

# AN UNDERSHEPHERD'S HEART

## Equipping the Flock on Real Issues



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# OPENING TEXT

Isaiah 53:1-3  
Matthew 5:4



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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
- The Journey in Maturing
- The Prescription for Anxiety
- **The Peace and Comfort in Sorrow and Grief (Today)**
- The Joy of Contentment
- The Danger of Hiding Sin
- The Indescribable Nature of God

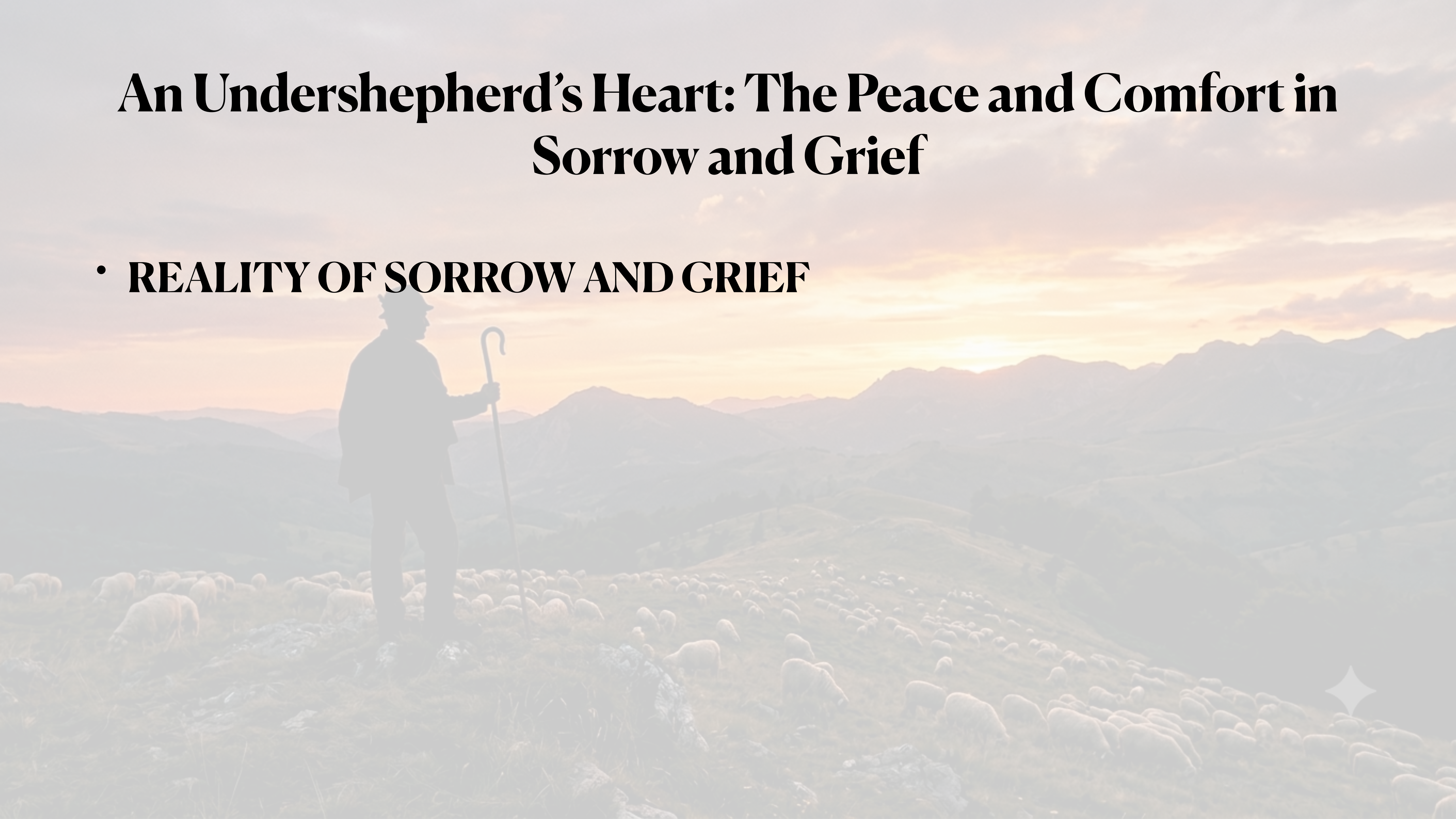


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- **REALITY OF SORROW AND GRIEF**



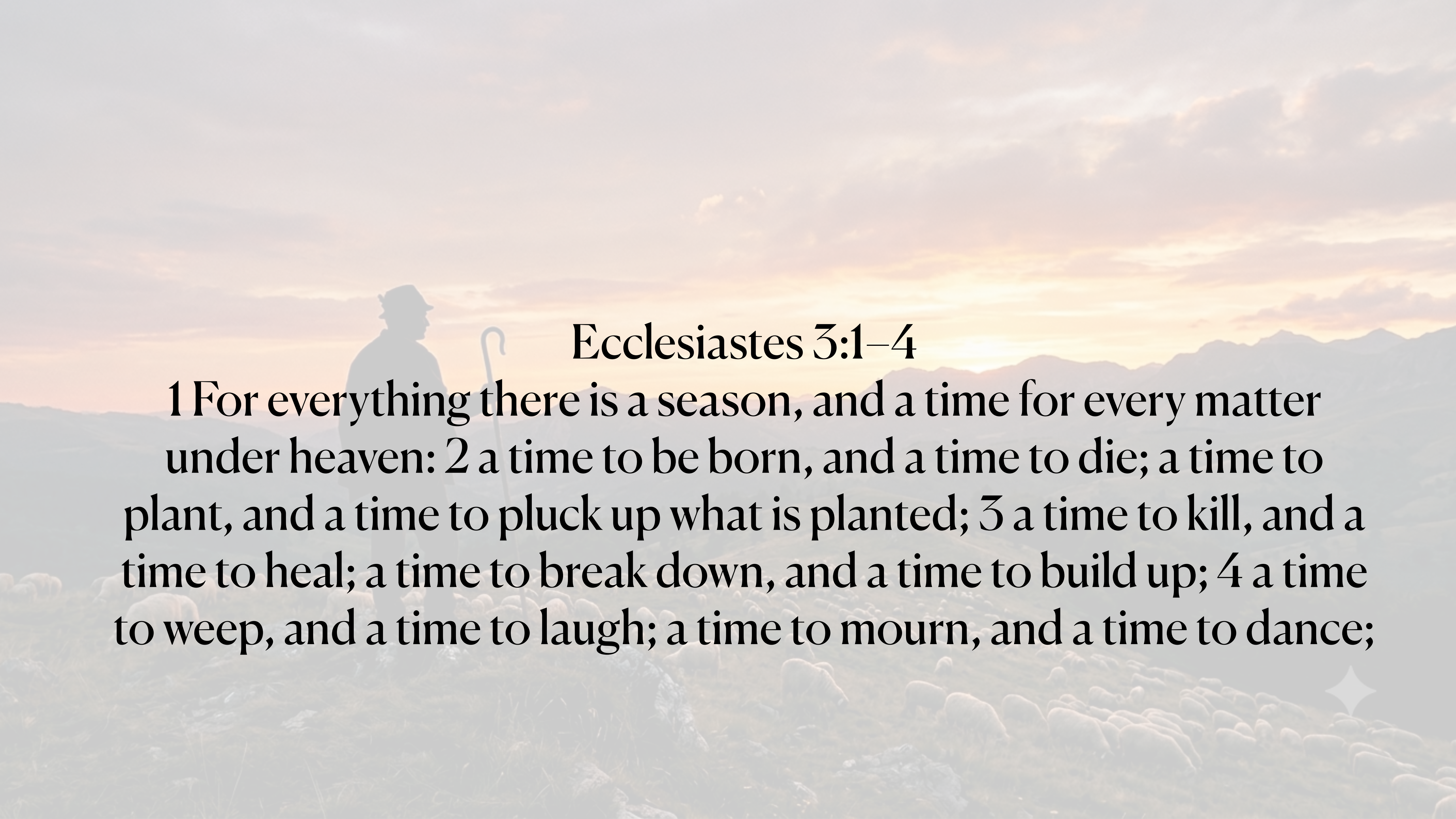
# Reality of Sorrow and Grief

- **Relational and Family Losses (In addition to top 3)**
  - **Estrangement**
  - **End of a Friendship**
- **Health and Physical Changes**
  - **Diagnosis of a Chronic or Terminal Illness:**
  - **Disability or Injury:**
  - **Infertility or Miscarriage**
  - **Aging and Loss of Independence**

# **Reality of Sorrow and Grief (Cont...)**

- **Life Transitions and Identify Shifts**
  - **Job Loss or Career Derailment**
  - **Financial Ruin**
  - **The "Empty Nest"**
  - **Relocation or Migration**
- **Broken Ideals and Collective Sorrow**
  - **Unmet Expectations**
  - **Spiritual Disillusionment or Deconstruction**
  - **Collective and Community Disasters**



