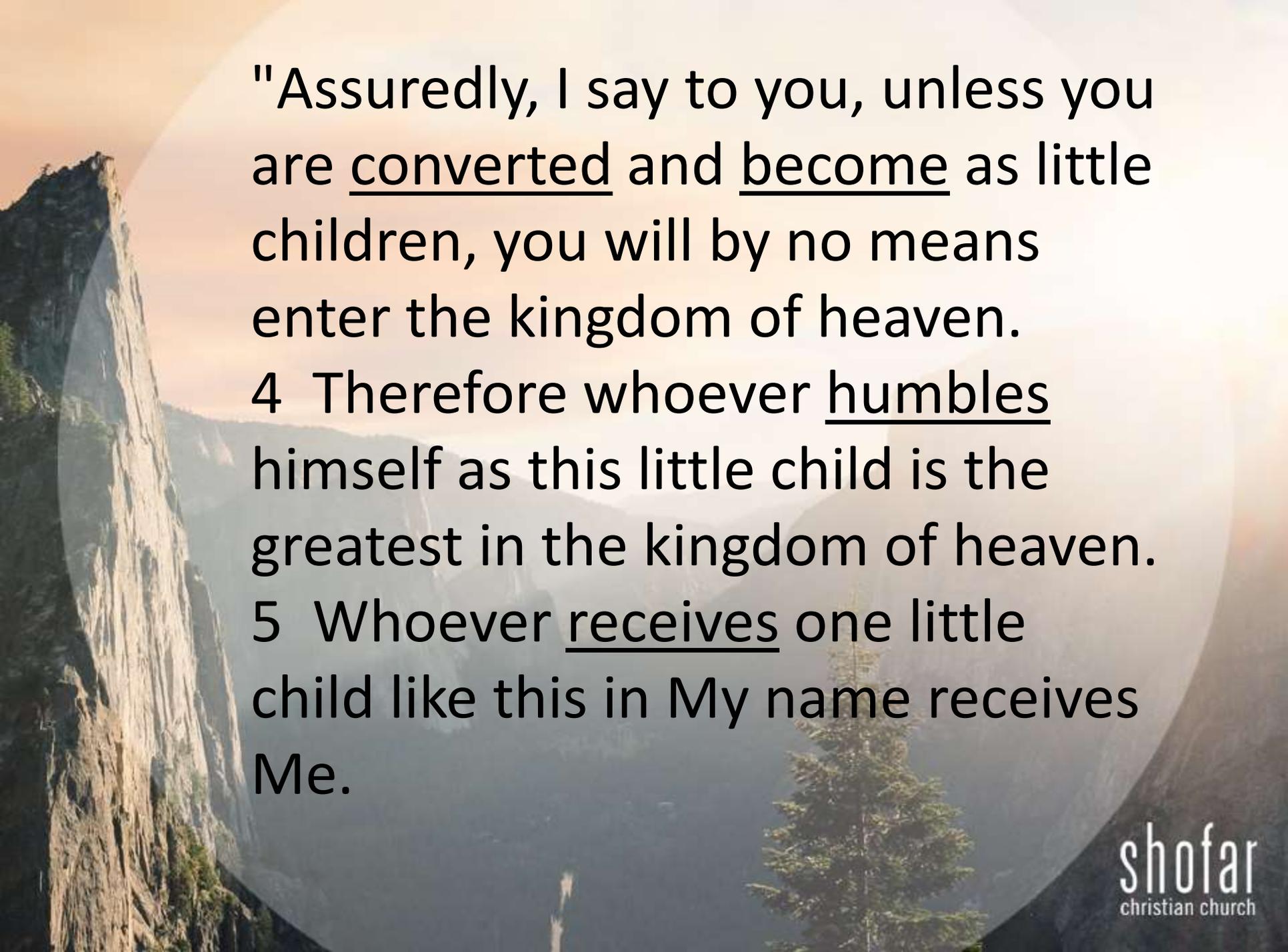


Issue of the heart

Sias le Roux

Matthew 18:1-7

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" **2** Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, **3** and said,

