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## **Main Point:**

The thoughts, words and actions of the believer should be noticeably contrasted to our old nature and the culture of the world because we are a new creation, brought to life by the power of Christ's work on the cross.

# To Whom and What was Paul writing about?

The believers in Colossae

The supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus

Dying to the old self and putting on the  
new self in His likeness

# God's word to us is mercy

We need the counsel of God's authoritative word because it does not come to us naturally.

It is alive and active, illuminating the darkness

It gives life to our soul and it is lethal to our flesh

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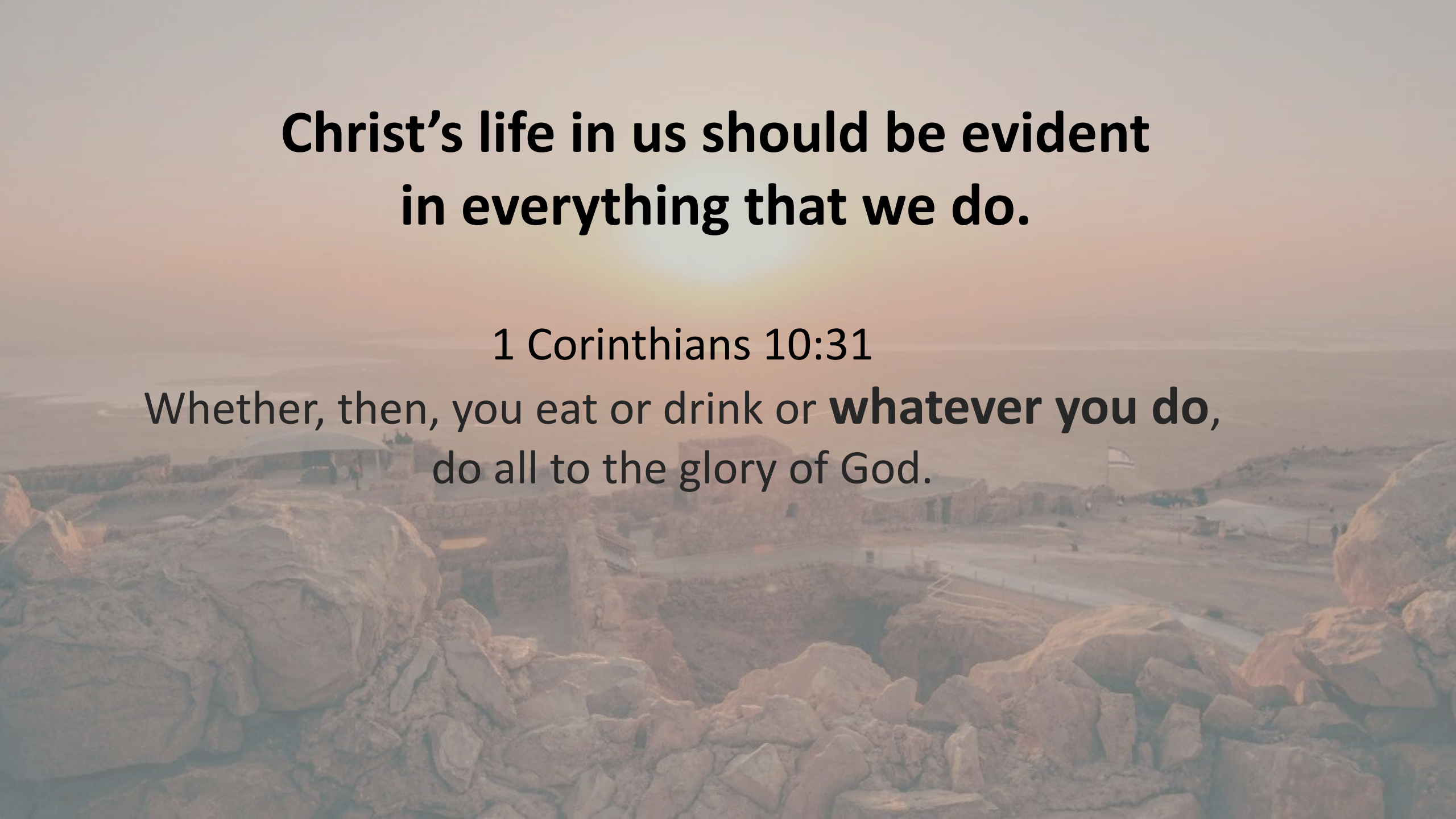
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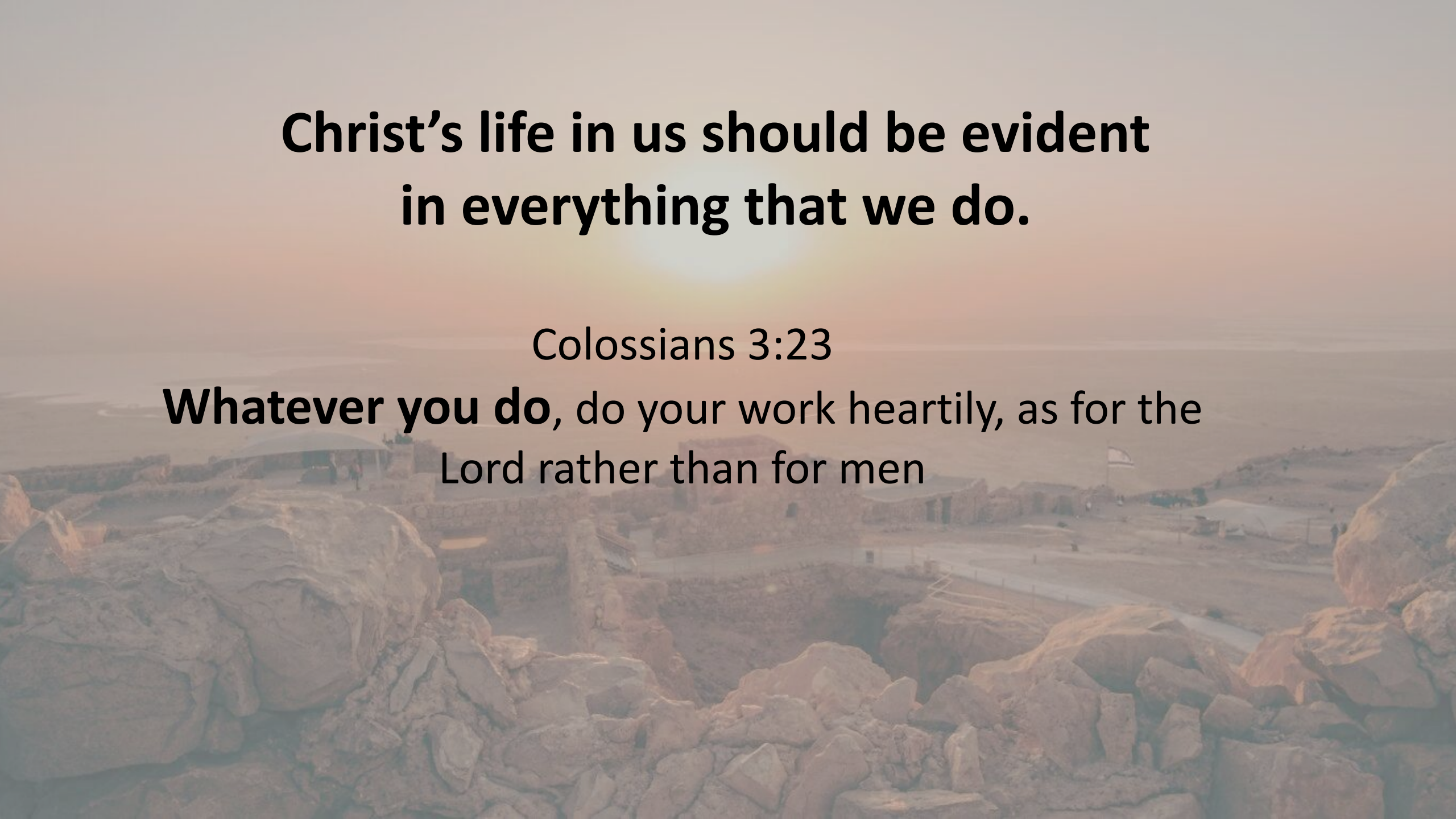


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1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether, then, you eat or drink or **whatever you do**,  
do all to the glory of God.





