

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a black Bible. The person is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt. The Bible's spine is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold or light-colored letters. The background is dark and out of focus.

CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE

And Why Would I?

CALVIN, PASS THIS
NOTE TO JESSICA.



IT'S A **SECRET** NOTE,
SO DON'T READ IT.





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Calvin you stinkhead:
I told you not to
read this.

Susie



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A person wearing a white short-sleeved uniform shirt is holding a black Bible. The spine of the Bible is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold or light-colored letters. The person's hands are positioned to hold the Bible upright. The background is dark and out of focus.

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Based Upon the Book:

Why I Should Trust The Bible (by William D Mounce)

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Last week:

Lessons from my Fathers

Series so far:

1. Can I Trust the Bible and Why Would I - Introduction
2. Did Jesus Really Exist?
3. Can We Trust The Gospels?
4. Contradictions in the Bible?
5. Can we trust the New Testament? (Canon)
6. Is the Bible Full of Copy Mistakes?
7. Which Bible? Can I trust my translation?
8. The Challenge of the Old Testament? Same God?

So... Can I
Trust The
Bible And
Why Would I?

Sermon Title
Conclusion



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A person is holding a dark-colored Bible. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are printed vertically on the spine of the book. The person's hands are visible, and they are wearing a light-colored shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

Why did we do this series?

If I am going to trust the Bible,
I want to know that it is
trustworthy.



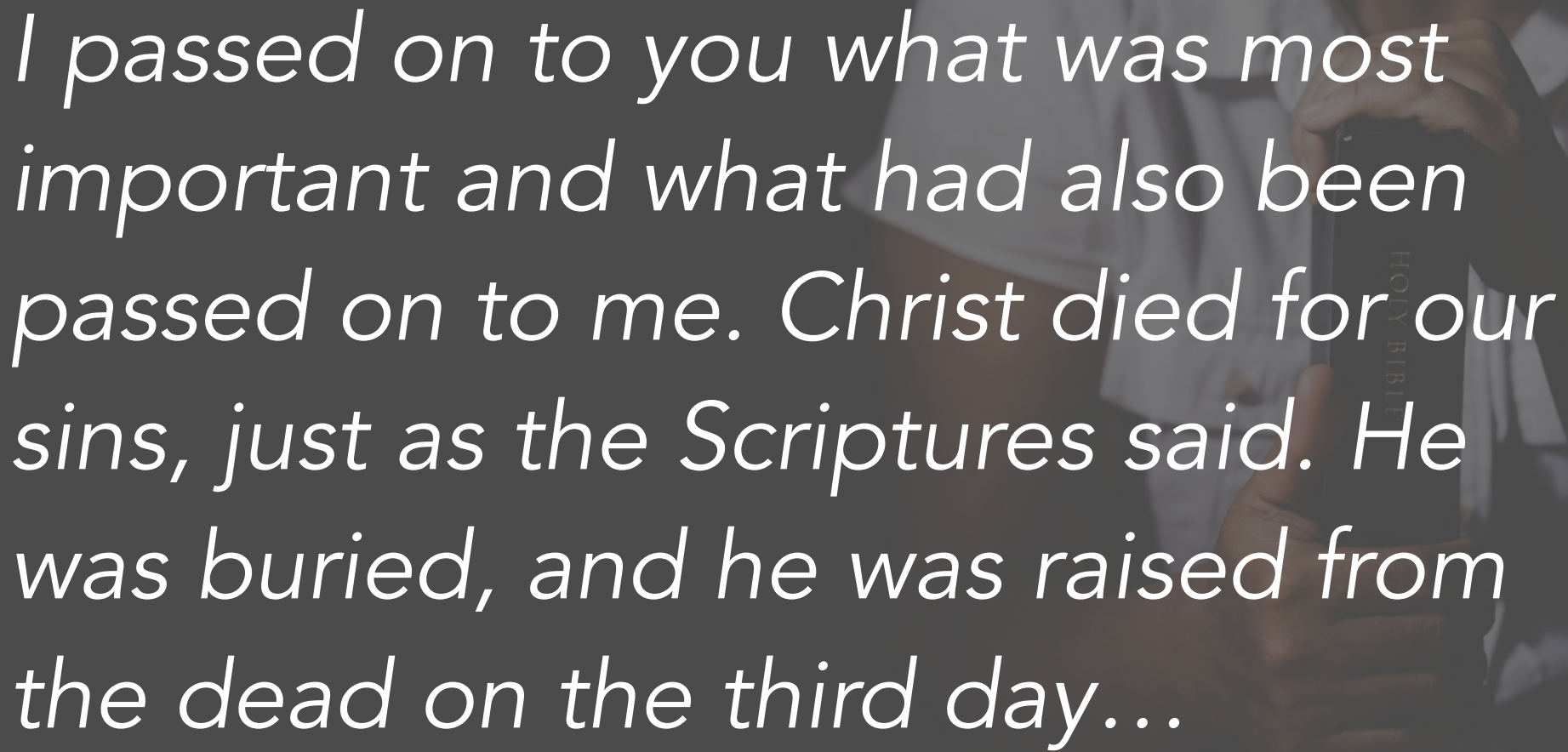
To conclude our series, this morning we are answering three questions:

1. What's most important?
2. What's the purpose?
3. How do I trust the Bible... the whole thing?

Question #1

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• What's most important?

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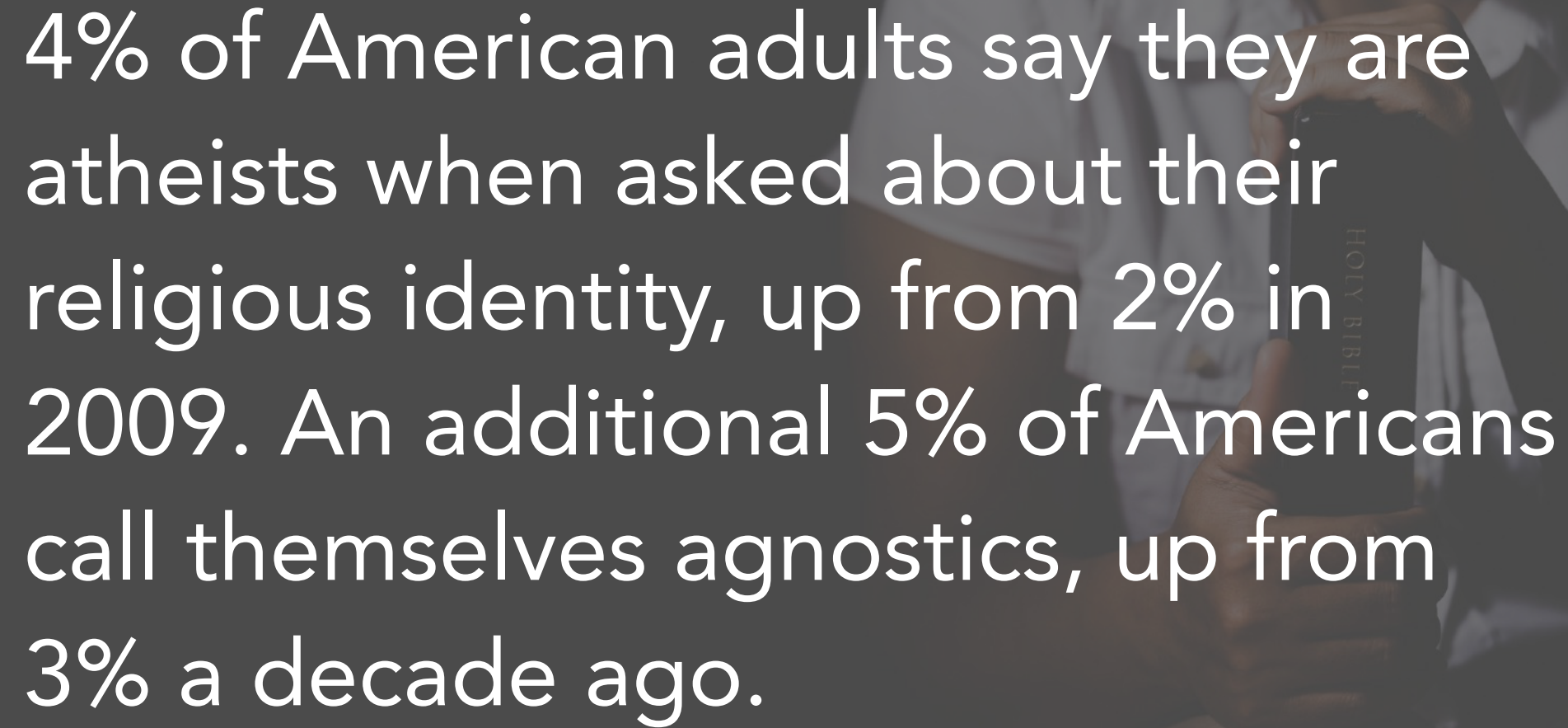
I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day...

-1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Does God Exist?

