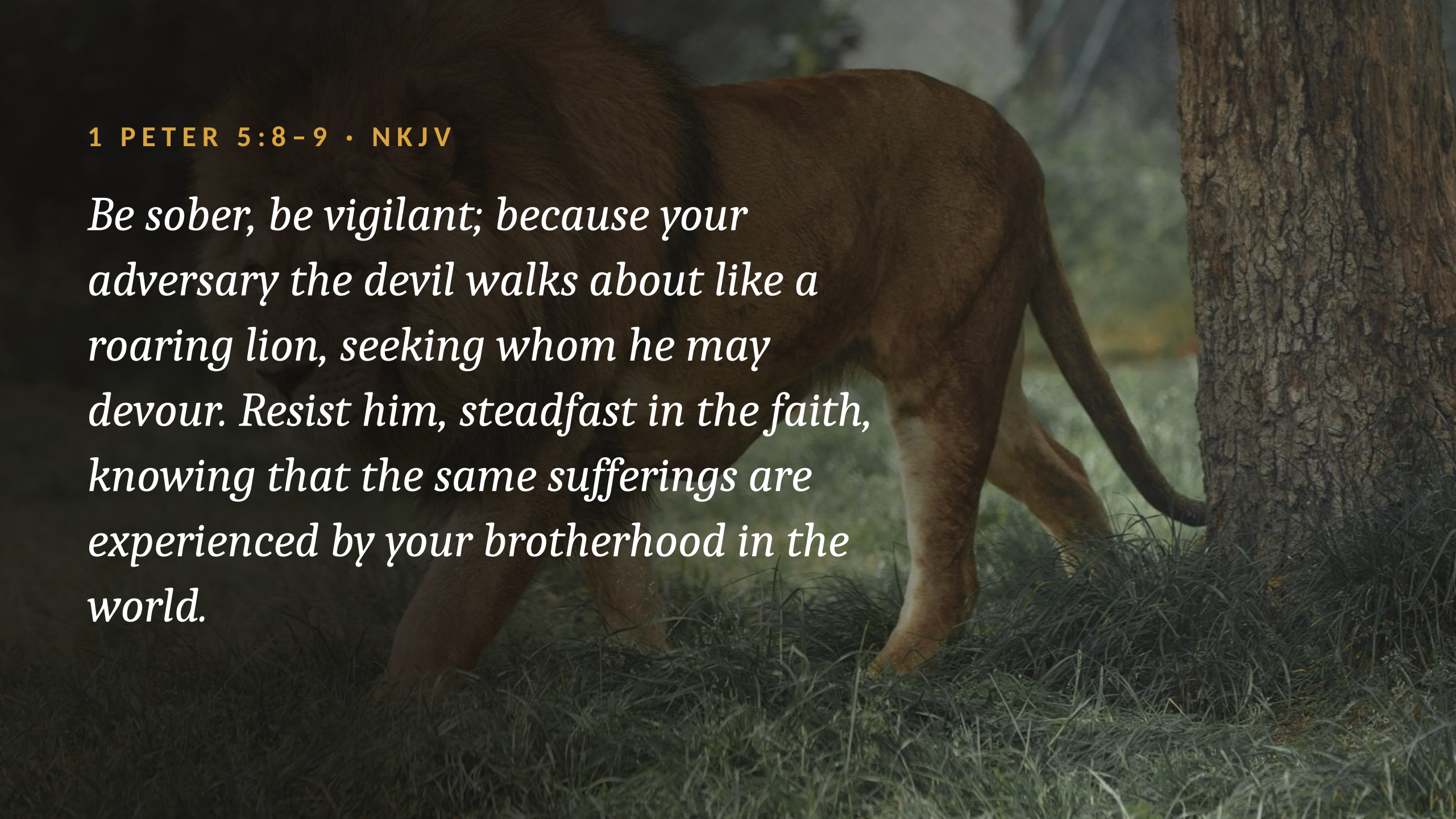
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The Lion at the Door

Recognizing the enemy's plans against your family, and standing together in hard times

