

A photograph of a sandy beach with several sets of footprints leading away from the viewer towards the horizon. The text "What is Faith?" is overlaid in the center in a white, bold, rounded font with a black outline.

# What is Faith?

**Faith and Prayer**

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# What is Faith?

Faith - in a chair

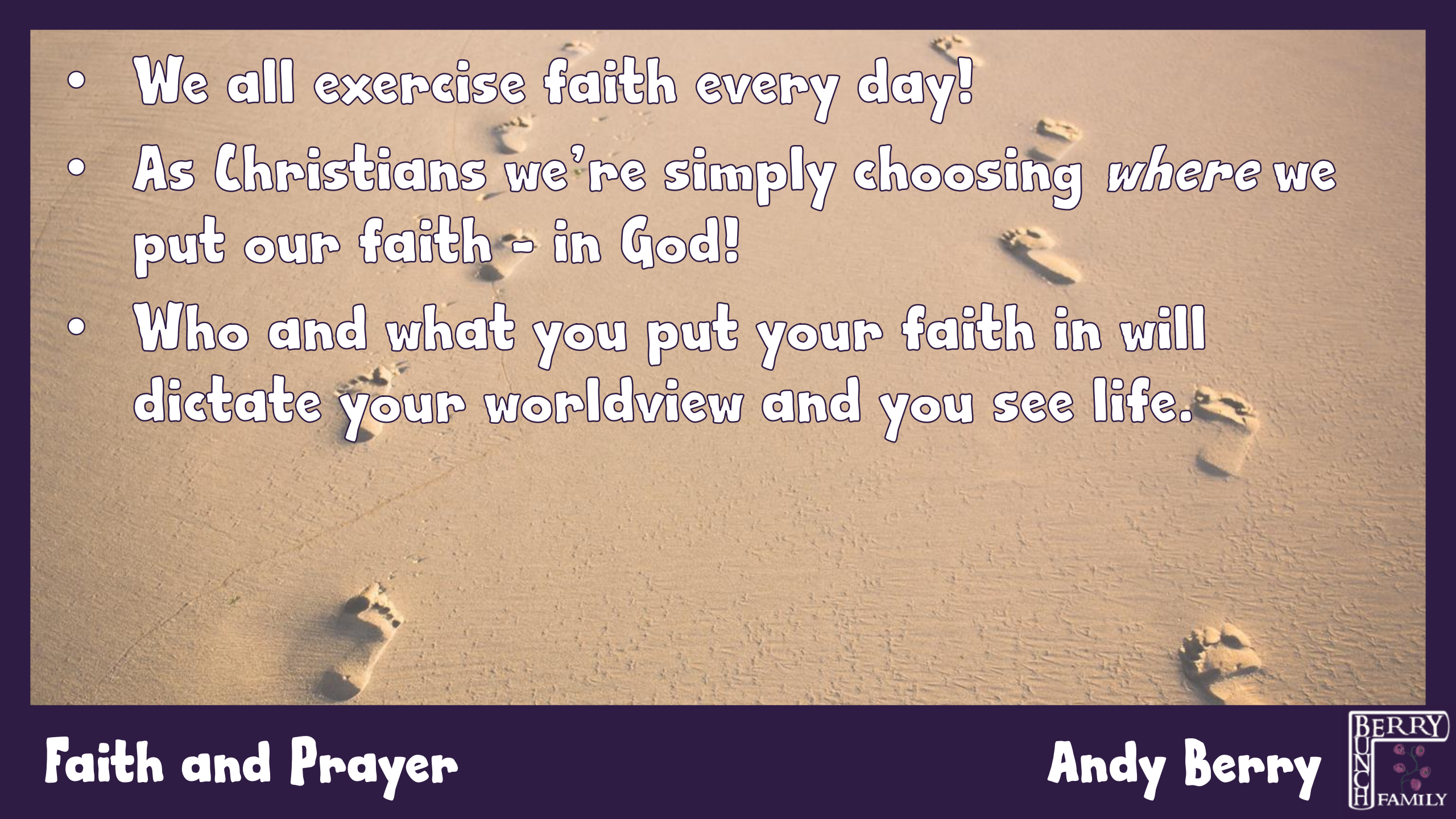
Faith - in the floor

Faith - in gravity

Chairs can break...

