



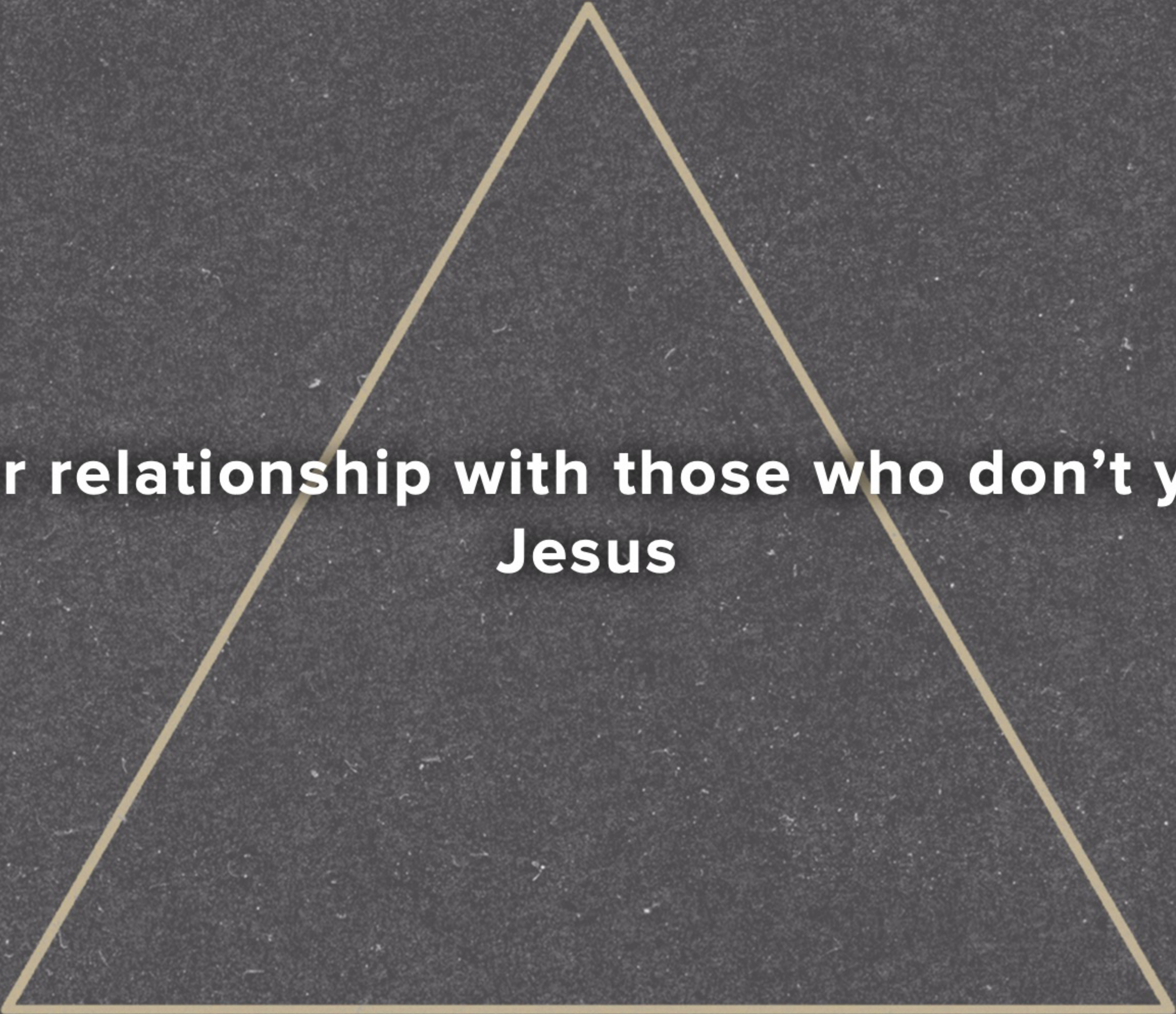
RECALIBRATE: to reexamine (one's thinking, a plan, a system of values, etc.) and correct it in accord with a new understanding or purpose.



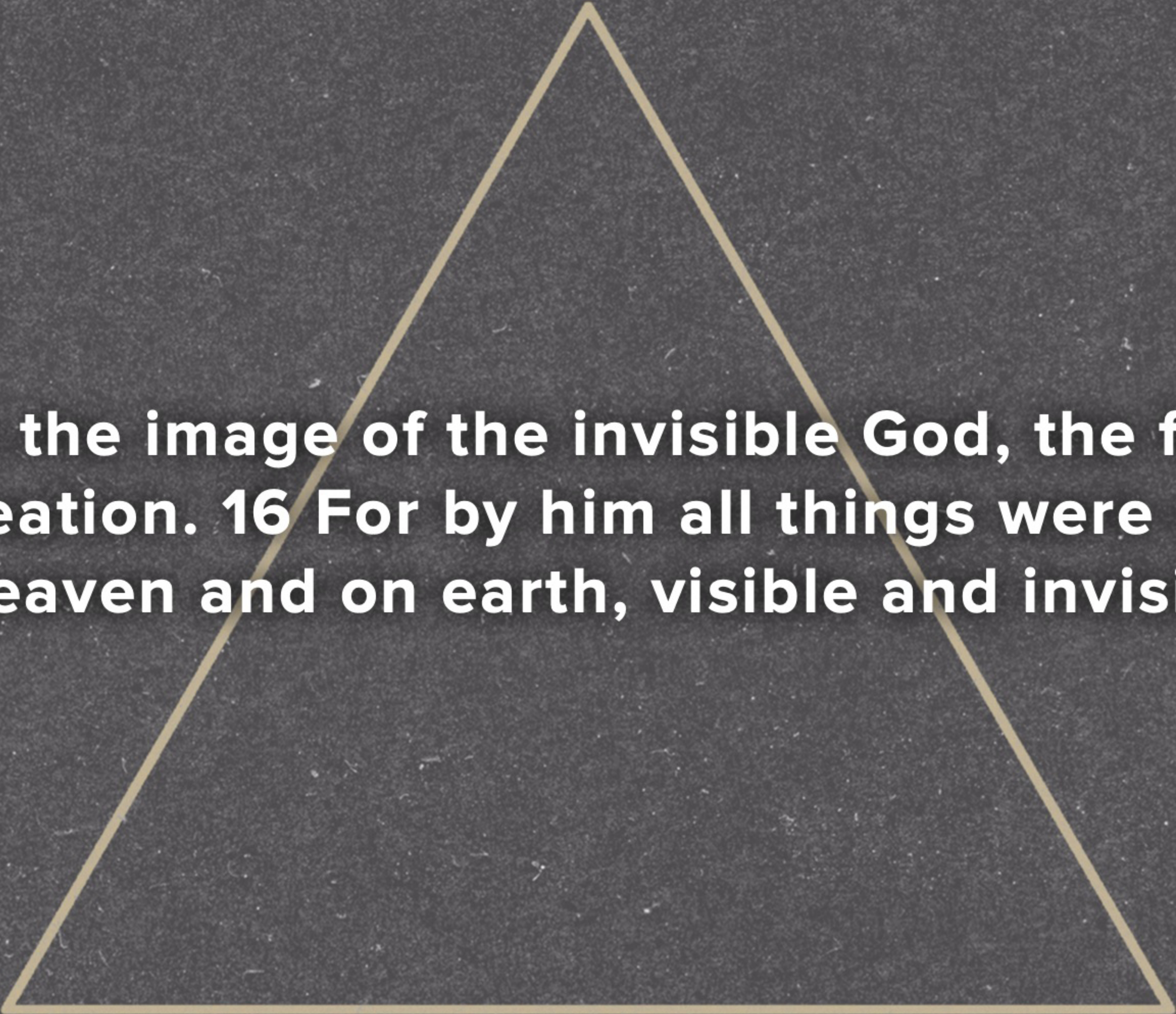
**Up - Our relationship with Jesus and the pursuit of
personal holiness**



In - Our relationship with other followers of Jesus



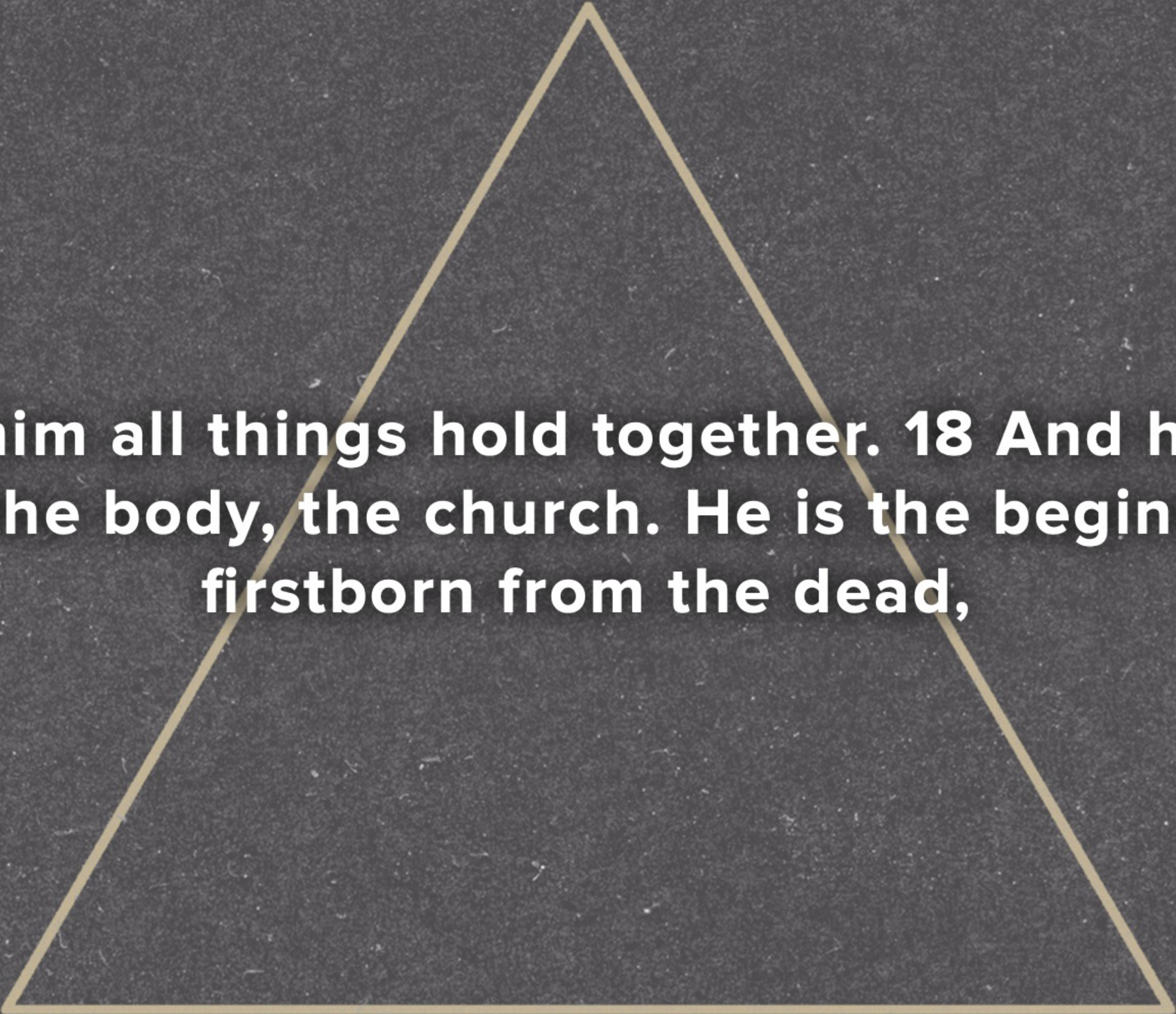
**Out - Our relationship with those who don't yet know
Jesus**



