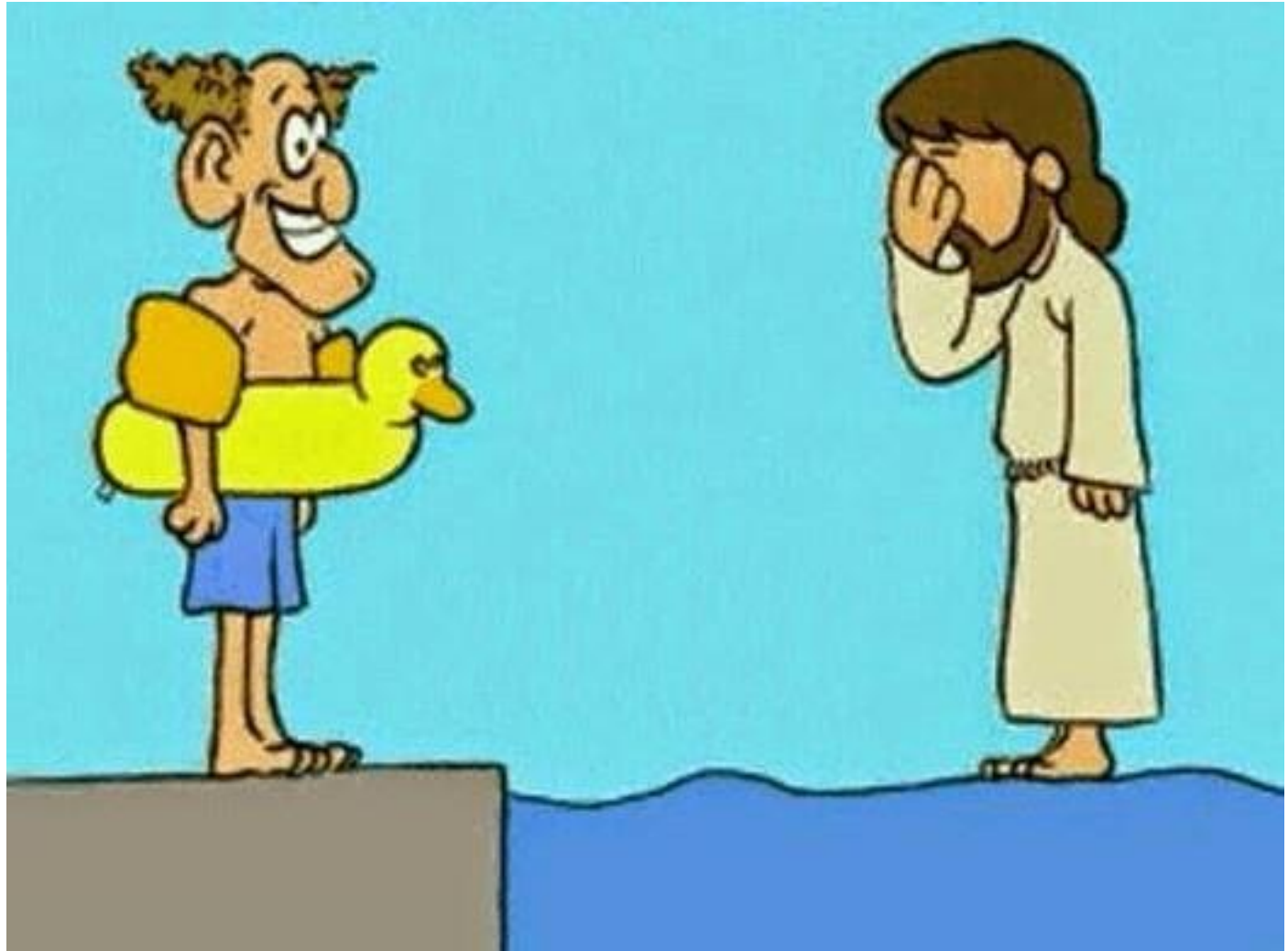


**Don't  
Miss the  
Point!**



## Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NLT)

### A Call for Wholehearted Commitment

**6** “These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, <sup>2</sup> and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. <sup>3</sup> Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

<sup>4</sup> “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. <sup>6</sup> And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## Matthew 22:34-40 (NLT)

### The Most Important Commandment

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”



**'Achad' is Hebrew for 'One.' In today's text, it encompasses a Oneness of intimacy and purpose, a Oneness of HEART, mind and soul - even when there are many individuals involved.**

