

*Have you ever felt
let down by God?*





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Exodus 5:1-2

[1] Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘**Let my people go**, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’” [2] But Pharaoh said, “**Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.**”



Lesson #1

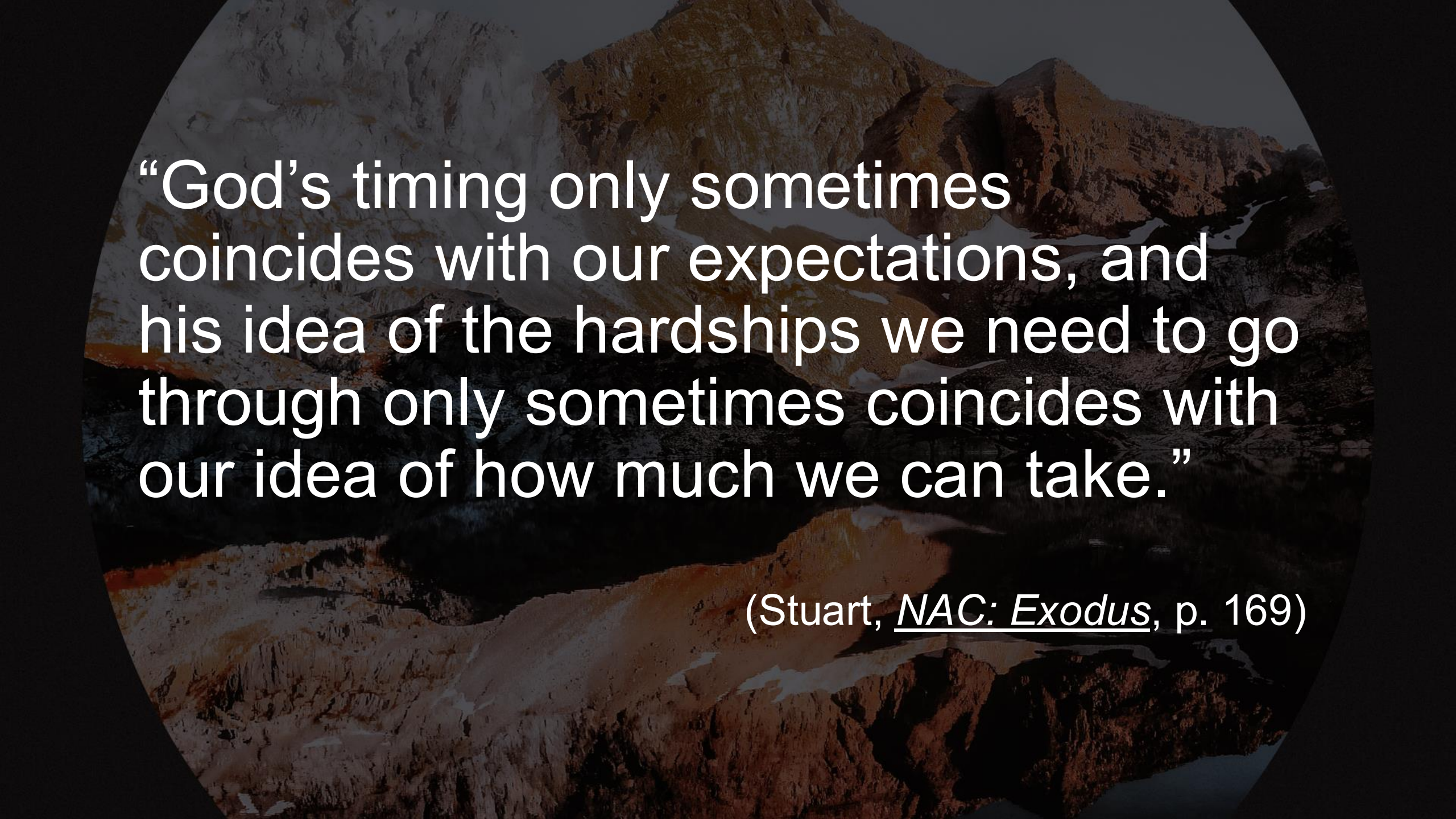
*Following God's call on our life may
cause our situation to get worse before it
gets better.*

Exodus 5:7-9

[7] “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. [8] But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’ [9] Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.”

