

ISAIAH

"A Light in the Darkness"

Isaiah 56-59

“The Way Home”



Coach 1: A young man in a black long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, standing on the far left.

Coach 2: A man in a light blue dress shirt and a striped tie, standing next to Coach 1.

Player 1: Standing in the back row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 5.

Player 2: Standing in the back row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 3.

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Player 5: Standing in the back row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 8.

Player 6: Standing in the back row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 11.

Coach 3: A man in a dark blue dress shirt and a dark tie, standing next to Player 6.

Coach 4: A man in a white dress shirt, a dark vest, and a light-colored tie, standing on the far right.

Player 7: Kneeling in the front row, wearing a blue and white striped long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans.

Player 8: Kneeling in the front row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 00.

Player 9: Kneeling in the front row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 23.

Player 10: Kneeling in the front row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 21, holding a basketball.

Player 11: Kneeling in the front row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 22.

Player 12: Kneeling in the front row, wearing a white jersey with "COOK INLET" and the number 32.

Player 13: Kneeling in the front row, wearing a blue button-down shirt and light-colored pants.



Coach (leftmost)

Coach (second from left)

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Coach (circled)

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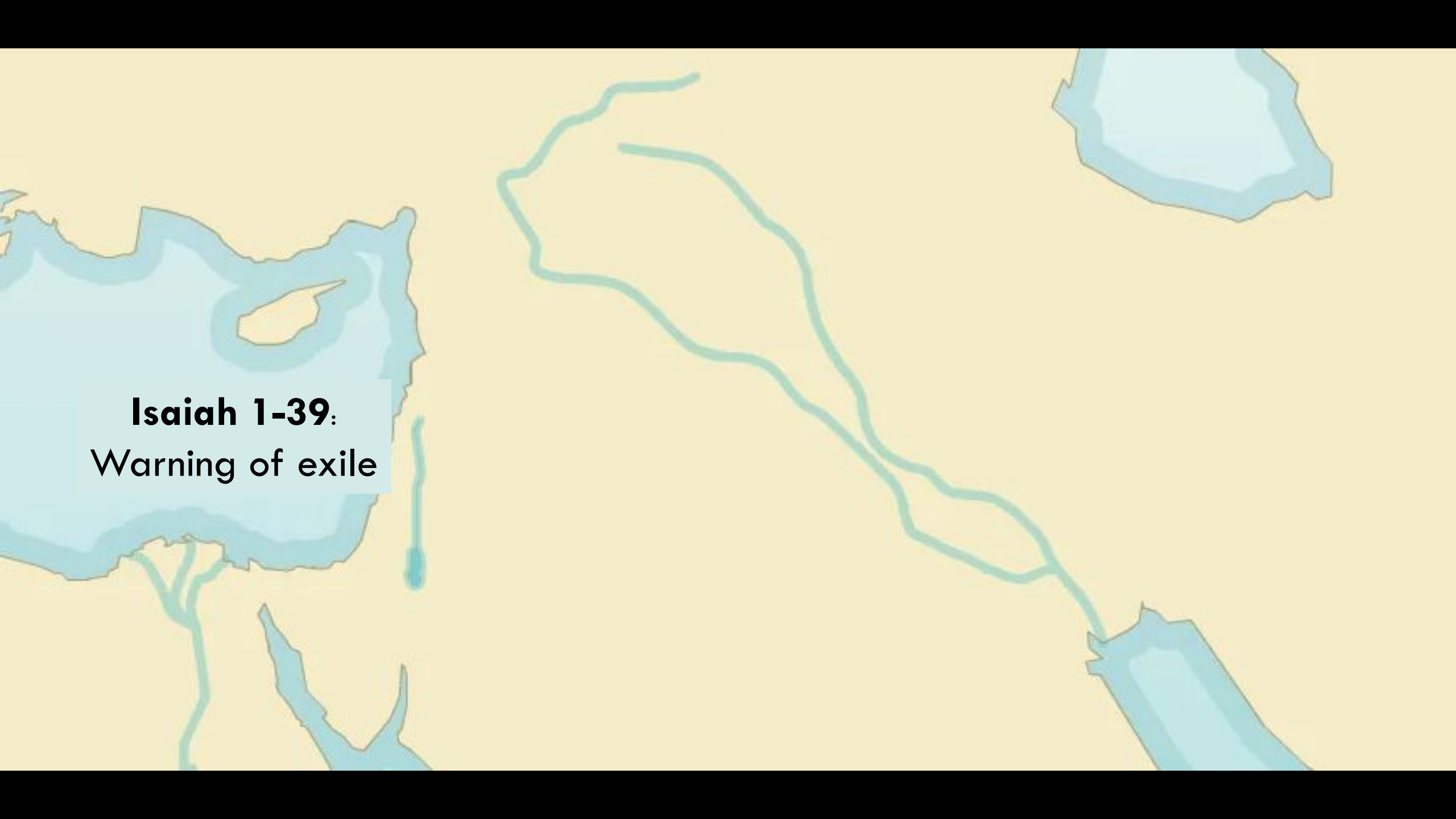
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A silhouette of a person with long hair sitting on a swing, looking out over a body of water at a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person is on the right side of the frame, and another empty swing is visible on the left. The text "Do you feel far from God?" is overlaid at the bottom in white.

