

# SERMON

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JESUS CONSIDERS  
CHARACTER AND  
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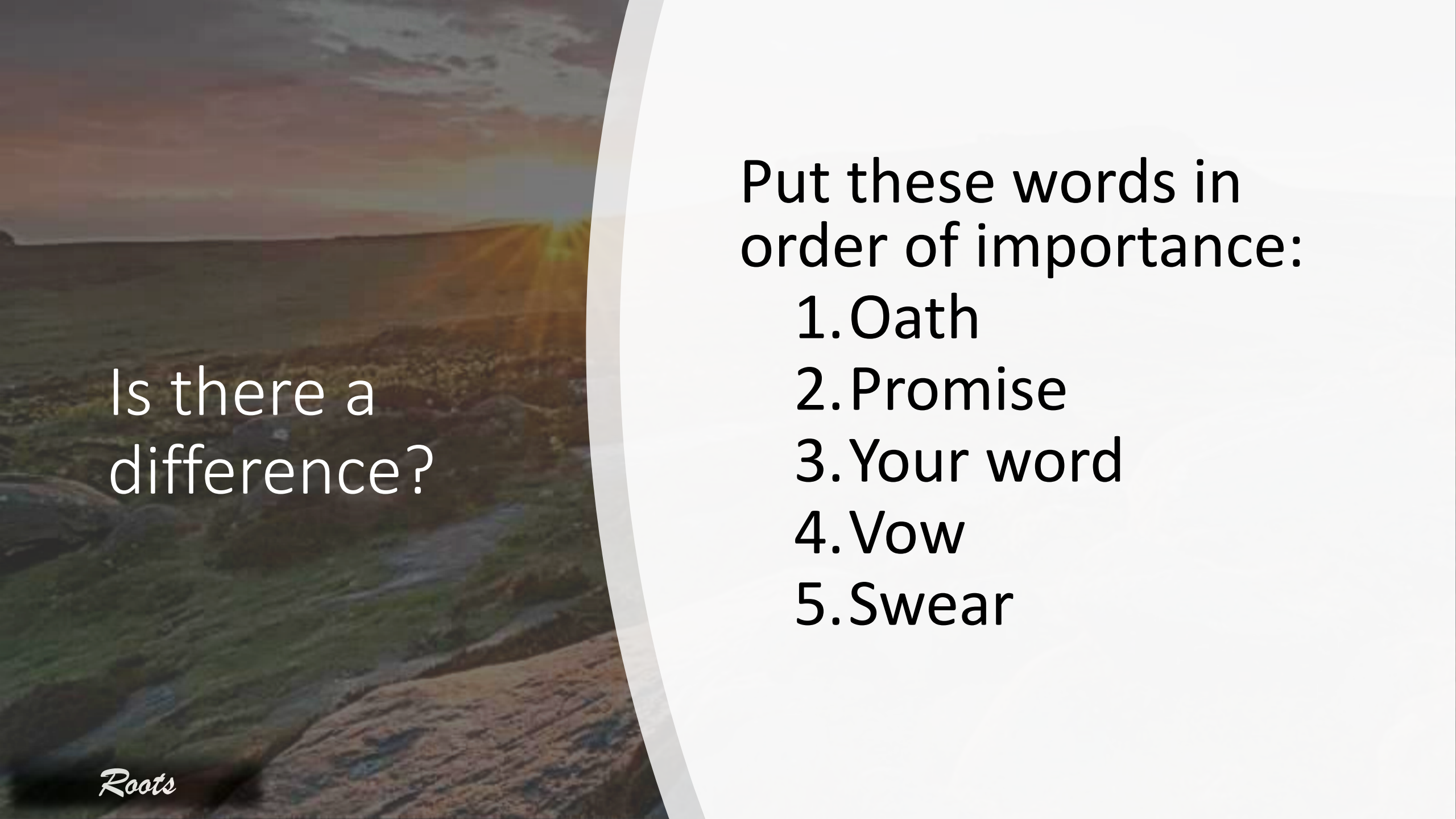
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What should we mean when we say  
“I promise ...”?

