



# Kingdom Culture

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- Kingdom
  - The domain of the King... doing things His way
- Culture
  - ‘the ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society’ (Oxford Dictionary)
  - ‘How we do things around here’

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‘Becoming a **people** whose **beliefs** and **behaviours** are increasingly **aligned** with the **heart** of **God**...

**Revealing heaven** to each other and **to our world.**’

*'Our Father who dwells in Heaven.  
May Your holy Name be honoured.  
Let Your Kingdom come, let Your  
will be done here in Elim Church  
Aberystwyth as it is in Heaven.  
Amen.'*

# Characteristics of Kingdom Culture

A Kingdom Culture is characterised by a people who...

- Pray
- Love and worship The Lord
- Love and honour one another
- Overflow with hope and life
- Seek Righteousness
- Live by the Spirit
- Bring wholeness (shalom) to their world

... and more!

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1. Kingdom Culture
2. A People who... OBEY
3. A People who... COMMIT
4. A People who... ARE AUTHENTIC

# Authentic

- Of undisputed origin or authorship, genuine
- Trustworthy, reliable
- (of a deed) – Duly executed

*Collins English Dictionary*

## The Real Deal

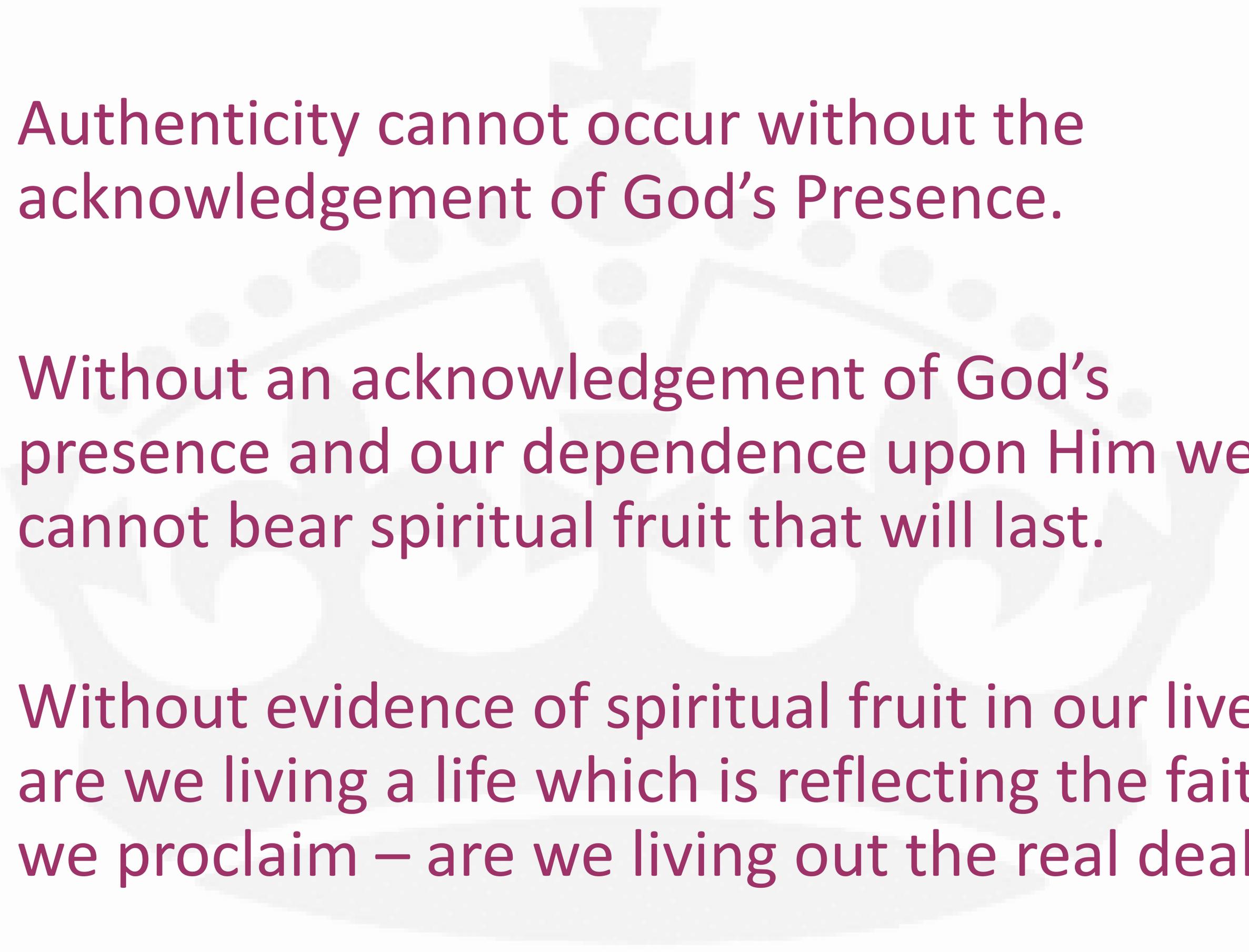
# What is an 'Acts 2' Church?!

