

ARE YOU A CLEAR SIGNPOST?

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Philippians 2: 12–16

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 2: 12–16

Do everything without complaining, or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life – in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour for nothing.



2 KEY TRUTHS

1. **We Have A Purpose To Achieve**
vs 12 *“...work out your salvation with fear and trembling...”*



Ephesians 2: 8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works so that no one can boast.




3 WORD PICTURES

1. Mathematical Problem
2. Diamond Mine
3. Harvest Field

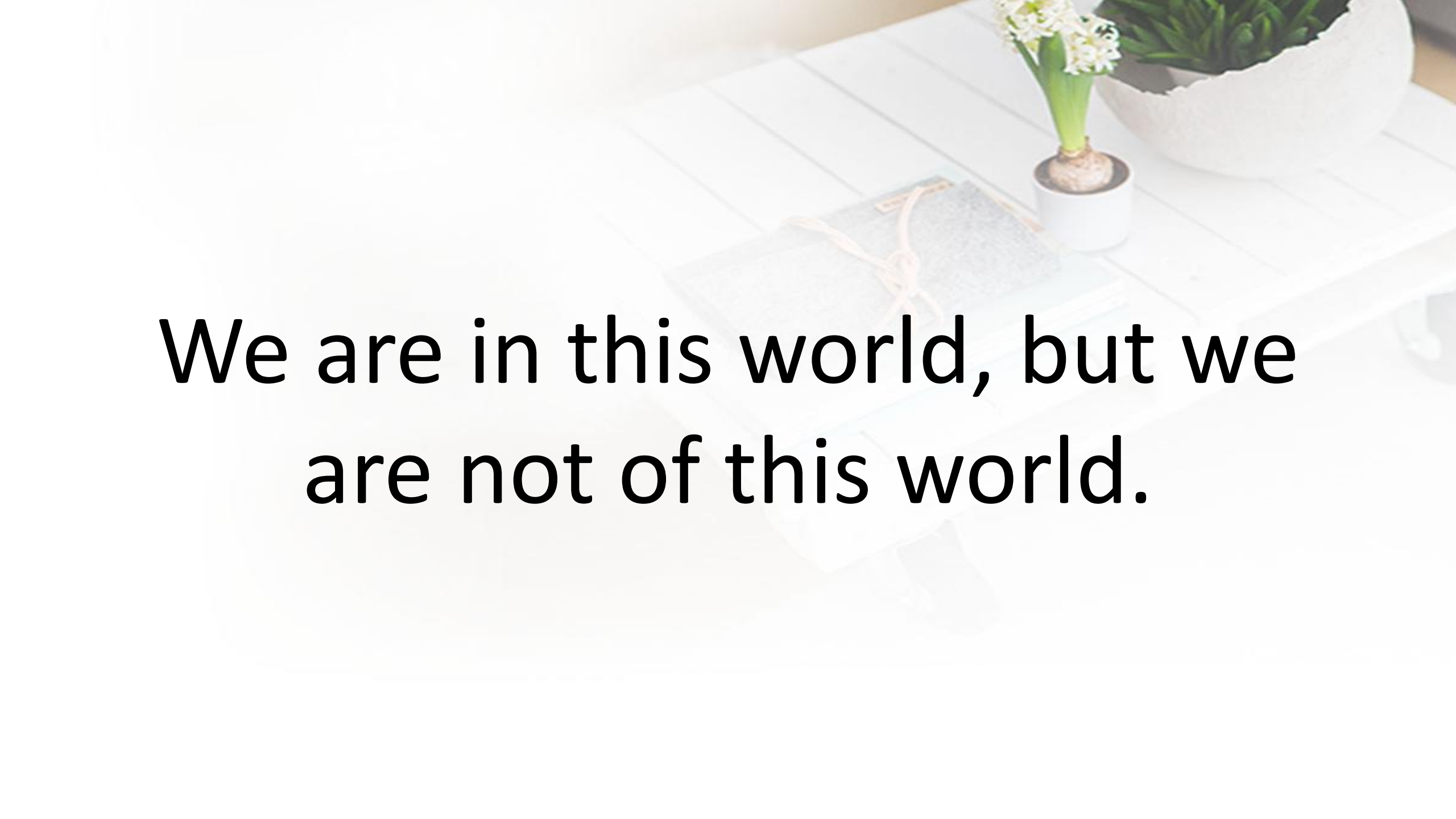


God's purpose for us is **CHRISTLIKENESS**

- Becoming like Jesus in **character** and **conduct**