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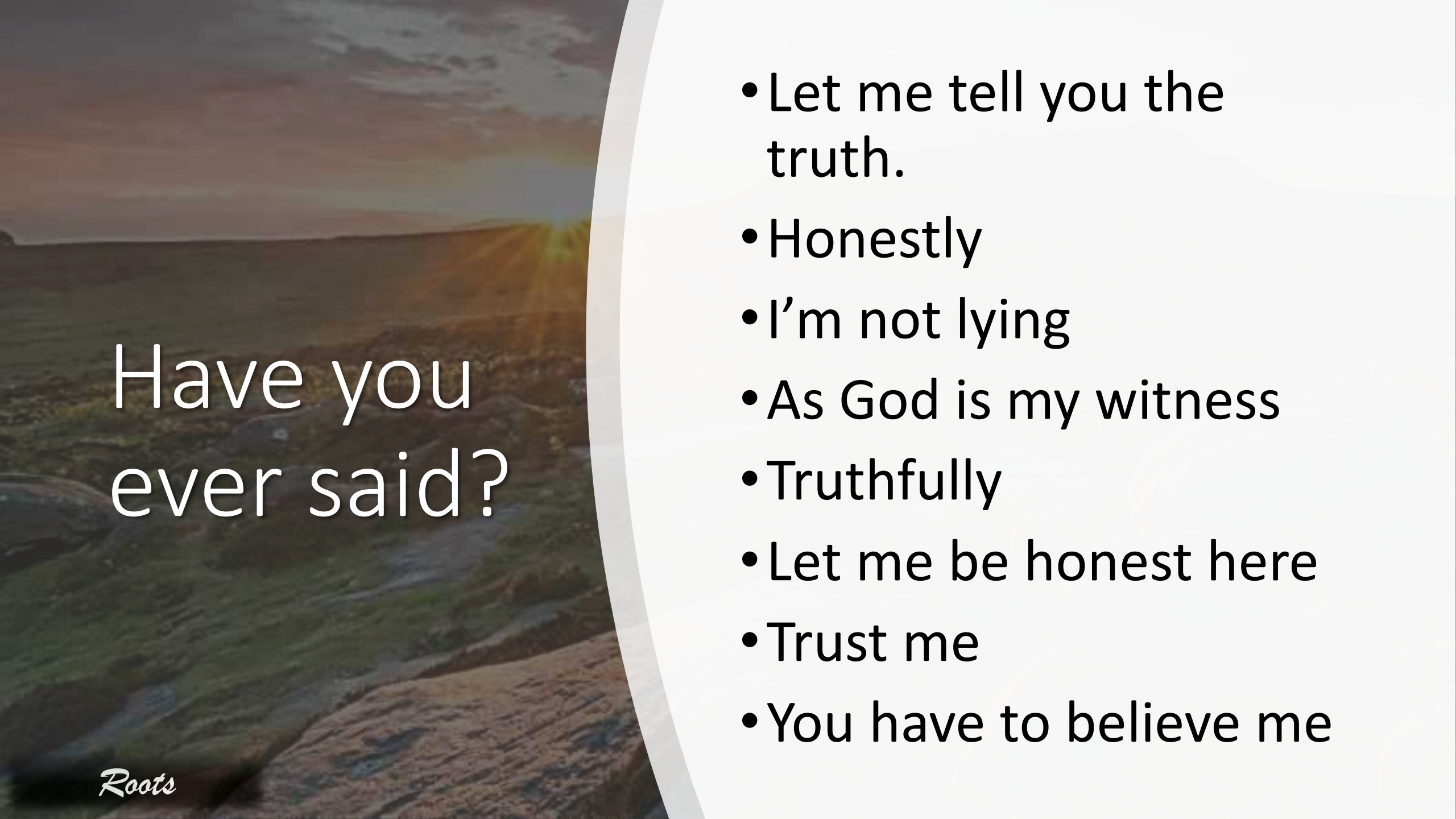
Is there a  
difference?

Put these words in  
order of importance:

1. Oath
2. Promise
3. Your word
4. Vow
5. Swear

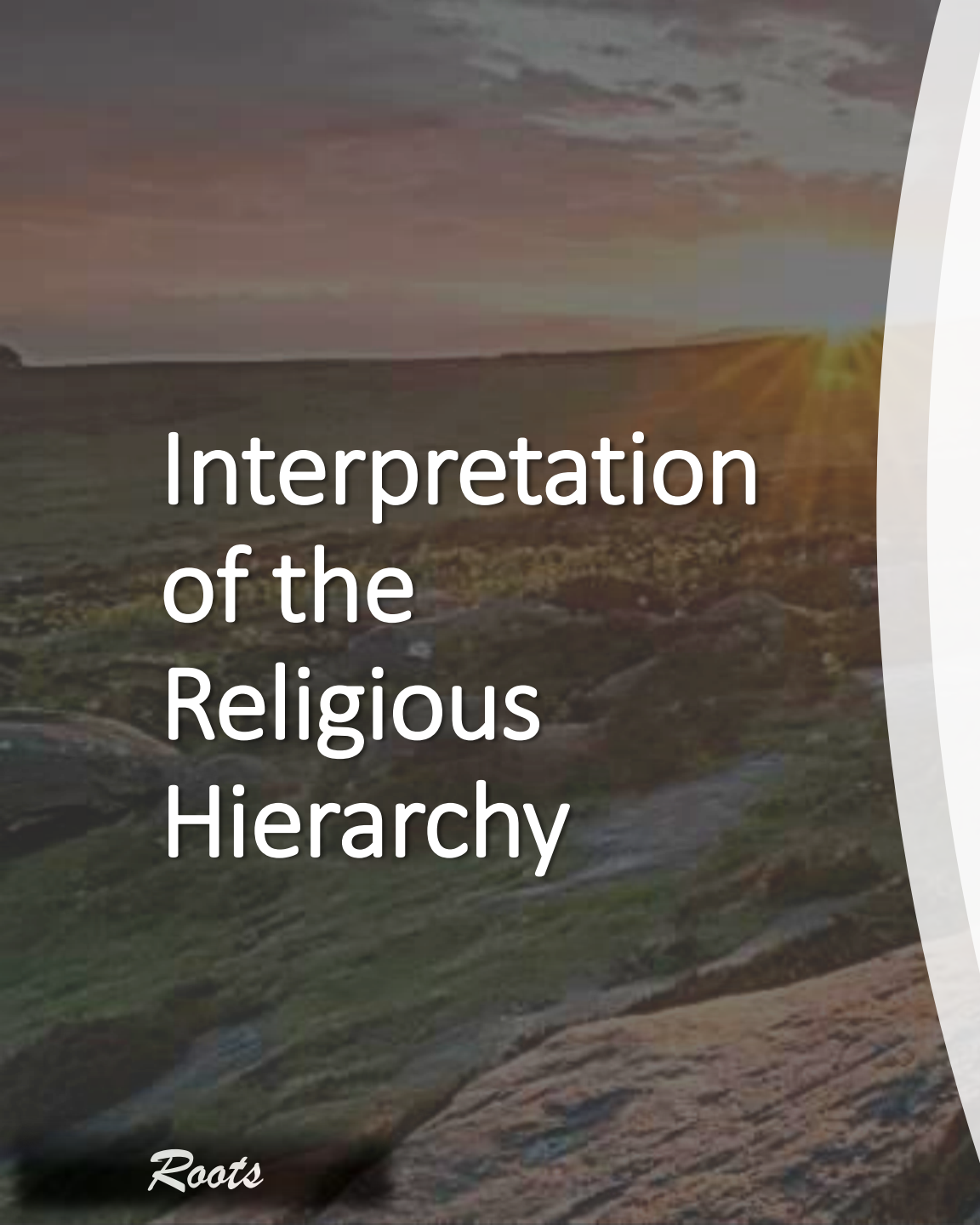
## Matthew 5:33-37

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the LORD the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.



Have you  
ever said?

- Let me tell you the truth.
- Honestly
- I'm not lying
- As God is my witness
- Truthfully
- Let me be honest here
- Trust me
- You have to believe me



# Interpretation of the Religious Hierarchy

- Exodus 20:7, " You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name."
- Leviticus 19:12, "Do not swear falsely by My name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord."
- Deuteronomy 6:13, "Fear the Lord your God, serve Him only and take your oaths in His name."

**The letter of the law: There was no evil in taking any oath, just as long as you did not perjure himself. And perjury was only true if you were properly sworn in.**