**15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**



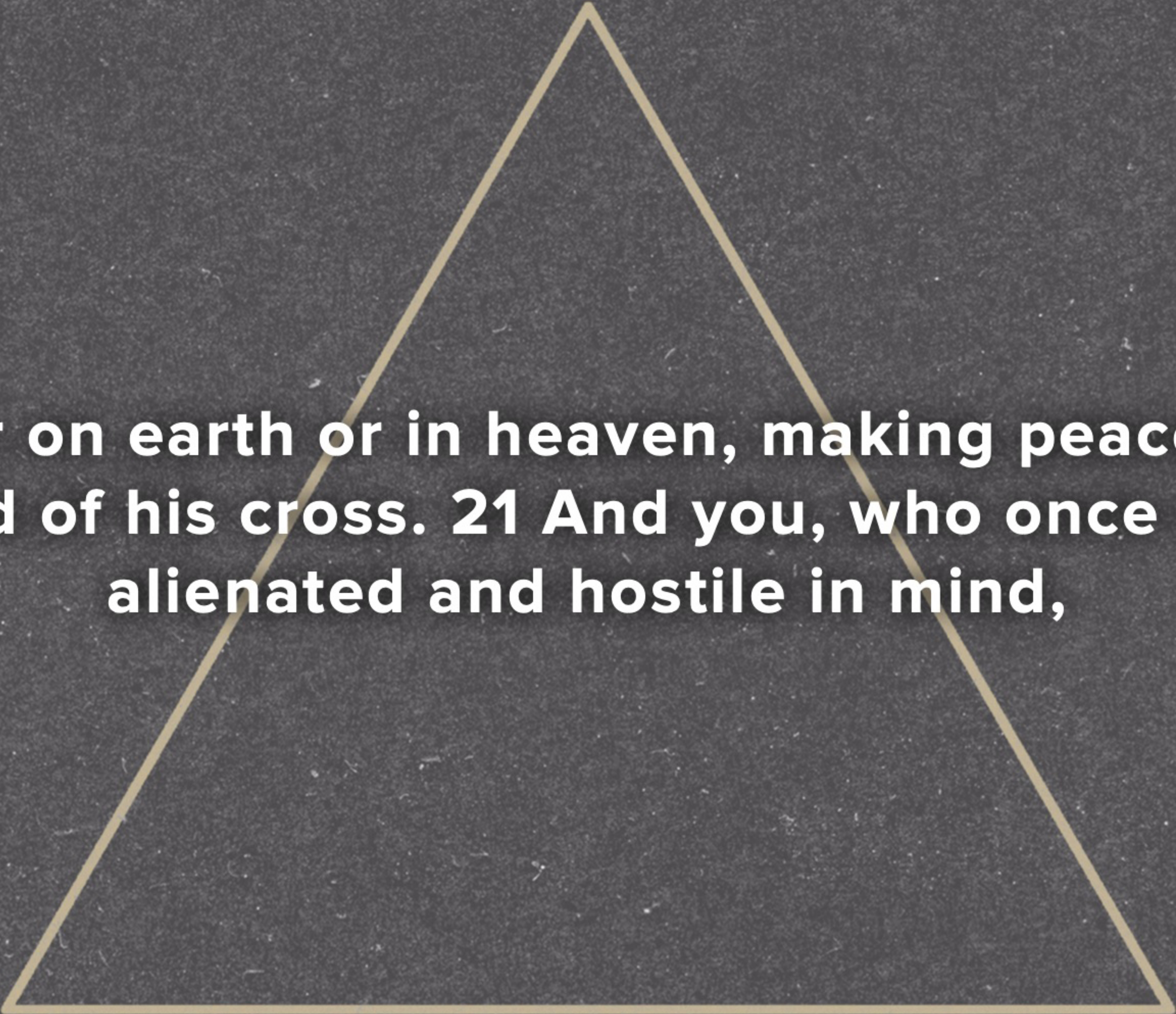
**whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities
—all things were created through him and for him. 17
And he is before all things,**



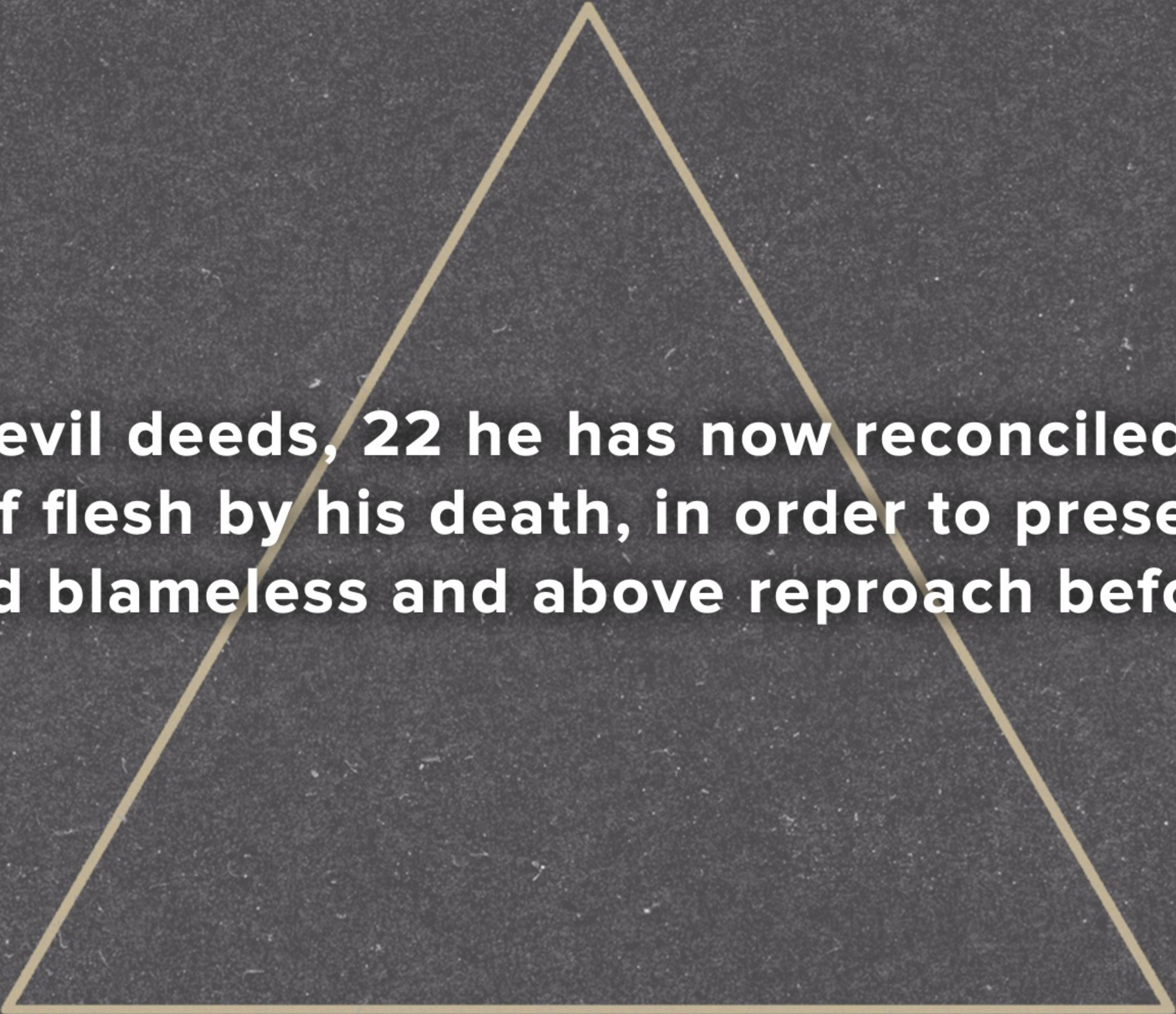
and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,



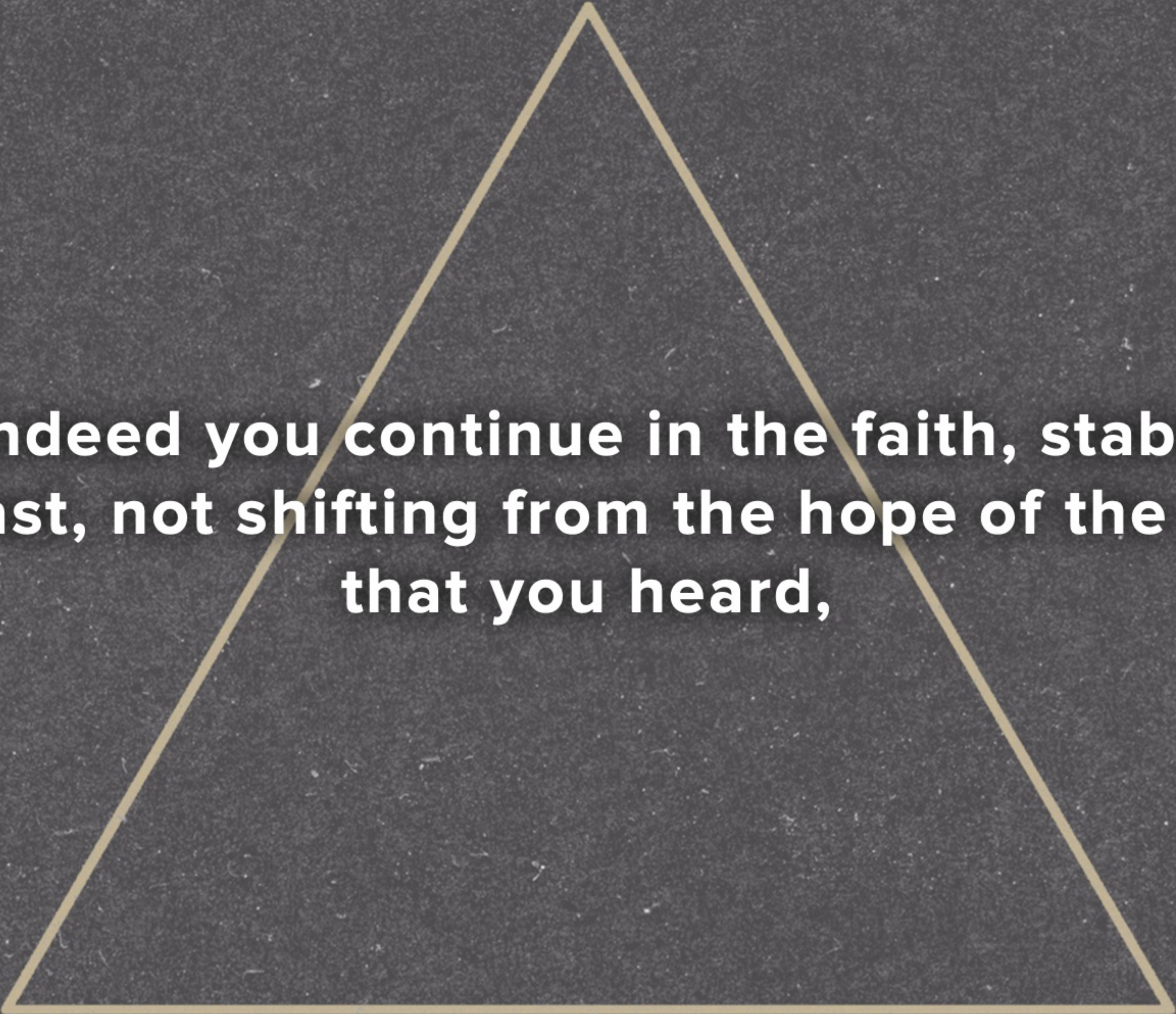
that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things,



**whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the
blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were
alienated and hostile in mind,**



**doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his
body of flesh by his death, in order to present you
holy and blameless and above reproach before him,**



**23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and
steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel
that you heard,**



**which has been proclaimed in all creation under
heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.**

COLOSSIANS 1:15–23



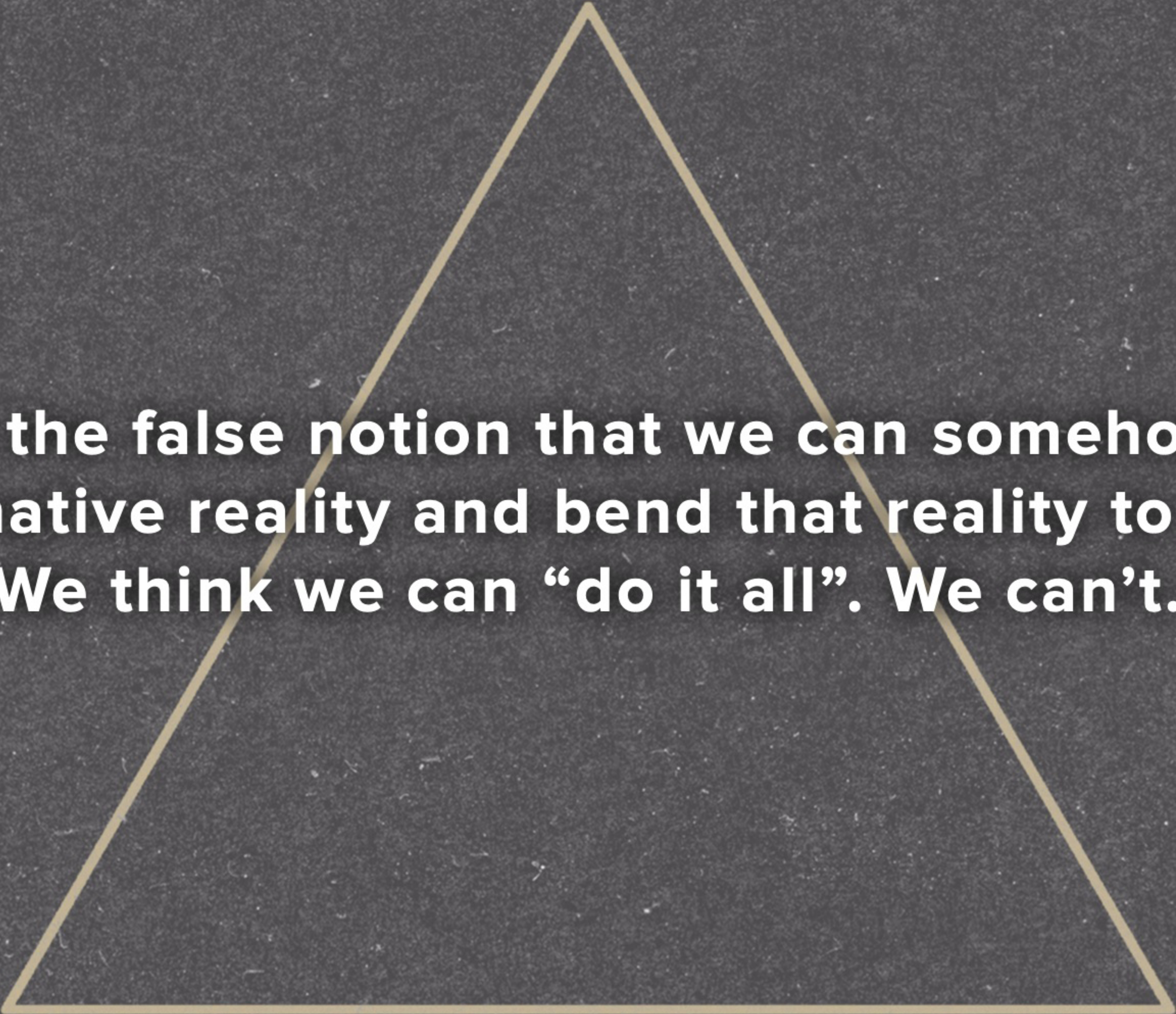
‘and in everything he might be preeminent.’ (v.18)



Be the first, hold the first place.




Somehow we have fooled ourselves into thinking that we can have more than a single priority at any given time. Having multiple “priorities”



gives us the false notion that we can somehow live in an alternative reality and bend that reality to our will. We think we can “do it all”. We can’t.



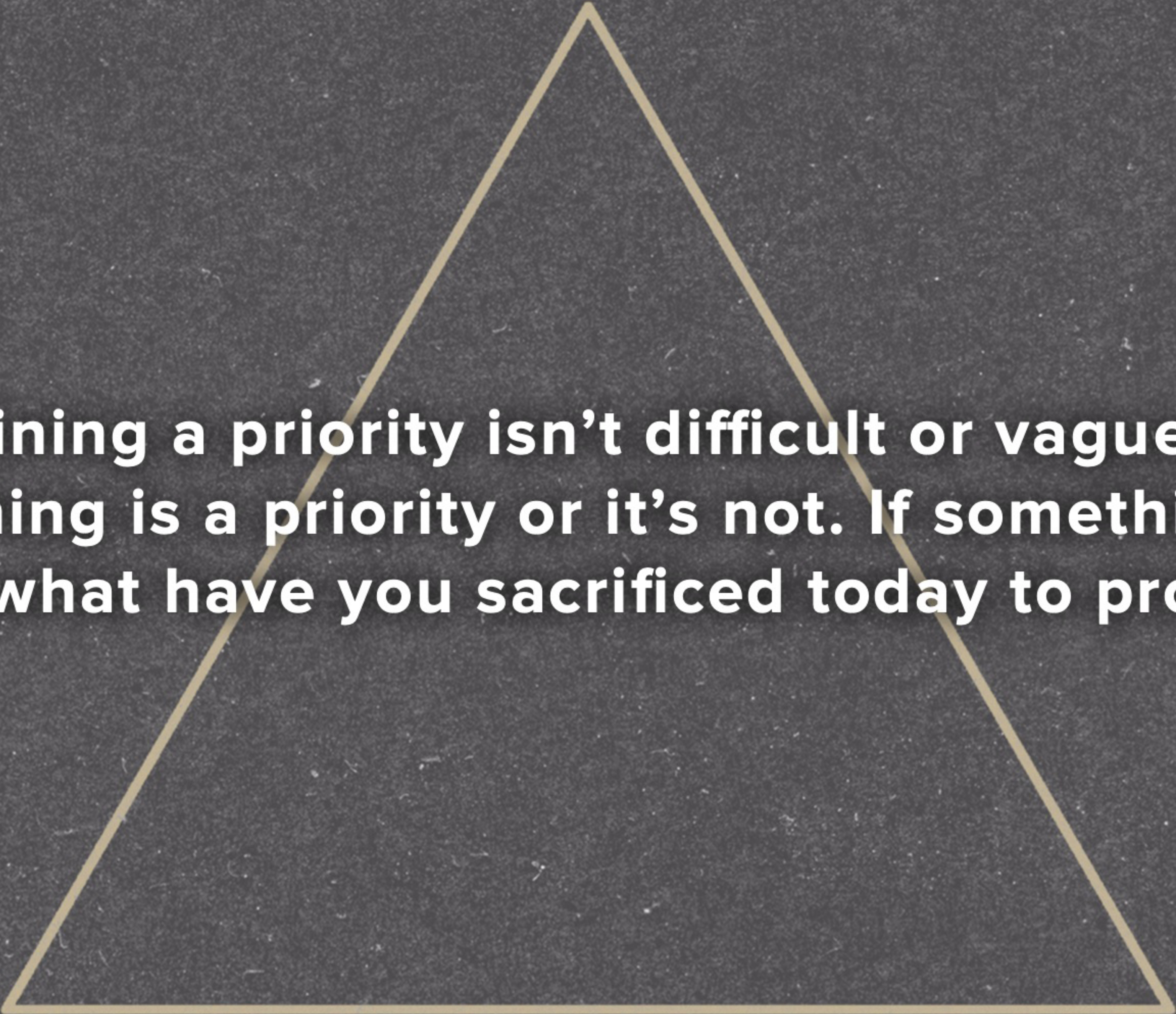
Here's the thing: When we say that we've "multiple priorities", what we're really saying is that nothing's a priority.



When everything is important, nothing is important. In other words, we haven't taken the time to discover our single true priority.



