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The Light That Demands A Response

John 8:12-20

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**“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows
me will not walk in darkness, but will have the
light of life.”**

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It exposes our faith or our fake-ness.

It exposes what's real and what's just for show.

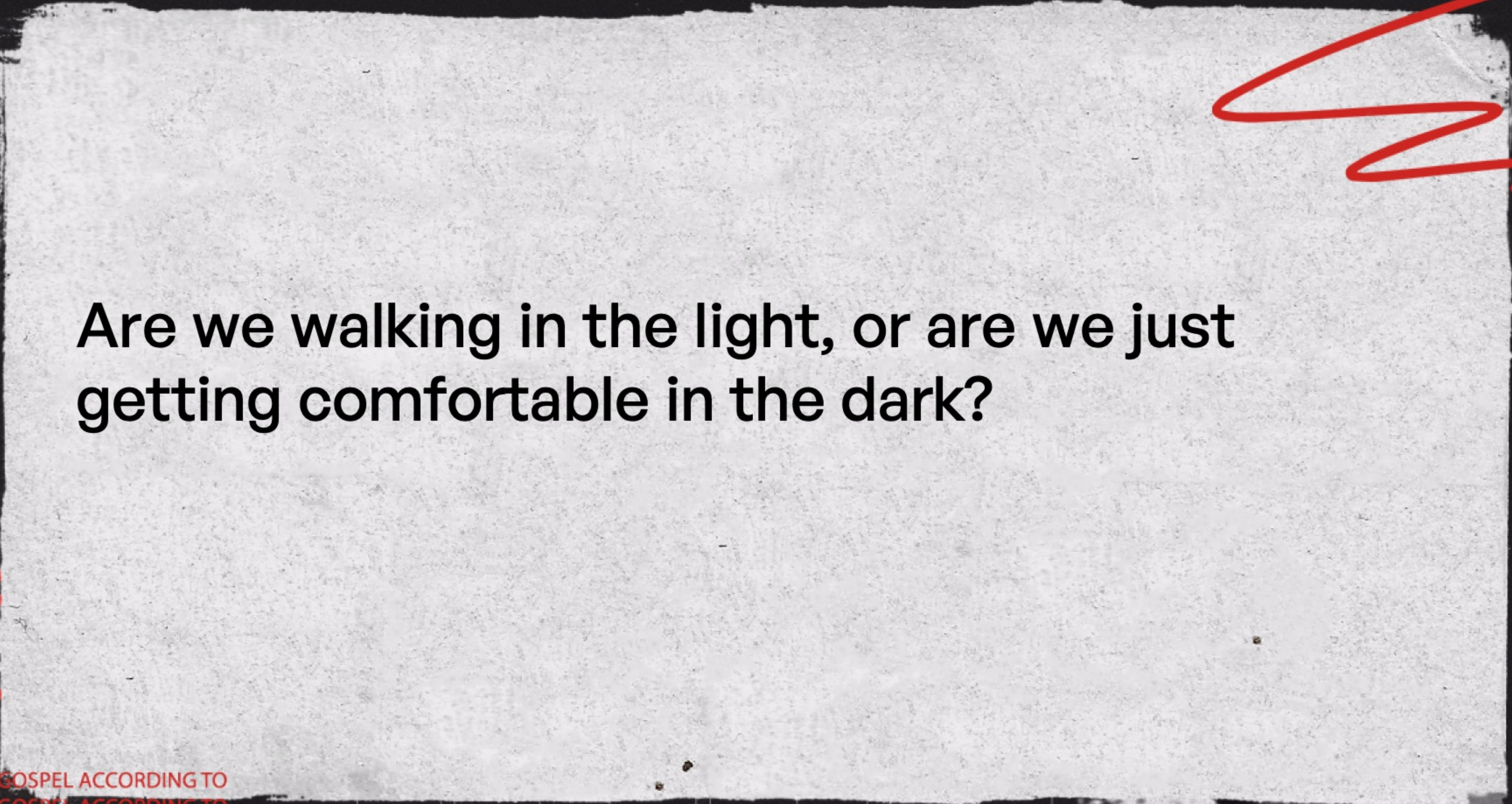
It exposes what's broken and what Jesus wants to restore.

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Are we walking in the light, or are we just
getting comfortable in the dark?

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¹²Again 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.”

¹³So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear

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witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone

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who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.

¹⁷In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.” ¹⁹They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus

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answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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Jesus' Bold Claim (John 8:12)

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Genesis – Light is God's first act of creation,
bringing order to chaos. (1:3)

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The Lord is my light and my salvation.

