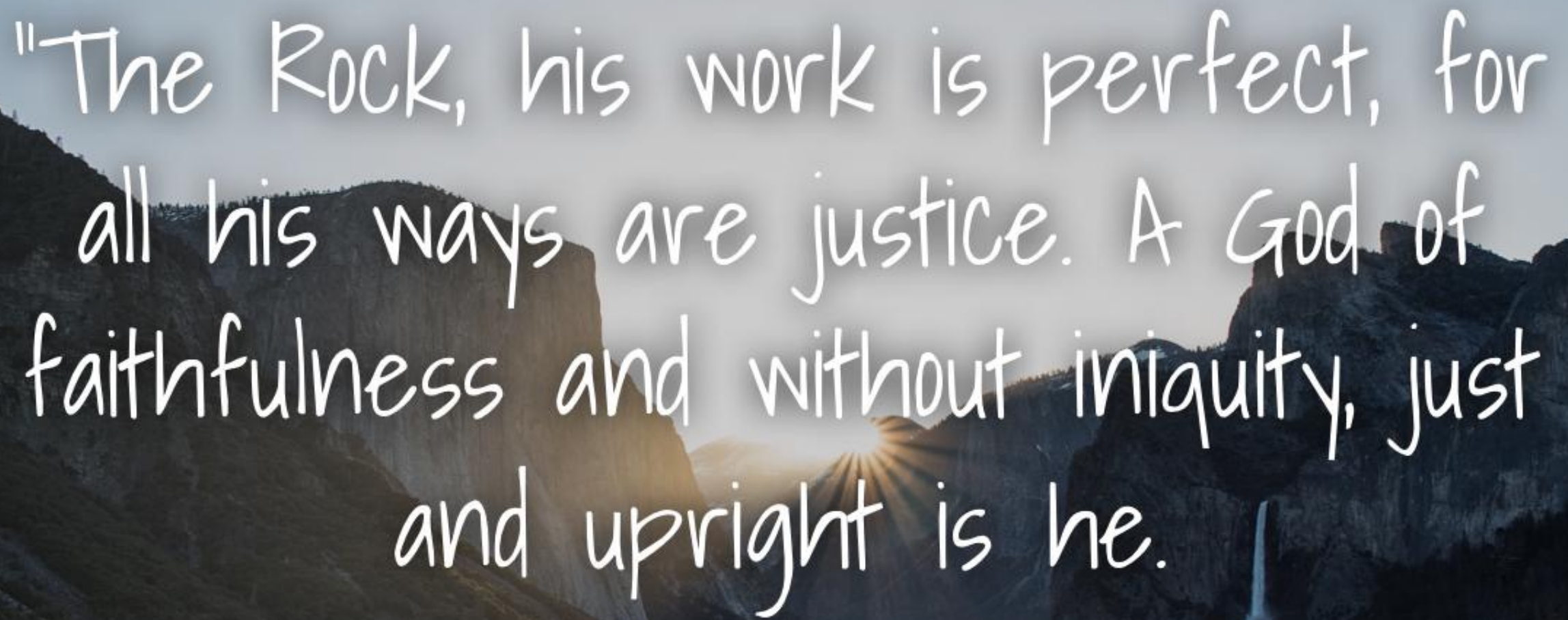


WELCOME
FAMILY & FRIENDS

2 Peter 1:3 – 6 (ESV)

*3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who **called us to his own glory and excellence**, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them **you may become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to **supplement your faith with virtue**, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with **godliness**,*

God is Morally Excellent and
Righteous are all His ways!

