

Engaging God module 11

On Earth as it is in Heaven

1. Ekklesia and Embassies

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- Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
- Our desire is to help facilitate the children of God as the Joshua Generation to function in their governmental positions as sons of God and establish on earth as it is in heaven

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- To function on earth as it is in heaven we need our identity as sons to come from the Father
- We need a cardiognosis, face to face, heart to heart, knowing the desires of the Father's heart
- So we can reflect the Father's heart on earth as it is in heaven

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- To function on earth as it is in heaven we need a deconstruction of our past understanding of what “church” is and how it functions
- There are so many assumptions that will have to be challenged and many sacred cows that will need slaying

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- Through what vehicle will the government of heaven be reflected into the earth?
- The Ekklesia, not the man made institution known as church but something Jesus promised to build
- What does this Ekklesia look like?

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- Matt 16:16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My **Ekklesia** (church); and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.
- The foundation is Jesus, the anointed one, as Son of God

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- Matt 7:24 a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- God is the wise man and Jesus is the rock
- 1 Cor 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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- Eph 3:10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the **Ekklesia** (church) to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.
- The sons of God, as the Ekklesia, is God's vehicle for establishing the kingdom on earth

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- Ekklesia is used 112 in the NT and 96 times in the Septuagint which was the Greek OT version used at the time
- Some references are universal in nature
- Some refer to believers gathering in a specific location e.g. house, city or region
- Some refer to the heavenly expression of those who still gather
- Some are civil governmental gatherings

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- Eph 1:22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the **Ekklesia** (church), 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
- Why has Ekklesia been translated church in English and other languages?

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- Church is Old English cir(i)ce, cyr(i)ce, related to Dutch kerk and German Kirche, based on medieval Greek kurikon, from Greek kuriakon dōma 'Lord's (house)', from kurios 'master or lord'.
- Why change Ekklesia for kuriakon, moving from people to institution?

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- In the earlier Greek It was pronounced "*ku-ri-a-kos*" or "*ku-ri-a-kon*." this word doesn't even resemble the Greek word "*ekklesia*" whose place it has usurped.
- The meaning of "*Ku-ri-a-kos*" is understood by its root: "*Ku-ri-os*," which means "*lord*." Thus, "*kuriakos*" (i.e., "*church*") means "*pertaining to the lord*."

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- The word "church" would have been an acceptable translation for the Greek word "kuriakos." However, not by the wildest imagination of the most liberal translator can it ever be an acceptable translation for the Greek word "ekklesia."
- Ekklesia is Greek and Ecclesia is Latin

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- What, then, did the writers of the New Testament mean when they used the word "Ekklesia" to describe a Christian body of people?
- They intended to convey the original Greek meaning of the word: a body of people called out of the Roman and Judean system to come together into a separate civil community.

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- Paul and Silas weren't "church builders" like preachers today claim. They weren't proselytizing people from one church or synagogue to another.
- They were taking the message of the good news, religious freedom, and freedom from the political systems of culture of the day

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- They were kingdom builders! They were dethroning rulers in the minds of the people and releasing them from the mental hold Caesar or the Law had upon them through the Roman or Jewish governmental systems
- Hence the emphasis on being new creations and having a renewed mind

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- It meant primarily a spiritual kingdom
- It meant a spiritually autonomous body of believers under no king but Jesus; under no other jurisdiction but that of Jesus. No man ruled them! Only Jesus.

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- Although a spiritual message, it had a potentially politically sensitive element of government
- That was the reason these believers ran into trouble with kings and rulers; were arrested, crucified and martyred.
- They exchanged Caesar as their King for Jesus, and that was a threat

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- They were teaching the principles of God's kingdom government.
- They were calling those who would respond to God's call to become citizens of Christ's kingdom and be joined relationally to the Ekklesia, or community of believers.

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- Strong's 1577 ekklesia (from 1537 /ek, "out from and to" and 2564 /kaléō, "to call") – properly, people called out from the world and to God, the outcome being the Church (the mystical body of Christ) – i.e. the universal (total) body of believers whom God calls out from the world and into His eternal kingdom.