Do you feel far from God?






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Warning of exile



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Tomorrow

Saturday, June 27th



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69°

Low

65°

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Through him (Christ) we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the Gentiles

Romans 1.5

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“I don't go to church; its filled with hypocrites.”

Me:

That's not true at all. We can easily fit more hypocrites in.



WHAT? NONE SHALL PASS.

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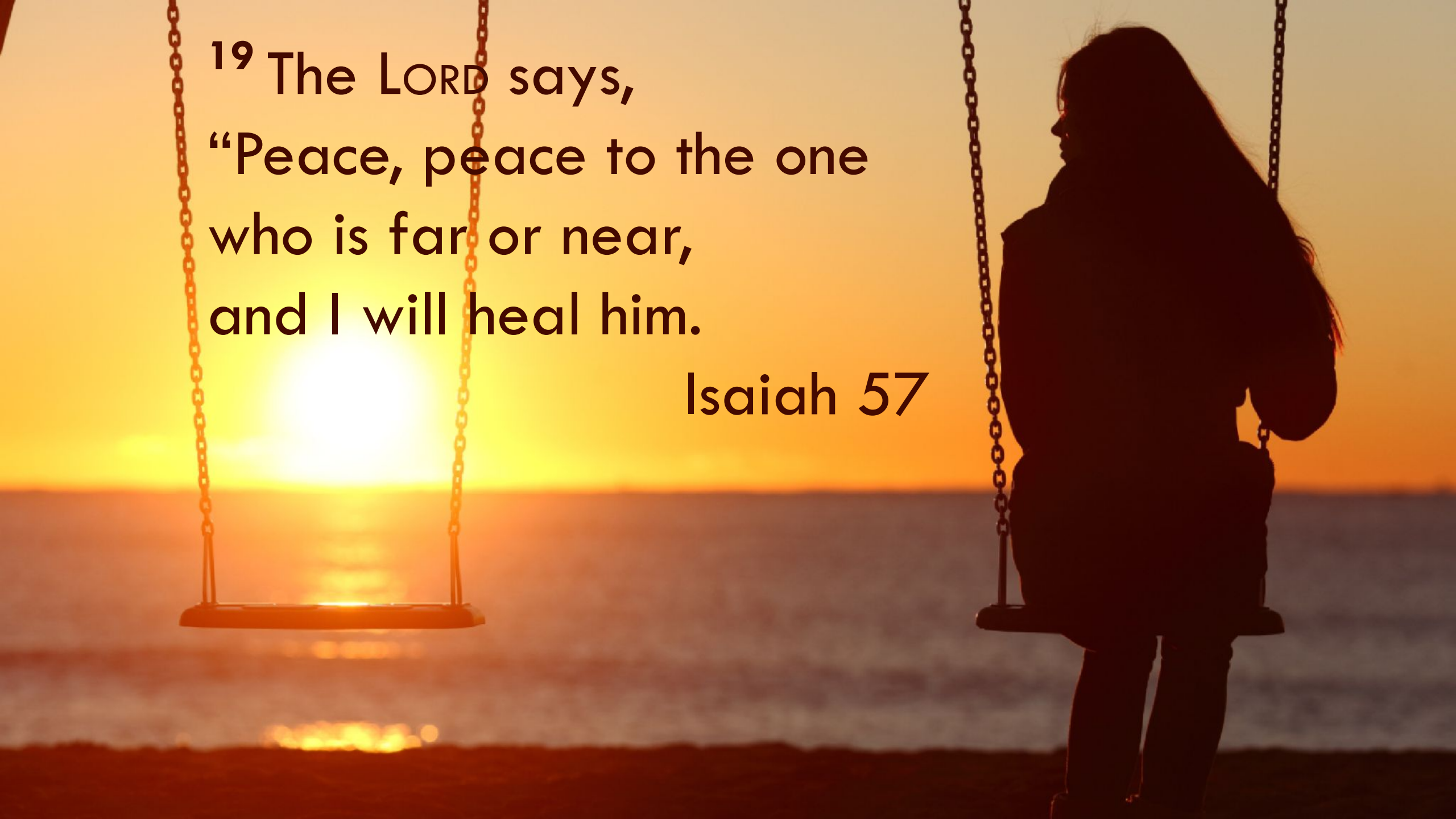
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Isaiah 57

