

FIRST CORINTHIANS

The Corinthian Contradiction



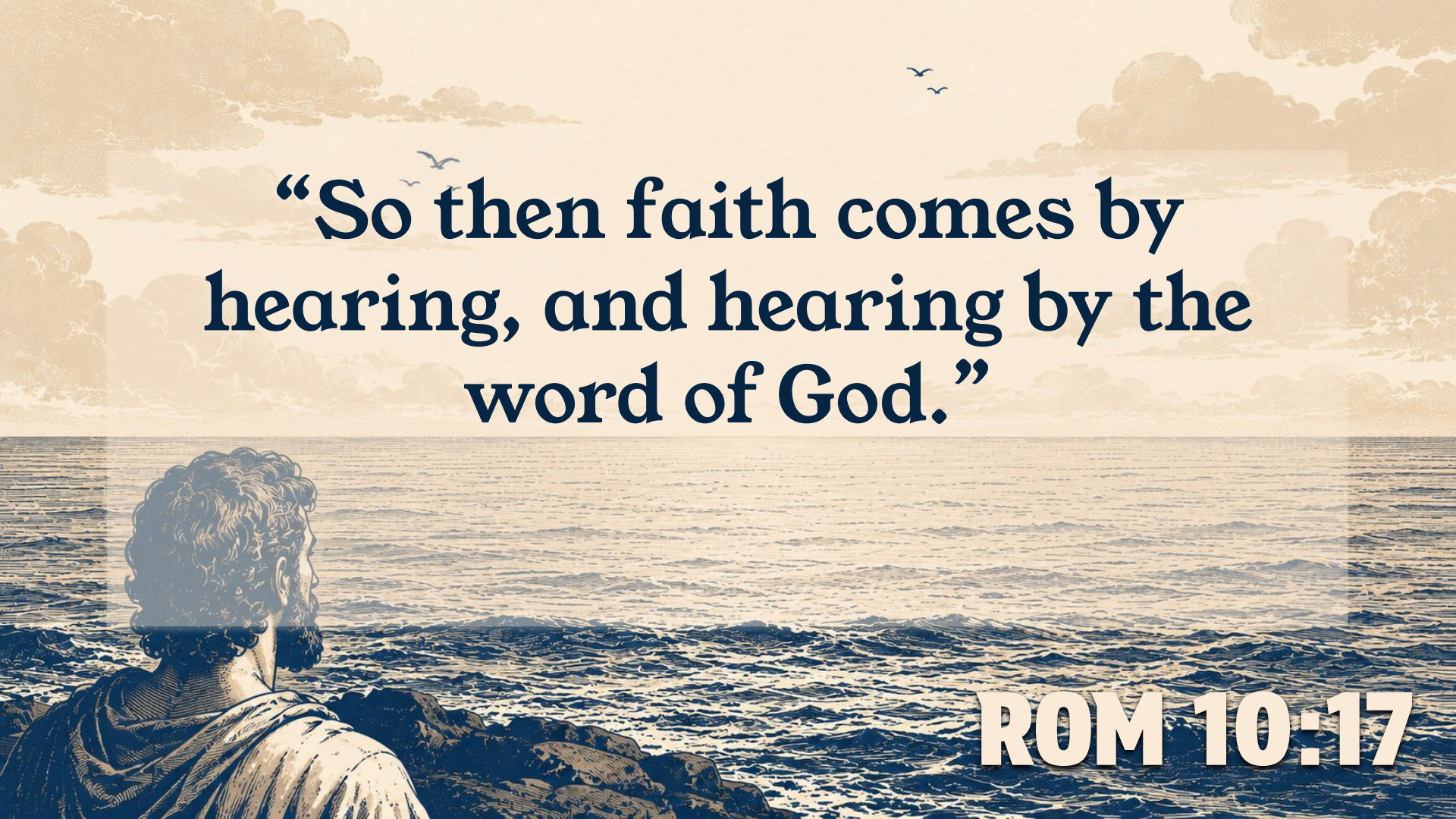
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1:17-20

