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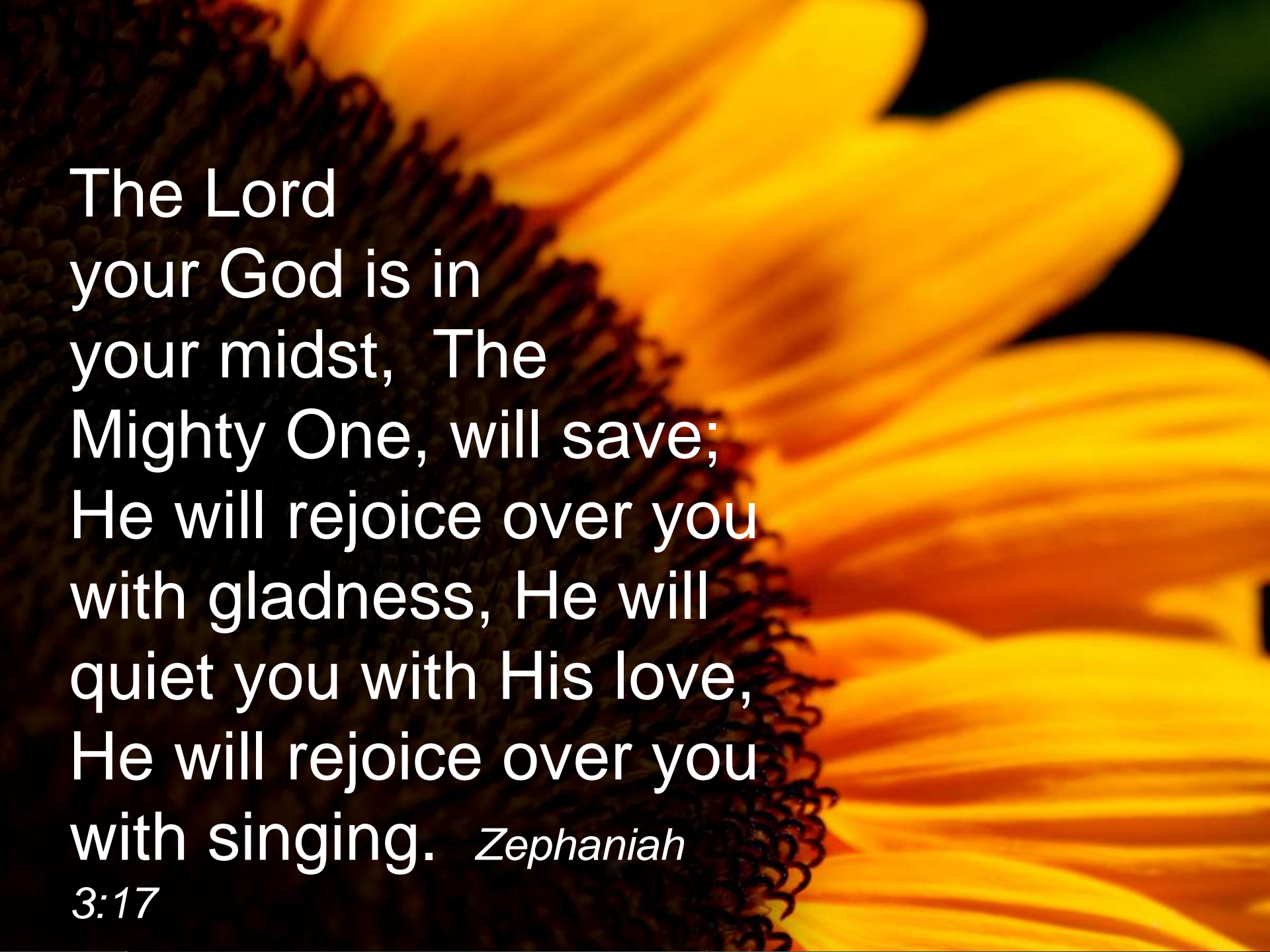
LEARNING TO LIVE AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS
OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER



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When God thinks of you,
love swells in His heart.



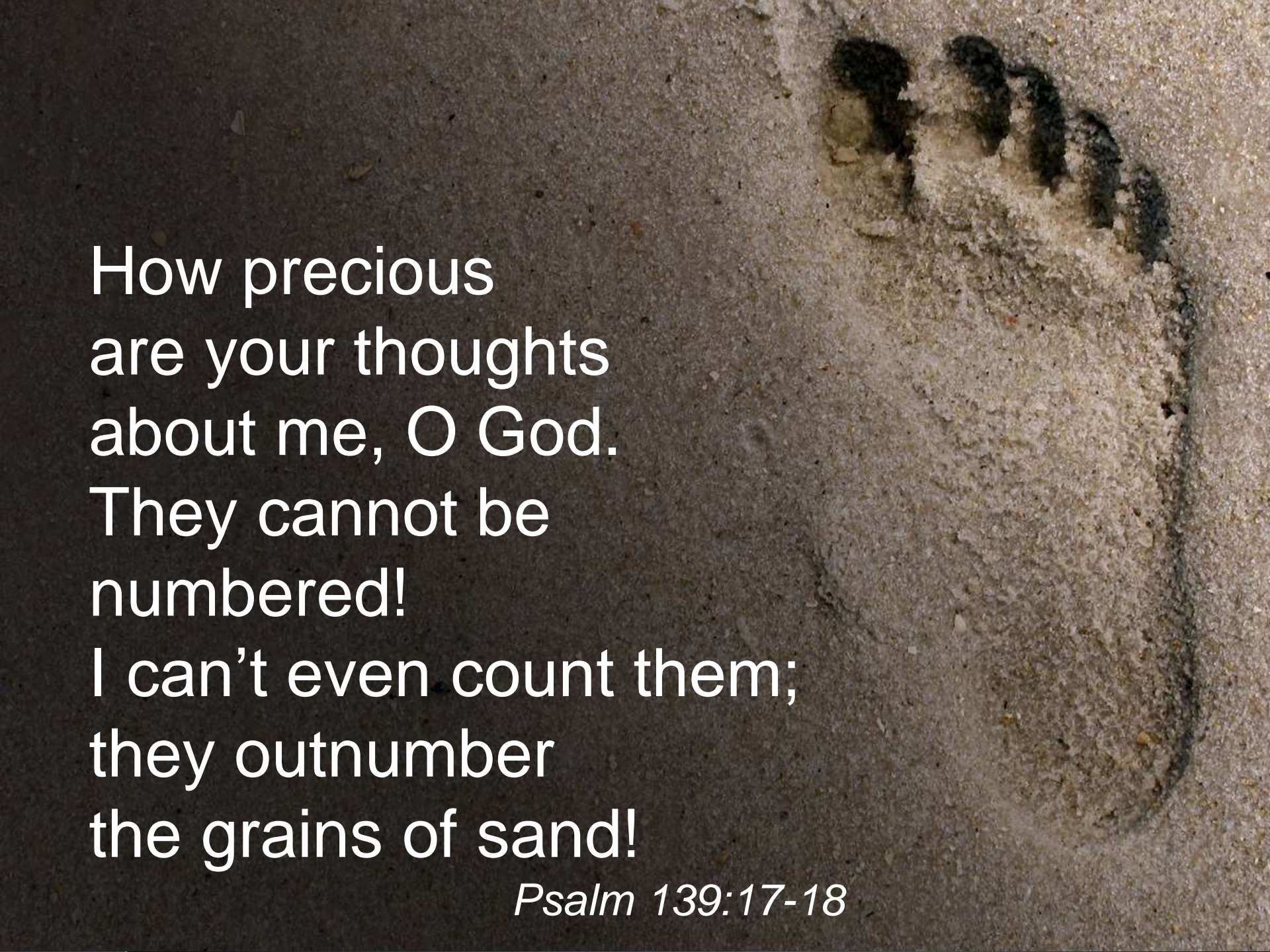


The Lord
your God is in
your midst, The
Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you
with gladness, He will
quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you
with singing. *Zephaniah*
3:17



