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Introduction:

God has chosen to reveal many truths to us, but not all. Why?

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Text: John 21:18-22

“Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

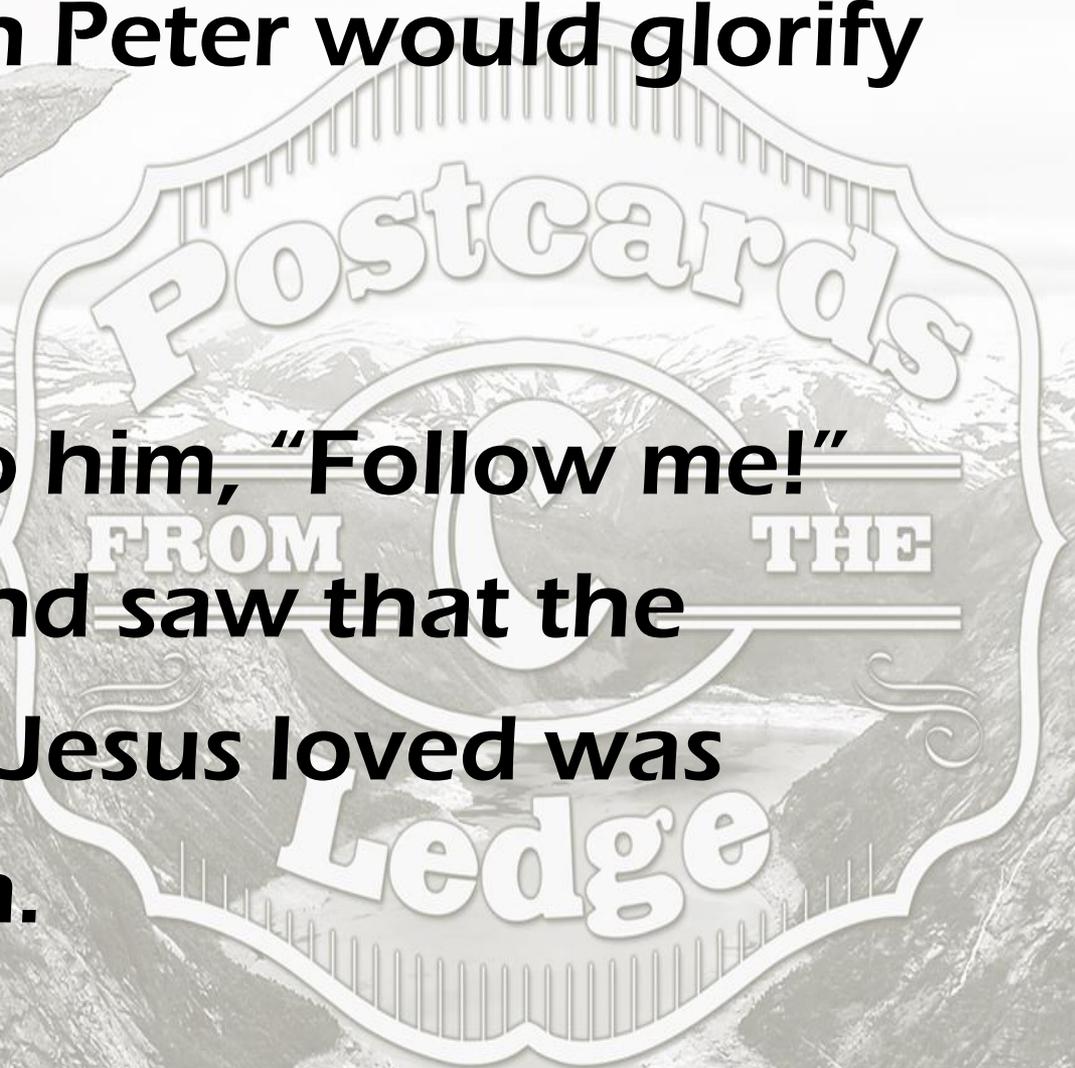
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Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Then he said to him, "Follow me!"
Peter turned and saw that the
disciple whom Jesus loved was
following them.



