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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:
2 Kings 2:1-12

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2 Kings 2:1

2:1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2 Kings 2:2

2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

2 Kings 2:3

2:3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

2 Kings 2:4

2:4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

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2:6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

2 Kings 2:7

2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

2 Kings 2:8

2:8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

2 Kings 2:9

2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

2 Kings 2:10

2:10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

2 Kings 2:11

2:11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:12

2:12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.



GOSPEL LESSON:
Mark 9:2-9

Please stand if you are able and
comfortable

Mark 9:2

9:2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

Mark 9:3-4

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Mark 9:6-7

9:6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

9:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Mark 9:8

9:8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

Mark 9:9

9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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A man with dreadlocks and a patterned scarf is meditating in a lotus position on a metal grate floor. He has his eyes closed and hands resting on his knees with palms facing up. The background is a busy public space with many people walking, all rendered in a monochromatic blue color. A white horizontal line runs across the middle of the image, passing behind the text.

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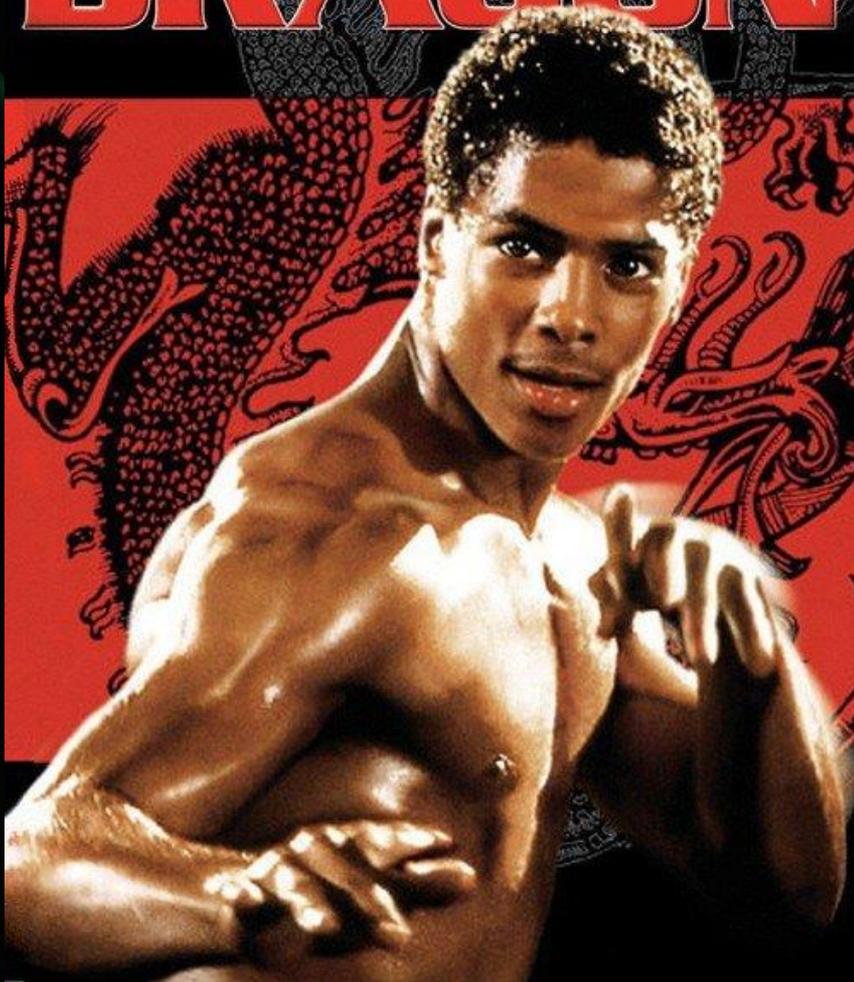
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- A change that glorifies or exalts.
- A metamorphosis.

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Elijah's Transfiguration Through The Eyes of Elisha

