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THE  
**GOSPEL** *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

## John 1:35-51

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

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<sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying,

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and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah"

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(which means Christ).<sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”

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<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

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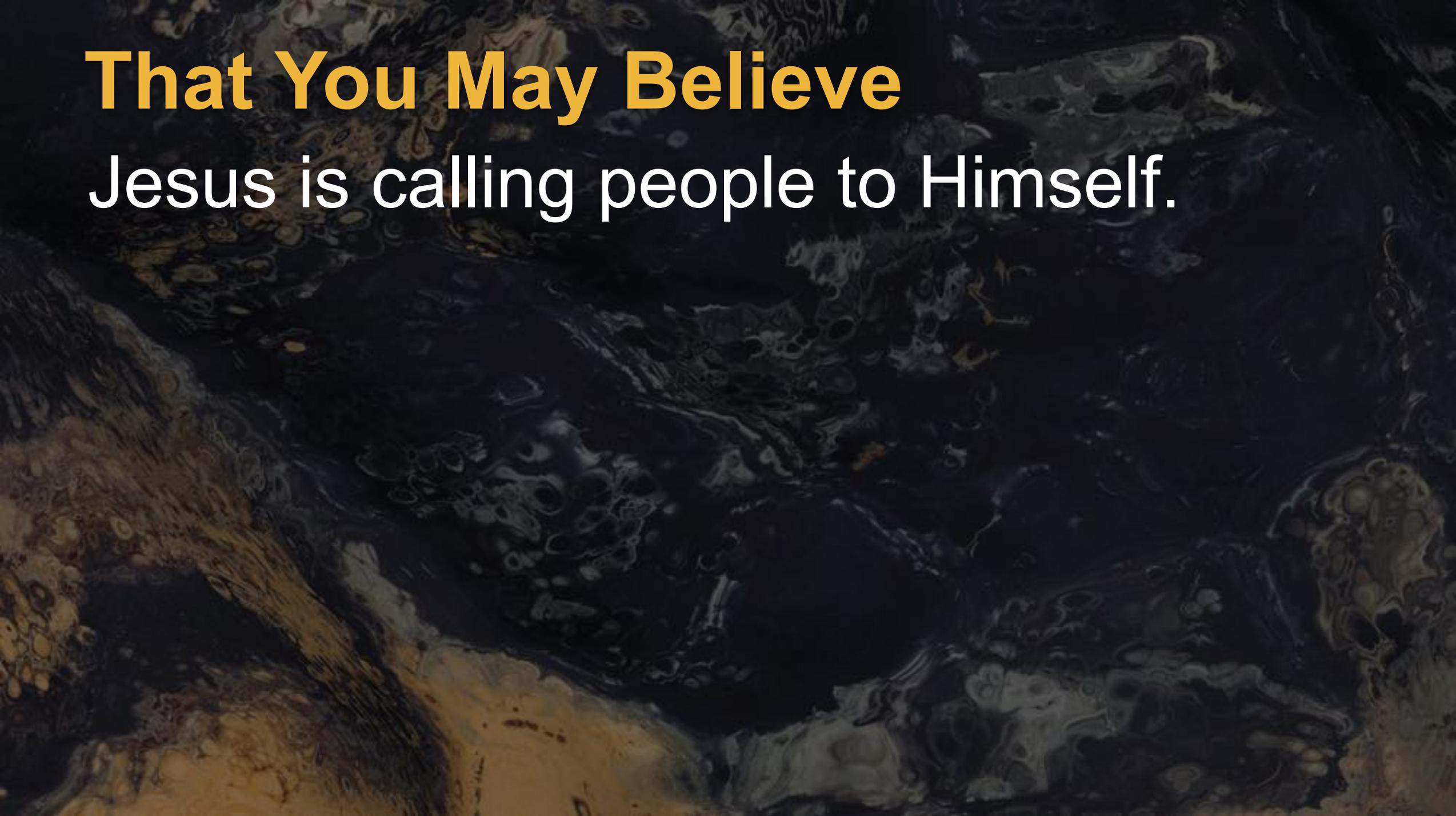
“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”<sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”<sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?”

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Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”<sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”<sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’

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do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”<sup>51</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

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# **That You May Believe**

Jesus is calling people to Himself.

