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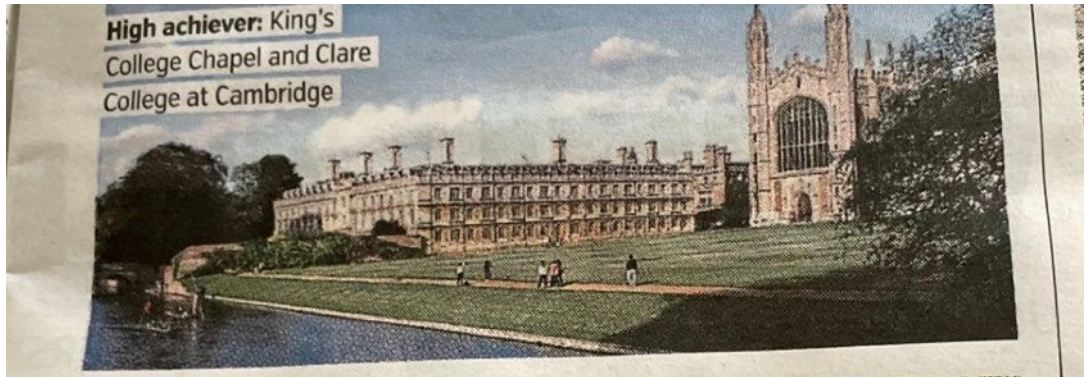


High achiever: King's College Chapel and Clare College at Cambridge

by DEBBIE LUXON

A MAN with autism who could not read or write until he was 18 has become the youngest ever black professor at the University of Cambridge.

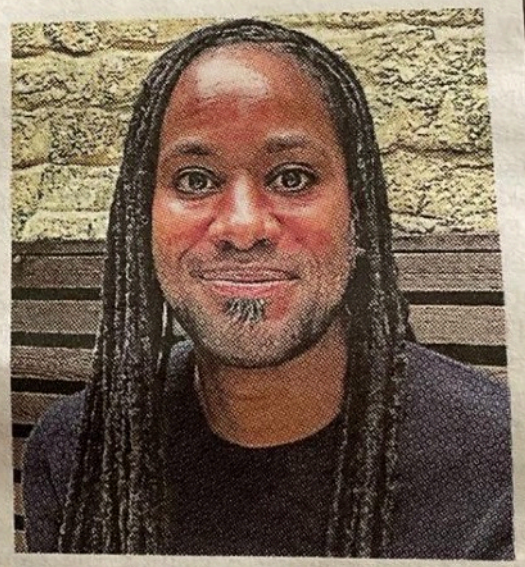
Jason Arday, 37, struggled so much with his condition as a child that he was 11 before he was able to speak.

Growing up in Clapham, south-west London, his family were told he would need lifelong support. But despite not having the tools to express it, he said he questioned the world around him.

'Why are some people homeless? Why is there war?,' he remembers asking. 'I thought, if I don't make it as a football player or a professional snooker player then I want to save the world.'

Supported by tutor Sandro Sandi, he began to read and write in his late teens. He studied PE at the University of Surrey, trained as a teacher and became interested in postgraduate study.

