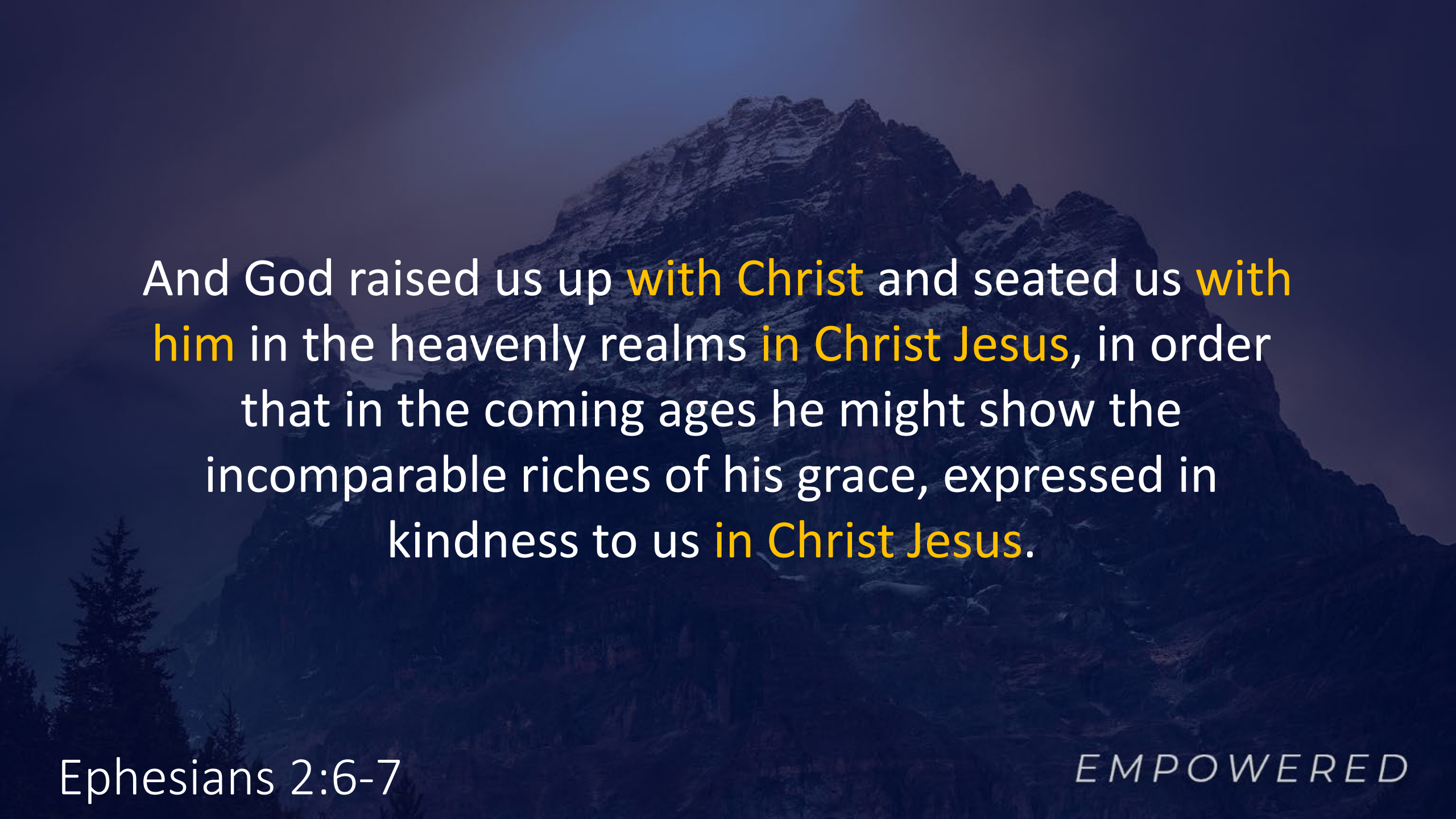




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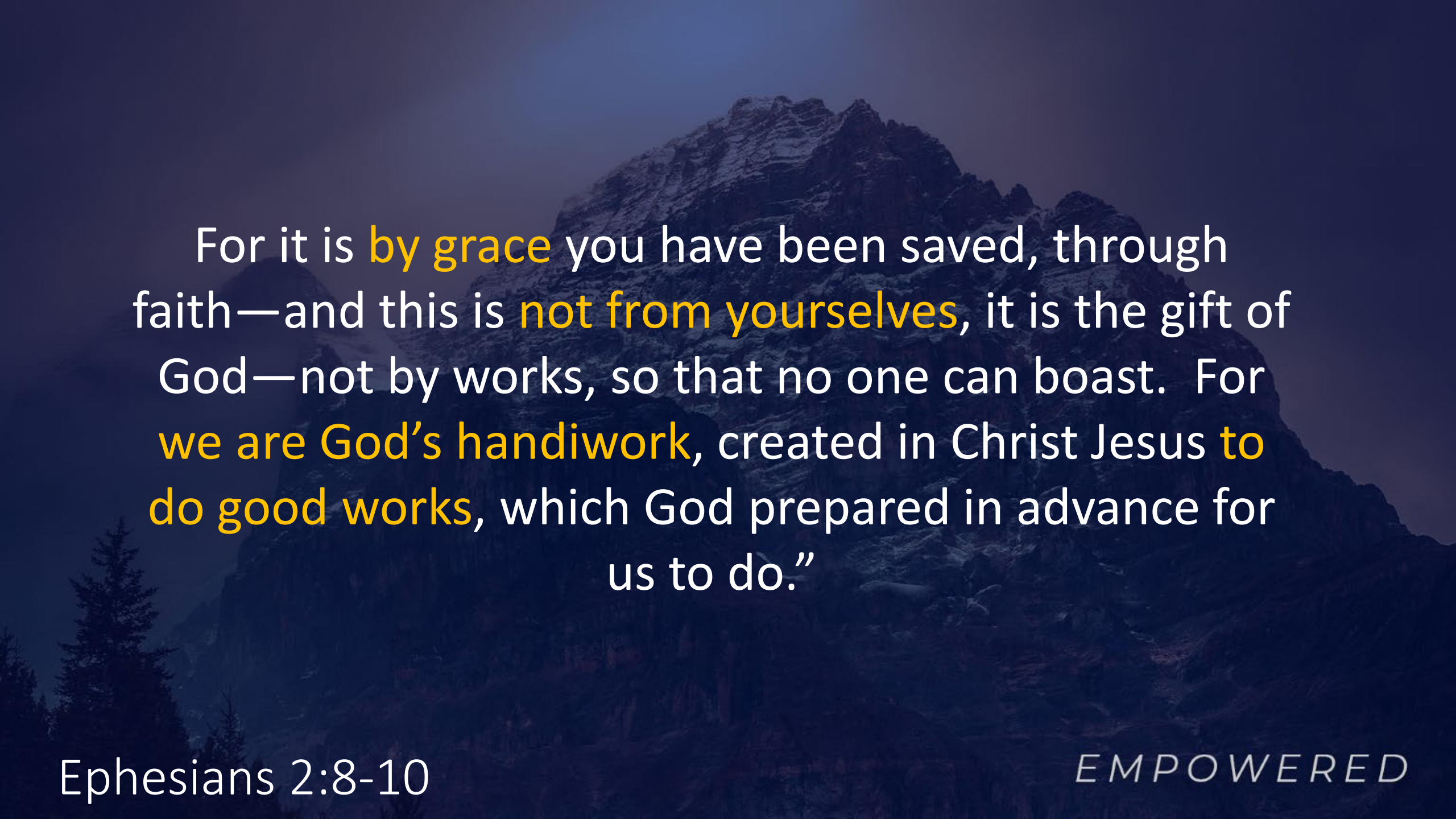
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And God raised us up **with Christ** and seated us **with him** in the heavenly realms **in Christ Jesus**, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in kindness to us **in Christ Jesus**.

Ephesians 2:6-7

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For it is **by grace** you have been saved, through faith—and this is **not from yourselves**, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For **we are God’s handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”



1. Paul challenges **earned righteousness**.

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Consequently, you are **no longer** foreigners and strangers, but **fellow citizens** with God's people and also **members of his household**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **In him** the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him **you too are being built together** to become a dwelling in which **God lives by his Spirit**.



2. Paul challenges their **identity**.

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3. They (*we*) are part of a community  
and a family.

