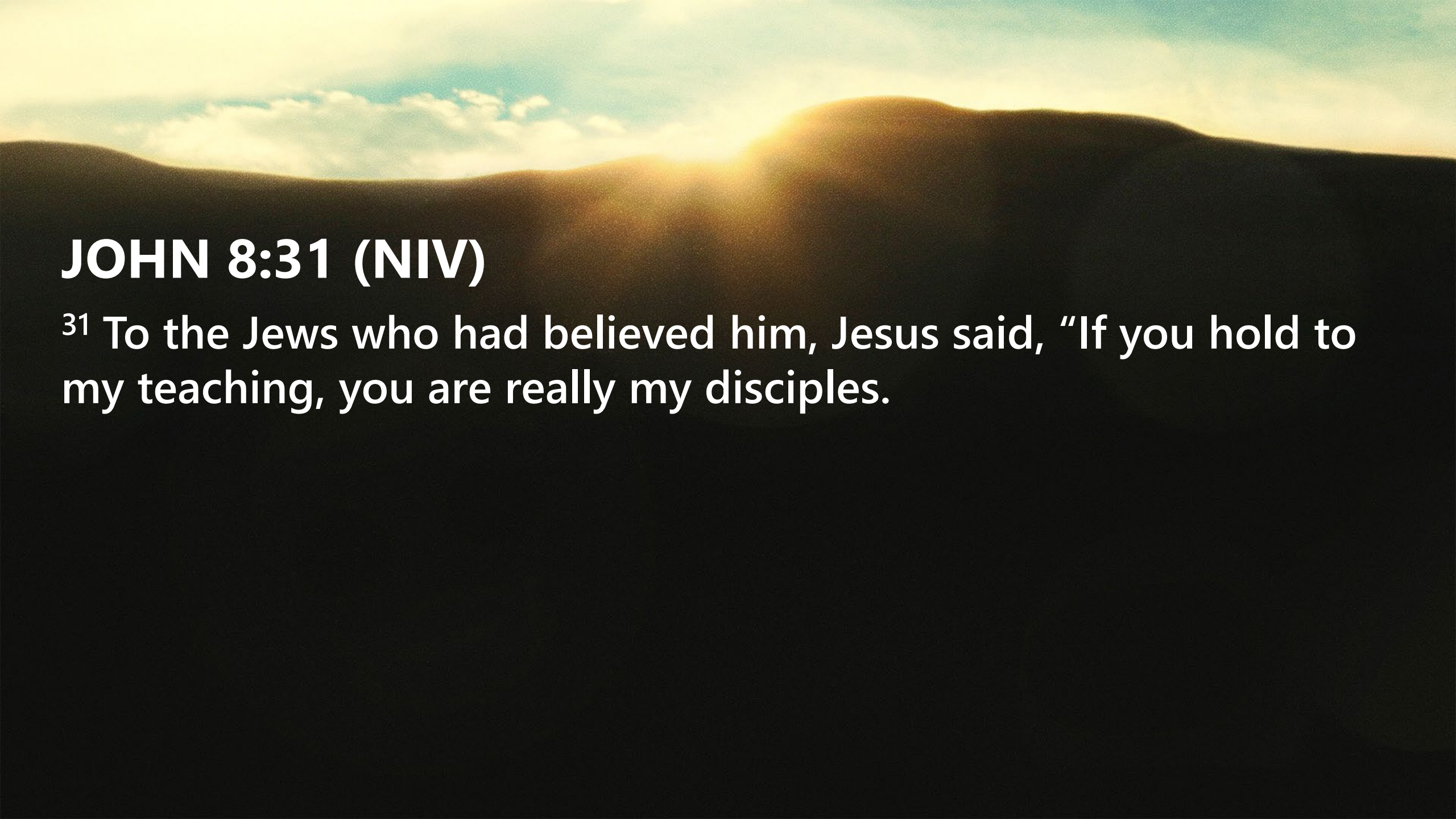


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This week: **ARE YOU REALLY FREE?**



YOU THINK YOU'RE FREE



A landscape photograph showing rolling hills under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The hills are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky. The sky has some light clouds.