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- Mirror (The word, ekklesia, comes from ek, a preposition always denoting origin, and klesia from kaleo, to identify by name, to surname; thus the “Ekklesia” is his redeemed image and likeness in human form.)
- The expression of God and His government on earth as it is in Heaven

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- Eph 1:22 I want you to see this: he subjected all these powers under his feet. He towers head and shoulders above everything. He is the head; 1:23 the ekklesia is his body. The completeness of his being that fills all in all resides in us! God cannot make himself more visible or exhibit himself more accurately. -Mirror

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- Many synonymous names that convey different perspectives
- Body of Christ, Household of God, family, vineyard, city of God, New Jerusalem, bride or wife, assembly, congregation, flock, fold, Holy City, Habitation of God, Holy Mountain, spiritual house, Temple of God, Golden Candlestick, God's heritage, Israel of God

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- The church of the religious institution of the Christian religion is not the Ekklesia Jesus and Paul talked about
- As the sons of God arise, so will the true Ekklesia of God rise up
- The individual cannot be separated from the corporate identity we all are called out to belong to

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- Heb 12:23 to the general assembly and Ekklesia of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven...
- We are not separated from those in heaven: they are still the Ekklesia and still have a role to play
- Heb 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us...

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- Esther came and visited us to remind us that we are all called for a time such as this
- We are all significant in God's heart and within His desire for restoration of all things
- I sought Esther out and talked with her in heaven; this is what she said:

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- “The sons of God are called for this time to mature and engage in kingdom government in heaven and on earth.”
- Esther 4:14 And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”
- Esther 4:14 Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

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- Of all the times in history that you could have been born, you have been specifically chosen for now
- Enemy has tried to rob, kill and destroy your destiny as sons of the kingdom
- It is time to rise up and serve the purposes of God in your generation

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- We were all created spirits in eternity as desires in the heart of God; and expressed as thoughts within God's mind, and spoken into existence for such a time as this
- We have all been called to be the Ekklesia of God

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- Esther “I was unprepared: despite all the attention of the court, it was not until I was placed in the position to step out into my destiny in God that I truly discovered who I was within God's kingdom and what I was capable of”

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- “No one will ever be ready until they are in the position that will test their hearts and motives and the levels of trust they will need. Allowing people to try, fail and try again is what God has done with you, so release the same grace to others”

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- “I did not see the process as something to be desired, wanted or even thought of as being good. The outcome was not what I was expecting. Many people don't recognise their own destiny until they are in the midst of it.”

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- Following this conversation the Father said:
- Son, use the environment of 'On Earth as it is in Heaven' to accelerate the processes of My children being prepared for their sonship positions.

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- Let Me call people beyond their present expectations and take them out of the comfort of their boats into unchartered waters where they will learn to swim without aids.
- I will stretch My children beyond, if you will provide the environment where they are safe to explore.

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- Esther went through a process of purification to prepare her to engage the king
- Jesus has already made us righteous, therefore worthy to access the King
- Do we believe we are worthy or do we believe the lies that make us 'less than'?

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- I sense Esther is observing the Joshua Generation
- I sense she is investing into all of us so we can accept our callings and destiny as sons within God's kingdom
- Be free and open to seek her and engage her if you feel led

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- Isa 42:9 “Behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”
- We must be aware when the former or old things have come to the end of their usefulness to accept and embrace the new things

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- God is revealing new things in our day: the revelation that was once sealed is open and being released
- We often try to cling on to what is old, comfortable and familiar like the children of Israel in the wilderness
- Old forms of church, ministry and prayer are being challenged by new, fresh revelations of truth

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- Matt 9:16 But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an **old garment**; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results. 17 **Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins**; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they **put new wine into fresh wineskins**, and both are preserved.”

