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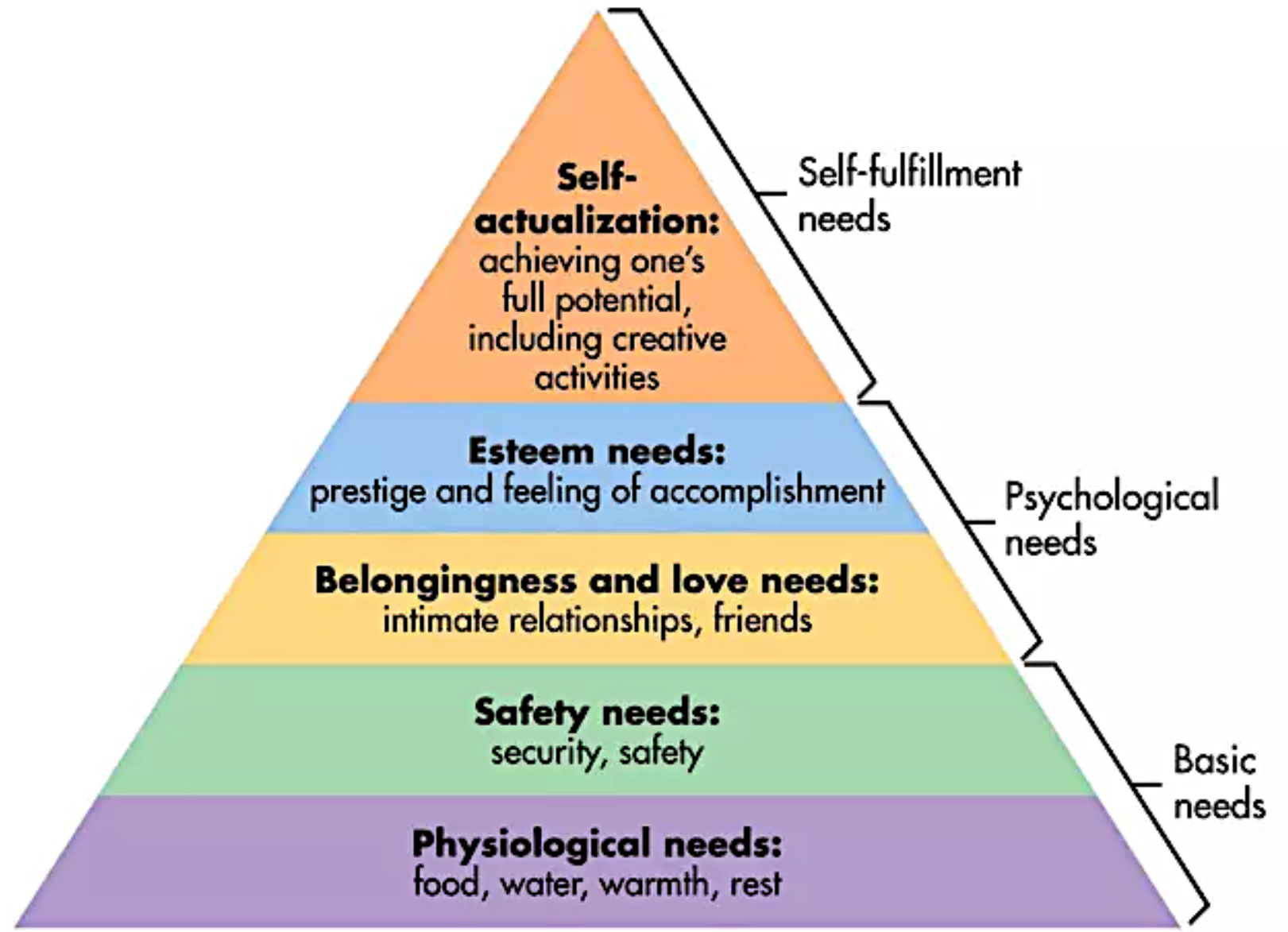
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4 TRUTHS ABOUT GOD:

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Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

