

Becoming a Disciple of Jesus
“Serving Water that Becomes Wine”
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FACEBOOK?

NO, I LITERALLY WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME.

SO... TWITTER?

I'M GOING TO START OVER AGAIN AND YOU CAN LET ME KNOW WHERE I LOSE YOU.

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Matthew 7:13,14 (NKJV)



***What does it mean to
follow Jesus?***

***What does it mean to be
a disciple of Jesus?***

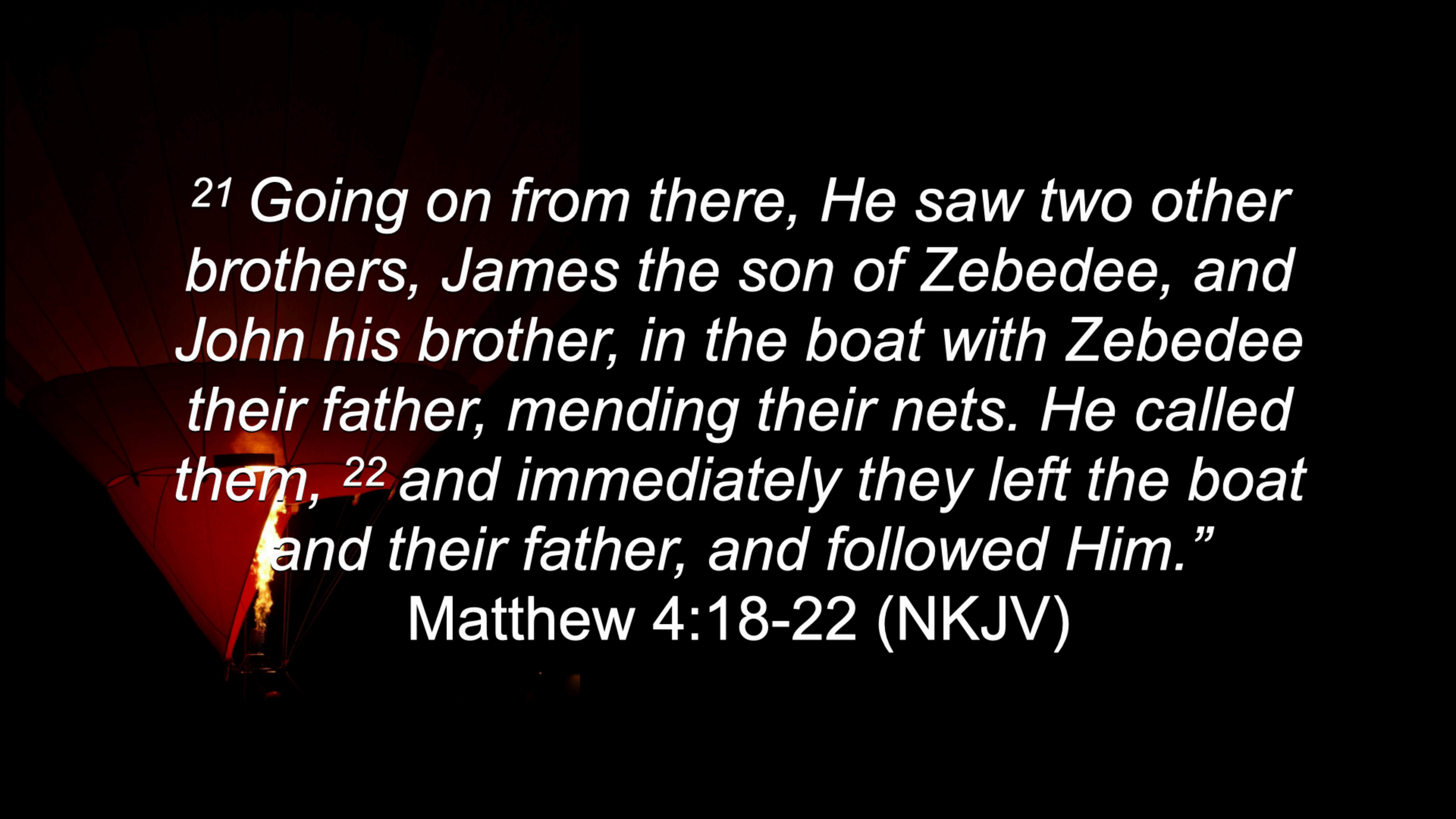


A hot air balloon is shown at night, illuminated from within by a bright flame at the burner. The balloon's envelope is a deep red color, and the burner is a bright yellow and orange. The background is dark, making the balloon stand out.

1. Commit to Follow Jesus:

The Calling of Peter, Andrew, James & John:

“And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.



21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.”

