



Easter

The Risen
Jesus!

The Whitehouse Family



The Risen Jesus

John 20 vs:

9 They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

14 ...she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise it was Jesus.

16 Jesus **said** to her, “Mary.”

19 ...Jesus came and stood among them and said, “**Peace be with you!**”

The Risen Jesus

John 20 vs:

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them...

27 Then he **said** to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. **Stop doubting and believe.**”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**”

Do you believe?

Who here has doubts?

- Individual
- Corporate

If we never had any doubts
we would never need any
faith

Faith carries us through
our doubts



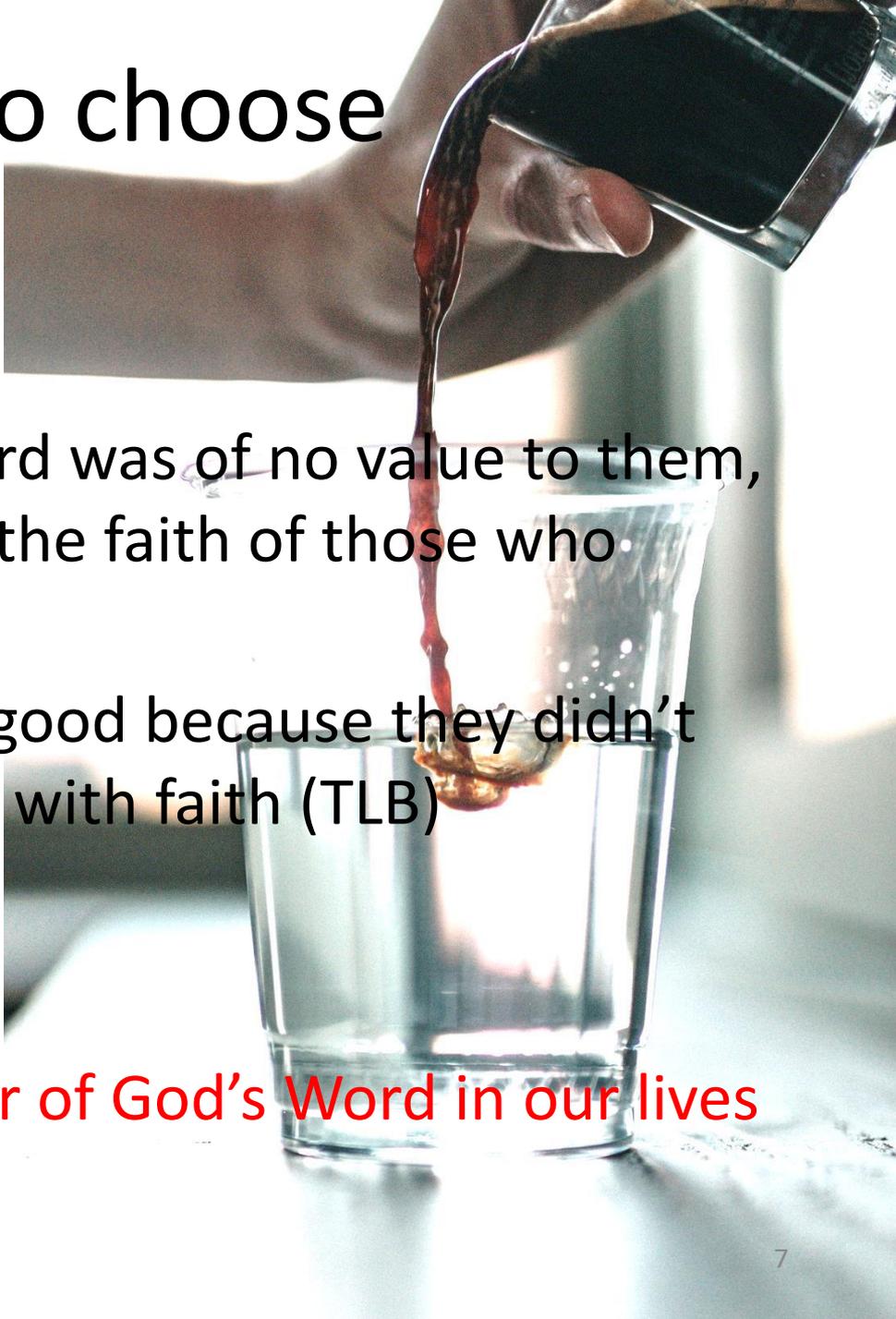
What then of our belief?

How then do we release the power of God's Word in our lives?

