



HEARING *God's Voice*

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RESTORATION

& The Power of Prayer



“Come follow Me”







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Following Jesus by His Holy Spirit

Recap:

1. It is a personal Journey with Jesus Christ

- a. Many know all about Jesus but do not KNOW Jesus intimately and personally. To follow our Lord Jesus Christ, we must come to know Him.
- b. Once we are born-again, we are then set apart by God in His Kingdom and no longer part of the world.
- c. We walk in the Fullness of Salvation being transformed from the “old man” to the “new man” into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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2. JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, & GLORIFICATION as True Believers

1) JUSTIFICATION (Past)— We confessed with our tongue our belief in Him; therefore, we have been justified. We are now in Christ, and it is “*Just-as-if-we’d never sinned.*” Completely forgiven a free gift from God!

- a. Past fact standing in our position of “I am in Christ.”
- b. We now have the righteousness of Jesus Christ to come before God with our prayers and petitions.



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2) **SANCTIFICATION** (Present)— From justification, the work of sanctification begins in our born-again life. We continue our walk with Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- a. We are learning to walk in the fullness of salvation. By Grace, the Spirit of God—the Holy Spirit transforms our perspective (renewal of the mind), will, and choices for His purposes and plan.
- b. It is in the present, a progressive process of being “conformed in the image of Christ.”



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3) **GLORIFICATION** (Future)— God’s final removal of sin in the life of the saints in the eternal state. At Christ’s coming, the glory of God—His honor, praise, majesty, and holiness will be realized in us. Instead of being mortals burdened with a sinful nature, we are changed into holy immortals with direct unhindered access to God’s presence, and we will enjoy holy communion with Him throughout eternity.

a) Our future promise. Permanently “with Christ for eternity.”



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Recap:

3. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- 1) The Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Truth...the Holy Spirit
- 2) God's means of dealing with man in different periods of time
- 3) Third person of the Trinity under two covenants



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- 4) **Old Testament – (Old Covenant)** God plan of creation and purposes through His chosen people of Israel – the Jews
 - a) Creation and sustaining of life
 - b) Revealing His presence to man
 - c) Teaching, empowering, and inspiring man
 - d) Dealing with evil
 - e) Revealing the coming of Jesus Christ



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5) **New Testament – (New Covenant)** God's plan available to all who believe in Jesus Christ – Jew or Gentile

- a) Conception of Jesus Christ
- b) Fulfillment of Christ's entire ministry
- c) Resurrection of Christ
- d) Now empowers Believers to understand, to obey, to walk in victory in every area of life, and to carry out all that God has designed for us individually, and collectively – the body of Christ





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“But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God...’”

Jeremiah 7:23





*“My sheep hear my voice,
and I know them, and they
follow me.”*

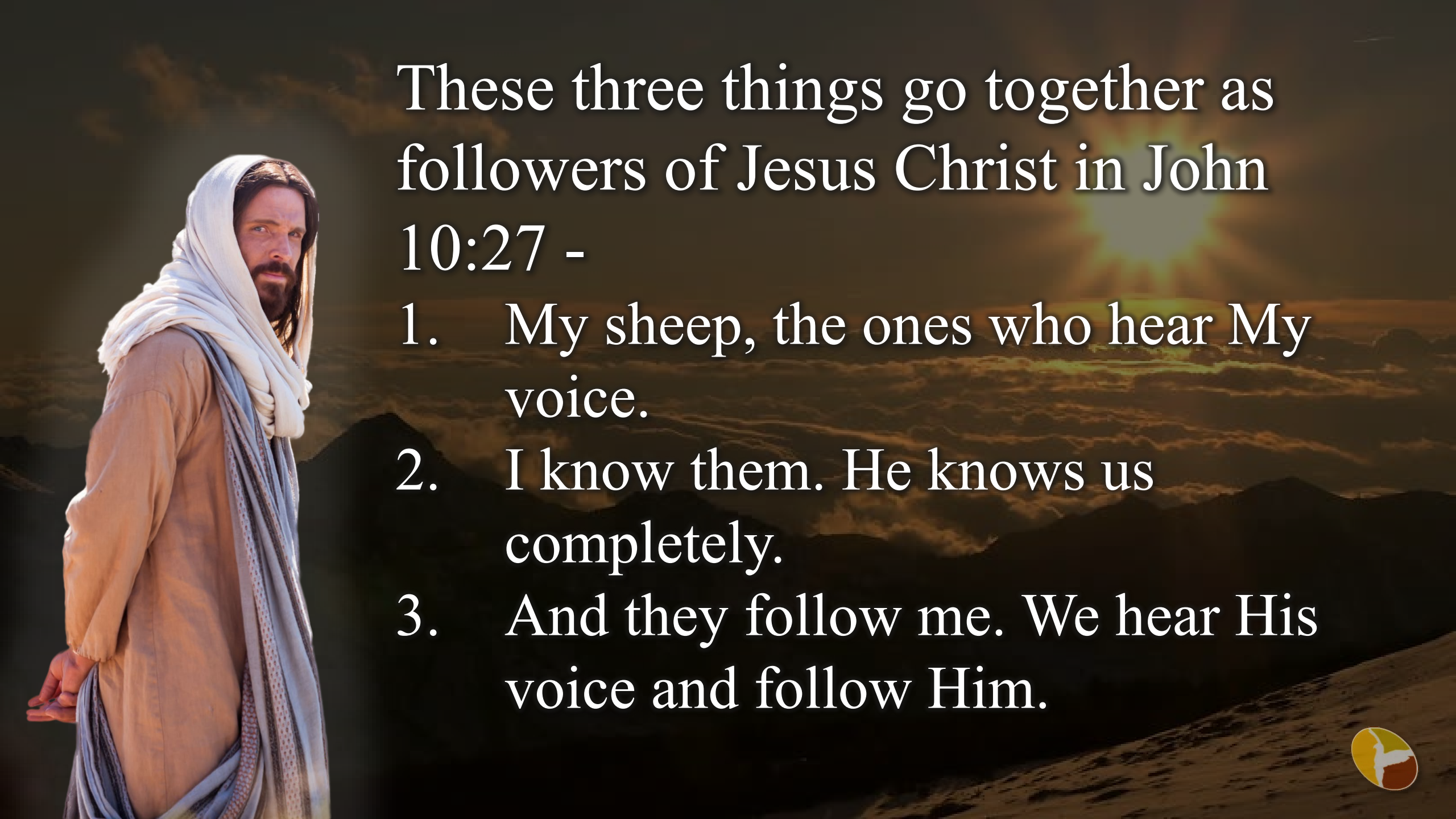
John 10:27





What marks a true follower of Jesus Christ, no matter what religious denomination, a certain type of worship, or adherence to some form of doctrine, it is in **hearing His voice that we become followers.**





These three things go together as
followers of Jesus Christ in John
10:27 -

1. My sheep, the ones who hear My voice.
2. I know them. He knows us completely.
3. And they follow me. We hear His voice and follow Him.







