

Disappointment

A person with white hair, seen from behind, is sitting on a wooden bench in a park-like setting. The person is wearing a black leather jacket. The background features a large, dark rock formation and dense green trees. The scene is lit with soft, natural light, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

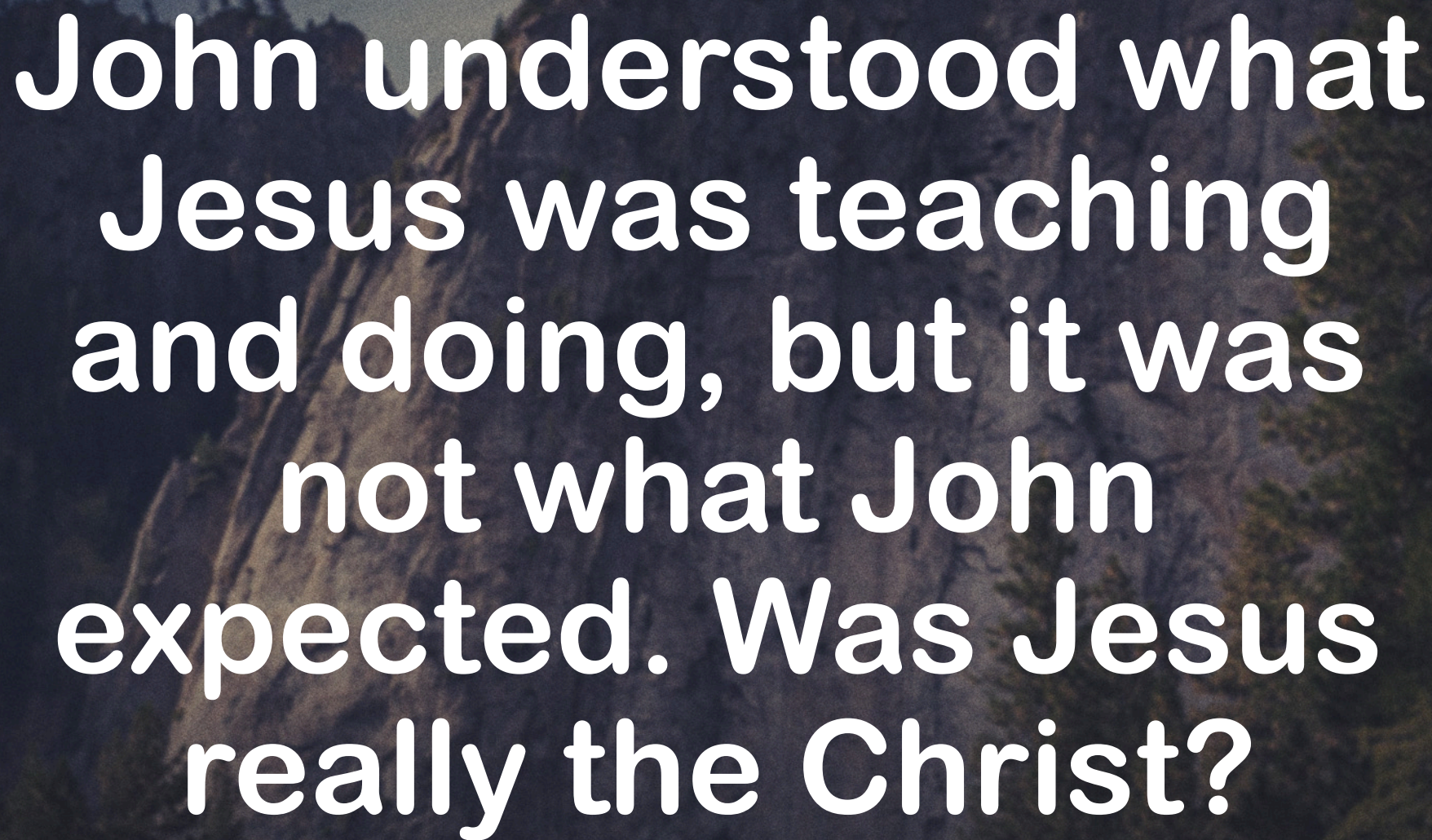
Luke 7:18-35



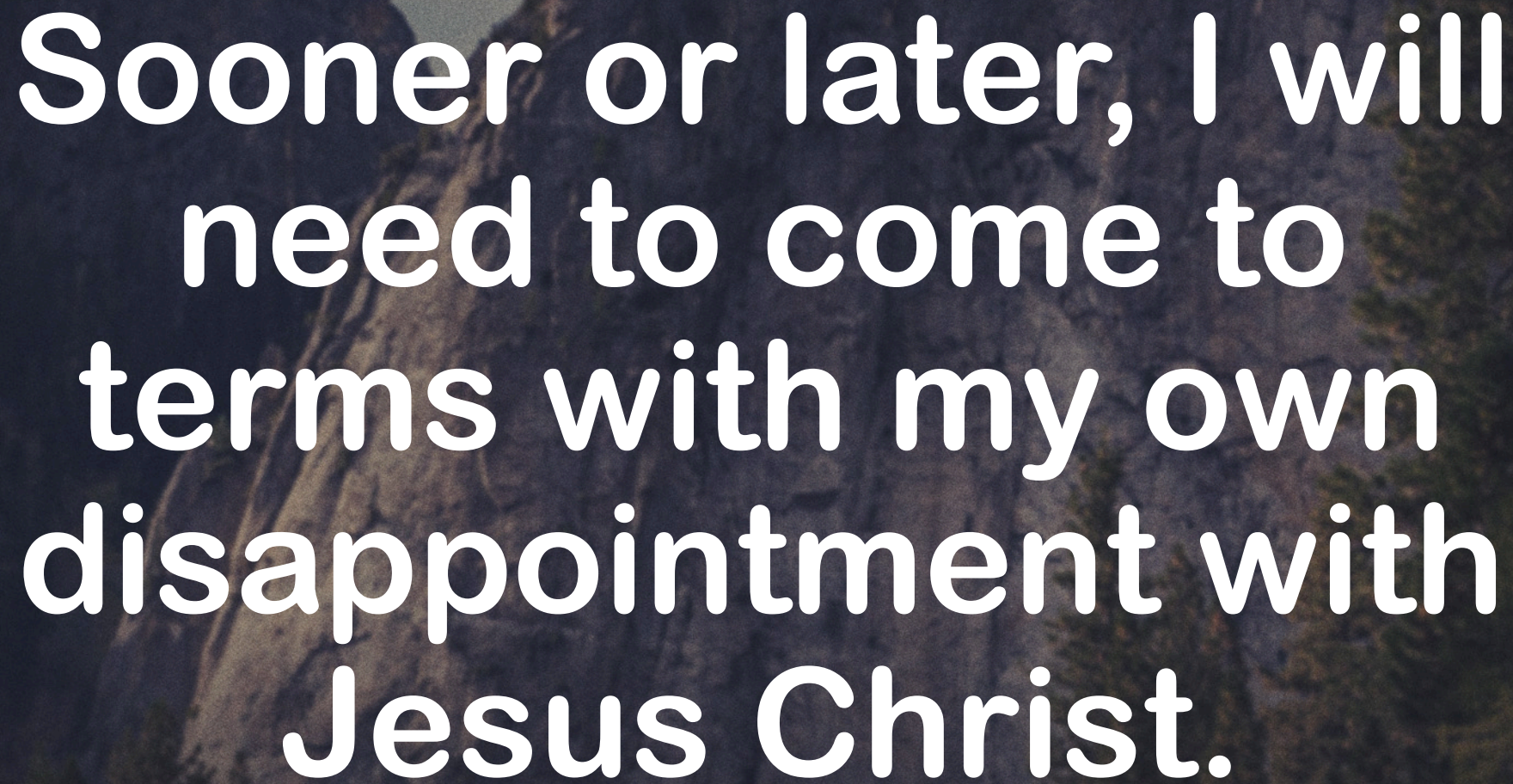
Disappointment:
sadness or
