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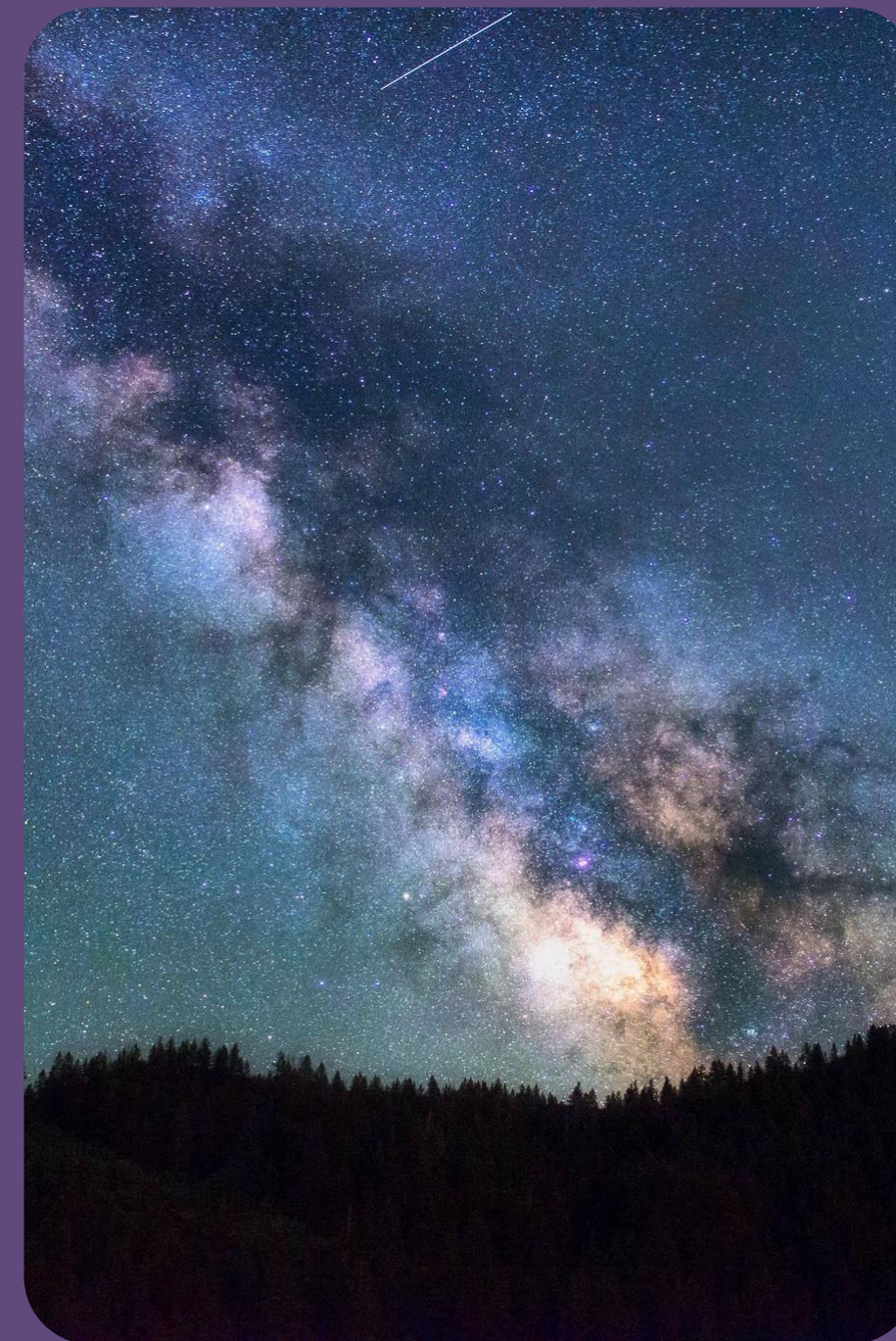


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“The Bible doesn’t say that God is mercy, mercy, mercy or love, love, love or justice, justice, justice or wrath, wrath, wrath. But that He is **holy, holy, holy. This is a dimension of God that consumes His very essence.”**

– R.C. Sproul



The Central Idea:

*God is holy and we
are called to be
WHOLLY like God.*

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Aspects of God's holiness

PREEMINENCE--

the truth that God is
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importance and
worth

Isaiah 6:5-7

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah's response to God's Holiness:

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- 2) Humility
- 3) Confession of Sin



Isaiah 6:7-8

*8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”*

*And I said, “**Here am I. Send me!**”*

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- 4) Submission/Obedience



Exodus 33:18-23

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And [the Lord] said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ... "But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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Some definitions...