- Sheep follow the Shepherd simply because they hear his voice.
- If we don't hear His voice, we can't follow Jesus.
- Hearing His voice is what makes us His Sheep. He knows us, and we follow Him.





Three distinct features of Hearing God's voice which are life-changing once they are understood:

1. Personal – every voice is unique, as we personally relate to Him, we come to know His voice. This is our protection in relating to Him personally, and more intimately over time.





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2. Intangible –unable to be touched or grasped; not having physical presence. God's voice is not restricted to any place or time you have nothing to cling on to but His voice.

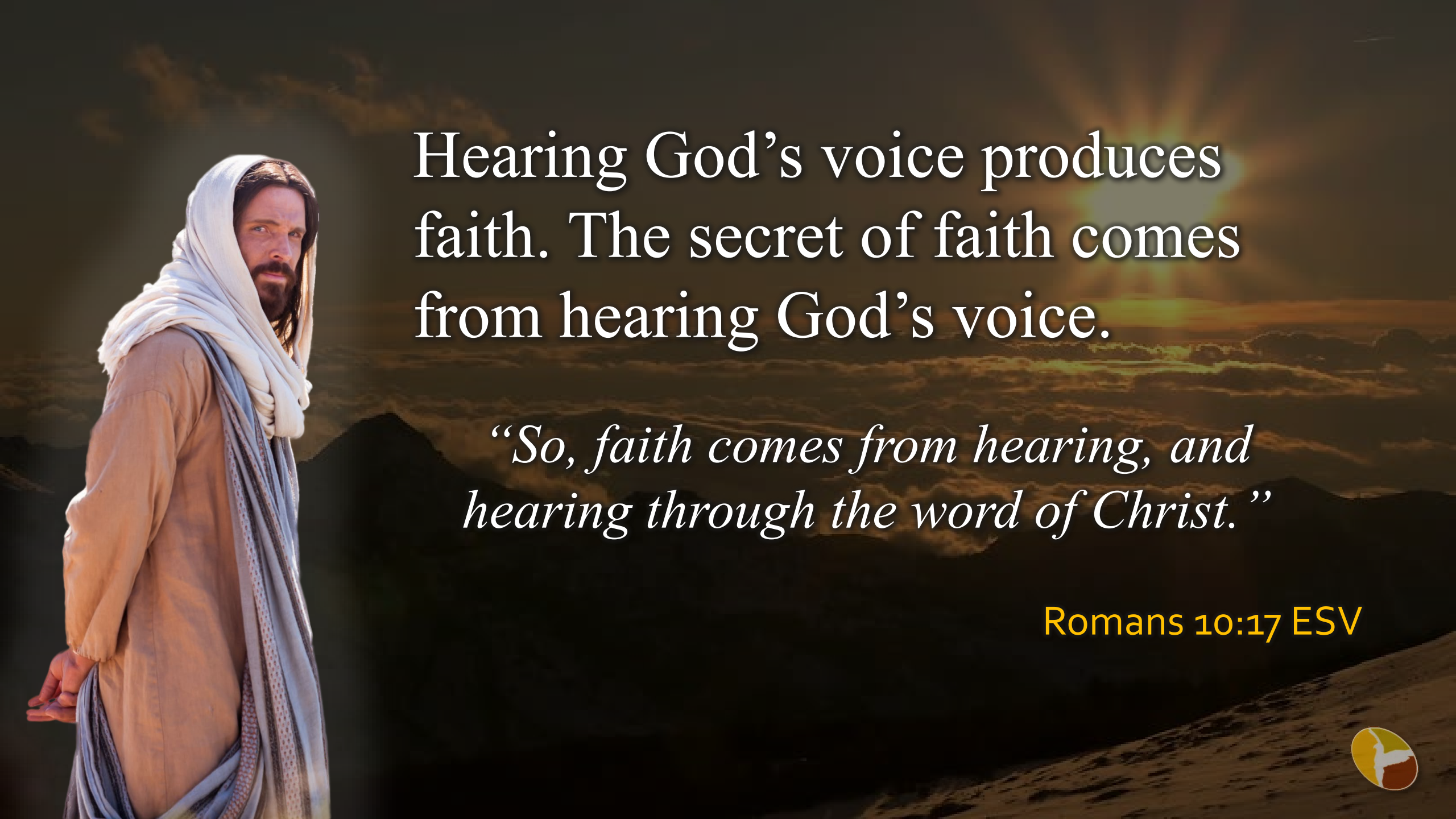




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3. Present – in relation to time God's voice is always in the present, the Eternal now. Being in the present moment in the presence of God – “I AM” hearing His voice.



