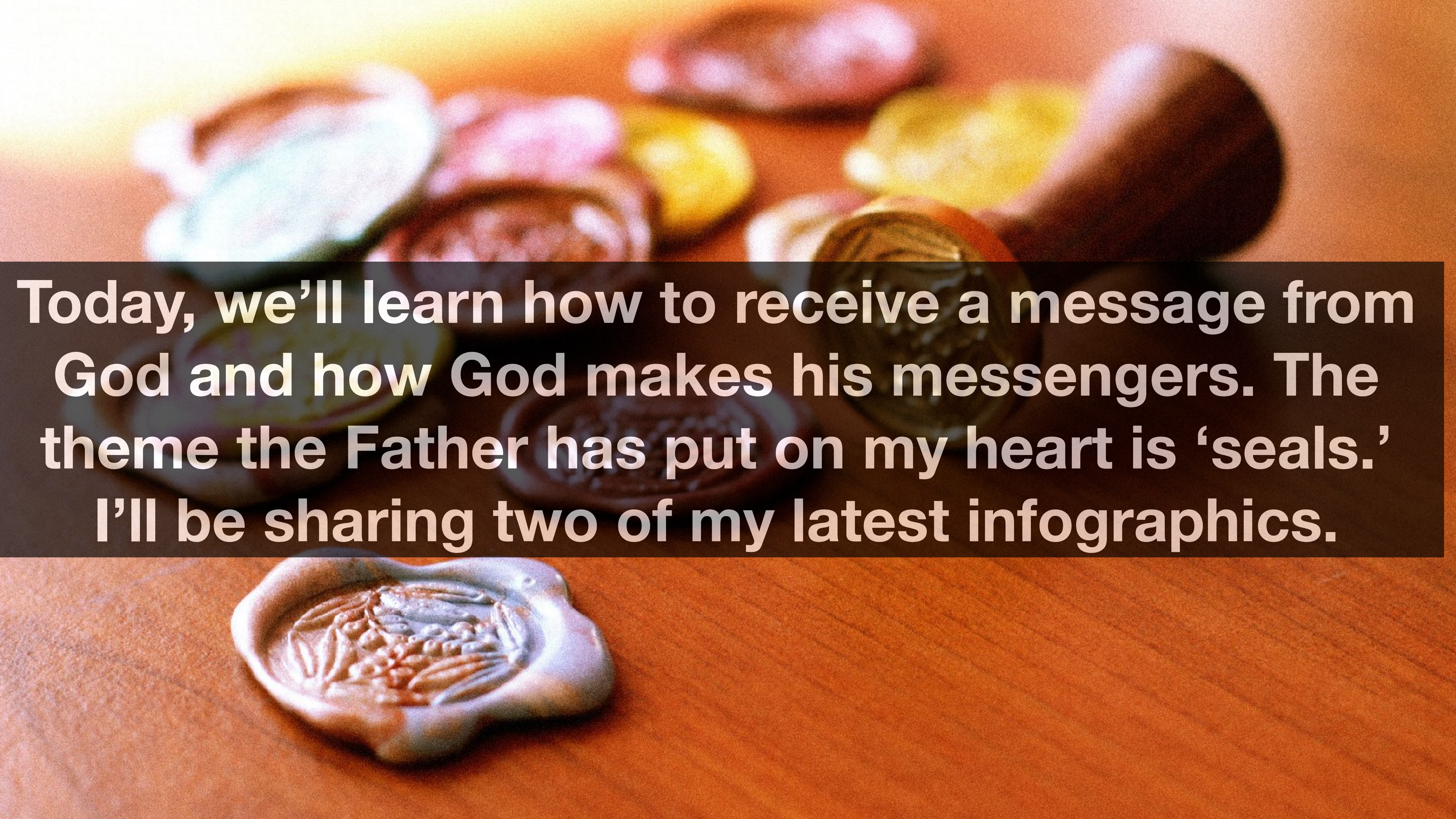


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15 - Restoring the Soul



A collection of colorful, round, textured objects, possibly seals or stones, scattered on a wooden surface. The objects are in various colors including white, pink, yellow, and brown. One object in the foreground is a light blue, irregularly shaped seal with a detailed, embossed design. The background is a warm, brown wooden surface.

Today, we'll learn how to receive a message from God and how God makes his messengers. The theme the Father has put on my heart is 'seals.' I'll be sharing two of my latest infographics.

