



# CROSSROADS

*Service of Lament*

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Key Sources:  
Bishop Jim Hobby,  
N.T Wright

# Cross Roads: Lent's Penetrating Questions

*Jeremiah 6:16*

This is what the Lord says:

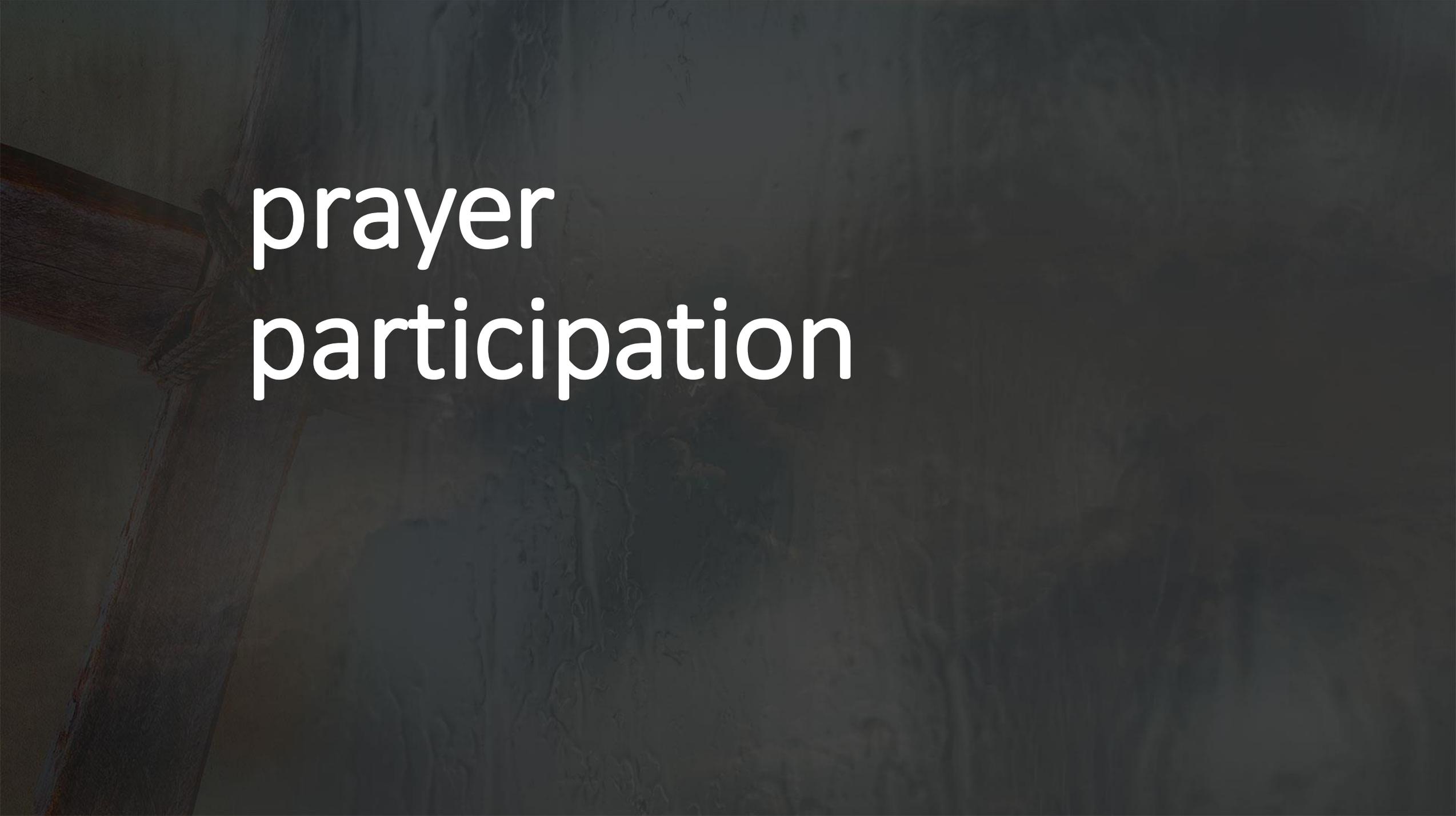
“Stand at the crossroads and look;  
ask for the ancient paths,  
ask where the good way is,  
and walk in it,  
and you will find rest for your souls.”

