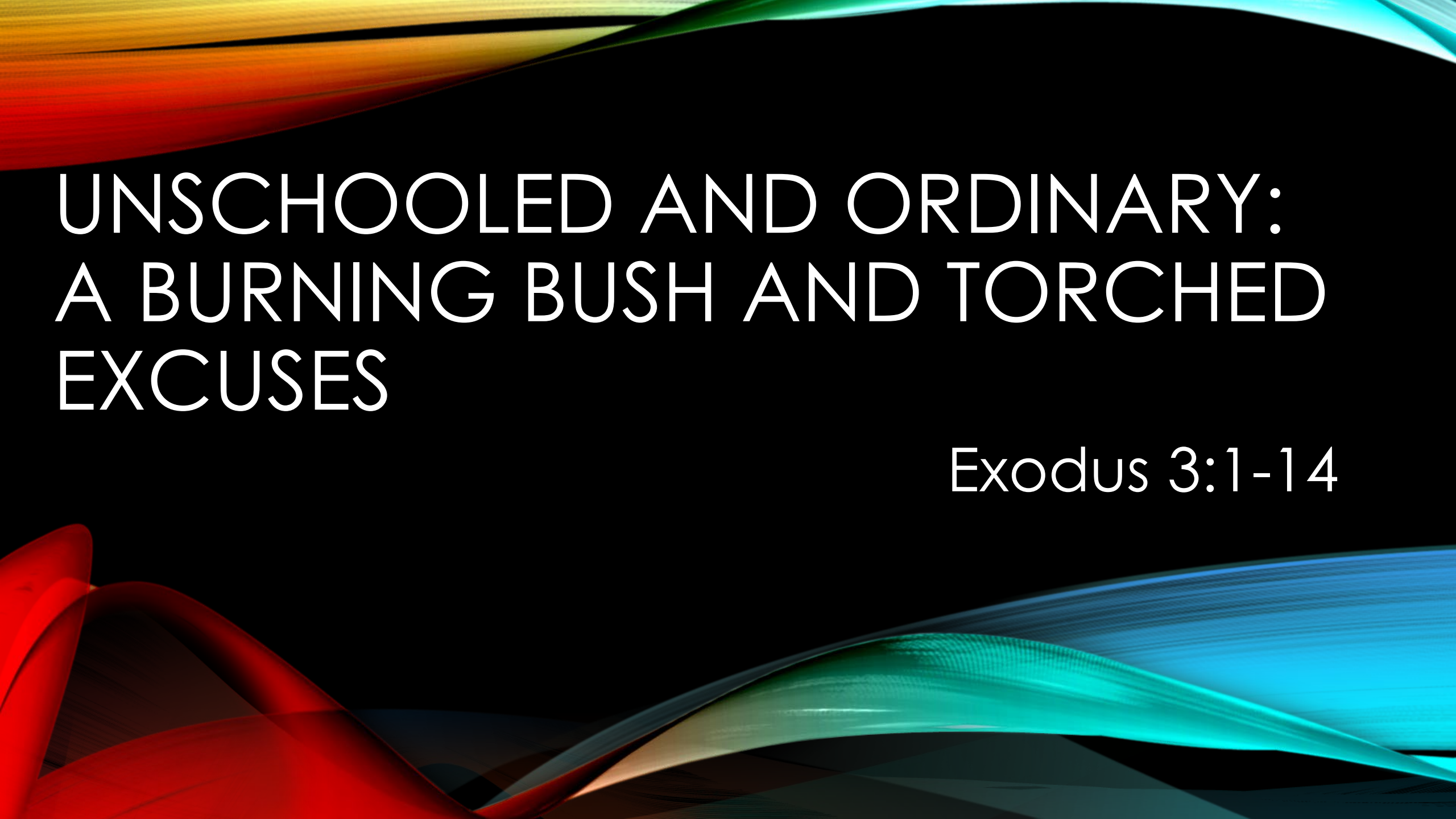


BACK STORY

Chap. 1 begins with Israelite captivity in Egypt. Rapid population growth causes Egyptian leader to fear an uprising. Oppression escalates, including an attempt to slaughter newborn males.

Moses is born and is taken in by Pharoah's daughter, nurtured by his own mama and then returned to the palace, where he was raised.

In time, Moses killed an Egyptian for abusing an Israelite and then fled to Midian, where he met a girl and started a family. Meanwhile, the suffering of God's people intensified...



