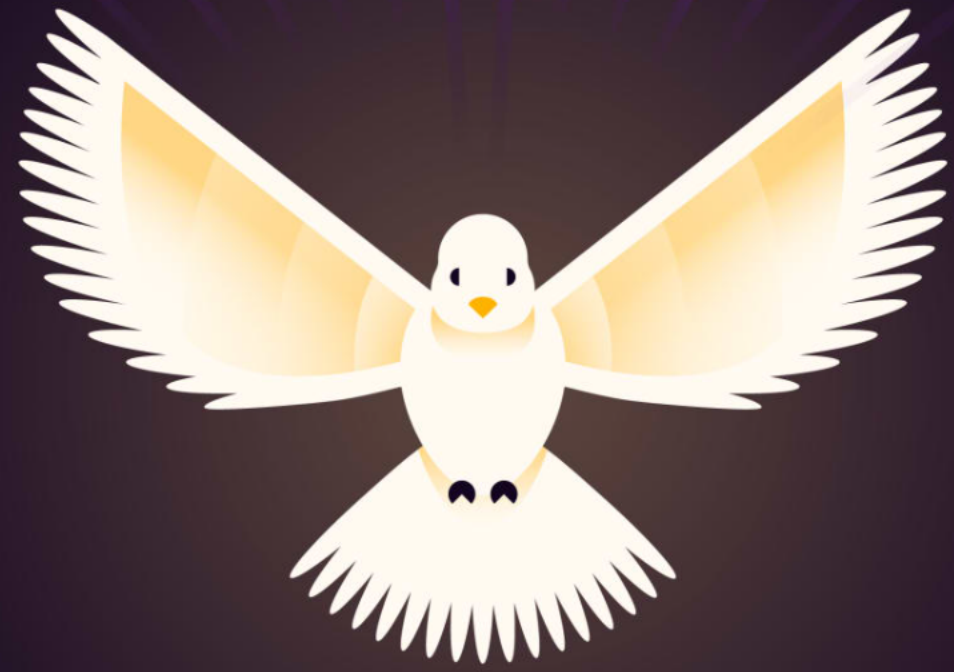


SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 7:1 – 24

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What do you believe?

John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1 John 5:13

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**There are lots of things
we don't want to believe.**
(that are true)



**...or want to believe and struggle
to persevere.**

Our beliefs determine more than we imagine.



Ellen Langer

Mindfulness

(without spiritual
and moral content)



**...can take you outside of yourself-
so you can come back to a more
relaxed selfishness.**



Psychologized effect:

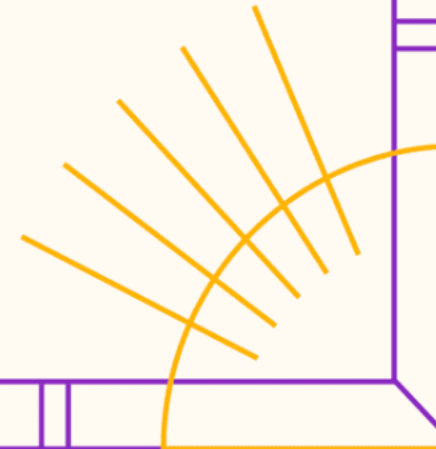
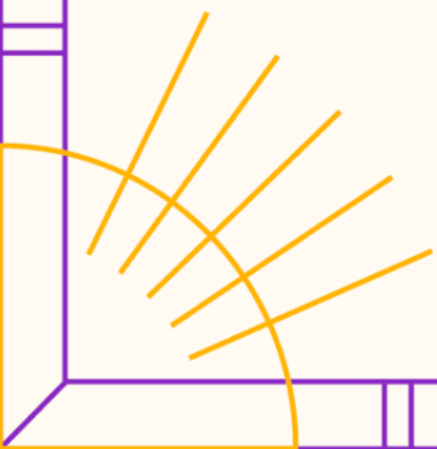
Mindfulness

Knowing what's going on inside you.

Spiritual Virtue:

Humility

Knowing what you are going on inside.



