



*Preparation for:*

SEEKING *Him*

EXPERIENCING THE JOY  
OF PERSONAL REVIVAL

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*What does this passage mean?*

*Who is it for?*

*Can we glean anything from it for us today?*

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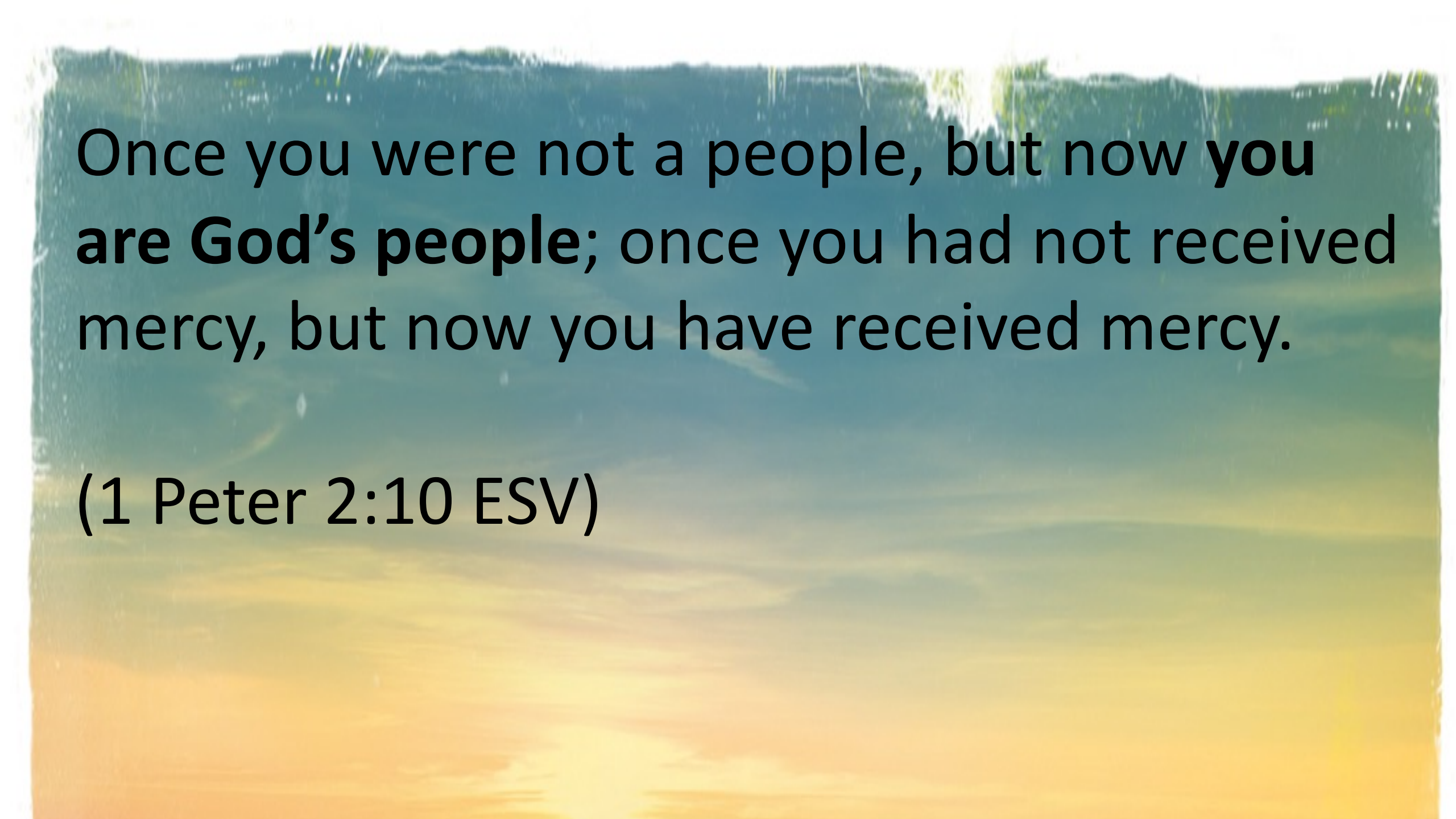
