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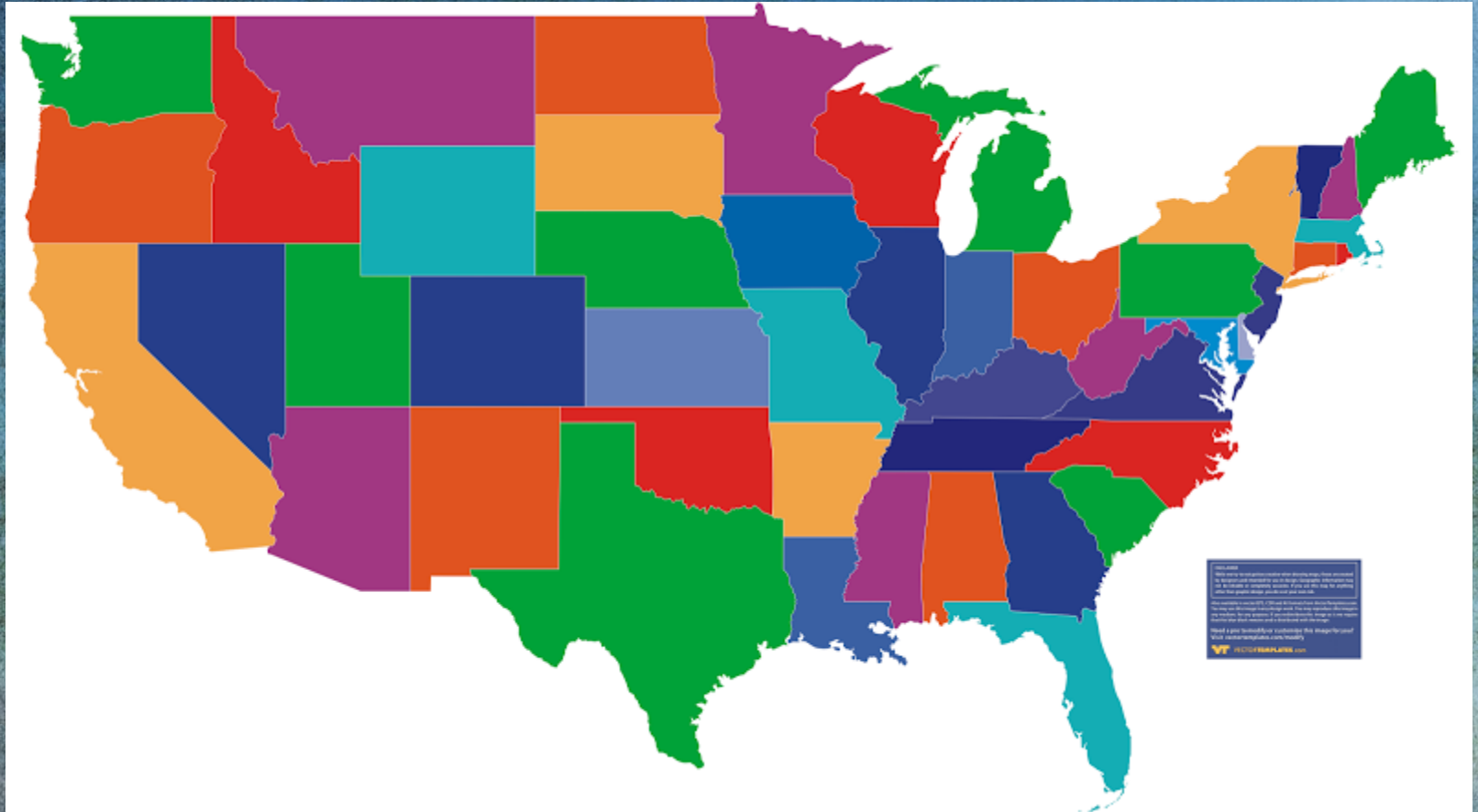


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- God's Great Desire for People
- Where's God in My World?
- Partnering with God Today
- Listening to the Voice of God
- God Wants a Relationship with You

*The Word became
flesh and made his
dwelling among
us. We have seen
his glory, the glory
of the One and
Only, who came
from the Father, full
of grace and truth.*

John 1:14



2 Kings 5 (pg. 333)

“Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.” (v. 1)

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*“Am I God?” Can I kill and
bring back to life?” (v. 7)*

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*“Elisha sent a messenger to say to him,
“Go, wash yourself seven times in the
Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and
you will be cleansed.” (v. 10)*

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Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" (v. 13)

Reflect on this ...

- When you see a **difficult person**, hear Jesus saying, “Love your enemy, pray for those who persecute you.”

