

AN UNDERSHEPHERD'S HEART

Equipping the Flock on Real Issues



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OPENING TEXT

I Peter 5:6-7
Matthew 6:19-24



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- The Problem of Pride
- The Action of Love
- The Instruction for Relationships
- The Call to Boldness
- The Understanding of the Times
- The Victory Over Addictions (Today)
- The Journey in Maturing
- **The Prescription for Anxiety (Today)**
- The Peace and Comfort in Sorrow and Grief

Top Reasons for Anxiety in the US

American Psychiatric Association (APA), Gallup, and the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication

- Personal Finances and the Cost of Living
 - Paying Bills and Inflation:
 - The Economy
- Current Events, Global Tension, and Politics
 - World Events and Safety
 - Political Systems and Democracy
- Personal Health and Safety
 - General Health and Identify Theft
 - Technology



Top Reasons for Anxiety in the US (Evangelicals)

Lifeway Research, Barna Group, and PRRI

- The Future of Religious Freedom and Cultural Shift
 - Decline of Traditional Values
 - Institutional and Cultural Dread
- Rapid Technological Disruption (Artificial Intelligence)
 - Impact on Faith and Doctrine
 - Theology and Authority
- Immigration and Social Stability
 - Cultural and Resource Pressures
 - The Internal Tension
- Societal Polarization and National Direction
 - Fear for the Nation's Trajectory



