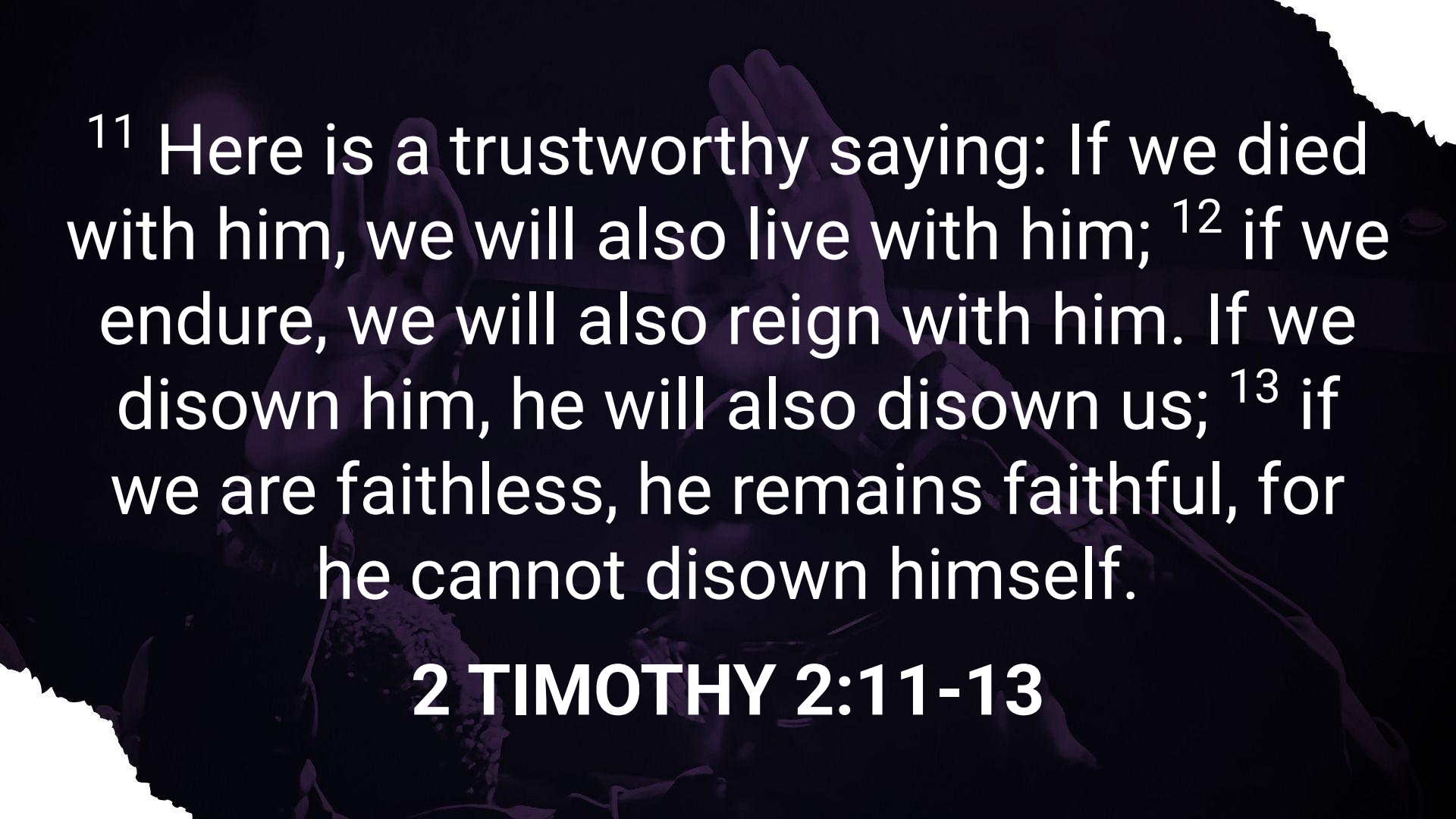


A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a person's hands raised in a surrender gesture. The person's face is partially visible in the lower center, looking down. The background is dark with some blurred lights. Overlaid on the image is the title 'THE PURSUIT' in a bright pink, stylized, brush-stroke font. The word 'THE' is smaller and positioned above 'PURSUIT'.

THE PURSUIT

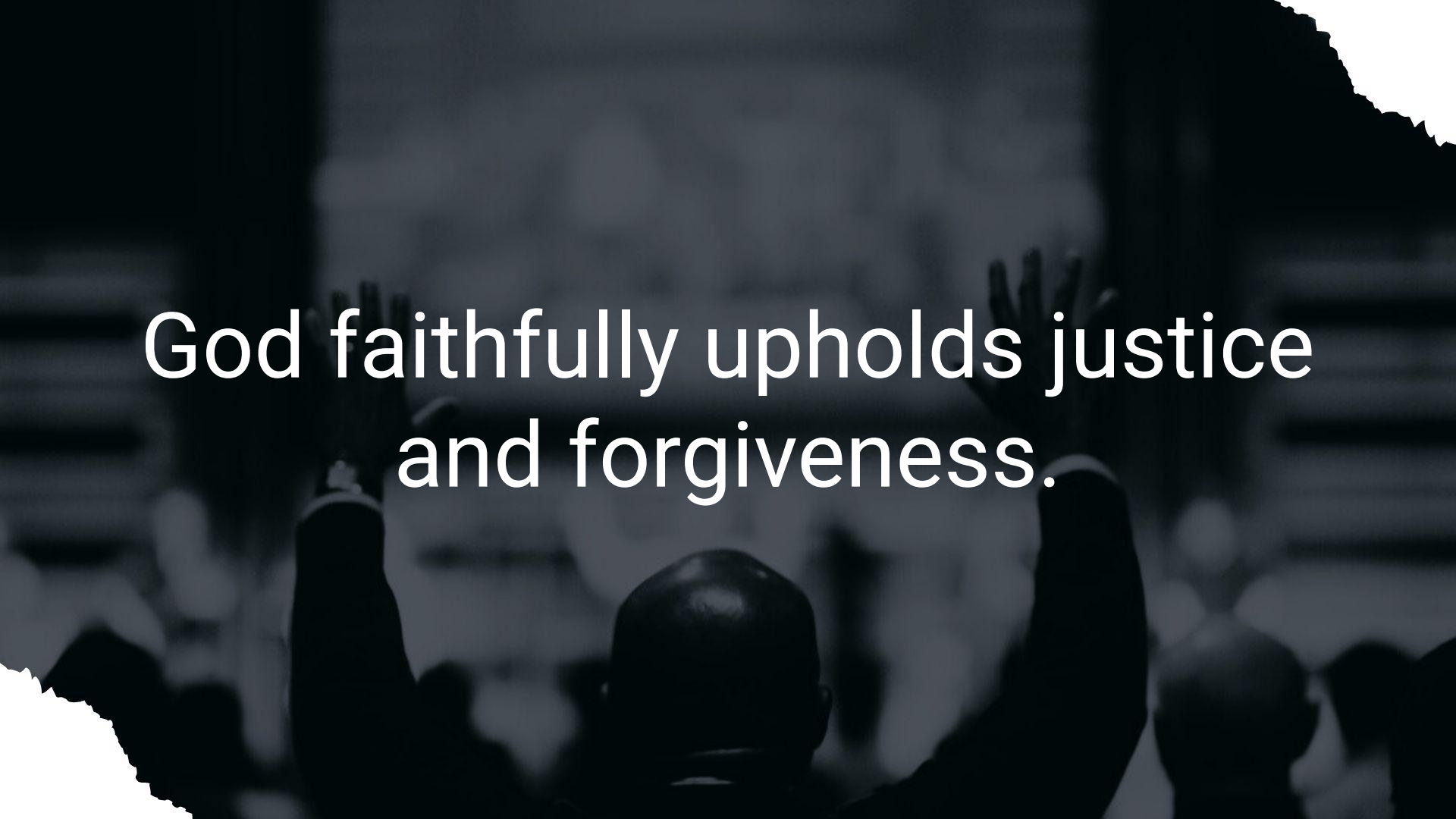


FAITHFULNESS

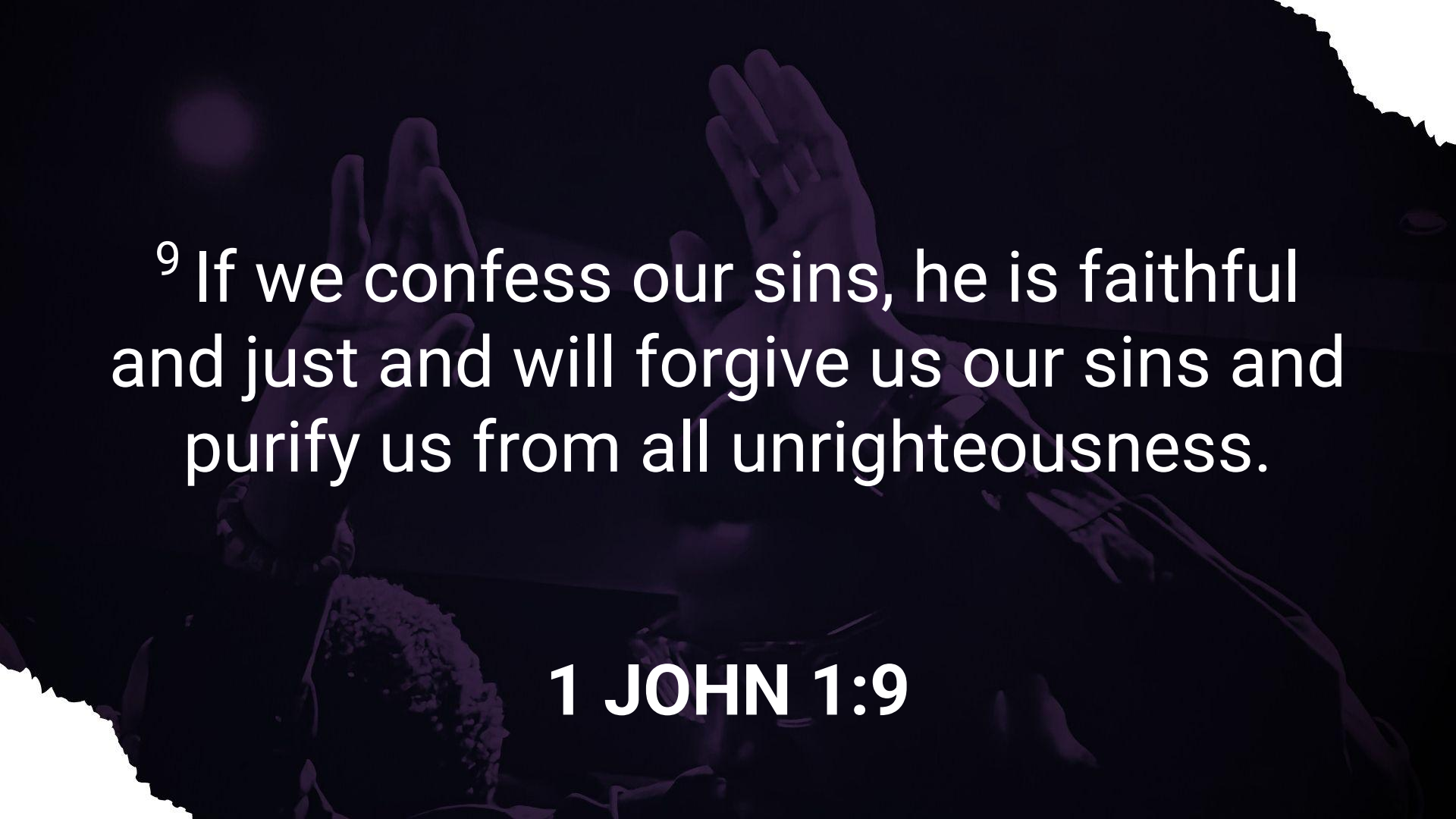


¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13



God faithfully upholds justice
and forgiveness.

