

**Words  
Create  
Worlds**

## James 3:1-12

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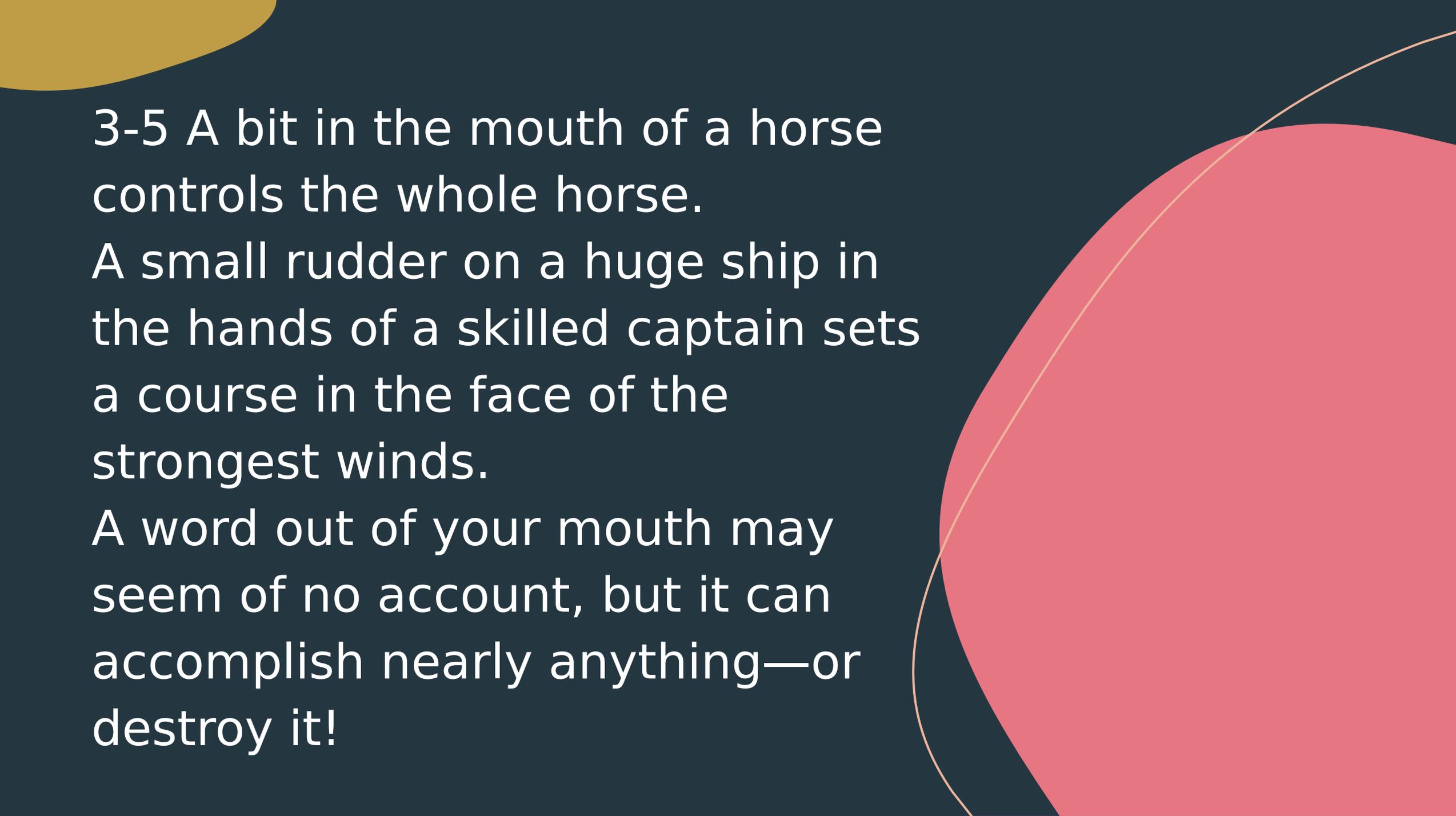
1-2 Don't be in any rush to become a teacher, my friends.

Teaching is highly responsible work.

Teachers are held to the strictest standards. And none of us is perfectly qualified.

We get it wrong nearly every time we open our mouths.

If you could find someone whose speech was perfectly true, you'd have a perfect person in



3-5 A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse.

A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds.

A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!

5-6 It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire.

A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that.

By our speech we can ruin the world,  
turn harmony to chaos,  
throw mud on a reputation,  
send the whole world up in smoke and go up in  
smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

7-10 This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth!

10-12 My friends, this can't go on.

A spring doesn't gush fresh water one day and brackish the next, does it?

Apple trees don't bear strawberries, do they?

Raspberry bushes don't bear apples, do they?

You're not going to dip into a polluted mud hole and get a cup of clear, cool water, are you?



