

A man and a woman are walking away from the camera on a sandy beach. They are carrying a large, white, patterned sheet or blanket over their shoulders. The man is wearing a red and blue plaid shirt, and the woman is wearing a dark top. They are walking towards the ocean under a bright, hazy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden light. The waves are breaking on the shore. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

# FULL FAITH | FAITH LIKE CLAY

PART 7

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# 1. Intro: FULL FAITH

**Faith** | Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.. Reliance, dependence, hope, trust, belief

Hebrews 11:1 | **Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**

# 1. Intro: FULL FAITH

- ✓ Salvation, Relationship, Full faith, Find faith
- ✓ Various other elements of Christian faith
- ✓ **ALL THE HELP**
  - ✓ -Holy Spirit: Fruit and gifts
- ✓ **RELATIONSHIP**
  - ✓ -Slave/Son? Relationship grows
  - ✓ Faithful Father?
  - ✓ Jesus helps



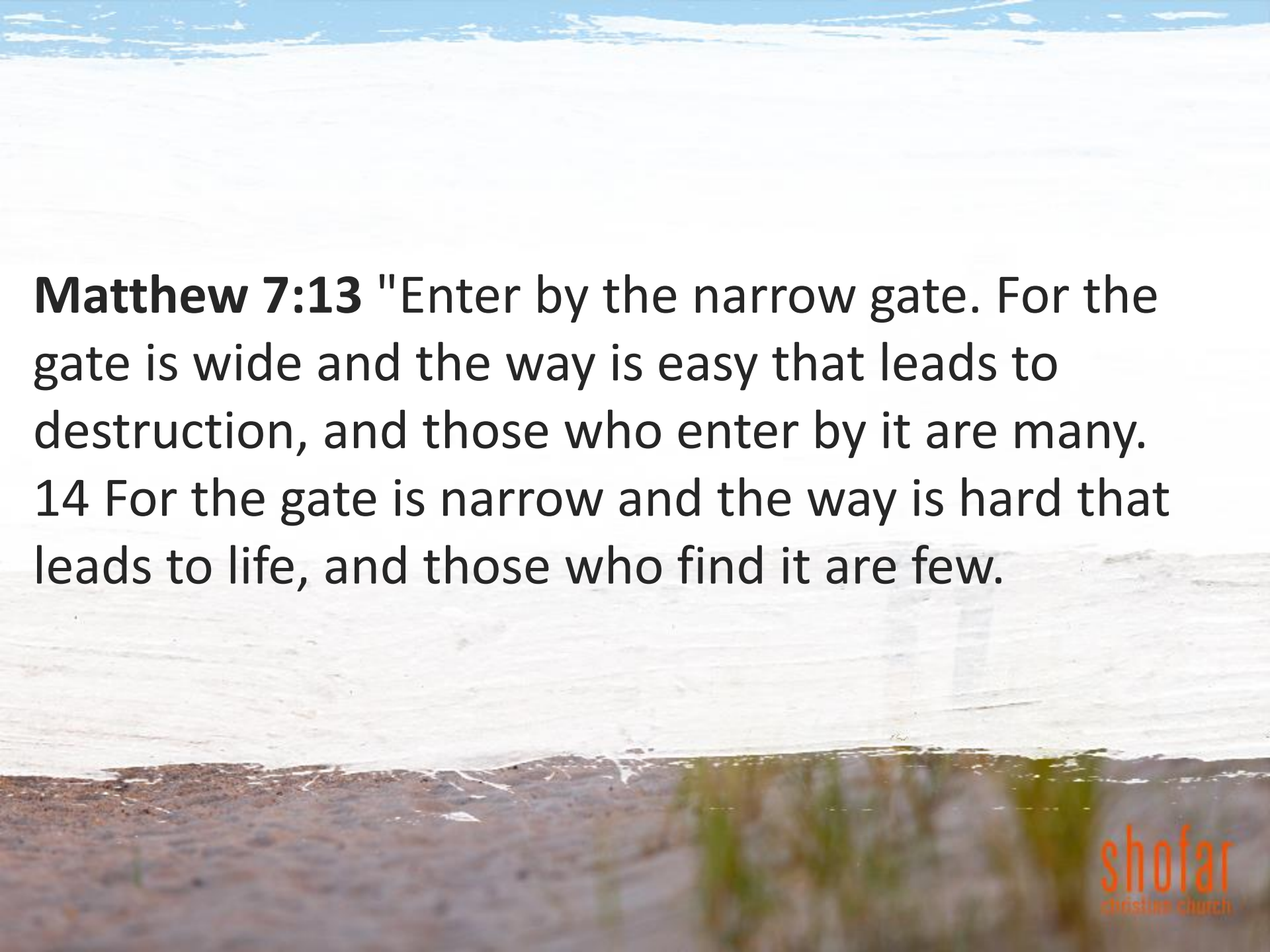


**John 14:9..**

..Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

## 2. Faith and the World of Today:

- ✓ Breeze of a week?
- ✓ Walk in the park?
- ✓ Honest assessment of the Christian walk in this World
- ✓ Pressure?



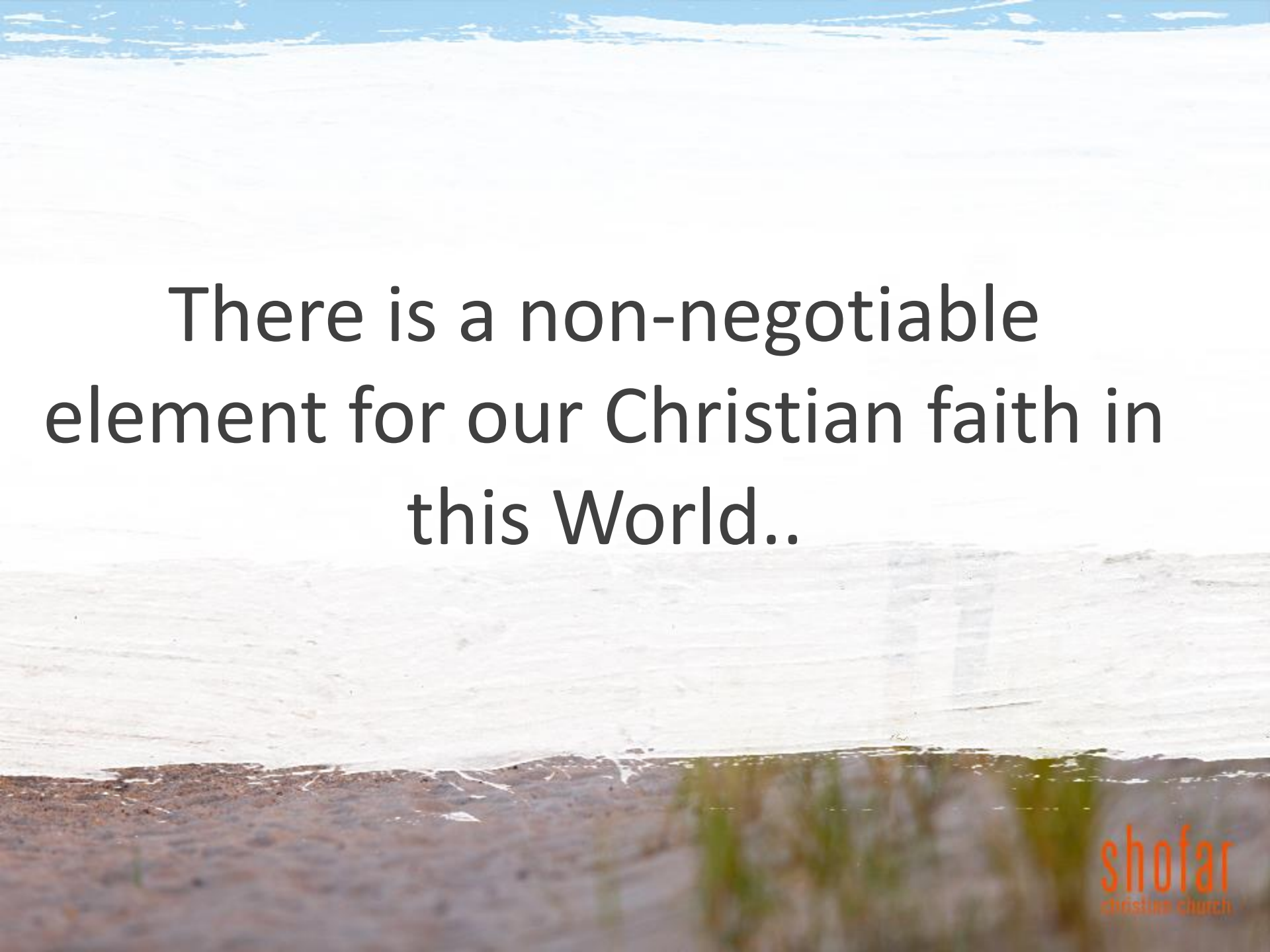
**Matthew 7:13** "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.  
14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