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And Sometimes God Speaks

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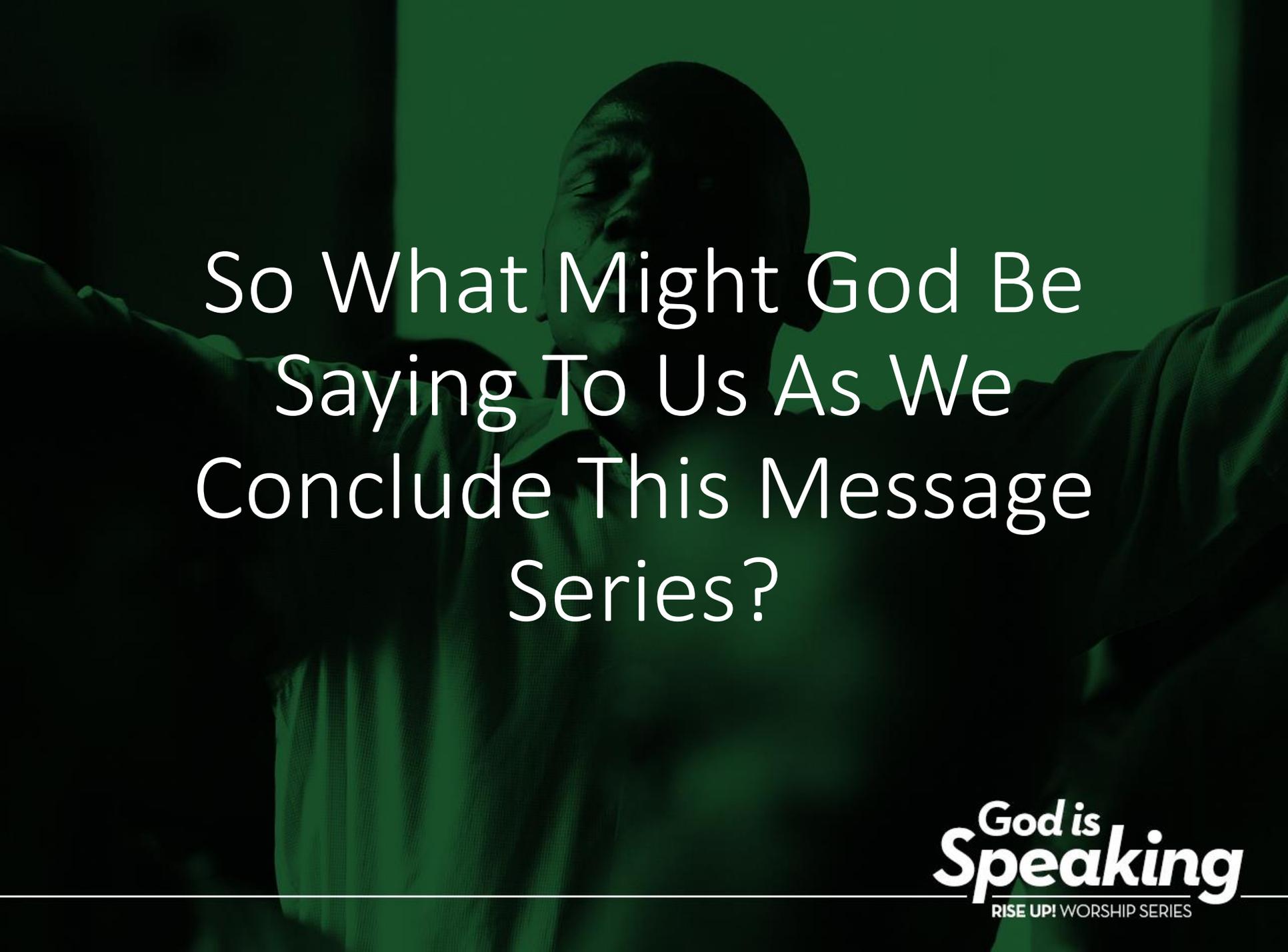
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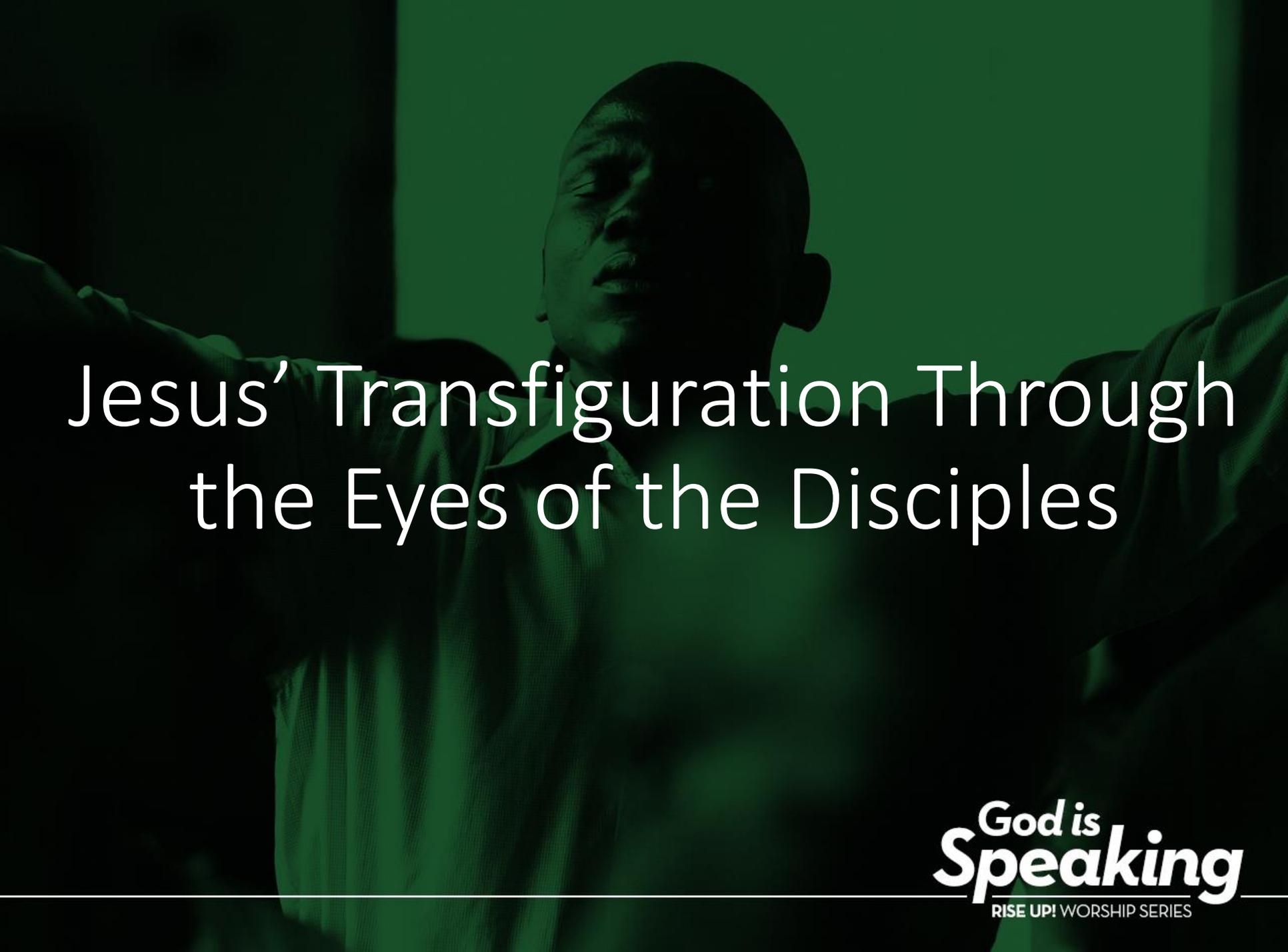
