

# VISION EXPANDED

## Vision Part IV

Church in the City | Glen Gerhauser | Sunday, 24 July 2022



**Text:** And Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you become fishers of people” (Mark 1:17, Inspiration Translation).


# THE SETTING











**Theme:** Jesus expands our vision, causing us to see beyond ourselves.

**Intro:** One of the highlights of our time away was when we hired a small boat and some fishing gear. Near the end of our expedition, Valerie caught her first fish. She was so excited and her joy was infectious.











BOAT HIRE

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SUP NOOSA  
stand up paddle  
FIRST SUP SCHOOL IN AUSTRALIA

BLOOD  
&  
GROW

The background features a gradient of colors from deep purple and blue at the top to bright orange and red at the bottom. A starry night sky is visible in the upper portion, and a dark silhouette of a mountain range is at the bottom. The text is centered in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**Catching a fish brings joy, but it's a greater  
joy when you catch souls for the Kingdom  
(3 John 4).**

“I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.”

3 John 4

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THE 5 FACETS OF

# our vision



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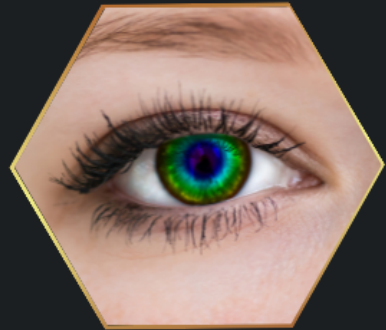
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That's why we exist: to catch souls and empower them to walk with Jesus every day. We don't want to catch and release them back into the sea of darkness and death.



Jesus' vision is not just about decisions but  
about discipleship (Mark 1:17; Matthew 4:19).



How can you be a fisher of people?



Jesus shows us a great example of how  
fishing for souls happens.

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

The New International Version (Jn 1:29–34). (2011). Zondervan.

Jesus shows us how to be a fisher of people in his first public act. We start by humbly submitting to our heavenly Father. This means getting in the 'water' with the people. Be immersed in God's Spirit and also the spot God has placed you (John 1:29-34).

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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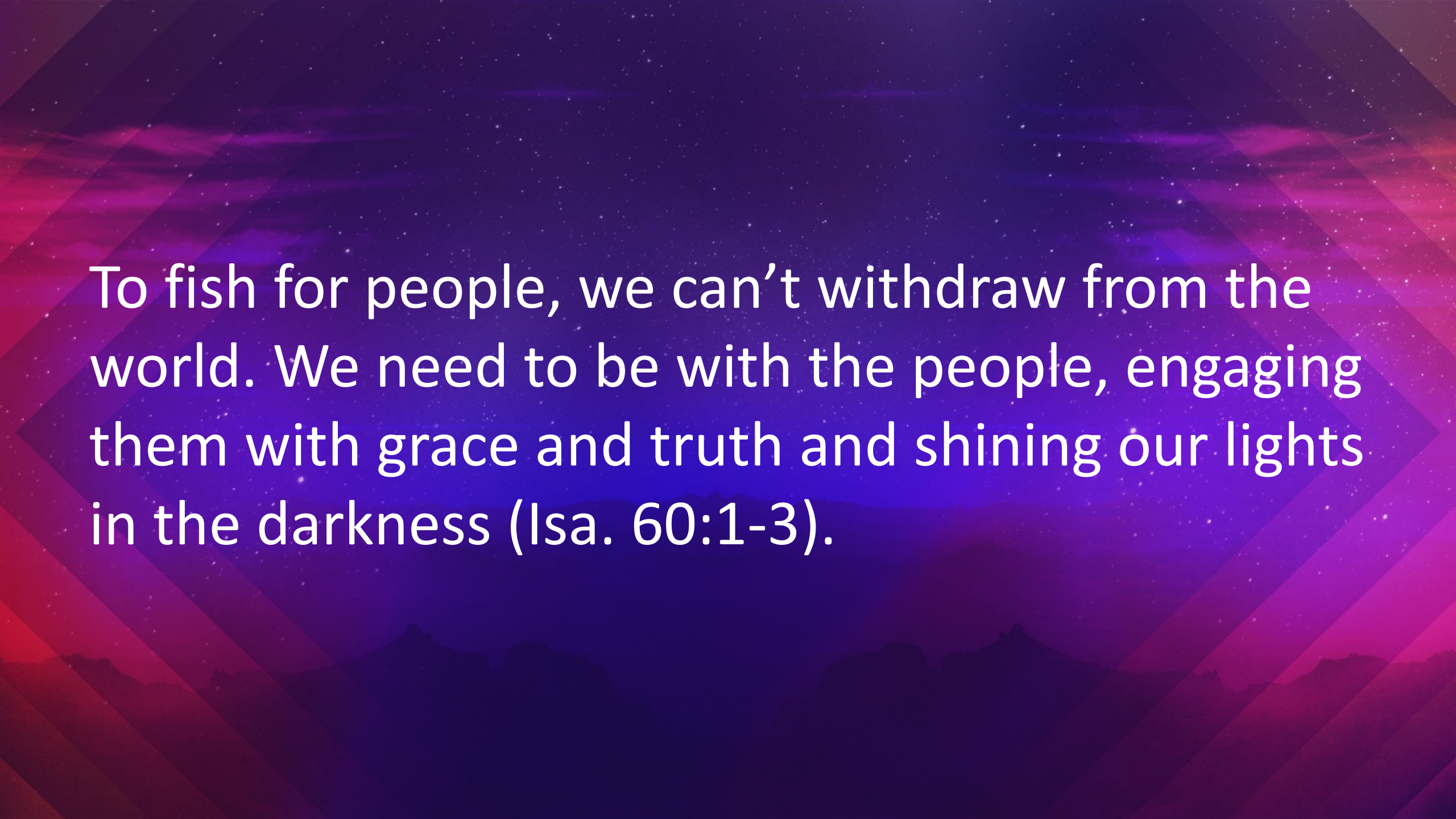


