

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, ...

JOHN 1: 1-3, 14-18

'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

JOHN 1: 1-3, 14-18



FOR THE LOVE

THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

shows that Jesus came from Abraham,
showing he was the Messiah promised
in the Hebrew Scriptures

MARK'S GOSPEL

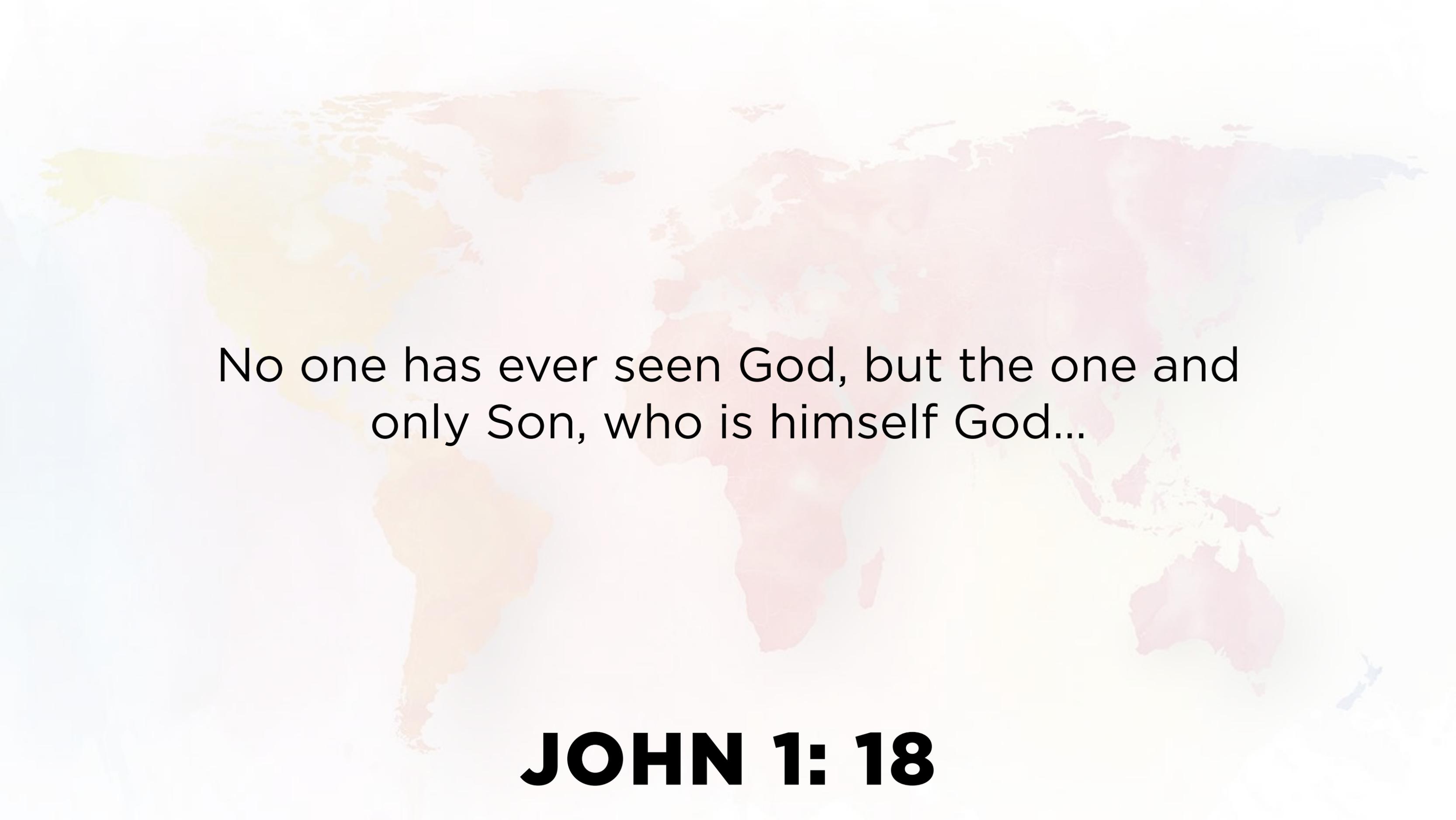
shows that Jesus came from Nazareth,
showing he was a humble servant

