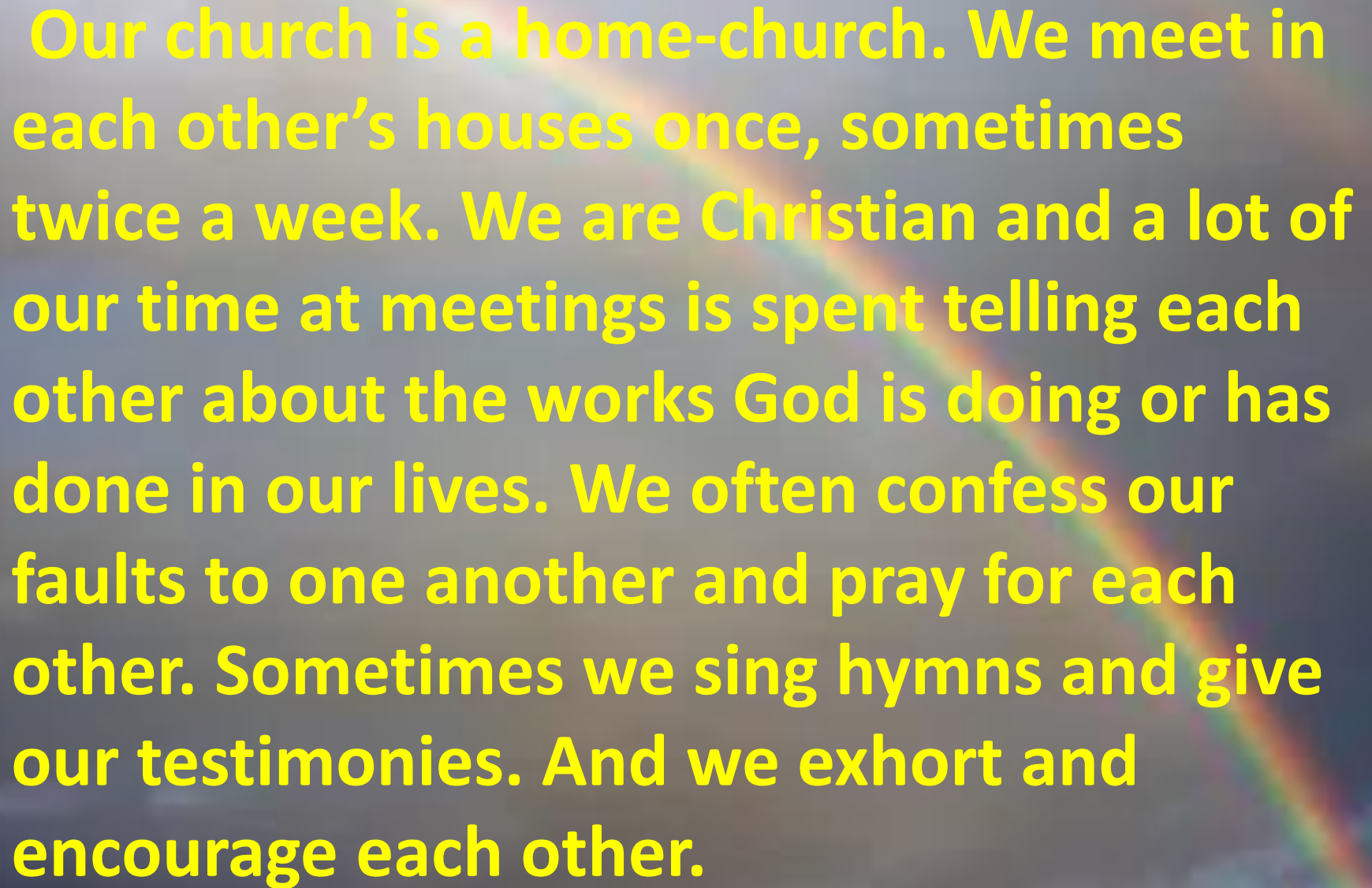