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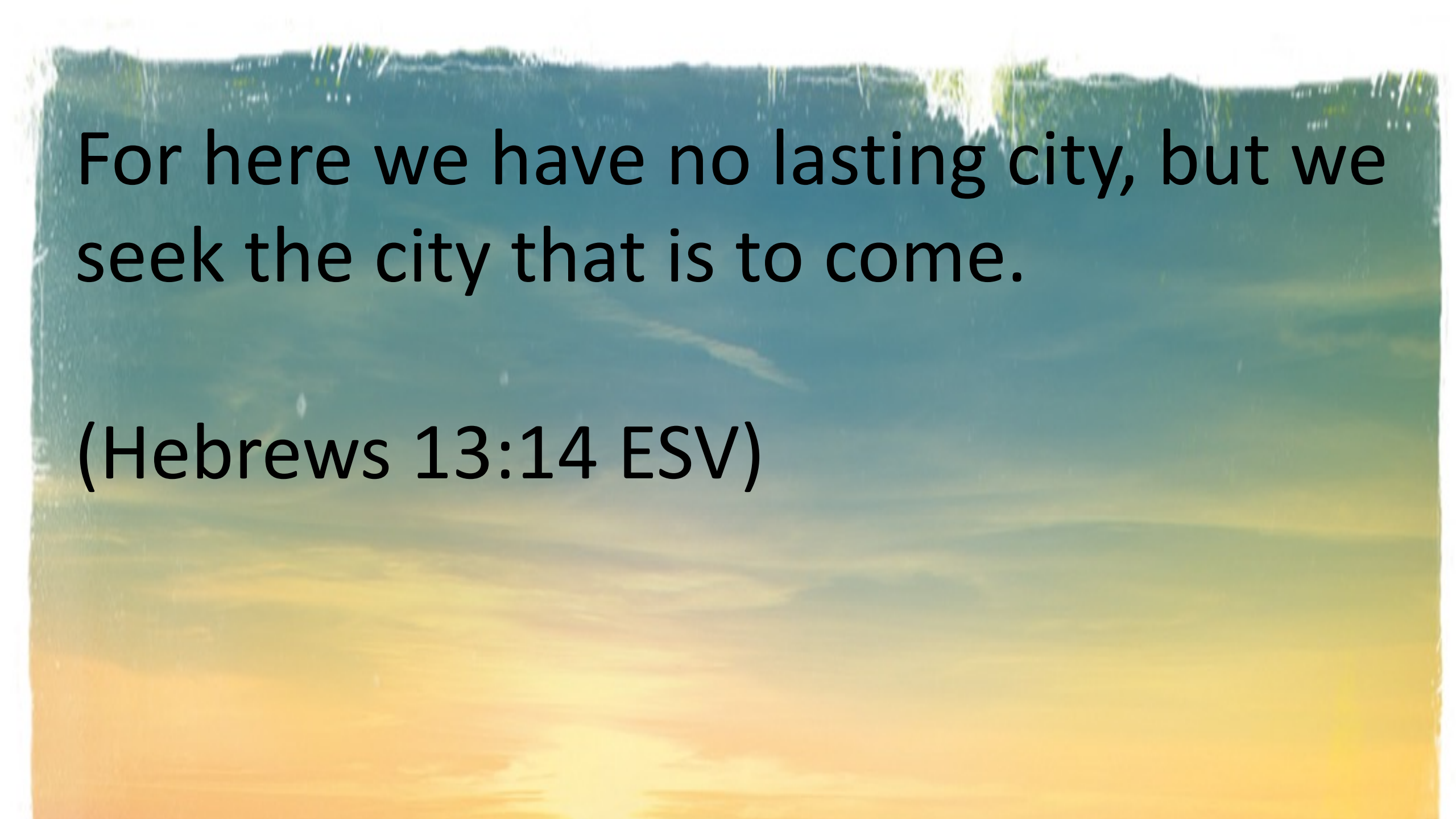
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Once you were not a people, but now **you are God's people**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(1 Peter 2:10 ESV)

