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A Study of the Gospel of MARK

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1 Thessalonians 3:3 ... we sent Timothy ... to establish and exhort you in your faith, that **no one be moved by these afflictions**. For you yourselves know that **we are destined for this**. For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that **we were to suffer affliction** ...

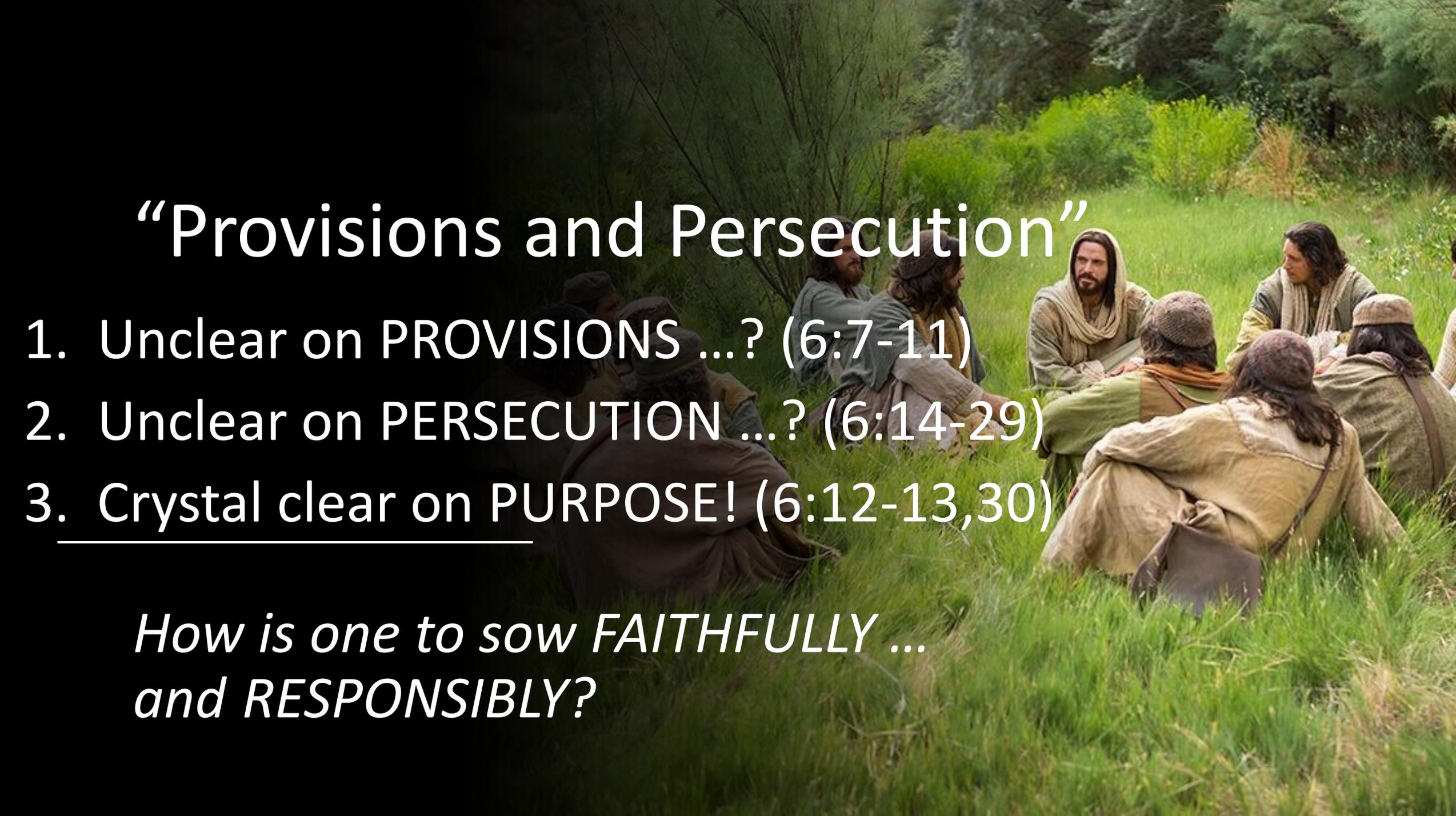
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*We live 60 miles from the Belarussian border and 75 from the Ukrainian ... for now, we plan to continue staying and ministering here ... we don't know how our life and ministry will be affected in the days and weeks ahead, but **it seems certain that we will soon experience new gospel opportunities and possibly new challenges.***

May God use the Church in Ukraine to shine as a light in darkness, and may these uncertain times be used by the Holy Spirit to soften hard hearts and point people to the Prince of Peace.