'Sandro told me, "I think you could

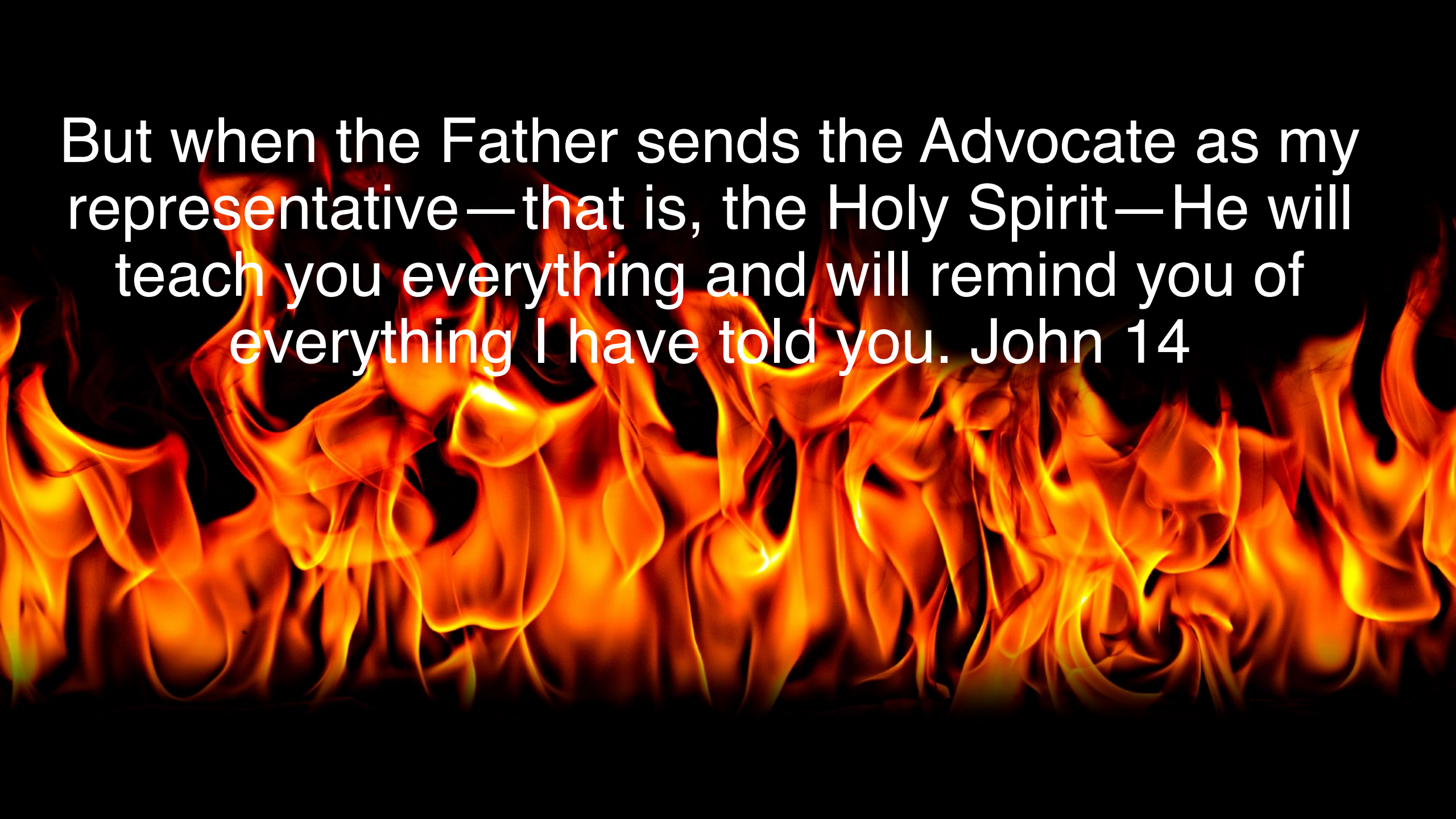


Youngest professor: Jason Arday SWNS

cational studies. He has now been appointed professor of sociology of education at Cambridge, joining just five other black professors at the institution.

