

A man and a woman are walking away from the camera on a sandy beach at sunset. They are carrying a large, white, textured sheet or blanket over their shoulders. The man is wearing a red and blue plaid shirt, and the woman is wearing a dark top. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with soft clouds. The ocean waves are visible in the background.

FULL FAITH I STEP UP OR SPLASH OUT

PART 11

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1. Intro: FULL FAITH

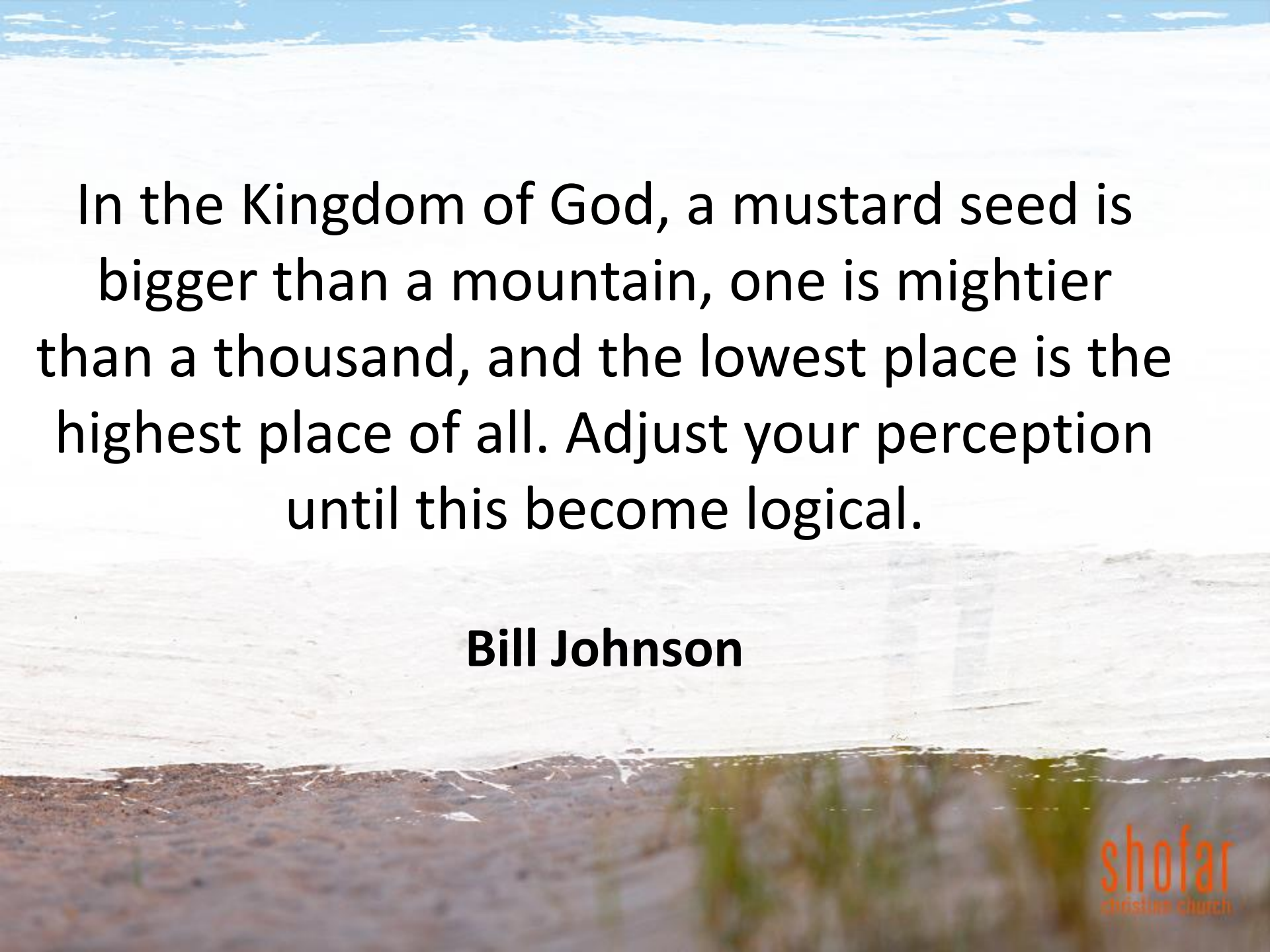
✓ **God's Building.. Faith in us!**

✓ **#seekFirst**

✓ **Last time:**

Faith as a Mustard Seed – Luke & Matt 17

✓ **Ended: Kingdom Contrasts**



In the Kingdom of God, a mustard seed is bigger than a mountain, one is mightier than a thousand, and the lowest place is the highest place of all. Adjust your perception until this become logical.

Bill Johnson

1. Intro: FULL FAITH

Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.. Reliance, dependence, hope, trust, belief

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

“Faith is taking the first step even when you can’t see the whole staircase.”

Martin Luther King Jr.



2. Step Up or Splash out:

Matthew 14:22 Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. 23 After dismissing the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone. 24 But the boat was already over a mile from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them.



25 Around three in the morning, He came toward them walking on the sea. 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and cried out in fear.

27 Immediately Jesus spoke to them. “Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

28 “Lord, if it’s You,” Peter answered Him, “command me to come to You on the water.”

29 “Come!” He said.

And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Immediately Jesus reached out His hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those in the boat worshiped Him and said, “Truly You are the Son of God!”

2.2 Context:

- ✓ three of the Gospels (Matthew 14:22–36; Mark 6:45–56; John 6:16–21)
- ✓ After feeding the **5000**
- ✓ **Son of God** – Disciples convinced
- ✓ Sea of Galilee – **Jordan Valley**



- ✓ **4,000 feet above sea level**
- ✓ Lake itself is **700 feet** below the Mediterranean Sea
- ✓ **21km long X 13km** wide
- ✓ Lowest freshwater lake on earth
- ✓ Sudden violent storms



3. What Do We Learn?

3.1 Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God:

For Israel and the disciples at that time, but also for each and every person that has ever lived and will ever live, this is the most crucial of faith fights that you will ever come across..

