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*Story 1:*  
*Is It Worth It?*  
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## G K Chesterton

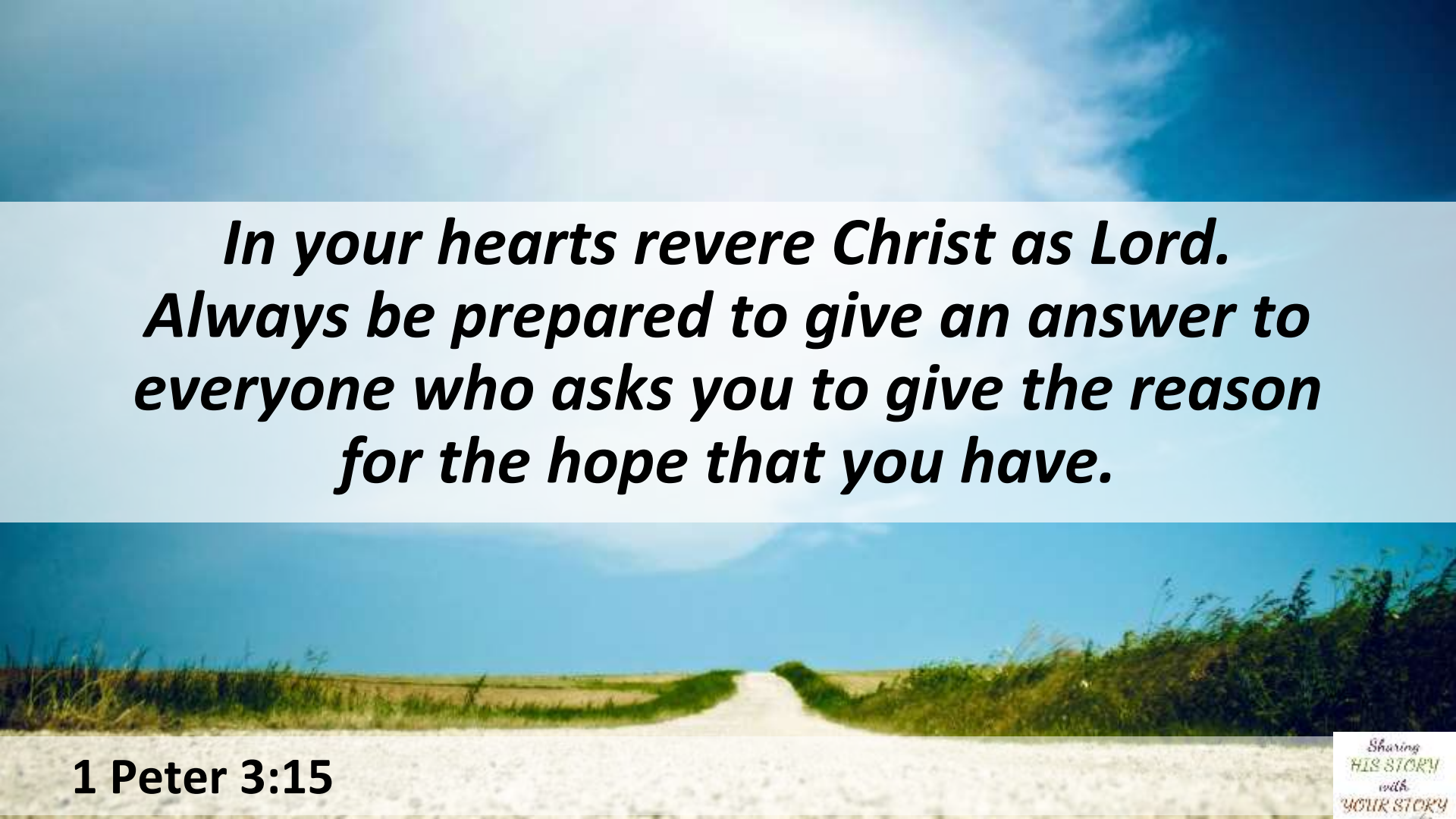
“The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and new ears and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective.”

