




Disciplined
Love



**“Surrendered Sexuality”
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**The Good News of Jesus Christ is
written into our sexuality.**

**Sexual desire is a God-created
longing meant to stir our hearts
toward covenant love – ultimately
fulfilled not in sex or marriage, but in
Christ Himself.**



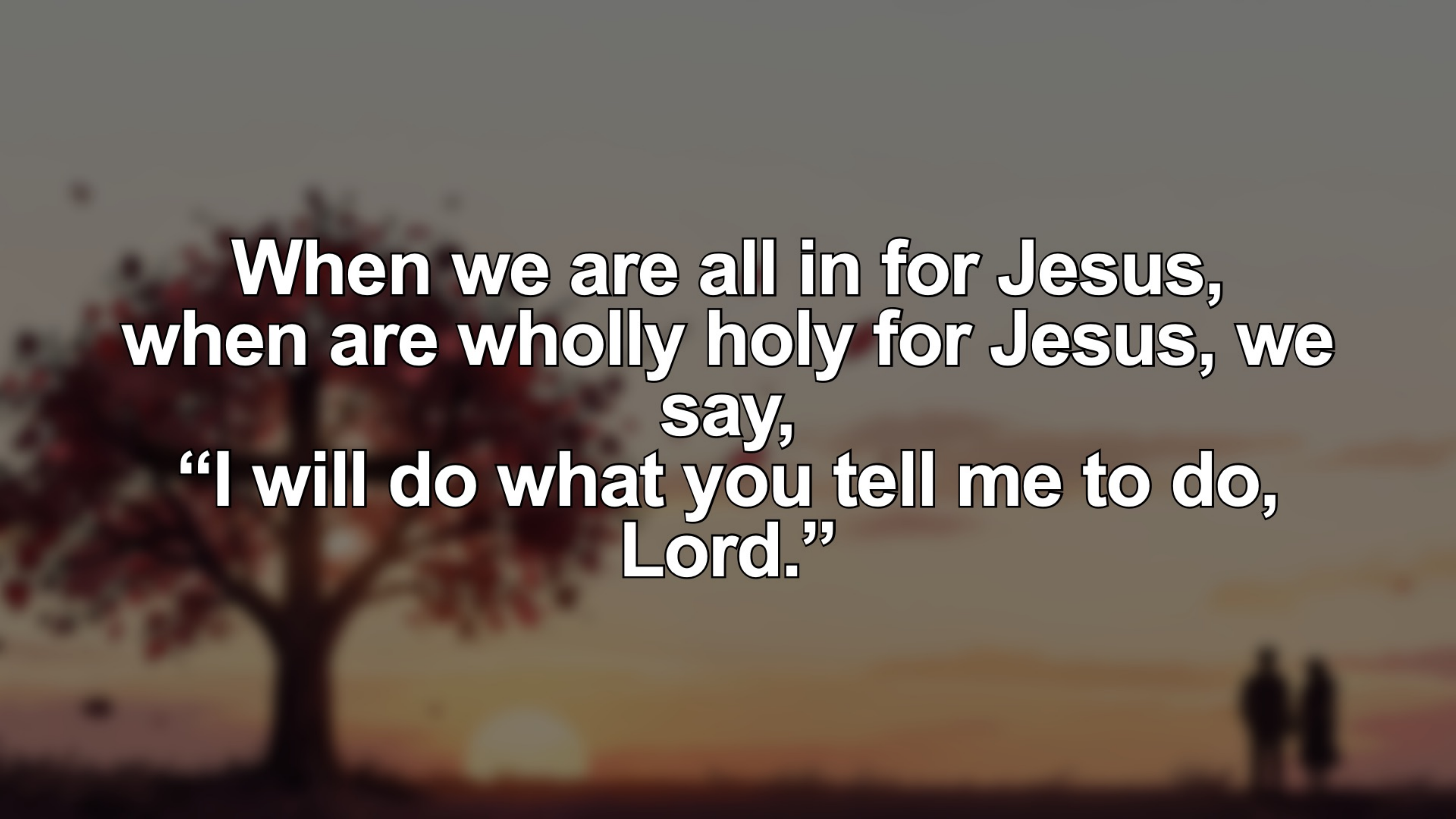
Wholly Holy

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)


I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.