LUKE'S GOSPEL

shows that Jesus came from Adam,
showing he is the perfect man

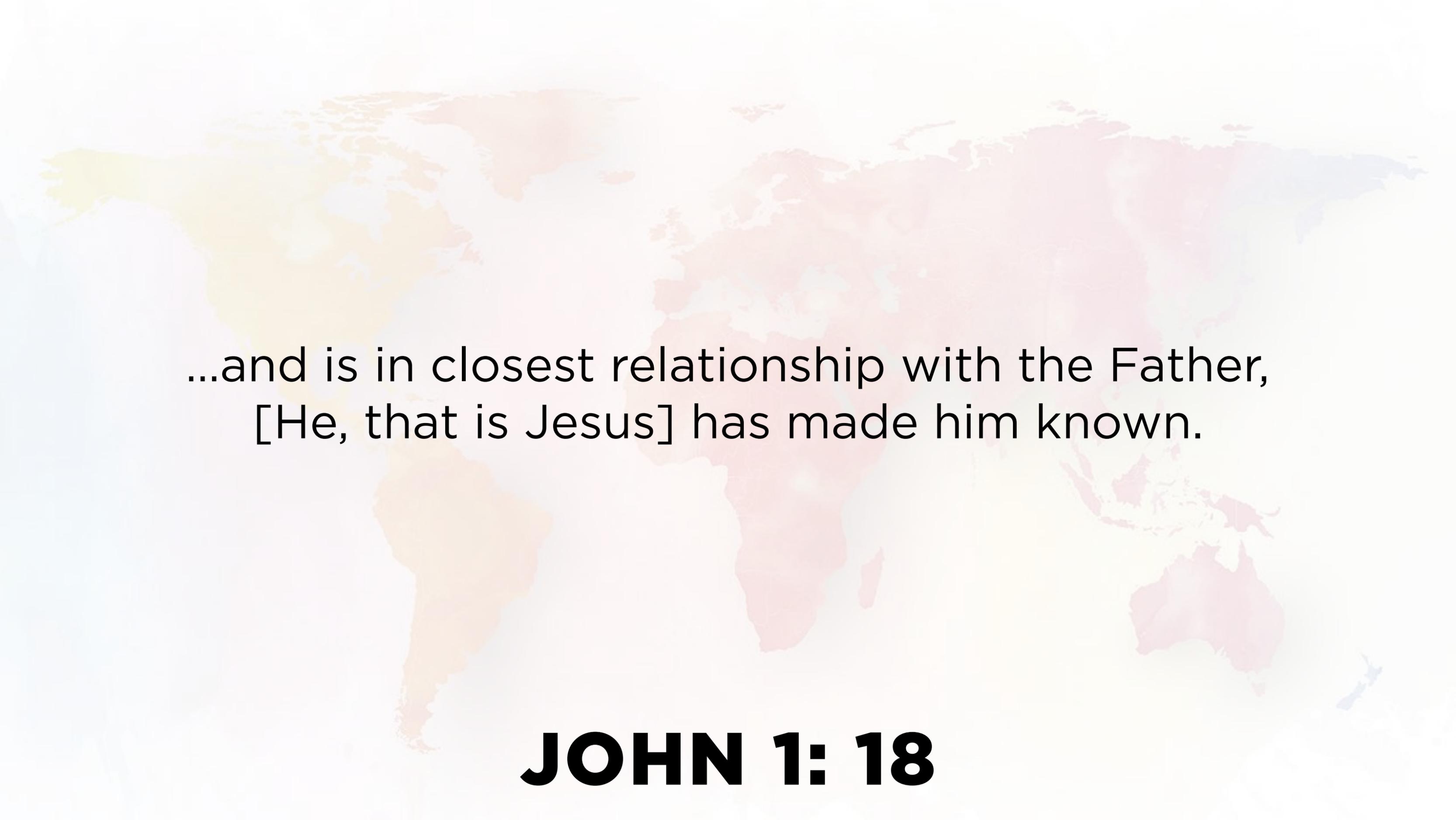
JOHN'S GOSPEL

shows that Jesus came from God



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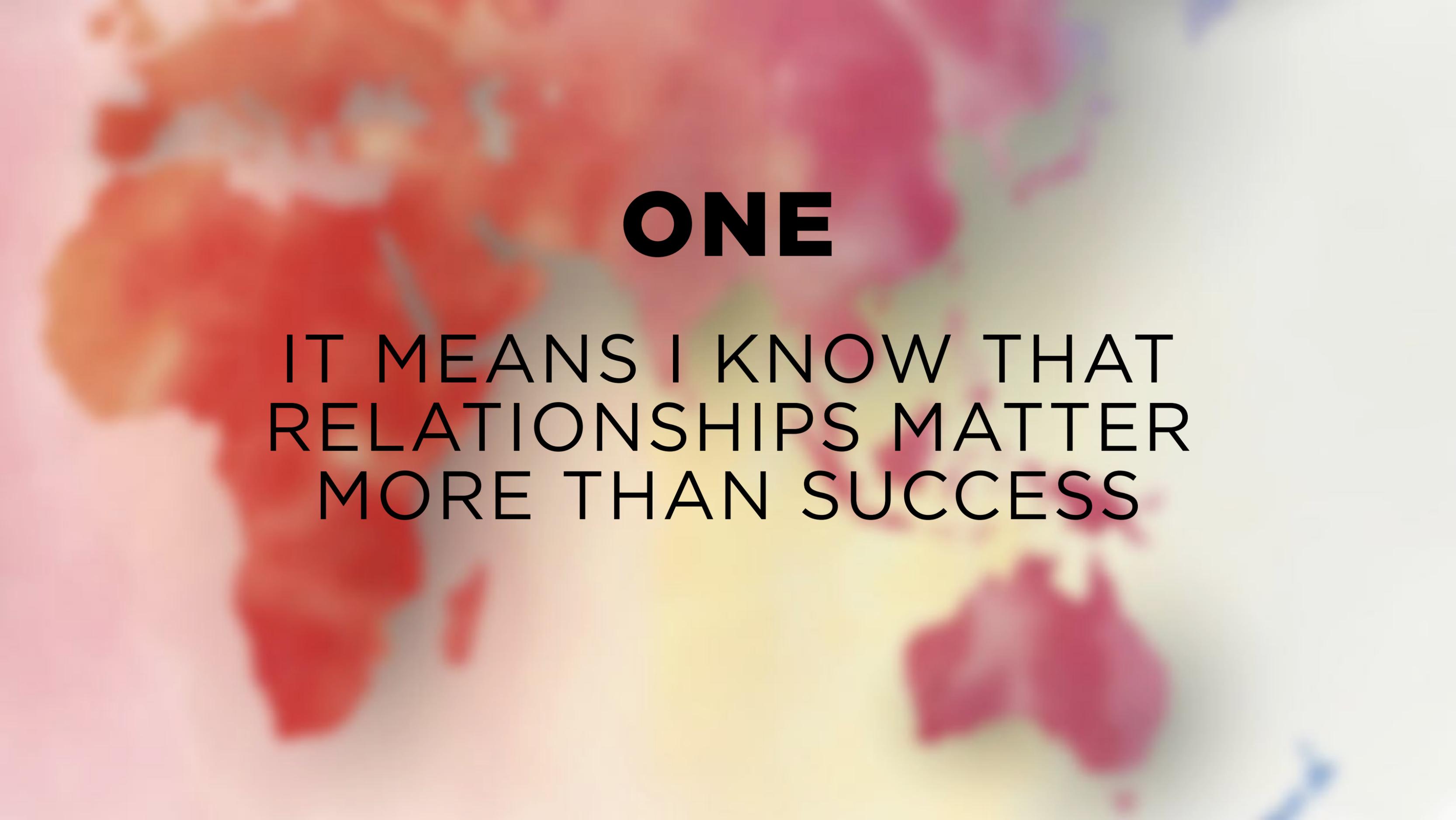
JOHN 1: 18



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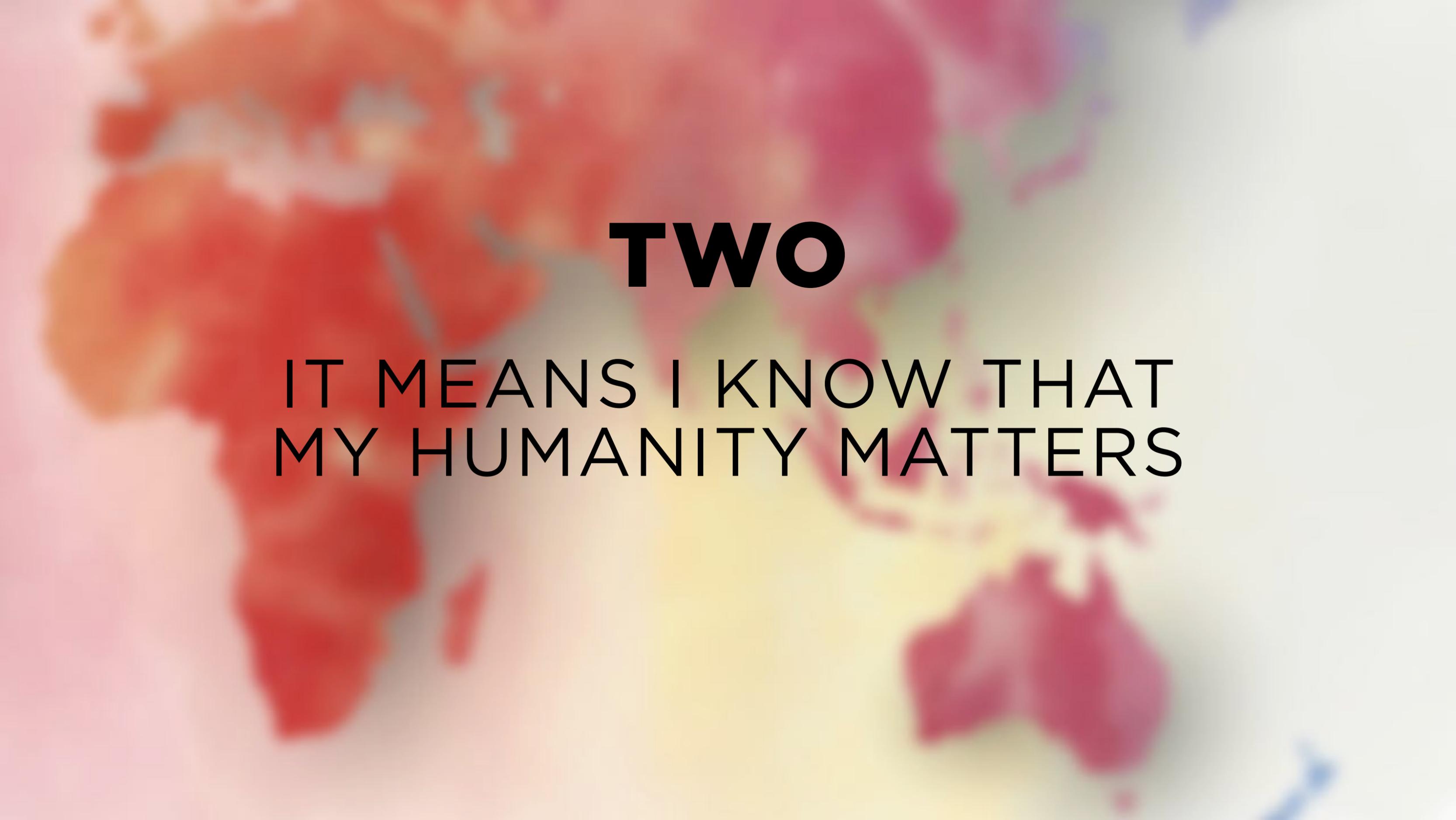
JOHN 1: 18

What does it mean
to be a Trinitarian people?



