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THROUGH THEIR EYES



**Happiness is more about who
than what**



Happiness is primarily relational

Luke 2:22-36 (NIV)

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.

27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.



**Jesus meets us in our weakness
and limitations**



In powerlessness there is hope



1 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

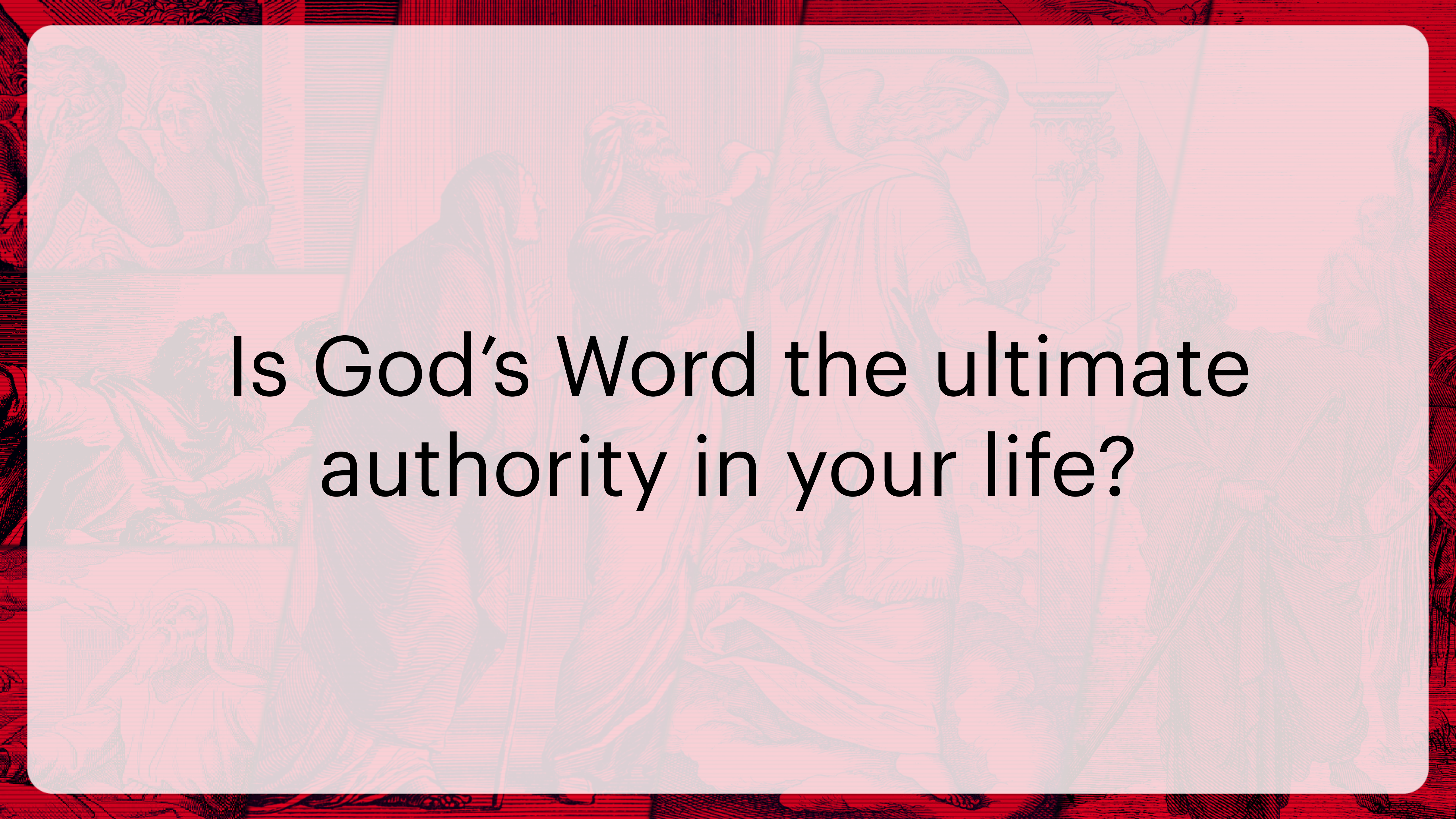


**Jesus moves us from
excruciating endurance
to active anticipation.**



“This waiting on God is the very real work
of the people of God.”

