

A sunset over a field with a path, overlaid with the text "WHY AM I?" in large white letters. The sun is partially obscured by the letter 'H'.

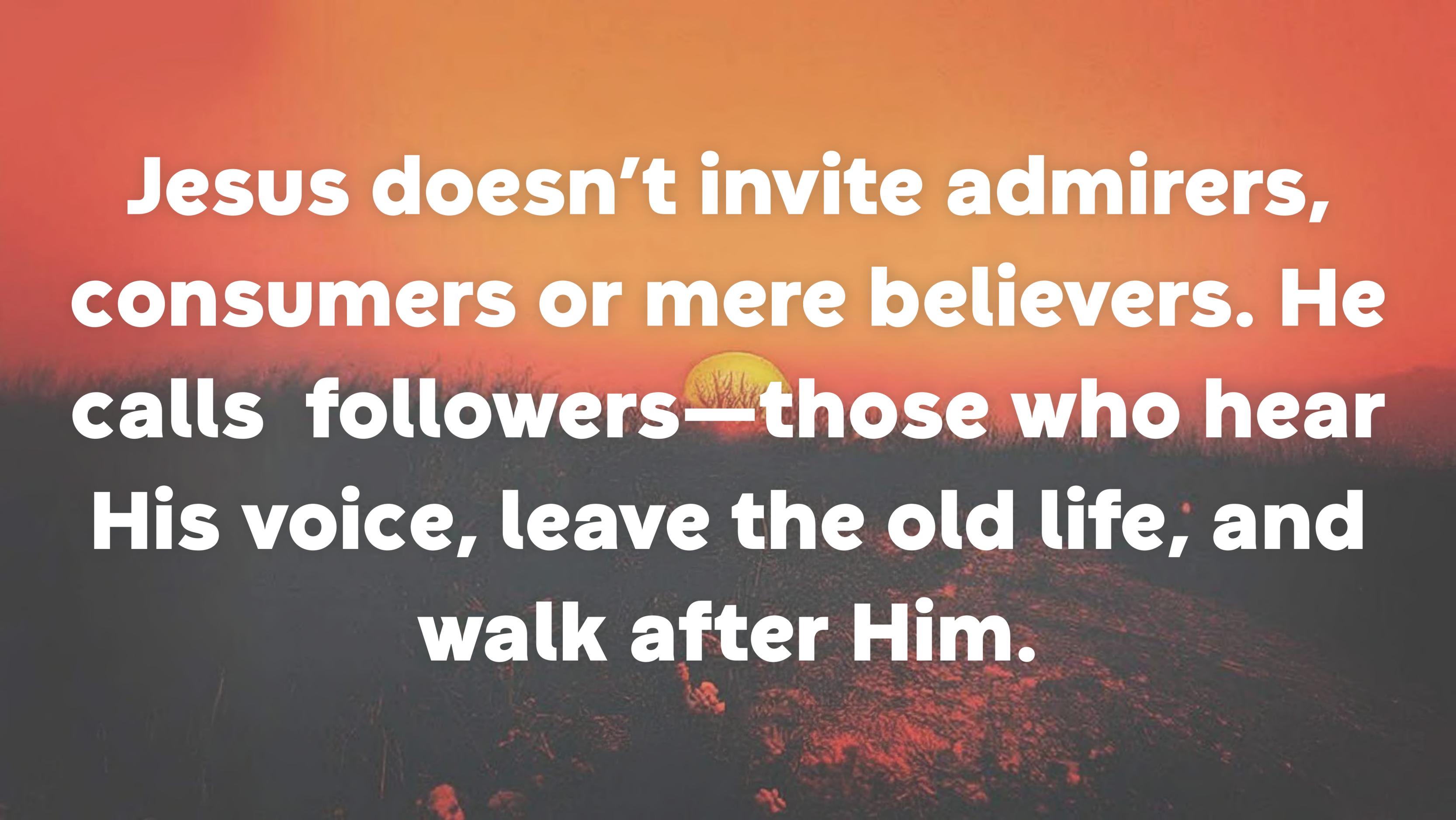
**WHY
AM I?**



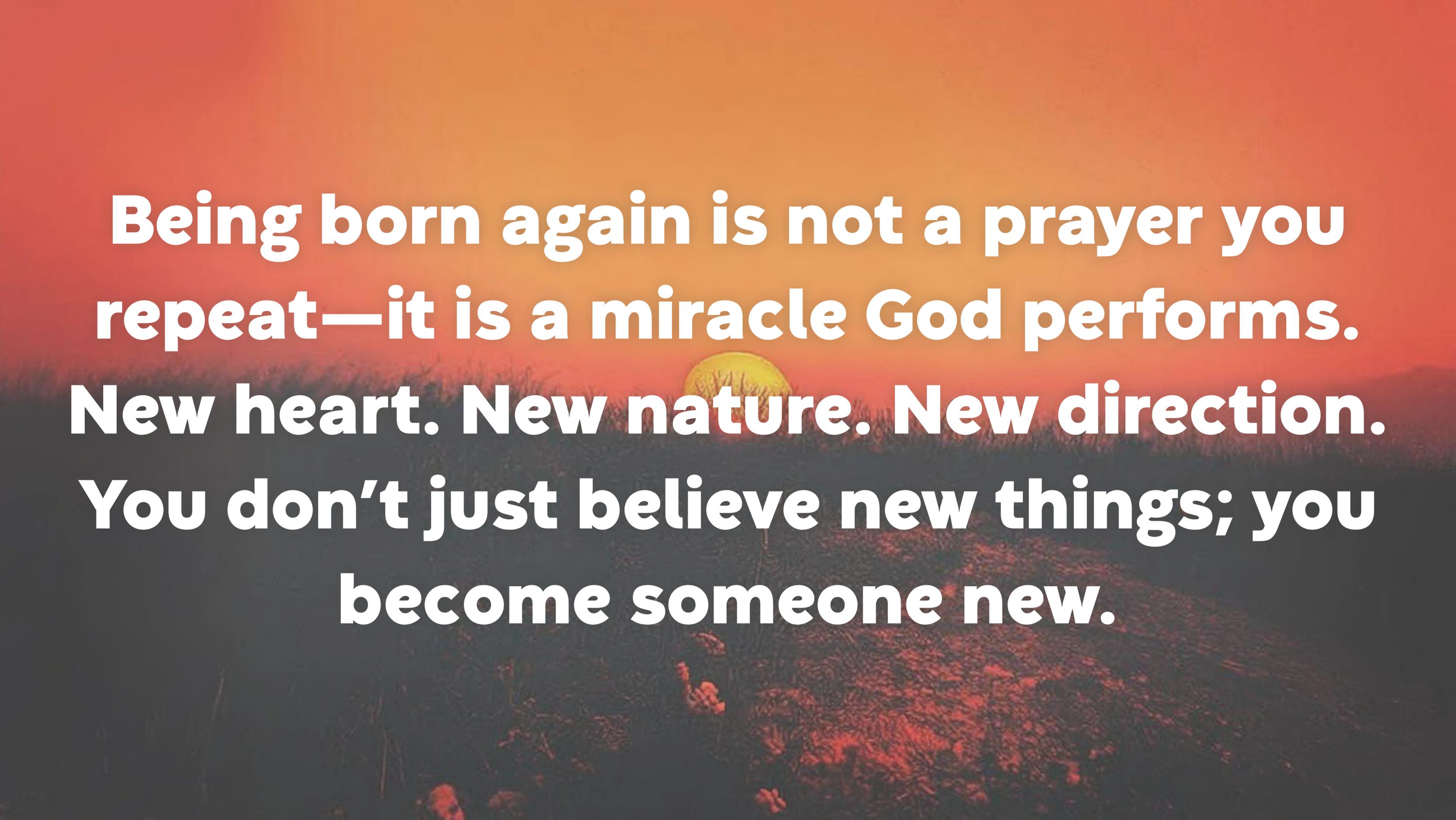
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A sunset over a field with a path leading towards the horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, with the sun low on the horizon. The foreground is a dark field with a path leading towards the horizon.