(This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?")

When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered,

"If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

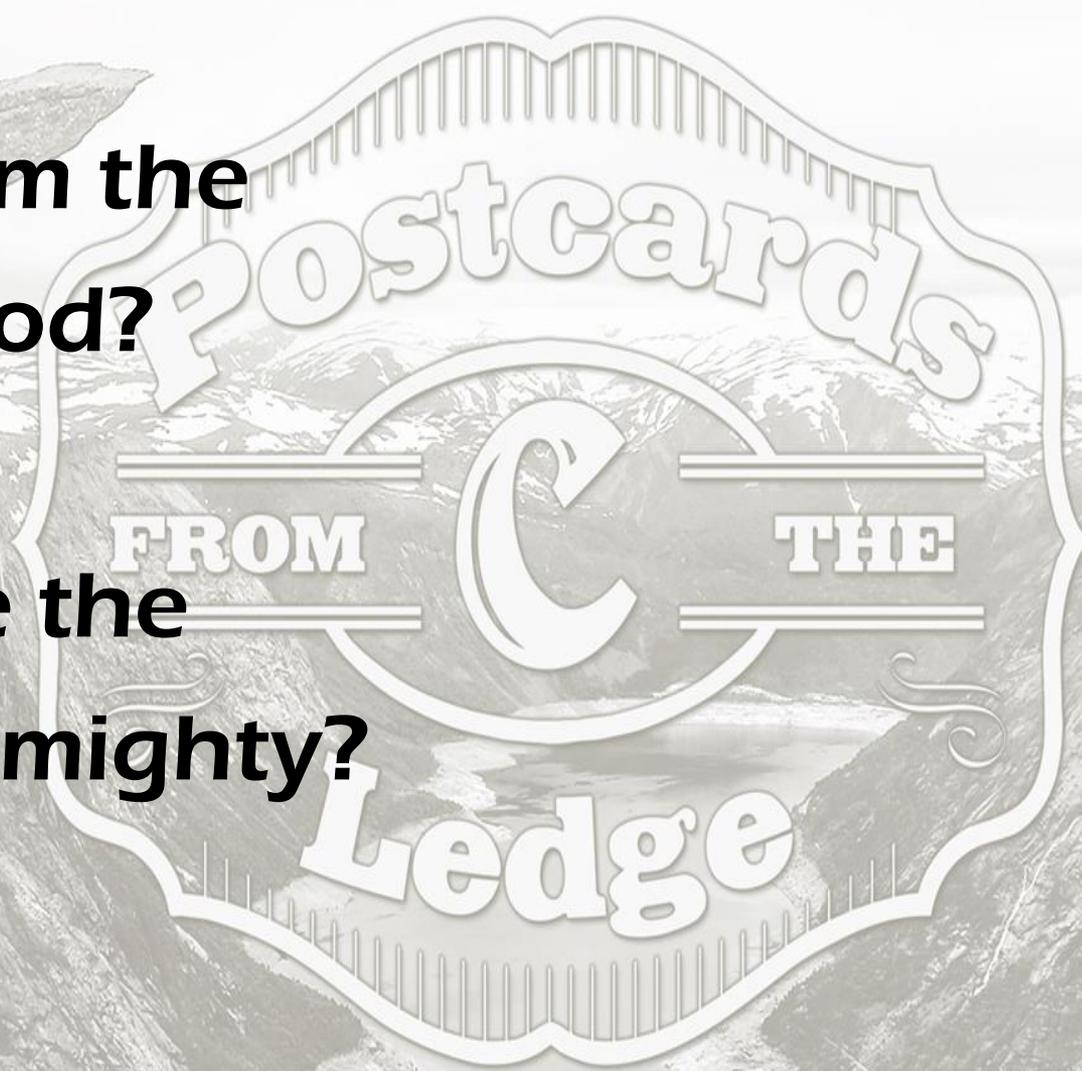
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Text: Job 11:7