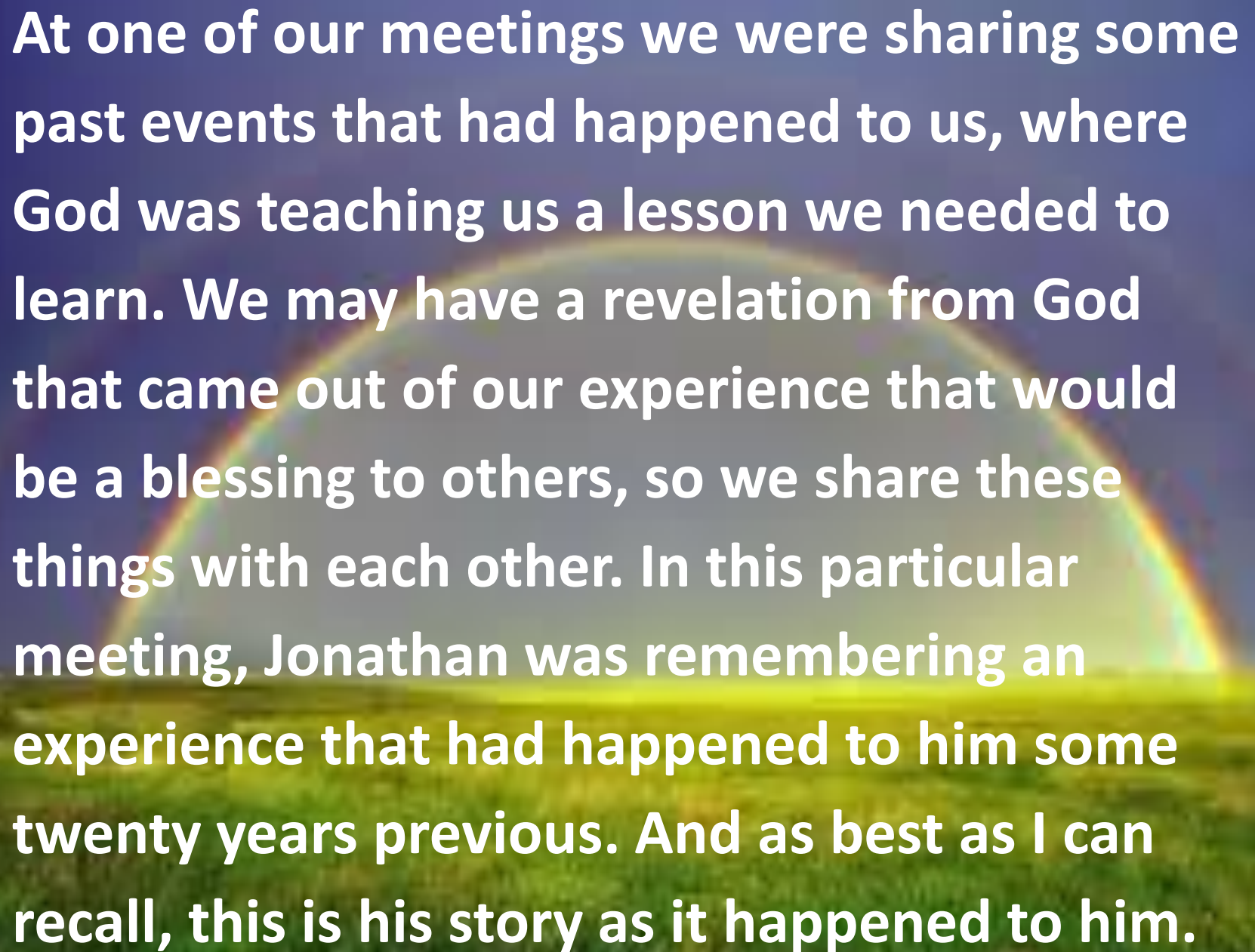


