

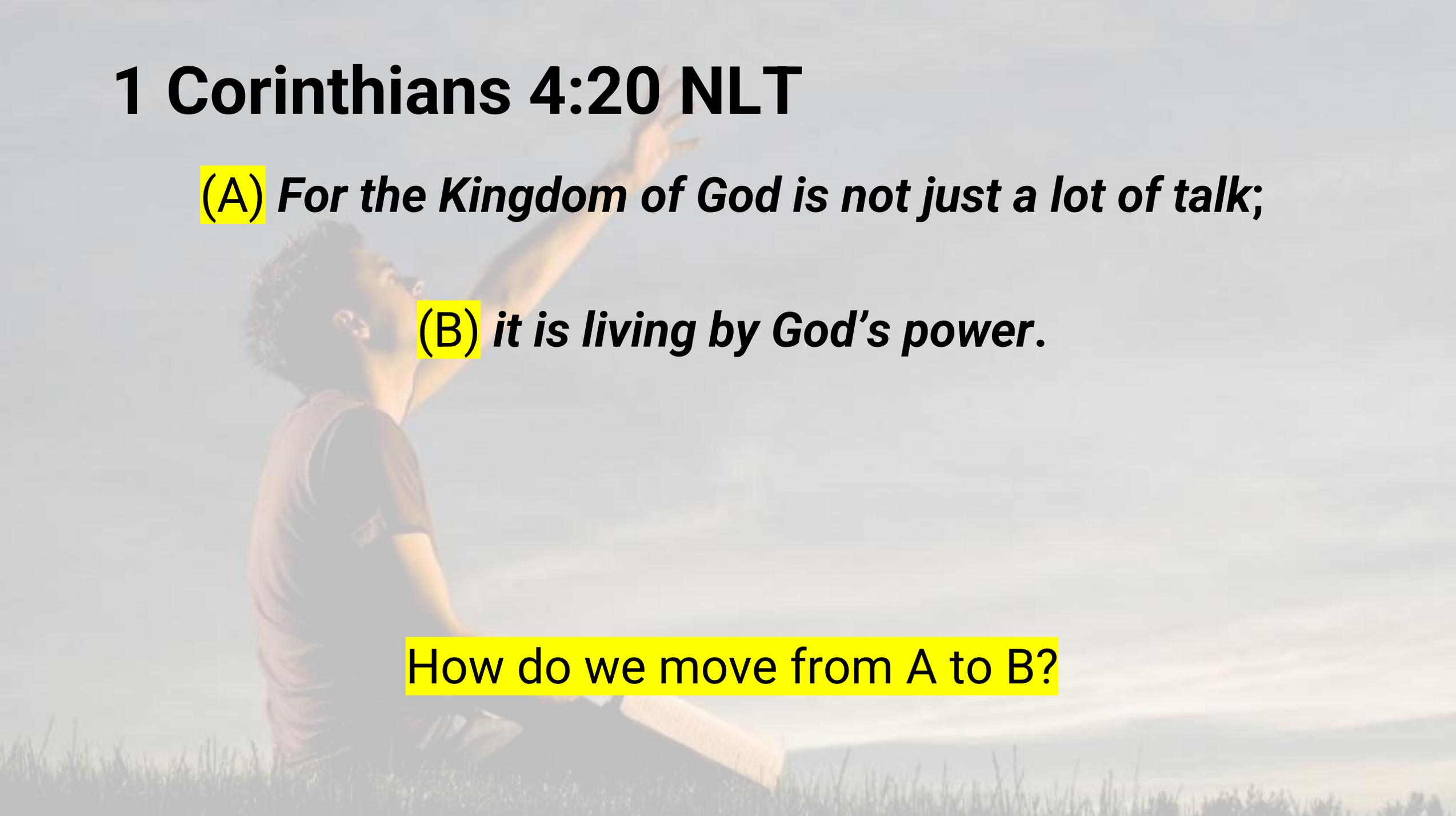


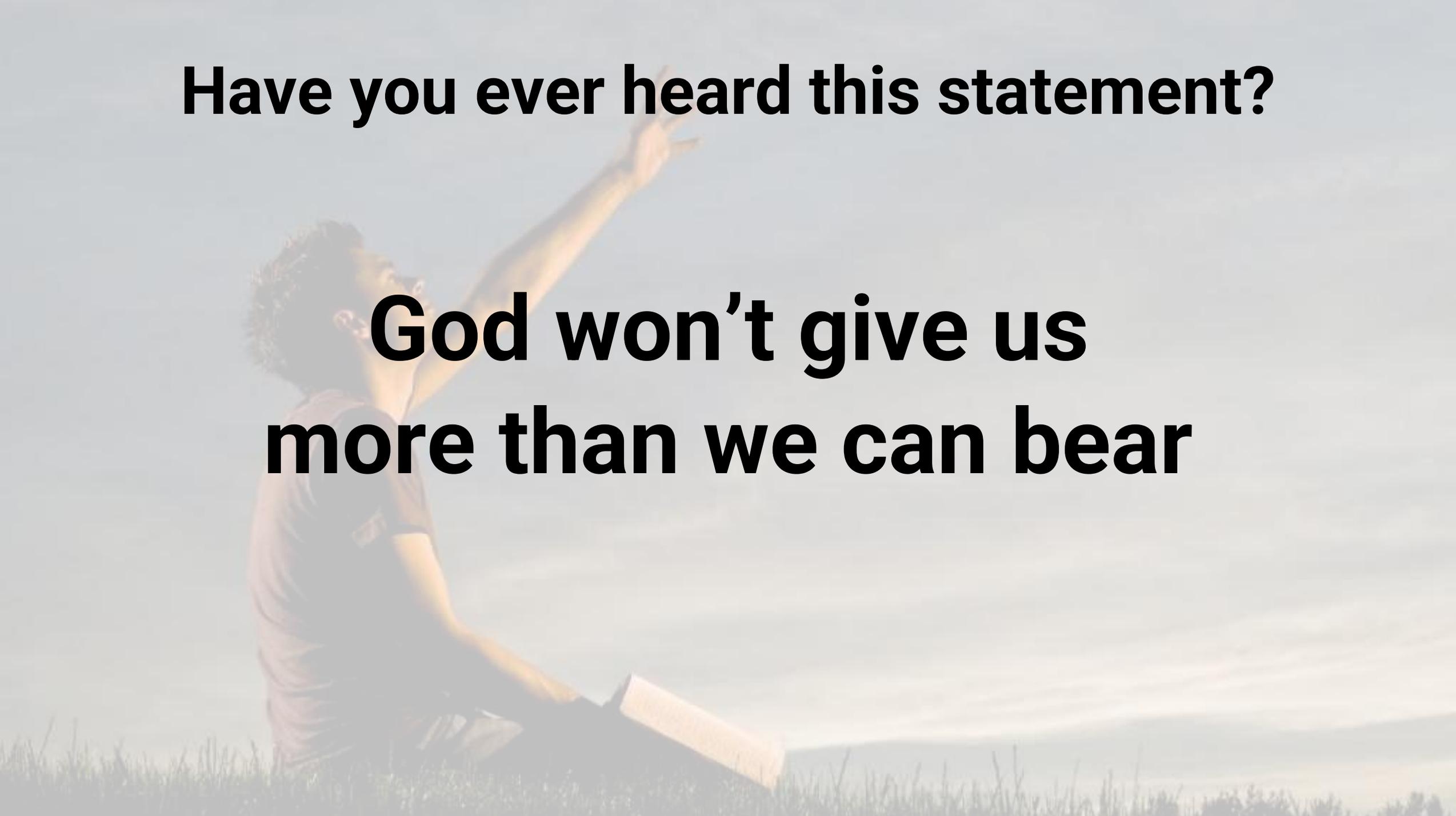
1 Corinthians 4:20 NLT

(A) *For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk;*

(B) *it is living by God's power.*

How do we move from A to B?



A man is sitting on a grassy hill, looking up at the sky with his right hand raised. He is holding a book in his left hand. The background is a bright, hazy sky with some clouds. The overall tone is peaceful and contemplative.

Have you ever heard this statement?

