



What do you

like, or

don't like,

about **CHRISTMAS?**

3 ways
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embrace
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1

Time to rest and
recharge - 78%



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Cherishing traditions –
83%



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3

A season of connection
and generosity – 90%



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- 1 Time to rest and recharge
- 2 Cherishing traditions
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Simply

CHRISTMAS

1.

What does

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look like

if you peel it down
to its very basics?





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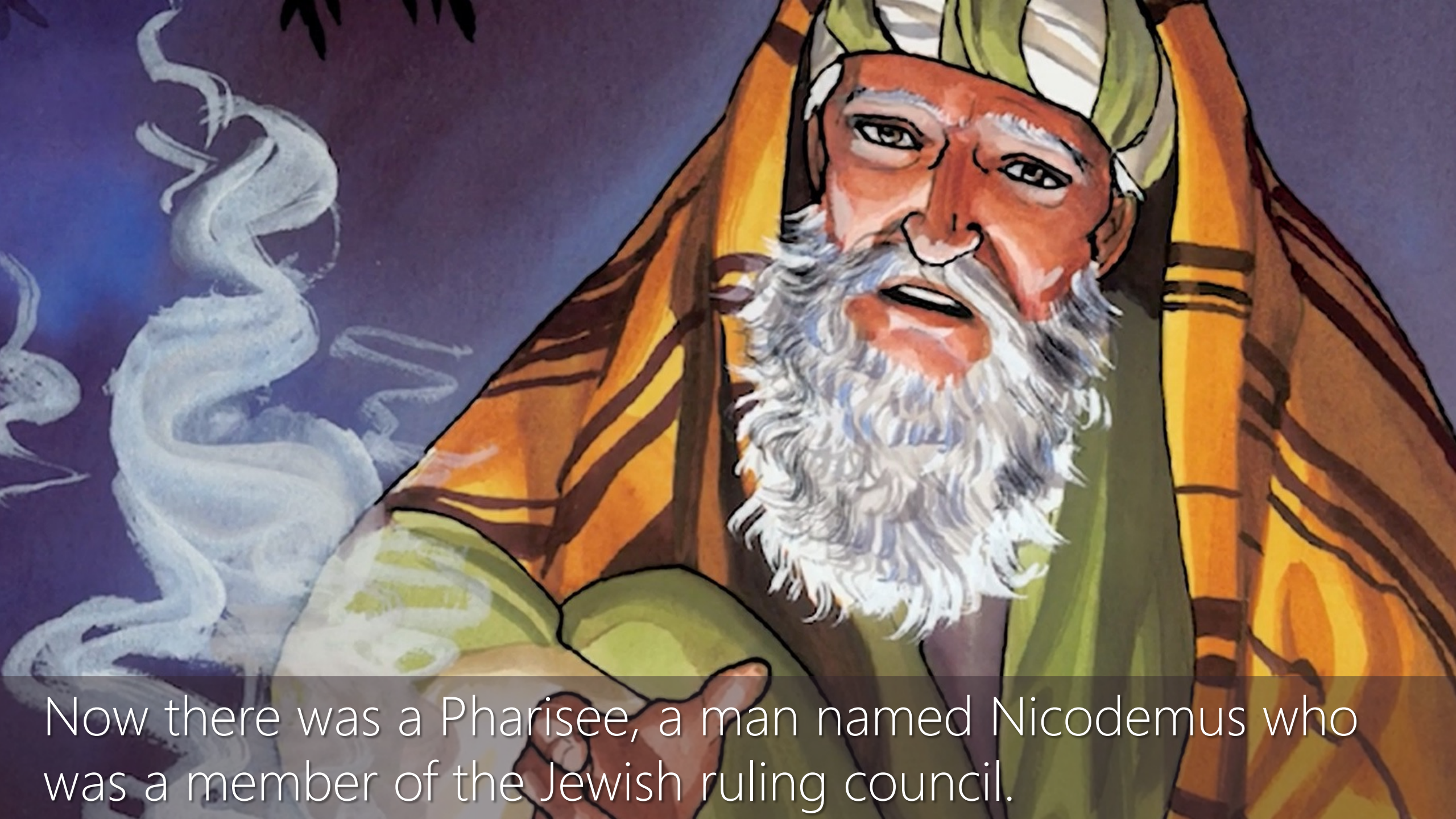
What can you do
to ensure those basics