displeasure caused
by the nonfulfillment
of one's hopes or
expectations.

A person with long, light-colored hair is seen from the back, looking out at a dense forest of trees. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn, with a soft glow on the horizon. The text is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font.

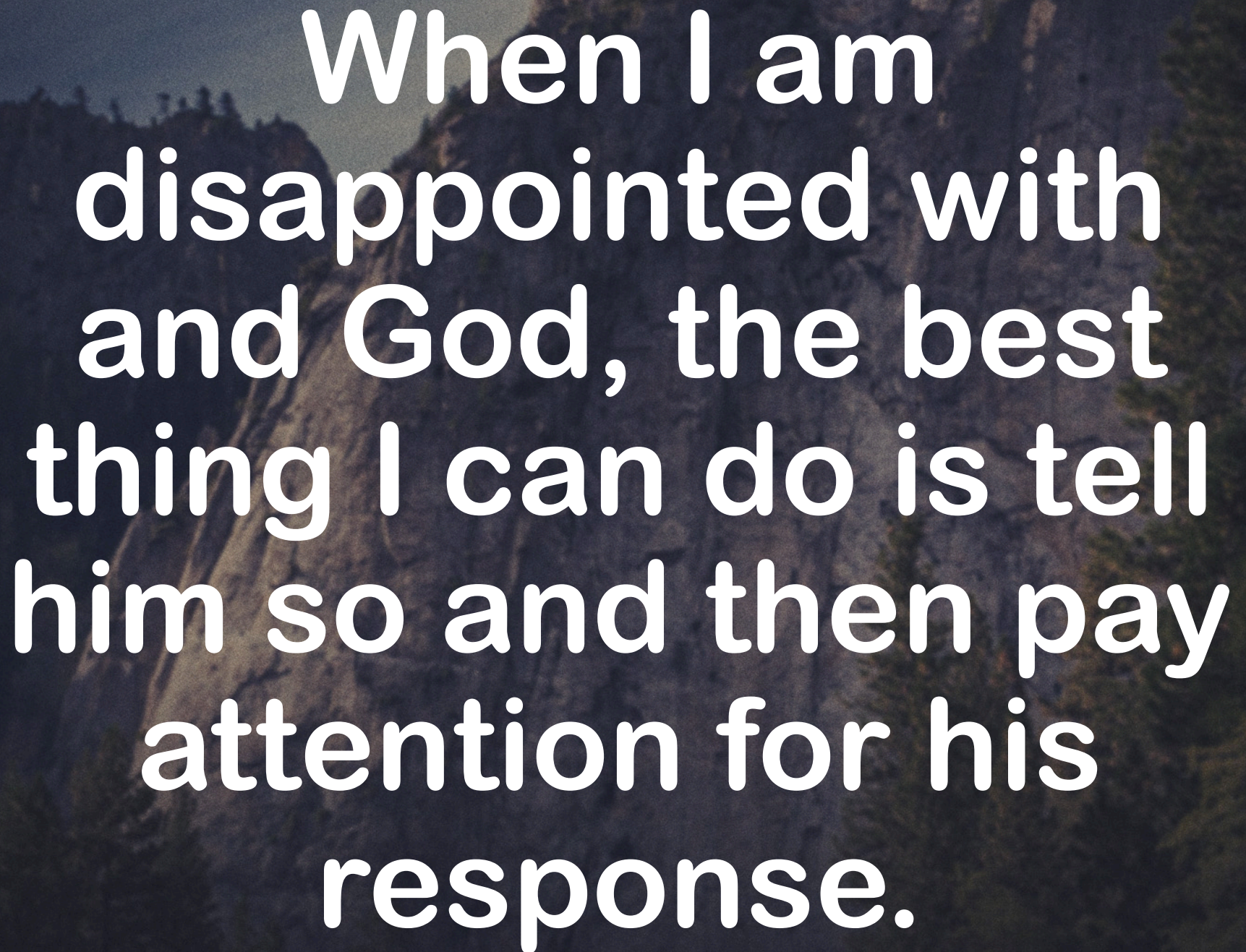
1. There will be
times when I will
experience
disappointment and
doubt as I follow
Jesus Christ.



