

The background of the image is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. A single, large, bright white star with eight points is positioned in the upper right quadrant. In the center, five dark silhouettes of figures are standing in a row. From left to right, they are: a figure holding a long staff, a figure wearing a crown, a figure in a long robe, another figure wearing a crown, and a figure holding a long staff. To the left of the figures, there are two palm trees. To the right, there are rolling hills or mountains. The text "CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS" is written in a large, white, serif font across the middle of the image, overlapping the silhouettes.

CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS



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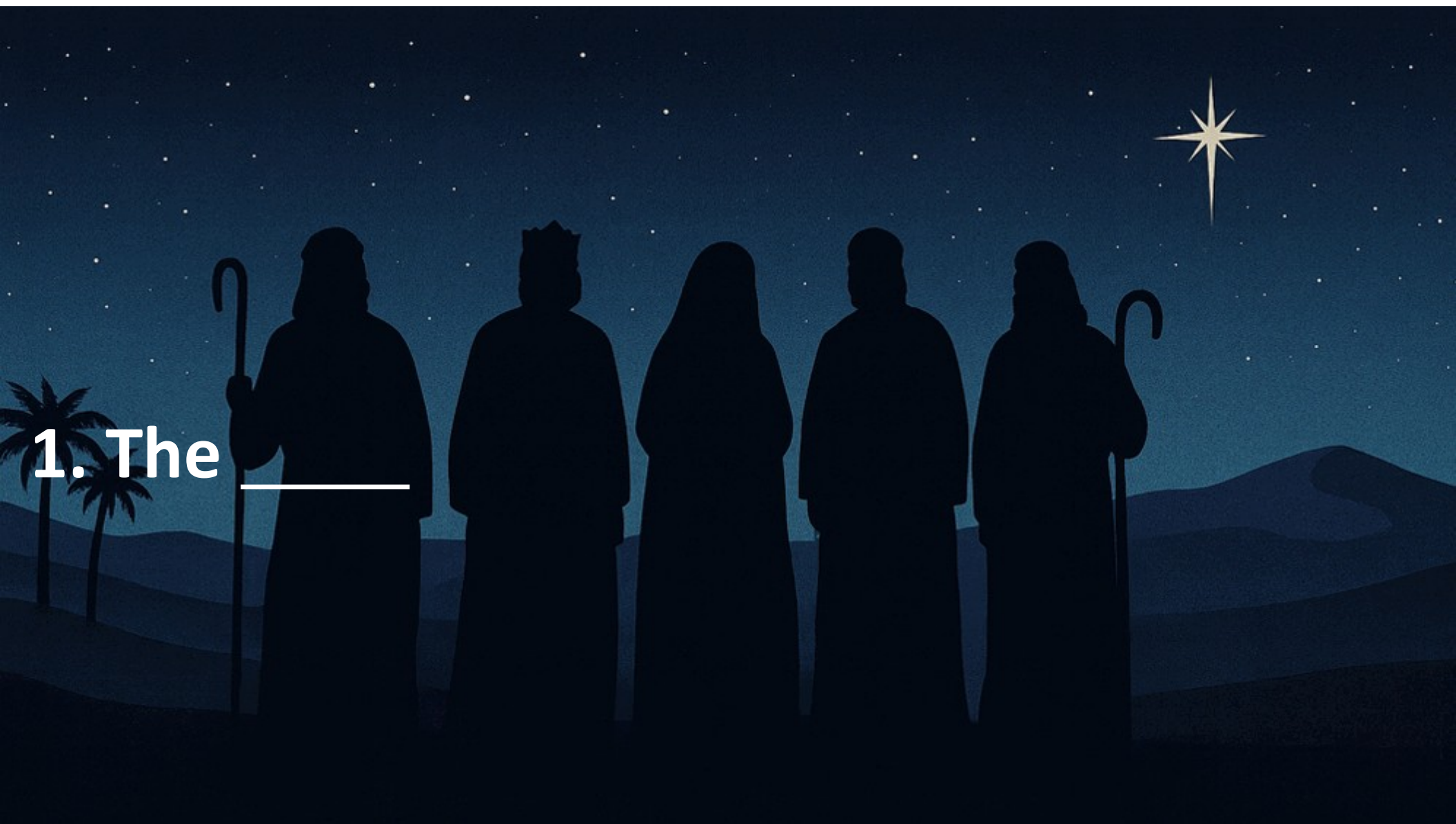
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to His EXTRAORDINARY PLAN.**

