



CHARACTER OF A LEADER

D e c l a r i n g P e a c e



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**The Christian calling
demands a
corresponding
conduct in daily life.**



**The challenge for the Christian is
to live in a manner consistent with
our calling in Christ.**



**The New Plan
Is
The New Man**



8 Secrets of Spiritual Success

Spiritual Secret #1

Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is The Kingdom of Heaven...”

Spiritual Secret #2

Matthew 5:4

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.”

Spiritual Secret #3

Matthew 5:5

“Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.”

Spiritual Secret #4

Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.”

Spiritual Secret #5

Matthew 5:7

“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.”

Spiritual Secret #6

Matthew 5:8

“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.”





The first four secrets represent the
“ROOTS”
of the Christian life.

The final four secrets represent the
“FRUITS”
of the Christian life.

Spiritual Secret #7

Matthew 5:9

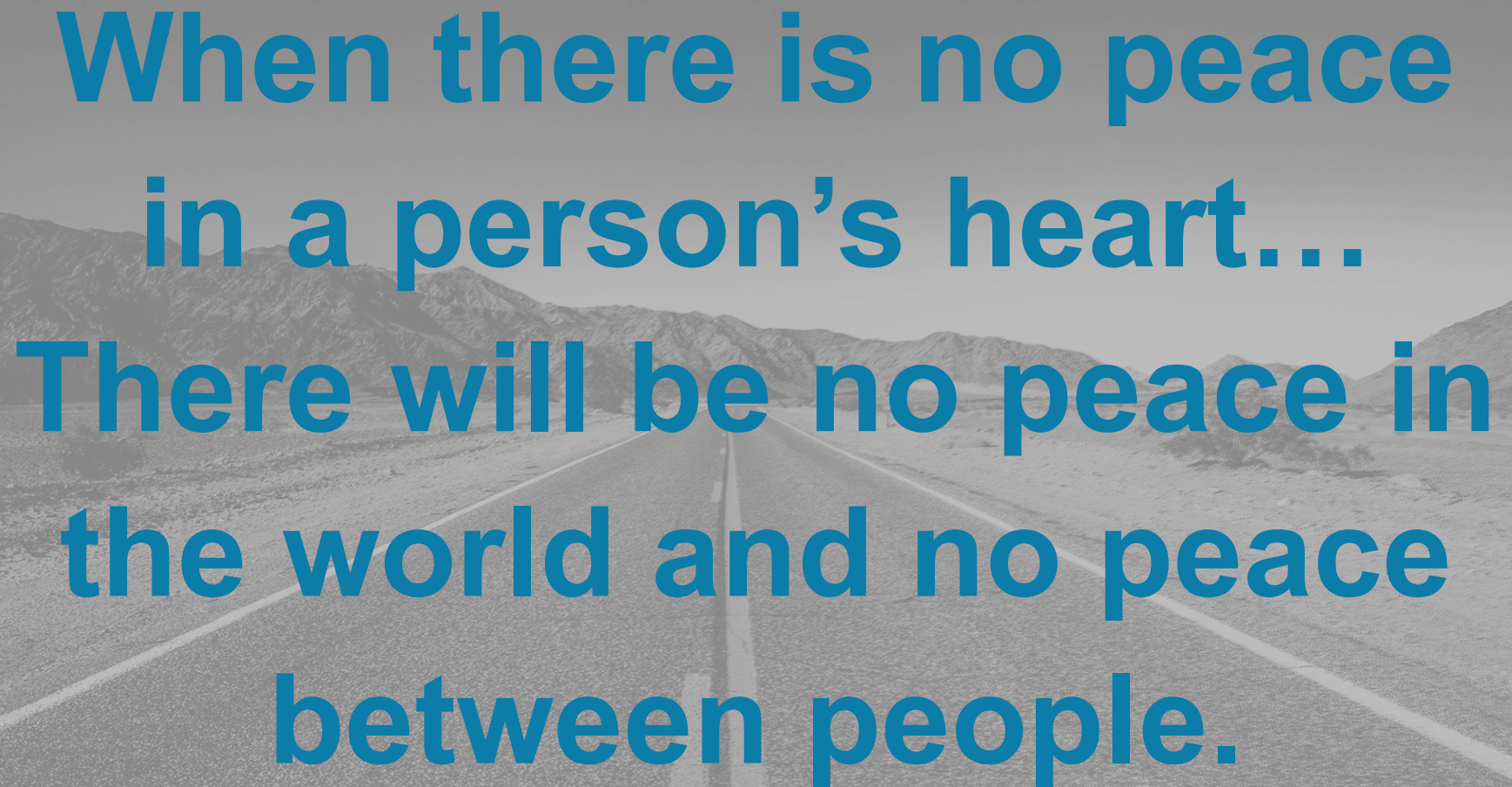
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
will be called sons of God.”