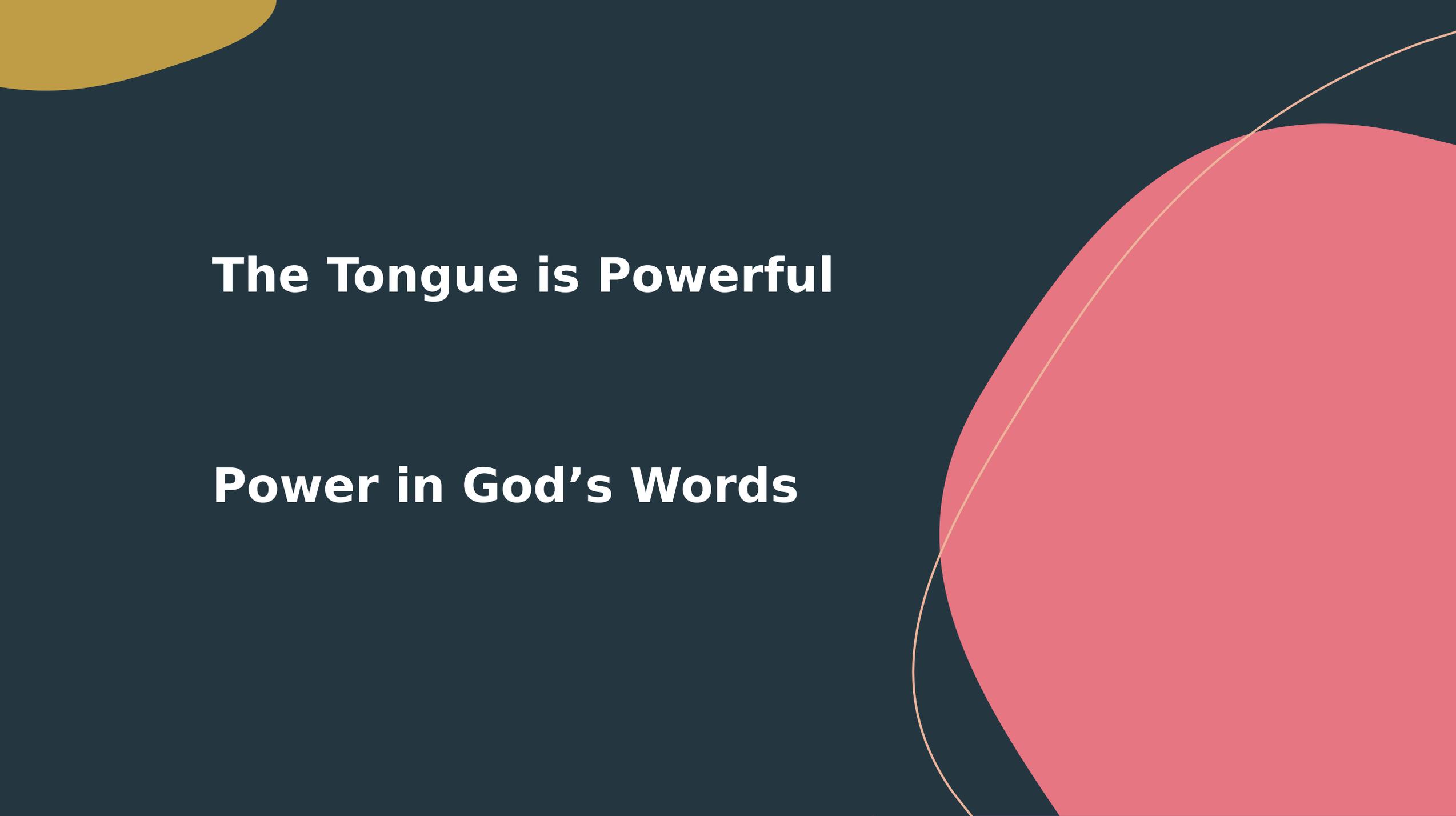
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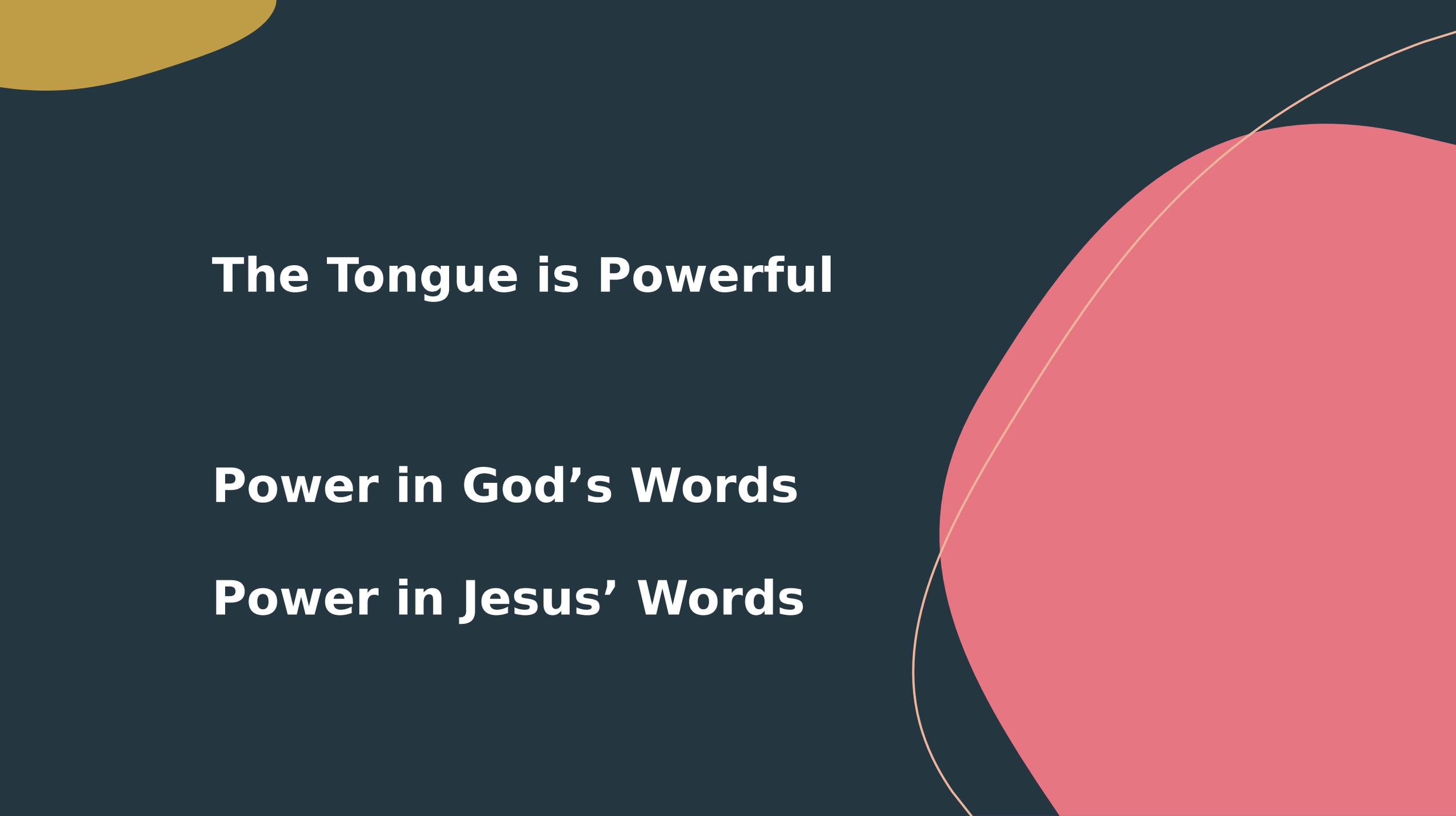