Matthew 4:18-22 (NKJV)

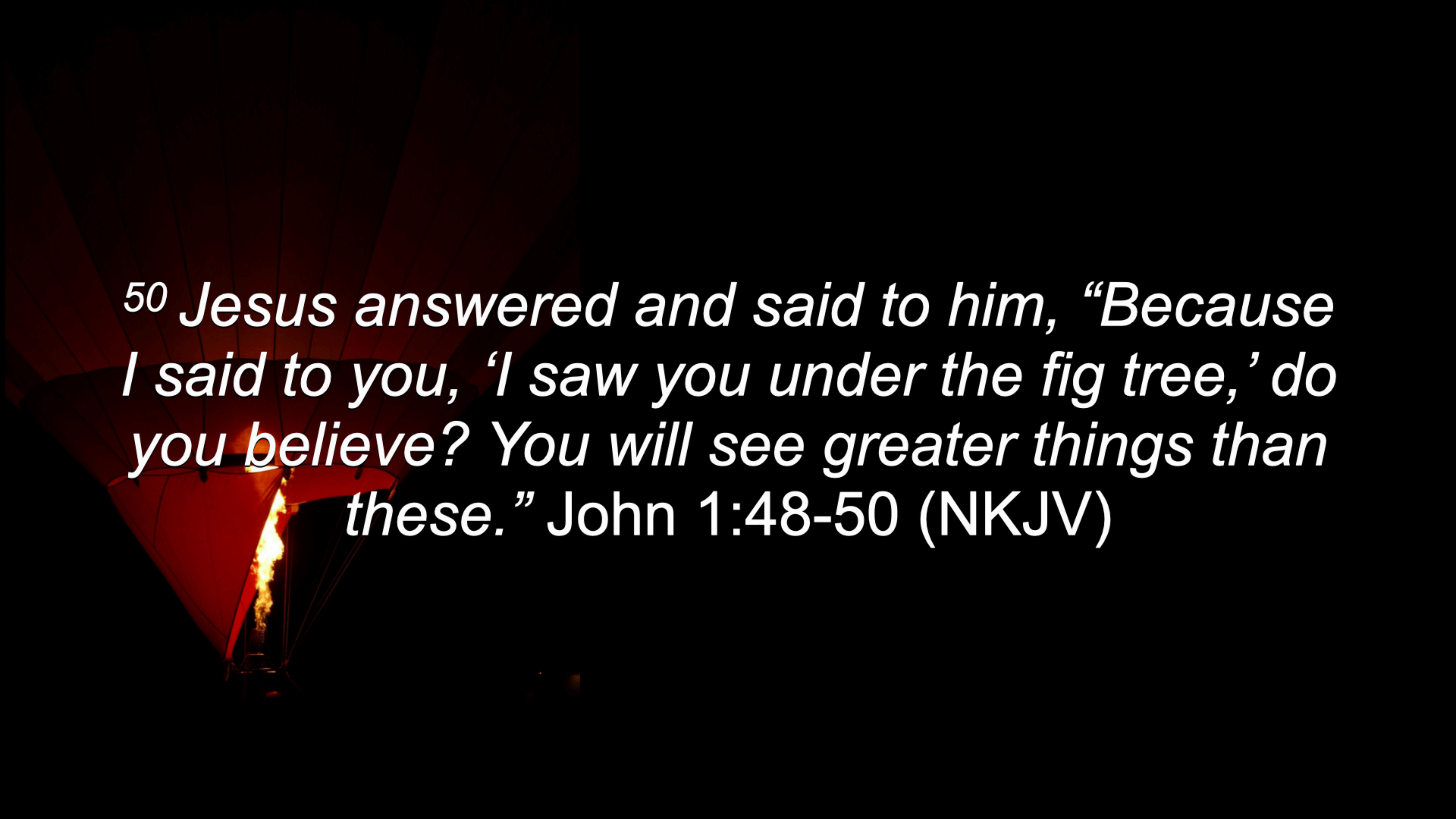


The Calling of Philip:

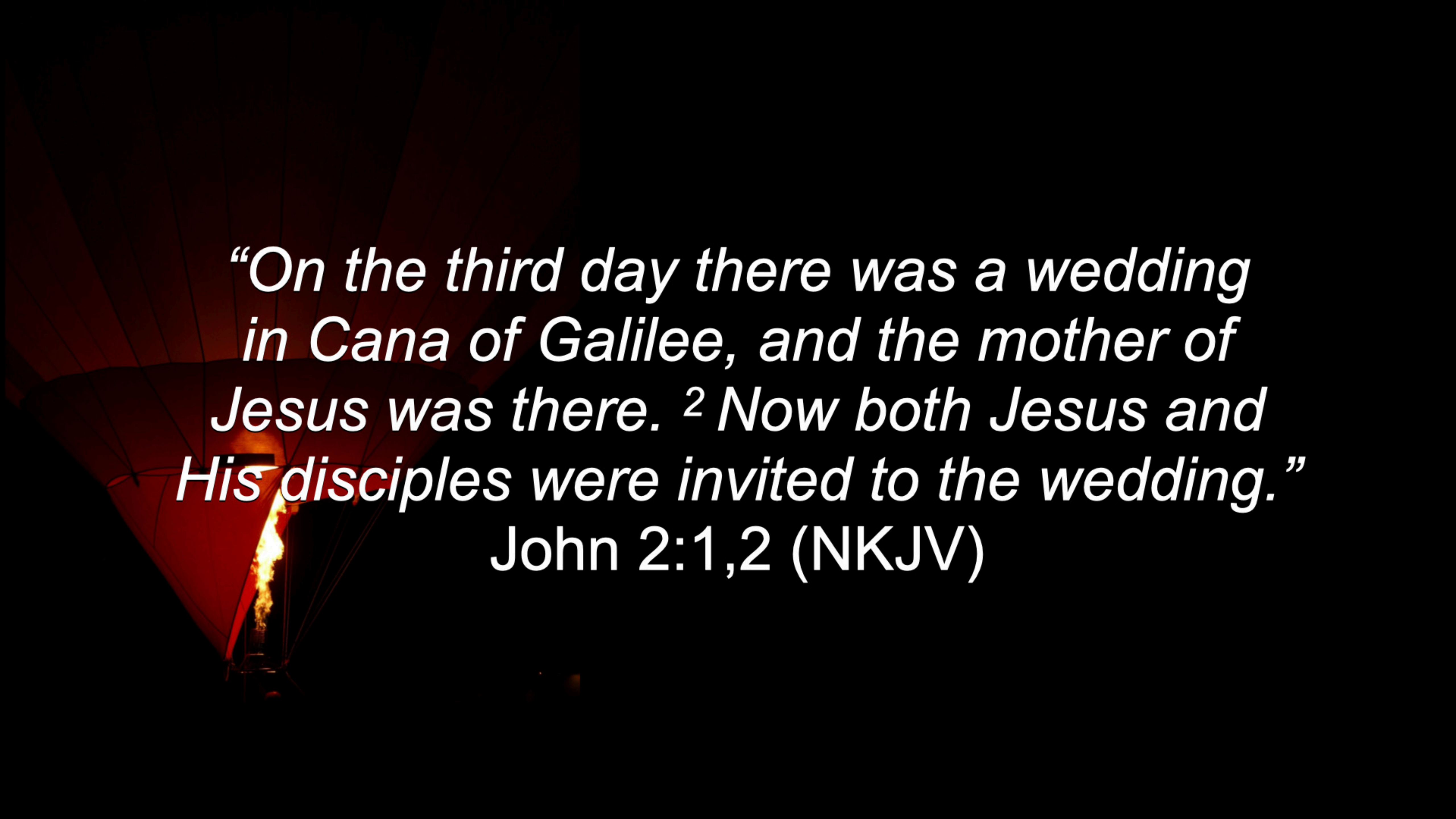
“The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” John 1:43 (NKJV)