**When we are all in for Jesus,
when are wholly holy for Jesus, we
say,
“I will do what you tell me to do,
Lord.”**

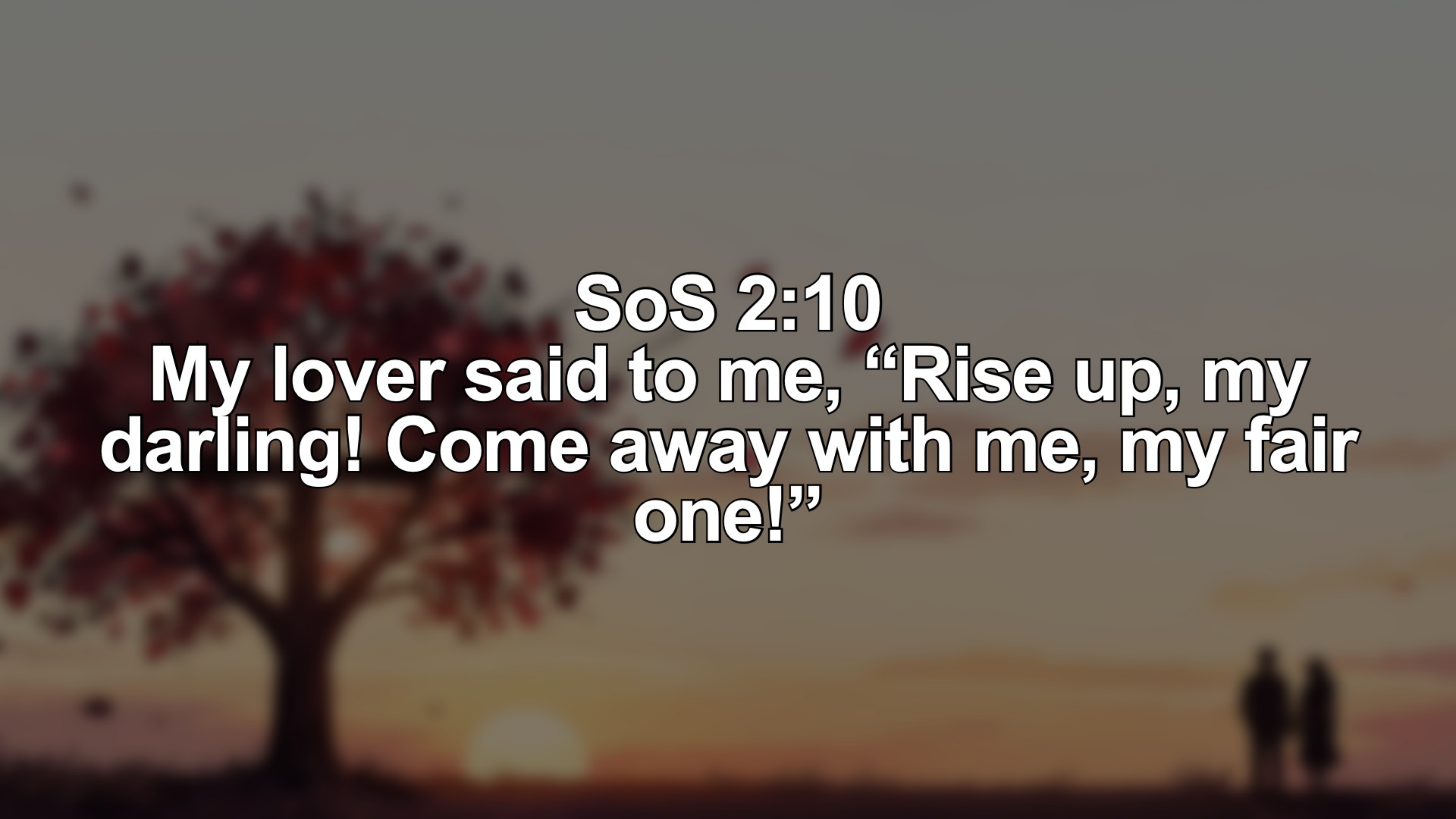
Song of Solomon 2:8 NLT





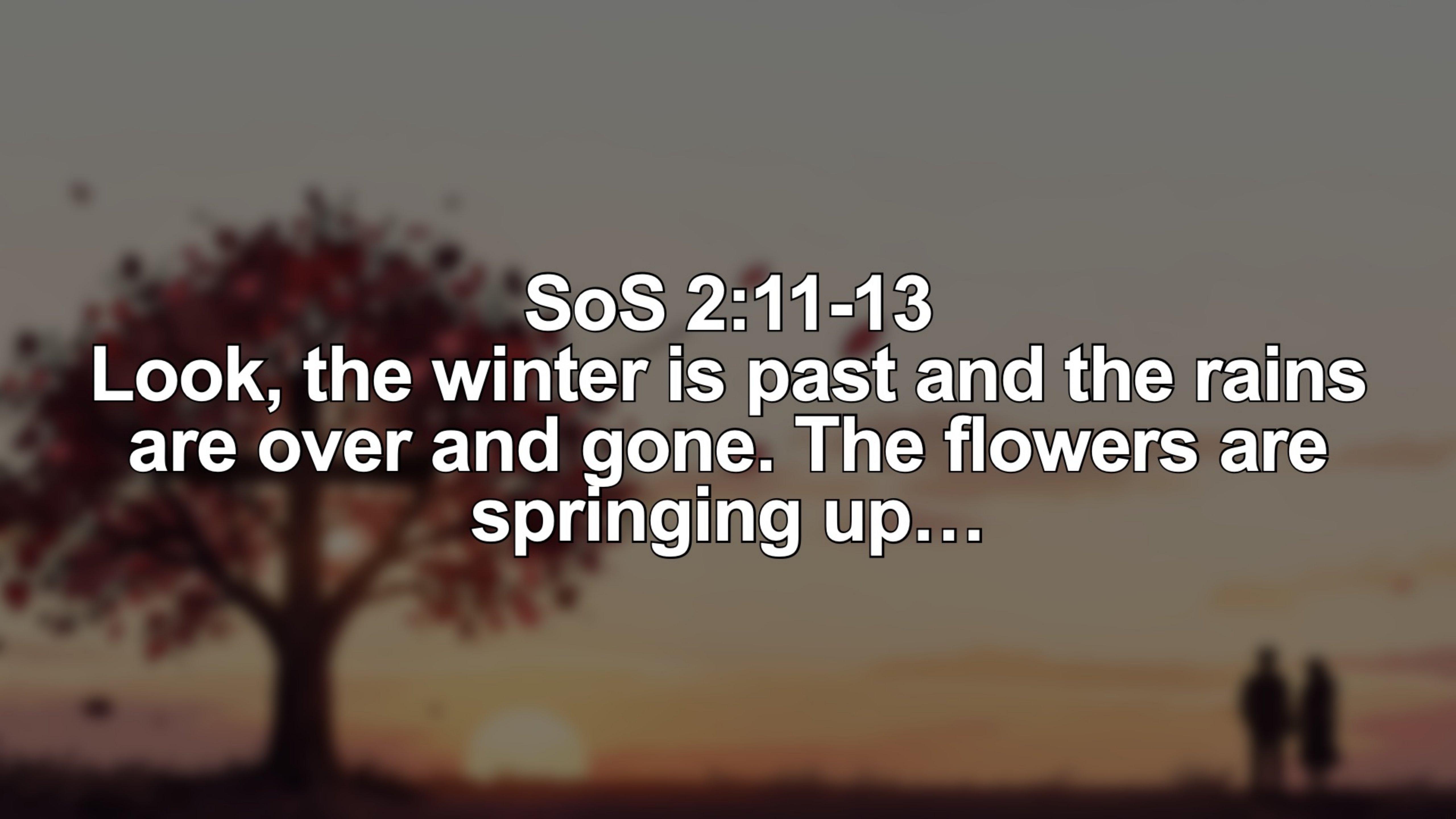
SoS 2:8-9

**Ah, I hear my lover coming! He is
leaping over the mountains bounding
over the hills....**

A romantic scene featuring a large tree with vibrant red and orange autumn leaves on the left. In the background, a couple is seen walking away on a path. The overall atmosphere is soft and romantic, with a warm color palette.