Fear (*of the Lord*) –

1. acknowledgment of the gulf between Creator and creature
2. holy seriousness about one's relationship with God





Some definitions...

Holiness -

1. GREEK: *hagios* – distinct, different, other
2. HEBREW: *qadosh* – set apart, consecrated, sacred

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The Church's Call

Personal holiness is not
'normal.' It is not natural. In
fact, it is *supernatural*.



5 Truths about the Church's Call to Holiness

1. It is an effective call.

2 Timothy 1:9, BSB

“He has saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but by His own purpose and by the grace He granted us in Christ Jesus before time began.”

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- 2. It is a call to grow up into spiritual maturity—conformity to
Christ**



**“Be
perfect as
your
heavenly
Father is
perfect.”**

–Matthew 5:48

*The call to holiness is a
call to be like God; to
“grow up” into the image
of God.*

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Romans 12:2

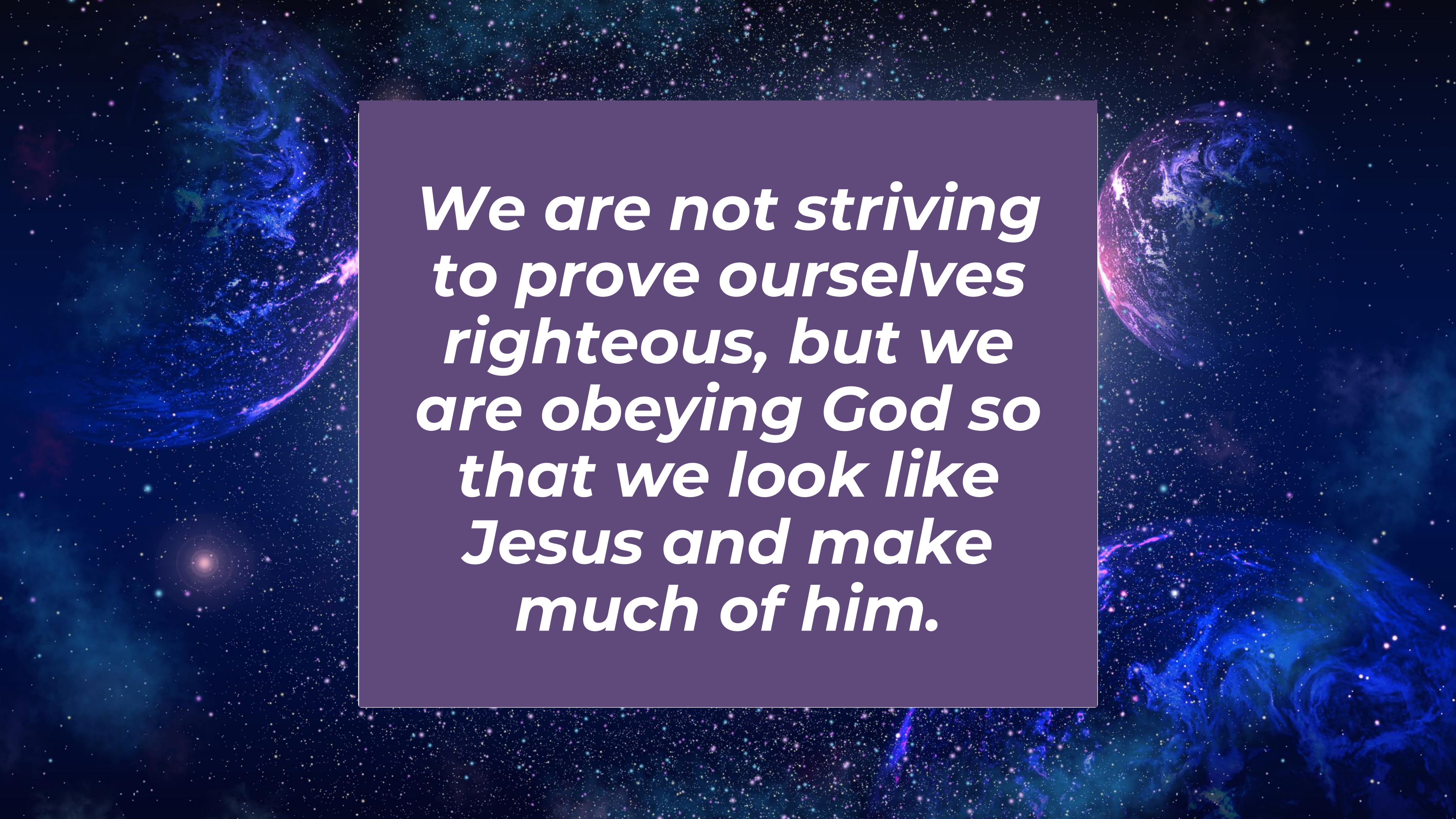
“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