- Becoming **who** He wants us to **be**
- Doing **what** He wants us to **do**



World	CHRISTIAN
Complains and Finds Fault	Blameless and Pure
In Darkness	Bright Light Shining Like Stars
Empty & Hollow	Hold Out The Word of Life



We are in this world, but we
are not of this world.



2 KEY TRUTHS

1. We Have A **Purpose** To Achieve
2. We Have A **Power** To Receive

vs 13 – *“For it is GOD who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose...”*



2 KEY TRUTHS

1. We Have A **Purpose** To Achieve

To be Christ-like so that we may shine for Christ in a world of darkness!

2. We Have A **Power** To Receive

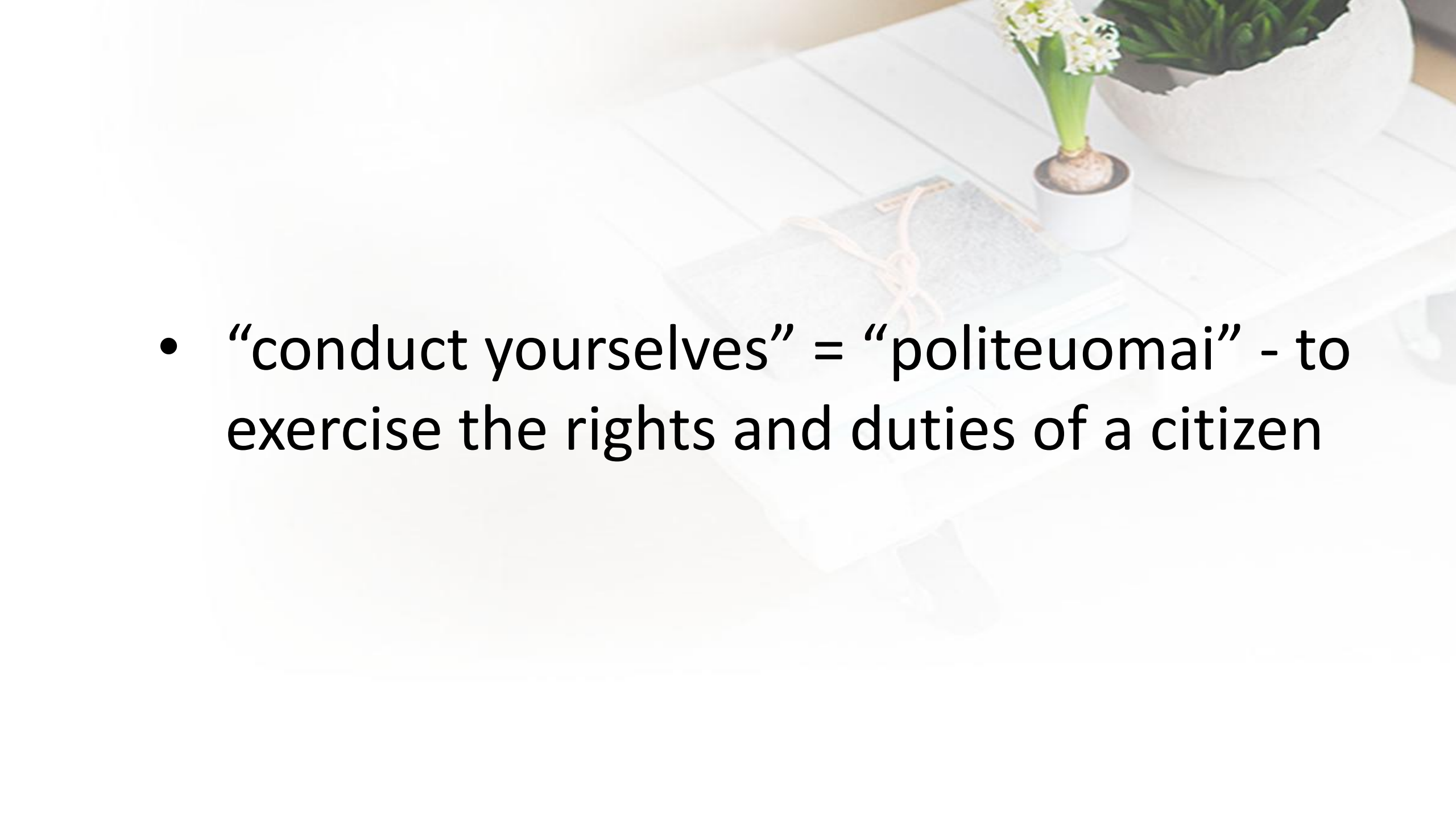
We do this not by might, nor by power but by the *Spirit!*