**John 16:33** I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**KJV: In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world**

thlipsis From G2346; *pressure* (literally or figuratively): - afflicted, (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.





There is a non-negotiable  
element for our Christian faith in  
this World..



### 3. The Goodness of God:

‘Our faith only operates where we know He [GOD] is good..’

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## **3. The Goodness of God:**

### **3.1 Evil is from the Devil**

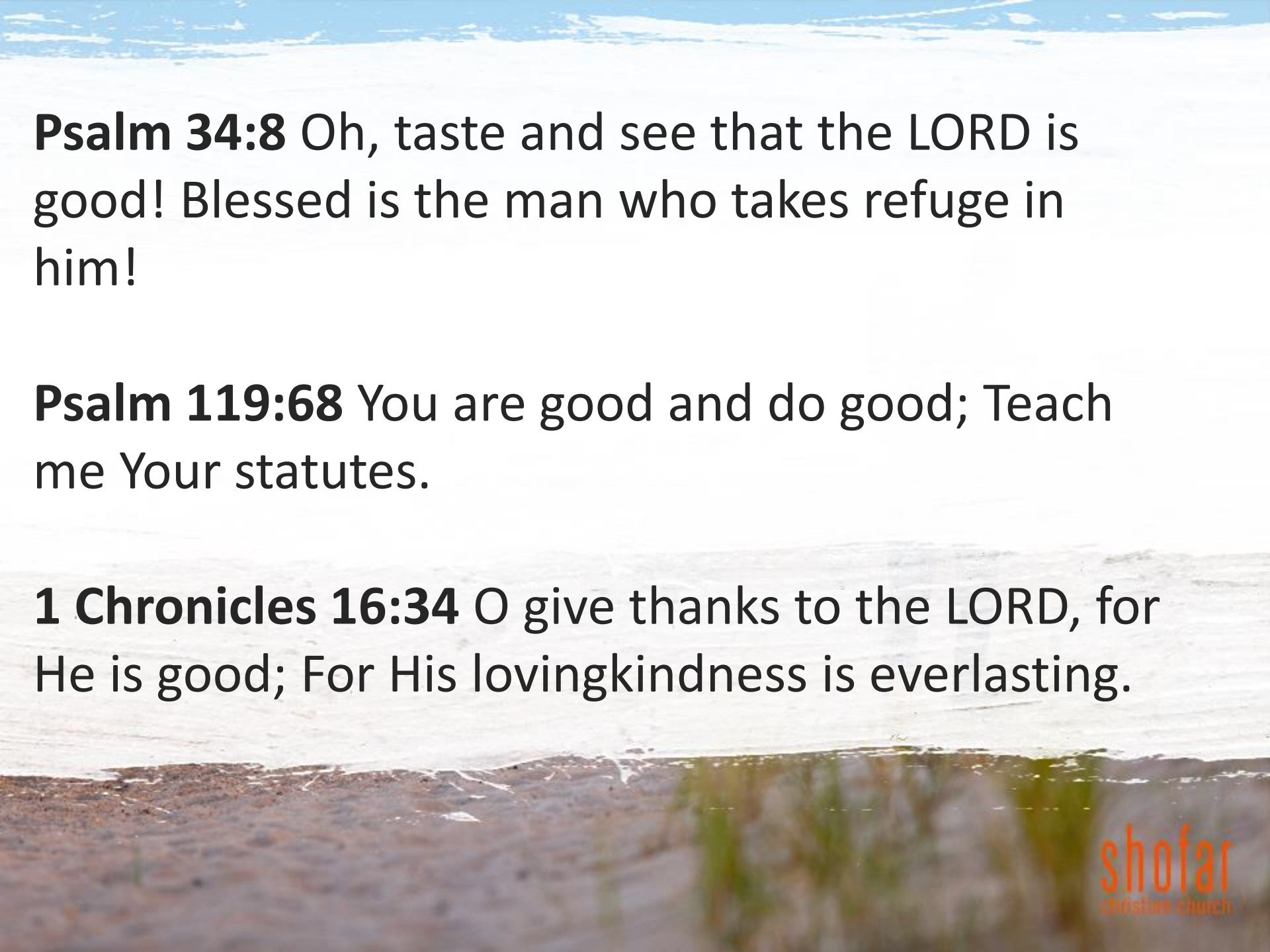
The evil in the world did not come from God.