The Book of
JEREMIAH

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,
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 to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to
 me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to
 everyone I send you to and say whatever I
 command you" (Jer. 1:4-7).

1:1 #2 Chr 35:25;
36:12, 21-22; Ezra 1:1
10:2; Josh 24:26;
21:1; Is 10:30; Jer
11:21; 32:7
1:2 #1 Chr 13:1-11;
21:18, 24; Jer 25:3
3 #2 Chr 23:34; 1 Chr
3:15; 12:26
25:1; 1 Chr 28:2
1 Chr 36:11-13; Jer 39:2
5 #Ps 139:15, 16 b1s
6 #Heb *shoged*, usually
rendered *LORD*
#Ex 4:18; 1 Chr 3:7
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9 #Is 6:7; Mark 7:33-35
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18:7-10; Ezek 32:18;
2 Cor 10:4 #Is 44:26-28;
Jer 24:5; 31:28, 40
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13 #Zech 4:2; bEzek
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to him in the days of Josiah the son of Amun, king
of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
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#Ps 106:38; Jer 3:2;
#Is 63:18
8 #Lit shepherds
#Jer 23:1-2
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Judah's Apostasy

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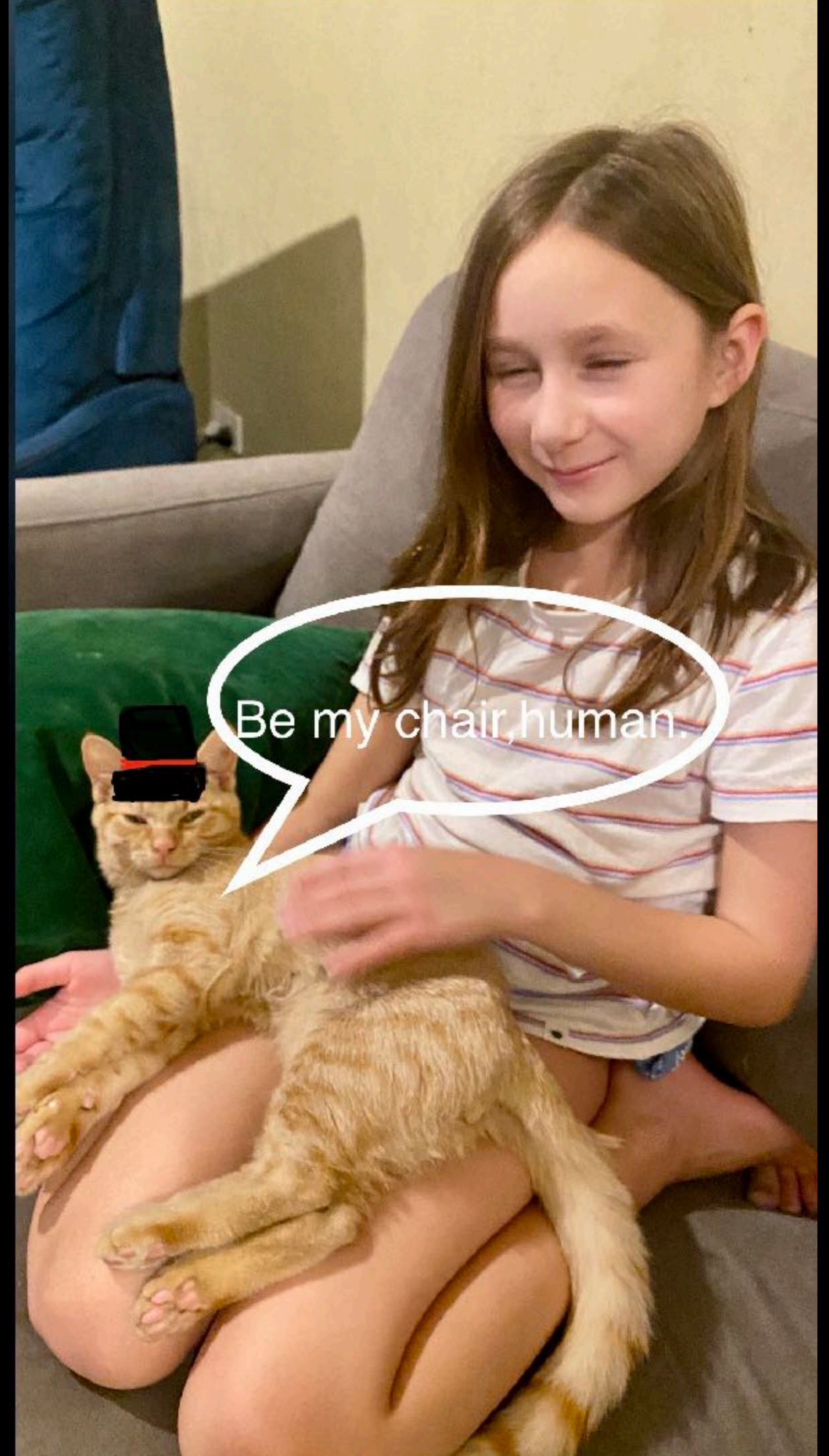
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HOW TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM GOD

