

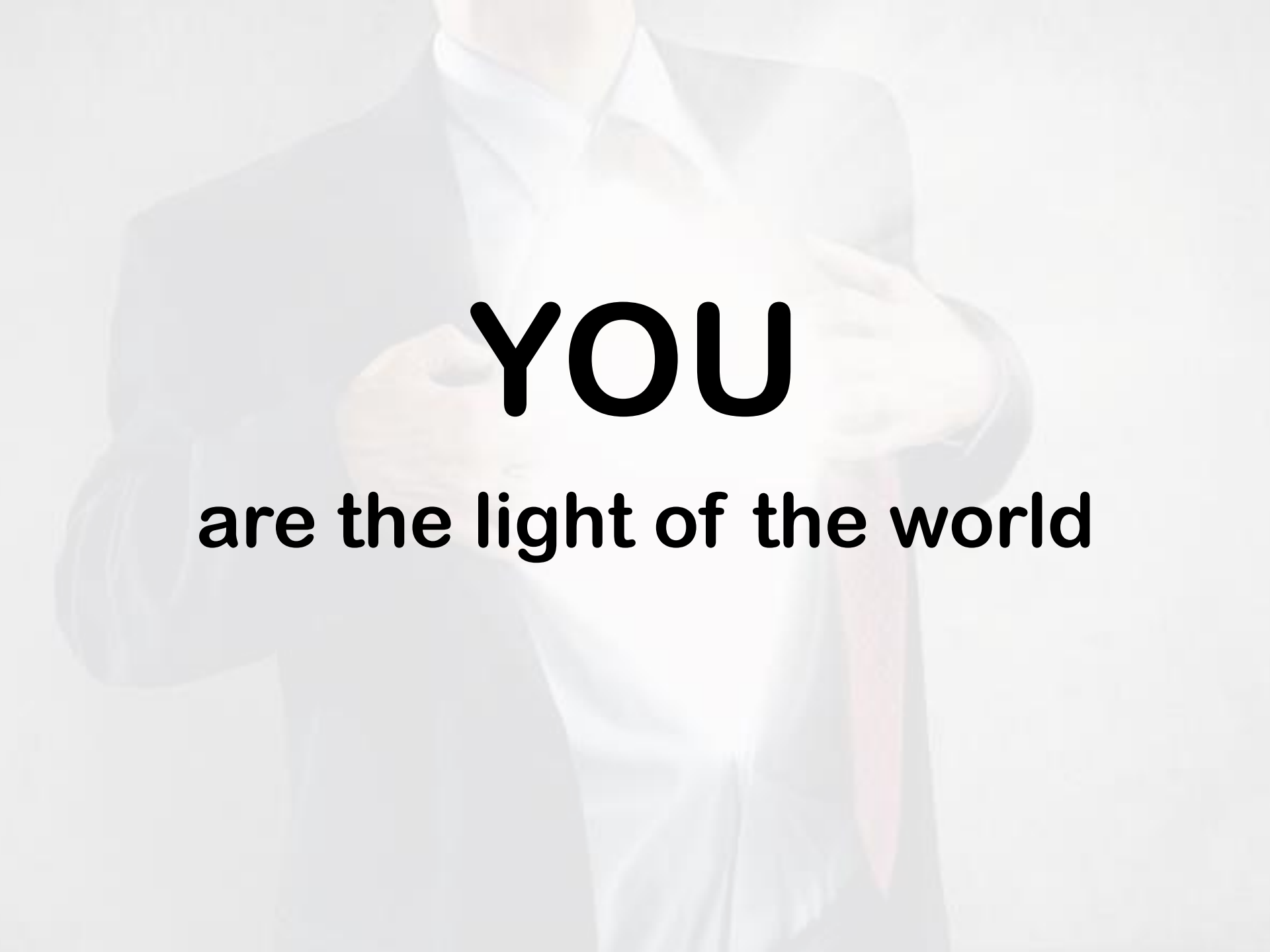
A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie is shown from the chest up. He is holding a glowing, bright white orb with both hands in front of his chest. The orb is the brightest part of the image, creating a strong contrast with the darker suit and the light grey background. The text "BE THE LIGHT" is superimposed over the orb.

BE THE LIGHT

A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie is adjusting his tie. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

“You are the light of the world”

Matthew 5:14

A person wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and a red tie. Their hands are clasped in front of their chest. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

YOU

are the light of the world





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Be the Light!

