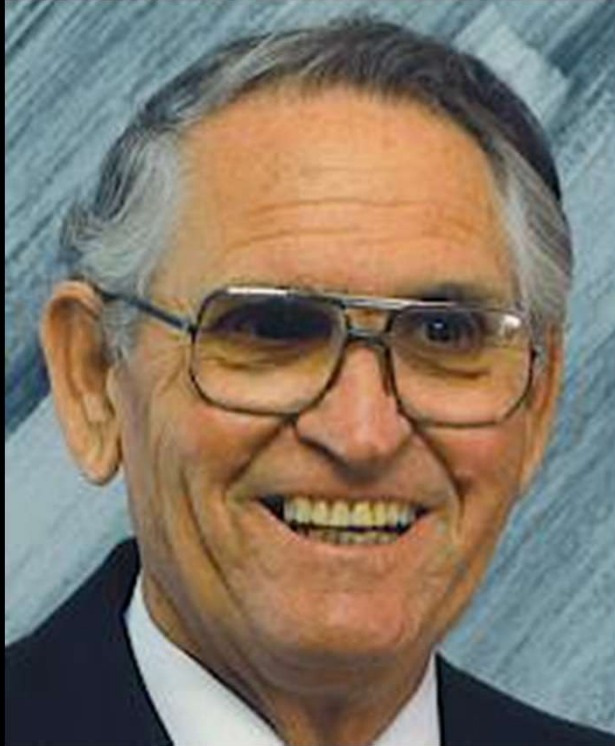
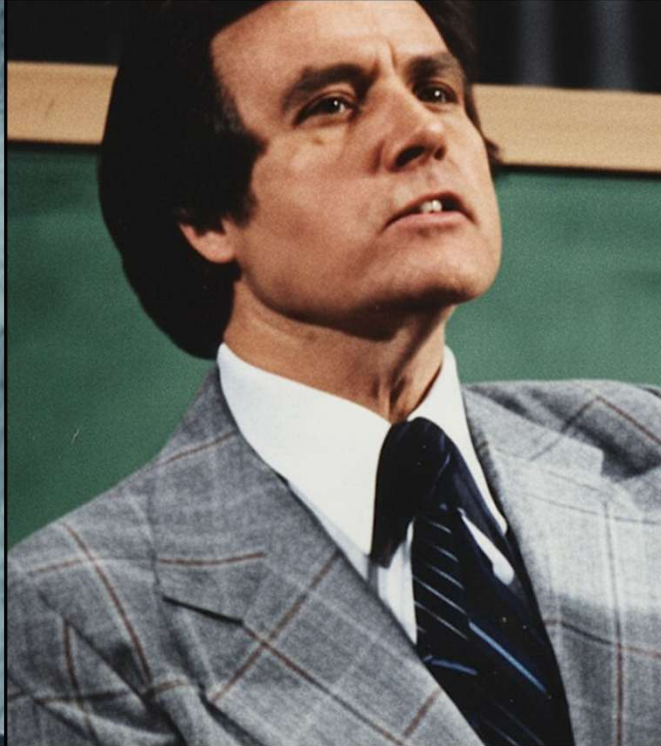


A man in a suit is sitting on the floor of a prison cell, looking down with his hand to his face. A window with vertical bars is in the upper left, casting a beam of light across the cell. The walls are made of dark, textured bricks.

