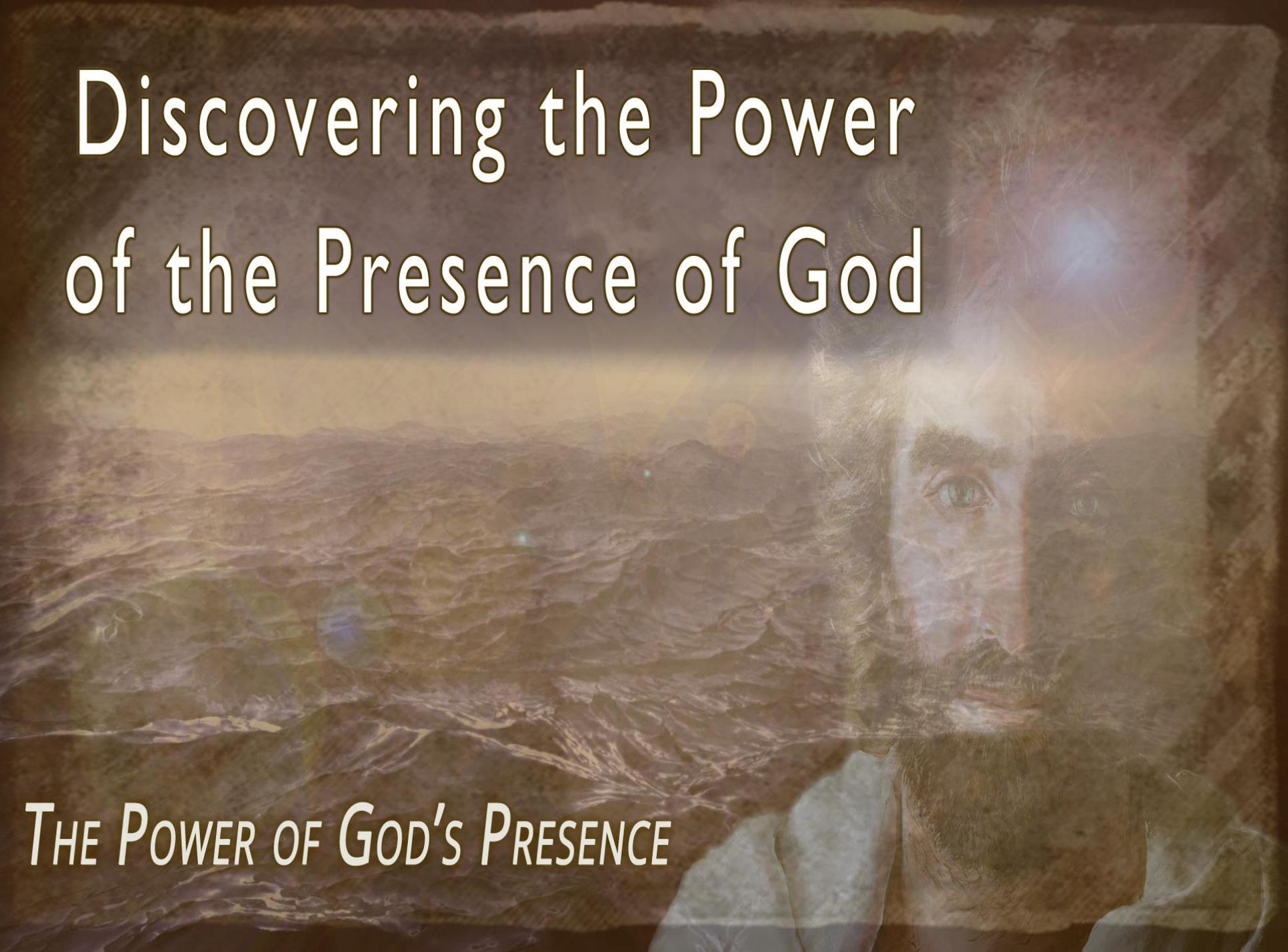
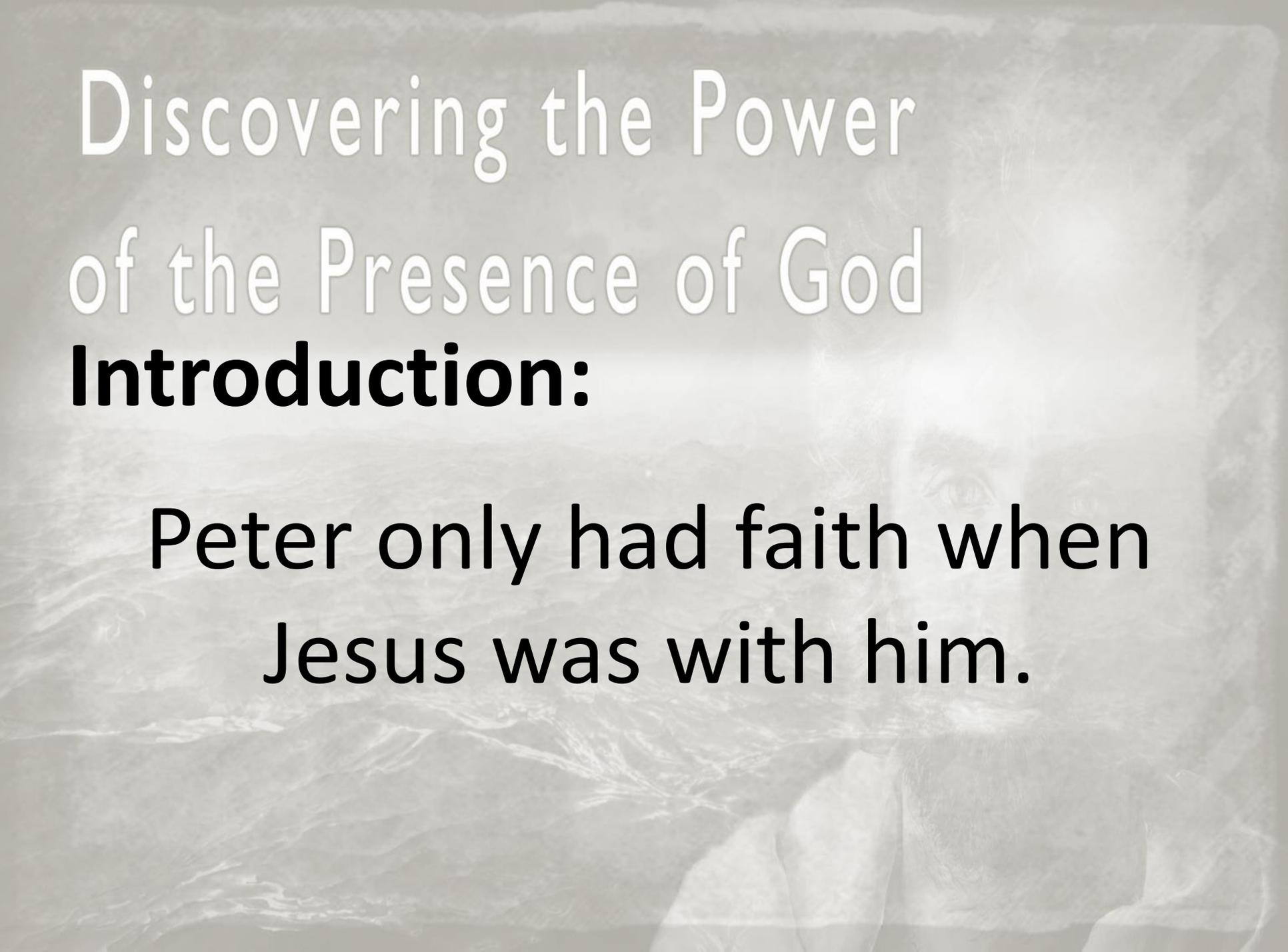


