

AN UNDERSHEPHERD'S HEART

Equipping the Flock on Real Issues



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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 soft, orange and pink clouds from a setting or rising sun.

OPENING TEXT

Philippians 2:12-18

Philippians 4:10-13



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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
- **The Joy of Contentment (Today)**
- The Danger of Hiding Sin
- The Indescribable Nature of God



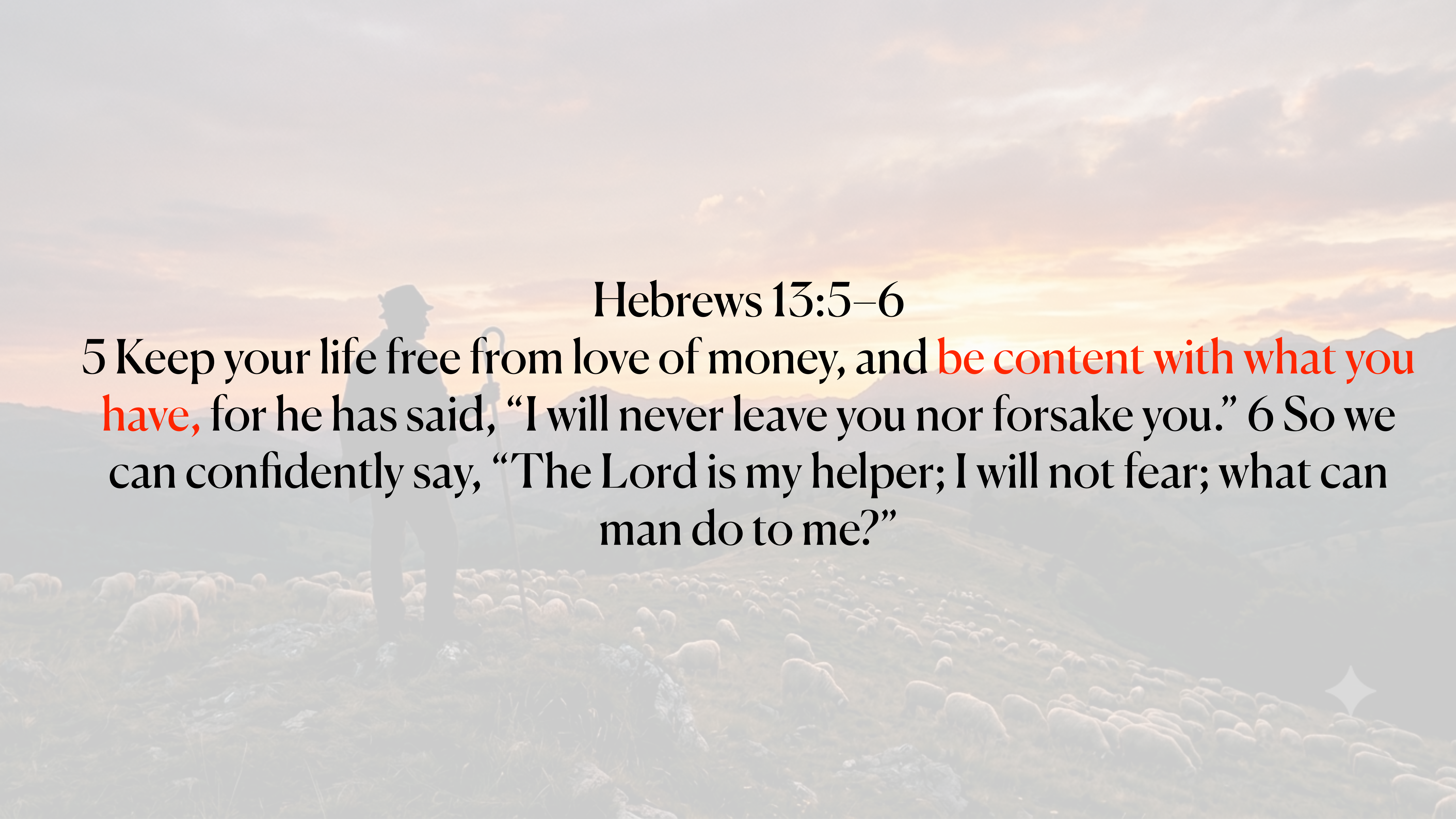
2 Corinthians 11:23–28

23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; 26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; 27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

Philippians 4:11–13

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for **I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content.** 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



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

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?”

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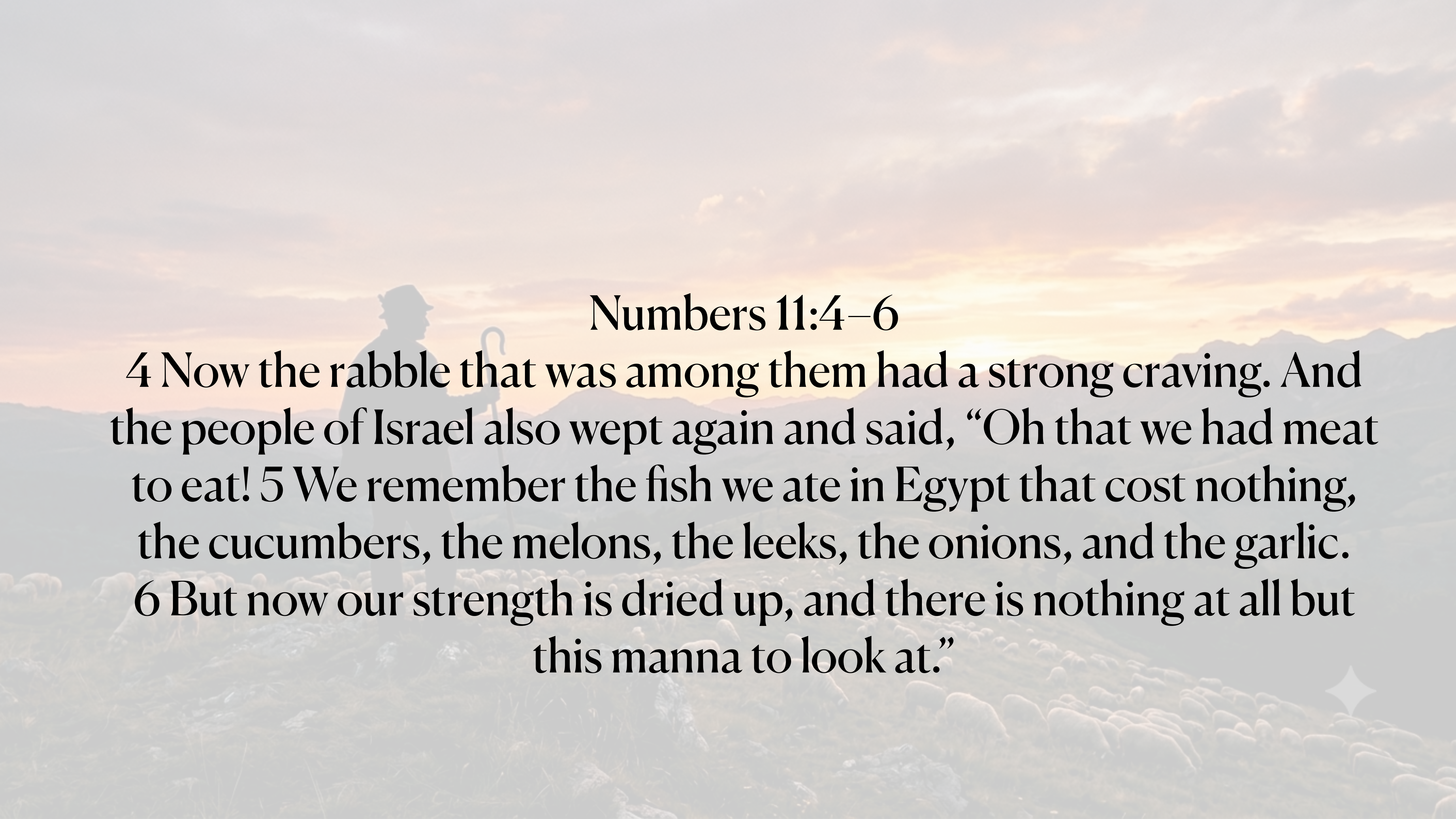
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 - **A Focus on Circumstances**