**IF THE POWER OF
THE GOSPEL IS IN OUR
SPEAKING ABILITY WE
HAVE PLACED SALVATION
IN OUR DELIVERY.**





**“So then faith comes by
hearing, and hearing by the
word of God.”**

ROM 10:17

**THE GOSPEL ALONE
HAS THE POWER TO GIVE
THE HUMBLE HEARER THE
FAITH TO BE SAVED.**



WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

- 1. All have sinned, and no one is good but God.**
- 2. Sin separates us from God, who must judge all sin.**
- 3. But God in His goodness sent His one and only Son to die for our sins.**

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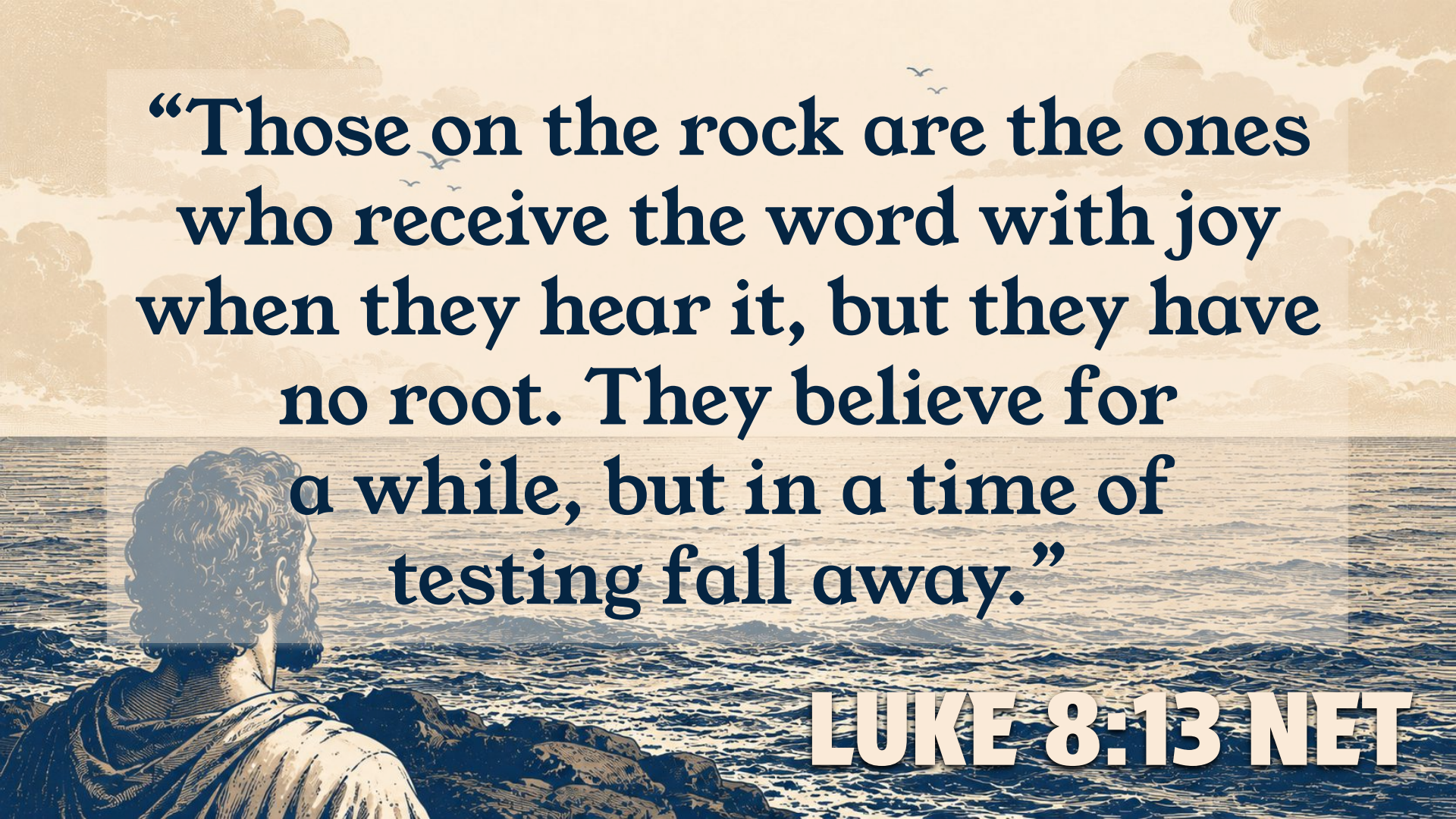
- 4. Christ lived a sinless life and therefore was the only good one to ever live.**
- 5. His sacrifice on the cross paid for all our sins, satisfying God's wrath against sin.**
- 6. Christ died, was buried, but rose again bodily on the third day.**

