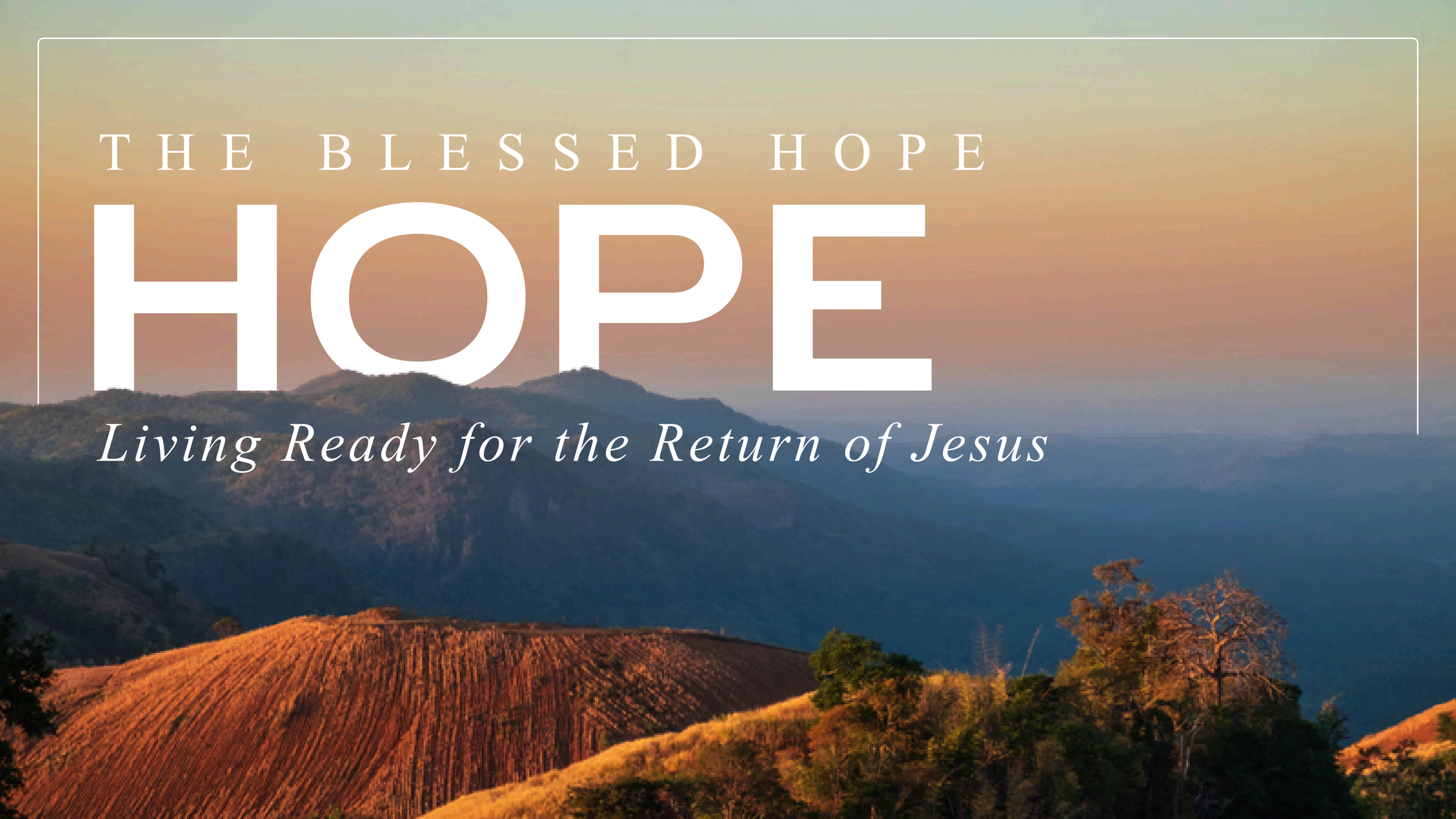

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WITNESSES

TO THE LORD'S RETURN

Key Scriptural Voices on End-Time Events



1 THE PROPHETS

Daniel, Zechariah, and prophetic writings

Prophetic anticipation of the coming King, final conflict, and God's kingdom.



2 JESUS' TEACHING

Matthew 24–25 · Mark 13 · Luke 21

Jesus' own teaching on His return, watchfulness, and the end of the age.



3 PAUL'S TEACHING

Titus 2:13 · 1 Thessalonians 4–5 · 2 Thessalonians 2 · 1 Corinthians 15

Apostolic instruction on resurrection, the Lord's coming, and the Day of the Lord.



