

# CHARACTER SECURITY



# PROVERBS 16:19

**"BETTER TO BE LOWLY IN SPIRIT ALONG  
WITH THE OPPRESSED, THAN TO SHARE  
PLUNDER WITH THE PROUD."**



**WHAT THE PASSAGE IS SAYING IS IT'S BETTER TO BE LOWLY IN SPIRIT WITH THE OPPRESSED, WITH THE POOR, WITH THE MARGINALIZED, WITH THE HURTING. IT'S BETTER TO BE THAT THAN TO ACTUALLY SHARE IN THE PLUNDER WITH THE WEALTHY.**

**DO WE ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT?**



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THE MILLION COPY BESTSELLER  
Yuval Noah Harari



# Sapiens

A Brief  
History of  
Humankind

'I would recommend *Sapiens* to anyone who's interested  
in the history and future of our species'

BILL GATES

VINTAGE



**THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT PEOPLE ARE  
HAPPIER, SO MAYBE THERE IS SOMETHING  
TO THIS HUMBLE THING**



# LUKE 16:19-21

**19 "THERE WAS A RICH MAN WHO WAS DRESSED IN PURPLE AND FINE LINEN AND LIVED IN LUXURY EVERY DAY. 20 AT HIS GATE WAS LAID A BEGGAR NAMED LAZARUS, COVERED WITH SORES 21 AND LONGING TO EAT WHAT FELL FROM THE RICH MAN'S TABLE. EVEN THE DOGS CAME AND LICKED HIS SORES.**



# LUKE 16:22-23

**22 "THE TIME CAME WHEN THE BEGGAR DIED AND THE ANGELS CARRIED HIM TO ABRAHAM'S SIDE. THE RICH MAN ALSO DIED AND WAS BURIED. 23 IN HADES, WHERE HE WAS IN TORMENT, HE LOOKED UP AND SAW ABRAHAM FAR AWAY, WITH LAZARUS BY HIS SIDE**



# LUKE 16:24-25

**24 SO HE CALLED TO HIM, 'FATHER ABRAHAM, HAVE PITY ON ME AND SEND LAZARUS TO DIP THE TIP OF HIS FINGER IN WATER AND COOL MY TONGUE, BECAUSE I AM IN AGONY IN THIS FIRE.'**

**25" BUT ABRAHAM REPLIED, 'SON, REMEMBER THAT IN YOUR LIFETIME YOU RECEIVED YOUR GOOD THINGS, WHILE LAZARUS RECEIVED BAD THINGS, BUT NOW HE IS COMFORTED HERE AND YOU ARE IN AGONY.'**



# LUKE 16:26-28

**26 AND BESIDES ALL THIS, BETWEEN US AND YOU A GREAT CHASM HAS BEEN SET IN PLACE, SO THAT THOSE WHO WANT TO GO FROM HERE TO YOU CANNOT, NOR CAN ANYONE CROSS OVER FROM THERE TO US.' 27 "HE ANSWERED, 'THEN I BEG YOU, FATHER, SEND LAZARUS TO MY FAMILY, 28 FOR I HAVE FIVE BROTHERS. LET HIM WARN THEM, SO THAT THEY WILL NOT ALSO COME TO THIS PLACE OF TORMENT.'**