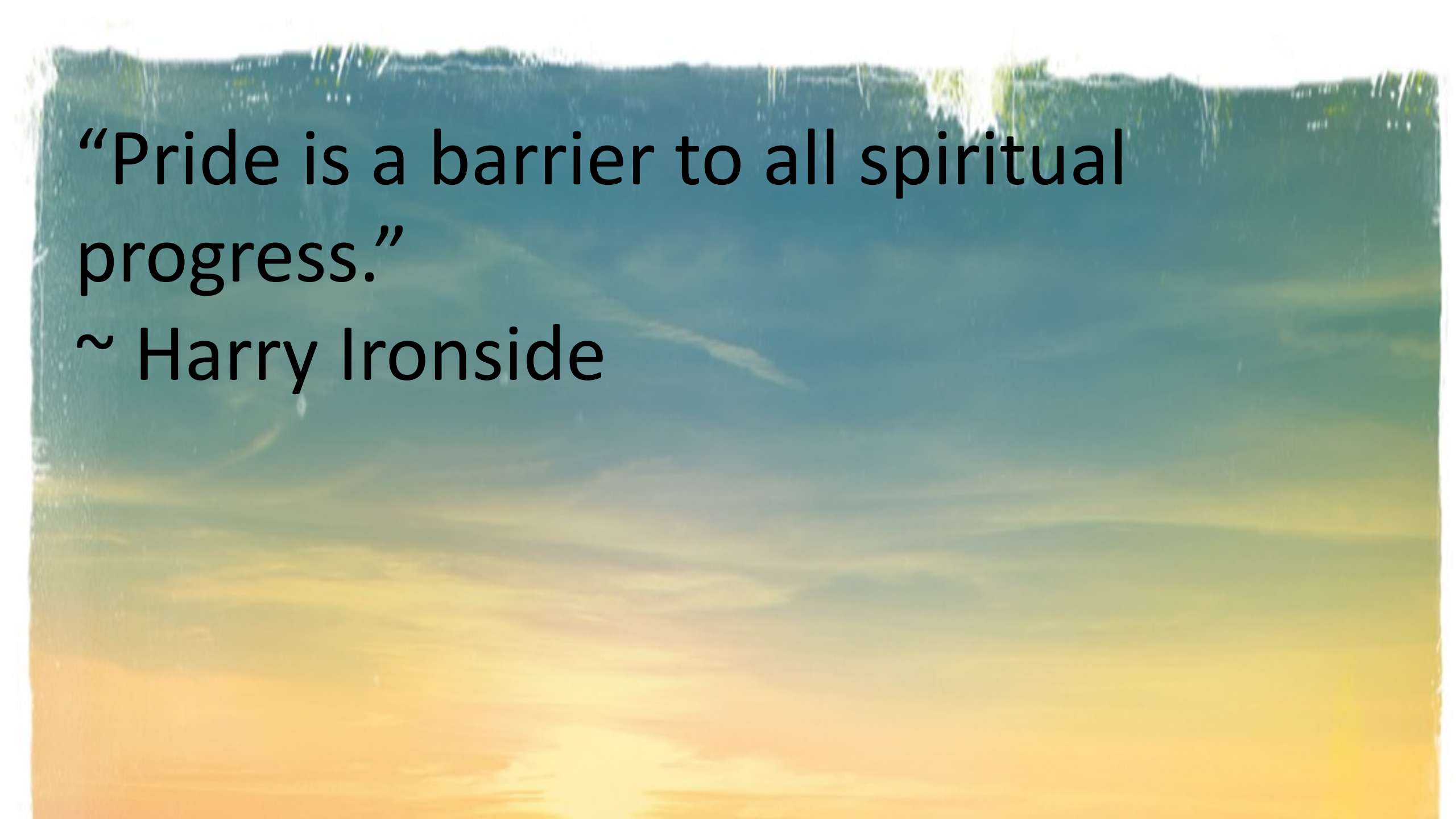


For here we have no lasting city, but we  
seek the city that is to come.

(Hebrews 13:14 ESV)