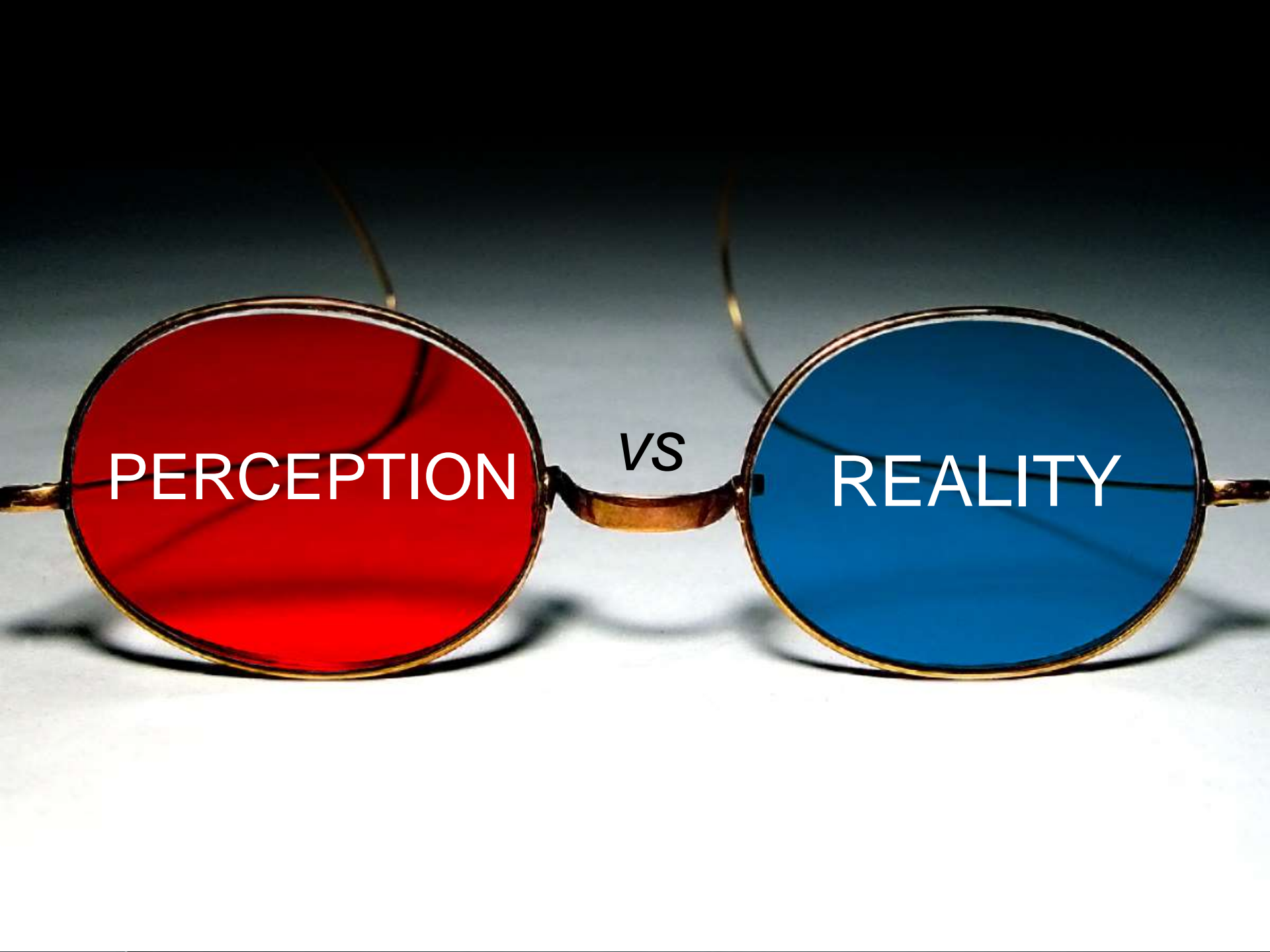
For as a young man marries
a virgin, so shall your sons
marry you; and as the
bridegroom rejoices
over the bride,
so shall your God
rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:5



How precious
are your thoughts
about me, O God.
They cannot be
numbered!
I can't even count them;
they outnumber
the grains of sand!

Psalm 139:17-18



PERCEPTION

VS

REALITY



Why did **God** create man?

A silhouette of a person standing in a field with their arms raised in a gesture of worship or praise. The background is a sunset sky with scattered clouds, and a line of trees is visible on the horizon. The word "Worship" is overlaid in white text on the person's torso.

Worship



Worship



Evangelize





Worship

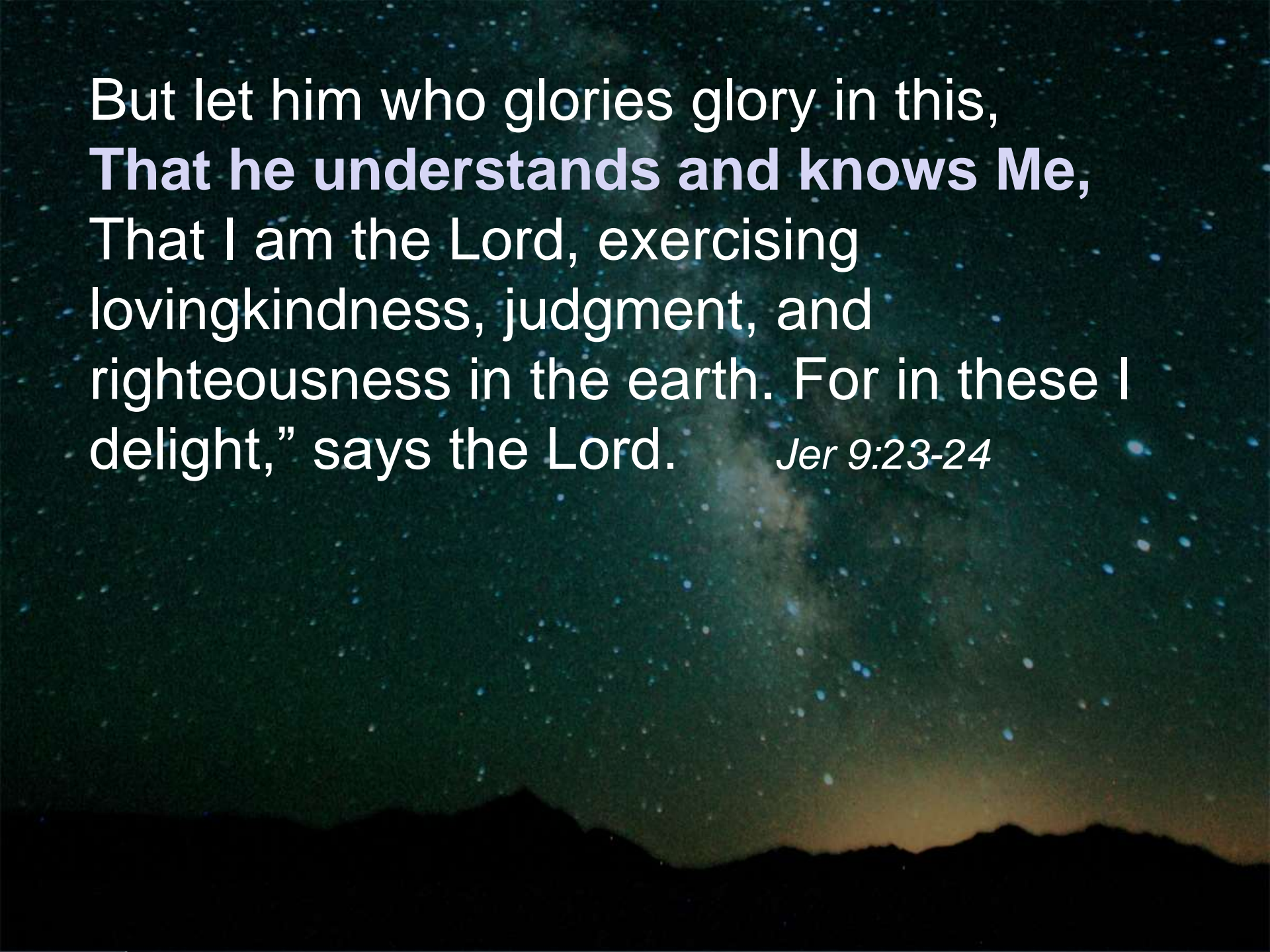


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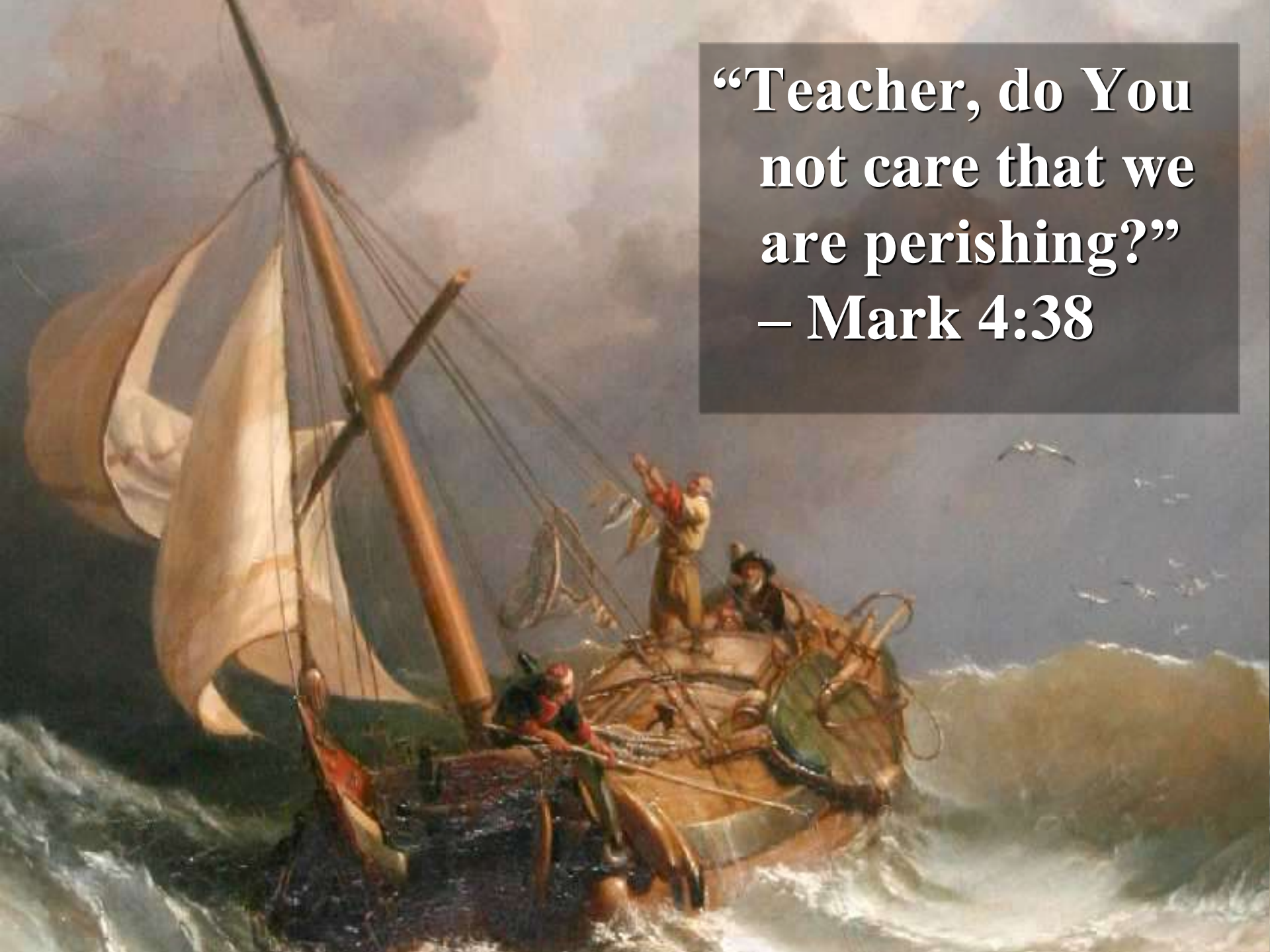




