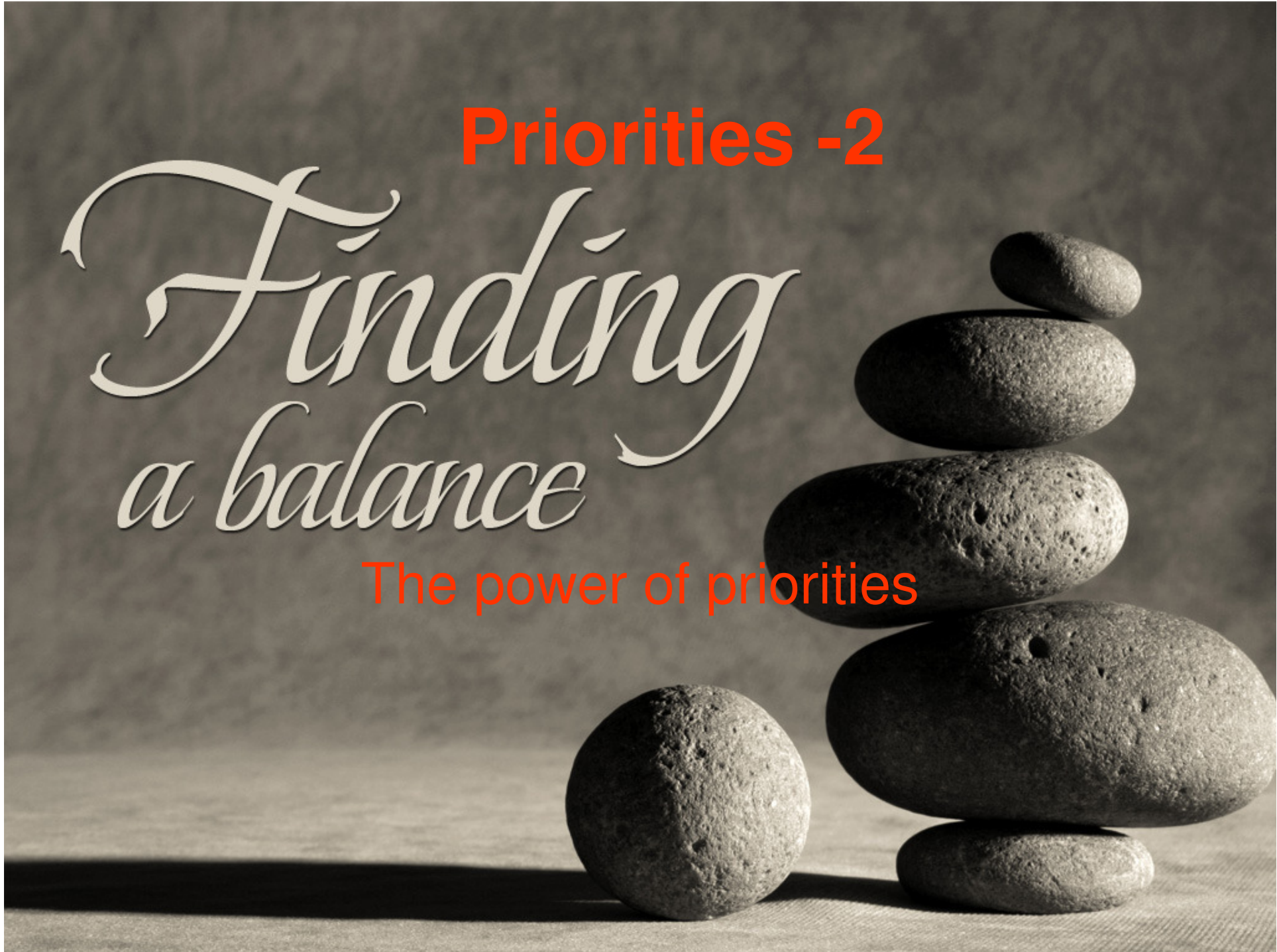


Priorities -2

*Finding
a balance*

The power of priorities



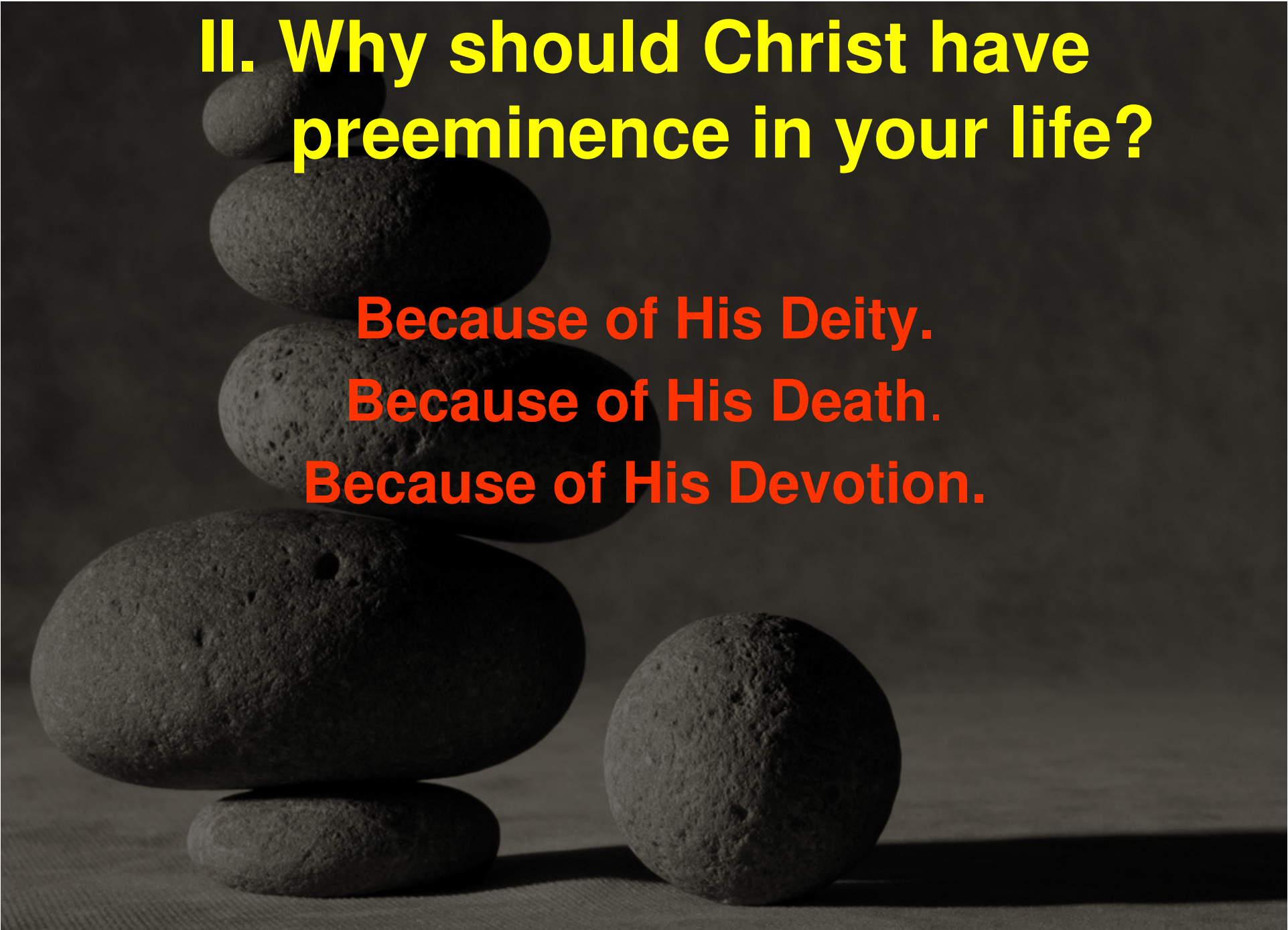
I. The Sovereign Demand of This Priority

Colossians 1:18 *“And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.”*

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God wants us to make Christ preeminent.

- **Colossians 1:16-17.**
- *“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist”.*



II. Why should Christ have preeminence in your life?

Because of His Deity.

Because of His Death.

Because of His Devotion.

The first commandment

Exodus 20:2-3 (NLT) *2 I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in Egypt. 3 Do not worship any other gods besides me.*

Proverbs 3:6 (LB) In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.

