

AN UNDERSHEPHERD'S HEART

Equipping the Flock on Real Issues



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A full-page background image showing a shepherd in silhouette on the left, holding a staff, with a large flock of sheep grazing on a grassy hillside. In the distance, there are rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic sunset sky with orange and pink clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow.

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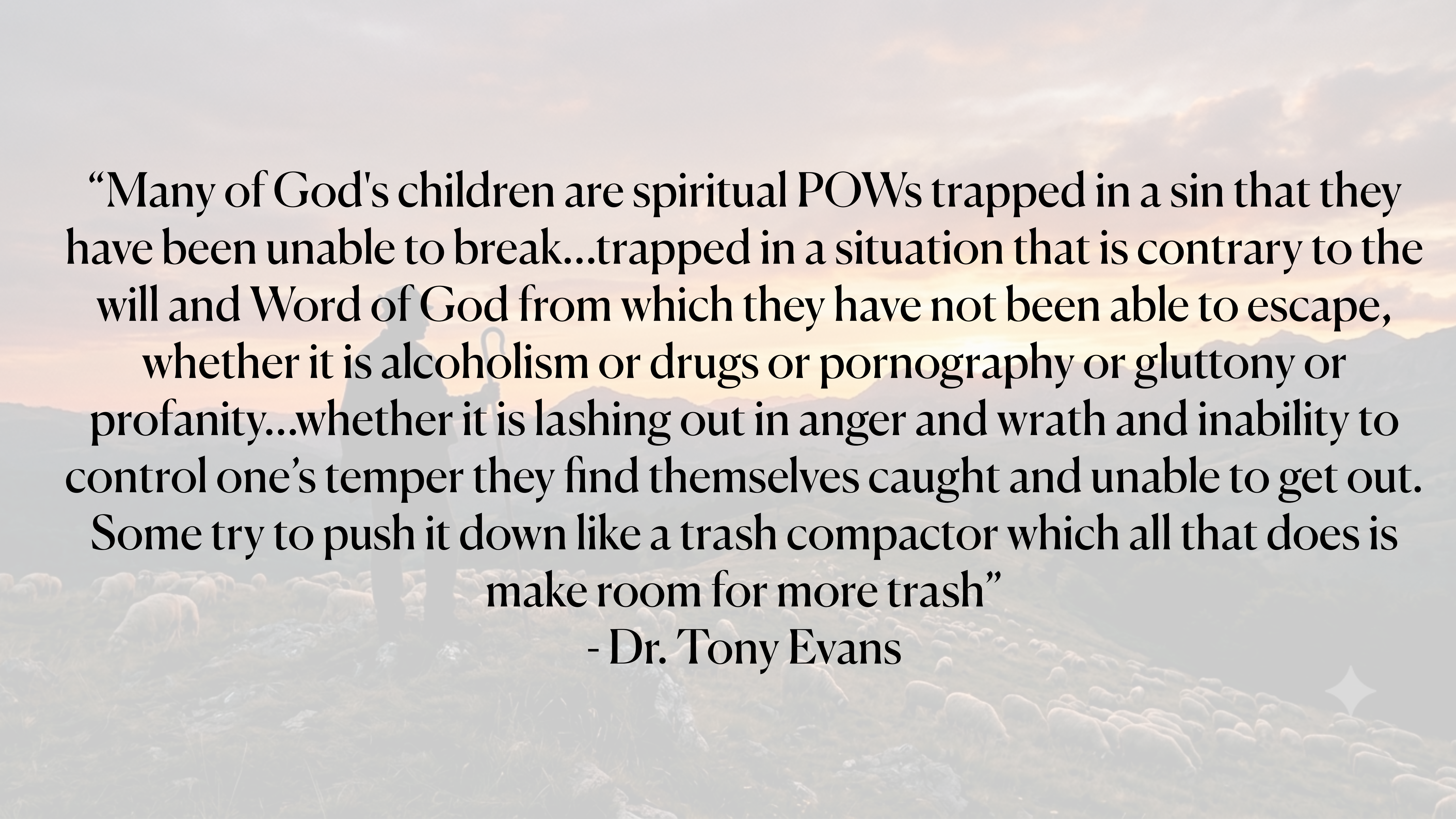
Romans 8:31-39



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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

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

“Many of God's children are spiritual POWs trapped in a sin that they have been unable to break...trapped in a situation that is contrary to the will and Word of God from which they have not been able to escape, whether it is alcoholism or drugs or pornography or gluttony or profanity...whether it is lashing out in anger and wrath and inability to control one's temper they find themselves caught and unable to get out. Some try to push it down like a trash compactor which all that does is make room for more trash”