Prof Arday wants to inspire people

William Joseph Seymour African-American preacher who led the Azusa Street Revival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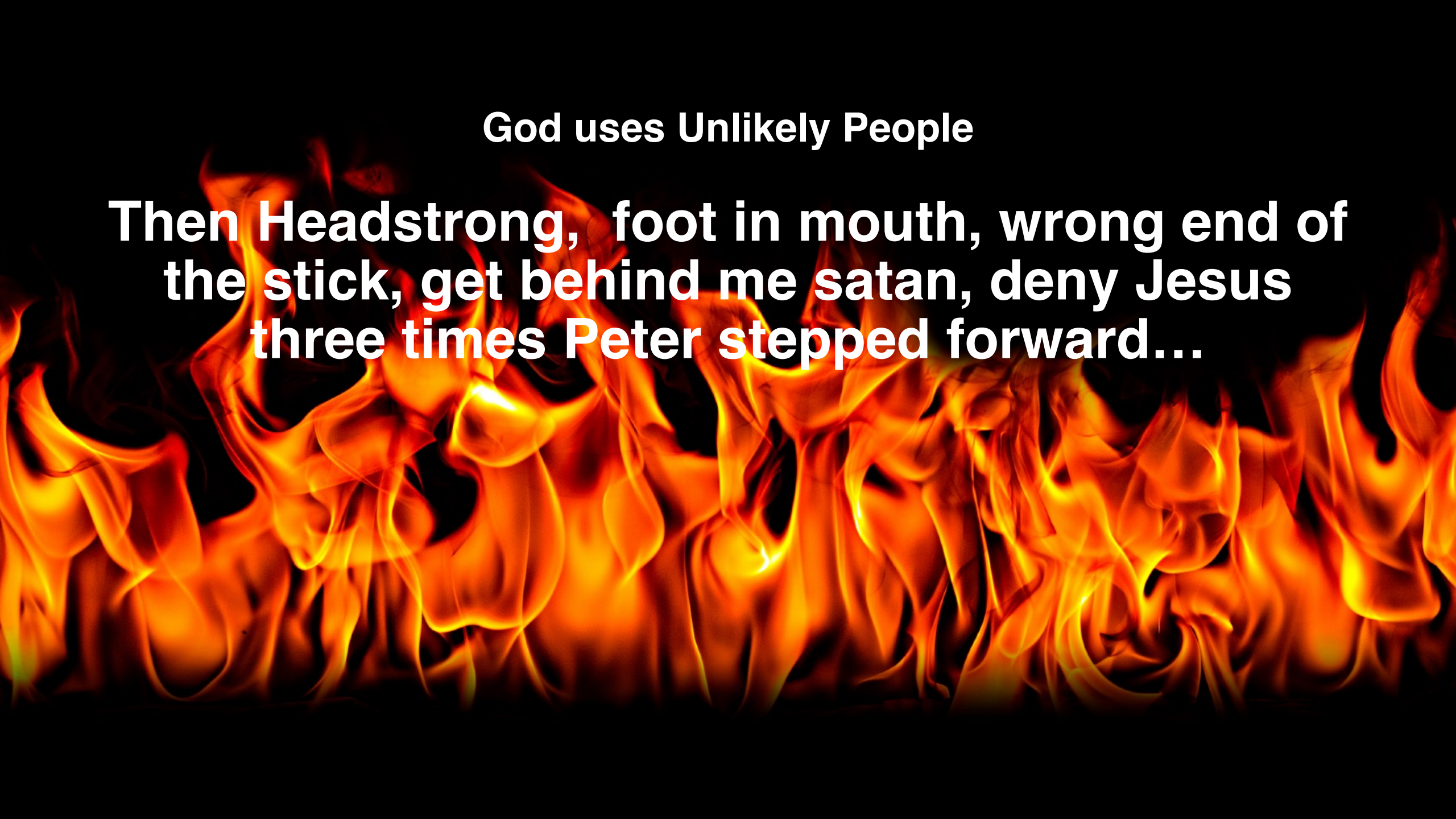

Then Headstrong, foot in mouth, wrong end of the stick, get behind me satan, deny Jesus three times Peter stepped forward…