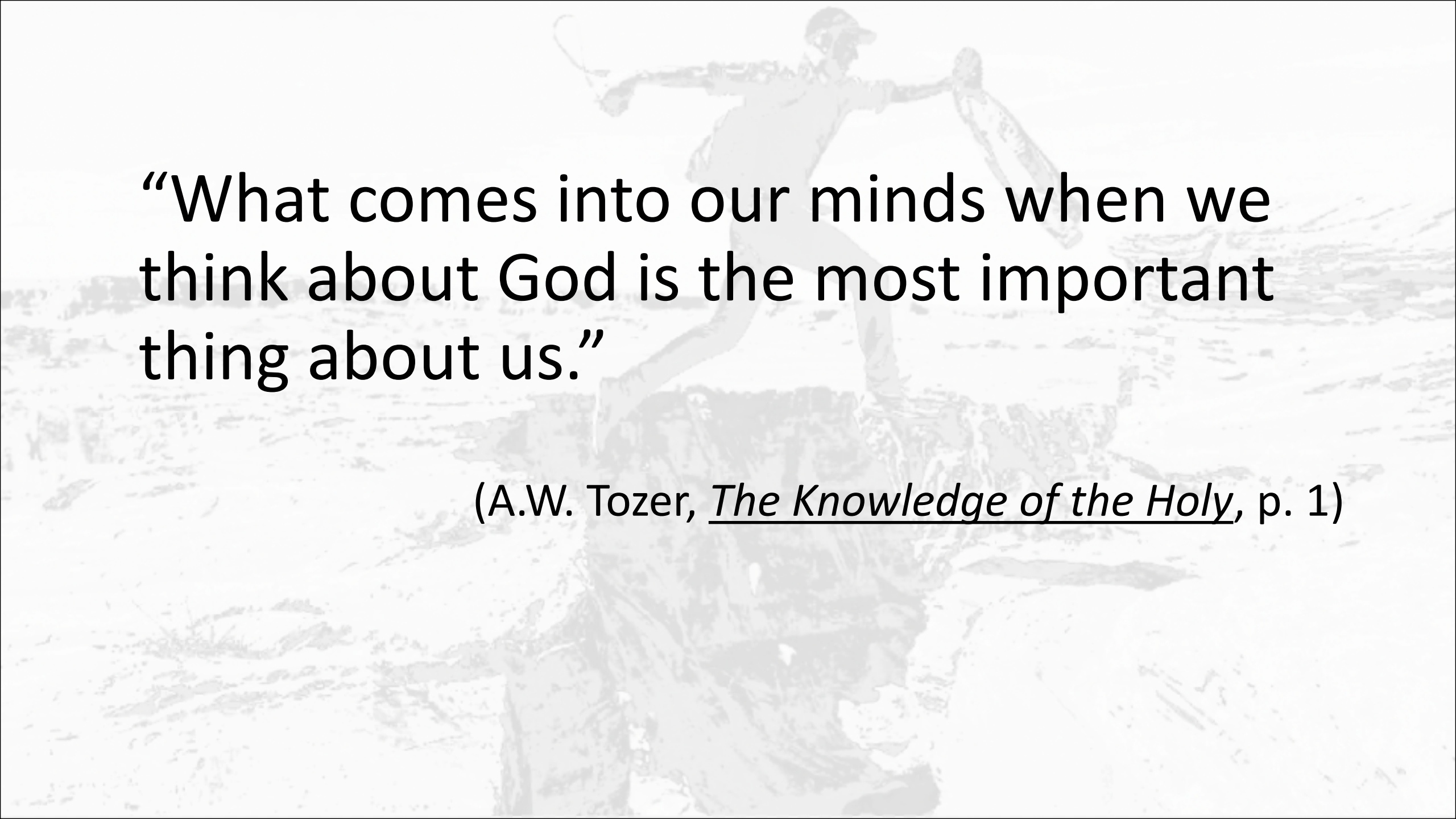


Biblical Hierarchy of Needs

We need forgiveness from God

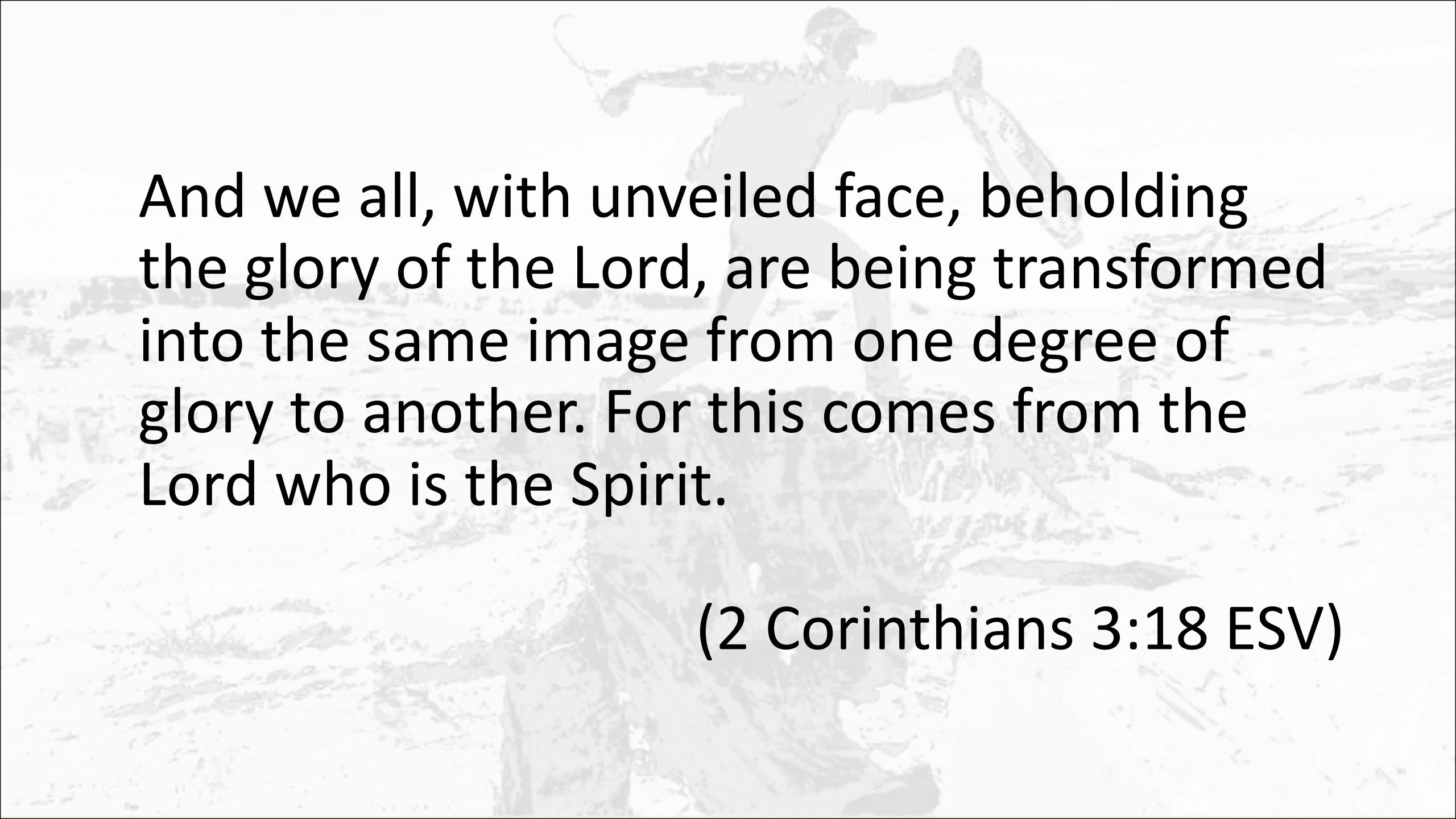
We need guidance

We need to hear from God



“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

(A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, p. 1)



And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

(2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV)



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Psalm 16

[1] Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

[2] I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

[3] As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

[4] The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Psalm 16

[5] The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

[6] The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

[7] I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

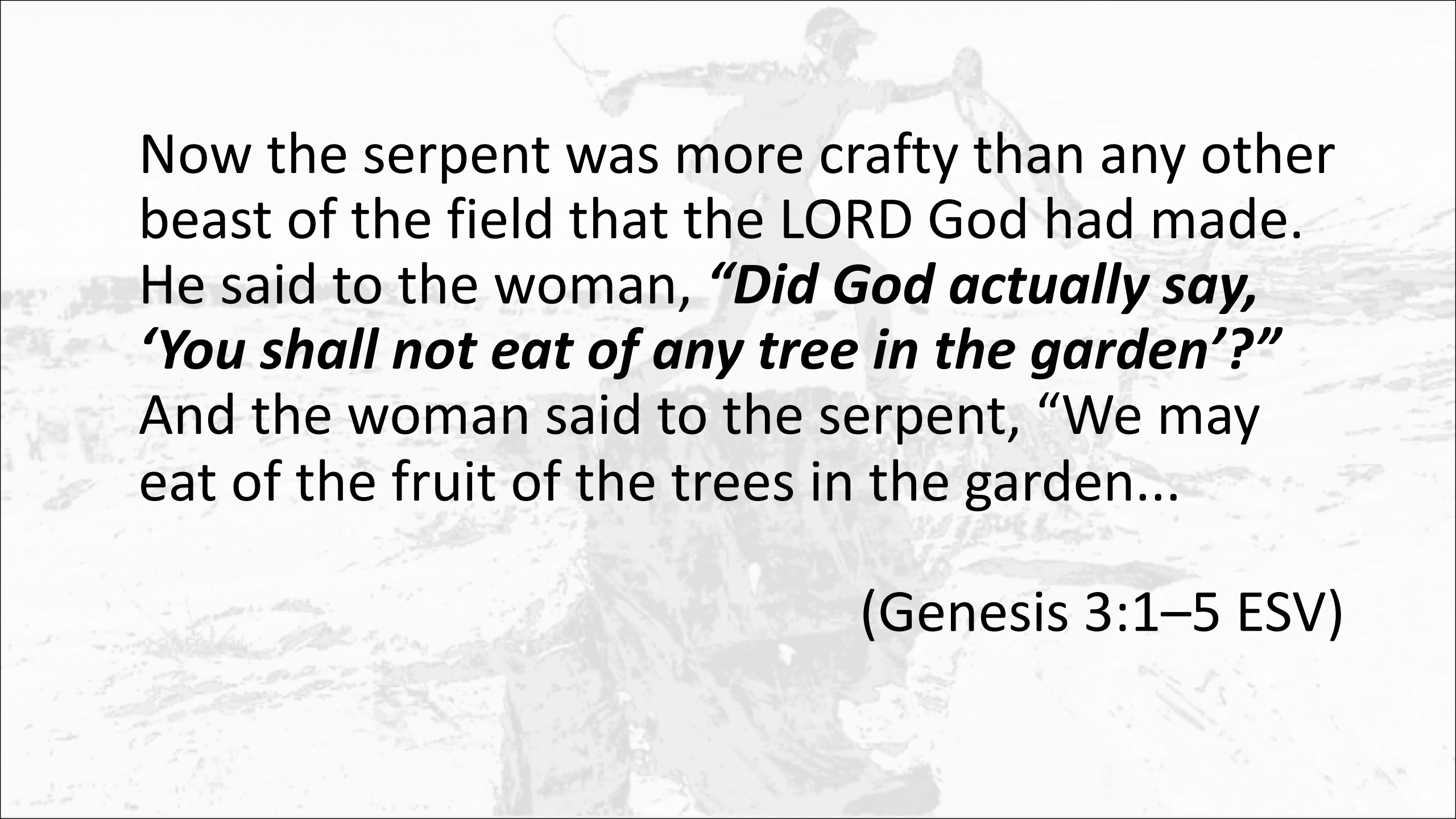
[8] I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

