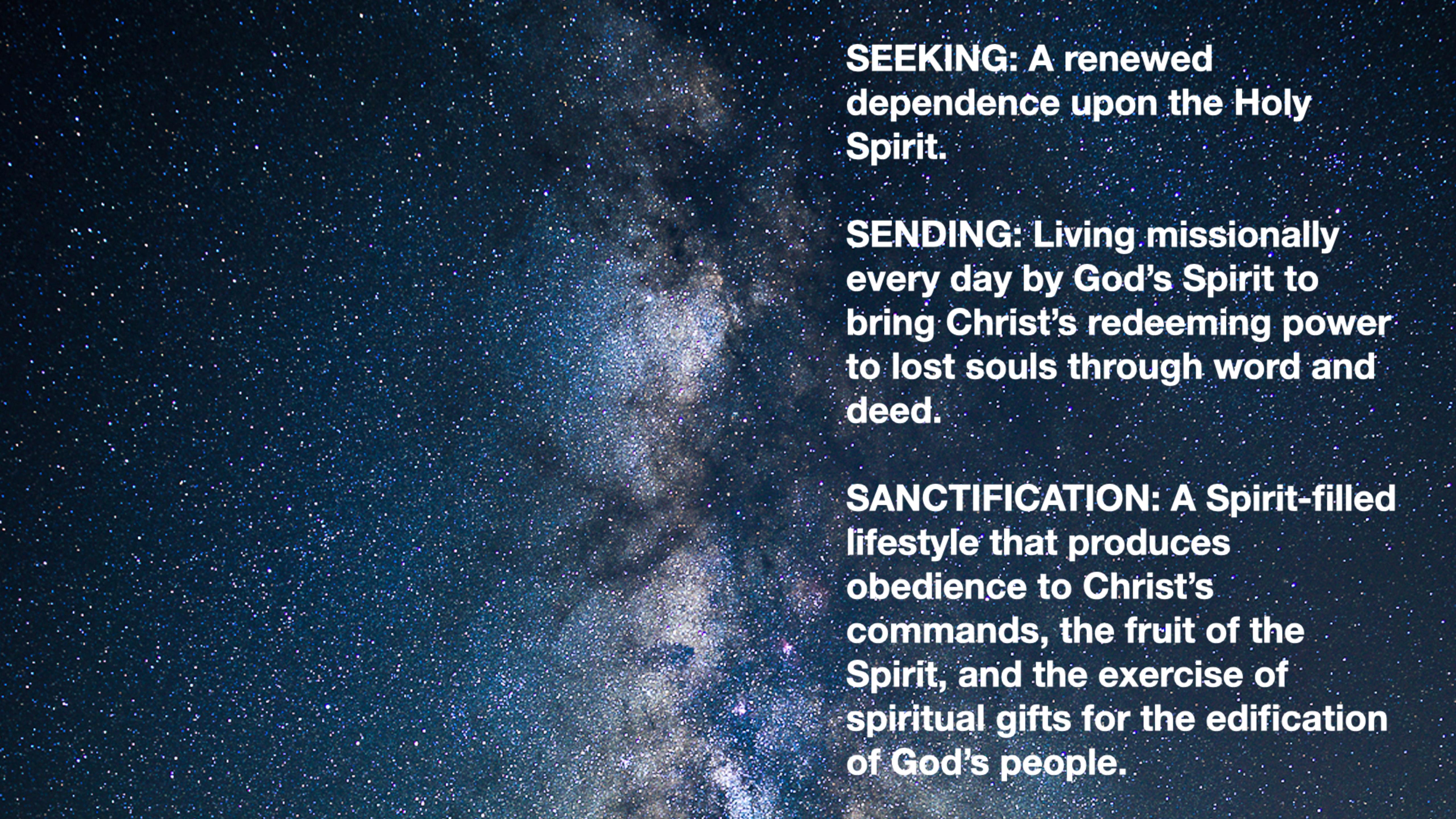


A photograph of a dark night sky filled with stars. A single, extremely bright star is positioned in the upper left quadrant. Below it, a large, glowing, yellowish-orange nebula or cloud of gas and dust stretches across the center of the frame. The foreground consists of dark, silhouetted shapes of desert dunes and rocks.