The Calling of Nathanael:

“Nathanael said to Him, ‘How do You know me?’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.’” ⁴⁹ *Nathanael answered and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’*



⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” John 1:48-50 (NKJV)



*“On the third day there was a wedding
in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of
Jesus was there. ² Now both Jesus and
His disciples were invited to the wedding.”*

John 2:1,2 (NKJV)

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Where is Jesus calling you?

What should you do?

2. Do What Jesus is Asking You to Do:



“And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.”⁴ Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.”



⁶ Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.”

John 2:1-7 (NKJV)



***Is Jesus calling you
to serve Him this year?
How?***



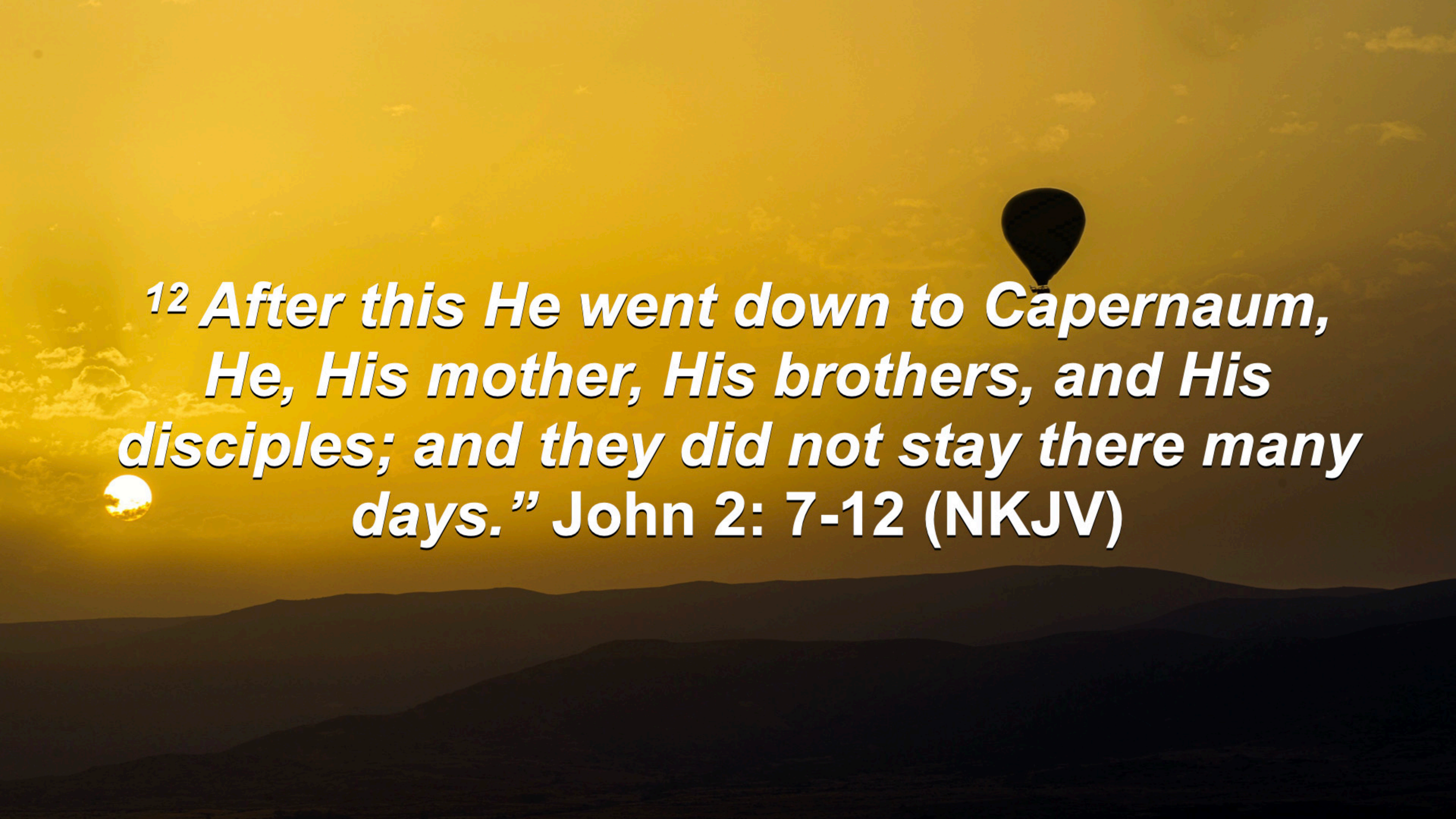
A sunset scene with a hot air balloon and a sun. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, and the sun is visible on the left side. A hot air balloon is floating in the sky on the right side. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted hills.

