

Such a Cloud of Witnesses

“Stories of American Christians”

Temple Baptist Church
November 20, 2022





George
Whitefield

Whitefield

Christ is worth all, or
he is worth nothing.

George Whitefield

Micah 6:6-8

6 Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the Lord require of thee,** but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?



Part 1 ~ Prologue & Passion

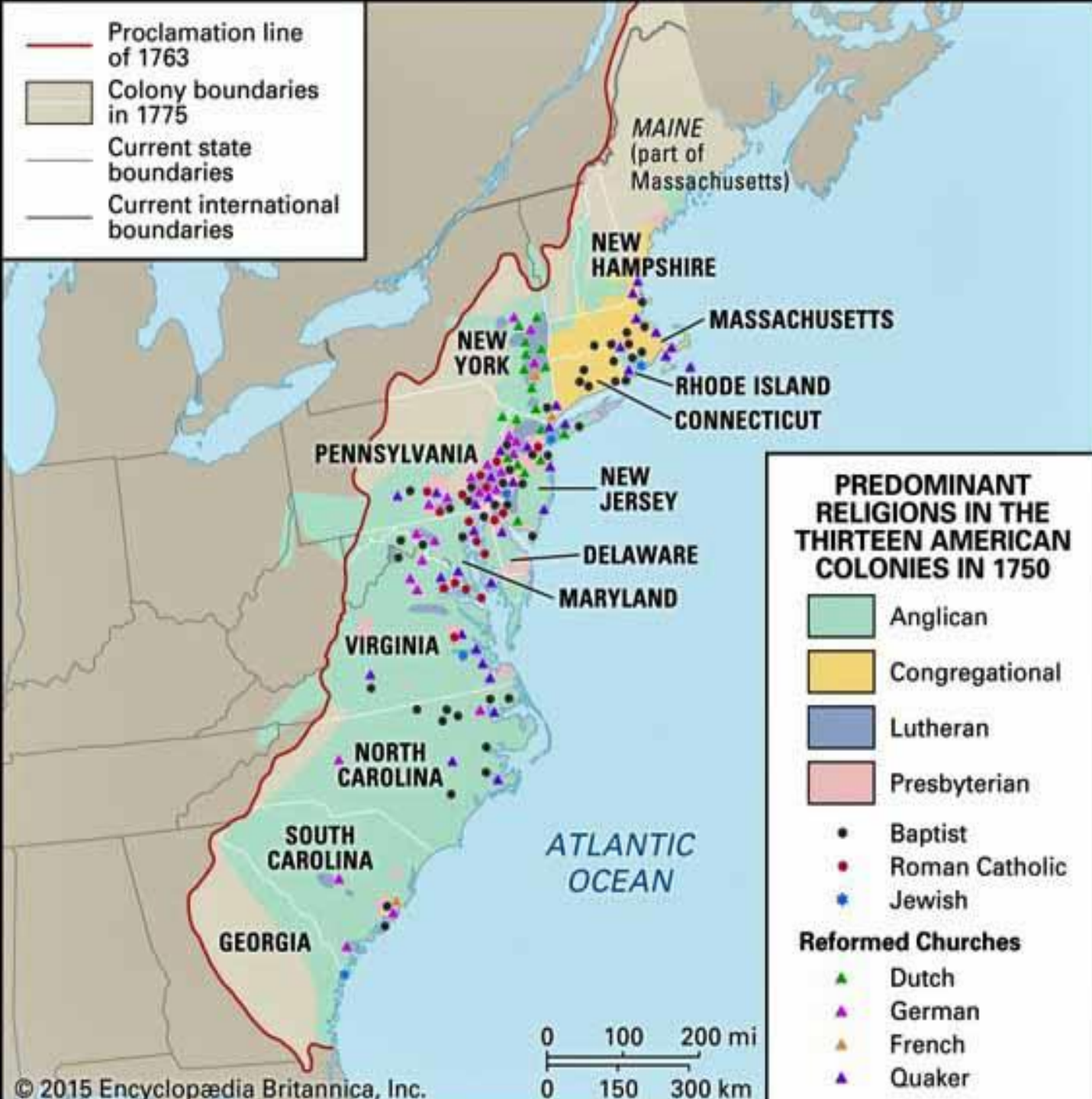
Part 2 ~ Conflict & Legacy

1736


Pembroke Oxford



- Graduates from Pembroke at 21 year of age. He preaches his first sermon and is ordained as a deacon in the Church of England. (Anglican)
- At age 22, Whitefield's' preaching is described as electrifying to Cities of London and Bristol. His notoriety and reputation grows through 1738 when John Wesley invites him to preach in the Colonies...we now know them as the United States of America.

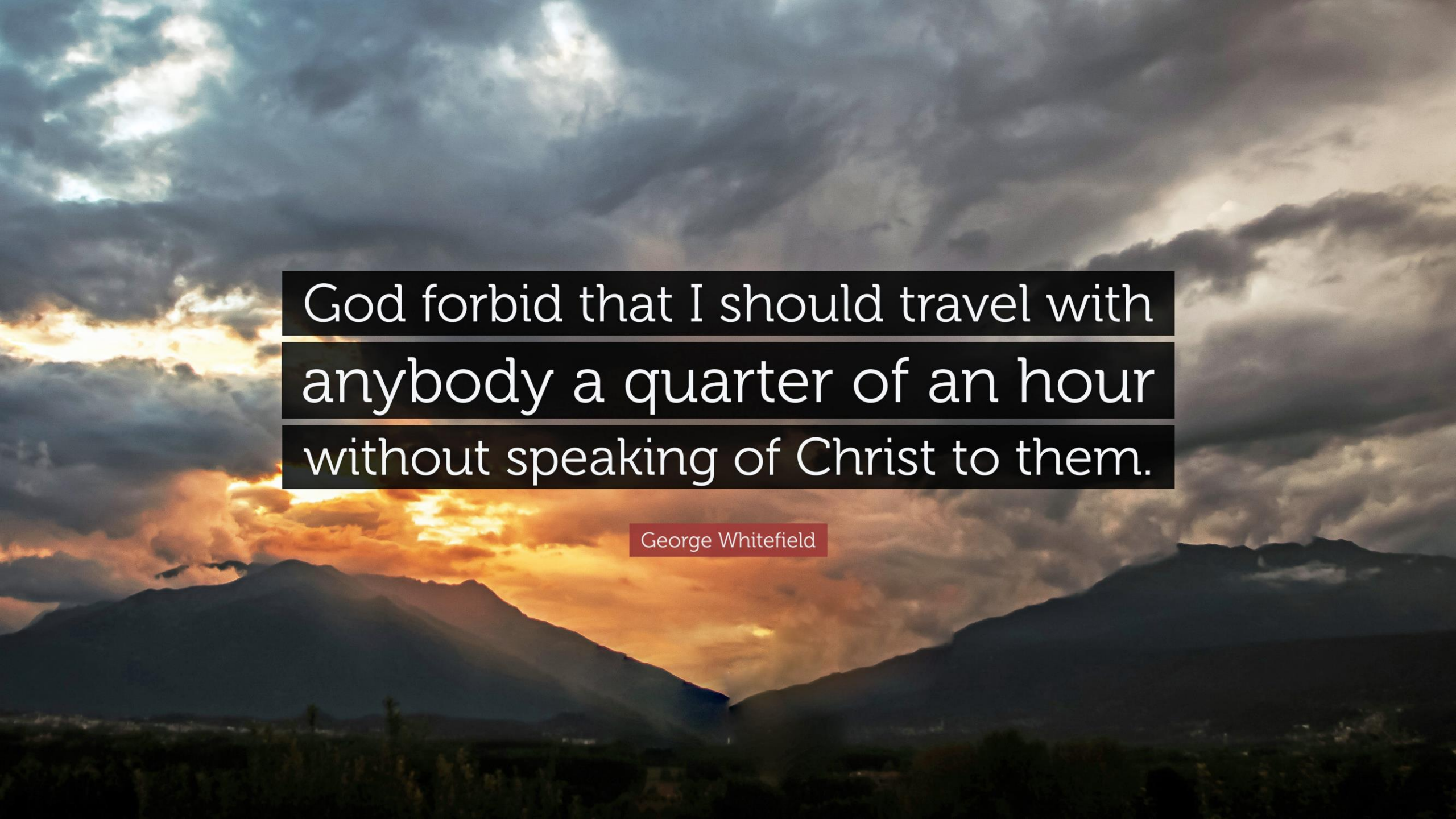


Faiths of our Fathers

A dramatic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sky filled with large, dark clouds. A bright sunset or sunrise is visible on the left side, with golden light breaking through the clouds and illuminating the mountain peaks. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted vegetation.