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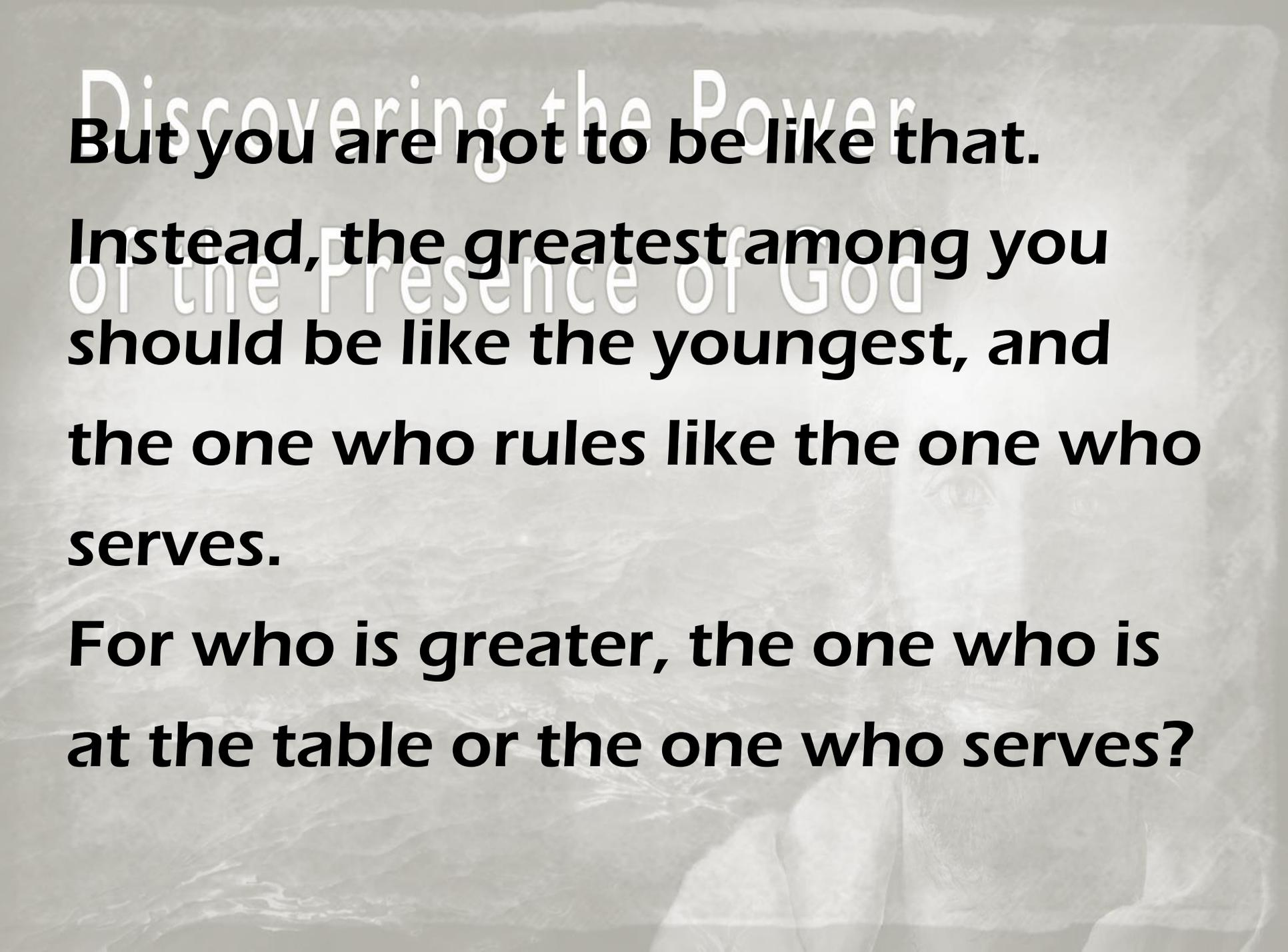
Peter only had faith when
Jesus was with him.

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Text: Luke 22:24-34

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.

