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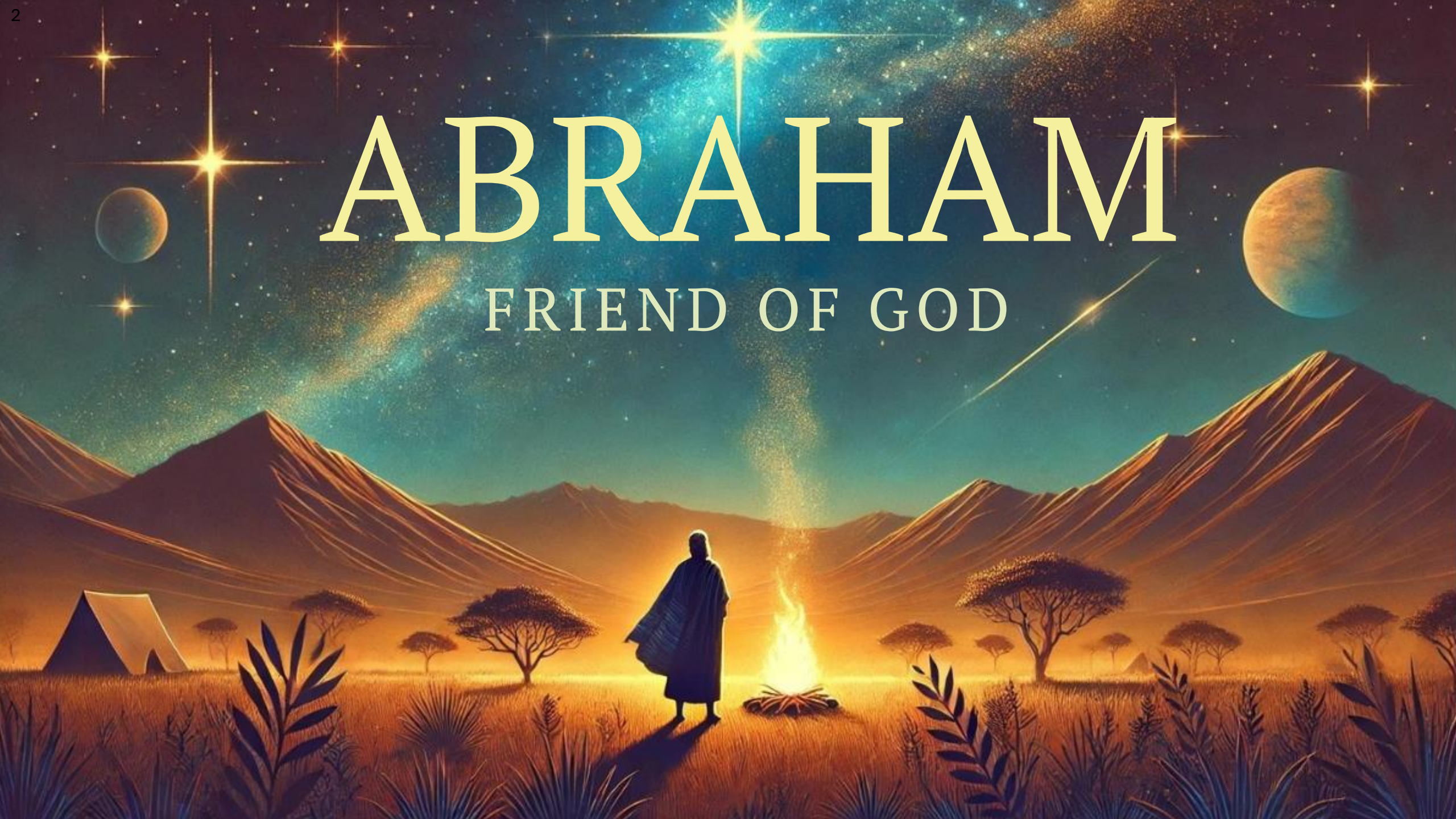
THE MESSAGE

JAMES 1:22

"...DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.
OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."