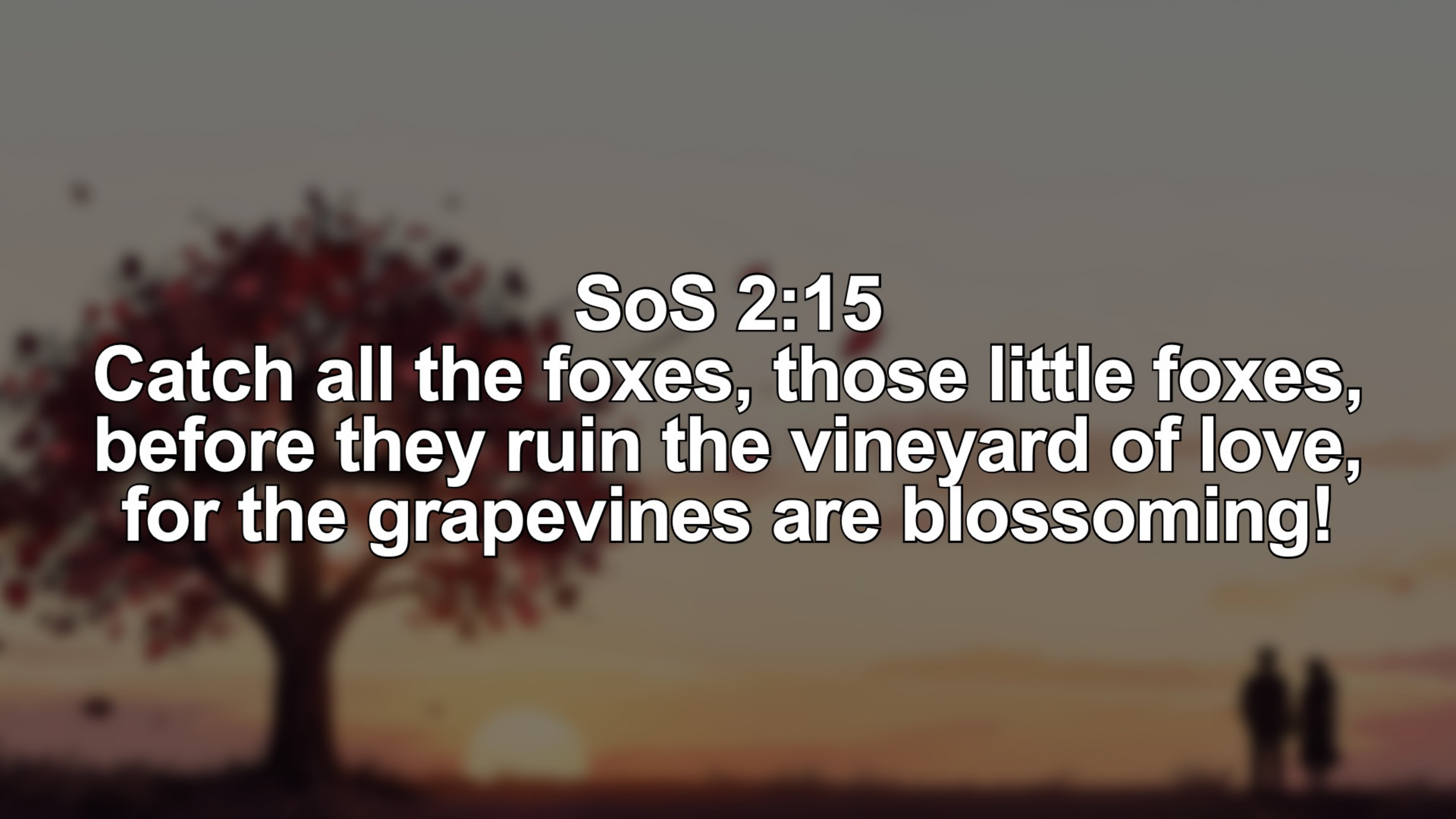
SoS 2:10

**My lover said to me, “Rise up, my
darling! Come away with me, my fair
one!”**



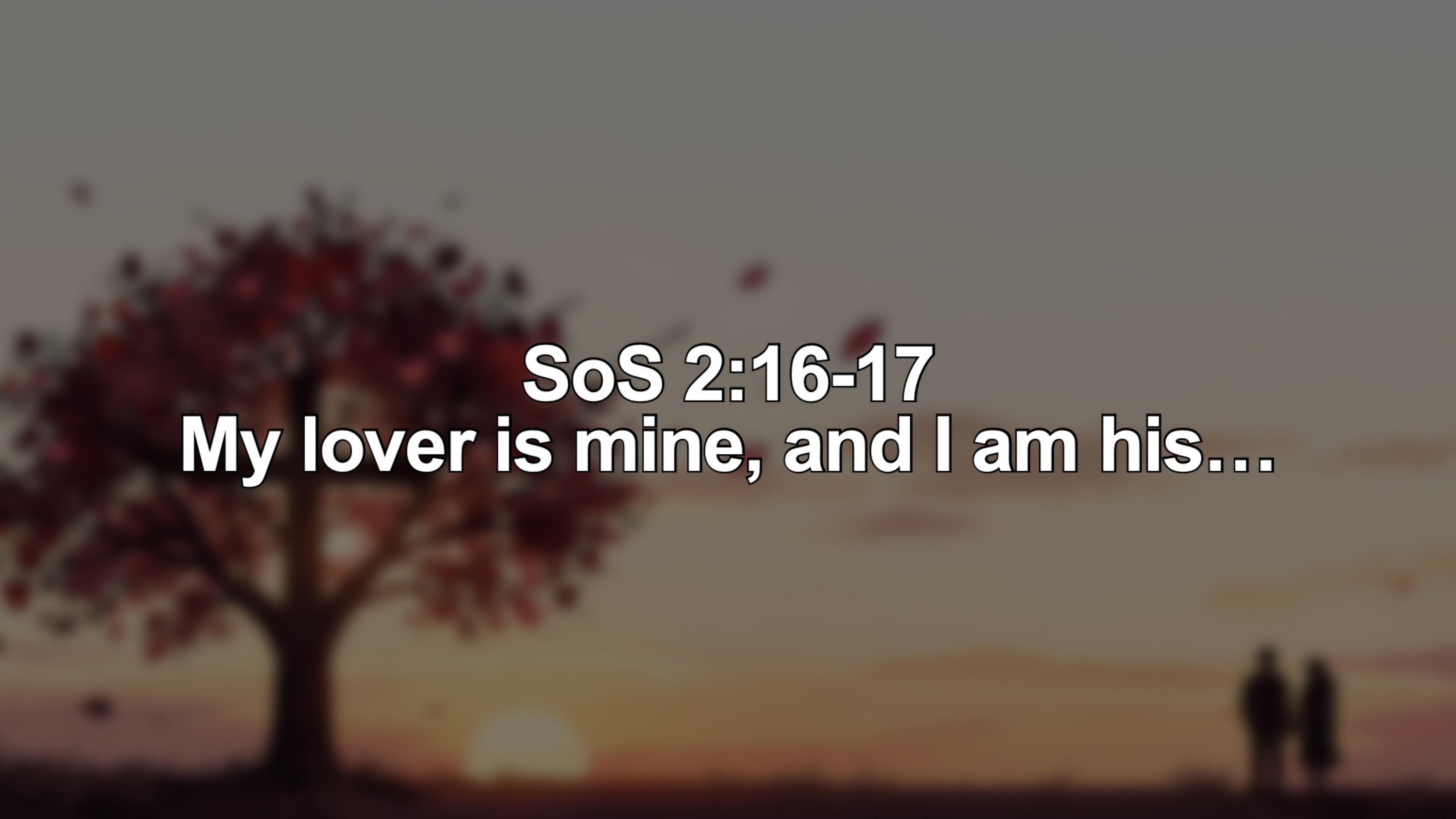
SoS 2:11-13

**Look, the winter is past and the rains
are over and gone. The flowers are
springing up...**




SoS 2:15

**Catch all the foxes, those little foxes,
before they ruin the vineyard of love,
for the grapevines are blossoming!**

A romantic scene featuring a large tree with vibrant red autumn leaves on the left. In the background, a couple is seen walking away on a path under a soft, hazy sky. The overall mood is intimate and serene.

SoS 2:16-17

My lover is mine, and I am his....