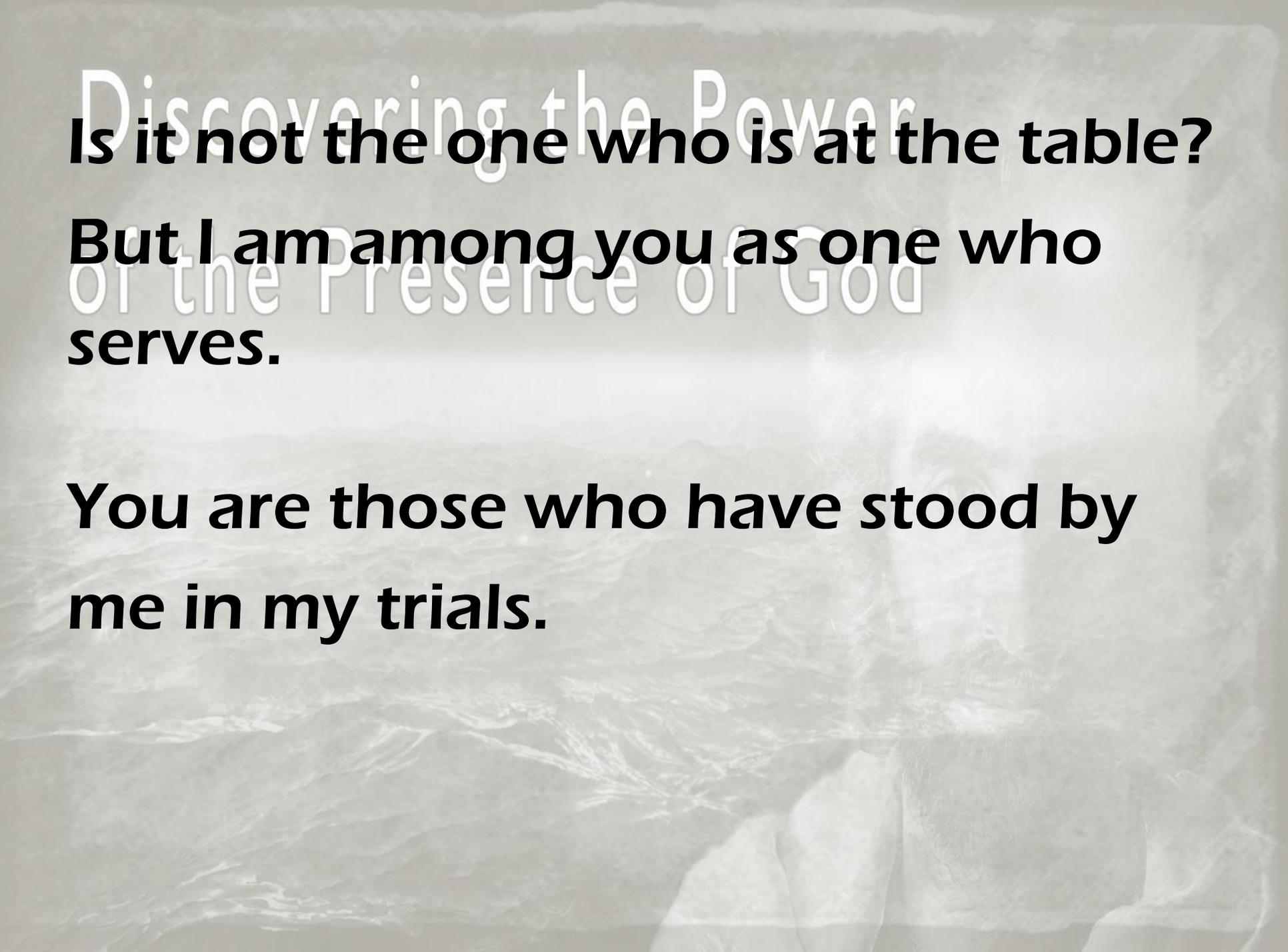


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But you are not to be like that.

Instead, the greatest among you
of the Presence of God
should be like the youngest, and

the one who rules like the one who
serves.

For who is greater, the one who is
at the table or the one who serves?



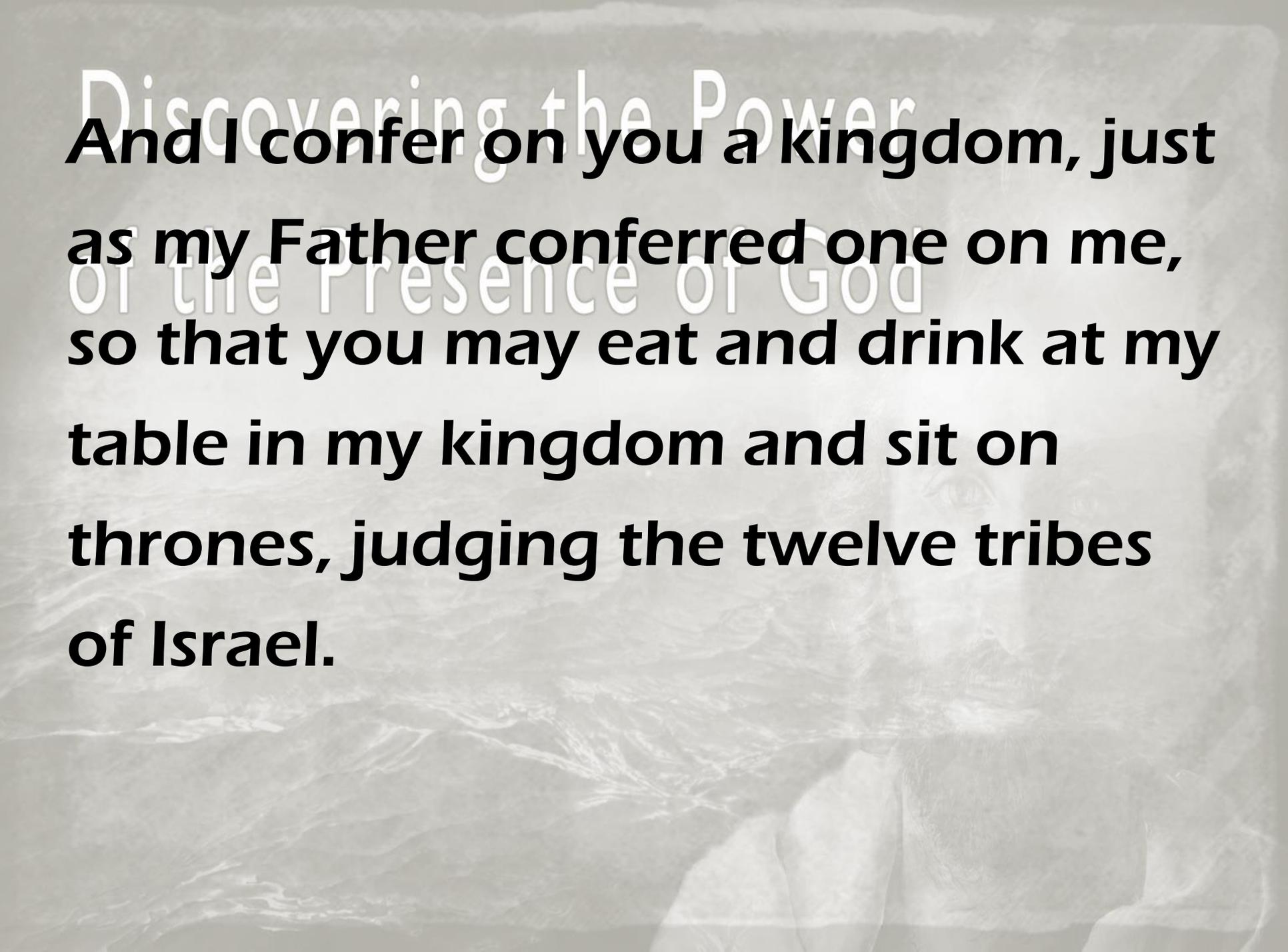
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Is it not the one who is at the table?

