

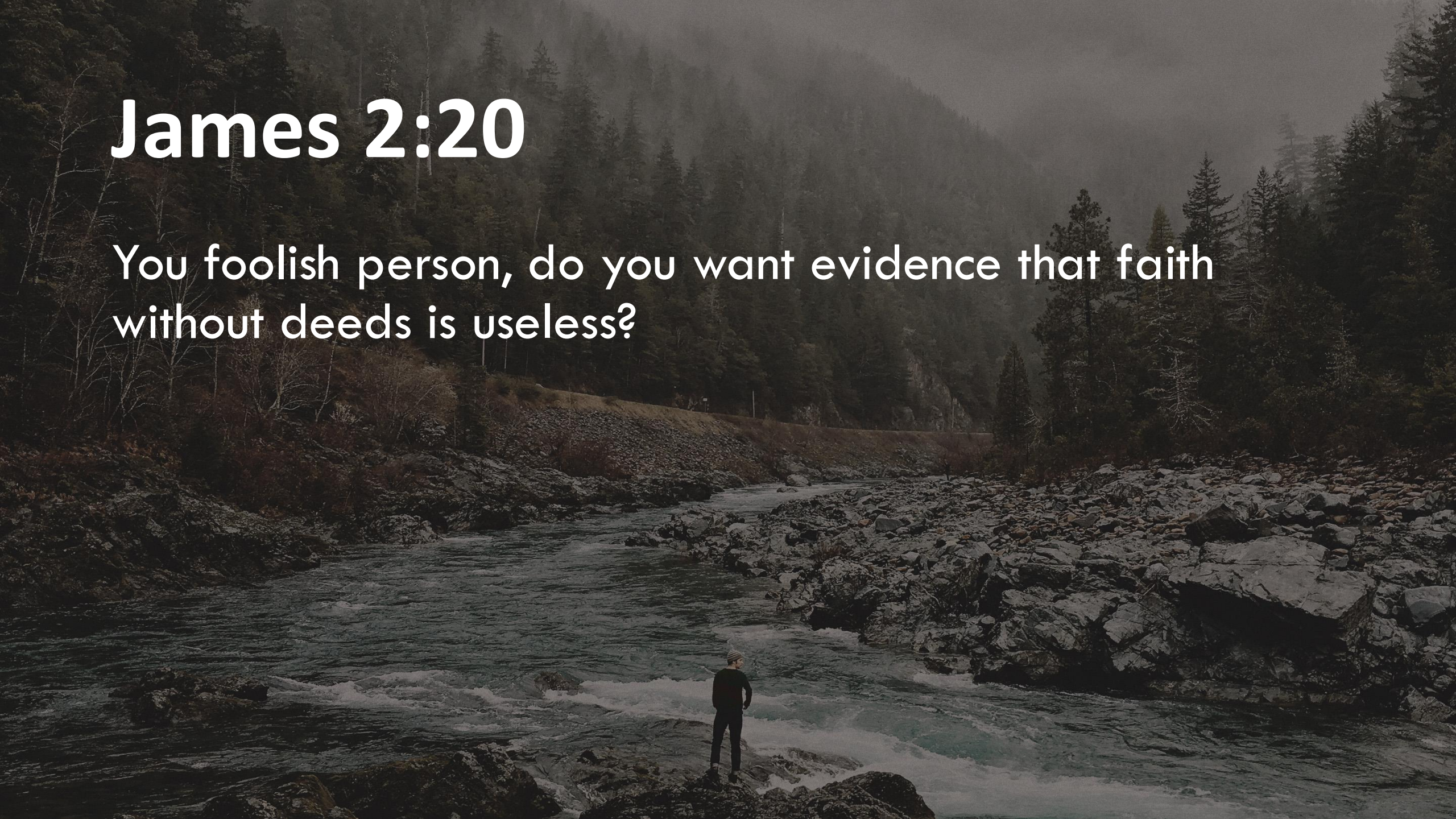
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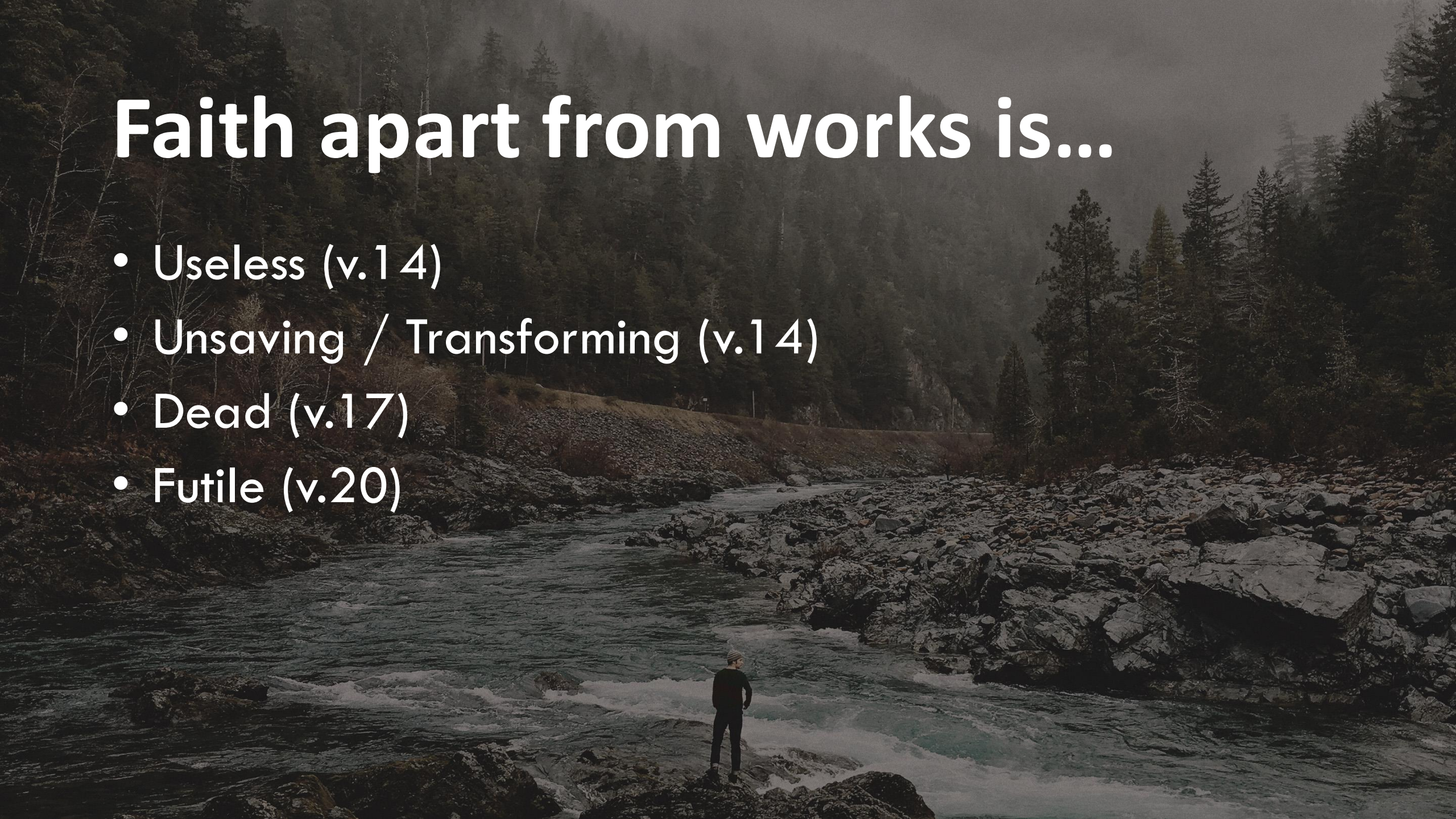
James 2:20