Spiritual Secret #7

- We as followers of Christ, are called to be peacemakers!
- The peace we can offers is:
 - Eternal
 - From God
 - Real



Why is there no peace?



**When there is no peace
in a person's heart...
There will be no peace in
the world and no peace
between people.**



If the first 6

BE – ATTITUDES

are at work...


“PEACEMAKERS”

will be at work.

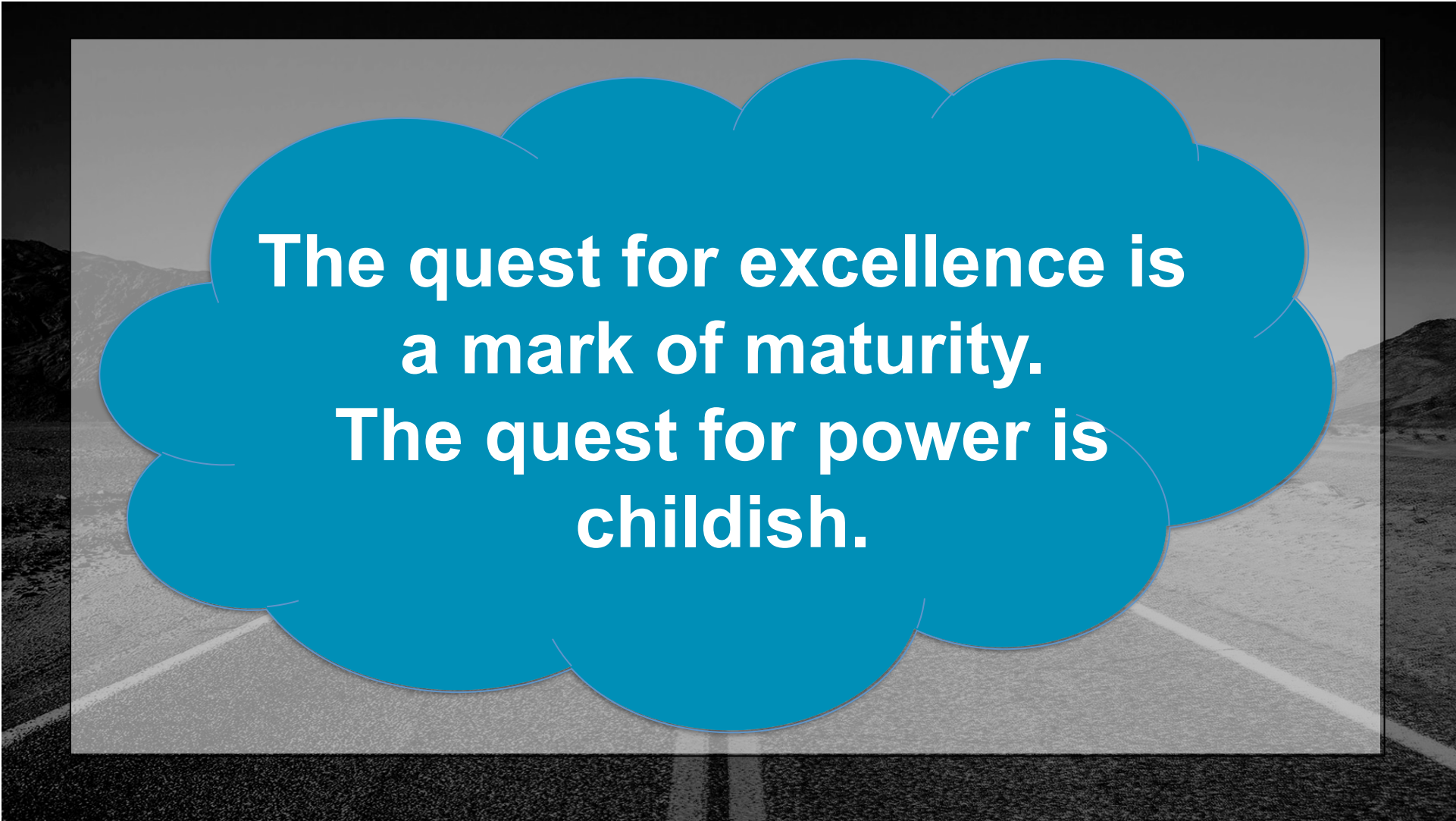
Spiritual Secret #7

- I. The meaning of peace
 - A. It does not mean:





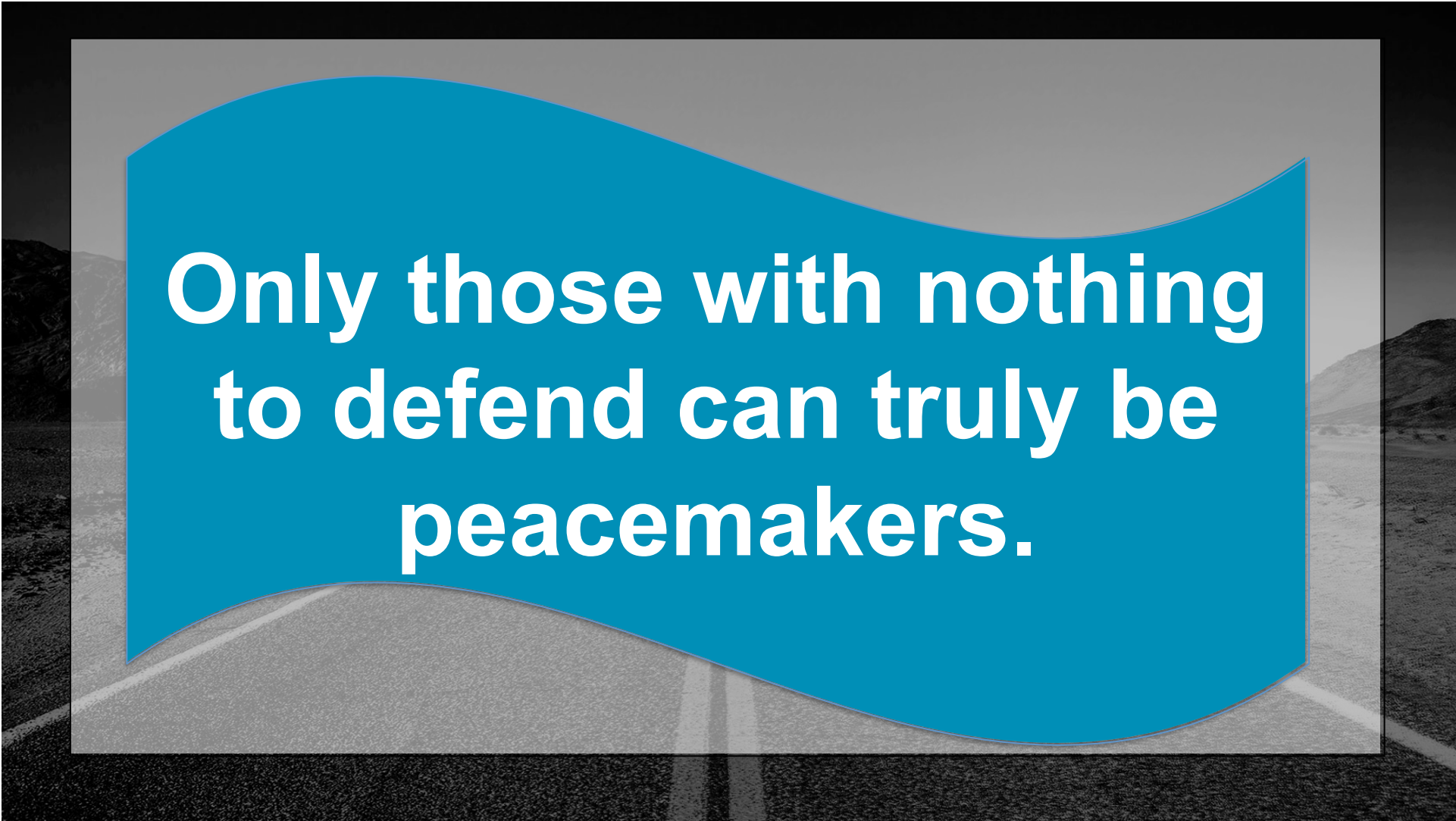
**We should be reminded that there is a
difference between passion for
excellence and a passion for power.**