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“Provisions and Persecution”

1. Unclear on PROVISIONS ...? (6:7-11)
2. Unclear on PERSECUTION ...? (6:14-29)
3. Crystal clear on PURPOSE! (6:12-13,30)

*How is one to sow FAITHFULLY ...
and RESPONSIBLY?*

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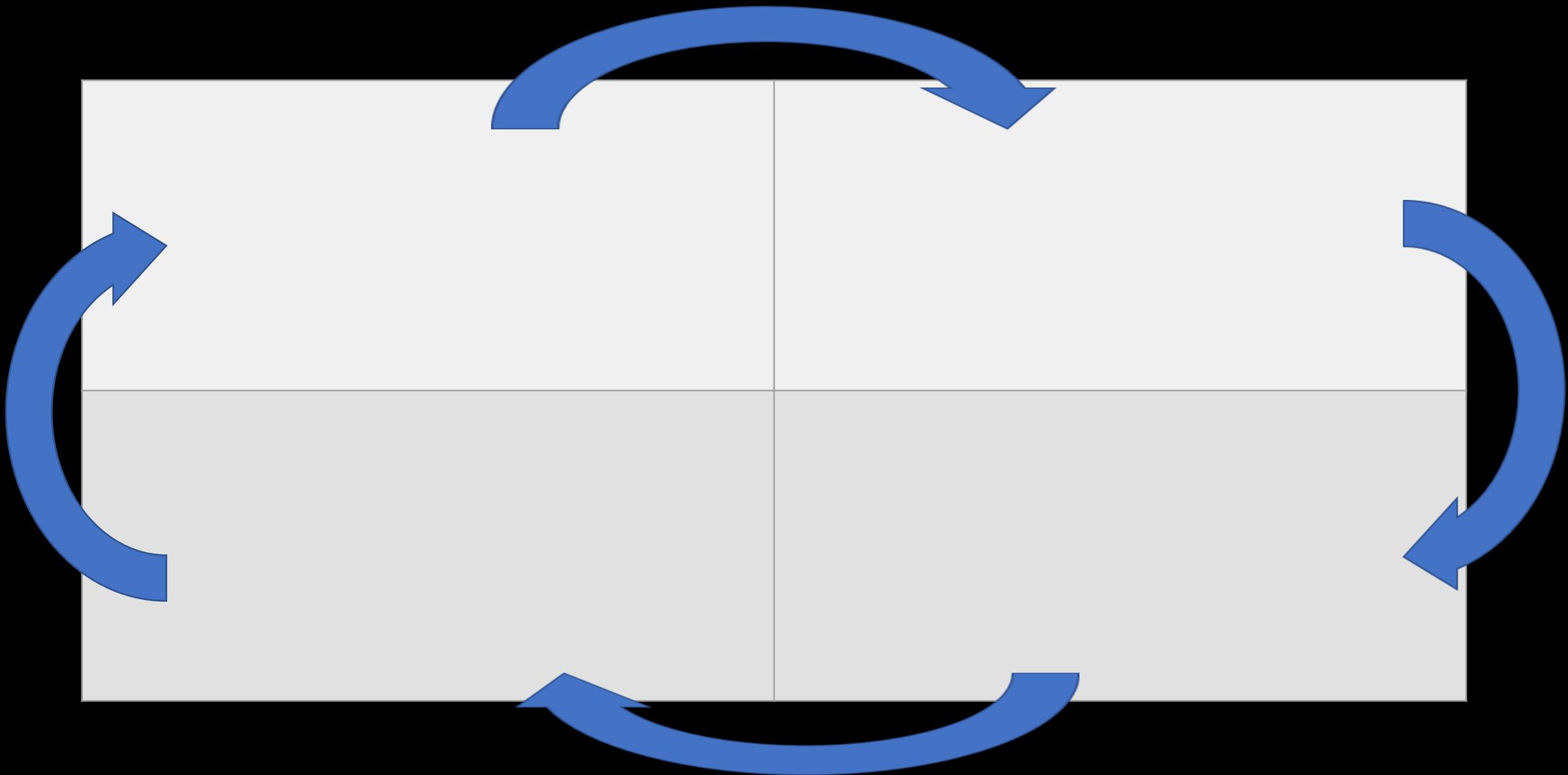
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Luke 22:31 ... *Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers ...*