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

- 7. His resurrection guarantees victory over death for all who trust in Him.**
- 8. Whoever believes in Him has eternal life, and will never perish.**
- 9. Salvation is God's gift, received by faith alone, and not by anything that we can do.**

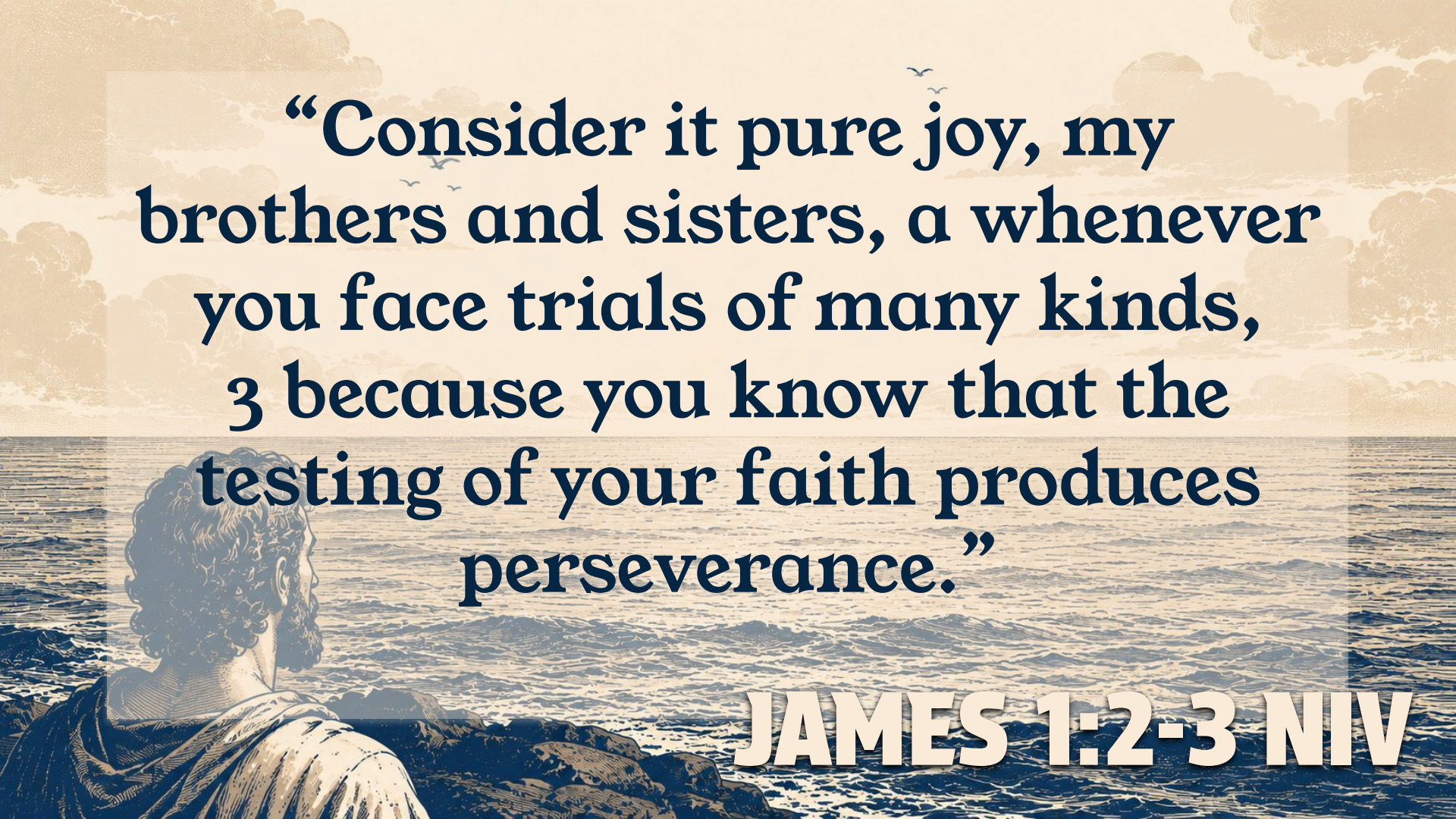
**SAVING FAITH DOESN'T REST ON
"THE BETTER ARGUMENT"
IT RESTS ON CHRIST'S
ACCOMPLISHMENT.**