SoS 3:1-4 - A Nightmare



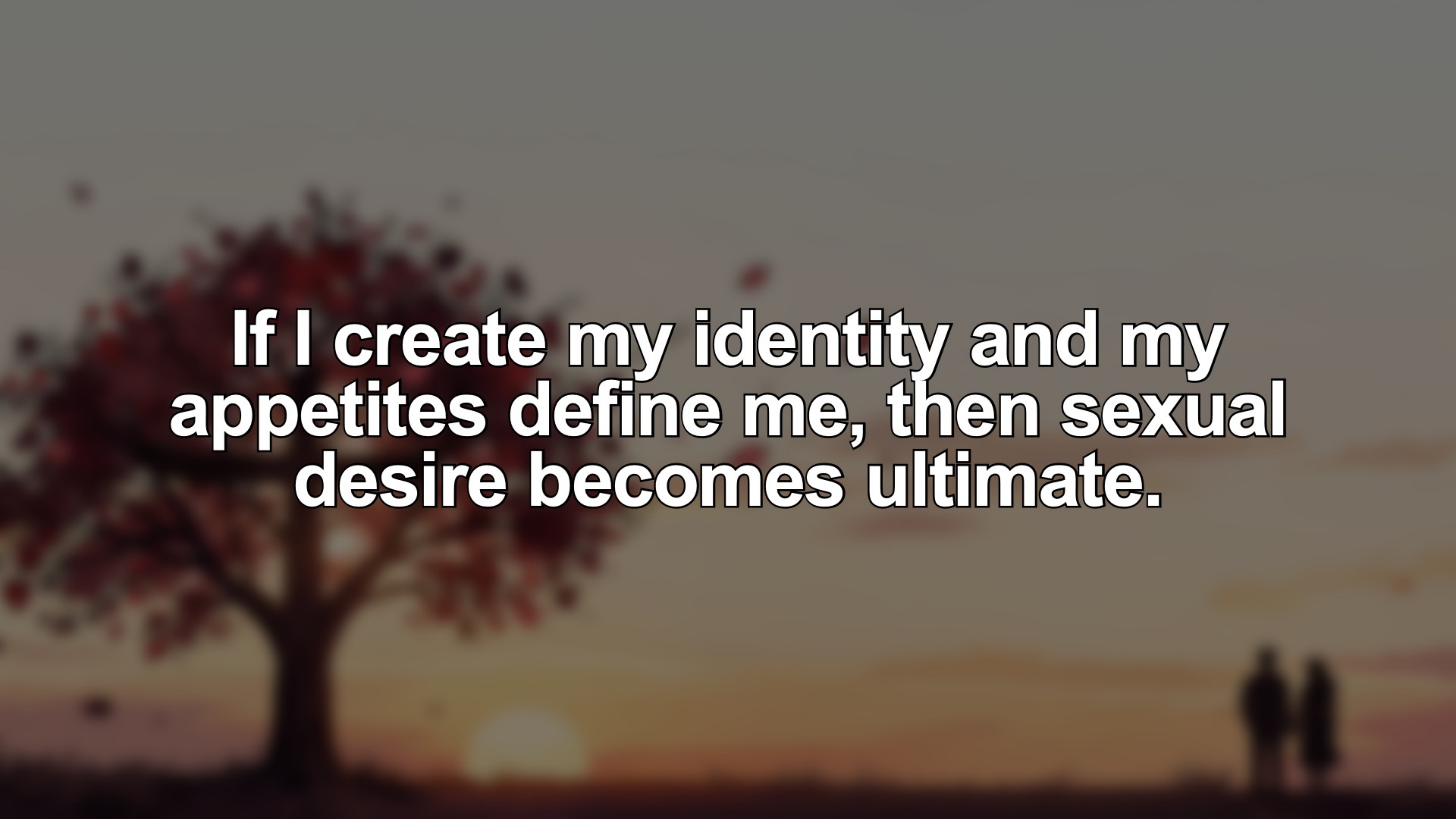
SoS 3:5

**Promise me, O women of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles and wild deer, not to
awaken love until the time is right.**



Two competing stories of identity.

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- **I receive identity from my Creator.**