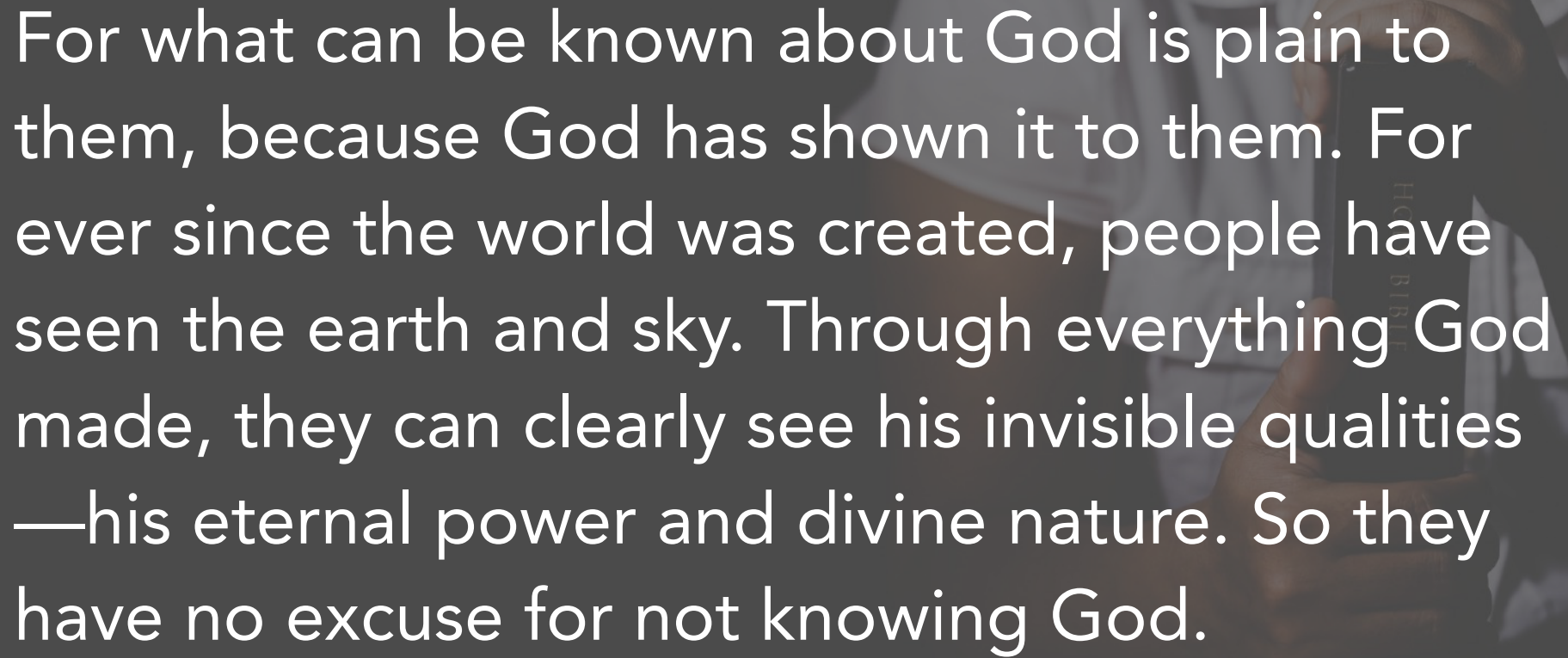
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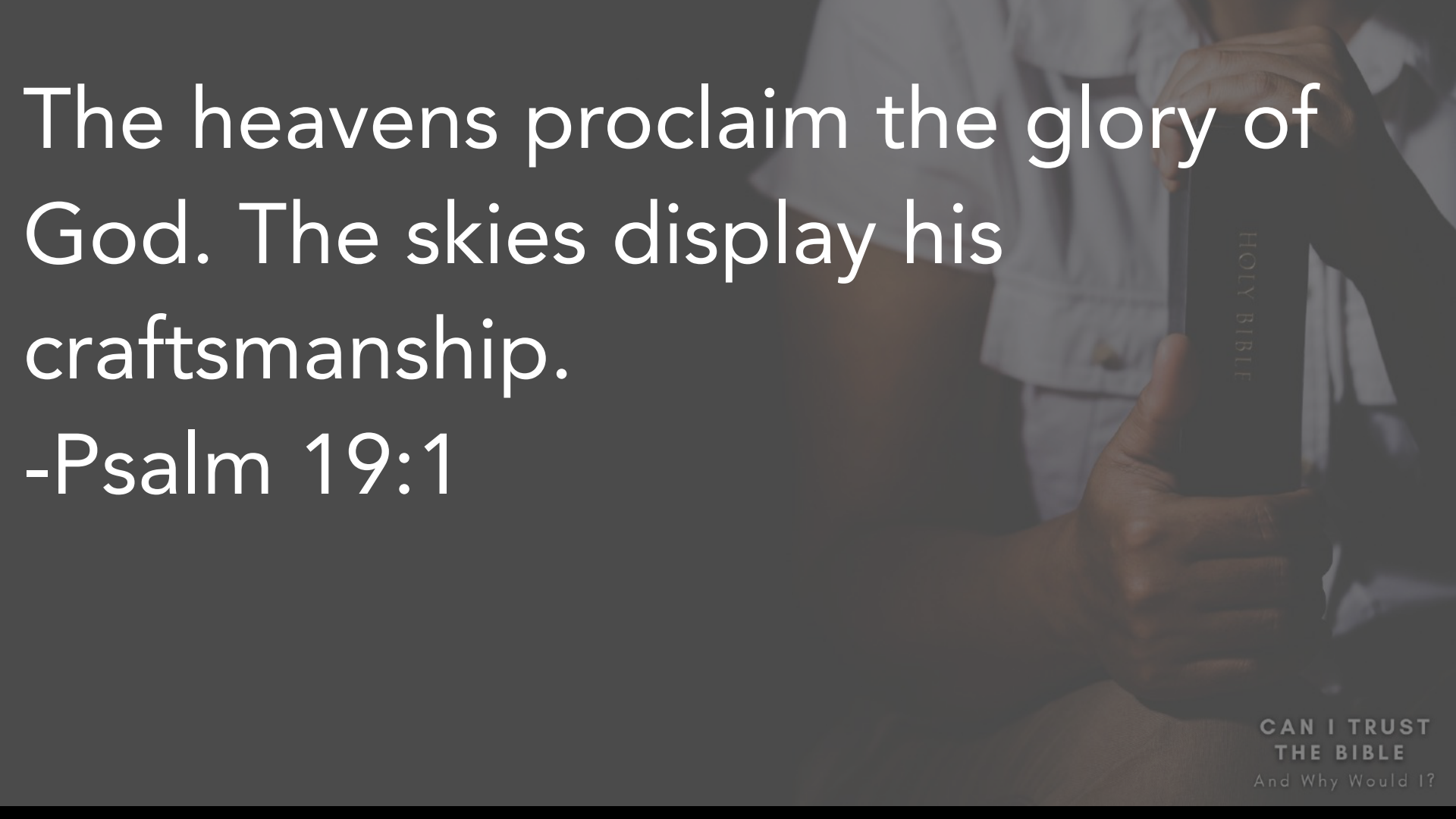
4% of American adults say they are atheists when asked about their religious identity, up from 2% in 2009. An additional 5% of Americans call themselves agnostics, up from 3% a decade ago.

-Pew Research Center

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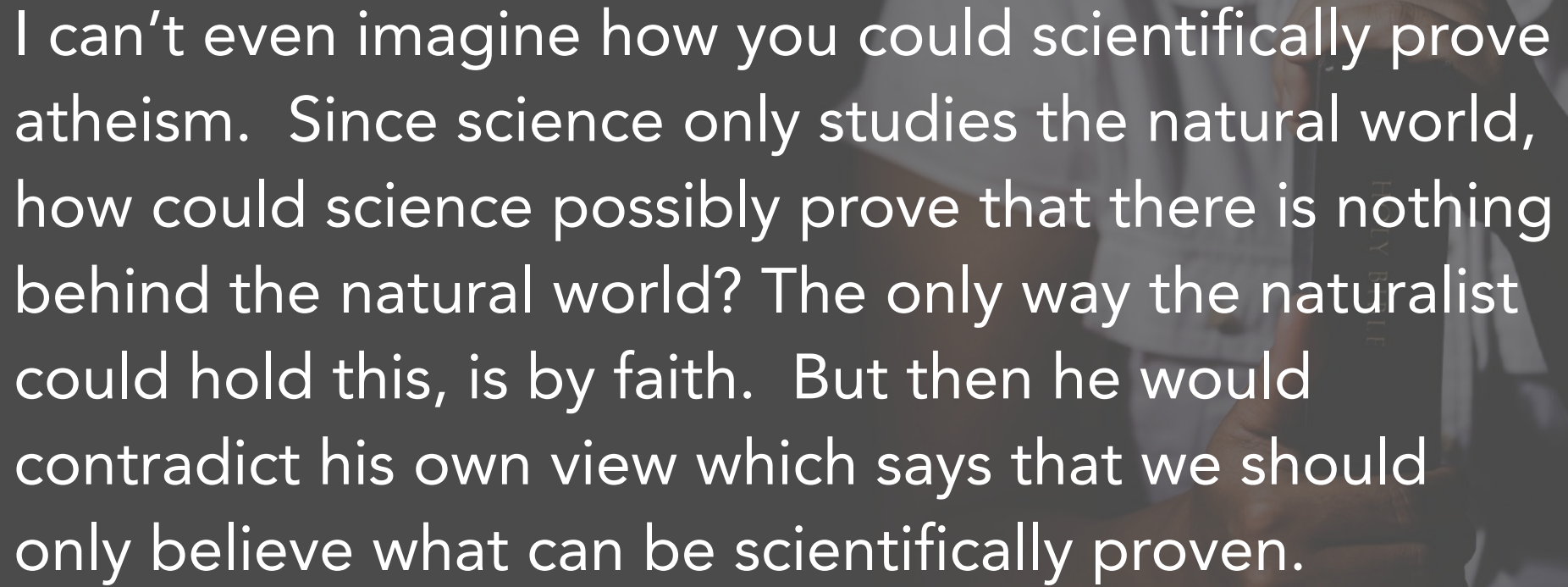
For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

-Romans 1:19-21

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The heavens proclaim the glory of
God. The skies display his
craftsmanship.

-Psalm 19:1

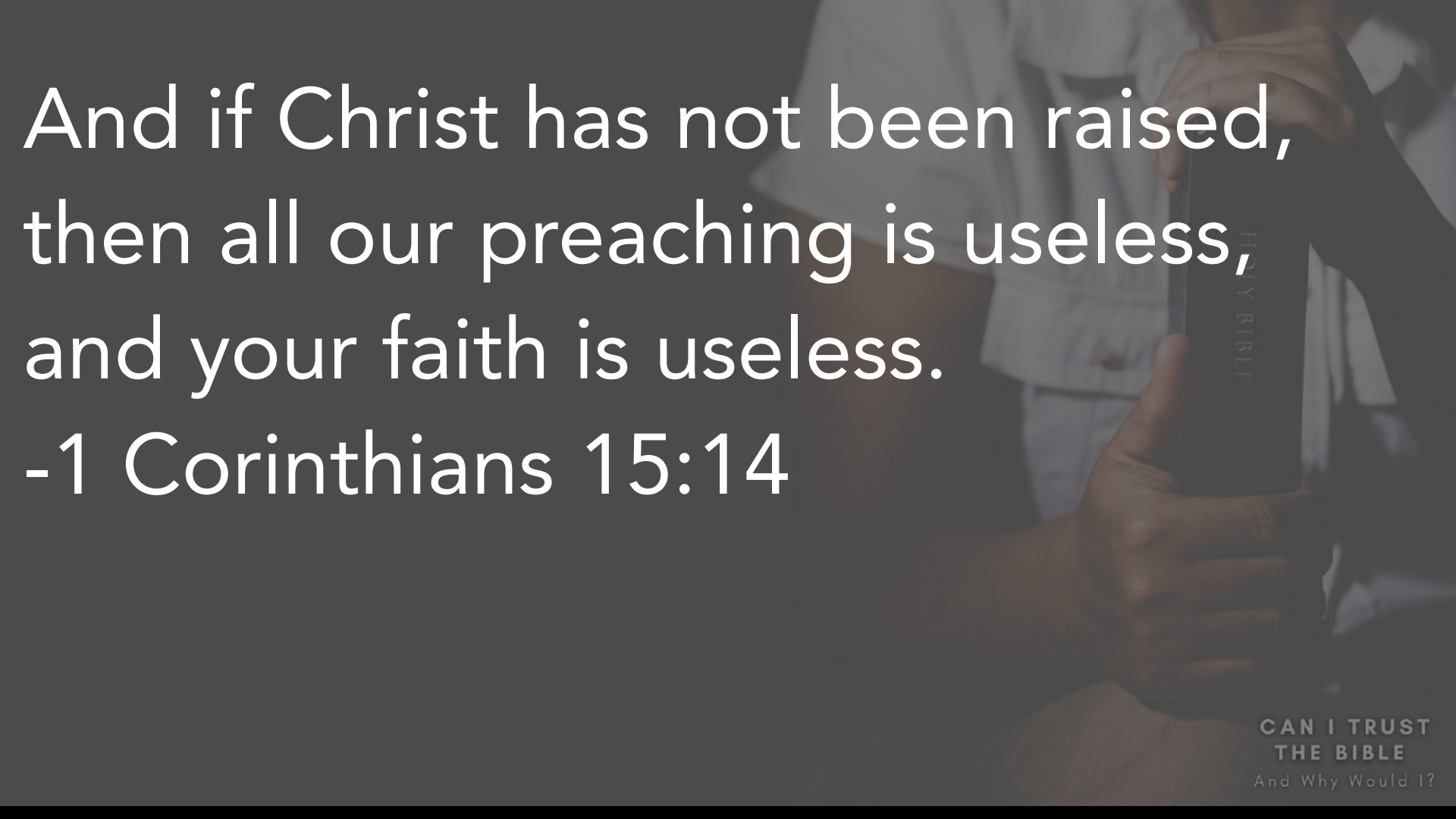


I can't even imagine how you could scientifically prove atheism. Since science only studies the natural world, how could science possibly prove that there is nothing behind the natural world? The only way the naturalist could hold this, is by faith. But then he would contradict his own view which says that we should only believe what can be scientifically proven.