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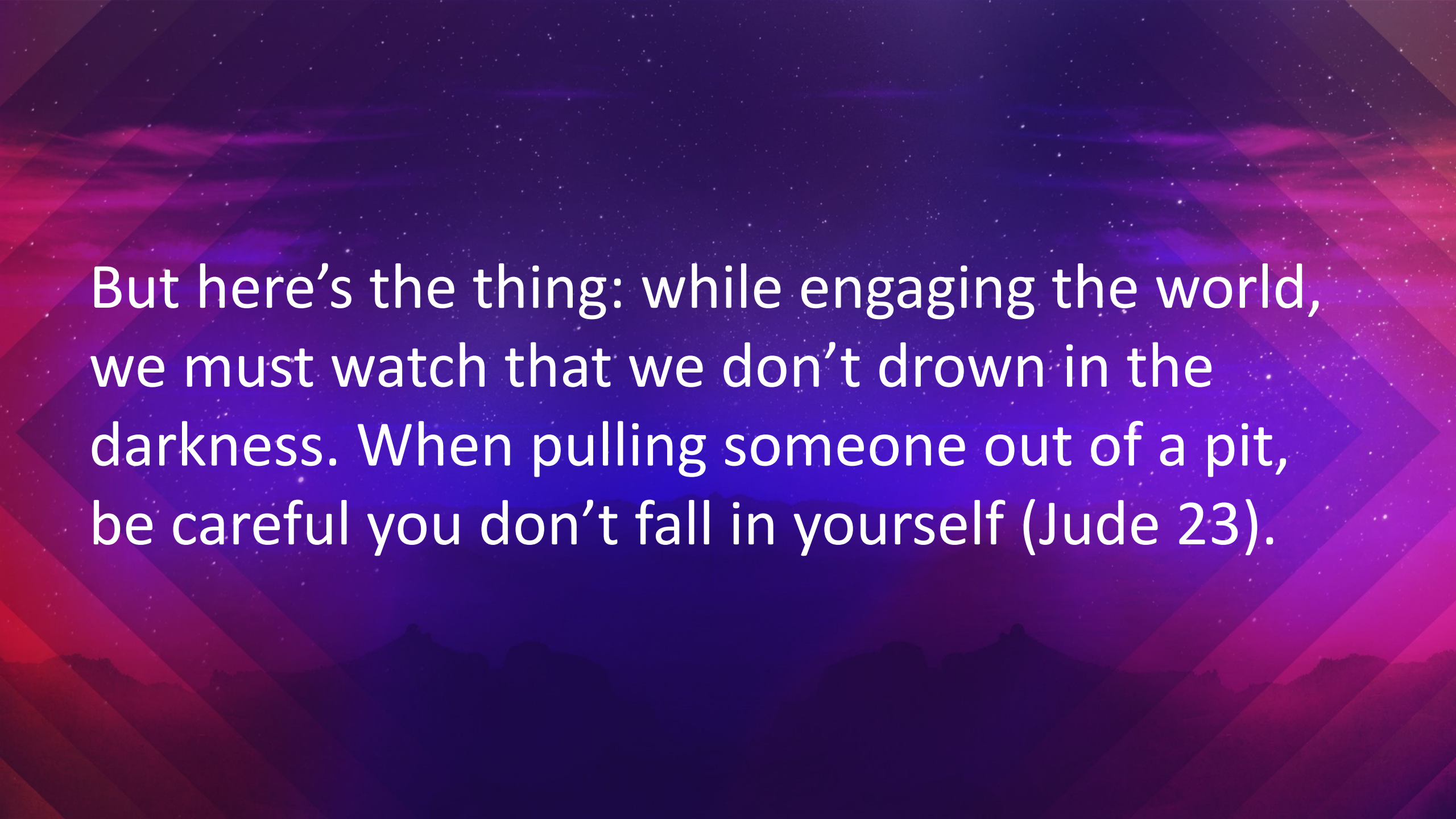


