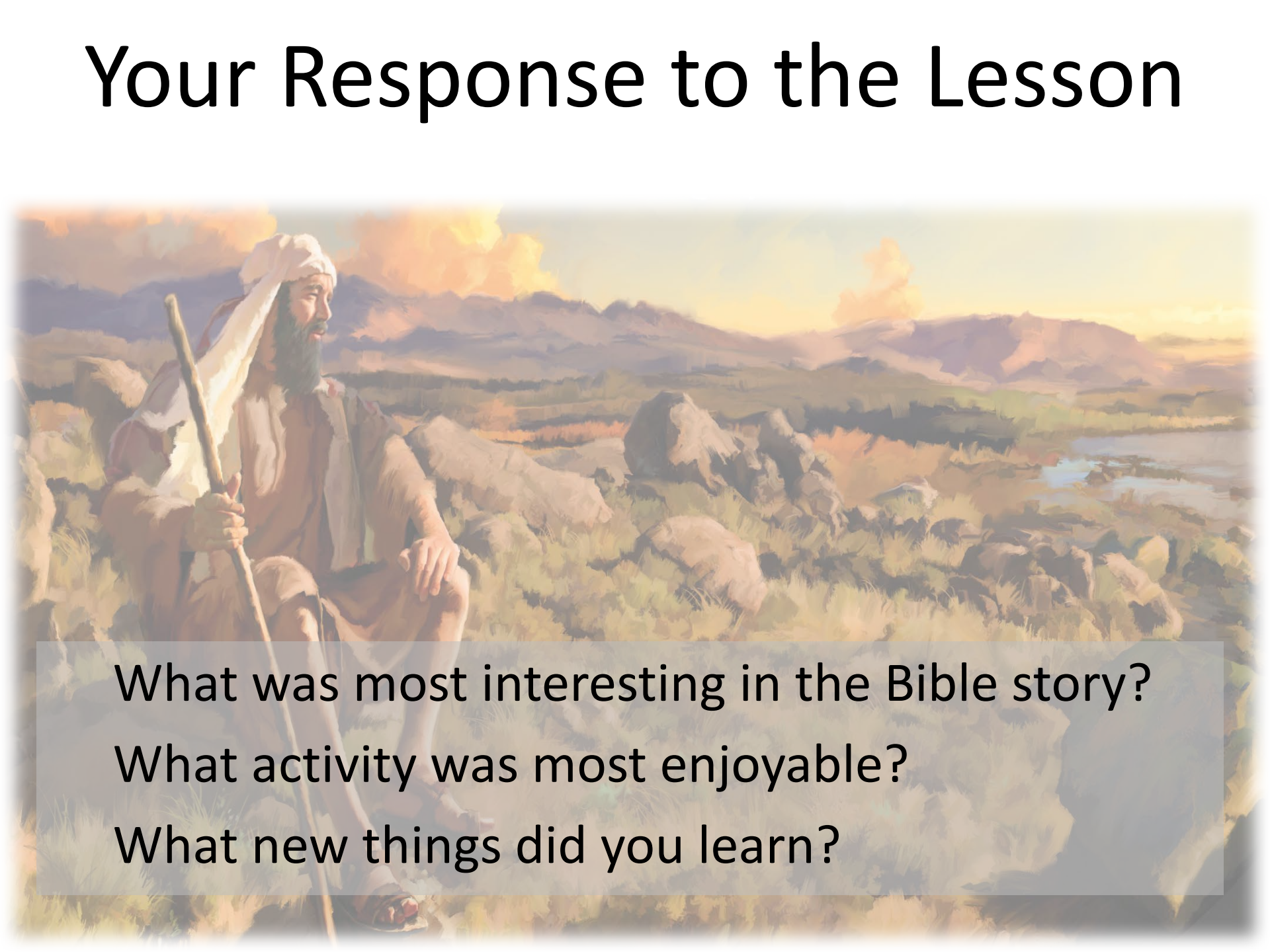


The Voice

LESSON 1



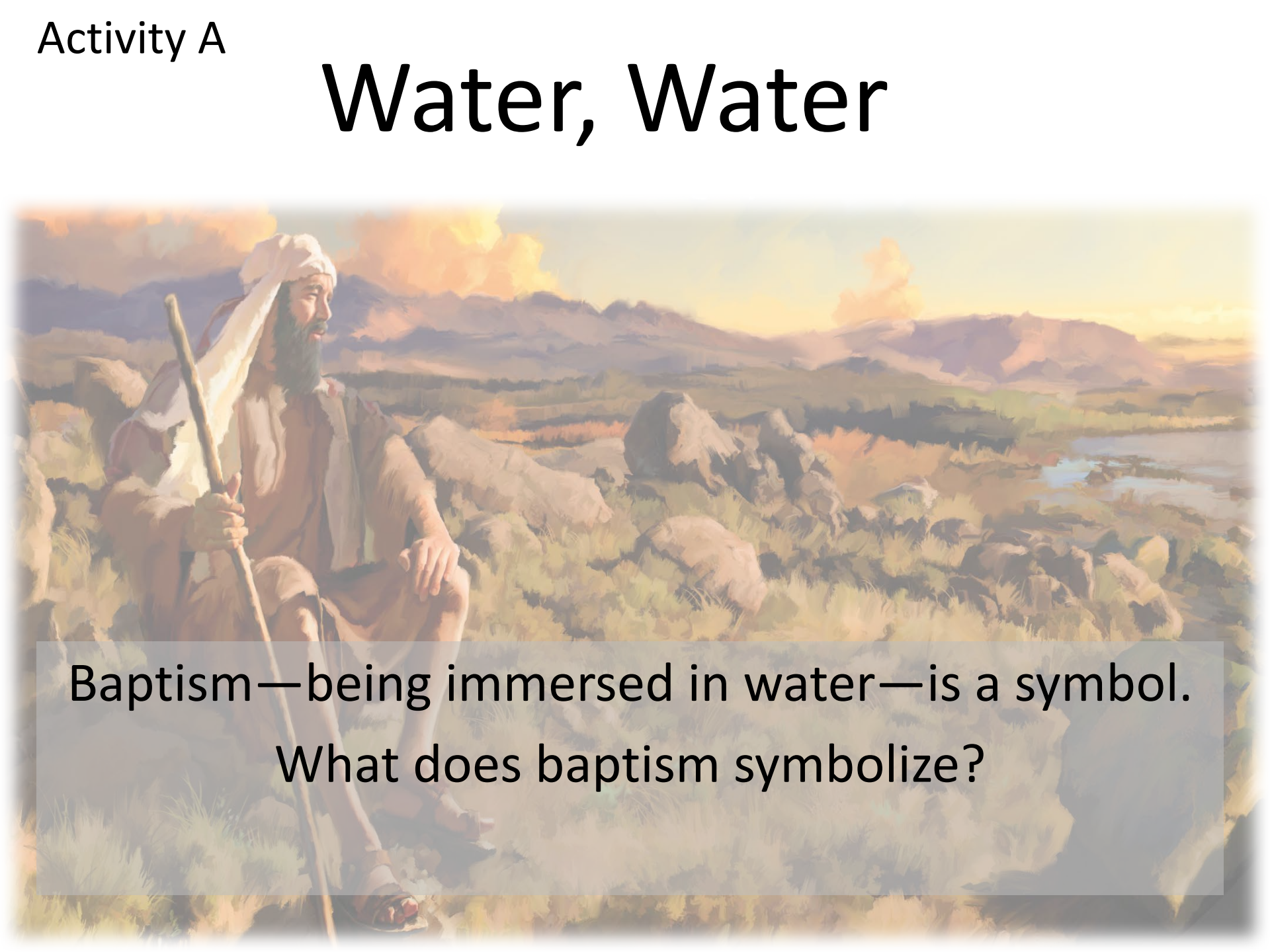
Your Response to the Lesson

A man with a long beard and a white turban is sitting on a rocky hillside. He is wearing a brown robe and holding a wooden staff. He is looking out over a landscape with