**Can you fathom the
mysteries of God?**

**Can you probe the
limits of the Almighty?**



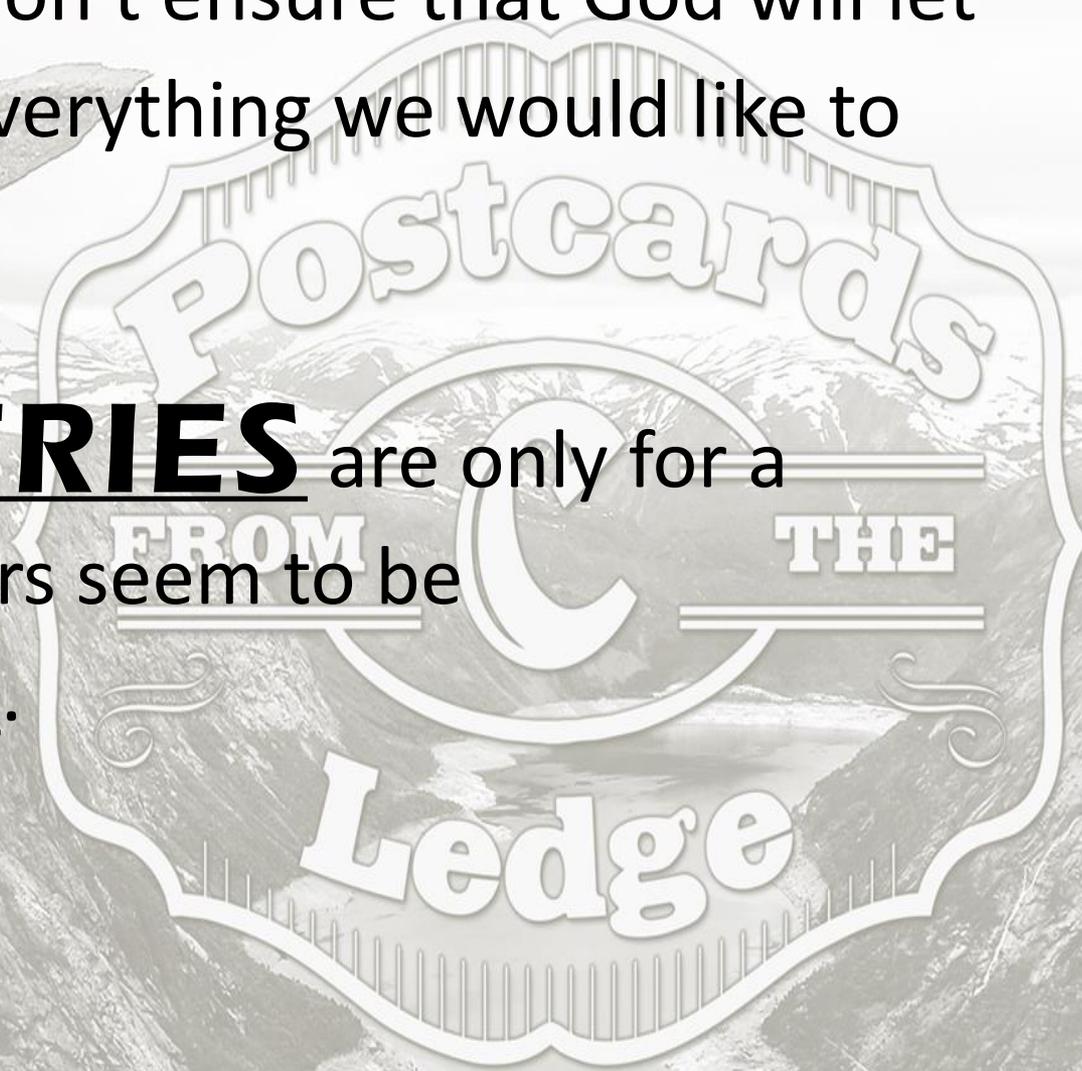
There are things that God hasn't seen the need to **REVEAL** to us, but also things He has chosen to actively **CONCEAL** from us.

The Apostle Paul used the word **MYSTERY** 16 times in referring to things that God deliberately **CONCEALED** from us.

