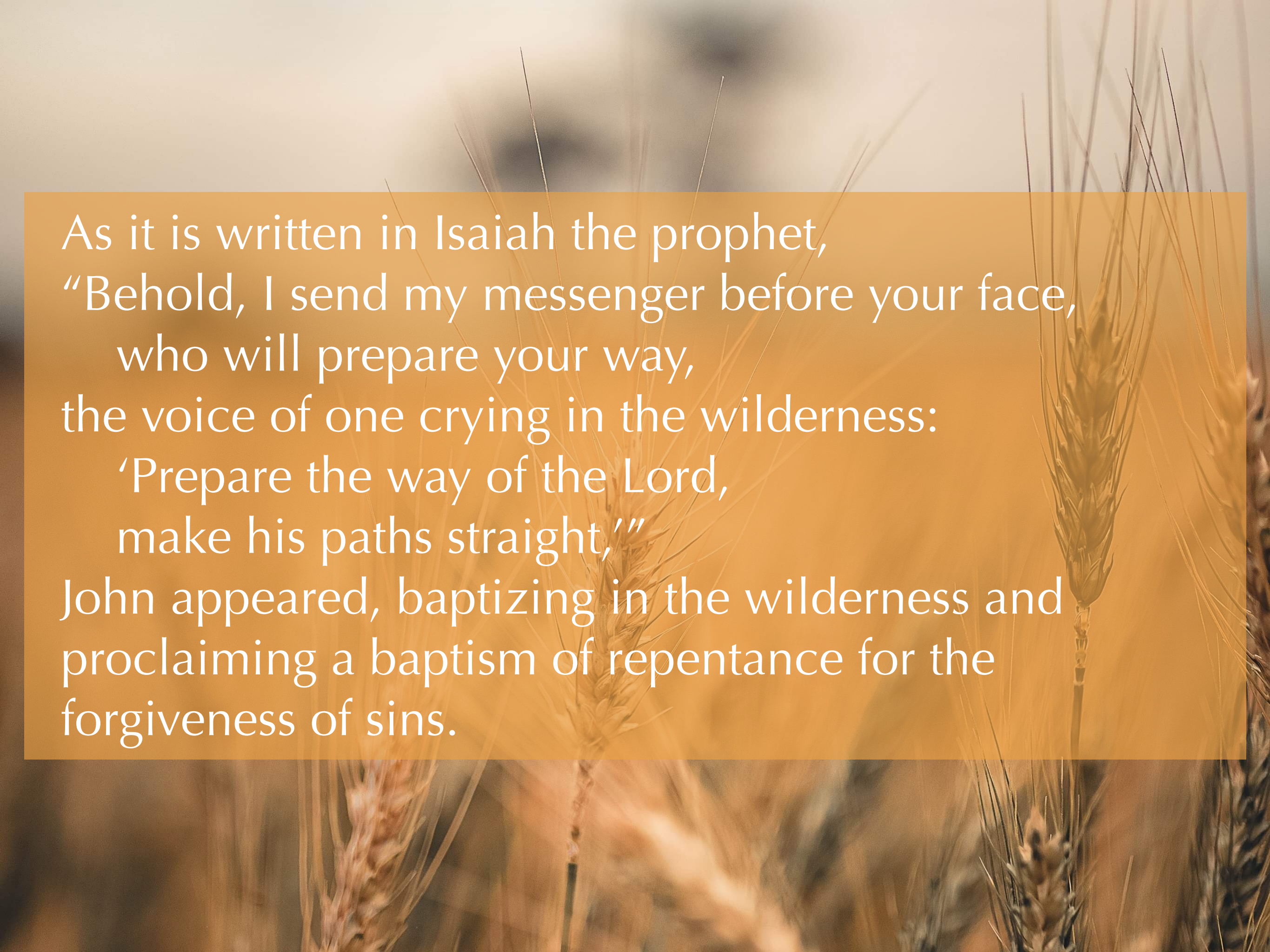