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, **the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe**

We get to choose

A close-up photograph of a hand pouring a dark, viscous liquid from a glass into another glass. The liquid is captured mid-pour, creating a thin stream that falls into the glass below. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a kitchen or bar setting with a white surface.

Hebrews 4:2

...but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed (NIV)

...But it didn't do them any good because they didn't believe it. They didn't mix it with faith (TLB)

Our faith releases the power of God's Word in our lives

Faith

So how can we combine the Word of God with faith?

We can choose to:

- Read it
- Believe it
- Declare it
- Act on it



Choose to Read it

Ps 119 vs:

11 I have hidden your word
in my heart that I might not
sin against you.

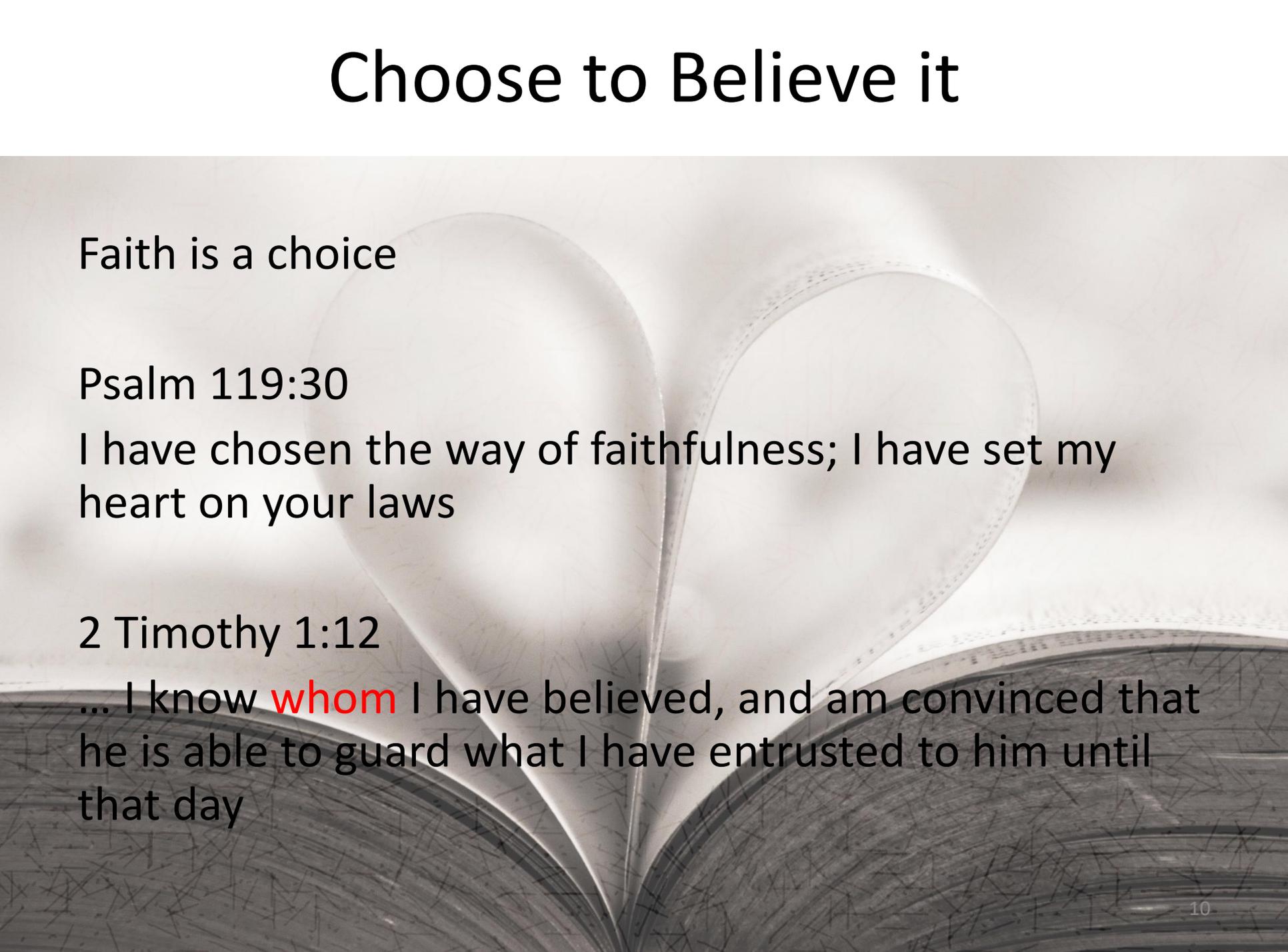
15 I meditate on your
precepts and consider your
ways.

