



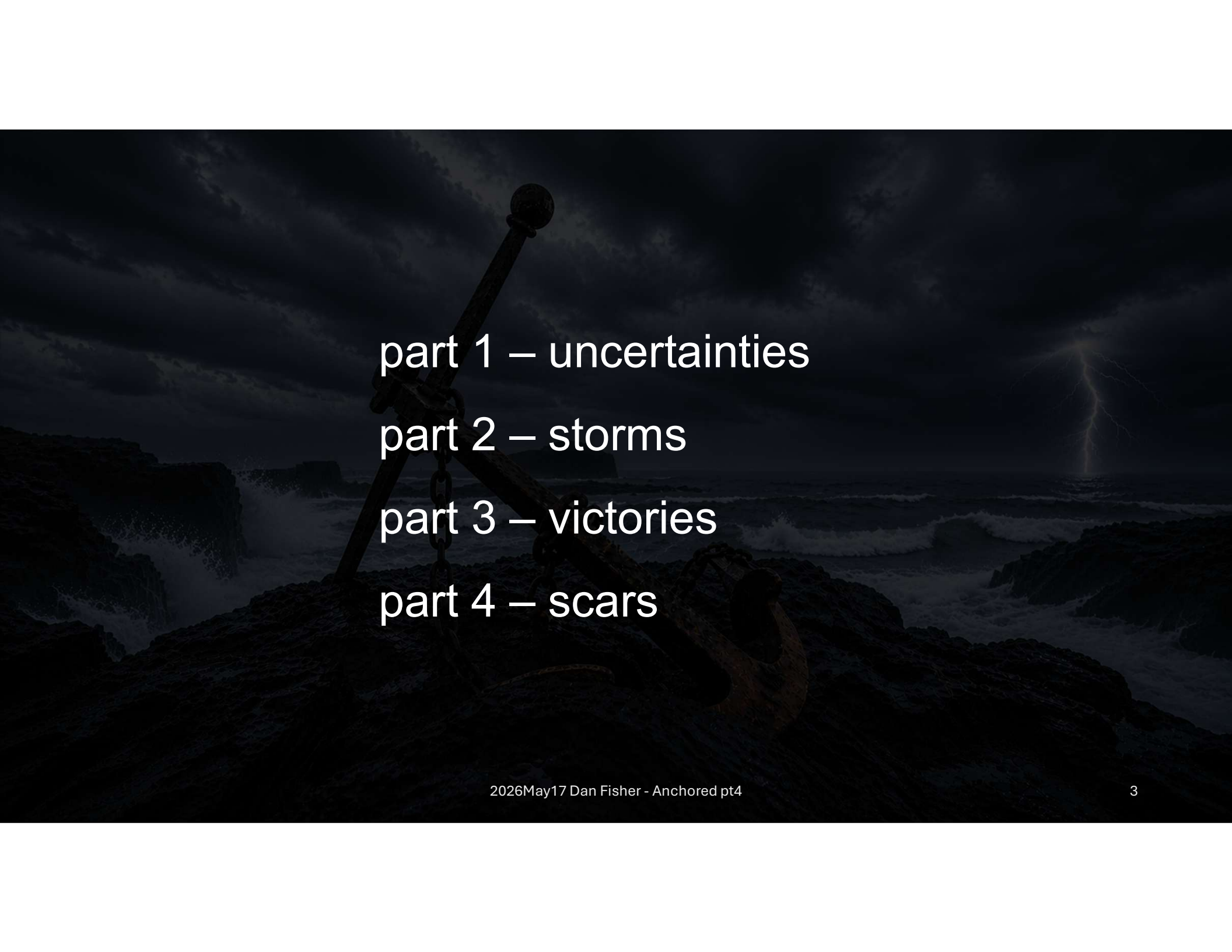
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part 4: scars

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A dark, stormy sea with a lightning bolt in the background and a large anchor in the foreground. The anchor is a traditional iron anchor with a shank and a crown, resting on a rocky shore. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a single lightning bolt strikes down from the right side. The water is turbulent with white-capped waves crashing against the rocks.