4 JOHN'S REVELATION

Revelation

Prophetic vision of Christ's return, judgment, kingdom, and new creation.

HOPE

We Must Live Every Day Ready for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

44 ***You also must be ready all the time***, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

Matthew 24:44 (NLT)

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The Blessed Hope



Secure Your Supply



Grow Your Stewardship



Prepare for the Judgement Seat


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“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]
The five who were foolish didn’t take enough olive oil for their lamps, [4] but the
other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. [5] When the bridegroom was
delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. [6] “At midnight they were roused by
the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’ [7] “All the
bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. [8] Then the five foolish ones asked the
others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ [9] “But the
others replied, ‘We don’t have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for
yourselves.’

Matthew 25:1-9 (NLT)

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10 “But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. 11 Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’ 12 “But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’

13 ***“So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.***

Matthew 25:10-13 (NLT)

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MEANS OF SPIRITUAL SUPPLY

The daily supply needed to endure until Jesus returns.

SPIRITUAL SUPPLY



The Word of God

Matthew 4:4



Daily Connection with God

1 Thessalonians 5:17



Concentrated Communication with God

James 5:16



Community Communication with God

Acts 4:31



Encouragement from the People of God

Hebrews 3:13

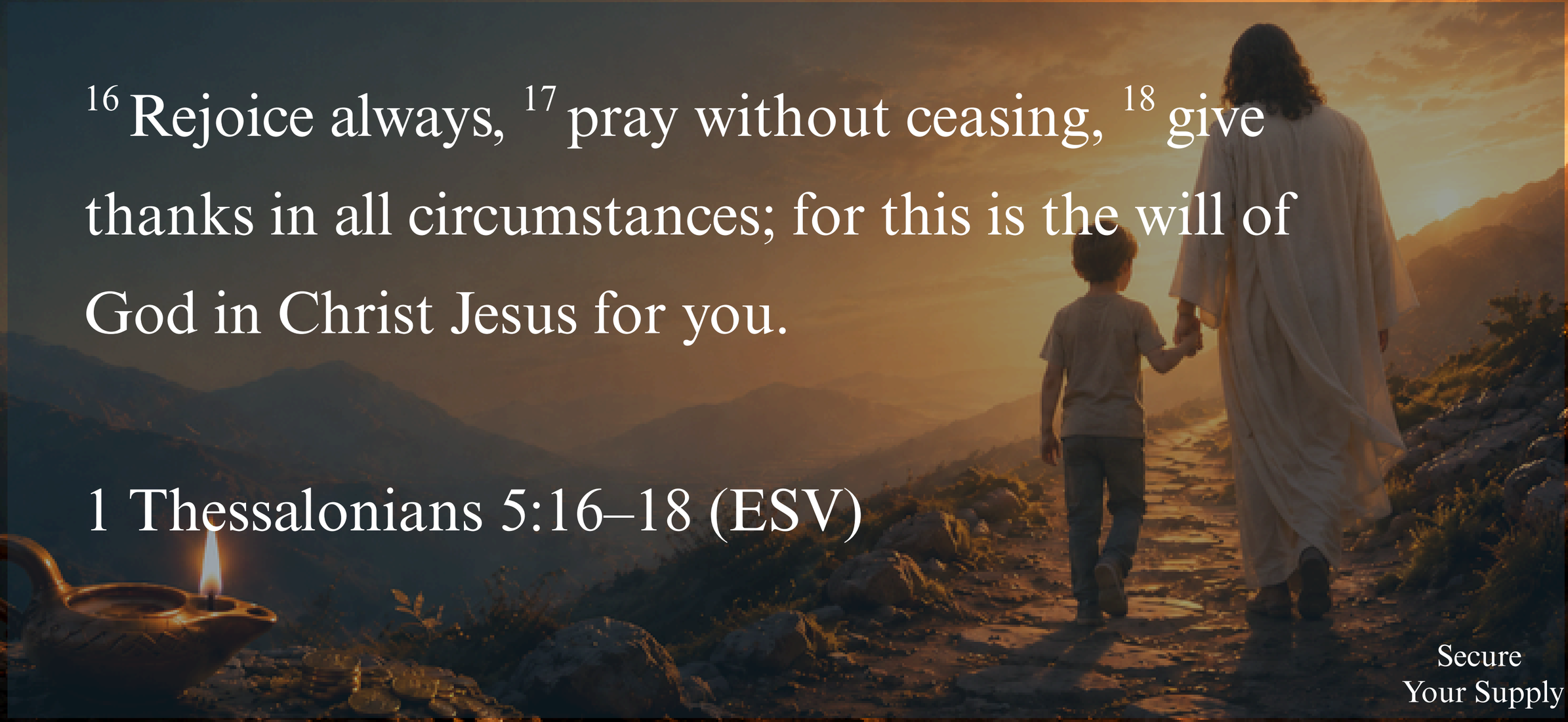
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THE WORD OF GOD

