



Being Led to the
Beauty of Christ

**One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek: that I may
dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to gaze on
the beauty of the LORD and to
seek him in his temple.**

PSALM 27:4



We were created for His beauty

When we give our eyes to the pursuit of earthly beauty, we're left feeling insecure, dissatisfied, and immediately begin to search for other beauties (in all its forms). **THINK ABOUT IT**, we were meant to be enthralled by the Lord's beauty, splendor, and majesty; this design in us is reflected in our love for gazing upon beautiful things (i.e. sunsets/sunrises, the ocean, nature, animals, people, etc.).

The background features several sets of curved, concentric lines in the corners, some solid and some dashed, creating a sense of depth and movement. A prominent red speech bubble is positioned on the left side of the slide.

Ask yourself:

- How many times have we traded communion with the Lord and His beauty when a selfish opportunity presented itself to us? How did we like the result?

The image features decorative curved lines in the corners. On the left side, there are two sets of concentric, slightly curved lines, one set of solid lines and one set of dashed lines. On the right side, there are two sets of similar curved lines, also one solid and one dashed. The lines are light gray and curve towards the center of the page.

His beauty cannot be separated from His holiness.

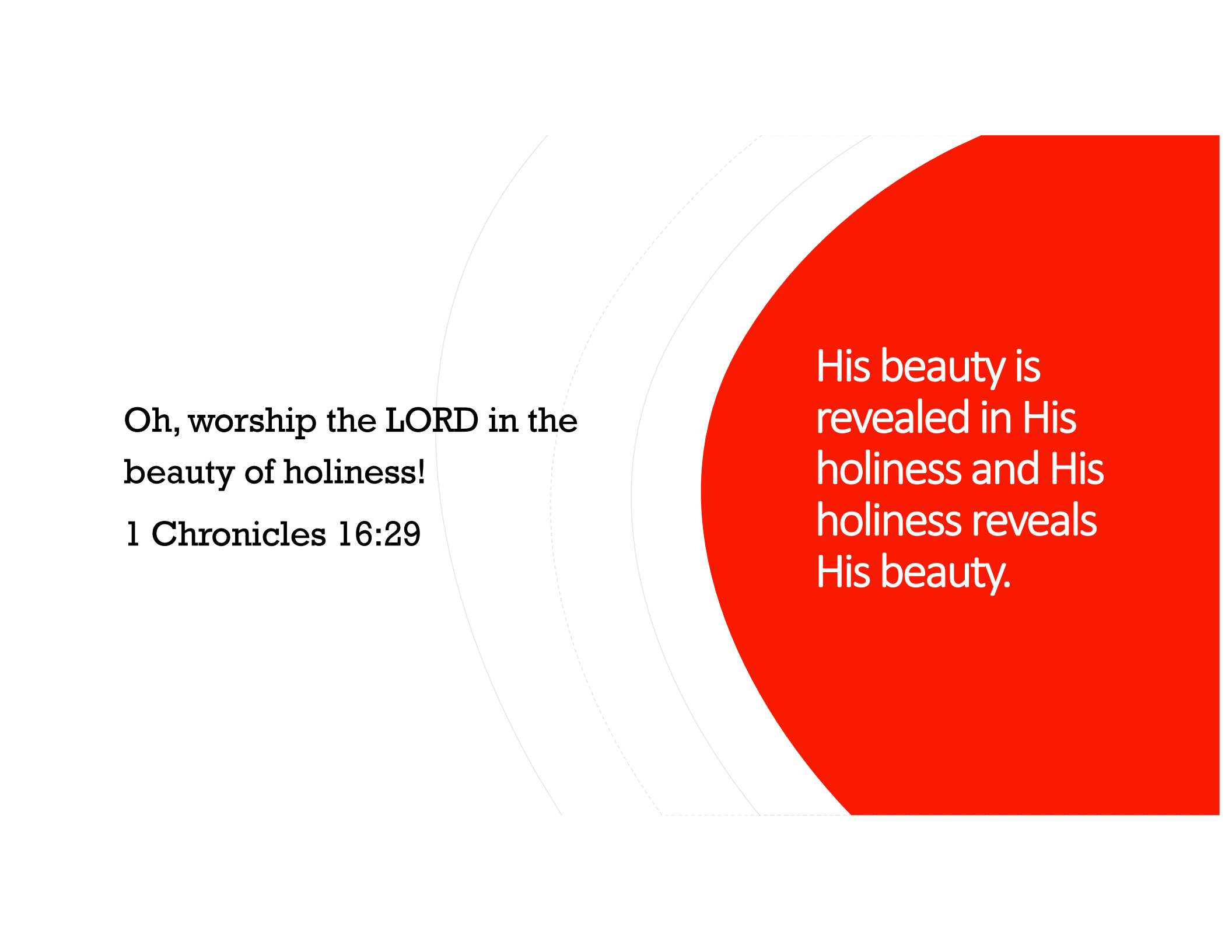
1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted; and the train of His robe^a filled the temple. **2**Above Him stood seraphim, each having six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. **3**And they were calling out to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; all the earth is full of His glory.” **4**At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook, and the temple was filled with smoke.

