

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of several small, bright green seedlings with lobed leaves growing out of dark, rich soil. The seedlings are arranged in rows, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the leaves and the soil.

THE PATTERN AND ITS PRODUCE

2 TIMOTHY 1:12-14

- Matthew 13:3-9 – It's not a "given" that seed will produce a plant. It shouldn't be taken for granted, but given the right conditions and preparation, as well as appropriate follow-through, a seed will, by design, produce something.

IT'S NOT A "GIVEN"

- Matthew 13:3-9 – It's not a "given" that seed will produce a plant. It shouldn't be taken for granted, but given the right conditions and preparation, as well as appropriate follow-through, a seed will, by design, produce something.
- In the same way, the Word of God is like a seed that will, by design, produce Christian faith if followed in the right way.

IT'S NOT A "GIVEN"



“KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS”

- Following Jesus' example and walking in His ways produced distinctive discipleship (John 13:15, 34-35).



“KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS”

- Following Jesus' example and walking in His ways produced distinctive discipleship (John 13:15, 34-35).
- His words were commandments (John 15:4, 14:15, 14:21-23, 15:12-14). His disciples understood that Jesus' words and example carried universal authority (1 John 2:3-6, 5:1-3, 2 Pet. 3:2).

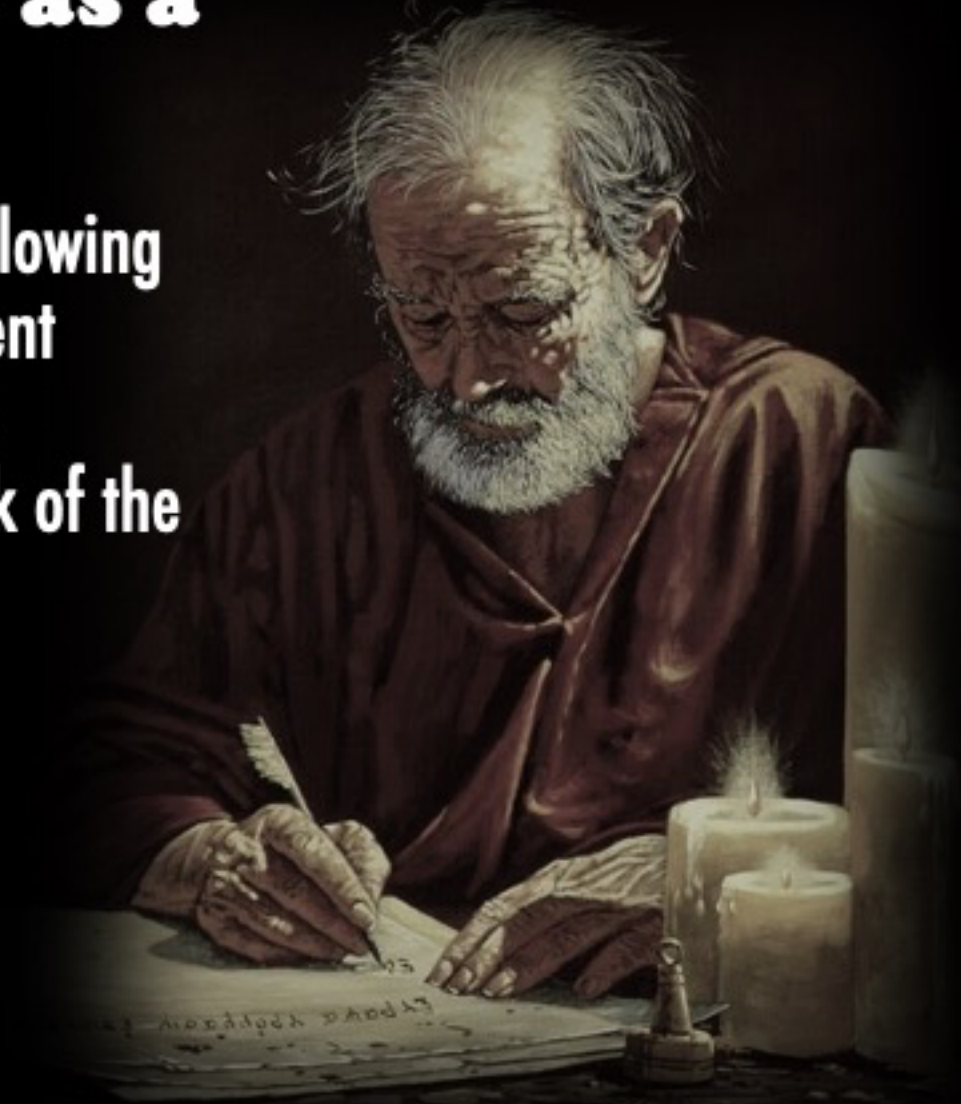


“KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS”