ENCOUNTER JESUS

THE POWER OF DEPENDENCE
John 16:1-15

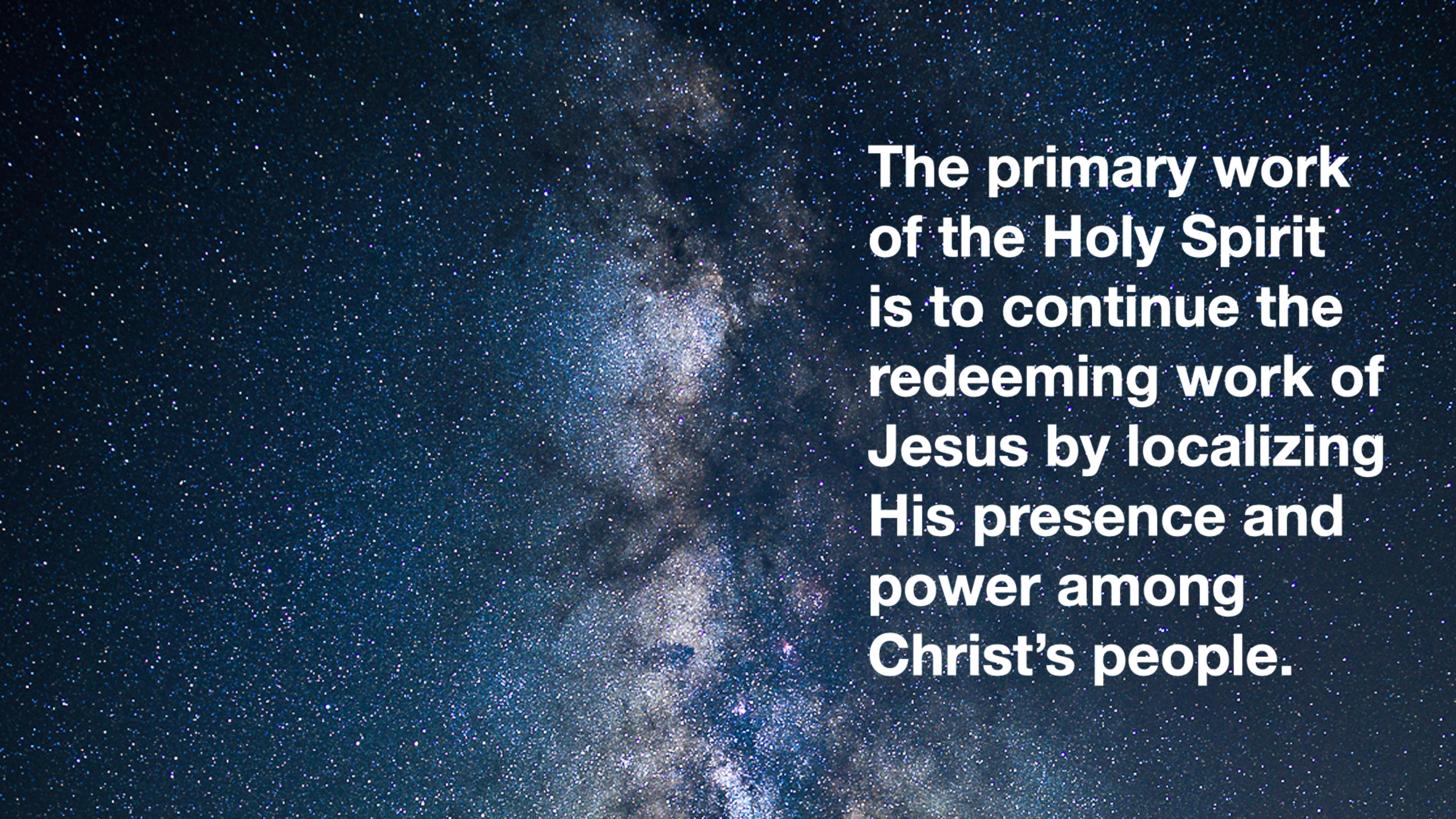
When Jesus prepares His followers for persecution (animosity towards Jesus and His gospel), He directs them to depend upon the Holy Spirit so they can be an influence for the gospel.