“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast” **Heb 6:19**



part 1 – uncertainties

part 2 – storms

part 3 – victories

part 4 – scars



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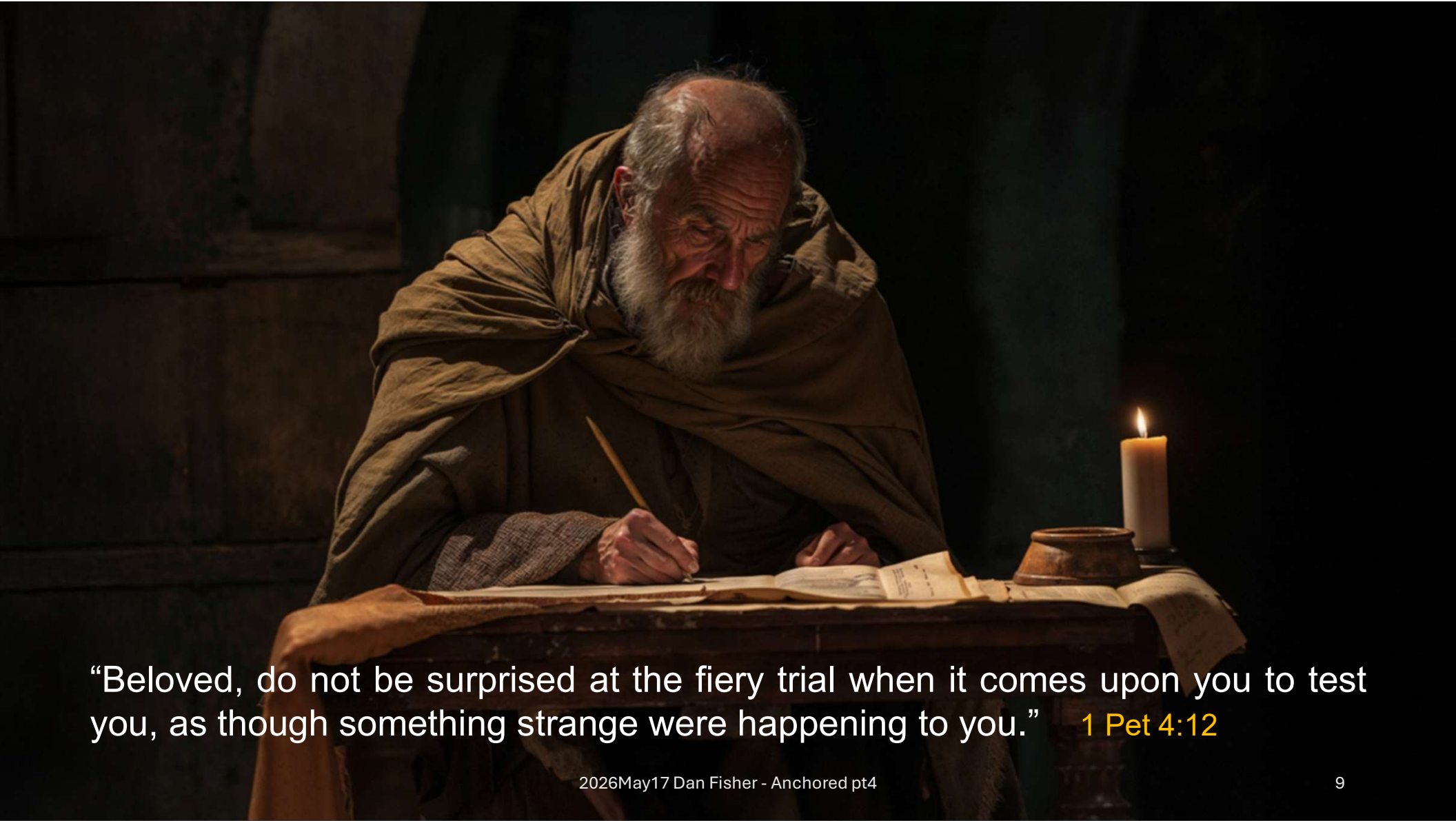


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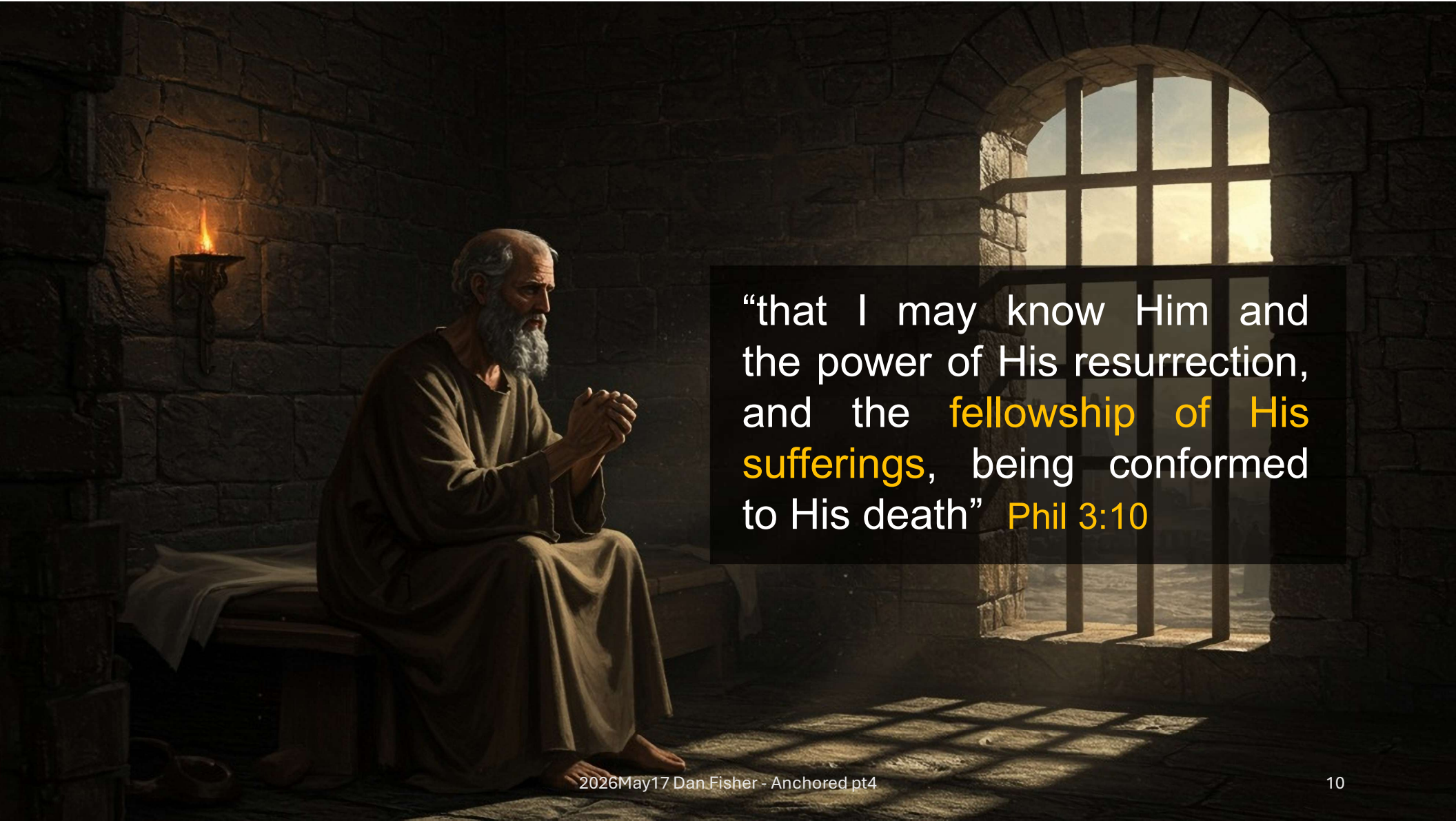
Sinclair Ferguson:

“One thing we should not be in our suffering ... surprised. ... It is not possible to follow a suffering Savior without entering into His sufferings.”