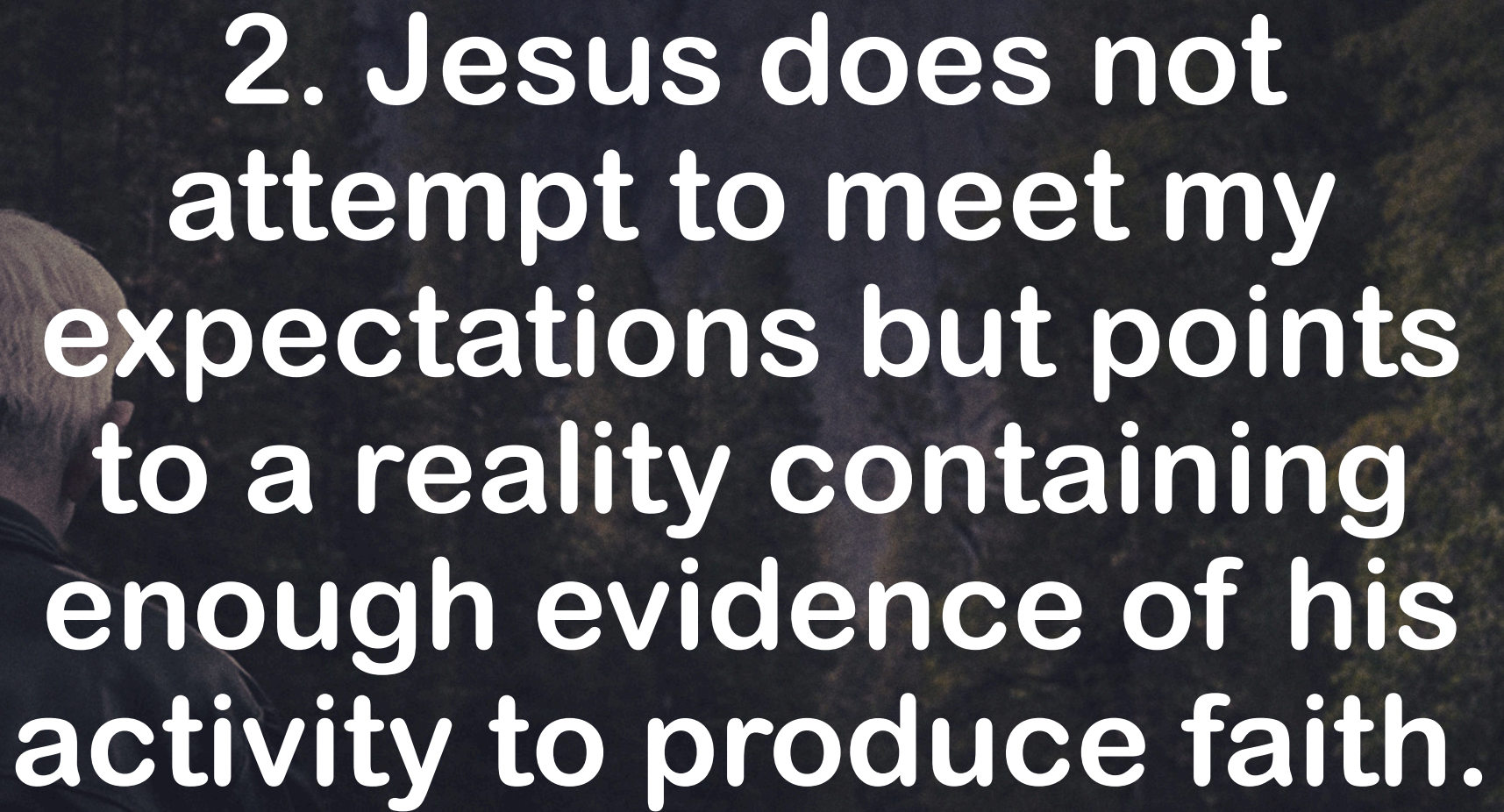
John understood what
Jesus was teaching
and doing, but it was
not what John
expected. Was Jesus
really the Christ?