But I am among you as one who
of the Presence of God
serves.

You are those who have stood by
me in my trials.

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**And I confer on you a kingdom, just
as my Father conferred one on me,
so that you may eat and drink at my
table in my kingdom and sit on
thrones, judging the twelve tribes
of Israel.**



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“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to
sift you as wheat.
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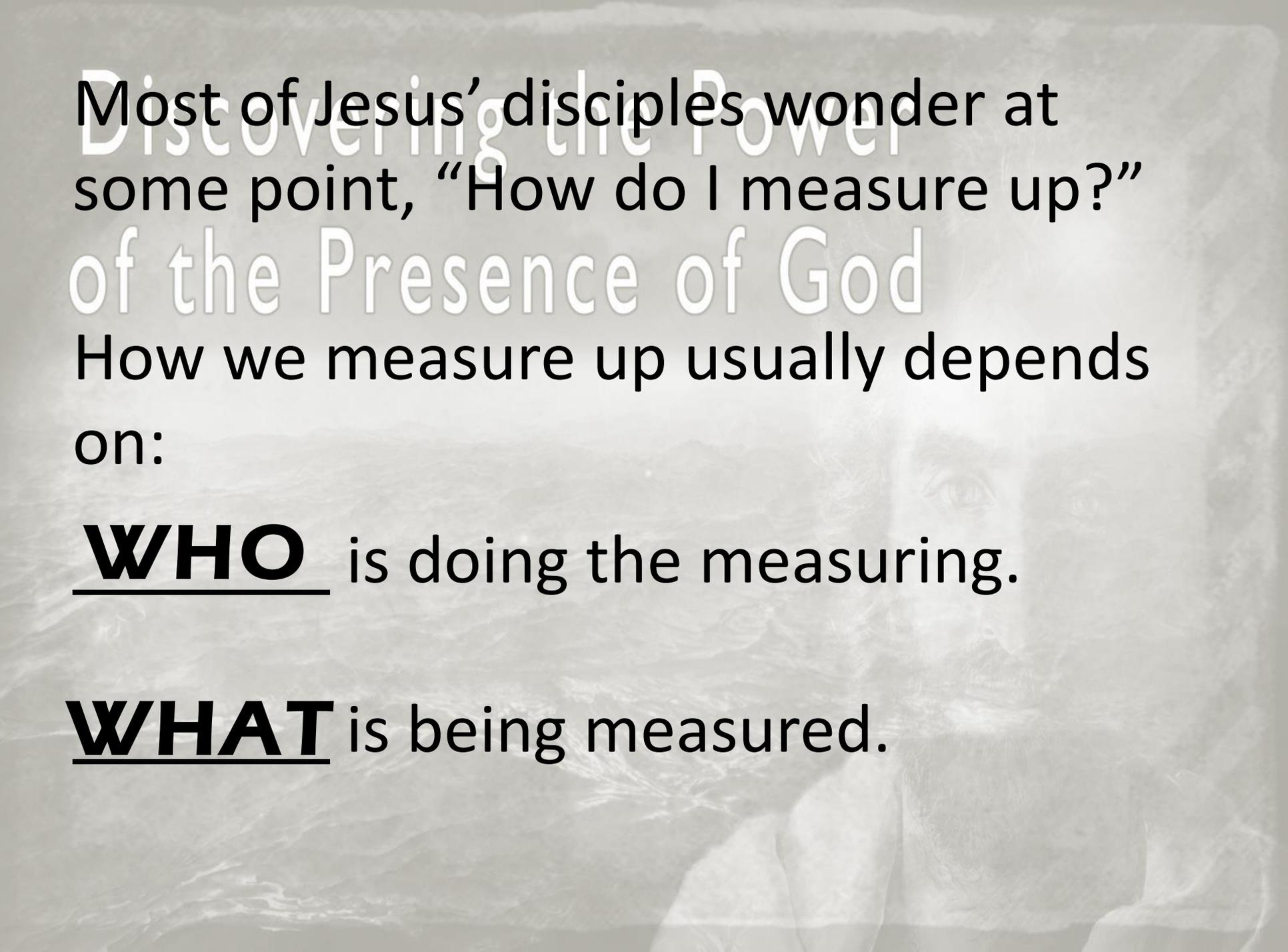
But I have prayed for you, Simon,
that your faith may not fail. And
when you have turned back,
strengthen your brothers.”

