

For we walk by  
faith, not by sight.

**2 Corinthians 5:7**





# The Place

Genesis 28:10-22, 35:1-15

# Genesis 28

**10** Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran. **11** He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place. **12** He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

# Genesis 28

**13** And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. **14** Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. **15** Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

## Genesis 28

**16** Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” **17** He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” **18** So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on its top.

# Genesis 28

**19** He called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz. **20** Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear, **21** and I return to my father’s house in safety, then the LORD will be my God. **22** This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”

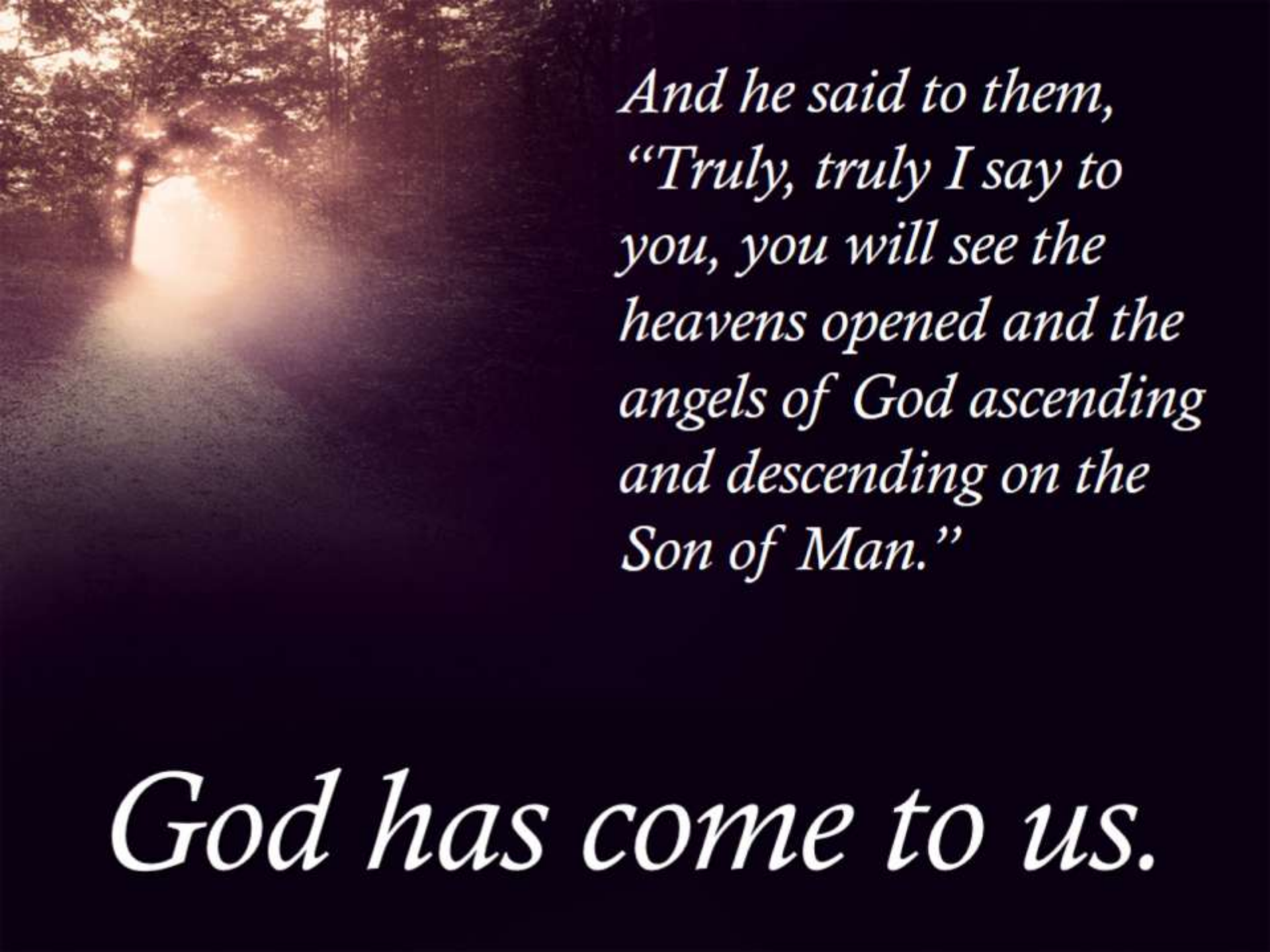


*God came to  
Jacob at Bethel.*



*God has come to us.*



A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. The path leads towards a bright, glowing light at the end of the path, creating a strong sense of perspective and hope. The trees are tall and thin, and the overall atmosphere is serene and spiritual.