# LUKE 16:29-31

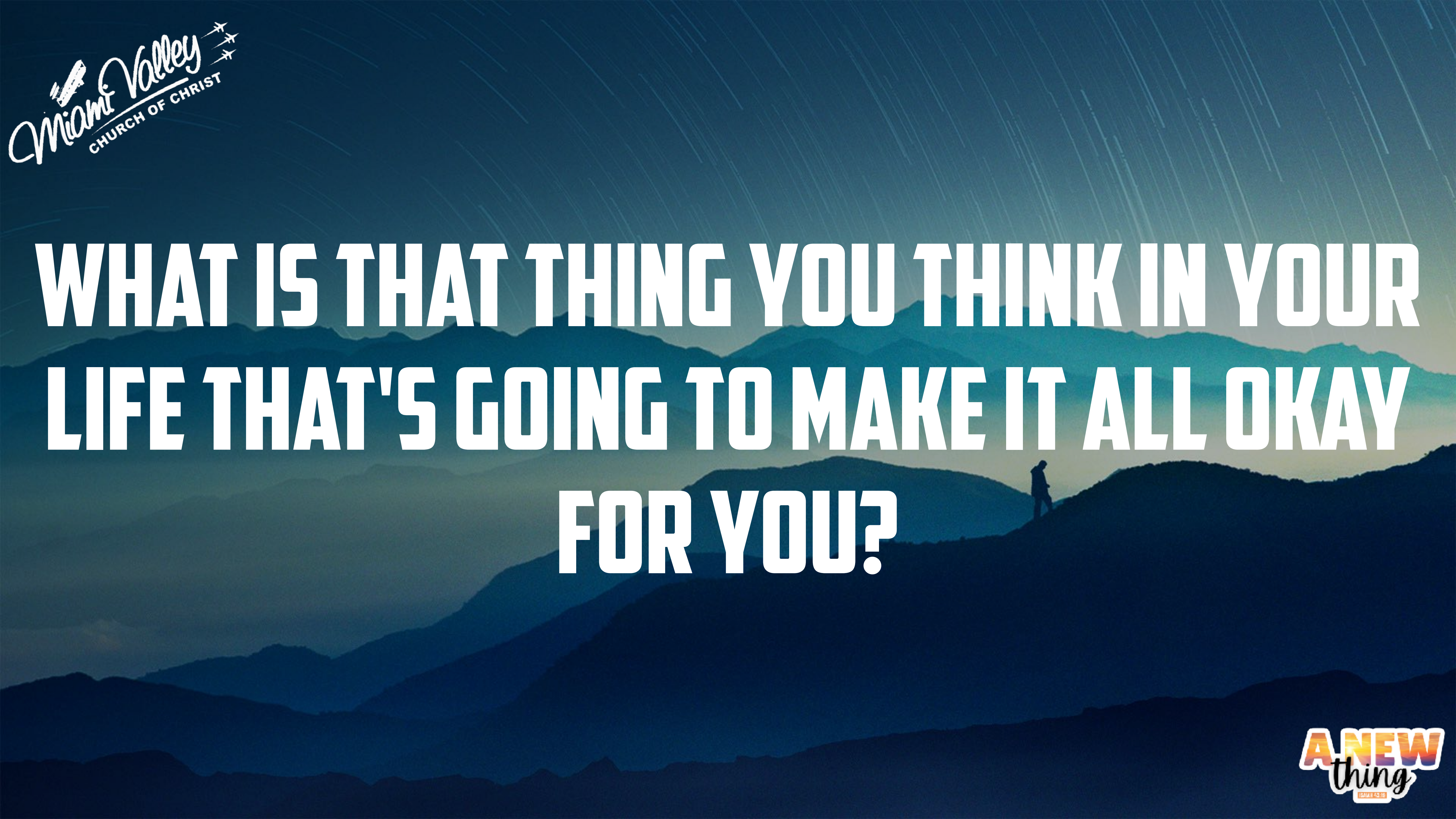
**29 "ABRAHAM REPLIED, 'THEY HAVE MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; LET THEM LISTEN TO THEM.' 30 "NO, FATHER ABRAHAM,' HE SAID, 'BUT IF SOMEONE FROM THE DEAD GOES TO THEM, THEY WILL REPENT.' 31 "HE SAID TO HIM, 'IF THEY DO NOT LISTEN TO MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, THEY WILL NOT BE CONVINCED EVEN IF SOMEONE RISES FROM THE DEAD.'"**





# CHARACTER SECURITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FINANCIAL SECURITY





**WHAT IS THAT THING YOU THINK IN YOUR  
LIFE THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT ALL OKAY  
FOR YOU?**



**WHAT'S THAT THING IF YOU SAID, "IF I  
ONLY HAD BLANK, IT WOULD MAKE ME  
HAPPY."**

**WHAT IS THAT THING YOU THINK IN YOUR LIFE THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT ALL  
OKAY FOR YOU?**



**1. WOULD YOU RATHER BE HUMBLE IN AN ARGUMENT  
OR WOULD YOU RATHER BE RIGHT IN THAT ARGUMENT?**

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**2. WOULD YOU RATHER BE RICH OR WOULD YOU  
RATHER BE HUMBLE?**

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**3. WOULD YOU RATHER BE COMFORTABLE OR WOULD  
YOU RATHER BE HUMBLE?**