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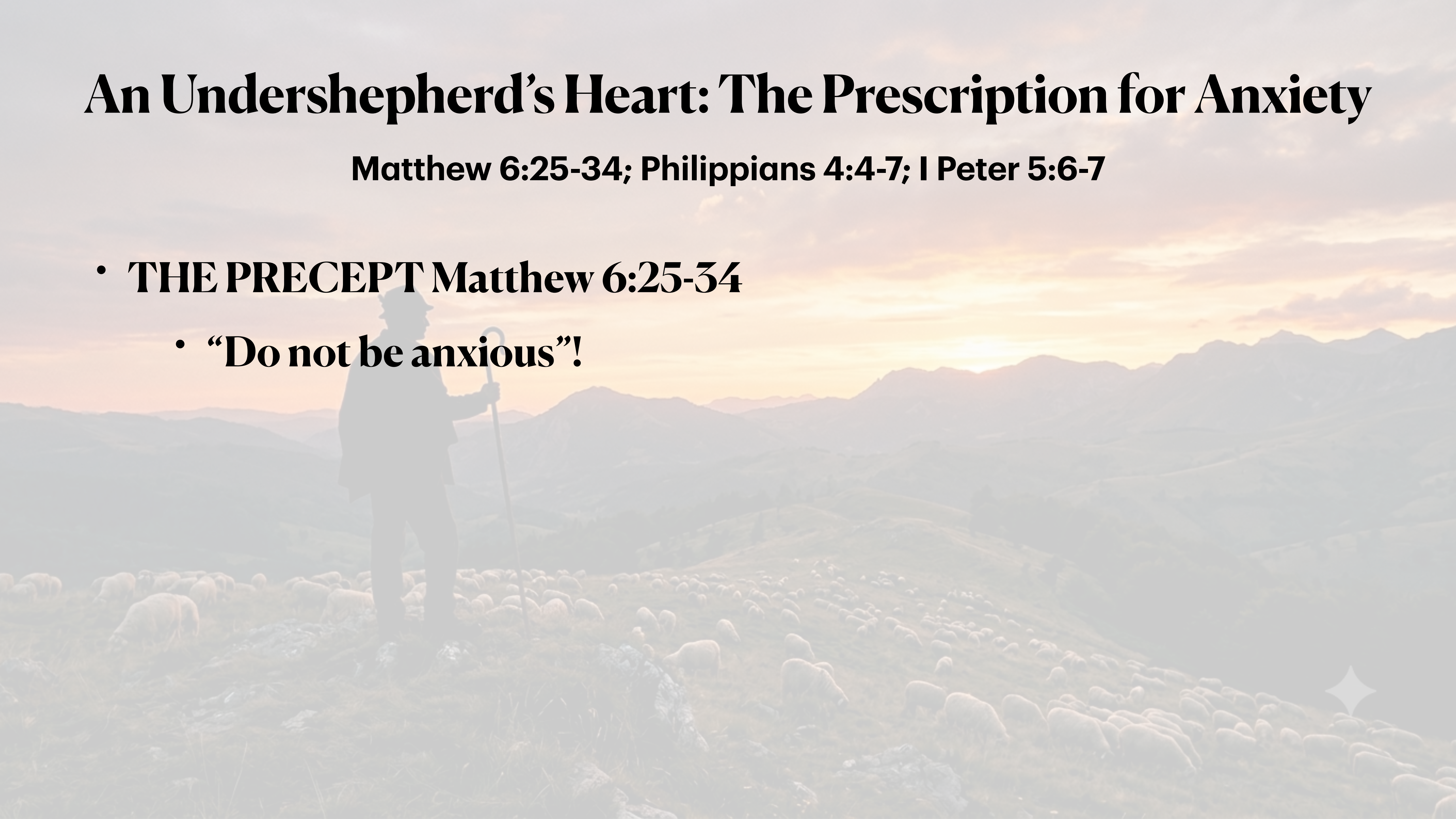
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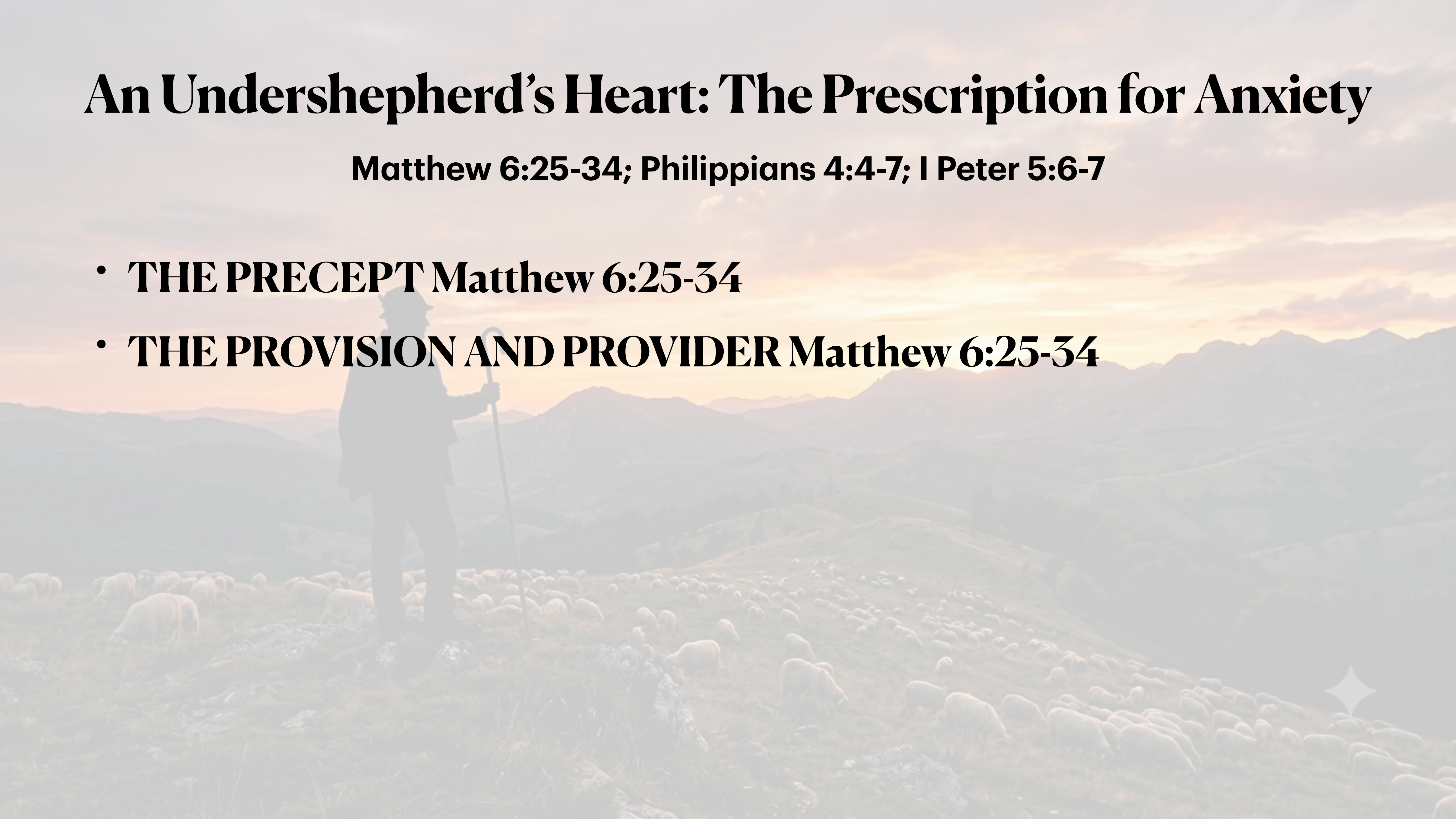
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 - **“Do not be anxious”!**