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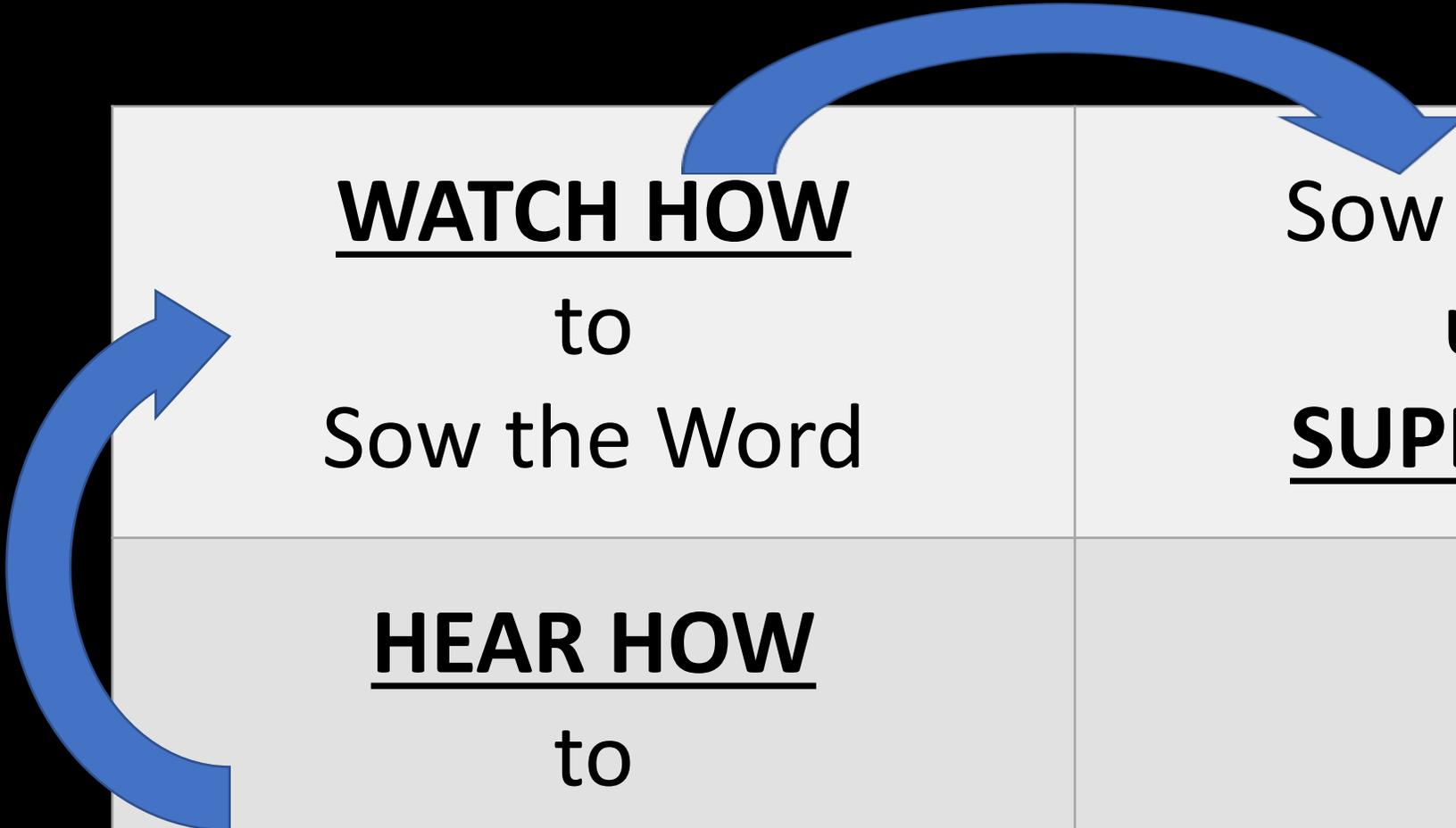