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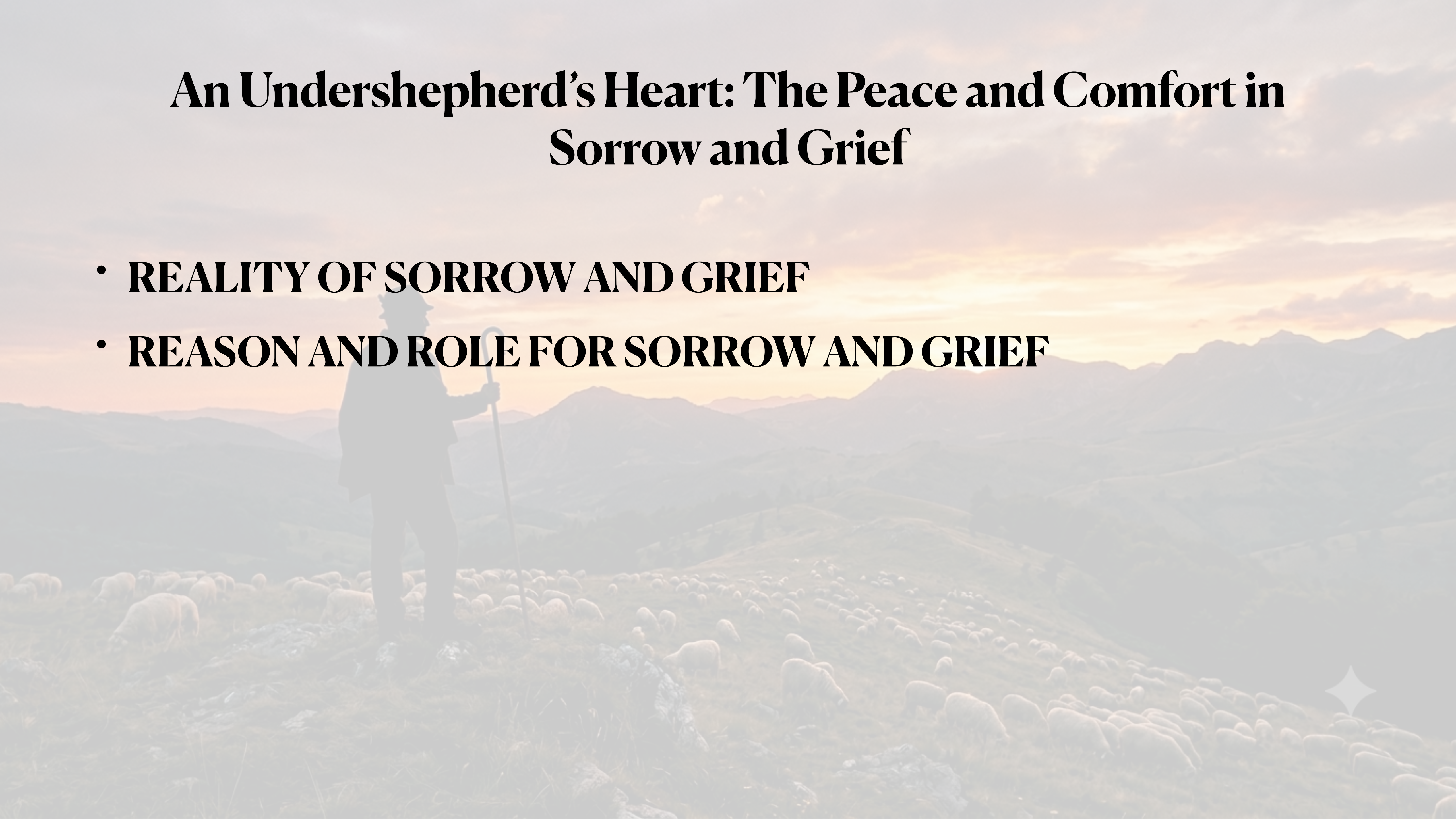
## Ecclesiastes 3:1–4

1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;



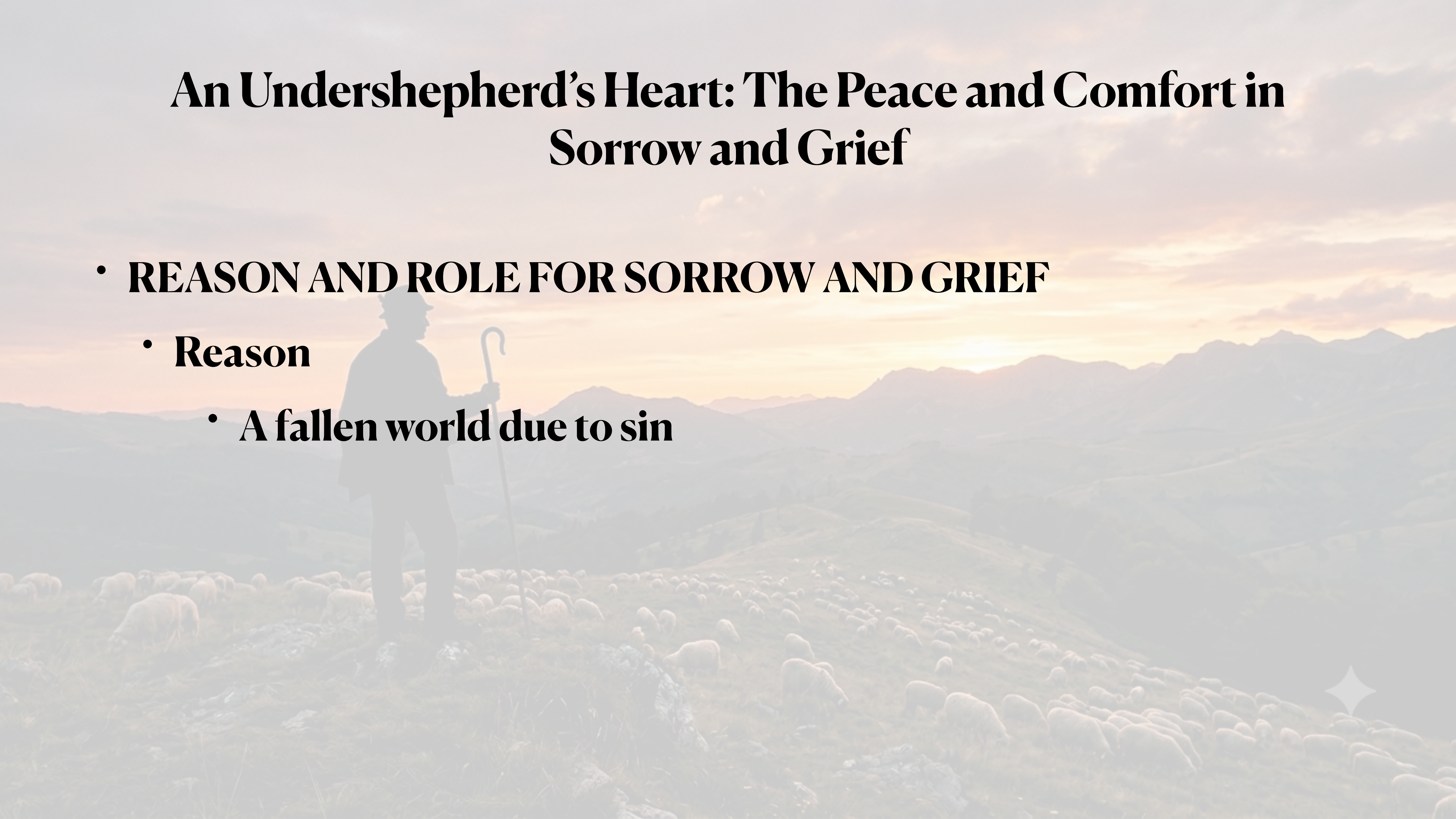
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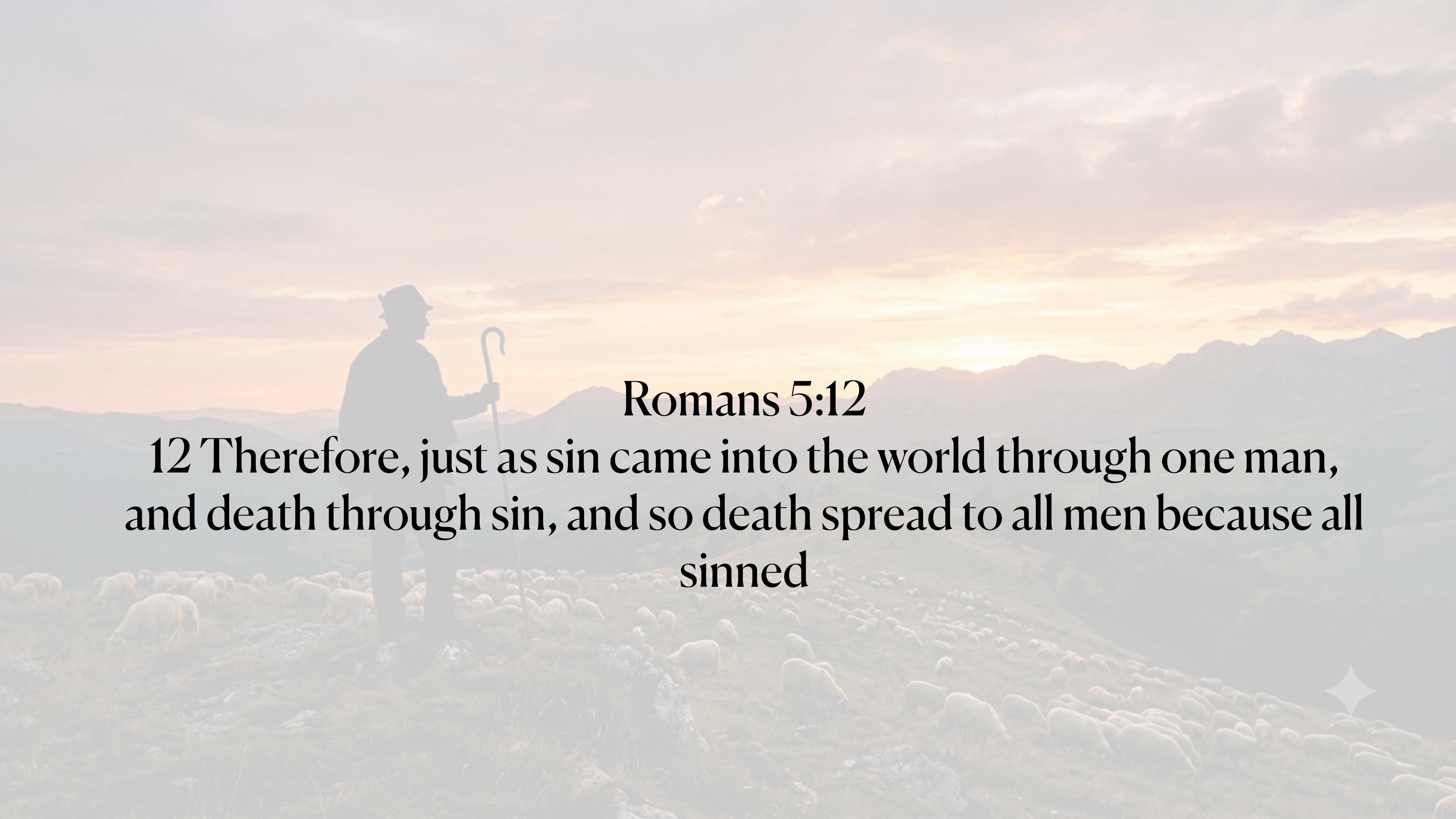
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- **REASON AND ROLE FOR SORROW AND GRIEF**
  - **Reason**
    - **A fallen world due to sin**