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- Matt 16:18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build My Ekklesia** (church); and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**; and whatever you bind on earth **shall have been bound in heaven**, and whatever you loose on earth **shall have been loosed in heaven.**”
- Jesus builds the Ekklesia with people as the living stones of all shapes and sizes

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- 1 Peter 2:5 you also, as **living stones**, are being built up as a **spiritual house** for a **holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 9 But you are a **chosen race**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people for God's own possession**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

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- The Ekklesia is people who gather together relationally as living stones around a heavenly governmental vision or blueprint
- Jesus is the architect and builds his Ekklesia with people
- We are those people; we are the new wineskin, and God dwells in us by His Spirit

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- The kingdom of God, His rule and reign is now within us and that gives us access to heaven's government
- We are gateways of heaven so that the kingdom will flow through us
- We are the living stones that God uses to build His Ekklesia and expand His kingdom

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- An Ekklesia is made up of individuals who corporately are a shadow of what is established in heaven, God's blueprint
- A shadow of heaven can only form on the earth when we are in heaven
- We live under the heavenly kingdom authority that we establish as sons

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- A new wineskin Ekklesia will not be a building or an organisation, or just have meetings
- It will be people who have a heavenly mandate and a blueprint of restoration who relate to each other
- The Ekklesia is the wineskin that can become an embassy of heaven on earth

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- God is calling people out of the old religious structures
- God is calling a new generation who will accept their destiny and inheritance
- God is raising up the Joshua Generation, those who will cross over beyond the veil and be mentors to that coming united generation gathered in storehouses

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- Our minds need to be renewed in regards to what an Ekklesia can look like
- Every mandate to establish an Ekklesia will have a blueprint that will be different and every living stone that gathers around those blueprints will be different
- Each Ekklesia may gather differently and every gathering may be different
- Everything must be seen from heaven

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- We must have a flexible approach that is not limited by previous experiences (both good and bad), with no assumptions
- The purpose assigned to each Ekklesia will be different; and even similar destinies may have different strategies for delivery, to accommodate each person's individual destiny

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- Son, deconstruction of the Church is vital if My children are going to establish true new order Ekklesia on earth as it is in heaven.
- The pillars that hold up the construct of what church is, and what church does, and how church gathers, must be destroyed

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- This is so that a true representation of a heavenly relational storehouse can become embassies of heaven on the earth.
- Ask 'why, what, how, when, where, who' for the Ekklesia and outwork the mandate through a fresh expression of the blueprint.

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- Why? What is the clear reason, the primary reason and the secondary reasons for being?
- What? What is the mandated purpose, the primary purpose and secondary purposes, for existing?

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- How are those reasons and purposes going to be fulfilled and outworked?
- When are you going to be and do the why, what and how?
- Where are you going to be and do the why, what, how?

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- Where are you going to be and do the why, what, how?
- Who are you going to involve in the why, what and how?
- ‘Why’ needs clarification e.g. God gave us a mandate

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- Why?
- God has chosen the Ekklesia as His means of expressing heaven on earth
- God so loved the world He sent Jesus, and Jesus sent His disciples
- There is darkness in the world that needs love's light.

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- There are people living without God and love
- There are people living in the bondage of lost identity
- Creation is in bondage to corruption; creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God.

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- What is the identity of this group of people who are the living stones that will form this blueprint?
- What is their DNA?
- What sort of Ekklesia is this group of people: ministry, business, healing hospital, health centre?

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- What is their DNA? What sort of Ekklesia is this group of people? Encounter centre, embassy, arc, refuge, equipping centre, school, creative arts centre?
- Freedom centre, discipleship centre, fellowship centre?

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- Distribution centre, community centre, recreation centre, mystic centre?
- Legislative centre, legal and judicial centre?
- What is God going to build them into as living stones?

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- How are this group of people going to outwork who they are?
- How are they going to fulfil their mandate?
- Static or mobile, single or multiple ways?
- How are they going to do what their mandate calls for?

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- What are they going to practically do?
- How are they going to gather to do it?
- How are they going to establish it in heaven first?
- How are they going to be what they are called to be?
- Is it fixed or flexible?