ISAIAH 6:1-8

5 Then I said: “Woe is me, for I am ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips dwelling among a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Hosts.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. **7** And with it he touched my mouth and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your iniquity is removed and your sin is atoned for.” **8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?” And I said: “Here am I. Send me!”

ISAIAH 6:1-8

The image features a decorative graphic on the right side consisting of several concentric, curved lines that sweep from the bottom left towards the top right. The innermost curve is a solid red semi-circle, while the outer curves are thin, light gray lines. The text is positioned to the left of this graphic.

**Oh, worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness!**

1 Chronicles 16:29

**His beauty is
revealed in His
holiness and His
holiness reveals
His beauty.**

Then Moses said, “Please show me Your glory.” And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But He added, “You cannot see My face, for no one can see Me and live.” The LORD continued, “There is a place near Me where you are to stand upon a rock,

Exodus 33:18-23

22and when My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. 23Then I will take My hand away, and you will see My back; but My face must not be seen.”

Exodus 33:18-23

Encountering God's glory produces 2 things

- 1** Everything is put into perspective!
Isaiah saw God as gloriously beautiful, powerfully in control, and speaking directly to him. Isaiah also realized how unholy, and impure he was in the presence of pure holiness.
- 2** It produces reverent, awe-inspiring fear and WORSHIP.

5And the LORD descended in a cloud, stood with him there, and proclaimed His name, the LORD. **6**Then the LORD passed in front of Moses and called out: "The LORD, the LORD God, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in loving devotion and faithfulness,

Exodus 34:5-6

7 maintaining loving devotion to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. Yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished; He will visit the iniquity of the fathers on their children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” 8 Moses immediately bowed down to the ground and worshiped.

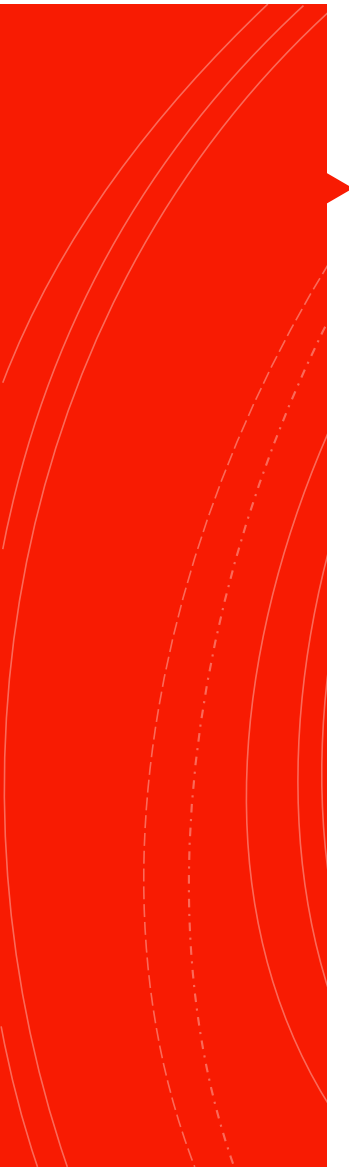
Exodus 34:5-6

And when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was unaware that his face had become radiant from speaking with the LORD. 30 Aaron and all the Israelites looked at Moses, and behold, his face was radiant. And they were afraid to approach him.

