

# WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?

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# TODAY'S JOURNEY OF CREATIVITY

01

**AN  
INVITATION**  
It comes from  
God

02

**MAN MADE  
or GOD  
GIVEN?**  
What are your  
dreams made of?

03

**TAKE UP  
YOUR CROSS**  
What does it  
mean to take  
up your cross?

04

**SPACES NOT  
EXCUSES**  
Making sure  
there's always  
space for God.

# MOVING INTO THE SPACE WHERE GODLY DREAMS FLOW



TIME  
WITH GOD



COUNT  
THE COST



INVITATIO  
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01

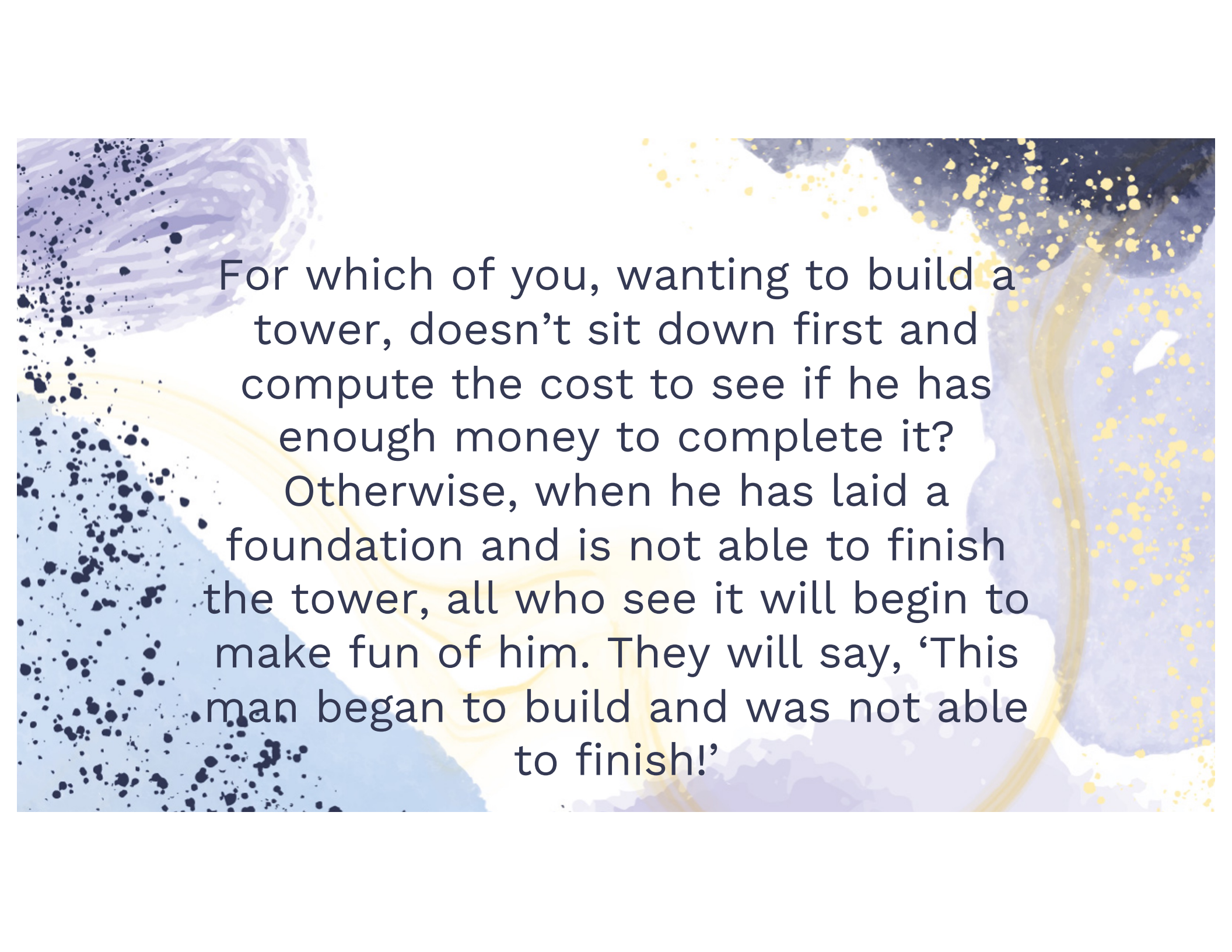
# THE INVITATION

ONE OF SEVERAL CONTEXTS FOR LUKE 14:25-35

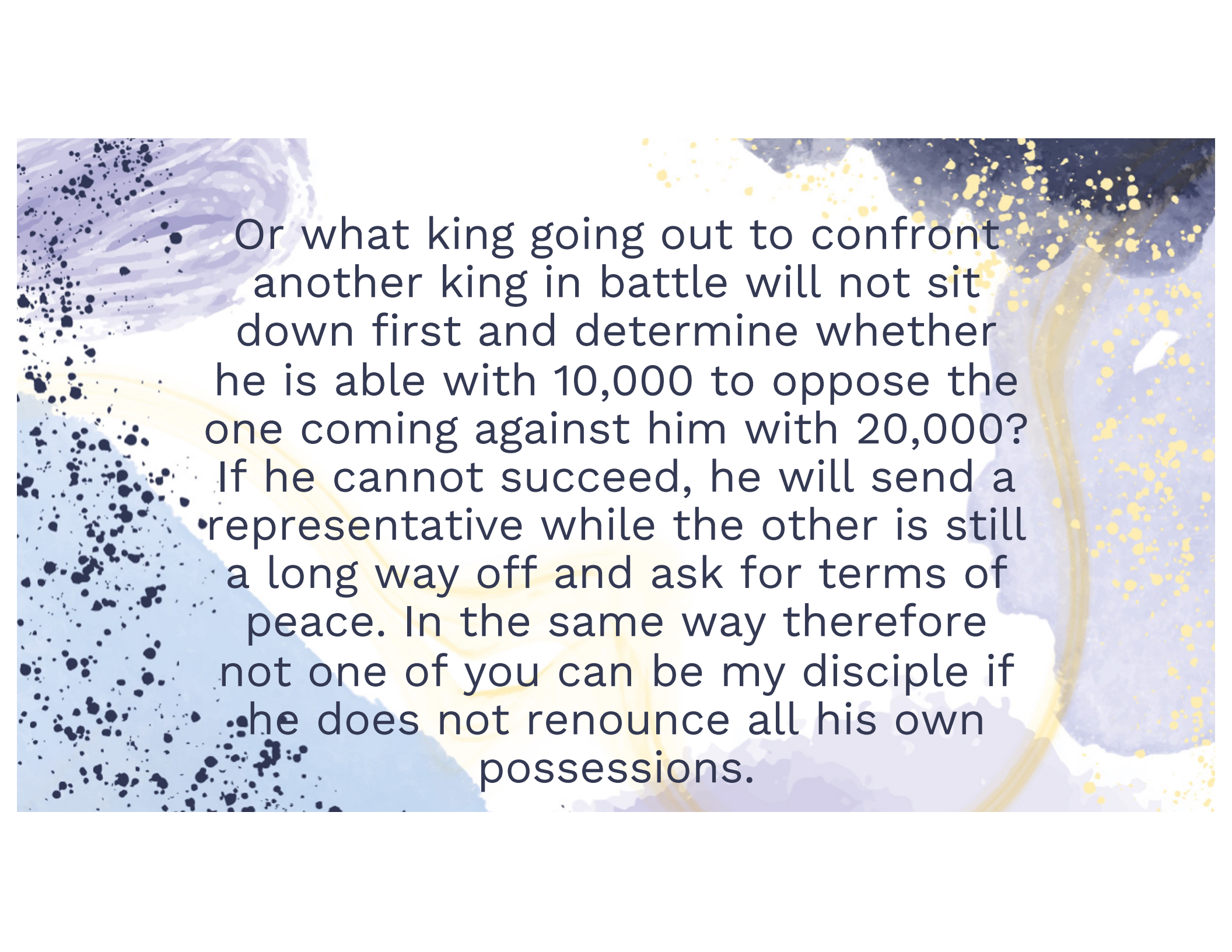
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# Hopes and Dreams

