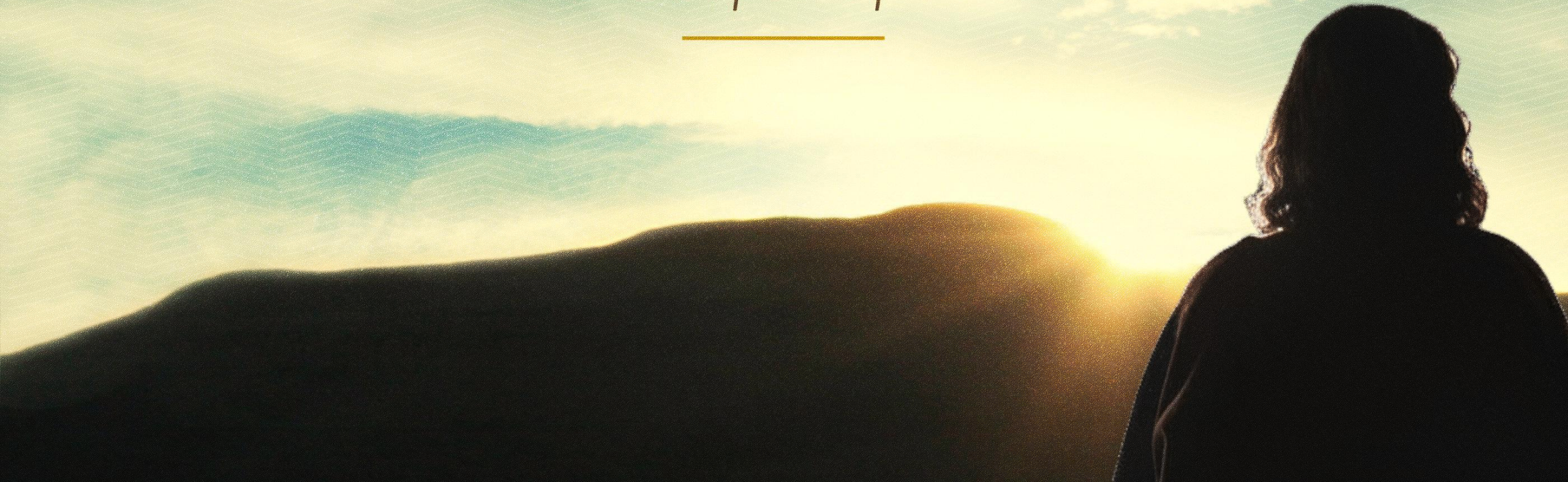


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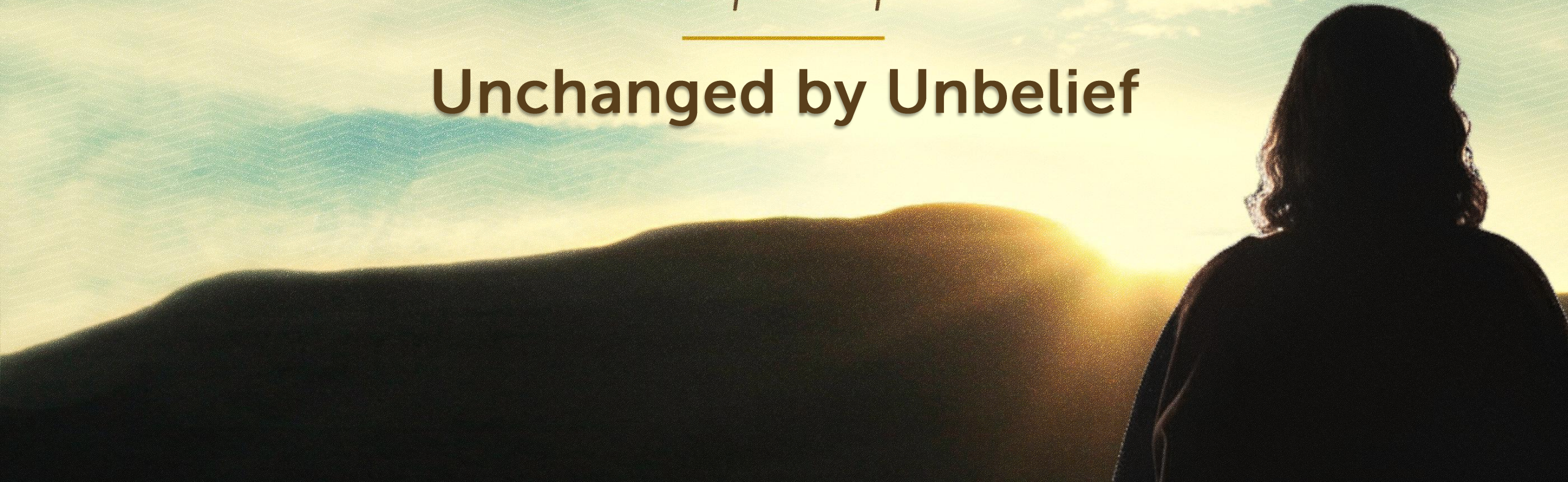
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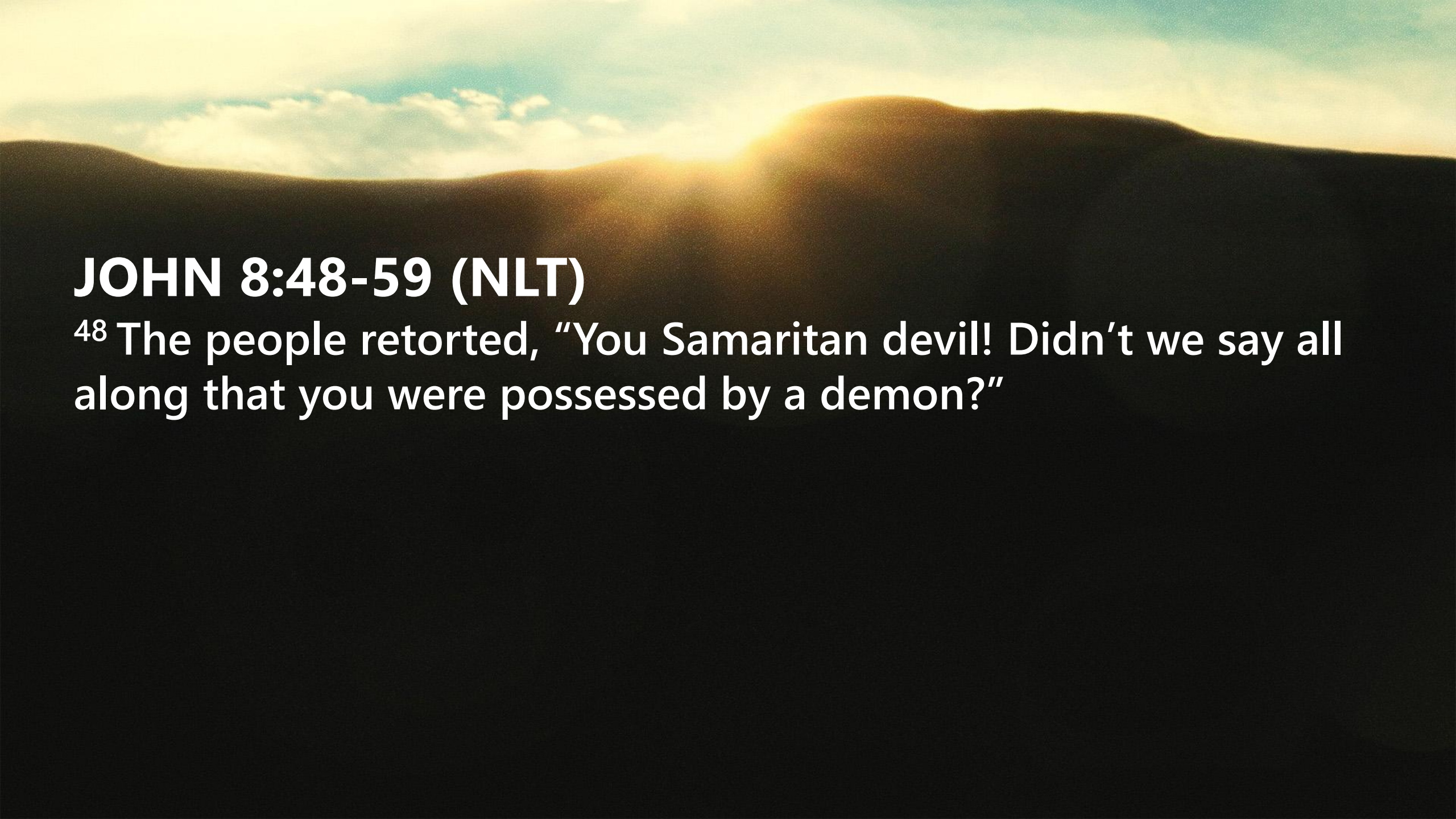