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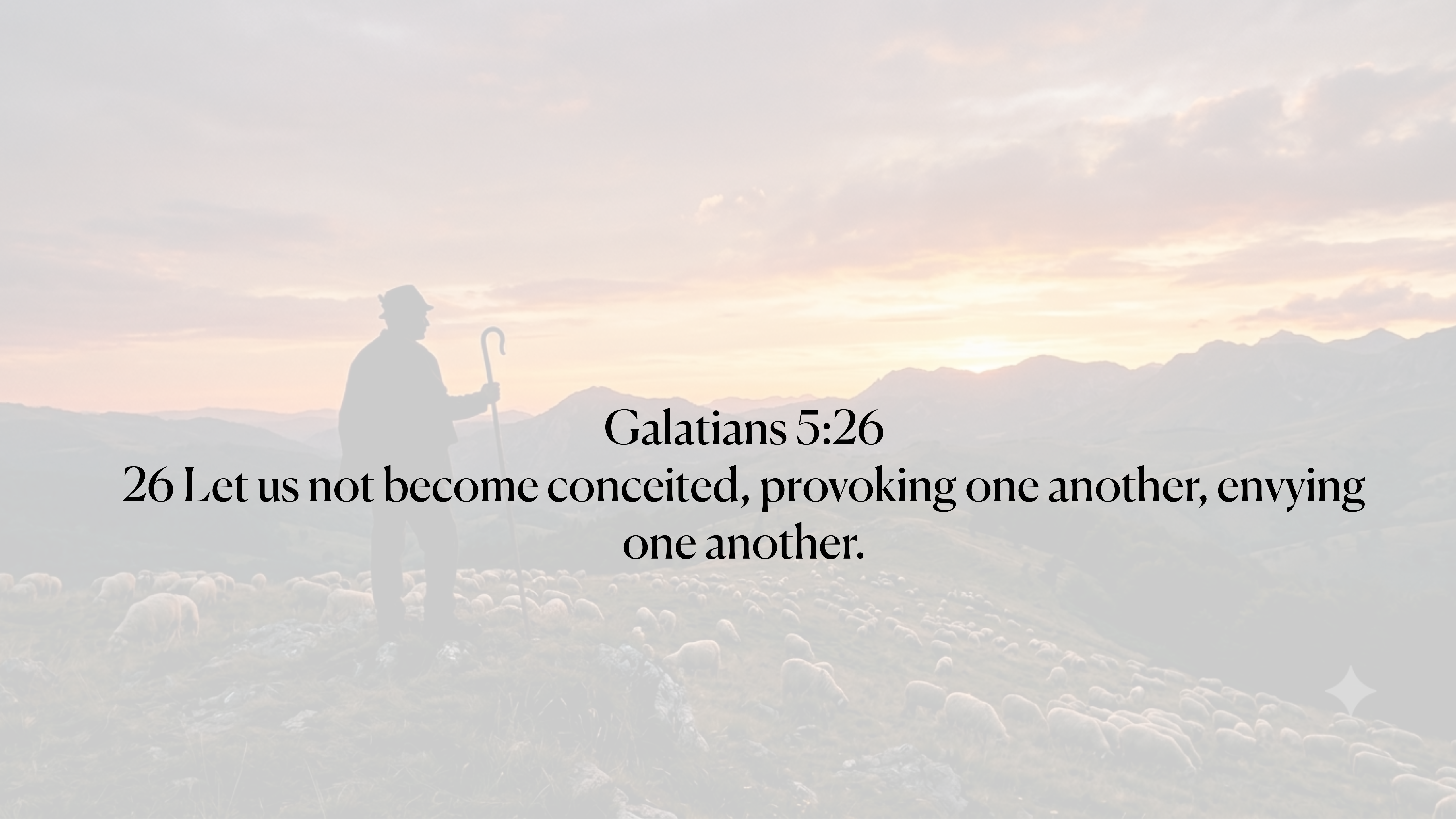
Numbers 11:4–6

4 Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

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- **THE SOURCE OF DISCONTENT**
 - **A Focus on Circumstances**
 - **Comparison with Others**



A shepherd in silhouette stands on a grassy hillside, holding a long staff. A large flock of sheep is grazing on the hillside. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic sunset sky with orange and pink clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Galatians 5:26

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.





Proverbs 14:30

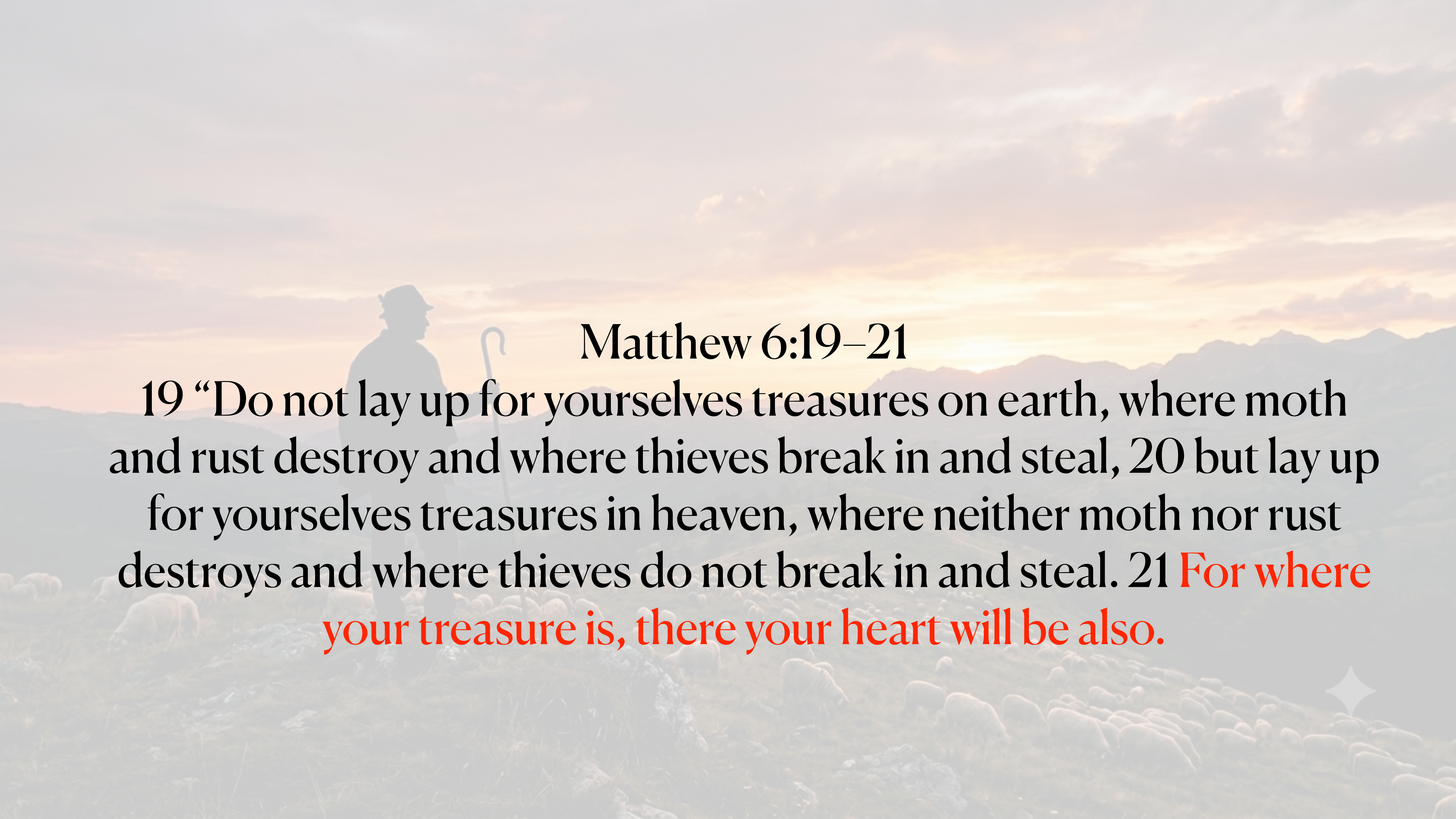
30 A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones
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 - **A Misplaced Heart**