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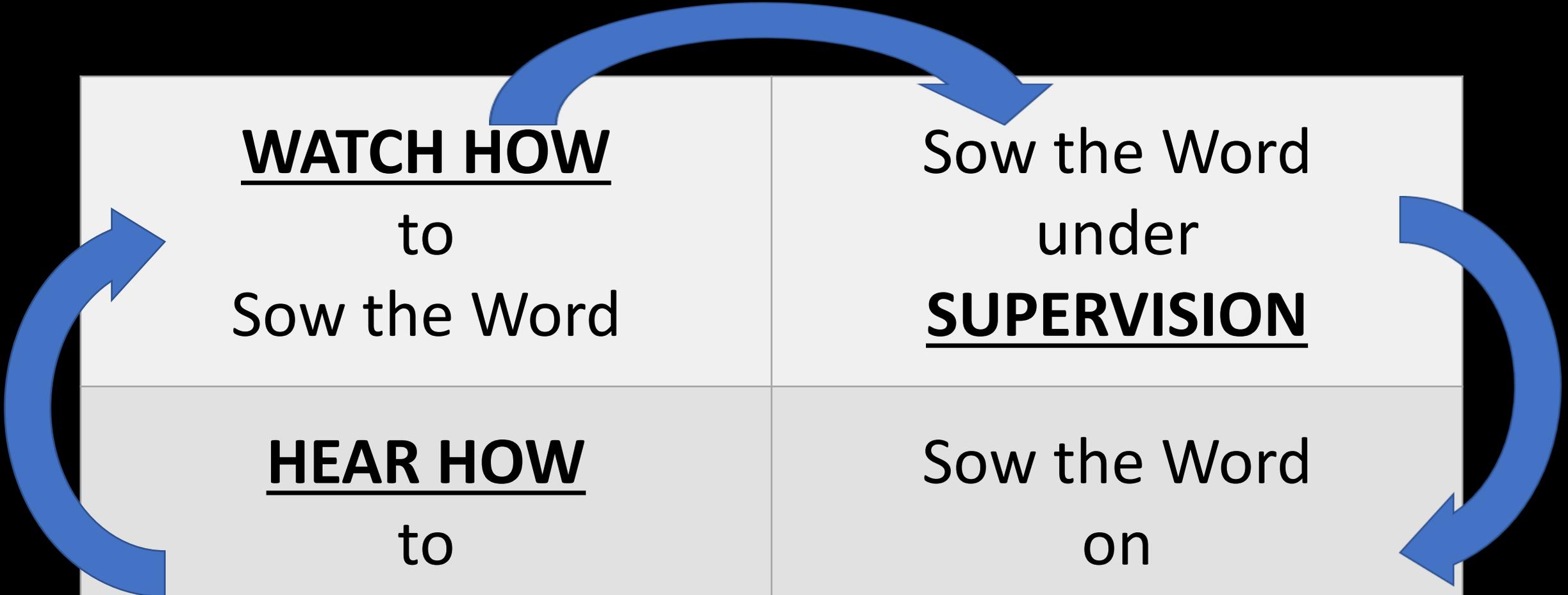
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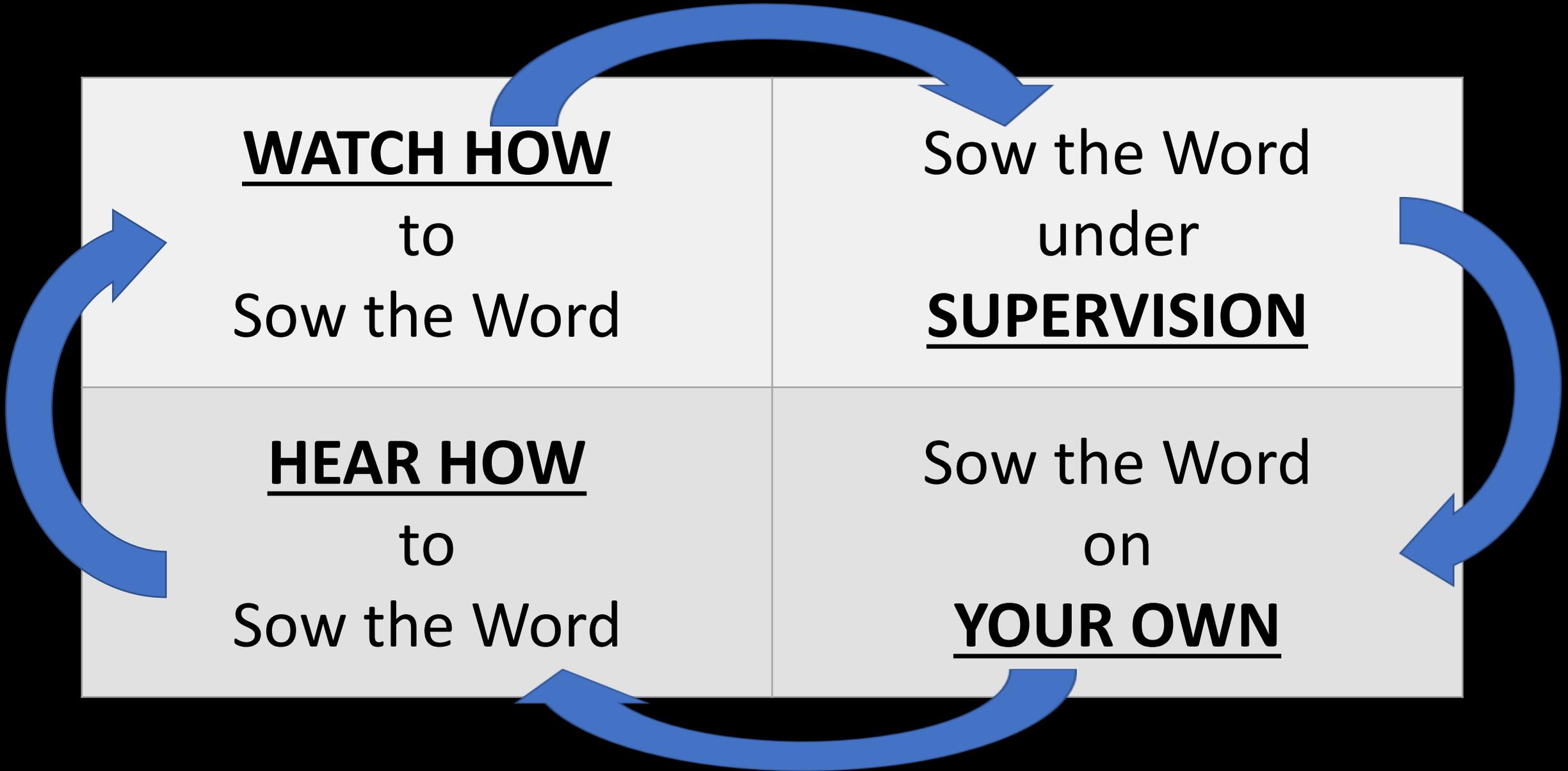
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A WALKING staff ... but not a TRAVEL staff ...?