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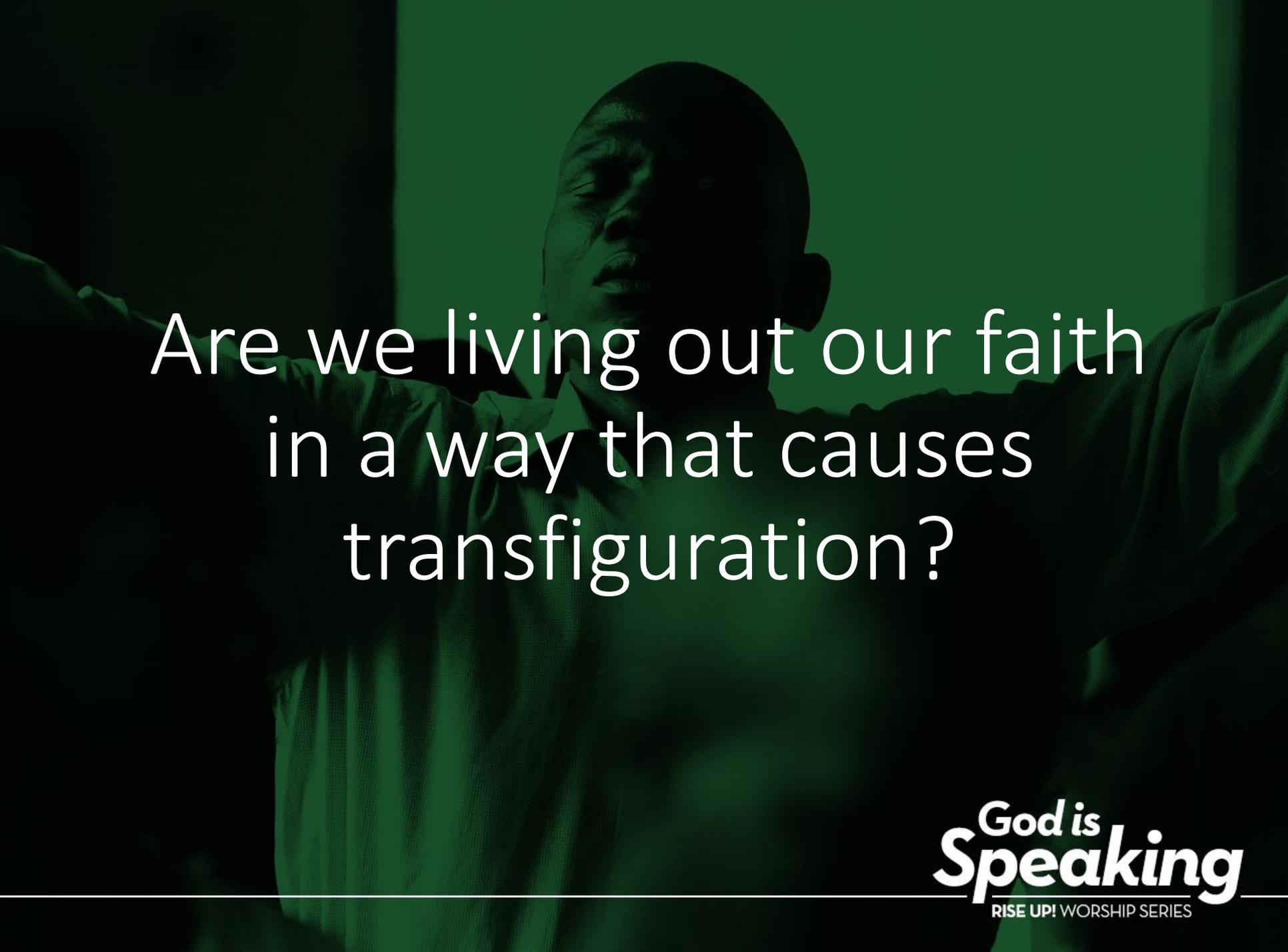
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Jesus' Transfiguration Through the Eyes of the Disciples