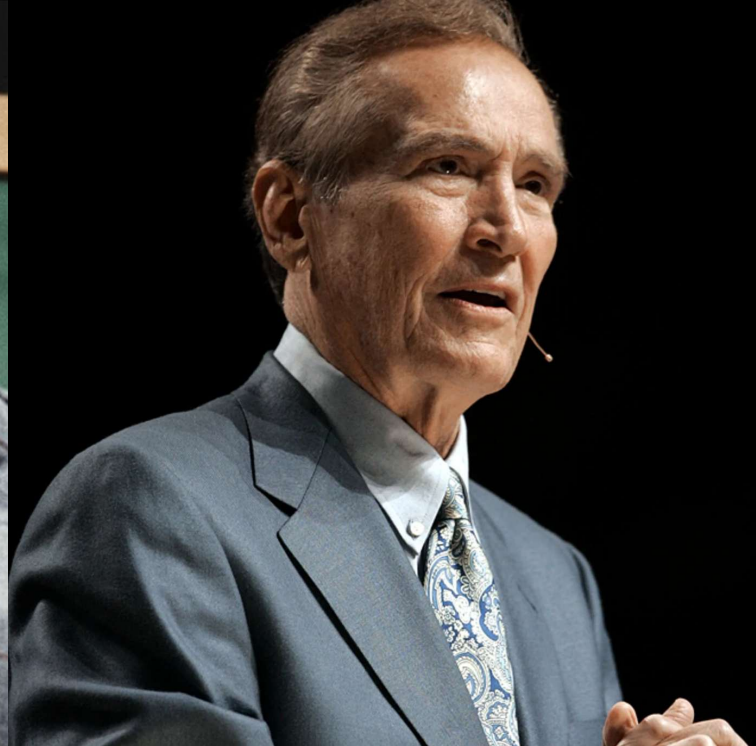
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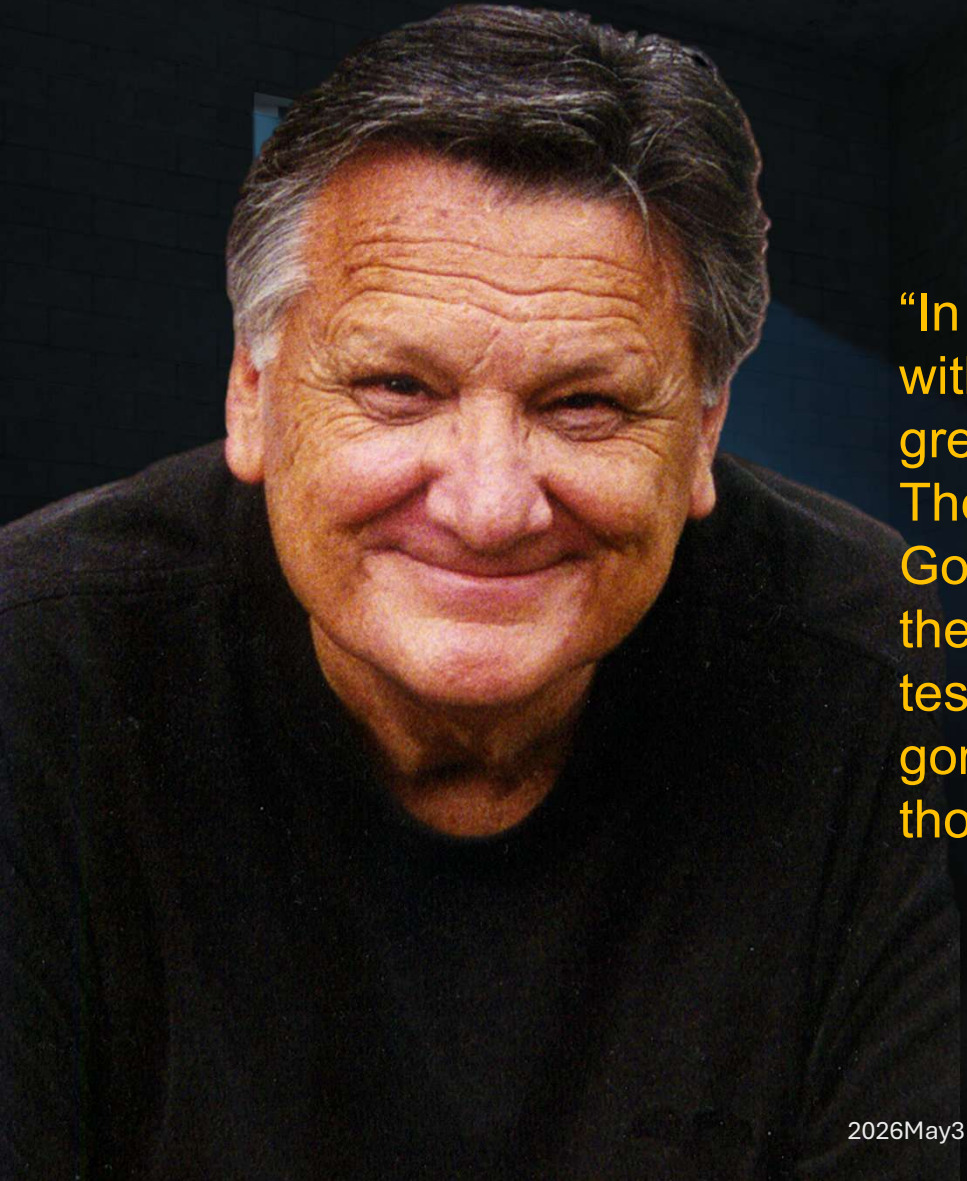
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