mountains and a lake. The sky is bright and cloudy.

What was most interesting in the Bible story?
What activity was most enjoyable?
What new things did you learn?

Activity A

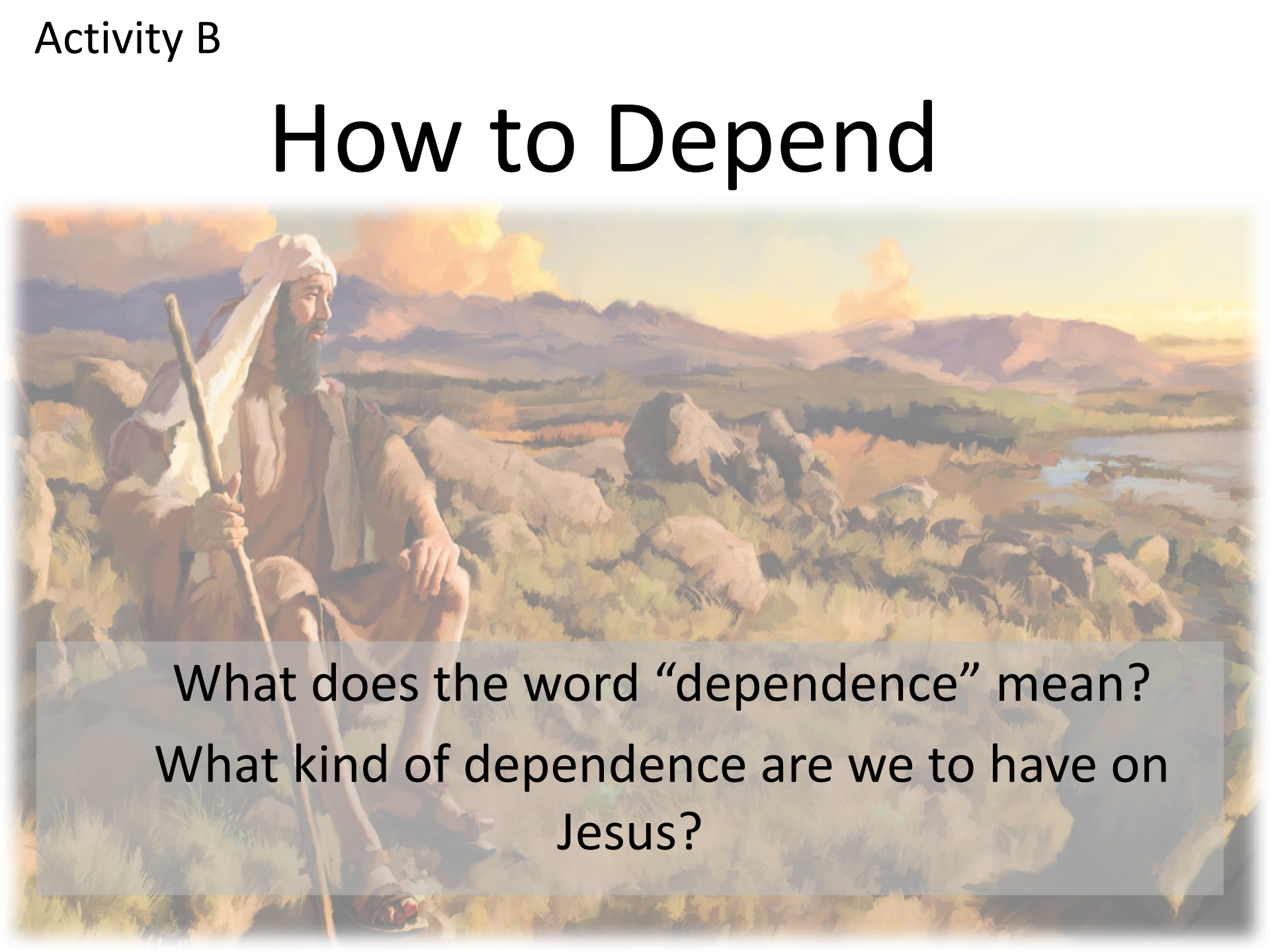
Water, Water



Baptism—being immersed in water—is a symbol.
What does baptism symbolize?

