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# 1. The Author

The background of the slide features a soft, hazy landscape during a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from pale yellow near the horizon to a light, muted purple at the top. A bright sun is visible on the left side, partially obscured by a large, dark, triangular silhouette that points upwards from the bottom left corner. Below the horizon line, there are several layers of misty, rolling mountains or hills, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere.

# **1. The Author**

**(Acts 26.9-20)**

**“...the purpose of Ephesians is to promote a love for one another that has the love of God and Christ as its basis.”**



**2 He brought me up also out of an  
horrible pit, out of the miry clay,  
And set my feet upon a rock, and  
established my goings.**

**3 And he hath put a new song in my  
mouth, even praise unto our God:  
Many shall see it, and fear, and shall  
trust in the Lord.**

**Psalm 40.2-3 (KJV)**

# 2. The Authority

The background features a soft, hazy landscape of rolling mountains under a bright, glowing sky, likely representing a sunrise or sunset. The colors are warm, ranging from pale yellow to light orange. In the bottom-left corner, there is a dark, solid black geometric shape that tapers to a point, partially overlapping the mountain range.

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**“...an apostle is an official delegate of Jesus Christ, commissioned for the specific tasks of proclaiming authoritatively the message in oral and written form and of establishing and building up the churches.”**

**“...to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”**

**Acts 26.18**

**“...I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.”**

**Acts 26.20**

# 3. The Architect

The background of the slide features a soft, hazy landscape of rolling mountains under a bright, glowing sky, likely representing a sunrise or sunset. The sun is positioned in the upper left quadrant, creating a warm, golden light that diffuses across the scene. In the bottom left corner, there is a dark, solid black geometric shape that resembles a stylized roofline or a corner cutout, adding a modern architectural touch to the overall composition.

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**“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”**

**Philippians 1.6**

**“From Paul who *by God’s decision* is  
apostle of the Messiah  
Jesus...”**

**(Barth, M.)**



**It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup> not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God...**

**1 Thess. 4.3-5**



**<sup>16</sup>Be joyful always;**


**<sup>17</sup>pray continually;**

**<sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances,**

**for this is God's will for you in Christ**

**Jesus.**

**1 Thess. 5.16-18**



**For those God foreknew he also  
predestined to be conformed to the  
likeness of his Son...**

**Romans 8.29**

God works all things together for good to those who love him, to those who are the called *according to his purpose...*

Romans 8.28

**For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

**2 Corinthians 5.14-15**

# 4. The Audience

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And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6.11

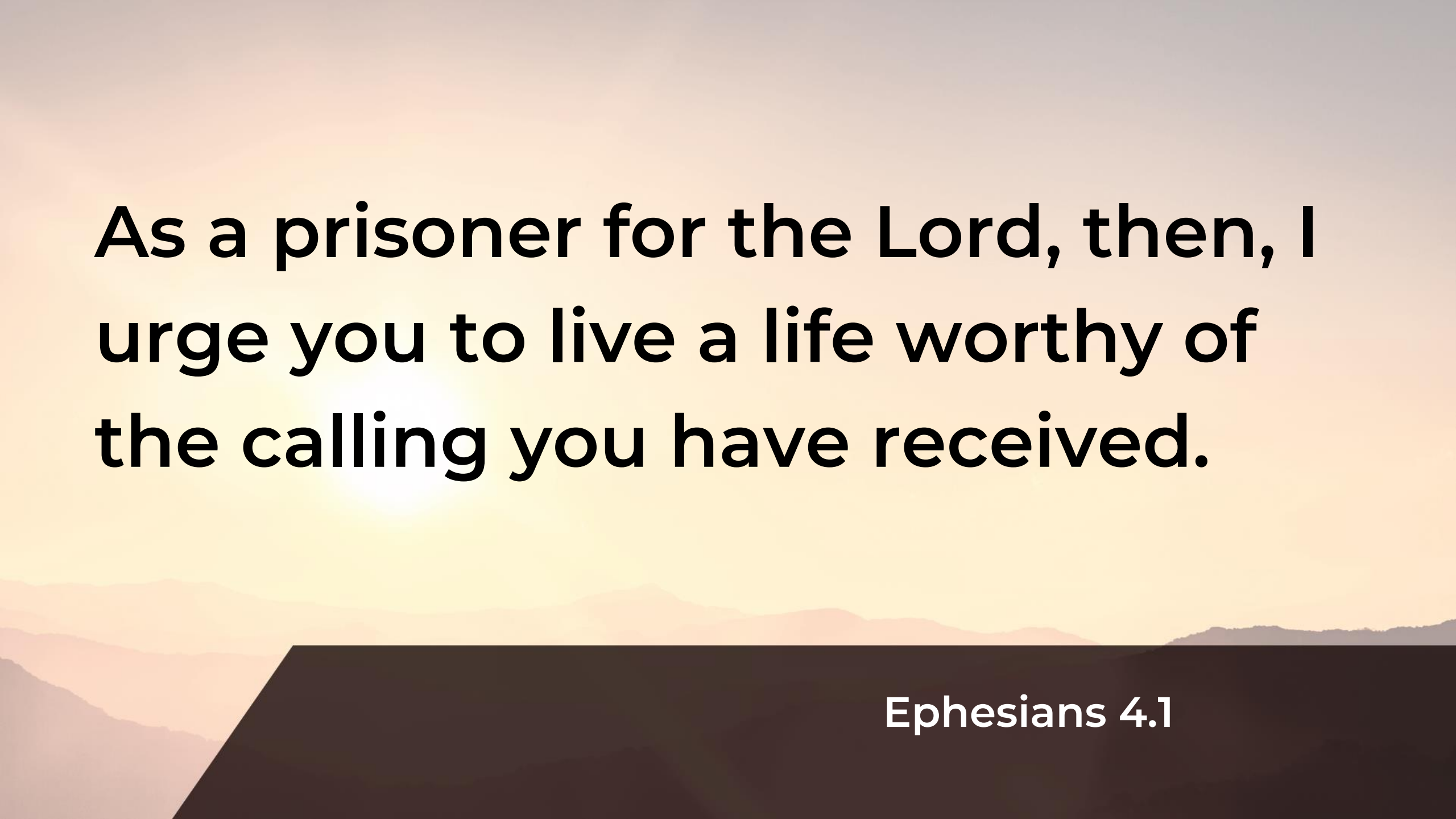
**For he chose us in him before the  
creation of the world to be holy and  
blameless in his sight. In love...**

Ephesians 1.4



But now *he has reconciled you* by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy *in his sight*, without blemish and free from accusation—

Colossians 1.22



**As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.**

**Ephesians 4.1**

# Some Application



The background features a soft, warm glow from a low sun, creating a gradient from light yellow to pale orange. Below the sky, a range of mountains is visible in silhouette, with the foreground dominated by a dark, solid black shape that appears to be a roofline or a large shadow.

# Your Identity in Christ

**<sup>20</sup> In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. <sup>21</sup> If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.**