16 I delight in your decrees; I
will not neglect your word.

**Read God's Word everyday
but take your time**



Choose to Believe it



Faith is a choice

Psalm 119:30

I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws

2 Timothy 1:12

... I know **whom** I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day

Choose to Declare it

We must choose to declare it to:

- Ourselves
- The problem
- The devil

Matthew 17:20

“... Truly I tell you, if you have **faith as small as a mustard seed**, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Choose to Declare it

Matthew 14:29-31

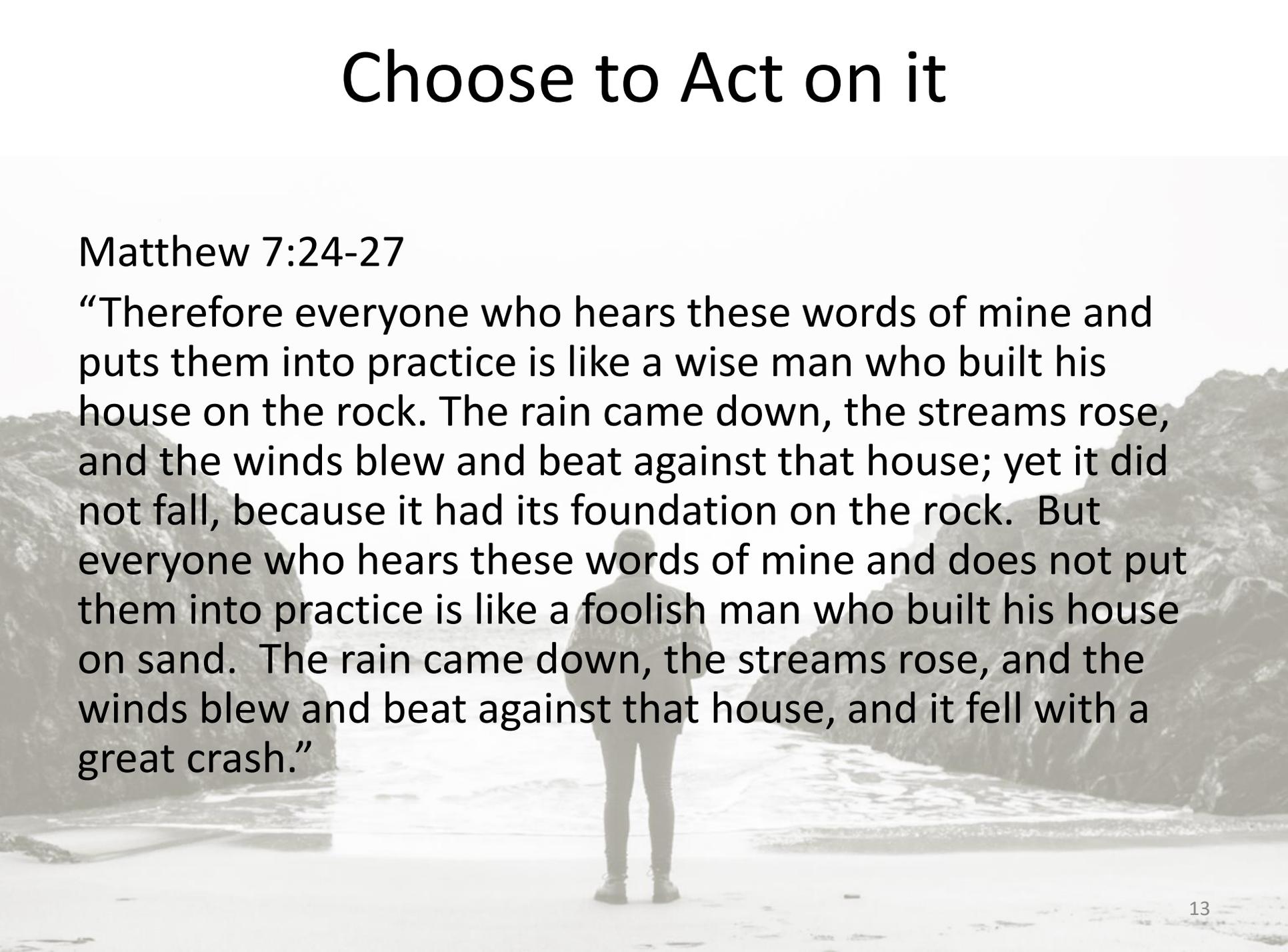
Come,” he said.. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “**You of little faith,**” he said, “why did you doubt?”

Peter already had what he needed, don't wait until you have big faith

Choose to Act on it

Matthew 7:24-27

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

A person is standing on a sandy beach, looking out at the ocean. The person is wearing a dark jacket and pants. The ocean is in the foreground, with waves breaking on the shore. In the background, there are large, dark rock formations. The overall scene is a coastal landscape.

