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GRACE  
COMMUNITYCHURCH

SERVING WITH YOUR GIFTS

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I PETER 4: 7-11

I. GRACED TO SERVE

- A. CONTEXT: PRAYER, LOVE, AND HOSPITALITY
- B. (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. SERVE (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- D. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ STEWARDS
- E. BY THE STRENGTH (4) \_\_\_\_\_ PROVIDES
- F. SO GOD, THE (5) \_\_\_\_\_, WILL BE PRAISED

II. NOW ABOUT THINGS THAT "COME FROM THE SPIRIT," (I COR. 12:1-11)

- A. "JESUS IS LORD" (12:3)
- B. GIFTS, ABILITIES, TALENTS *CHARISMATA* THAT THE (6) \_\_\_\_\_ CAN GIVE, ANIMATE, MAGNIFY TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF JESUS THAT IS USED IN ANY MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH (12:4; ROM. 12:6-8; I PET.4:10-11)
- C. SERVICES, MINISTRIES, ROLES, OR OFFICES *DIAKONIA* IN WHICH BELIEVERS ARE CALLED BY GOD TO (7) \_\_\_\_\_ INSIDE AND/OR OUTSIDE THE CHURCH (12:5; EPH. 4:11)
- D. WORKINGS, ACTIVITIES *ENERGEMA* THE(8) \_\_\_\_\_ DOES IN AND THROUGH BELIEVERS (12:6,10)
- E. MANIFESTATIONS *PHANEROSIS* (12:7-10) OF THE SPIRIT WHICH CAN OCCUR IN (9) \_\_\_\_\_ RECEPTIVE BELIEVER AT (10) \_\_\_\_\_ TIME AS THE (11) \_\_\_\_\_ WILLS. THESE ARE GOD HIMSELF PRESENT IN, WITH, THROUGH HUMAN THOUGHTS, DEEDS, WORDS, LOVE.

III. SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT GIFTS/ABILITIES/TALENTS

- A. WHAT GIFT DO I HAVE? ASK YOURSELF AND OTHERS
  - 1. WHAT AM I GOOD AT?
  - 2. WHAT AM I PASSIONATE ABOUT?
  - 3. WHAT DO OTHERS AFFIRM IN ME?
  - 4. MOST GIFTS ARE NOT LISTED IN SCRIPTURE SO DON'T LIMIT YOUR SEARCH TO THOSE LISTS.
- B. CAN I ASK FOR A GIFT? (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (I COR. 12:31; 14:1; 39) BUT IT IS THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES AS (13) \_\_\_\_\_ WILLS (I COR. 12:11)

- C. WHEN DO I GET THEM? IT COULD BE (14) \_\_\_\_\_ TIME, INCLUDING BIRTH, CONVERSION, AS WE MATURE, OR FOR SPECIAL NEEDS.
- D. CAN I DEVELOP MY GIFT? DEFINITELY. WE (15) \_\_\_\_\_ TO USE OUR ABILITY WISELY AND COURAGEOUSLY (2 TIM. 1:6; 4:2)
- E. ARE GIFTS FOR USE IN THE CHURCH OR IN THE WORLD? (16) \_\_\_\_\_ THEY ARE FOR THE MISSION OF JESUS.
- F. HOW DO I GET THE SPIRIT'S EMPOWERMENT? (17) \_\_\_\_\_ FOR IT (LUKE 11:13; ACTS 4:29-35)

IV. HOW SHALL WE THEN LIVE?

- A. MOVE BEYOND SERVING TO BEING A SERVANT, FROM TOURIST TO CITIZEN OF GOD'S KINGDOM.
- B. WORK IS THE GRACIOUS EXPRESSION OF YHWH'S CREATIVE ENERGY IN SERVICE OF OTHERS TO CREATE SHALOM.
- C. SERVE LIKE JESUS (JOHN 6:38; MARK 10:45; JOHN 13:1-17)

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SERVE GOD? IS IT A POSITION, A ROLE, OR A MINDSET?
2. WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT TO SERVE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN NEED? HOW WOULD YOU BALANCE THE ROLE OF FRIEND, FAMILY, CHURCH, GOVERNMENT?
3. GERRY SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE REGULAR AREA OF SERVICE WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY AND ONE IN THE COMMUNITY. DOES THIS MAKE SENSE? PRAY AND ASK GOD TO DIRECT YOU IN WHERE TO SERVE IN THESE TWO CONTEXTS.
4. WHEN WAS A TIME WHEN YOU SENSED THAT GOD PARTICULARLY STRENGTHENED OR GIFTED YOU TO SERVE SOMEONE ELSE OR THE CHURCH IN GENERAL?
5. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE YOUR GIFTS? IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS, TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT-ALONE OR TOGETHER-ON WHAT YOUR GIFTS MIGHT BE.
6. WHAT IS ONE SPECIFIC THING THAT GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU FROM THIS STUDY ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS? WRITE THESE THINGS DOWN. IF YOU ARE IN A SMALL GROUP, DISCUSS THIS TOGETHER. TAKE TIME TO PRAY THAT YOU WILL GROW IN LOVE.

FILL IN THE BLANK KEY

- 1. EVERYONE 2. OTHERS 3. FAITHFUL 4. GOD 5. SERVANT 6. SPIRIT 7. SERVE 8. SPIRIT 9. ANY 10. ANY 11. SPIRIT 12. YES 13. HE 14. ANY 15. LEARN 16. YES 17. ASK