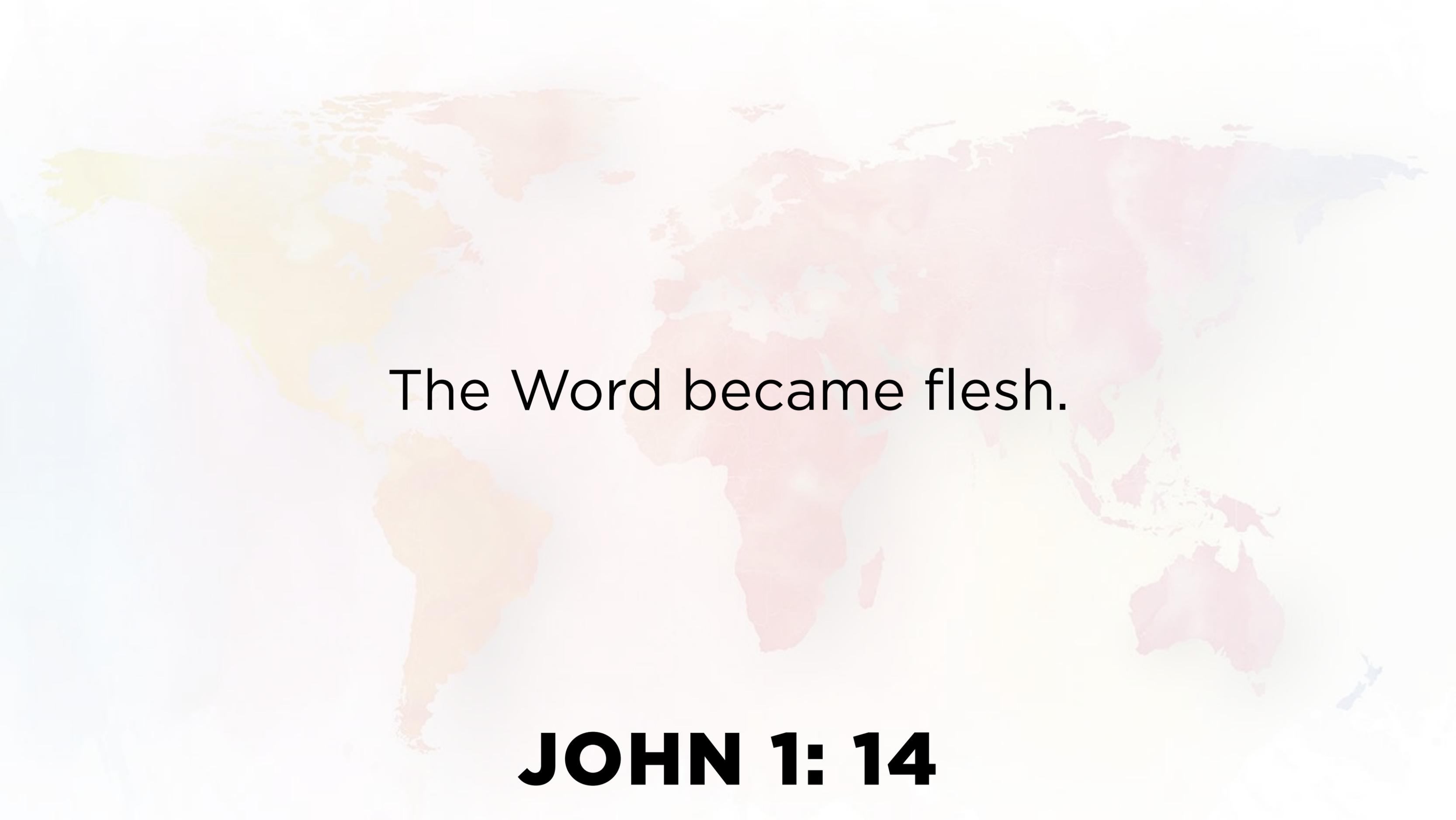
ONE

IT MEANS I KNOW THAT
RELATIONSHIPS MATTER
MORE THAN SUCCESS



TWO

IT MEANS I KNOW THAT
MY HUMANITY MATTERS



The Word became flesh.

JOHN 1: 14

*This is showing us that God
loves the humanity of humanity.*

HERE'S WHAT DEVALUING YOUR HUMANITY SOUNDS LIKE:

It sounds like ignoring your body:

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"Body? Who cares about rest and exercise and nutrition? I'm going to die anyway."

HERE'S WHAT DEVALUING YOUR HUMANITY SOUNDS LIKE:

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**"Feelings? Who cares how I feel?
That kind of stuff is for the weak."**

HERE'S WHAT DEVALUING YOUR HUMANITY SOUNDS LIKE:

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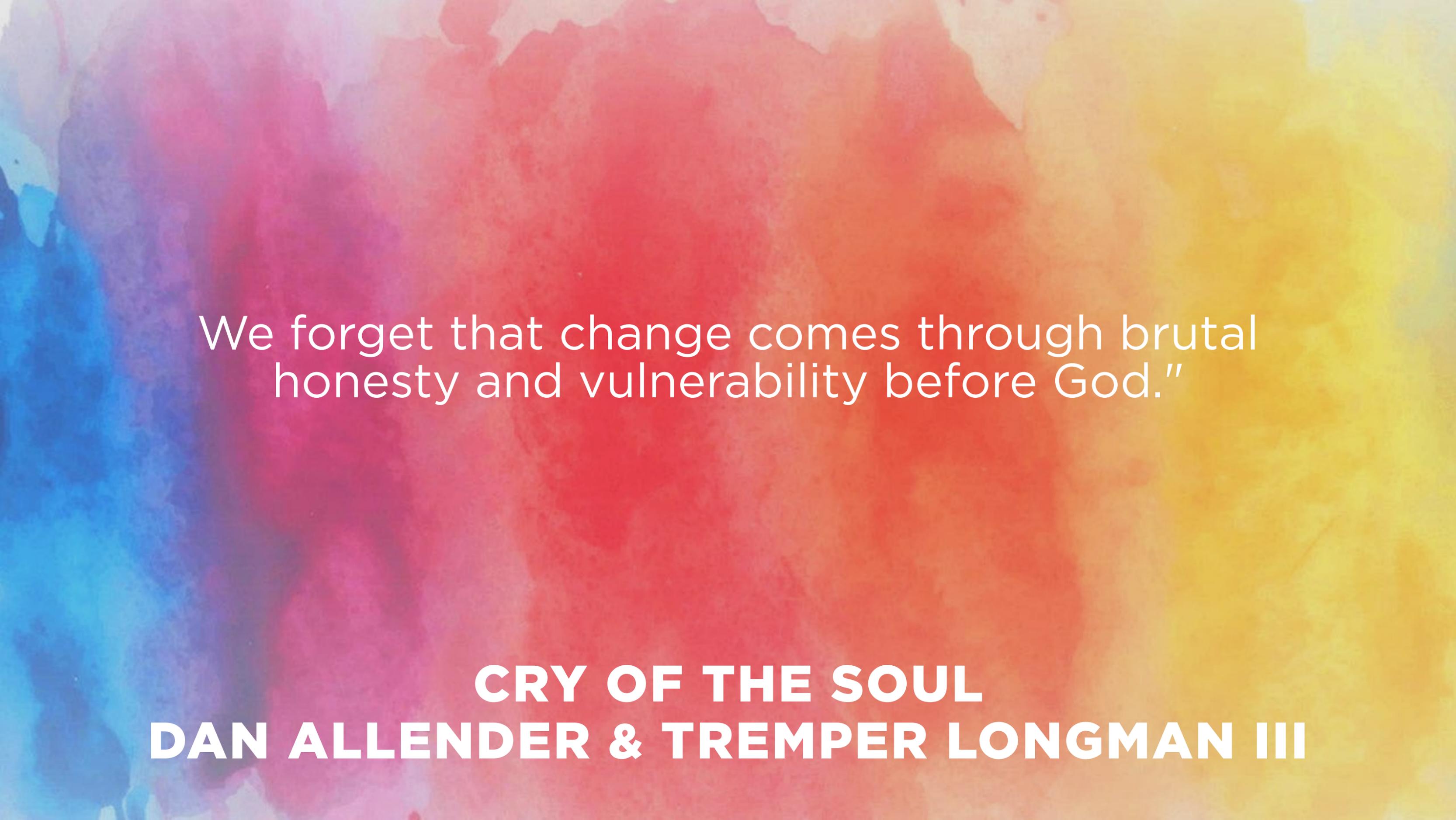
**"Develop my intellect?
The heart is what counts."**

