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Door 4

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Ephesians 6:10-12

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Occupy Til I Come

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Here I am Lord, Send Me!" -- Isaiah 6:8

Occupy

-Does Not Mean

⌘ *Take Up Space*

-It Does Mean –

⌘ *Take a Stance*

⌘ *Be Productive*

⌘ *Take Back Lost ...*

*...Ground /
Property*



Recognize the Battle

...AHEAD of
you is bigger or
stronger than the

Warning

- **Be** (*now-constant*)
- **Strong** (*infused w- inner ability*)
- **In the Lord** (*found one place*)
- **Power** (*overwhelming – irresistible*)
- **Might** (*strong arm*)

Be strong

Ephesians 6:10

in the

Lord

and in his

Mighty Power.

A person wearing a bright red, full-length robe and a tall, pointed red hat stands centrally in the frame. The person's face is obscured by deep shadow. They are positioned in front of a dark, multi-story building with several windows. The entire scene is overlaid with a heavy rain effect, with numerous white streaks representing falling raindrops. The overall mood is dark and ominous.

AT THE DEVIL'S
DOOR

Last Supper

14 Present

Jesus and His Disciples and...

..Satan

He was Looking for a Way to Get to Jesus

A Doorway = an Entry Point in His Life...

...to Affect His Life

He Found None –John 14:30

*Hereafter I will not talk much w- you: for the prince of this world cometh, and ***hath nothing in me.****

Every Door was Shut!

Last Supper

**Jesus Lived a Life that Kept the Door Closed
So Satan looked for Someone Close...
...to Get to Him**

“Disciples”

There was a Dispute...

- **Among them**
- **Within them**

These Disputes...

...Produced Doors

...Entry Points for Satanic Activity

A person wearing a bright red hooded cloak stands in the center of the frame. The hood is pulled up, completely obscuring their face. They are standing in a heavy rain, with numerous white streaks representing raindrops falling all around them. In the background, the dark, silhouetted roof of a house is visible against a black sky. The overall mood is mysterious and ominous.

AT THE DEVIL'S
DOOR

Door #1- Fear

How Do I Close the Door?

Realize...

- ☐ **Fear is From Satan**
- ☐ **Fear is a Choice**
- ☐ **I DO NOT have to Accept IT!**

Choose...

Faith in God /

His Ability to Handle...

my Past, Present, Future

my Problems, my Giants

Eph 4:27 –No Place for Devil (No Door)

Door = Opportunity

There are 5 Doors

#1- Fear

#2- Pride

“Inflated Self-Interest”

