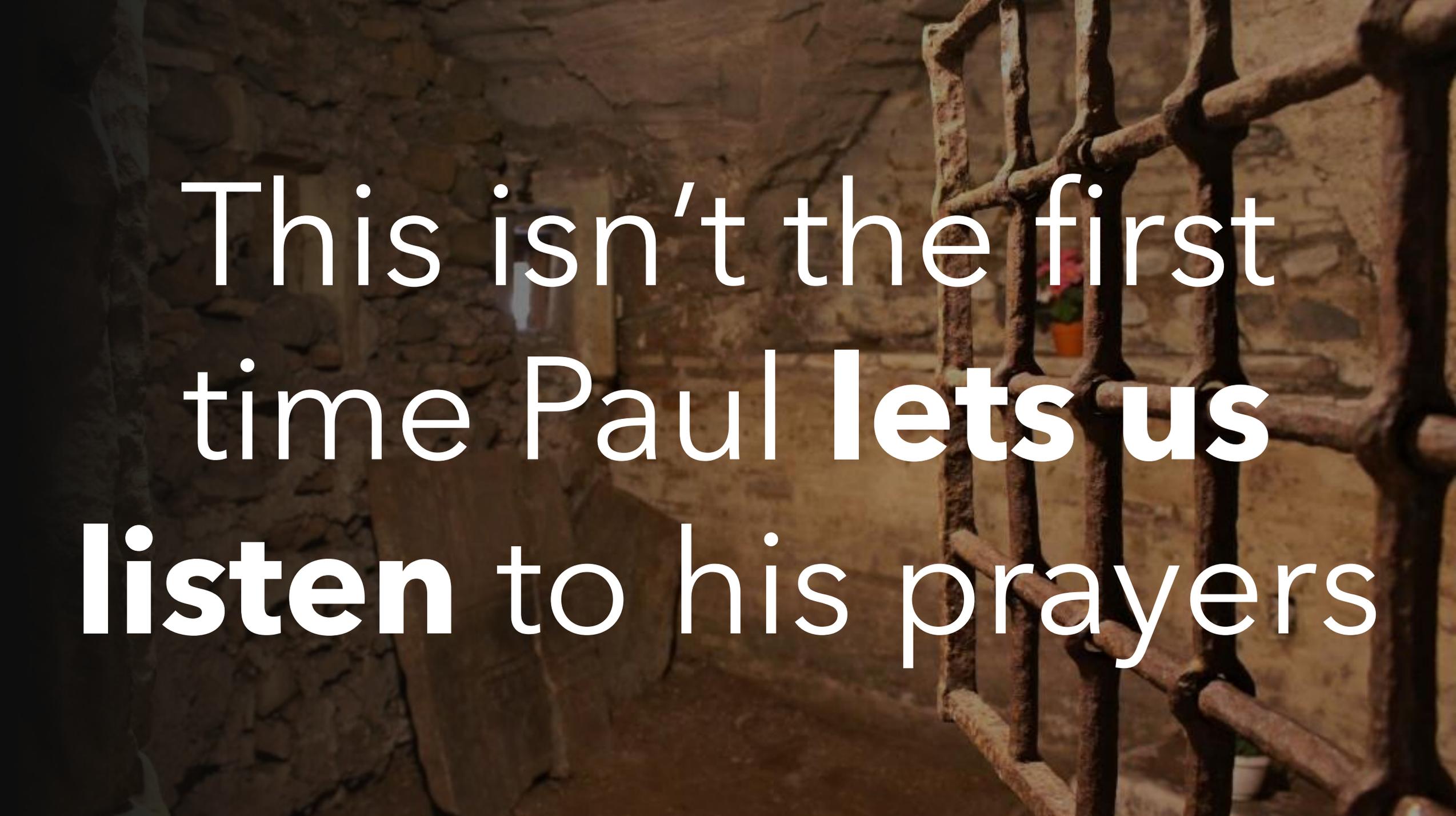
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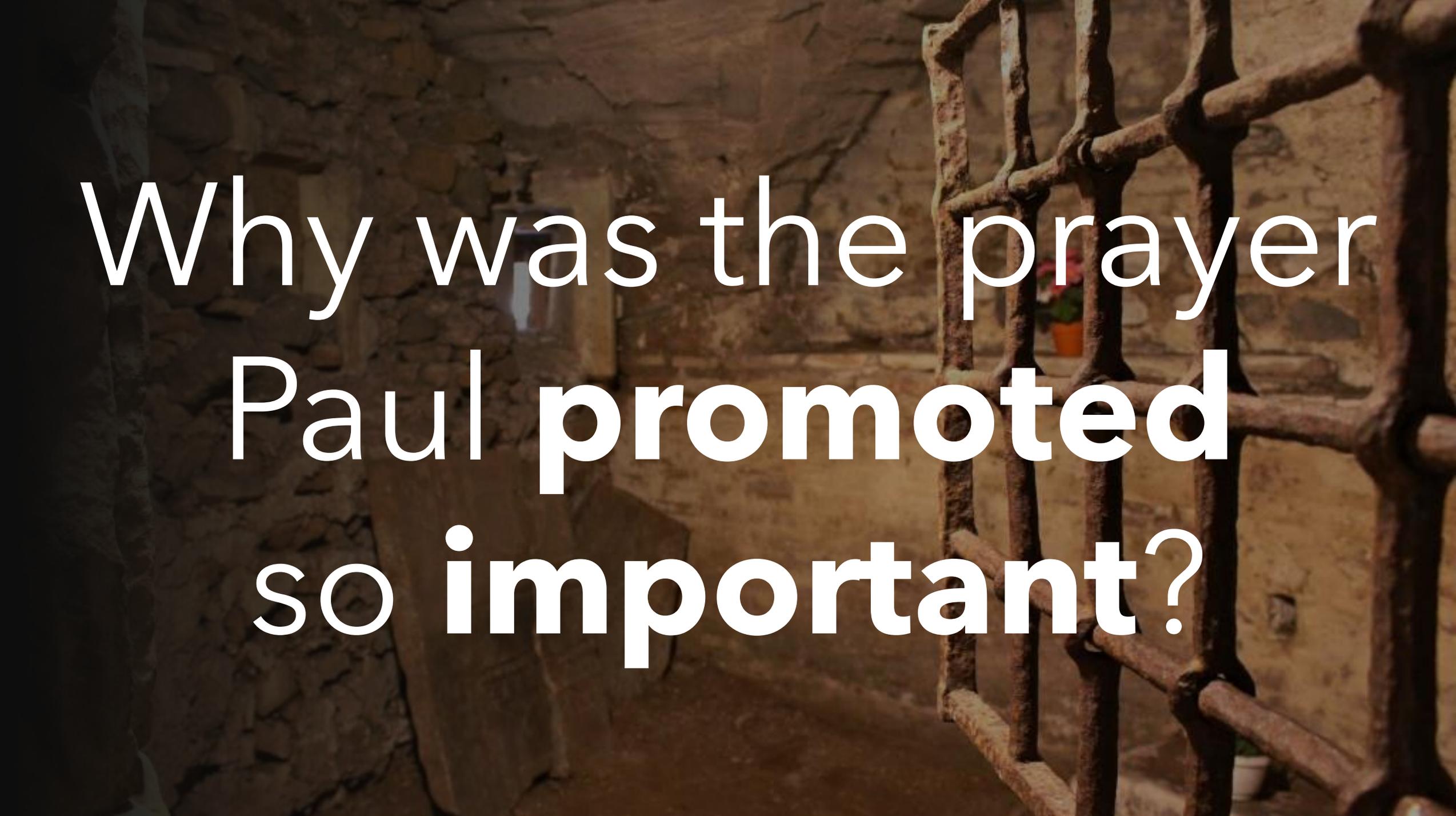
Let's step into  
the **prayer life** of  
Paul - in prison

