Session 11
Letters

The Story of Scripture: Understanding the Bible from Genesis to Revelation

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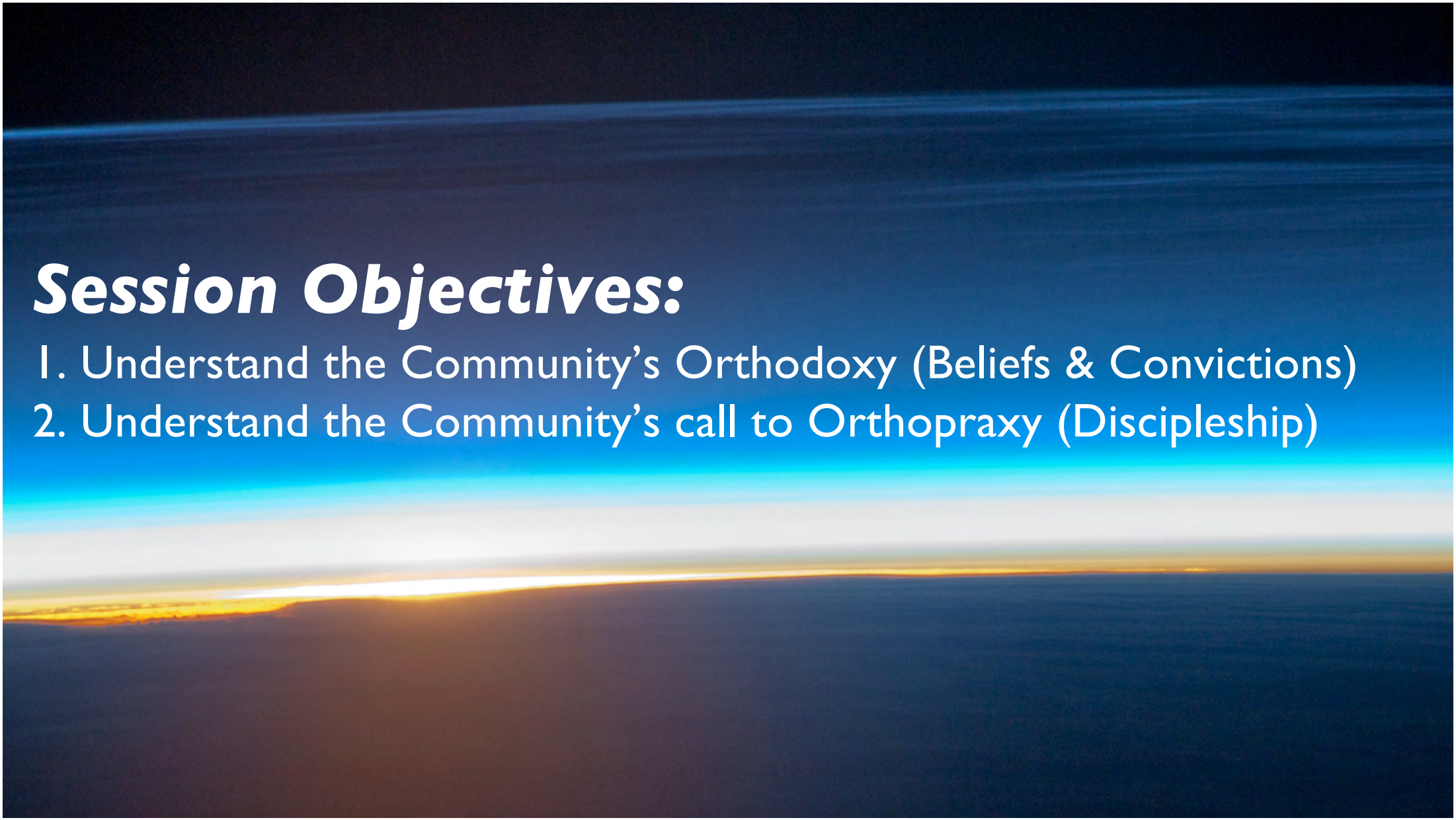

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5-12-5-5-12
Old Testament

Pentateuch	History	Poetry	Major Prophets	Minor Prophets
5 Books	12 Books	5 Books	5 Books	12 Books

