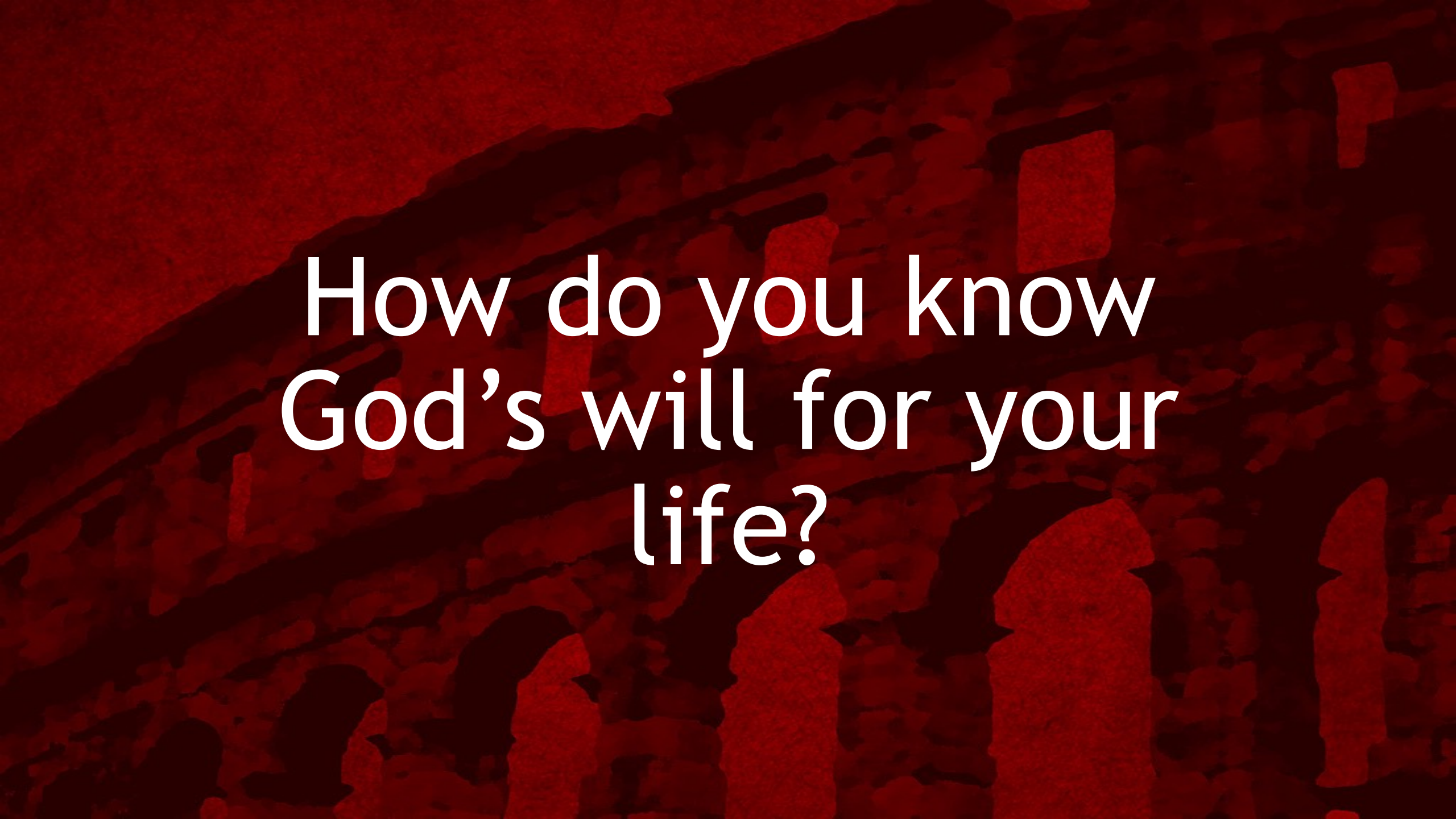




# Romans 15

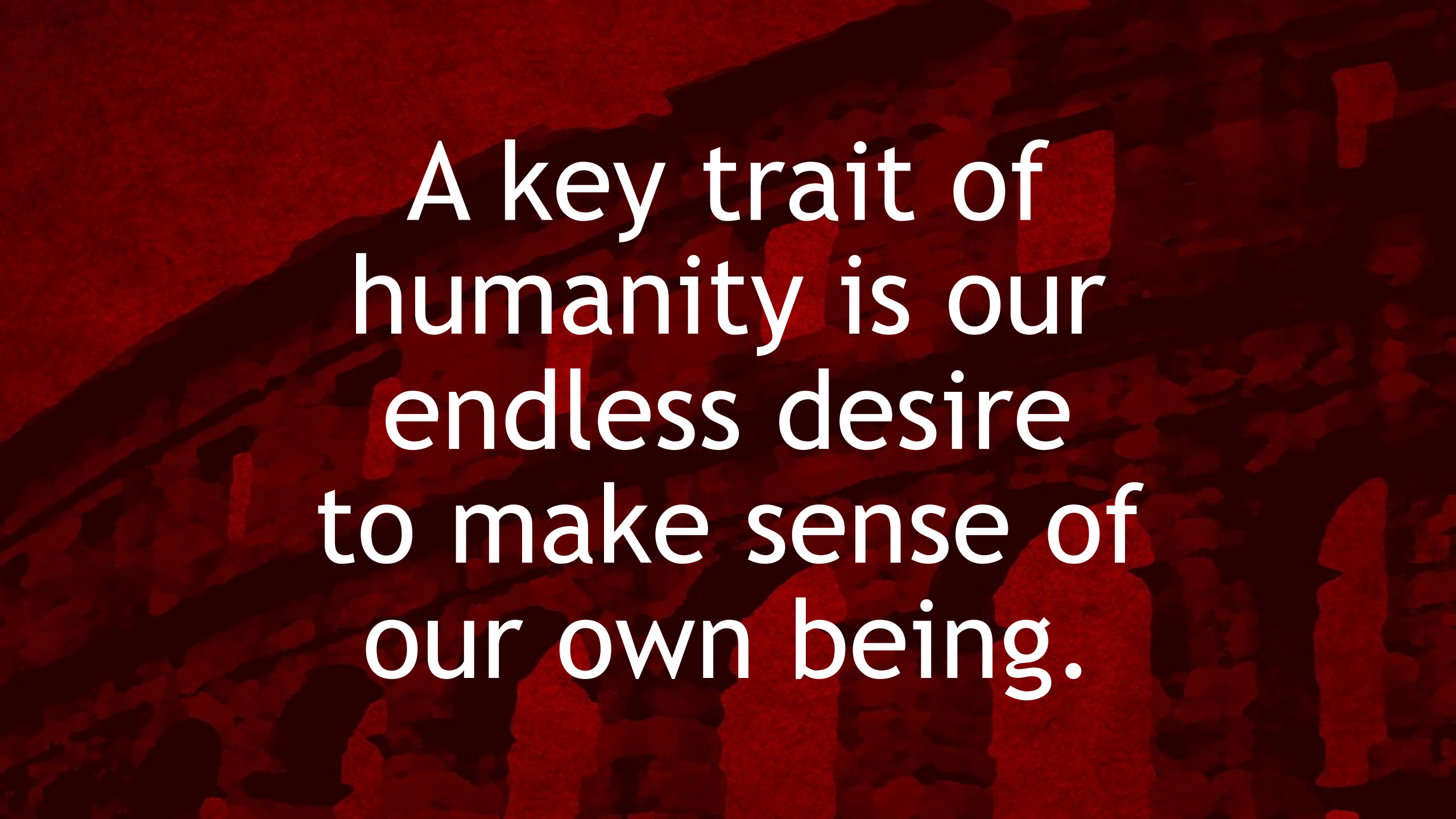
A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary. The congregation is seen from behind, with their heads and shoulders visible as they look towards the front. The lighting is dramatic, with the altar area being very bright and the rest of the church in shadow. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

How do you know  
God's will for your  
life?



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This question  
resonates across  
generations.

The background is a dark, textured red. It features a faint, repeating pattern of human figures in a lighter shade of red, arranged in a grid-like fashion. The figures are stylized and somewhat abstract, appearing to be in various poses. The overall effect is a sense of a large crowd or a collective humanity, rendered in a monochromatic, high-contrast style.

A key trait of  
humanity is our  
endless desire  
to make sense of  
our own being.





This question  
resonates with Adults  
in Training.

Survey Says ...  
High School students  
surveyed about 3  
most important  
future goals.



# Didn't make the list

- Achieving fame
- High paying job
- Owning latest tech
- Owning large home

# Made the list

- Clear purpose
- One marriage partner
- Close friendships
- Make a difference



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Most people want  
to know their  
**DIVINE PURPOSE.**

*14 I am fully  
convinced, my dear  
brothers and sisters,  
that you are full of  
goodness.*



*You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them.*

Our prayer for you is  
that the gospel would  
grow deeper in you so  
that it can grow  
wider through you.