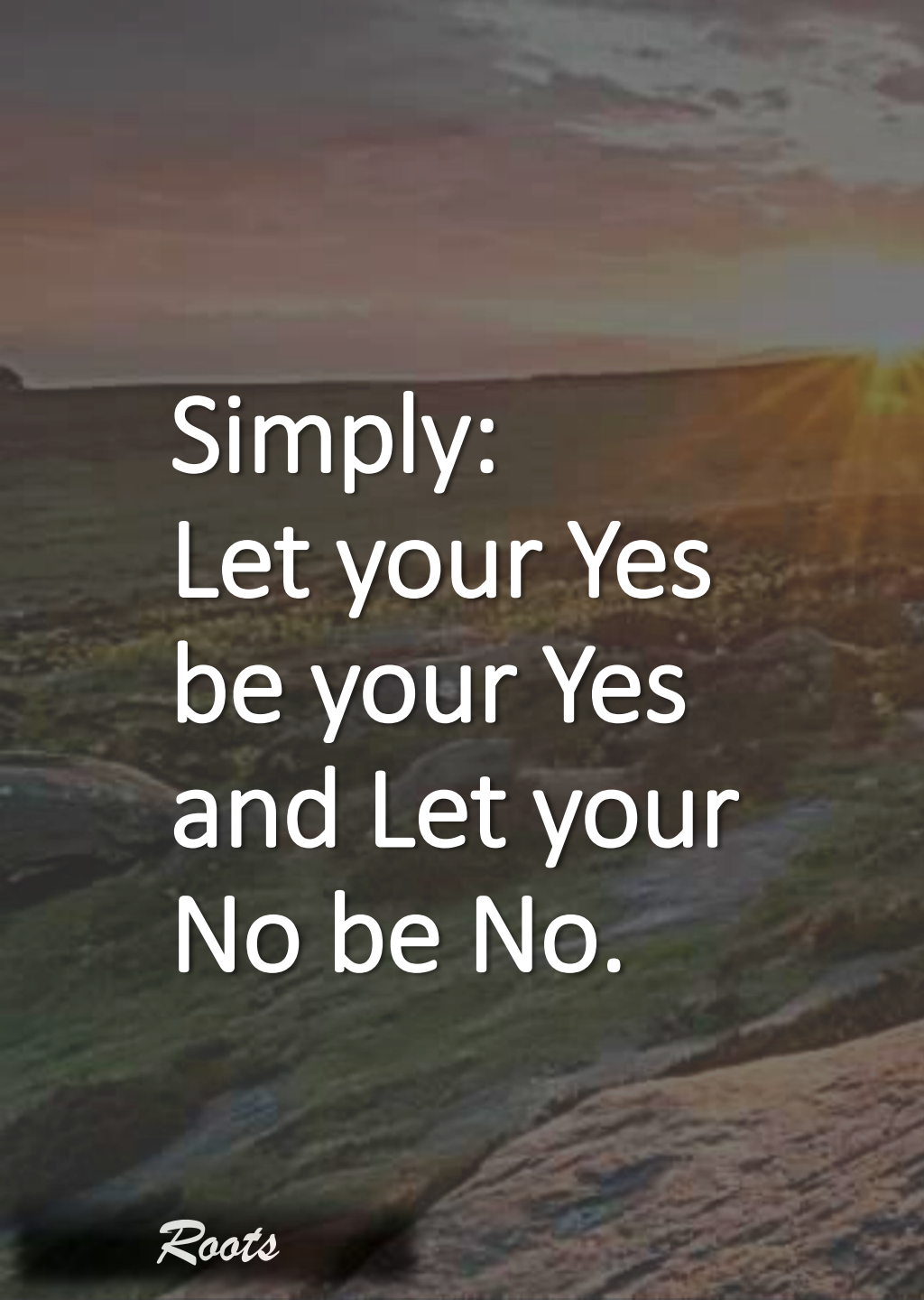
OATHS ARE  
PROPER AND ARE  
RESTRICTED TO  
SOLEMN AND  
VITAL TIMES

What Did  
Jesus  
Illustrate?

When Jesus said specifically, “SWEAR NOT AT ALL”, what did was HIS intent?

Was the Intent of Jesus to put an absolute ban on oath-taking?

1. If Jesus was forbidding all oath-taking or contrasting two views?
2. In the Old Testament. God laid down rules as to how and when for oaths. Biblical accounts of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, David.
3. Jesus in Matthew 26:63-64 *I put you on oath by the living God that you tell us whether you are the Messiah, The Son of God? You have said so.*
4. Paul. Romans 9:1-2, II Corinthians 1:23, Hebrews 6:16, Galatians 1:20 Philippians 1:8
5. Revelation 10:6 God’s heavenly angel gives an oath



Simply:  
Let your Yes  
be your Yes  
and Let your  
No be No.


- Context
  - Sermon Illustration
  - Compare and contrast
  - Greater Righteousness than the Religious of the day
- 1. Swear not at all, *unless you are called upon to do so unless you have a moral obligation to do so.*
- 2. When you do take an oath it is a commitment to keep.
- 3. Don't swear an oath at all to make an excuse for lying.



# Language of Kingdom of Heaven Citizens

- Our words are the conduct flowing from our character.
- Our words are to be simple, we don't need to embellish with oaths
- Exaggerated expressions lead to an untrue life
- There is no place of profane swearing

Jesus is telling us to simply live a life that is so honest, trustworthy, and dependable that people will know that when we say something we mean exactly what we say and, therefore, there will never be a need for us to have to "swear" that any statement that we make is true!



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important to  
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The Kingdom of Heaven is a righteousness of faith empowered by the Holy Spirit to enable you to lovingly, willingly and delightfully yield your will in total submission to His examination of your heart so that you may be completely set free.



A scenic landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a valley. In the foreground, there are large, rounded rocks. The background shows a range of hills or mountains under a sky with soft, wispy clouds.

# Prayer Requests

# Next week



Read Matthew 5:38-42 as part of your devotions.



What is my gut reaction to adversity?



Please continue to pray for our church leadership.