



the empowering
PRESENCE

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Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

“For Paul the Spirit, as an experienced and living reality, was the absolutely crucial matter for Christian life, from beginning to end.”

“For the contemporary church it seems much less so...in the actual life of the church. I do not mean that the Holy Spirit is not present; he is indeed, or we are not of Christ at all. Nonetheless, despite the affirmations in our creeds and hymns and the lip service paid to the Spirit in our occasional conversations, the Spirit is largely marginalized in our actual life together as a community of faith.”

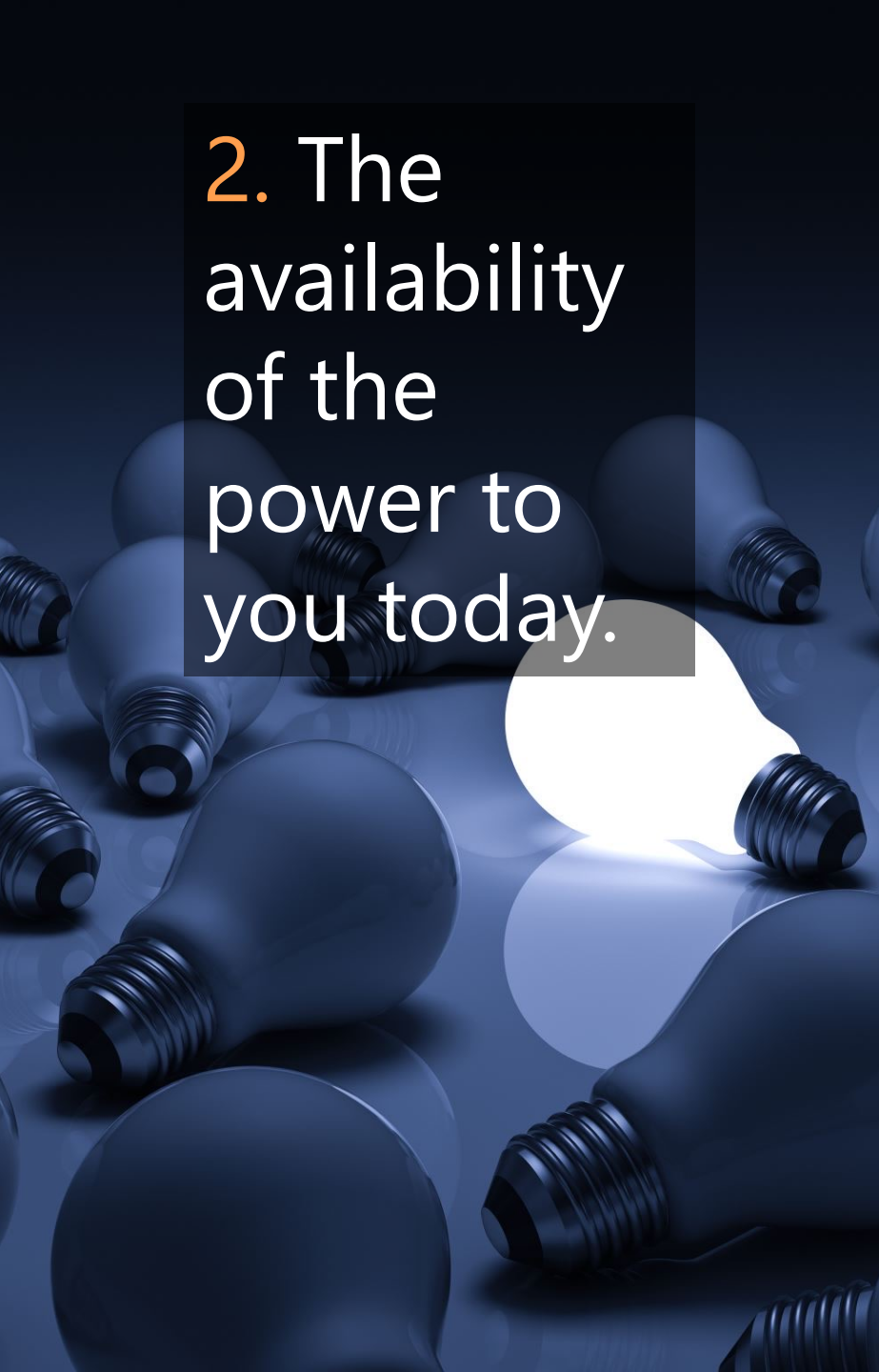
The empowering presence of the Holy Spirit is a present reality to all believers.