**“Those on the rock are the ones
who receive the word with joy
when they hear it, but they have
no root. They believe for
a while, but in a time of
testing fall away.”**

LUKE 8:13 NET



**“Consider it pure joy, my
brothers and sisters, a whenever
you face trials of many kinds,
3 because you know that the
testing of your faith produces
perseverance.”**

JAMES 1:2-3 NIV

The background features a light beige color with faint, stylized illustrations of classical architecture. On the left, a tall column with an acanthus capital and a laurel wreath is visible. On the right, a smaller column with a laurel wreath is shown. In the distance, a cityscape with a prominent temple on a hill is visible under a cloudy sky.

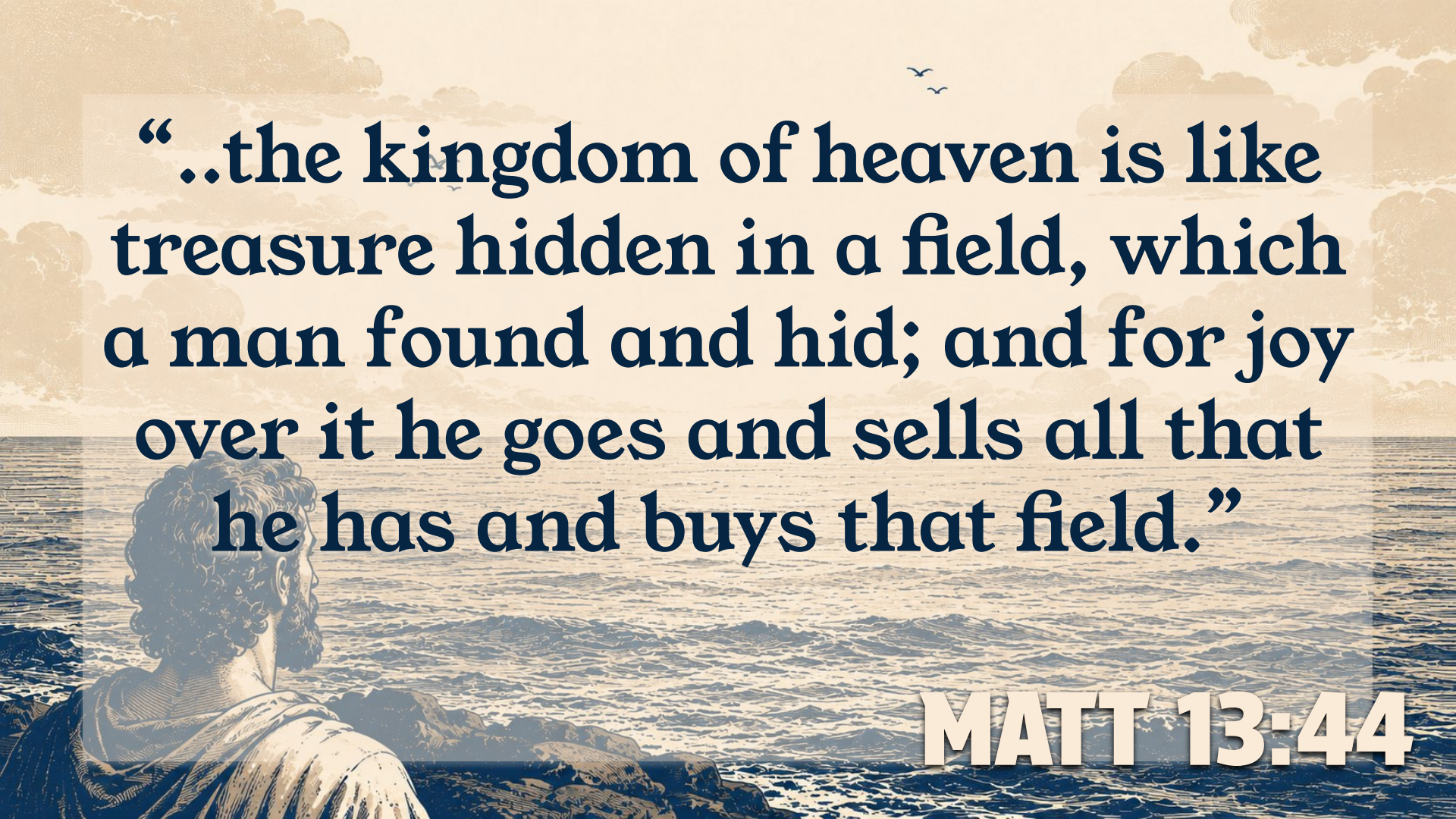
WHEN WE ADD TO THE GOSPEL

**1. WE CAN ROMANTICIZE THE GOSPEL
BY OVEREMPHASIZING GOD'S LOVE.**