**God won't give us
more than we can bear**

1 Cor 10:12-13 NIV

12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

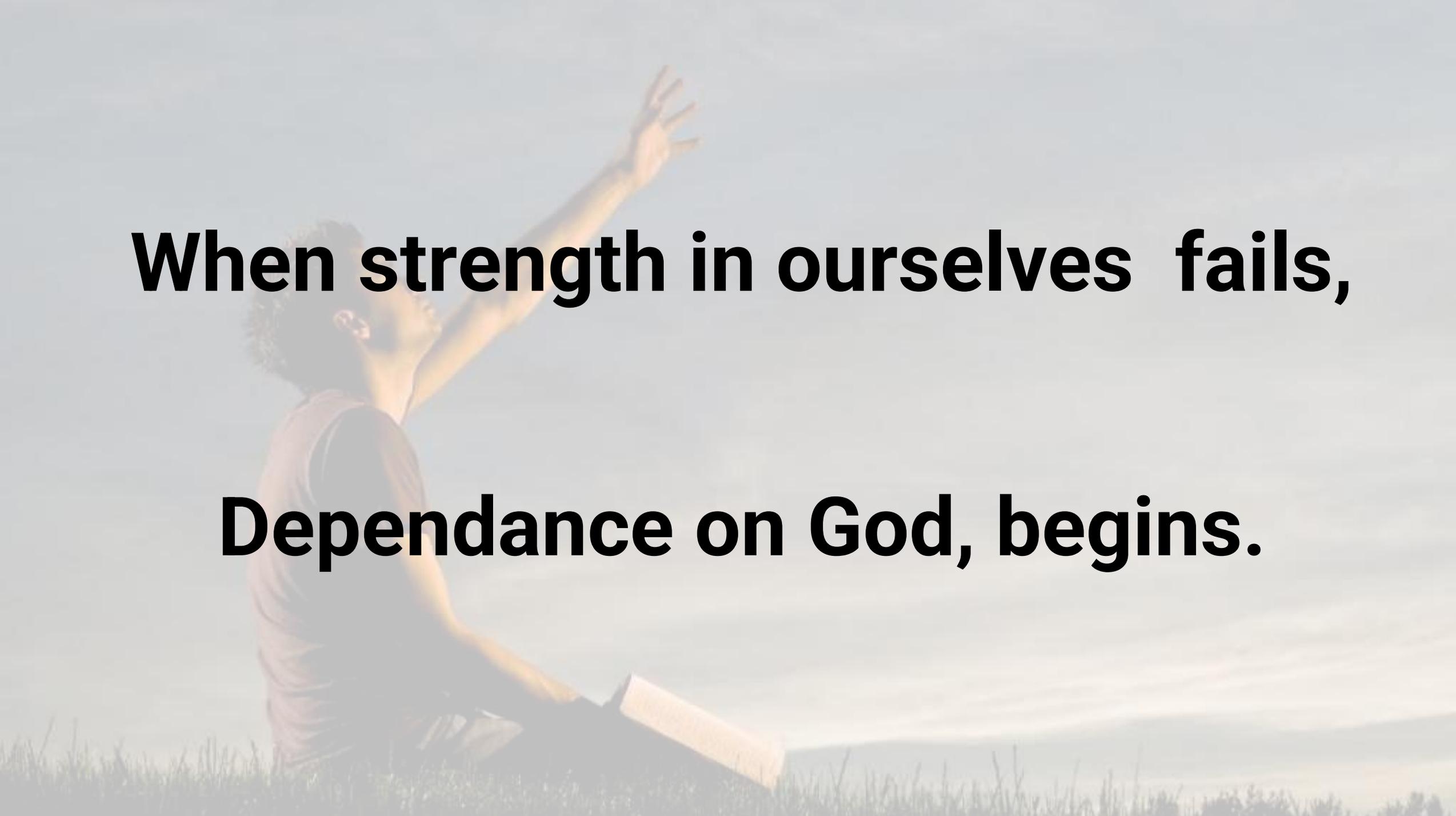
13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful;

he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

An overwhelming time in Paul's life

⁸ We think you ought to know, dear brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. ⁹ In fact, we expected to die.

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 NLT

A person is sitting on a grassy hill, looking up at a cloudy sky with their arms raised. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and shorts. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with mountains in the distance. The overall mood is one of hope and faith.