ABRAHAM

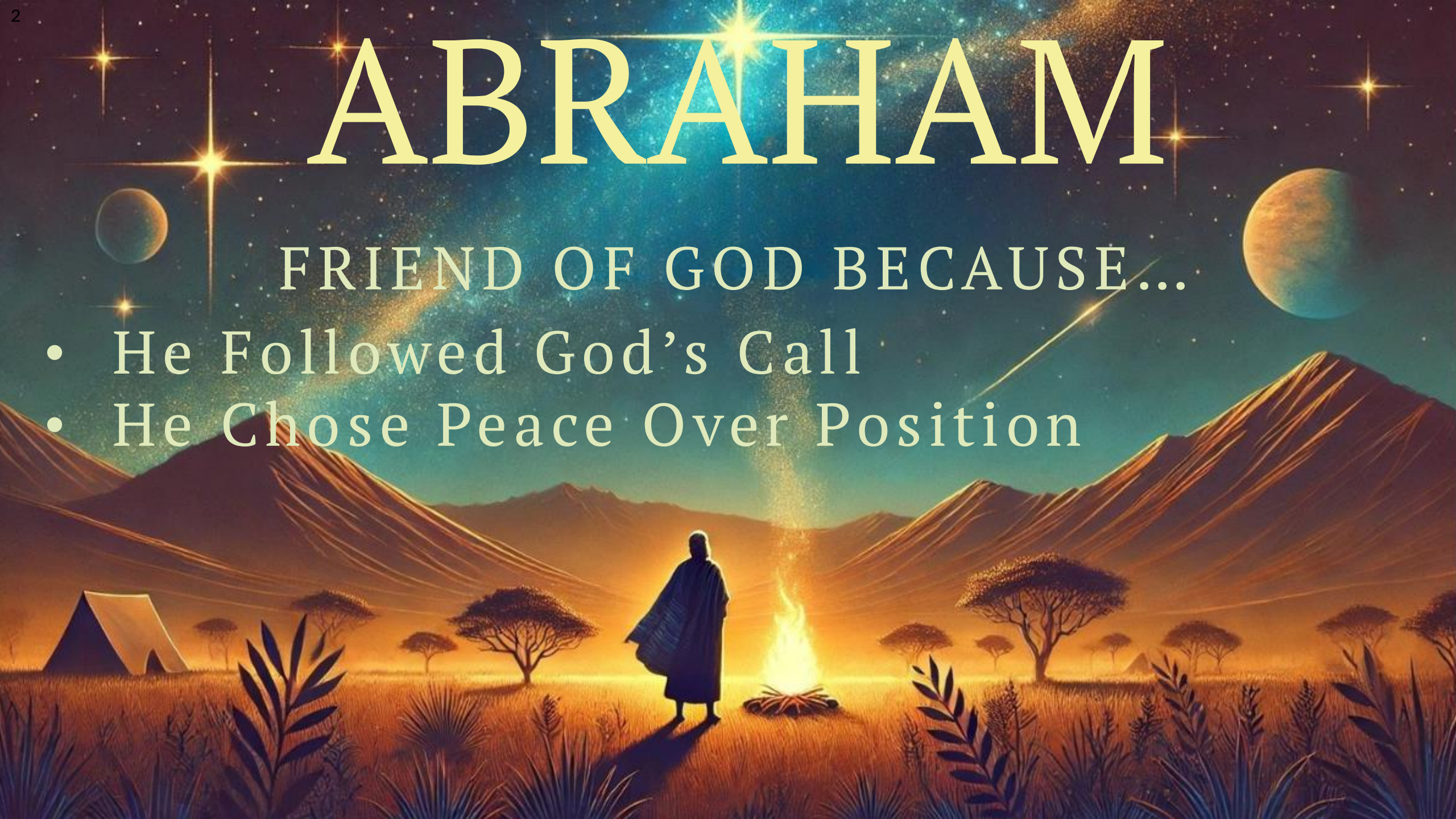
FRIEND OF GOD