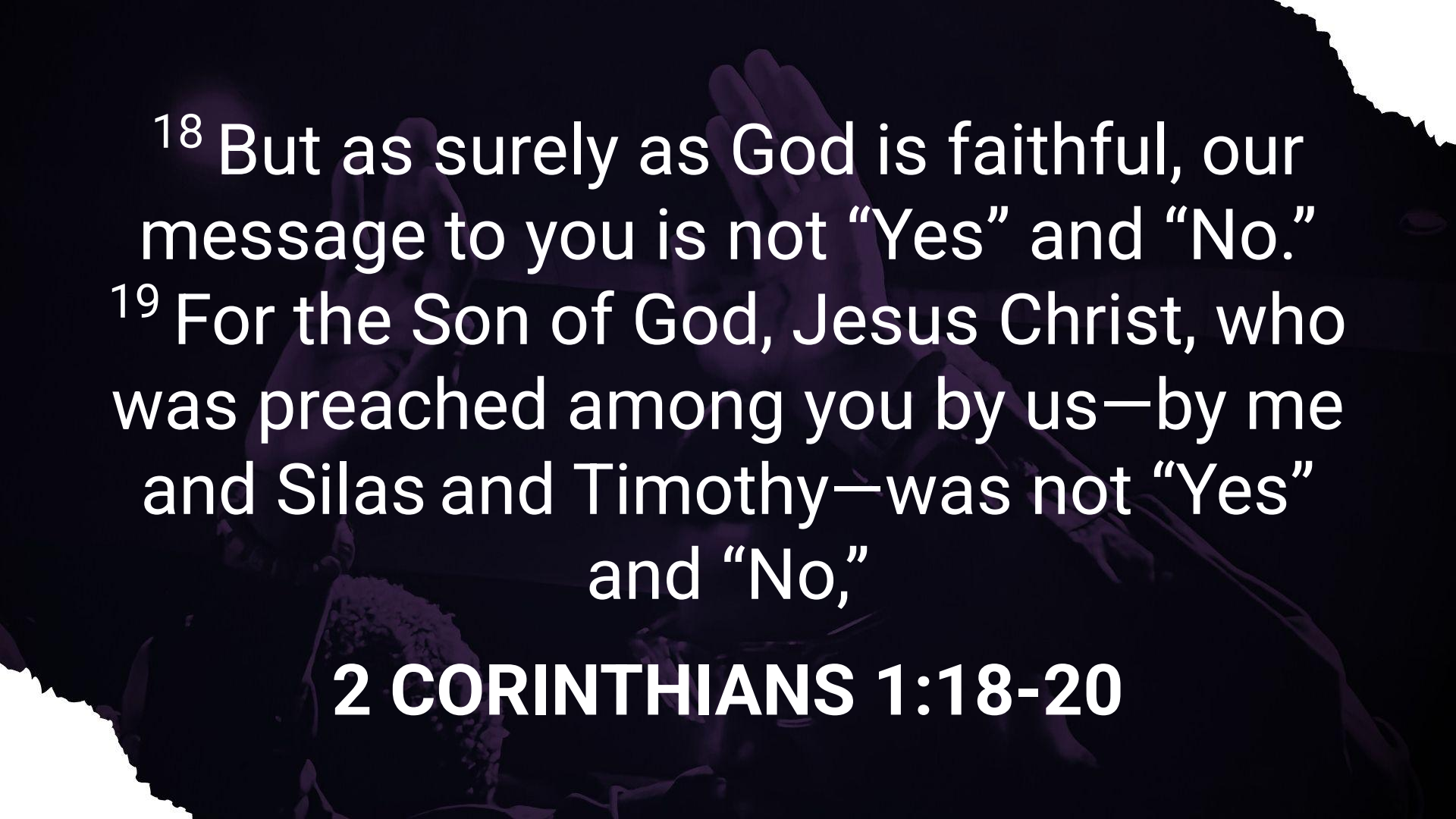


⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9

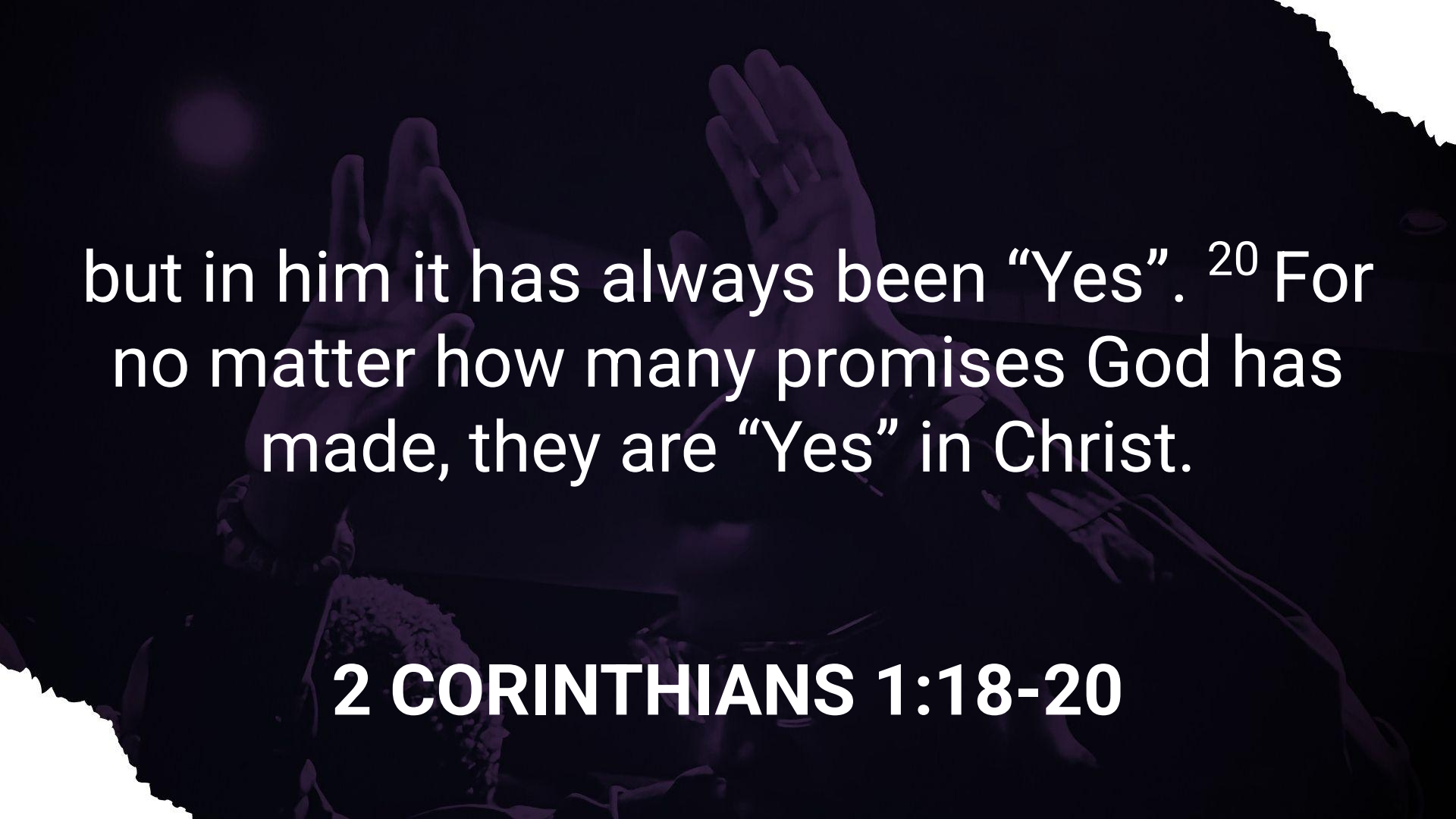
A black and white photograph of a crowd of people, seen from behind, with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The image is dark and grainy, with a high-contrast, almost silhouette-like quality. The text "God faithfully keeps His promises." is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font. The background shows the silhouettes of many people, with some hands raised high, creating a sense of a large gathering or church service. The overall mood is one of devotion and faith.

God faithfully keeps
His promises.



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

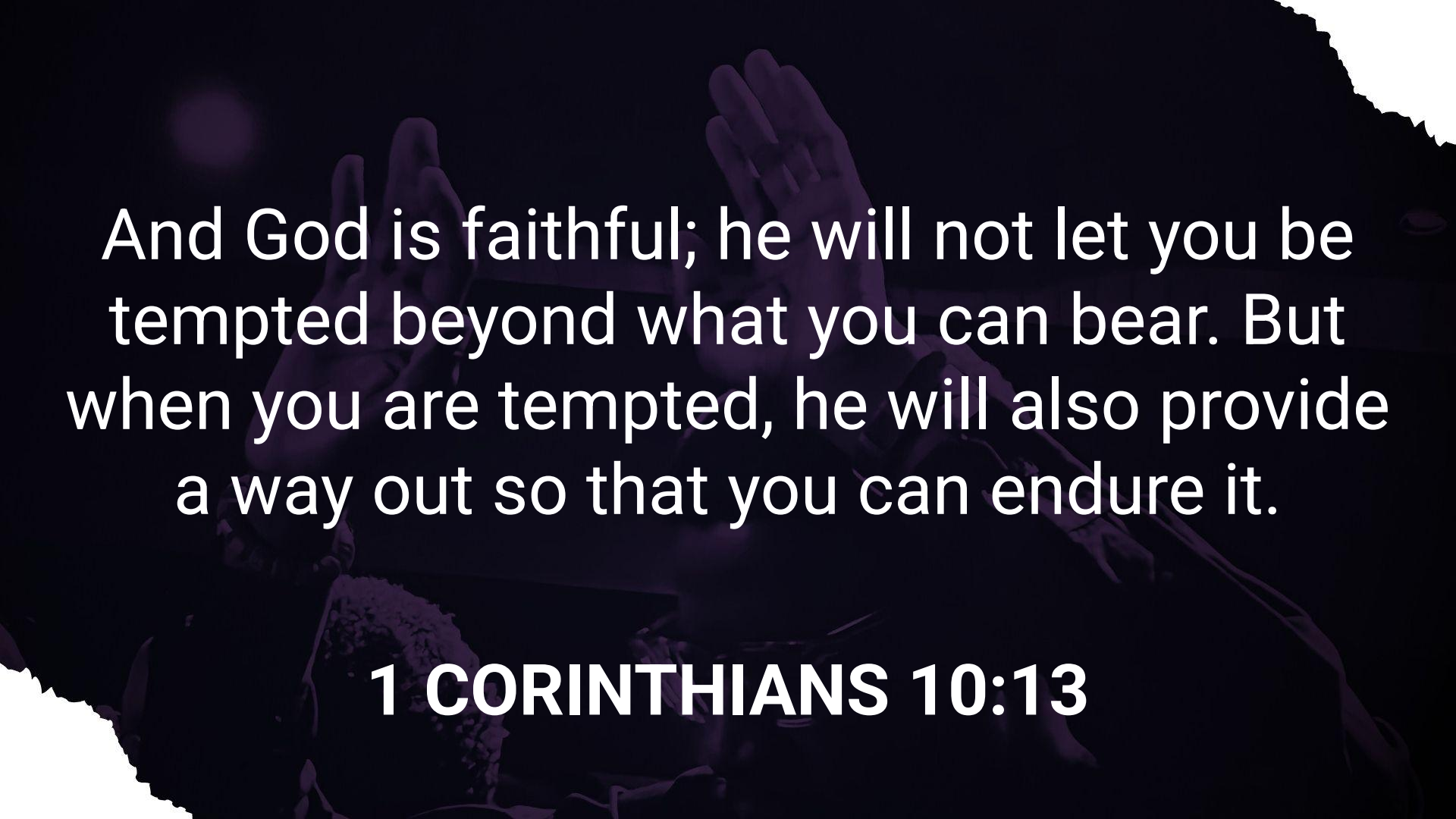
A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a backdrop. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

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

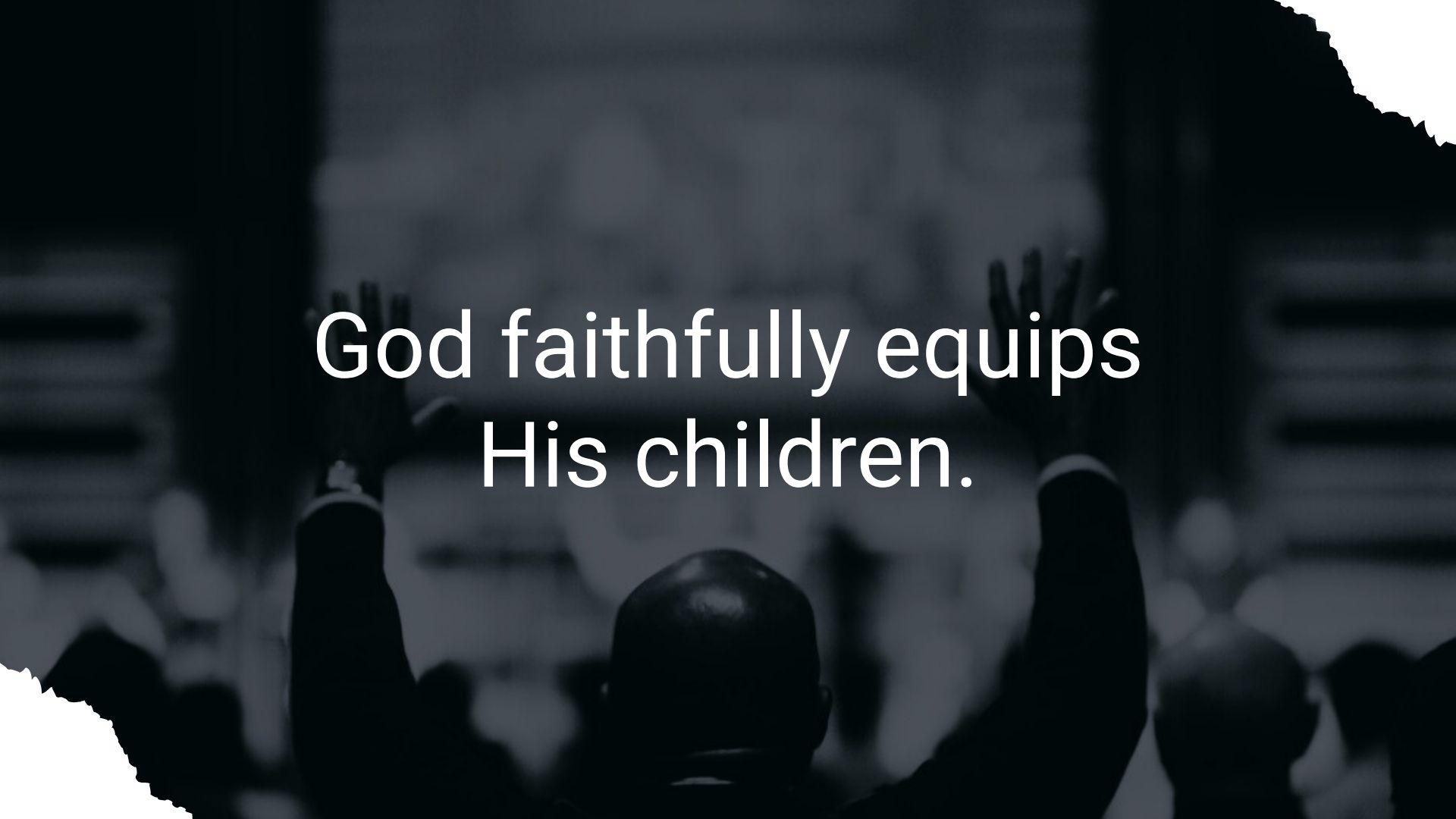


God faithfully provides for
His children.