3. Trust that Jesus Will Work Things Out:

“And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

A sunset scene with a hot air balloon silhouette and a sun on the horizon. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, and the sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left side. A dark silhouette of a hot air balloon is positioned in the upper right quadrant. The bottom of the image shows dark, rolling hills or mountains.

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.” John 2: 7-12 (NKJV)

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How do you know where to serve Jesus?
Endless Possibilities.

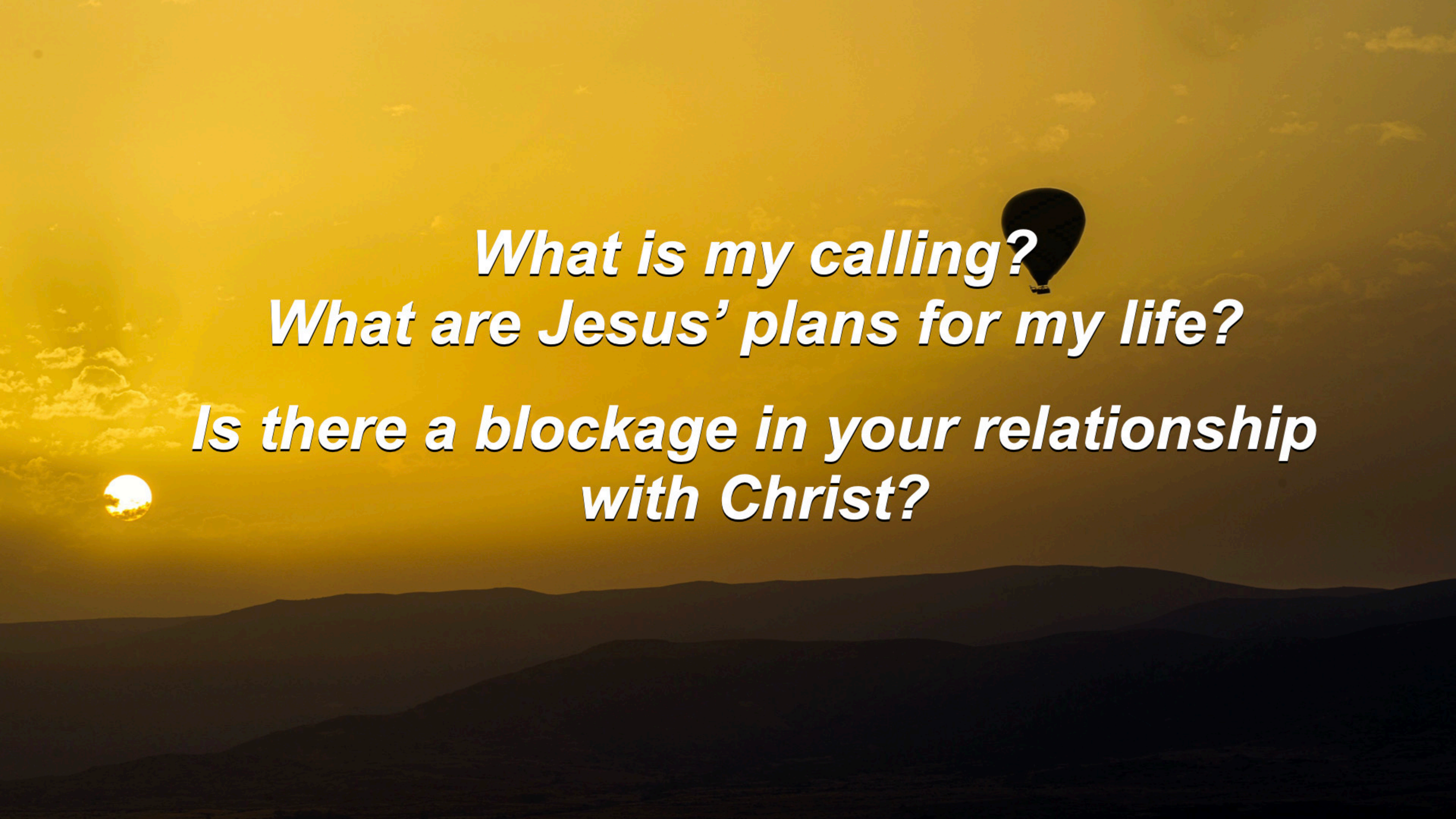
“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.” Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)







What is my calling?

