

Encountering GOD in Scripture

SING: "IN THE MORNING"

by GORD JOHNSON

As recorded on the IN THE MORNING album

by Carolyn Arends

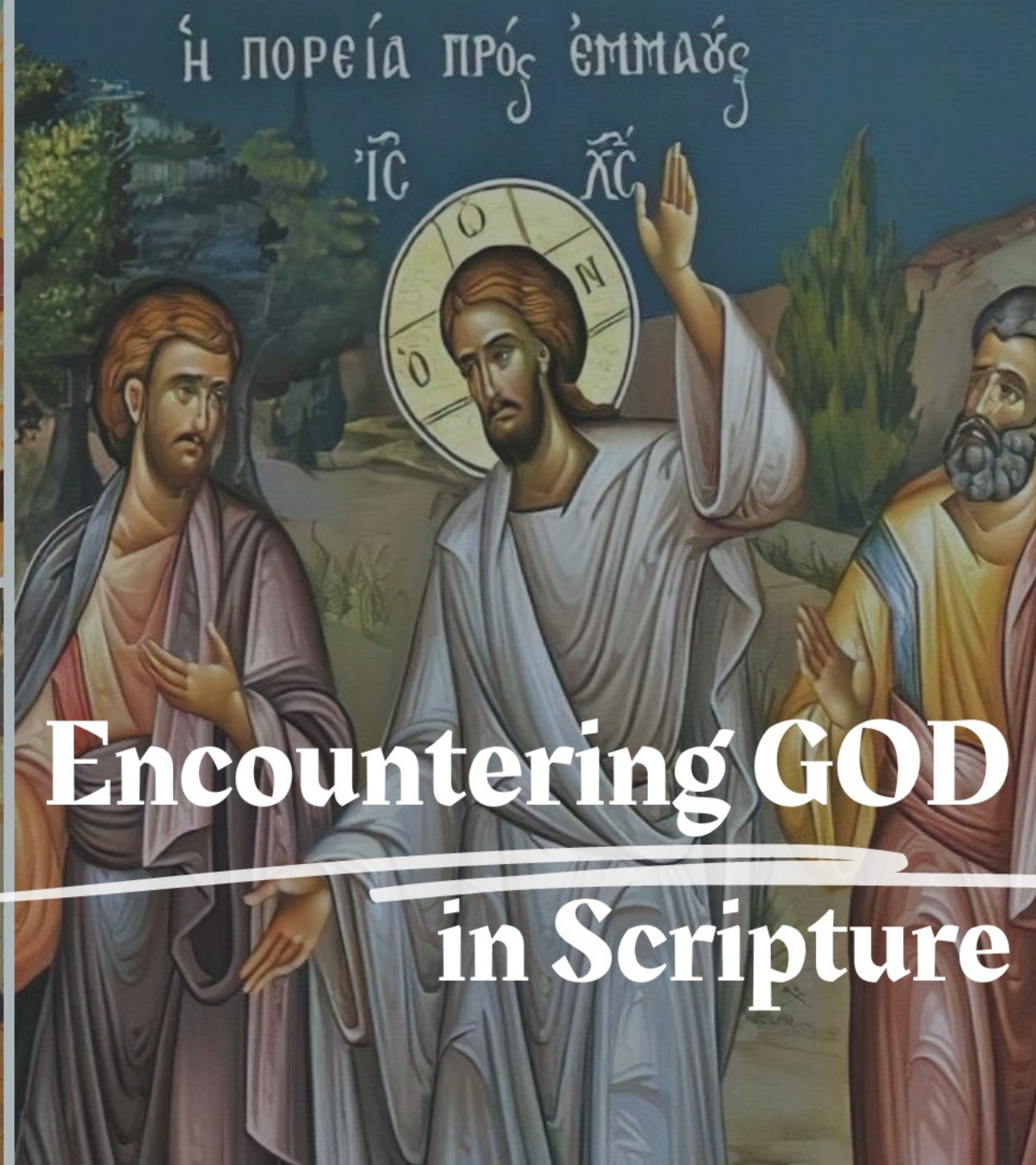
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INTRODUCTIONS!

Please share:

- Your name
- How long you've been coming to PCC (or how you got involved this morning if you're a guest)
- What you would normally be doing on a Saturday morning.