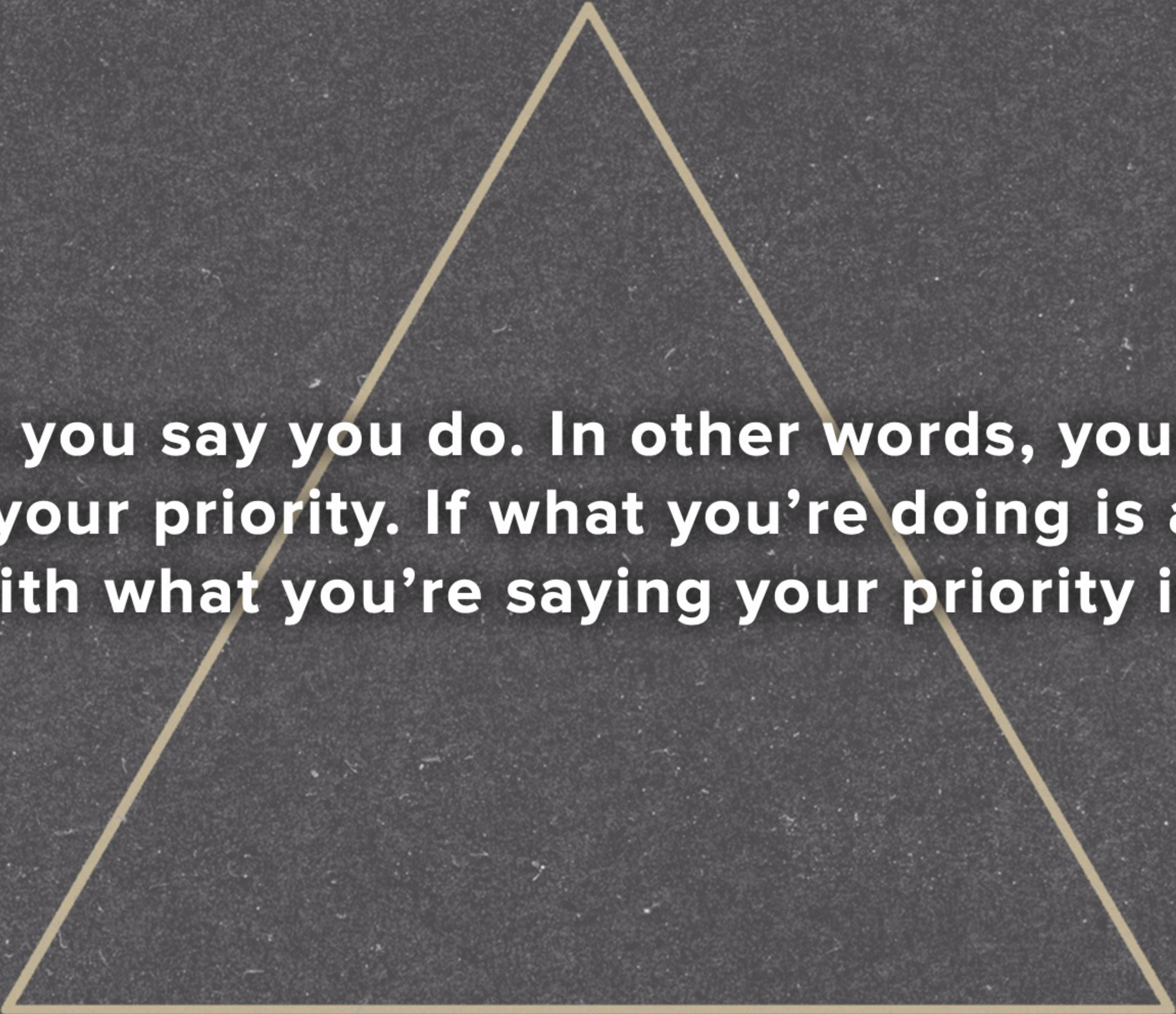
USE A TOOL



Determining a priority isn't difficult or vague. Either something is a priority or it's not. If something is a priority, what have you sacrificed today to prove that?



Here's how you know if something is a priority: If it's a priority, it's already done. Because priority is determined by what you do,



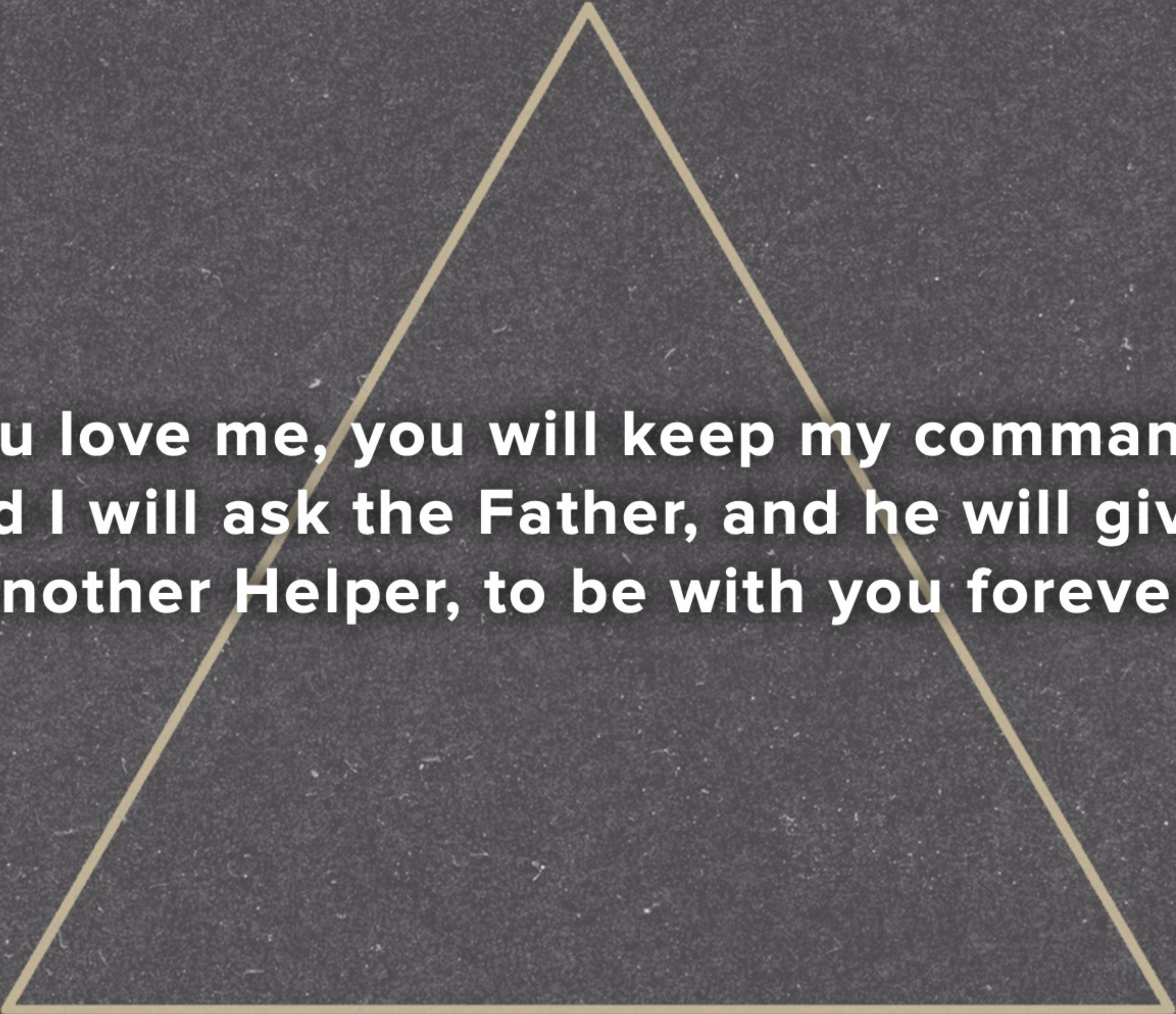
**not what you say you do. In other words, your actions
define your priority. If what you're doing is at odds
with what you're saying your priority is,**



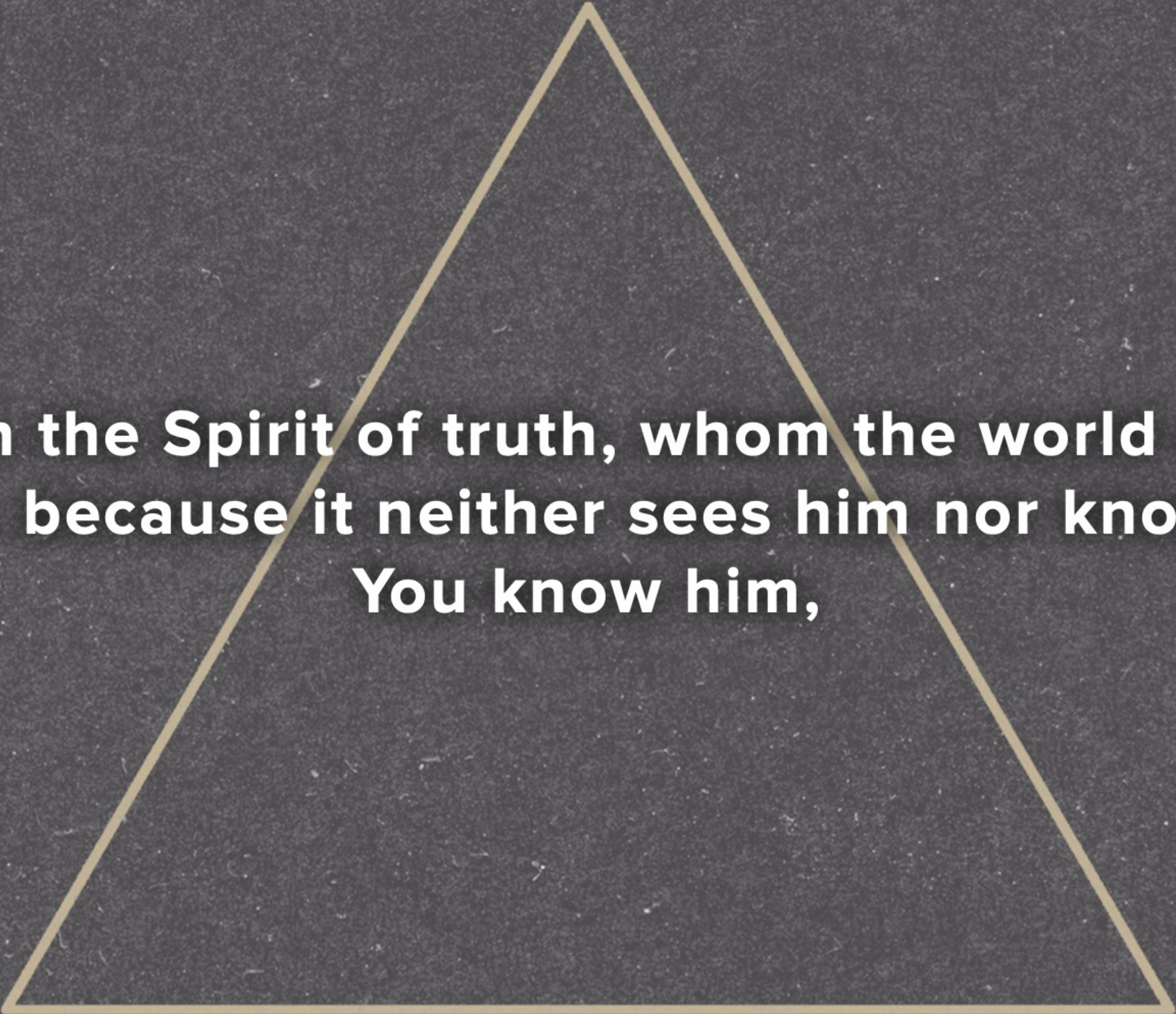
**then you need to close that gap by being honest with
yourself and evaluate your actions and motives.**