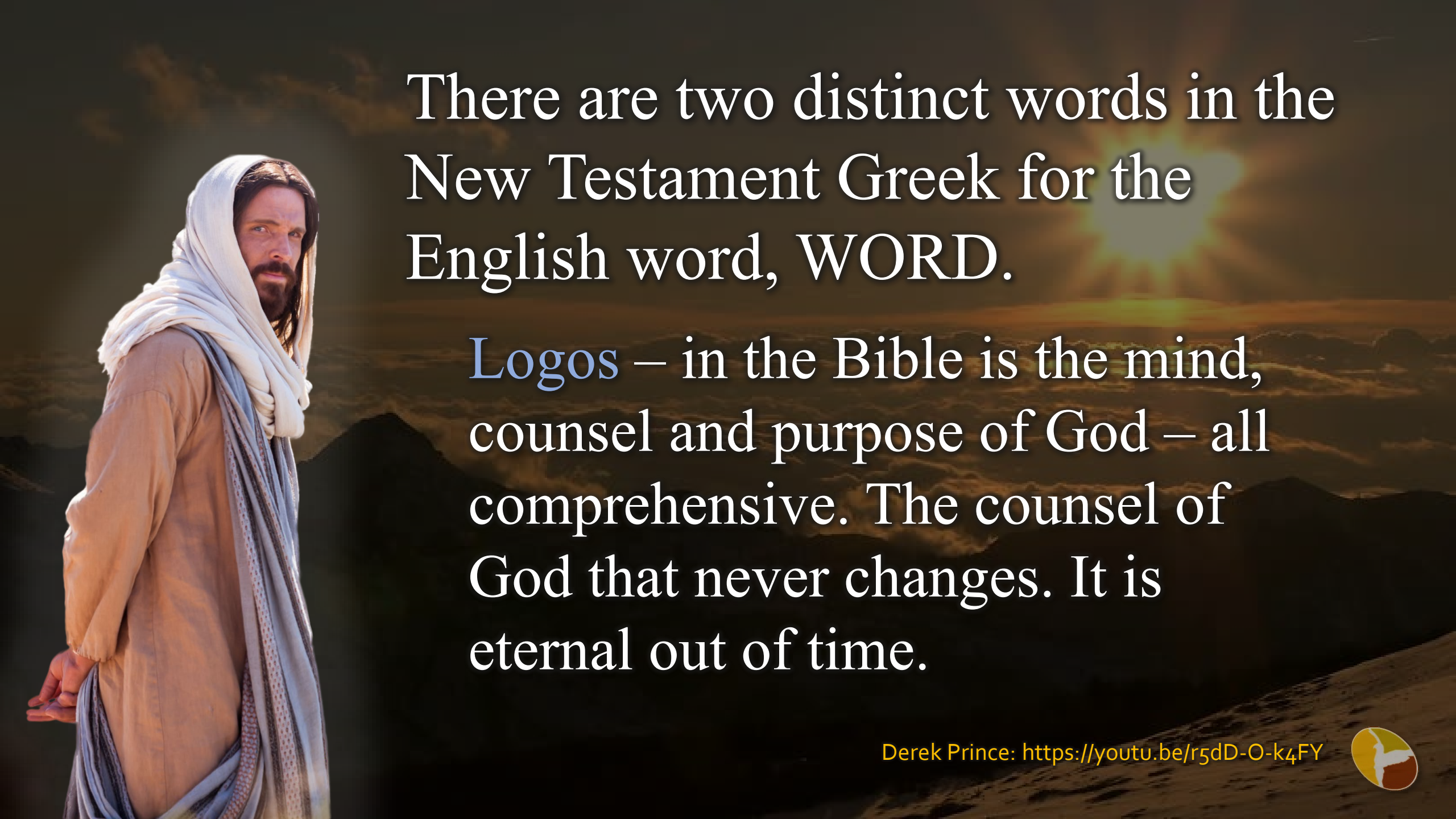


Hearing God's voice produces faith. The secret of faith comes from hearing God's voice.

“So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17 ESV

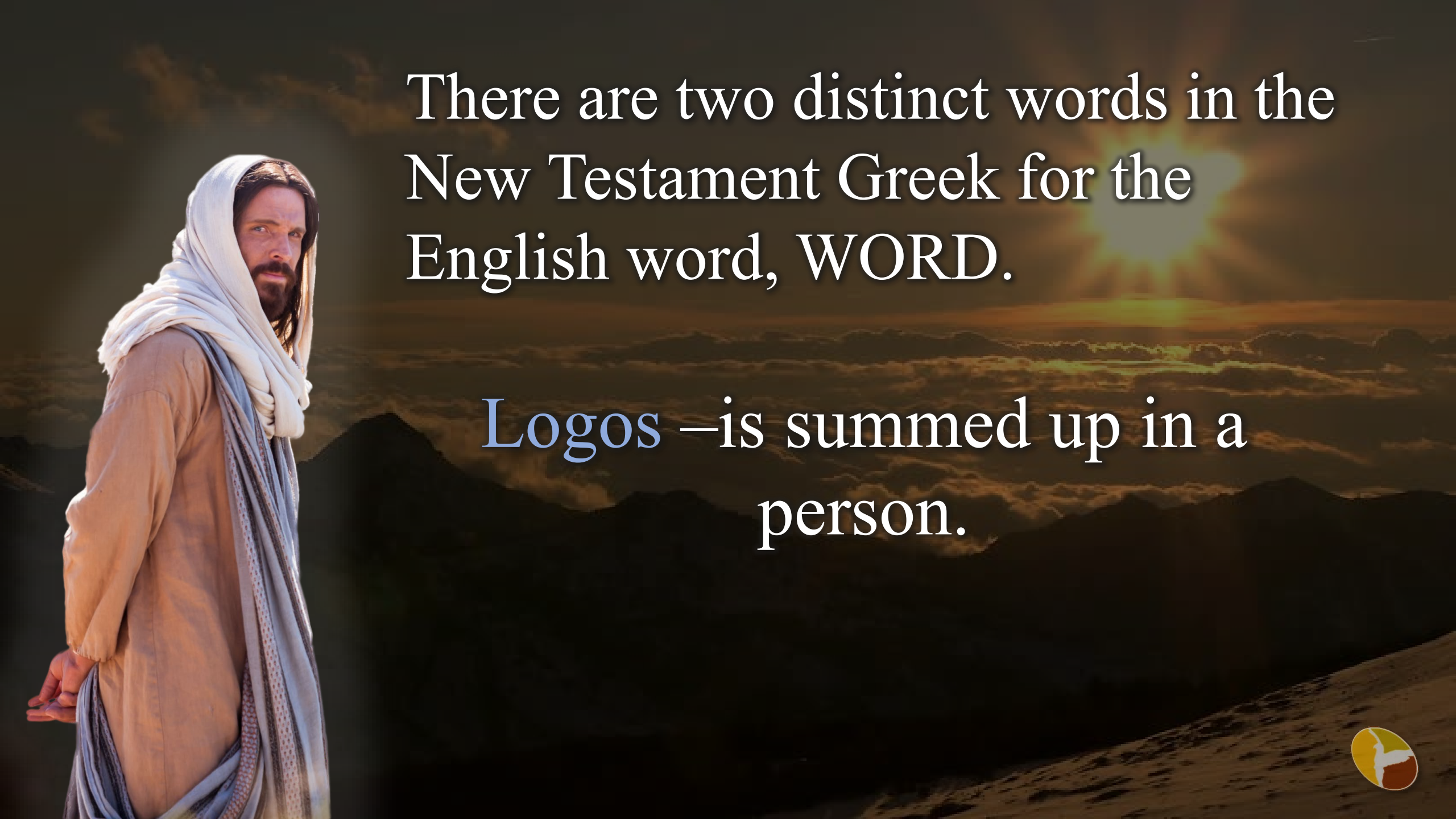




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Logos – in the Bible is the mind, counsel and purpose of God – all comprehensive. The counsel of God that never changes. It is eternal out of time.