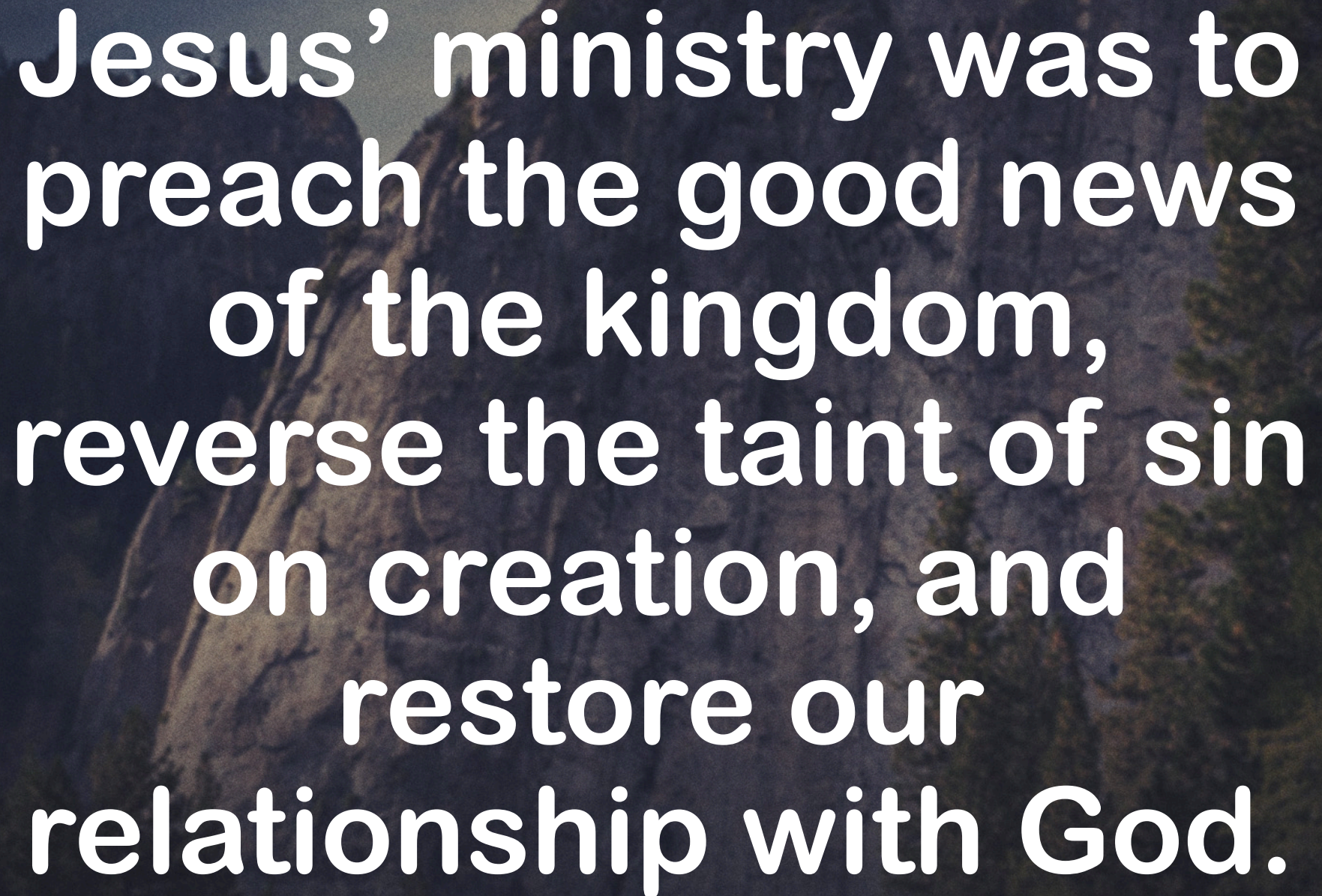
Sooner or later, I will
need to come to
terms with my own
disappointment with
Jesus Christ.



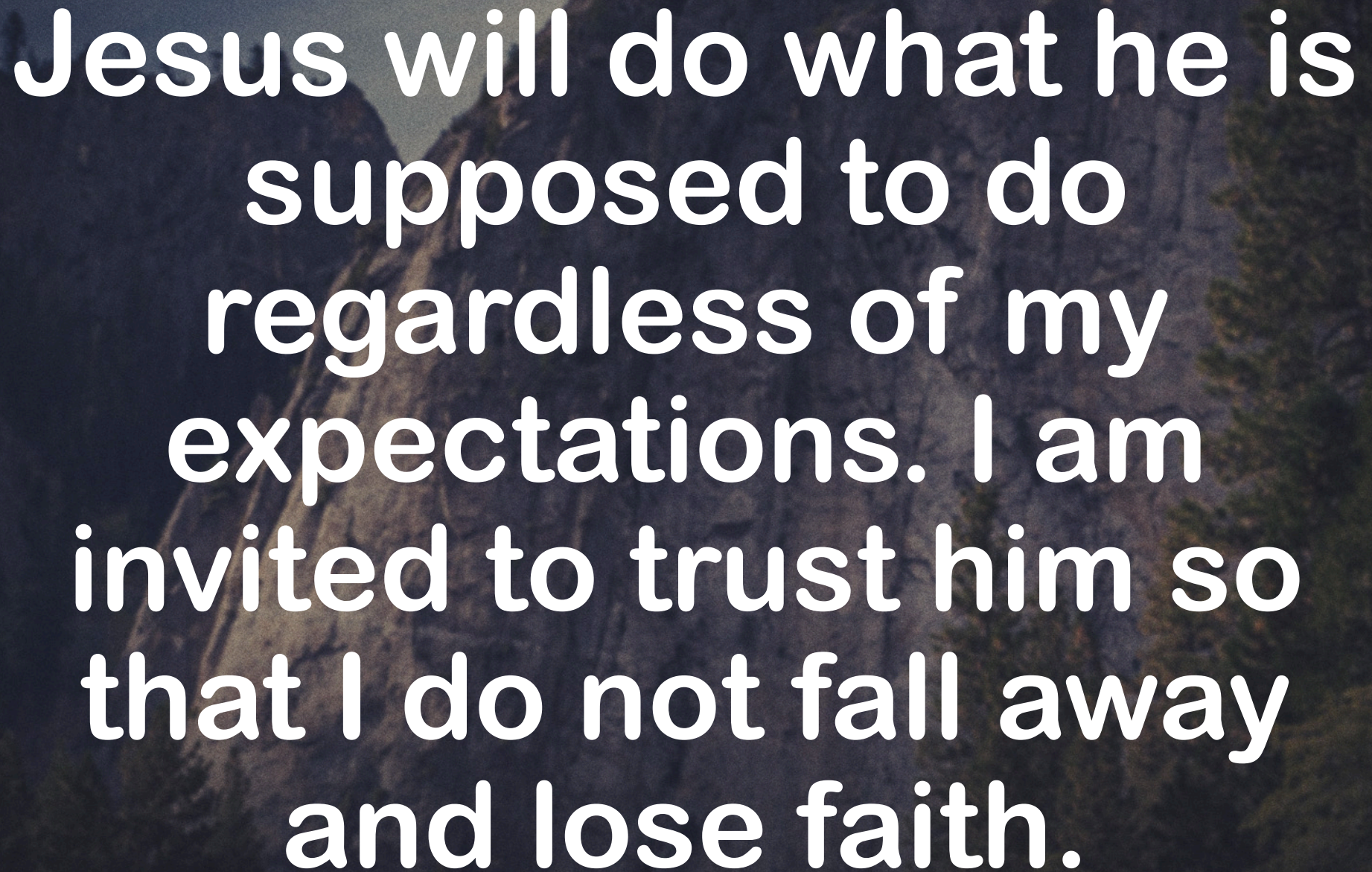
When I am
disappointed with
and God, the best
thing I can do is tell
him so and then pay
attention for his
response.