You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?



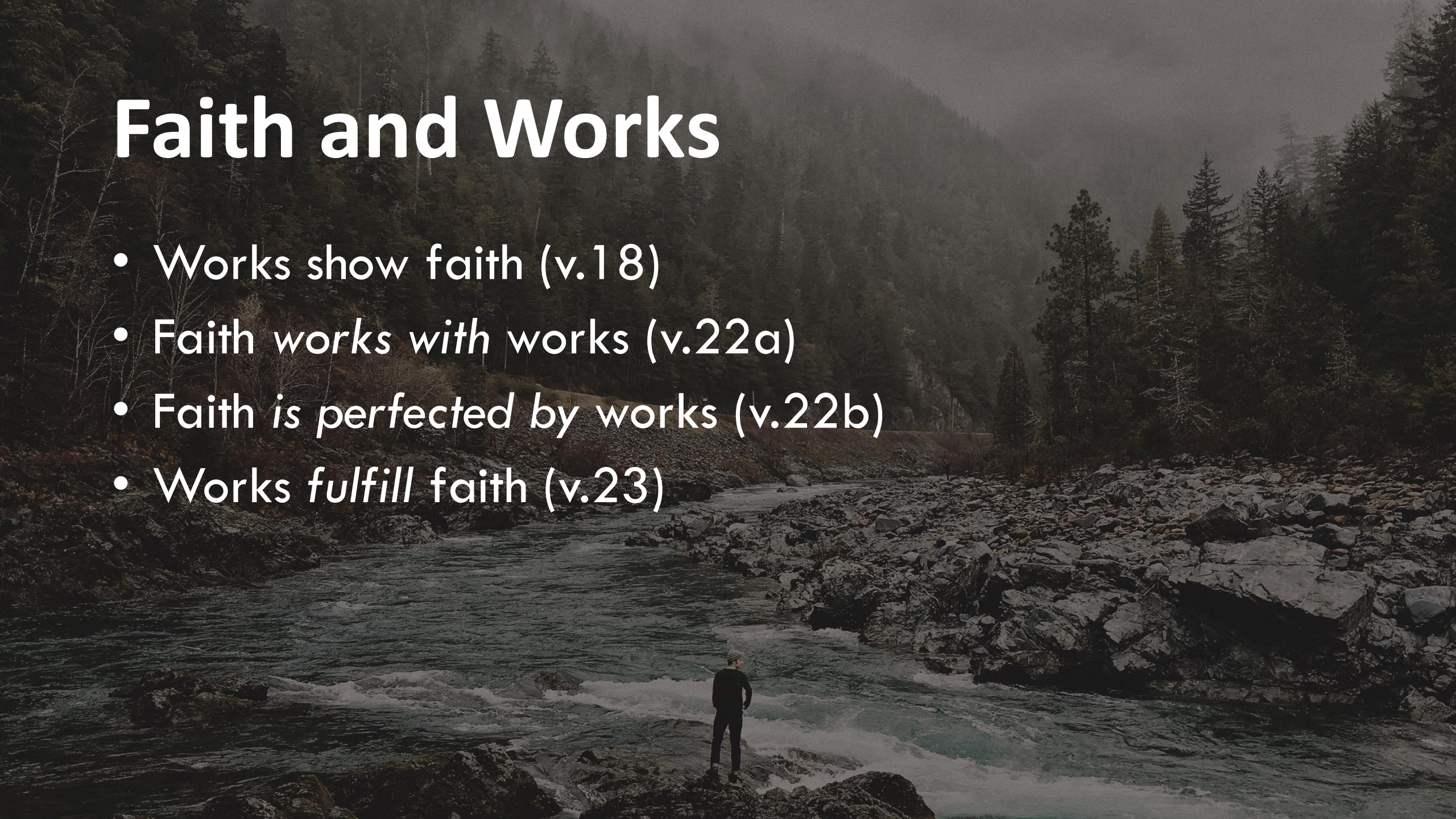
Faith apart from works is...

- Useless (v.14)
- Unsaving / Transforming (v.14)
- Dead (v.17)
- Futile (v.20)