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Romans 14:6-8

He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

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Whatever you do **in word...**

**Logos**

Speech

Reason

Thought

Logic

# Whatever you do **in word**...

Colossians 4:6

Let your **speech** always be with grace *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person

Ephesians 4:29

Let no unwholesome **word** proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.



Whatever you do **in word...**

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Colossians 3:2

**Set your mind on the things above,**  
not on the things that are on earth

Whatever you do **in word...**

Our thoughts, words, and ideas are often the battleground against sin as they are so closely connected to a fleshly heart that is self serving and deceived

Ananias conceived an evil deed in his heart and made a plan to carry it out

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Whatever you do in  
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Ergon

Work or effort

Activity

Anything accomplished  
by hand or mind

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# Whatever you do in deed...

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good **works** and, glorify your Father in heaven

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, do your **work** heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men



Whatever you do **in deed**...

John 3:21

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The purpose of every work we do is to bring glory to the Father.

“Faith and works should travel side by side, step answering to step, like the legs of men walking. First faith, and then works; and then faith again, and then works again – until they can scarcely distinguish which is the one and which is the other”

- William Booth

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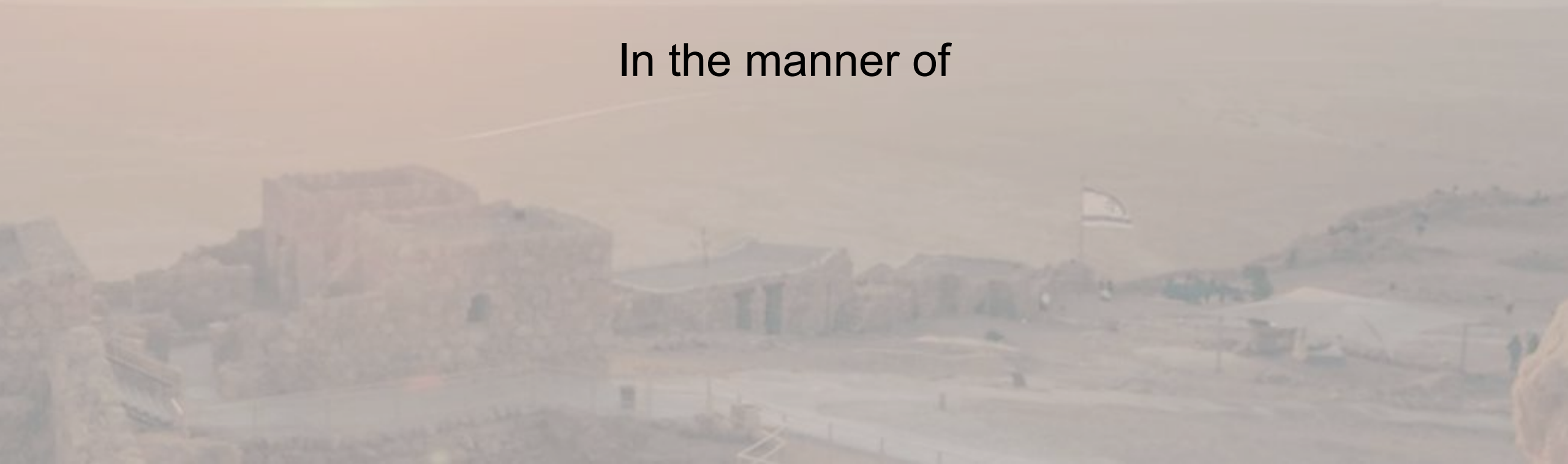
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What comes to Mind when you hear Jesus?