**2. WE CAN ADD HUMAN
PERFORMANCE TO THE GOSPEL.**

**3. WE CAN MAKE THE GOSPEL
ABOUT RECOGNIZING OUR WORTH.**

**4. WE CAN MAKE THE GOSPEL
ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIFE.**

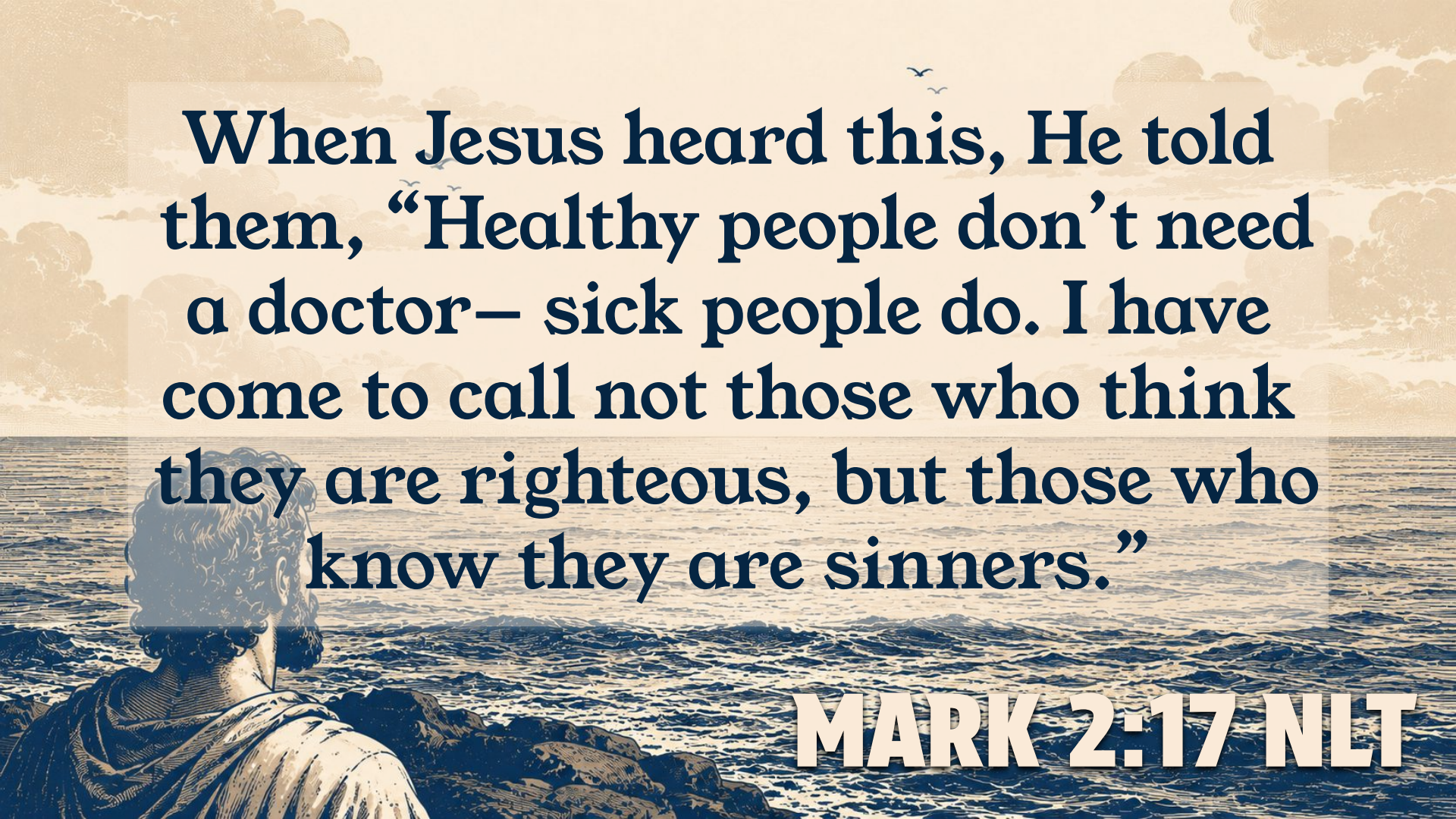


**“..the kingdom of heaven is like
treasure hidden in a field, which
a man found and hid; and for joy
over it he goes and sells all that
he has and buys that field.”**