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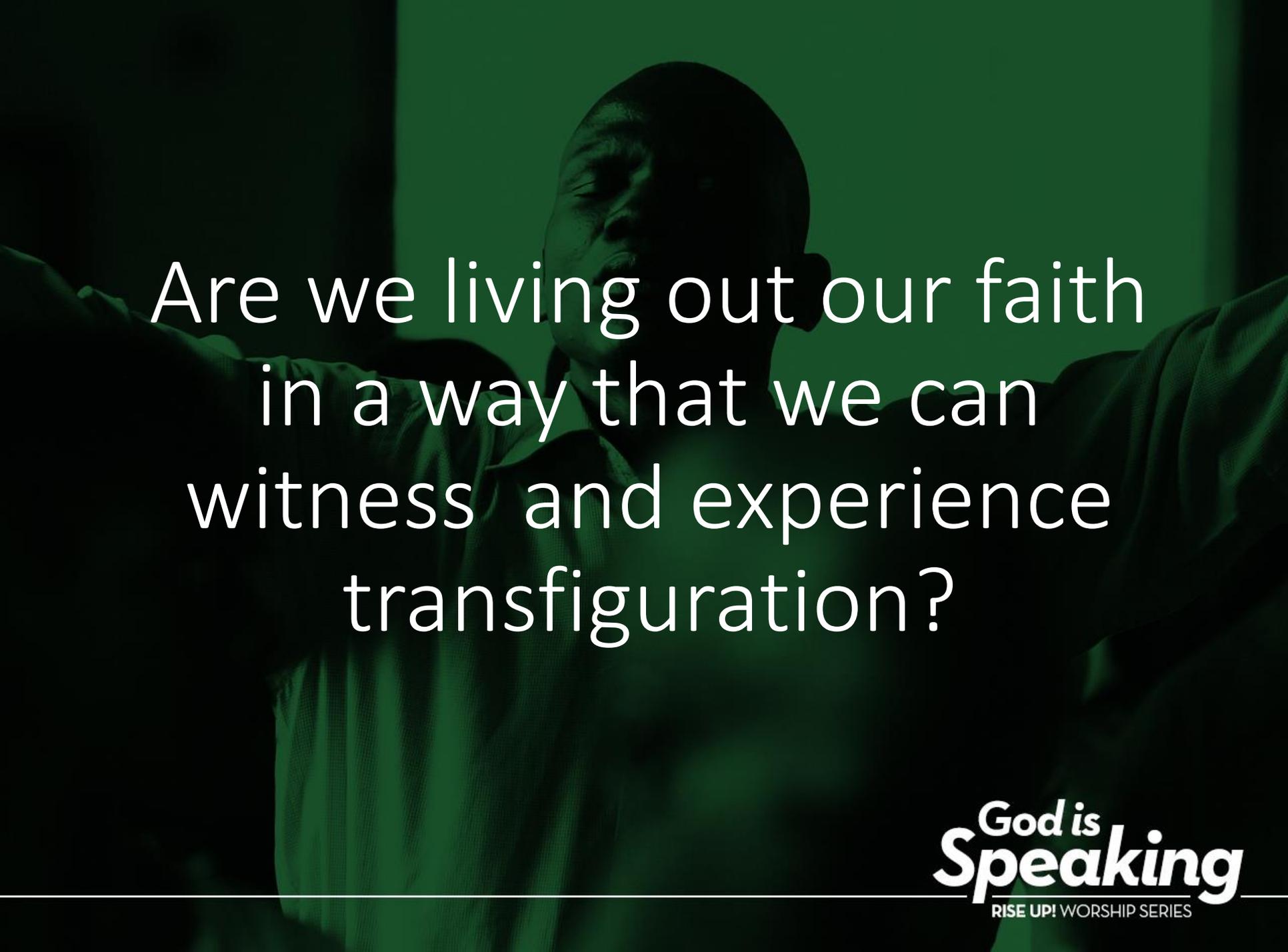