"Ignoring our emotions is turning our back on reality; listening to our emotions ushers us into reality. And reality is where we meet God.... emotions are the language of the soul. They are the cry that gives the heart a voice...however, we often turn a deaf ear—through emotional denial, distortion, or disengagement. ...

CRY OF THE SOUL
DAN ALLENDER & TREMPER LONGMAN III

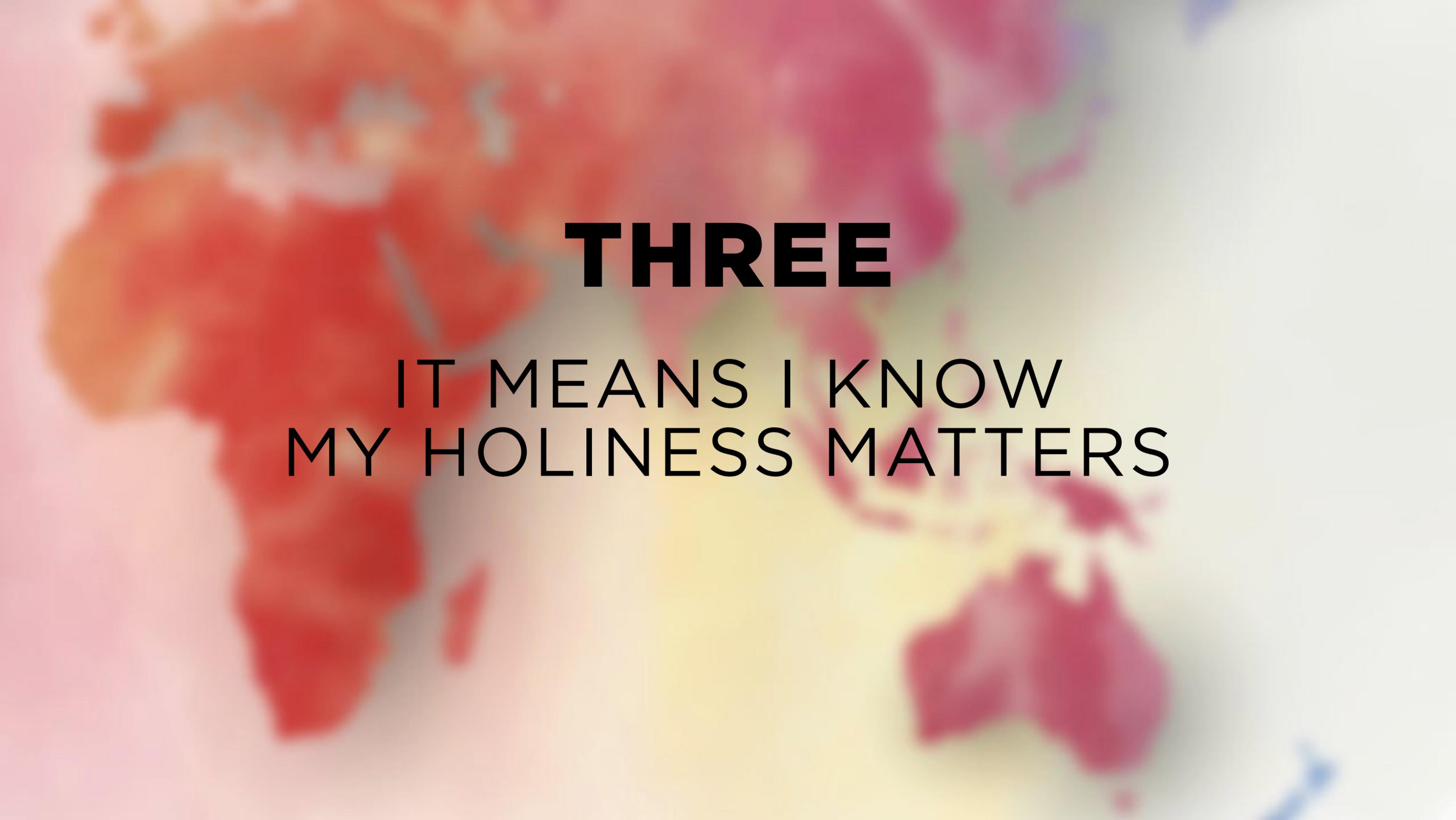
We strain out anything disturbing in order to gain tenuous control of our inner world. We are frightened and ashamed of what leaks into our consciousness. In neglecting our intense emotions, we are false to ourselves and lose a wonderful opportunity to know God. ...

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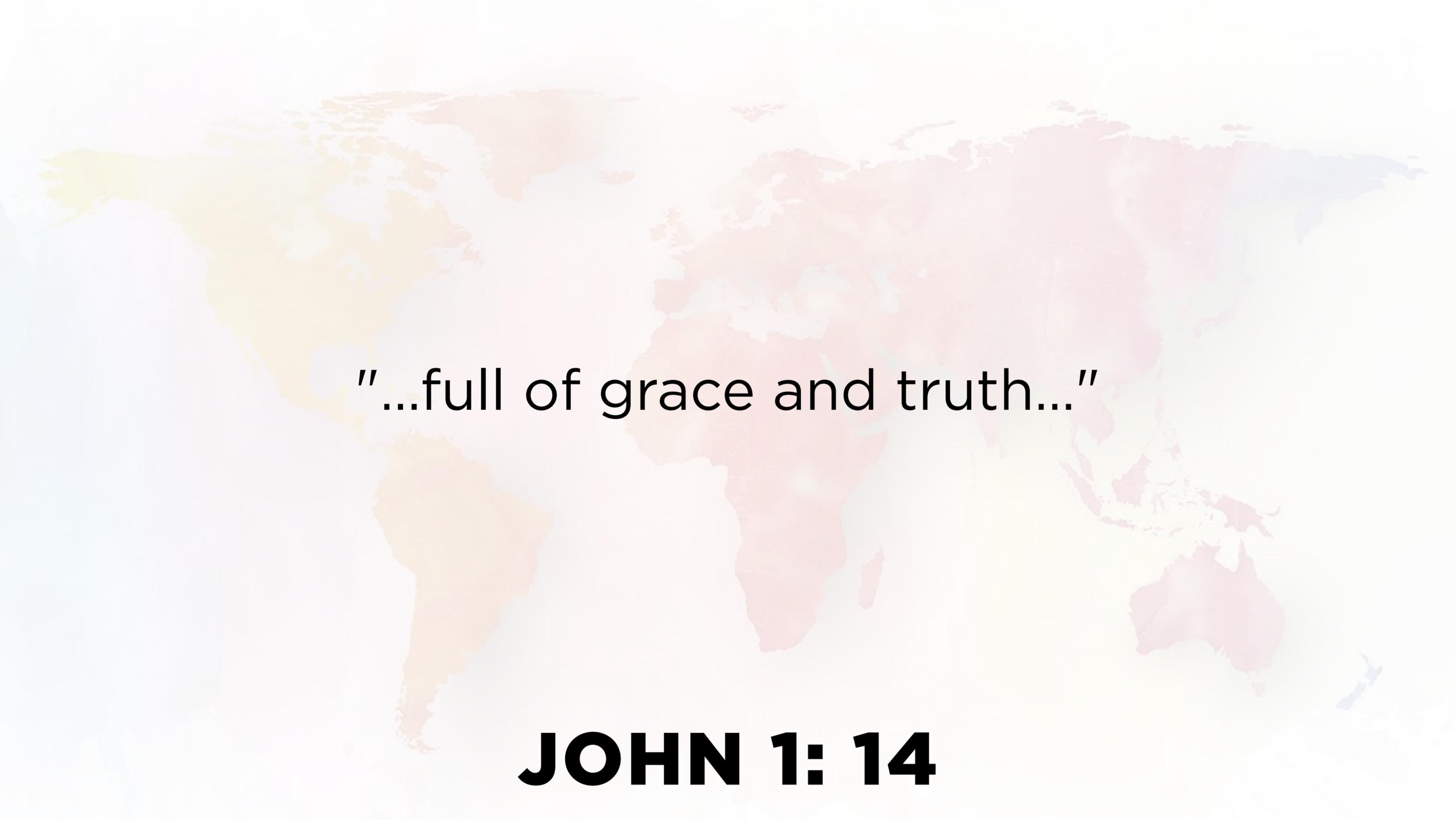
We forget that change comes through brutal honesty and vulnerability before God."