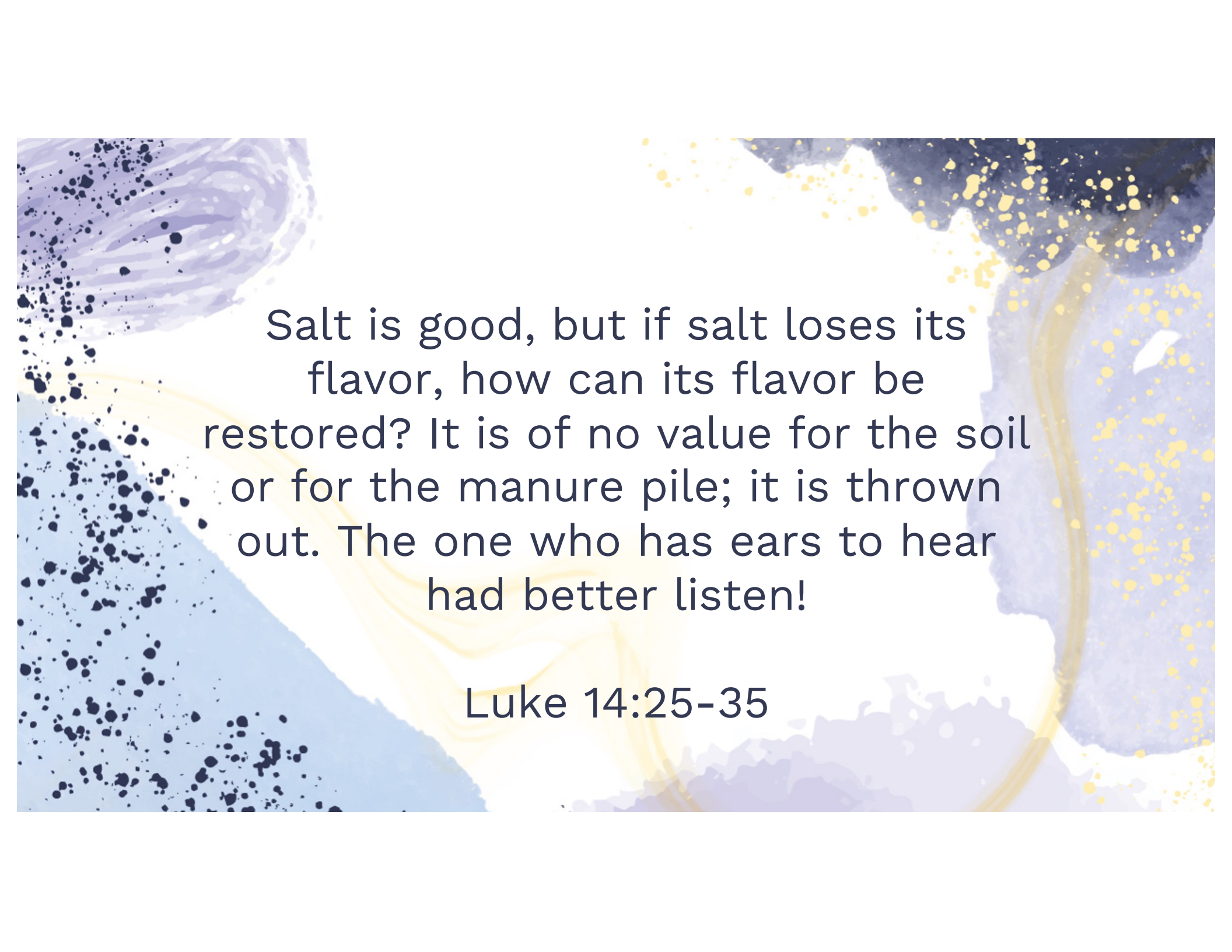
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Luke 14:25-35





What does it mean?

... to count  
the cost ...



For I tell you,  
not one of those  
individuals who were  
invited will taste  
my banquet.

