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THE STORY OF UNLIKELY REDEMPTION

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Five portraits:

- David
- Amnon
- Absalom
- Jonadab
- Tamar



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1. God is aware of our capacity for depravity.





“I long to see more Christian anger
towards evil in the world, and more Christian
compassion for its victims.”

- John Stott
The Disciple

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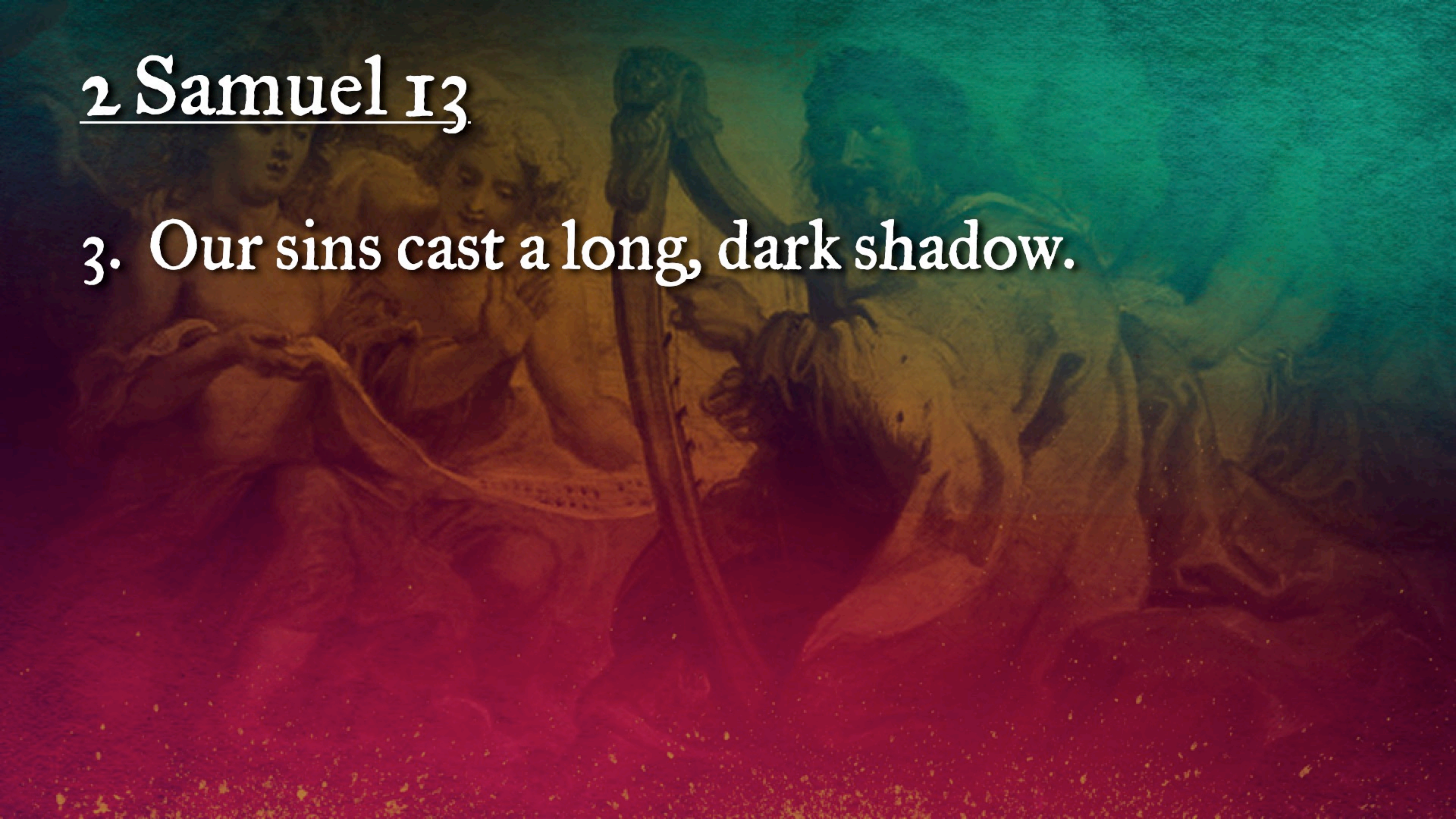
2. God is aware of those wounded
by the ravages of sin.

“The Bible’s theme of judgment is rarely a theological scare-tactic to convince us to be ‘good.’ It is far more often a pledge to wounded humanity that God sees everything, hears the cry for justice, and will one day bring his comfort in the form of justice against every evil act.”

- John Paul Dickson

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3. Our sins cast a long, dark shadow.



“Though in human terms, justice is portrayed as blind, the justice of God is wide-eyed and clear-sighted... Not only is he the Judge, he is also the eyewitness who testifies to the facts - perfectly clear-sighted in his recollections... There is no such thing as a secret sin.”