Answering

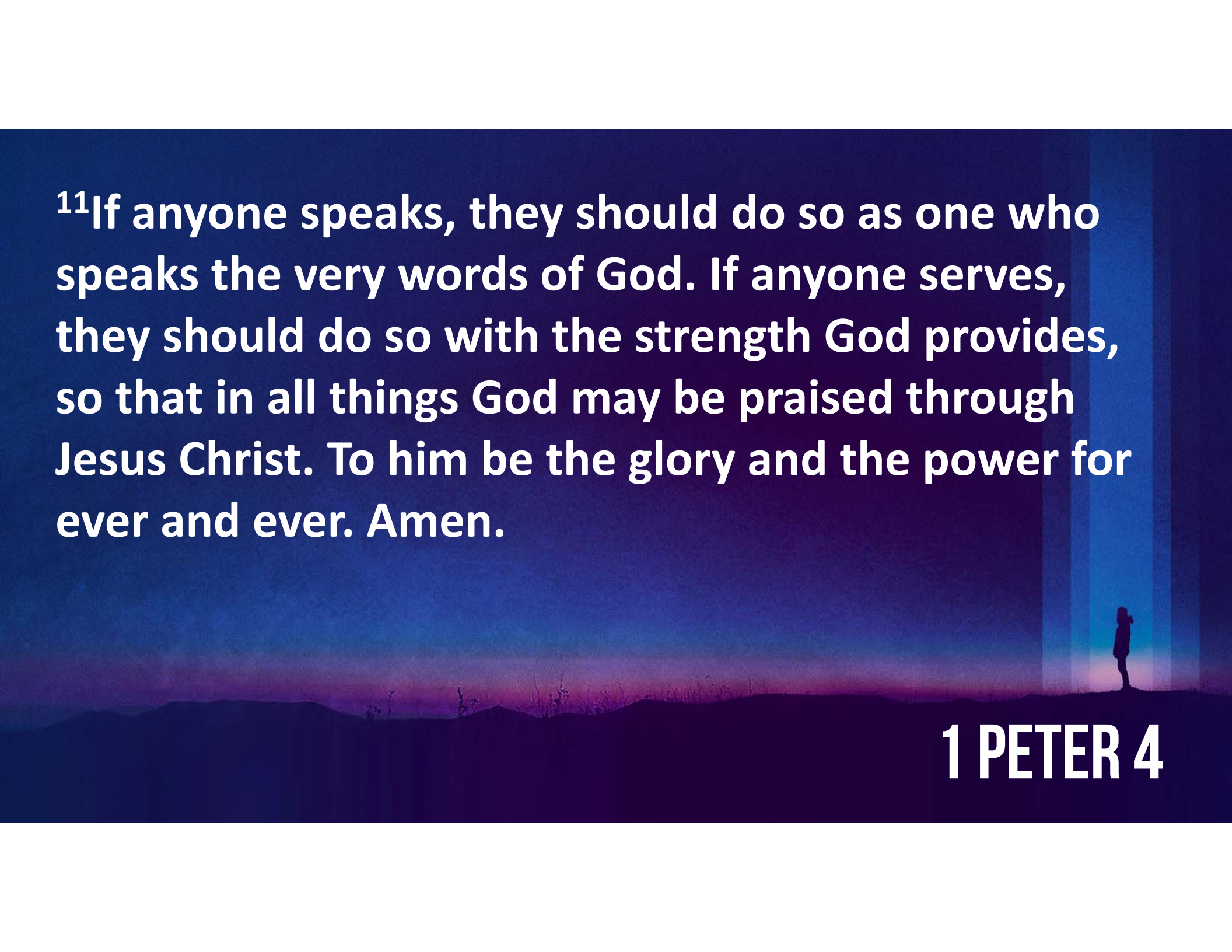
THE CALL TO

SERVE



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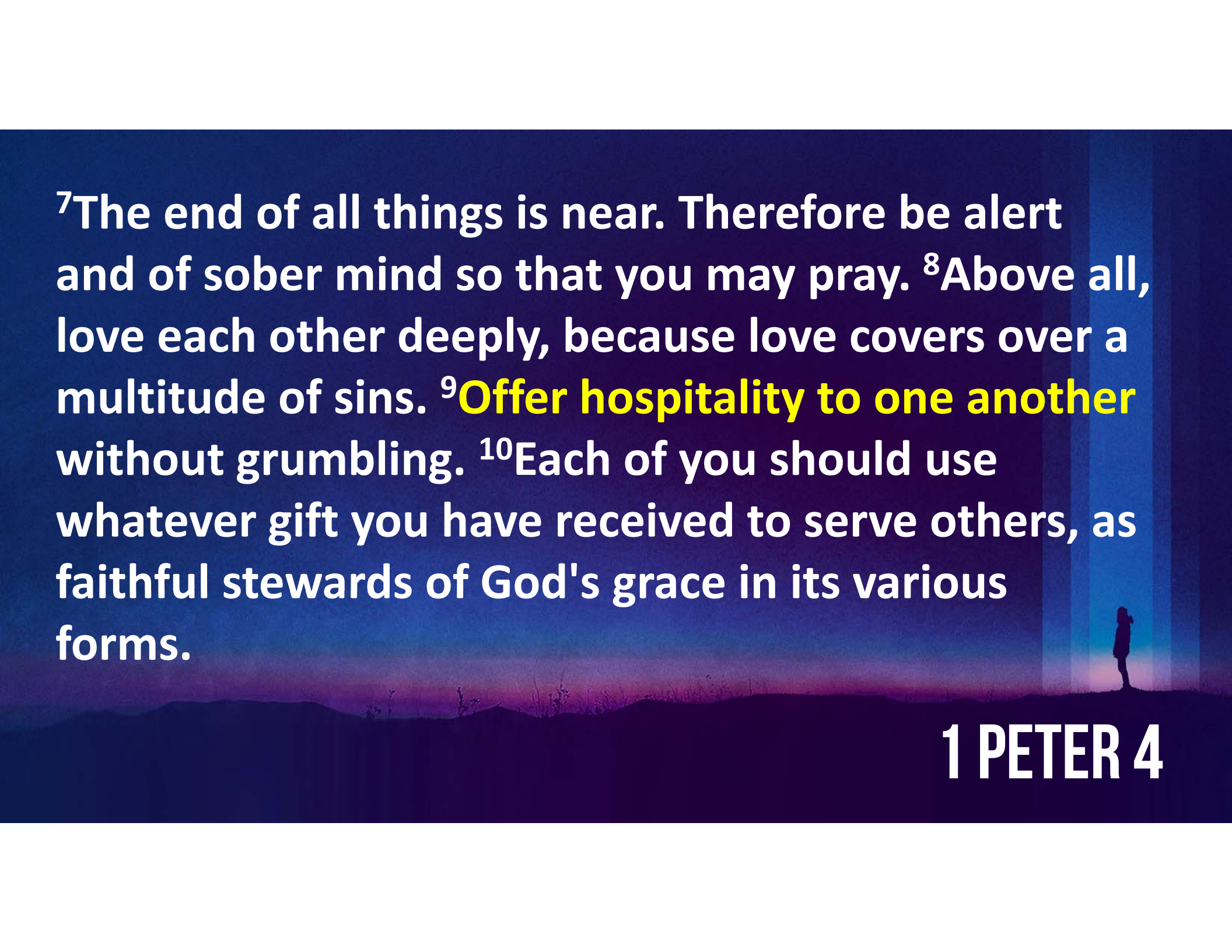
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**Hatred stirs up strife,  
But love covers all sins.  
(Prov. 10:12)**

