



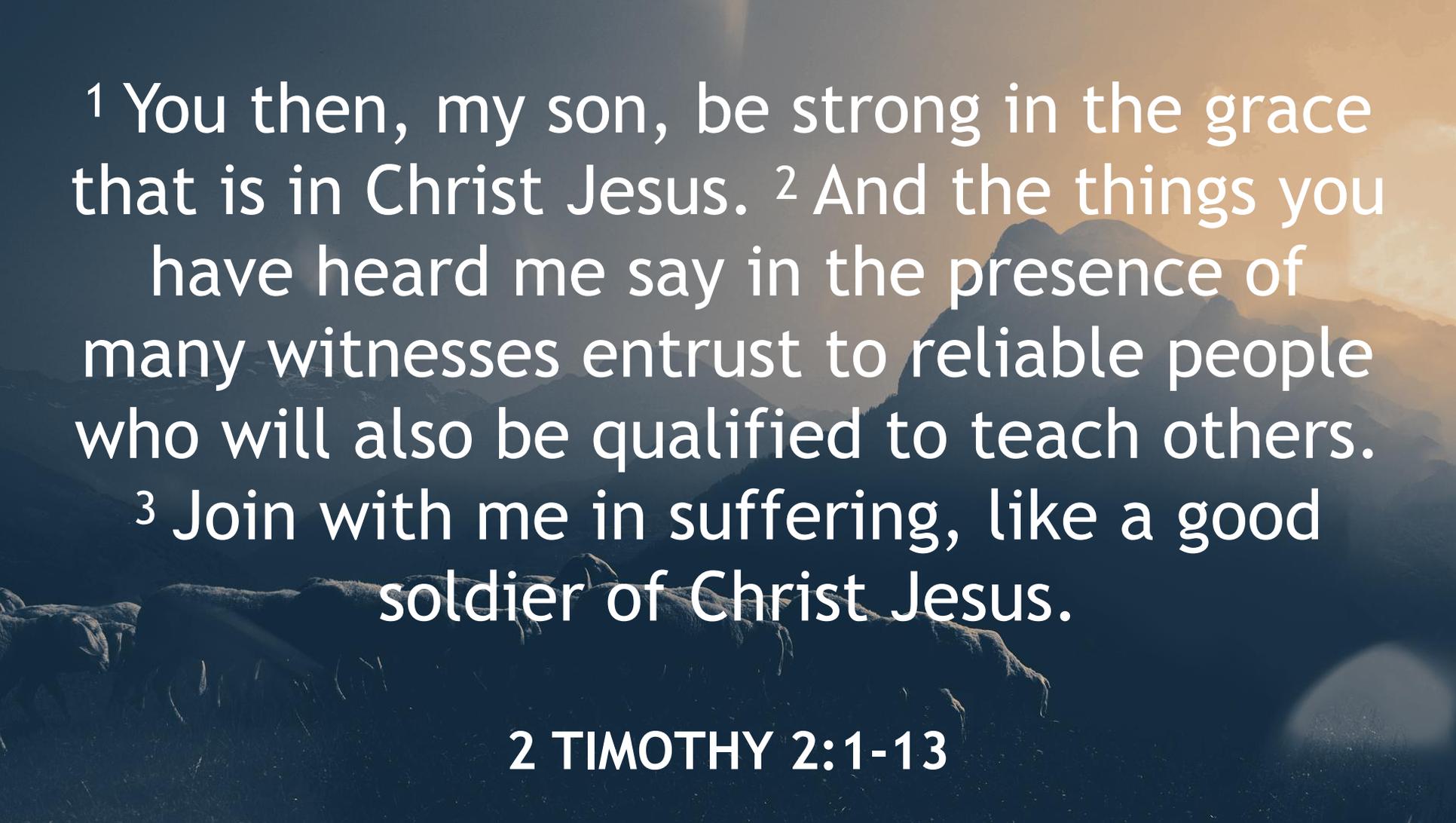
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— EPISTLES

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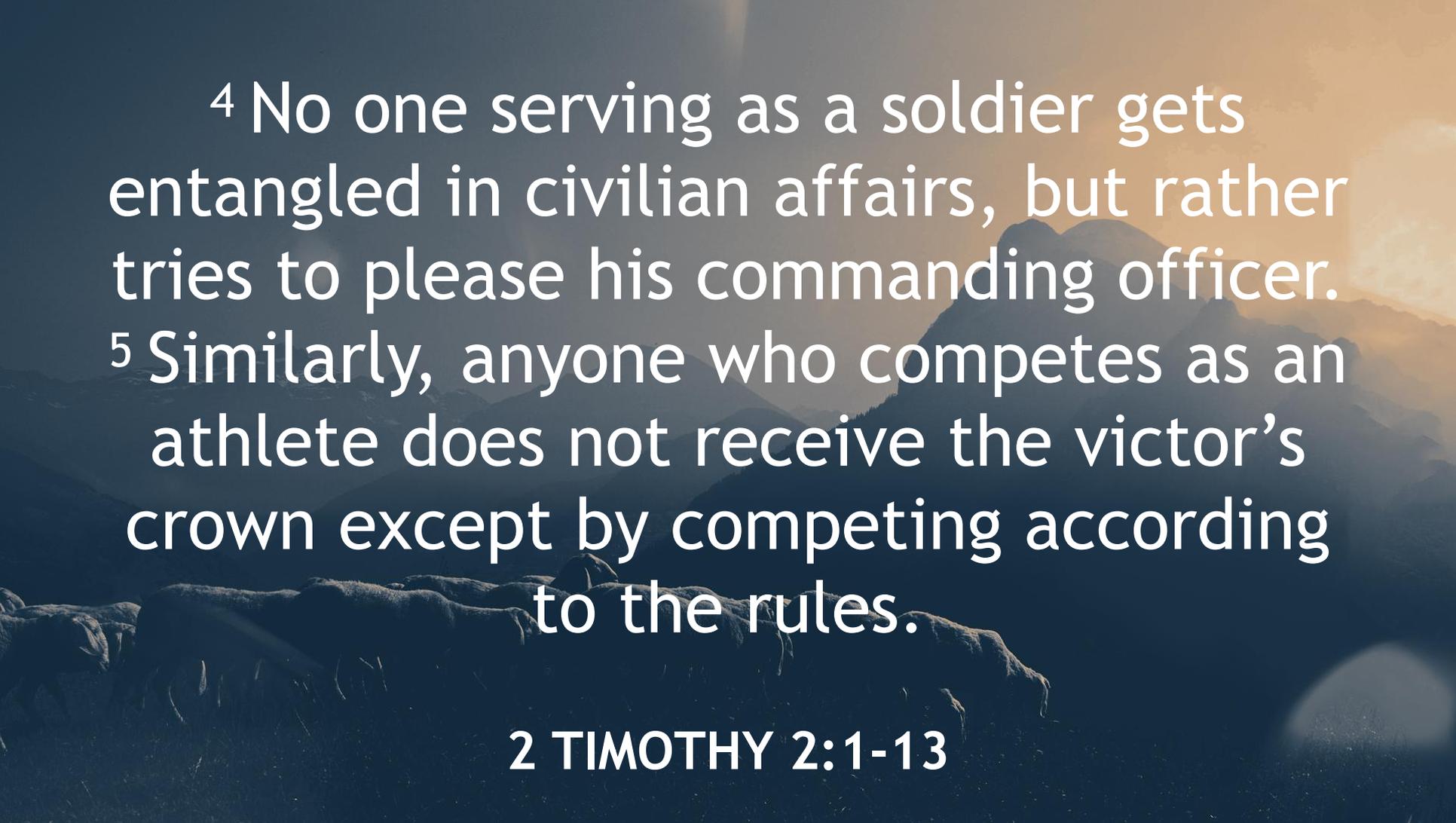


TRUSTWORTHY SAYINGS #4



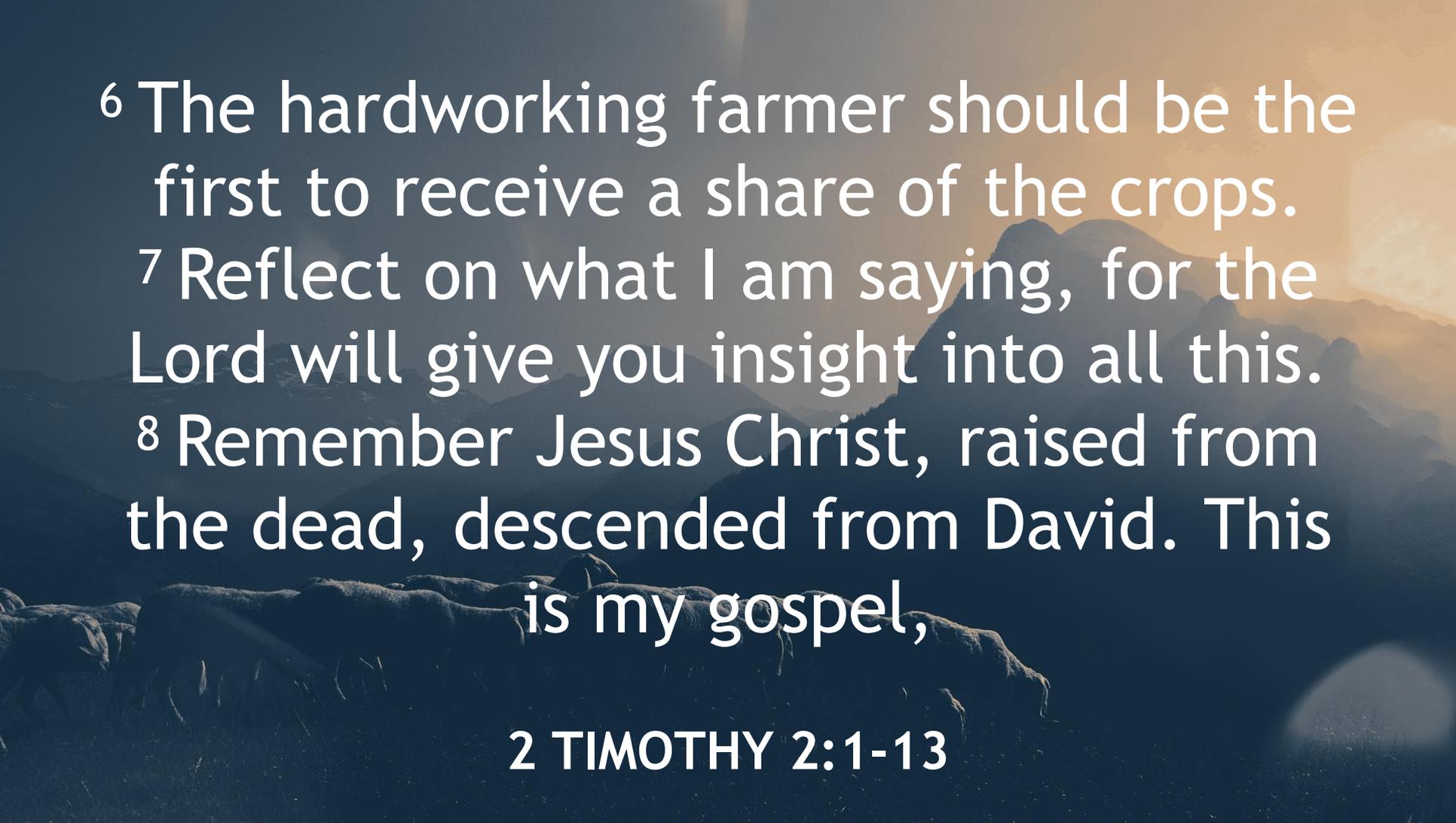
¹ You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³ Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13



⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.
⁵ Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13



⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,

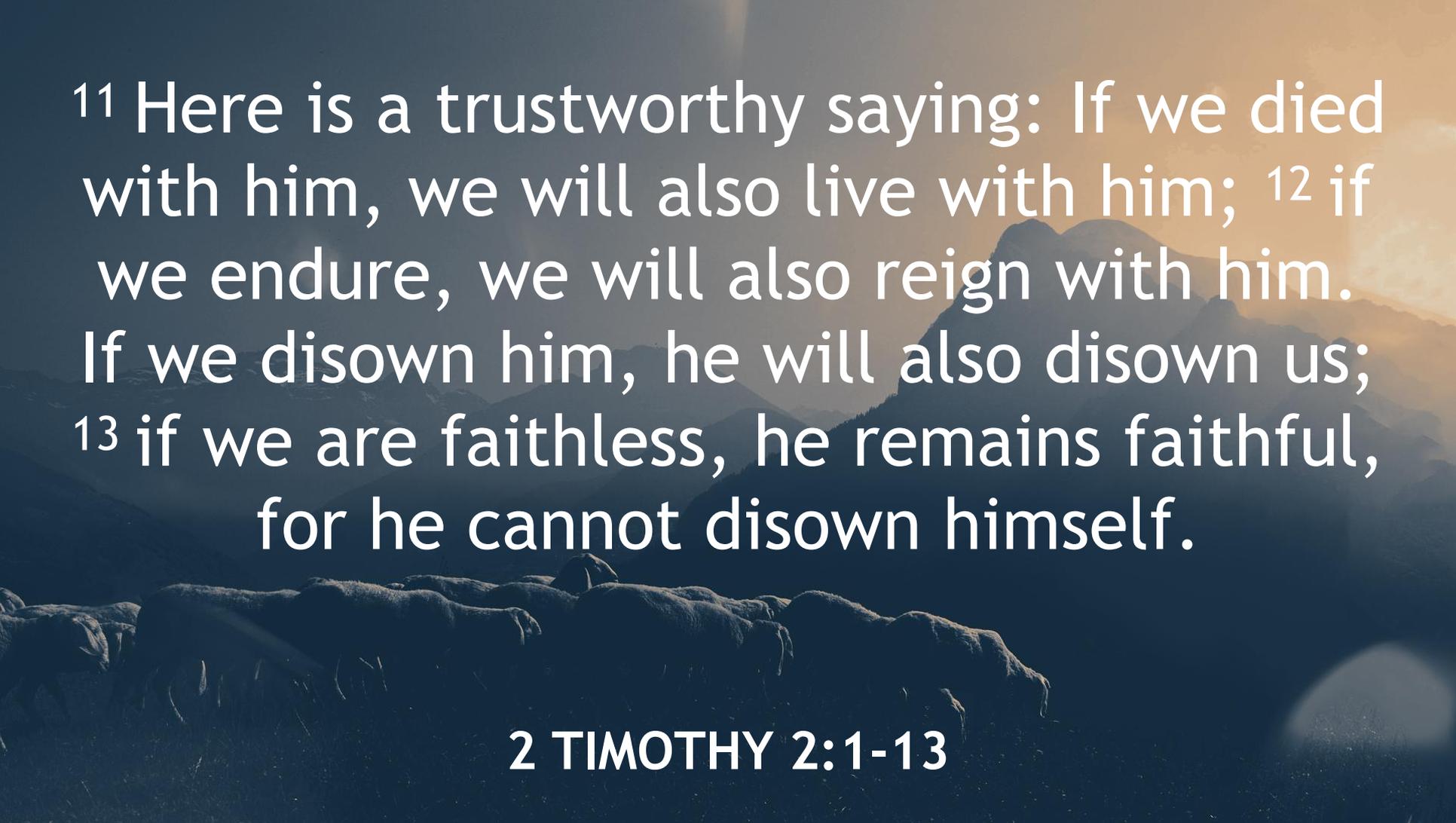
2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But God's word is not chained.

¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13



11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

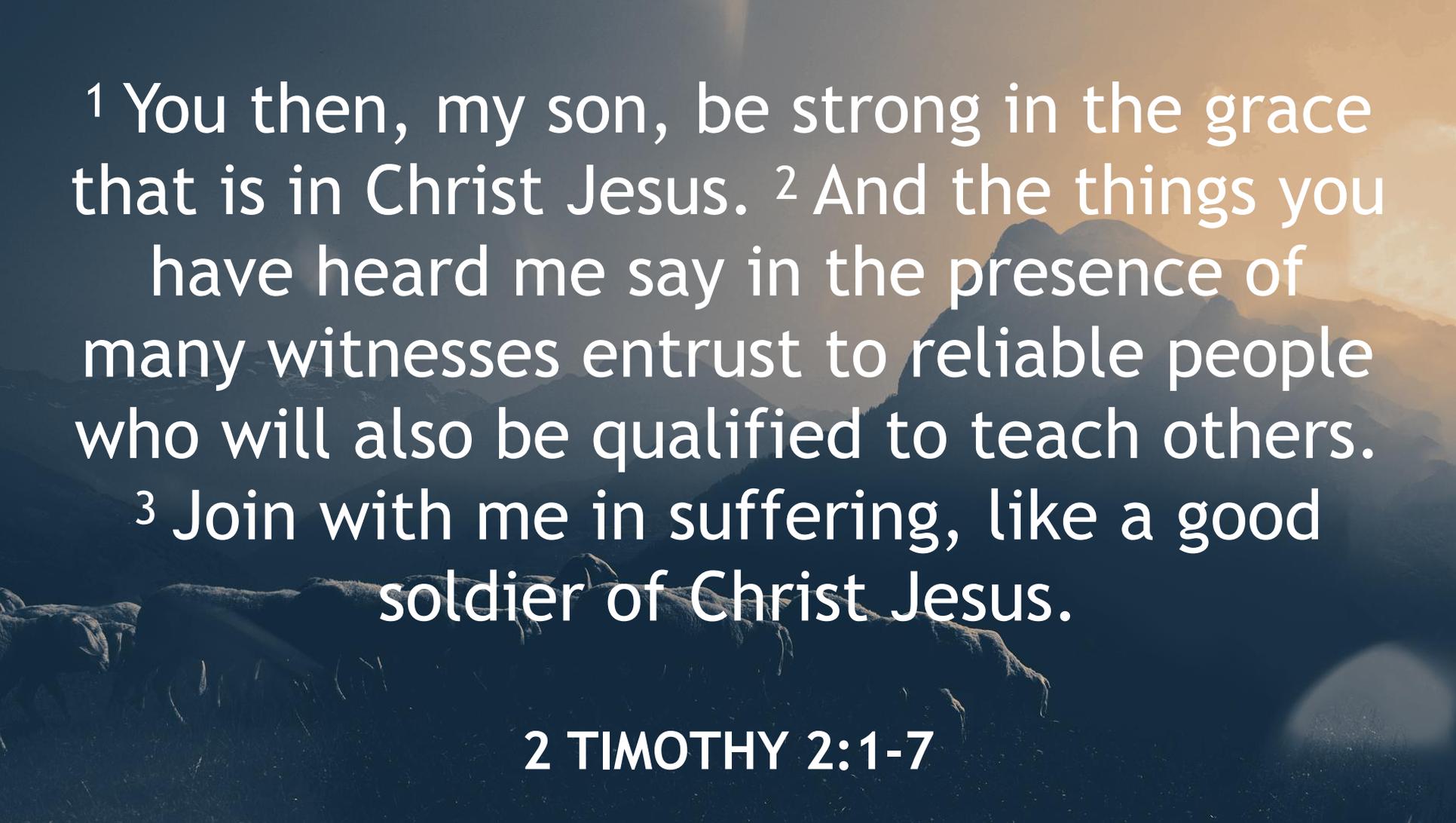
A scenic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a grassy slope. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

“A congregation is just as responsible to sing the gospel as the preachers are to preach it.”

