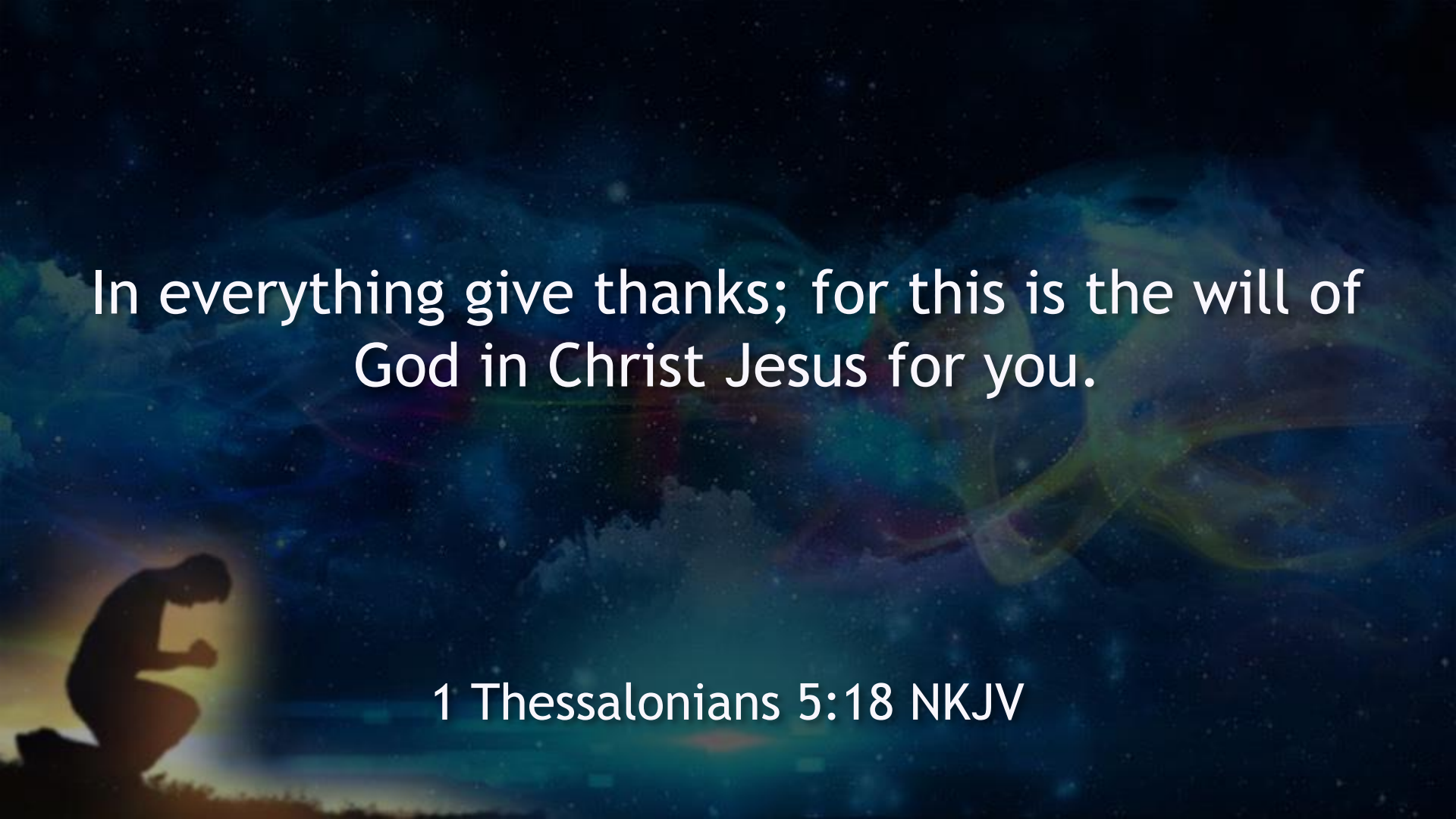


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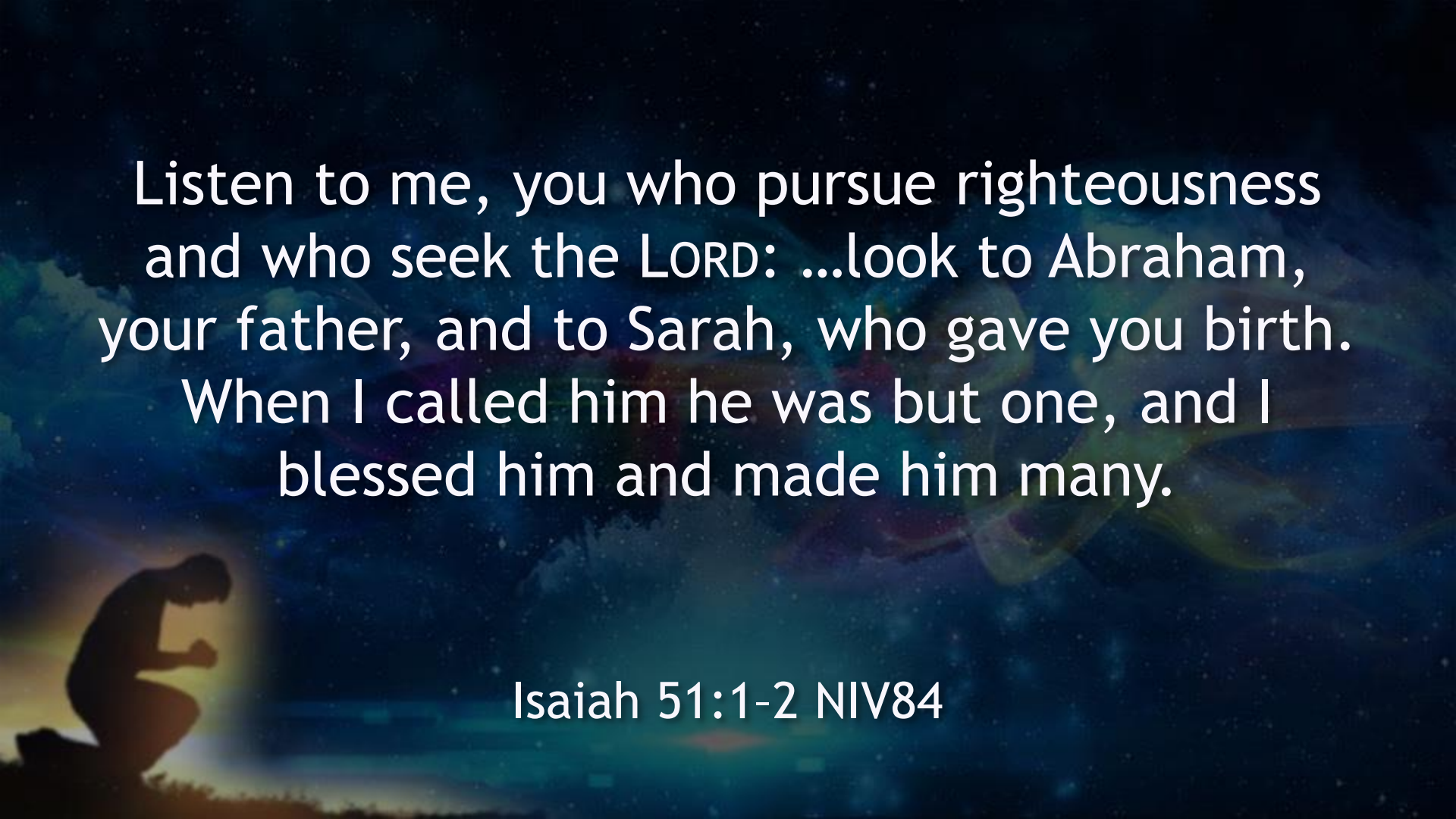
THE POWER OF

Thanksgiving

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In everything give thanks; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV

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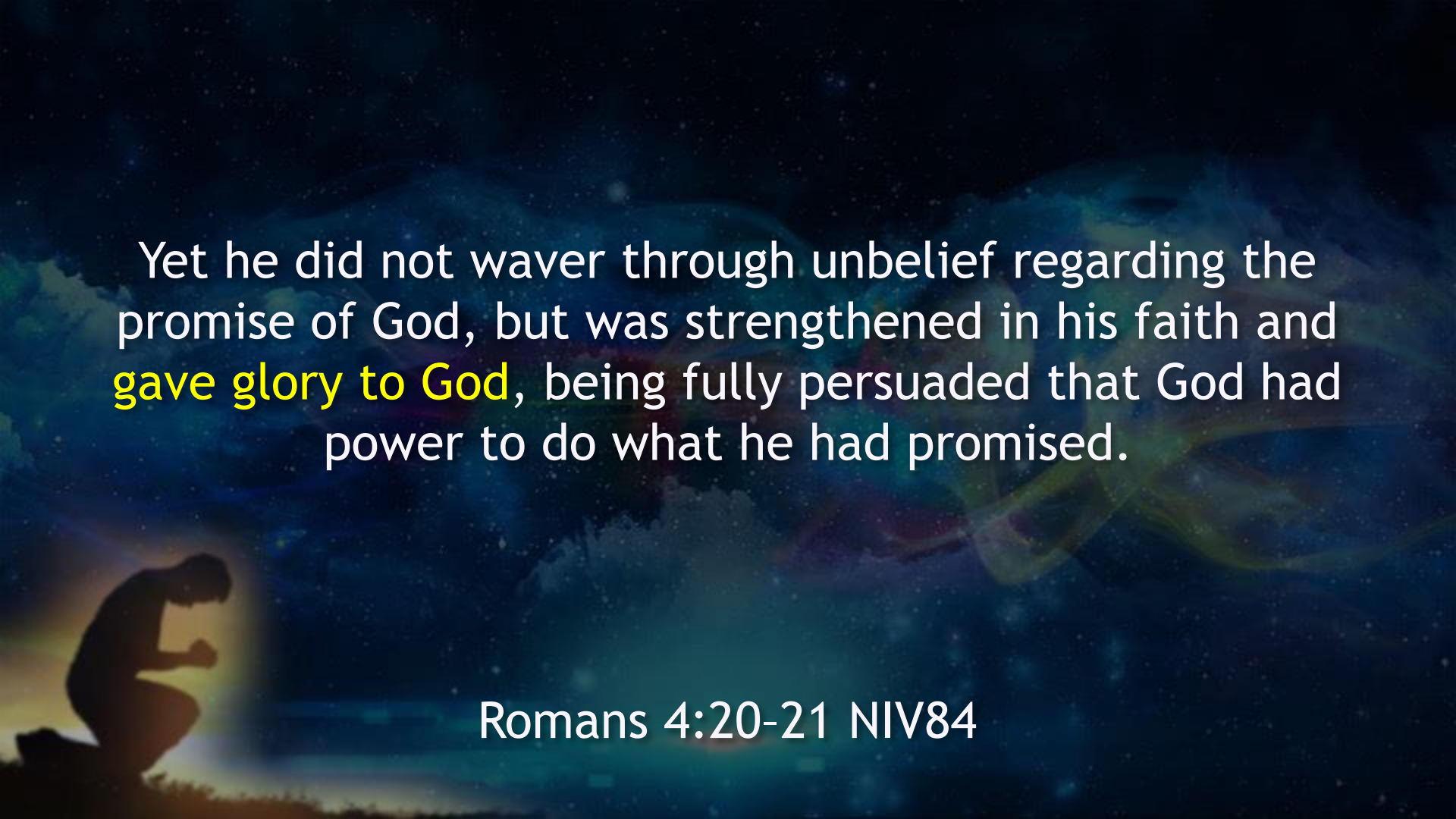
Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the LORD: ...look to Abraham,
your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was but one, and I
blessed him and made him many.

Isaiah 51:1-2 NIV84

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead.