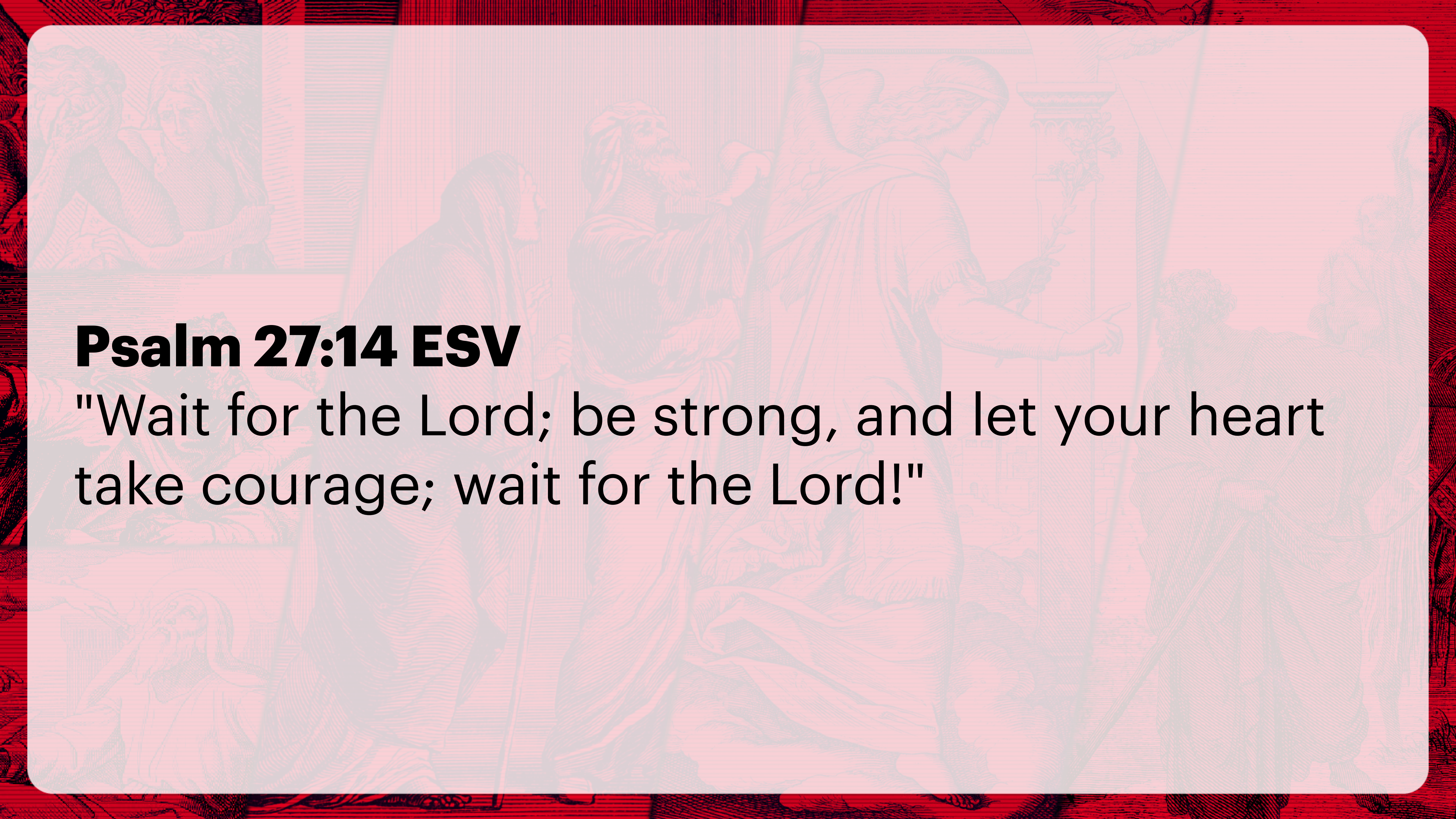
- Ann Voskamp



Is God's Word the ultimate
authority in your life?