**42** And they **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching and the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and the **prayers**. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many **wonders** and **signs** were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were **together** and had all things in common. **45** And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, **47 praising God** and having **favour with** all the **people**. And **the Lord added to their number** day by day those who were being saved.

- The Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost empowers the church to be bigger, better and bolder in its expression of the Kingdom.

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- Nurturing Community and Family
  - The Body of Christ Functioning as One
  - Honesty about Vulnerability

<sup>4</sup>” **Remain in me**, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; **it must remain** in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you **remain in me**. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you **remain in me** and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you *do not remain in me*, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you **remain in me** and **my words remain in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

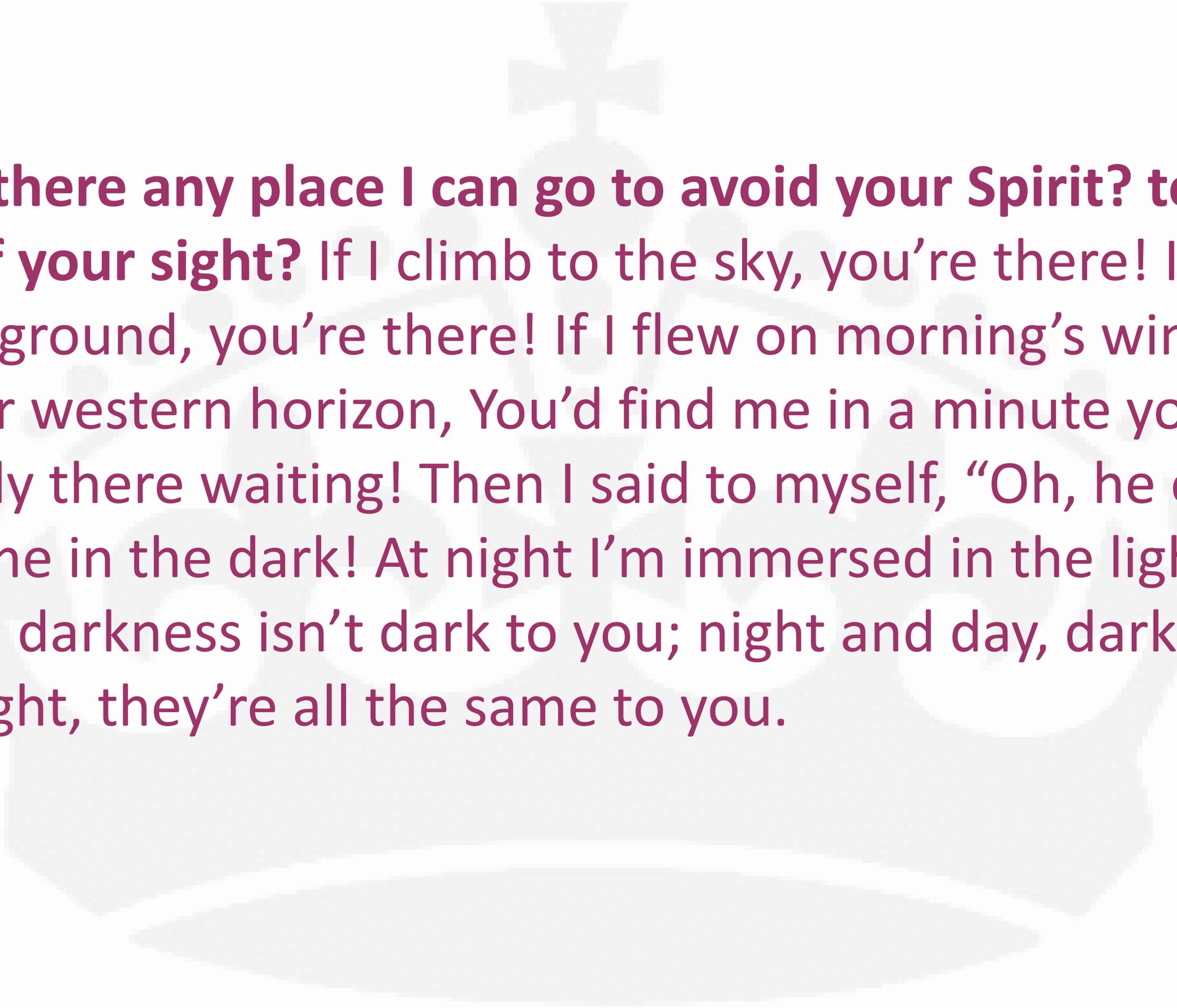
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- Authenticity cannot occur without the acknowledgement of God's Presence.
  - Without an acknowledgement of God's presence and our dependence upon Him we cannot bear spiritual fruit that will last.
  - Without evidence of spiritual fruit in our lives, are we living a life which is reflecting the faith we proclaim – are we living out the real deal?