— Luke 14:24



# The parable of the

—Leon Morris  
**excuses**

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WITH NO  
EXCUSES



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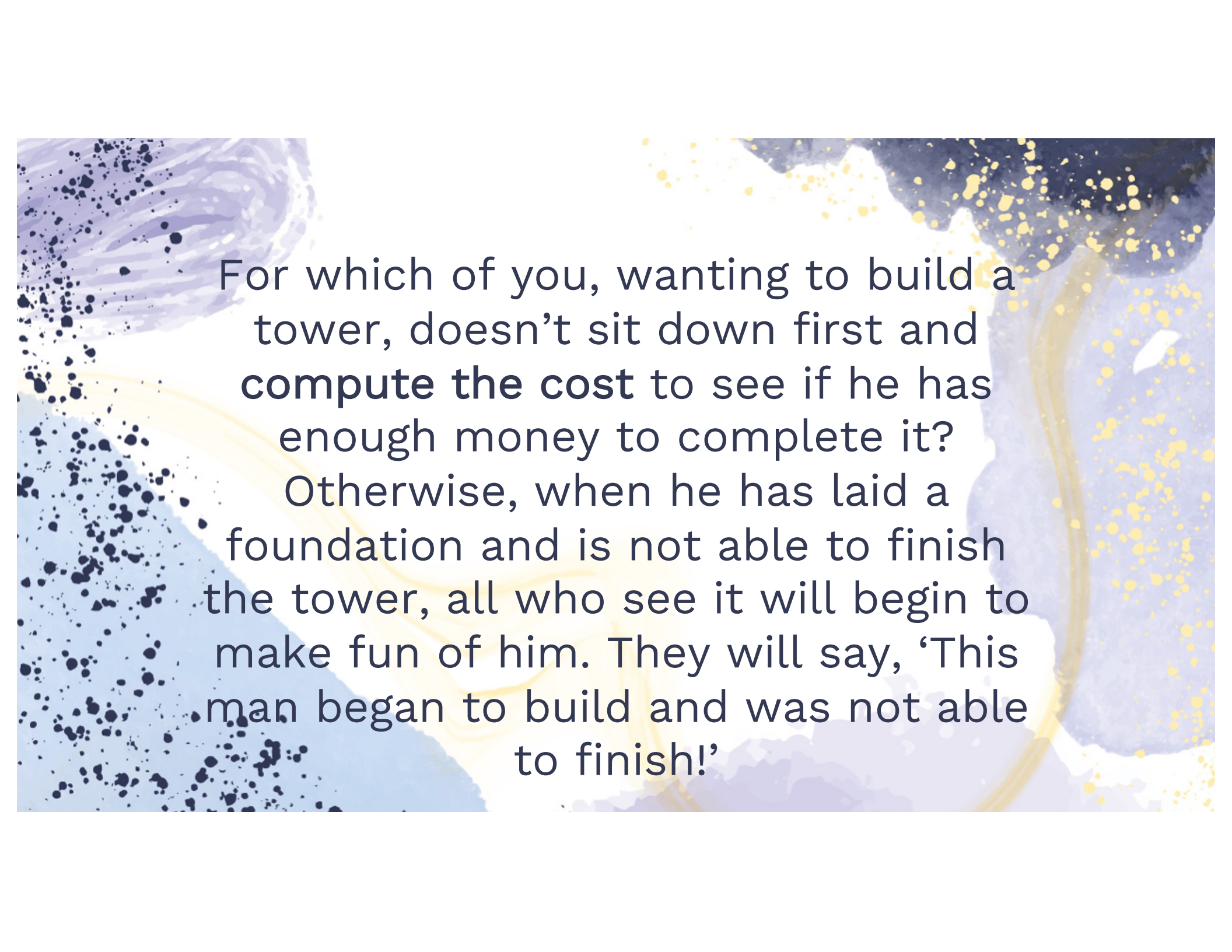
# WHAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF

Check your Dreams

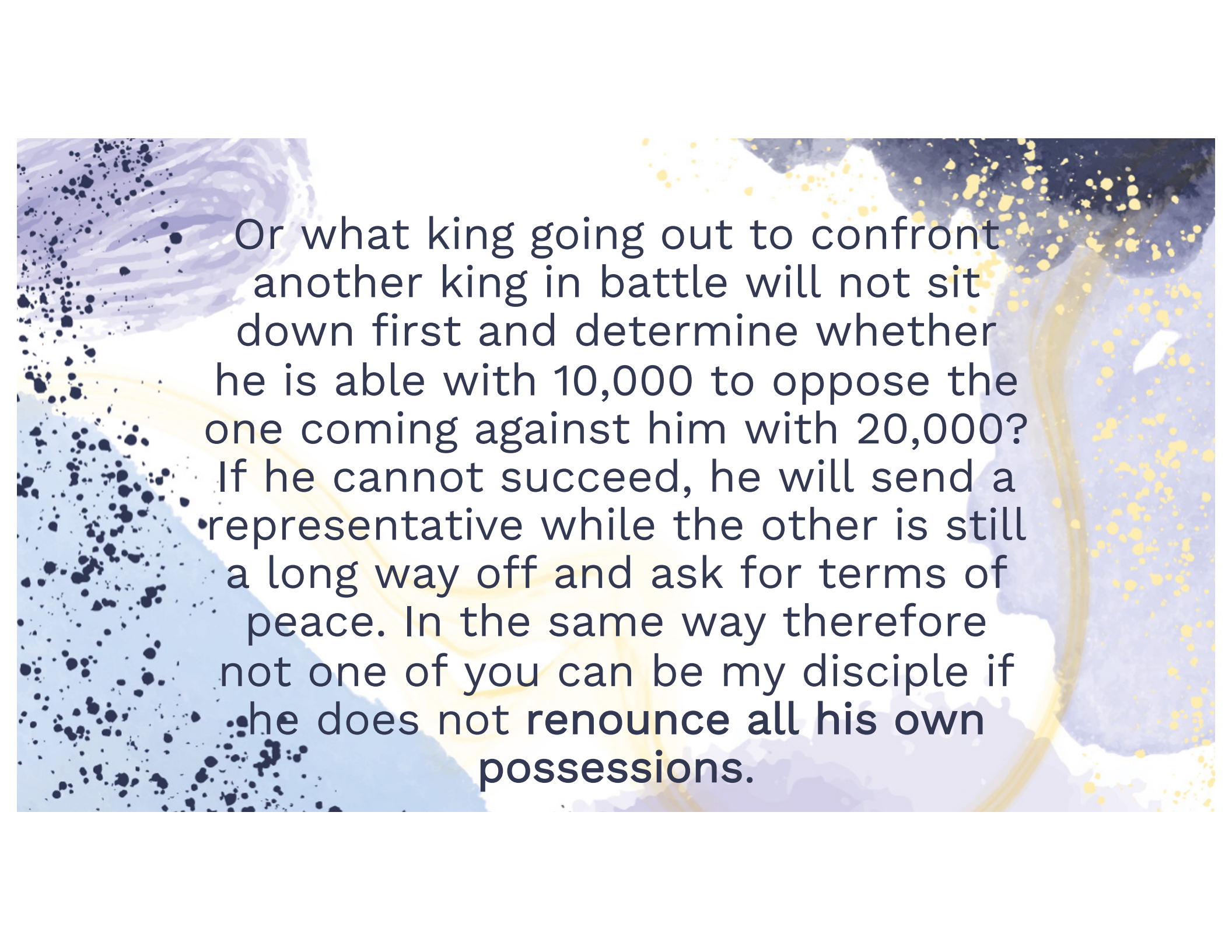


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# HOPES & DREAMS



Work for  
God

SERVICE



Create  
Art

SEEK  
BEAUTY



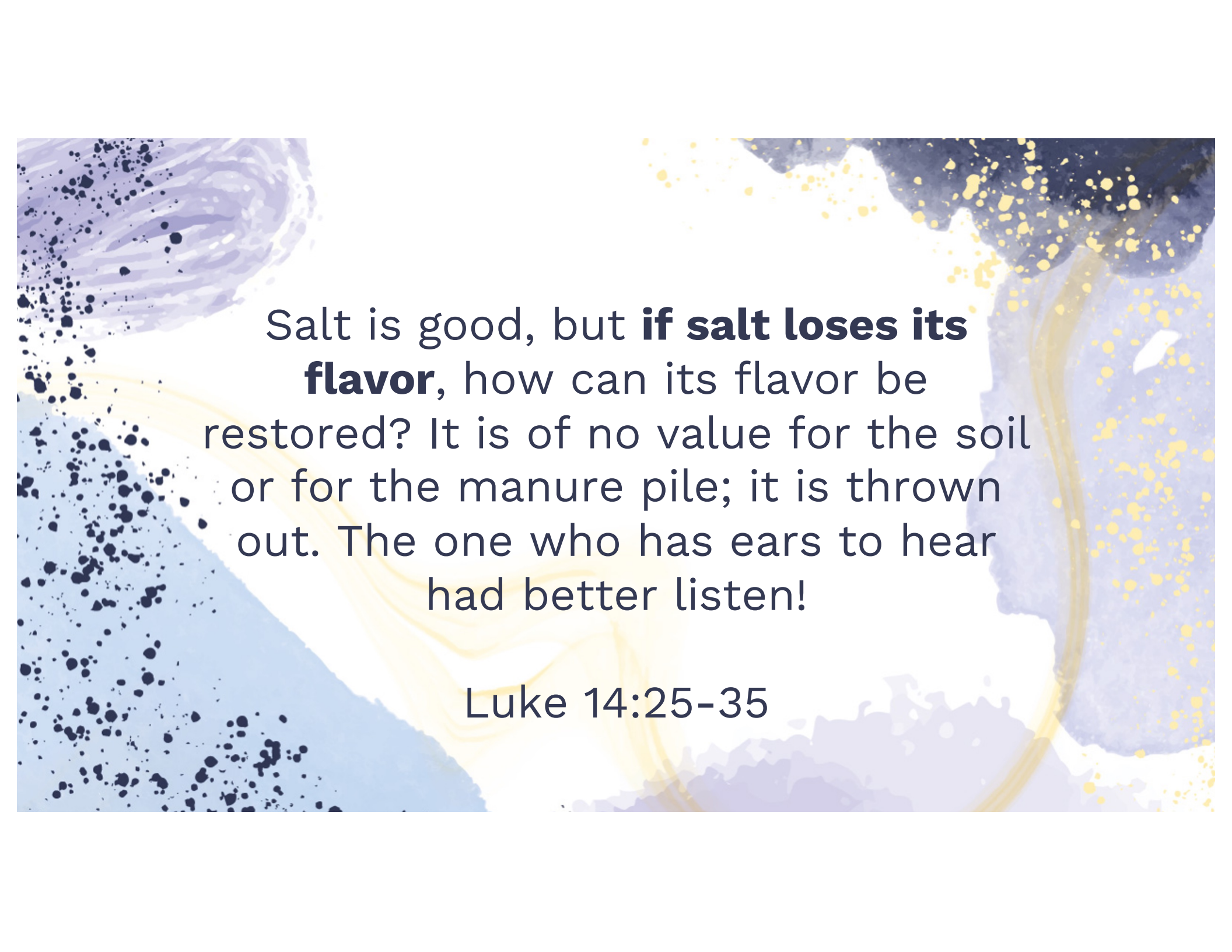
Go to  
War

CONQUEST



Build a  
Tower

AN ACHIEVEMENT



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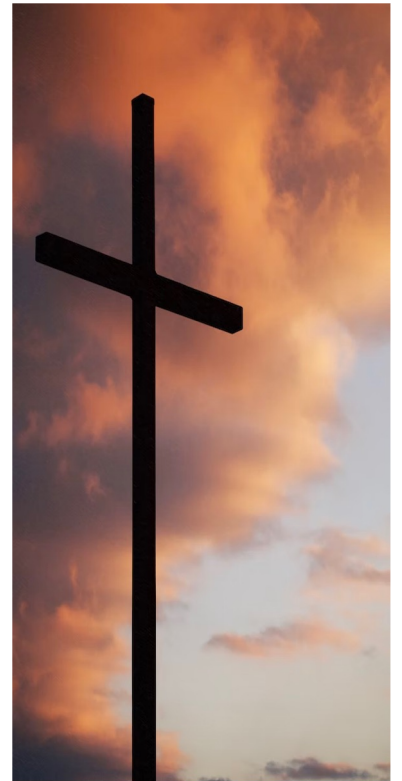
# TAKE UP YOUR CROSS


What does this mean?



