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**What's a story, movie, or
book that stuck with you
long after you first
heard it?**

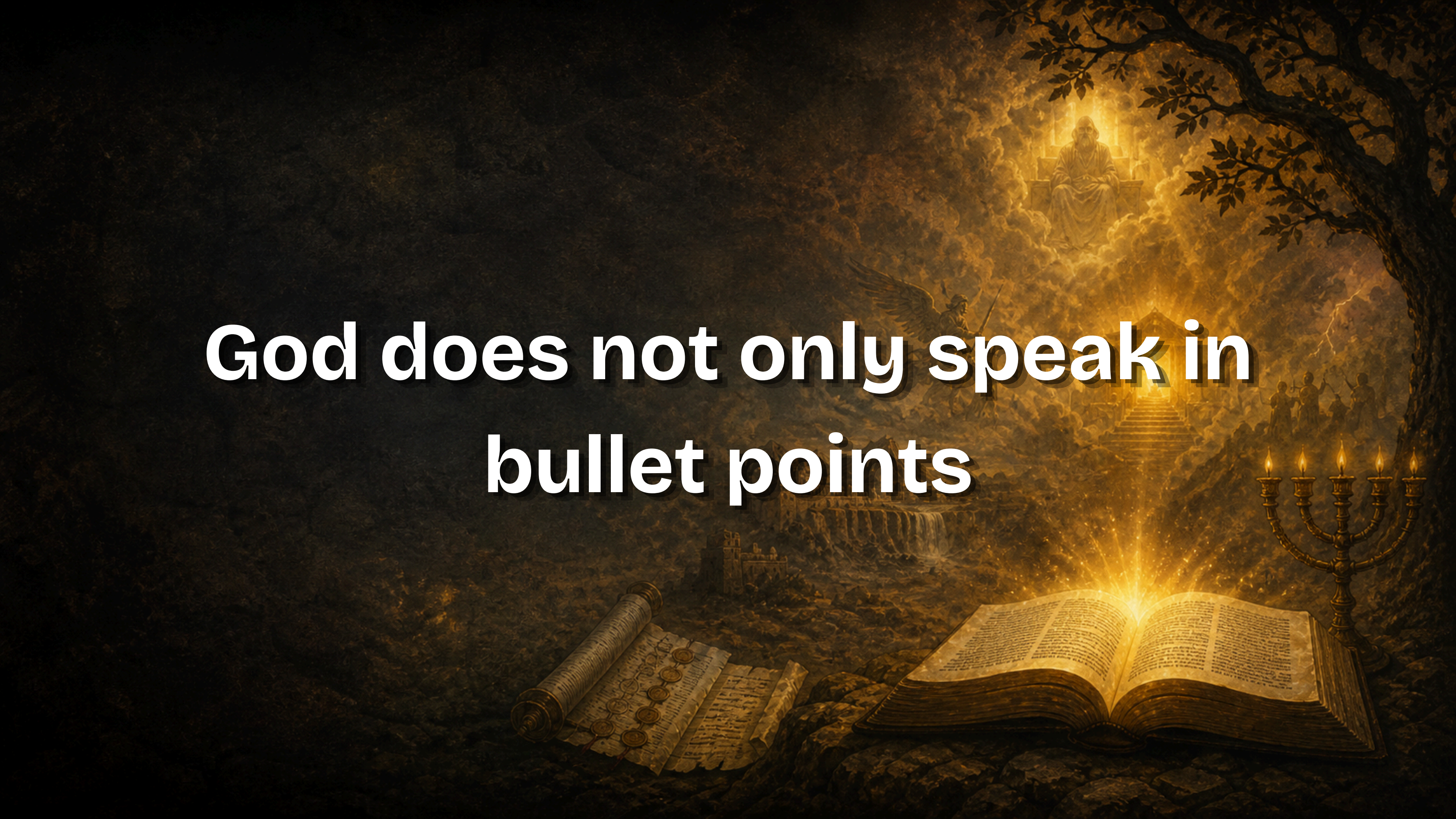
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**God does not only speak in
bullet points**



What kind of thing is this?

What is this doing?

What is the main thing that's clear?

Where have I seen this before?