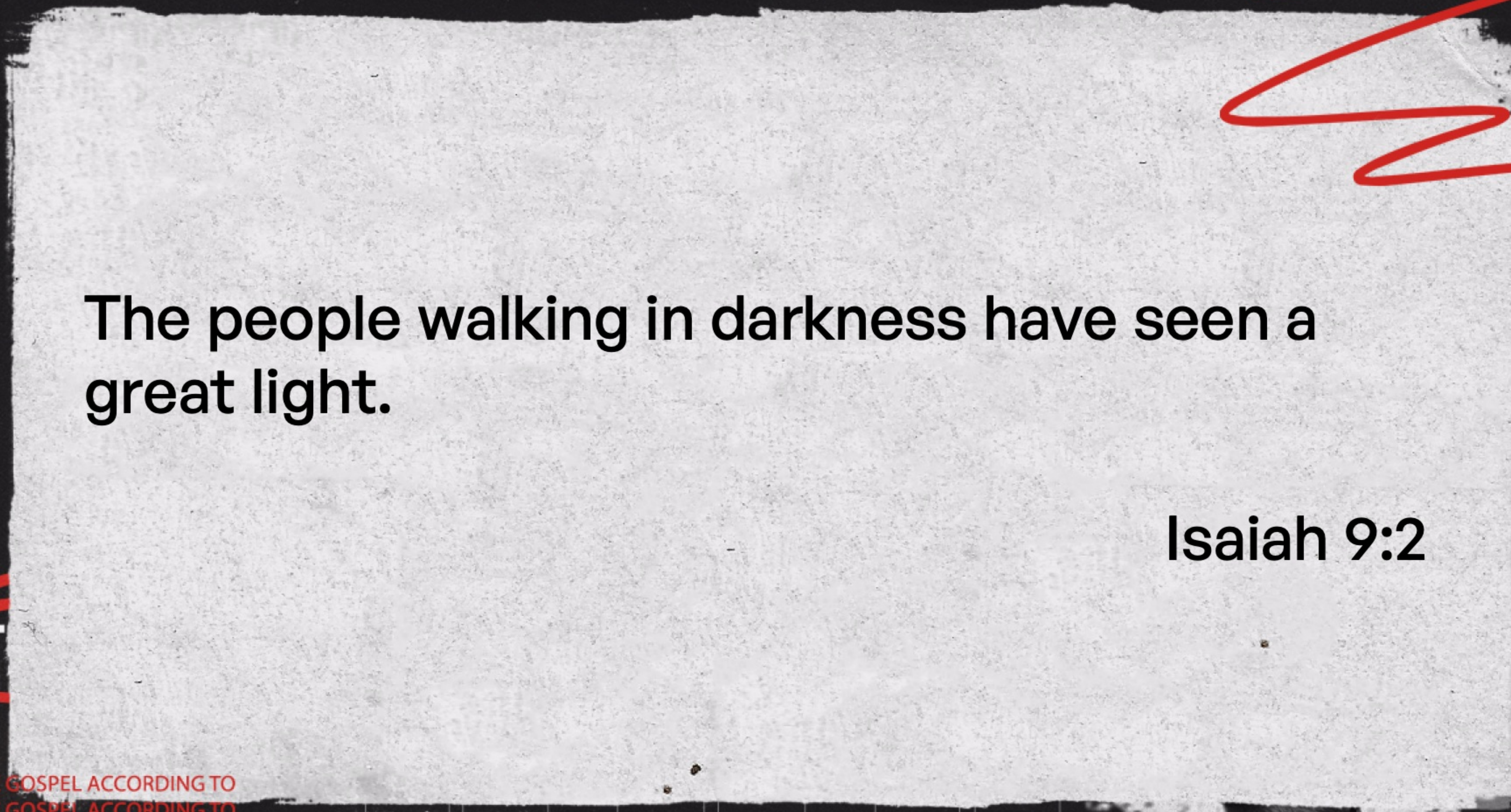
Psalm 27:1

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The people walking in darkness have seen a
great light.