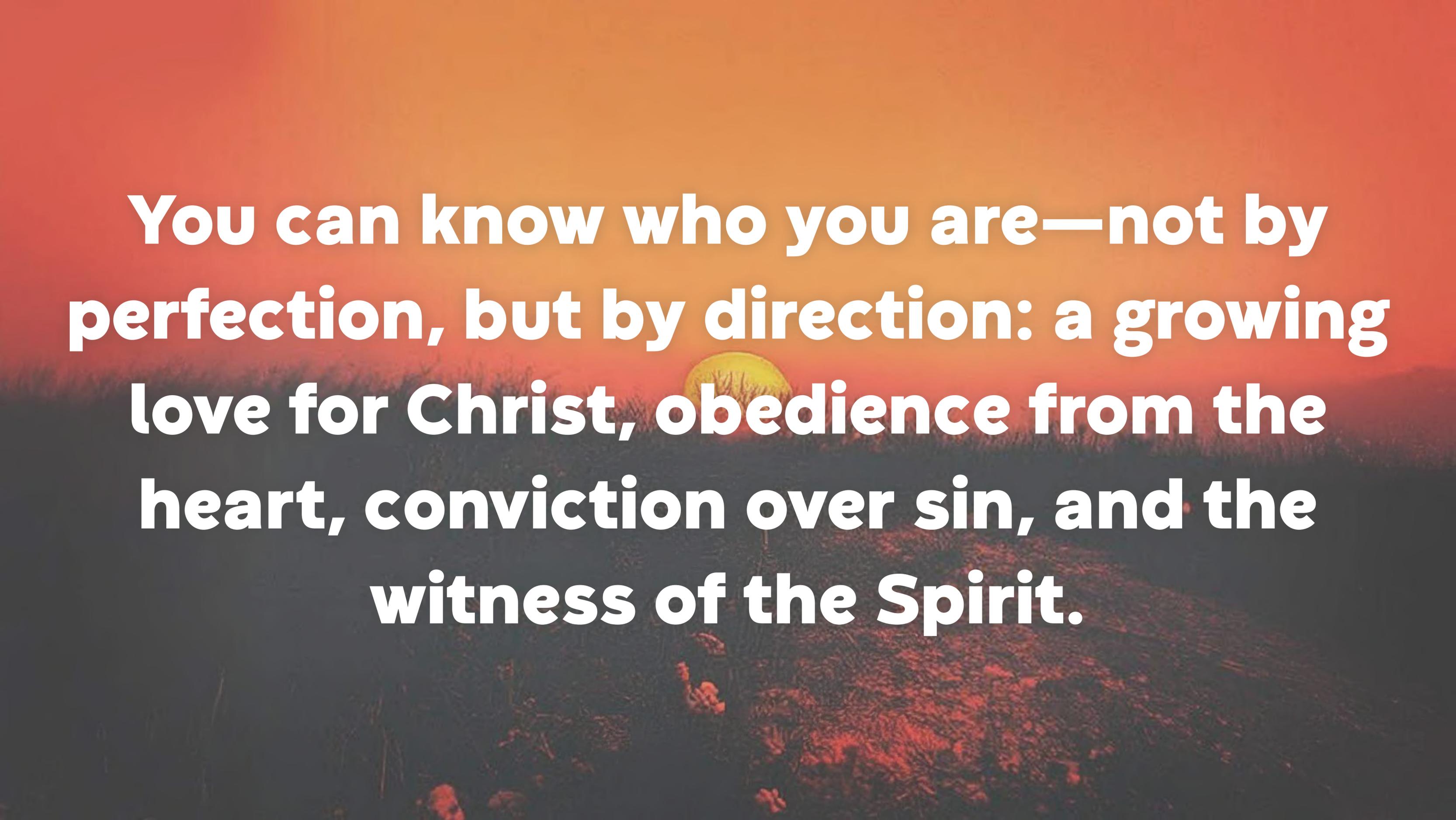
**Not a label you claim—an
identity Christ gives**

A sunset over a field with a path leading towards the horizon. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is a mix of orange and red, and the field is dark with some red flowers in the foreground.

**Jesus doesn't invite admirers,
consumers or mere believers. He
calls followers—those who hear
His voice, leave the old life, and
walk after Him.**

A sunset over a field of tall grass with a path leading towards the horizon. The sun is a bright yellow circle in the center of the frame, partially obscured by the grass. The sky is a gradient of orange and red. The grass is dark and silhouetted against the bright sky. A path of light-colored grass or dirt leads from the bottom center towards the horizon.

Being born again is not a prayer you repeat—it is a miracle God performs. New heart. New nature. New direction. You don't just believe new things; you become someone new.

A sunset over a field with a path leading towards the horizon. The sun is a bright yellow circle in the center, partially obscured by dark silhouettes of trees or bushes. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, transitioning to a darker blue at the top. The foreground is a dark, textured field with a path leading towards the horizon.

