

Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN



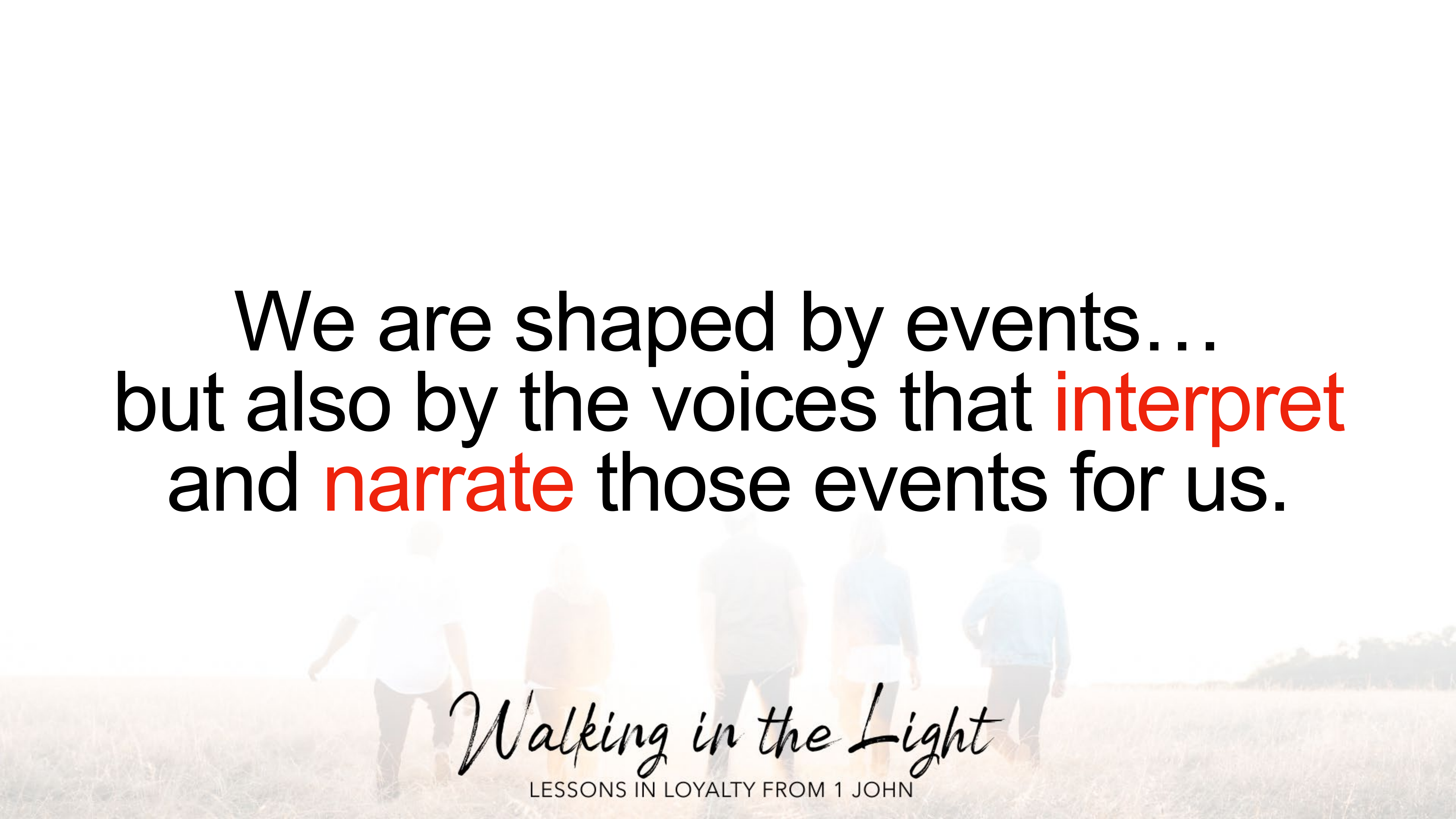
We are shaped by events...



Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

We are shaped by events...
but also by the voices that **interpret**
and **narrate** those events for us.

A group of five people, three women and two men, are walking away from the camera in a field of tall, dry grass. They are dressed in casual clothing like t-shirts and shorts. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees in the distance under a bright sky.

Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

1 John 3:23-24

English Standard Version

²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And **by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.**

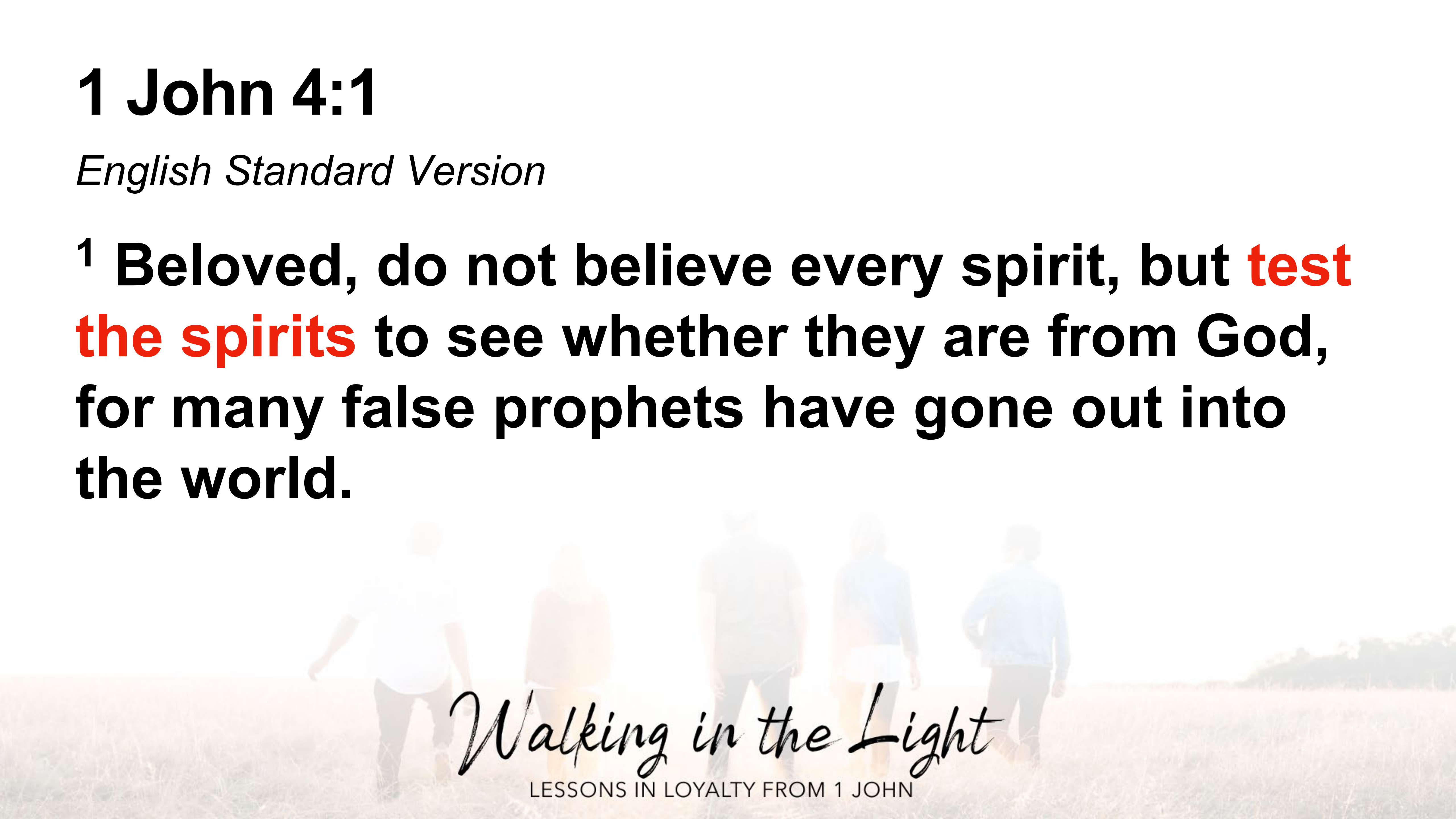
Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

1 John 4:1

English Standard Version

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.



Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

1 John 4:2-3

English Standard Version

² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

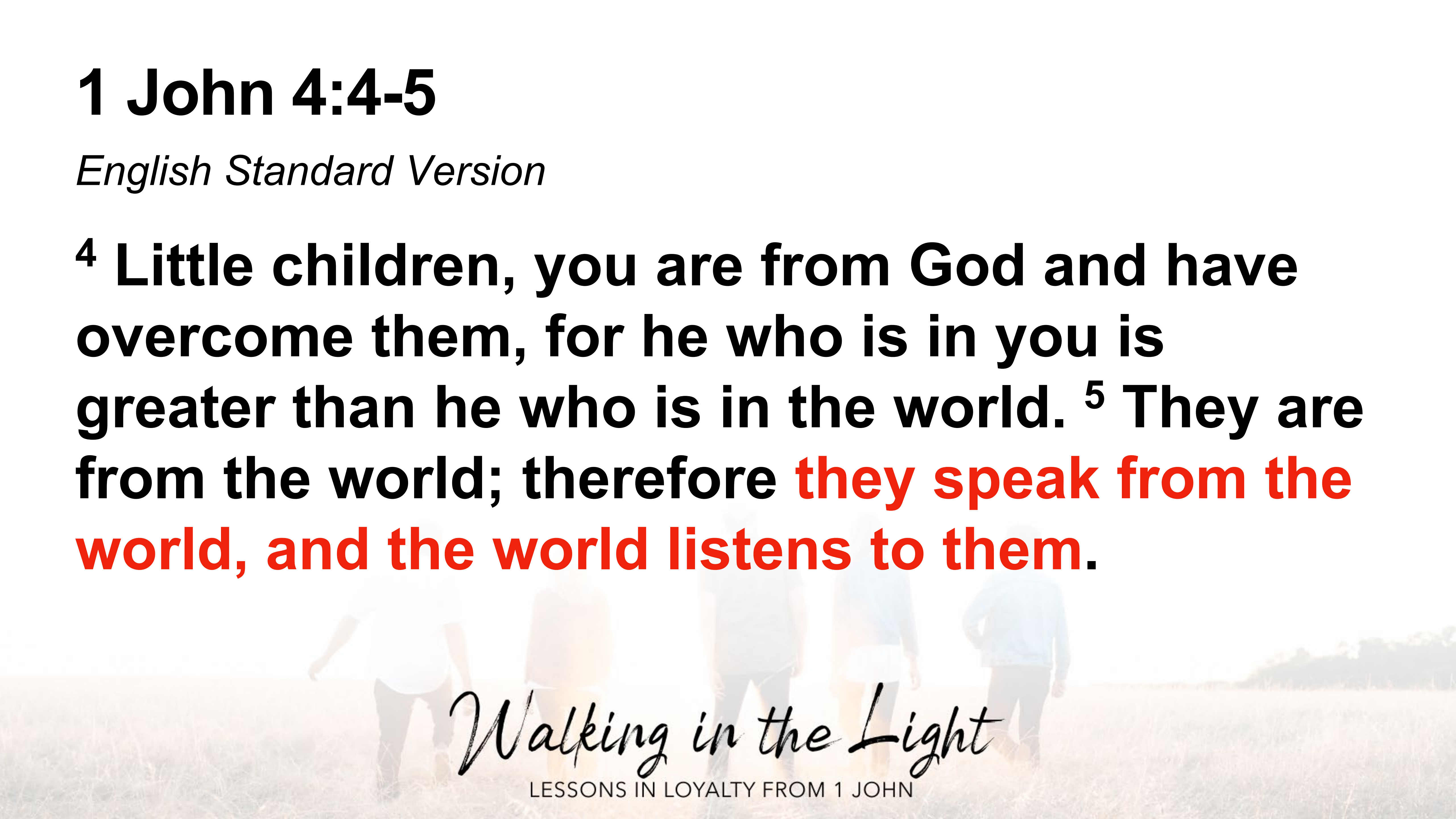
Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

1 John 4:4-5

English Standard Version

⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

A group of people, including children and adults, are walking away from the camera in a field of tall grass. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