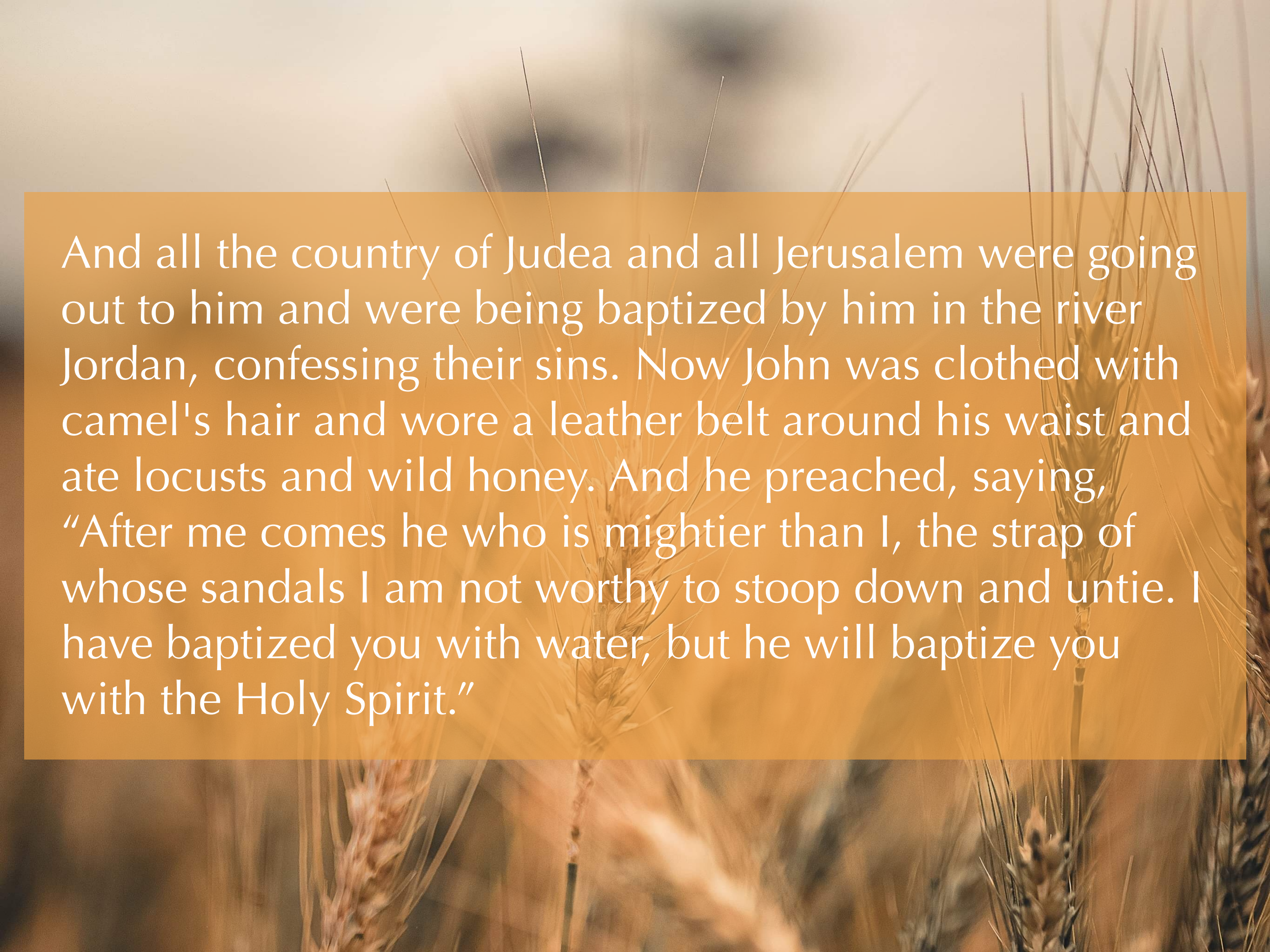




