

Life in His Name

*and that by
believing you may
have life in his name.*

-John 20:31



Me Too?



John 1:43-51

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The Gospel of John

**Why should I
(still) follow
Jesus?**



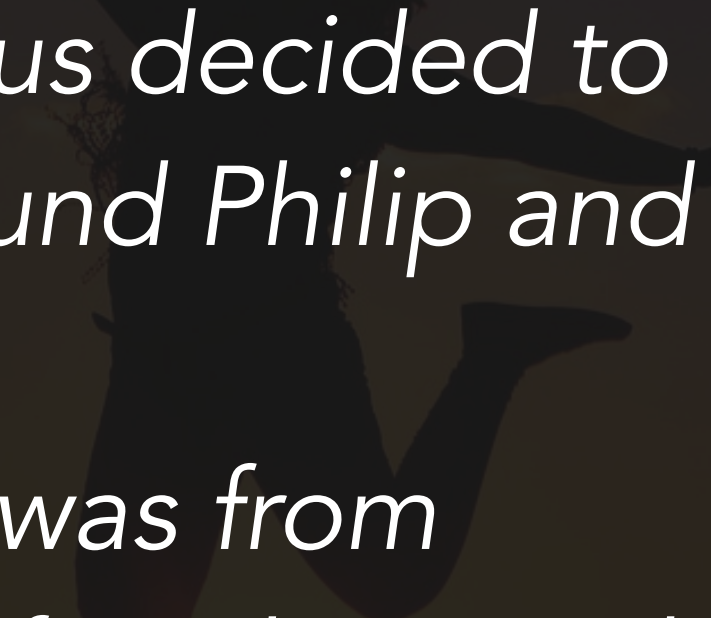
1. I am Wanted

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What is Love?

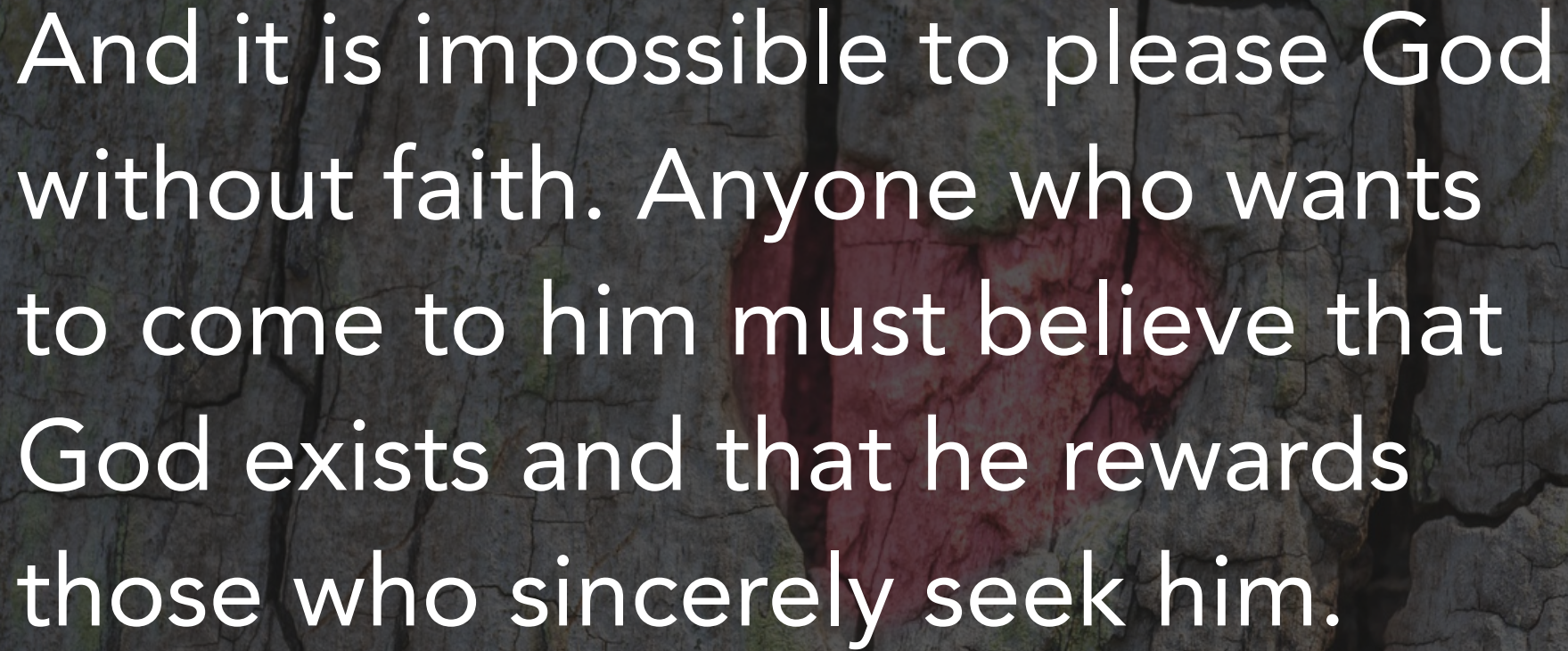
In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

