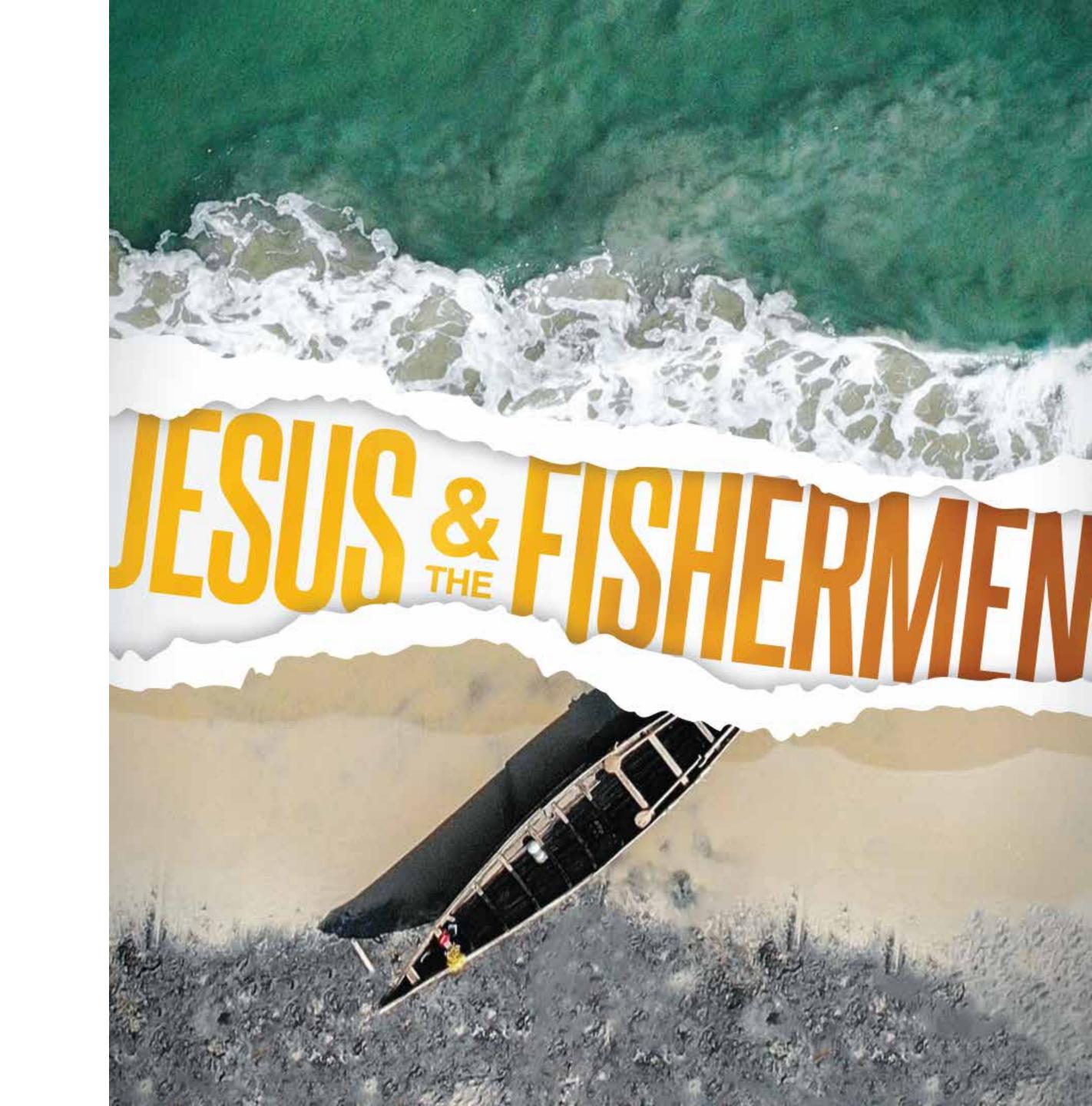




HE IS NOT DISTANT, ALOOF, OR UNKNOWABLE

ACTS 17:26-27

²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should **seek God**, and perhaps **feel** their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.



¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.



³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.