Moral gap to Mindfulness

(Why mindfulness isn't humility)



Get Stuff
John 6



John 7:1, 19, 25

Threatened



Offended John 7:3 – 5



Stay safe
John 7:12 – 13

We all have reasons

Pride makes false reasons sound true



He's nuts

John 6



John 7:1, 19, 25

He's immoral



He's arrogant John 7:3 – 5



**We can wait
and see**

John 7:12 – 13

Aside: Jesus had brothers and sisters.

Attested in all
4 Gospels, Acts
and epistles



(They did not look like this)

False Off Ramp



John 6:44

"No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."



Proposition:

**There is no faith
without humility**

Self-interest will never find
anything outside the self.



Spiritual Humility

Psychological humility/mindfulness is GOOD,
but it isn't enough. Even **social humility** isn't.

Humility implies looking to what is **morally** and
spiritually bigger than ourselves.

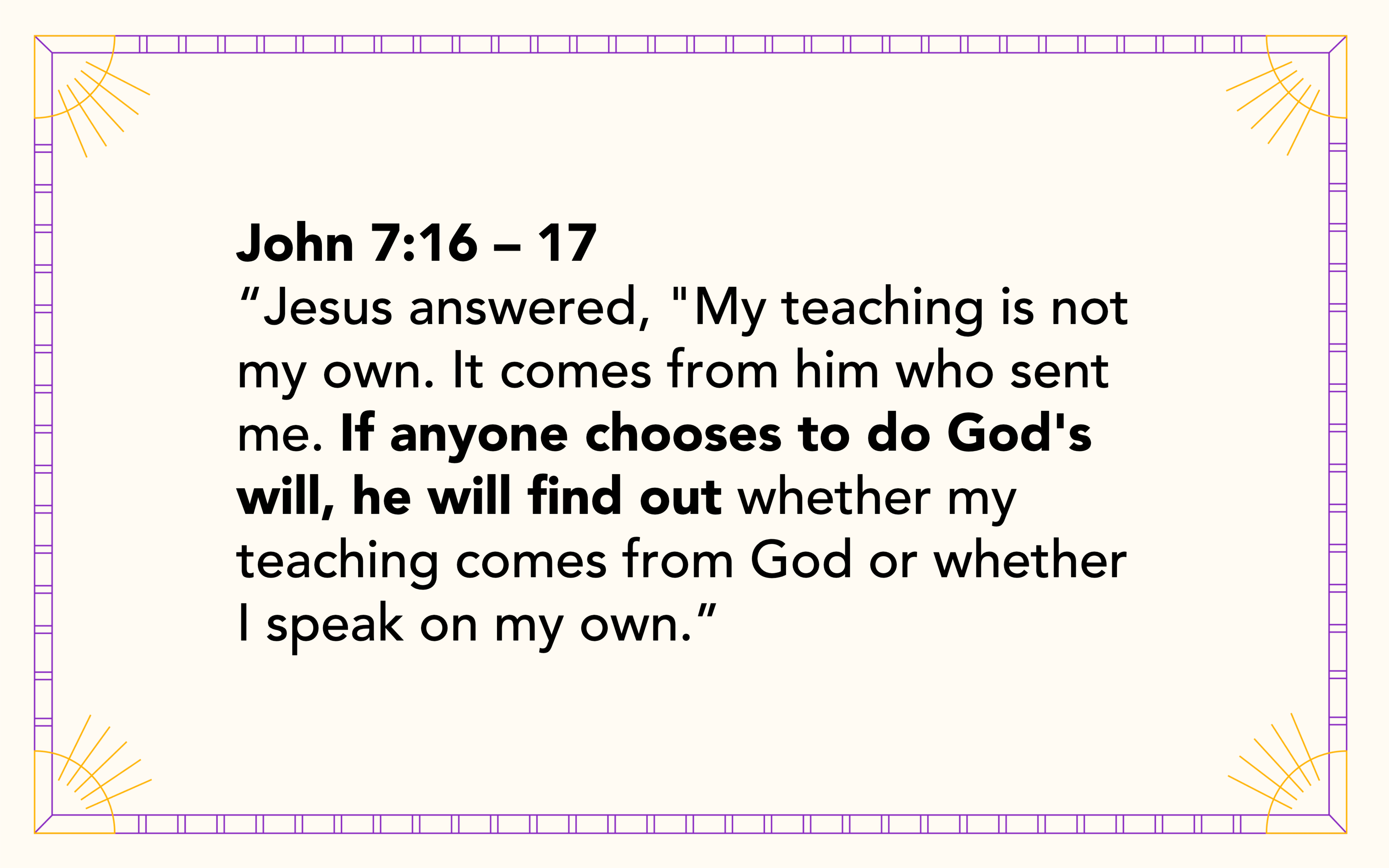


P O I N T 1

**God's will must
surpass mine.**

"...If anyone wills God's will, they will find out..."

vs 17



John 7:16 – 17

“Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me. **If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”**

P O I N T 2

**Truth and
righteousness
surpass your status.**

Humility seeks real glory



John 7:18

“He who speaks on his own does so to gain **glory for himself, but he who works for the **glory of the one who sent him** is a man of **truth**; there is nothing **unrighteous** in him.”**



Romans 1:18

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the **godlessness** and **wickedness** of men who **suppress the truth by their wickedness...**

P O I N T 3

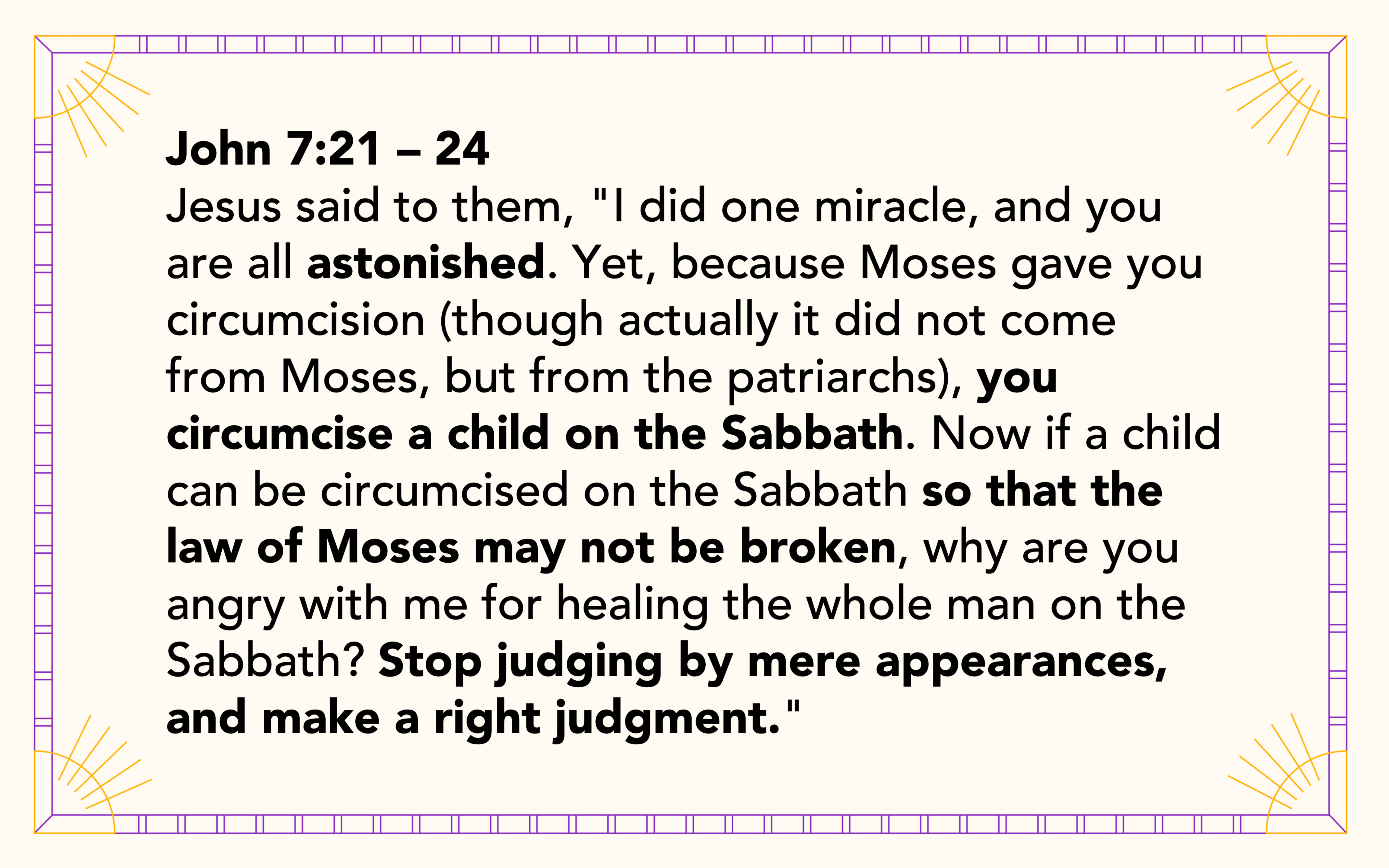
**Honesty
surpasses hypocrisy
and corruption.**