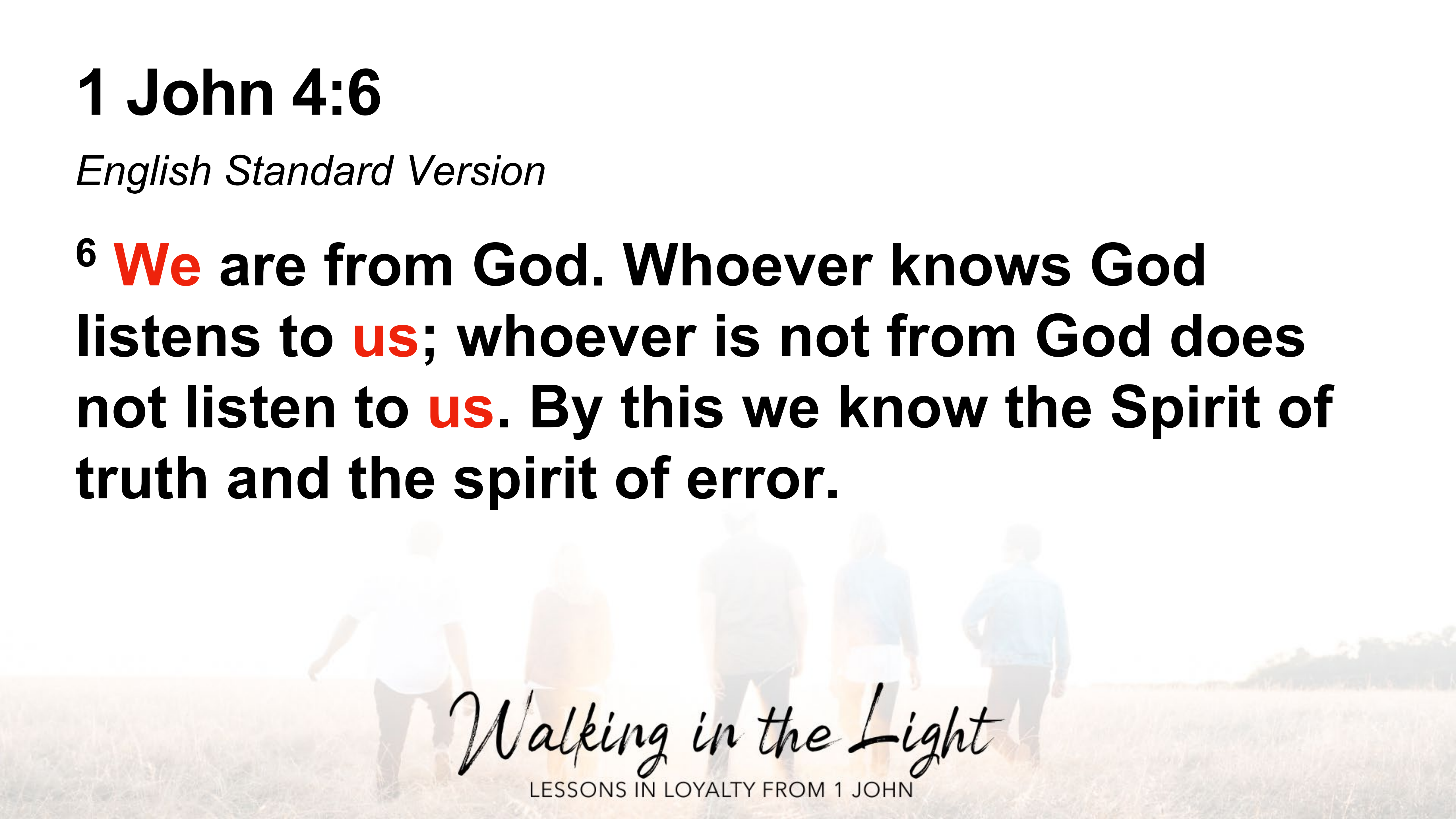
Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

1 John 4:6

English Standard Version

⁶ **We** are from God. Whoever knows God listens to **us**; whoever is not from God does not listen to **us**. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