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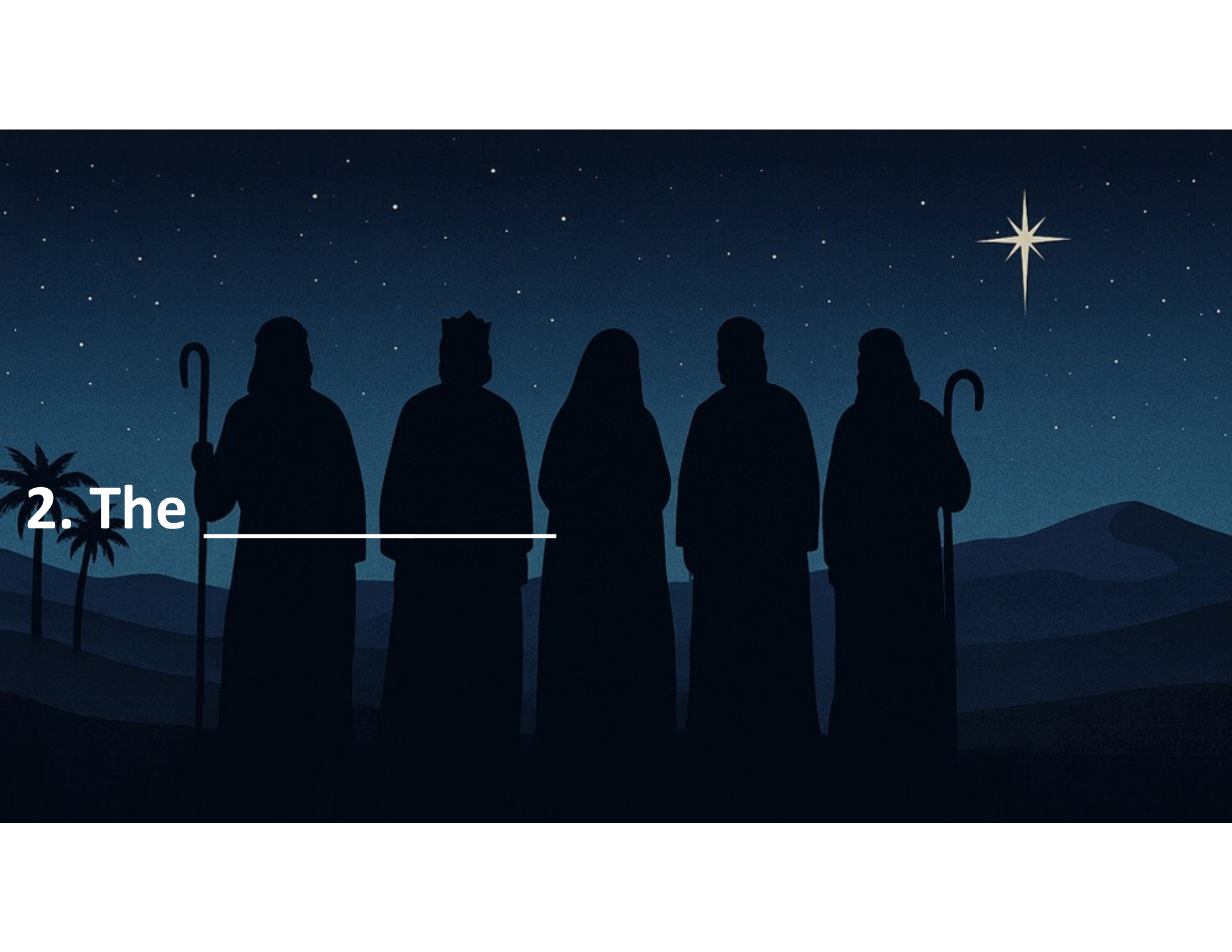


1. The Calling



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Mary was God's favored, not His favorite.