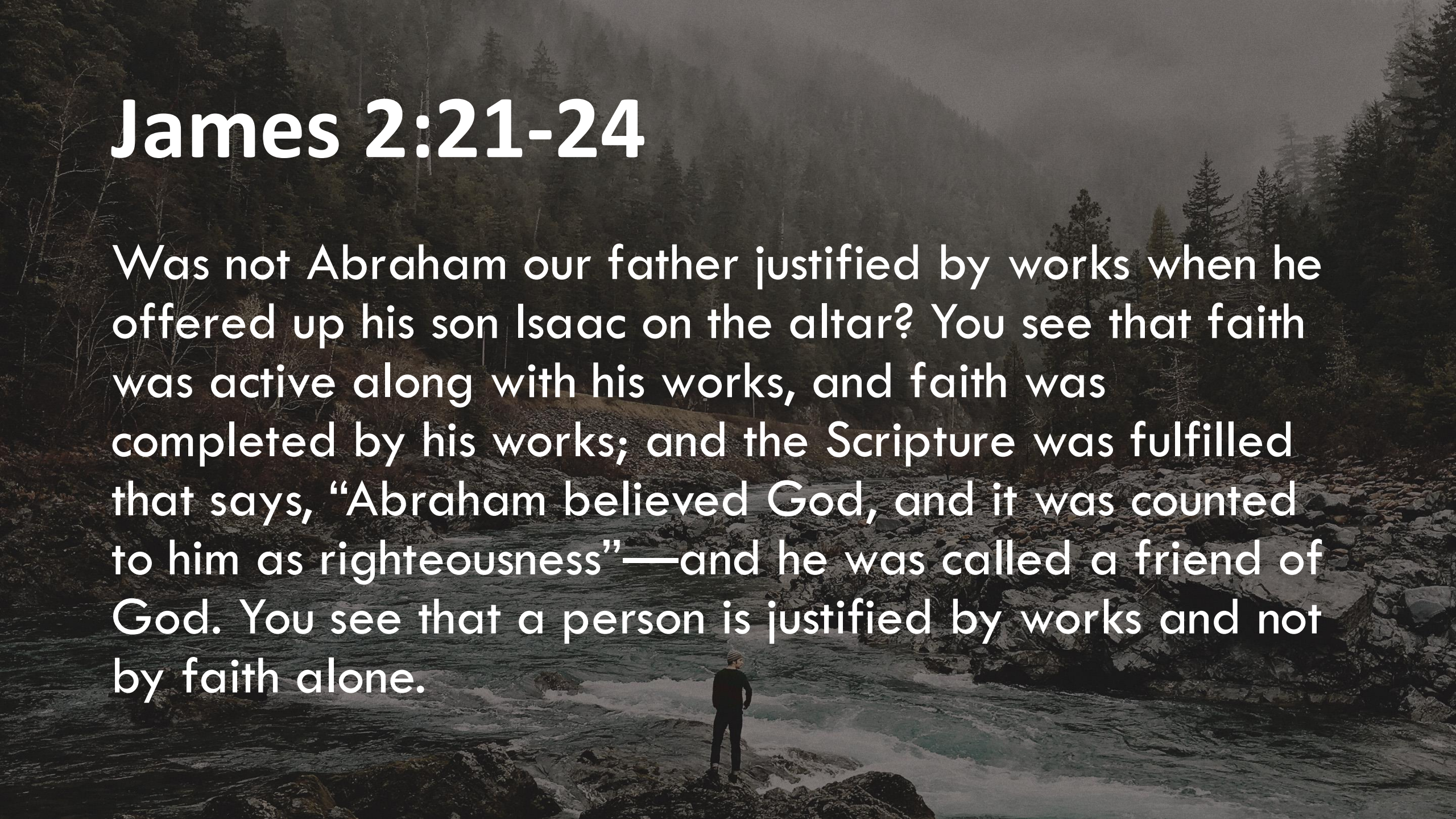
Faith and Works

- Works show faith (v.18)
- Faith *works with* works (v.22a)
- Faith *is perfected by* works (v.22b)
- Works *fulfill* faith (v.23)



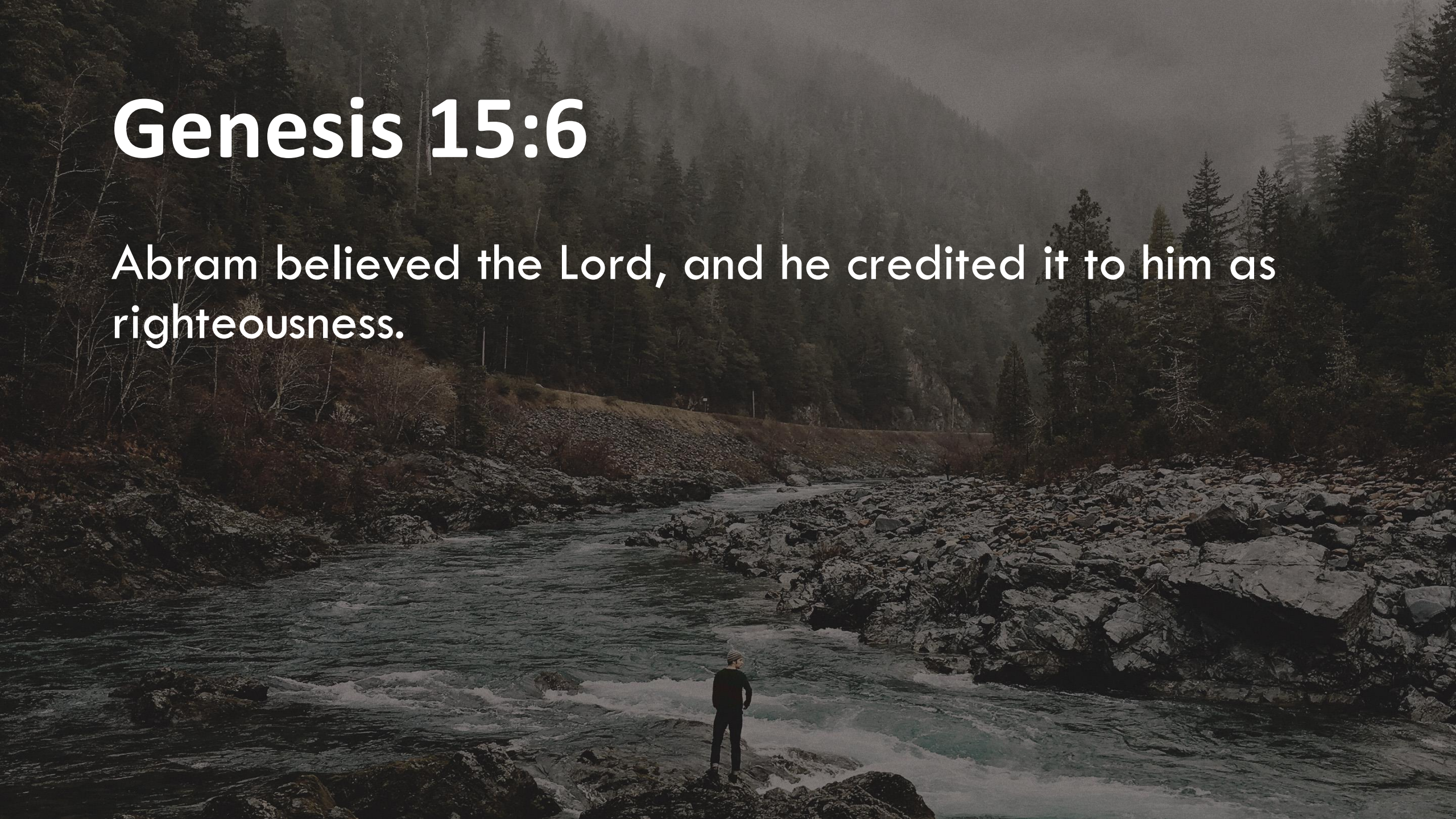
James 2:21-24

Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

A person is standing on a rocky riverbank, looking out over a rushing river. The background is a dense forest of evergreen trees under a hazy sky. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric.