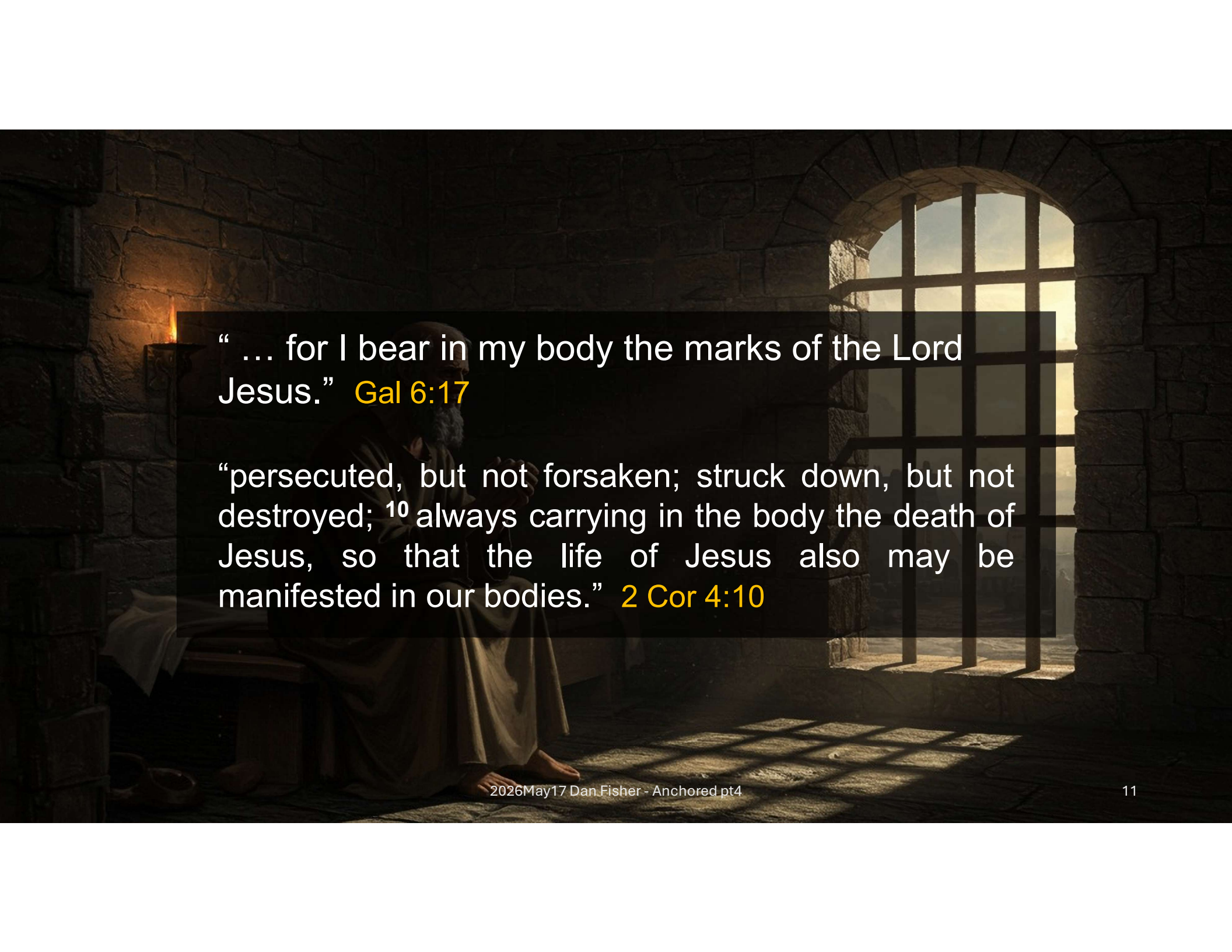
Sinclair Ferguson, “How Should I Endure Suffering?”, Ligonier Ministries,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiCYz-oGnTA>