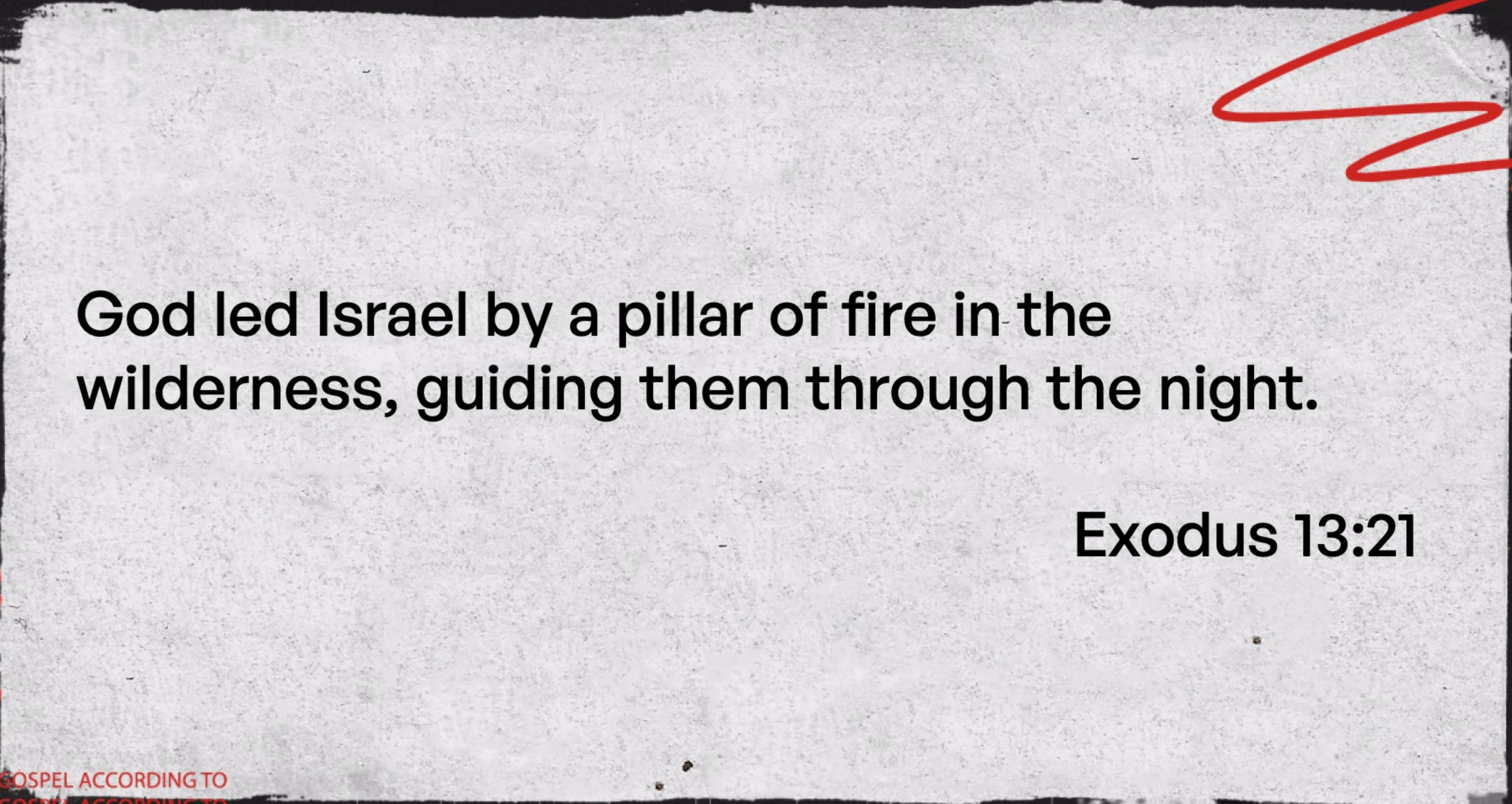
Isaiah 9:2

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God led Israel by a pillar of fire in the wilderness, guiding them through the night.