The care of the soul is 'a matter of
the highest importance;' beyond
any thing which can be brought
into comparison with it.

George Whitefield

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God forbid that I should travel with
anybody a quarter of an hour
without speaking of Christ to them.

George Whitefield



True conversion means turning not
only from sin but also from depending
on self-made righteousness.

George Whitefield

1738-40 1st & 2nd Trip to America



- Left England for Georgia, revivals held, for 5 months and later returns to England.
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- Begins open-air preaching in Kingswood, Bristol, and London.
- After doctrinal differences with the Wesley brothers, George chooses to return to America for his 2nd trip. He preaches in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.
- Establishes life-long friendships with Johnathan Edwards and Benjamin Franklin
- By the Grace of God, Whitfield has lite the flame of the *1st Great Awakening*.

Bethesda (House of Mercy) Orphanage



Bethesda Academy



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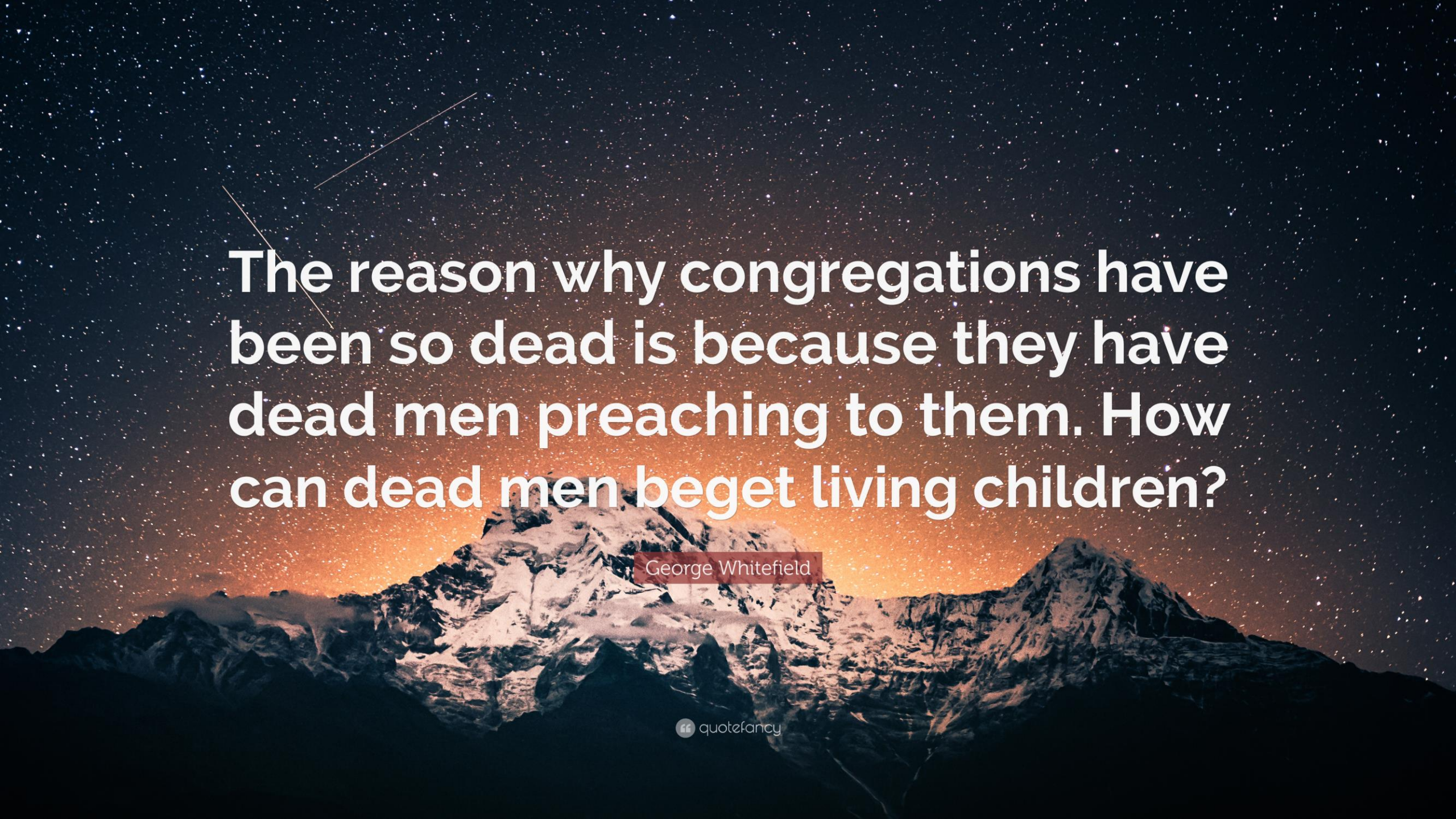
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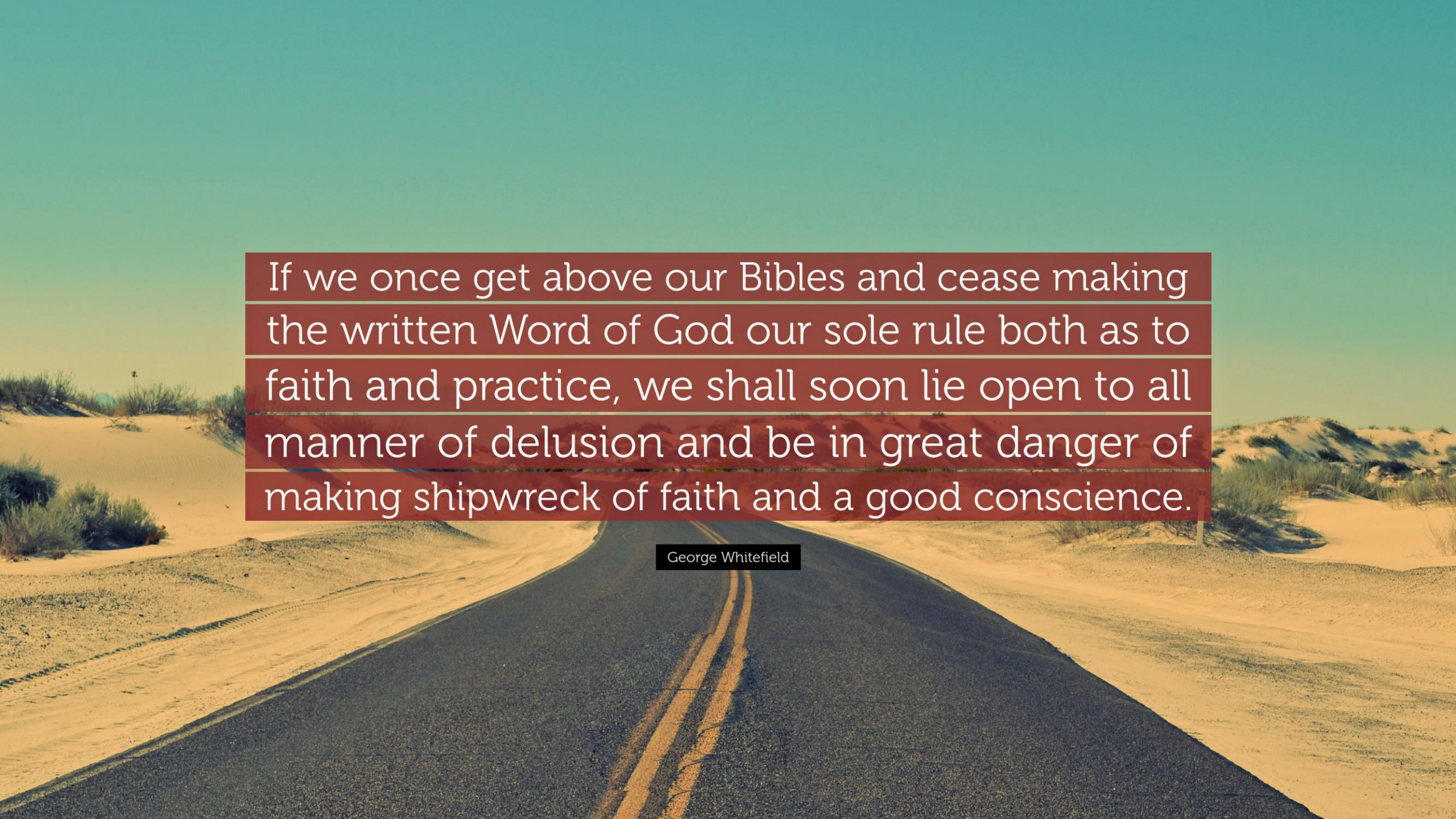
**We can preach the Gospel of Christ
no further than we have experienced
the power of it in our own hearts.**

