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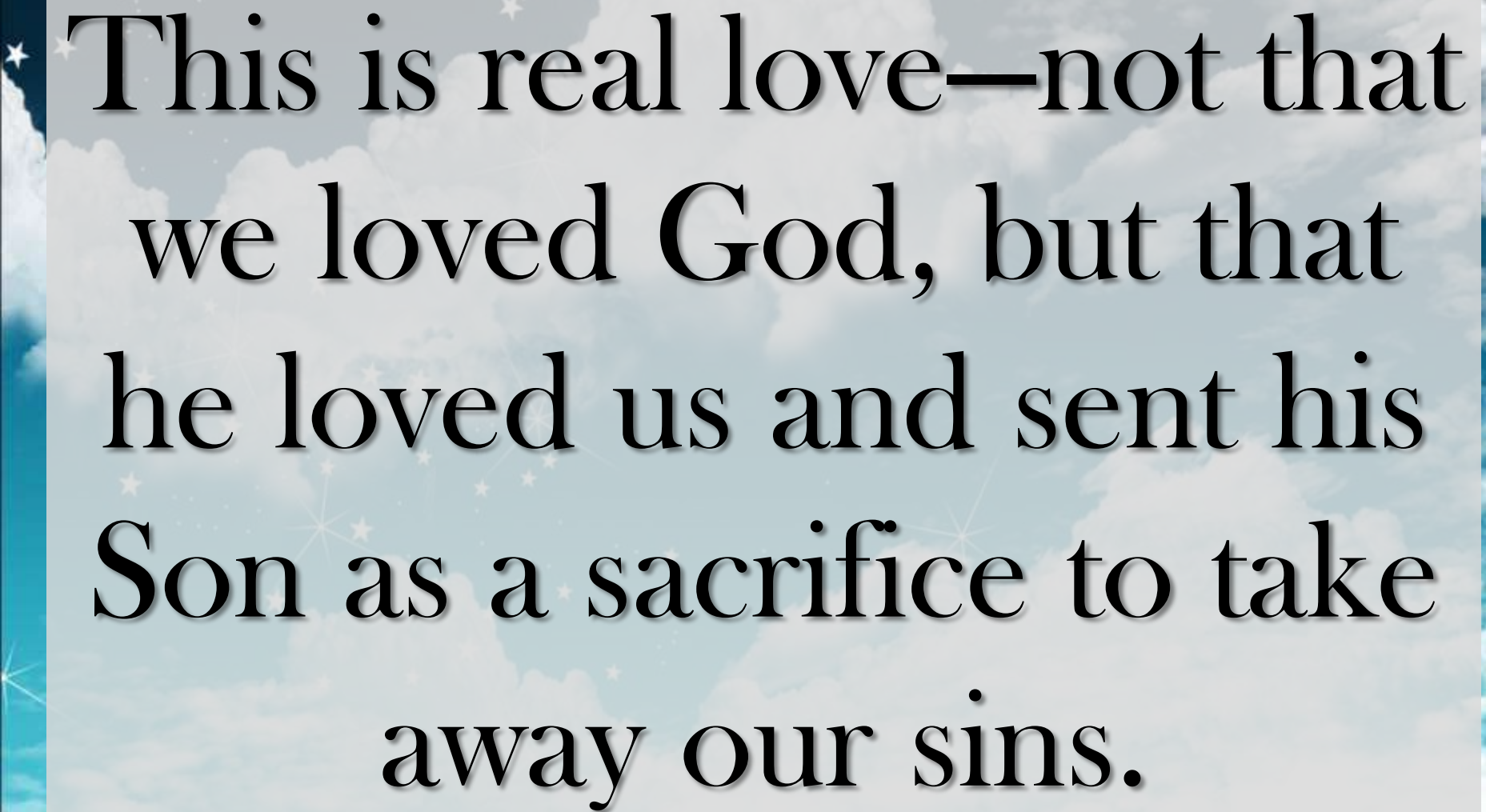




Which one do
you think was our
best seller?







This is real love—not that
we loved God, but that
he loved us and sent his
Son as a sacrifice to take
away our sins.