From: *God is Closer Than You Think Participant's Guide*, 2005, John Ortberg.

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- When you see a **needy person**, hear, “Whatever you did for the least of these . . . you did for me.”

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- When you see **someone you love**, allow God to love you through that person.

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- When **someone confronts you**, ask God if perhaps he is speaking to you.

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- When you see a **stranger**, remember the “Can I help you?” prayer.

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- When you see a **fellow believer**, hear Jesus saying, “Wherever two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.”

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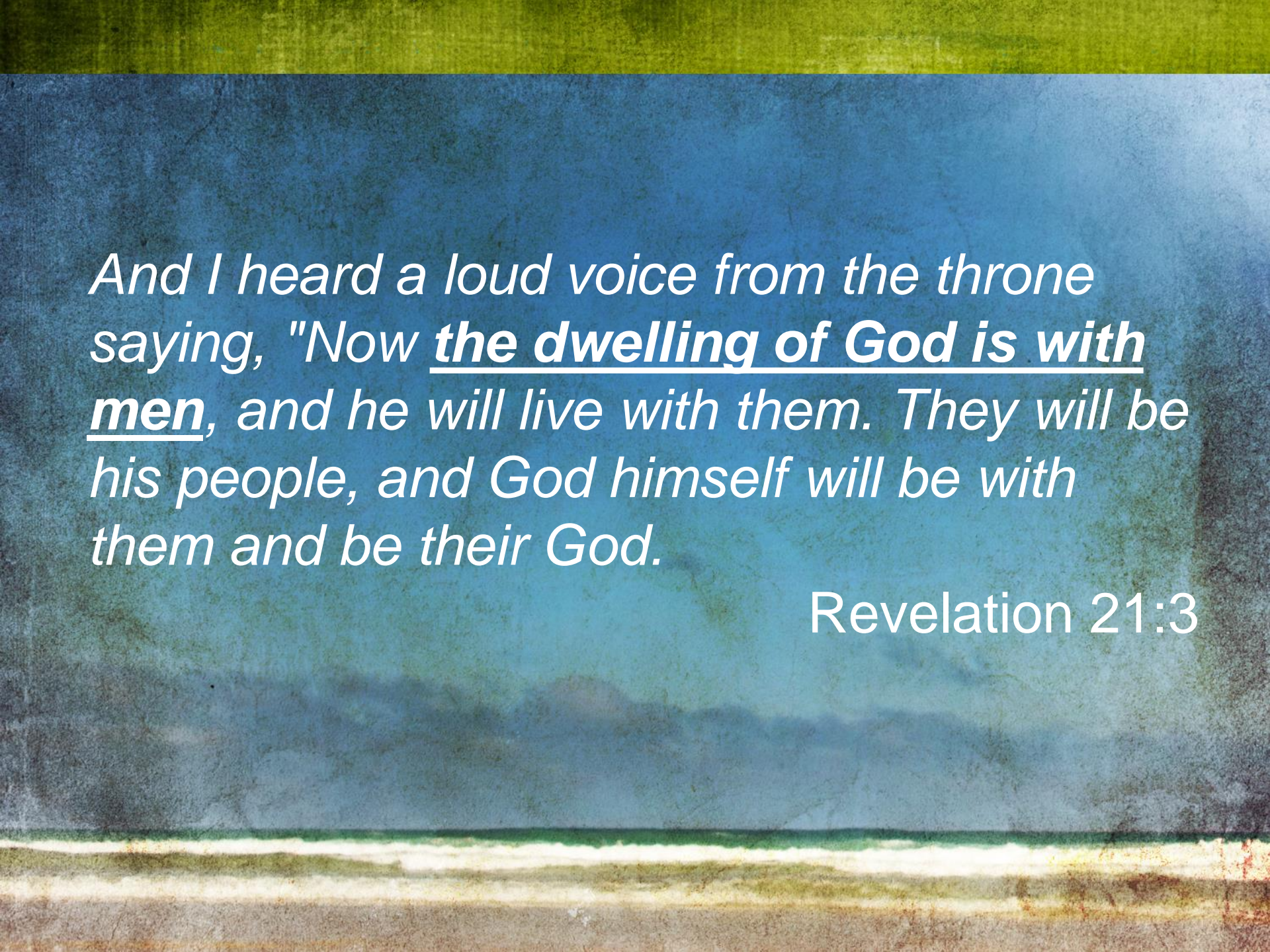
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- Intellectual
- Relational
- Serving
- Worship
- Activist
- Contemplative
- Creation



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And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Revelation 21:3