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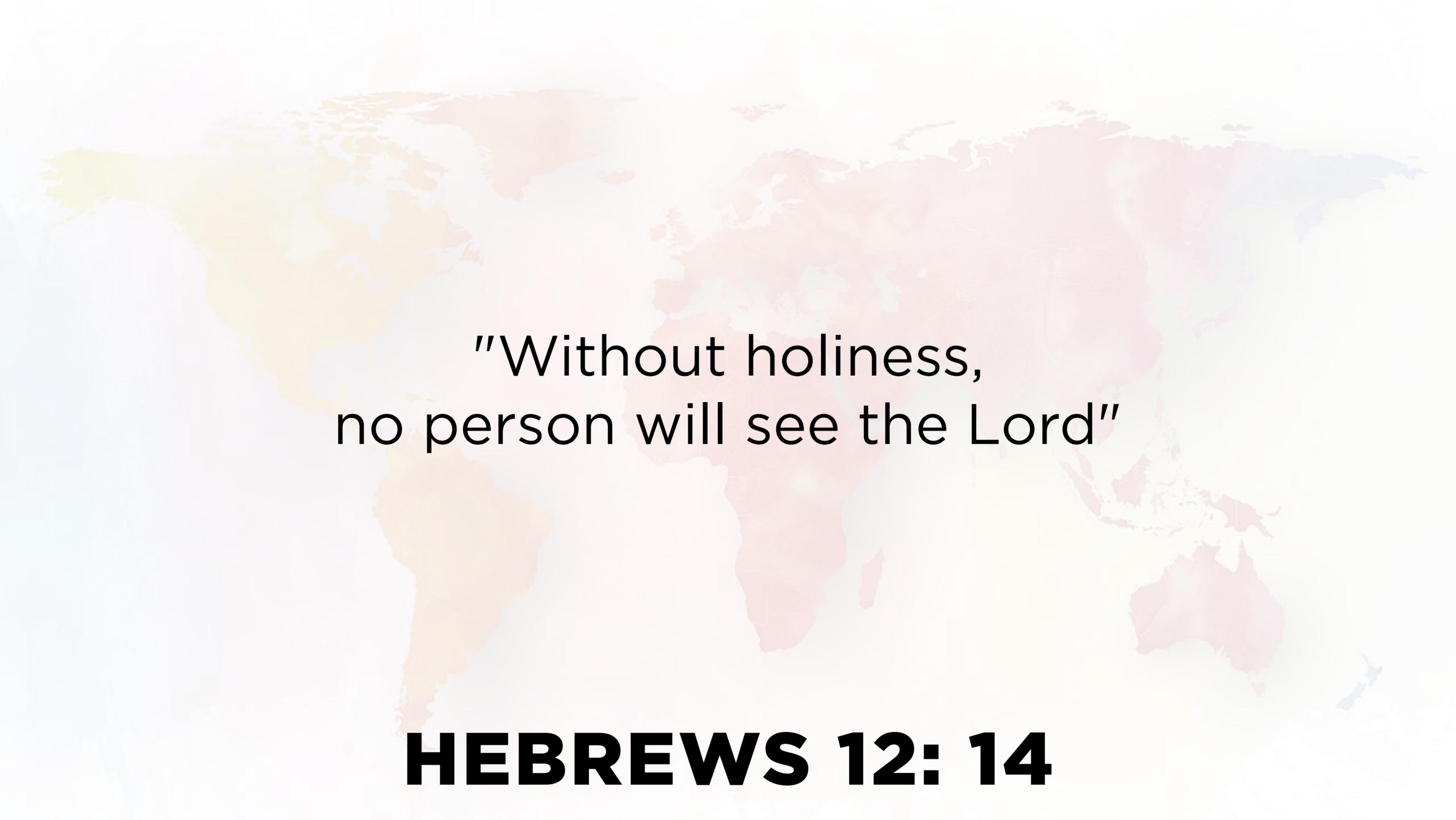
THREE