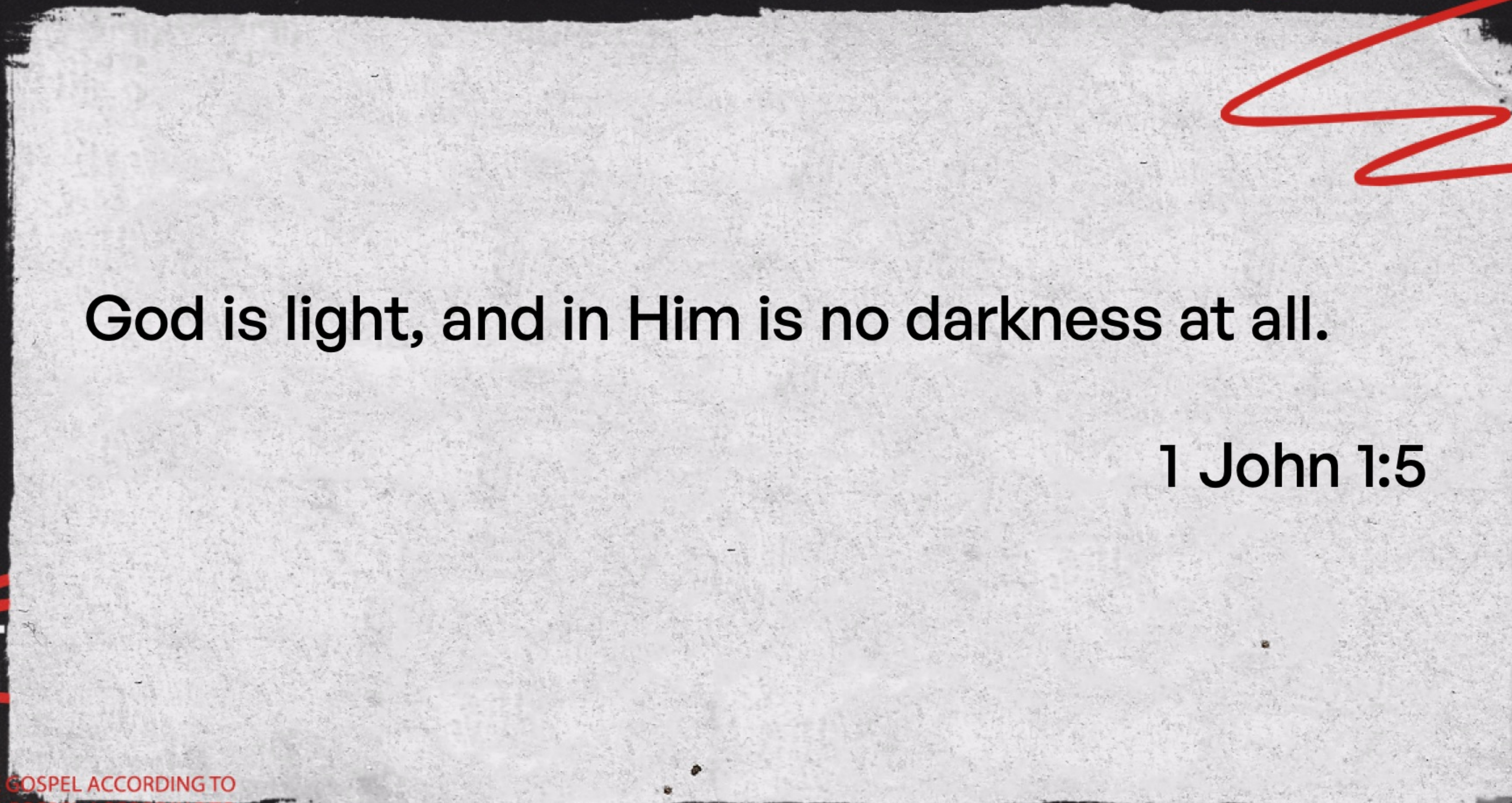
Exodus 13:21

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God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

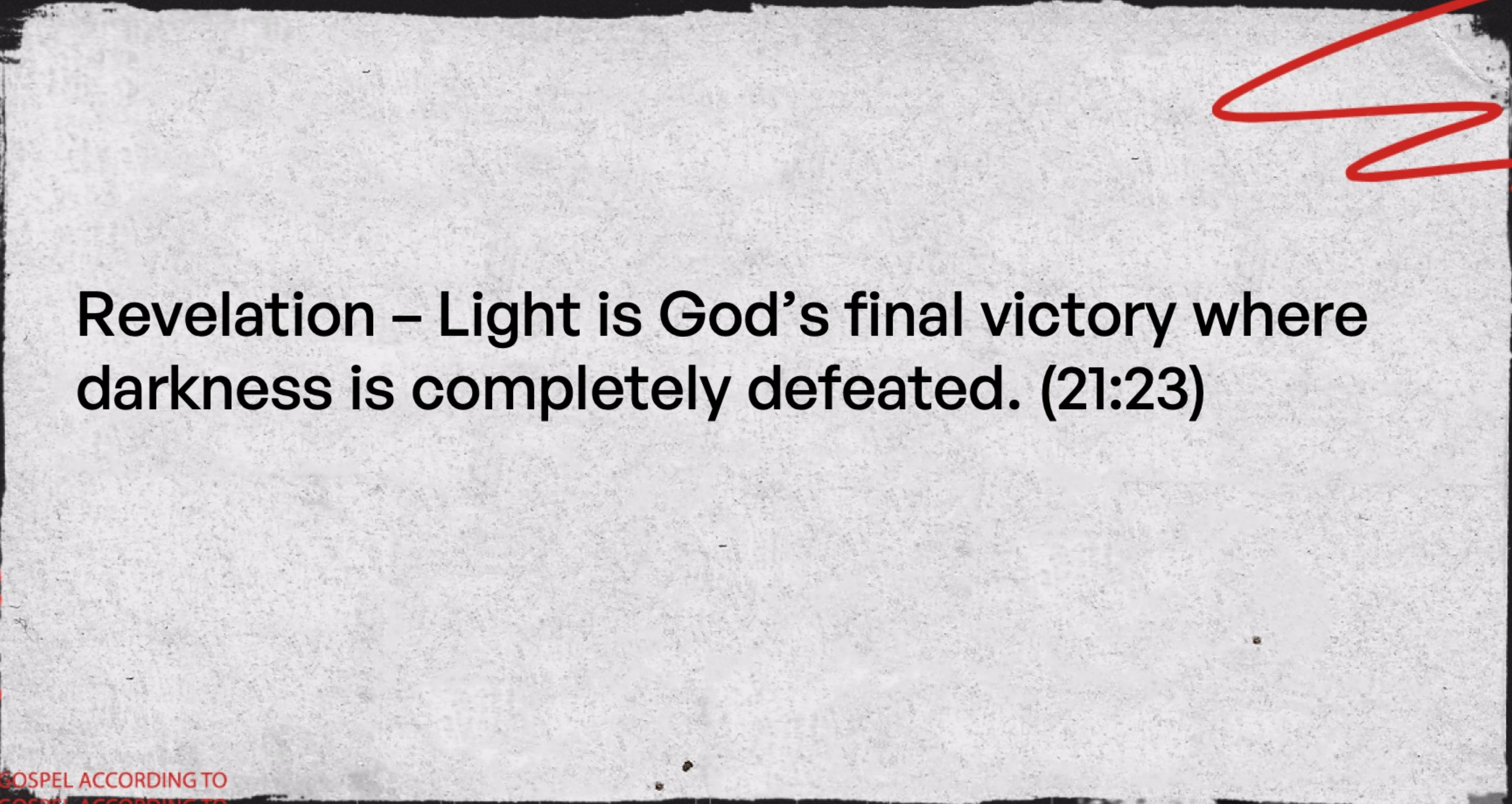
1 John 1:5

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Revelation – Light is God's final victory where darkness is completely defeated. (21:23)

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light
to my path.

