



SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

True Faith Redefined

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.



Broad Way

vs.

Narrow Way

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Distinction #1

My Way

vs.

God's Way



John 10:9

*I am the gate; whoever
enters through me will be
saved.*



John 14:6

*Jesus says no one comes to
the father except through
me.*

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Distinction #1

My Way

vs.

God's Way



Human Achievement

vs.

Divine

Accomplishment



Distinction #2

Deceptive Religion

vs.

Real Relationship

Matthew 7:15

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

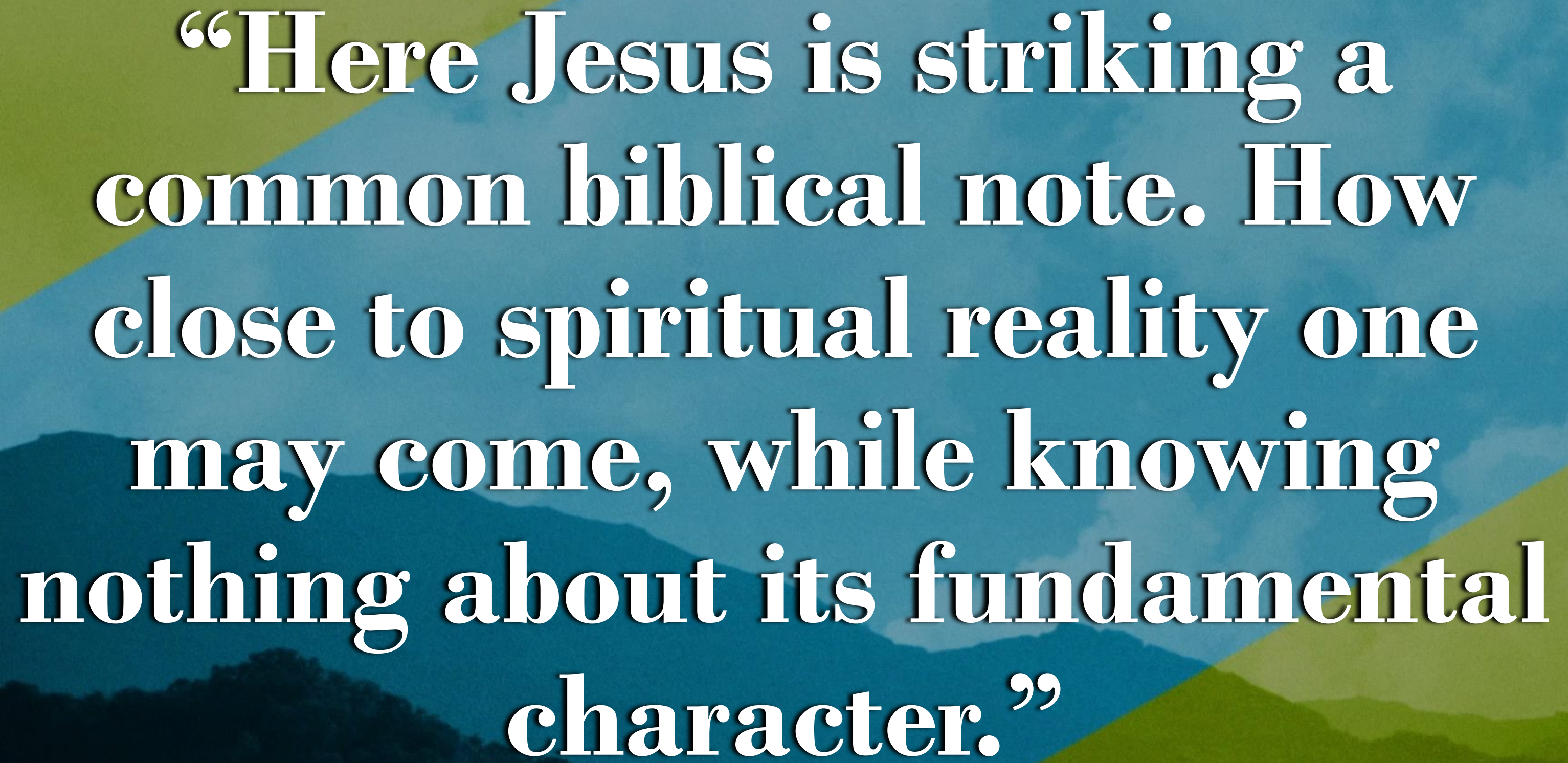


Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21-23

²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'



“Here Jesus is striking a common biblical note. How close to spiritual reality one may come, while knowing nothing about its fundamental character.”