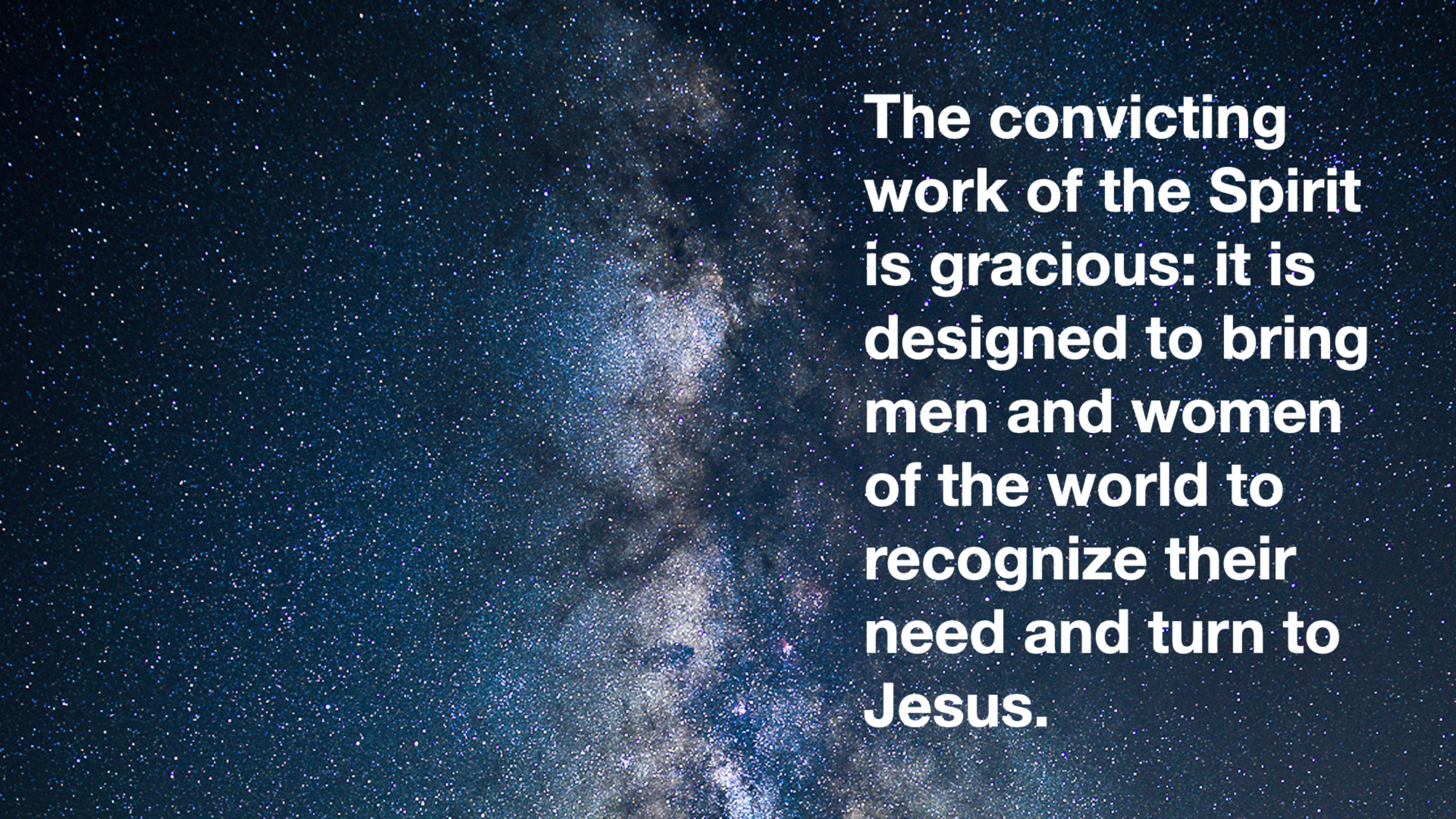
SEEKING: A renewed dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

SENDING: Living missionally every day by God's Spirit to bring Christ's redeeming power to lost souls through word and deed.

SANCTIFICATION: A Spirit-filled lifestyle that produces obedience to Christ's commands, the fruit of the Spirit, and the exercise of spiritual gifts for the edification of God's people.