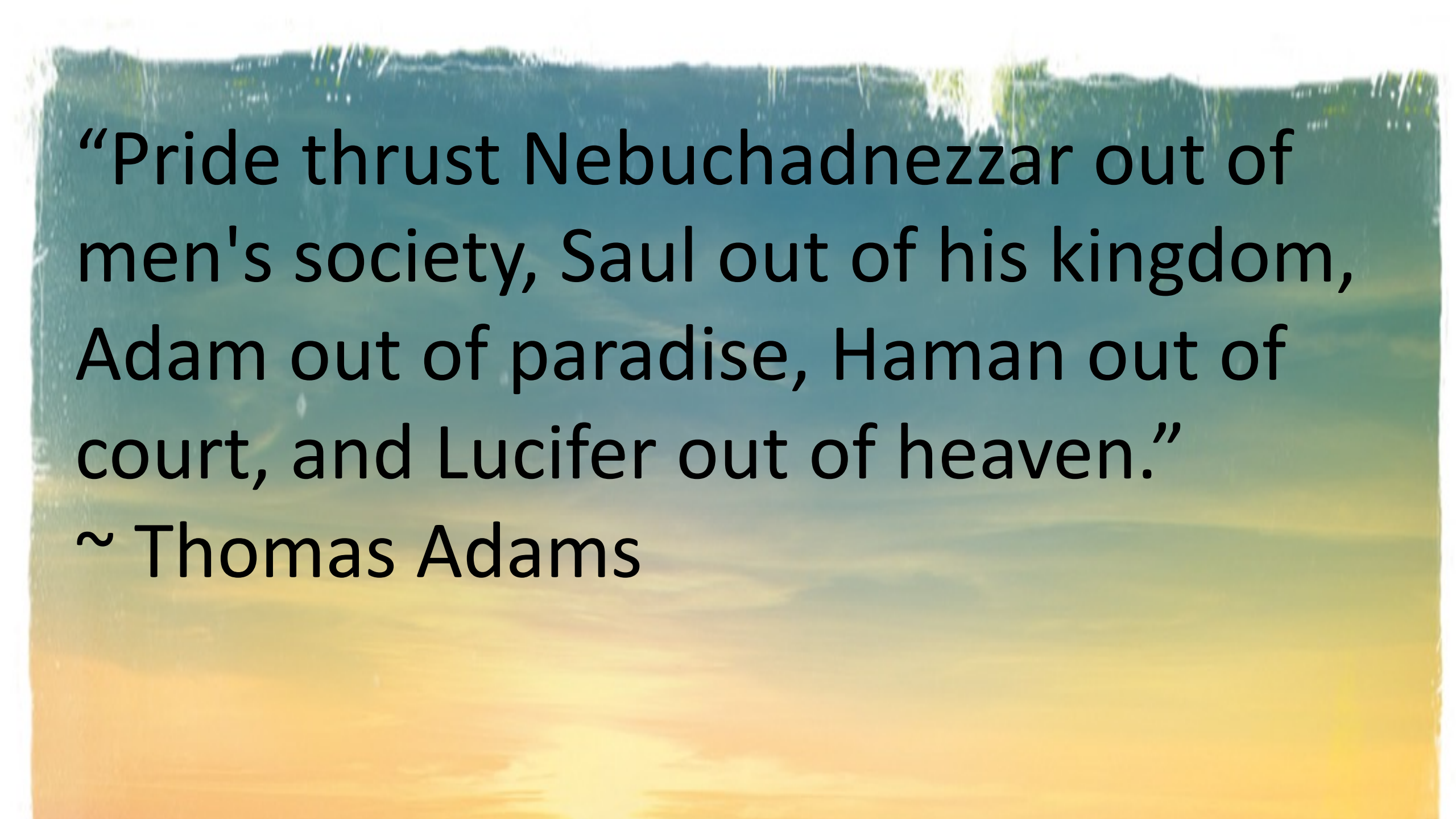
## Obstacle #1: Pride

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~ Harry Ironside



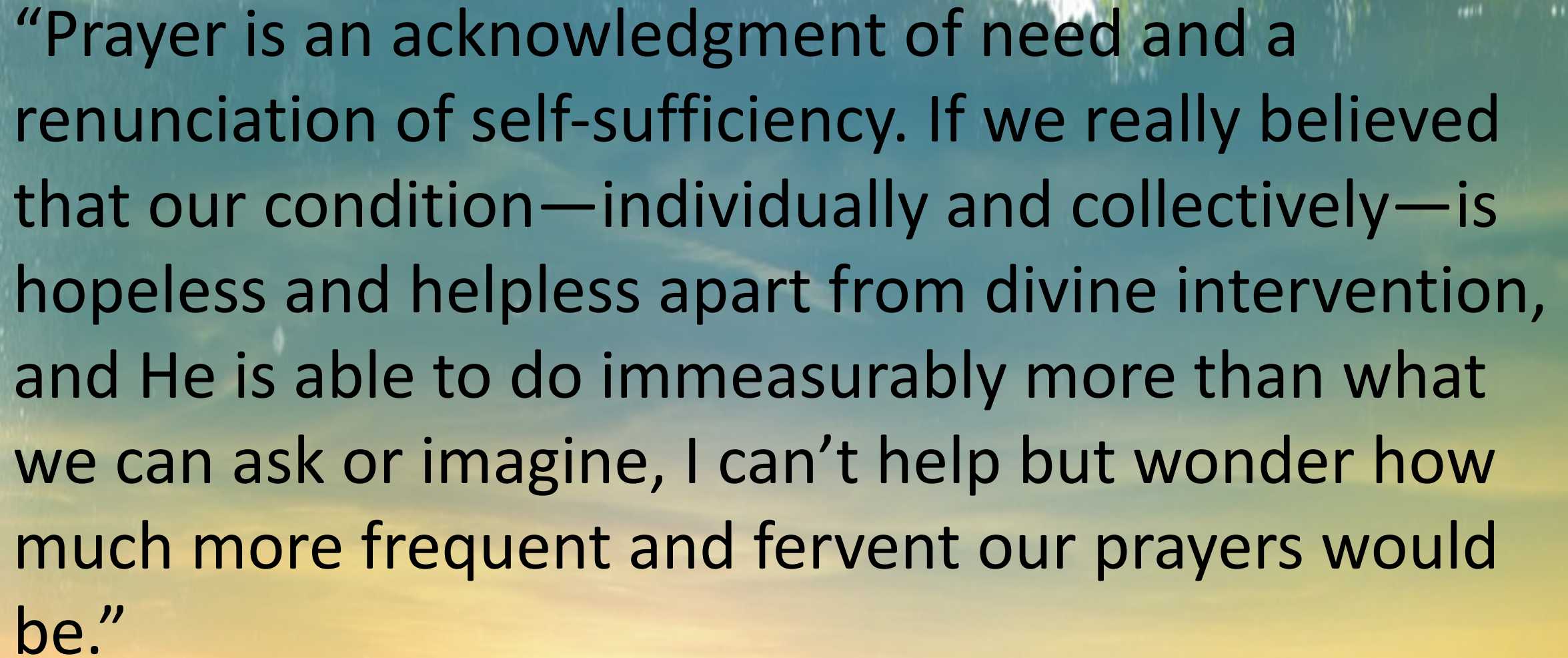
“Pride thrust Nebuchadnezzar out of  
men's society, Saul out of his kingdom,  
Adam out of paradise, Haman out of  
court, and Lucifer out of heaven.”

~ Thomas Adams

Proud, Unbroken People	Humble, Broken People
Focused on failure of others	Overwhelmed with sense of own spiritual need
Maintain control; must be their way	Willing to yield the right to be right
Defensive when criticized	Receive criticism with humble, open heart
Feel confident in how much they know	Humbled by how much they have to learn
Concerned with what others think	All that matters is what God thinks

