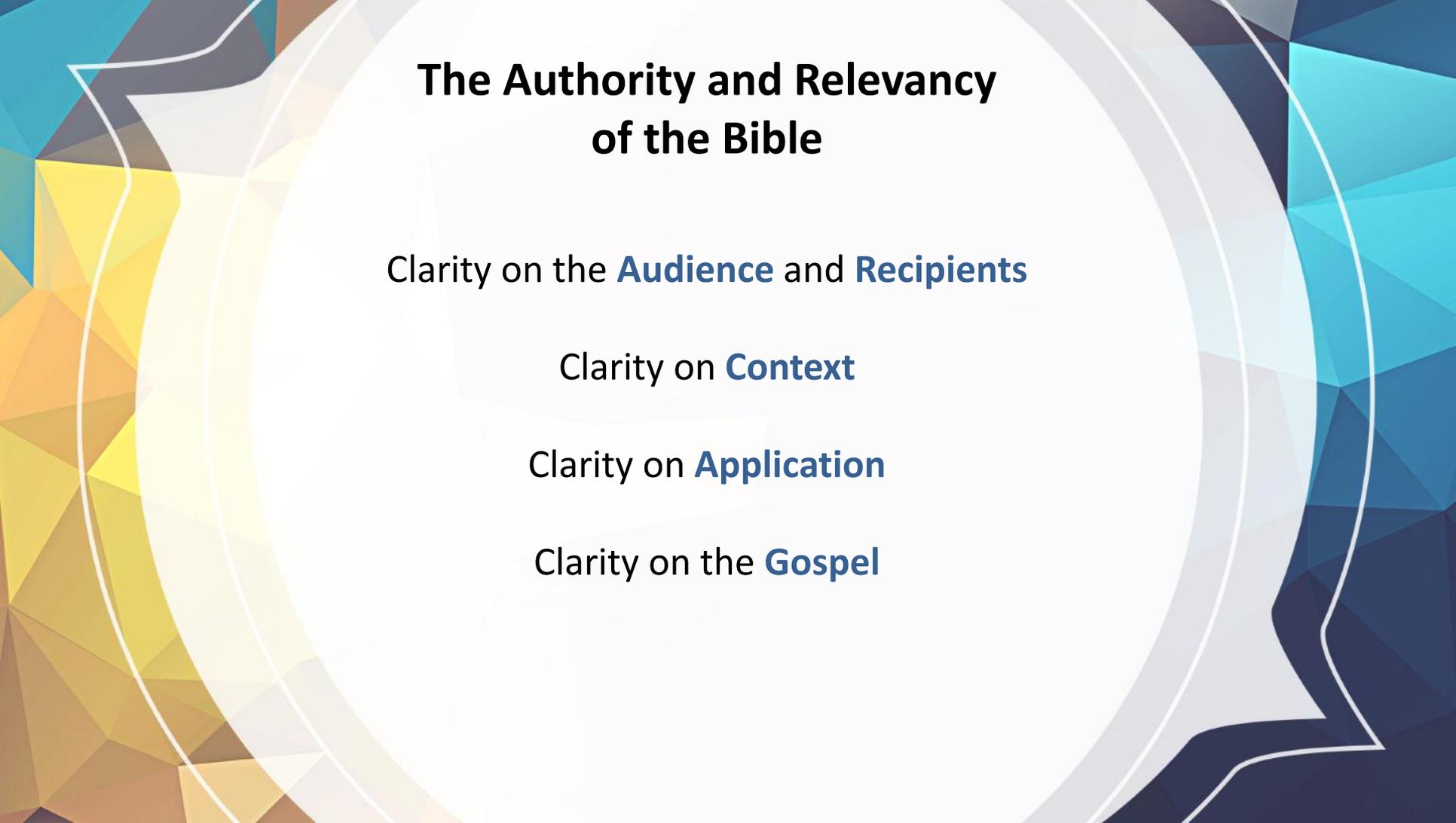




BIBLICAL CLARITY

THINKING CORRECTLY
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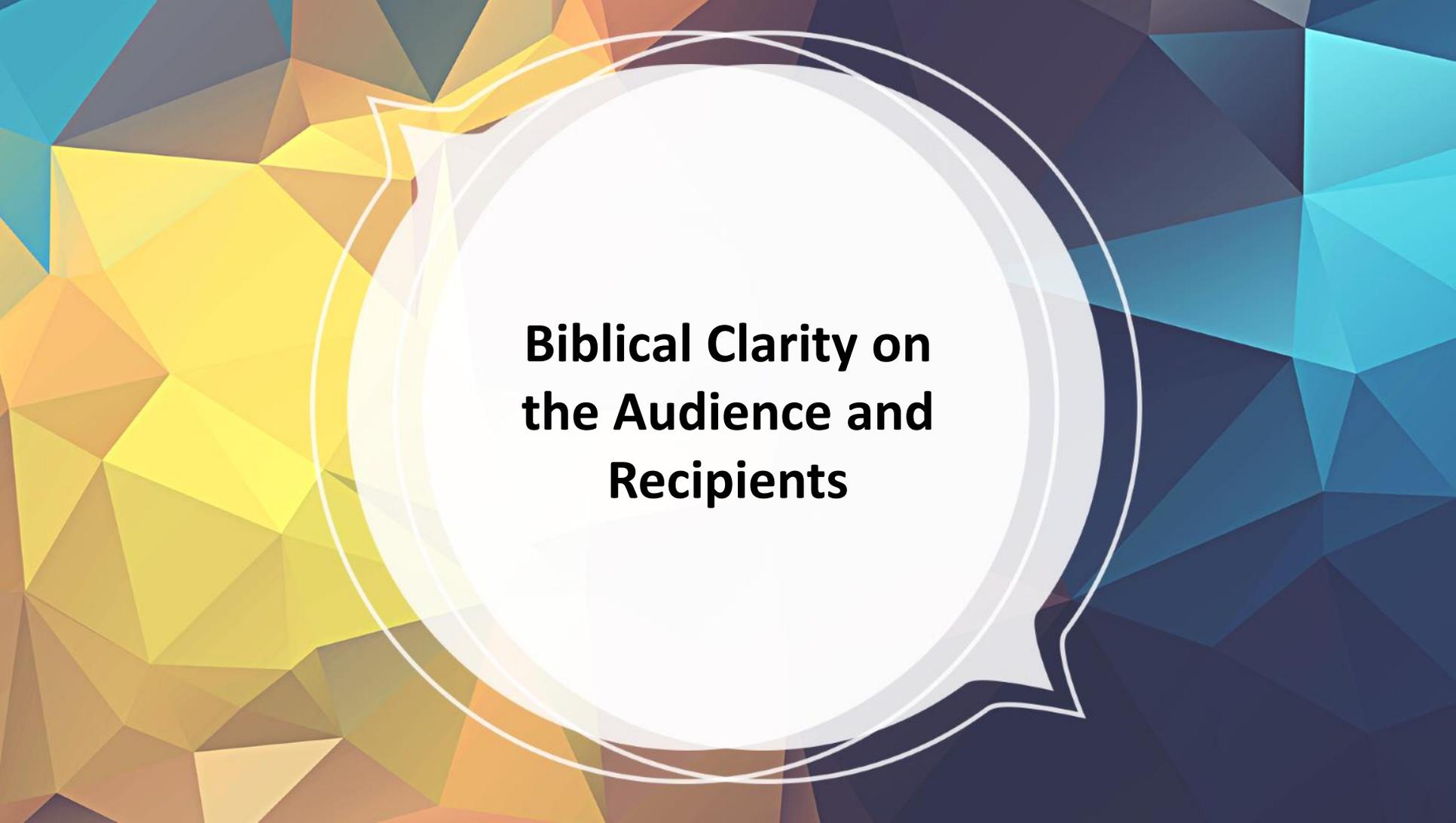
The Authority and Relevancy of the Bible

Clarity on the **Audience** and **Recipients**

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Clarity on **Application**

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**Biblical Clarity on
the Audience and
Recipients**

Dear Jane,

You know how I feel. But this is so important. I want to put my feelings into words so that you're as sure of them as I am.