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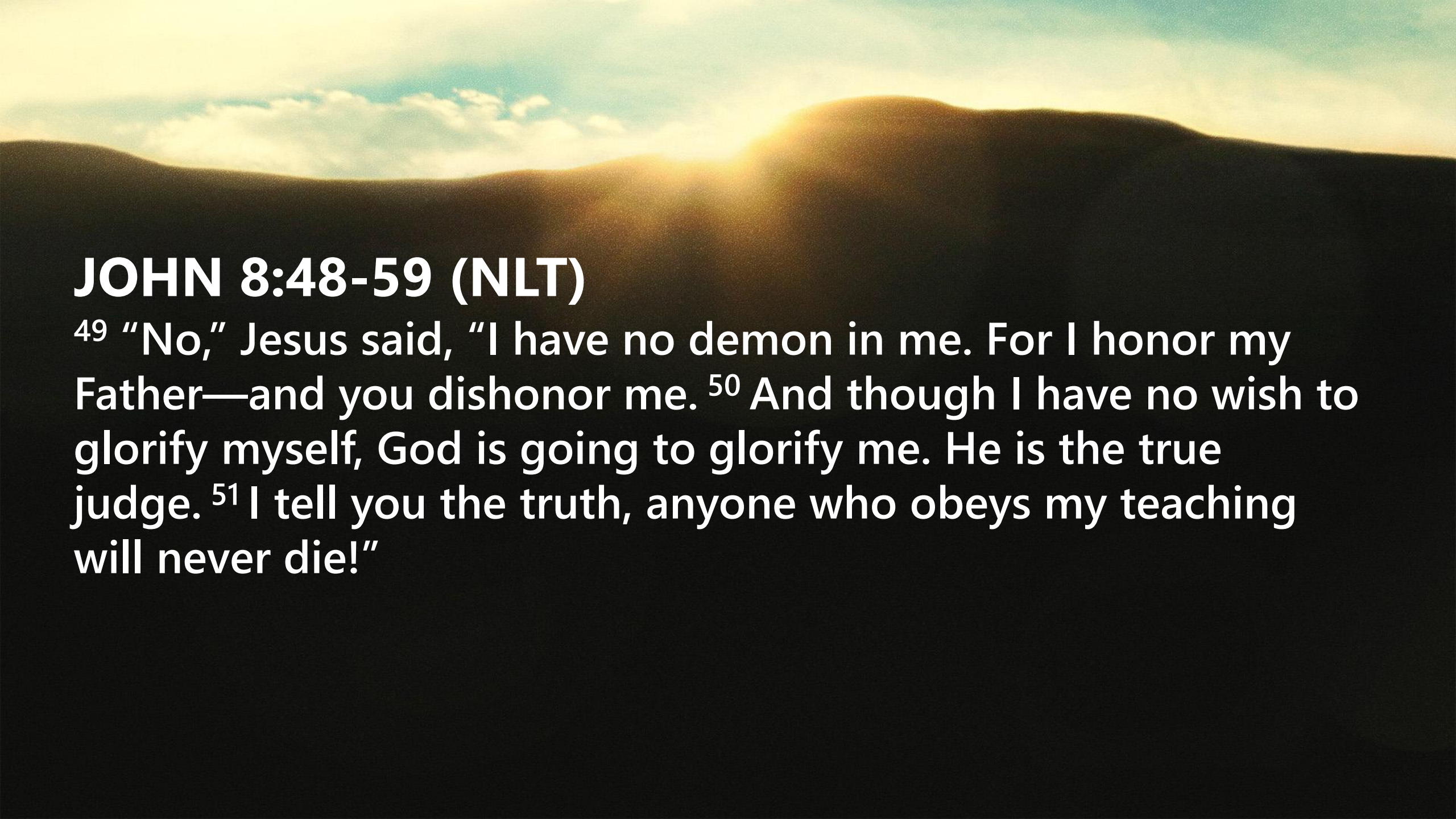
Unchanged by Unbelief



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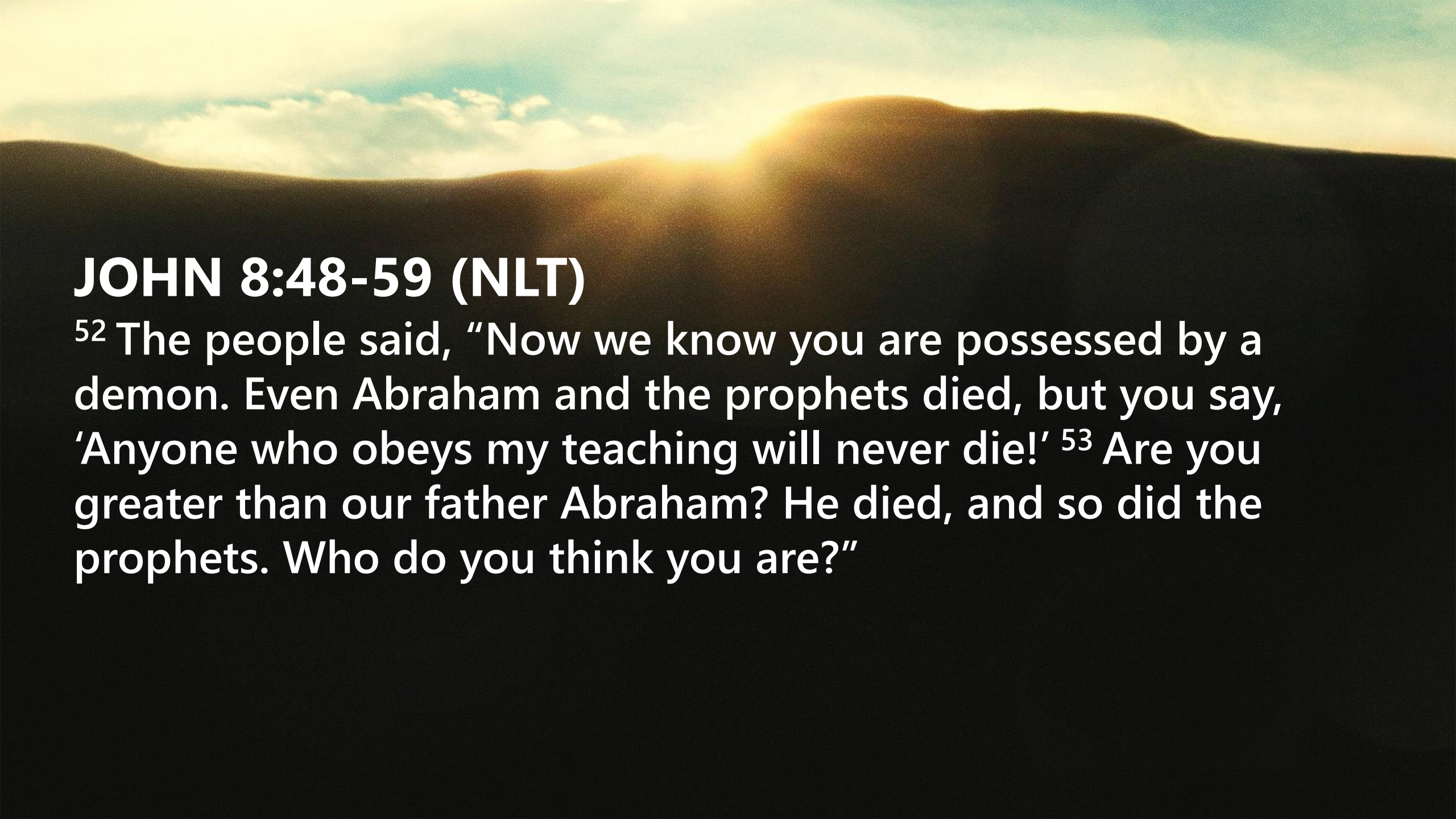
JOHN 8:48-59 (NLT)

⁴⁸ The people retorted, "You Samaritan devil! Didn't we say all along that you were possessed by a demon?"

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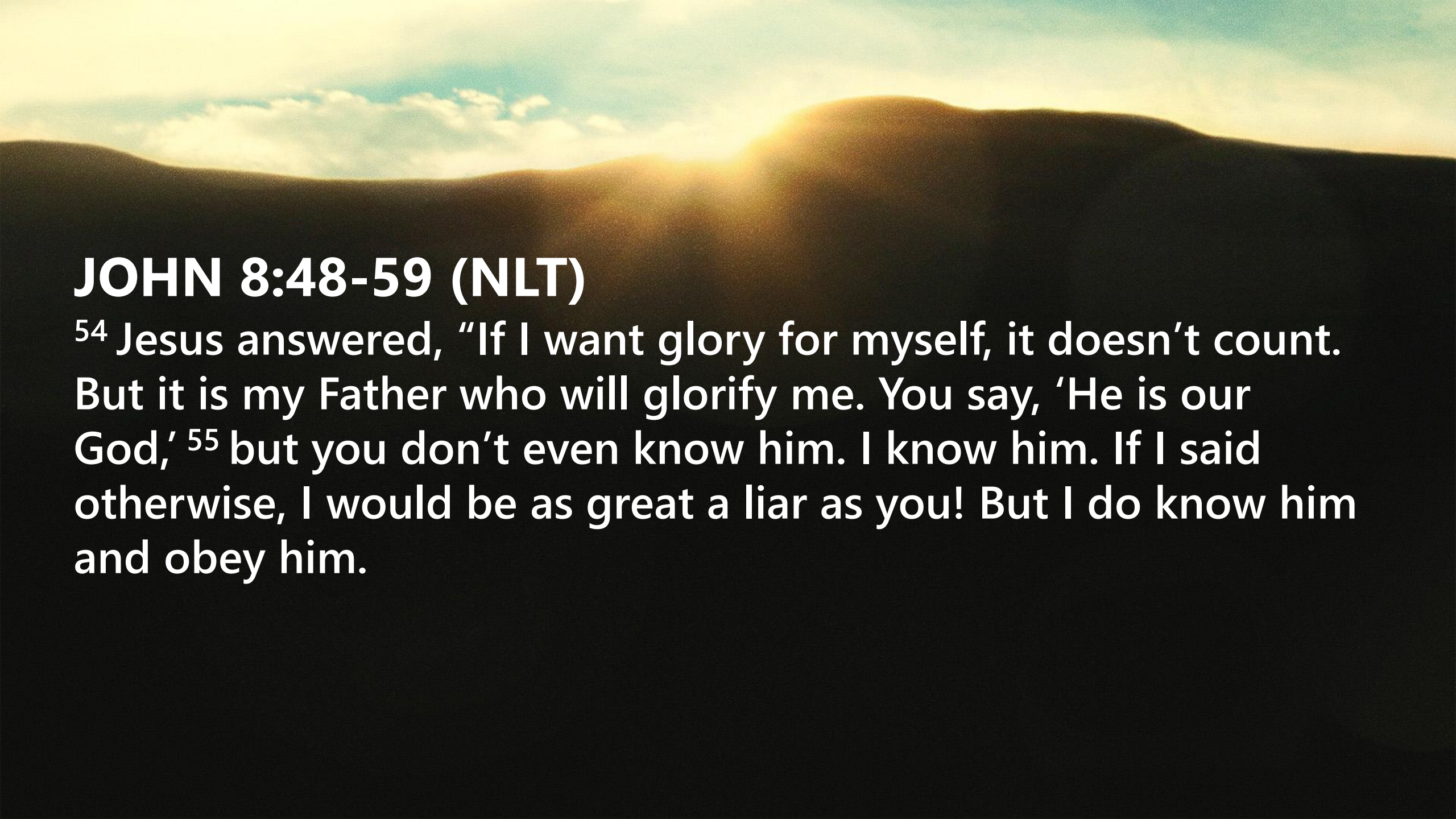
JOHN 8:48-59 (NLT)

⁴⁹ “No,” Jesus said, “I have no demon in me. For I honor my Father—and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ And though I have no wish to glorify myself, God is going to glorify me. He is the true judge. ⁵¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!”

