

Close Encounters Of the Christ kind

HOW AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD



Argyle Community Church Autumn 2019 Sermon Series

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Sighting

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Evidence

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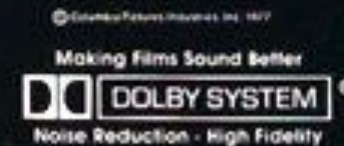


CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
OF THE THIRD KIND

A COLUMBIA/EMI Presentation **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND**
A PHILLIPS Production A STEVEN SPIELBERG Film Starring RICHARD DREYFUSS with FRANCOIS TRUFFAUT as Lacombe
Music by JOHN WILLIAMS Visual Effects by DOUGLAS TRUMBULL Director of Photography VILMOS ZSIGMOND, A.S.C.
Produced by JULIA PHILLIPS and MICHAEL PHILLIPS Written and Directed by STEVEN SPIELBERG



Read the Dell Book



An encounter with Jesus' mother

John 2:5

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John 2:1–5

WEDDING FAIL...
AND SOLUTION

1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,
2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

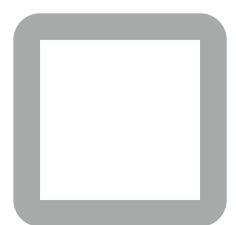
4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants,

"Do whatever he tells you."

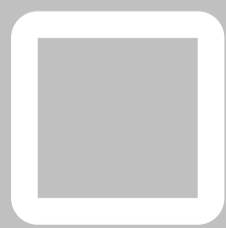


“Do whatever he tells
you” applies to us!

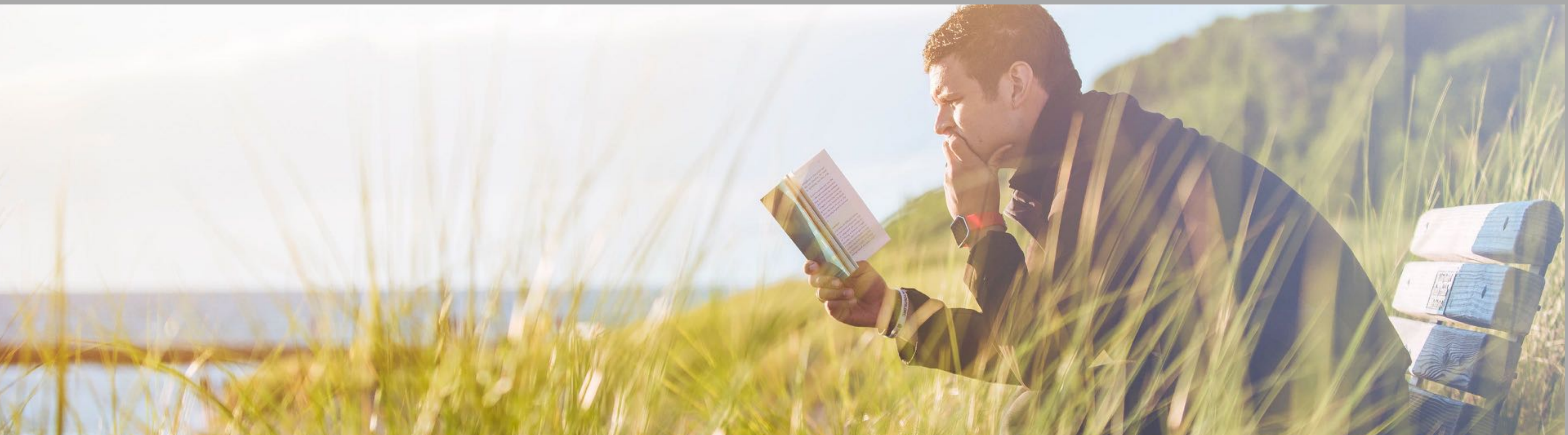


This sermon

Understanding why reading the Bible (and doing what it says) is central to deepening our relationship with God.