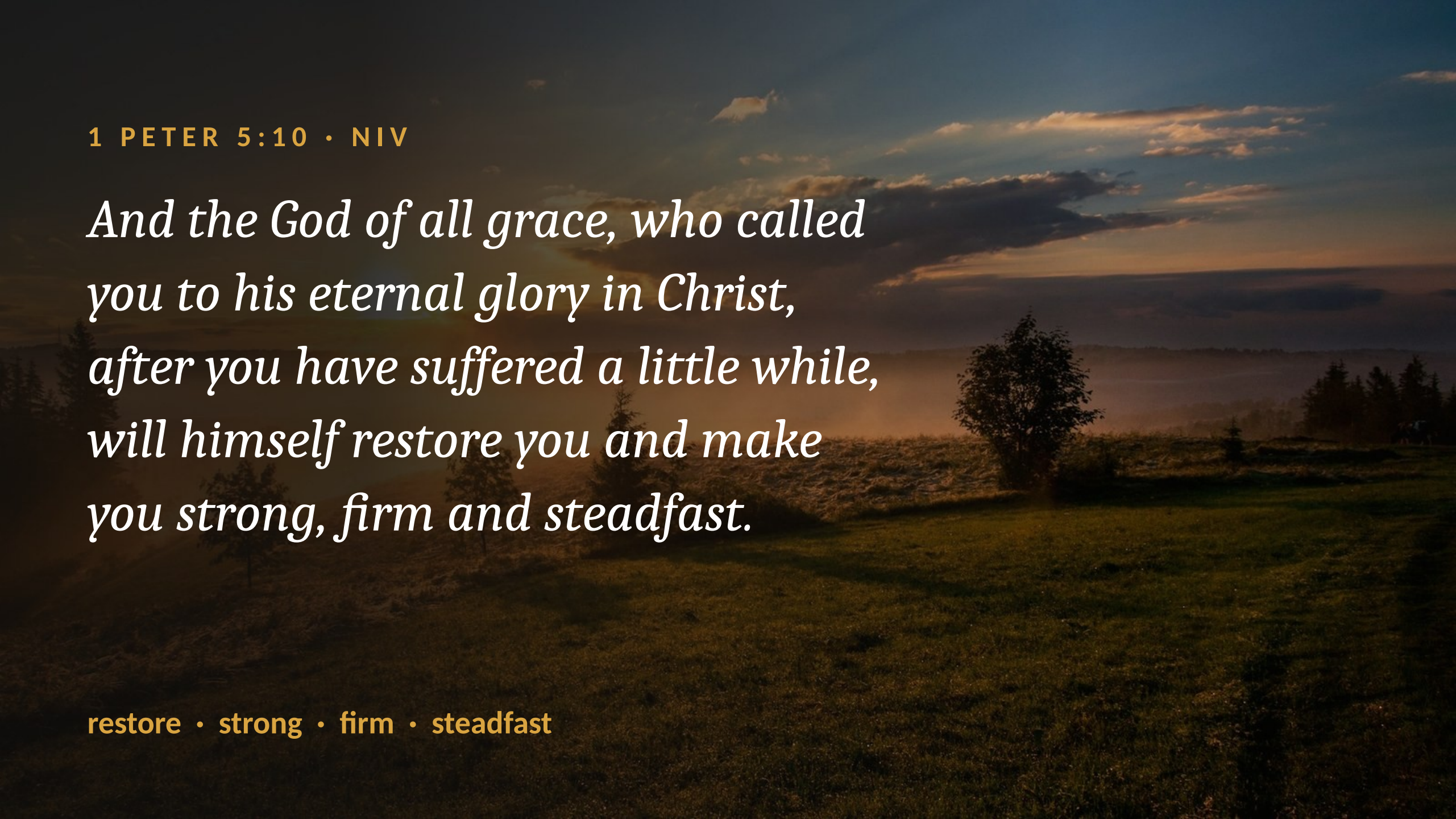
1 Peter 5:8–10 · John 10:10





1 PETER 5:8–9 · NKJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.



1 PETER 5:10 · NIV

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

restore · strong · firm · steadfast



JOHN 10:10 · NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



THE BIG IDEA

The enemy has a plan against your family, but God has a purpose in your trial, and a family that stands together on the Word cannot be devoured.

1. Recognize the Thief
2. Understand the Shaking
3. Stand Together
4. Stand Strong & Speak

1 POINT 1

Recognize the Thief

How to identify the devil's plans against your family

2 CORINTHIANS 2:10–11 · NKJV

Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive… lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

EPHESIANS 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood…

Three targets of the thief

John 10:10

STEAL

your joy

NEHEMIAH 8:10

"The joy of the LORD is your strength."

KILL

your relationships

EPHESIANS 4:26-27

"Do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil."

DESTROY

your testimony

REVELATION 12:10

"...the accuser of our brethren... has been cast down."

Seven warning signs at the gate

1. **Isolation**
   We stop talking, we stop coming
2. **Accusation**
   “You always… you never…”
3. **Unresolved anger**
   The sun goes down on our wrath
4. **Prayerlessness**
   The family altar has gone cold
5. **Secrets**
   Hidden sin, hidden debt, hidden screens
6. **Discouragement**
   “Nothing will ever change here”
7. **Distraction**
   Too busy for God and for each other

Not fear. Victory.

COLOSSIANS 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

We stand in the victory of Christ, and we refuse to let suspicion turn our relatives into enemies.

2 POINT 2

Understand the Shaking

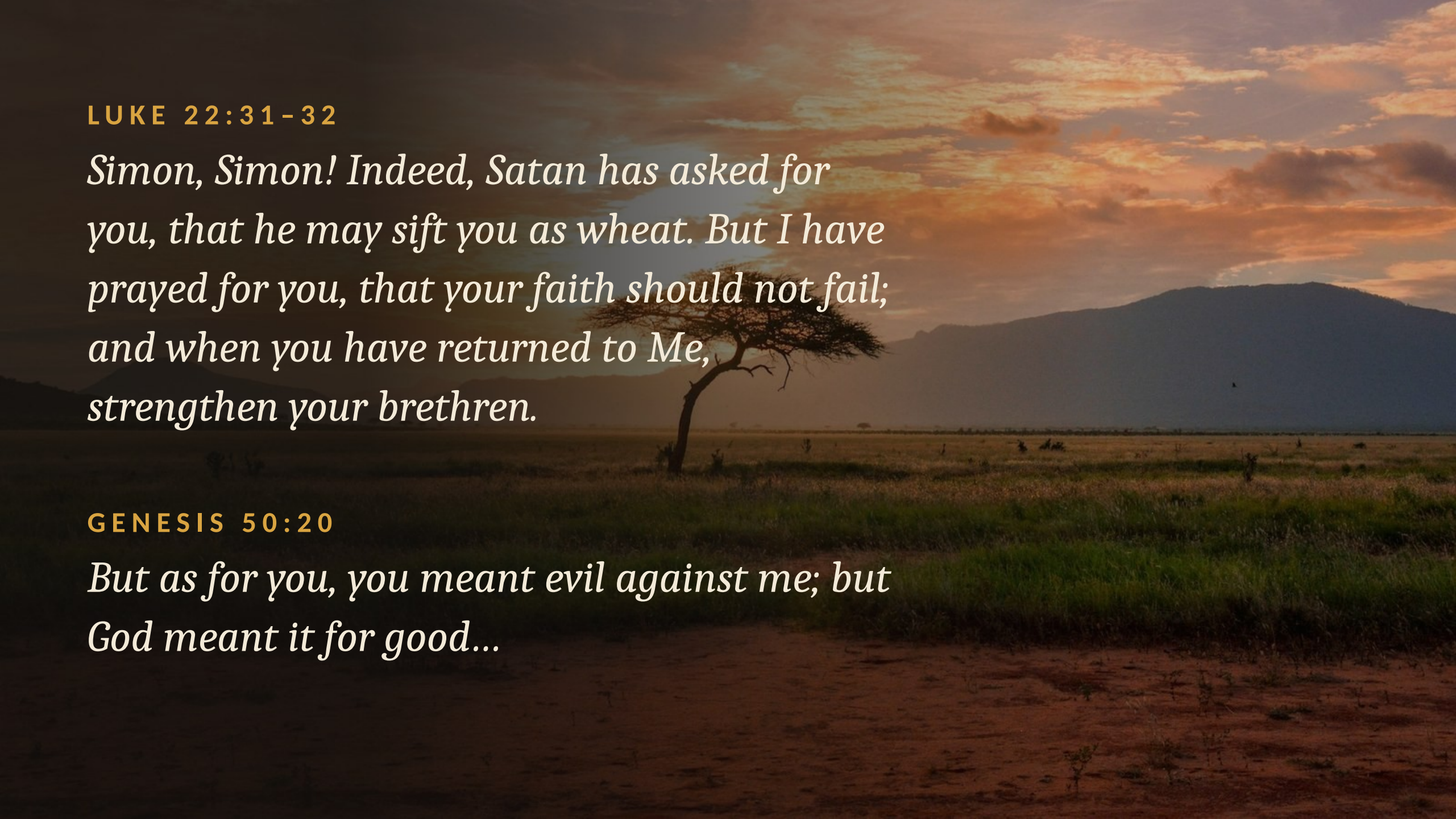
God may allow trials to shake the family

JOB 1:10

Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household…?