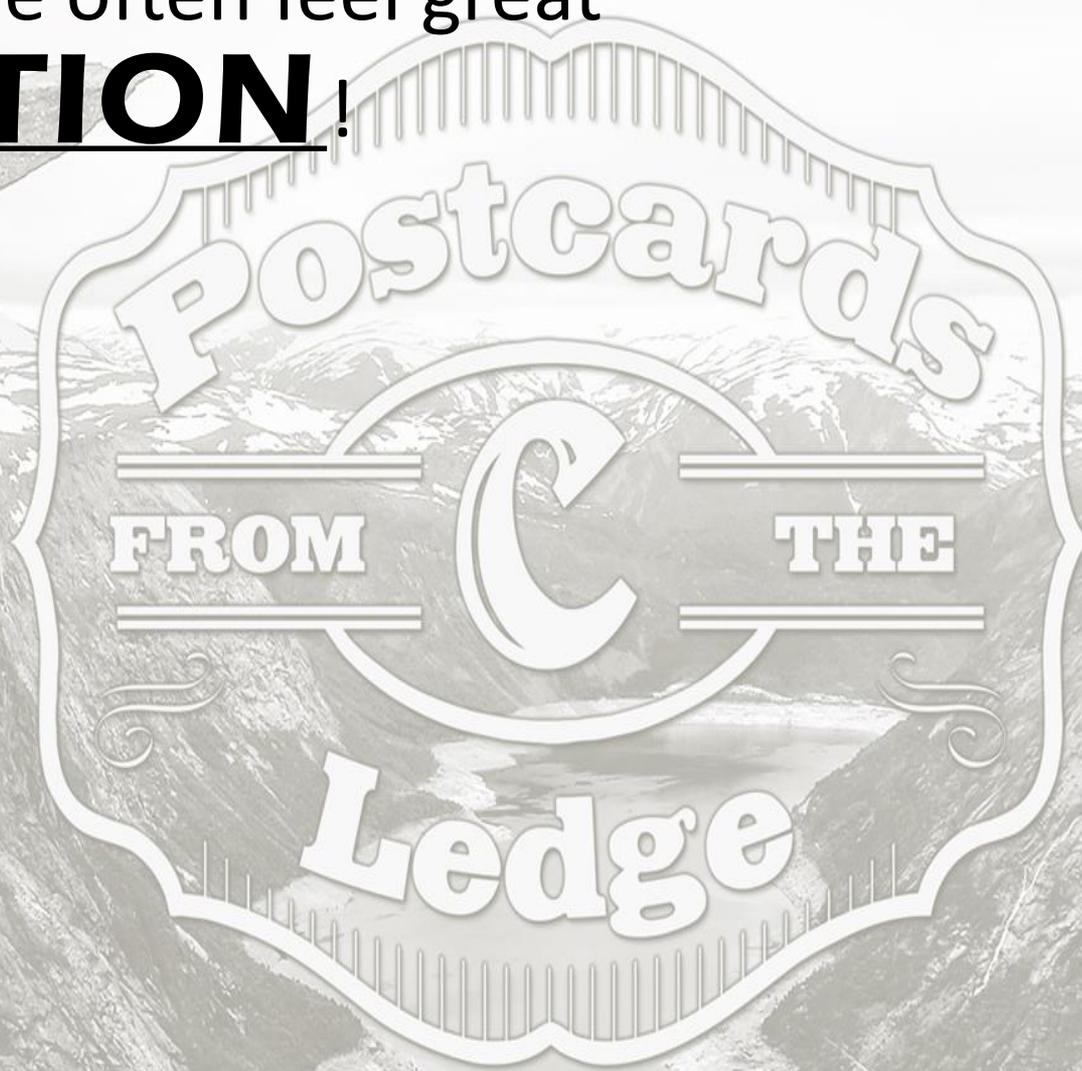


A **RELATIONSHIP** with God, even a very close one, won't ensure that God will let us **KNOW** everything we would like to **KNOW**.

Some **MYSTERIES** are only for a season, while others seem to be **ETERNAL**.