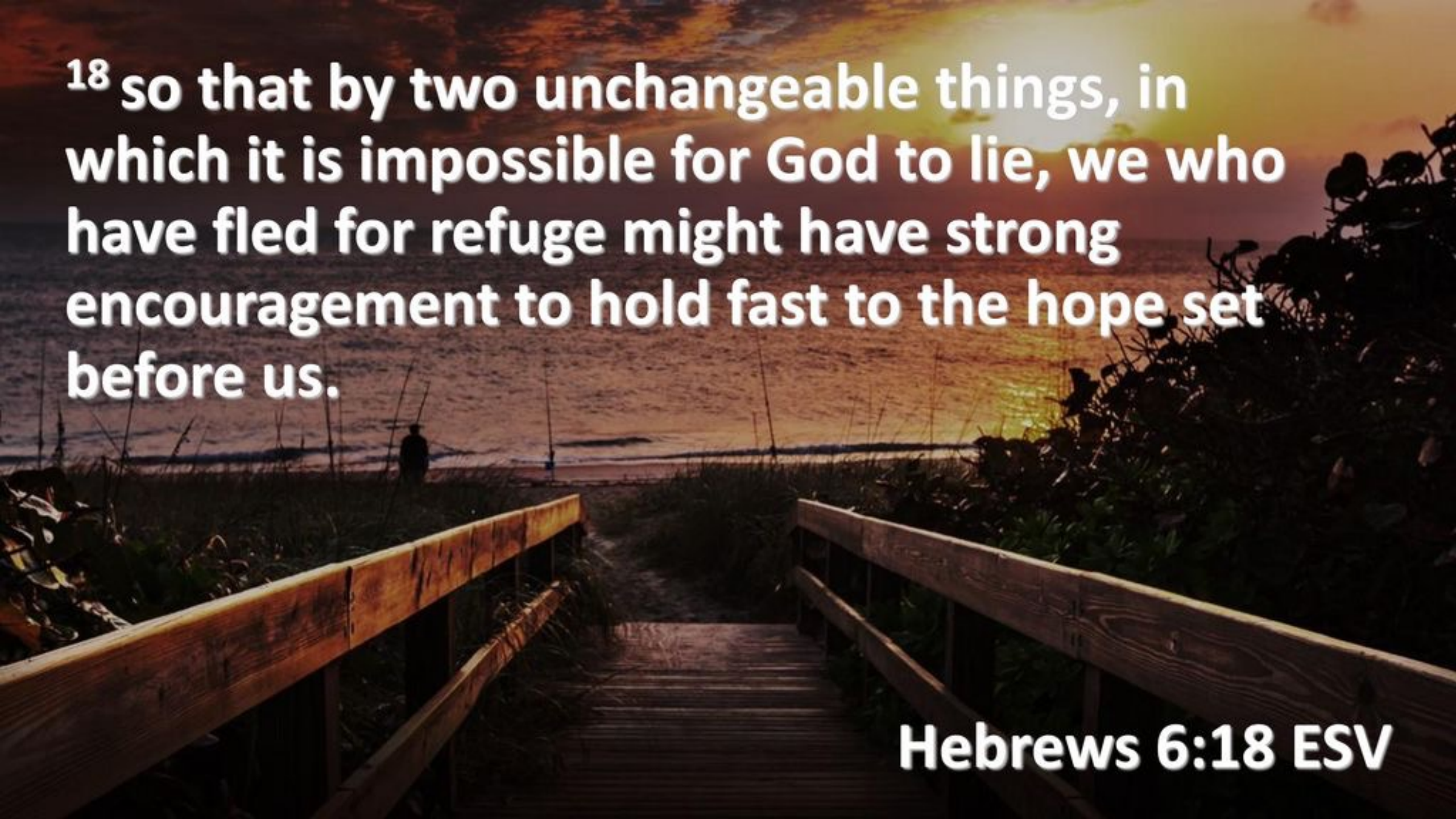


"The Rock, his work is perfect, for
all his ways are justice. A God of
faithfulness and without iniquity, just
and upright is he.

~ Deuteronomy 32:4

Titus 1:2 (ESV)

*2 in hope of eternal life, which **God, who never lies,**
promised before the ages began*

A wooden boardwalk with railings leads from the foreground towards a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, golden light from the setting sun, reflecting on the water. A person is visible in the distance on the beach. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