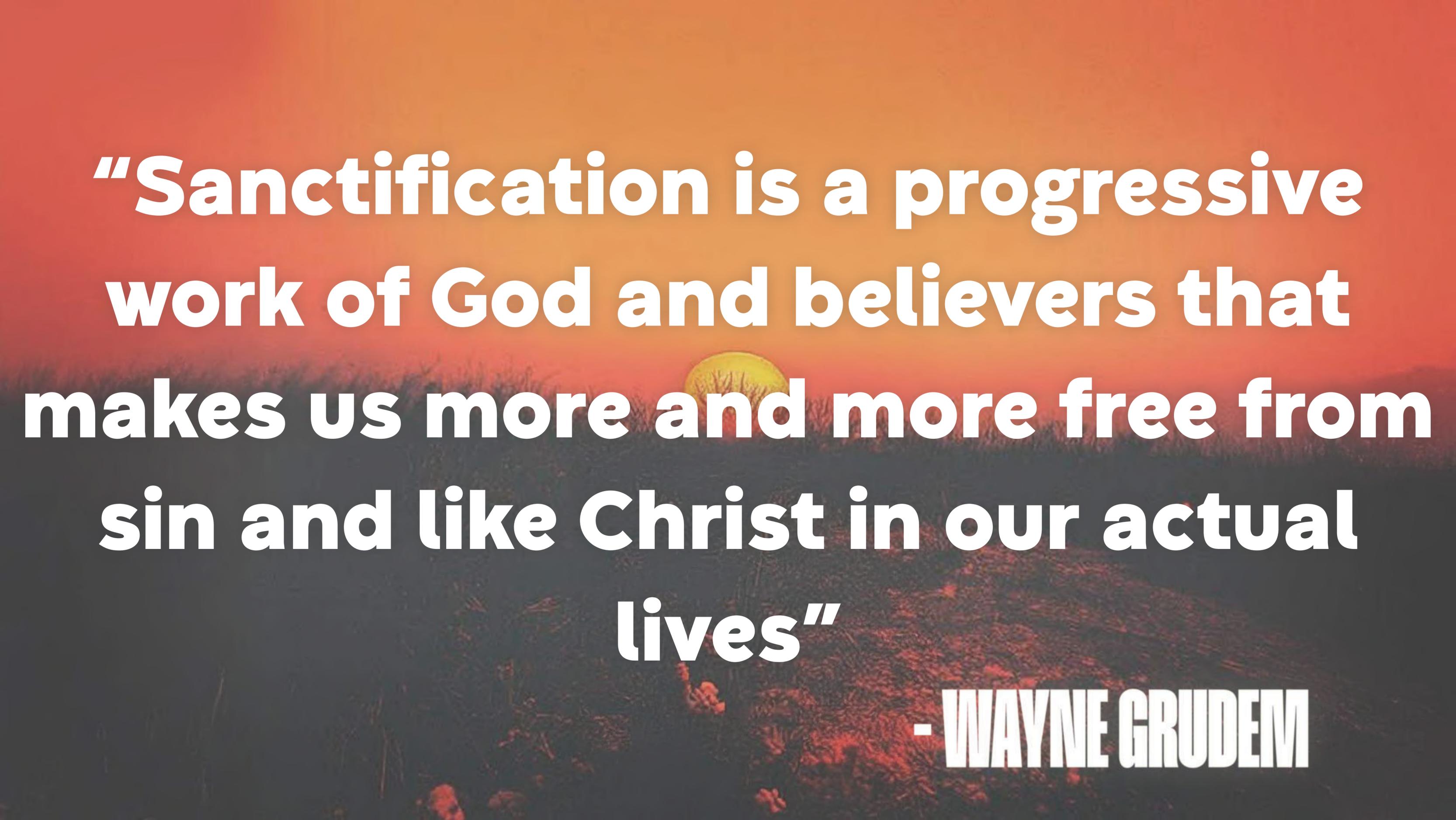
You can know who you are—not by perfection, but by direction: a growing love for Christ, obedience from the heart, conviction over sin, and the witness of the Spirit.

A sunset over a field of tall grass with a path leading into the distance. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, and the sun is visible in the center. The grass is dark, and the path is a light brown color.

**AM I
COMMITTED TO
SANCTIFICATION?**

A sunset over a field with a path leading towards the horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, with the sun partially visible behind the horizon. The foreground shows a path of dry leaves and grass.

WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

A sunset over a field of tall grass with a path leading towards the horizon. The sun is a bright yellow circle in the center, partially obscured by the grass. The sky is a gradient of orange and red. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

“Sanctification is a progressive work of God and believers that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives”