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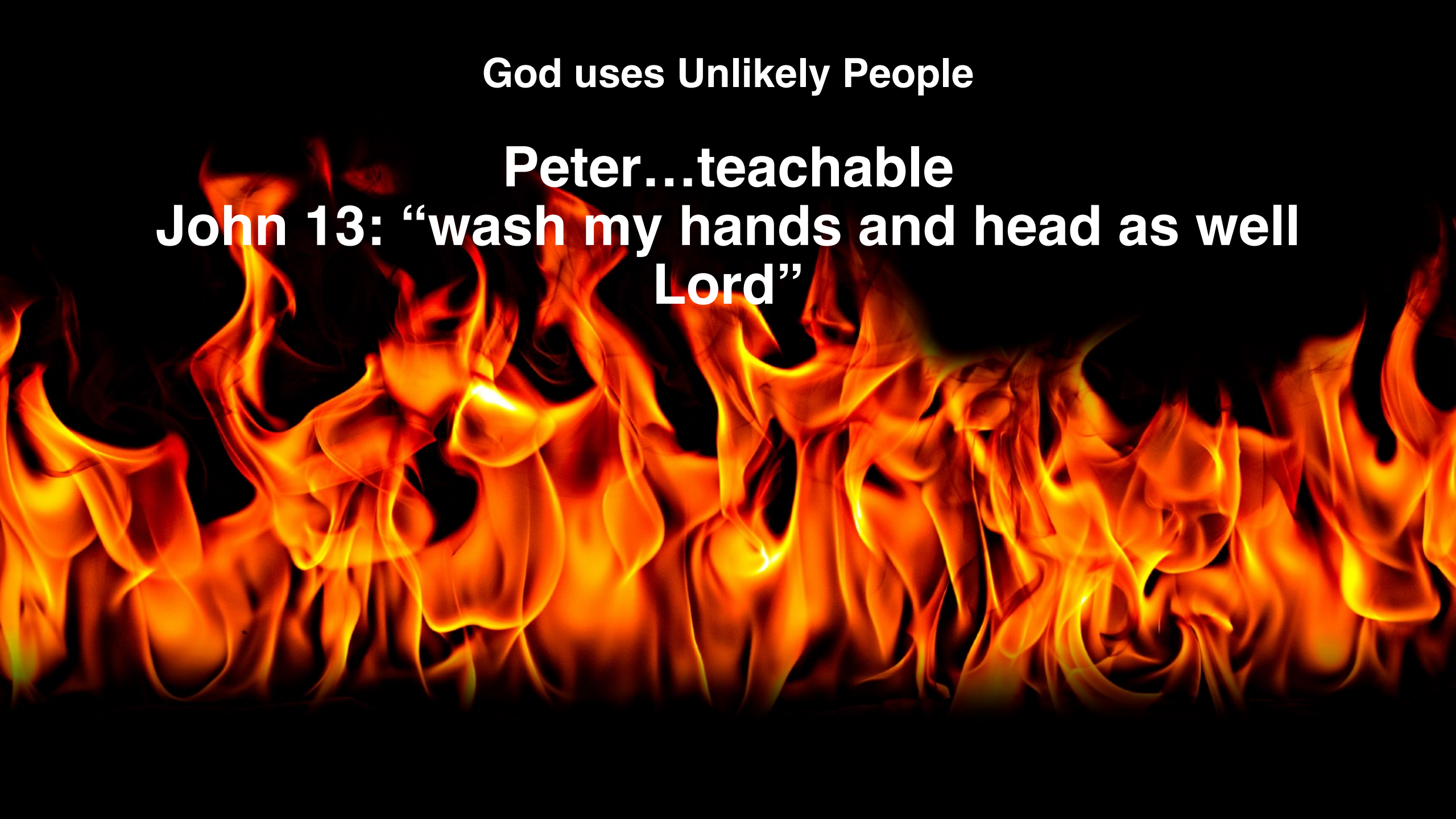

Peter…teachable
John 13: “wash my hands and head as well Lord”

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Peter…excited
John 21:7 “he jumped out of the boat”

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Peter…thorough
John 20:6 “Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside”

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Peter…committed

John 10:28 Then Peter began to speak up. “We’ve given up everything to follow you,”

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Peter…took risks

Mark 10:28 “So Peter went over the side of the boat”