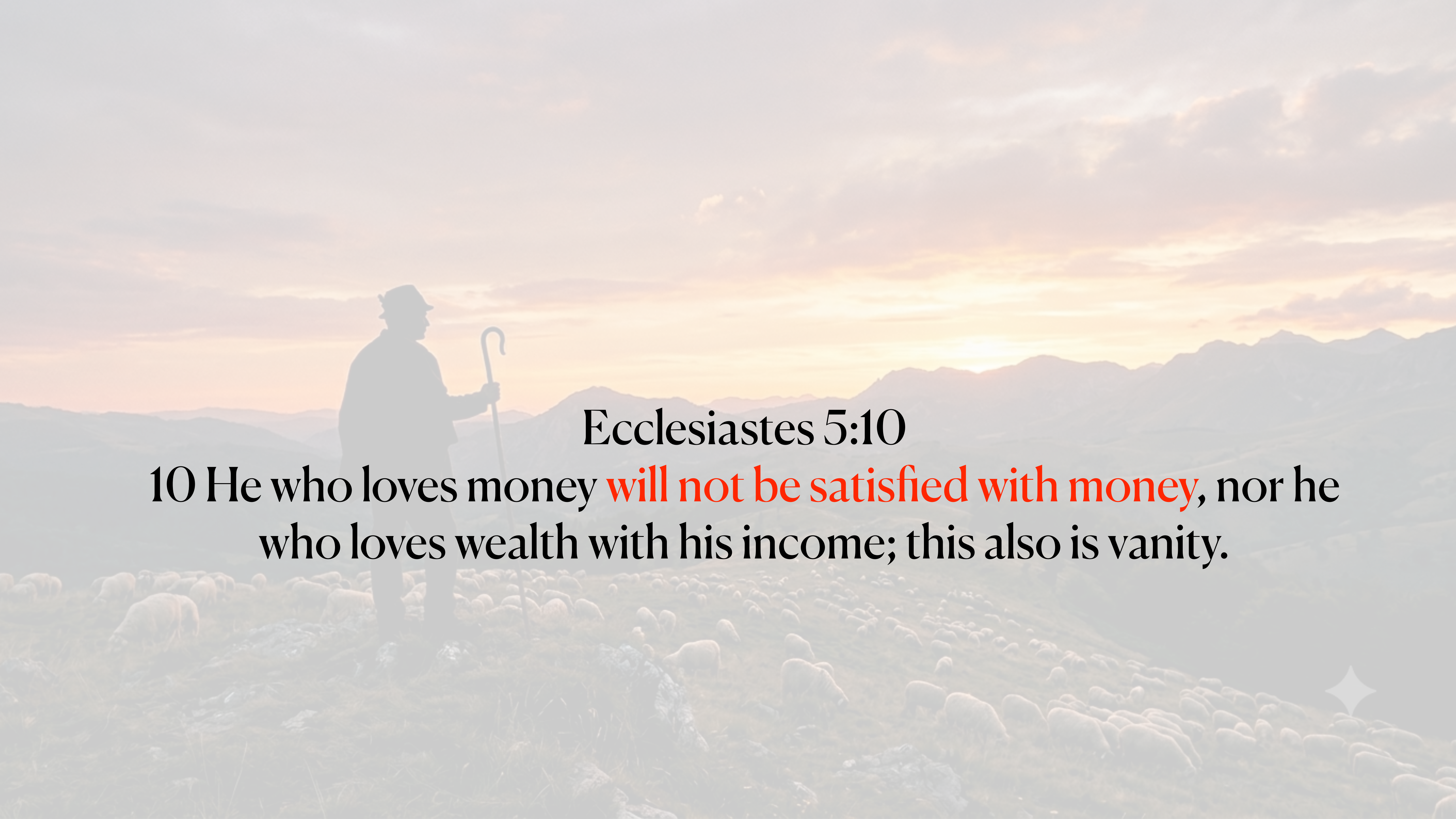


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Matthew 6:19–21

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

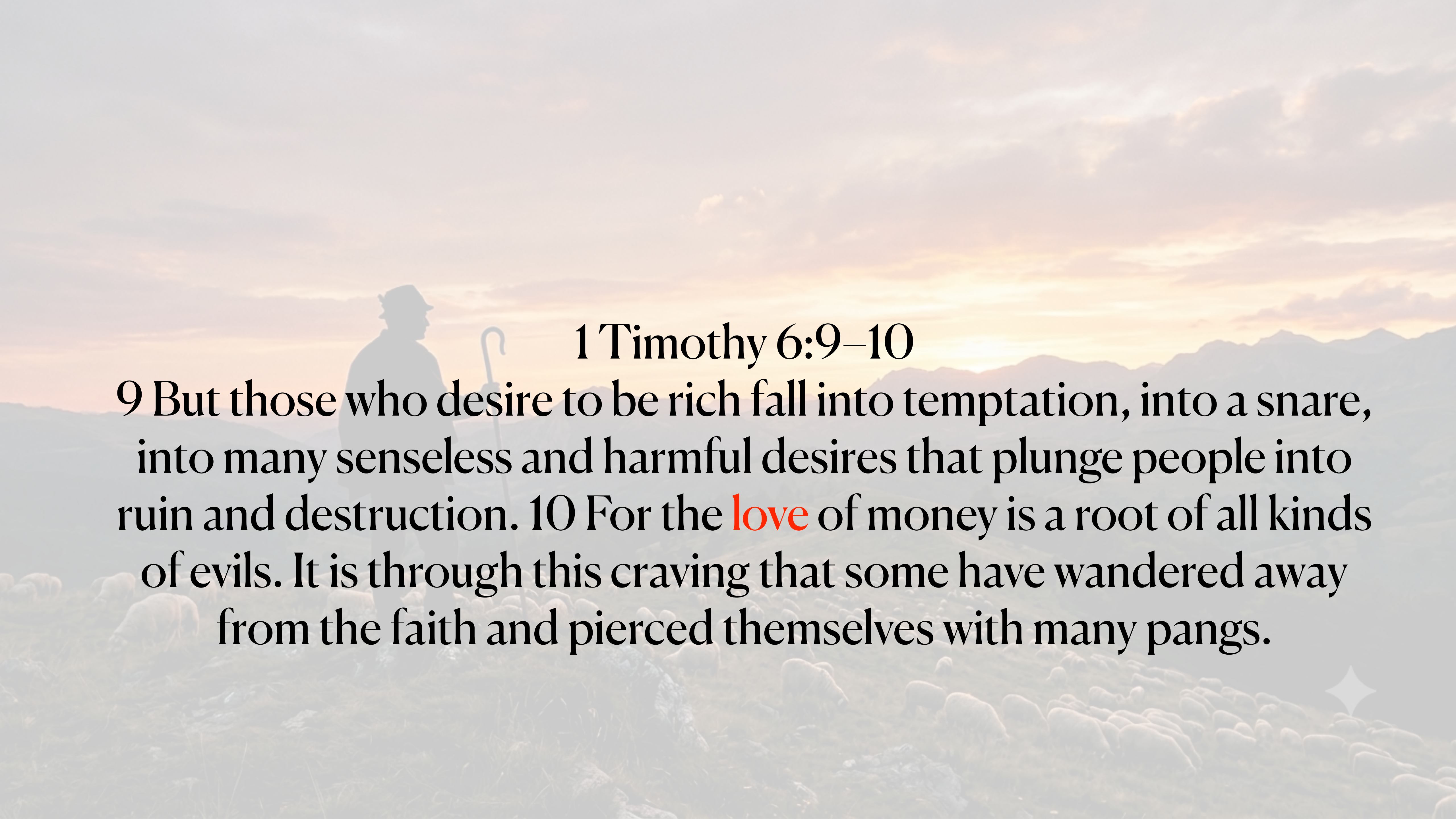


A shepherd in silhouette stands on a grassy hill, holding a crook, with a large flock of sheep grazing around him. The background features rolling hills and a sunset sky with soft, orange and pink clouds.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