But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I am the Lord, exercising
lovingkindness, judgment, and
righteousness in the earth. For in these I
delight,” says the Lord. *Jer 9:23-24*



Some “God of Love” You are!
Why did You do this?



**“Teacher, do You
not care that we
are perishing?”
– Mark 4:38**



We blame God for evil

Jesus told them,
"You're all going to
feel that your world
is falling apart and
that it's my fault."

Mark 14:27(MSG)

Which father did you grow up with?



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Our view of God's character - - that He is absent, distant, harsh, unapproachable, uncaring, weak— correspond to images of our earthly father.

Our
Heavenly
Father
has a
PR
problem



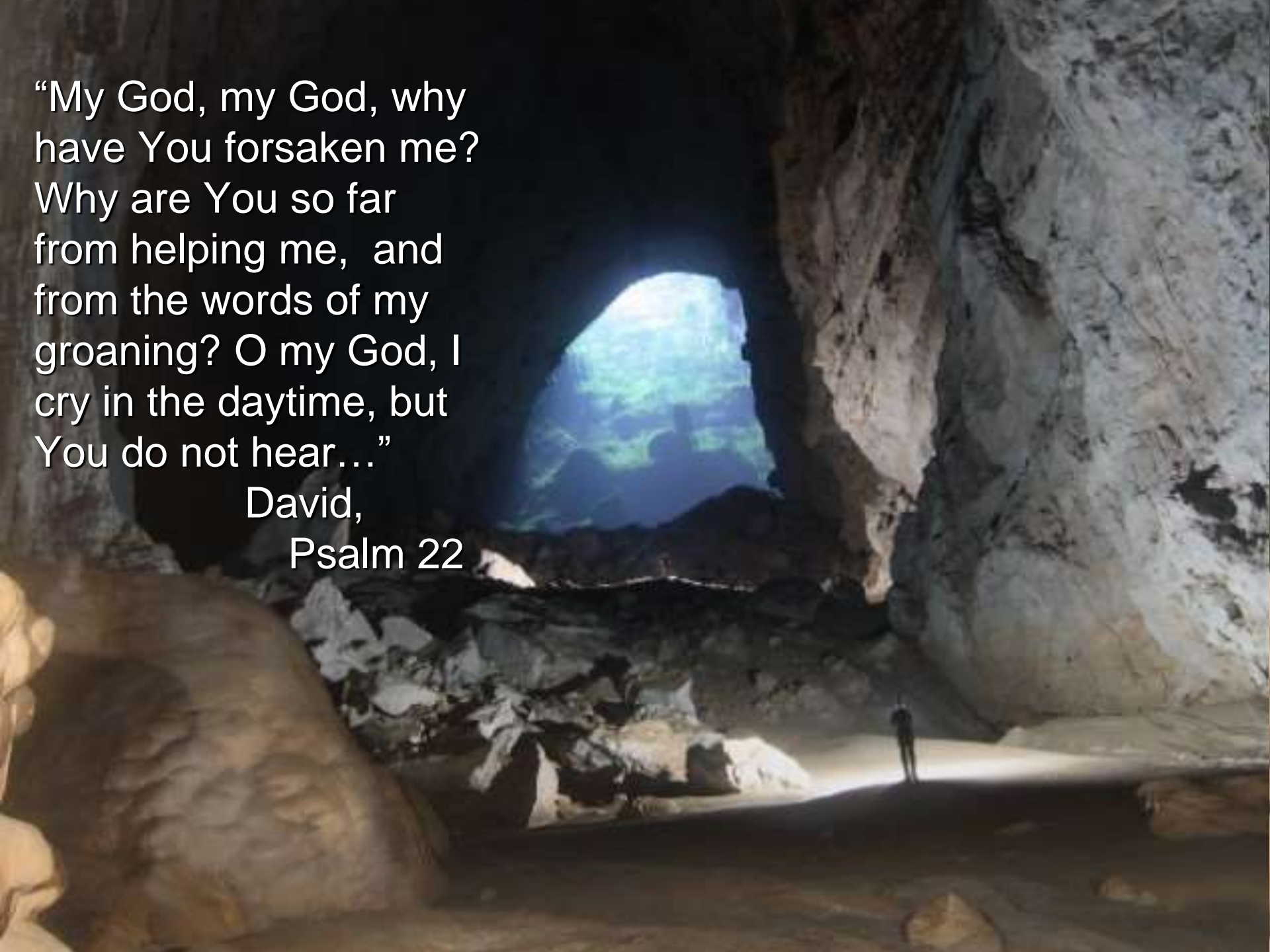


Gideon

- And Gideon said to him, **“Please, sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us?”** And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” Judges 6:13

“My God, my God, why
have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far
from helping me, and
from the words of my
groaning? O my God, I
cry in the daytime, but
You do not hear...”

David,
Psalm 22



And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the coming One, or do we look for another?” Matt 11:2

