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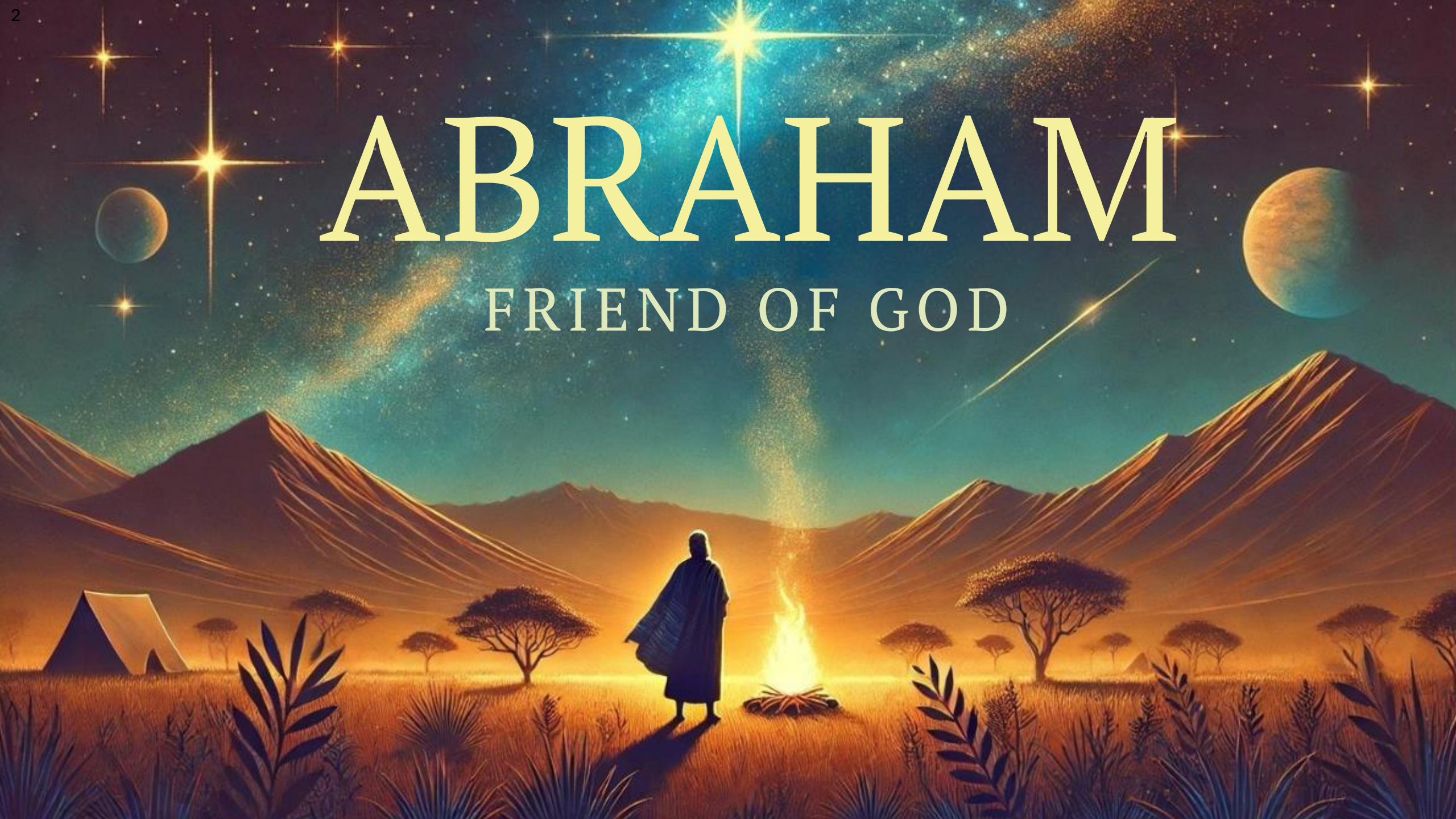
THE MESSAGE