10 He who loves money **will not be satisfied with money**, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

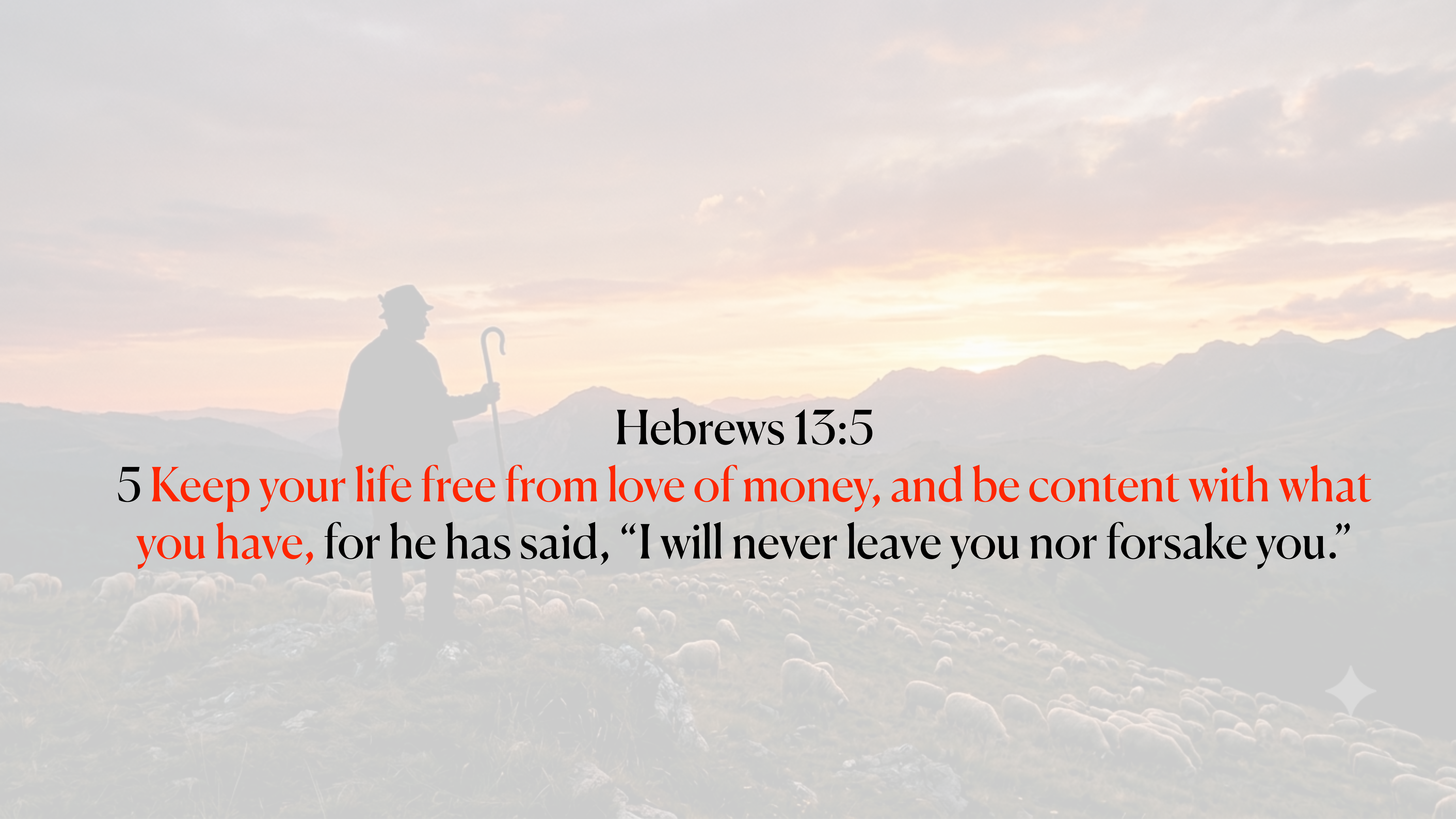


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1 Timothy 6:9–10

9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the **love** of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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Hebrews 13:5

