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SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

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Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

詩篇 23

（大衛的詩）

耶和華是我的牧者，我必不致缺乏。他使我躺臥在青草地上，領我在可安歇的水邊。他使我的靈魂甦醒，為自己的名引導我走義路。我雖然行過死蔭的幽谷，也不怕遭害，因為你與我同在；你的杖，你的竿，都安慰我。在我敵人面前，你為我擺設筵席；你用油膏了我的頭，使我的福杯滿溢。我一生一世必有恩惠慈愛隨著我；我且要住在耶和華的殿中，直到永遠。

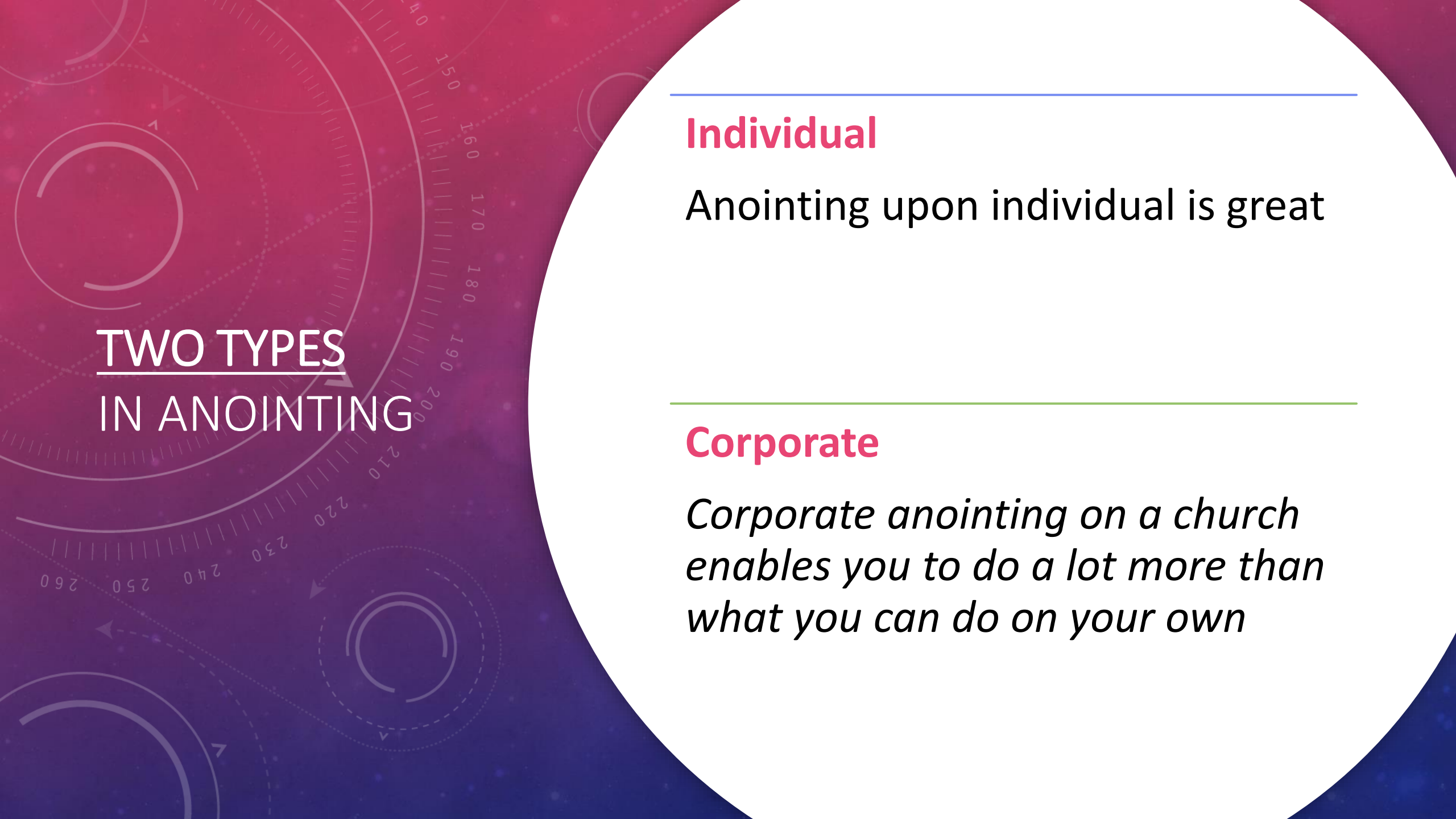
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Our **goal** as a church is to **create** an **atmosphere** in our **cell group meetings/services**, that has the **presence** of the Lord.





