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# Questions For Life

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Series Introduction:  
Questions of Jesus in the Gospels

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Why Did Jesus

Ask So Many

Questions



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<https://qbq.com/15-reasons-to-ask-questions/>

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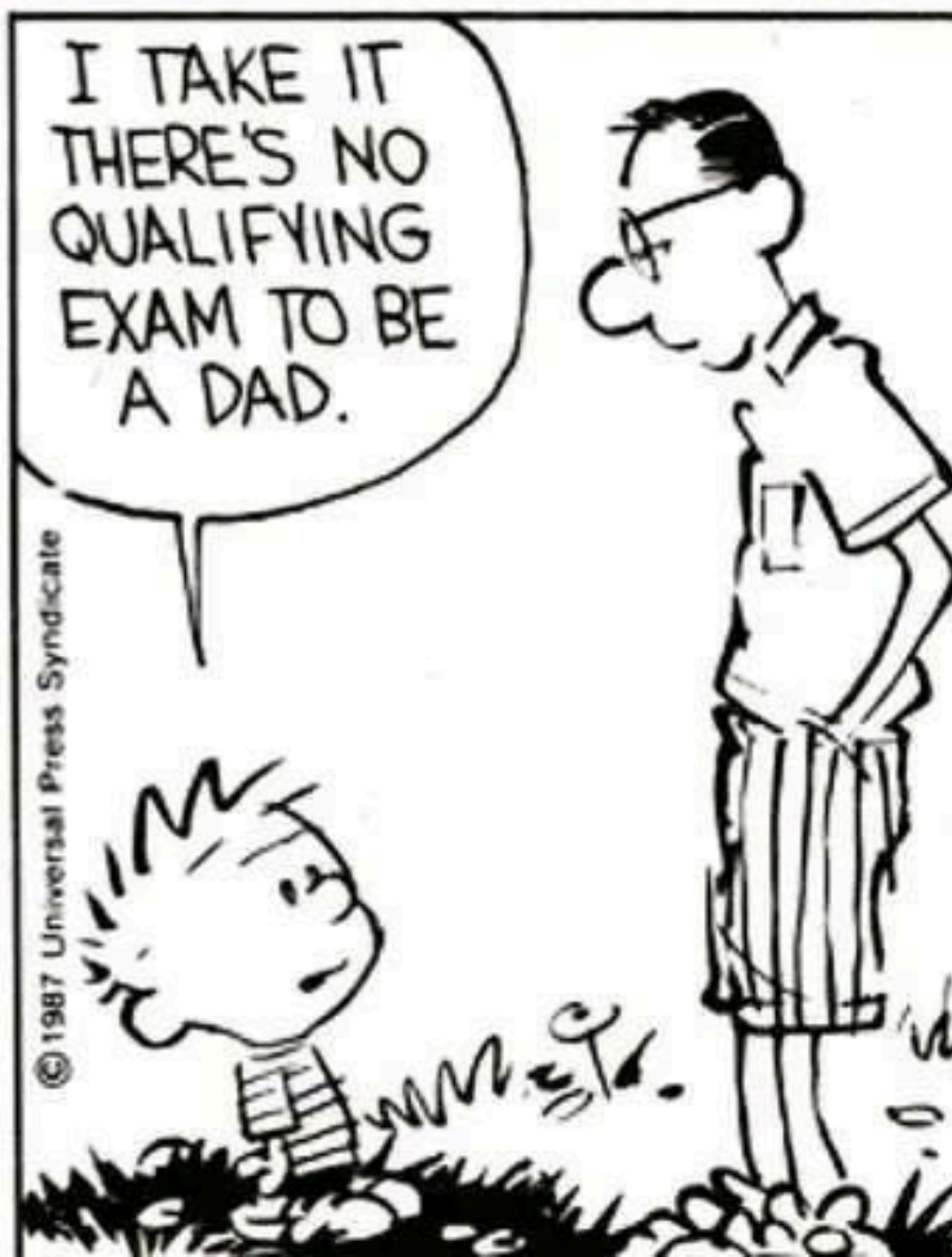
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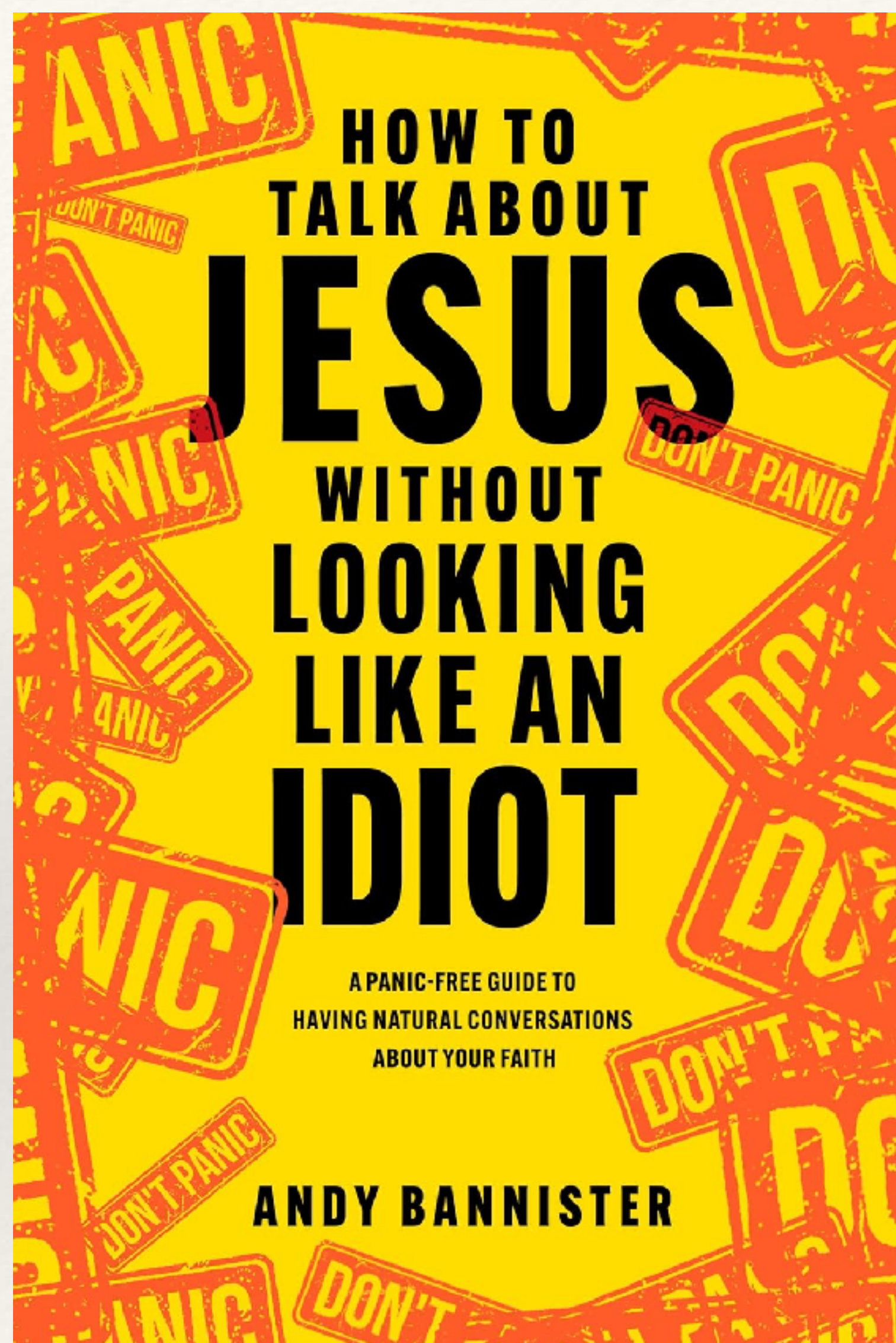
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## **Our goals in this series will be :**