Hebrews 6:18 ESV

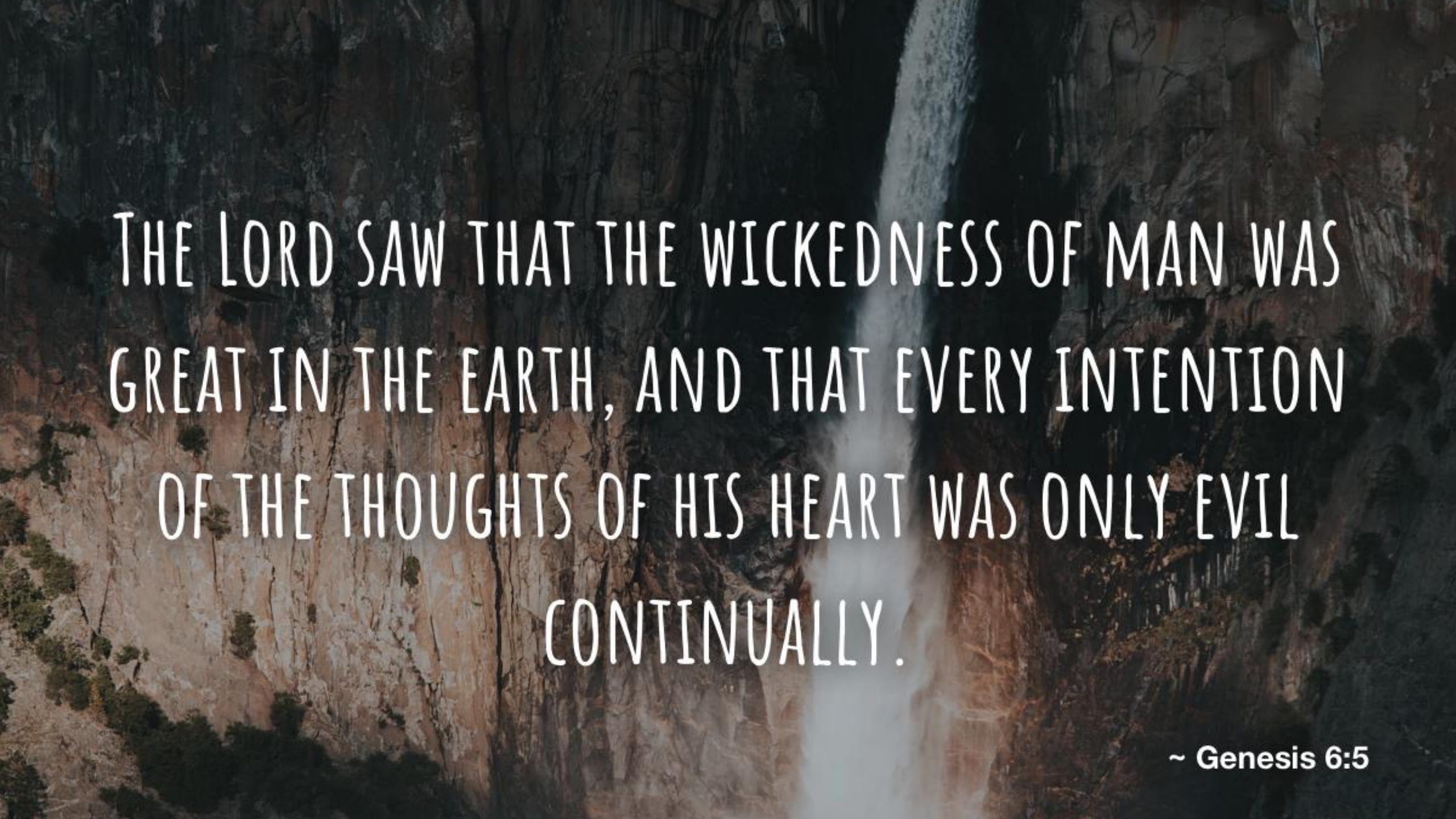
FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A
HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE
TO SYMPATHIZE
WITH OUR WEAKNESSES,
BUT ONE WHO IN EVERY RESPECT
HAS BEEN TEMPTED AS WE ARE,
YET WITHOUT SIN.

HEBREWS 4:15



#EncouragingWord

Man cannot be trusted to know
right from wrong on his own!