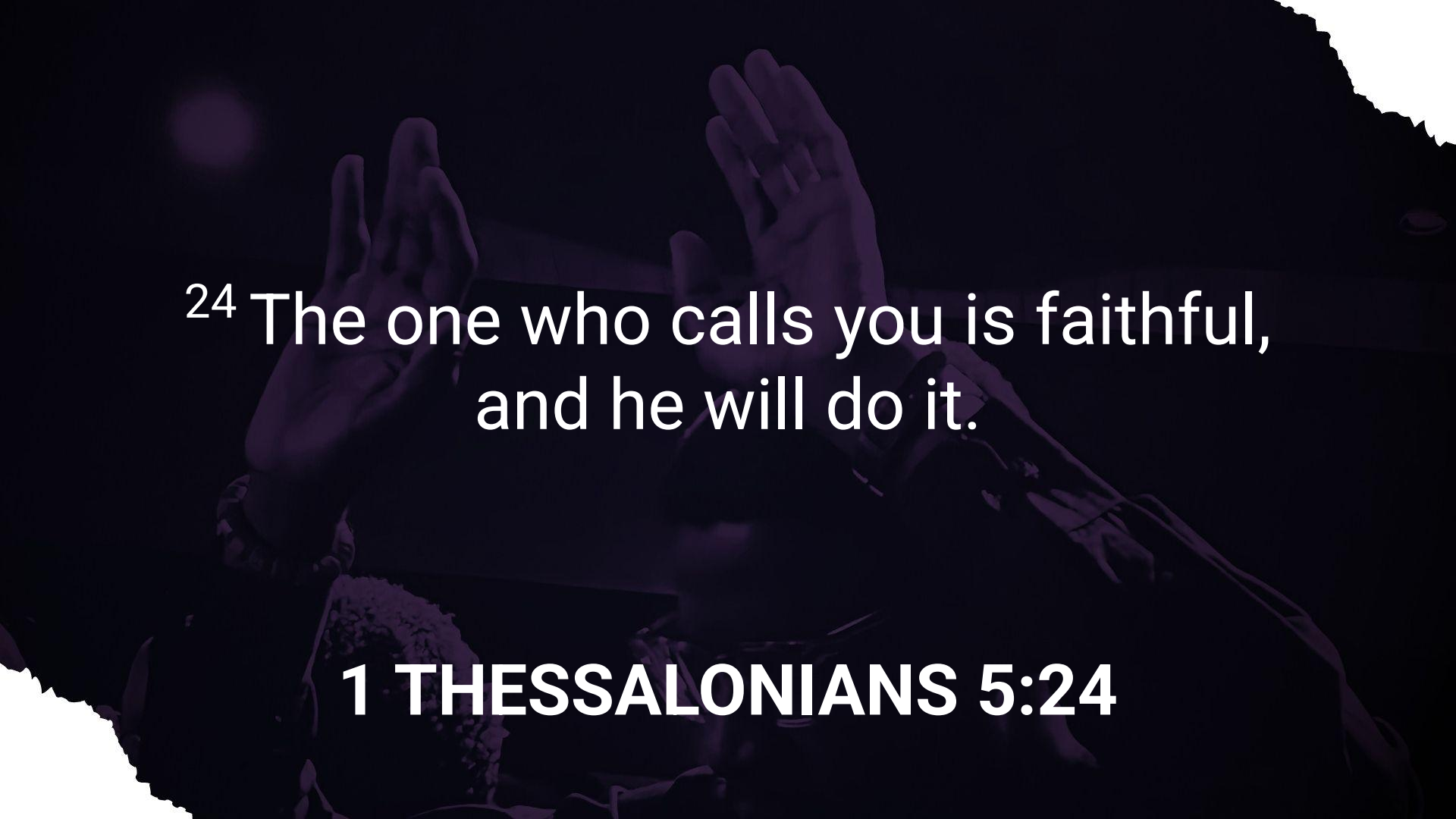


And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

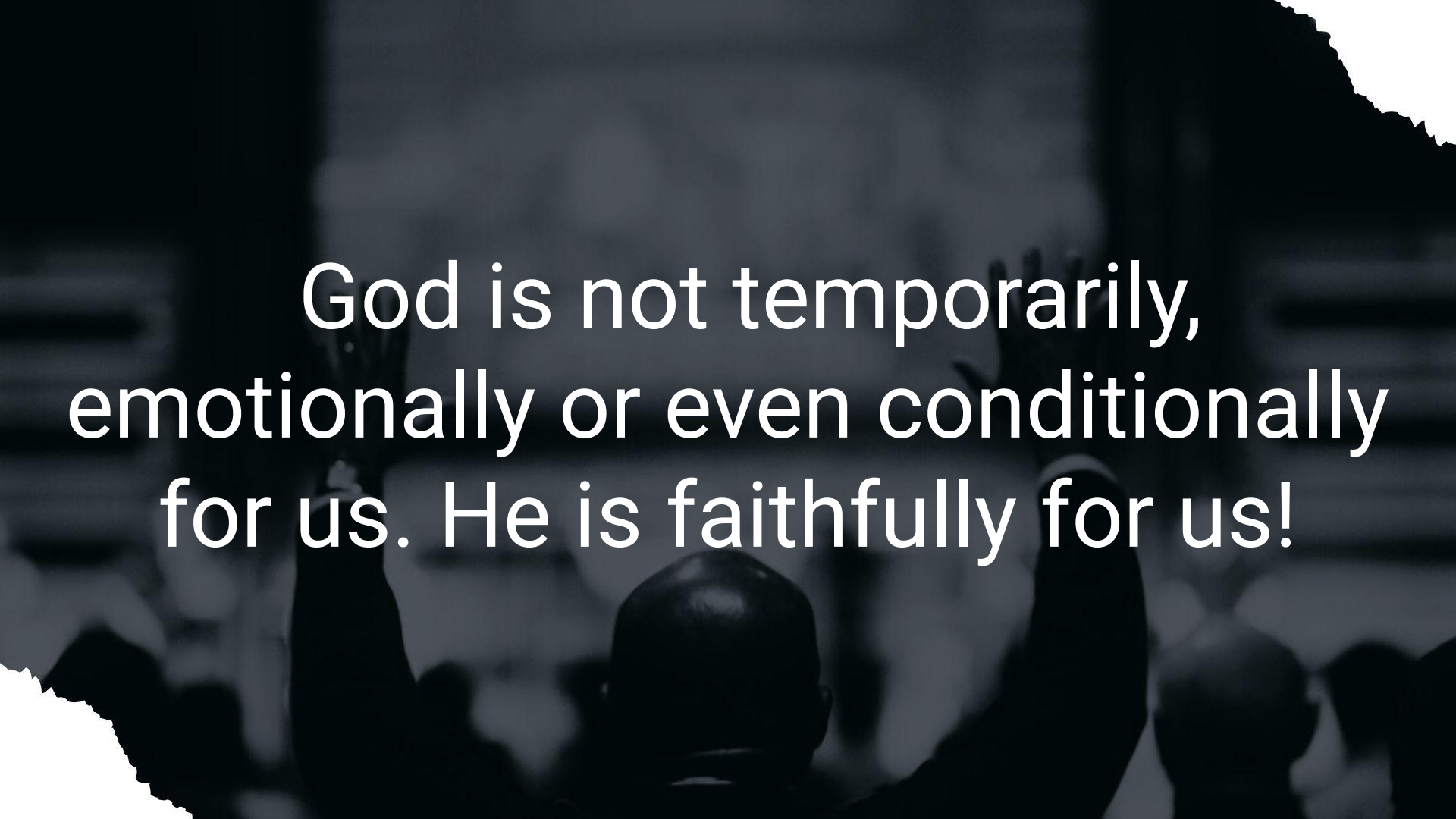
A black and white photograph of a crowd of people, seen from behind, with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The image is dark and grainy, with a white, torn-paper-like border on the right and bottom edges. The text "God faithfully equips His children." is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font.

God faithfully equips
His children.

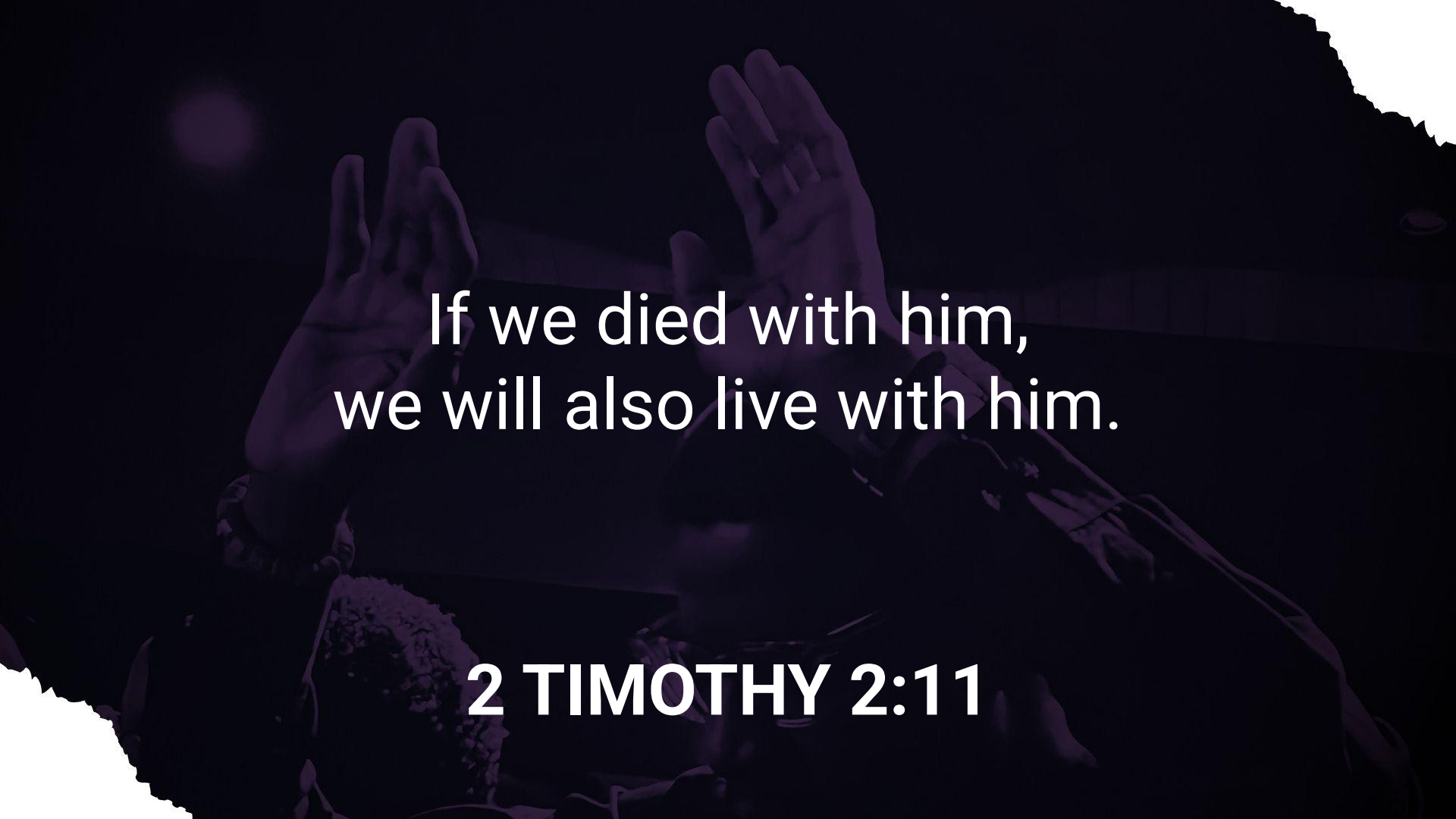


²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will do it.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24