UNSCHOOLED AND ORDINARY: A BURNING BUSH AND TORCHED EXCUSES

Exodus 3:1-14

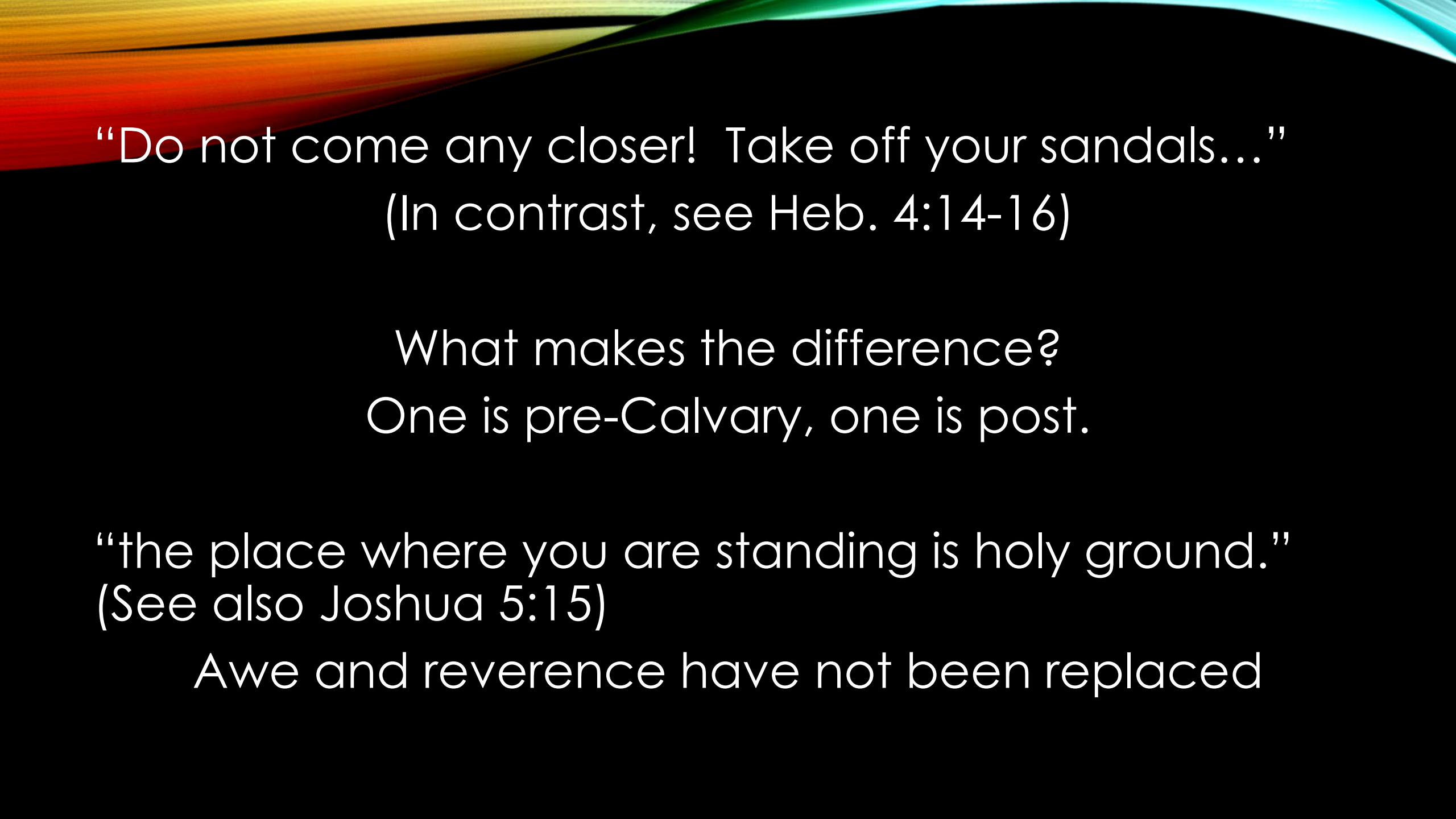


VSS. 1-6

“THE angel of the Lord” Believed to be the pre-incarnate Christ

Is Moses' curiosity both natural and understandable?
Absolutely!

Does that negate the demand for reverence? Nope
See Vs. 5



“Do not come any closer! Take off your sandals...”

(In contrast, see Heb. 4:14-16)

What makes the difference?