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[9] Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

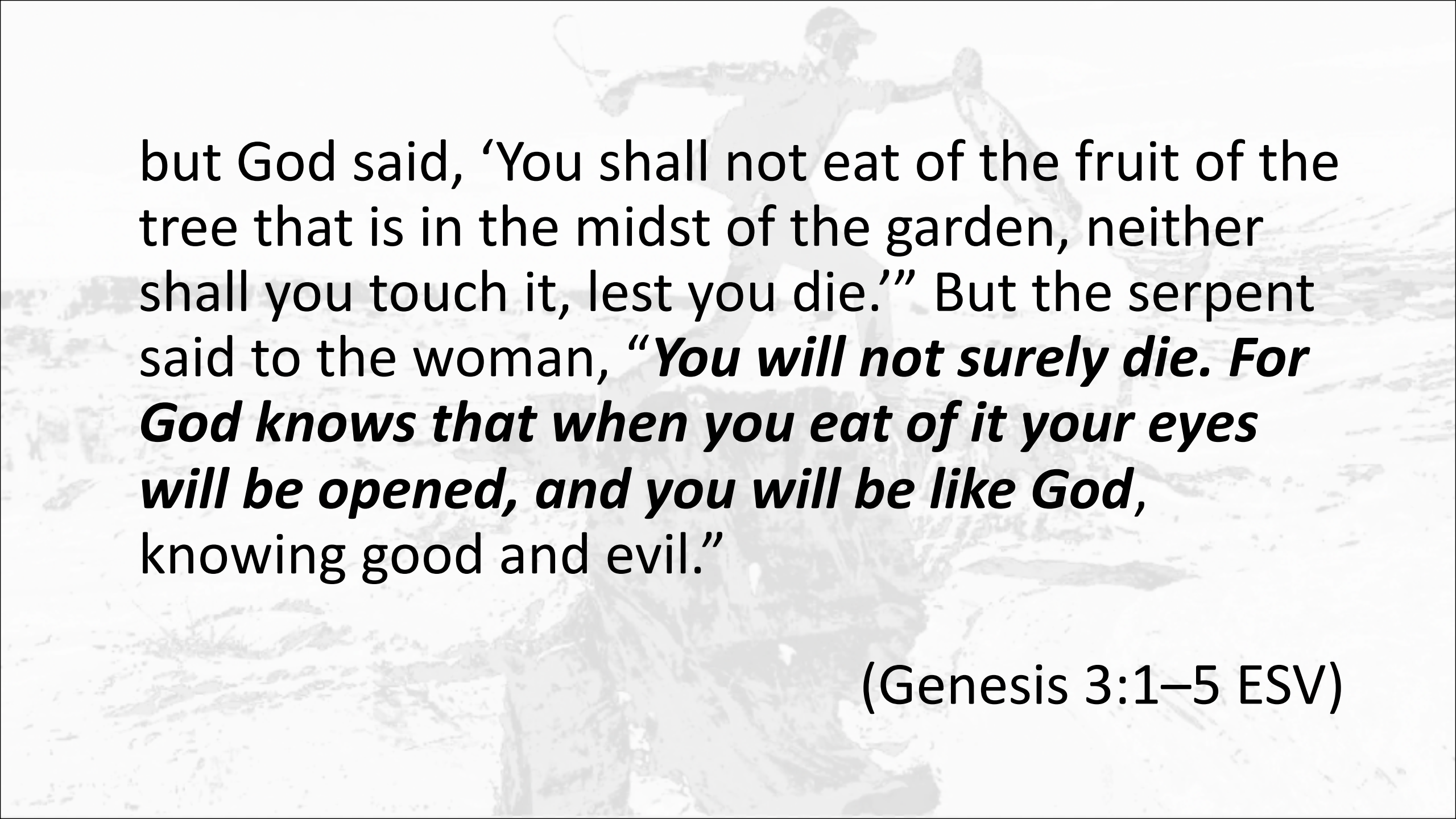
[10] For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

[11] You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ***“Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”*** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden...

(Genesis 3:1–5 ESV)



but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “***You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.***”

(Genesis 3:1–5 ESV)

A person in a wetsuit and cap is running on a rocky shore, carrying a surfboard under their arm. The background shows a beach and the ocean.

Does God have my best interests in mind?

Is he worthy of my loyalty and affection?

Will he satisfy my needs?

Testimony of Scripture

For ***the LORD is good***; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100:5 ESV)

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

(Psalm 119:68 ESV)

Testimony of Scripture

As for you, you meant evil against me, but ***God meant it for good***, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