George Whitefield



The reason why congregations have been so dead is because they have dead men preaching to them. How can dead men beget living children?

George Whitefield

A photograph of a desert landscape. A paved road with two yellow lines runs from the bottom center towards the horizon. The road is flanked by sandy dunes and sparse desert vegetation. The sky is a clear, bright blue. A large, semi-transparent red rectangular box is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing white text.

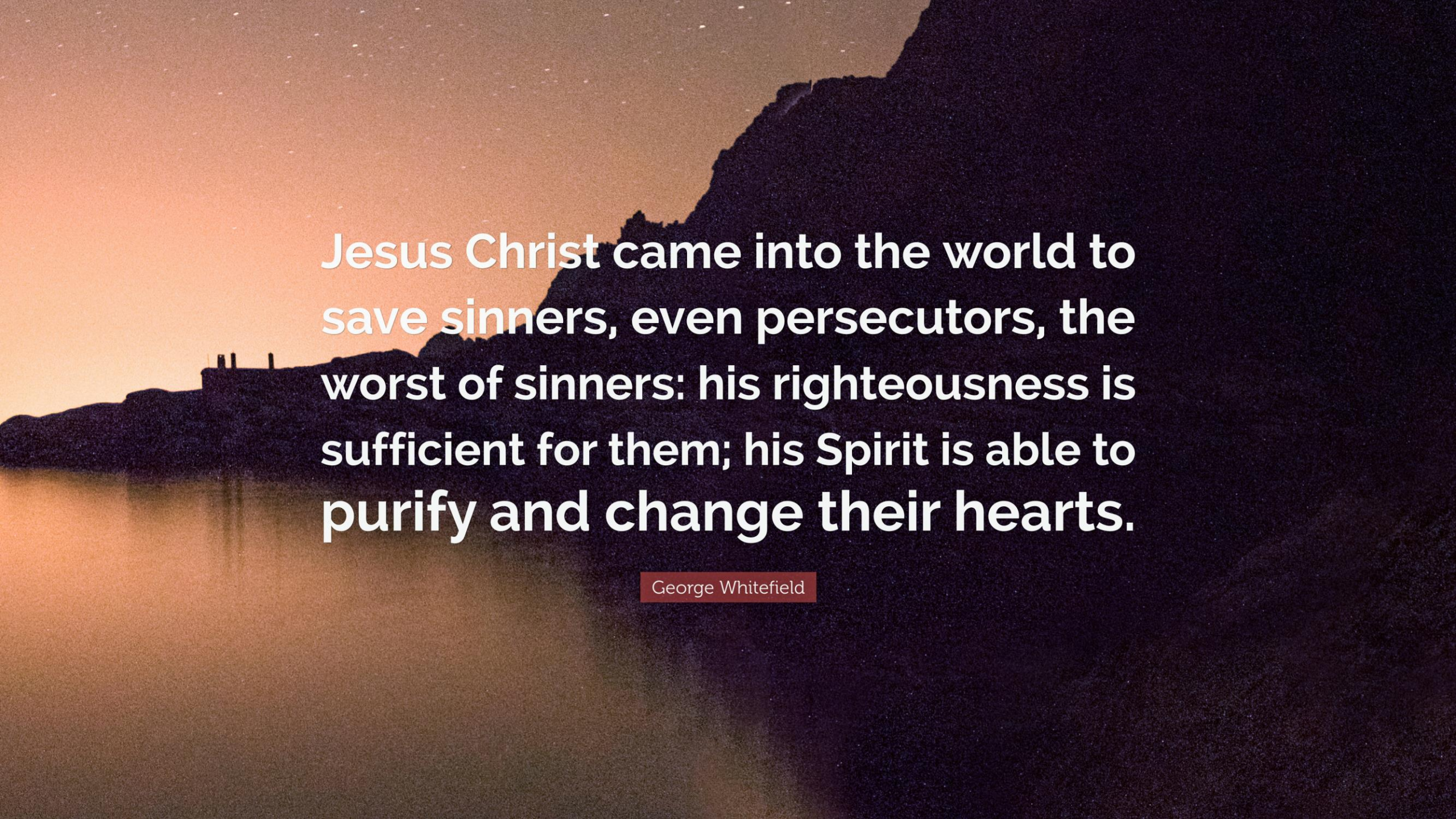
If we once get above our Bibles and cease making the written Word of God our sole rule both as to faith and practice, we shall soon lie open to all manner of delusion and be in great danger of making shipwreck of faith and a good conscience.

George Whitefield



Ministers never write or preach
so well as when under the cross.

George Whitefield



Jesus Christ came into the world to
save sinners, even persecutors, the
worst of sinners: his righteousness is
sufficient for them; his Spirit is able to
purify and change their hearts.

George Whitefield

Sarah Edwards

“He is a born orator.”





Benjamin
Franklin

“He can bring a man to tears
by simply pronouncing the
word Mesopotamia.”

George Washington

“Upon his lips the Gospel appears to the coarsest of men as sweet and true as, in fact, it is.”





John Adams

“I know of no philosopher, or theologian, or moralist, ancient or modern, more profound, more infallible than Whitefield.”