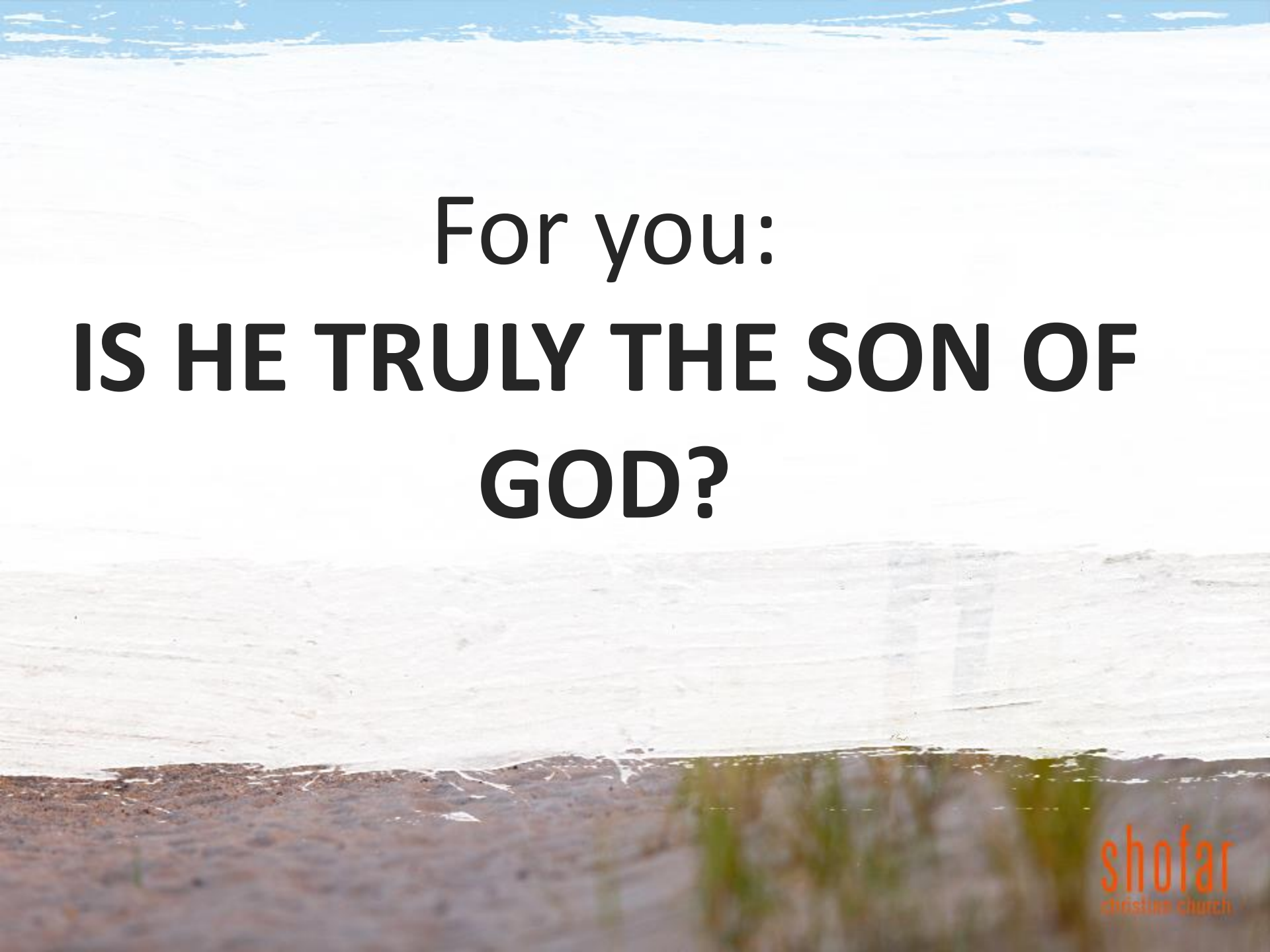
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3.1 Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God:

- ✓ Fulfilment of Israel's messianic hope
- ✓ We witness divine authentication of Jesus' messianic credentials - "**truly you are the Son of God**"

1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life.



For you:
**IS HE TRULY THE SON OF
GOD?**

3. What Do We Learn?

3.2 Intimacy:

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Jesus – God; Disciples – Jesus

3. What Do We Learn?

3.3 He did what?

Matthew 14:22 Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

Led into a desert, storm or test

3.4 God's Timing?

Matthew 14 ...When evening came, He was there alone. 24 But the boat was already over a mile from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. 25 Around three in the morning, He came toward them...

✓ The 4th watch – between 3 am and 6 am

3.4 God's Timing?

Matthew 11:6 KJV And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Matthew 11:6 AMP And blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is he who takes no offense at Me and finds no cause for stumbling in or through Me and is not hindered from seeing the Truth.

3.5 The Storms of Life:

Psalm 34:19 Many hardships and perplexing circumstances confront the righteous, But the Lord rescues him from them all.

John 16:33 (HCSB) I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.”

3.5 The Storms of Life:

Your storm can have the better of you or you can – in Christ – have the better of your storm..