JOB 1:12

“Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.”

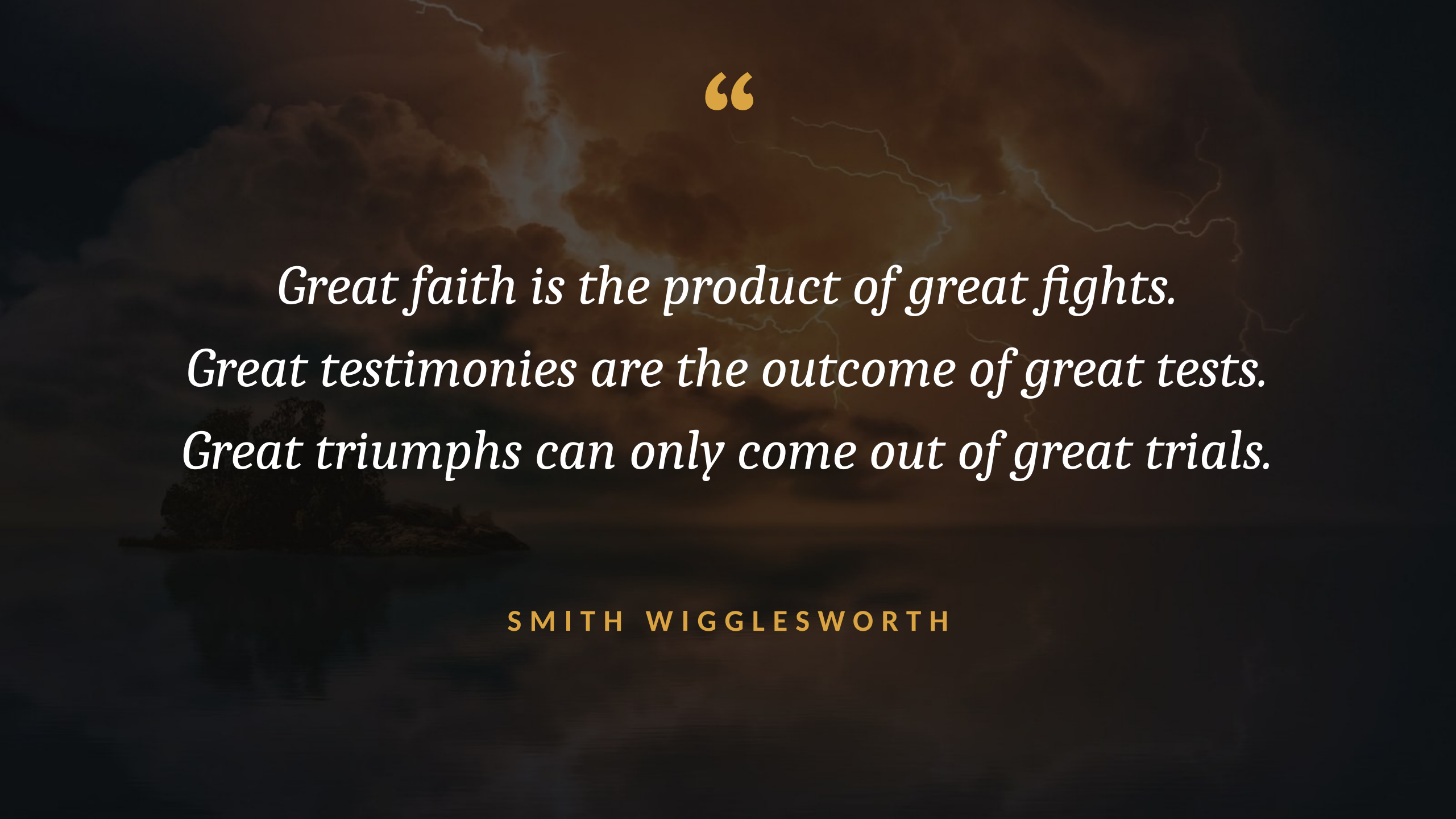


LUKE 22:31-32

Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.

GENESIS 50:20

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good…


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Great faith is the product of great fights.
Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests.
Great triumphs can only come out of great trials.
SMITH WIGGLESWORTH