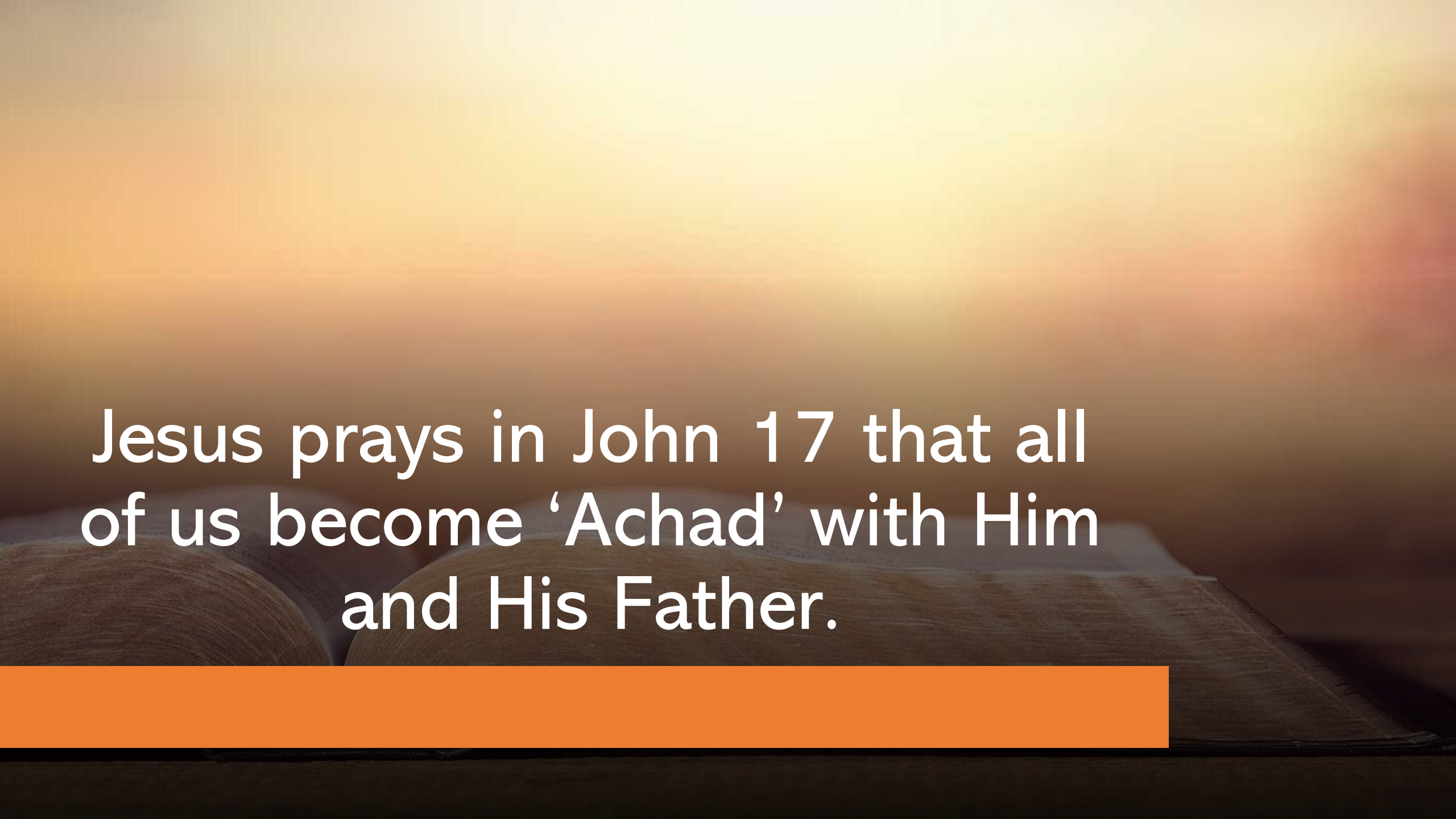


In only one generation after Joshua died, Israel was already worshipping other gods.