- to identify some questions posed by Jesus
- to understand, with the help of the Holy Spirit, His reasons for asking them
- to consider the significance of these questions for our context
- to take the appropriate actions in our lives in light of these questions

## **Some Possible Outcomes:**

- We could be moved to begin a relationship or deepen our relationship with Jesus or another person
- We might learn something of the passion of Jesus and decide to follow his lead
- We might be directed to examine our own hearts and take the appropriate actions

Questions  
God?  
asks

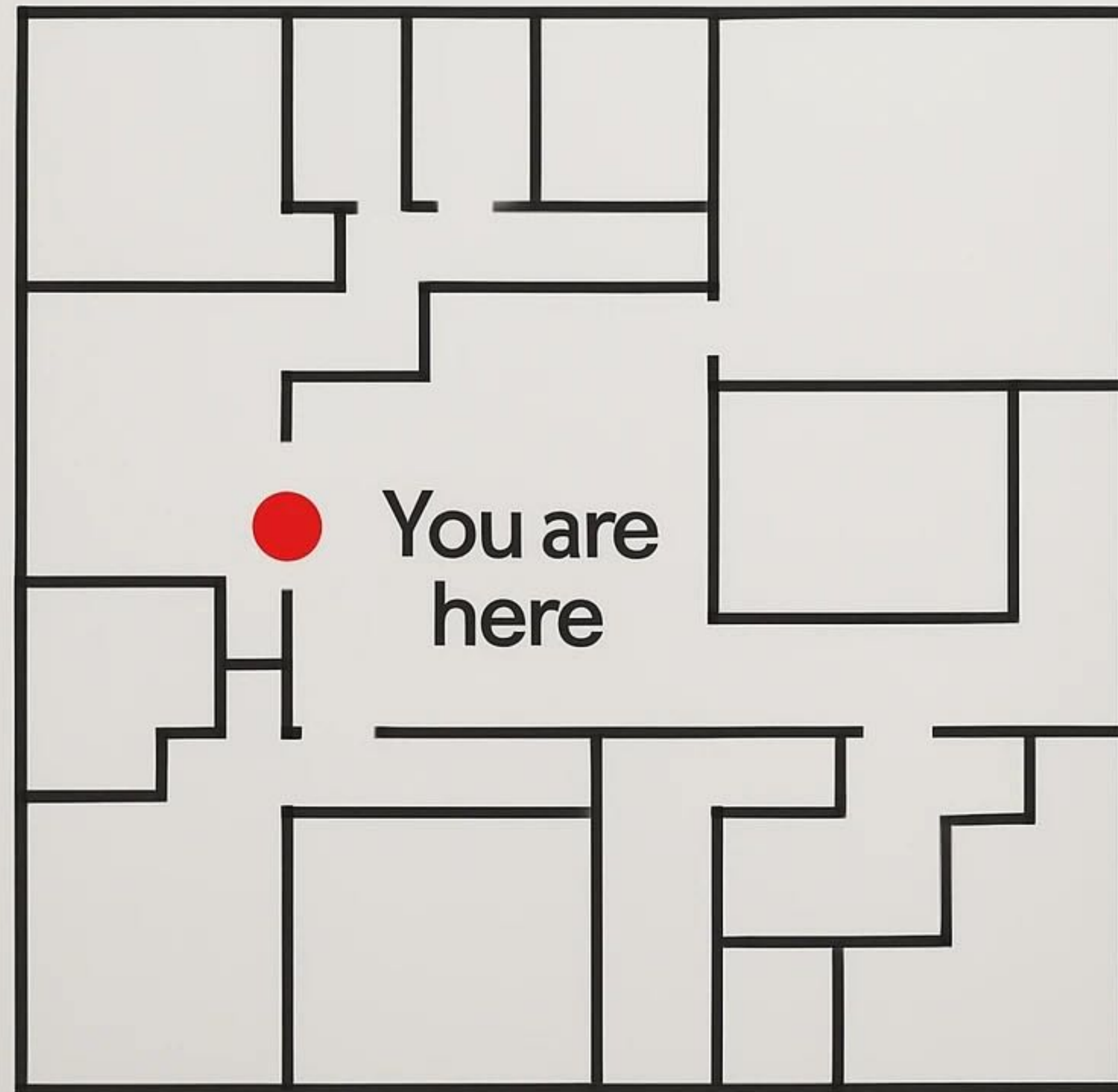
# Where are you? - Genesis 3:9



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# Why God Asks Questions

- to promote self-reflection or self-evaluation
- to invite repentance
- to teach (using questions as a teaching method)
- to reveal his character
- to build intimacy or relationship
- to expose or confront hidden intentions or conditions of the heart