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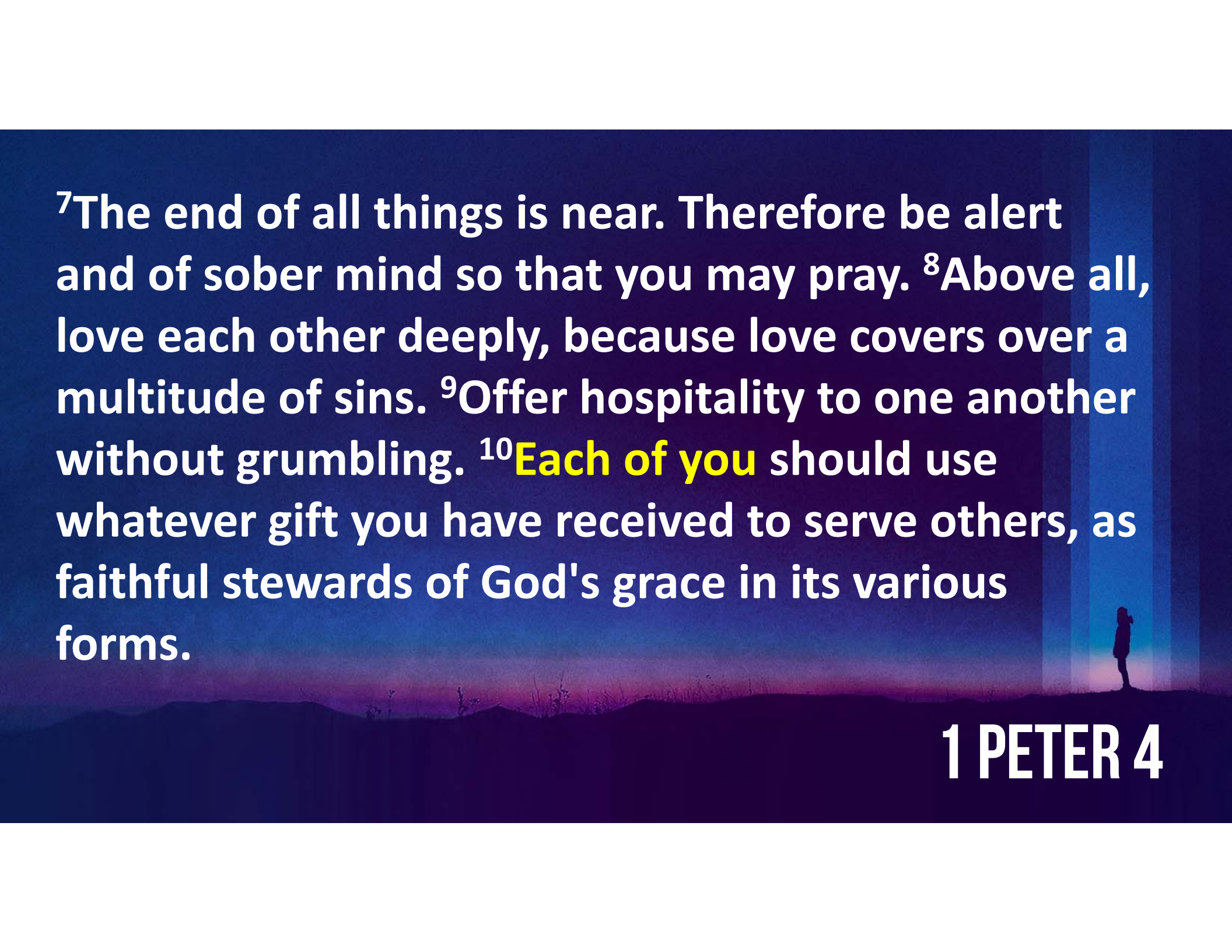
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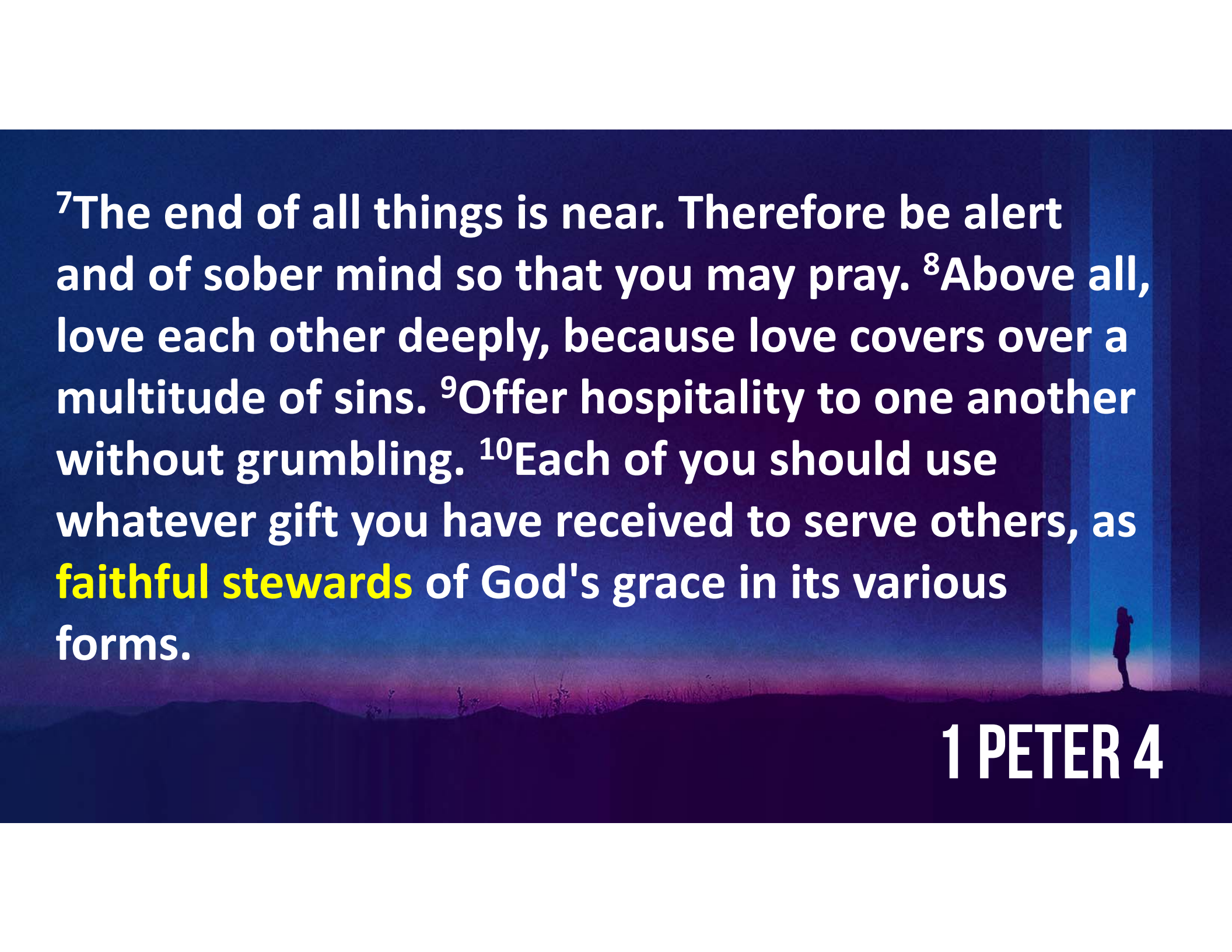
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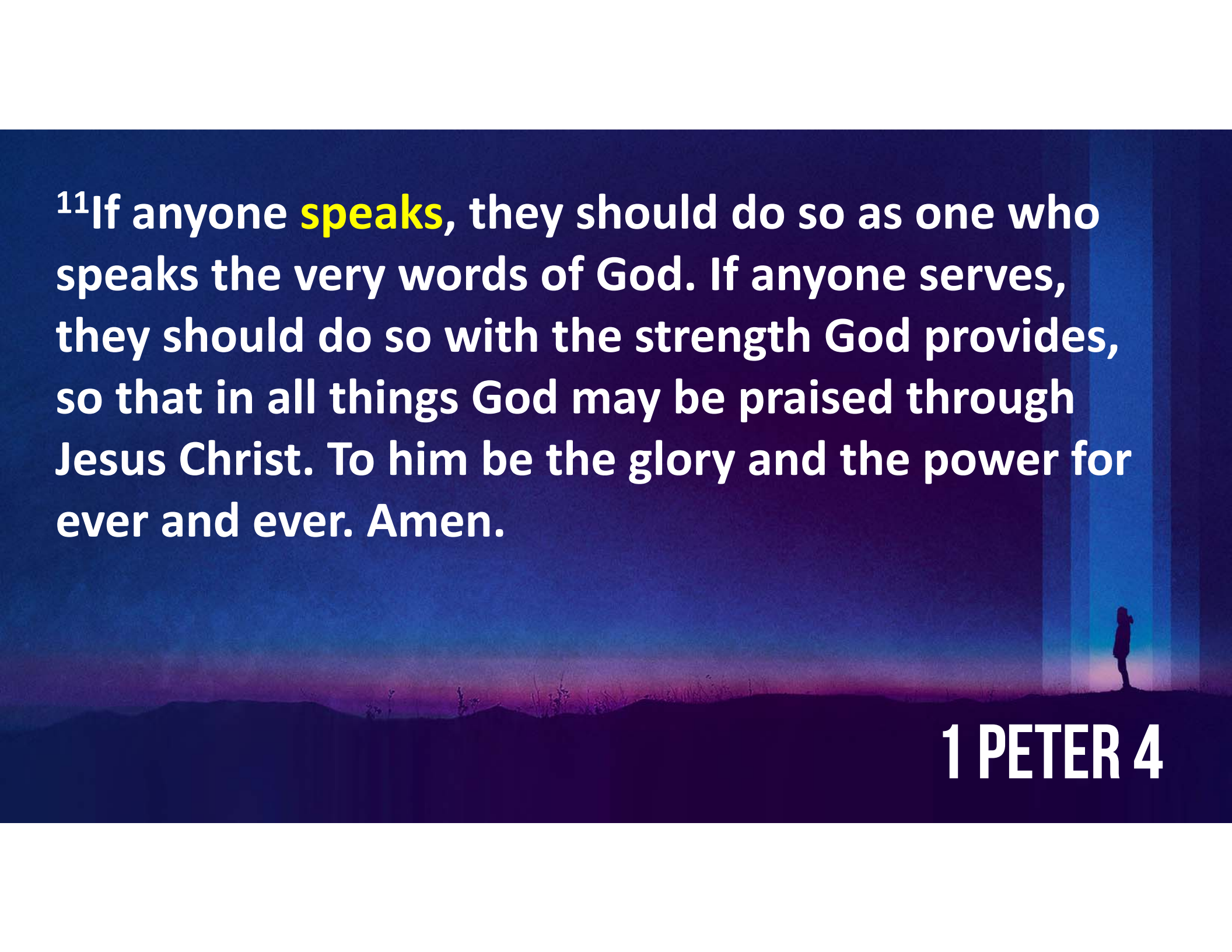
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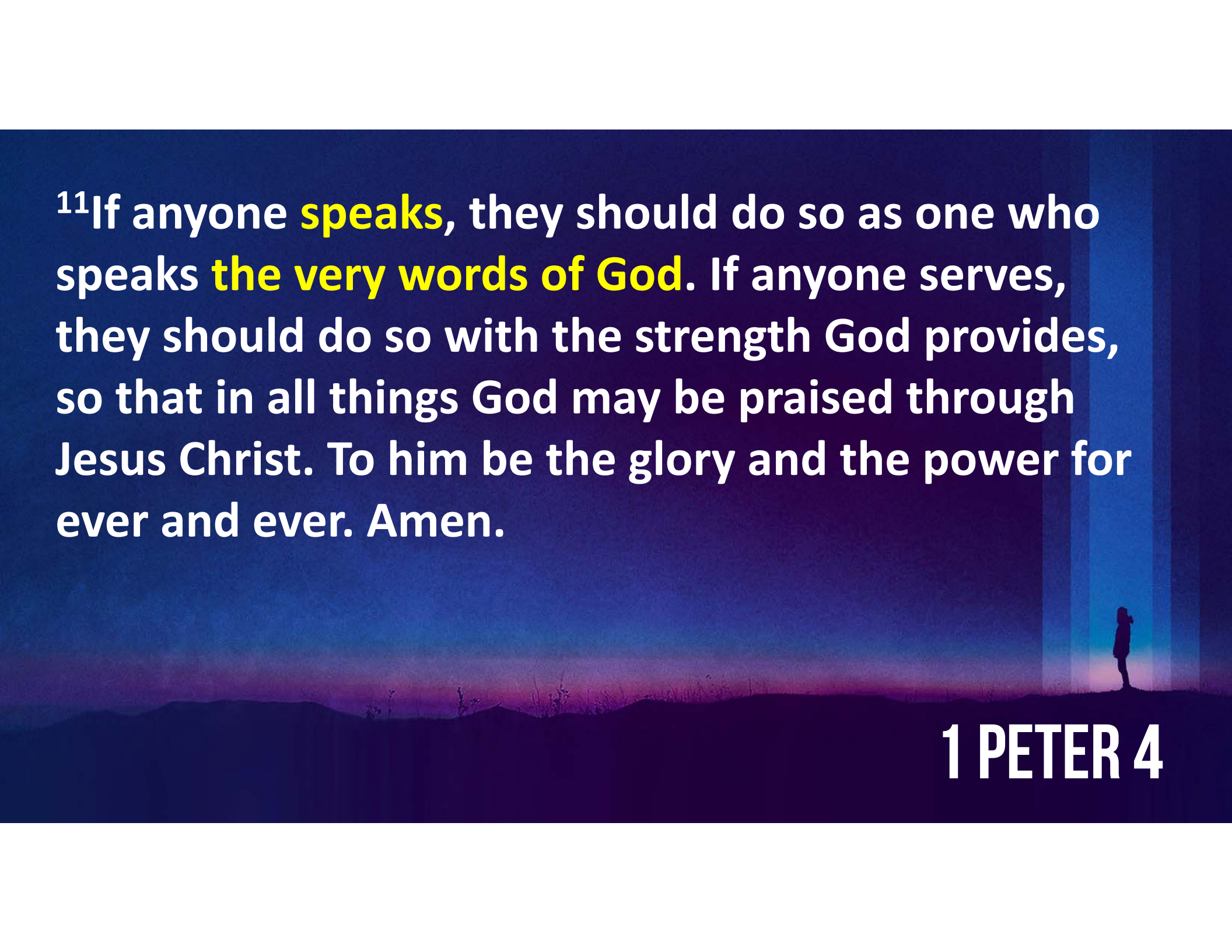