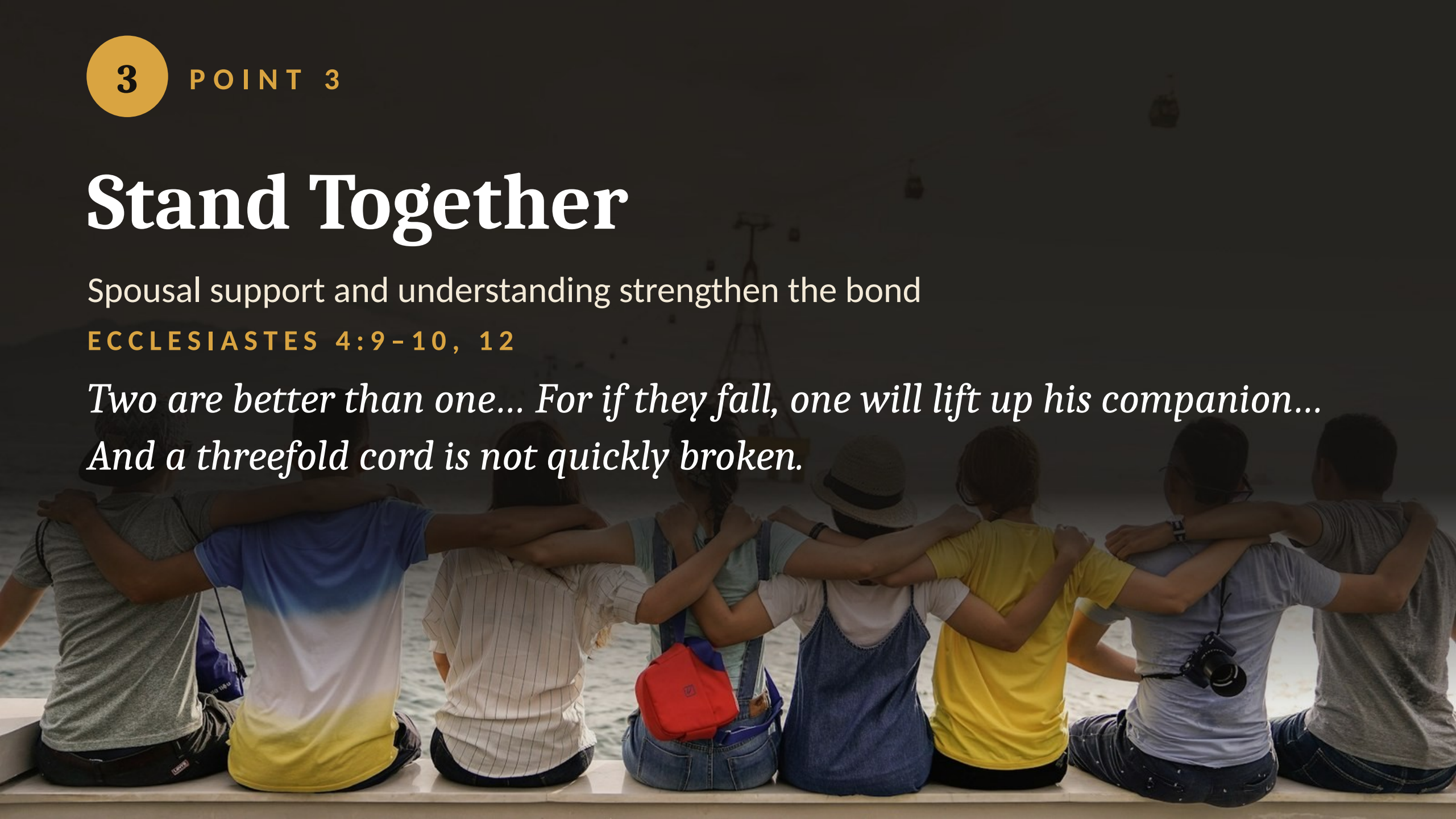
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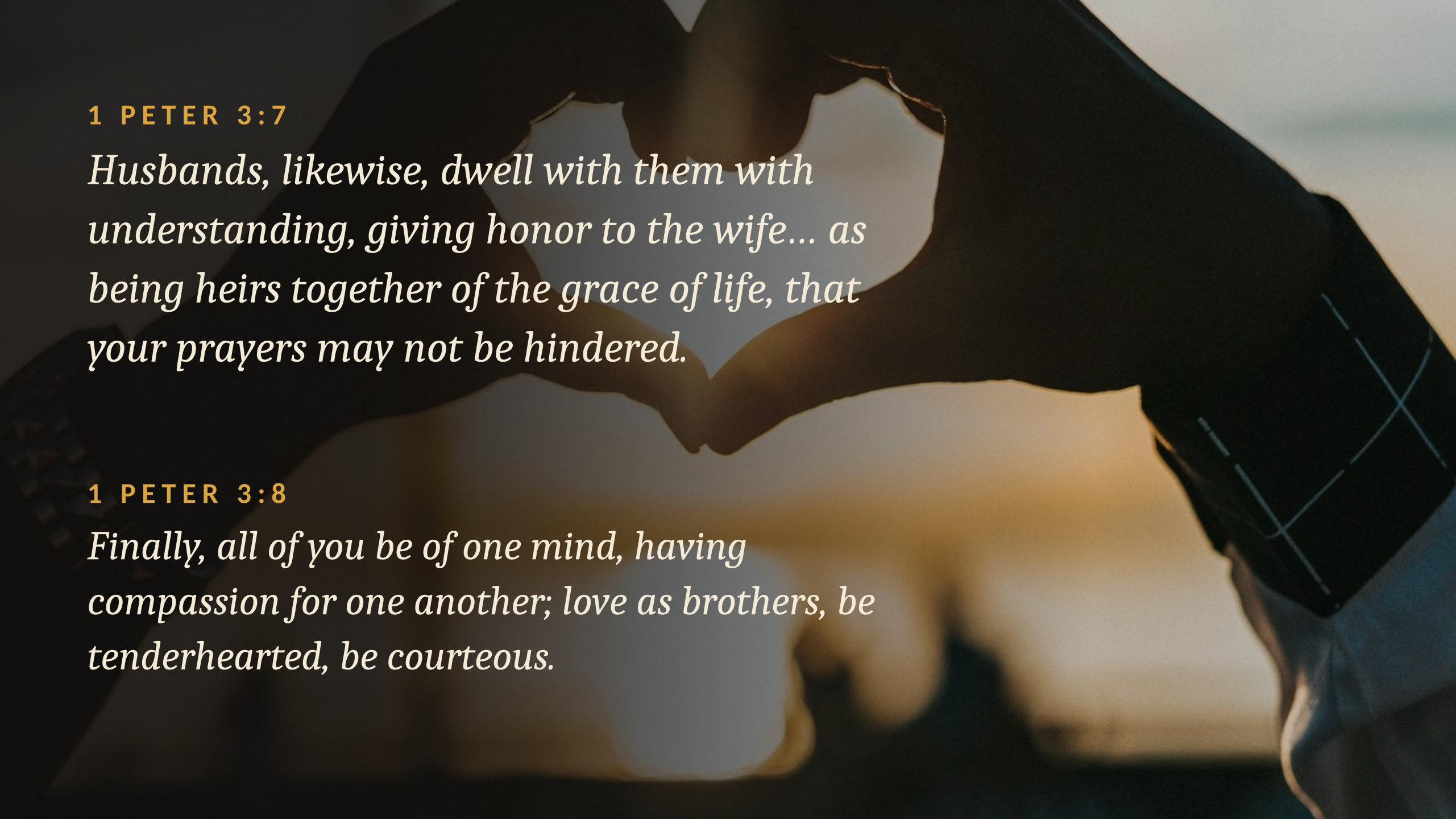
Stand Together

Spousal support and understanding strengthen the bond

ECCLESIASTES 4:9–10, 12

Two are better than one… For if they fall, one will lift up his companion… And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.





1 PETER 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife… as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 PETER 3:8

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.