4-1-21-1
New Testament

Gospels	History	Letters	Prophecy
4 Books	1 Book	21 Books	1 Book

Creation

The Problem

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The Solution: Covenant God

Covenant Promises

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The Covenant King

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Covenant Worship

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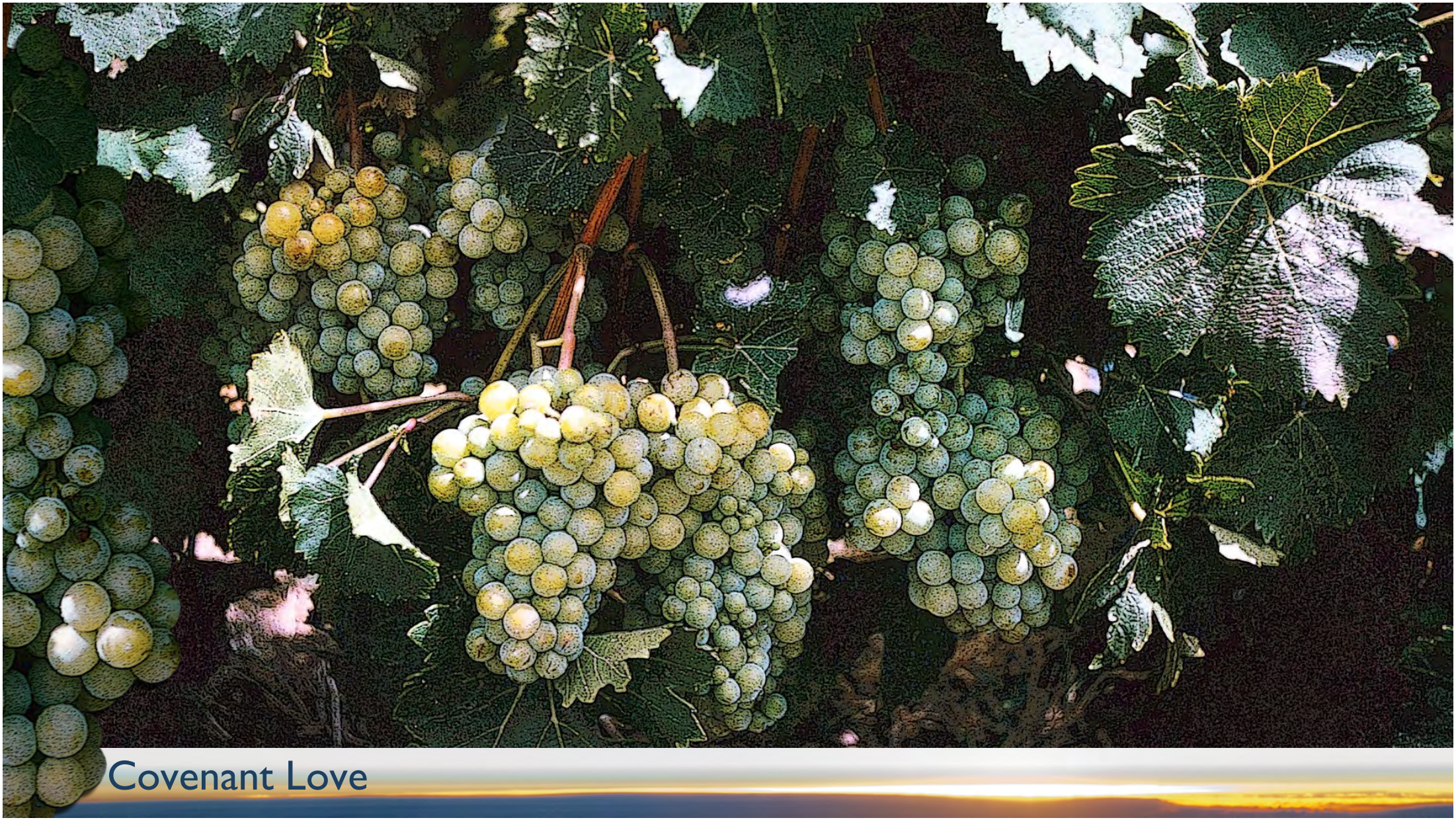

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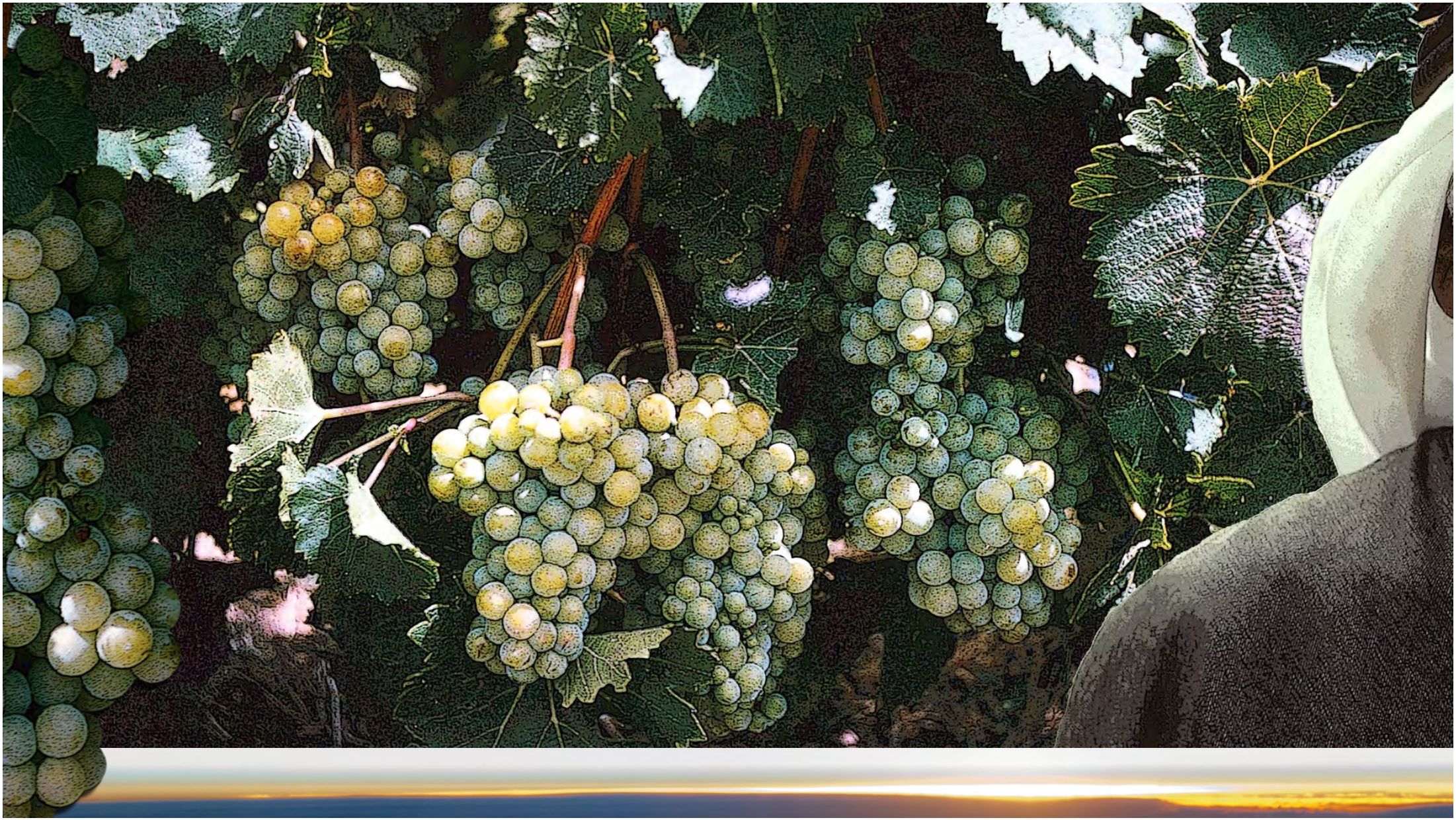