LUKE 5:1-1

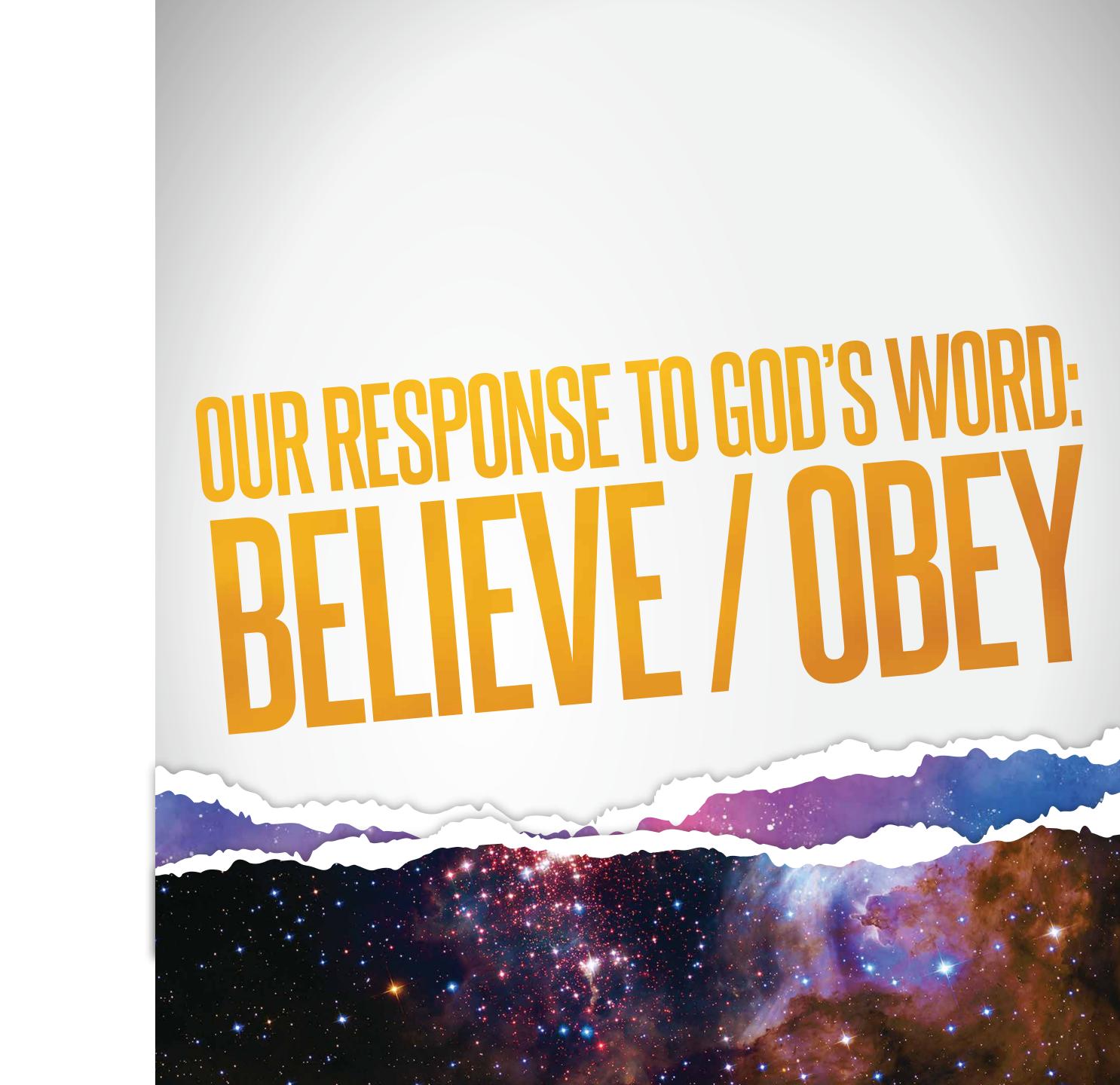
⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word! will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

LUKE 5:1-11

8 But when Simon Peter saw it, **he fell down at Jesus' knees**, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "**Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men**." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, **they left everything and followed him**.