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road that splits into two paths leading into the distance. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The foreground and middle ground are filled with green grass and some dark green bushes on the right side.

***I am sending you out  
like sheep among wolves.***

**Matthew 10:16**

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***In your hearts revere Christ as Lord.  
Always be prepared to give an answer to  
everyone who asks you to give the reason  
for the hope that you have.***

**1 Peter 3:15**

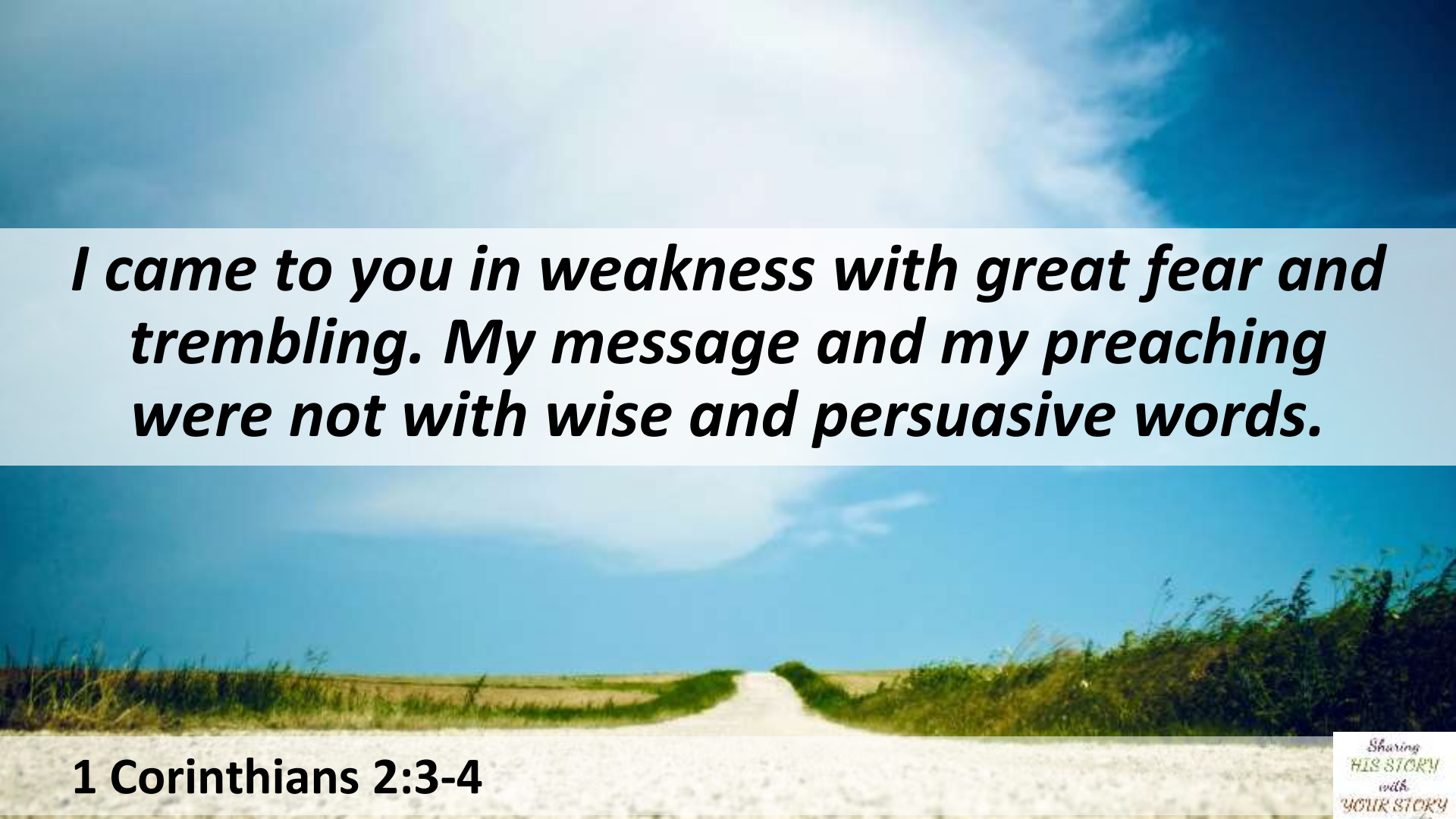
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***“...speak maliciously against your  
good behavior in Christ”***

