

EASTER

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“The Eye-Opening Moment”

LUKE 24:15-32

“Easter is not about the return of the robin in spring or crocuses or a butterfly coming out of the cocoon... It’s about a body that somehow got loose. The gospel accounts strain to describe what happened, but don’t make any mistake about it, they’re trying to describe something unearthly – **DEATH WORKING BACKWARD.**”

WILLIAM WILLIMON

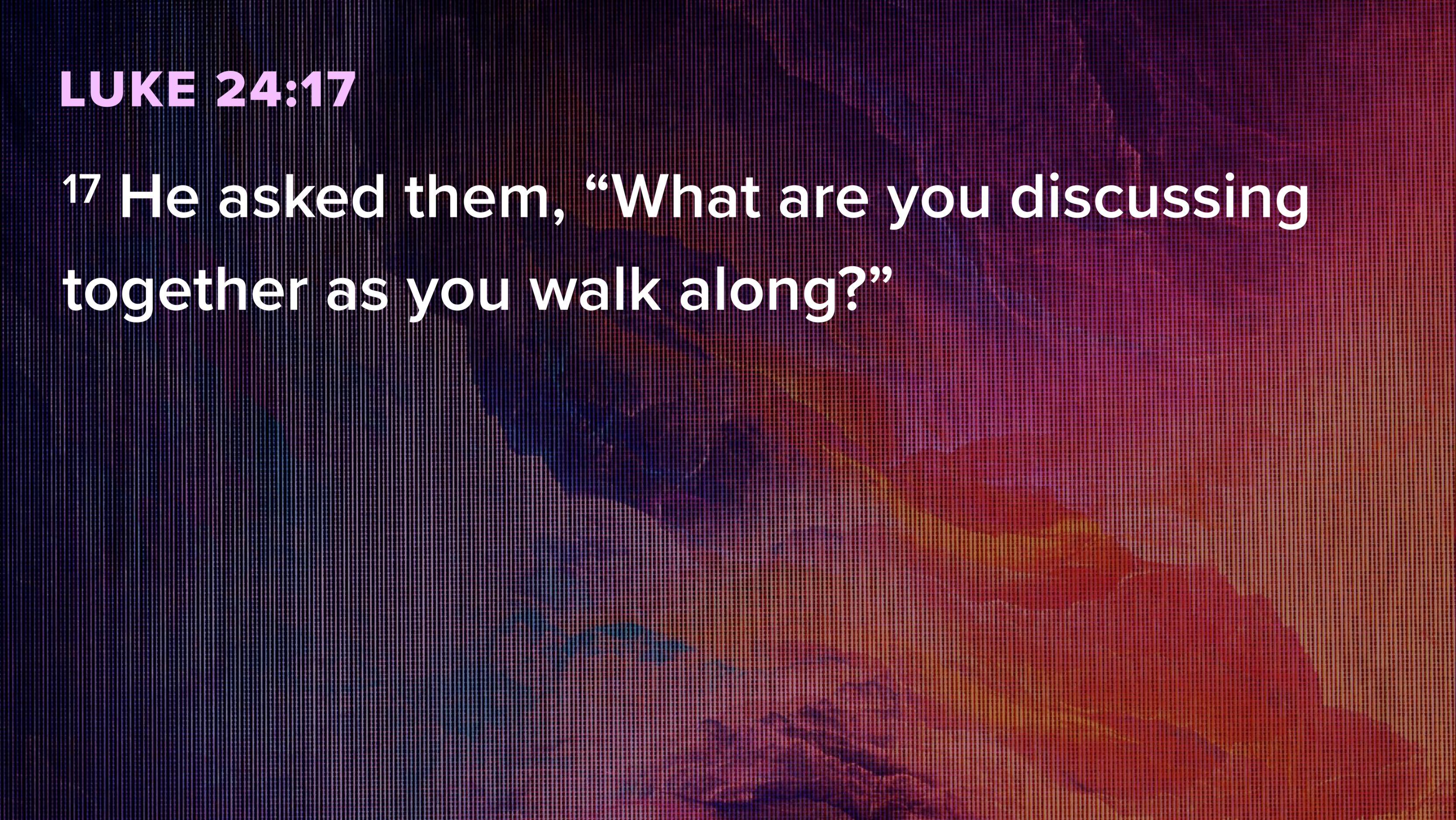




Later that day...

LUKE 24:15–16

¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.