MATT 13:44

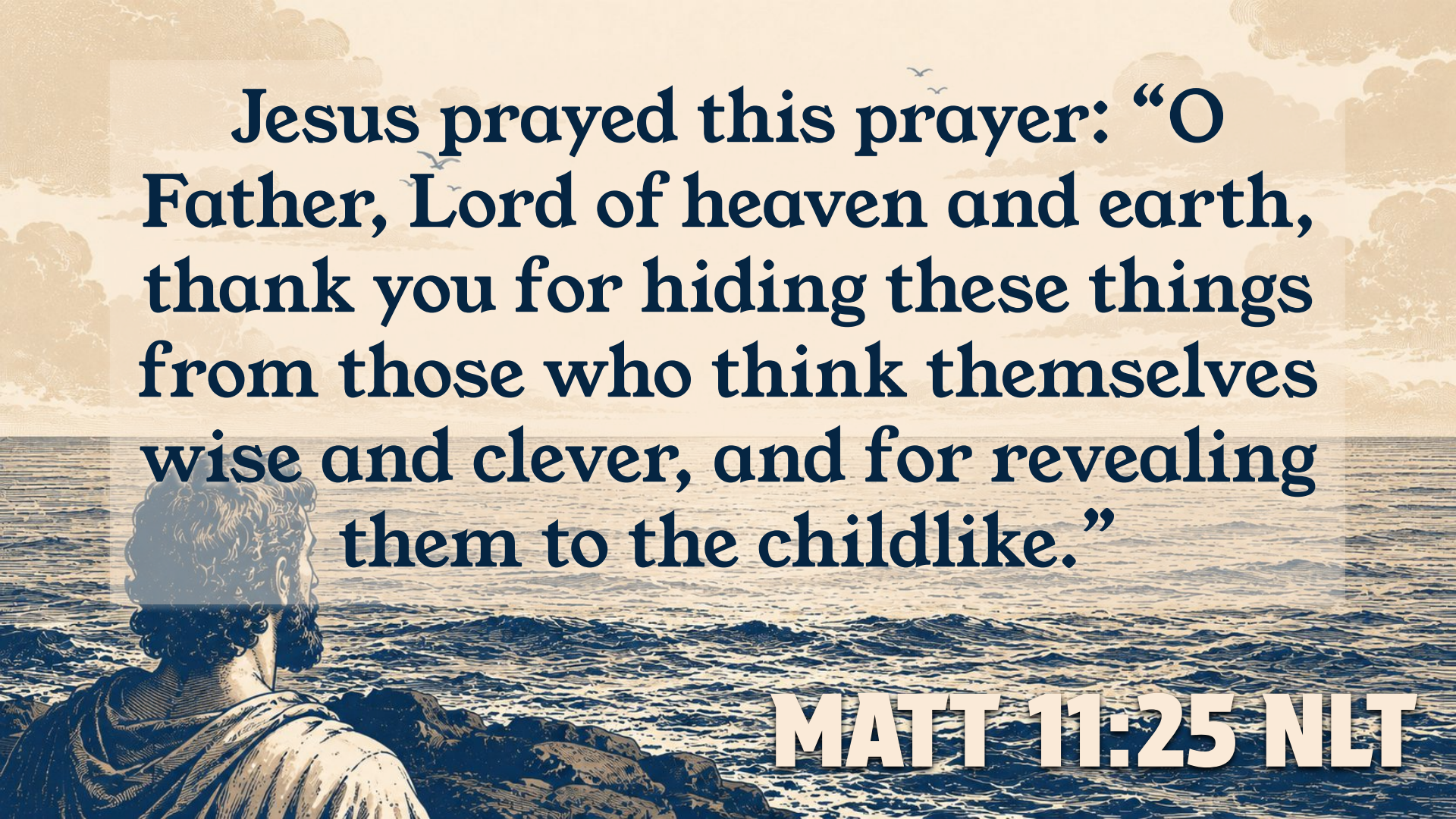
**THE GOSPEL OFFENDS
BEFORE IT MENDS; IT HURTS
BEFORE IT WORKS.**





When Jesus heard this, He told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor— sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

MARK 2:17 NLT

A background illustration of Jesus with curly hair and a beard, wearing a robe, looking out over a turbulent sea with white-capped waves. The sky is a warm, golden-yellow color with soft, stylized clouds and a few small birds flying in the distance. The overall tone is peaceful yet powerful.

Jesus prayed this prayer: “O
Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
thank you for hiding these things
from those who think themselves
wise and clever, and for revealing
them to the childlike.”

MATT 11:25 NLT

**SOME PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO SAY, "I NEED
MORE PROOF!" OR "I NEED
MORE INFORMATION!" AS
IF THE GOSPEL WASN'T
ALREADY SUFFICIENT.**



