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A. Five questions to ask of the Lord. Five questions to ask of yourself when the blessings stop or are lessened in your life.

1. Is there sin in my life I need to turn from?
2. Is this an attack from the enemy?

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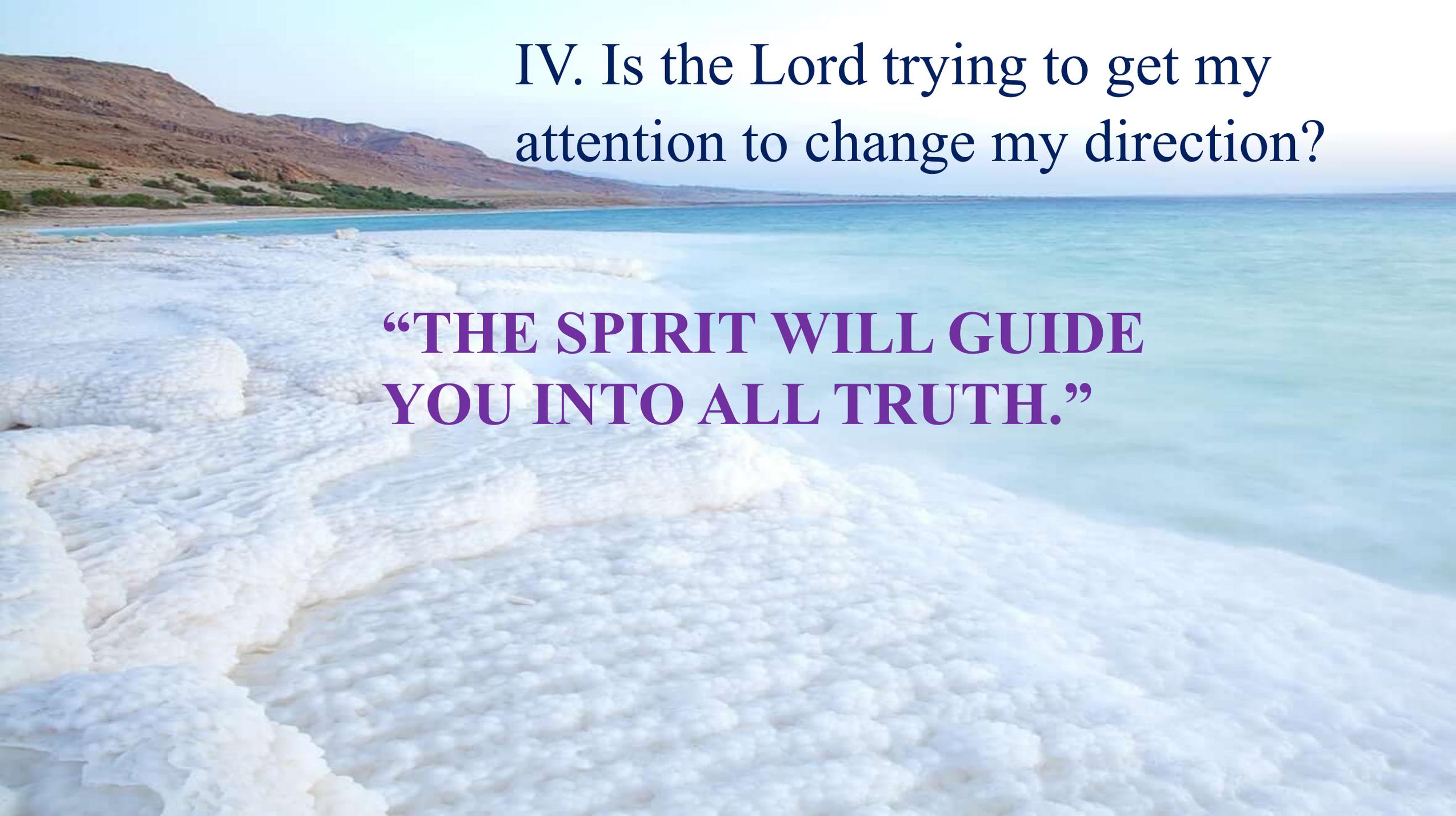
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3. Is this a test from the Lord?
4. Is the Lord trying to get my attention to change my direction?
5. Is this just part of life's struggles that all go through?



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These uncomfortable seasons in our lives are actually instruments of God to get our attention.