JAMES 1:22

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

ABRAHAM

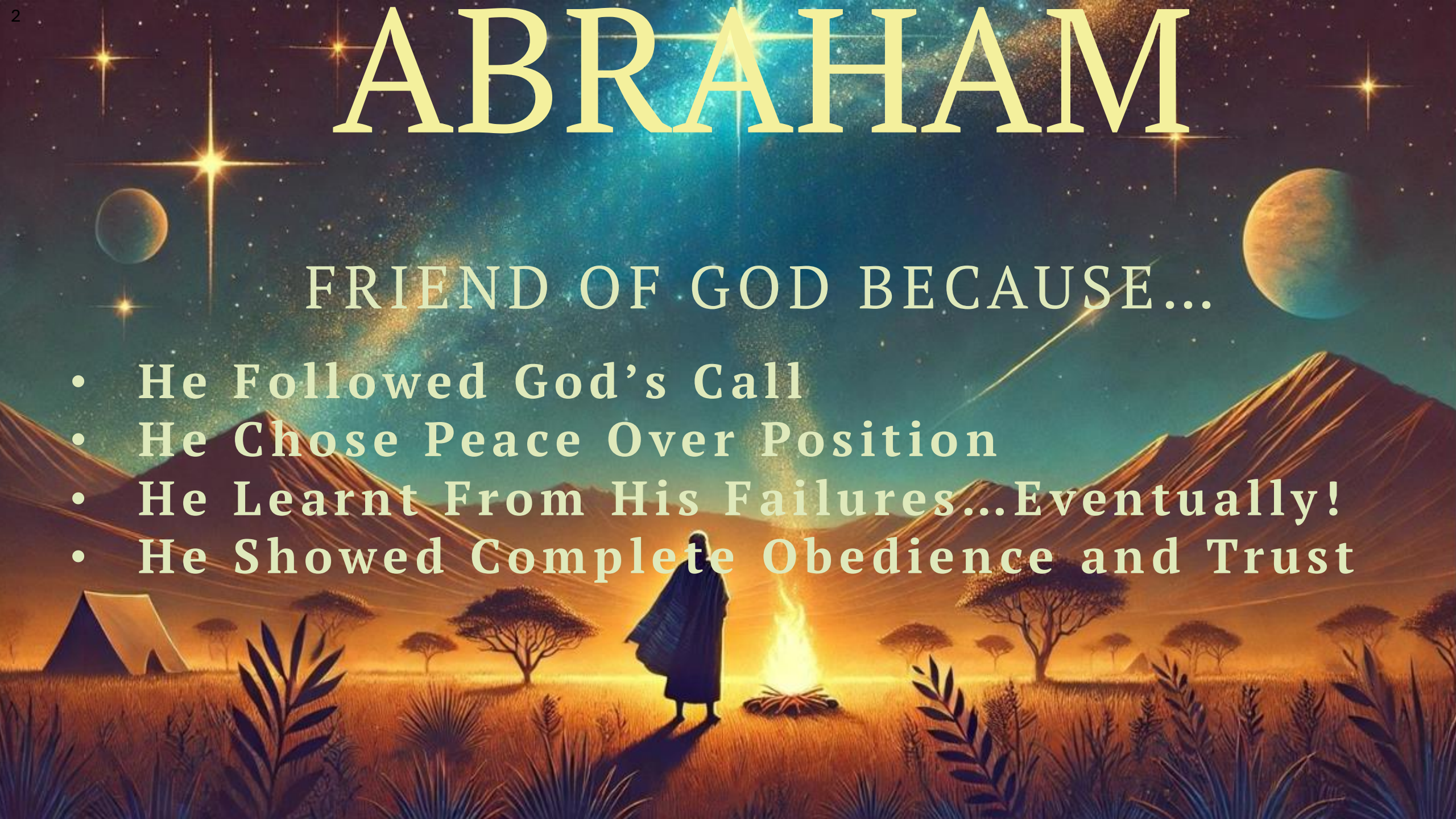
FRIEND OF GOD



ABRAHAM

FRIEND OF GOD BECAUSE...

- He Followed God's Call
- He Chose Peace Over Position
- He Learnt From His Failures...Eventually!
- He Showed Complete Obedience and Trust



Trust was built long before the mountain

Genesis 12: God calls Abraham — and Abraham follows

Genesis 15: God makes a covenant — and Abraham believes.

Genesis 17: God reveals Himself as El Shaddai — and Abraham bows.

Genesis 18: God shares His plans — because Abraham is His friend.