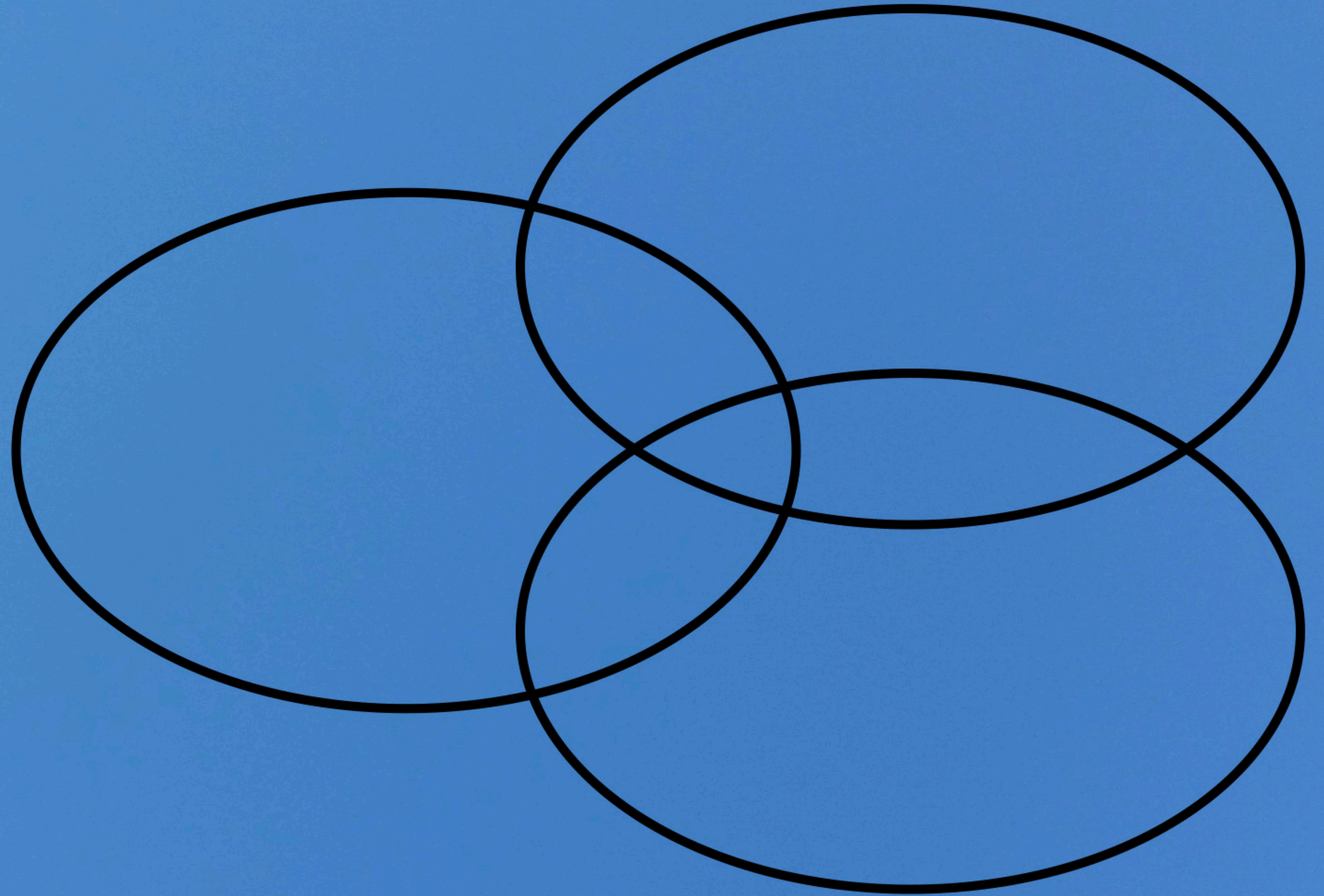
What are Jesus' plans for my life?