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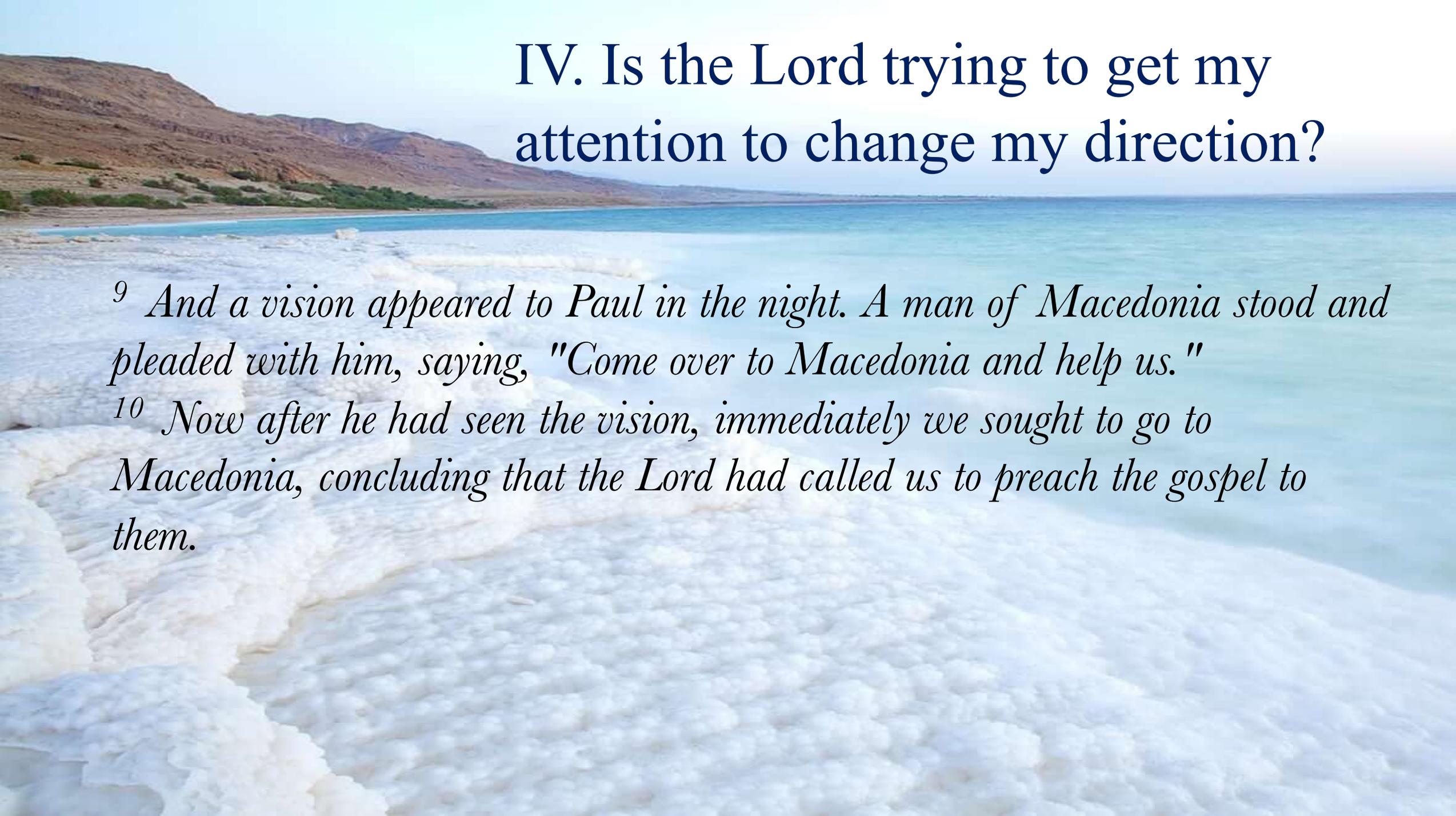
**“THE SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH.”**



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***Acts 16:6-10***

*PAUL – DON'T GO TO ASIA!*



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*<sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."*