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**IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
GO TO THE MISSION  
FIELD, START BY  
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THE STREET.**



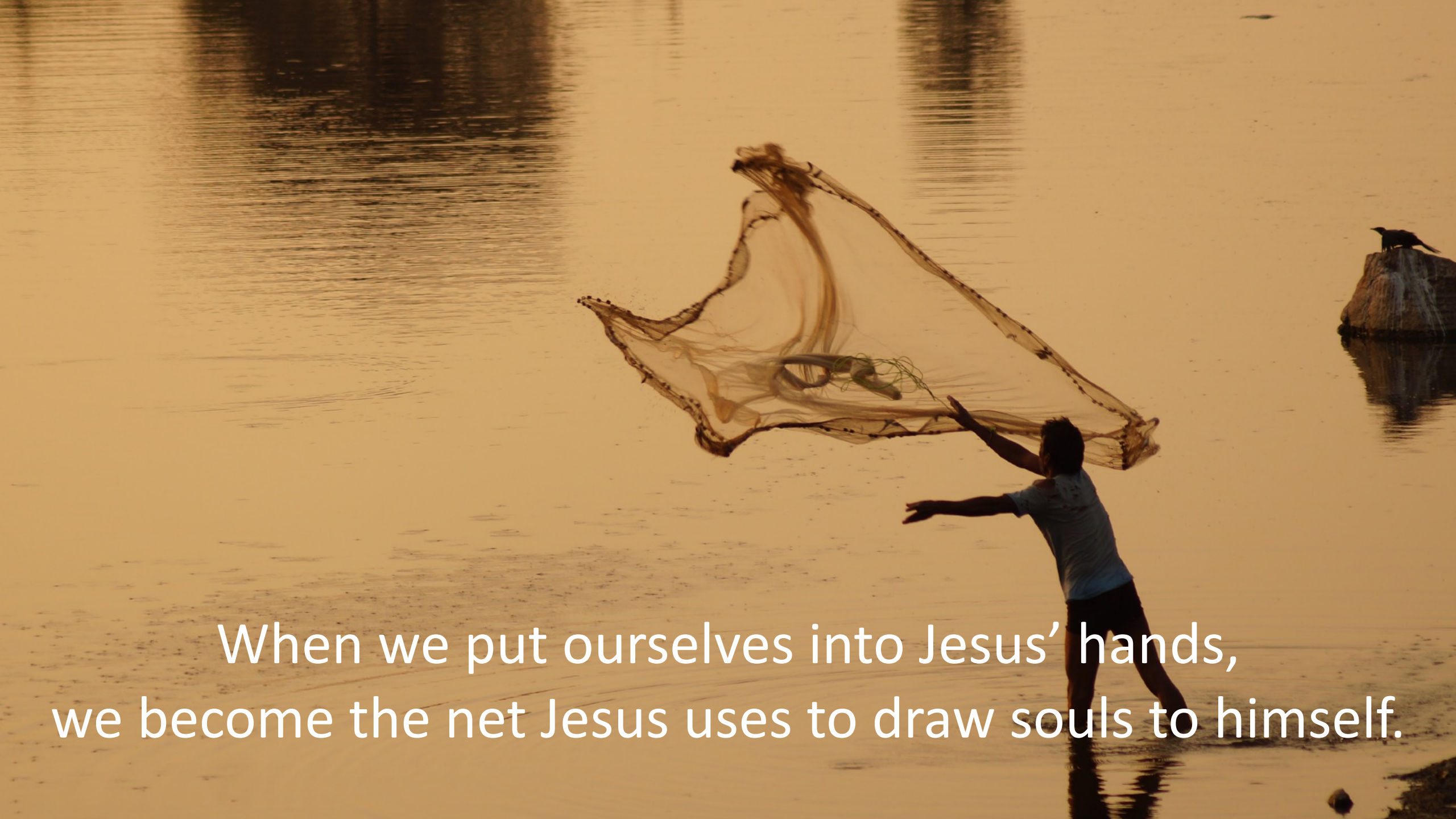
To fish for people, we can't withdraw from the world. We need to be with the people, engaging them with grace and truth and shining our lights in the darkness (Isa. 60:1-3).