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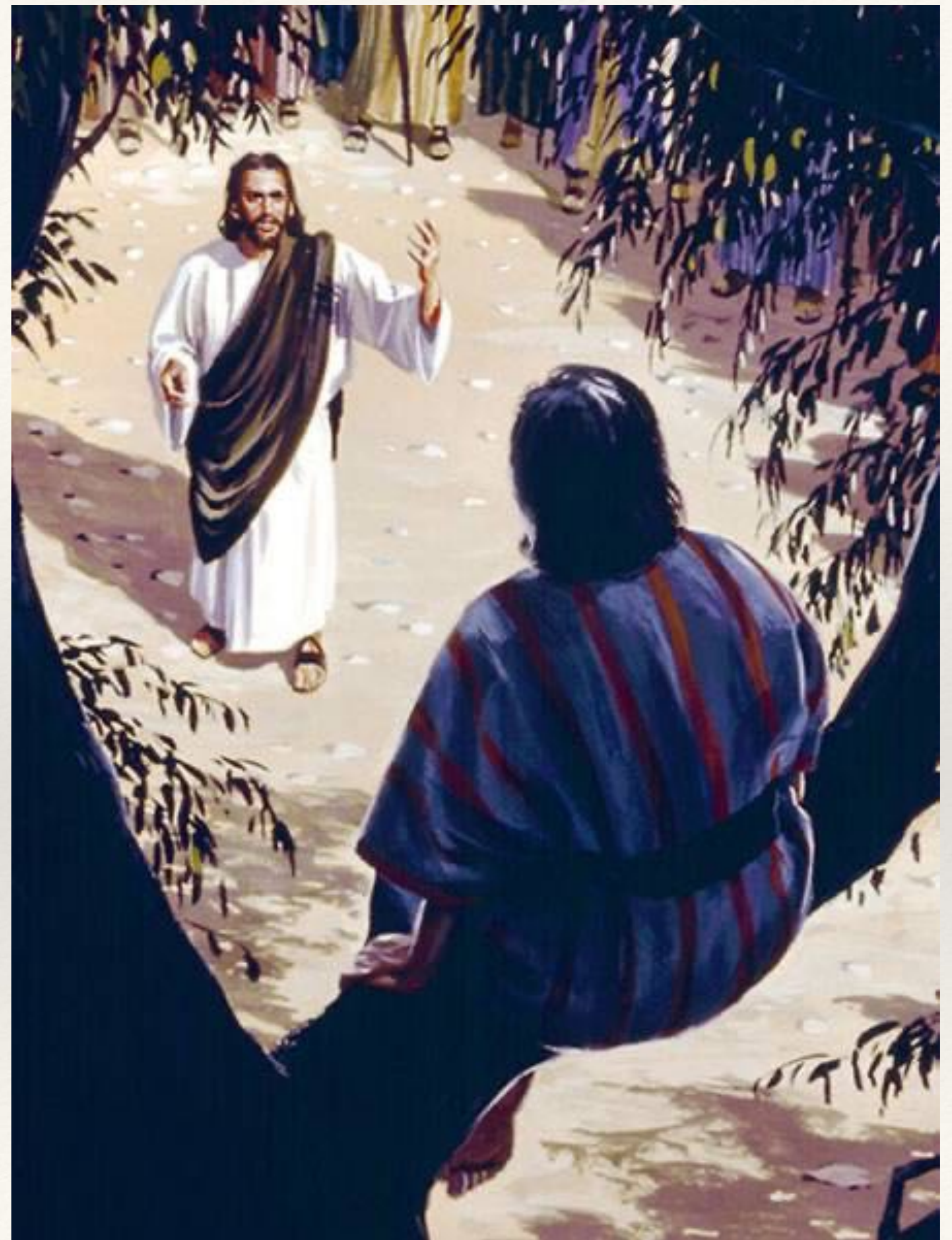
Ezekiel 34:11-12 NLT

For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search and find my sheep. I will be like a shepherd looking for his scattered flock. I will find my sheep and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day.



...the Son of Man  
came to seek and save  
those who are lost.