**The quest for excellence is
a mark of maturity.
The quest for power is
childish.**

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**When self is first,
peace is lost.**

The image features a central blue banner with a wavy top and bottom edge. The banner contains white text in a bold, sans-serif font. The background is a grayscale photograph of a road with a white line, receding into the distance under a hazy sky. The entire scene is framed by a black border.

**Only those with nothing
to defend can truly be
peacemakers.**

Spiritual Secret #7

I. The meaning of peace

A. It does not mean...

B. Peace means...

1. God's life principles present in people – producing right relationships.
2. Peace never evades real issues.

Spiritual Secret #7

3. Peace comes:

- When truth is known
- Issues are settled
- People embrace each other.

John 8:32

Seeking peace may involve pain, struggle, risk plus swallowing pride.

Spiritual Secret #7


II. The menace of peace

- What hinders peace?
- SIN!
 - Jeremiah 17:9 – The heart is sick...
 - Isaiah 48:22 – There is no peace for the wicked.

Spiritual Secret #7

II. The menace of peace

- So what is the preparation for a peacemaker?
 - The first six **Be-Attitudes** are the preparation for a peacemaker.
- Who is the greatest peacemaker?
 - **J E S U S ! ! !**



**God can work
peace through us
only if He has worked
peace in us.**

Spiritual Secret #7

III. The maker of peace

- God is the source of peace!
- Jesus is God's answer for our peace!
- The Holy Spirit is the agency of God's peace!
 - Galatians 5:22
- God does not want wars or conflict
 - Jeremiah 29:11

Spiritual Secret #7

Galatians 5:22

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Spiritual Secret #7

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Spiritual Secret #7

IV. The messenger of peace

- We are to be God's peace corp...
 - II Corinthians 5:18-20
 - Proverbs 14:1, 15:1, 16:24, 15:18, 16:32
- What do we do as peacemakers?
 - A. Make peace with God yourself.
 - B. Help others make peace with God.

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- C. Make peace with your family and friends
(Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:18)
- D. Be bold and firmly confront friends when
relationships are not right or they are
making a mess of their life.