- Dr. Tony Evans

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- THE SCOURGE OF ADDICTIONS



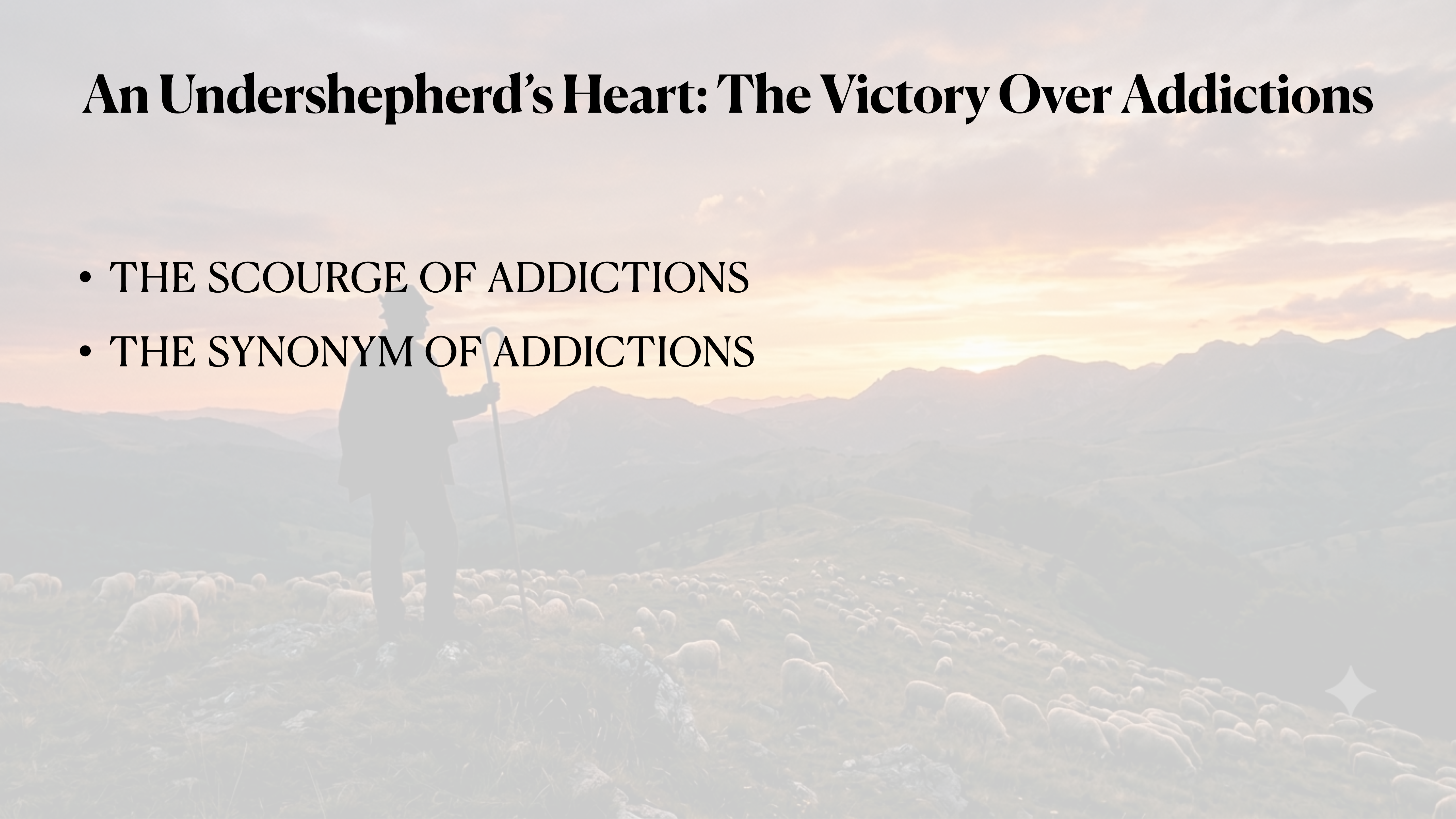
Top 15 Addictions in the US

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- 1. Alcohol**
- 2. Nicotine/Tobacco**
- 3. Prescription and Illicit Opioids**
- 4. Cannabis (Marijuana)**
- 5. Stimulants (Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Prescription ADHD Meds)**
- 6. Prescription Sedatives and Depressants**
- 7. Food and Sugar Addiction**
- 8. Gambling Addiction**
- 9. Internet, Social Media, and Video Game Addiction**
- 10. Shopping and Compulsive Spending**
- 11. Pornography and Compulsive Sexual Behavior**
- 12. Caffeine**
- 13. Work Addiction (Workaholism)**
- 14. Exercise and Fitness Addiction**
- 15. Plastic Surgery and Cosmetic Procedures**

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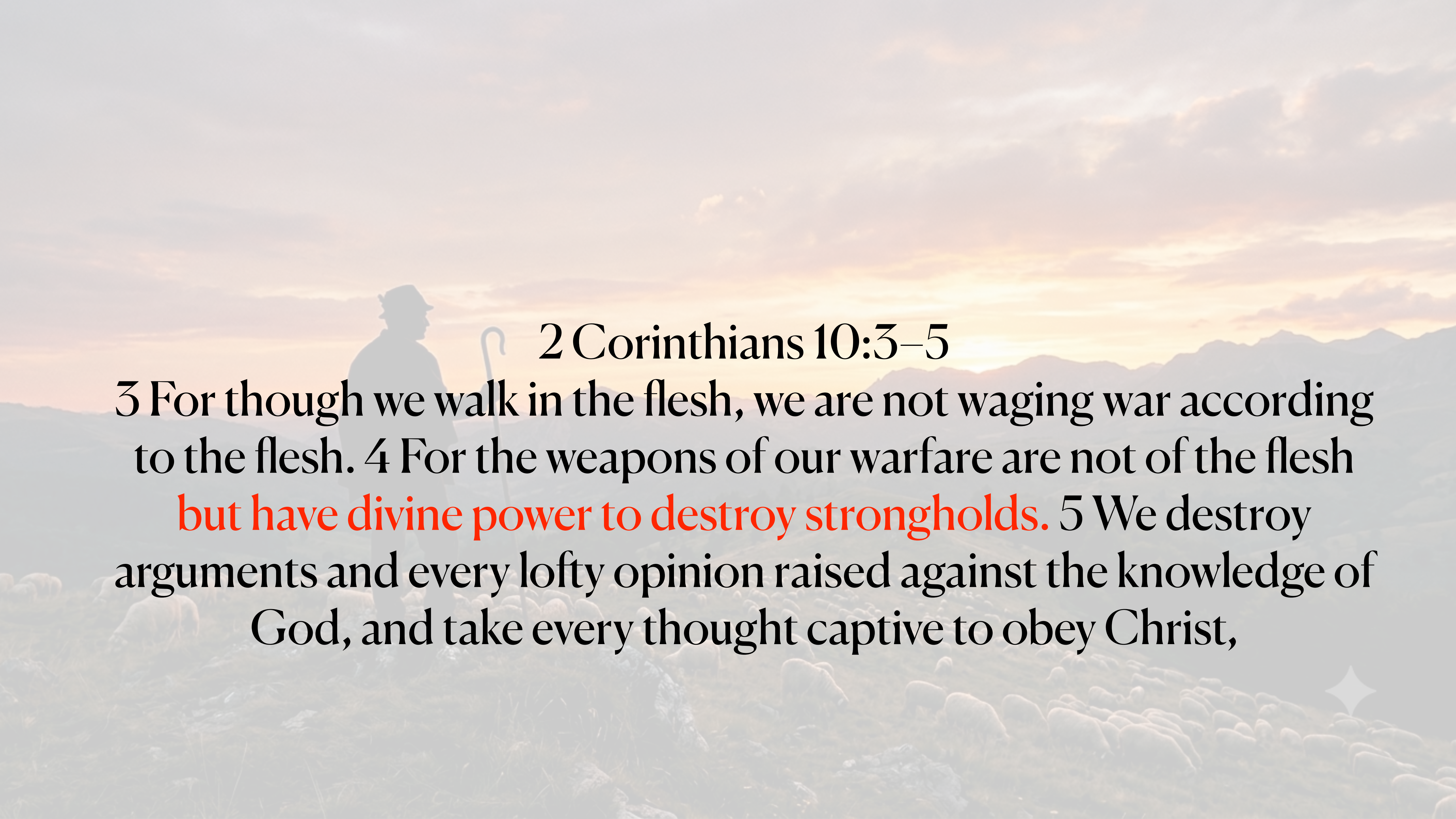
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 - Stronghold