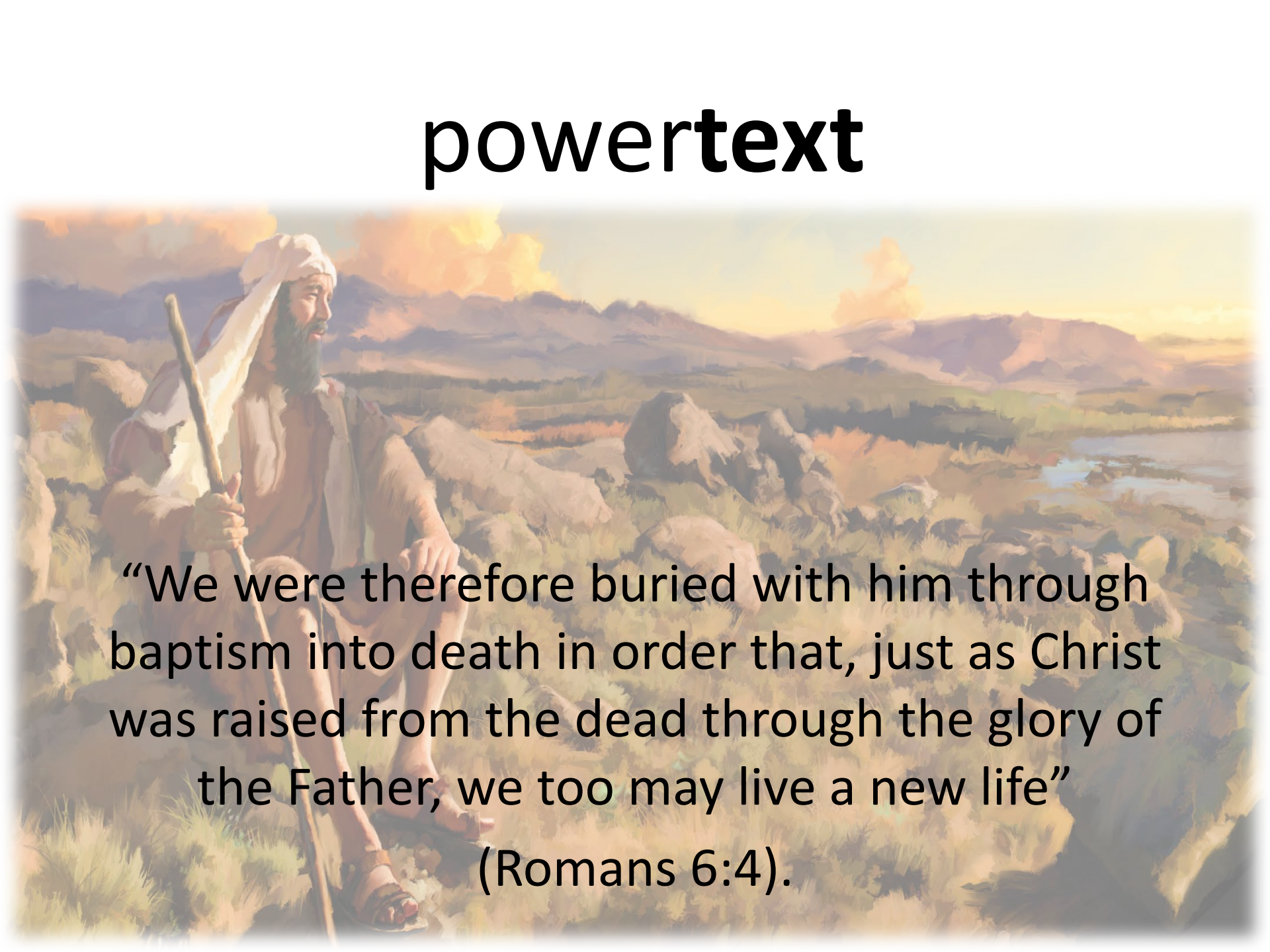
Activity B

How to Depend



What does the word “dependence” mean?
What kind of dependence are we to have on
Jesus?