What kind of a **signpost** are you?

Philippians 1: 27

*Whatever happens, **conduct yourselves** in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...*

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- A decorative desk setup featuring a light-colored wooden surface. In the foreground, there is a grey textured notebook with a light-colored string tied around it. To the right of the notebook is a small white ceramic pot containing a green succulent plant. Further right is a white ceramic vase holding several white flowers with green stems. The background is softly blurred, showing a white wall and a wooden surface.
- “conduct yourselves” = “politeuomai” - to exercise the rights and duties of a citizen



2 Corinthians 3: 2

*You are a letter; written on our hearts,
known and read by everyone...*

A white wooden tray with a light-colored wood grain pattern. On the tray, there is a grey notebook with a light-colored string tied around it, a small white pot containing a green plant with white flowers, and a larger white pot containing a green succulent. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

BEHAVE YOURSELF!



“If the messenger is offensive,
the message is lost.”

A white wooden tray with a laptop, a small potted plant, and a vase of white flowers.

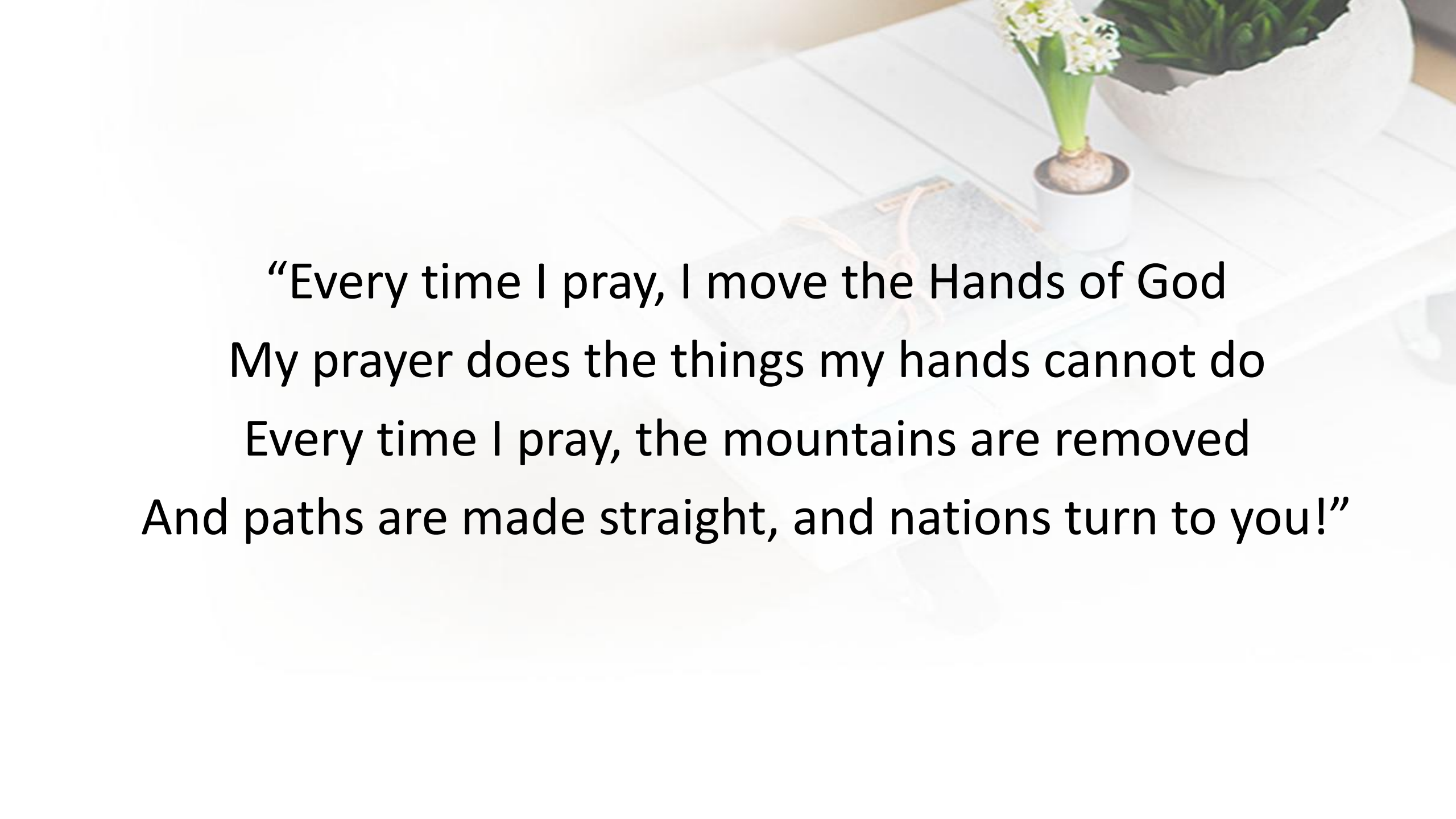
4 SIMPLE STEPS

1. Pray Faithfully



Colossians 4: 3, 4

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

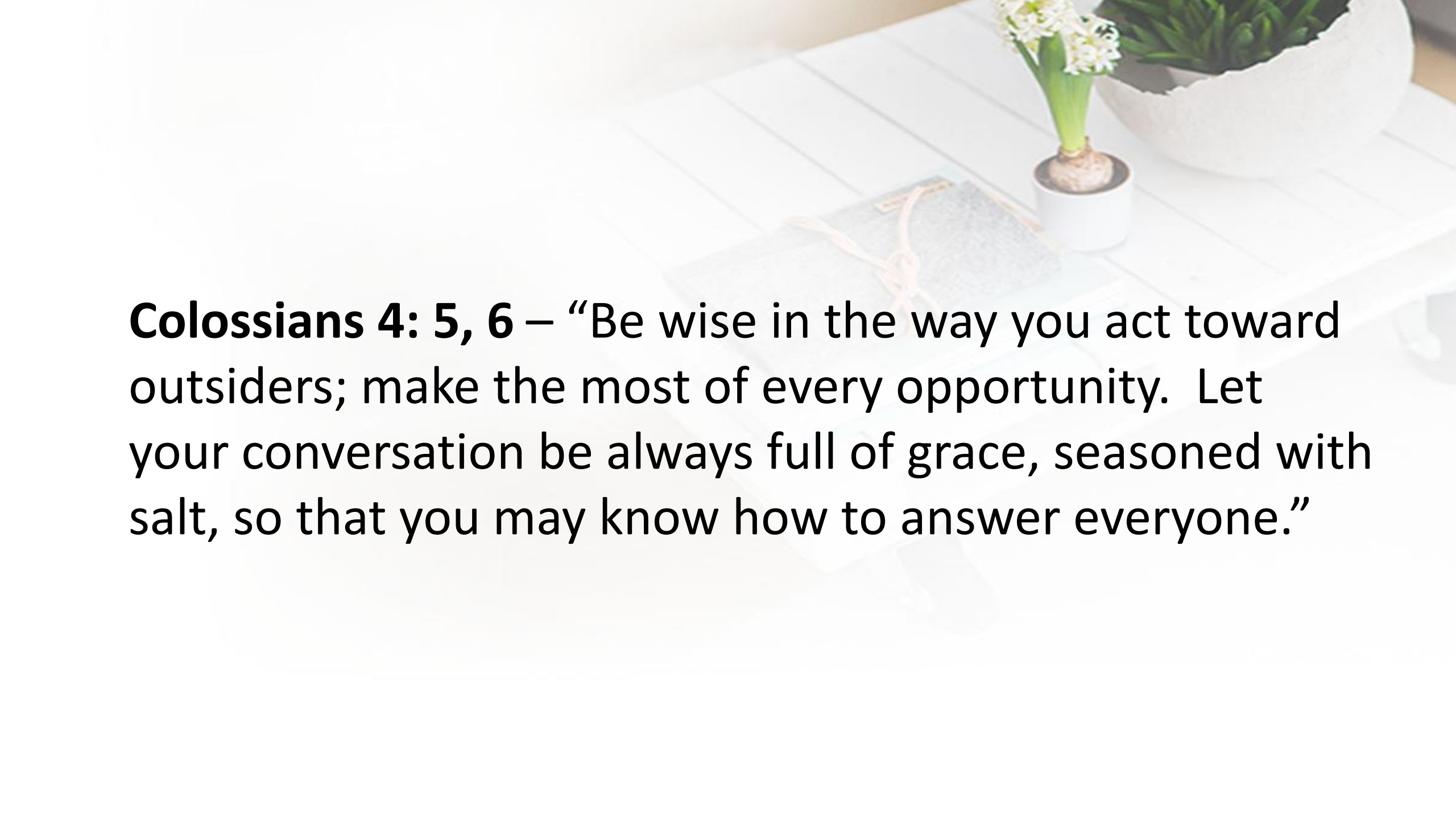


“Every time I pray, I move the Hands of God
My prayer does the things my hands cannot do
Every time I pray, the mountains are removed
And paths are made straight, and nations turn to you!”

A white wooden tray with a laptop, a small white pot with a green plant, and a white vase with white flowers.