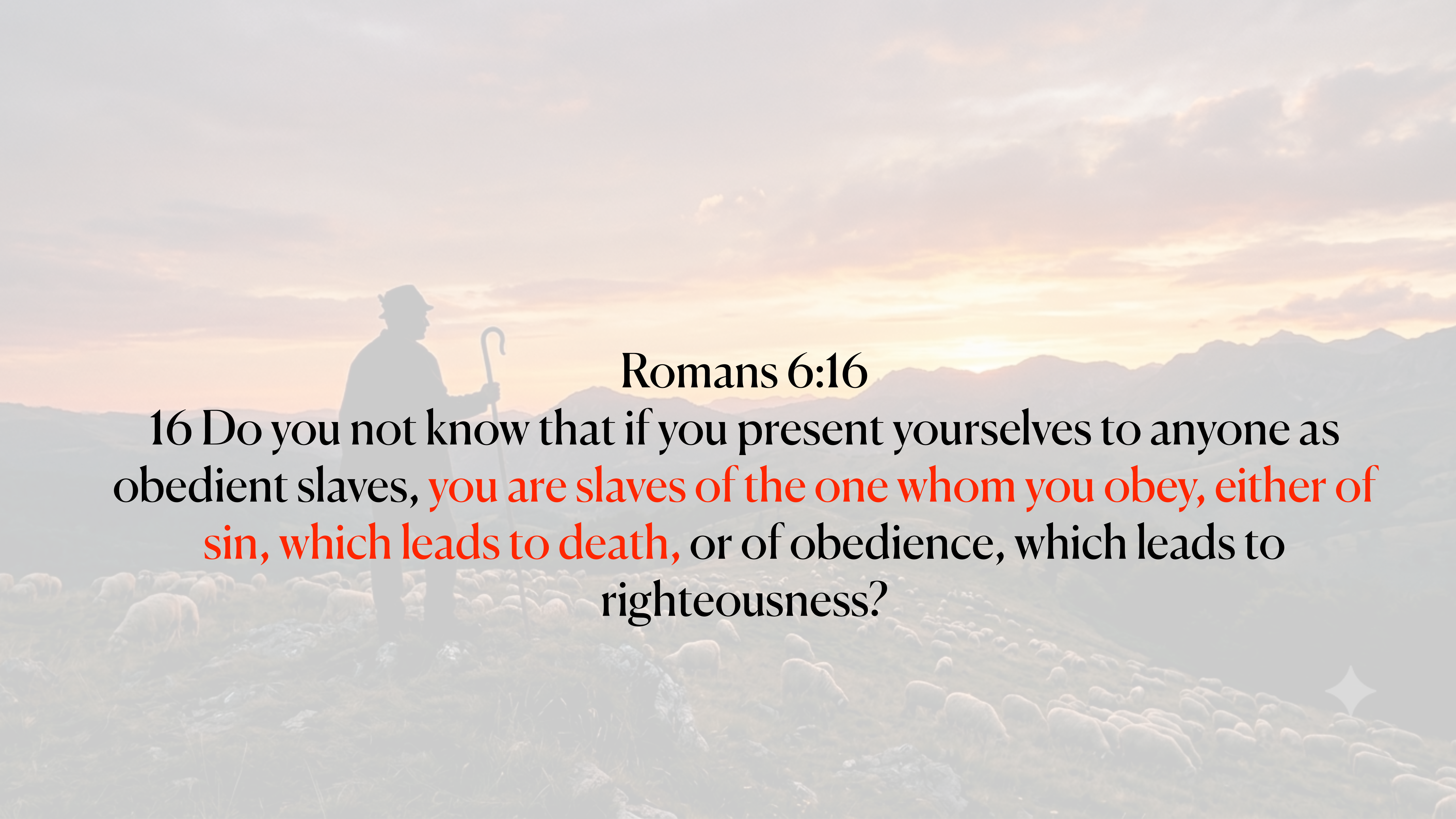


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2 Corinthians 10:3–5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh **but have divine power to destroy strongholds.** 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

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

Romans 6:16

16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, **you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?**

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- THE SCOURGE OF ADDICTIONS
- THE SYNONYM OF ADDICTIONS
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 - Idolatry