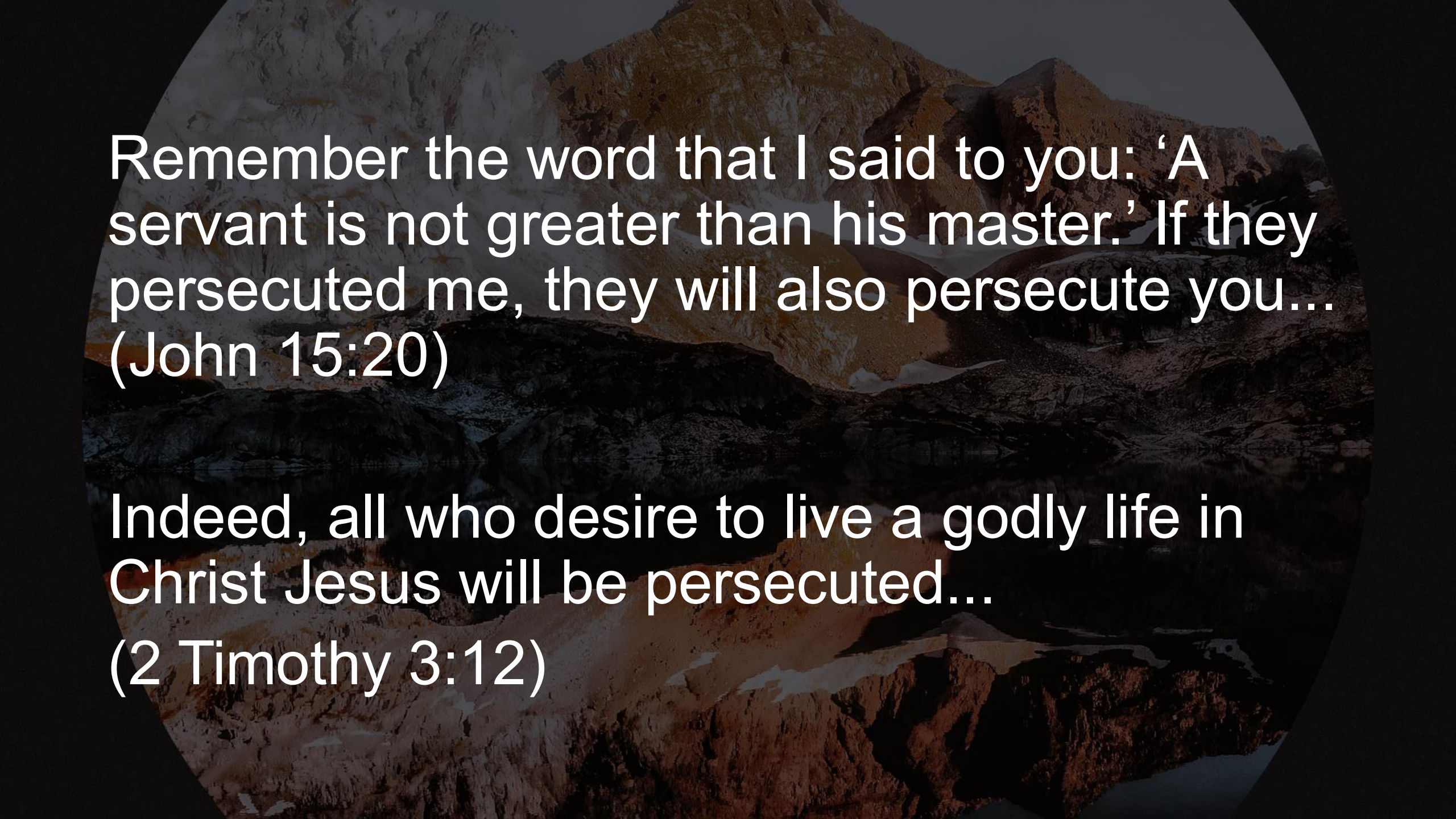
Exodus 3:19-20

[19] But I know that **the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.** [20] So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.



“God’s timing only sometimes coincides with our expectations, and his idea of the hardships we need to go through only sometimes coincides with our idea of how much we can take.”

(Stuart, NAC: Exodus, p. 169)



Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you...
(John 15:20)

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...
(2 Timothy 3:12)



Lesson #2

It's tempting to question God's calling on our life when we experience disappointment or criticism.