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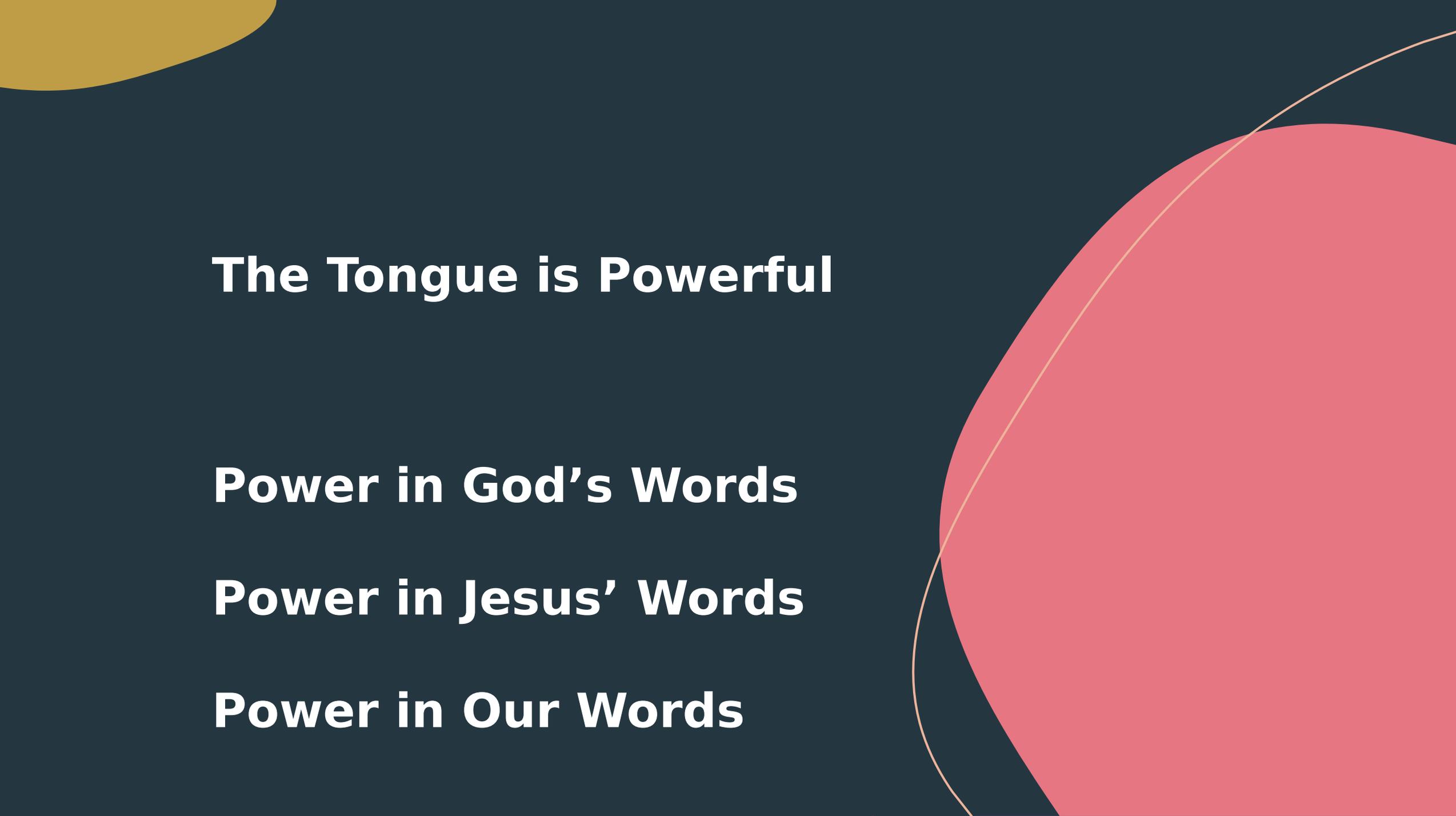
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**If you could find someone whose speech  
was perfectly true, you'd have a perfect  
person, in perfect control of life.**