**If I create my identity and my
appetites define me, then sexual
desire becomes ultimate.**

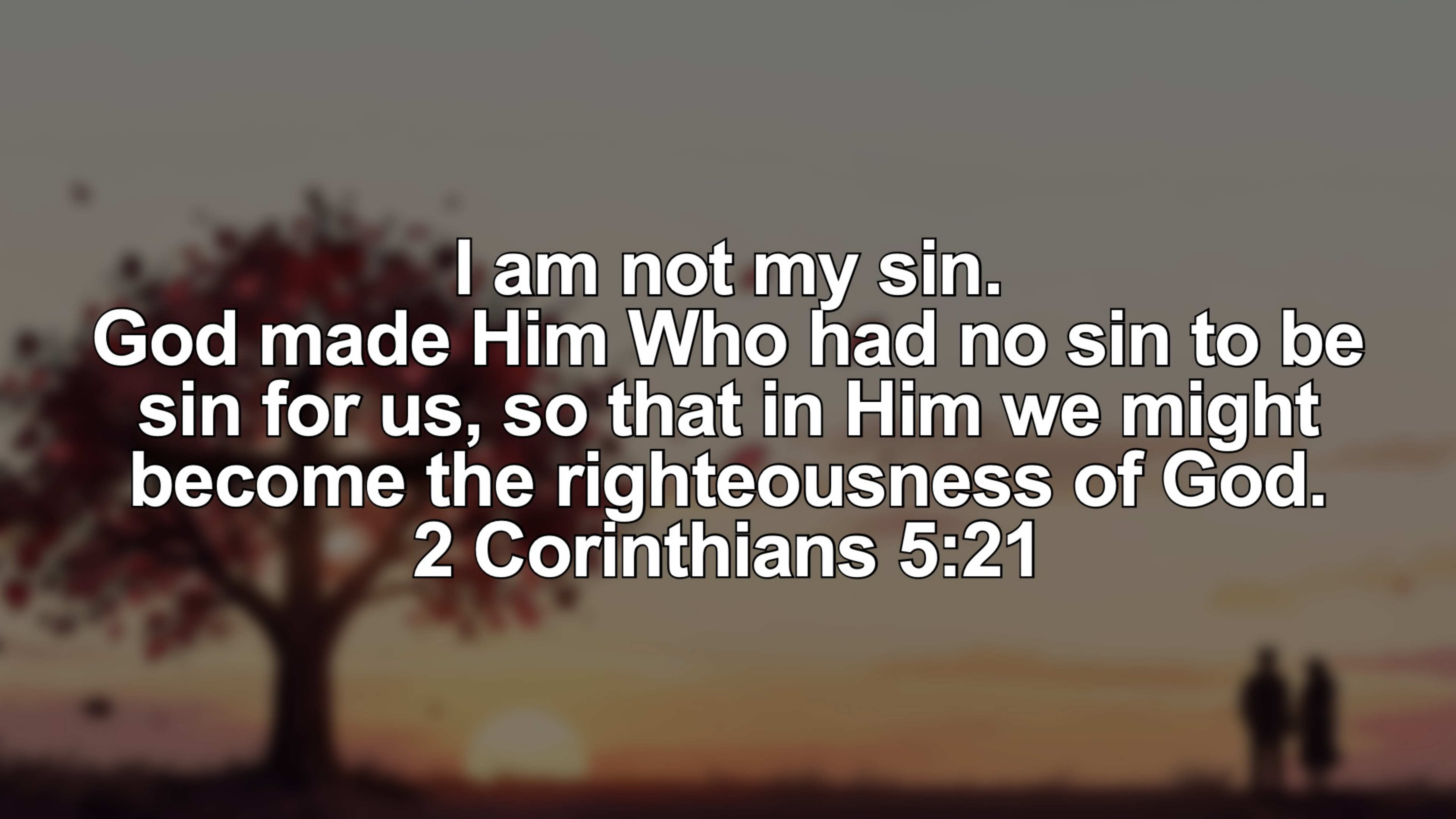


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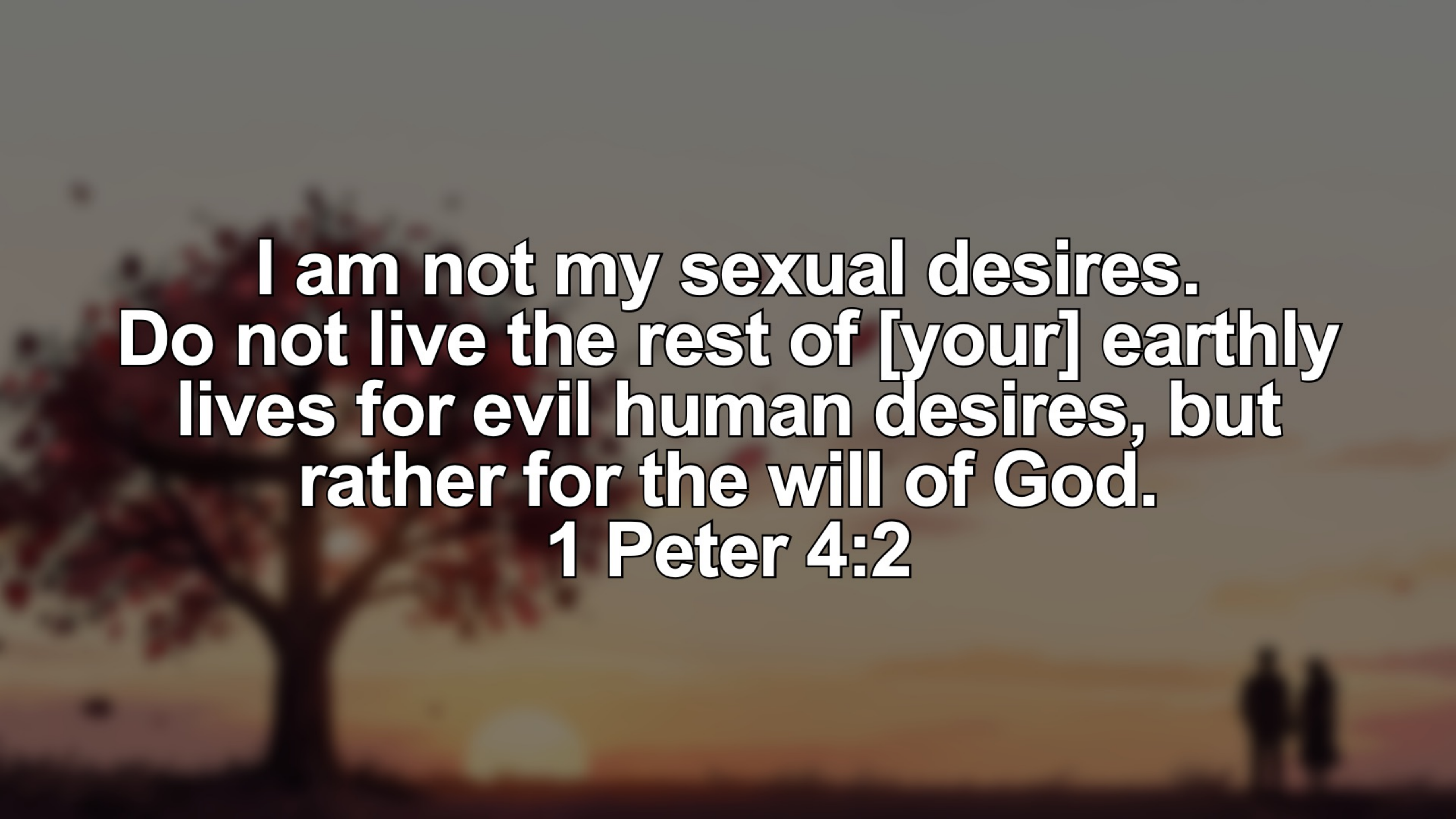
**I am not my wounds.
By His wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5**



**I am not my sin.
God made Him Who had no sin to be
sin for us, so that in Him we might
become the righteousness of God.
2 Corinthians 5:21**