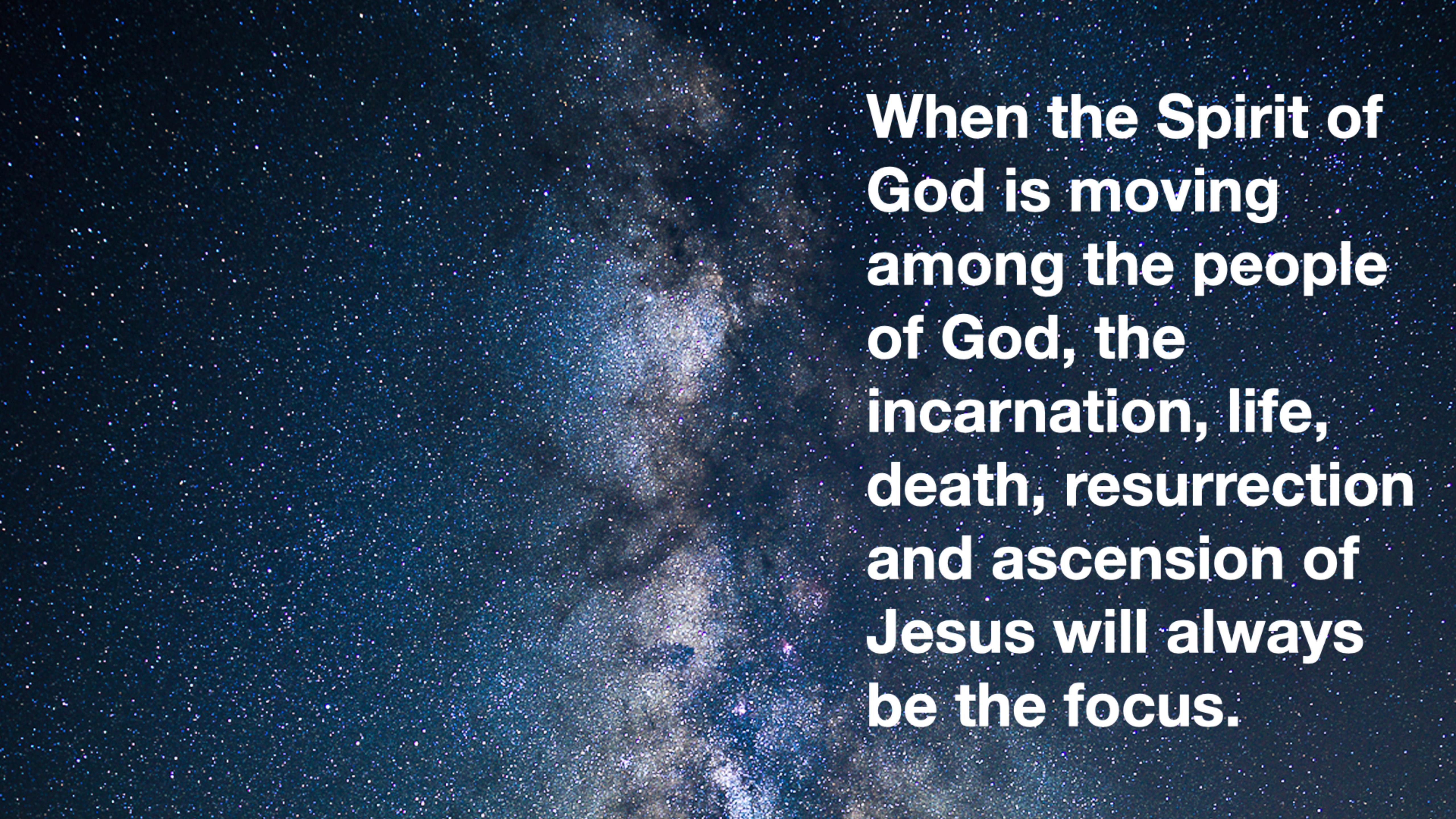
**The primary work
of the Holy Spirit
is to continue the
redeeming work of
Jesus by localizing
His presence and
power among
Christ's people.**



**The convicting
work of the Spirit
is gracious: it is
designed to bring
men and women
of the world to
recognize their
need and turn to
Jesus.**

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

Romans 10:14



**When the Spirit of
God is moving
among the people
of God, the
incarnation, life,
death, resurrection
and ascension of
Jesus will always
be the focus.**