Romans 1:22–25

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ✧

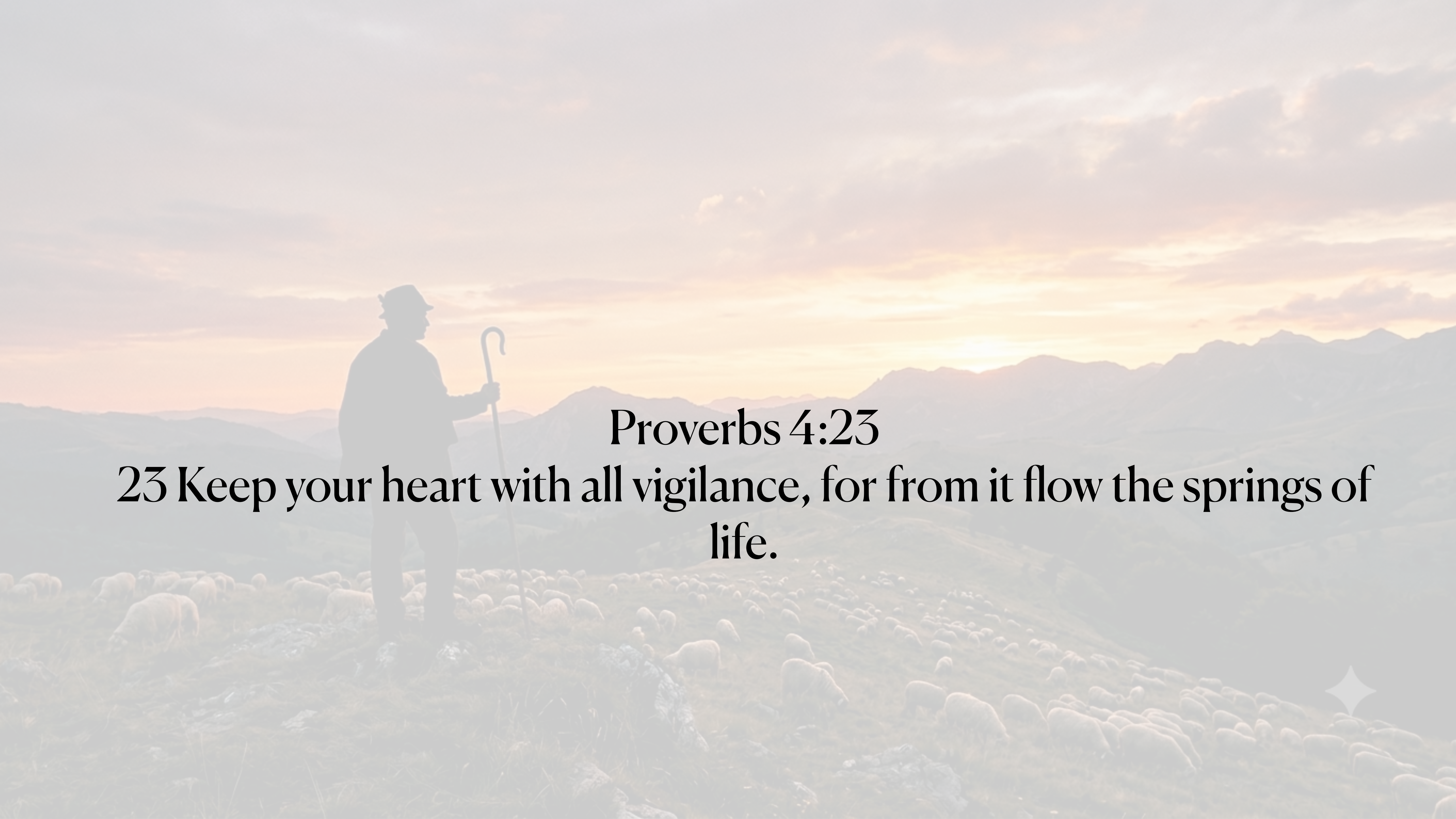
Ezekiel 14:1–8

1 Then certain of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. 2 And the word of the Lord came to me: 3 “Son of man, these men **have taken their idols into their hearts**, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let myself be consulted by them? 4 Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Any one of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him as he comes with the multitude of his idols, 5 that I may lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, who are all estranged from me through their idols. 6 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7 For any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel, who separates himself from me, taking his idols into his heart and putting the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to a prophet to consult me through him, I the Lord will answer him myself. 8 And I will set my face against that man; I will make him a sign and a byword and cut him off from the midst of my people, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

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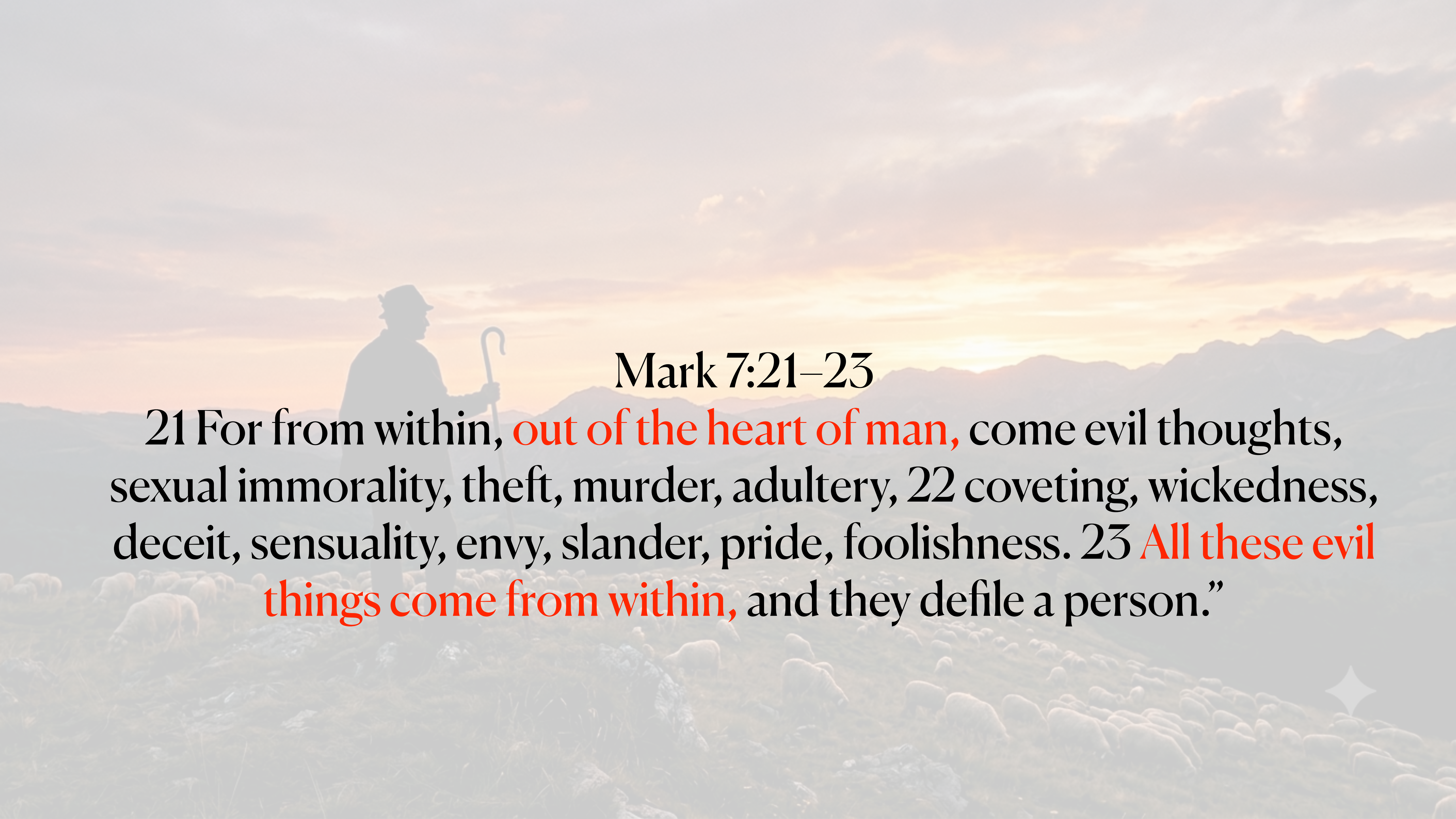