But here's the thing: while engaging the world, we must watch that we don't drown in the darkness. When pulling someone out of a pit, be careful you don't fall in yourself (Jude 23).

When someone tries to get  
crazy...but has no clue  
you were a thug before  
you became a **CHRISTIAN**





When we put ourselves into Jesus' hands,  
we become the net Jesus uses to draw souls to himself.



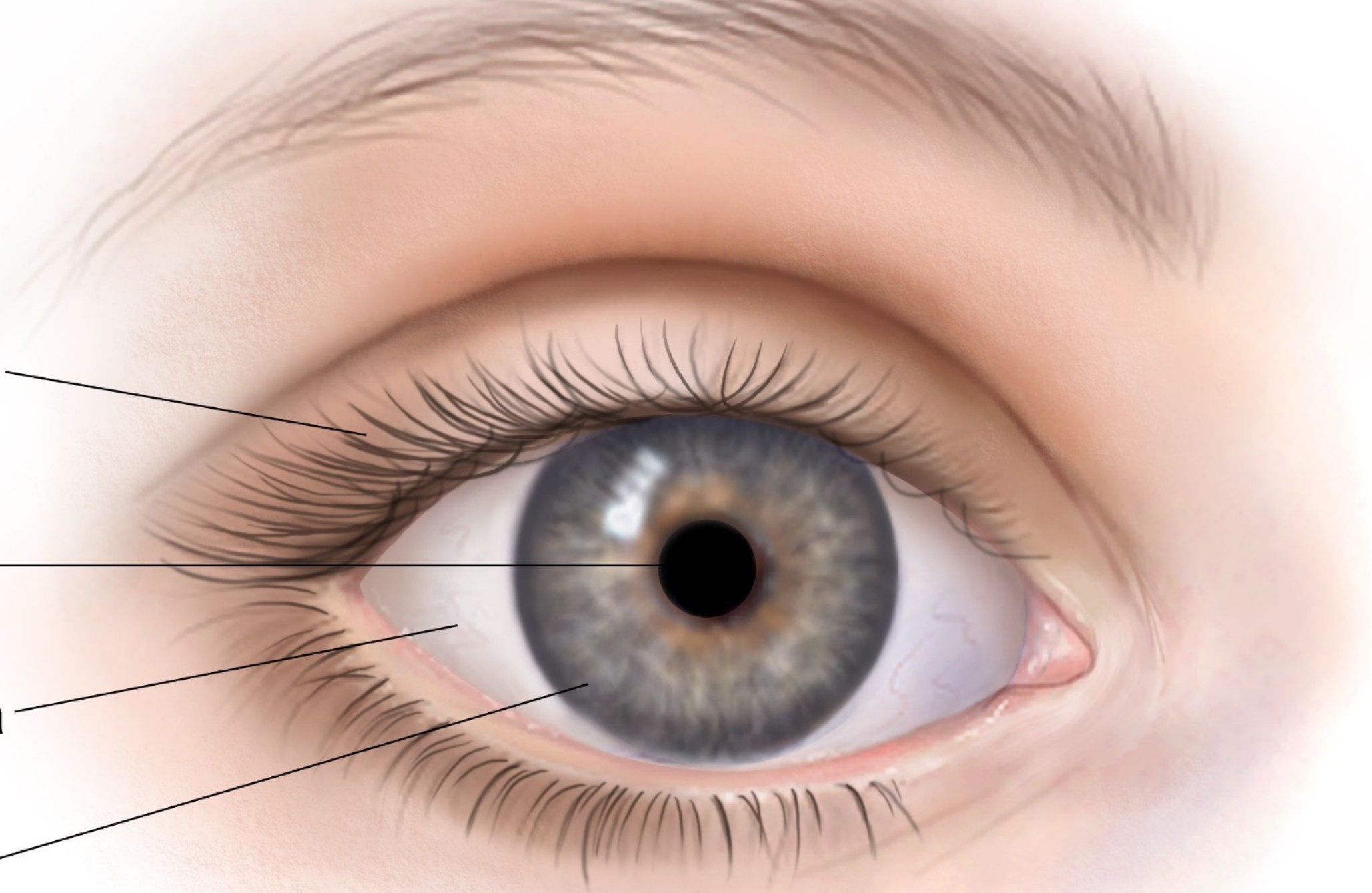


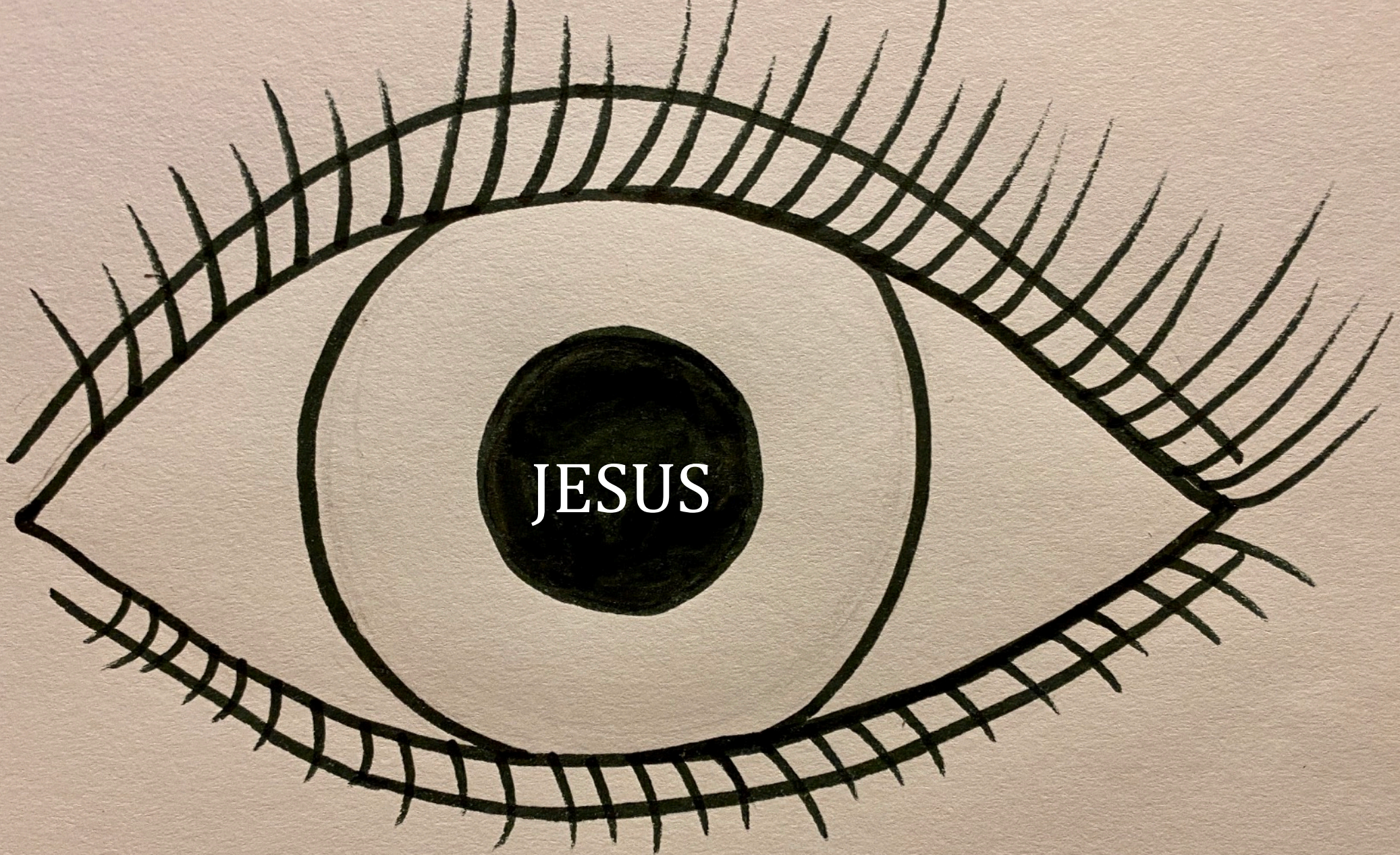