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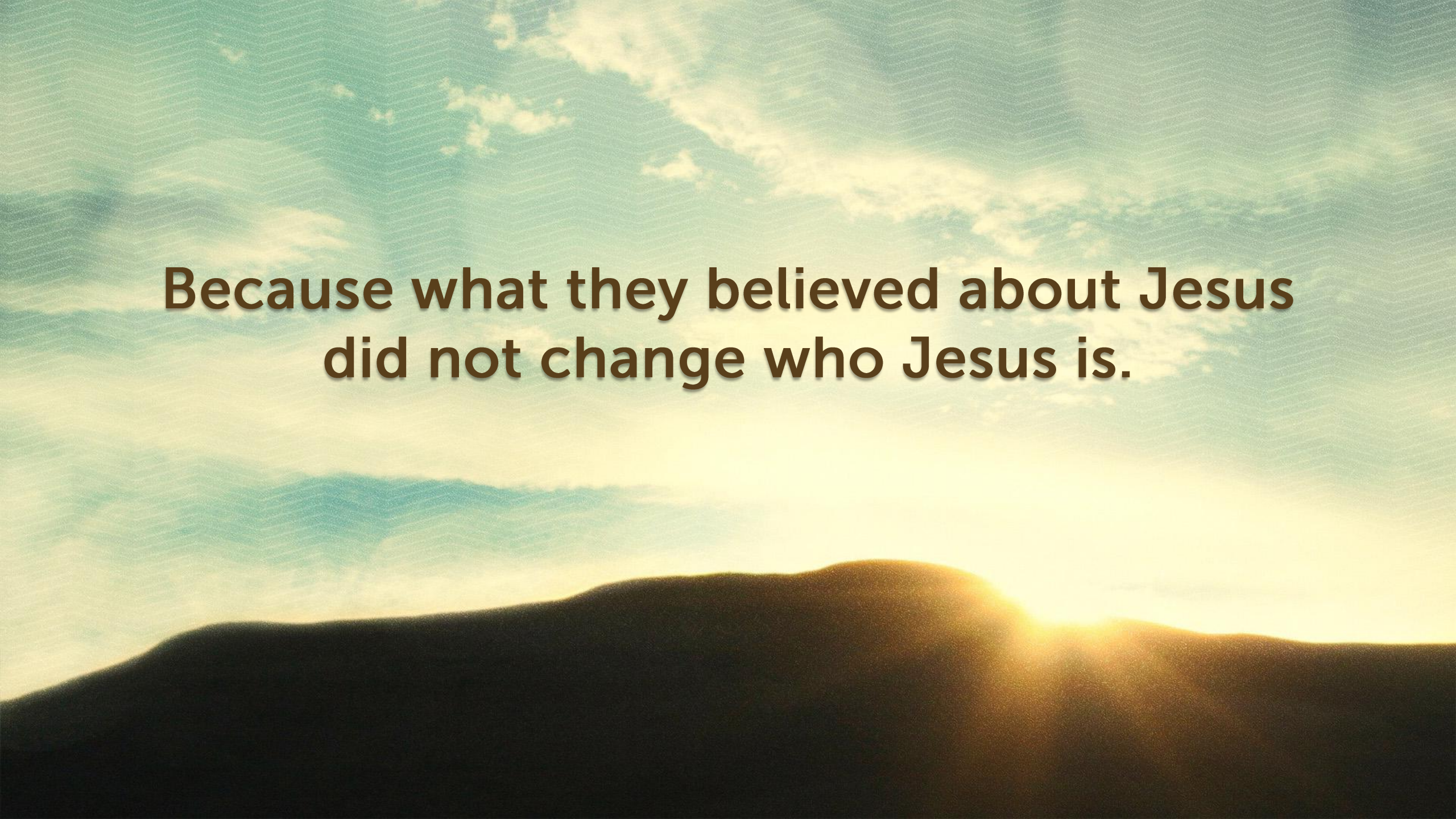
JOHN 8:48-59 (NLT)

⁵² The people said, "Now we know you are possessed by a demon. Even Abraham and the prophets died, but you say, 'Anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

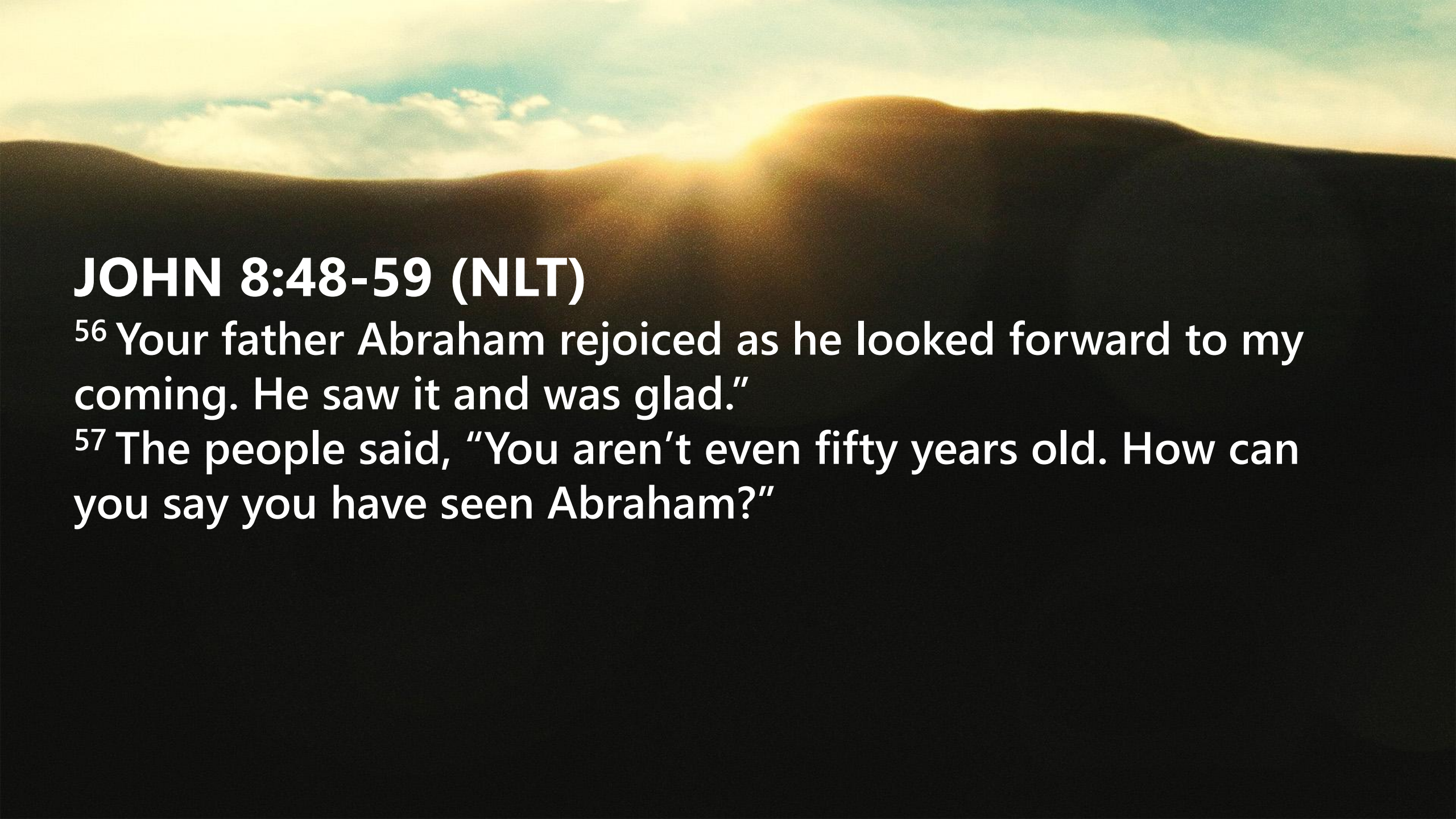
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JOHN 8:48-59 (NLT)

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I want glory for myself, it doesn't count. But it is my Father who will glorify me. You say, 'He is our God,' ⁵⁵ but you don't even know him. I know him. If I said otherwise, I would be as great a liar as you! But I do know him and obey him.



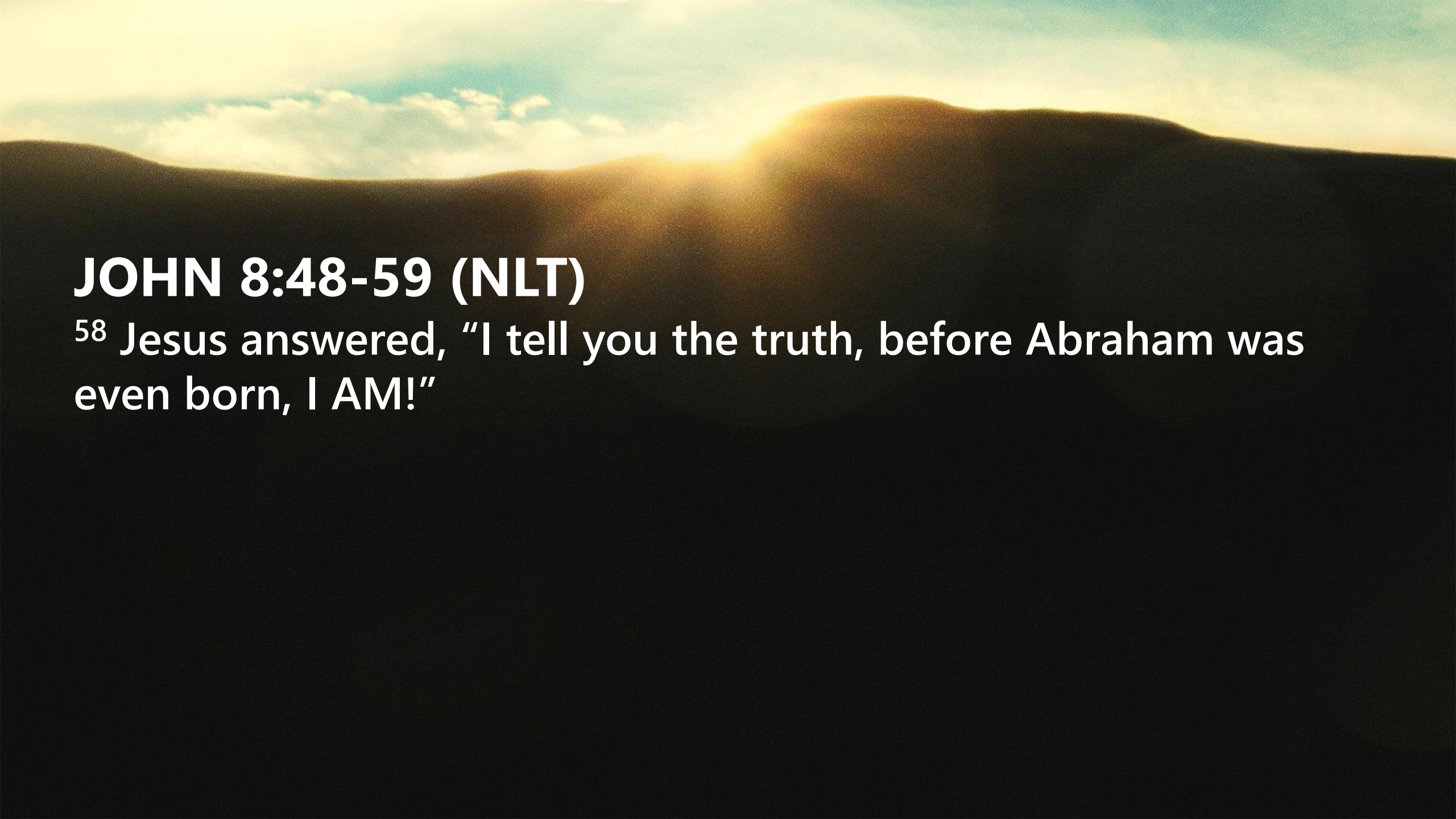
**Because what they believed about Jesus
did not change who Jesus is.**

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JOHN 8:48-59 (NLT)

⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced as he looked forward to my coming. He saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷ The people said, "You aren't even fifty years old. How can you say you have seen Abraham?"



JOHN 8:48-59 (NLT)

⁵⁸ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"

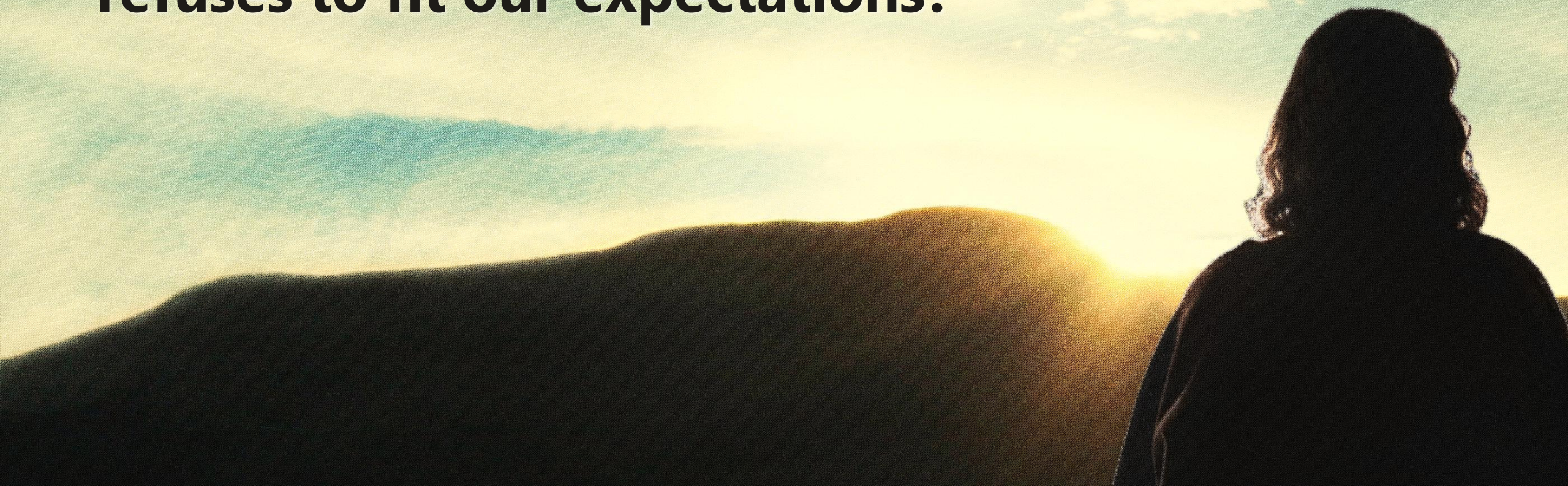
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⁵⁹ At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple.

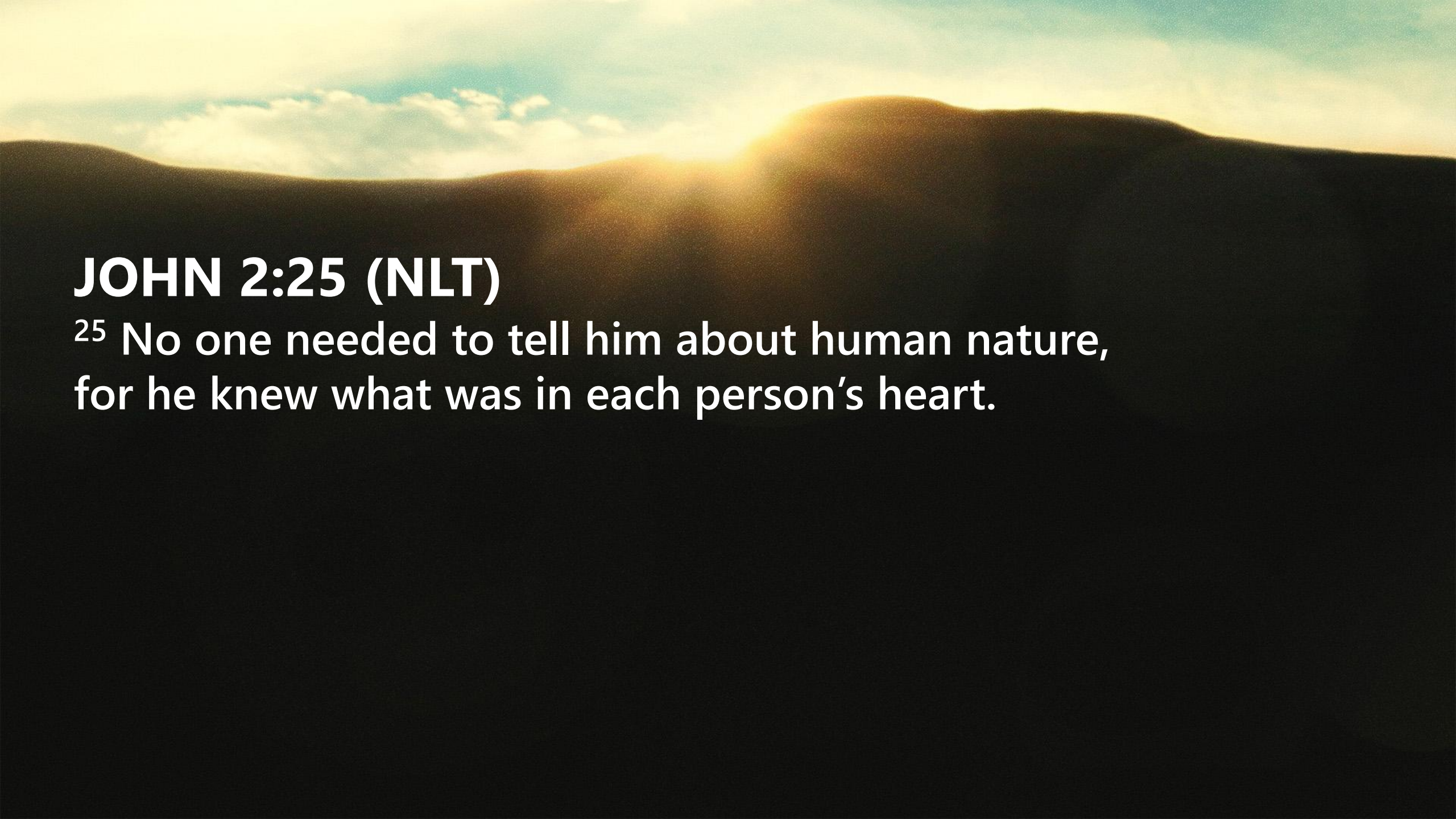
The question this passage asks isn't simply,
"Who is Jesus?"

The question is, "**What will we do when Jesus
refuses to fit our expectations?**"



1. Their hearts were hard.



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JOHN 2:25 (NLT)

²⁵ No one needed to tell him about human nature,
for he knew what was in each person's heart.