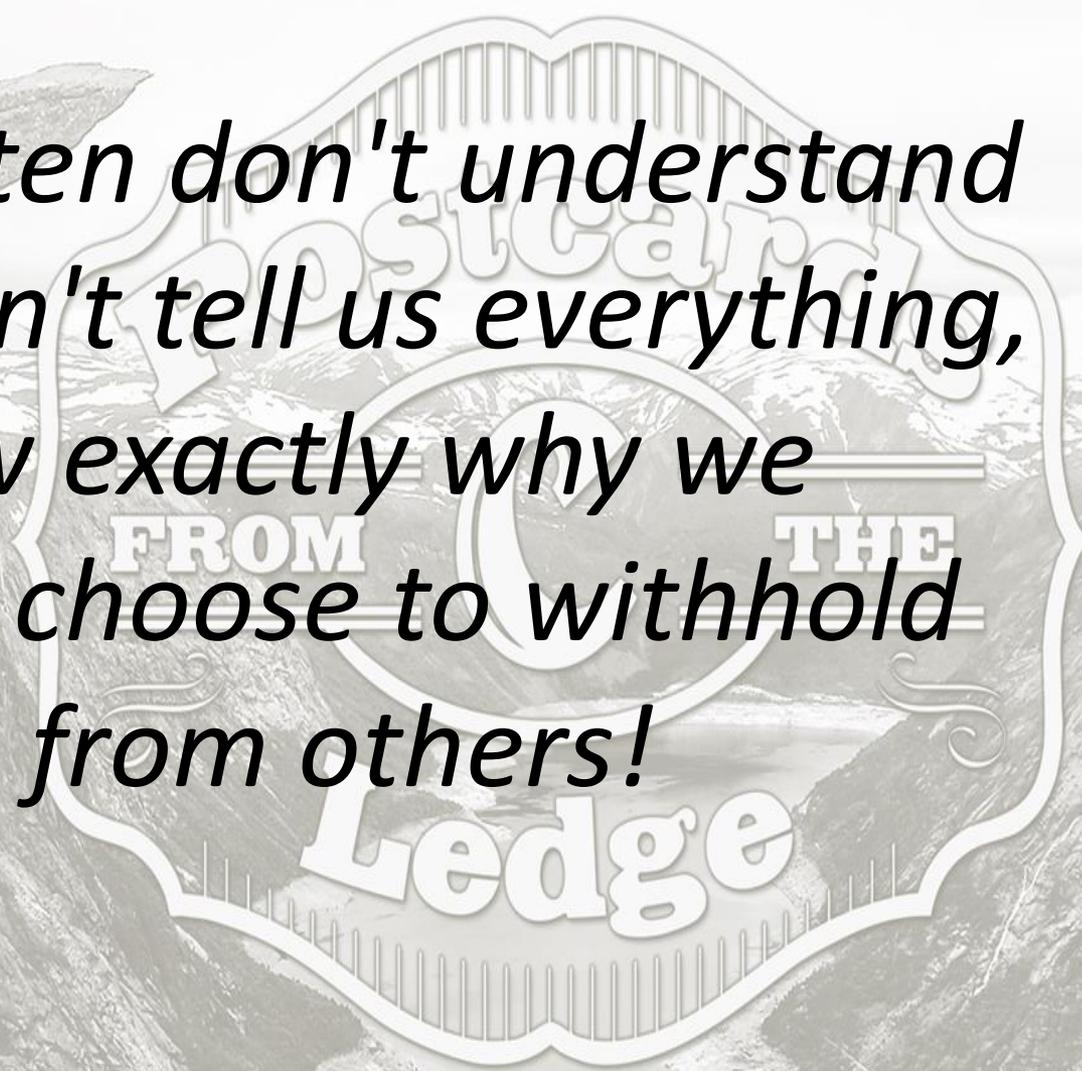
When God chooses not to reveal
something to us, we often feel great
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While we often don't understand why God won't tell us everything, we know exactly why we sometimes choose to withhold truth from others!