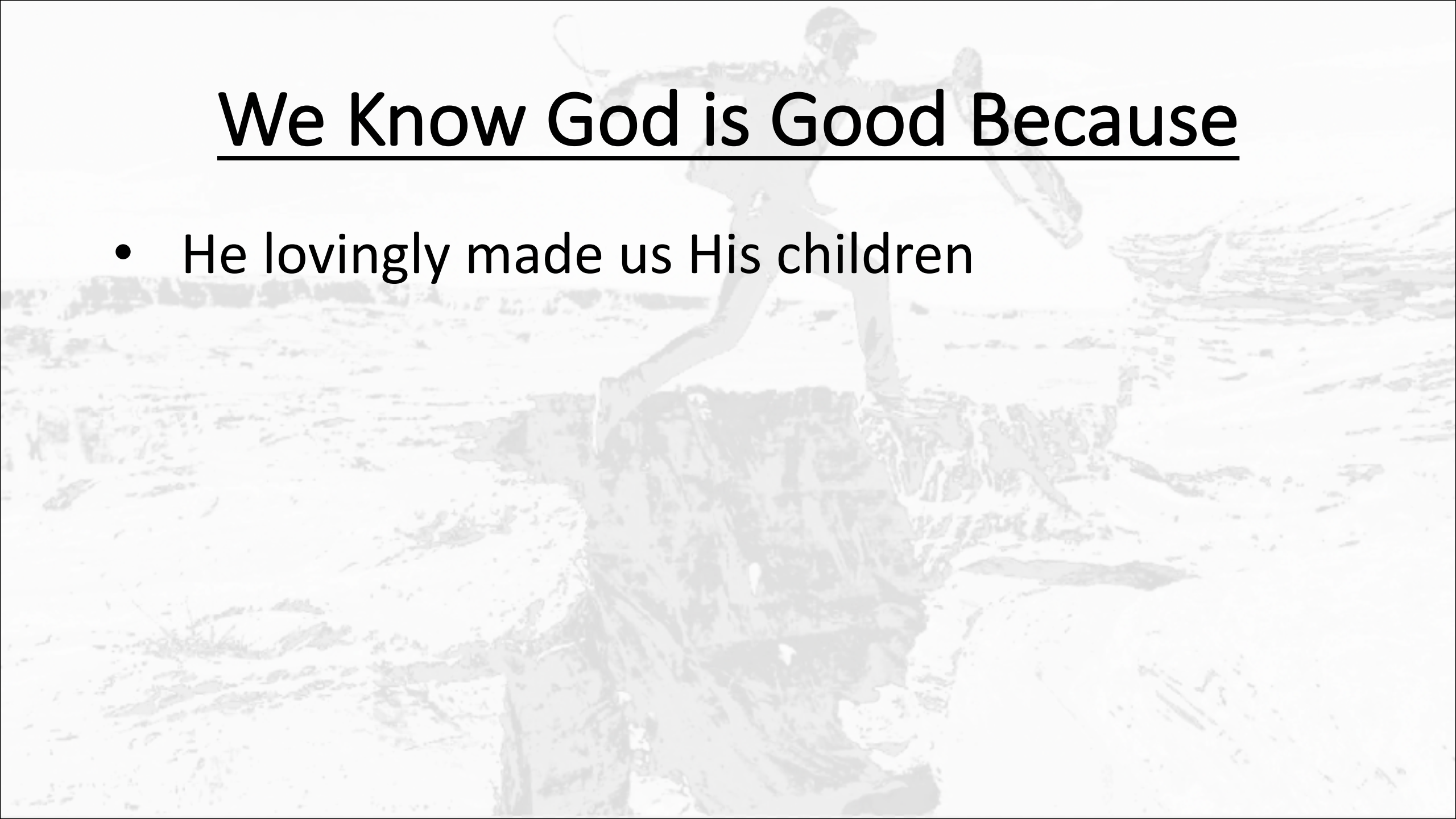
(Genesis 50:20 ESV)

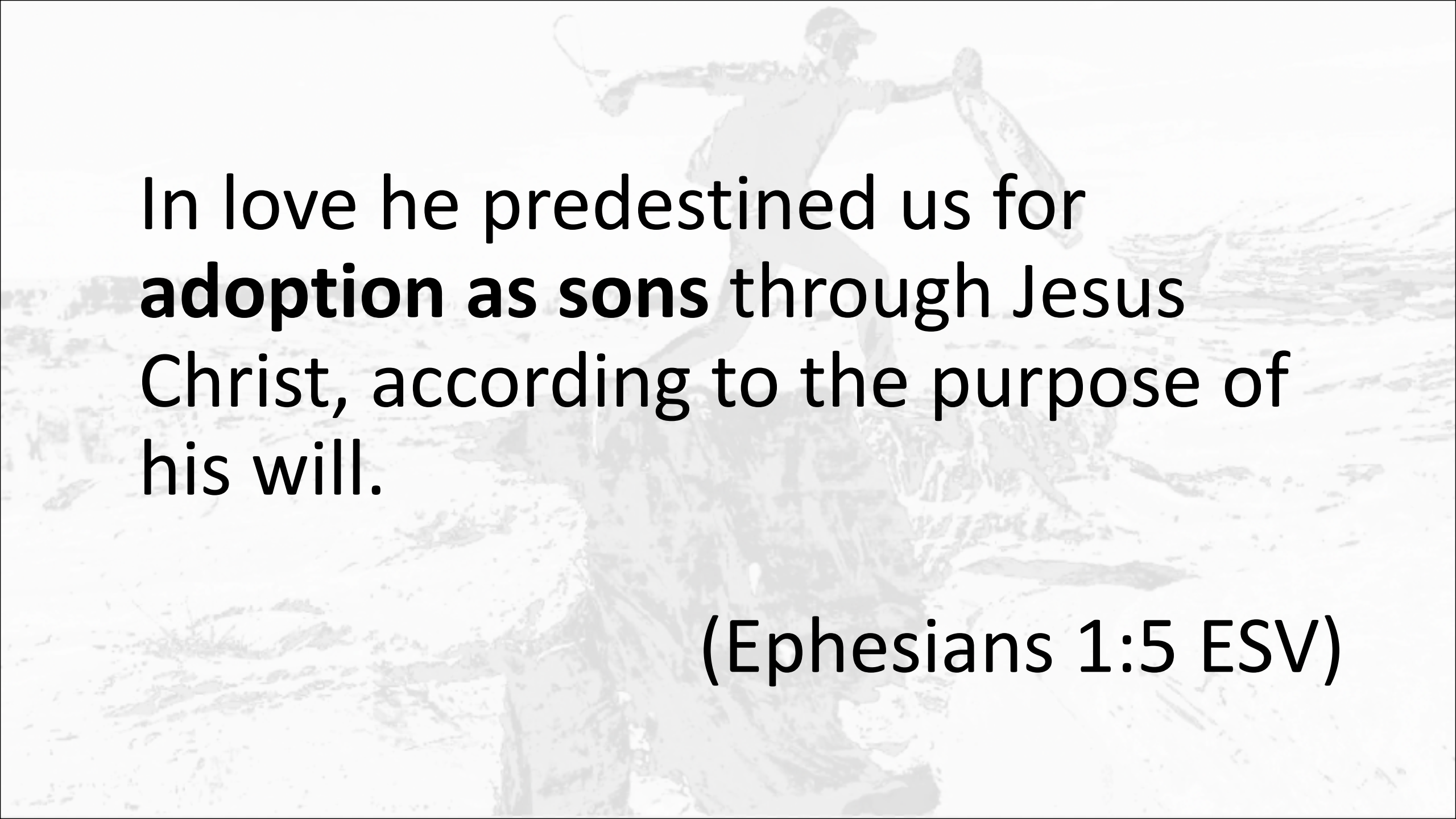
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- Verse 5: “The Lord is my portion...my cup...my lot.”
- Verse 6: “I have a beautiful inheritance.”
- Verse 9: “My heart is glad and my whole being rejoices.”
- Verse 11: “In [God’s] presence there is fullness of joy & pleasures forevermore.”