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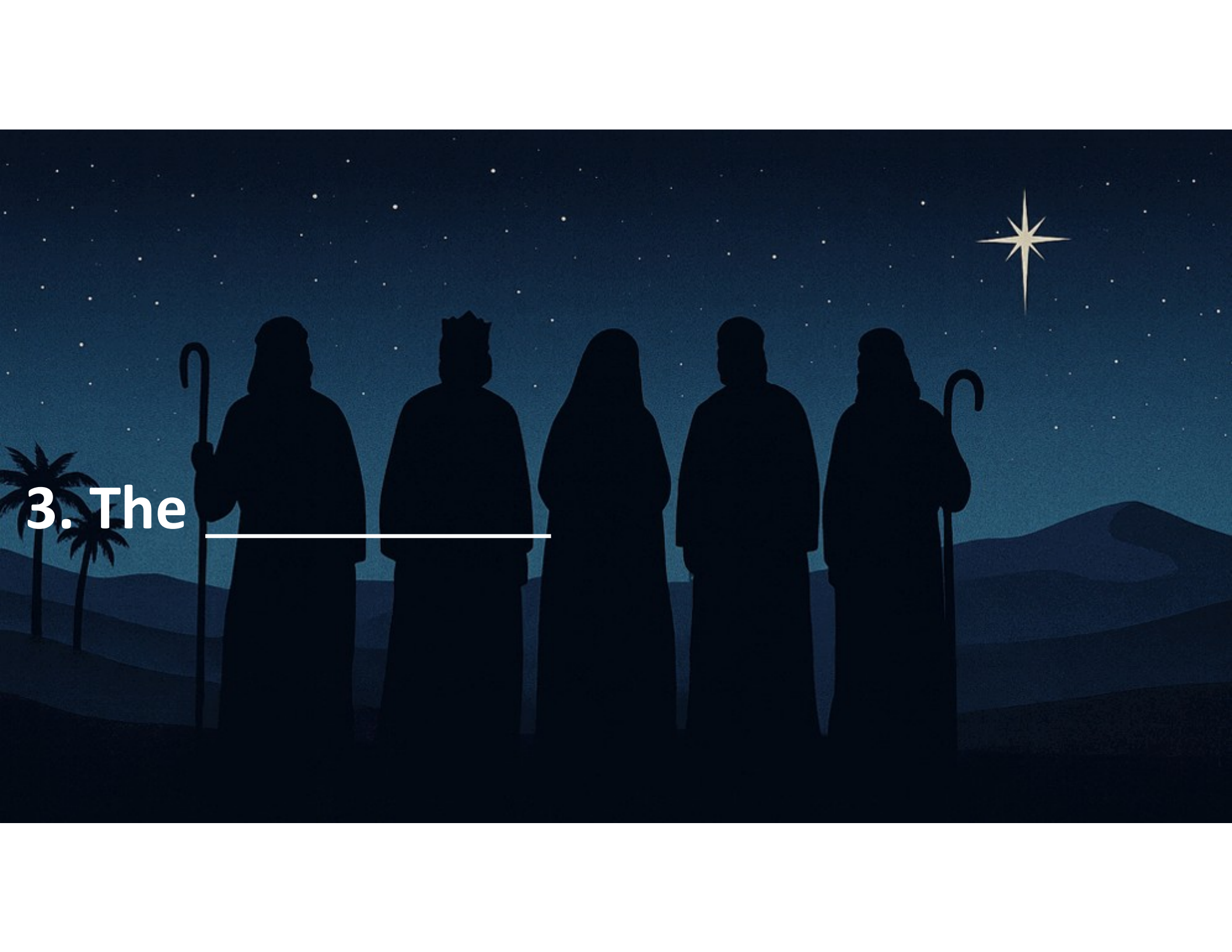


2. The Consequence

The background of the slide features a dark blue night sky filled with small white stars. A prominent, bright, multi-pointed star (the Star of Bethlehem) is located in the upper right quadrant. In the foreground, the silhouettes of five figures are visible against the sky. From left to right: a palm tree, a shepherd with a long staff, a king wearing a crown, another shepherd with a long staff, and a woman in a long robe. The ground is depicted with dark, rolling hills and a few more palm trees on the left side.