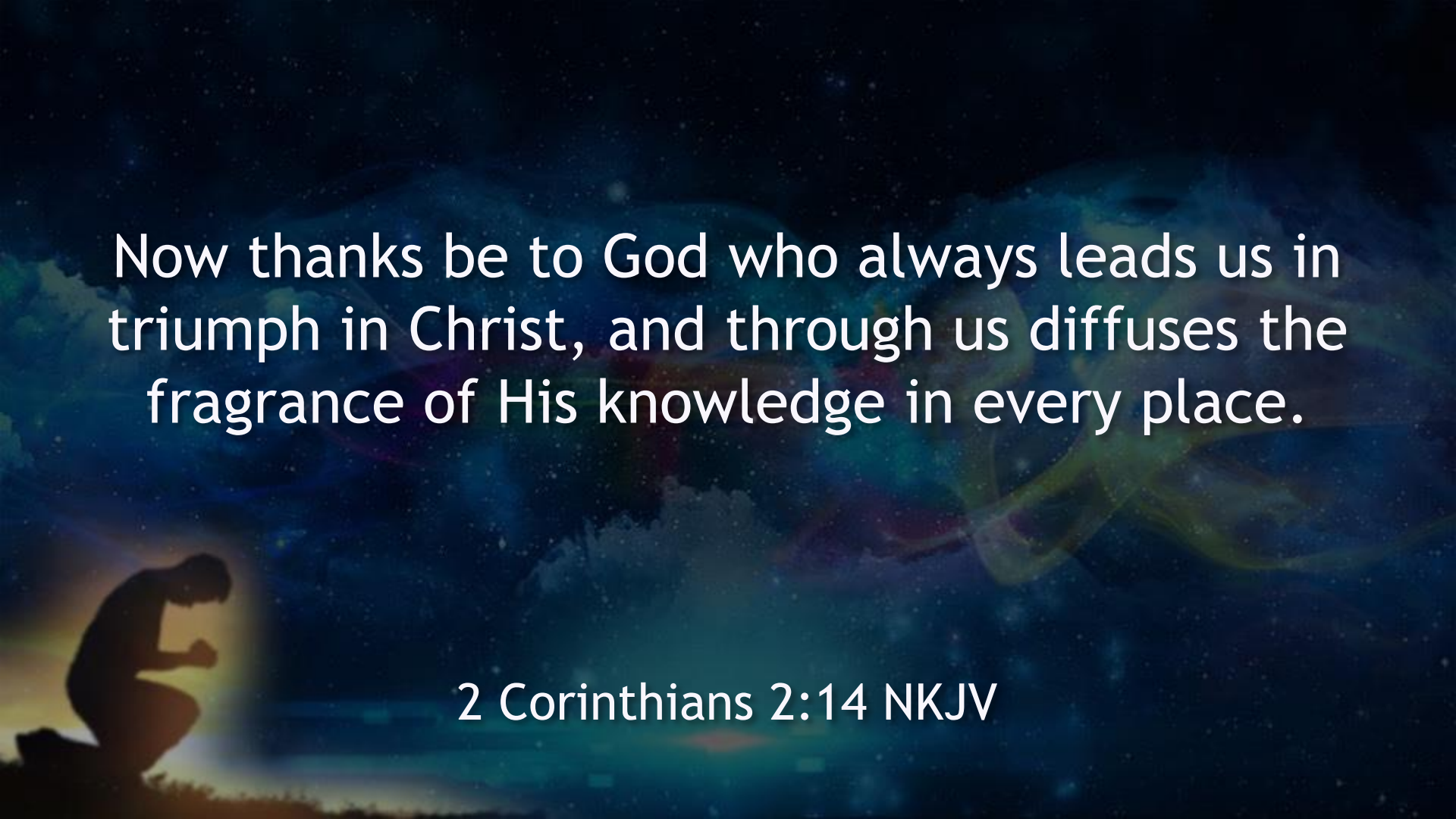
Romans 4:18-19 NIV84



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Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and **gave glory to God**, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Romans 4:20-21 NIV84

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Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

2 Corinthians 2:14 NKJV

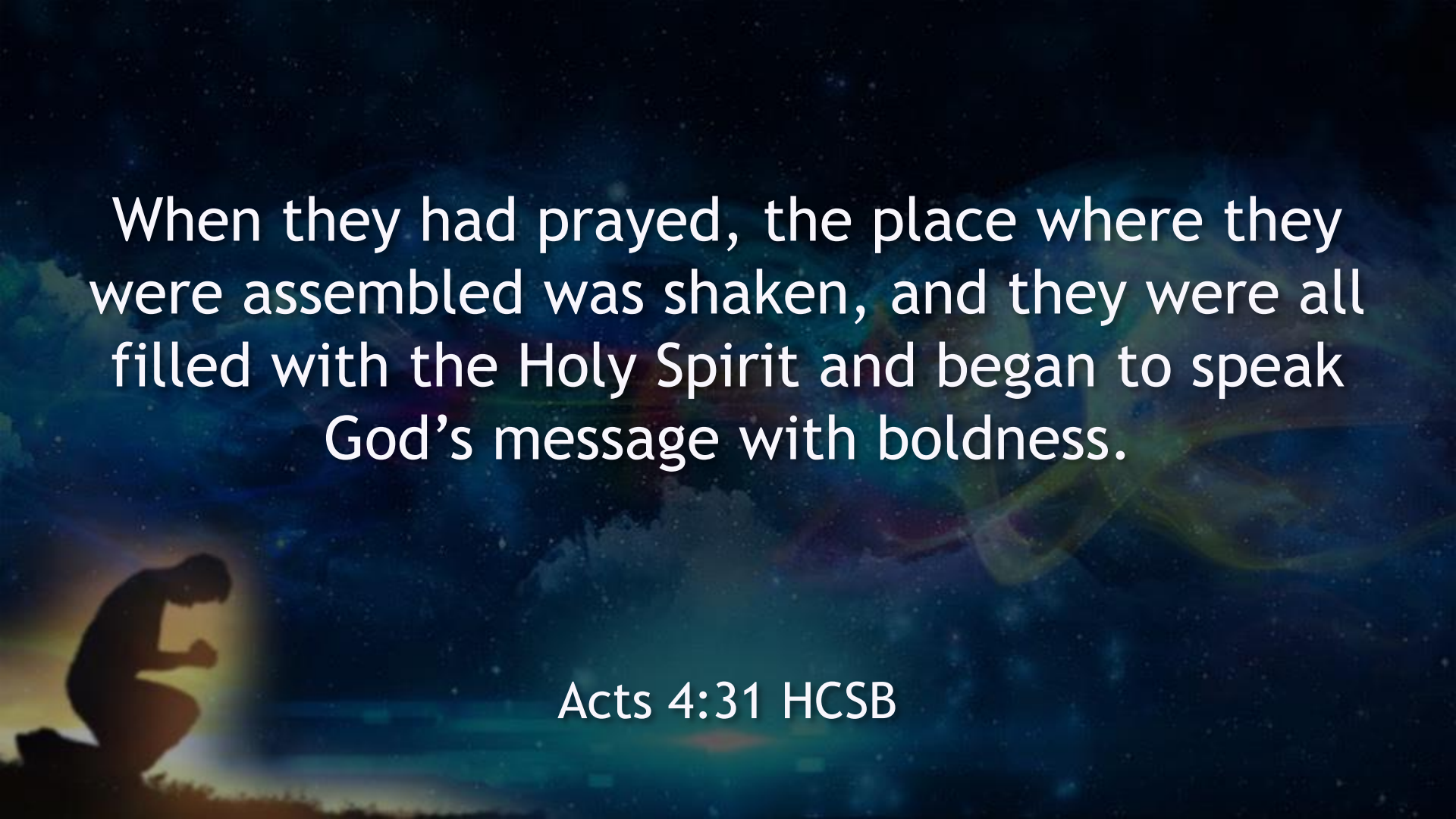


The examples of the disciples

After they were released, they went to their own people and reported everything the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they all raised their voices to God and said, “Master, You are the One who made the heaven, the earth, and the sea, and everything in them.

Acts 4:23-24 HCSB



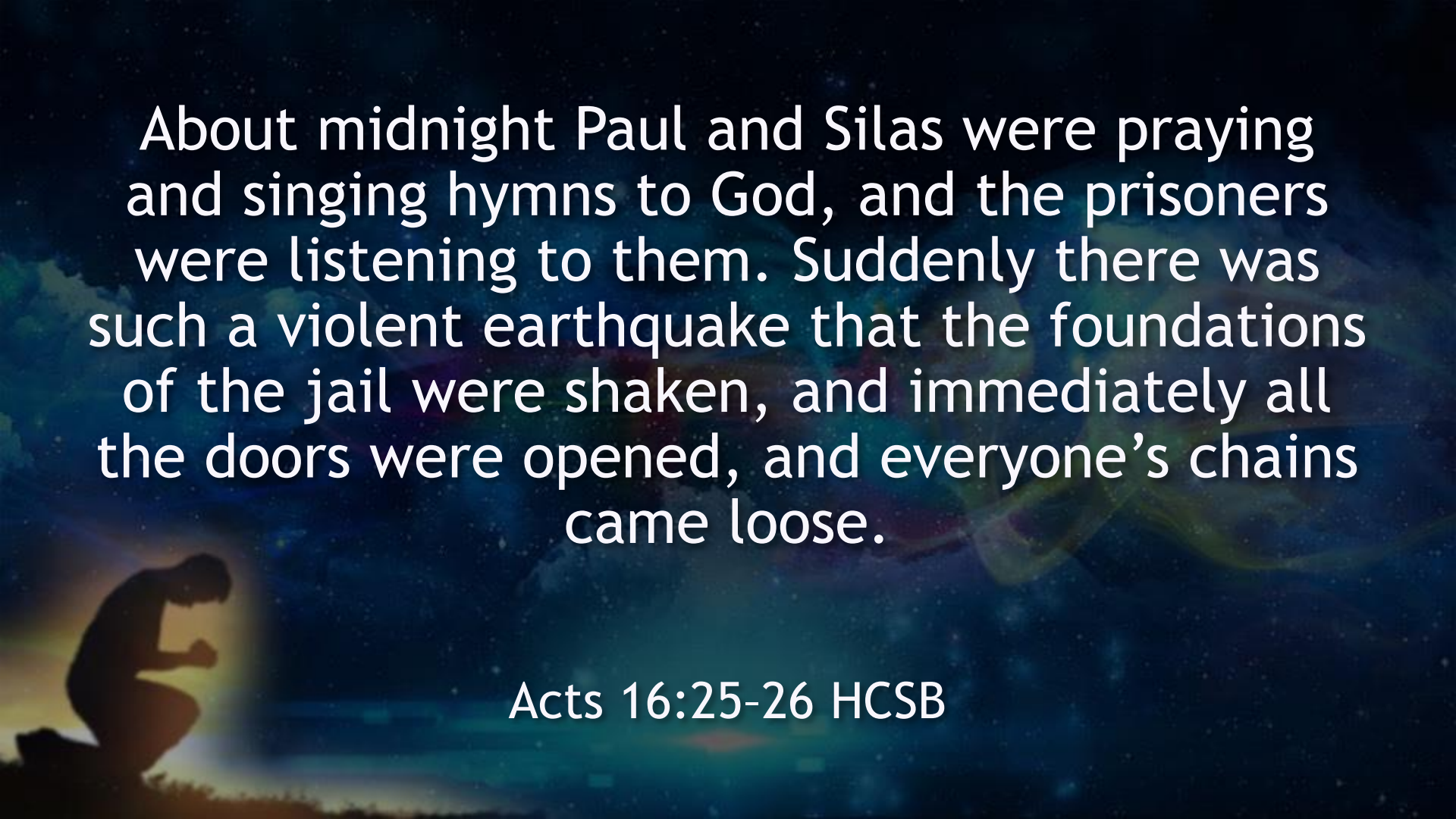
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When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak God's message with boldness.

Acts 4:31 HCSB



Paul & Silas


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About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose.

Acts 16:25-26 HCSB




The basis for our
thanksgiving
Christ's finished work



Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, **praising** God in a loud voice.