Exodus 34:29-30




1. His beauty is attractive

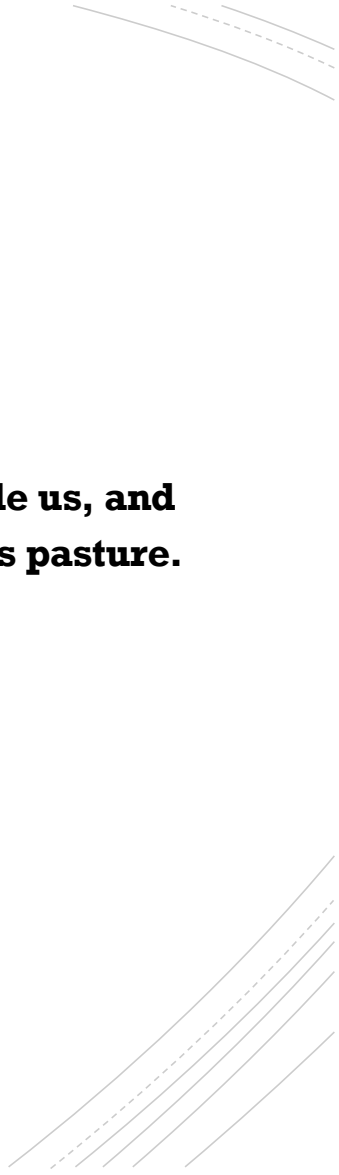


We were created to worship God. We cannot help but worship

- Rev. 4:11: "**You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.**"
- Isaiah 43:21: "**The people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.**"
- Col. 1:16: "**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth... all things have been created through him and for him.**"
- Ps. 95:6: "**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**"



“We belong to God,
and our praise is a
response to His
ownership.”
-unknown



**Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and
we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
-Psalm 100:3**



2. His beauty
captivates us

“Splendor and majesty
are before him;
strength and beauty are
in his sanctuary.”
-Psalm 96:6

- **Jonathan Edwards** said, “the divine beauty of Christ bows the wills, and draws the hearts of men.”
- “If I become captivated with Christ, I will become captivated with His nature (perfect holiness, love, etc.), for that is Who He is.” -**DeeperChristian.com**

³ Jesus got into a boat which belonged to Simon. Jesus asked him to push it out a little way from land. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.⁴ When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Push out into the deep water. Let down your nets for some fish.”⁵ Simon said to Him, “Teacher, we have worked all night and we have caught nothing. But because You told me to, I will let the net down.”⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish, their net started to break.⁷ They called to their friends working in the other boat to come and help them. They came and both boats were so full of fish they began to sink.

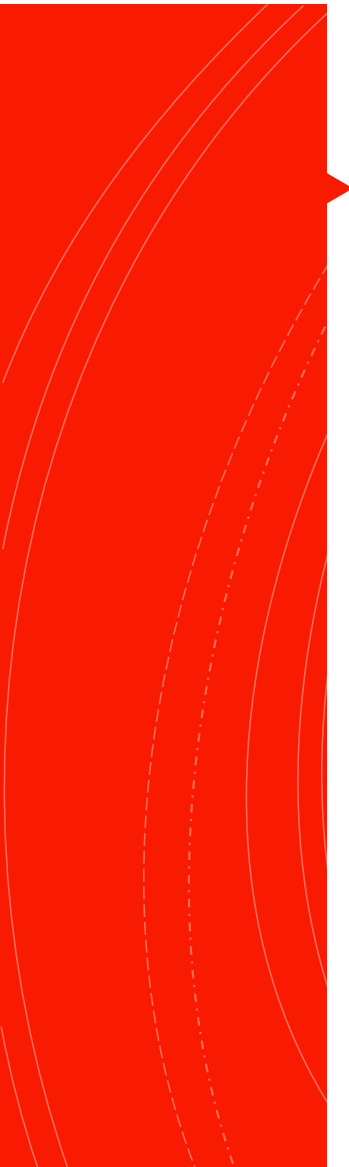
Luke 5:3-11

⁸When Simon Peter saw it, he got down at the feet of Jesus. He said, “Go away from me, Lord, because I am a sinful man.” ⁹ He and all those with him were surprised and wondered about the many fish. ¹⁰ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were surprised also. They were working together with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, **“Do not be afraid. From now on you will fish for men.”** ¹¹ When they came to land with their boats, they left everything and **followed Jesus.**

