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discernment

I. Revealing the Holy Spirit - the Gift of Discernment

“A community in which the phenomena of inspiration is present and common”

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We are involved

“The church has a claim on the miracle working power of Jesus”

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II. Varieties of gifts

Rome

Apart from prophecy all natural gifts

- Serving
- Encouraging
- Leadership
- Teaching
- Giving
- Mercy

(Ro.12)

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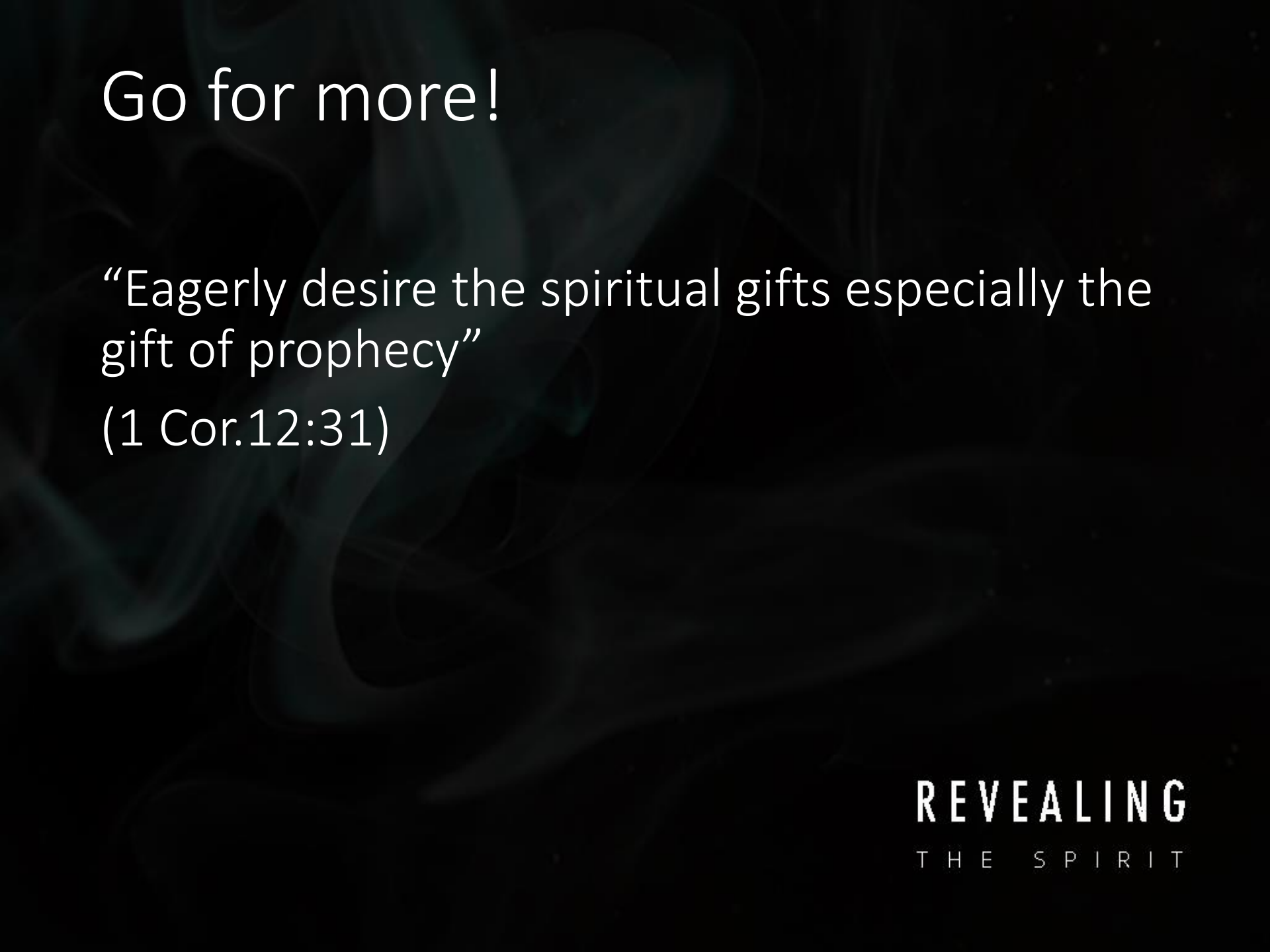
Most gifts are supernatural

1 Corinthians 12:28f

- Gifts of Administration
- Help
- Miracles
- Healing
- Tongues

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Go for more!