Five commitments for the storm

1. **Say “we.”** My spouse is not the enemy. We are in this together.
2. **Listen before you fix.** “What do you need from me today?”
3. **Pray together out loud.** Even five minutes. Even if it feels awkward.
4. **Take the next right step.** Not the whole staircase, just the next step.
5. **Guard each other’s honor.** The devil humiliates; the family covers.



4 POINT 4

Stand Strong

Resist the devil, steadfast in the faith

JAMES 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:9

...persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

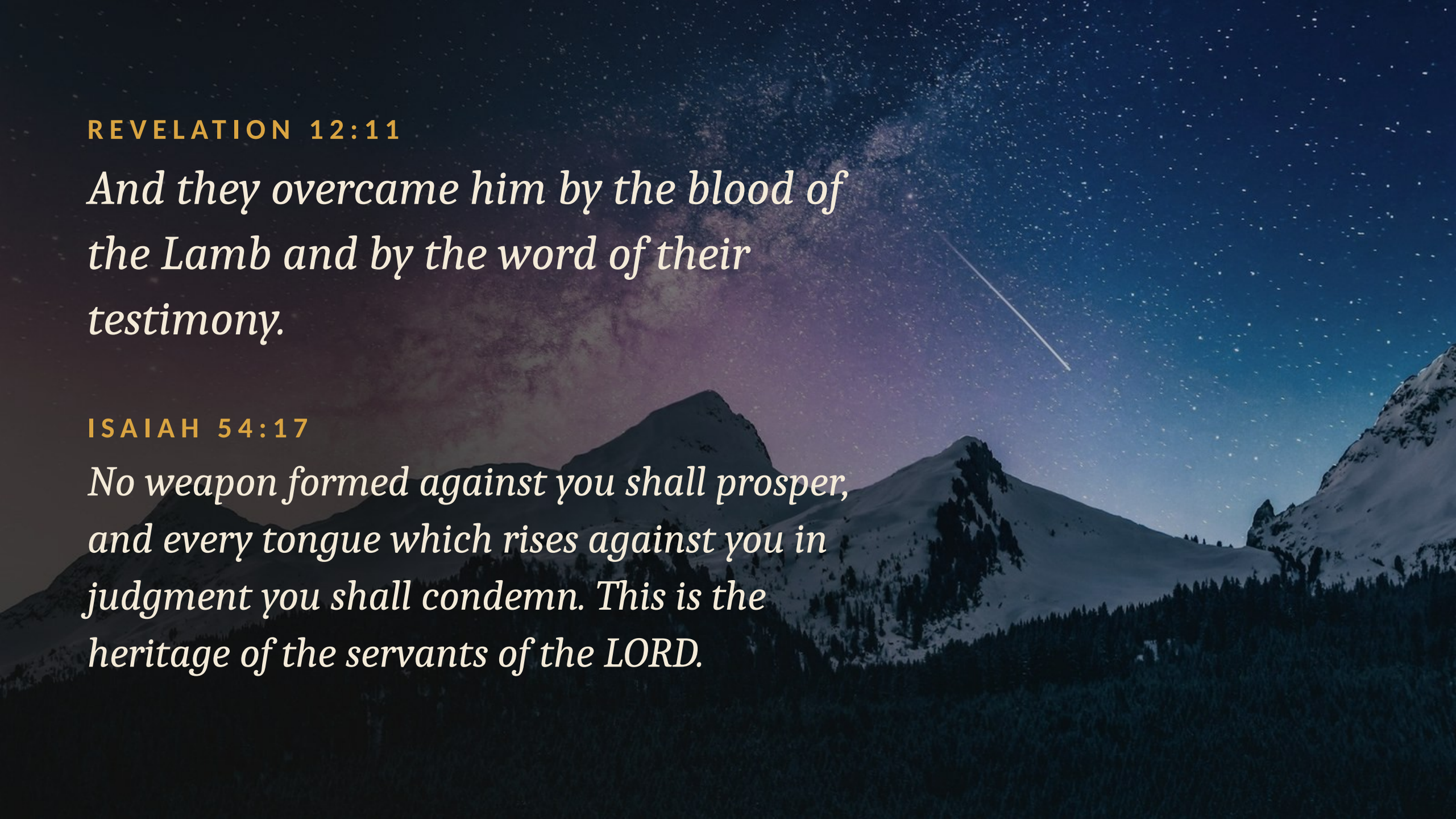
Your Helper in the battle

EPHESIANS 6:18

...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...

ROMANS 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...



REVELATION 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

ISAIAH 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD.