***Is there a blockage in your relationship
with Christ?***



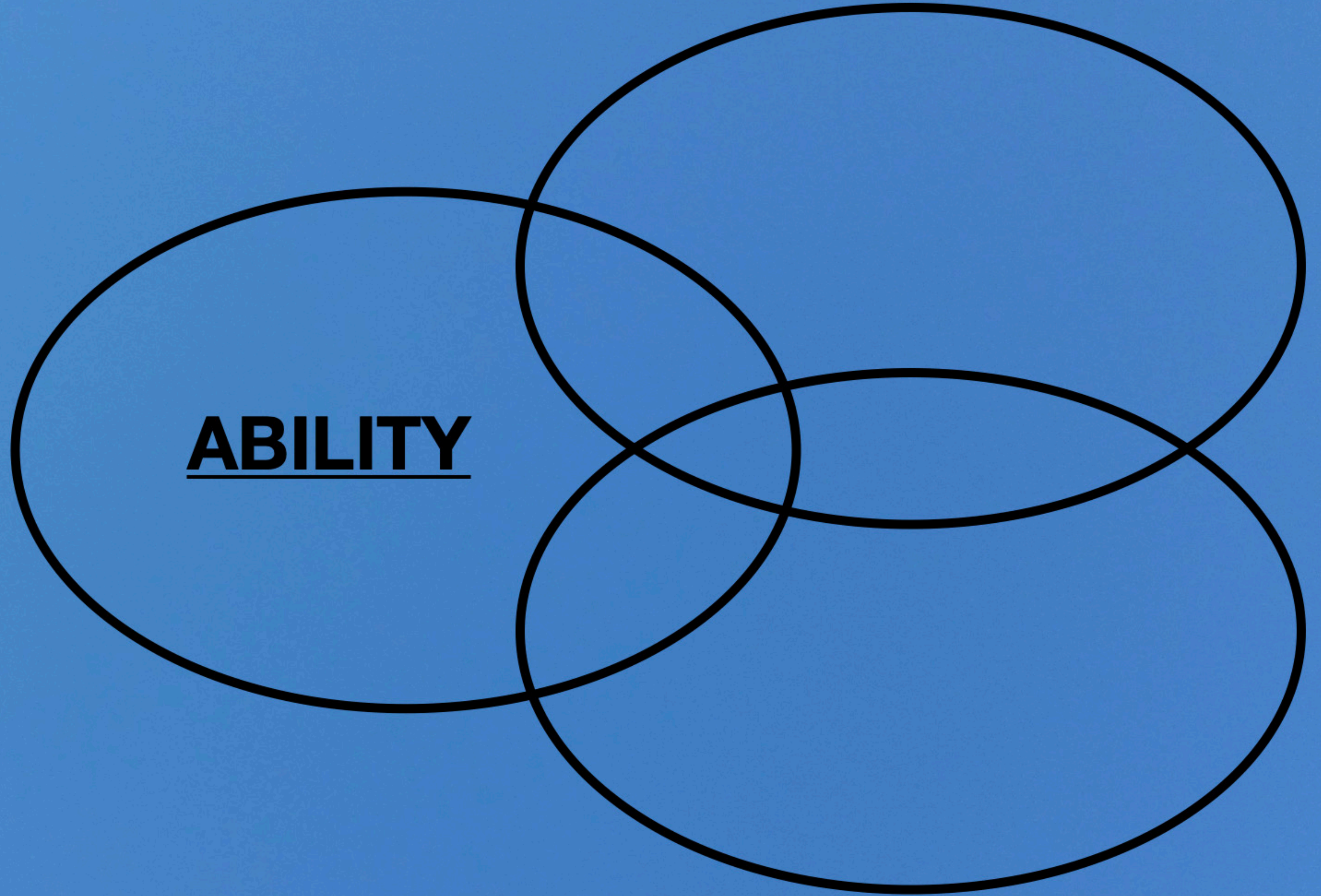
A photograph taken from the interior of a red hot air balloon basket. The basket is made of a woven red fabric and has a person sitting inside, visible through the opening at the far end. The basket is suspended by ropes and is positioned over a landscape. The text "4. Serve According to the 3 A's: Ability, Affinity, Affirmation" is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font. The text is centered horizontally and vertically. The background shows the red fabric of the basket and the view through the opening at the end, which reveals a landscape with green fields and a blue sky. The text "4. Serve According to the 3 A's: Ability, Affinity, Affirmation" is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font. The text is centered horizontally and vertically. The background shows the red fabric of the basket and the view through the opening at the end, which reveals a landscape with green fields and a blue sky.

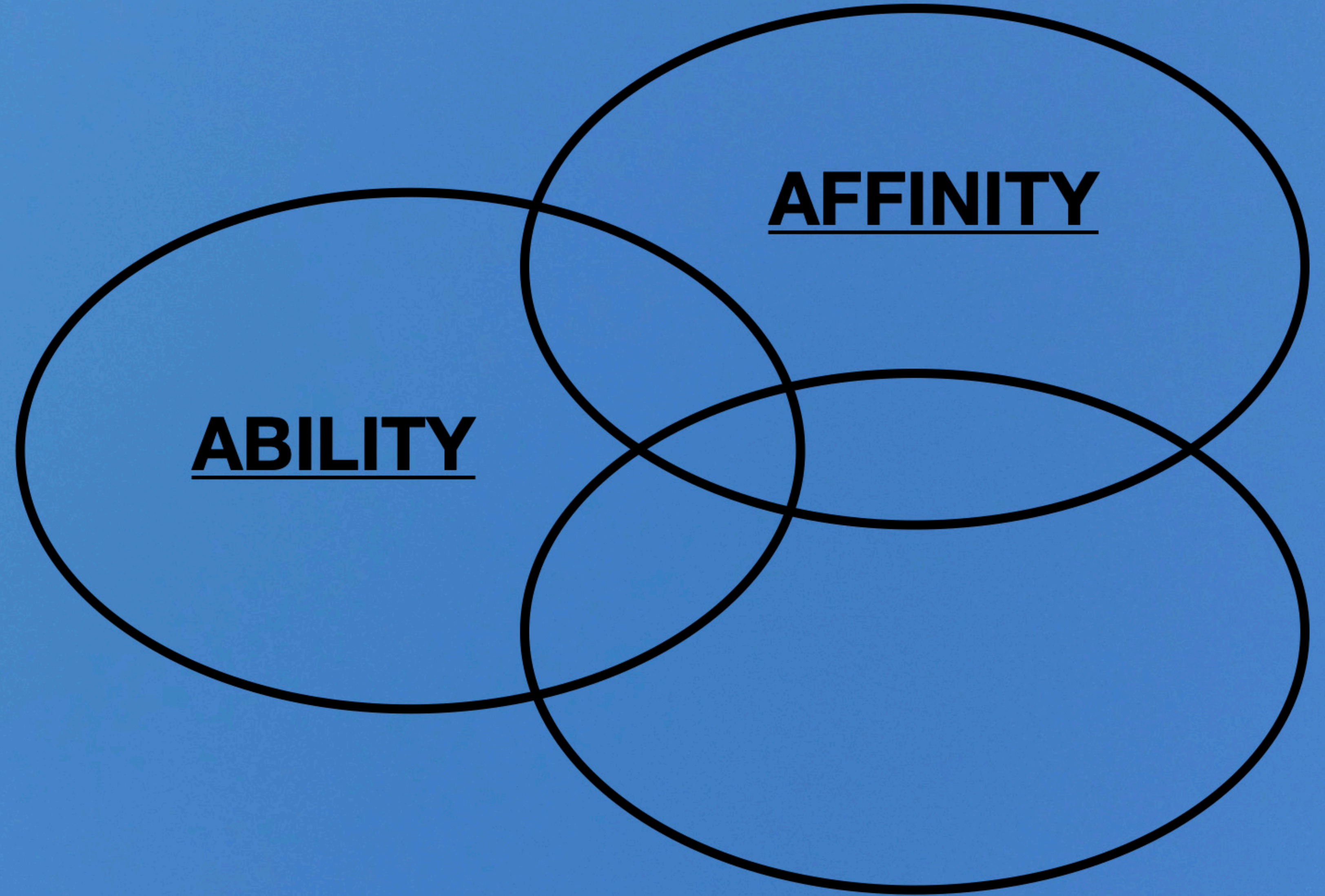
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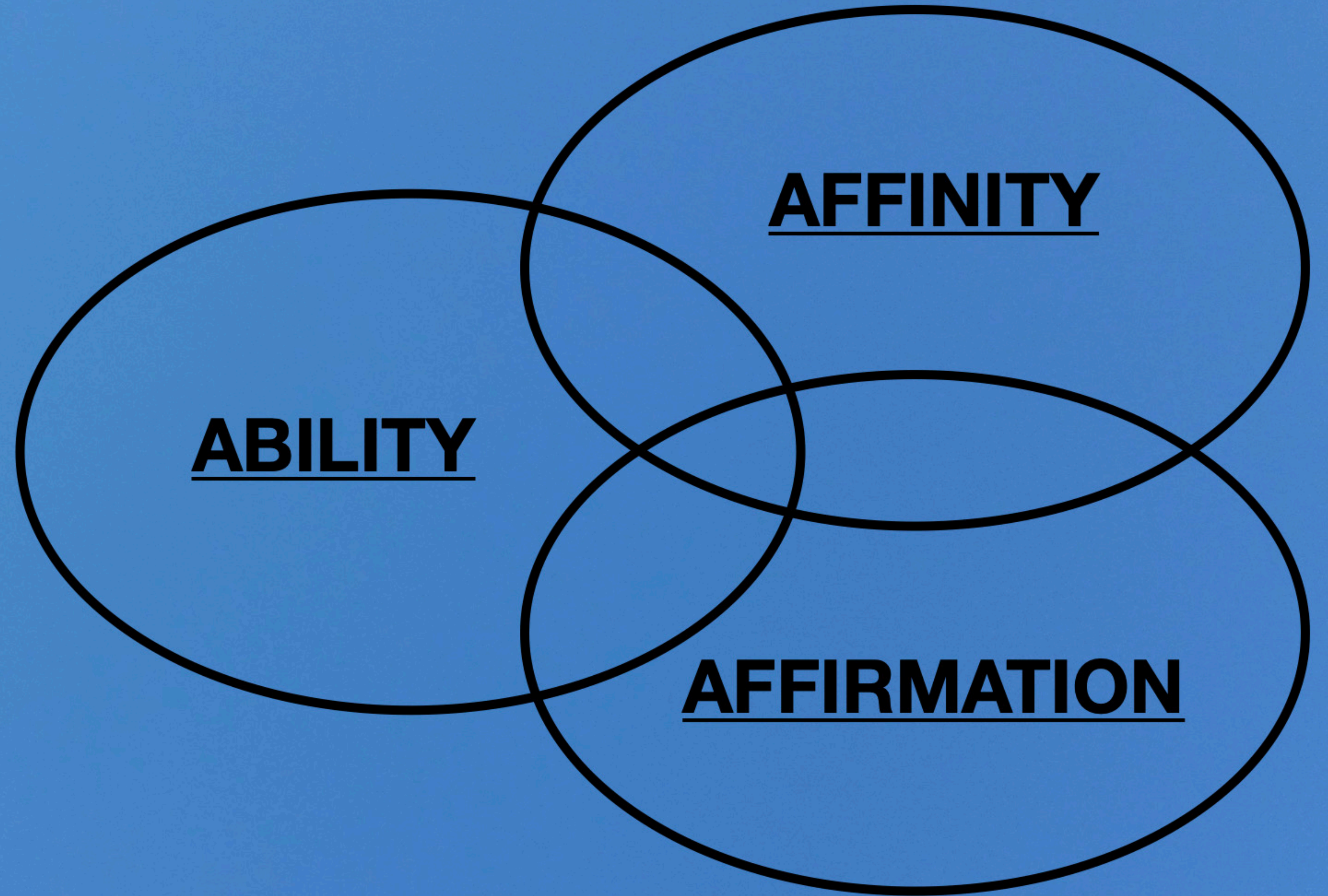