Patrick Henry

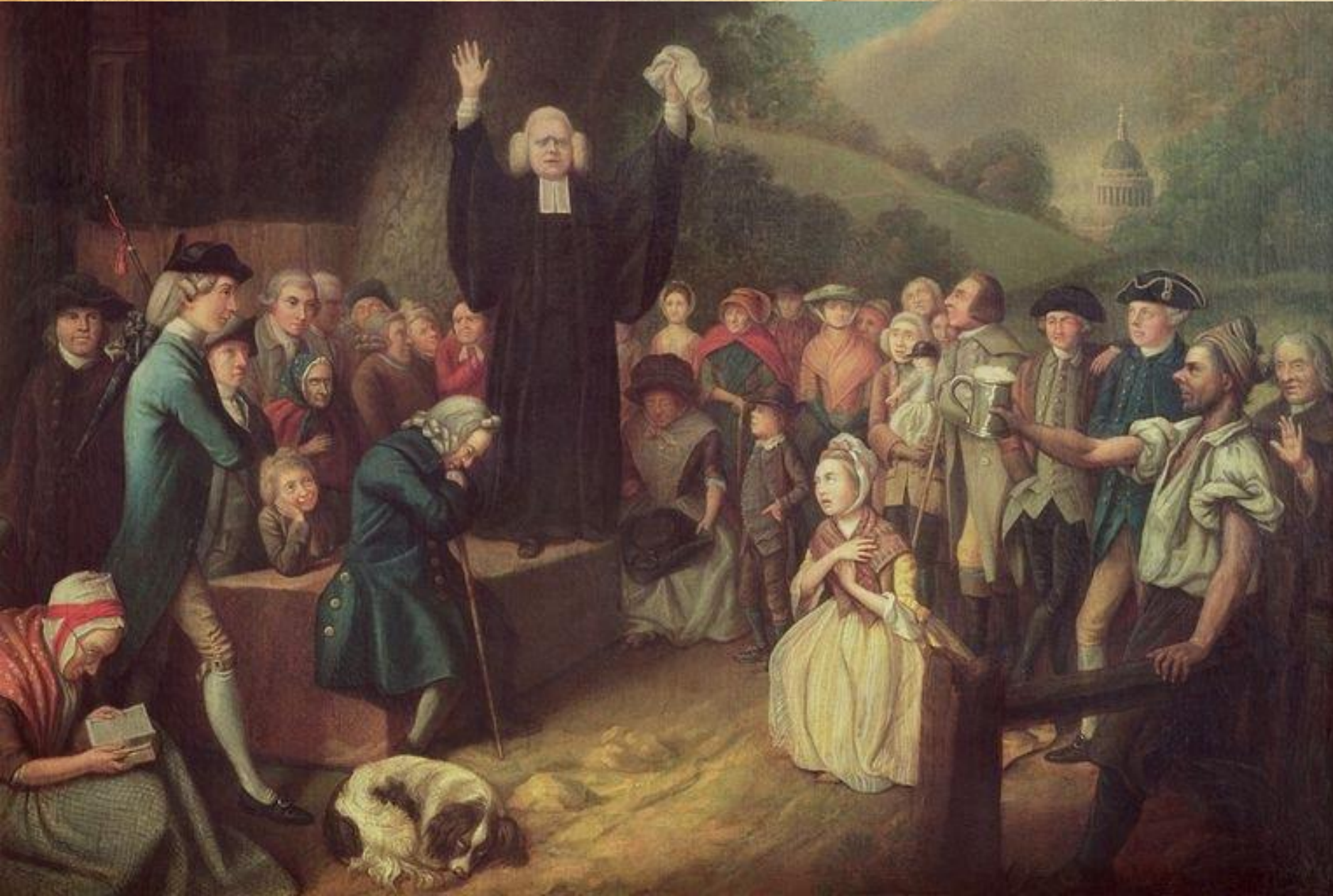
“Would that every bearer of God’s glad tidings be as fit a vessel of grace as Mr. Whitefield.”



1744-48 3rd Trip to America

- 1741, the fracture between John Wesley and George Whitefield breaks out into the press in England.
- 1741, George marries Elizabeth James a widow. They have a son that sadly only lives 4 months..
- Conflict continues to grow with many in the church of England. He continues his open-air preaching to crowds of over of over 30,000 in England, Wales and Scotland.
- Returning to America, Benjamin Franklin builds a large hall for George Whitefield to preach in. This building is the beginning of the University of Pennsylvania.
- Lends his support for the Georgia Colony be transitioned from its Charter Law to Crown Colony Law. Purchases Providence Plantation in South Carolina to supply funds for Bethesda.

George Whitefield



1751 4th & 1754 5th Trip to America



- 1751, Lady Huntington appoints Whitfield her Chaplin.
- 1752-54, Whitefield becomes the talk of Europe. He gives up to 3 messages a day 7 days a week. His meeting span the breadth and length of the English Isle.
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Salina Hastings ~
Countess of Huntington

George Whitefield



A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a field of tall, dry grass. In the background, there are rolling hills and a bright sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing white text. Below the box, there is a small red rectangular box containing the name 'George Whitefield' in white text.

We are immortal till
our work is done.

George Whitefield

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Luke 10:38-42

(Kennington Common, London May 19, 1739)

38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

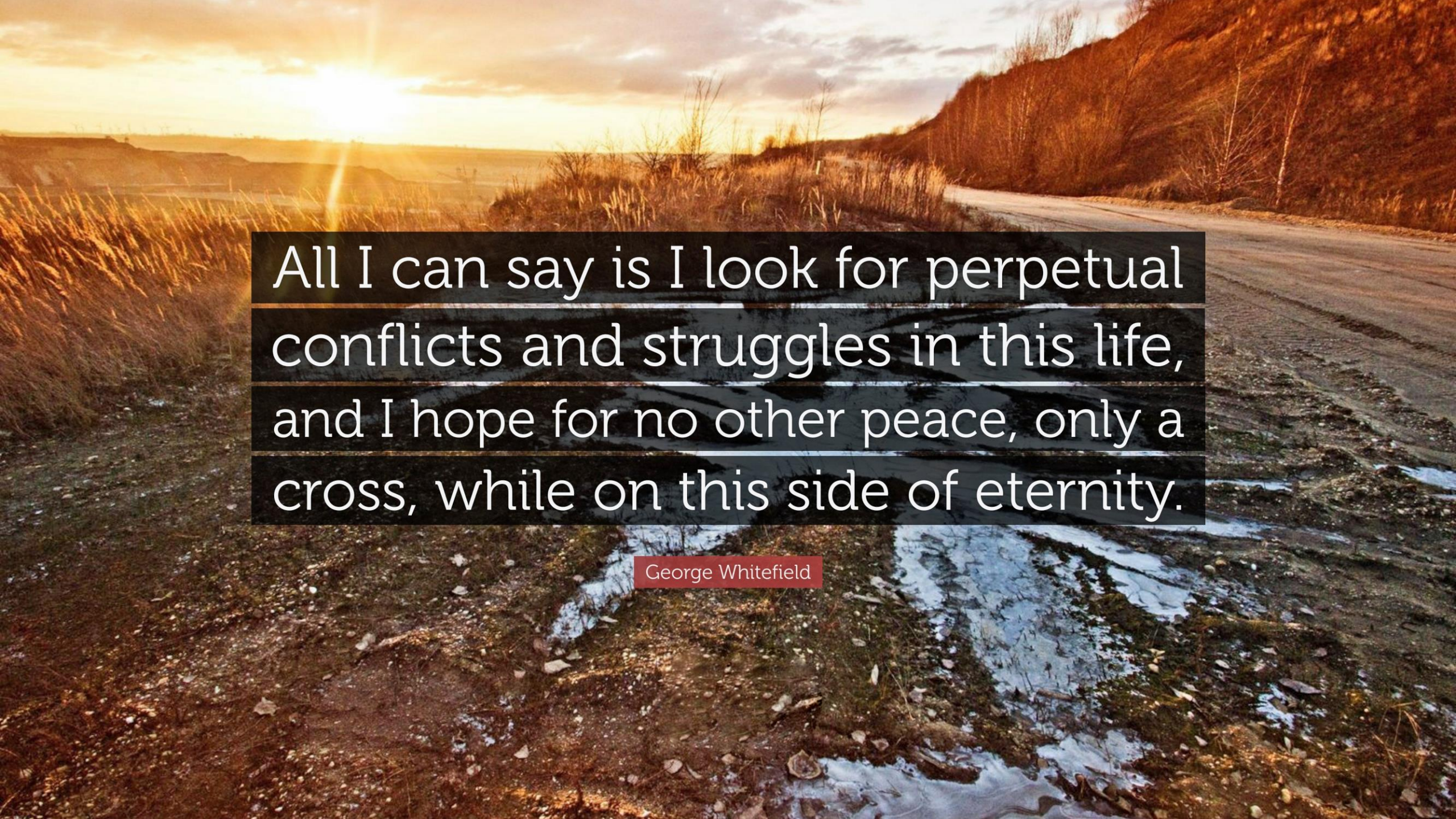
41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 **But one thing is needful:** and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

1763 to 1765 6th Trip to America

- After all the trips to the back and forth from the colonies, Whitefield will have spent ~ 2 ½ years at sea. In the 1700s, it took from 40 to 90 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean one way.
- Whitefield preaches not only messages of salvation and dedication but also of warning. The Crown & the Church of England had intentions of placing a Bishop in the colonies. Freedom of religion was becoming a concern as great as "Taxation without Representation!"
- 1764, George Whitefield pleaded with leading minister of Portsmouth, New Hampshire...



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All I can say is I look for perpetual
conflicts and struggles in this life,
and I hope for no other peace, only a
cross, while on this side of eternity.

George Whitefield

Portsmouth, New Hampshire (1764)

I can't in conscience leave the town without acquainting you with a secret...