One is pre-Calvary, one is post.

“the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

(See also Joshua 5:15)

Awe and reverence have not been replaced



VS. 7-9

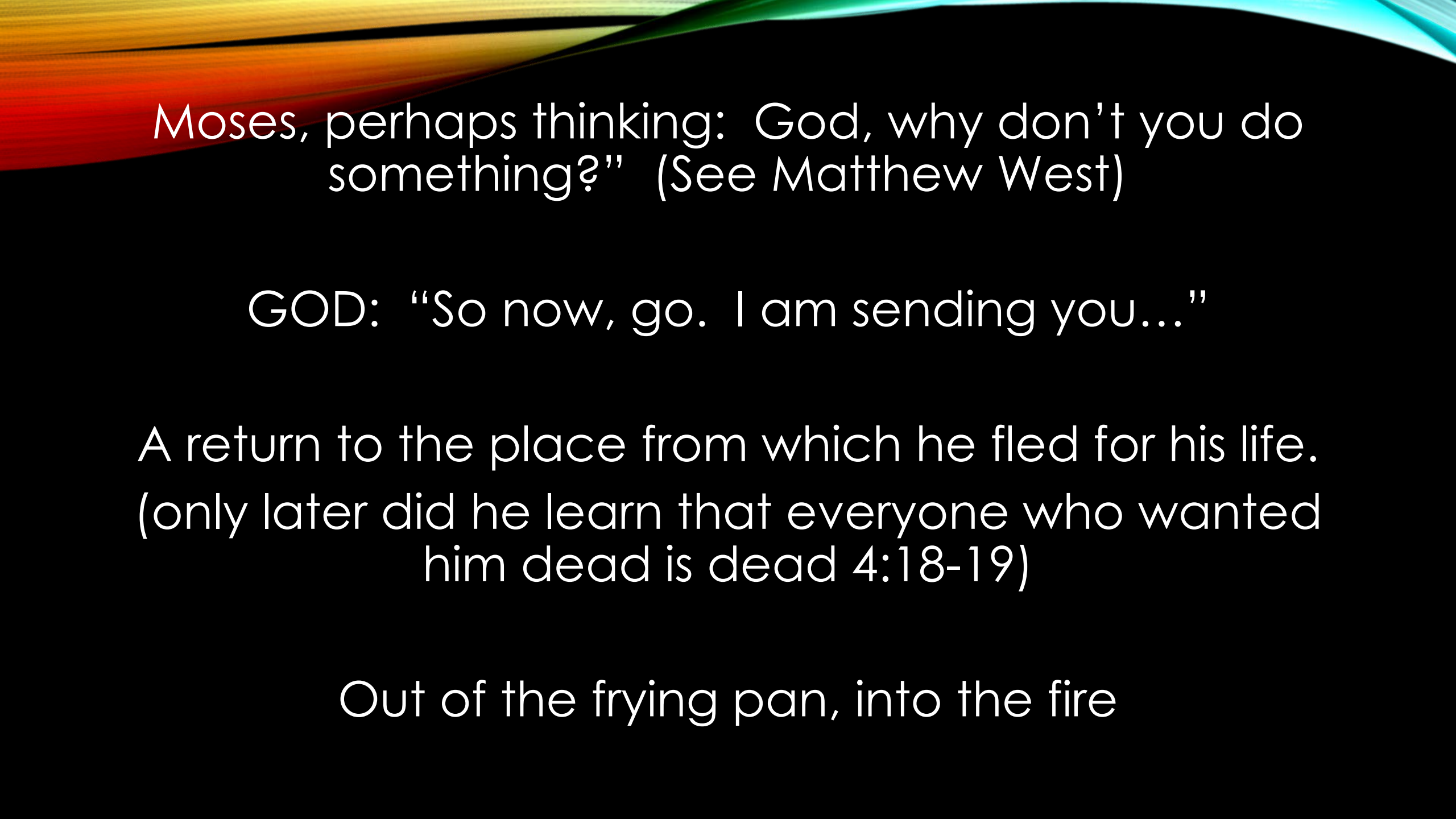
“The Lord...” See vs. 6 Identifying Himself in the light of His faithfulness past. Reflect. Recount.

“I have seen...”

“I have heard”

“I am concerned...”

“I have come down to rescue...”