James 3:2 MSG

**The NIV says that we all “stumble”**

## **Proverbs 18:21**

**The tongue has the power of life and  
death**

**and those who love it will eat its fruit**

**(NIV)**

Don't bad mouth each other friends.

Its Gods word, His message, His royal rule that

takes a beating in that kind of talk,

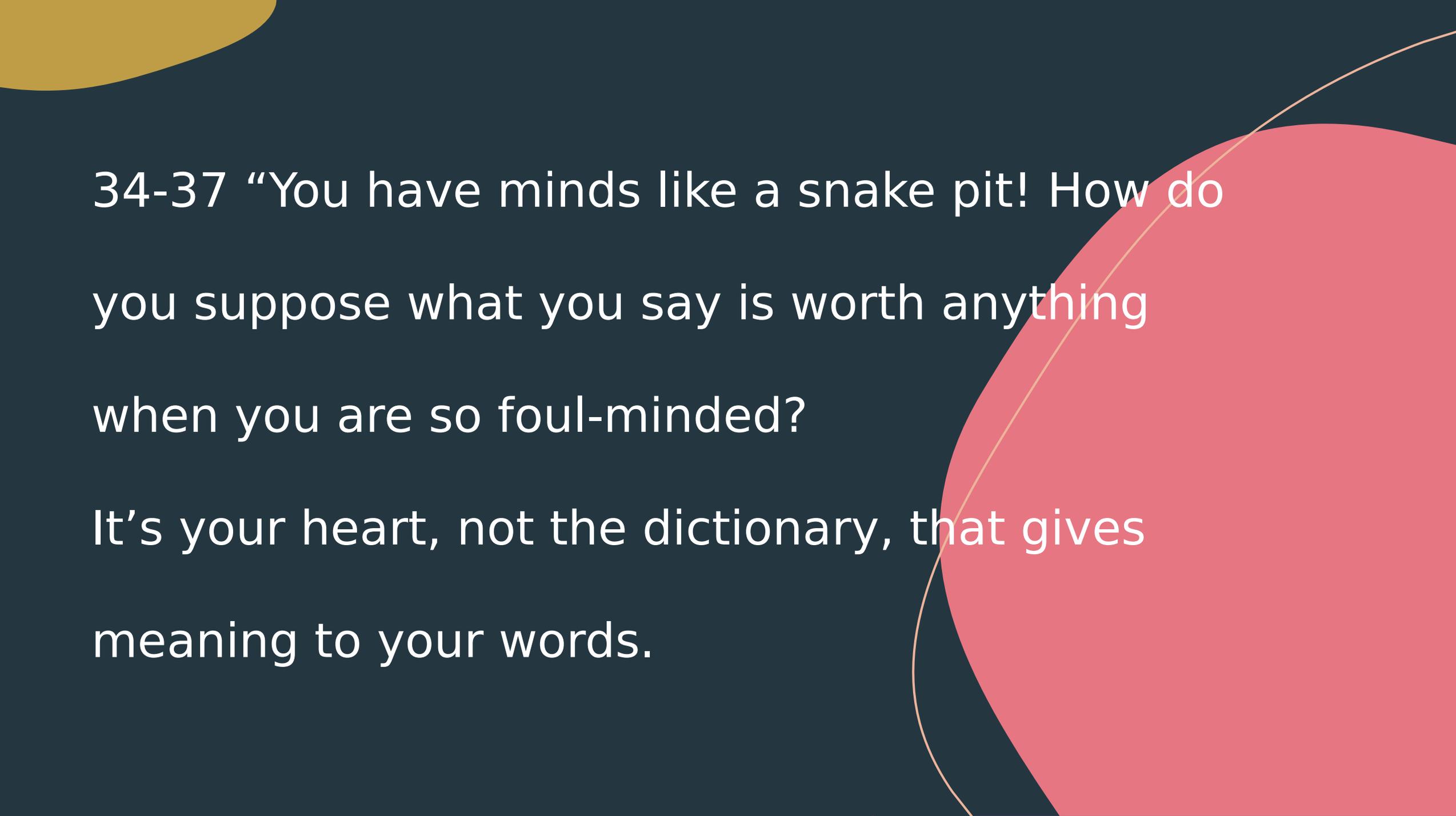
you're supposed to be honouring the

message, not writing graffiti over it

# Matthew

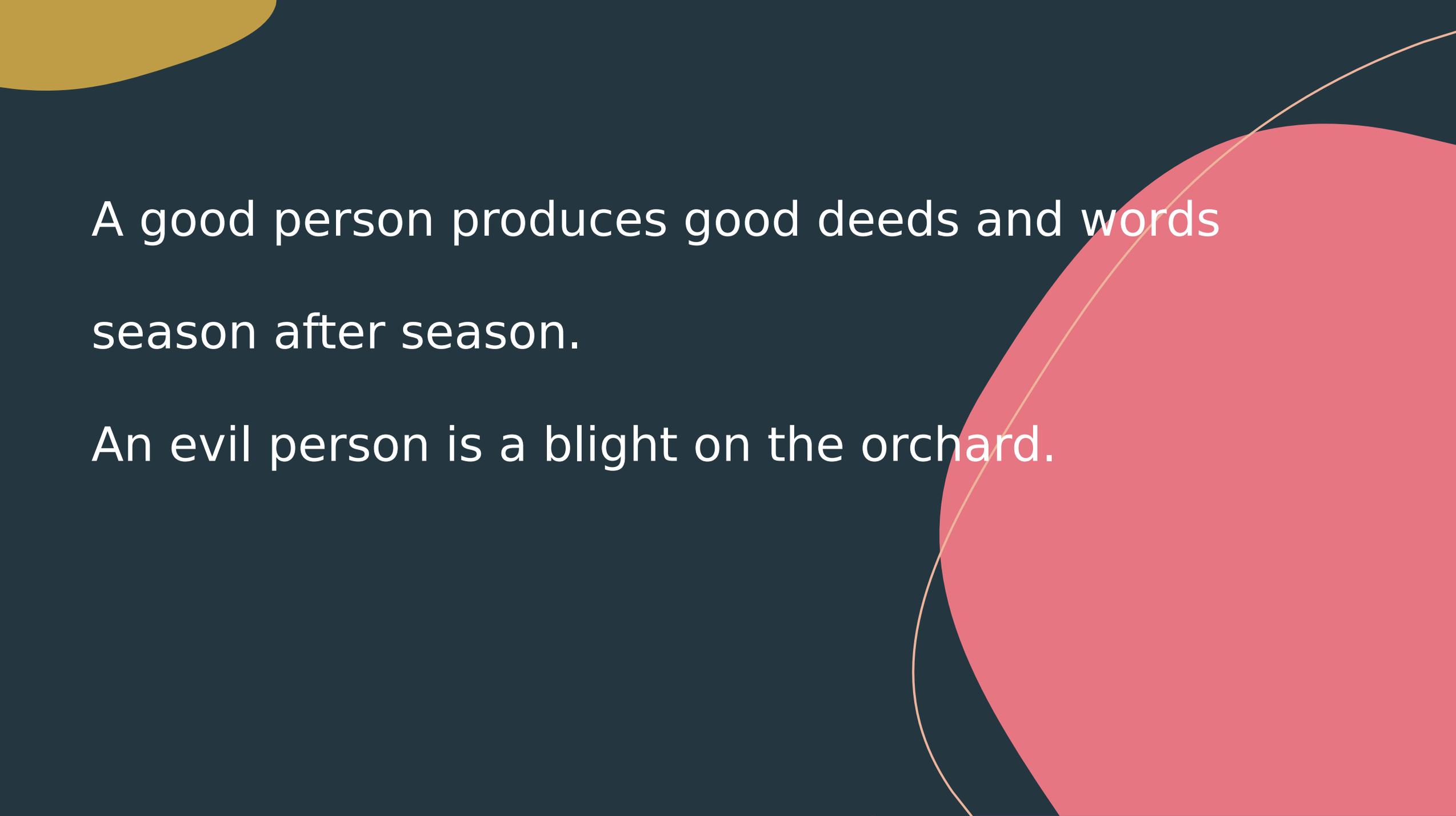
## 12:33 (MSG)

33 “If you grow a healthy tree, you’ll pick healthy fruit. If you grow a diseased tree, you’ll pick worm-eaten fruit. The fruit tells you about the tree.