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What it means to "*do all*"  
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In the manner of



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Colossians 1:9-10

For this reason since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

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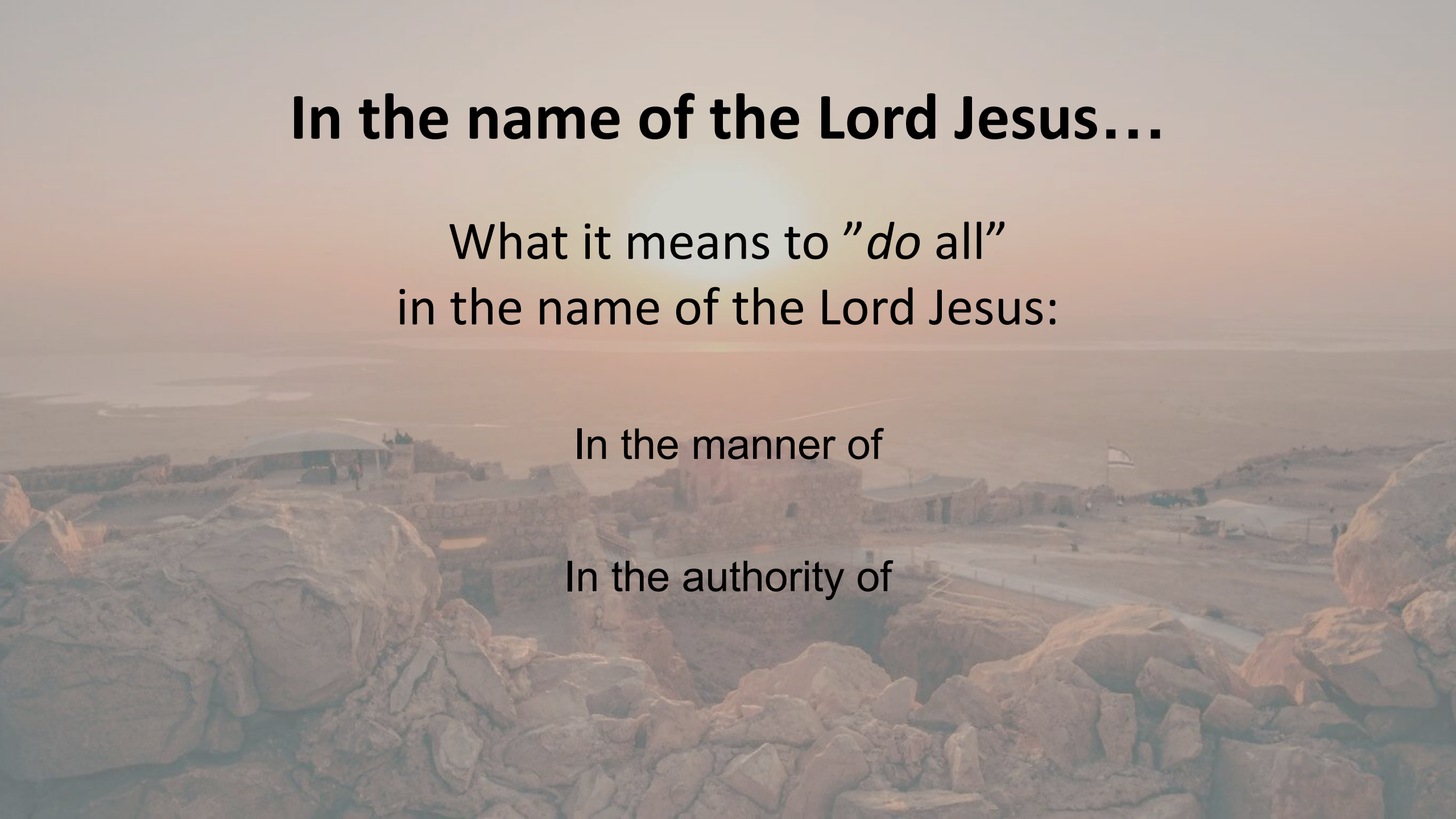
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**2 Peter 1:2-3**

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Luke 10:1-2, 17-20

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He himself was going to come.