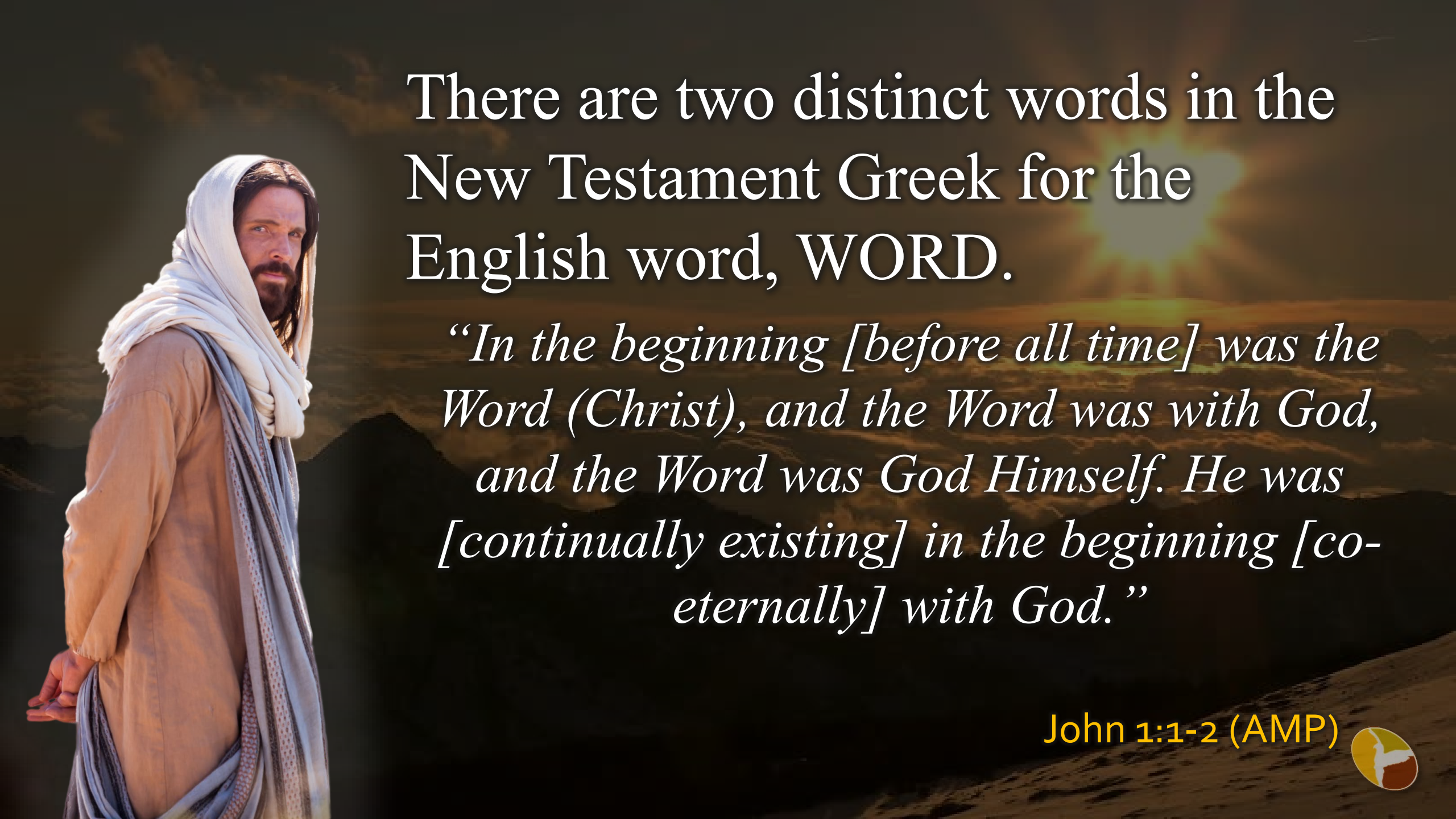




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Logos —is summed up in a
person.



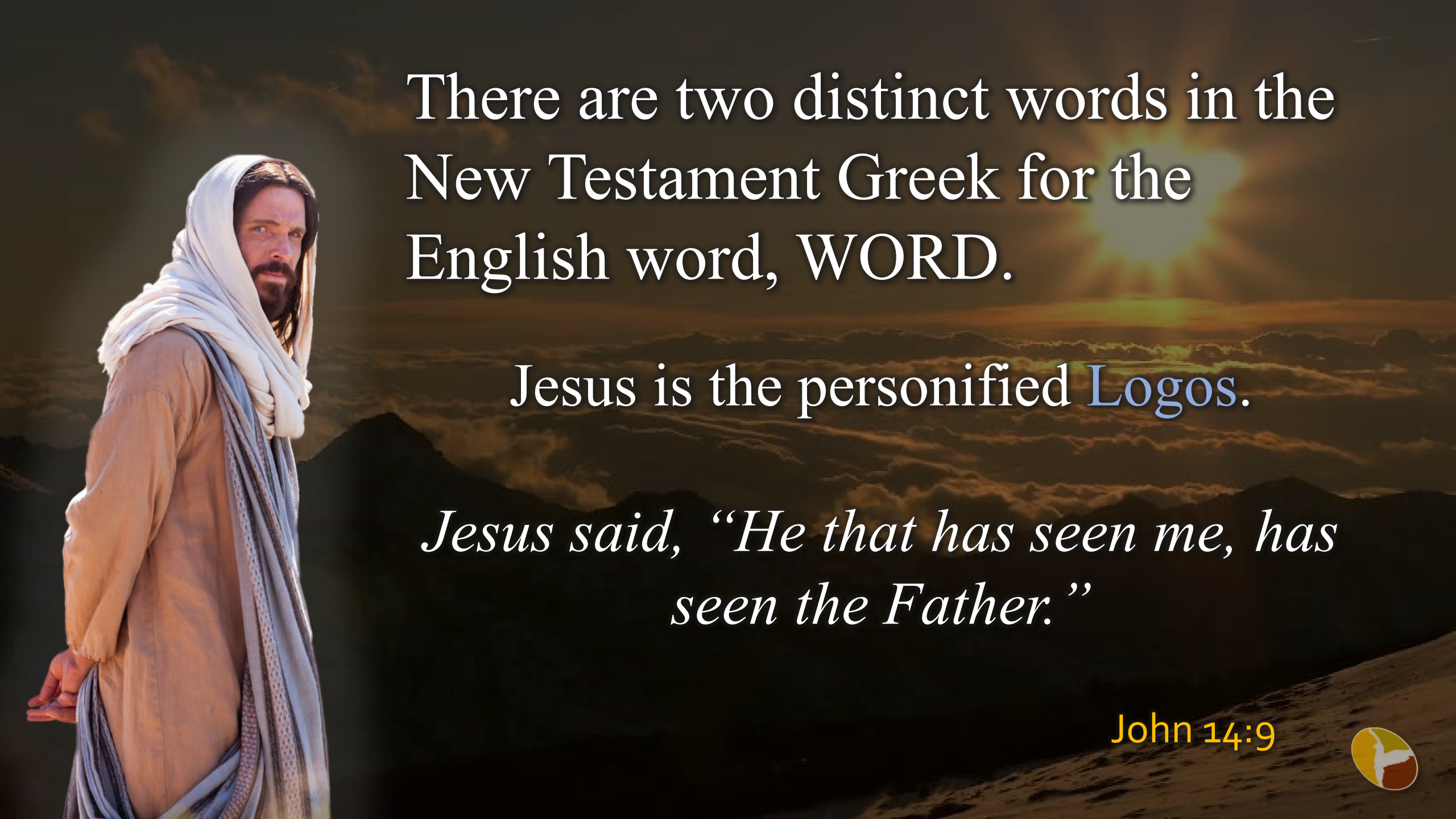


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“In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. He was [continually existing] in the beginning [co-eternally] with God.”