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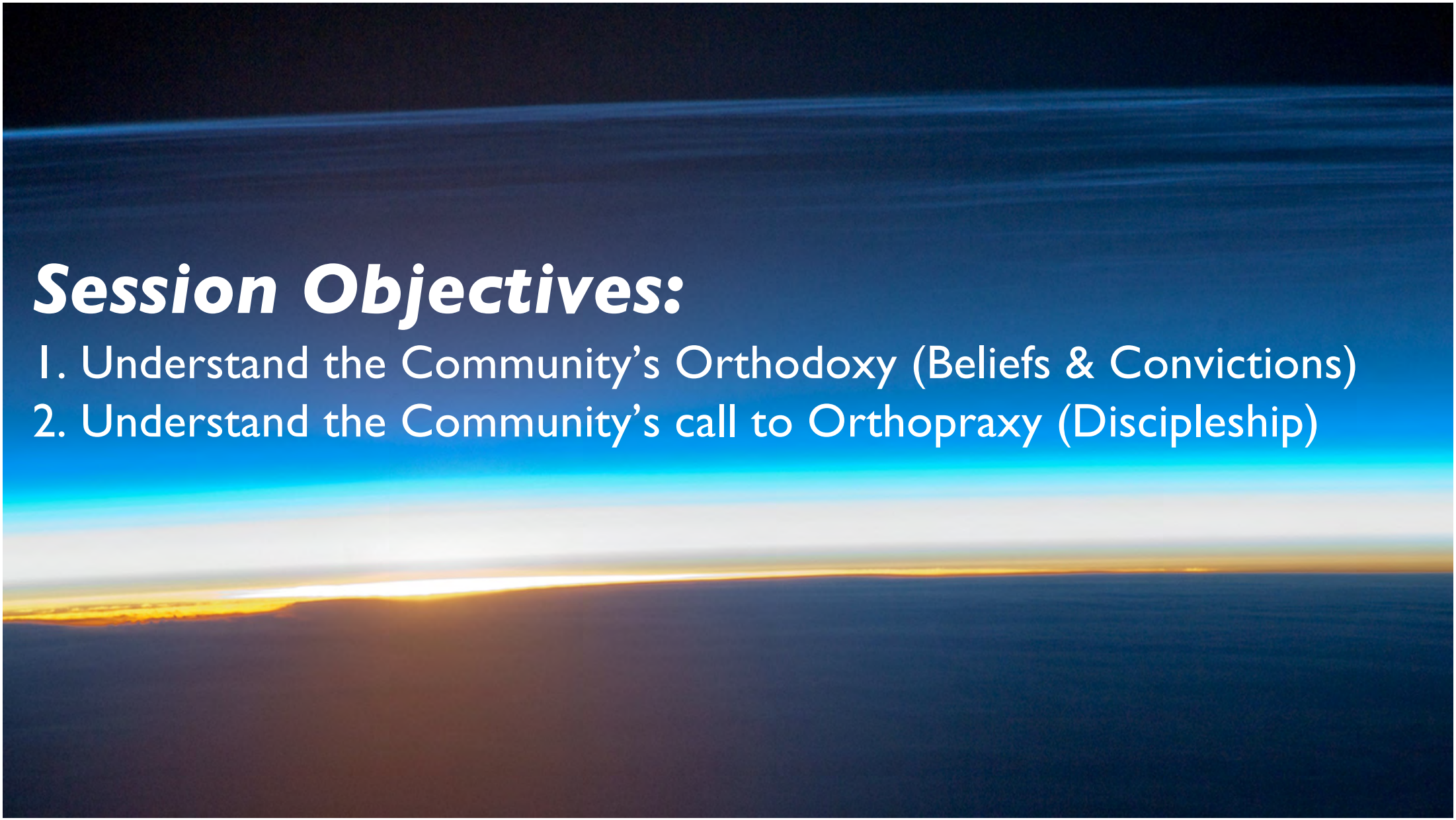

