



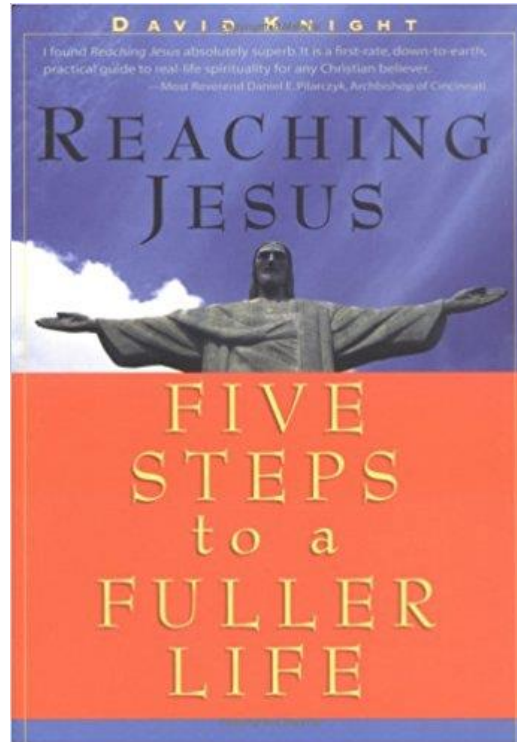
SAINT BRIGID
— PARISH —

Saint Brigid School of Prayer

Summer Series Overview

SEVEN WEEKS, Tuesday 6:30-8:30

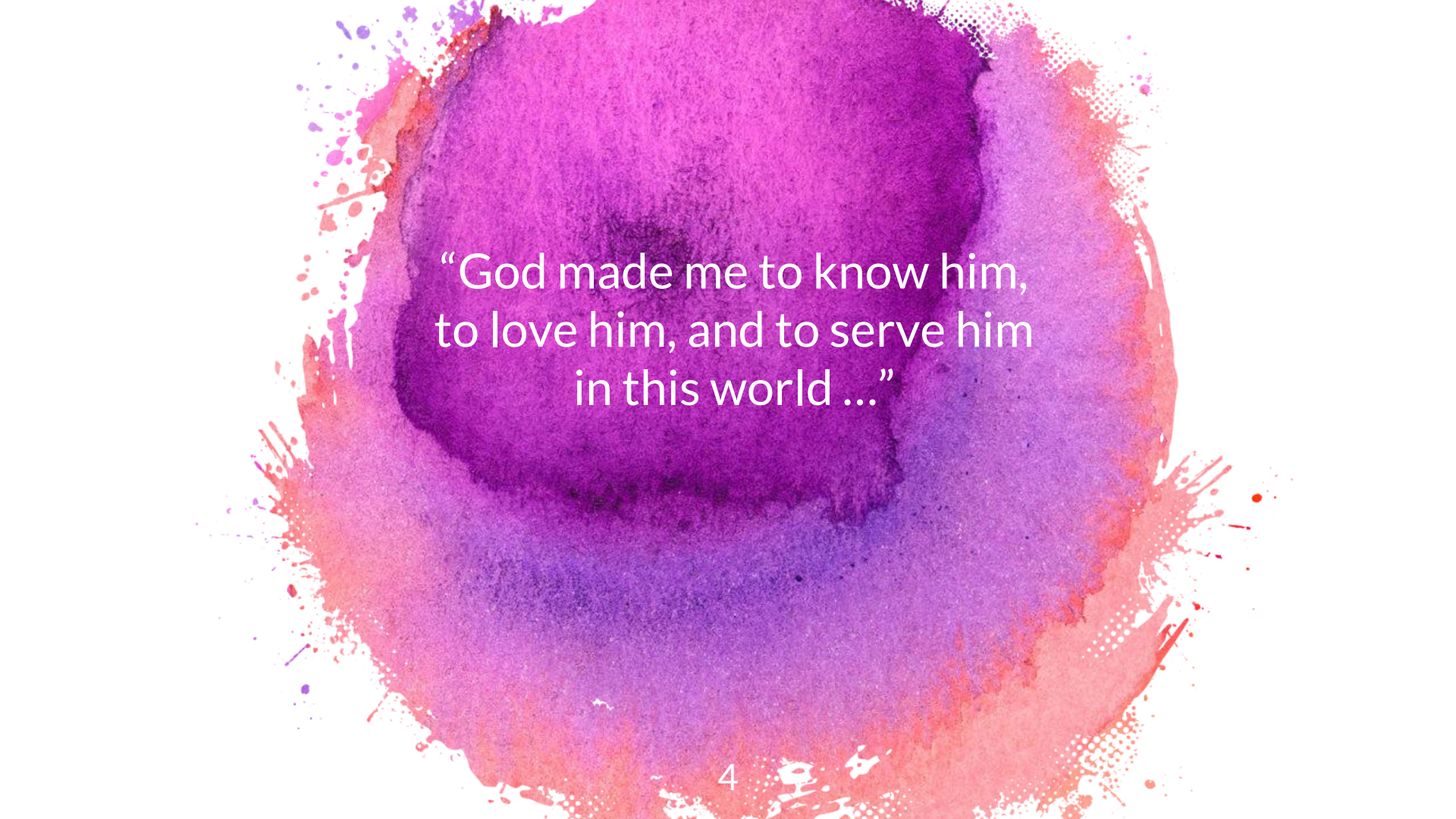
June 19	Introduction
June 26	Being Christian
July 3	BEING A DISCIPLE
July 10	Being a Prophet
July 17	Being a Priest
July 24	Being a King/Steward
July 31	Celebration