- Harold Best -

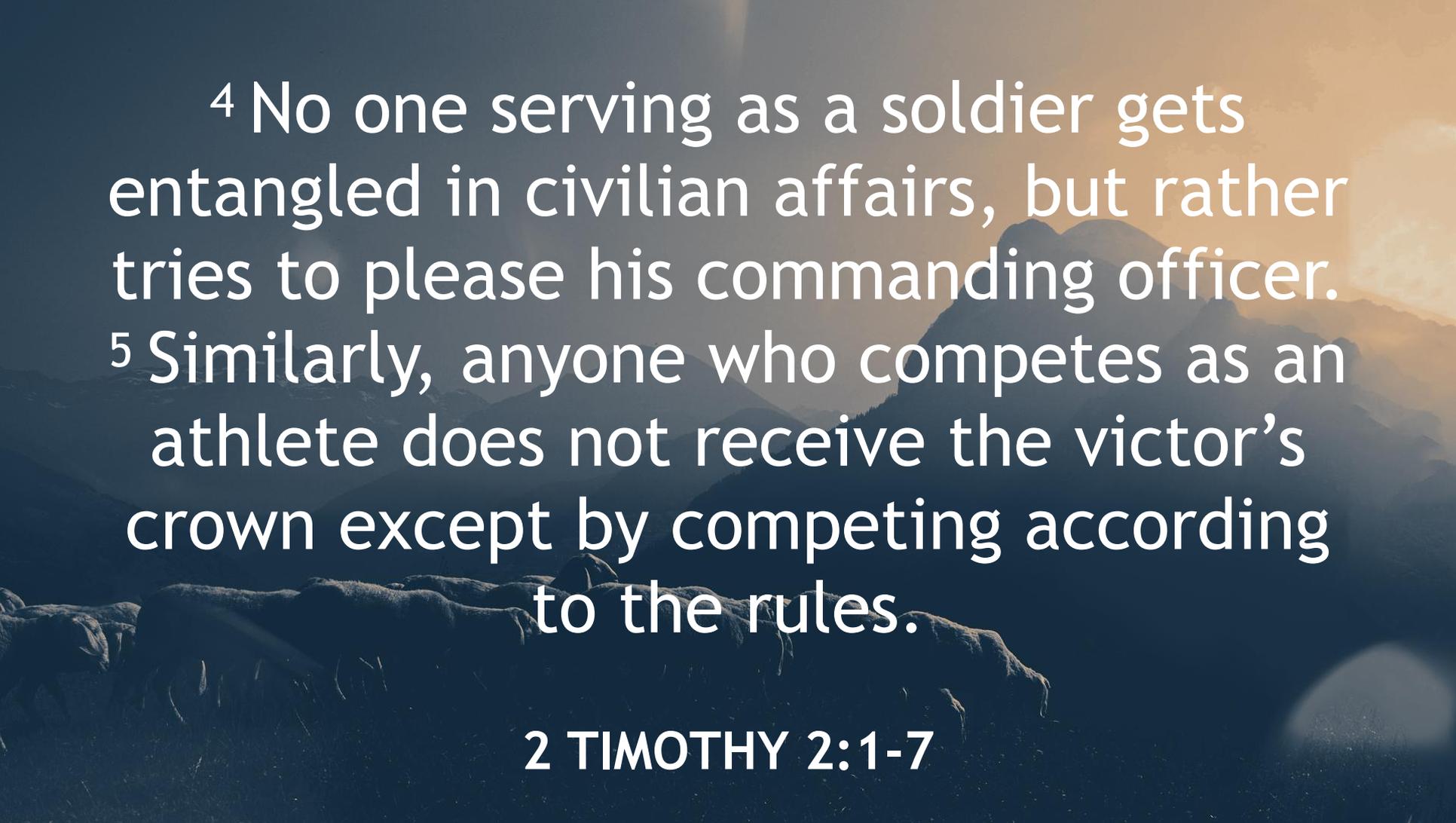
A dramatic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The background consists of rugged mountains under a warm, golden light. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

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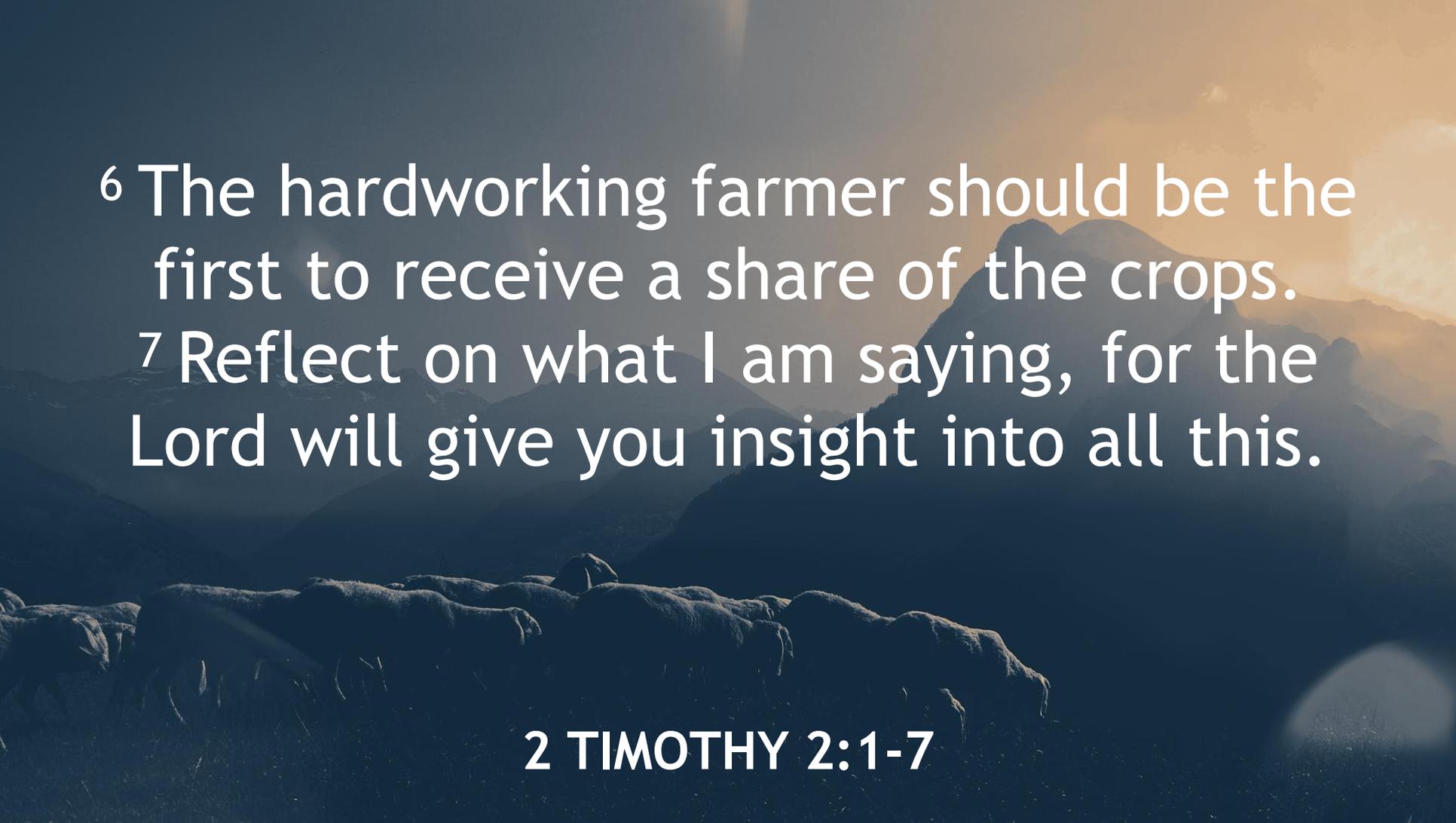
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2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

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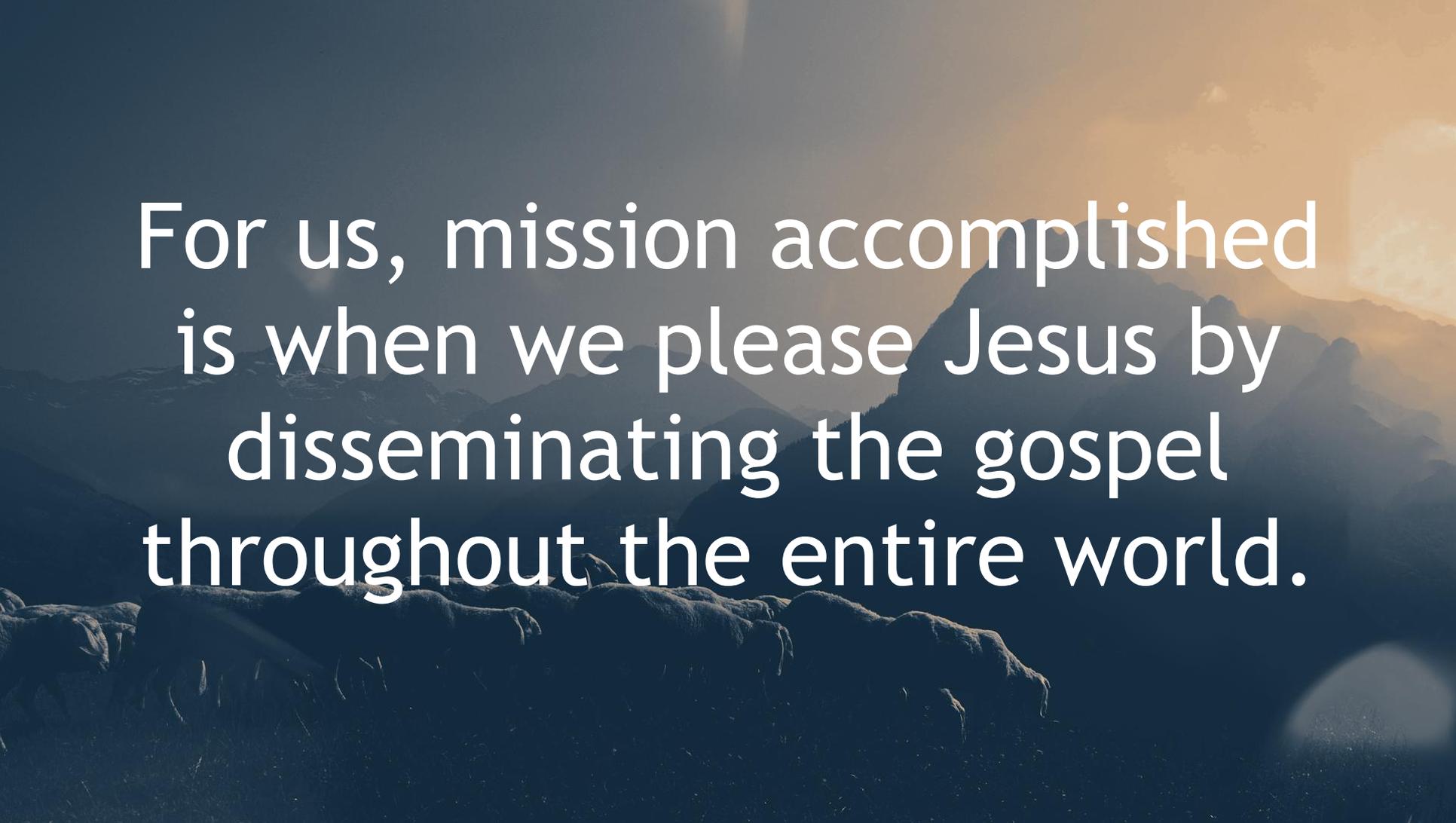
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2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of deep blue and warm orange, with the sun partially visible on the right side, creating a lens flare. In the foreground, a flock of sheep is grazing on a grassy slope. The background features a range of rugged mountains, some with snow-capped peaks, under a hazy sky.

A) THE SOLDIER

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a warm, golden sky, likely during sunrise or sunset. The foreground shows dark, silhouetted rocks or a rocky ridge. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

For us, mission accomplished
is when we please Jesus by
disseminating the gospel
throughout the entire world.

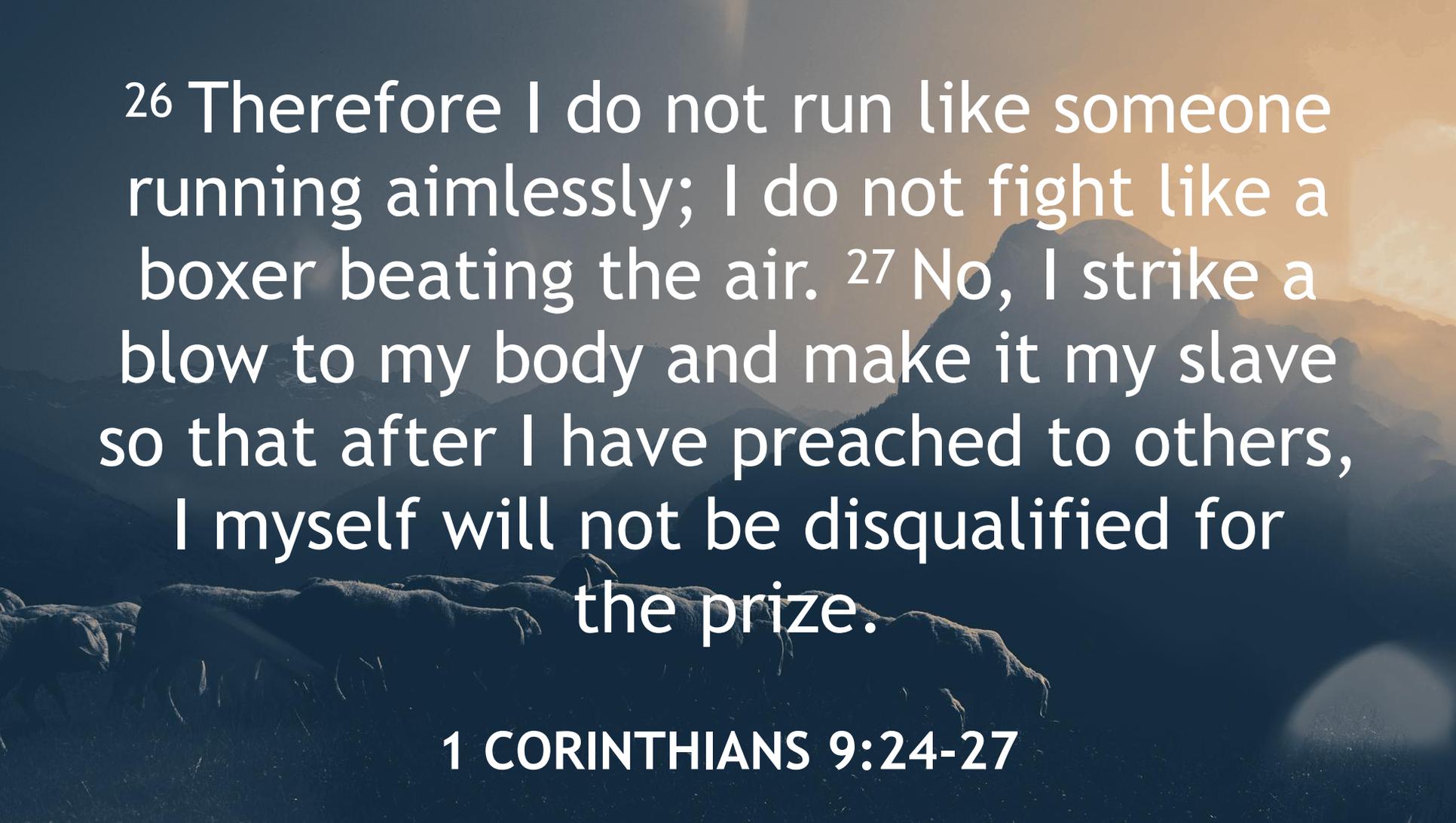
A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The background consists of layered mountain ranges, with the most prominent peaks in the distance. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a strong contrast between the dark foreground and the bright sky. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

B) THE ATHLETE

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

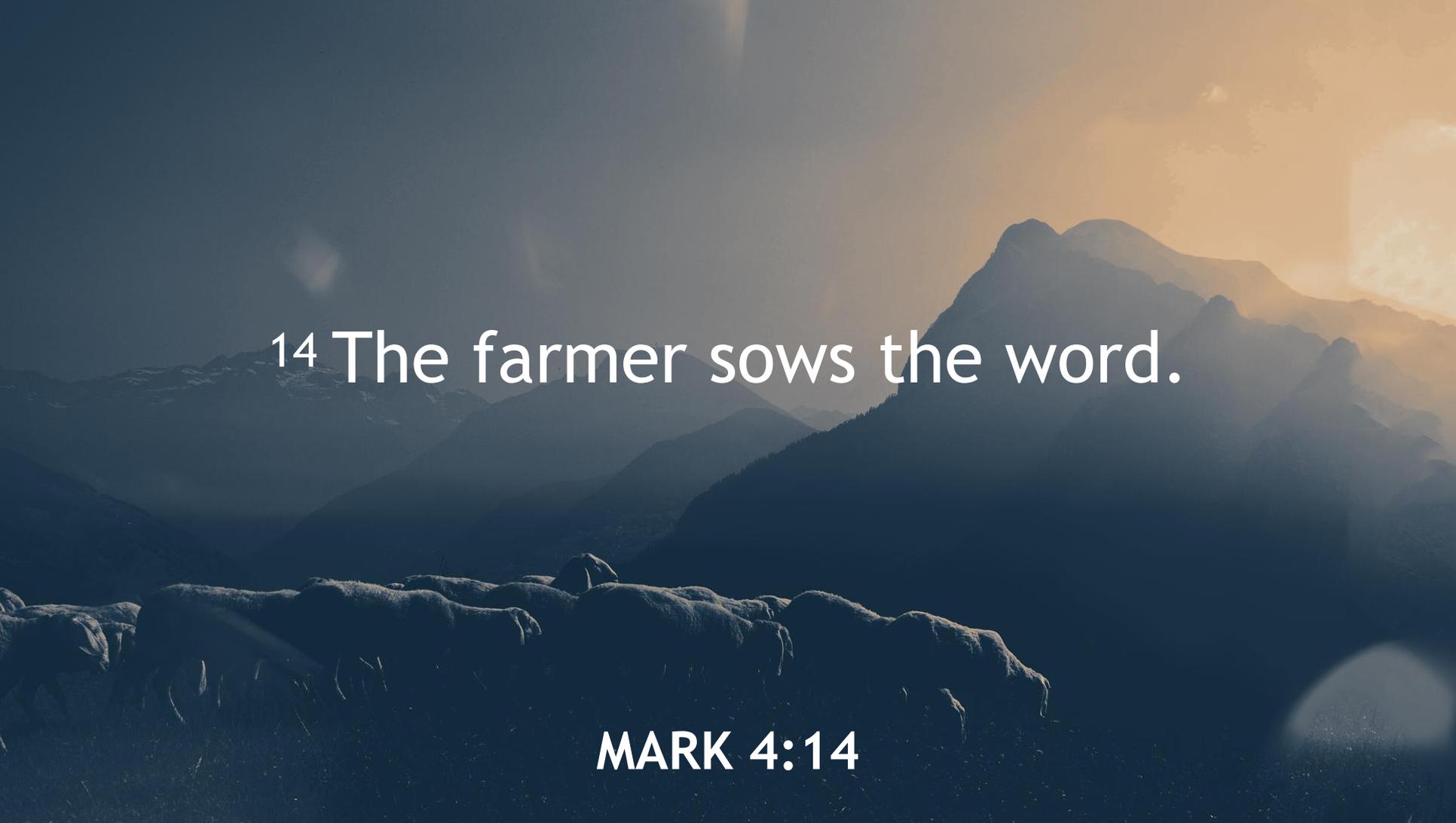


26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

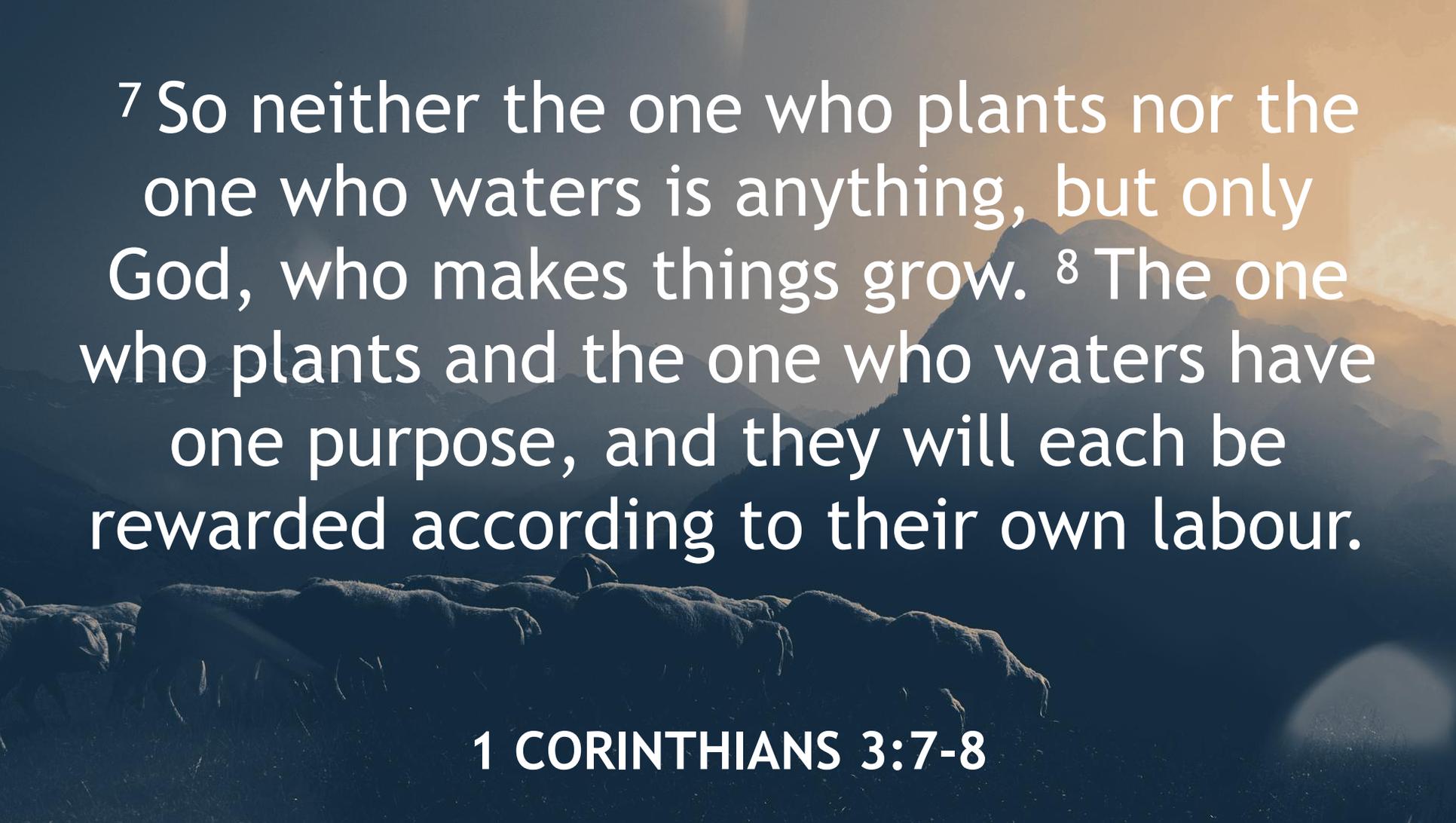
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C) THE FARMER

A dramatic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of deep blue and warm orange. In the foreground, a flock of sheep is silhouetted against the dark ground. In the background, a range of mountains is visible, with the sun setting behind one of the peaks, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects.