The background features a textured, brownish stone wall with visible cracks. In the foreground, there is a rusty, grid-like metal grate that partially obscures the wall. The lighting is somewhat dim, creating a somber or historical atmosphere.

This isn't the first  
time Paul **lets us**  
**listen** to his prayers

**Praying** always with  
**all prayer** and  
supplication ...

Ephesians 6:18



Why was the prayer  
Paul **promoted**  
so **important**?



Persecution  
from  
unbelievers

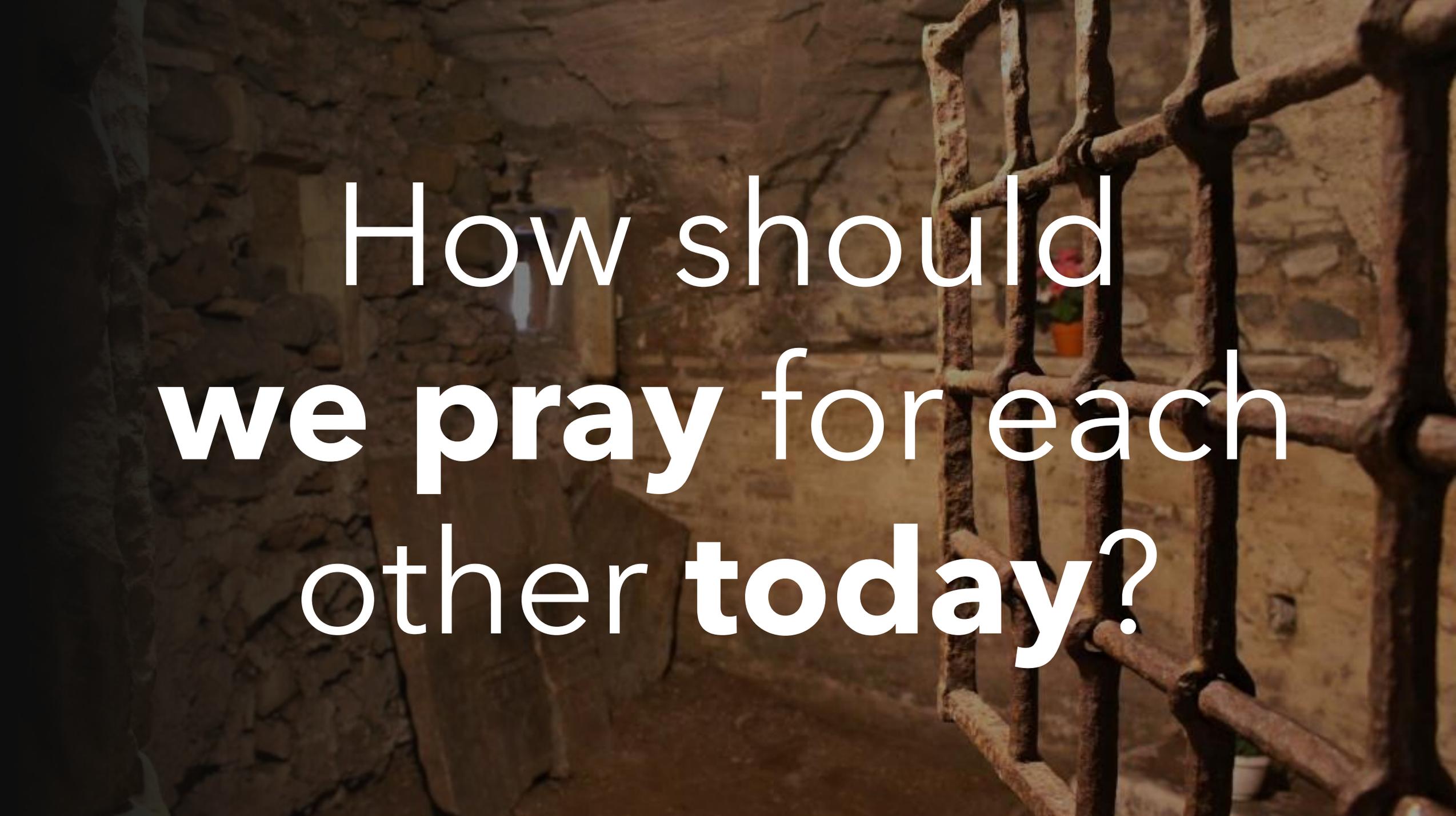
Difficult  
spiritual  
concepts

Cultural  
animosity

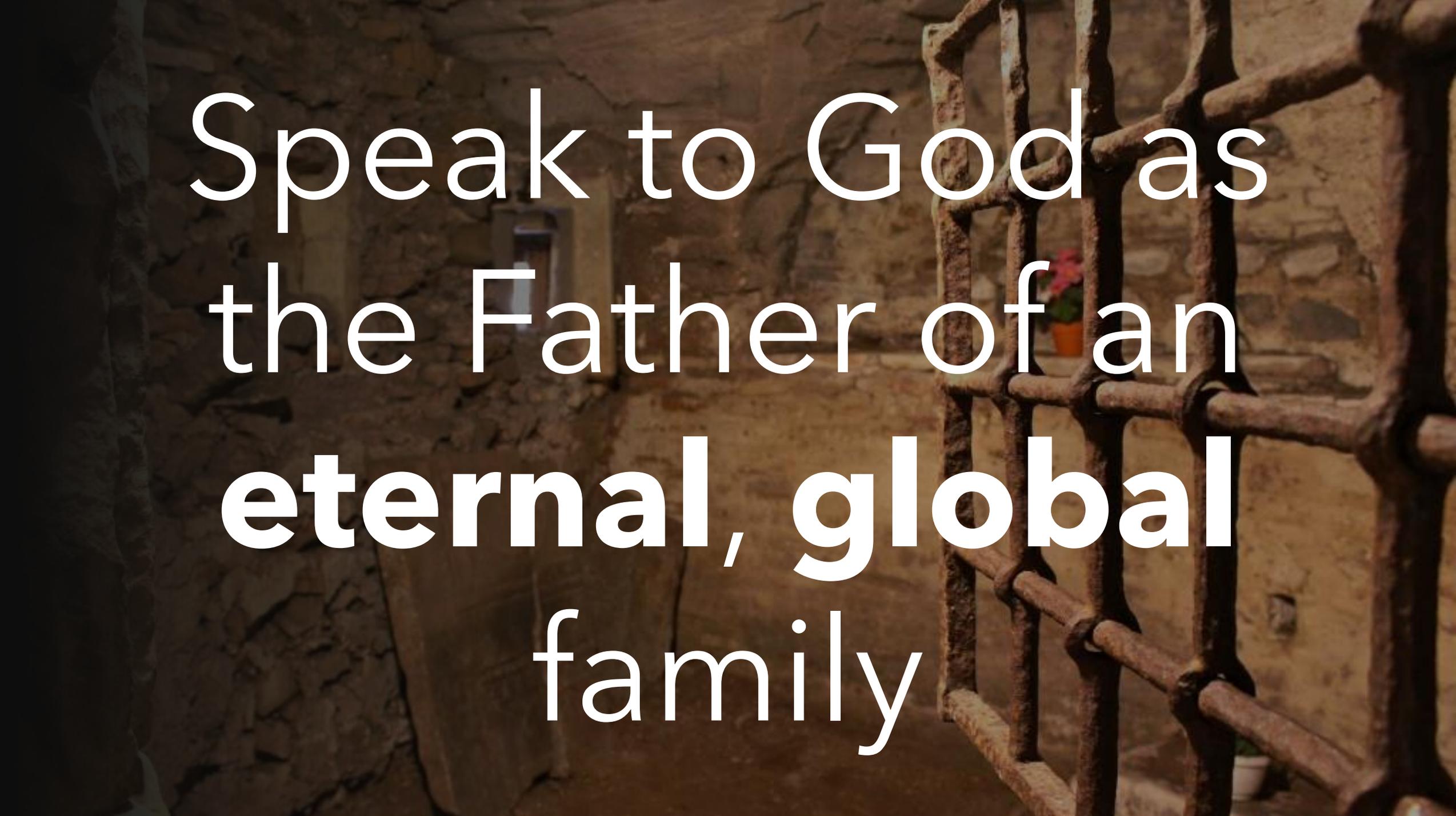
Deceptive  
doctrines

A fleshly nature  
that tempts us  
to sin

Opposition  
from demonic  
forces



How should  
**we pray** for each  
other **today**?