Proverbs 4:23

23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.





Mark 7:21–23

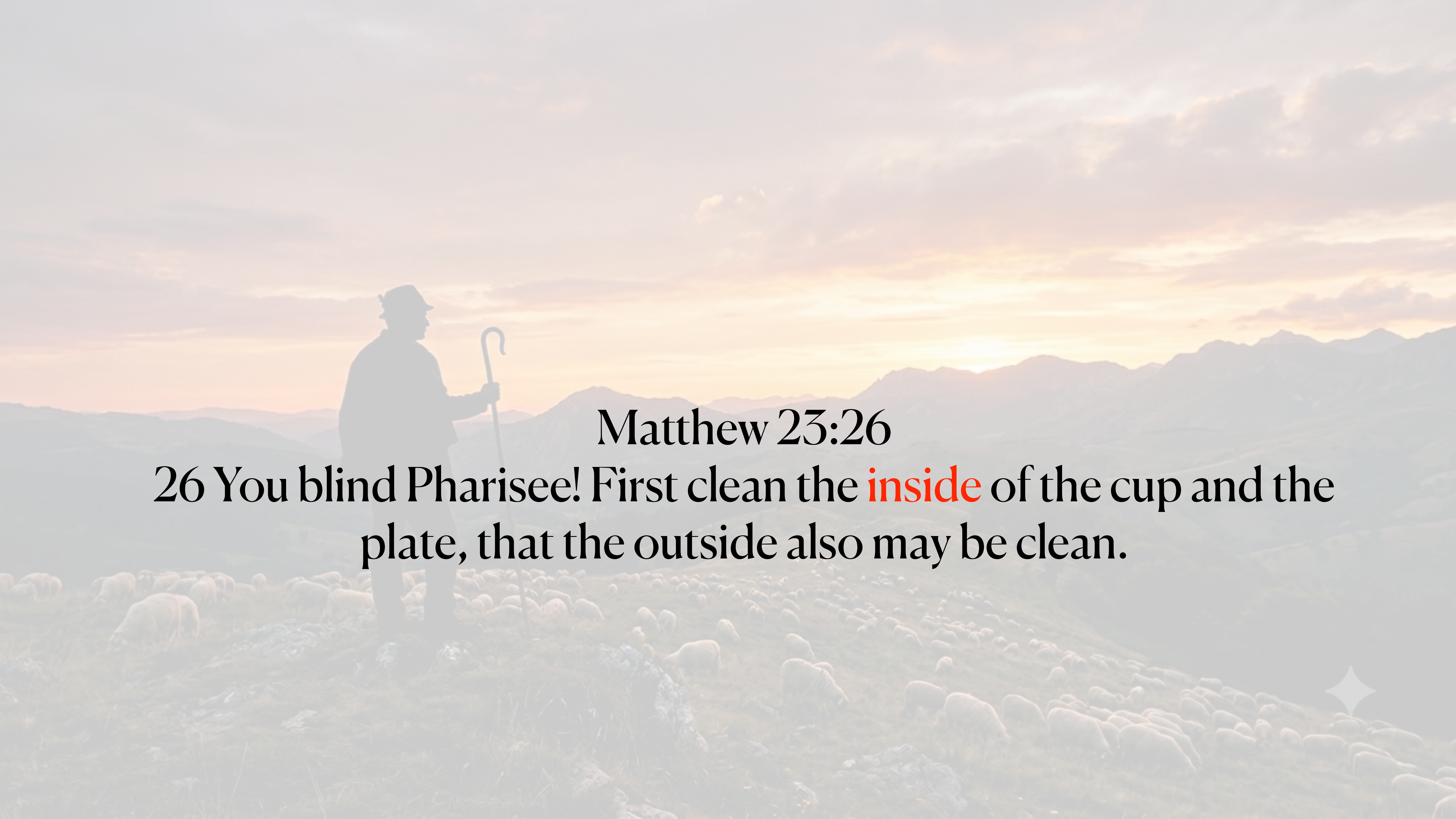
21 For from within, **out of the heart of man**, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 **All these evil things come from within**, and they defile a person.”

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.

Jeremiah 17:9

9 **The heart is deceitful** above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?