A photograph of a wind turbine in a field. The turbine is white and stands prominently in the foreground. In the background, several other wind turbines are visible, scattered across a landscape of rolling hills and fields. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is captured during the day, with soft lighting.

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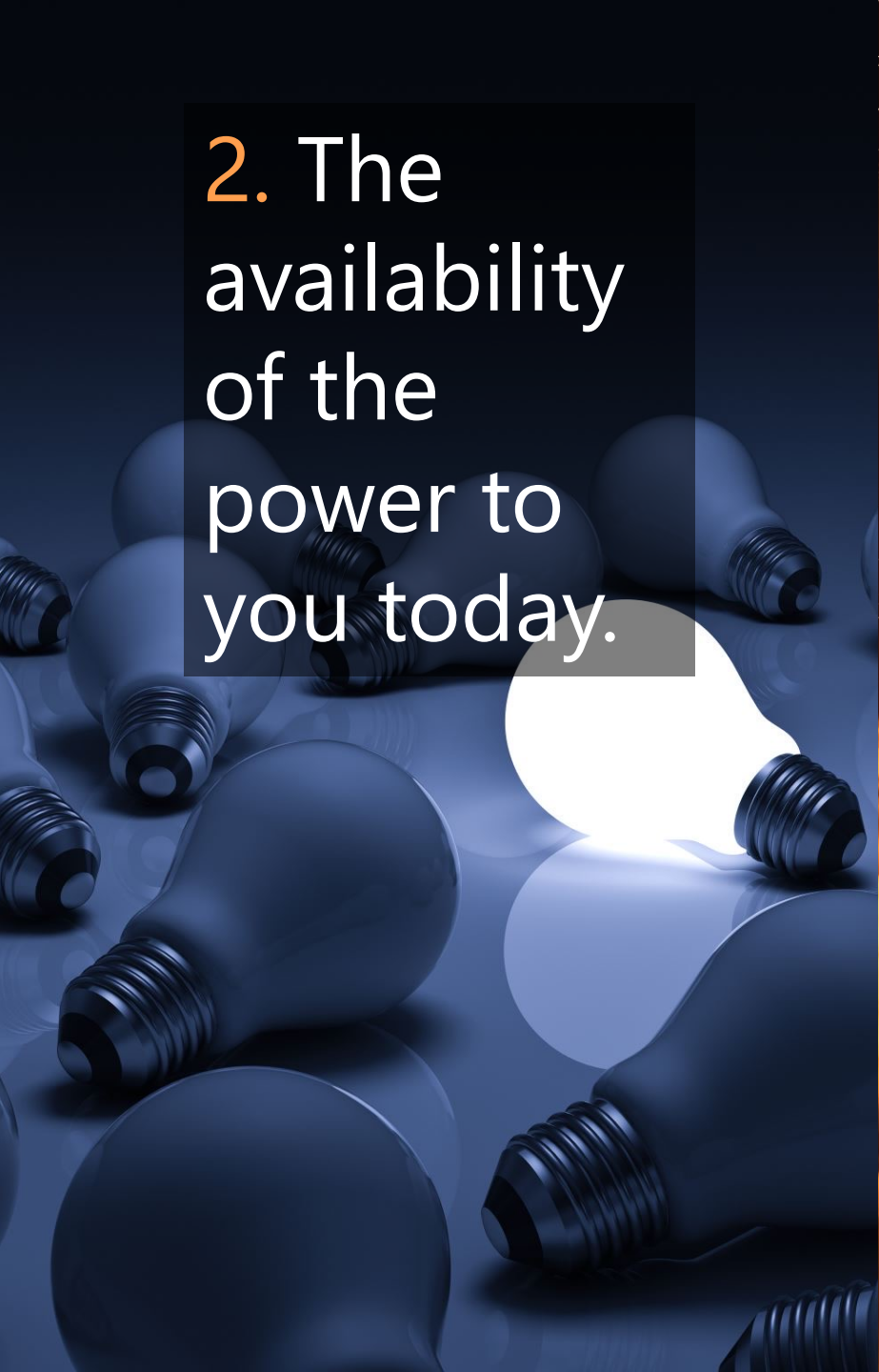
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An aerial photograph of a wind farm. A large white wind turbine is in the foreground, with several others visible in the distance across a rolling landscape of fields and hills under a clear sky.