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But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Luke 22:24-34

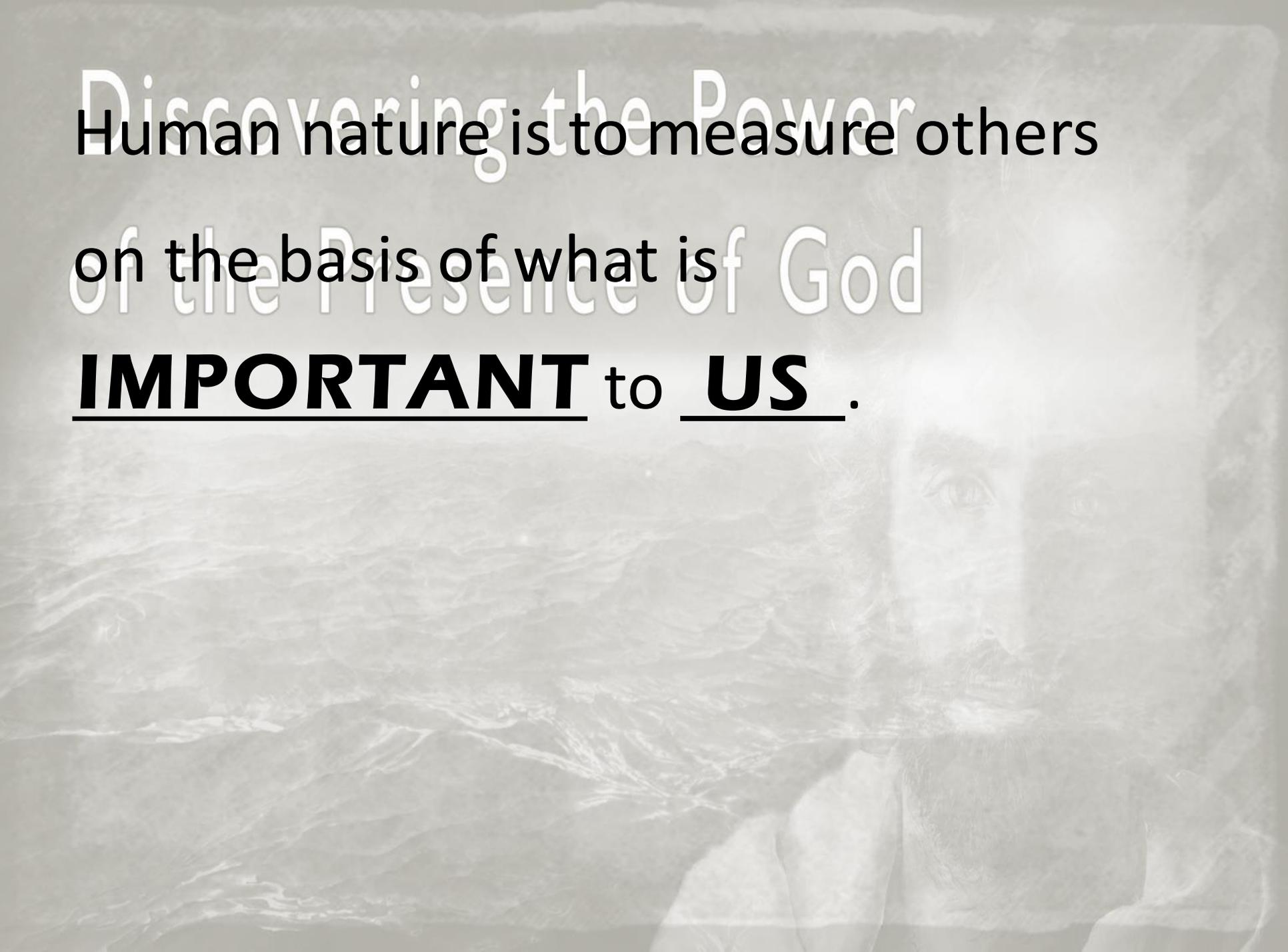


Most of Jesus' disciples wonder at some point, "How do I measure up?"

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How we measure up usually depends on:

WHO is doing the measuring.

WHAT is being measured.



Human nature is to measure others
on the basis of what is
IMPORTANT to **US**.