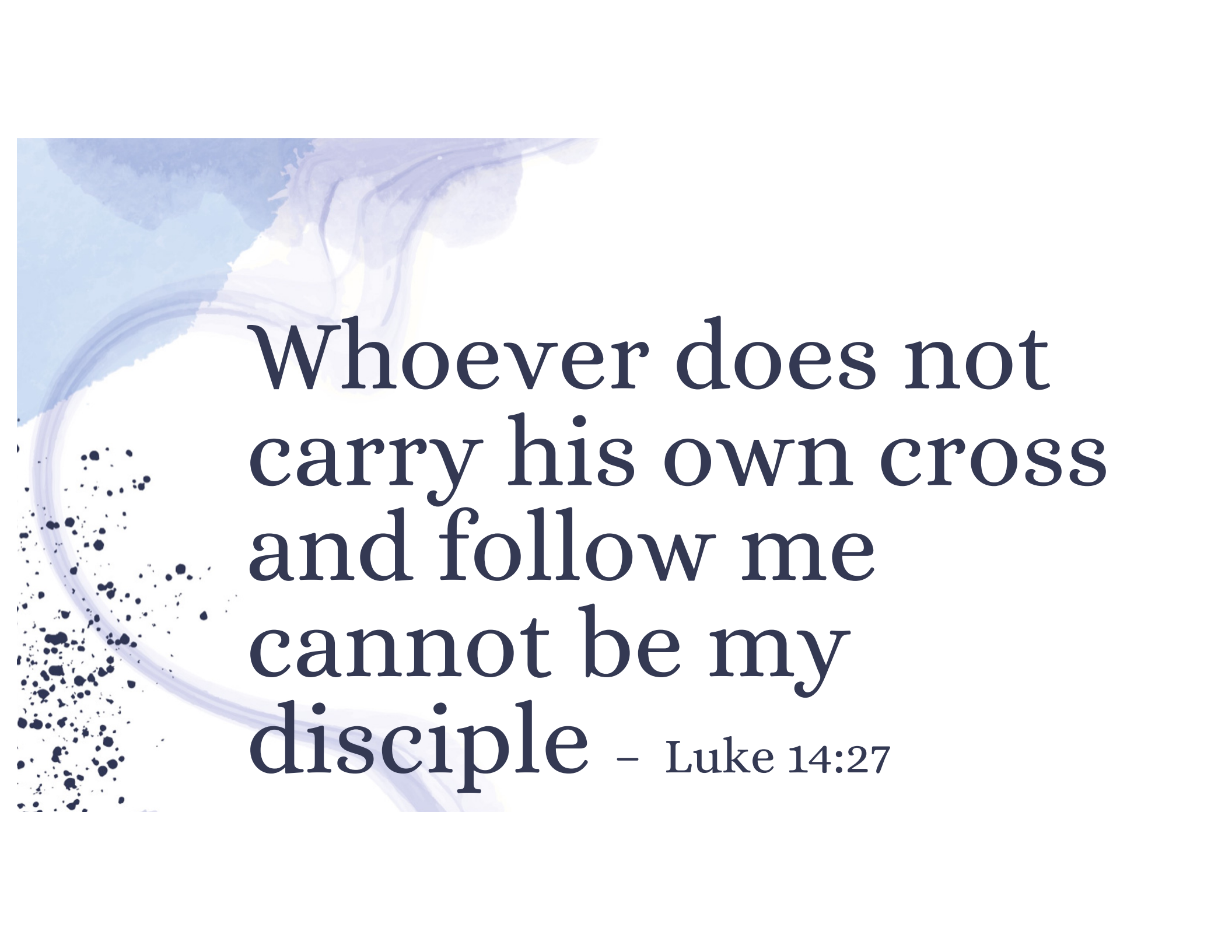
# Cross bearing

LUKE 9:23





DISCIPLESHIP  
IS A ONE WAY  
JOURNEY



Whoever does not  
carry his own cross  
and follow me  
cannot be my  
disciple - Luke 14:27