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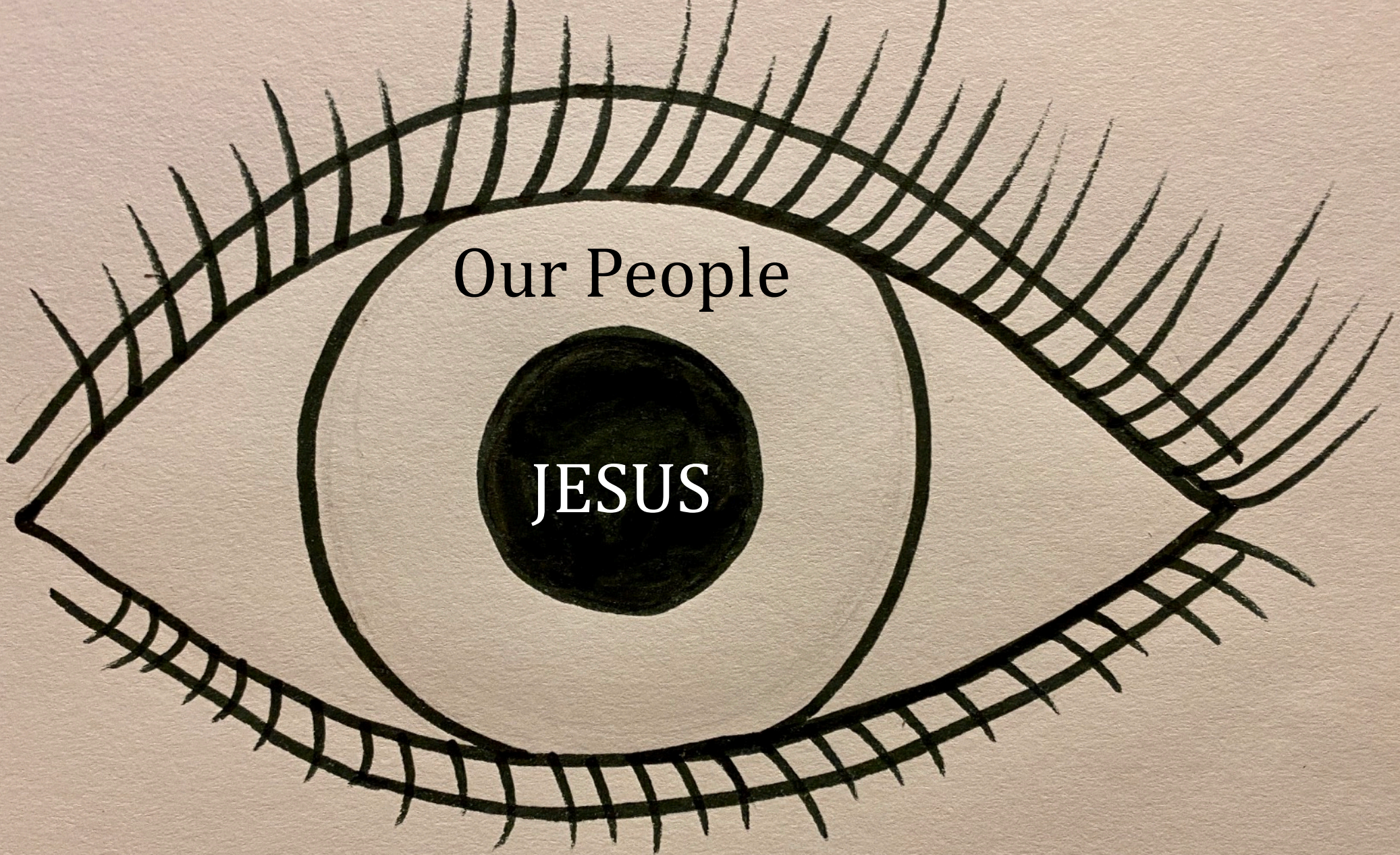
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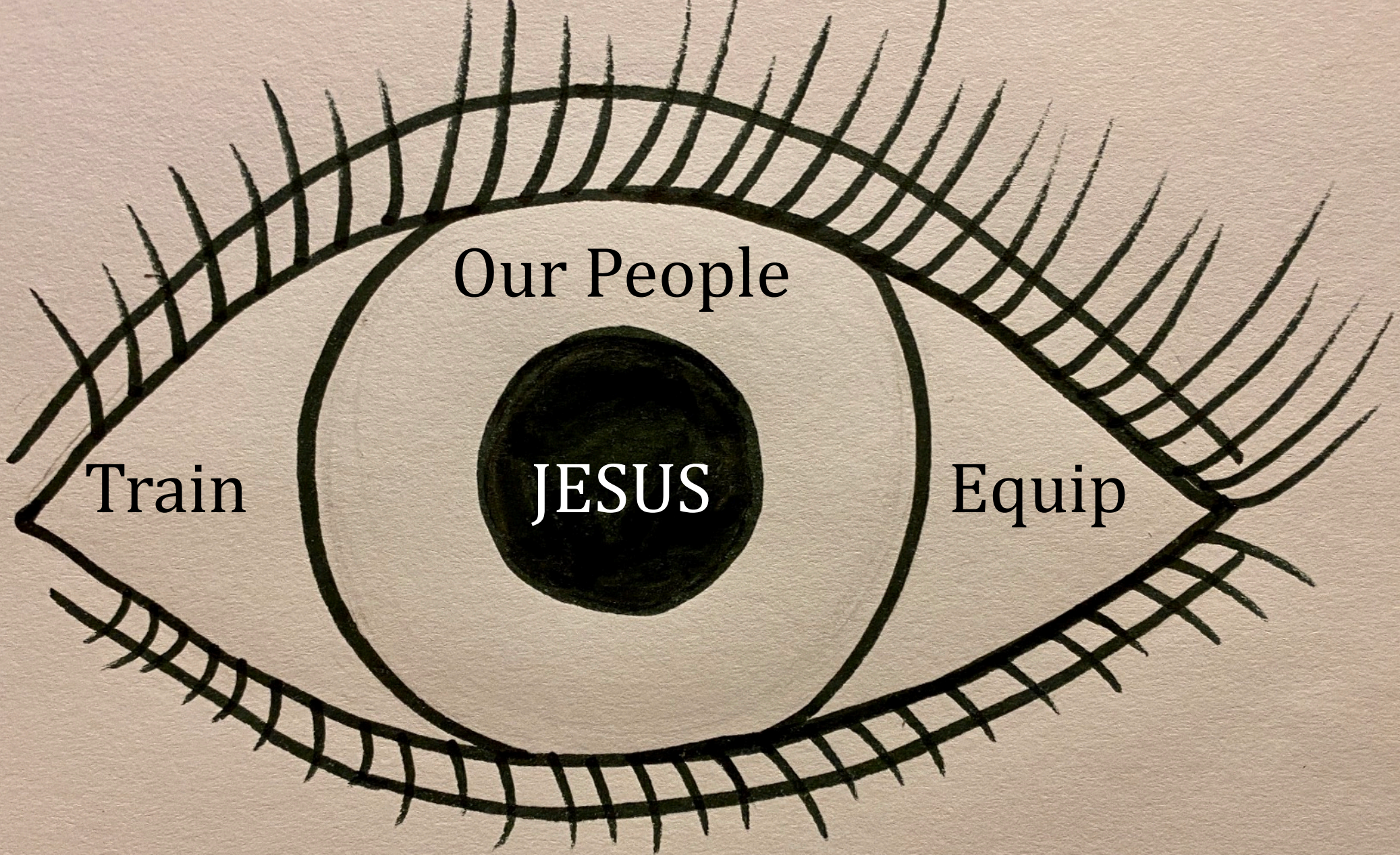