“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.” **1 Pet 4:12**

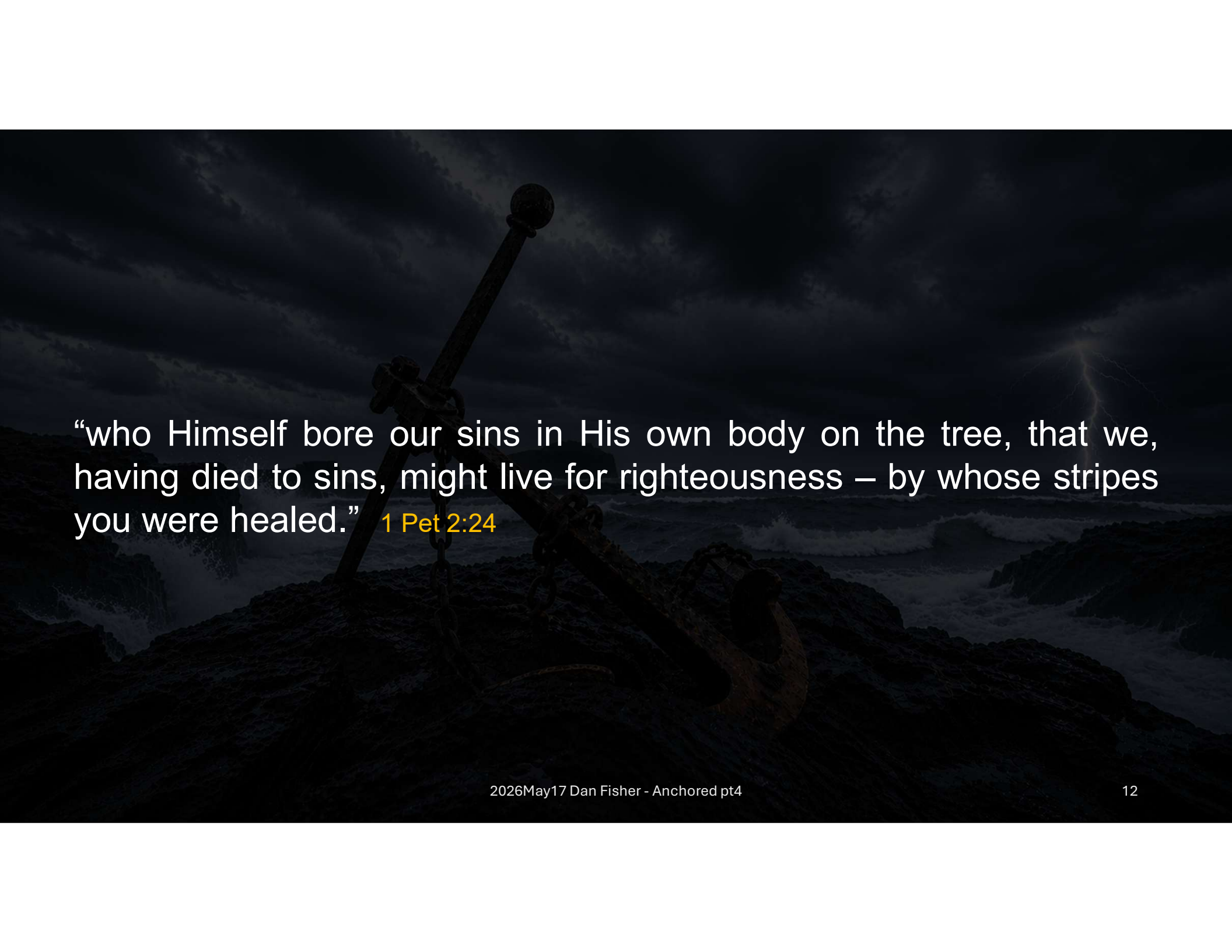


“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death” Phil 3:10



“ ... for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.” Gal 6:17

“persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.” 2 Cor 4:10

A dark, stormy sea with a lightning bolt in the background and an anchor in the foreground. The anchor is a large, dark metal anchor with a spherical top, resting on a rocky shore. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves, and a bright lightning bolt strikes the water in the distance under a heavy, dark sky.

“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.” 1 Pet 2:24



1. Scars are inescapable

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- **From life** — (this fallen world)

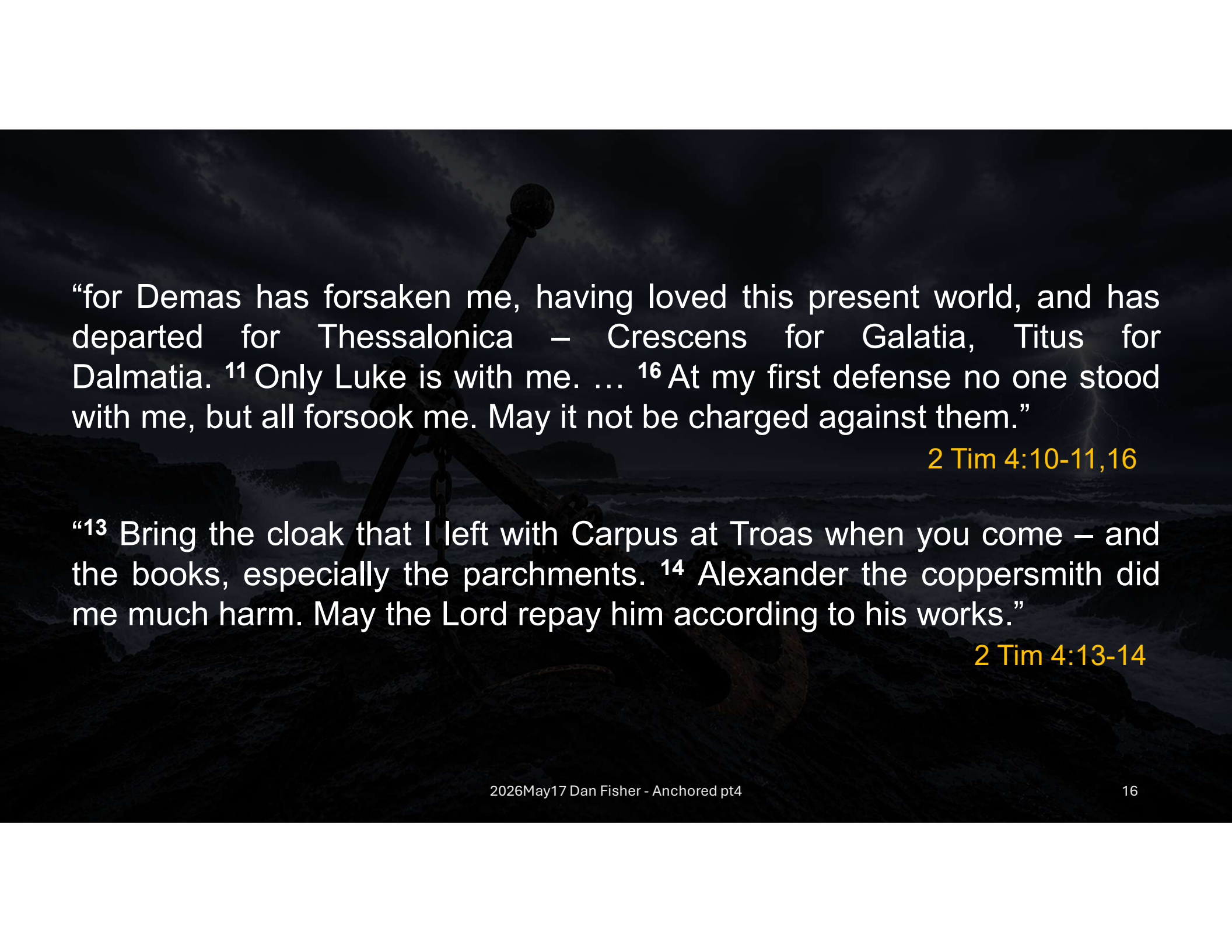
“Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. ² He comes forth like a flower and fades away; he flees like a shadow and does not continue.” **Job 14:1-2**

“In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” **Jn 16:33**

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- **From strife** – (fallen & faulty men)

“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.” **Gen 50:20**

“If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus,” **1 Cor 15:32**



“for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica – Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. ... ¹⁶ At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.”