A person with long, light-colored hair is seen from the back, looking out over a vast landscape. The background is a soft, hazy scene of a sunset or sunrise over a forest, with warm light filtering through the trees. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

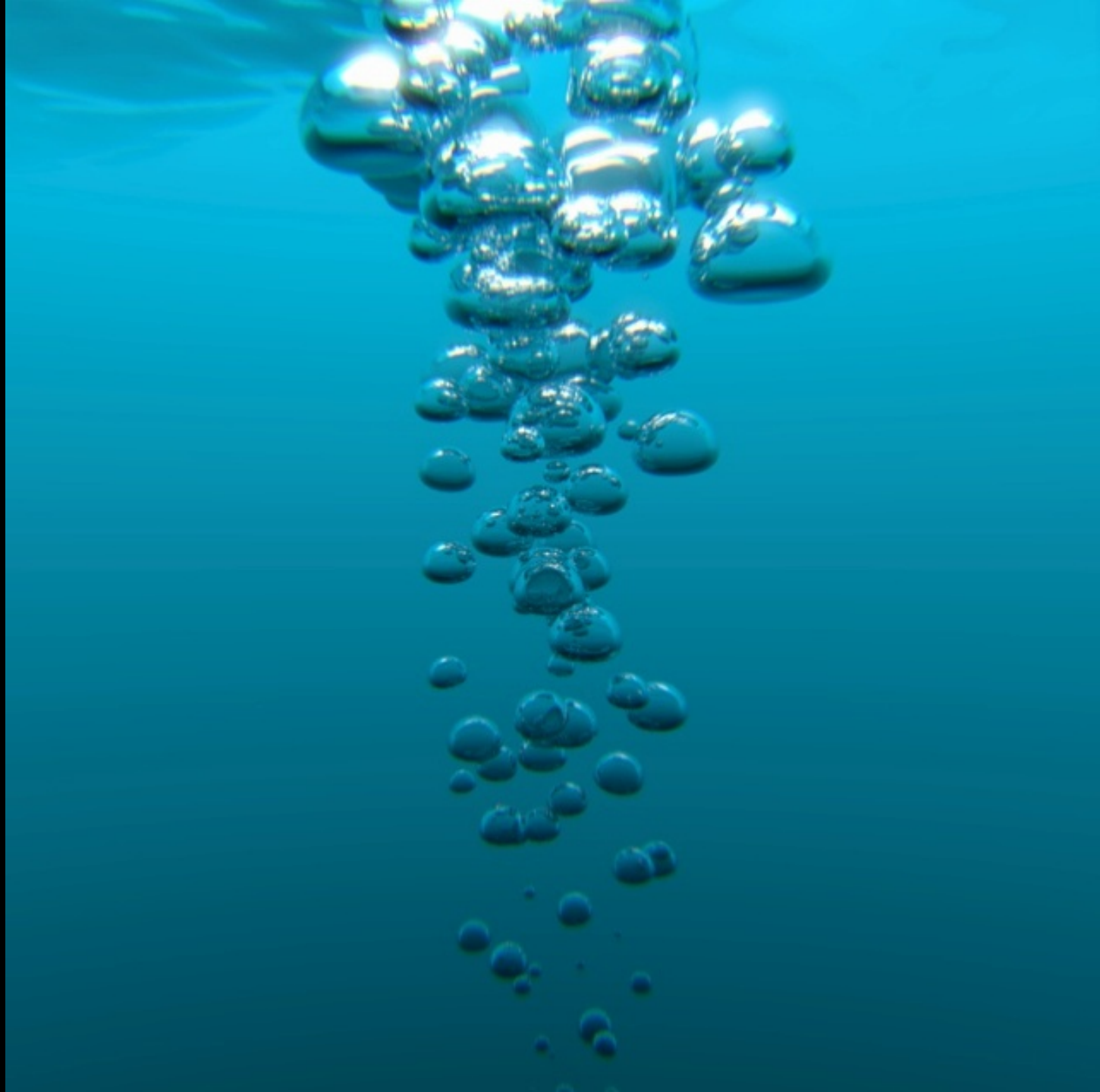
2. Jesus does not attempt to meet my expectations but points to a reality containing enough evidence of his activity to produce faith.