Orphan's Heart



**15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Helper, to be with you forever,**

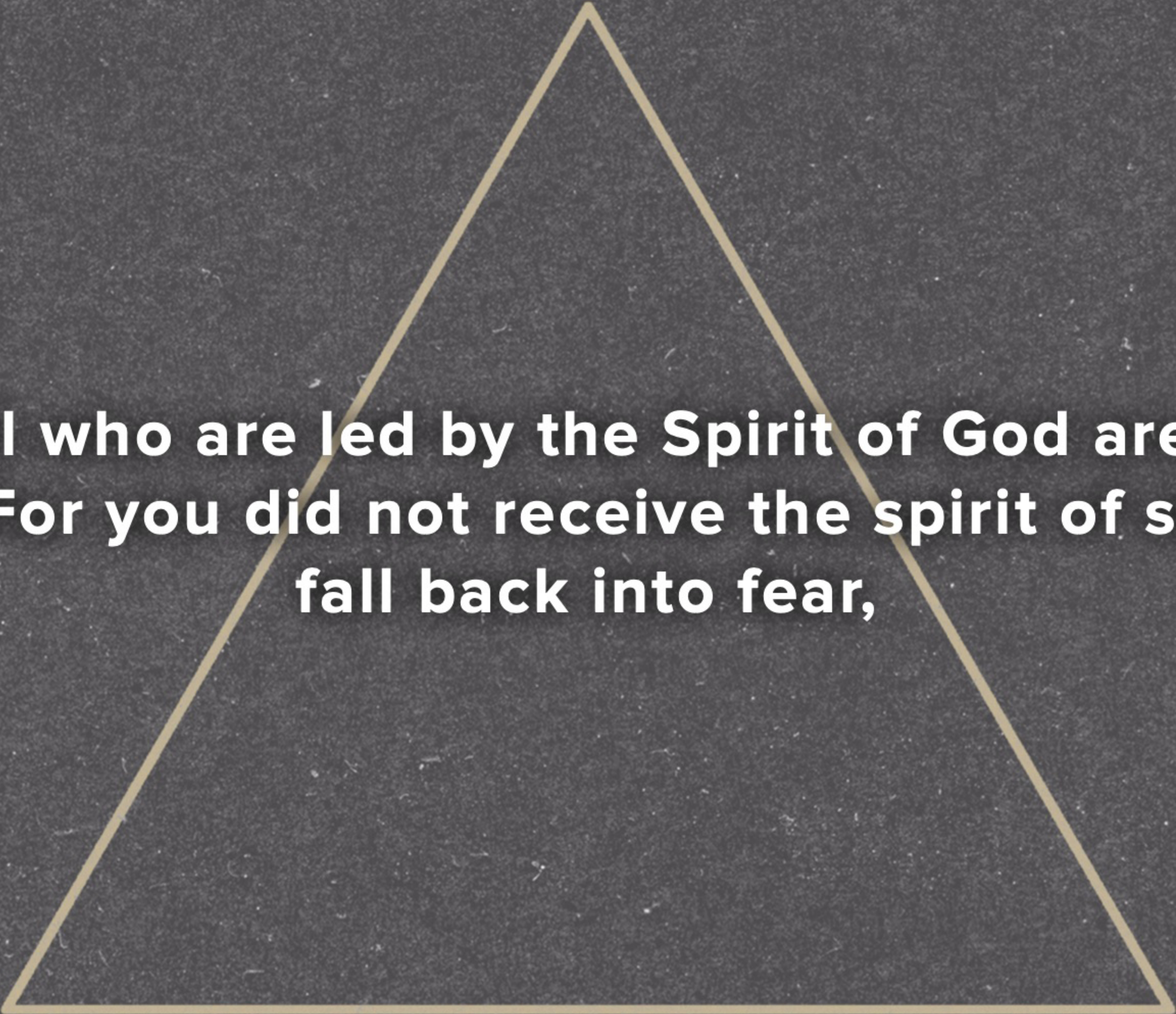


**17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.
You know him,**



**for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 “I will not
leave you as orphans; I will come to you.**

JOHN 14:15–18



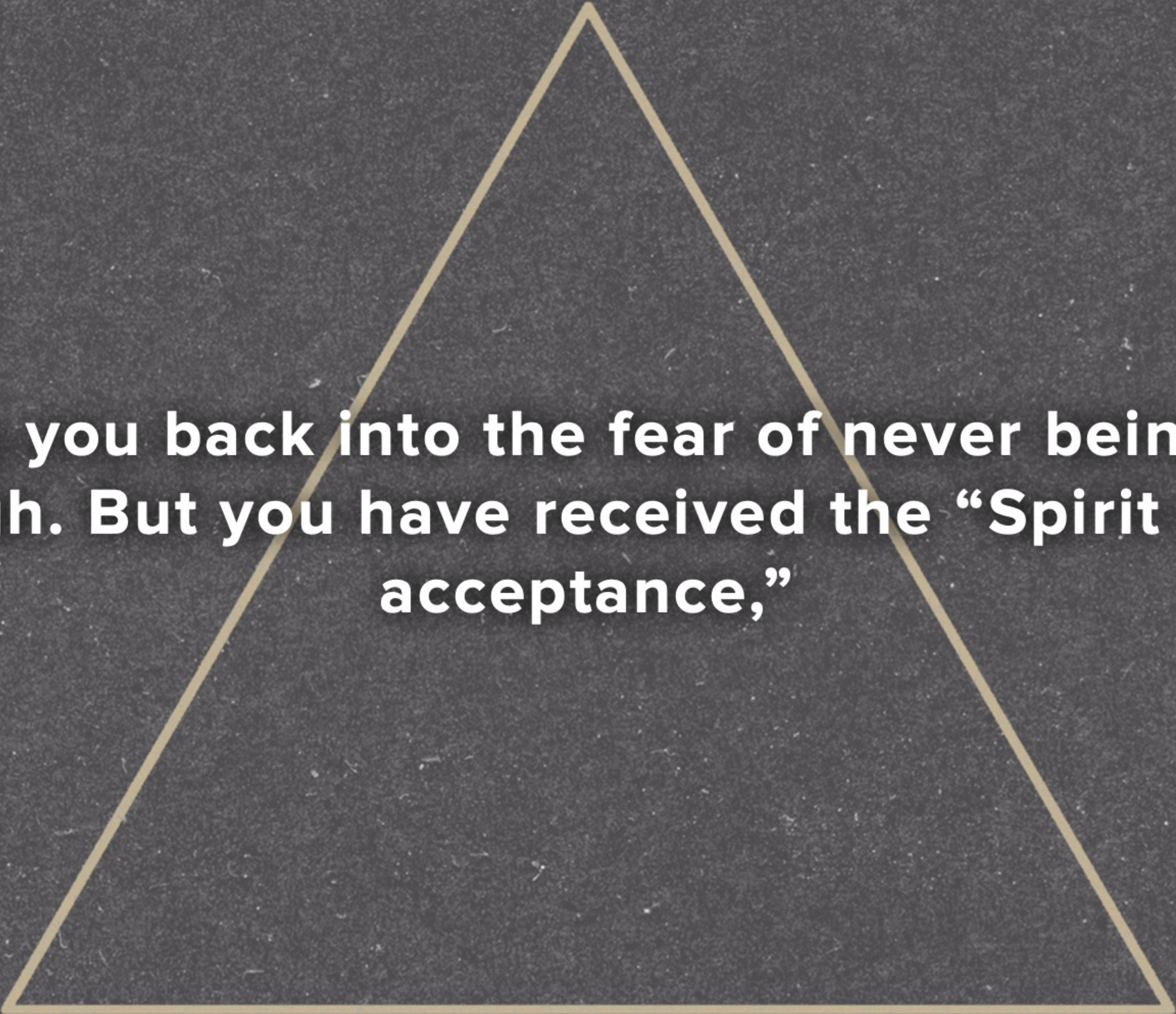
**14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of
God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to
fall back into fear,**



**but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ROMANS 8:14–15**



The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. 15 And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,”



leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,”