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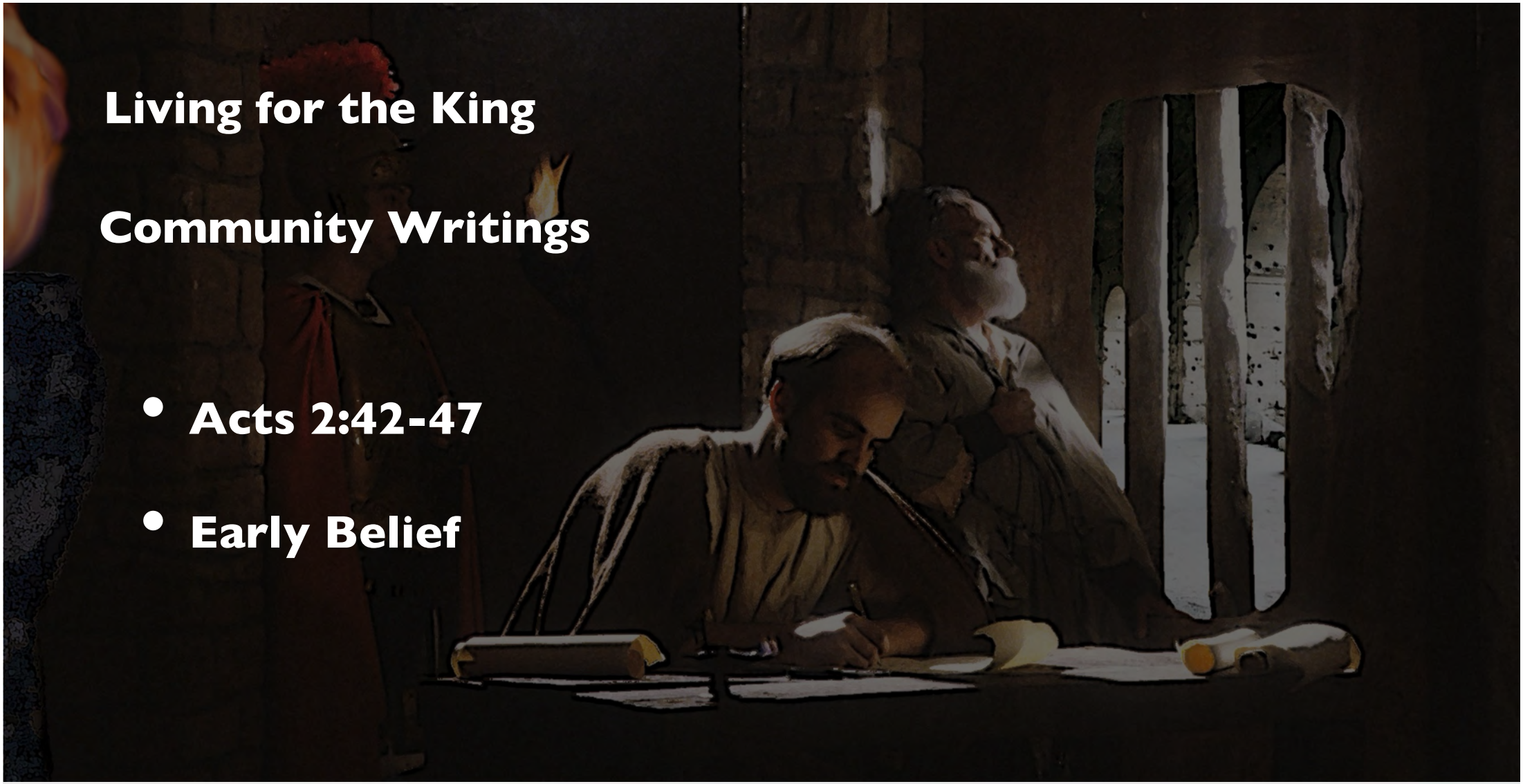


Living for the King

Community Writings

- Acts 2:42-47
- Early Belief

Community Writings

- *Primary Belief #1*

- **God was not to be divided in such a way that He was not the Creator. God was the Creator of all things, and that initial creation was good.**

Community Writings

- *Primary Belief #2*
- **A division between Jesus and the Christ in terms of His basic person and work was not acceptable. Orthodoxy was that Jesus as Son of God was sent from God, came truly in the flesh, and truly suffered.**

Community Writings

- *Primary Belief #3*

- **Redemption only on a spiritual plane was not the true faith. Salvation included a physical dimension of resurrection and extended into the material creation.**