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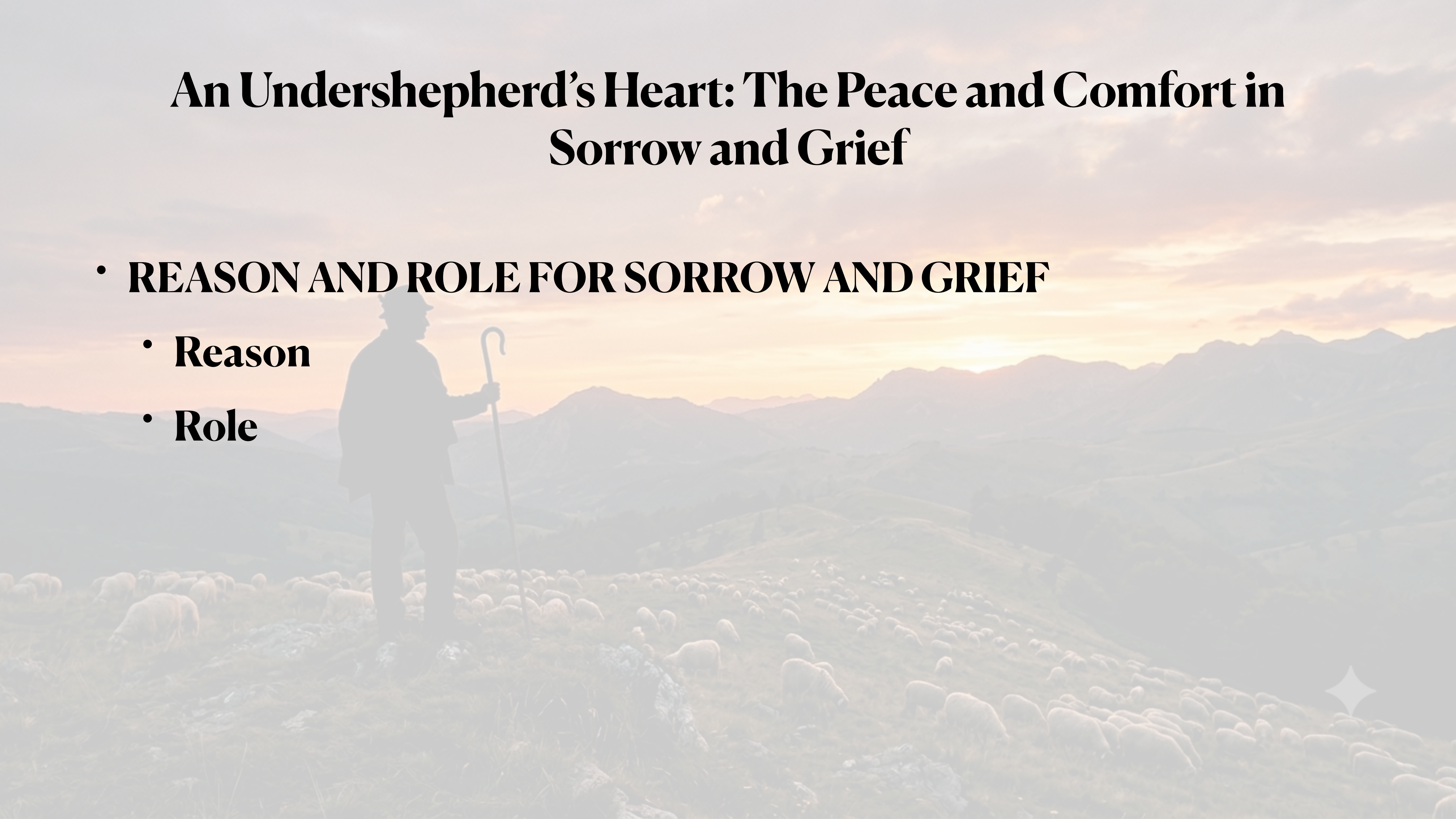
## Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man,  
and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all  
sinned



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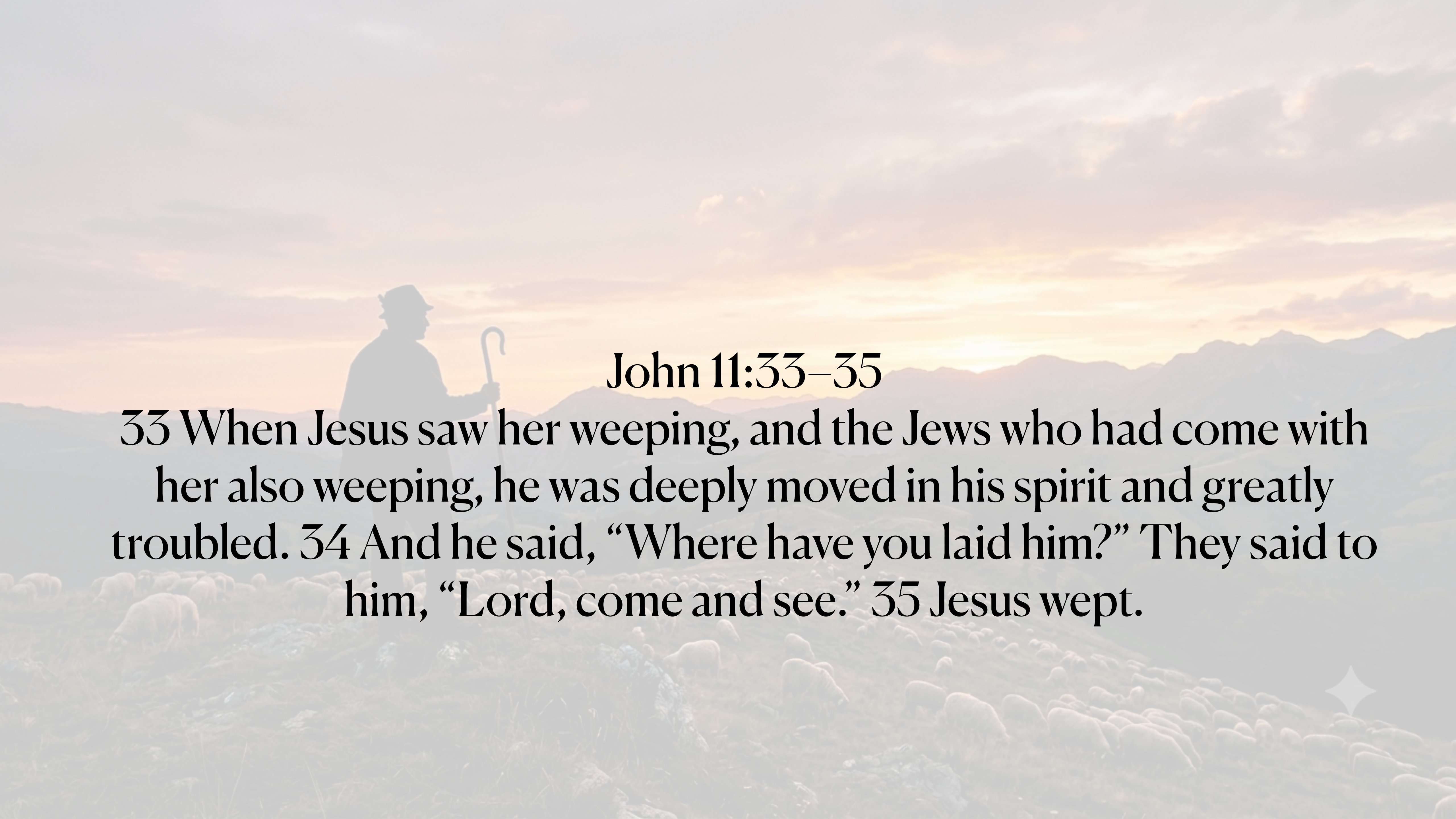
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    - **God reminds of this broken world**



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## John 11:33–35

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus wept.