-1 John 4:9

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When God said, "I love you,"
He means He will use all His
infinite wisdom, power, and
sovereignty to do you good all
the days of your life."

-John Piper



And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

-Hebrews 11:6



The man who has God for his
treasure has all things in One.

-A.W. Tozer

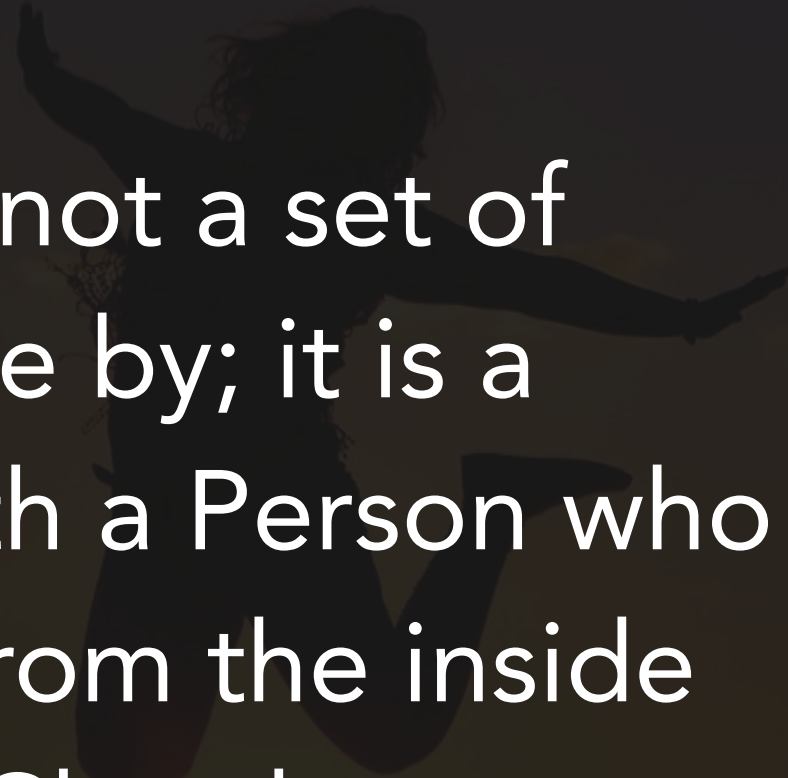
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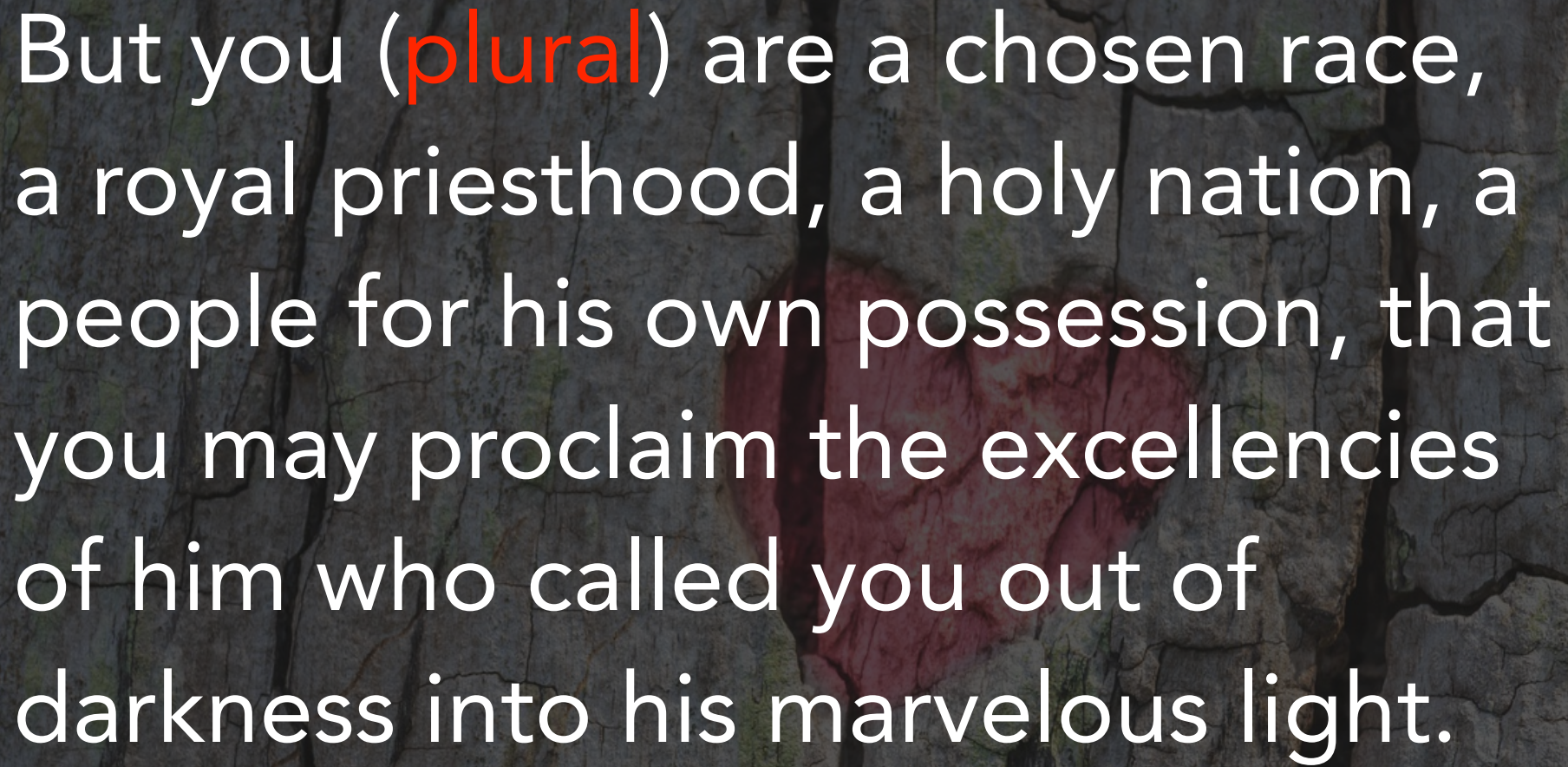
“Christianity is not a set of principles to live by; it is a relationship with a Person who transforms us from the inside out.” -Oswald Chambers