How is this forming me into the way of Jesus?



questions



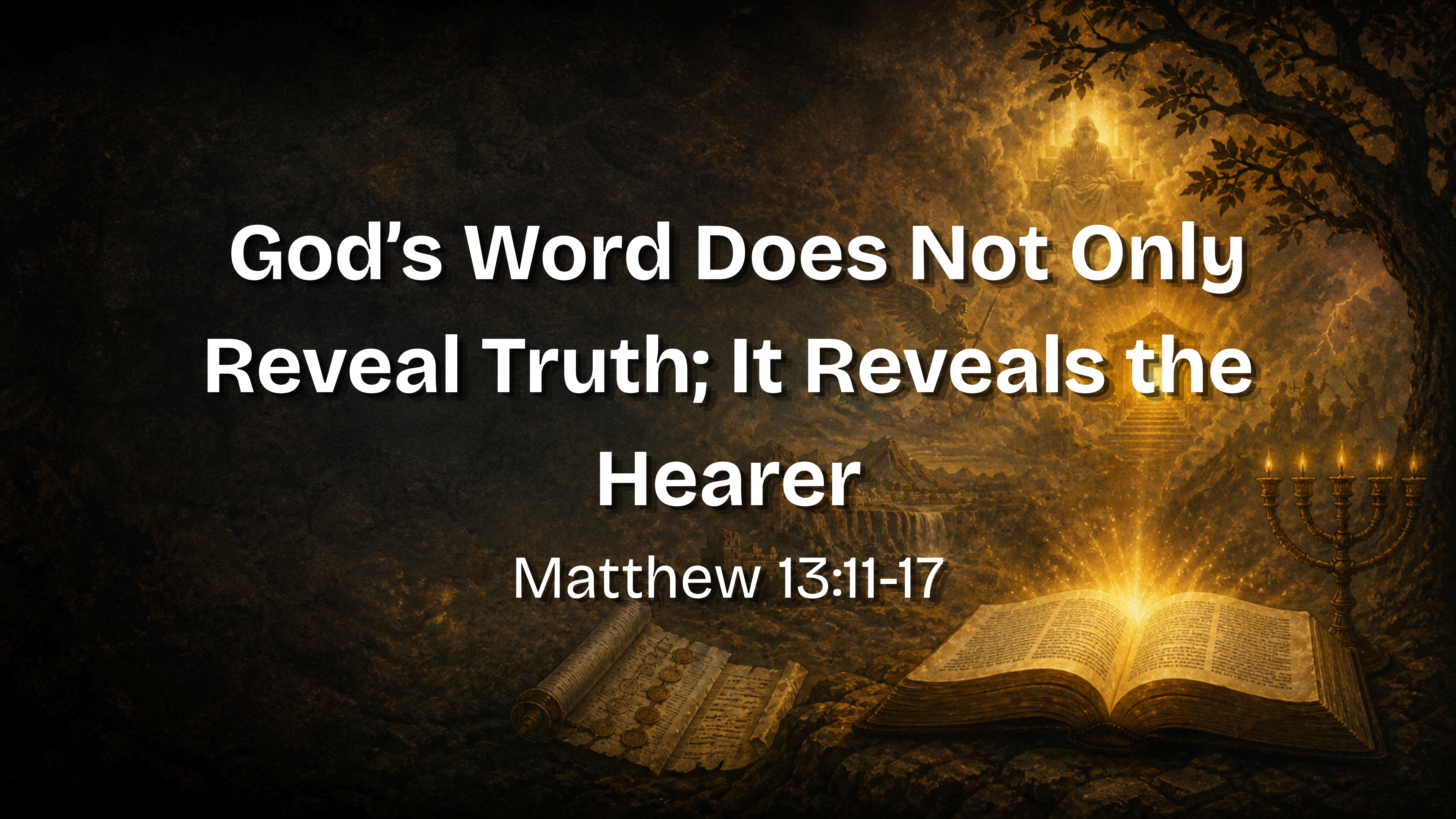
**God's Word Often Comes in Forms
That Make Us Engage**
Matthew 13:10

Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

Matthew 13:10

**God's Word often comes in
forms that require
engagement.**





**God's Word Does Not Only
Reveal Truth; It Reveals the
Hearer**

Matthew 13:11-17



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**God's Word Takes Root
Differently Depending on the
Soil**

Matthew 13:18-22



**God's Word Is Meant to Bear
Fruit, Not Just Make Sense**

Matthew 13:23



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Application

1. Ask “What is this doing?”
2. Pay attention to what the text reveals in you
3. Do not confuse quick response with deep roots
4. Watch what is choking the word
5. Stay with the word long enough for fruit



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