Tell that mountain to step aside

MARK 11:22–24

“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

Two conversations

Speak to God

about the mountain

MARK 11:24

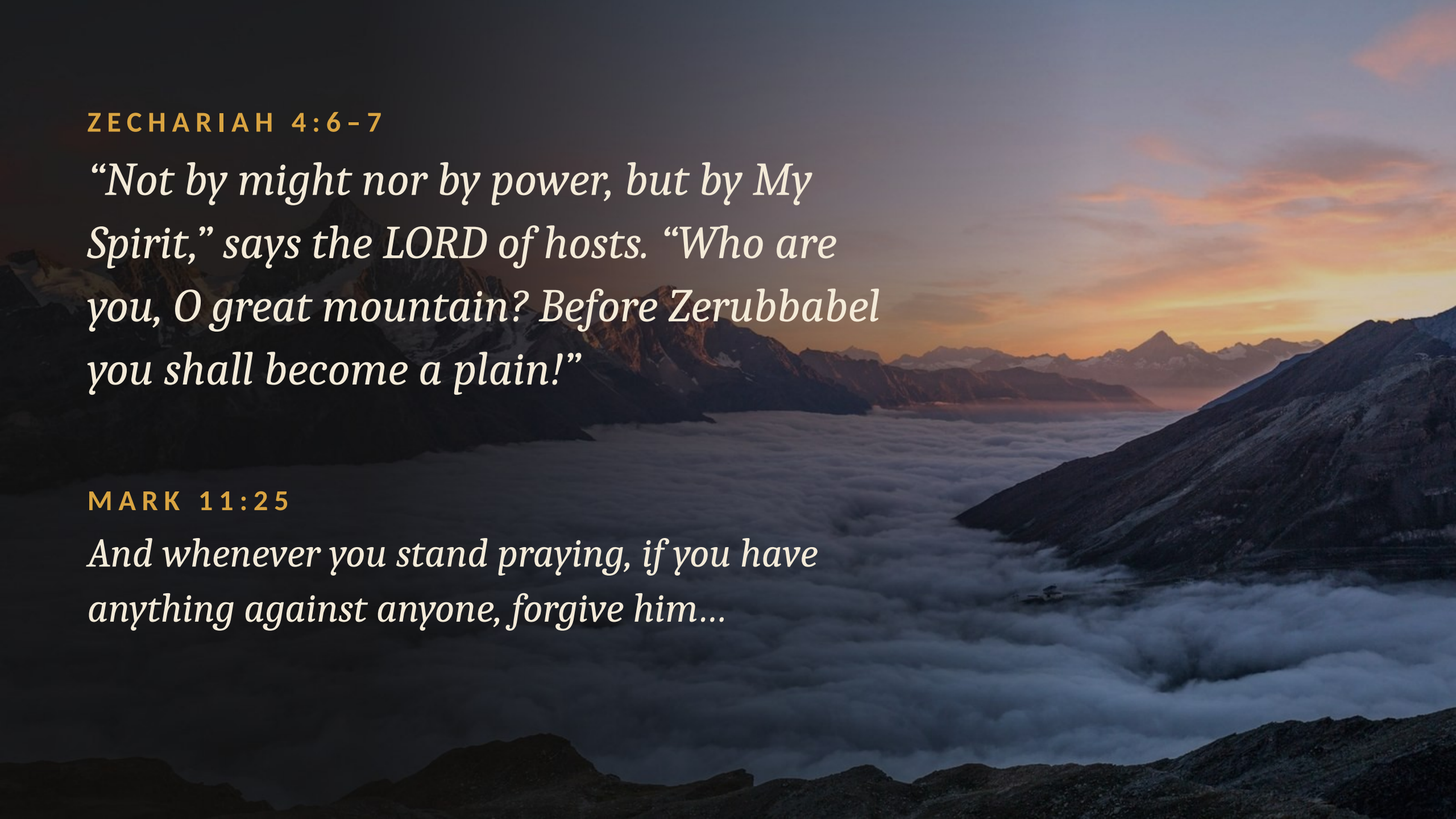
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Speak to the mountain

about God

MARK 11:23

“Be removed!” My God provides. My God heals. My God breaks every chain.

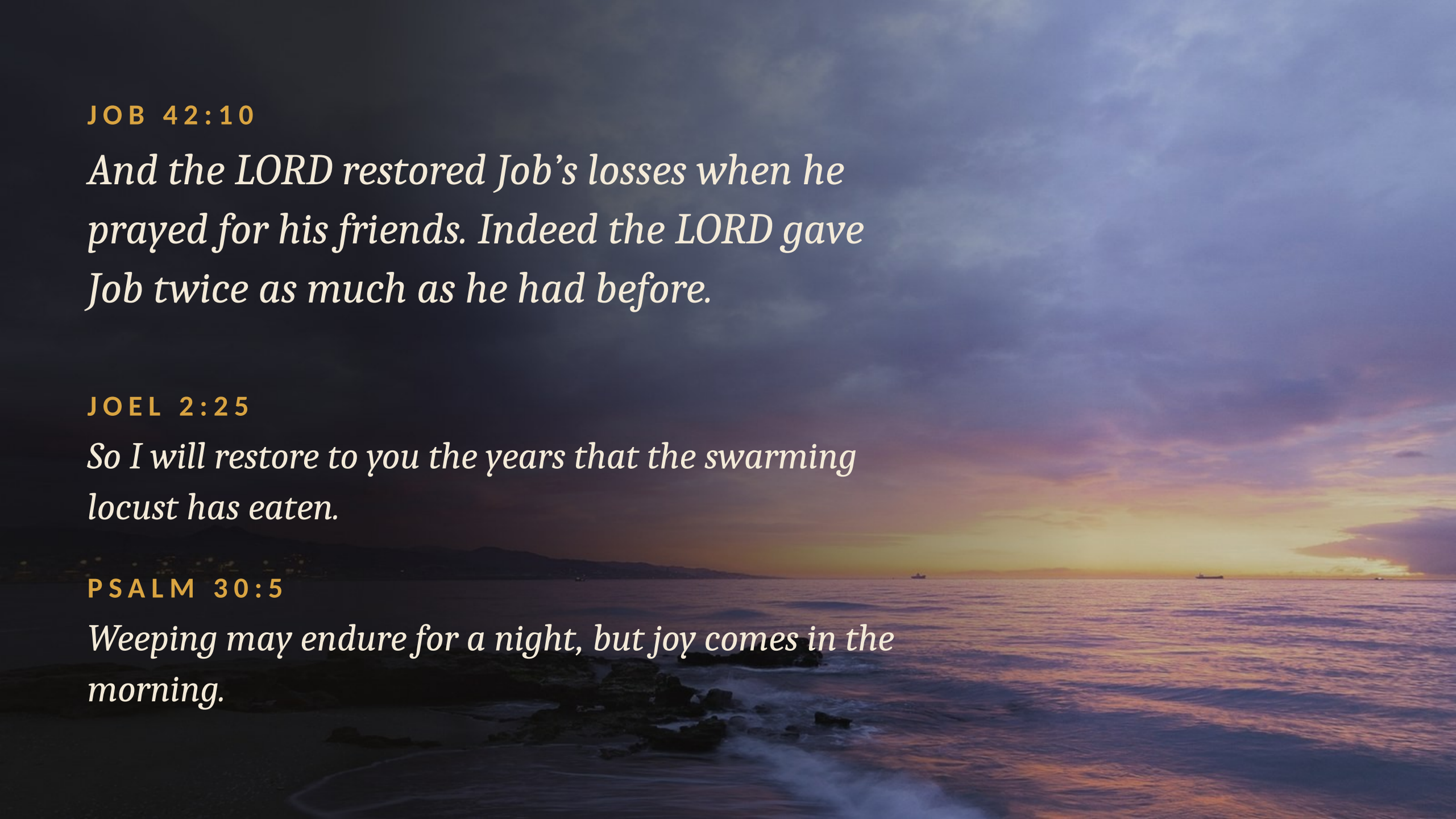


ZECHARIAH 4:6–7

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts. “Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!”

MARK 11:25

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him…



JOB 42:10

And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

JOEL 2:25

So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.

PSALM 30:5

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

The Shepherd laid down His life

ROMANS 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died
for us.

ROMANS 10:9

...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
and believe in your heart that God has raised Him
from the dead, you will be saved.