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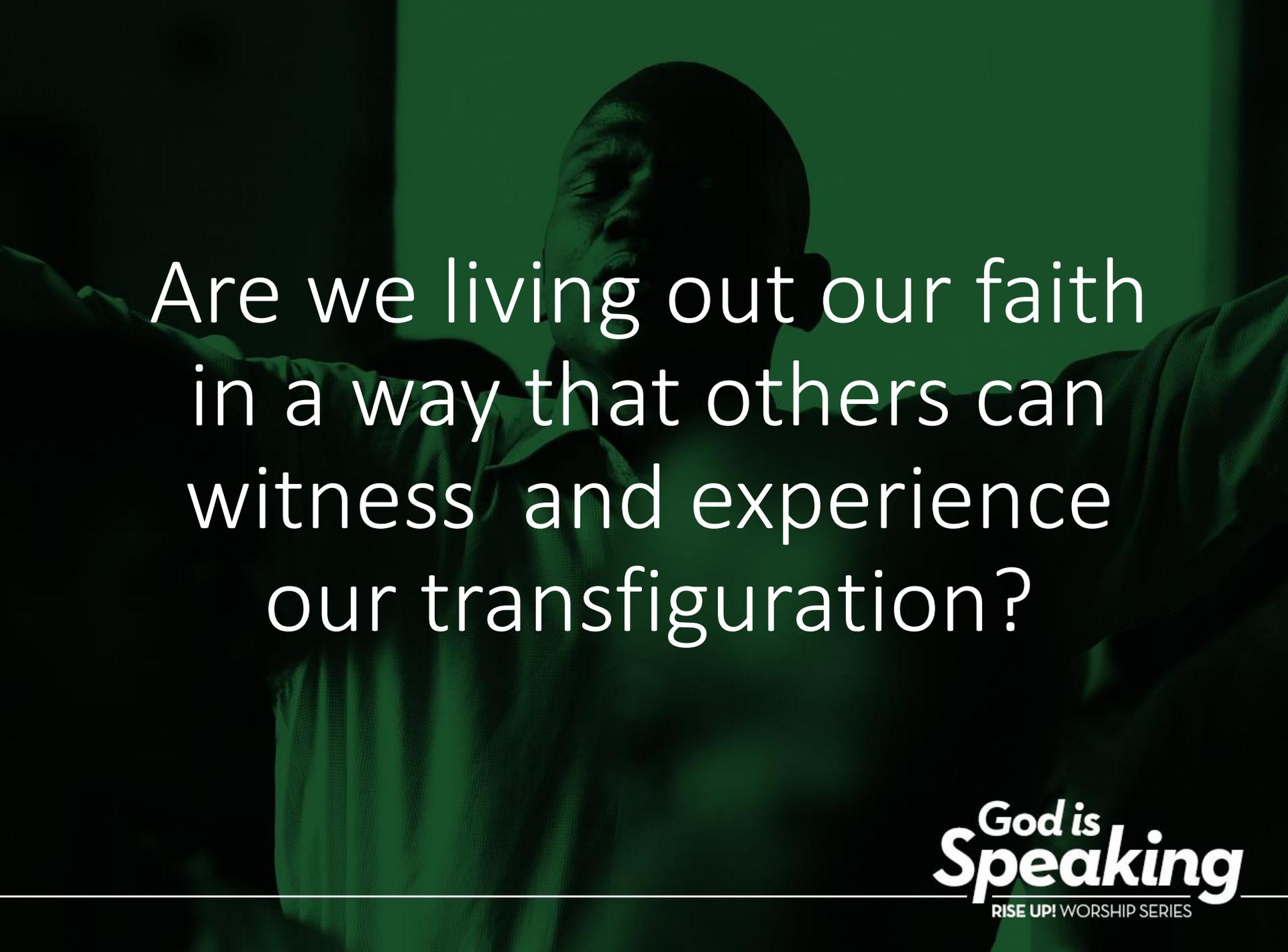