Floors can collapse...

Gravity just gets you down!

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- A photograph of a sandy beach with several footprints scattered across the surface. The text is overlaid on this image.
- We all exercise faith every day!
  - As Christians we're simply choosing *where* we put our faith - in God!
  - Who and what you put your faith in will dictate your worldview and you see life.

## Hebrews 11 v 6

- Without faith no one can please God.  
(International Children's Bible - ICB)
- And it is impossible to please God without faith.  
(English Standard Version - ESV)
- And without faith it is impossible to please him,  
for whoever would draw near to God must believe  
that he exists and that he rewards those who  
seek him. (New Living Translation - NLT)

**Matthew 17:20 – we only need faith as small as a mustard seed to do great things.**

**We need to be seeking God.**

**→ our heart will become more like God**

**→ We'll see amazing things – not because of us, but because of God in us!**

Having 'a' faith v a 'living' faith?

James 2:17 (ICB)

It is the same with faith. If faith does nothing, then that faith is dead, because it is alone.

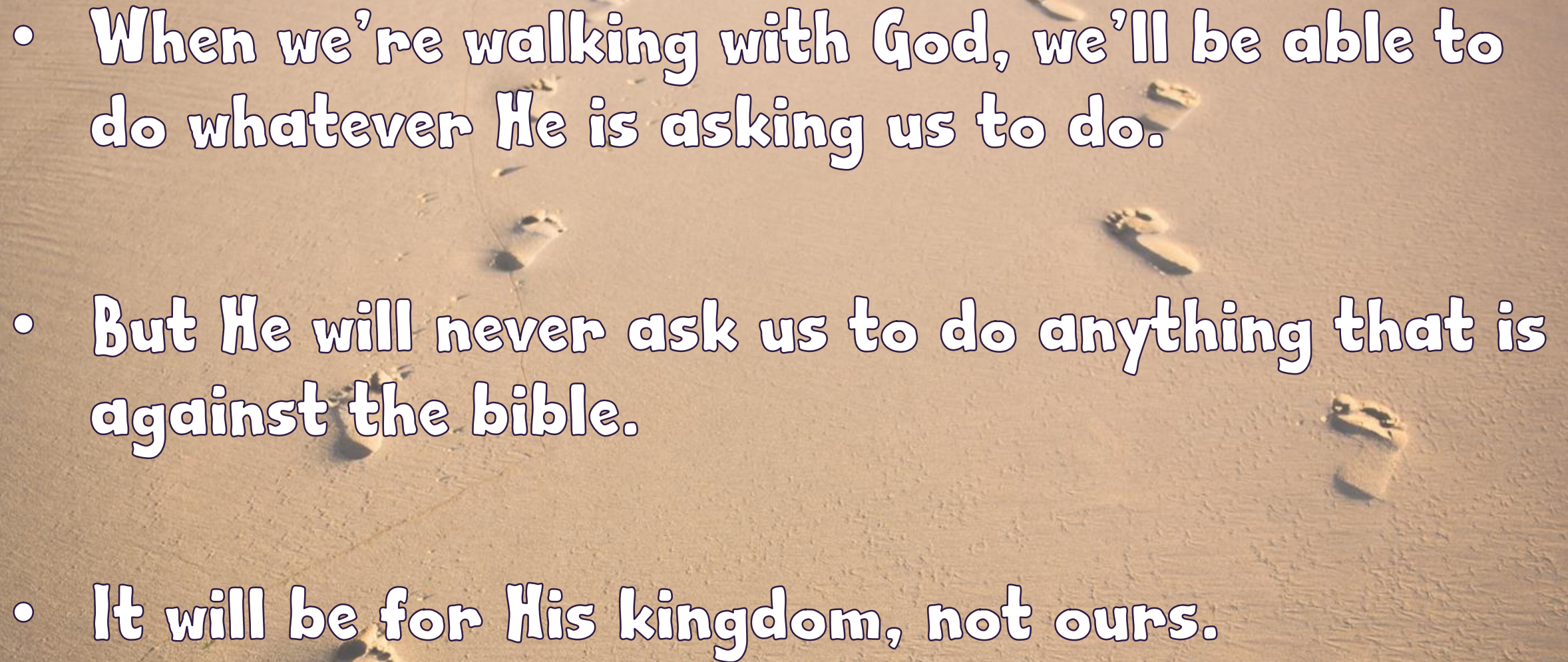
We can't know God, and have 'a' faith.

