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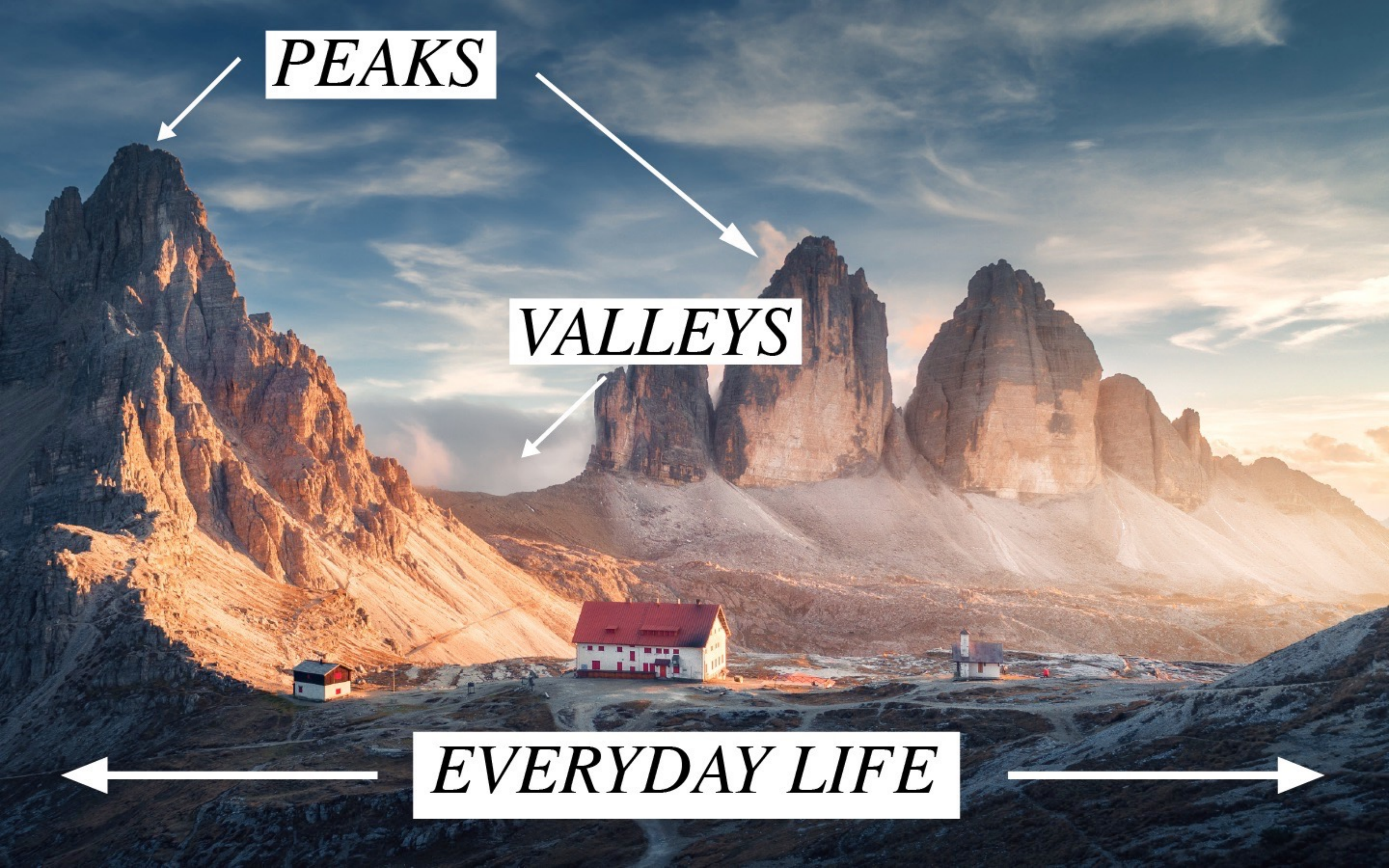
Matthew 17:24-27 (ESV)



PEAKS

VALLEYS

EVERYDAY LIFE



An aerial photograph of a snowy mountain slope. A prominent blue line, possibly a ski run or a natural ice feature, runs diagonally across the snow. The text "An Everyday Miracle" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

An Everyday Miracle

the practice of the presence OF GOD

by brother Lawrence



“In the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great a tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament.”