You're amazing! The absolute best. Do you know how much your constant love has meant? Sometimes I wonder if I deserve any of it. But I'm so glad you're there for me. My life's been changed because you're a part of it. Knowing I matter. Knowing you care. Because of you, I know what love is all about.

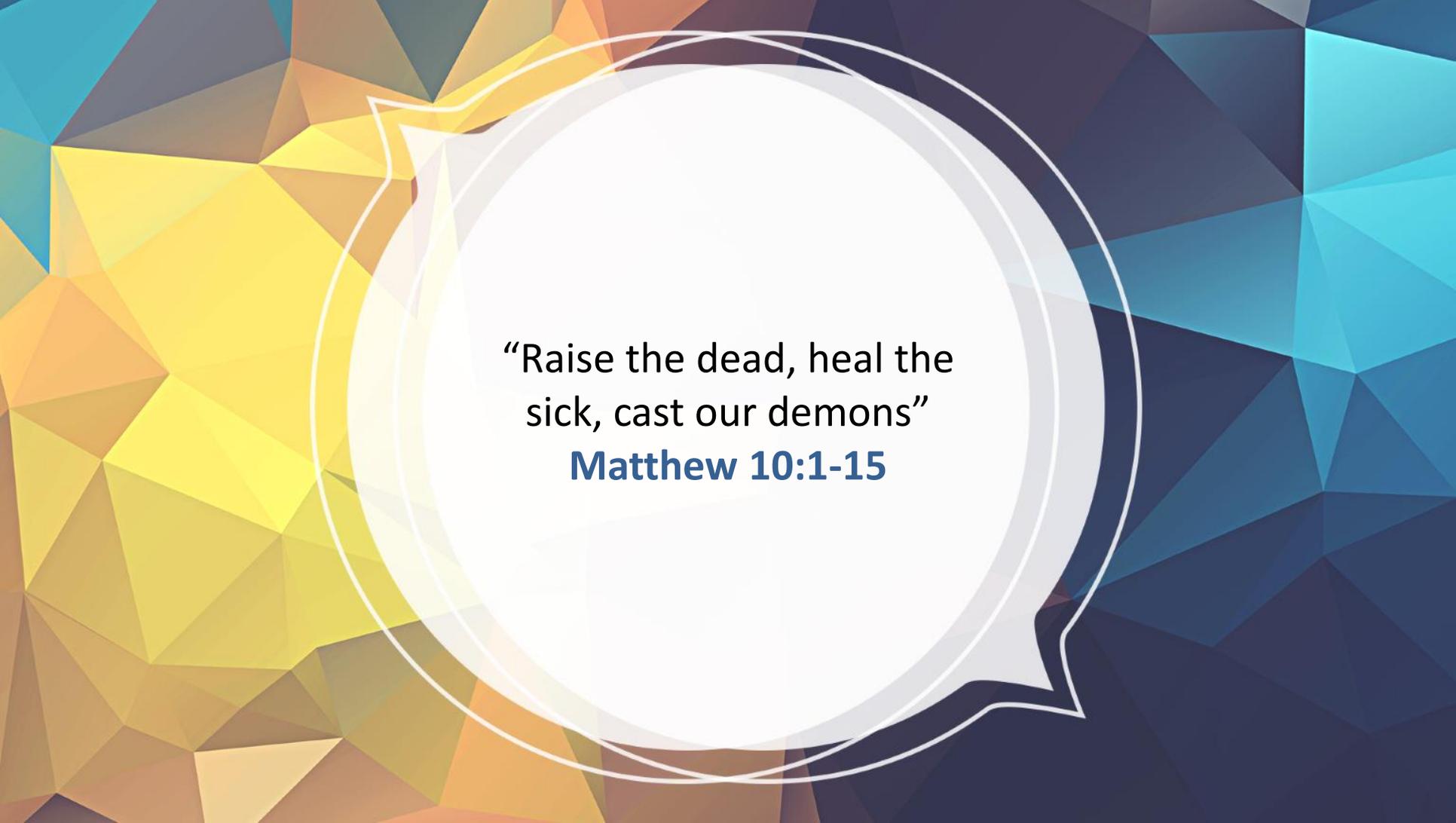
Even if we have to be apart for a little while, I know you'll always be waiting for me with open arms. I love you. I always will. Life would never—ever—be the same without you.