Luke 19:10





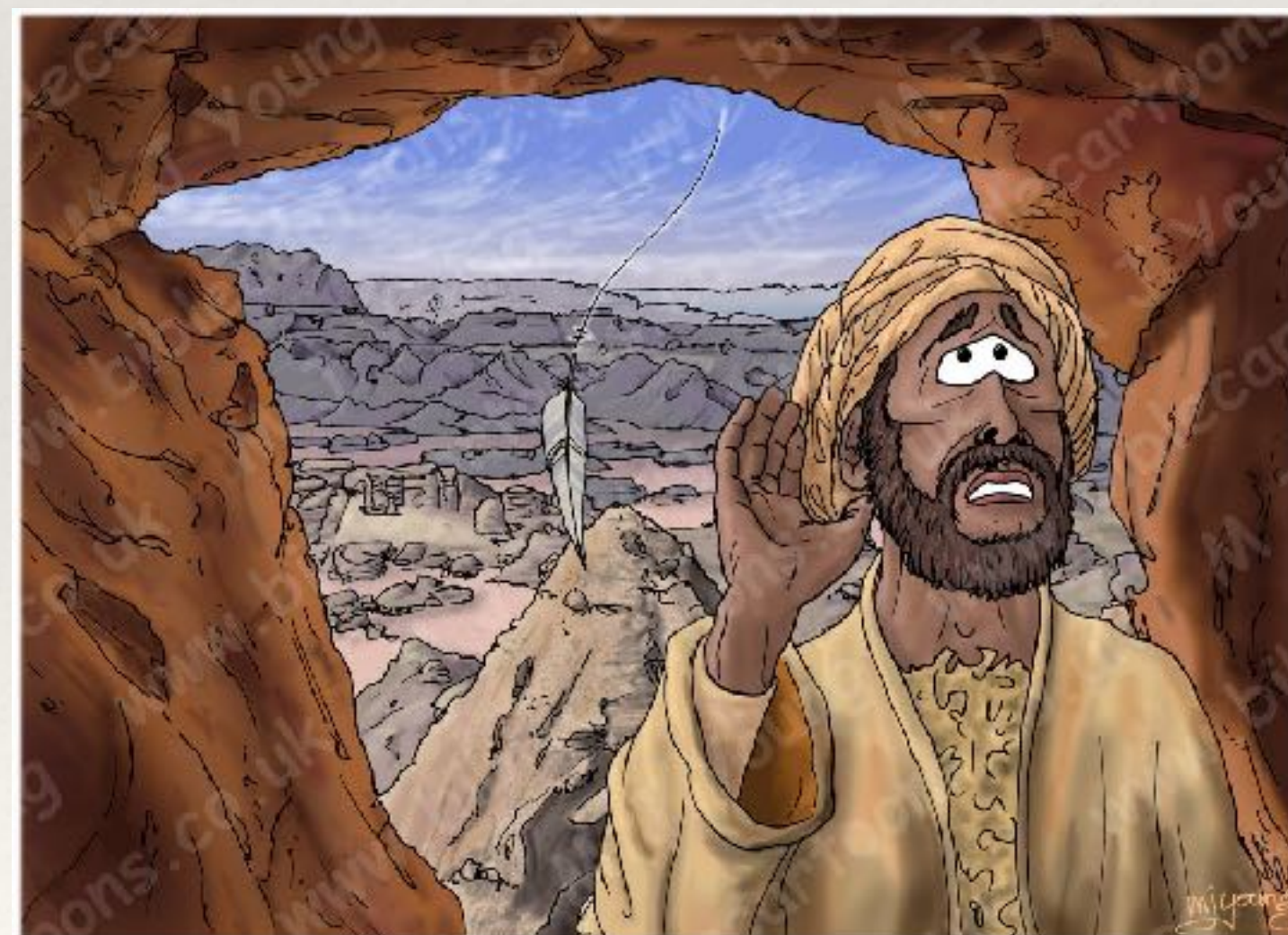
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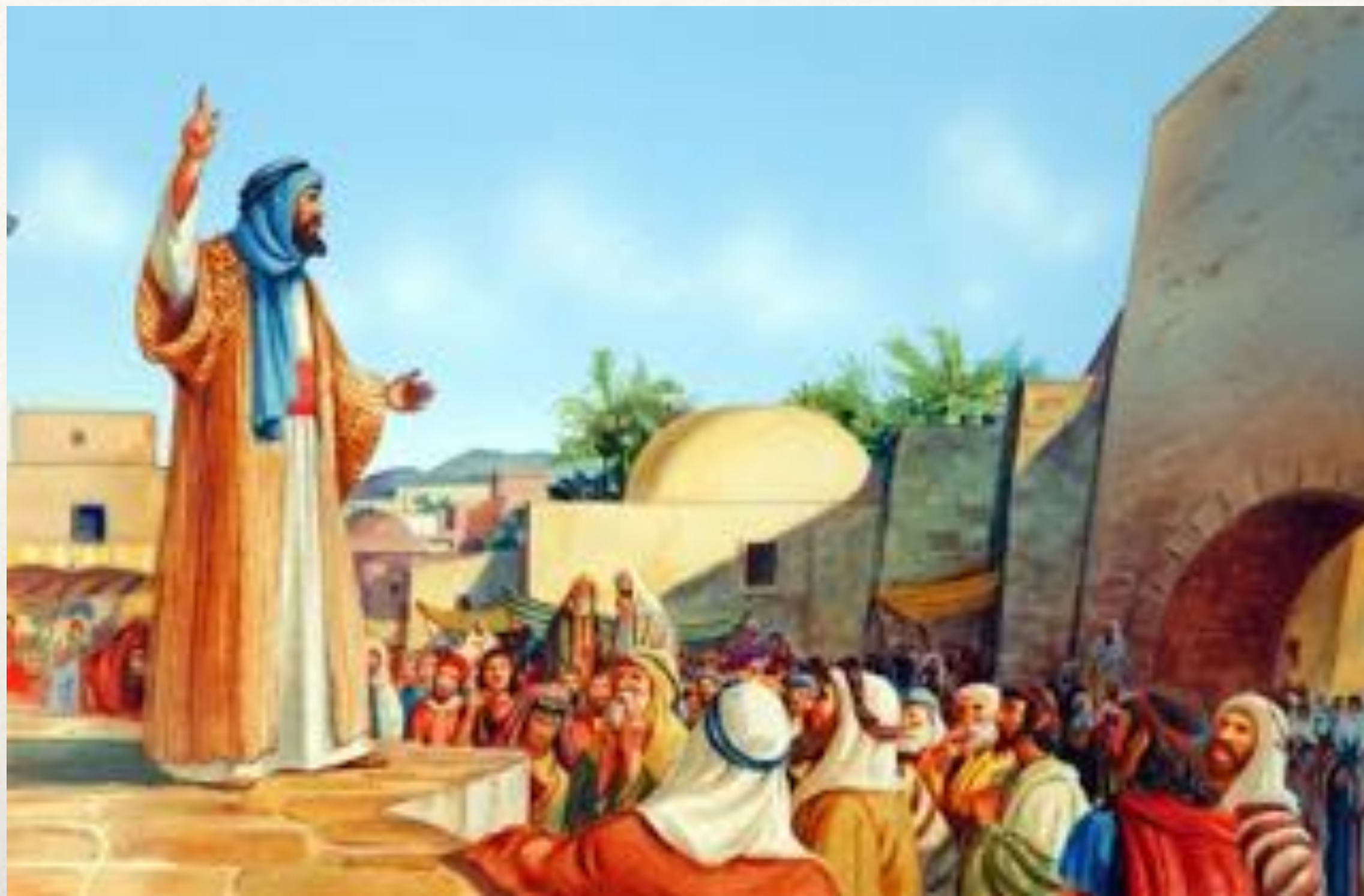
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Jonah 4:1-3 NLT

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Just kill me now, LORD! I’d rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.”

“Is it right for you to be angry about this?”

Jonah 4:4 NLT

“Is it right for you to  
be angry because  
the plant died?”

Jonah 4:9 NLT



Is it right.....?





Do you love me?



“Why were you  
looking for me?”

Luke 2:49 ESV

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come  
and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and  
find me when you seek me with all your heart.