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4 Commitments of a DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH

Colossians 1:24-29

The Dream

**that the message of Jesus
would spread out from this
place – *person by person* –
until there's an epidemic of
changed lives all around this
island**

2 main phrases - framework

“to make the word of God fully known” *(vs. 25)*

“that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” *(vs. 28)*



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- Warn unbelievers about their eternal condition.
- Warn believers against the lies of the enemy.



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28 Then they will call on me, but I will not answer.
 29 They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.
 30 Because they hated knowledge
 And did not choose the fear of the LORD,
 31 They would have none of my counsel = advice; rebuke
 And despised my every rebuke.
 32 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way,
 And be filled to the full with their own fancies.
 33 For the turning away of the simple will slay them,
 And the complacency of fools will destroy them;
 34 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely,
 And will be secure, without fear of evil.

CHAPTER 2 Moral Benefits of Acquiring + Practising Wisdom

The Value of Wisdom

My son, if you receive my words,
 And treasure my commands within you,
 So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
 And apply your heart to understanding,

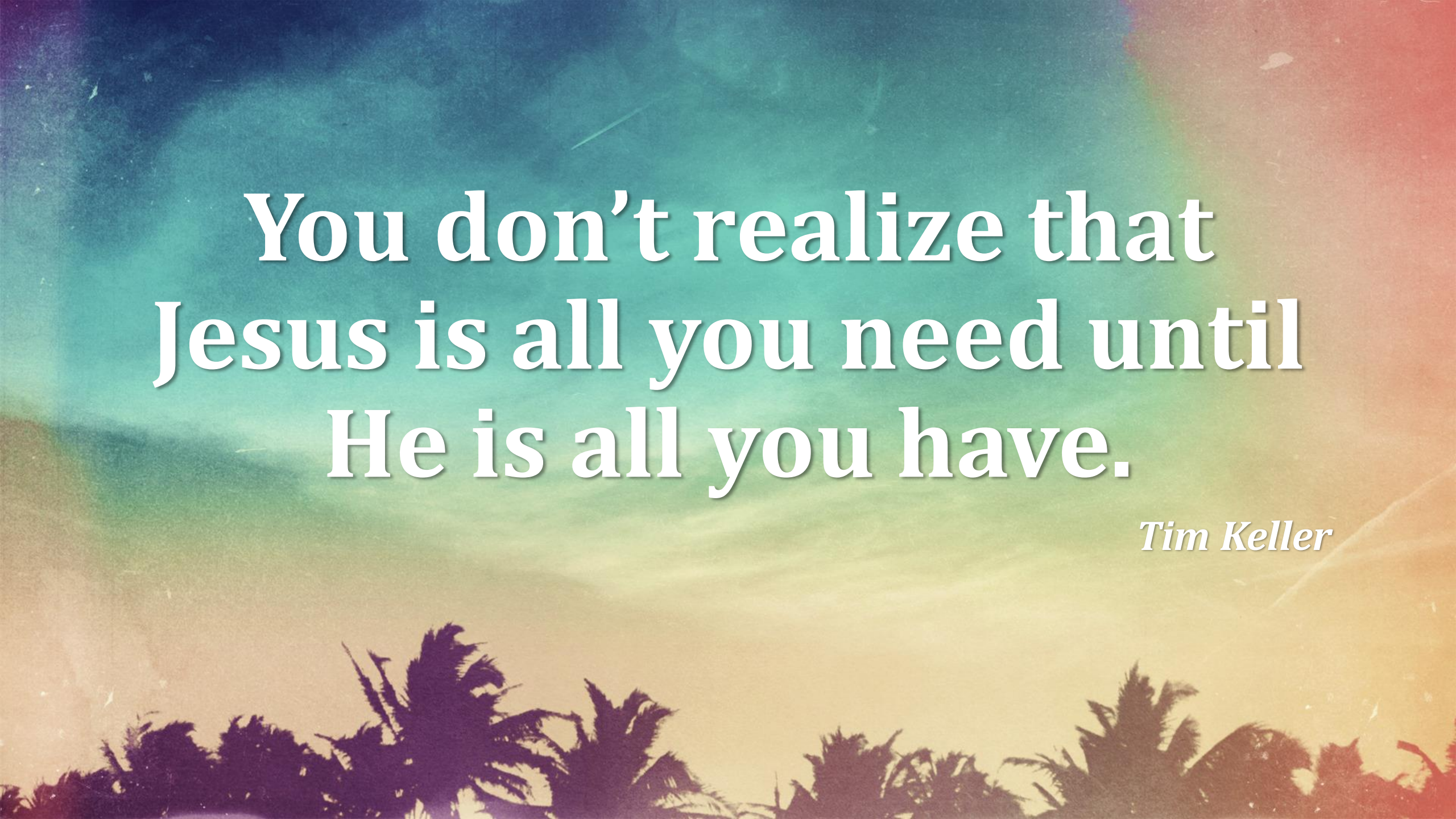
* FEAR OF THE LORD: The Foundation for Wisdom

"Fear of the Lord" is the foundation for wisdom, the prerequisite for obedience, and the accompaniment of love (Deut. 10:12). Fearing the Lord and loving Him are not antithetical but inseparable responses. The Book of Proverbs is permeated with these admonitions (Prov. 1:7; 31:30). Other wisdom literature supports the plea (Eccl. 12:13), the prophets echo the same (Mic. 6:8), and the New Testament picks up this emphasis in its description of "a gentle and quiet spirit" (1 Pet. 3:4).