“Eagerly desire the spiritual gifts especially the gift of prophecy”

(1 Cor.12:31)

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Necessary gifts - Enabling us to be church

Calling us to rediscover the gifts

Encouraging us to welcome spiritual gifts

to receive and use them ourselves

to pray for revelatory gifts

to pray for church leaders everywhere

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III Discerning of spirits

Recognising the difference between the human spirit, an enemy spirit and the Holy Spirit

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Why discerning of spirits is necessary? The truth is under attack
“Satan masquerades”

(2 Cor. 11:13-15)

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Old Testament discernment recognised false prophets

“A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land the prophets prophesy lies ...and my people love it this way”

(Jere. 5:30,31)

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Jesus ministry

“Get behind me Satan ...You do not have in mind the things of God but the things of men.”

(Matt.16:23)

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Jesus warned

“Watch out no one deceives you, for many will come in my name ...and deceive many”

(Matt.24:4,5)

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Paul to the Ephesian elders

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock....

Savage wolves will come in among you....

And distort the truth in order to draw away disciples
after them

So be on your guard!”

(Acts 20:28f)

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Paul to Timothy

“Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you.

Present yourself to God as a workman ...who correctly handles the word of truth”.

(2Tim. 1:14,2:15)

IV. How to identify false teachers

Character

The “I” problem

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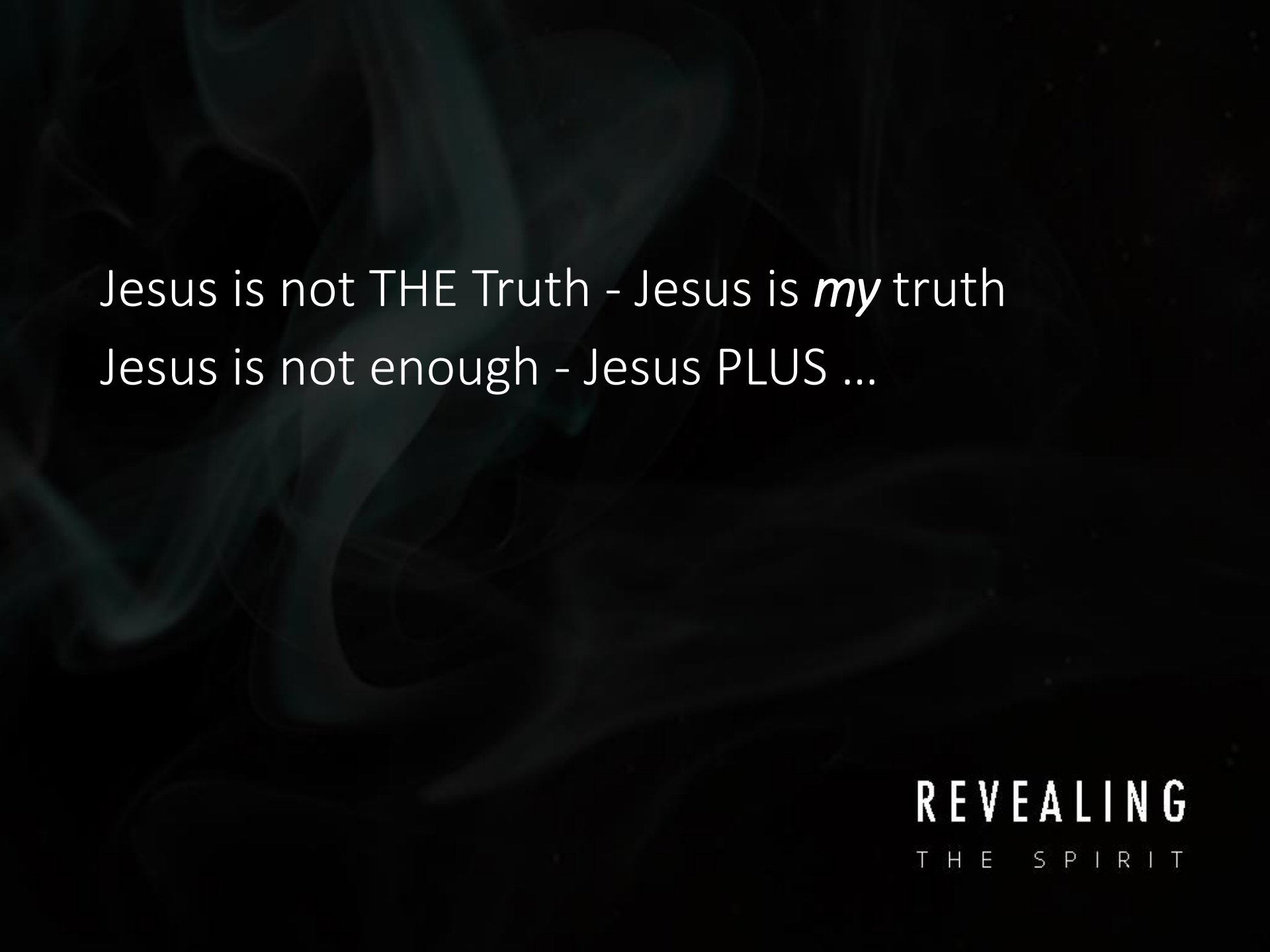
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- Insatiable - “lovers of themselves and lovers of money” (2 Tim.3:2)
- Immoral - “corrupt desires” “slaves to depravity” (2Pe.2:10,18)
- Independent - “does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus” (1Tim.6:3)
- Innovative! (heresy) - “runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ” (2Jn:9)