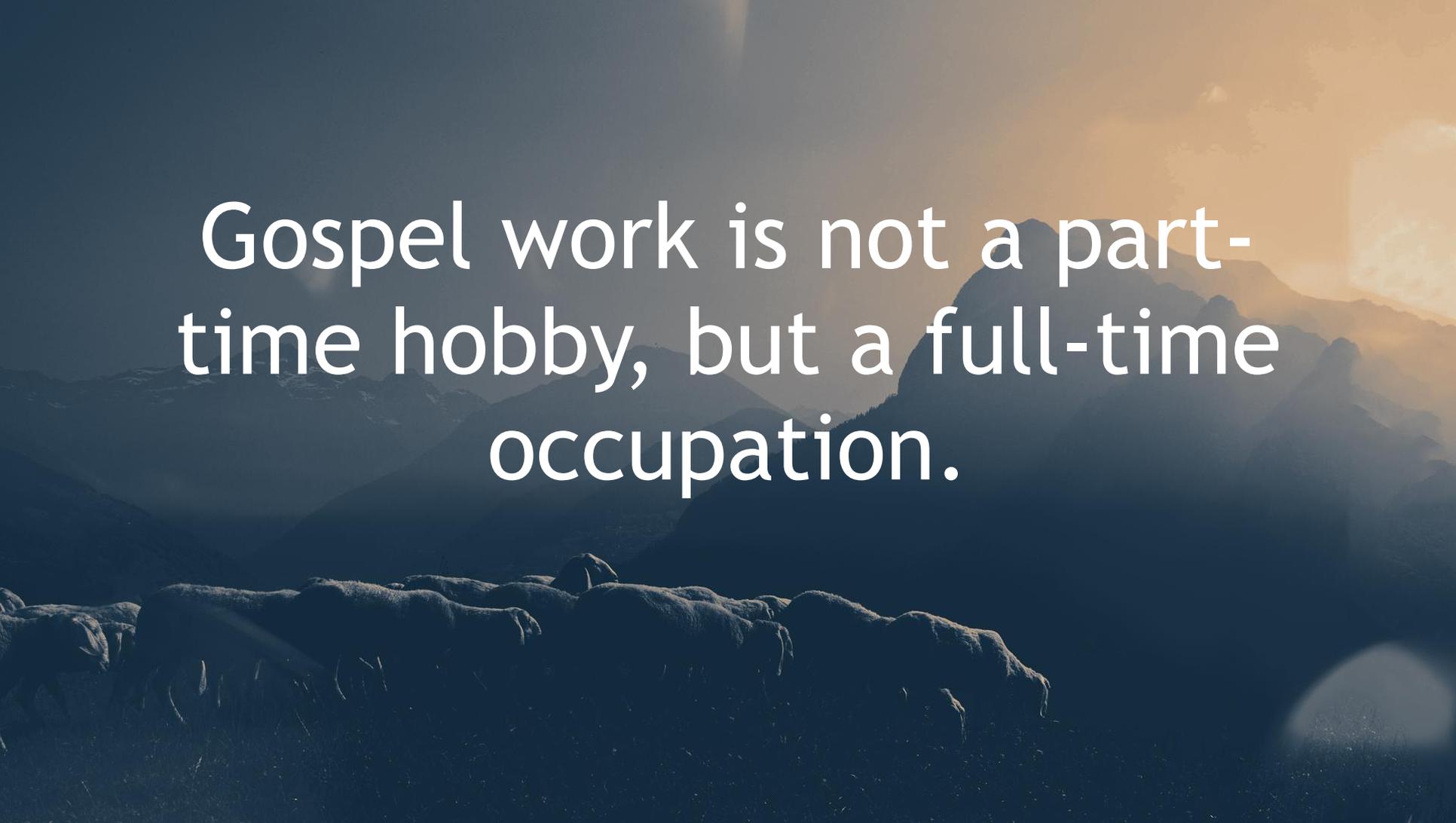
14 The farmer sows the word.

MARK 4:14

A scenic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a hillside. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. The text is overlaid in white, sans-serif font.

⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour.

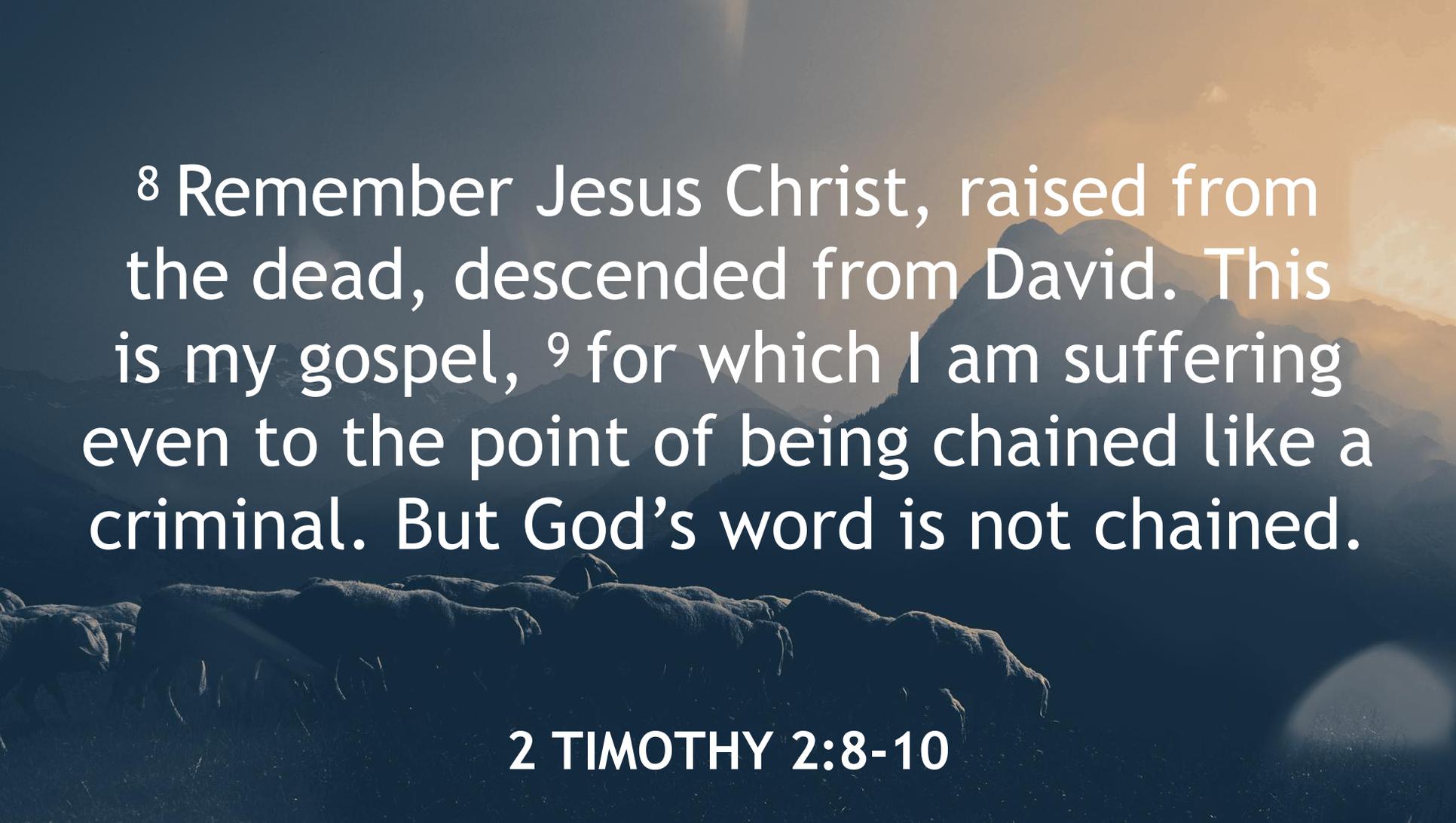
1 CORINTHIANS 3:7-8

A scenic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a grassy slope. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Gospel work is not a part-time hobby, but a full-time occupation.

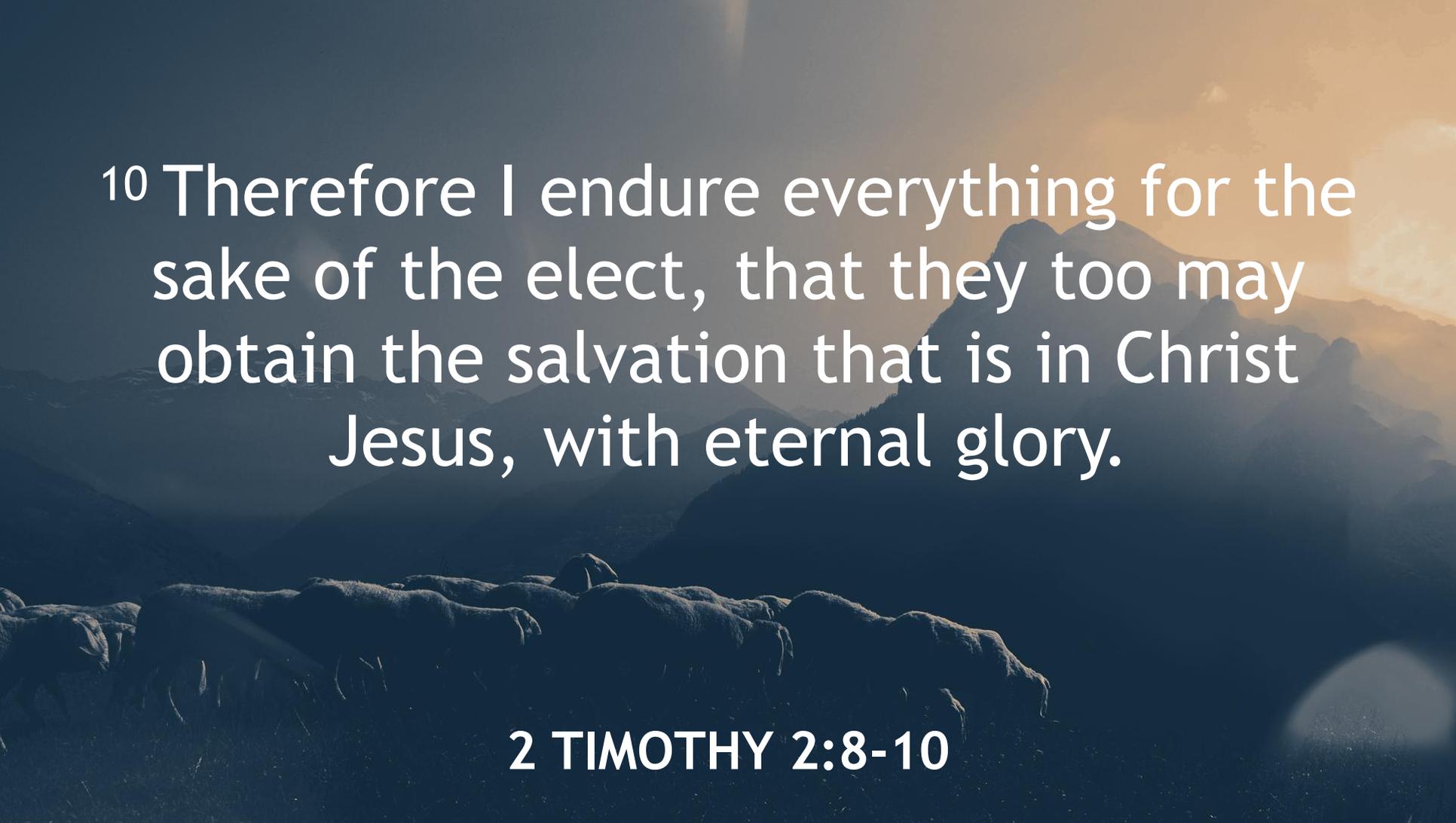
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THE GOSPEL BY DEFINITION



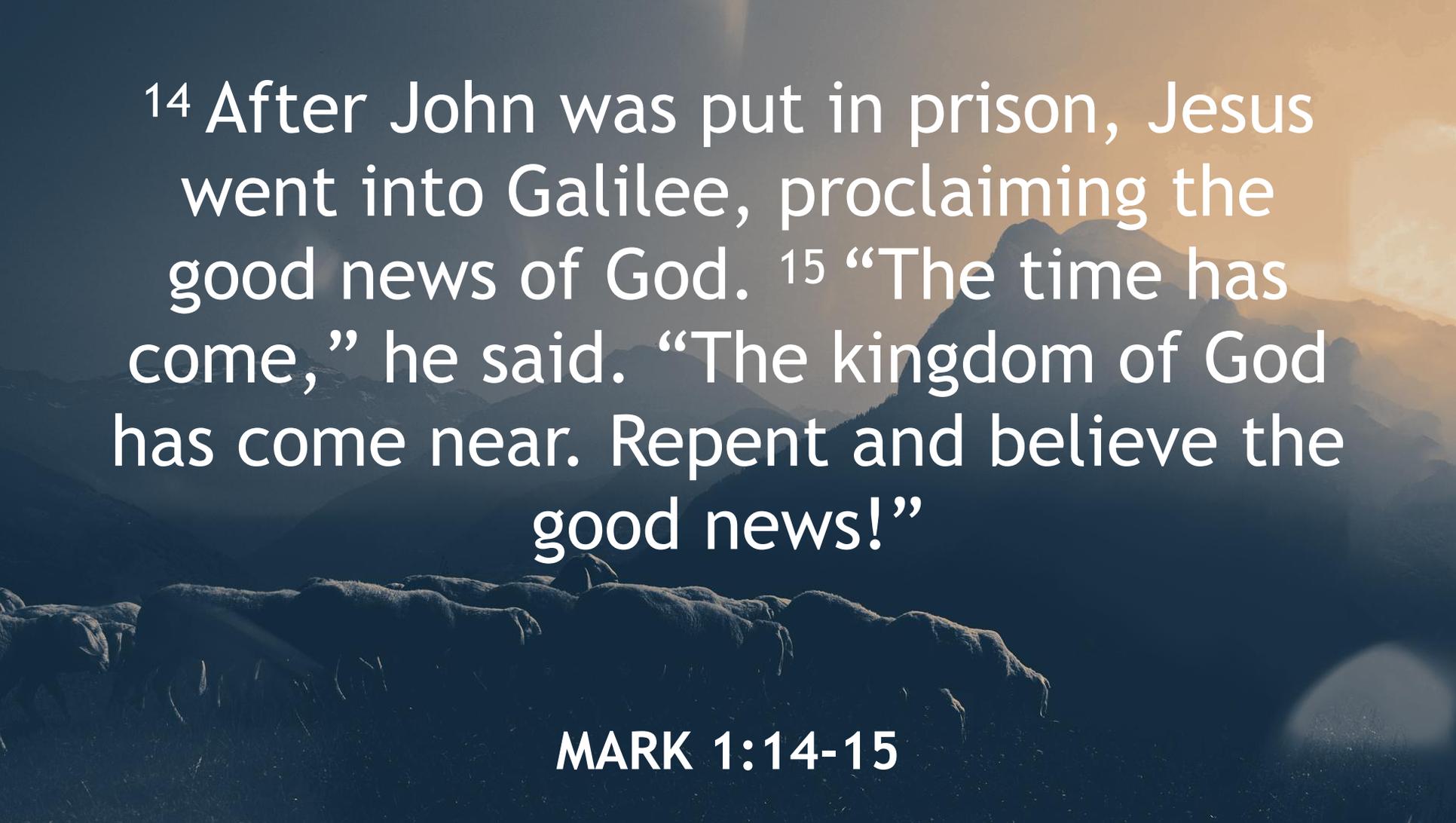
⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-10

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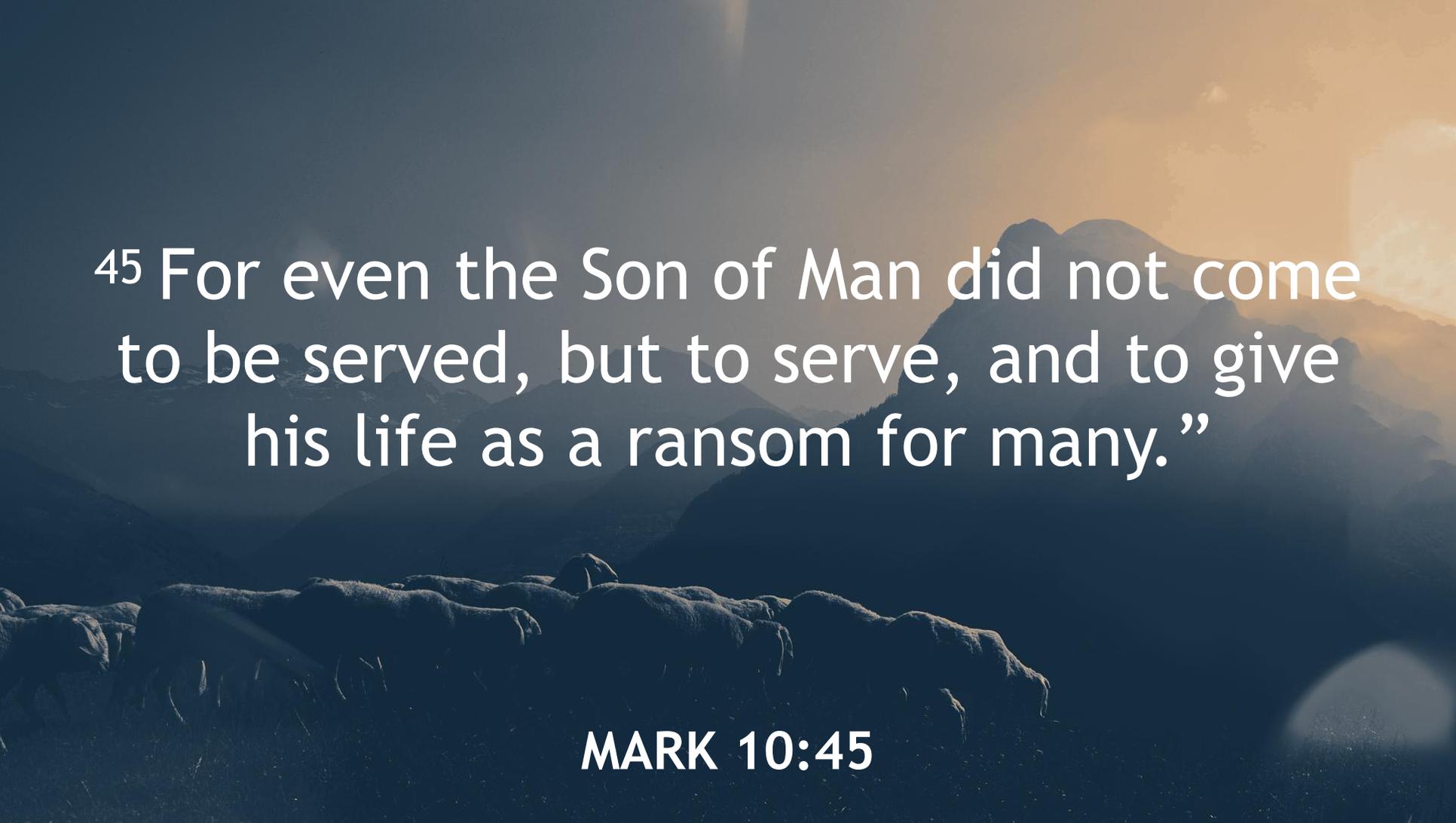
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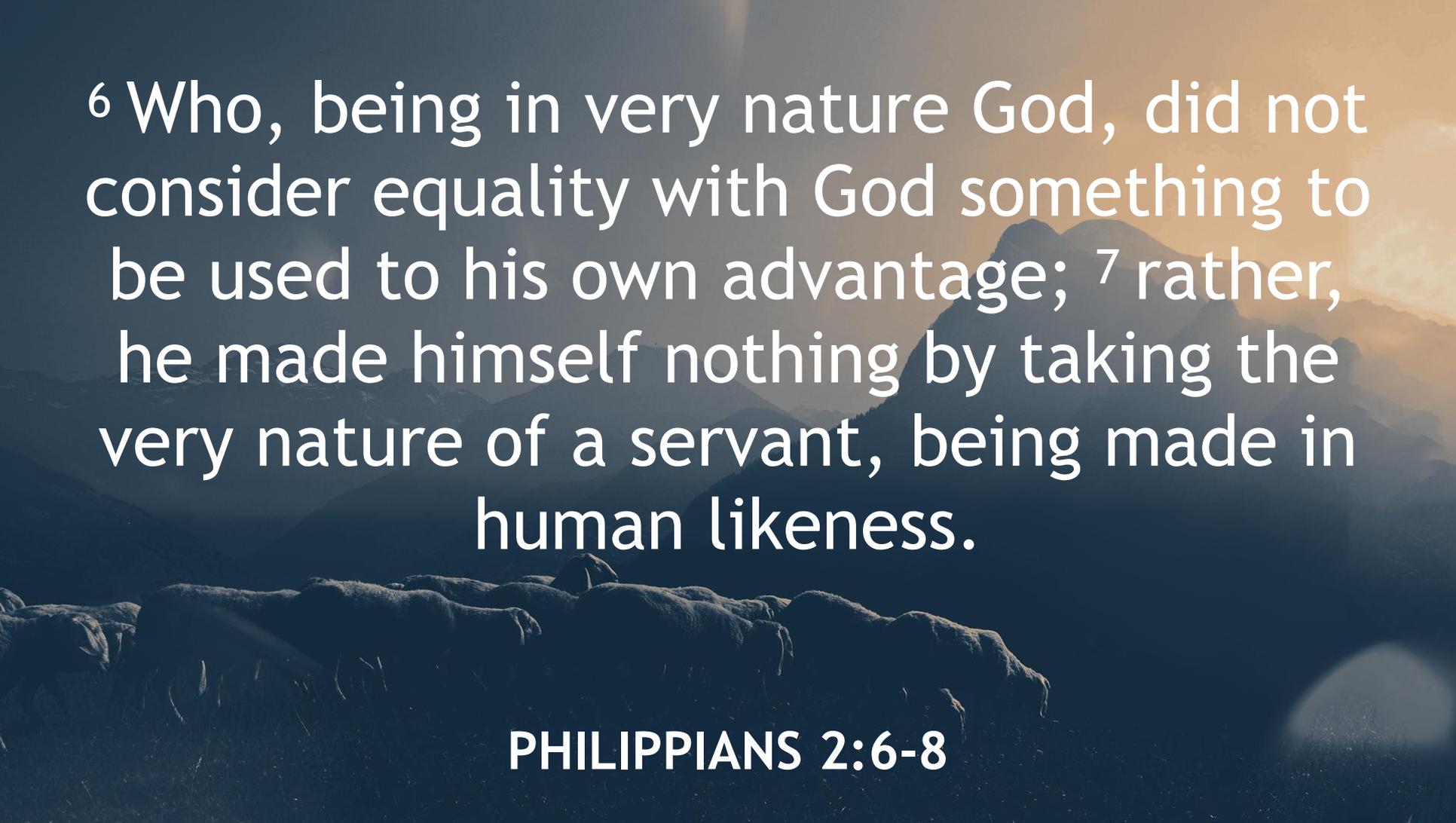
¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