*15 Even so, I have been bold enough to write about some of these points, knowing that all you need is this reminder.*

*For by God's grace,  
I am a special  
messenger from  
Christ Jesus to you  
Gentiles.*



*I bring you the Good  
News so that I might  
present you as an  
acceptable offering  
to God, made holy by  
the Holy Spirit.*

*17 So I have reason to  
be enthusiastic about  
all Christ Jesus has  
done through me in  
my service to God.*



*18 Yet I dare not boast  
about anything  
except what Christ  
has done through me,*

*bringing the Gentiles  
to God by my  
message and by the  
way I worked among  
them.*



*19 They were  
convinced by the  
power of miraculous  
signs and wonders  
and by the power of  
God's Spirit.*

*In this way, I have  
fully presented the  
Good News of Christ  
from Jerusalem all  
the  
way to Illyricum.*





This is my calling ...

*<sup>20</sup>My ambition has  
always been to  
preach the Good  
News where the  
name of Christ has  
never been heard,*



*Rather than where a church has already been started by someone else.*



This is the context of  
my calling ...



*21 I have been*  
*following the plan*  
*spoken of*  
*in the Scriptures,*  
*where it says:*

*‘Those who have never been told about him will see, and those who have never heard of him will understand.’*



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Paul seems really  
clear about his life  
purpose.

*22 In fact, my visit to you has been delayed so long because I have been preaching in these places.*



*23 But now I have finished my work in these regions, and after all these long years of waiting, I am eager to visit you.*



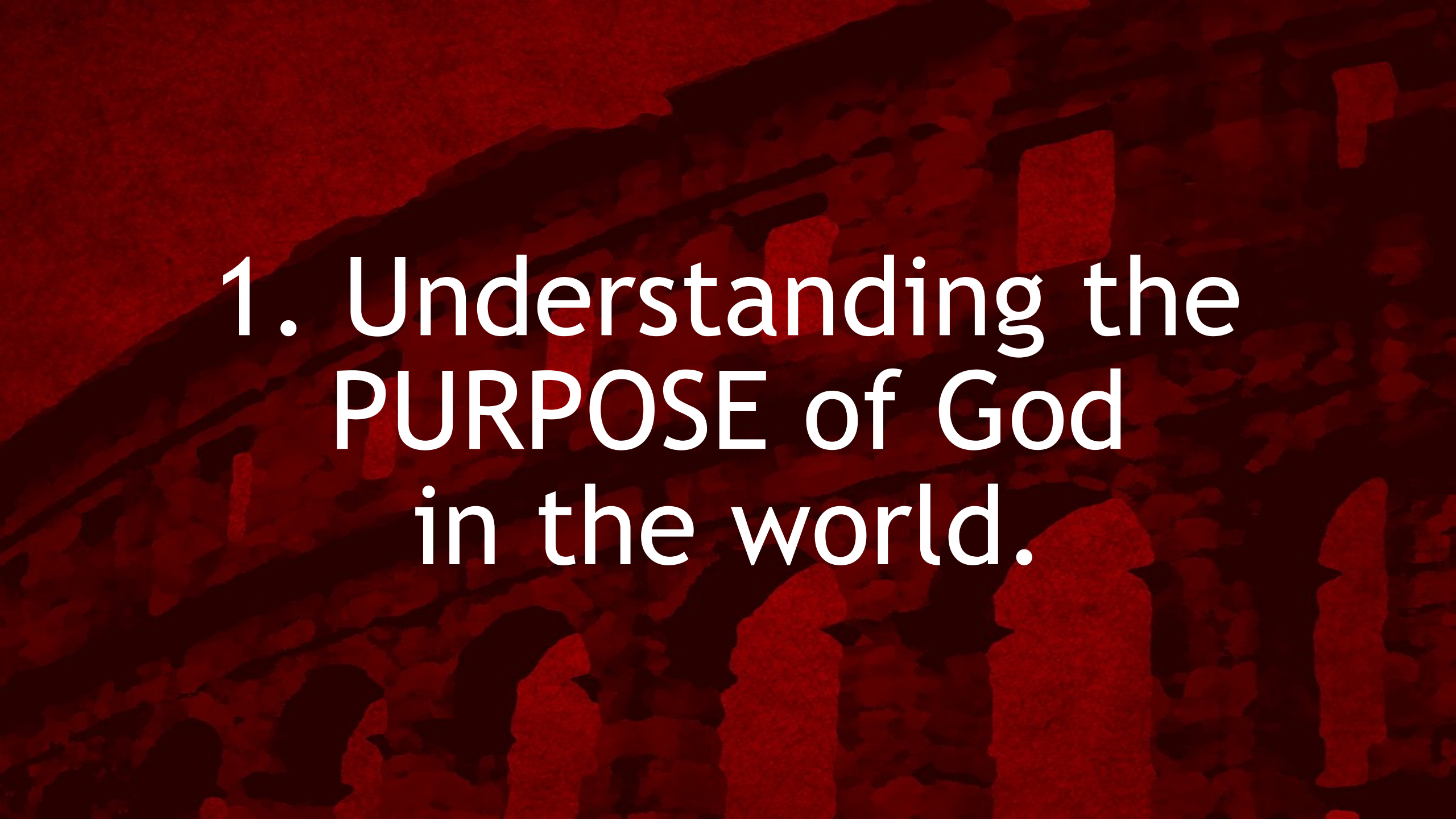
Paul's specific  
assignment has  
directed his  
decisions.