**CHARACTER LASTS FOREVER.**



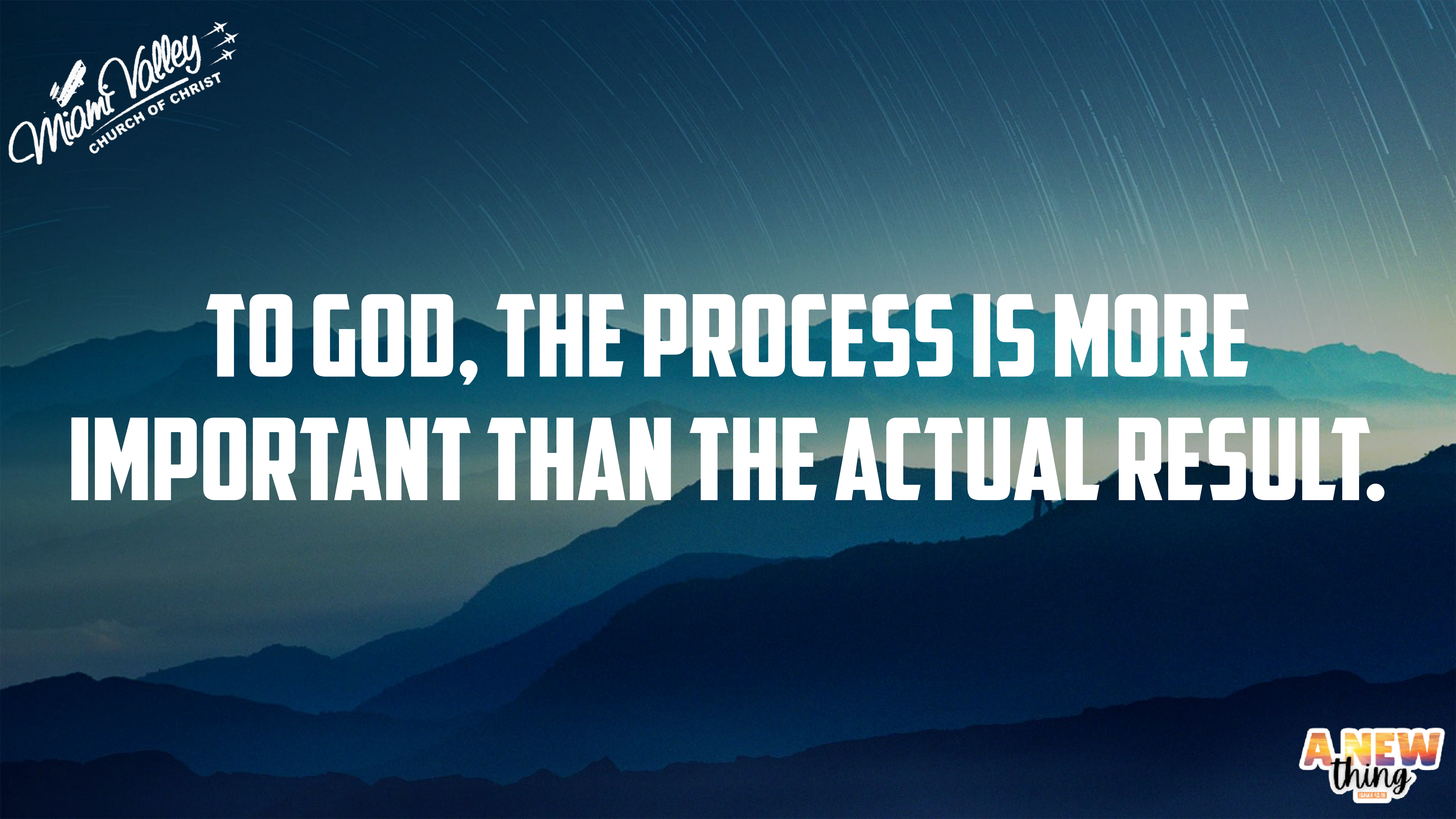


**HUMILITY IS MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN ALL OF THOSE THINGS.**









**TO GOD, THE PROCESS IS MORE  
IMPORTANT THAN THE ACTUAL RESULT.**



**WE'VE GOT TO CARE ABOUT THE STUFF  
GOING UNDERNEATH FOR OURSELVES TOO.**



**WE CAN EXPERIENCE HEAVEN NOW  
BECAUSE WE GET TO BE AROUND HUMBLE  
PEOPLE. WHEN YOU GET TO BE AROUND  
HUMBLE PEOPLE, THAT'S HEAVEN.**