When strength in ourselves fails,

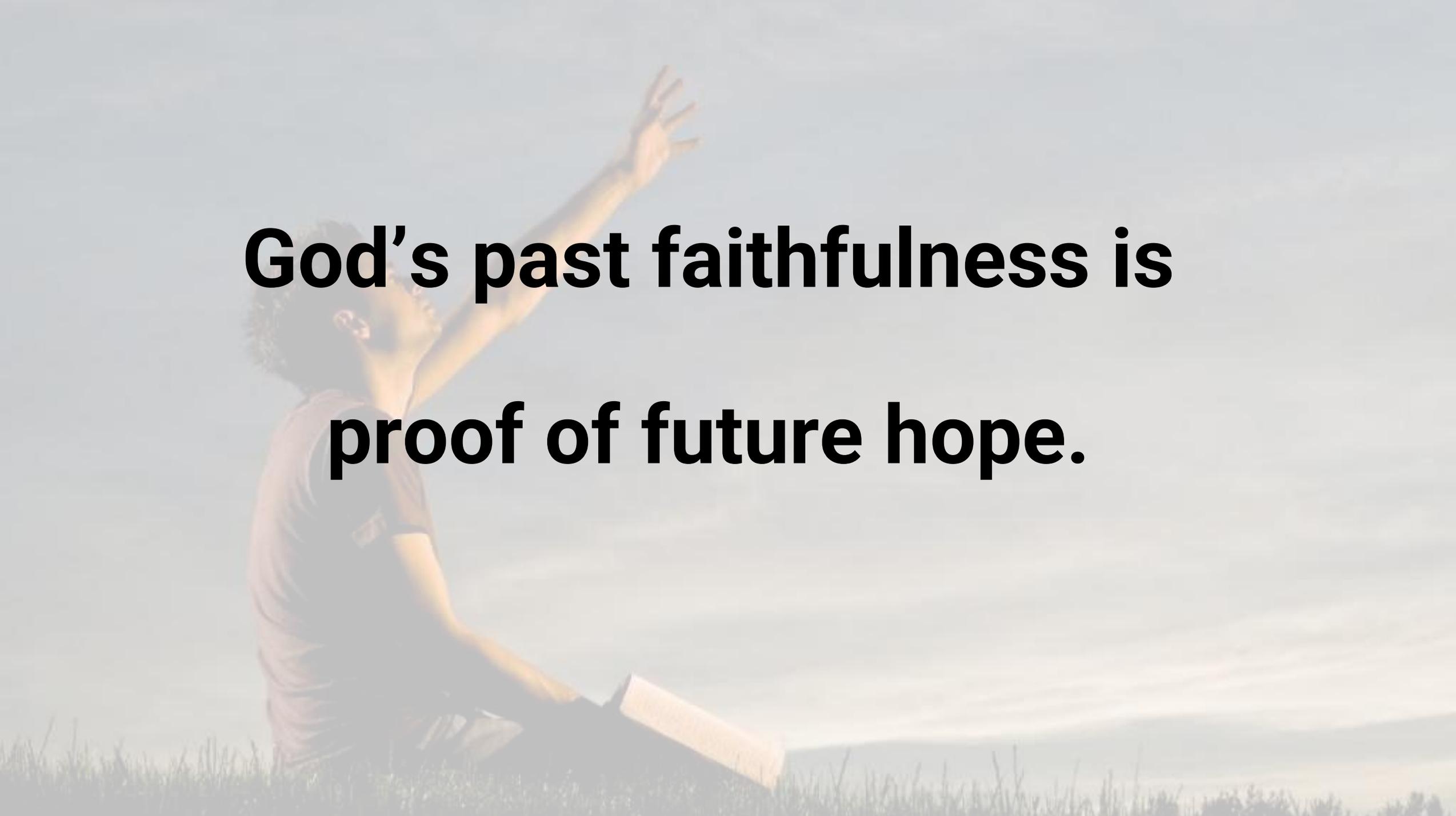
Dependance on God, begins.

How God met Paul

⁹ But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.