**Yours forever,
John**

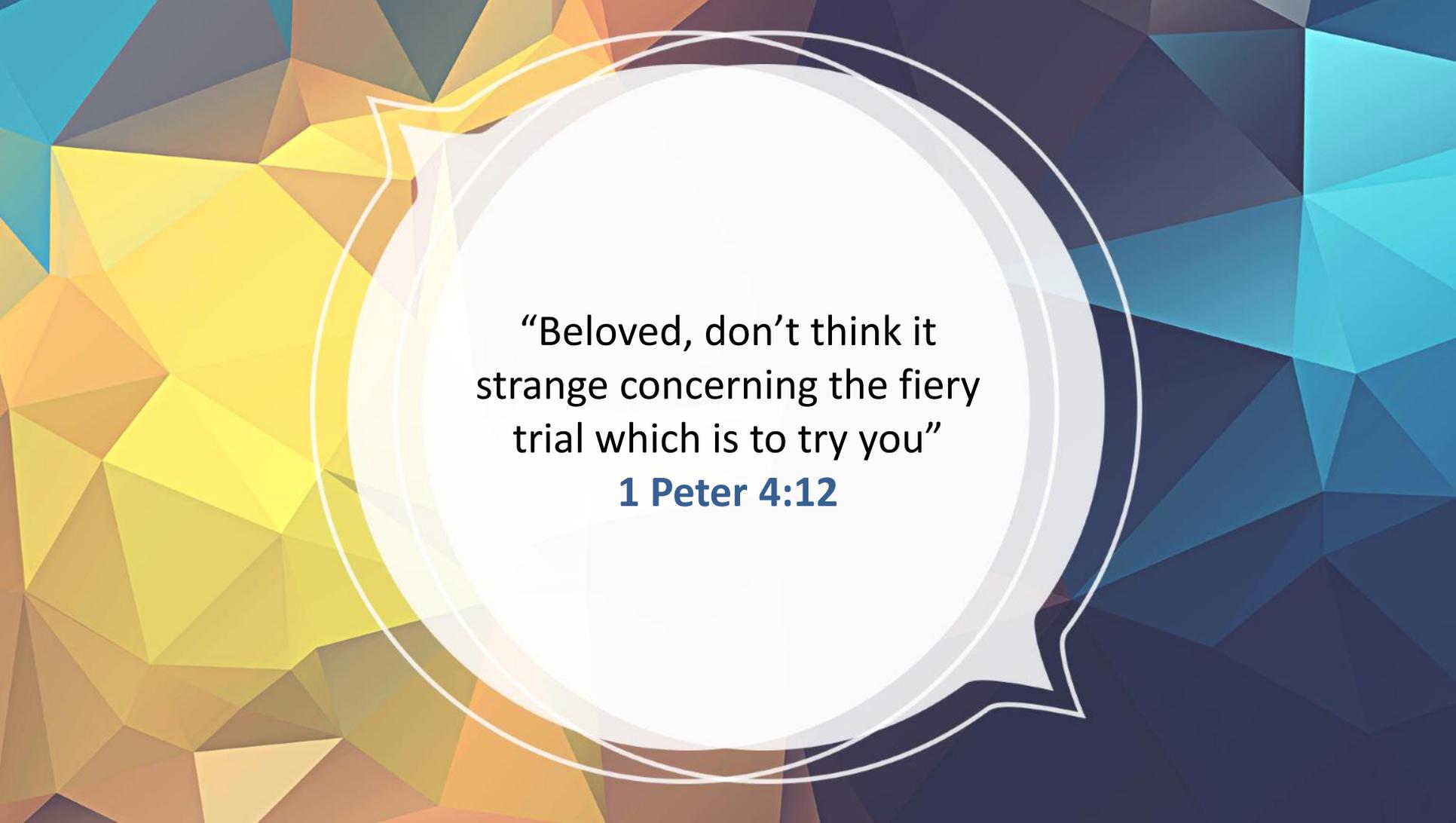


“May the Lord watch over
you and me while we are
apart”