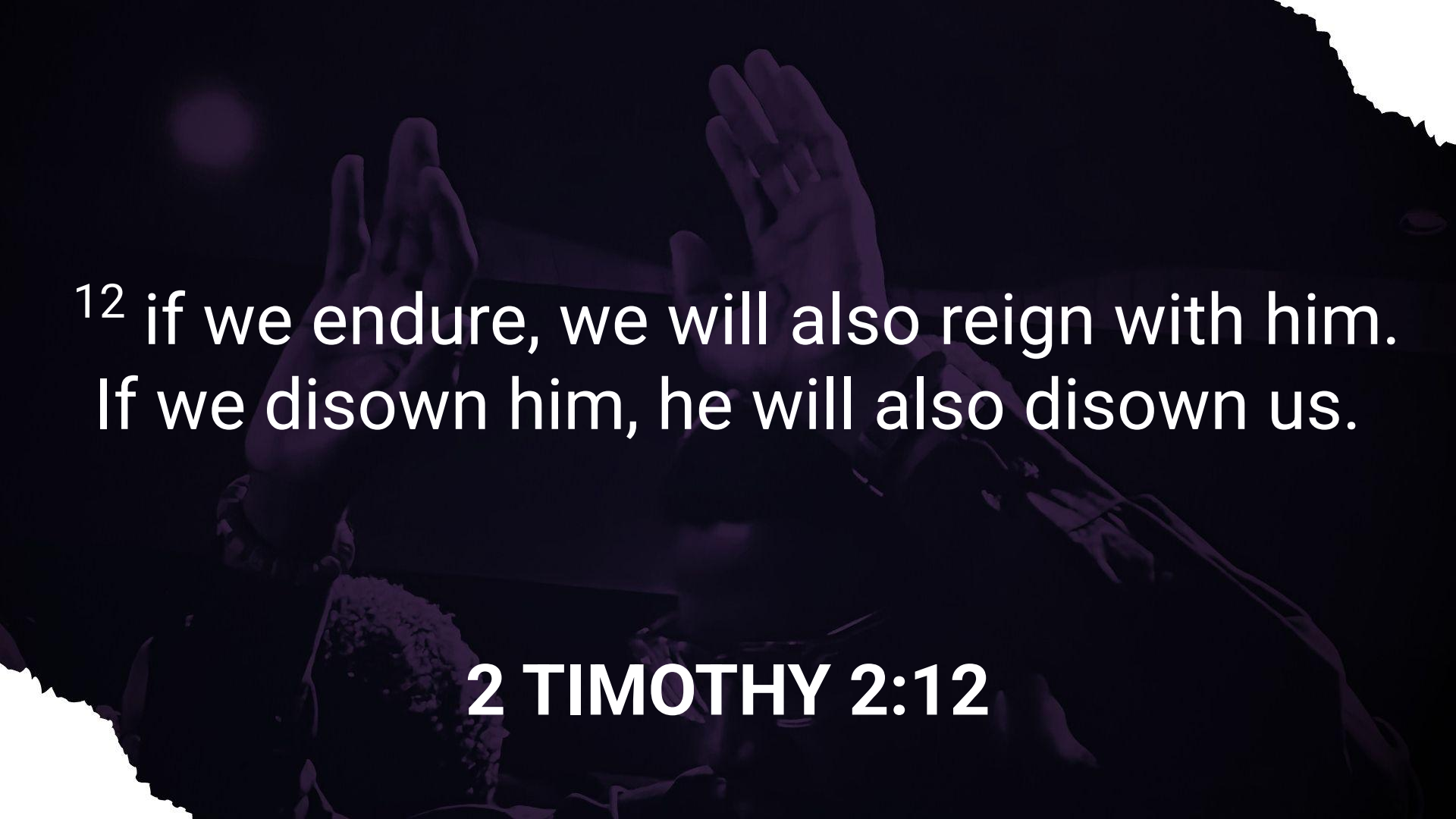


God is not temporarily,
emotionally or even conditionally
for us. He is faithfully for us!

A person is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The person's face is partially visible, looking upwards. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting with some architectural elements. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

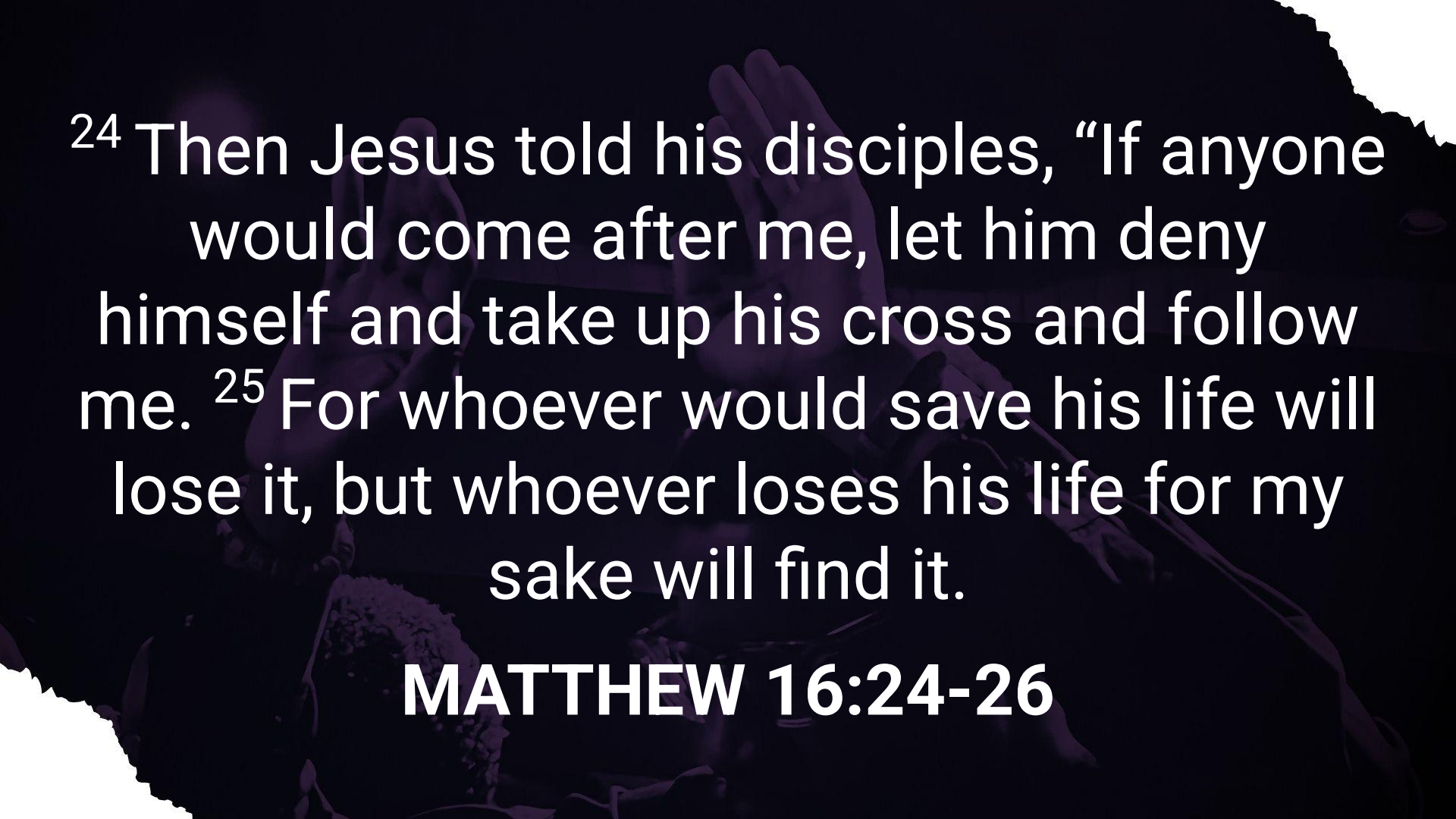
If we died with him,
we will also live with him.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11

A person is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are wearing a dark, long-sleeved garment. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light sources visible. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

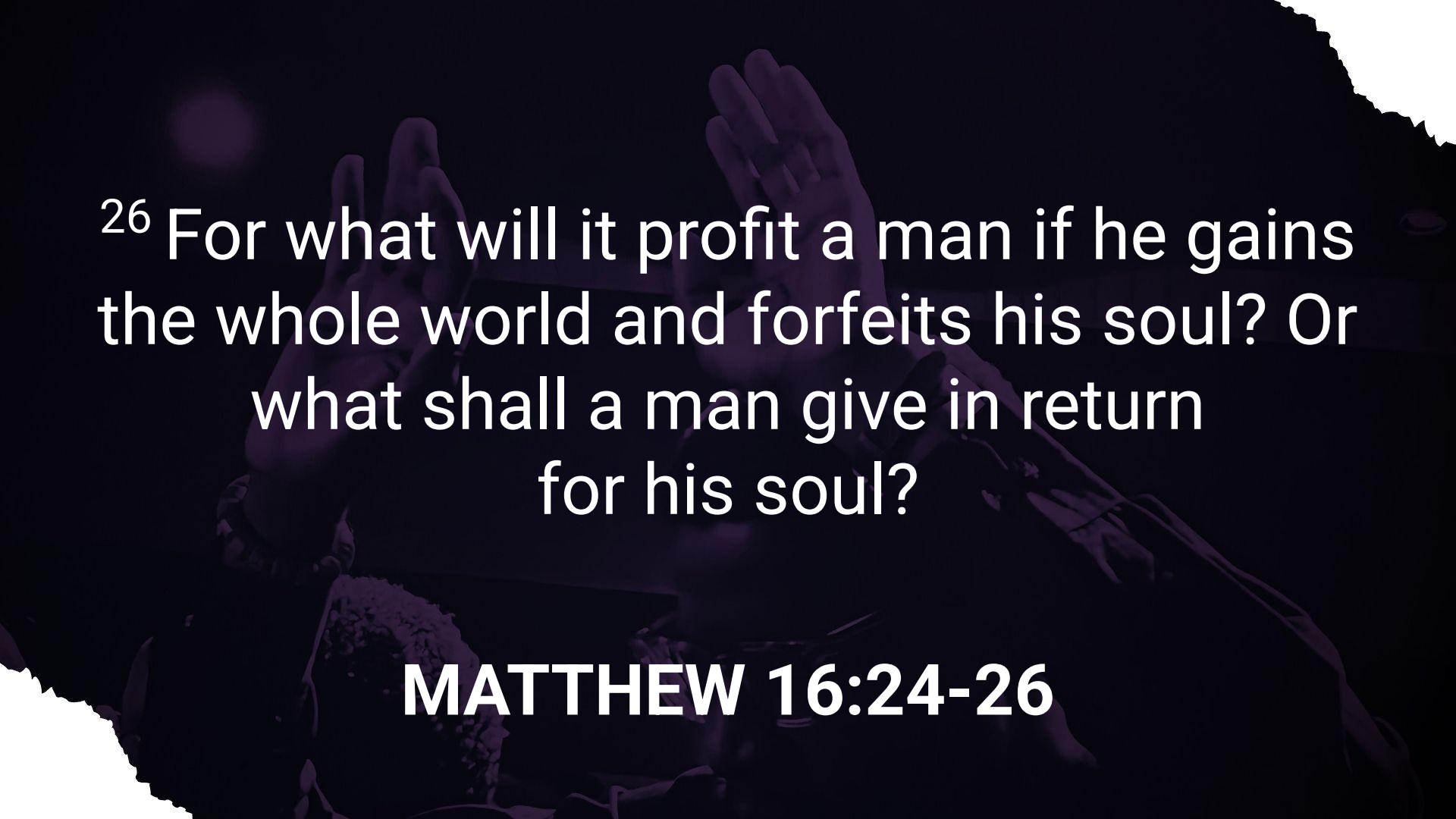
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him.
If we disown him, he will also disown us.

2 TIMOTHY 2:12



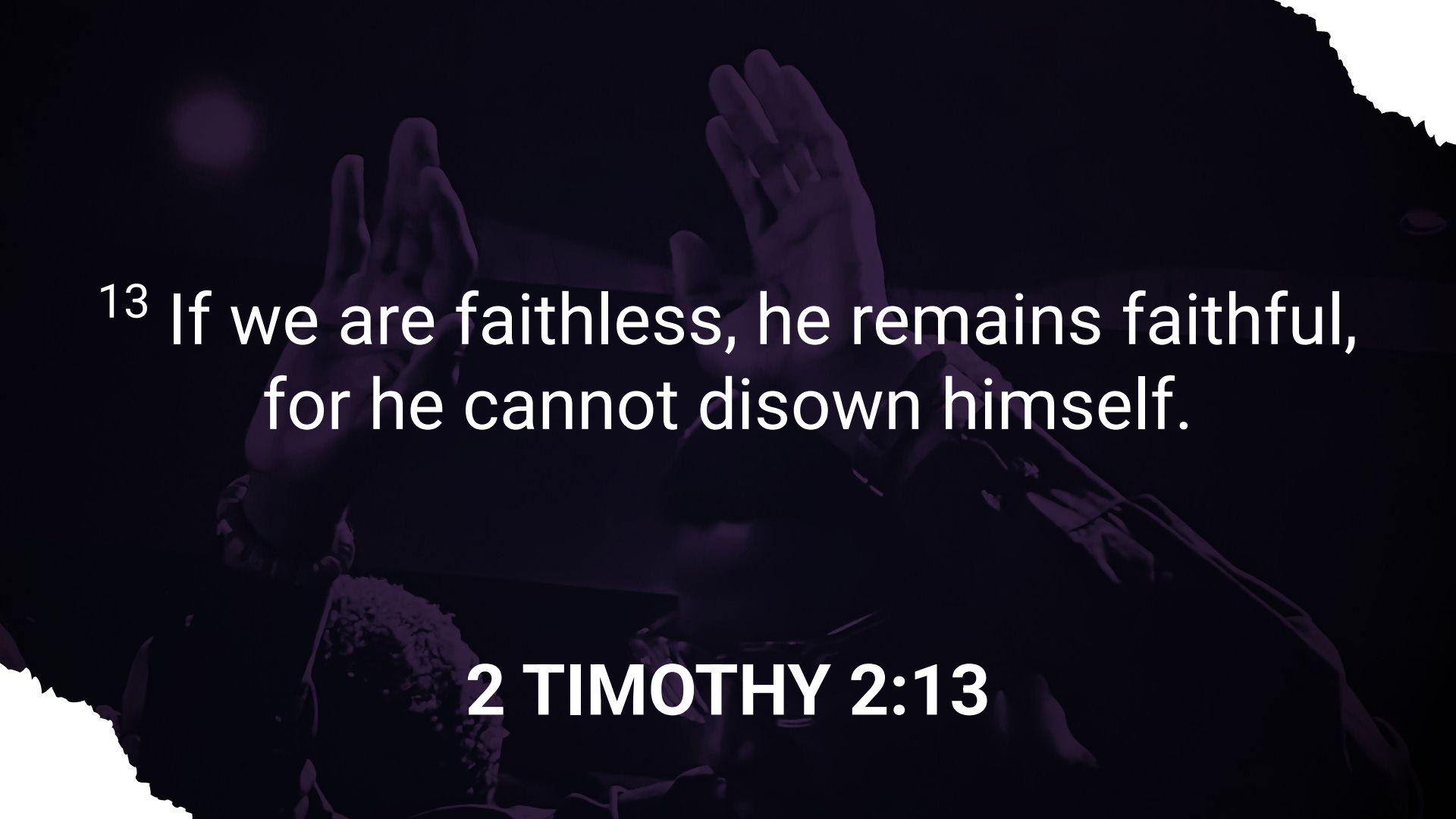
²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