A scenic view of a mountain valley with a large circular light overlay. The background shows a steep, rocky mountain peak on the left and a valley with a river and trees in the distance. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

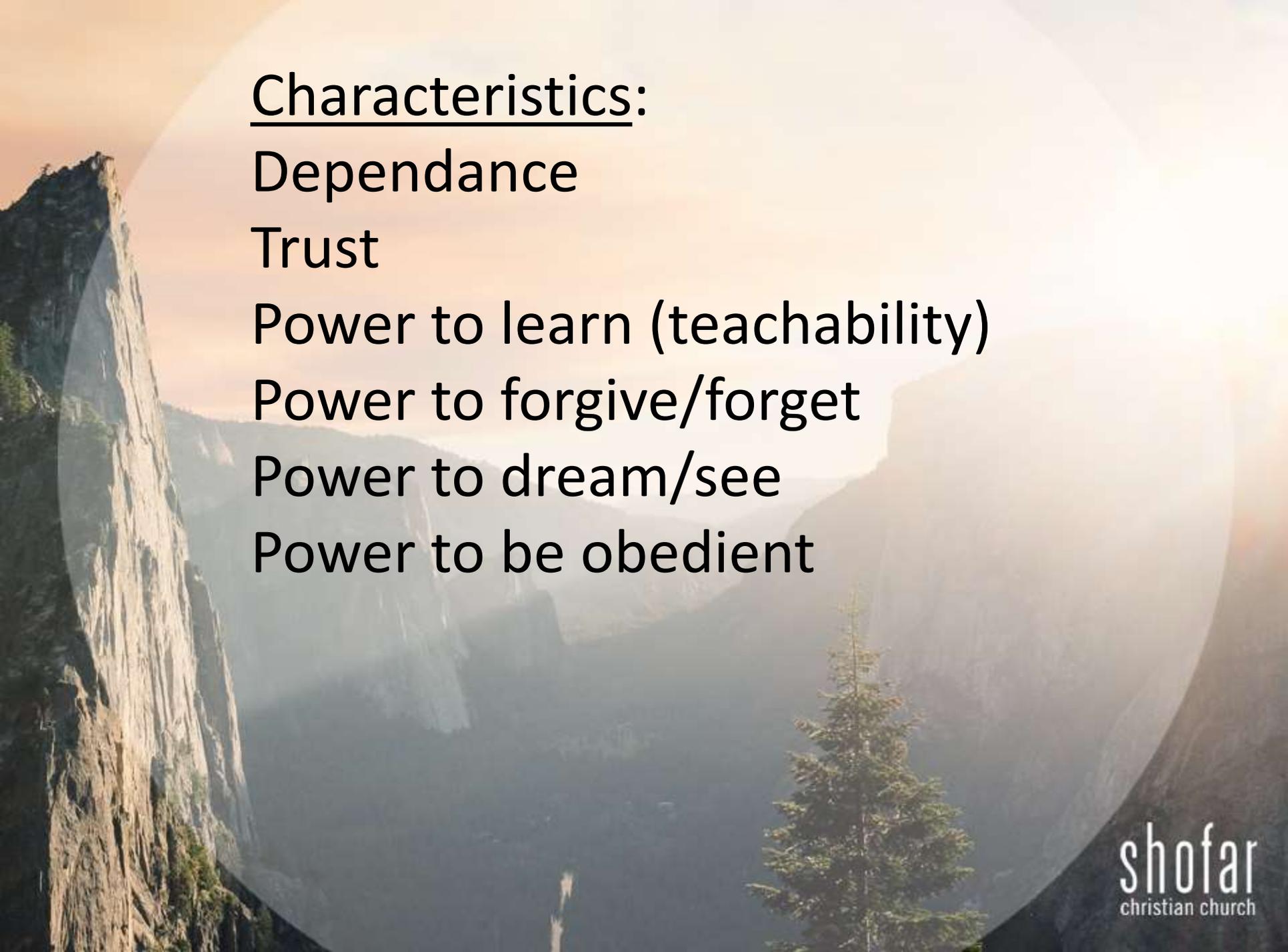
4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

1) Come like a child

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart for
they shall see God



Characteristics:

Dependance

Trust

Power to learn (teachability)

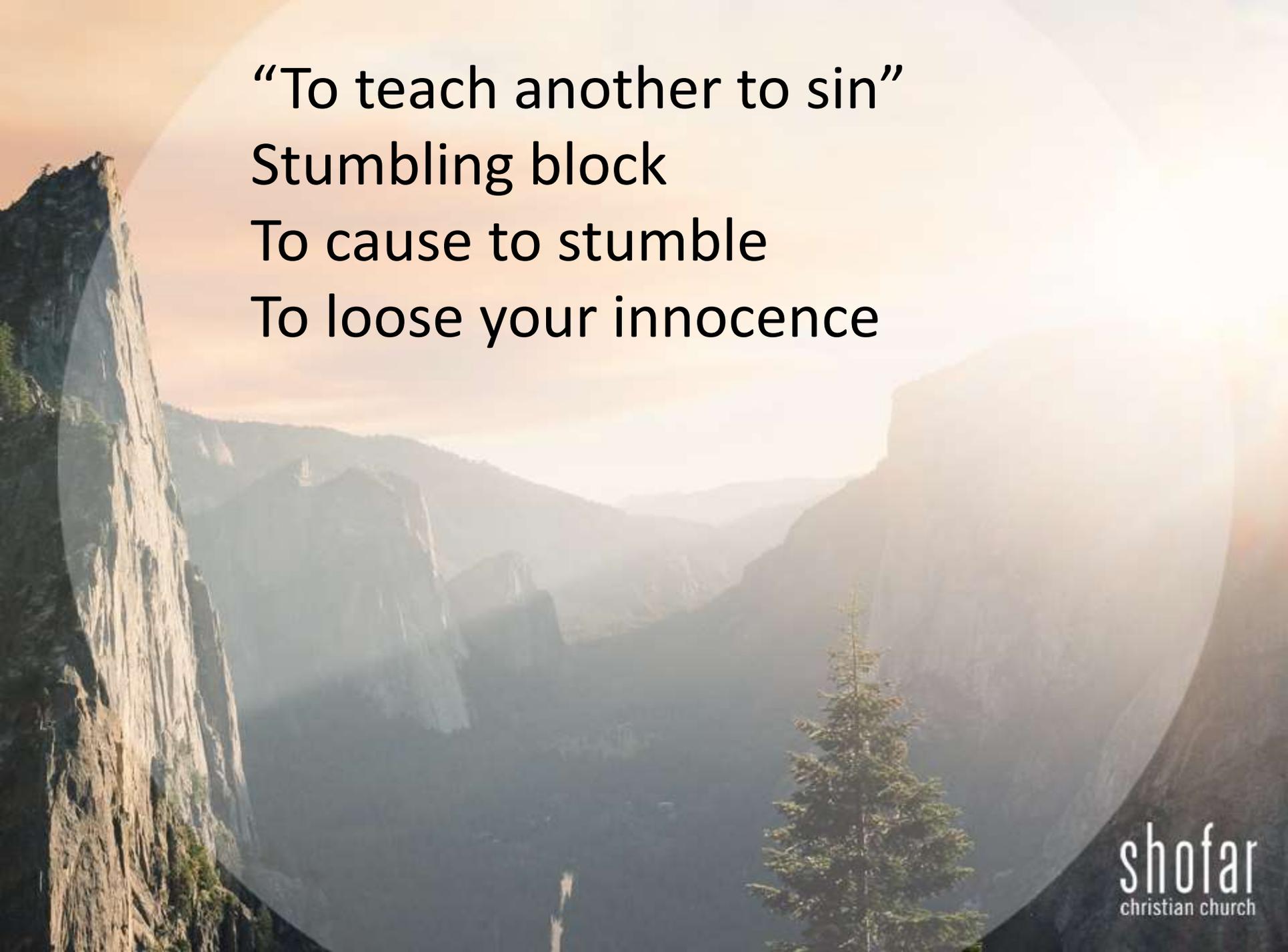
Power to forgive/forget

Power to dream/see

Power to be obedient

2) Expectation and offense

6 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.⁷ Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

