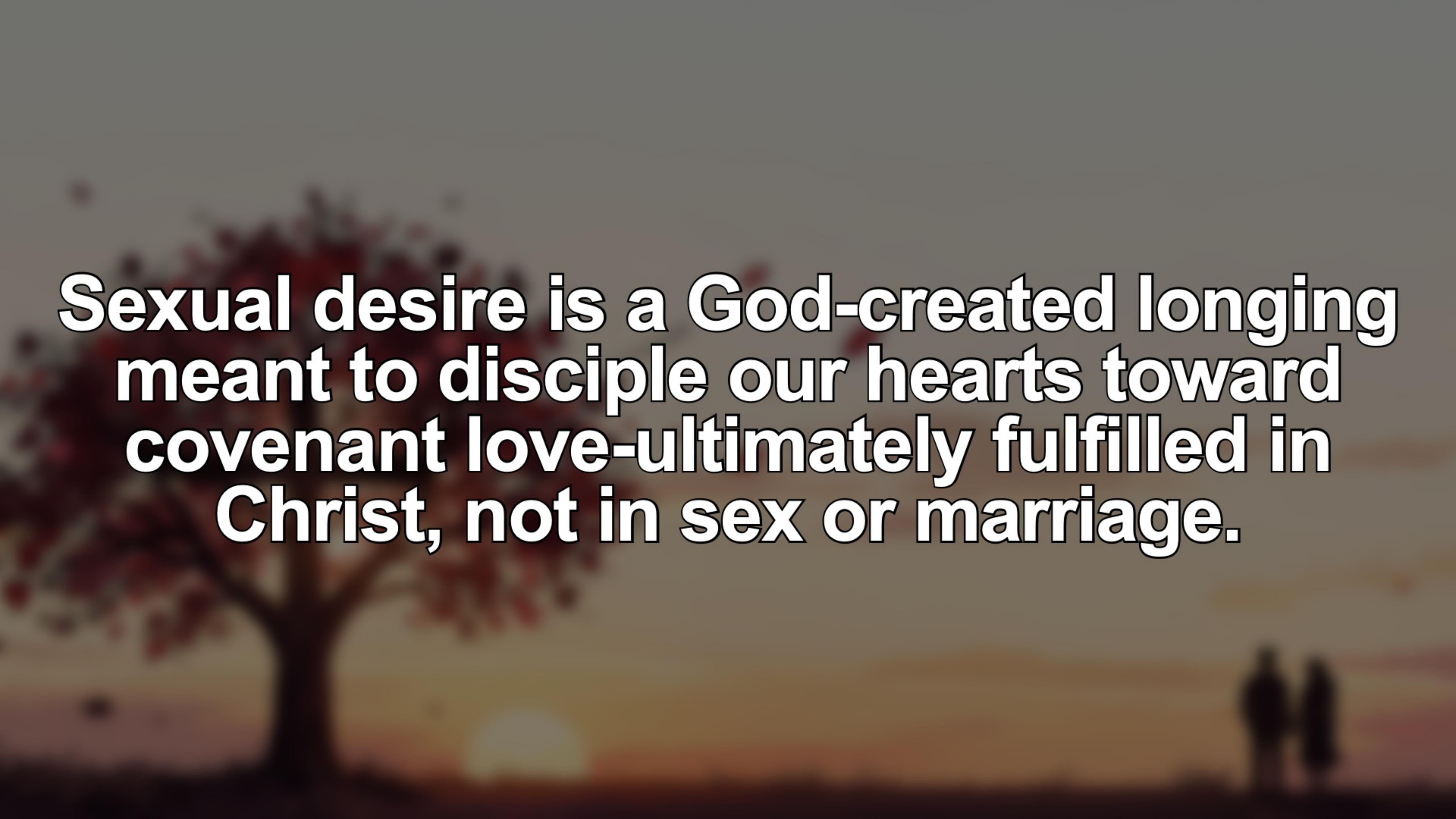


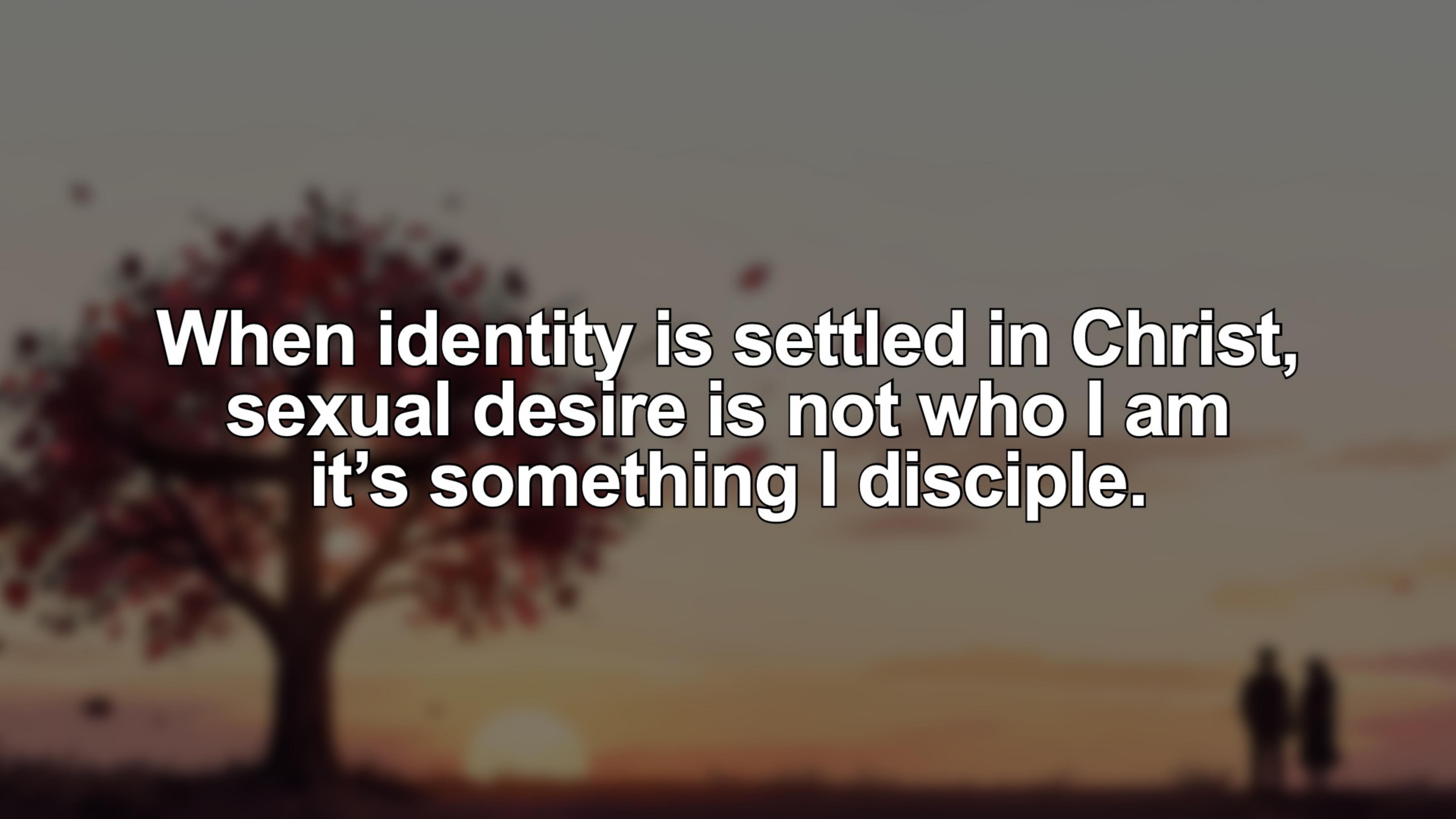


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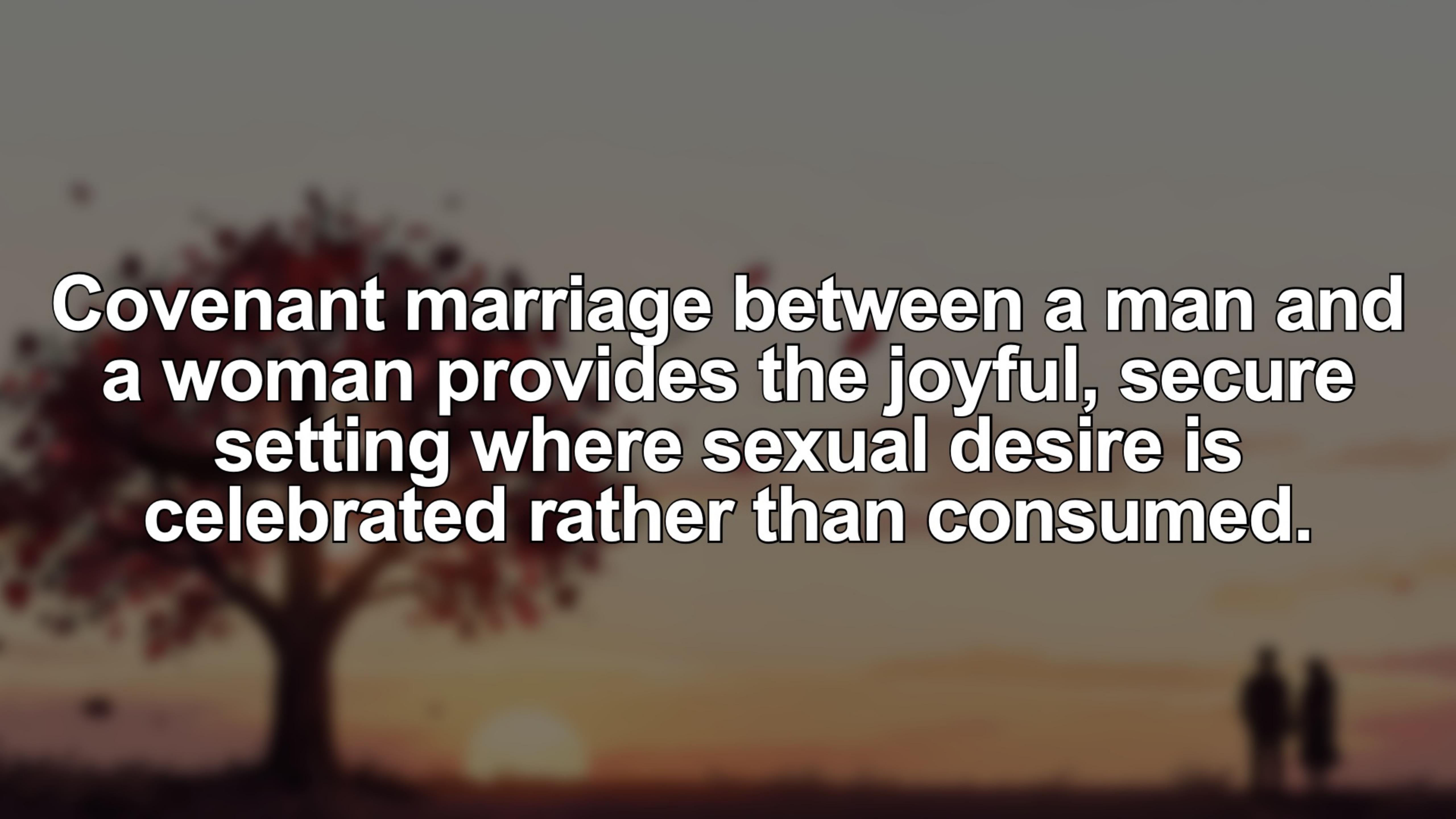


A blurry, out-of-focus photograph of a person sitting on a beach. The person is facing away from the camera, looking out at the ocean. The sky