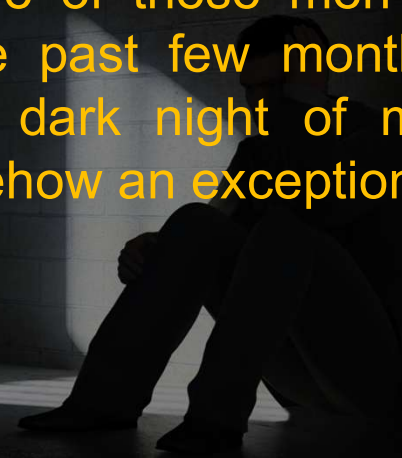
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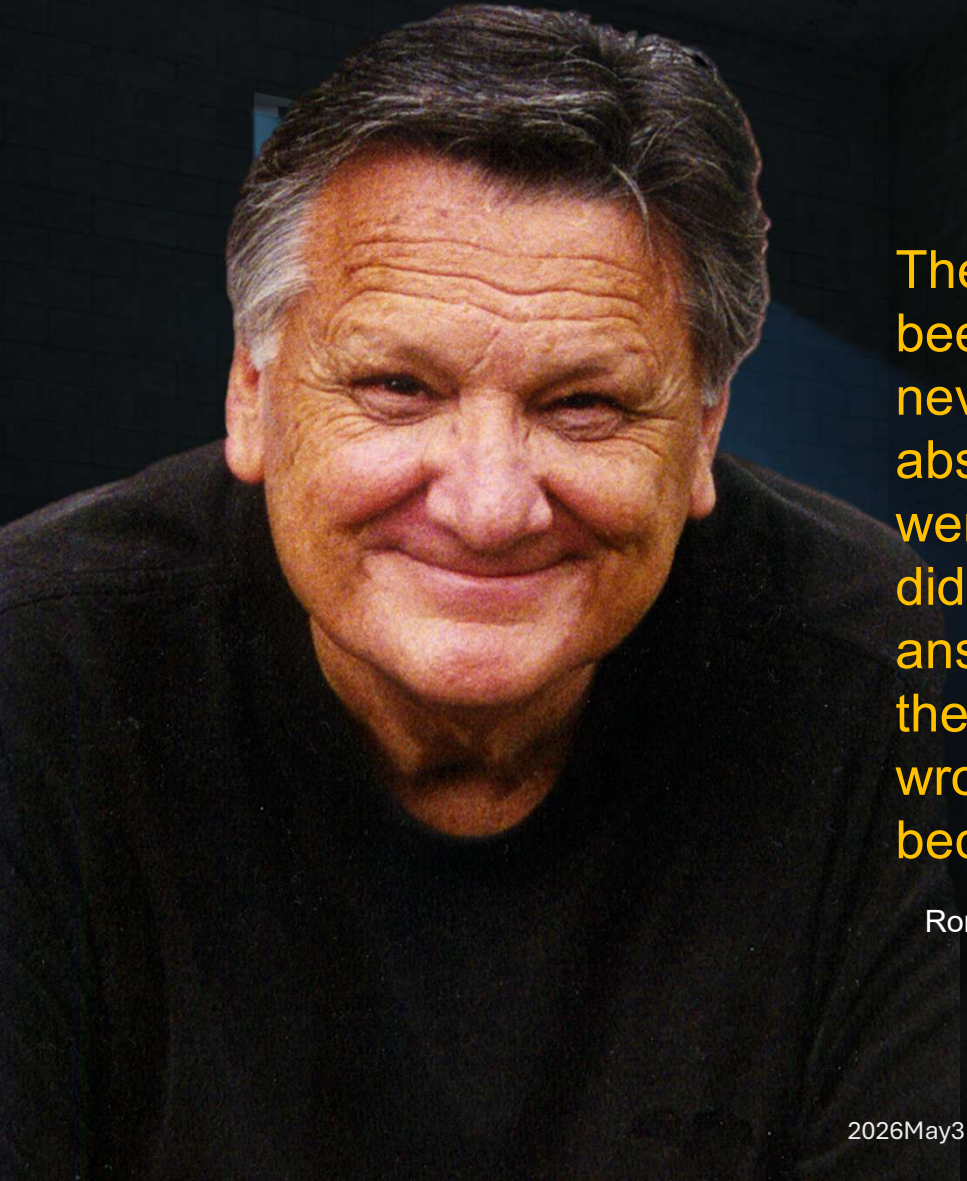


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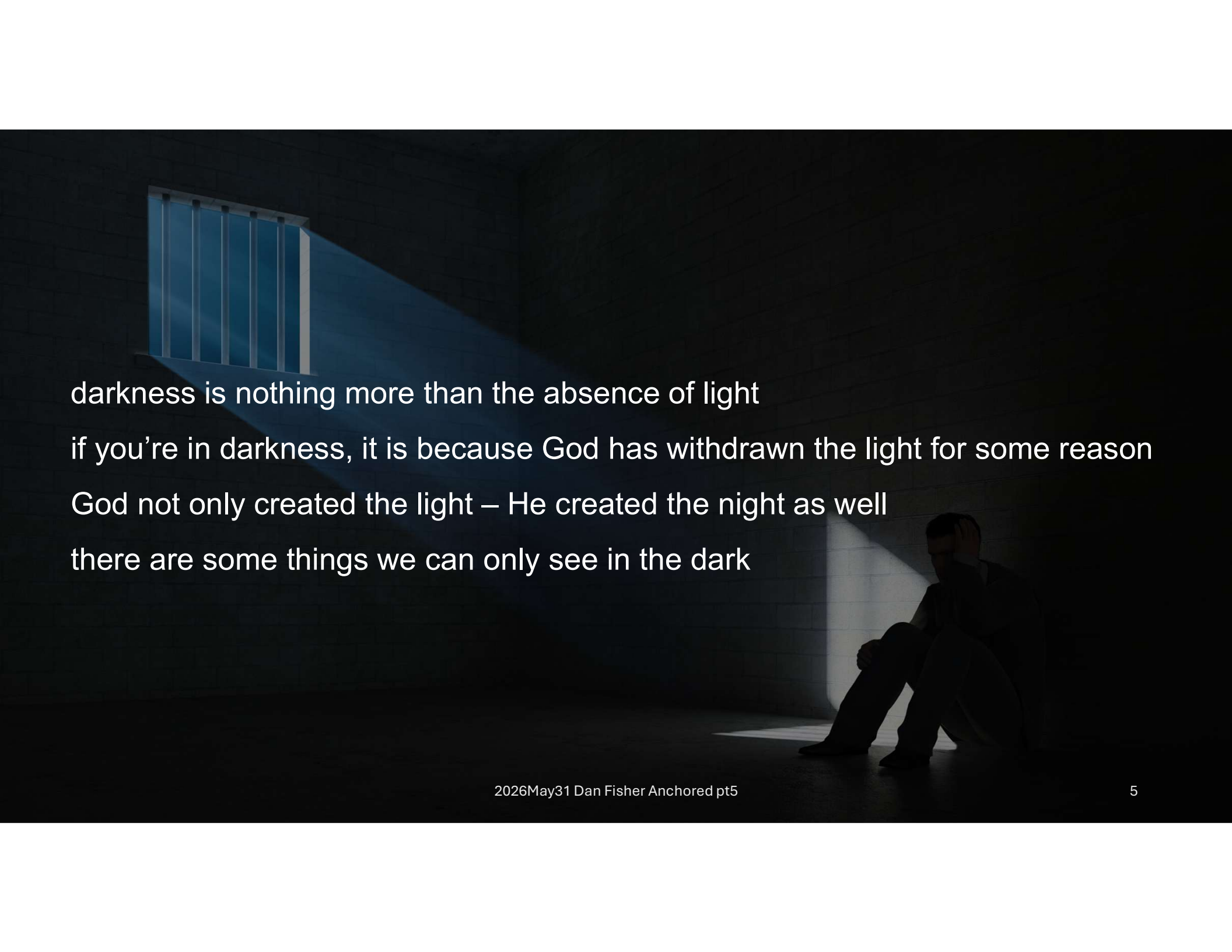
“In the past two or three weeks I have talked with three men who I consider some of the greatest Christian men I know anything about. They are men who know God and walk with God, men of tremendous faith and victory in the Lord. Each one of these men gave this testimony: ‘In the past few months I have gone through the dark night of my soul. I thought I was somehow an exception.’