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- He lovingly made us His children



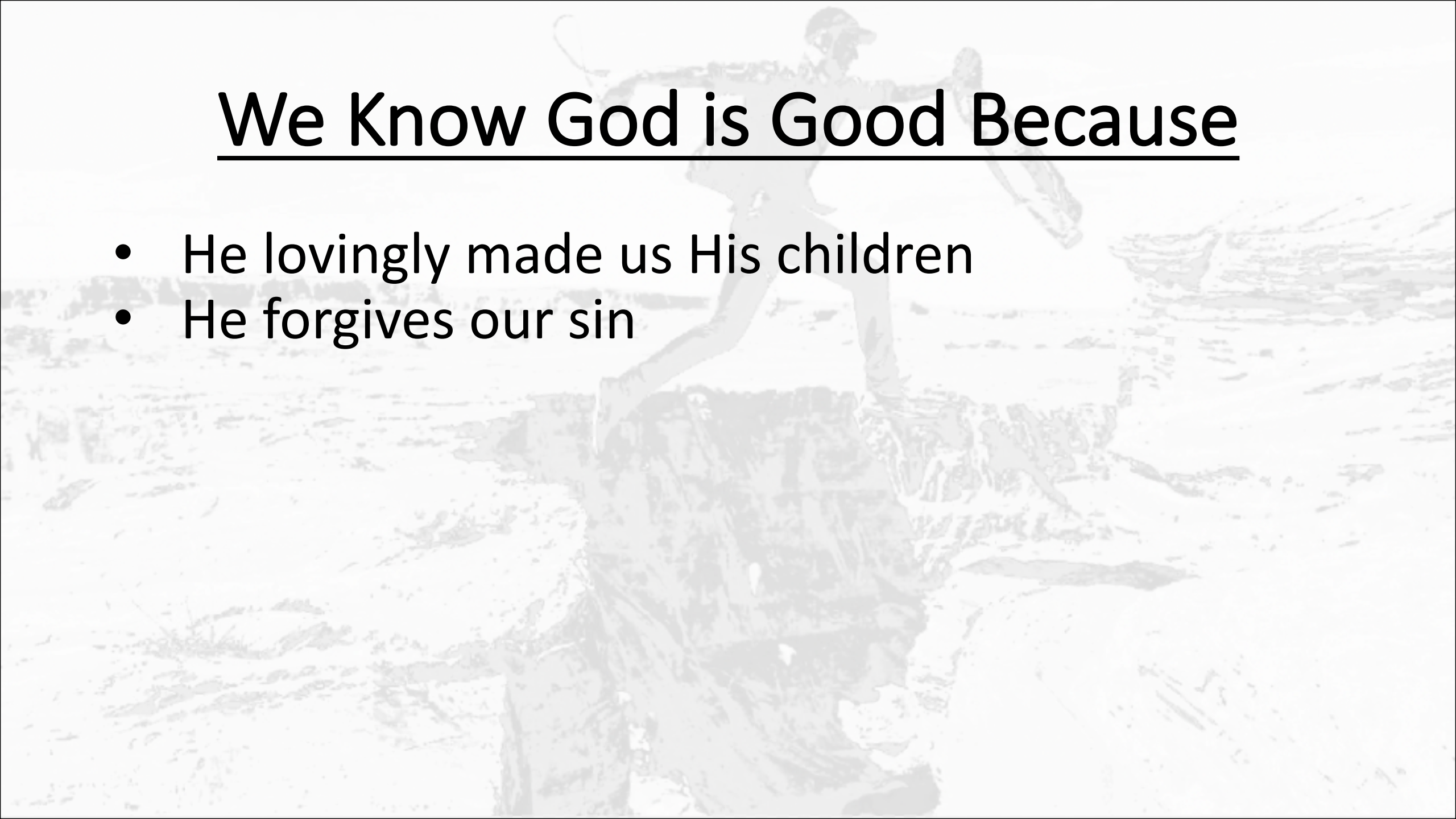


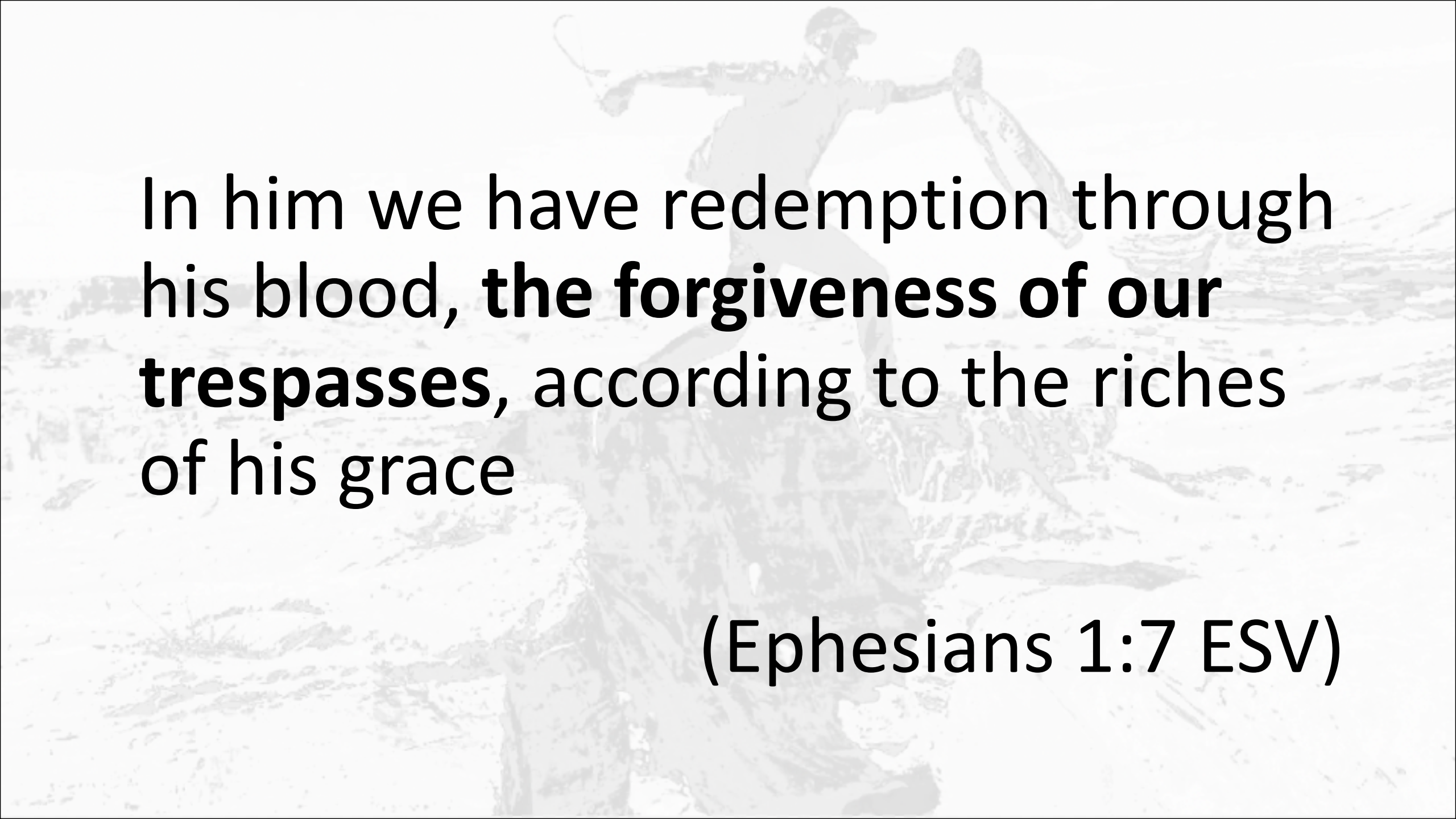
In love he predestined us for
adoption as sons through Jesus
Christ, according to the purpose of
his will.