-William Lane Craig

Jesus Rose from the Dead

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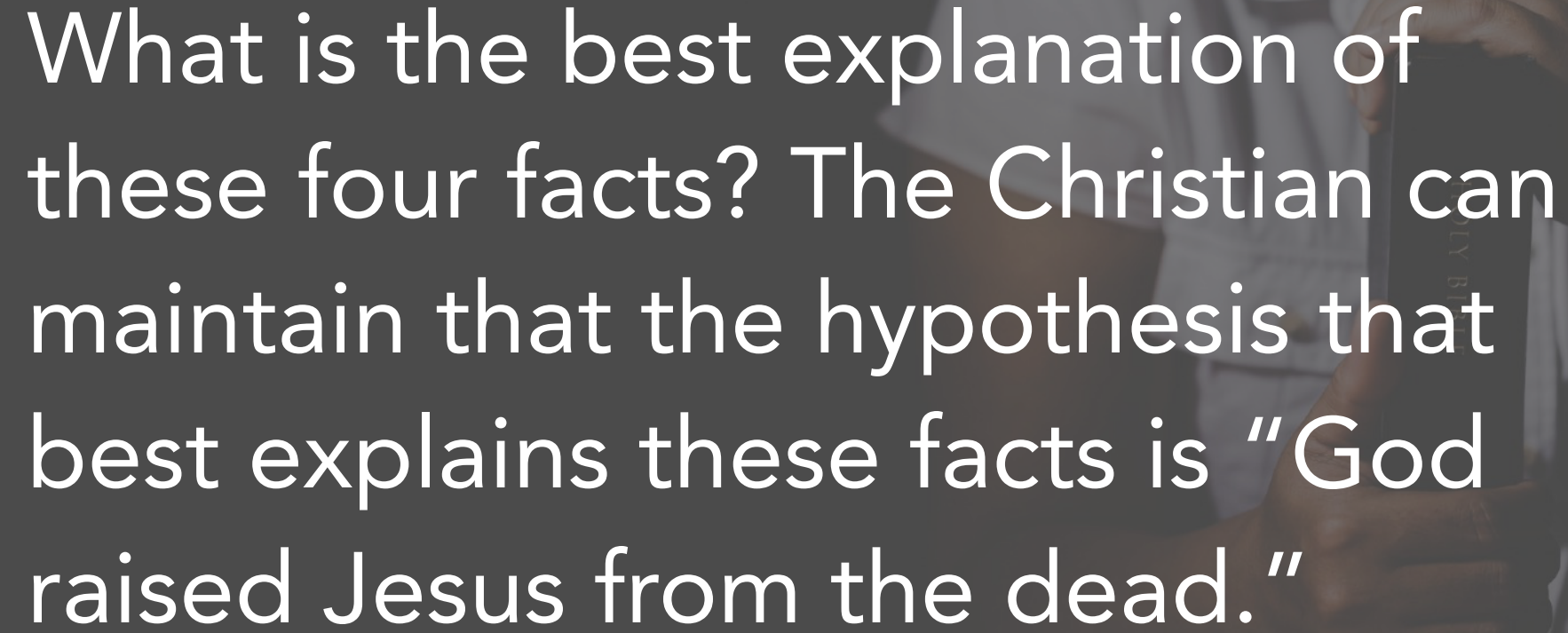
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And if Christ has not been raised,
then all our preaching is useless,
and your faith is useless.

-1 Corinthians 15:14

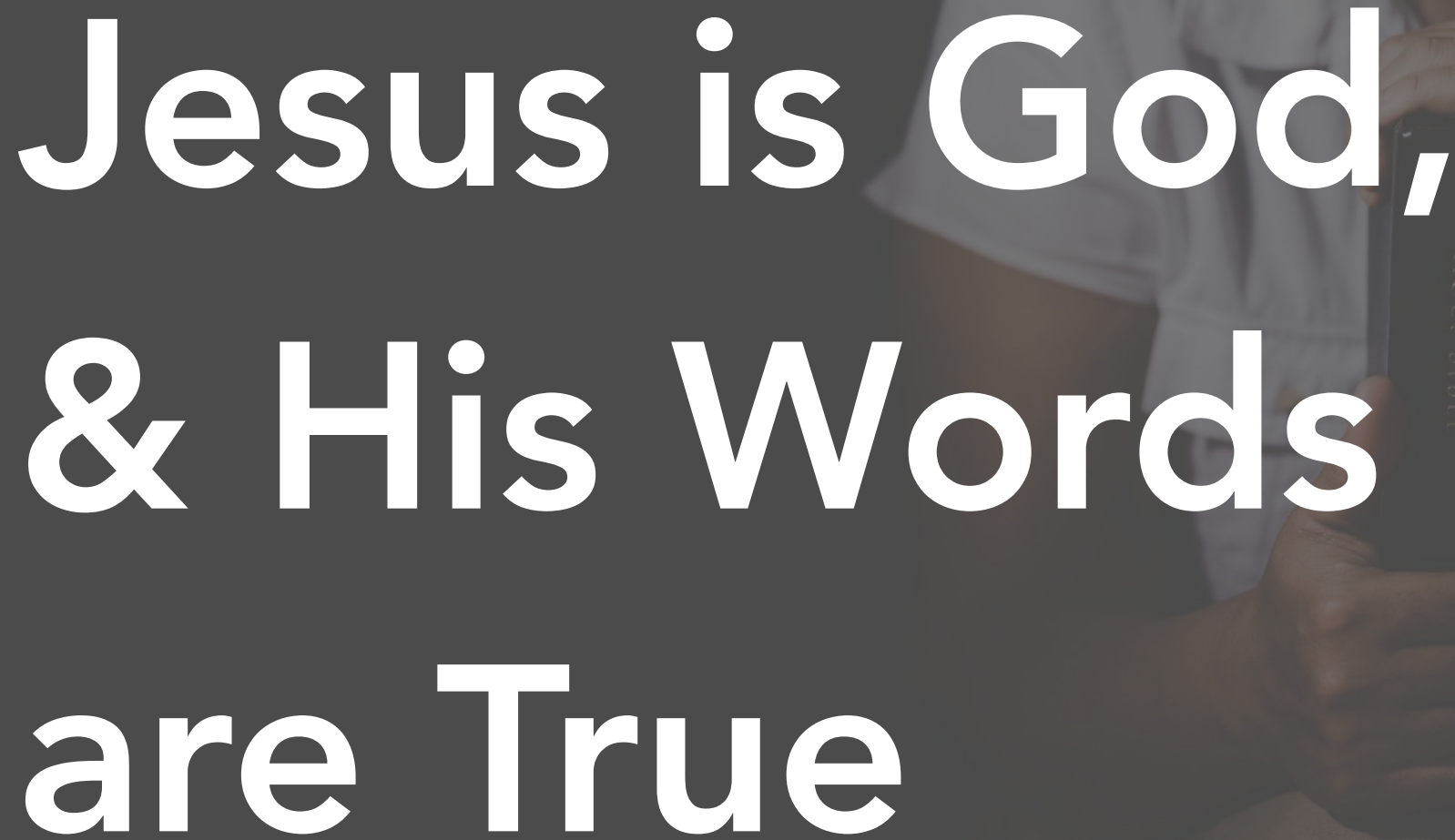
From William Lane Craig Article on the Historicity of the Resurrection:

- **FACT #1:** After his crucifixion, Jesus was buried in a tomb by Joseph of Arimathea.
- **FACT #2:** On the Sunday following the crucifixion, Jesus' tomb was found empty by a group of his women followers.
- **FACT #3:** On multiple occasions and under various circumstances, different individuals and groups of people experienced appearances of Jesus alive from the dead.
- **FACT #4:** The original disciples believed that Jesus was risen from the dead despite their having every predisposition to the contrary.

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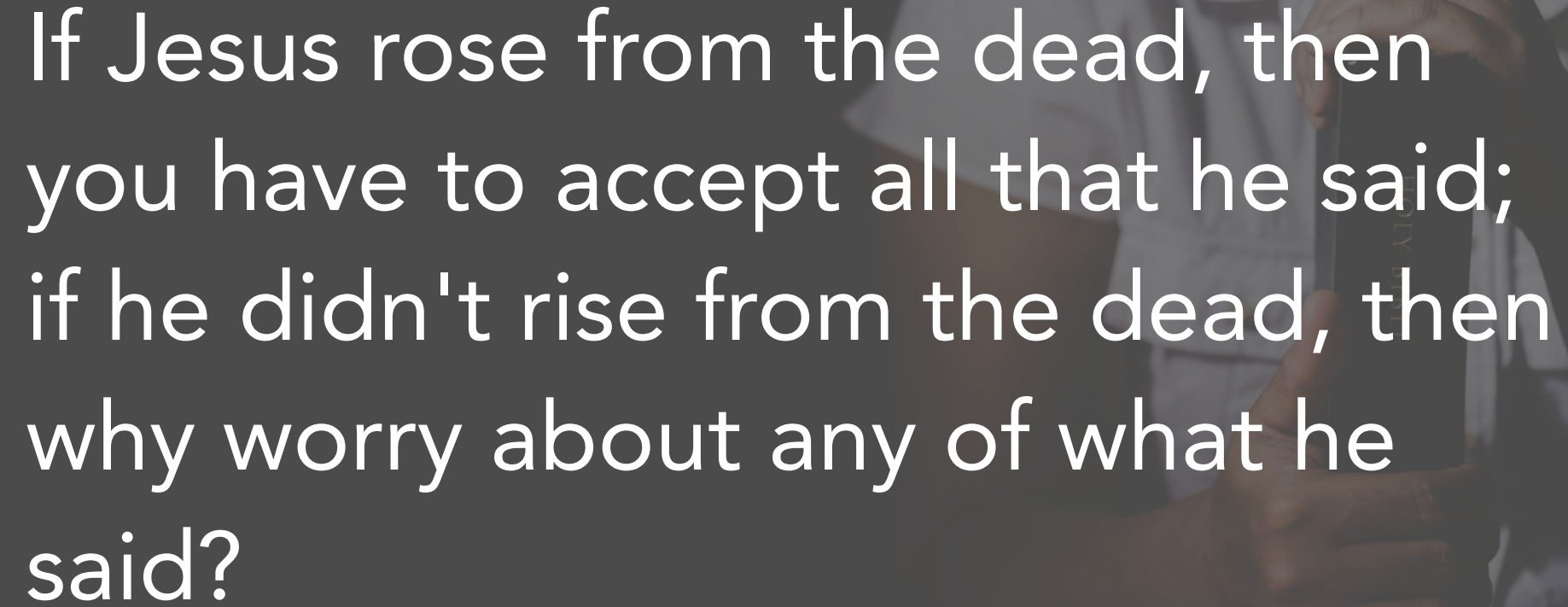
What is the best explanation of these four facts? The Christian can maintain that the hypothesis that best explains these facts is "God raised Jesus from the dead."

-William Lane Craig

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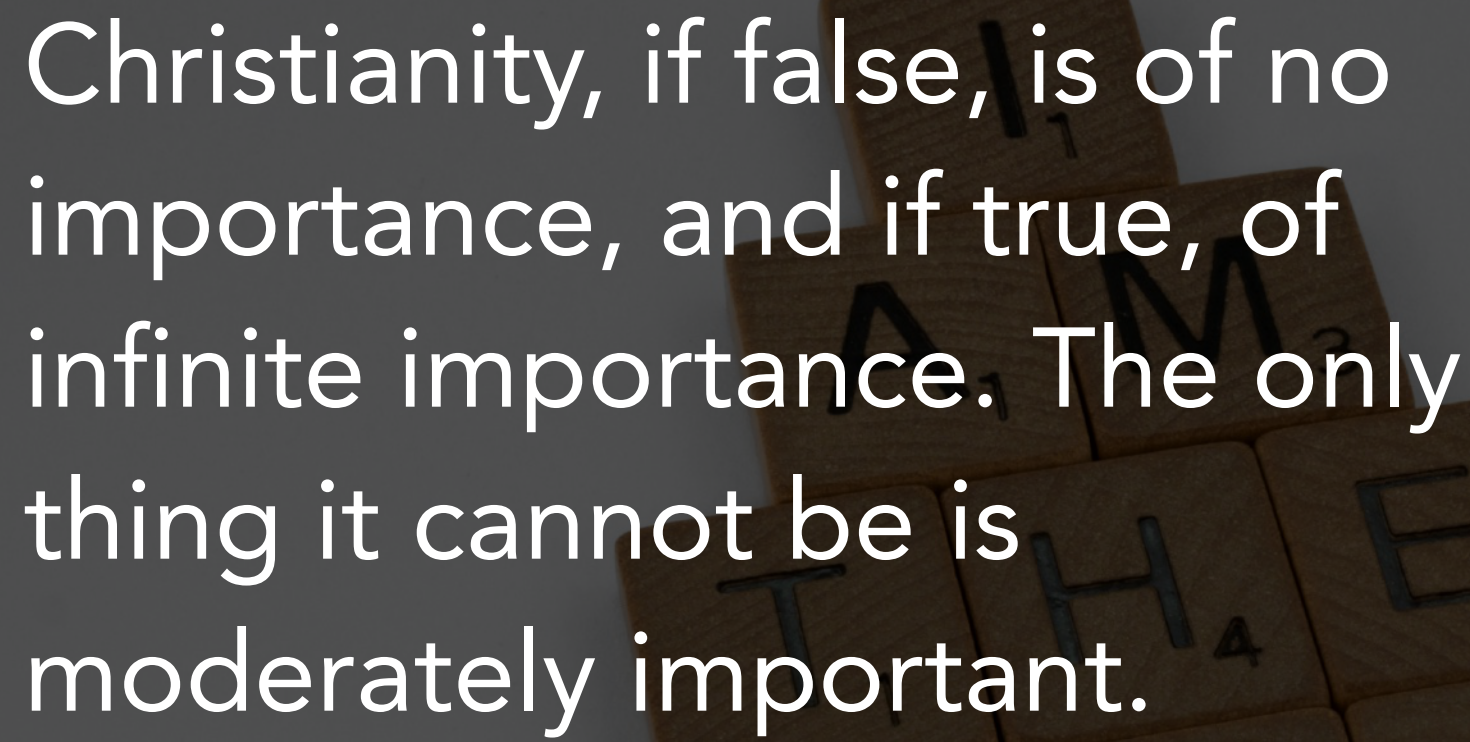
Jesus is God, & His Words are True

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If Jesus rose from the dead, then
you have to accept all that he said;
if he didn't rise from the dead, then
why worry about any of what he
said?