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    - **God drives us closer to Himself for nearness and comfort**



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, there are rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic sky with a low sun, creating a warm, golden glow. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent white filter.

## Psalm 34:18

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

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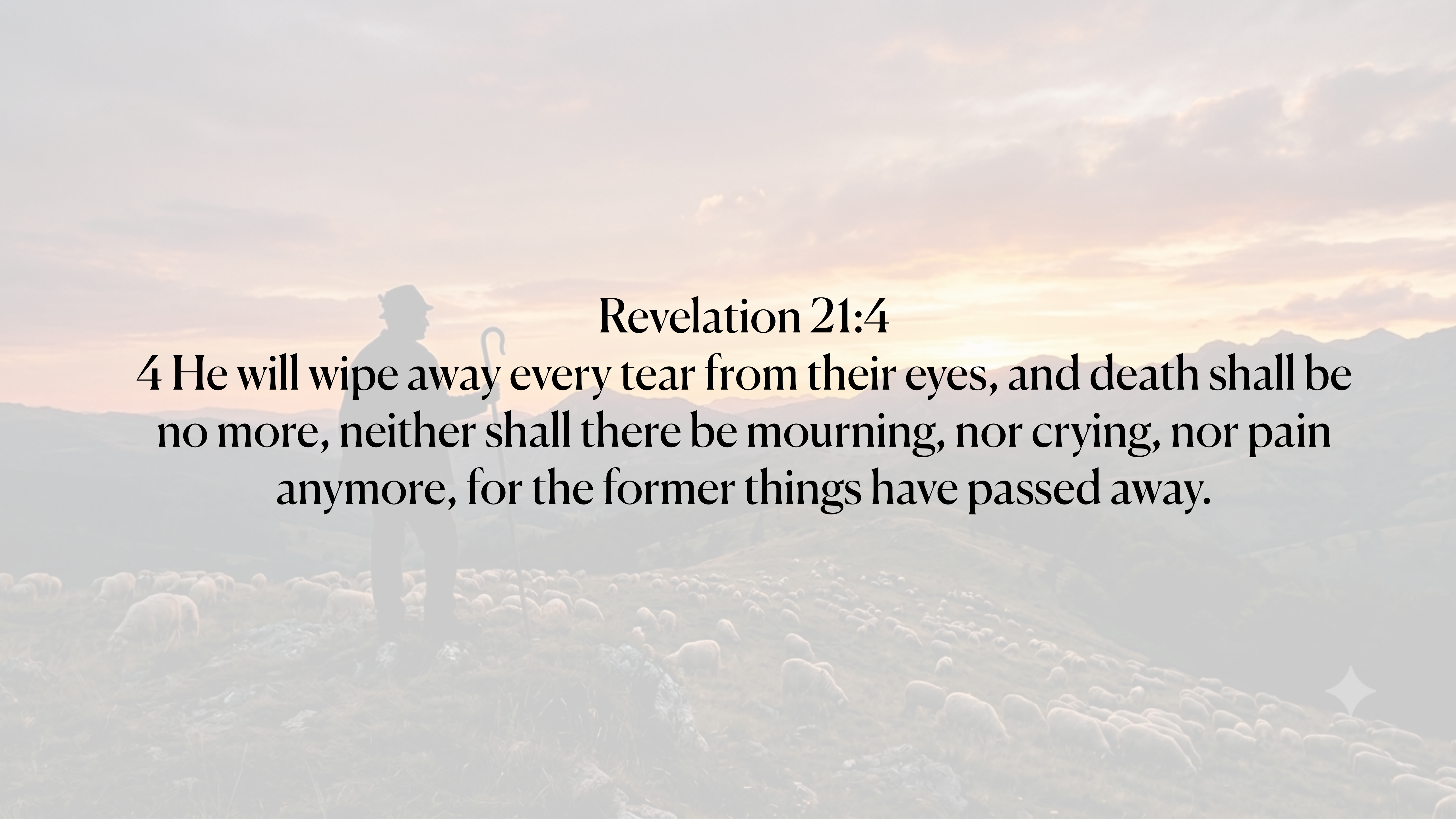
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    - **God reminds us of the temporal vs. the eternal**