are **included**

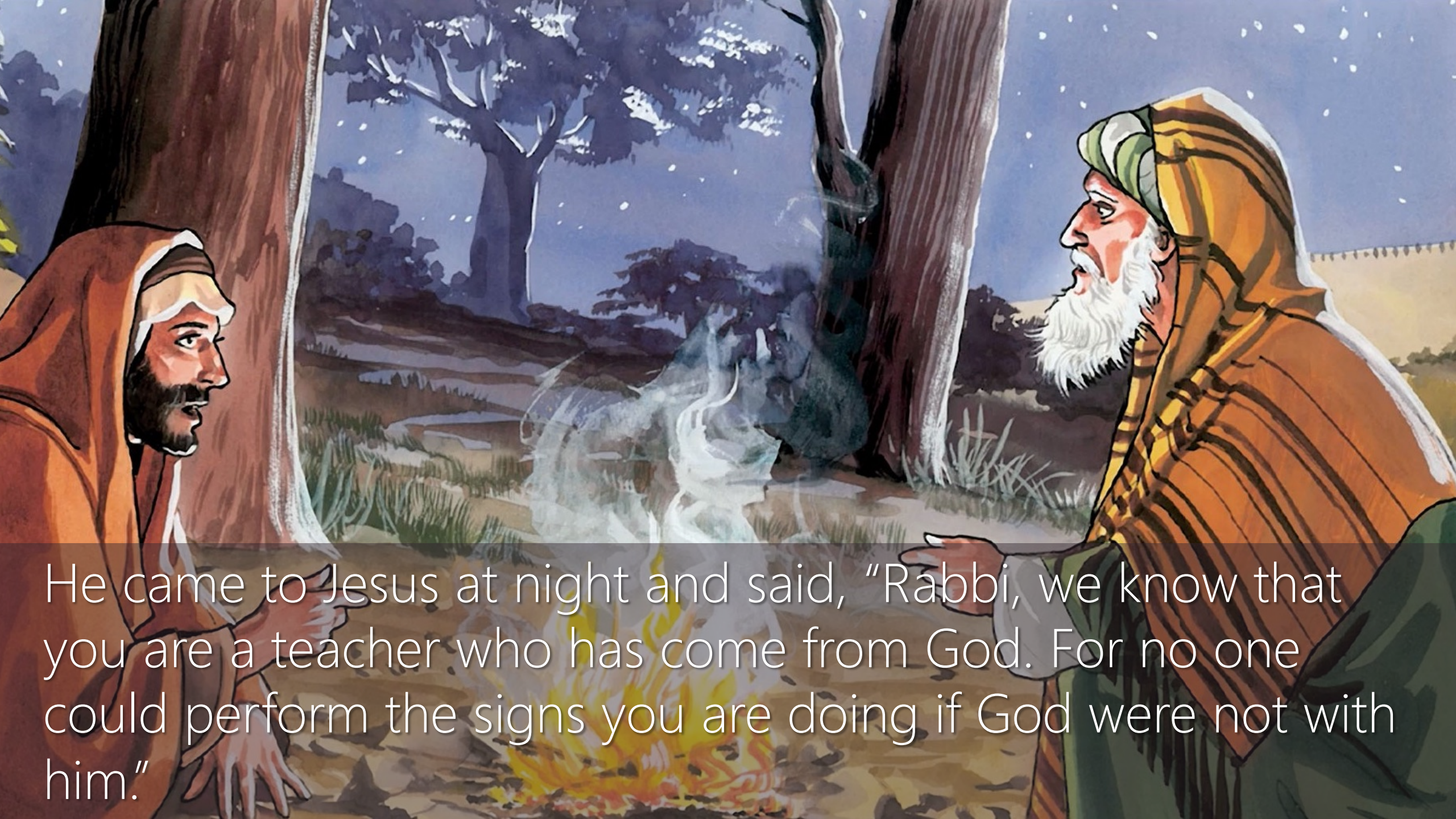
in your

CHRISTMAS

celebrations?