He invites US!
(in community)!

*44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida,
the city of Andrew and Peter.*

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But you (**plural**) are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a
people for his own possession, that
you may proclaim the excellencies
of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.

-1 Peter 2:9

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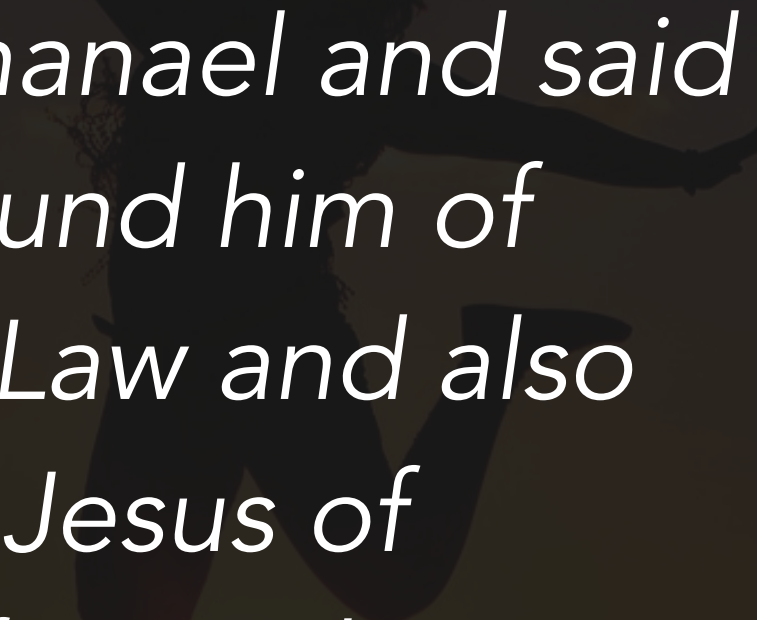
2. For a Purpose

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Most evangelical scholars estimate there are over 300 Old Testament prophecies that were either directly or indirectly fulfilled in Jesus' first coming.