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

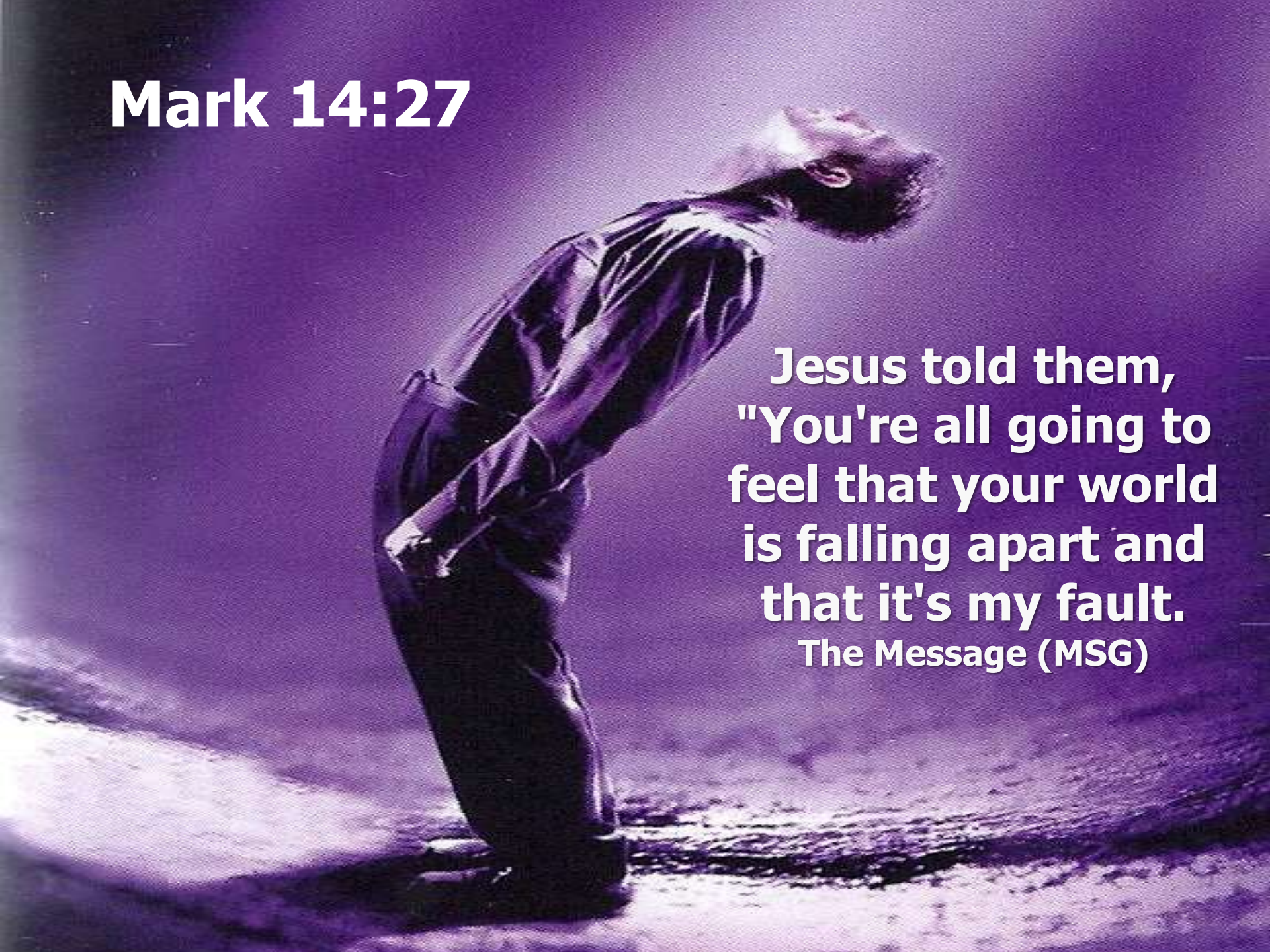
Jesus, Matt. 27:46



Conclusions about God

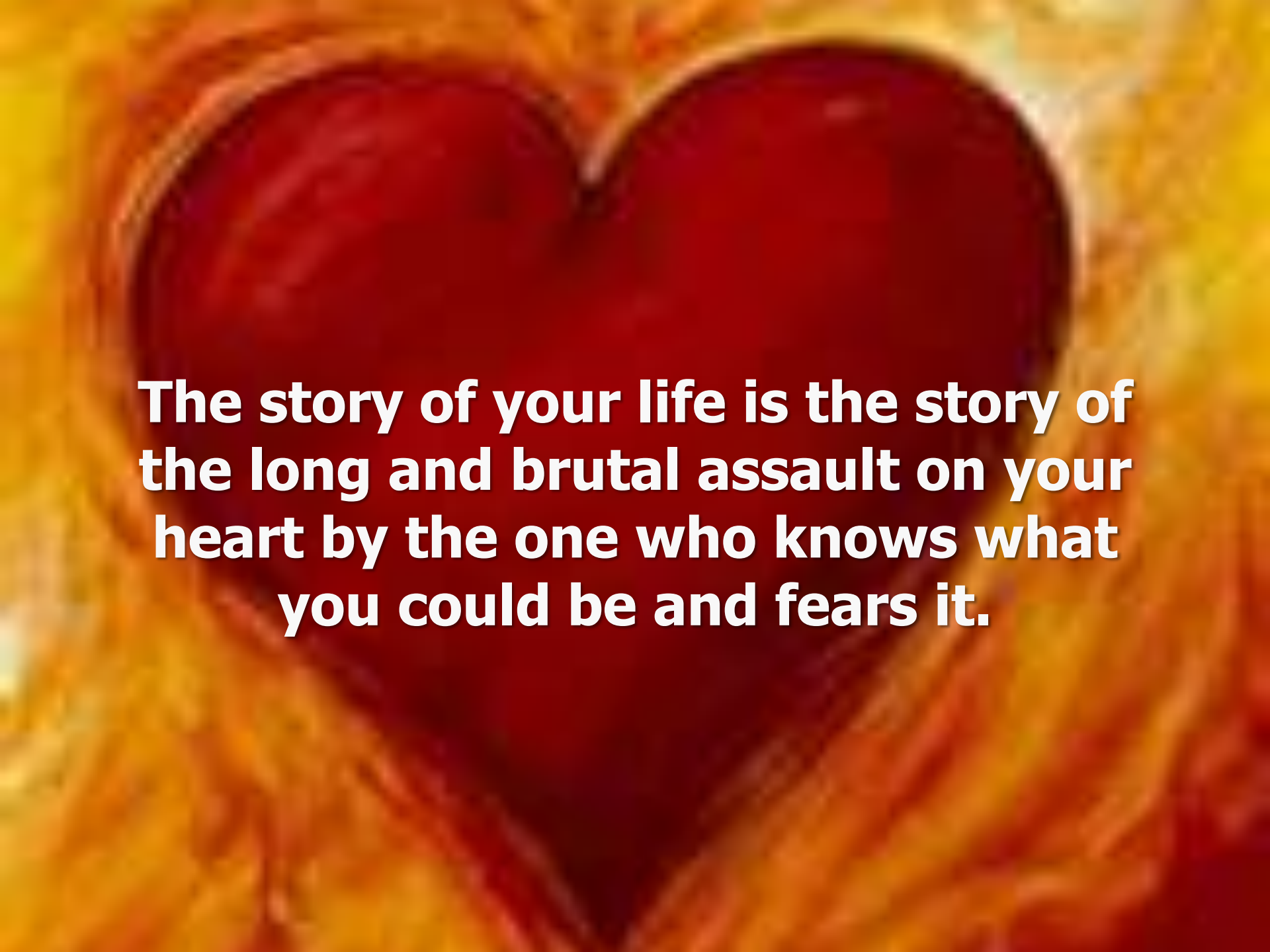
**You are powerless over
your circumstances,
& you are a victim of
an unjust God
who left you here to
suffer**

Mark 14:27



**Jesus told them,
"You're all going to
feel that your world
is falling apart and
that it's my fault.**

The Message (MSG)



**The story of your life is the story of
the long and brutal assault on your
heart by the one who knows what
you could be and fears it.**


Arrows of the Heart

A target with concentric rings of white, black, blue, red, and yellow. In the center of the yellow ring is a black heart shape. Several arrows with wooden shafts and red fletching are shown hitting the target. One arrow is in sharp focus, hitting the heart. Other arrows are blurred in the foreground and background.

Abuse
Harmful words
Shame/abandonment
No physical affection
No emotional intimacy

A map of a region in Brazil, likely in the state of São Paulo, showing various towns and roads. A yellow highlighted path starts from the left side of the map and moves southwards. The text "Journey Toward the Father's Heart" is overlaid in white on the map. The map includes labels for towns such as Ribeirão Claro, Sarutaiá, Tejupá, Itai, Fartura, and Paranapanema. A road sign for "SP 270" is visible near Itai. The word "RAPOSO" is also visible on the map.