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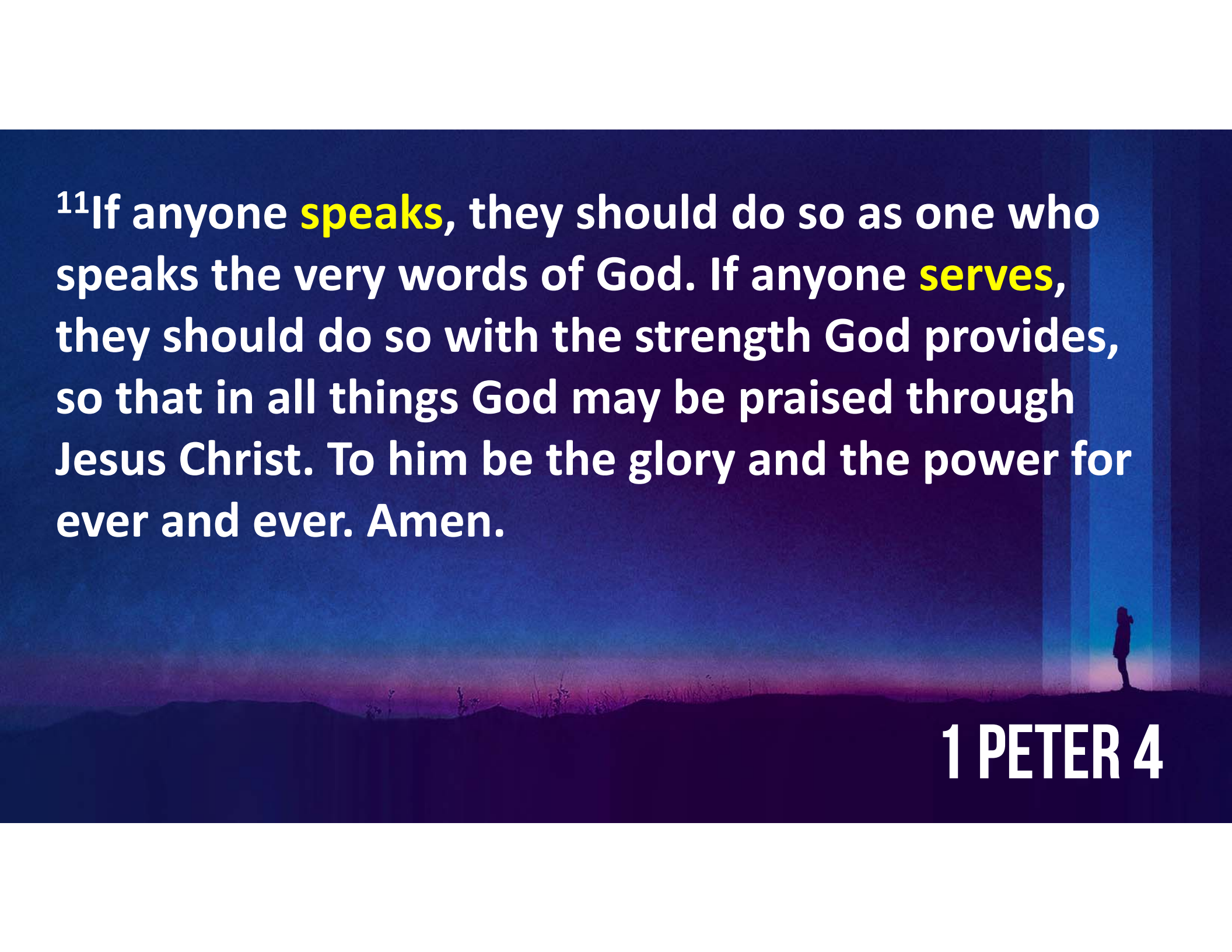
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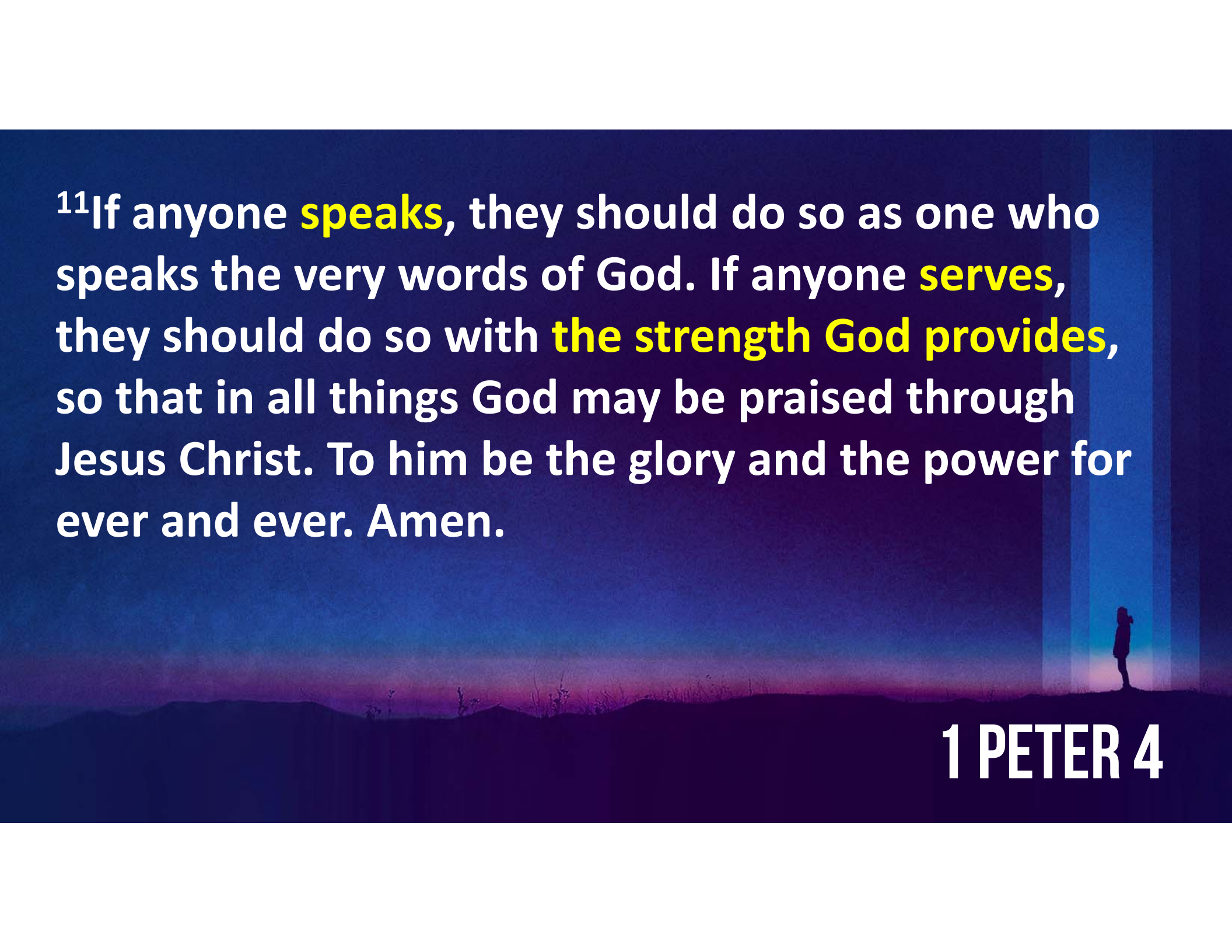
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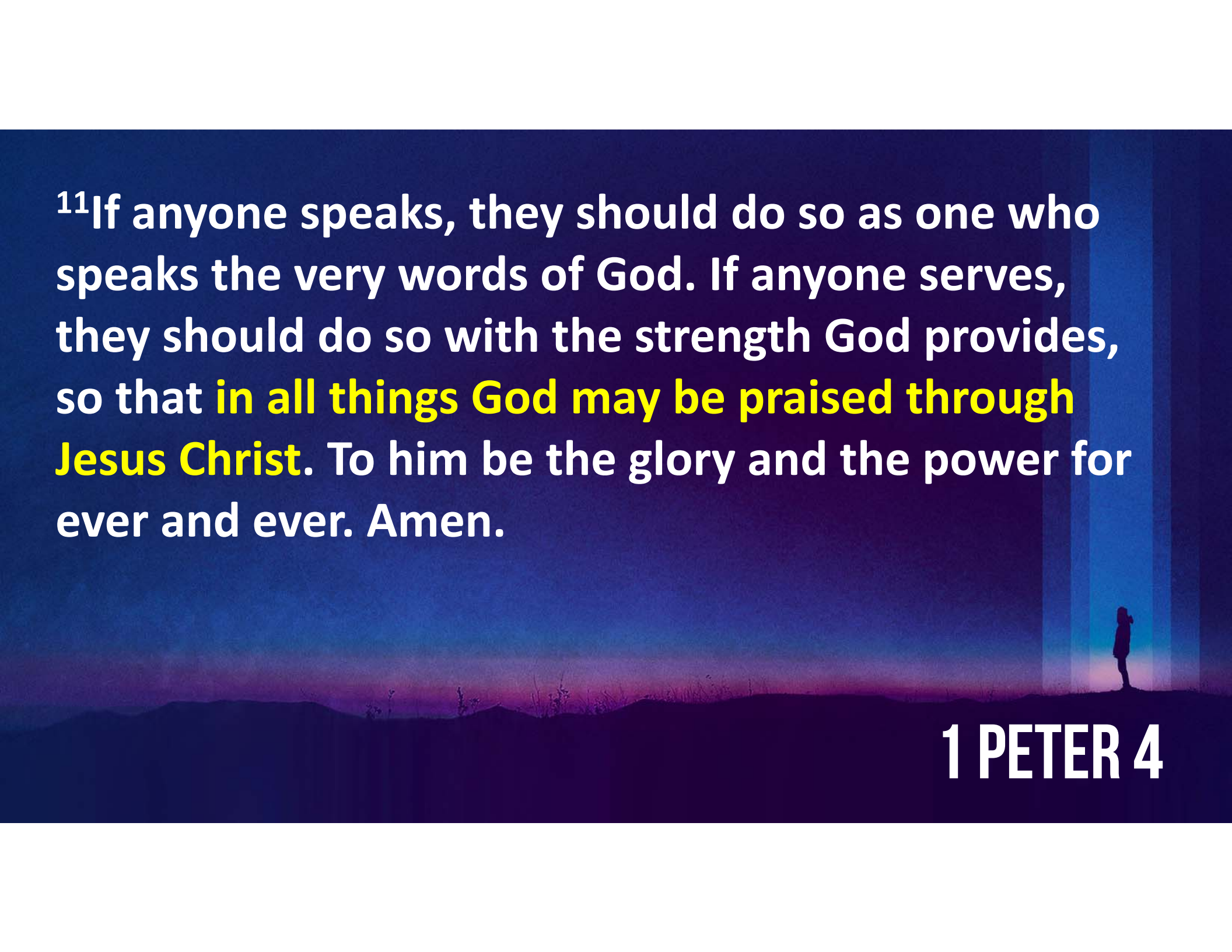