(1 John 4:10, NLT)



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A photograph of a narrow, winding stream with clear blue water, surrounded by vibrant green grass. The stream flows from the top left towards the bottom right, curving around a small grassy island in the middle. The grass is thick and bright green, suggesting a healthy, natural environment.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

Luke 15:8-10

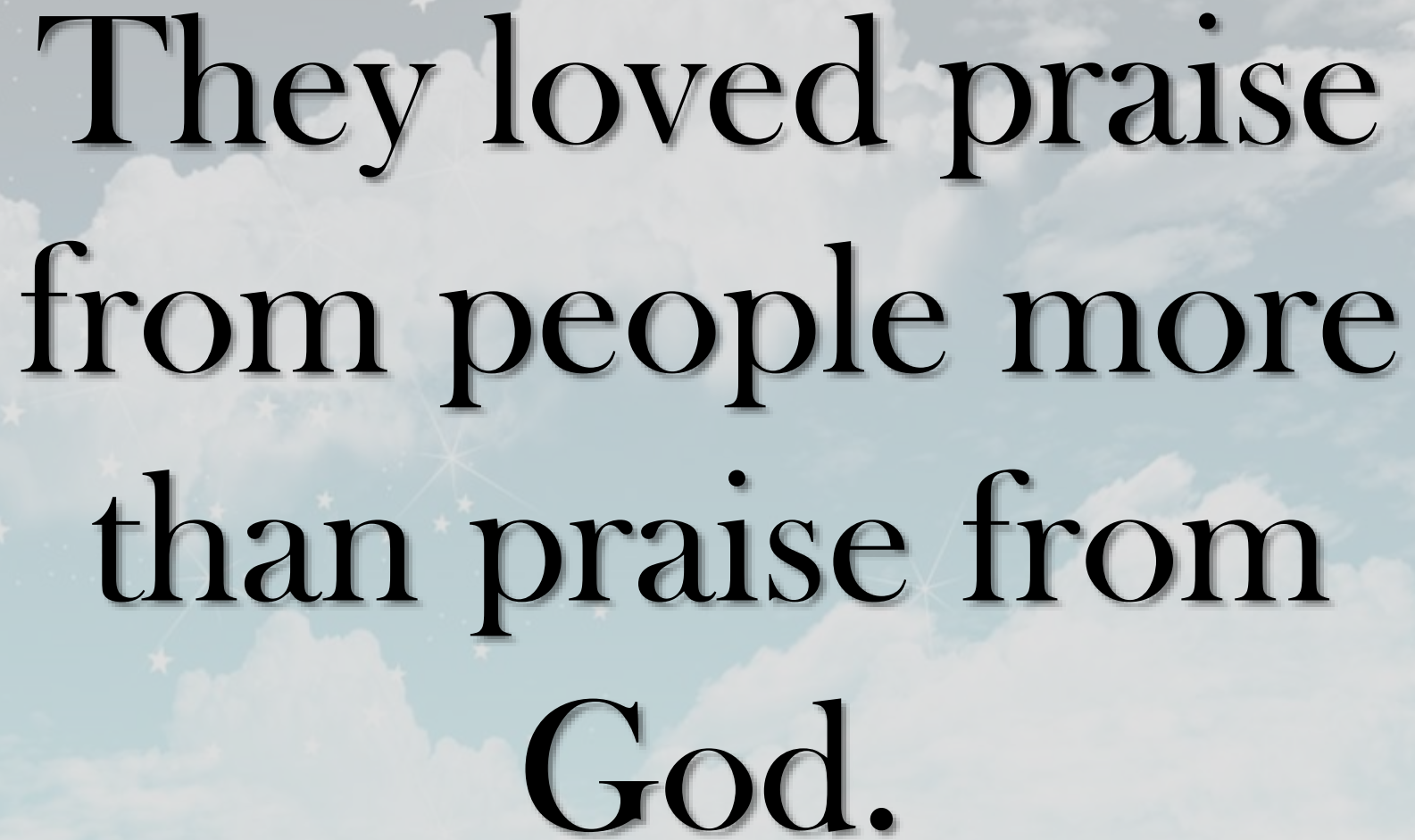


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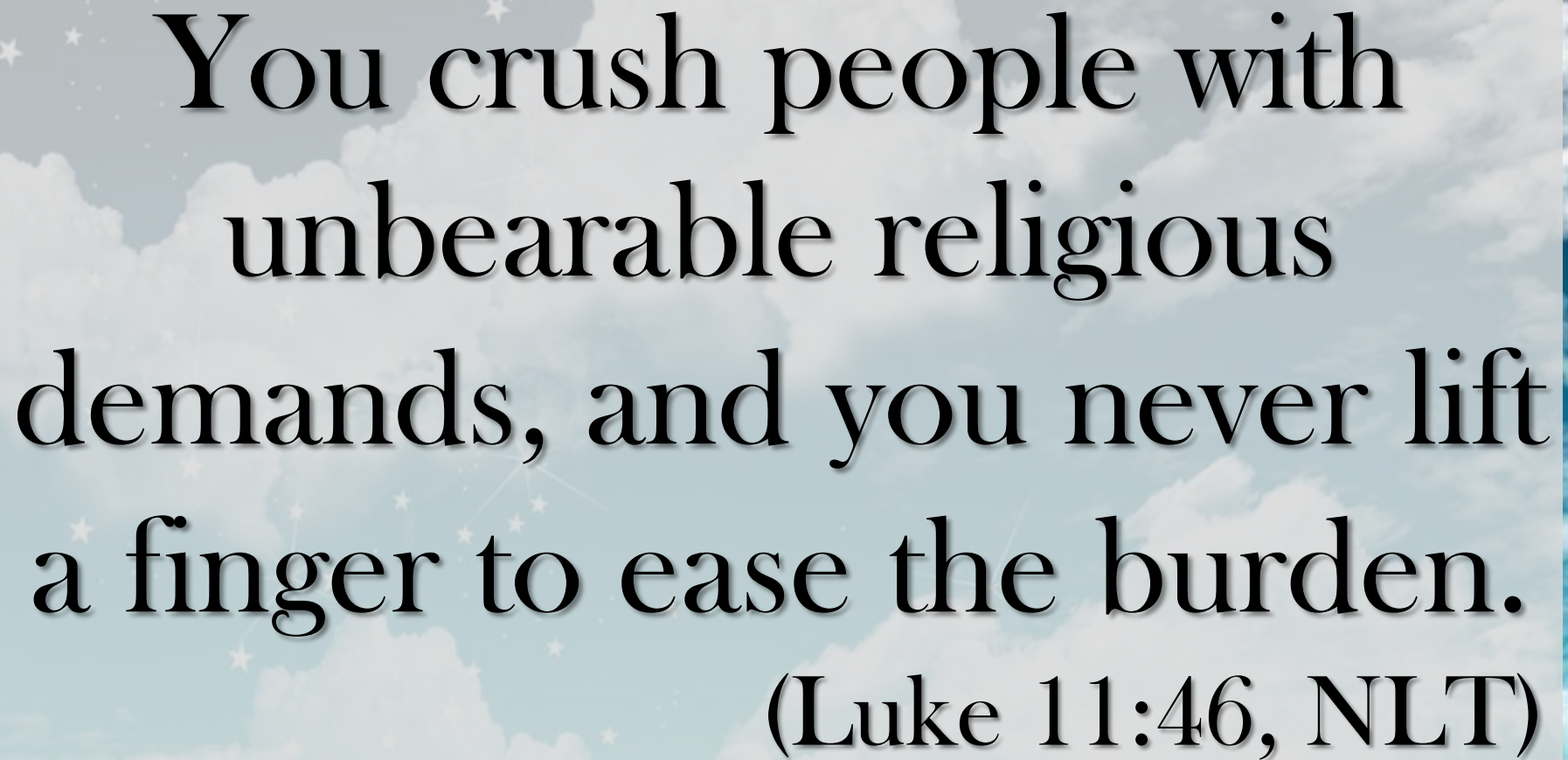
the Parables of JESUS

**Parables are earthly stories with a
heavenly meaning.**



They loved praise
from people more
than praise from
God.

(John 12:43, NCV)



You crush people with
unbearable religious
demands, and you never lift
a finger to ease the burden.
(Luke 11:46, NLT)

We have a name in the world of human physiology for a member of the body that demands without giving—cancer. That's the best medical analogy I can use to describe the role of the religious leaders who opposed Jesus.