-Tim Keller

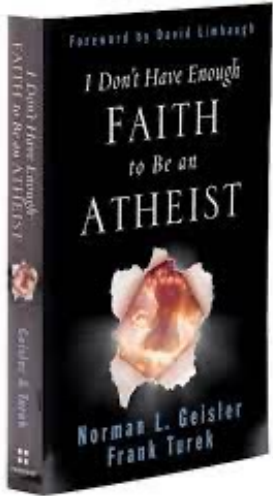


Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

-C.S. Lewis

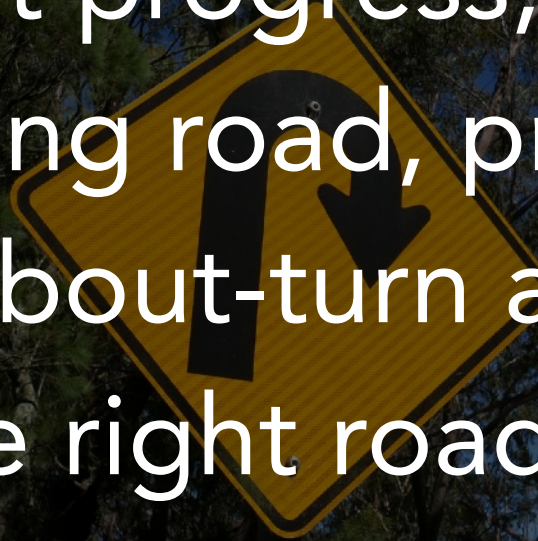
Christianity is True

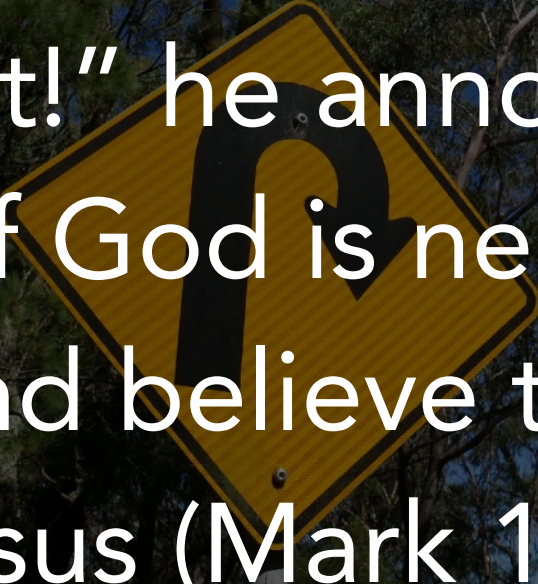
- Scientific Evidence
- Philosophical Evidence
- Historical evidence
- Prophetic Evidence
- Archaeological Evidence



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We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive. -C.S. Lewis

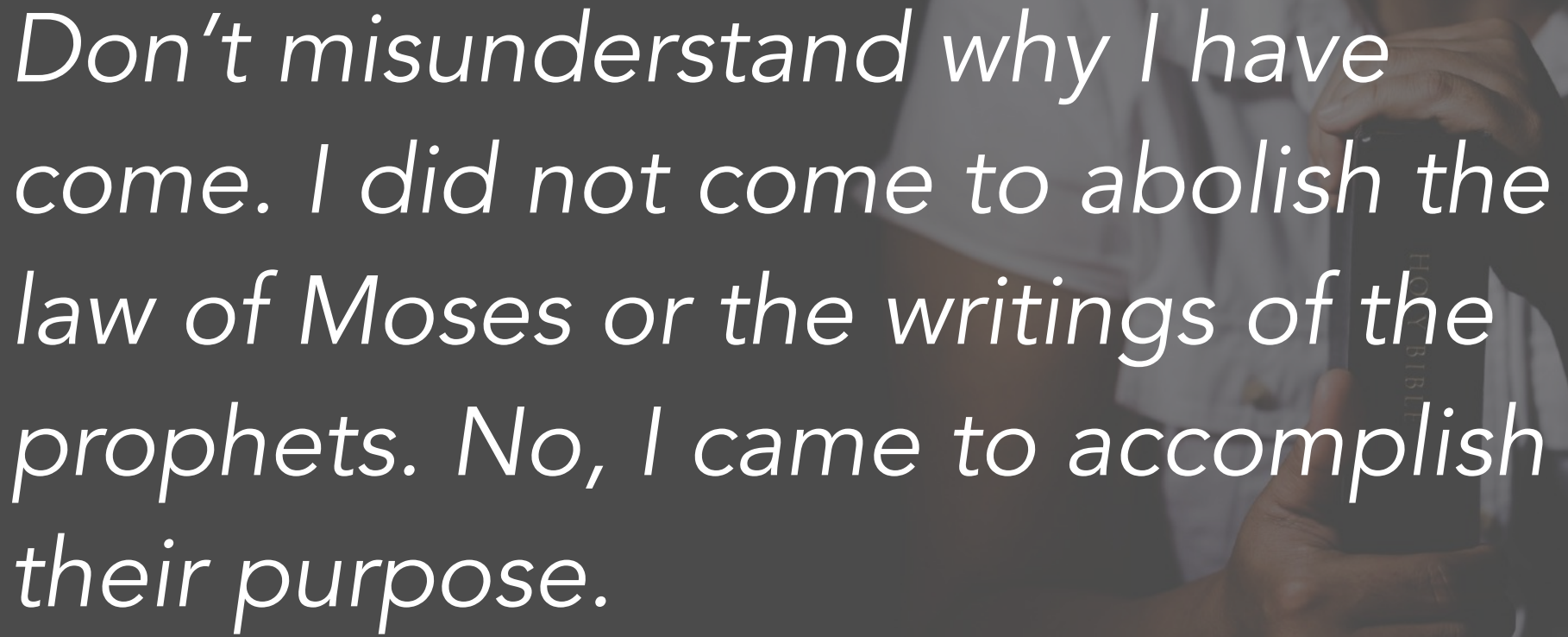




“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!” -Jesus (Mark 1:15)

Question #2

2. What's the purpose?

A person's hands are shown holding a dark-colored Bible. The person is wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

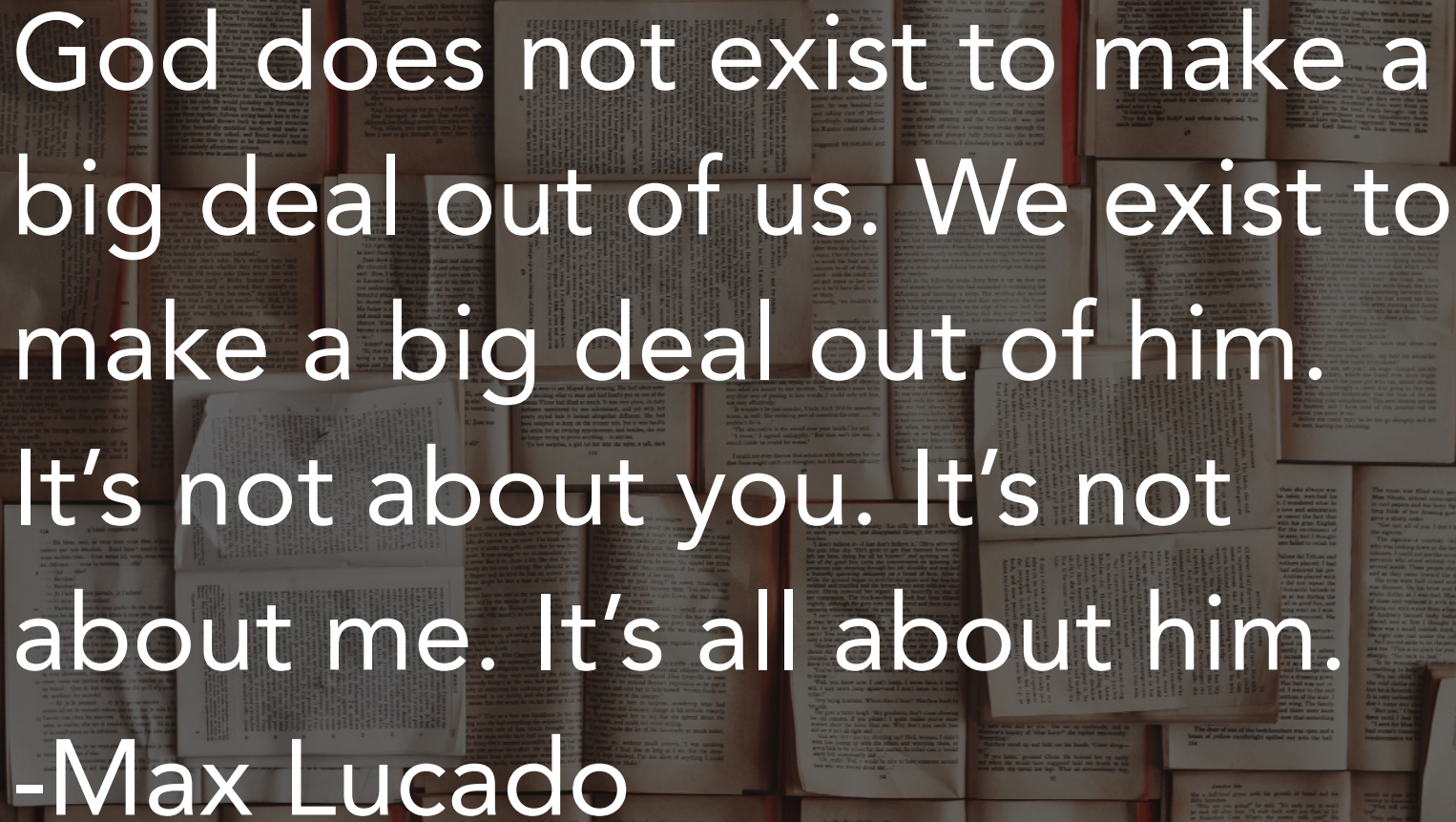
Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.

-Matthew 5:17

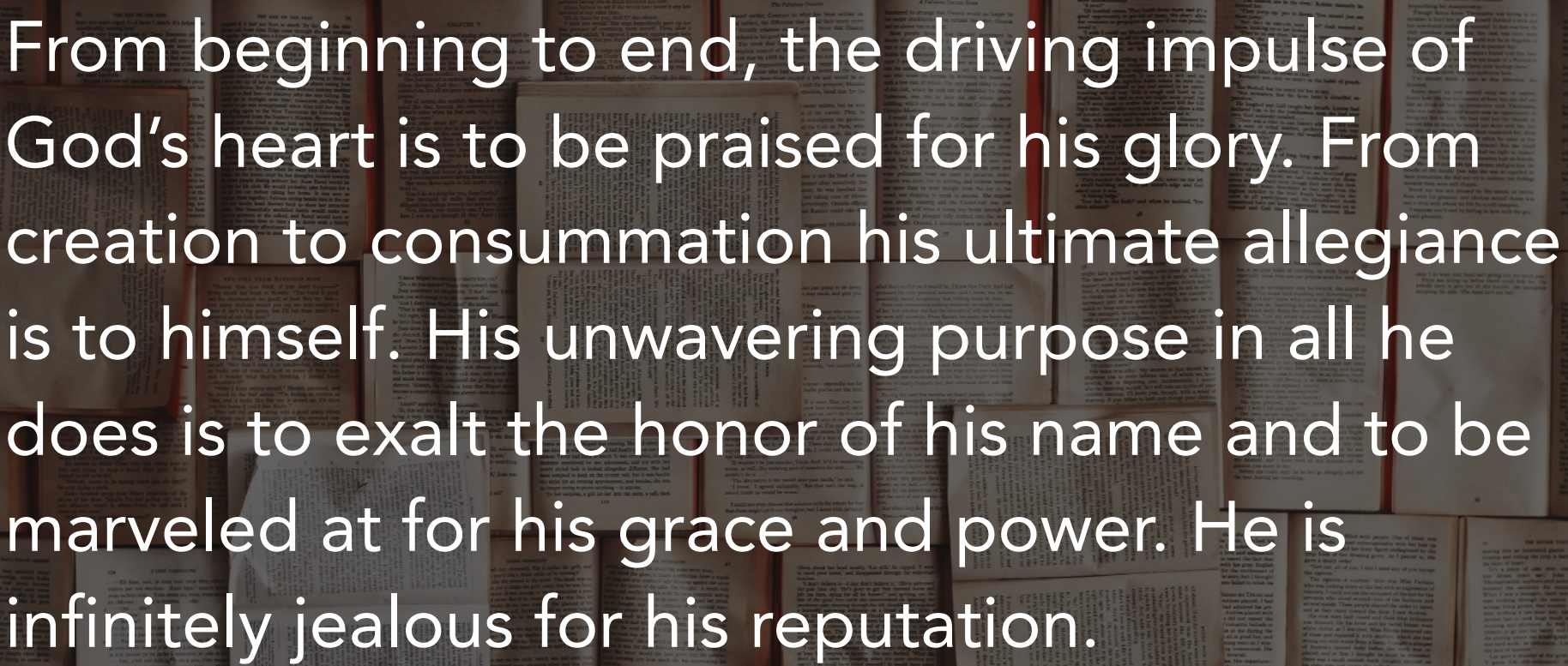
His Story

"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols.