My heart bleeds for America. O poor New England!

There is a deep-laid plot against both your civil and religious liberties, and they will be lost.

Your golden days are at an end...

You have nothing but trouble before you.

Benjamin Franklin

“Almost he persuadeth me
to believe.”





1765 to 1769 in England

- George Whitfield continues with his evangelistic campaigns across England including Northern Ireland.
- Elizabeth Passes in 1768. He is devastated...
- 1769, George Whitefield preaches his last sermon in England and seventh last trip to the Americas.

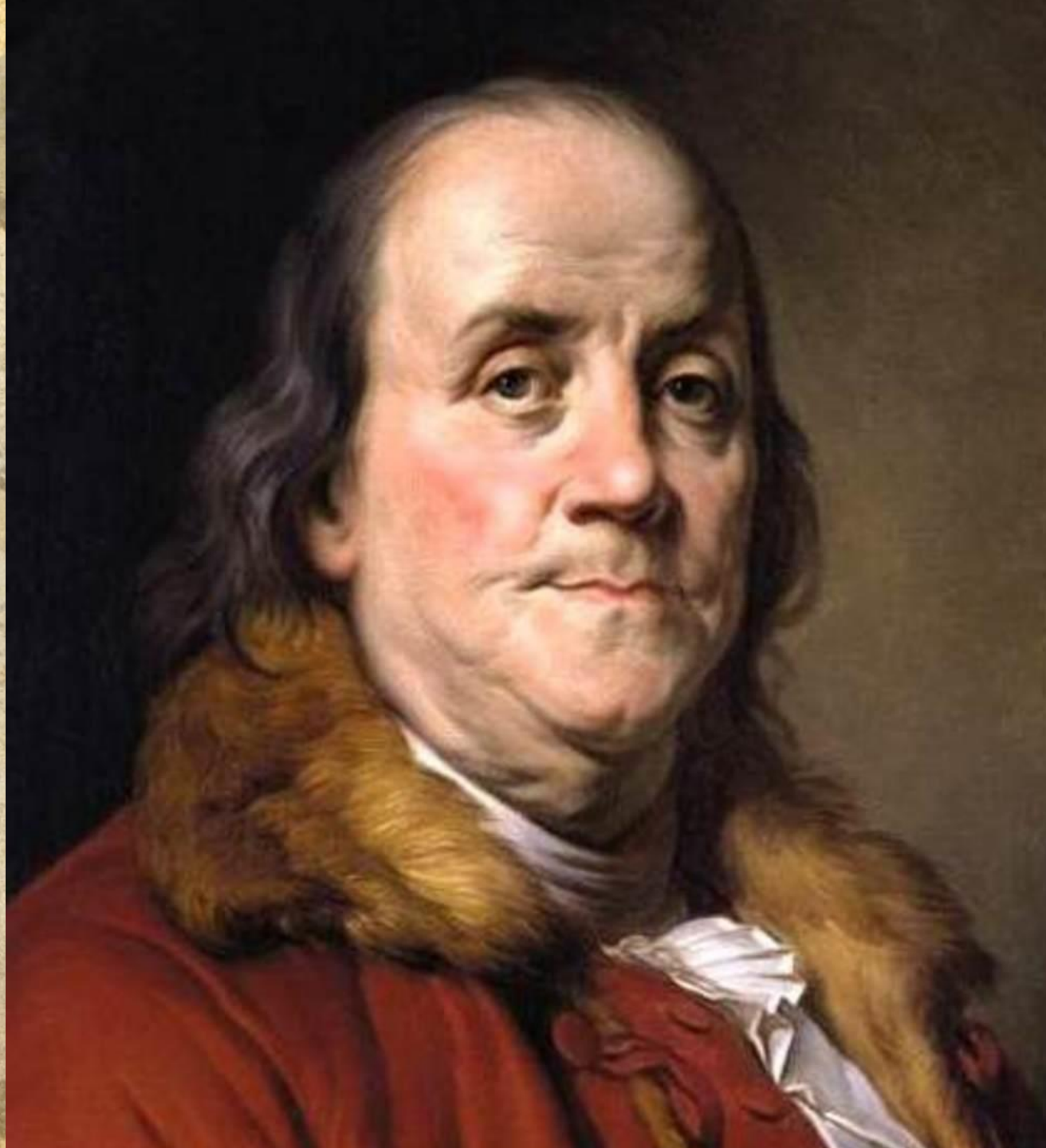
1769 7th Trip to America



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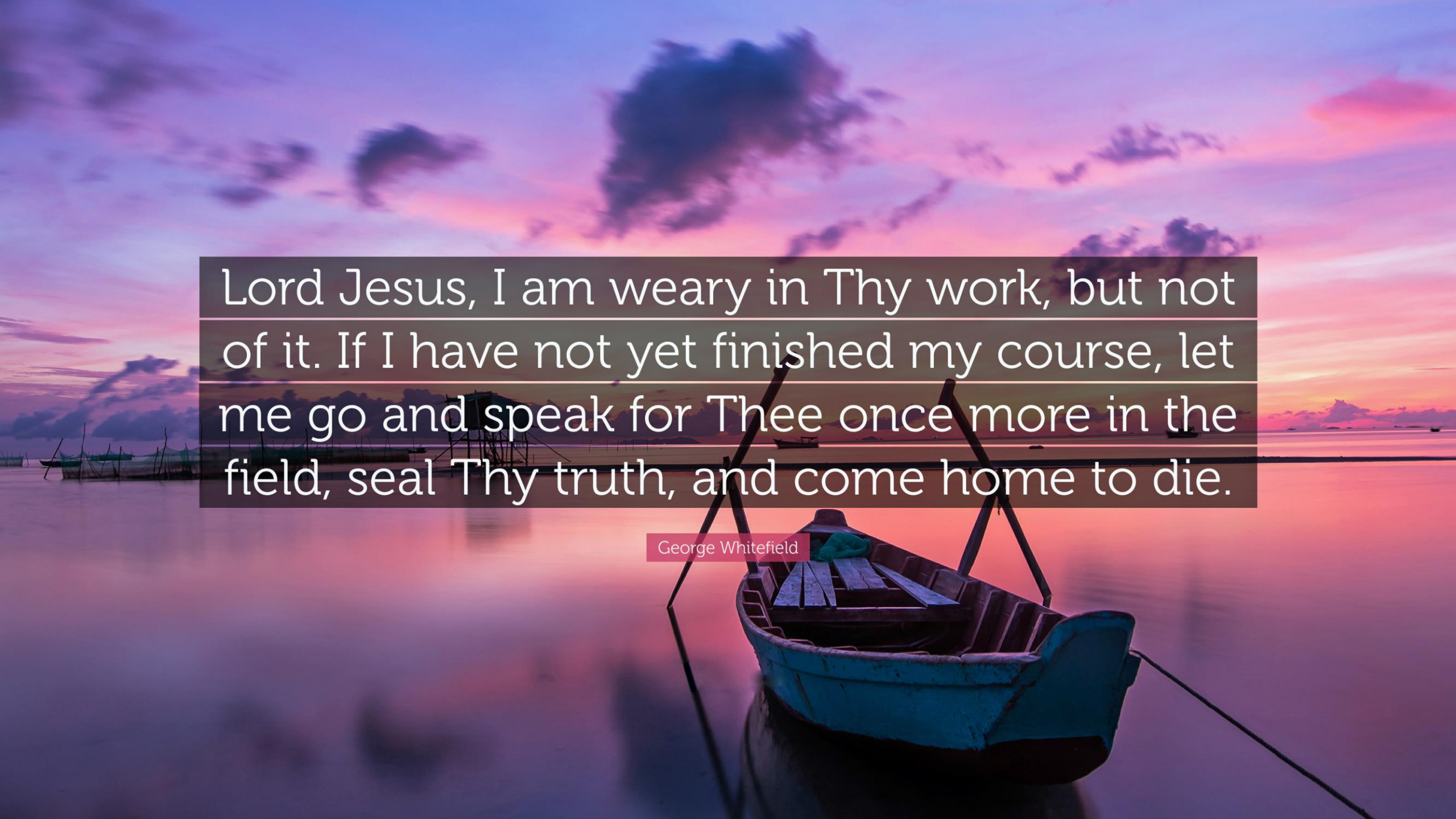
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- **George was staying with Johnathan Parsons. The first pastor of a large church that Whitefield founded in the city of Newbury Port, Massachusetts. Even ill, the LORD had one more message for him to share...**



**I would rather wear
out than rust out.**

George Whitefield

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. In the foreground, a small wooden boat with a blue-painted hull is positioned, its reflection visible in the calm water. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, purples, and blues, with scattered clouds. In the distance, other boats and a small structure are visible on the horizon.