Reading the Bible is an act of Dependence, Defiance, Doing & Drawing





DEPENDENCE

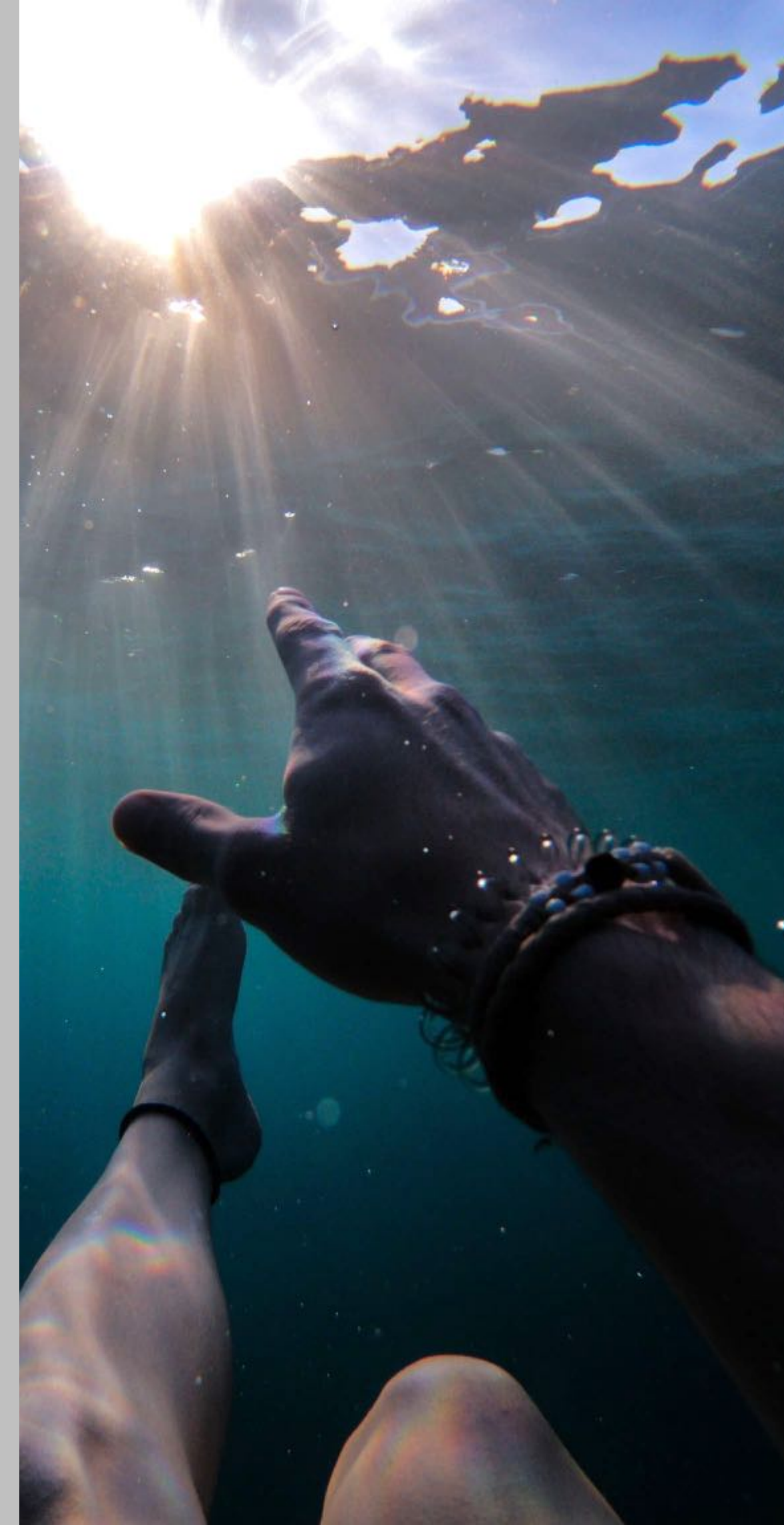
MARY: HUMBLE DEPENDENCE

“The humble confess their INdependence/
autonomy/wilfulness/agenda/unbelief-in-
Jesus’-sovereign-reign.

The humble THANK Jesus for everything,
because only the humble are clueless
about what's best, trusting that
SovereignShepherdJesus knows what's
best, and delivers what's best.

The humble are Jesus-dependent.”

Dave McCarty





DEFIANCE

**READING THE BIBLE IS AN ACT OF
DEFIANCE**

**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
Romans 12:2**





DOING

**READING THE
BIBLE IS READING
THEN DOING**

**“HIS SAYINGS
MUST BE OUR
DOINGS.”
HENRY VAN DYKE**



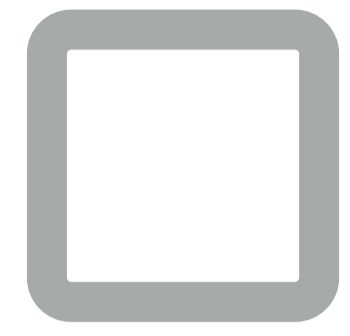


DRAWING

READING THE BIBLE DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD

We are captivated by him.
He speaks to us.
We discover his commands are
good for us.
We taste and see that our Lord is
good.