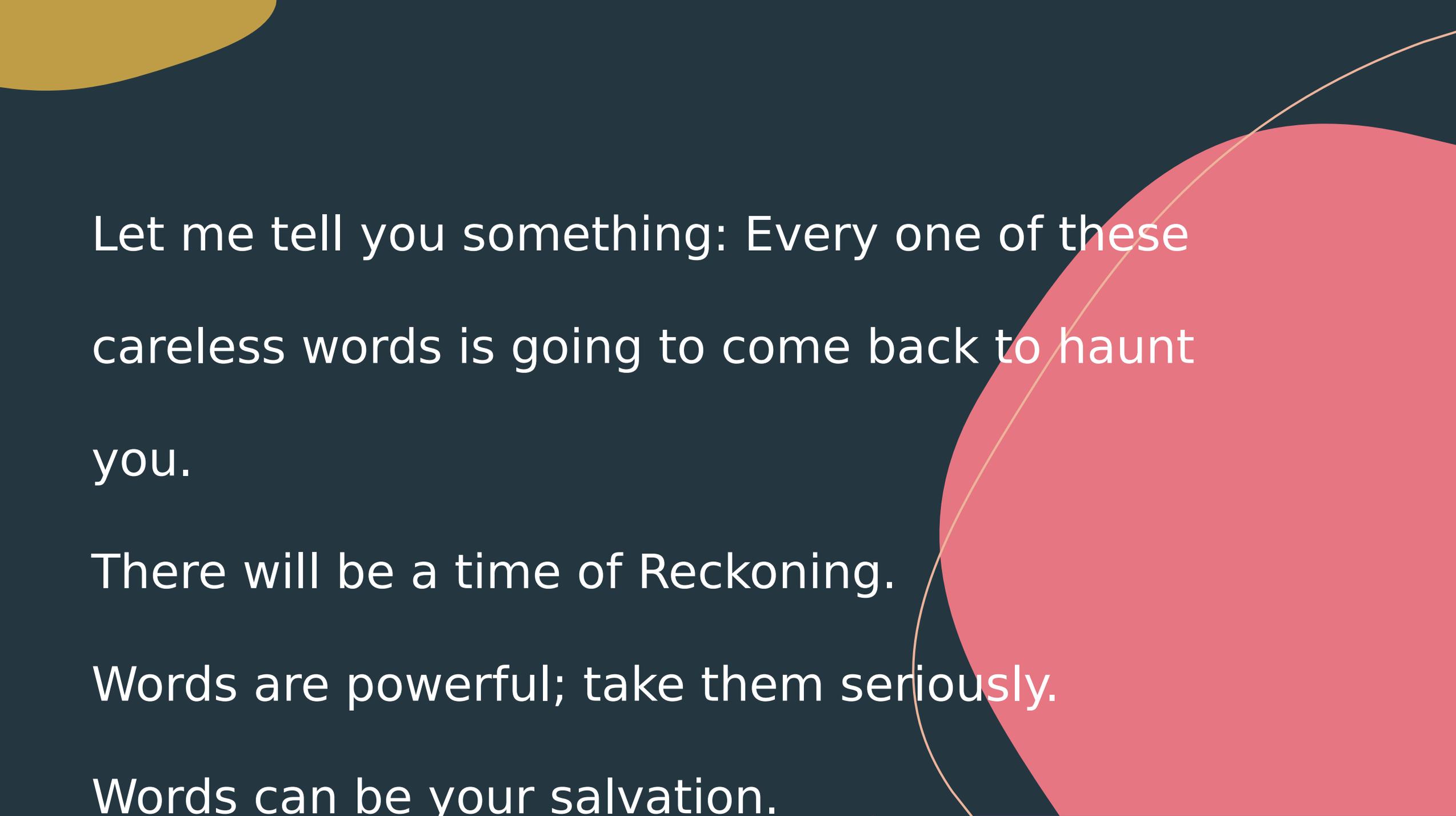
34-37 “You have minds like a snake pit! How do you suppose what you say is worth anything when you are so foul-minded?

It’s your heart, not the dictionary, that gives meaning to your words.



A good person produces good deeds and words  
season after season.

An evil person is a blight on the orchard.



Let me tell you something: Every one of these  
careless words is going to come back to haunt  
you.