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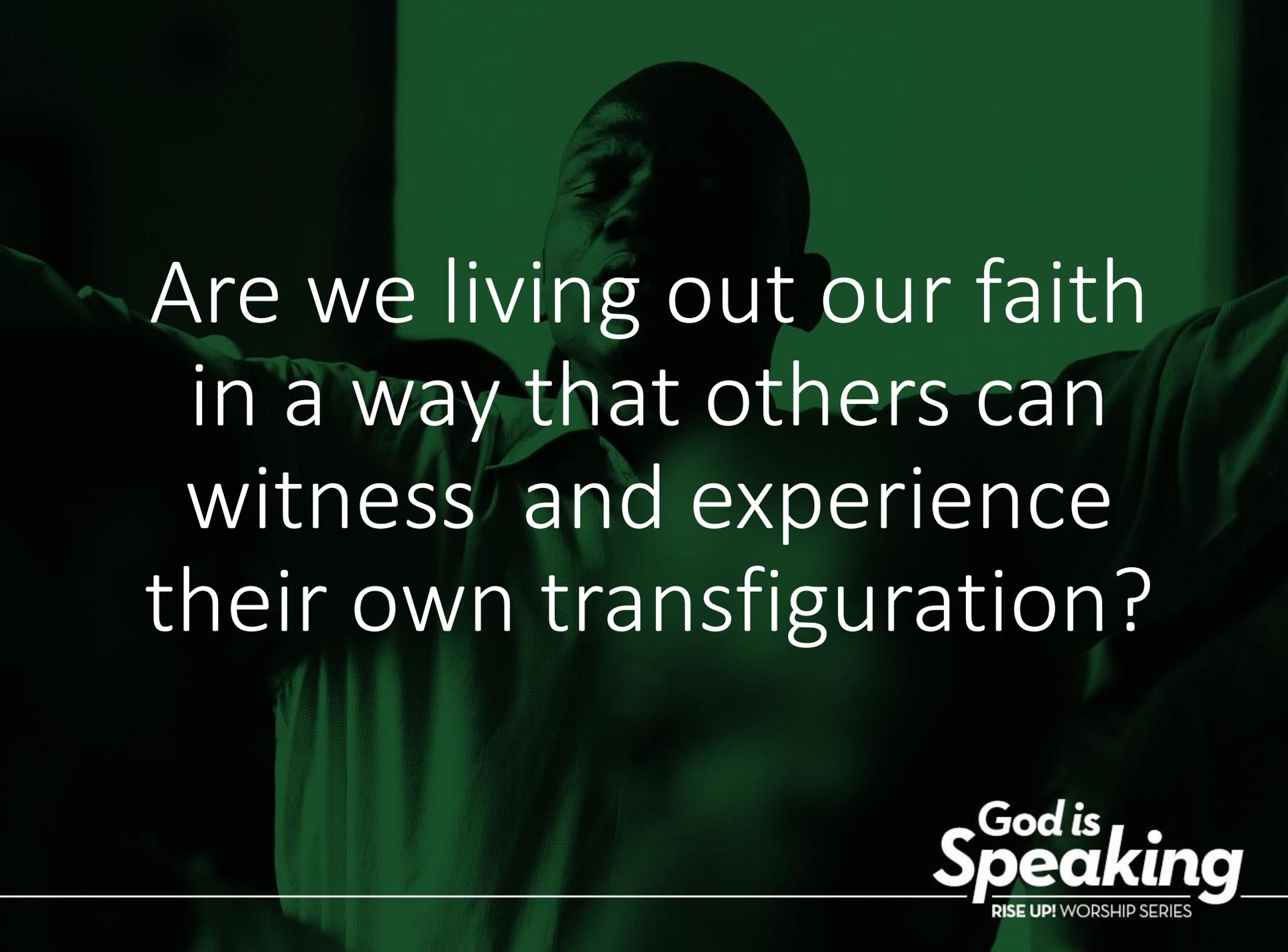
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