# Patterns of Discipleship

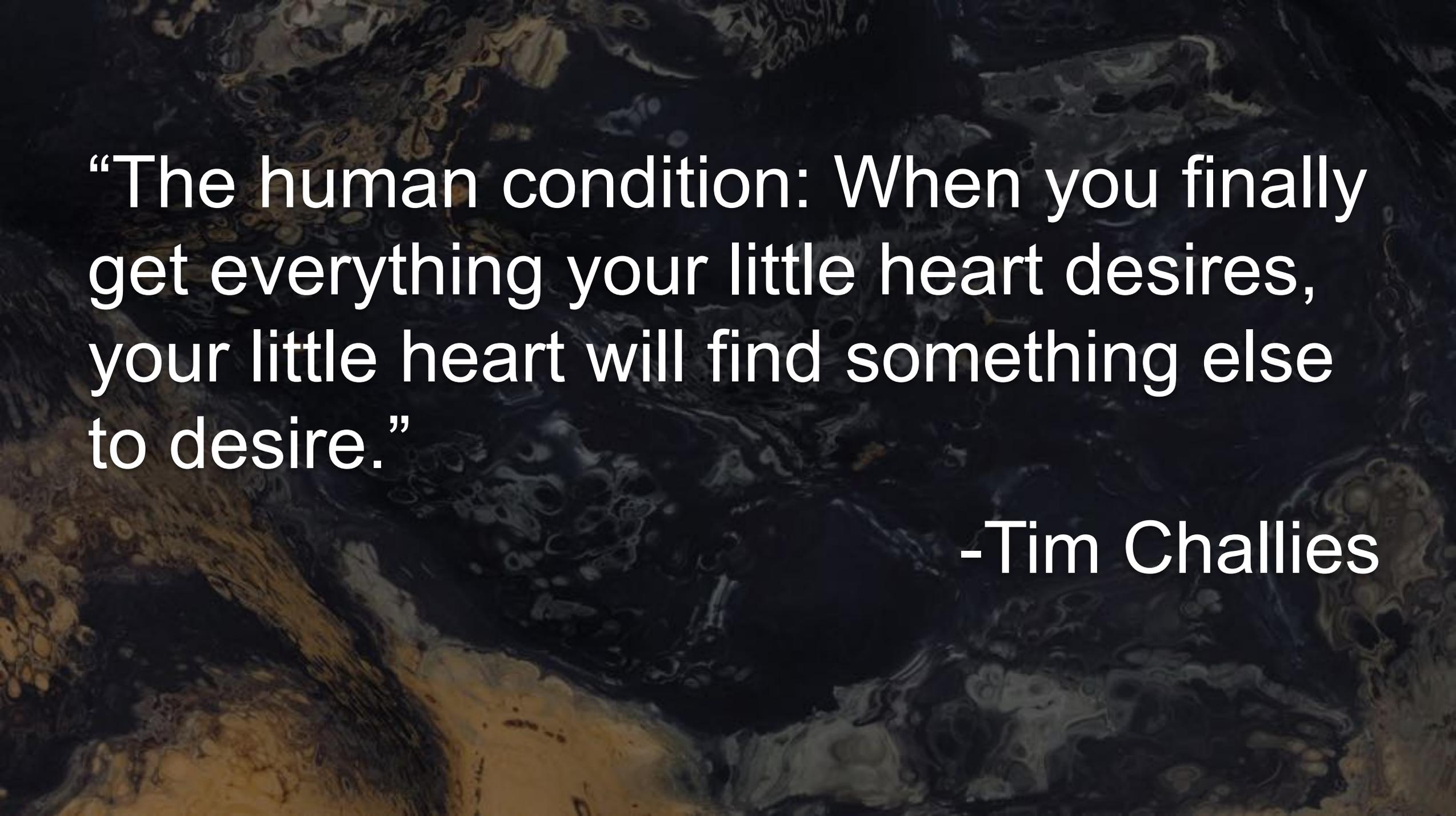
Knowing Jesus is the center [purpose] of discipleship.

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“The human condition: When you finally get everything your little heart desires, your little heart will find something else to desire.”

-Tim Challies

# Psalm 34:8

taste and see that the Lord is good

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## Genesis 28:12-17

And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the Lord stood above it and

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said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring... <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...

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For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.”<sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said,

## Genesis 28:12-17

“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

# Patterns of Discipleship

Discipleship is meeting Jesus in His Word.

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# Patterns of Discipleship

Discipleship is wrestling and submitting to the hard truths and the hard demands of Jesus.

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Discipleship is more communal than individualistic

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Discipleship is Jesus taking us for who we are and where we are and changing us into what He wants us to be.

## John 1:42

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