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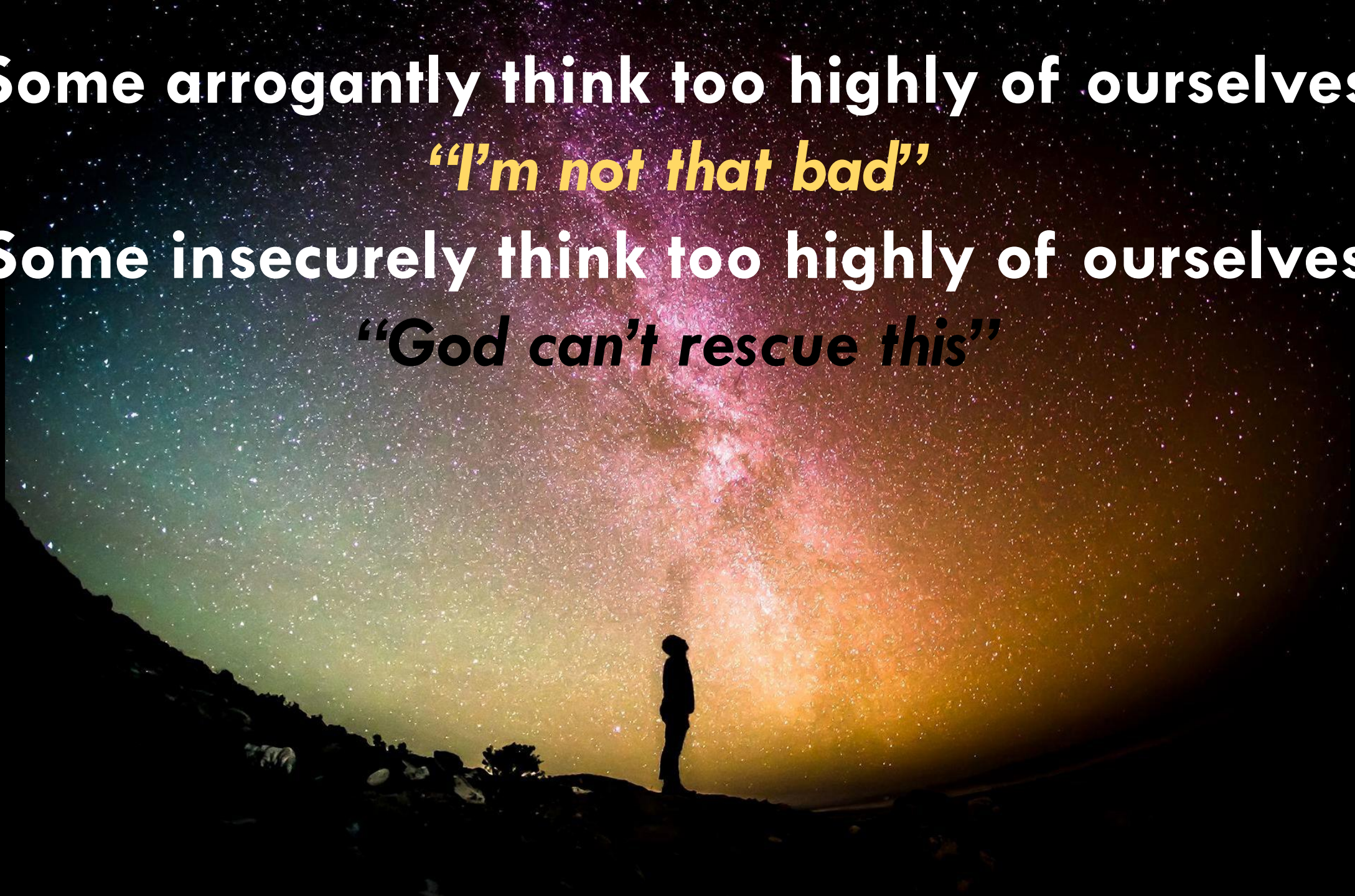