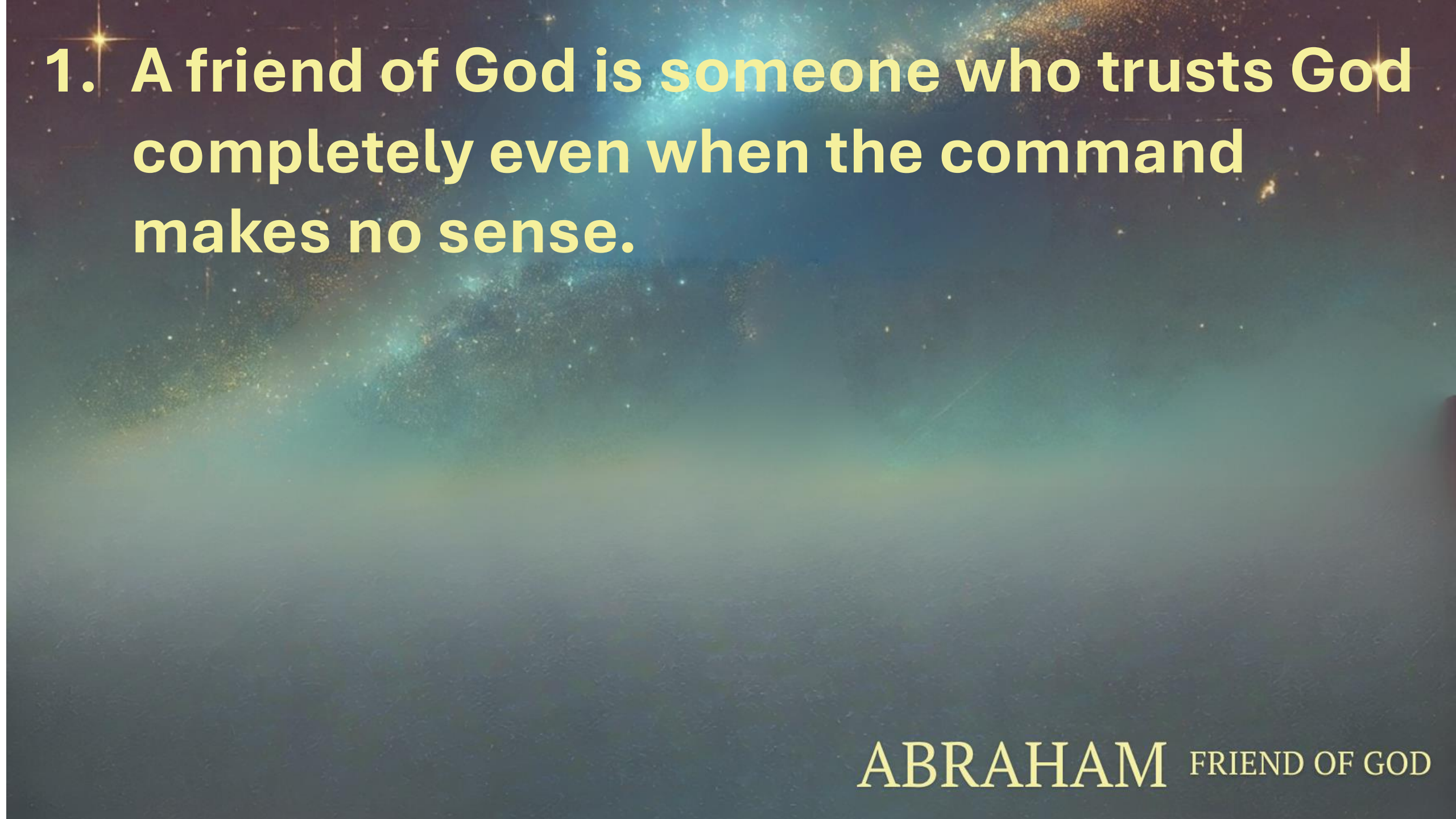
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*Abraham believed God... and he was
called God's friend
James 2:23*

*I no longer call you servants... I have
called you friends
(John 15:15)*

Intimacy = Trust = Obedience

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1. A friend of God is someone who trusts God completely even when the command makes no sense.

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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean
not on your own understanding.*

(Proverbs 3:5)

*Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount
Zion, which cannot be shaken.*

(Psalm 125:1)

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

(Jeremiah 17:7)

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2. Abraham's friendship with God was proven through radical trust expressed in costly obedience.