## 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

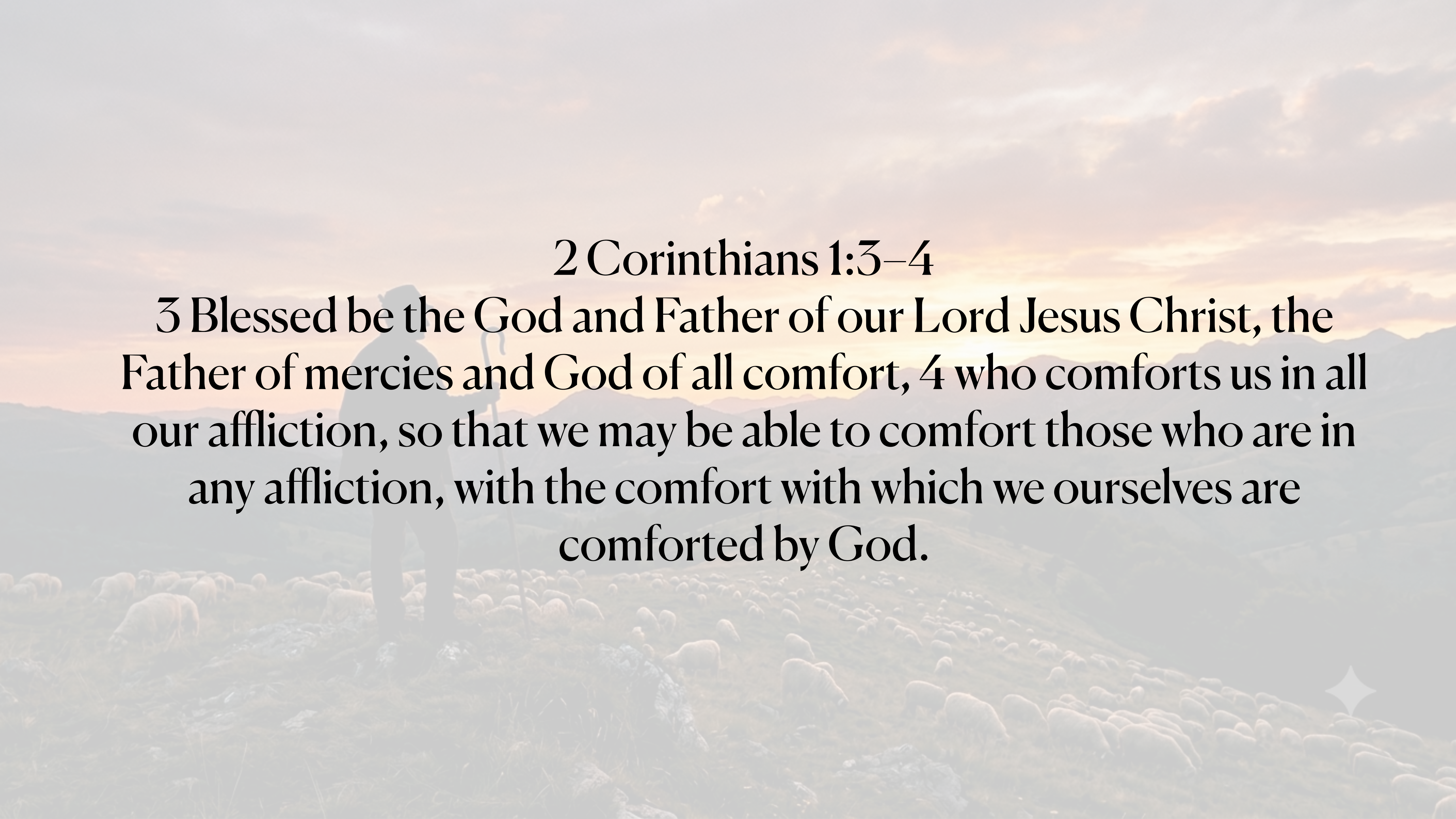
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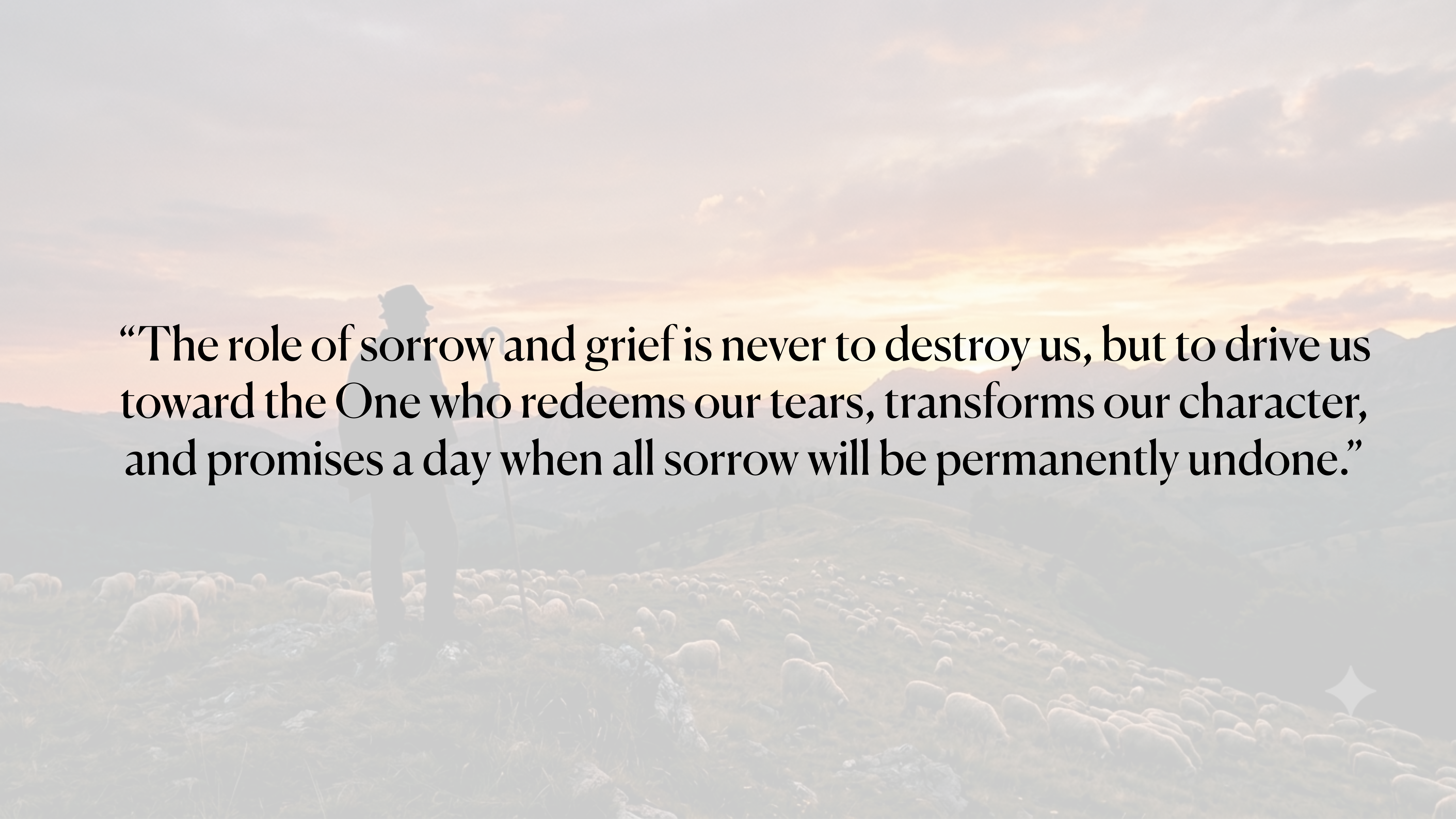
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    - **God uses it to help others**



## 2 Corinthians 1:3–4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

A shepherd with a staff stands on a grassy hill overlooking a large flock of sheep at sunset. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the landscape. The shepherd is silhouetted against the bright sky, and the sheep are scattered across the rolling hills.

“The role of sorrow and grief is never to destroy us, but to drive us toward the One who redeems our tears, transforms our character, and promises a day when all sorrow will be permanently undone.”



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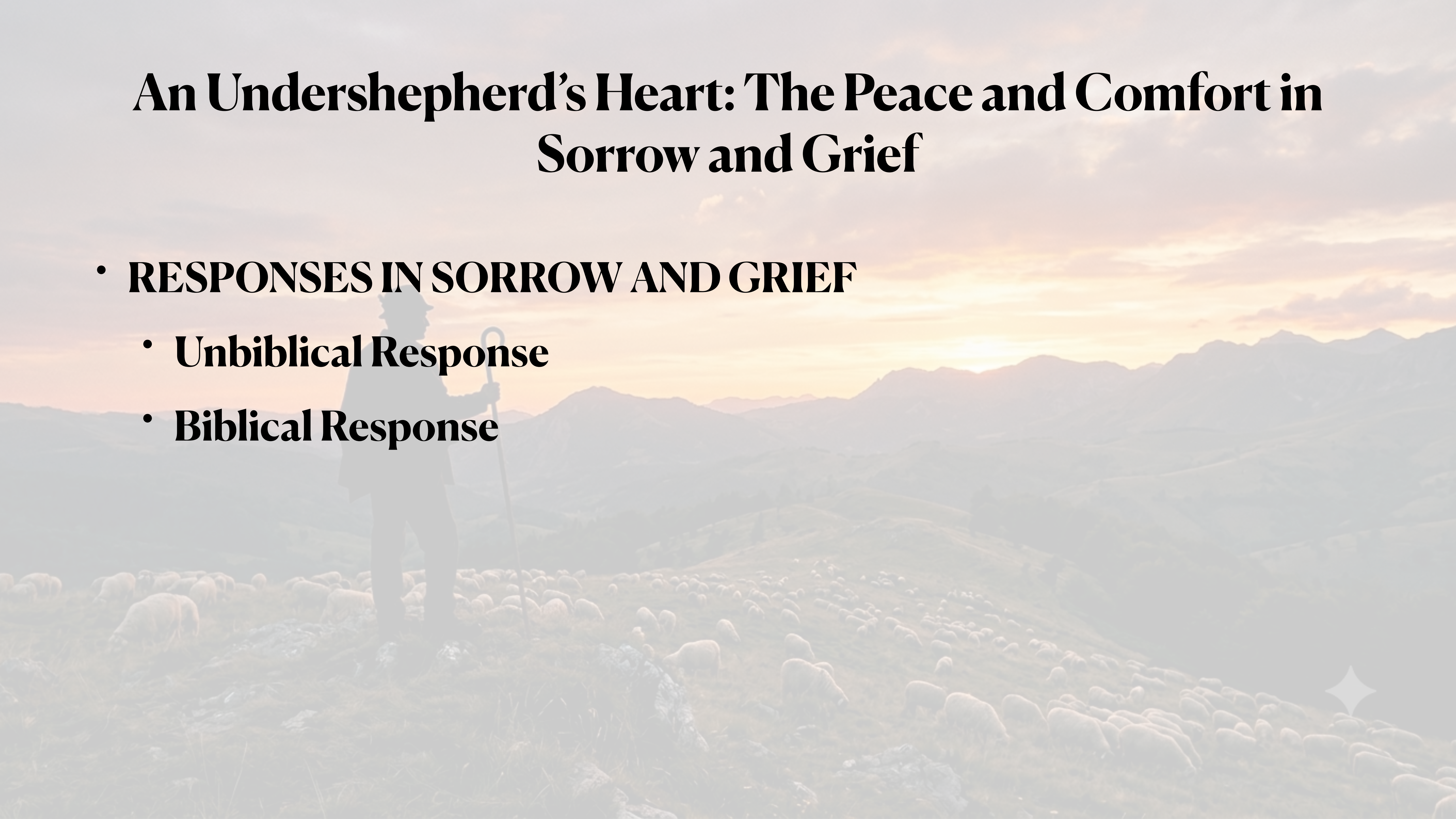
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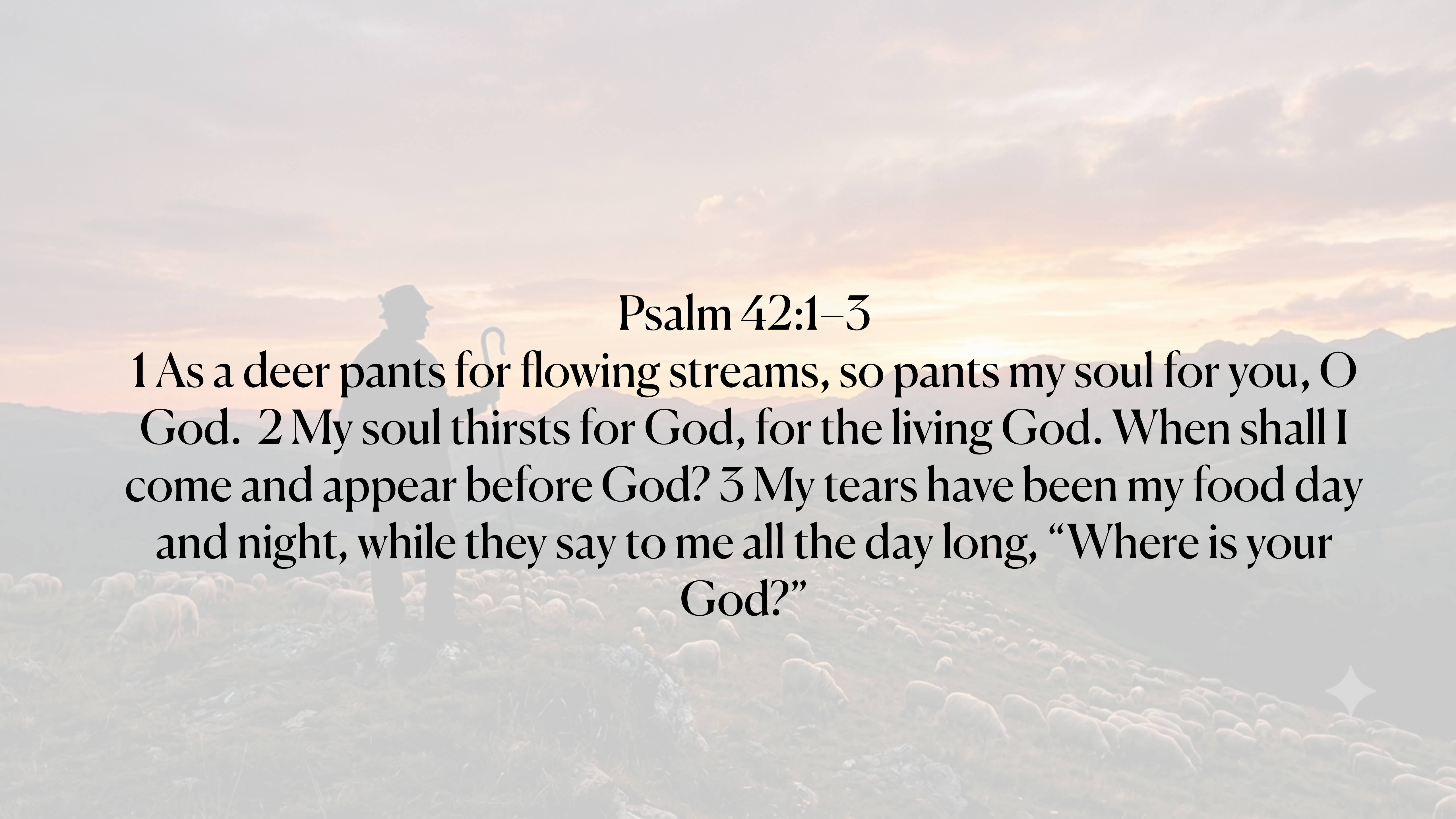
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  - **Biblical Response**
    - **Be honest in sorrow and grief**