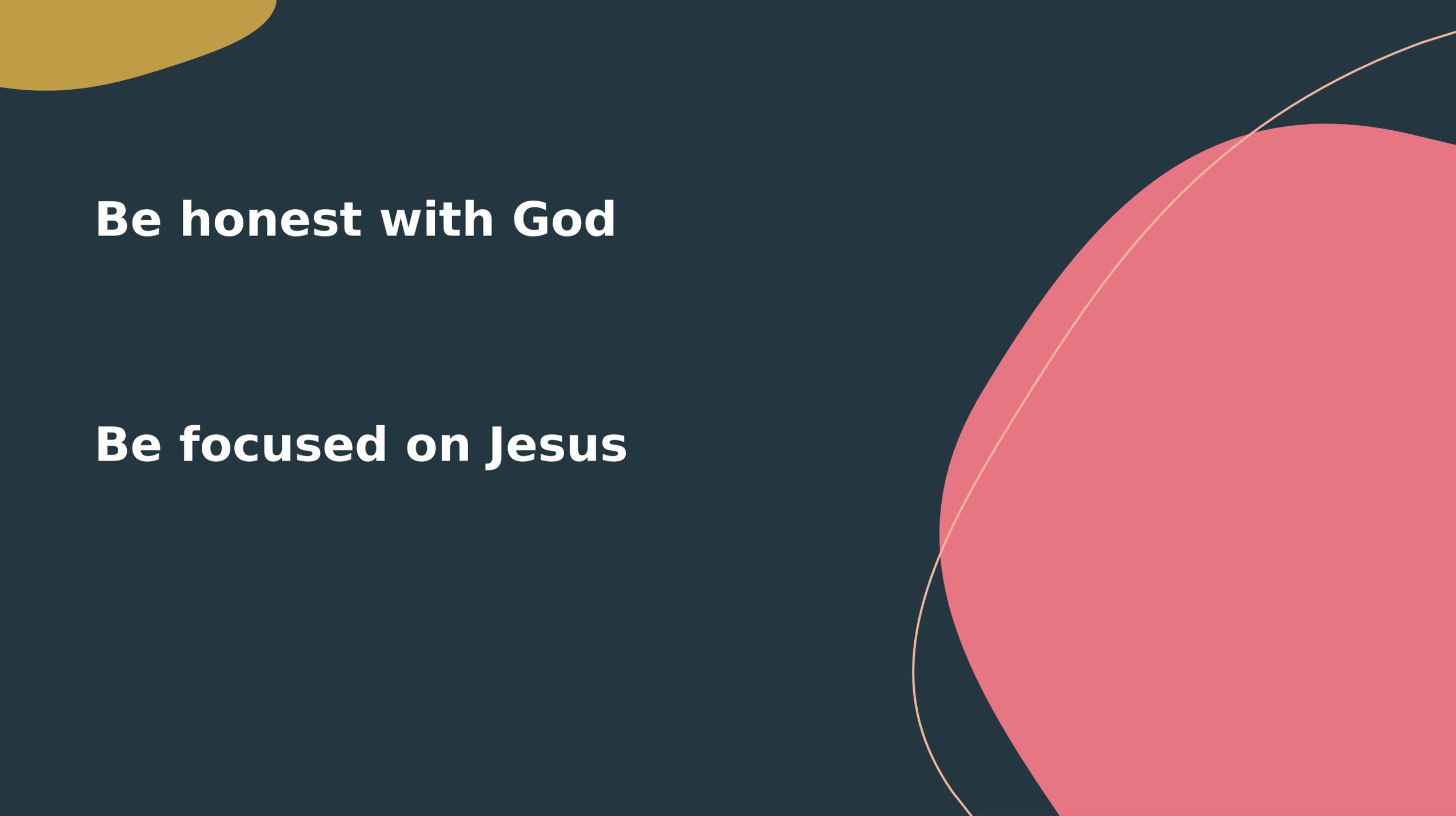
There will be a time of Reckoning.

Words are powerful; take them seriously.

Words can be your salvation.