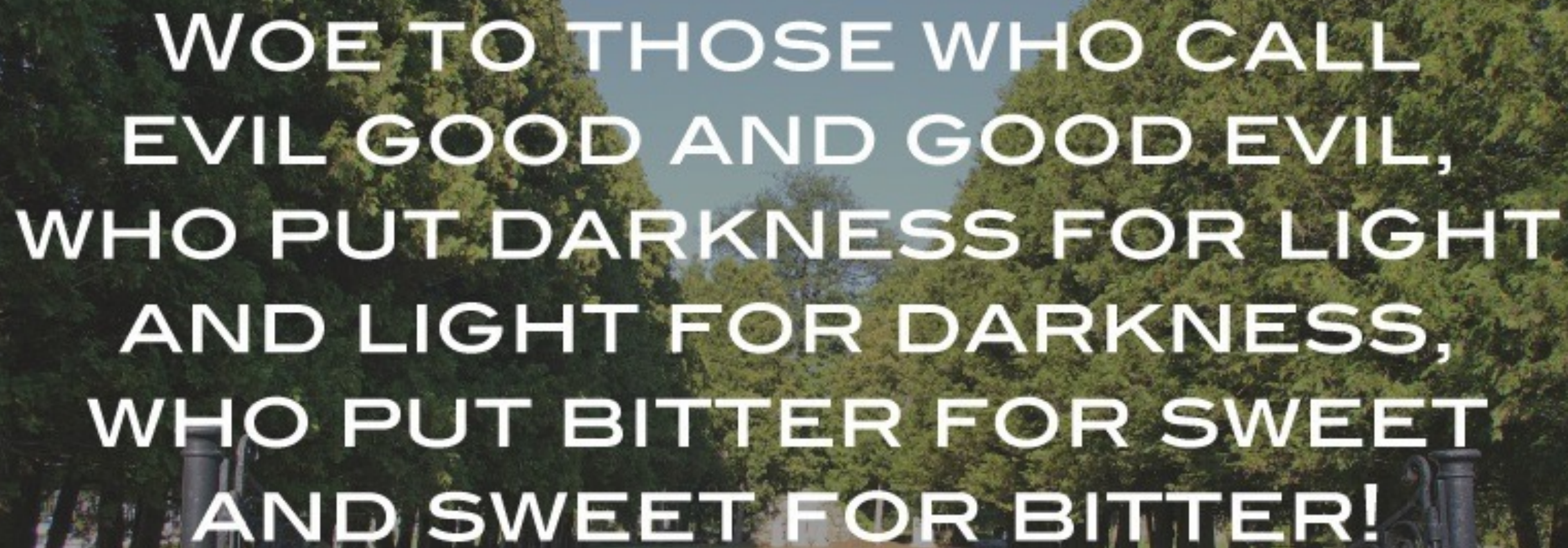


THE LORD SAW THAT THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN WAS
GREAT IN THE EARTH, AND THAT EVERY INTENTION
OF THE THOUGHTS OF HIS HEART WAS ONLY EVIL
CONTINUALLY.

~ Genesis 6:5

Romans 1:28 – 31 (ESV)

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.



WOE TO THOSE WHO CALL
EVIL GOOD AND GOOD EVIL,
WHO PUT DARKNESS FOR LIGHT
AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS,
WHO PUT BITTER FOR SWEET
AND SWEET FOR BITTER!

ISAIAH 5:20

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1-2



MATTHEW 15:18-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ **These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”**

I know, O LORD, that

the way of man is not in himself,

that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps.