LUKE 24:17

17 He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

LUKE 24:26–27

26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.



- **Moses**

DEUTERONOMY 18:15

15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you... You must listen to him.

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- **Moses**
 - **The Prophets**

ZECHARIAH 11:12B-13

12 ...So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord.

PSALM 22:16–18

¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

ISAIAH 53:4–5

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted...

ISAIAH 53:4-5

⁵ ...But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities; the
punishment that brought us peace was on
him, and by his wounds we are healed.

ISAIAH 53:11

¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

PSALM 16:9–10

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

LUKE 24:27

27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

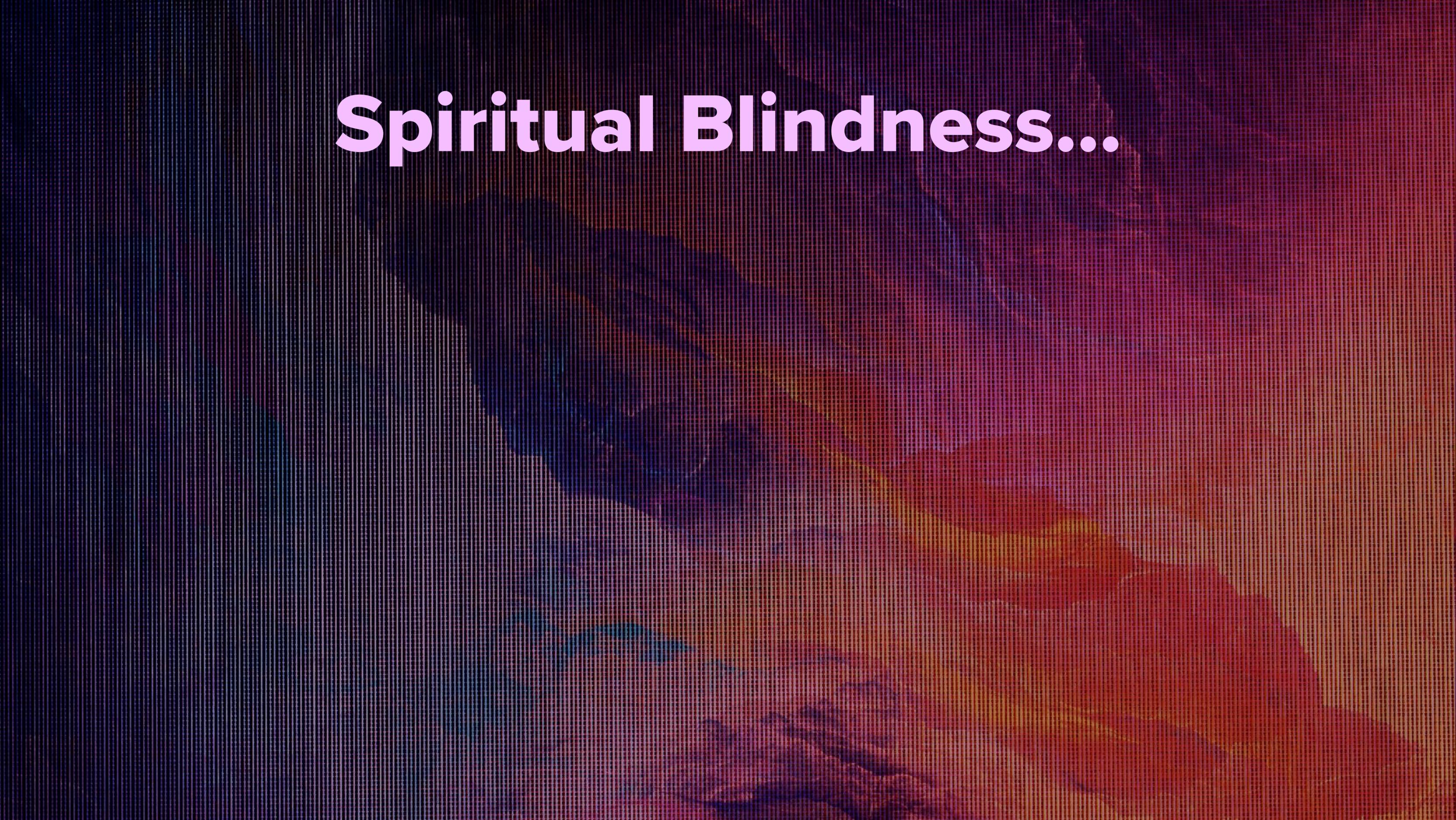


The Eye-Opening Moment...