John 1:1-2 (AMP)






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Jesus is the personified Logos.

*Jesus said, “He that has seen me, has
seen the Father.”*

John 14:9





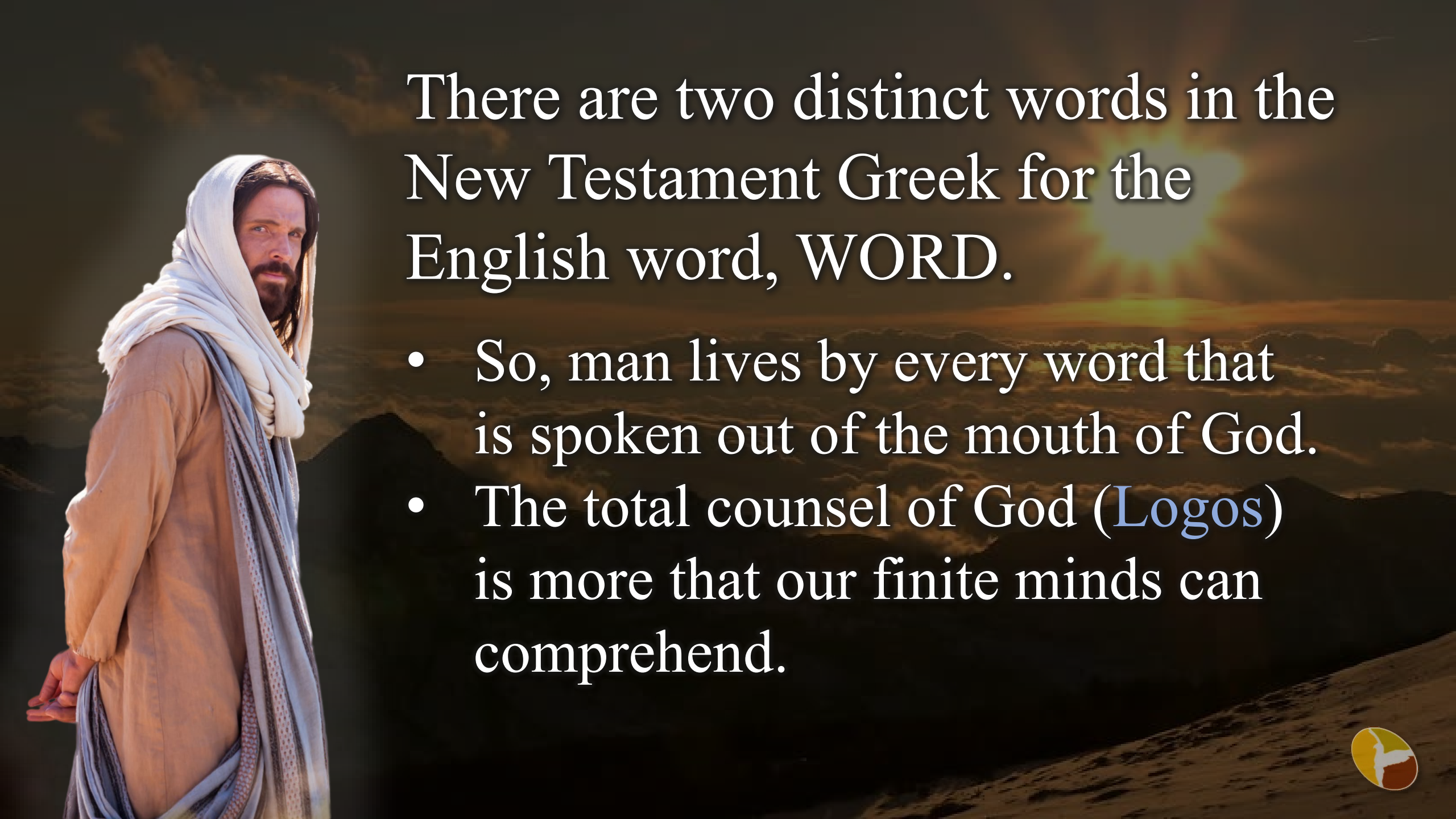
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Rhema – is only a word that is spoken.

“But he answered, ‘It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone, But on every word (Rhema) that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4