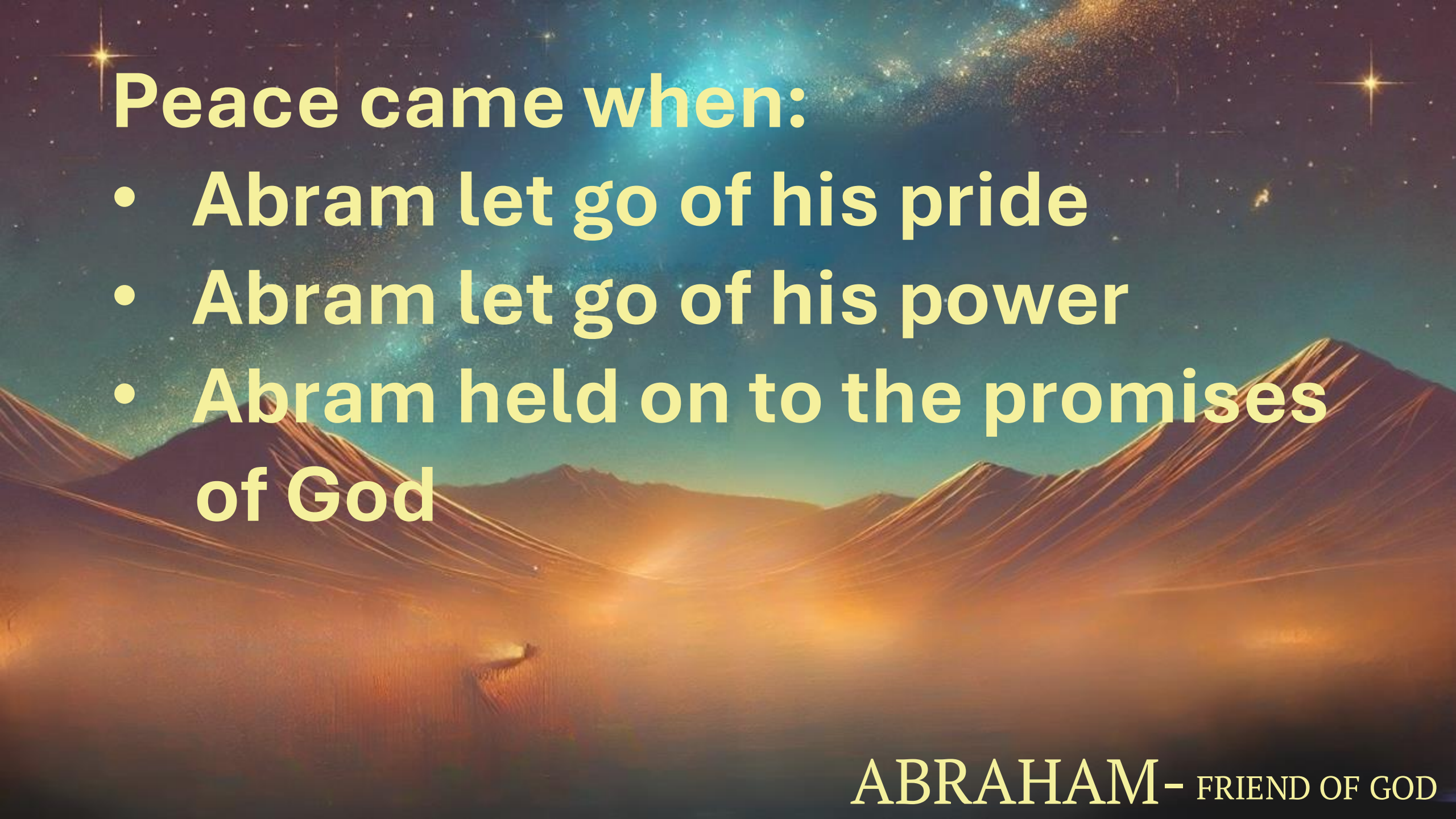


ABRAHAM

FRIEND OF GOD BECAUSE...