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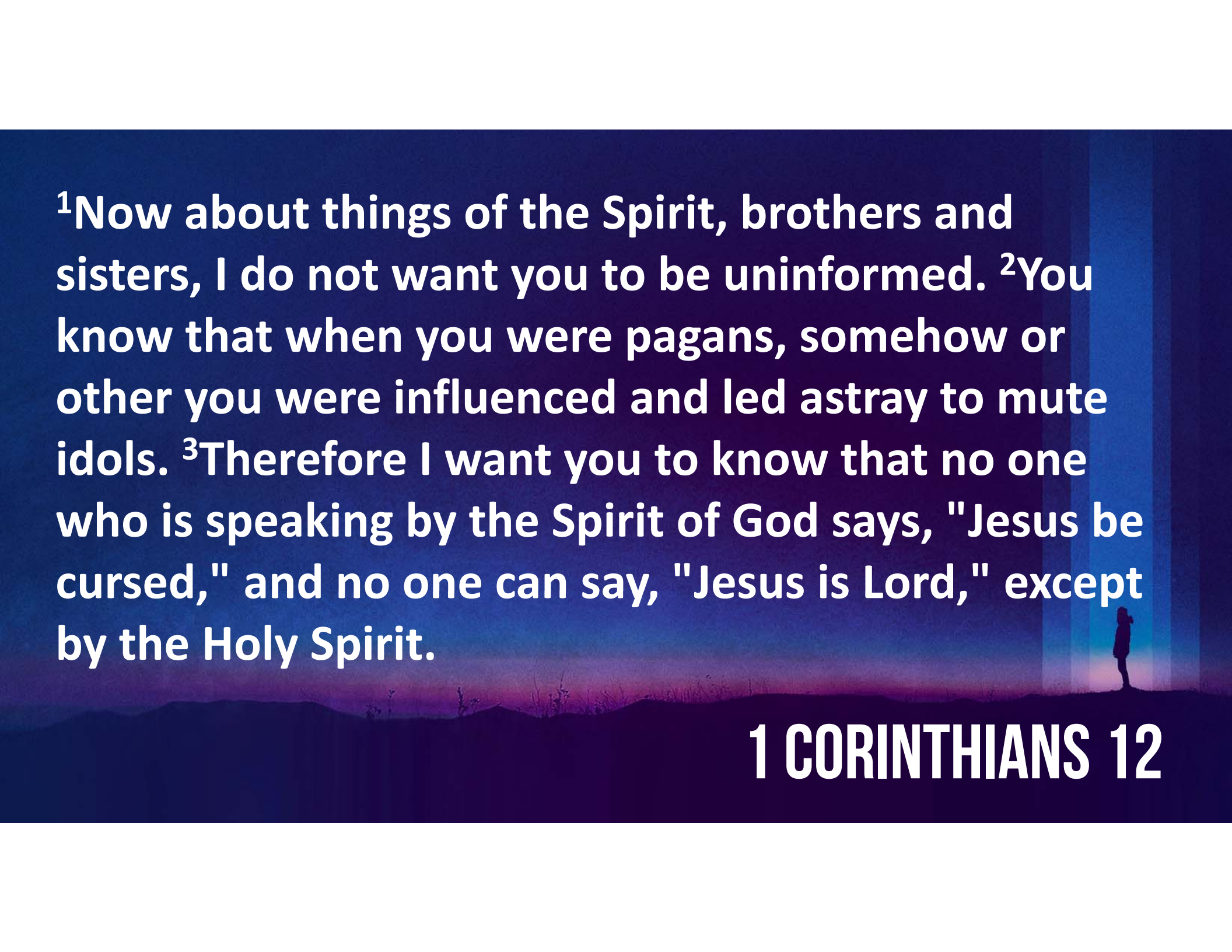
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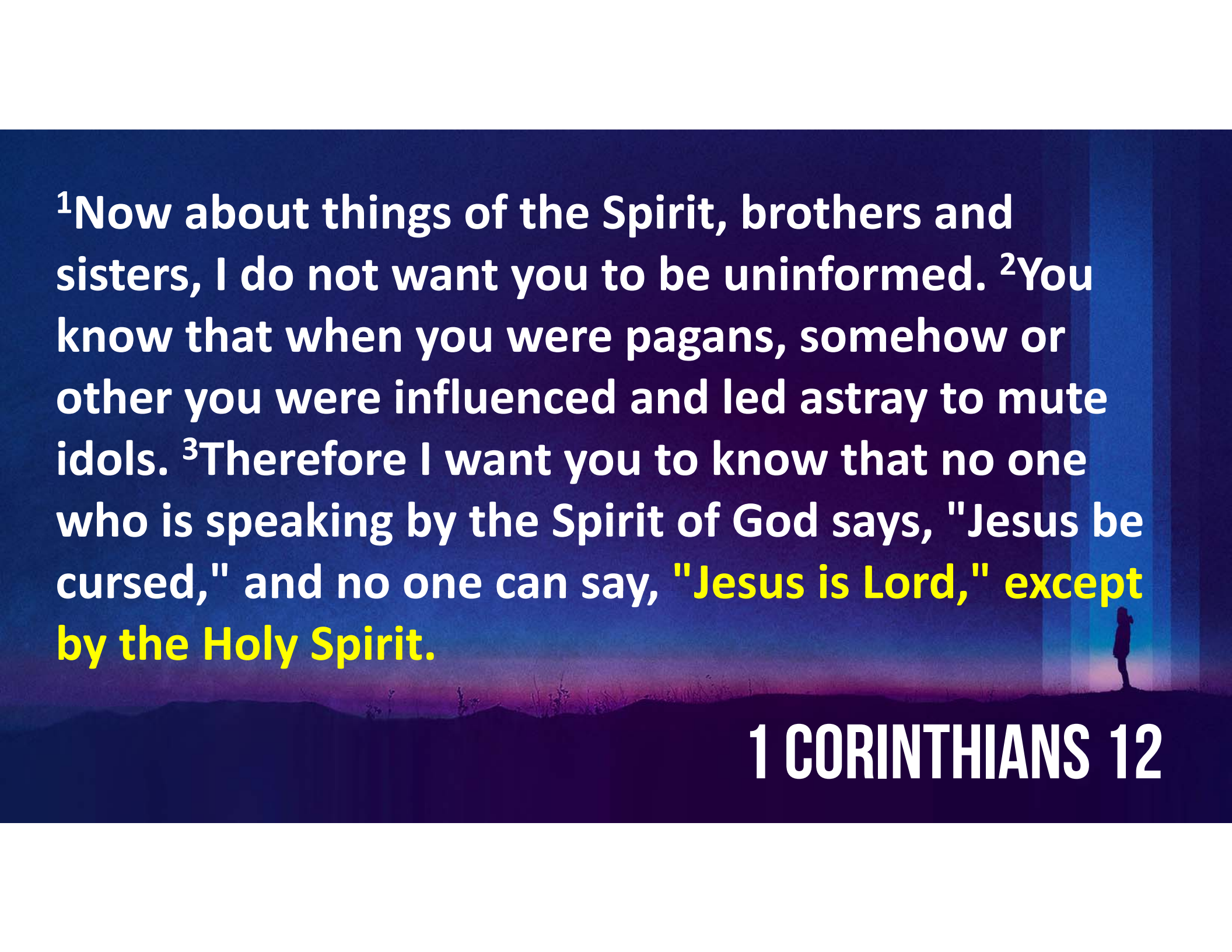
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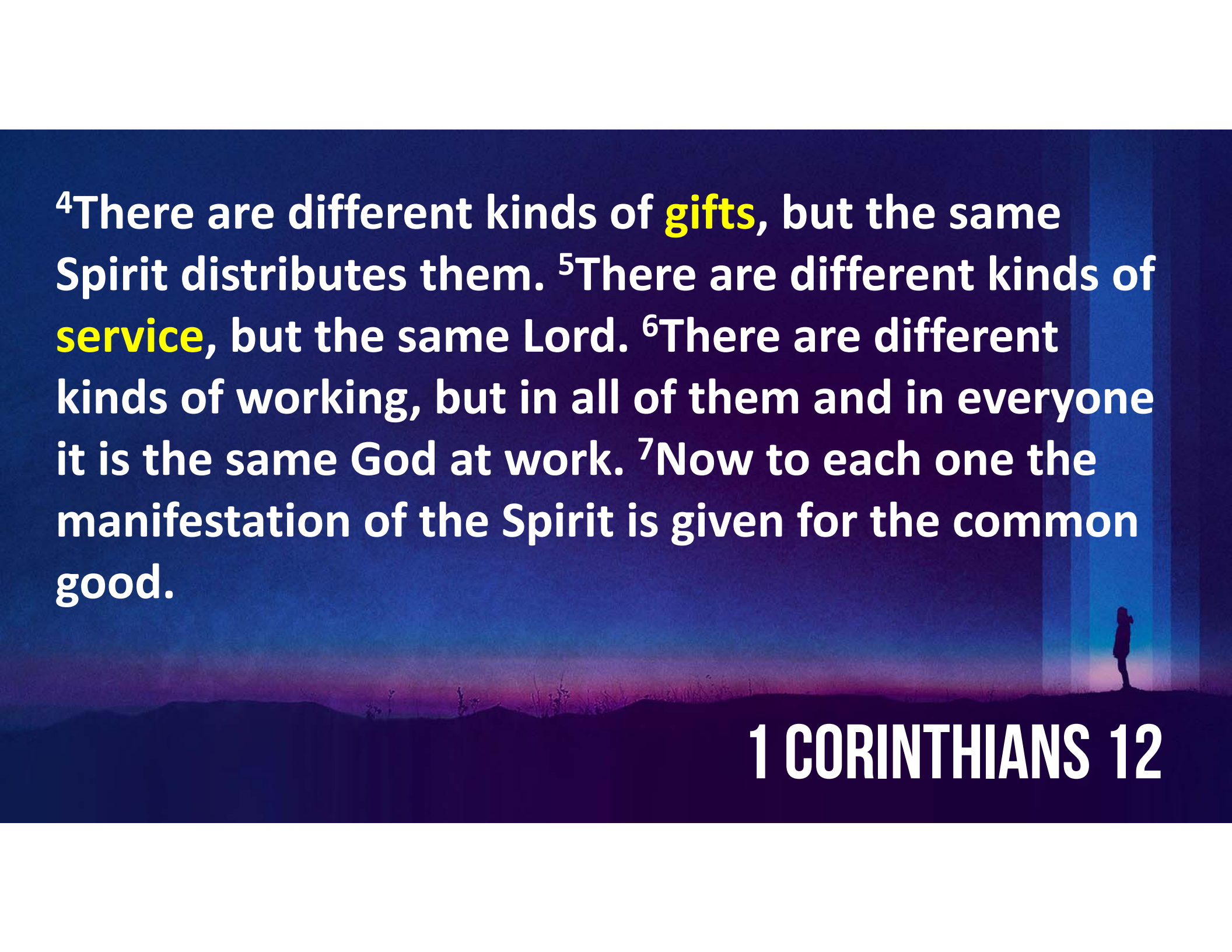
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B. Gifts *charismata*