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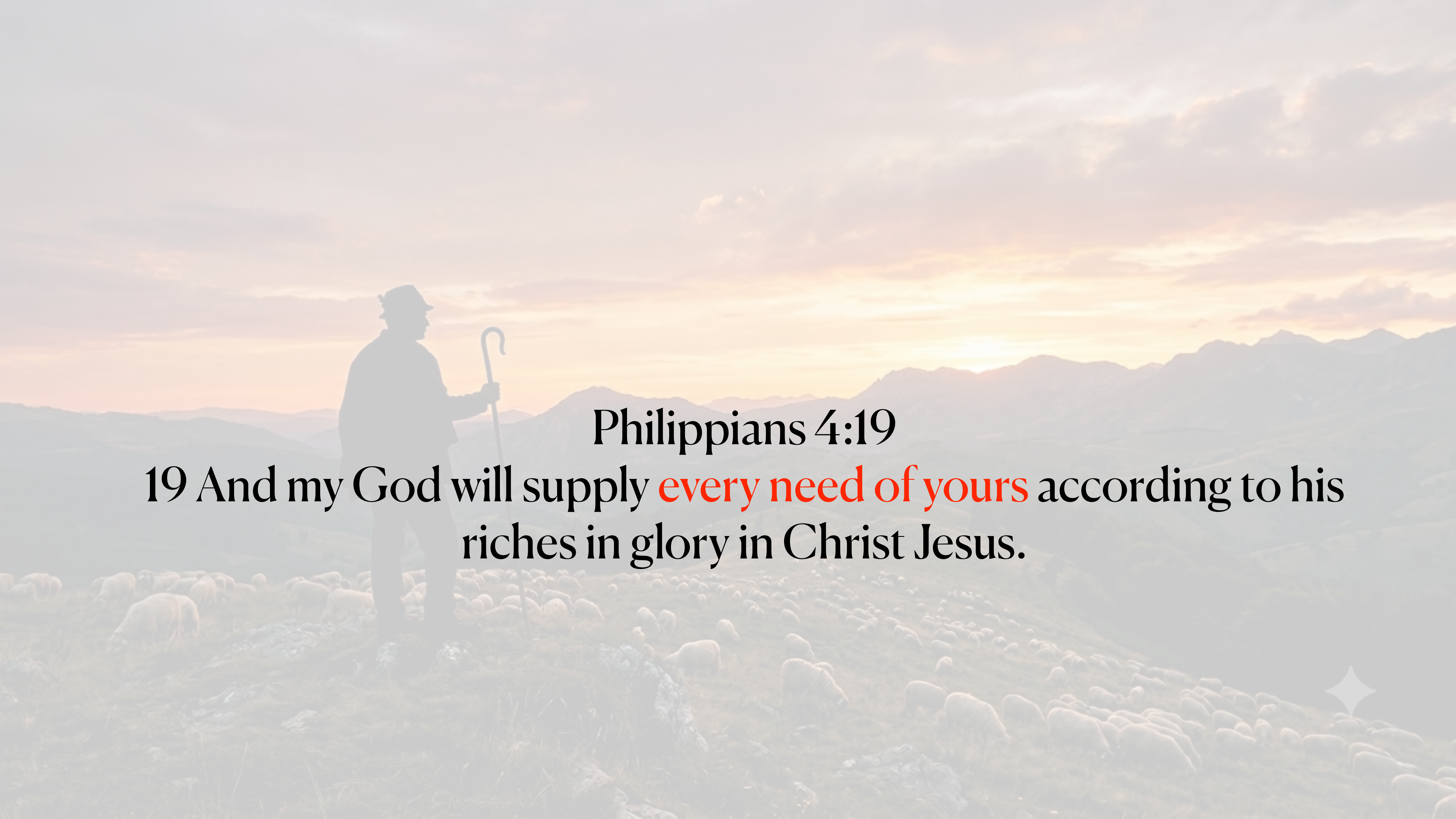