- He Followed God's Call
- He Chose Peace Over Position





Peace came when:

- **Abram let go of his pride**
- **Abram let go of his power**
- **Abram held on to the promises of God**

ABRAHAM – FRIEND OF GOD

Activity 4

Packs



And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace..

Colossians 3:15

So Abram left Egypt and travelled north into the Negev, along with his wife and Lot and all that they owned. (Abram was very rich in livestock, silver, and gold.) From the Negev, they continued travelling by stages toward Bethel, and they pitched their tents between Bethel and Ai, where they had camped before. This was the same place where Abram had built the altar, and there he worshiped the Lord again. Genesis 13:1-4

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD



Im so rubbish,
God gave me
amazing promises
and I fall at the
first hurdle! I
might as well
give up now!

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD



Well wouldn't you
have been scared?
It was only half a
lie- and look at all
the riches we got
out of it!

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD



Well, I didn't
really expect
you to tell the
lie-it was you
who did it!

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD

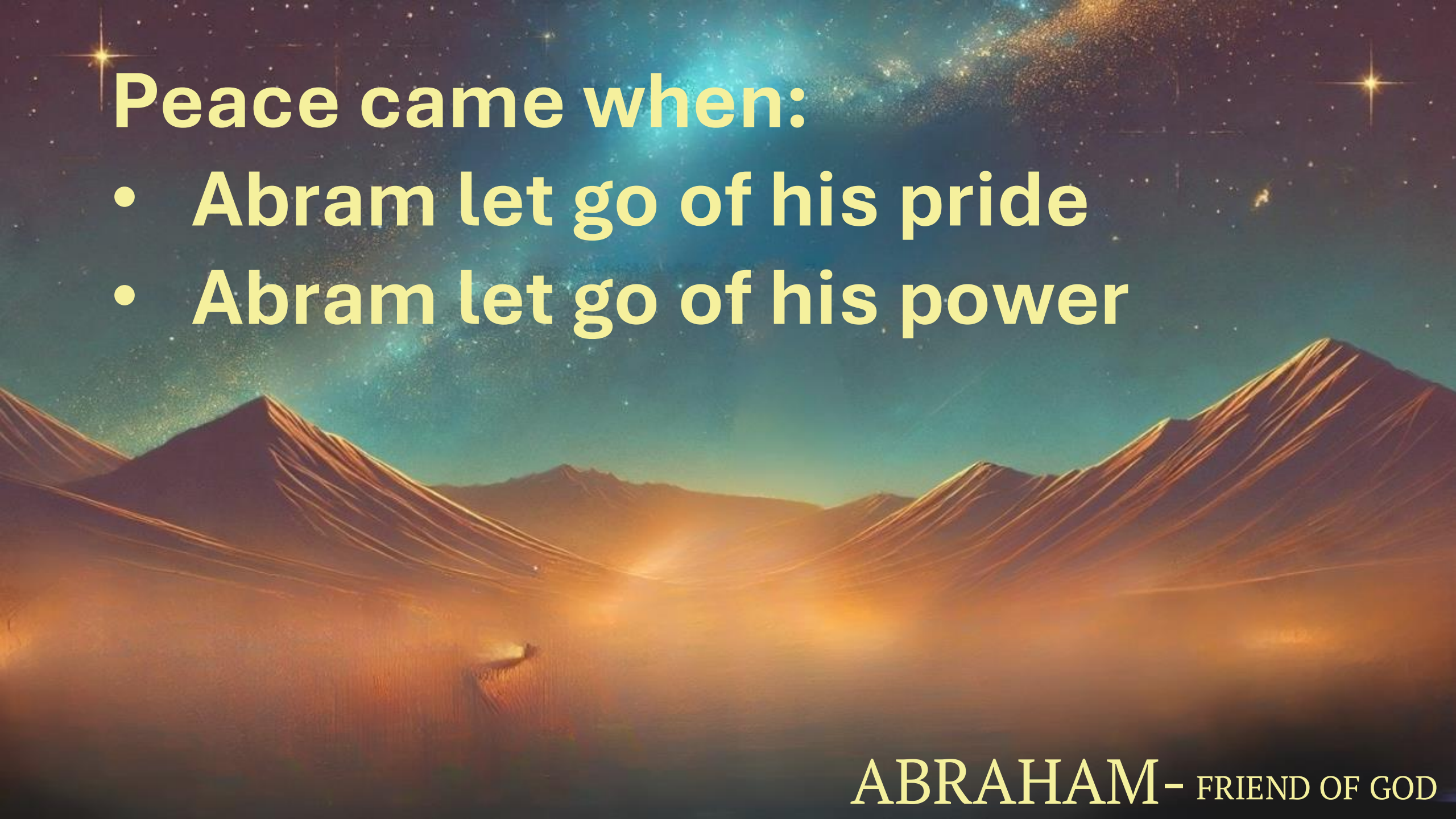
Look how far you have fallen!
Turn back to me and do the
works you did at first.
Revelation 2:5