SING: “STEP BY STEP”
by Rich Mullins and David Strauser



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“The Bible is not a book for the faint of heart -- it is a book full of all the greed and glory and violence and tenderness and sex and betrayal that befits mankind. It is not the collection of pretty little anecdotes mouthed by pious little church mice -- it does not so much nibble at our shoe leather as it cuts to the heart and splits the marrow from the bone. It does not give us answers fitted to our small-minded questions, but truth that goes beyond what we even know to ask.”

~RICH MULLINS



1 John 1:1-4

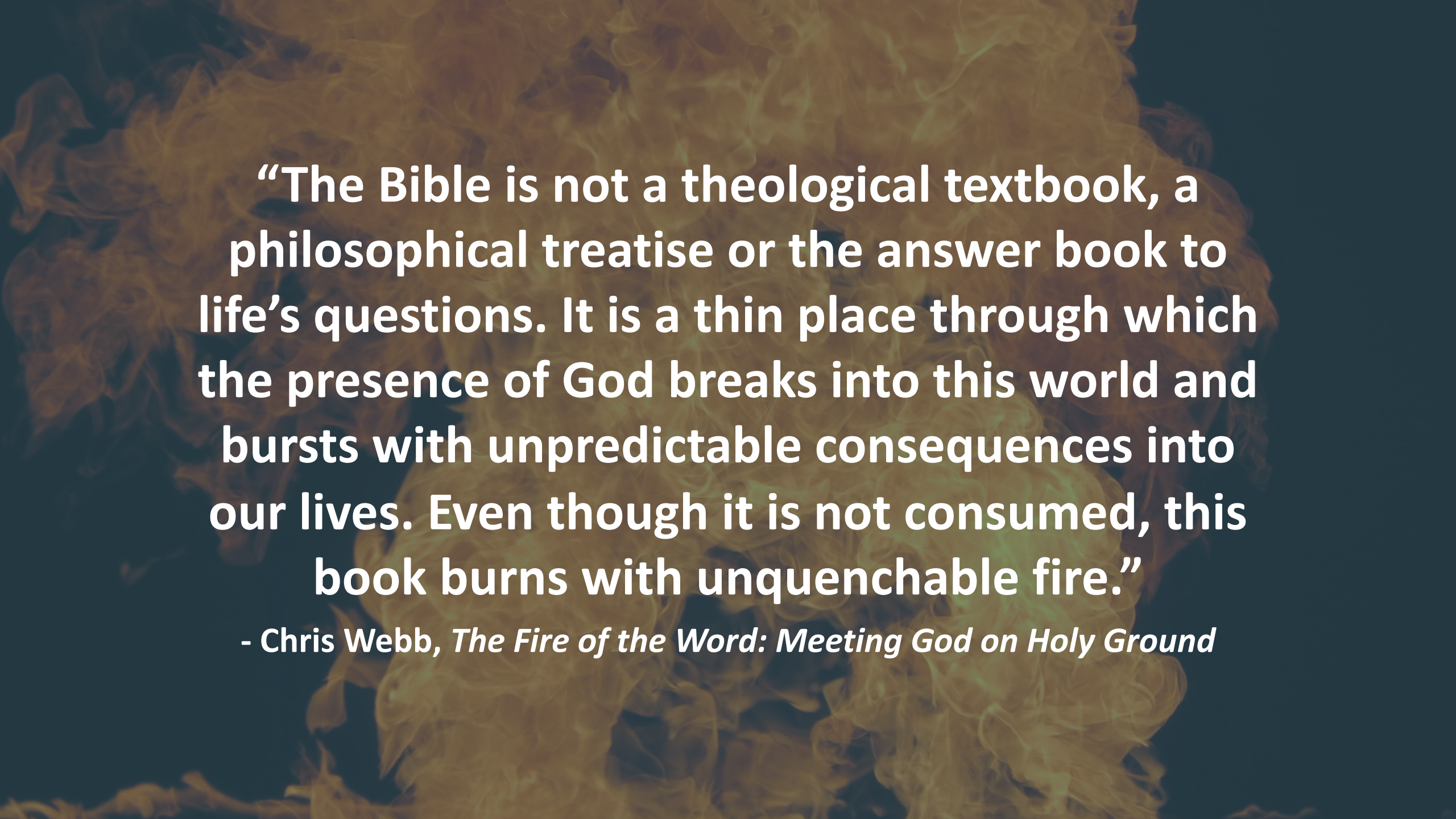
So let's talk about the Bible ...