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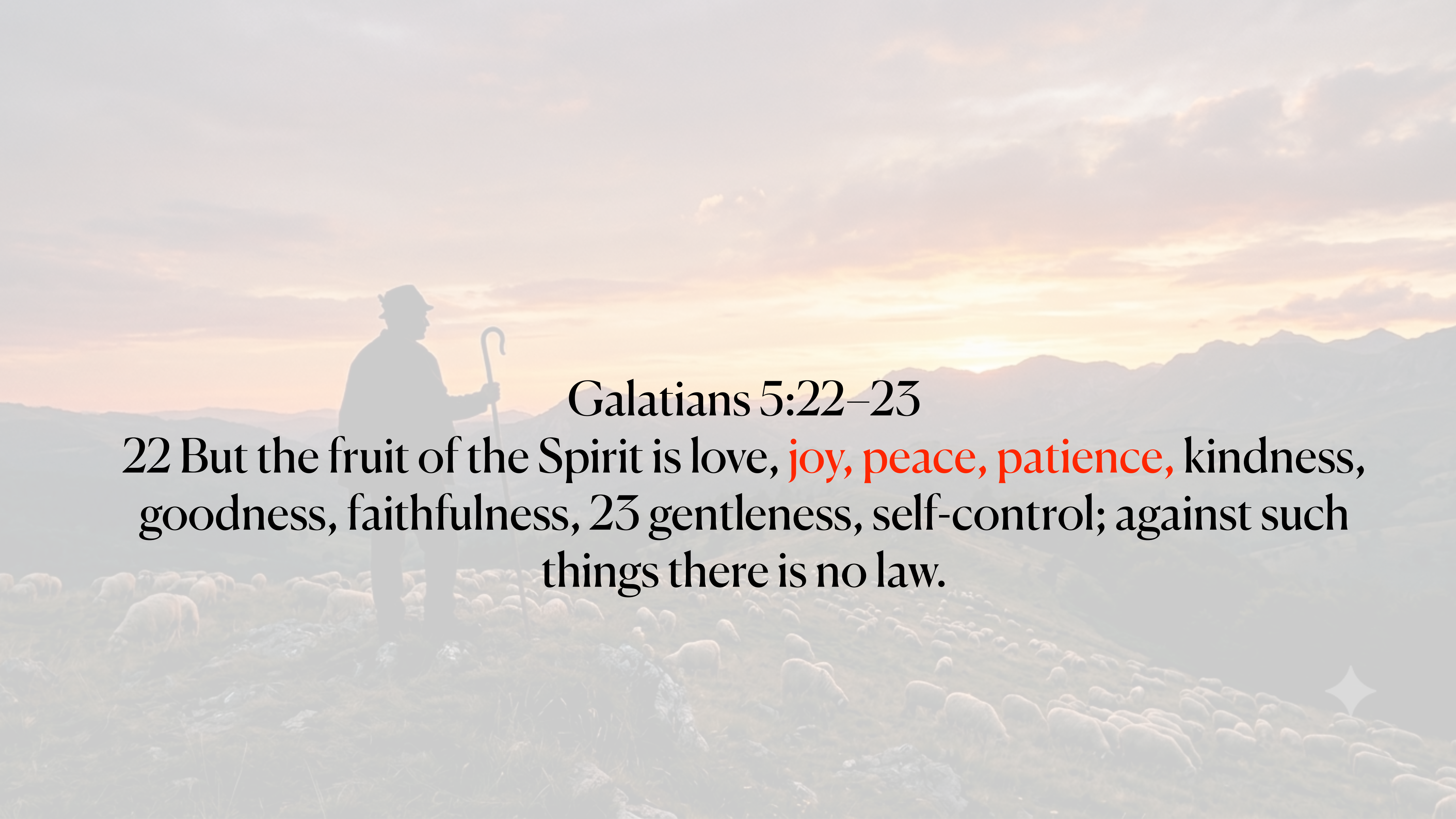
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 - **Grumbling and Complaining**