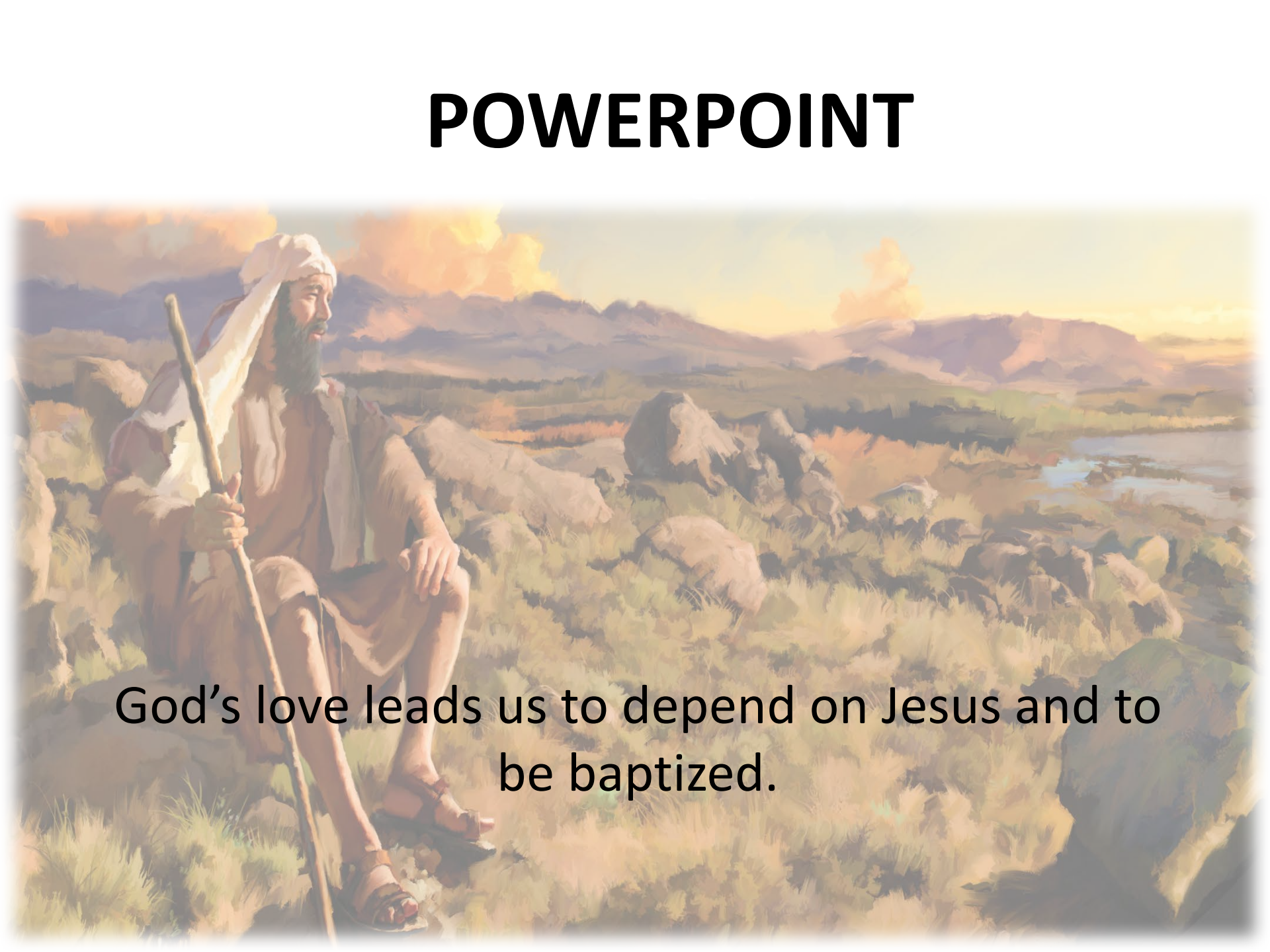
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POWERPOINT



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PRAYER AND PRAISE

How Was Your Week?

A man with a long beard and a white turban is sitting on a rocky hillside. He is wearing a brown robe and sandals, and he is holding a long wooden staff. He is looking out over a vast landscape that includes mountains, a lake, and a body of water. The scene is bathed in the warm light of a sunset or sunrise, with orange and yellow clouds in the sky.

Good things?
Challenges?
Special events?

Songs



“Lord, Be Glorified” (*He Is Our Song*, no. 148)

“Pass It On” (*He Is Our Song*, no. 130)

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (*He Is Our Song*,
no. 146)

Inter-American Division



Puerto Rico

Praying for a Dog

**Maria de la Paz
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UNION	CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Division	1	144	0
Atlantic Caribbean	85	32,344	482,000
Belize	91	42,814	378,000
Caribbean	620	236,257	3,768,000
Central Mexican	227	80,179	44,802,526
Chiapas Mexican	1,113	217,729	6,611,685
Cuban	325	33,158	11,208,000
Dominican	792	313,245	10,630,000
Dutch Caribbean	38	8,970	291,000
East Venezuela	559	160,639	15,787,555
El Salvador	754	198,124	6,408,000
French Antilles-Guiana	147	31,763	1,085,000
Guatemala	896	247,997	16,554,000
Haitian	573	442,913	11,093,000
Honduras	459	172,123	8,200,000
Inter-Oceanic Mexican	1,509	200,872	30,022,709
Jamaica	677	296,793	2,732,000
North Colombian	886	100,015	20,811,622
North Mexican	632	148,877	41,393,778
Panama	324	73,459	4,041,000
Puerto Rican	310	32,875	3,415,000
South Central American	511	215,942	11,218,000
South Colombian	716	158,597	27,950,378
Southeast Mexican	516	92,151	5,801,303
West Venezuela	599	153,970	15,241,445
TOTAL	13,360	3,691,950	299,926,000

PROJECTS:

1 www.adventistmission.org

3 Southeast Union, Cross-Culture Mission Center of Influence, Tabasco, Mexico



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer Time

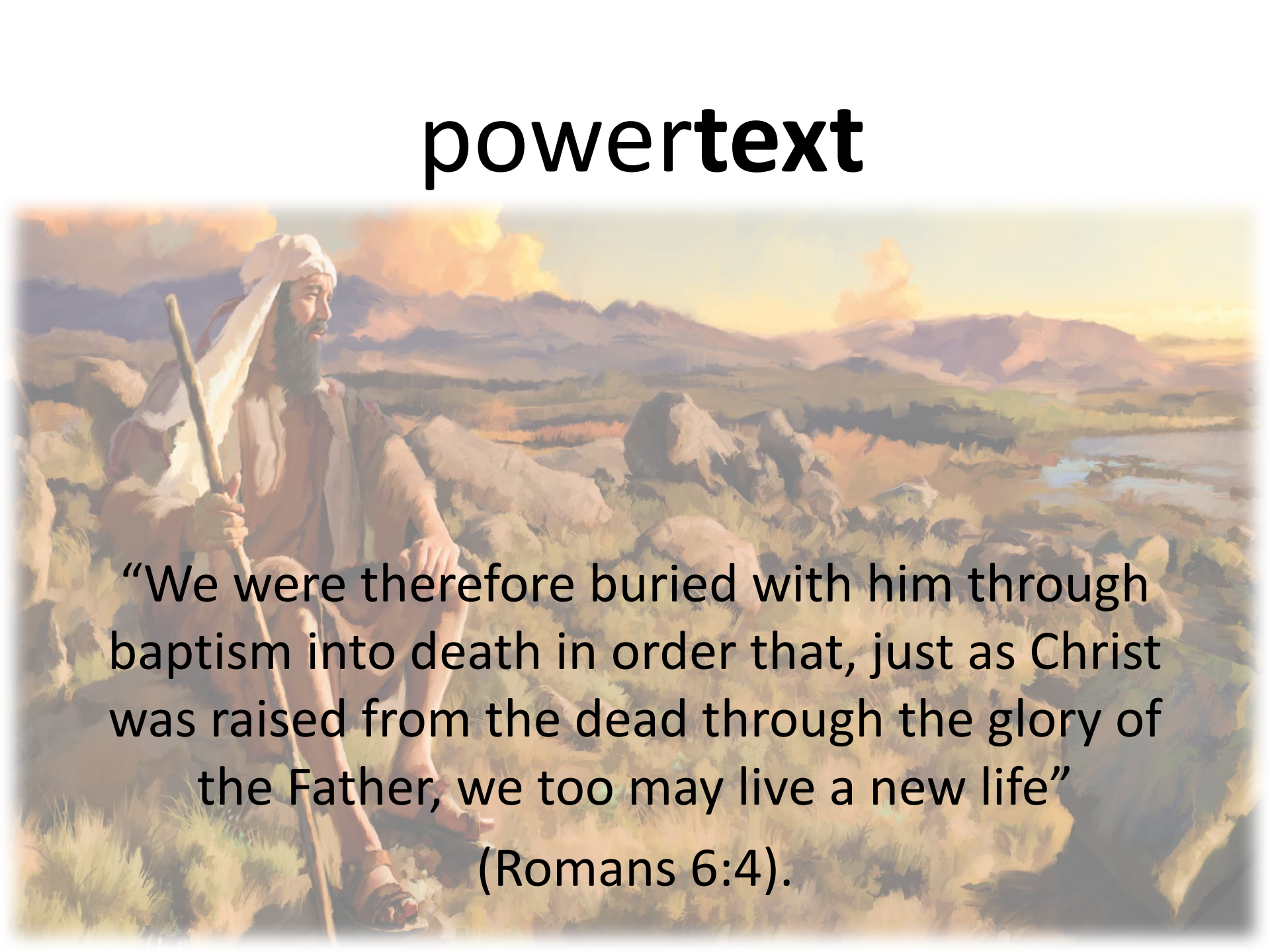


Praise God for His provisions.

Pray over the prayer requests.

Thank God for answering the prayers according to His will, for He knows what is best for us.

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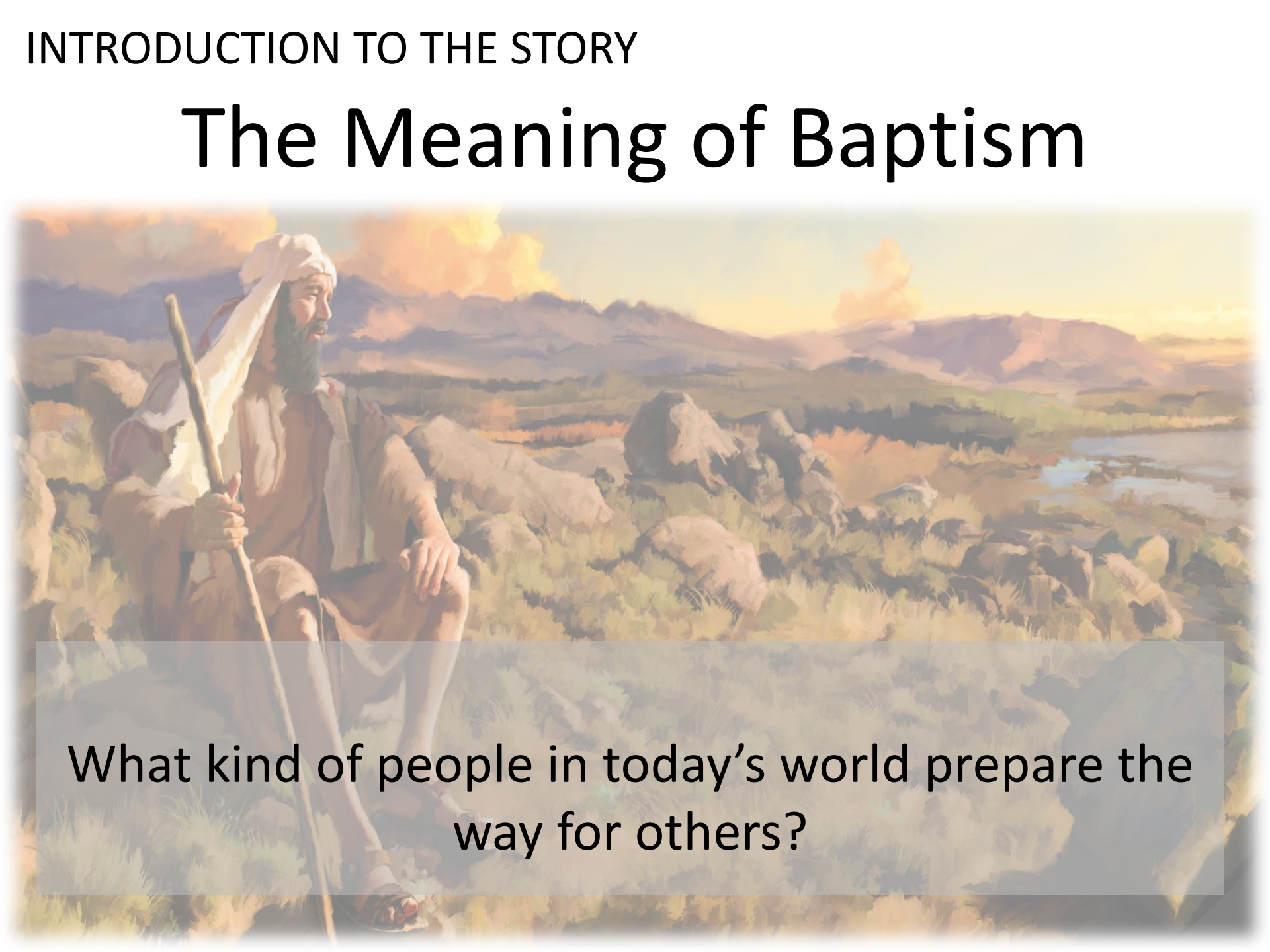


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INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

The Meaning of Baptism



What kind of people in today's world prepare the way for others?