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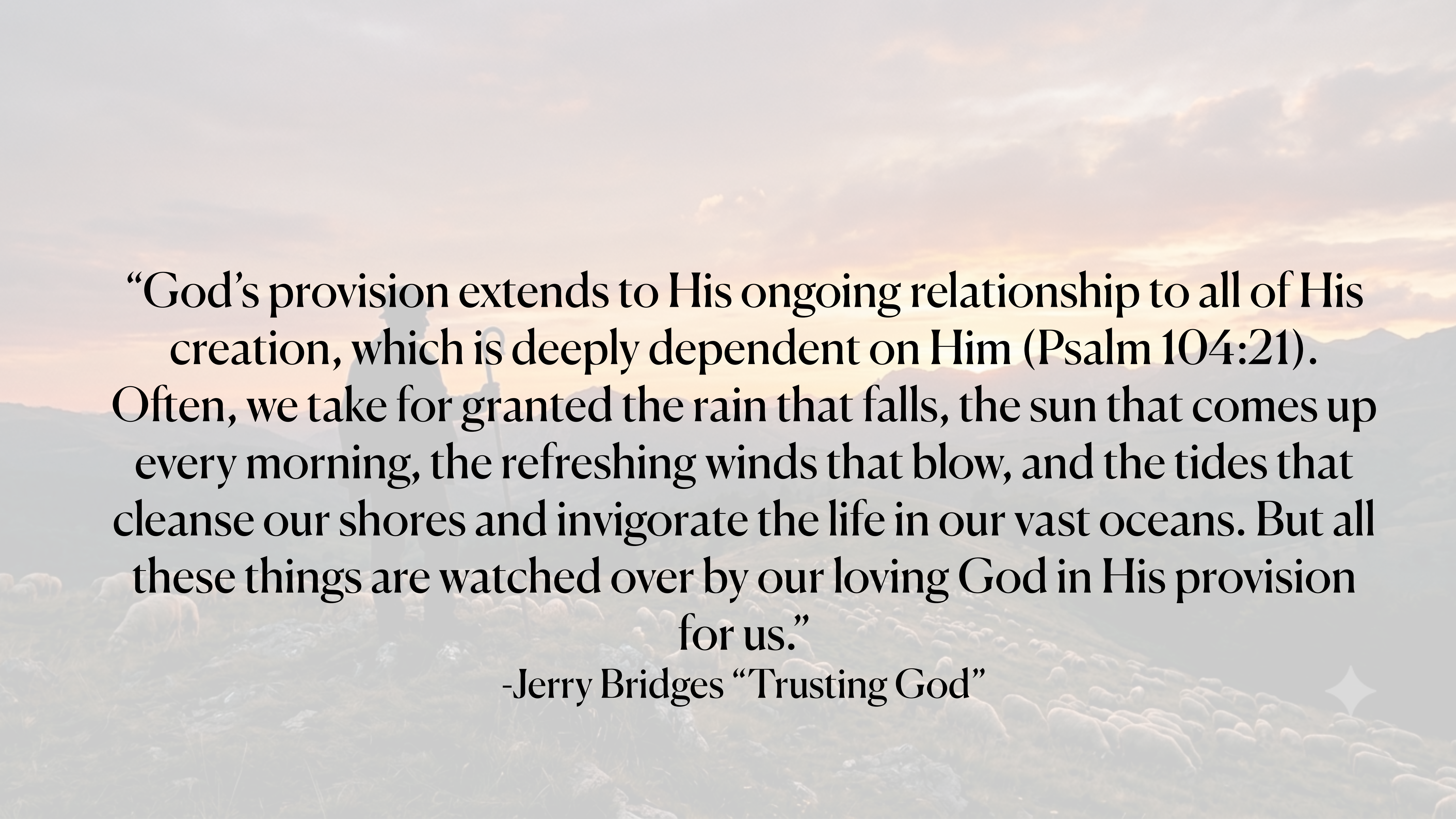


A silhouette of a shepherd holding a staff, standing on a hillside overlooking a large flock of sheep. The background features a sunset sky with soft clouds and distant mountains.

Philippians 4:19

19 And my God will supply **every need of yours** according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



A person is seen from behind, herding a large flock of sheep across a grassy field. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, orange glow in the sky and silhouettes of mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on this image.

“God’s provision extends to His ongoing relationship to all of His creation, which is deeply dependent on Him (Psalm 104:21). Often, we take for granted the rain that falls, the sun that comes up every morning, the refreshing winds that blow, and the tides that cleanse our shores and invigorate the life in our vast oceans. But all these things are watched over by our loving God in His provision for us.”

