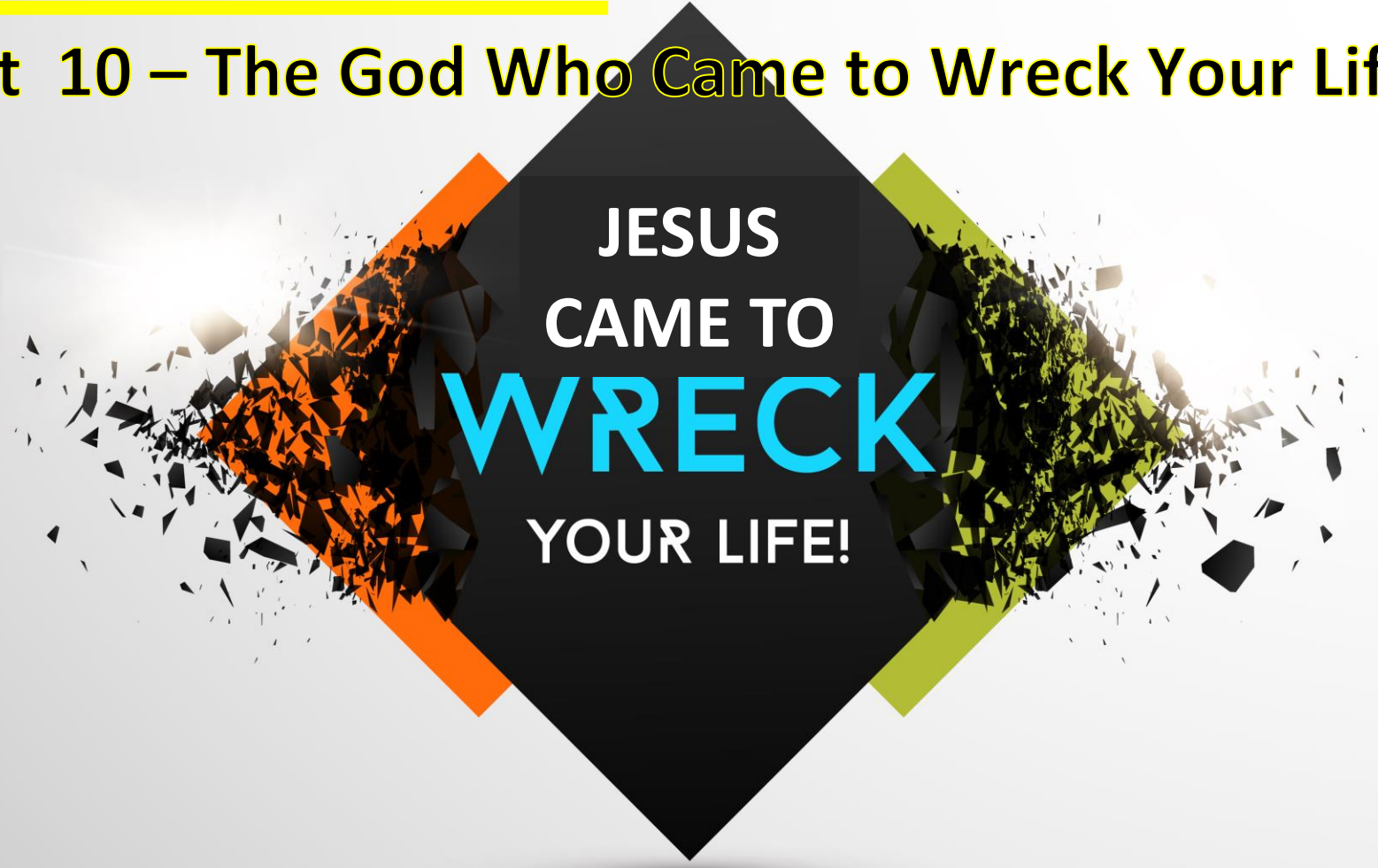

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Part 10 – The God Who Came to Wreck Your Life



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Following Jesus Christ means you will encounter unexpected circumstances and risks as you attempt to live out God's will for your life.