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Peter…repented

John 21:15 “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

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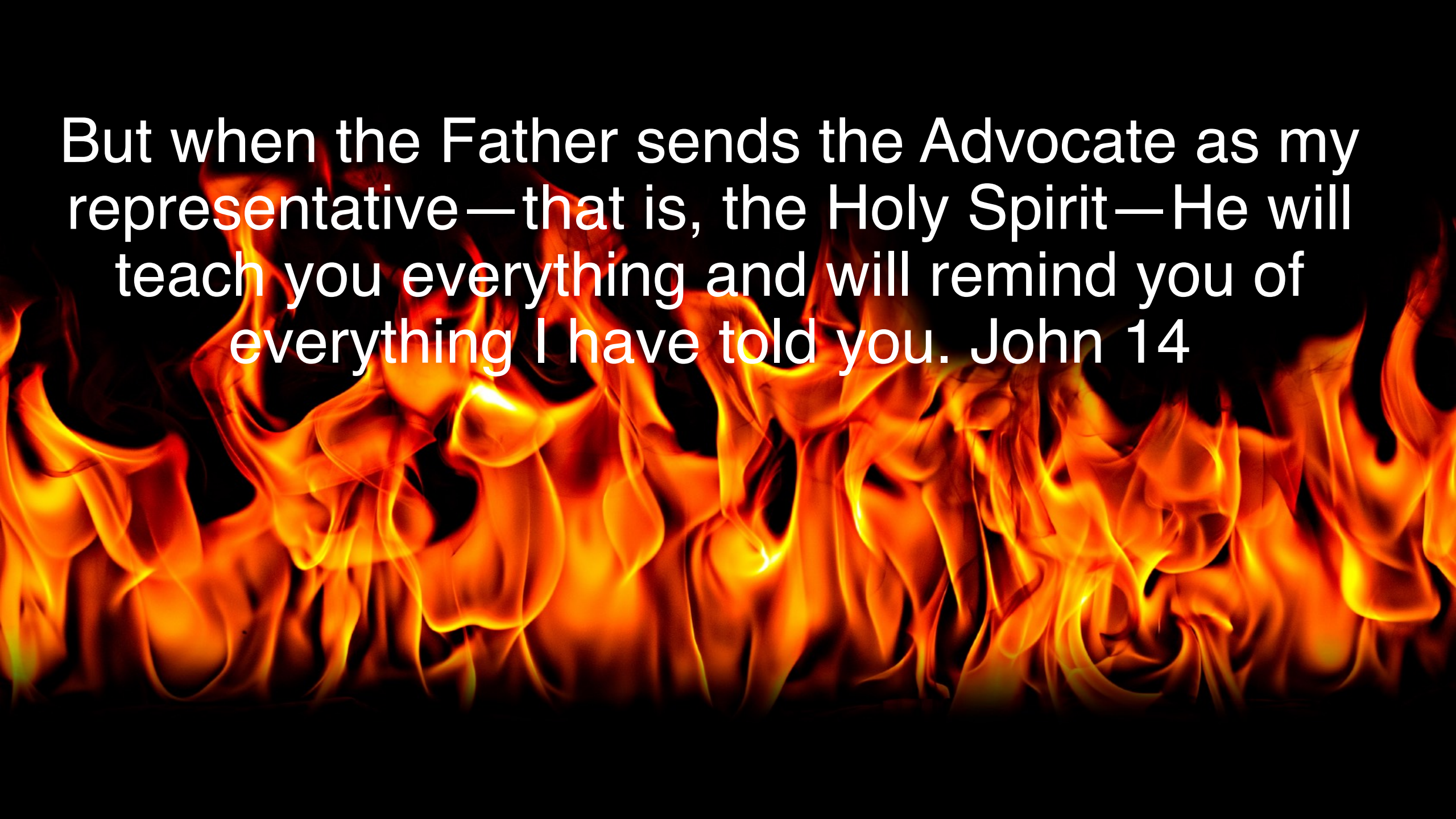
Peter…filled