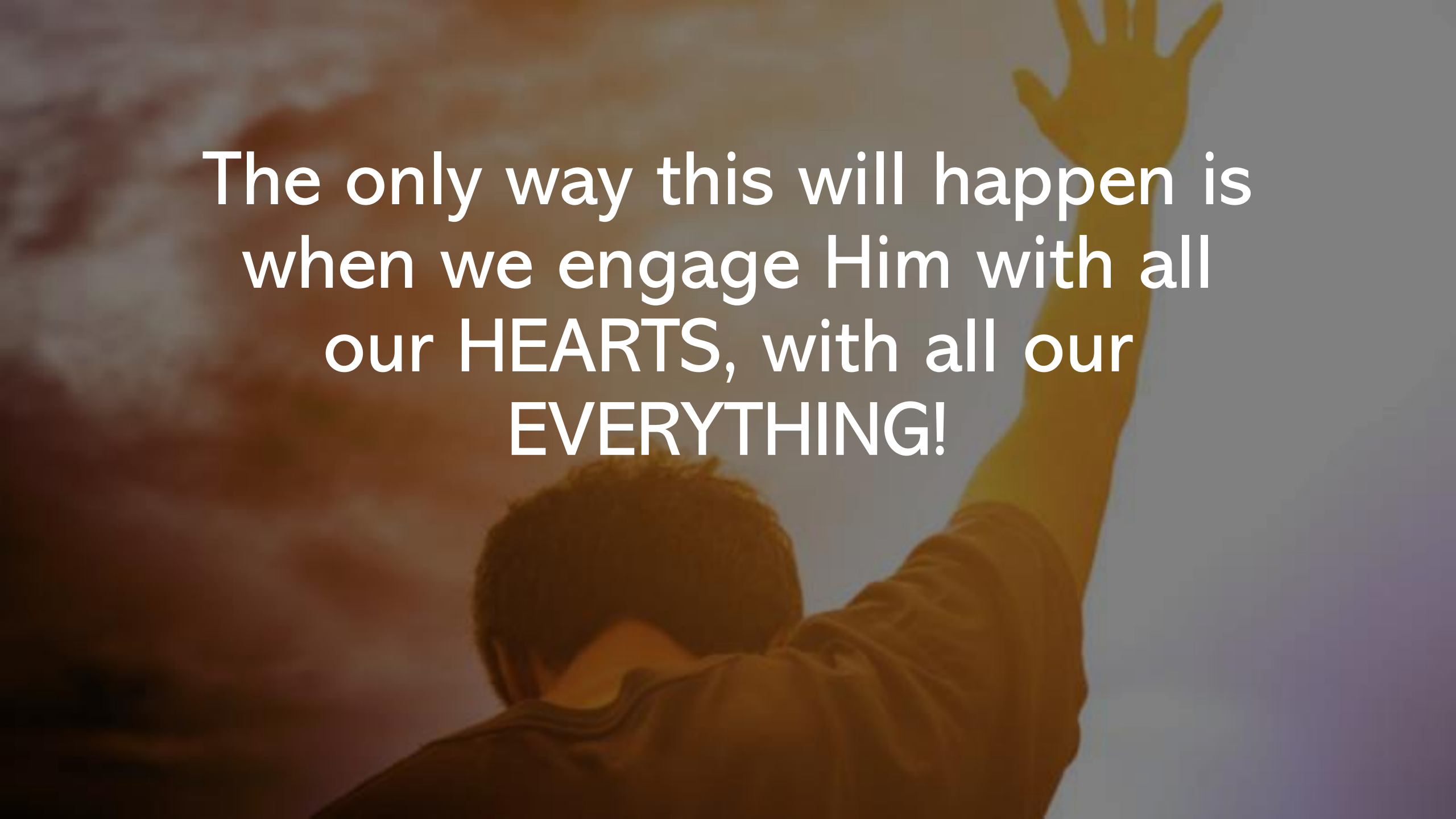
The Father, the  
Son, and the Holy  
Spirit are 'Achad.'  
Husband and Wife  
are 'Achad.'





Jesus prays in John 17 that all of us become 'Achad' with Him and His Father.