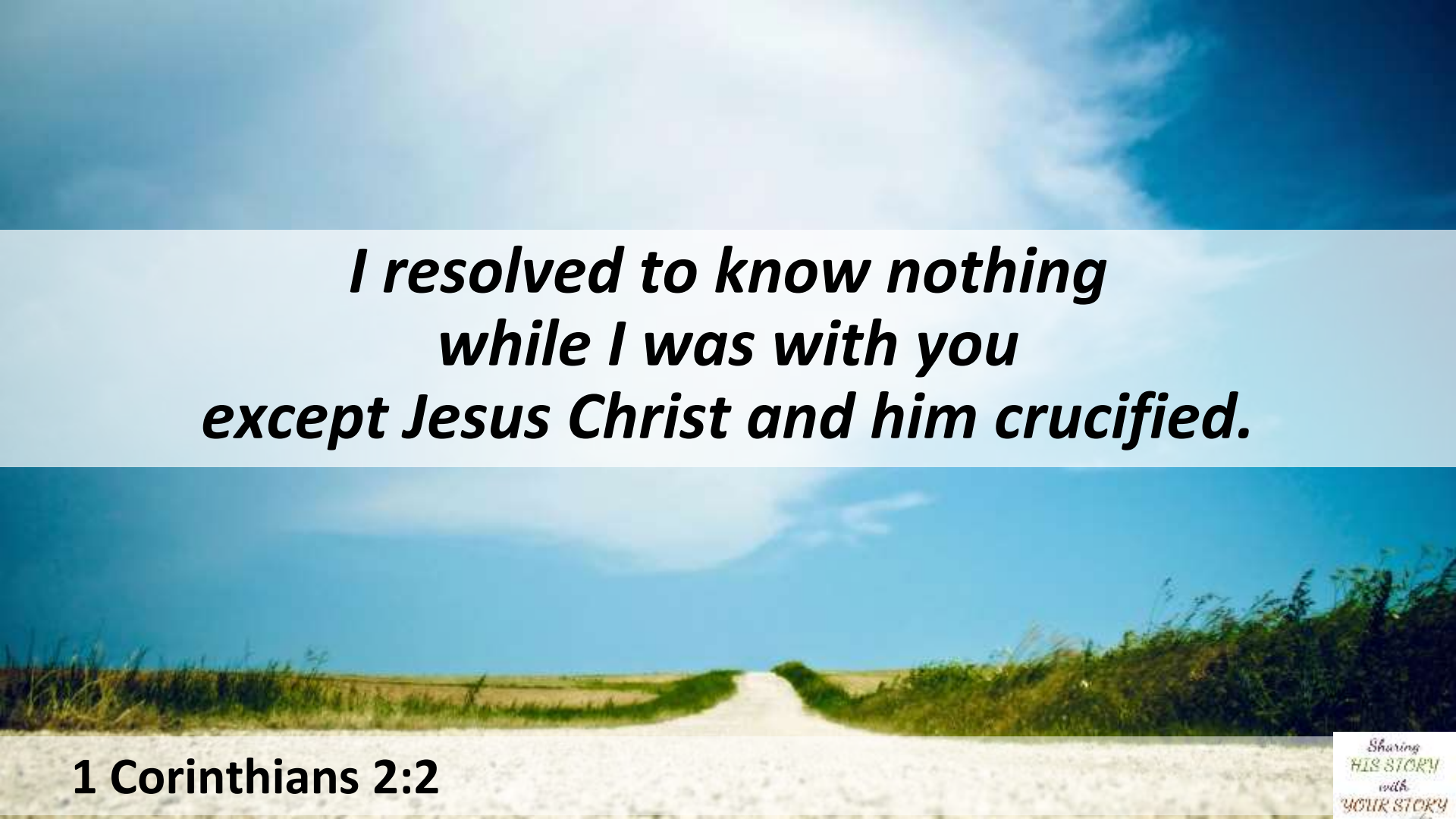
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A dirt road winds through a field under a blue sky with clouds. The road is light-colored and leads towards the horizon. The field is green and yellow, and the sky is a mix of light and dark blue with some white clouds.