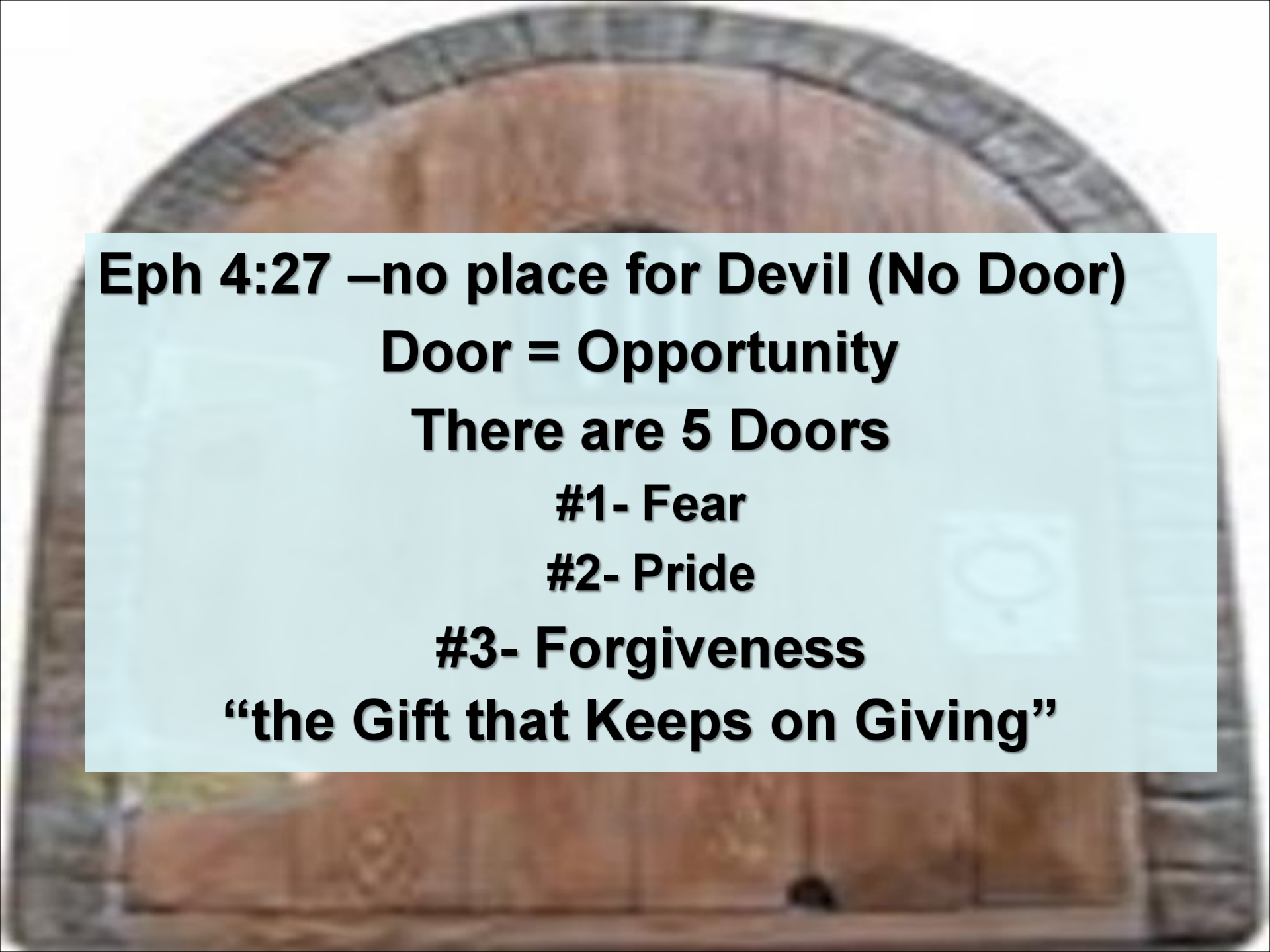


REVELATION 15 & 16

Let this mind be in you, that was also in Christ Jesus.

Four Key Questions

- ☐ **Am I in Competition w- Others**
 - Can I listen to opinion of others ?
 - Without attacking them?
 - Believing my opinion is the only one?
- ☐ **Do I Feel Self-Sufficient**
- ☐ **Do I Struggle w- Self Image**
- ☐ **Do I Choose Friends for..**
 - ⌘ Appearance
 - ⌘ Position
 - ⌘ Performance
- ☐ **Refer to Phil 2:5**



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“the Gift that Keeps on Giving”