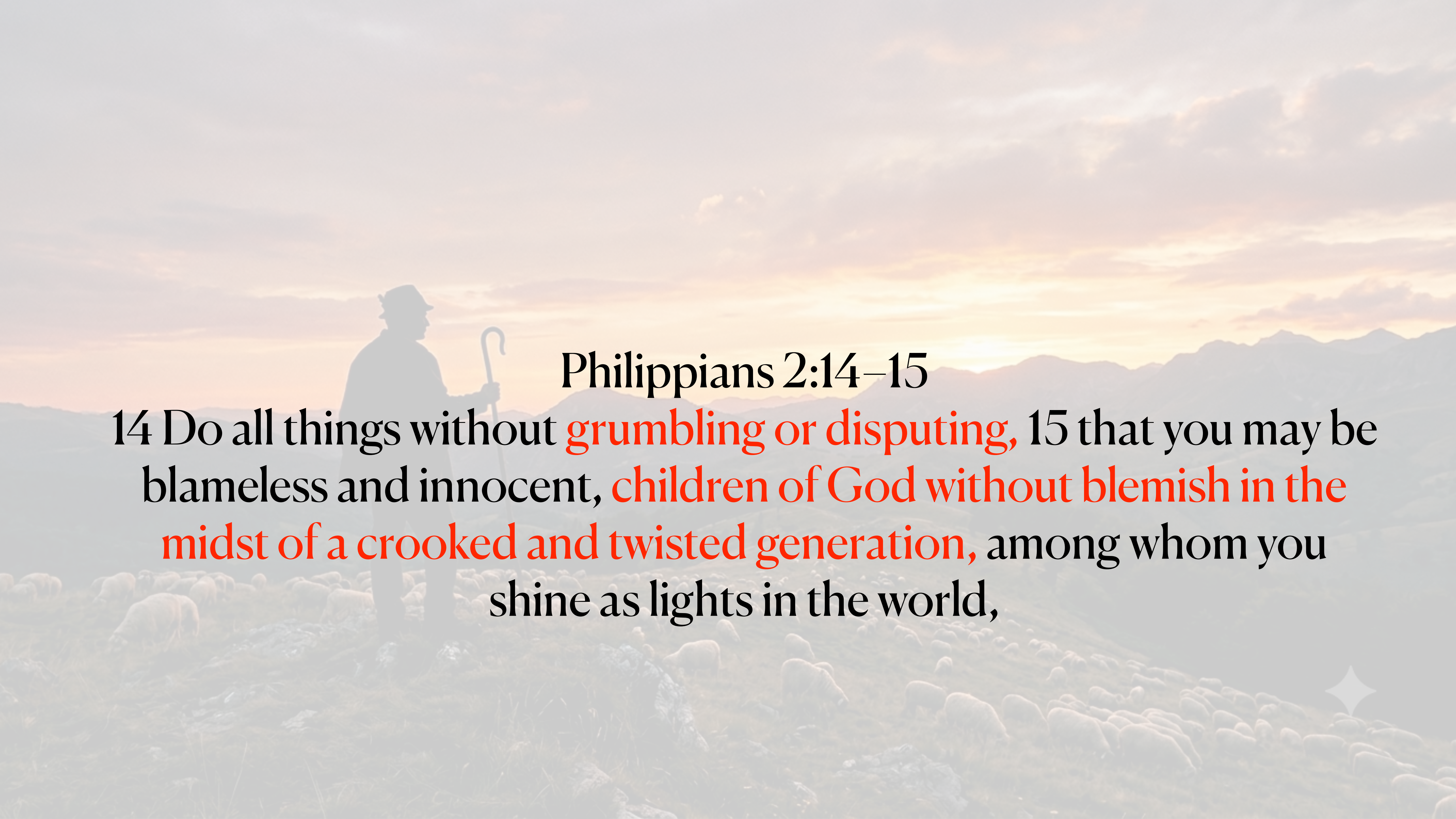




Galatians 5:22–23

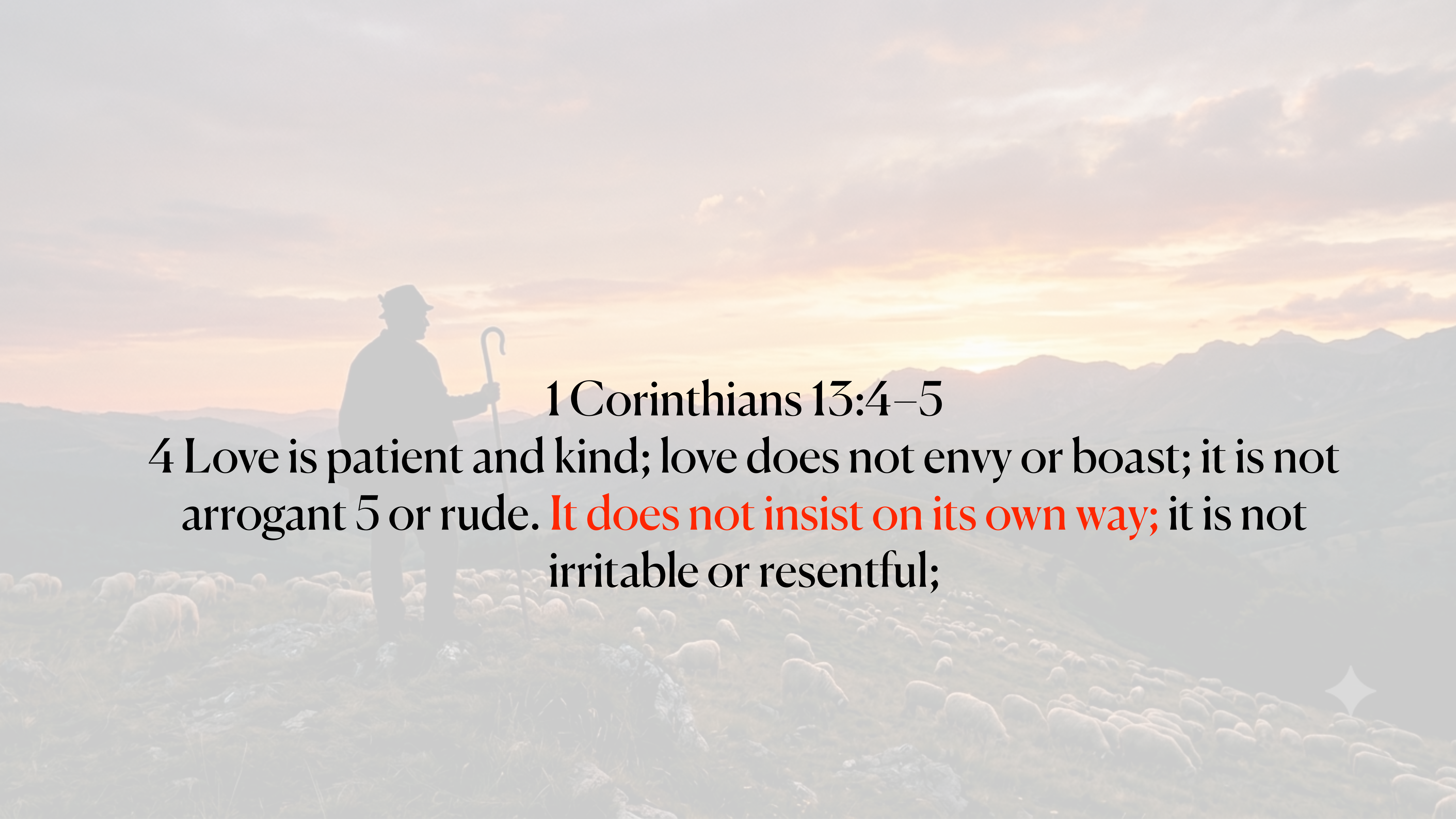
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



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

Philippians 2:14–15

14 Do all things without **grumbling or disputing**, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, **children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation**, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

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1 Corinthians 13:4–5

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. **It does not insist on its own way;** it is not irritable or resentful;



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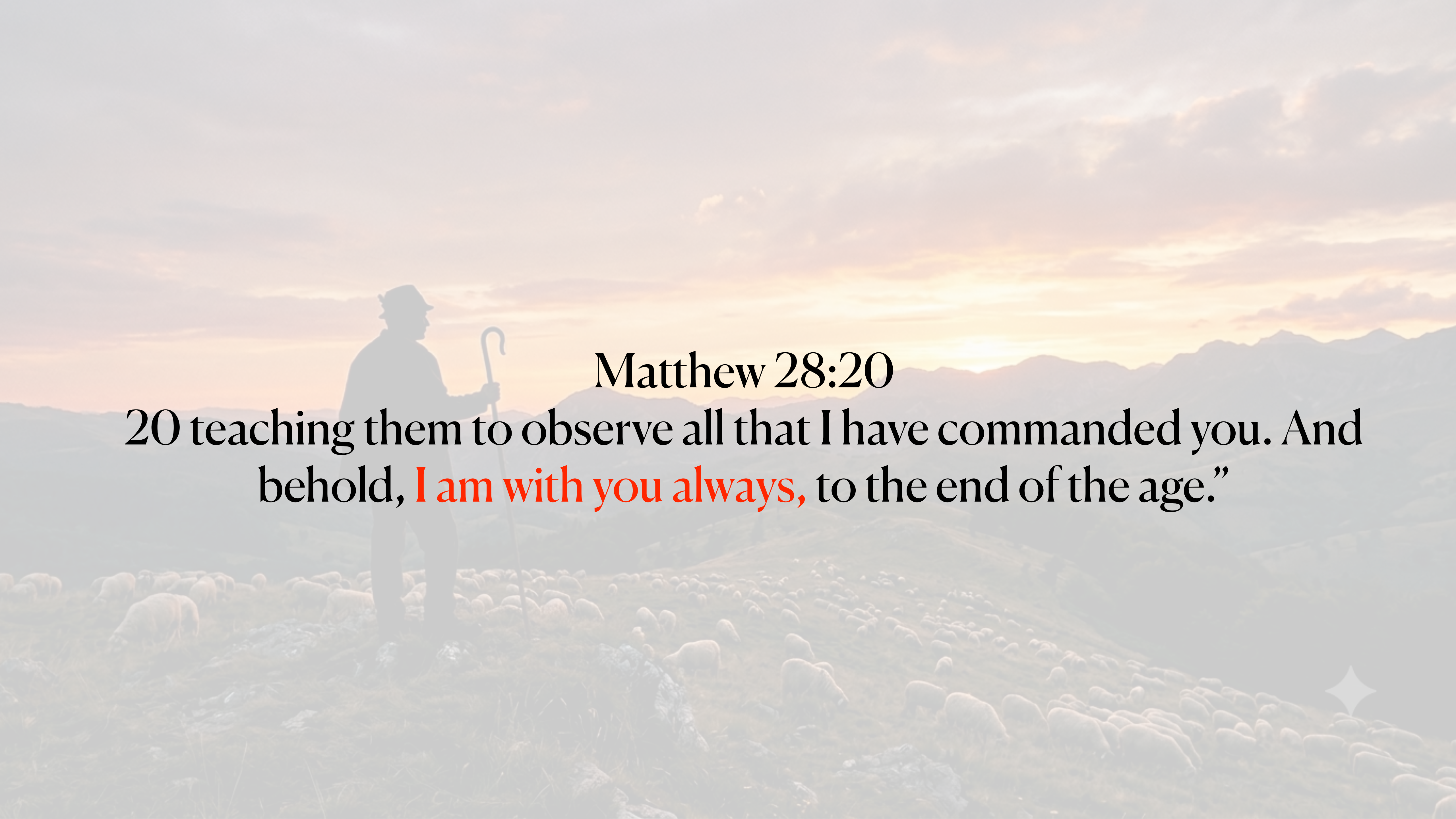
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 - **Knowing God's Unfailing Presence**



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Hebrews 13:5b
5 ...for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