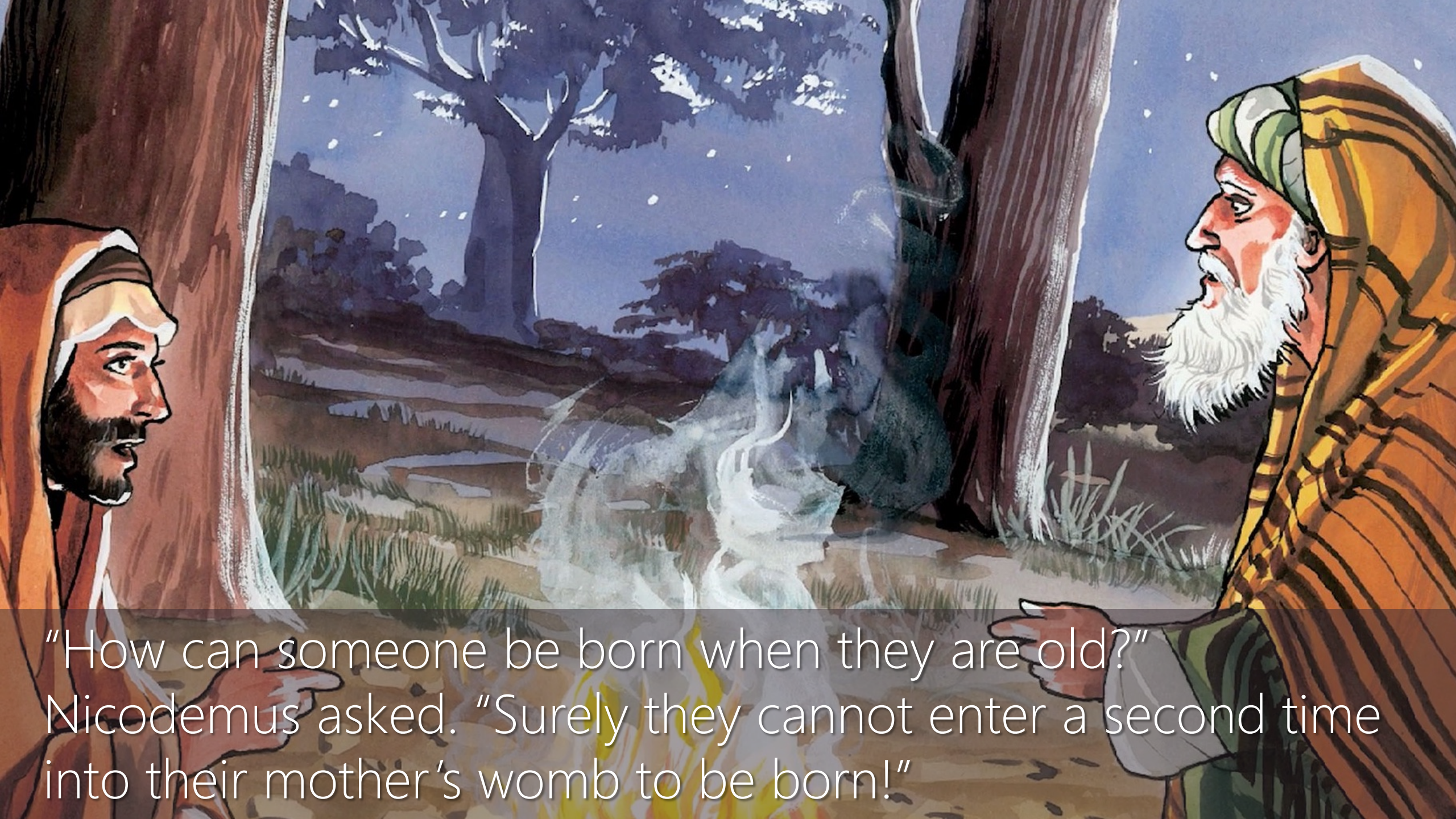
Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.