is a warm, golden color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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

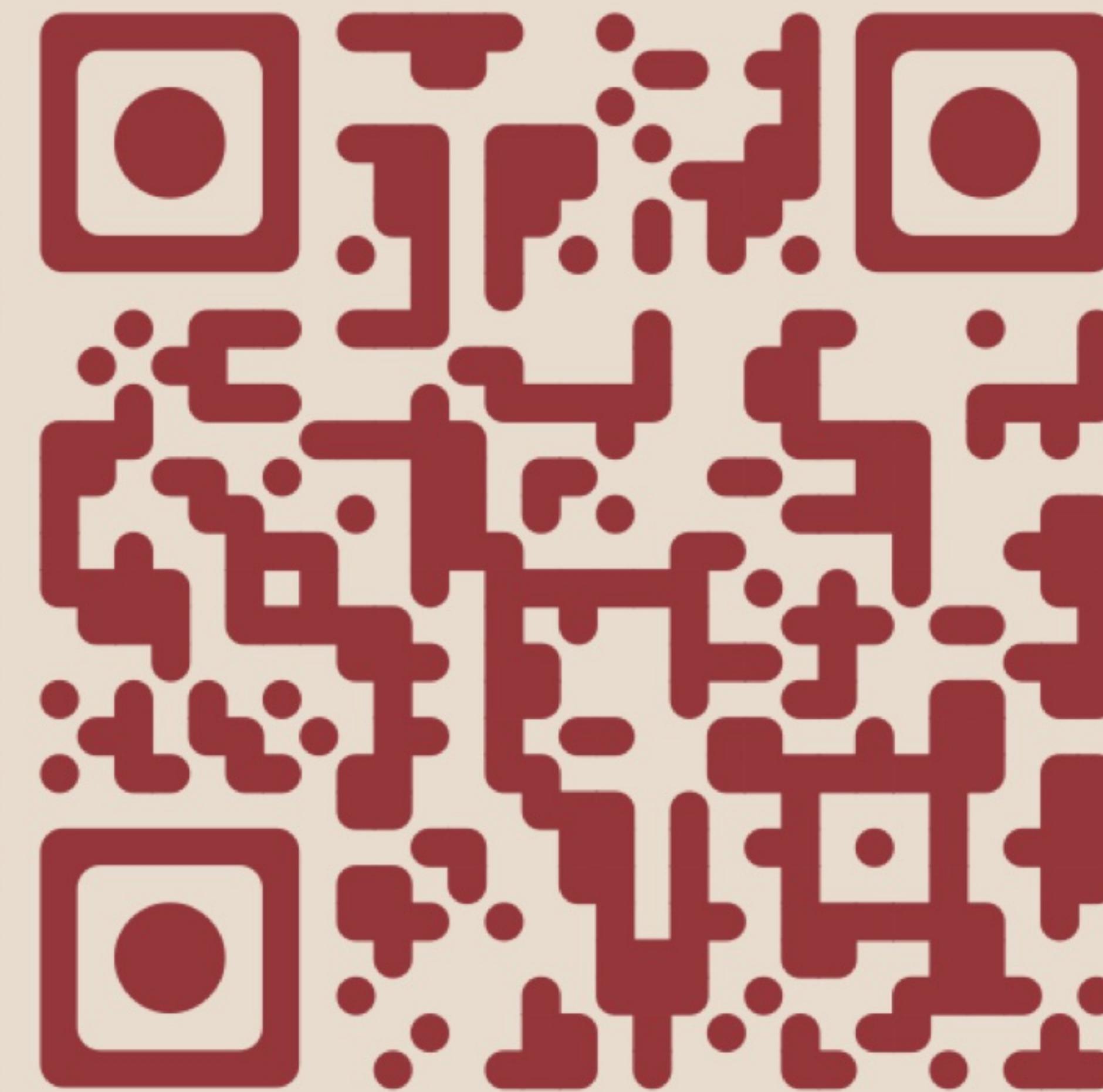
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**When identity is settled in Christ,
sexual desire is not who I am
it's something I disciple.**

