



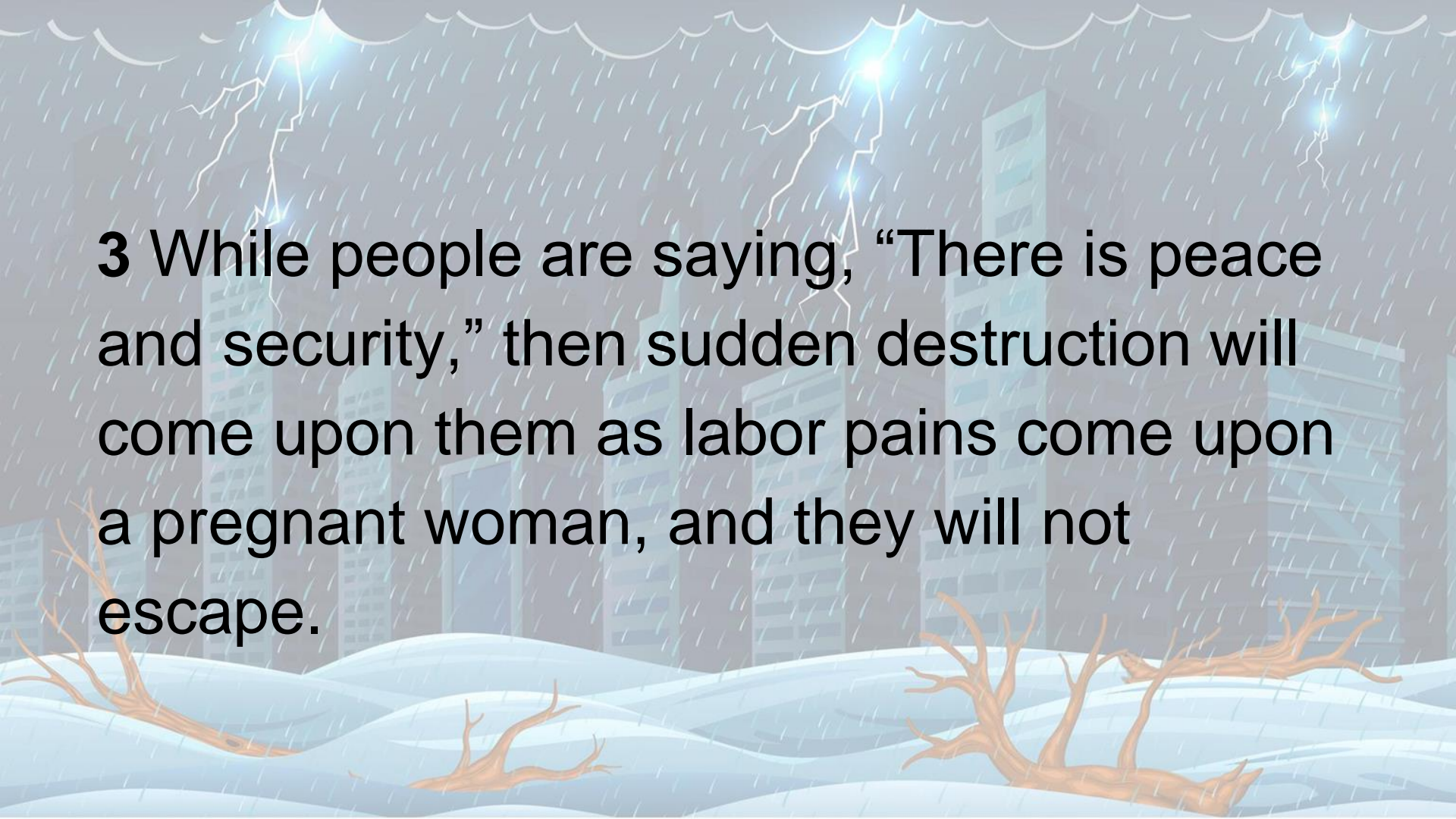
hold fast stand firm

1 & 2 Thessalonians

1 Thes. 5



1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

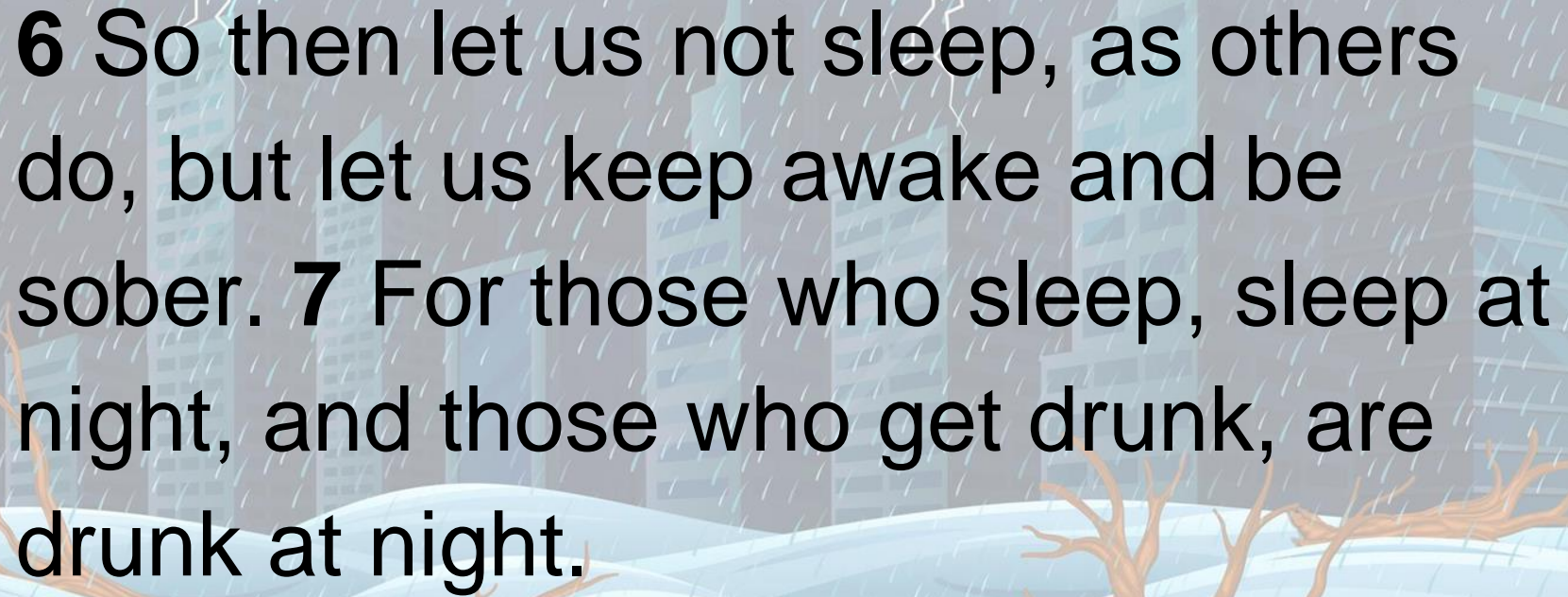


3 While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