- WAYNE GRUDEM

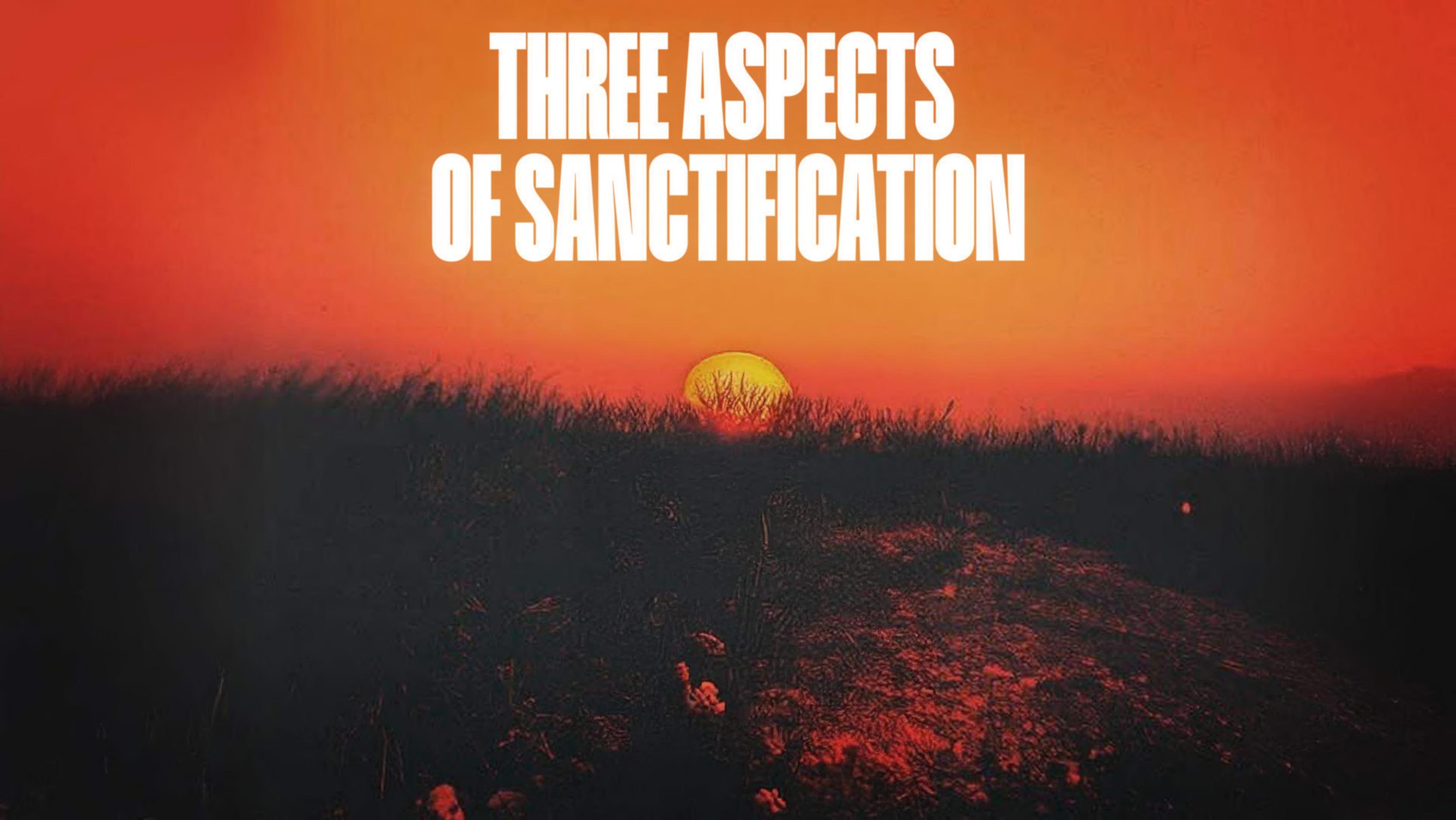
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**The goal of sanctification is
Christ-likeness**