What Forgiveness Is

Closing the Door

❑ To Forgive means to ***“Release”***

*“to forgive” = “to let go” and
“to cancel a debt”.*

❑ It is an Act of the Will

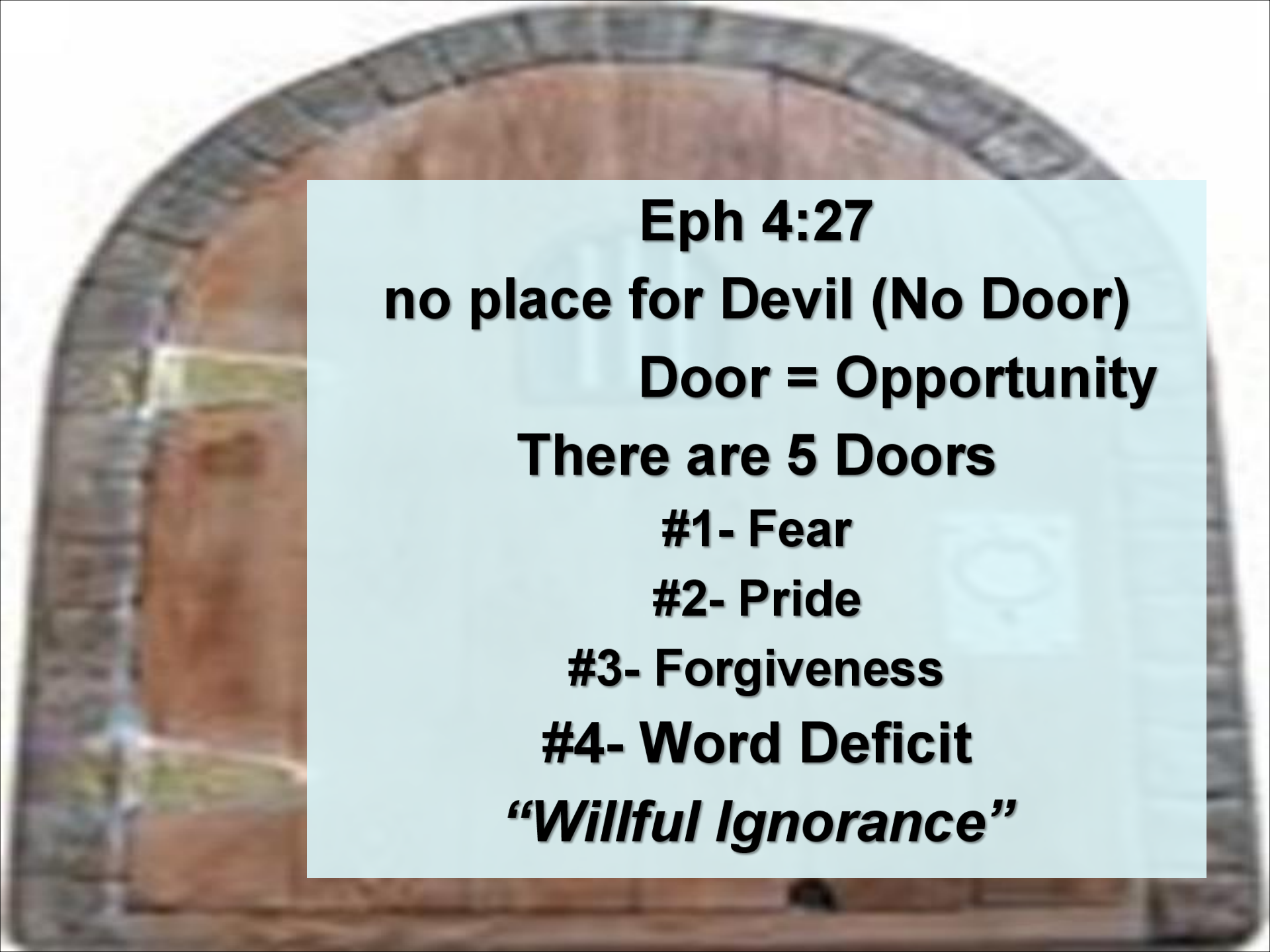
❑ Forgiveness is a 2 Step Process

a- Immediate -*decision*

b- On-Going -*process*

❑ It is Truly Modeling Christ

❑ It Works Beyond Reconciliation



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#4- Word Deficit
“Willful Ignorance”

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effective weapon he can use
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That's Why Satan is Trying So Hard...

⌘ **Prevent**

⌘ **Destroy**

⌘ **Twist**

**YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
HOW BIG OF A
THREAT YOU ARE TO**

SATAN

**UNTIL YOU BEGIN TO
READ THE BIBLE AND DO
WHAT IT SAYS**



Divine Origin of God's Word:

"In the beginning was the Word,/ the Word was with God,/ the Word was God."

∞ emphasizes the Eternal Nature of God's Word

∞ its Intimate Connection to Very Being of God

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Divine Origin of God's Word:

☞ **The Word is not merely a Collection of Teachings or Stories;**

☞ **it is the Very Essence Of Who God Is.**

☞ **As such, the Power of God's Word is Rooted in the Power of God Himself, which is Infinite, Eternal, and Unchanging.**



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not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD:

Amos 8:11 KJV

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☞¹¹ I, the LORD, also promise you a terrible shortage, but not of food and water. You will hunger and thirst to hear my message. ¹² You will search everywhere—from north to south, from east to west. You will go all over the earth, seeking a message from me, the LORD. But you won't find one. **Amos 8:11-12 CEV**

The Famine is Here!!!

Satan's Target:

Your mind

Satan's Weapon:

Lies

Satan's Purpose:

To make you ignorant of God's will

Your Defense:

"The inspired Word of God !!! "