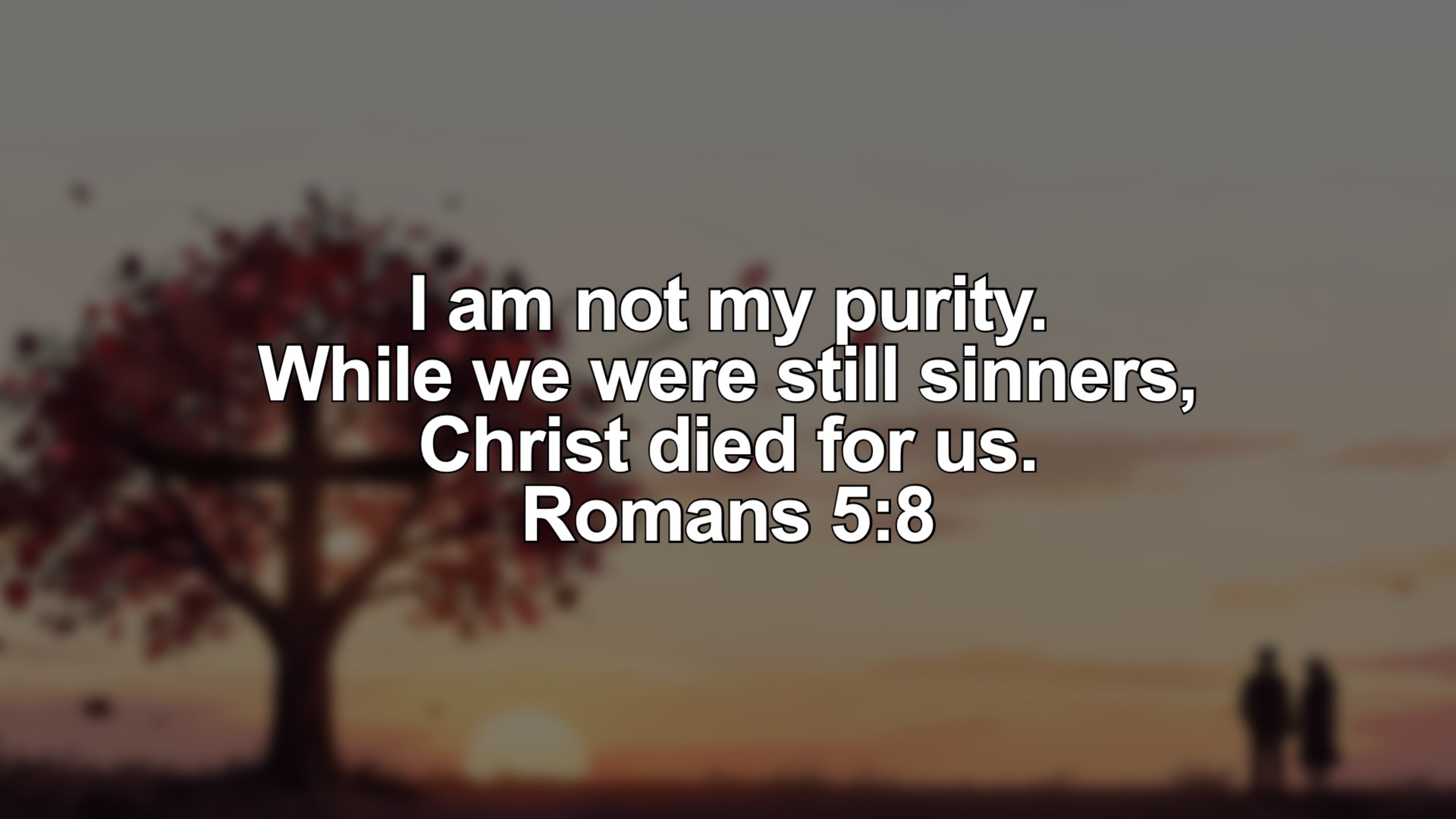


**I am not my shame.
There is now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1**

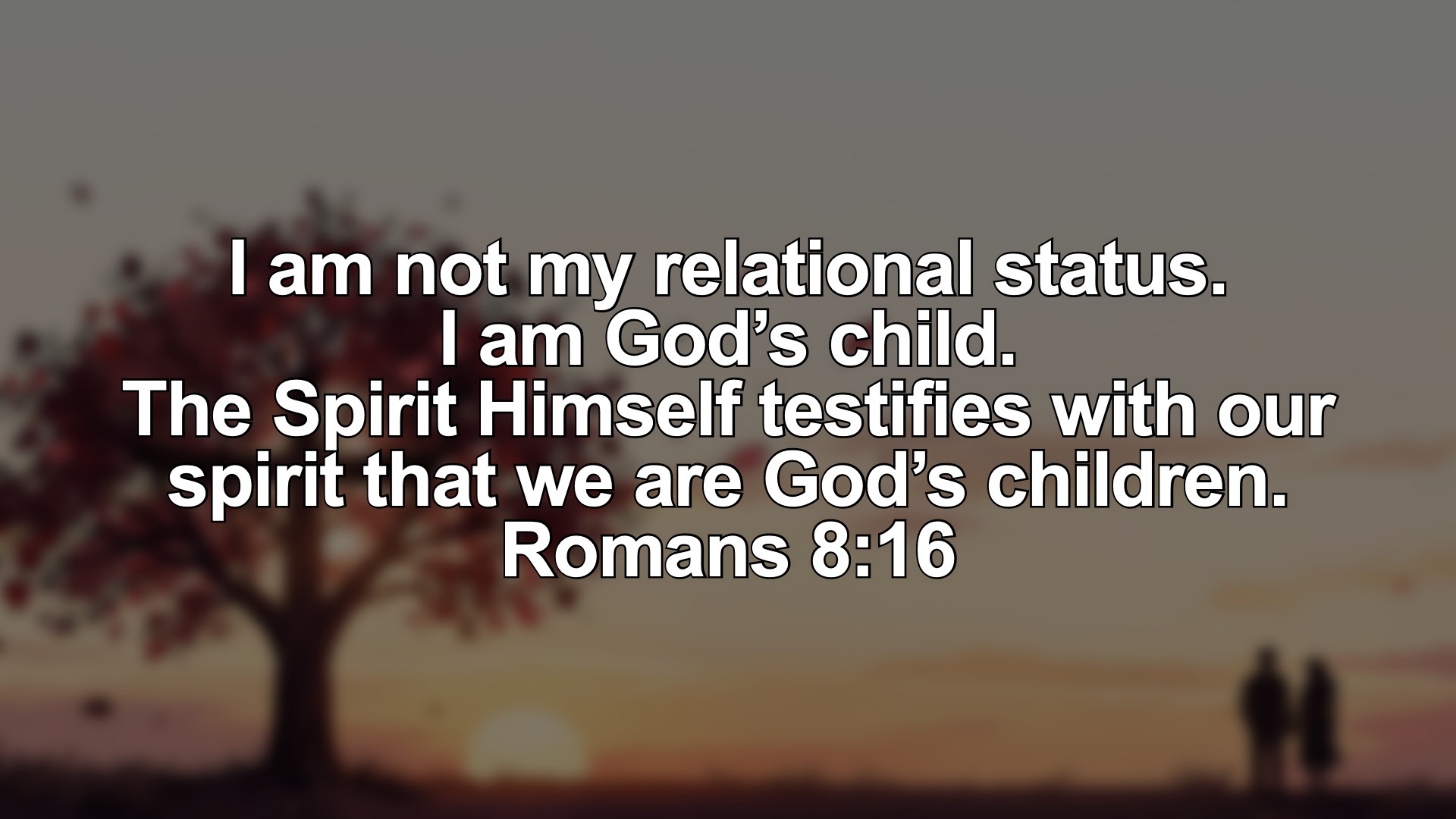


**I am not my sexual desires.
Do not live the rest of [your] earthly
lives for evil human desires, but
rather for the will of God.**