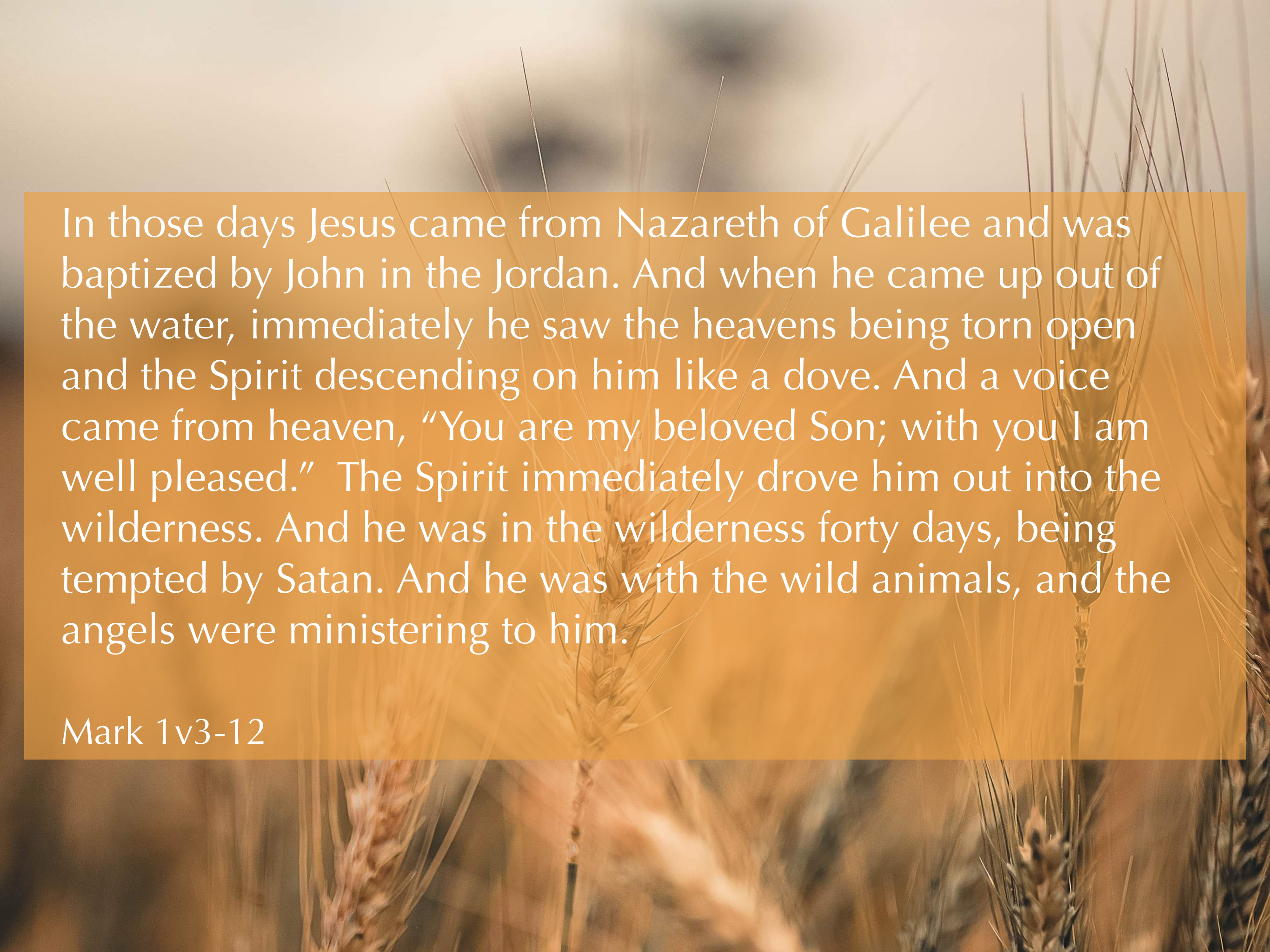
The gospel according to
MARK



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,
“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”
John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.