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C. Services *diakonia*

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**<sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up**

**EPHESIANS 4**

II. Now about the things that come from the Spirit,

C. Services: ministries, roles, or offices *diakonia* in which believers are called by God to serve inside and/or outside the church

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<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy,

**1 CORINTHIANS 12**


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**II. Now about the things that come from the Spirit,  
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**<sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit,  
and he distributes them to each one, just as he  
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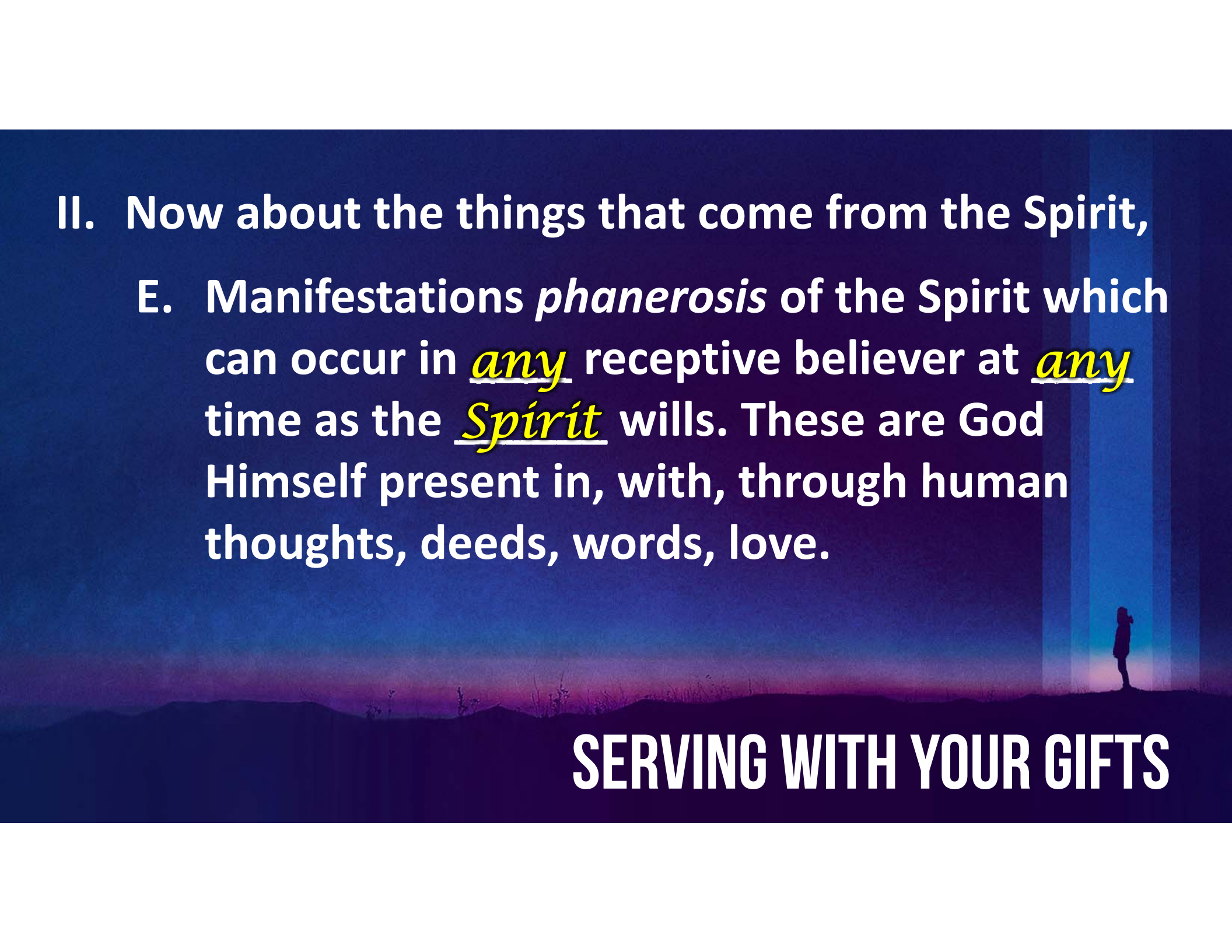


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### III. Some questions about gifts/abilities/talents

#### A. What gifts do I have?

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- 4. Most gifts are not listed in Scripture so don't limit your search to those lists.**

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### III. Some questions about gifts/abilities/talents

B. Can I ask for a gift? \_\_\_\_\_

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**<sup>31</sup>Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12**

**<sup>1</sup>Follow the way of love and eagerly desire things of the Spirit, especially prophecy.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 14**

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**<sup>39</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.**

**<sup>40</sup>But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 14**

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B. Can I ask for a gift? Yes



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B. Can I ask for a gift? Yes but it is the Spirit who gives as He wills

C. When do I get them?



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**<sup>9</sup>Then Saul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, <sup>10</sup>"You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! <sup>11</sup>You are going to be blind, not even able to see the light of the sun."**