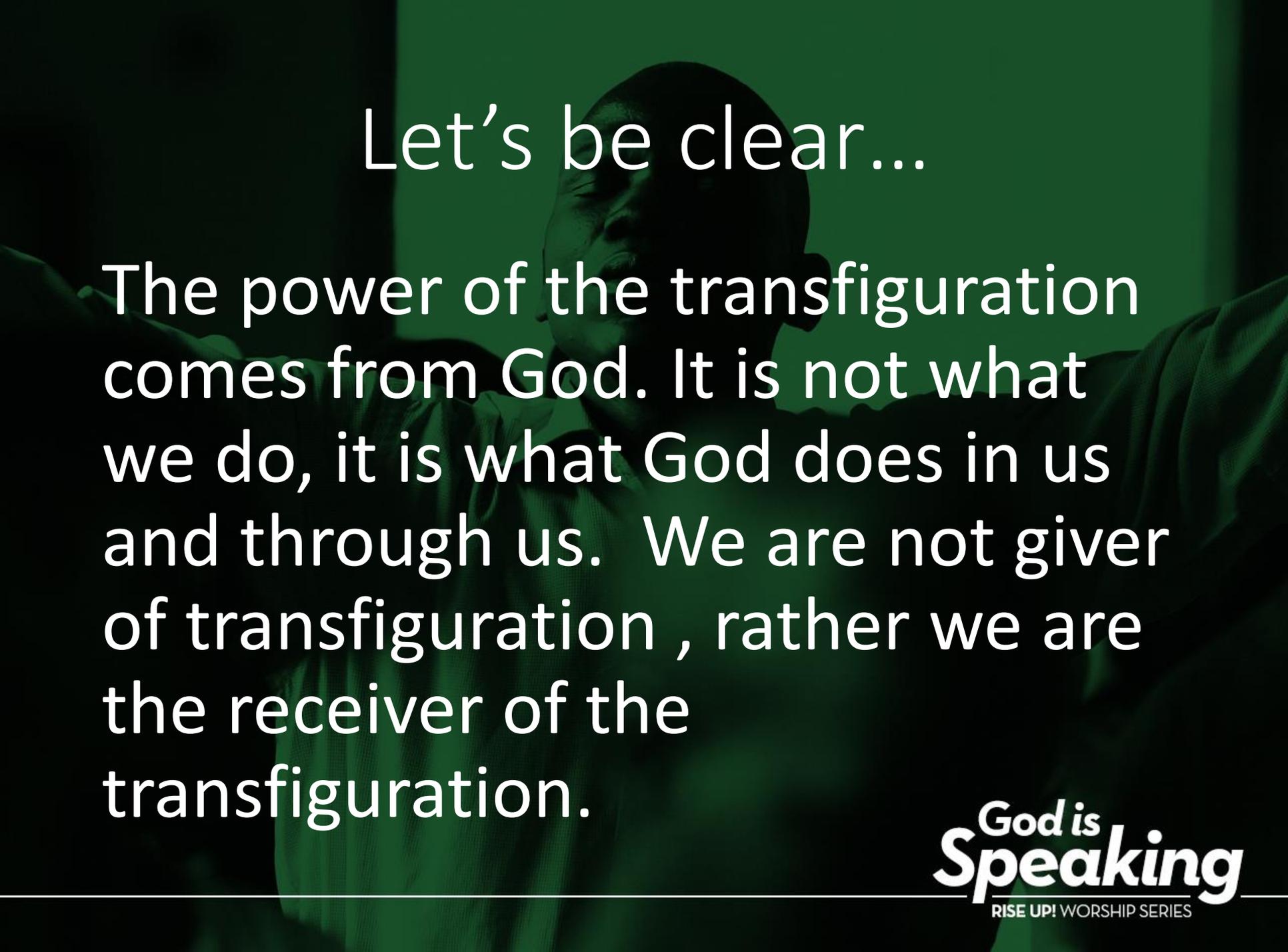
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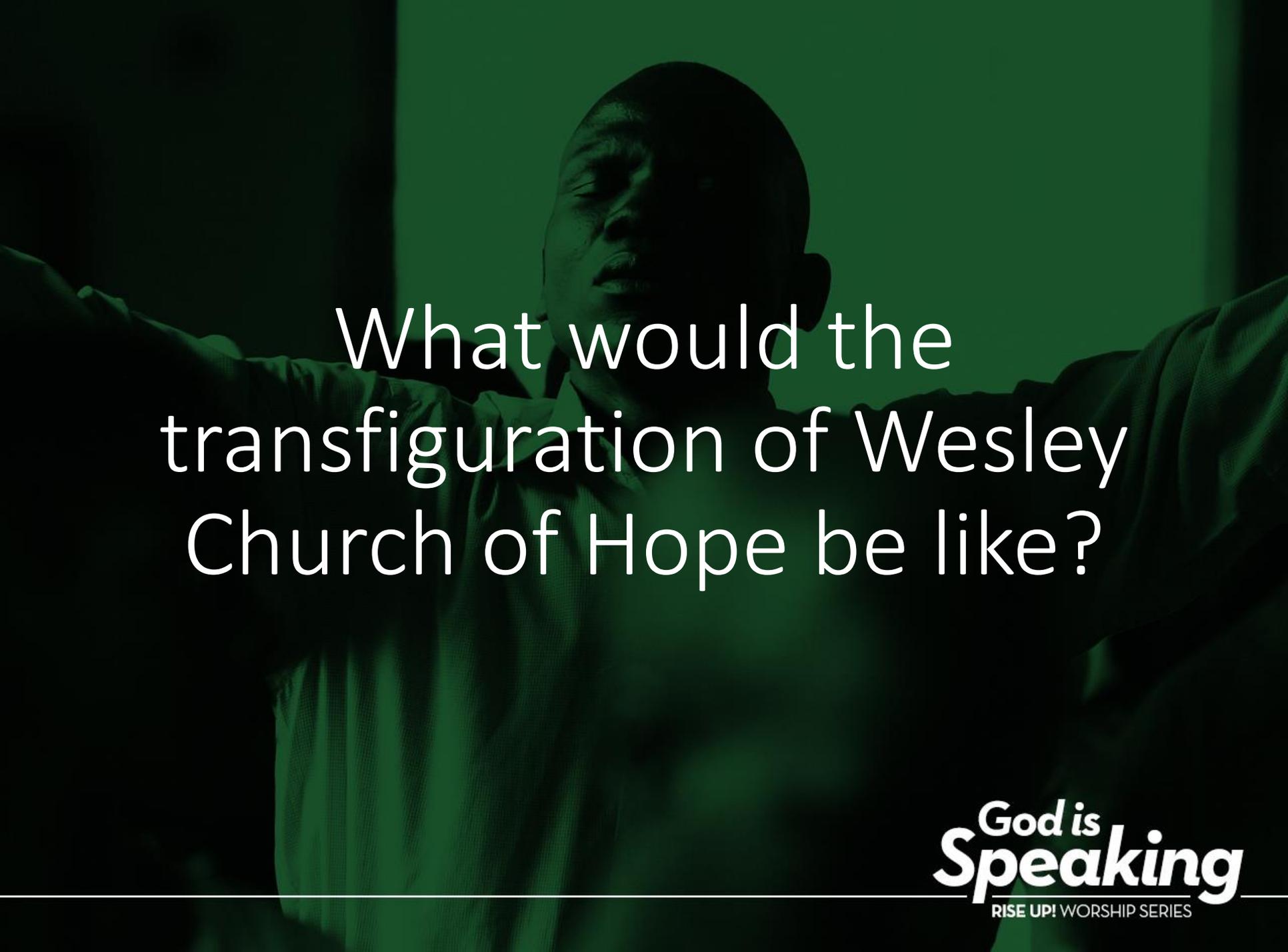


