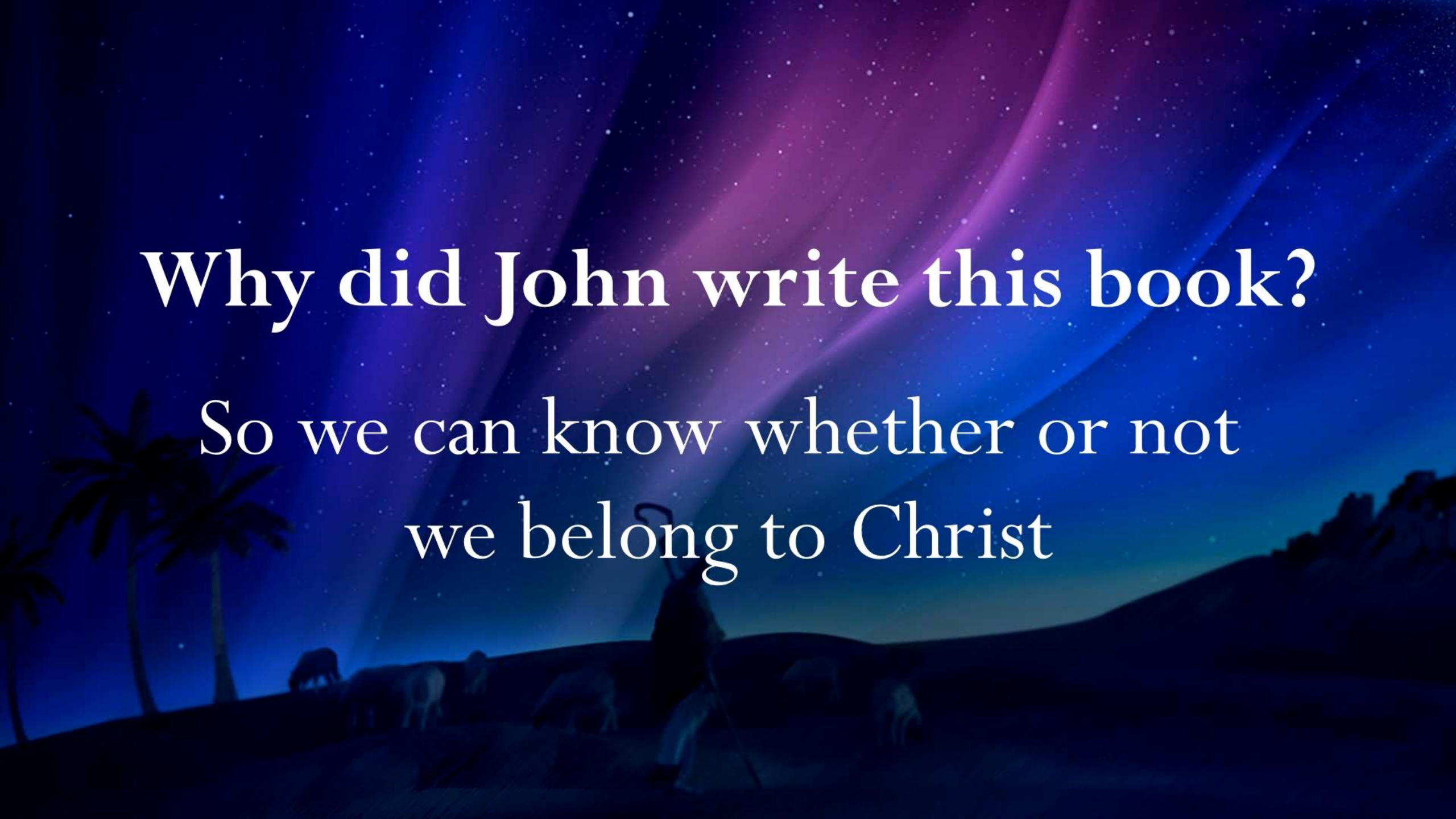

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Why did John write this book?
So we can know whether or not
we belong to Christ