- Following Jesus' example and walking in His ways produced distinctive discipleship (John 13:15, 34-35).
- His words were commandments (John 15:4, 14:15, 14:21-23, 15:12-14). His disciples understood that Jesus' words and example carried universal authority (1 John 2:3-6, 5:1-3, 2 Pet. 3:2).
- One cannot be a Christian without submitting to the words of Jesus and His apostles (who were instructed to carry His words to the world [Luke 24:46ff, Acts 1:8]).

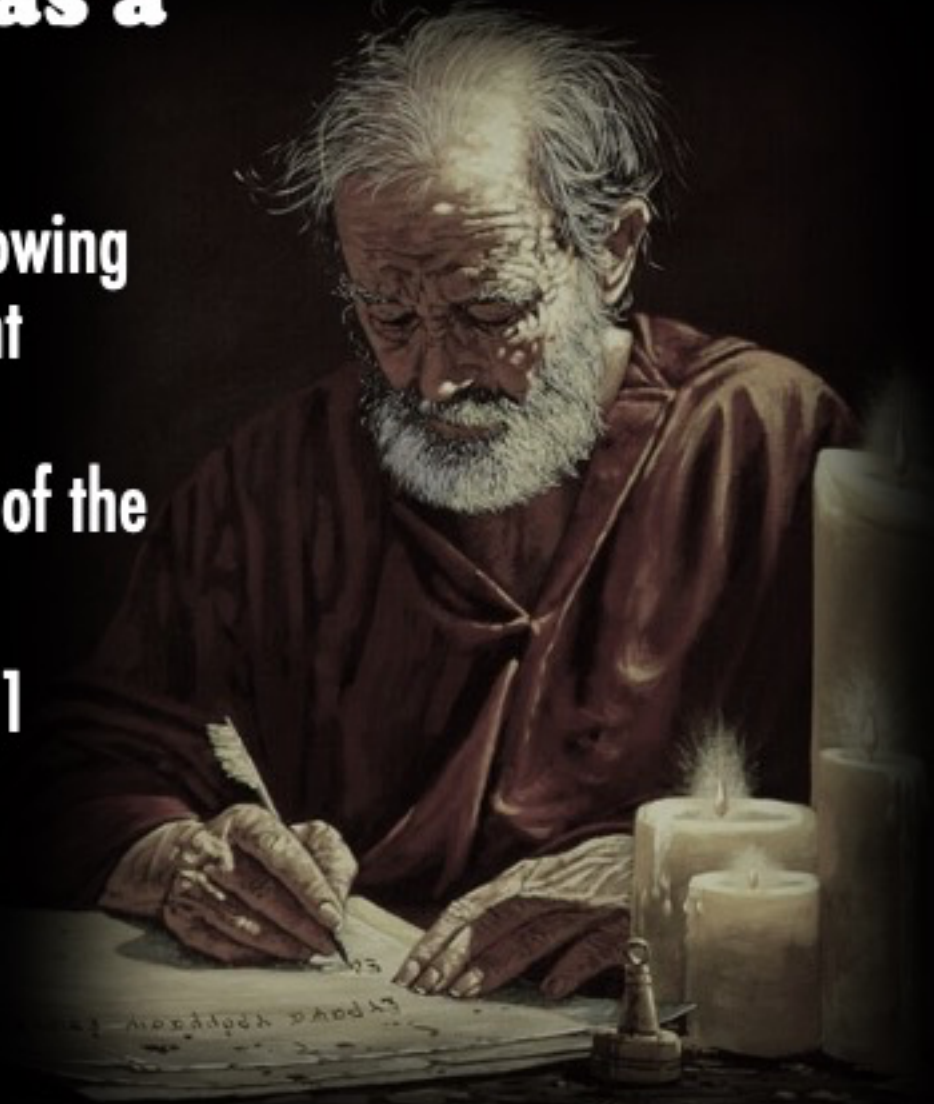
Did the apostles even want their words used as a “pattern”?

- 2 Thess. 2:15, 1 Cor. 11:2 – Following the pattern of the New Testament keeps us grounded in apostolic teaching, which was a hallmark of the early church (Acts 2:42).