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Let's be clear...

The power of the transfiguration comes from God. It is not what we do, it is what God does in us and through us. We are not givers of transfiguration, rather we are the receivers of the transfiguration.



What would the
transfiguration of Wesley
Church of Hope be like?

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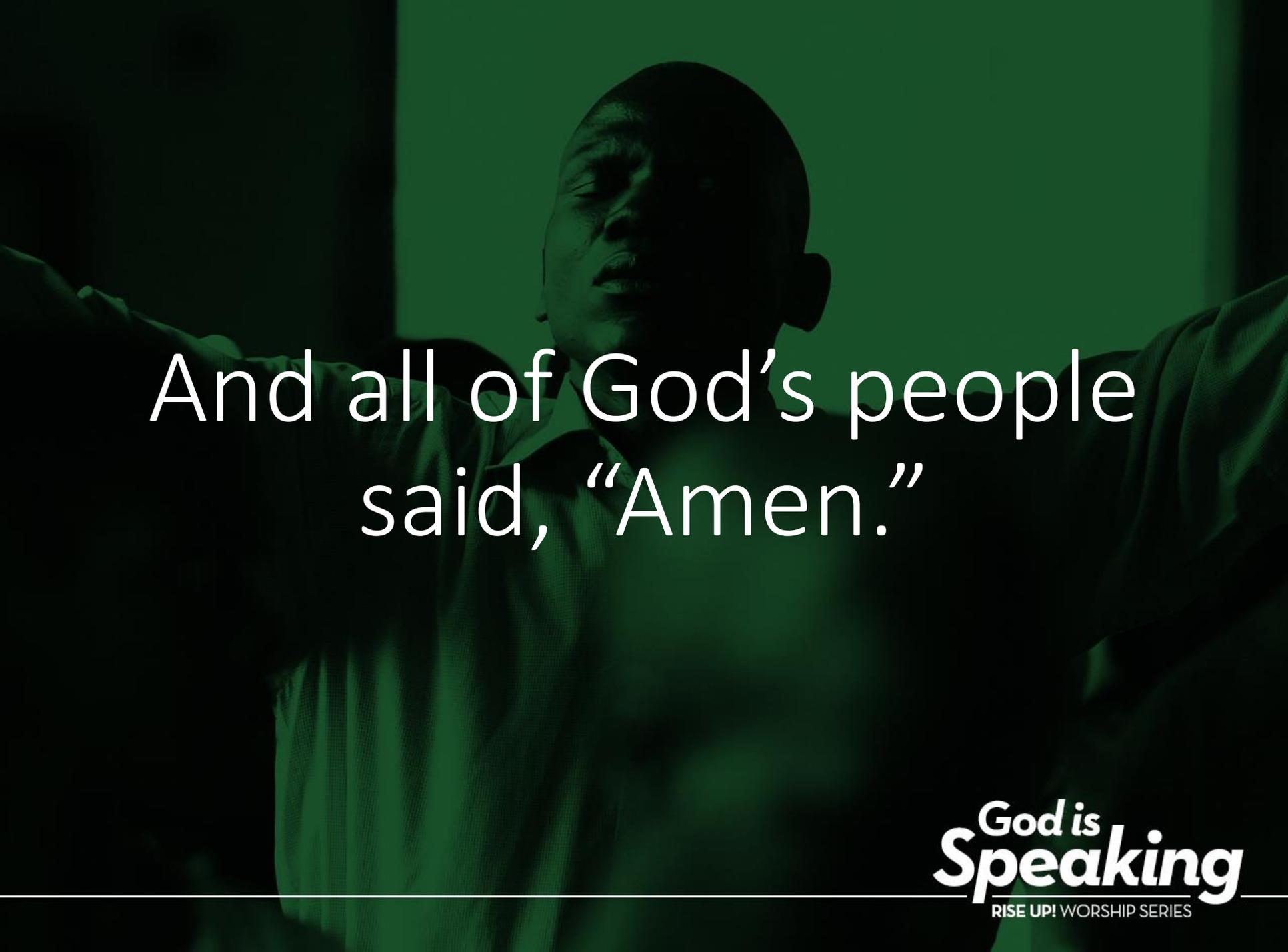
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Next week...

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The 40 Day Journey of
Lent: From Ash Wednesday
to Resurrection Sunday.



And all of God's people
said, "Amen."

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