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Hosea 4:6

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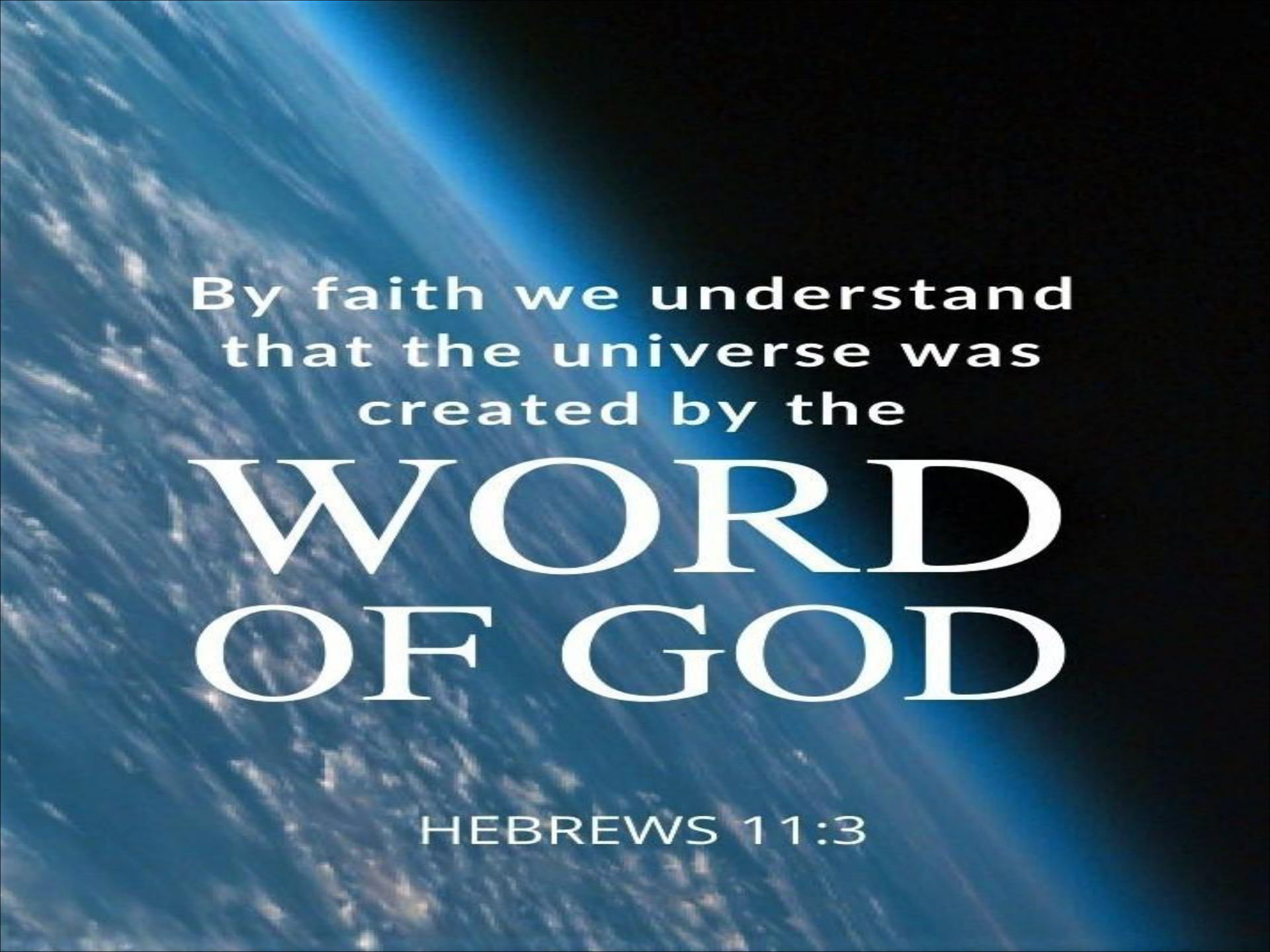


My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge is a verse from the Bible, in the **book of Hosea 4:6**

☿ **Hosea 4:6 NLT** = My people are being destroyed because they don't know me

☿ **Our World is on a Collision Course with Evil**

☿ **We Need to Get Back to the Word!!**

The background of the image is a photograph of Earth from space. A bright blue light source, likely the sun, is visible on the right side, creating a lens flare effect across the image. The Earth's surface is covered in white clouds and blue oceans, with the horizon line curving across the frame.

By faith we understand
that the universe was
created by the

WORD OF GOD

HEBREWS 11:3

Fresh Breath of Air

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV

Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof *and* conviction of sin, for correction of error *and* discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action)

2 Timothy 3:16 Amp

 **We Hear Gods Word is Outdated, Not Relevant
Really???**

Quick -Living, Active, Life Giving

Powerful –gk=Energy, Eternal Energy

When We Speak God's Word into Situation..

We Speak Fresh, Living, Energy into It...

Heal

Change

Empower

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alive and powerful!



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15th Sunday of Ordinary time Year
12th July 2018

**God's Words Never
Return Empty**

Isa 55:11 Assures This...

alive and powerful!

The Bible is meant to be bread for daily use. Not cake for special occasions.



God's Word is Bread

- ✚ **John 6:51**, *"I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."*
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God's Word Brings Life in a World Full of Death

Speak It!

Shout It!

Satan



2Cor 4:3-4 KJV

"But if OUR gospel be hid, it
is hid to them that are LOST:

In whom

the god of this world

HATH BLINDED THE MINDS

of them which

BELIEVE NOT,

lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,
who is the Image of God, should shine unto them." ~apostle Paul

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 Amp

✚³ But even if our Gospel (the glad tidings) also be hidden (obscured and covered up with a veil that hinders the knowledge of God), it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing *and* obscured [only] to those who are spiritually dying *and* veiled [only] to those who are lost.

✚⁴ For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image *and* Likeness of God.

We ARE the Light, a City on a Hill!

Shine, Shine, Shine