“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

ROMANS 8:29

THREE ASPECTS OF SANCTIFICATION



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① Positional



11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 COR 6:11

THREE ASPECTS OF SANCTIFICATION

① **Positional**

② **Progressive**

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

19 ... For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

ROMANS 6:19

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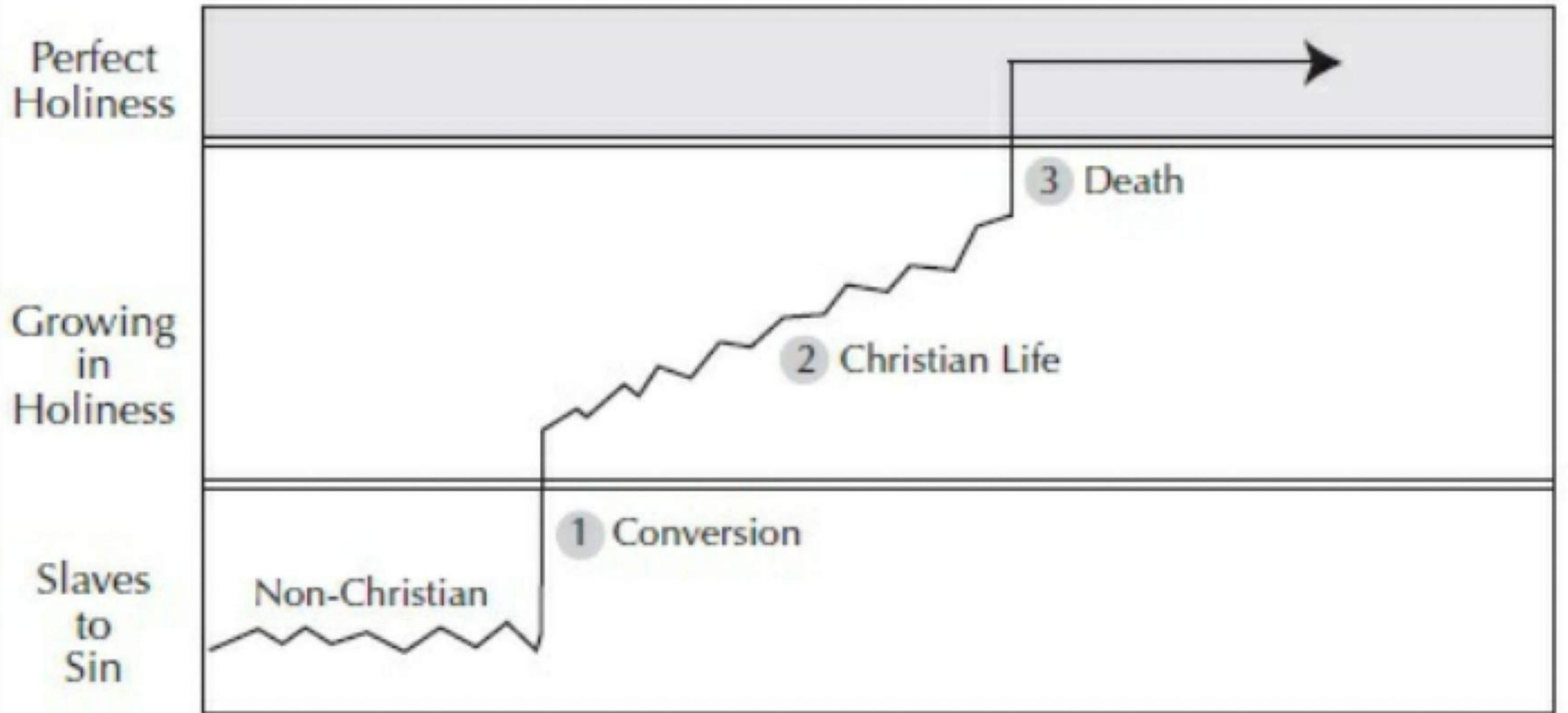
① **Positional**

② **Progressive**

③ **Ultimate**

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 JOHN 3:2



The Process of Sanctification

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory

TITUS 2:12-14

of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

TITUS 2:12-14

**¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people...**

“SAVING GRACE”

**12 training us to renounce ungodliness
and worldly passions...**

“TRAINING GRACE”

**12 training us to renounce ungodliness
and worldly passions...**

“SAYING NO”

**¹² and to live self-controlled, upright, and
godly lives in the present age,**

“SAYING YES”

12 ... in the present age,

“NOW!”

13 waiting for our blessed hope, the
appearing of the glory of our great God
and Savior Jesus Christ,

“MOTIVATED”

14 who gave himself for us to **redeem us**
from all lawlessness and to **purify for**
himself a people for his own possession
who are **zealous for good works.**

**“CLAIMED, CLEANSSED
& FRUITFUL”**

A sunset over a field of tall grass with a path leading towards the horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, and the grass is silhouetted against the bright light. The text is overlaid in the center.

SANCTIFICATION ACCORDING TO 1 JOHN

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the

1 JOHN 1:5-7

**light, as he is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another, and the
blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from
all sin.**

1 JOHN 1:5-7

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**Sanctification is living openly
and righteously before God**