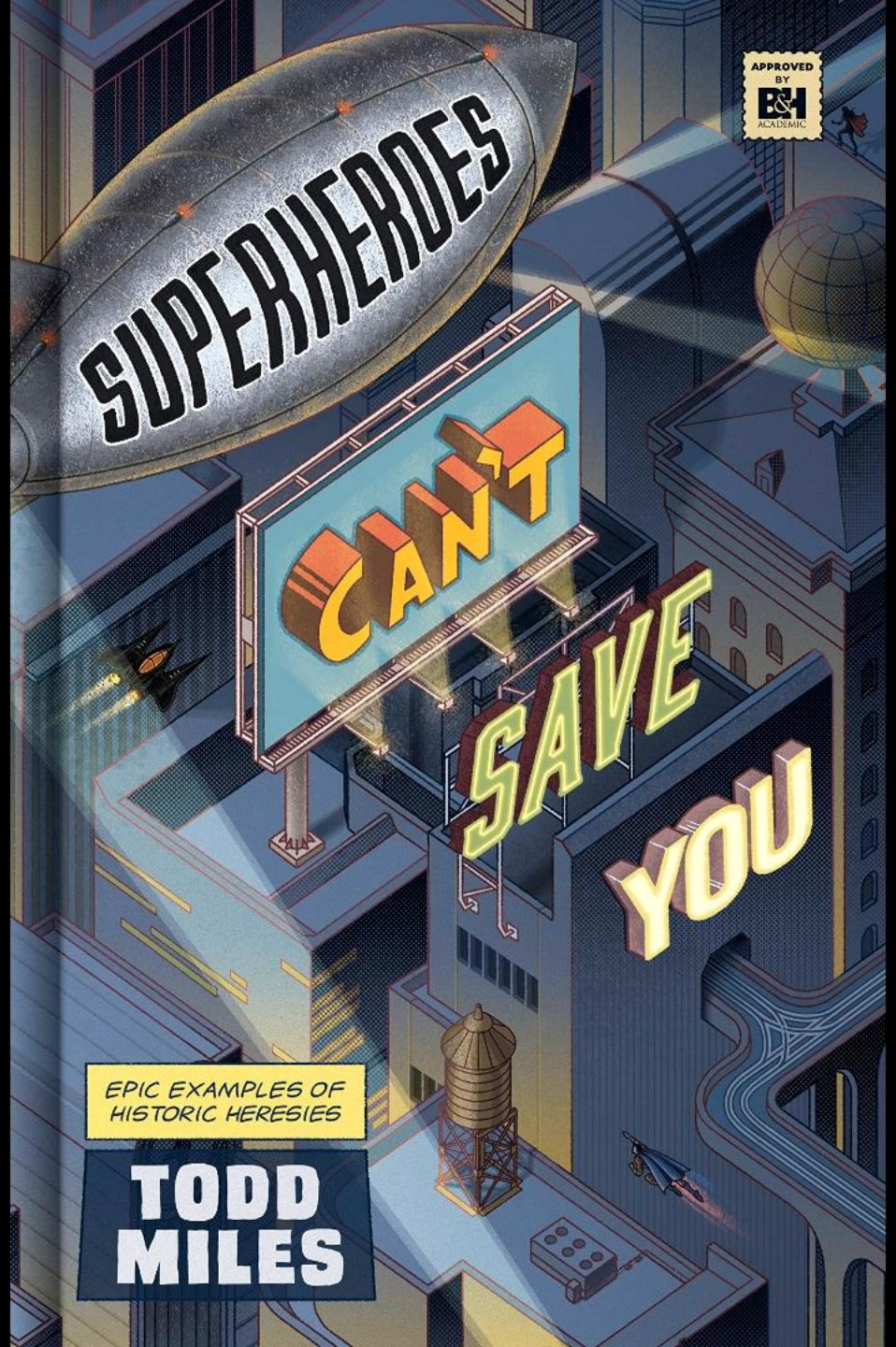
How do our lives change when we surrender to Christ?

- Emotionally: We have true joy.
- Morally: We hate sin and fight against it.
- Theologically: We believe the truth about Jesus
- Socially: We love others.

Doctrine Matters

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already."

1 John 4:1-3


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Superman and Docetism

From Greek *dokeo* meaning "to seem"

Character Matters

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

1 John 4:4-6

"Still today we can recognize God's Word because God's people listen to it, just as we can recognize God's people because they listen to God's Word."

John Stott

Love Matters

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

1 John 4:7-8

"It is true that the words "God is love" mean not that loving is only one of God's many activities but rather all his activity is loving activity and therefore, if He judges, He judges in love."

