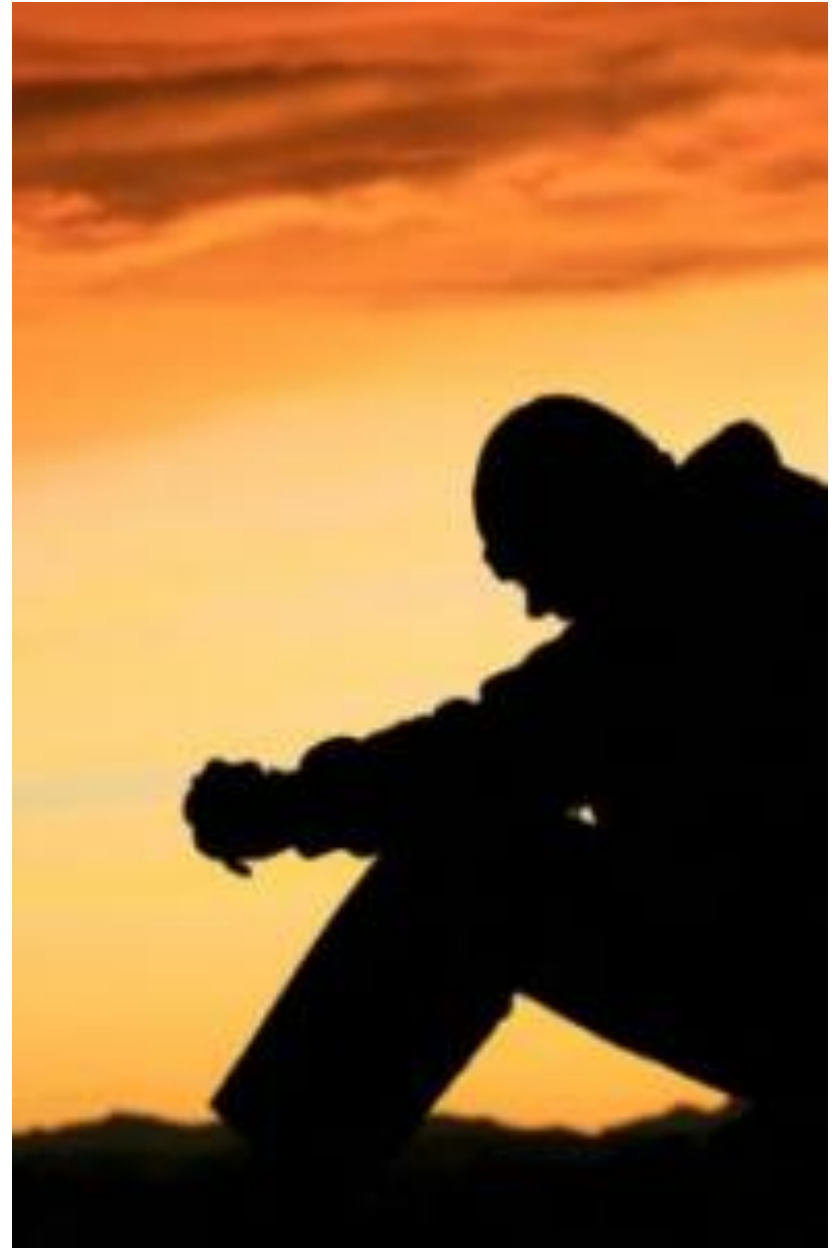


“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”
— Matthew 18:3



2nd Sunday of Epep

Perspectives worth Reconsidering





1. Who is the greatest?

- “At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" (Matt. 18:1)
- What makes a person great?
- EX: Abraham