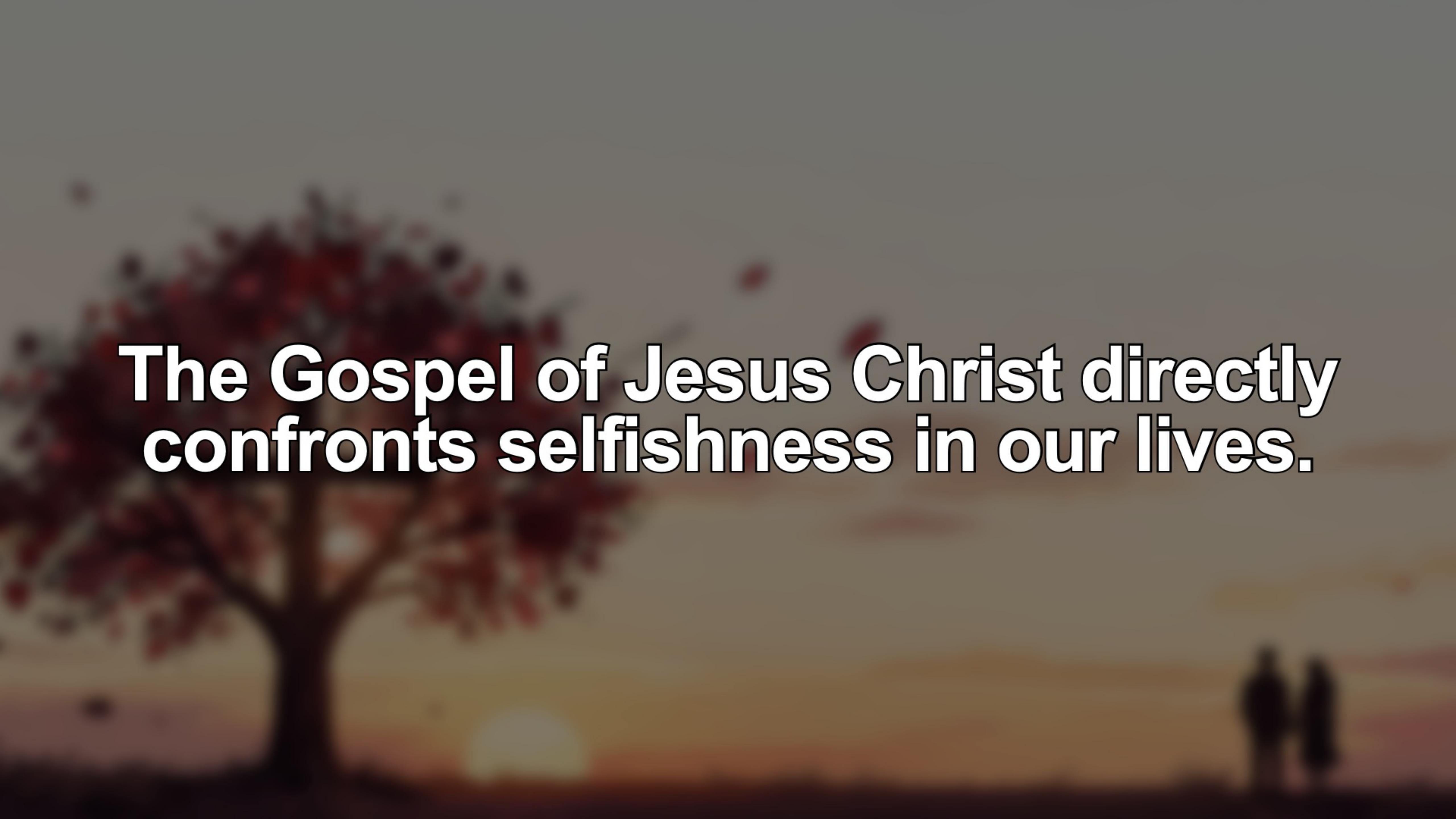
A blurry background image of a couple in a romantic setting. A man and a woman are standing close together, looking at each other. The background is a warm, colorful sunset or sunrise with shades of orange, yellow, and red. The couple is slightly out of focus, creating a dreamlike atmosphere.

Covenant marriage between a man and a woman provides the joyful, secure setting where sexual desire is celebrated rather than consumed.

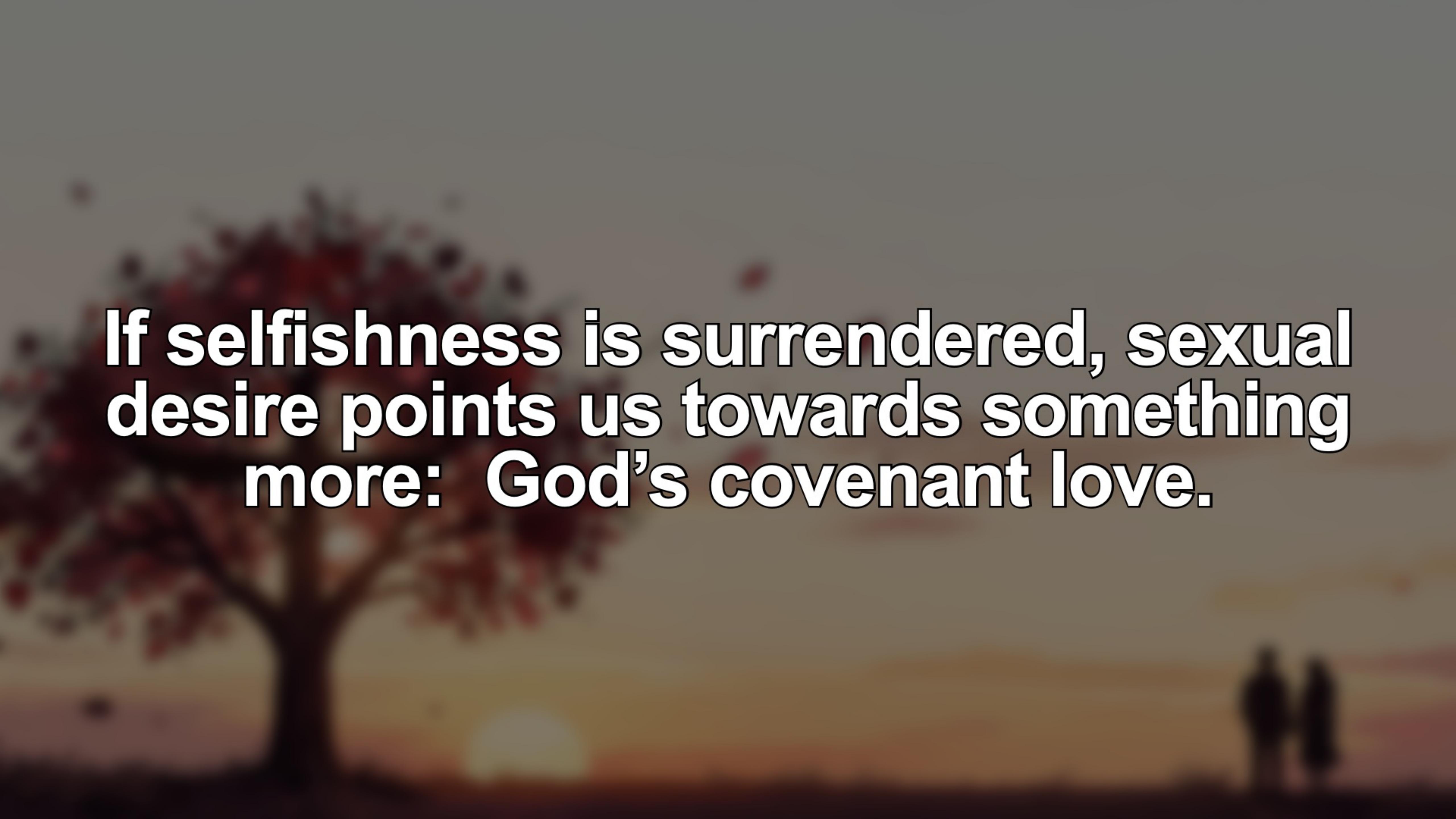
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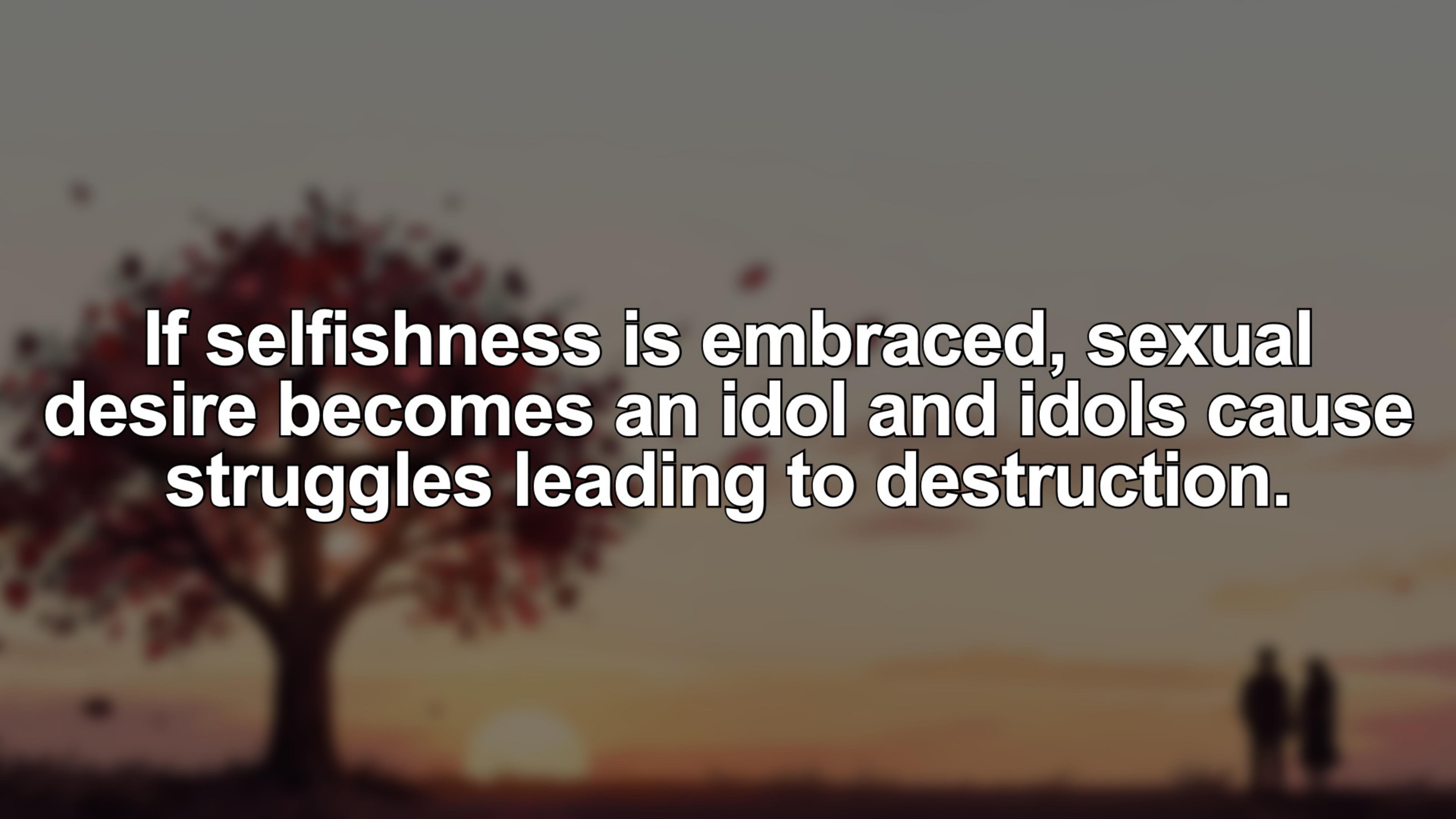
Sexual desire is not an all-powerful force we must follow, not a problem we must fix, but a powerful gift God created to be disciplined because the gospel of Jesus is written into creation, even into our sexuality.