A PROPHETIC PRAYER

Deliverance and moving mountains

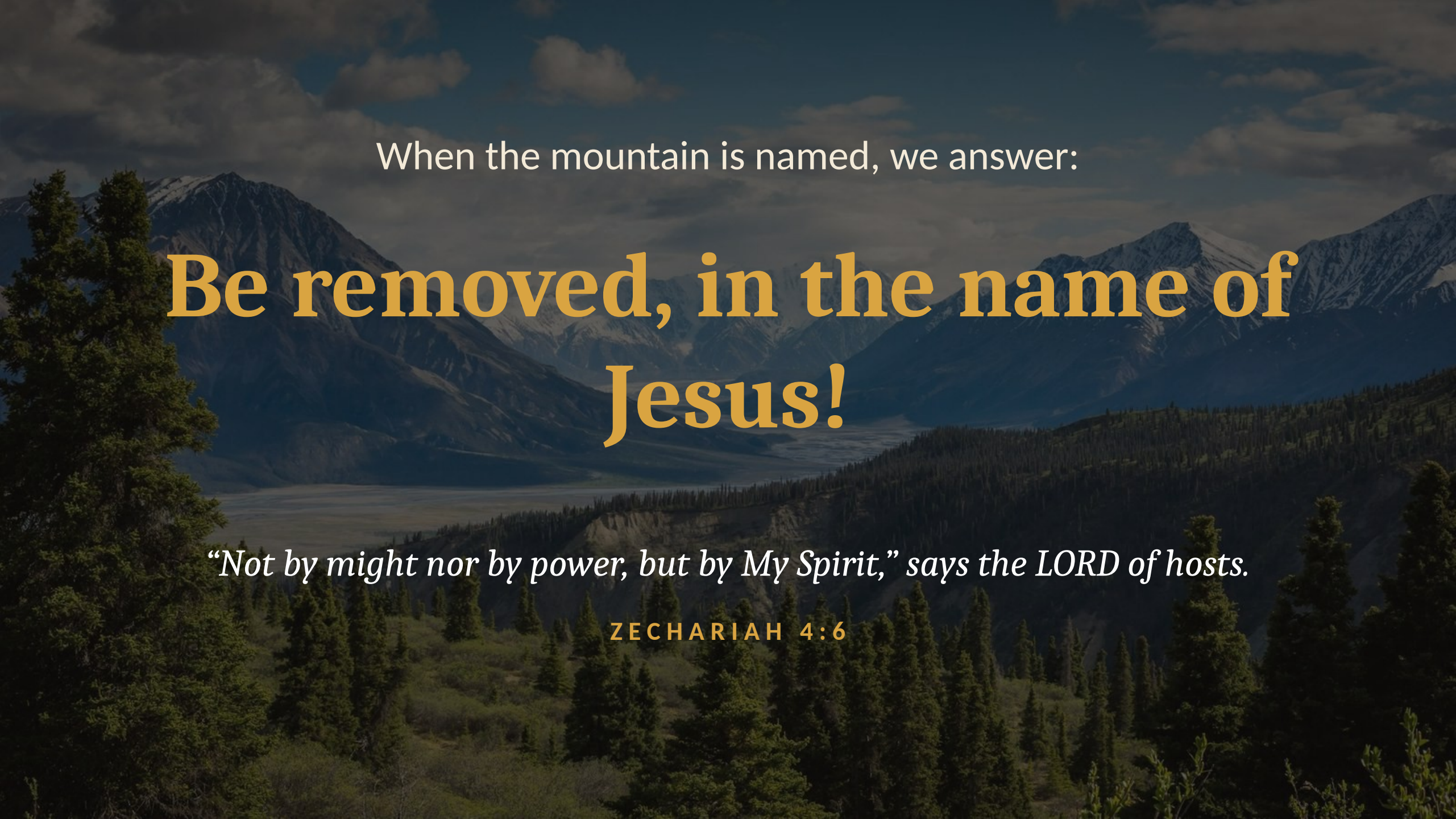
1. **Receive**
   Romans 10:9
2. **Forgive**
   Mark 11:25
3. **Resist**
   James 4:7
4. **Reclaim**
   Revelation 12:11
5. **Speak**
   Mark 11:23
6. **See**
   2 Kings 6:17



COME HOME TO THE SHEPHERD

Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and rose again.
I turn from my sin, and I put my trust in You.
Be my Lord and my Savior.
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tell an elder today so we can walk with you.