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Matthew 23:26

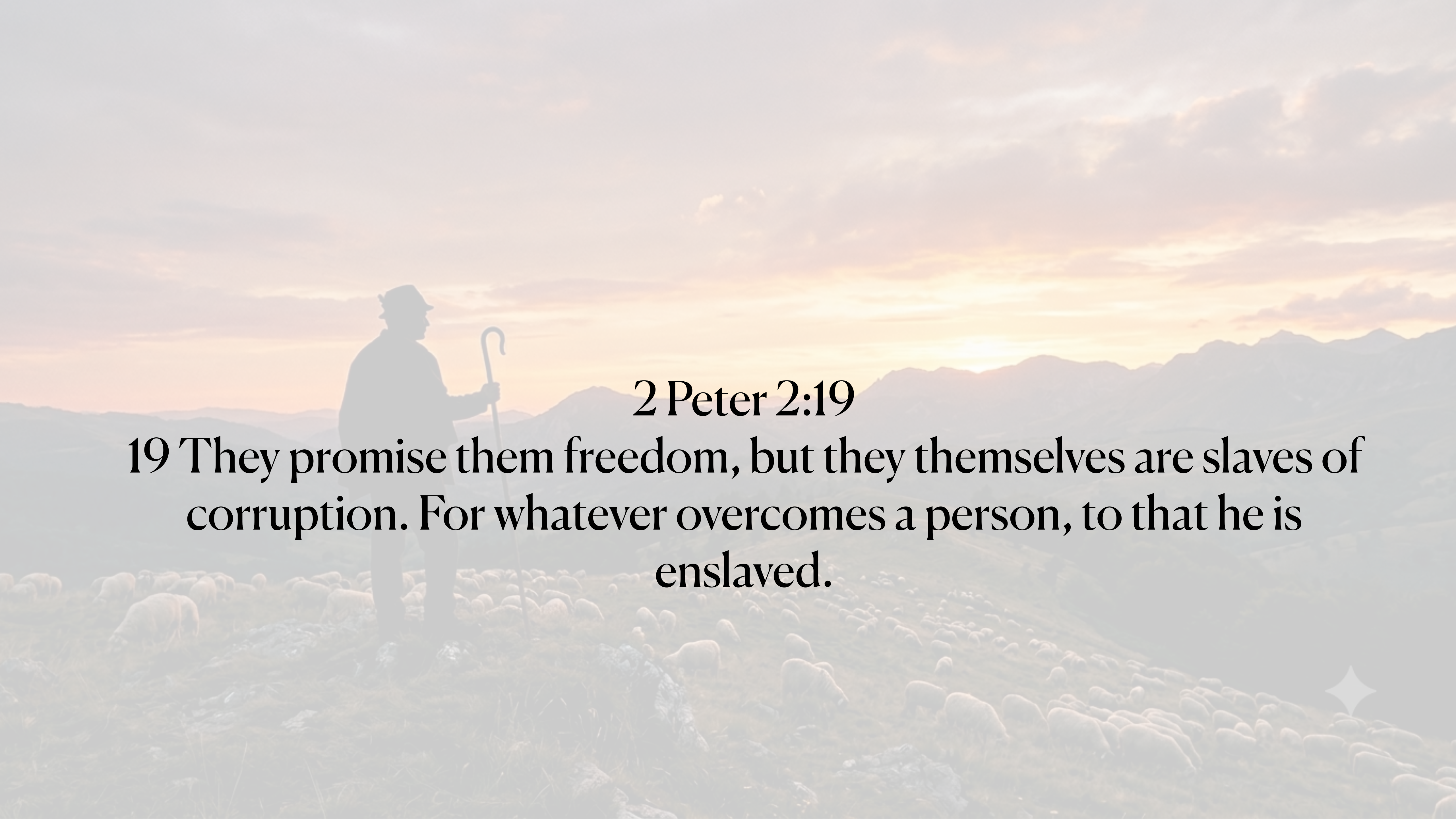
26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the **inside** of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.



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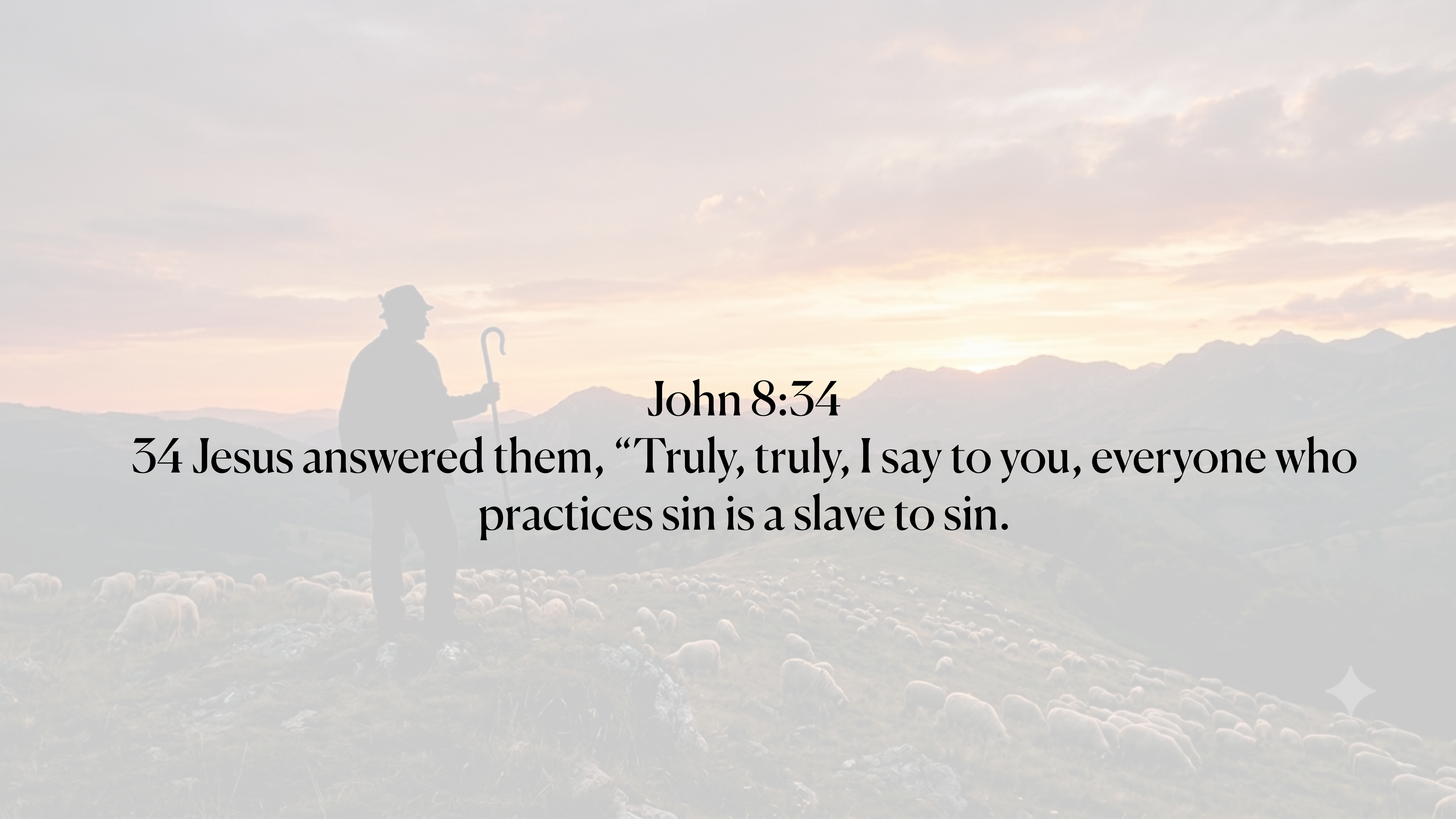


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2 Peter 2:19

19 They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.



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John 8:34

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.



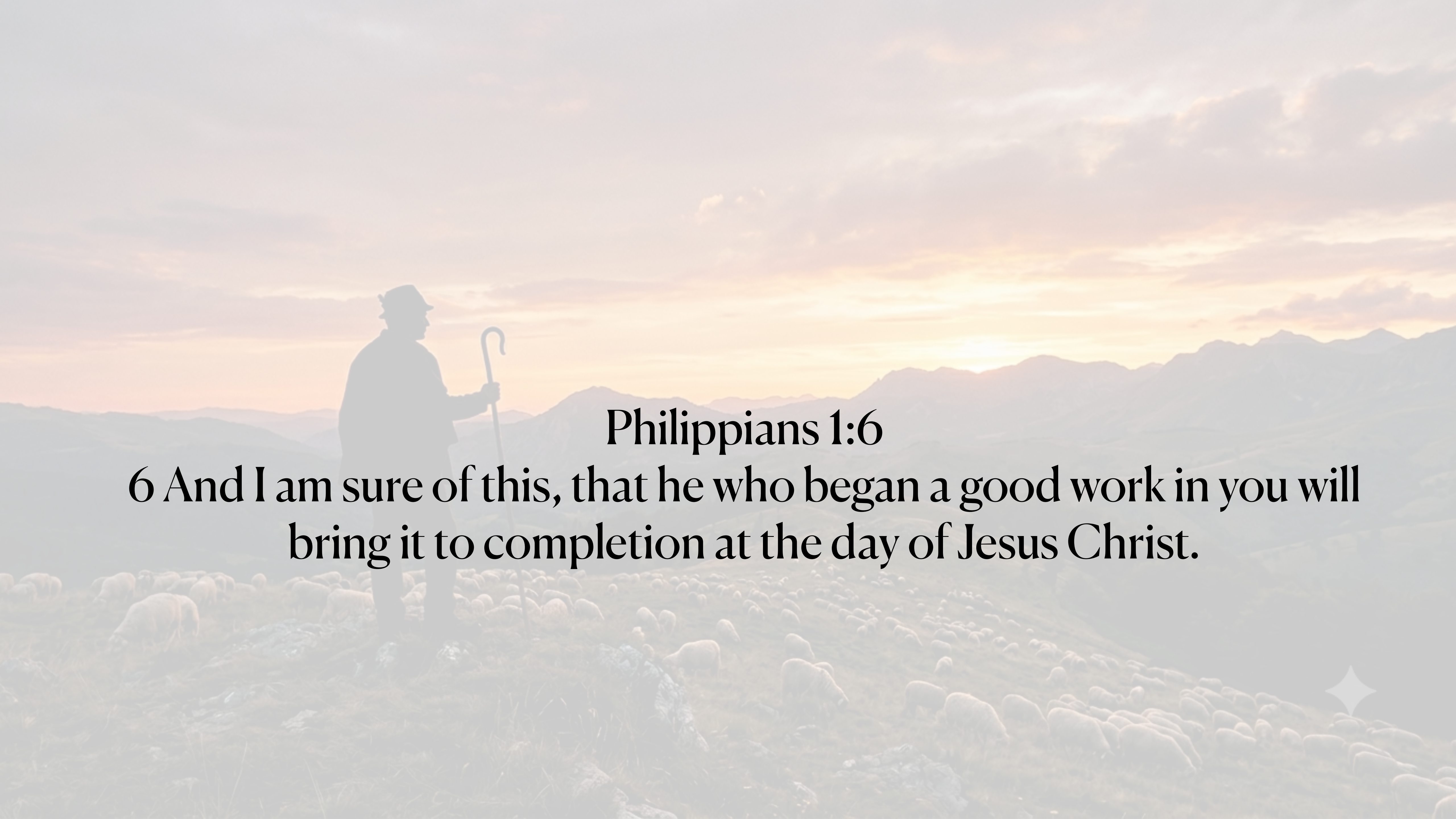
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 - Become a Slave to Righteousness (Sanctification) Romans 6:15-23