***I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words.***

**1 Corinthians 2:3-4**



***I resolved to know nothing  
while I was with you  
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.***

**1 Corinthians 2:2**

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**You have to risk the hostility  
to discover the hunger,  
in evangelism.**



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**Three Motivations:**

# **#1 The Glory Of Christ**



***He was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace  
was on him, and by his wounds  
we are healed.***

**Isaiah 53:5**

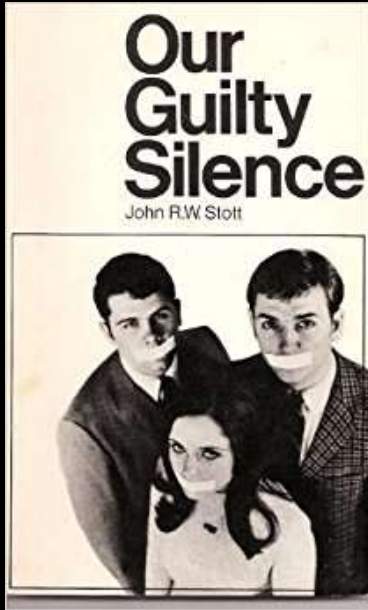
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# Our Guilty Silence

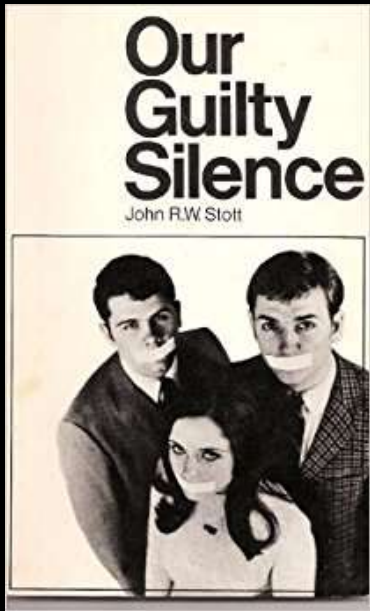
John F.W. Stott



Martyn replied: “I could not endure existence if Jesus were to be dishonoured.” His Muslim visitor was astonished and again asked why. “If anyone pluck out your eyes”, he answered, “there is no saying why you feel pain; it is feeling. It is because I am one with Christ that I am thus dreadfully wounded.”



I never read these words of Martyn's without being rebuked, for I do not have this passionate love for Christ's honour or feel this acute pain. Nor do I see it much (if at all) in the contemporary Church. But is not this the cause of our guilty silence? We do not speak for Christ because we do not so love his name that we cannot bear to see him unacknowledged and unadored.



If only our eyes were opened to see his glory, and if only we felt wounded by the shame of his public humiliation among men, we should not be able to remain silent. Rather would we echo the apostles' words [in Acts 4:20]: “we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