**enfolding you into the family of God. And you will
never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us,**



**our spirits join him in saying the words of tender
affection, “Beloved Father!” ROMANS 8:14-15**



“I will not leave you as orphans. . .” JOHN 14



**Once you were alienated and hostile in mind.
COLOSSIANS 1:21**



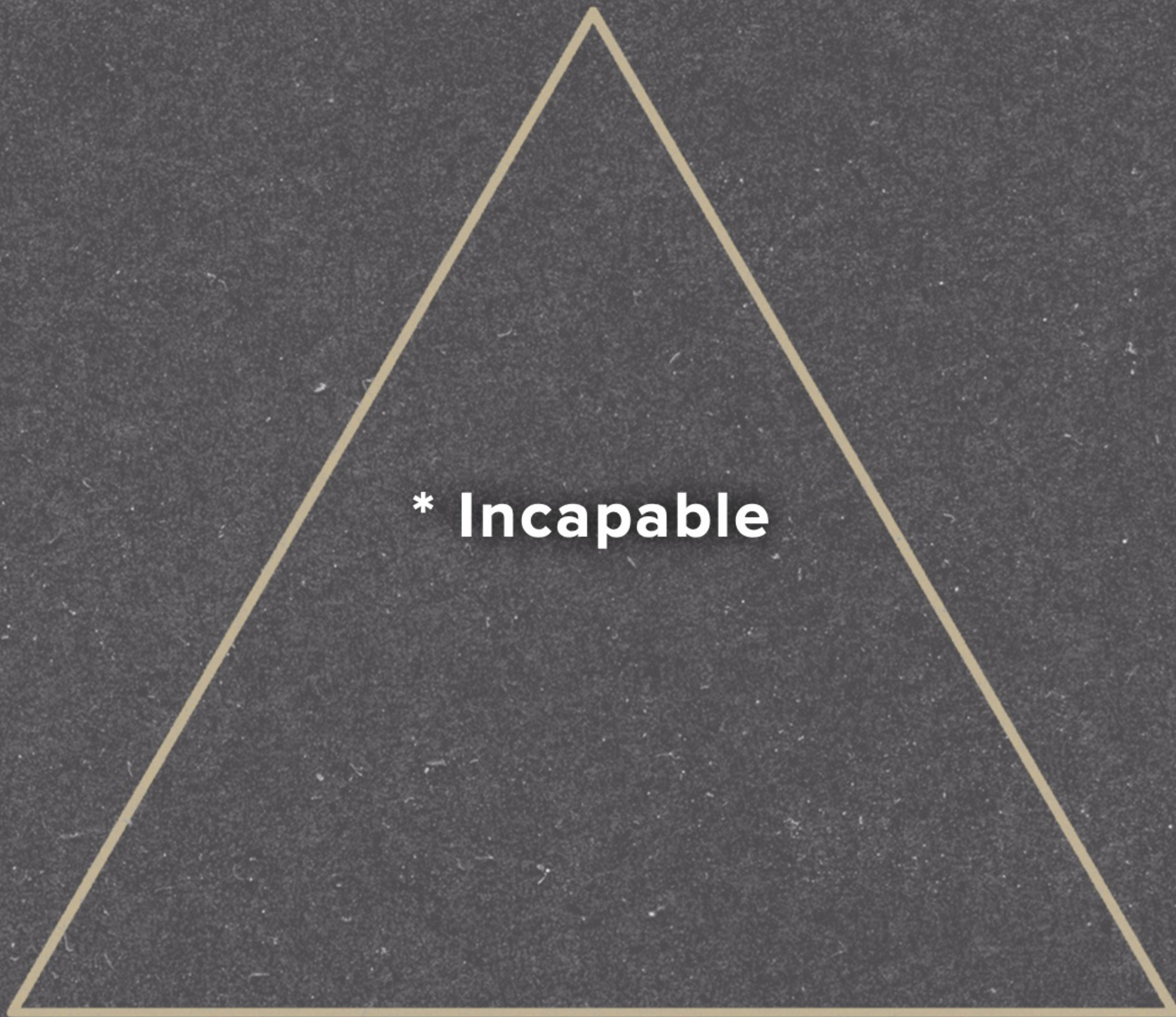
*** Self-doubt**



*** Who says so**



*** Fear of rejection**



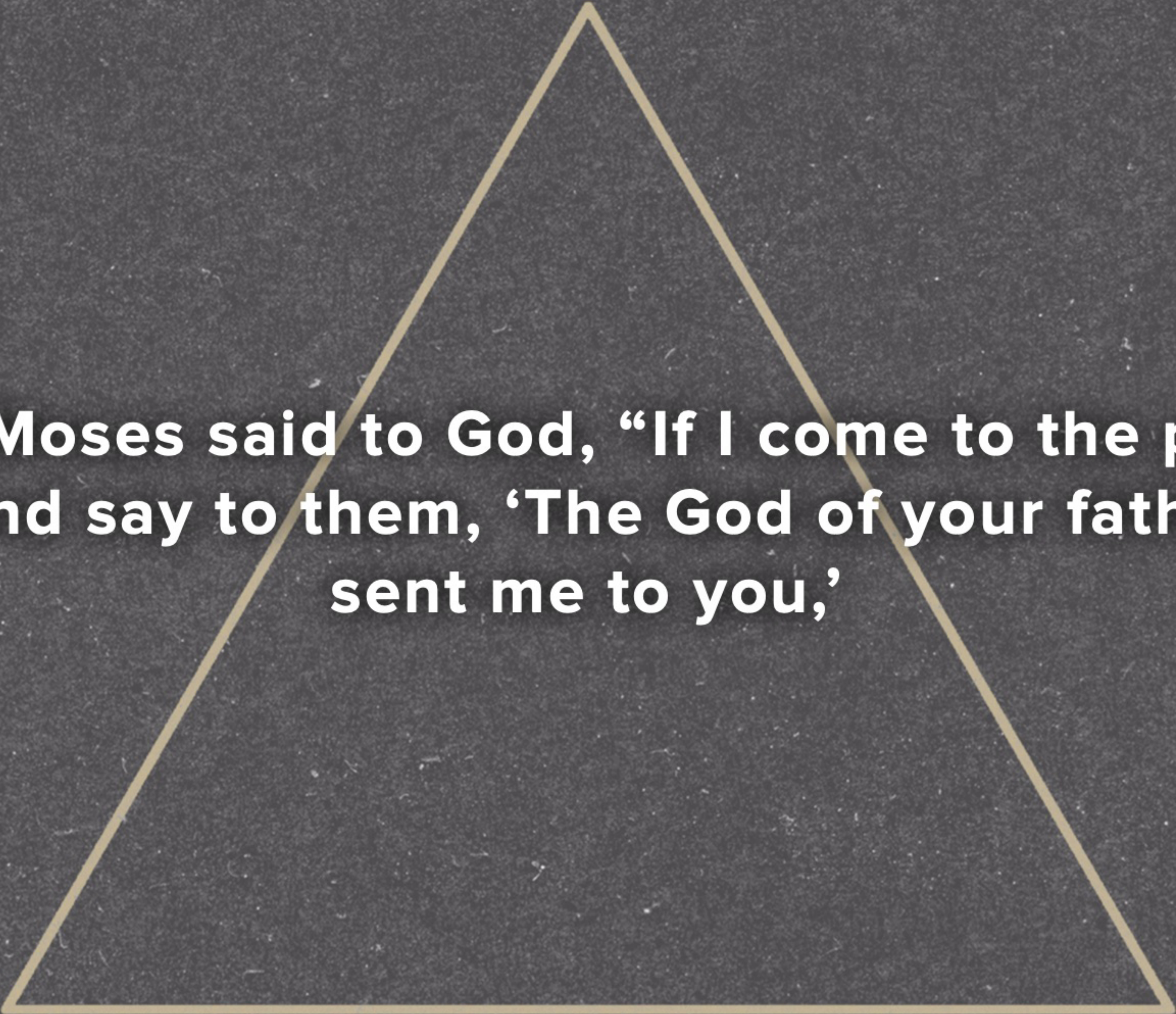
*** Incapable**



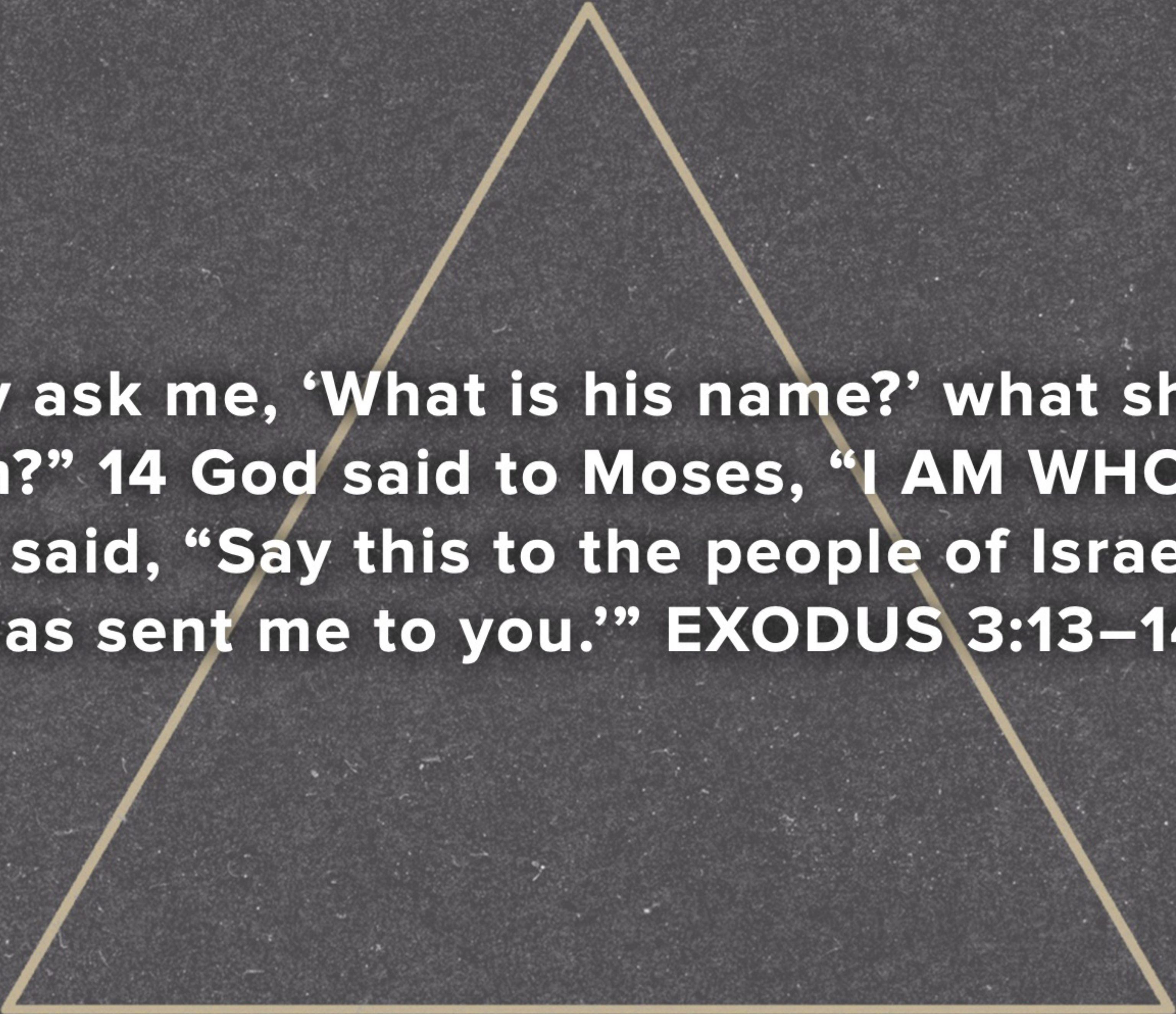
Moses' Excuses



Insecurity



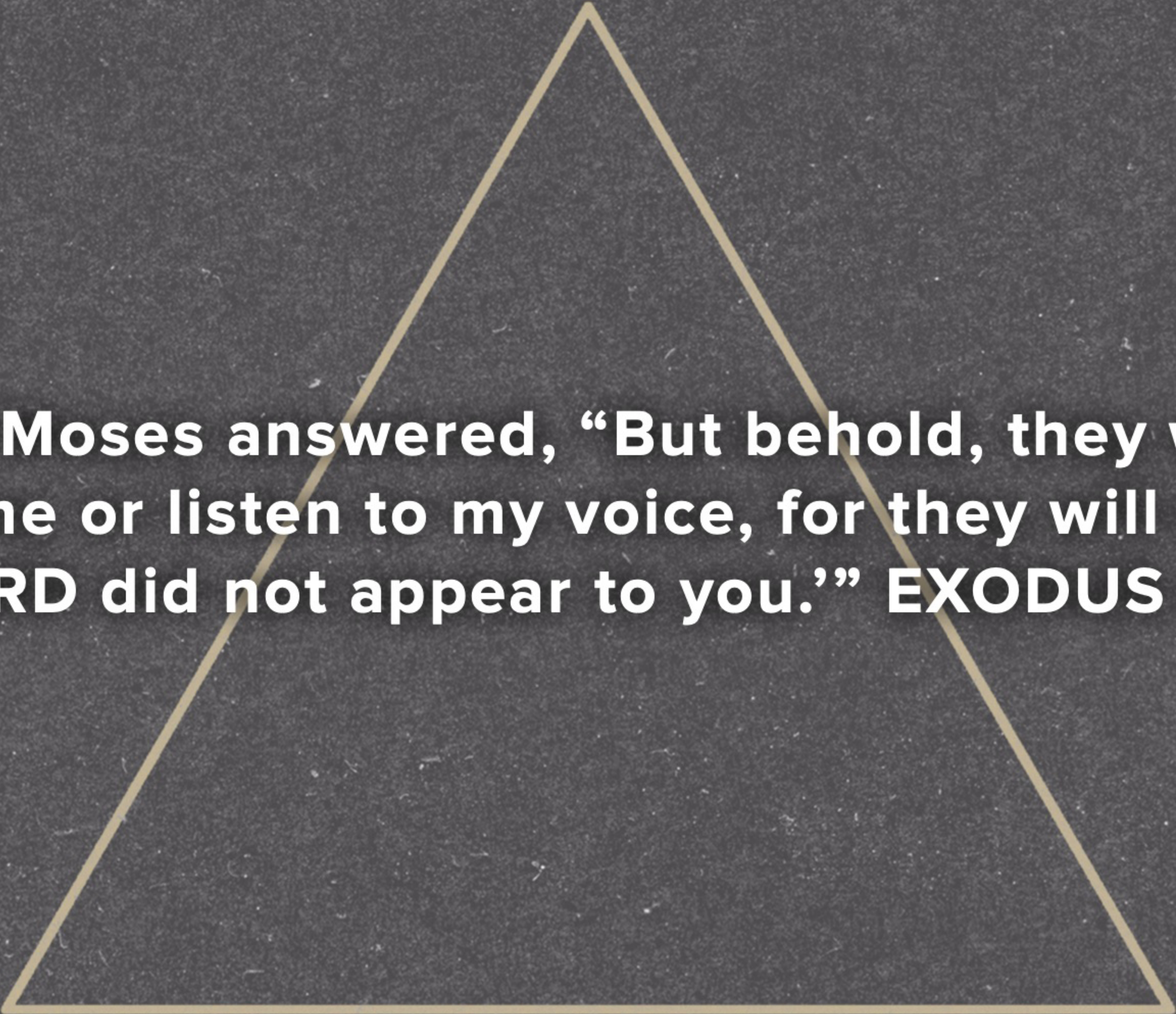
13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’