**Be a peacemaker even though
it may be painful.**

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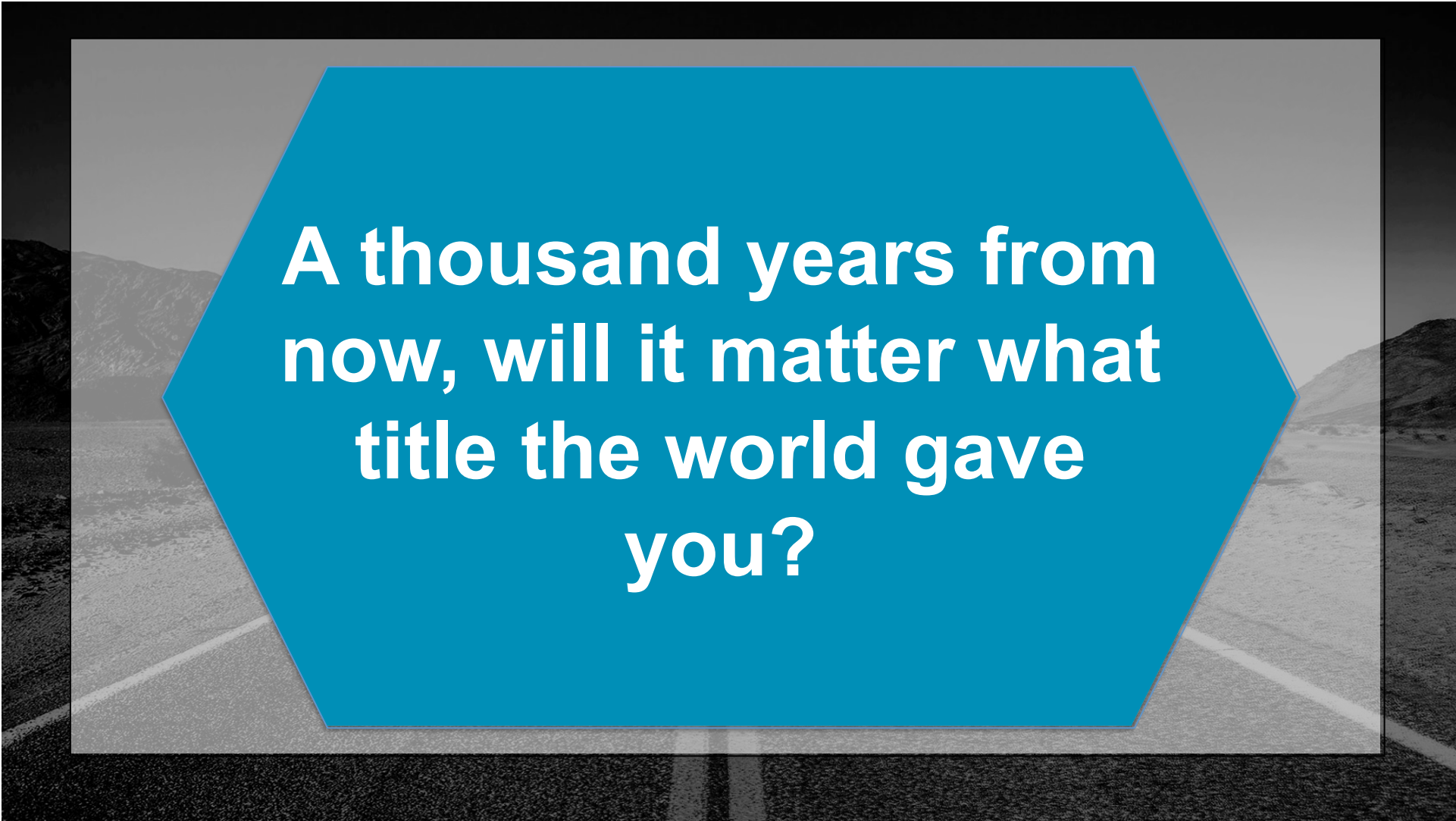
- Action
 - Do you have peace with God?
 - Who could you help find peace with God?
 - Do you need to:
 - ✓ Make an apology?
 - ✓ Deal with an issue?
 - ✓ Give forgiveness?
 - ✓ Swallow your pride?
 - ✓ Give up your demands?

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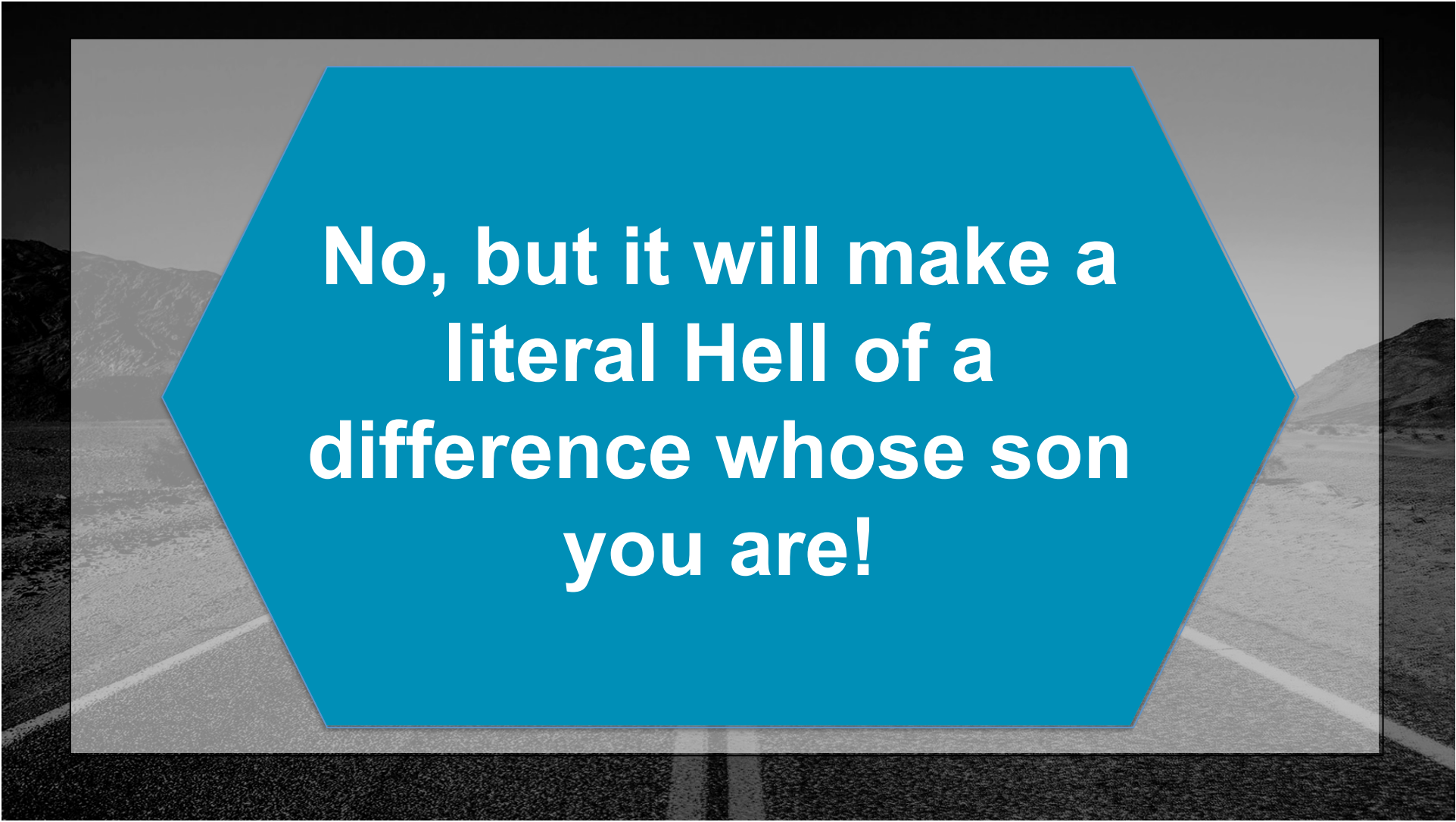
V. The merit of peace

- *“For they will be called Sons of God...”*

Would you rather be king of the mountain for a day or a Son of God for eternity?



**A thousand years from
now, will it matter what
title the world gave
you?**



**No, but it will make a
literal Hell of a
difference whose son
you are!**

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