And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

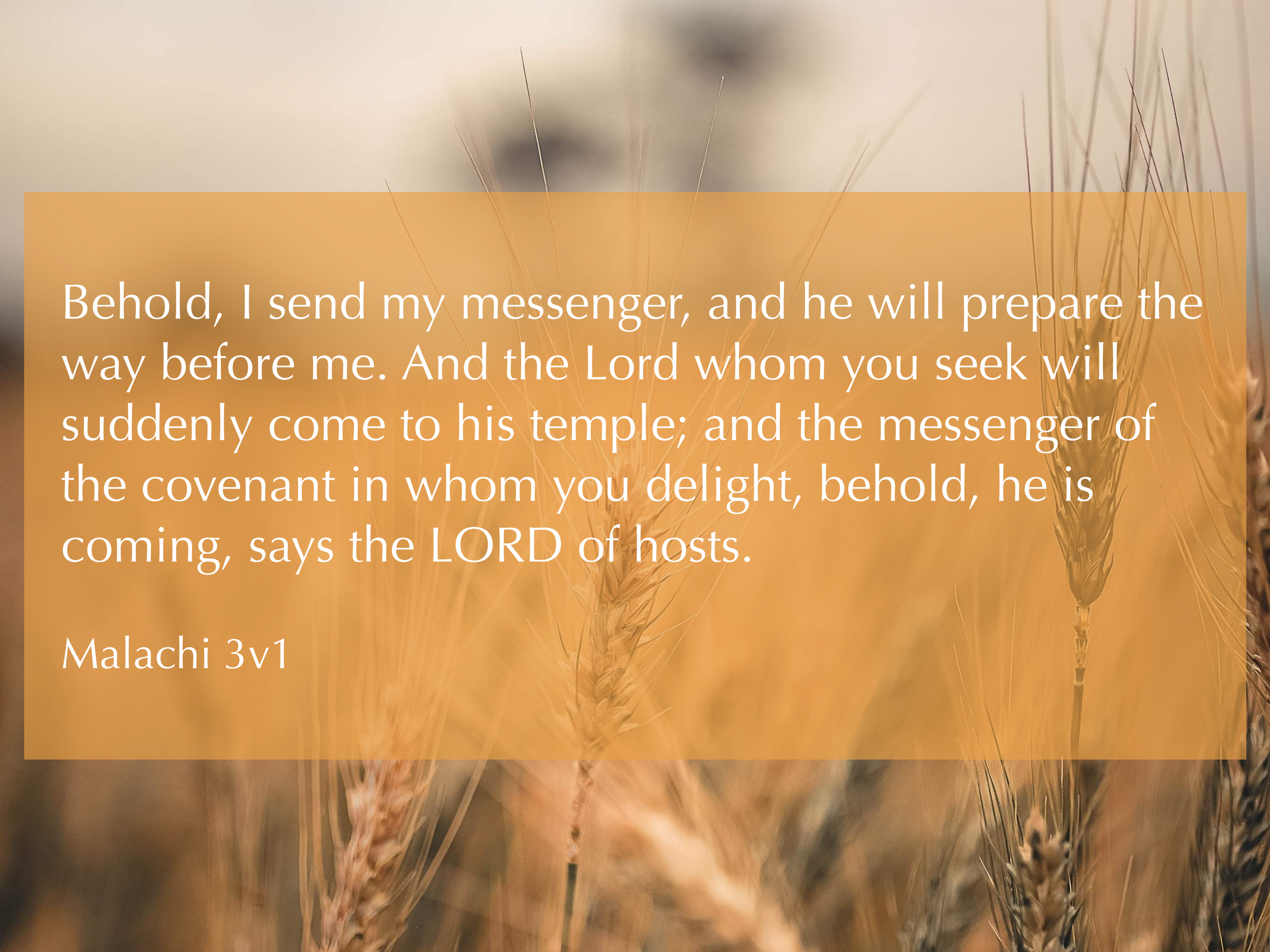


In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Mark 1v3-12



We learn to apprentice to Jesus by growing in
humility.
Mark 1v2-8



Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3v1

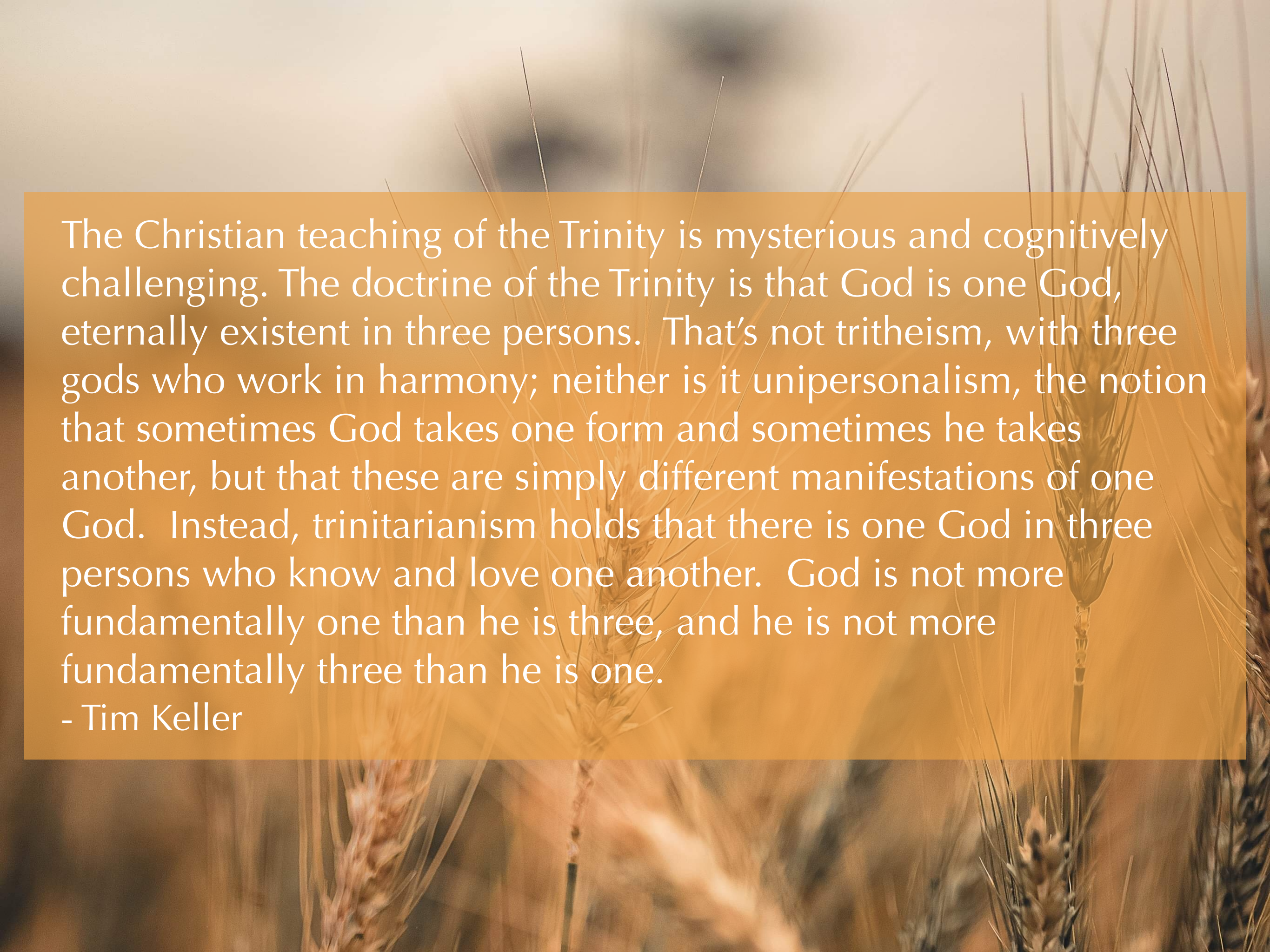


A voice cries "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40v3



We learn to apprentice to Jesus by taking on a new
identity.
Mark 1v9-11



The Christian teaching of the Trinity is mysterious and cognitively challenging. The doctrine of the Trinity is that God is one God, eternally existent in three persons. That's not tritheism, with three gods who work in harmony; neither is it unipersonalism, the notion that sometimes God takes one form and sometimes he takes another, but that these are simply different manifestations of one God. Instead, trinitarianism holds that there is one God in three persons who know and love one another. God is not more fundamentally one than he is three, and he is not more fundamentally three than he is one.

- Tim Keller



See what kind of love the Father have given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are!