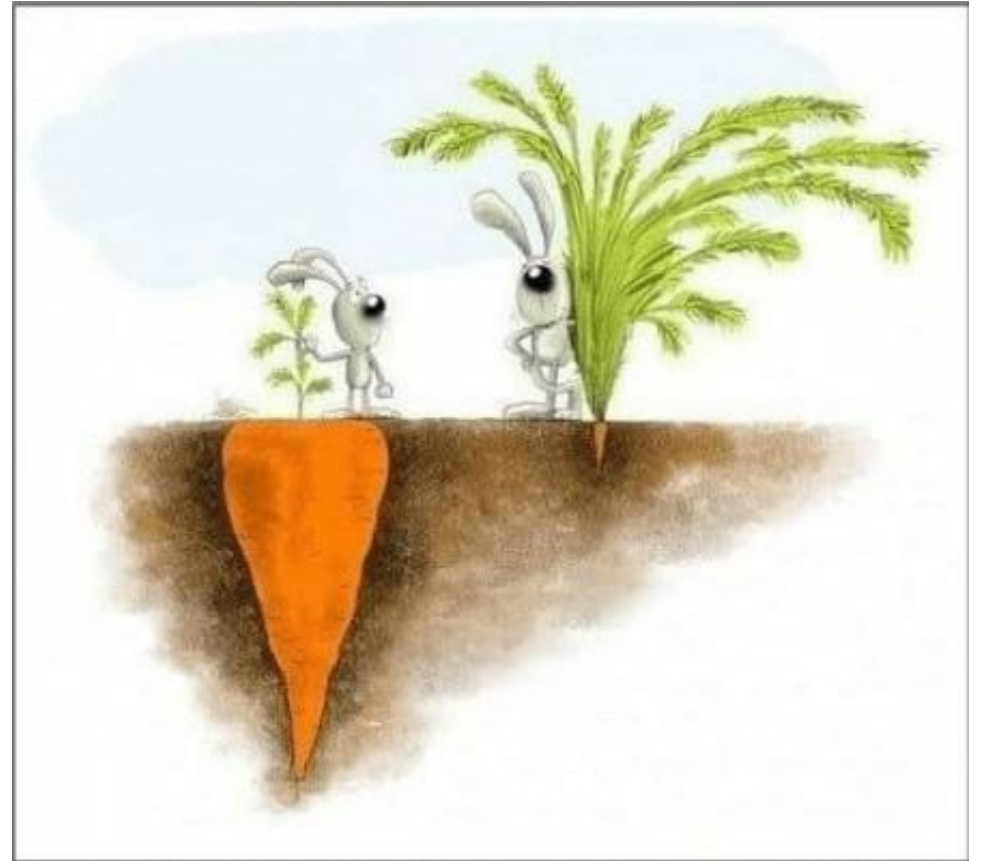
A person is shown from the back, with their right arm raised high, hand open, in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a soft, warm sunset or sunrise sky with a gradient from orange to light blue. The overall mood is one of devotion and hope.