The probability of Jesus fulfilling,
by chance, just **eight** prophecies
of the Old Testament is:

$$1/10^{17}$$

1/100,000,000,000,000,000

How many did he fulfill?

8?

48?

3000

God's Story - what purpose?

For God was in Christ, **reconciling** the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

-2 Corinthians 5:19

My story.

- <100 years
- Me-focused
- Self-destruction
- End is death

His story.

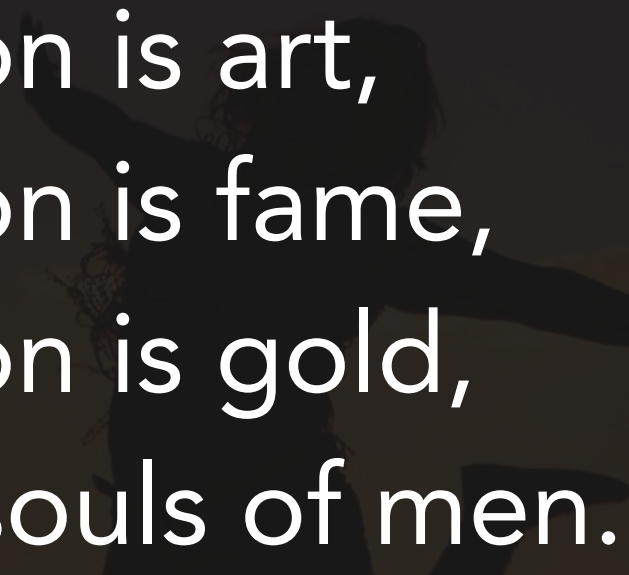
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God's Story is Better!



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Some men's ambition is art,
Some men's ambition is fame,
Some men's ambition is gold,
My ambition is the souls of men.

-William Booth

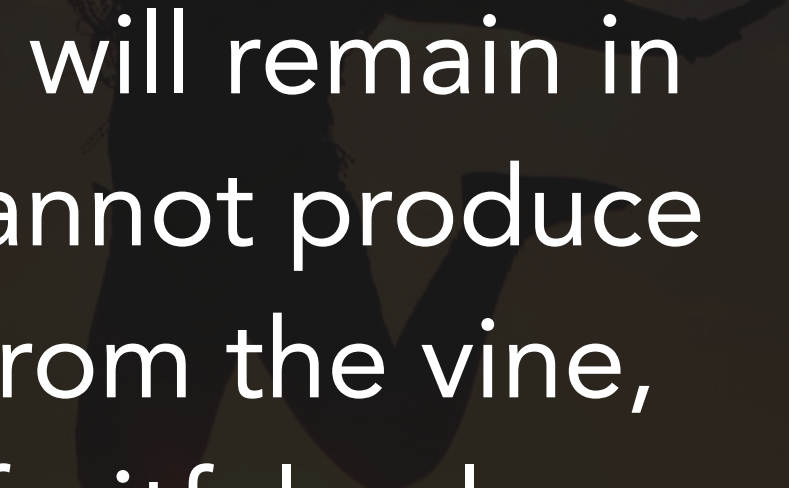
How?

- Love God
- Love people



How?

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. -Jesus (John 15:4)

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How?