Exodus 5:20-23

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Lesson #3

*Big goals spark big obstacles that
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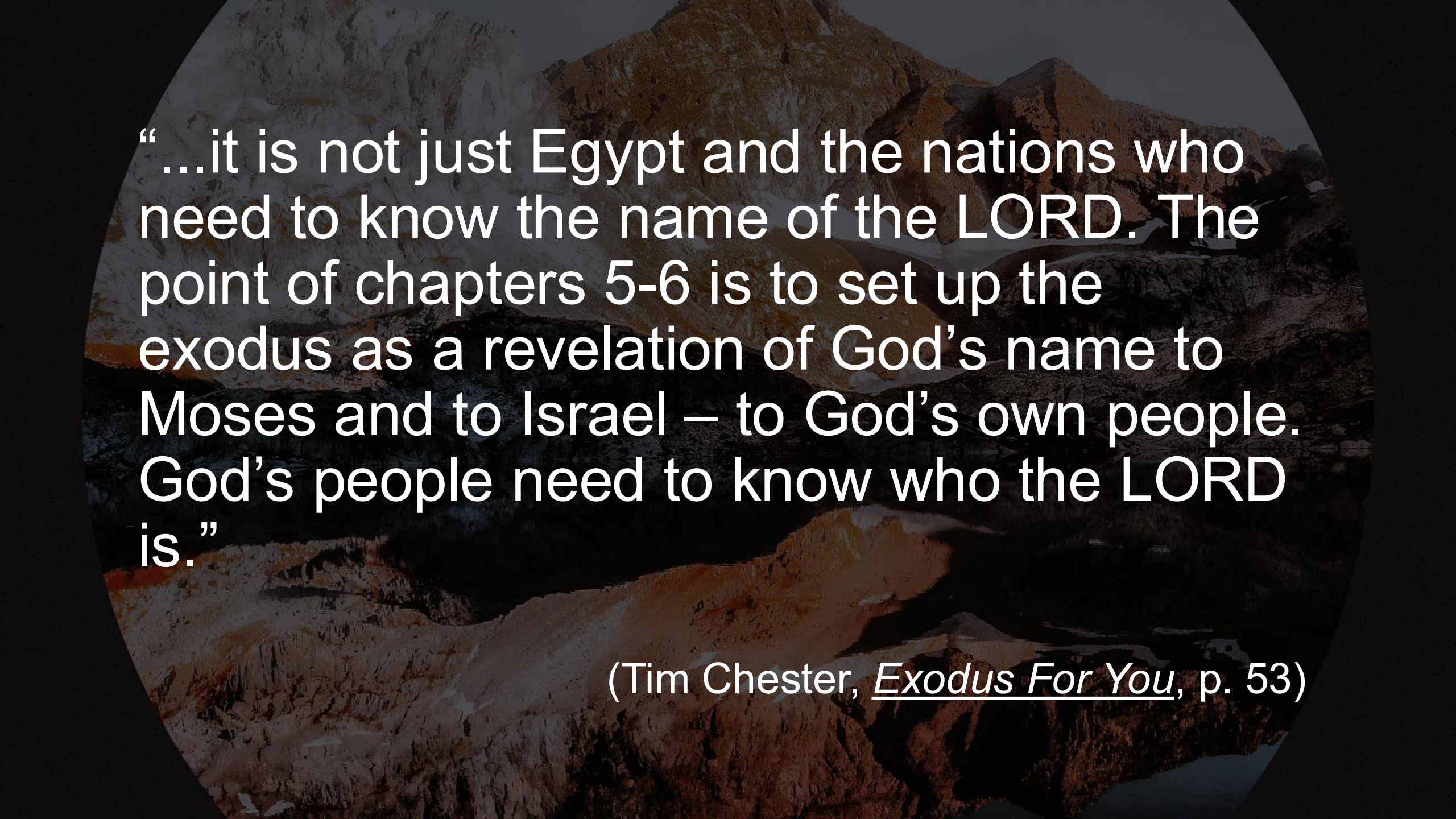
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“...it is not just Egypt and the nations who need to know the name of the LORD. The point of chapters 5-6 is to set up the exodus as a revelation of God’s name to Moses and to Israel – to God’s own people. God’s people need to know who the LORD is.”