A shepherd with a staff and a flock of sheep in a hazy, mountainous landscape at sunset.

## Psalm 42:1–3

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

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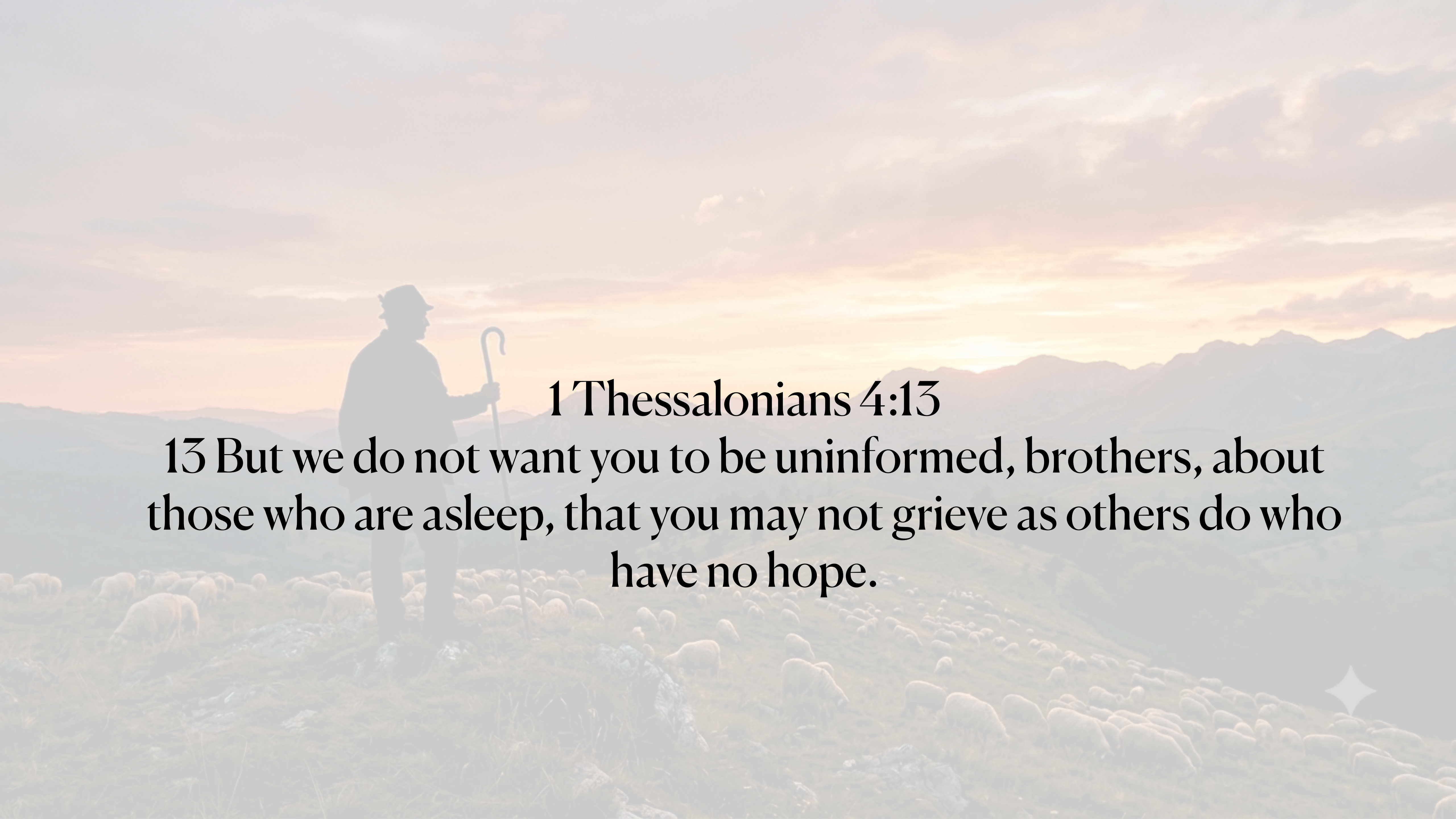
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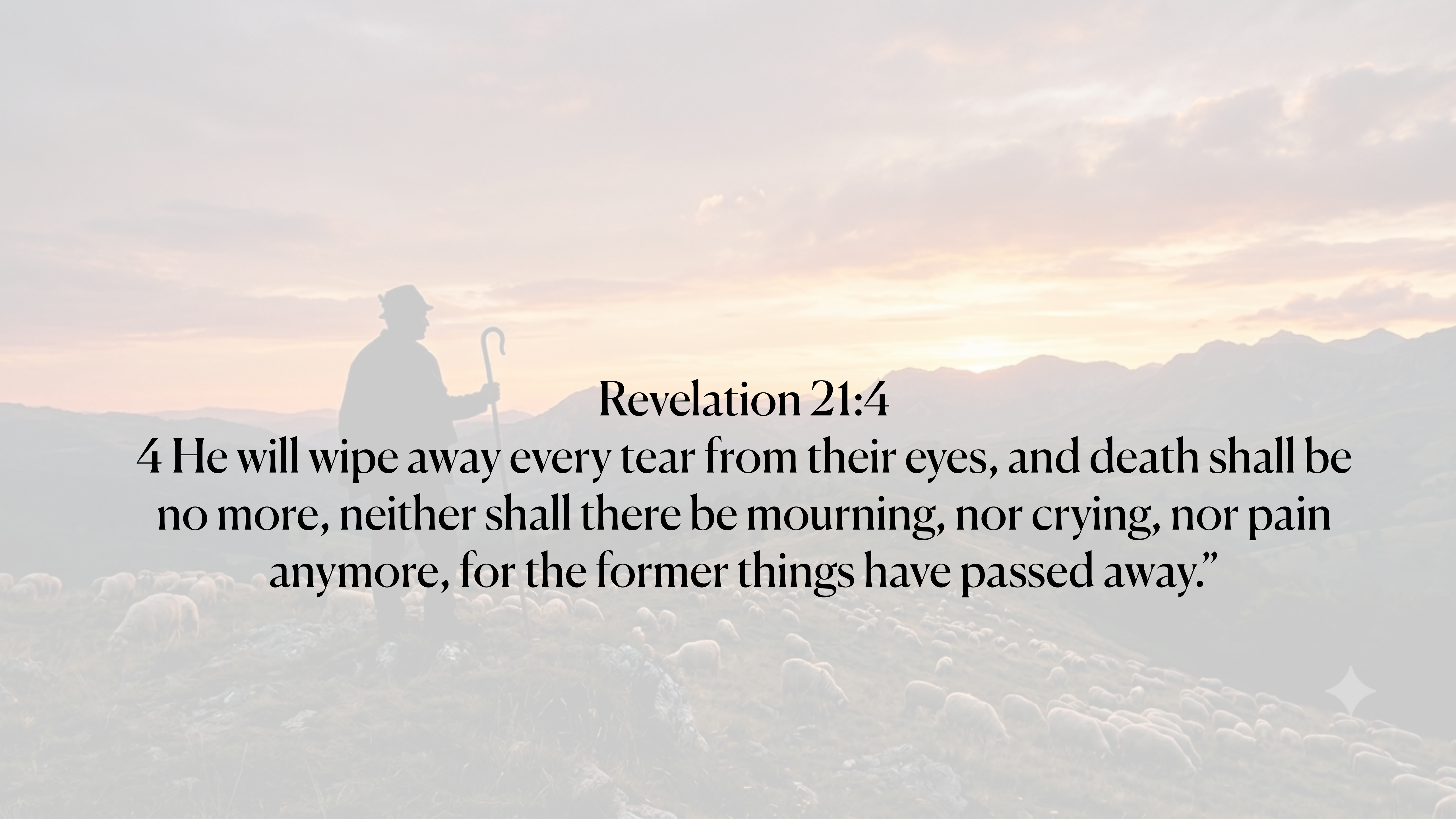
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## 1 Thessalonians 4:13