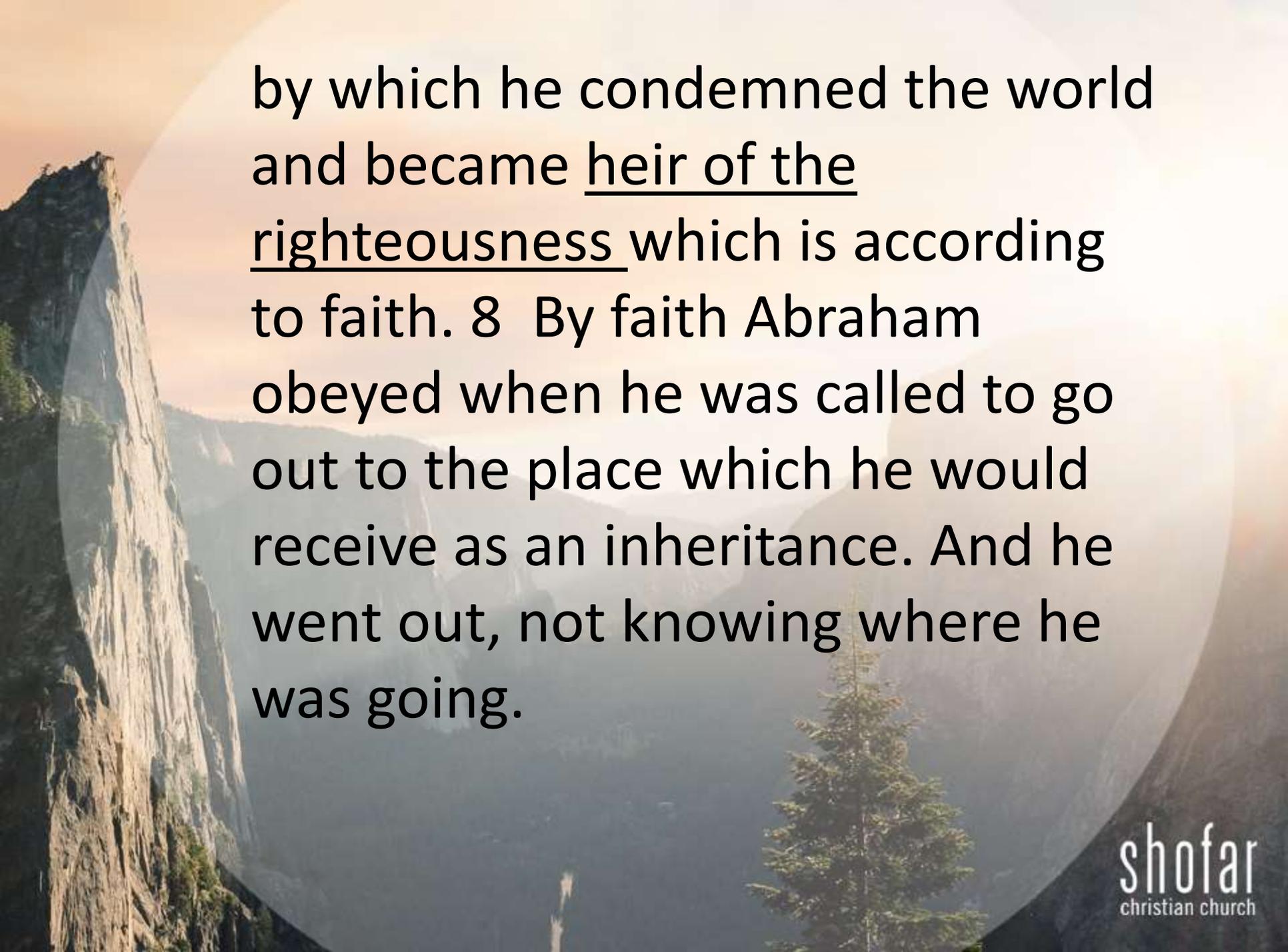


“To teach another to sin”
Stumbling block
To cause to stumble
To loose your innocence

3) Faith and obedience

Hebrews 11:6-8

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.⁷ By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household



by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

God said it, I believe it and that
settles it