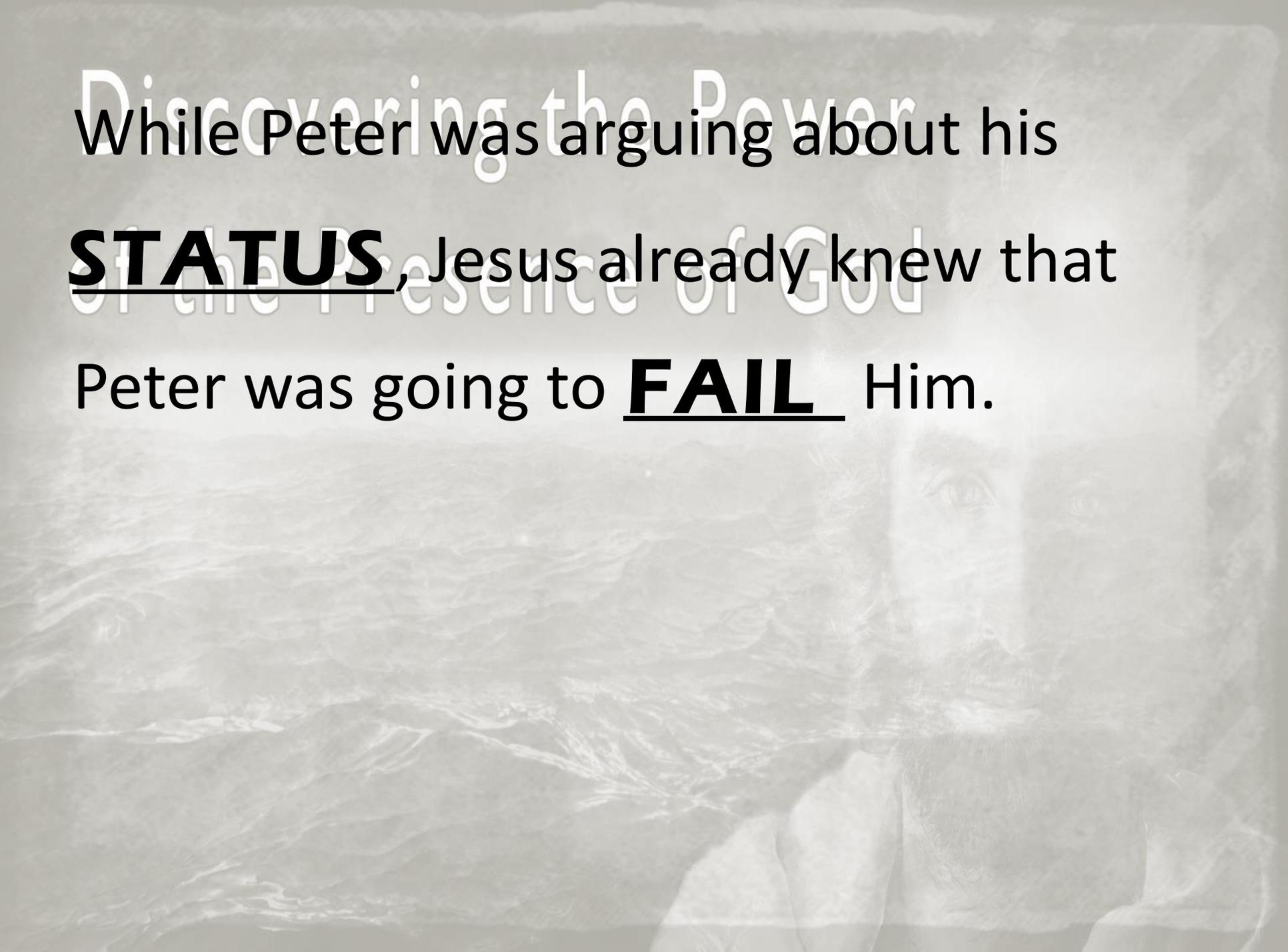
Jesus rejected the notion of
measuring people by their:
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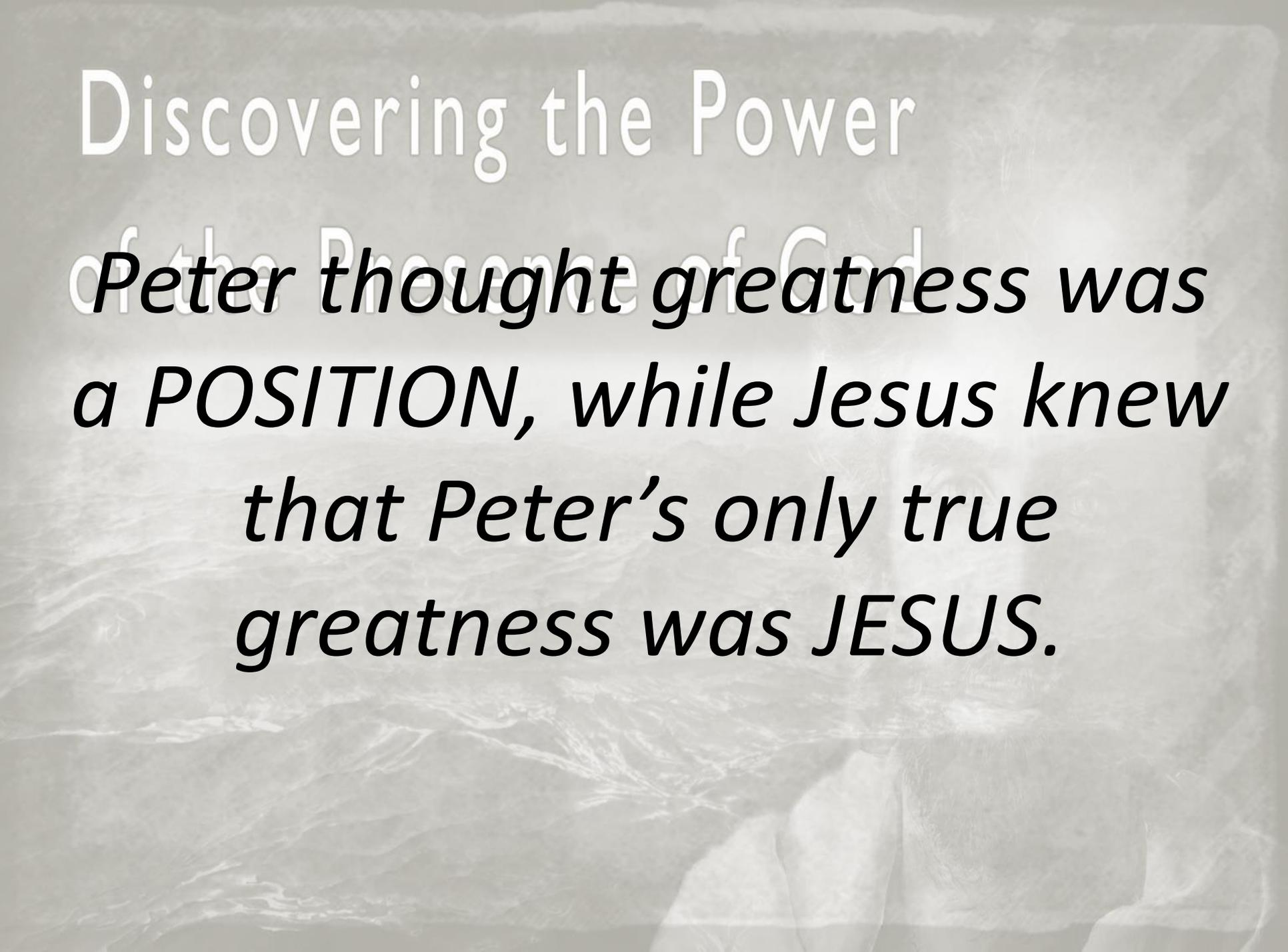
AUTHORITY — “I have a lot of
CLOUT.”

SENIORITY — “I’ve been around
LONGER than you have.”