Genesis 15:6

Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



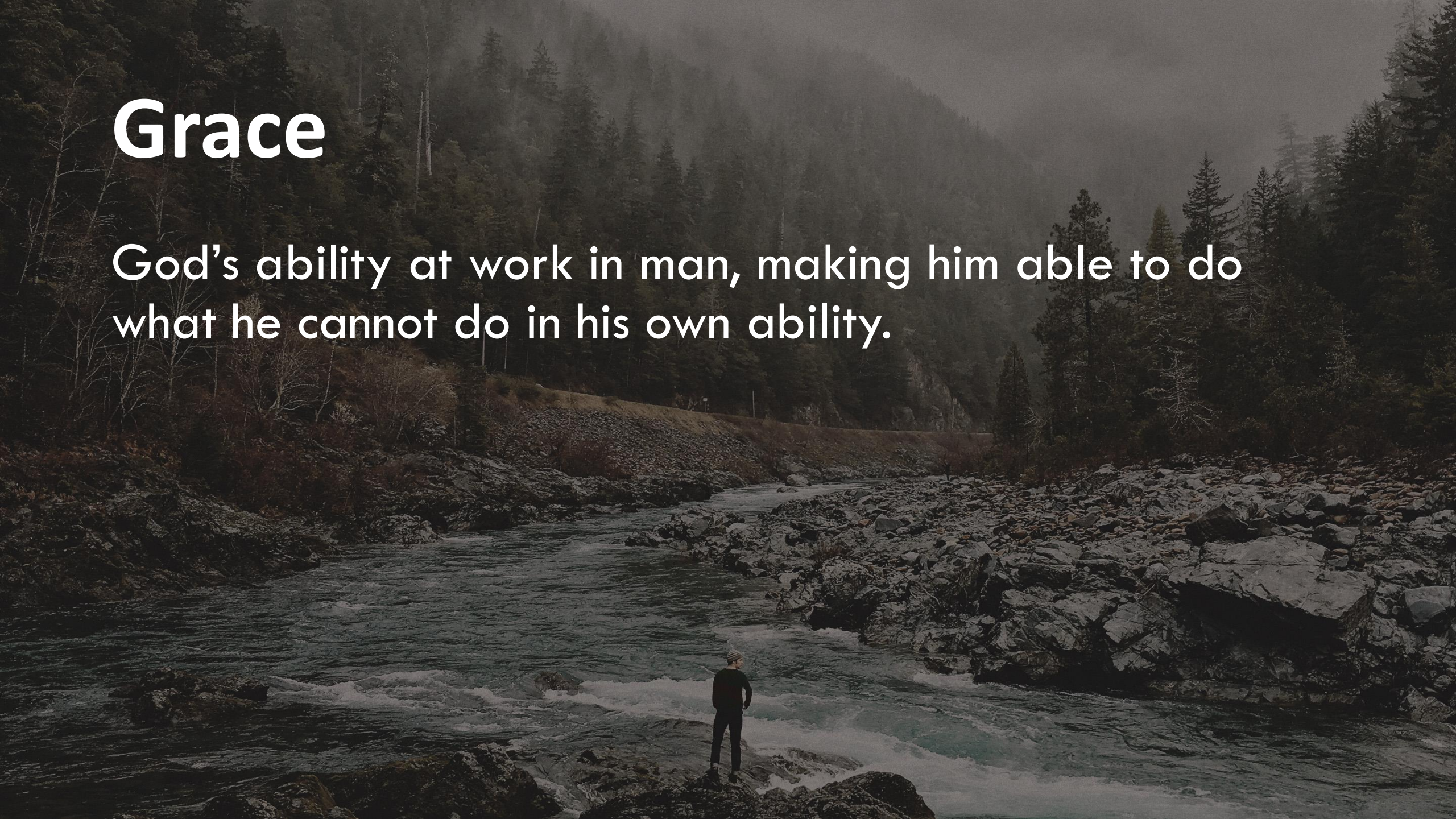
2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:
old things are passed away; behold, all things are
become new.



Grace

God's ability at work in man, making him able to do what he cannot do in his own ability.