Luke 5:3-11



**JESUS CALLED THEM
THROUGH ENCOUNTERING
THEM.**

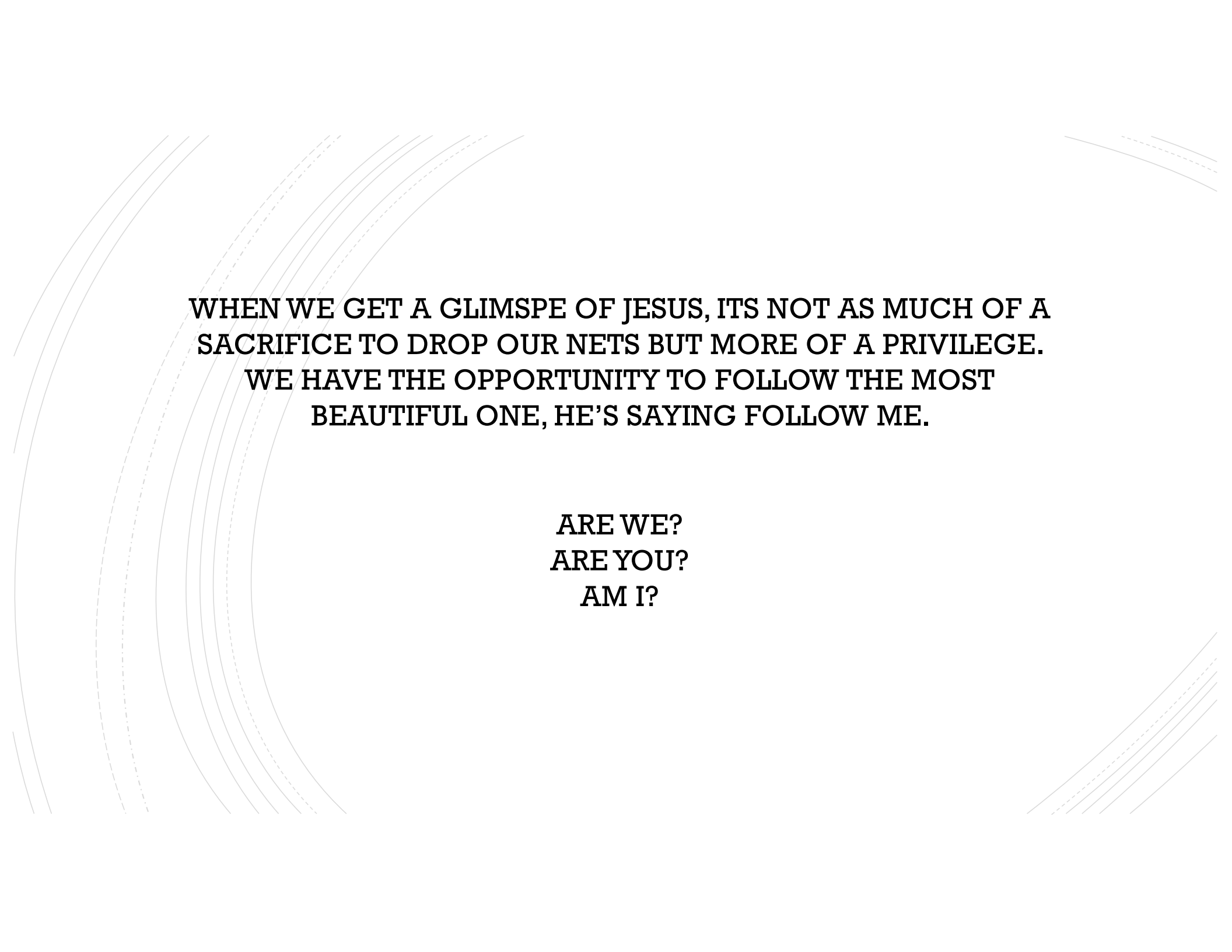


**HIS BEAUTY IS IN PURSUIT OF US TO
ATTRACT, CAPTIVATE, AND GIVE US THE
OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND.**