Groups of 3 or 4

- Has there been a time (past or present) when you found a particularly fruitful way to engage with Scripture? What was it?
- What do you find most frustrating or difficult about engaging in Scripture?

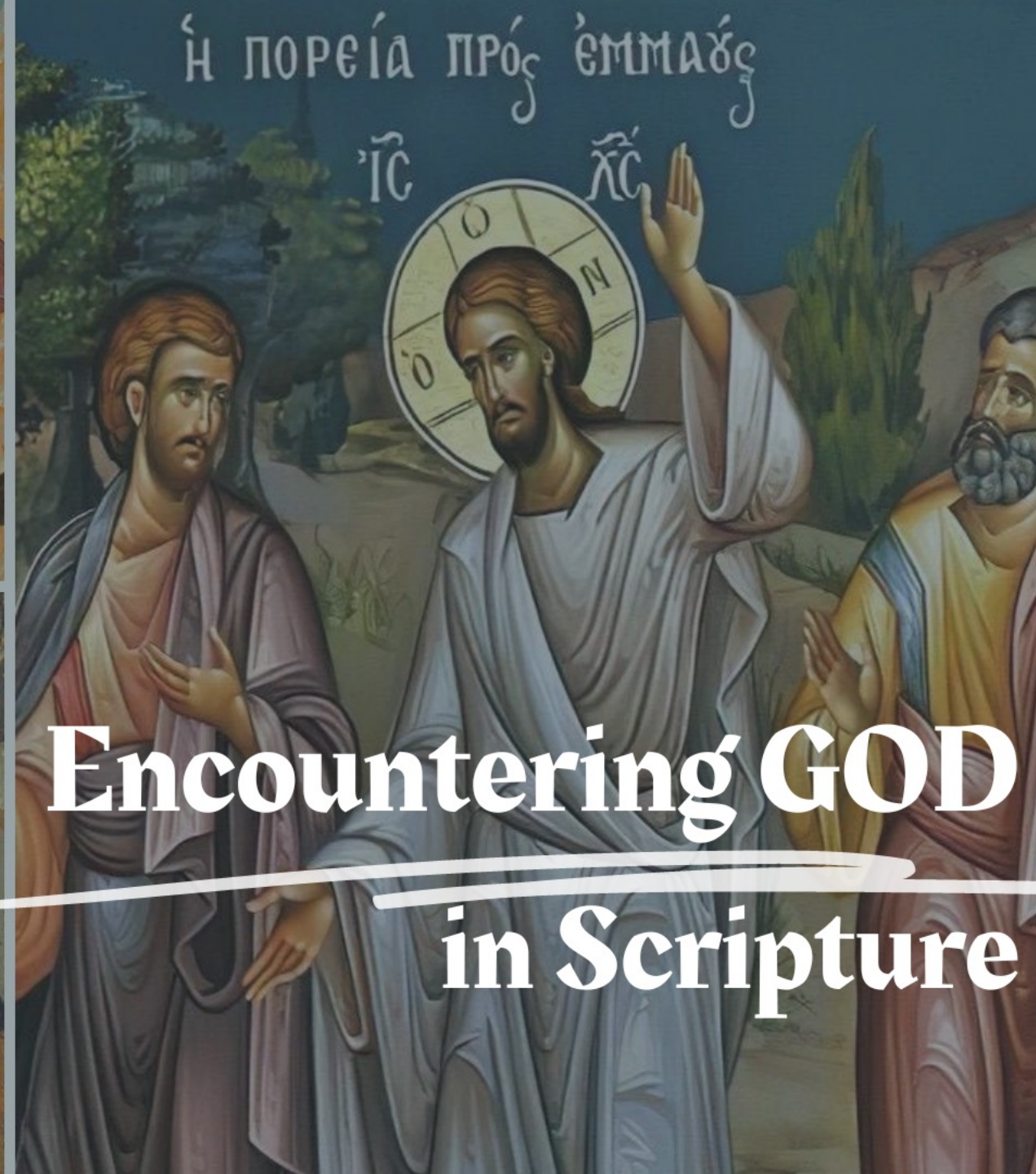
The Peculiar Power of Scripture

- to detox
- to guide
- to clarify
- to shape and form
- to facilitate divine conversation
(through a biblical imagination)
- to facilitate divine encounter