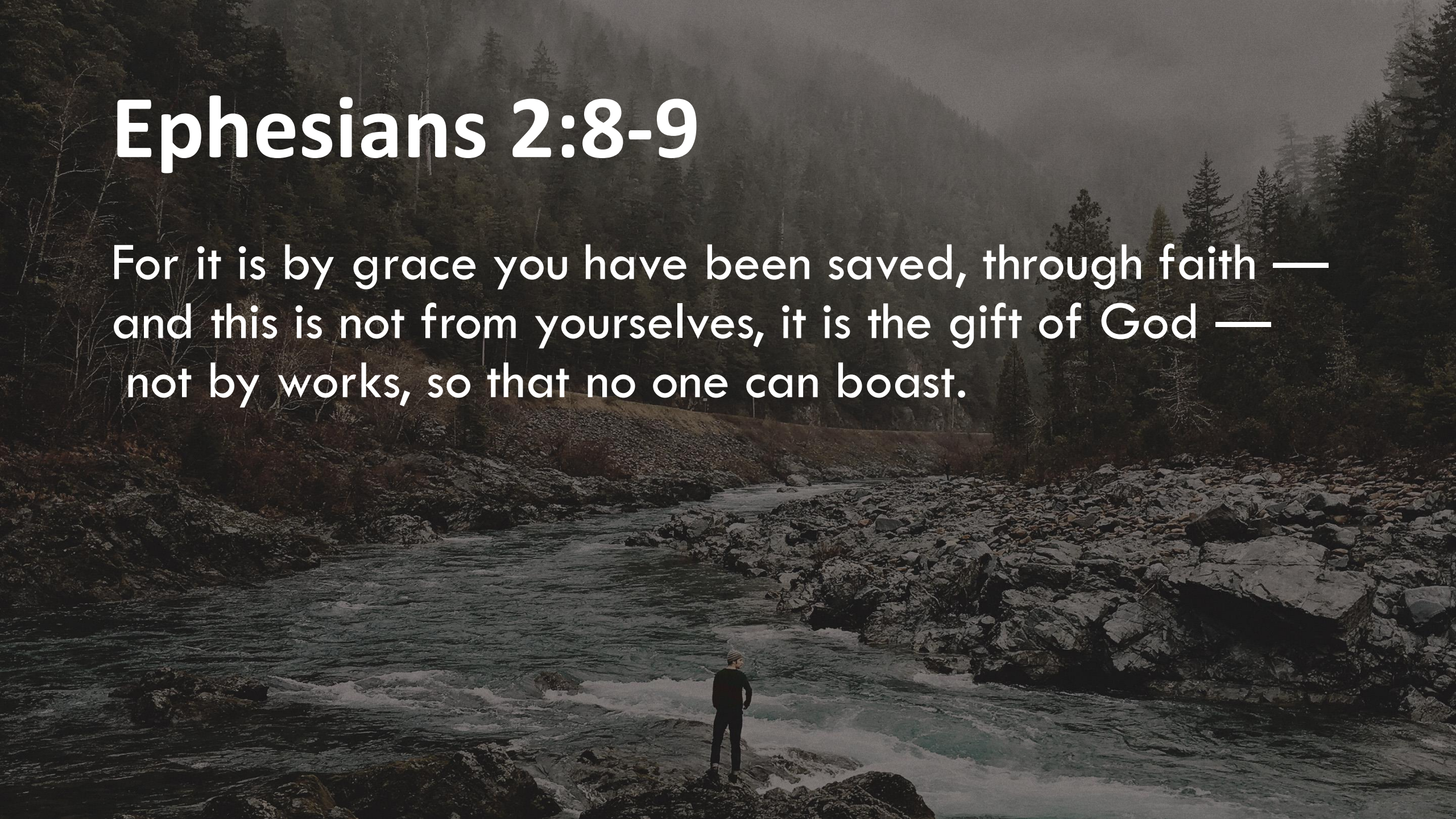
Charles Spurgeon

“The grace that does not change my life will not save my soul.”



Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.



Genesis 22:7-8

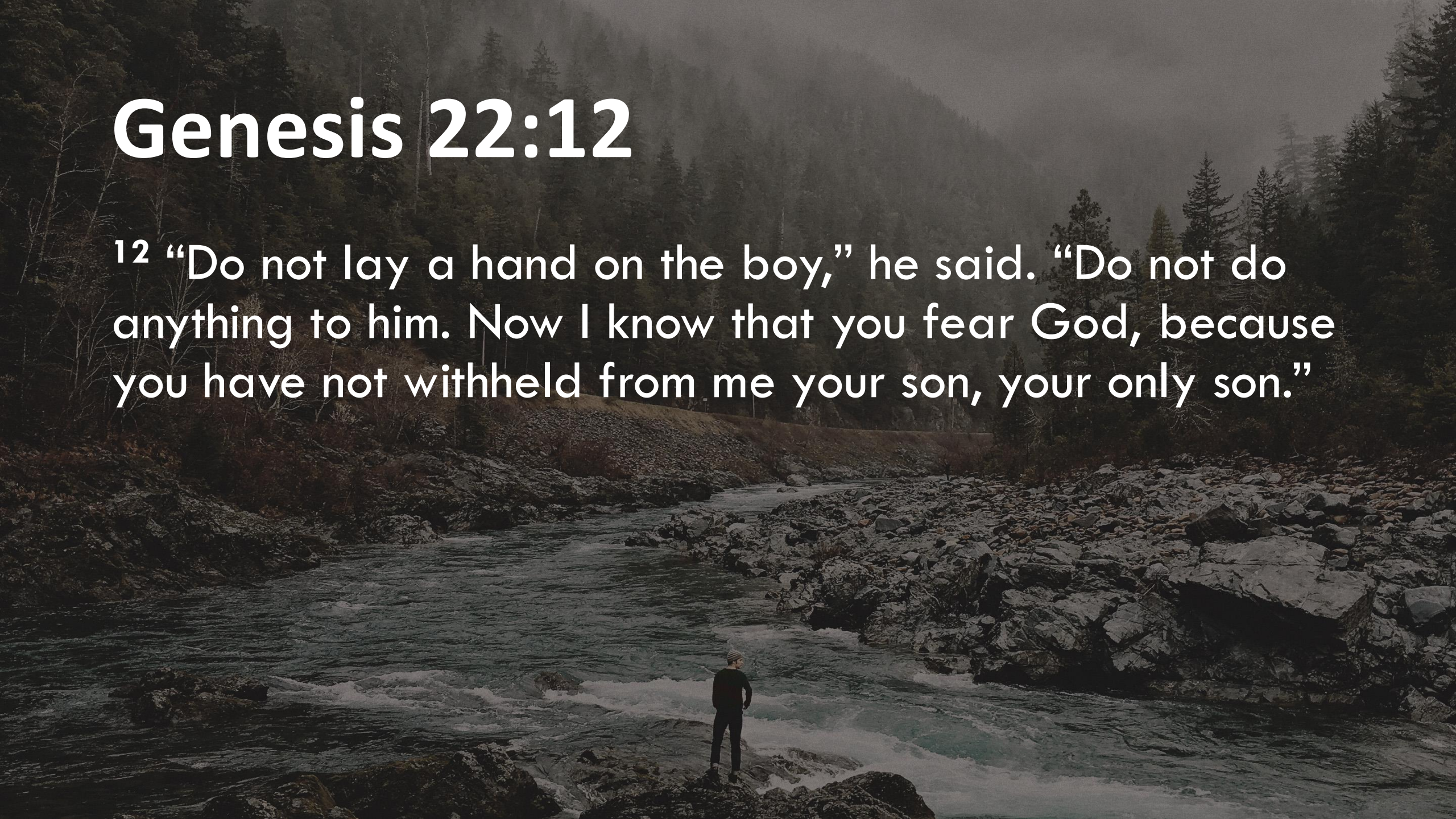
⁷ Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”



Genesis 22:12

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”