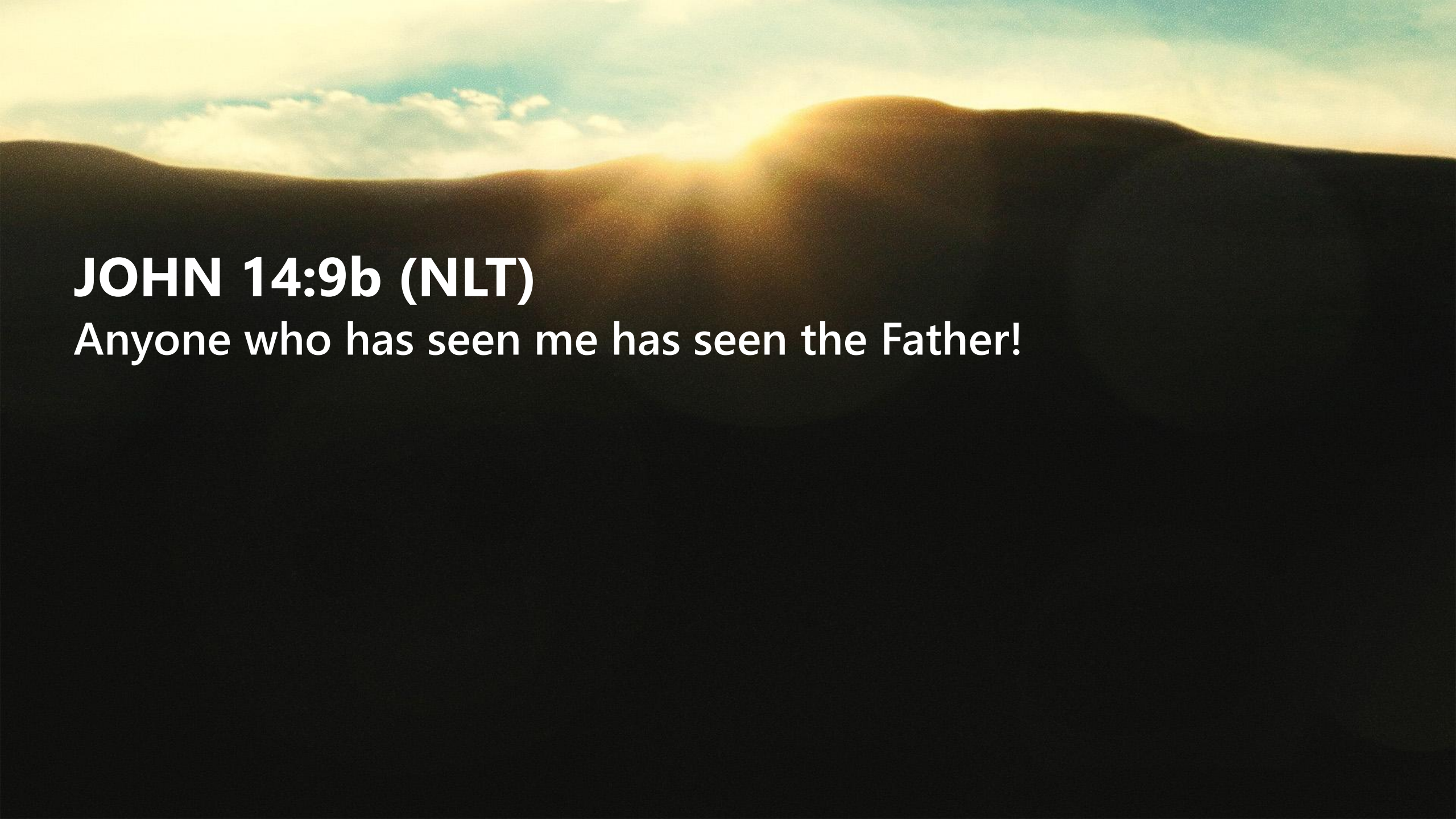
1. Their hearts were hard.
2. Their expectations blinded them.





HEBREWS 1:3a (NLT)

³ The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.

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JOHN 14:9b (NLT)

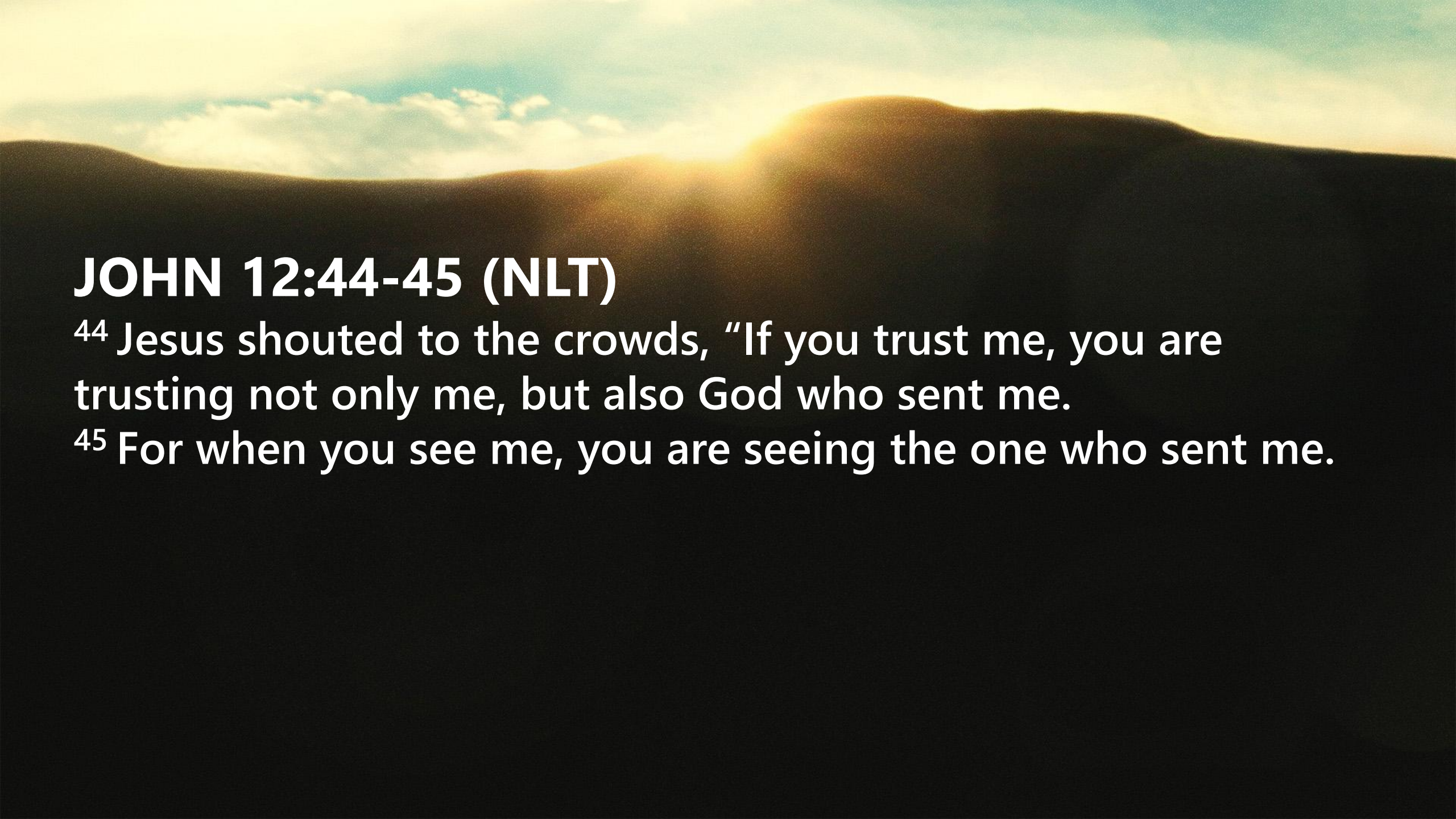
Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!

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COLOSSIANS 1:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.



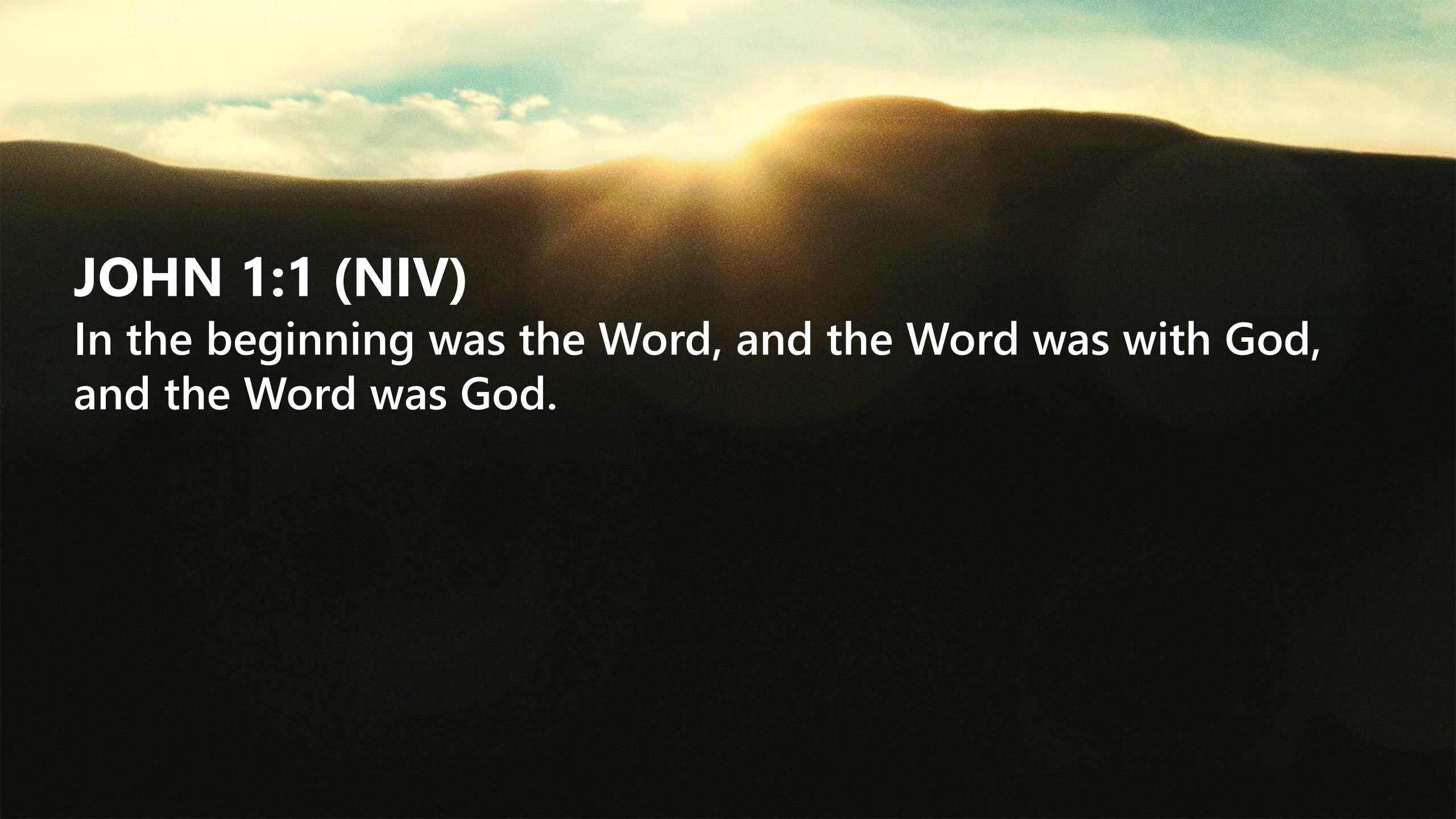
JOHN 12:44-45 (NLT)

