

A person is standing in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light from above. The person is silhouetted against the light, and the light creates a bright, hazy column that tapers towards the top. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and divine presence.

THE GOSPEL OF
JOHN

**The Light Shines
in the Darkness**

CHAPTER 12:27-43

“A Misperceived Glory”



**inspiration:
marbled nails**



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A person stands in a dark space, illuminated by a vertical beam of light from above. The person is silhouetted against the light, which creates a strong contrast with the surrounding darkness. The light beam is centered on the left side of the frame, and the person is positioned at the bottom of this beam.

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“Some Thought it was Thunder”

John 12

²⁷ “Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came! ²⁸ Father, bring glory to your name.” Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, “I have already brought glory to my name, and I will do so again.”

John 12

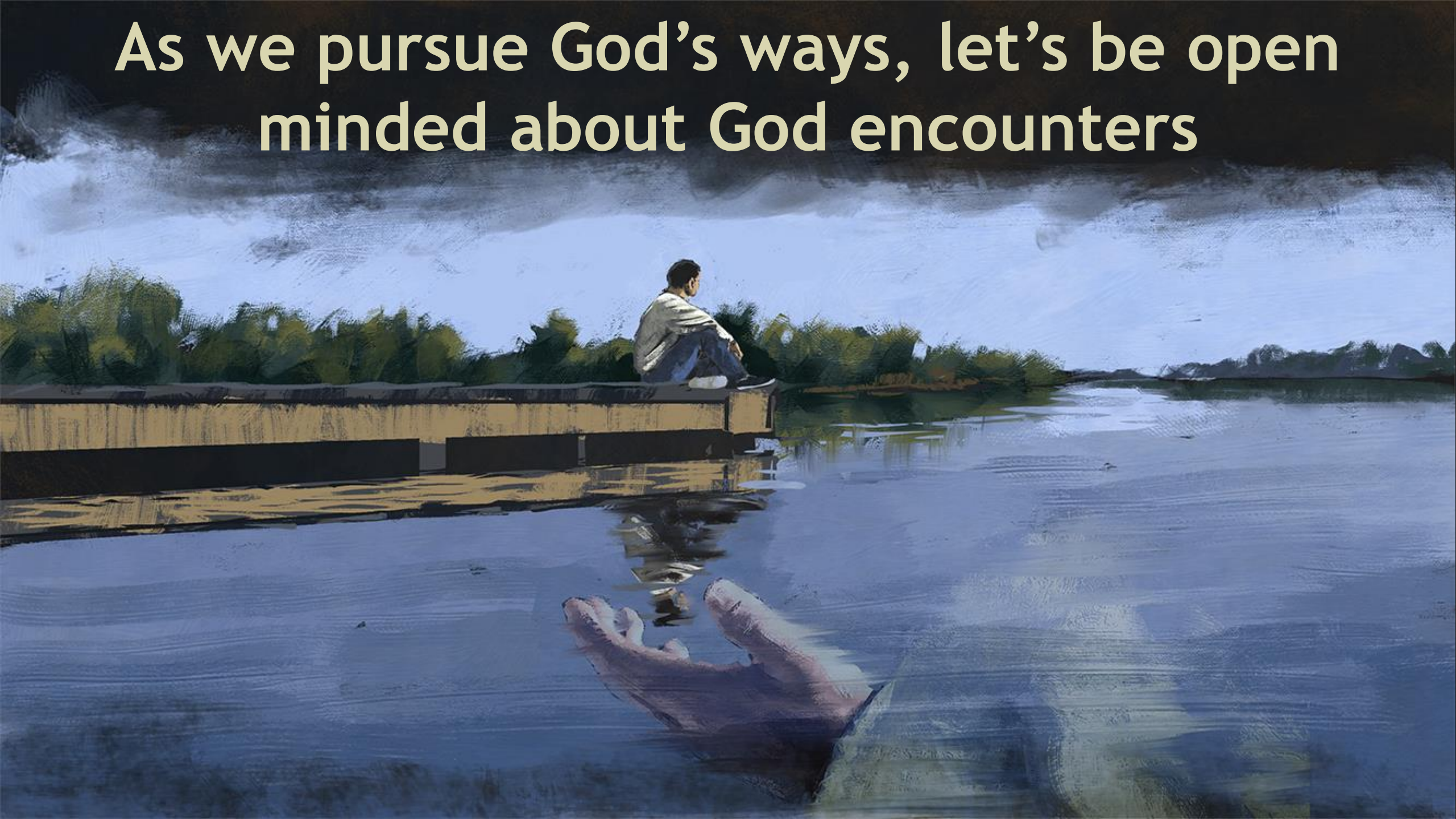
29 When the crowd heard the voice, some thought it was thunder, while others declared an angel had spoken to him. 30 Then Jesus told them, “The voice was for your benefit, not mine.

John 12

³¹ The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. ³²

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate how he was going to die.

As we pursue God's ways, let's be open minded about God encounters



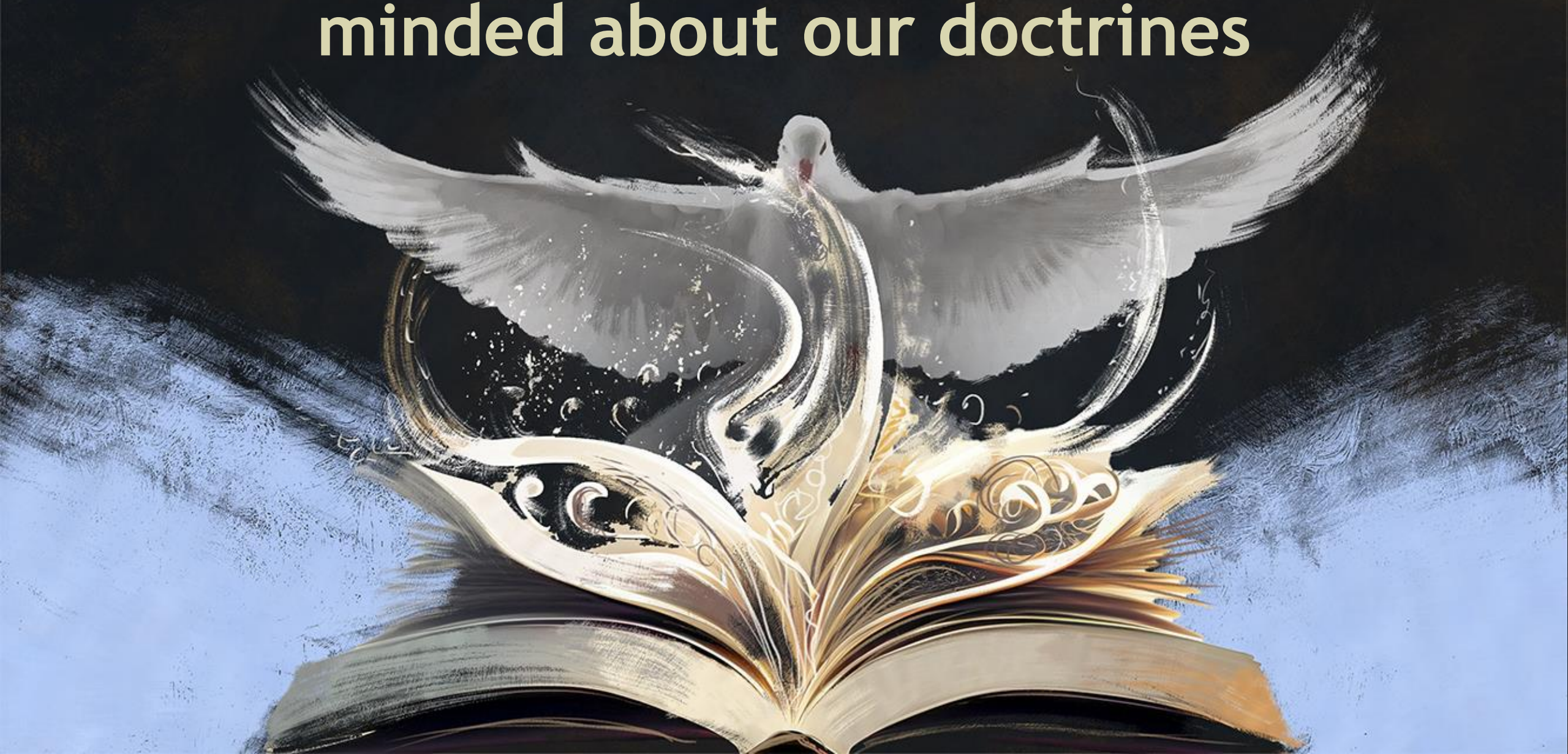
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³⁴ The crowd responded, “We understood from Scripture that the Messiah would live forever. How can you say the Son of Man will die? Just who is this Son of Man, anyway?” ³⁵ Jesus replied, “My light will shine for you just a little longer.

John 12

Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. ³⁶ Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.” After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them.

As we pursue God's ways, let's be open minded about our doctrines



John 12

³⁷ But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him. ³⁸ This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted: “Lord, who has believed our message? To whom has the Lord revealed his powerful arm?”

John 12

³⁹ But the people couldn't believe, for as Isaiah also said, ⁴⁰ "The Lord has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts—so that their eyes cannot see, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and have me heal them."

John 12

⁴¹ Isaiah was referring to Jesus when he said this, because he saw the future and spoke of the Messiah's glory. ⁴² Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. ⁴³ For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

**As we pursue God's ways, we must
have a singular allegiance to Him**



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