A blurry, out-of-focus background image of a landscape with a person walking in the distance.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ directly
confronts selfishness in our lives.**

A blurry, out-of-focus photograph of a landscape. In the foreground, there are dark, indistinct shapes that could be bushes or trees. The middle ground shows a field with some sparse vegetation. In the far distance, a small, dark silhouette of a person is visible against a lighter sky.

**If selfishness is surrendered, sexual
desire points us towards something
more: God's covenant love.**

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If selfishness is embraced, sexual desire becomes an idol and idols cause struggles leading to destruction.

Song of Solomon 5:2 NLT





The Selfish Dance

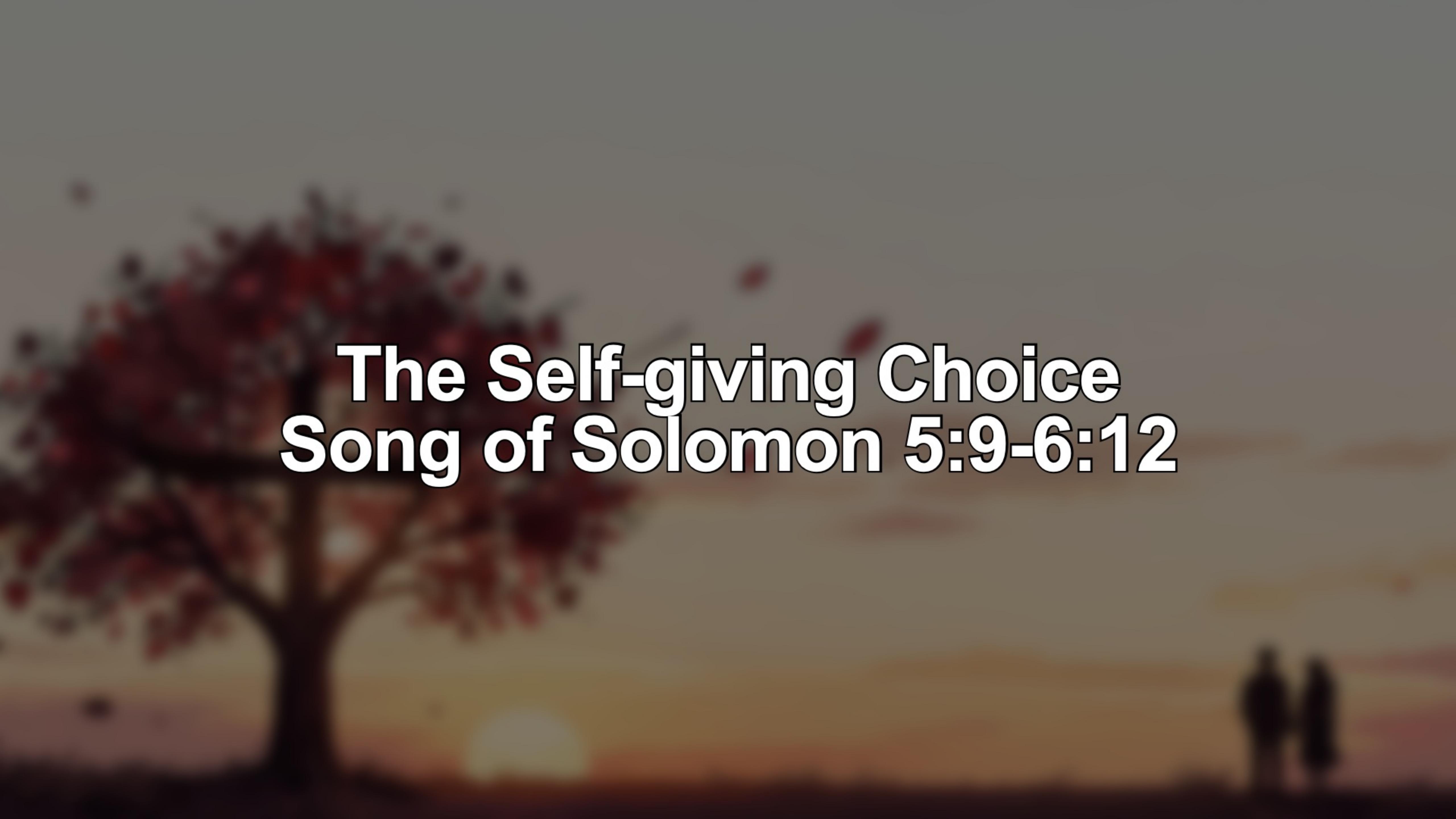
Song of Solomon 5:2-8

A blurry, out-of-focus photograph serves as the background. It depicts a person standing in a field, possibly a wheat field, with a large bunch of red flowers, like poppies, in the foreground on the left. The colors are warm, with shades of brown, tan, and red.

1 Corinthians 7:2-5

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (ESV)

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful...