Humility abhors hypocrisy



John 7:19

Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"



John 7:21 – 24

Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all **astonished**. Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), **you circumcise a child on the Sabbath**. Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath **so that the law of Moses may not be broken**, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? **Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.**"



Jesus is humble

He lives for the will of the father

He is true and righteous

There is no hypocrisy or corruption in him

He is to best possible object of belief



Let the Father draw you

Our problem is deeper than mindfulness.

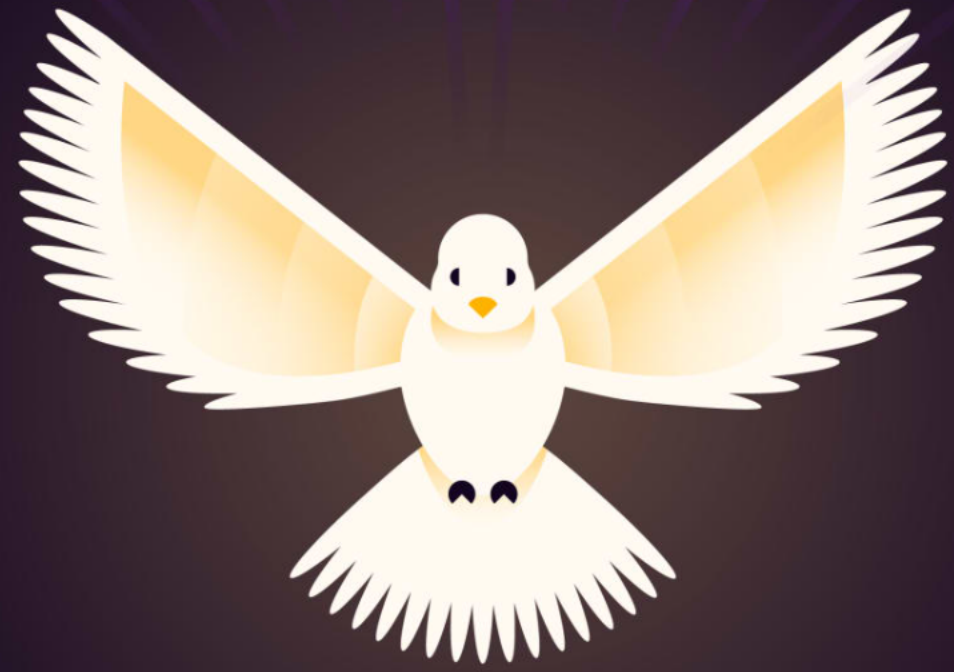
It is spiritual and moral.

We will suppress the truth in unrighteousness
Unless we accept the self defeating prophesy of
the Father.

Believe how?

1. Explicitly trust in Jesus in affirmation and confession, Baptism, Lord's table and Fellowship
2. Give your attention to God's will First. It's the context for yours.
3. Ruthlessly seek the truth and real righteousness.
4. Start by opening your mind to your own hypocrisy and self righteousness.
5. Start with the sins John shows in people

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