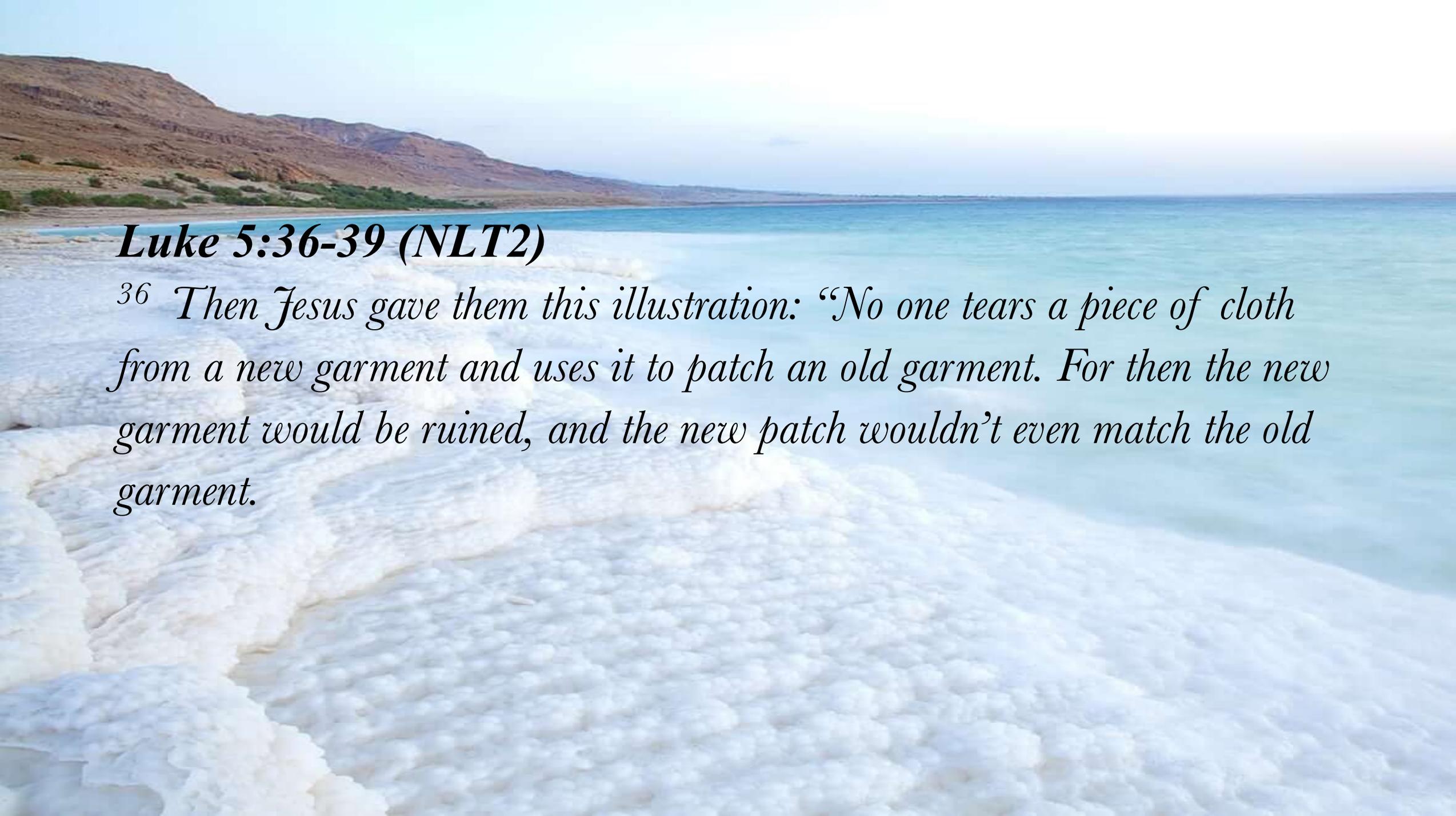
*<sup>10</sup> Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.*