Speak to God as  
the Father of an  
**eternal, global**  
family

1:2

- Peace from God our Father ... blessed be the God and Father

1:17

- That the Father of glory may give you the spirit of wisdom

2:18

- We both have access by one Spirit to the Father

4:6

- There is one God and Father of all

5:20

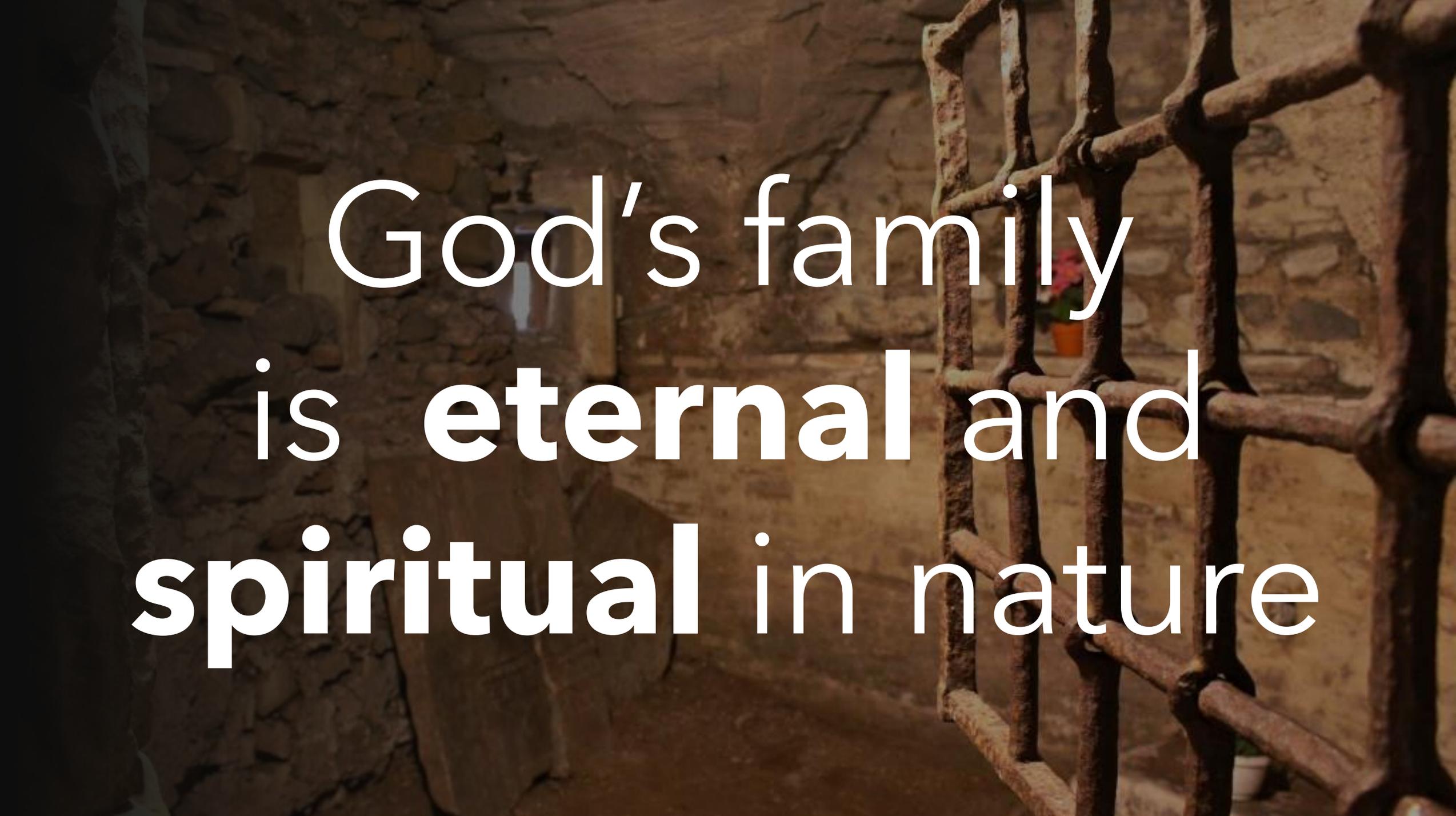
- Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father

6:23

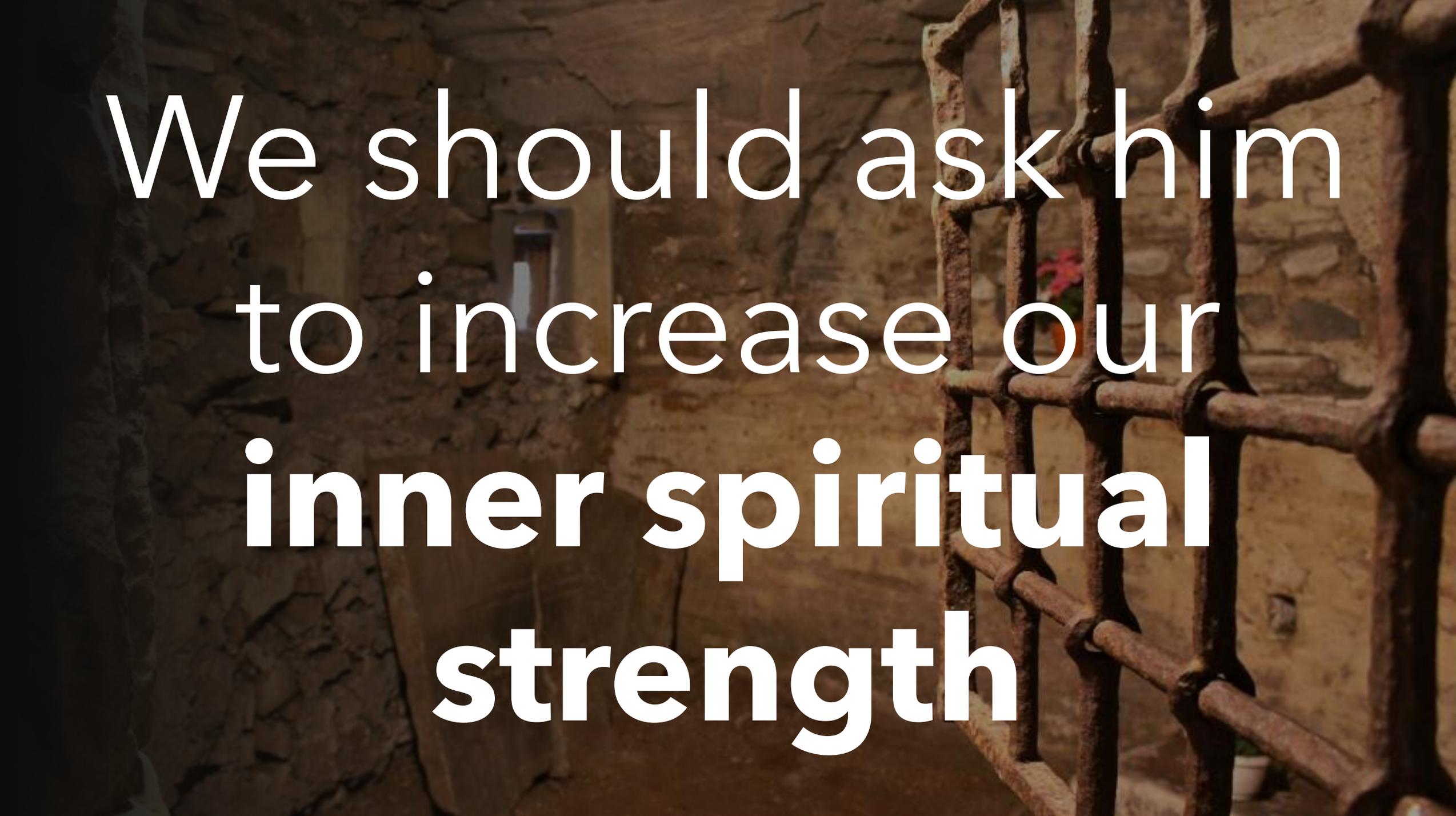
- Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