No BREAD ... No BAG ... No MONEY ...?

SANDALS ... but not TWO TUNICS ...?

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Luke 22:35f ... *Jesus said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” He said to them, “But now **let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.** For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment ...”*

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Mark 6:10-11 ... Jesus said to them, “**Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart** from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, **shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them**” ...

Stay where you are welcome ... (perceiving)
Shake the dust off your feet ... (unperceiving)

Don't put personal safety, food, or shelter before fulfilling the command to sow!



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PERSECUTION ...?
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Mark 6:14-16 ... King Herod (Antipas) heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But **when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised" ...**

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Mark 6:17-20 ... it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, **“It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.”**

And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for **Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man**, and he kept him safe. **When Herod heard John, he was greatly perplexed, yet he heard him gladly ...**

Unclear on PERSECUTION ...?

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Mark 6:21-25 ... Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles, military commanders, and the leading men of Galilee. When Herodias's daughter danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you ... up to half of my kingdom.” She said to her Herodias, “For what should I ask?” And Herodias said, “The head of John the Baptist ...”

Cunning trap? Reckless blunder?

Unclear on PERSECUTION ...?

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Mark 6:26-29 ... Herod was exceedingly sorry, but **because of his vow and his guests** he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately **the king sent an executioner ... who beheaded John in the prison and brought his head on a platter** and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb ...”

Herod's fear of man OVERRULES His fear of God!