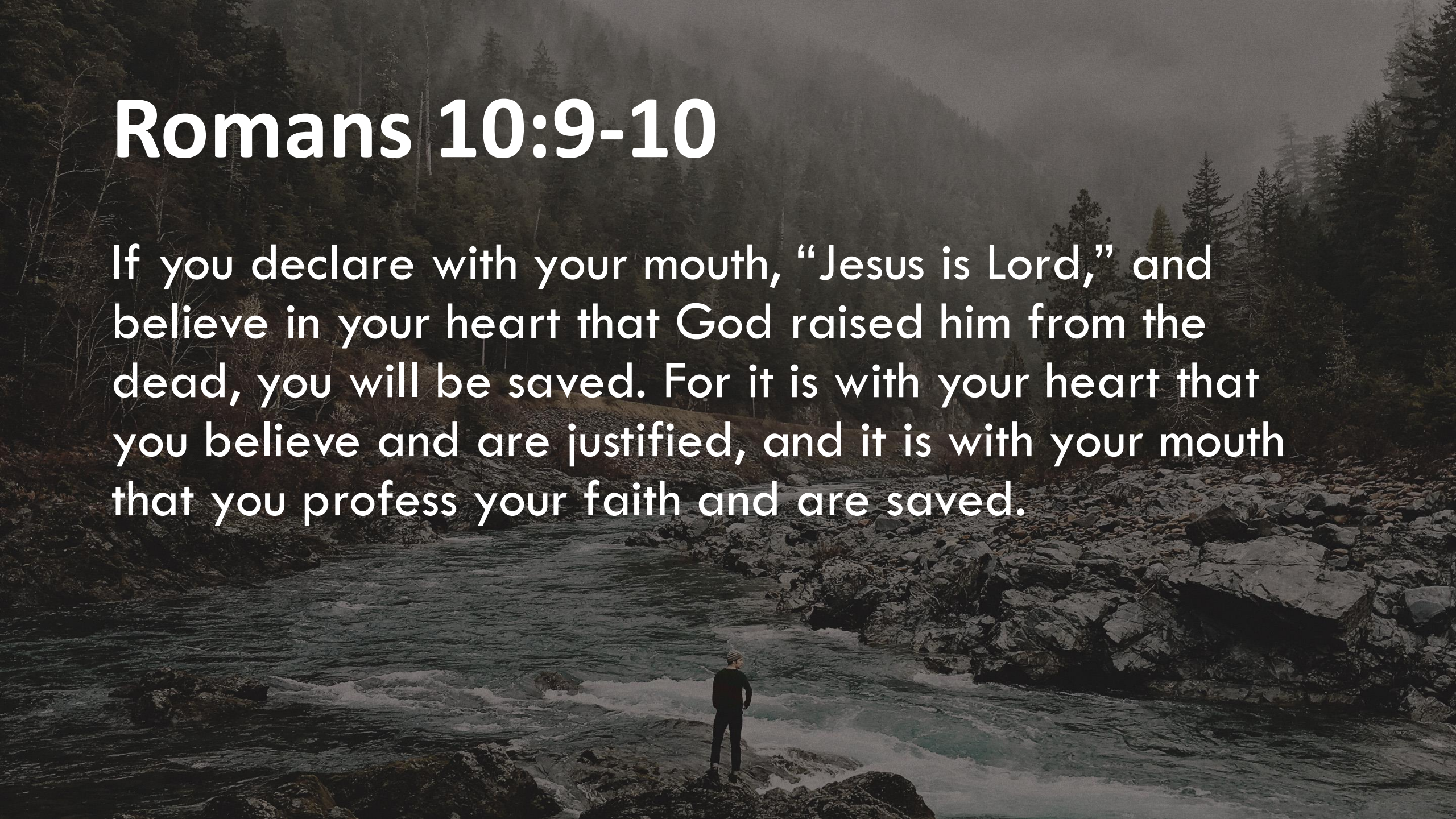
Genesis 22:17-18

¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”



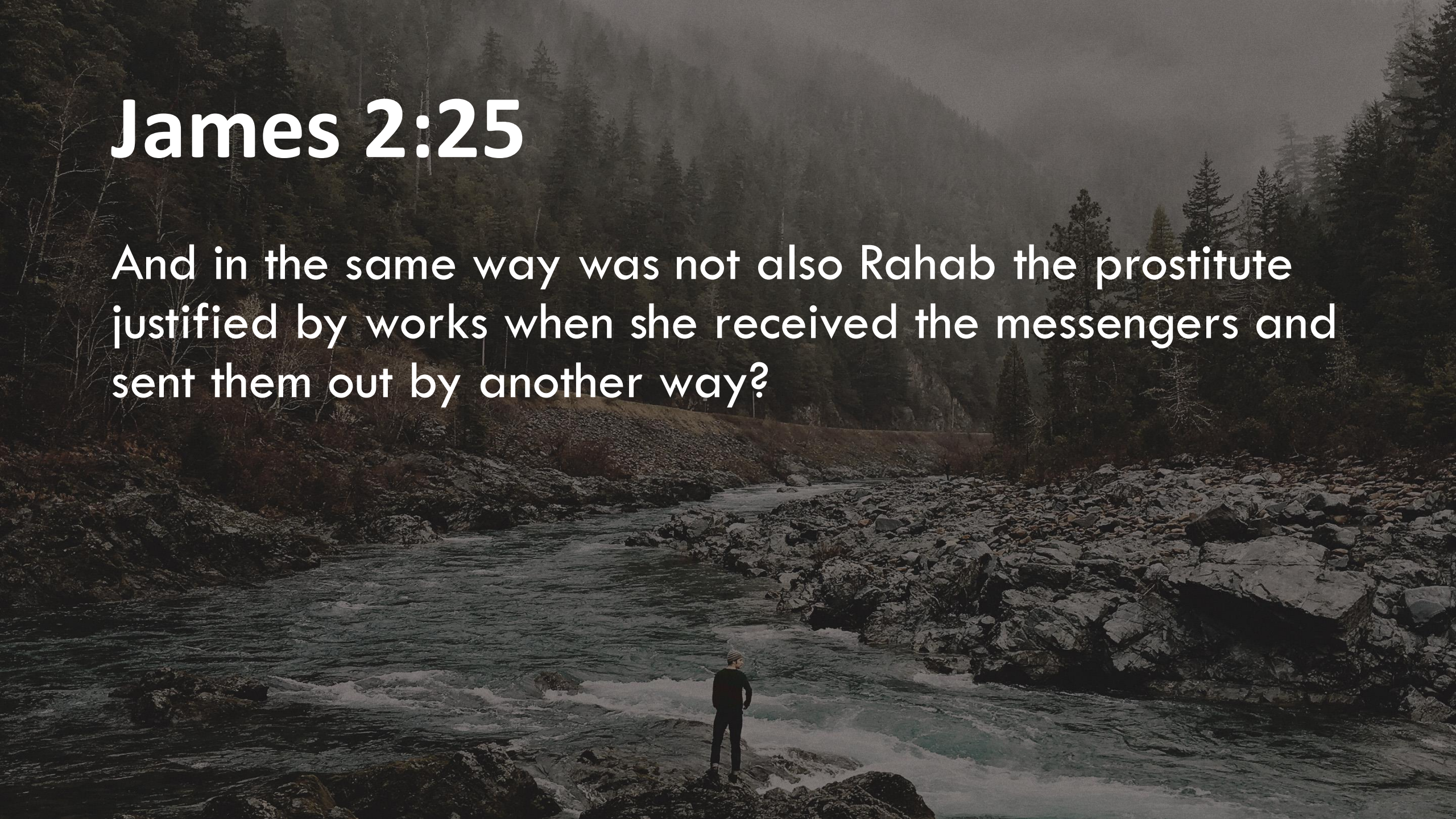
Romans 10:9-10

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.