MARK 1:14-15

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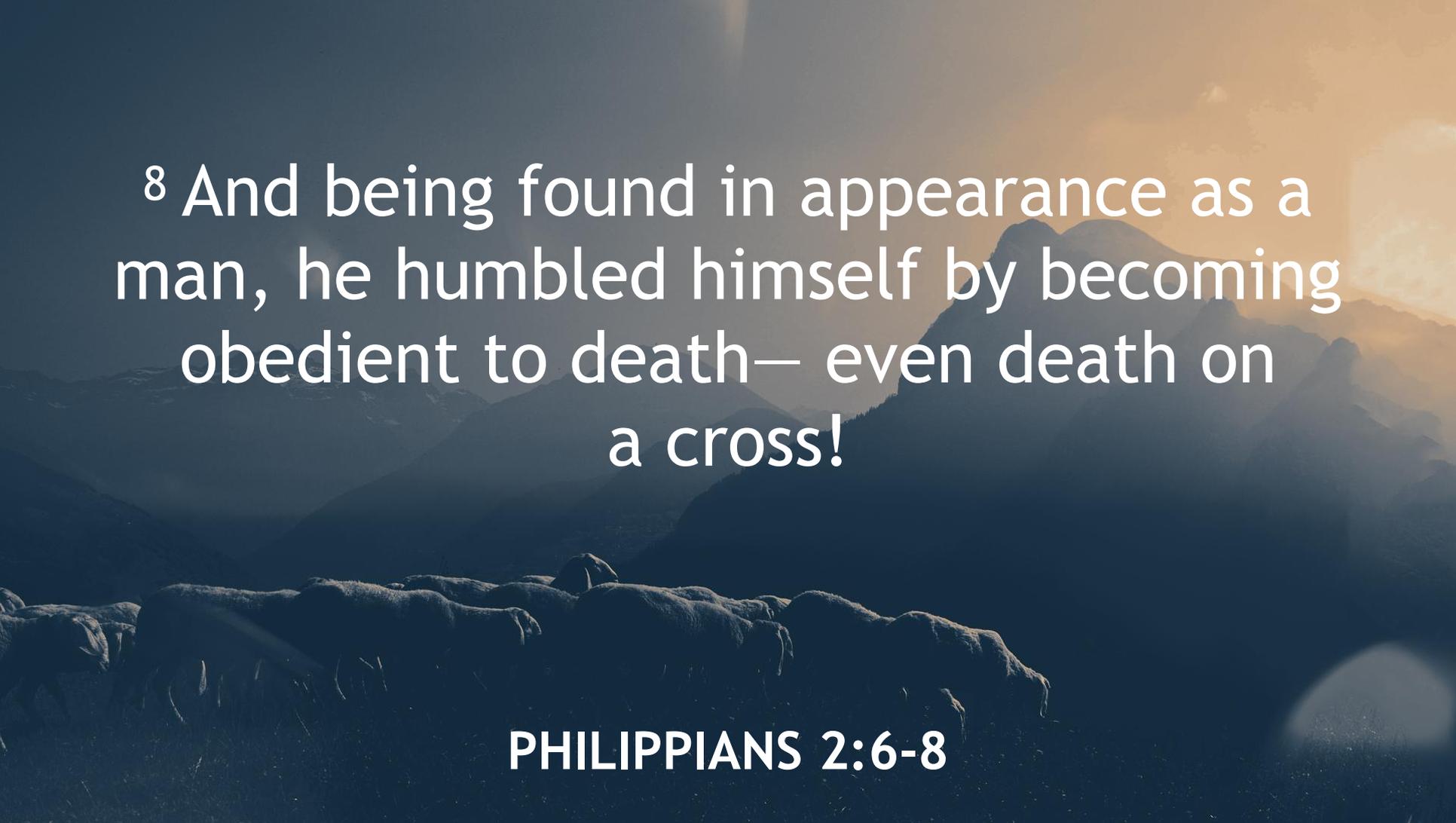
45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

MARK 10:45

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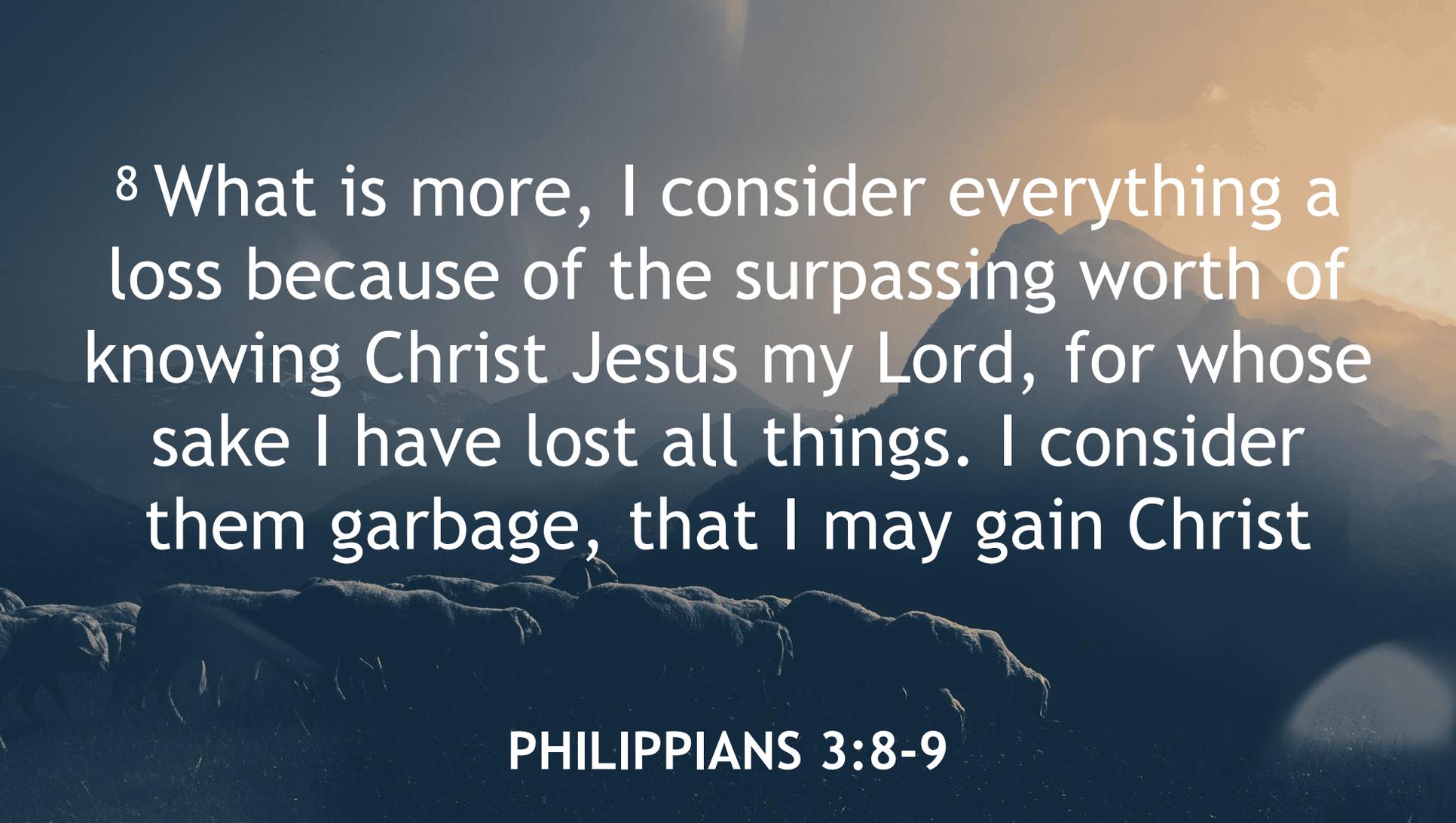
⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8

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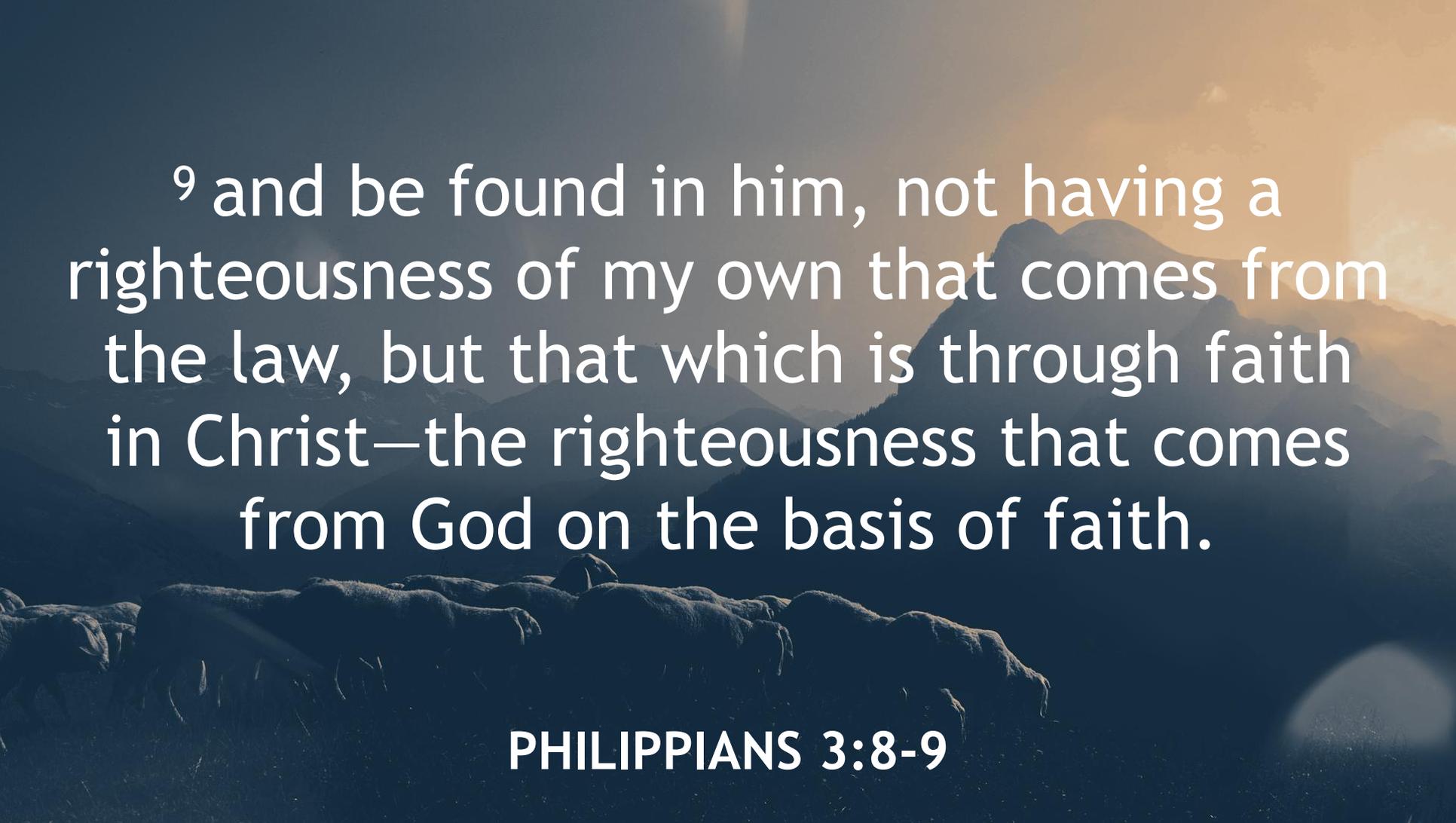
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-8

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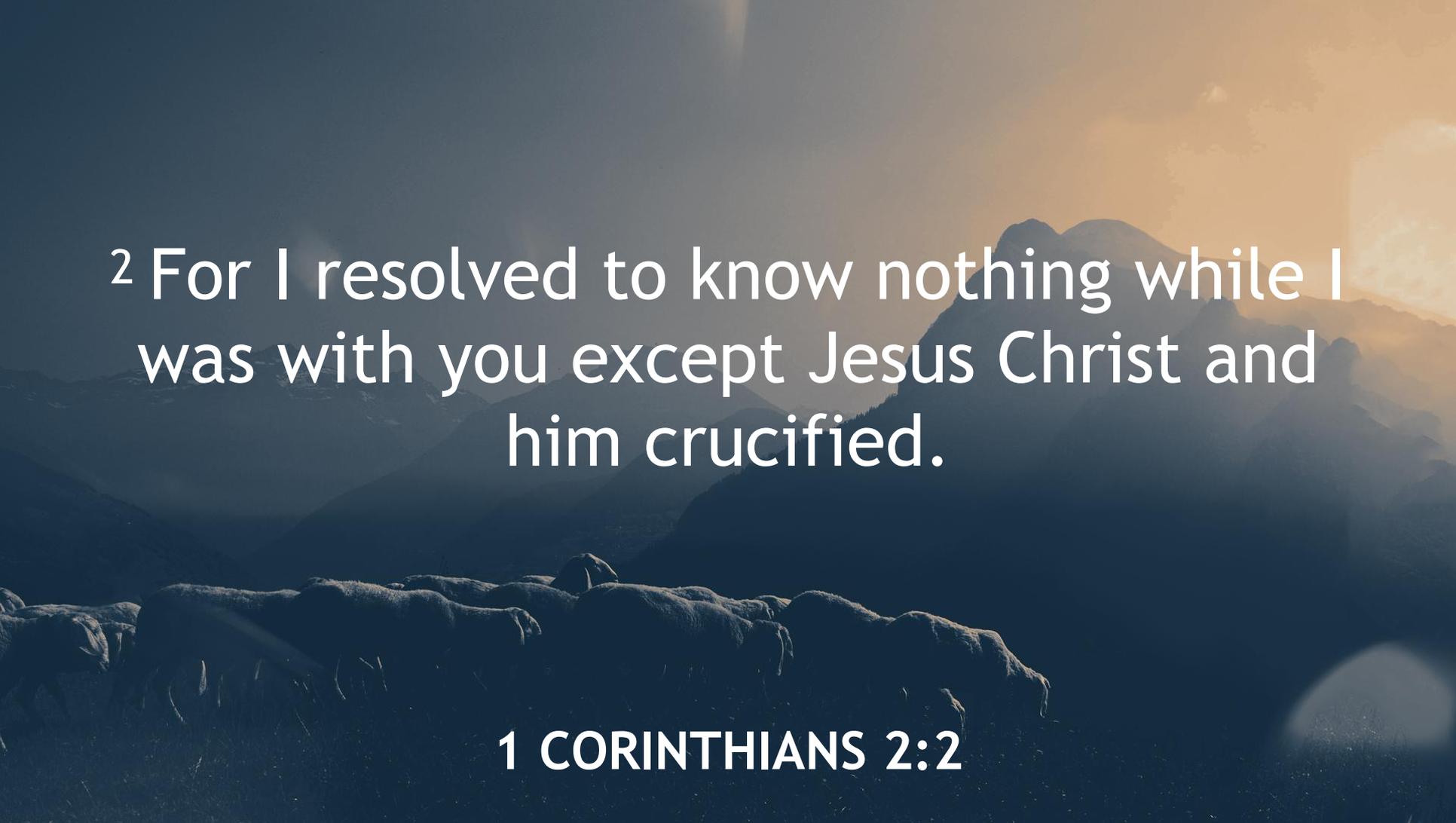
⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9

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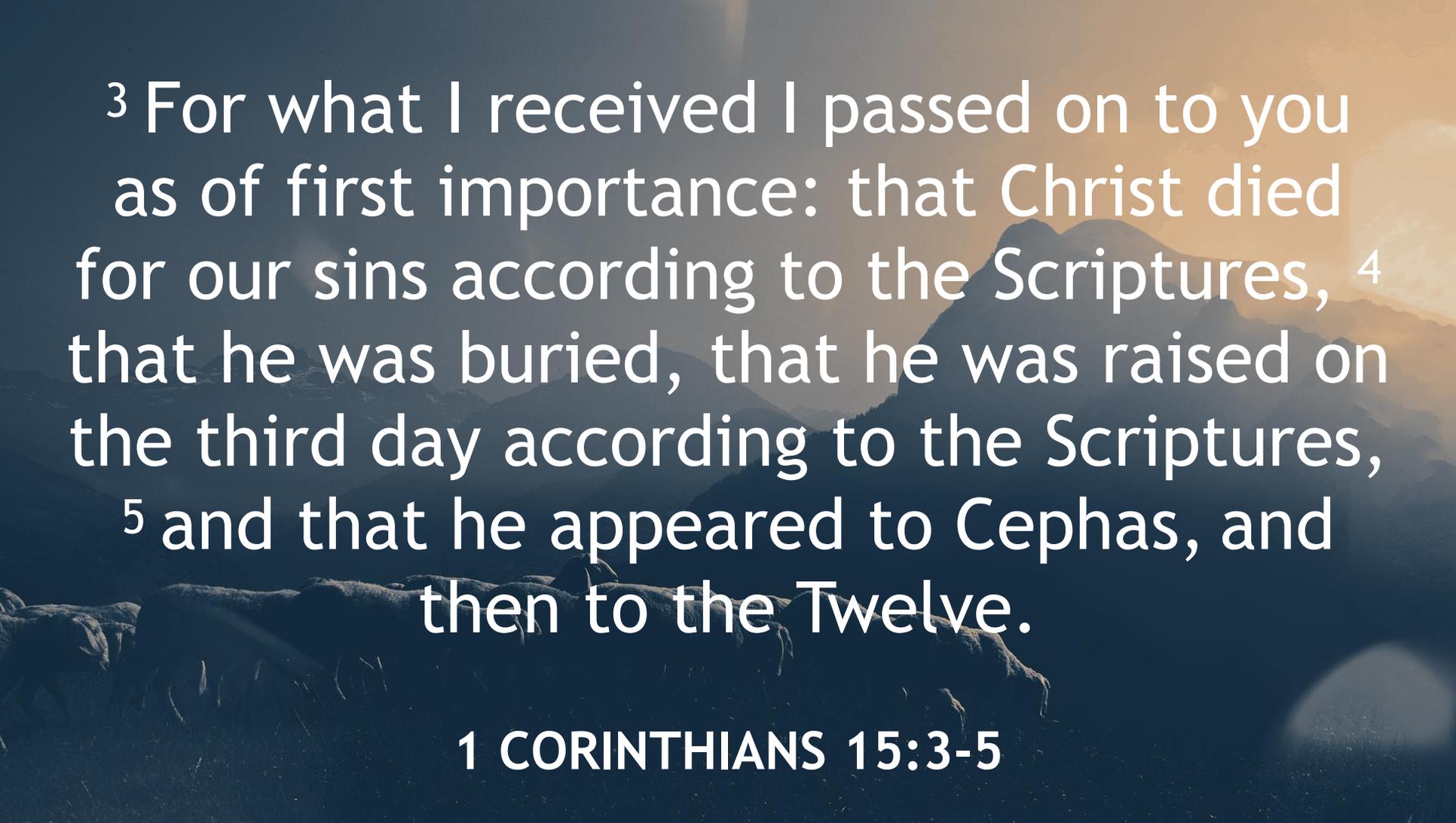
⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9

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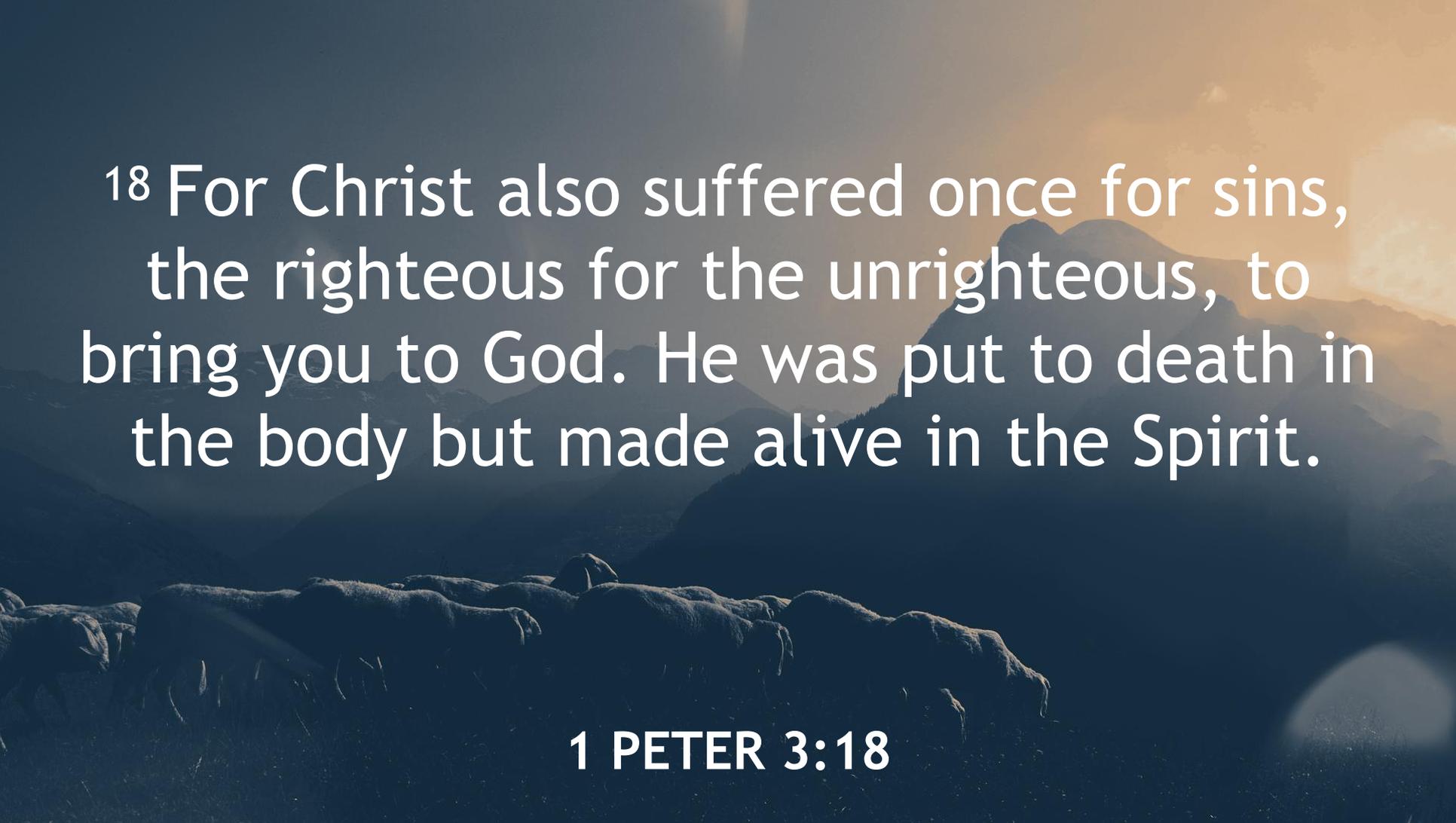
² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:2