2 Tim 4:10-11,16

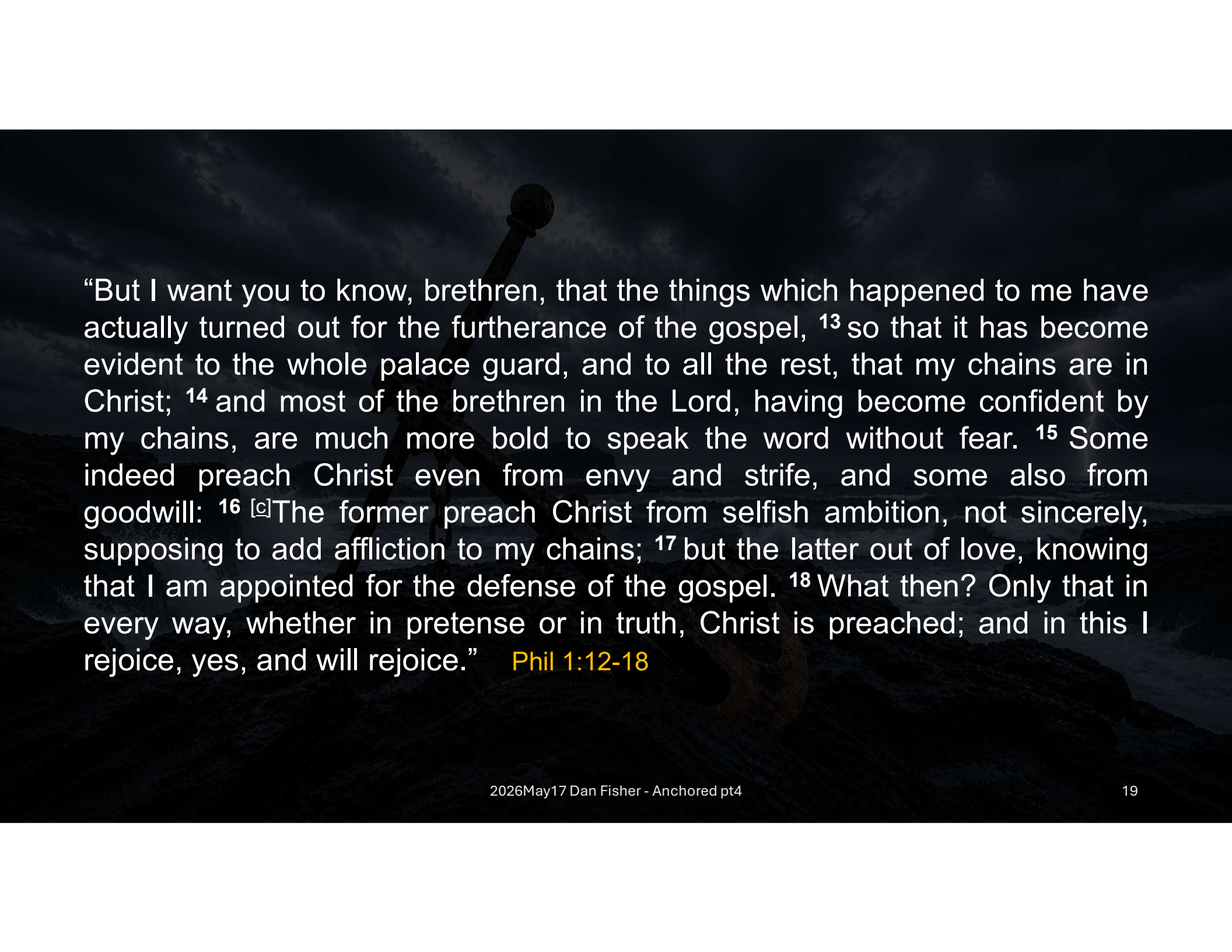
“¹³ Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come – and the books, especially the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.”