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MELTS

The process of making a seal is the way God makes his messengers. First, he melts you with his fire, making you soft and supple in his hands. Cold wax is useless for creating a seal - it needs the heat of the fire. "And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them" (Acts 2:3, NASB).



POURS

After he melts you, he pours you out. He pours you into the people and the place he has called you. Just as Jesus poured out his life on the cross, he desires you to pour yourself out for his will. Paul said, "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering..." (2 Tim. 4:6, NASB).



PRESSES

Every seal bears an image, and God's seal bears his image, Jesus Christ. Like a seal maker presses their stamp on the hot wax, the Father imprints his image on you. His goal is for you to look and act like Jesus. "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..." (Rom. 8:29, NASB).



PAUSES

Once the seal is pressed, the seal maker has to pause for the seal to set. Don't run out too quickly with God's message - wait. Let the seal fix by resting in God's presence. The spiritually immature rush God's ways. "The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets" (1 Co 14:32, NIV).

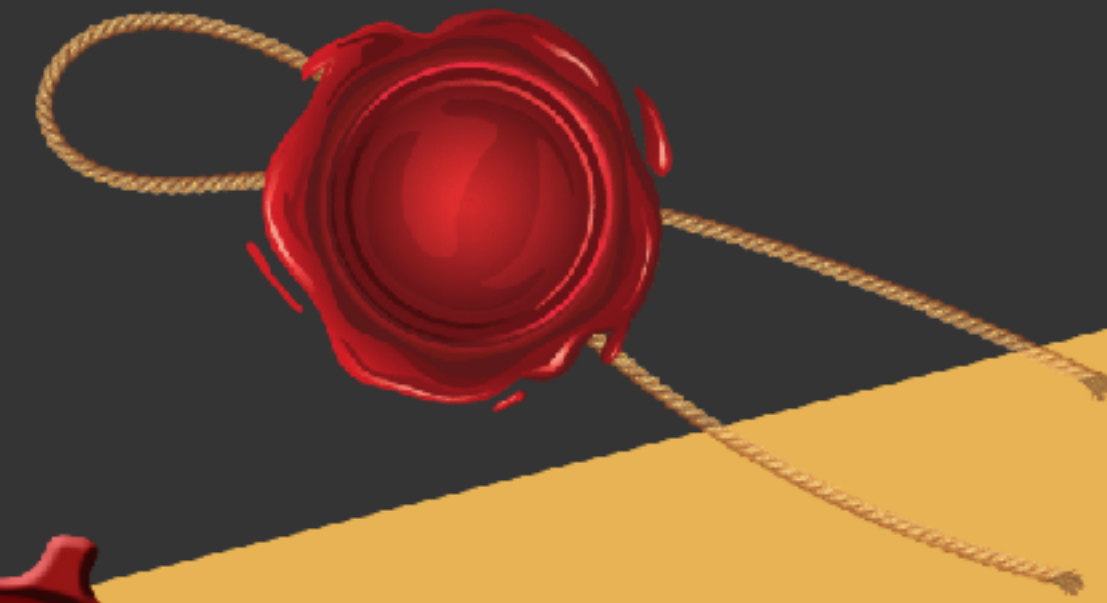


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The process of making a seal is the way God makes his messengers. First, he melts you with his fire, making you soft and supple in his hands. Cold wax is useless for creating a seal - it needs the heat of the fire. "And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them" (Acts 2:3, NASB).



POURS

After he melts you, he pours you out. He pours you into the people and the place he has called you. Just as Jesus poured out his life on the cross, he desires you to pour yourself out for his will. Paul said, "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering..." (2 Tim. 4:6, NASB).