Last Week: The Choice to Be a Christian

“Either make Jesus an effective, operative part of everything you do, or see your life ‘miss the mark’ (the root meaning of sin).”
p.12

*“It is not a question of more or less;
it is a question of either-or.”*

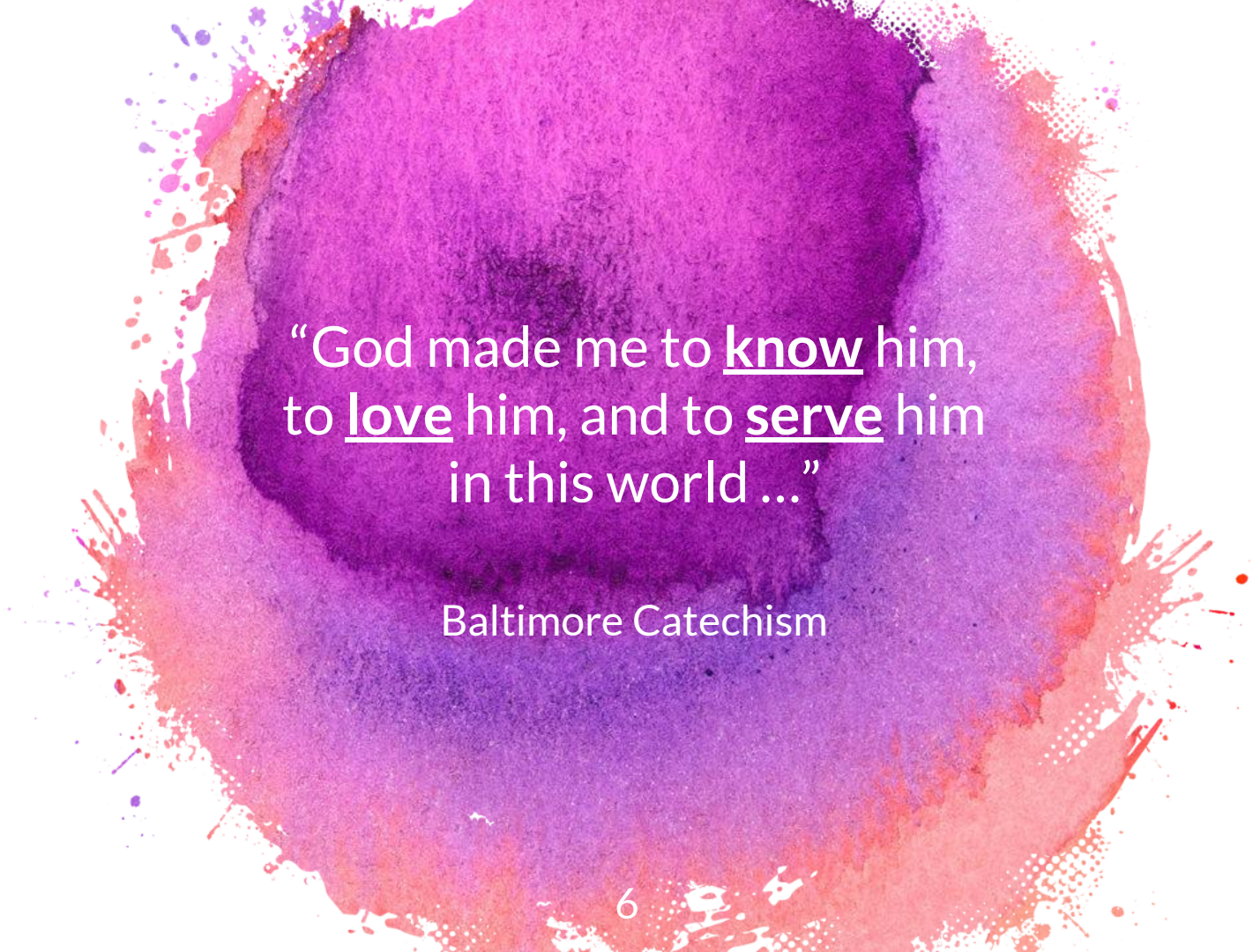


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**ENCOUNTER
LOVE
SERVE**

**JESUS
ONE ANOTHER
THE WORLD**



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Baltimore Catechism

The Second Step to a Fuller Life:

The Choice to Be a Disciple

God is always in some way the unfamiliar, beyond what we're used to, beyond our comfort zone, beyond what we can explain or understand.

Richard Rohr, *The Divine Dance*

If you comprehend it,
it is not God.

Saint Augustine (354-430)
Sermo 117:5

God cannot be thought,
but God can be met.

Ronald Rolheiser, *The Shattered Lantern*



How?


How can I *meet* God?

How can I *know* God?

Jesus said, I am the WAY,
the TRUTH, and the LIFE.

Truth is not limited to the few,
but is available to all. Truth is
public, unifying and pneumatic.

~ St. Irenaeus (130-202)



“DISCIPLE”
means
“STUDENT”

To be disciples of Jesus Christ, we have to be his students; that is, we have to be studying under him now.

Few Christians are doing that. *p.29*

“I go to Mass.”

“I believe in God.”

“I pray before meals.”

“I’m doing what I learned.”

“I’ve read most of the Bible.”

But...

“I’m a good person.”

“I went to Catholic school.”

“The nuns taught me.”

“My mother taught CCD.”

“I give to charity.”

“I listen to Christian music.”



