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“I am who I am”

EXODUS 3:13-14

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“I am the bread of life”

JOHN 6:35

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“I am the light of the world”

JOHN 8:12

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A night sky with a starry background and a forest silhouette at the bottom. The sky is a mix of dark blue and teal, with many small white stars. The forest at the bottom is a dark silhouette of evergreen trees.

“I am the door”

JOHN 10•7

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“I am the good shepherd”

JOHN 10•11

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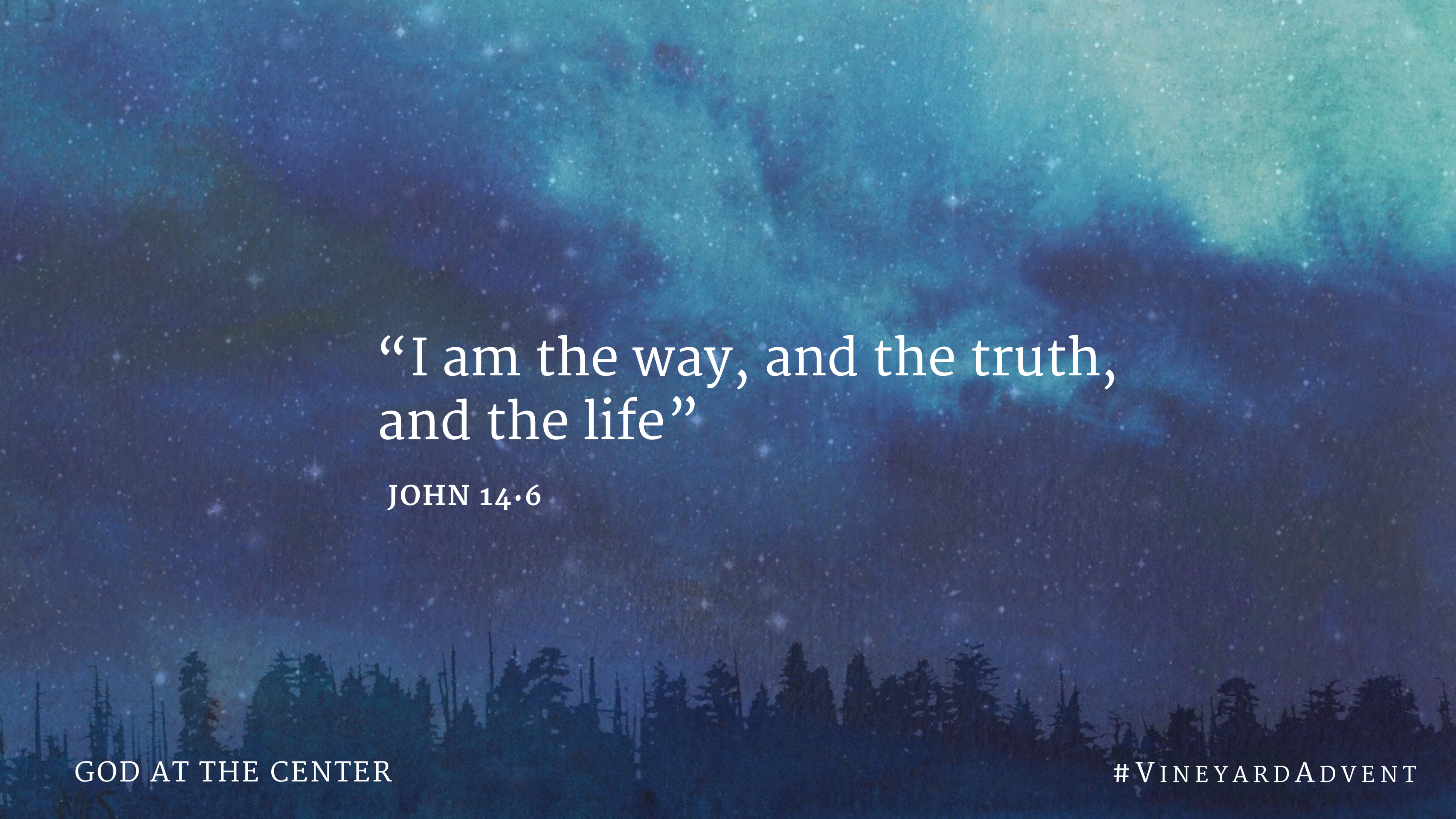


“I am the resurrection and the life”

JOHN 11:25

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The background of the image is a night sky filled with stars, transitioning from a deep blue on the left to a lighter, tealish blue on the right. At the bottom, there is a dark silhouette of a forest of evergreen trees.