When information is withheld, it may be because:

1. God can't **TRUST** us to not lose our heads.

2. God doesn't wish to **BURDEN** us with unnecessary **WORRY** and **ANXIETY**.

3. God doesn't wish to **ENDANGER** us physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

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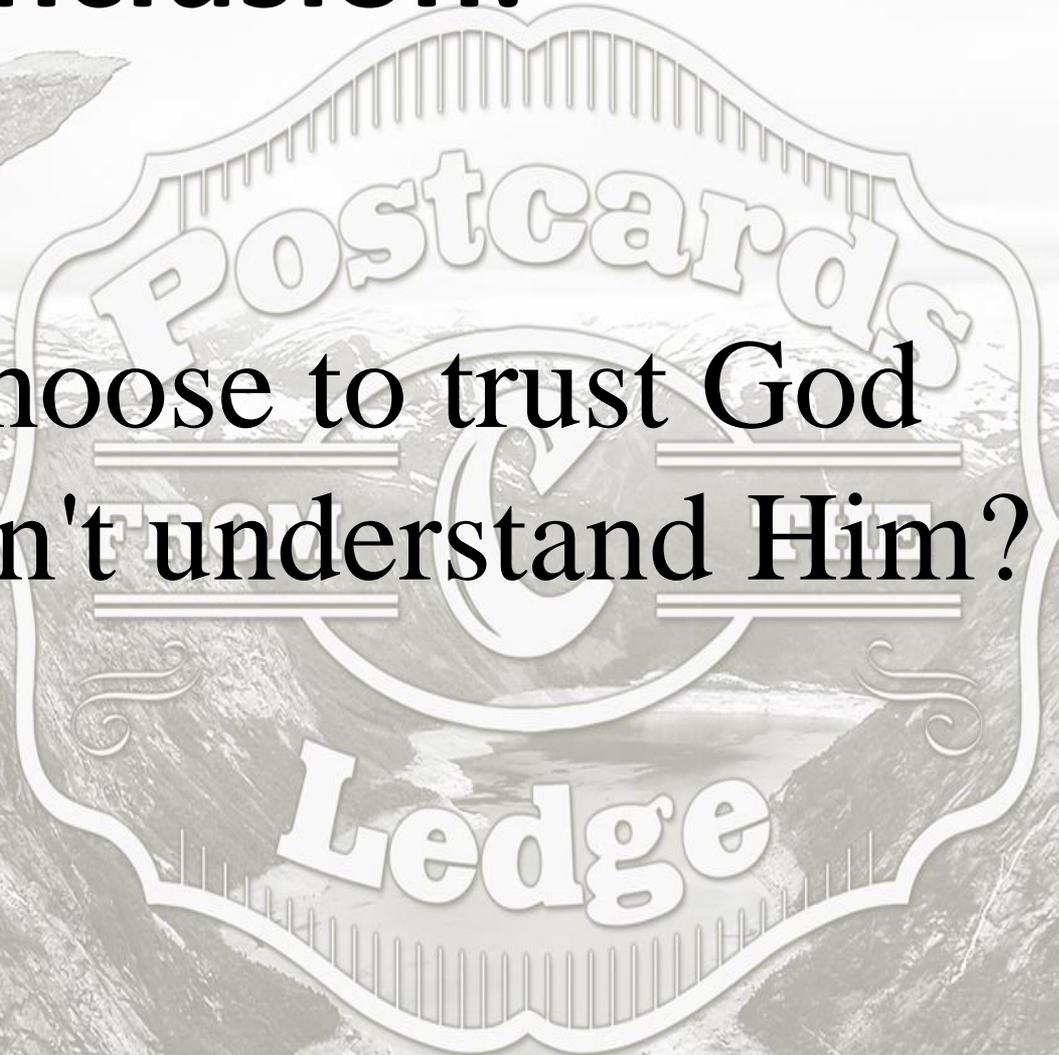
4. God hopes that our desire to understand His **PURPOSES** will become a desire to know **HIM**.

5. God knows that the ability to **TRUST** Him when we don't **UNDERSTAND** Him will become an anchor of **PEACE** for our soul.



Conclusion:

Will you choose to trust God
when you don't understand Him?





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