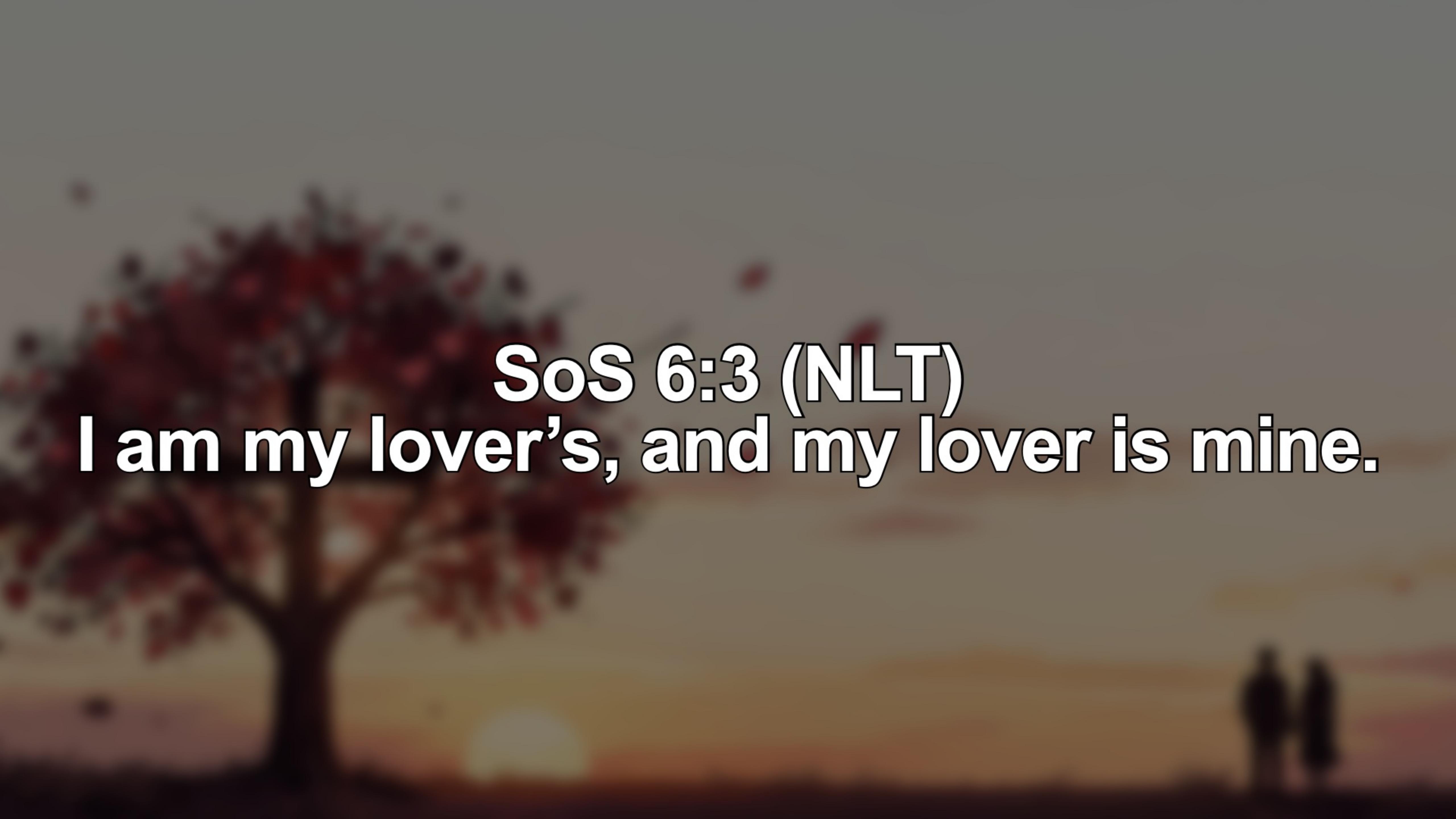


The Self-giving Choice

Song of Solomon 5:9-6:12

Ephesians 5:25-27 (ESV)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

A blurry, out-of-focus photograph of a person standing in a field. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The field is filled with red flowers, possibly poppies, and the background is a soft-focus landscape with a clear sky.

SoS 6:3 (NLT)

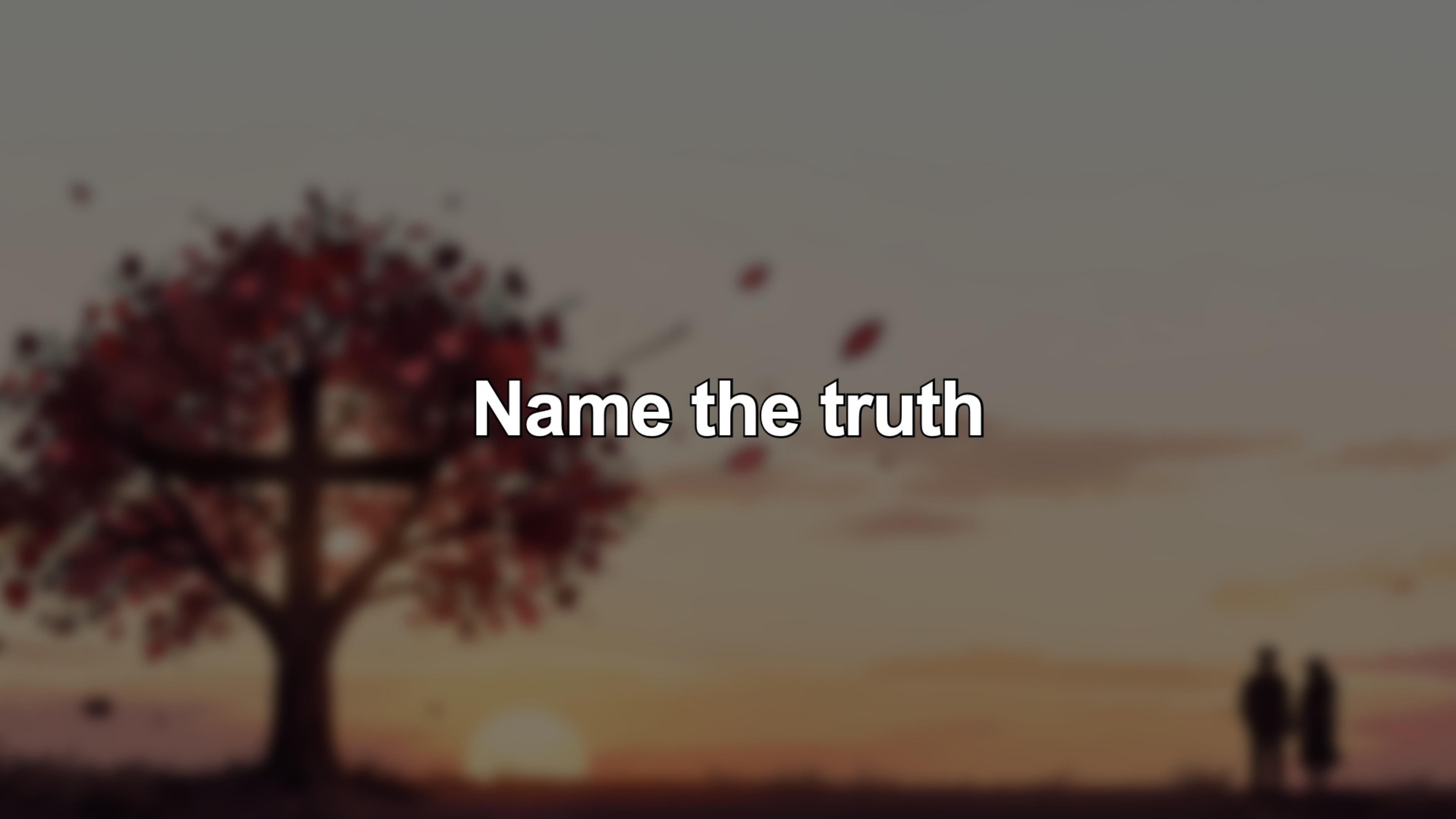
I am my lover's, and my lover is mine.

Psalm 5:4-6 (ESV)

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

A dark, moody landscape featuring a red rose in the foreground on the left. In the background, a person is walking away from the viewer on a path. The overall atmosphere is somber and contemplative.