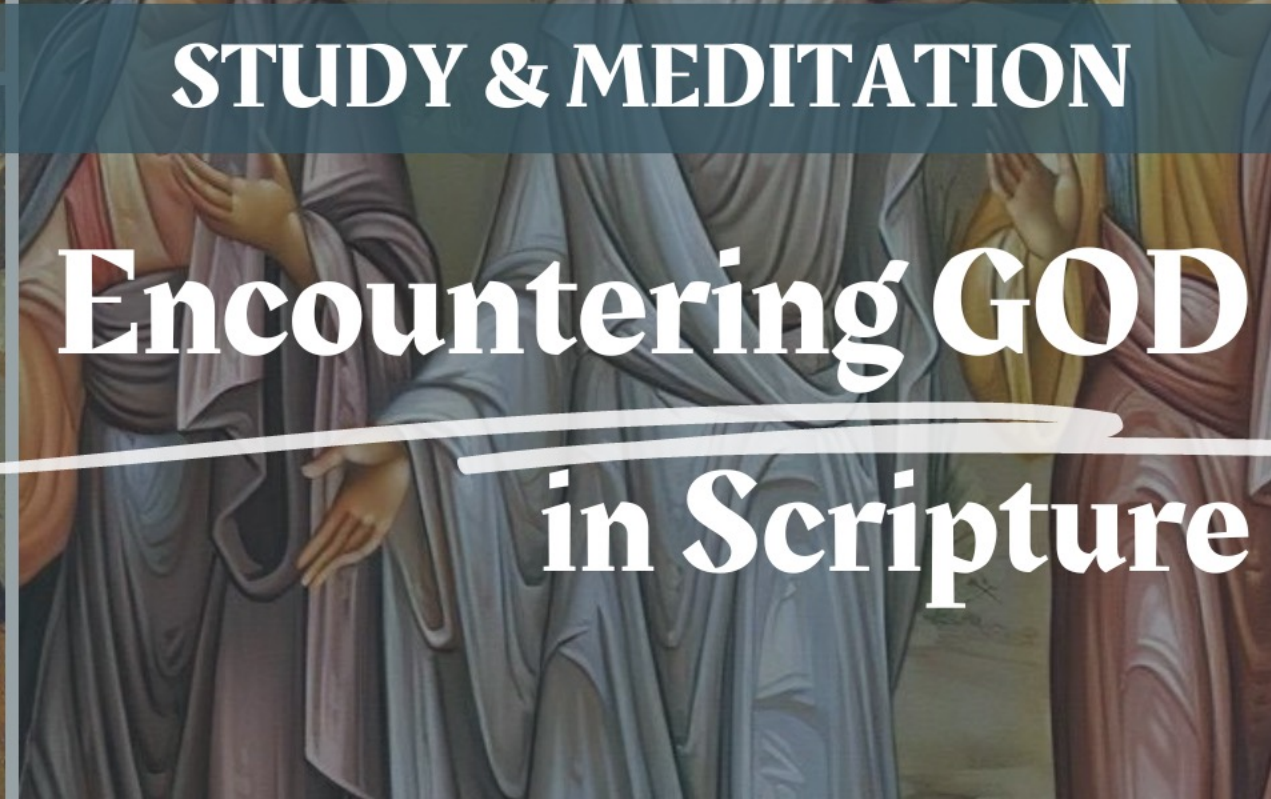


“The Bible is not a theological textbook, a philosophical treatise or the answer book to life’s questions. It is a thin place through which the presence of God breaks into this world and bursts with unpredictable consequences into our lives. Even though it is not consumed, this book burns with unquenchable fire.”