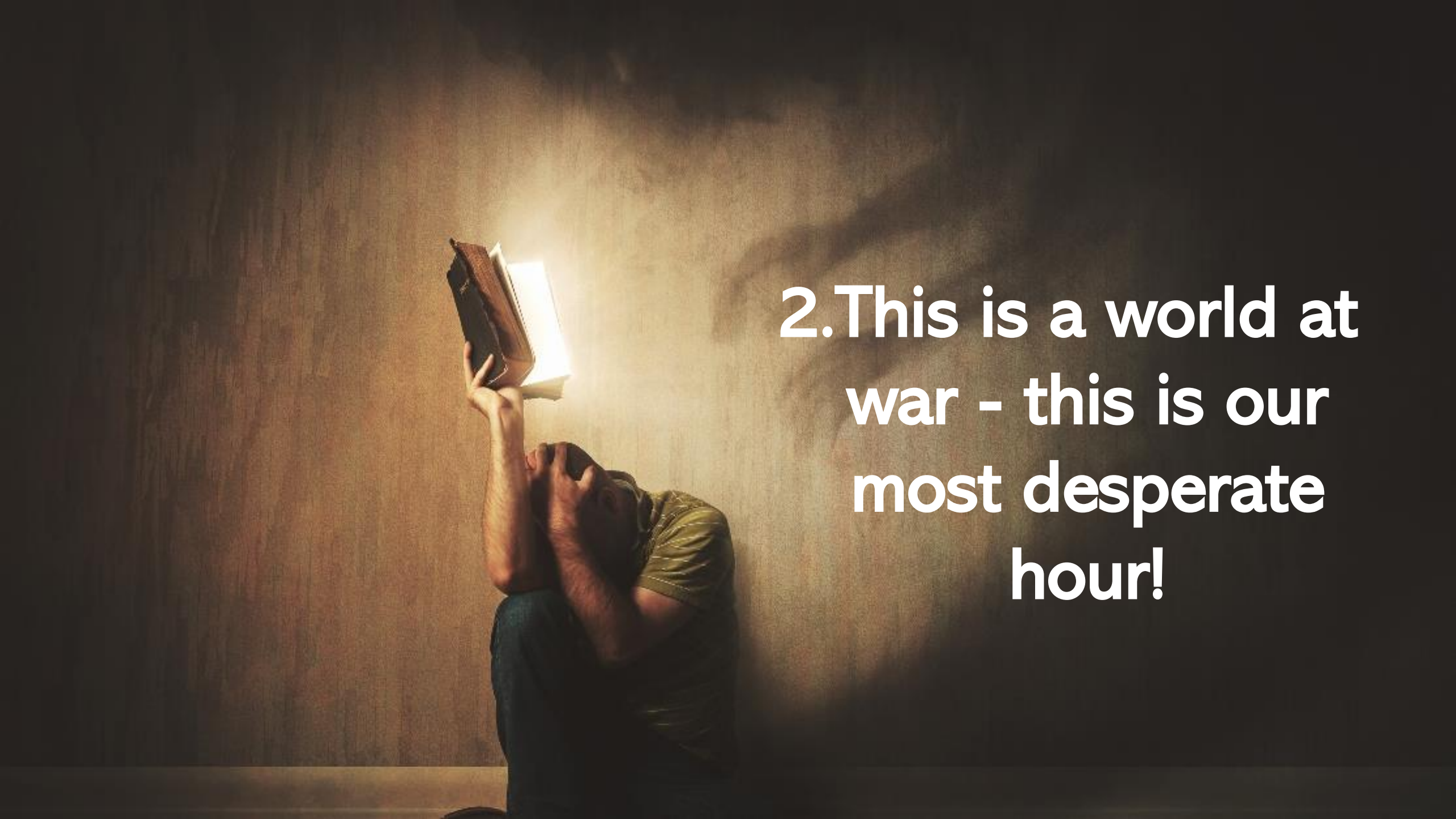
The only way this will happen is  
when we engage Him with all  
our **HEARTS**, with all our  
**EVERYTHING!**



### 3 Eternal Truths:

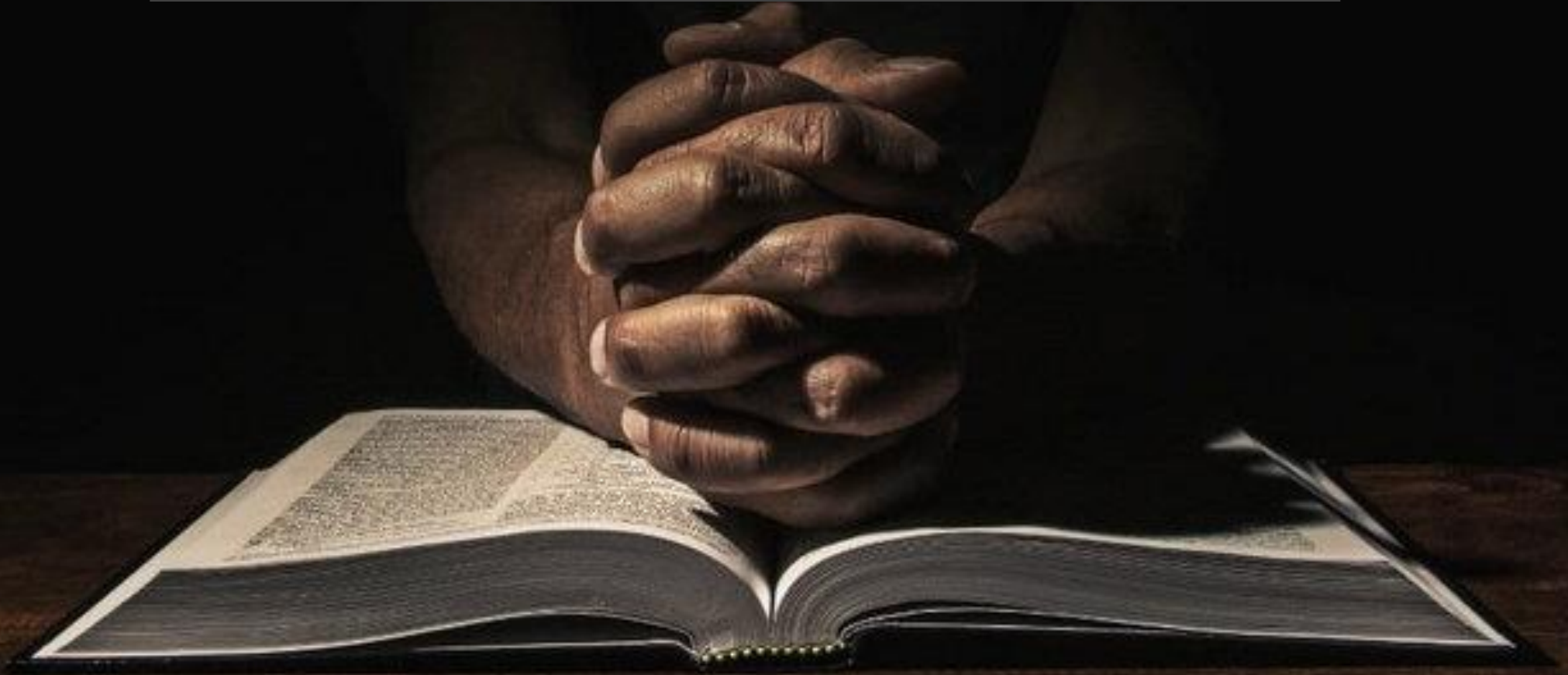
1. Things are not what they seem.