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A collection of several unlit light bulbs on a dark, reflective surface. One bulb in the center is turned on, casting a bright glow and reflecting on the surface below it.

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A space shuttle is shown in the process of launching, ascending vertically. It is surrounded by a massive, bright orange and yellow plume of fire and white smoke, set against a dark, starry background of space.

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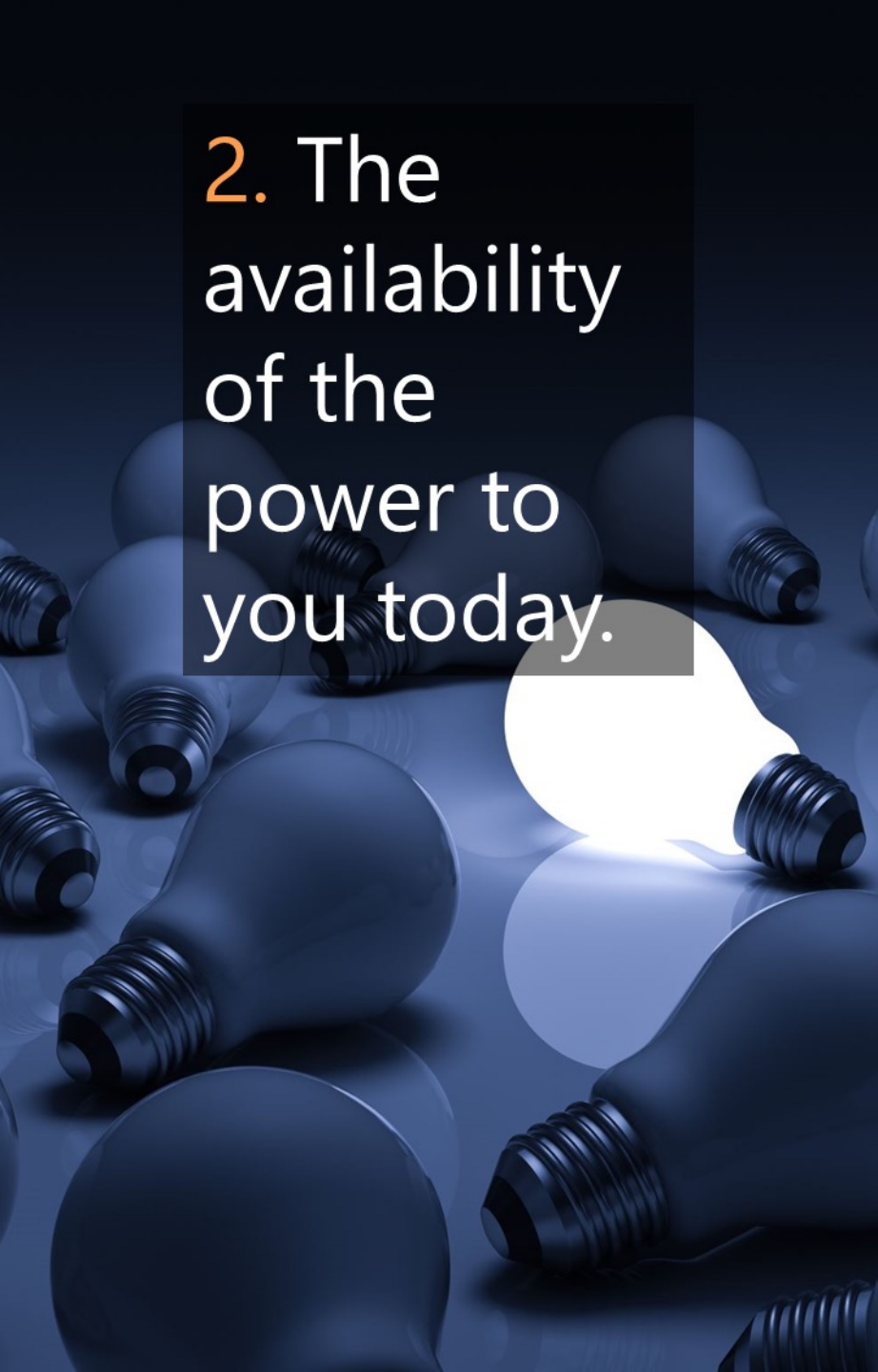
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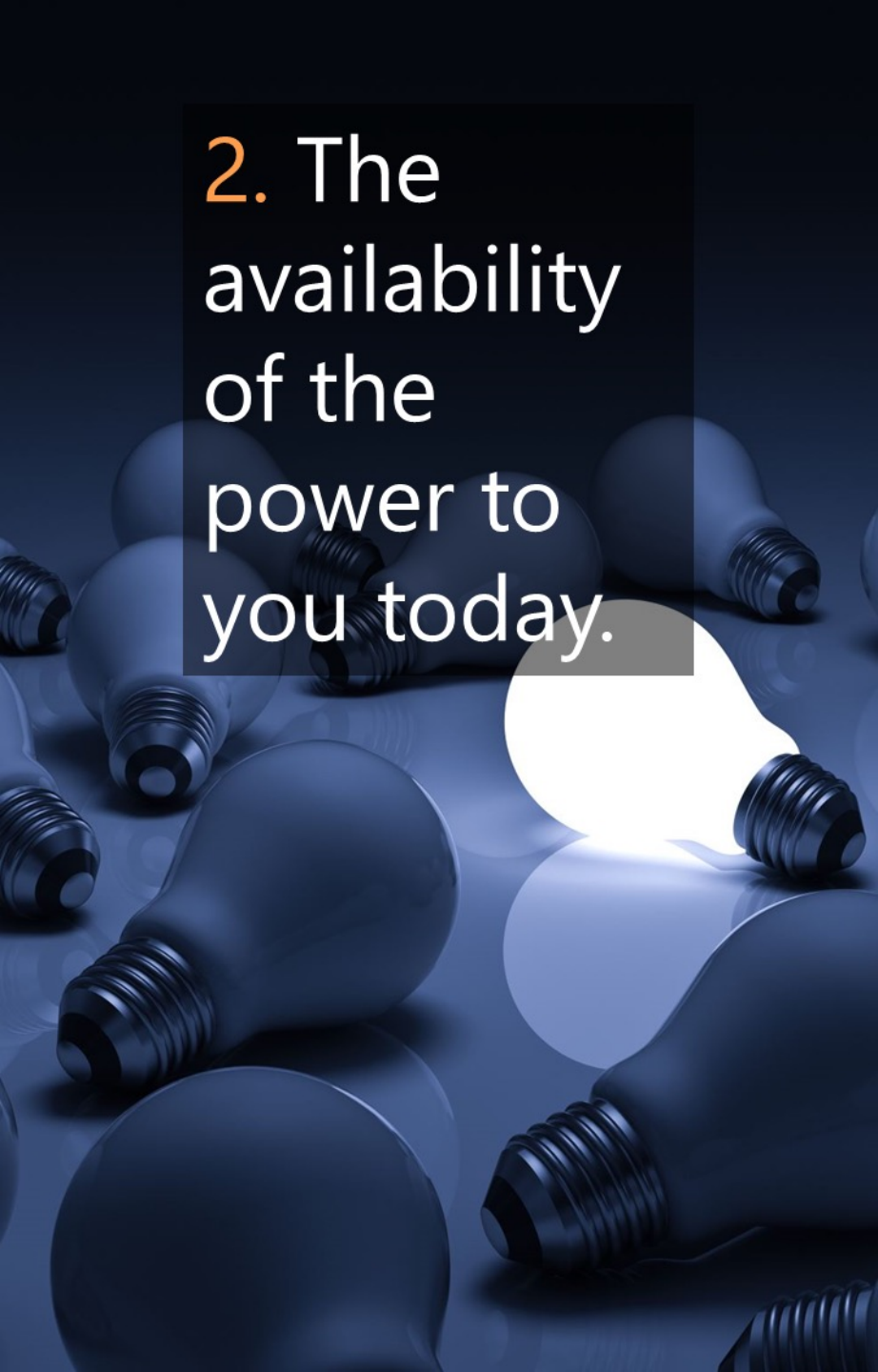
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The more spiritual you are, the more down-to-earth you become.