**ACTS 13**

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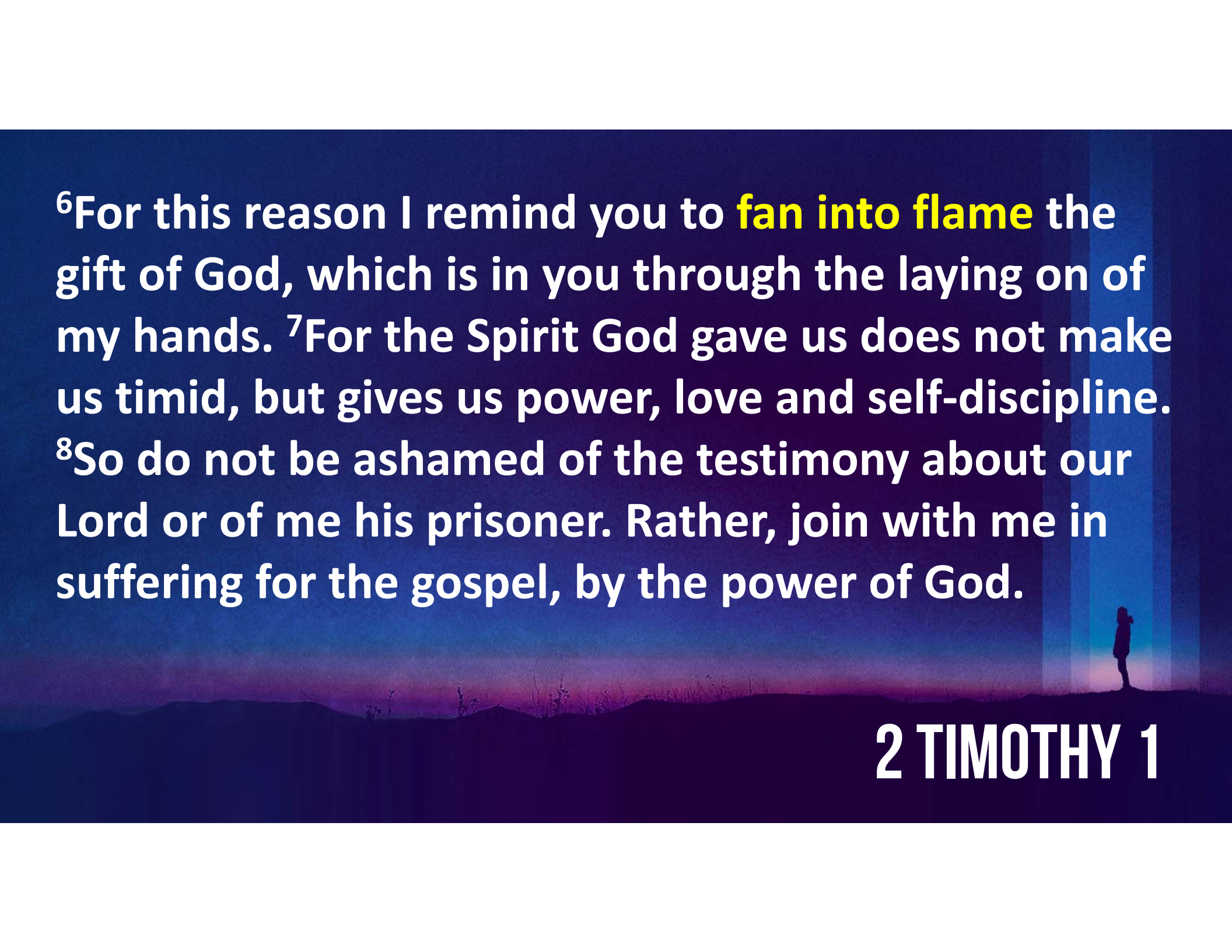
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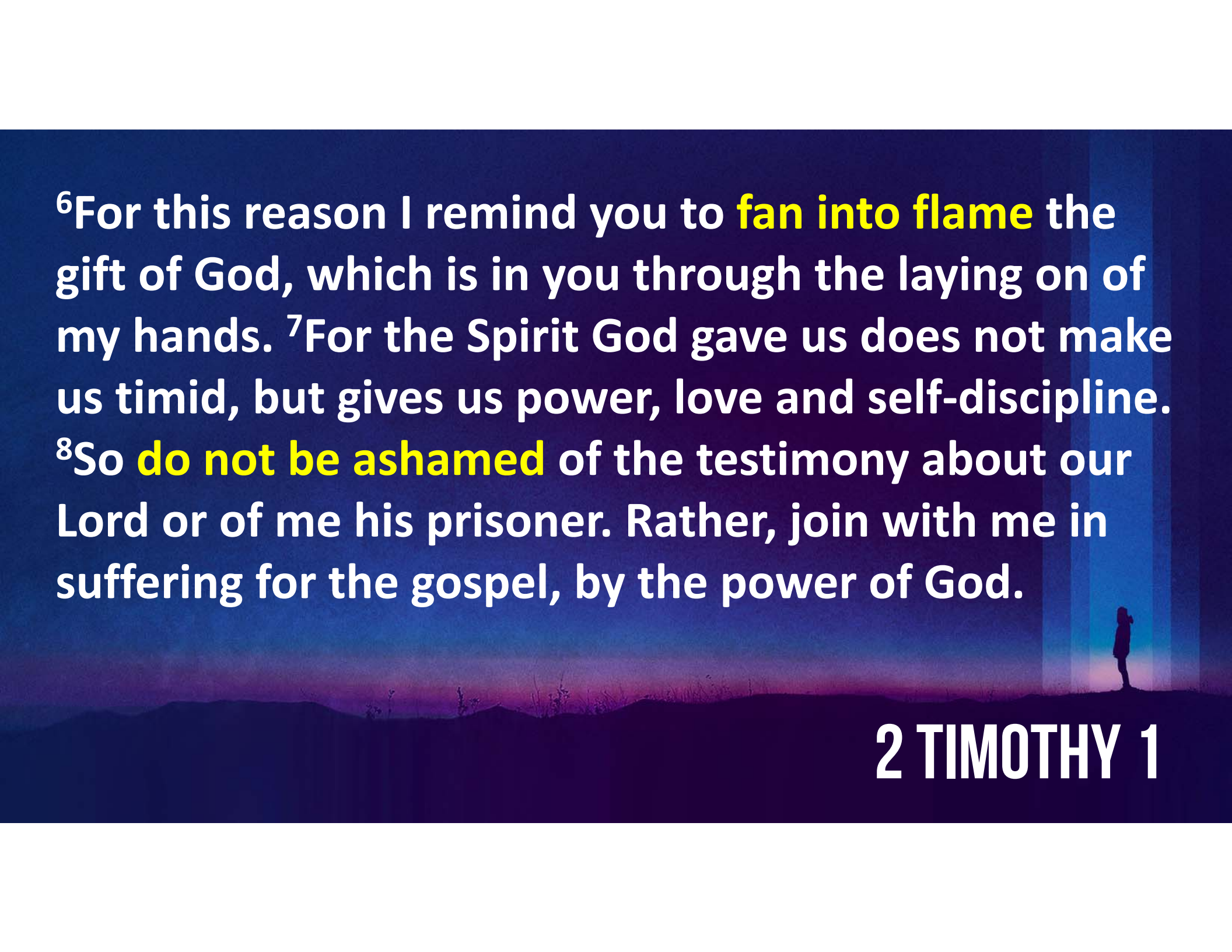
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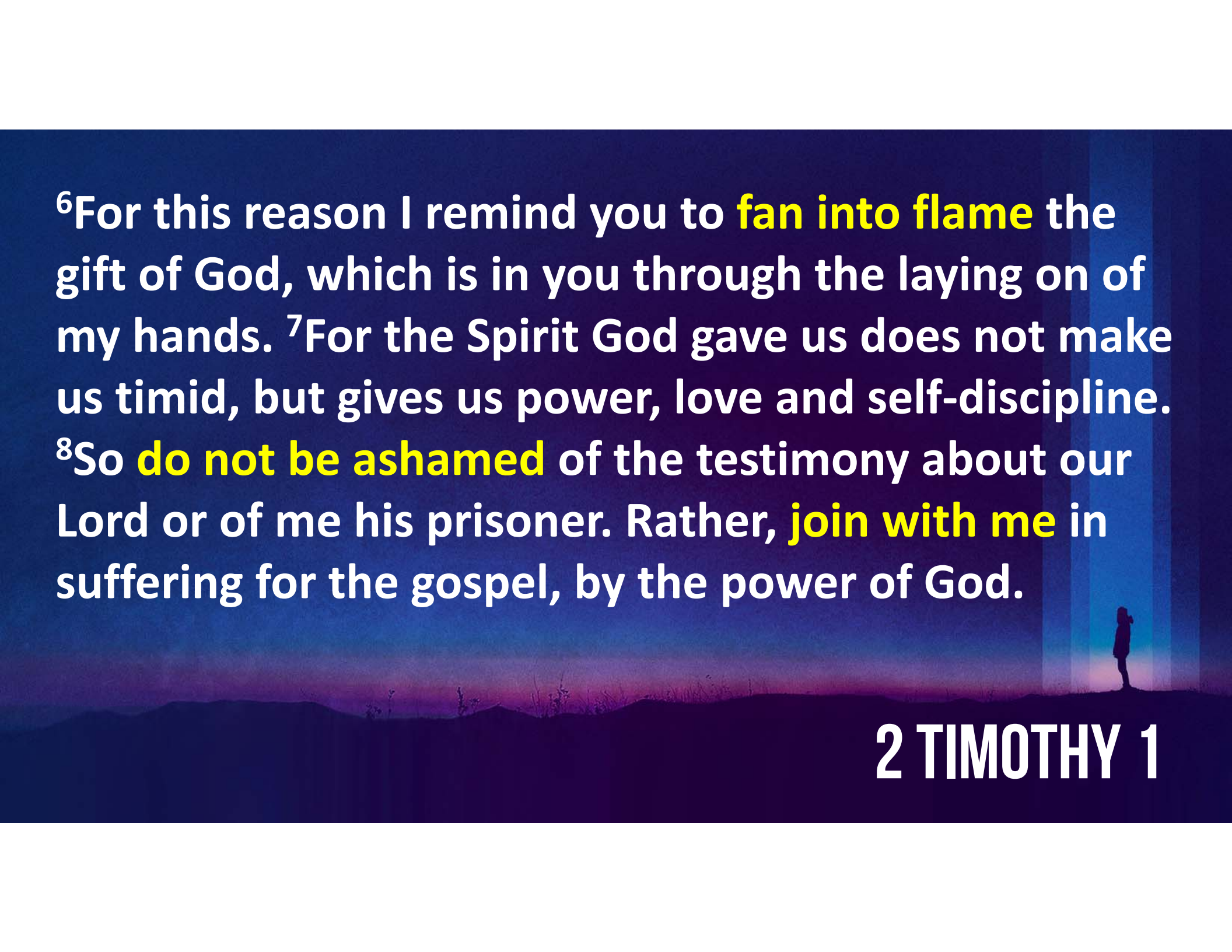
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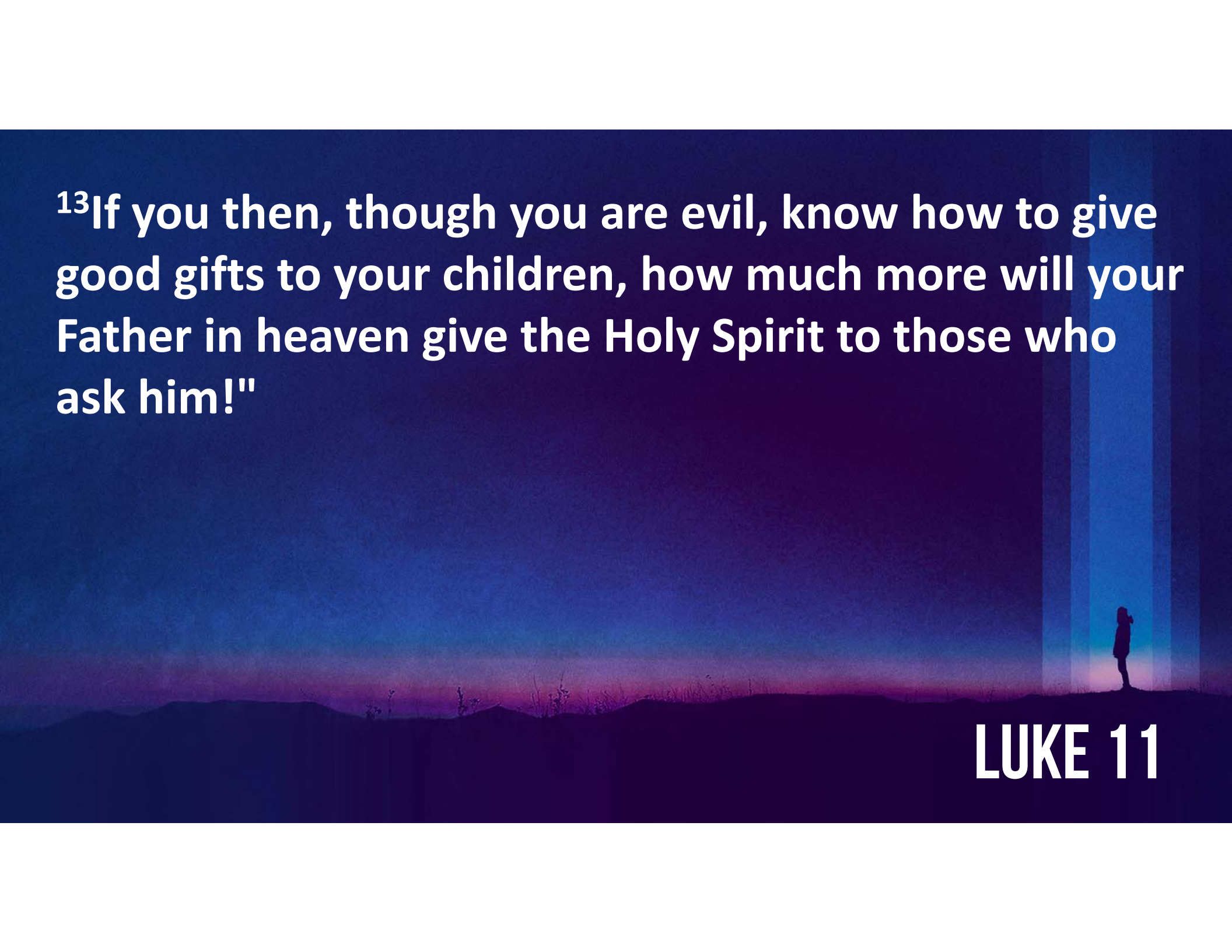
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F. How do I get the Spirit's empowerment?