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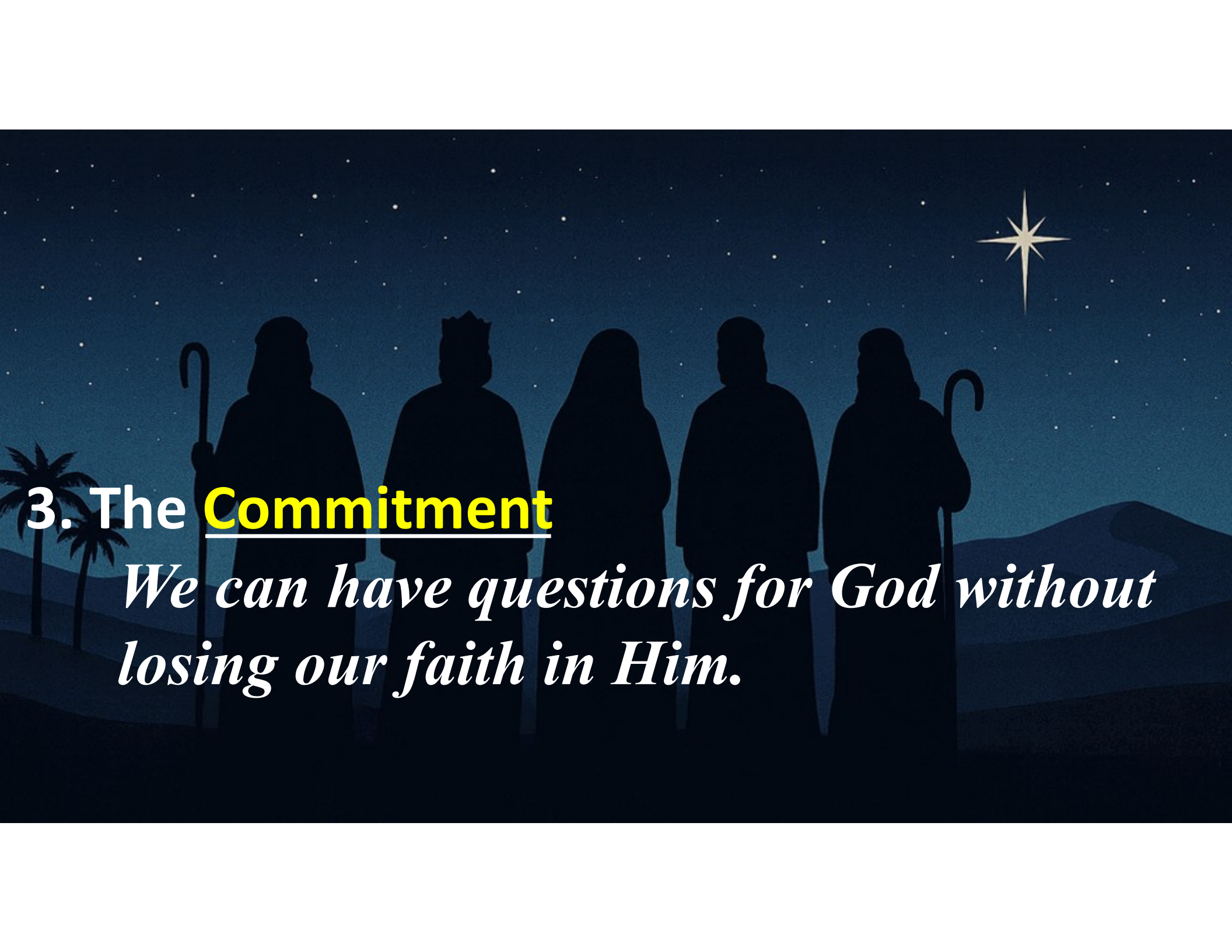
*In the face of fear and uncertainty,
we can trust God because He has
never failed.*



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We can have questions for God without losing our faith in Him.