4 SIMPLE STEPS

1. Pray Faithfully
2. Connect Relationally

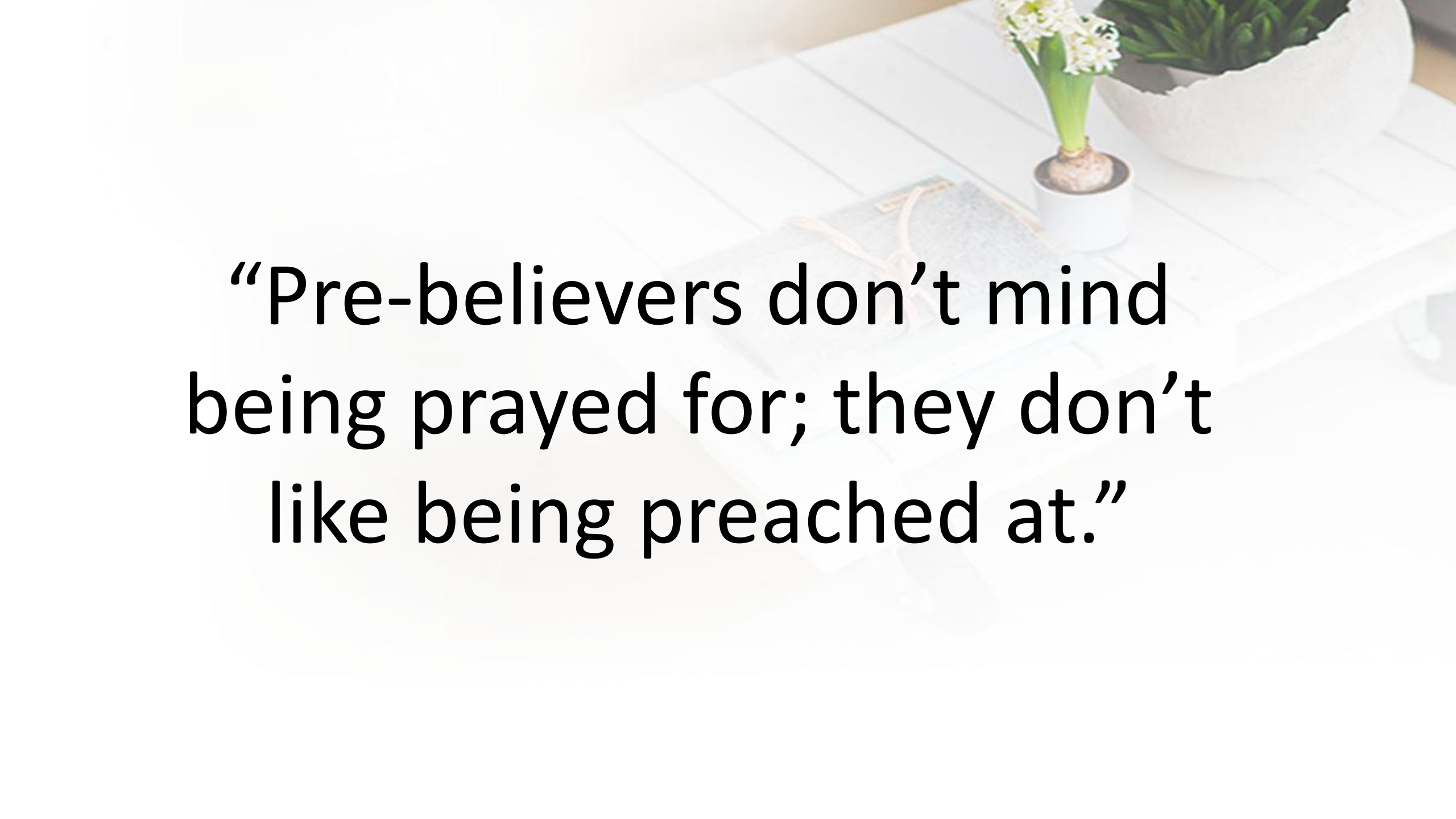


Colossians 4: 5, 6 – “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

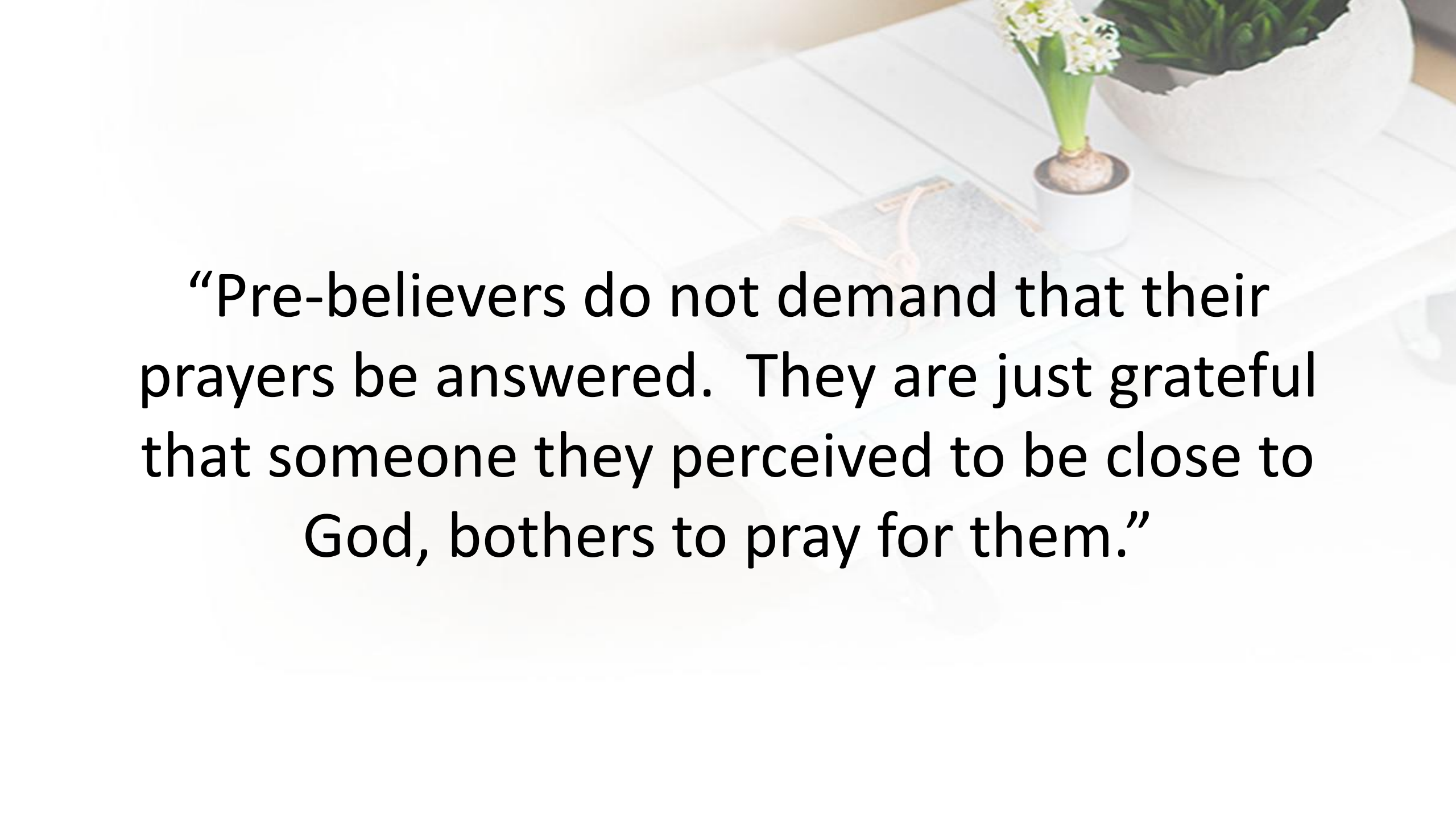
A white wooden tray with a book, a small potted plant, and a vase of white flowers.

4 SIMPLE STEPS

1. Pray Faithfully
2. Connect Relationally
3. Love Practically



**“Pre-believers don’t mind
being prayed for; they don’t
like being preached at.”**



“Pre-believers do not demand that their prayers be answered. They are just grateful that someone they perceived to be close to God, bothers to pray for them.”

A white wooden tray with a small potted plant, a succulent, and a notebook. The tray is on a light-colored surface. The background is a soft-focus image of the same tray with a small potted plant, a succulent, and a notebook.