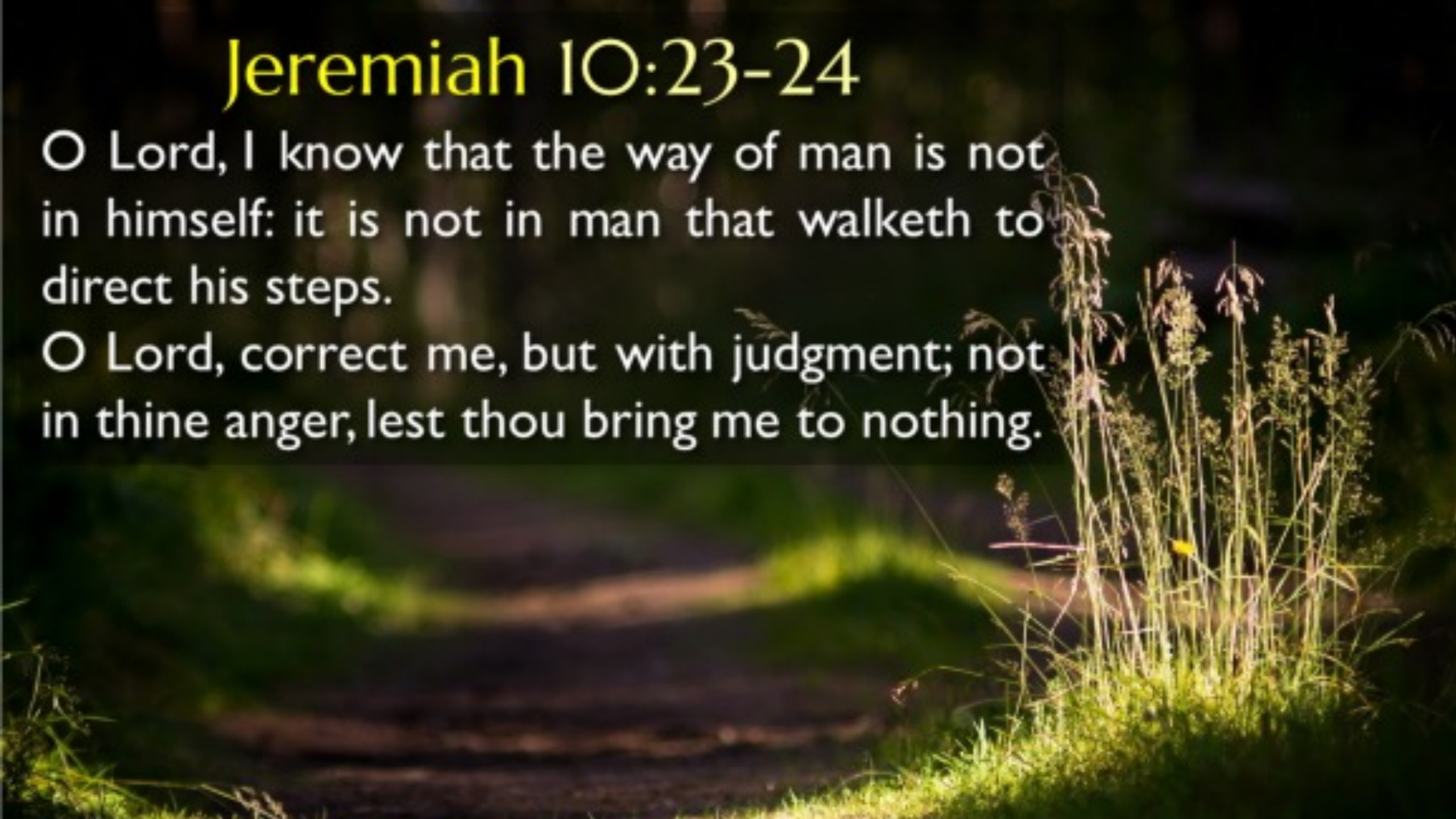
JEREMIAH 10:23


We must train our conscious in
the way of God!

Jeremiah 10:23-24

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.



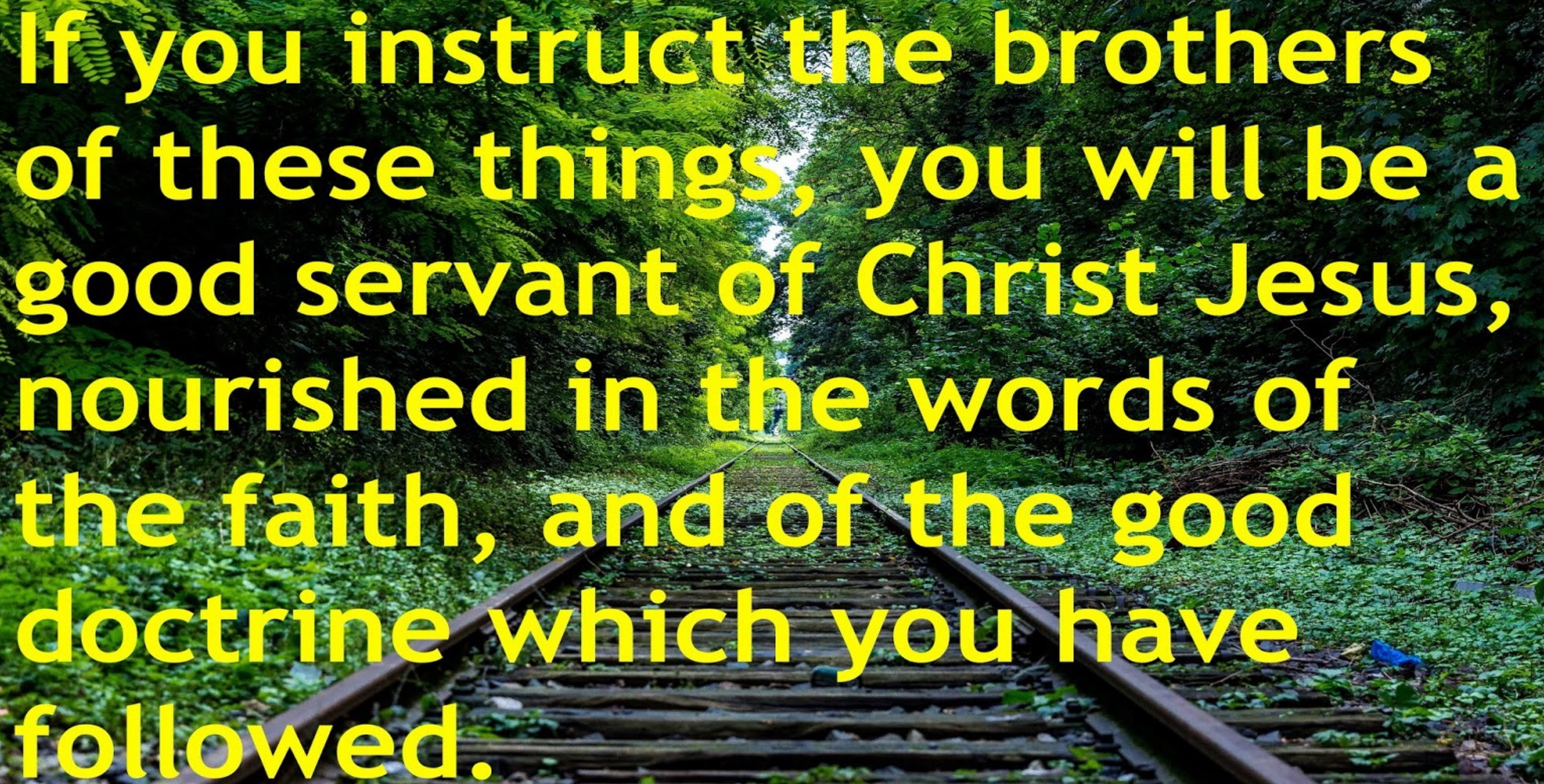


But solid food is for the mature,
for those who have their powers
of discernment trained by
constant practice to distinguish
good from evil.