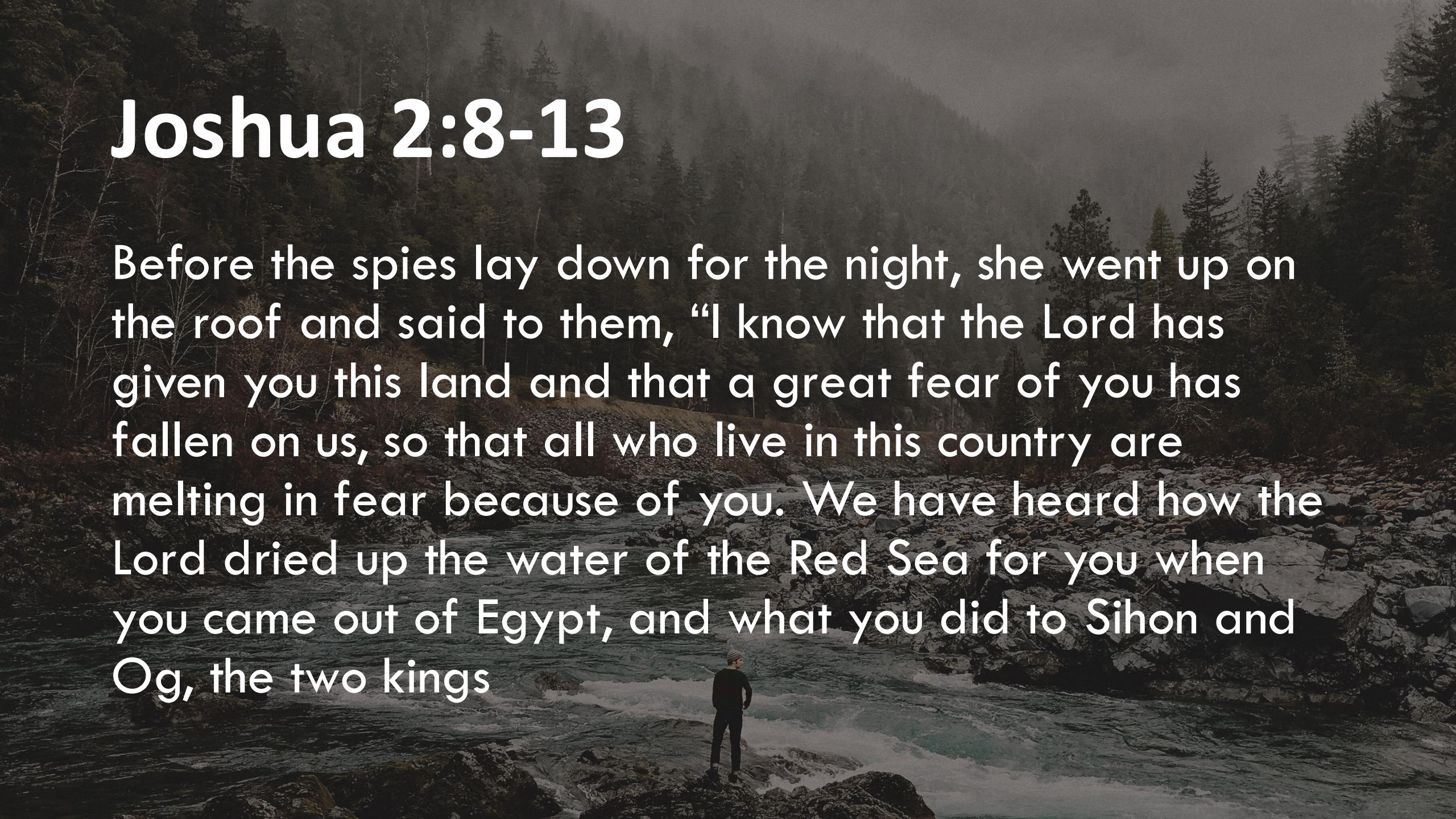
James 2:25

And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?



Joshua 2:8-13

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings

A person is standing on a rocky outcrop in the foreground, looking out over a wide, shallow river with white water rapids. The river flows through a valley with steep, rocky banks. In the background, there are dense evergreen forests covering the hillsides under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall scene is a natural, rugged landscape.

Joshua 2:8-13

of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.