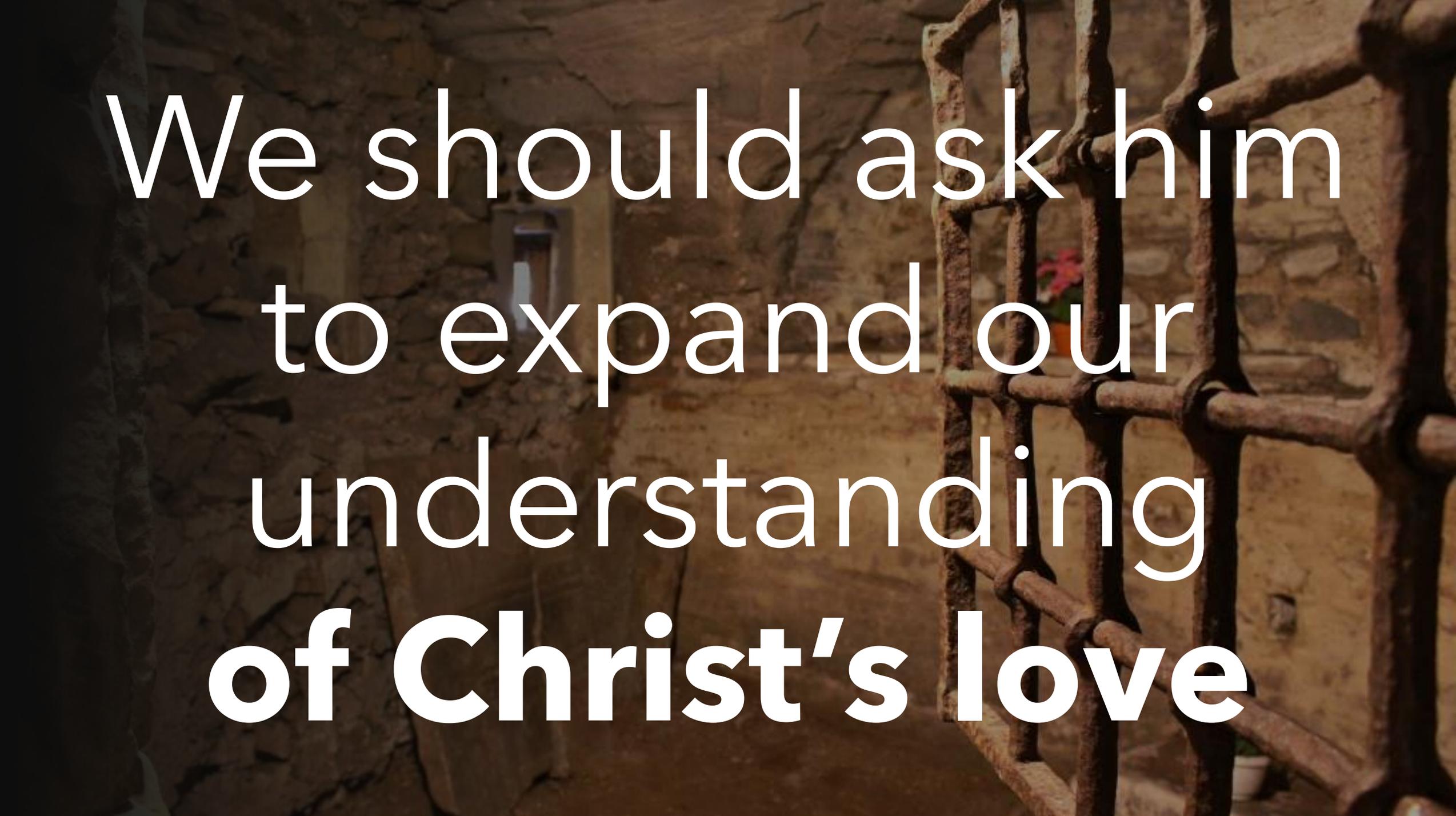
Matthew 7:11



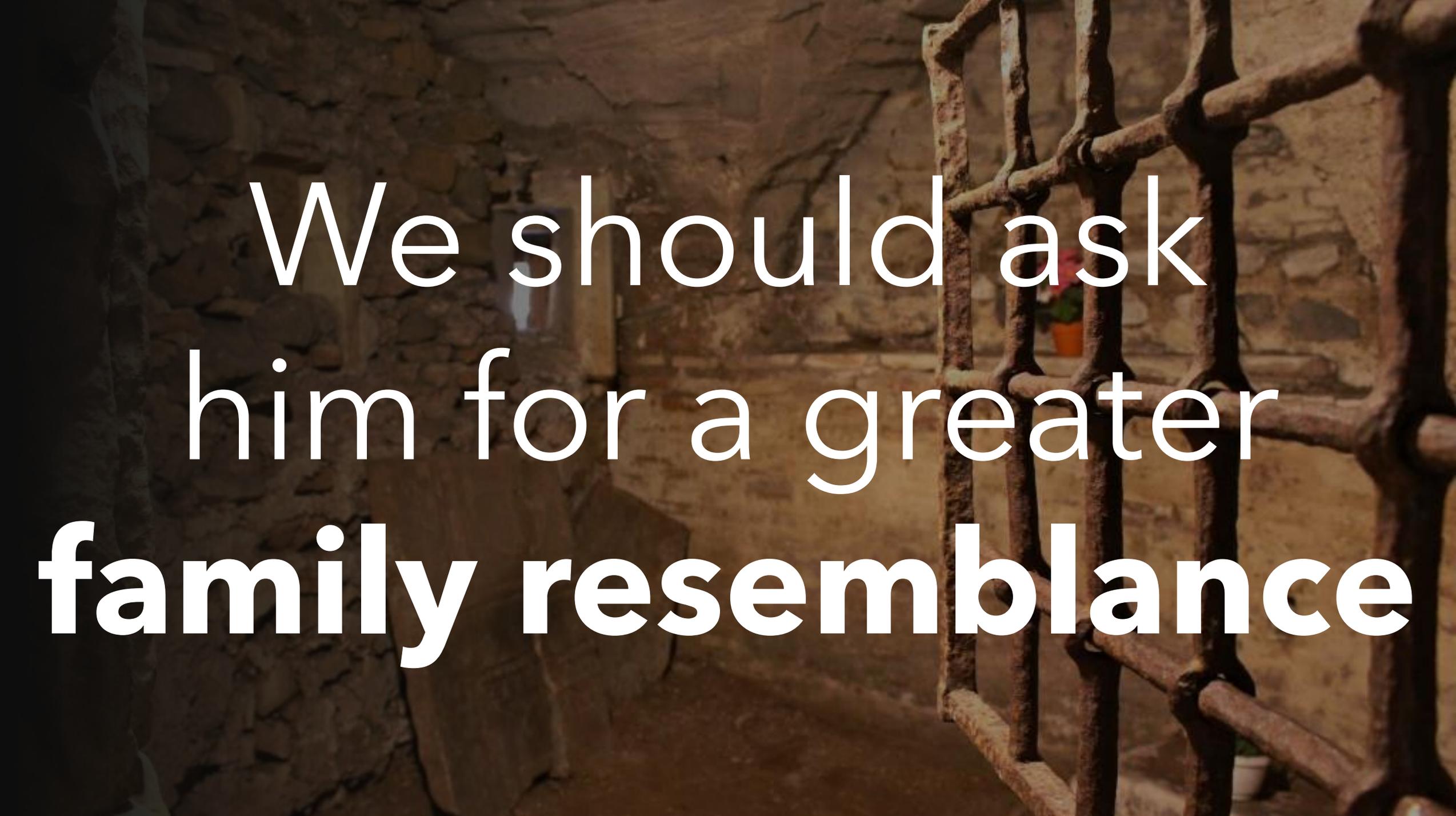
God's family  
is **eternal** and  
**spiritual** in nature



