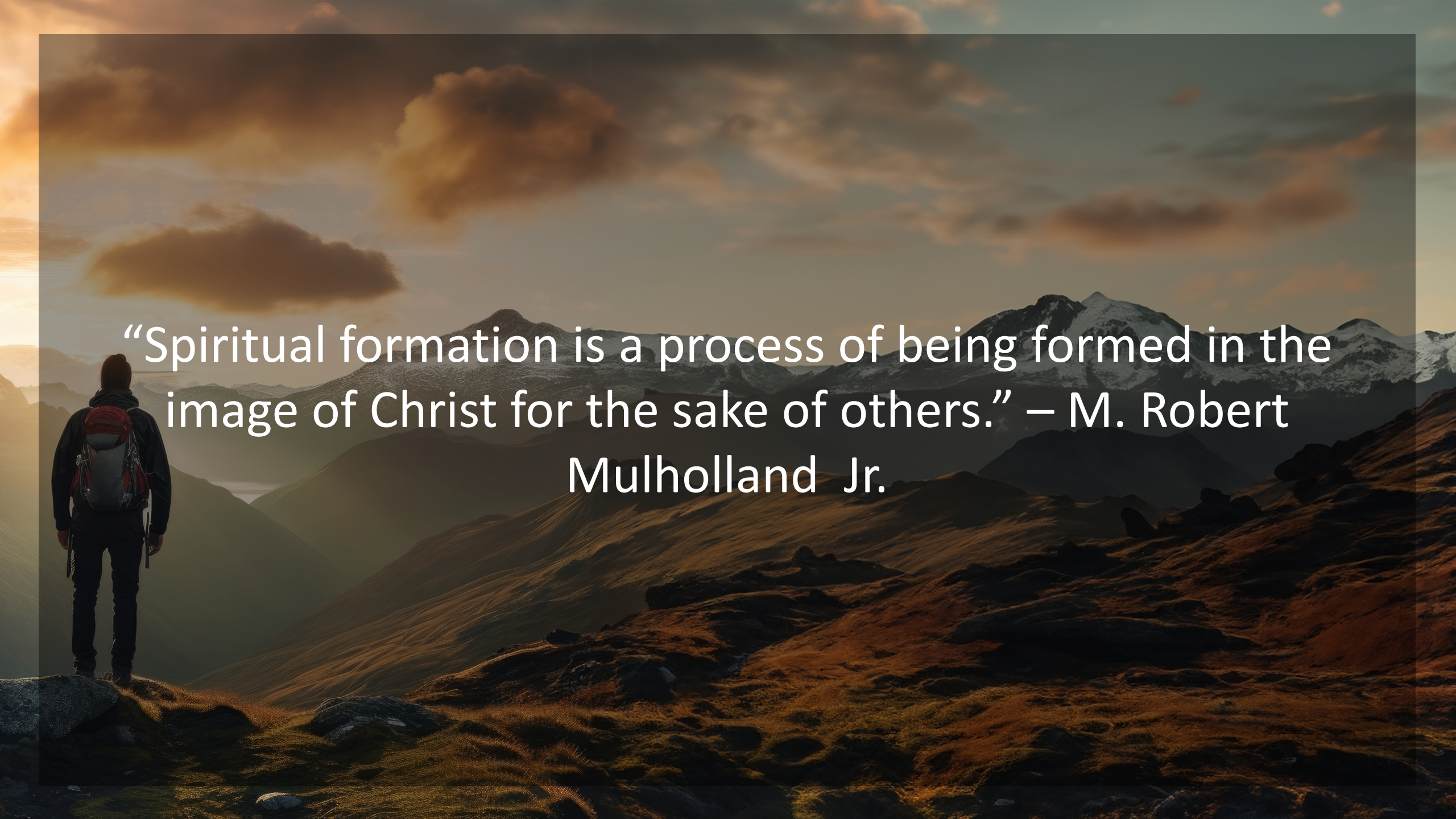


INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL FORMATION

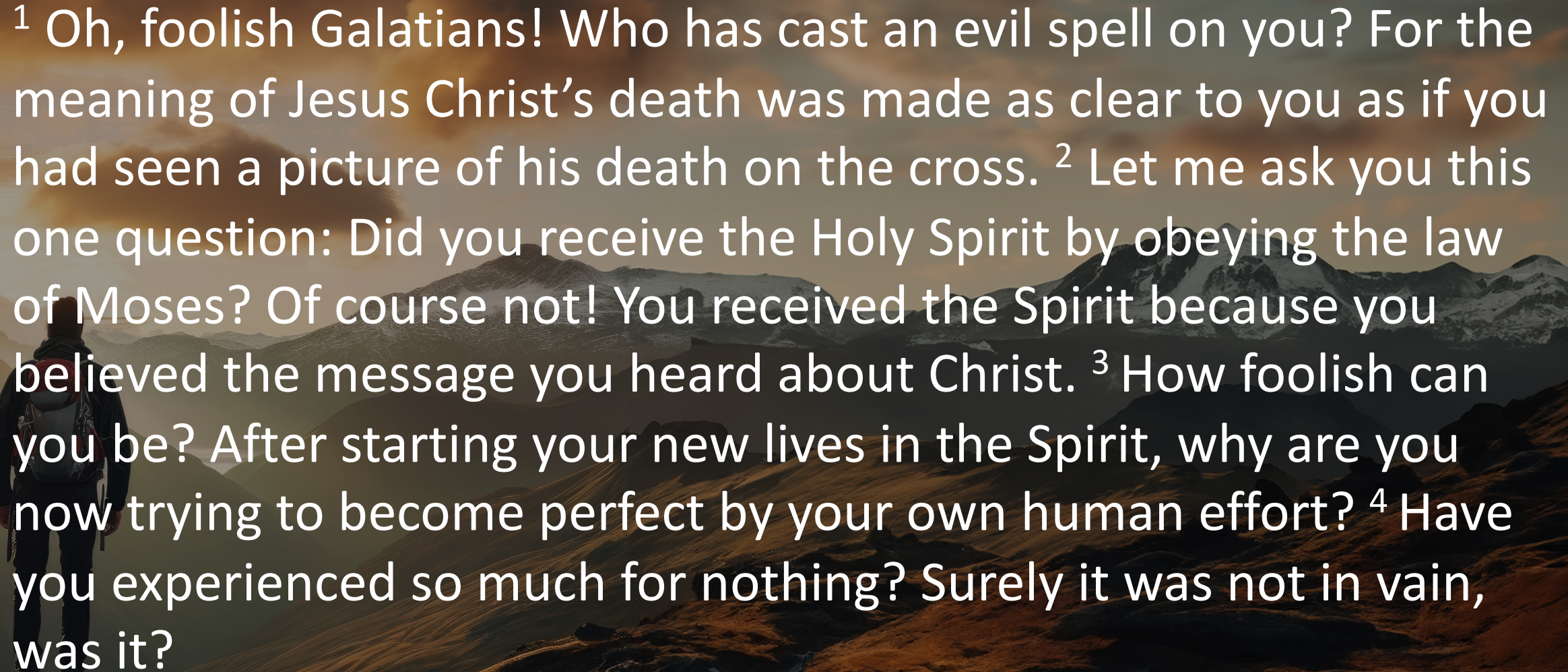




“Spiritual formation is a process of being formed in the image of Christ for the sake of others.” – M. Robert Mulholland Jr.

Galatians 3:1-4

¹ Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. ² Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ. ³ How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? ⁴ Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?

A person with a backpack is standing on a rocky ridge, looking out over a vast, hilly landscape. The terrain is covered in low-lying vegetation and scattered rocks. In the background, there are more hills and mountains under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The lighting suggests it might be early morning or late afternoon, with a warm glow on the horizon.



Jesus + Obedience to the Law = Salvation



Reading Our Bibles
Prayer
Going to Church
Jesus ✕ Going to Small Group = Sanctification
Listening to Christian Music
Doing the Right Things
Saying the Right Words
Thinking the Right Way

Galatians 5:1-6

¹ So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. ² Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³ I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses.



⁴ For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace. ⁵ But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. ⁶ For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.





Jesus does the saving

He does the changing

It is up to us to let Him

Philippians 2:12

‘work out your own salvation with fear and trembling’



Philippians 2:12-13

‘work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure’?”



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