Journey Toward the Father's Heart

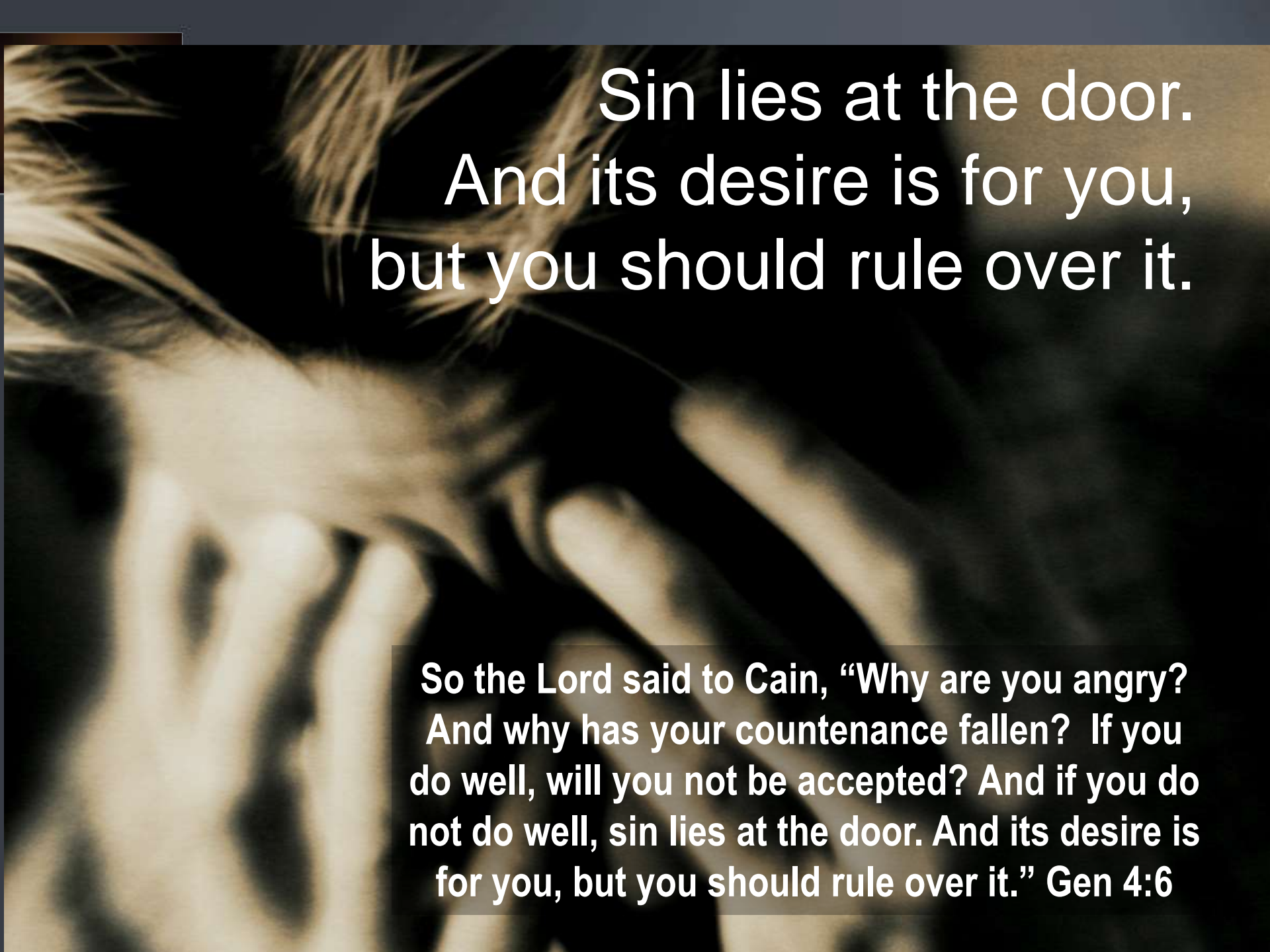


Jesus modeled
the nature of
the Father



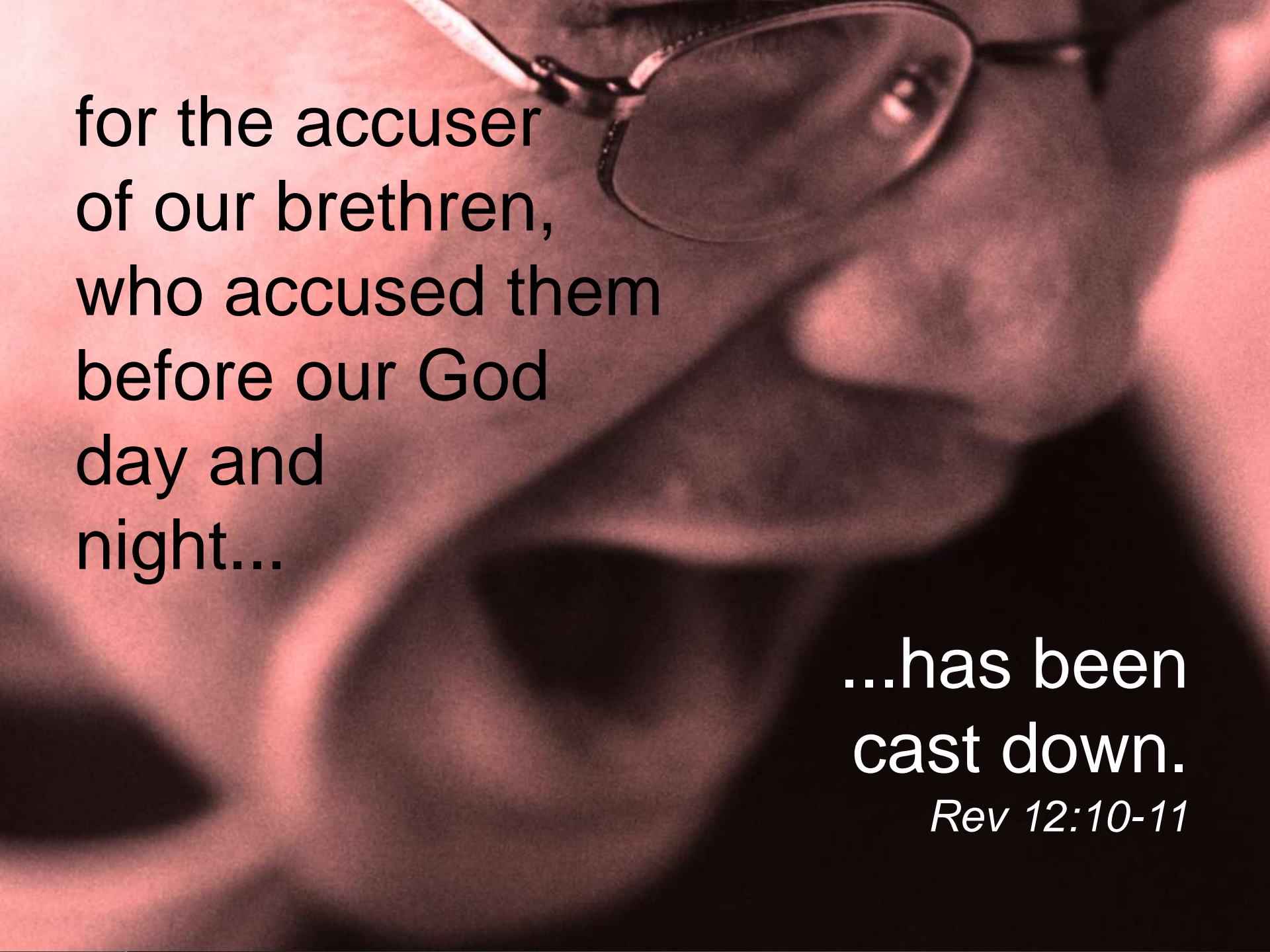
"If you had known Me, you would have known my Father also" (John 14:7).

Key to knowing the nature of the Father is knowing Jesus intimately



**Sin lies at the door.
And its desire is for you,
but you should rule over it.**

**So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry?
And why has your countenance fallen? If you
do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do
not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is
for you, but you should rule over it.” Gen 4:6**



for the accuser
of our brethren,
who accused them
before our God
day and
night...

...has been
cast down.

Rev 12:10-11

Repentance is needed



God and Satan both want you dead

2 Cor 4:11-12

1 Peter 5:8-9

Satan's strategy
is to kill

Jesus

“And the dragon stood before
the woman who was ready to
give birth, to devour her
Child as soon as it was born.”

Rev 12:4-5

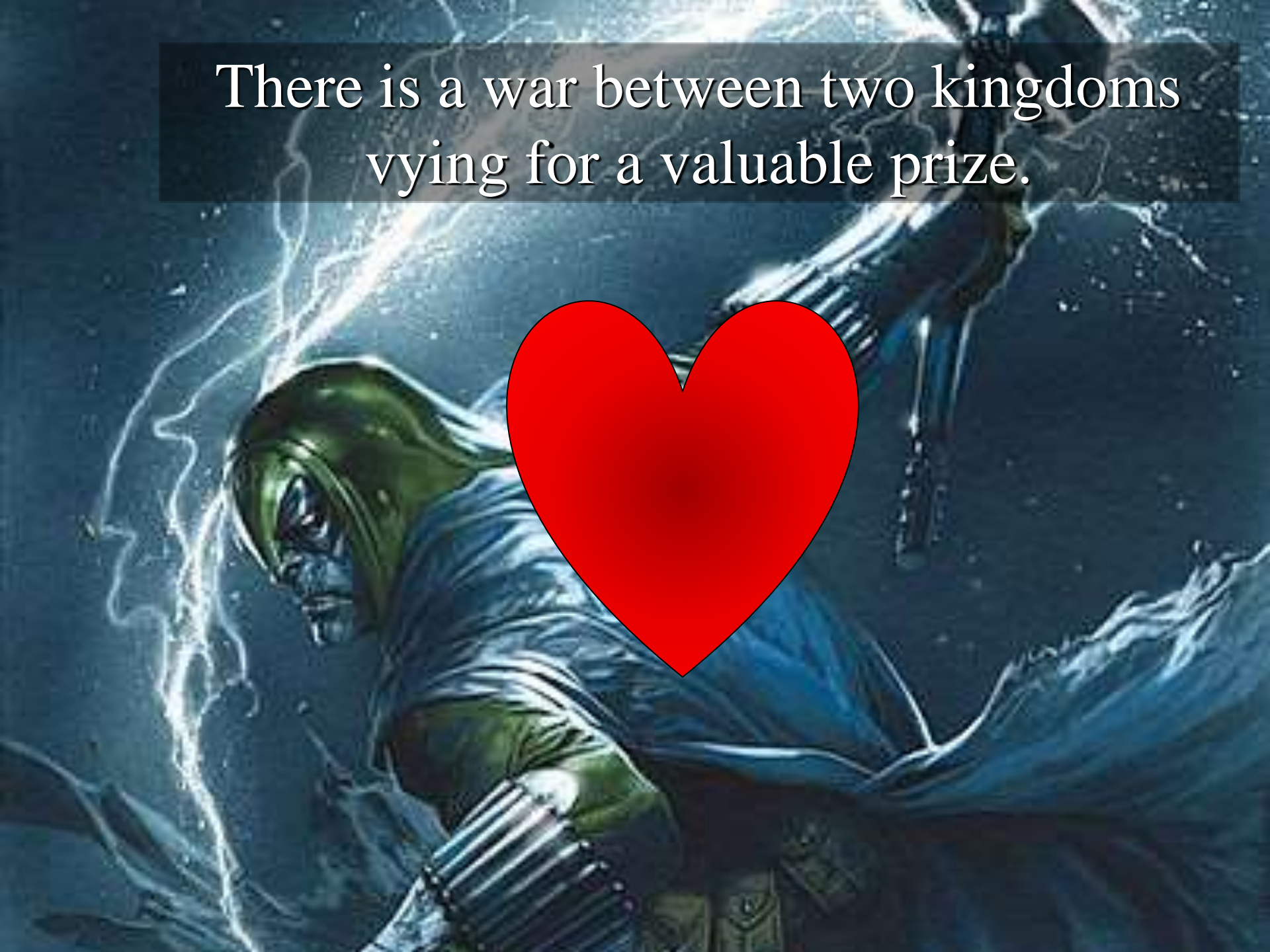
Satan's Strategy?



“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

1 Peter 5:8-9

There is a war between two kingdoms
vying for a valuable prize.



Religion versus Relationship





Without validation of Father's love we will seek to validate our lives through performance, drugs, sex, addictions – you name it – all imposters.

**Competence becomes our method
of dealing with a wounded heart**





Believing we are not loved
can lead to addictions

All addictions represent a
counterfeit desire for
genuine love & intimacy.



Fig Leaves of Shame

When a Christian falls into sin, there is an immediate sense of failure - - I'm not measuring up to God's expectations. That failure leads to shame and embarrassment for not being perfect, and guilt for having violated God's law. Shame and guilt lead to fear--fear of being found out, fear of rejection, fear of God's wrath--and the natural reaction to fear is to hide.