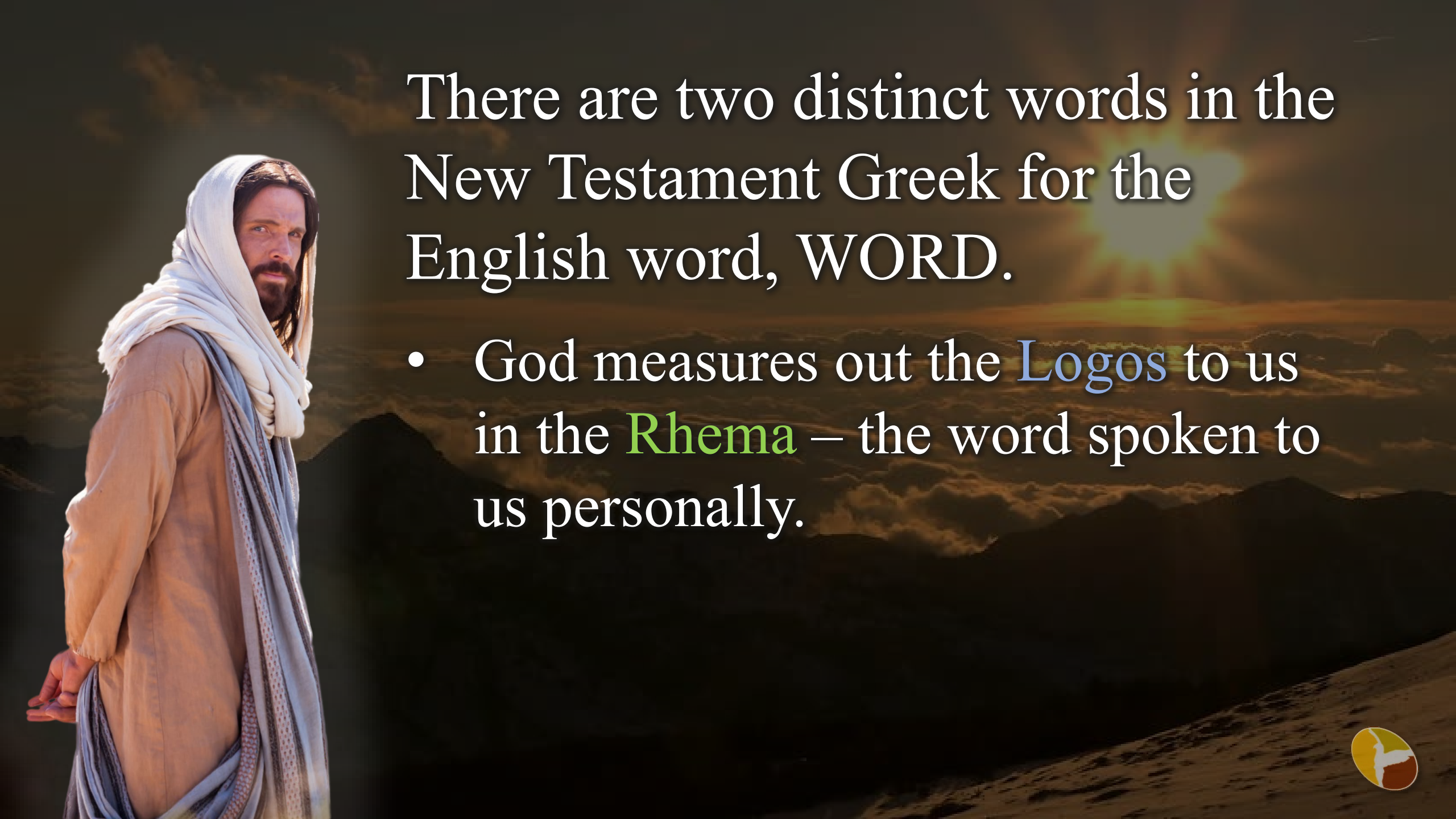




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- So, man lives by every word that is spoken out of the mouth of God.
- The total counsel of God (**Logos**) is more than our finite minds can comprehend.

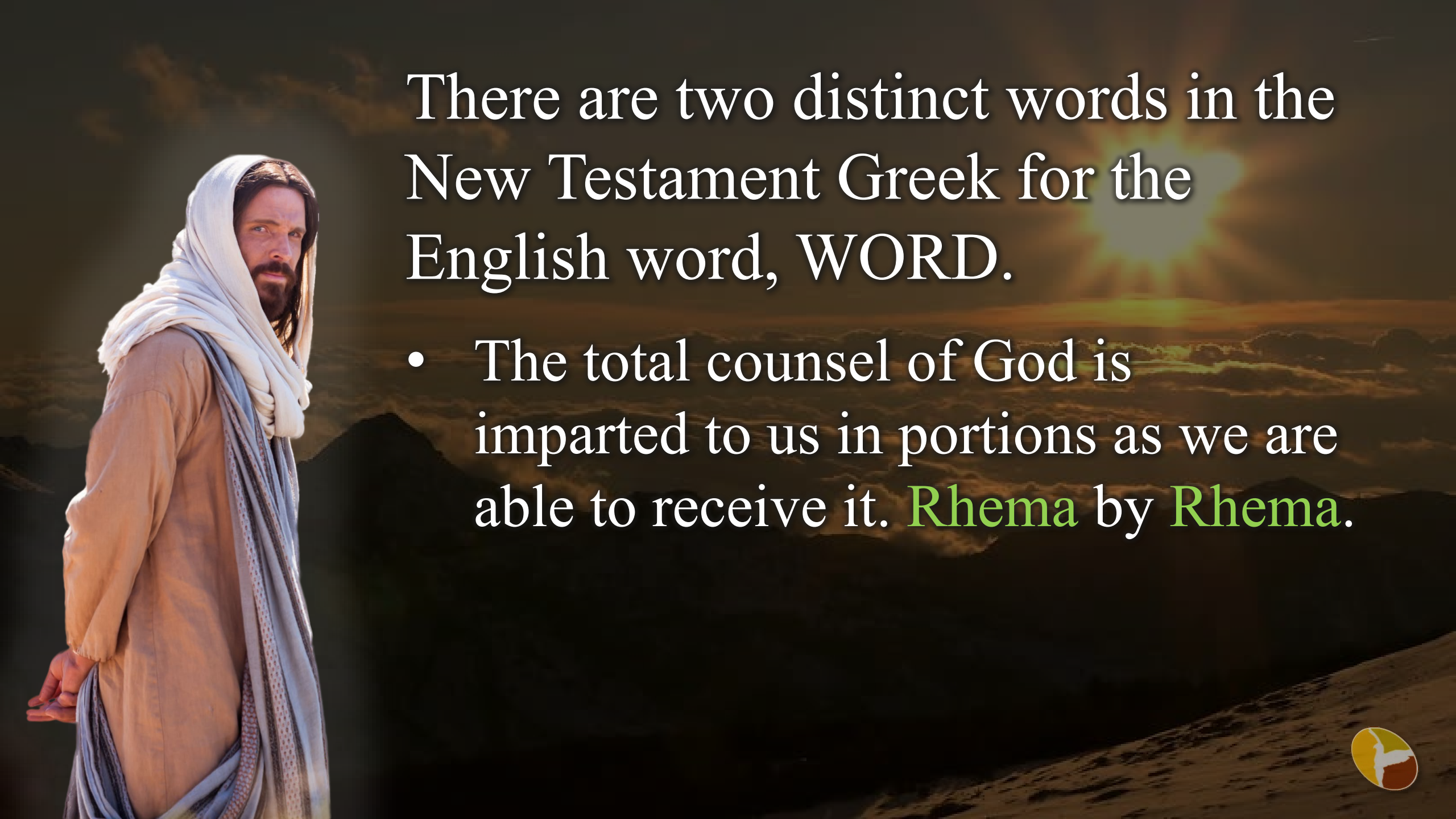




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- God measures out the Logos to us in the Rhema – the word spoken to us personally.





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- The total counsel of God is imparted to us in portions as we are able to receive it. Rhema by Rhema.





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Jesus said, “God has a **Rhema** for us each day.”

*So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the (**Rhema**) word of Christ.*

Romans 10:17



The difference between Logos and **Rhema**

Logos – Eternal in the Heaven unchanged.

Rhema – Coming down to us, personal, a word that we hear, something that is spoken.

Therefore, **Romans 10:17** is the **Rhema** word.

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The Bible does not say that faith comes from reading the Bible.

Many times, we read the Bible and hear nothing. All you have is black marks on white paper in front of your eyes. You can try processing it, but you receive no faith.





“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

John 5:39-40 (NIV)





It is when these words come alive
(filled with life) through the Holy
Spirit speaking to us that we

- ❖ spiritually understand,
- ❖ abide (live) in Christ,
- ❖ and receive faith that moves mountains
(impossible becomes possible).





“ It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are Spirit and life.”