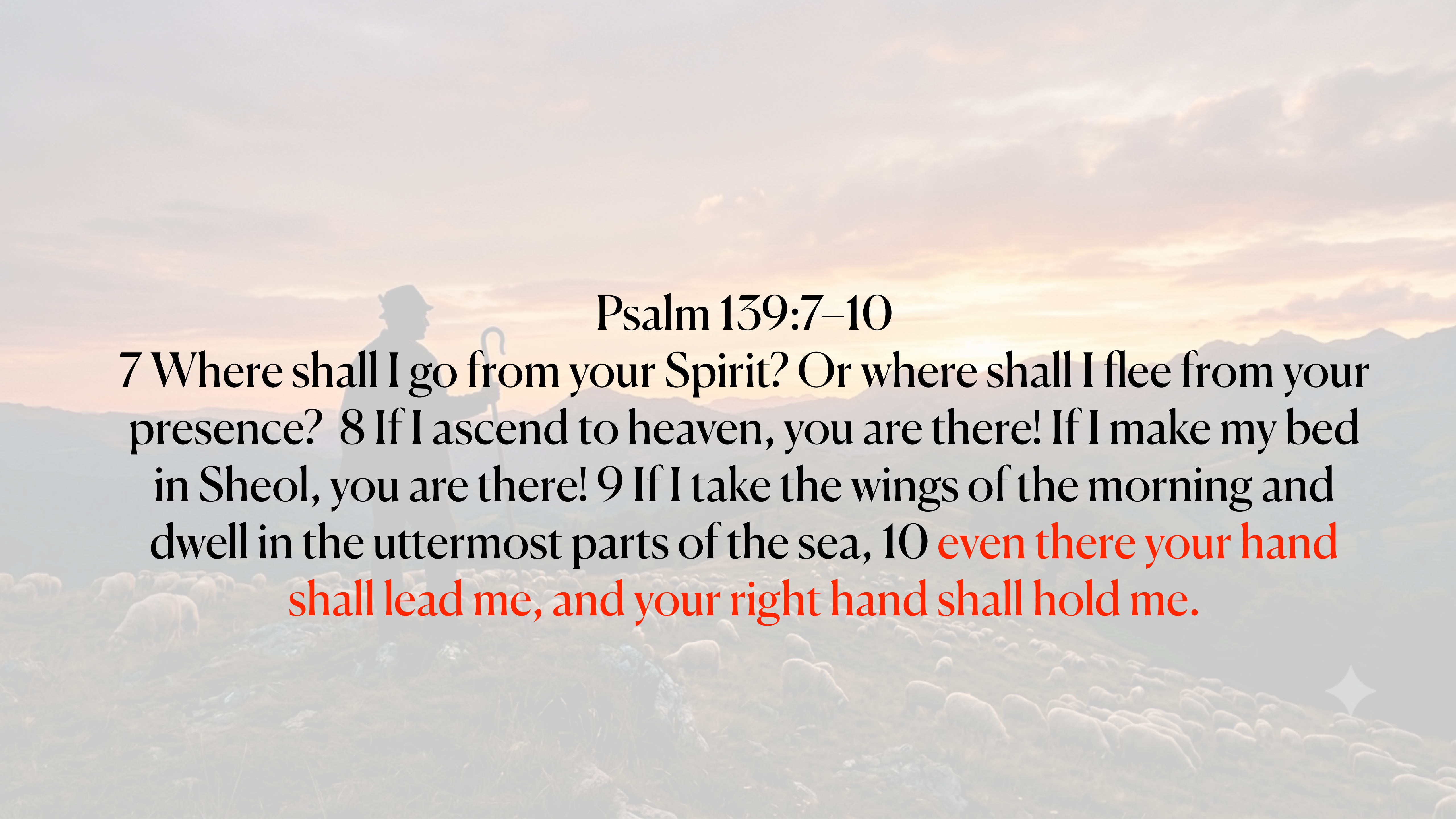




Matthew 28:20

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





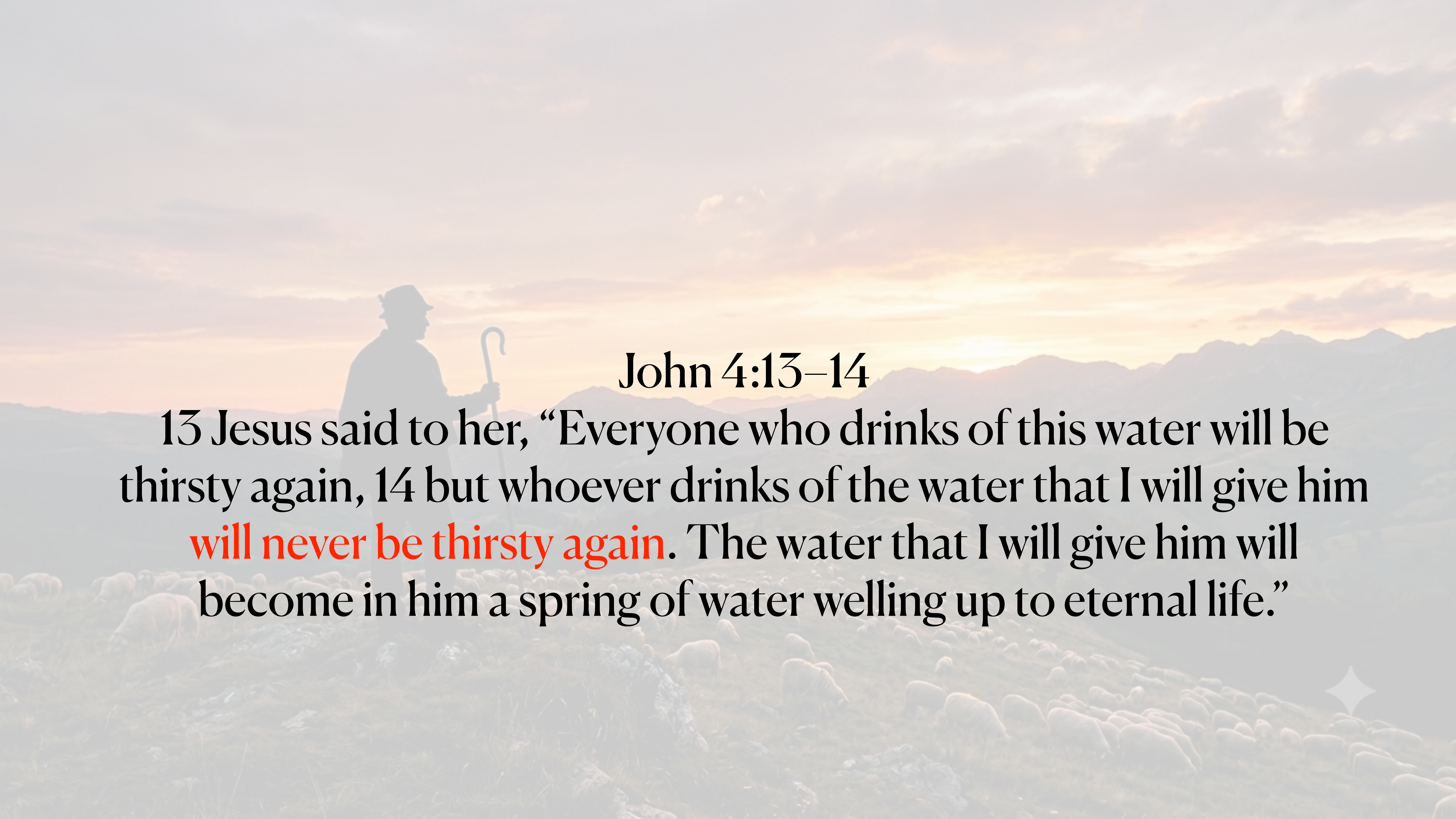
Psalm 139:7–10

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 **even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

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 - **Knowing God's Unfailing Presence**
 - **Christ Himself**



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

John 4:13–14

13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him **will never be thirsty again**. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