-Isaiah 42:8



God does not exist to make a
big deal out of us. We exist to
make a big deal out of him.
It's not about you. It's not
about me. It's all about him.
-Max Lucado

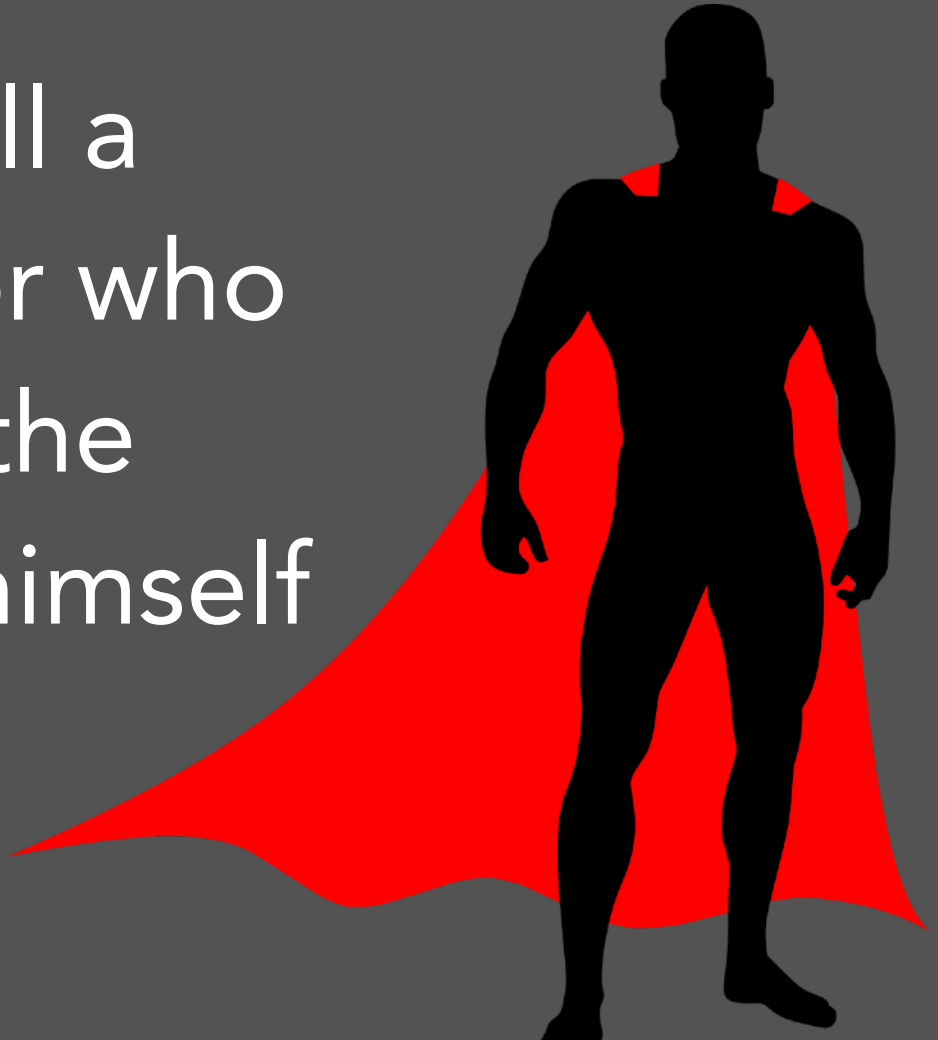
The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of an open book. The pages are filled with dense, small text, likely from a classic work of literature or a theological text. The lighting is somewhat dim, creating a sense of depth and focus on the overlaid text.

From beginning to end, the driving impulse of God's heart is to be praised for his glory. From creation to consummation his ultimate allegiance is to himself. His unwavering purpose in all he does is to exalt the honor of his name and to be marveled at for his grace and power. He is infinitely jealous for his reputation.

-John Piper

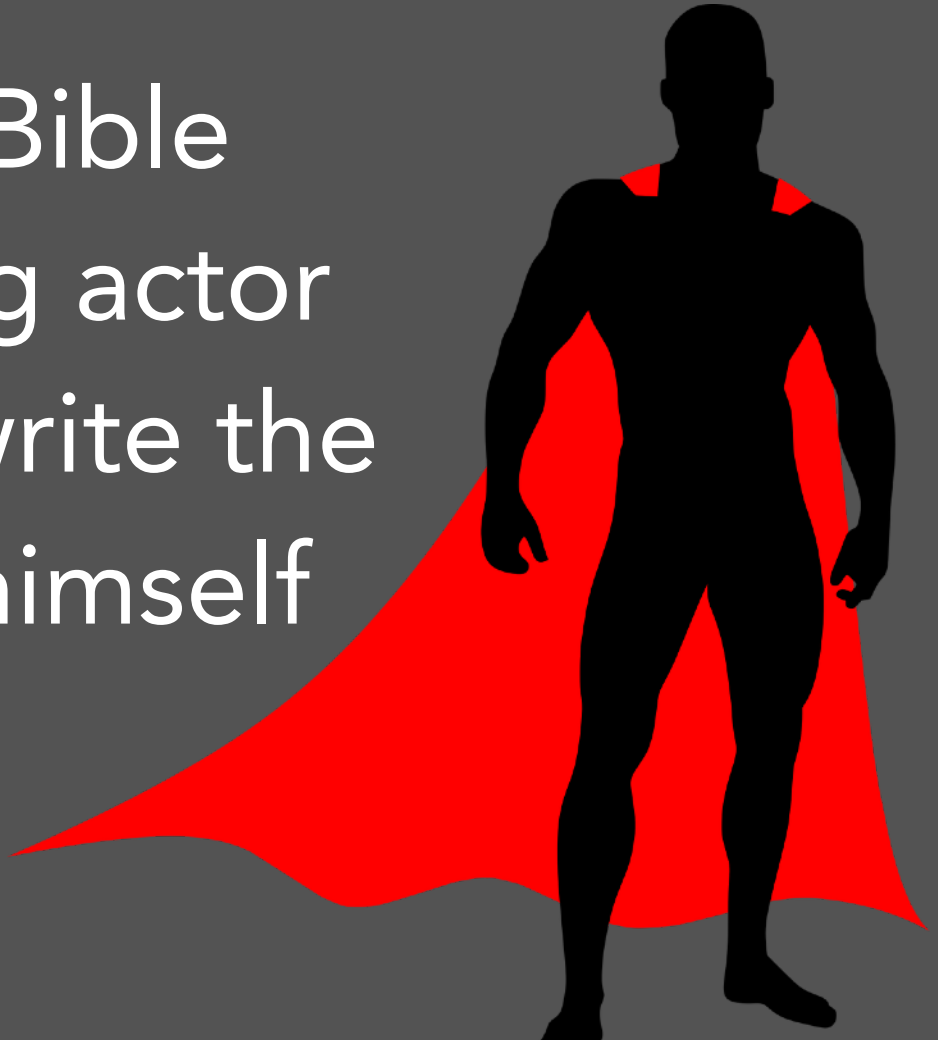
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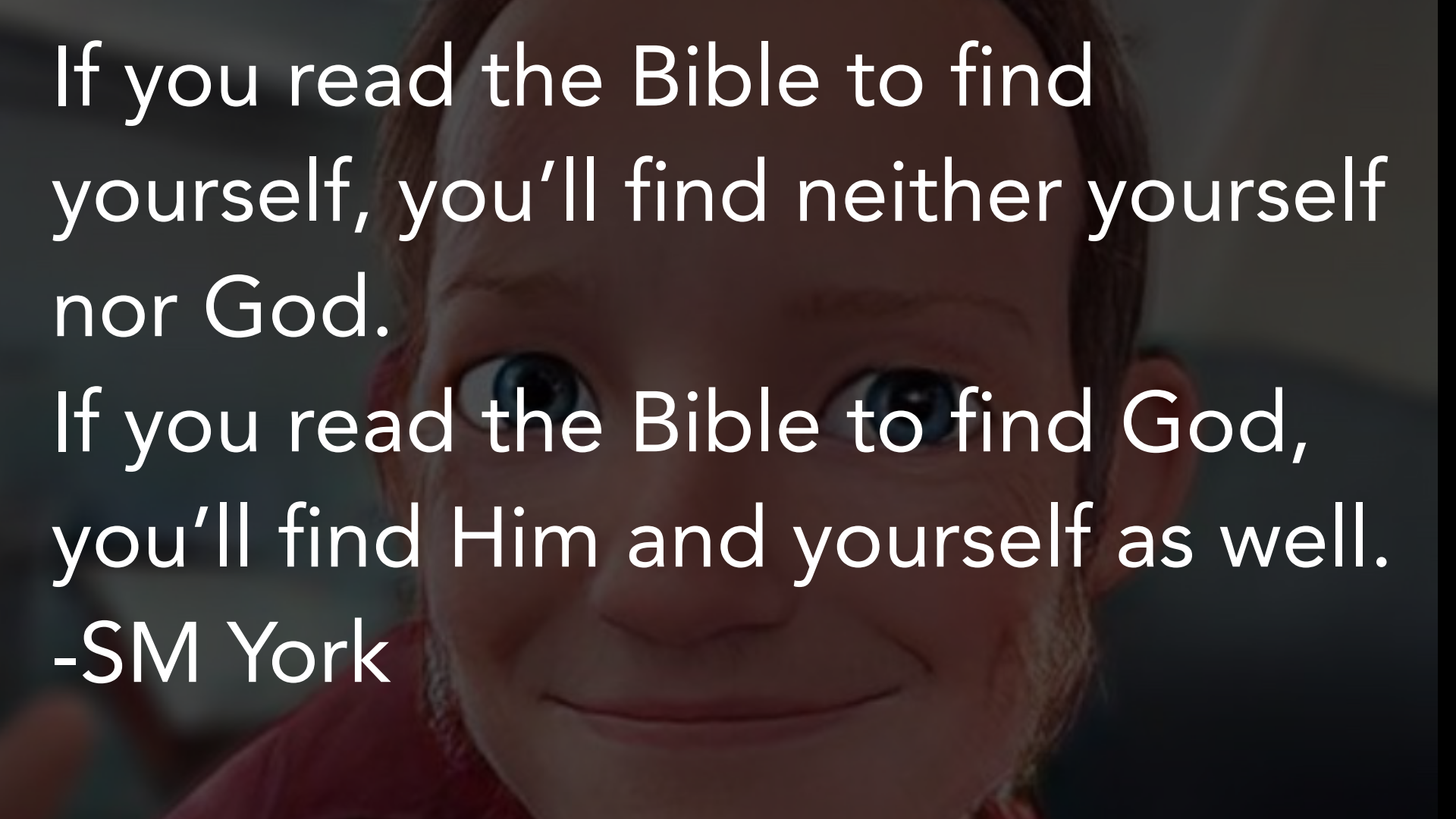
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What does the Bible
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If you read the Bible to find
yourself, you'll find neither yourself
nor God.