- **Draw close to the source**
 - **Safety**
 - **Warmth**
 - **Vision**



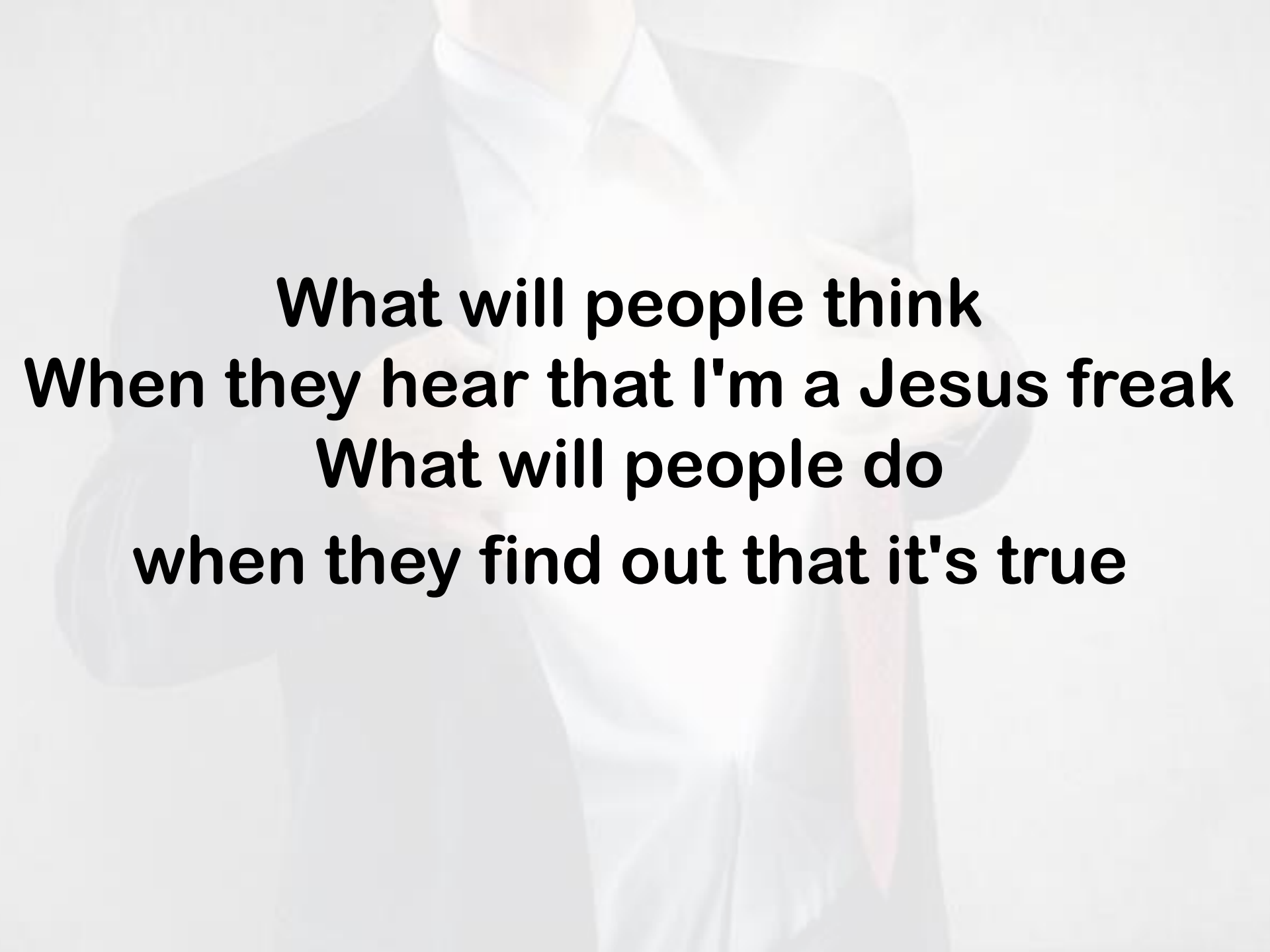
Be the Light!