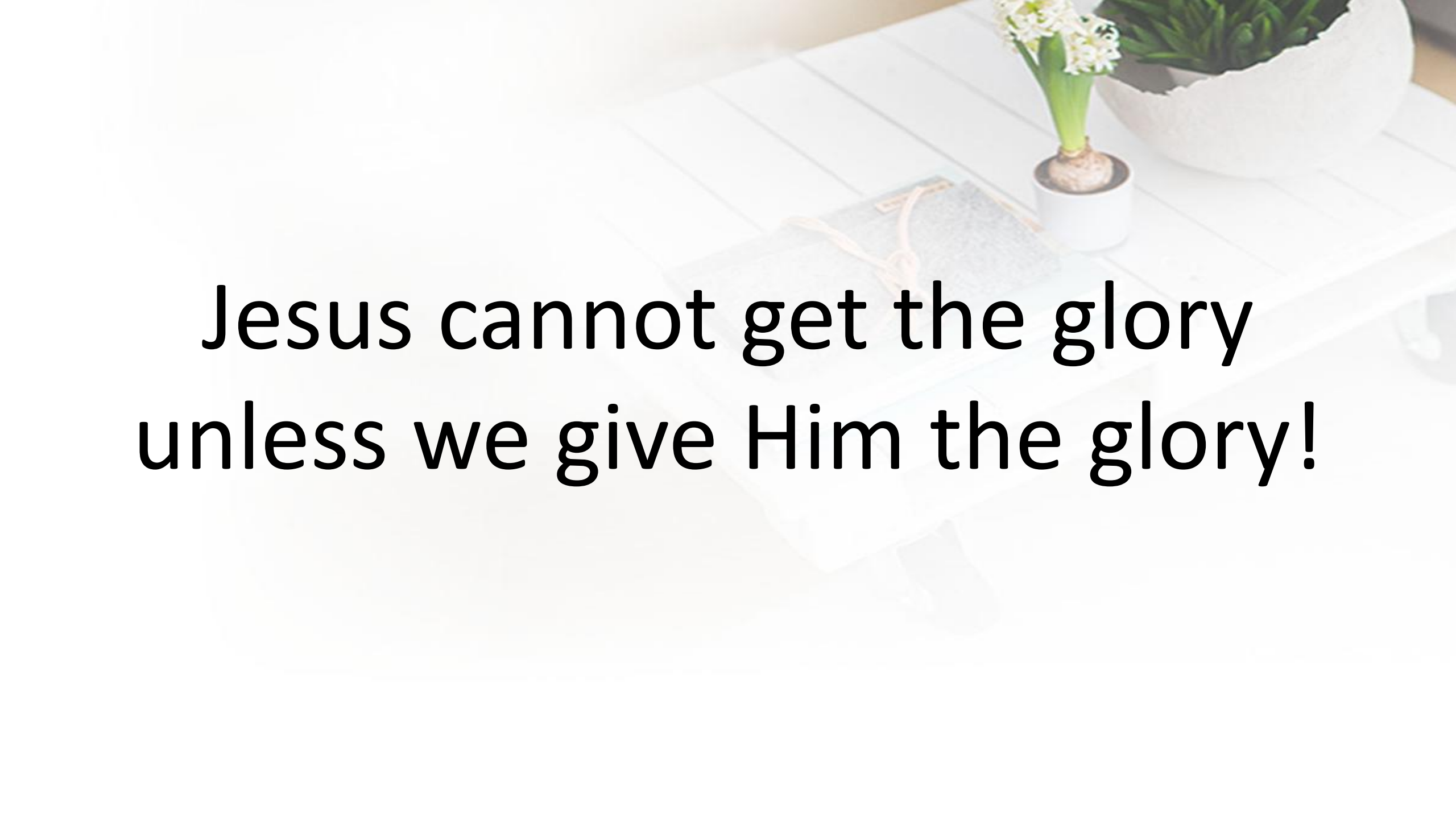
4 SIMPLE STEPS

1. Pray Faithfully
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3. Love Practically
4. Share Boldly



St Francis of Assisi

*“Preach the Gospel at all times and
when necessary, use words.”*

A decorative table with a white tablecloth, a small vase with white flowers, and a larger white bowl with green plants.

Jesus cannot get the glory
unless we give Him the glory!

Romans 10: 14 – 15

How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

A white wooden tray with a small potted plant, a book, and a succulent. The tray is on a white surface. The text is overlaid on the tray.

**We grow deeper so that we
may go missional!**



HOW TO GO MISSIONAL?

1. Pray Faithfully
2. Connect Relationally
3. Love Practically
4. Share Boldly



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share your personal learnings from this message.
2. Which of the 4 Steps would you find the most challenging?
3. What would you do because of this message?