Do you allow the Holy Spirit
to lead you?

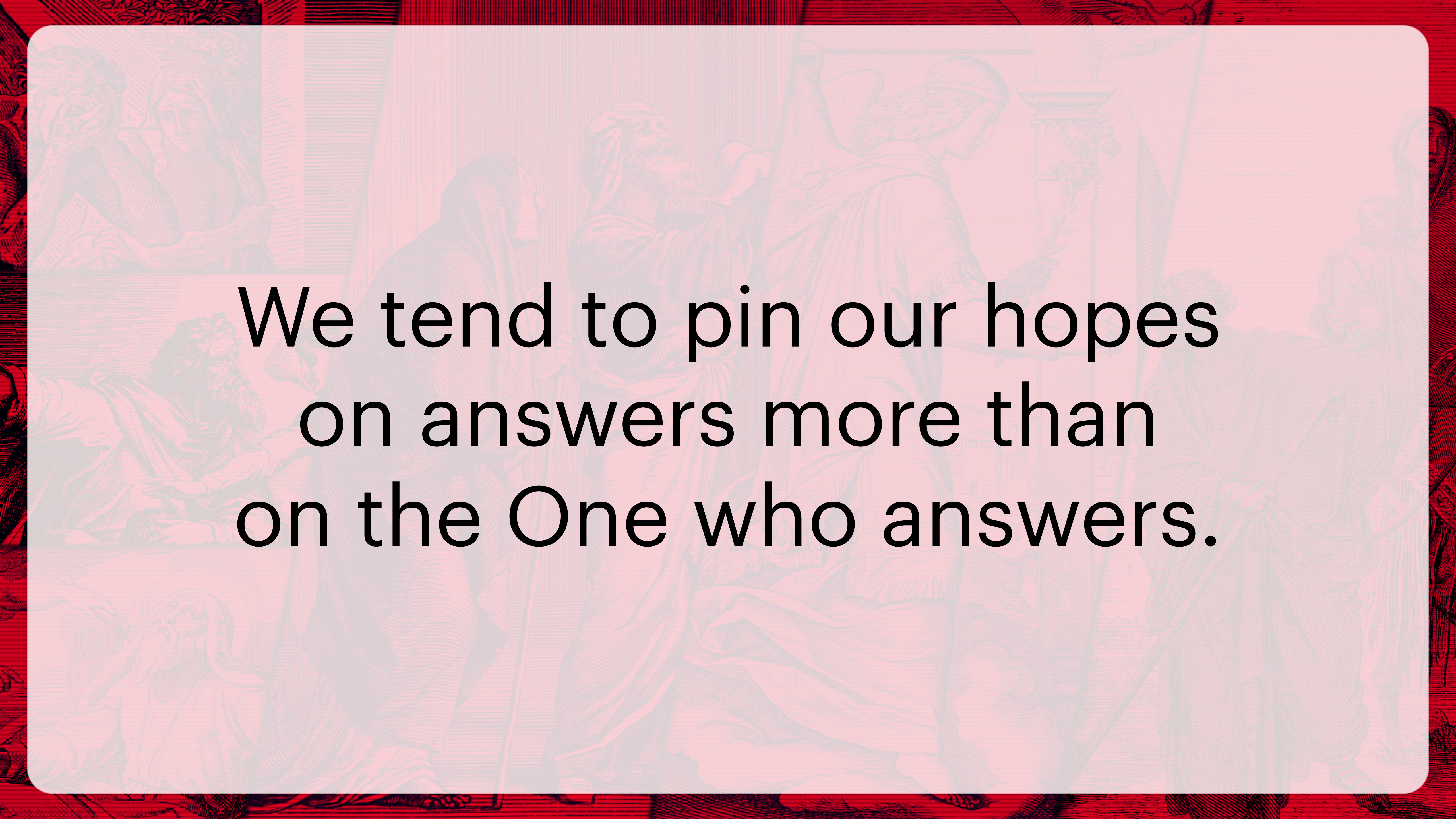


Psalm 27:14 ESV

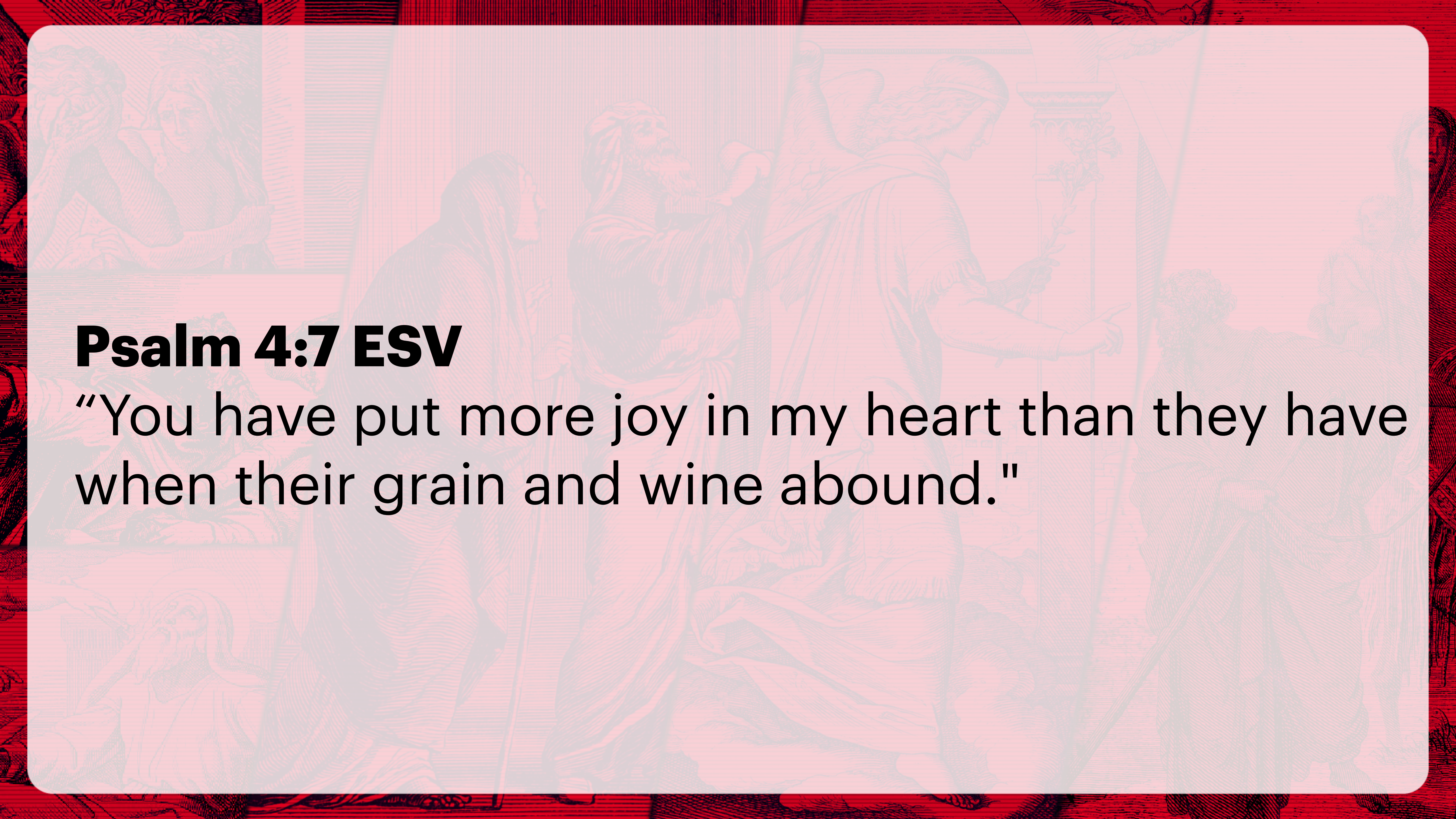
"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"



**Jesus surpasses
our expectations**



We tend to pin our hopes
on answers more than
on the One who answers.



Psalm 4:7 ESV

“You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.”



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