A “GREATEST MIRICLE” MOMENT

Every now and then something is revealed that is just too good to keep quiet. It happens all too infrequently, but when it does, it must be shared. This is one of those beautiful moments to share.

A vibrant rainbow arches across a blue sky with soft, wispy clouds. The text is overlaid on this background in a bright yellow font.

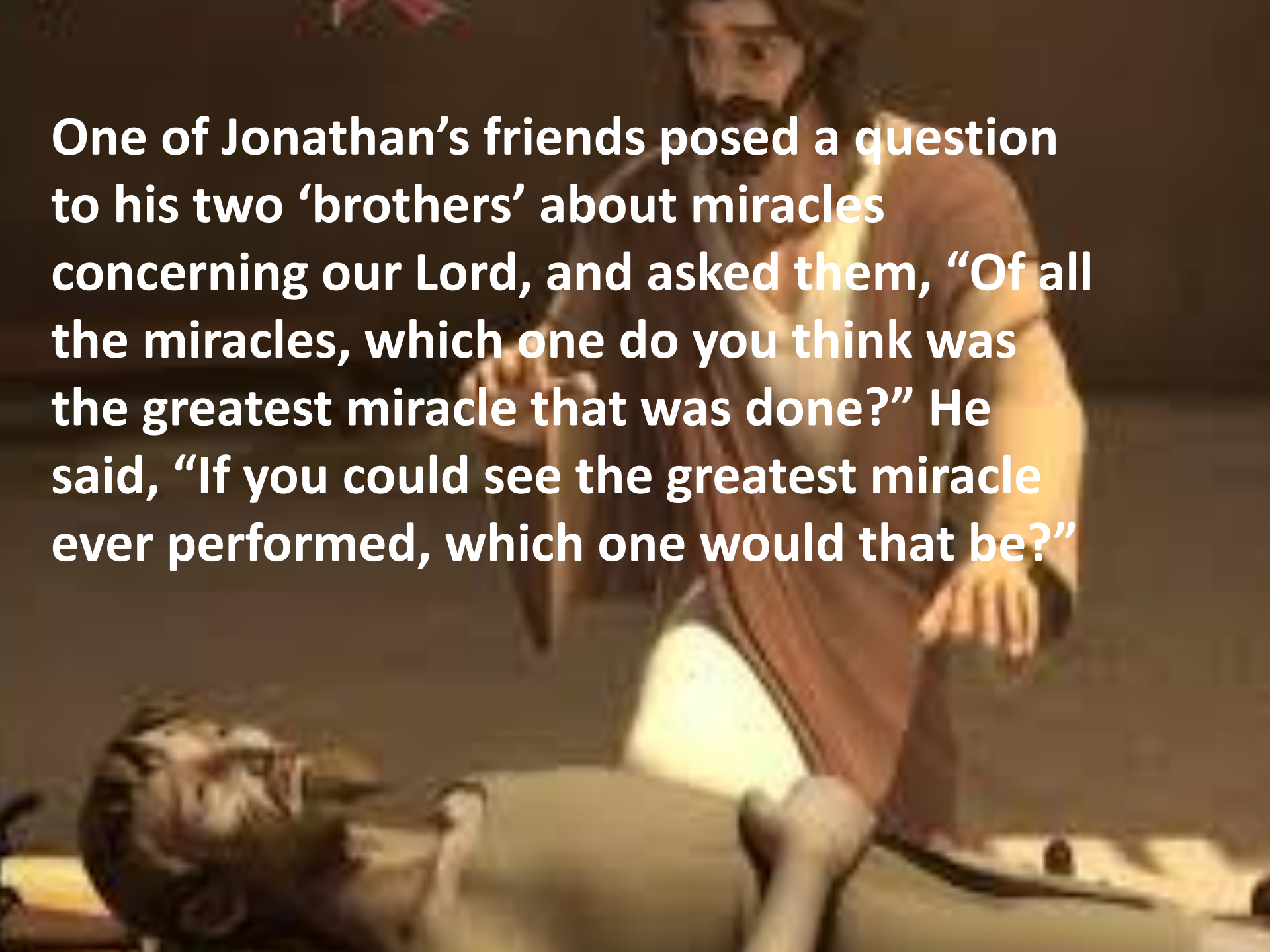
Our church is a home-church. We meet in each other's houses once, sometimes twice a week. We are Christian and a lot of our time at meetings is spent telling each other about the works God is doing or has done in our lives. We often confess our faults to one another and pray for each other. Sometimes we sing hymns and give our testimonies. And we exhort and encourage each other.