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Philippians 1:6

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

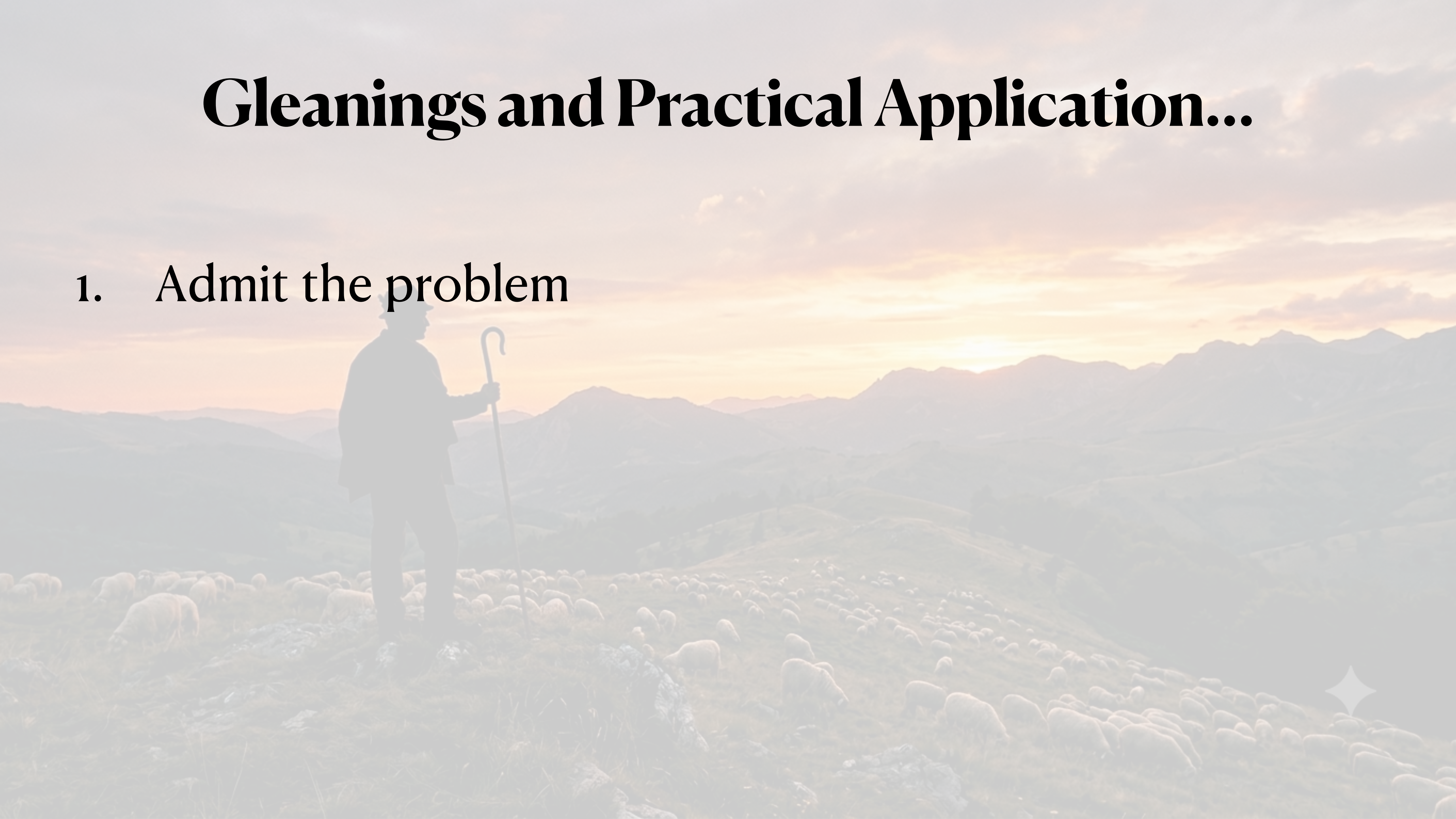
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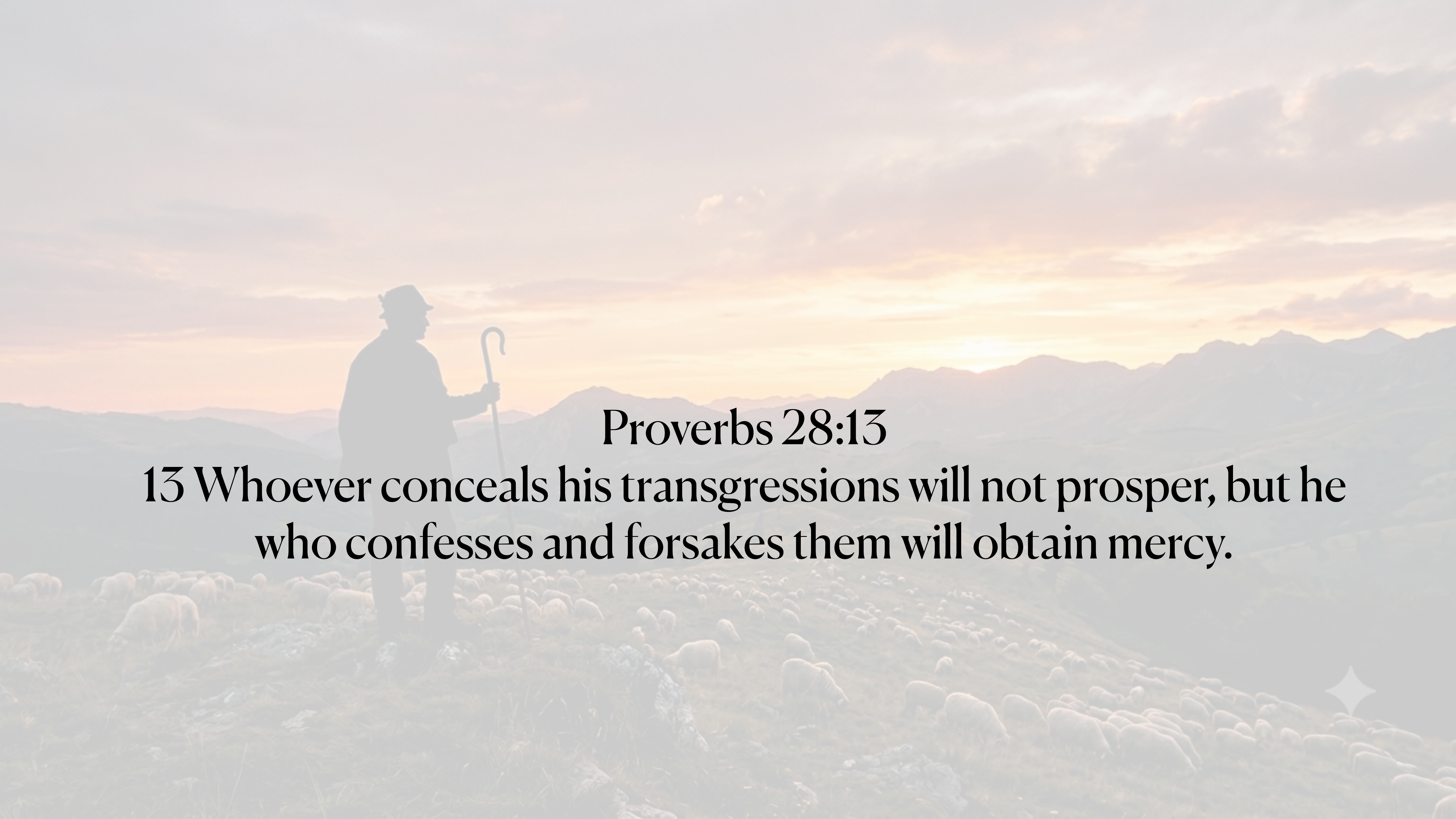
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Proverbs 28:13

13 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.



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