GOD IS NEAR:

- 1. He wants to step into our world (Verse 3)
- 2. He wants to reveal Himself (Verses 4-6)
- 3. He wants to give us a bigger purpose (Verse 10)





So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

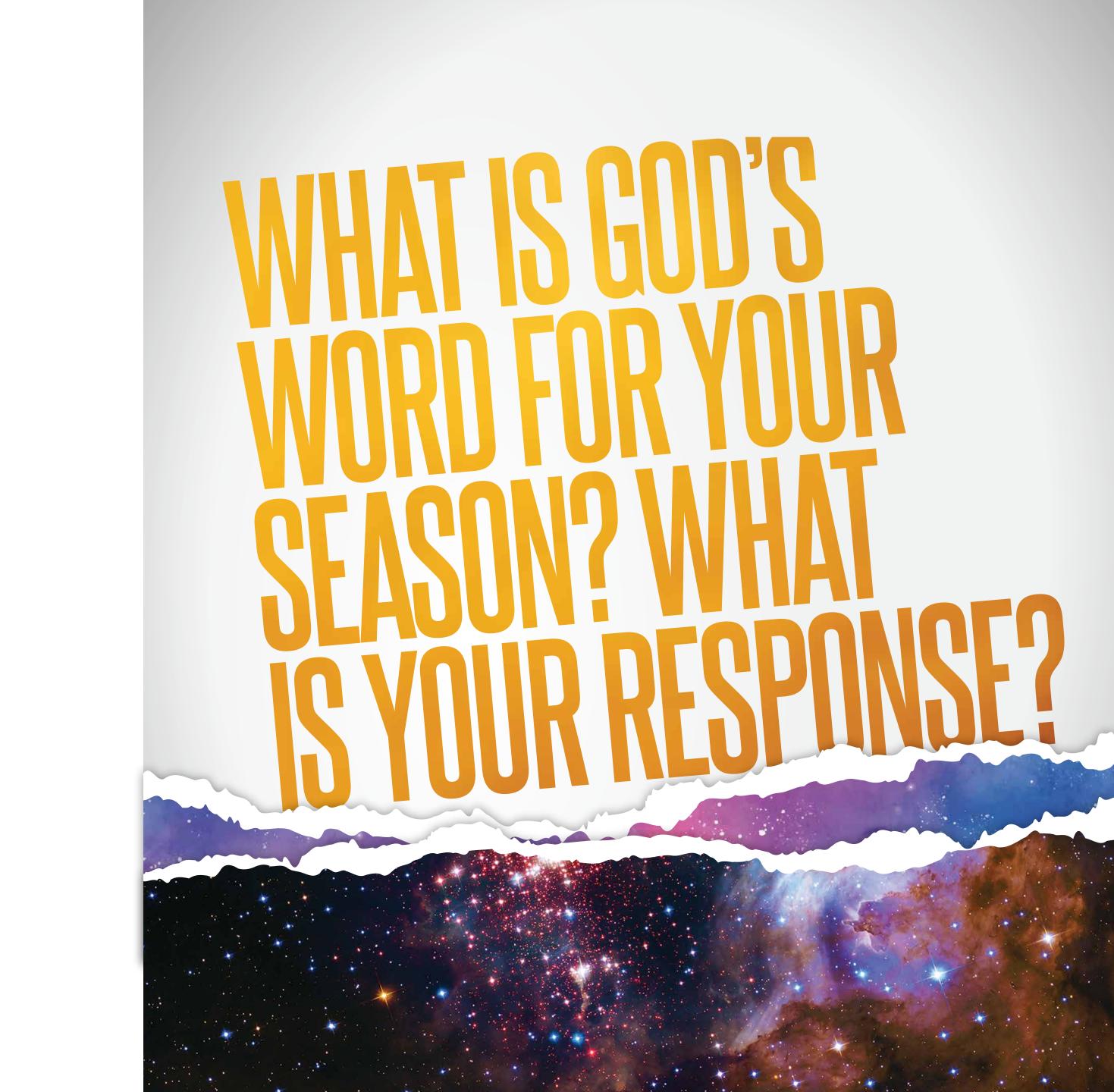


⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.





Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