Have we  
taken  
time to  
lament  
over our  
path?



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The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of paper, with a wooden cross visible on the left side. The cross is made of two wooden beams, one horizontal and one vertical, meeting at a central point. The text "prayer participation" is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered on the right side of the image.

prayer  
participation

*James 4:9*

<sup>9</sup> “Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.”

“It is no part of the Christian vocation, then, to be able to explain what’s happening and why. In fact, it is part of the Christian vocation *not to be able* to explain—and to lament instead.”

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## *Psalm 13:1-2*

<sup>1</sup> How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

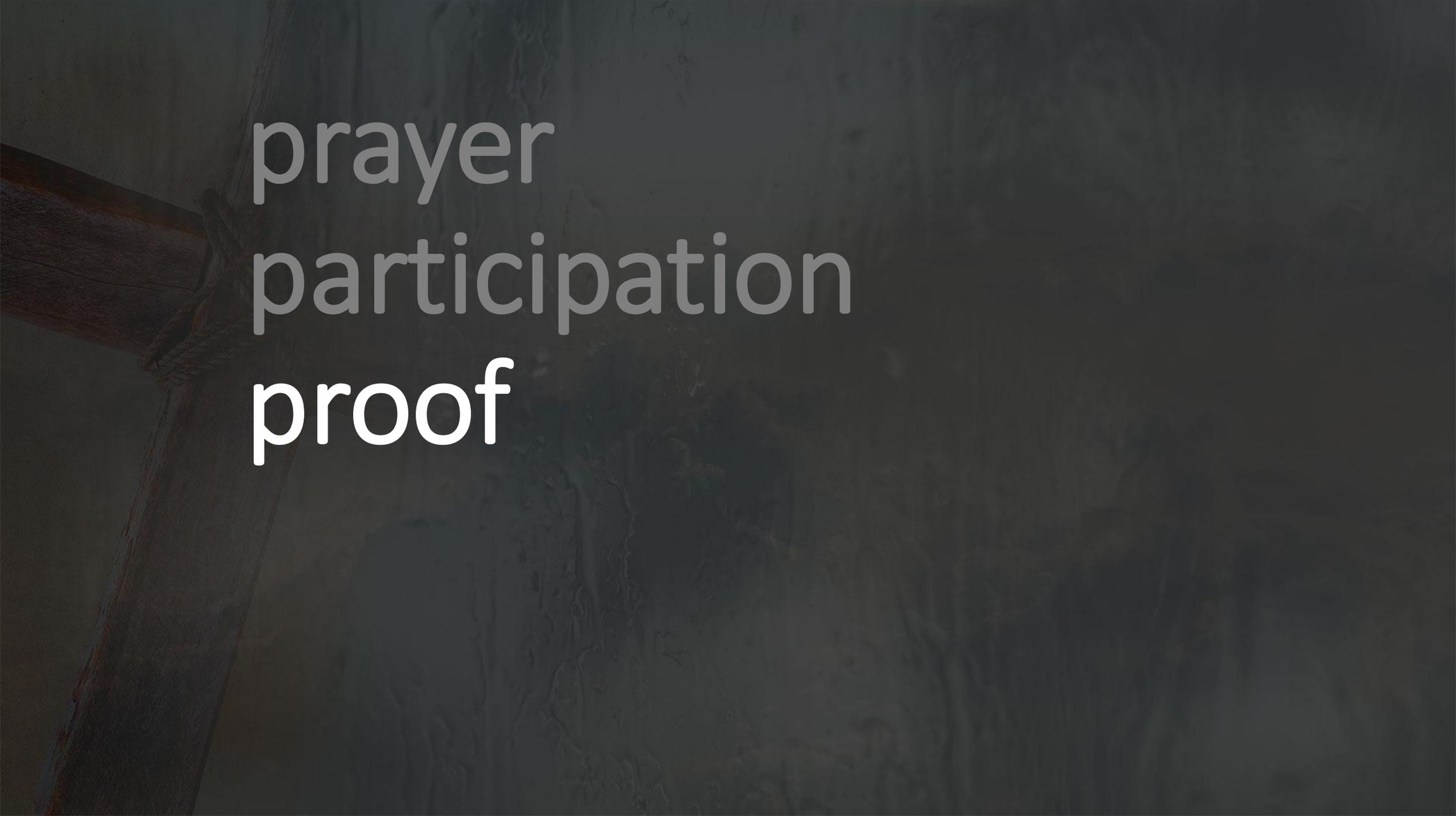
<sup>2</sup> How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?

How long will my enemy triumph over me?



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A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image, set against a dark, textured wall. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background wall has a mottled, stone-like texture. The text 'prayer participation proof' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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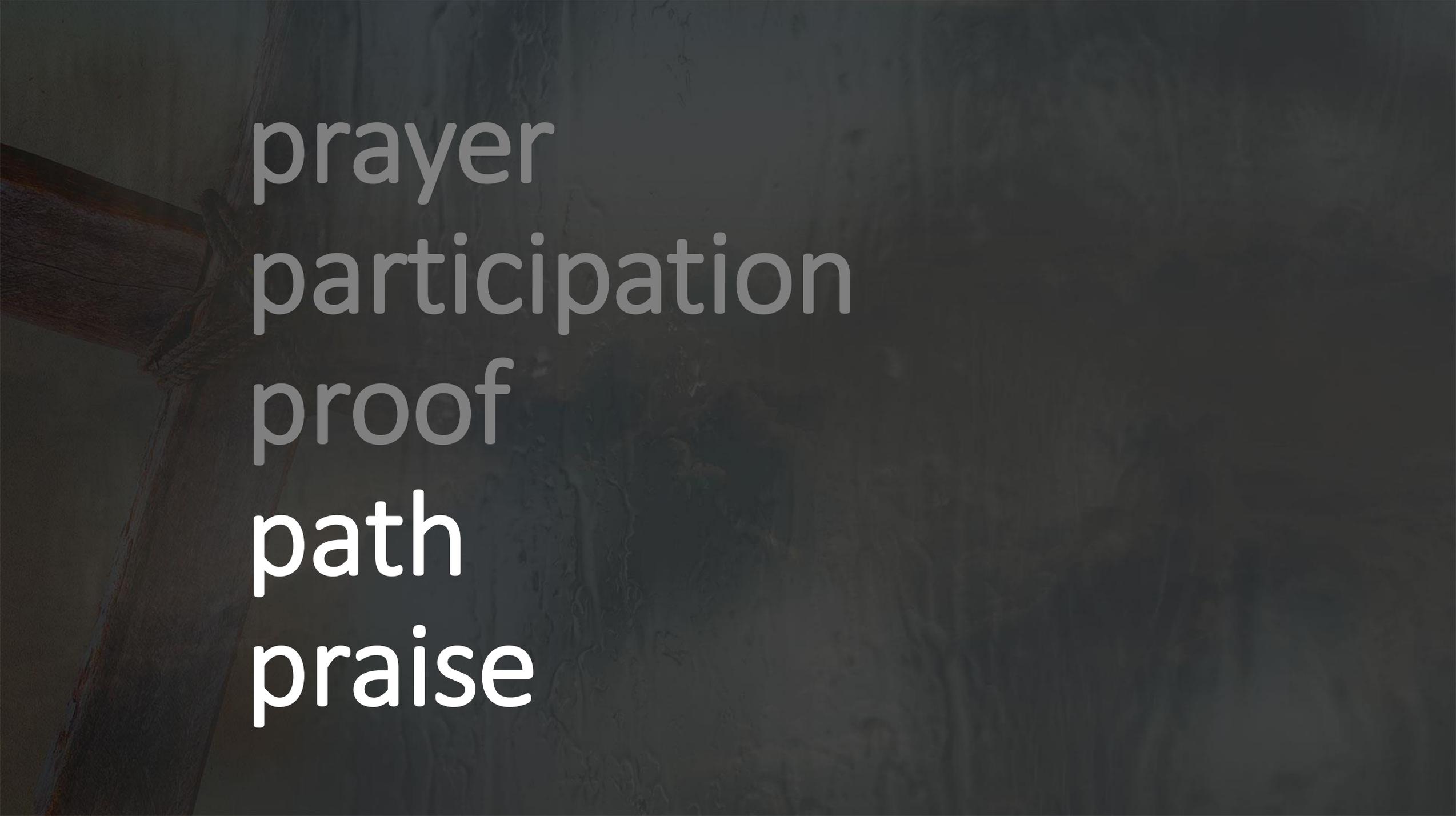
## *Psalm 13:3-4*

<sup>3</sup> Look on me and answer, Lord my God.  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in  
death, <sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, “I have  
overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice  
when I fall.