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*Mary's heart didn't magically catch up;
it was prepared.*

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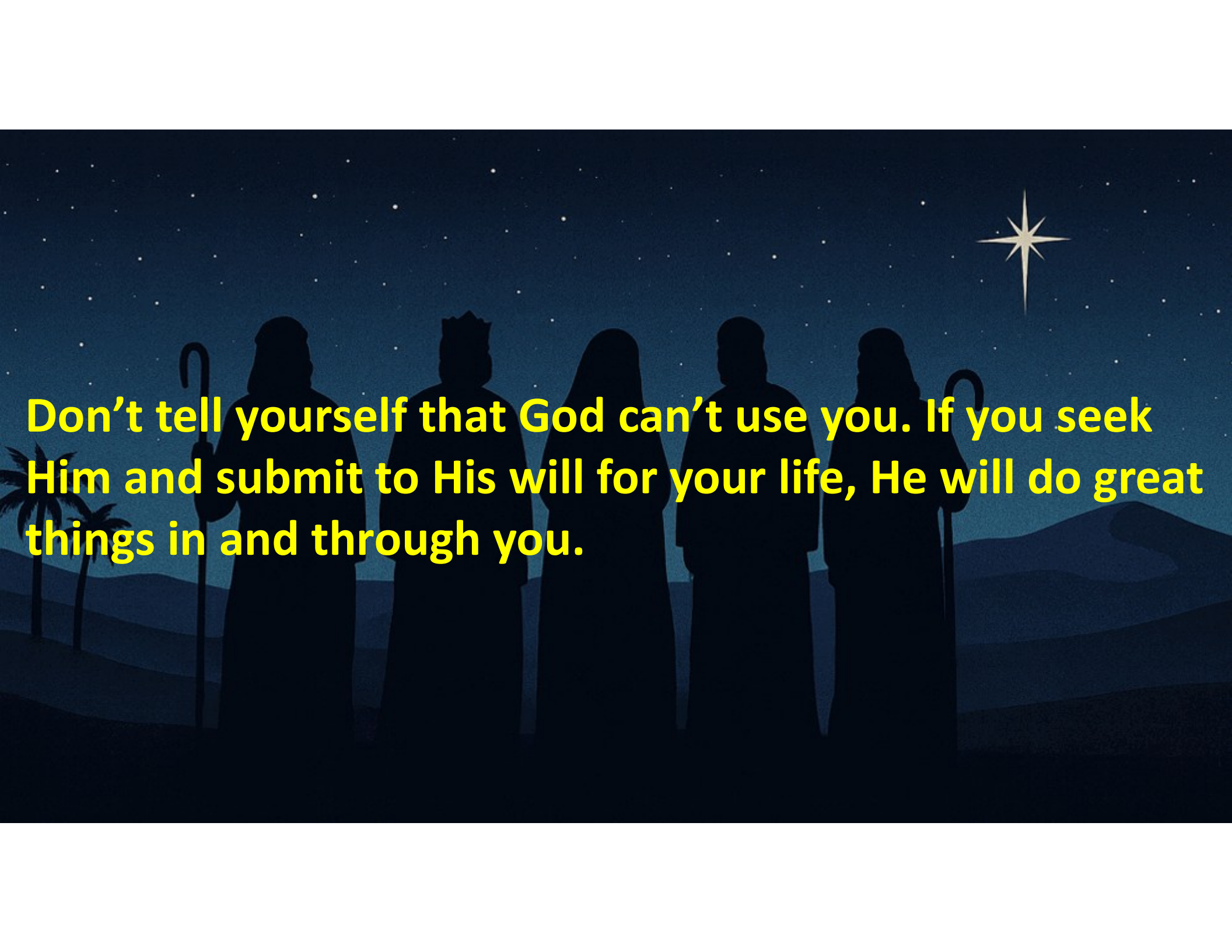
*Submitting to God's plan for our lives
means I no longer live for myself but
for Him.*