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From him **the whole body**, joined and held together  
by every supporting ligament, **grows** and builds itself  
up in love, **as each part does its work.**

Ephesians 4:16

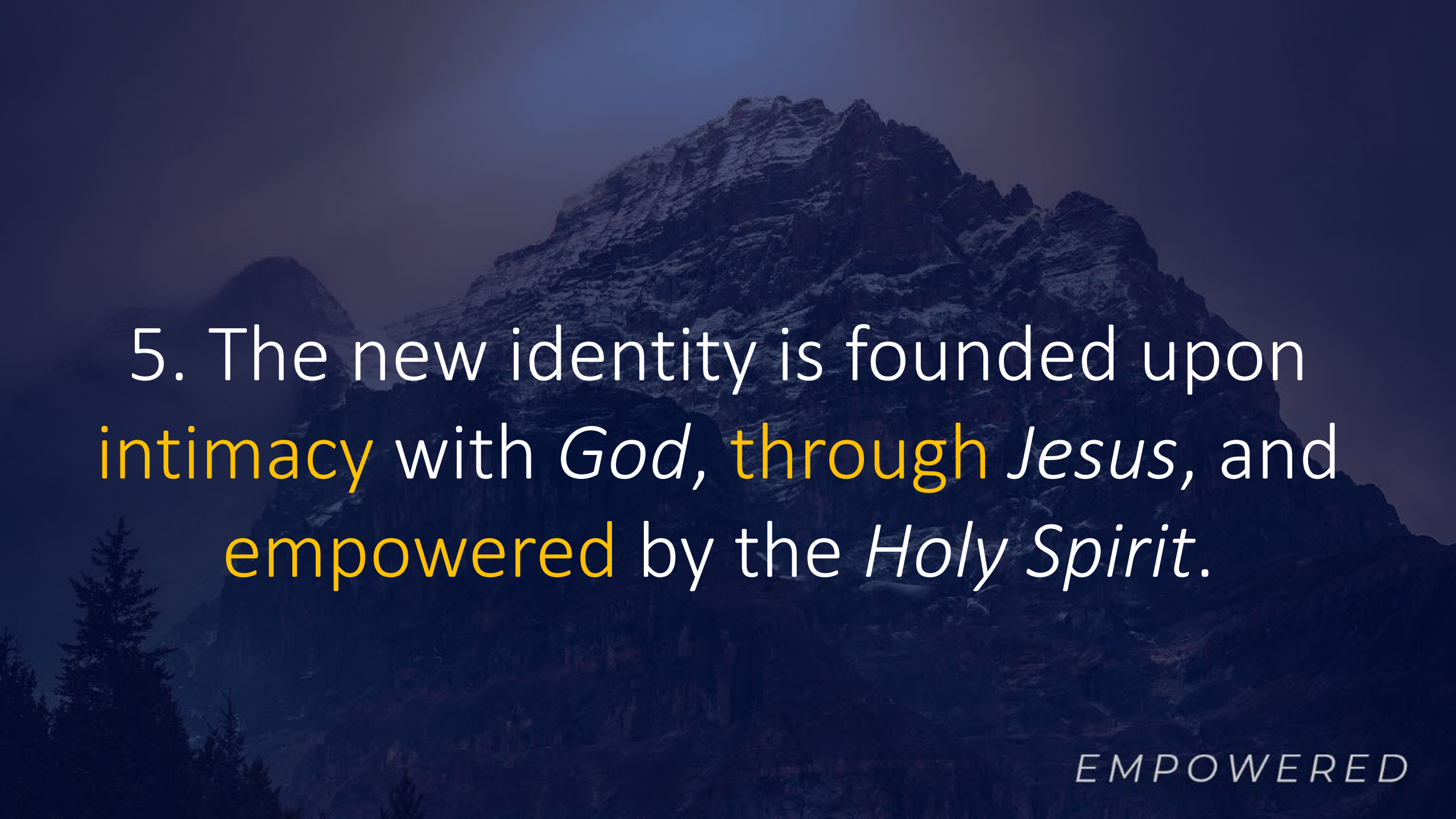
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4. We still maintain both an individual  
identity and functionality.

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5. The new identity is founded upon  
*intimacy with God, through Jesus, and  
empowered by the Holy Spirit.*

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A majestic mountain peak, likely snow-capped, dominates the center of the frame. The sky is a warm, golden-orange hue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted evergreen trees on the left side. The word "EMPOWERED" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image, with a thin white horizontal line underneath it.

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