-Jerry Bridges “Trusting God”

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A silhouette of a shepherd stands on a grassy hill, holding a long staff. A large flock of sheep is gathered around him. In the background, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a dramatic sky with a low sun, creating a warm, golden glow. The text "Jehovah-Jireh" is centered over the image.

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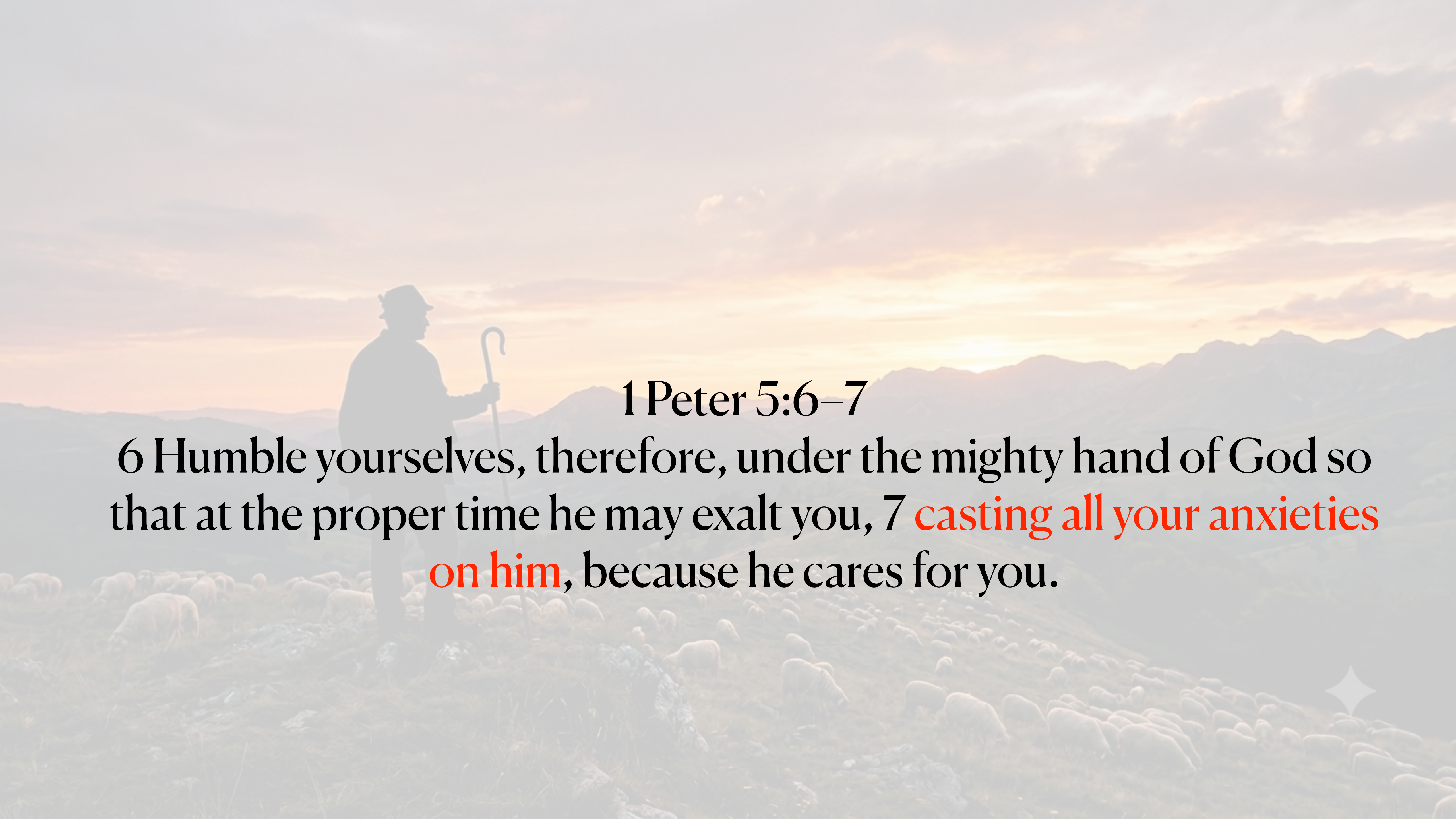


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 - **Rejoice Always**
 - **Gentleness**
 - **Prayer and Supplication with Thanksgiving**



A shepherd with a staff stands on a hill overlooking a flock of sheep at sunset.

1 Peter 5:6–7

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 **casting all your anxieties on him**, because he cares for you.