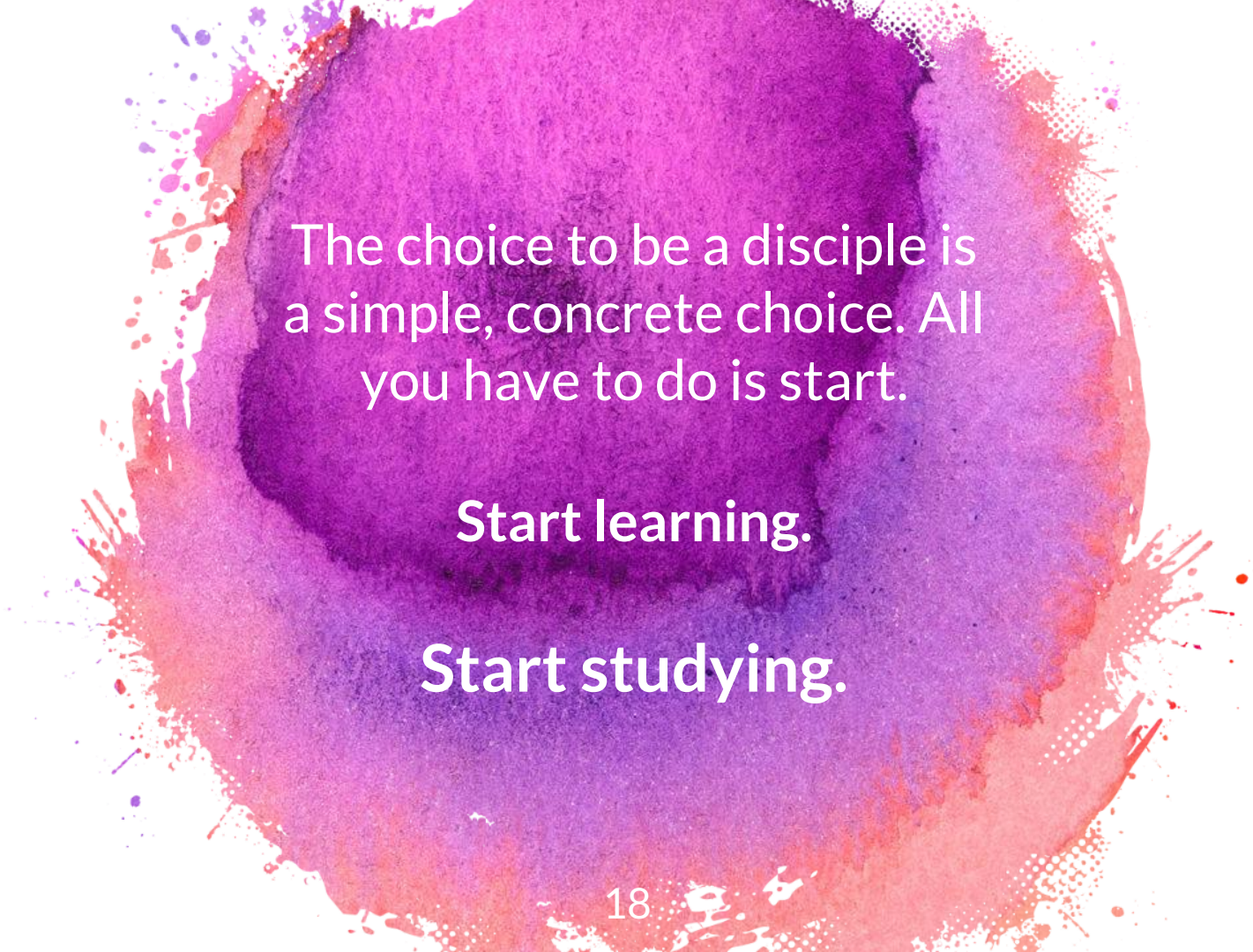
**The focus is the person of
Jesus Himself.**

A disciple is called into a
lifelong relationship, and the
learning is never completed.

Fr. Steven Callahan
The Southern Cross

If we are not in some way sitting at His feet and learning from Jesus here and now, we are not His disciples now.

Since no one graduates from the school of Jesus until death, ***if we are not disciples we are dropouts.*** p.30



The choice to be a disciple is
a simple, concrete choice. All
you have to do is start.

Start learning.

Start studying.



Where do I begin?

Ephesians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints in Ephesus,^a the faithful in Christ Jesus:

²Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Blessings in Christ ^{12/10/18}

³Grace be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁵to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁶In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁷And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

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Thanksgiving and Prayer-Blessings

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One in Christ Remembered

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Paul the Preacher to the Gentiles

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EPHESIANS 4:13

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Unity in the Body of Christ

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2. So What?
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What does the passage say?
Summarize what you read.