**THE PROCESS IS ABOUT FAITH AND TRUST.**





# EVERYTHING CHANGED. REPENTANCE



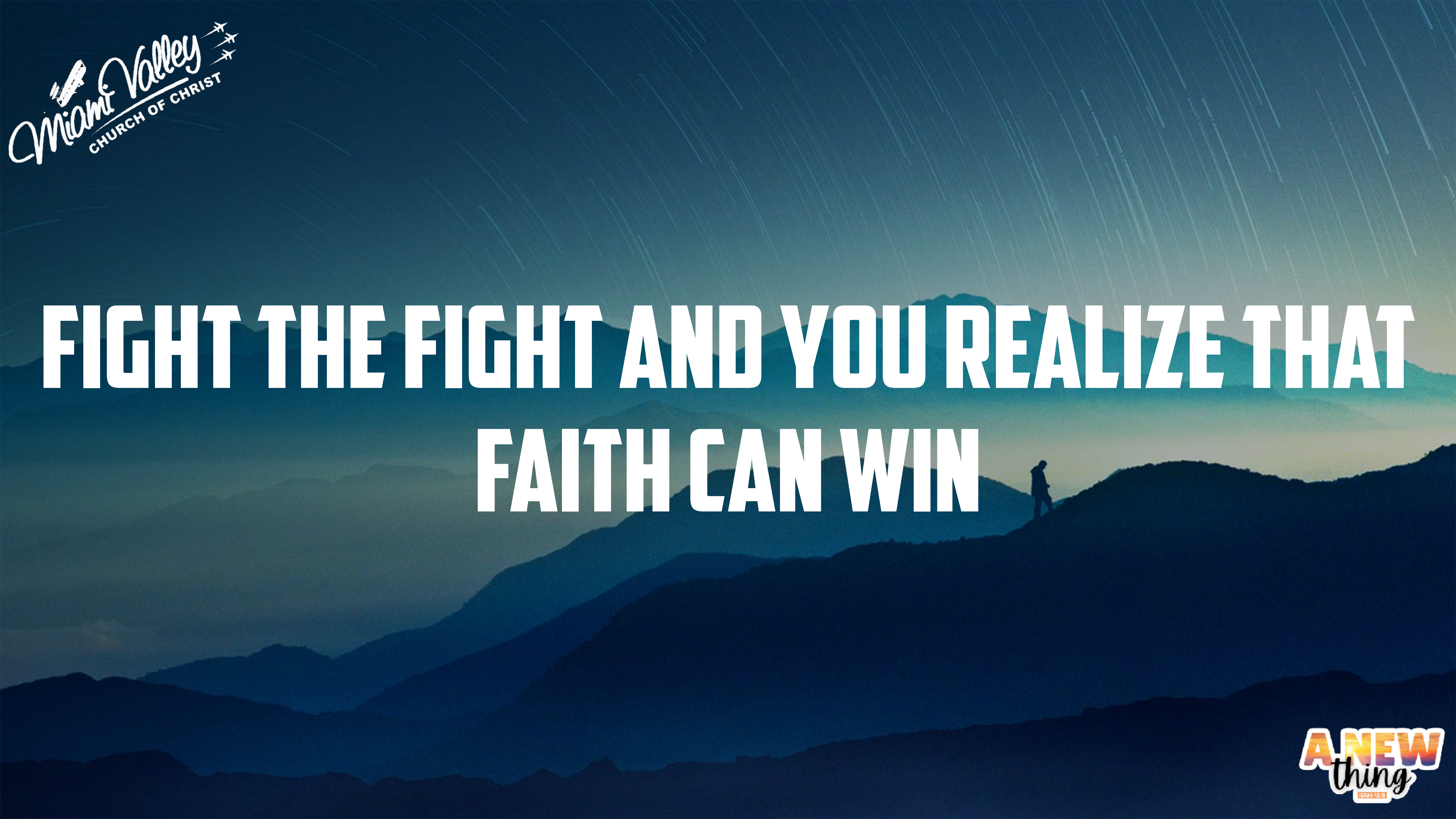


**OUR FEAR CAN MAKE IT MUCH  
BIGGER THAN IT IS**



**IF WE HUMBLE OURSELVES, IF WE DO THAT HARD  
THING IN OUR CHARACTER, WE WILL BE LIFTED UP.  
IF WE DON'T FIGHT FOR OUR CHARACTER, WE  
BECOME SPIRITUALLY SPOILED.**