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1 Peter 2:9

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal **priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may **proclaim** the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*

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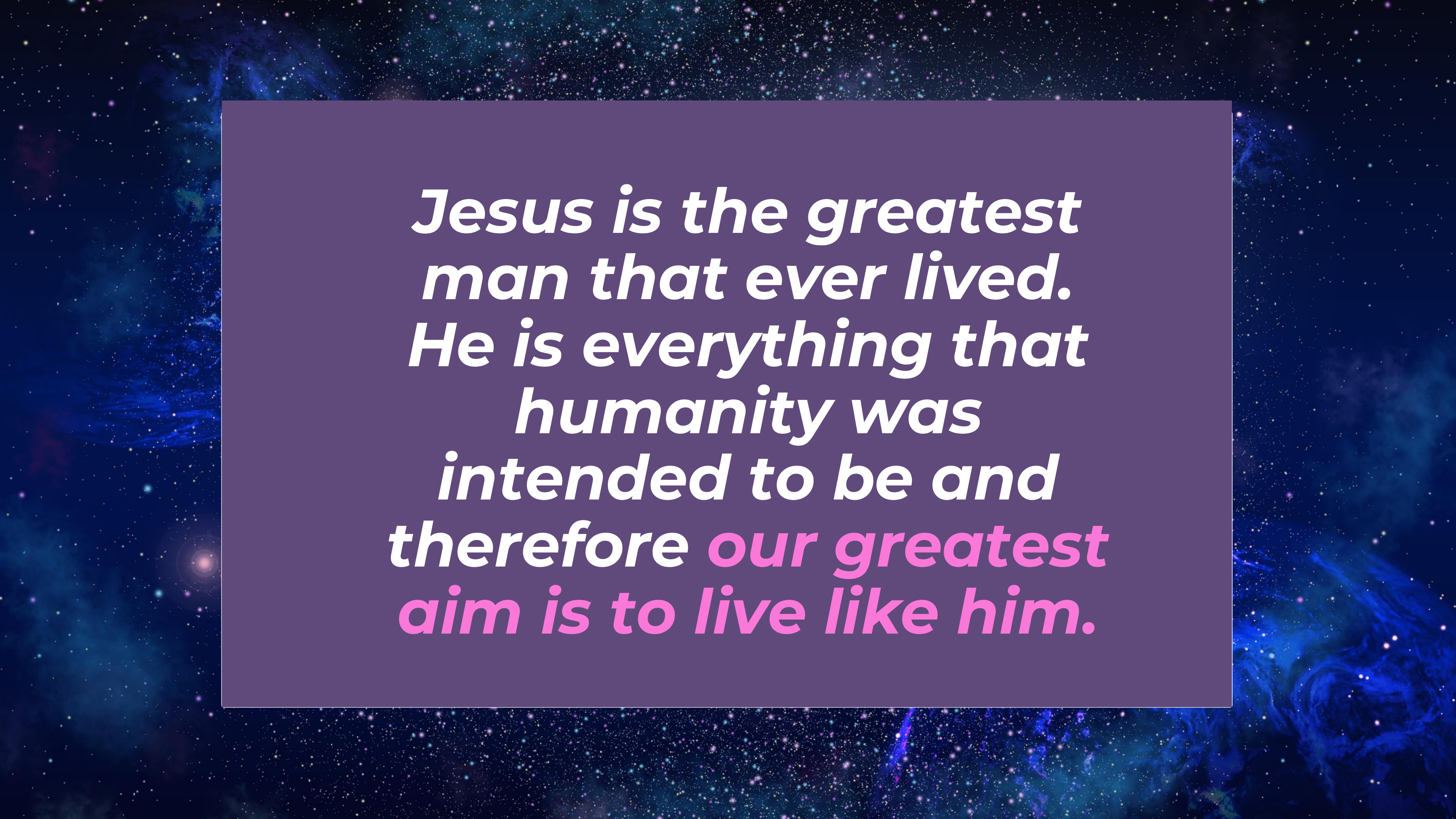
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Timothy 2: 4

*"No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is **to please** the one who enlisted him..."*

Matthew 28:19-20

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you.”*



*Jesus is the greatest
man that ever lived.
He is everything that
humanity was
intended to be and
therefore **our greatest
aim is to live like him.***



**He already calls
you holy...**

*how will you grow up into
that identity this weekend?*