⁴⁴ Jesus shouted to the crowds, "If you trust me, you are trusting not only me, but also God who sent me.

⁴⁵ For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me.

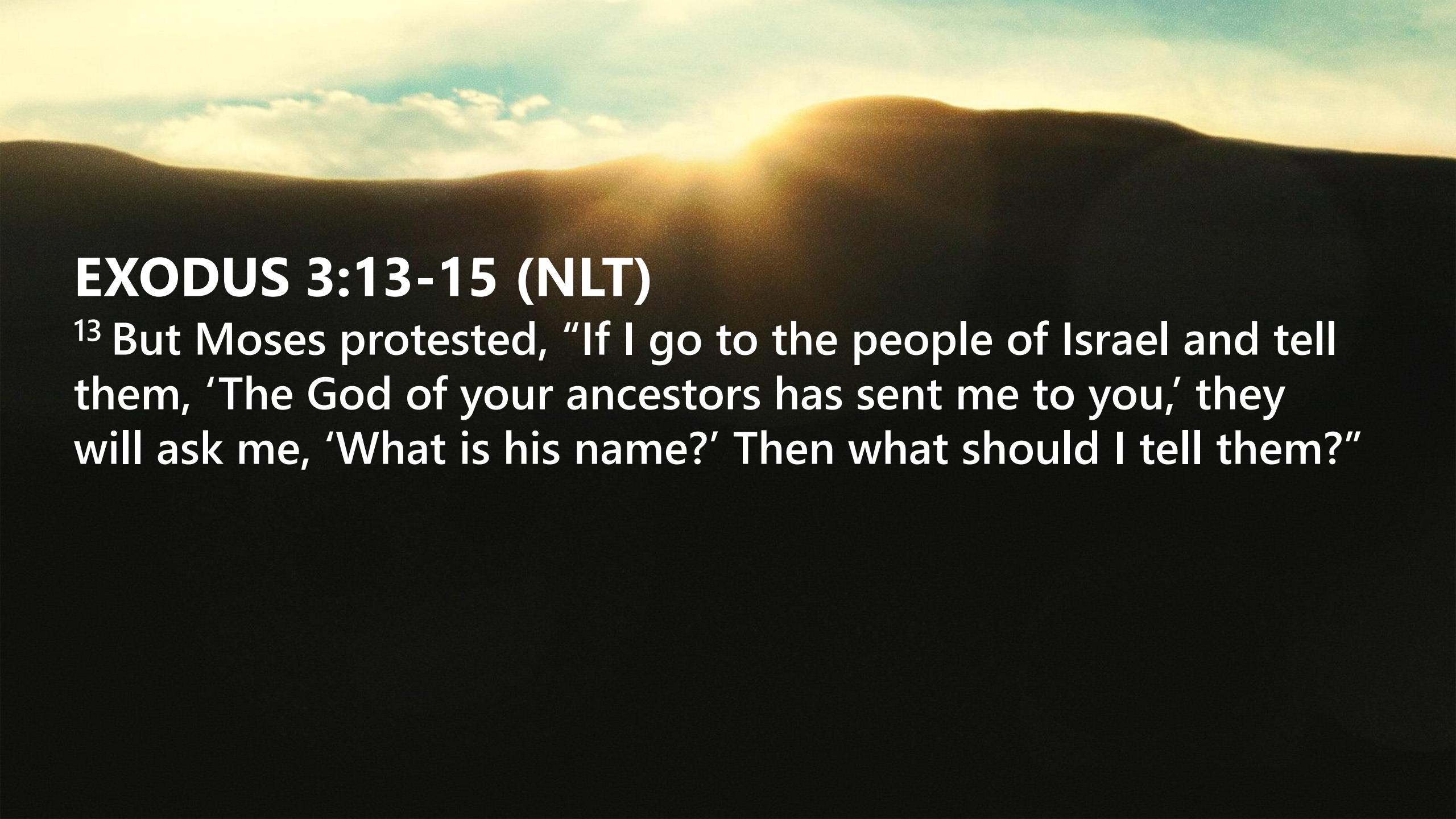
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2. Their expectations blinded them.
3. They missed the Great I AM.





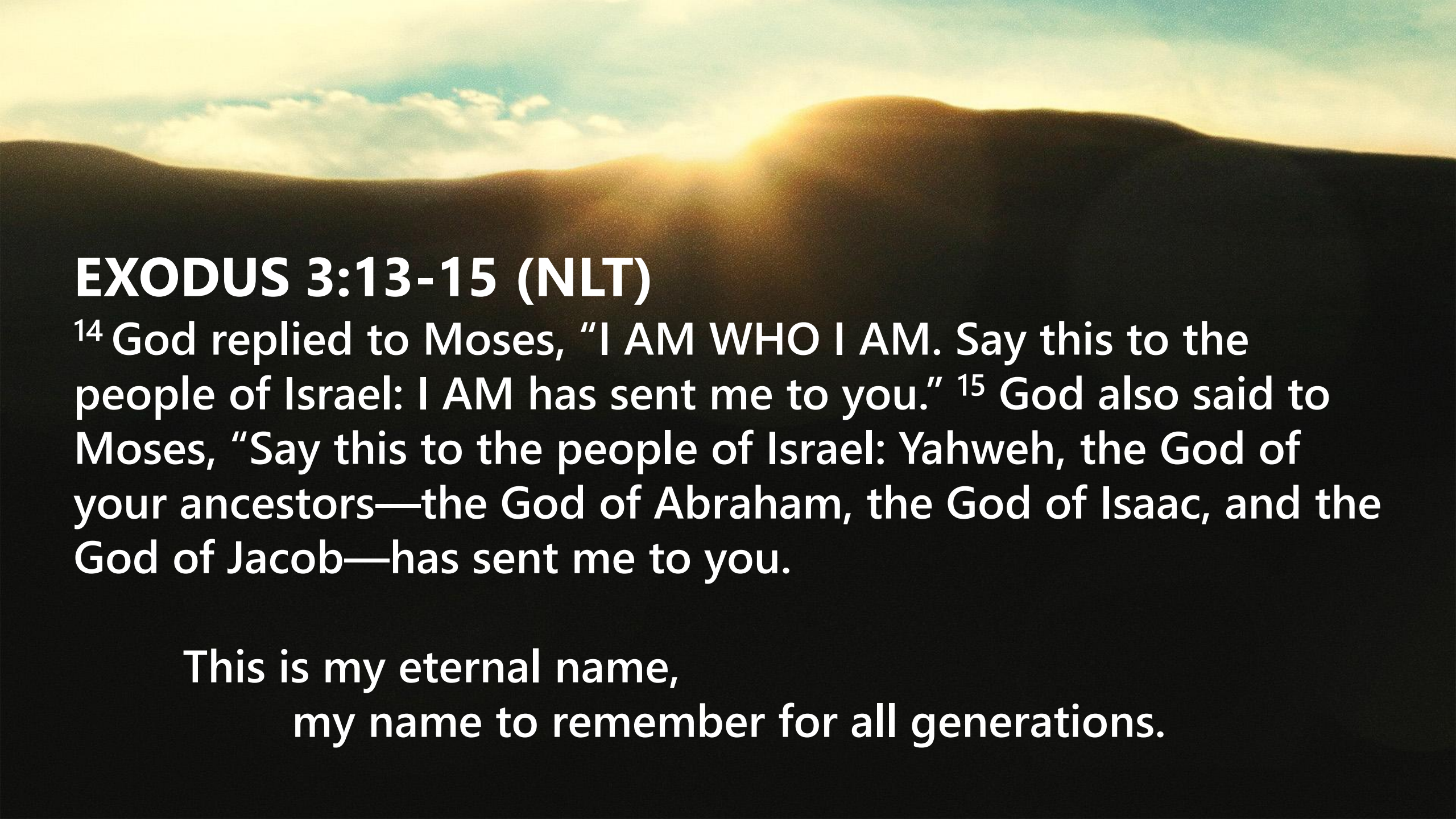
JOHN 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

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EXODUS 3:13-15 (NLT)