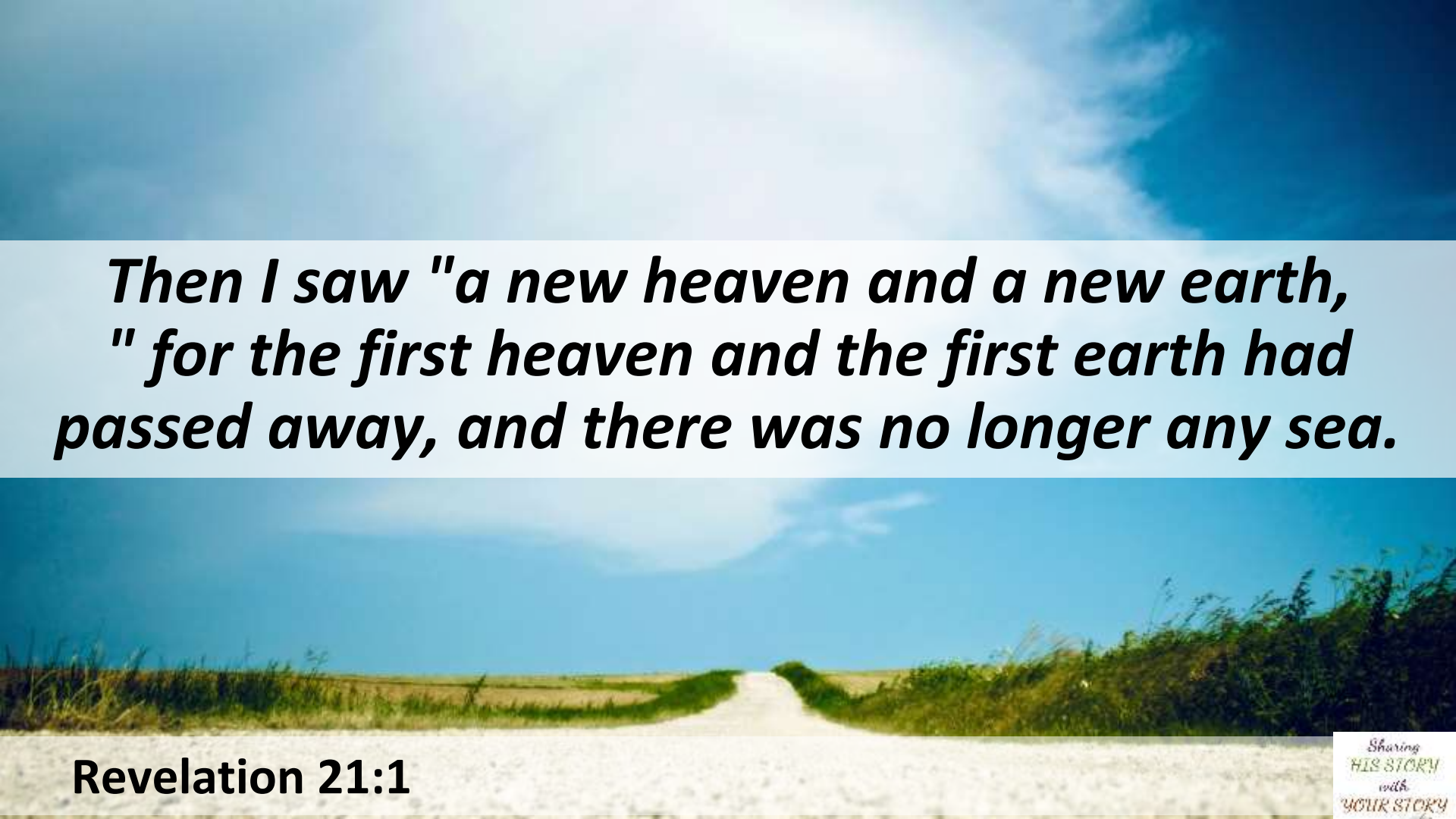
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**Three Motivations:**

**#1 The Glory Of Christ**

**#2 The Guarantee Of The New Creation**





***Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth,  
" for the first heaven and the first earth had  
passed away, and there was no longer any sea.***

**Revelation 21:1**

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**Three Motivations:**

**#1 The Glory Of Christ**

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**#3 The Grim Reality Of Death And Hell**