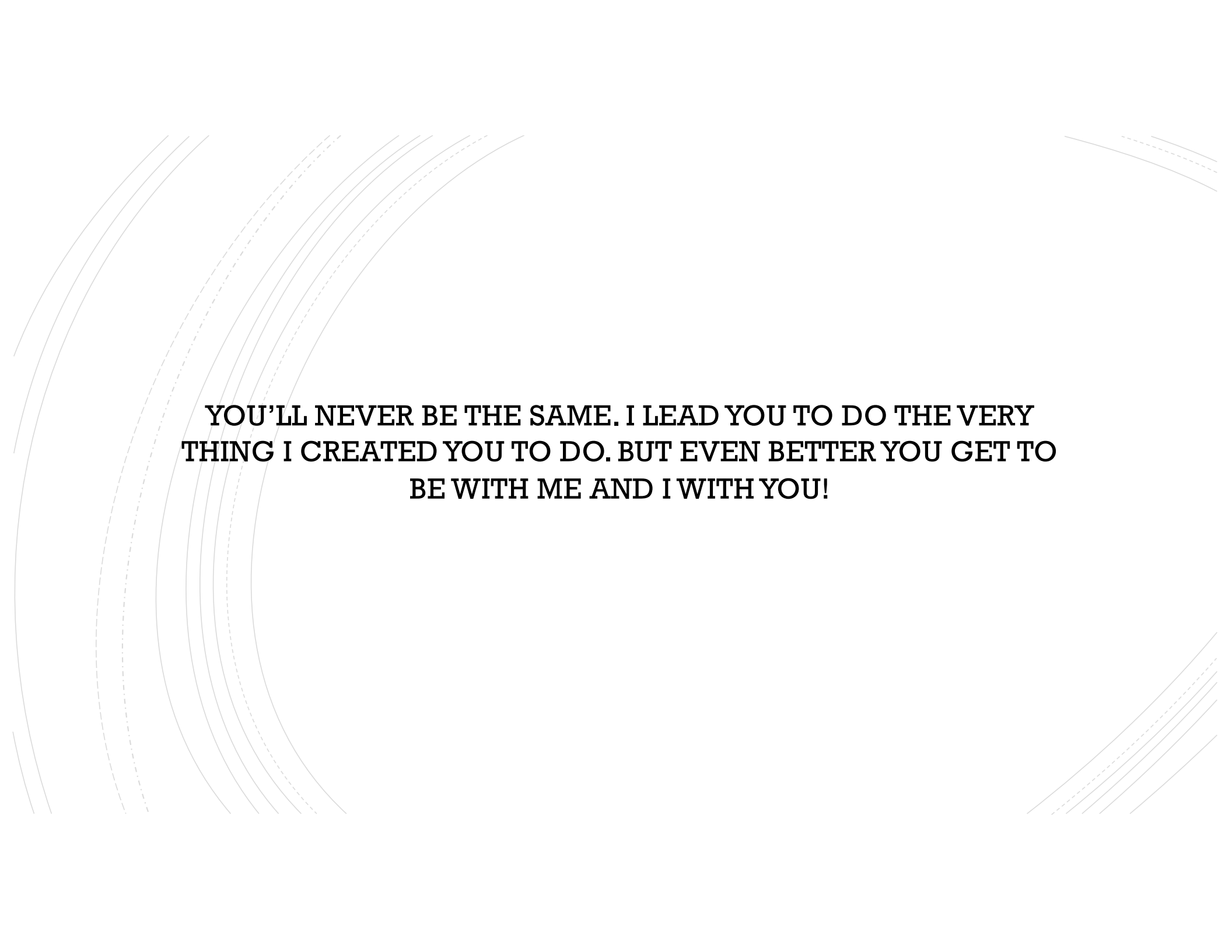
I wonder...

- I wonder what are your “nets”? What is the thing you go back to time and time again for security, identity, beauty, captivation...?