Genesis 31:49



“Raise the dead, heal the
sick, cast our demons”
Matthew 10:1-15



“Beloved, don’t think it
strange concerning the fiery
trial which is to try you”

1 Peter 4:12

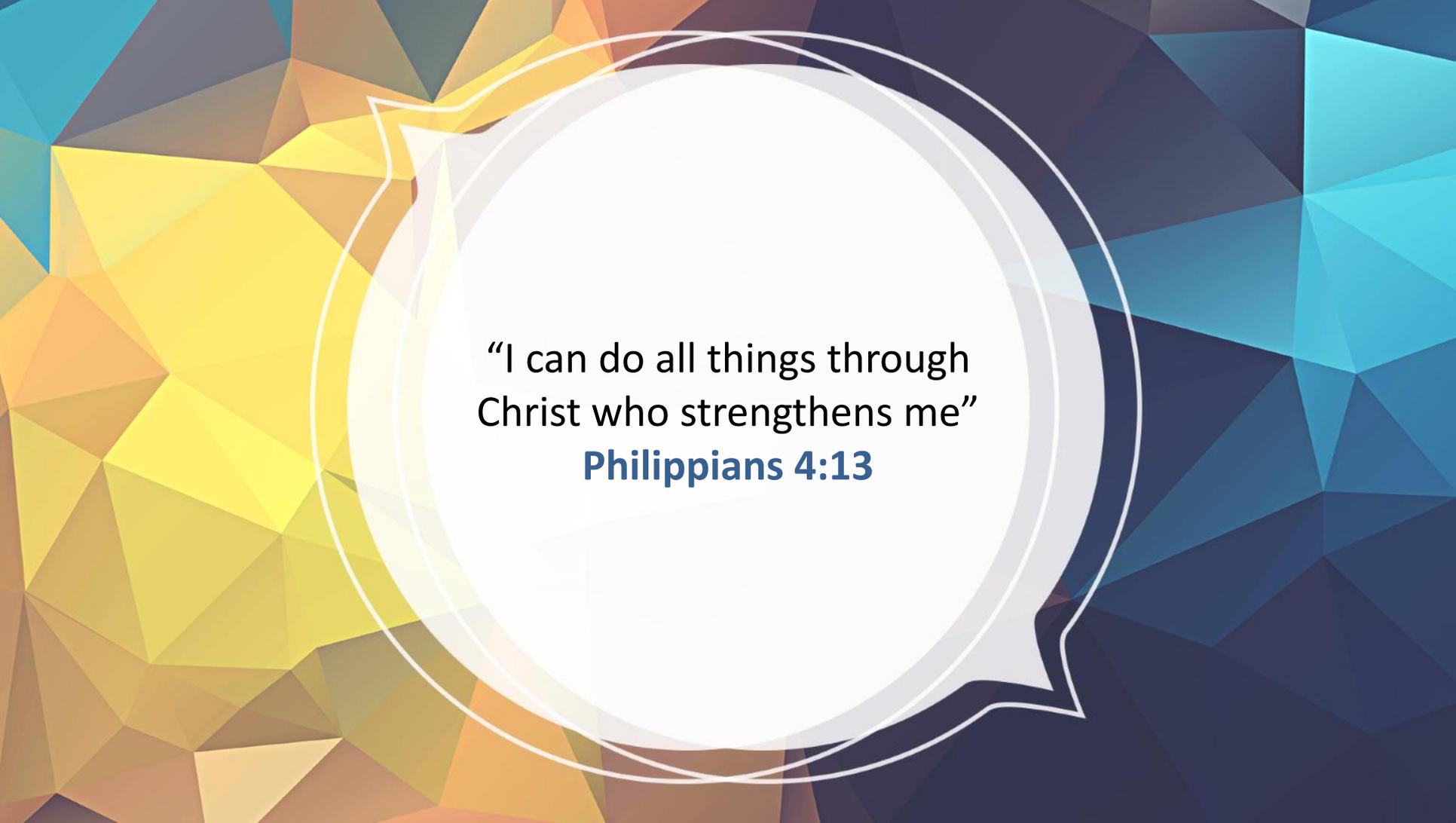




**Biblical Clarity on
Context**