Acts 2:4 “everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit”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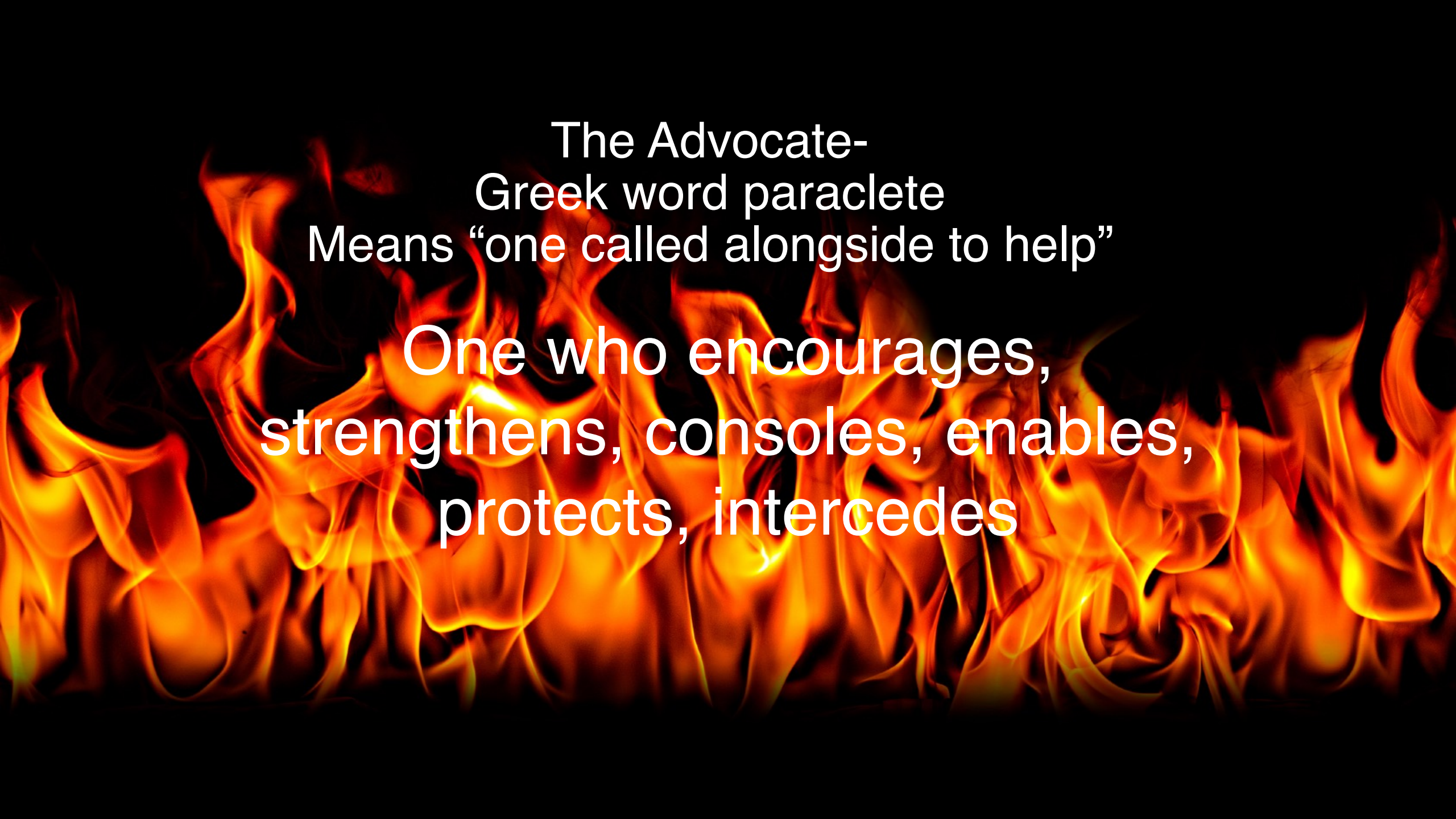
To help what?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strengthens, consoles, enables,
protects, intercedes

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Then teachable,excited, thorough,committed, risk taker, repented, filled Peter stepped forward…

- The Day of Pentecost was a Jewish feast held 50 days after Passover
- The first fruits of the wheat harvest were presented to God
- The most cosmopolitan gathering in Jerusalem

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

ACTS 2:1-11 (NIV)

©Richard Lyall engage worship

Acts 2:38-39

"Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."

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Unlikely People: Zacchaeus Luke 19:10 Meal with a message

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Jesus – seeking the lost

- Saviour
- Healer
- Baptiser
- Deliverer

Luke 4:18-19, Col 2:-3-15

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How should you respond?

- Saviour
- Healer
- Baptiser
- Deliverer

WHATS *YOUR* NEXT STEP?

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