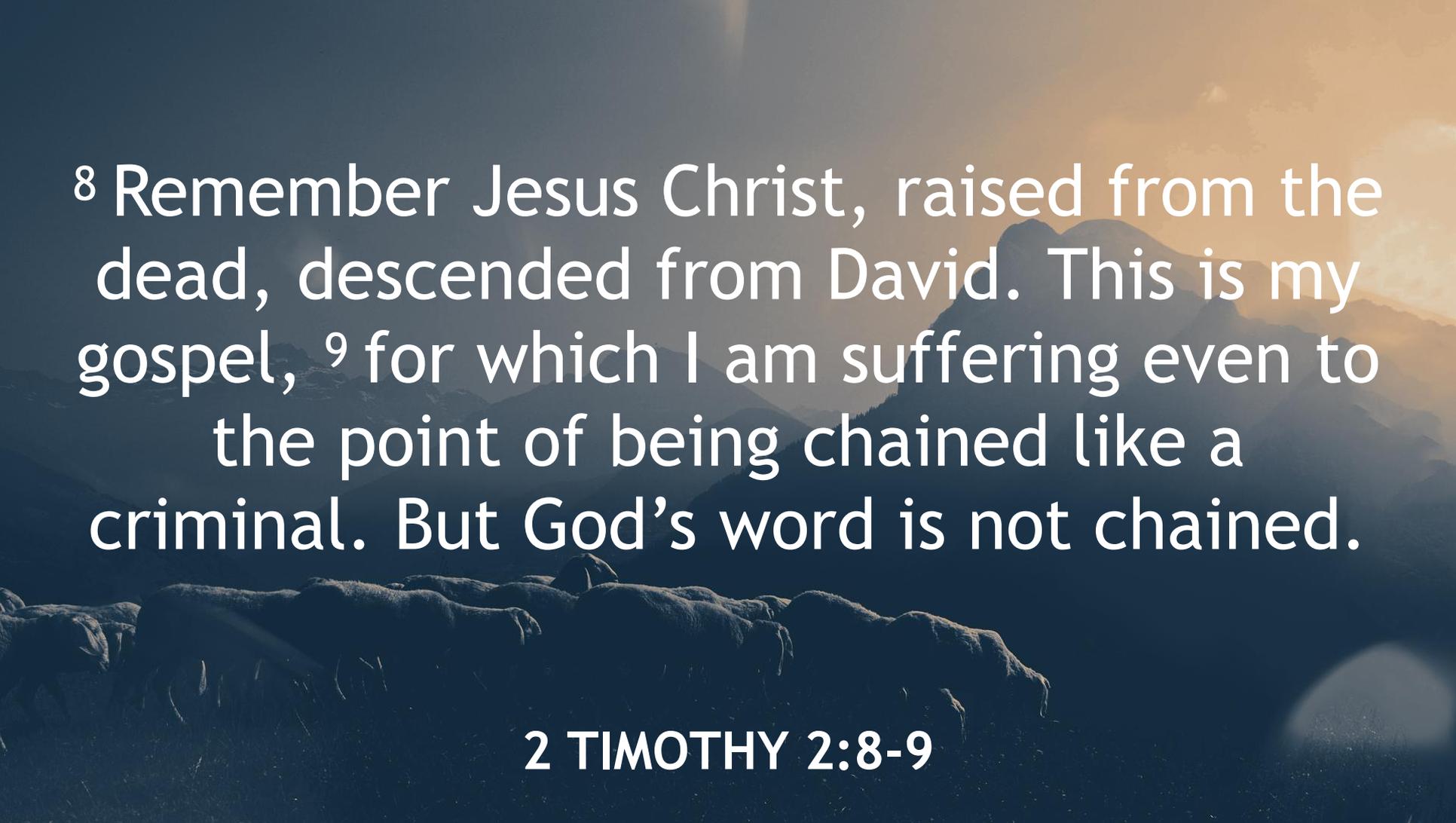
³ For what I received I passed on to you
as of first importance: that Christ died
for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴
that he was buried, that he was raised on
the third day according to the Scriptures,
⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and
then to the Twelve.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-5

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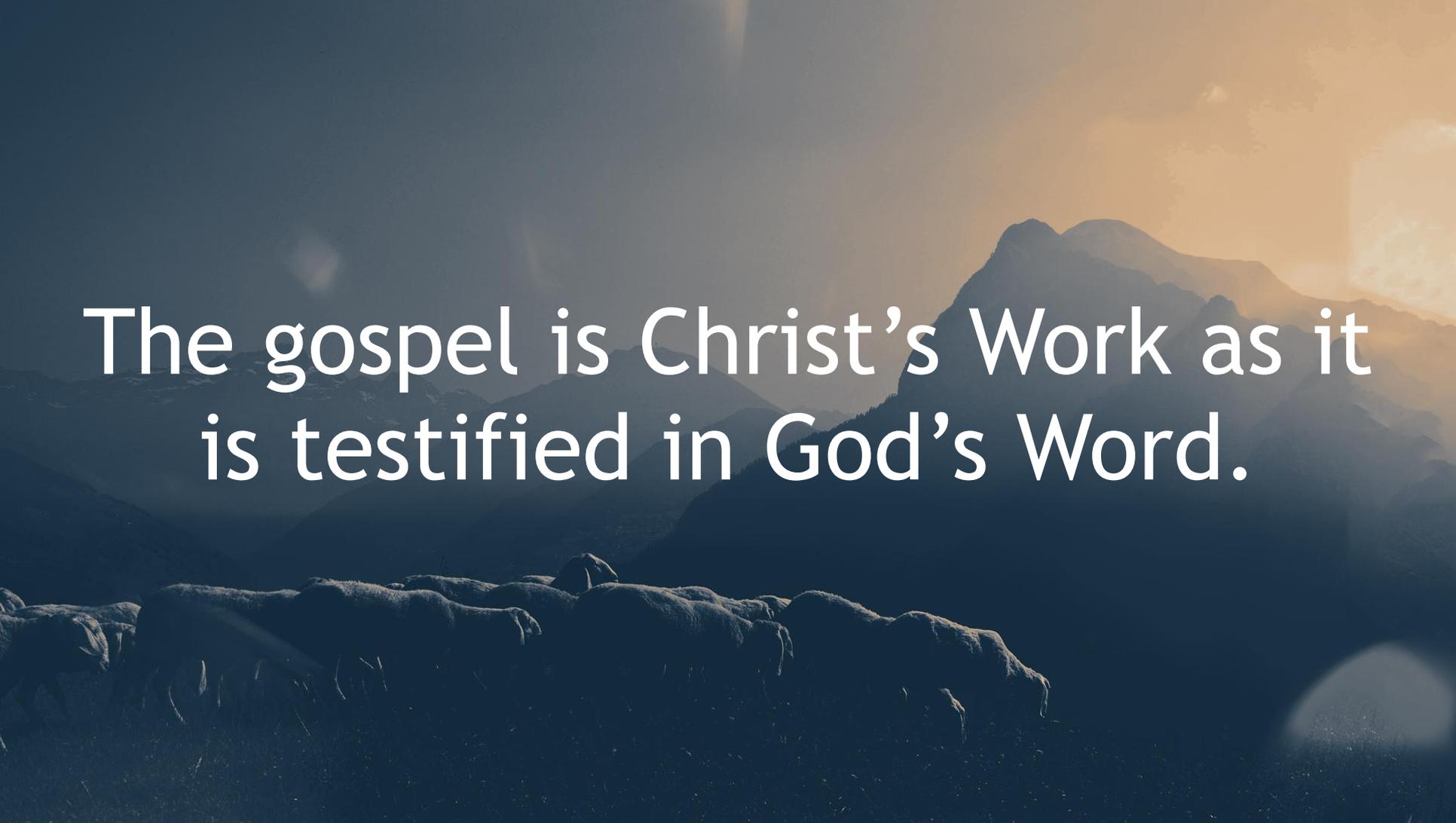
1⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous, to
bring you to God. He was put to death in
the body but made alive in the Spirit.

1 PETER 3:18

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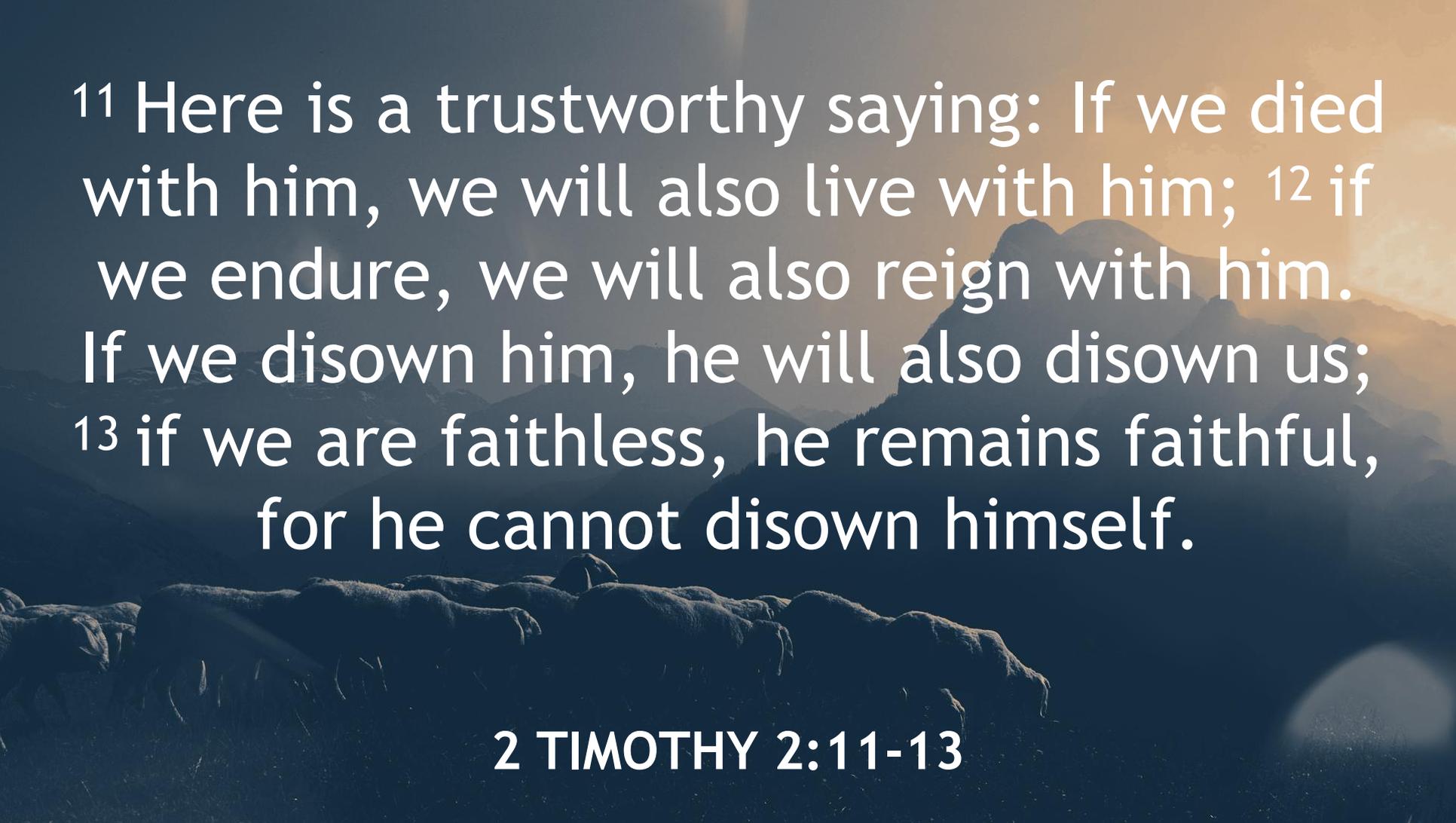
2 TIMOTHY 2:8-9

A dramatic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The background shows a range of mountains under a warm, golden light. The text is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font.

The gospel is Christ's Work as it
is testified in God's Word.

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THE GOSPEL AND OUR FUTURE

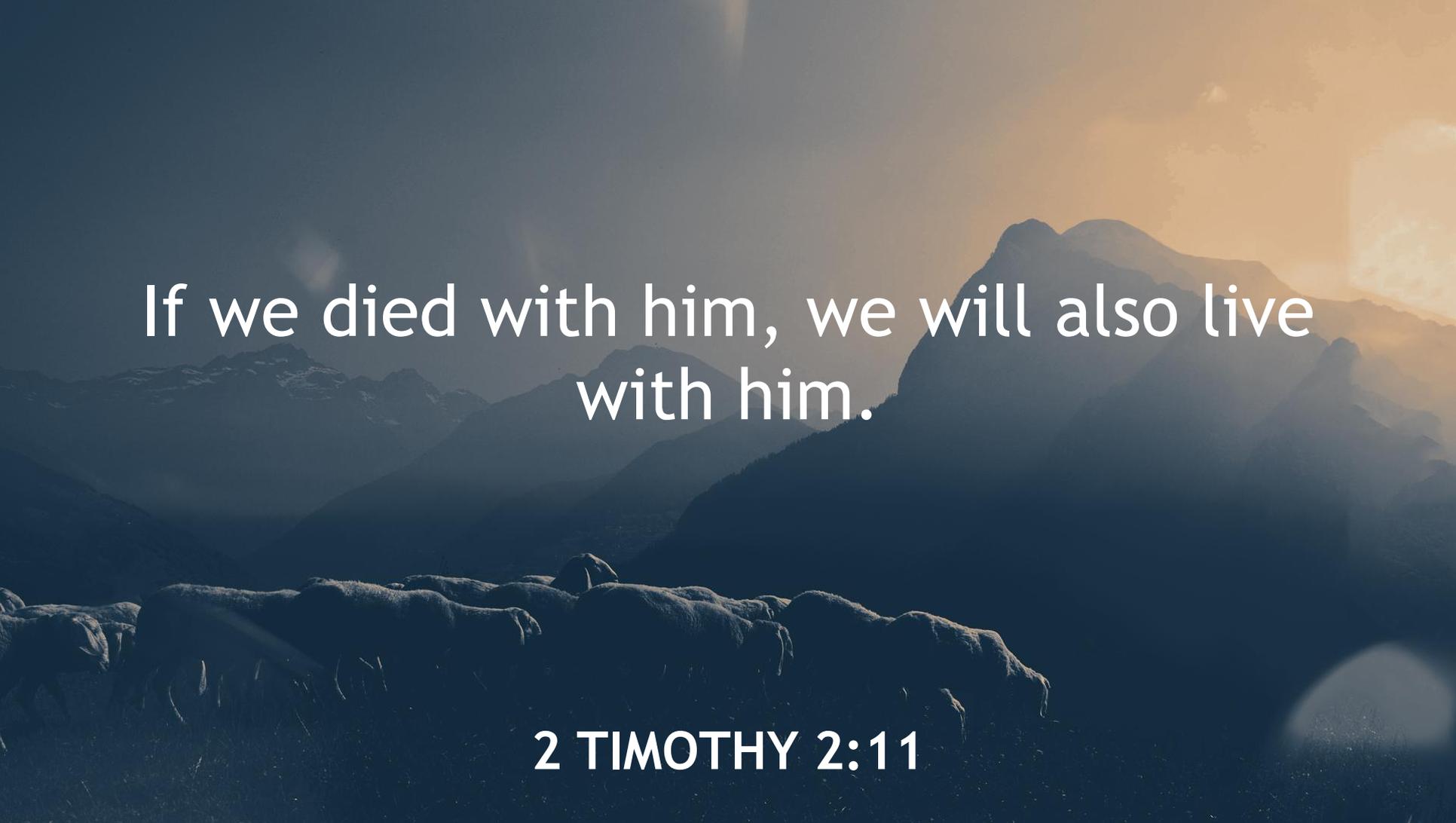


11 Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13

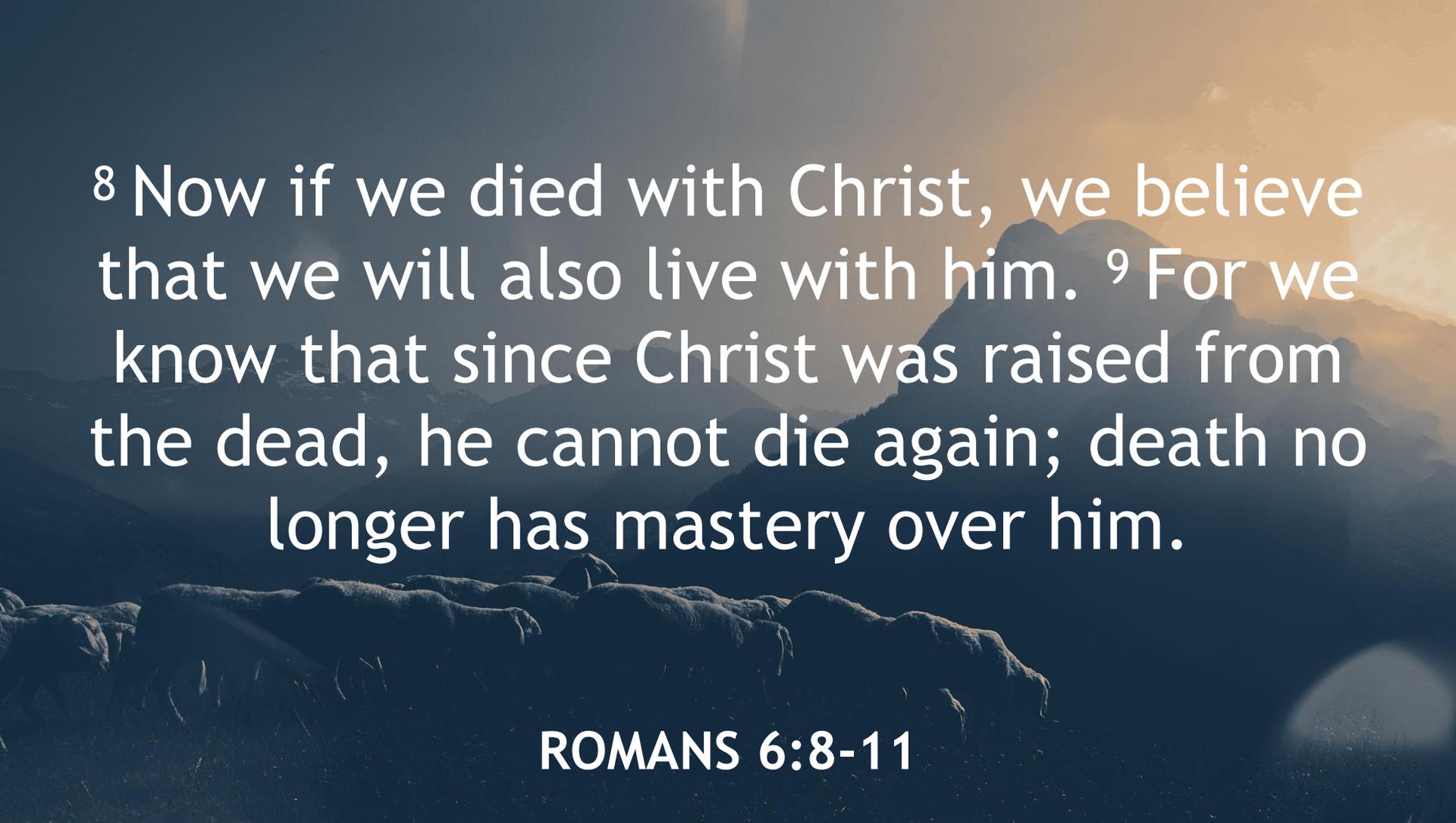
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FIRST ASSURANCE

A scenic landscape featuring a flock of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a grassy hillside. In the background, there are several layers of mountains, with the nearest peaks in silhouette and the sky above them glowing with the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