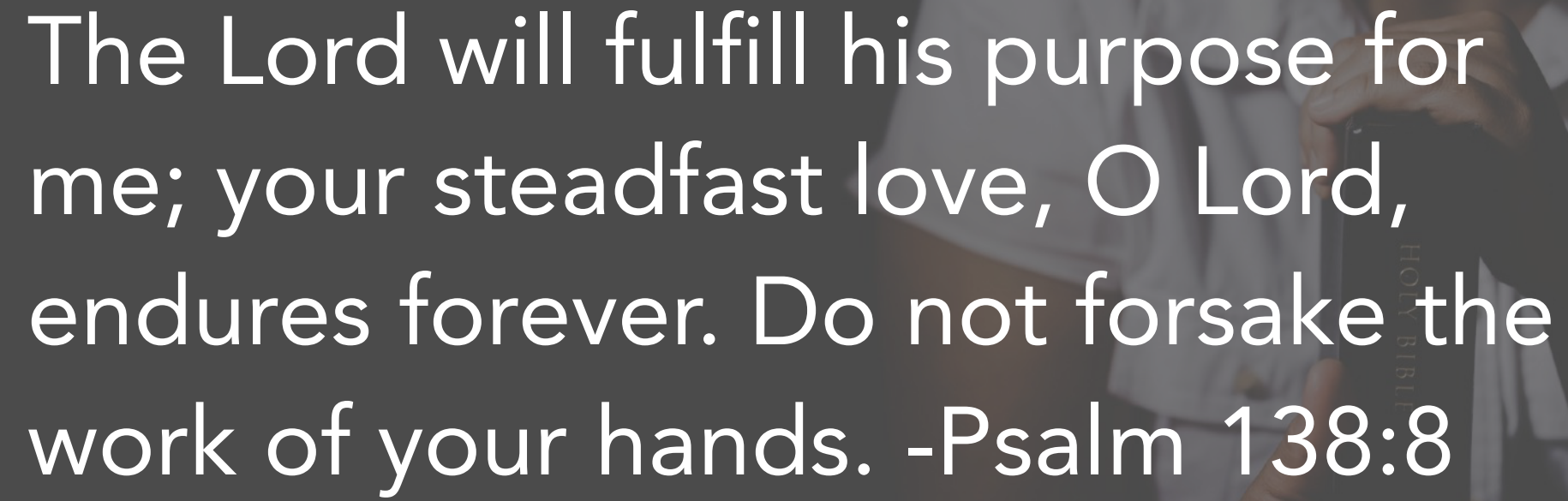
If you read the Bible to find God,
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-SM York

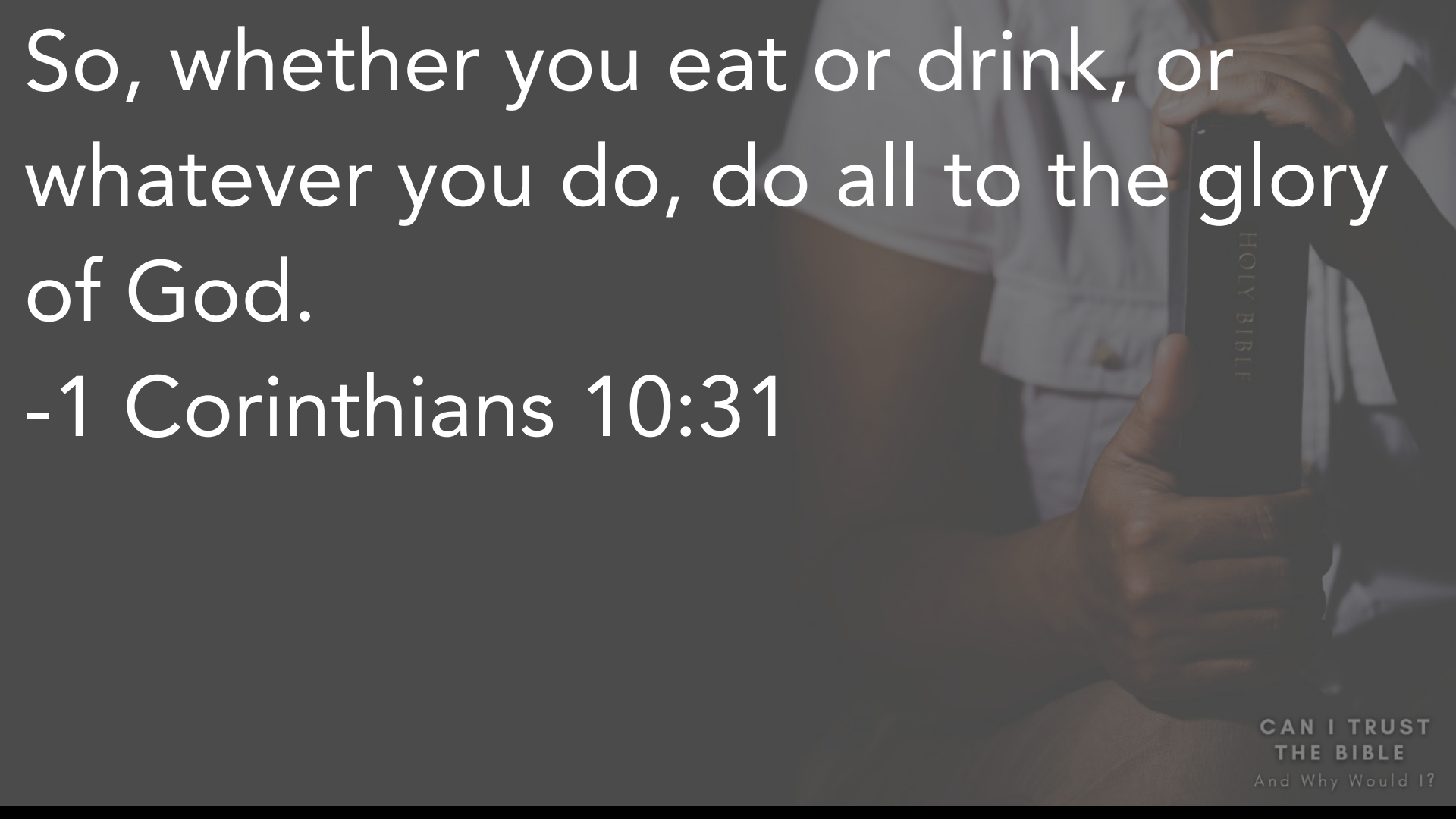
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My Story (& Your Story)

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A person wearing a white shirt is holding a dark-colored Bible. The Bible has the words 'HOLY BIBLE' printed vertically on its spine. The person's hands are visible, holding the Bible from the sides. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. -Psalm 138:8

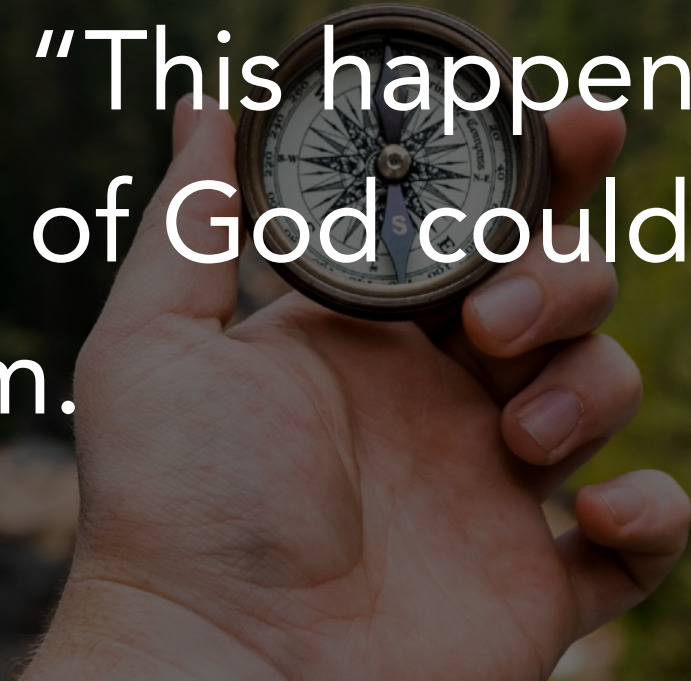
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So, whether you eat or drink, or
whatever you do, do all to the glory
of God.

-1 Corinthians 10:31

“It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

-John 9:3



You were made by God and
for God and until you
understand that, life will never
make sense.

-Rick Warren



Come to me, all of you who
are weary and carry heavy
burdens, and I will give you
rest.

-Jesus (Matthew 11:28)



The chief end of man is to glorify
God by enjoying him forever.

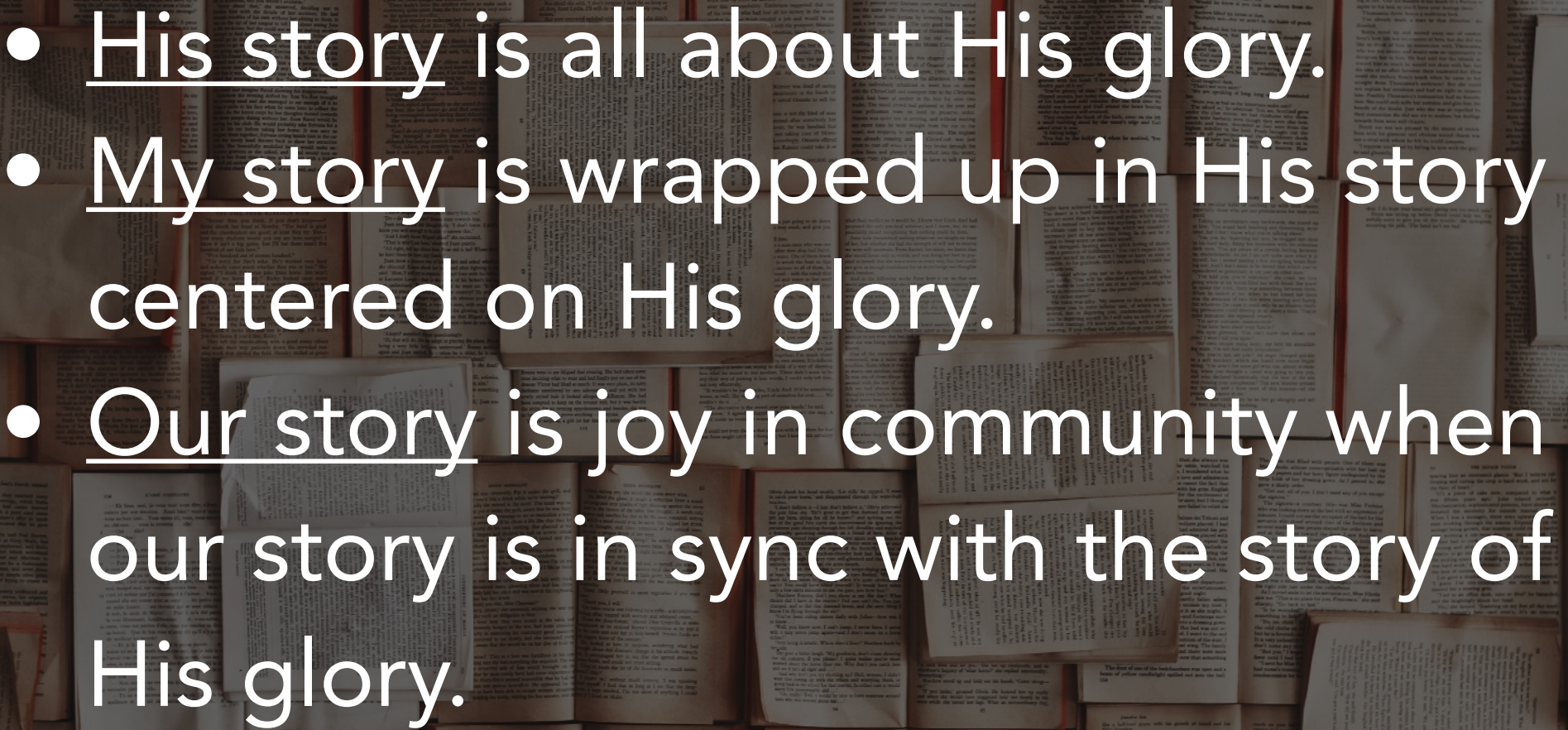
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Our Story

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. -1 Peter

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- His story is all about His glory.
 - My story is wrapped up in His story centered on His glory.
 - Our story is joy in community when our story is in sync with the story of His glory.