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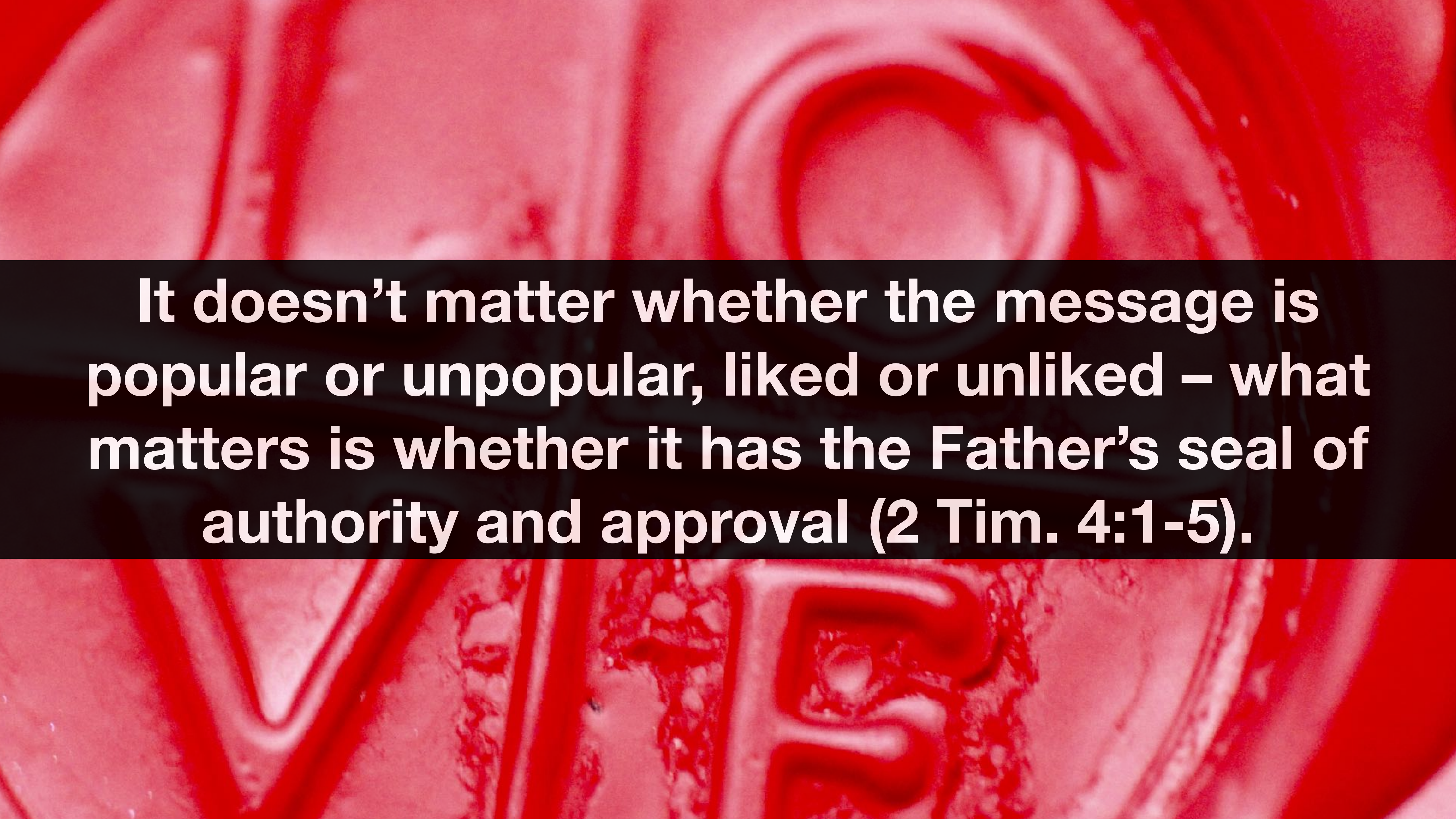
Every seal bears an image, and God's seal bears his image, Jesus Christ. Like a seal maker presses their stamp on the hot wax, the Father imprints his image on you. His goal is for you to look and act like Jesus. "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..." (Rom. 8:29, NASB).



PAUSES



Once the seal is pressed, the seal maker has to pause for the seal to set. Don't run out too quickly with God's message - wait. Let the seal fix by resting in God's presence. The spiritually immature rush God's ways. "The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets" (1 Co 14:32, NIV).



It doesn't matter whether the message is popular or unpopular, liked or unliked – what matters is whether it has the Father's seal of authority and approval (2 Tim. 4:1-5).