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- **THE PROMISE**



Fear says, “You are alone.”
God says...

Hebrews 13:5–6

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**”

6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Matthew 28:20

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**

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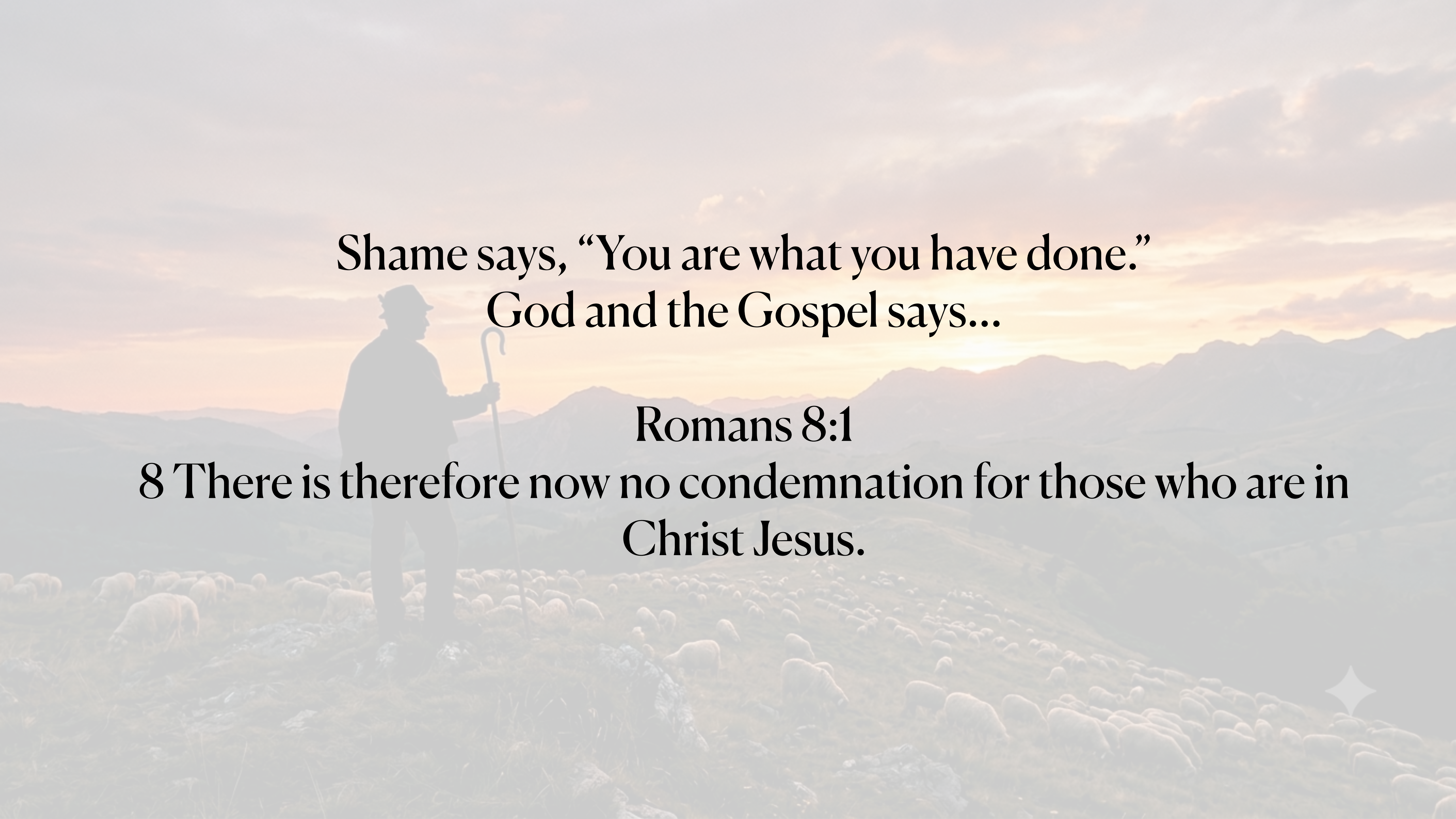
Psalm 46:8–11

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 10 “**Be still, and know that I am God.** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Selah

John 16:33

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. **But take heart; I have overcome the world.**



Shame says, “You are what you have done.”
God and the Gospel says...

Romans 8:1

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus.



Gleanings and Practical Application...



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Instead of worrying and being anxious...TRUST

Proverbs 3:5–6

5 **Trust** in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.



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