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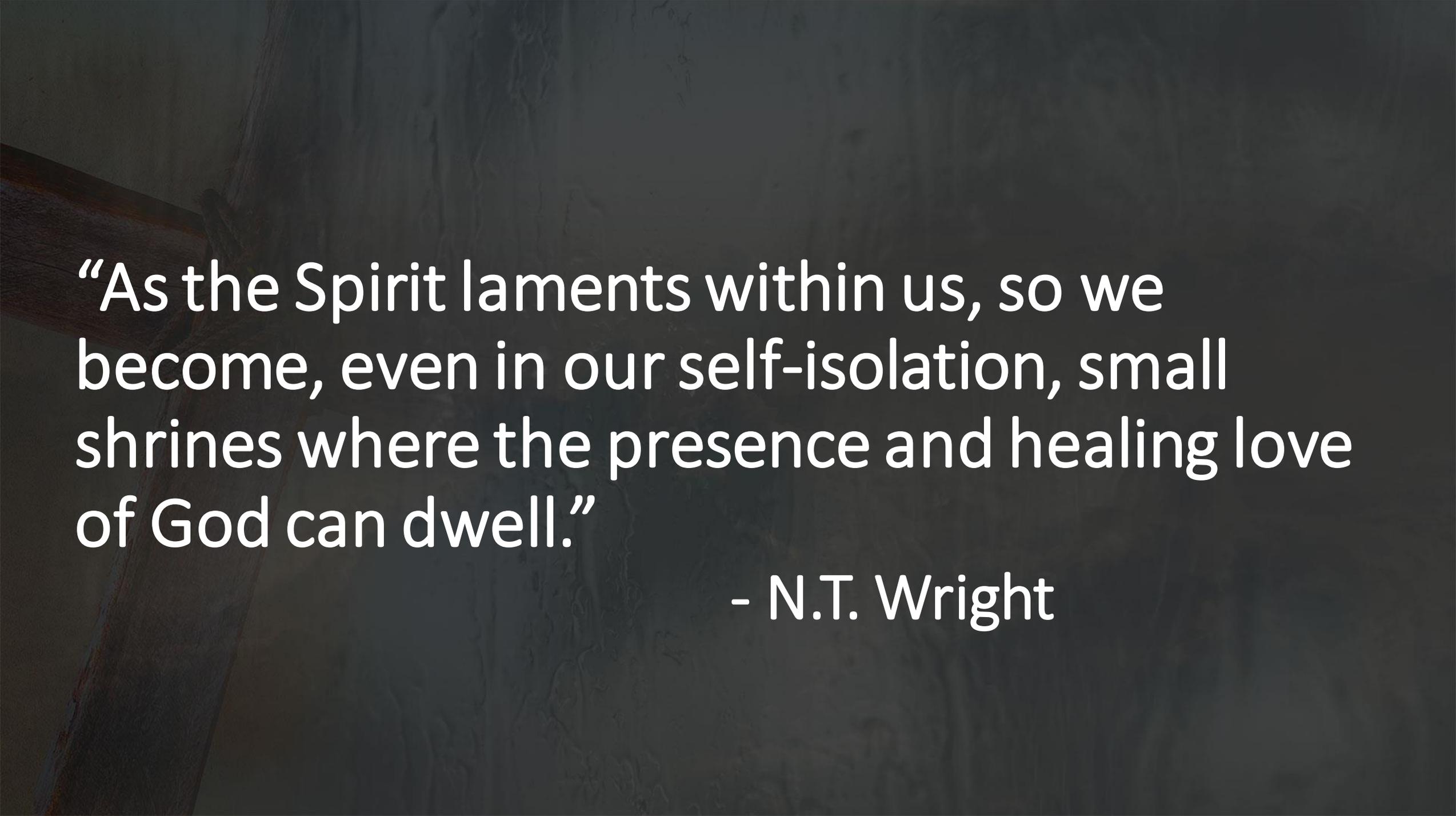
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## *James 4:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> “Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”



“As the Spirit laments within us, so we become, even in our self-isolation, small shrines where the presence and healing love of God can dwell.”

- N.T. Wright

*Psalm 13:1-2*

<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has  
been good to me.



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