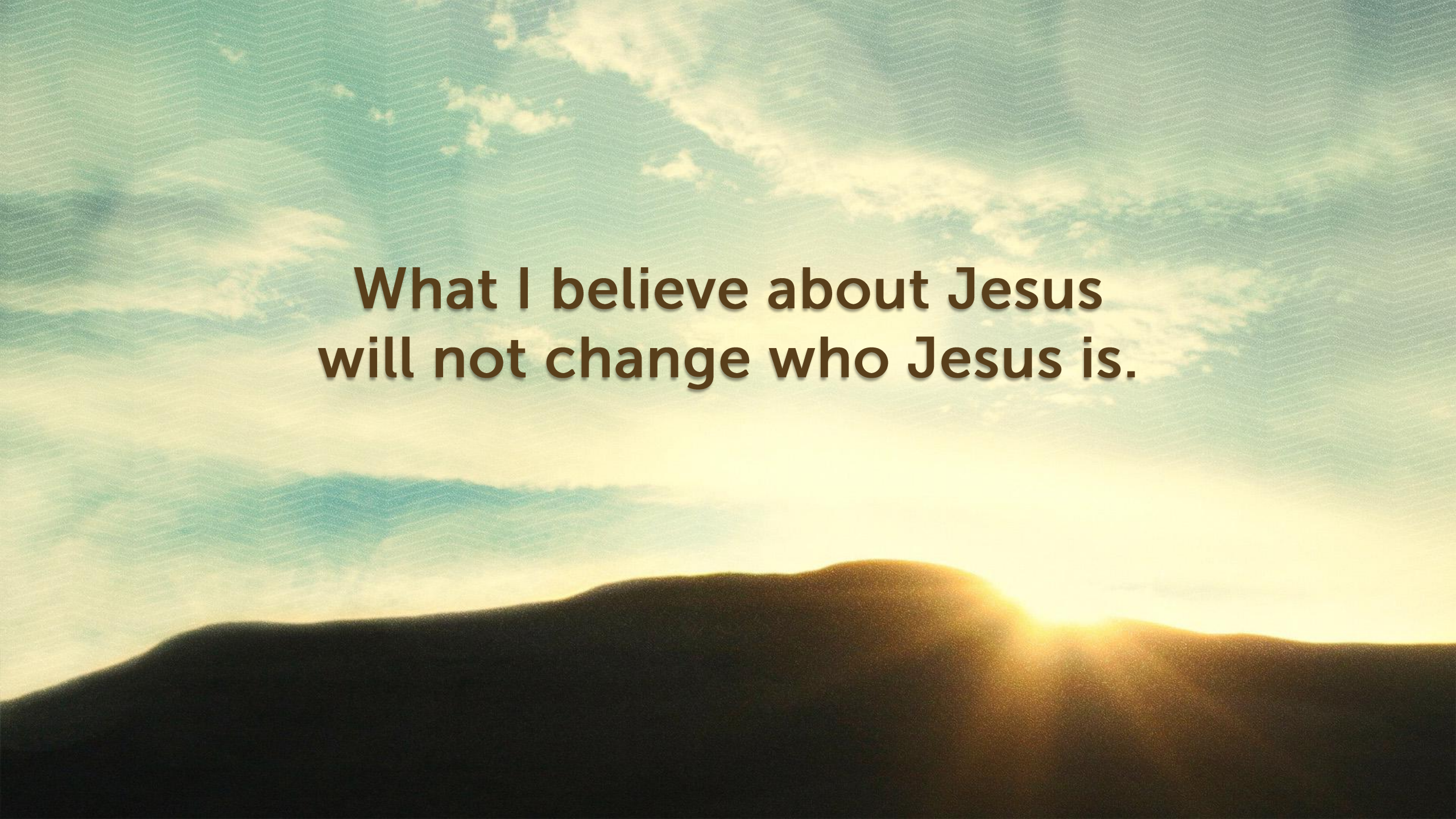
¹³ But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"



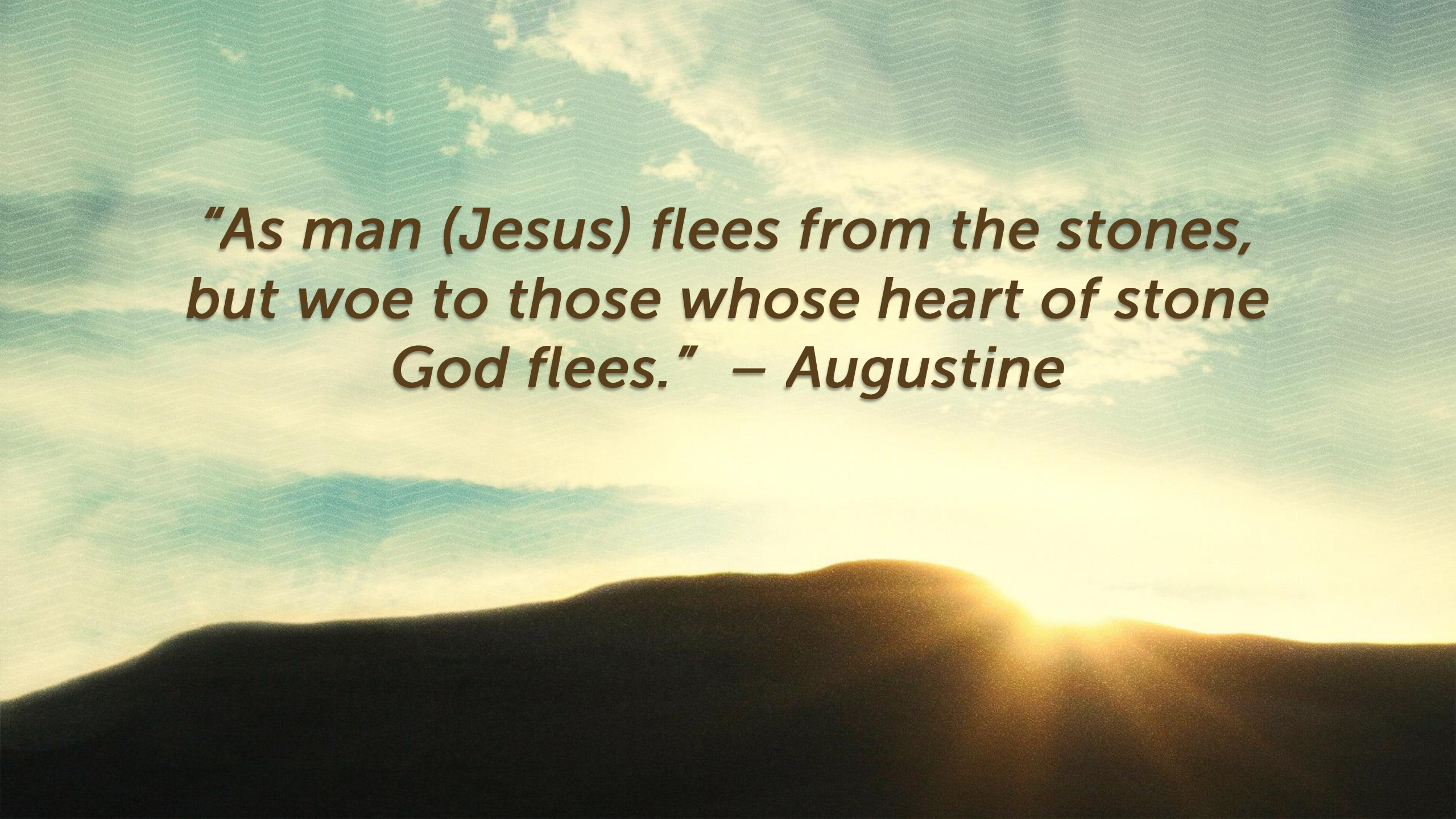
EXODUS 3:13-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you." ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

This is my eternal name,
my name to remember for all generations.

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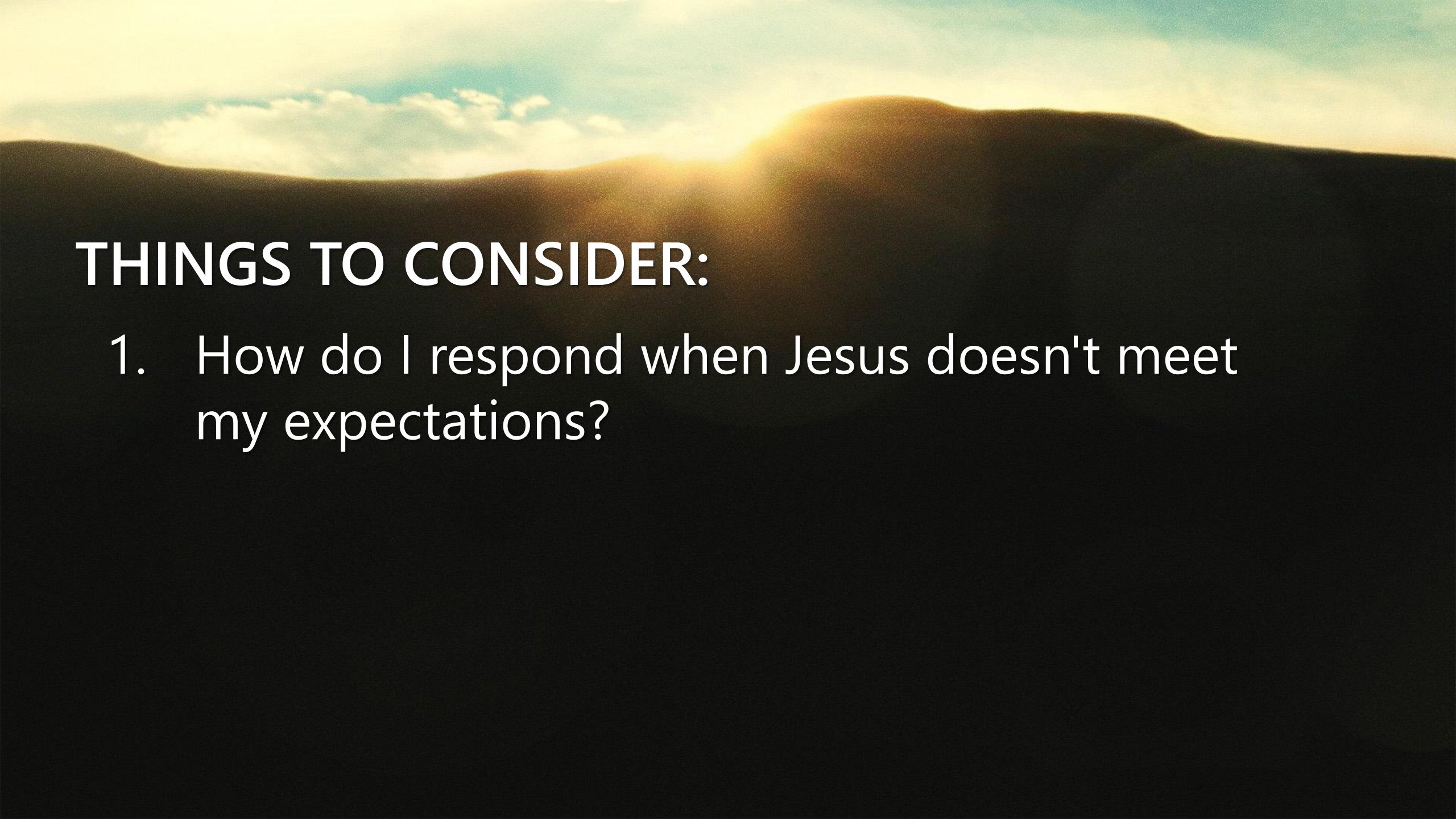
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***"As man (Jesus) flees from the stones,
but woe to those whose heart of stone
God flees." – Augustine***