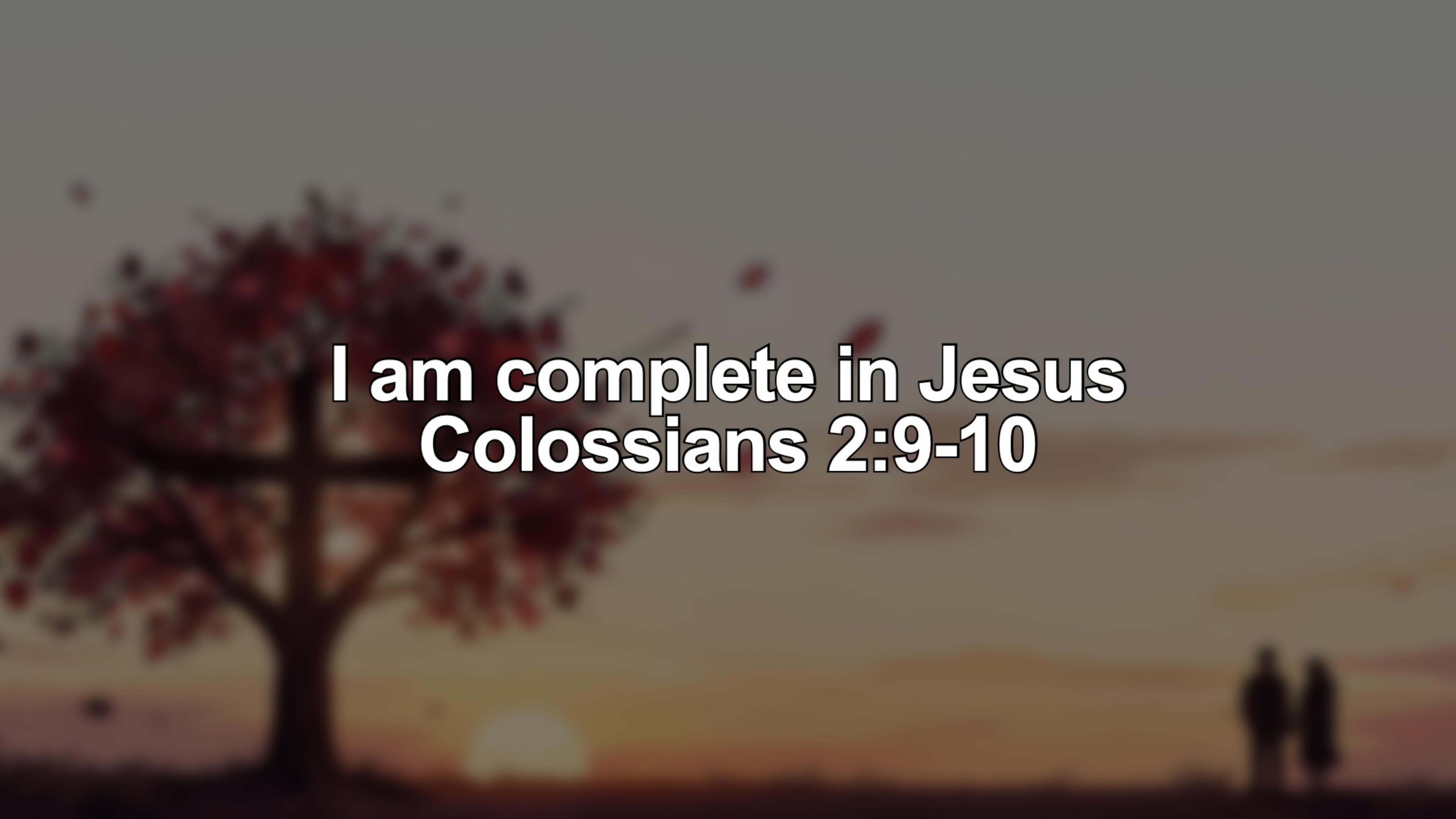
Name the lie

A dark, moody landscape featuring a red rose in the foreground on the left, a figure in the distance on the right, and a cloudy sky.

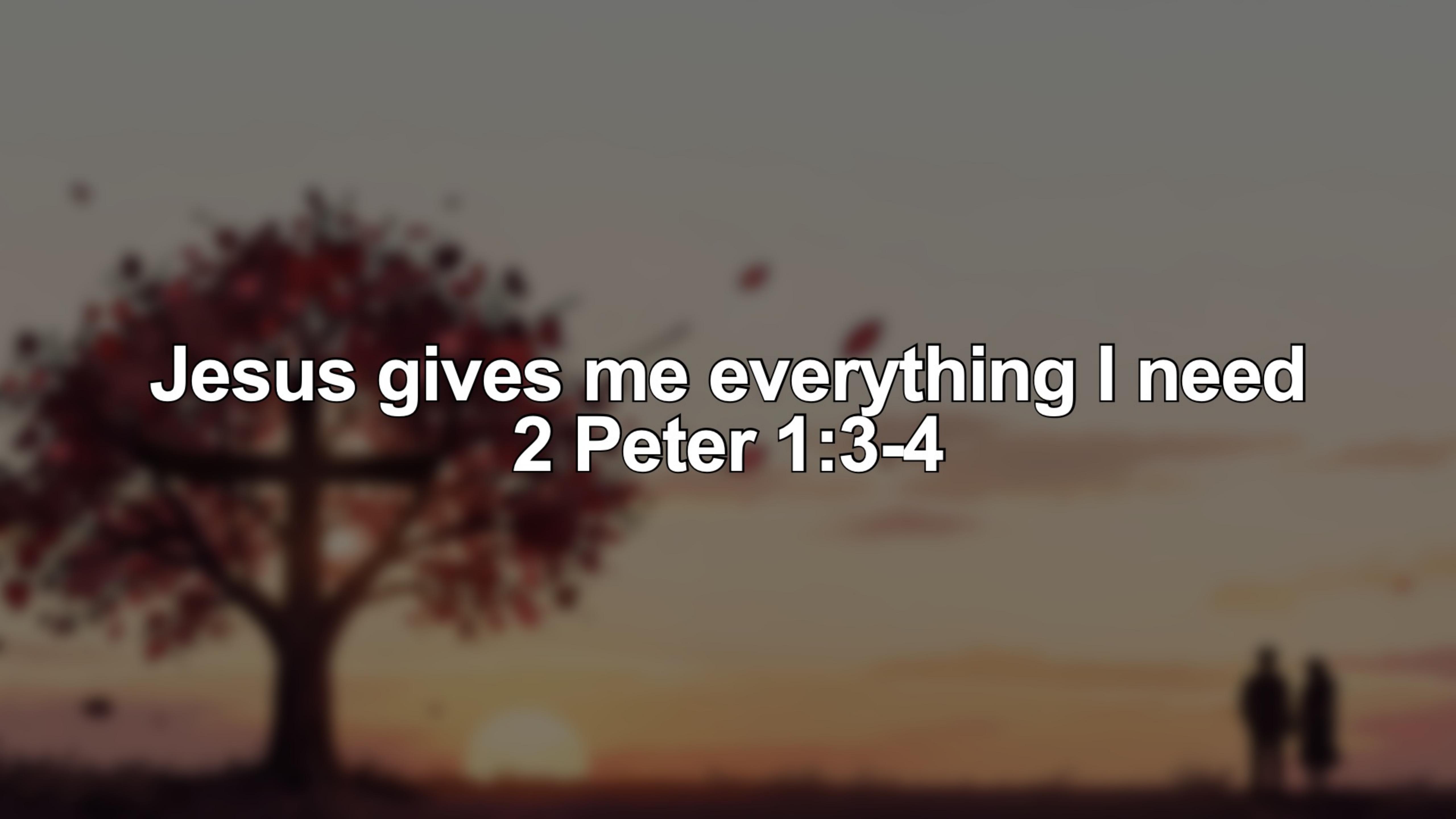
Name the truth

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**I am new in Christ
2 Corinthians 5:17**

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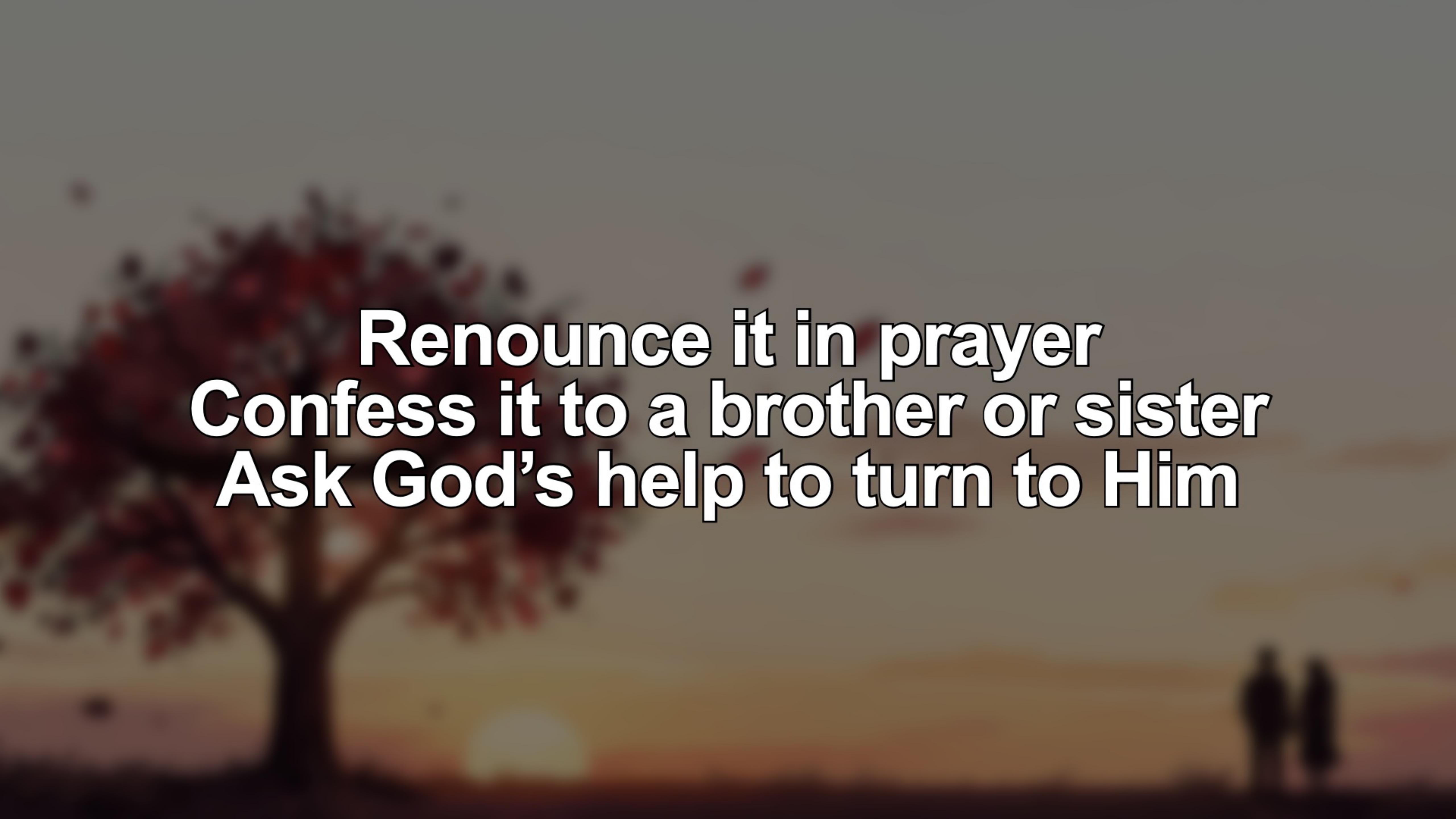
**I am complete in Jesus
Colossians 2:9-10**