MATTHEW 16:24-26

A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or surrender. The background is a warm, orange-hued sunset or sunrise sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

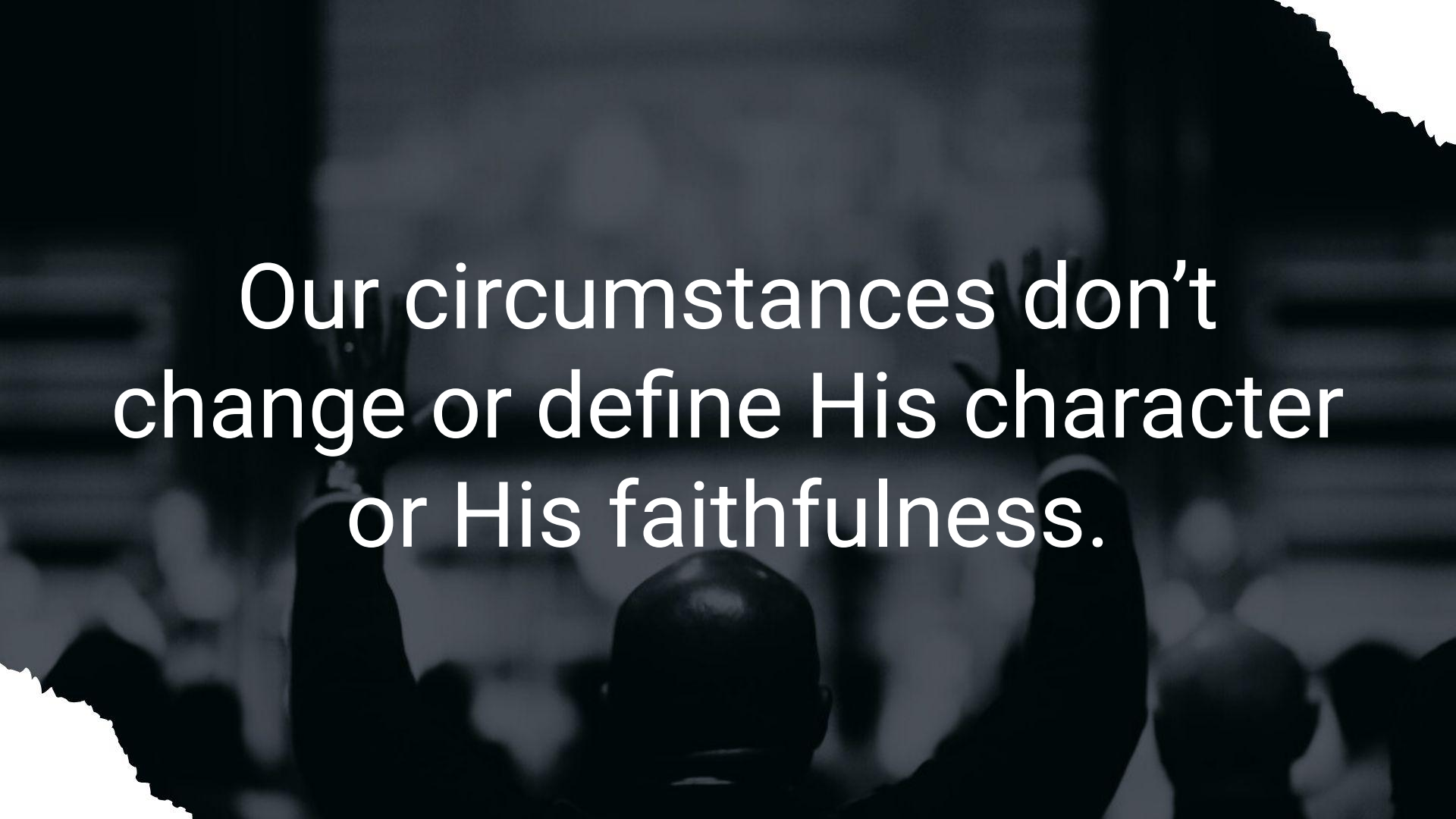
²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains
the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or
what shall a man give in return
for his soul?

MATTHEW 16:24-26

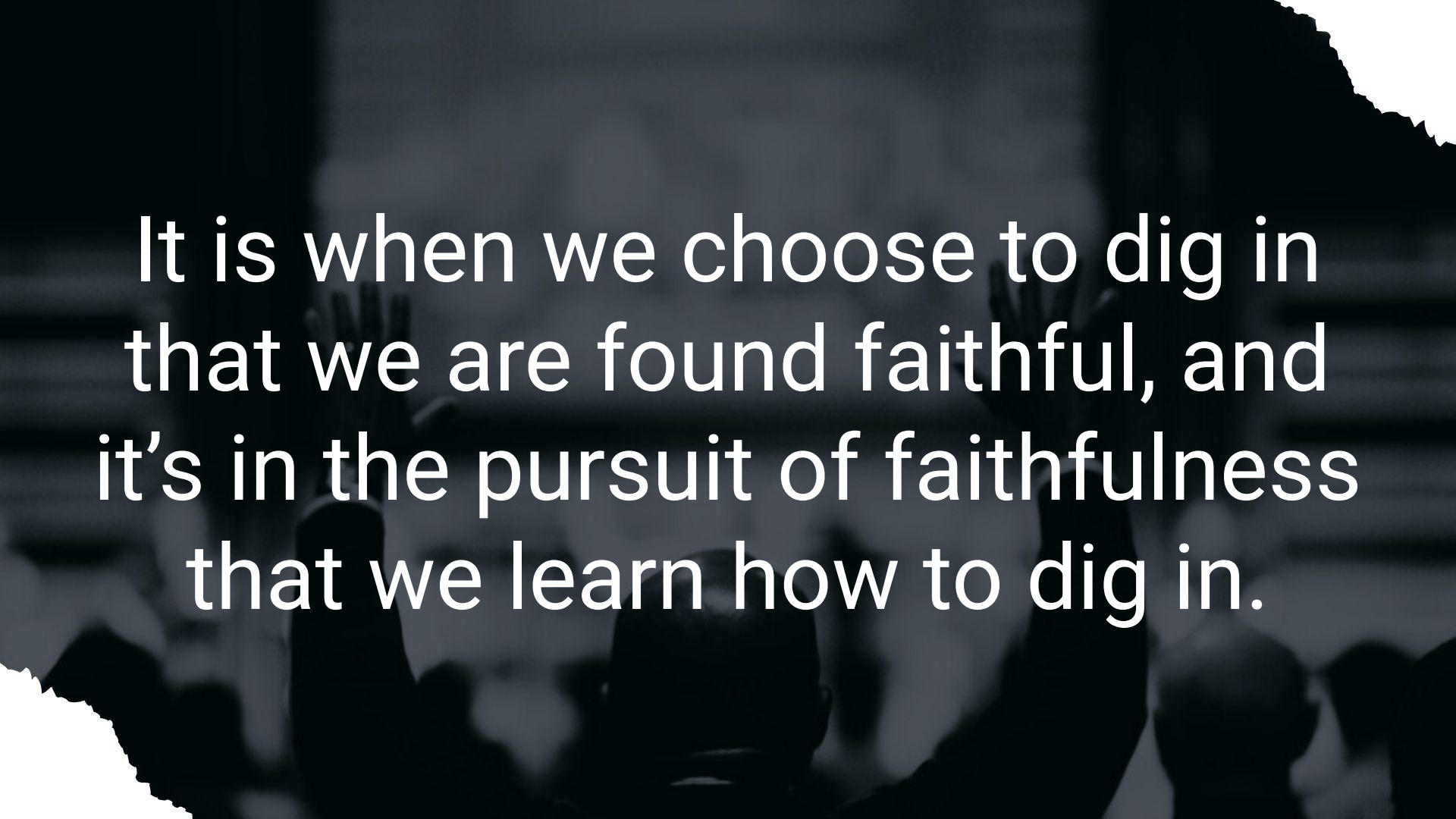
A person is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The person is wearing a dark, long-sleeved garment. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light reflecting off the person's skin and clothing. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

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

2 TIMOTHY 2:13



Our circumstances don't
change or define His character
or His faithfulness.



It is when we choose to dig in
that we are found faithful, and
it's in the pursuit of faithfulness
that we learn how to dig in.

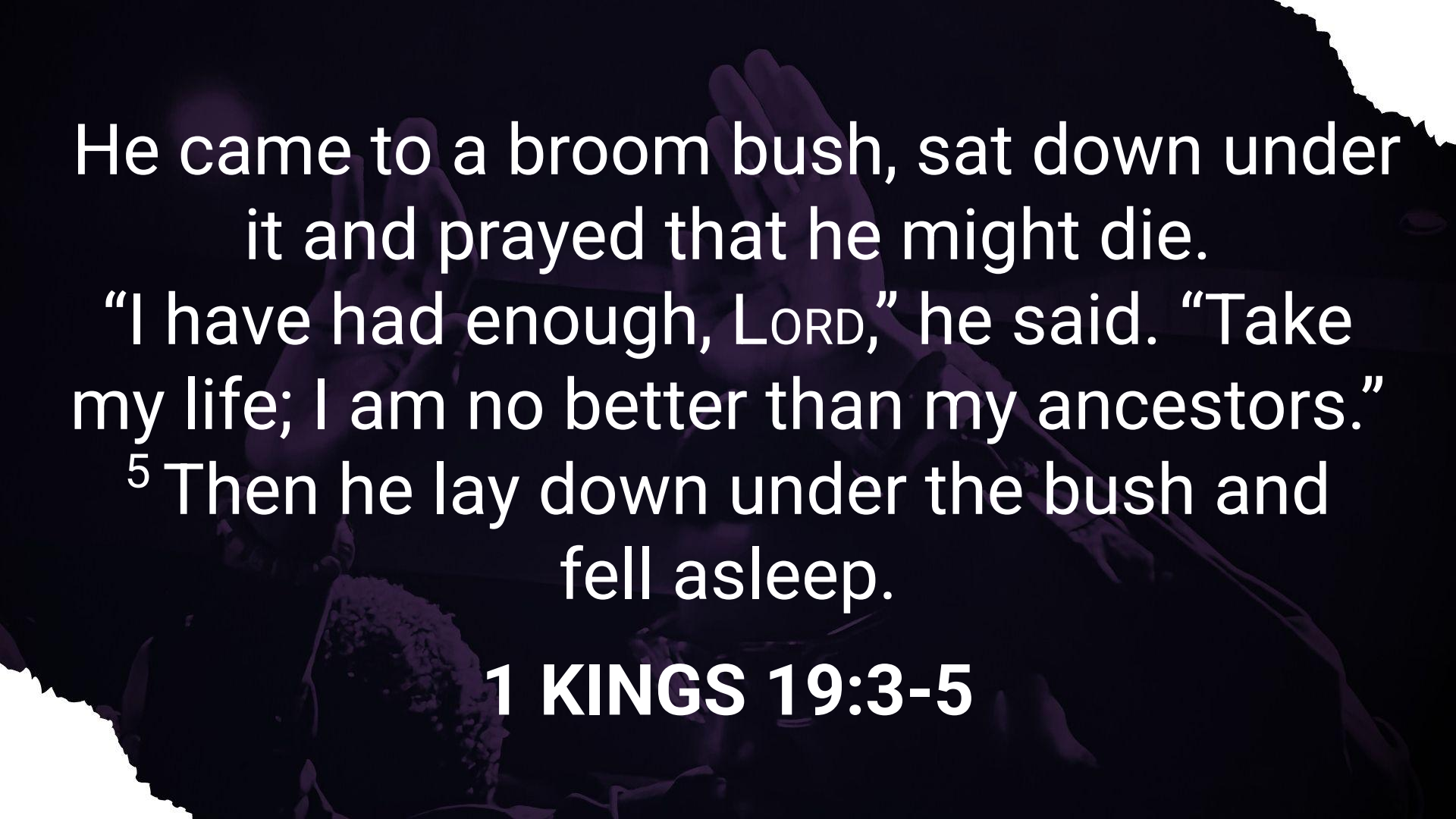
A dark, high-contrast image of a person's hands raised in a gesture of surrender or prayer, with the text "THROUGH SUFFERING AND HARDSHIP" overlaid in white. The background is mostly black, with some faint, dark shapes suggesting a person's body and clothing. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and vertically.