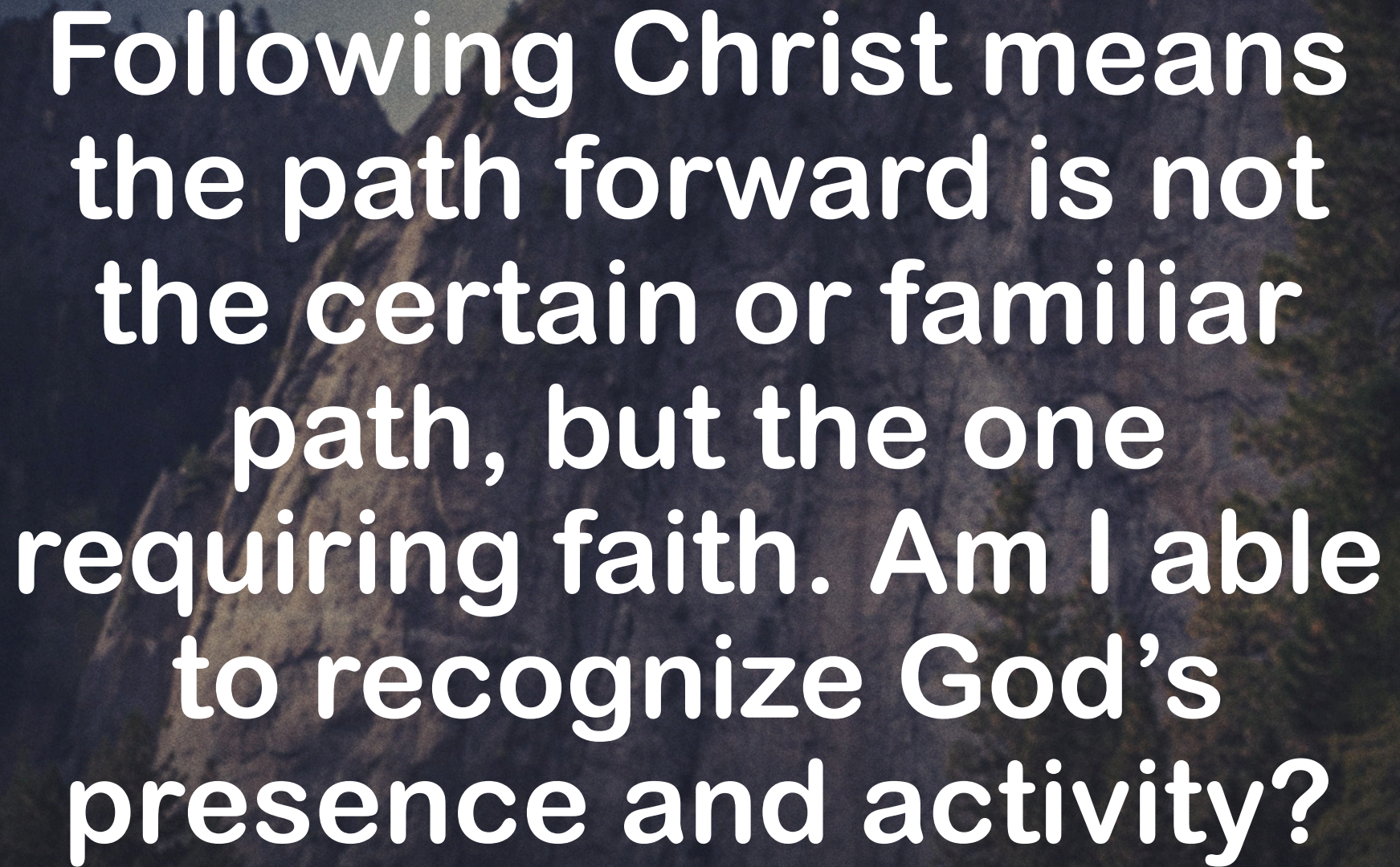


Jesus' ministry was to
preach the good news
of the kingdom,
reverse the taint of sin
on creation, and
restore our
relationship with God.