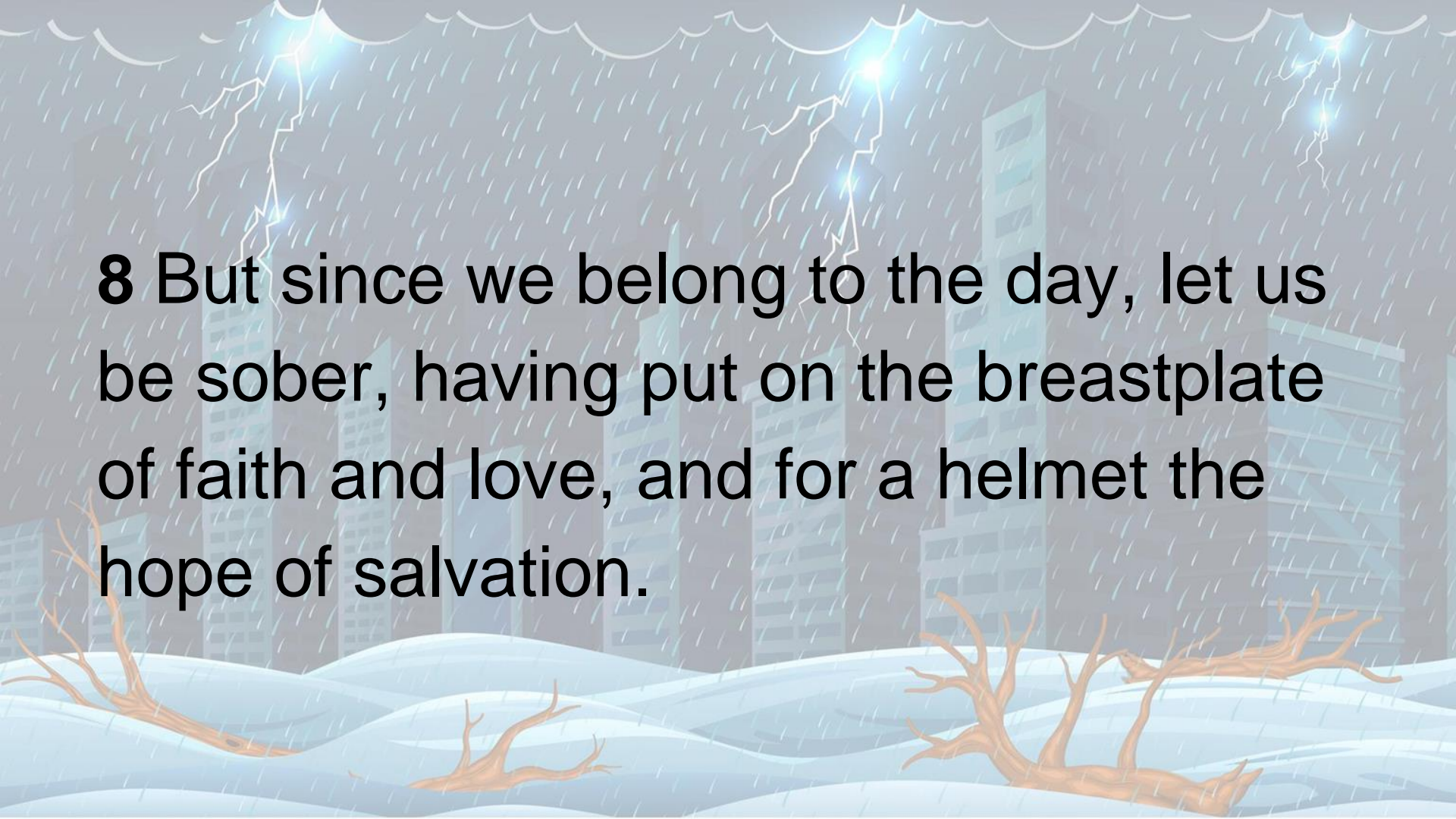
A dark, stormy night scene with lightning, rain, and a city skyline. The background is a dark blue-grey color with white rain falling vertically. Several bright yellow lightning bolts strike down from the top. In the background, a city skyline with several tall buildings is visible. In the foreground, there are several gnarled, brown, leafless trees. The overall mood is dramatic and ominous.