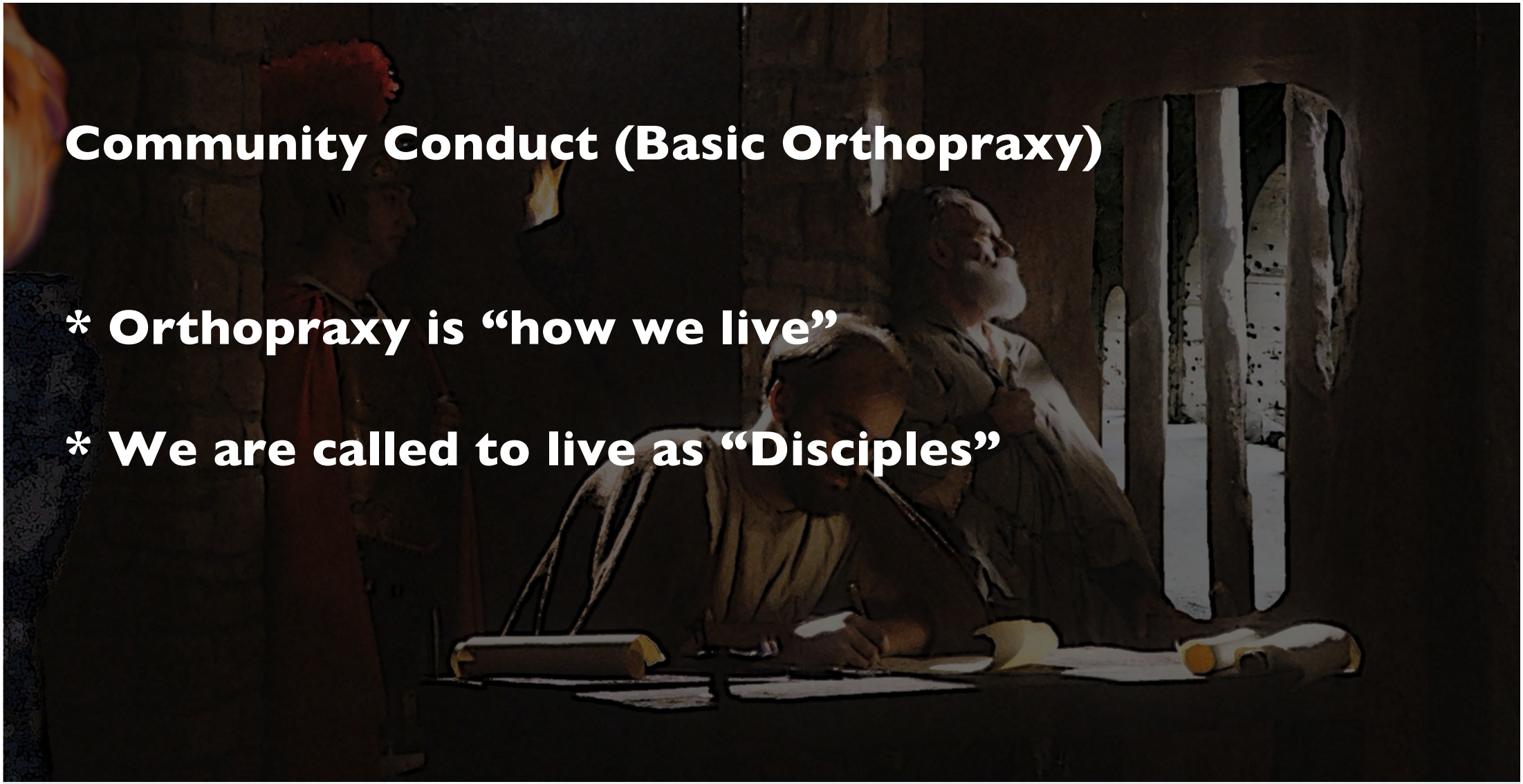
- *Primary Belief #4*

Community Writings

- **Jesus did not come only to point the way to faith, to be prophet, merely a teacher of religious wisdom, or to be a mere example of religious faith. Rather, His work provided the means to salvation. Jesus was far more than a prophet, which is why He was worshipped and affirmed as sharing glory with God as His Son.**

Community Conviction (Basic Orthodoxy)

*Scripture	2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21
*Trinity	Mat 28:19; 1 Cor 12:4-6; 2 Cor 13:14;
*Jesus	Col 2:9-10; 2 Cor 5:21
*Humanity	Rom 3:10-19; 1 Tim 5:6
*Atonement	1 Cor 15:1-3
*Salvation	Eph 2:8-9
*Return of Christ	Rom 8:19-23