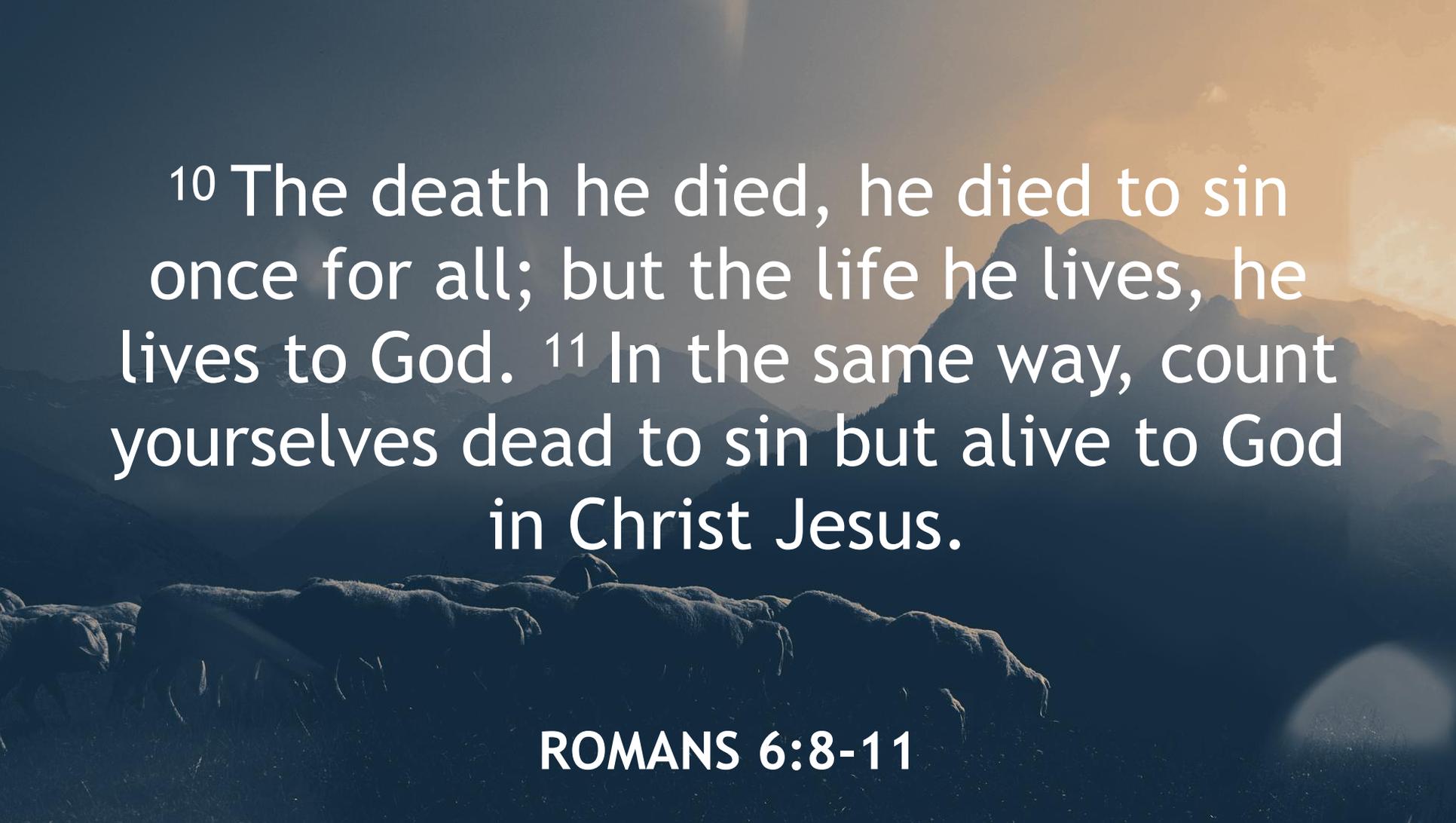
If we died with him, we will also live
with him.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11



⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

ROMANS 6:8-11

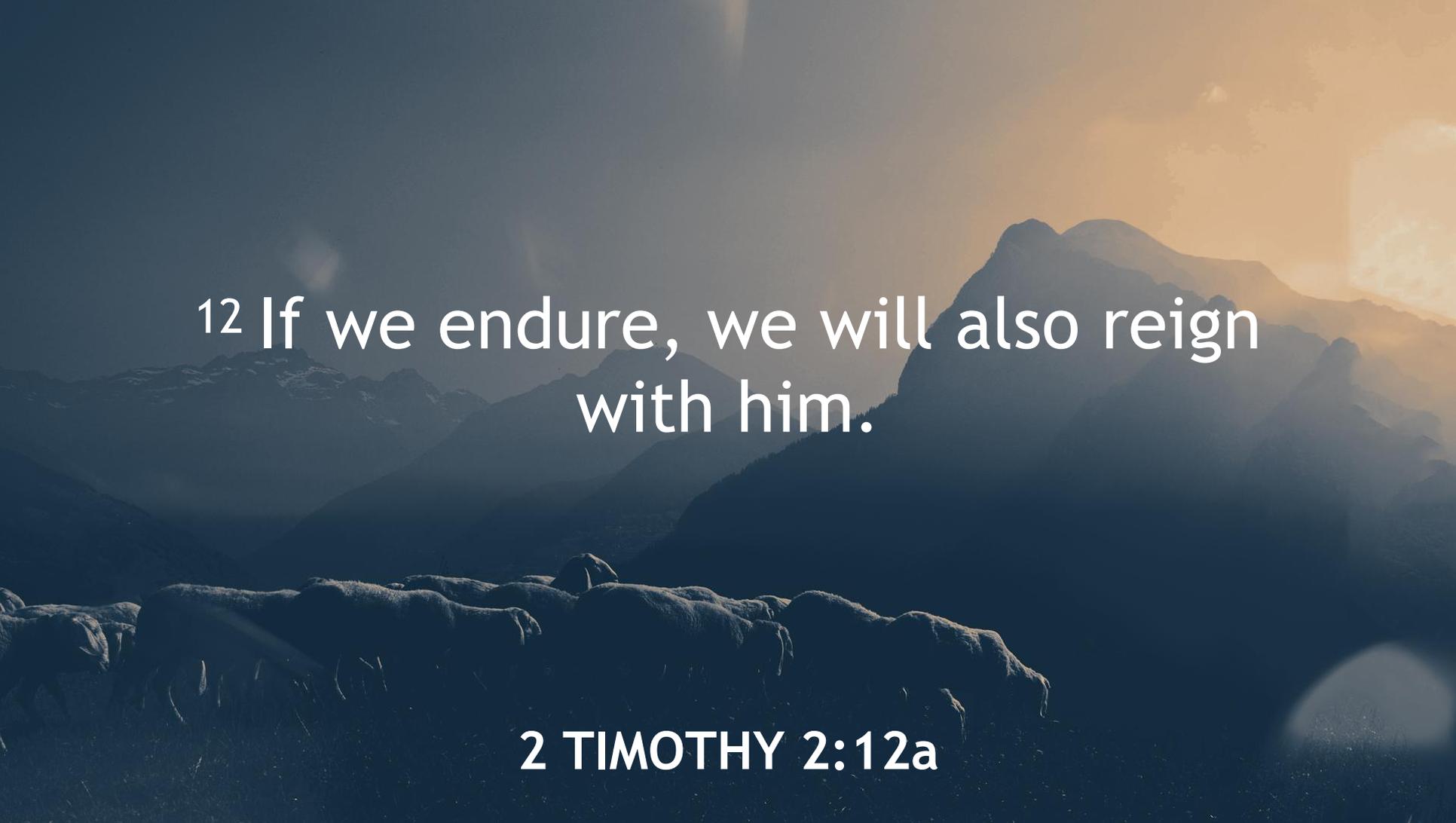
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¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 6:8-11

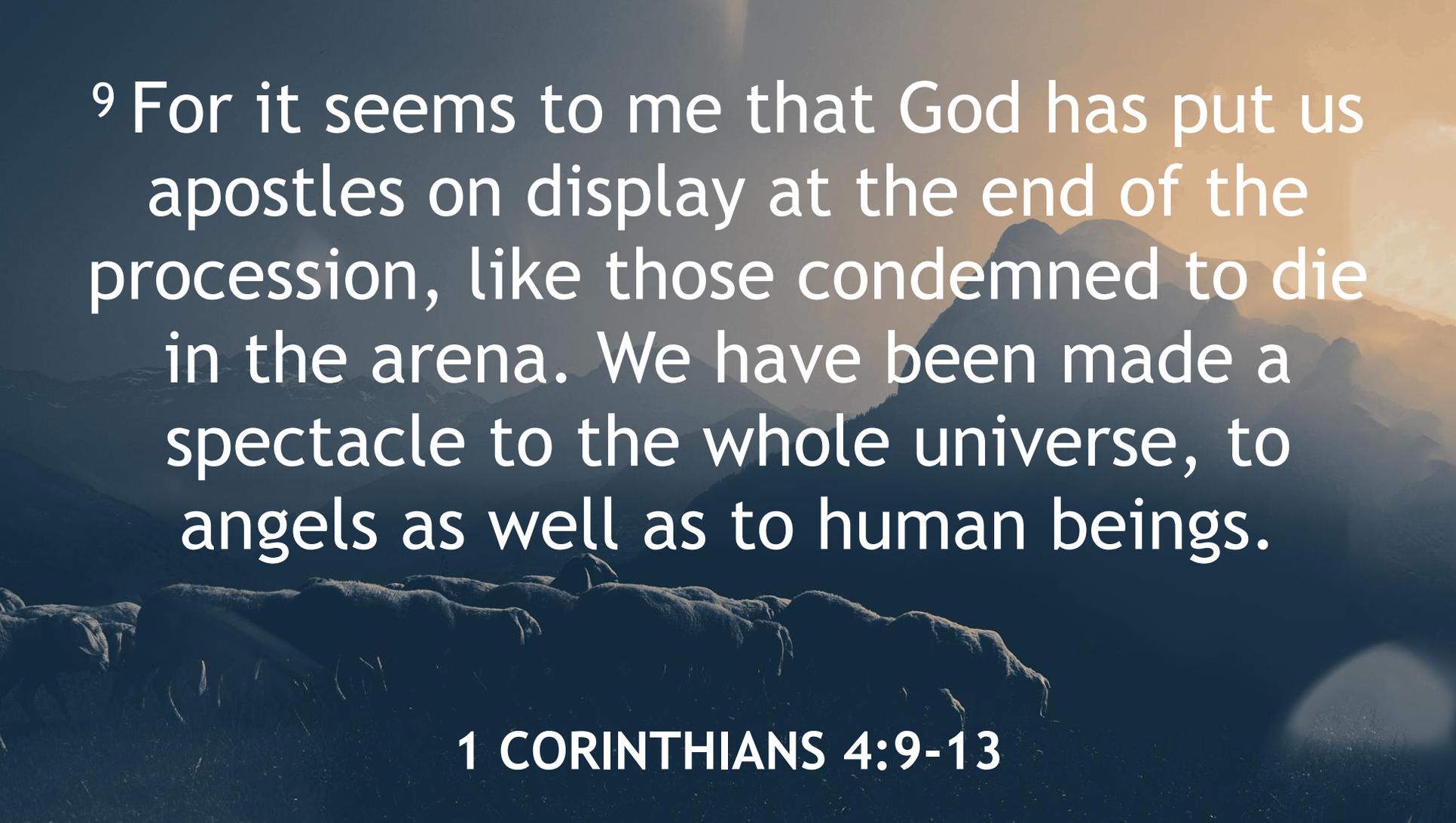
A dramatic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, silhouetted against a sunset sky. The background consists of layered mountain ranges, with the most prominent peaks in the distance. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a sense of tranquility and vastness. The text "SECOND ASSURANCE" is centered in the middle of the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

SECOND ASSURANCE

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sunset sky. The sun is low on the right, casting a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, a flock of sheep is grazing on a grassy slope. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

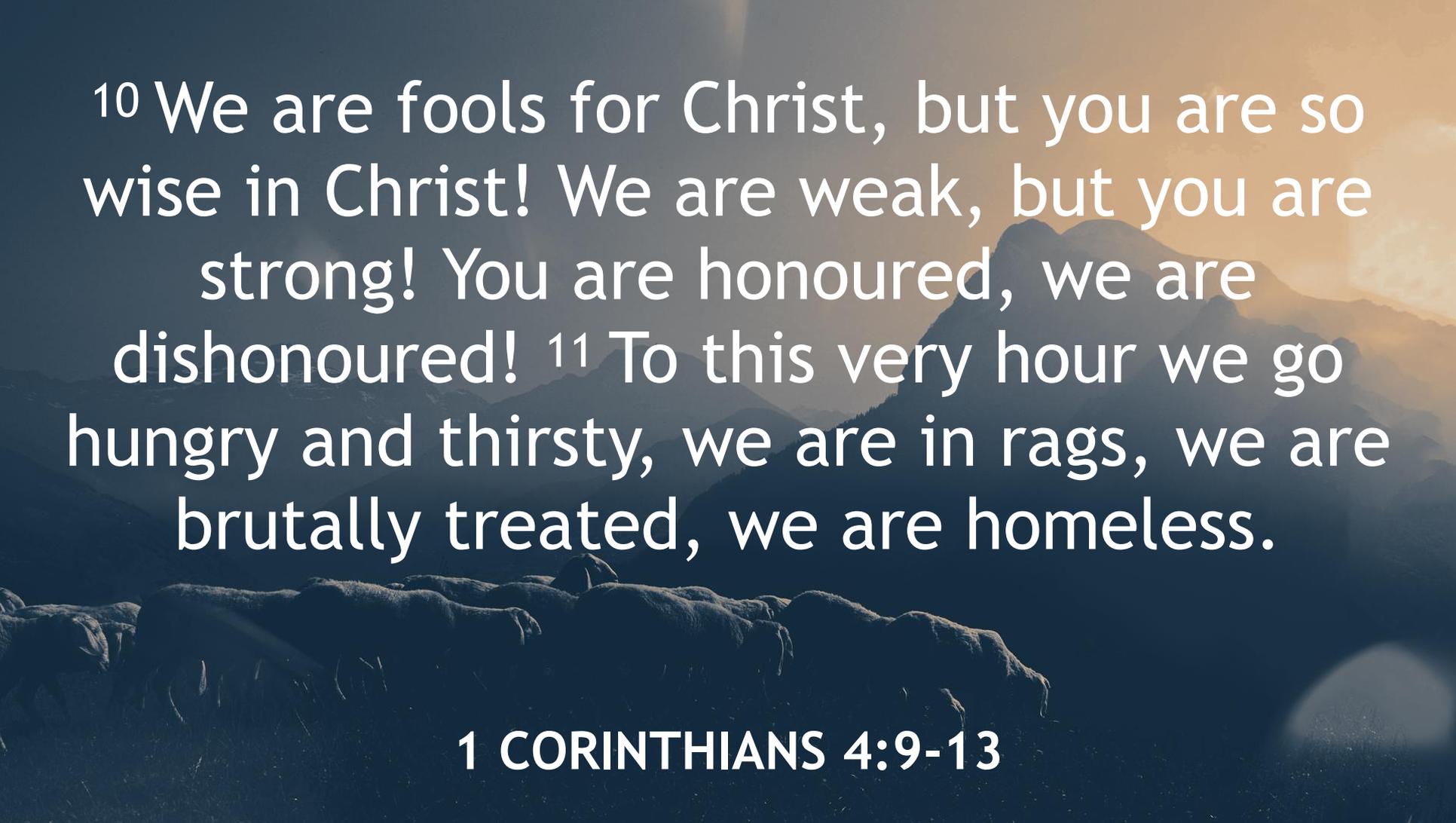
12 If we endure, we will also reign
with him.

2 TIMOTHY 2:12a

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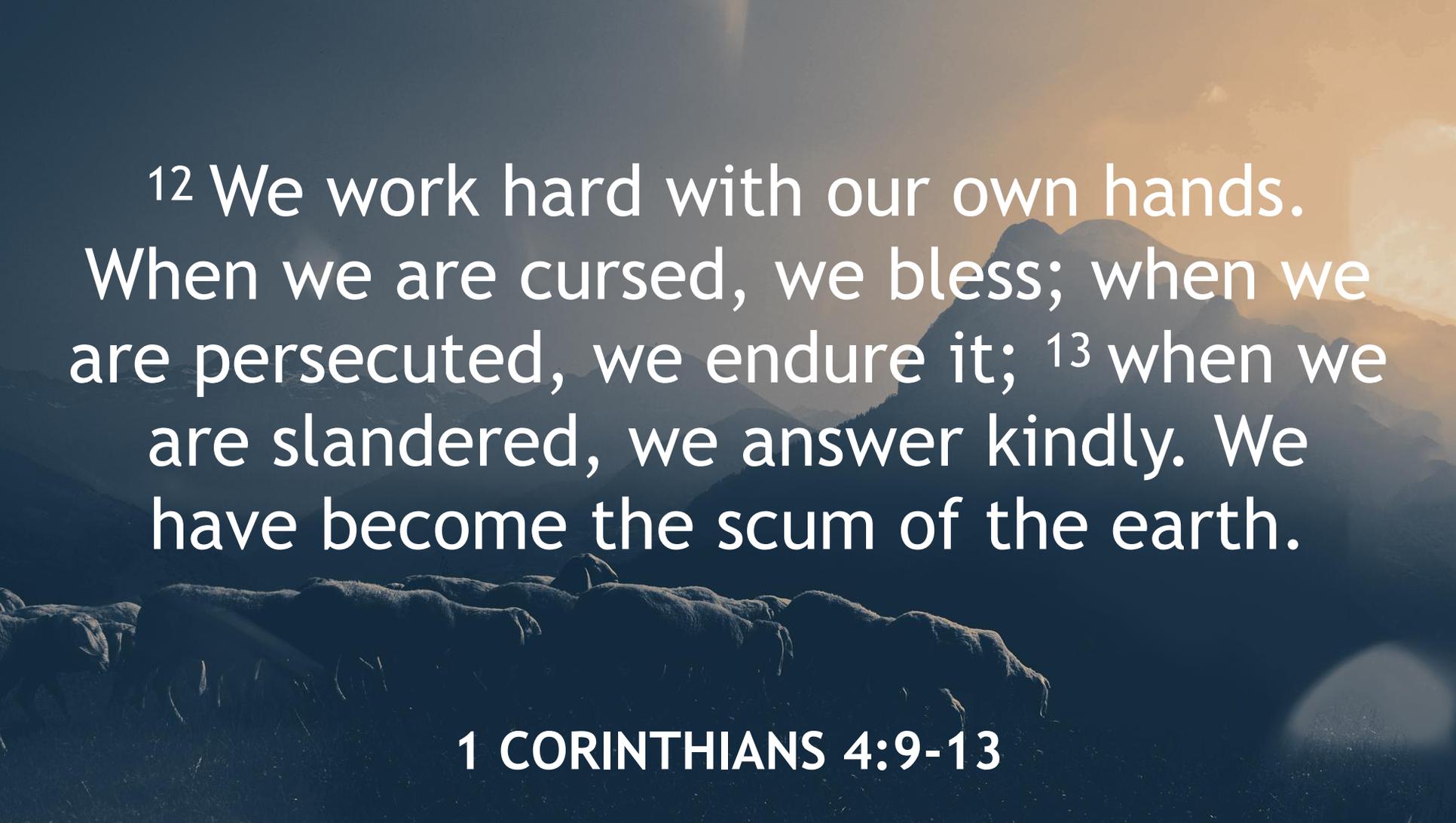
9 For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:9-13



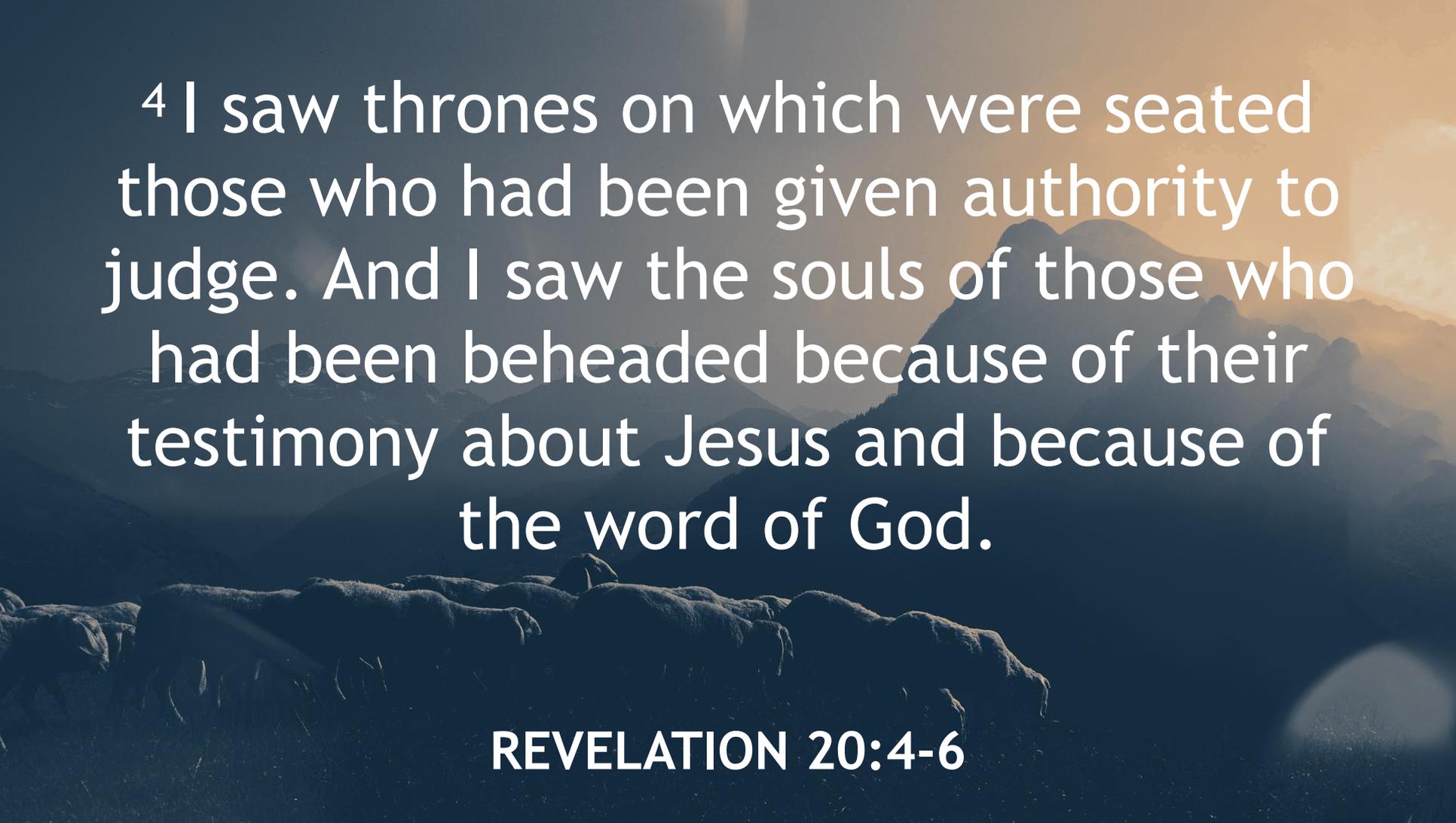
¹⁰ We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honoured, we are dishonoured! ¹¹ To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:9-13