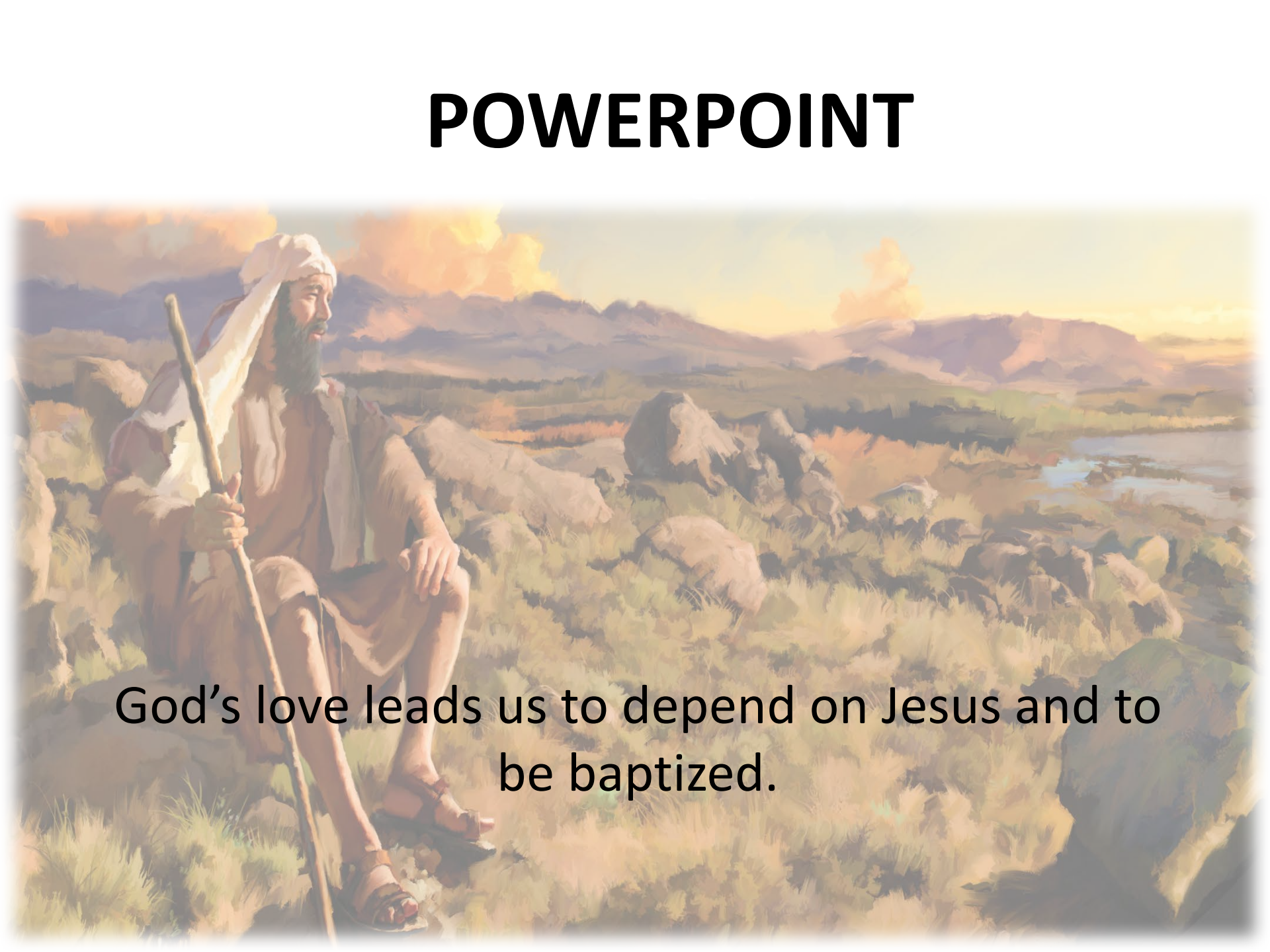
INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

The Story

A man with a long beard and a white turban is sitting on a rocky hillside. He is wearing a brown tunic and sandals, and he is holding a long wooden staff. He is looking out over a vast landscape that includes rolling hills, a lake, and mountains in the distance. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