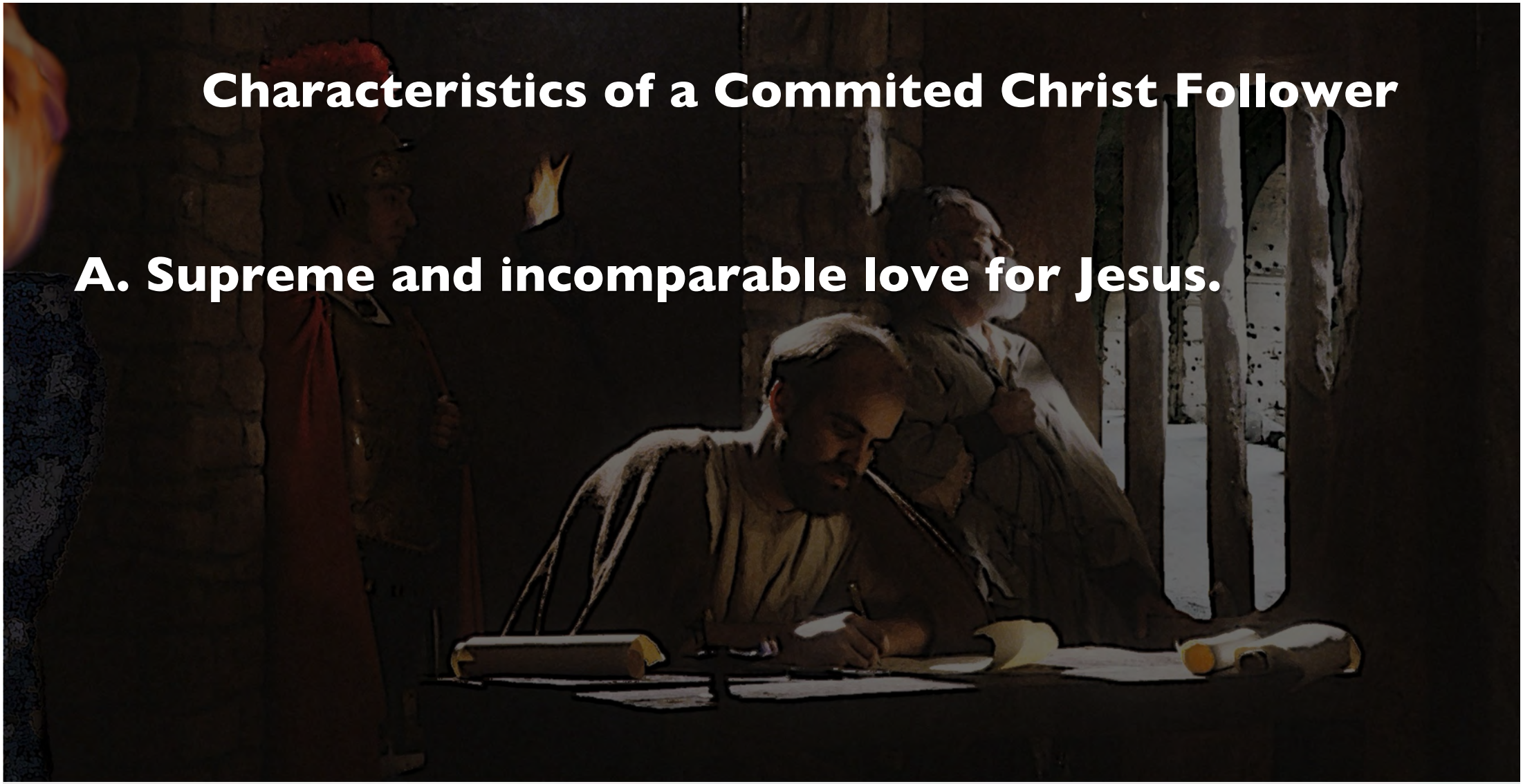


Community Conduct (Basic Orthopraxy)

* Orthopraxy is “how we live”

* We are called to live as “Disciples”

Characteristics of a Commited Christ Follower
(Mark L. Bailey)
To Follow Him



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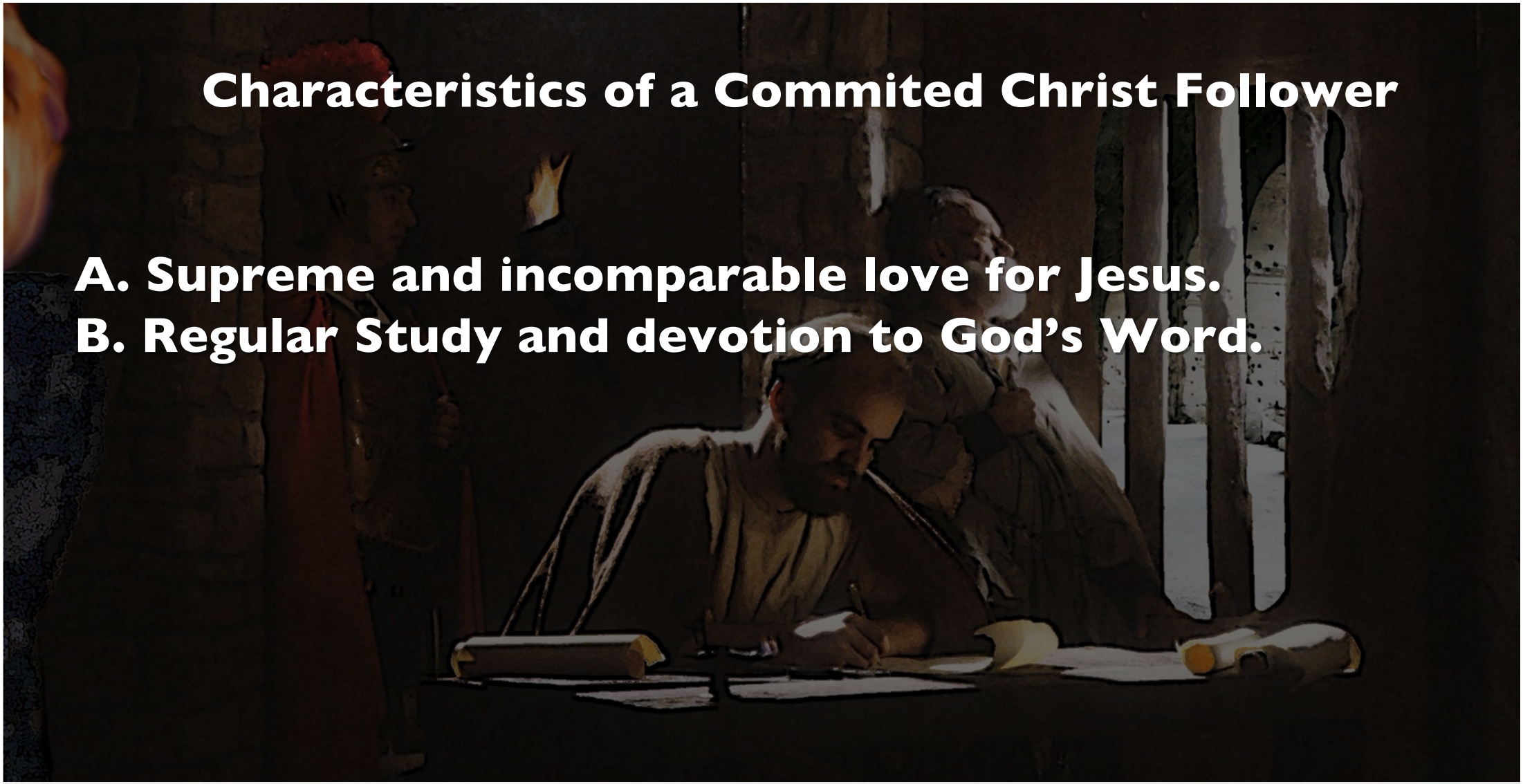