WE NEED TO KNOW
HOW TO **CARRY** THE
PRESENCE OF GOD.



TWO TYPES IN ANOINTING

Individual

Anointing upon individual is great

Corporate

Corporate anointing on a church enables you to do a lot more than what you can do on your own

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Anointing $\propto$ Surrender

THERE IS A FOR
THE ANOINTING

Praise & Worship:
Directly related to the anointing

“PSALMS” = PRAISE

JESUS WANTS TO BE YOUR SHEPHERD BUT YOU MUST BE **WILLING TO BE A SHEEP**, NOT A GOAT



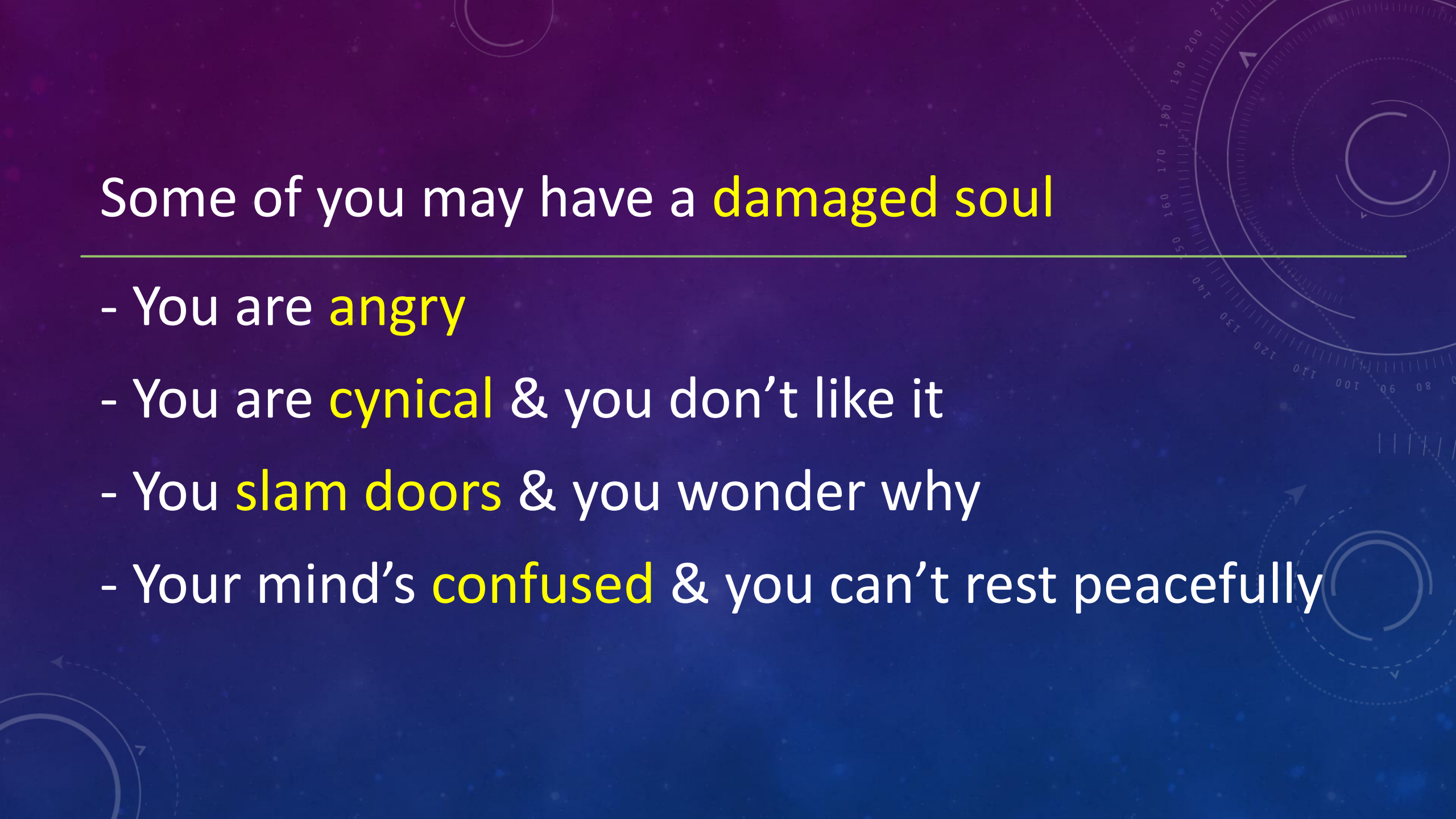
Sheep

- *Follows the shepherd*
- *Moves in a flock*
- *Eats only green grass*
- *Peaceable*

Goat

- *Wanders off on its own*
- *Loner*
- *Swallows anything, including trash and garbage*
- *Aggressive, butt with their horns*

Surrender to the Lord ... be a **sheep** that follows.
Don't be a **goat**, ***always insisting*** on your **own agenda**.



Some of you may have a **damaged soul**

- You are **angry**
- You are **cynical** & you don't like it
- You **slam doors** & you wonder why
- Your mind's **confused** & you can't rest peacefully



God is a good God

-He's going to **re-fire** you

-He's going to **restore** your soul

The **only way** out of your problems: through them

All you got to do is **keep walking**

keep walking keep walking keep walking keep walking keep walking



when you move
God ***moves***

when you stop
God ***stops***

There may be things that are threatening your life right now, but **don't concentrate** on them