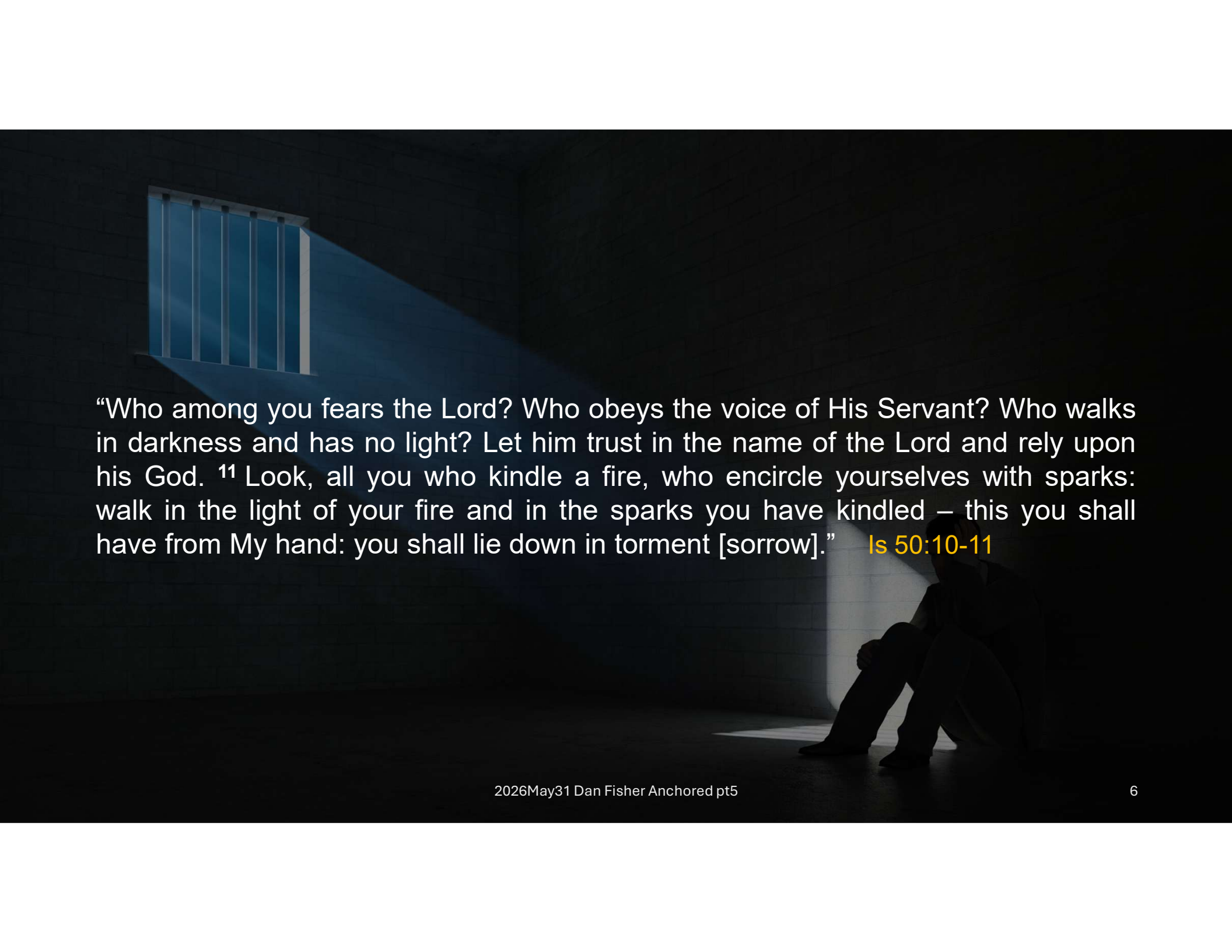


The first said for the past six months there had been a darkness upon his soul that he had never before experienced where he had absolutely no feelings as far as spiritual things were concerned. He said he would pray but didn't feel like God was hearing, much less answering. Another said he wrote a book on the Christian life, and for three months after he wrote that book, he feared he must be lost because of the way he felt."