A man in a dark room, wearing a green t-shirt and blue jeans, is crouching and holding a glowing book above his head with his right hand. The book is the source of light, casting a bright glow on the wall behind him and creating a shadow of his head and hands. The background is a textured, brownish wall.

**2. This is a world at  
war - this is our  
most desperate  
hour!**

3. We have a crucial role to play.











“You are not what you think you are. There is a glory to your life that your Enemy fears, and he is hell-bent on destroying that glory before you act on it.” C. S. Lewis





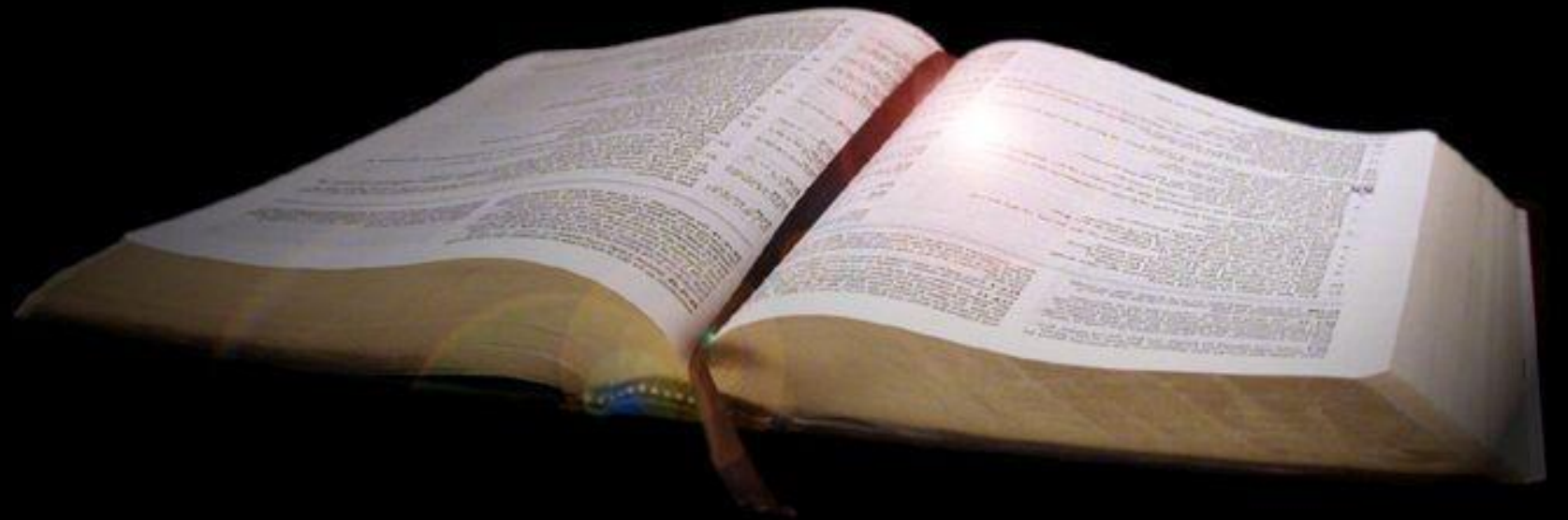
“The whole world lies under the power of the evil one.” 1 John 5:19 (NRSV)

