

Hope in The Judean Hills

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VANILLE

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4 EPICES

CHILY

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Let's talk about Jesus



CONTEXT and BACKGROUND



CALLING: Wilderness



EARLY MINISTRY



POPULARITY yet OPPOSITION



**CHALLENGE to DISCIPLESHIP and
REVELATION of CHRIST and SUFFERING**



**CRESCENDO of POPULISM, ENTRY to
JERUSALEM**



REJECTION



DEATH



RESURRECTION



THE STORY CONTINUES

Talking About Jesus

Simeon the Prophet and Peace - because the fulfillment of God's purpose was being realized, Simeon could die in peace;

Mary and The Judean Hills ...



The Hill Country of Judea ... Luke 1:39, 65

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65 All their neighbors were filled with fear, and throughout the whole hill country of Judea all these things were talked about. 66 All who heard these things kept them in their hearts saying, "What then will this child be?" For the Lord's hand was indeed with him.

Grazing goats on a Judean hillside





Modern goats
on a farm in the
Judean Hills.



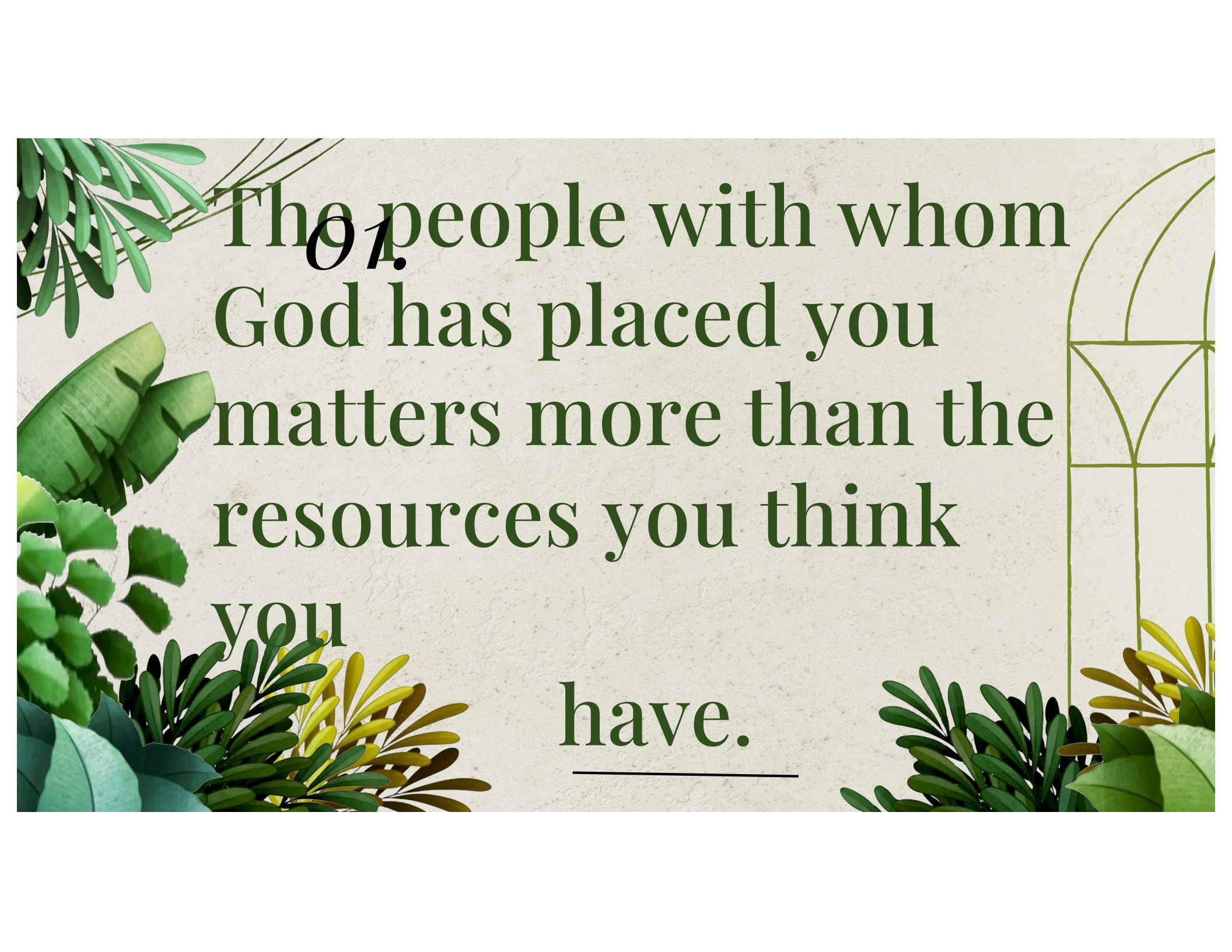
Carob Tree



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chronos vs kairos; time vs place

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01. The people with whom
God has placed you
matters more than the
resources you think
you
have.


The Hill Country of Judea

Where has God placed you?

- SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL FAMILY
- FRIENDS
- PASTIMES / HOBBIES
- PROFESSIONAL AND WORK NETWORKS
- NEIGHBORS & ACQUAINTANCES

What is Your opportunity
& What do you Talk
About?

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02.

What you talk about
matters more than
your status.

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Small
village
well



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Abraham's
Well at
Beer
Sheva



Abraham's Well



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What do you Talk About?

- Work & Hobbies
- Vacations and trips and outings
- Life Problems, Kids, Parents
- Personal achievements
- God sightings?

The Hill Country of Judea

How do we talk about Jesus in ways that do not reinforce stereotypes?

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Principle No 1: Ask Questions and be genuinely interested.

The Hill Country of Judea

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Principle No 1: Ask Questions & Care

Principle No 2: Develop new ways to talk about Jesus - using their thinking

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How do we talk about Jesus in ways that do not reinforce stereotypes?

Principle No 1: Ask Questions & Care

Principle No 2: Develop new ways to talk about Jesus

Principle No 3: Reframe to show that Jesus is the Way

Emperor Tiberius Denarius



REFRAME & GENTLY SHOW THAT JESUS IS THE WAY

01.

Sickness

?

02.

Financial Woes

?

03.

Relationship Worries

?

04.

Child or Parent
Problems

?

05.

World Violence or
Politics

?

06.

Bereavement or
Tragedy

?

Worried about losing your job ...

Financial Security

How to make ends meet ...?

Career

What does it mean for your career?

Security and Worth

You feel that your not valued ...?

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REFRAME & GENTLY SHOW THAT JESUS IS THE WAY

01.

Sickness

Jesus Heals

02.

Financial Woes

God Provides

03.

Relationship Worries

The Love of
Christ

04.

Child or Parent
Problems

Gentle yet Firm
- like God with us

05.

World Violence or
Politics

God is
Sovereign

06.

Bereavement or
Tragedy

Eternal Life

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How will you talk about Jesus?

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