Psalm 119:105

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The Response to the Light

¹³So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for

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I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me.

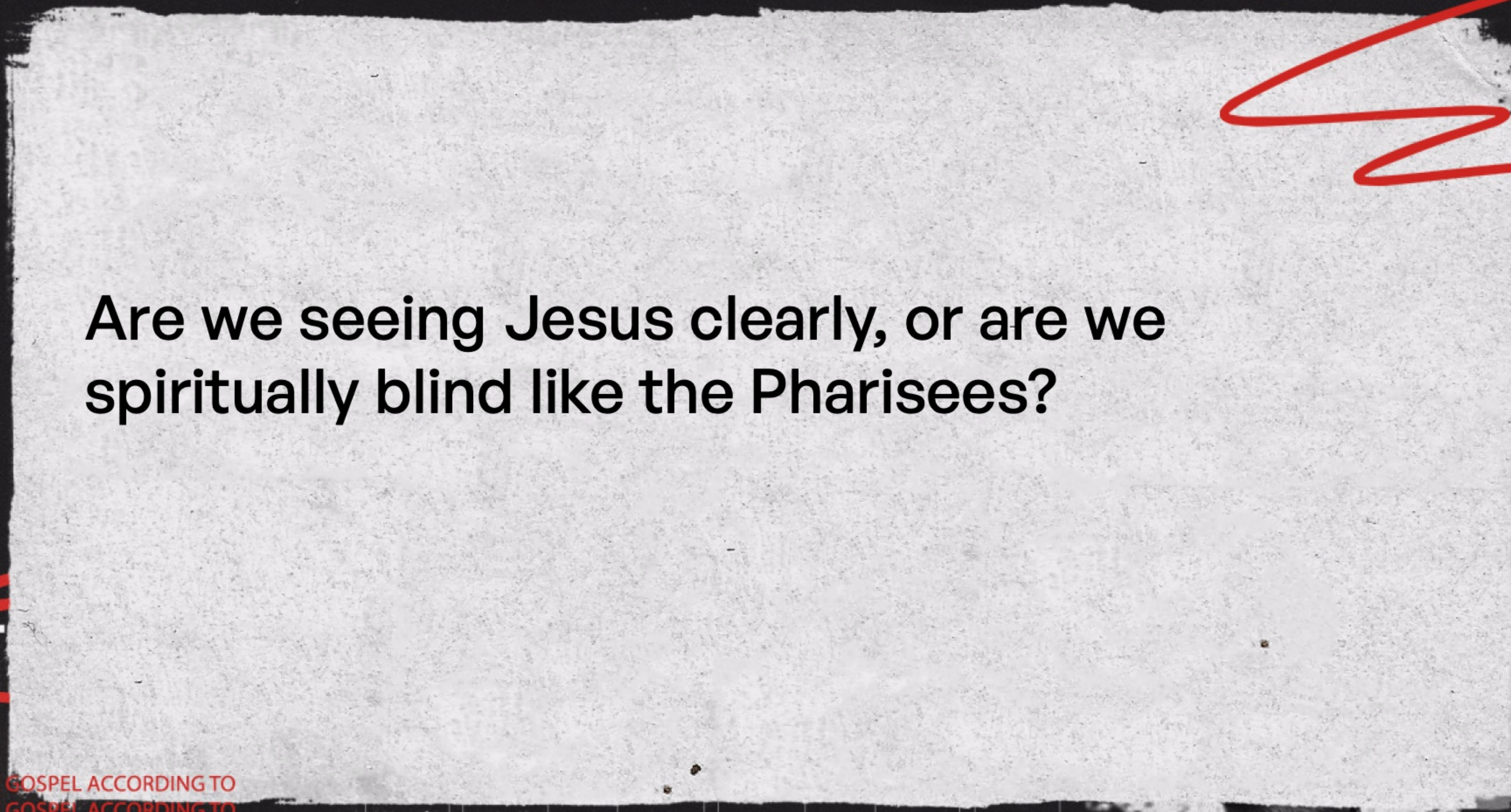
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Are we seeing Jesus clearly, or are we
spiritually blind like the Pharisees?