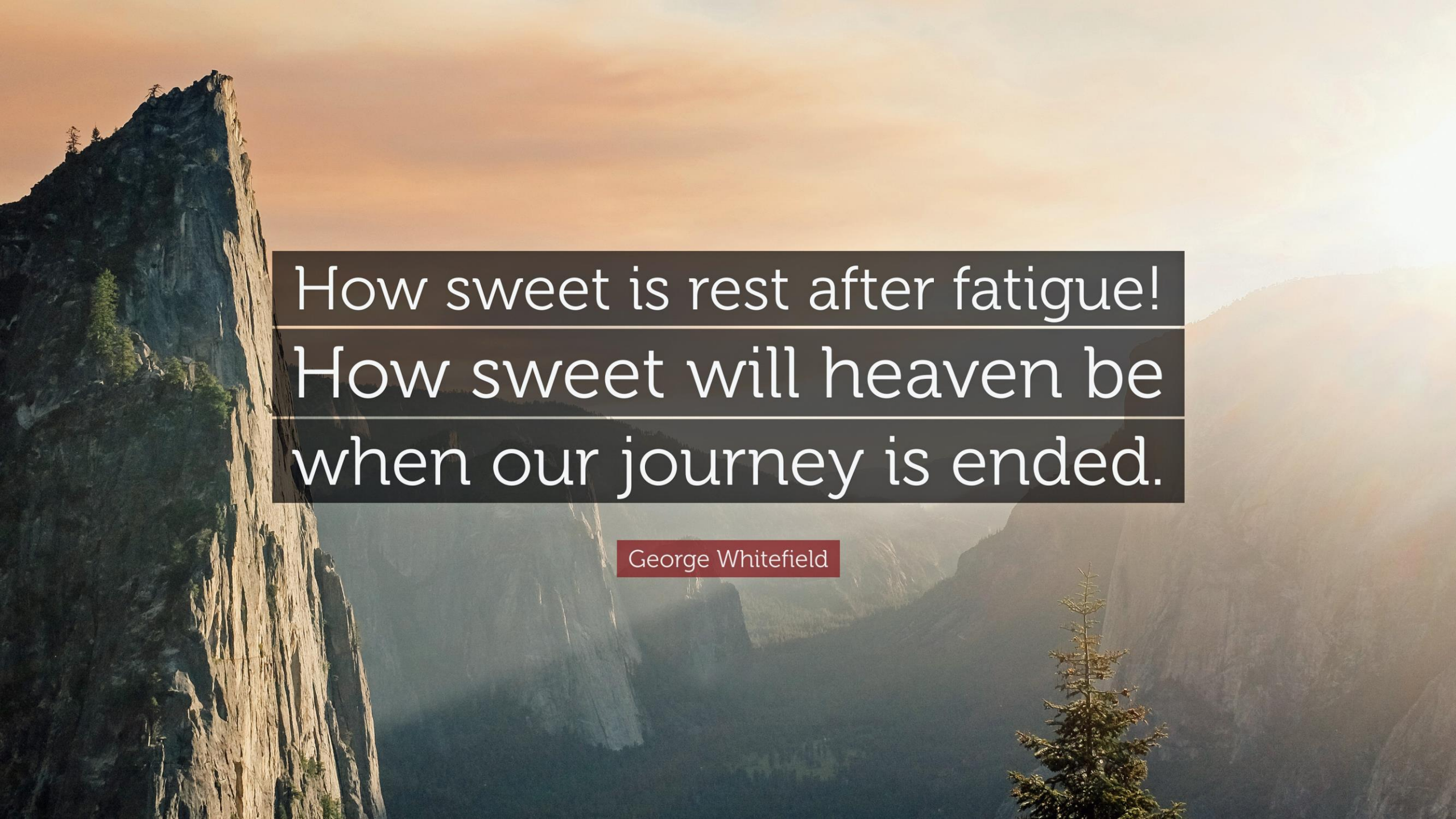
Lord Jesus, I am weary in Thy work, but not of it. If I have not yet finished my course, let me go and speak for Thee once more in the field, seal Thy truth, and come home to die.

George Whitefield

Newbury Port, Mass.

(September 28, 1770)





How sweet is rest after fatigue!
How sweet will heaven be
when our journey is ended.

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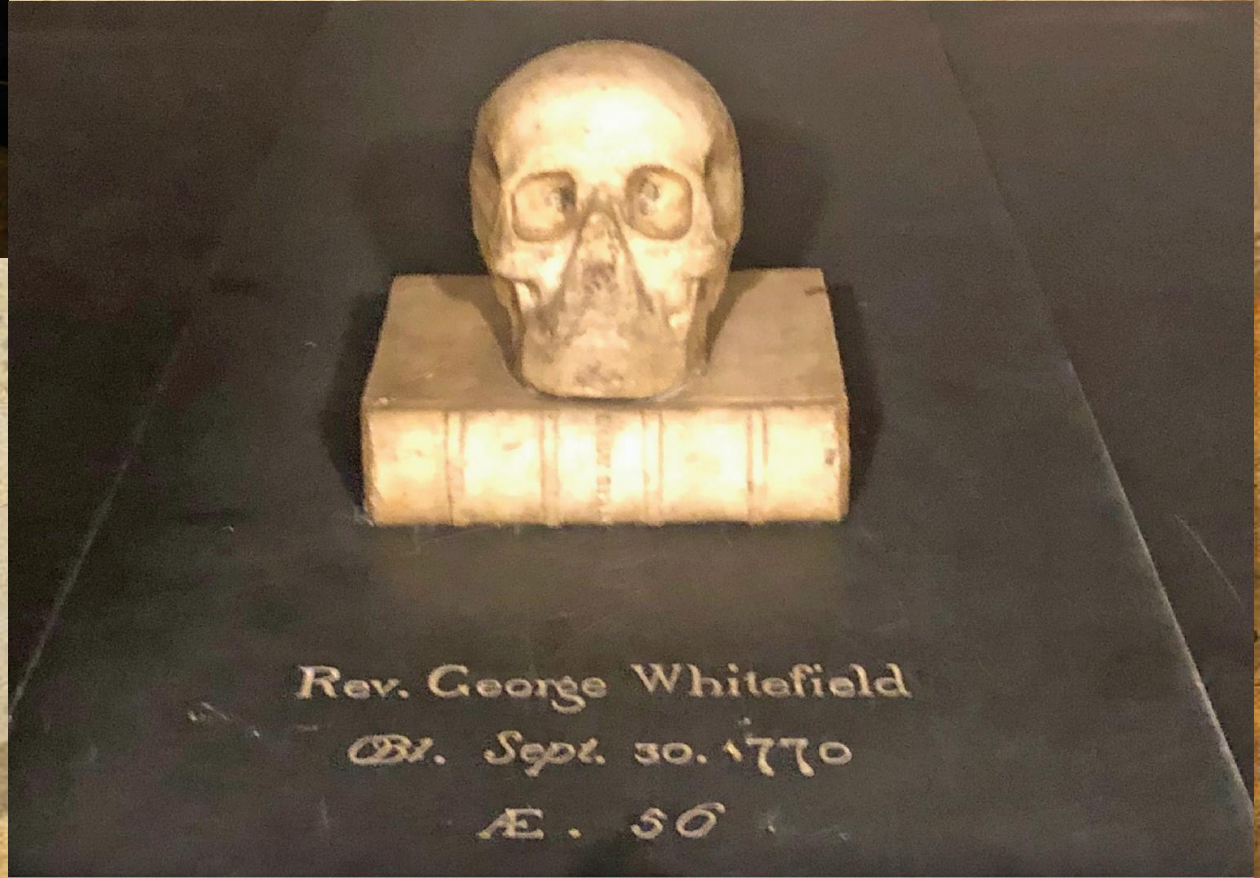
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Old South Presbyterian







William Wilberforce

As a boy, he attended
the last sermon George
Whitefield preached in
England in 1769.