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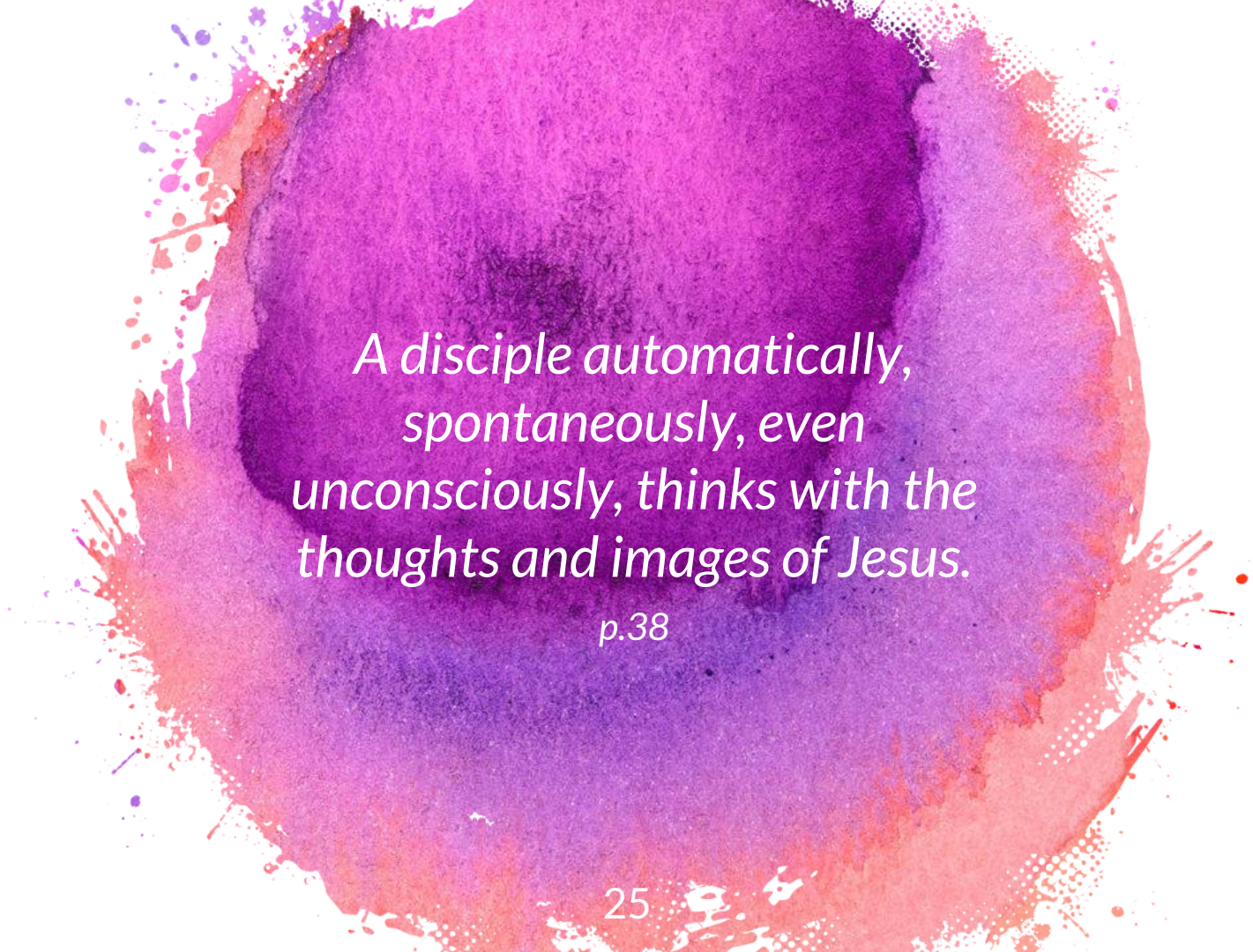
2. So What?

What does it mean? What did
it mean to the people then?
What does it reveal to me?

Study the Bible with 3 Questions:

3. Now What?

What am I going to do? How
does this affect how I live?
What beliefs need to change?