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

A shepherd with a staff stands on a hillside, overlooking a large flock of sheep grazing in a valley. The scene is set against a backdrop of mountains and a sunset sky with soft, orange and pink clouds. The shepherd is silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun.

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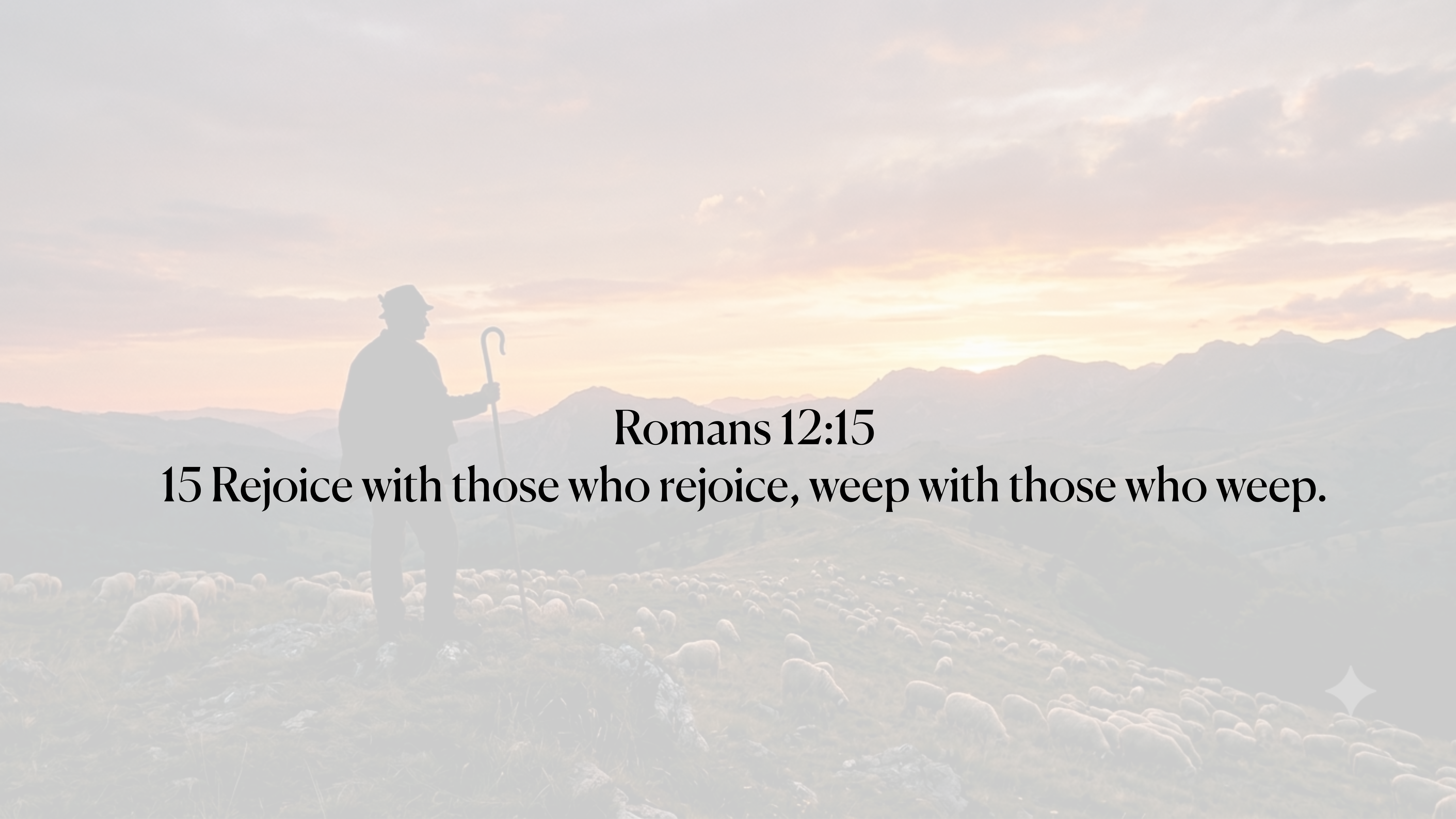
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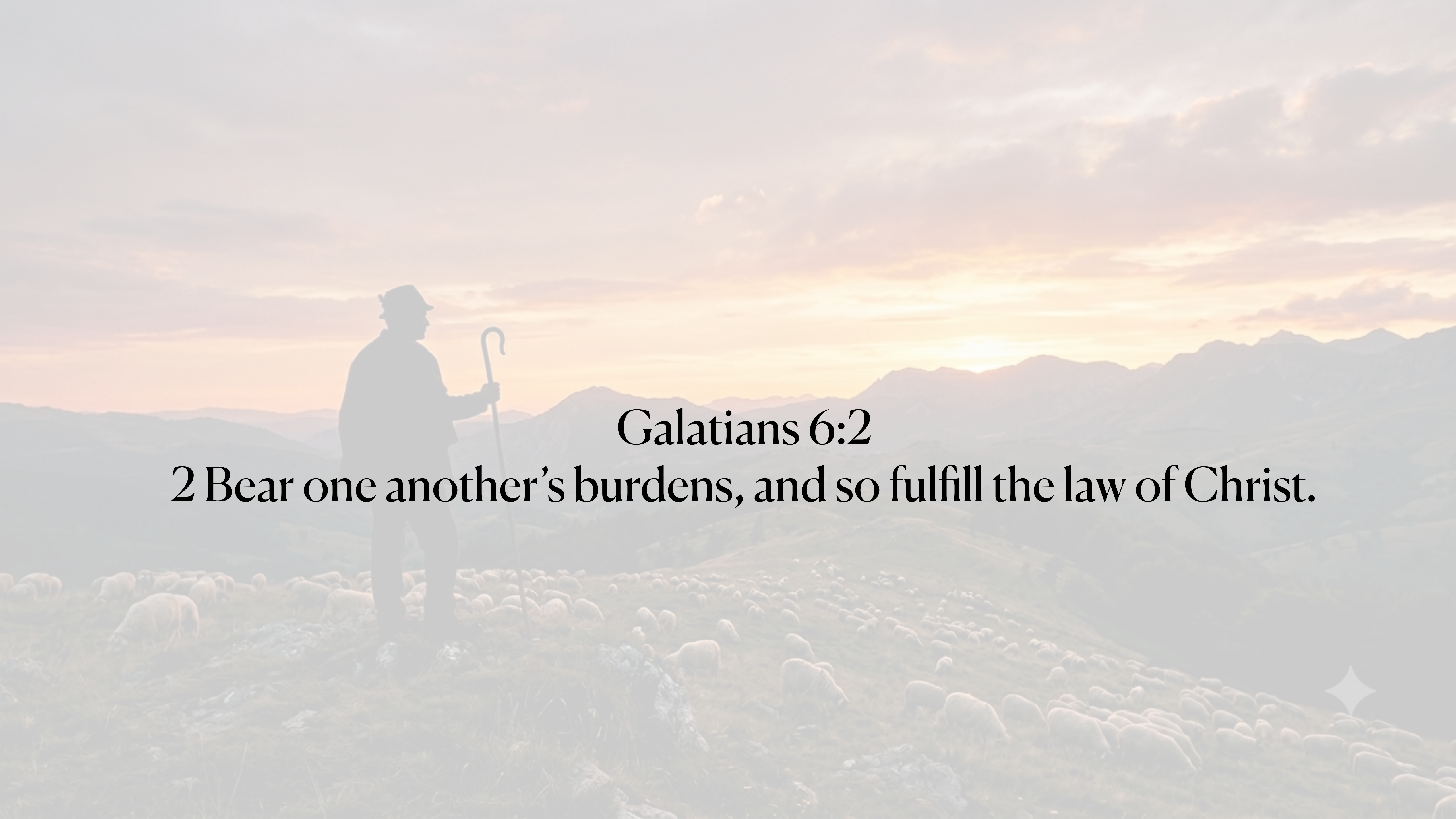
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A silhouette of a shepherd stands on a grassy hill, holding a long staff. A large flock of sheep is gathered around him. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic sky with soft, orange and pink clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is peaceful and pastoral.