2 Tim 4:13-14

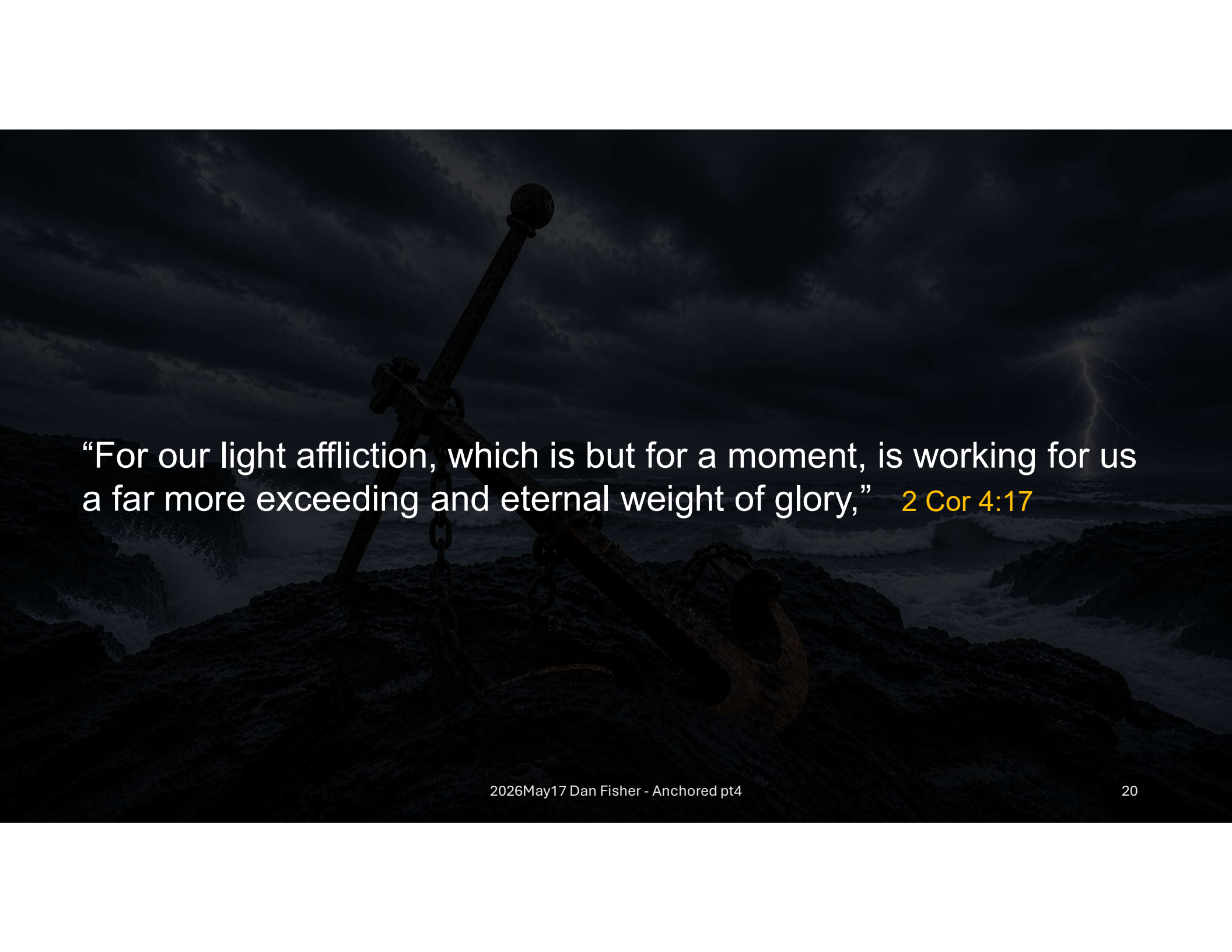


2. Scars are indispensable

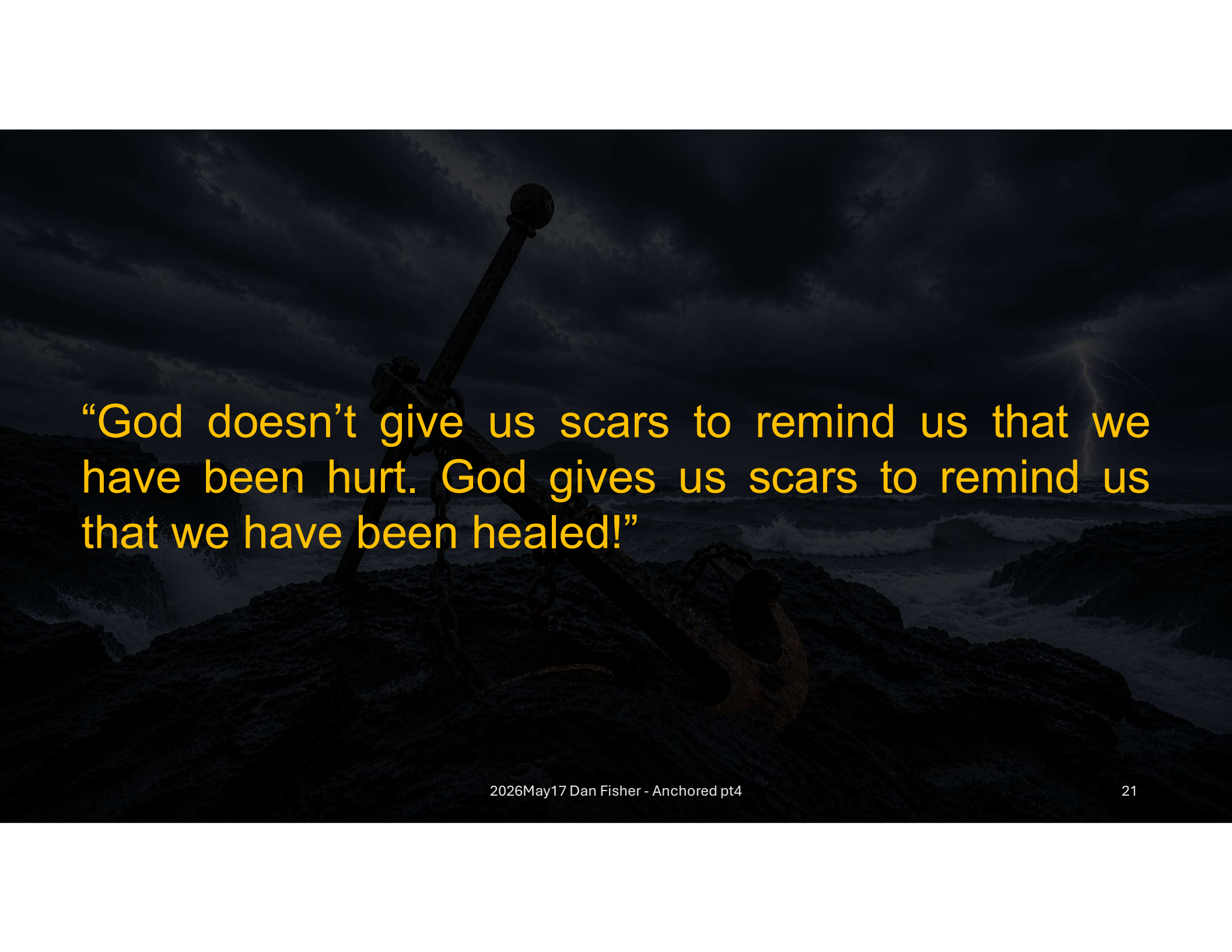
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- Scars remind us not to make that same mistake again
 - Scars remind us that sin is painful
 - Scars remind us of our purpose