### 3. The Goodness of God:

#### 3.2 The Authority for God's Goodness –WORD:

✓ Not mere opinions

**Mark 10:18** And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.."



**Psalm 34:8** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**Psalm 119:68** You are good and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

**1 Chronicles 16:34** O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.



# The Goodness of God:

**GOOD:** *tobe* From H2895; *good* (*good*, a *good* or *good* thing, a *good* man or woman; the *good*, *goods* or *good* things, *good* men or women) (***well***): - beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, X fair (word), (be in) favour, fine, glad, good (deed, -lier, liest, -ly, -ness, -s), graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, liketh (best), loving, merry, pleasant, + pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare

## **The Goodness of God:**

“God is better than we think, so we have to change the way we think.”

**Bill Johnson**

## 3. The Goodness of God:

### 3.3 God is Sovereign:

- ✓ He does not merely take over / take control

### **3. The Goodness of God:**

#### **3.3 Jesus is the Perfect Picture of God's Goodness:**

God is good in that He has sent His Son “to destroy the works of the devil”

**(1 John 3:8)**

Jesus called Satan “the ruler of this world”

**(John 12:31)**



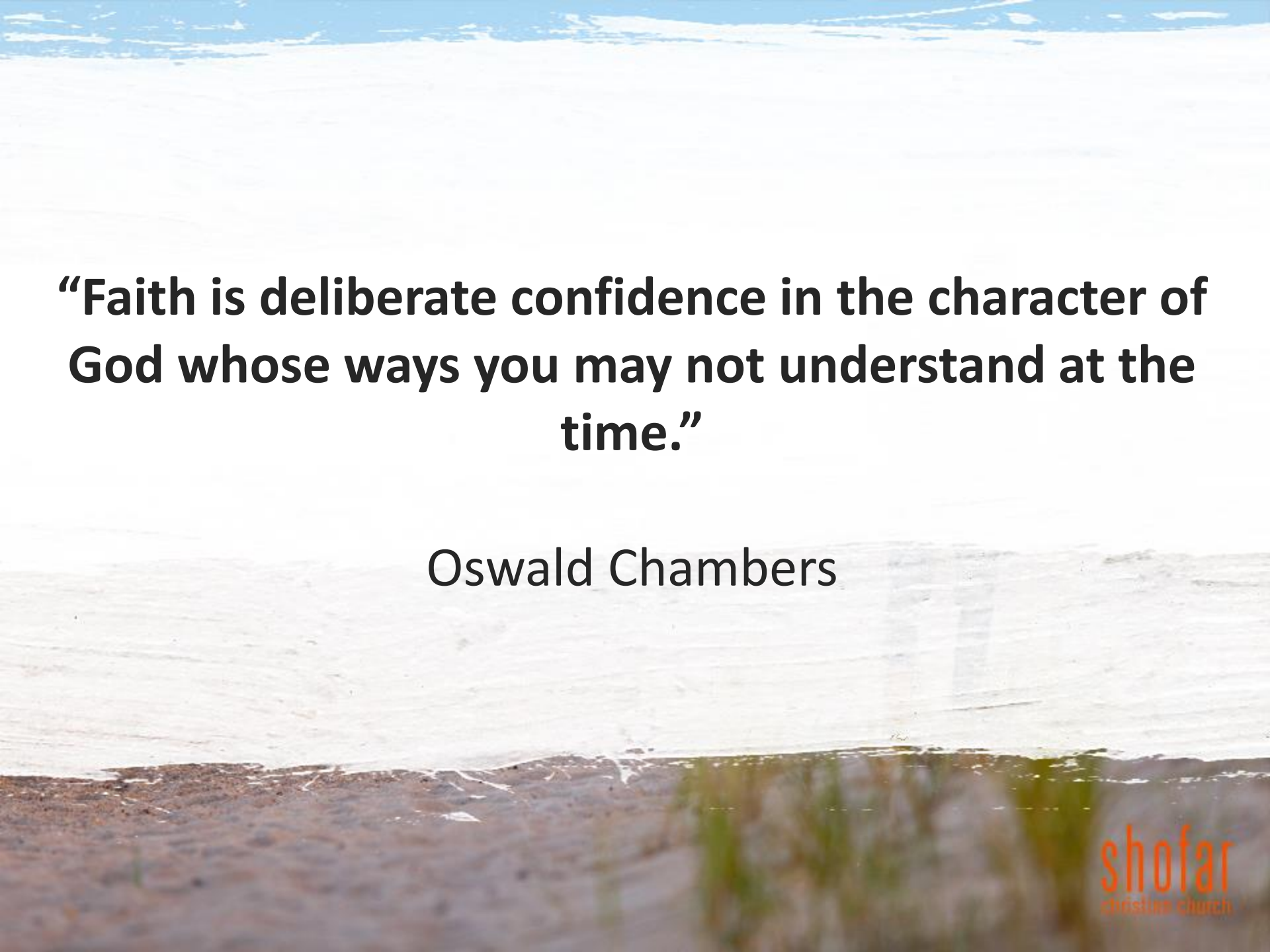
## 4. The Potter's Clay:

This image just stays with me..





**Faith brings us to a place where..**



**“Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of  
God whose ways you may not understand at the  
time.”**

Oswald Chambers





## Isaiah 45:9

"Woe to the one who quarrels with his Maker-- An earthenware vessel among the vessels of earth! Will the clay say to the potter, 'What are you doing?' Or the thing you are making say, 'He has no hands'?"