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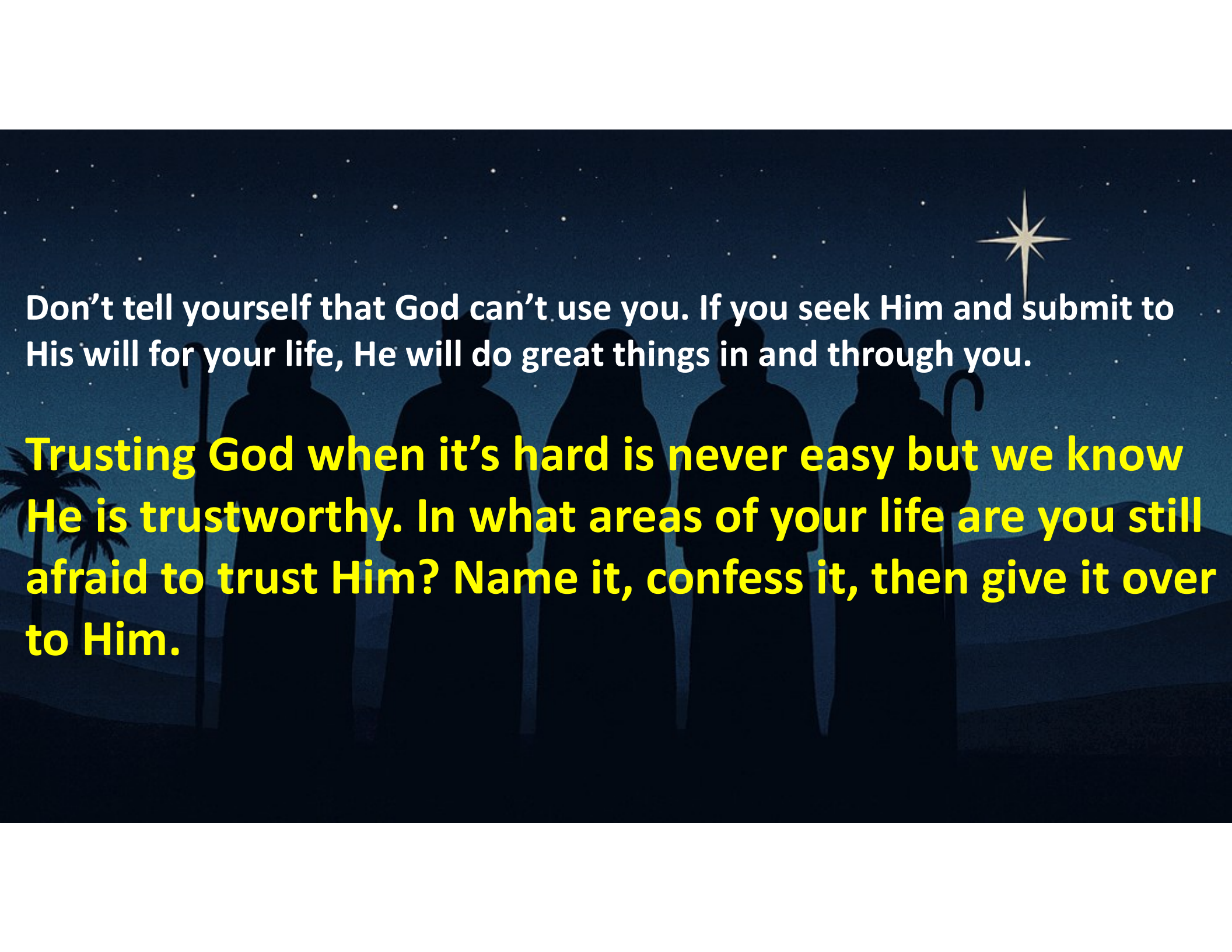
**Christmas teaches us to trust
God's leading and to submit
to His extraordinary plan.**

The image is a dark, stylized illustration of a desert night scene. In the foreground, five figures are shown in silhouette: three men (the Three Kings) and two women (Mary and one of the women following them). The man on the far left holds a long staff. The man in the middle wears a crown. The woman in the center is Mary, with long hair. The man to her right is another king. The woman on the far right also holds a staff. They are all looking towards the right. In the background, there are rolling hills, two palm trees on the left, and a bright, multi-pointed star in the dark blue sky. The text "Let's Apply It!" is written in a yellow, italicized font across the middle of the image.

Let's Apply It!