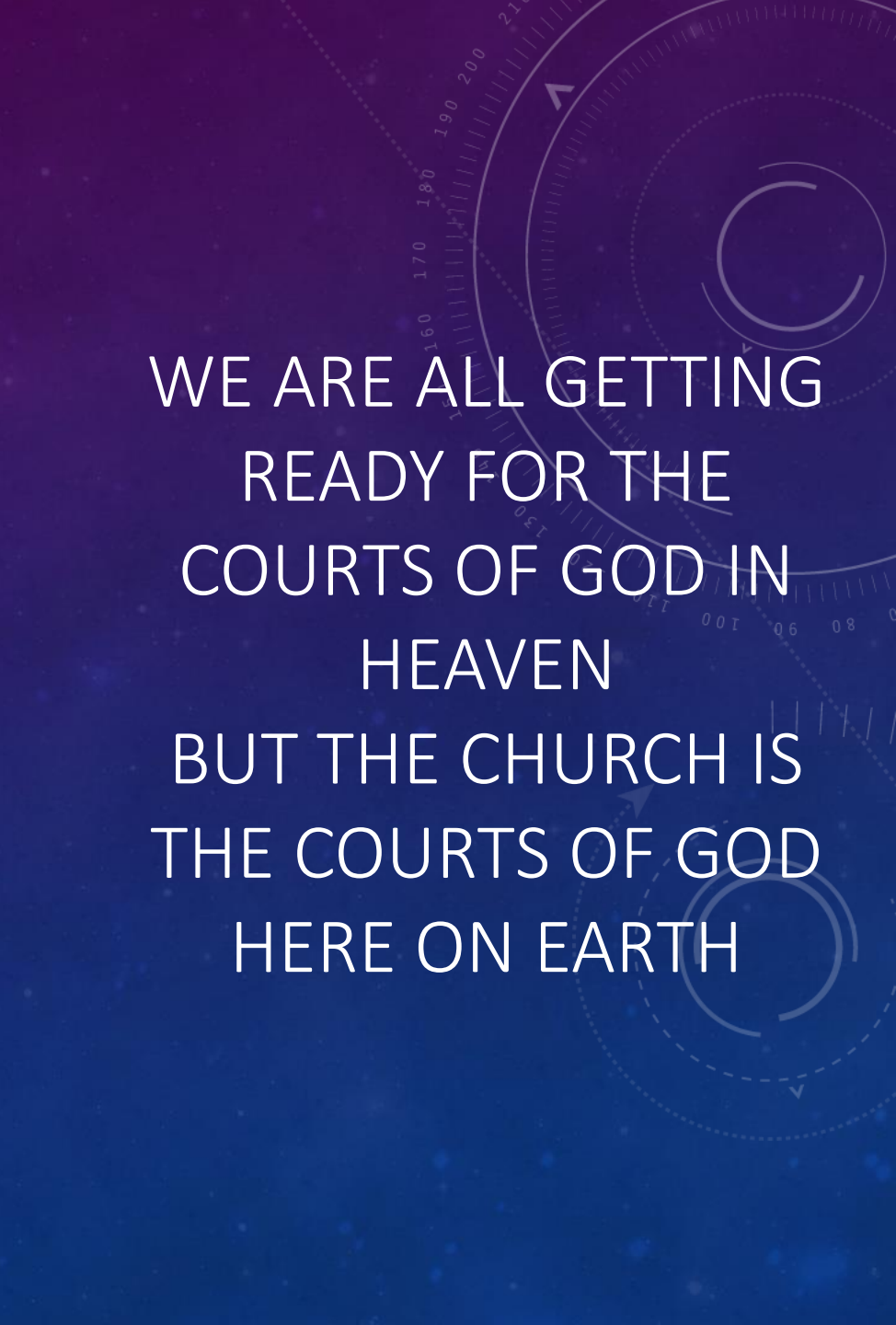
Focus on the
promises
not the
problems only.



*If you're looking at your problems
- Financial pressures, broken
relationships, sicknesses and poor
health...*



**I love the house
of the Lord**



WE ARE ALL GETTING
READY FOR THE
COURTS OF GOD IN
HEAVEN
BUT THE CHURCH IS
THE COURTS OF GOD
HERE ON EARTH



Gate of Heaven



BOOK OF PSALMS
= BOOK OF PRAISE

ATMOSPHERE of Worship

- (you can move in) **AUTHORITY**
- your **ATTITUDE** (is changed)
- (your attitude determines your) **ALTITUDE.**

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FACE A TRIAL?

Praise is always vocal ...
and praise is a **sacrifice!**



→ It is not always going to be easy, or convenient to praise God.
It will usually cost you something

David realized that it would be an **insult to the face of God** to offer a sacrifice that cost him nothing