(Ephesians 1:5 ESV)

We Know God is Good Because

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- He forgives our sin



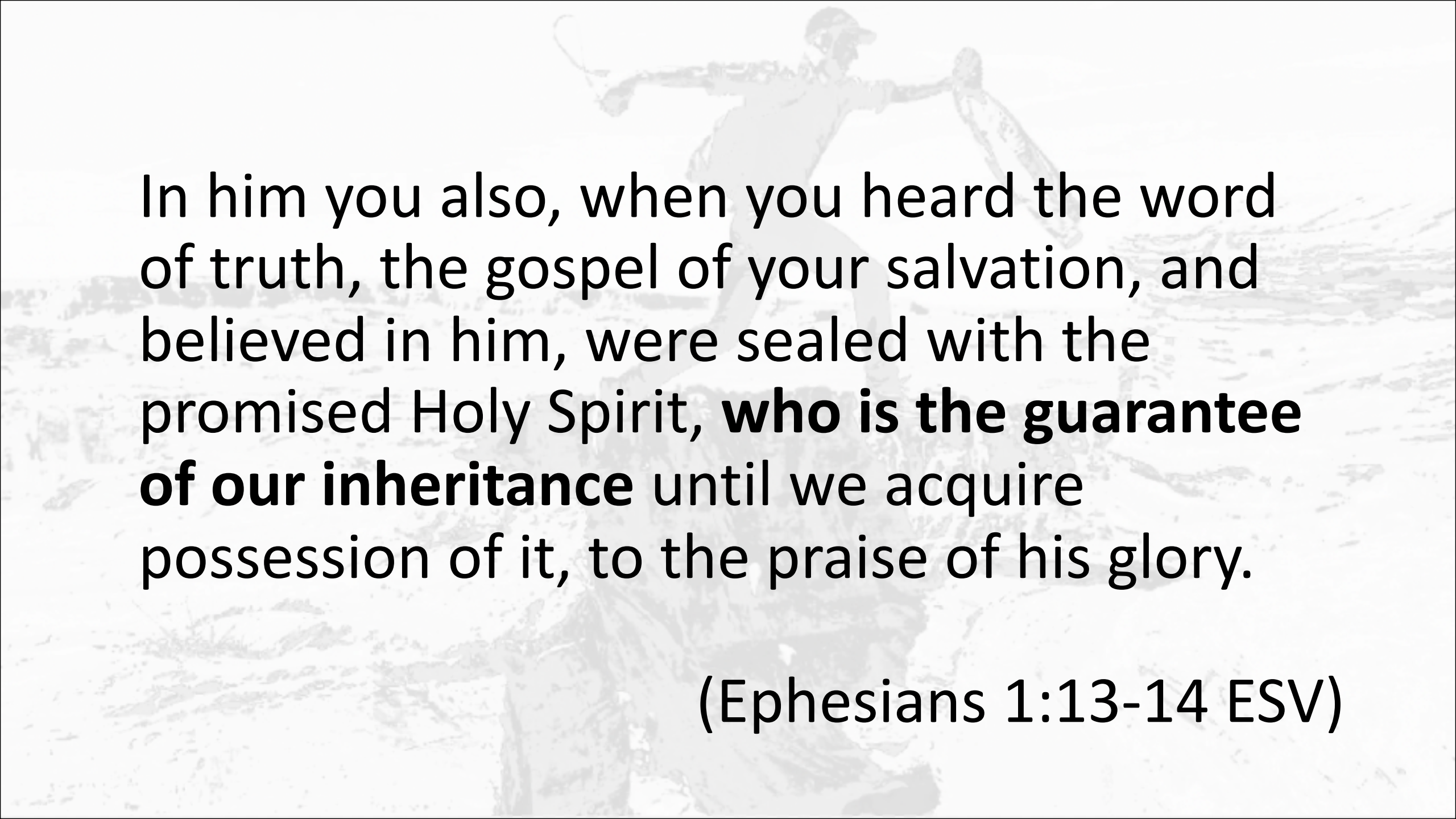


In him we have redemption through
his blood, **the forgiveness of our
trespasses**, according to the riches
of his grace

(Ephesians 1:7 ESV)

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- He forgives our sin
- He has guaranteed our salvation

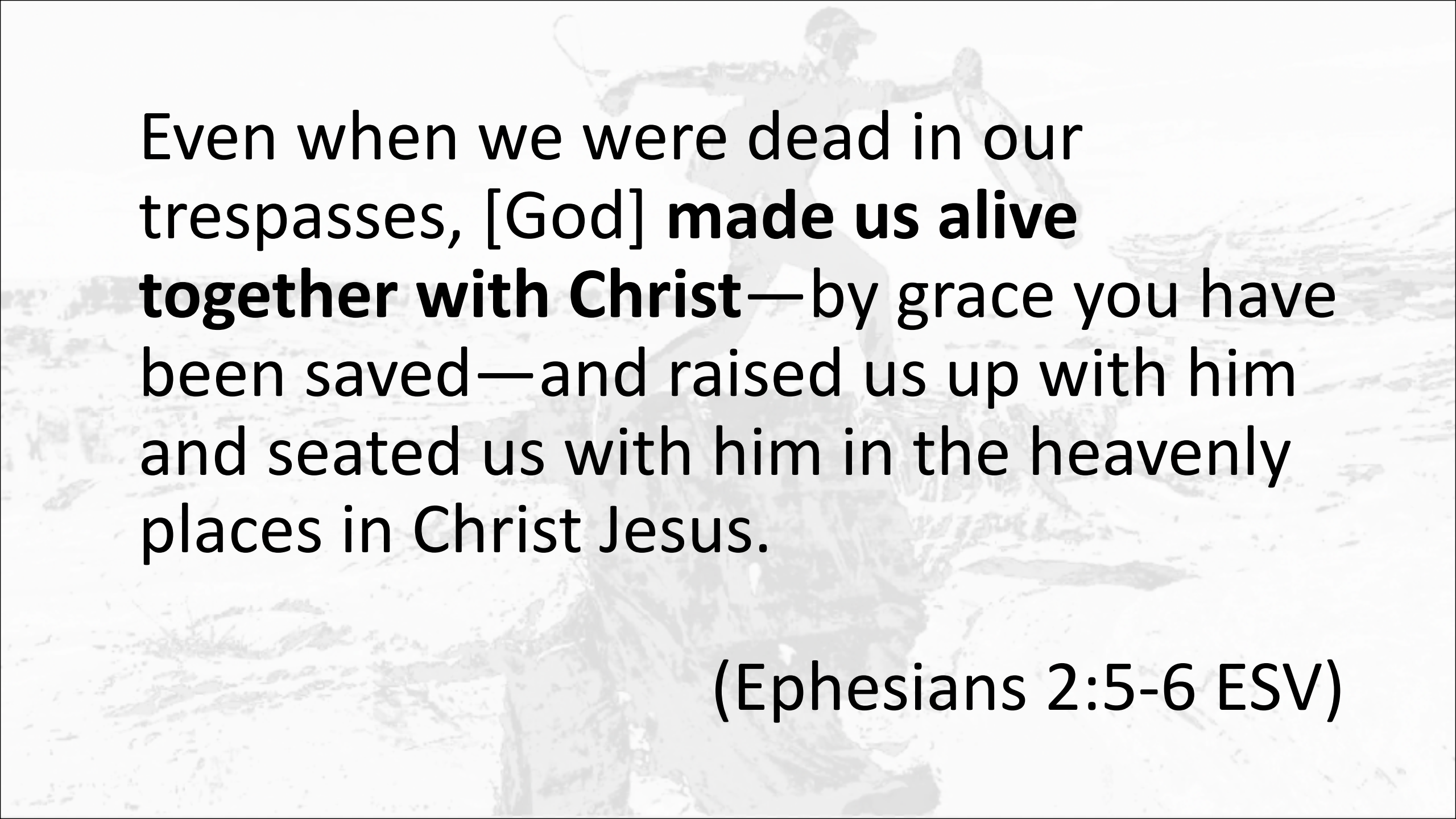


In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

(Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV)

