



FIRST THESSALONIANS

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)



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1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (NIV)



But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

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For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

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The image shows the left edge of a book cover. It features a dark, textured background with a circular inset showing a dramatic, fiery landscape under a cloudy sky. The text 'FIRST' is written vertically in small, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the word 'THESSALONIANS' is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters.

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Jesus is coming back!

“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky?”

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:11 (NIV)



Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come back** and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:1–3 (NIV)



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We each have a
limited number of
days but tend to act
as though we will
live forever.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart
of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12 (NIV)



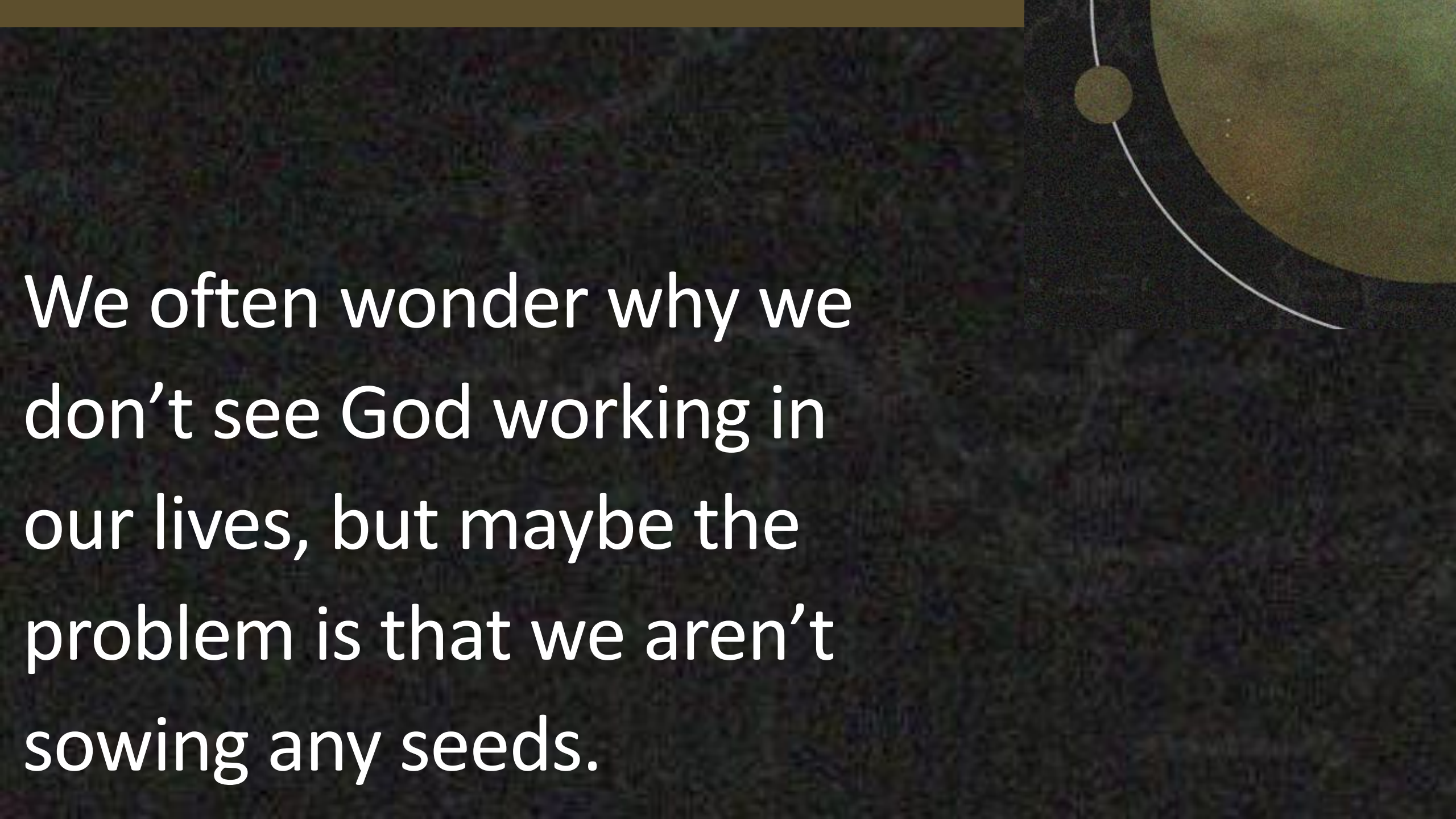
Whoever does not love does not know God, because
God is love.

1 John 4:8 (NIV)



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**DARE TO LIVE
DIFFERENTLY
THAN EVERYONE
AROUND YOU!**



We often wonder why we
don't see God working in
our lives, but maybe the
problem is that we aren't
sowing any seeds.

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What if the church lived like our forever home is not here?

What if we treated each day as a gift from God?

What if we saw each person as someone who matters to God and needs Jesus?

When is Jesus going to return?