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While Peter was arguing about his
STATUS, Jesus already knew that
Peter was going to **FAIL** Him.

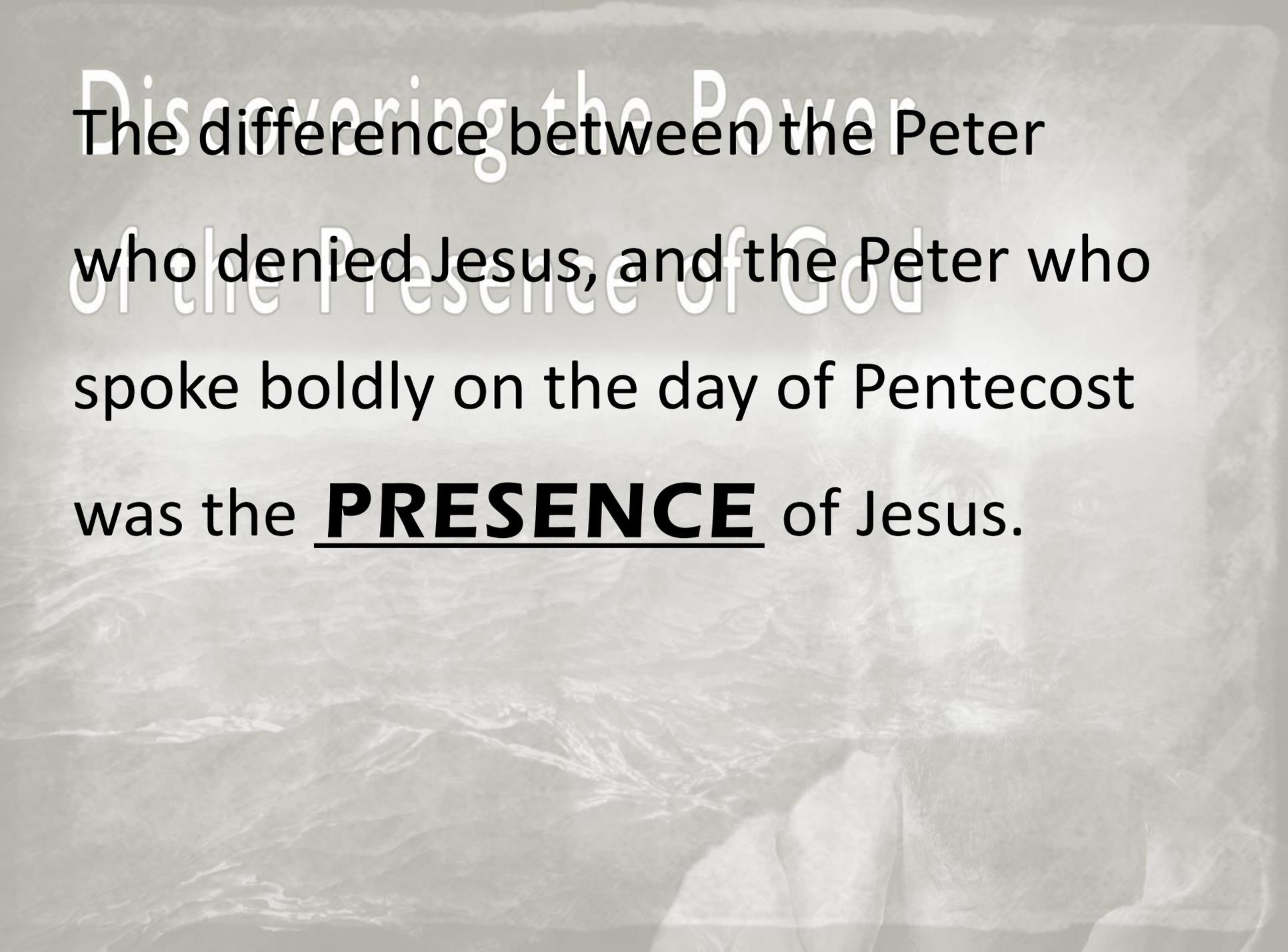


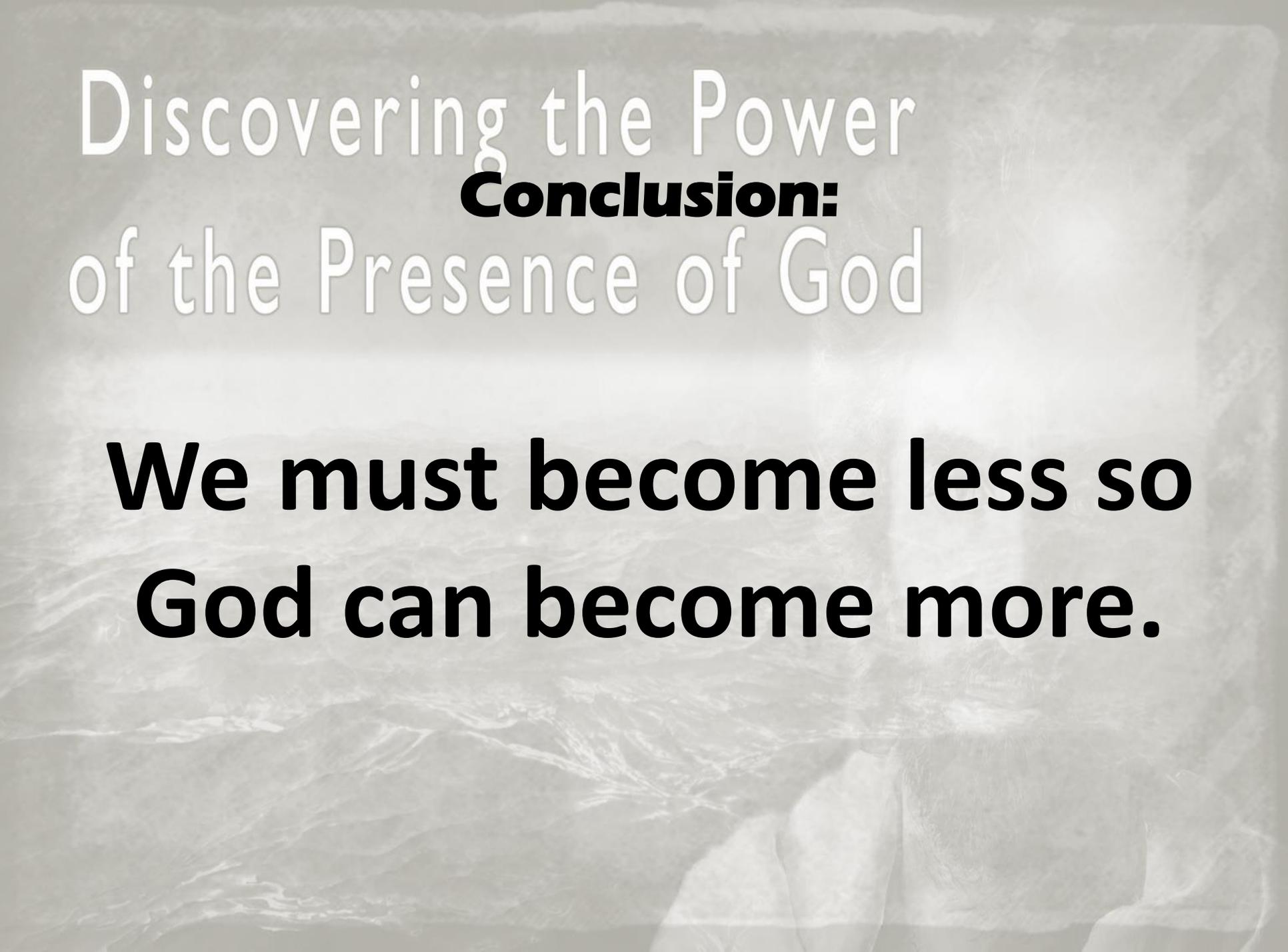


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*Peter thought greatness was
a POSITION, while Jesus knew
that Peter's only true
greatness was JESUS.*