4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

DAILY CONNECTION WITH GOD



[16] Rejoice always, [17] pray without ceasing, [18] give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (ESV)

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Concentrated Communication with God

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power
and produces wonderful results. [17] Elijah was as human as we
are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall,
none fell for three and a half years! [18] Then, when he prayed
again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its
crops.

James 5:16b–18 (NLT)

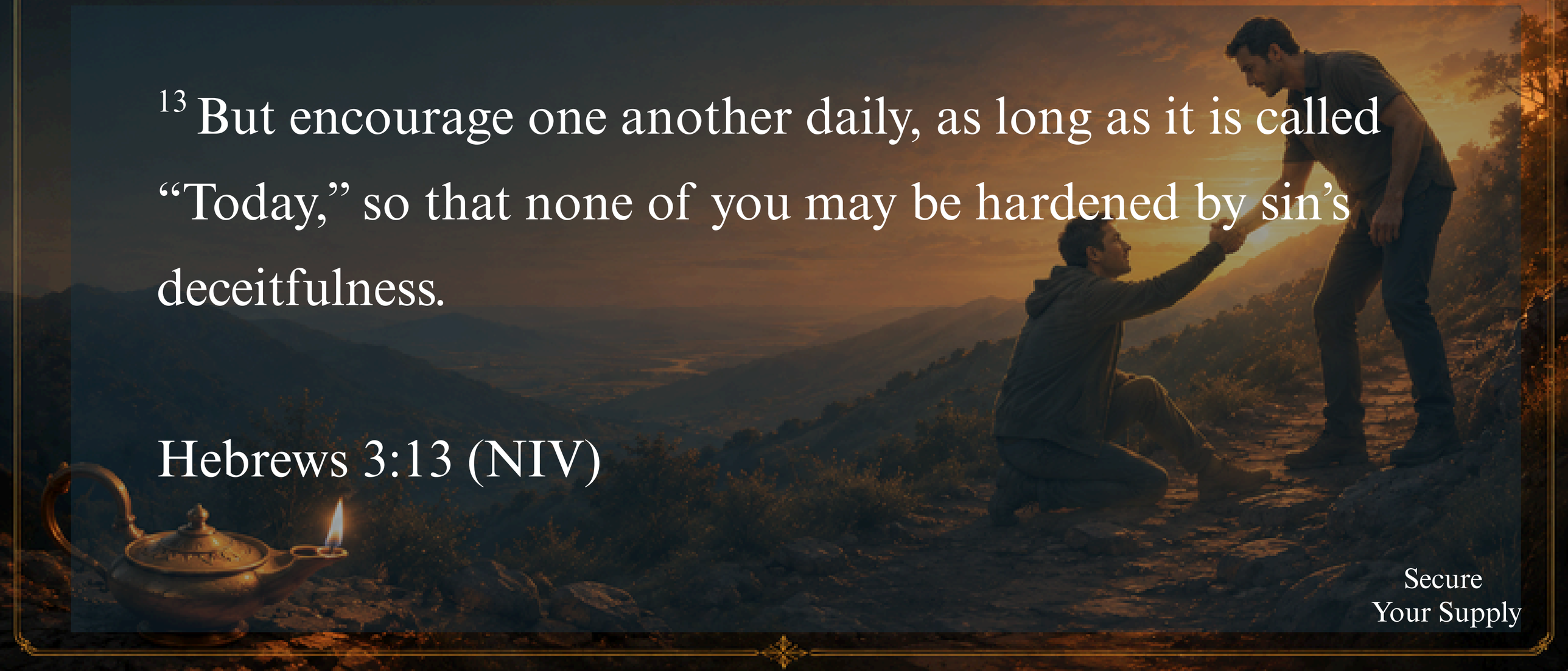
COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION
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[23] As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. [24] When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: “O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them…….After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:23–24,31(NLT)

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Encouragement from the People of God



[13] But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)

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Wisdom tells us to carry enough spiritual supply to endure until the end.

“But the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.”

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