Nearly **80%** of
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are resolved with
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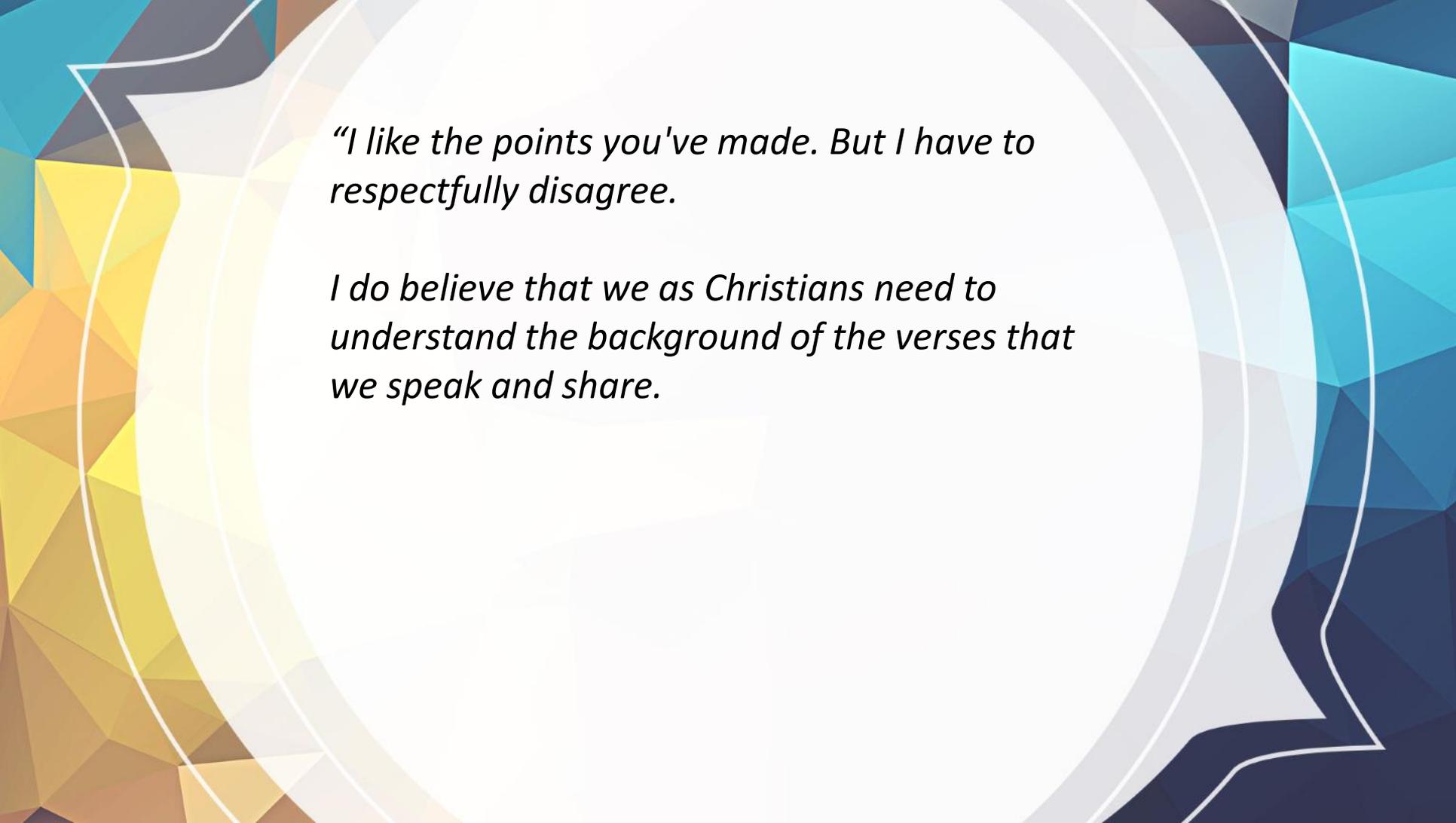
“I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me”
Philippians 4:13