*Persecution may come
to even the best
sowers!*



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Christ TEACHES sowers to sow good seed
God PRESERVES these sowers for His purposes
The Spirit PREPARES the soil (hearts) to receive good seed

Are we **READY**
to fill the **CALL**
to be a **SOWER**?

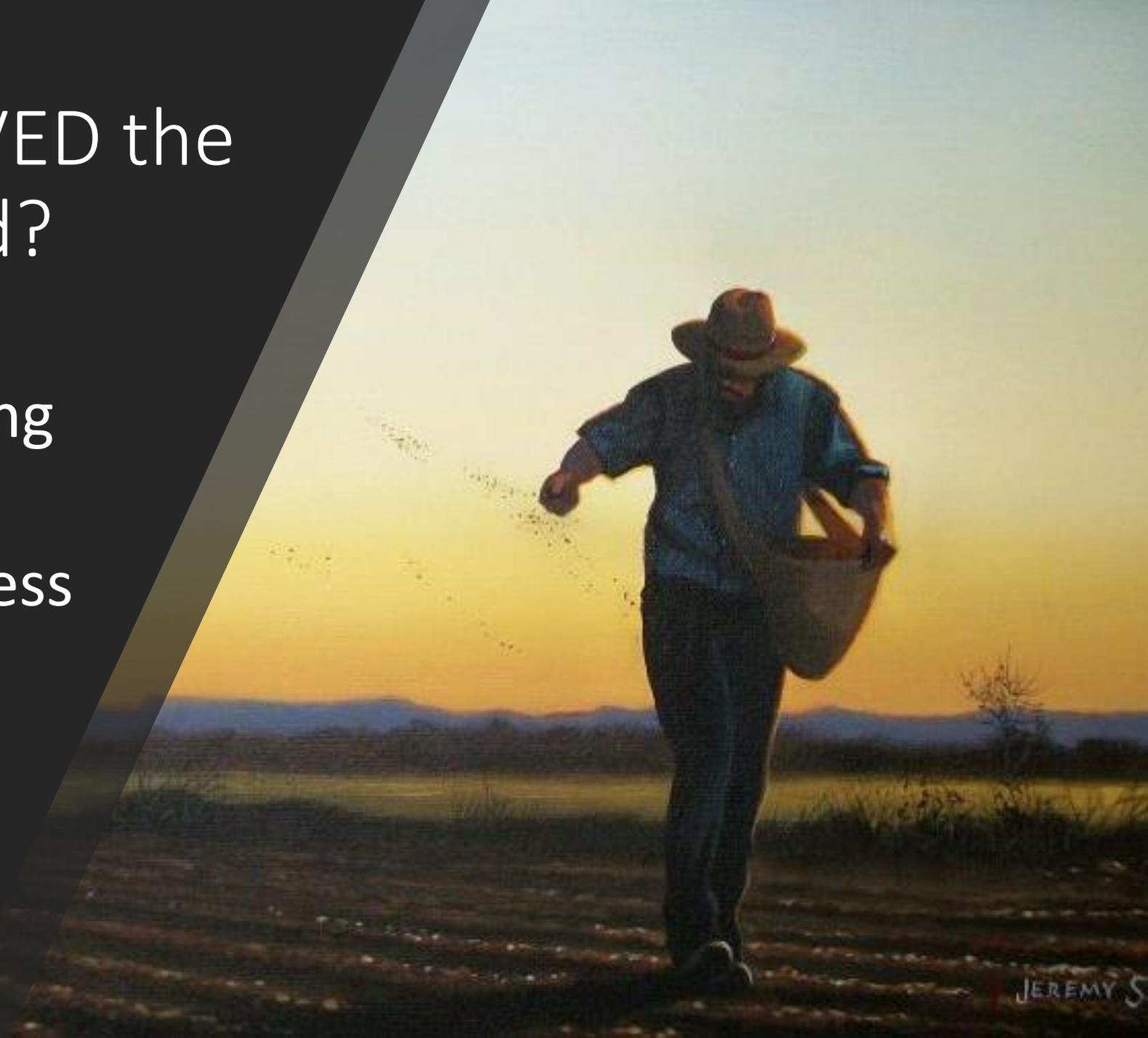


Have we RECEIVED the
Good Seed?



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- 1) Turned from serving the self ...?
- 2) Received forgiveness in Christ ...?