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**<sup>9</sup>Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?**

**LUKE 11**

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**<sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

**LUKE 11**



**29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.**

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**ACTS 4**

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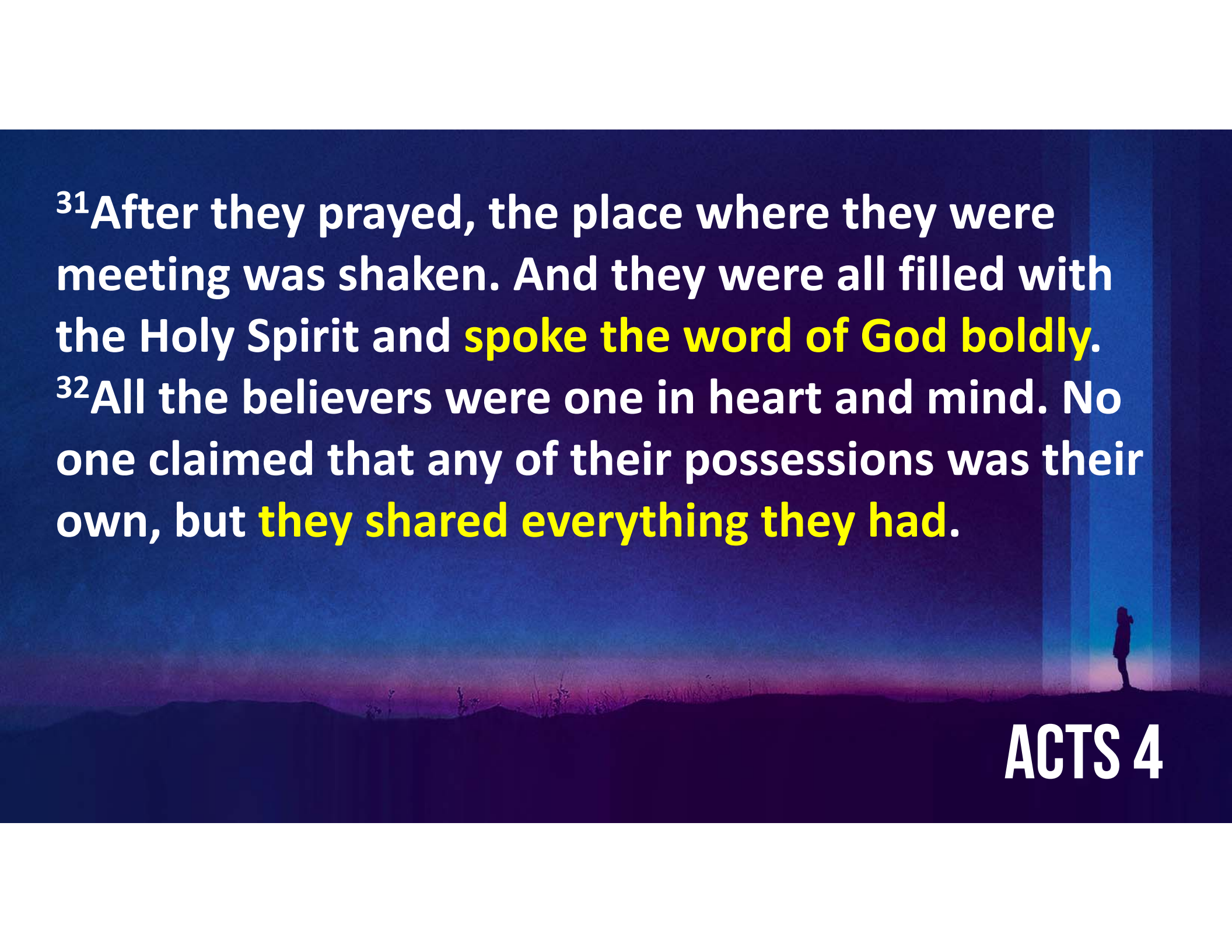


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### III. Some questions about gifts/abilities/talents

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Ask for it

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**A. Move beyond serving to being a servant,  
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### C. Serve like Jesus

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**34" My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.**

**JOHN 4**

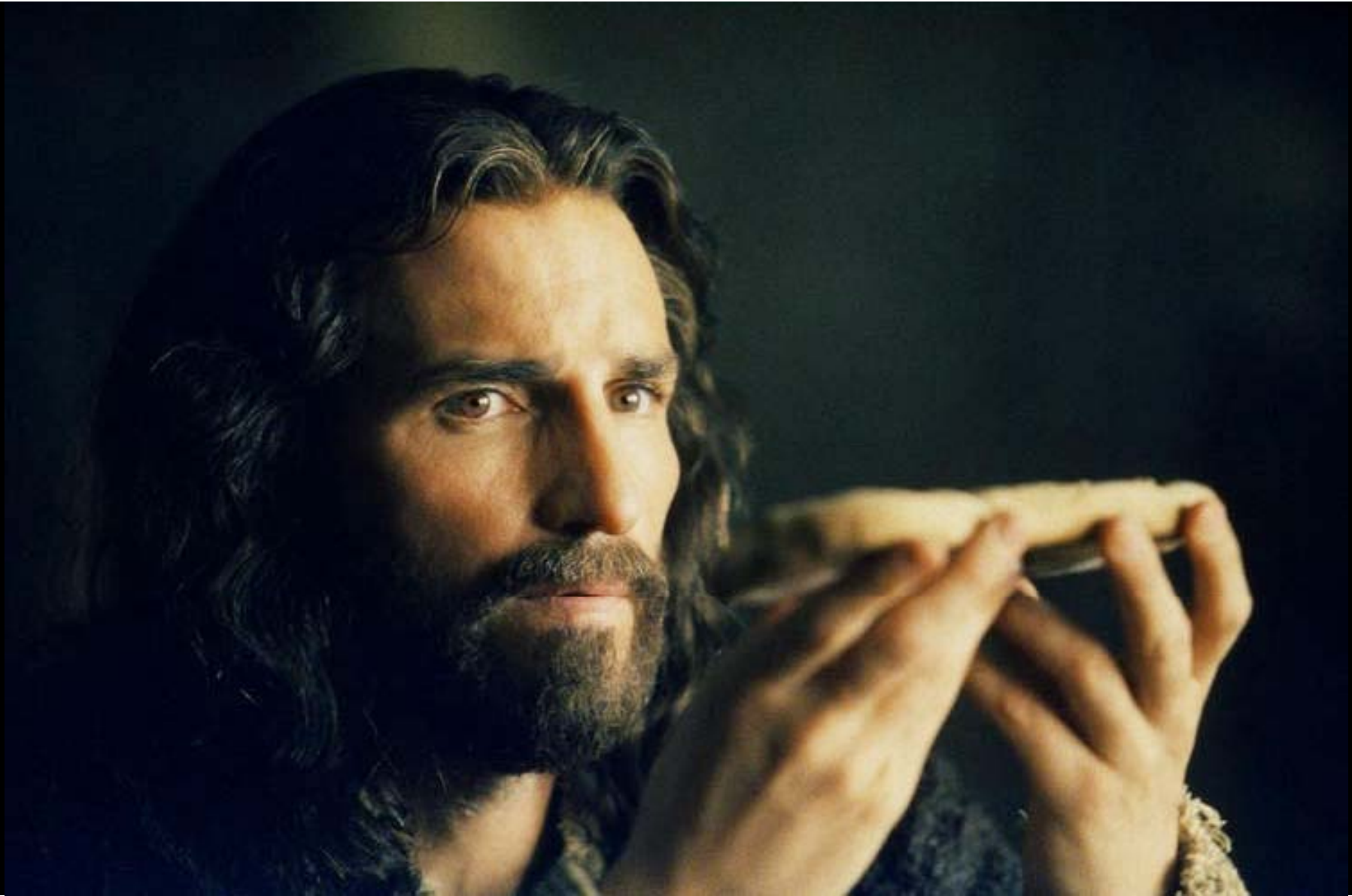
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**JOHN 6**

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**The Son of Man did  
not come to be served,  
but to serve,  
and to give his life as  
a ransom for many.**







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