Jack Frost, *Experiencing Father's Embrace*, p.

**So many of us are chained to
disappointments we have
experienced related to God and
even our earthly fathers.**



**If we cannot reconcile tragedy and disappointment we hold
God responsible, thereby concluding He is not a God of love,
which leaves us in a state of unbelief.**



Jesus lived on earth being
perceived as an illegitimate son.

Audible Voices

Moses, John the Baptist, the Ascension

Two Occasions

“...this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.”



A scenic view of a lake with a picnic shelter in the foreground. The shelter features several picnic tables and a grill, all enclosed by a metal railing. The lake is surrounded by lush green trees and a sandy shore. The sky is overcast, and the water reflects the surrounding greenery.

My personal encounter with
the Father's love

Mentor

Lonesome Dove

Validating Sonship



How many of
you heard...



“I
Love
You?”

July 2009 *Time* magazine



"Children have a primal need to know who they are, to love and be loved by the two people whose physical union brought them here."

Father to the Fatherless



**When my father
and my mother
forsake me, then
the Lord will take
care of me.**

Ps 27:10

**The Lord is near to
those who have a
broken heart.**

Ps 34: 18

God has a heart



...And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and *He was grieved in His heart* (Gen 6:5-7).



Sometimes God let's you feel the pain of a situation before you can become the solution for deliverance for yourself and others.

No longer a slave, but a son

*And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
Gal 4:6,7*





A son wants
to know, "Am
I powerful?
Will my life
make a
difference?
Do I have
what it
takes?"

Father's Unconditional Love

- 1) Establish Identity
- 2) Release Destiny

"Am I beautiful?
Will a man want
me and
pursue me?
Will anyone
fight for me?
Am I worth
fighting for?"

Needs
father
blessing

A Father's Primary Role



Consequences:

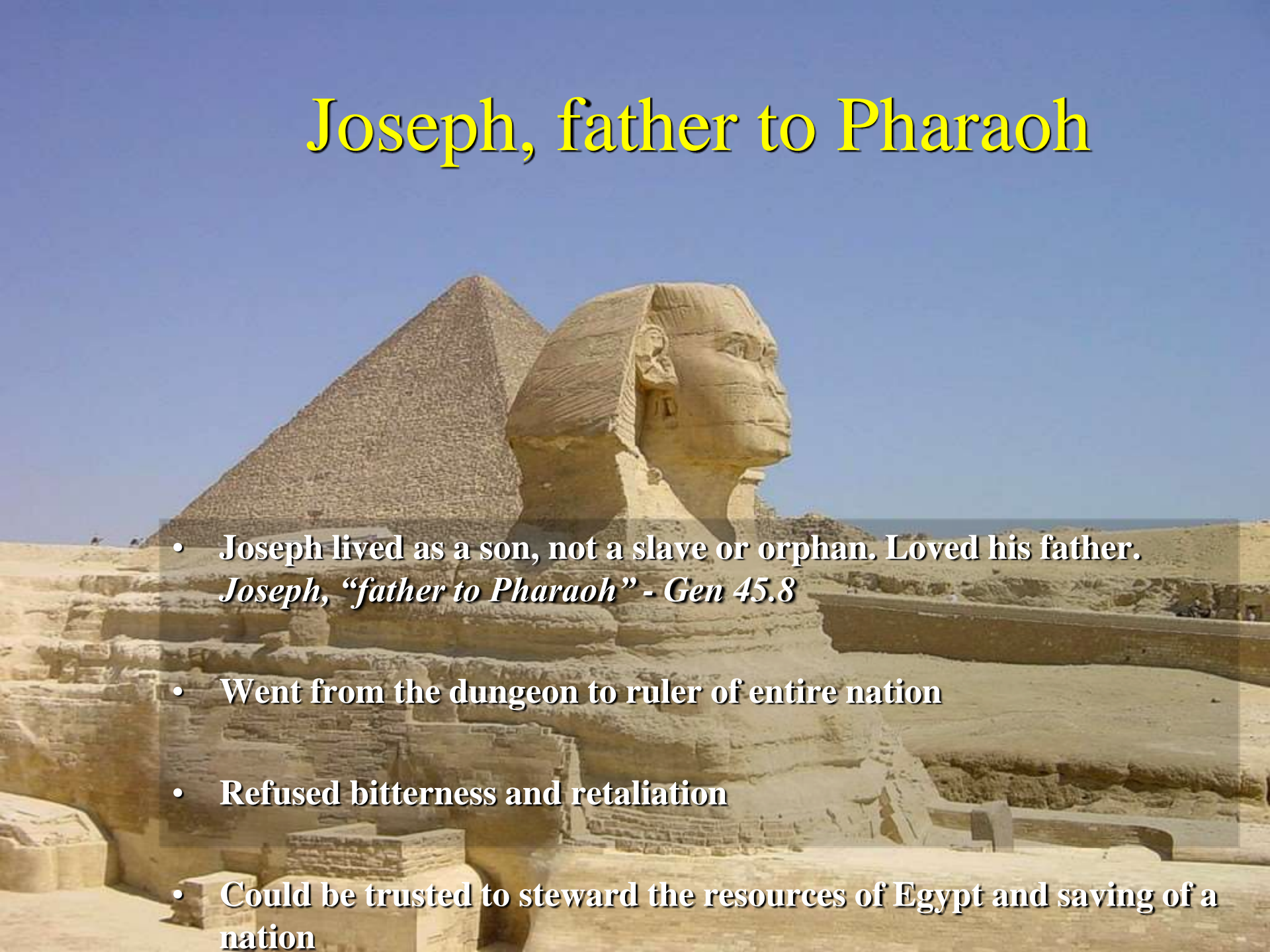
- Seek love sexually
- Performance



Living as sons and daughters

“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,” says the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor. 6:18

Joseph, father to Pharaoh

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- The background of the slide is a photograph of the Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. The Sphinx is in the foreground, and the Pyramid is in the background. The sky is clear and blue.
- **Joseph lived as a son, not a slave or orphan. Loved his father.**
Joseph, “father to Pharaoh” - Gen 45.8
 - **Went from the dungeon to ruler of entire nation**
 - **Refused bitterness and retaliation**
 - **Could be trusted to steward the resources of Egypt and saving of a nation**



Are you living as a
son or a slave (orphan)?

Entry door?

Abandonment

**“We don’t have
enough money
for that.”**

Orphan spirit

Performance

Mother-son

**We must close any
doors that
still remain open
where the
enemy has access.**



Orphan Leaders

300 of the greatest names in history

- Alexander the Great
- Julius Caesar
- Charles V
- Cardinal Richelieu
- Queen Victoria
- Golda Meir
- Adolph Hitler
- Joseph Stalin
- Vladimir Lenin
- Fidel Castro





“...a new theory of genesis of the will to political power: the insecurity consequent upon emotional deprivation must have **aroused in these children an exceptional will to power**, which drove them into a career in politics with the aim of ‘transforming the world...’”

Creative Suffering, Paul Tournier

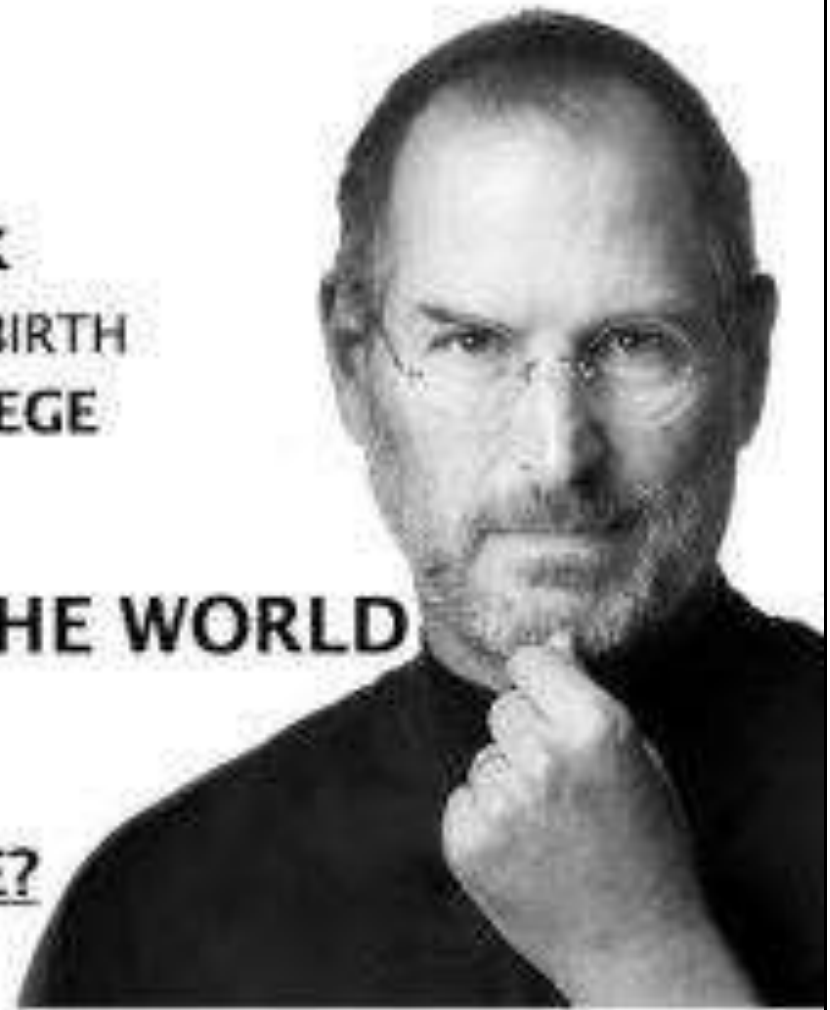


Steve Jobs

**BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK
PUT UP FOR ADOPTION AT BIRTH
DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE**

THEN CHANGED THE WORLD

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?