You may listen to a podcast recording of the story:
www.juniorpowerpoints.org

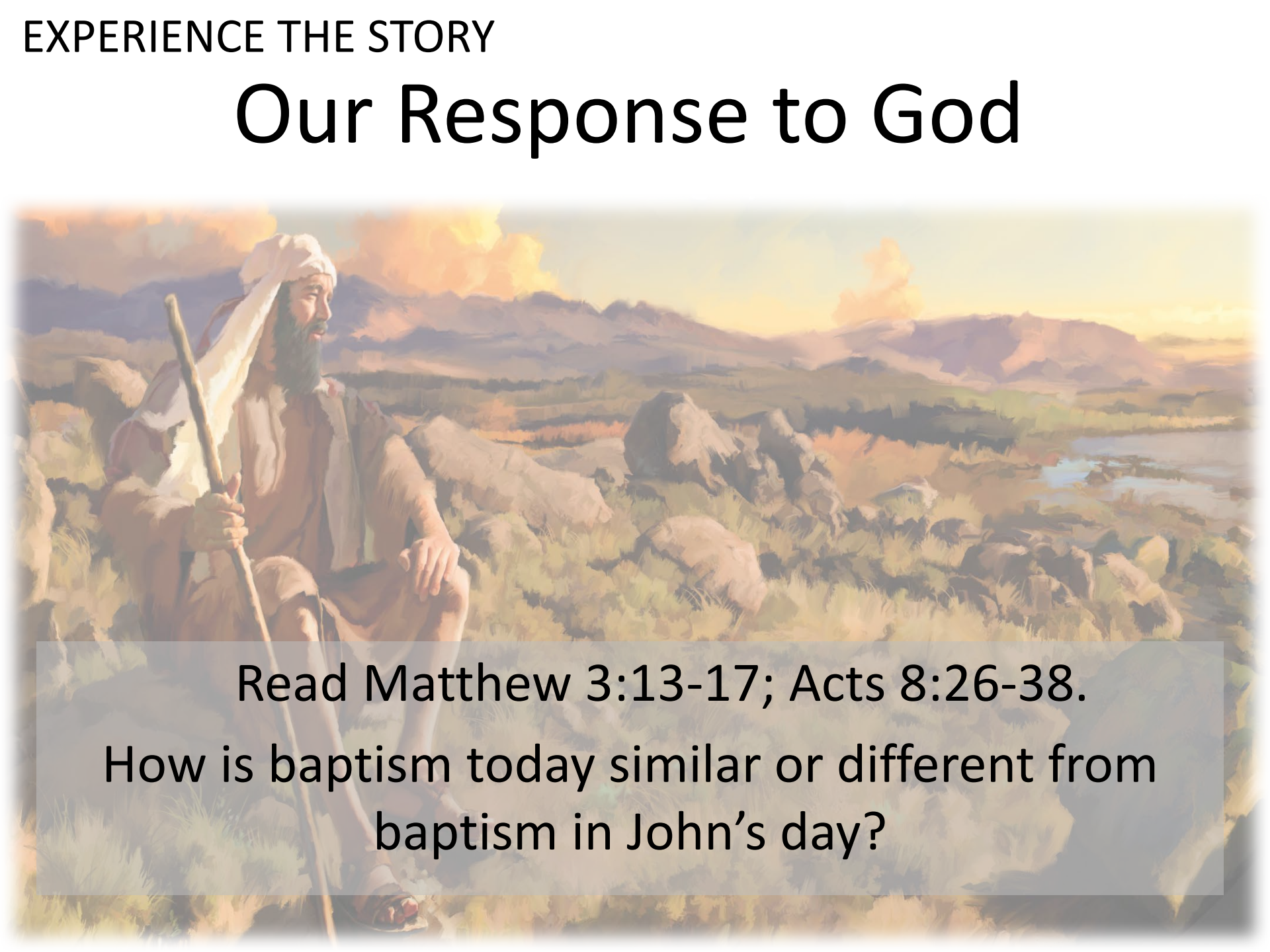
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EXPERIENCE THE STORY

Our Response to God



Read Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:26-38.

How is baptism today similar or different from baptism in John's day?

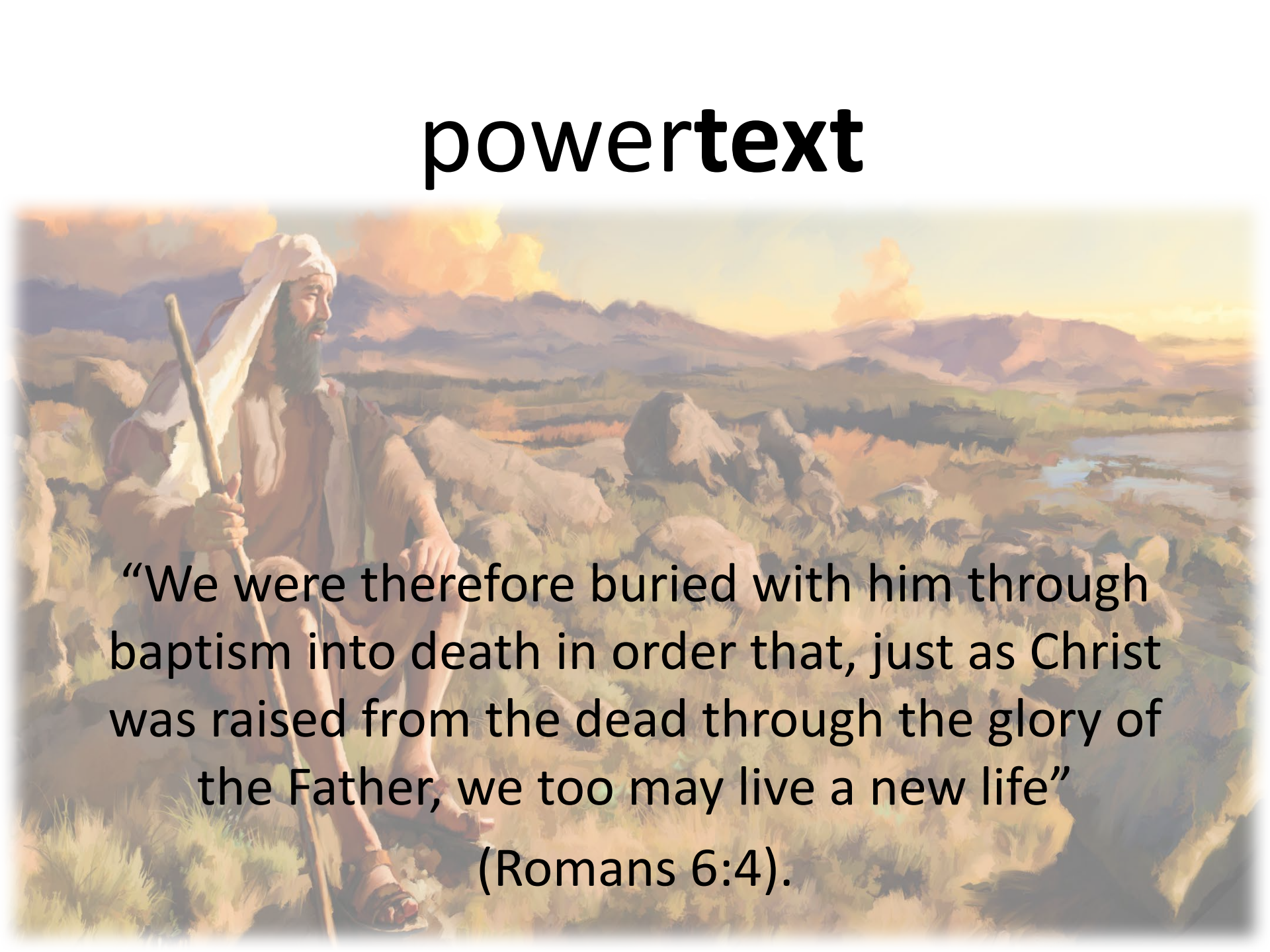
EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Jesus Sets An Example