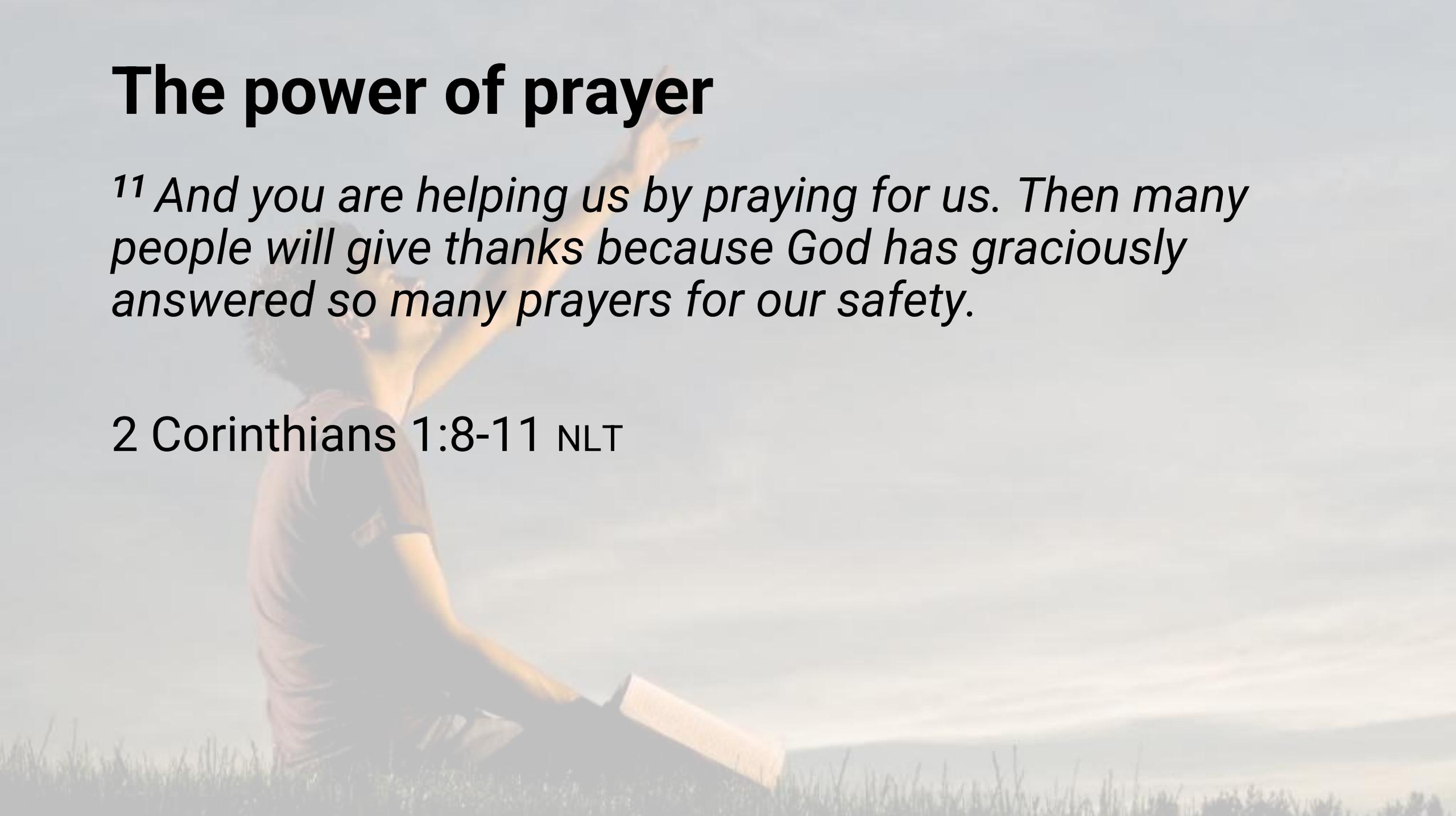
¹⁰ And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us.

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 NLT

A person is sitting on a grassy hill, looking up at a cloudy sky with their right hand raised. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and shorts. The background shows a vast landscape with hills and a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black font.

**God's past faithfulness is
proof of future hope.**

The power of prayer

A person is kneeling on a grassy field, facing away from the camera with their arms raised in prayer. They are holding an open book, likely a Bible, in their hands. The background is a vast, open landscape under a cloudy sky, suggesting a peaceful, natural setting for prayer.

11 And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety.

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 NLT

A man is kneeling on a grassy field, facing left, with his arms raised towards a cloudy sky. He is wearing a dark t-shirt and shorts. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly desaturated light, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting. The text "Pray bold prayers!" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Pray bold prayers!