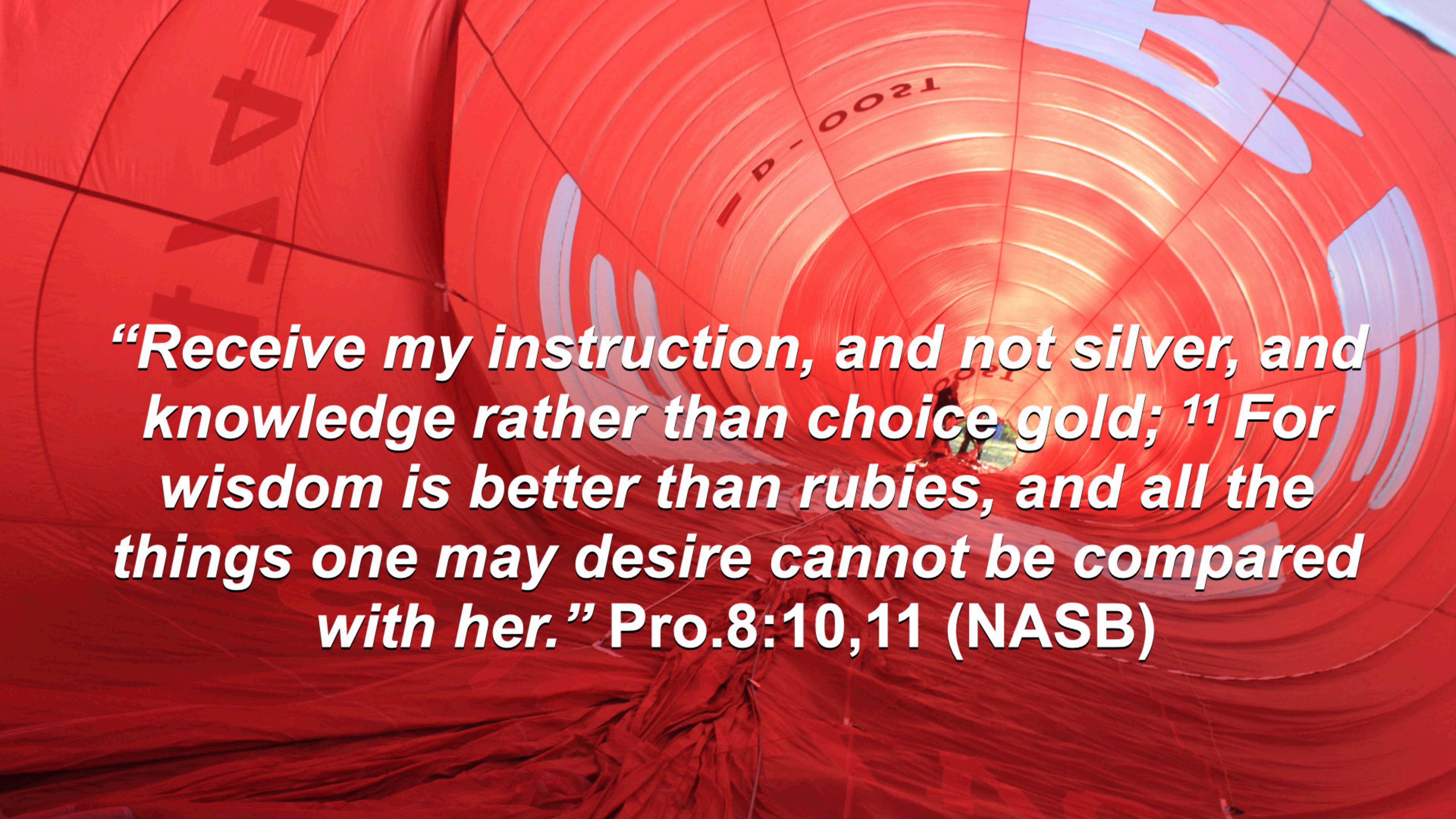


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The background is a vibrant red with a complex, circular, tunnel-like pattern. The pattern consists of concentric, slightly irregular rings that create a sense of depth and movement. In the center of the tunnel, a small, dark silhouette of a person is visible, walking away from the viewer. The overall effect is that of a long, narrow passage or a journey. The text is overlaid on this background in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

“Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; ¹¹ For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.” Pro.8:10,11 (NASB)

A red hot air balloon basket is shown from a low-angle perspective, looking up towards the sky. The basket is made of a textured red fabric and has several white, curved, wing-like structures attached to its sides. A person is visible inside the basket, looking out. The sky is bright and clear, with some faint, mirrored text visible on the balloon's surface. The overall scene is vibrant and captures the moment of ascent.

***“How much better to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen
rather than silver.” Pro.16:16 (NASB)***