- **Draw close to God**
- **Don't obscure it (Sin)**

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

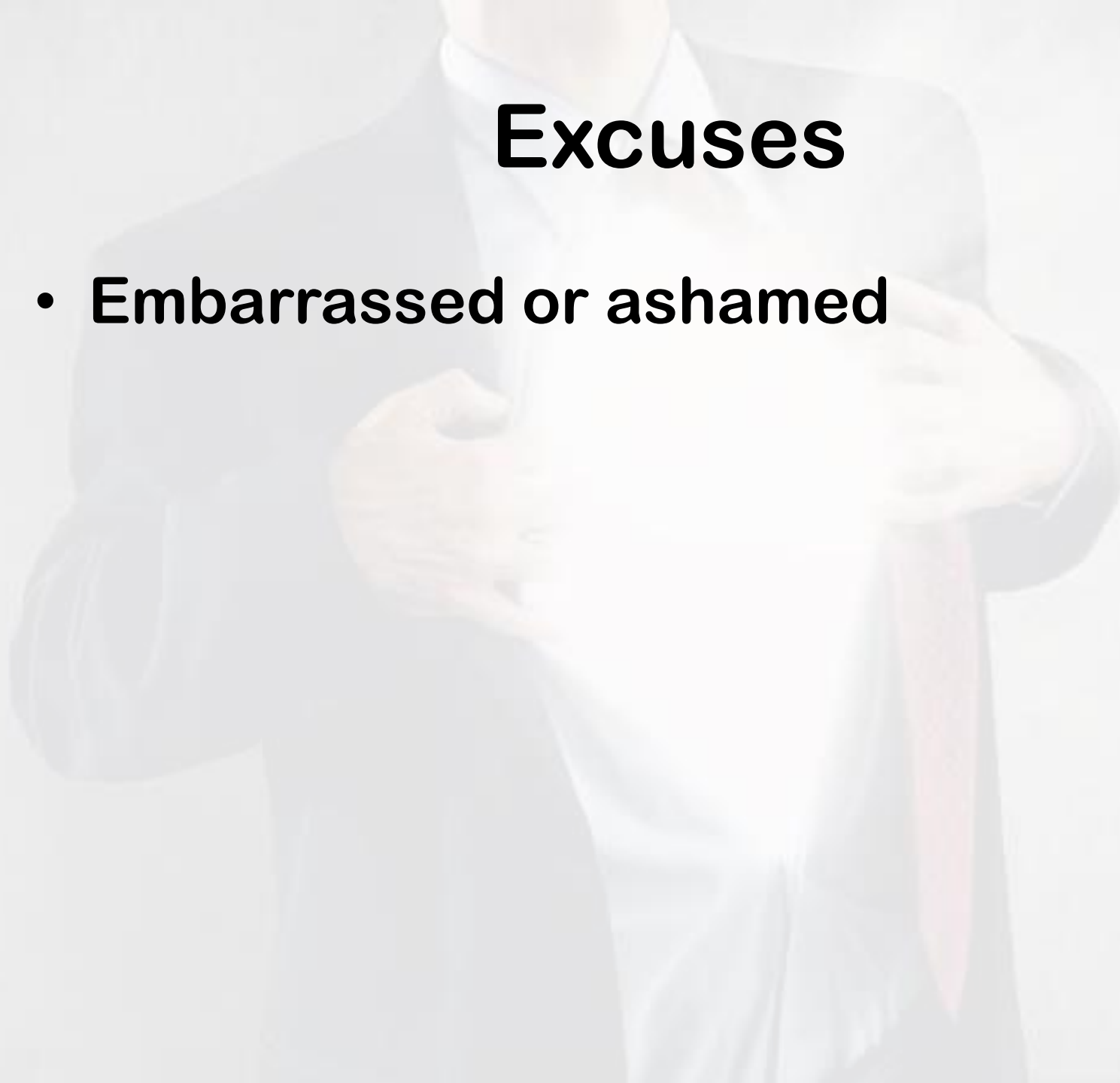
- Why would we hide the light?**

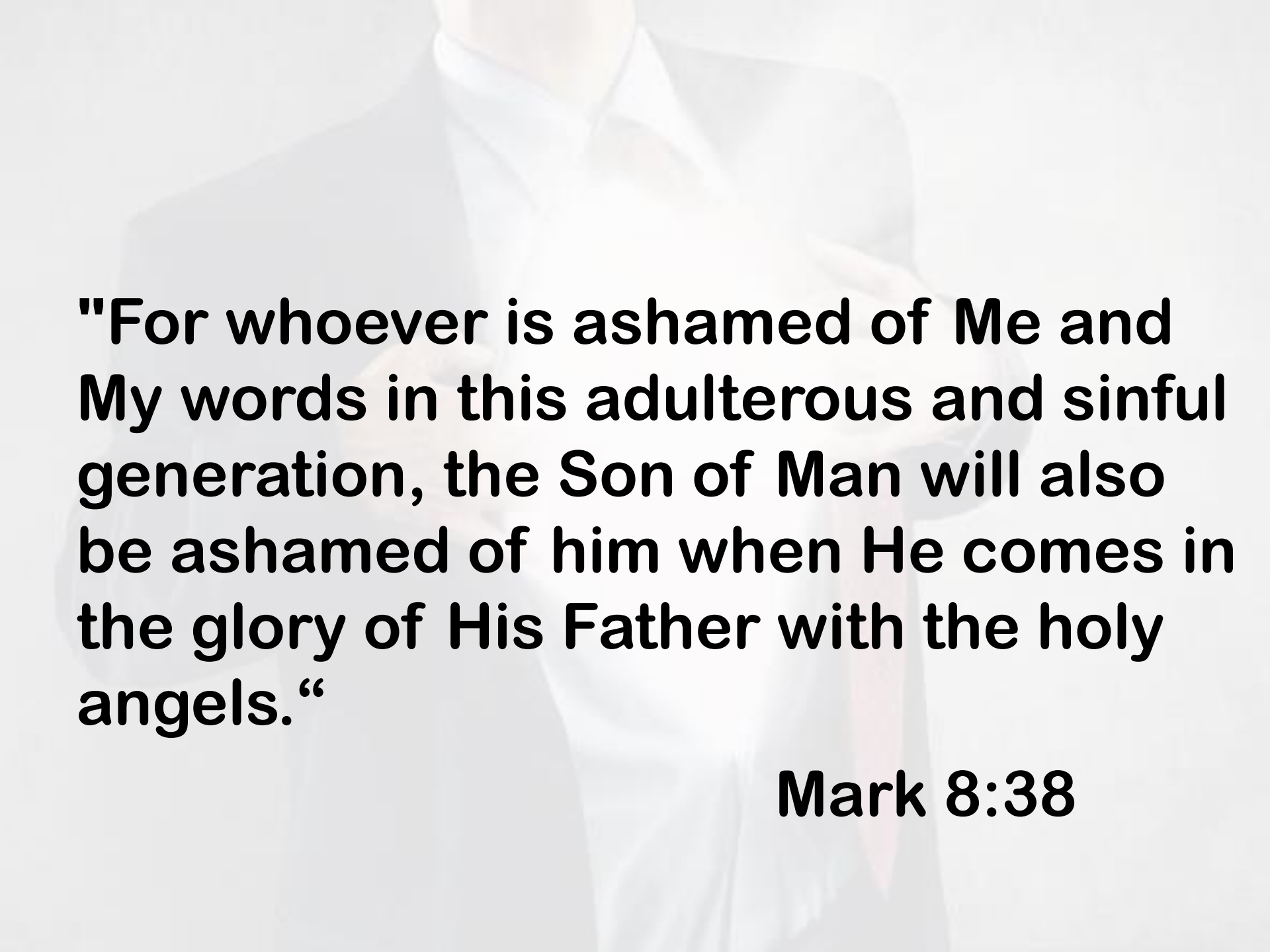


**What will people think
When they hear that I'm a Jesus freak
What will people do
when they find out that it's true**

Excuses

- **Embarrassed or ashamed**





"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:38

Excuses

- Embarrassed or ashamed
 - Treated differently
 - People behave differently
 - I am not good enough
 - But I don't want to misrepresent God.
 - “If anyone causes one of these little ones to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large milestone tied around their neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea”
- Matthew 18:6
- I'm not qualified

My solution

- **First opportunity tell everyone**
 1. **Can't chicken out later**
 2. **Accountability**

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Be the Light!