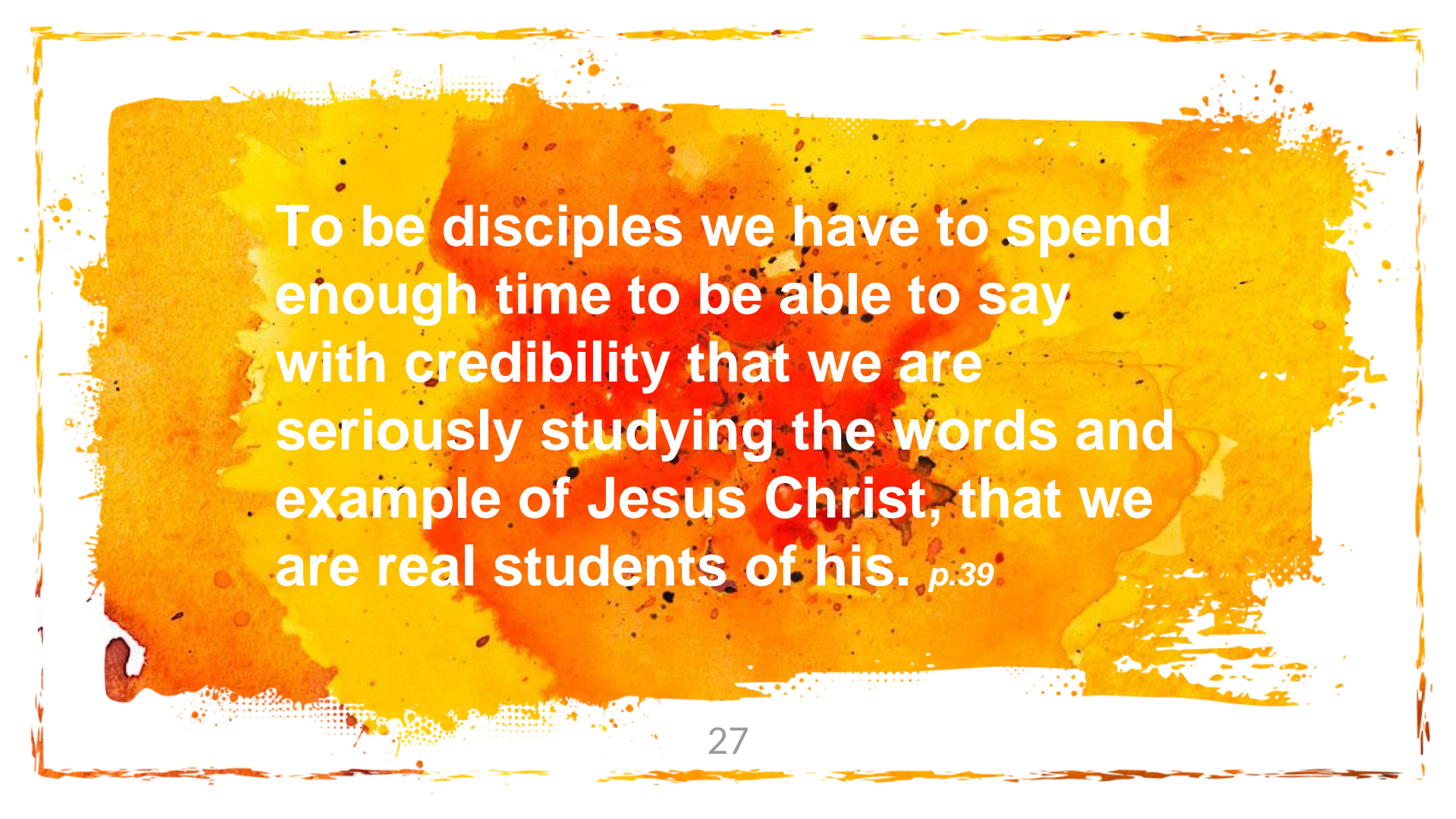


*A disciple automatically,
spontaneously, even
unconsciously, thinks with the
thoughts and images of Jesus.*

p.38



But I don't have time!



To be disciples we have to spend enough time to be able to say with credibility that we are seriously studying the words and example of Jesus Christ, that we are real students of his. p.39

Reality Check:

1. What do I spend my free time doing?
2. What do I spend my money on?
3. What do I spend my time thinking about?




The reality is we were created to know God, to love God and to serve God on this earth and to be united with him in perfect joy forever.

This is all we have time for because it is all we have life for. *p.44*

Hebrews 4:12

Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.



**“My grace is sufficient
for you, for power is
made perfect in
weakness.”**

Saint Paul
2 Corinthians 12:9



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The choice to lead a life
characterized by reflection on
the message of Jesus.



Next Session

July 10, 6:30-8:30

“The Choice to Be a Prophet”





Thanks!

Go in peace.

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