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*And the Scripture was fulfilled which says,
“Abraham believed God, and it was accounted
to him for righteousness.” And he was called the
friend of God. (James 2:23)*

*But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I
have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My
friend. (Isaiah 41:8)*

*You are My friends if you do what I command.
(John 15:14)*

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If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”
(Matthew 16:24)

Without faith it is impossible to please God.
(Hebrews 11:6)

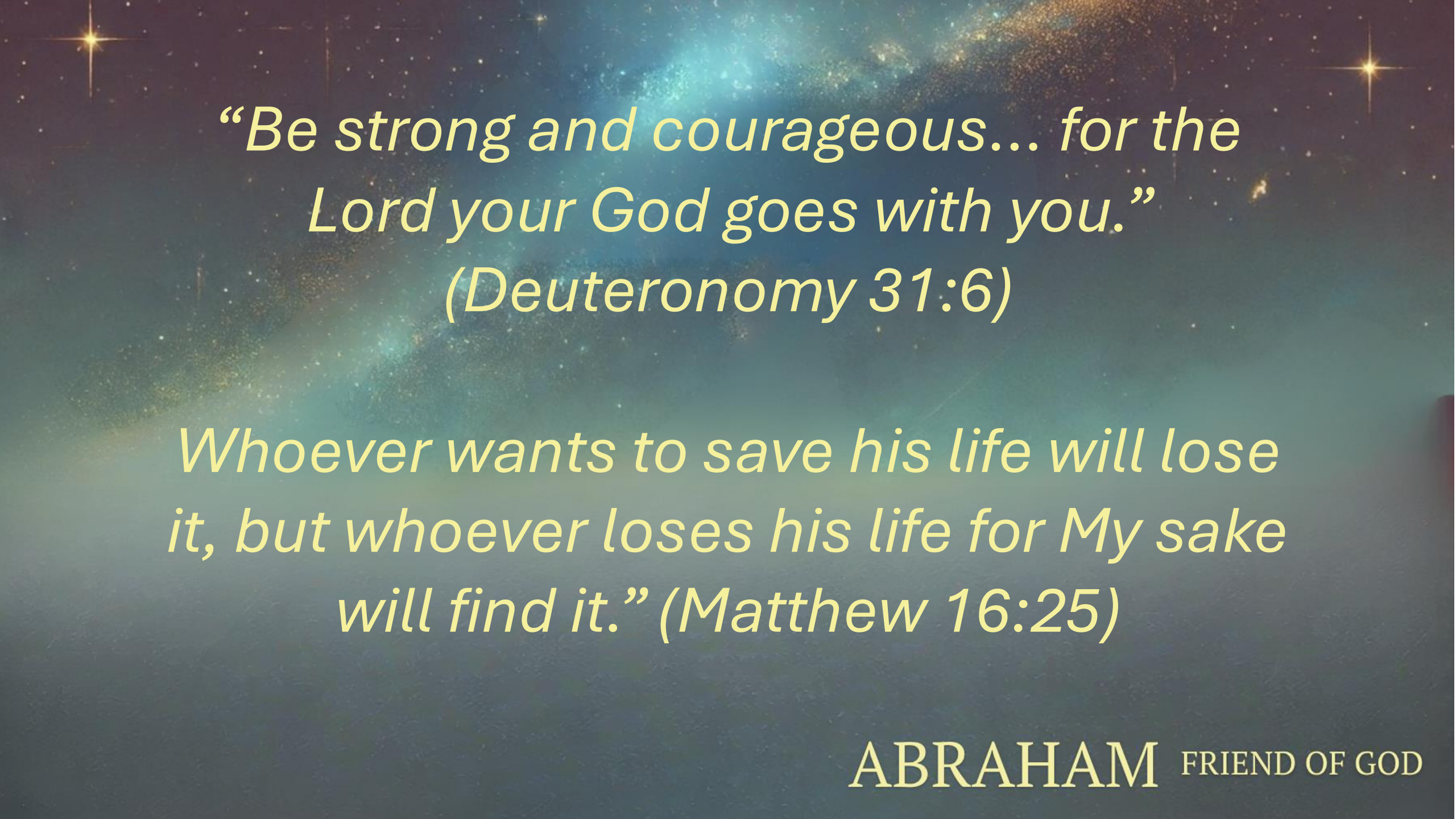
Obedience is better than sacrifice
(1 Samuel 15:22)

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The Request

1. Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love (Genesis 22:2)
2. Early the next morning ... (Genesis 22:3)
3. We will worship...and we will come back (Genesis 22:5)
4. God Himself will provide the lamb (Genesis 22:8)
5. Now I know... (Genesis 22:12)