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joy
peace
longsuffering
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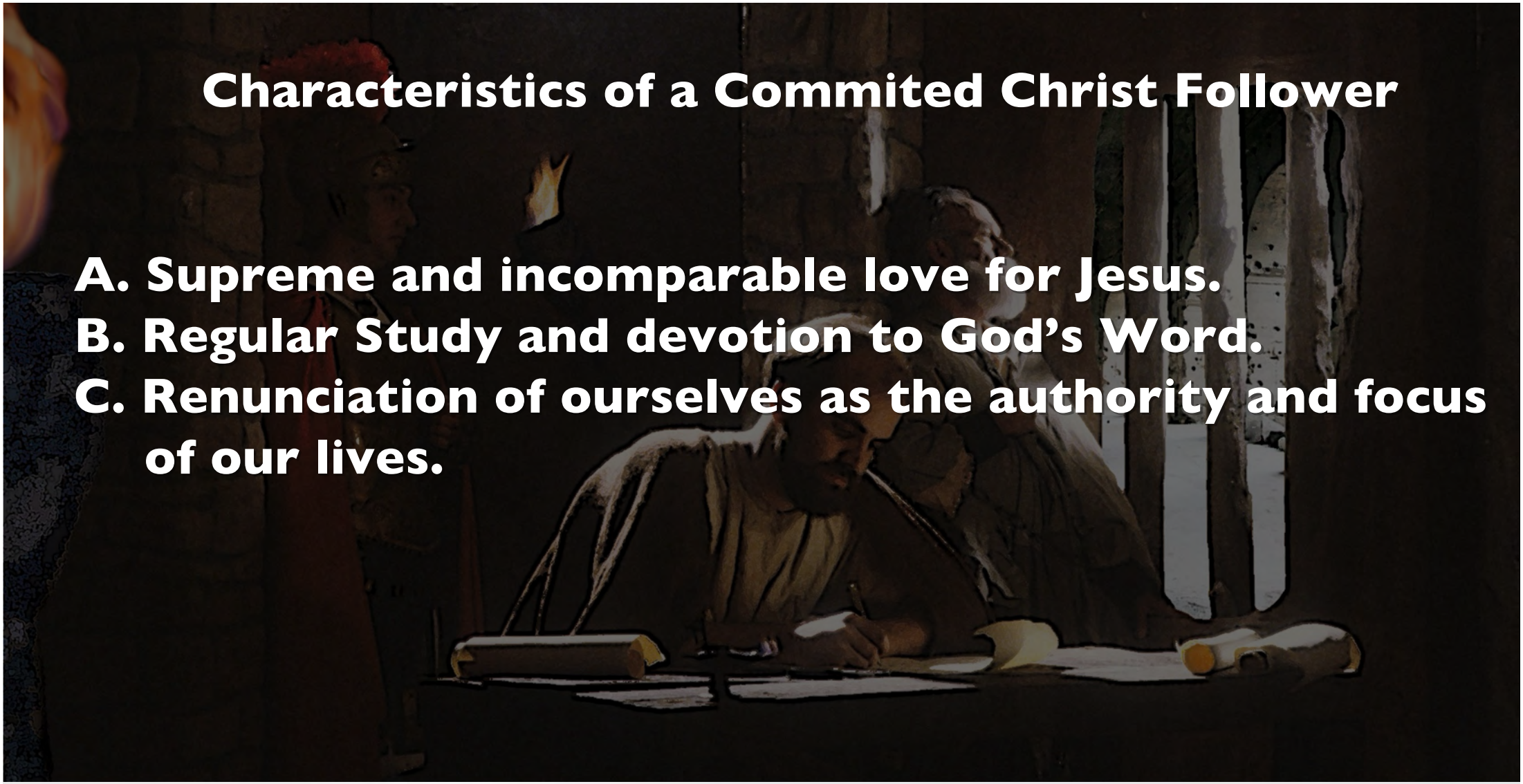
goodness
faith
meekness



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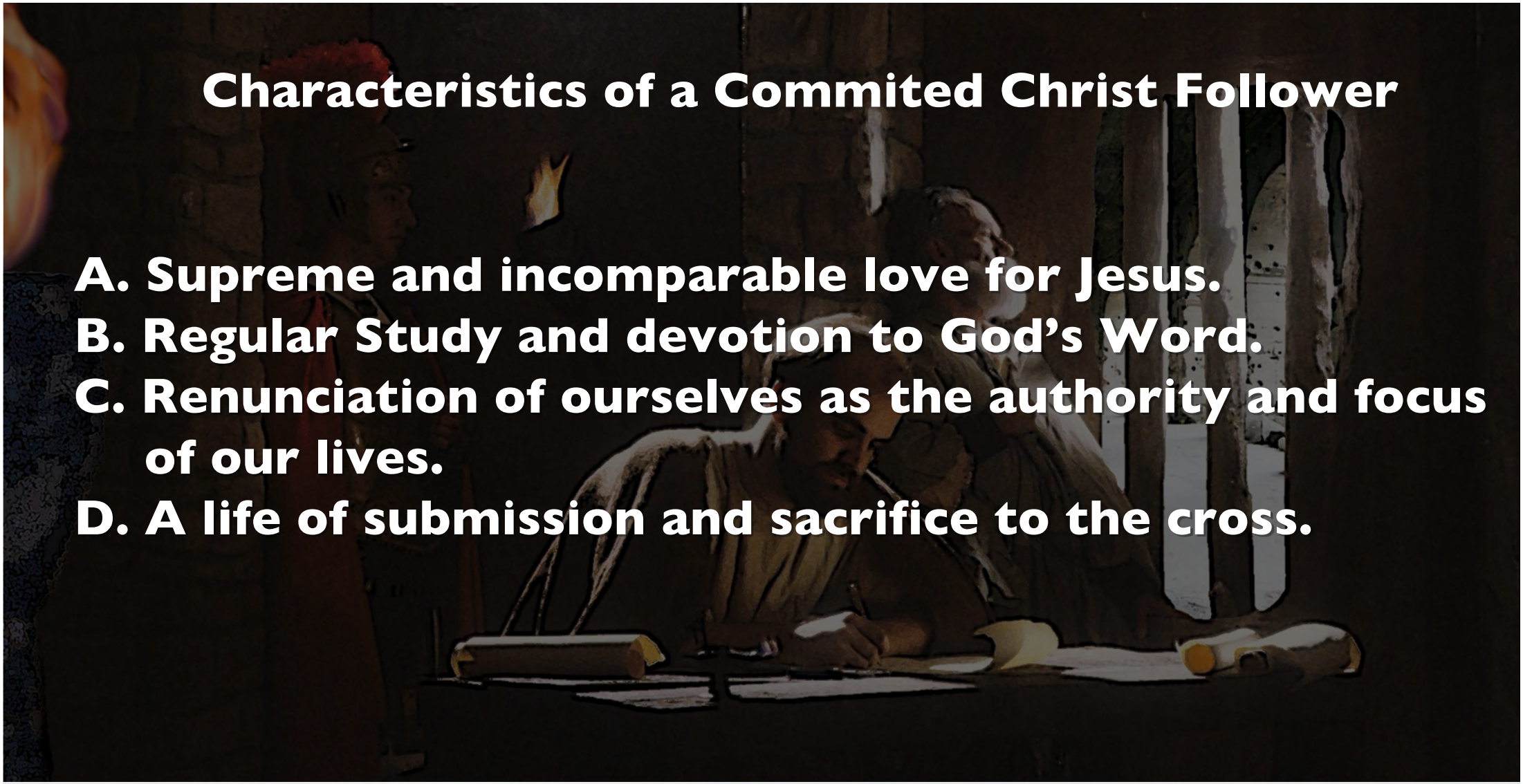