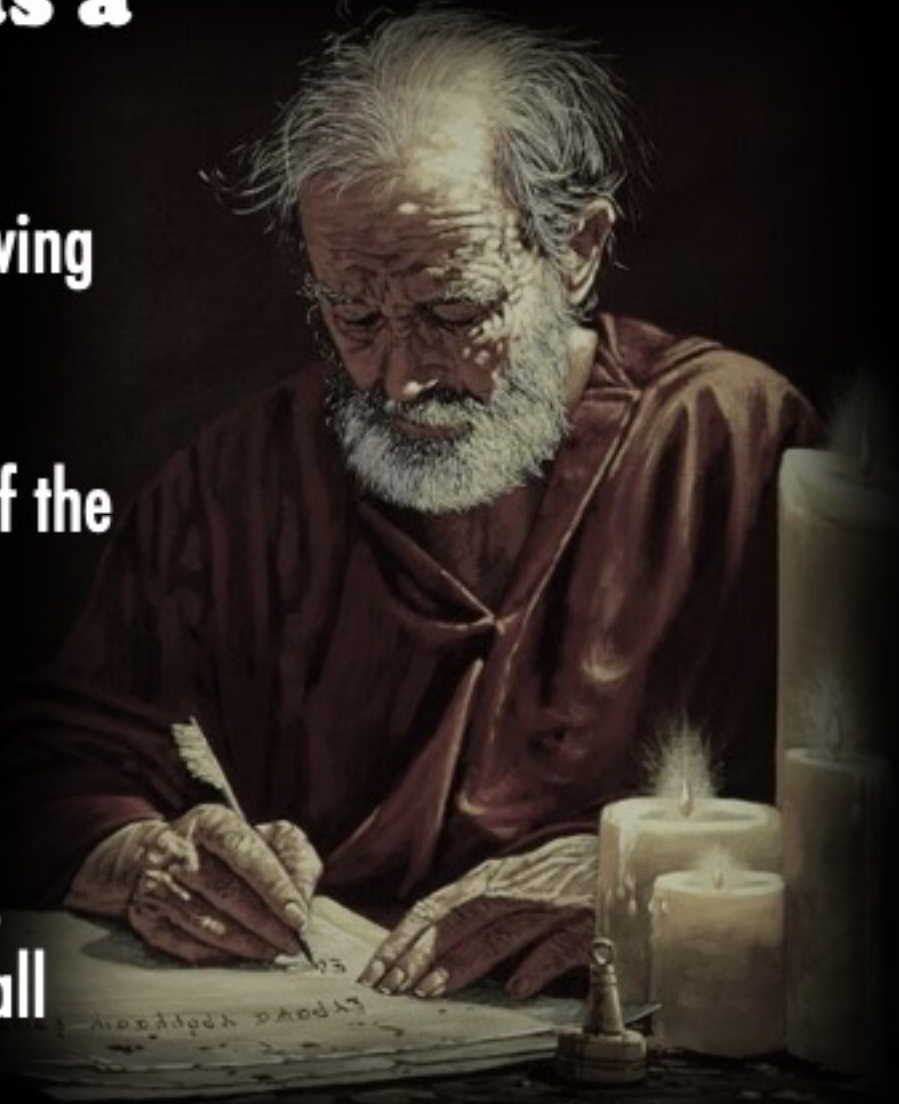
Did the apostles even want their words used as a “pattern”?

- 2 Thess. 2:15, 1 Cor. 11:2 – Following the pattern of the New Testament keeps us grounded in apostolic teaching, which was a hallmark of the early church (Acts 2:42).
- Paul used the term “imitate” in 1 Thess. 1:6 and 2:13-14.



Did the apostles even want their words used as a “pattern”?