"Fear" in this sense indicates submissive reverence and not stark terror. To reject this awe, which inspires respectful obedience, is to determine to go your own way (Prov. 1:31) and turn away from God's way (Is. 55:8).


The promised results of fearing Him are goodness, riches, honor and satisfaction (Ps. 31:19), a right relationship with others (Lev. 25:17), long life (Deut. 6:2), mercy (Ps. 103:17), strong confidence (Prov. 14:26), and God's constant attention (Ps. 34:7).

See also Gen. 22:12; Deut. 5:29; Josh. 4:24; Ps. 19:9; 25:14; 33:8, 18; 103:11; 115:13; Prov. 3:7; 8:10; 10:27; Dan. 2:23; note Luke 1:50; Rev. 15:4; notes on Gal. 3:12; Eph. 5:2; Col. 3:12; 1 Thim. 1:7; 2 Thim. 1:7; 1 Pet. 3:4; 1 John 4:18; 2 John 1:6; 3 John 1:4; Jude 1:20; Rev. 19:5; 22:3; 22:17.



You don't realize that
Jesus is all you need until
He is all you have.

Tim Keller



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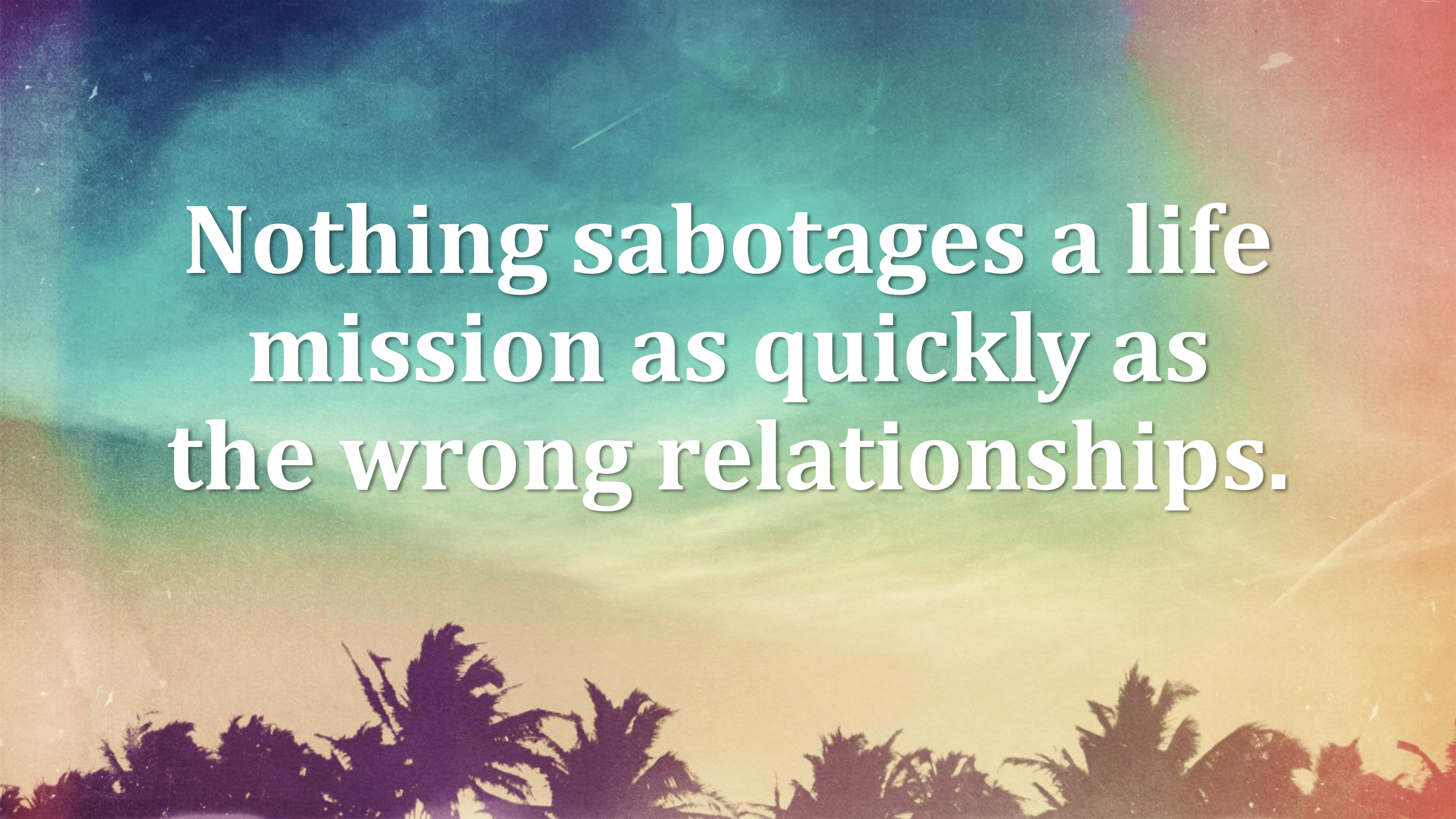


God wants full custody
of His children – not just
weekend rights.



You are only one defining
decision away from a
totally different life.

Mark Batterson



**Nothing sabotages a life
mission as quickly as
the wrong relationships.**

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“mystery”

- *truth that cannot be known apart from divine revelation*
- *something that once was a secret but now is fully revealed*

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- e) It is stirring (*vs. 27*).



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2. A commitment to practical teaching
(vs. 28b)

**Barna: the average millennial
consumes 3,000+ hours of digital
content every year and only 150
hours of Christian content.**

20:1 ratio