**THROUGH
SUFFERING AND
HARDSHIP**

A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or surrender. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with soft clouds. The person's face is partially visible, looking upwards. The overall mood is one of devotion and seeking help.

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.
When he came to Beersheba in Judah,
he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself
went a day's journey into the wilderness.

1 KINGS 19:3-5

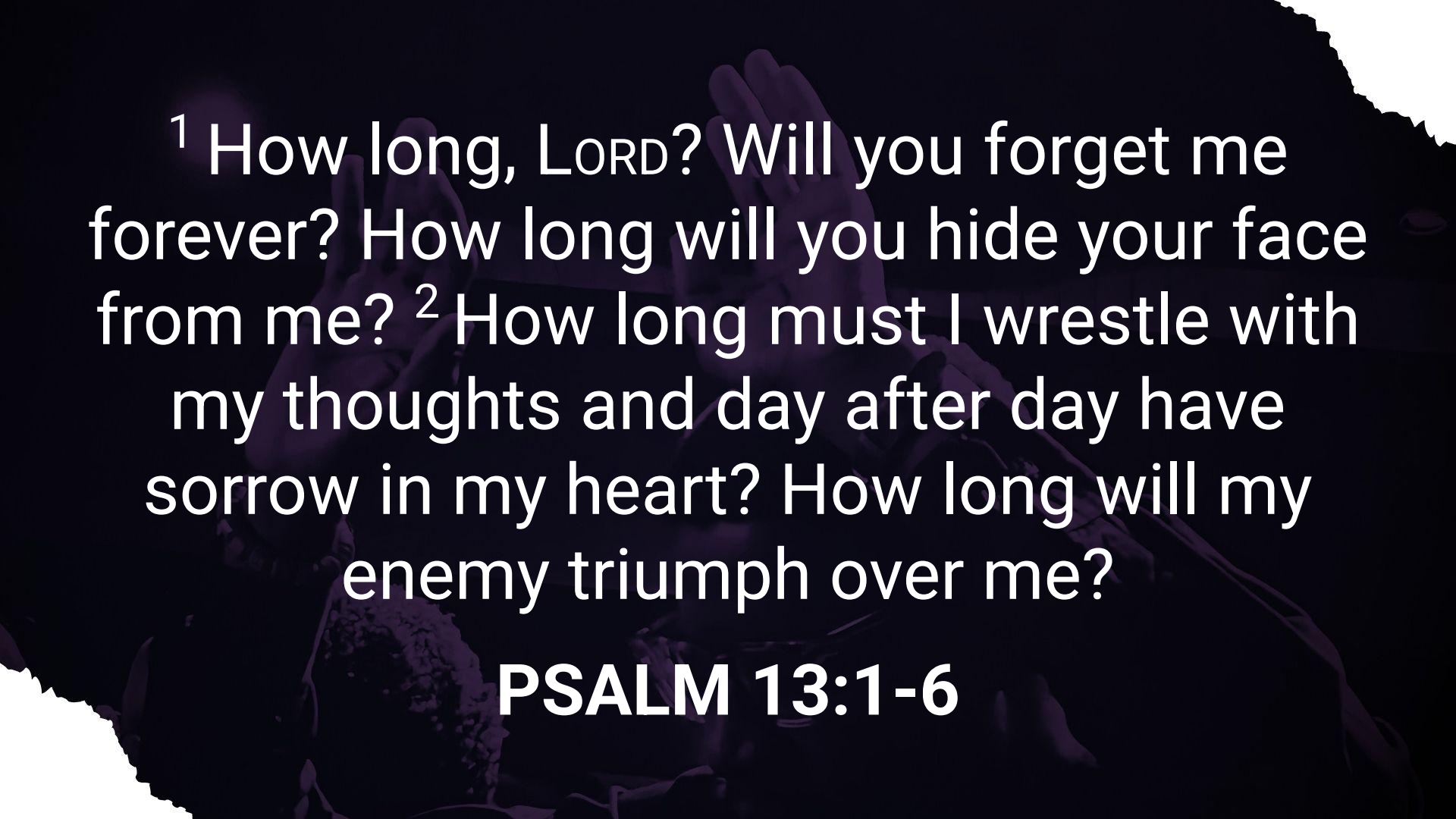
A person wearing a dark, long-sleeved robe is shown from the waist up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The background is a dark, textured surface, likely a broom bush, with some lighter green leaves visible. The overall lighting is dim, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die.

“I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.”

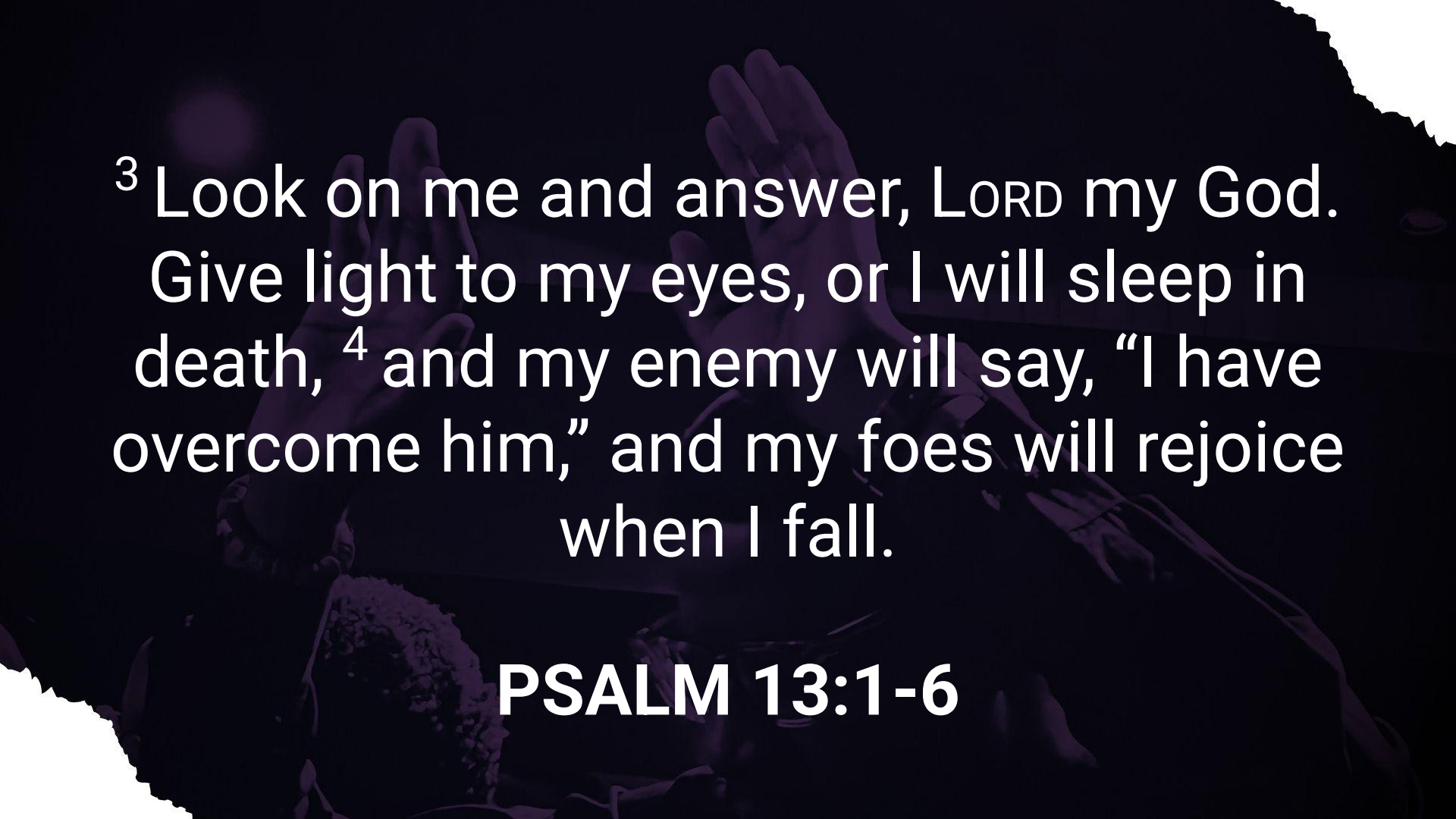
⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

1 KINGS 19:3-5

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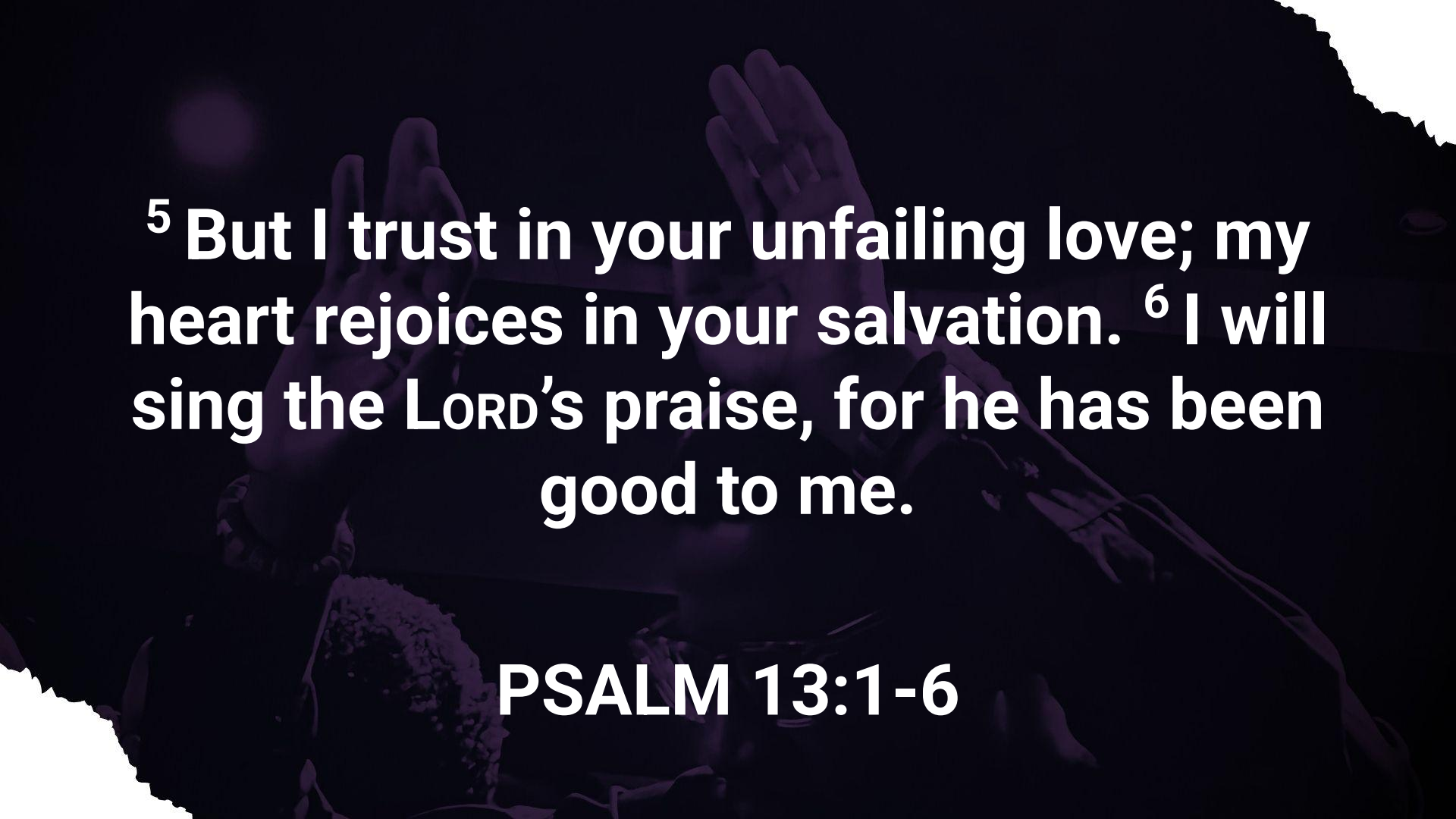
¹ How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

PSALM 13:1-6

A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric. The person's face is not visible, and the focus is on the hands and the text.