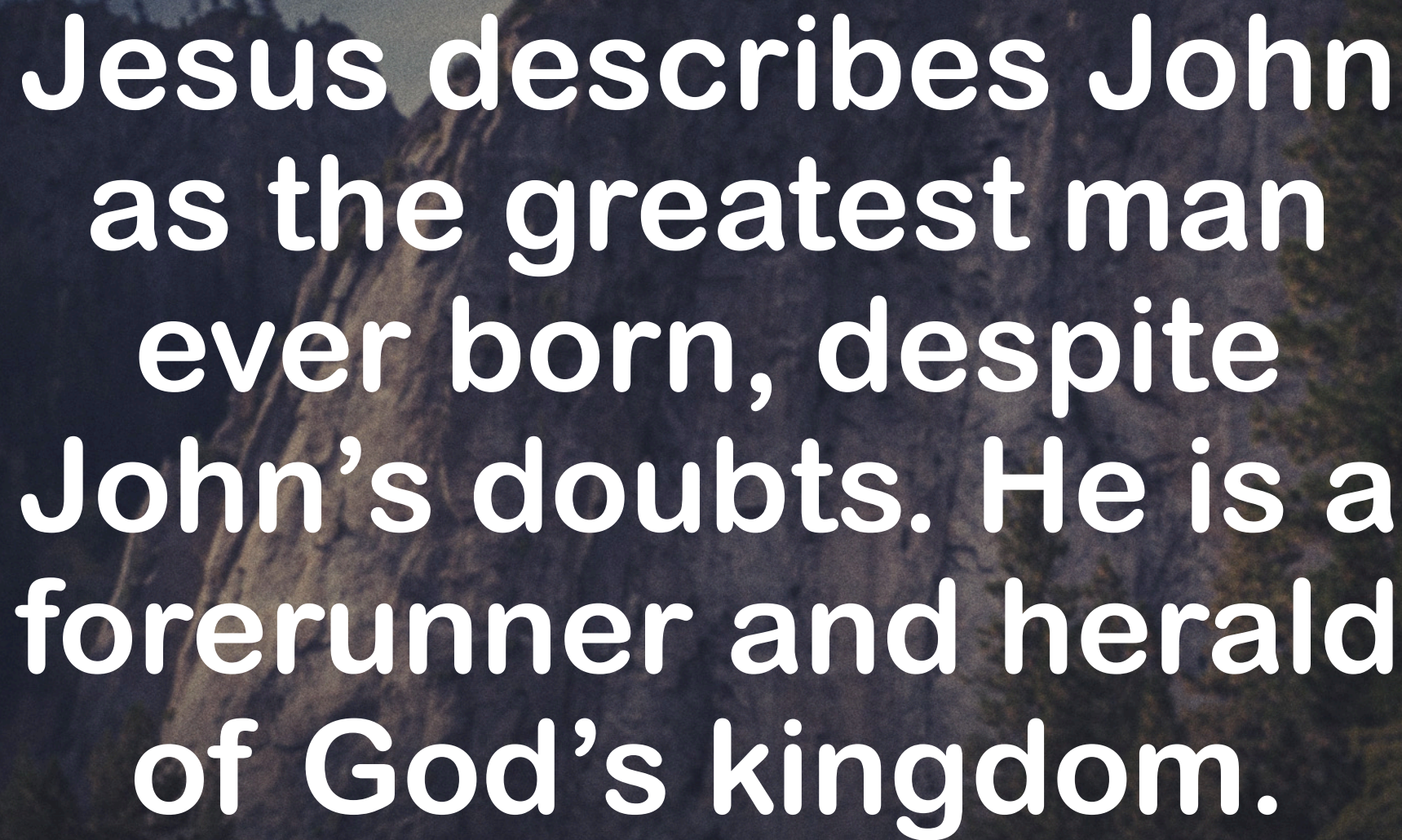
Jesus will do what he is
supposed to do
regardless of my
expectations. I am
invited to trust him so
that I do not fall away
and lose faith.