John 6:33 (AMPC)

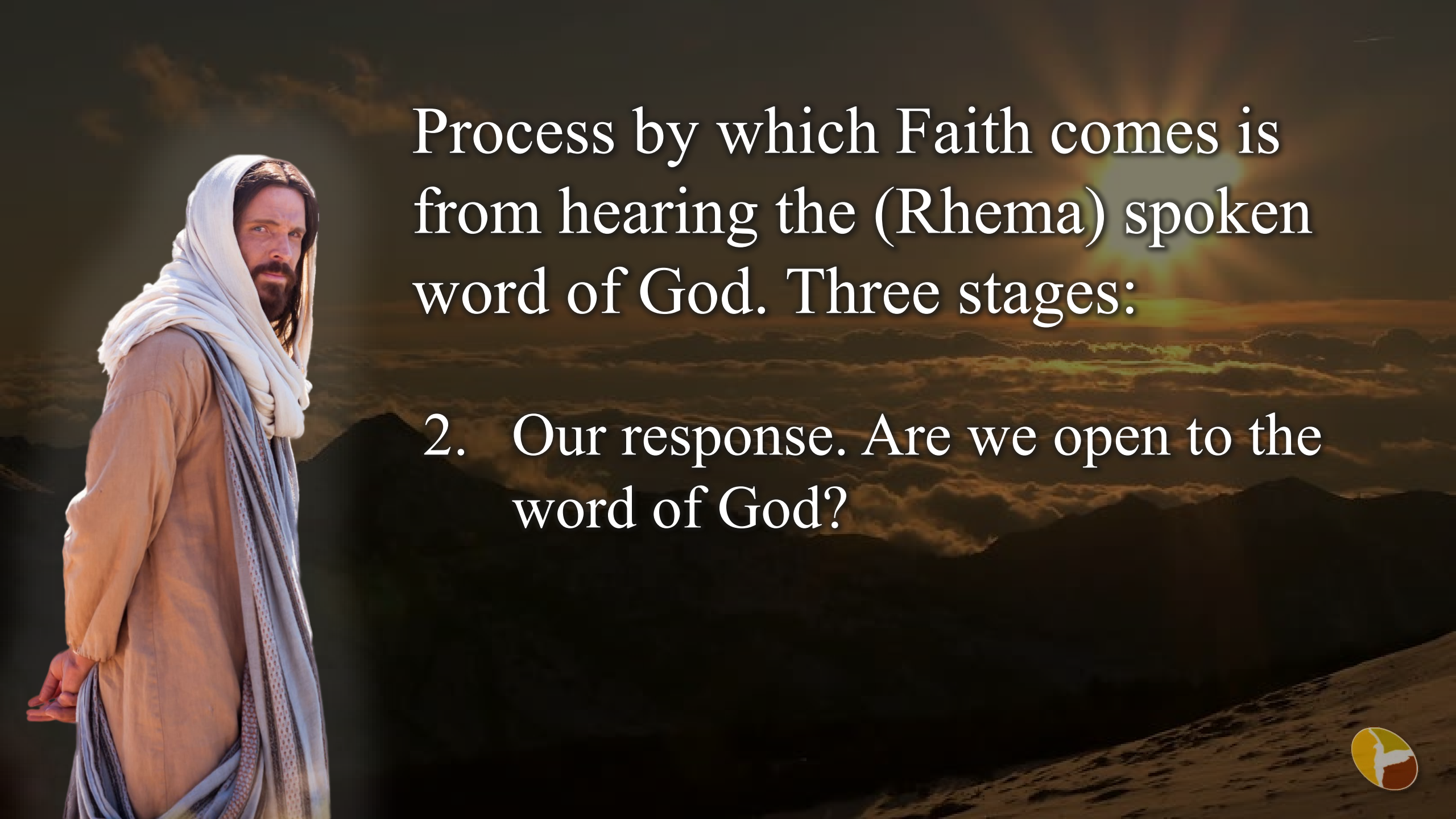




Process by which Faith comes is from hearing the (**Rhema**) spoken word of God. Three stages:

1. God's word, God speaks the personal **Rhema** word to us. Sometimes called **a word in due season.**



A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white head covering and a light-colored robe, stands in a desert landscape. The background shows rolling hills and a sunset sky with warm, golden light. The man is looking towards the camera with a serious expression.

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2. Our response. Are we open to the word of God?





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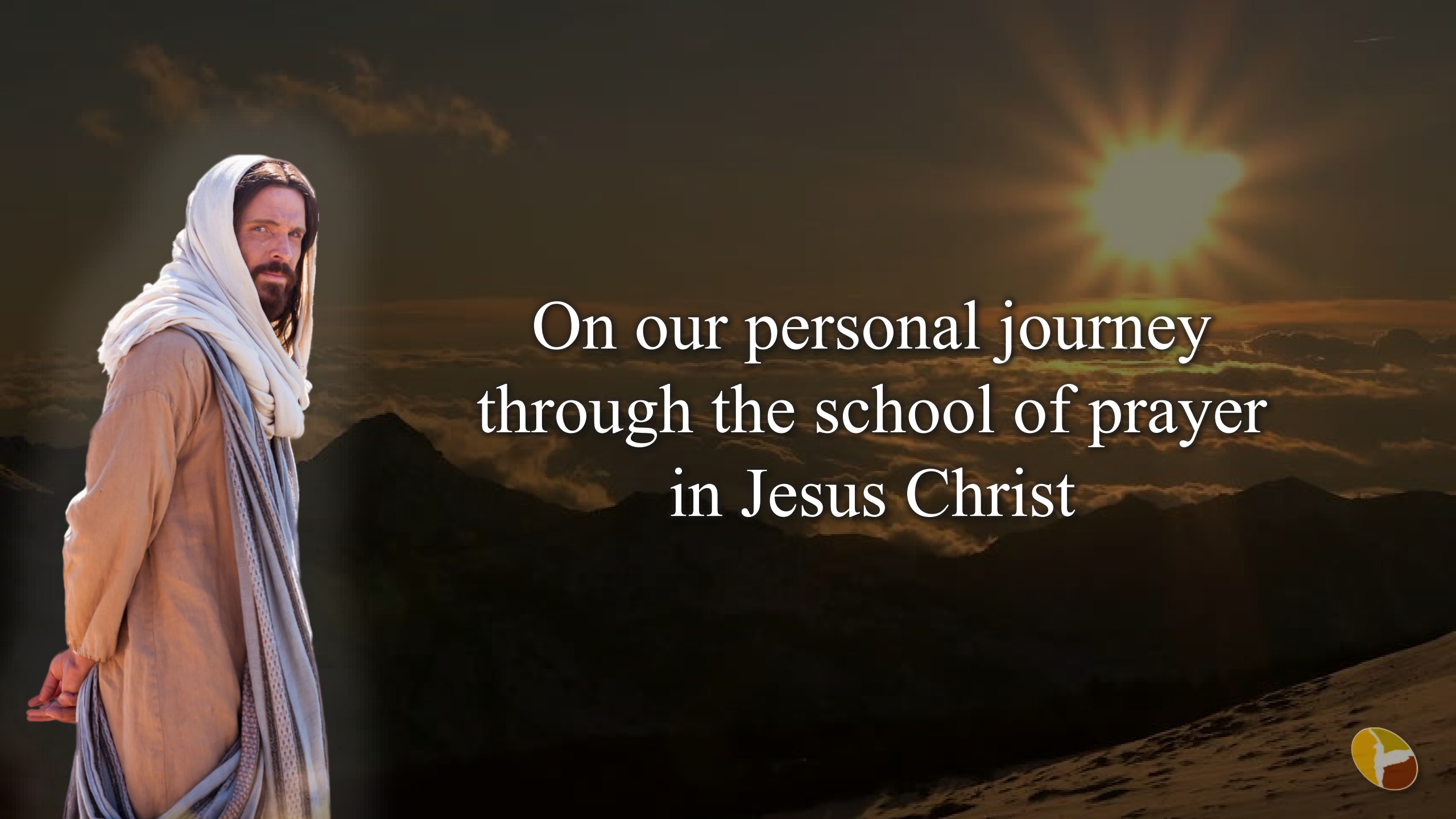
3. Out of hearing faith comes. Hearing is not usually instantaneous. We must come to a frame of mind that comes from *the renewal of the mind*, a **change of perspective** through the Holy Spirit.