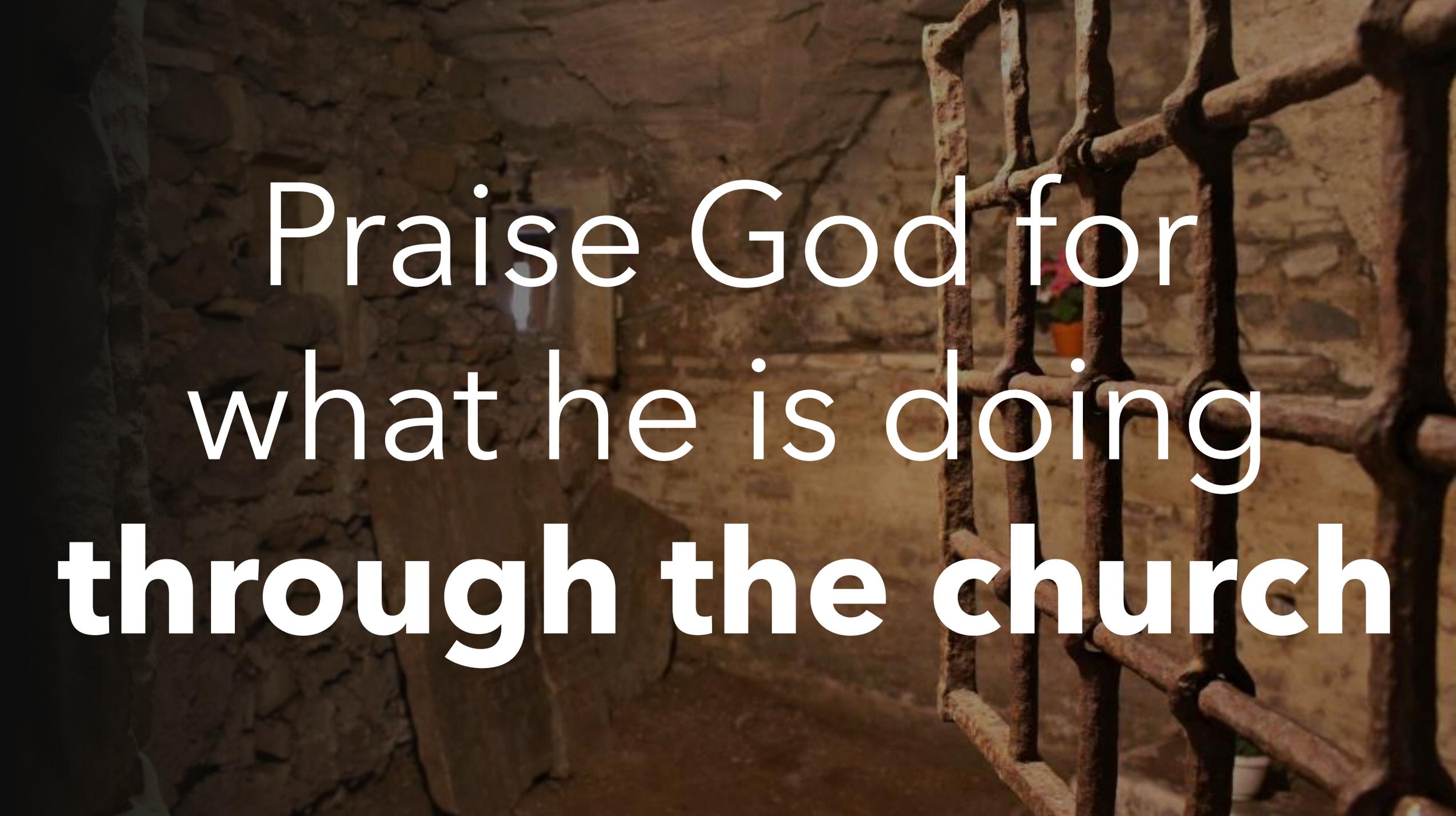
We should ask him  
to increase our  
**inner spiritual  
strength**



We should ask him  
to expand our  
understanding  
**of Christ's love**



We should ask  
him for a greater  
**family resemblance**



Praise God for  
what he is doing  
**through the church**

3:14-21



## Chapters 1-3

- What to Know
- Theology/Doctrine
- Knowing Christ

## Chapters 4-6

- What to Do
- Practice/Application
- Resembling Christ

3:14-21



3:19

- Being filled with all the fullness of God

5:1

- Be imitators of God as dear children

3:14-21



3:19

- Know the love of Christ

5:2

- Walk in love as Christ has loved us



Living the Christian  
life requires more than  
**outer reformation**