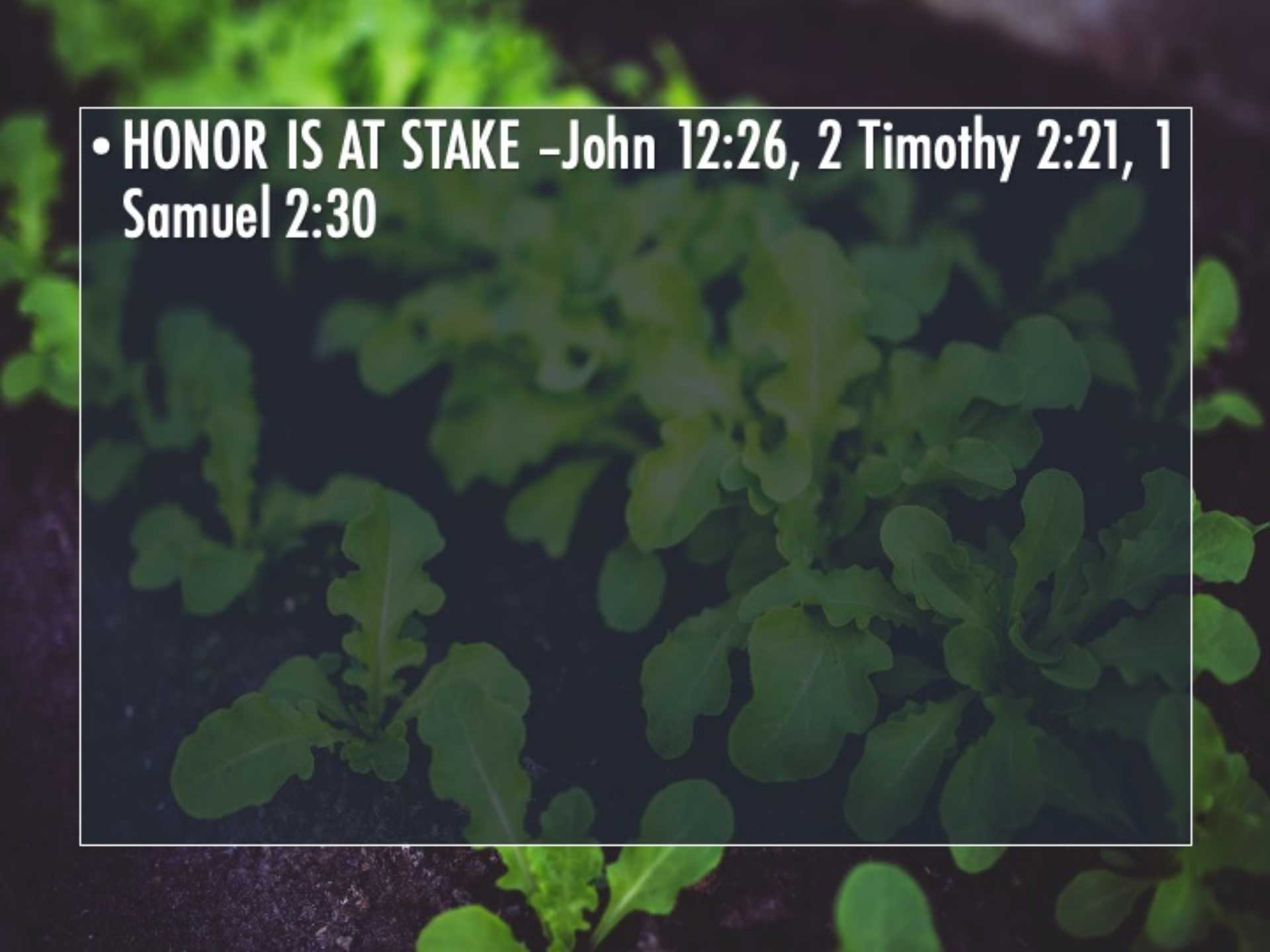
- 2 Thess. 2:15, 1 Cor. 11:2 – Following the pattern of the New Testament keeps us grounded in apostolic teaching, which was a hallmark of the early church (Acts 2:42).
- Paul used the term “imitate” in 1 Thess. 1:6 and 2:13-14.
- They also believed their teachings were applicable to all people for all time (1 Corinthians 14:37, 4:17, 2 Peter 3:2).