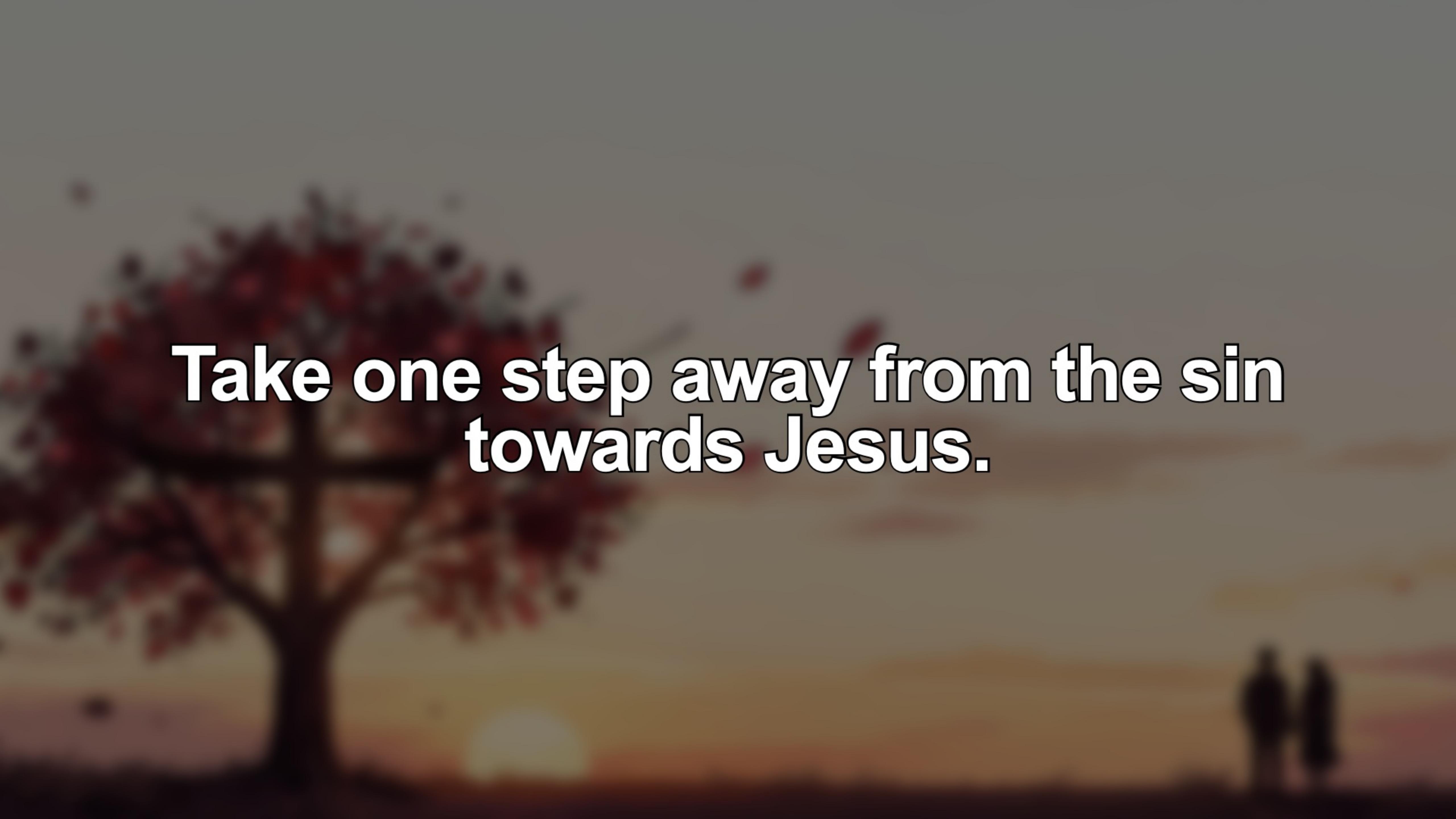
Jesus gives me everything I need
2 Peter 1:3-4

A blurry background image of a landscape with a red rose in the foreground.

Repent from the sin

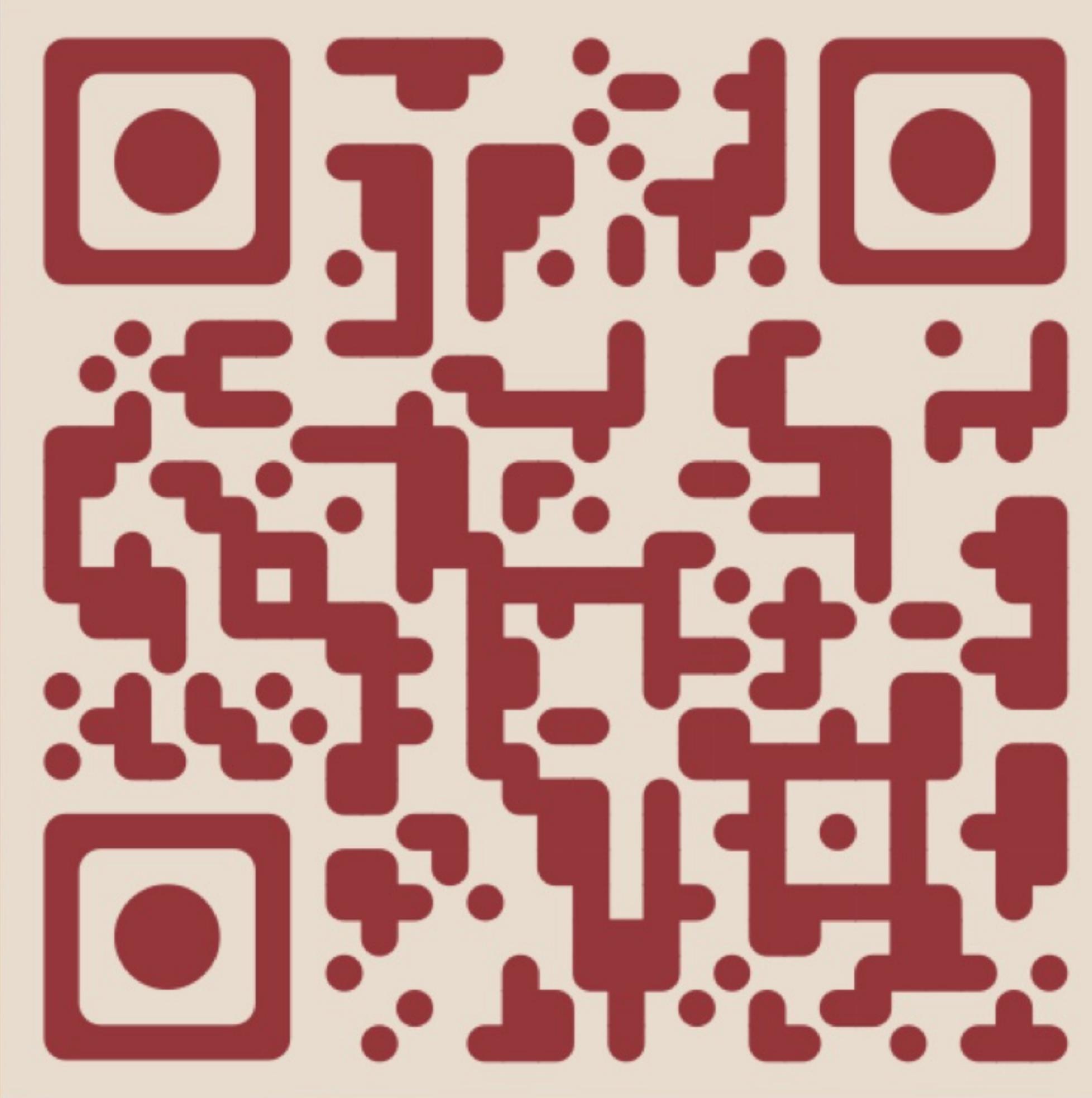
A person in a white robe is walking away from the camera on a path. In the foreground, there is a red flowered bush. The background is a soft-focus landscape.