Question #3

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• How do I Trust the Bible.. the whole thing?

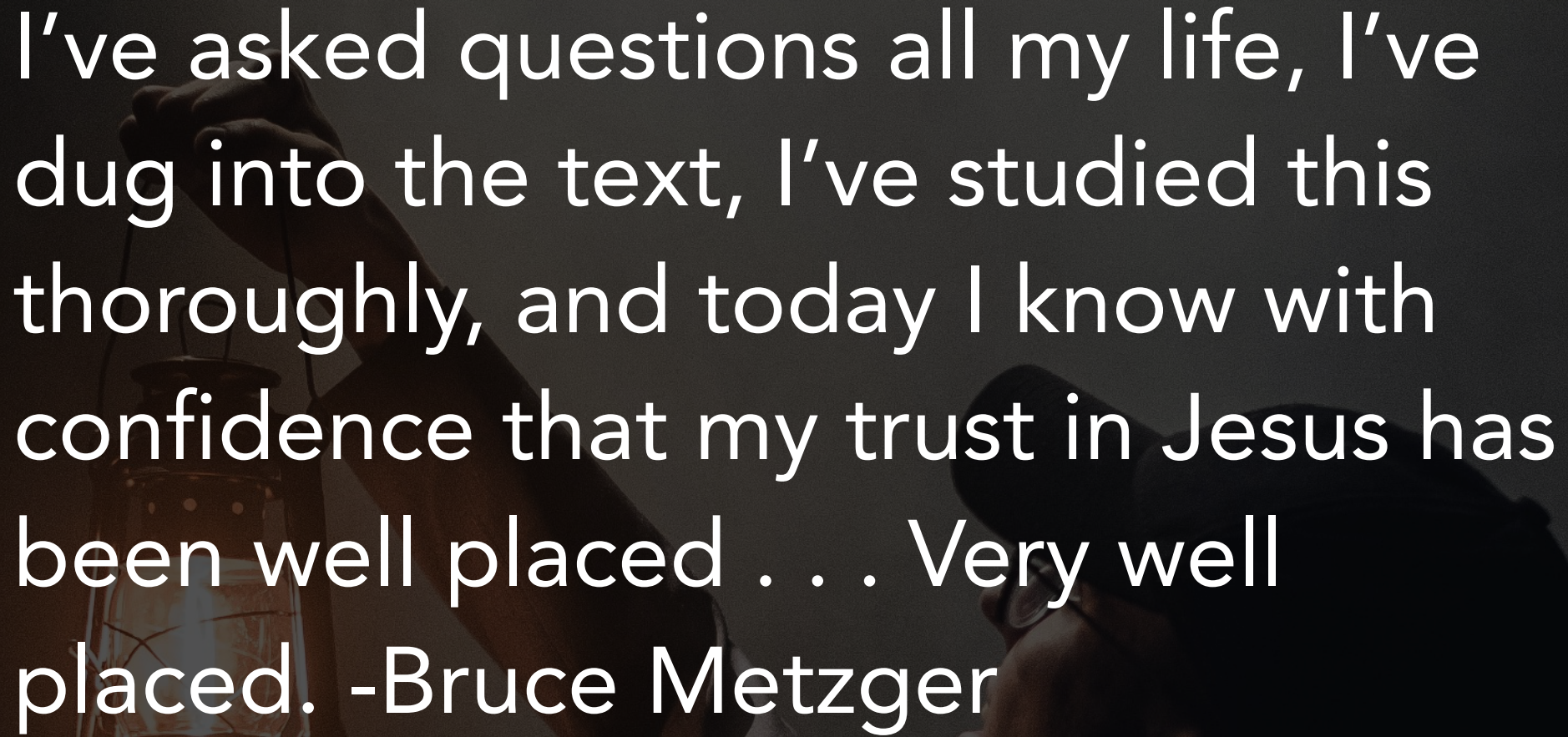
*Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a
light to my path.*

-Psalm 119:105



Follow the Evidence

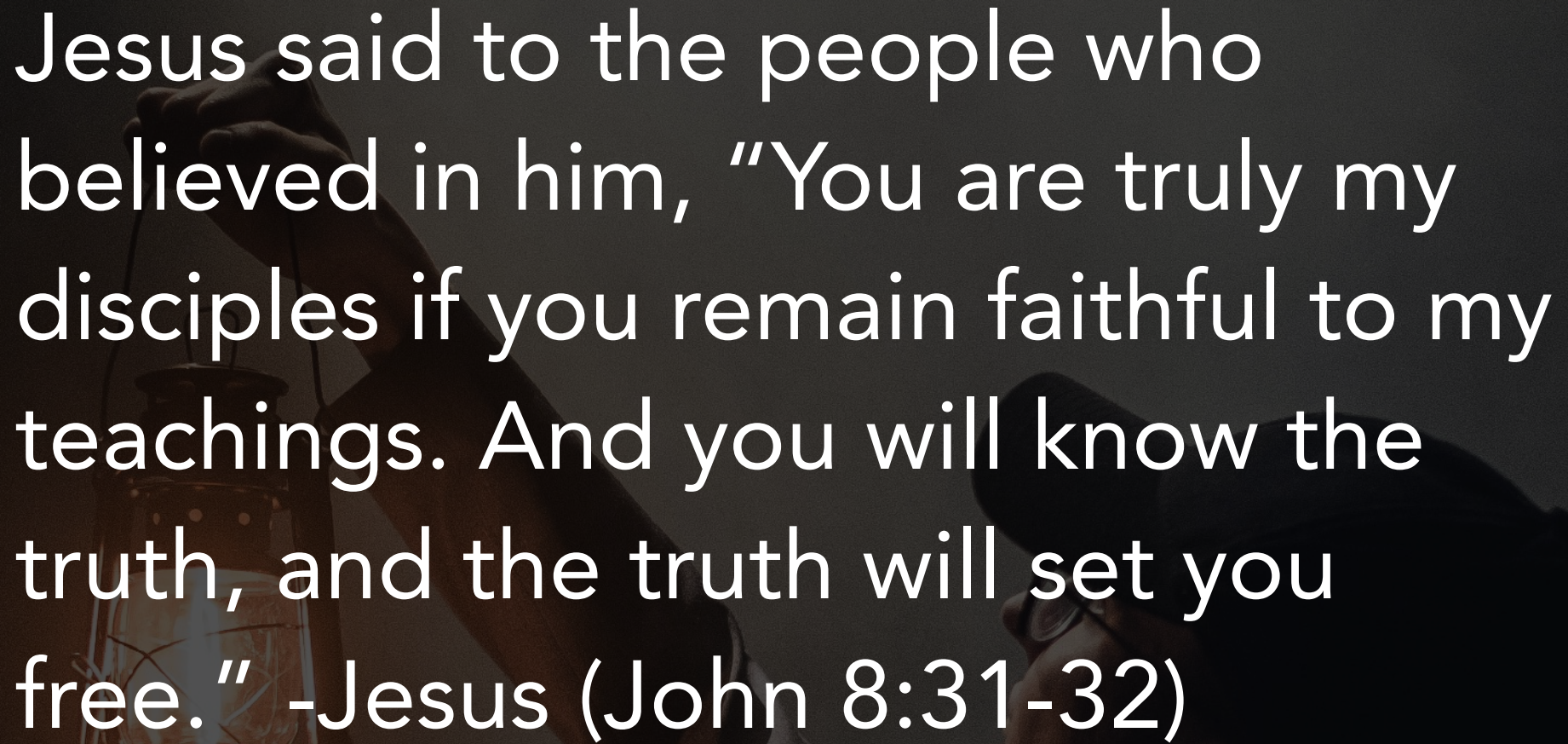


A dark, moody photograph of a person holding a glowing lantern. The person's face is partially visible in profile, wearing glasses and a dark cap. The lantern is lit, casting a warm glow. The background is dark and indistinct.

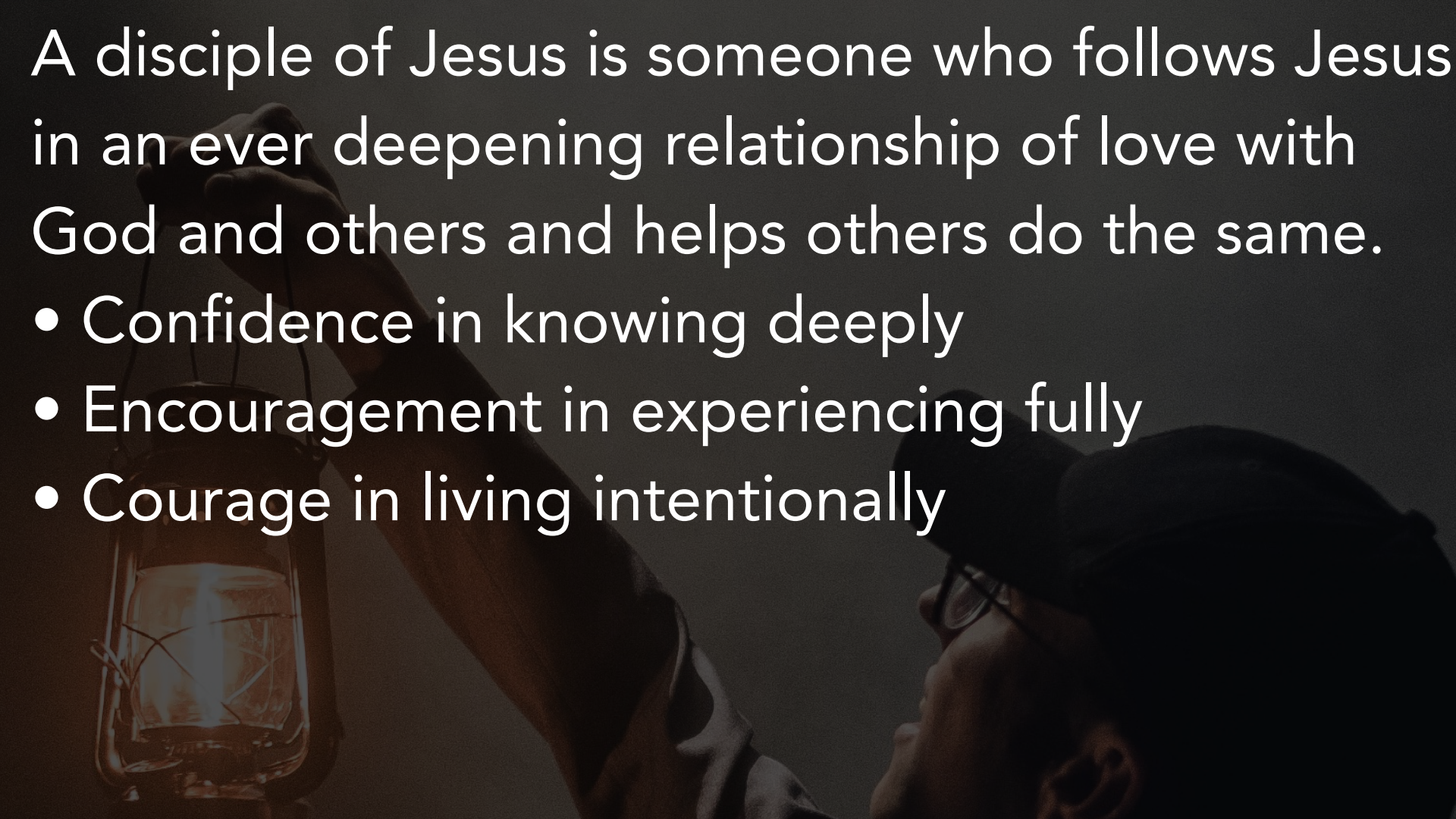
I've asked questions all my life, I've dug into the text, I've studied this thoroughly, and today I know with confidence that my trust in Jesus has been well placed . . . Very well placed. -Bruce Metzger

A person wearing a dark cap and glasses is shown in profile, looking upwards. They are holding a glowing lantern with a warm, orange light emanating from it. The background is dark, making the light from the lantern stand out. The text "Know by experience" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Know by
experience**