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Our People

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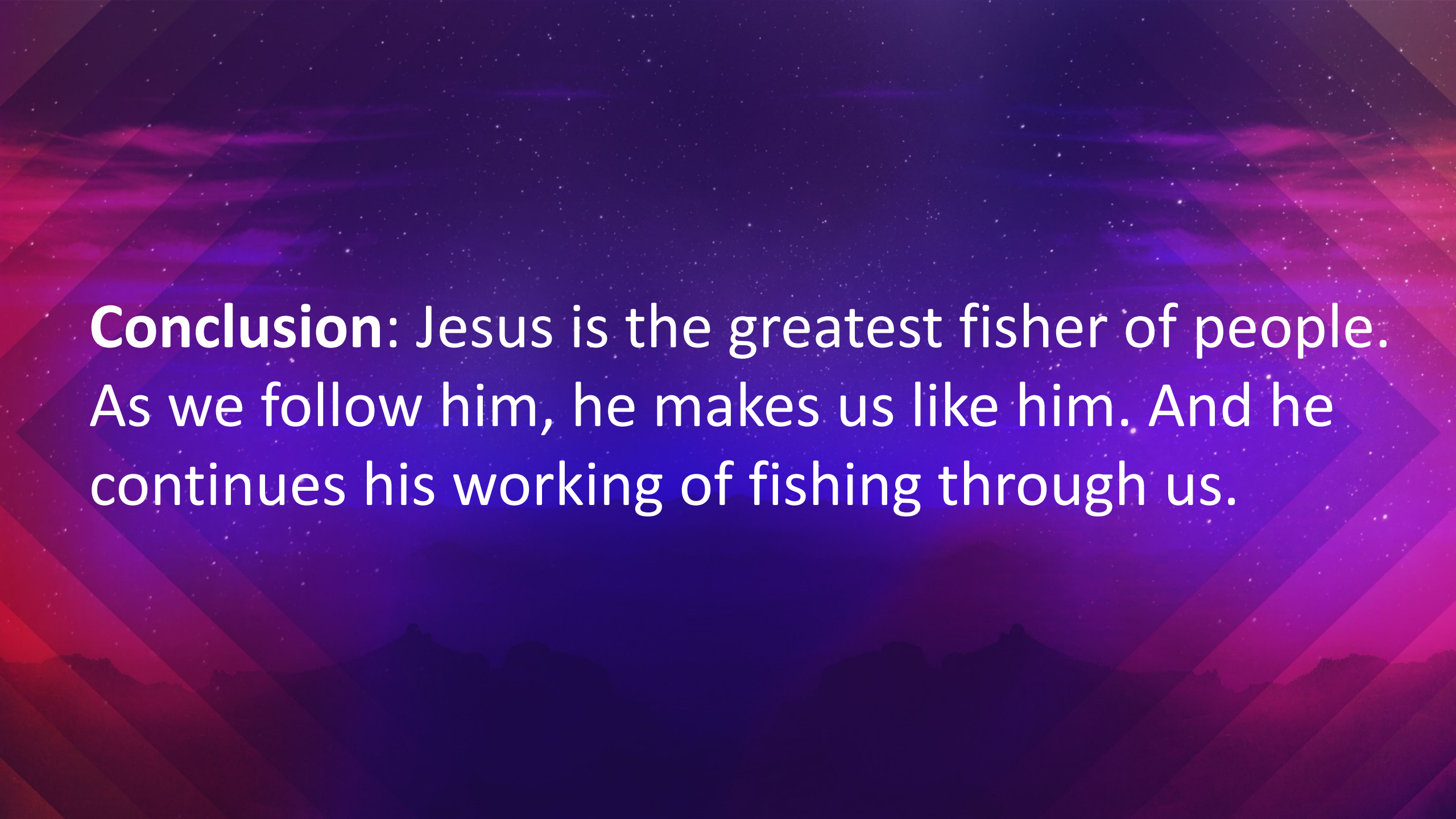
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You were created to know God intimately.





**Conclusion:** Jesus is the greatest fisher of people. As we follow him, he makes us like him. And he continues his working of fishing through us.