REALISE

REPENT

REMEMBER

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD

The background of the slide is a composite image. The lower half shows a desert landscape with sand dunes under a warm, orange and yellow sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The upper half transitions into a dark blue night sky filled with stars and a prominent, bright blue and white nebula or galaxy structure. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

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ABRAHAM- FRIEND OF GOD

★ Lot, who was travelling with Abram, had also become very wealthy with flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle, and many tents. But the land could not support both Abram and Lot with all their flocks and herds living so close together. So disputes broke out between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot. (At that time Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land.)

Genesis 13:5-8

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD



“Many people
will never
listen
to what any
believer says
because of
what some
believers are.”
(Barnhouse)

Finally Abram said to Lot, “Let’s not allow this conflict to come between us or our herdsmen.

After all, we are close relatives. The whole countryside is open to you. Take your choice of any section of the land you want, and we will separate. If you want the land to the left, then I’ll take the land on the right. If you prefer the land on the right, then I’ll go to the left.”

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD

Lot took a long look at the fertile plains of the Jordan Valley in the direction of Zoar.

The whole area was well watered everywhere, like the garden of the Lord or the beautiful land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

Lot chose for himself the whole Jordan Valley to the east of them.

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD

He went there with his flocks and servants and parted company with his uncle Abram So Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot moved his tents to a place near Sodom and settled among the cities of the plain. But the people of this area were extremely wicked and constantly sinned against the Lord.