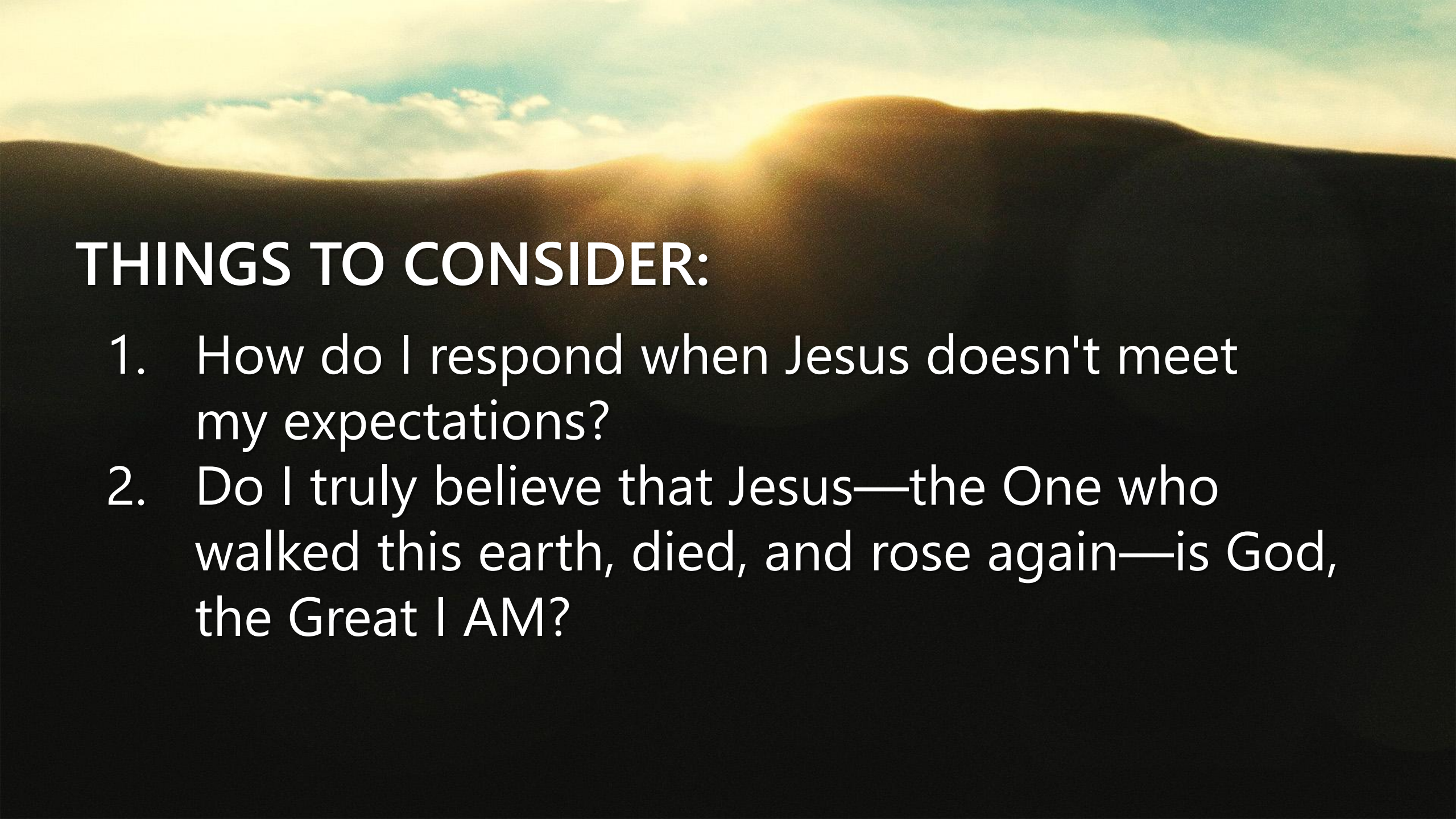
A photograph of a sunset over a range of dark, silhouetted hills. The sun is positioned behind a hill in the center-right, creating a bright glow and lens flare that illuminates the sky and the tops of the clouds. The sky is a mix of pale yellow and light blue. The foreground and the lower parts of the hills are in deep shadow.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

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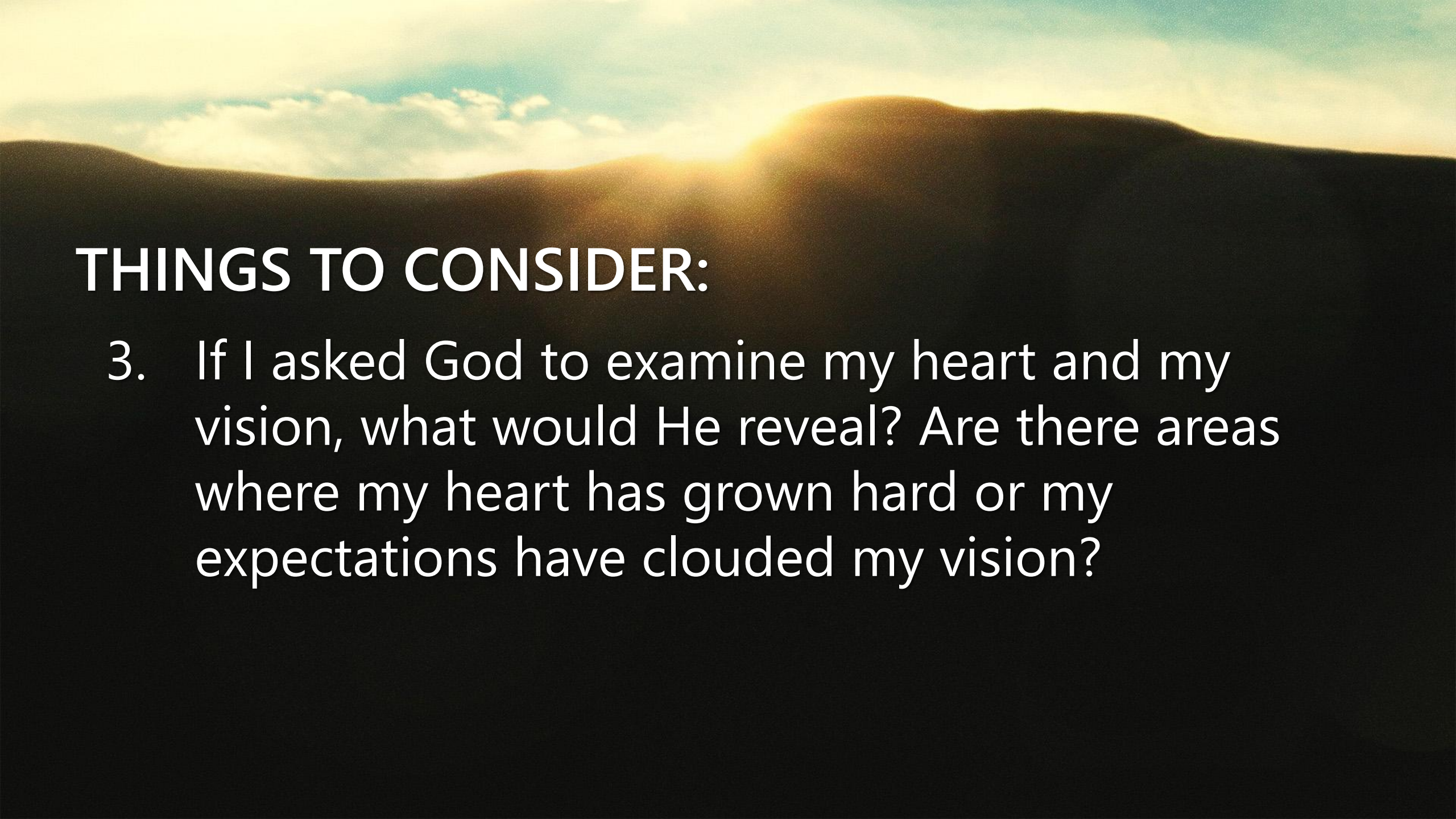
THINGS TO CONSIDER:

1. How do I respond when Jesus doesn't meet my expectations?

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THINGS TO CONSIDER:

1. How do I respond when Jesus doesn't meet my expectations?
2. Do I truly believe that Jesus—the One who walked this earth, died, and rose again—is God, the Great I AM?

A photograph of 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 orange, yellow, and light blue. The hills are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

3. If I asked God to examine my heart and my vision, what would He reveal? Are there areas where my heart has grown hard or my expectations have clouded my vision?