1 John 3v1



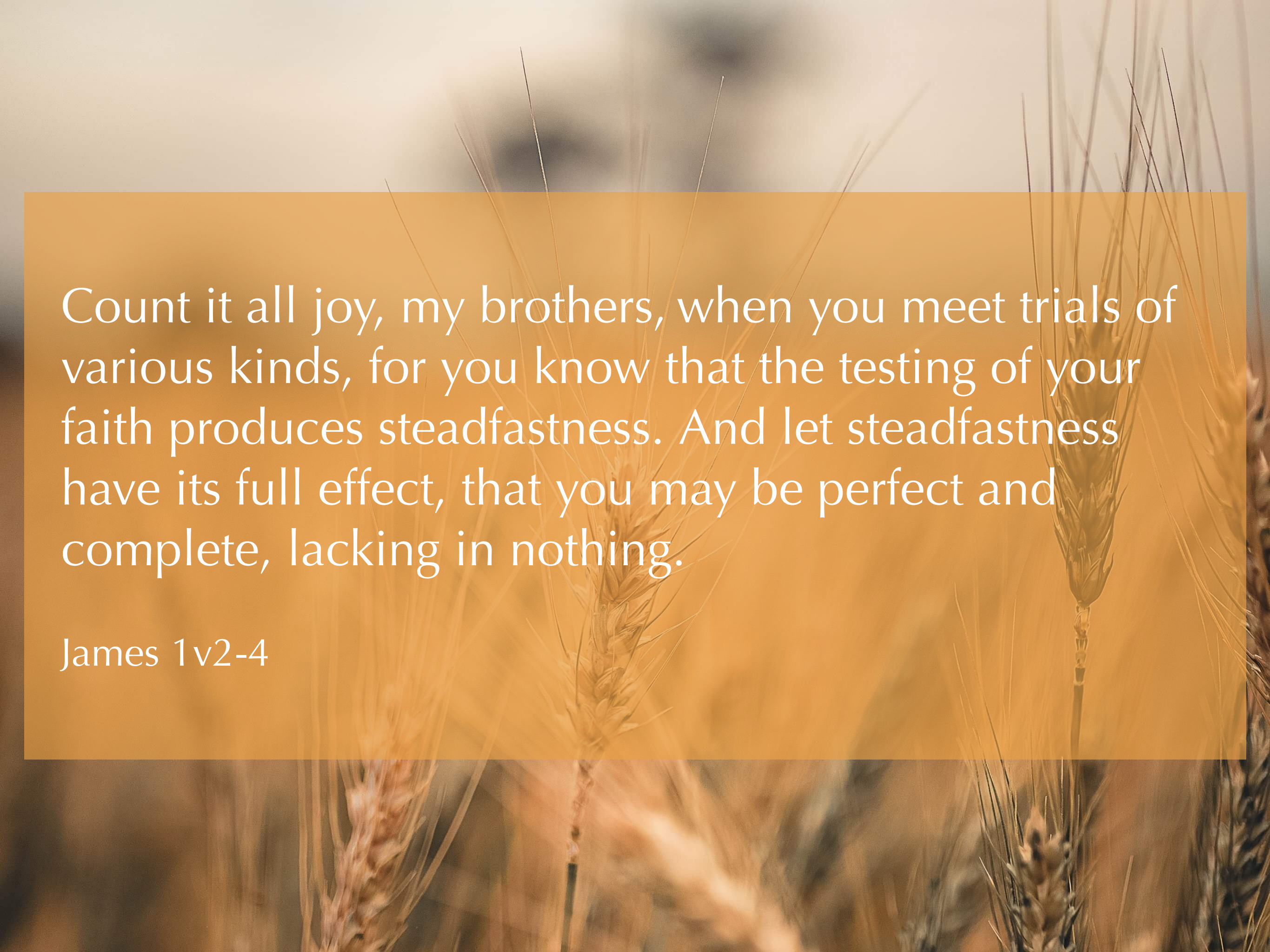
Your new identity:

You are my child.
I love you.
I delight in you.



We learn to apprentice to Jesus by being tested.