“Above all else, guard your HEART, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the HEART.” 1 Samuel 16:7

“Where your treasure is, there your HEART will be also.” Luke 12:34

“Trust in the Lord with all your HEART, and lean not on your own understanding.”  
Proverbs 3:5

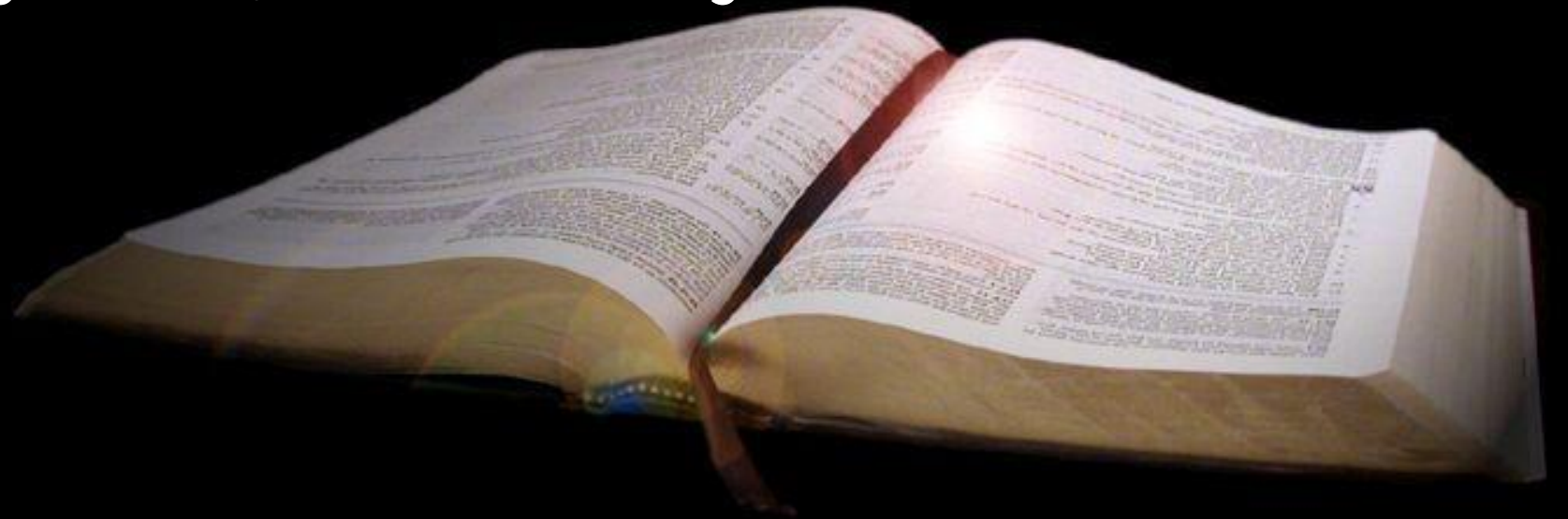


“Your word I have treasured in my HEART, That I might not sin against You.”  
Psalm 119:11 (NASB)

“These people honor Me with their lips, but their HEARTS are far from Me.”  
Matthew 15:8 (NIV)

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose  
HEARTS are fully committed to Him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9

“All a man’s ways seem right to him, but the Lord weighs the HEART.” Proverbs 21:2





“ LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

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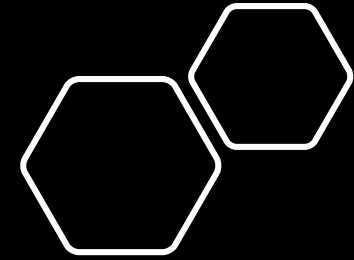
**HEART**

— AND WITH ALL YOUR —

**SOUL**

— AND WITH ALL YOUR —

**STRENGTH”**







The Bible sees the  
**HEART** as the  
source of all  
creativity, courage,  
and conviction. It  
is the source of our  
faith, our hope, and  
of course, our Love.



## THE HEART:

- the Essence of our existence
- the Center of our being
- the Fount of our life



TO FIND  
OUR LIVES,  
WE MUST  
RECAPTURE  
OUR  
HEARTS!