1. Read Scripture
& talk with God
2. Connect with
other Christians



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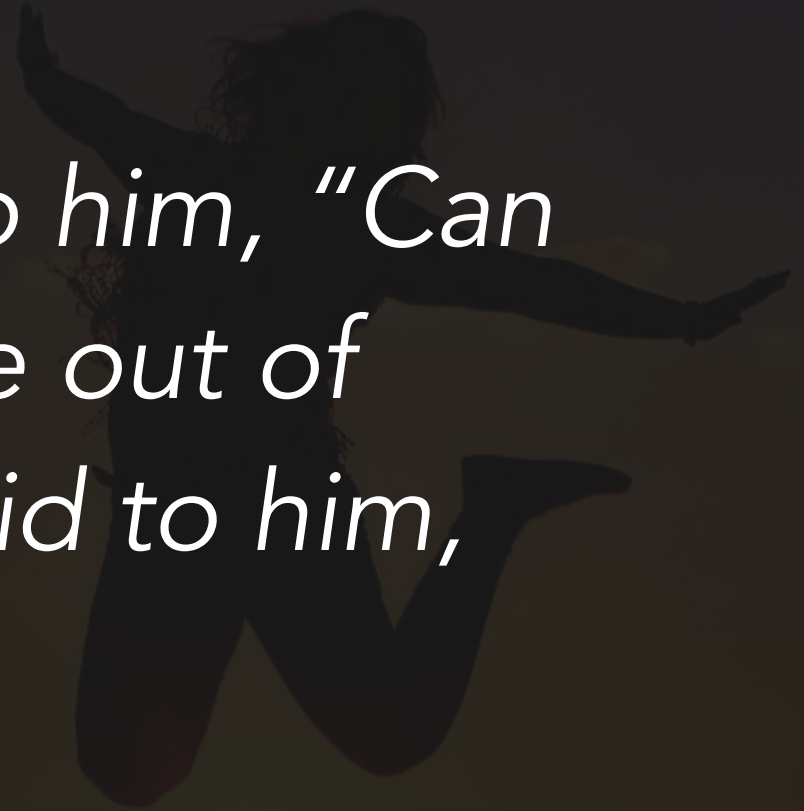
3. He Knows Me!

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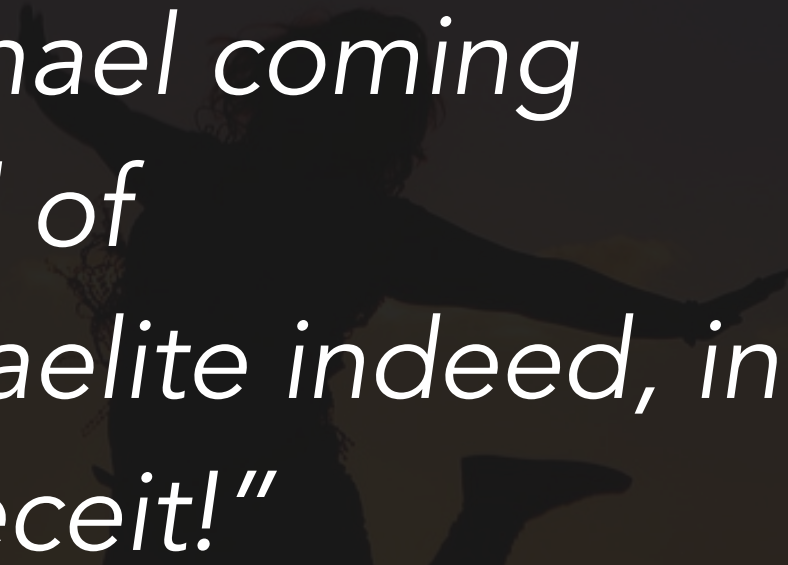
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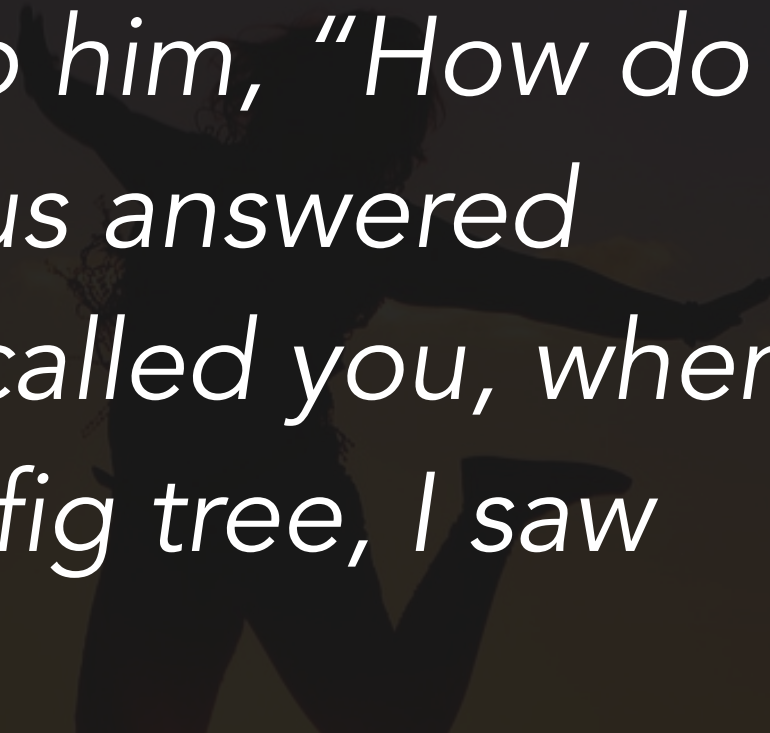
46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