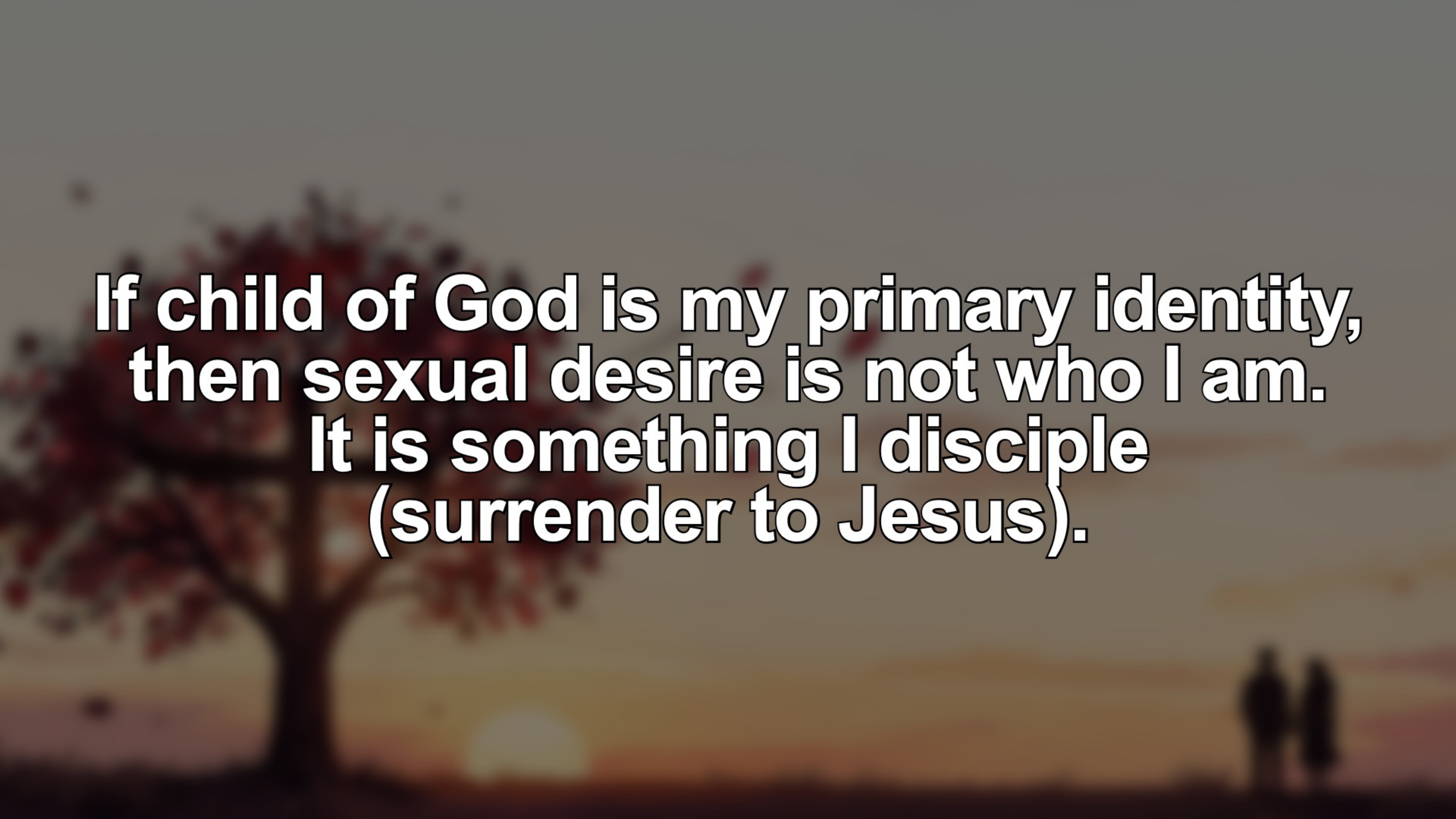
1 Peter 4:2



**I am not my purity.
While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8**



**I am not my relational status.
I am God's child.
The Spirit Himself testifies with our
spirit that we are God's children.
Romans 8:16**



**If child of God is my primary identity,
then sexual desire is not who I am.
It is something I discipline
(surrender to Jesus).**



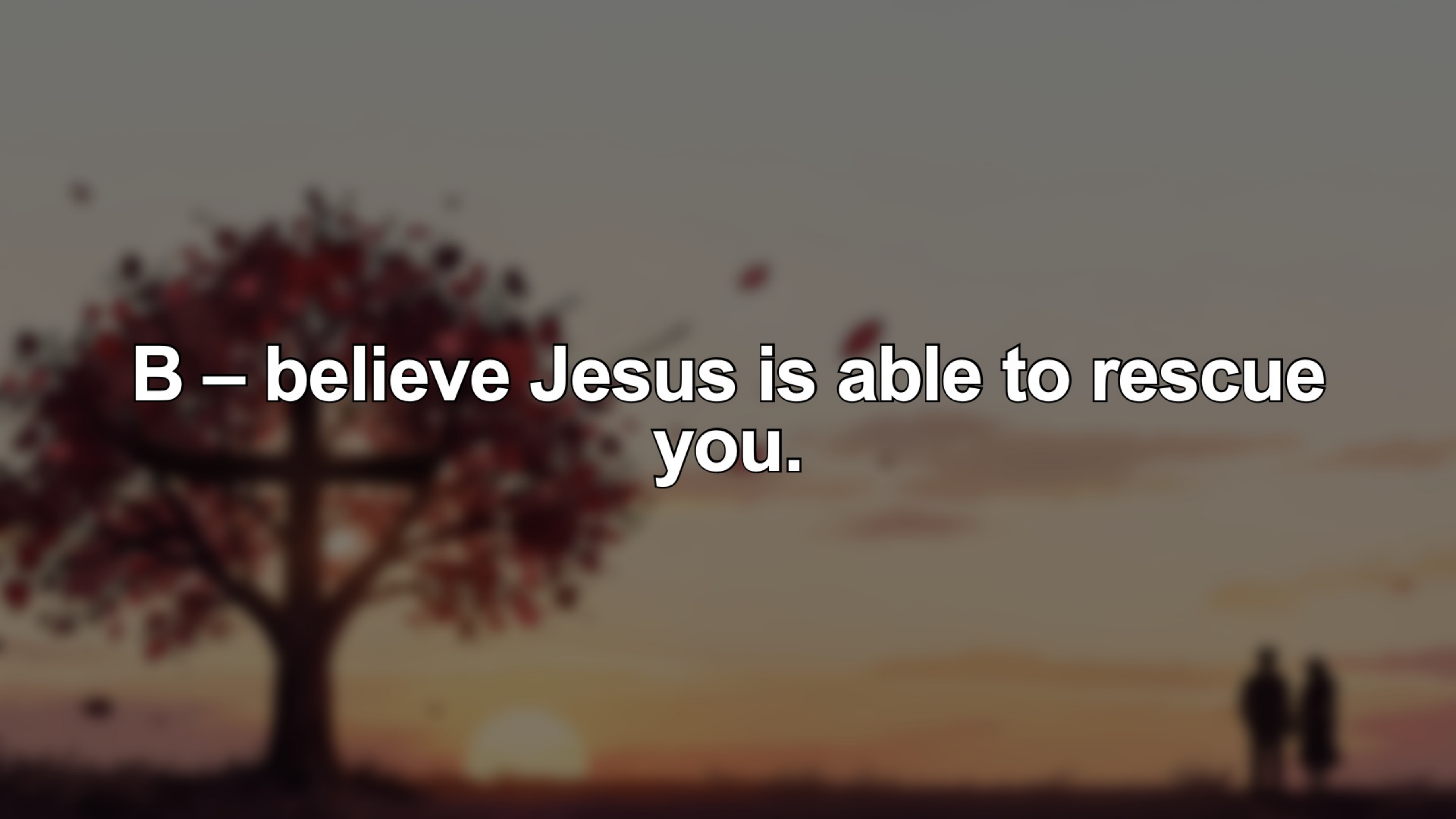
Single: your desire is a signal that you were made for covenant love and that covenant love ultimately finds its fulfillment in Christ.