The prayers that don't get answered

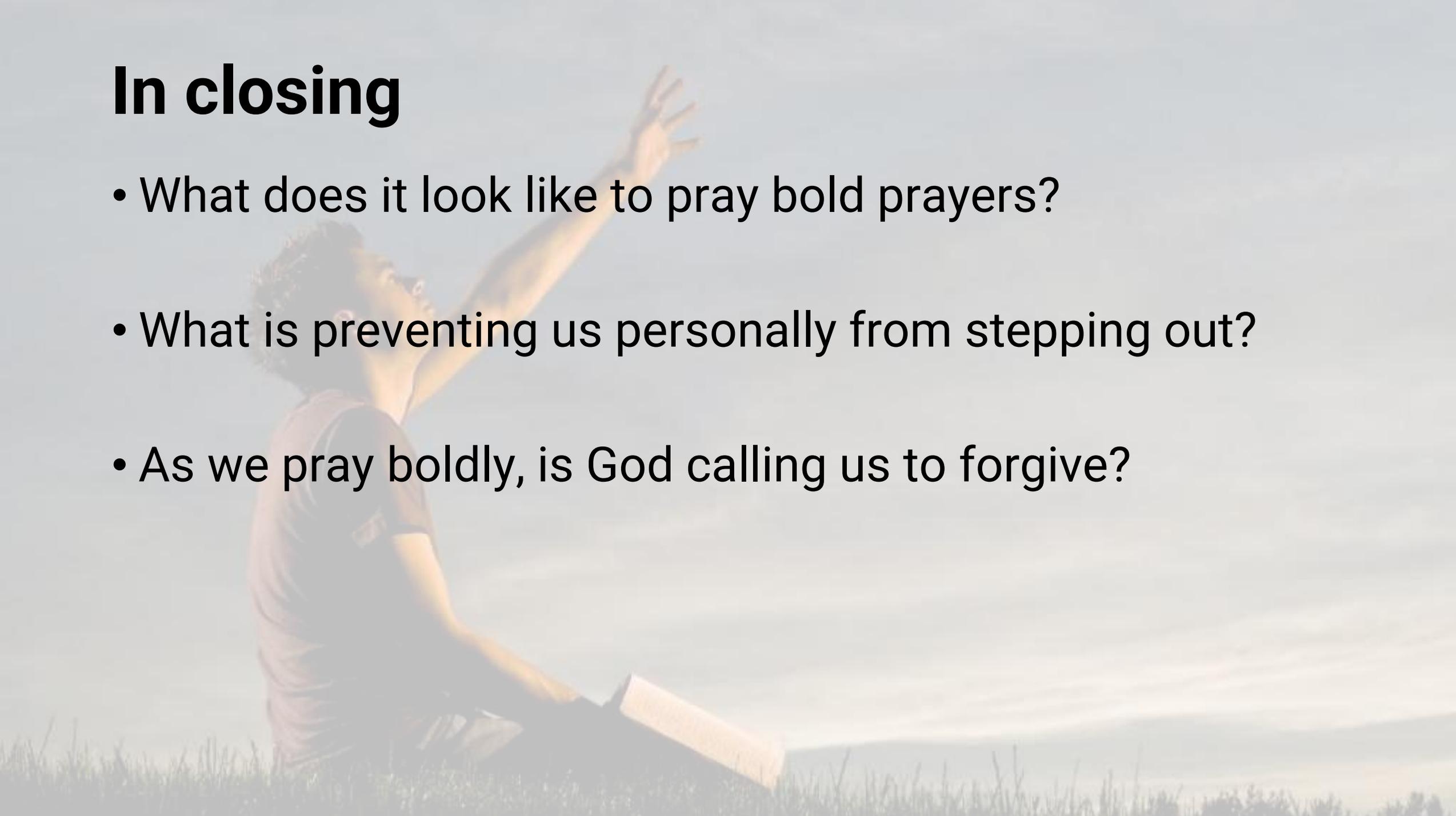
²...you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

³ And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

James 4:2b-3 NLT

In closing

- What does it look like to pray bold prayers?
- What is preventing us personally from stepping out?
- As we pray boldly, is God calling us to forgive?



As we pray bold prayers

A person with curly hair, wearing a red t-shirt, is kneeling on a grassy field. They are looking upwards with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer. The background is a bright, overcast sky with soft clouds. The overall tone is peaceful and spiritual.

*“Father, forgive them,
for they don’t know what they are doing.”*

Luke 23:34 NLT

Take the posture of Jesus
Pray in forgiveness