

THE PACE OF LOVE

PART TWO



ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

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‘Walking at the Pace of Love’

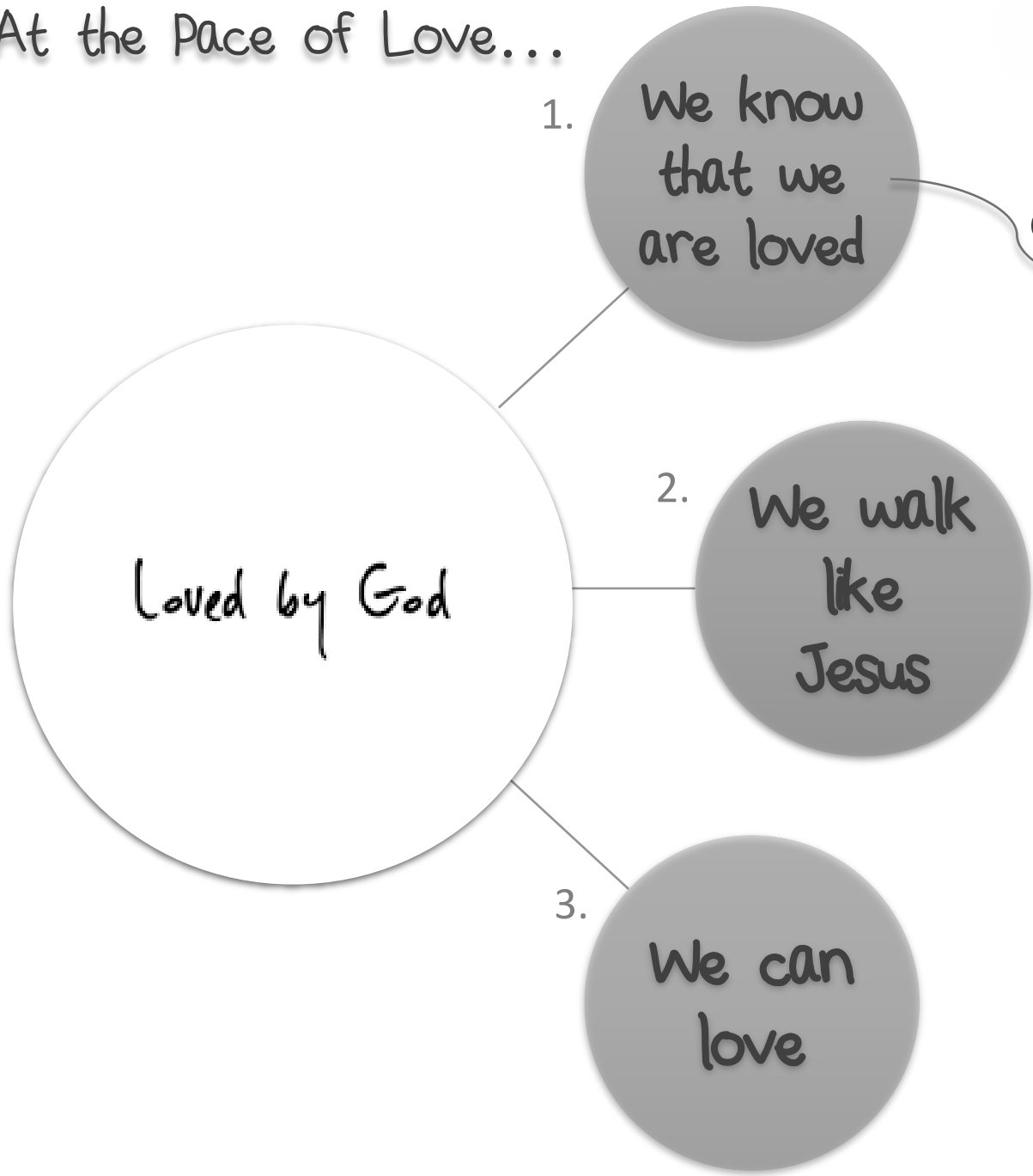
or

‘Hostage to Hurry’