Genesis 13: 8-13

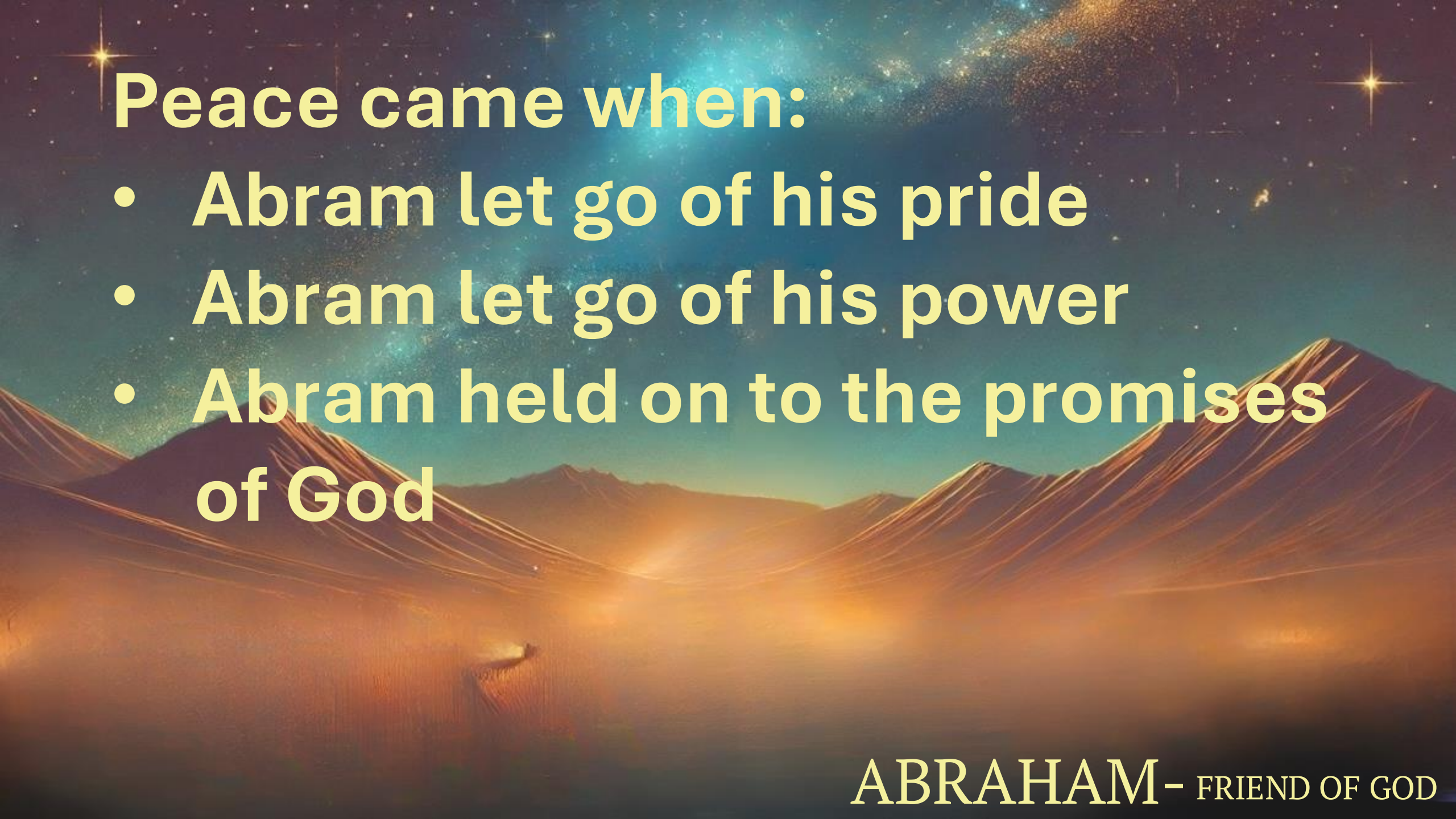
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**A good leader seeks God's wisdom to know
when peace is more important than power**

- **Joseph (Genesis 45:14/15)**
- **Paul (1 Corinthians 9:14-18)**
- **Jesus (Philippians 2:5-11)**

“... a time to be silent and a time to speak”

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD



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ABRAHAM – FRIEND OF GOD

After Lot had gone, the Lord said to Abram, “Look as far as you can see in every direction—north and south, east and west. I am giving all this land, as far as you can see, to you and your descendants as a permanent possession. And I will give you so many descendants that, like the dust of the earth, they cannot be counted! Go and walk through the land in every direction, for I am giving it to you.” Genesis 13: 13-17

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD

*So Abram moved his camp to
Hebron and settled near the
oak grove belonging to Mamre.
There he built another
altar to the Lord
Genesis 13: 18*

ABRAHAM FRIEND OF GOD



Hebron



From the verb חָבַר (*habar*)- to join



Alliance /Friendship/Communion

ABRAHAM- FRIEND OF GOD

RESPONSE

Peace came when Abram let go of his pride

Holy Spirit please help us REALISE any areas of pride or unforgiveness in our lives

Peace came when Abram let go of his power

We REPENT of those areas and let go where we are clutching onto control and entitlement

Peace came when Abram held on to the promises of God

We chose to REMEMBER who You are and what you have called us to do

THE LIVE STREAM

***IS NOW
FINISHING***

SEE YOU NEXT TIME

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