Romans 12:15  
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.



A silhouette of a shepherd holding a staff, standing on a grassy hillside with a large flock of sheep. The background features rolling hills and a sunset sky with soft, orange and pink clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Galatians 6:2

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

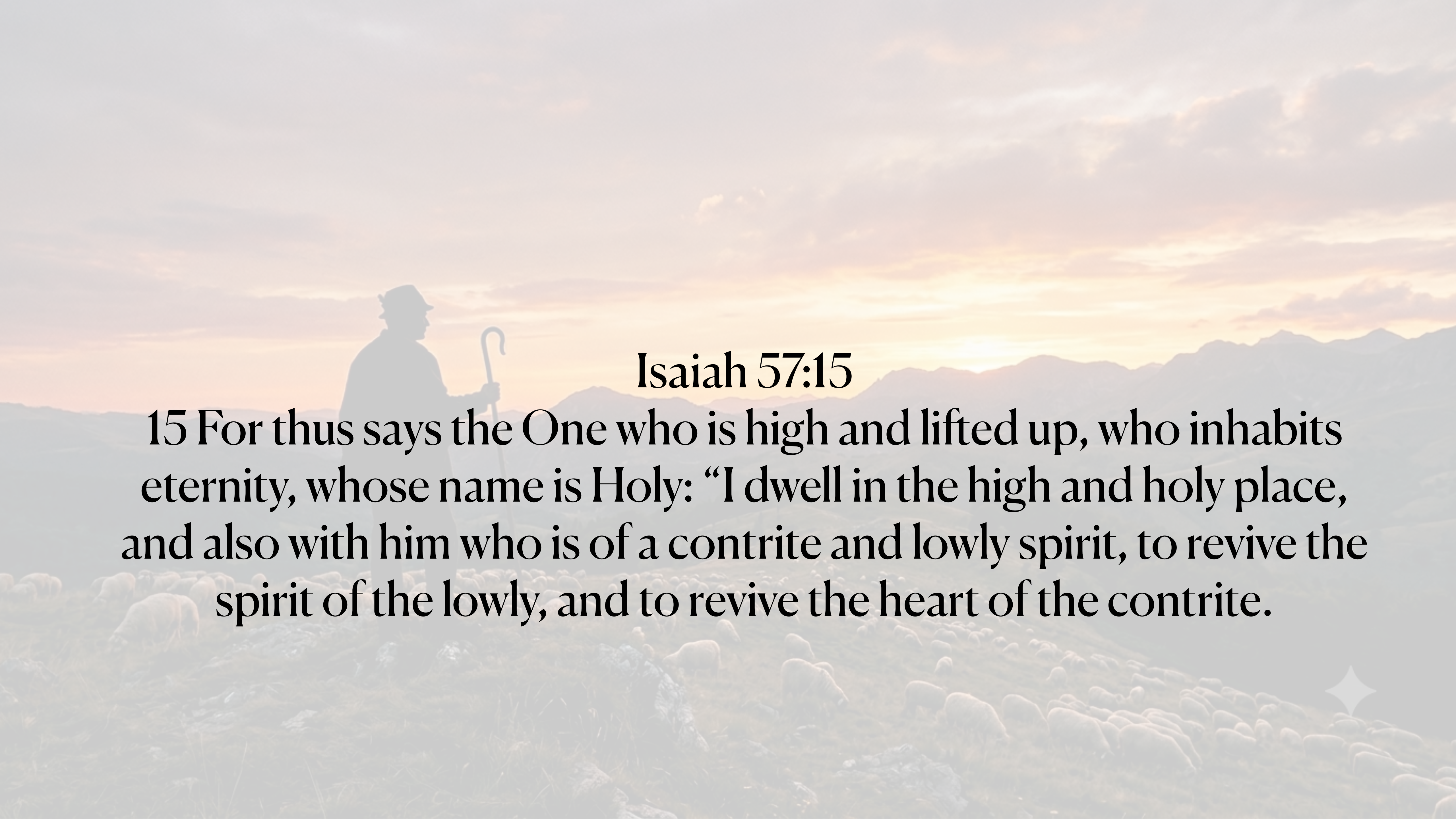


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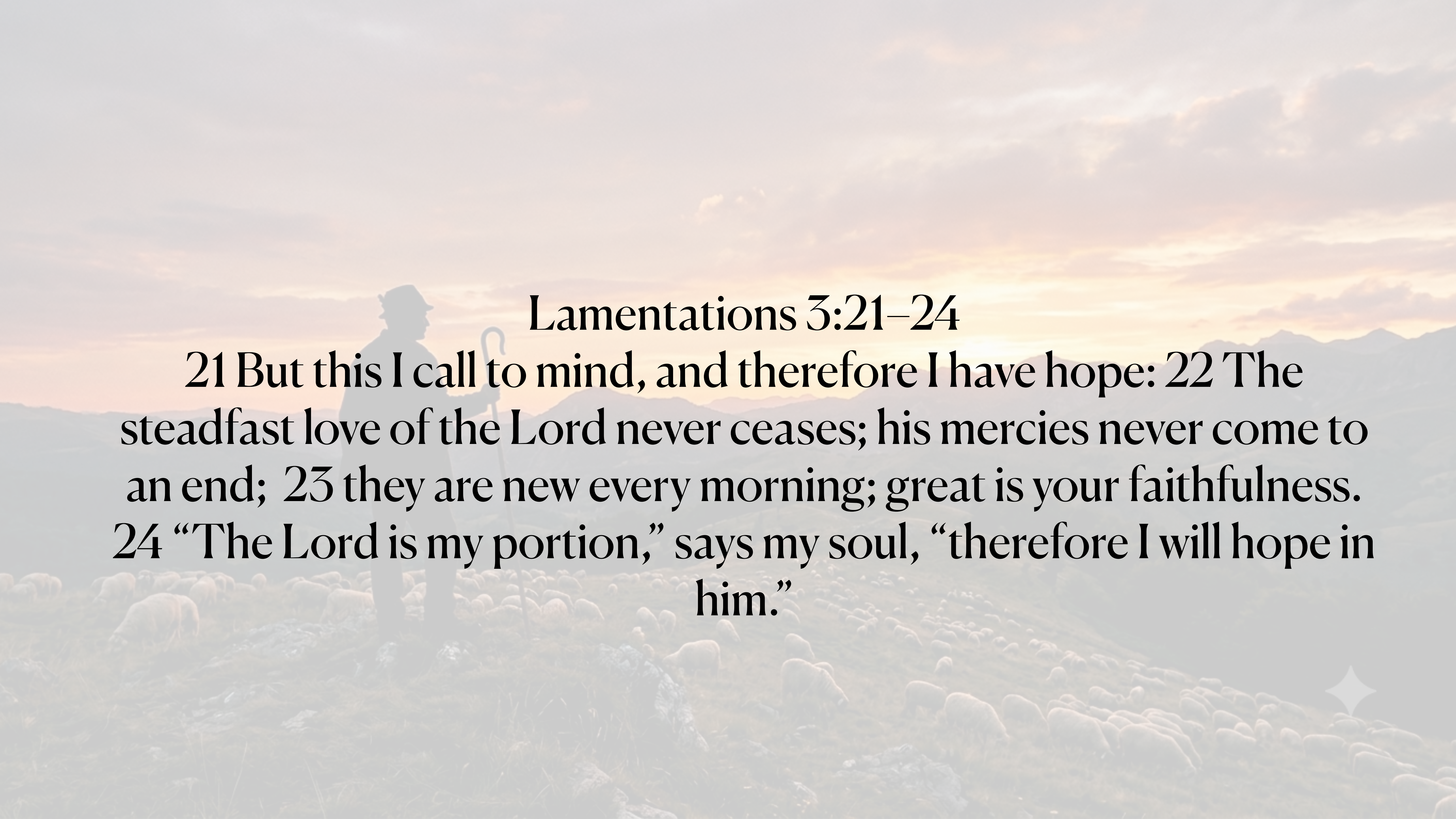
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    - **Bask in God's presence**

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## Isaiah 57:15

15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

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## Lamentations 3:21–24

21 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

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