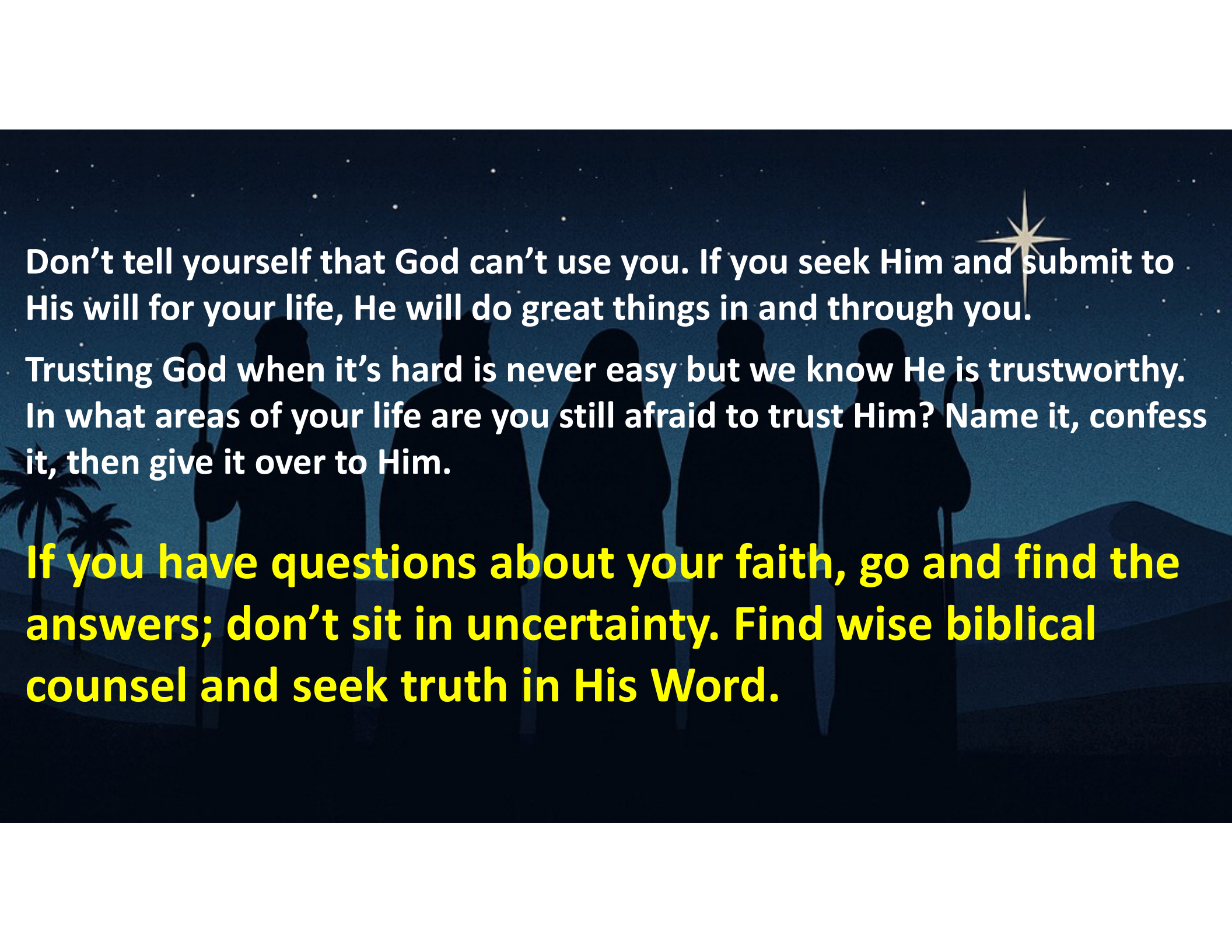


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The background is a dark blue night sky filled with small white stars. In the upper right, a bright, multi-pointed star (the Star of Bethlehem) shines. Below the sky, the silhouettes of five figures, likely the Three Kings, are visible. They are wearing long robes and carrying staffs. To the left, there are silhouettes of palm trees and rolling hills. The overall scene suggests a journey through a desert at night.