Mathew6.33

Ephesians 6.1-2

III. Loving God our supreme priority

Mathew 22.37-38





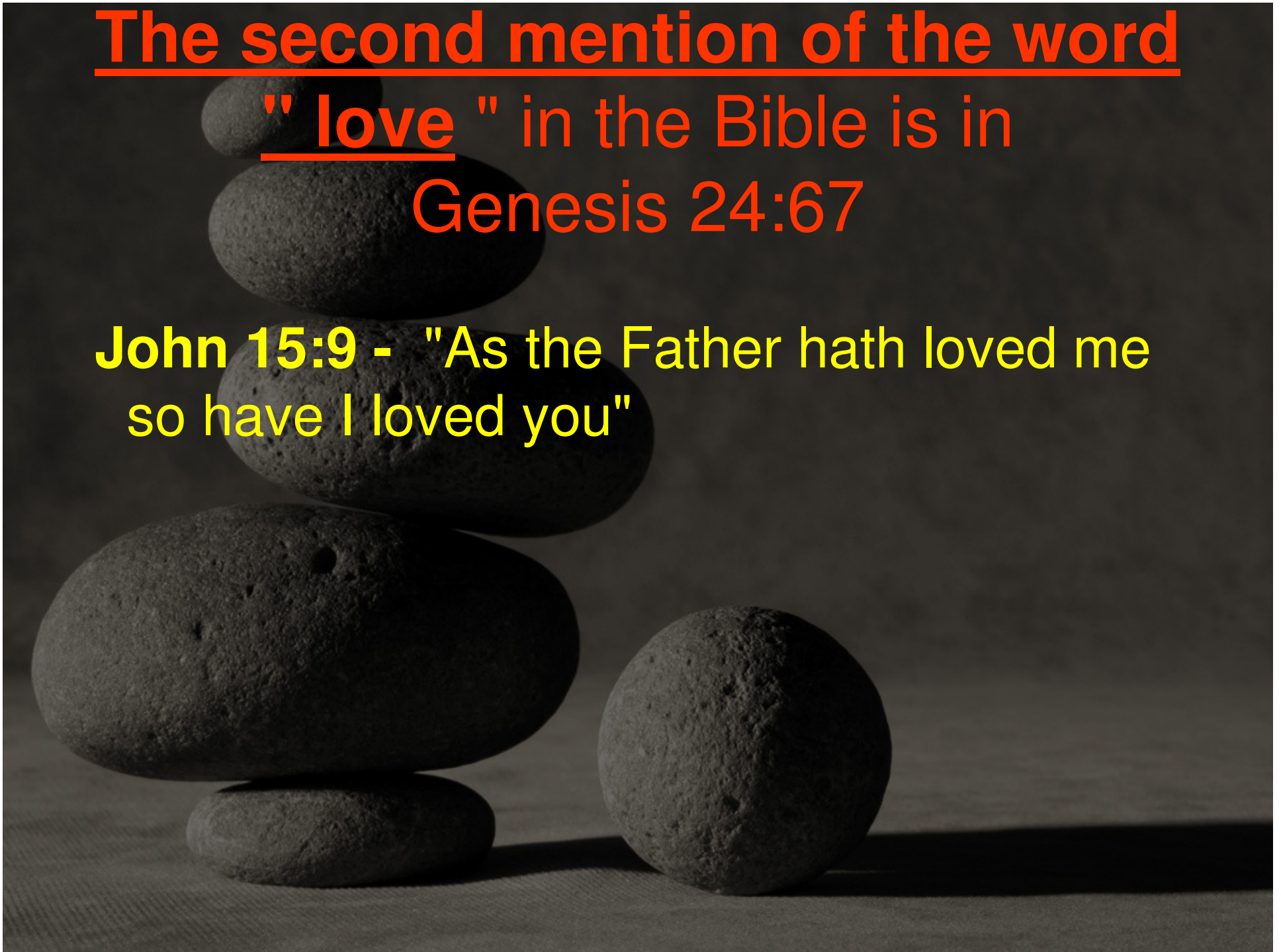
1. Love - The Basis of All God's Dealings with Man

"We love him, because he first loved us"
1 John 4:19.