①

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by this we

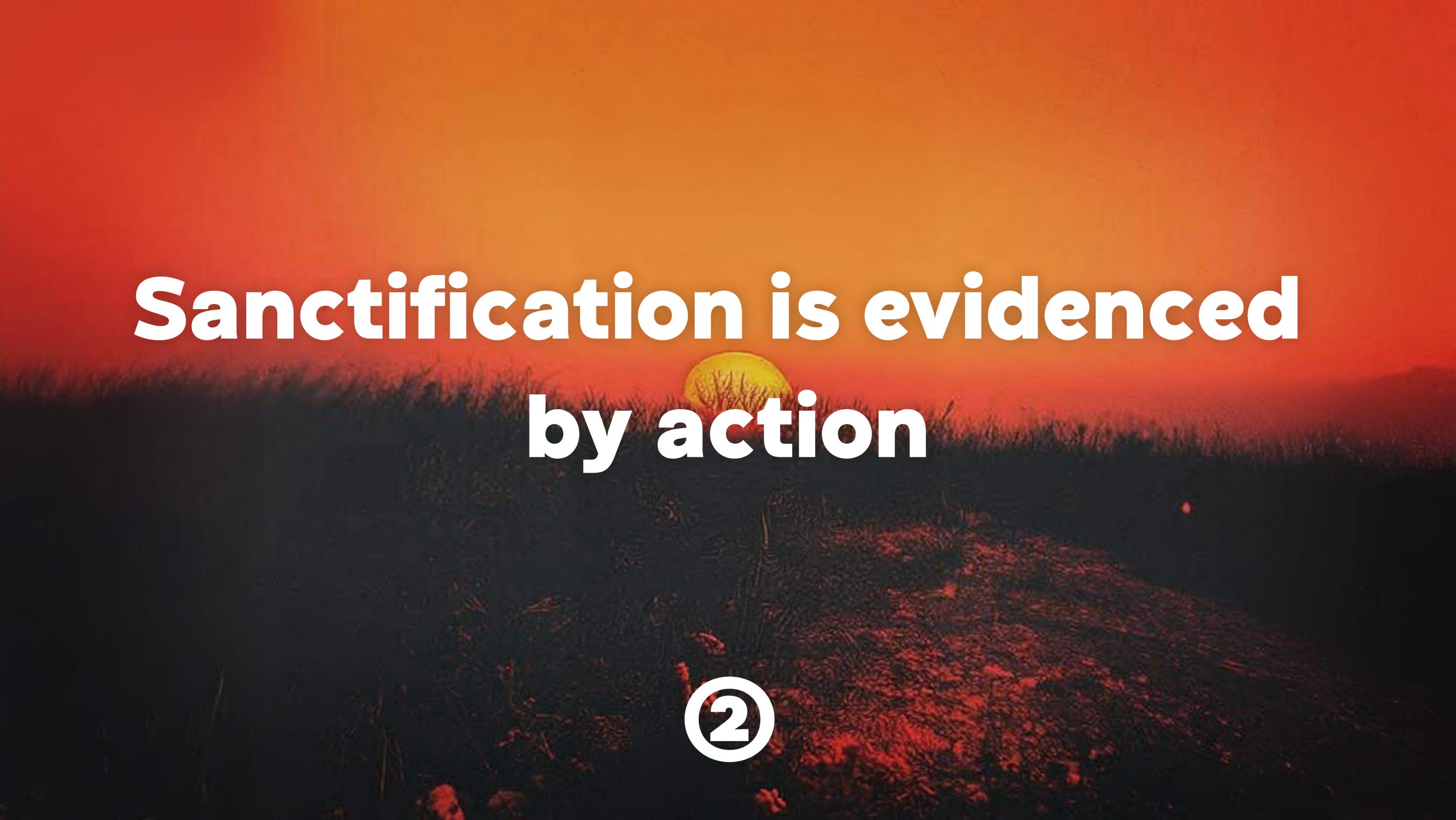
1 JOHN 2:1-6

know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we

1 JOHN 2:1-6

are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 JOHN 2:1-6

A sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and red glow across the sky. The foreground shows a dark, grassy field with a path leading towards the horizon. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Sanctification is evidenced
by action**

②

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is

1 JOHN 2:15-17

**passing away along with its desires, but
whoever does the will of God abides
forever.**

1 JOHN 2:15-17

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**Sanctification reorders our
priorities and affections**

3

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known

1 JOHN 3:4-10

him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the

1 JOHN 3:4-10

devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the

1 JOHN 3:4-10

**devil: whoever does not practice
righteousness is not of God, nor is the one
who does not love his brother.**

1 JOHN 3:4-10

**Sanctification is incompatible
with a life of persistent,
unrepentant sin**

④

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit

1 COR 6:9-11

the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 COR 6:9-11

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:16-18

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world,

1 JOHN 4:7-11

so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 JOHN 4:7-11

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**Sanctification is inseparably
connected to love for others**