## Obstacle #2: Self-Sufficiency

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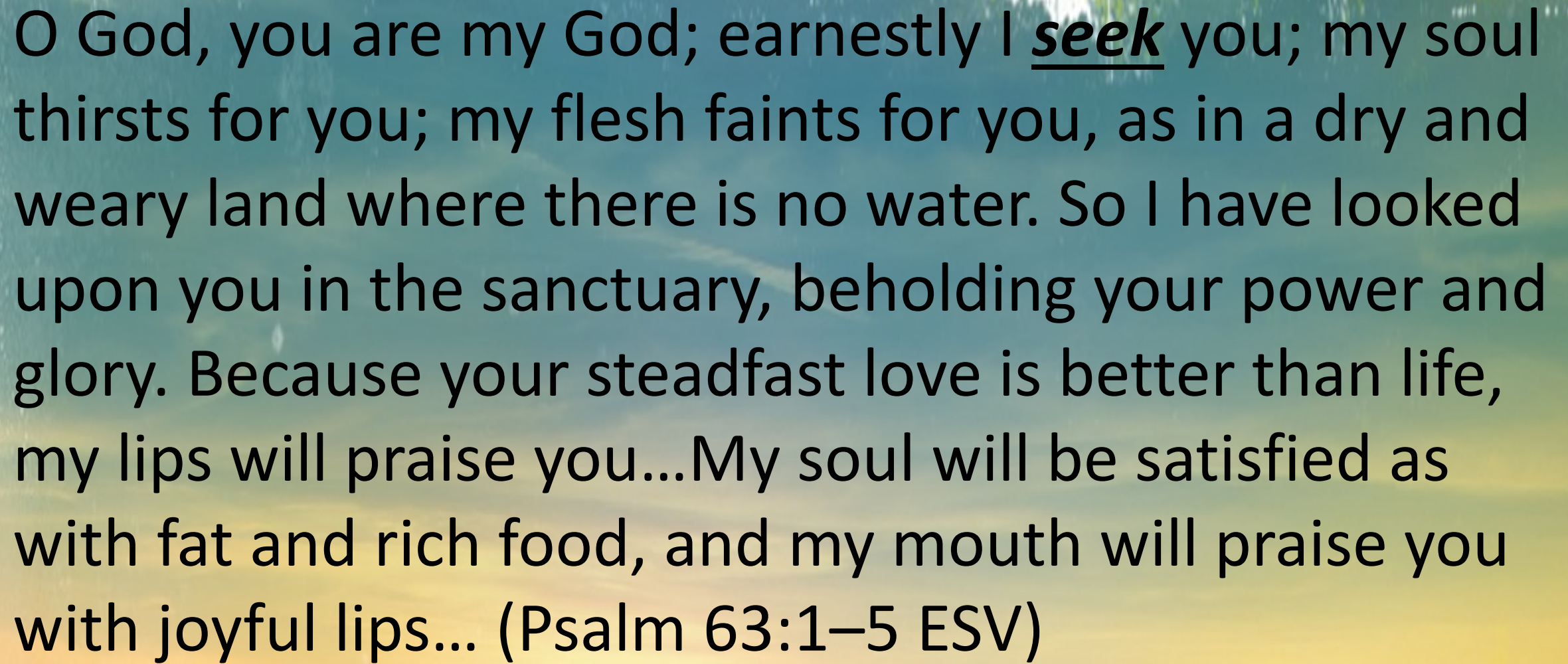


“Prayer is an acknowledgment of need and a renunciation of self-sufficiency. If we really believed that our condition—individually and collectively—is hopeless and helpless apart from divine intervention, and He is able to do immeasurably more than what we can ask or imagine, I can’t help but wonder how much more frequent and fervent our prayers would be.”

~ Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

## Obstacle #3: Misplaced Priorities

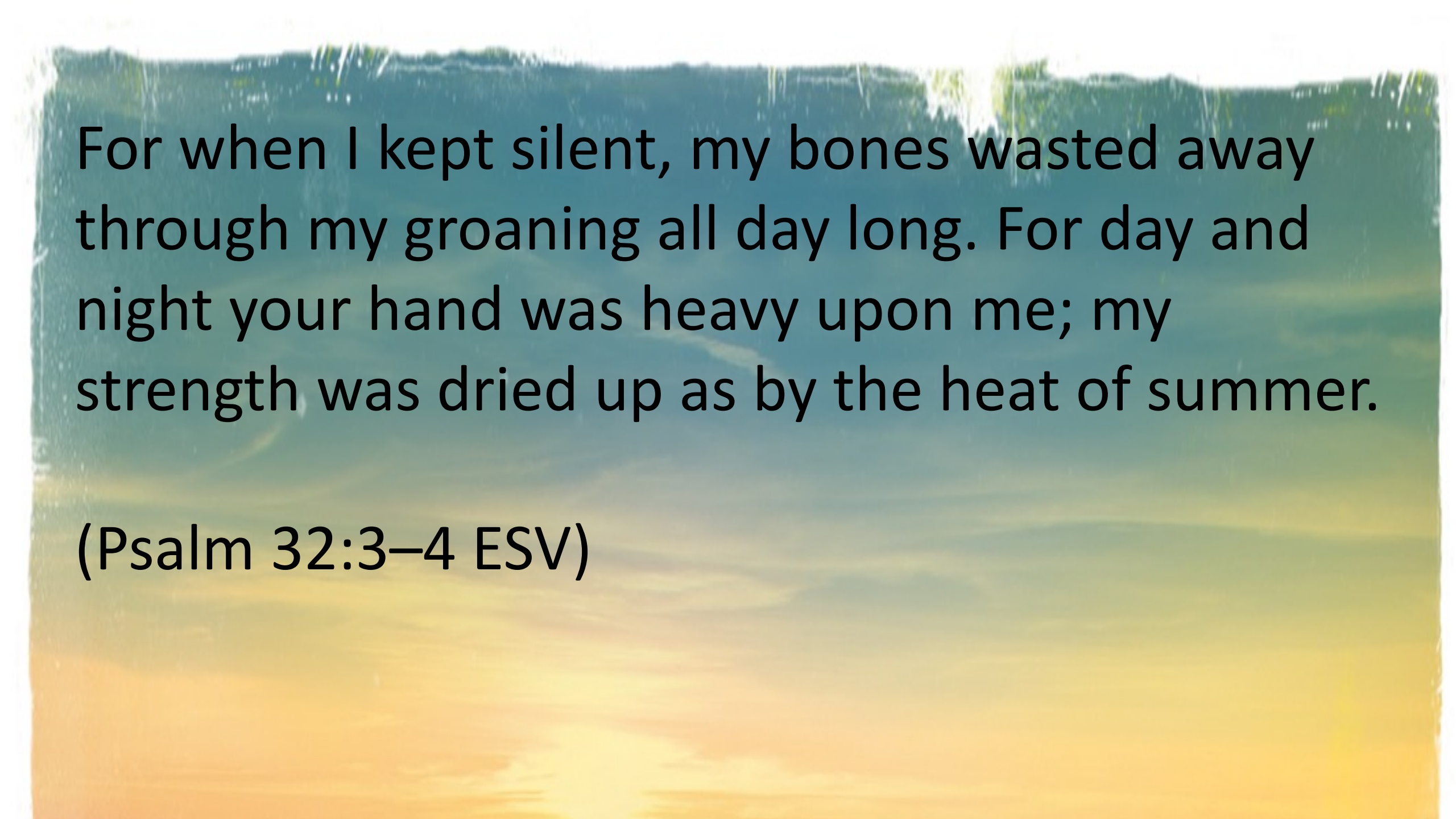
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O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you...My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips... (Psalm 63:1–5 ESV)