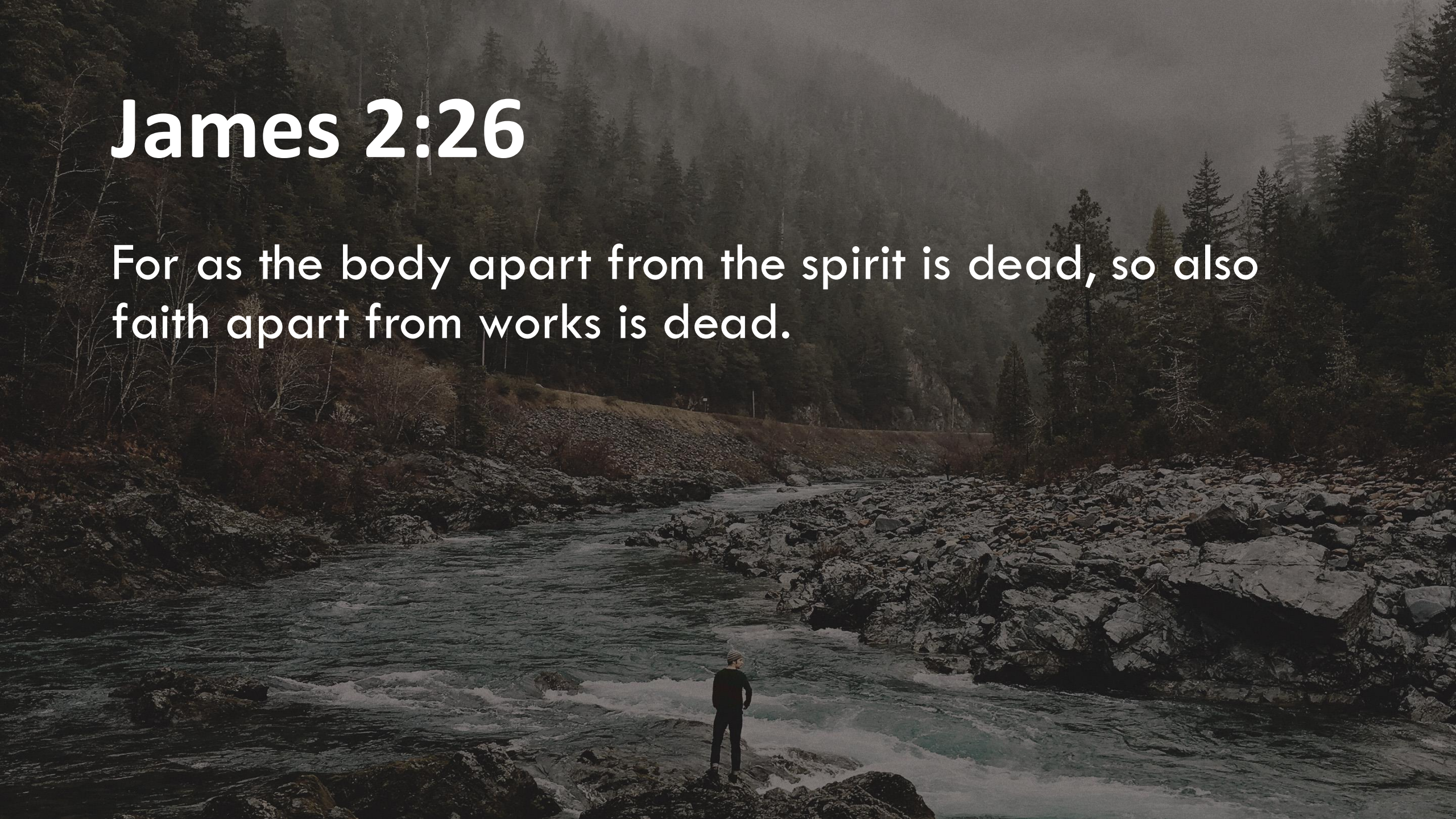
Joshua 2:8-13

Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”



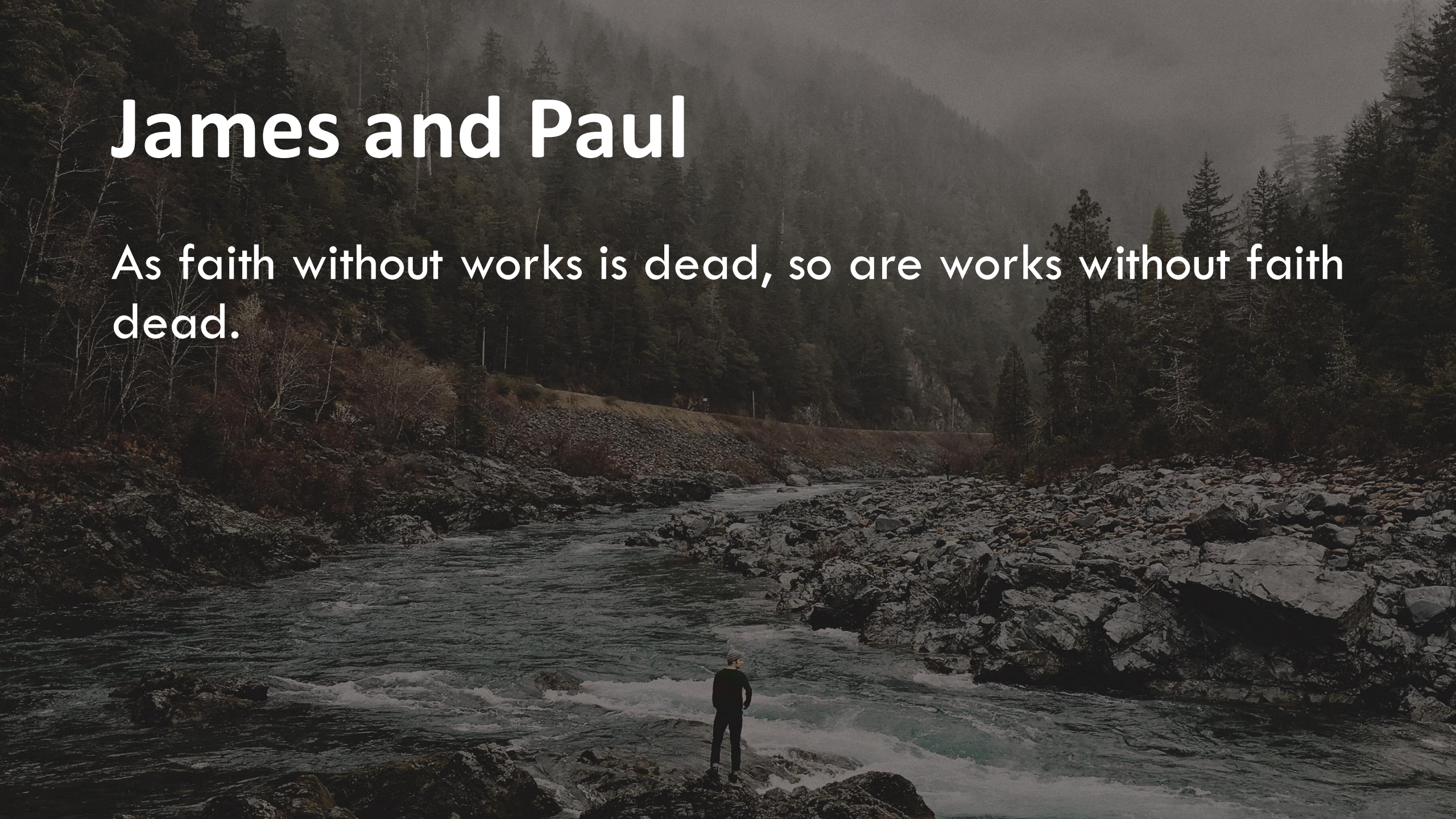
James 2:26

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.



James and Paul

As faith without works is dead, so are works without faith dead.



Scot McKnight

James and Paul come at things from two different settings with different theological orientations and intents, making their teachings more complementary than identical or contradictory.



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