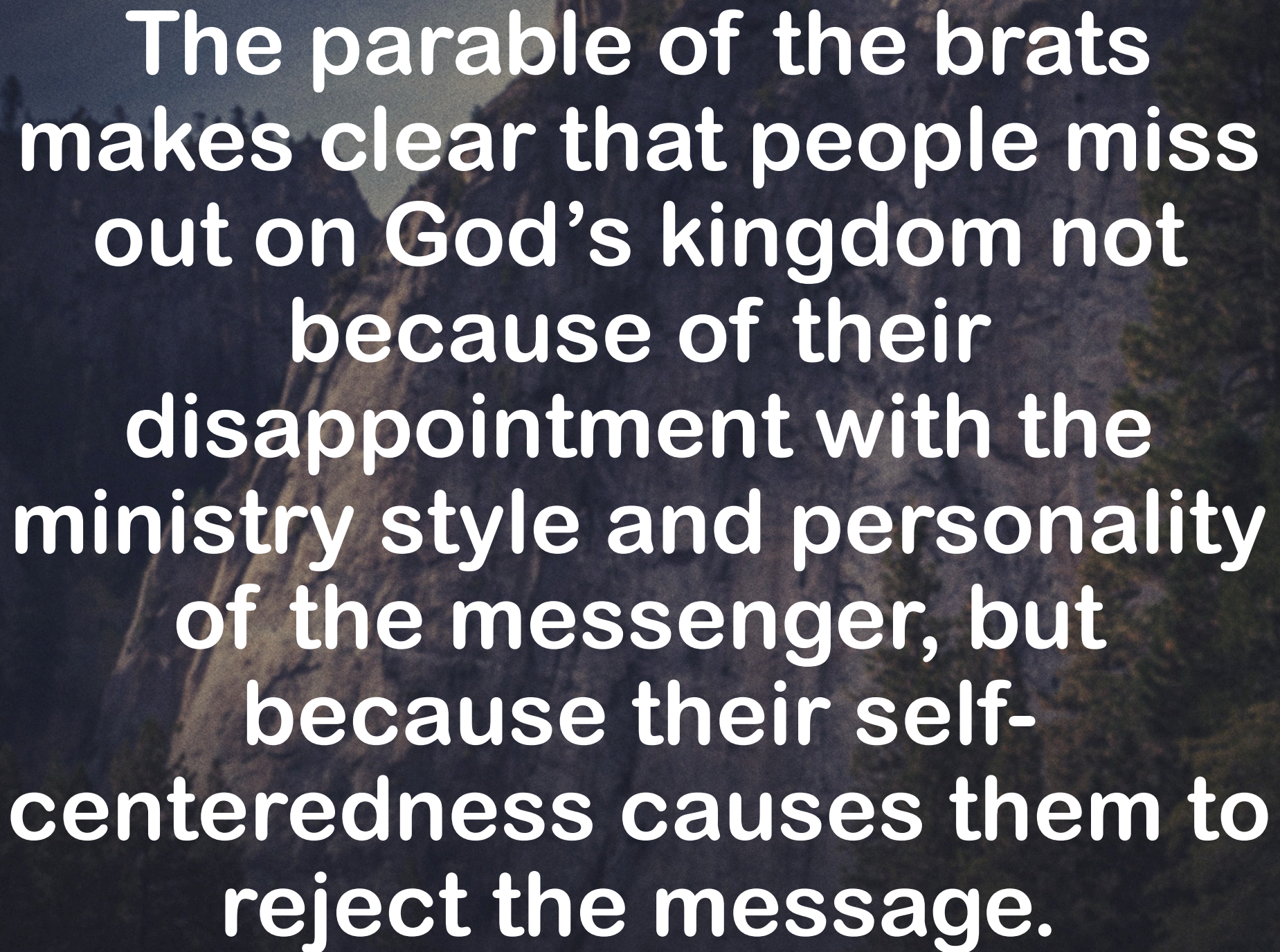


Following Christ means
the path forward is not
the certain or familiar
path, but the one
requiring faith. Am I able
to recognize God's
presence and activity?

**3. Jesus does not
condemn John for
feeling disappointment
but rebukes the self-
centered unbelief of
the Scribes and
Pharisees.**



Jesus describes John as the greatest man ever born, despite John's doubts. He is a forerunner and herald of God's kingdom.



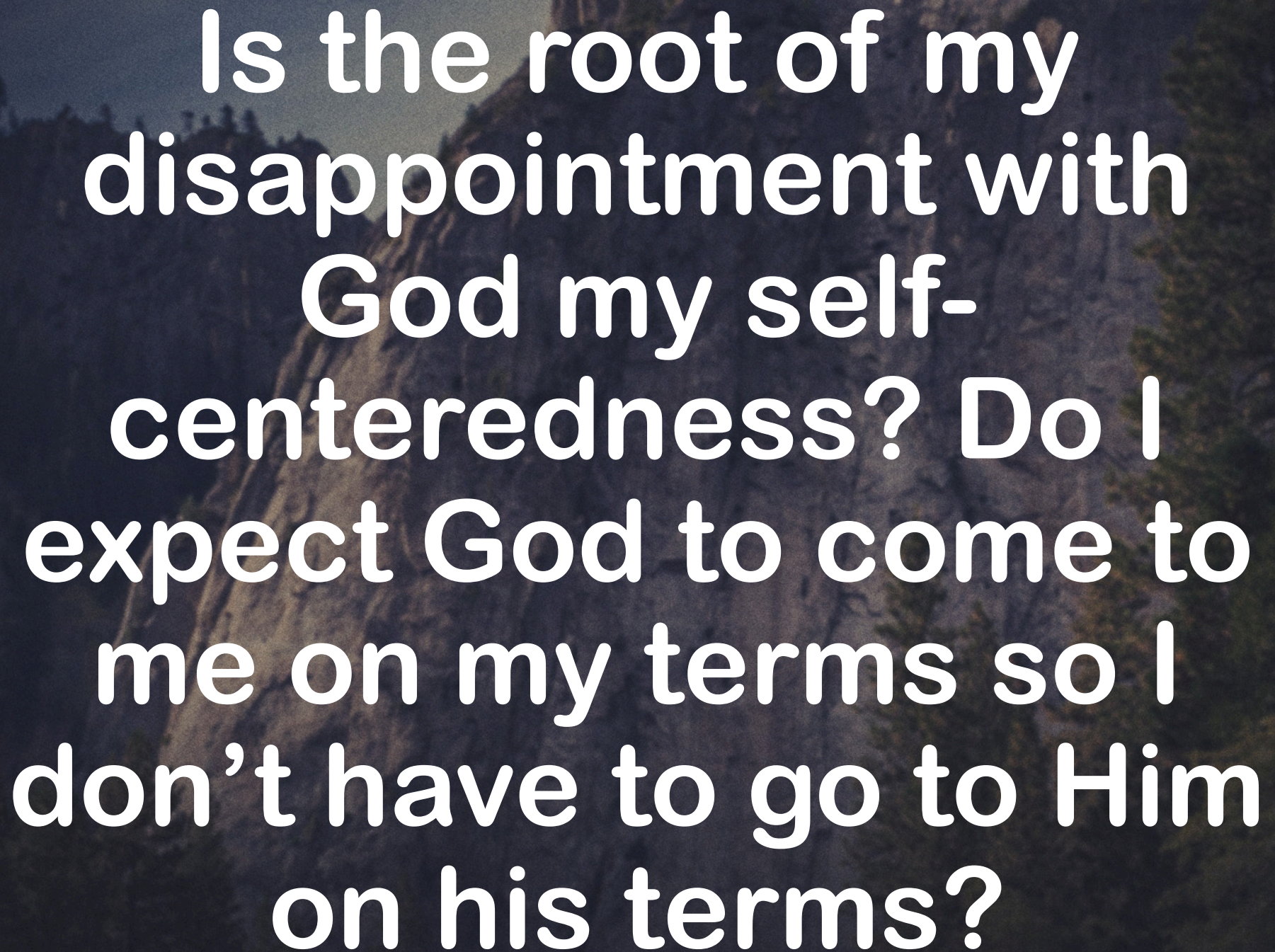
The parable of the brats makes clear that people miss out on God's kingdom not because of their disappointment with the ministry style and personality of the messenger, but because their self-centeredness causes them to reject the message.

THE ONLY
PERMANENT
RULE IN
CALVINBALL IS
THAT YOU CAN'T
PLAY IT THE
SAME WAY
TWICE!

THE SCORE IS
STILL Q TO 12!



WATERS



Is the root of my
disappointment with
God my self-
centeredness? Do I
expect God to come to
me on my terms so I
don't have to go to Him
on his terms?