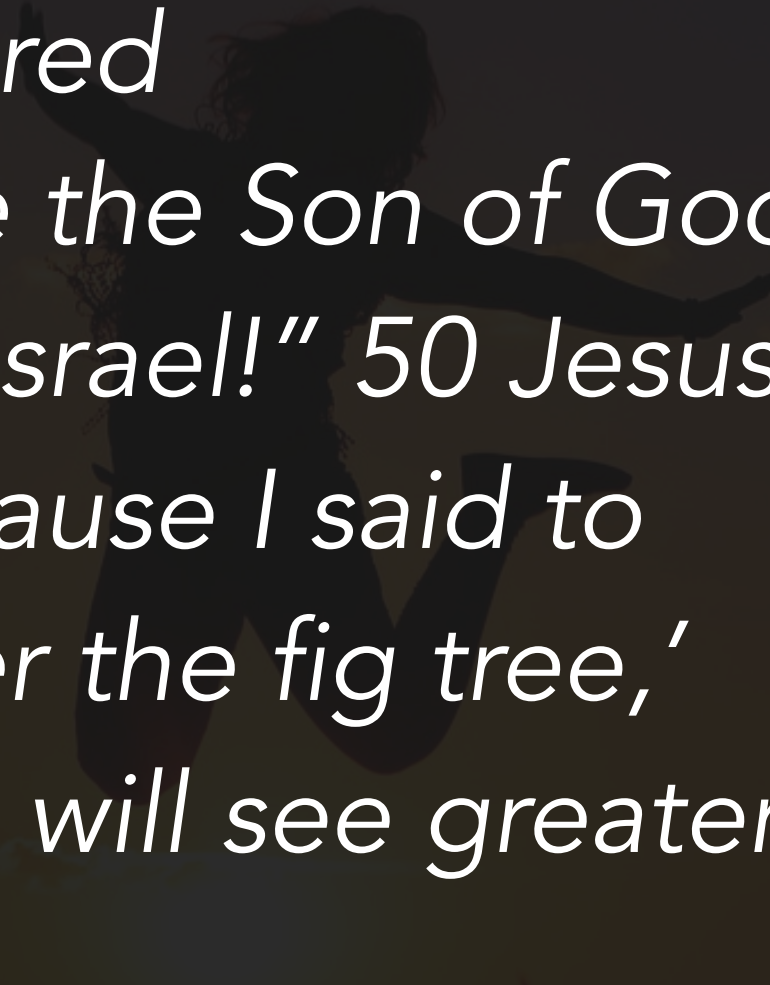


47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

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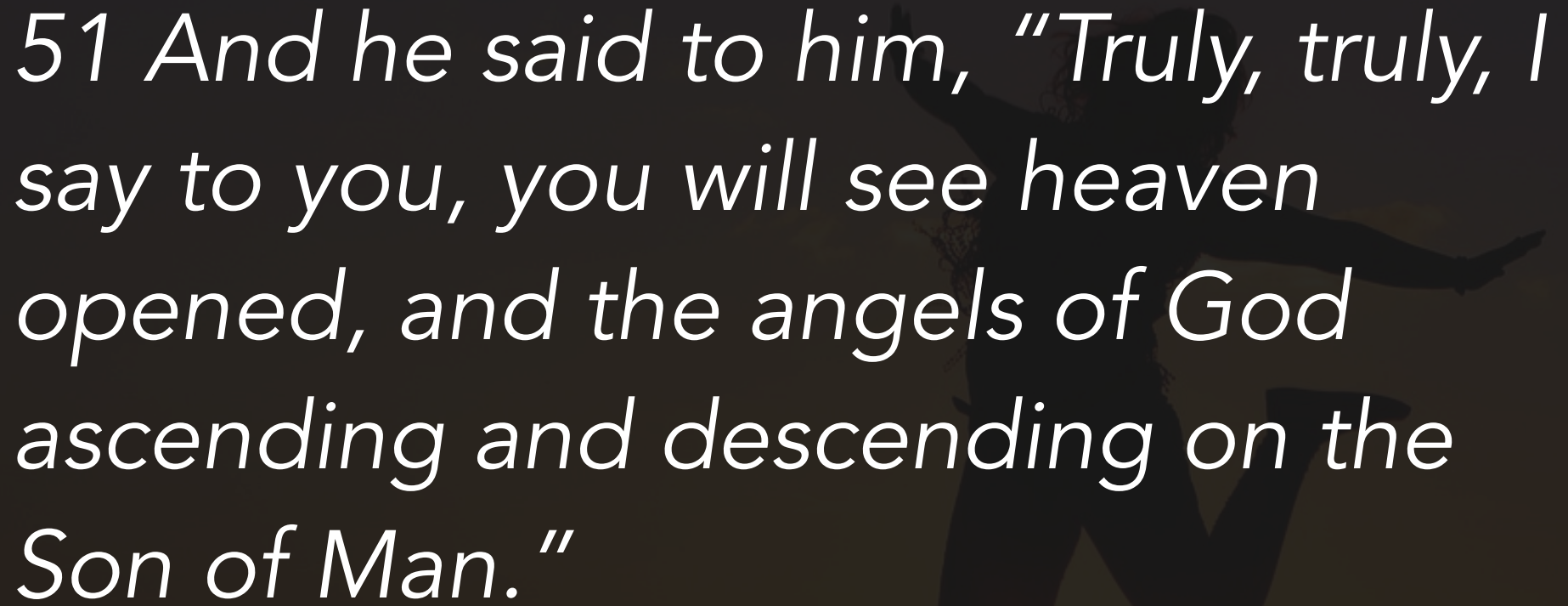
48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."



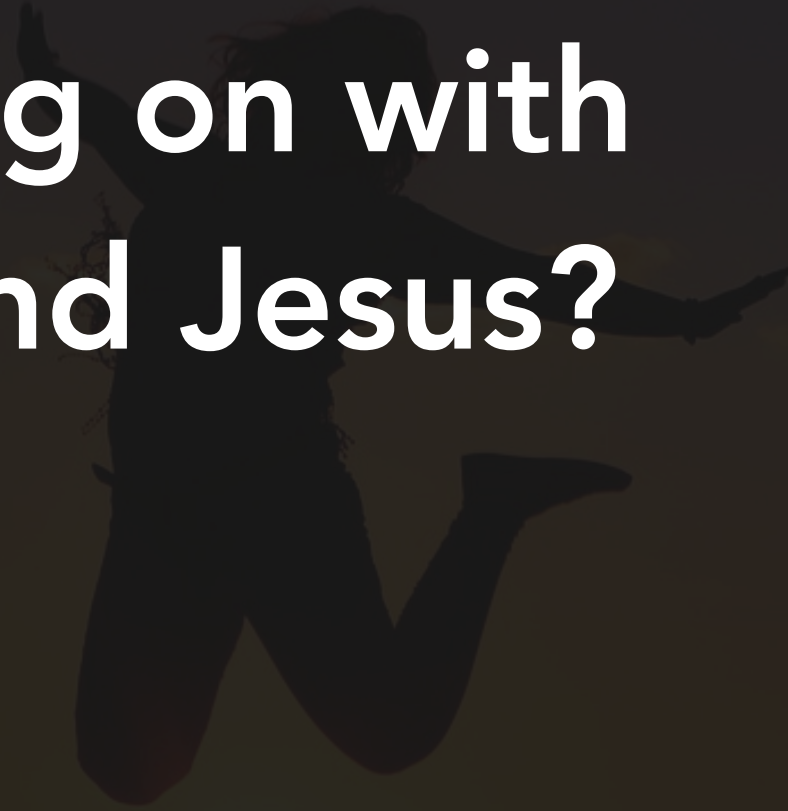


49 Nathanael answered
him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God!
You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus
answered him, "Because I said to
you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,'
do you believe? You will see greater
things than these."

51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."



**What is going on with
Nathanael and Jesus?**



Summary

- He wants you.
- For a Purpose.
- He knows you.



Closing Quote

What matters supremely is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it - the fact that He knows me. -J.I. Packer

Closing Scripture

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. -John 3:16

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