“I am the way, and the truth,
and the life”

JOHN 14:6

“I am the true vine”

JOHN 15:1

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“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scriptures have said, streams of living water, will flow from within him.” By this he meant the spirit, whom those who believe in him were later to receive.

JOHN 7:37-38

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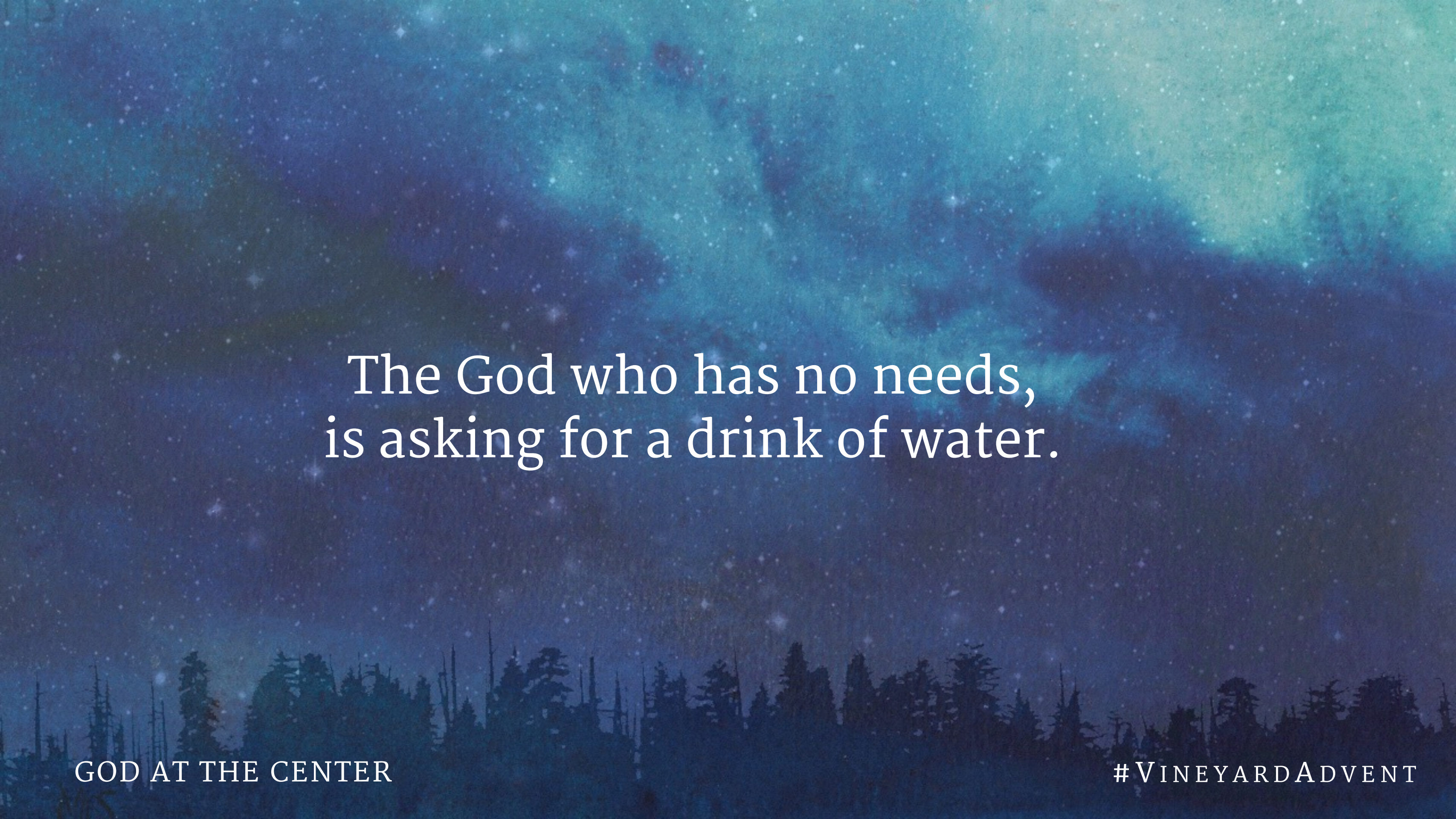
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John 4:1-9
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I. JESUS PUTS HIMSELF AT THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES

A. ...With humility (vs. 4-8)



The God who has no needs,
is asking for a drink of water.

I. JESUS PUTS HIMSELF AT THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES

A. ...With humility (vs. 4-8)

B. ...By breaking down barriers (vs. 4, 7-9)

- Jesus broke barriers of race

- Jesus broke barriers of gender

II. JESUS IS THE ONE WHO CAN QUENCH
OUR THIRST (VS. 10-15)

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My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me, the spring of
living water, and have dug their own
cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot
hold water.