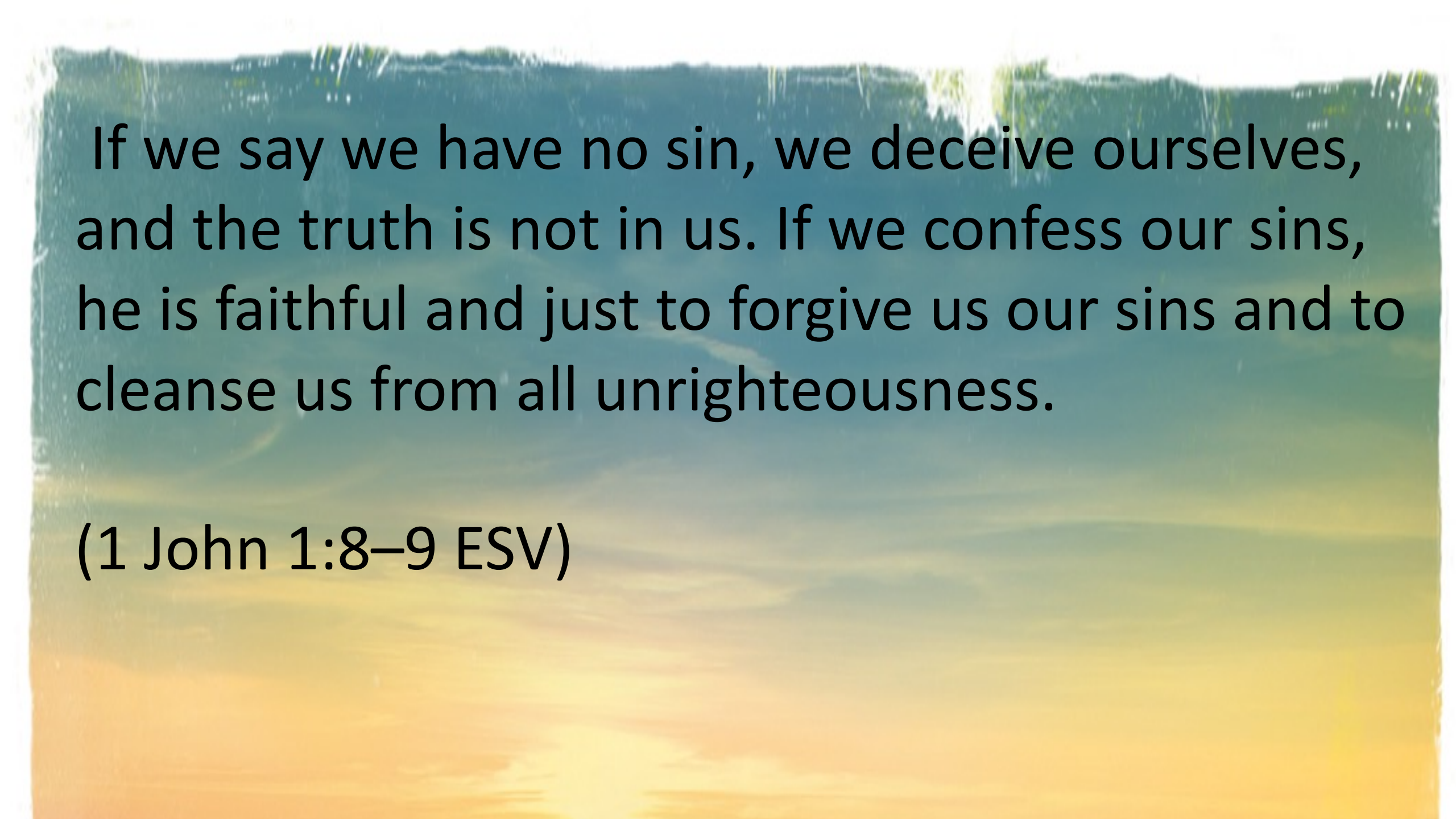
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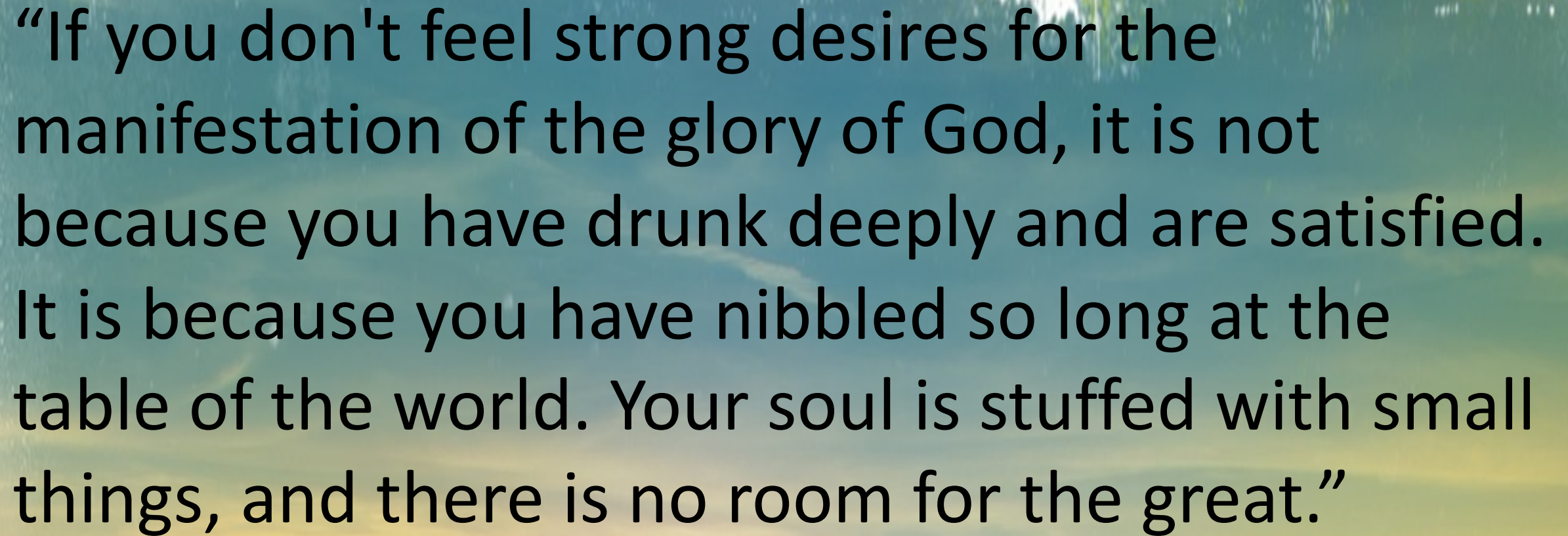
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long. For day and  
night your hand was heavy upon me; my  
strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

(Psalm 32:3–4 ESV)