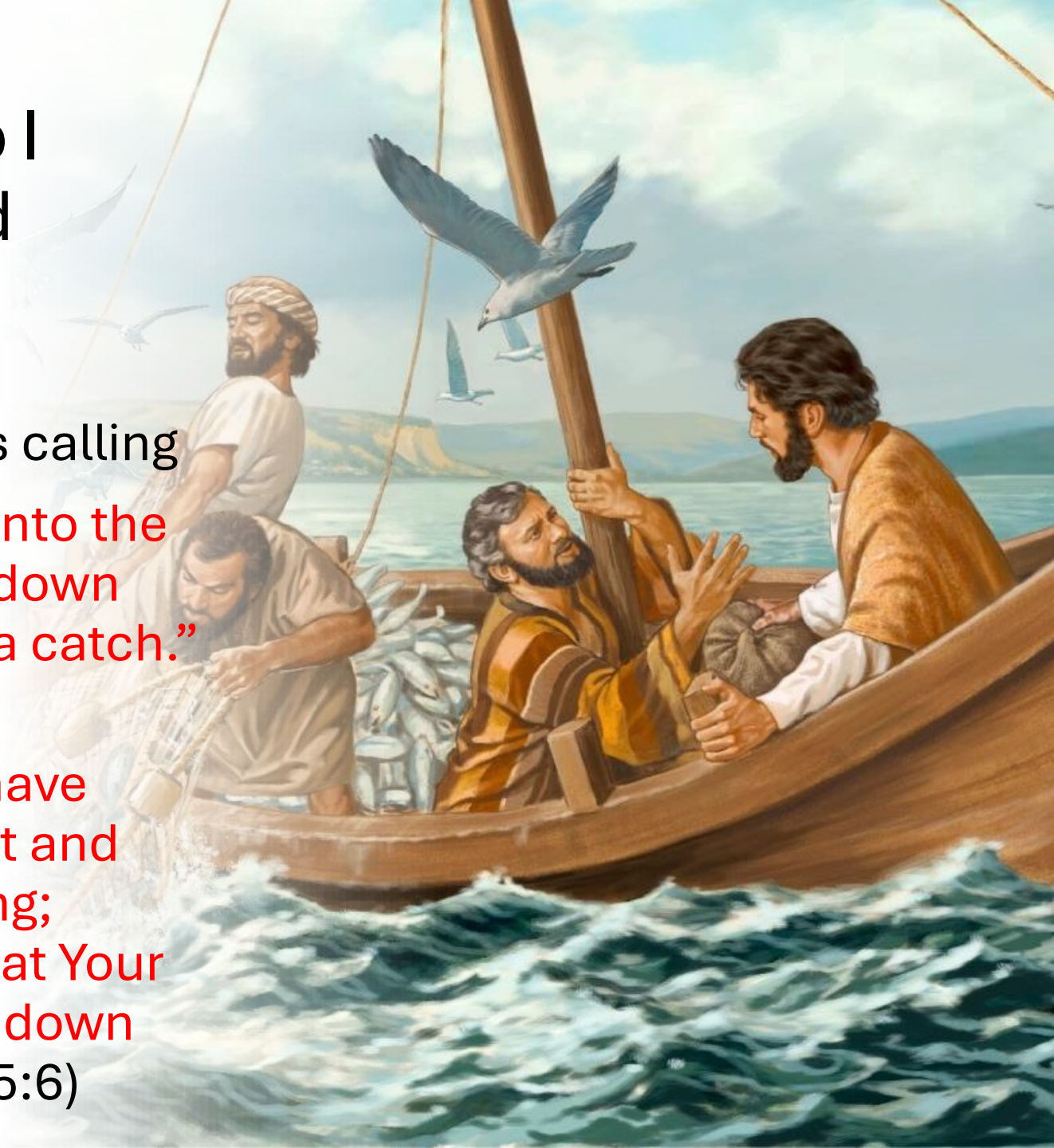
1. Who is the greatest?

- EX: David
- “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.” (Acts 13:22)
- EX: Esther
- EX: St. John the Baptist
- “For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (Lk. 7:29)