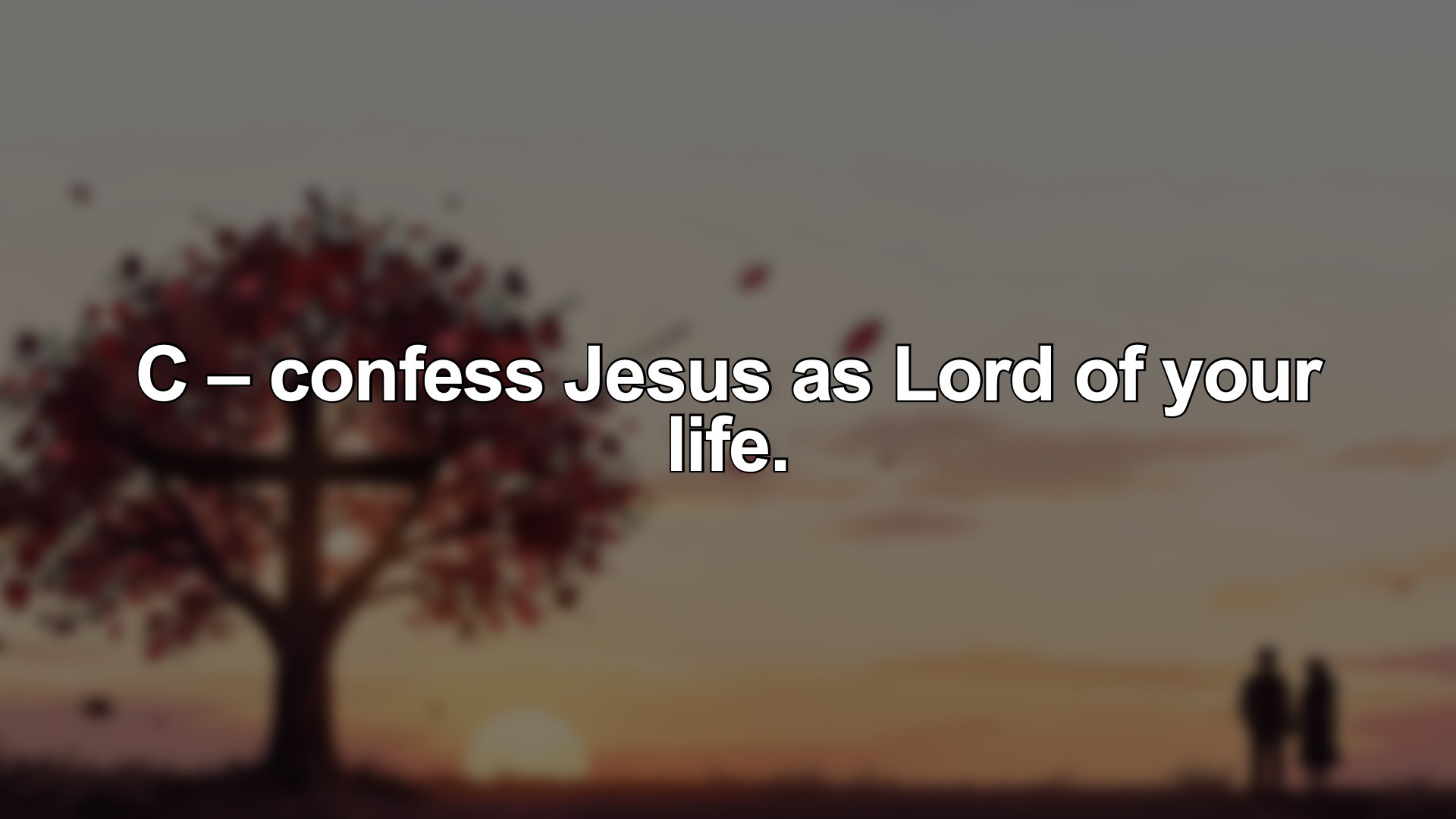
**Married: your desire strengthens
the marriage covenant to reflect
the love of God.**




**Find your identity in Jesus.
A – acknowledge sin/need for a
savior.**



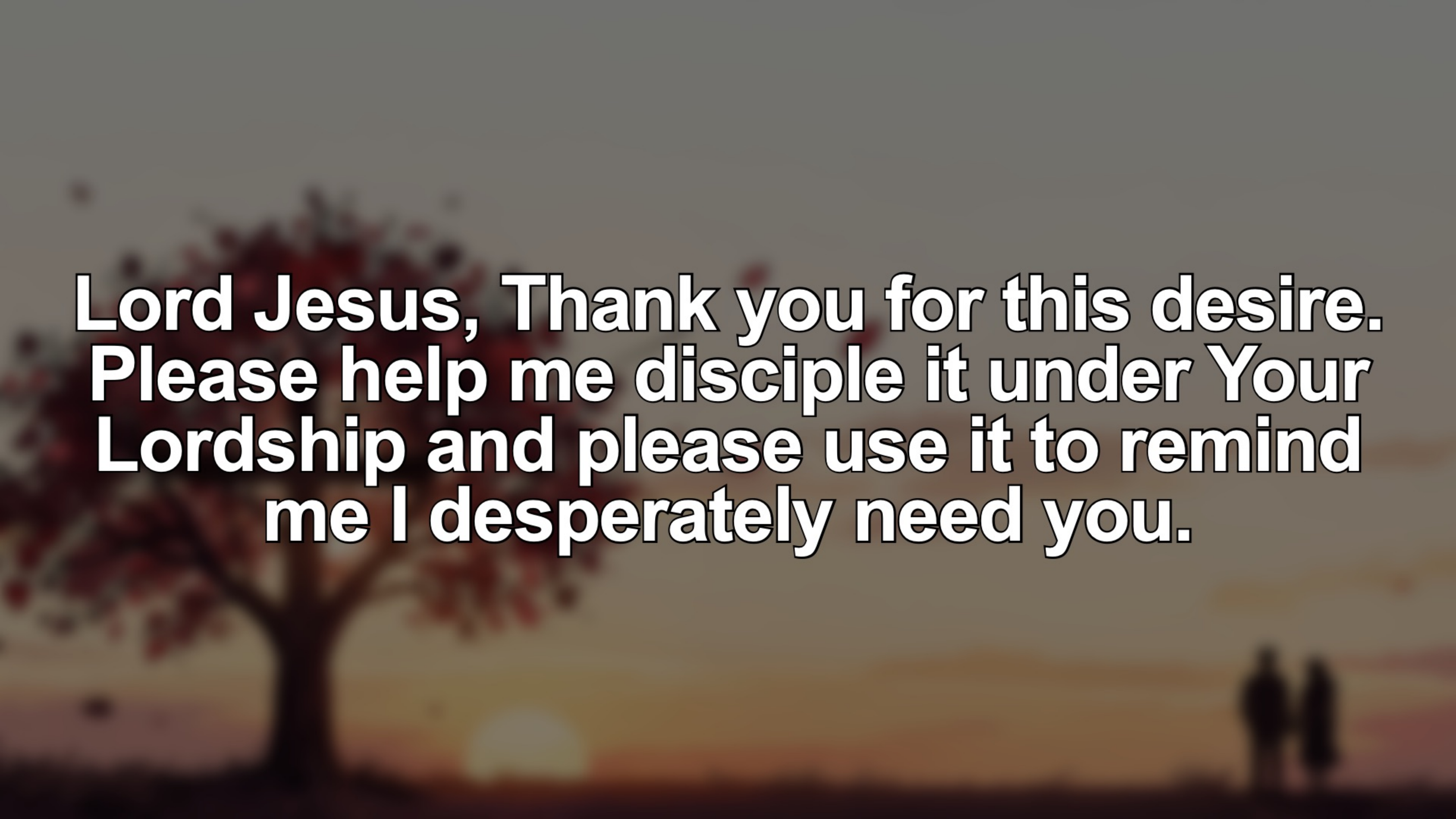
**B – believe Jesus is able to rescue
you.**



**C – confess Jesus as Lord of your
life.**



**Disciple Love - This week focus on
surrendering your desires to Jesus.**



**Lord Jesus, Thank you for this desire.
Please help me disciple it under Your
Lordship and please use it to remind
me I desperately need you.**



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