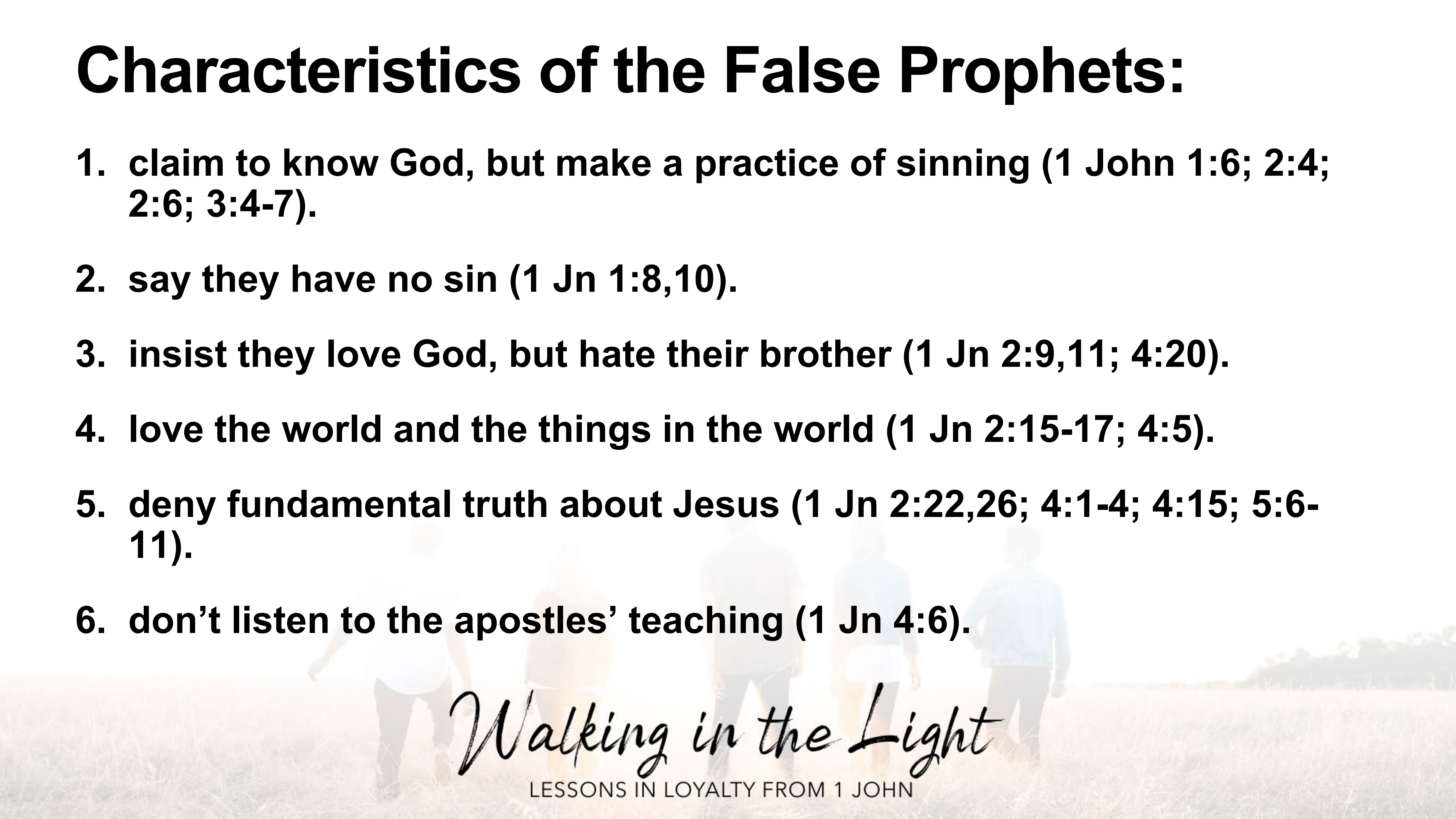


Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

Characteristics of the False Prophets:

1. claim to know God, but make a practice of sinning (1 John 1:6; 2:4; 2:6; 3:4-7).
2. say they have no sin (1 Jn 1:8,10).
3. insist they love God, but hate their brother (1 Jn 2:9,11; 4:20).
4. love the world and the things in the world (1 Jn 2:15-17; 4:5).
5. deny fundamental truth about Jesus (1 Jn 2:22,26; 4:1-4; 4:15; 5:6-11).
6. don't listen to the apostles' teaching (1 Jn 4:6).

A group of five people are walking away from the camera in a field of tall, dry grass. They are walking in a line, slightly staggered. The person on the far left is wearing a white t-shirt and dark pants. The person next to them is wearing a light-colored top and dark pants. The person in the middle is wearing a dark shirt and dark pants. The person next to them is wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants. The person on the far right is wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants. The background is a hazy, open field with some trees in the distance.

Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

LEARN to **DISCERN**
the Spirit of truth
from the spirit of error.

Walking in the Light

LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN