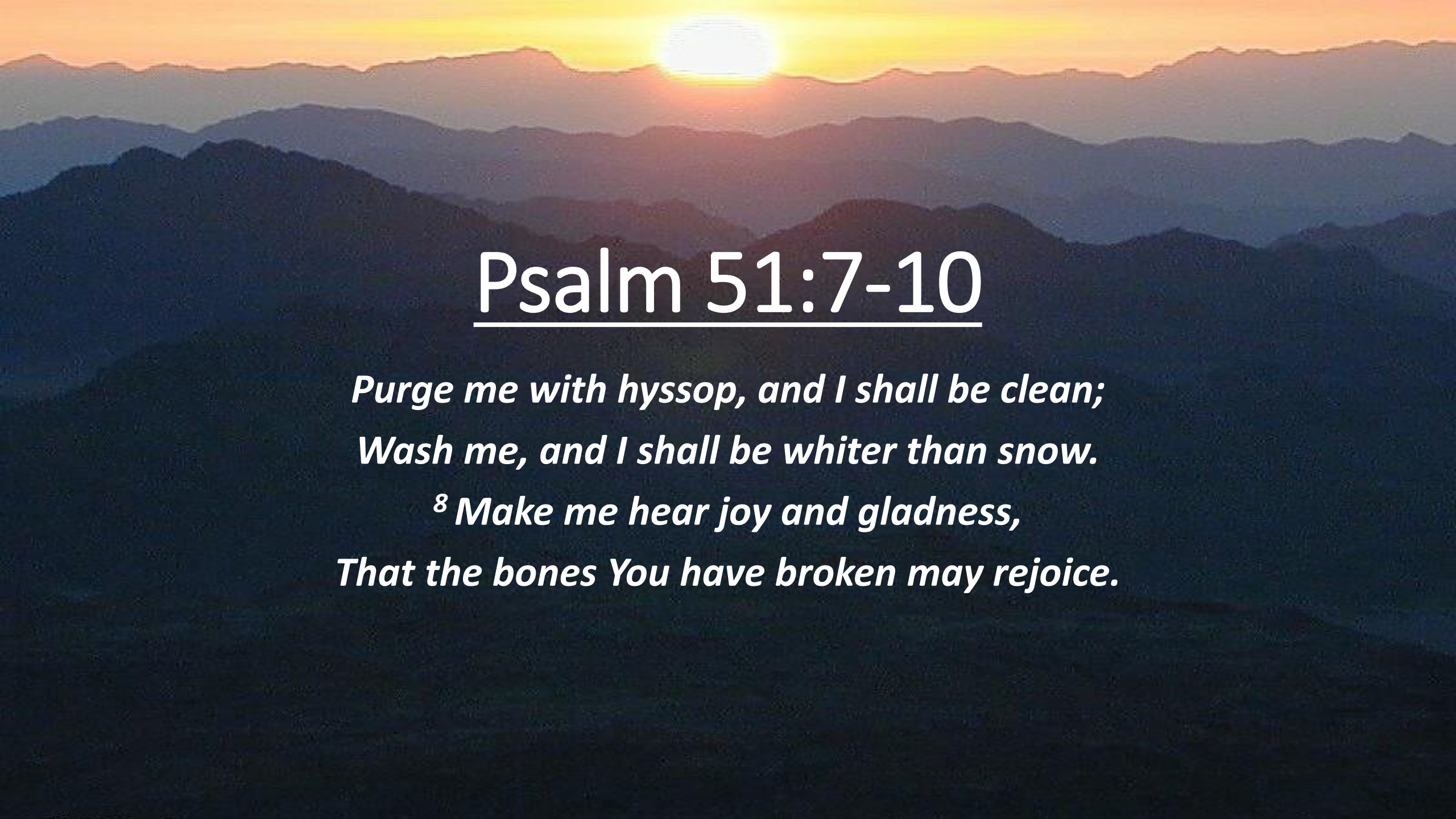


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Do You Need a New Beginning?

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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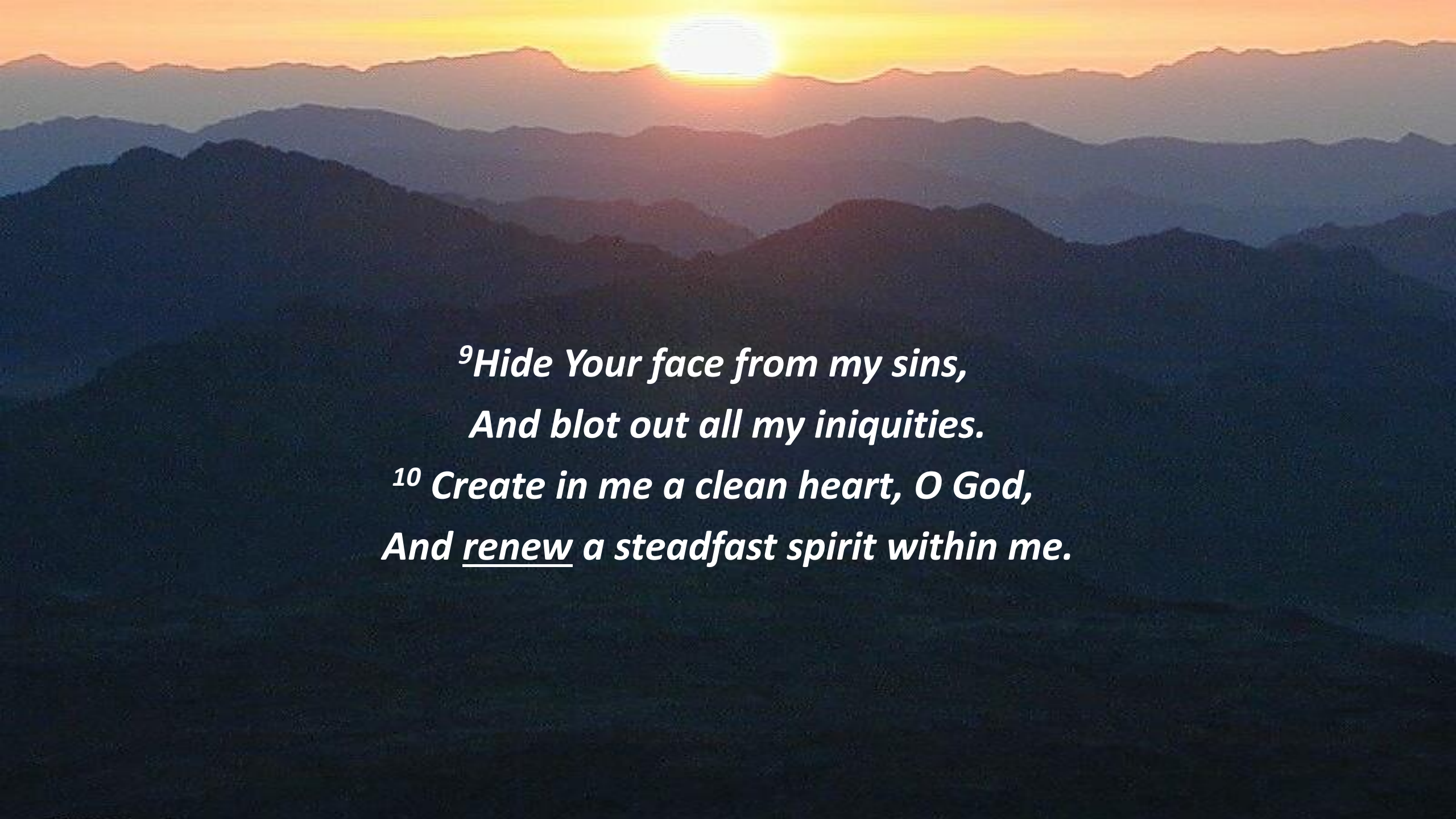
Psalm 51:7-10

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

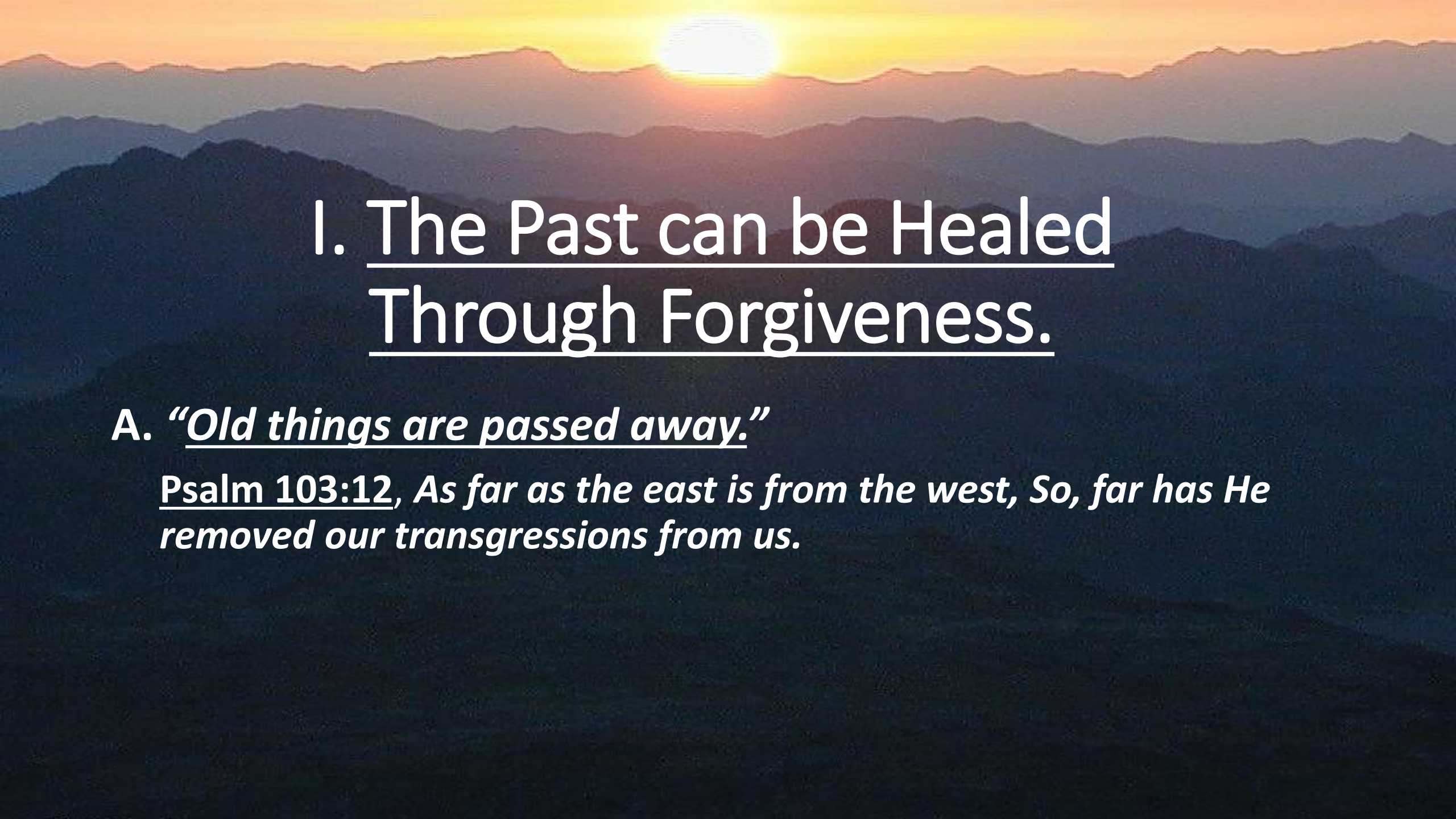
⁸ Make me hear joy and gladness,

That the bones You have broken may rejoice.



*⁹Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.*

*¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

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I. The Past can be Healed Through Forgiveness.

A. *“Old things are passed away.”*

Psalm 103:12, *As far as the east is from the west, So, far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

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Phil. 3:13-14

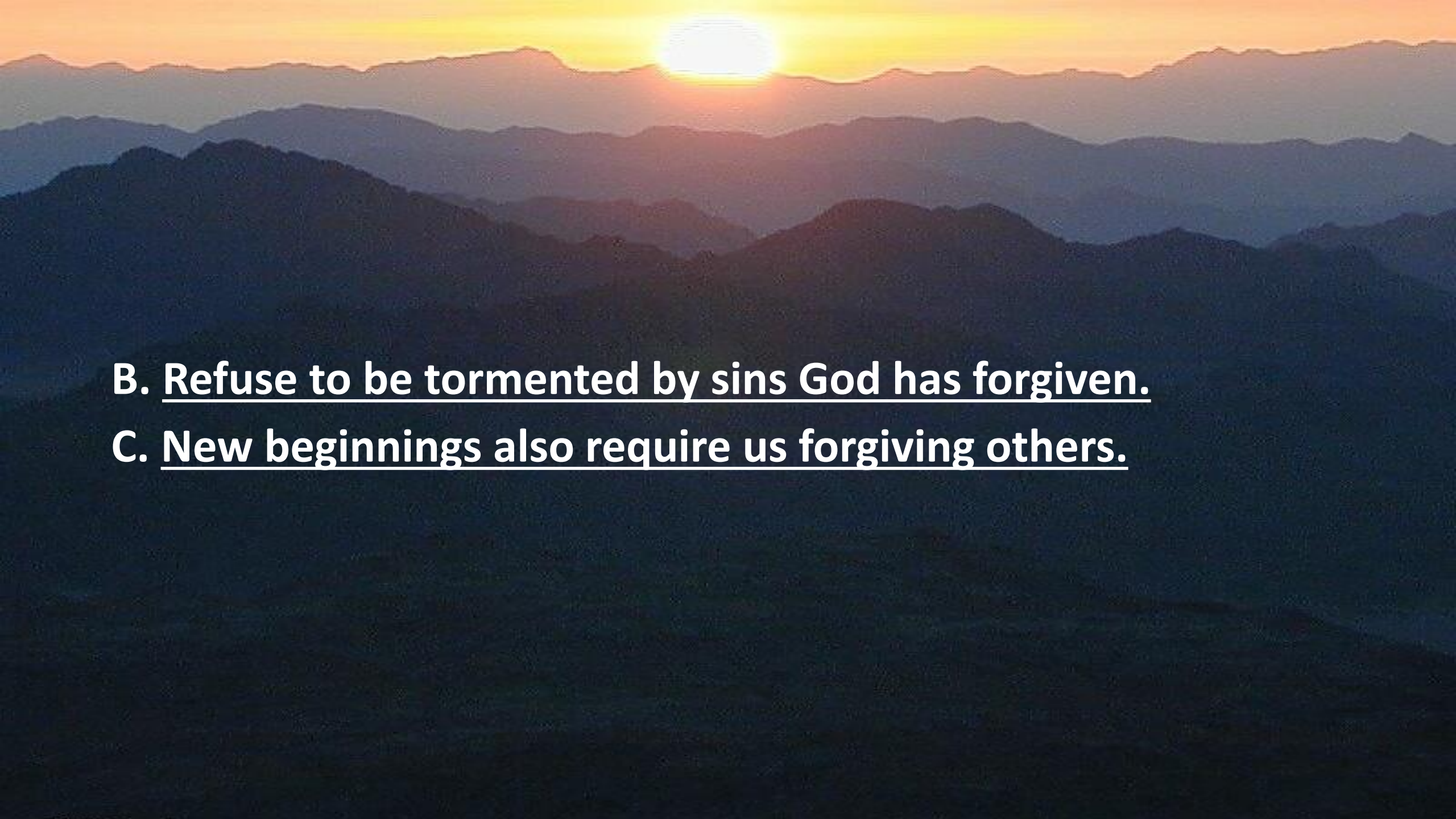
Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



B. Refuse to be tormented by sins God has forgiven.

C. New beginnings also require us forgiving others.


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Ephesians 4:30-32

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

³²And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

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II. The Future can be Fantastic Through Faith. (V.18)

A. *“All things are of God.”*

Romans 5:1, *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 2:8-9: *By grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.*

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B. The entire Christian life is an adventure in faith.

“The just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17).

God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Tim. 1:7)

For with God nothing will be impossible. (Luke 1:37)

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III. The Present can be Exciting Experience Through Evangelism. (v. 18-20)

A. *“And has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”*

B. Nothing is as exciting as witnessing and bringing others to faith in Christ.