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The difference between the Peter
who denied Jesus, and the Peter who
spoke boldly on the day of Pentecost
was the **PRESENCE** of Jesus.

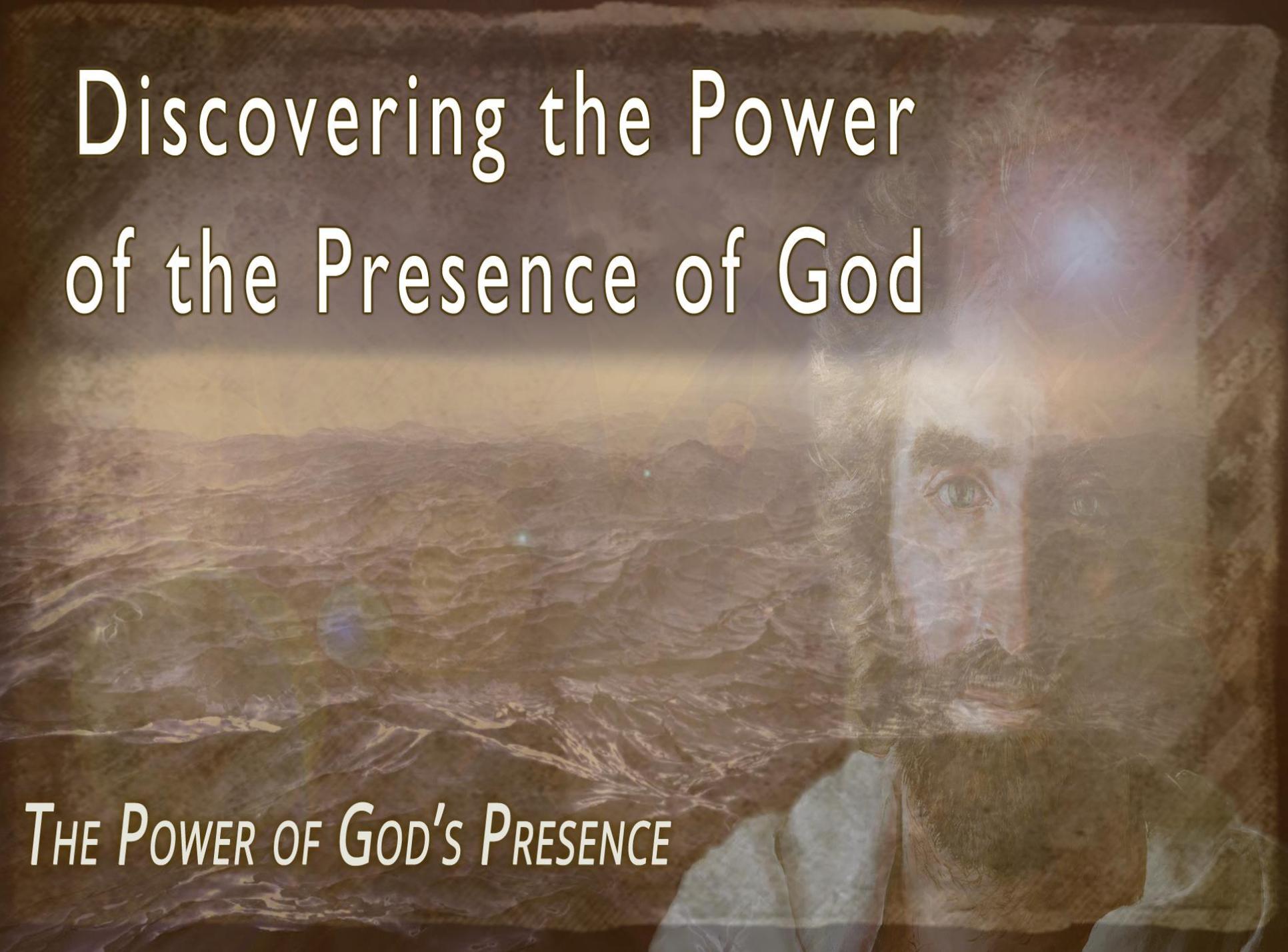




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Conclusion:
of the Presence of God

**We must become less so
God can become more.**

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