Mark 1v12-13



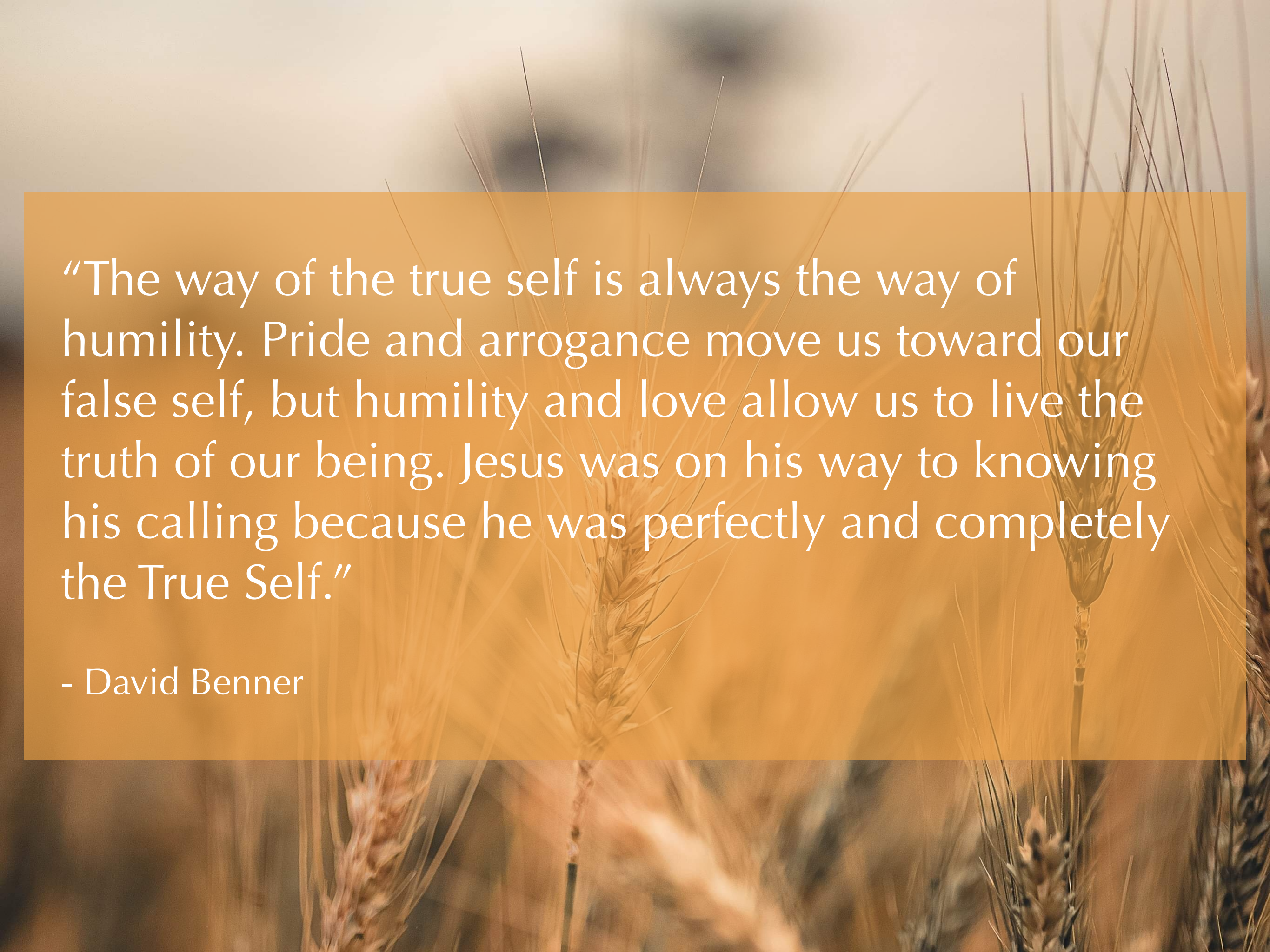
Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1v2-4



Pursue humility.

Lay aside self-promotion so that we may make his path straight.



“The way of the true self is always the way of humility. Pride and arrogance move us toward our false self, but humility and love allow us to live the truth of our being. Jesus was on his way to knowing his calling because he was perfectly and completely the True Self.”

- David Benner



Pursue your true identity.

Lay aside our false-selves to embrace our true self in
Jesus.



Pursue dependence.

Lay aside our agenda and control and depend on God in all circumstances, even the testing.