To know God is to be faithful. It is to be used, not protected.

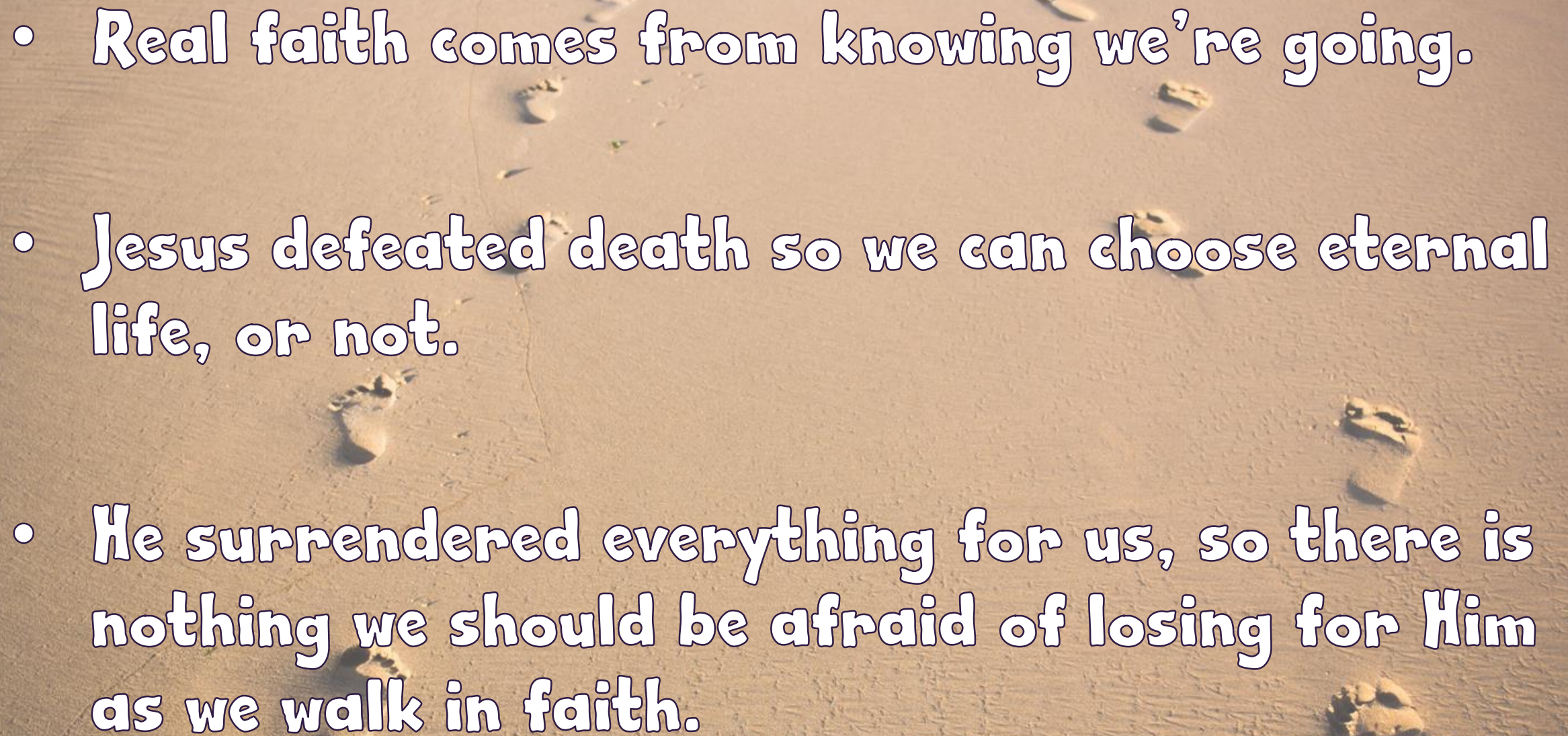
# Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