→ Decided to be a giver, not a taker

Underlying principle of all sacrifice
= it must touch our hearts and flesh

It is something he does in spite of the way he feels

GOD IS **NOT INTERESTED** ONLY IN THE PRAISE THAT WE GIVE HIM WHEN THINGS ARE **GOING WELL**

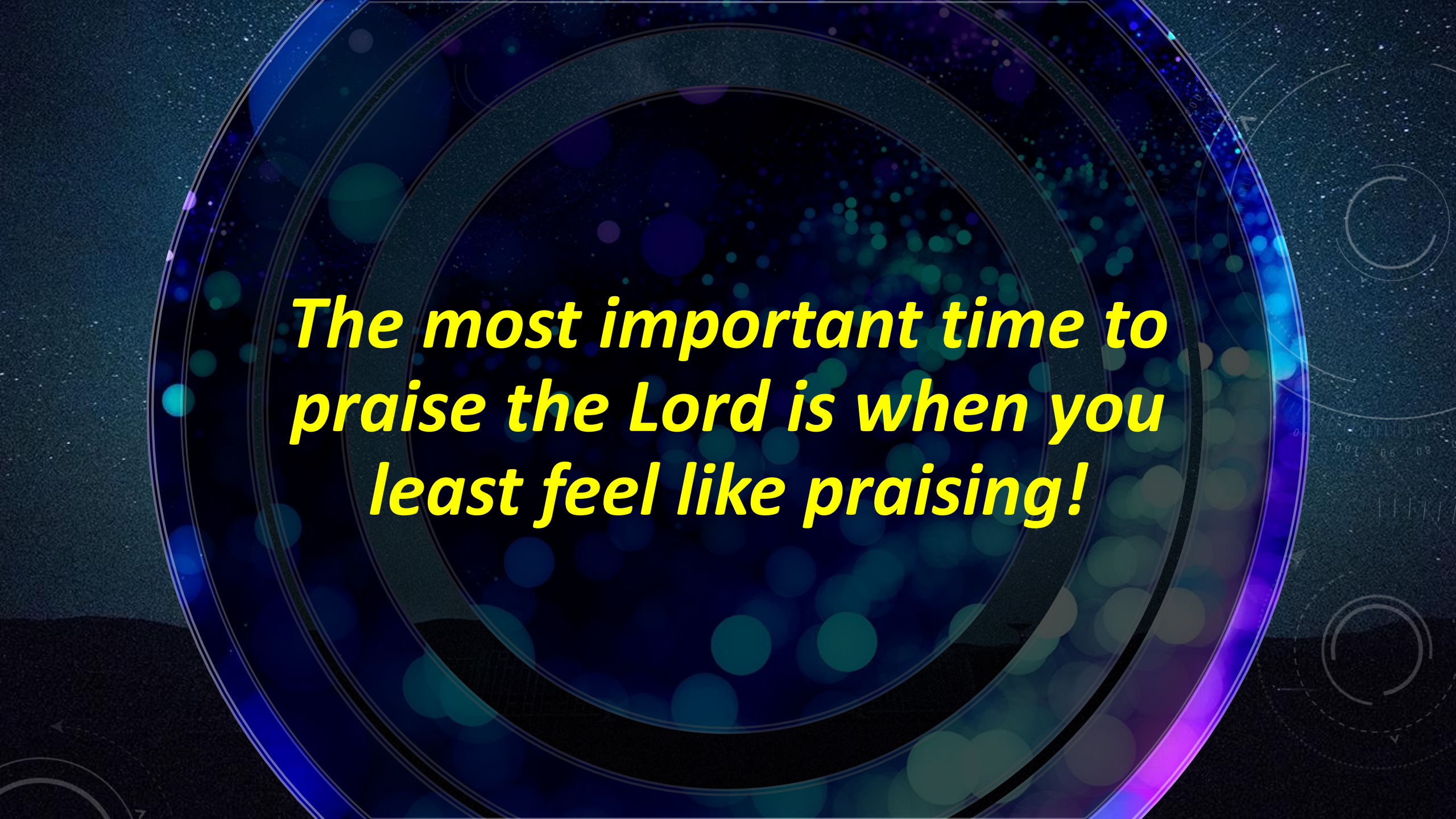
- He is **after the praise** that comes in the midst of ...
great trials, great difficulties, grief, sicknesses, demonic oppressions, temptations, relationship difficulties and financial problems