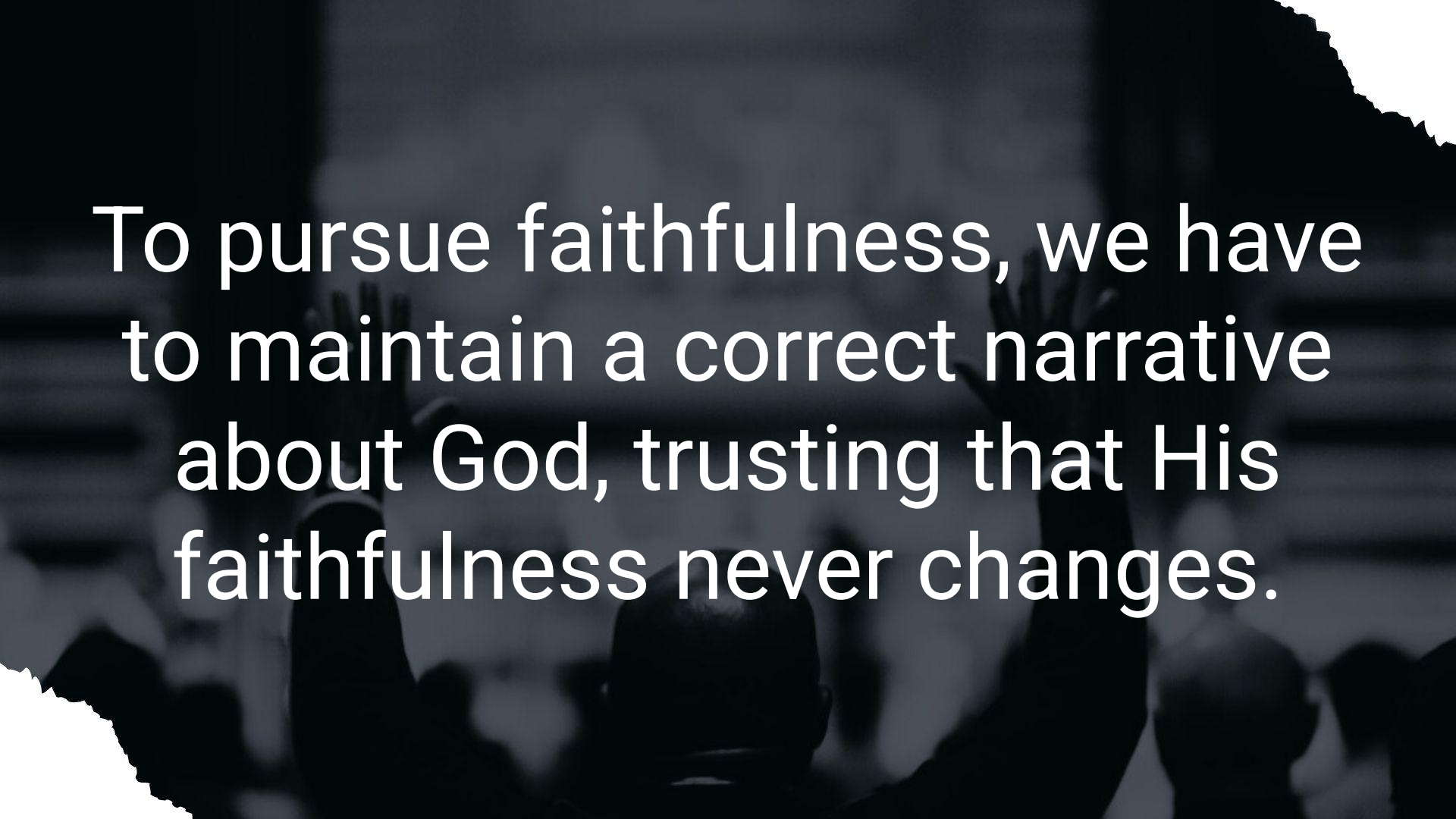
³ Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in
death, ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have
overcome him," and my foes will rejoice
when I fall.

PSALM 13:1-6

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⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. ⁶ I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.

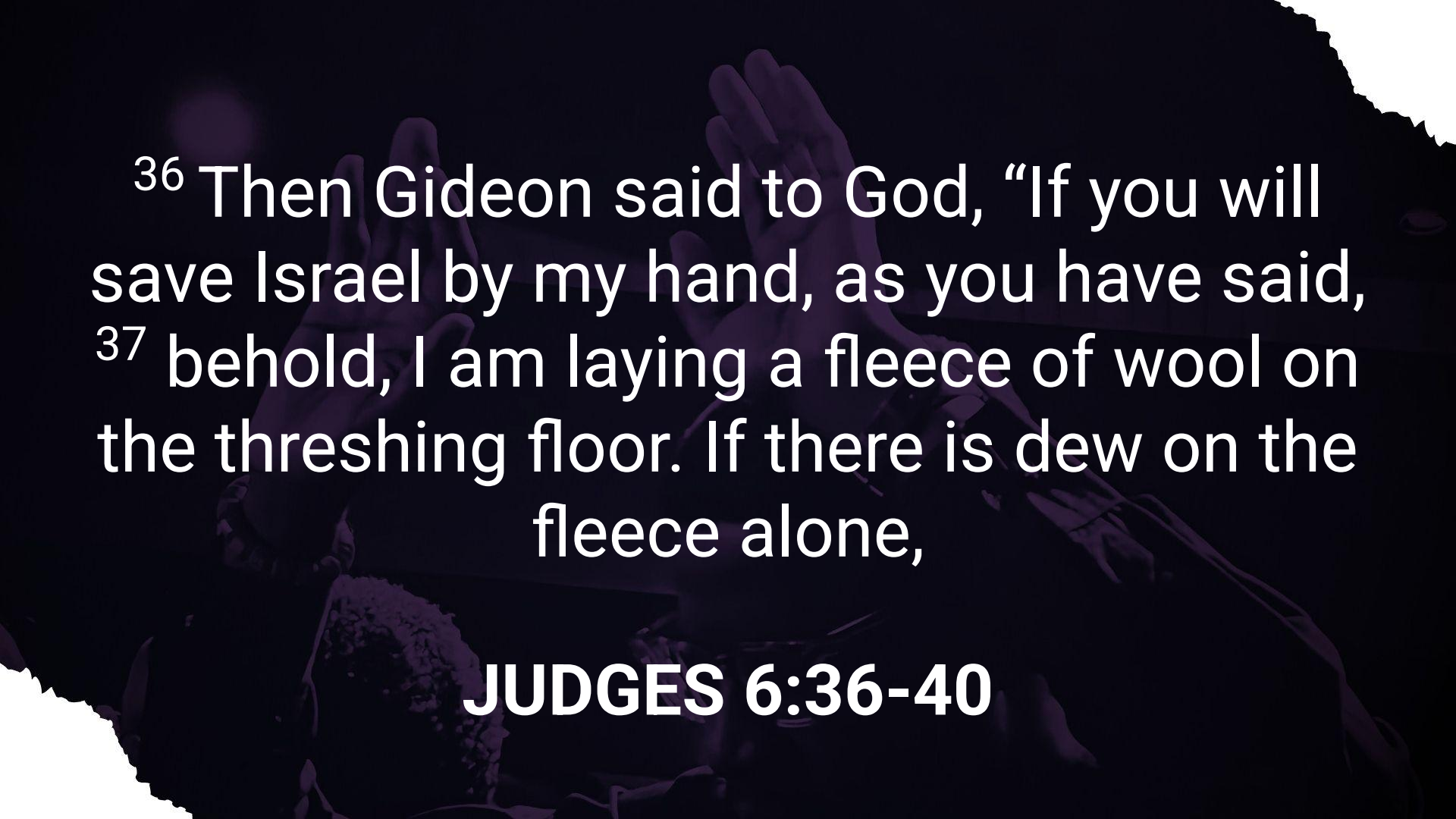
PSALM 13:1-6



To pursue faithfulness, we have
to maintain a correct narrative
about God, trusting that His
faithfulness never changes.

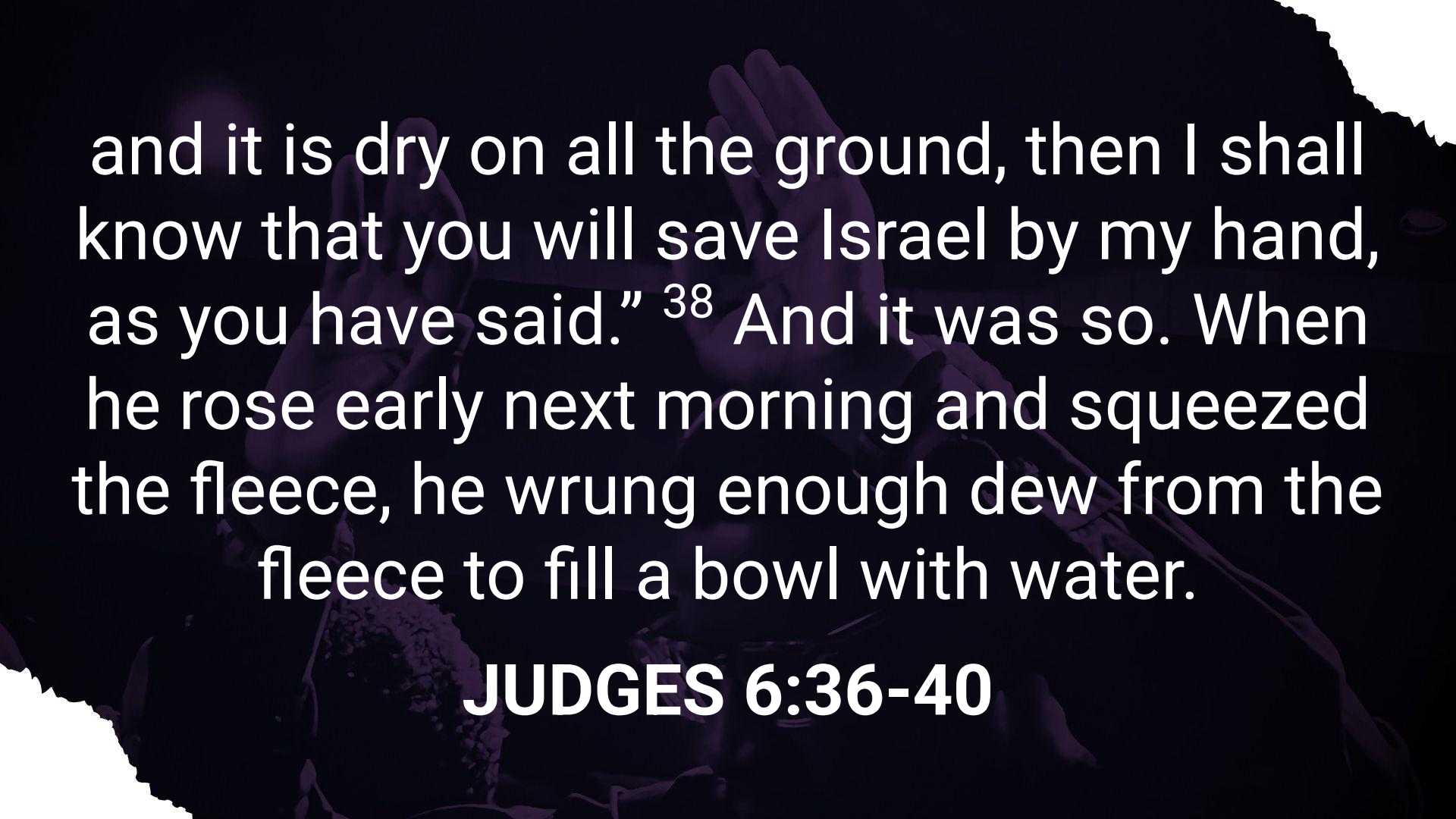
A dark, high-contrast image of a person with their hands raised in a gesture of surrender or prayer. The person's face is obscured by deep shadows. In the lower-left corner, a portion of a cake with white frosting and sprinkles is visible. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

**THROUGH DOUBT,
LIES AND DISBELIEF**



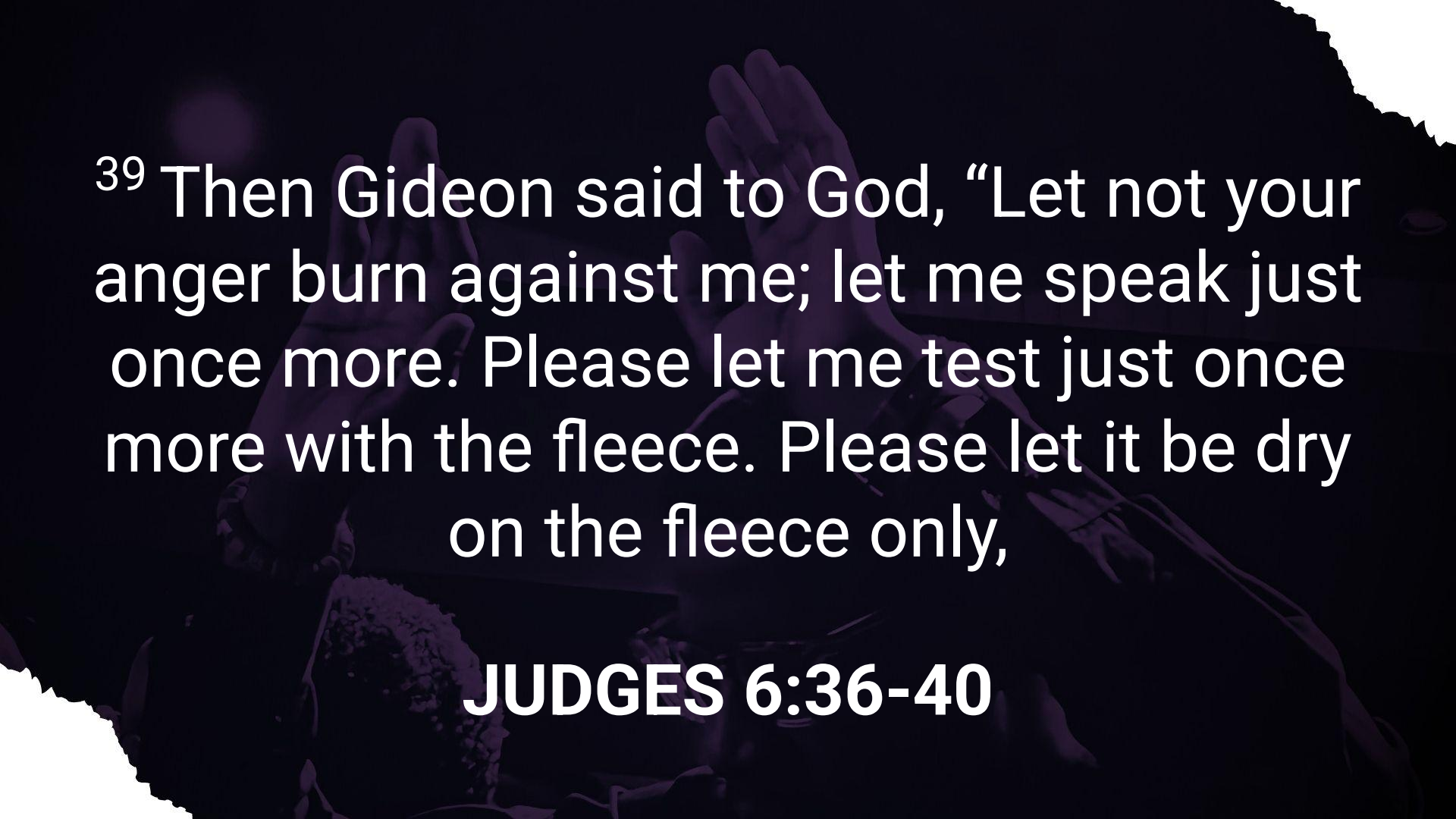
³⁶ Then Gideon said to God, “If you will
save Israel by my hand, as you have said,
³⁷ behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on
the threshing floor. If there is dew on the
fleece alone,

JUDGES 6:36-40

A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with soft clouds. The person's face is partially visible, looking upwards. The overall mood is one of faith and devotion.