2. Whom do I want to lead my life?

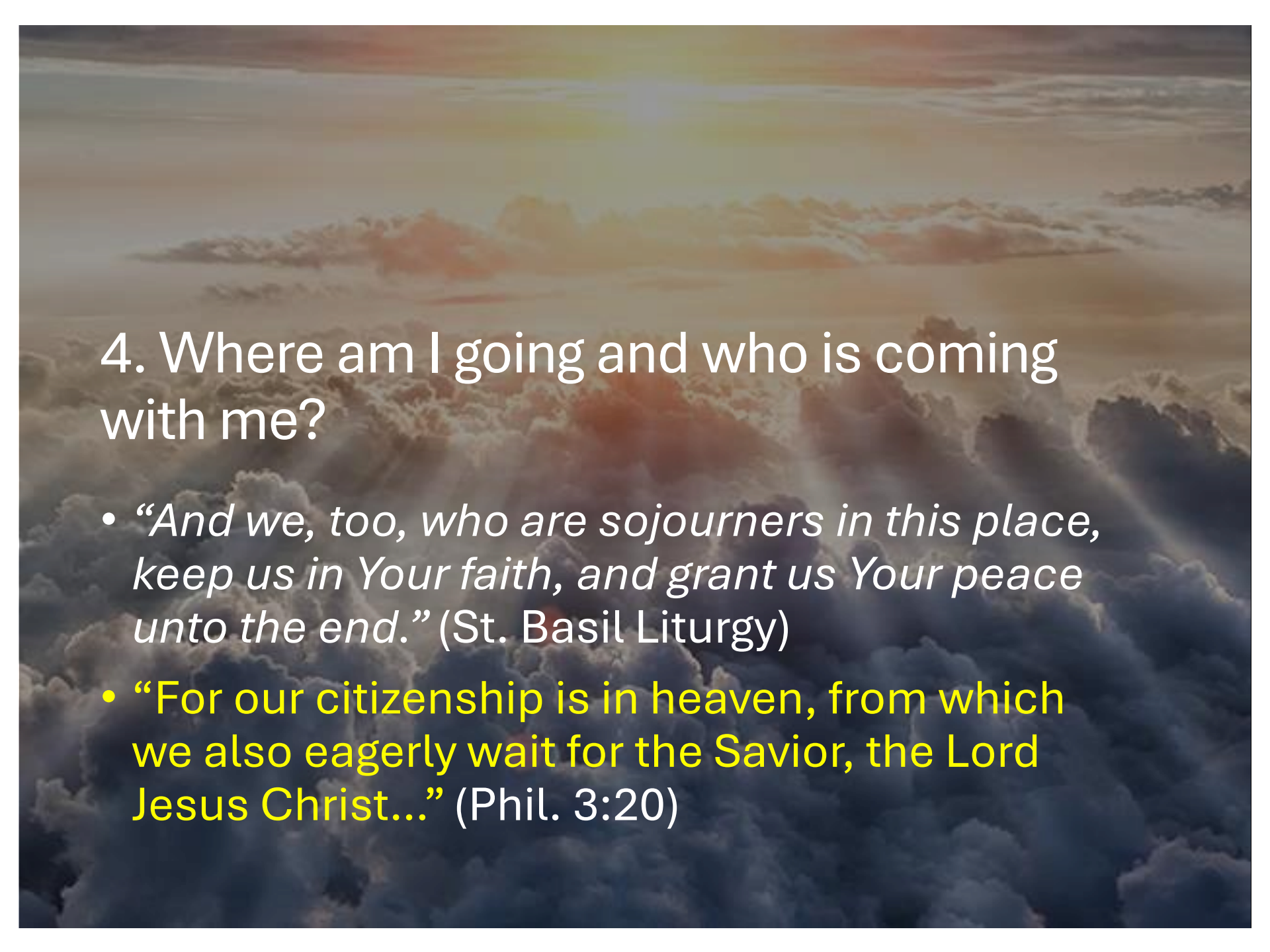
- EX: St. Peter's calling
- “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” (Lk. 5:4)
- “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” (Lk. 5:6)



3. Who is my teacher?

- Whom do I look to as a role model?
- Where do I learn? Get my information?
- EX: Solomon
- “For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.” (1 Kg. 11:4)





4. Where am I going and who is coming with me?

- *“And we, too, who are sojourners in this place, keep us in Your faith, and grant us Your peace unto the end.”* (St. Basil Liturgy)
- **“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...”** (Phil. 3:20)

4. Where am I going and who is coming with me?

- We are one body
- “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!” (Matt. 18:6-7)
- “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.” (Lk. 11:23)