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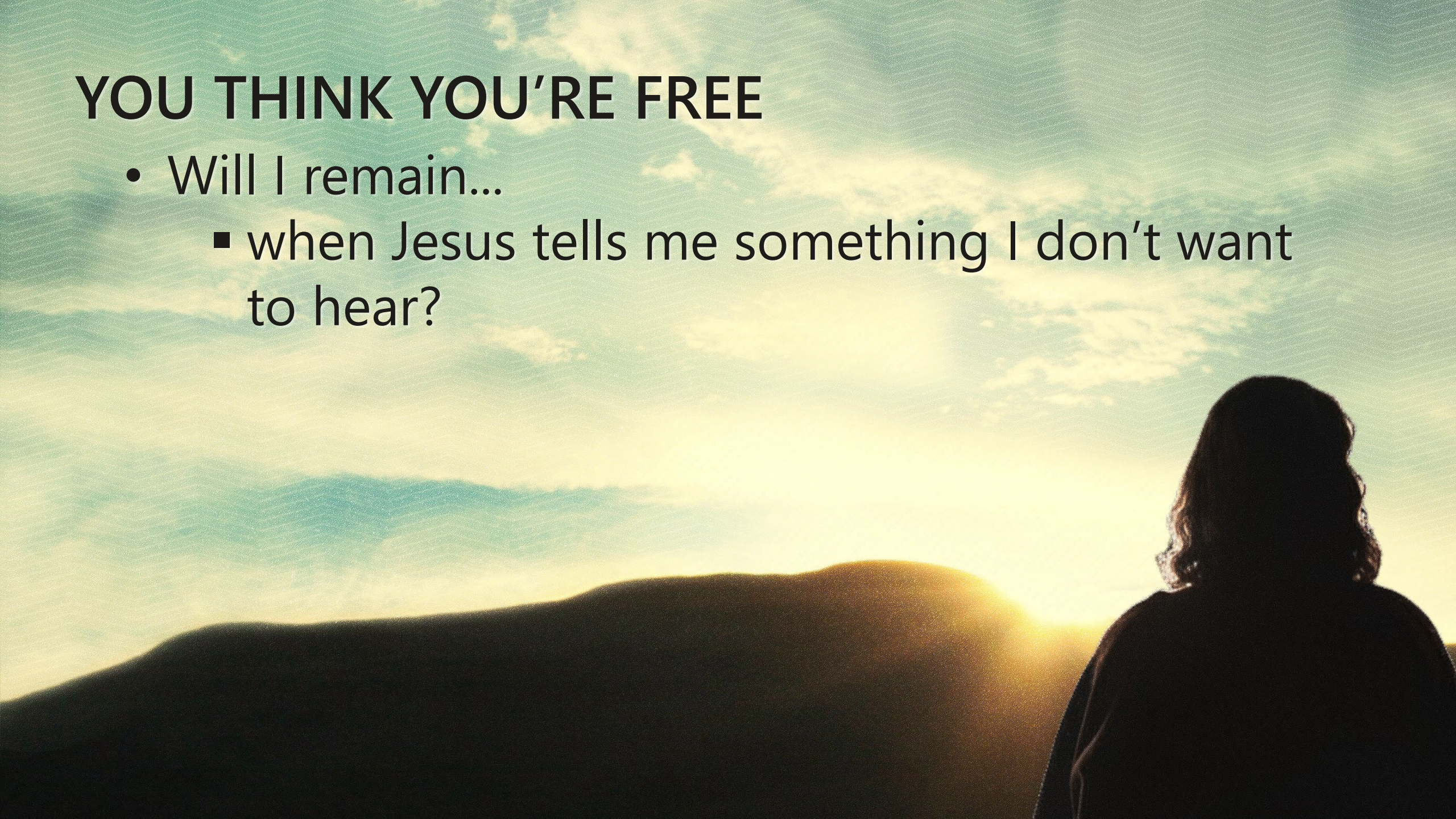
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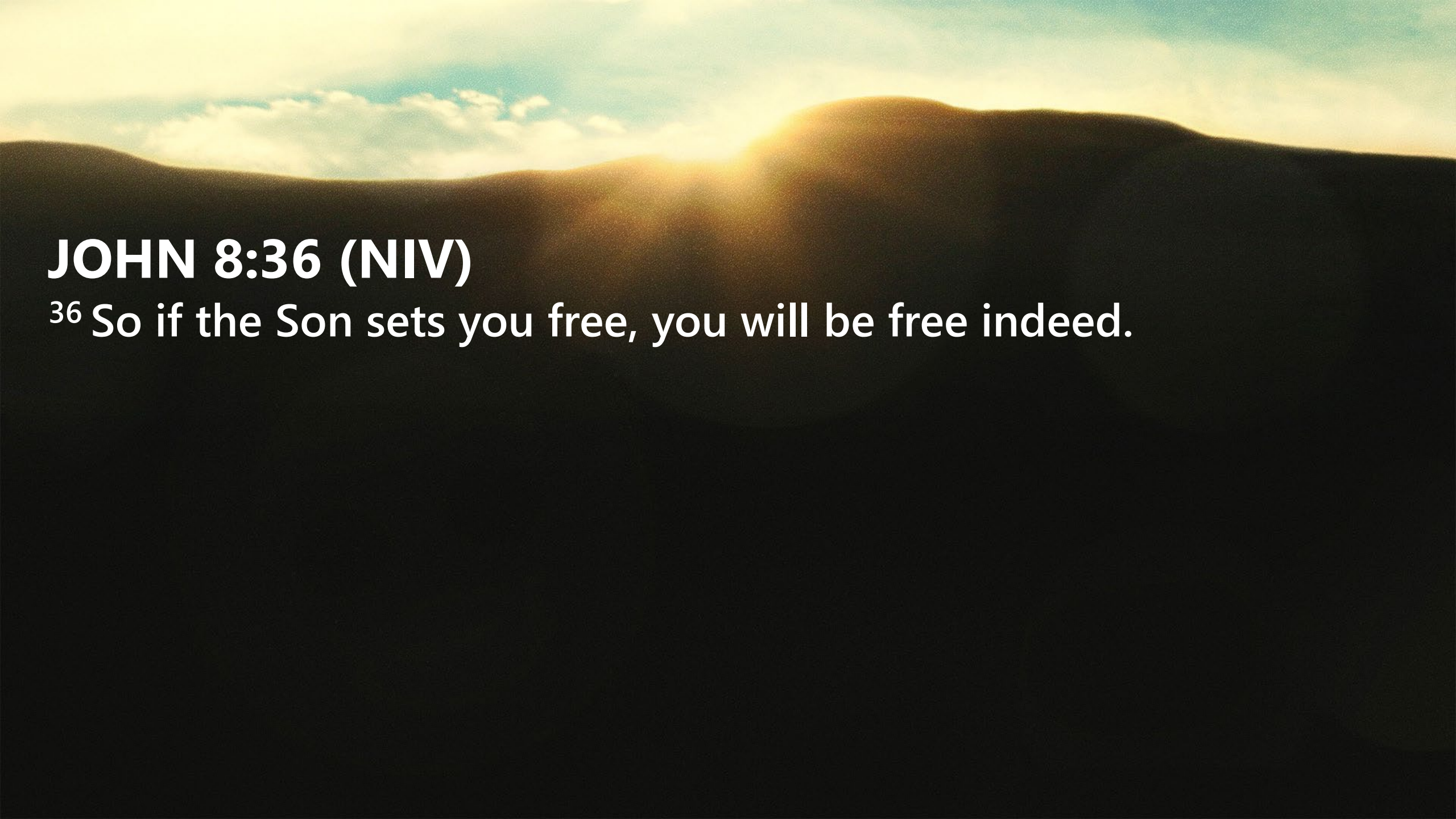
YOU THINK YOU'RE FREE