Ron Dunn, "Ministry of Darkness," <https://rondunn.com/ministry-of-darkness/>

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a room. On the left, a window with vertical blinds is partially open, allowing a beam of light to stream across the dark floor. On the right, a person is sitting on the floor, their form mostly in shadow but highlighted by the light from the window. The overall mood is contemplative and somber.

darkness is nothing more than the absence of light
if you're in darkness, it is because God has withdrawn the light for some reason
God not only created the light – He created the night as well
there are some things we can only see in the dark

A person is sitting on the floor in a dark room, illuminated by a beam of light from a window. The window has vertical bars, and the light creates a strong contrast between the dark interior and the bright light from the window. The person is in silhouette, looking towards the light.

“Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon his God. ¹¹ Look, all you who kindle a fire, who encircle yourselves with sparks: walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled – this you shall have from My hand: you shall lie down in torment [sorrow].” **Is 50:10-11**





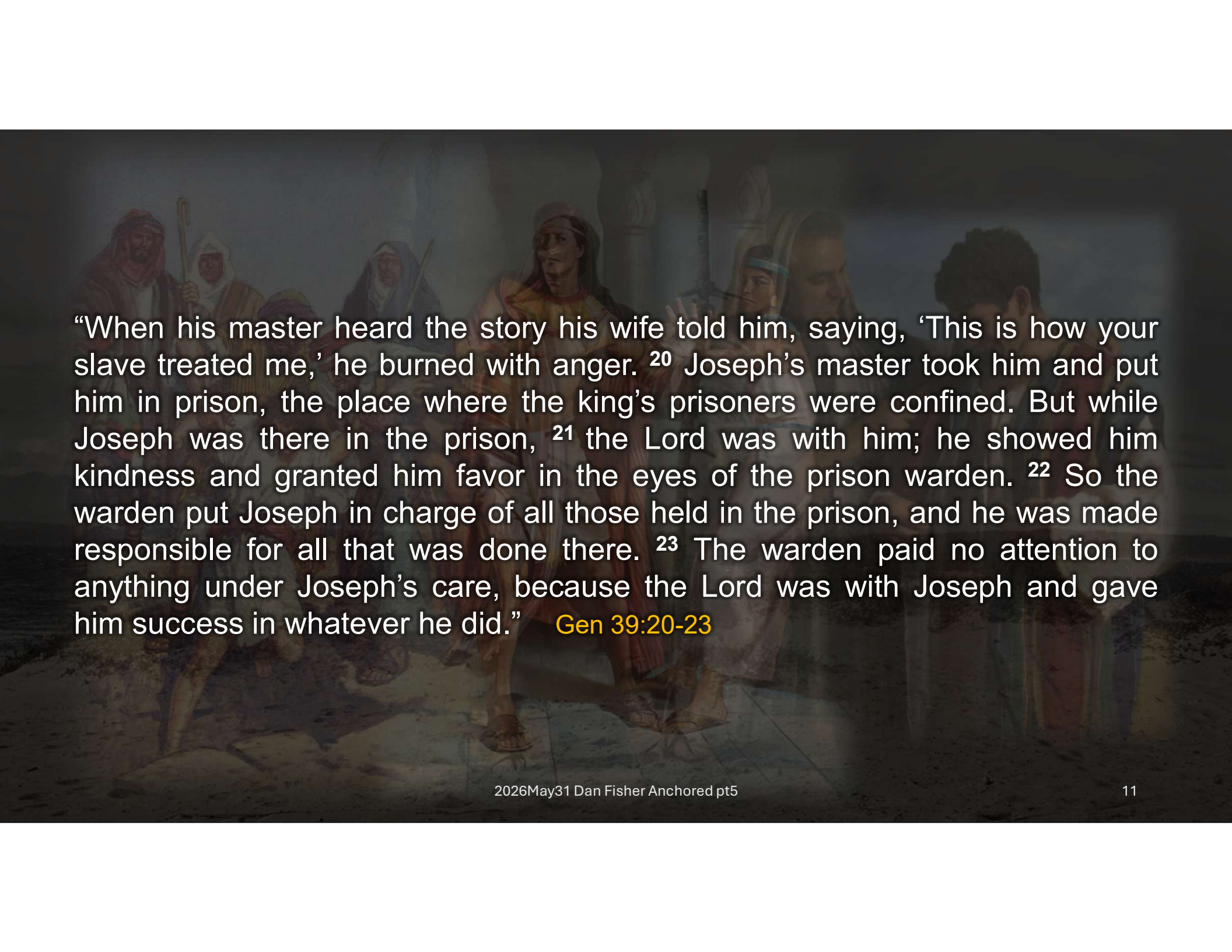


Gen 39:1 Potiphar was an official of Pharaoh and the captain of the guard

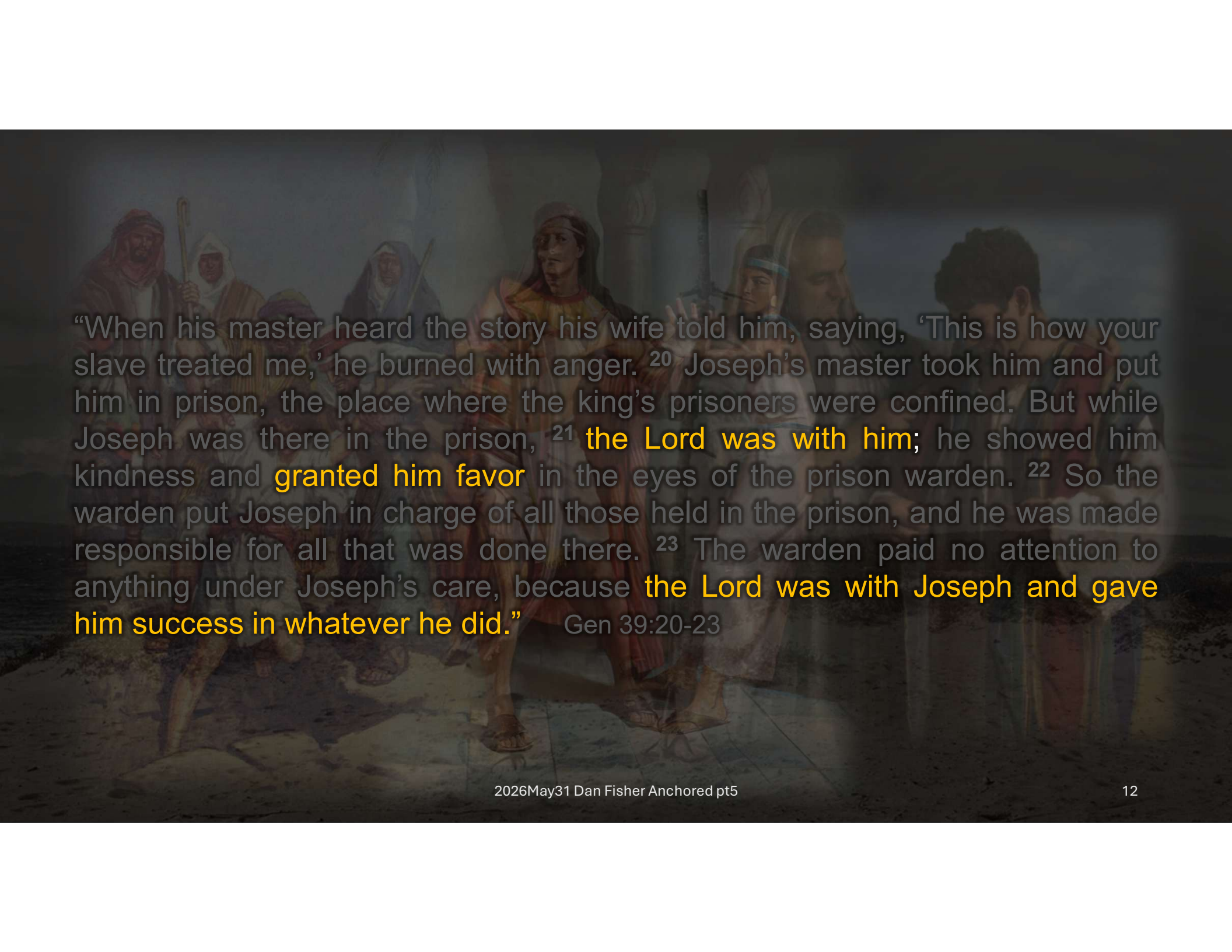


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“When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, ‘This is how your slave treated me,’ he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph’s care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.” **Gen 39:20-23**



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A person is sitting on the floor in a dark room, illuminated by a beam of light from a window. The person is in silhouette, sitting with their back to the camera, looking towards the window. The room is dark, with the light from the window creating a strong contrast and casting long shadows. The window has vertical blinds that are partially open, allowing light to stream in.

When you've done nothing wrong and
nothing "seems" to make sense ...

A person is sitting on the floor in a dark, empty room. A beam of light from a window on the left illuminates the person and the floor. The person is looking down, and the overall mood is somber and reflective.