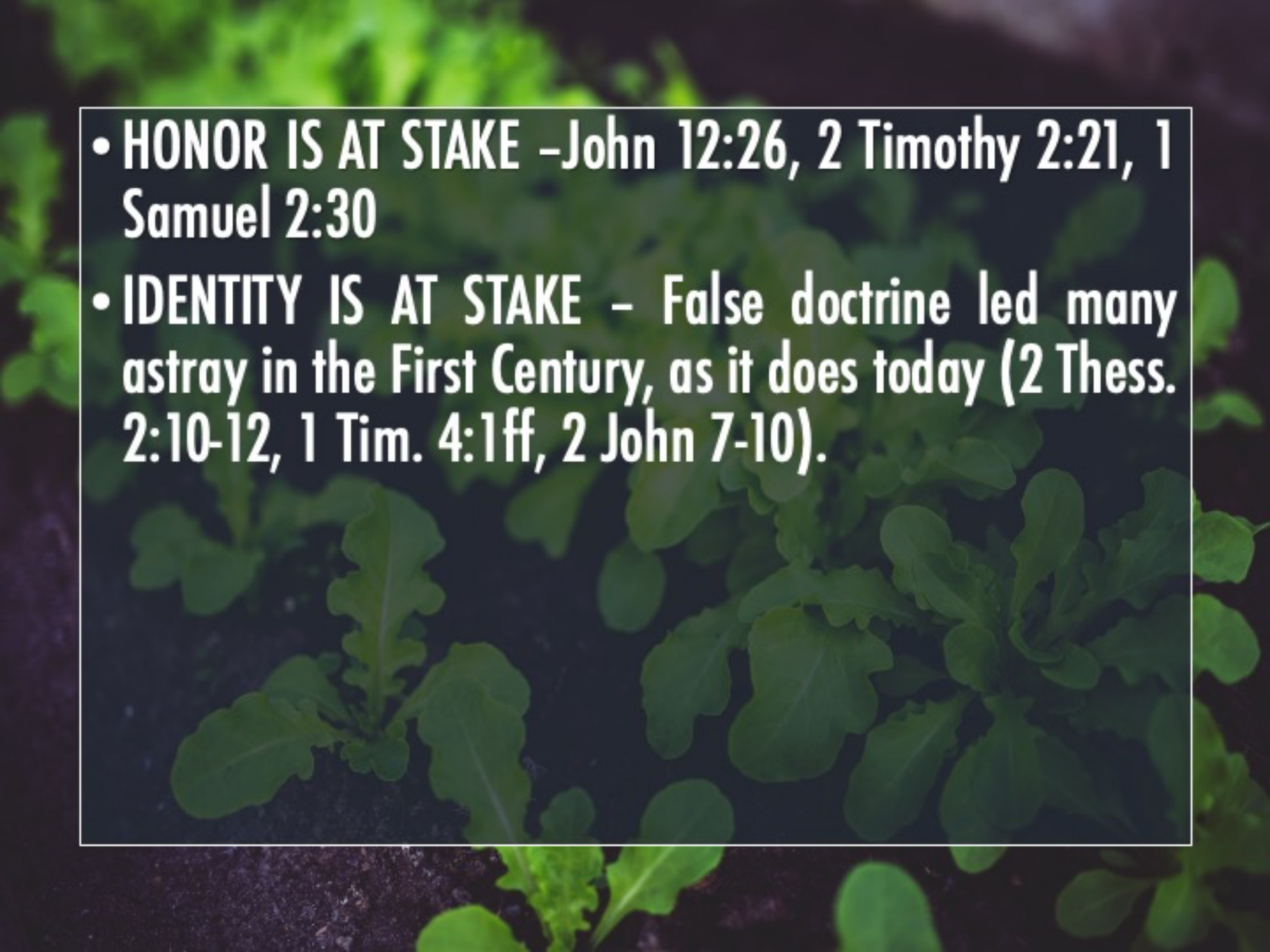
A close-up photograph of several small green seedlings with lobed leaves growing out of dark, rich soil. The seedlings are in various stages of growth, with some showing more developed leaves than others. The lighting is soft, highlighting the vibrant green of the plants against the dark earth.

WHAT'S AT STAKE IN THE PATTERN?

2 TIMOTHY 1:12-14

The background of the slide is a photograph of a field of green plants, possibly lettuce or a similar leafy vegetable, growing in rows. The plants are vibrant green and appear to be in the early stages of growth. The lighting is natural, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

• **HONOR IS AT STAKE** –John 12:26, 2 Timothy 2:21, 1 Samuel 2:30

- 
- **HONOR IS AT STAKE** –John 12:26, 2 Timothy 2:21, 1 Samuel 2:30
 - **IDENTITY IS AT STAKE** – False doctrine led many astray in the First Century, as it does today (2 Thess. 2:10-12, 1 Tim. 4:1ff, 2 John 7-10).

- **HONOR IS AT STAKE** – John 12:26, 2 Timothy 2:21, 1 Samuel 2:30
- **IDENTITY IS AT STAKE** – False doctrine led many astray in the First Century, as it does today (2 Thess. 2:10-12, 1 Tim. 4:1ff, 2 John 7-10).
- **SALVATION IS AT STAKE** – The elements of our faith and how we express it are worth fighting for (1 Tim. 6:12-16). Earlier in the letter, the apostle connects Timothy's sound doctrine with "salvation both for yourself and those who hear you" (4:11-16).



**“YOU DON’T LOOK VERY
MUCH LIKE THE FIRST
CENTURY CHURCH TO ME!”**



**IF WE FOLLOW THE
PATTERN,
THEN THE GOOD SEED
PRODUCES
CHRISTIANS**