- Will I remain...
 - when Jesus tells me something I don't want to hear?



A SLAVE OR A SON?



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

JOHN 8:36 (NIV)

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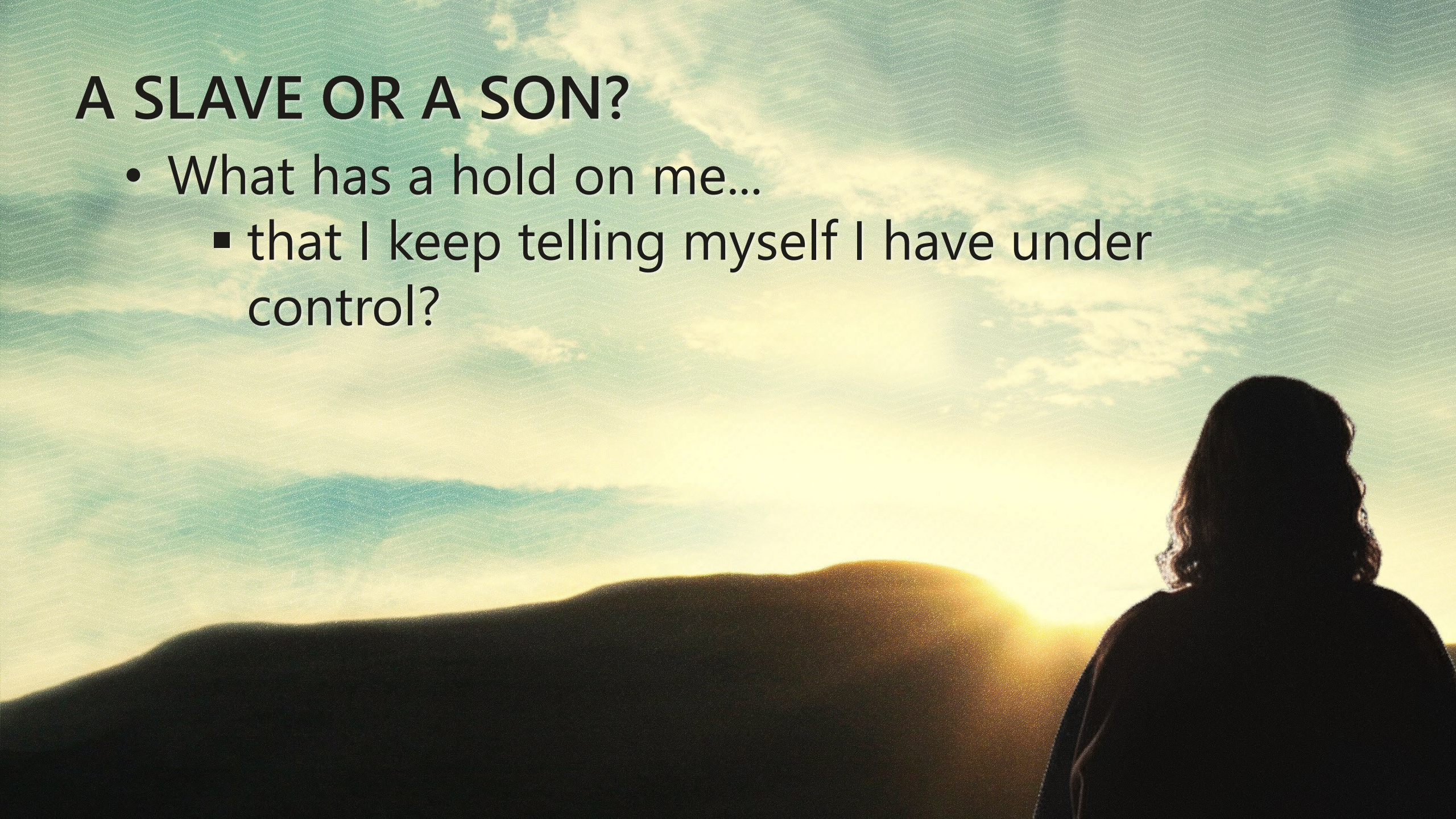
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- What has a hold on me...



A SLAVE OR A SON?

- What has a hold on me...
 - that I keep telling myself I have under control?



FREEDOM HAS A FAMILY RESEMBLANCE



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- We are...



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- We are...
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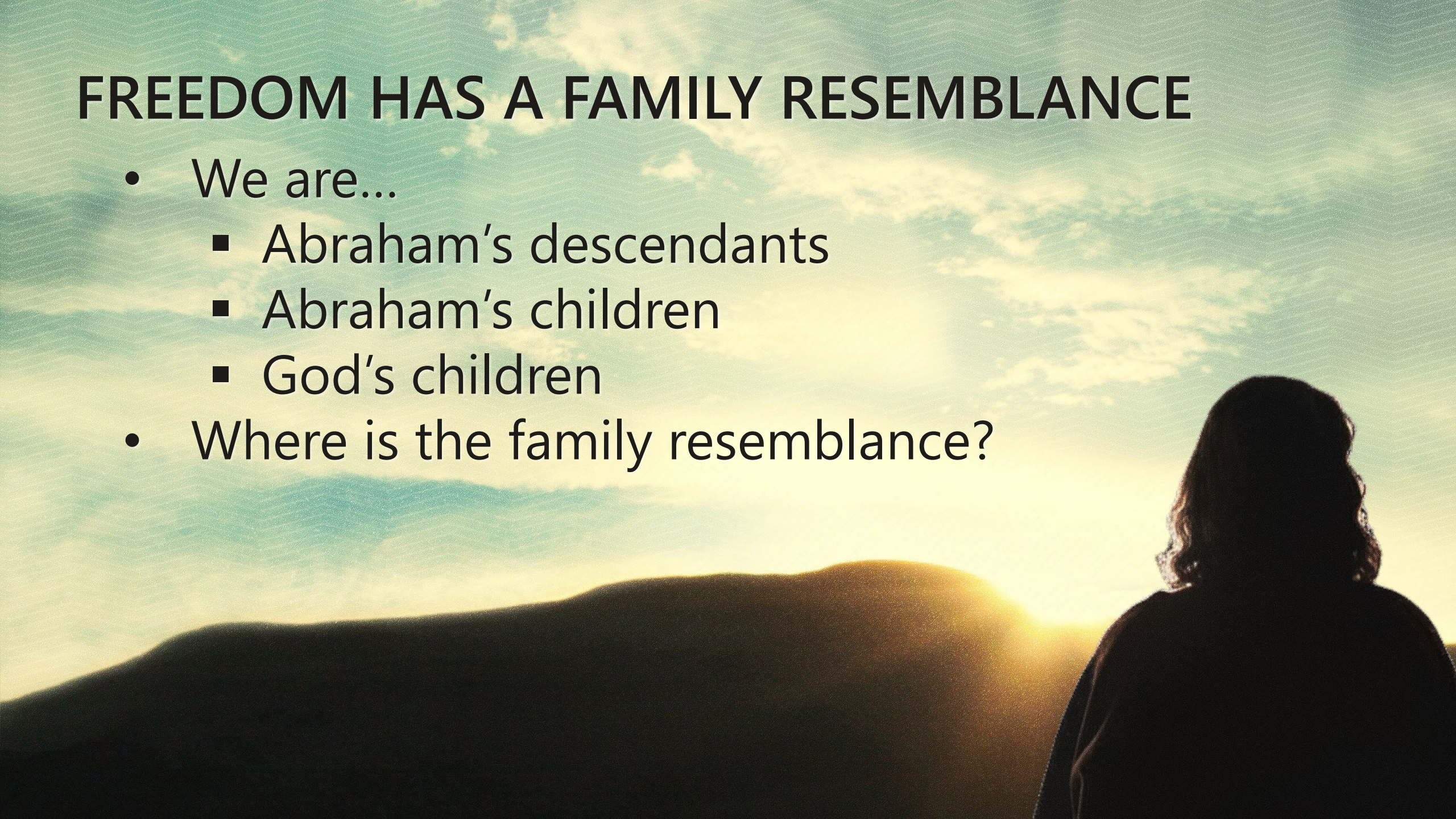
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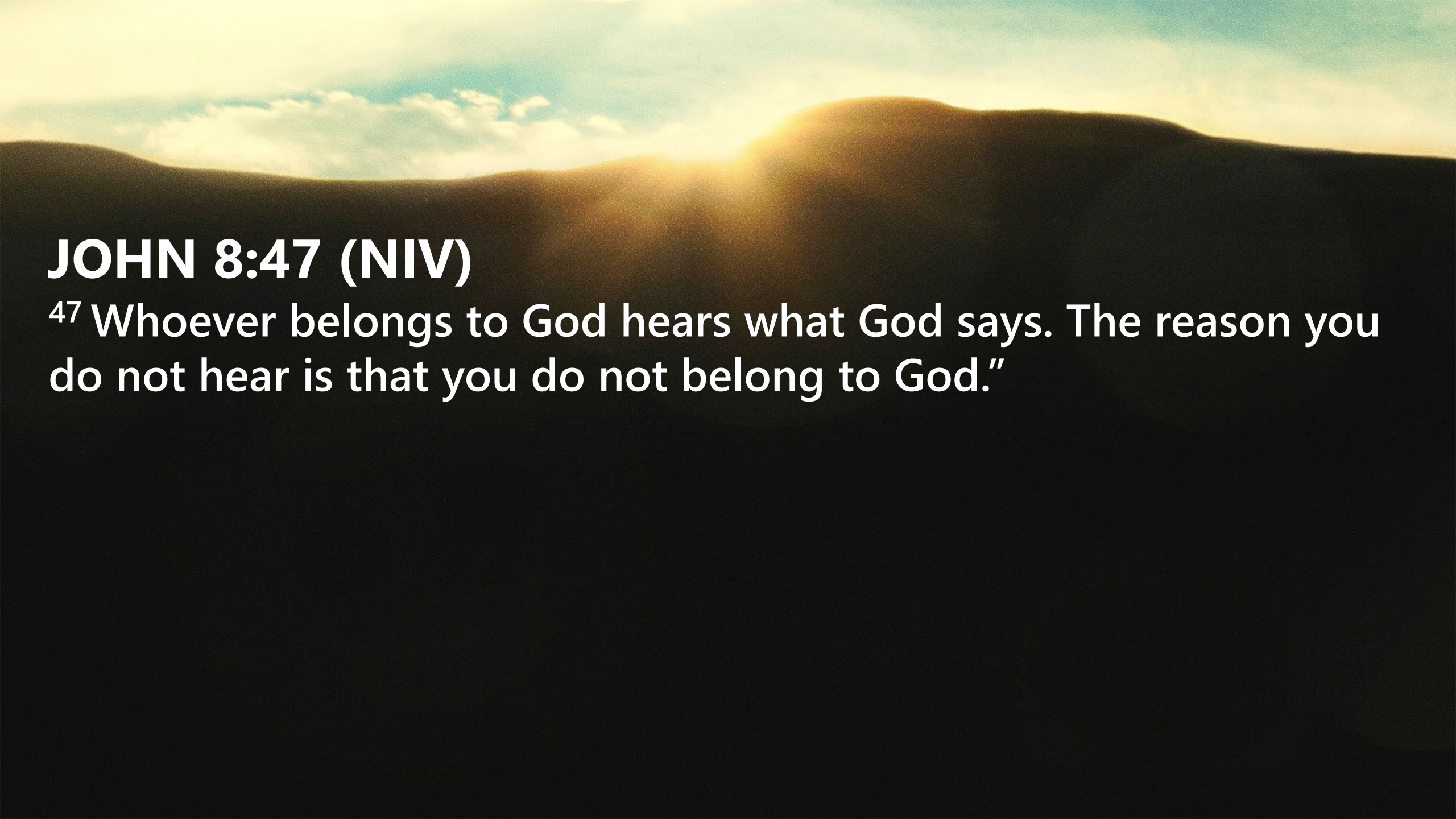
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FREEDOM HAS A FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

- We are...
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 - God's children
- Where is the family resemblance?



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JOHN 8:47 (NIV)

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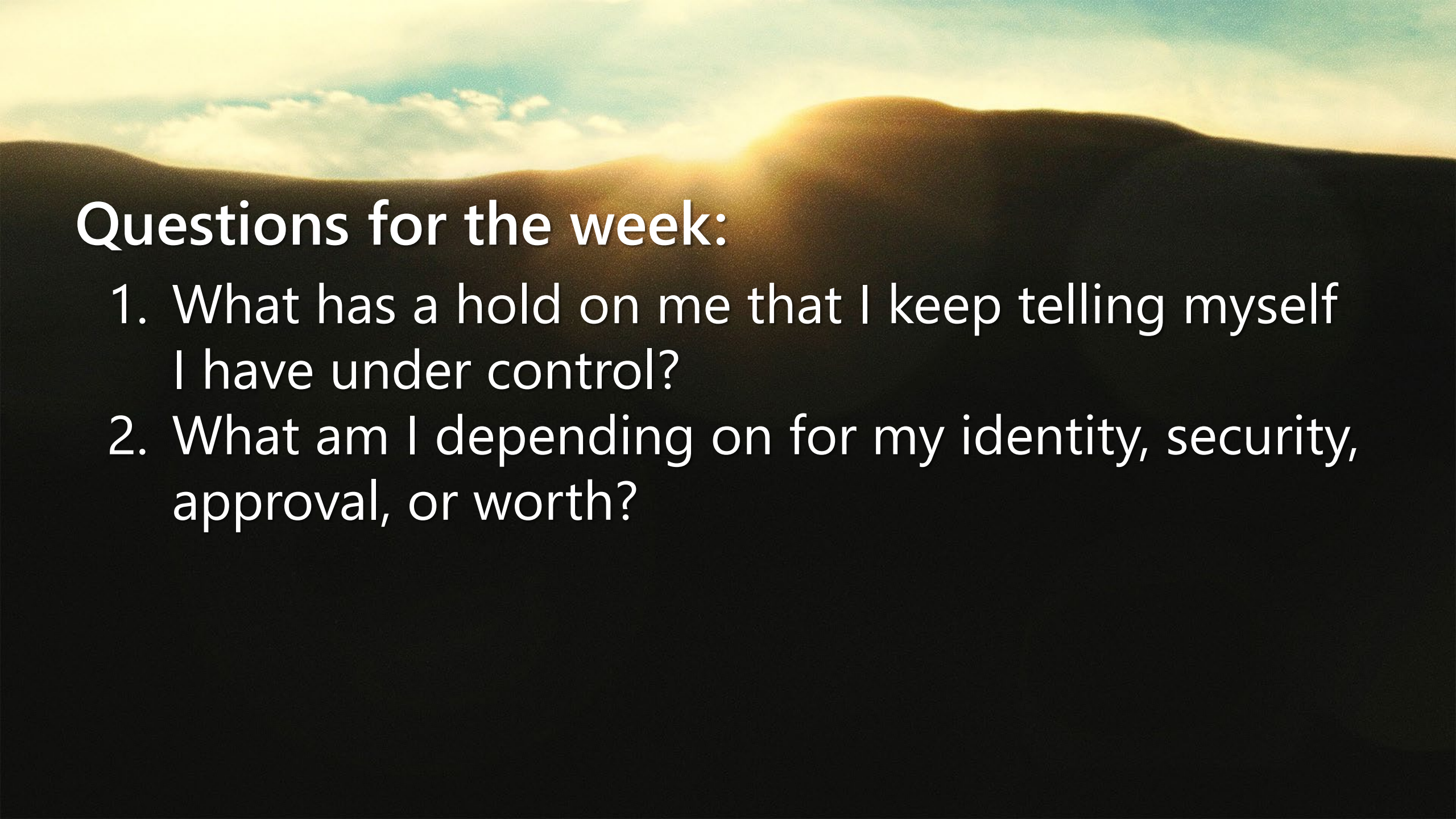
A photograph of a sunset over rolling hills. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a hill, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The hills in the foreground are dark and silhouetted.

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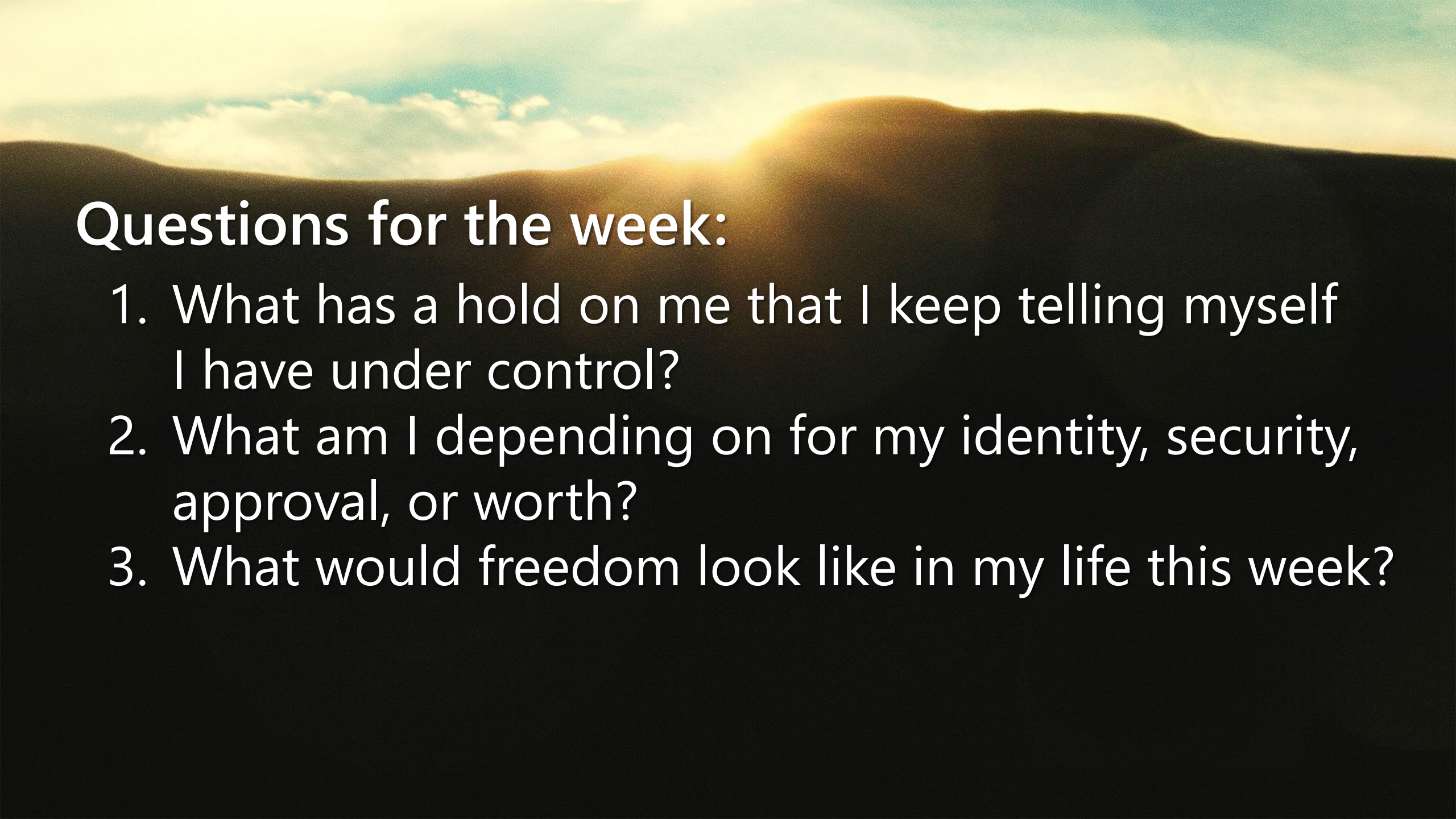
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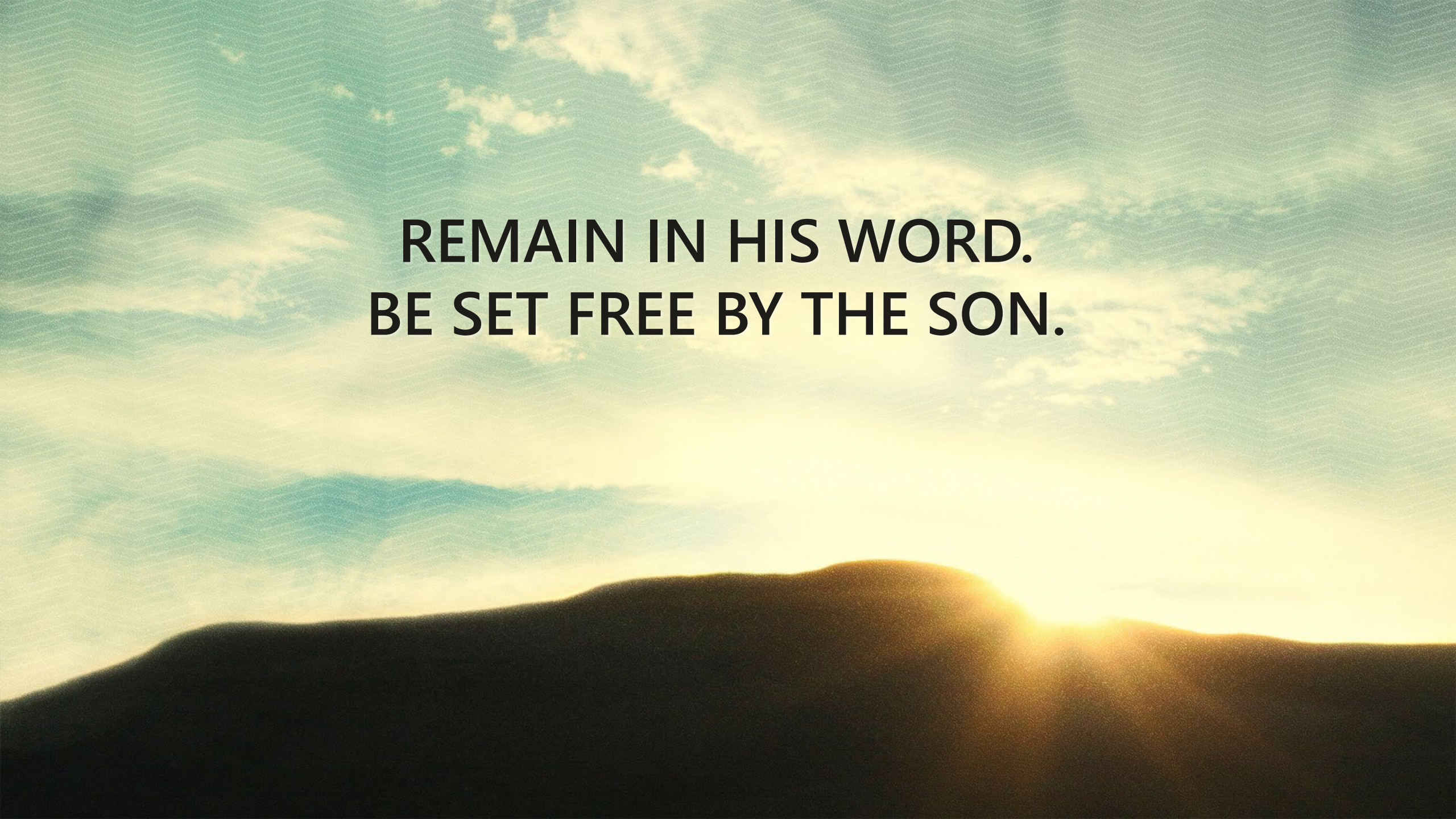
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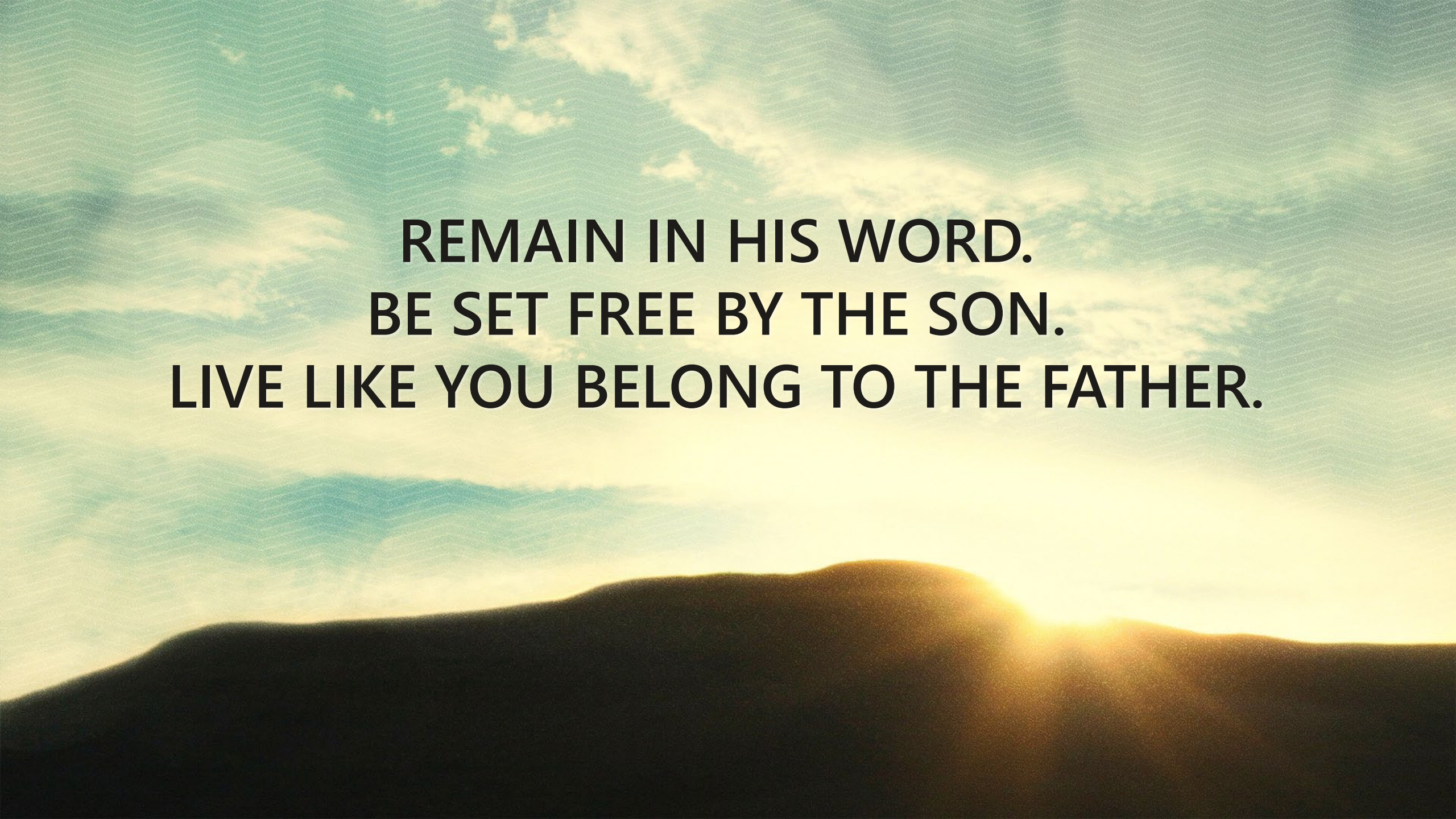
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REMAIN IN HIS WORD.



**REMAIN IN HIS WORD.
BE SET FREE BY THE SON.**



**REMAIN IN HIS WORD.
BE SET FREE BY THE SON.
LIVE LIKE YOU BELONG TO THE FATHER.**

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the right side of the horizon, partially obscured by a dark, silhouetted landmass. The sky is a mix of deep blue and lighter, hazy blue, with wispy white clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

ARE YOU REALLY FREE?

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36