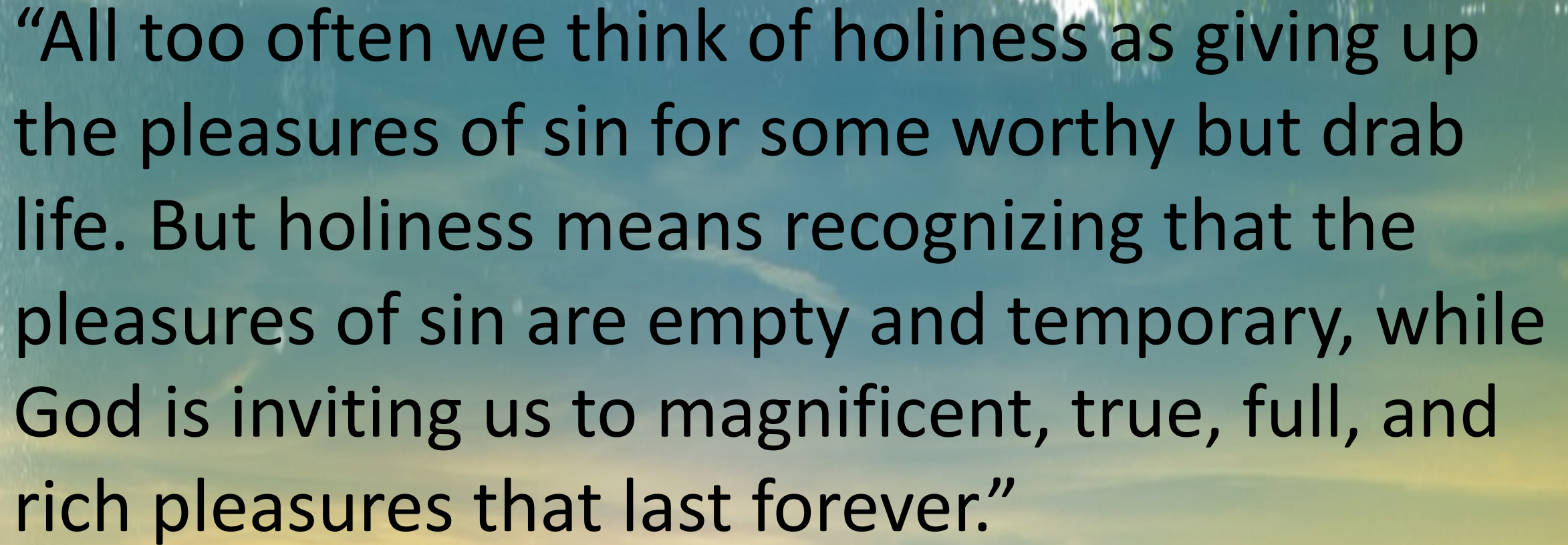
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8–9 ESV)



“If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great.”

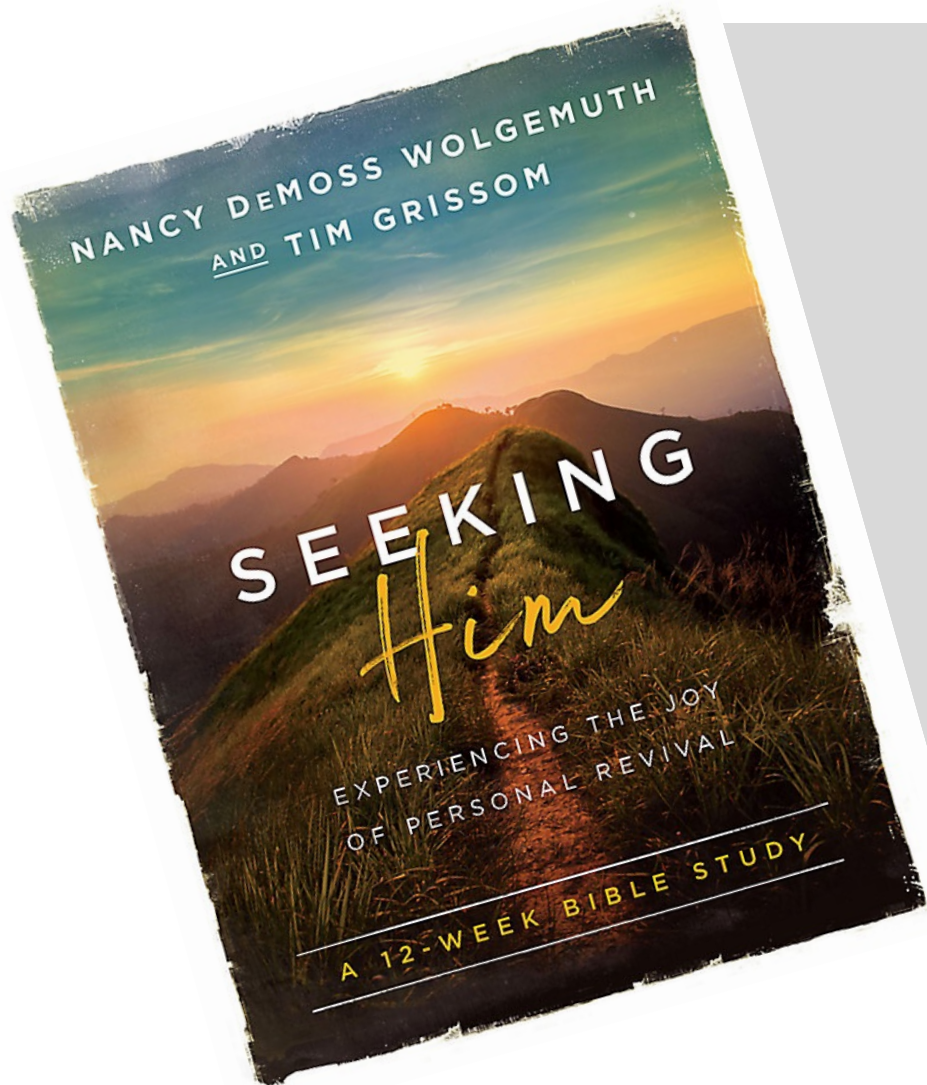
~ John Piper



“All too often we think of holiness as giving up the pleasures of sin for some worthy but drab life. But holiness means recognizing that the pleasures of sin are empty and temporary, while God is inviting us to magnificent, true, full, and rich pleasures that last forever.”

~ Tim Chester

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