1. Intro

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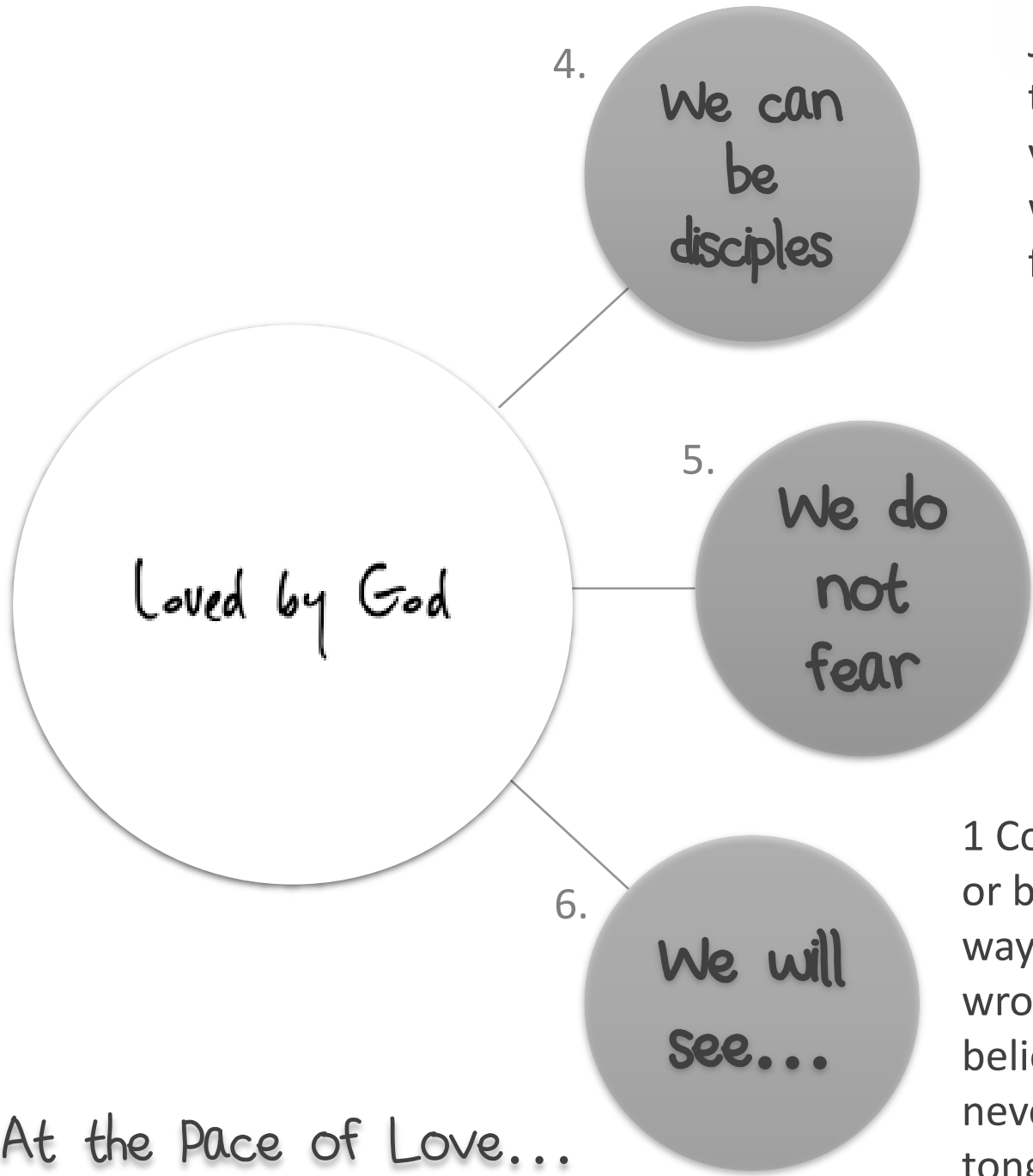


1 John 3:1 “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.”

→ We have to personally hear it from God

John 15:9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.”

Fear is selfish, love is not
John 15:13 No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.



John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

At the Pace of Love...

2. Jesus and the Pace of Love:

Can we and should we walk, live and love like Jesus?

**“Whoever claims to live in Him
must live as Jesus did.”**

1 John 2:6

Jesus does not require anything from us that He did not already live out | **Modeled by Jesus →**

- command to love one another - John 13:34
- love our neighbor as ourselves - Matthew 22:39

If He is saying: “Walk at the Pace of Love”, we can!

2.1 What did His love and walk look like? [JESUS]

a. Times with Love [God]:

“All of humanity’s problems stem from man’s inability to sit quietly in a room alone.” —Blaise Pascal (1623–1662)

Mark 1:35 (ESV) And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Luke 4:42 (ESV) And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them.

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Luke 5:16 (HCSB)

Yet He often withdrew to deserted places and prayed.