1. Don't demand to understand

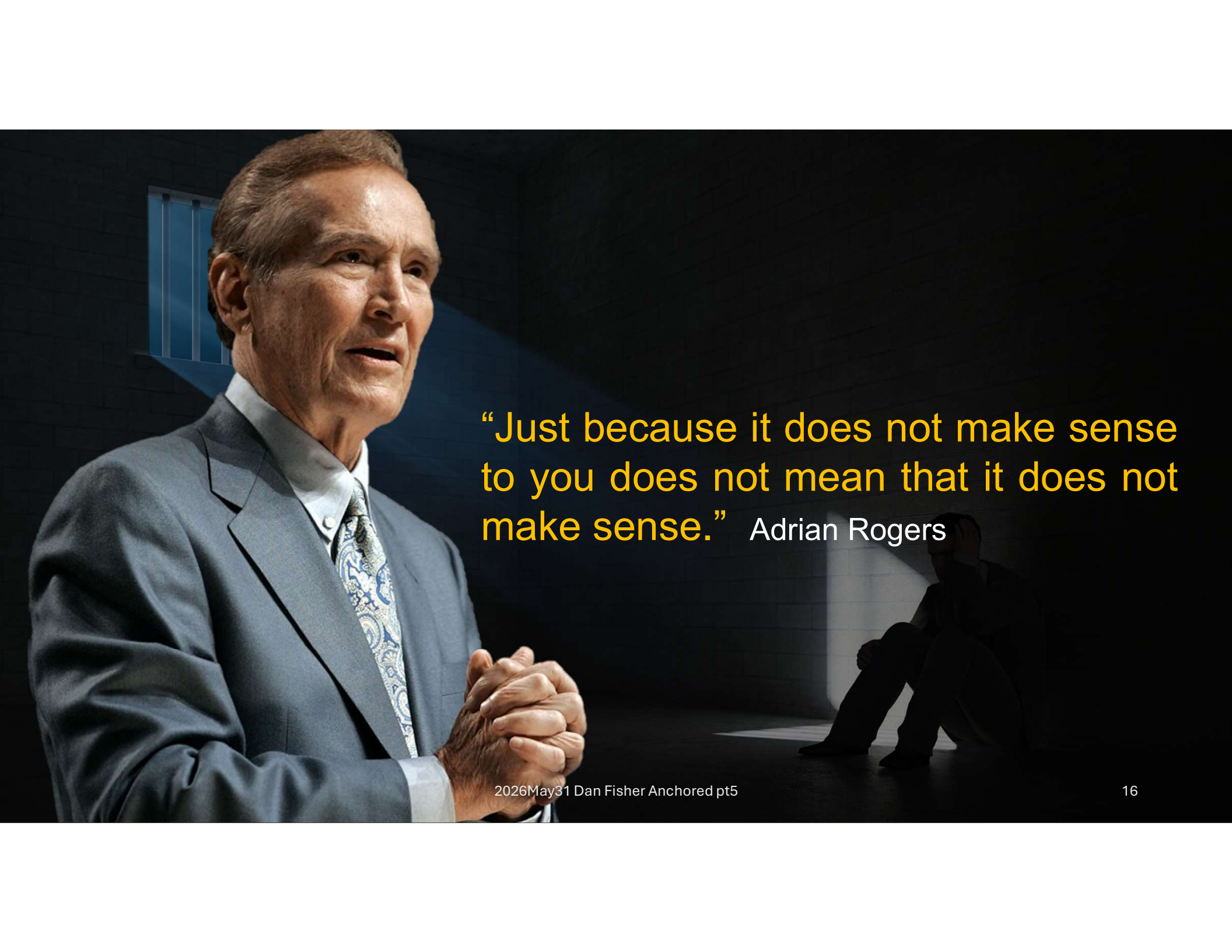
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Many of God's best have been bewildered & perplexed:

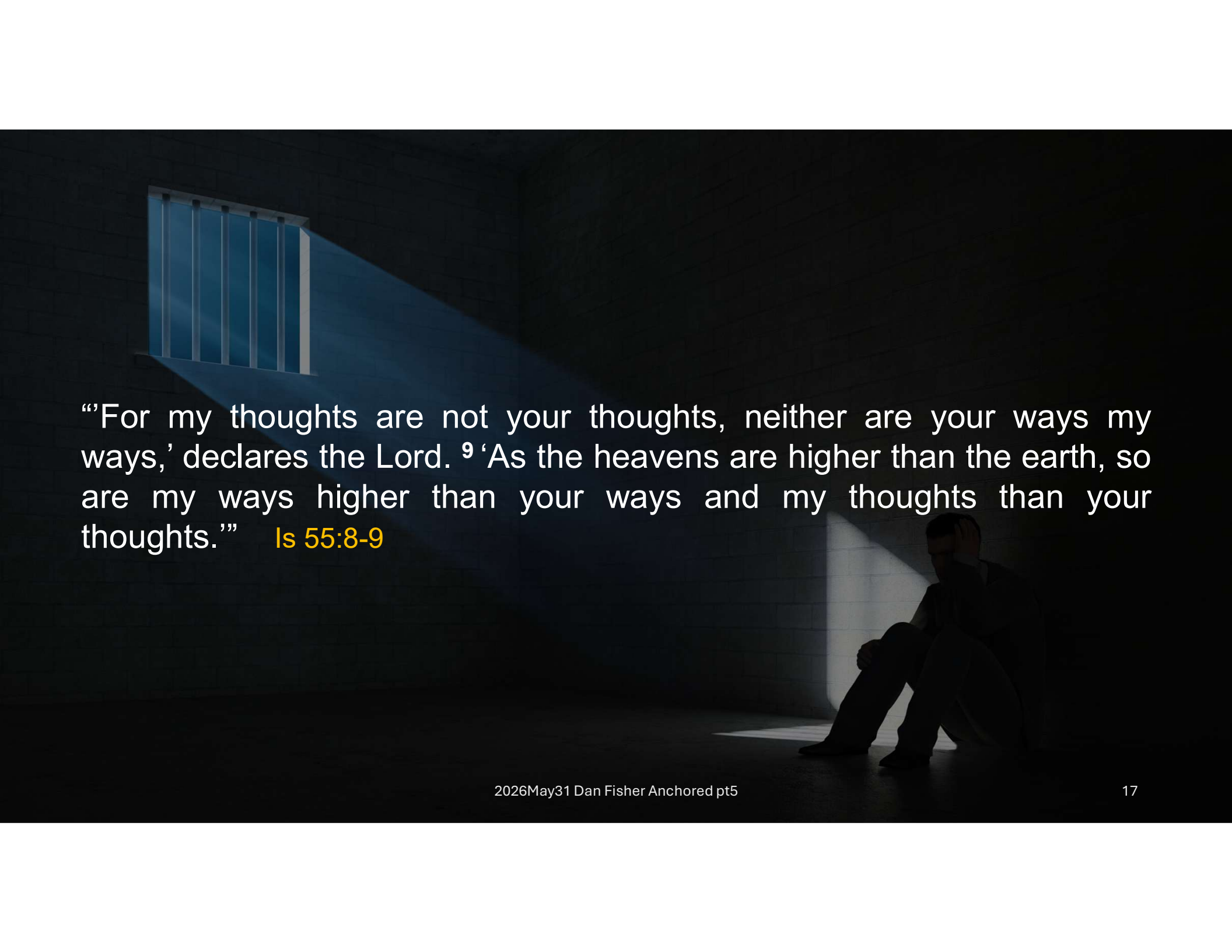
- Job
- King David
- O.T. prophets
- John the Baptist
- Paul