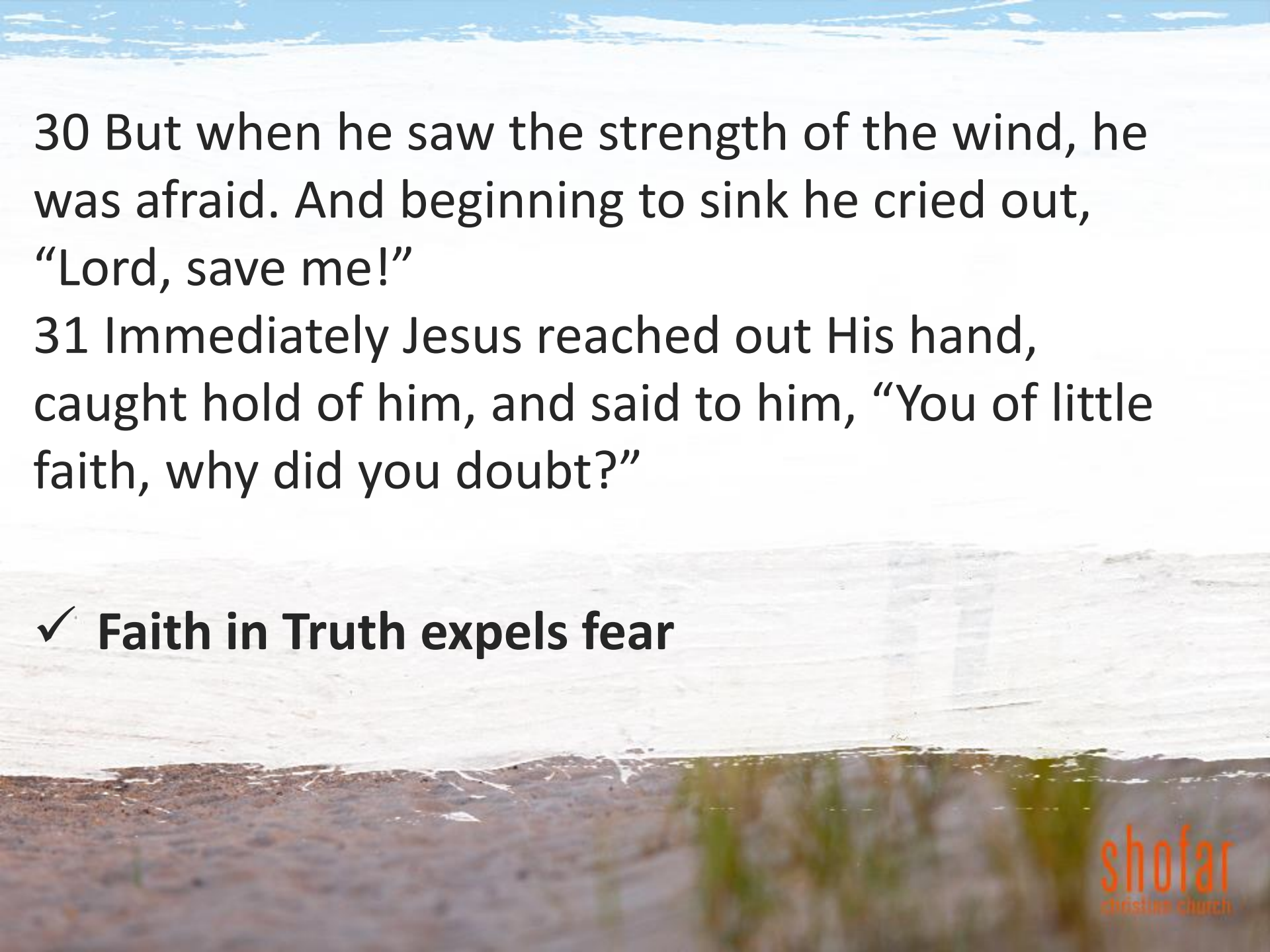
HIS POSITION

4. Don't be afraid | Faith vs Fear

- ✓ Does the Bible say “do not fear” 365 times?
- ✓ The King James Version says “Fear not” or “Be not afraid” 103 times, but not 365 times

Opposite of FEAR:

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✓ **Faith in Truth expels fear**

FEAR | False evidence appearing real

Faith is..

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

TRUTH BRINGS FAITH which expels the false evidence appearing real **[F.E.A.R]**

1. Do you see Him? [FAITH]

2. Do you keep your eyes on Him? [FAITH]

LET'S PRAY

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