-Dr. Mitchell Dillon



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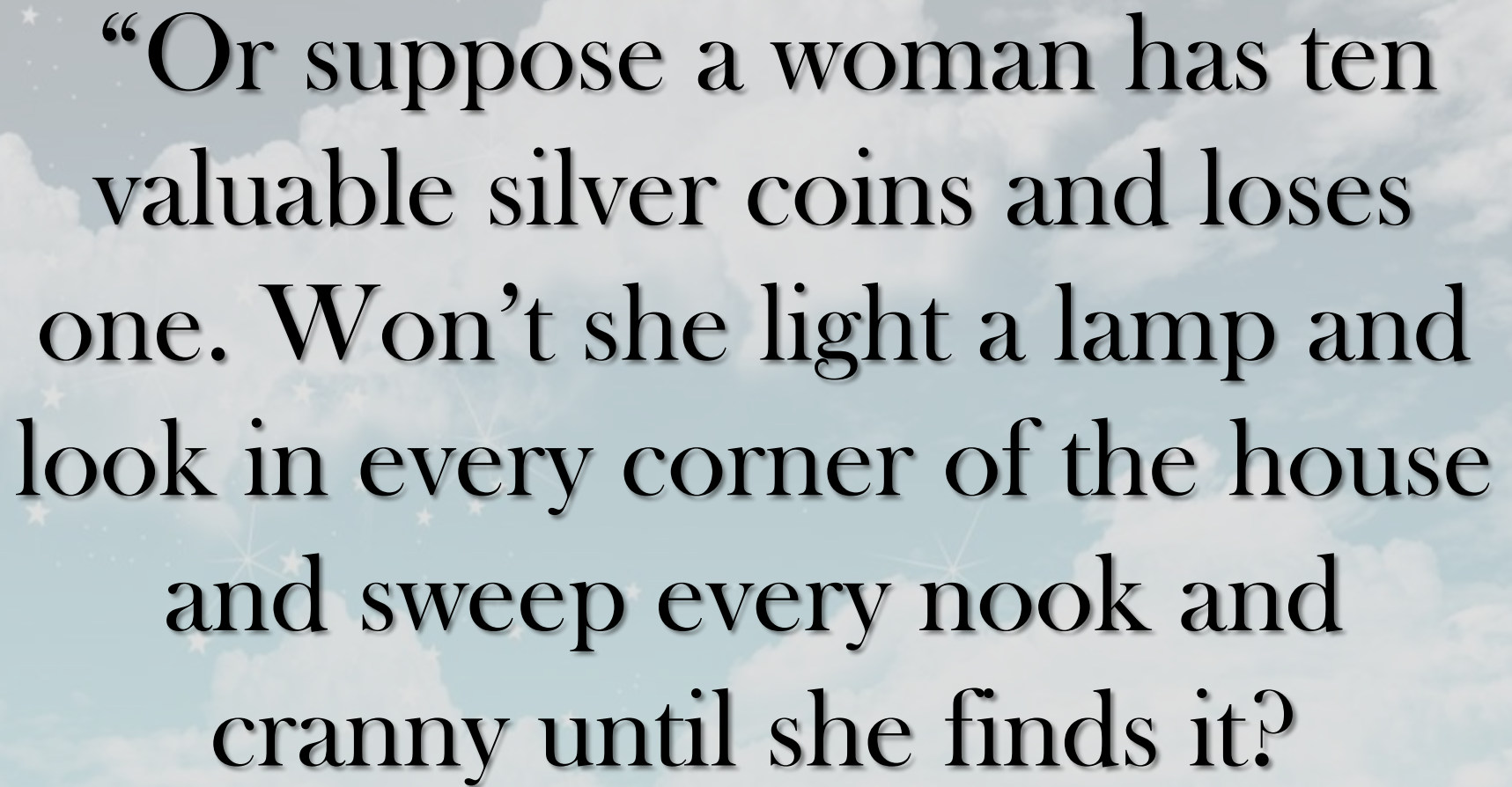
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2) *The Story*



“Or suppose a woman has ten valuable silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and look in every corner of the house and sweep every nook and cranny until she finds it?

(Luke 15:8-10, NLT)

And when she finds it, she will call
in her friends and neighbors to
rejoice with her because she has
found her lost coin.

In the same way, there is joy in the
presence of God's angels when even
one sinner repents.”

(Luke 15:8-10, NLT)



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3) The Search



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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105, KJV)

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**What have you lost in
your home?**

- very dark
- a dirt floor
- time & effort
- inside the house



**What's our response to
the lost right beside us?**

You are like light for the whole world. A city built
on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one
would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot.
(Matthew 5:14-16, CEV)



A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can
give light to everyone in the house.

(Matthew 5:14-16, CEV)



Make your light shine, so that others will see the
good that you do and will praise your Father in
heaven.

(Matthew 5:14-16, CEV)



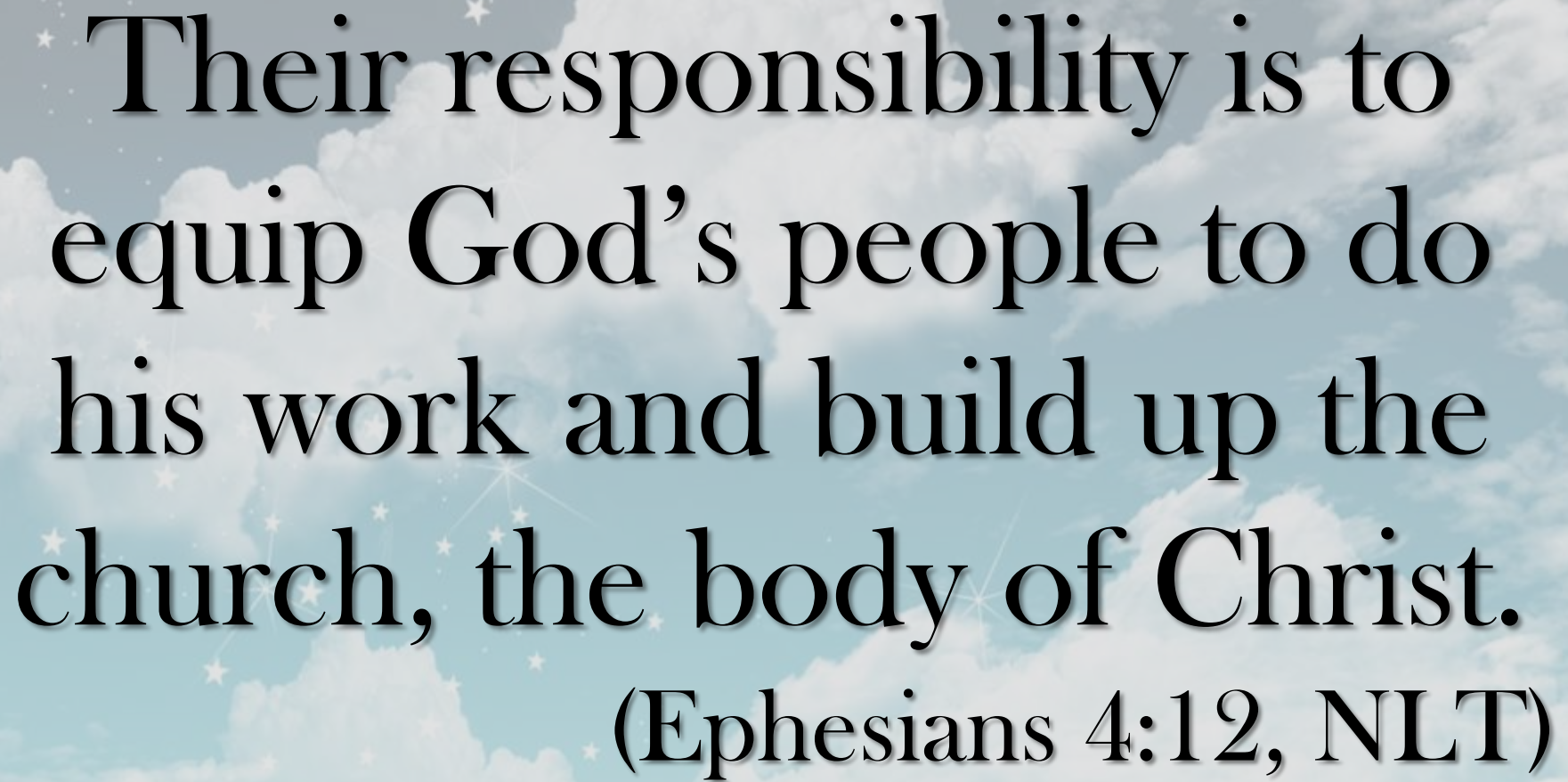


4) Your Story



He began to teach
the people by telling
many stories.

(Mark 4:2)



Their responsibility is to
equip God's people to do
his work and build up the
church, the body of Christ.
(Ephesians 4:12, NLT)



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□ What it Was Like...



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- What it Was Like...
- What Happened...



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- ❑ What it Was Like...
- ❑ What Happened...
- ❑ What it's Like
Now...

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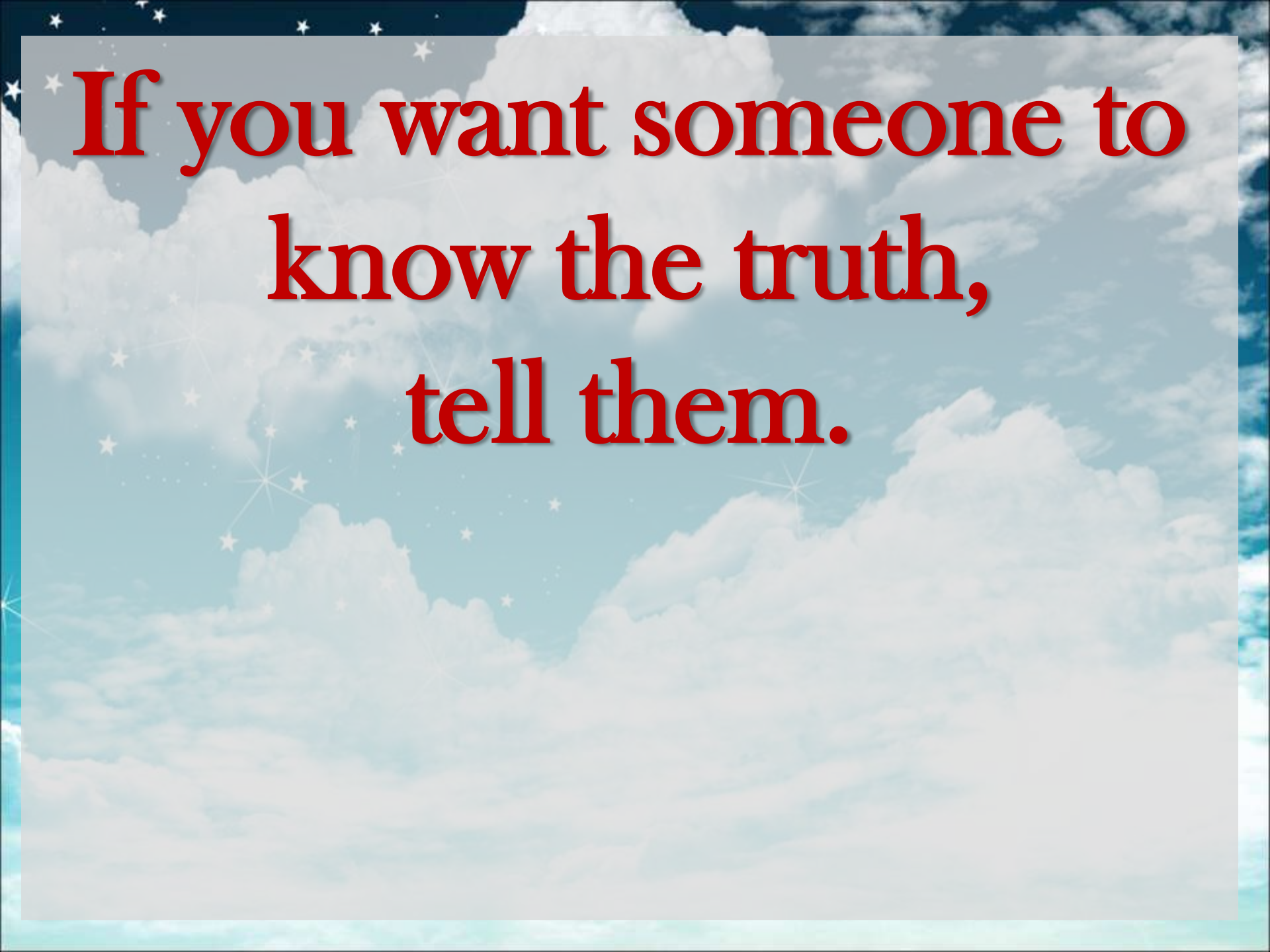
What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized.
Have your sins washed away by calling
on the name of the Lord.'

(Acts 22:16)_{nlt}

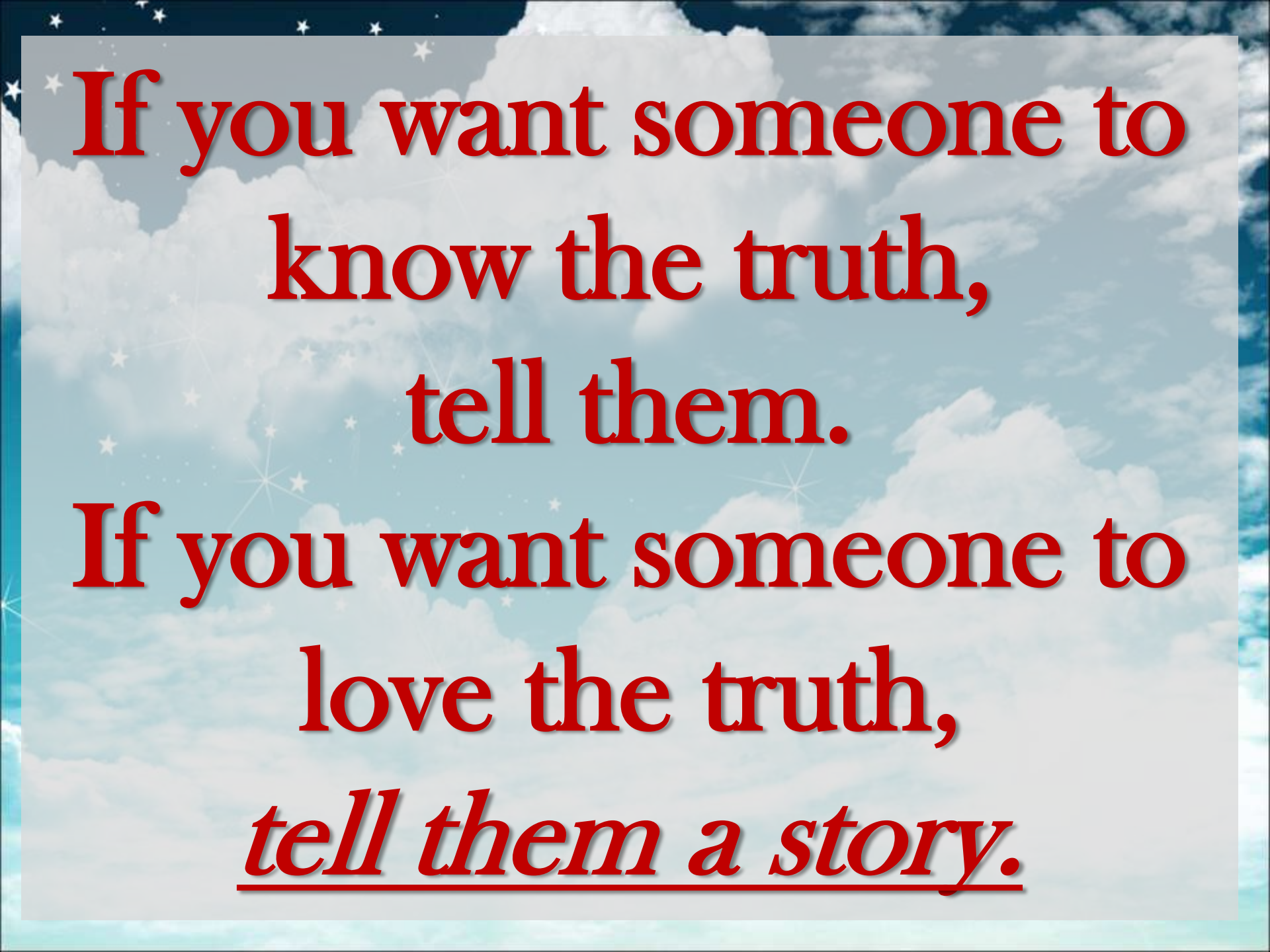


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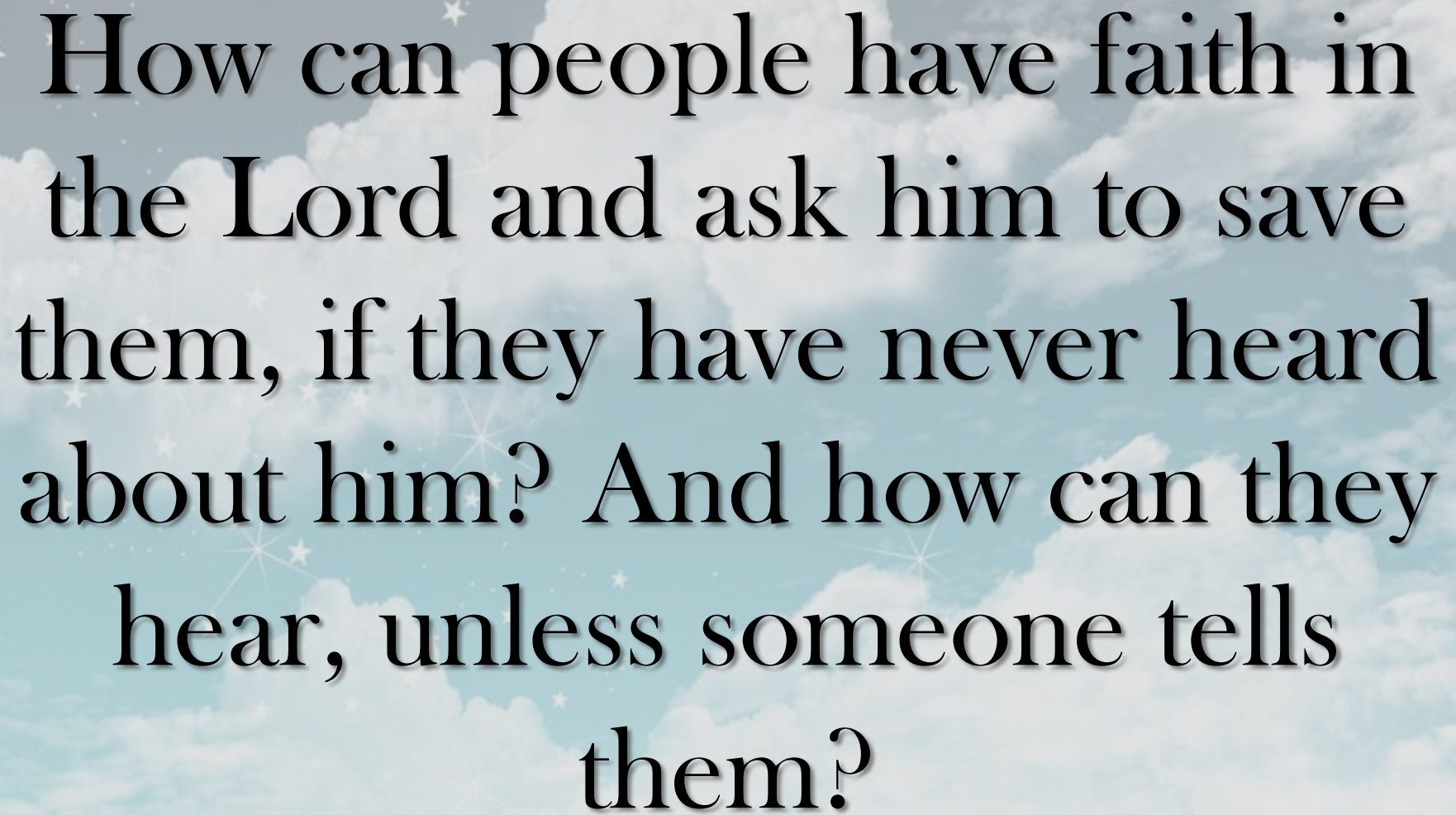


**If you want someone to
know the truth,
tell them.**



If you want someone to
know the truth,
tell them.