Miracle: a supernatural interference with the natural order of things.

“The miracles in fact are a retelling in small letters of the same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.” - C.S. Lewis

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An Everyday Miracle Begins With His Interpretation

Jesus Tells Peter:

1. Divinely speaking, I know everything you're trying to figure out.
2. Sovereignly speaking, I'm the King and am not obligated to pay that tax.

An aerial photograph of a coastline. The ocean is dark blue with white foam from waves crashing against a dark, rocky shore. The land is a mix of dark and light grey tones, suggesting a rugged terrain. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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⁷Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)





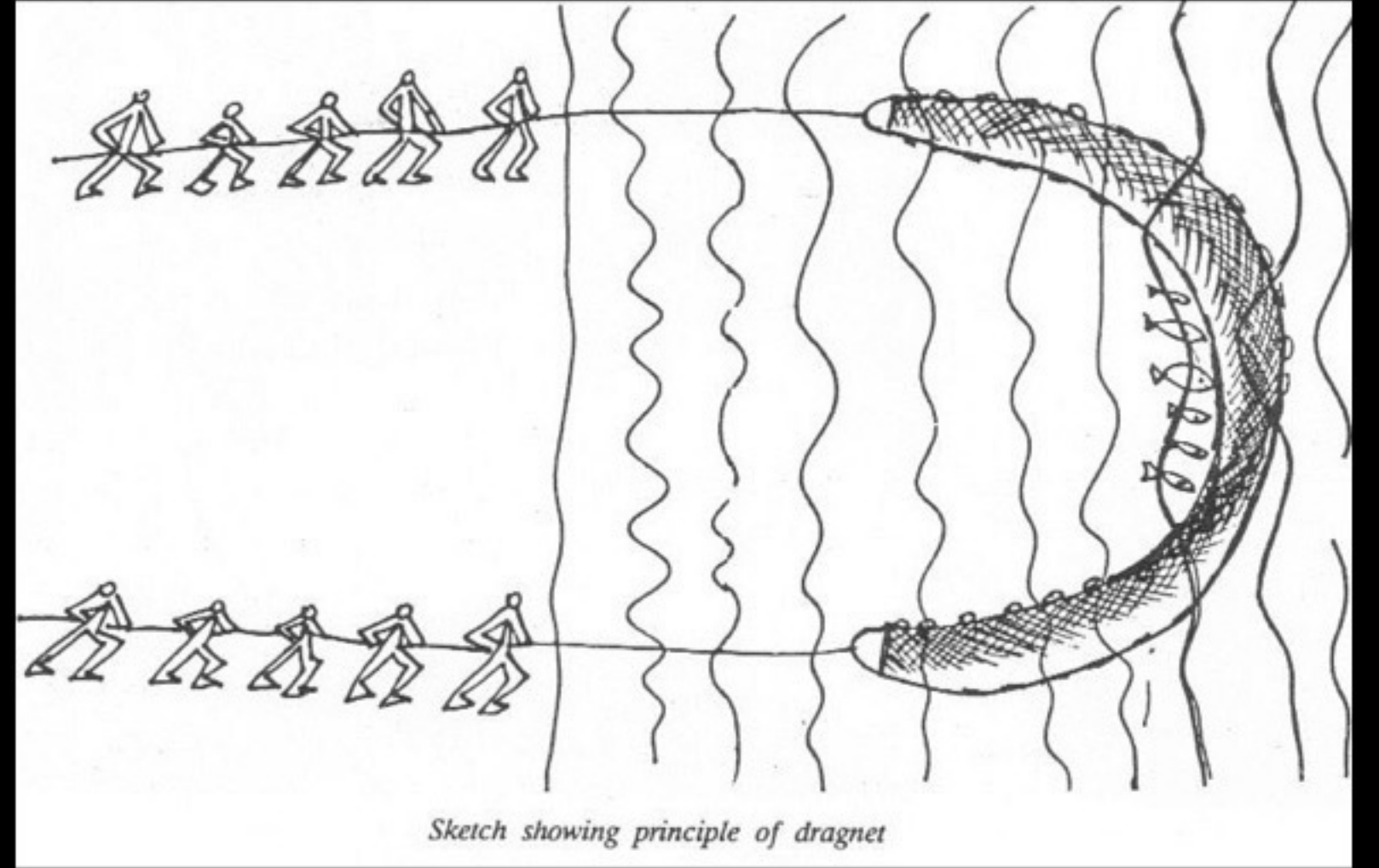
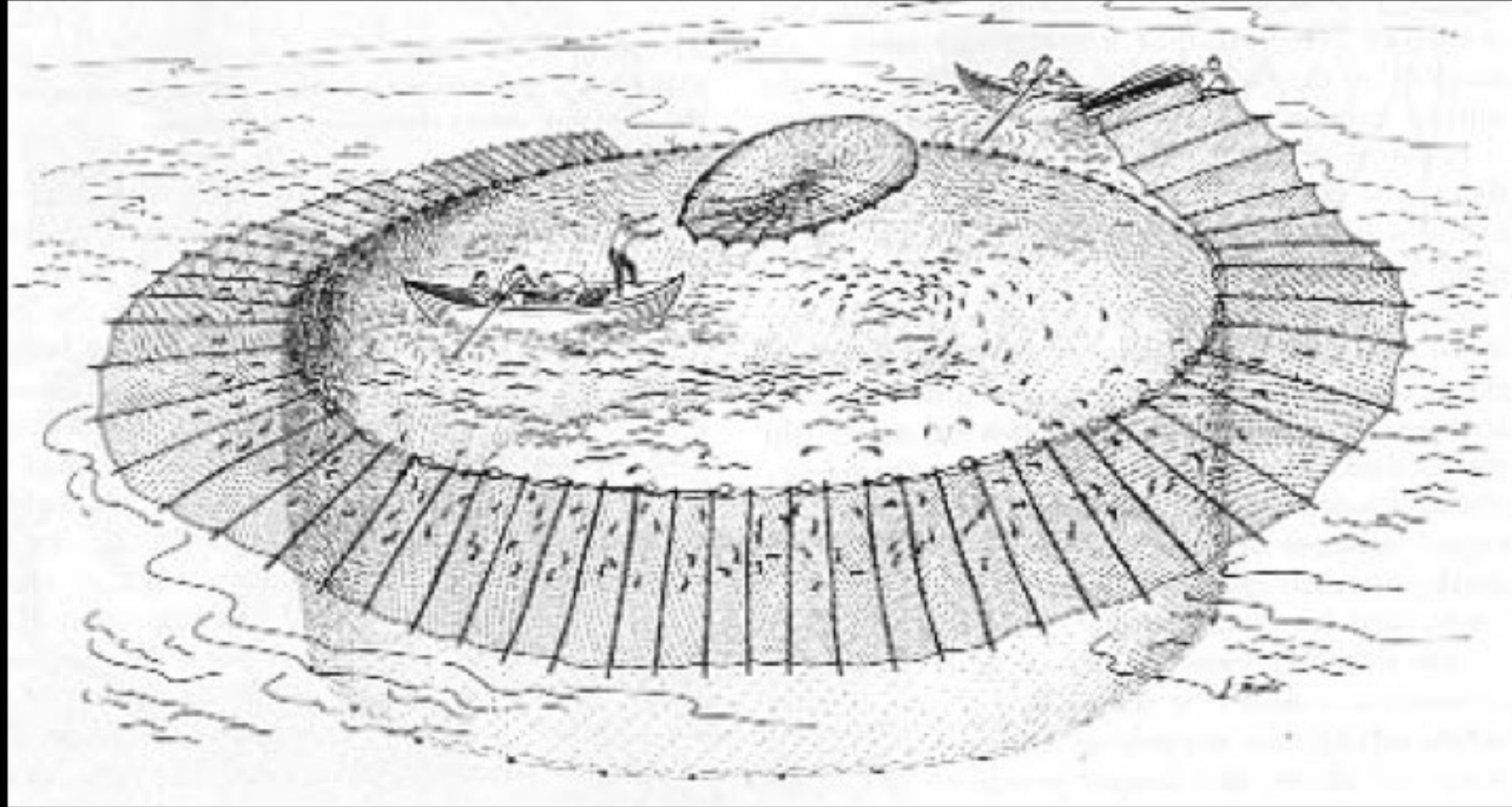
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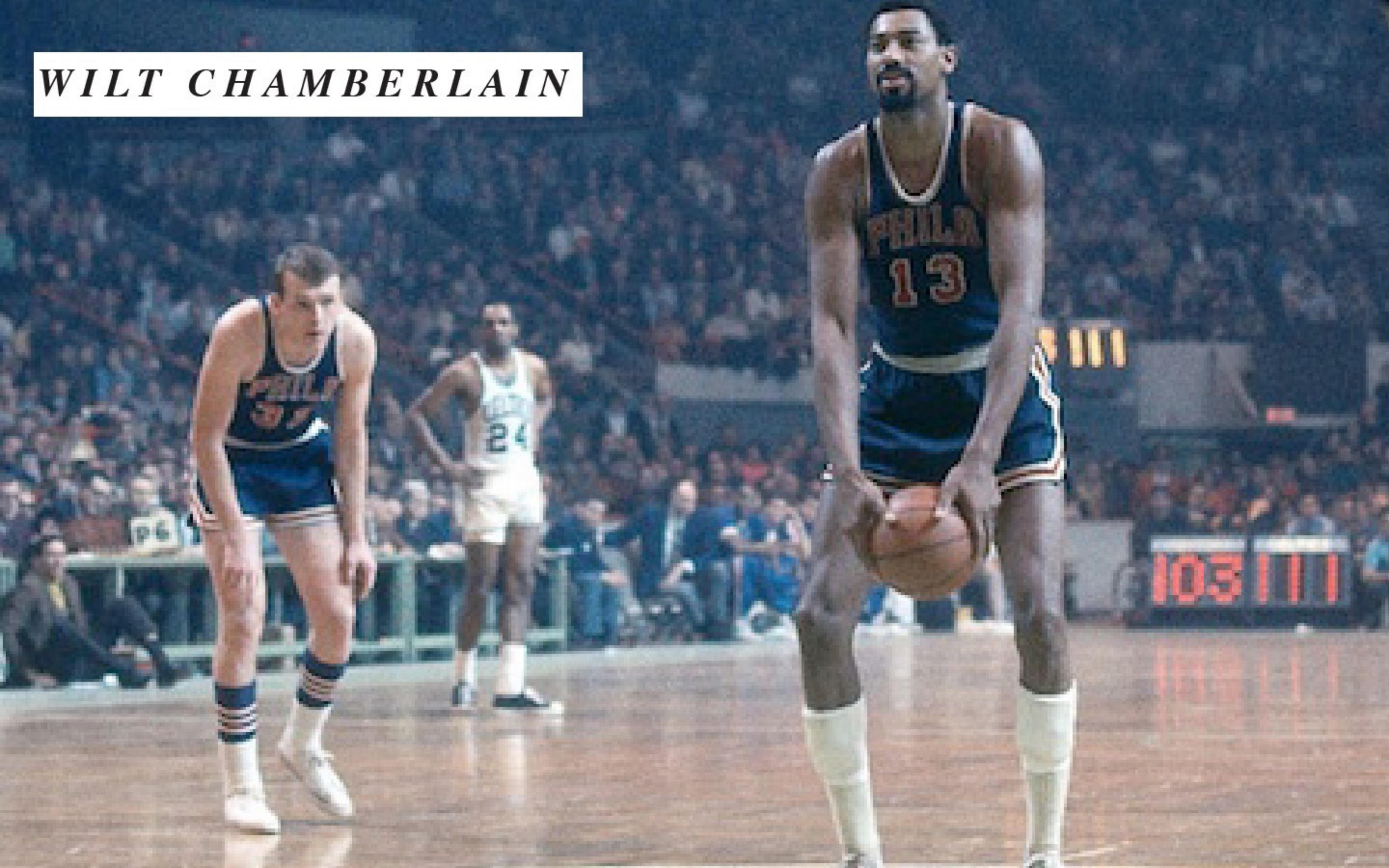
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An aerial photograph of a coastline, showing waves breaking against a sandy beach. The water is a deep blue, and the sand is a light tan color. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall tone is serene and natural.

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Jesus' Instructions to Peter:

1. Cross into the faith realm
2. Go back to where you started

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