Matthew 14:23 (ESV)

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

**Where is your desolate place, so that
you can walk at the Pace of Love?**

b. Known for Kindness and encouragement:

“And [Zacchaeus] was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.’” **Luke 19:3-5 (ESV)**

– loving kindness transforms



“Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother [Lazarus] would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’” **John 11:32-36 (ESV)**

- kindness through compassion and empathy

c. Forgiveness:

Forgive as we have been forgiven →

Matthew 18:23-27 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.” ...

Luke 23:34 "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they're doing...'"





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John 8:4 “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” 6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. 9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” 11 “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

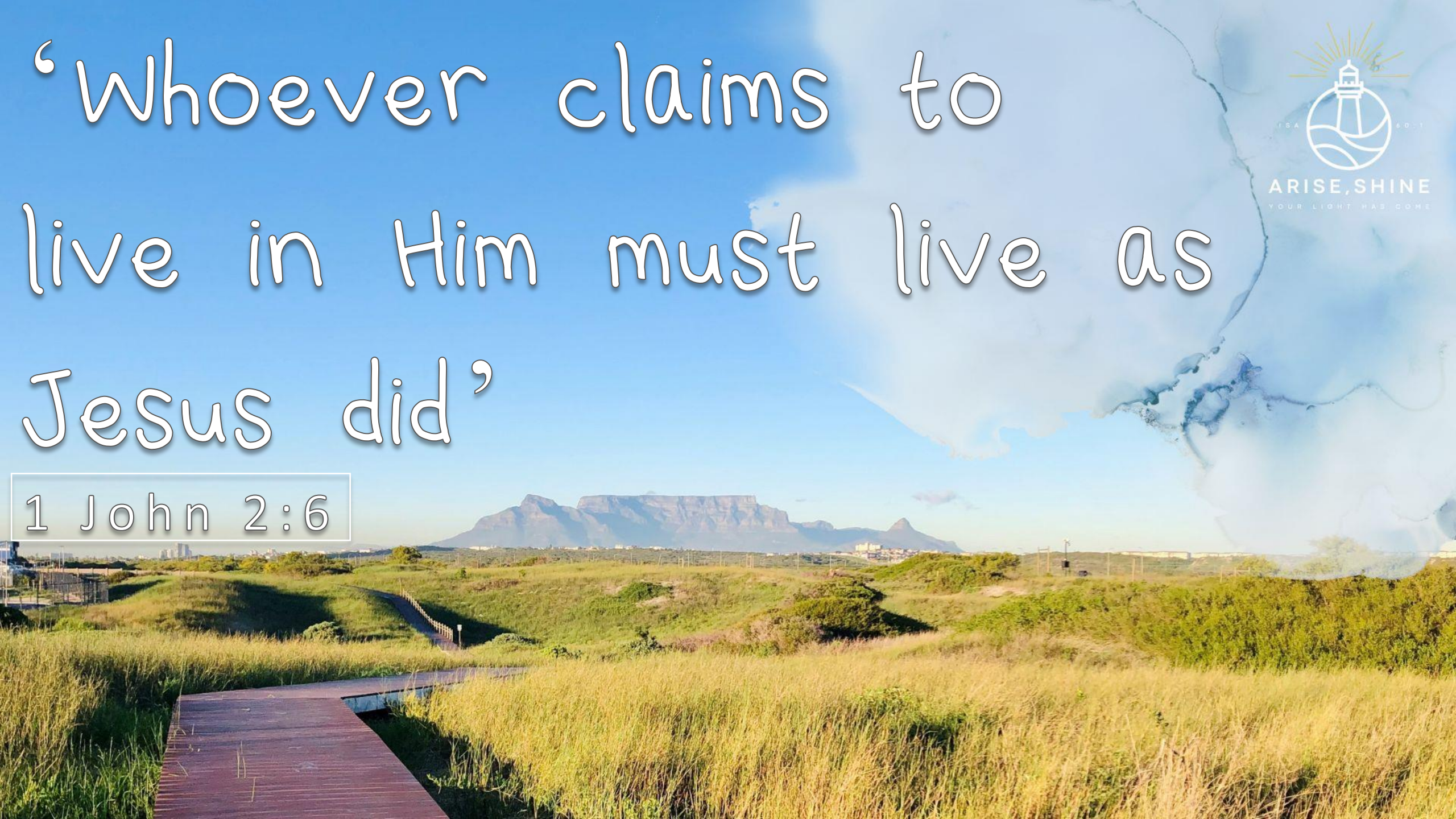
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