**FIGHT THE FIGHT AND YOU REALIZE THAT  
FAITH CAN WIN**



**REMEMBER IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT JESUS  
DIED FOR US. IT'S HOW HE DIED FOR US.**





Miami Valley  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

A NEW  
thing

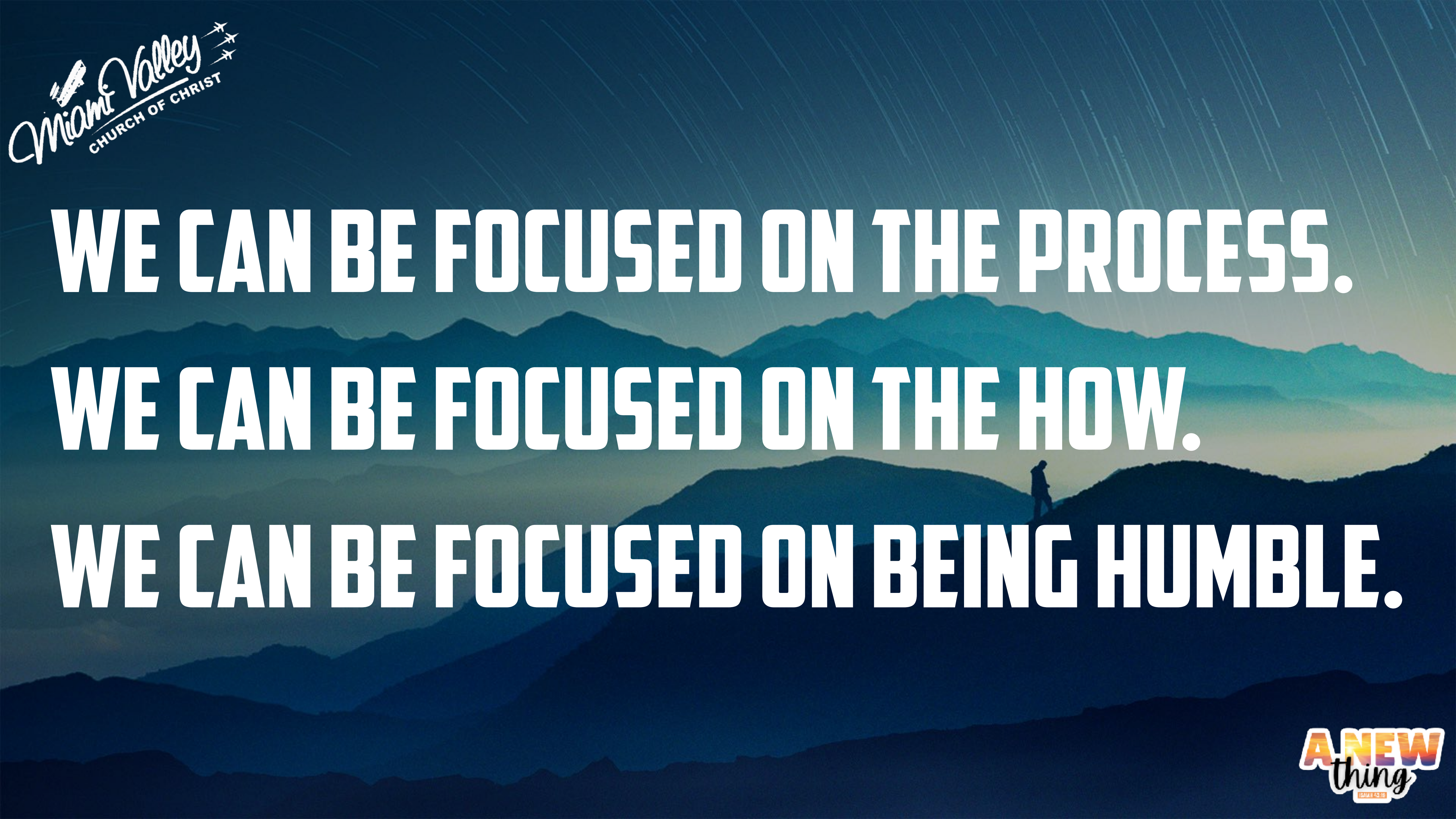




**IT'S NOT WHAT WE DO IN LIFE.**

**IT'S HOW WE DO IT.**





**WE CAN BE FOCUSED ON THE PROCESS.**

**WE CAN BE FOCUSED ON THE HOW.**

**WE CAN BE FOCUSED ON BEING HUMBLE.**





**"THE HUMBLE PERSON HAS  
NOTHING TO FEAR."**