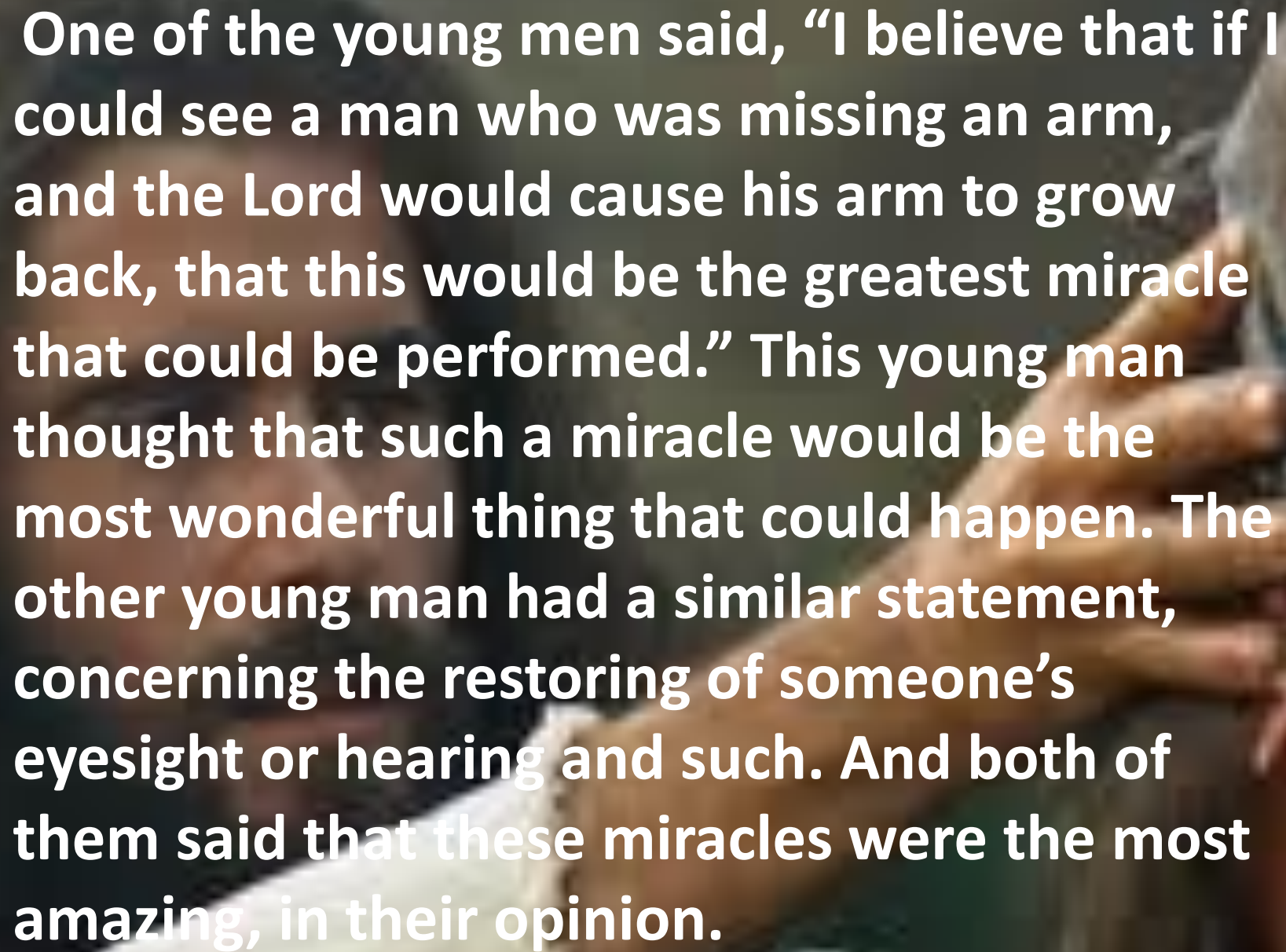
A vibrant rainbow arches over a green field under a blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