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The Ultimate Witness

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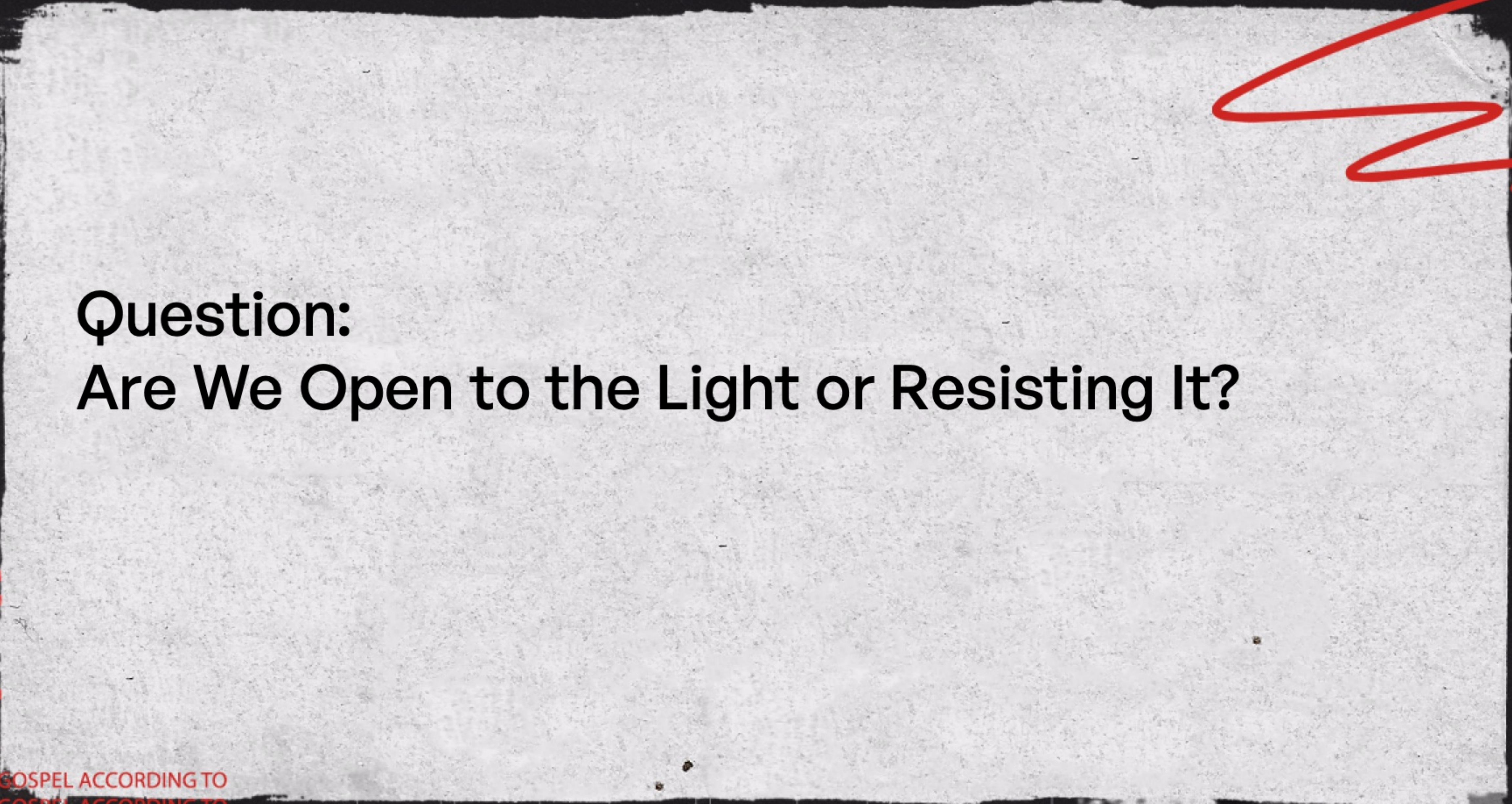
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Question:
Are We Open to the Light or Resisting It?

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Where is Your Father?

¹⁹They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰These words he spoke

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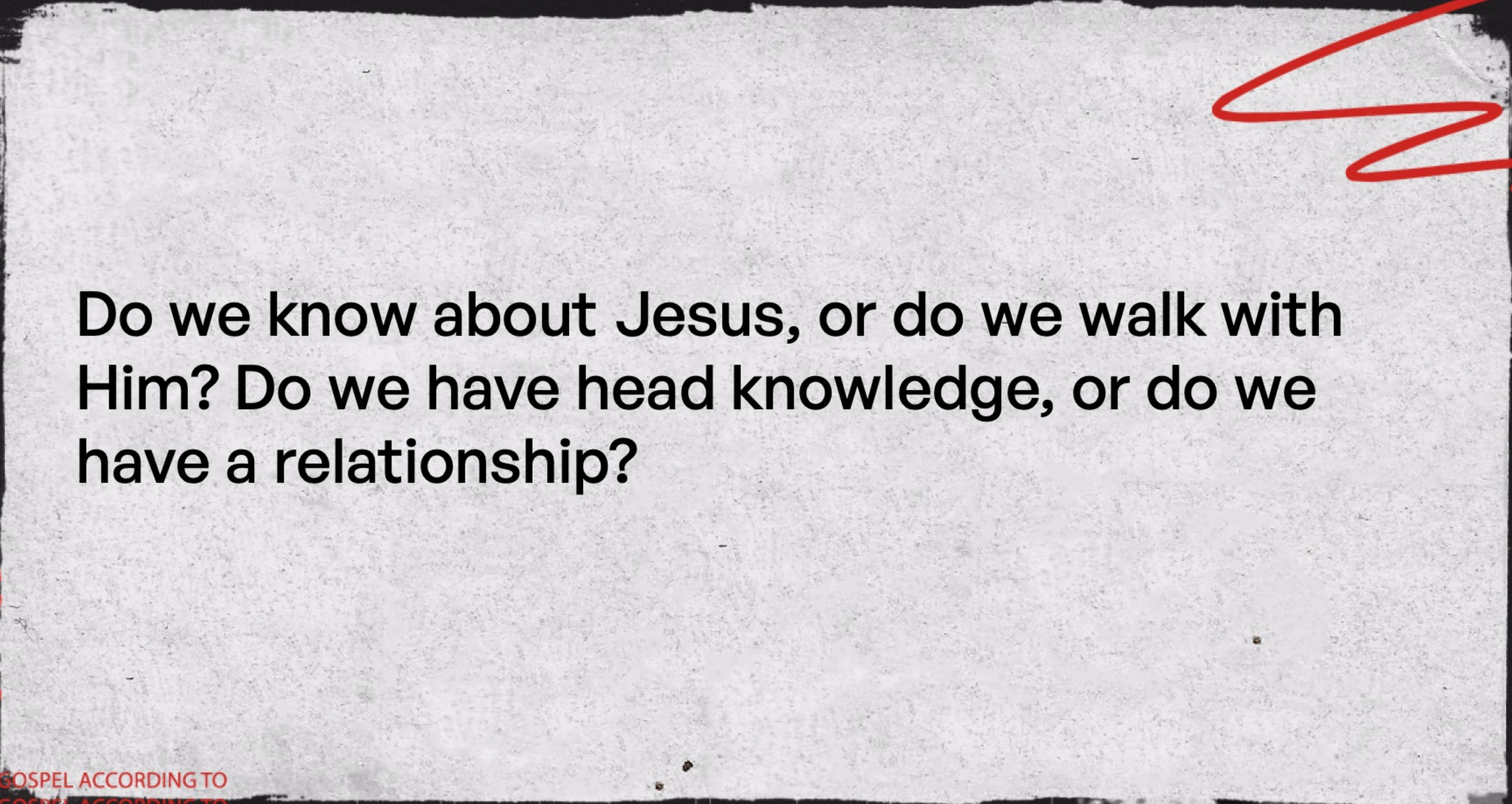
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Do we know about Jesus, or do we walk with Him? Do we have head knowledge, or do we have a relationship?