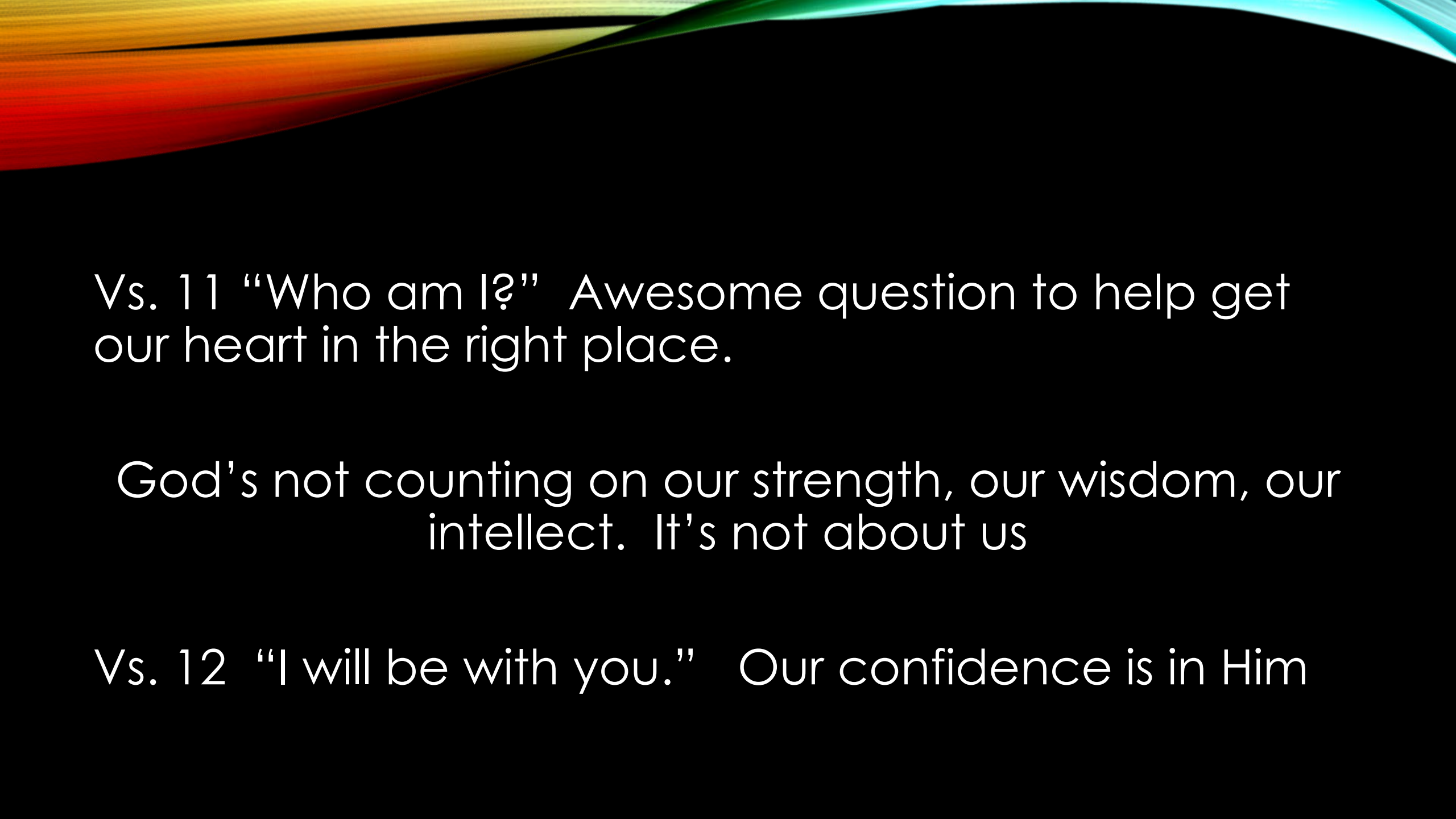


Moses, perhaps thinking: God, why don't you do something?" (See Matthew West)

GOD: "So now, go. I am sending you..."

A return to the place from which he fled for his life.
(only later did he learn that everyone who wanted
him dead is dead 4:18-19)

Out of the frying pan, into the fire



Vs. 11 “Who am I?” Awesome question to help get our heart in the right place.

God's not counting on our strength, our wisdom, our intellect. It's not about us

Vs. 12 “I will be with you.” Our confidence is in Him



Vs. 13 “Who are You?” (A paraphrase)

Vs. 14 “I AM WHO I AM”

“‘The LORD, the God of your fathers – the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.”