- Chris Webb, *The Fire of the Word: Meeting God on Holy Ground*



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STUDY & MEDITATION

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**“The Bible is not only a book which was once spoken, but a book which is now speaking ...
If you would follow on to know the Lord, come at once to the open Bible expecting it to speak to you. Do not come with the notion that it is a thing which you can push around at your convenience.”**

- A. W. Tozer

STUDY

MEDITATION

STUDY

*What did the passage mean
to the original audience?*

Analysis:
Language

MEDITATION

SING: "BE STILL"

by CAROLYN ARENDS

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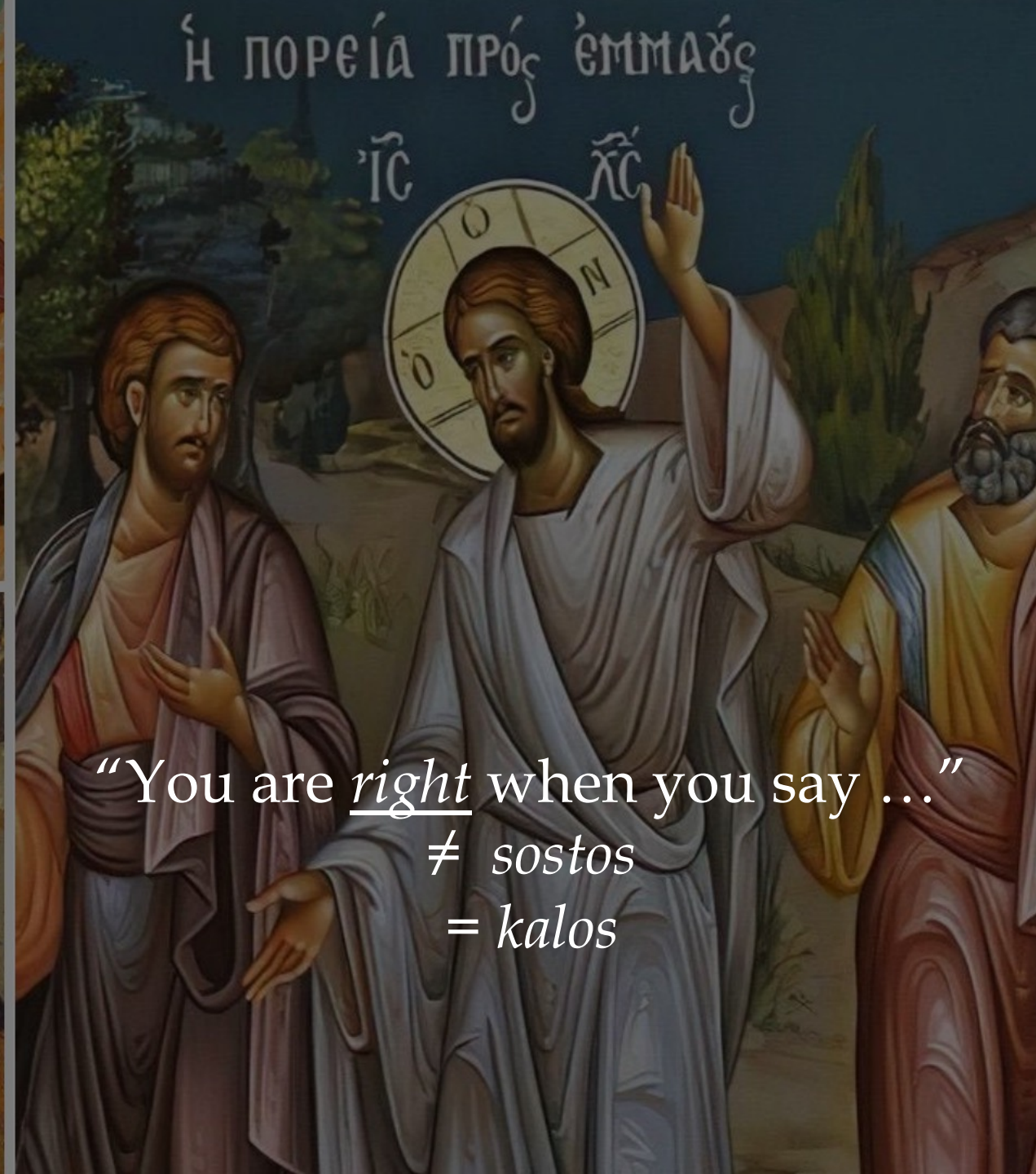
History

Culture

MEDITATION



John 4:4-30; 39-42



“You are right when you say ...”
≠ *sostos*
= *kalos*

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“In our meditation we ponder the chosen text
on the strength of the promise that it has
something utterly personal to say to us today
and for our Christian life We read God’s Word
as God’s word for us. .”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Lectio Divina:

Read (lectio)

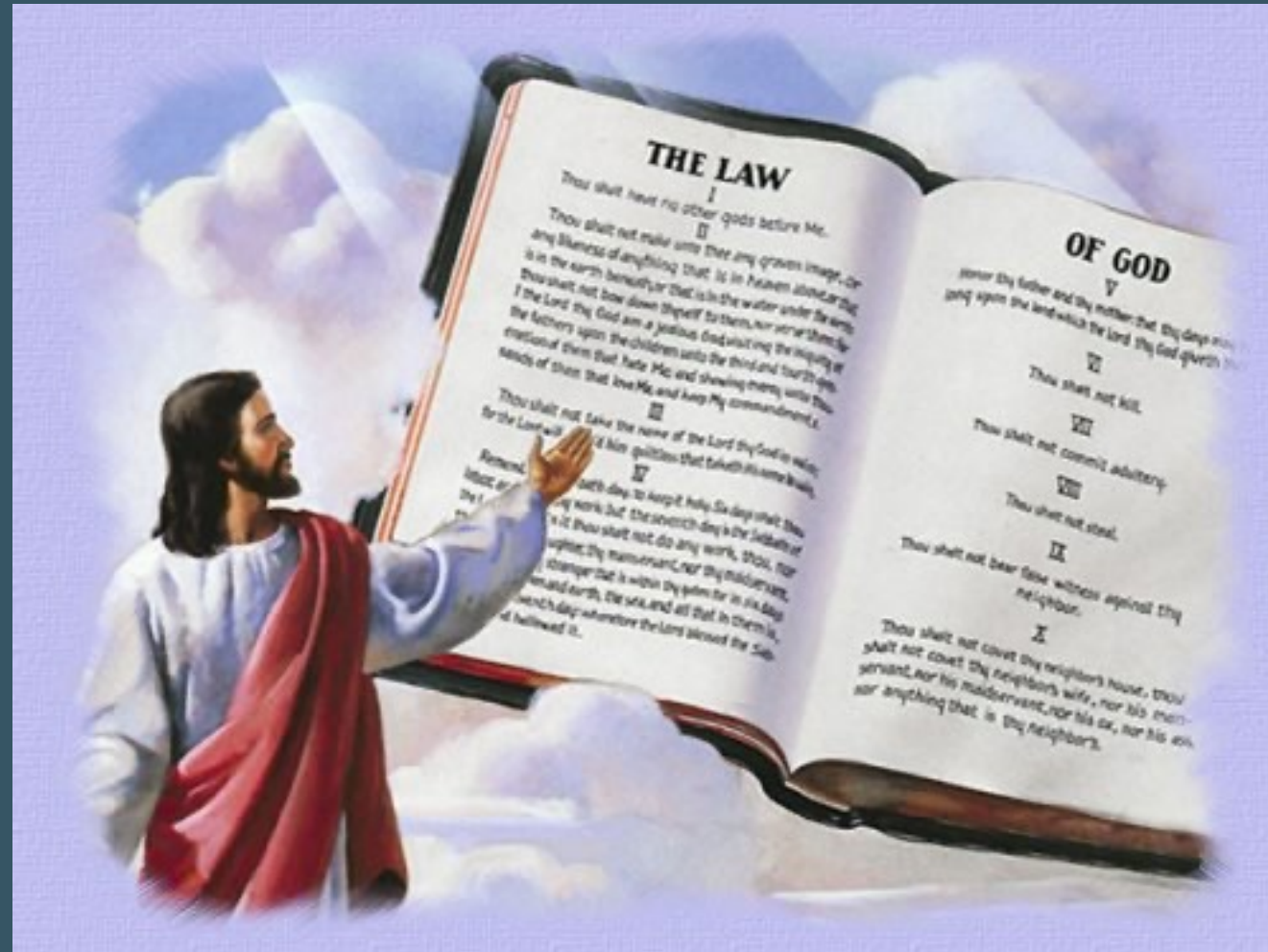
Reflect (meditatio)

Respond (oratio) ... prayer

Rest (contemplatio)

“Letting the passage master me.”

What's wrong with this picture?
The Written Word should be pointing to the Living Word
– not the other way around!



STUDY – Aids

Sermons (+ background vids)

PCC-U

Small Groups (community!)