“But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: ¹⁶ [c]The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; ¹⁷ but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.” **Phil 1:12-18**



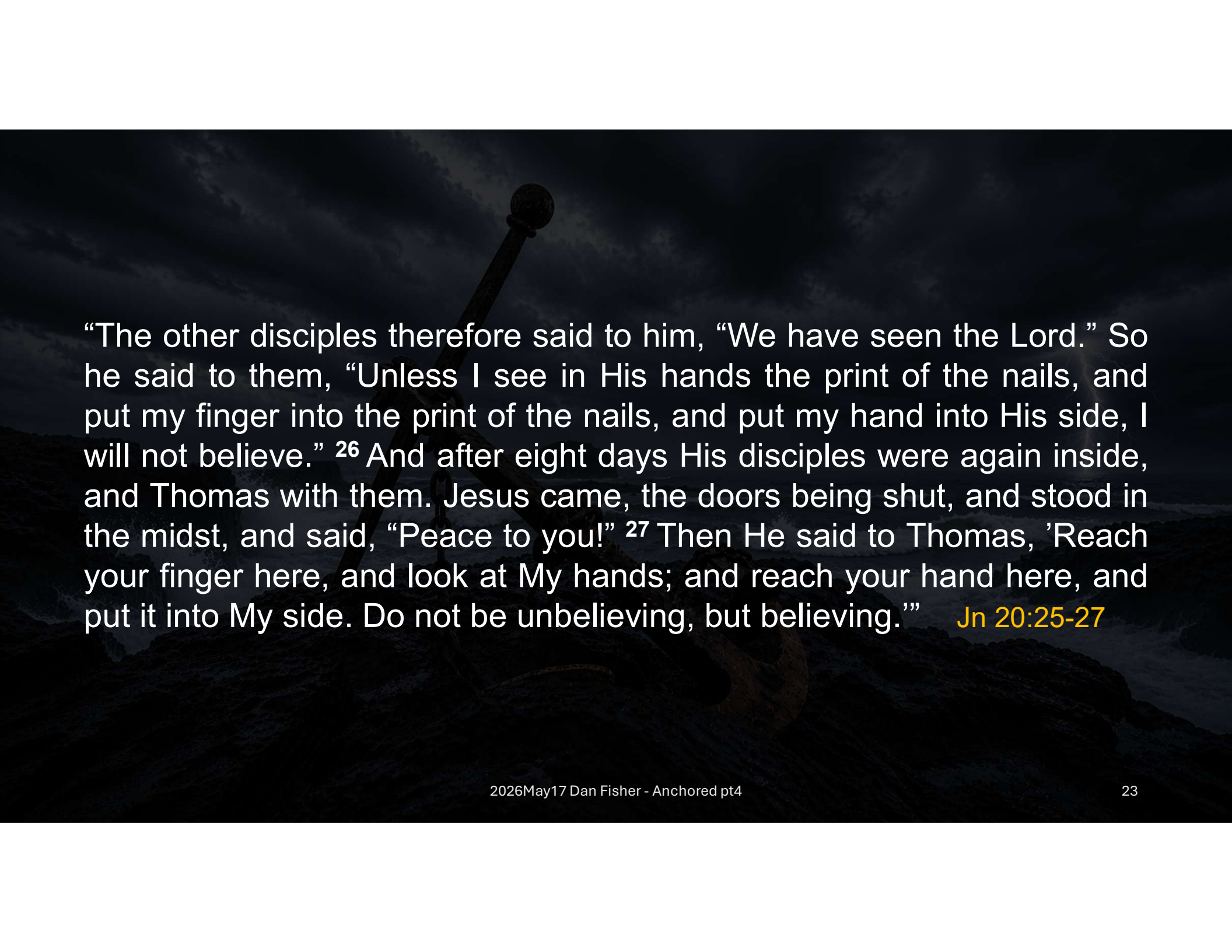
“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,” 2 Cor 4:17



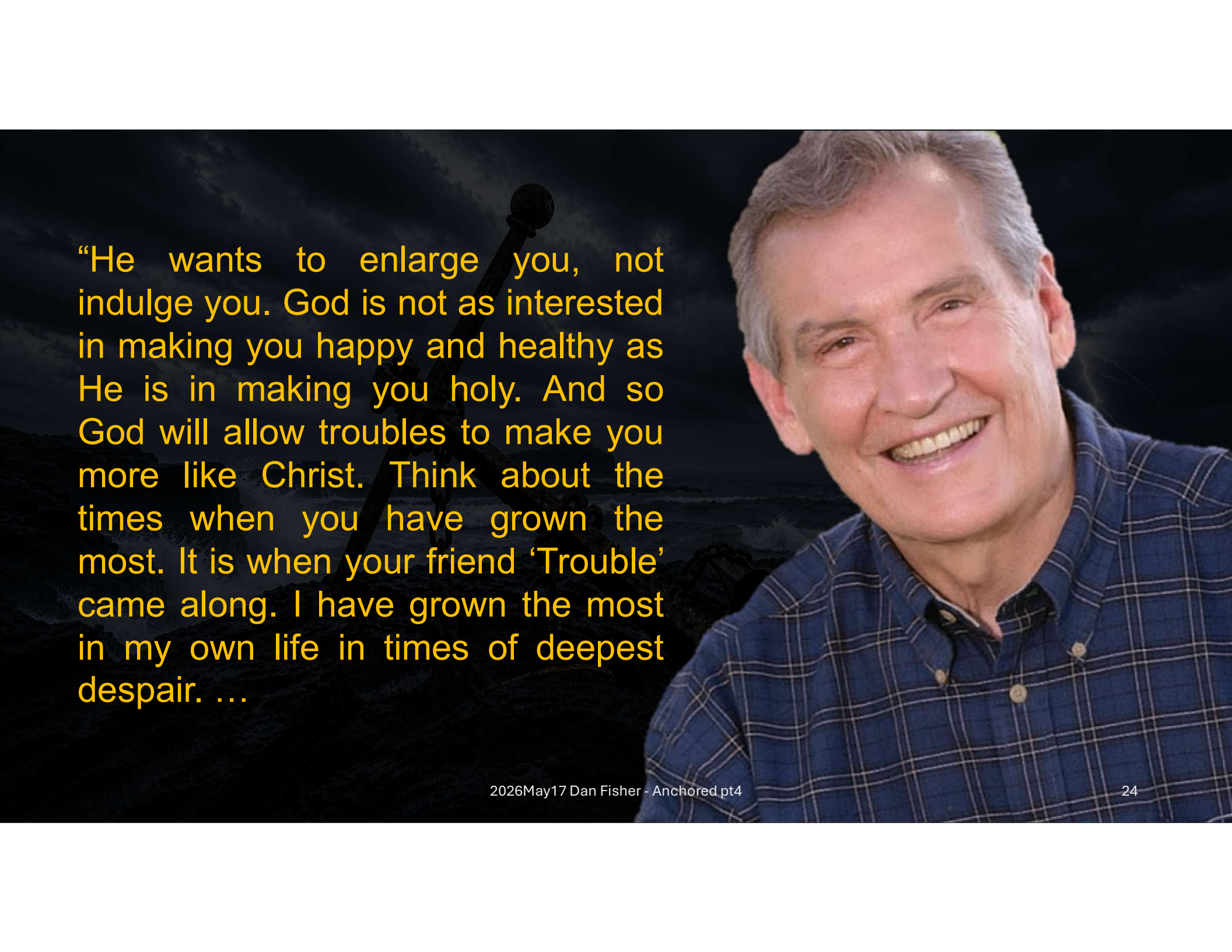
“God doesn’t give us scars to remind us that we have been hurt. God gives us scars to remind us that we have been healed!”