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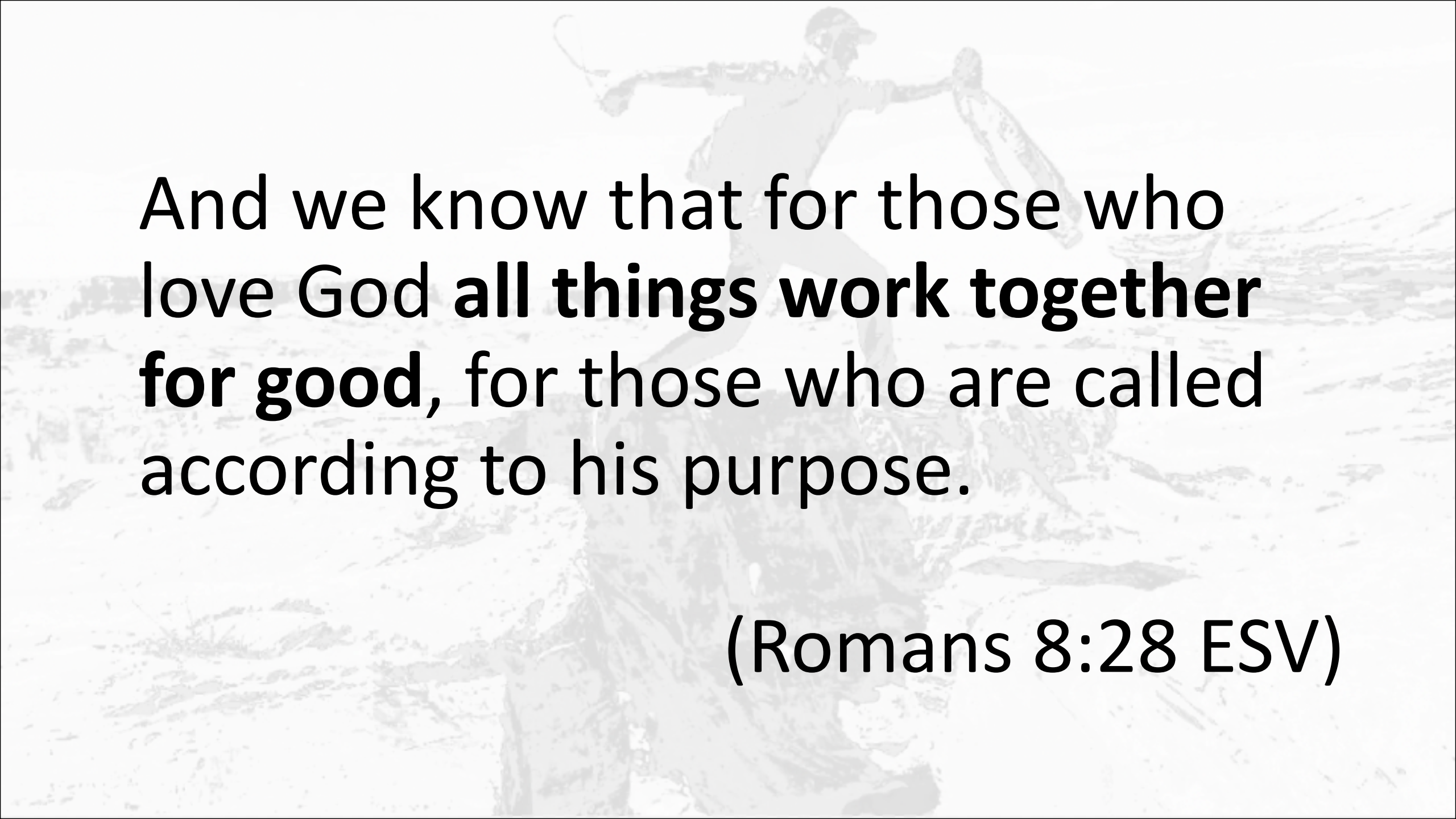


Even when we were dead in our trespasses, [God] **made us alive together with Christ**—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

(Ephesians 2:5-6 ESV)

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- He works all things for good for His children

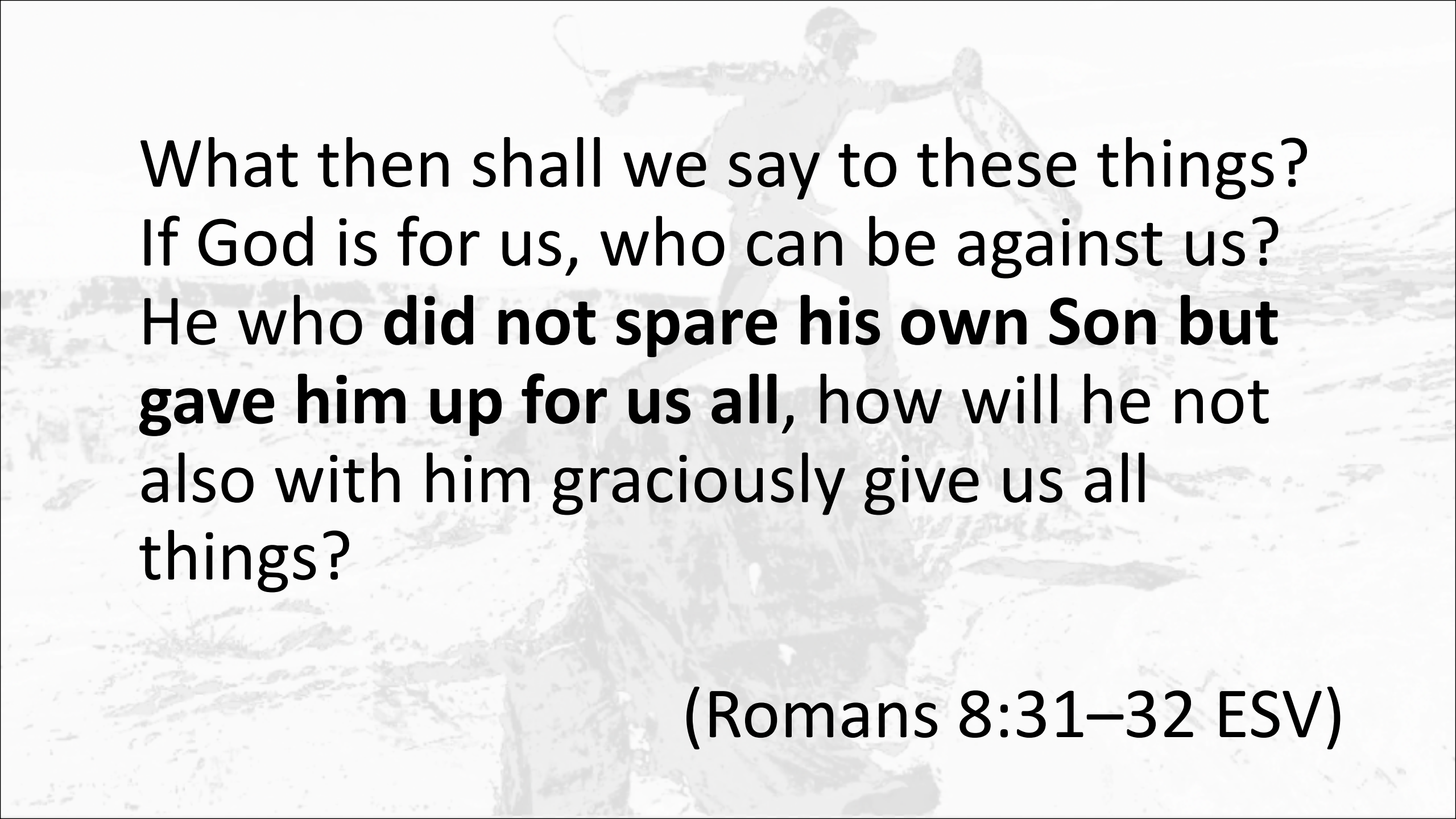


And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose.