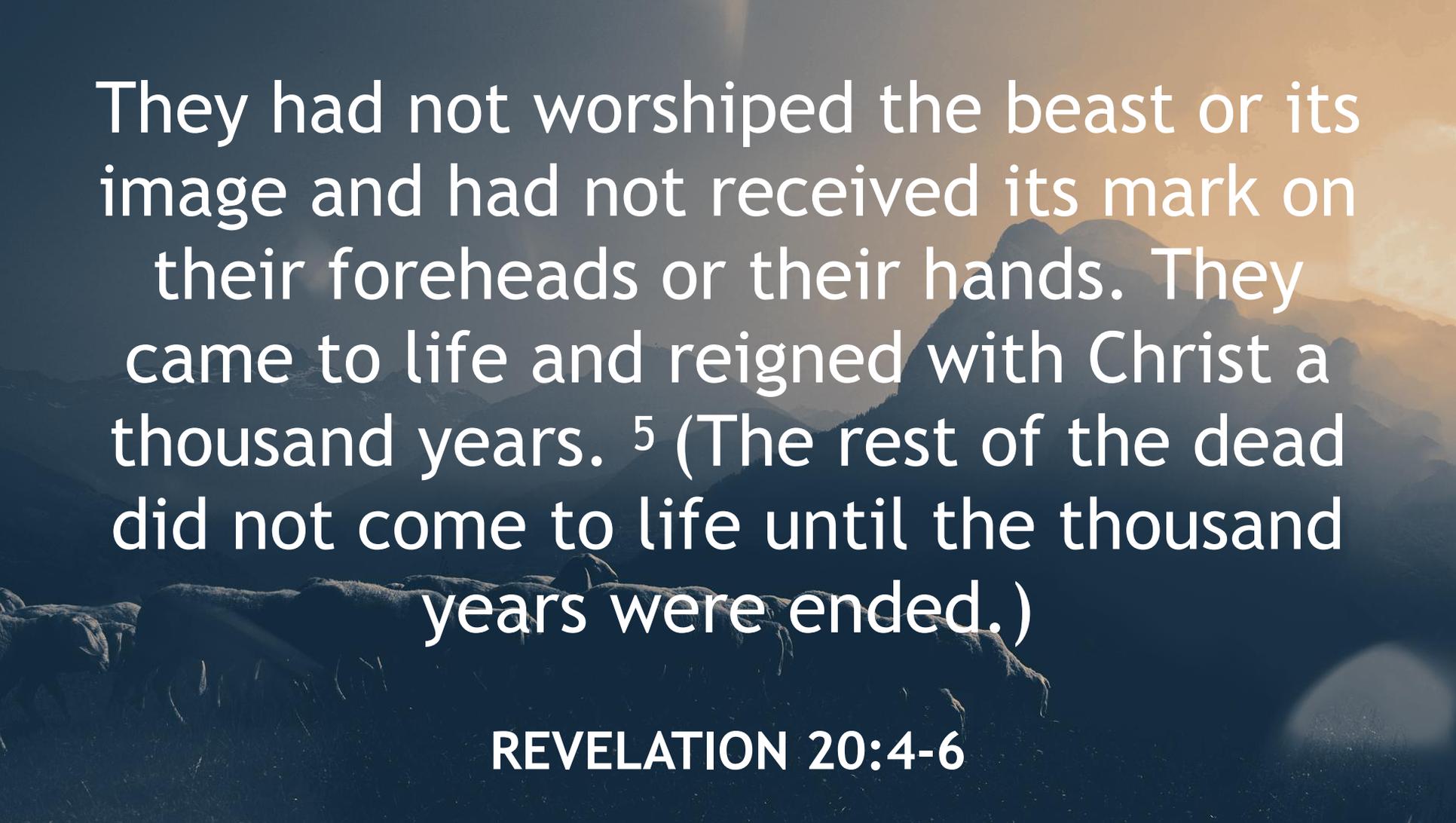
¹² We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; ¹³ when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:9-13

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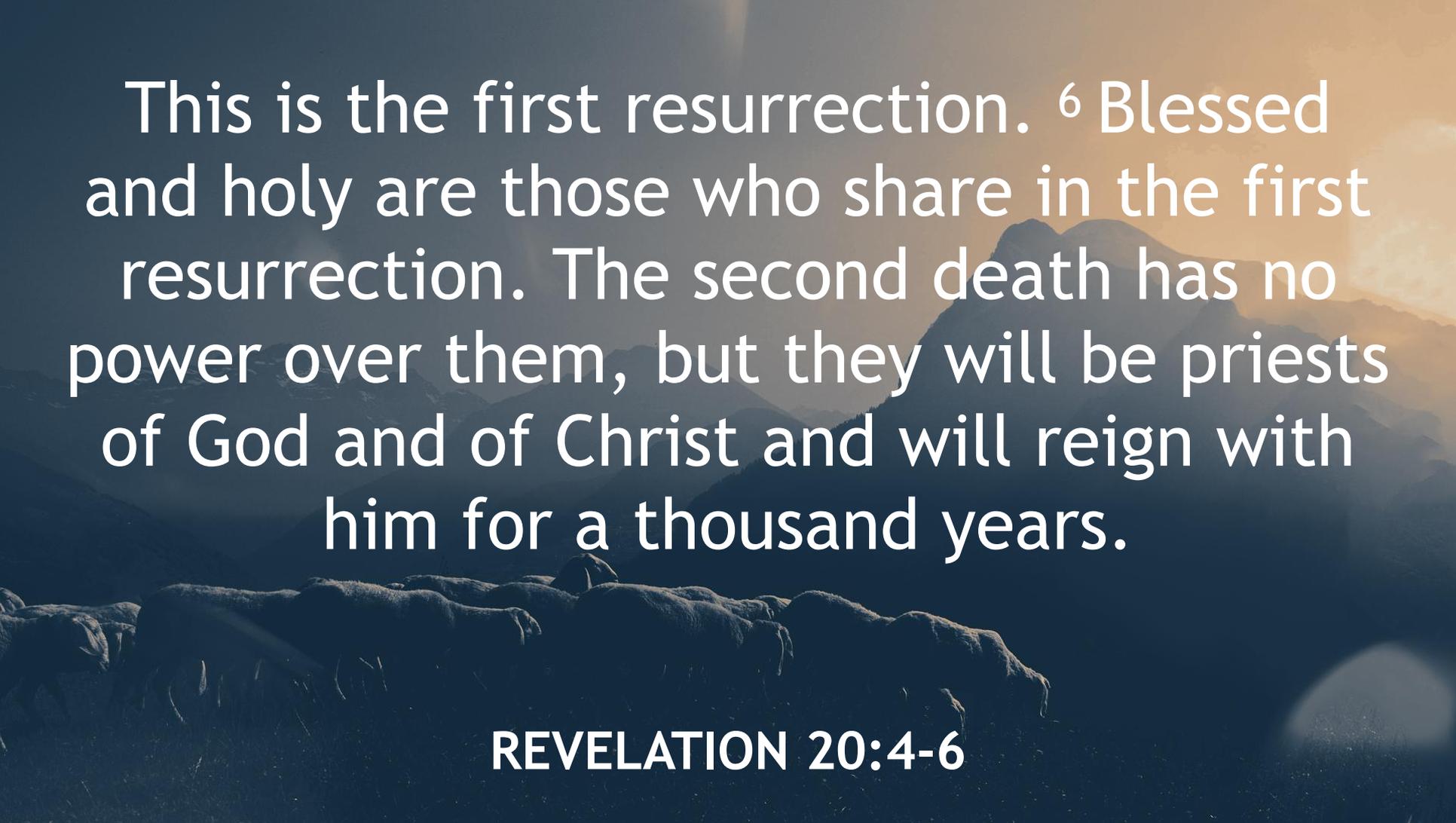
⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God.

REVELATION 20:4-6

A scenic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a hillside. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. The text is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)

REVELATION 20:4-6

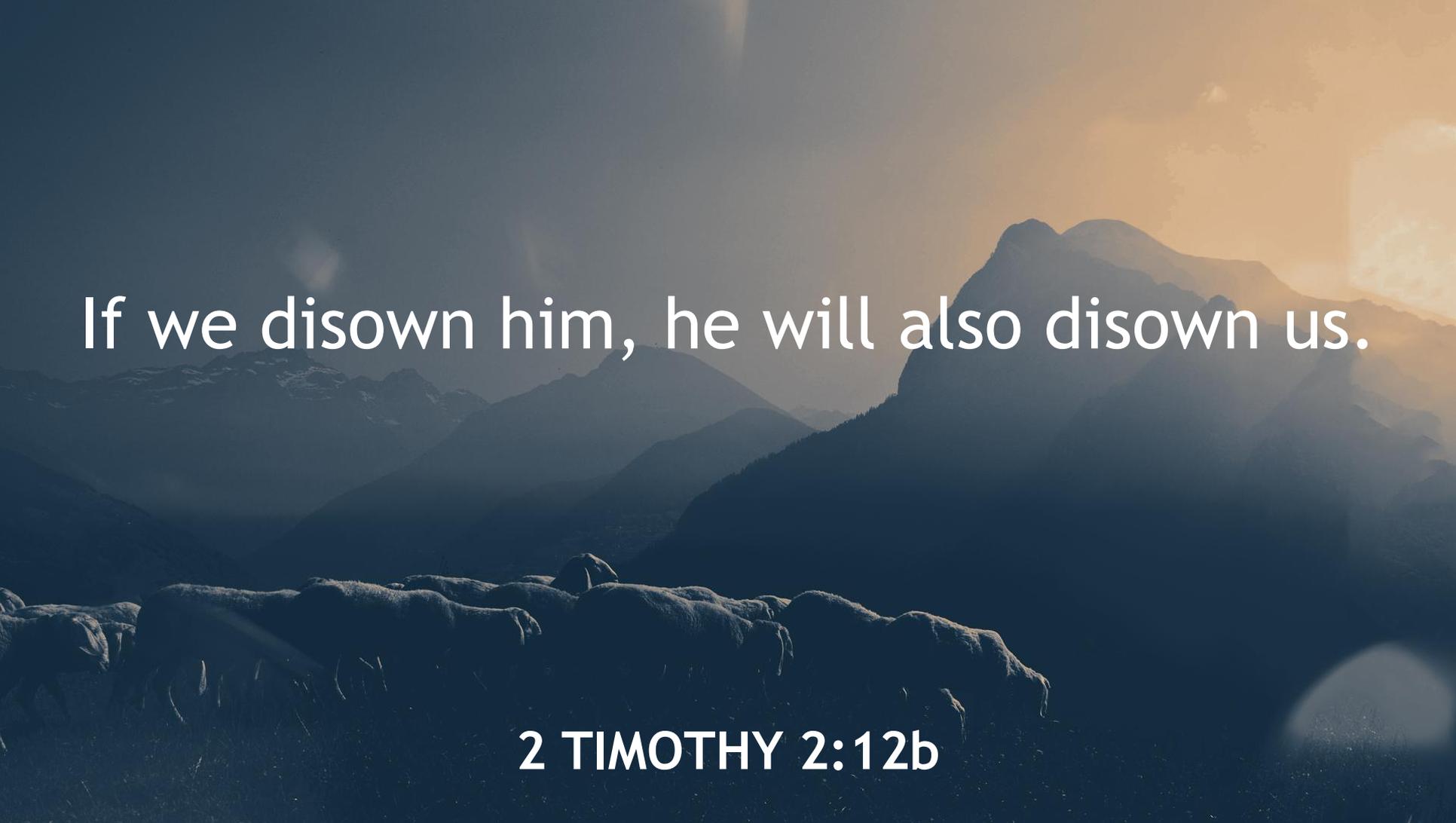
A scenic landscape with mountains and a herd of sheep in the foreground, serving as a background for the text. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, likely from a low sun, creating a hazy and atmospheric effect. The mountains in the background are silhouetted against the bright sky, while the sheep in the foreground are dark and somewhat indistinct, adding a sense of depth and tranquility to the overall composition.

This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

REVELATION 20:4-6

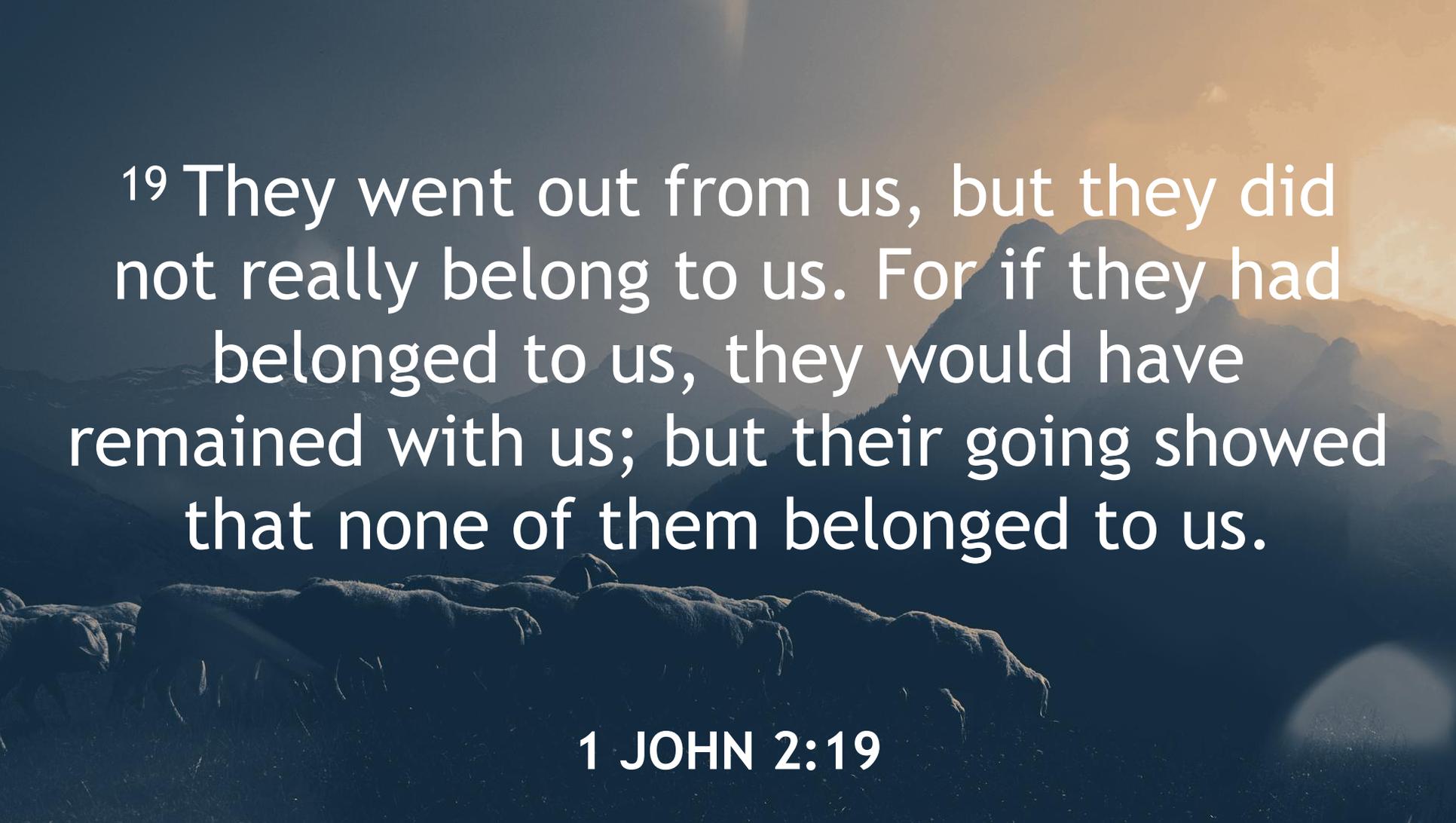
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THIRD ASSURANCE

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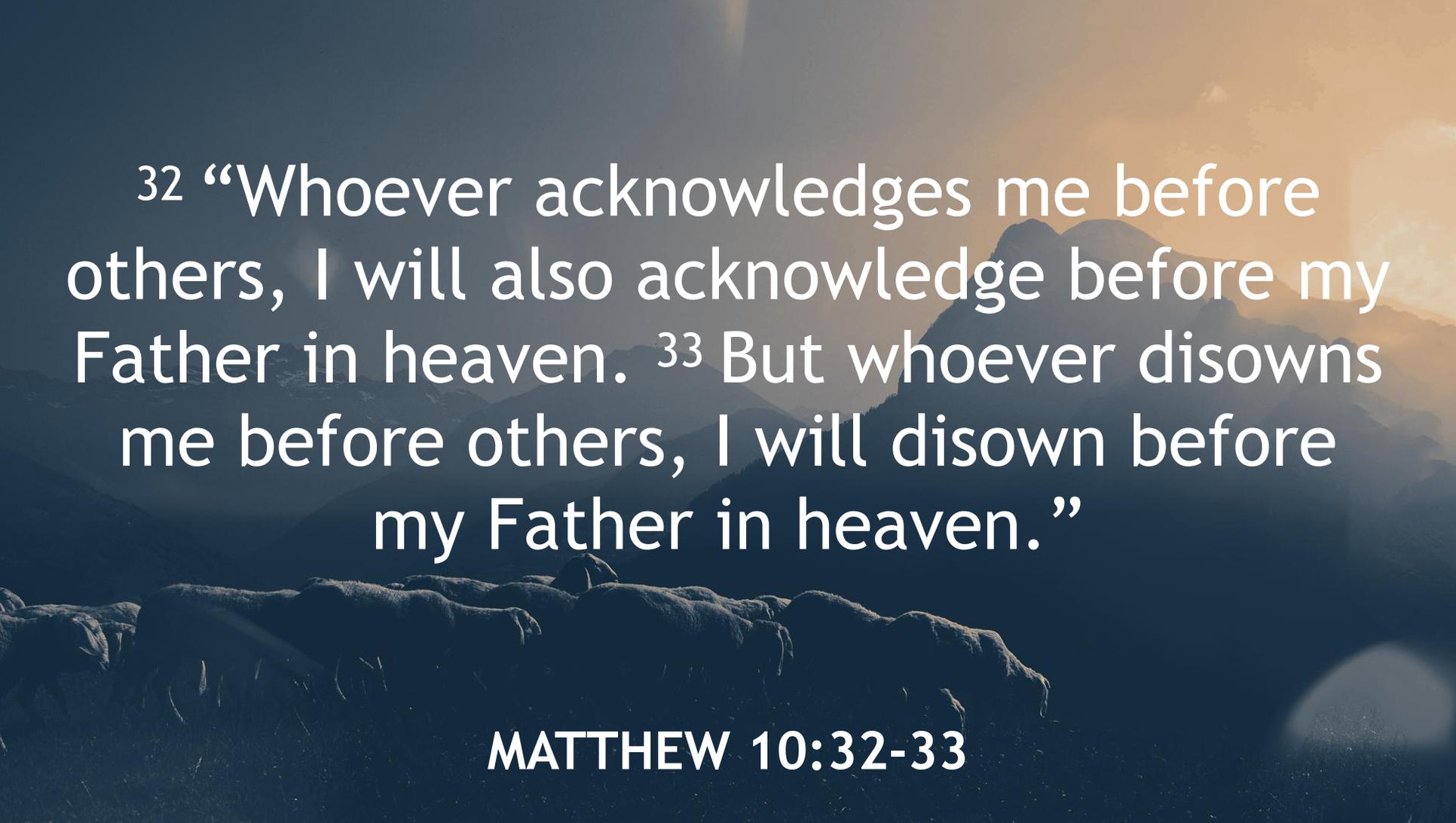
If we disown him, he will also disown us.