Hebrews 5:14

1 Peter 2:21 – 24 (ESV)

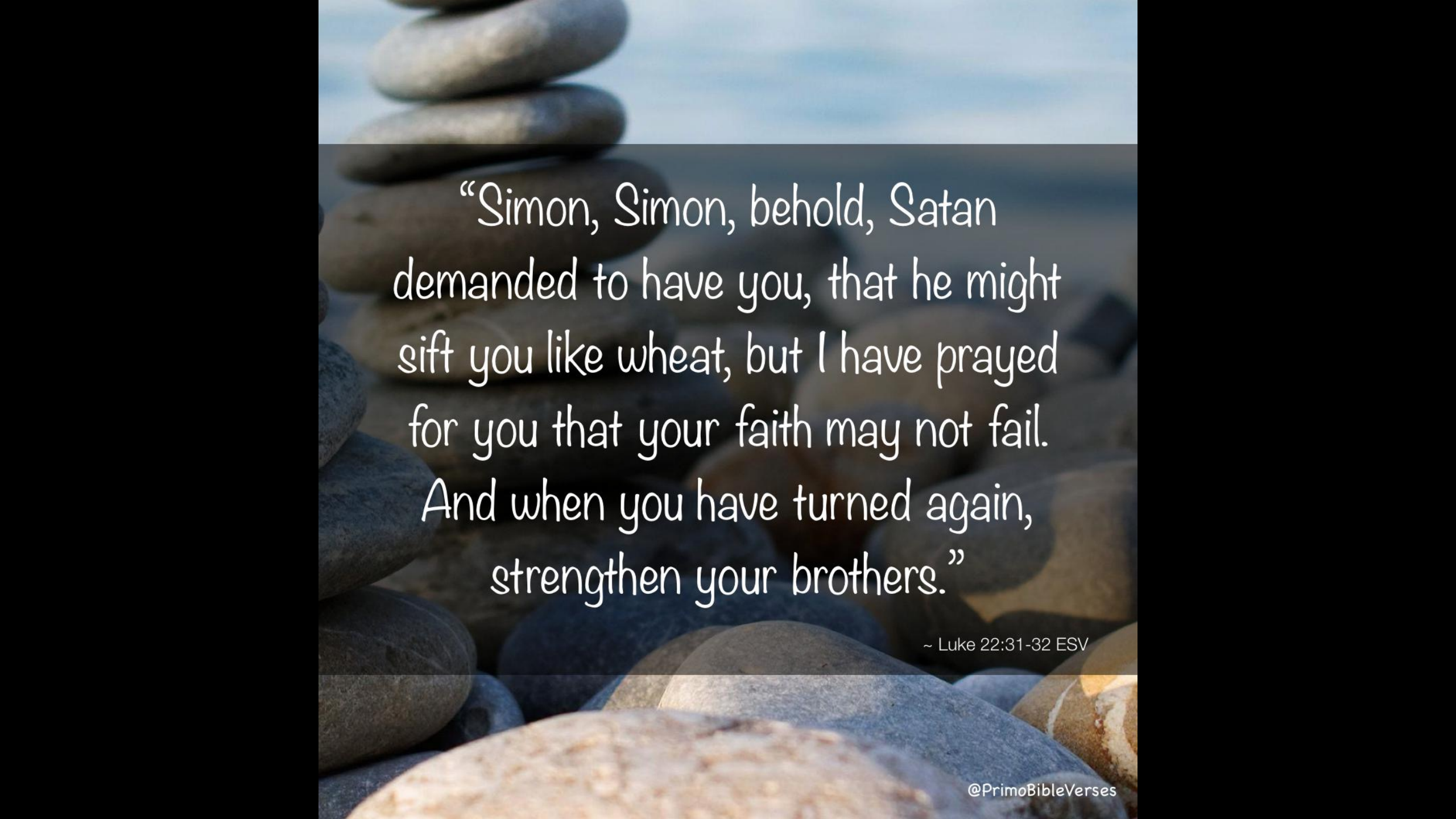
21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.



If you instruct the brothers of these things, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which you have followed.

1 Timothy 4:6

We must find the courage to do
what is right!

A photograph of smooth, rounded stones stacked vertically on a beach. The stones are in shades of grey, blue, and tan. The background is a soft-focus view of the ocean and sky. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

~ Luke 22:31-32 ESV

SO WHOEVER KNOWS
THE **RIGHT THING** TO DO
AND ~~FAILS~~ TO DO IT,
FOR HIM IT IS ~~SIN~~

JAMES 4:17



BE **strong** AND
courageous.

*Do not fear or be in dread of
them, for IT IS THE LORD your
God WHO GOES WITH YOU.*

*He will not leave you
or forsake you.”*

Deuteronomy 31:6

FOR THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED, BRINGING
SALVATION FOR ALL PEOPLE, TRAINING US TO
RENOUNCE UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY
PASSIONS, AND TO LIVE SELF-CONTROLLED,
UPRIGHT, AND GODLY LIVES IN THE PRESENT AGE,
TITUS 2:11-12 ESV





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1 PETER 2:24

Have you
been purified
by the blood
of Jesus
Christ?