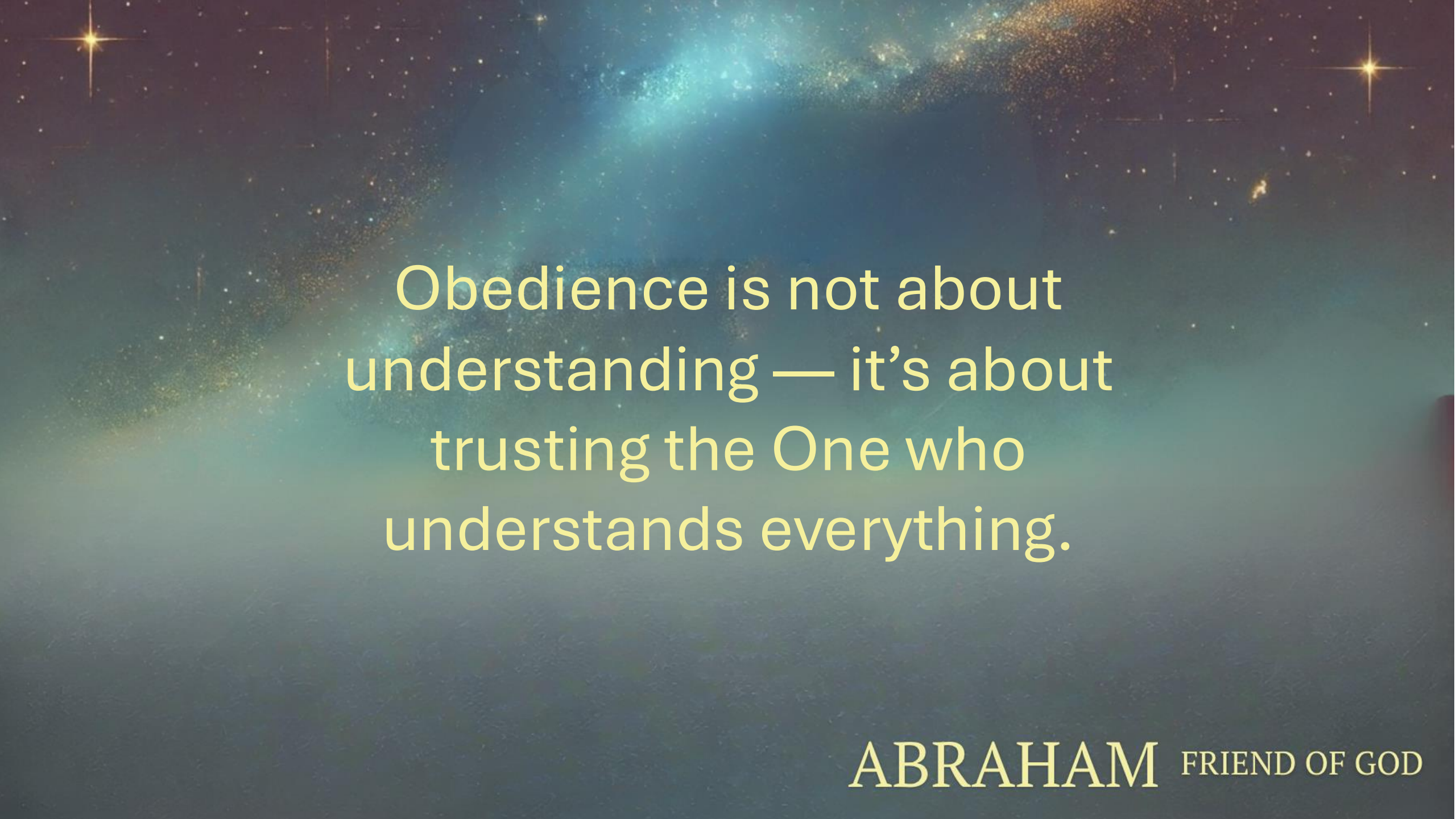
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*“Be strong and courageous... for the
Lord your God goes with you.”
(Deuteronomy 31:6)*

*Whoever wants to save his life will lose
it, but whoever loses his life for My sake
will find it.” (Matthew 16:25)*

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Obedience is not about
understanding — it's about
trusting the One who
understands everything.

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3. God rewarded Abraham for his complete trust and unwavering obedience

- God swore by His promise
- God multiplied the promise
- Jesus is the ultimate reward of Abraham's trust
- Abraham's obedience released a global blessing
- The reward of trust is always greater than the cost

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Conclusion/Response

What is God asking you to trust Him with?

What is your Isaac?

Where is God asking you to obey even when it doesn't make sense?

A friend of God is not defined by what they know, but by what they surrender

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FINISHING***

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