and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” EXODUS 3:13–14



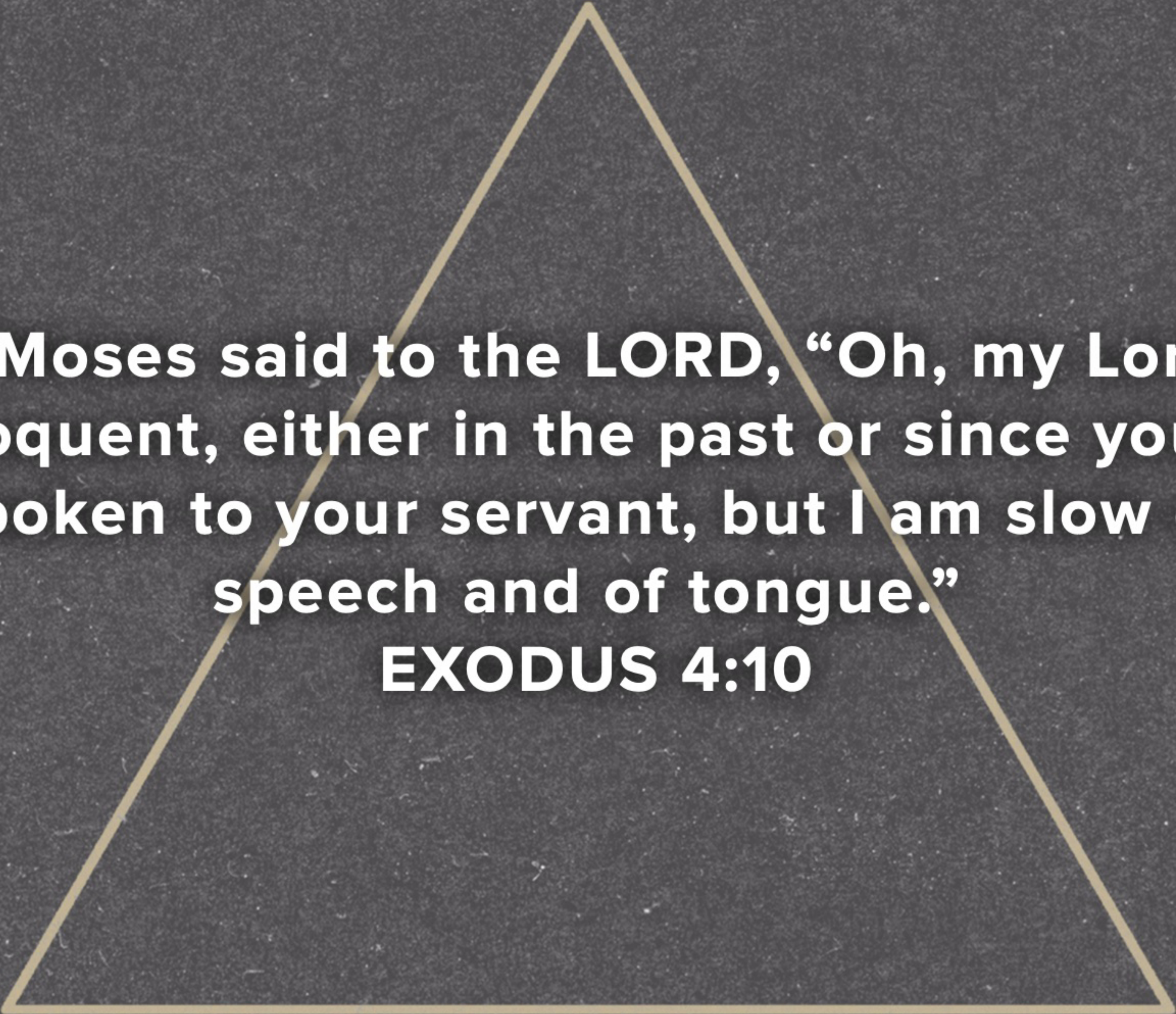
Concerned about others response



1 Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’” EXODUS 4:1



Fear of Rejection



10 But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.”

EXODUS 4:10



Self-reliance



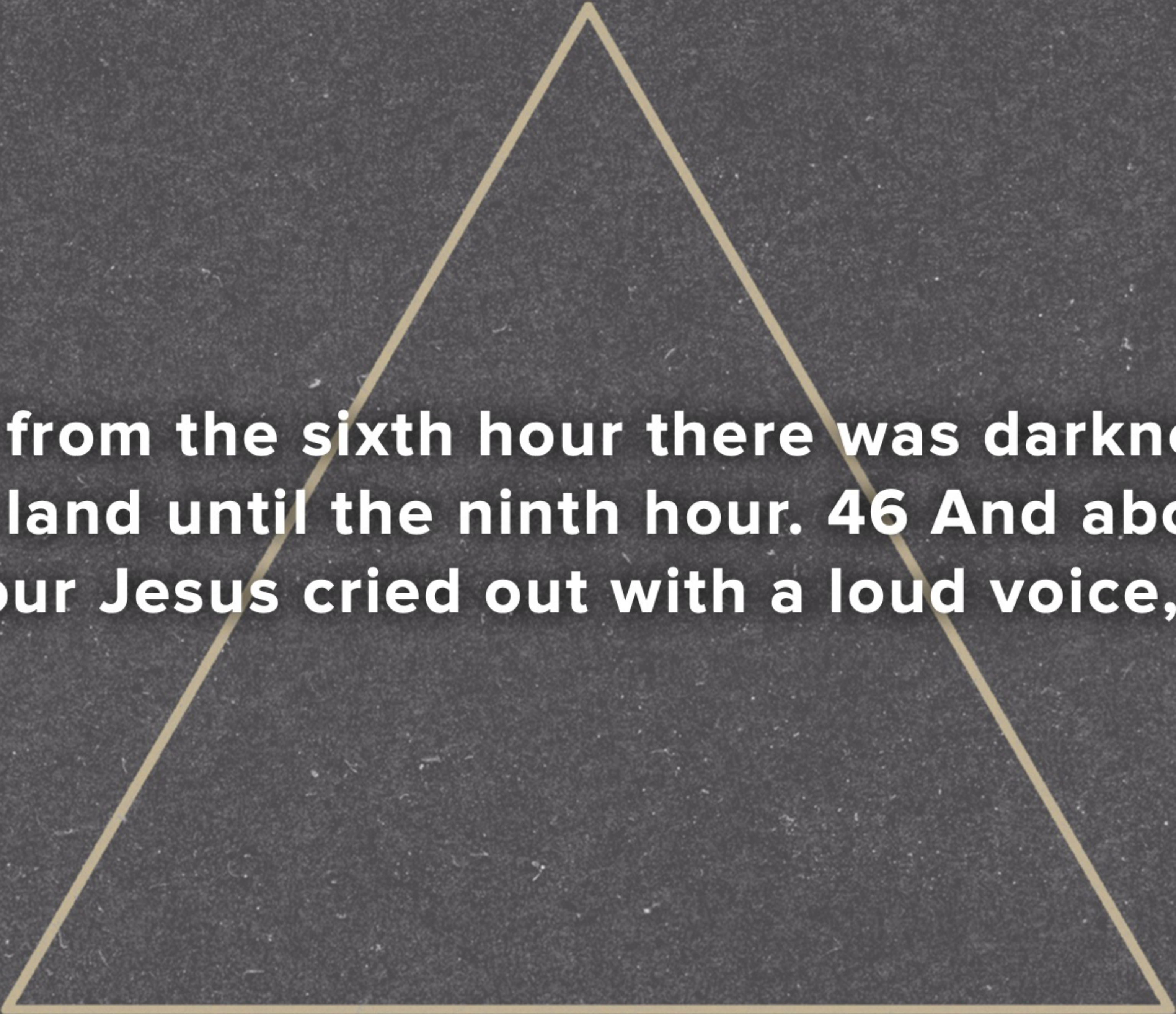
I just don't want to do it



13 But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” EXODUS 4:13



**“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
JOHN 14:18**



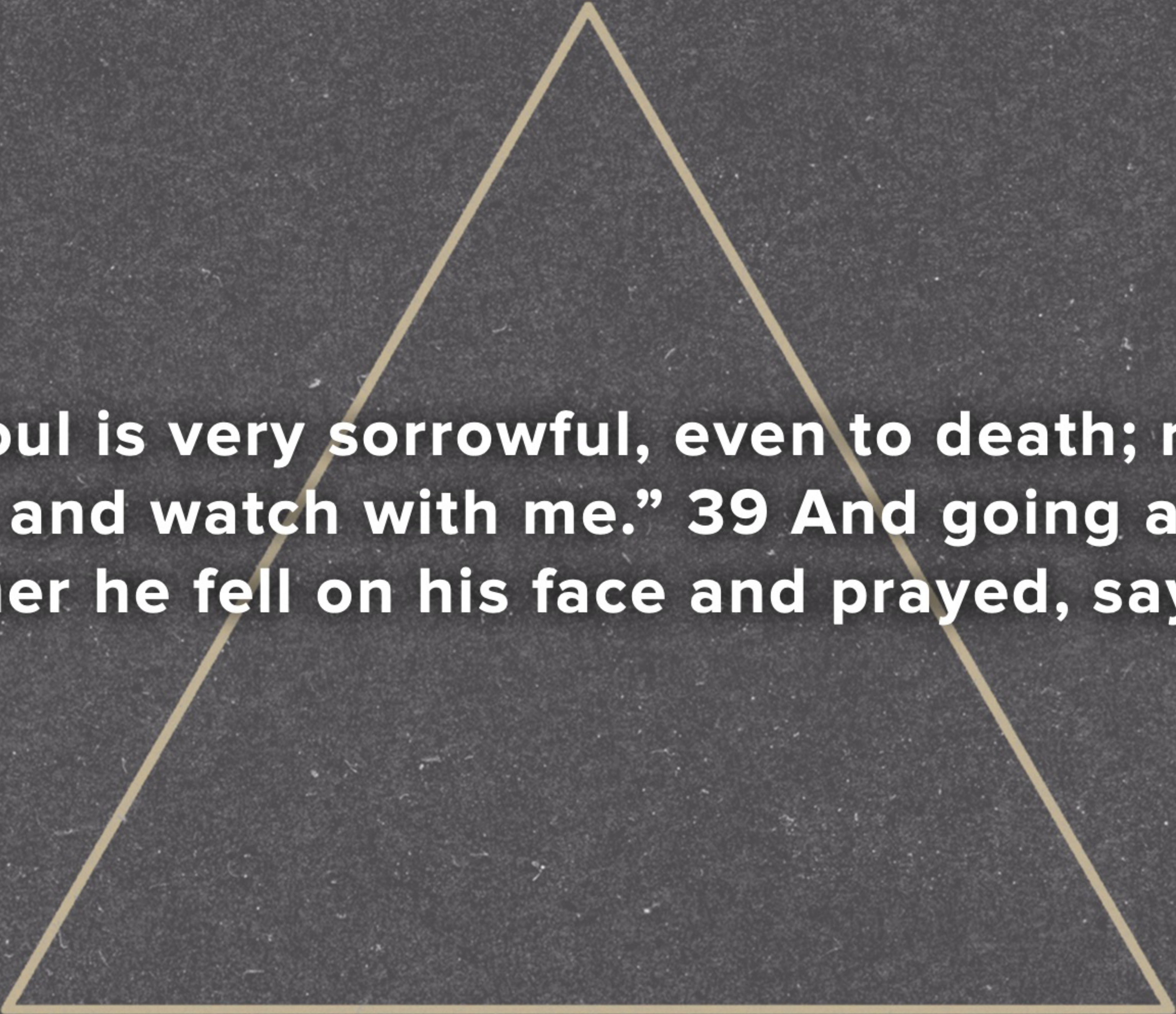
**45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over
all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the
ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,**



