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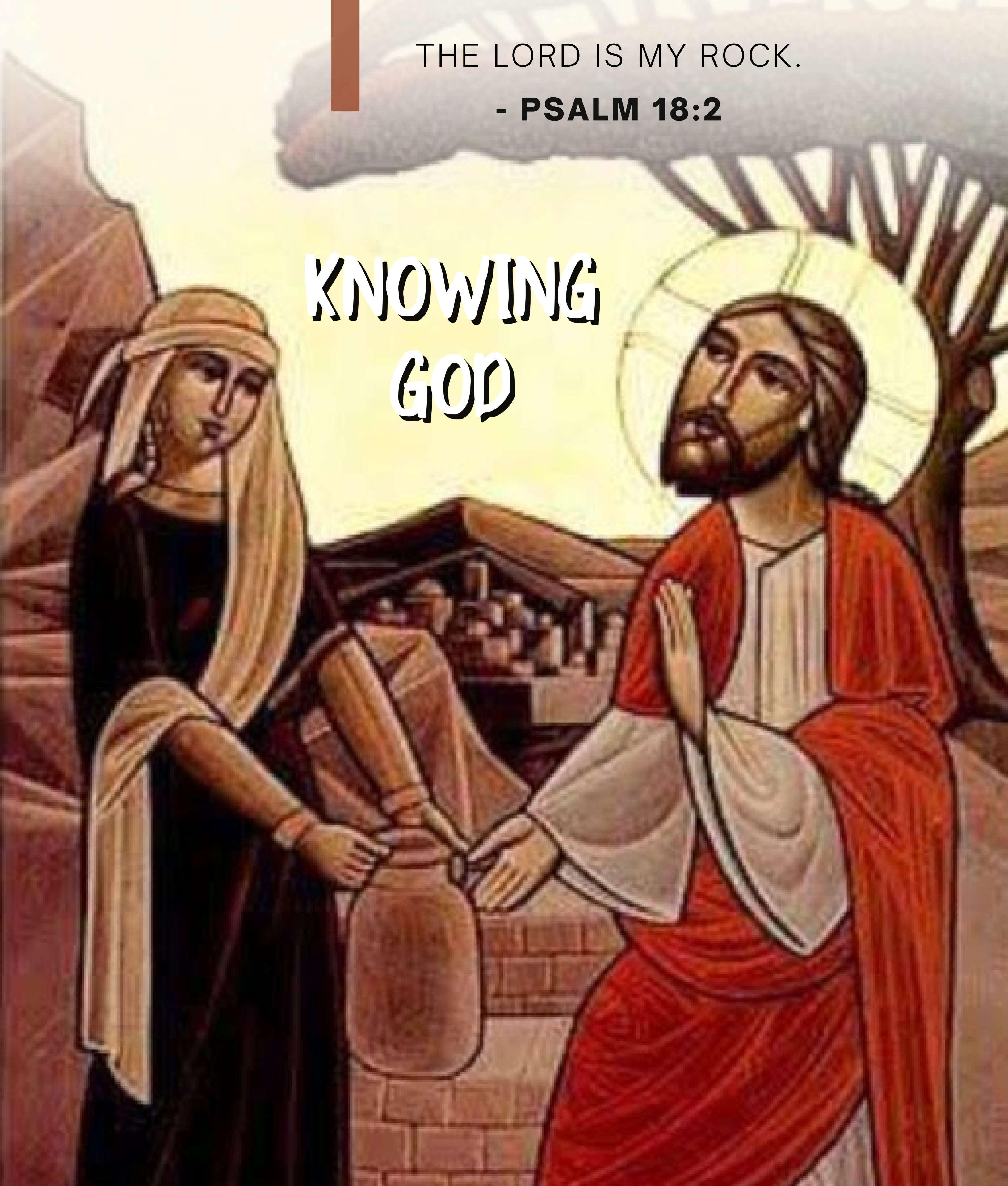
KNOWING GOD (John 4:42)

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THE LORD IS MY ROCK.

- PSALM 18:2

**KNOWING
GOD**



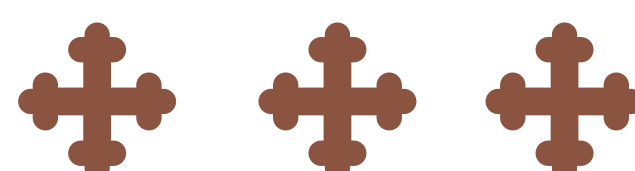
Reflection on (John 4:42):

"Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

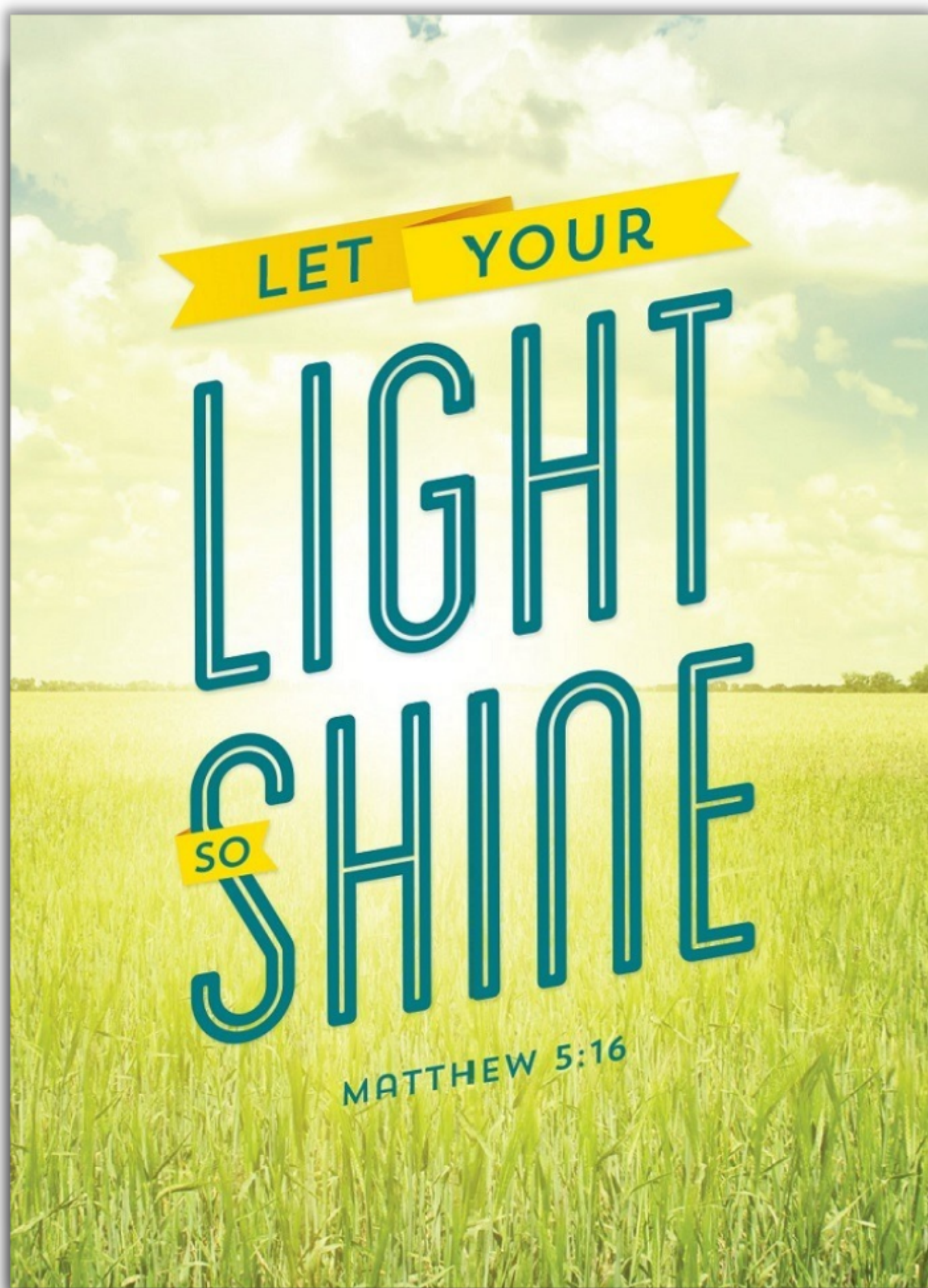


By N.M.

In order to fully comprehend this verse, it is important to understand the context first. Jesus had a conversation with a Samaritan woman, while His disciples were in town buying food. Throughout the conversation, Jesus revealed his deep knowledge regarding the Samaritan woman's past, one that many considered to be "unclean." However, this Samaritan woman had immediate faith in Jesus after her conversation with Him, and her testimony to the public encouraged many people to meet Jesus. After some people met Jesus, they invited Him to spend additional time in town, which provided Jesus with more opportunities to preach. The claims of the Samaritan woman had brought individuals to Christ, who had then witnessed the Son of Man firsthand. As the verse describes, these new followers of Christ did not believe simply due to the Samaritan woman's claims, but rather because they personally encountered Jesus and heard Him powerfully preach the Word of God. Jesus Christ is truly the **"Saviour of the world,"** and after His resurrection, Jesus instructed His disciples to preach this truth all across the world. Jesus, however, has led His disciples by example countless times by preaching to the masses during His time on Earth.



As Christians, we must carefully examine and follow the Word of God, for with this powerful tool, Jesus was able to draw many individuals to faith, righteousness, and in turn, salvation. Additionally, like His disciples, we are called to be witnesses of Christ and let God’s light shine through us with our every action. We must remember what our Lord Jesus taught us when He said, **“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5: 14–16).**



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