- **Draw close to God**
- **Don't Sin**
- **Don't hide it**



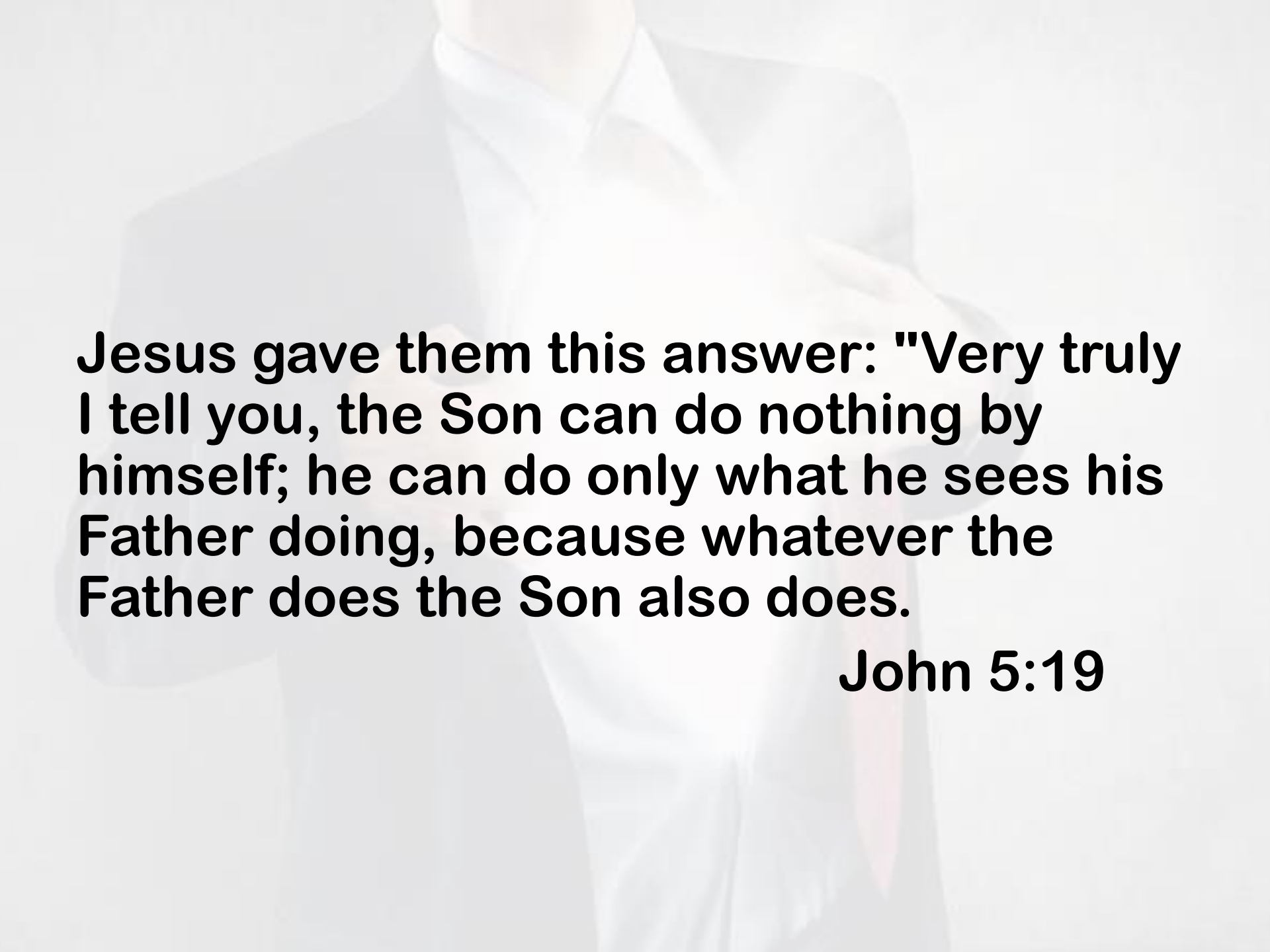
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"But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 10:33