Love is the life  
of our  
**HEARTS.**

“Be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your HEART as long as you live.”

Deuteronomy 4:9 (NIV)



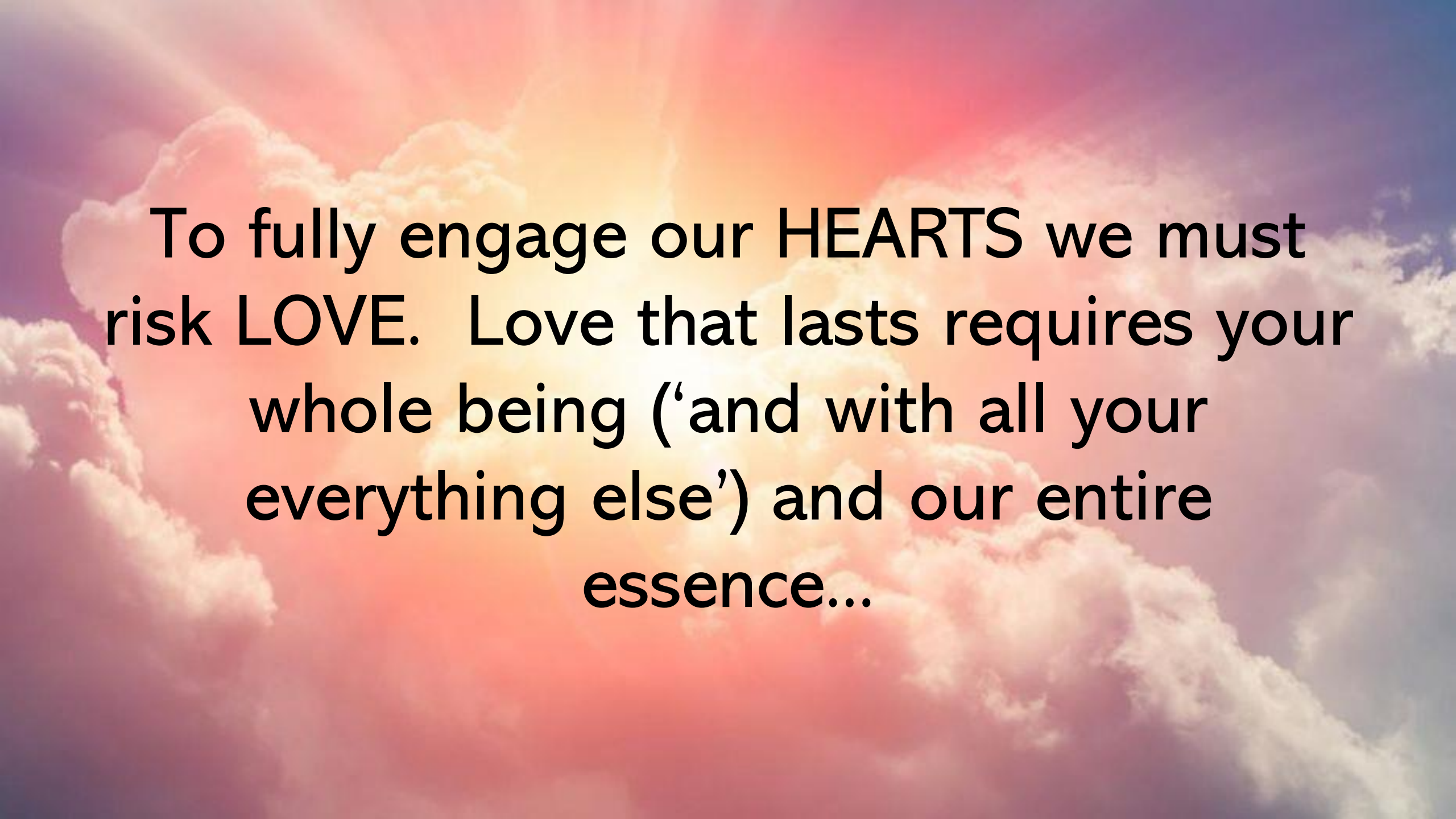


You cannot be the  
person God meant  
you to be unless you  
live from the HEART.





“I am here to give you back your  
HEART and set you free.” Jesus



**To fully engage our HEARTS we must  
risk LOVE. Love that lasts requires your  
whole being ('and with all your  
everything else') and our entire  
essence...**