(Romans 8:28 ESV)

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- He forgives our sin
- He has guaranteed our salvation
- He gives us spiritual life
- He works all things for good for His children
- He gave us what was most precious to Him (Jesus)



What then shall we say to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who **did not spare his own Son but
gave him up for us all**, how will he not
also with him graciously give us all
things?

(Romans 8:31–32 ESV)



Evidence of God's Goodness in Life

Every good and perfect
gift is from above,
coming down from the
Father of lights...

(James 1:17)

Our Challenge...

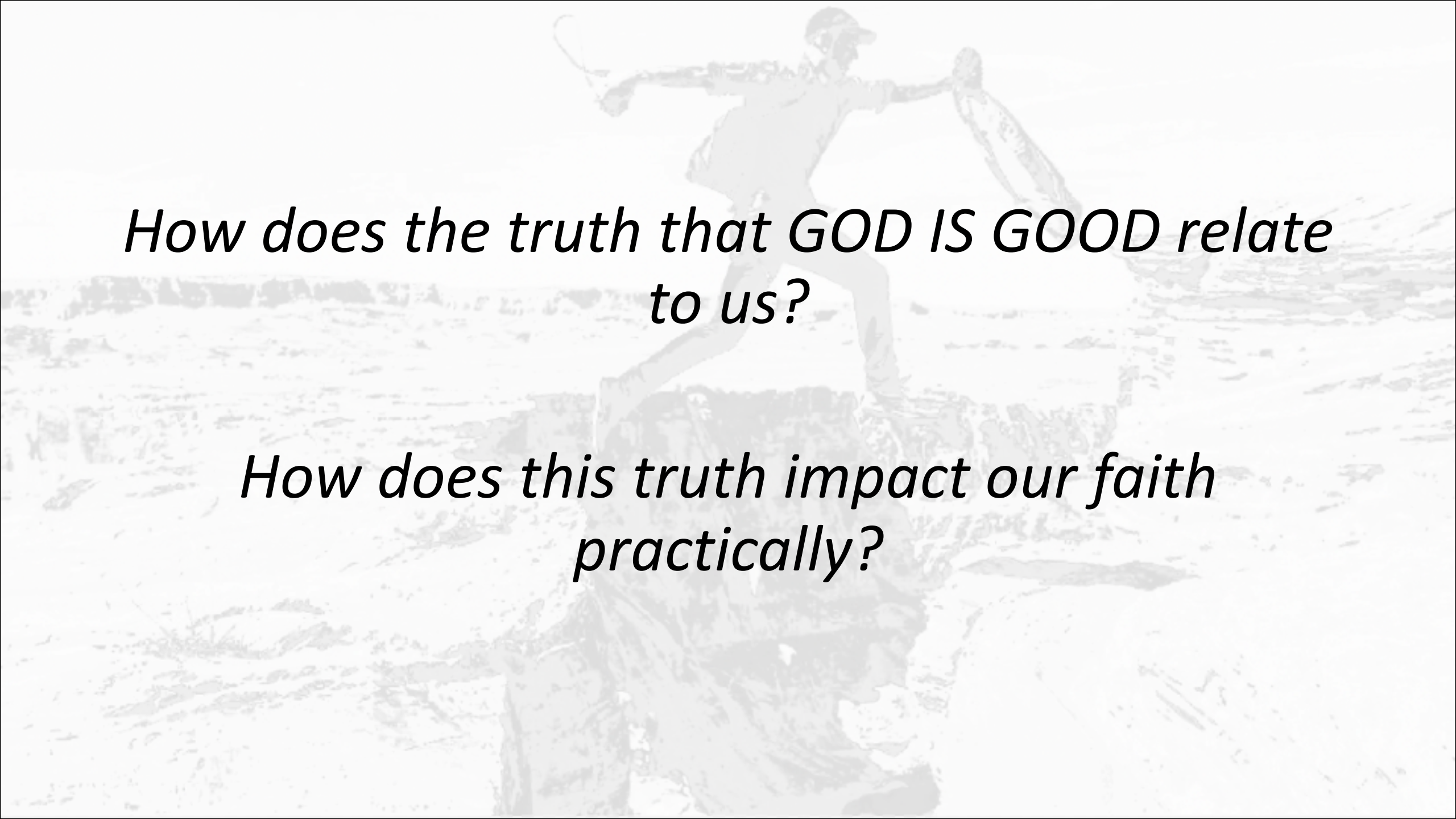
We allow the hard things,
the disappointing things,
or the loss of things in
our life to cast a shadow
on the good things.





Temptation

Look elsewhere for satisfaction

A person in a wetsuit and cap is running on a rocky shore, carrying a surfboard. The background shows a beach and the ocean. The text is overlaid on the image.

How does the truth that GOD IS GOOD relate to us?

How does this truth impact our faith practically?



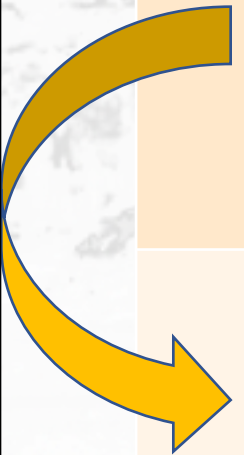
Key Principle #1

Since God is good, I don't have to look for my satisfaction in other things.

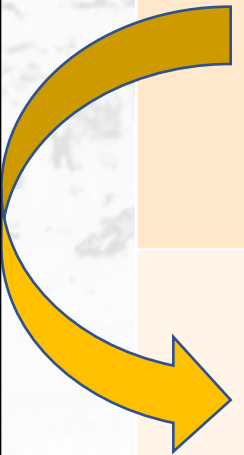
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HE IS GOOD	Sent His Son to SATISFY our deepest longings	Fulfilled	Delight in the goodness of God



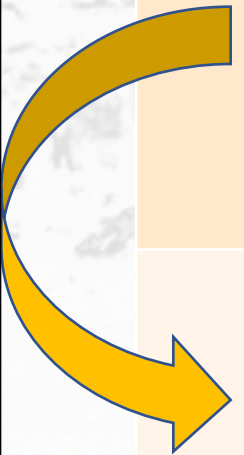
Key Principle #2

Since God is good, I can trust that He will provide everything I need when I need it.

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HE IS GOOD	Sent His Son to PROVIDE for our greatest needs	Sufficient	Act in trust and confidence





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