JEREMIAH 2:13

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II. JESUS IS THE ONE WHO CAN QUENCH OUR THIRST (VS. 10-15)

A. Every single person is thirsty

B. Why don't we experience our thirst being quenched by Jesus?

- Some of us go to a substitute supply of water
- Some don't allow Jesus' words to confront us deeply

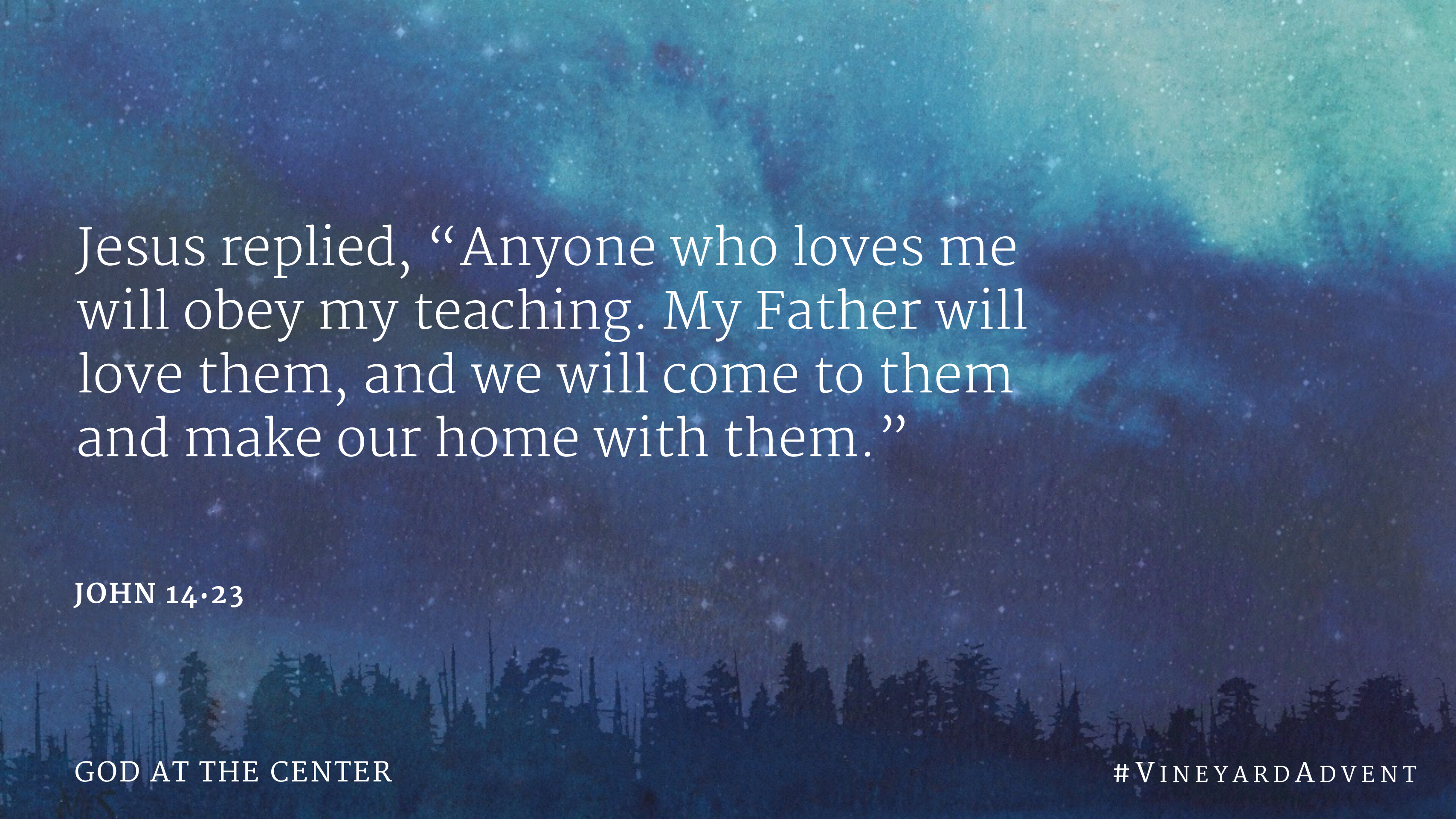
III. JESUS FULFILLS OUR LONGING TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE (VS. 16-20)

- A. The closer we get to Jesus, the more personal and disturbing he gets with us
- B. We keep Jesus at a distance when we choose to not be vulnerable

IV. JESUS IS WHERE WE MEET WITH GOD
(VS. 21-24)

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Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

JOHN 14:23

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V. AND THEN WE GET TO INVITE OTHERS
TO MEET JESUS (VS. 28-29)

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