Sons vs Slaves

- *Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ (Gal 4:6-7).*
- *Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; ... It is vain for you to rise up early, (Ps 127:1-2)*



Sons vs Slaves

- Believes and experiences the **unconditional love** of the father.
- Believes he must **perform** to gain the father's love.



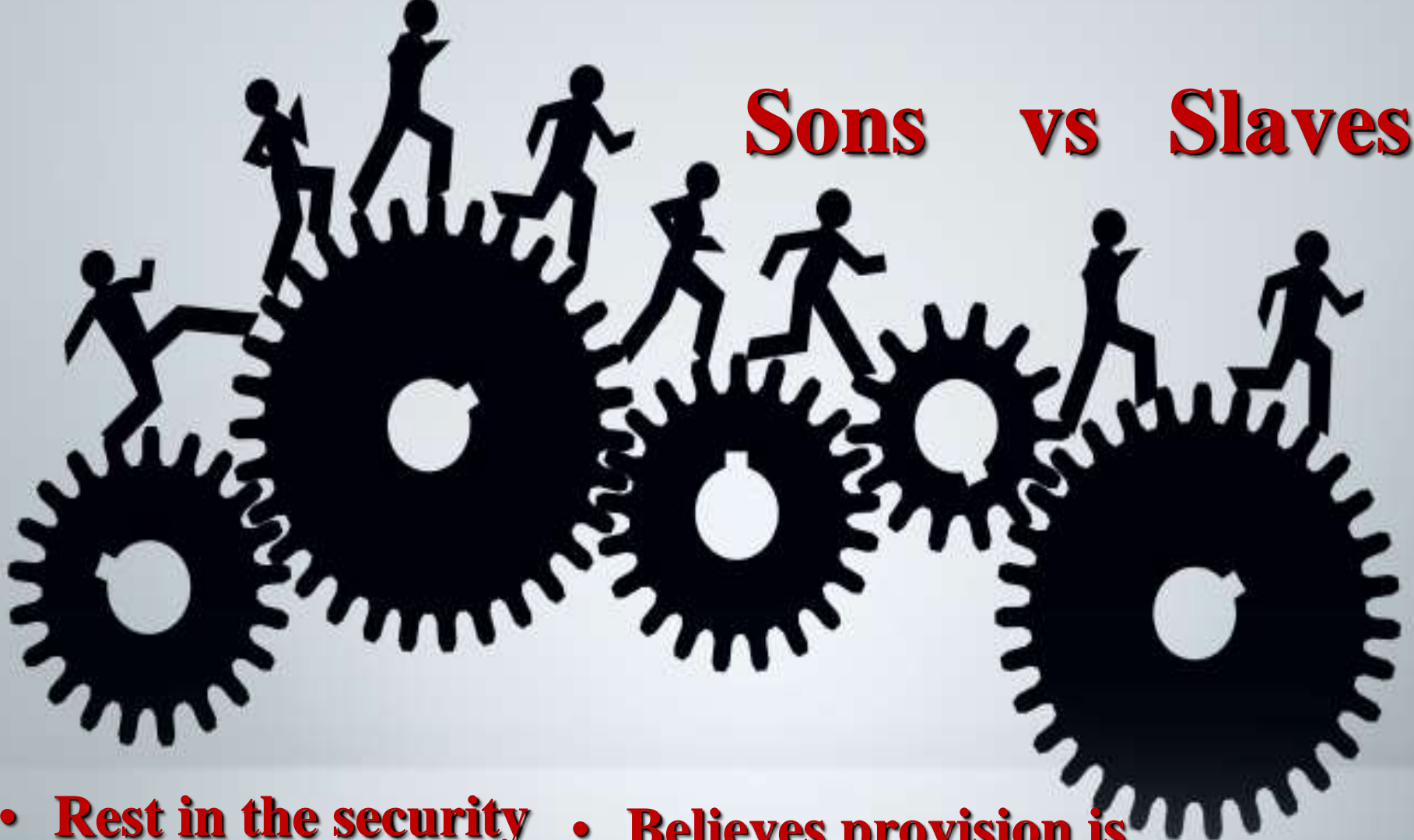


Sons vs Slaves

- Experiences sonship as an heir based on his **position** to the father.
- Believes becoming an heir is tied to **performance**, not his **position** as a son.



Sons vs Slaves



- **Rest in the security of his father's provision.**
- **Believes provision is only through performance.**



Sons vs Slaves

- When I fail I am still loved – Godly guilt
- When I fail I believe I deserve judgment - shame





Sons vs Slaves

- I'm a **steward** of what my father entrust to me.
- I feel **entitled** to own anything I do.





Sons vs Slaves

- Identifies with the heart of the Father.
- Values Father for what He can do for him.





Sons vs Slaves

- I **love** my dad's character.
(unconditional love)
- I **resent** my dad's character.
(wants conditions)





Sons vs Slaves

- Love is **experienced**.
- **Recognizes** sins, repentant
- Lives from the **heart**
- Believes he/she is **loved**
- Love is **earned**.
- Self-righteous, **prideful**
- Lives from **legalism**
- Believes he/she is defective (**shame**)

Sons vs Slaves

- Godly Kingdom lifestyle defined by grace and redemption
- Lives under God's authority
- Worldly kingdom perspective defined by performance and posturing
- Rejects God's authority



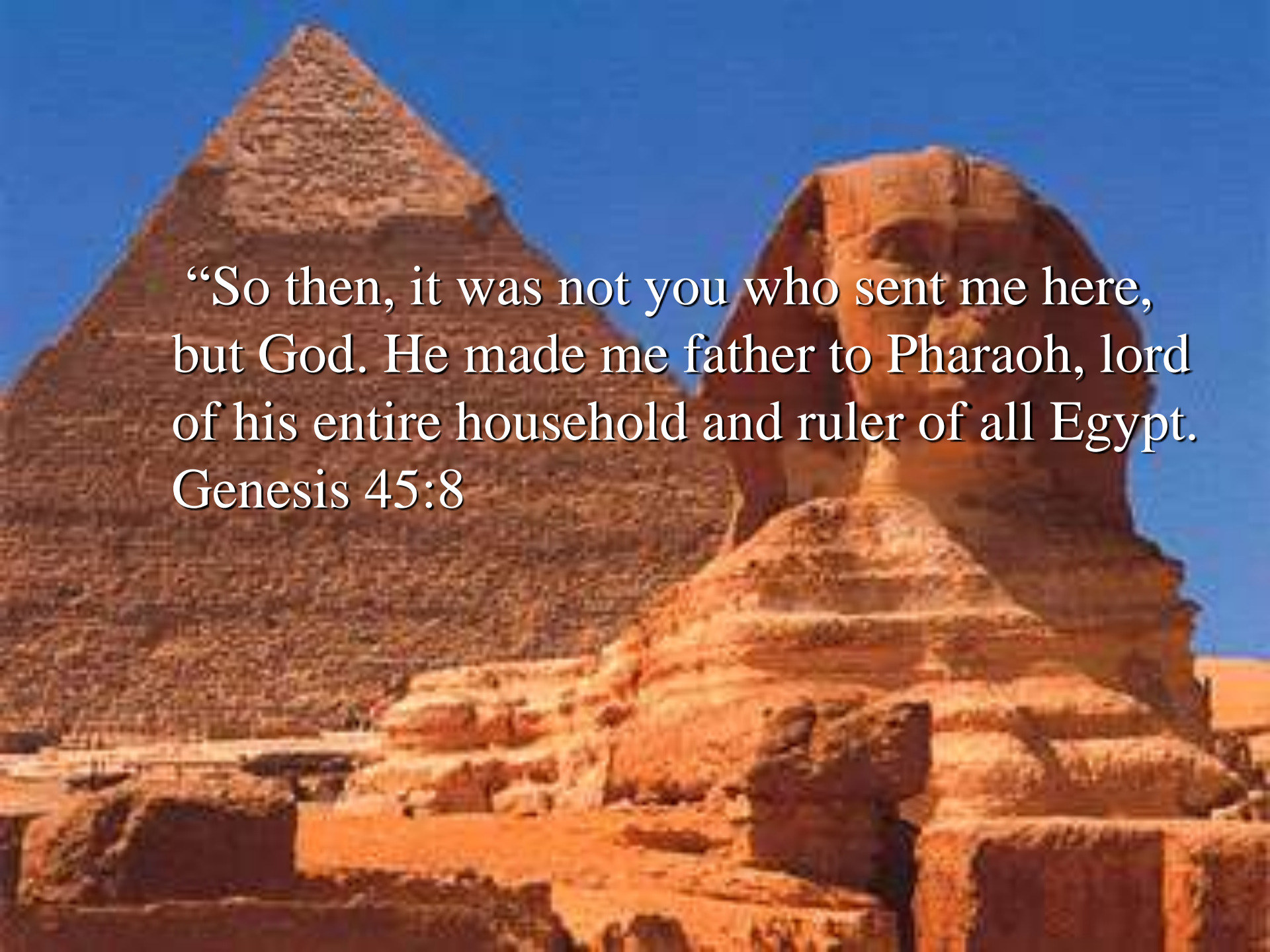


Father is Petitioned for our needs

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things **to those who ask Him!**” -Mt 7:11



“Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?” Luke 12:24-25

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“So then, it was not you who sent me here,
but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord
of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.
Genesis 45:8



To be a good father,
you must first be?

a good son

Hey Pops

Wow. I can't tell you how much you and Ron impacted this beautiful Hollywood of ours. The biggest testimony for me is how everyone experienced the Father's love through you guys. In a city of so many orphans both your deep love and compassion really is ALL the difference because people are so used to being misused and abused and taken advantage of and you guys just love love love. I'm so privileged to have such amazing spiritual fathers. Thank you Pops for loving my friends so much.

