

Knowing Jesus

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ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME



'As in the Days
of Noah'



Keep your oil
lamp full...

Matthew 24:37–39 (NIV) 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:9 “Then you will be handed over to be **persecuted** and put to death, and you will be **hated** by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time **many will turn away from the faith** and will **betray** and **hate** each other, ¹¹ and many **false prophets** will appear and **deceive** many people. ¹² Because of the **increase of wickedness [lawlessness]**, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ 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 25:8 But the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, **‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’** 9 “The sensible ones answered, ‘No, there won’t be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell, and buy oil for yourselves.’ 10 “When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived. Then those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 “Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, ‘Master, master, open up for us!’ 12 “But he replied, **‘I assure you: I do not know you!’** 13 “Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.

The Season

Living ready

Share Him

Wise — Oil lamps full

Knowing Jesus



2. Knowing Jesus:

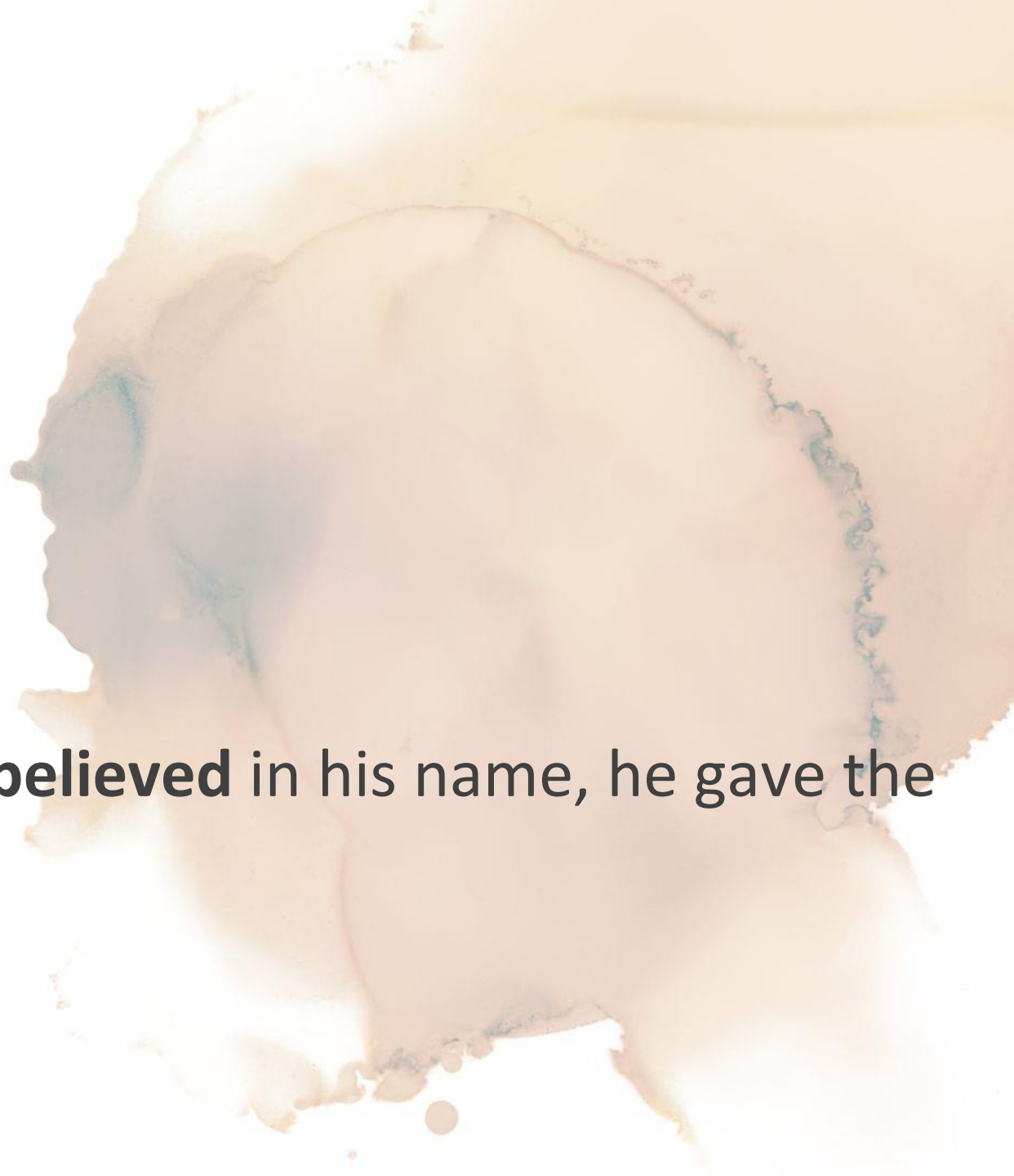
Real knowing of the real Christ...