“Ask and it will be given to
you”
Luke 11:9

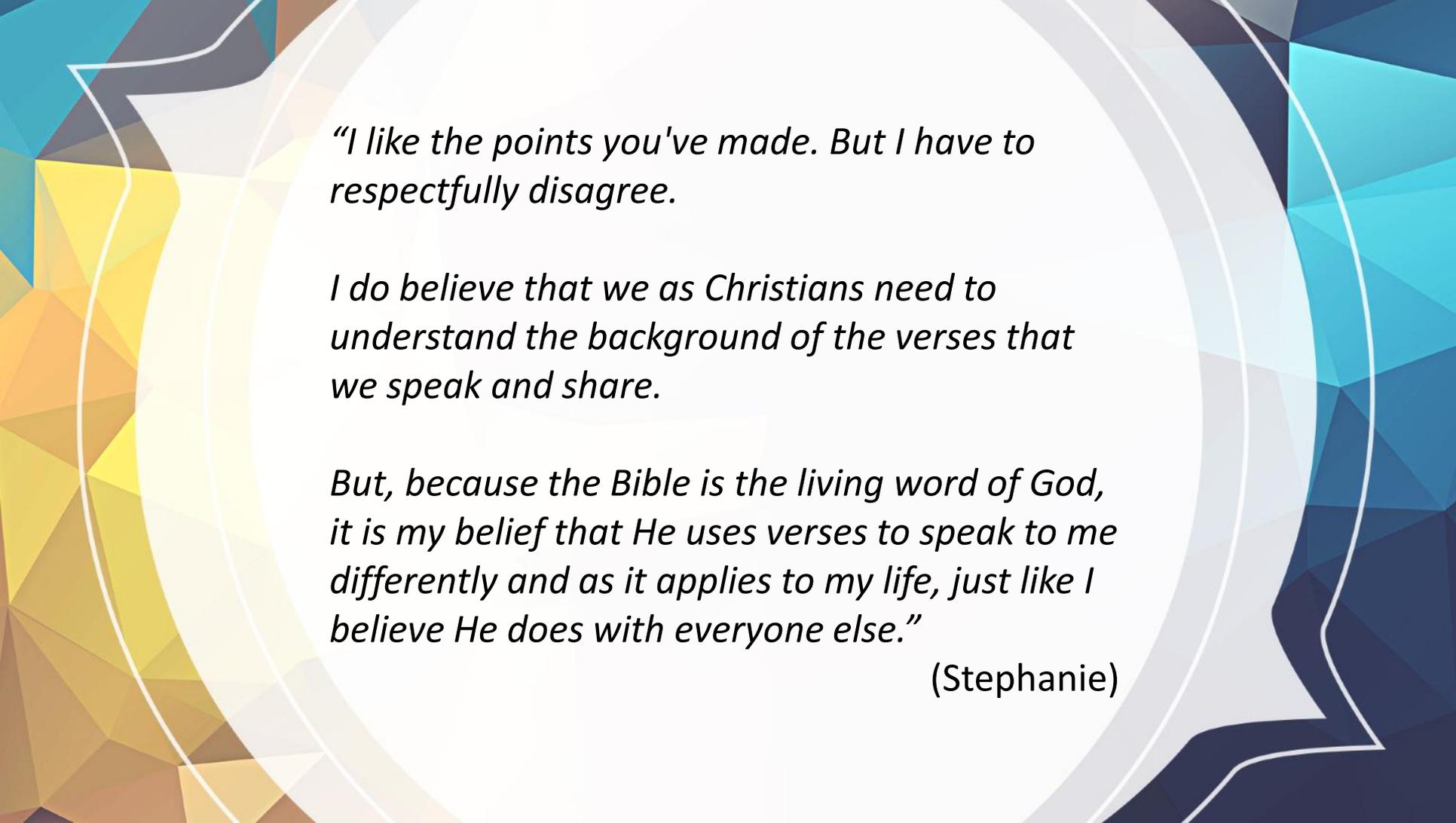


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But, because the Bible is the living word of God, it is my belief that He uses verses to speak to me differently and as it applies to my life, just like I believe He does with everyone else.”