# The life of faith is one of 'clay':

**1. No haughty sense of entitlement:**

**2. Surrendered life [surrendering all]:**

# The life of faith is one of 'clay':

**3. Seeing in part:**

**4. Counter cultural / Counter carnal:**

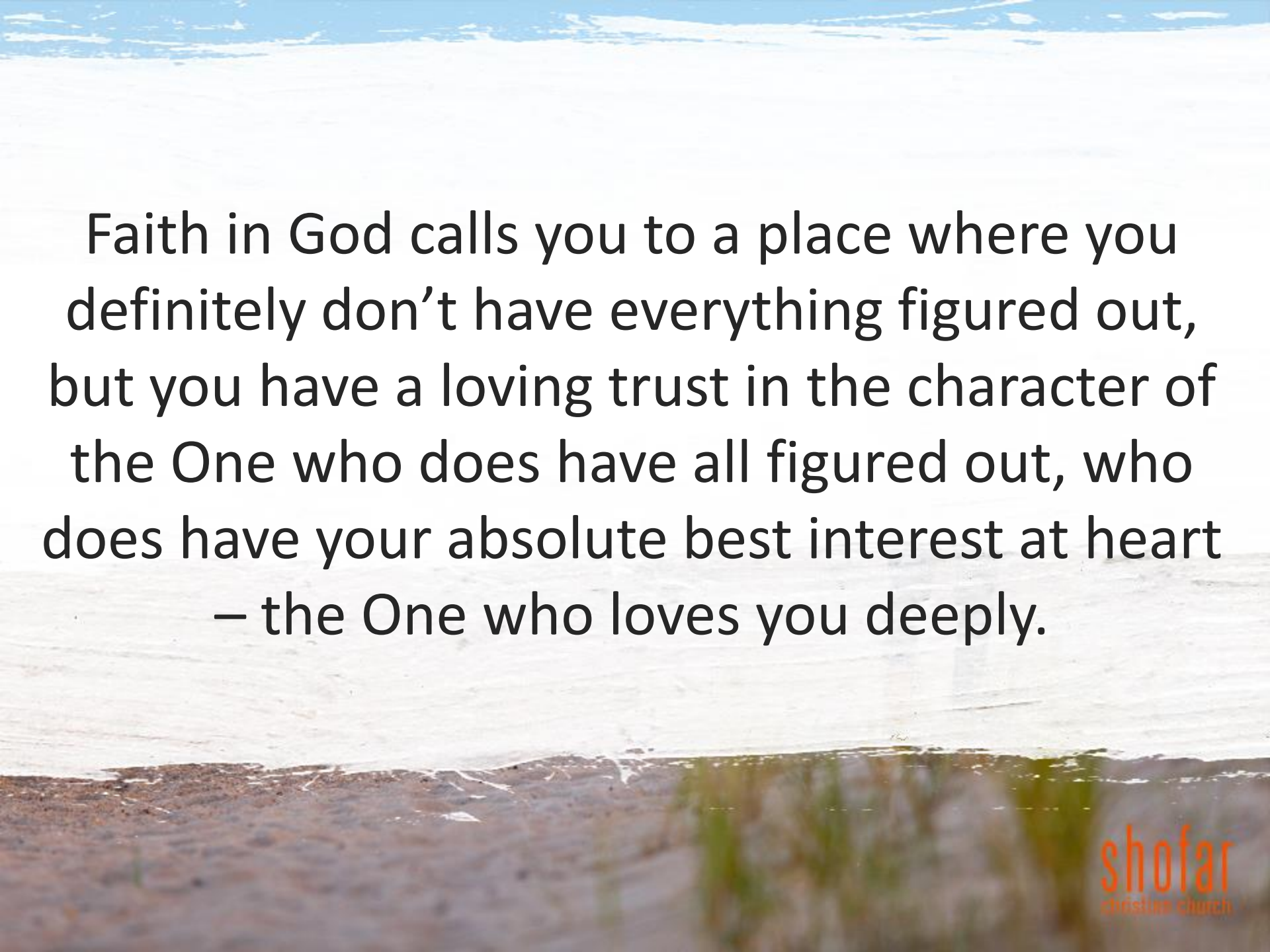
**2 Corinthians 5:7**

For we live by faith and not by sight.

# The life of faith is one of 'clay':

**5. Profound and immeasurable divine potential**

**6. Can only lead to GOOD**



Faith in God calls you to a place where you definitely don't have everything figured out, but you have a loving trust in the character of the One who does have all figured out, who does have your absolute best interest at heart – the One who loves you deeply.



LET'S PRAY

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