Sunu

March 2012

Hollywood





The more you become a son the
more the Father is revealed
through you.

“Will you be my spiritual father?”





Nelson Mandela

“Joseph” to his nation

27 years in prison

From prison to President of South Africa

Father to a nation

Nobel Peace prize

Why Restoring the Father-child Relationship is Key to Our Future

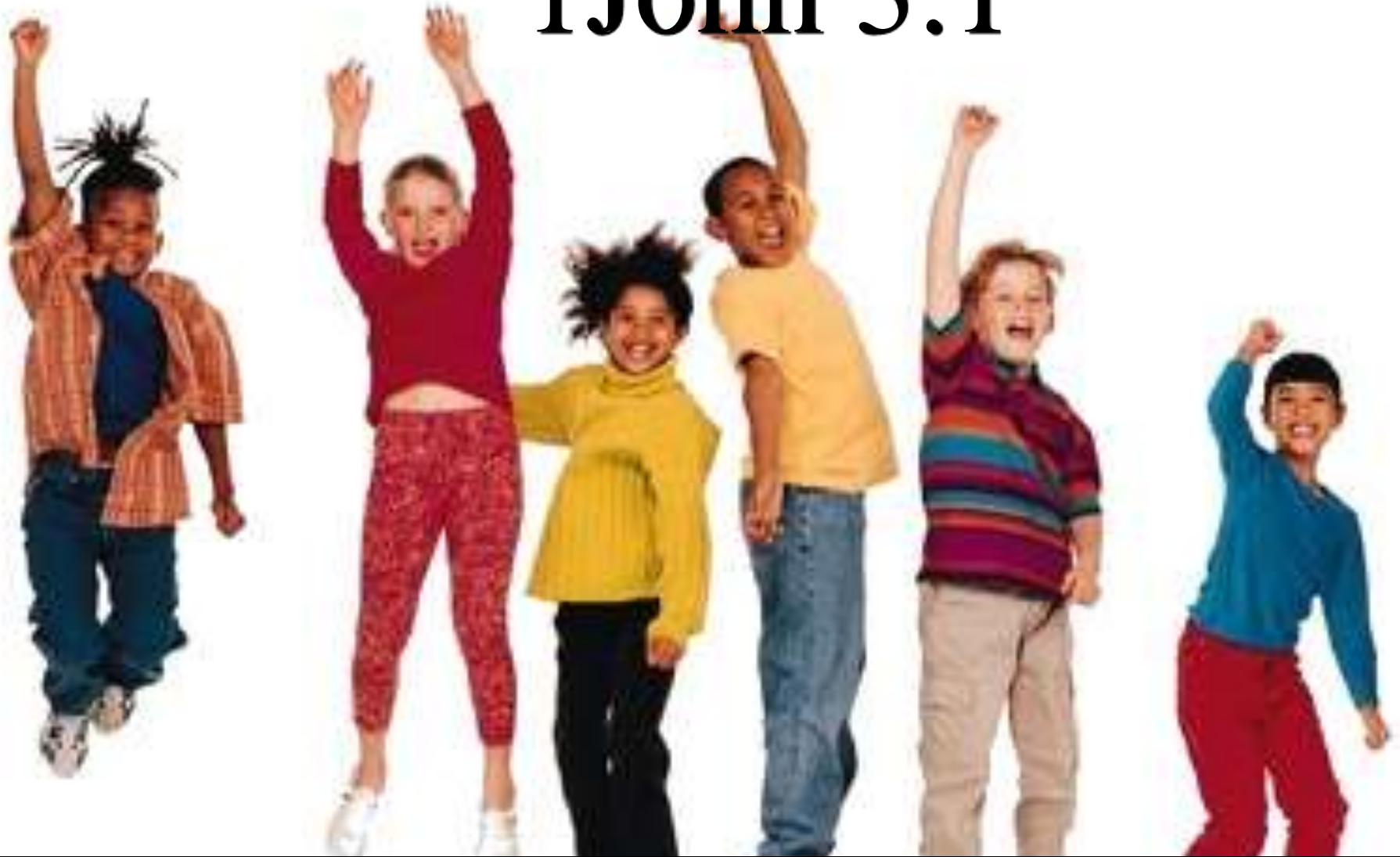
Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Mal 4:5-6

Separated from His Love?

...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;** that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Eph 3:14-19

1 John 3:1



How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!



**Living as
sons and
daughters**

**“I will be a Father to
you, and you shall
be My sons and
daughters,” says
the Lord
Almighty.**

2 Cor. 6:18



And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

-1 John 4:16



Conclusion

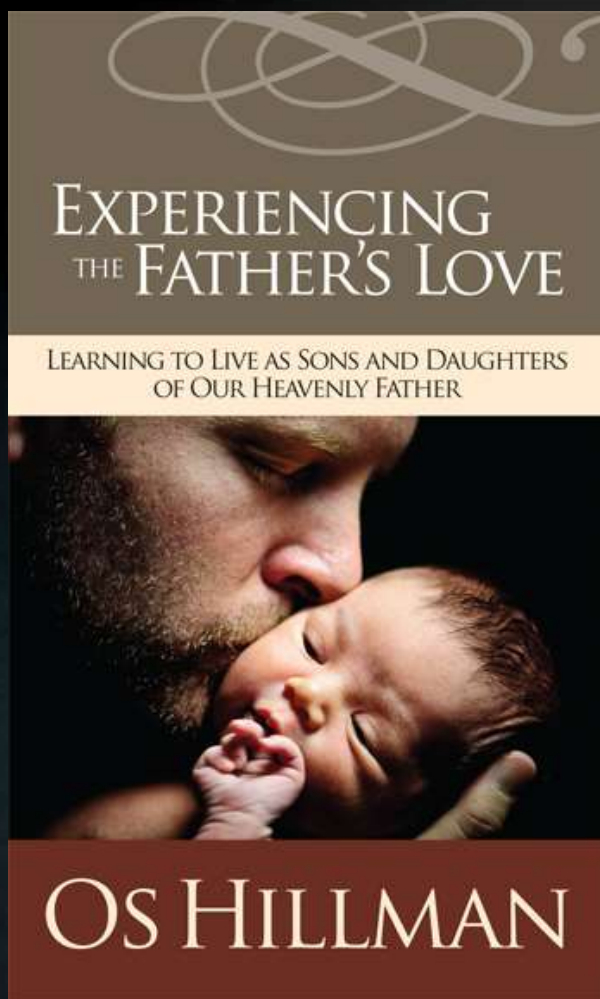
We can never experience the full depth of the Father's love if there are unresolved wounds in our own hearts.

What wounds need to be healed in your heart?



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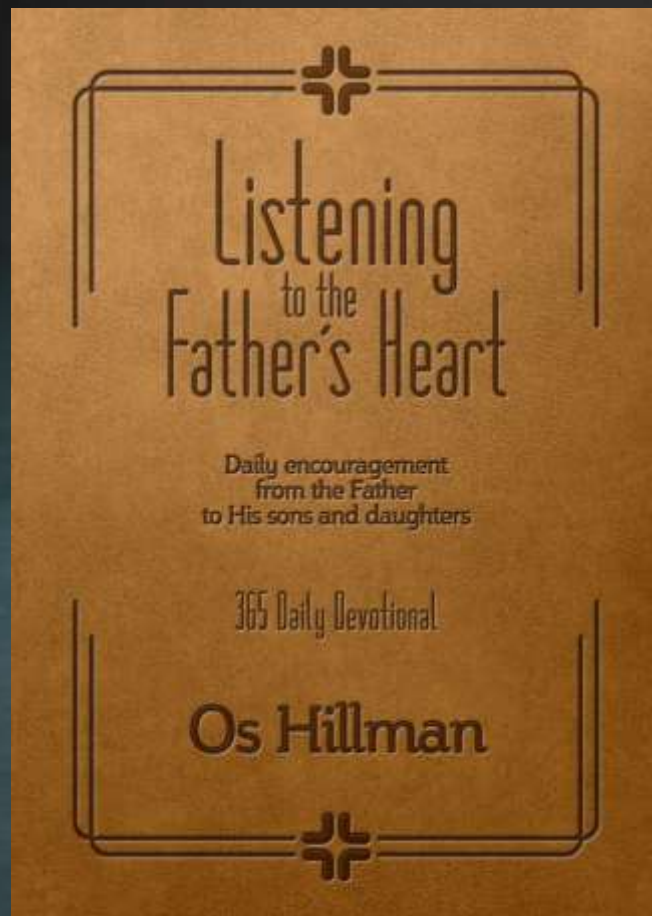
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