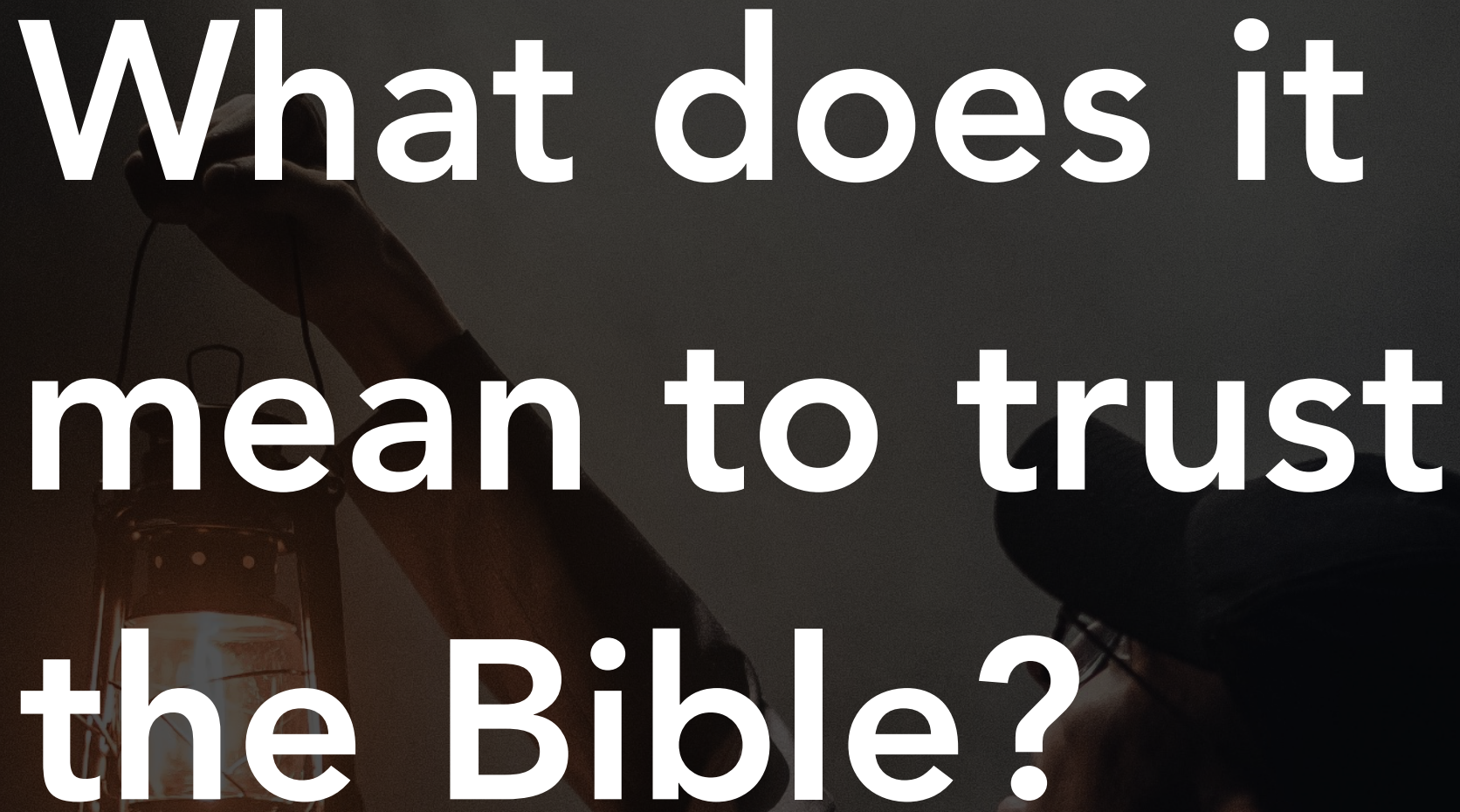
A person is shown in silhouette, holding a glowing lantern. The scene is dark, with the light from the lantern illuminating the person's hand and the lantern's frame. The background is a dark, textured grey.

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." -Jesus (John 8:31-32)

A person is shown in silhouette, holding a glowing lantern high in the air. The lantern is the primary light source, casting a warm, orange glow. The person's face is partially visible in profile, wearing glasses. The background is dark and textured.

A disciple of Jesus is someone who follows Jesus in an ever deepening relationship of love with God and others and helps others do the same.

- Confidence in knowing deeply
- Encouragement in experiencing fully
- Courage in living intentionally

A dark, low-key photograph of a person's hand holding a glowing lantern. The person is wearing a dark cap and glasses, and their face is partially visible in profile. The lantern is the primary light source, casting a warm glow. The background is dark and indistinct.

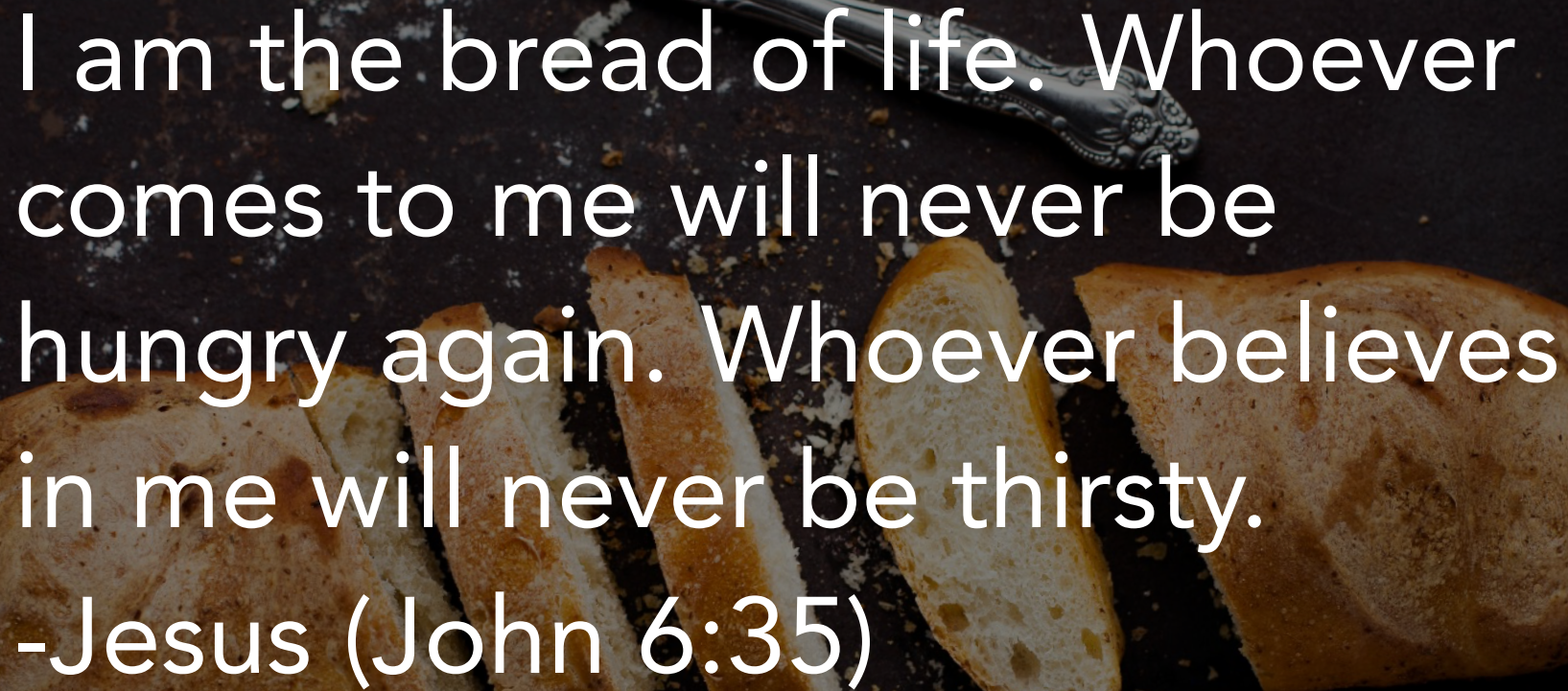
**What does it
mean to trust
the Bible?**

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- Read it.
 - Ask the hard questions.
 - Steak your life on it.



My food is to do the will of him
who sent me and to accomplish
his work.

-Jesus (John 4:34)

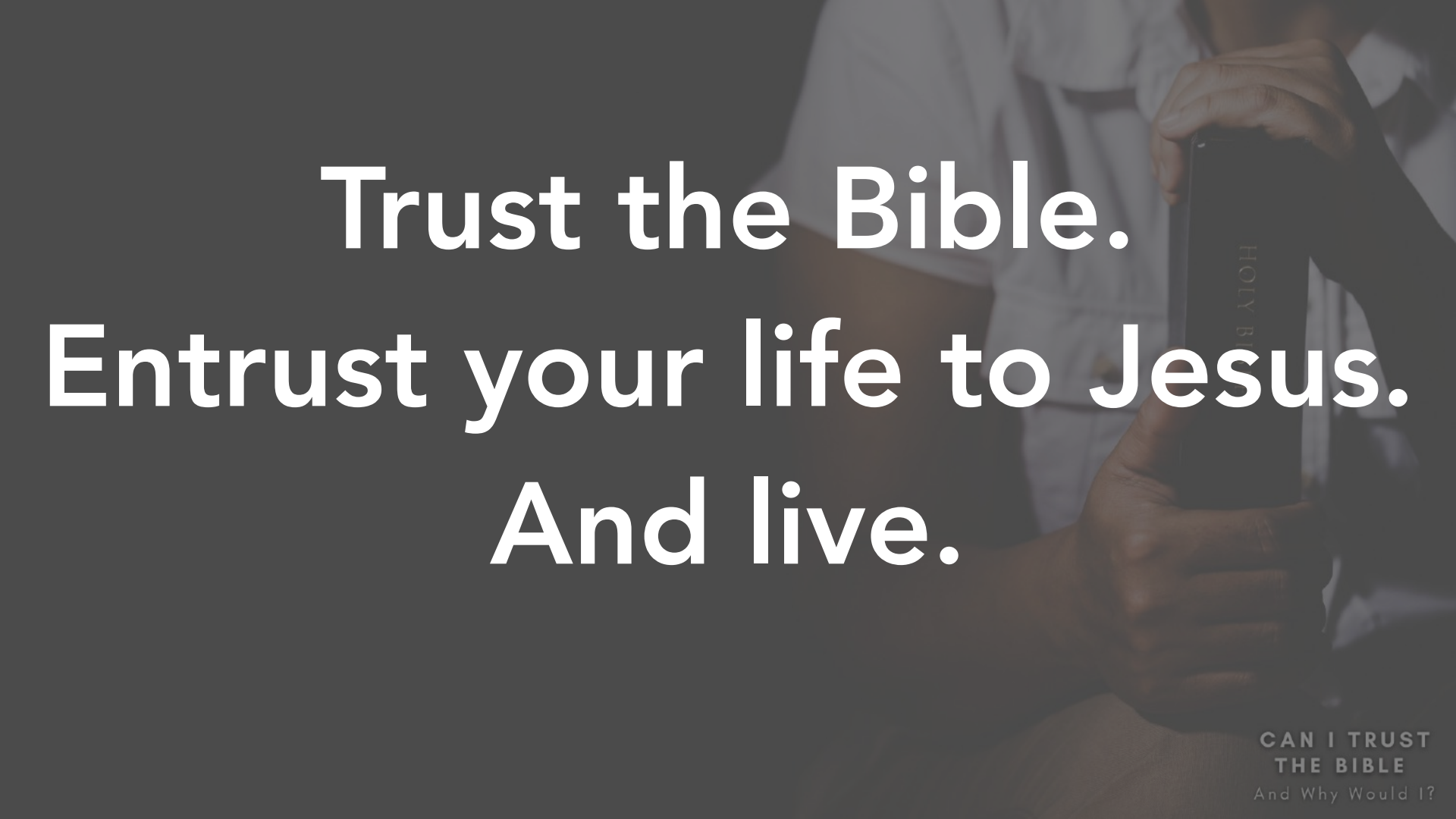
A dark, textured surface, possibly a table or countertop, is the background. In the upper left, a silver butter knife with an ornate handle lies diagonally. In the lower half, a loaf of golden-brown bread is partially sliced into several thick pieces. The bread has a porous, airy texture. The text is overlaid in white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically.

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
-Jesus (John 6:35)

Closing Scripture

these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

-John 20:31

A person is shown from the chest up, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. They are holding a dark-colored Bible with both hands. The Bible has the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically on its cover. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light. Overlaid on the image is large, white, sans-serif text.

**Trust the Bible.
Entrust your life to Jesus.
And live.**

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