The first mention of love is in Genesis
22:2

The second mention of the word
"love" in the Bible is in
Genesis 24:67

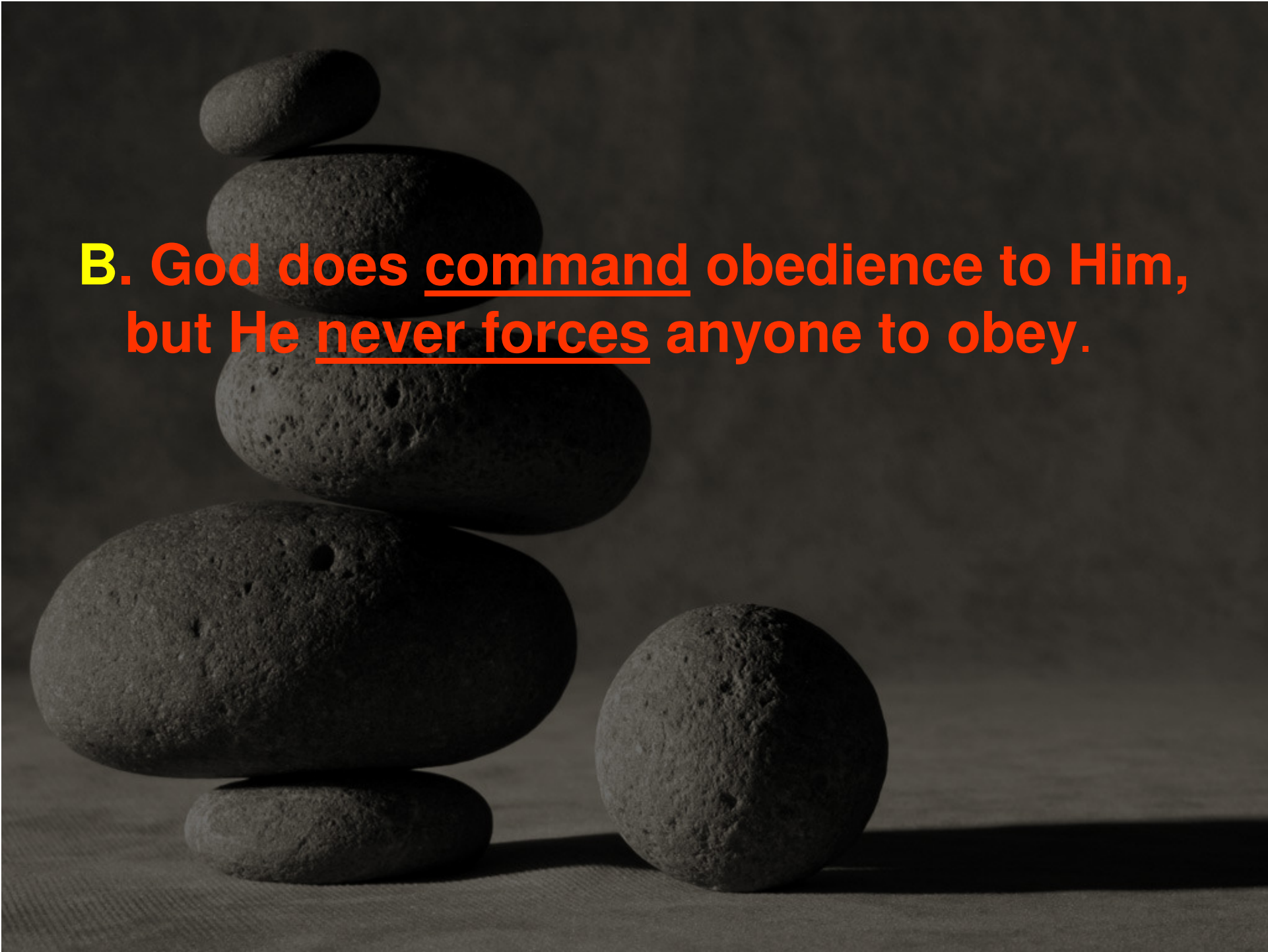
John 15:9 - "As the Father hath loved me
so have I loved you"





2. Characteristics Of The Lord's
Great Love For Us.

A. When God comes to us, He does not come demanding, but giving.



**B. God does command obedience to Him,
but He never forces anyone to obey.**

Zephaniah 3:17





2.Love - The Motive of Our Consecration

3.Love - The Real Test of Our Spirituality



**3. The proof of our love is our
obedience**

John 14:15, 21, 23, 24.



**Three REWARDS for those who
love him.**

"He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

John 14:21



1. They will be loved by the Father-

John 17.23

2. Jesus says, is "I will love him,"

3. "I will manifest myself to him."