If you want someone to
love the truth,
tell them a story.

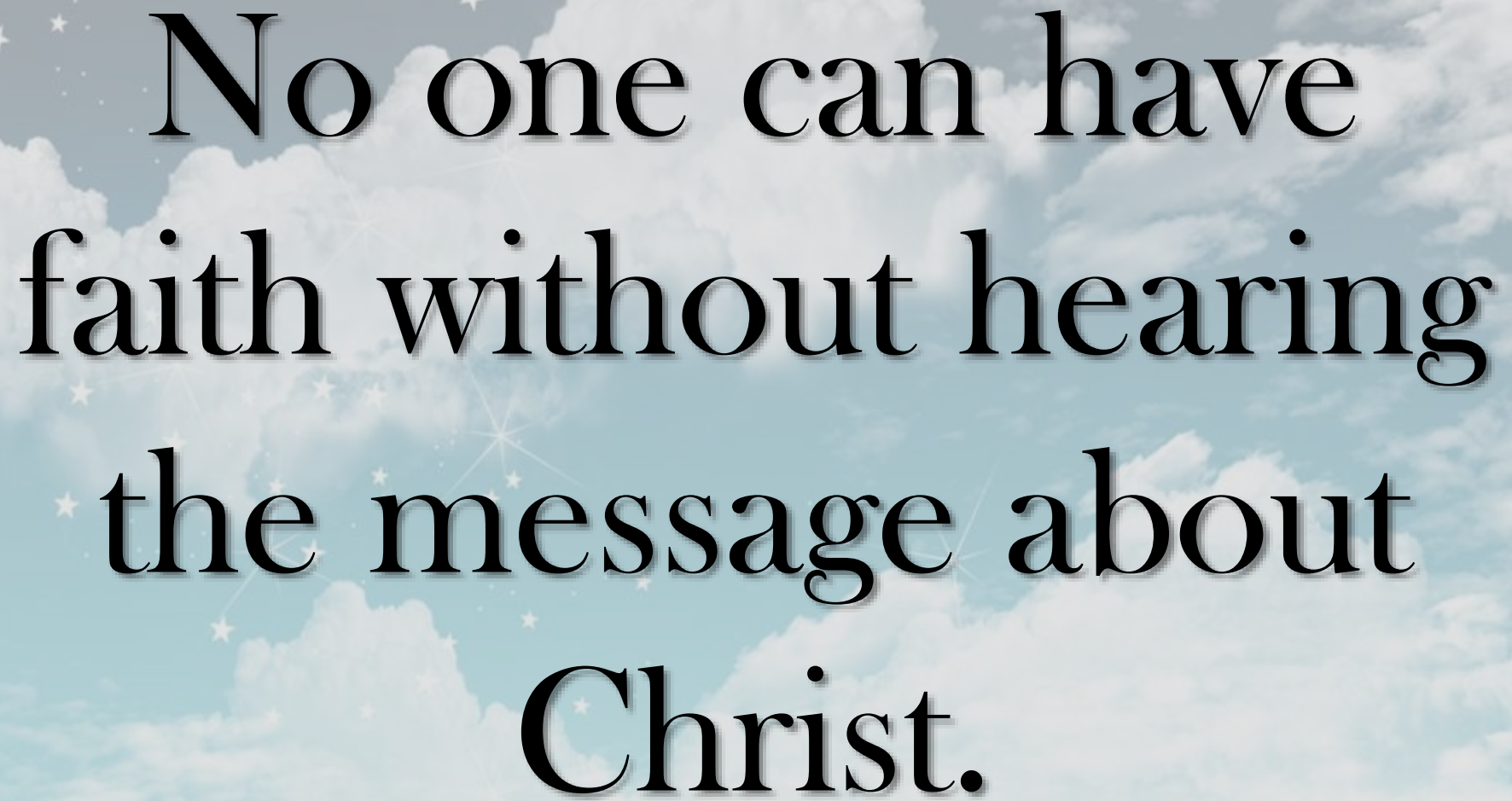


How can people have faith in
the Lord and ask him to save
them, if they have never heard
about him? And how can they
hear, unless someone tells
them?

(Romans 10:14-17, CEV)

And how can anyone tell them
without being sent by the
Lord? The Scriptures say it is
a beautiful sight to see even the
feet of someone coming to
preach the good news...

(Romans 10:14-17, CEV)



No one can have
faith without hearing
the message about
Christ.

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