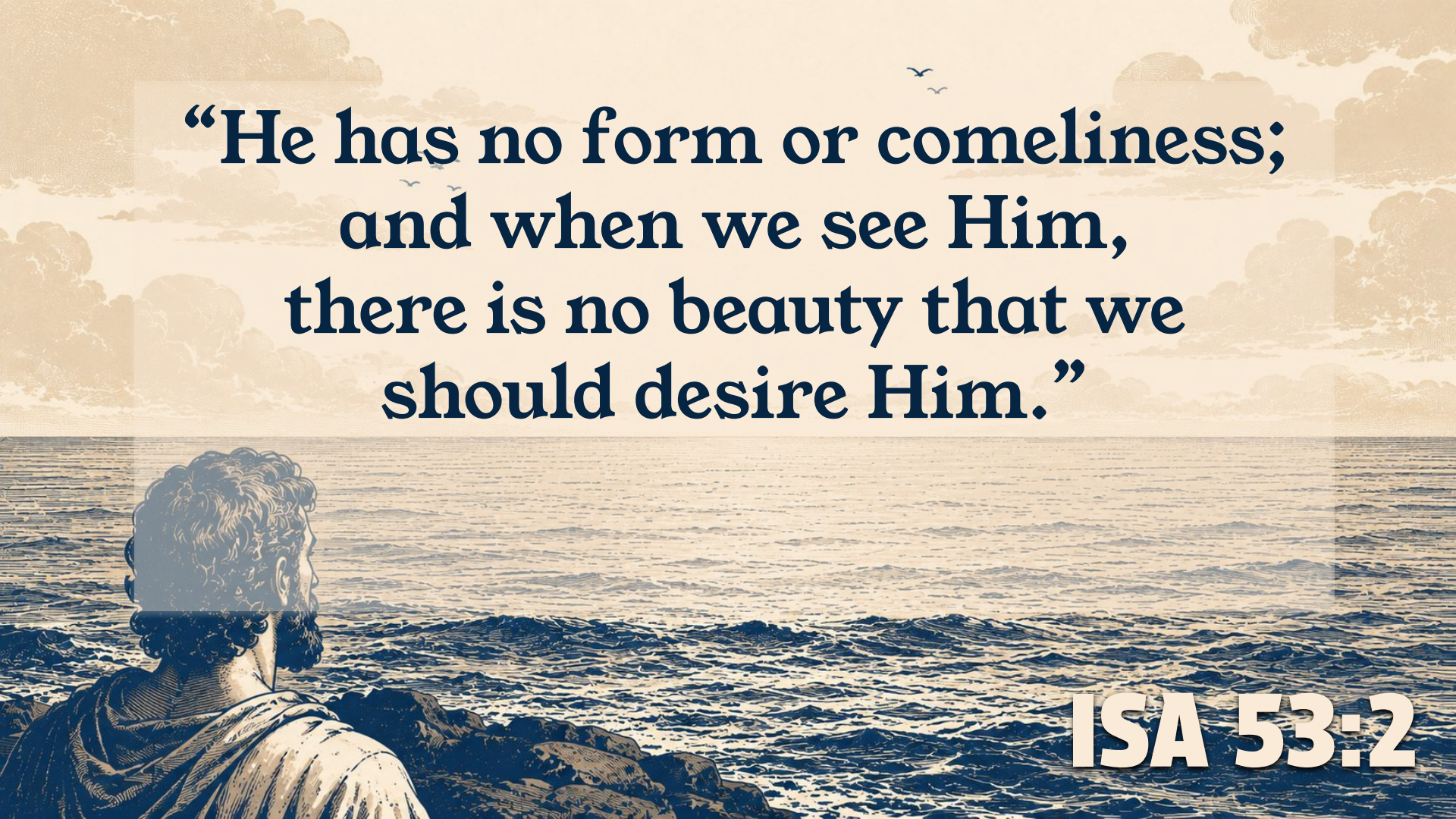
**“For whoever has will be given
more, and will have an abundance.
But whoever does not have, even
what he has will be taken from
him.”**

MAT 13:12 NET



**THE GOSPEL HUMBLER
THE PERSON WHO RECEIVES
IT AND EXPOSES THE PERSON
WHO REJECTS IT.**





**“He has no form or comeliness;
and when we see Him,
there is no beauty that we
should desire Him.”**

ISA 53:2

**OUR WEAKNESSES DON'T
DISQUALIFY GOD'S POWER;
THEY DISPLAY IT.**