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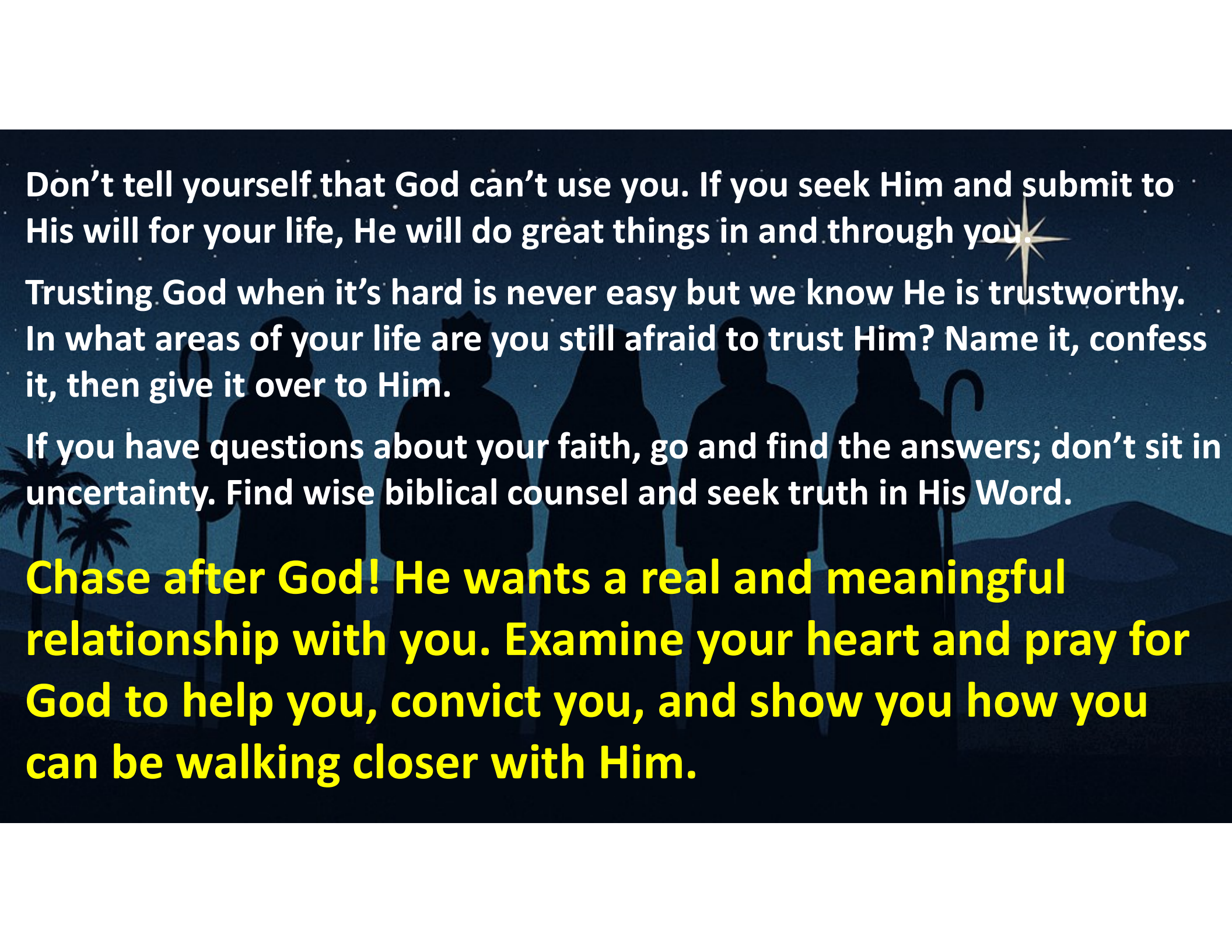
Trusting God when it's hard is never easy but we know He is trustworthy. In what areas of your life are you still afraid to trust Him? Name it, confess it, then give it over to Him.

The background of the image is a dark, starry night sky. In the lower half, there are silhouettes of five figures, likely the Three Kings, standing and looking towards the right. They are holding long, thin staffs. To the left of the figures, there are silhouettes of palm trees. In the distance, there are low, rolling hills or mountains. A single, bright, multi-pointed star is visible in the upper right quadrant of the sky, representing the Star of Bethlehem.

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Chase after God! He wants a real and meaningful relationship with you. Examine your heart and pray for God to help you, convict you, and show you how you can be walking closer with Him.