John 17:3

*This is eternal life, that they
know you and Jesus Christ,
the one you sent.*

Signs of Self-Deception

The church becomes a
surrogate savior.

Signs of Self-Deception

We can defend the faith but
don't live it.

Signs of Self-Deception

We do much **FOR** Christ
but are never **WITH** Christ.

Signs of Self-Deception

We measure our spirituality
by our gifts not our
dependence on the Spirit.

Signs of Self-Deception

We are chasing a
“Christian high” but have
no interest in mundane
obedience.

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Distinction #2

Deceptive Religion

vs.

Real Relationship

Distinction #3

Hearing

vs.

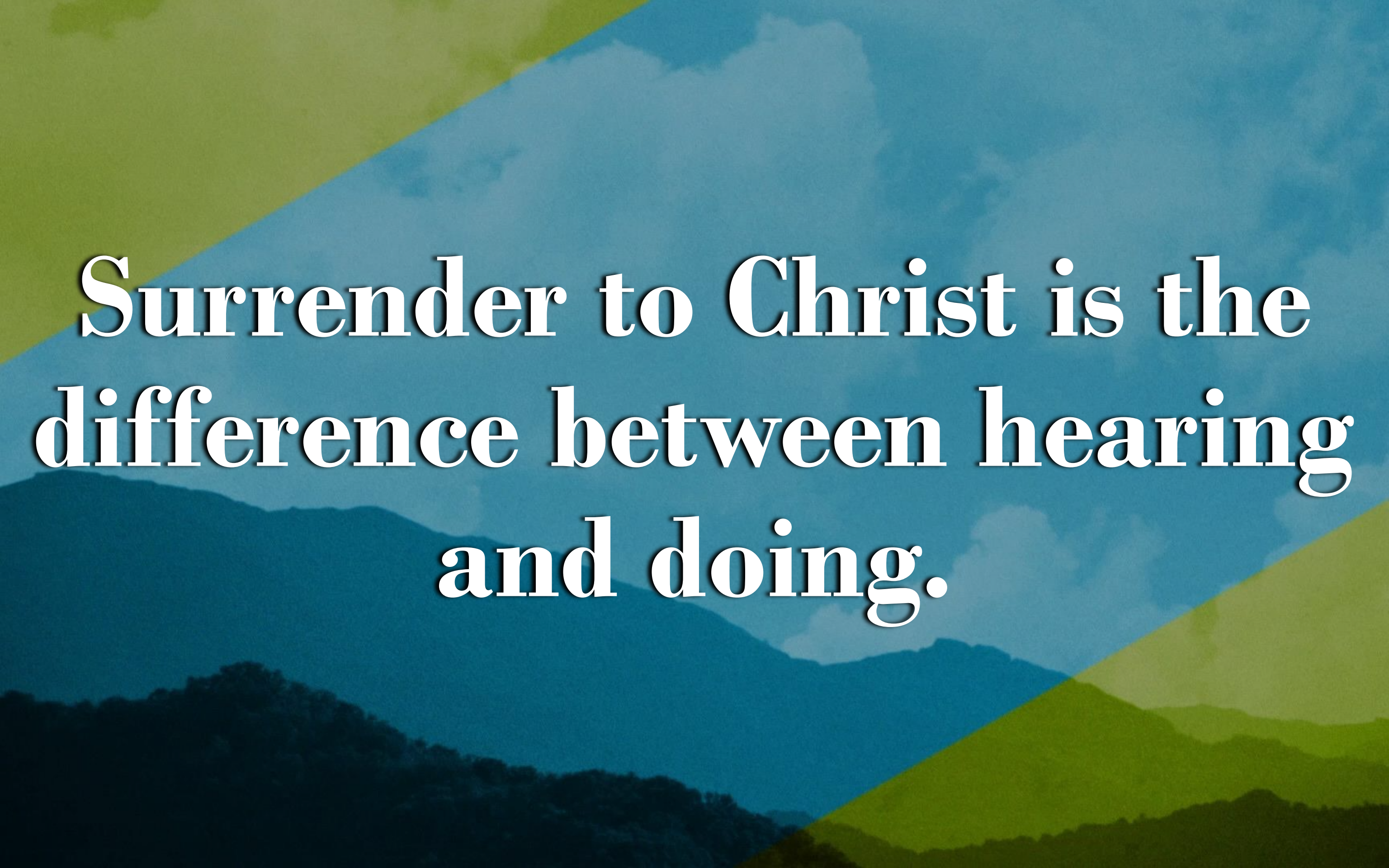
Doing

2 Corinthians 4:8

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair.

Matthew 16:24-25

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.




Surrender to Christ is the
difference between hearing
and doing.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The 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.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.



Will you follow
Jesus?