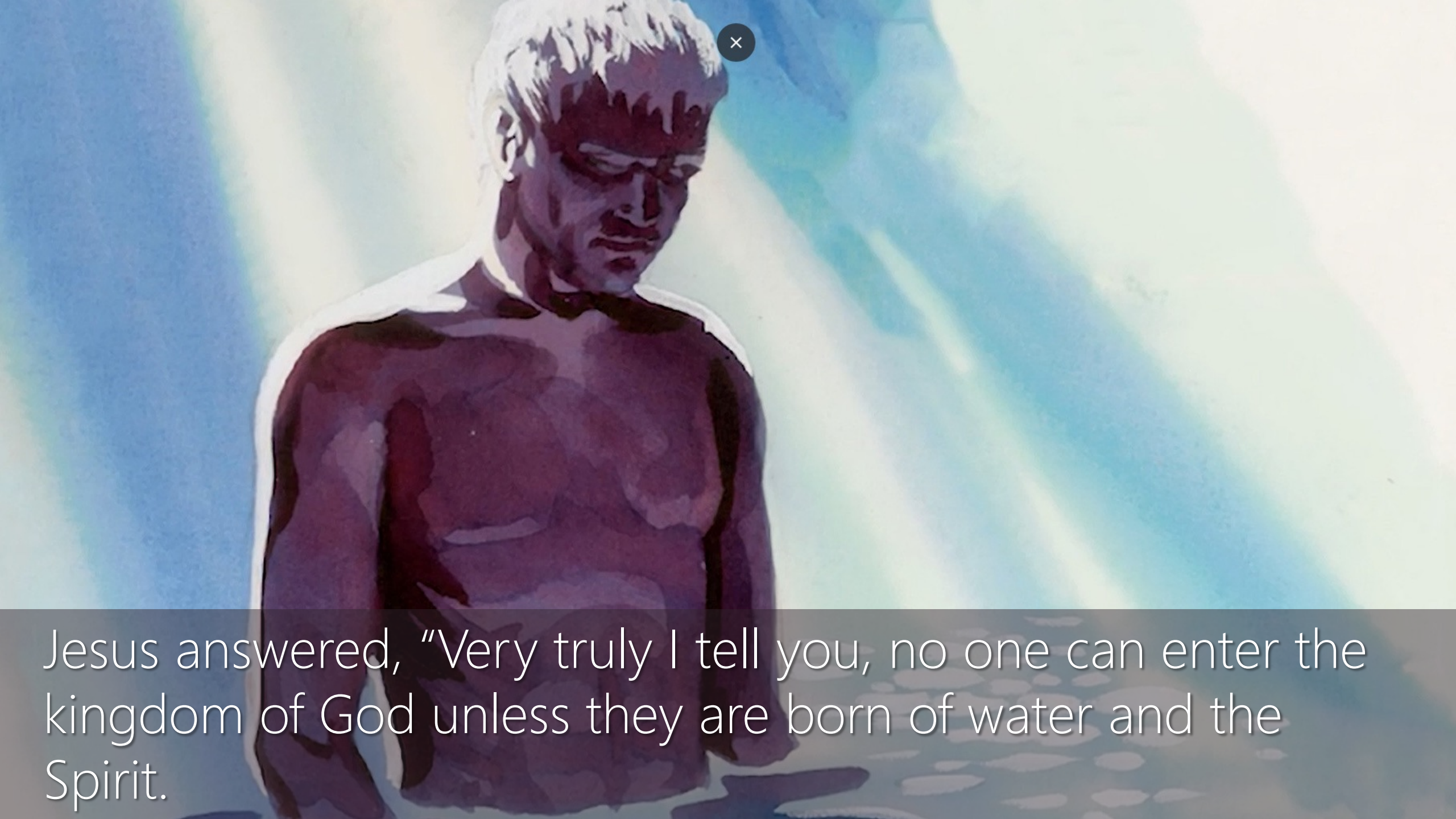
He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."



Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."



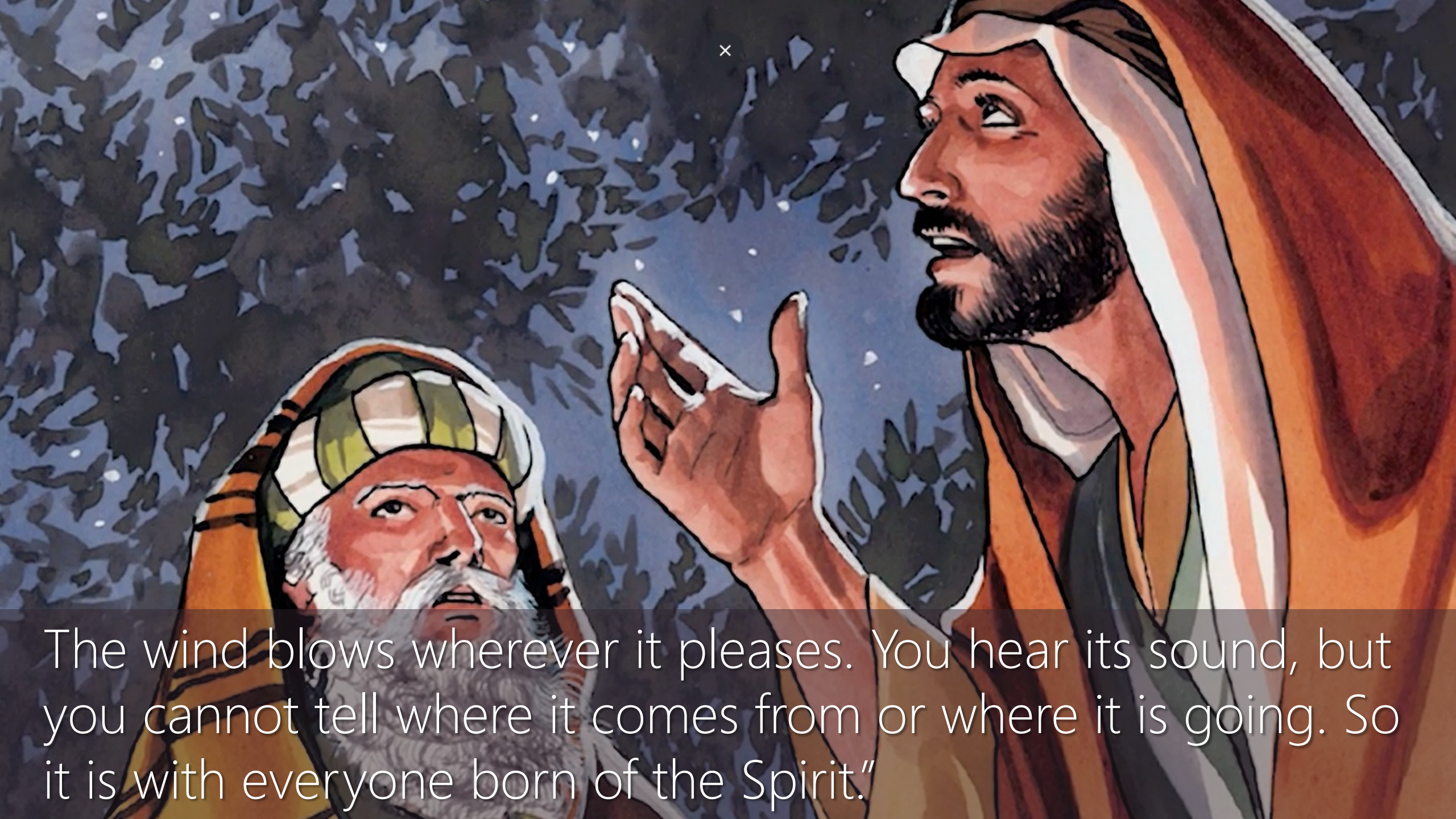
“How can someone be born when they are old?”
Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time
into their mother’s womb to be born!”