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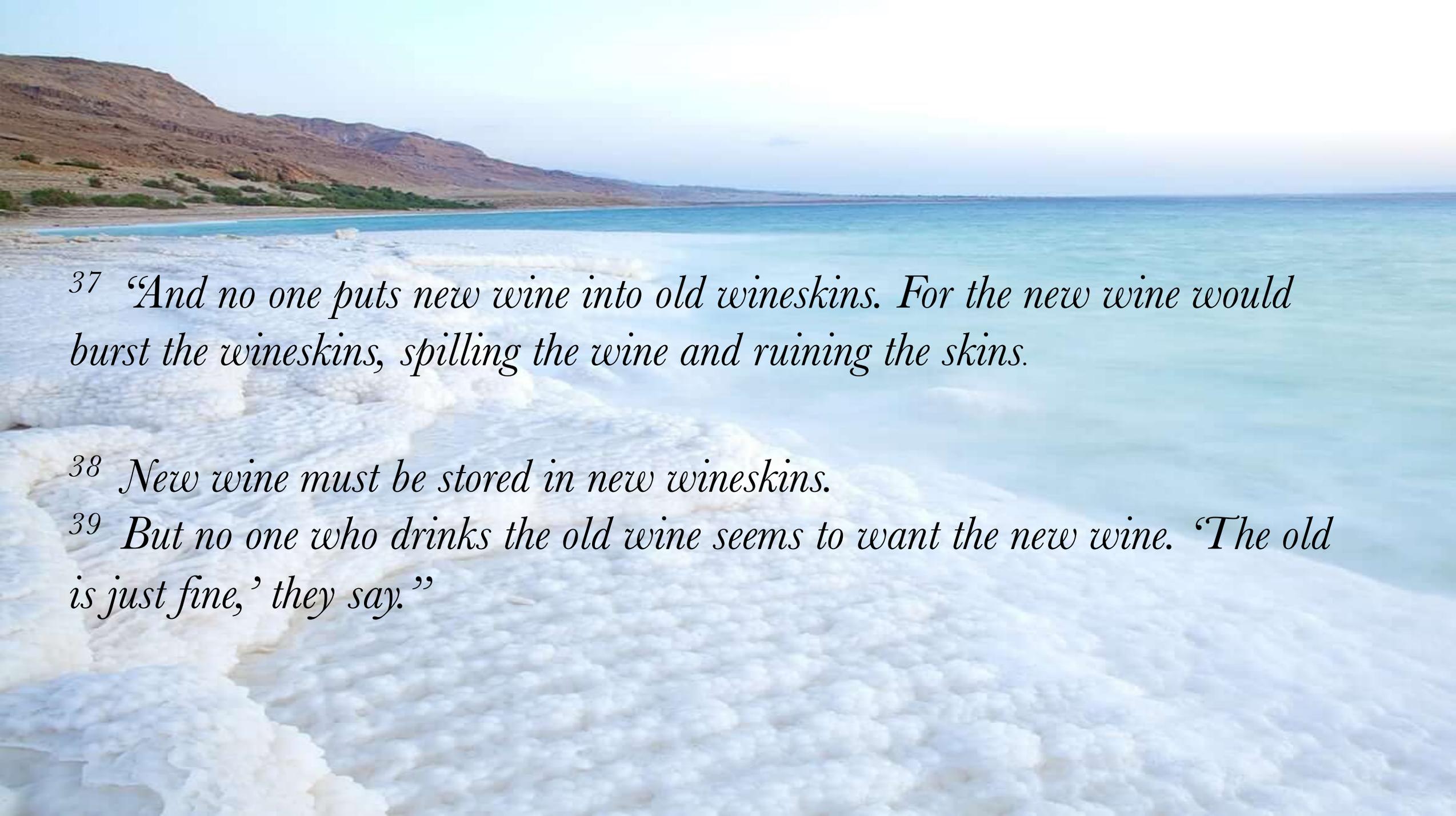
**IMMEDIATELY**

**Timing is of the utmost importance. We must move when the Spirit tells us to move!**



***Luke 5:36-39 (NLT2)***

*<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus gave them this illustration: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn’t even match the old garment.*



*37 “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins.*

*38 New wine must be stored in new wineskins.*

*39 But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. ‘The old is just fine,’ they say.”*

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**ELASTICITY**



A scenic view of a beach with white sand and turquoise water, with a brown hillside in the background. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**\*You have to release the Old things to receive the New.**

# Many make Excuses!

**But I don't have the education!**

## ***Acts 4:1-13 (NIV)***

*<sup>1</sup> The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.*

*<sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.*

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*<sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.*

*<sup>4</sup> But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.*

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*13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*

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**But I'm too young!**

**Jeremiah 1:4-7 (NLT2)**

<sup>4</sup> The LORD gave me this message:

<sup>5</sup> “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

# Many make Excuses!

*6 “O Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I can’t speak for you! I’m too young!”*

*7 The LORD replied, “Don’t say, ‘I’m too young,’ for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you.*

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**But I'm too afraid!**

***Jeremiah 1:8 (NLT2)***

*<sup>8</sup> And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the LORD, have spoken!"*

# Many make Excuses!

I'm a slow thinker and I don't talk so well.

**Exodus 4:10-13 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

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<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

<sup>12</sup> Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."