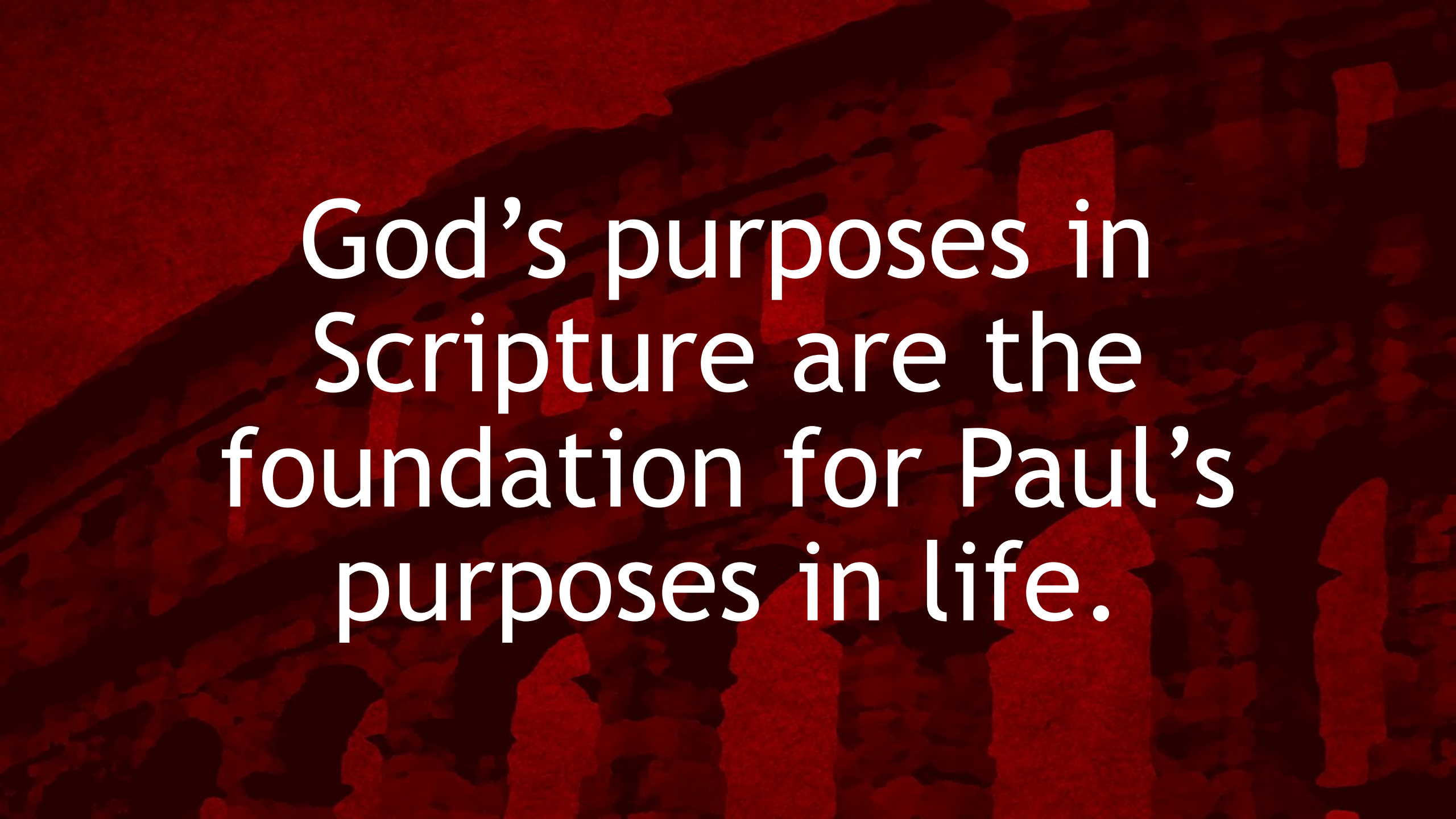
Paul knew how  
to turn down good  
ideas for his life so he  
could focus on the  
God ideas for his life.