(Stephanie)



Feelings Don't Override Biblical Meaning

Experiences Don't Override Biblical Meaning

Applications for The Fiery Trials (1 Peter 4)

Prepare yourself for inevitable persecution

Prayer for those who are being persecuted

Give to support those who are suffering



**Biblical Clarity on
Gospel**

Jesus tried to change people by loving and healing them. His harshest words of judgment were reserved for those who perpetuated systems of inequality and oppression and who, through religion itself, thought they were sinless and untouchable.

Richard Rohr





We all make errors in our theology; you and me both.
So my recommendation is to err on the side of love.

Why?

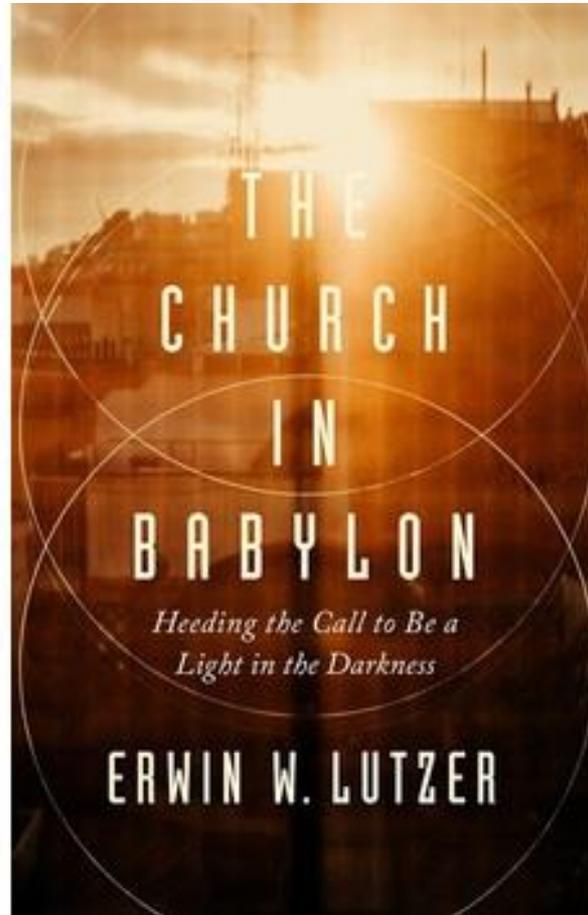
Because... God is not doctrine. God is not denomination.
God is not war. God is not law. God is not hate. God is
not hell... God is Love.

Brian Zahnd
THEHAPPYGIVERS.COM

“Nowhere in the Bible does it say to preach God-ordained living. The great commission is to preach the Gospel. The Gospel is simply that God became a man (Jesus), died for our sins, was resurrected on the third day after His death and whomever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Jesus was very clear that He did not come to judge the world. If Jesus was alive today, He would be hanging with the LGBT community (He was around 'sinners' so often that they called him a 'friend of sinners' which He apparently took as a compliment).

The [conservative Christians] are acting as the pharisees did; claiming be better than others and condemning those around them. The pharisees are the only group that Jesus verbally attacked with consistency. I do not think you want to be anywhere near these people during judgment day.” (Pastor ABC)



The Gospel

Salvation by God through Jesus Christ

+ Acts 4:12

God Making You New

+ Romans 6

+ 2 Corinthians 5:17

Christ in You

+ Colossians 1:26-29; 3:1-5

+ Galatians 1:20

The Holy Spirit Residing and at Work in You

+ Ezekiel 36:26

+ Romans 8:11

The Holy Spirit

He is Called: Lord, Lord of Hosts, Breath of the Almighty, God, Helper, Power of the Highest, Lord Most High, Spirit of Glory and of God, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Holiness

He is: Eternal, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Sovereign, Sustainer of New Birth

He: Raised Christ from the Dead, Baptizes, Indwells, Secures our Future Inheritance, Guides, Encourages, Preserves, Renews, Cleanses, Gives Wisdom, Sends Us Out, Inspires, Gives Power & Strength, Comforts, Nourishes, Warns, Purifies, Illuminates, Searches our Hearts, Teaches, Helps in our Weaknesses, Brings the Word to Remembrance, Constant Giver of Holy Morals and Ethics, Points us to Jesus, Convicts us of Sin, Imparts Hope, Gives Truth

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