- Jesus is coming back

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Matthew 24:36 (NIV)



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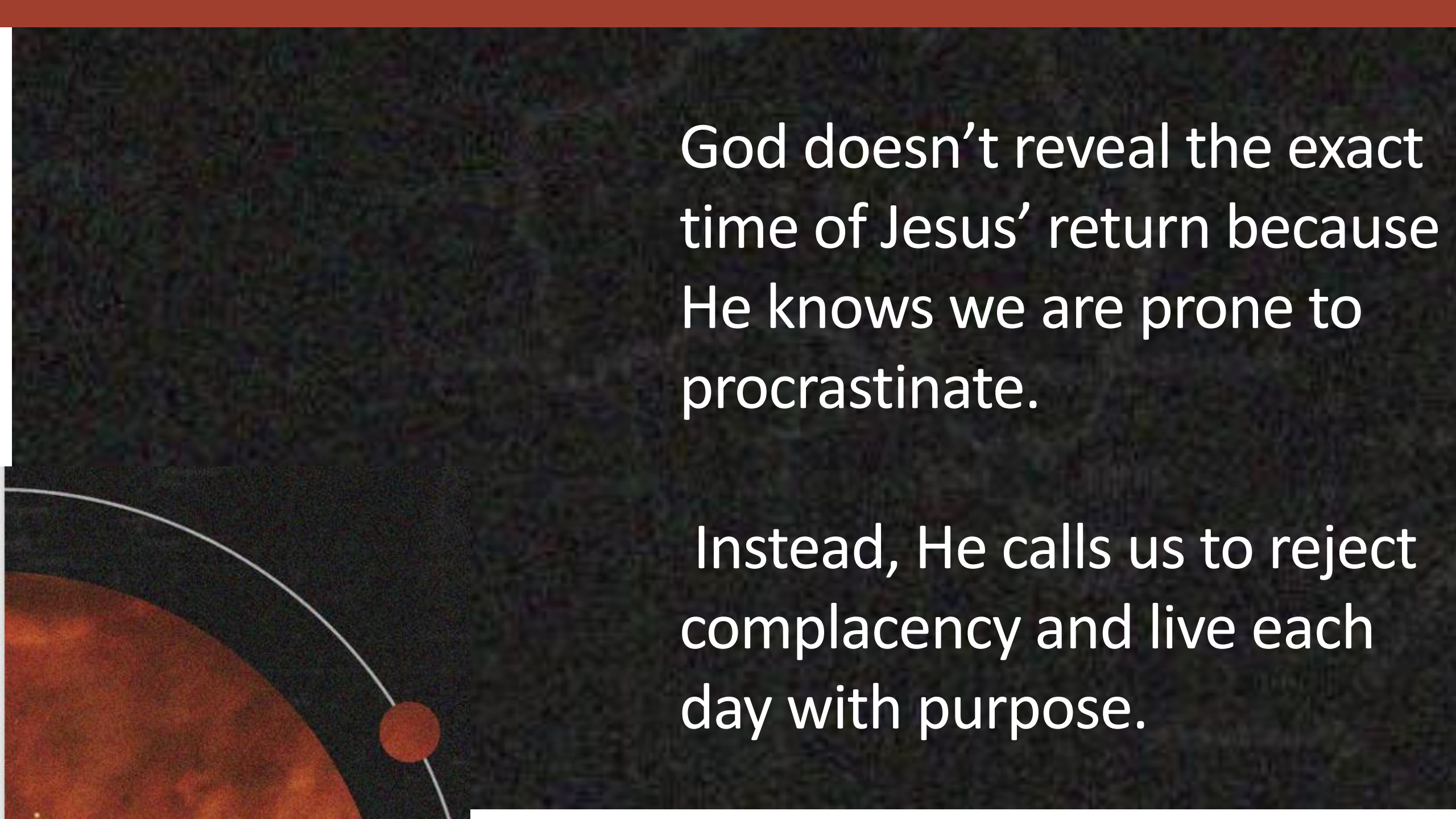
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And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)





God doesn't reveal the exact time of Jesus' return because He knows we are prone to procrastinate.

Instead, He calls us to reject complacency and live each day with purpose.

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Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

2 Peter 3:3–10 (NIV)



But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

2 Peter 3:3–10 (NIV)



But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:3–10 (NIV)



But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3:3–10 (NIV)



What should this mean to me?

- Jesus is coming back
- When is Jesus going to return?

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Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?

You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

2 Peter 3:11–14 (NIV)



But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

2 Peter 3:11–14 (NIV)



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, **stand firm**. Let nothing move you.

Always **give yourselves** fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that **your labor in the Lord is not in vain**.

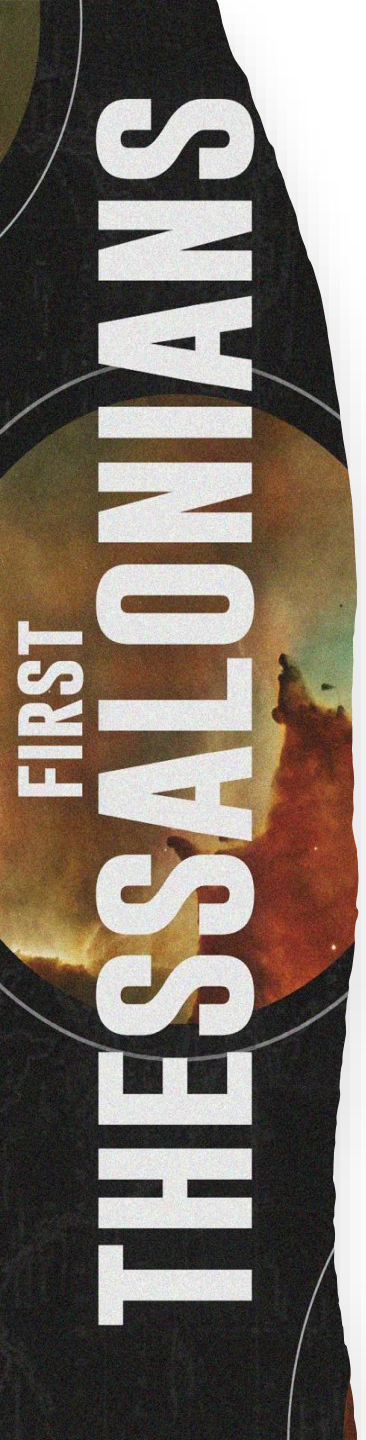
1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)



And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and **unashamed** before him at his coming.

1 John 2:28 (NIV)





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