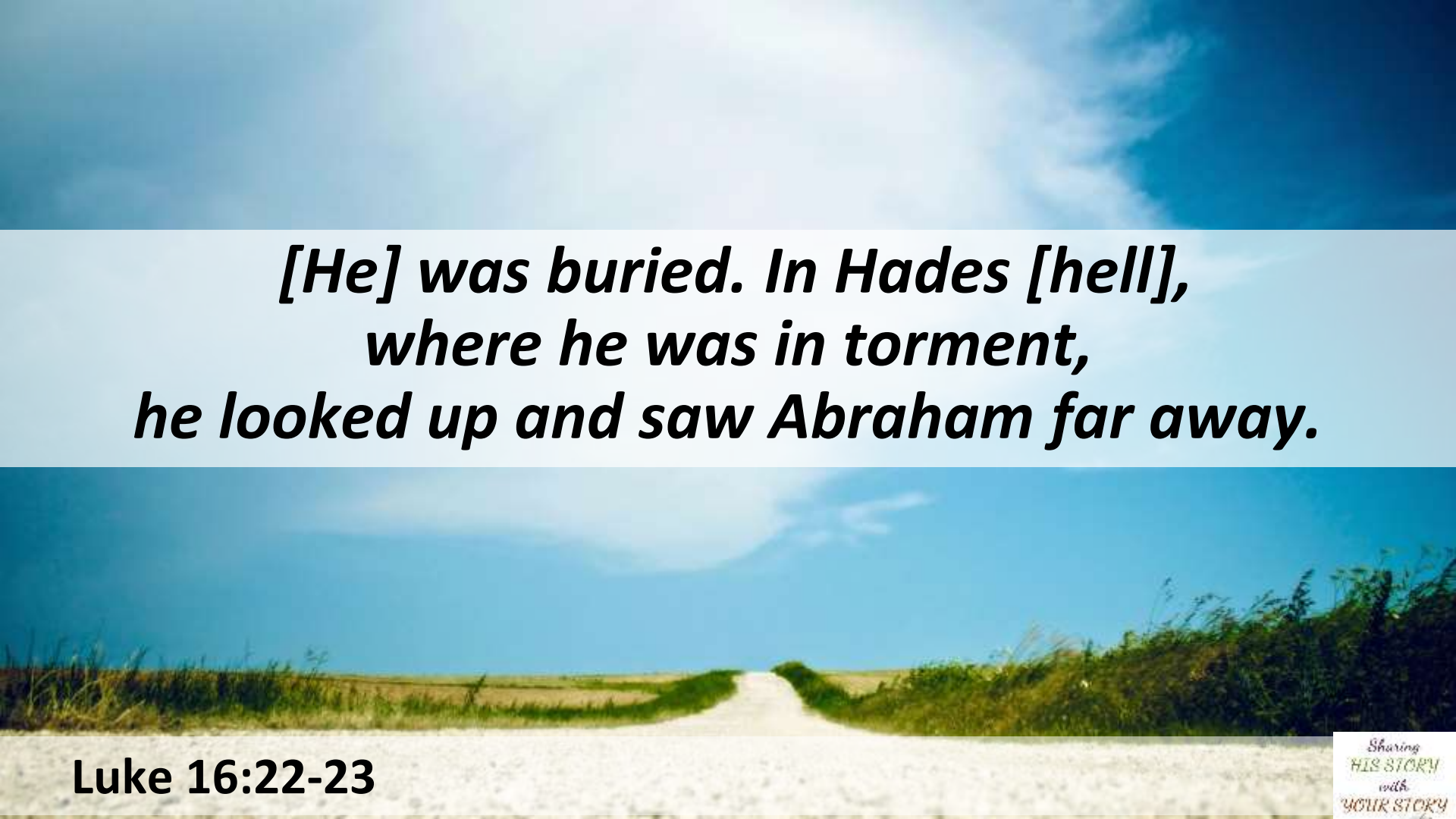


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***“..people are destined to die once,  
and after that to face judgment.”***

**Hebrew 9:27**


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***[He] was buried. In Hades [hell],  
where he was in torment,  
he looked up and saw Abraham far away.***

**Luke 16:22-23**

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A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a brown leather-bound Bible. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a denim jacket. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and a dirt path under a bright sky.

***My willingness  
to tell people the gospel  
is a test of  
my love for them.***

## Penn Jillette

“I’ve always said that I don’t respect people who don’t proselytize. I don’t respect that at all. If you believe that there’s a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life, and you think that it’s not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward - how much do you have to hate somebody to *not* proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?”

Penn Jillette

I mean, if I believed, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that a truck was coming at you, and if you didn't believe that truck was bearing down on you, there is a certain point where I will tackle you. And this is *more* important than that."