When you can give Him your praise in times of difficulties

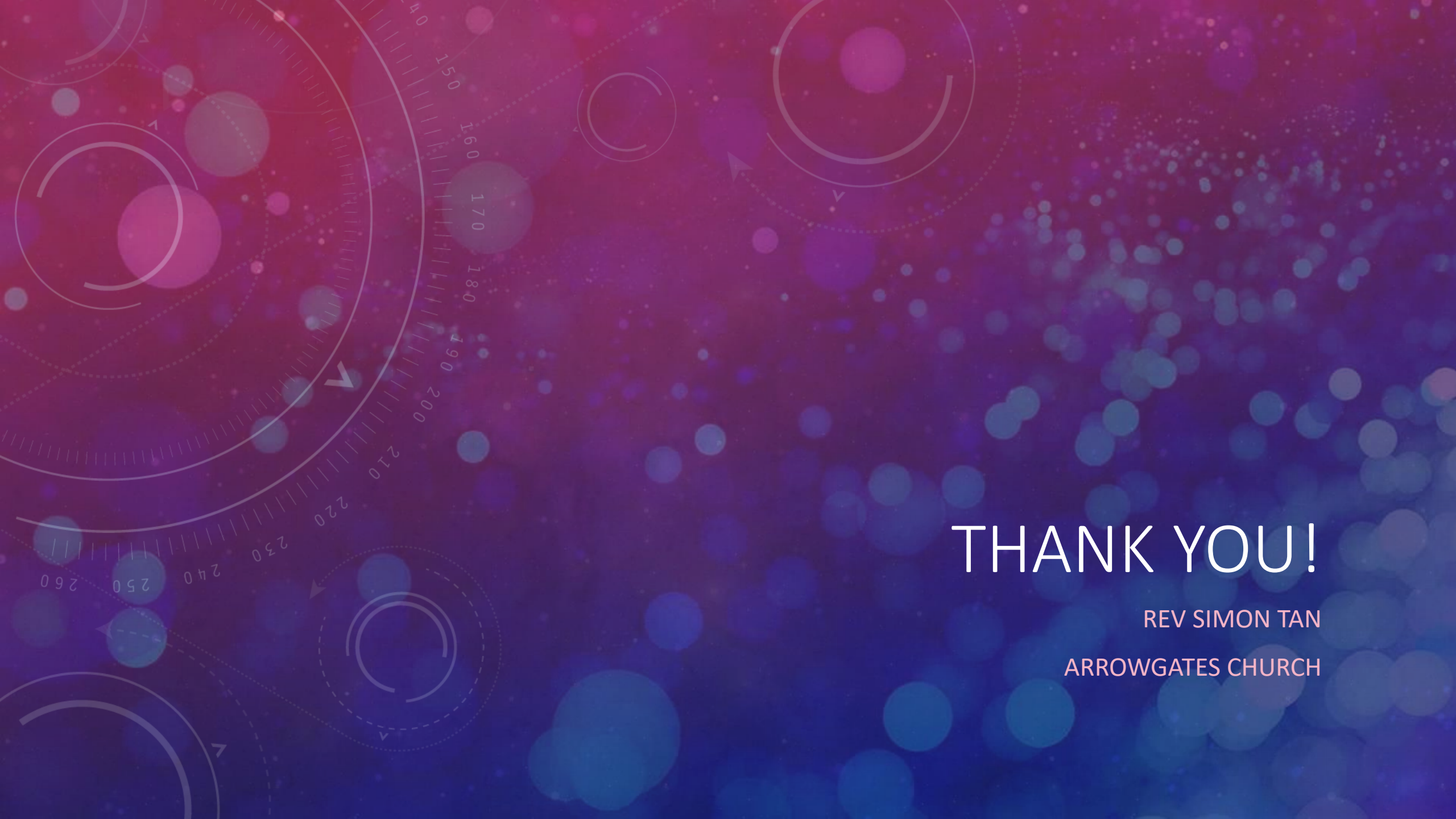
→ **All the more** to Him



TABERNACLE OF MOSES



***The most important time to
praise the Lord is when you
least feel like praising!***



THANK YOU!

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