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- When are they going to do the various aspects of what and how?
- Is this a time-limited mandate, for a specific time period or until a specific purpose has been accomplished?
- Is it an open-ended mandate?
- How often? Daily, weekly, monthly? Is it fixed or flexible?

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- Where is it going to be done?
- What is the jurisdiction?
- Specific area e.g. town, city, region, world?
- Specific fixed location within the area of jurisdiction e.g. a building, house.
- Is it fixed or flexible?

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- Who is this primarily for?
- Who will be positively affected by who you are and what you do?
- Do you exist for your members, or your beneficiaries, or both?
- Are you going to have an effect on specific people groups within the community, or everyone?
- Local or wider beneficiaries?

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- What each Ekklesia will have is a mandate or mandates and a blueprint; and there needs to a foundation of ideally 10 men and women from which a Bench of 3 and 7 can emerge

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- Each new order Ekklesia must be a shadow of heaven on earth therefore must operate according to the pattern of the order of Melchizedek

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- Each new order Ekklesia will function by standing in YHVH, in the power of His name, according to the pattern of the order of Melchizedek, the government of the 4 faces of God.
- Administrating the kingdom as a full reflection of Lion – King, Ox – Oracles, Eagle – Legislator, Man – Priest

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- For a new order Ekklesia to be established and function, there must be agreement of the royal priesthood in heaven
- Priestly and Kingly heavenly agreement; and the agreement with the earthly, prophetic Oracle and apostolic Legislator foundation

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- There are many ways for these things to be established, but there must be heavenly functions agreeing and creating an arc with the earthly outworking
- All involved in foundations must be able to operate beyond the veil and have their own mountain thrones

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- This process of receiving and establishing the blueprints must be relational between God and us and us with others
- The relational foundations are key for the other factors to come together
- One heart, one mind, one purpose, openness, honesty, transparency and honour will command a blessing

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- Isa 60:1 “**Arise, shine**; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you And **His glory will appear upon you**. 3 Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.”

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- Isa 2:2 Now it will come about that In the last days **The mountain of the house of the Lord** Will be established as the **chief of the mountains**, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. 3 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

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- Ekklesia will rise from the ashes of the old.
- New mindsets will enable new practices on new foundations.
- You cannot change the mindsets by changing the practice.

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- The only way to change a mindset is through encounter; so facilitate encounters, and I will transform the beliefs to enable the Ekklesia to rise.
- Abundant life flows through relationship, and not meetings; but true relational gatherings will facilitate an increase in the flow of the tree of life and fruitfulness.

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- The early church is only an example but it can be transposed into today's culture.
- Acts 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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- Acts 2:46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart

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- Acts 2:42
- Continually
- Devoting
- To new covenant teaching
- Fellowship
- Breaking Bread
- Prayer encounters

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- Acts 2:46
- Daily
- One mind unity of heart and purpose
- House to house
- Eating together
- Joy
- Heart to heart relationship

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- God is calling to a generation who have been through the wilderness years
- He is calling to the Joshua generation as sons to arise and shine
- He is calling people to cross over and take possession of their inheritance
- Pioneers who will occupy the land and restore it