How to Hear God's Voice





On our personal journey
through the school of prayer
in Jesus Christ





“Whoever is of God and belongs to Him hears God’s words; for this reason, you do not hear them: because you are not of God and are not in fellowship with Him.”

John 8:47 (AMP)

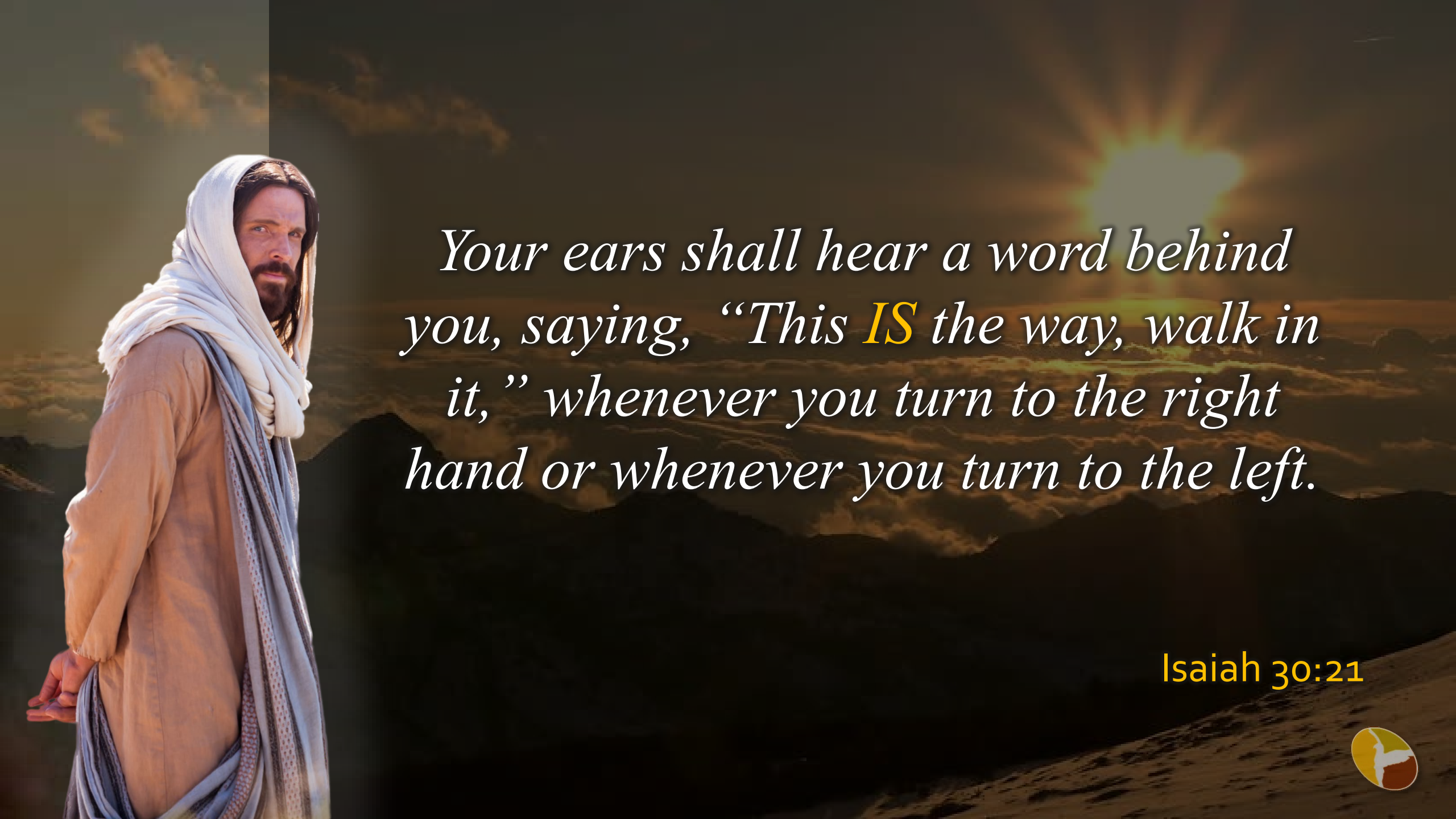




“Behold, I stand at the door [of the church] and continually knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him (restore him), and he with me.”

Revelation 3:20 (AMP)





*Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This **IS** the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.*

Isaiah 30:21



True Fellowship One-day-at-a-time!



1. God's grace is new and sufficient each day, one-day-at-a-time, one-moment-at-a-time.
2. As we walk with Him each day, we learn to speak to Him in prayer and, most importantly, listen for His voice.
3. Jesus always meets us right where we are at if we simply give Him the gift that God gave us –our time.



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4. With time, we become more intimate in our prayers by asking specific questions of Him and waiting in Holy expectancy for His answer, no matter how long it might take.
5. We learn to discern His voice— filtering our thoughts — through His written word and His Word written on our hearts by the Holy Spirit.



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6. We begin to understand God can talk to us any way He chooses...through Scriptures, through wise counsel, through our circumstances, even though an unexpected source, and especially, in that still small voice.
7. We are now building a relationship of trust in God as we continue to grow in faith in Him.



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8. With growing trust in Him, our faith may be tested. It is in the pain, we receive the gain, for we have learned to abide in Him, hearing His voice and the dialogue of prayer without ceasing.



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9. We grow to understand His ways, His Kingdom, His love, His purposes, and His plan because we hear His voice... and we follow Him.



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10. Our focus is on His voice and no other as we finish this race He has set before us in all that He has called us to do.

Then, when we are face to face with God in eternity, we hear Him say,





*“Well done, good and faithful
servant.*

*You have been faithful over a
little;*

I will set you over much.

*Enter into the joy of your
Master.”*

Matthew 25:23





"Fighting the good fight of faith in Jesus Christ one-day-at-a-time."



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