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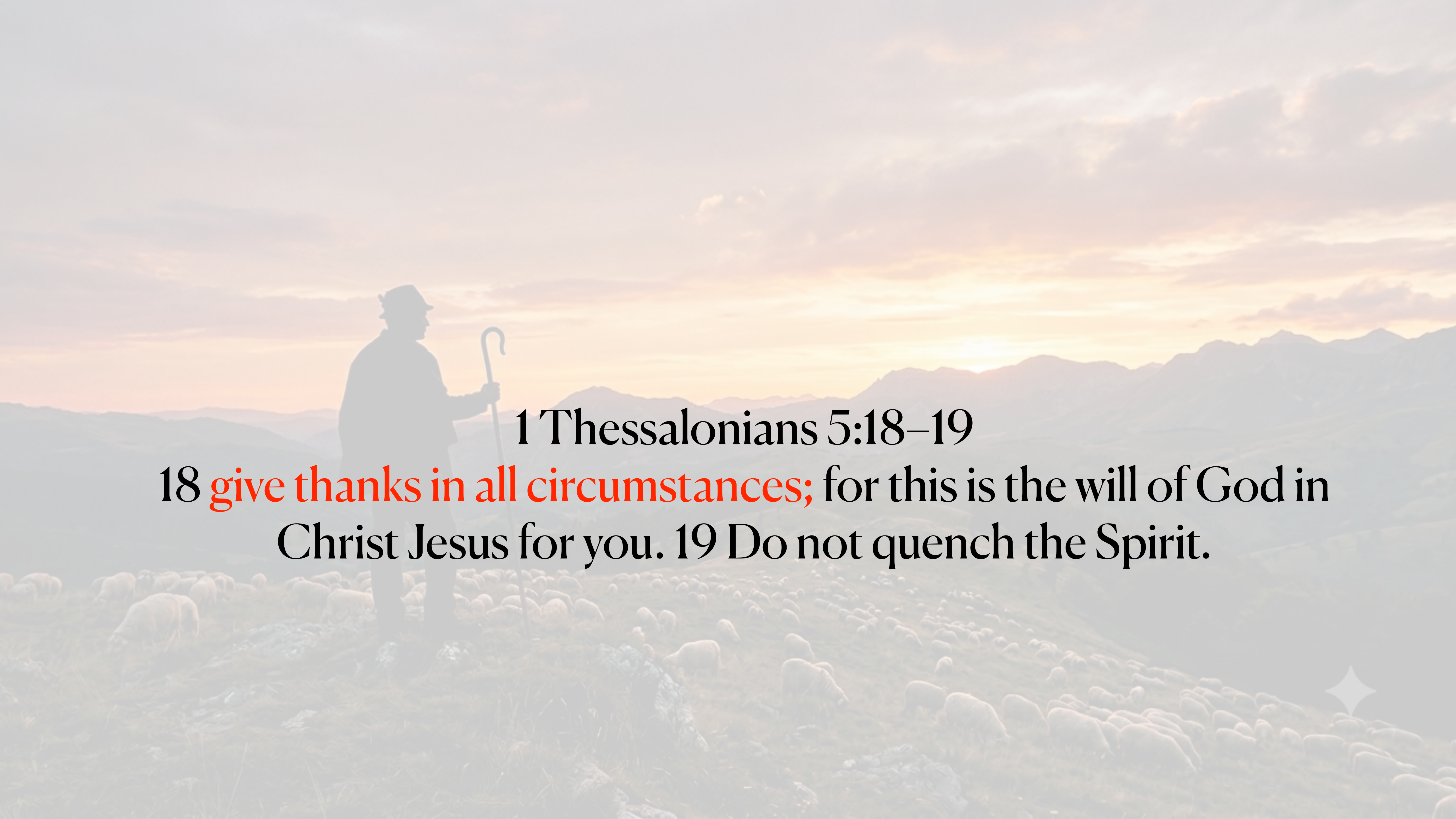
Philippians 4:10–13

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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 - **Giving Thanks in All Things**





1 Thessalonians 5:18–19

18 **give thanks in all circumstances;** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit.

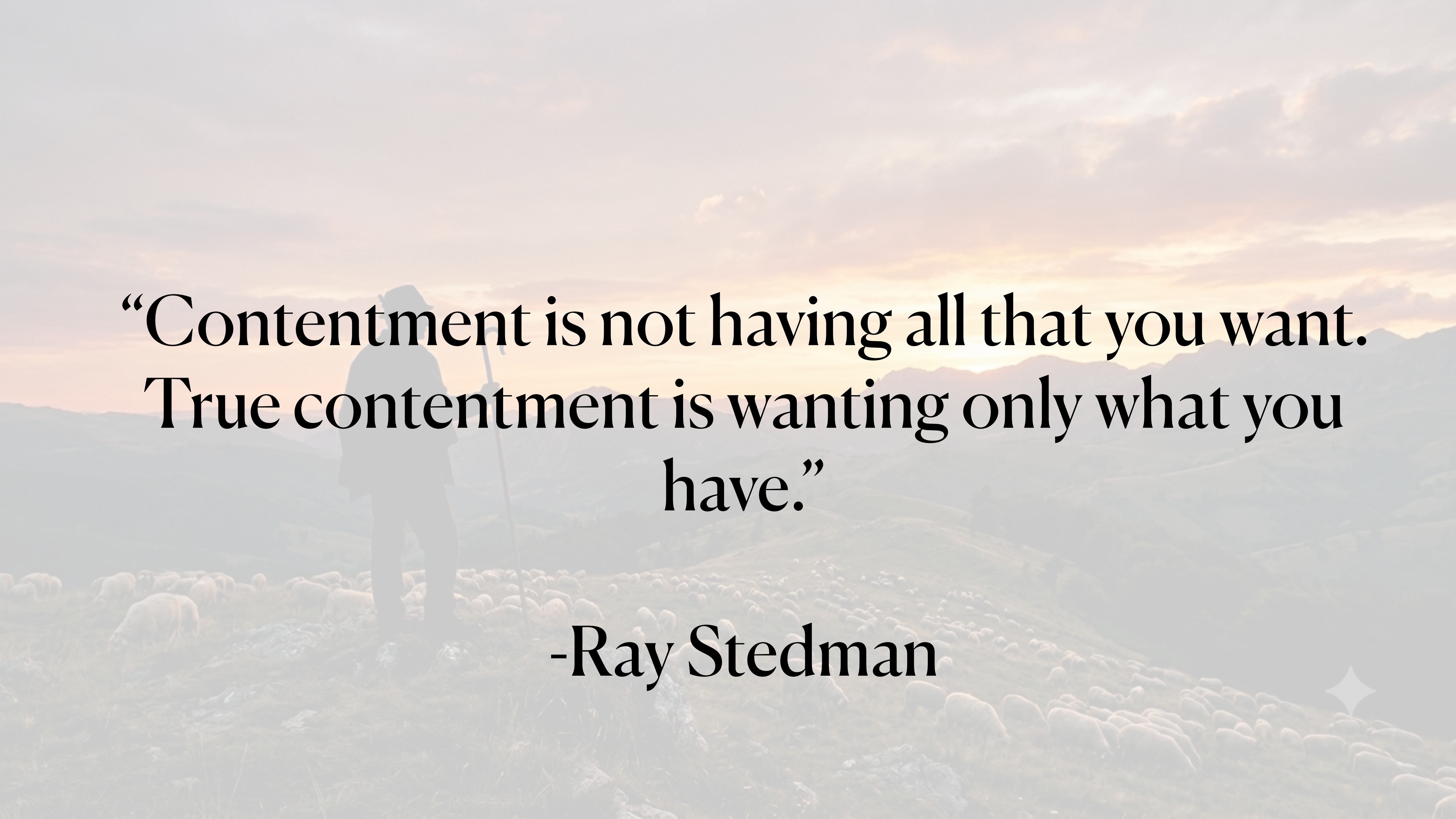


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Ephesians 5:20

20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,



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“Contentment is not having all that you want.
True contentment is wanting only what you
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-Ray Stedman



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