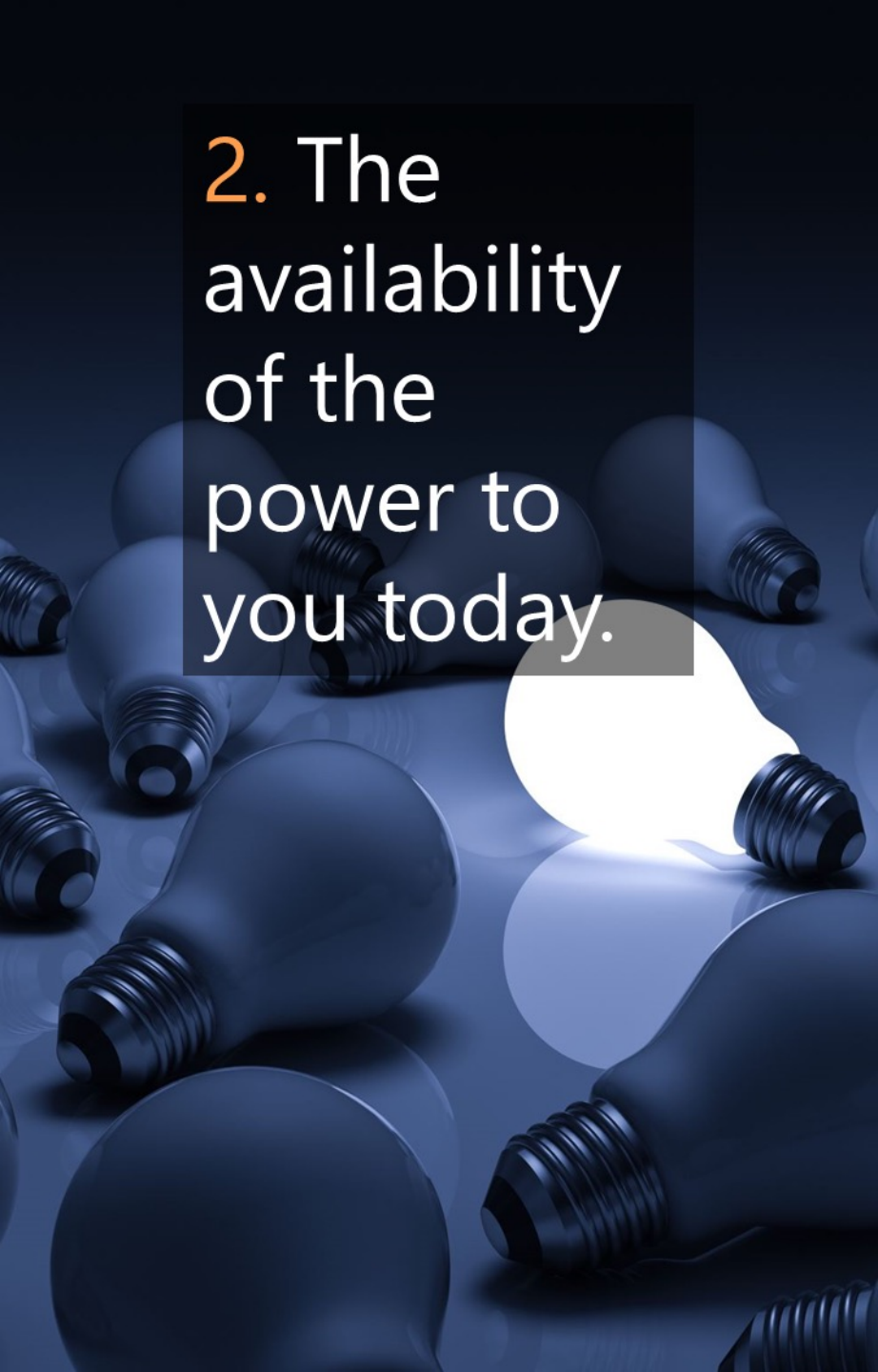
A collection of light bulbs on a dark surface, with one bulb glowing brightly in the center. The scene is dimly lit, with the glowing bulb casting a soft light on the surrounding bulbs and the surface they rest on. The background is a dark, almost black, gradient.