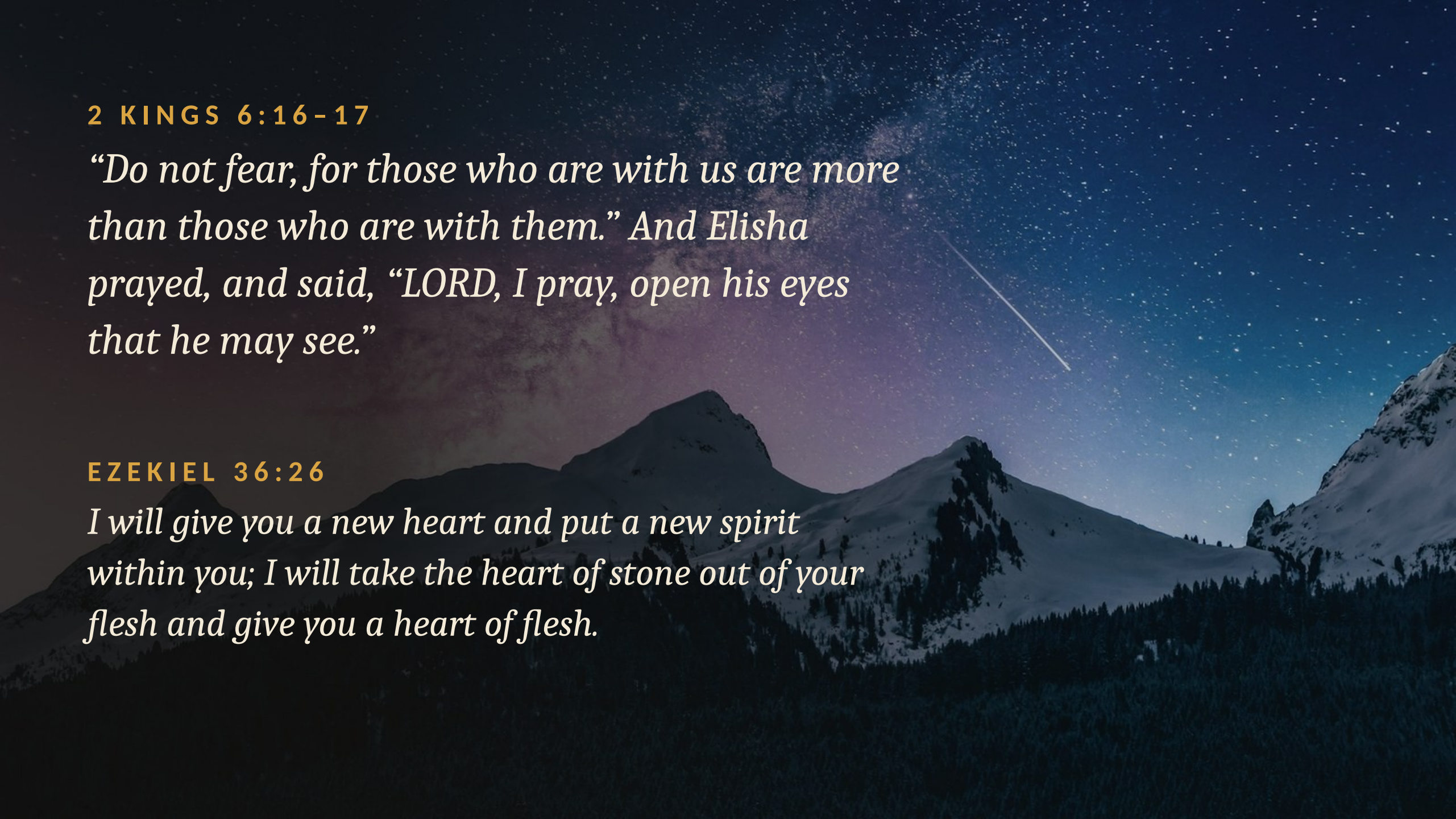


When the mountain is named, we answer:

Be removed, in the name of Jesus!

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts.

ZECHARIAH 4:6

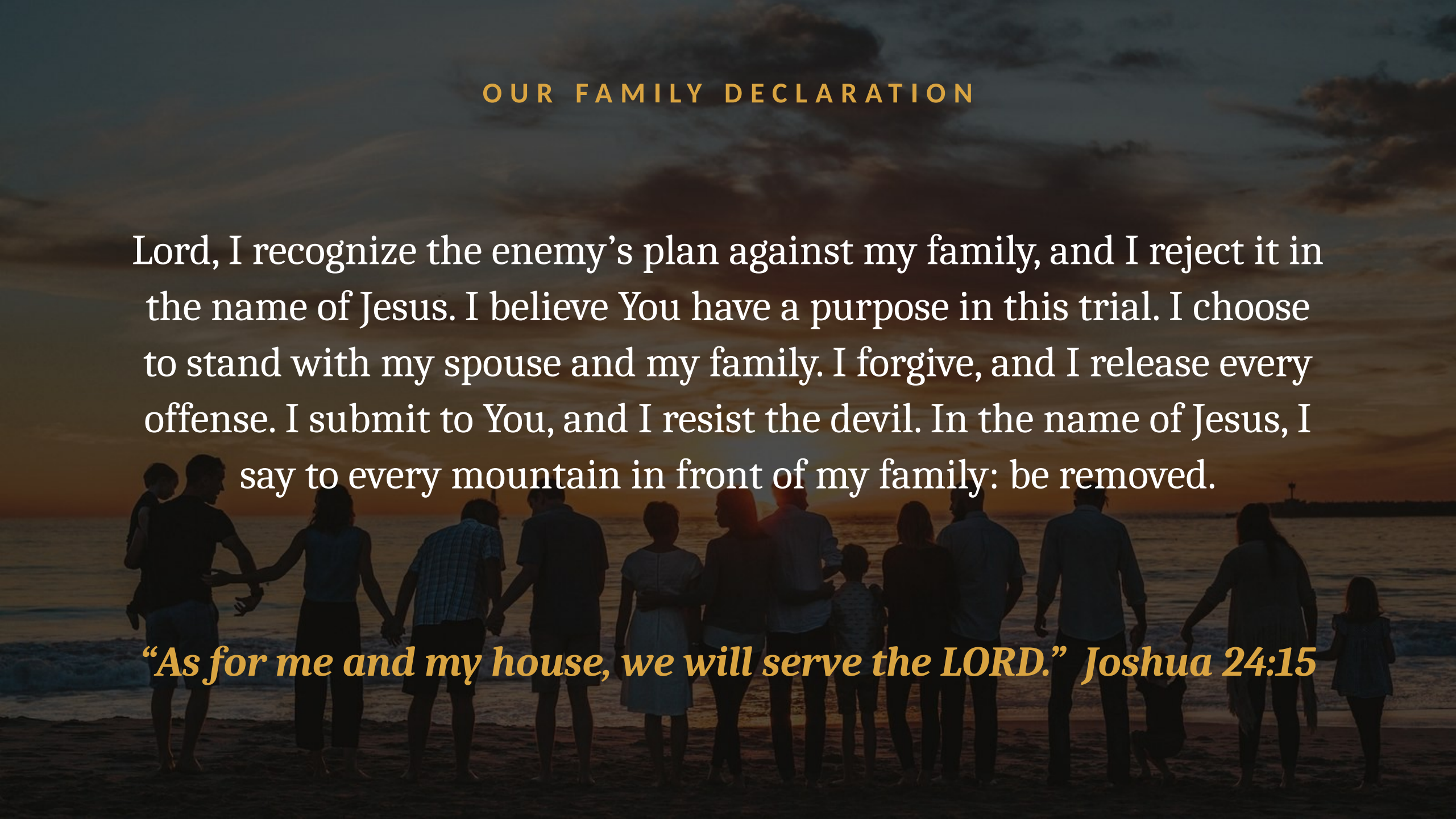


2 KINGS 6:16–17

“Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, and said, “LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.”

EZEKIEL 36:26

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.



OUR FAMILY DECLARATION

Lord, I recognize the enemy's plan against my family, and I reject it in the name of Jesus. I believe You have a purpose in this trial. I choose to stand with my spouse and my family. I forgive, and I release every offense. I submit to You, and I resist the devil. In the name of Jesus, I say to every mountain in front of my family: be removed.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15



This week: a family challenge

1. Pray together out loud every day for seven days.
2. Resolve one offense before the sun goes down.
3. Write down your family’s mountain and one verse to declare over it.
4. Share one testimony of God’s faithfulness at the table.