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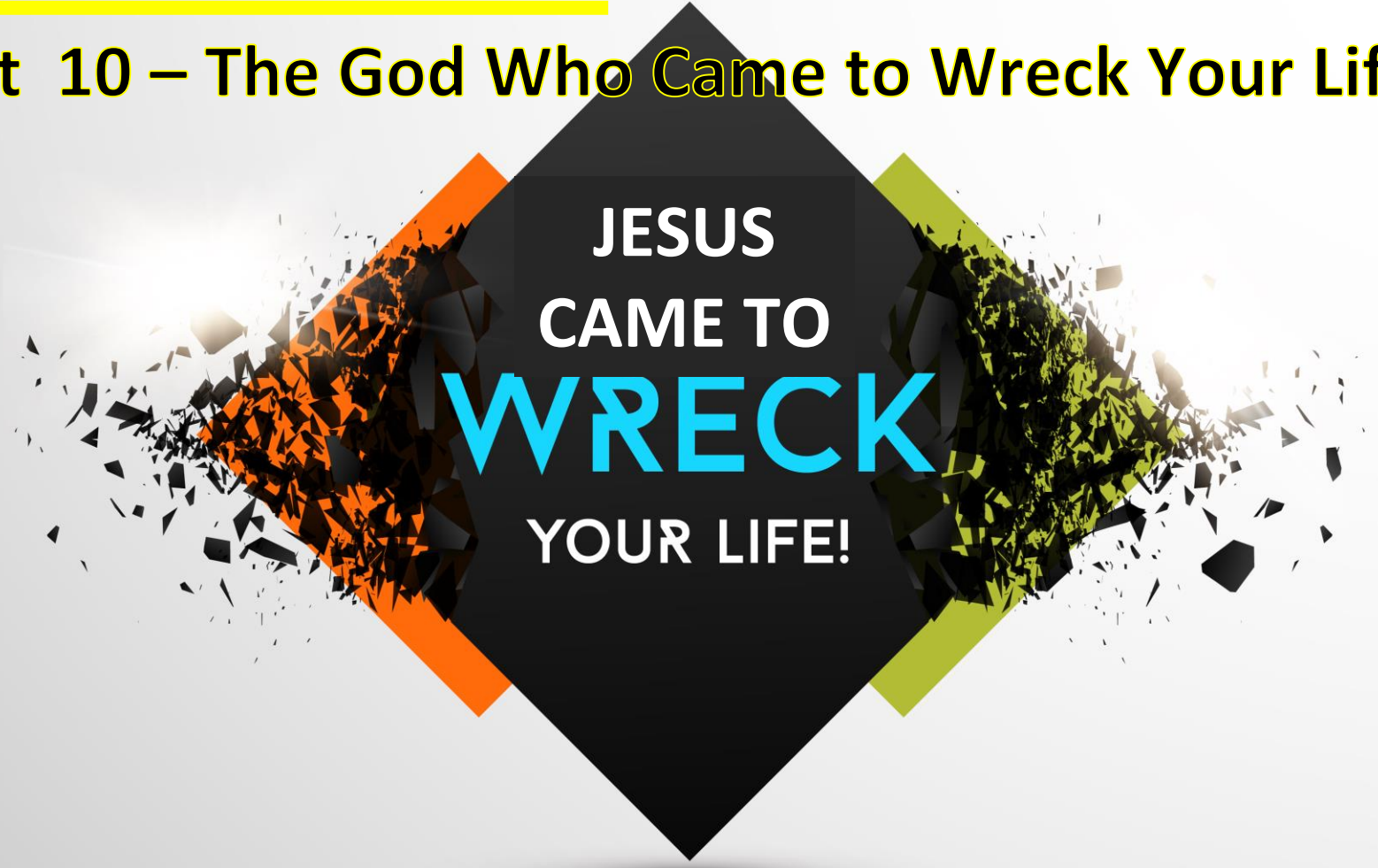
Faithfulness and obedience to Christ means that God's Word must overrule your own feelings, emotions, desires, and will.

Principle #4

You must cling to the truth of God's Word if you hope to be faithful in any circumstance, especially when you are subjected to ridicule, false accusations, rumors, and the dishonoring of your reputation and character.

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