The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people **unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”**

<sup>1-6</sup> GOD, investigate my life; get all the facts first-hand. I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too— your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful— I can't take it all in!

<sup>7-12</sup> Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit? to be out of your sight? If I climb to the sky, you're there! If I go underground, you're there! If I flew on morning's wings to the far western horizon, You'd find me in a minute you're already there waiting! Then I said to myself, "Oh, he even sees me in the dark! At night I'm immersed in the light!" It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

<sup>13-16</sup> Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breath-taking! Body and soul, I am marvellously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

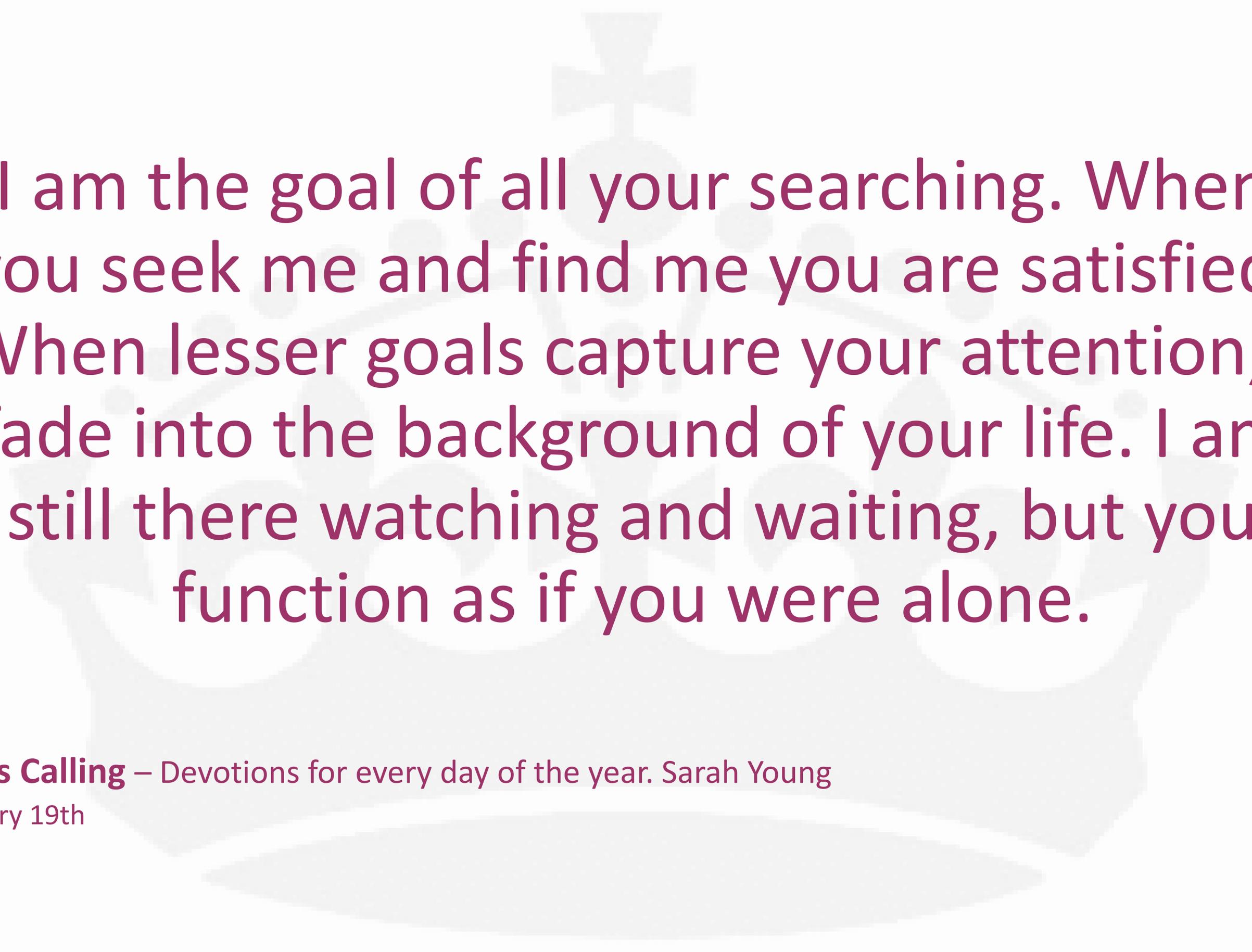


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**GOD IS EVERYWHERE!**

**We cannot escape His presence!**



I am the goal of all your searching. When you seek me and find me you are satisfied. When lesser goals capture your attention, I fade into the background of your life. I am still there watching and waiting, but you function as if you were alone.

**Jesus Calling** – Devotions for every day of the year. Sarah Young

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# At the Home of Martha and Mary

## Luke 10:38-42

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things,<sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. ....

**.....Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”**