4 But you are not in darkness, brothers,
for that day to surprise you like a thief.

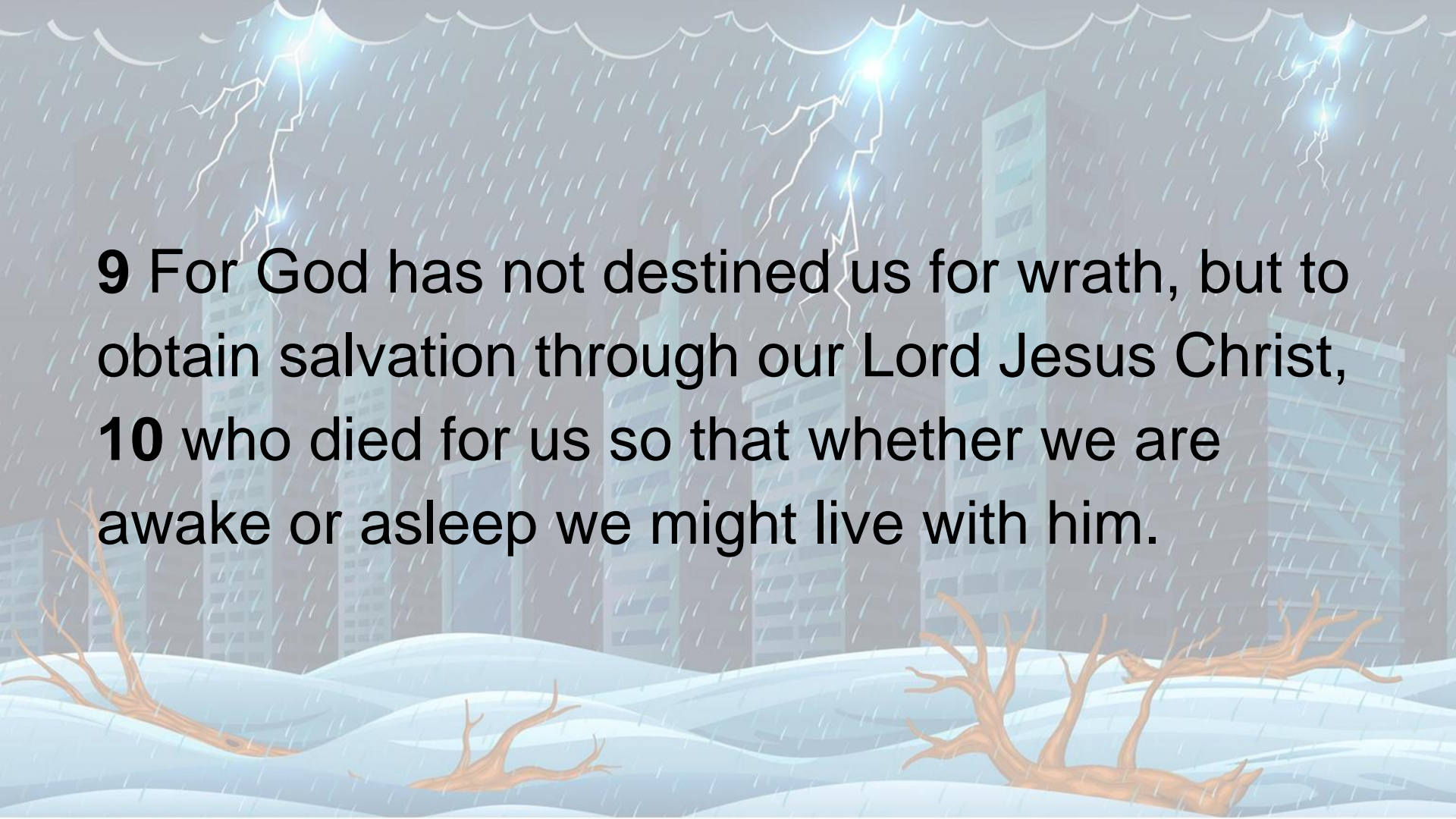
5 For you are all children of light,
children of the day. We are not of the
night or of the darkness.



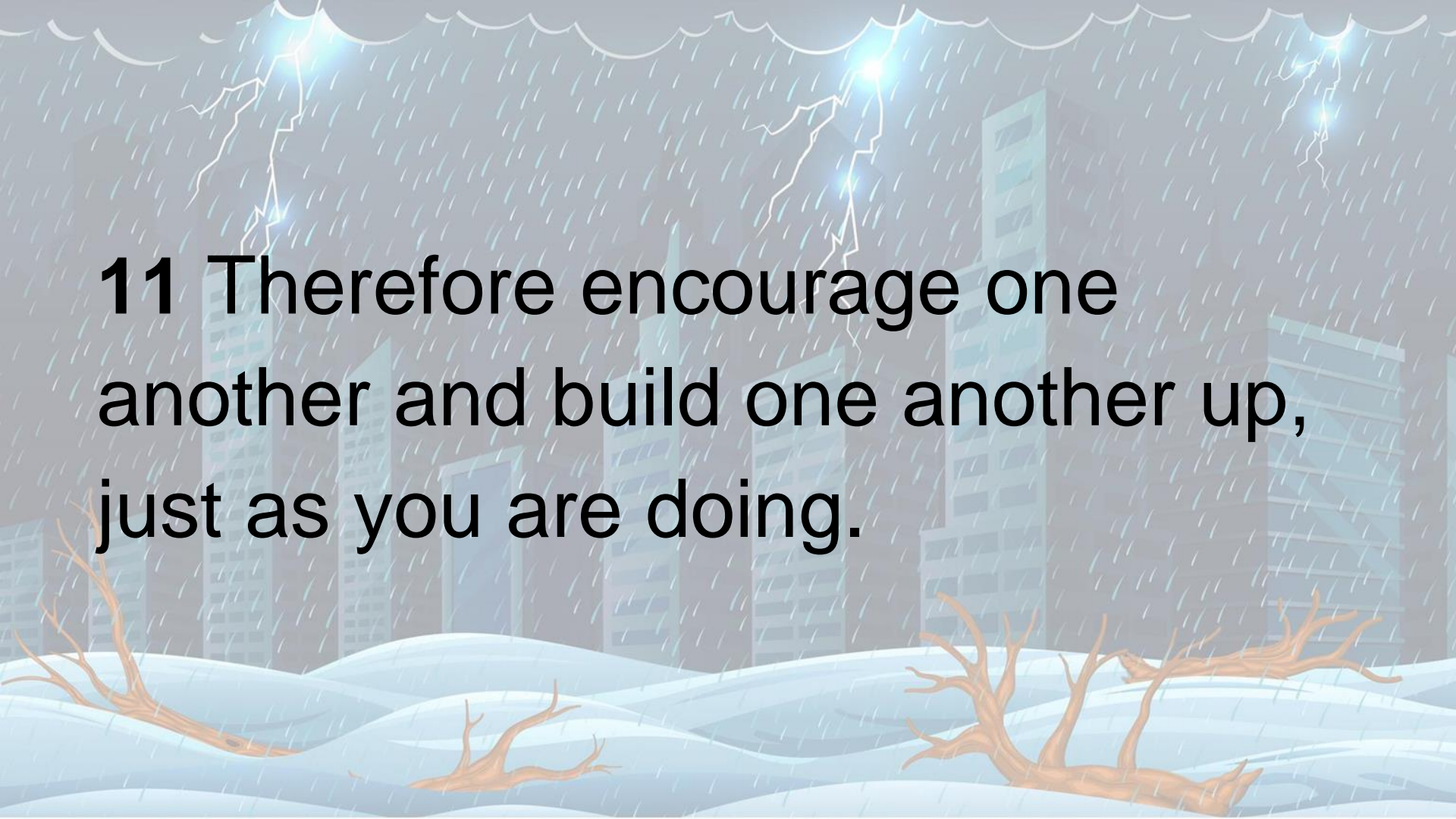
6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.

The background of the image is a dark, stormy night. Several bright blue lightning bolts strike down from a sky filled with dark, swirling clouds. A heavy rain falls across the entire scene. In the background, a city skyline is visible with several tall buildings. In the foreground, there are several gnarled, leafless trees, some of which appear to be partially submerged in water or standing in a flooded area. The overall atmosphere is one of a severe weather event.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

The background of the image is a dark, stormy night scene. It features a city skyline with several tall buildings in shades of blue and grey. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and several bright, jagged lightning bolts strike down from the top. A heavy rain is falling, depicted as numerous small white lines. In the foreground, there are several gnarled, leafless trees in shades of brown and orange, appearing to be in a desolate, possibly flooded or storm-torn landscape. The overall atmosphere is one of a severe weather event.

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.



11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.