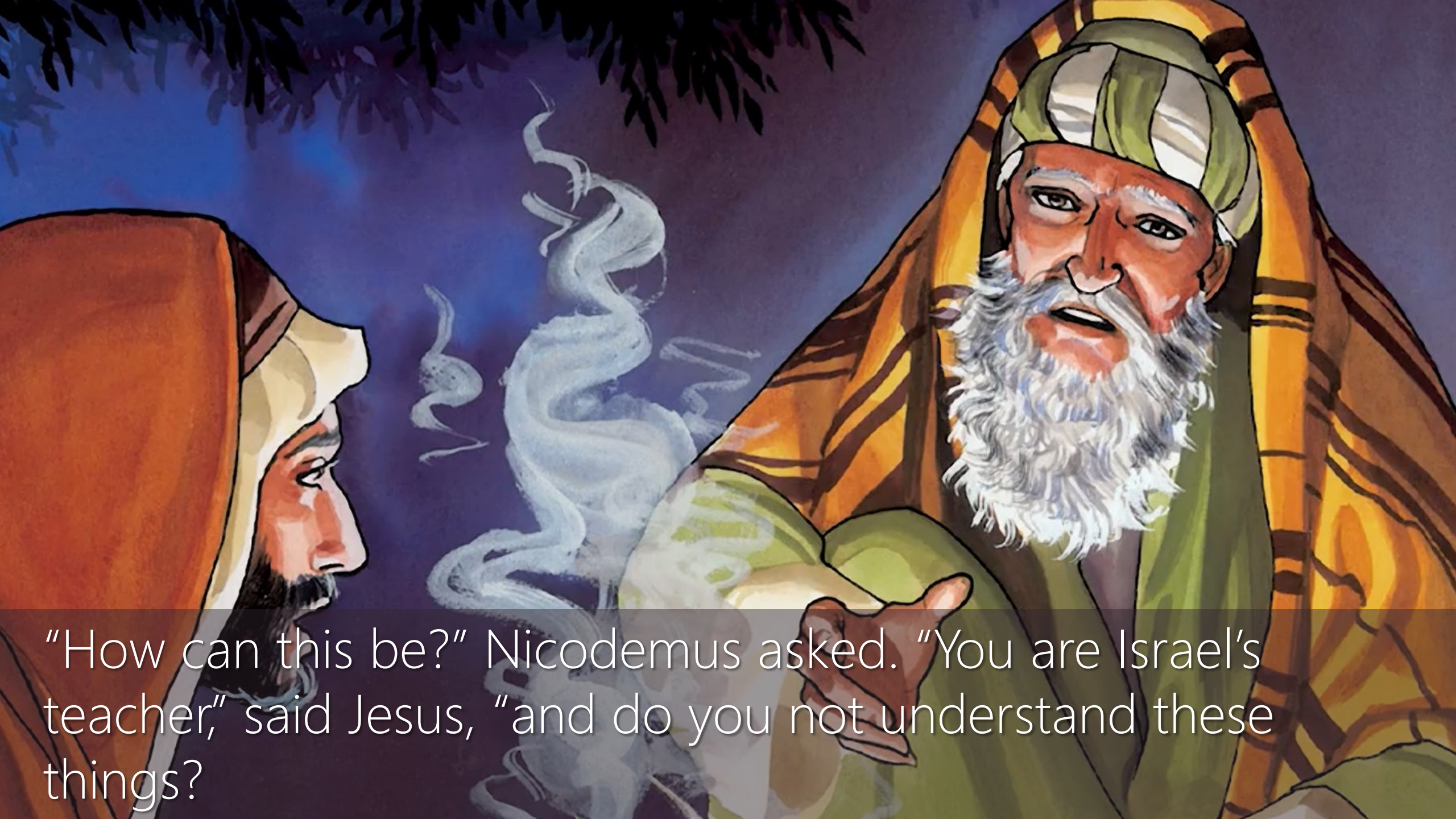
Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.



Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'



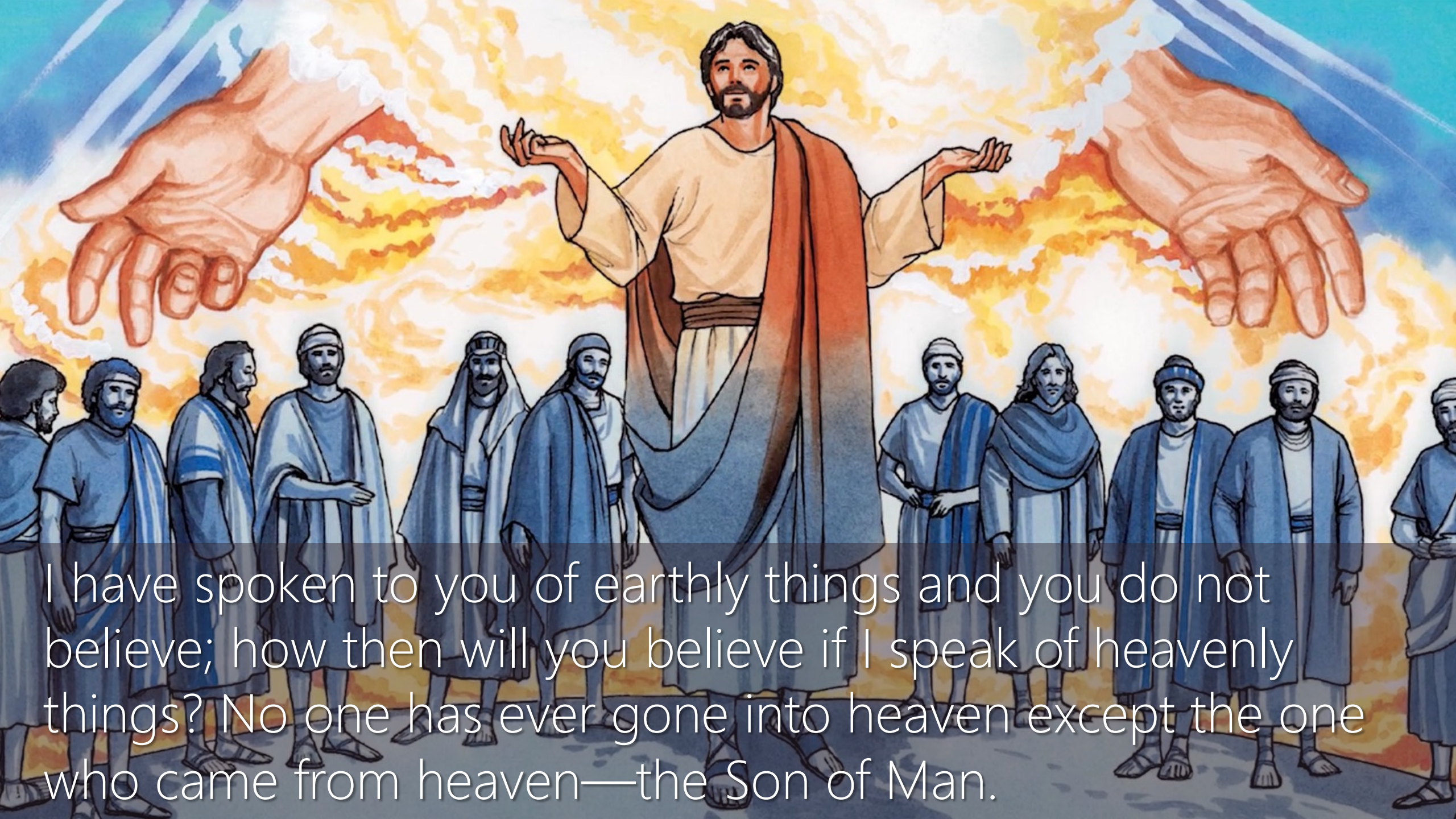
The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."