Study Bibles/Commentaries

BibleProject.com

BibleGateway.com

BibleHub.com

RegentAudio.com

RightNow Media

MEDITATION – Aids

Space

Time

Small Groups (community!)

Seeking God's Face (devotional)

Meeting God in Scripture (book)

Dwell.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENCOUNTER

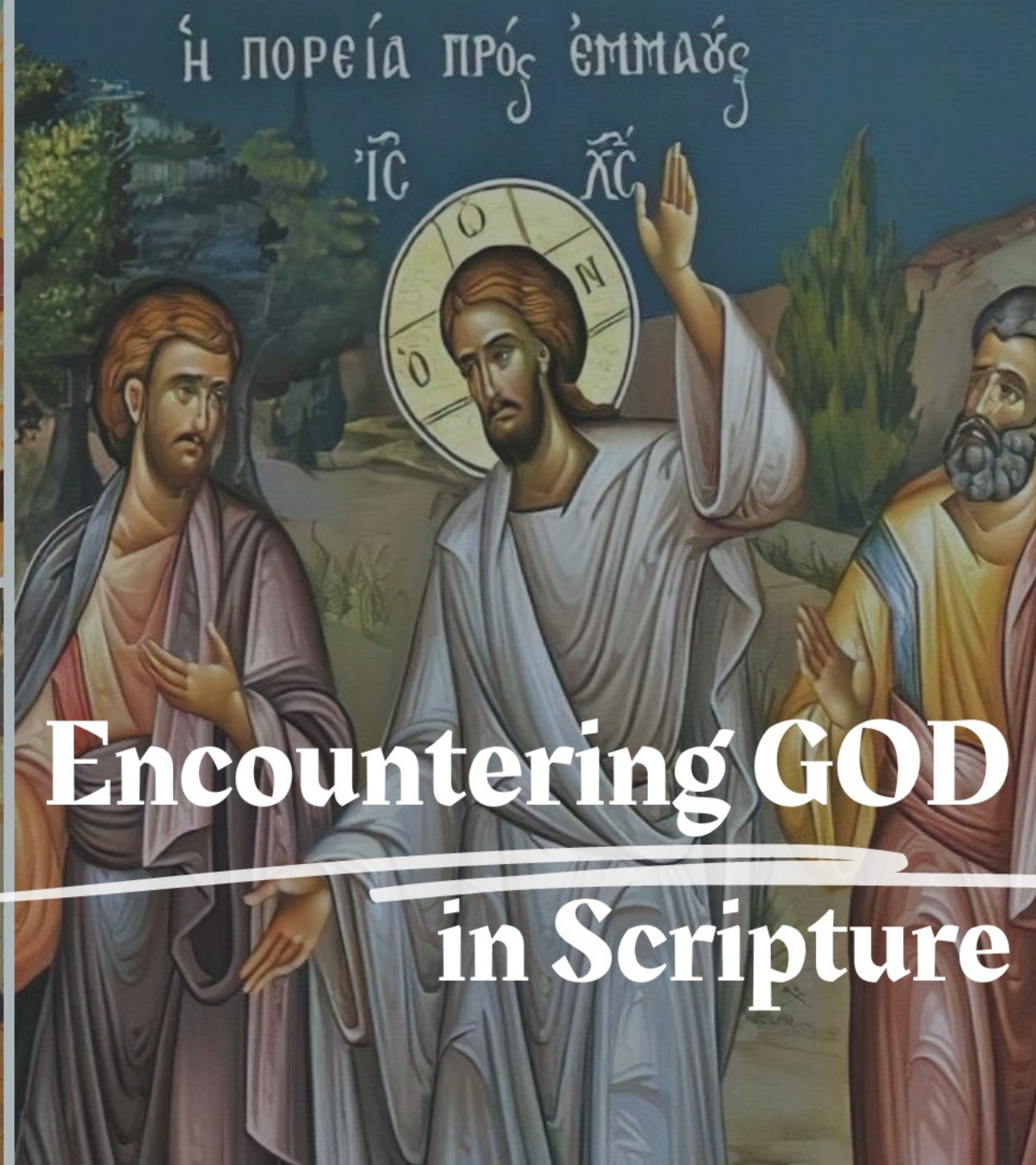
Let's try some Lectio Divina ...



Mark 9:14-27

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