IT MEANS I KNOW
MY HOLINESS MATTERS



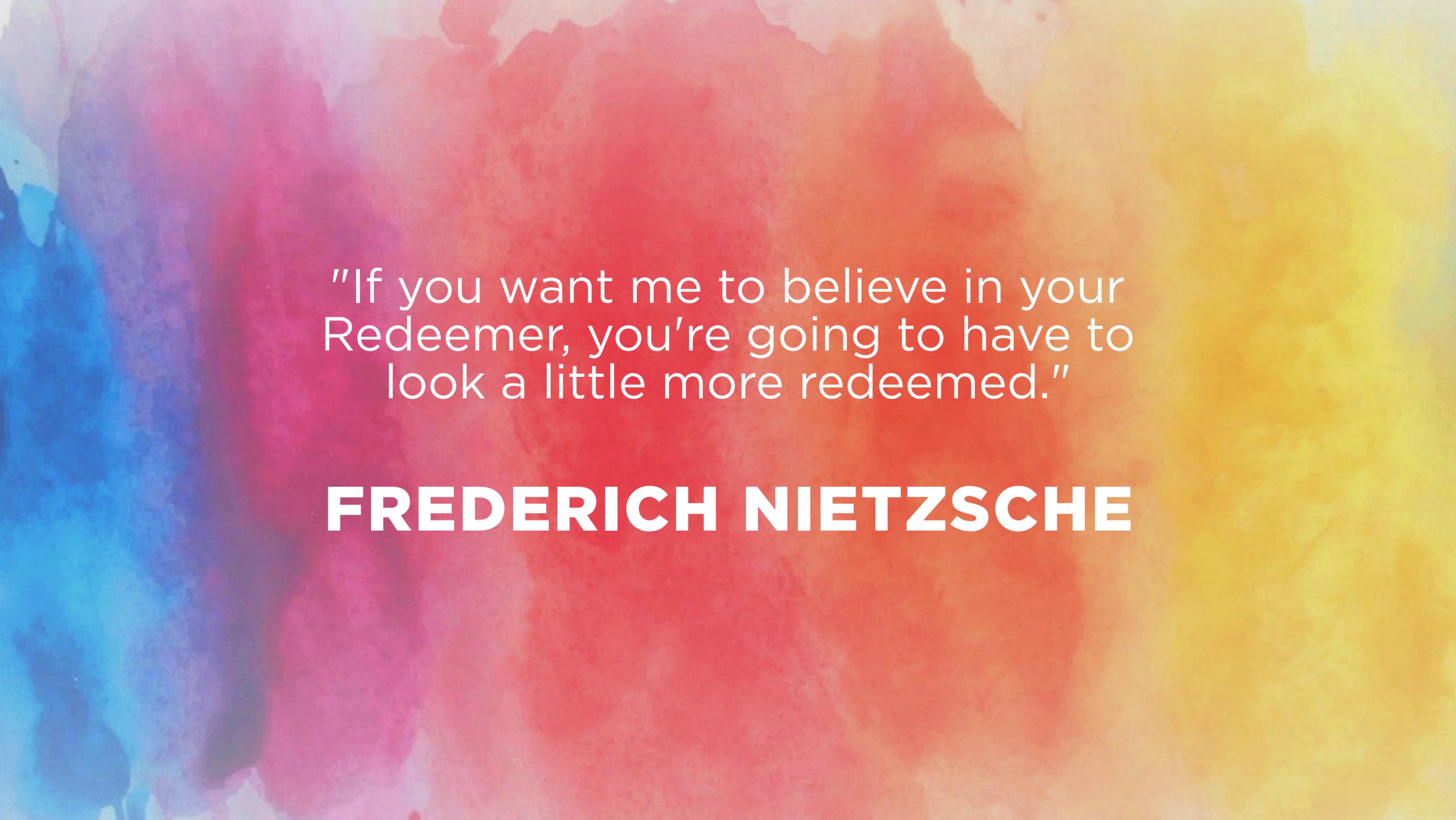
"...full of grace and truth..."

JOHN 1: 14



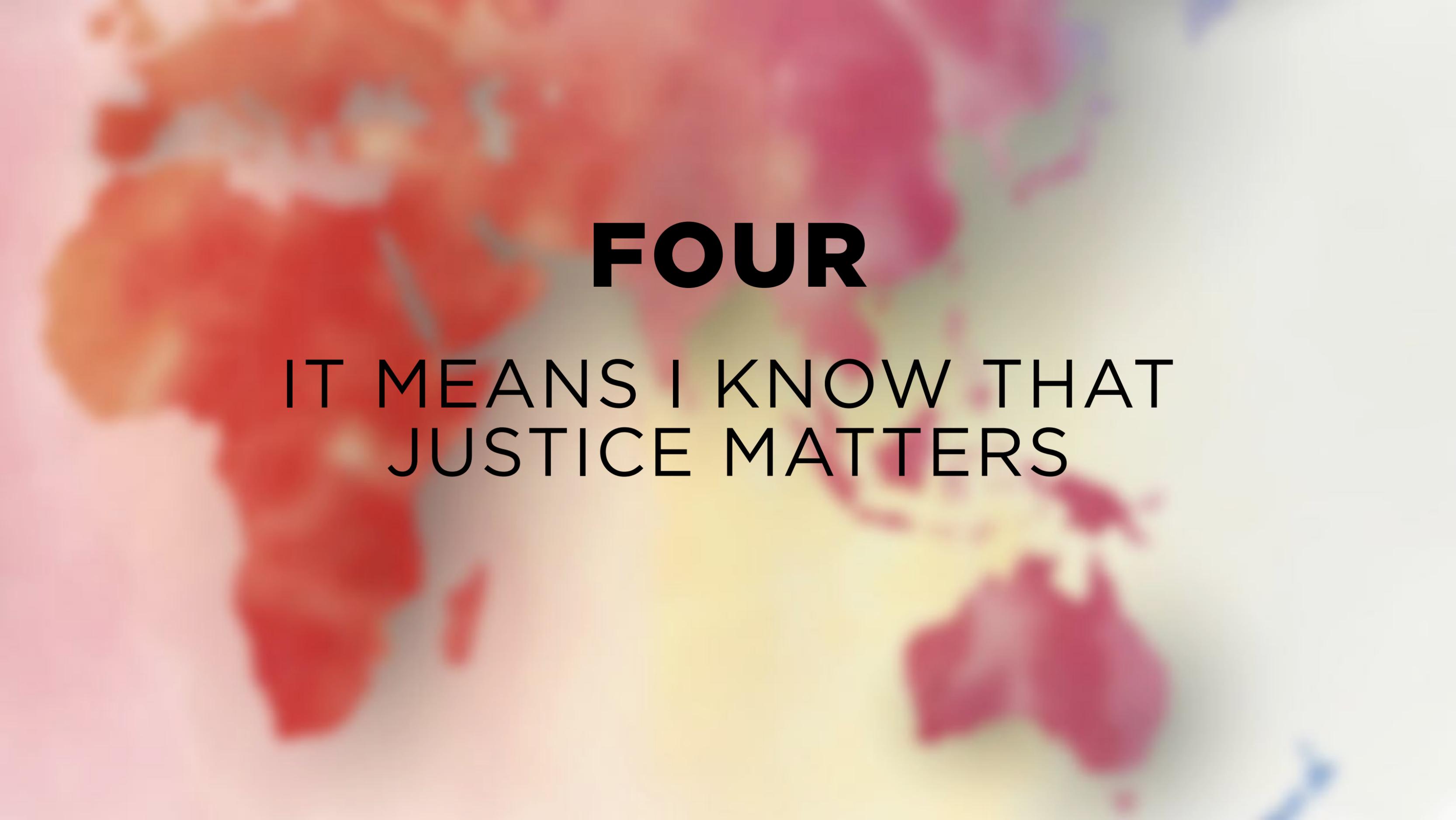
"Without holiness,
no person will see the Lord"