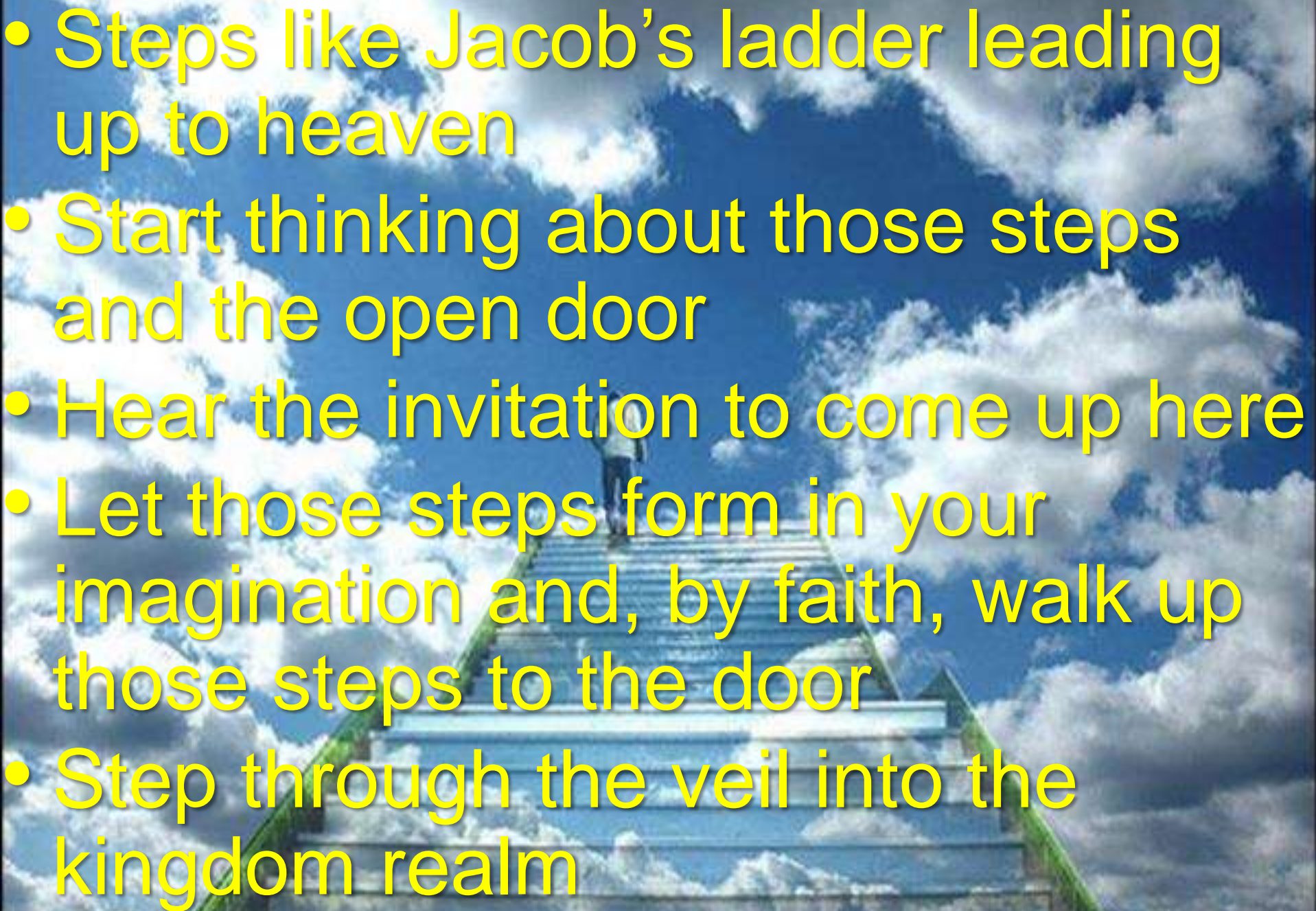


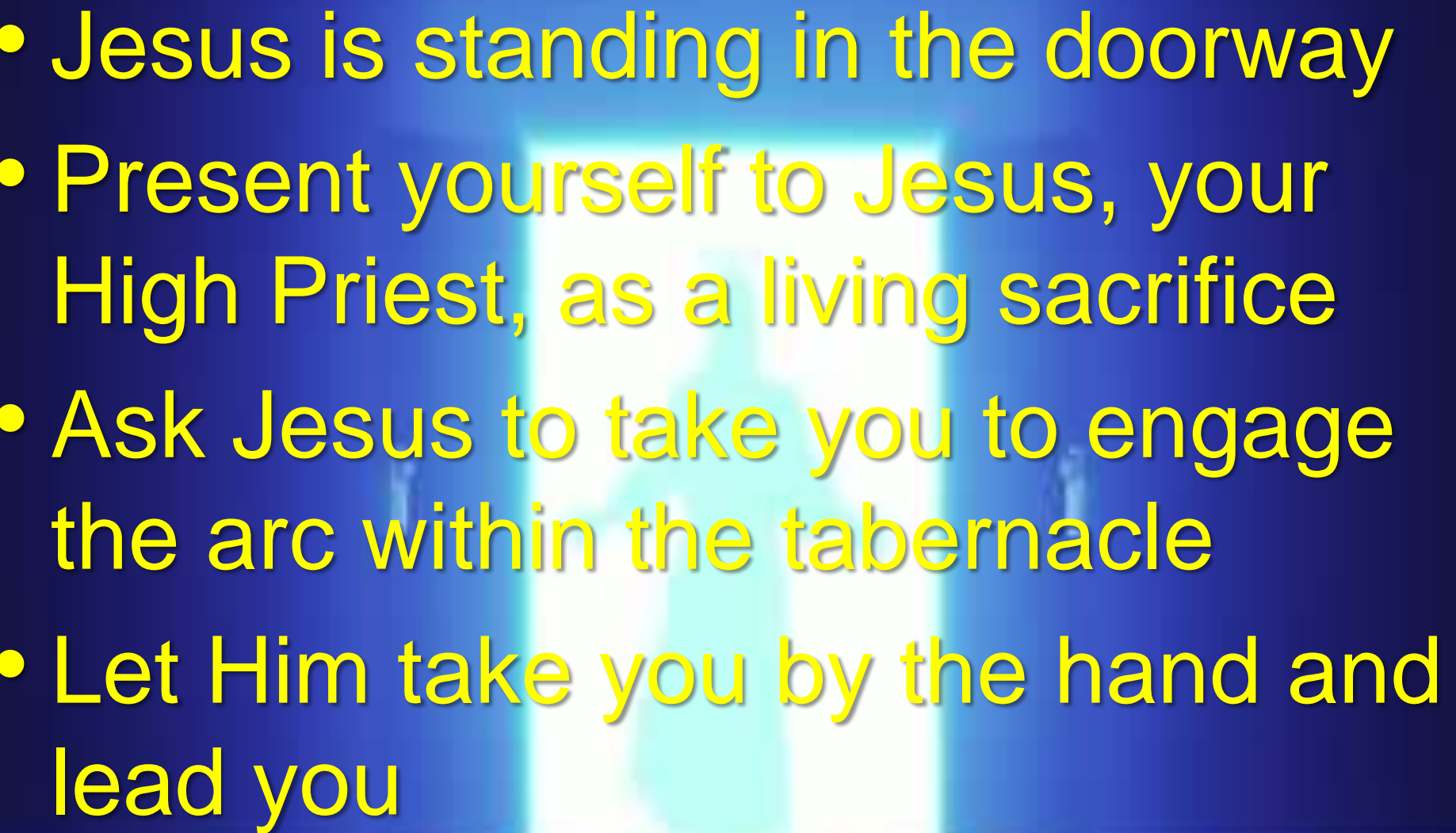
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- A person is standing on a long, narrow staircase that appears to be made of stone or concrete. The staircase is set against a bright blue sky filled with white, fluffy clouds. At the top of the staircase, there is a bright, glowing light source, possibly representing heaven or a divine realm. The person is positioned near the top of the visible stairs, looking towards the light. The overall scene is symbolic of a journey or a path leading to a higher state of being.
- Steps like Jacob's ladder leading up to heaven
 - Start thinking about those steps and the open door
 - Hear the invitation to come up here
 - Let those steps form in your imagination and, by faith, walk up those steps to the door
 - Step through the veil into the kingdom realm

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 - Present yourself to Jesus, your High Priest, as a living sacrifice
 - Ask Jesus to take you to engage the arc within the tabernacle
 - Let Him take you by the hand and lead you