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Conclusion – The Tension of the Light

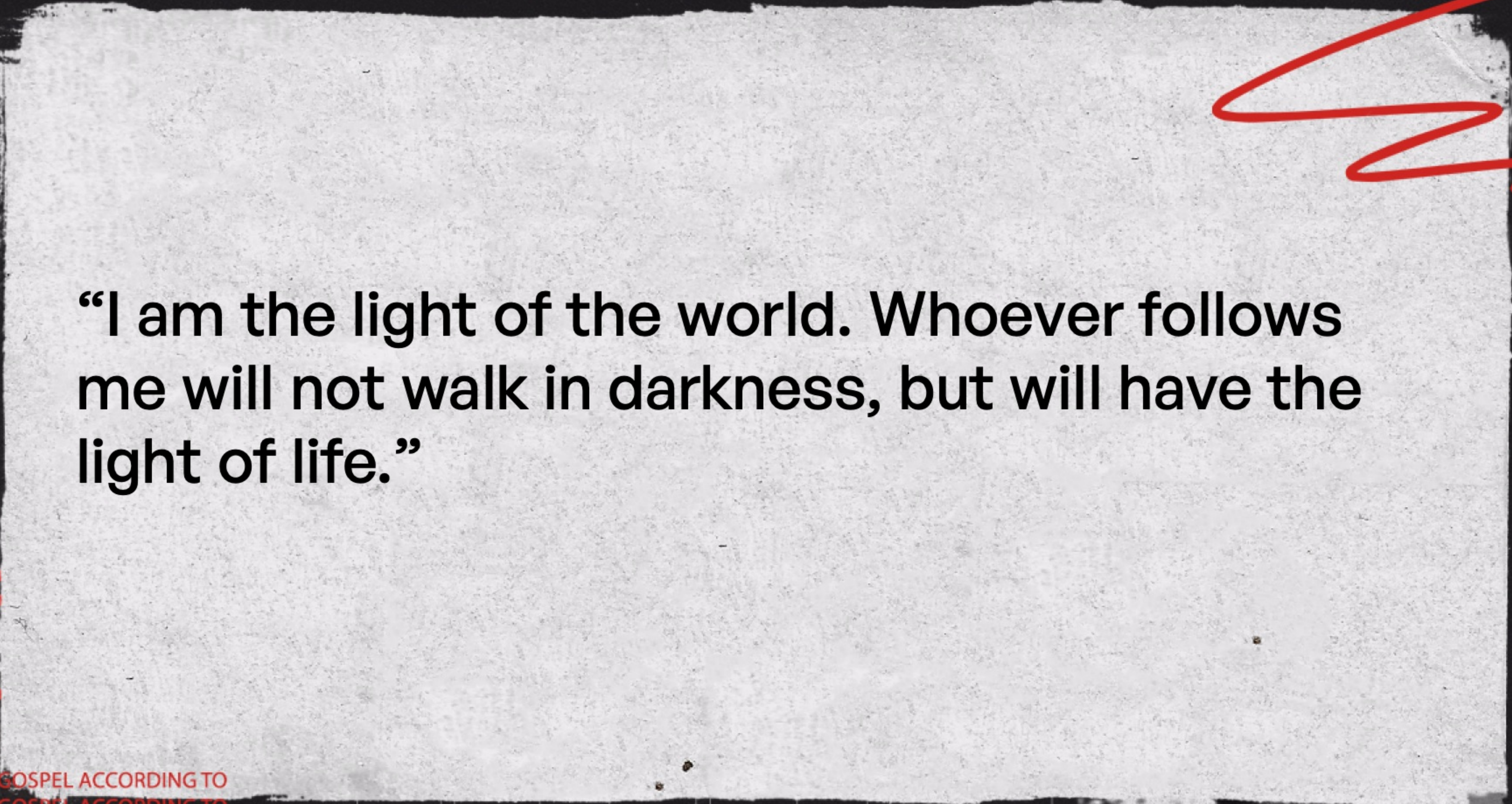
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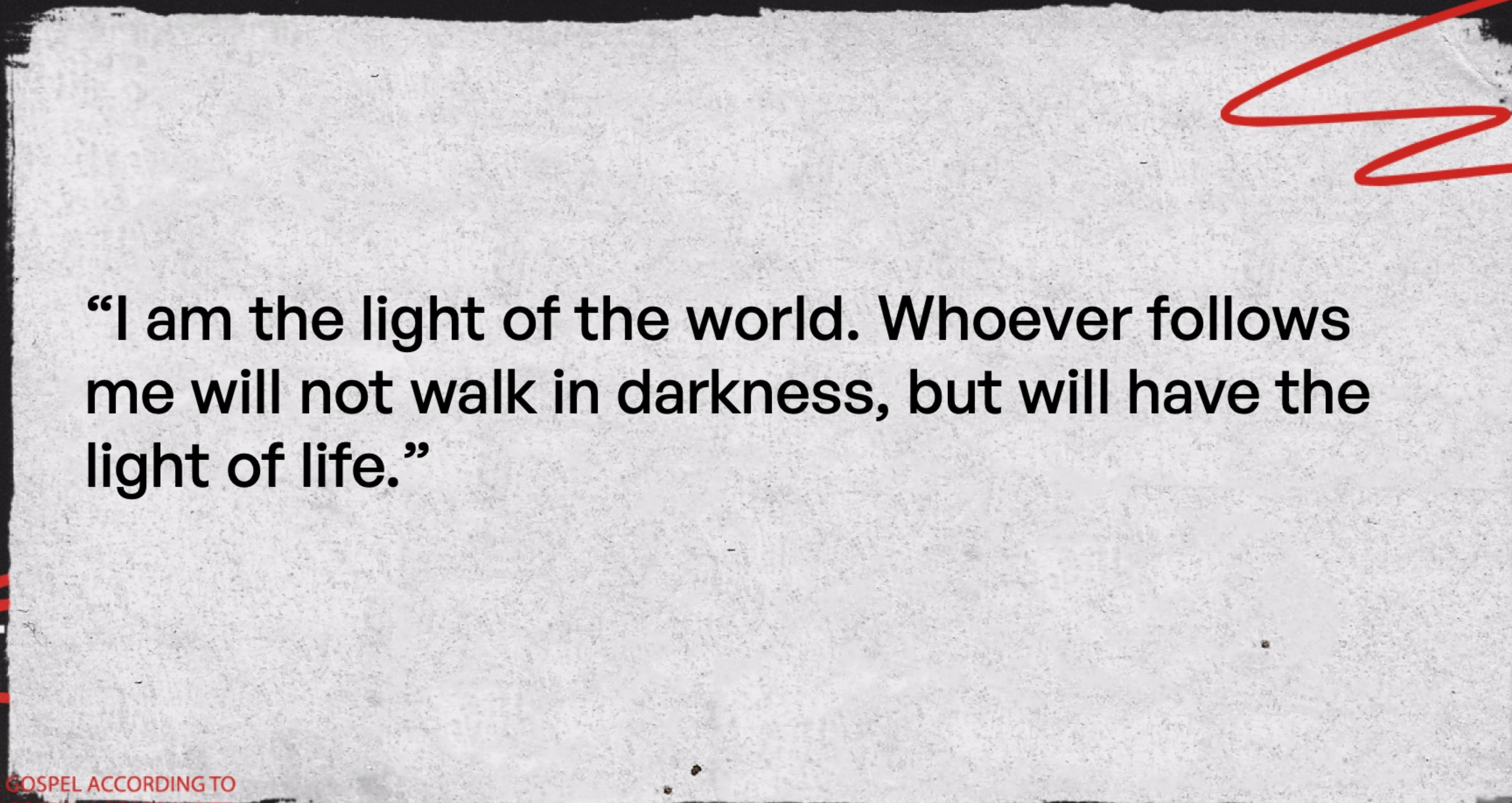
If Jesus is the Light, then we have to follow Him.

If Jesus is the Light, then everything apart from Him is darkness.

T If Jesus is the Light, then we have to let Him expose, guide, and transform us.

What will you do with the Light?

- Will you step into it or hide from it?
- Will you follow Jesus, even when it's uncomfortable?
- Will you let Him expose and transform you, or will you resist?



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