Wilberforce

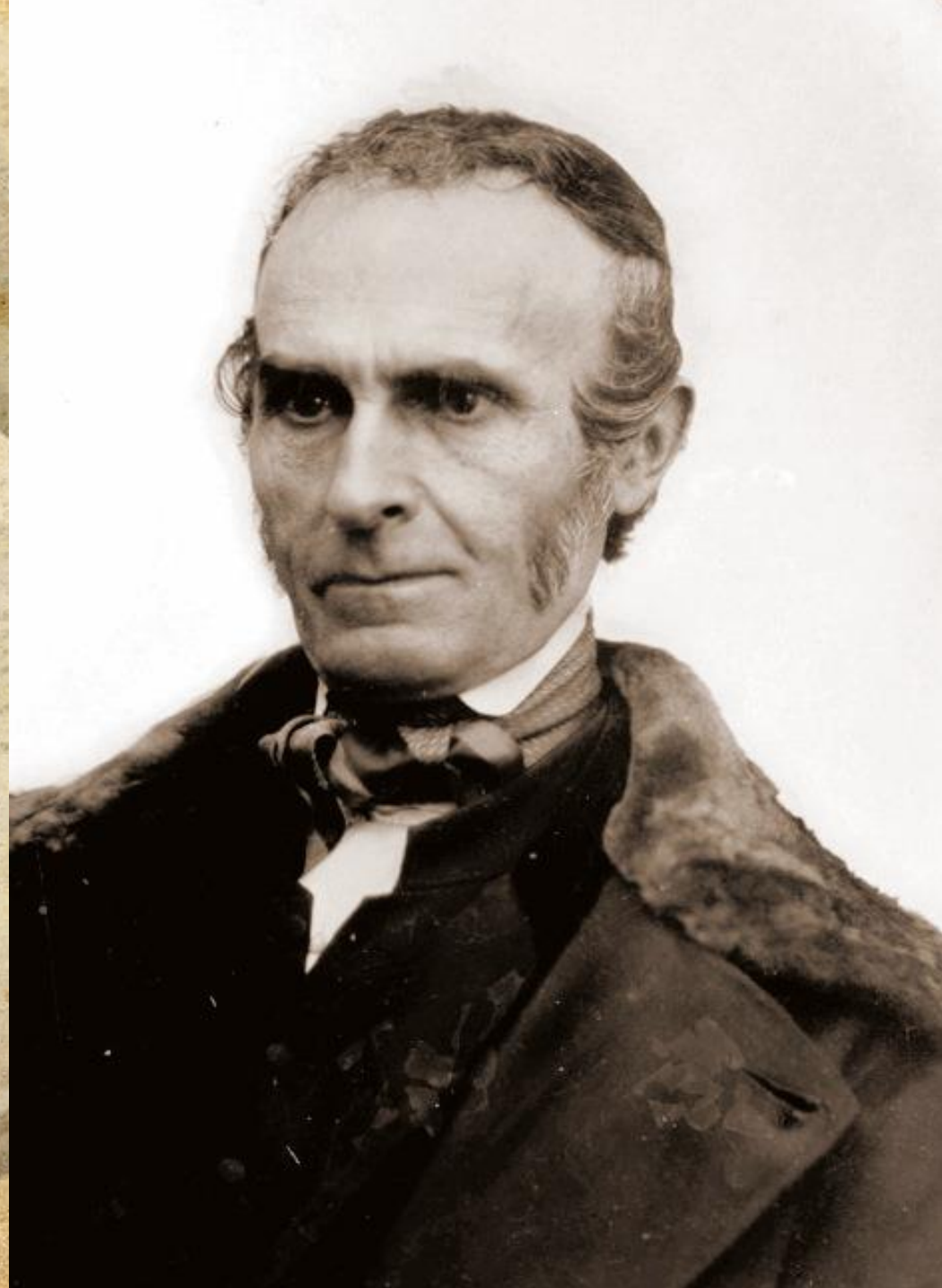
John Newton

Author of the Hymn,
Amazing Grace in 1779,
thought that that George
Whitefield was “The
Greatest preacher that
has ever lived.”



John Greenleaf Whittier

“That life of pure intent,
That voice of warning,
yet eloquent,
Of one on the errands
of angels sent.”