CHAPTER 4 MOSES SQUIRMS

“But what if they don’t believe or listen to me?”

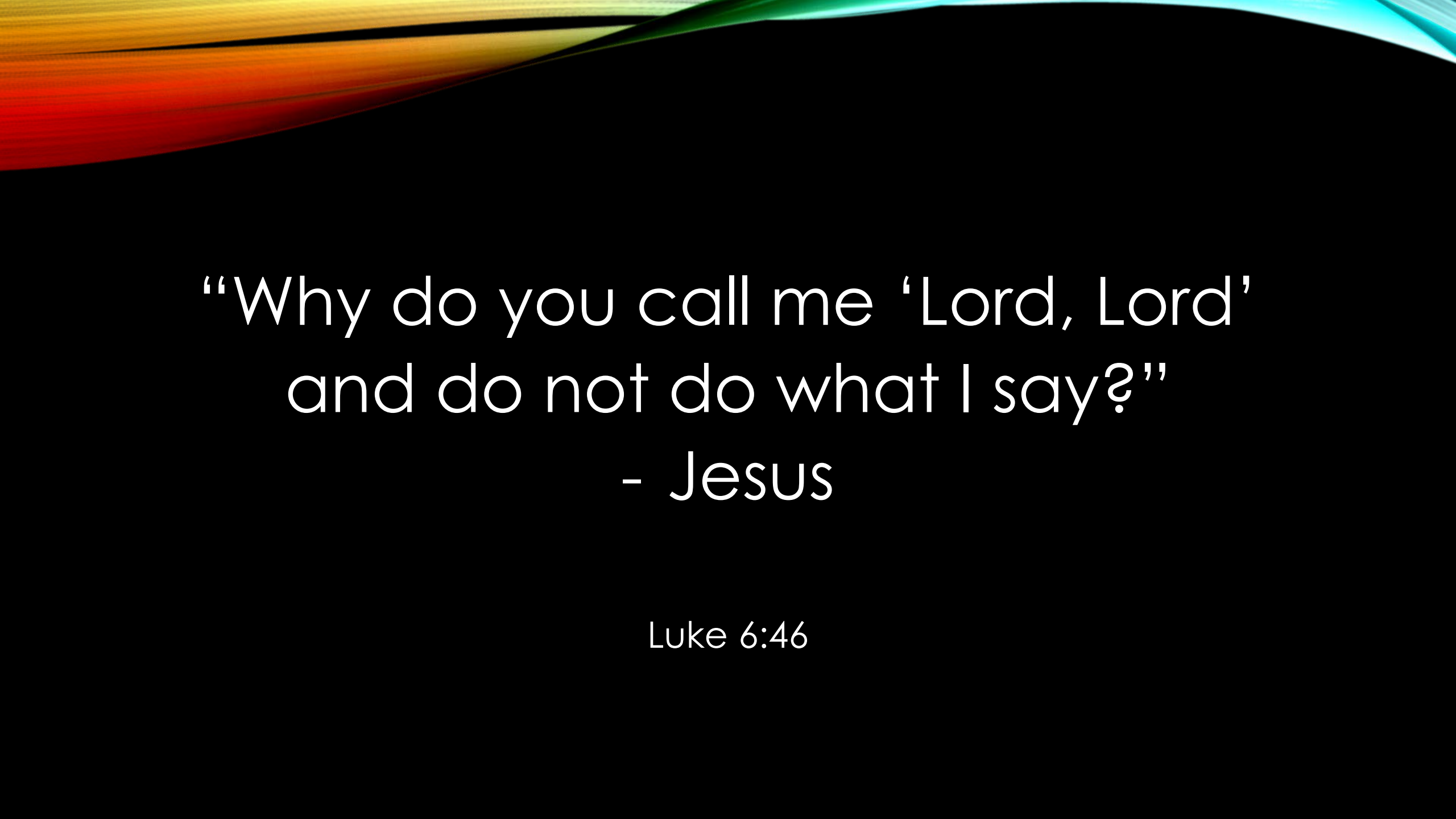
The staff. The leprous hand. The river water to blood.

“But I’m not eloquent. Not then, not now.”

The help. The words to say.

“Lord...Please send someone else.”

God’s anger burned, but “Here’s Aaron.”



“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’
and do not do what I say?”

- Jesus

Luke 6:46