HEBREWS 12: 14



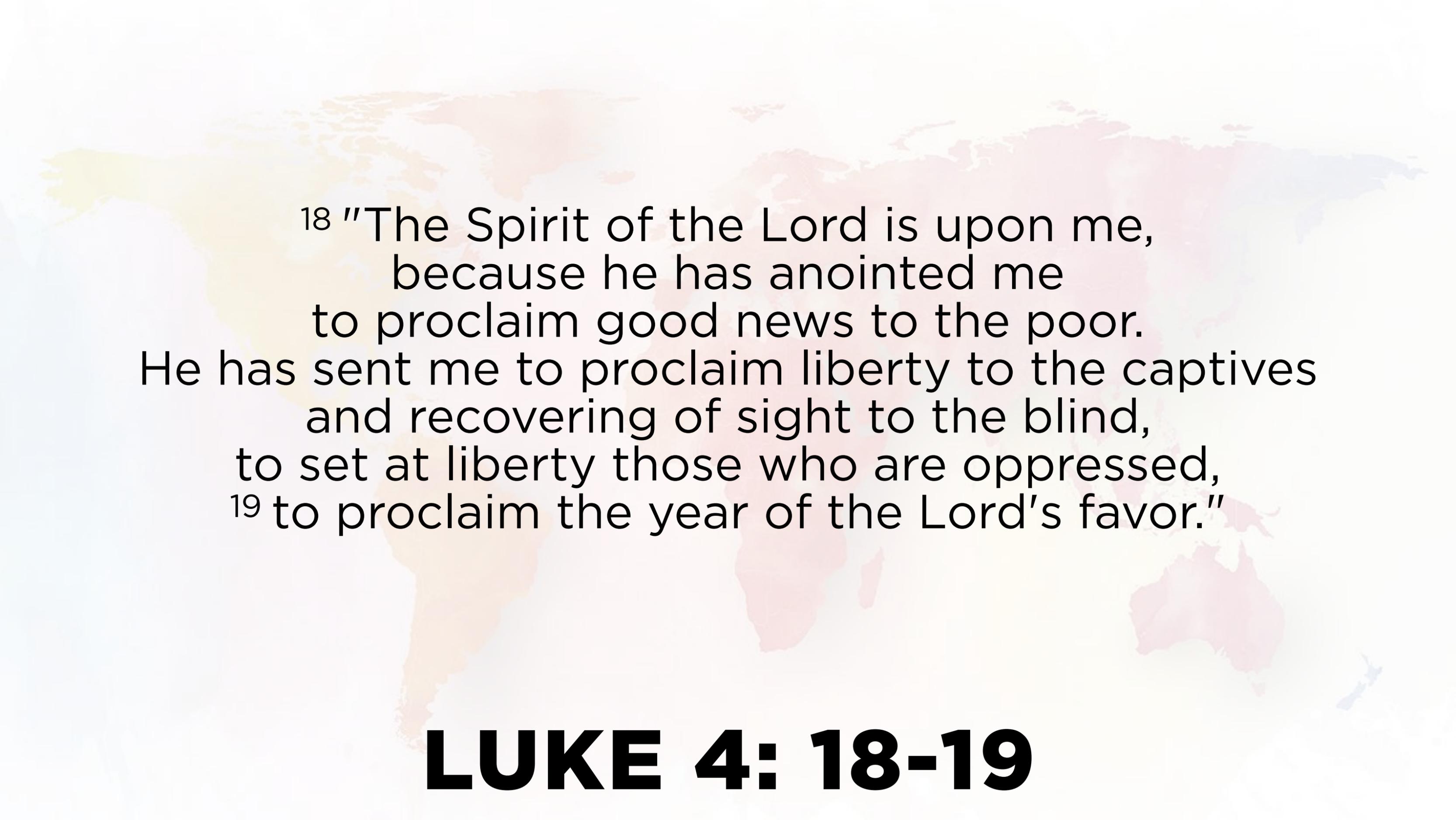
"If you want me to believe in your Redeemer, you're going to have to look a little more redeemed."

FREDERICH NIETZSCHE



FOUR

IT MEANS I KNOW THAT
JUSTICE MATTERS



¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

LUKE 4: 18-19



"Today this Scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing."

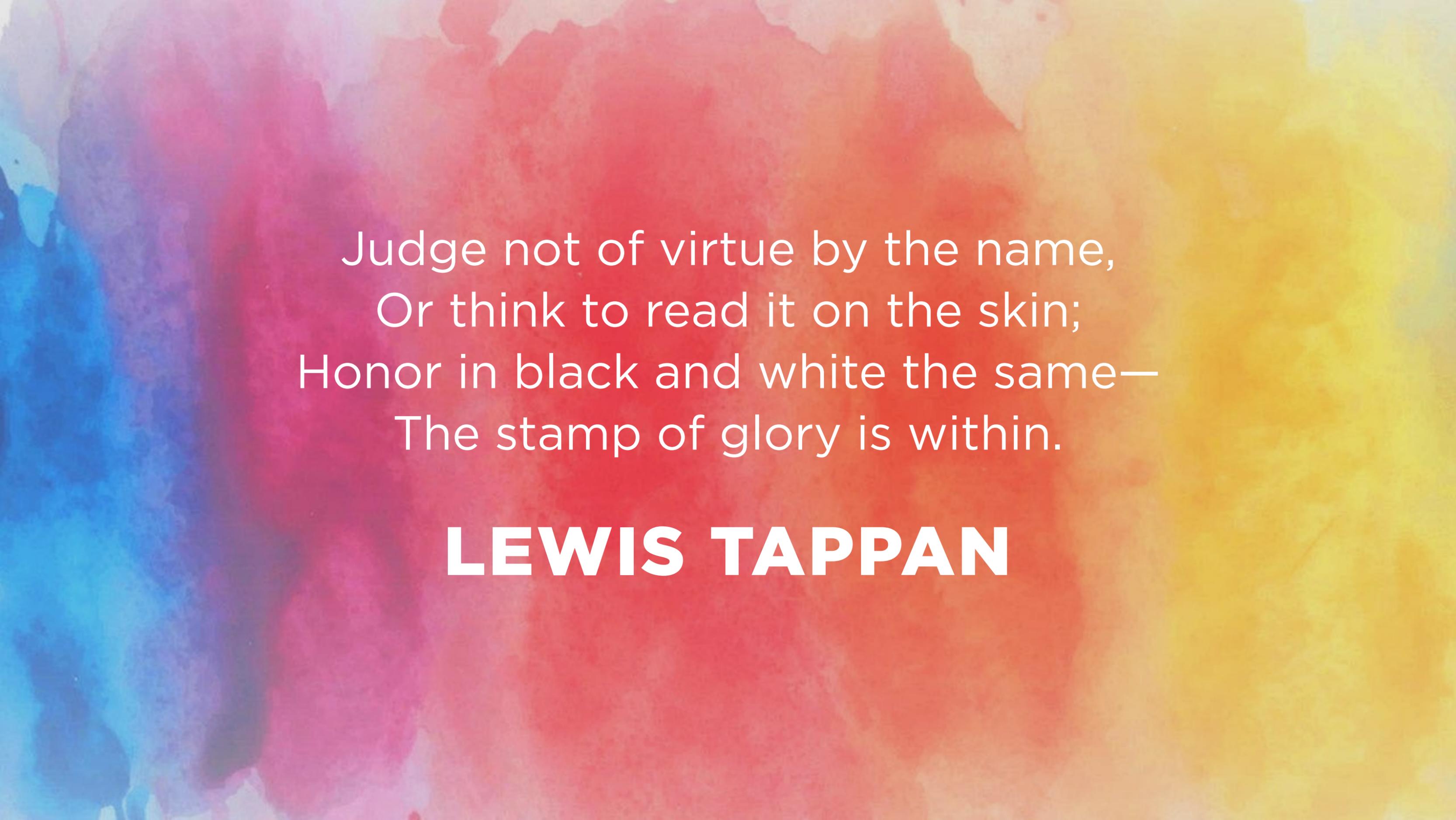
LUKE 4: 21

"You demand that I shall cease my anti-slavery labors...I will be hung first."

ARTHUR TAPPAN

"...be able to meet at the polls, sit on juries, attend political meetings, practice at the bar, unite in processions, and mingle with their fellow-man in the various walks of life, on equal terms, as the religion of Jesus, and the laws of the land, require."