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And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

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**Knowing Christ and abiding in Him is where true joy is found!**

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Repent and confess where we harbor pride

Seek reconciliation with others

Abide in Christ

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The instrument of giving thanks to God is *prayer*

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1 Corinthians 8:6

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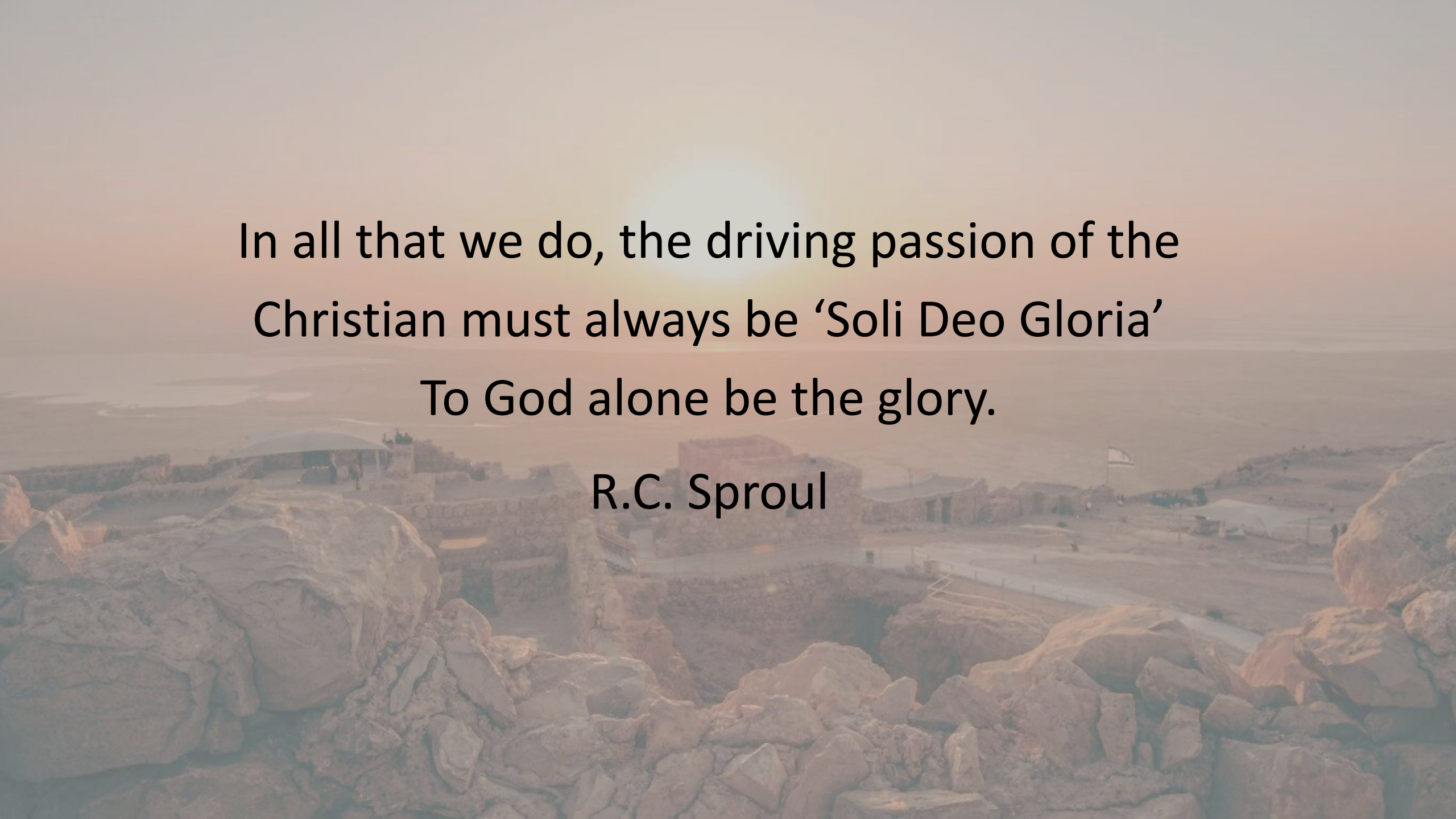
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In all that we do, the driving passion of the  
Christian must always be ‘Soli Deo Gloria’  
To God alone be the glory.

R.C. Sproul

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He provides what we need to do what He says

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**HE IS GOOD!**

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Psalm 119:68

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above  
coming down from the Father of lights.

# Concluding Questions...

Do your thoughts, words and actions bring glory to God?

Where are you struggling to die to self?

Are you consistently giving thanks to God through prayer?