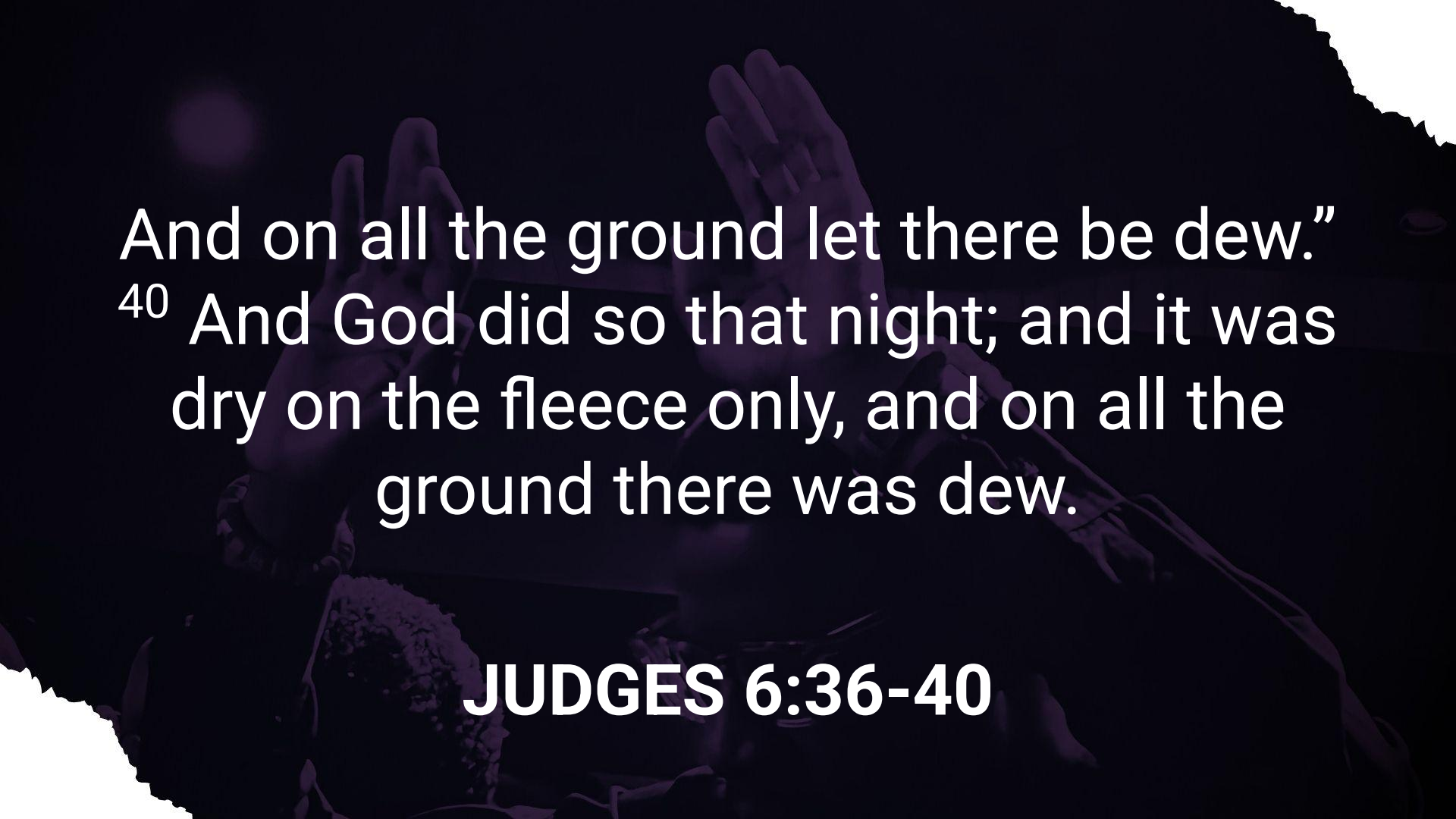
and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said.” ³⁸ And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water.

JUDGES 6:36-40



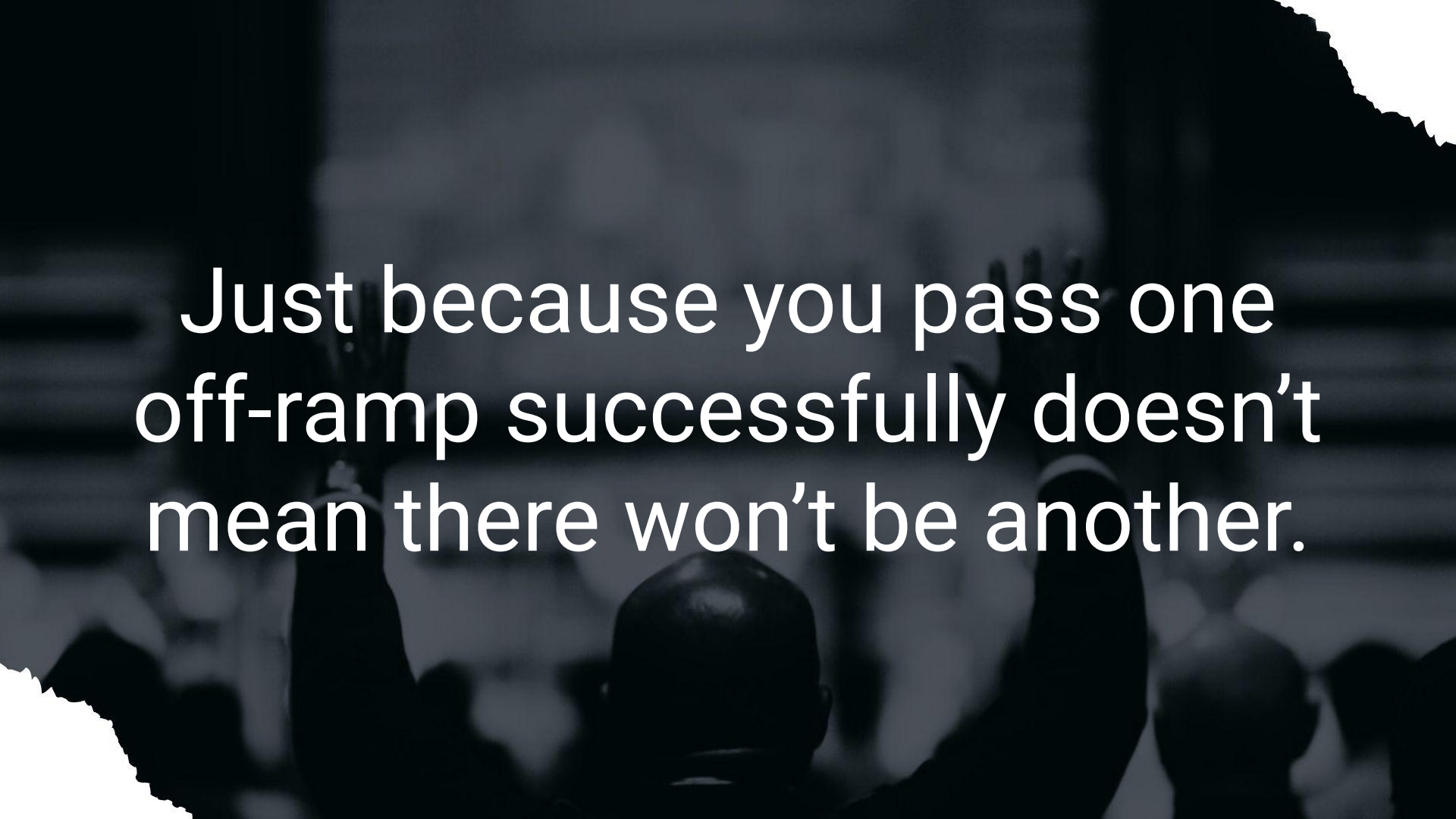
³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, “Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only,

JUDGES 6:36-40

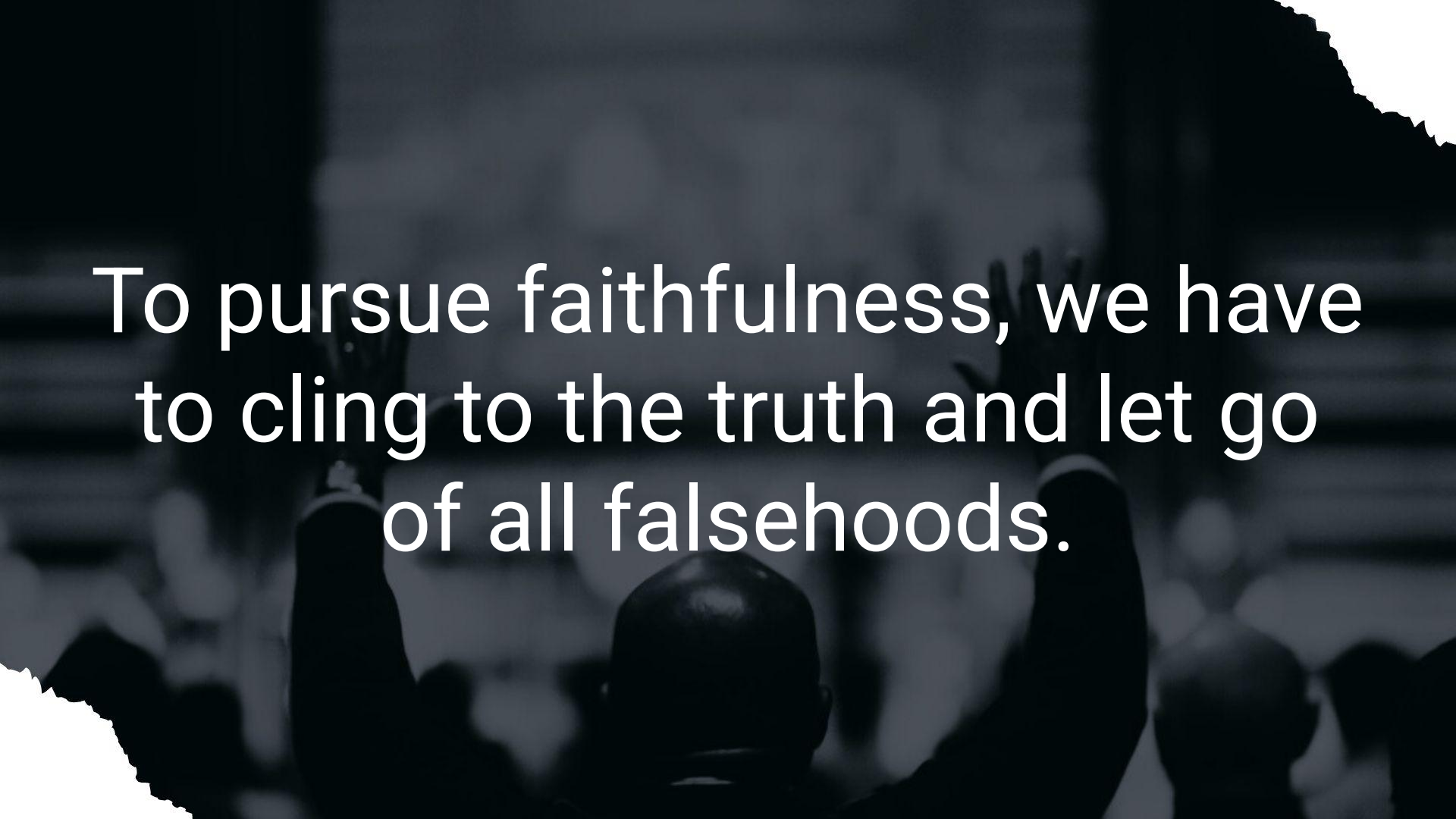
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And on all the ground let there be dew.”
⁴⁰ And God did so that night; and it was
dry on the fleece only, and on all the
ground there was dew.

JUDGES 6:36-40

A black and white photograph of a crowd of people, seen from behind, with their arms raised in the air. The image is dark, with the people's silhouettes standing out against a lighter, hazy background. The text is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font.

Just because you pass one
off-ramp successfully doesn't
mean there won't be another.



To pursue faithfulness, we have
to cling to the truth and let go
of all falsehoods.



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) THROUGH HARDSHIP & SUFFERING
- 2) THROUGH DOUBT, LIES & DISBELIEF



THE PURSUIT