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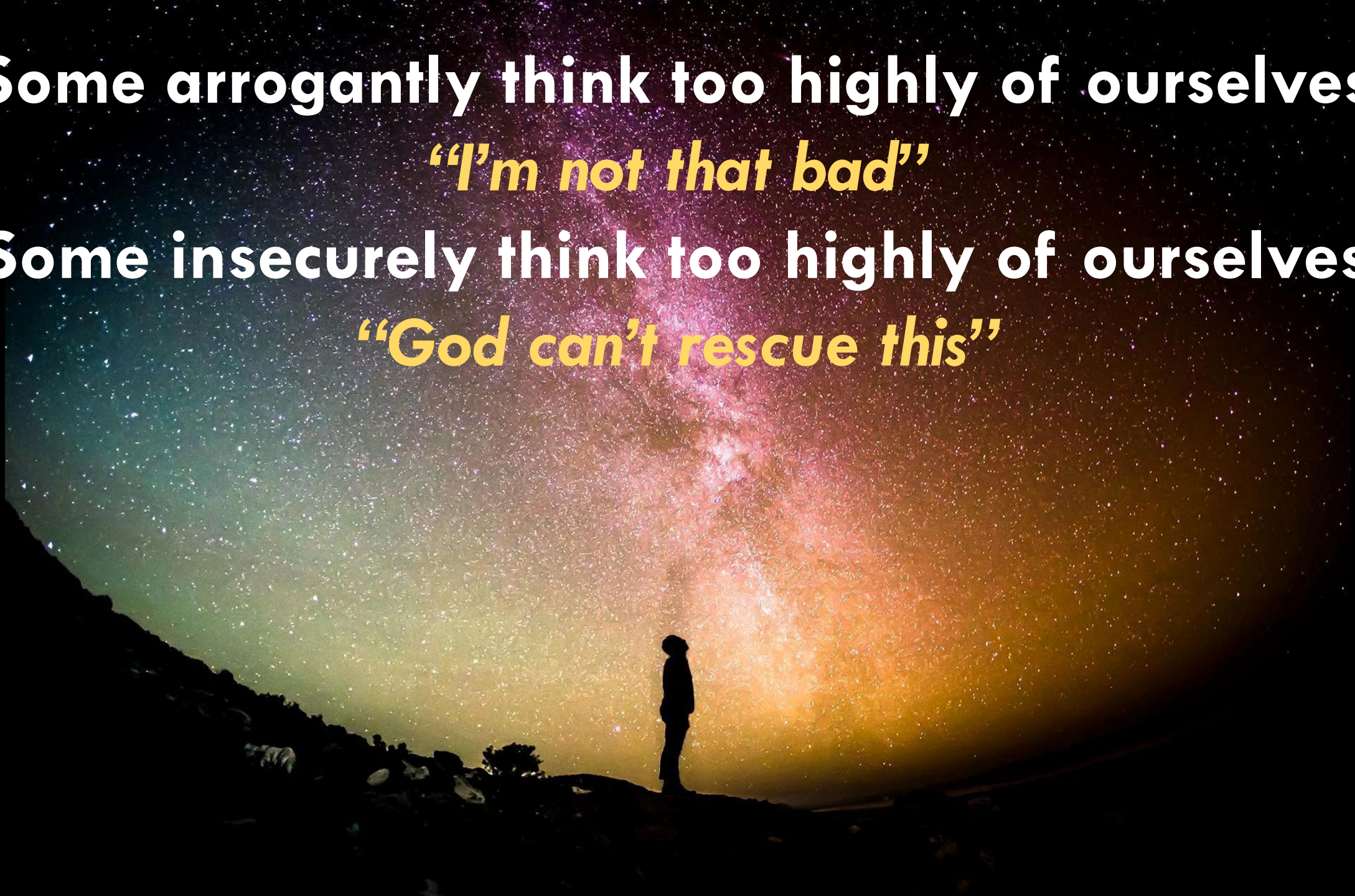