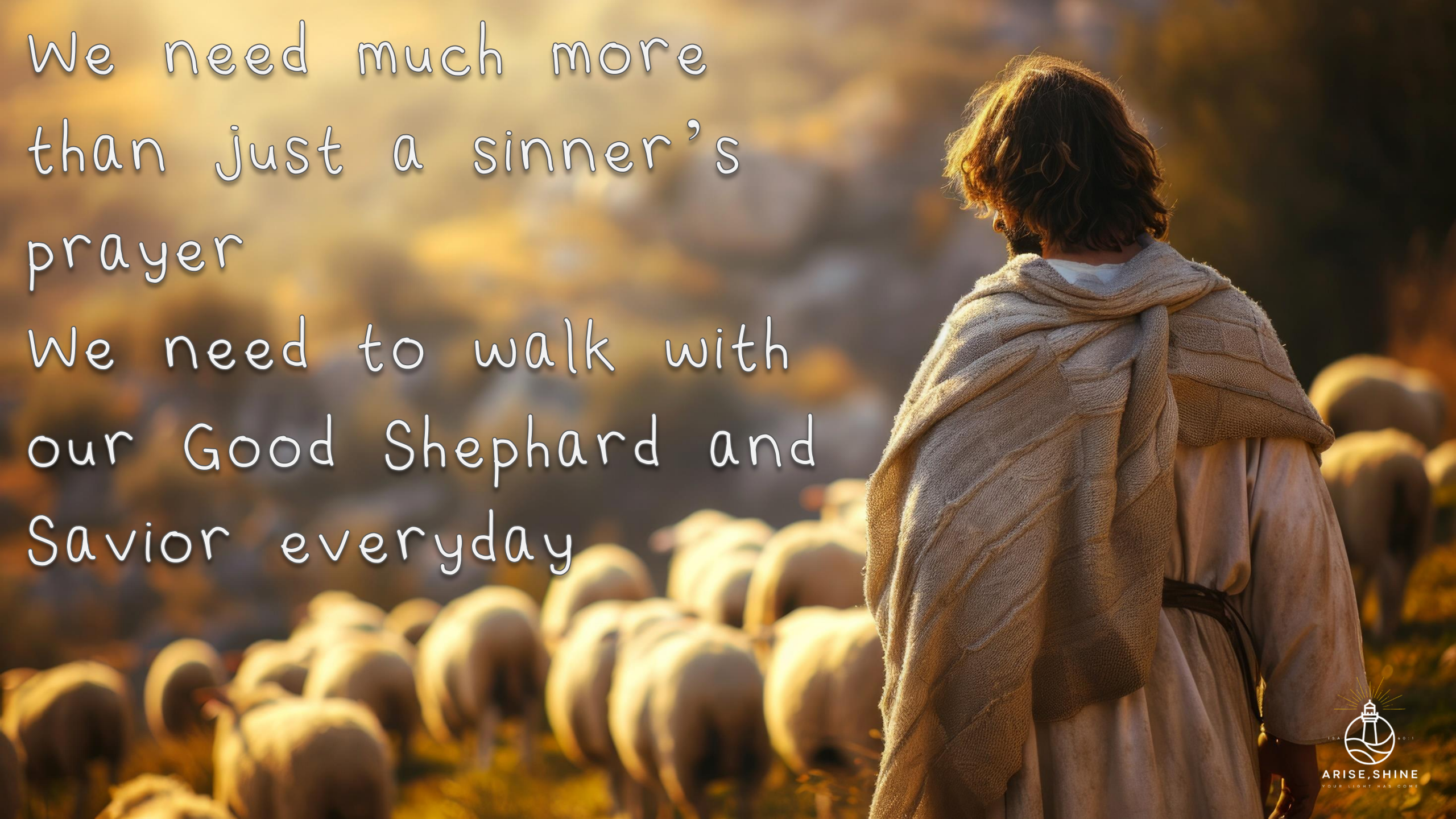
5 ELEMENTS

2.1 Believe in Jesus:

John 1:12 ESV

But to all who did receive him, who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God





We need much more
than just a sinner's
prayer

We need to walk with
our Good Shephard and
Savior everyday



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Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



Shepherd

John 1:12 – ‘believe’ I pisteuō pist-yoo'-o; to have faith (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, credit; by implication to **entrust (especially one’s spiritual well being to Christ)** believe (-r), commit **(to trust), put in trust with.**

Trusting is not once off, it is continually living in a trust relationship

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.



Shepherd

2.2 Hearing His voice:

John 10:27-28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Highest value I To hear and listen -

1. My sheep hear my voice
2. Follow Me*
3. Eternal life
4. Never perish | Not snatched
5. **I KNOW THEM**



Shepherd

John 10:4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Sheep and goats –

The stranger’s voice –

1 John 2:16 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.

Shepherd



2.3 Following Jesus:

- Knowing Jesus, means following Jesus
- Where did we follow Jesus this week?

Matthew 16:24 ESV Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

John 8:12 ESV Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Knowing is in the following...



2.4 Loving Jesus:

Remember the warning in **Matthew 24 : Lawlessness** – *love grows cold – leave the faith...*

John 14:21 ESV “Whoever has my **commandments and keeps** them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

1 John 4:7 ESV Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.



2.5 Sacrifice and suffering

Real relationships comes with a real price!

Philippians 3:8 ESV Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

Remember: Buying oil [living with Jesus by the Spirit] comes at a cost.



1 Peter 2:21 ESV

For to this you have been called, because Christ also **suffered** for you, leaving you an **example**, so that you might **follow** in his steps.



Let's Pray



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