Choose to Act on it

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.



- Live like we believe every word is true because it is
- We can say it with our lips but are we saying it with our lives?
- When we act on God's word, God's word acts on us

Some Biblical truths



Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Proverbs 3:5-6

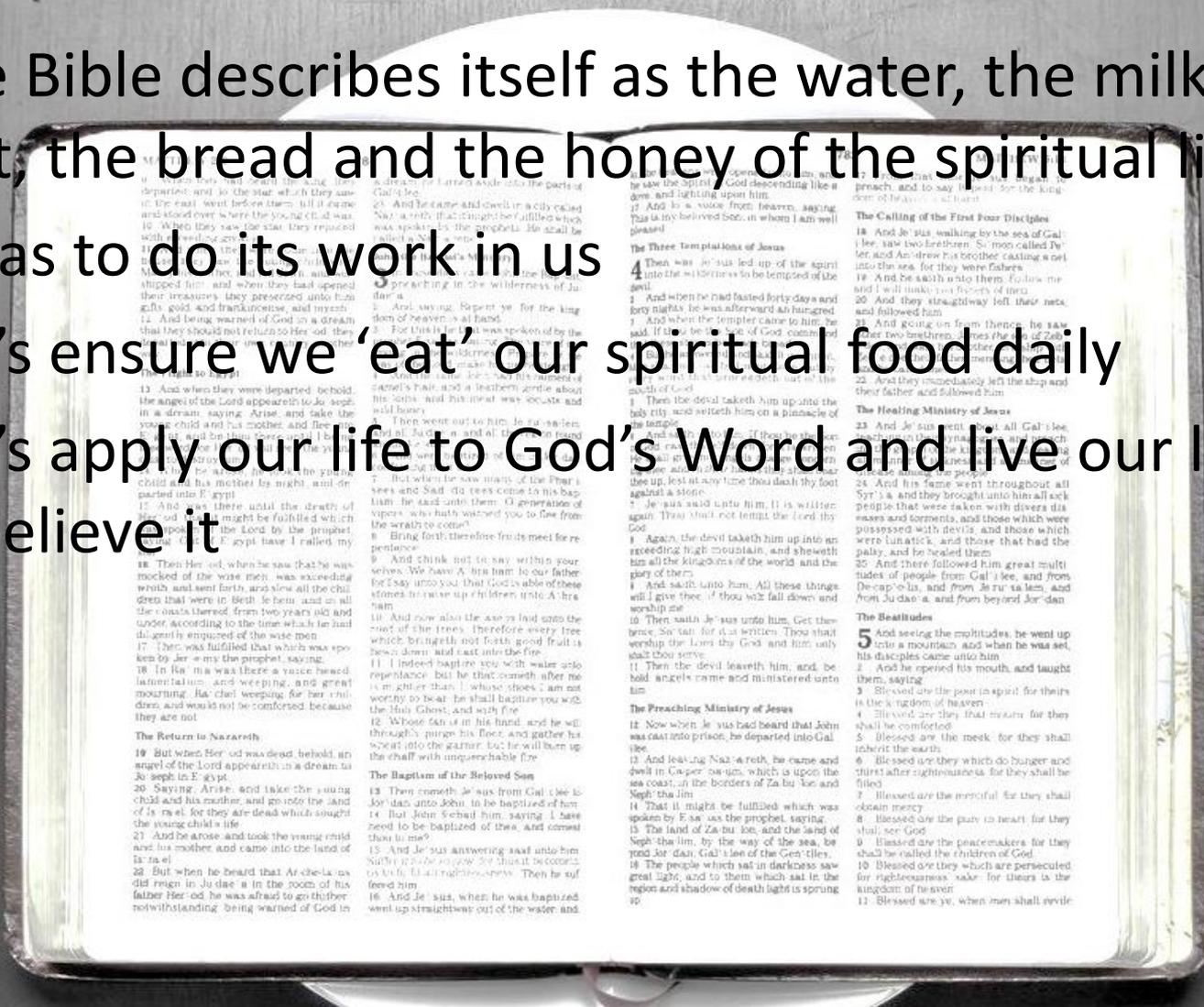
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

A new week

- The Bible describes itself as the water, the milk, the meat, the bread and the honey of the spiritual life
- It has to do its work in us
- Let's ensure we 'eat' our spiritual food daily
- Let's apply our life to God's Word and live our life like we believe it



John 20:27 ...'Stop doubting and believe'

Jesus Christ has risen