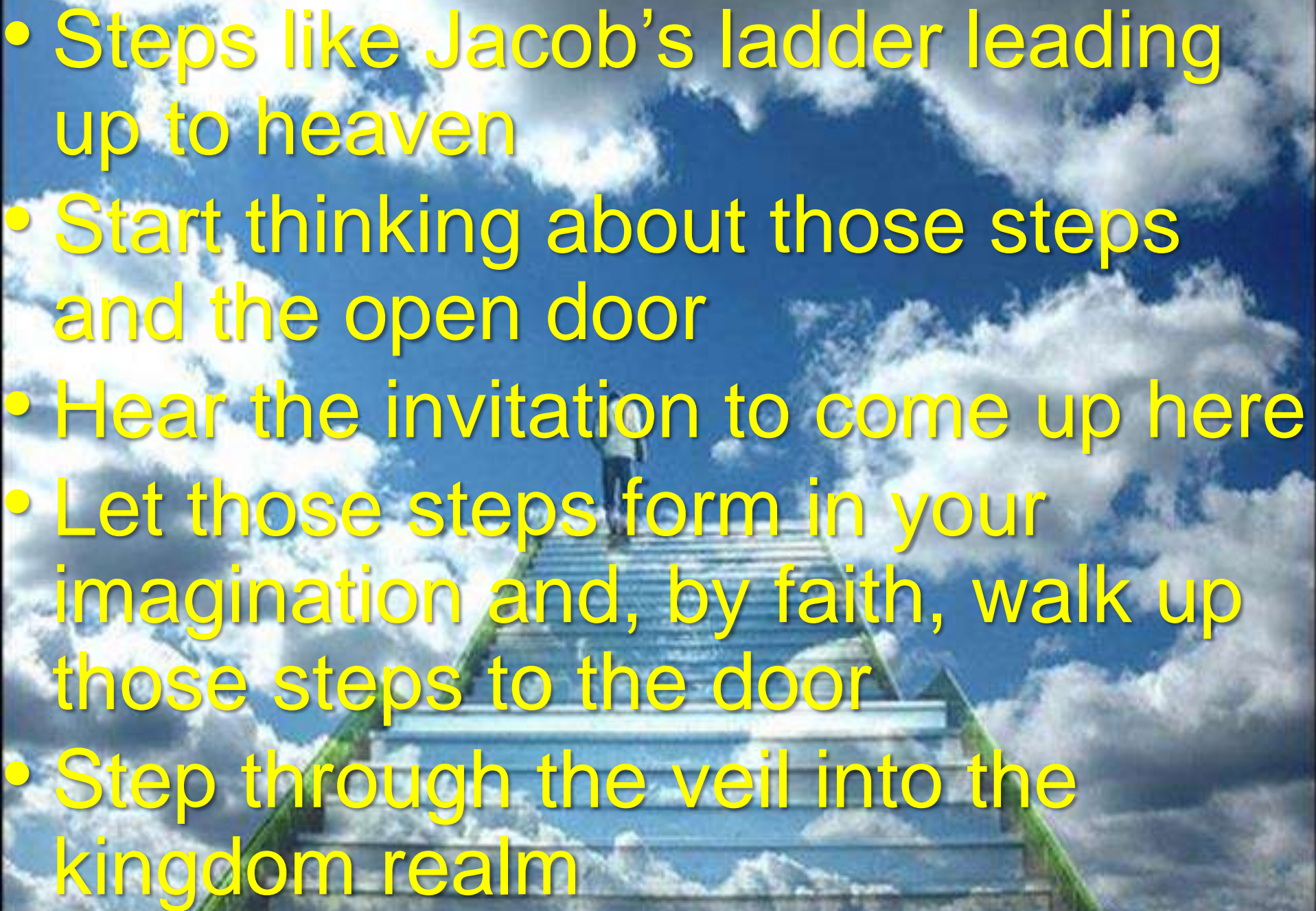


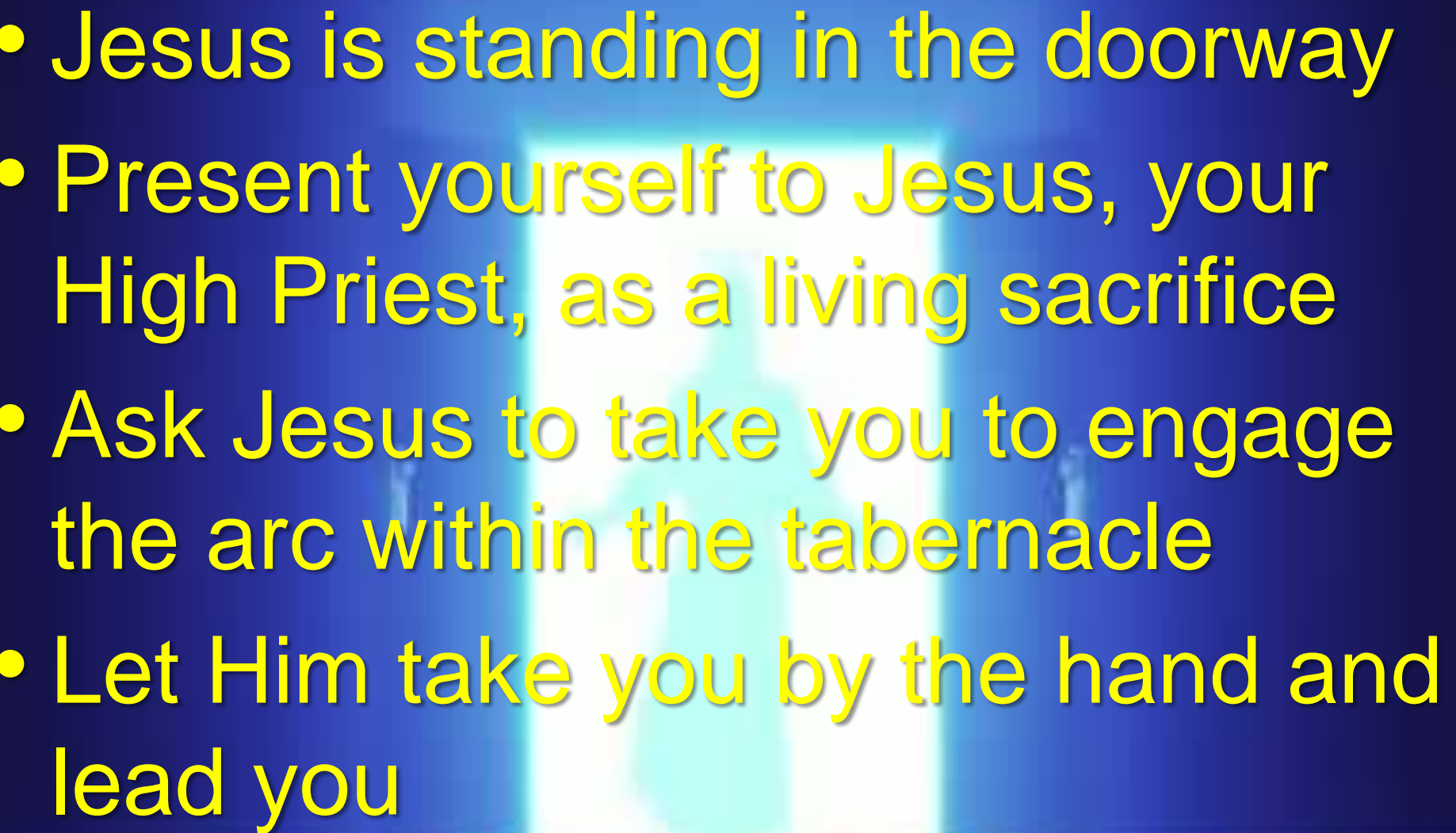
- You stand before the arc of His presence
- You seek His will and purpose
- Eat the hidden manna, His will; let your spirit receive it
- Start to resonate with His will and purpose
- Open your heart and let Him write and reveal your destiny, your mandate







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