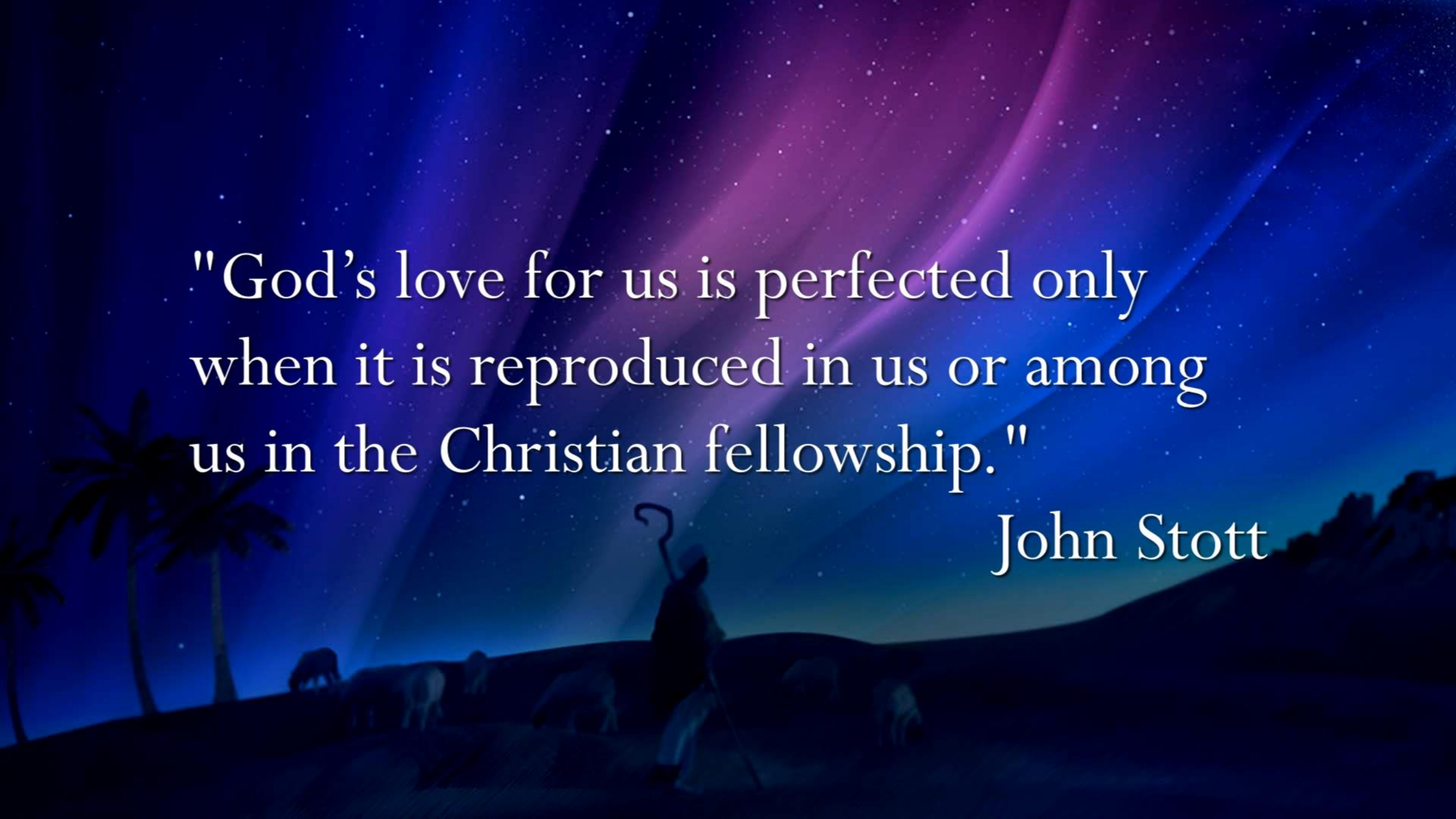
C.H. Dodd


Our ability to love comes from
the reality that we are loved.

Love Matters

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. "

1 John 4:9-12


"God's love for us is perfected only when it is reproduced in us or among us in the Christian fellowship."
John Stott

"Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor. Act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone you will presently come to love him."

C.S. Lewis

Love Matters

"By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love."

1 John 4:17-18

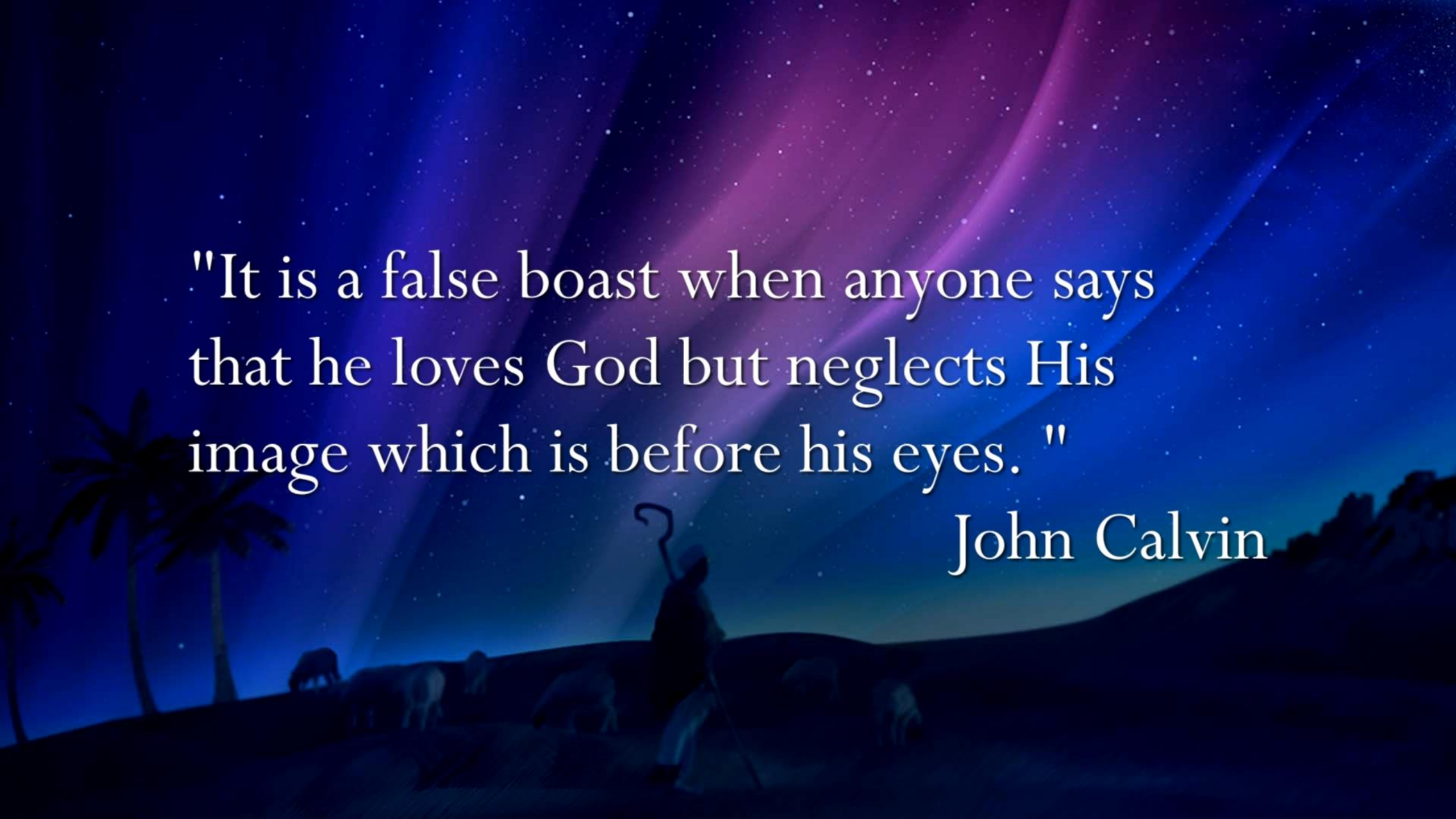
"Christians base their confidence on the day of judgment on the fact that God's love and justice will unite to make them like him."

Tyndale Commentary

Love Matters

"We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother."

1 John 4:19-21


"It is a false boast when anyone says
that he loves God but neglects His
image which is before his eyes. "
John Calvin

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

1 John 3:1a


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