Reading the Bible is tasting...
...and discovering that the Lord is good.



Joy

THE RESULT OF
DOING WHAT
JESUS SAID

5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so,

9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside

10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

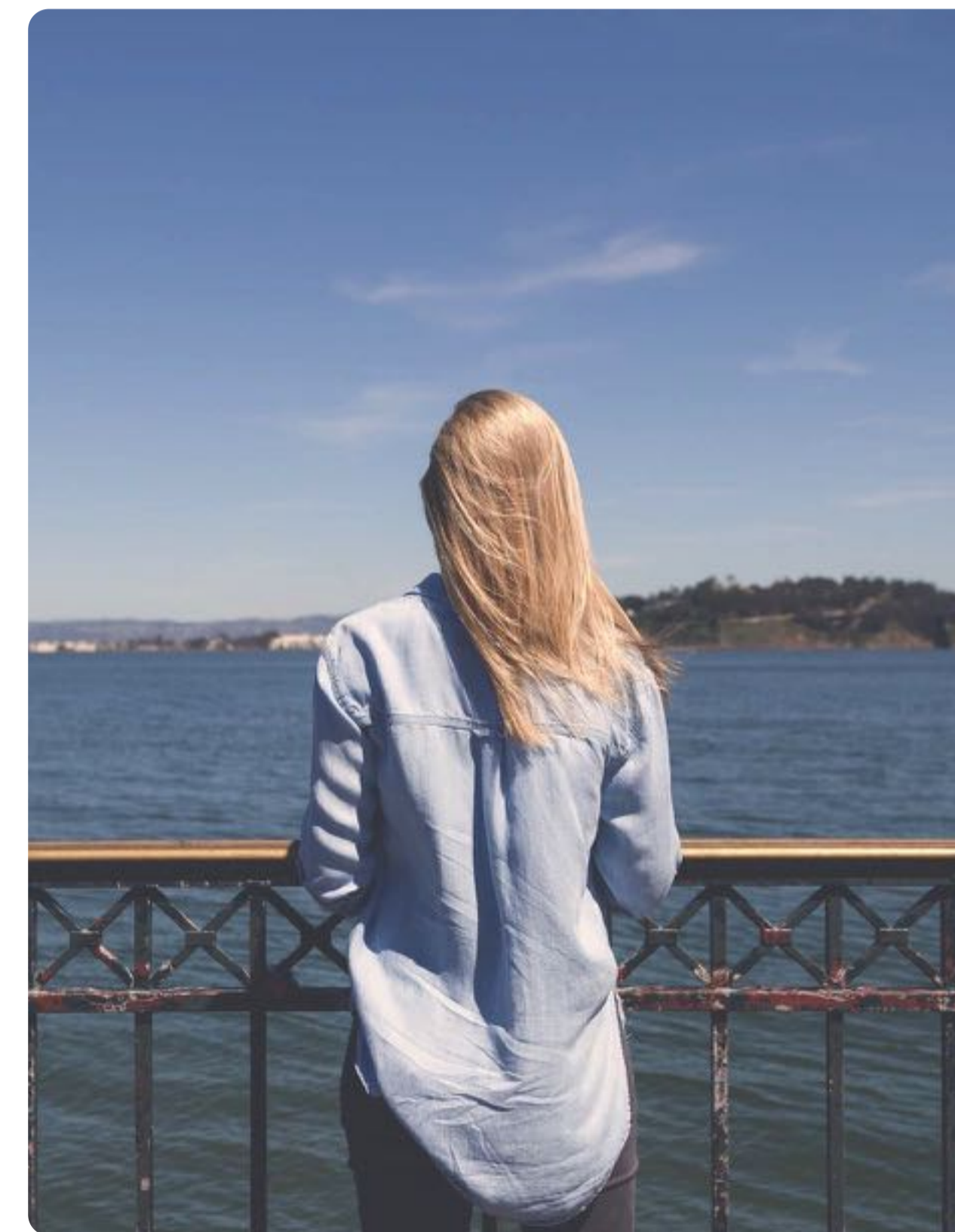


The end of the search

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**“All my life I've been searching for something,
Something never comes never leads to nothing,
Nothing satisfies but I'm getting close...” Foo Fighters**

**THE RESULT OF
DOING WHAT
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We encounter his glory

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Humans are hardwired for glory.
That's why we are so attracted to glorious things.

We love the glory of a great painting or a beautiful piece of music.

We love the excitement of an athletic contest or a feat of daring.

The created world is glorious because God made it that way, and it is a sign which points us to the only glory that will ever give rest and peace to our hearts, the glory of God. Paul Tripp

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