Luke 17:11-15 NIV84

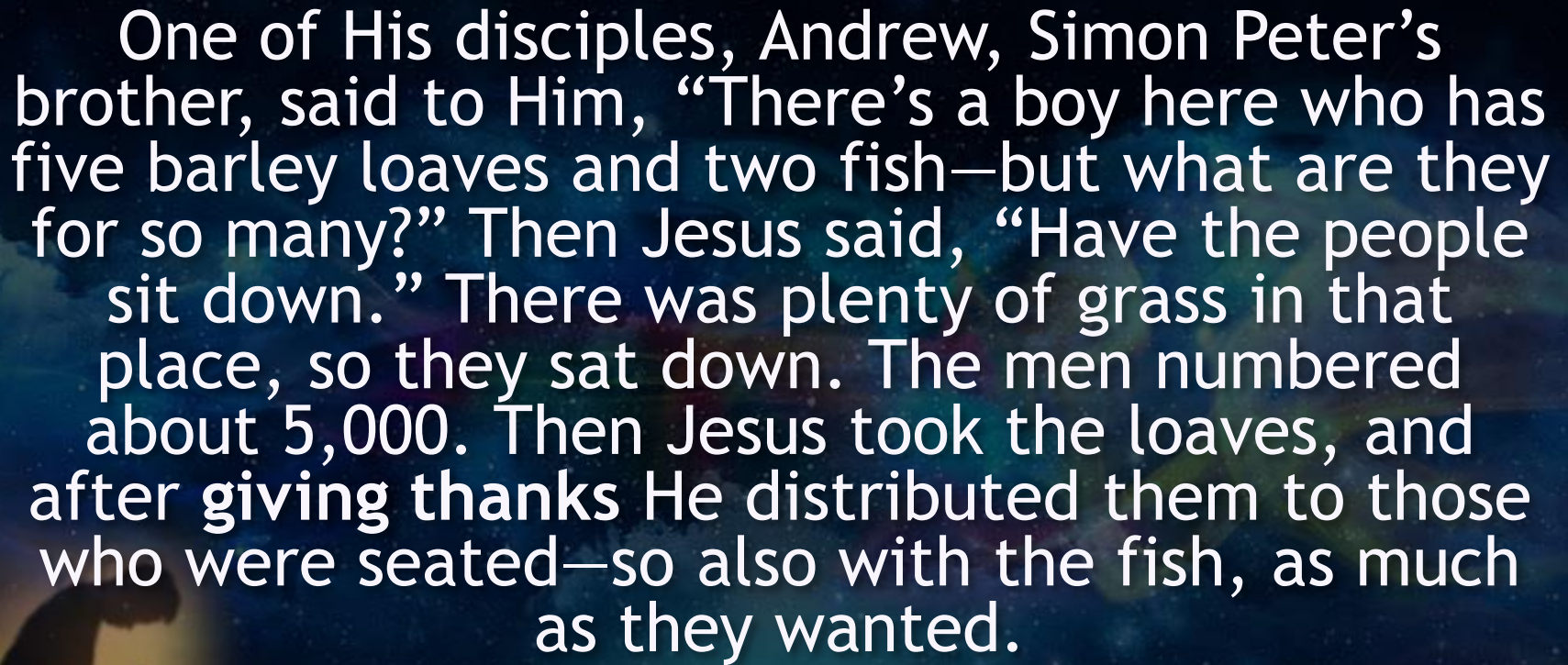


He threw himself at Jesus' feet and **thanked** him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and **give praise to God** except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; **your faith has made you well.**”

Luke 17:16-19, NIV84


The background is a deep space scene featuring a colorful nebula with swirling patterns of blue, purple, green, and orange. A dark blue, semi-transparent oval is centered over the image, containing the text. The text is written in a clean, sans-serif font, with the first line in a smaller size and the second line in a larger size.

Thanksgiving brings
multiplication

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer is visible on the left side of the image, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is a mix of dark blue, purple, and orange. The text is overlaid on this background.

One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish—but what are they for so many?" Then Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. The men numbered about 5,000. Then Jesus took the loaves, and after **giving thanks** He distributed them to those who were seated—so also with the fish, as much as they wanted.

John 6:8-11 HCSB

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is a mix of dark blue, purple, and orange. The person is on the left side of the frame, facing right.

When they were full, He told His disciples,
“Collect the leftovers so that nothing is
wasted.” So they collected them and filled 12
baskets with the pieces from the five barley
loaves that were left over by those who had
eaten.

John 6:12-13 HCSB



**The example of
Jesus**

So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes and said, “Father, I **thank** You that You heard Me. I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd standing here I said this, so they may believe You sent Me.” After He said this, He shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