LUKE 24:30–31

30 When he [Jesus] was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

Spiritual Blindness...



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⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4

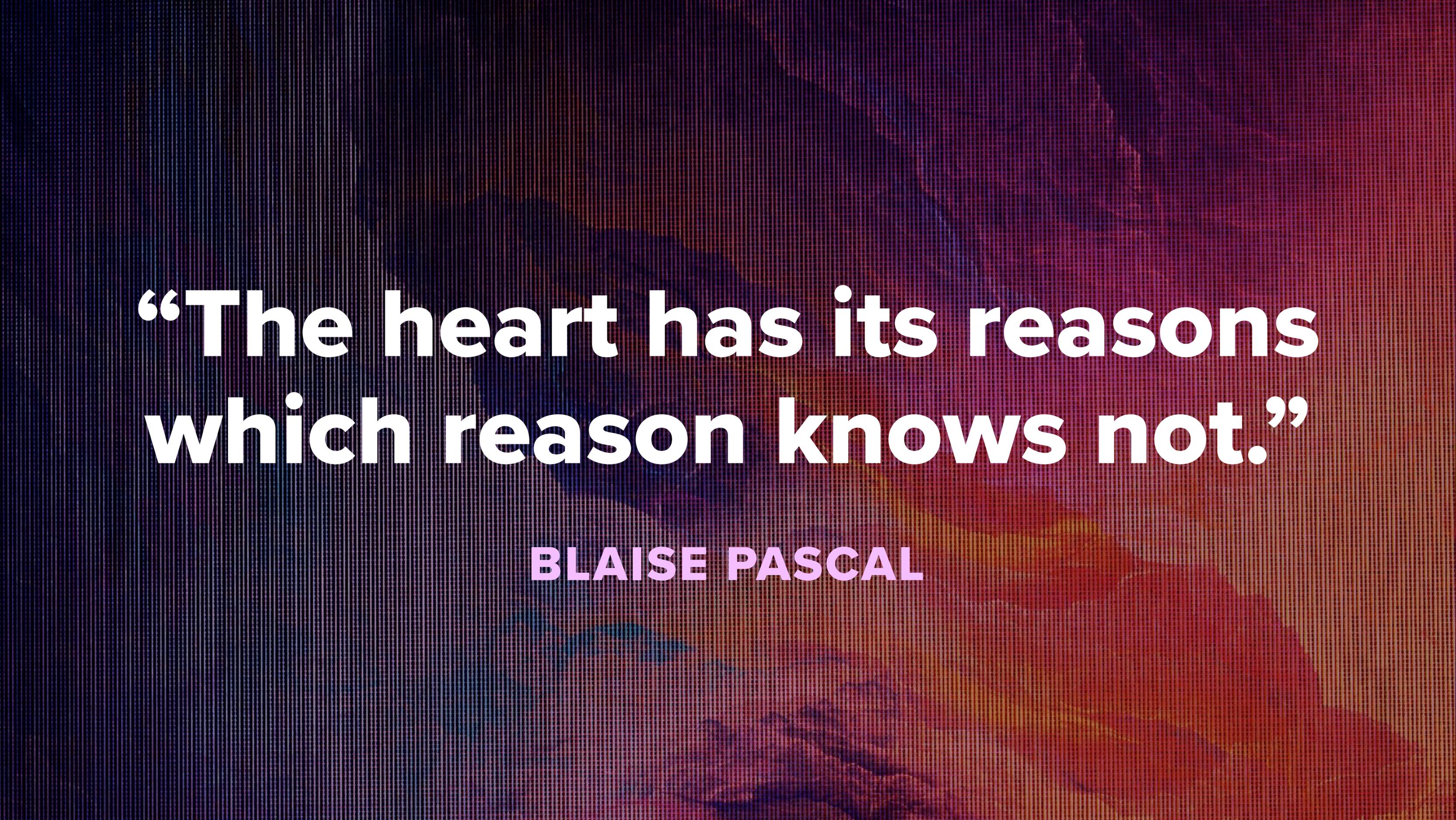
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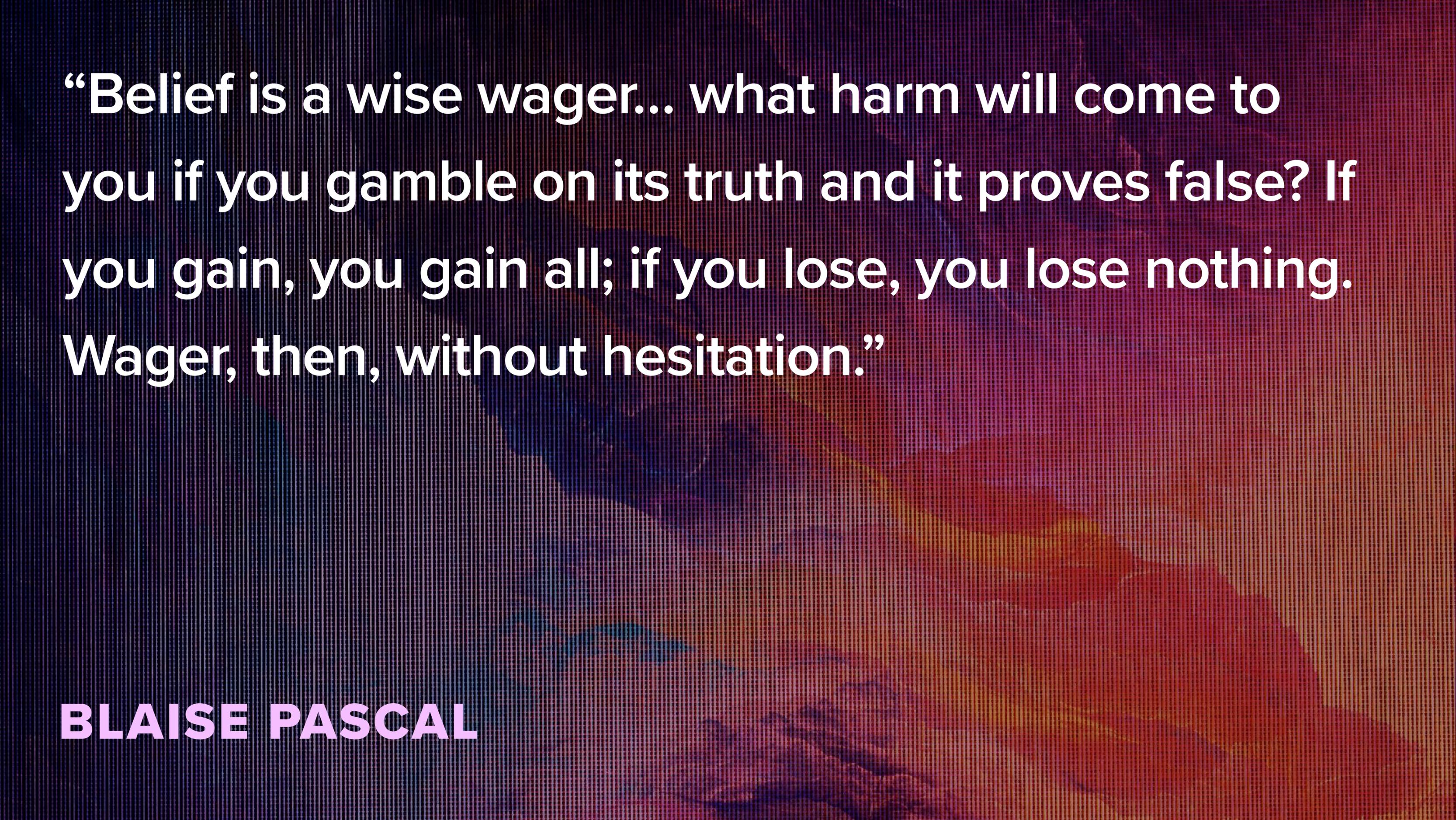
¹⁷ ...I am sending you to them ¹⁸ to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

ACTS 26:17B-18



**“The heart has its reasons
which reason knows not.”**

BLAISE PASCAL

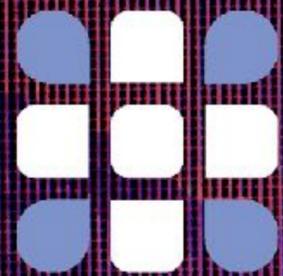


“Belief is a wise wager.. what harm will come to you if you gamble on its truth and it proves false? If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation.”

BLAISE PASCAL

LUKE 24:31A-32

31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him... 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”



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