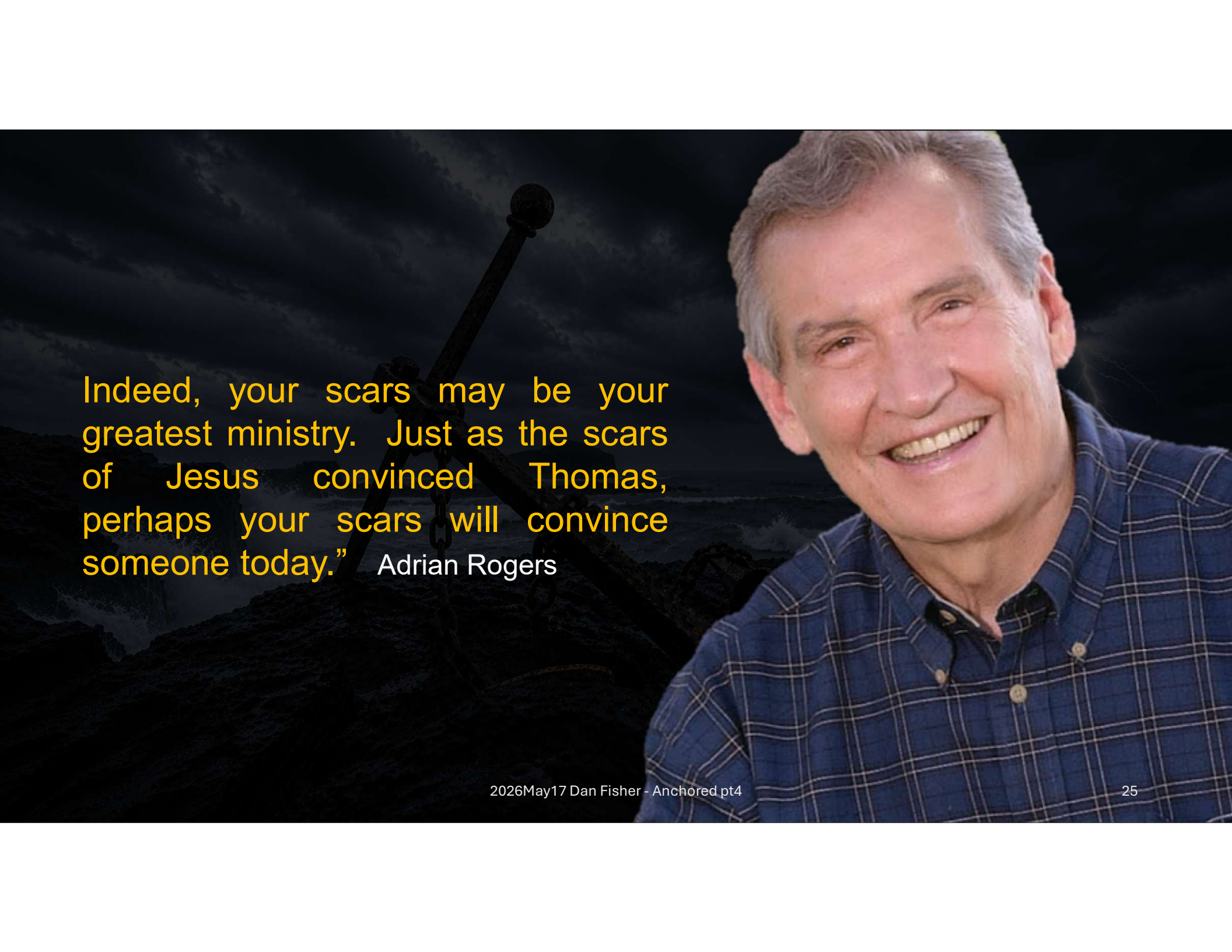
3. Scars are indestructible



“The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’” **Jn 20:25-27**



“He wants to enlarge you, not indulge you. God is not as interested in making you happy and healthy as He is in making you holy. And so God will allow troubles to make you more like Christ. Think about the times when you have grown the most. It is when your friend ‘Trouble’ came along. I have grown the most in my own life in times of deepest despair. ...



Indeed, your scars may be your greatest ministry. Just as the scars of Jesus convinced Thomas, perhaps your scars will convince someone today.” Adrian Rogers