**Renounce it in prayer
Confess it to a brother or sister
Ask God's help to turn to Him**



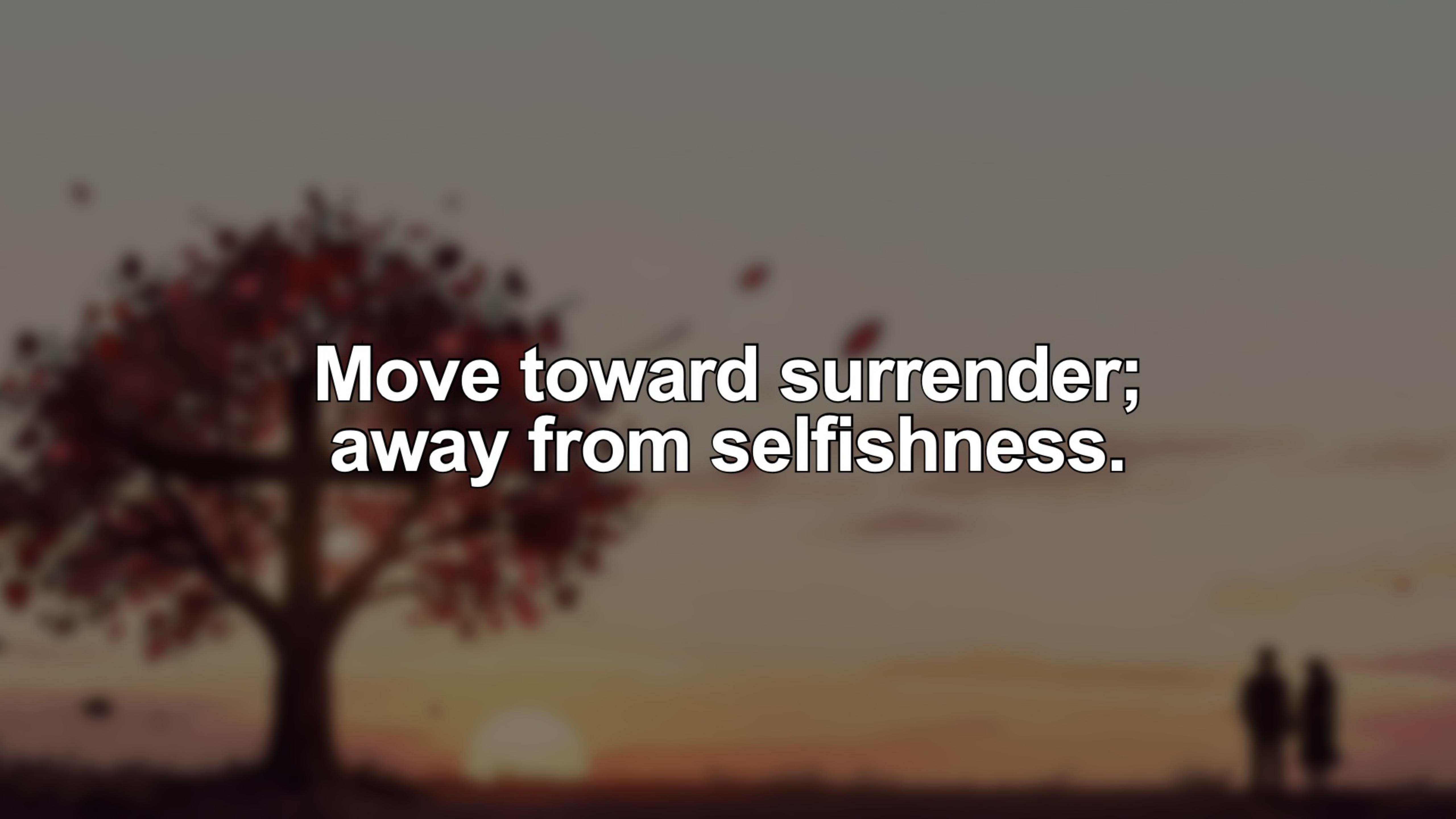
**Take one step away from the sin
towards Jesus.**

Check out the resources

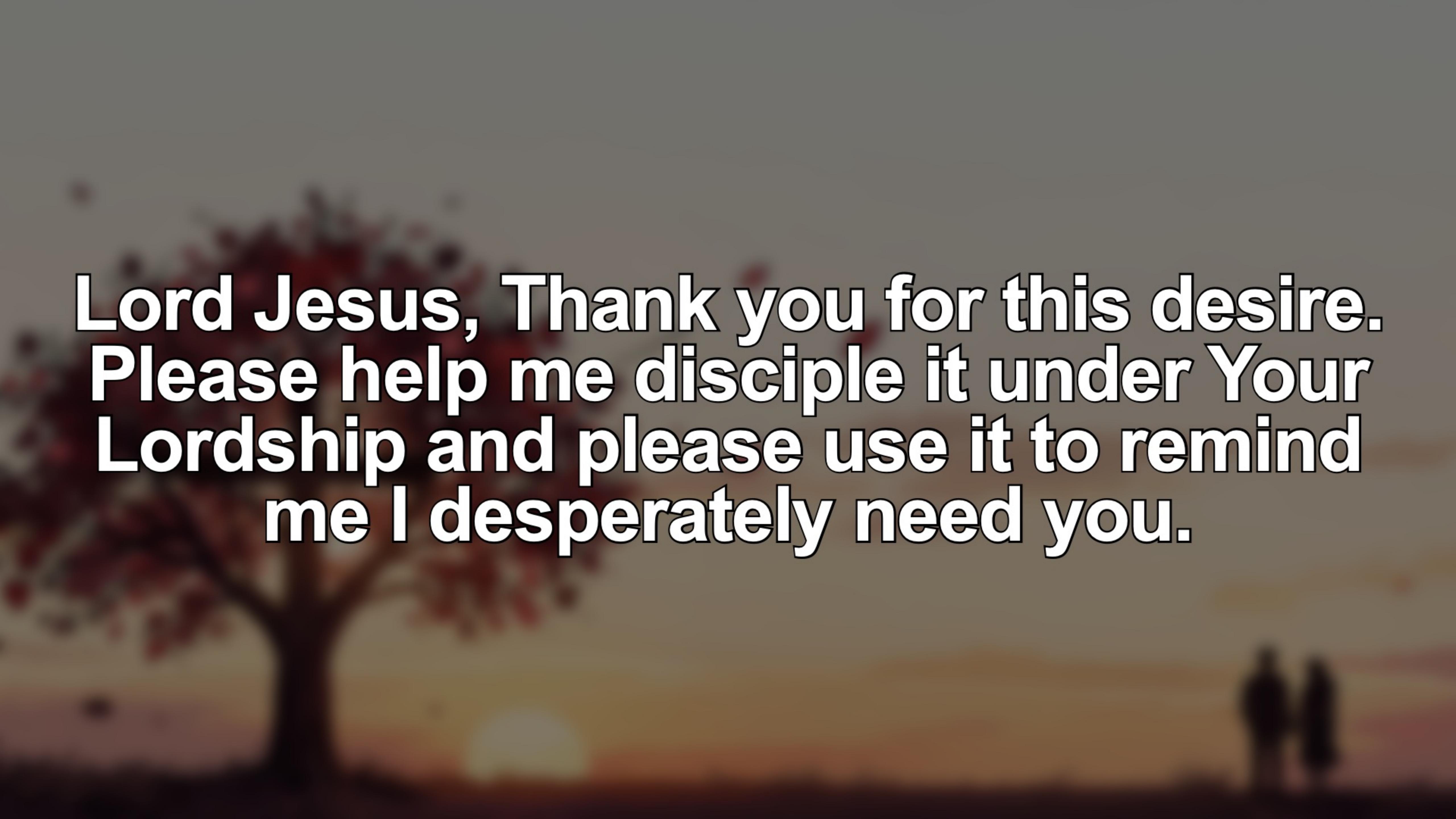


A blurry background image of a landscape with a person walking on a path.

**Connect next week:
Discipled Love in Growth**

A blurry, out-of-focus photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a path. The path is surrounded by tall grass and wildflowers, with a warm sunset or sunrise casting a golden glow over the scene. The colors are soft and pastel-like.

**Move toward surrender;
away from selfishness.**



**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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