V. False Teaching Today

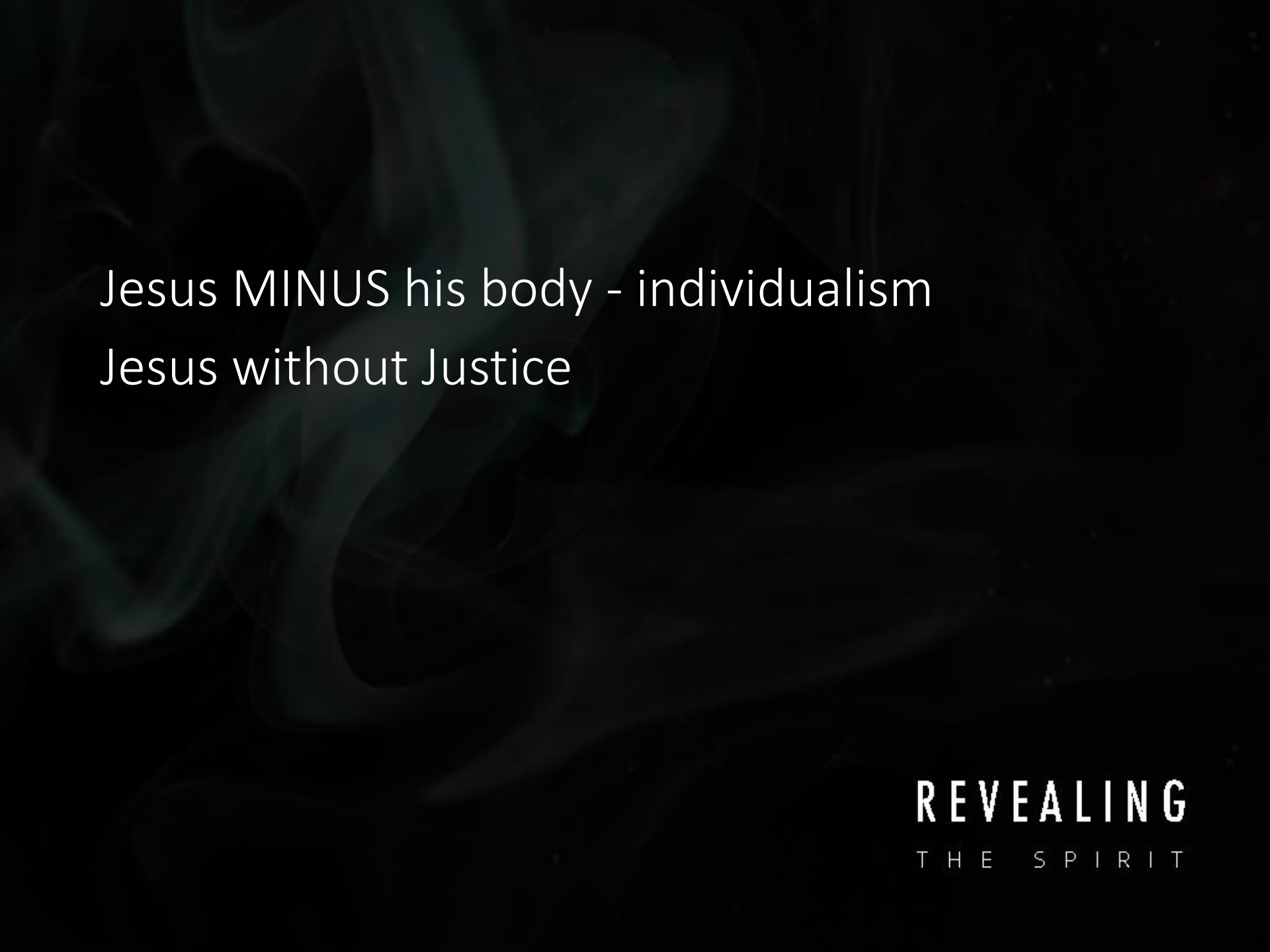
“Another Jesus” “a different gospel”
(2 Cor.11:4)

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Jesus is not THE Truth - Jesus is *my* truth
Jesus is not enough - Jesus PLUS ...

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Jesus MINUS his body - individualism
Jesus without Justice

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The Holy Spirit's gifts of God's power are
around today and we can join in

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