At one of our meetings we were sharing some past events that had happened to us, where God was teaching us a lesson we needed to learn. We may have a revelation from God that came out of our experience that would be a blessing to others, so we share these things with each other. In this particular meeting, Jonathan was remembering an experience that had happened to him some twenty years previous. And as best as I can recall, this is his story as it happened to him.

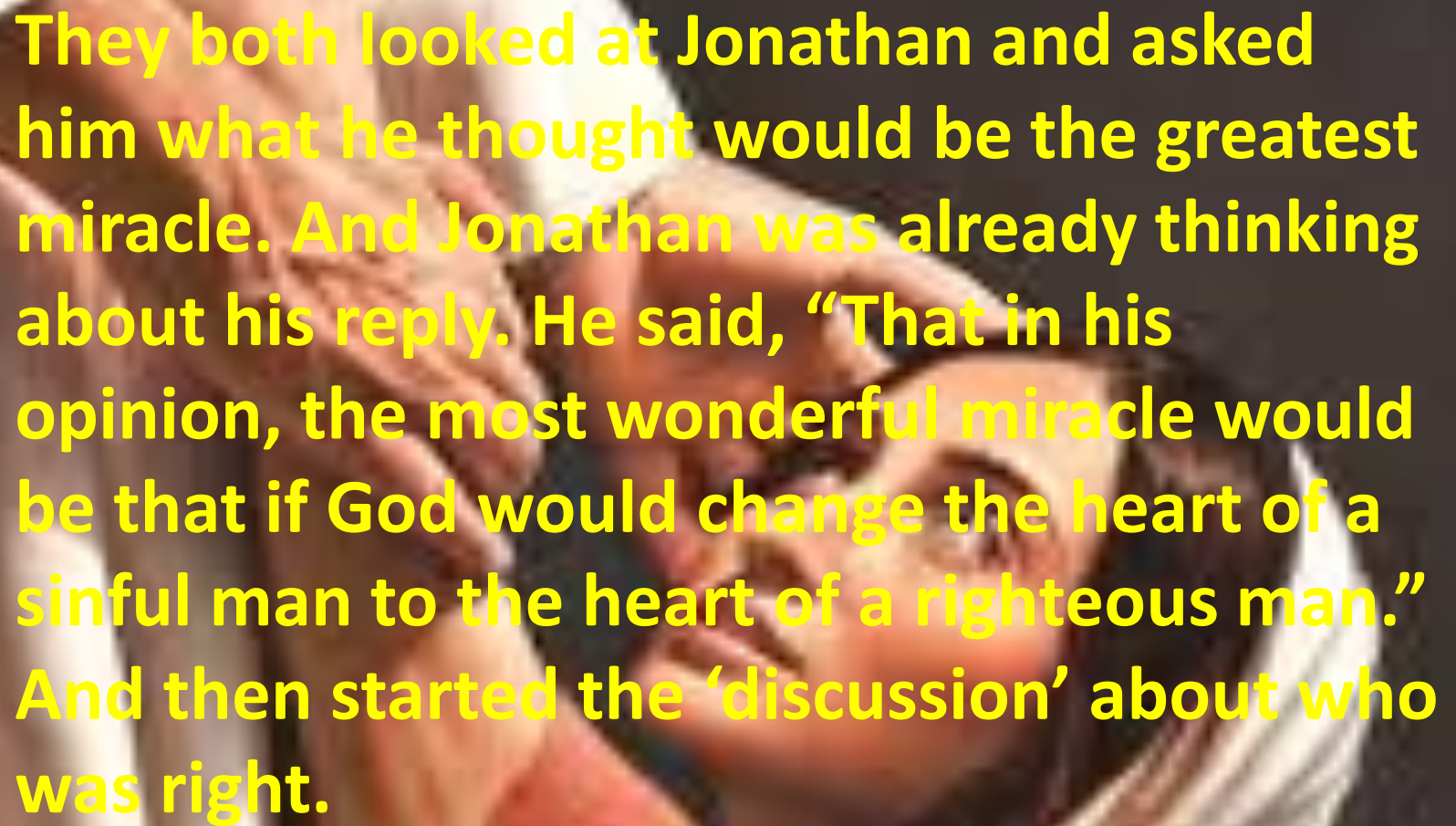
Jonathan said he was about eighteen years old, and he was invited to a local church to be with two of his friends who were about the same age. All of them were enjoying a very real revival in their lives and were very excited about the things God was teaching them. They enjoyed being with each other and sharing what the Lord was showing them and were enthusiastically asking each other questions concerning matters of their faith.