*And he said to them,  
“Truly, truly I say to  
you, you will see the  
heavens opened and the  
angels of God ascending  
and descending on the  
Son of Man.”*

*God has come to us.*

# Genesis 35

1 Then God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and live there, and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.” 2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Put away the foreign gods which are among you, and purify yourselves and change your garments; 3 and let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.”

## Genesis 35

**4** So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which they had and the rings which were in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the oak which was near Shechem. **5** As they journeyed, there was a great terror upon the cities which were around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. **6** So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

## Genesis 35

**7** He built an altar there, and called the place El-bethel, because there God had revealed Himself to him when he fled from his brother. **8** Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; it was named Allon-bacuth. **9** Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He blessed him.

# Genesis 35

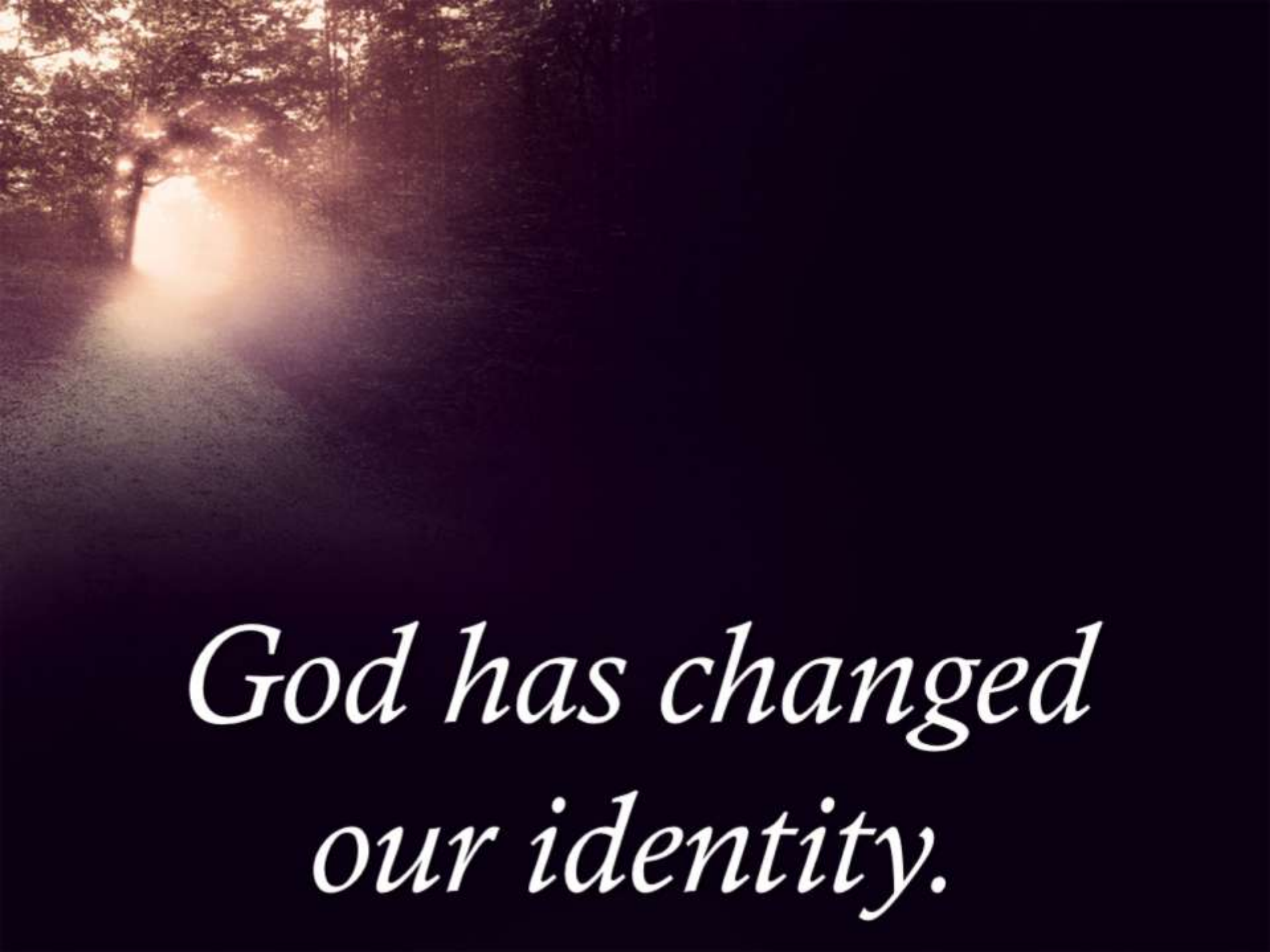
**10** God said to him, “Your name is Jacob; You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name.” Thus He called him Israel. **11** God also said to him, “I am God Almighty; Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall come forth from you. **12** “The land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you.”