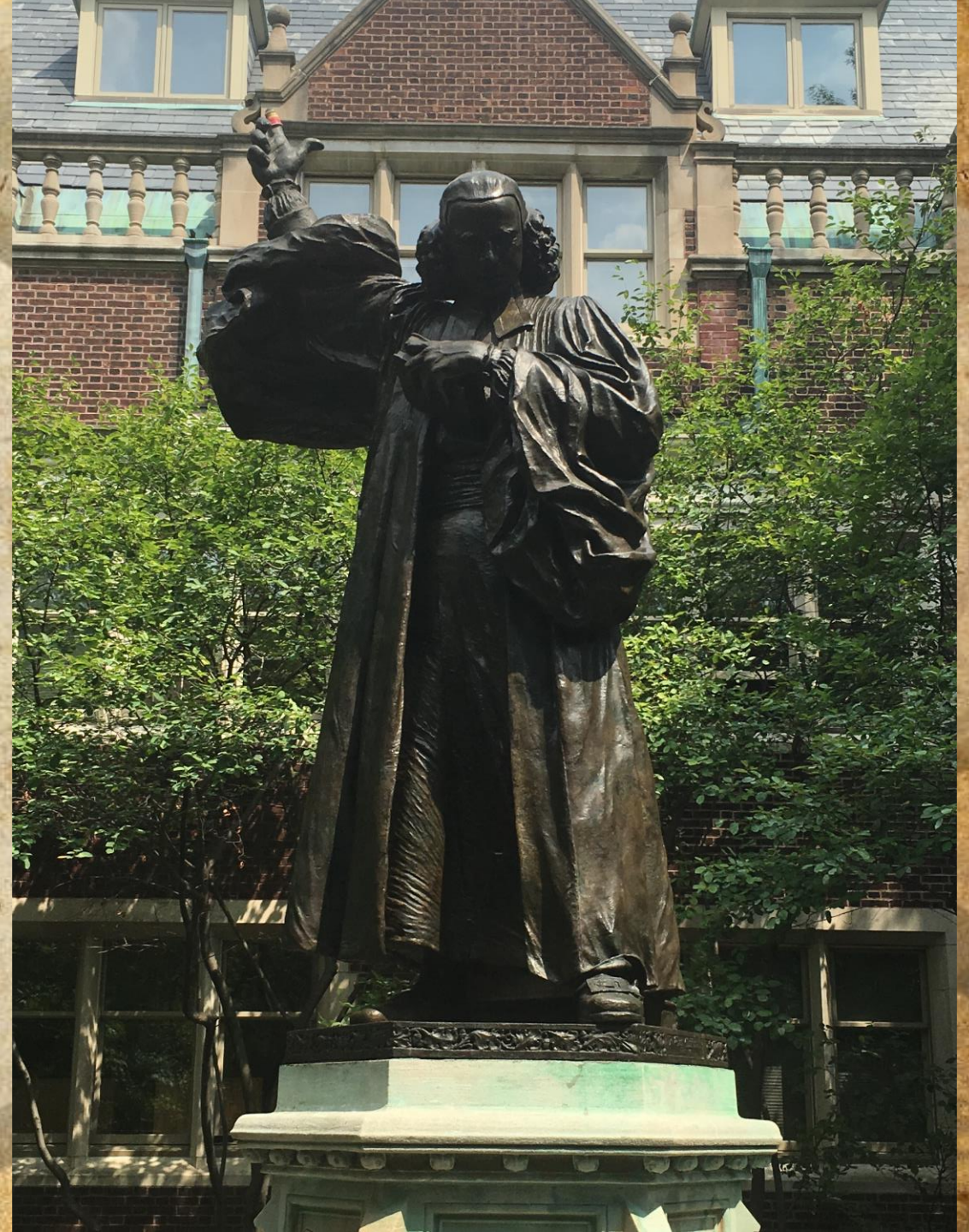
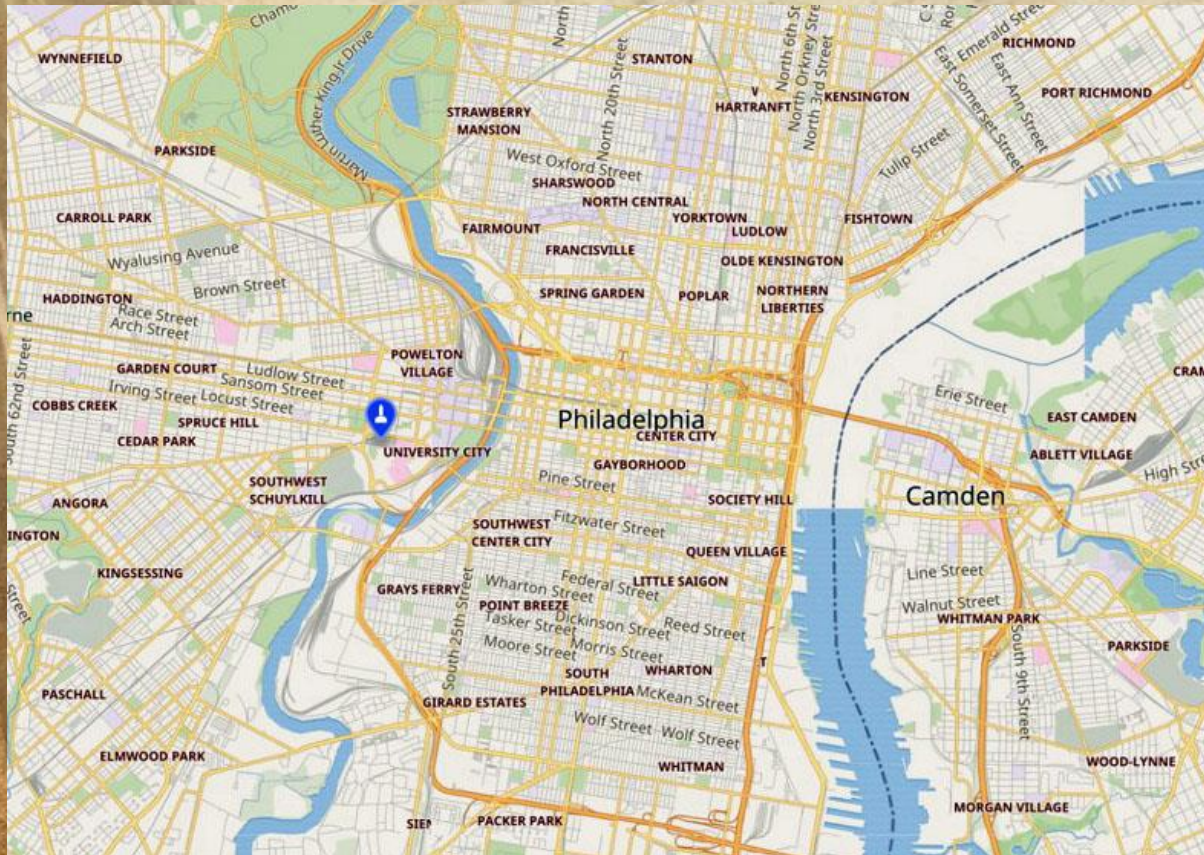


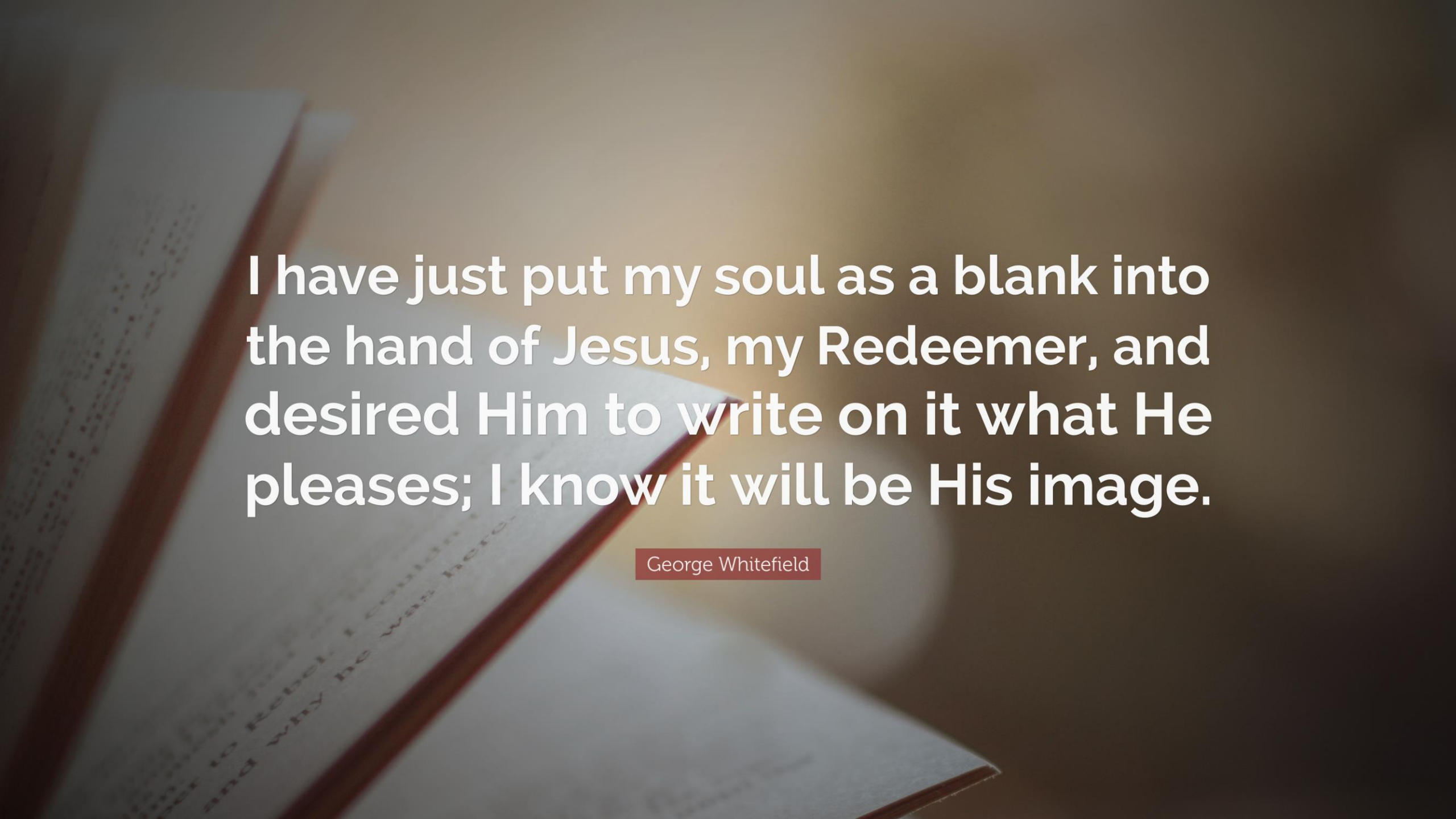
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

“My own model, if I may have such a thing in due subordination to my Lord, is George Whitefield. But with unequal footsteps must I follow in his glorious track.”

University of Pennsylvania

(Until 2020)





I have just put my soul as a blank into
the hand of Jesus, my Redeemer, and
desired Him to write on it what He
pleases; I know it will be His image.

George Whitefield

LEADERS
IN
ACTION

Forgotten Founding Father

THE HEROIC LEGACY OF
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