Read Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 8:26-38.

- What is similar about these two stories?
- What is different?
- What do the stories tell us about baptism?

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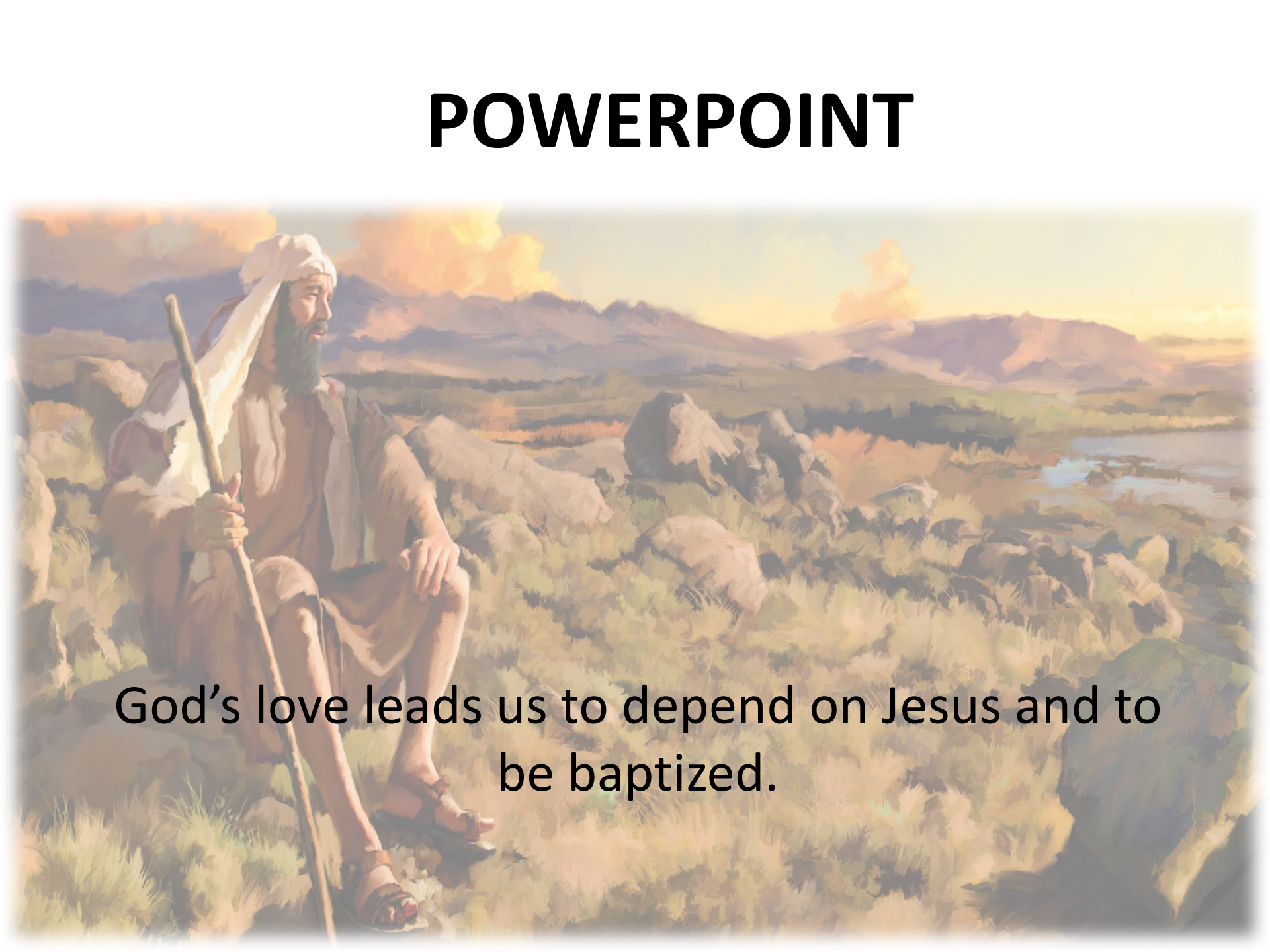
APPLY THE LESSON

Friendship with Jesus



What can we do to let everyone know about our friendship with Jesus?

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SHARE THE LESSON

Preparing the Way


A painting of John the Baptist in a desert landscape. He is shown from the waist up, sitting on a rock. He has a long, dark beard and is wearing a white head covering and a brown robe. He holds a wooden staff in his right hand. The background features a vast, rocky desert with a body of water in the distance under a warm, golden sky.

Read Matthew 3:1-3

How can we “prepare the way for the Lord” and
“make straight paths for Him”?

Coming Up Next Week

“Guarding the Gates”

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- John the Baptist—a temple for Christ.
 - Study your Sabbath School lesson each day
 - Complete the daily activities
 - Memorize the Power Text

Closing Prayer



Dear Jesus,

Thank You for setting an example for us. Please help us to dedicate our lives to You in baptism. Thank You for helping us depend on You in making good choices.

Amen.