## Genesis 35

**13** Then God went up from him in the place where He had spoken with him. **14** Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. **15** So Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him, Bethel.

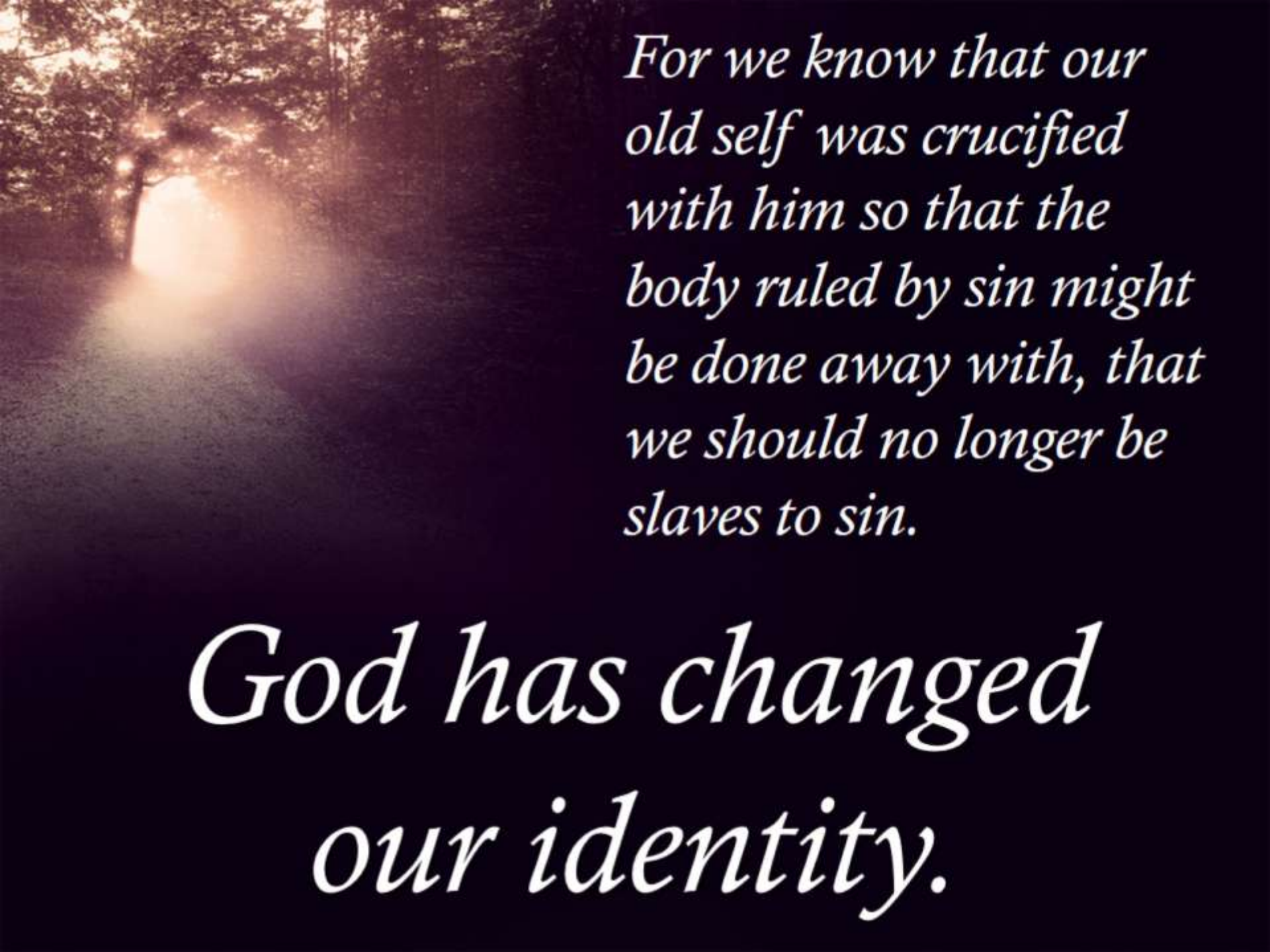


*God changed Jacob's  
identity at Bethel.*



*God has changed  
our identity.*



A photograph of a path leading through a forest towards a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, creating a lens flare effect. The path is dark and the trees are silhouetted against the light.

*For we know that our  
old self was crucified  
with him so that the  
body ruled by sin might  
be done away with, that  
we should no longer be  
slaves to sin.*

*God has changed  
our identity.*



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