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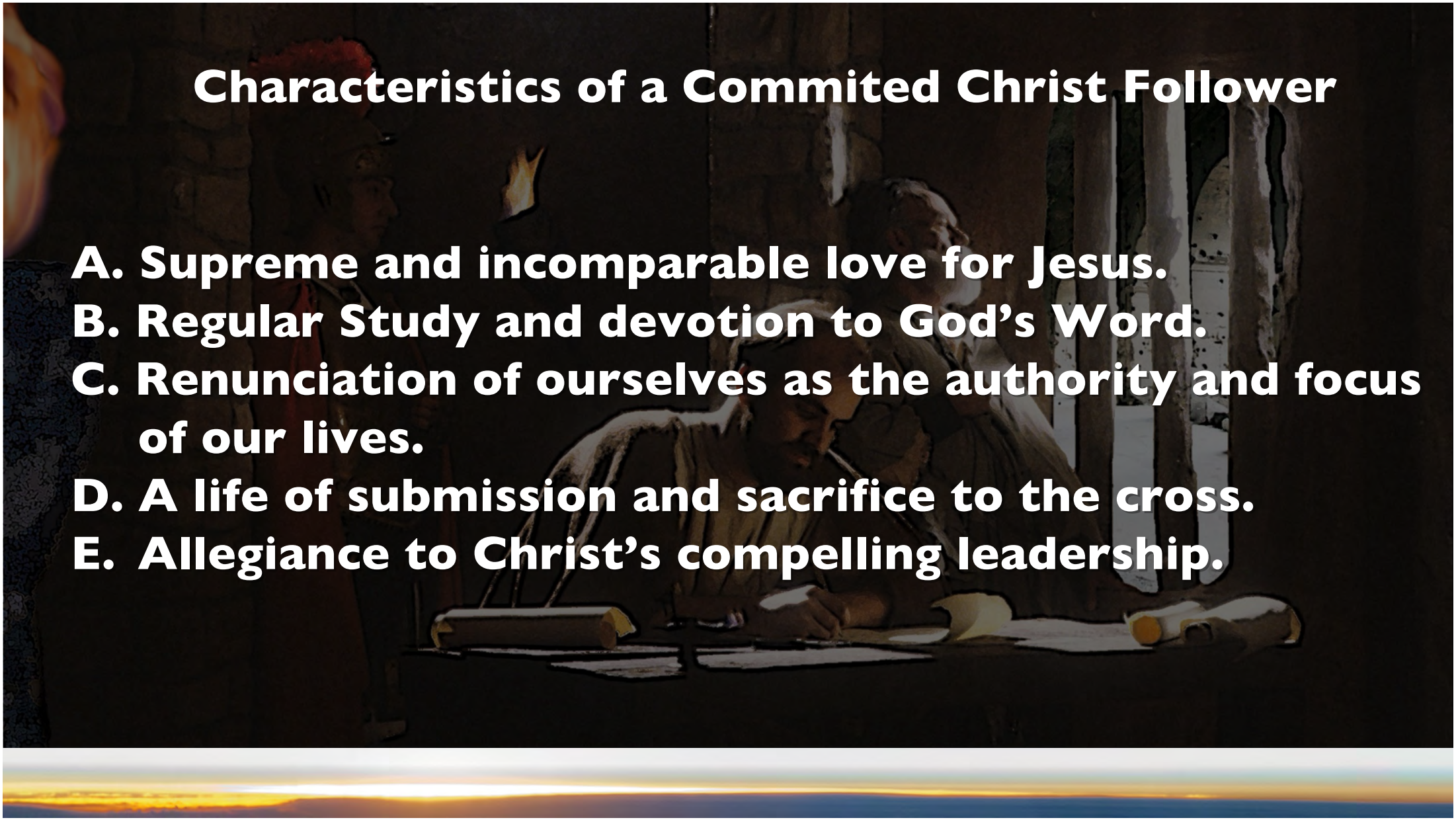

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G. Reflection of Christ's love in our attitudes and actions toward others.

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