DISCOVERING AN EVANGELICAL HERITAGE
DONALD DAYTON



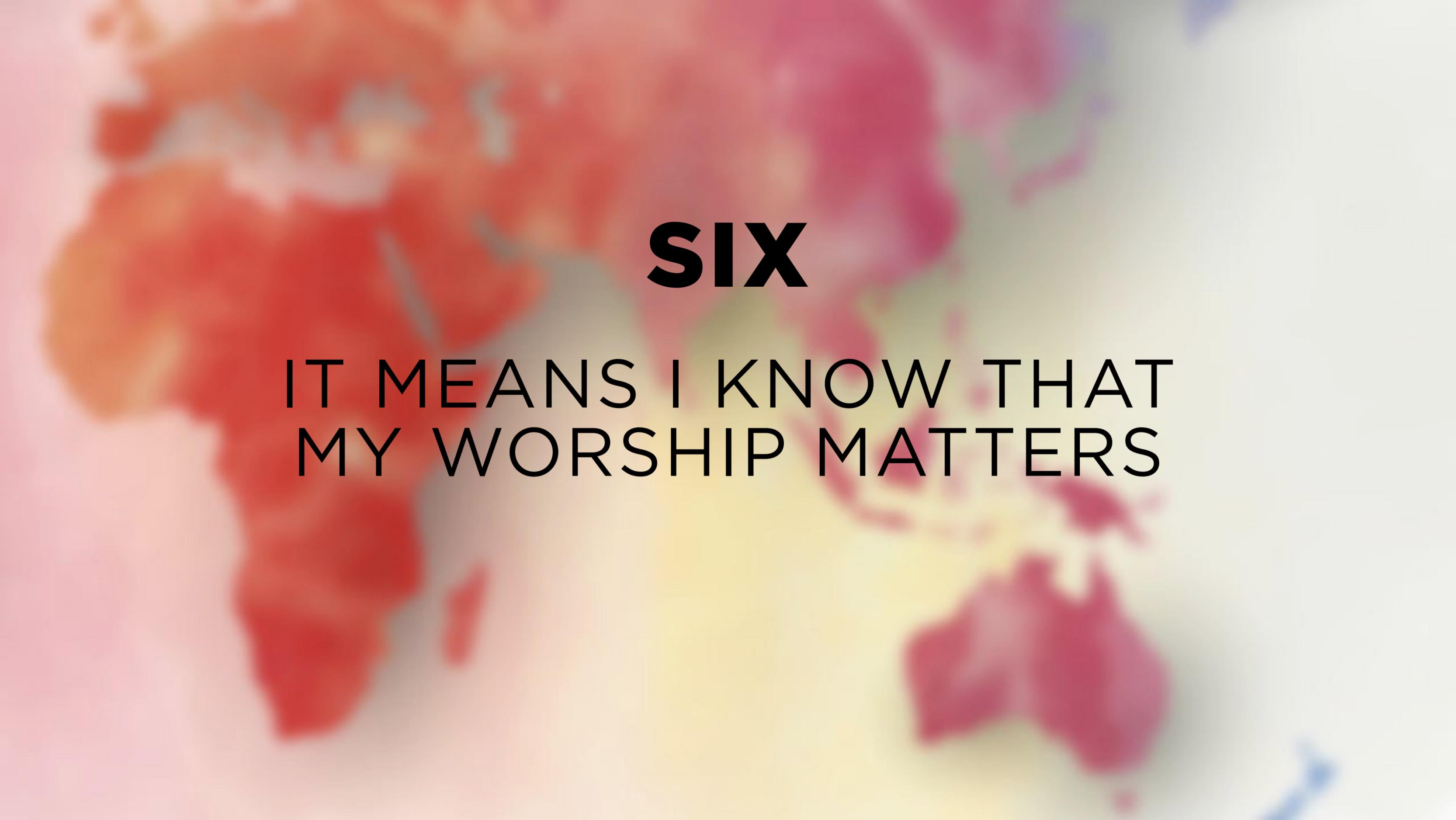
Judge not of virtue by the name,
Or think to read it on the skin;
Honor in black and white the same—
The stamp of glory is within.

LEWIS TAPPAN



FIVE

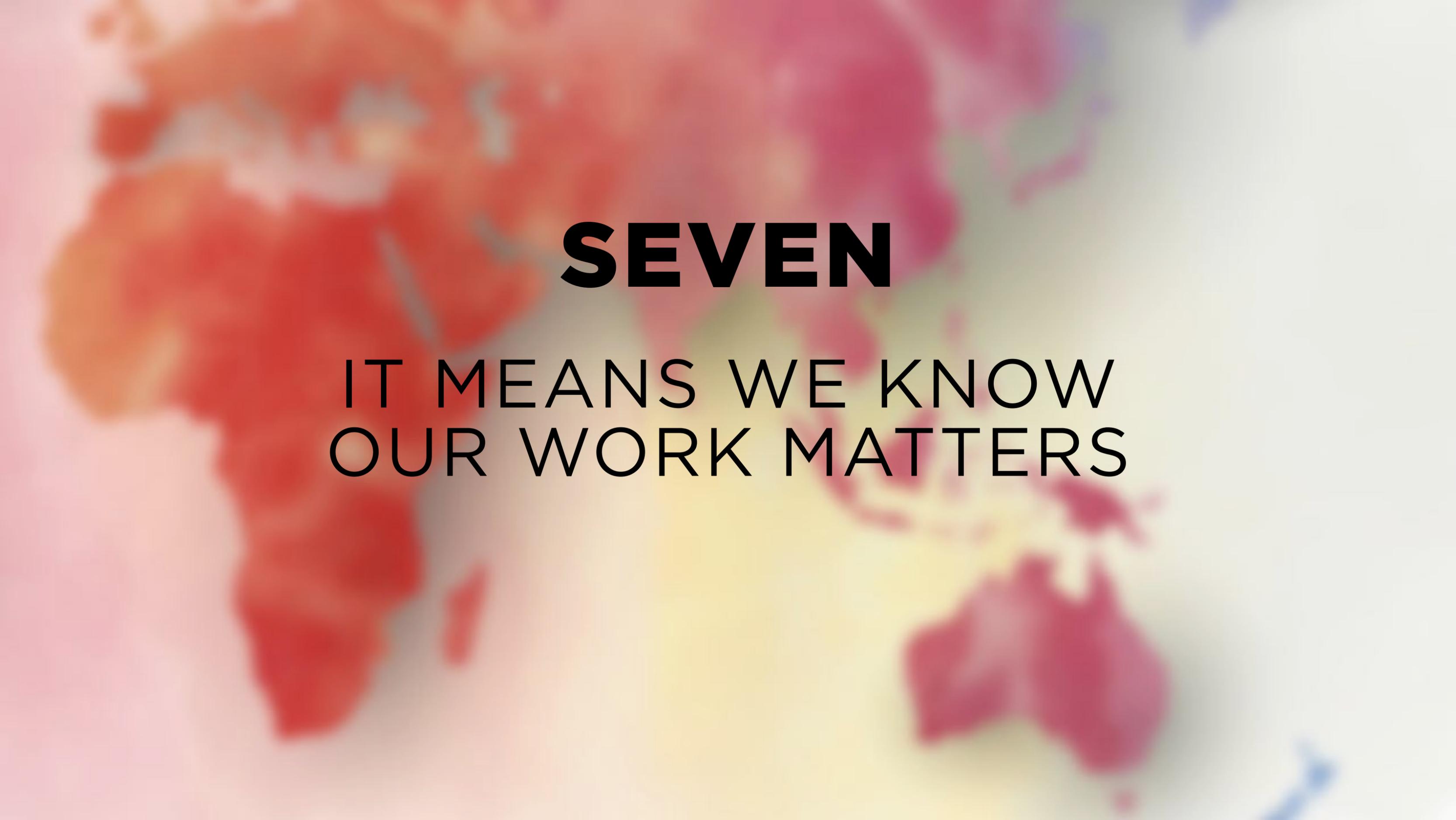
THE LOCAL CHURCH MATTERS



SIX

IT MEANS I KNOW THAT
MY WORSHIP MATTERS

Worship is Homecoming



SEVEN

IT MEANS WE KNOW
OUR WORK MATTERS

A blurred world map with a color gradient from red to blue. The map is centered on the Atlantic Ocean, with North and South America on the left and Europe and Africa on the right. The colors transition from red on the left to yellow in the center, and then to blue on the right.

EIGHT

MY SUFFERING MATTERS



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**THE
VIEW
FROM A
HEARSE**

A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF DEATH

BY JOSEPH BAYLY

I was sitting, torn by grief. Someone came and talked to me of God's dealings, of why it happened, of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly, he said things I knew were true. I was unmoved, except to wish he'd go away. He finally did. ...

THE VIEW FROM A HEARSE
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Another came and sat beside me. He didn't talk. He didn't ask leading questions. He just sat beside me for an hour or more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply, left.

I was moved. I was comforted.
I hated to see him go.

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