One of Jonathan's friends posed a question to his two 'brothers' about miracles concerning our Lord, and asked them, "Of all the miracles, which one do you think was the greatest miracle that was done?" He said, "If you could see the greatest miracle ever performed, which one would that be?"

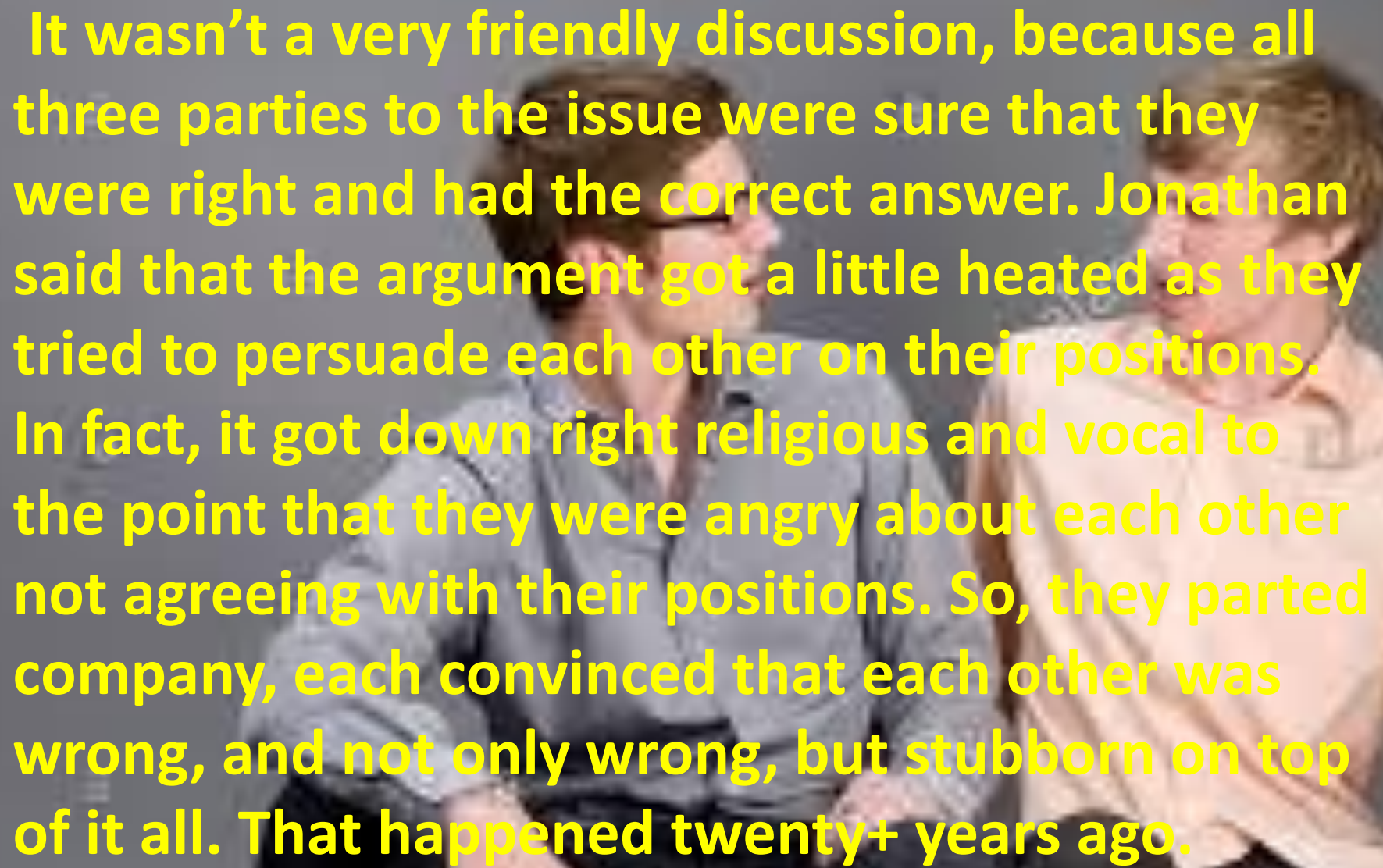


A close-up photograph showing a person's hand being held by another person's hand. The hand being held is resting on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly a bedsheet or blanket. The background is dark and out of focus.

One of the young men said, “I believe that if I could see a man who was missing an arm, and the Lord would cause his arm to grow back, that this would be the greatest miracle that could be performed.” This young man thought that such a miracle would be the most wonderful thing that could happen. The other young man had a similar statement, concerning the restoring of someone’s eyesight or hearing and such. And both of them said that these miracles were the most amazing, in their opinion.

A woman wearing a red and white headscarf is shown in a close-up, looking upwards with her hands clasped in prayer. The background is dark, and the lighting is soft, highlighting her face and hands. The text is overlaid on the image in a bright yellow color.

They both looked at Jonathan and asked him what he thought would be the greatest miracle. And Jonathan was already thinking about his reply. He said, “That in his opinion, the most wonderful miracle would be that if God would change the heart of a sinful man to the heart of a righteous man.” And then started the ‘discussion’ about who was right.

A photograph of two men sitting and talking. The man on the left is wearing glasses and a blue button-down shirt. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. They appear to be in a serious or heated conversation. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

It wasn't a very friendly discussion, because all three parties to the issue were sure that they were right and had the correct answer. Jonathan said that the argument got a little heated as they tried to persuade each other on their positions. In fact, it got down right religious and vocal to the point that they were angry about each other not agreeing with their positions. So, they parted company, each convinced that each other was wrong, and not only wrong, but stubborn on top of it all. That happened twenty+ years ago.

Now Jonathan began telling what happened next. He said, “I separated from my friends with quite a lot of emotional turmoil and agitation.” He continued and said, “I had no more gotten out of their sight when the Holy Spirit pricked my heart with strong conviction that I had been wrong to have gotten into such a heated argument, especially in such a contentious manner.” He said, “It really hurt my heart that I said the things I did to my friends, because we were supposed to be ‘brothers’ in the Lord.



Jonathan raced back to find his two friends. When he found them, he got on his knees, and with great tears asked their forgiveness for his actions. His two friends were taken aback. They did not know what to make of someone repenting with tears to them and asking their forgiveness. But it touched their hearts, and they forgave him. One of them even said to him, “You are the most Godly man I have ever seen!”