Are we PREPARED to ...



Are we PREPARED to ...

- 1) Recognize His AUTHORITY over the good seed ...?
- 2) Recognize His GOODNESS in the process ...?

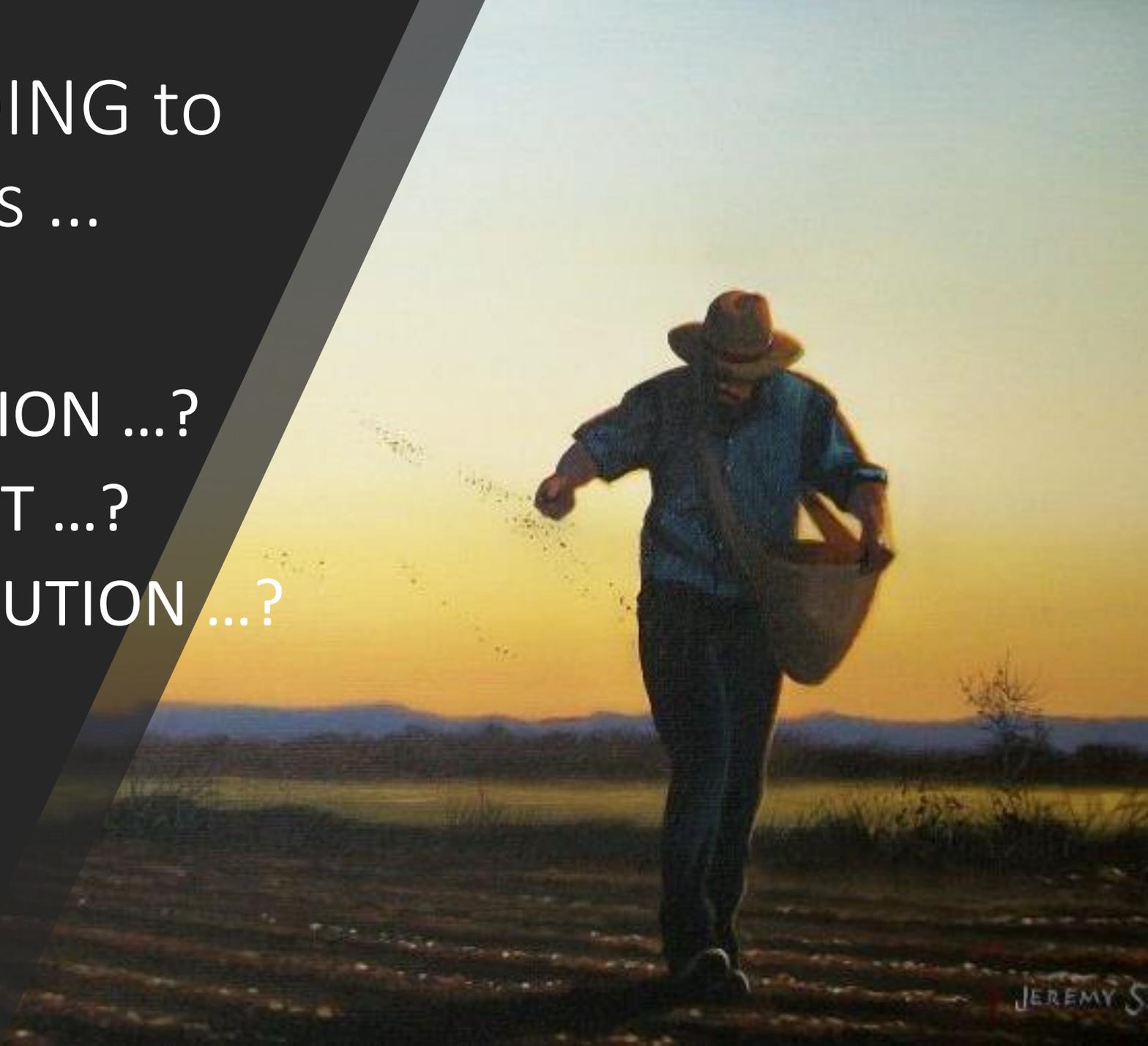


Are we ASCENDING to
His purposes ...



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- 1) Accepting REJECTION ...?
- 2) Anticipating WANT ...?
- 3) Expecting PERSECUTION ...?





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