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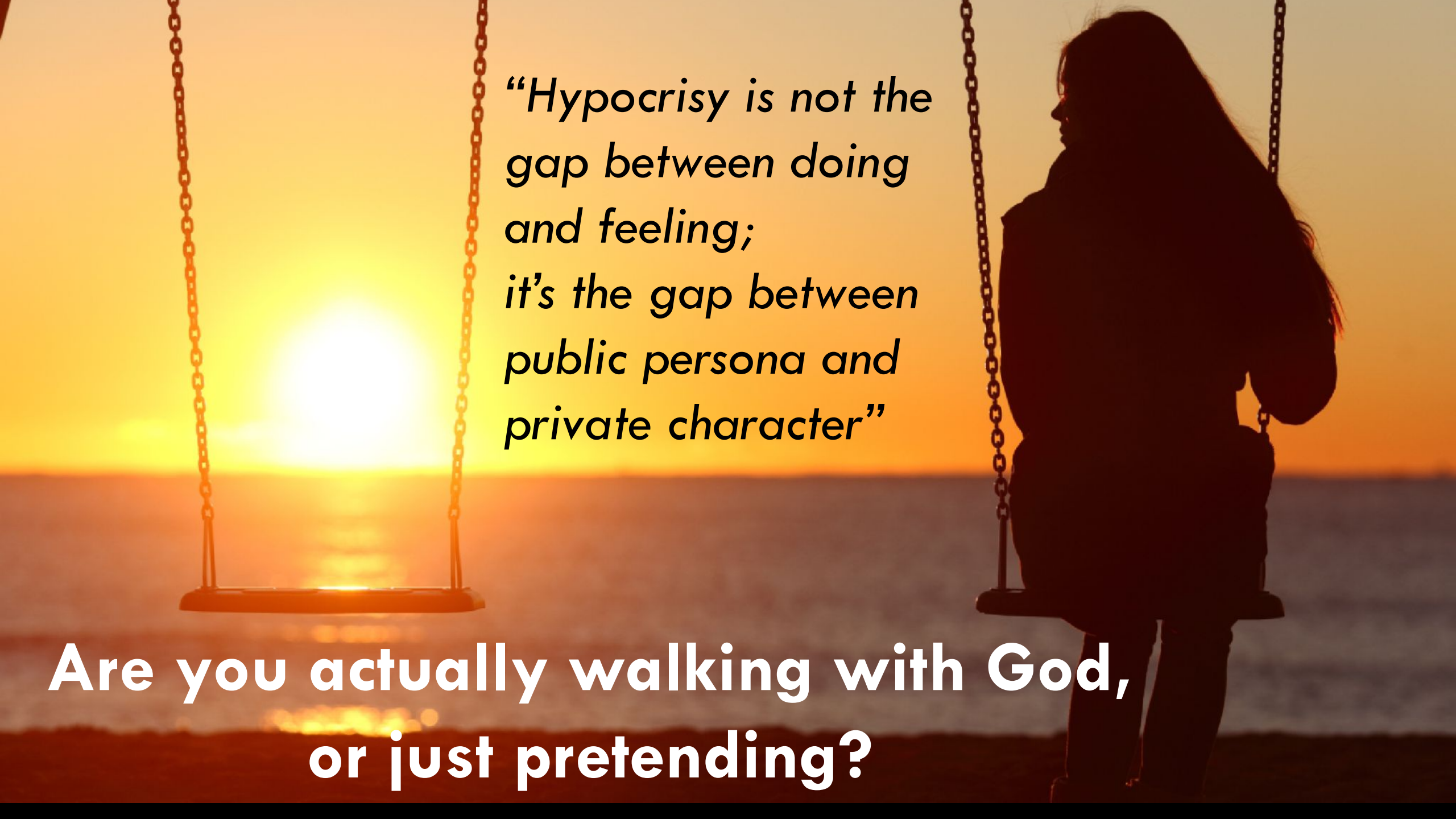
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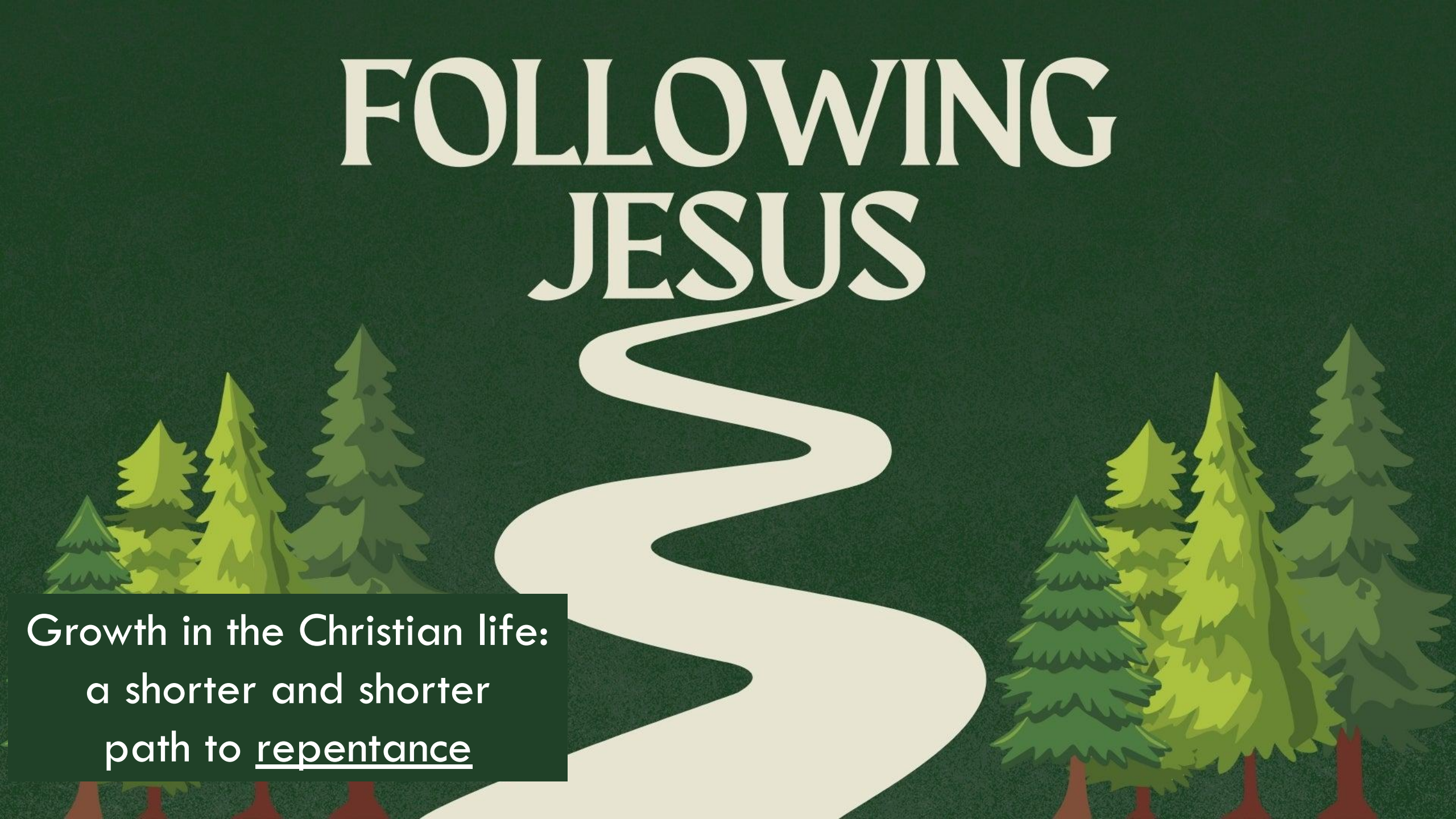
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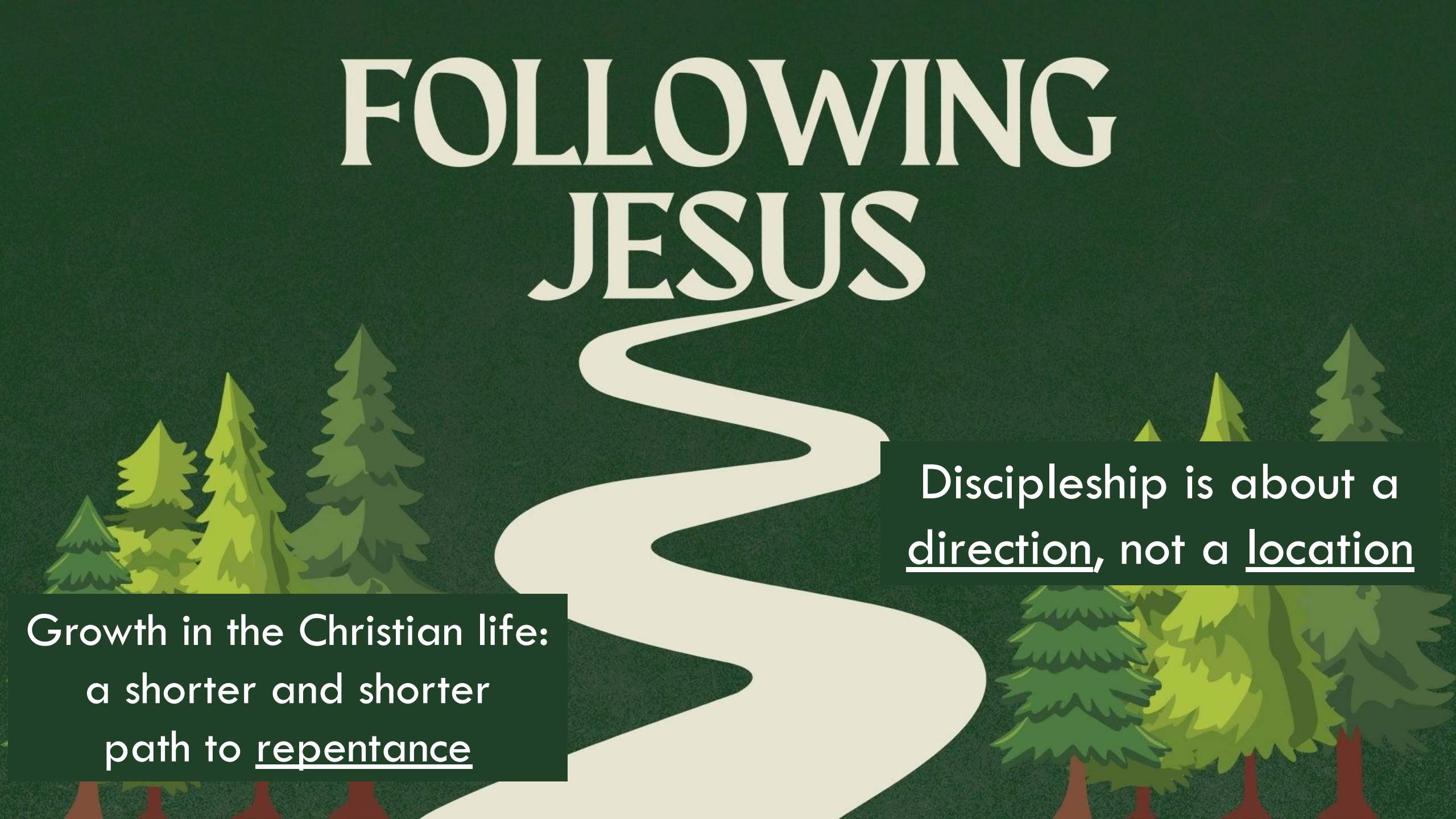


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The background is a dark green gradient. A thick, white, winding path starts from the bottom left and curves upwards and to the right, ending under the word 'JESUS'. On either side of the path are several stylized evergreen trees in various shades of green, from light lime to dark forest green. The trees are arranged in small clusters on both the left and right sides of the path.

Growth in the Christian life:
a shorter and shorter
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A wavy white path winds through a dark green forest of stylized evergreen trees. The path starts from the bottom left and curves upwards and to the right, ending near the top right. The trees are in various shades of green and yellow-green, with some having brown trunks. The background is a dark, textured green.

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