- Jen Wilkin
In His Image:

10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character

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4. We must be discerning; not every influencer seeks to influence us for good.

“The world is full of people like this, eager to put their wits to the service of other people’s evil. The intelligence and imagination that is generated daily in the cause of assisting others to acquire illegitimate power and indulge wrongful pleasure is astounding.”

- Eugene Peterson

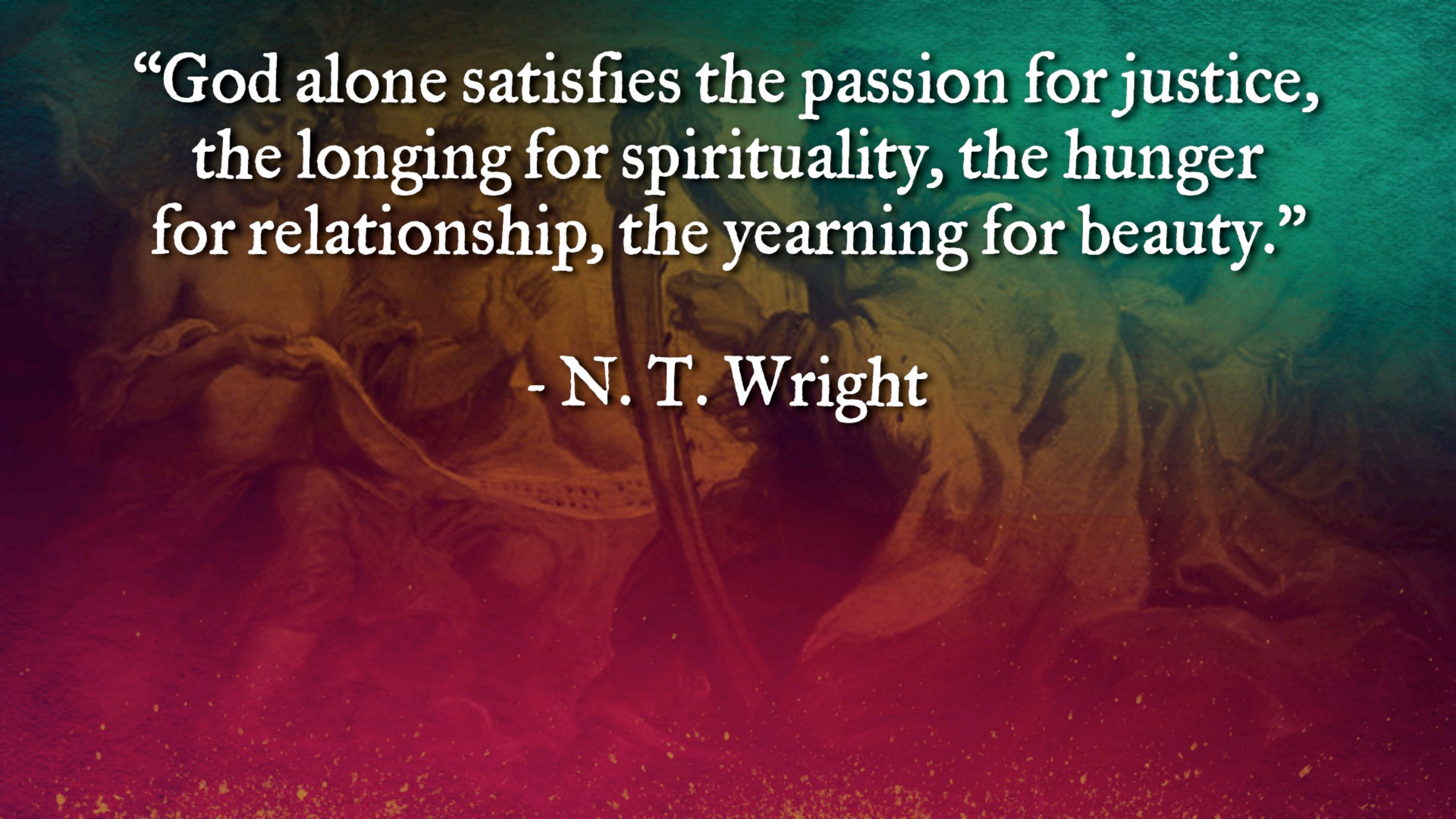
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5. Because of the power of the Gospel, the cycle of moral failure can be broken, and one day all our brokenness will be healed.

A painting of a group of people in a church, with a central figure holding a staff or cross, set against a dark, textured background. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light emanating from the center, highlighting the figures. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

“There are many sorts of broken hearts,
and Christ is good at healing them all.”

- Charles Spurgeon



“God alone satisfies the passion for justice,
the longing for spirituality, the hunger
for relationship, the yearning for beauty.”

- N. T. Wright