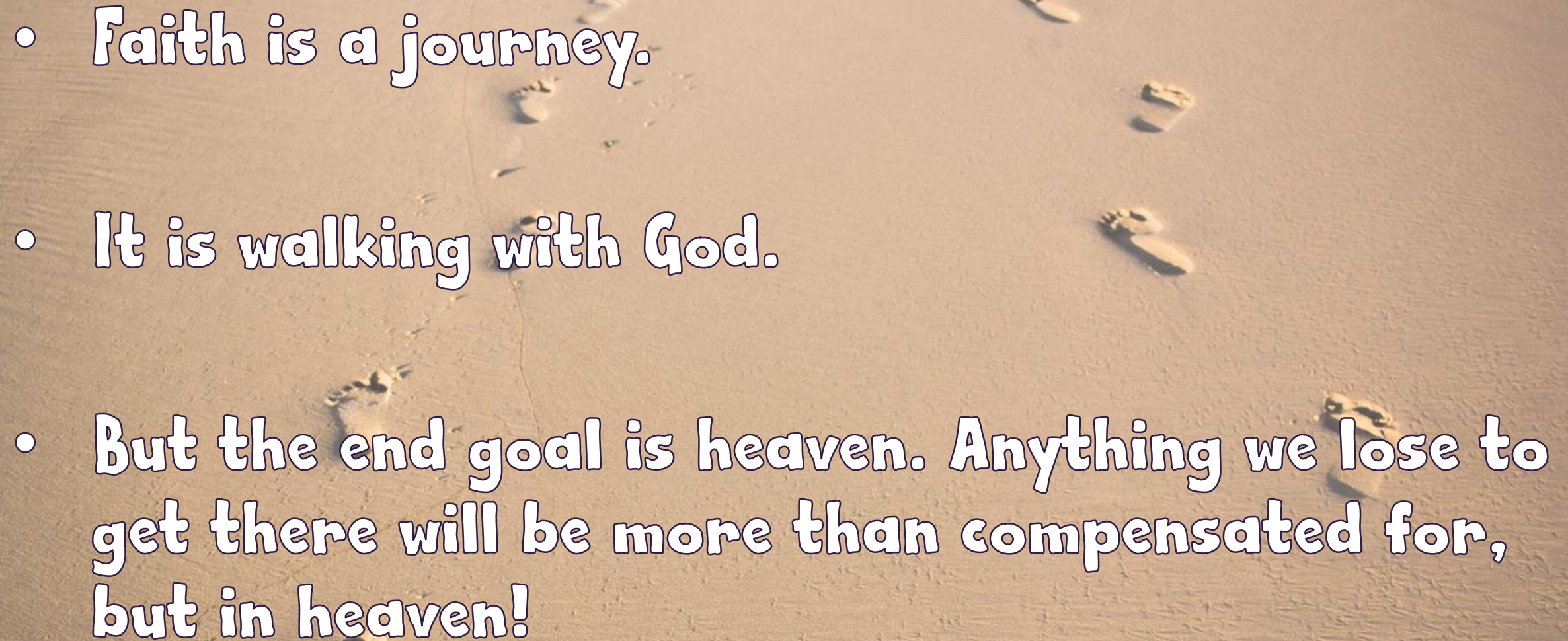
I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

- This isn't licence to do what we want!
- It isn't a formula for a better car or more money.

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- A photograph of a sandy beach with several footprints scattered across the surface. The footprints are of varying sizes and orientations, suggesting a path or a group of people walking. The sand is a light tan color, and the lighting is soft, creating gentle shadows.
- When we're walking with God, we'll be able to do whatever He is asking us to do.
  - But He will never ask us to do anything that is against the bible.
  - It will be for His kingdom, not ours.



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- A background image of a sandy beach with several footprints scattered across it, leading from the top towards the bottom of the frame.
- Real faith comes from knowing we're going.
  - Jesus defeated death so we can choose eternal life, or not.
  - He surrendered everything for us, so there is nothing we should be afraid of losing for Him as we walk in faith.

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- A photograph of a sandy beach with several footprints scattered across the surface, leading from the foreground towards the background. The text is overlaid on this image.
- Faith is a journey.
  - It is walking with God.
  - But the end goal is heaven. Anything we lose to get there will be more than compensated for, but in heaven!