5

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know

1 JOHN 3:1-3

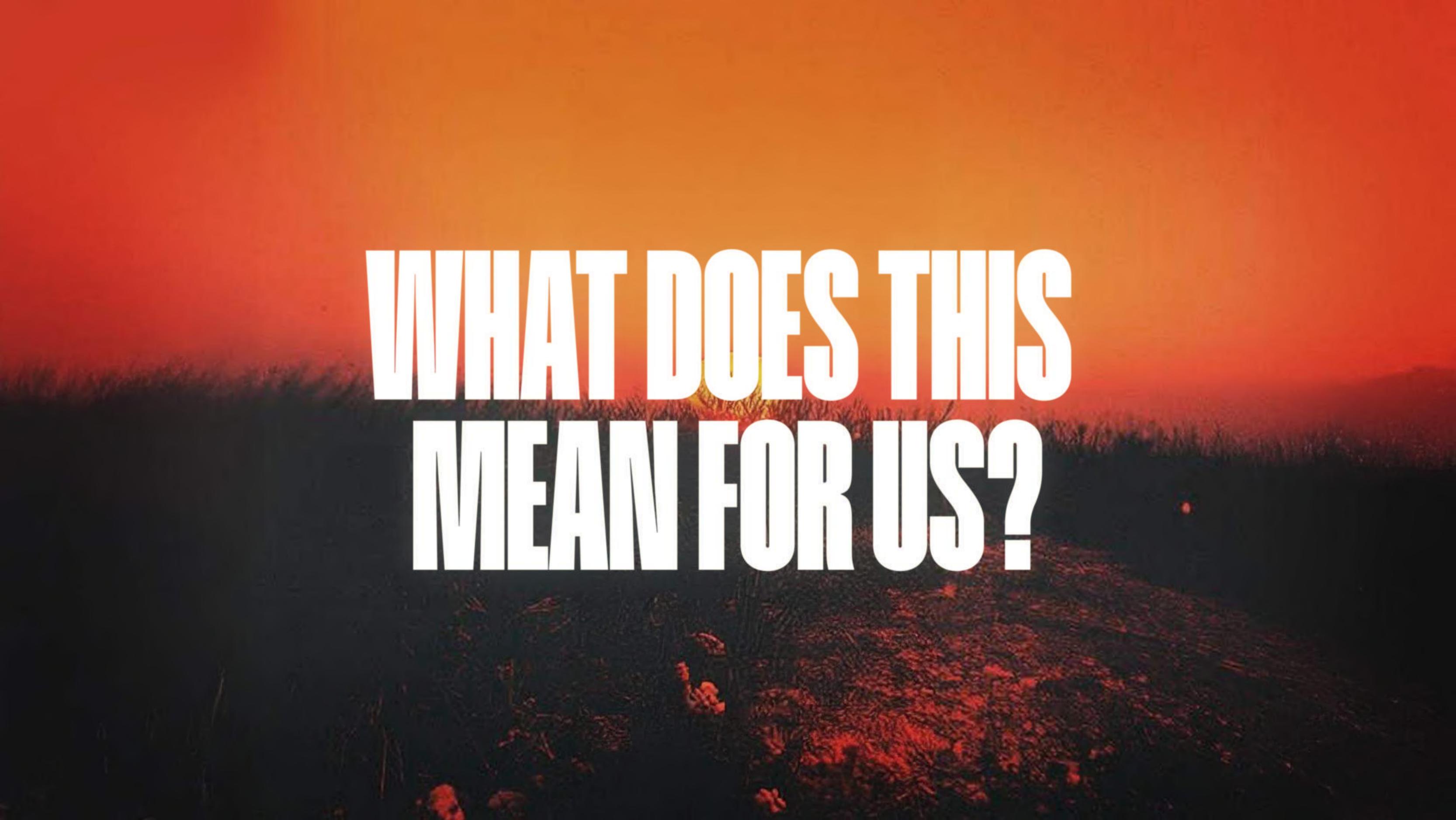
that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1 JOHN 3:1-3

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**Sanctification is motivated by
our glorious future**



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**WHAT DOES THIS
MEAN FOR US?**

SANTIFICATION

... IS GOD'S WILL
FOR YOUR LIFE

①

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God ...

1 THESS 4:3-8

⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

1 THESS 4:3-8

SANTIFICATION

...IS POWERED BY GOD

②

**23 Now may the God of peace
himself sanctify you completely, and may
your whole spirit and soul and body be
kept blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.**

1 THESS 5:23

SANTIFICATION

**...REQUIRES OUR
PARTICIPATION**

3

**SANCTIFICATION REQUIRES OUR
PARTICIPATION...**

**ROMANS 12:1; PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13;
HEBREWS 12:14; EPHESIANS 4:22-24; COLOSSIANS 3:1-14**

SANTIFICATION

... IS A COMMUNITY
PROJECT

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SANCTIFICATION IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT

HEBREWS 10:24-25; 1 PETER 2:5; 2 TIMOTHY 2:22

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart

2 TIMOTHY 2:22

SANTIFICATION

...INVOLVES THE WHOLE
PERSON

⑤

NEW NATURE - COLOSSIANS 3:10



NEW NATURE - COLOSSIANS 3:10

RENEWAL OF THE MIND - ROMANS 12:2



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THOUGHT LIFE - 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

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ACTIONS - EPHESIANS 4:31

WILL - ROMANS 12:2

SANTIFICATION

...LIBERATES US FROM
BONDAGE TO SIN



¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

ROMANS 6:1-4

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

ROMANS 6:12-14

19 ... for just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

ROMANS 6:19

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:22-23

'Y' IN THE ROAD



A sunset over a field of tall grass with a path leading towards the horizon. The sun is a bright yellow circle partially obscured by the grass, set against a sky of orange and red. The foreground shows a dirt path with some small red flowers.

**HOW COMMITTED ARE YOU TO
YOUR SANCTIFICATION?**

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING NO TO?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING YES TO?