**WHEN WE GET A GLIMPSPE OF JESUS, ITS NOT AS MUCH OF A
SACRIFICE TO DROP OUR NETS BUT MORE OF A PRIVILEGE.
WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL ONE, HE'S SAYING FOLLOW ME.**

**ARE WE?
ARE YOU?
AM I?**

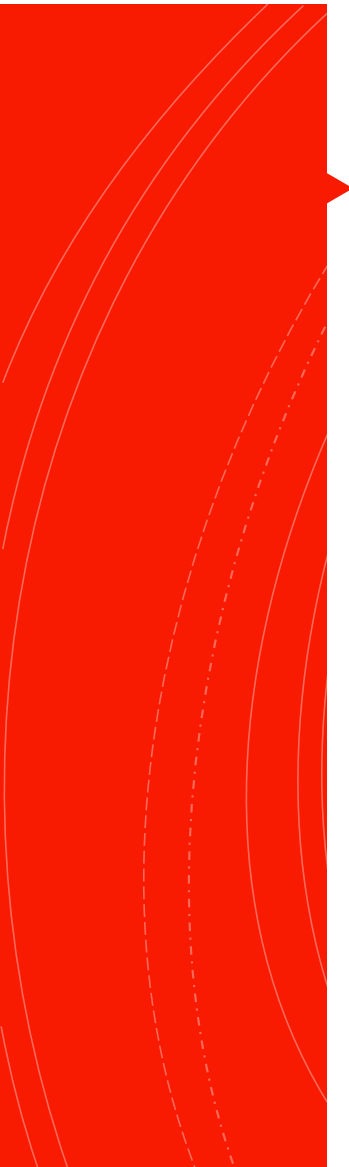
The image features decorative curved lines in the corners. On the left side, there are several concentric, overlapping curved lines that sweep from the top-left towards the bottom-left. On the right side, there are similar curved lines sweeping from the top-right towards the bottom-right. The lines are thin and light gray, creating a subtle frame for the central text.

**YOU'LL NEVER BE THE SAME. I LEAD YOU TO DO THE VERY
THING I CREATED YOU TO DO. BUT EVEN BETTER YOU GET TO
BE WITH ME AND I WITH YOU!**



T. Austin Sparks:

“Oh, we need the captivating to wipe out our selves—our reputations, everything that is associated with us and our own glory—that the One who captivates may be the only One in view, the only One with a reputation, and we are at His feet.”



When we encounter the beauty of Christ, we will no longer want to promote our own “beauty”, we will live to *forward* His beauty, glory, and holiness.
Captivation leads to exaltation.

The background features several sets of curved, parallel lines in light gray and white, some solid and some dashed, creating a sense of motion or depth. A prominent red speech bubble is centered on the left side, containing white text. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

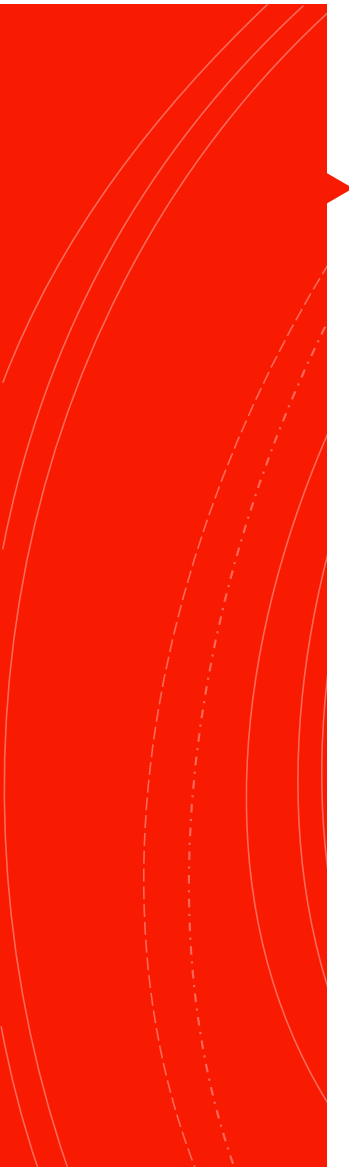
3. The beauty of
Christ leads to
exaltation



Being led to the beauty of Christ begins with:

1. Attraction
2. Captivation
3. Exaltation

All of these increase the more we gaze upon the beauty of Christ.



May we be a people that stop “casually” or
“nonchalantly” looking at the Lord in church, to a
people that can’t look away because He is so
captivatingly beautiful.

We’re called to gaze, not glance