**“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?” MATTHEW 27:45–46**



**37 And taking with him Peter and the two sons of
Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38
Then he said to them,**



“My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,

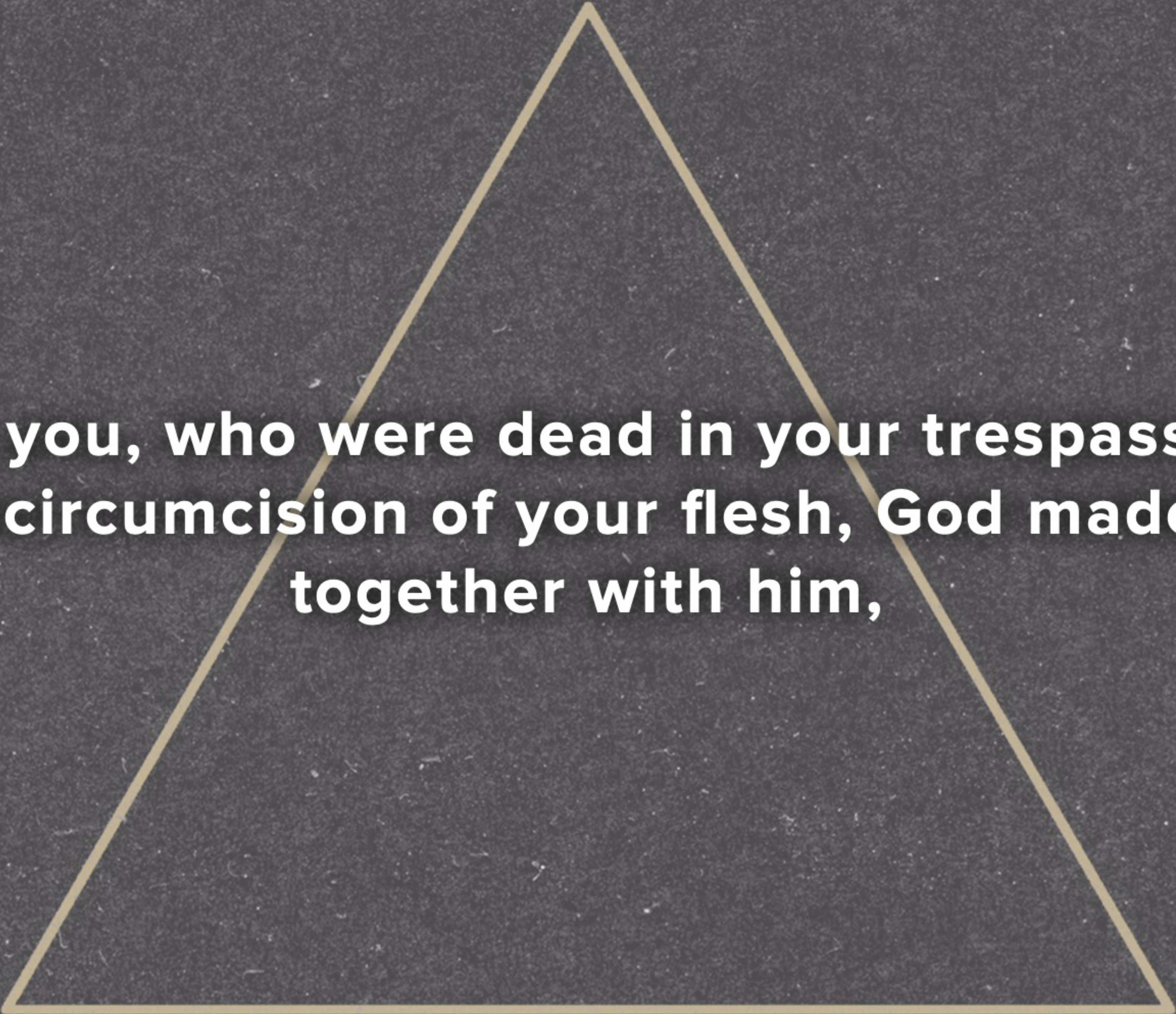


**“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from
me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”**

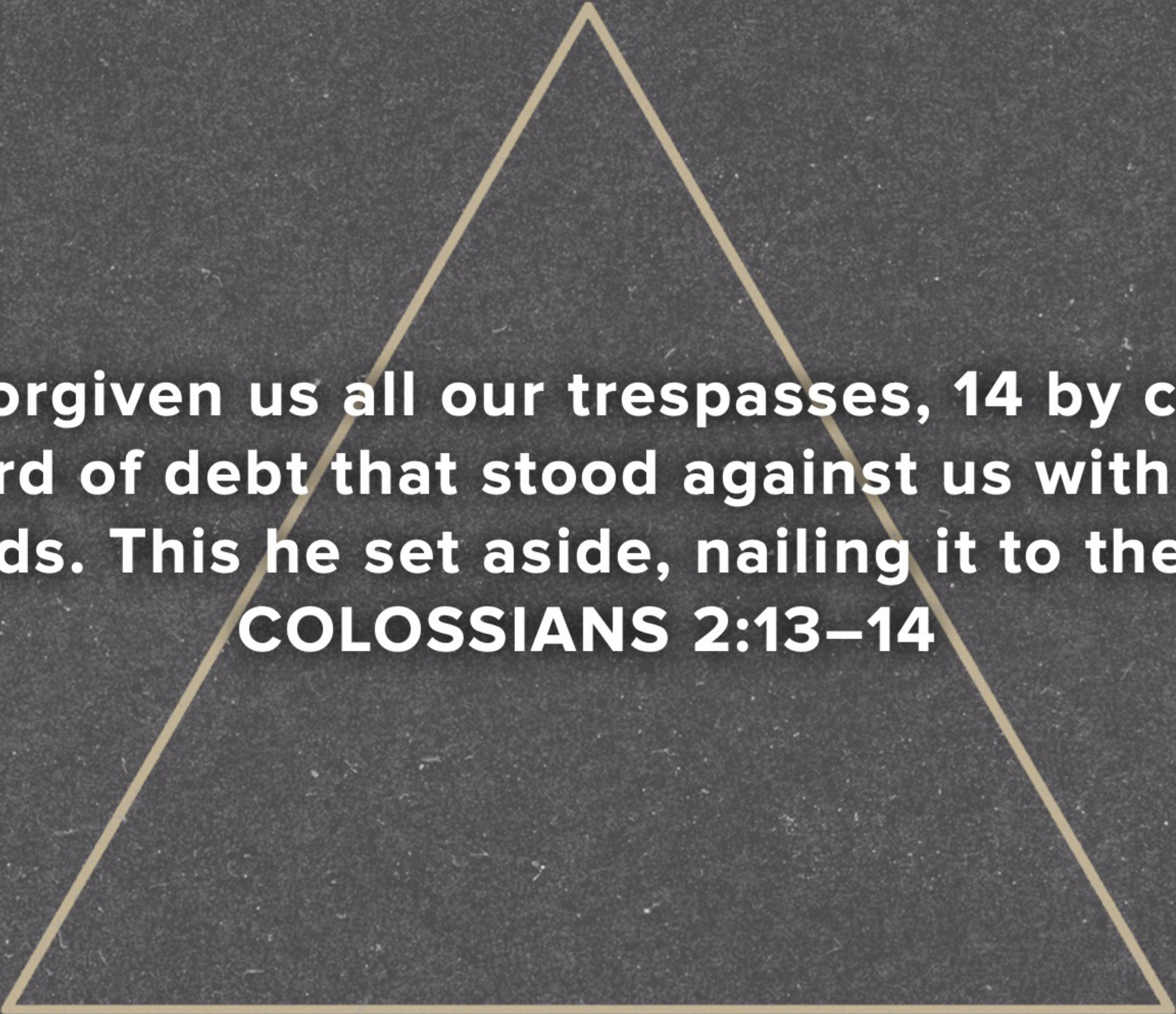
MATTHEW 26:37–39



**“The only way to eradicate an orphan heart is to
replace it with the fathers love”**



**13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and
the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive
together with him,**



**having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling
the record of debt that stood against us with its legal
demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.**

COLOSSIANS 2:13–14