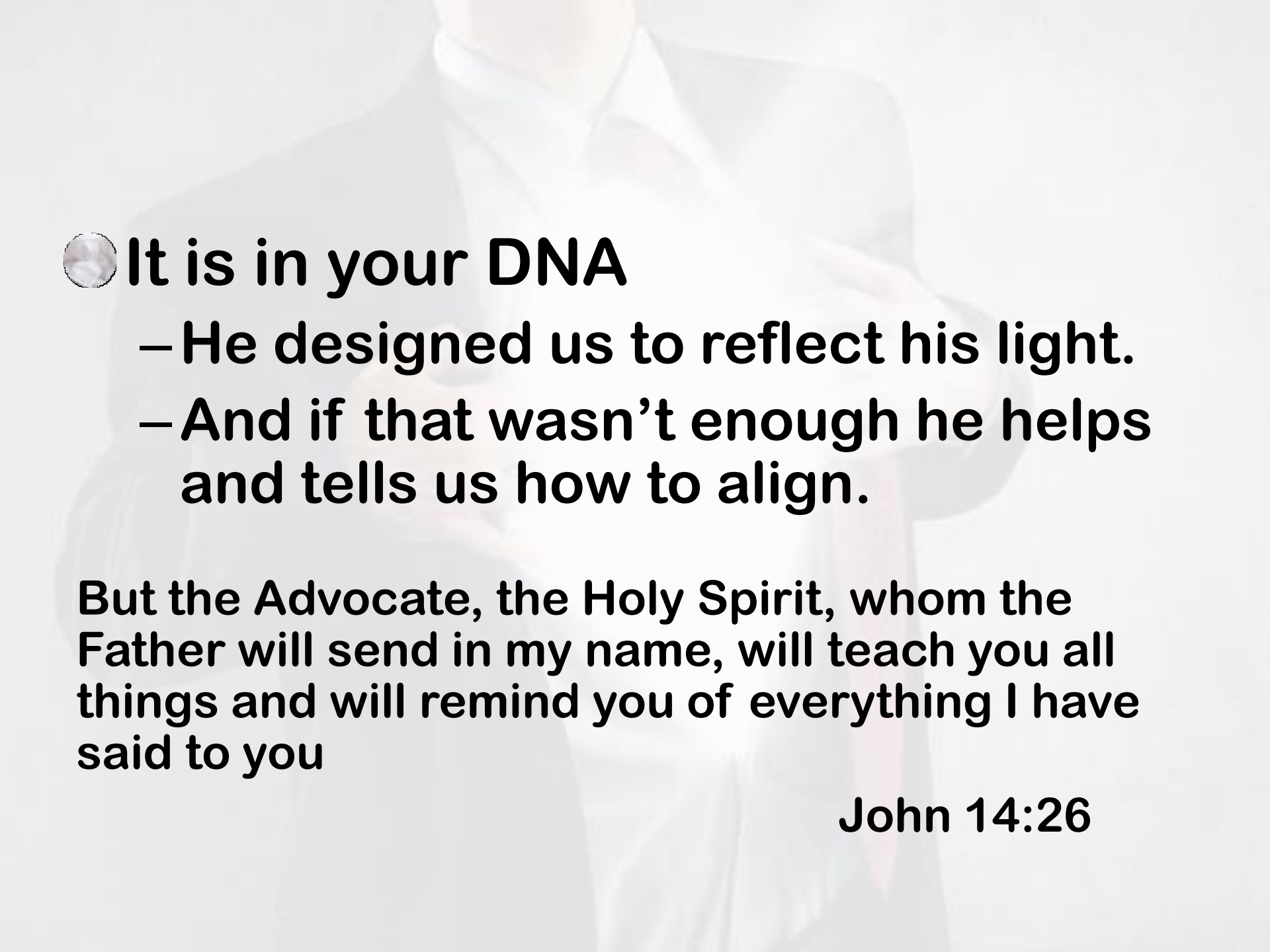
Be the Light!

- **Draw close to God**
- **Don't Sin**
- **Don't hide it**
- **Align with God**
 - **Even Jesus wasn't the source but had to align Himself to reflect God**



Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

John 5:19



● It is in your DNA

- He designed us to reflect his light.**
- And if that wasn't enough he helps and tells us how to align.**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you

John 14:26

Alignment

- **It will be natural to you (DNA)**
- **Unique to each one of us**
- **Less effort required to reflect**



Can you imagine?

BE THE LIGHT!

Summary

- **As a Christian YOU are the light of the world**
- **Barriers to reflecting God's light**
 - Distance from God
 - Sin
 - Choosing to hide it
 - Not listening or following God

Weekly Challenge

Be the LIGHT!

- **Draw closer to God**
- **Inform EVERYONE that you are a Christian**
- **Remain open to how the Holy Spirit is aligning you.**