“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”



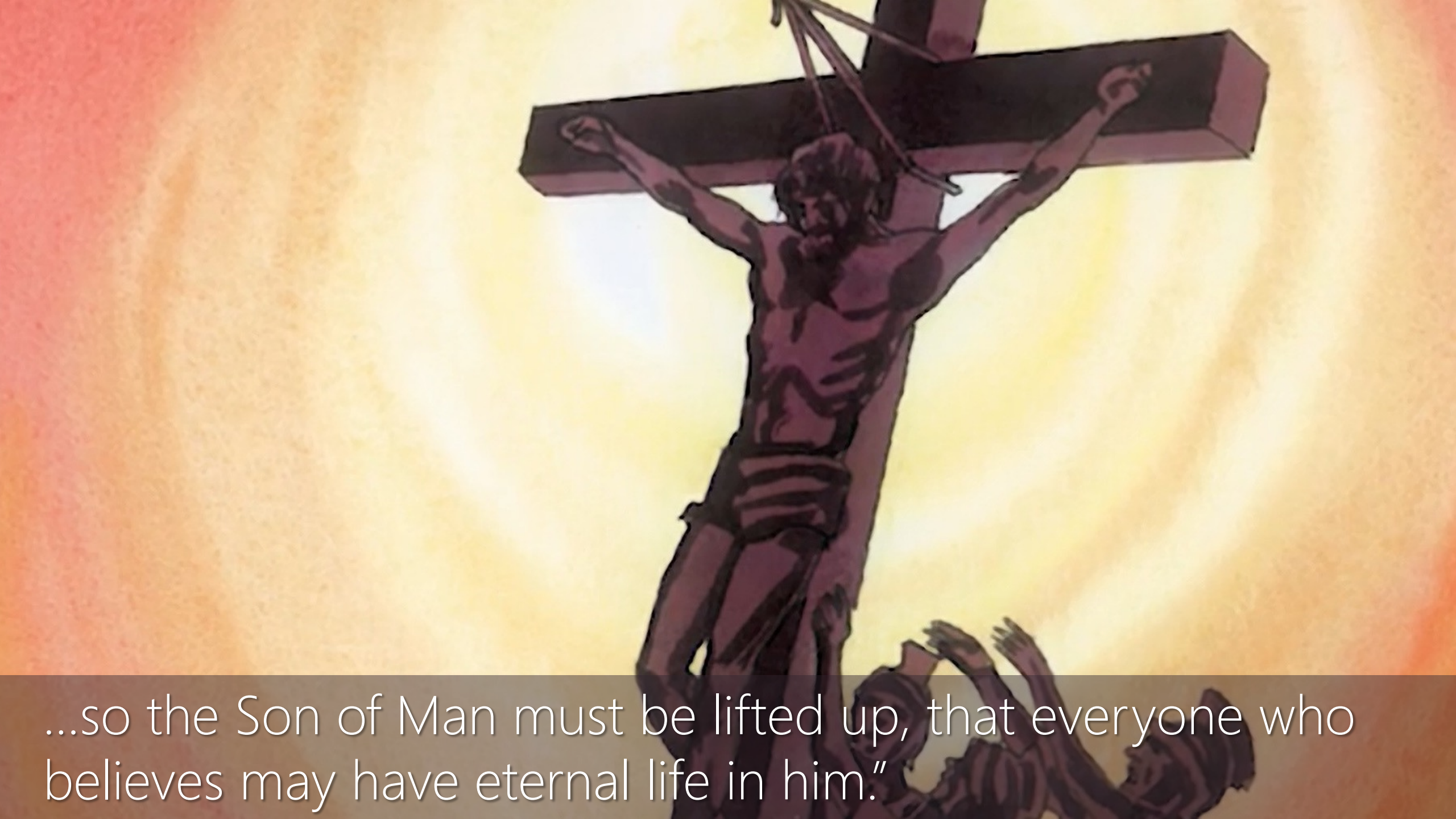
Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.



I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.



Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness...



...so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."



JOHN 3:16–17 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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CHRISTMAS

starts with **God.**

CHRISTMAS is
Christ-centred.

CHRISTMAS

brings the possibility

of **salvation** to all.

CHRISTMAS

is **love** and **giving.**



2.

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6. Plan to give generously, and to receive gratefully.



Have a blessed
CHRISTMAS!