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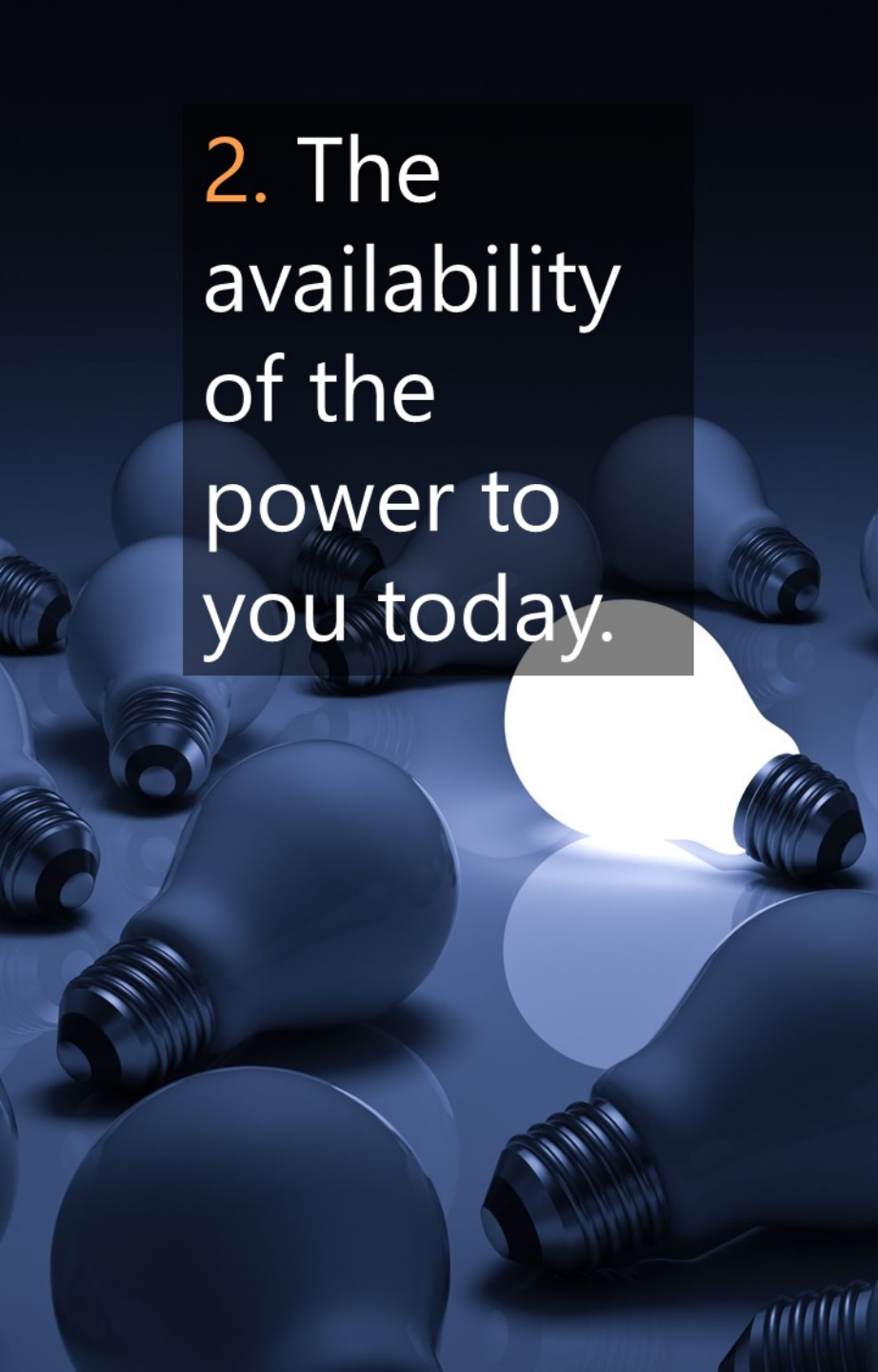
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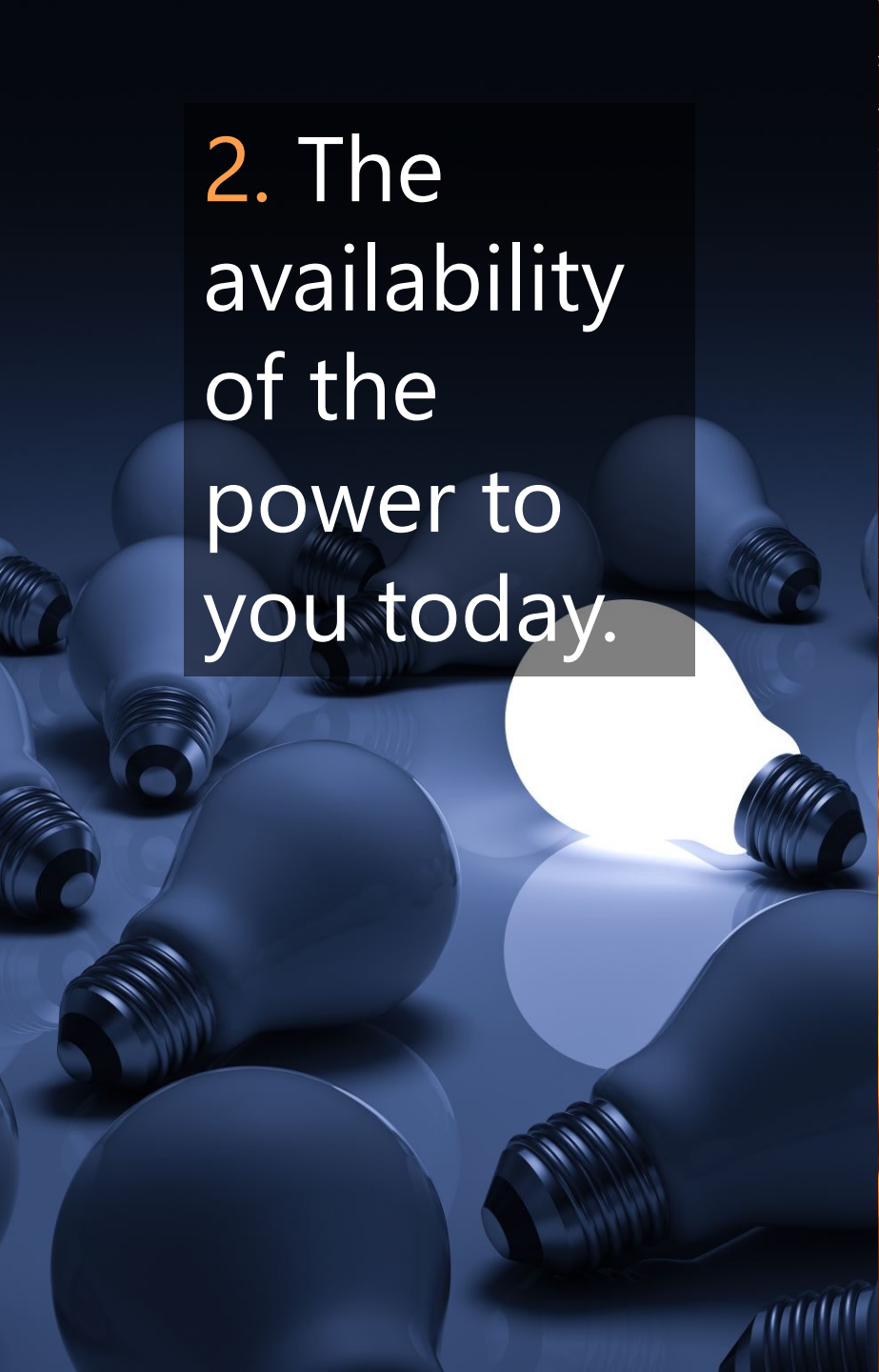
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4. Review your day



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Is there a place for the Holy Spirit in
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