(Tim Chester, Exodus For You, p. 53)

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Lesson #4

*Faith is learning to replace
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promises.*

Exodus 6:6-8

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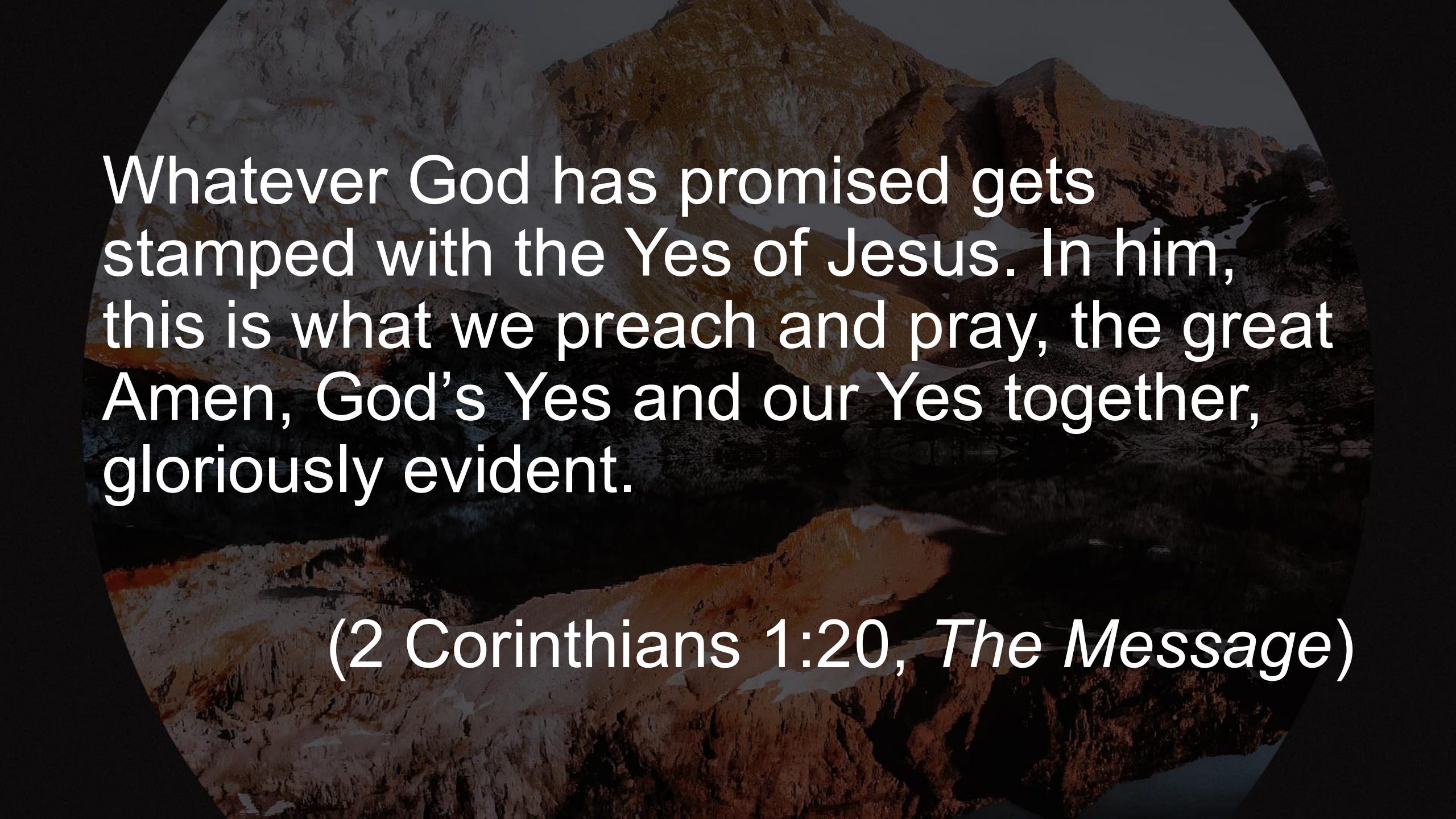
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Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God's Yes and our Yes together, gloriously evident.

(2 Corinthians 1:20, *The Message*)



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