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04

# SPACES NOT EXCUSES

Always making space  
for God



# MOVING INTO THE SPACE WHERE GODLY DREAMS FLOW



**TIME  
WITH GOD**

WORD  
WORSHIP  
PRAYER



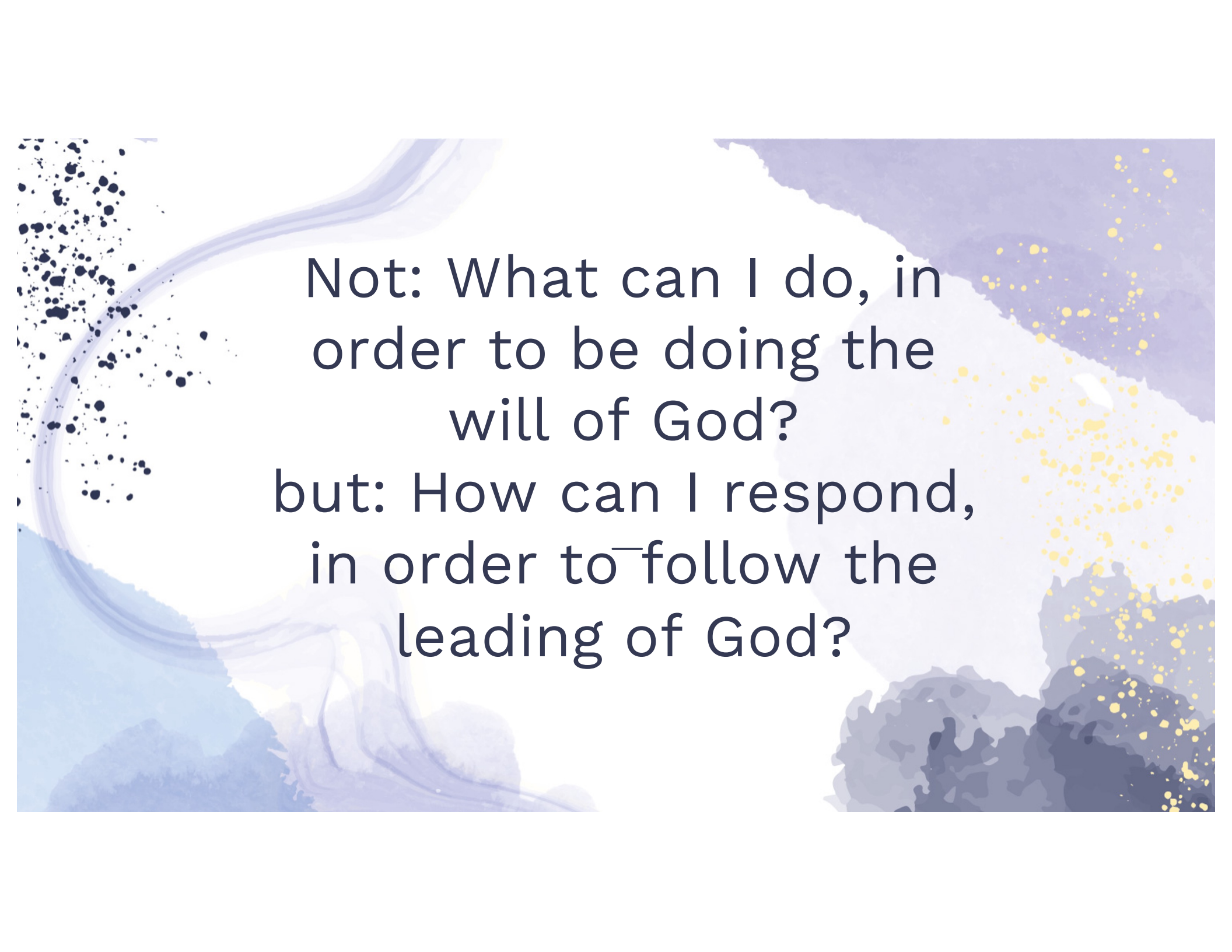
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Not: What can I do, in  
order to be doing the  
will of God?

but: How can I respond,  
in order to follow the  
leading of God?

# FOLLOWING GOD'S DREAMS FOR YOUR LIFE



## Check your dreams

Are they  
dreams  
from God?




## Get into a God space

And the  
disciplines to stay  
in that space



## Step out in faith

Into adventures  
God has for you



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# THANKS!

Does anyone have any  
questions?

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