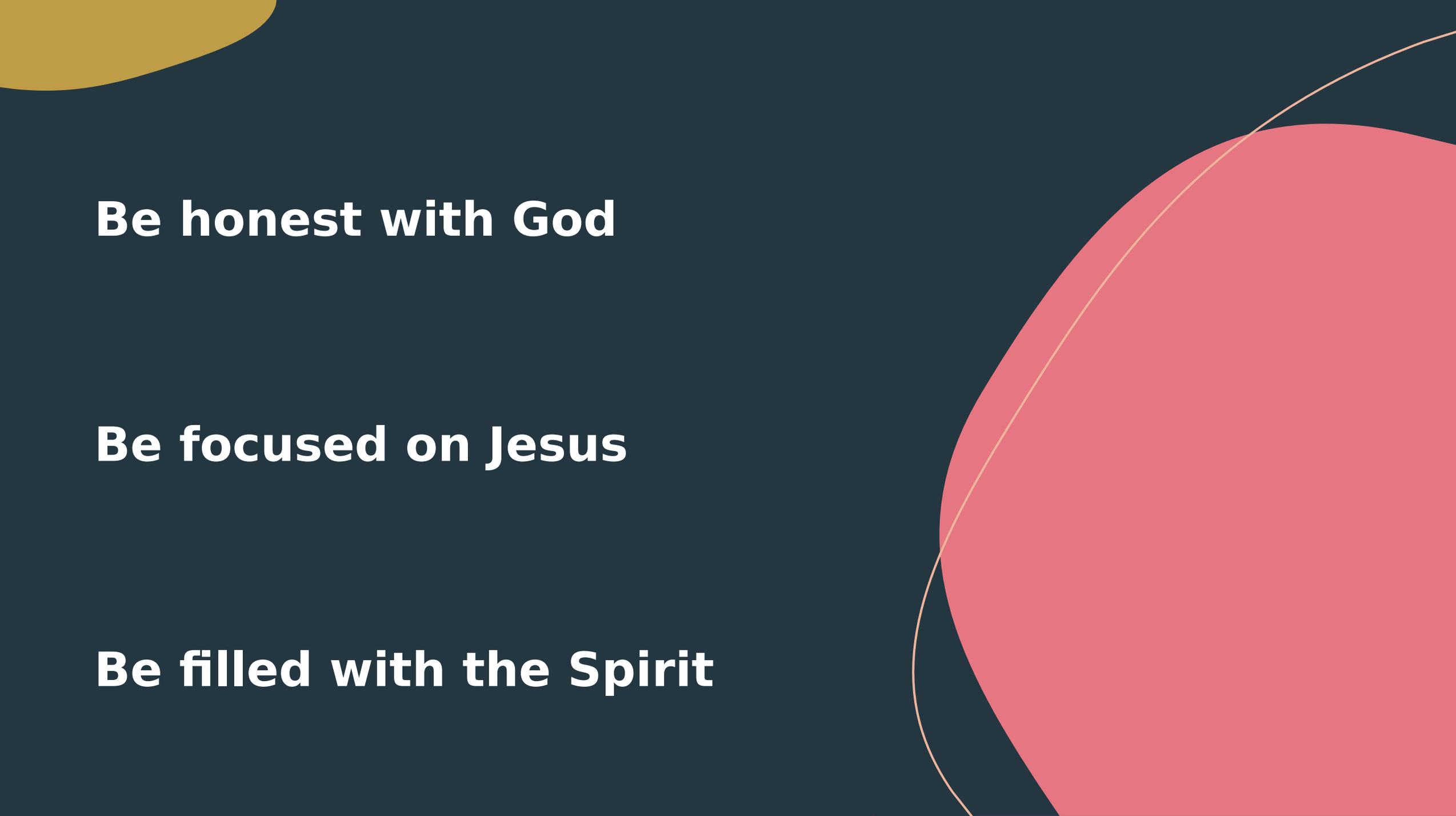
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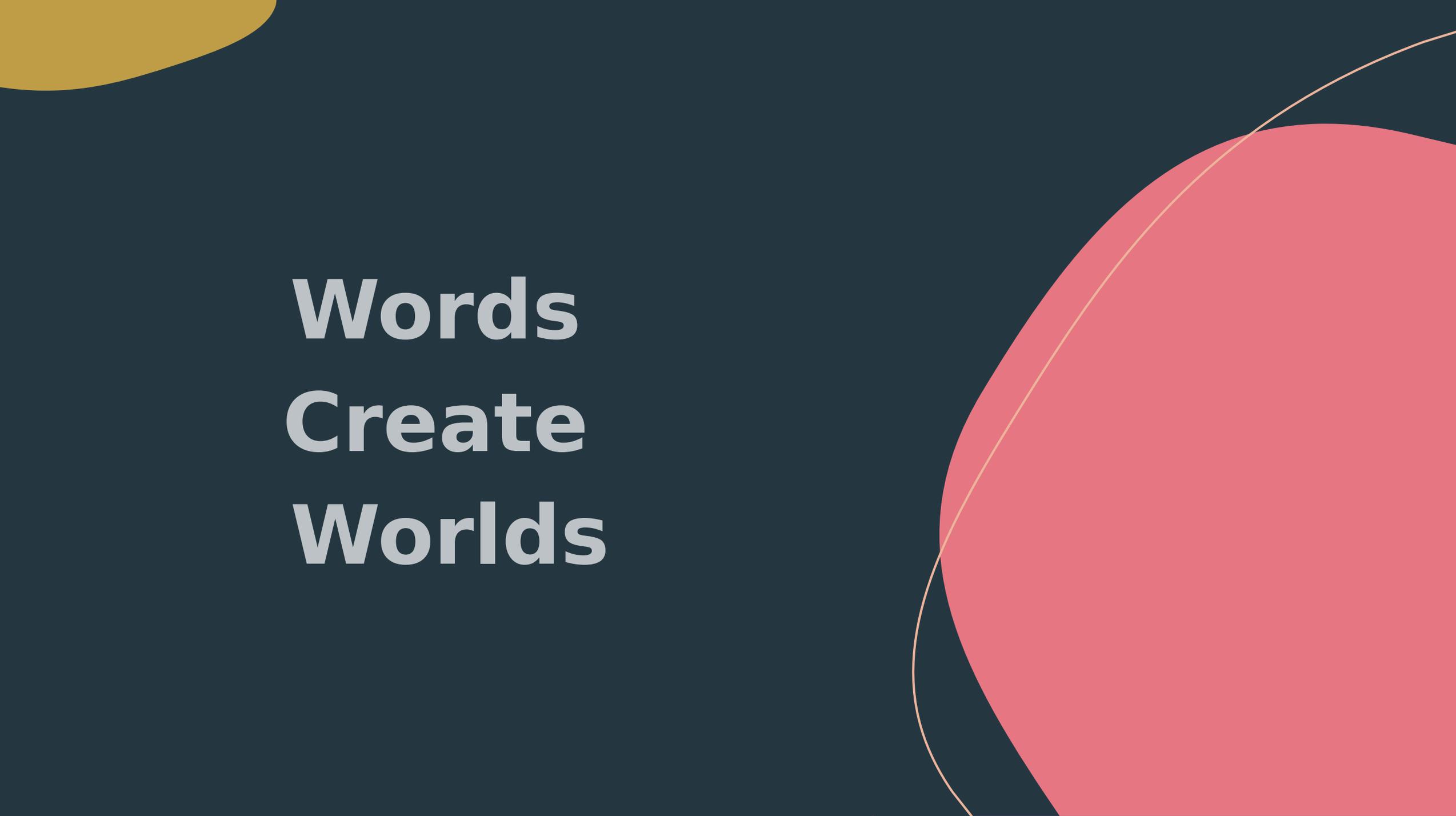
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**Be honest with God**

**Be focused on Jesus**

**Be filled with the Spirit**



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