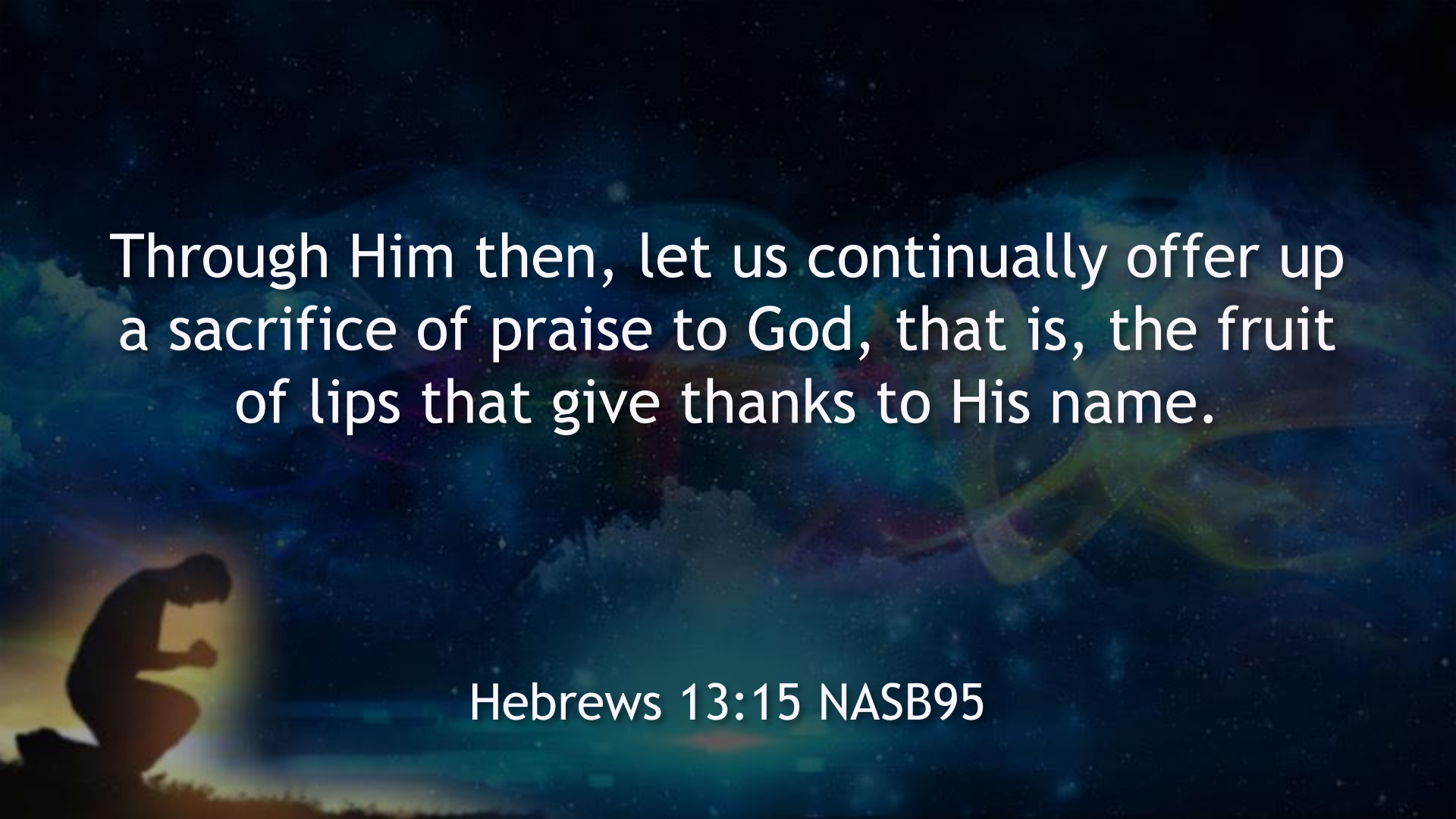
John 11:41-43 HCSB



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Always thank God the Father for everything in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20 GW

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Through Him then, let us continually offer up
a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit
of lips that give thanks to His name.

Hebrews 13:15 NASB95


A vibrant, colorful nebula in space, featuring swirling patterns of blue, purple, red, and yellow. The background is a dark, star-filled sky. The text "How blessed are you?" is overlaid in a dark, semi-transparent oval in the center of the image.

How blessed are you?

- If you woke up this morning without any life-threatening disease, you are already more blessed than a million people who will not survive this week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, then you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

- The fact that you came to church today enjoying the freedom of religion, you are more privileged than 3 billion people in the world.
- If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.

- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a drawer somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
- If you can read this list on the slides, you are already more educated than one billion people who cannot read at all.

A vibrant, colorful nebula in space, featuring swirling clouds of blue, green, yellow, and red. The background is a deep black with scattered white stars. A large, dark blue oval is centered over the image, containing the text.

Let us praise and
thank God for all His
blessings!