2 TIMOTHY 2:12b

A scenic landscape with mountains and a herd of sheep in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

1 JOHN 2:19

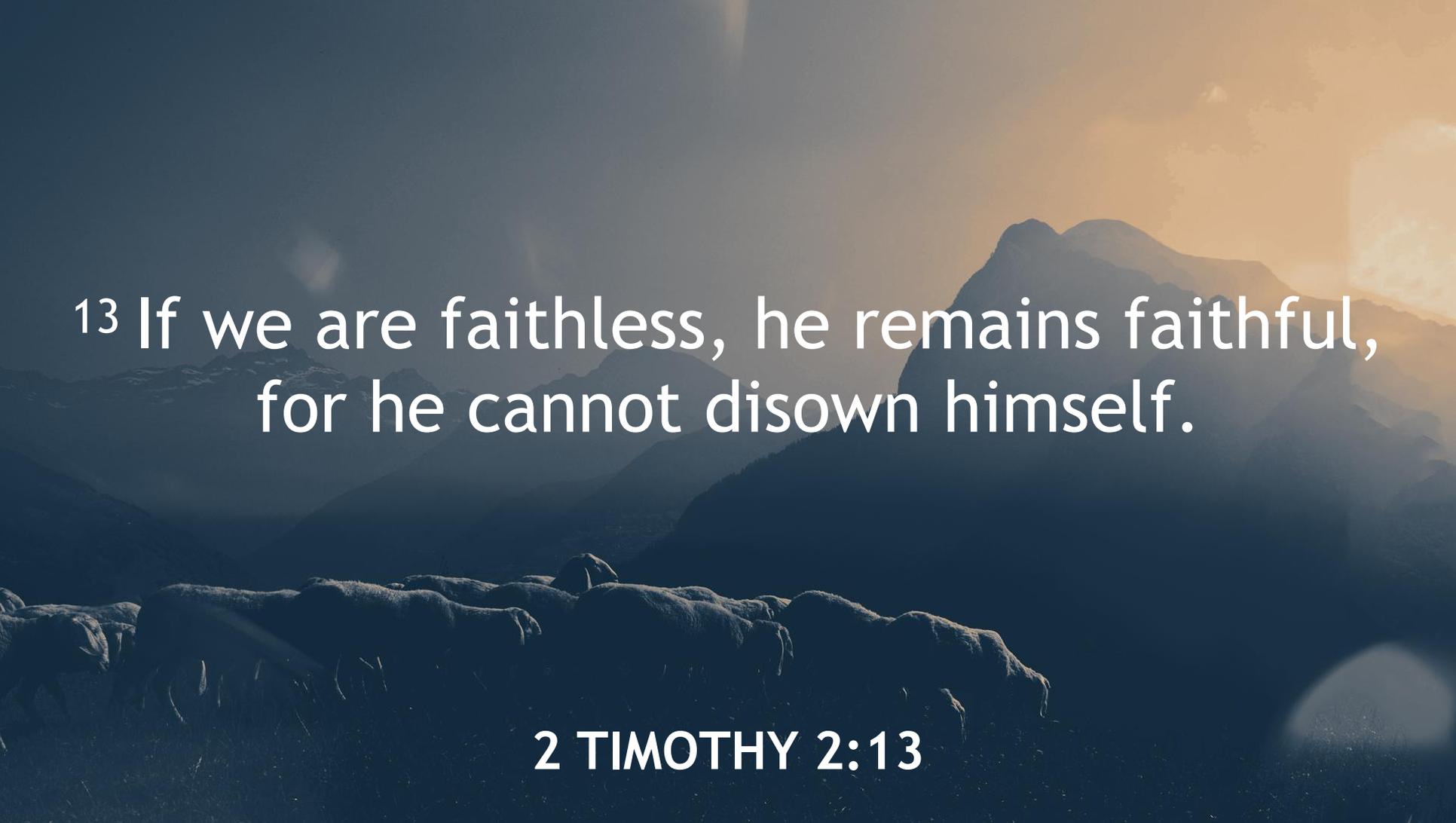
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³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 10:32-33

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FOURTH ASSURANCE

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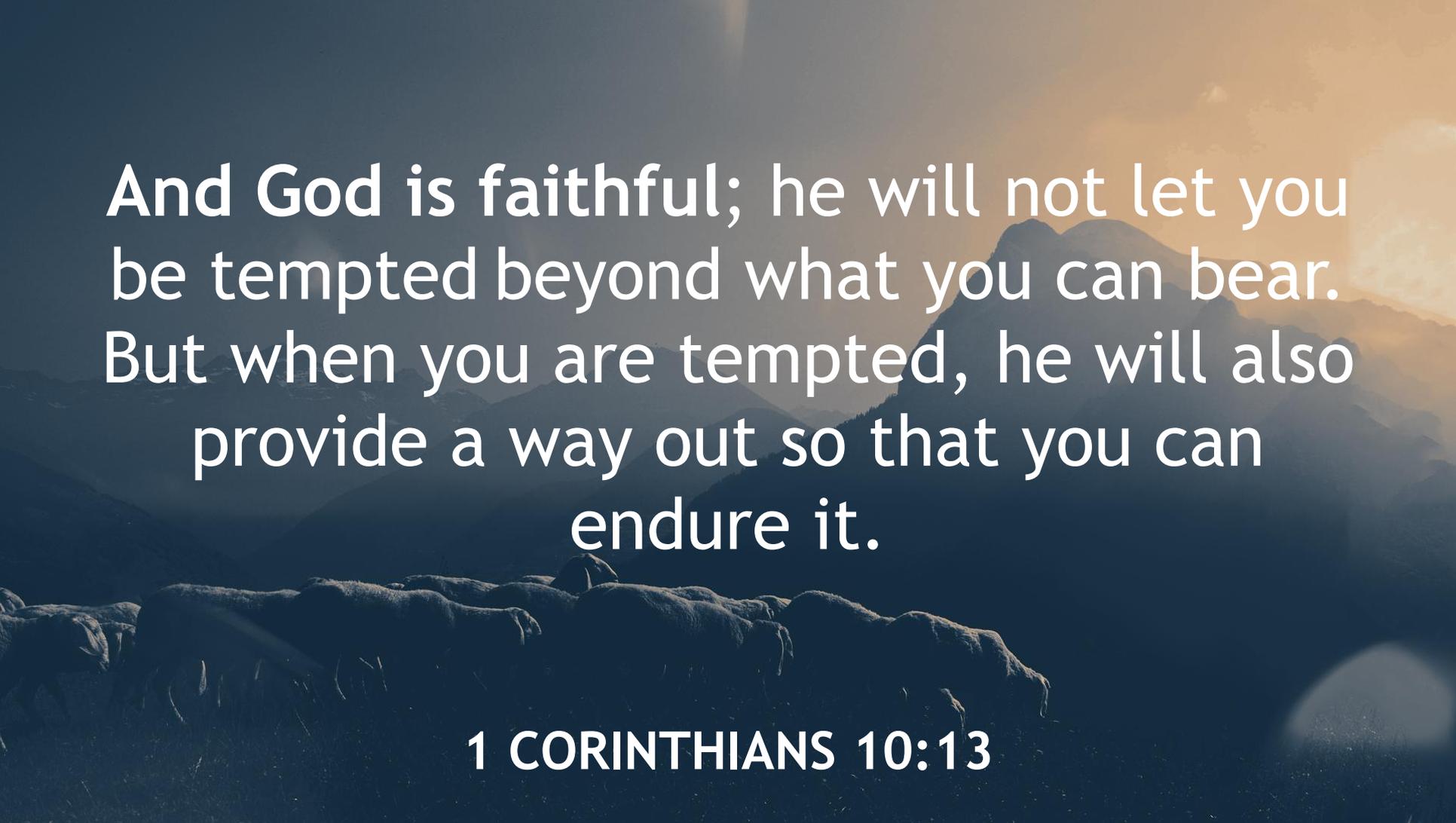
**13 If we are faithless, he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.**

2 TIMOTHY 2:13

A scenic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a grassy slope. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. The text is overlaid in white, bold font.

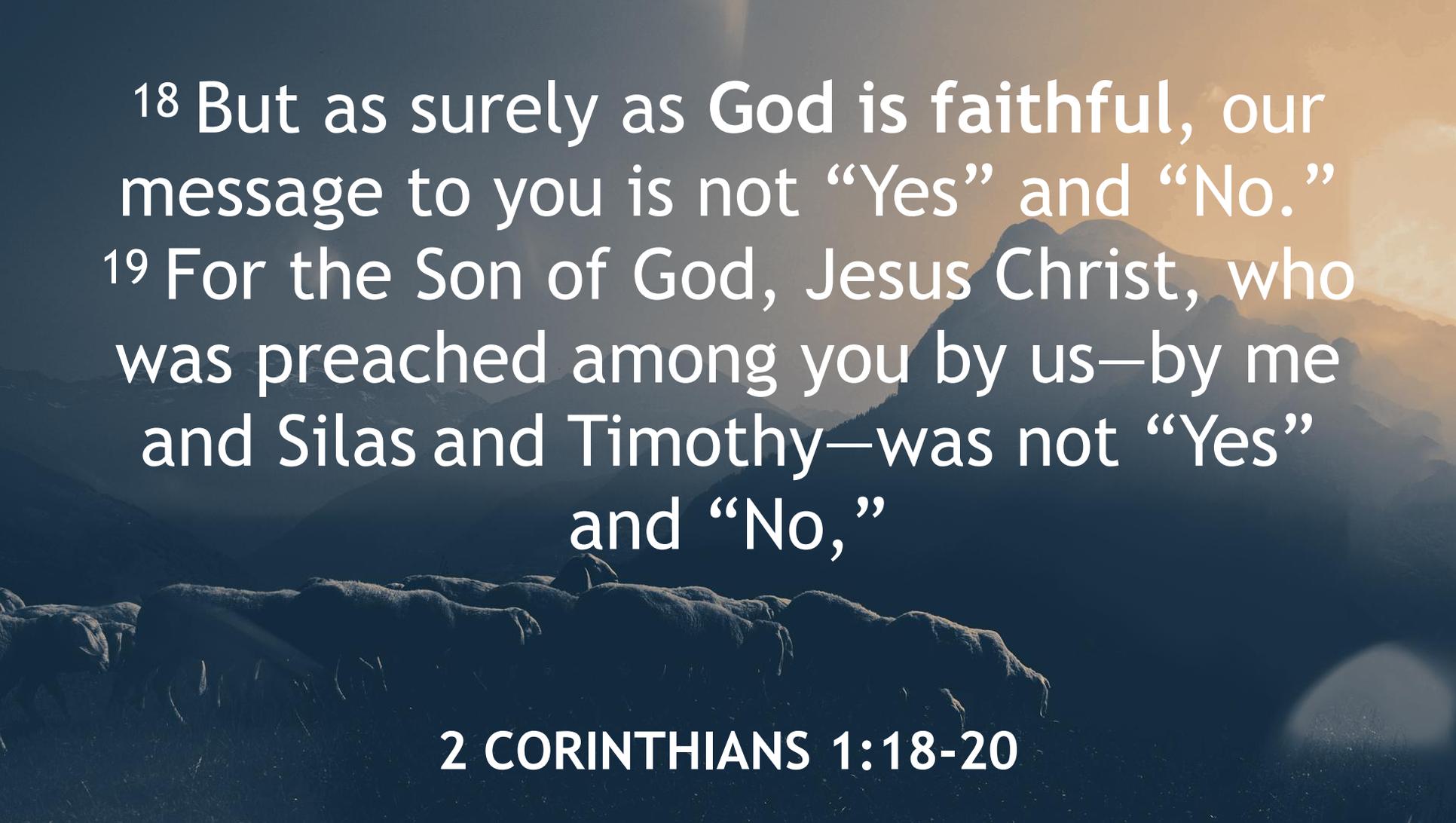
**⁹ God is faithful, who has called you
into fellowship with his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

A scenic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a hillside. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

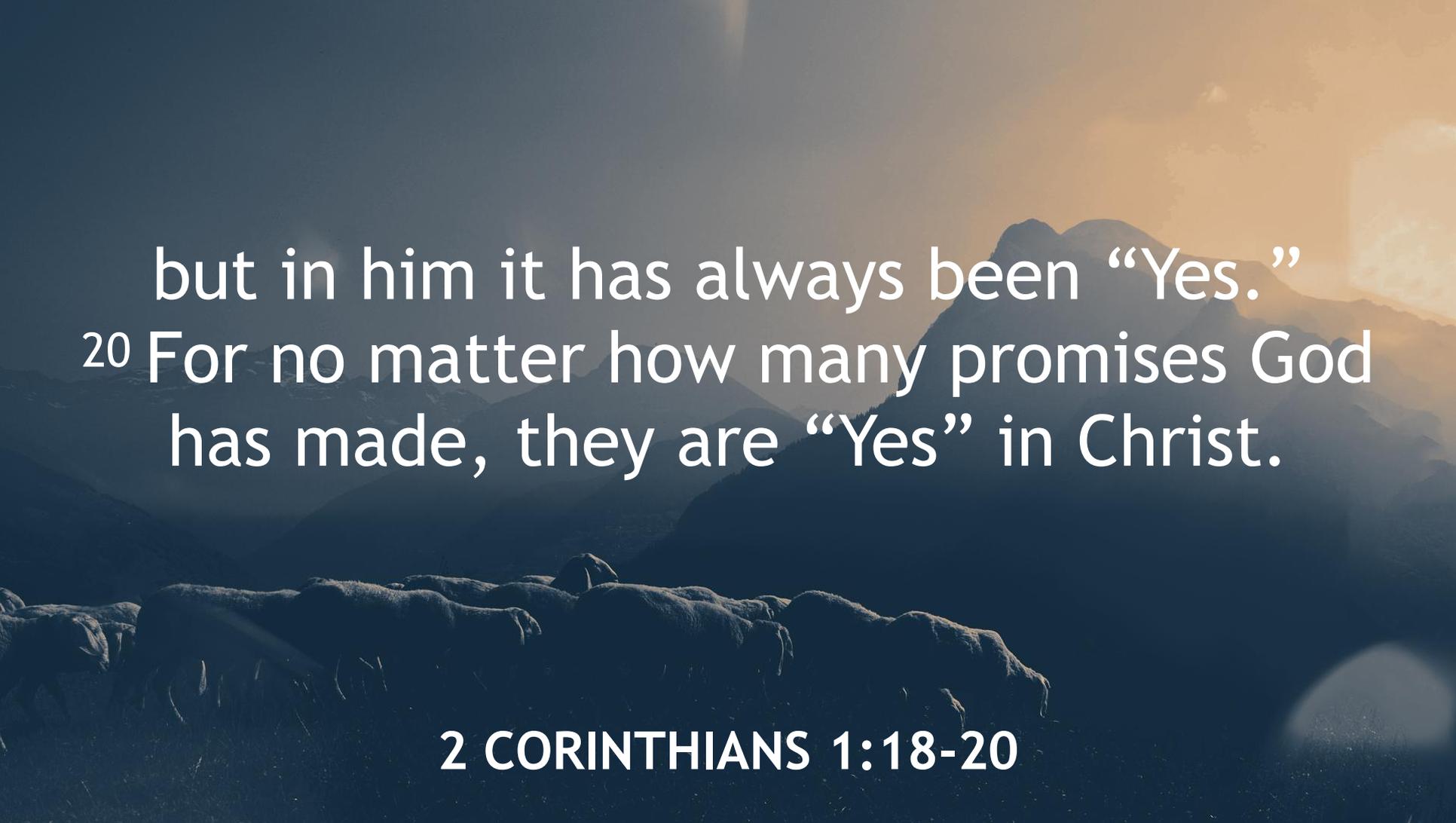
**And God is faithful; he will not let you
be tempted beyond what you can bear.
But when you are tempted, he will also
provide a way out so that you can
endure it.**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

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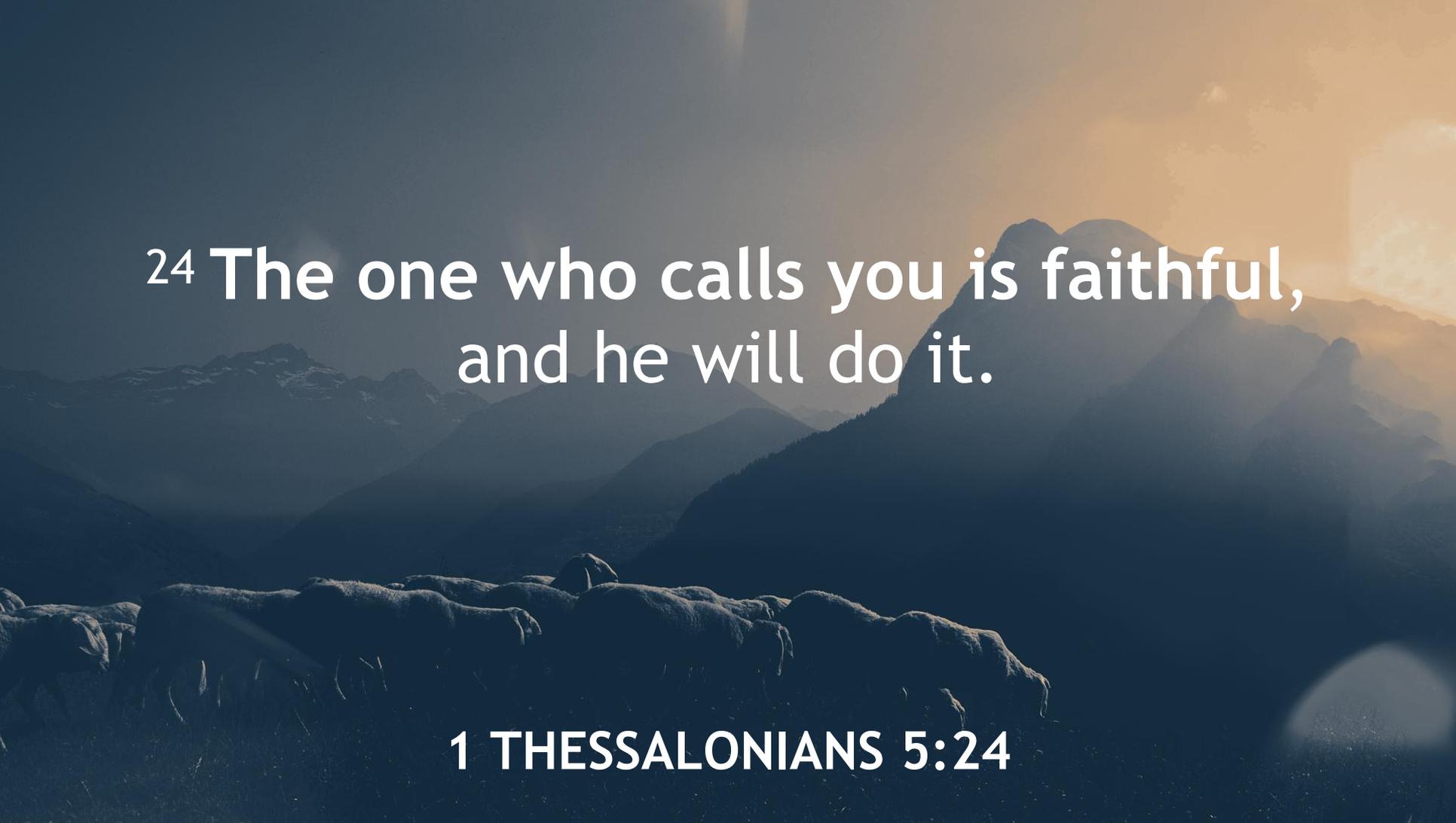
1⁸ But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.”
1⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-20

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a warm, golden sunset sky. In the foreground, a flock of sheep is grazing on a grassy slope. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

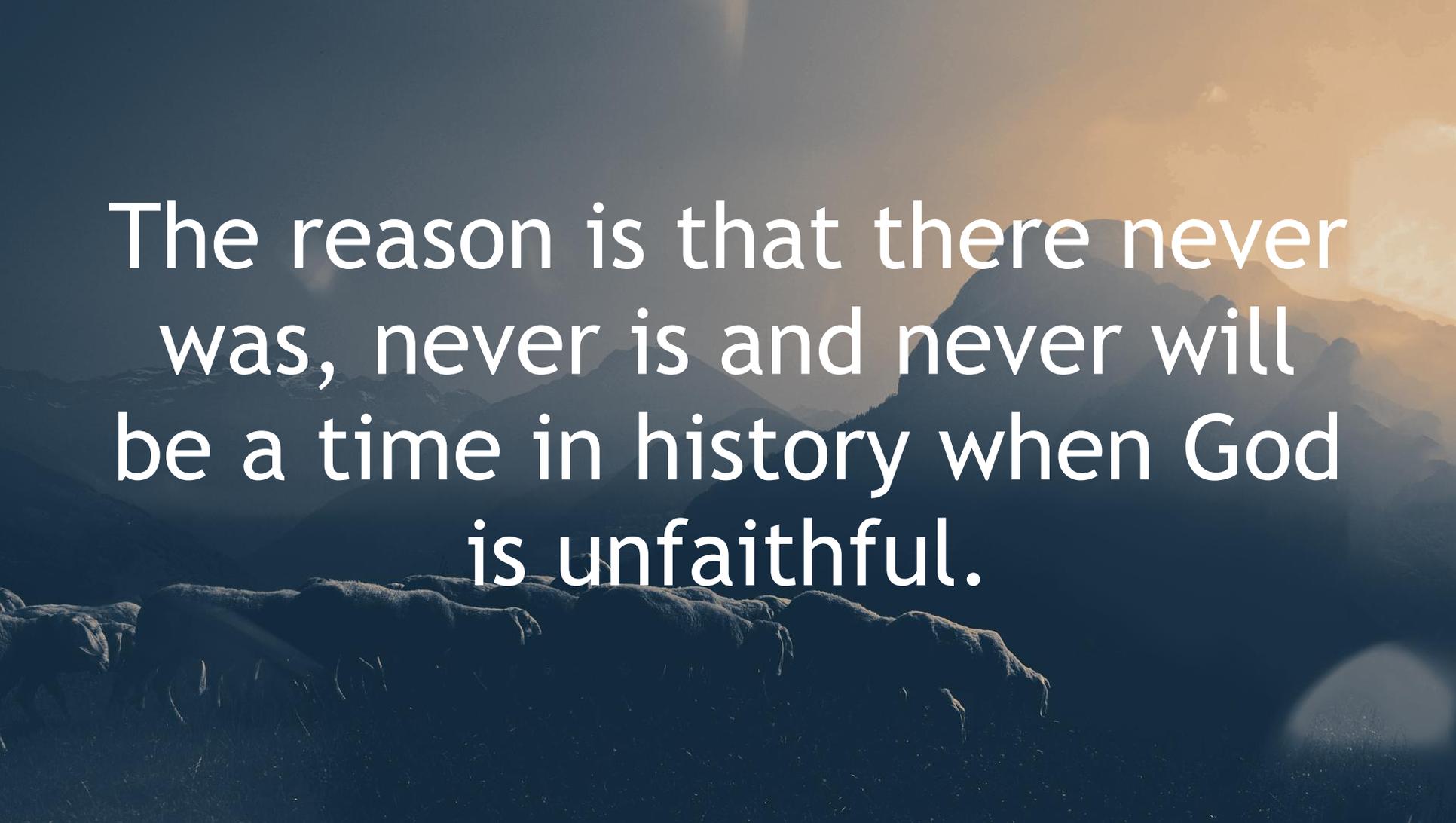
but in him it has always been “Yes.”
²⁰ For no matter how many promises God
has made, they are “Yes” in Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-20

A scenic landscape featuring a herd of sheep in the foreground, grazing on a grassy slope. In the background, there are several layers of mountains, with the nearest ones being dark and silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

**24 The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will do it.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24

A dramatic landscape featuring a range of mountains under a sunset sky. The foreground shows dark, rocky terrain. The text is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

The reason is that there never
was, never is and never will
be a time in history when God
is unfaithful.



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