Paul's understanding  
of his purpose came  
from a 2-part path  
of discovery.



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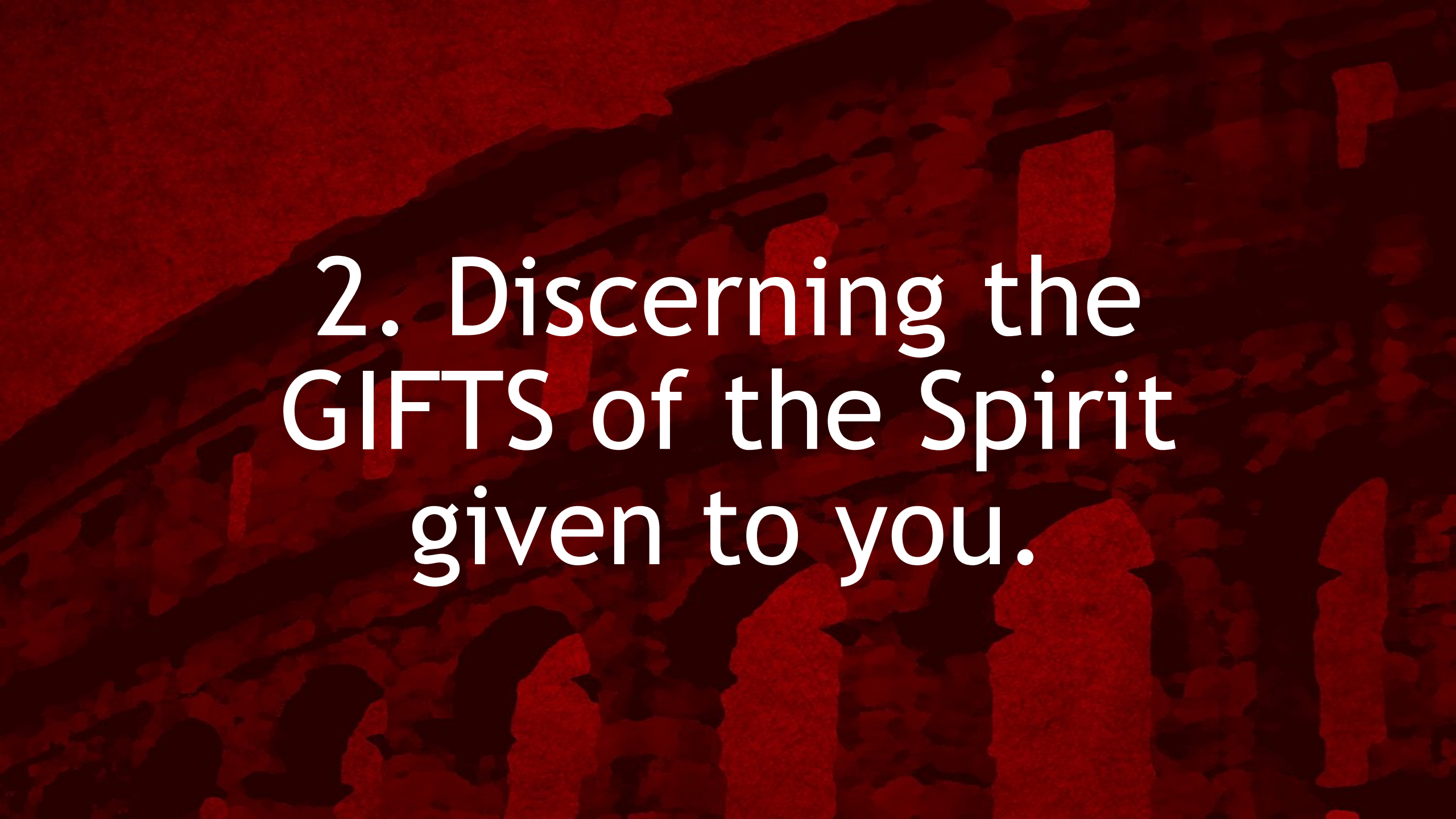
1. Understanding the  
**PURPOSE** of God  
in the world.



God's purposes in  
Scripture are the  
foundation for Paul's  
purposes in life.



There is only ONE  
HOPE for every  
person in the world:  
hearing and believing  
the gospel of Jesus  
Christ.



2. Discerning the  
GIFTS of the Spirit  
given to you.



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Affinity  
Ability  
Opportunity

# Affinity

What people needs  
do I resonate with?



# Ability

What am I  
good at doing?

# Opportunity

Where does the  
community tell me  
I am needed?



For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.