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;” 2 Cor 4:8


- Ron Dunn




“Just because it does not make sense to you does not mean that it does not make sense.” Adrian Rogers



“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord. ⁹ ‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’” **Is 55:8-9**

A person is sitting on the floor in a dark, stone-walled room. A beam of light from a window on the left illuminates the person and the floor. The person is looking down, and their hands are resting on their knees. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

2. Don't falter in your faithfulness



“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Gal 6:9

A dark, moody photograph of a person sitting on the floor in a dark room. A beam of light from a window on the left illuminates the person and the floor. The person is sitting with their head down, looking away from the light. The text "3. Don't be blinded by bitterness" is overlaid on the image in a yellow font.

3. Don't be blinded by bitterness

A person is sitting on the floor in a dark room, illuminated by a beam of light from a window. The person is in silhouette, and the light creates a strong contrast between the dark surroundings and the illuminated area. The window has several vertical panes.

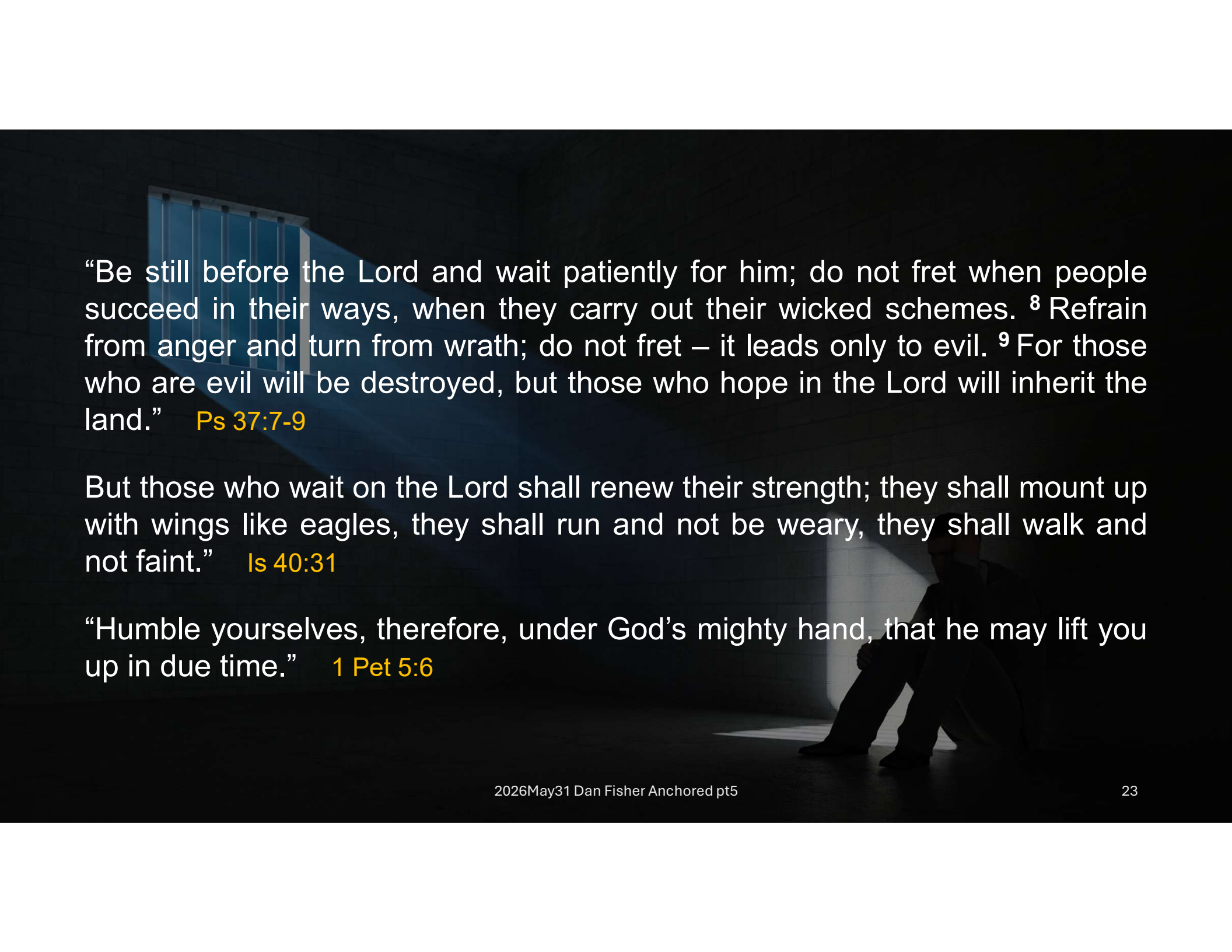
“Get rid of all bitterness” Eph 4:31

“looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;” Heb 12:15

“But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.” 1 Pet 2:20

A man in a dark suit is sitting on the floor in a dark, stone-walled room. A beam of light from a window with blue blinds illuminates the scene, creating a pool of light on the floor and wall. The man is sitting in the shadow, looking down.

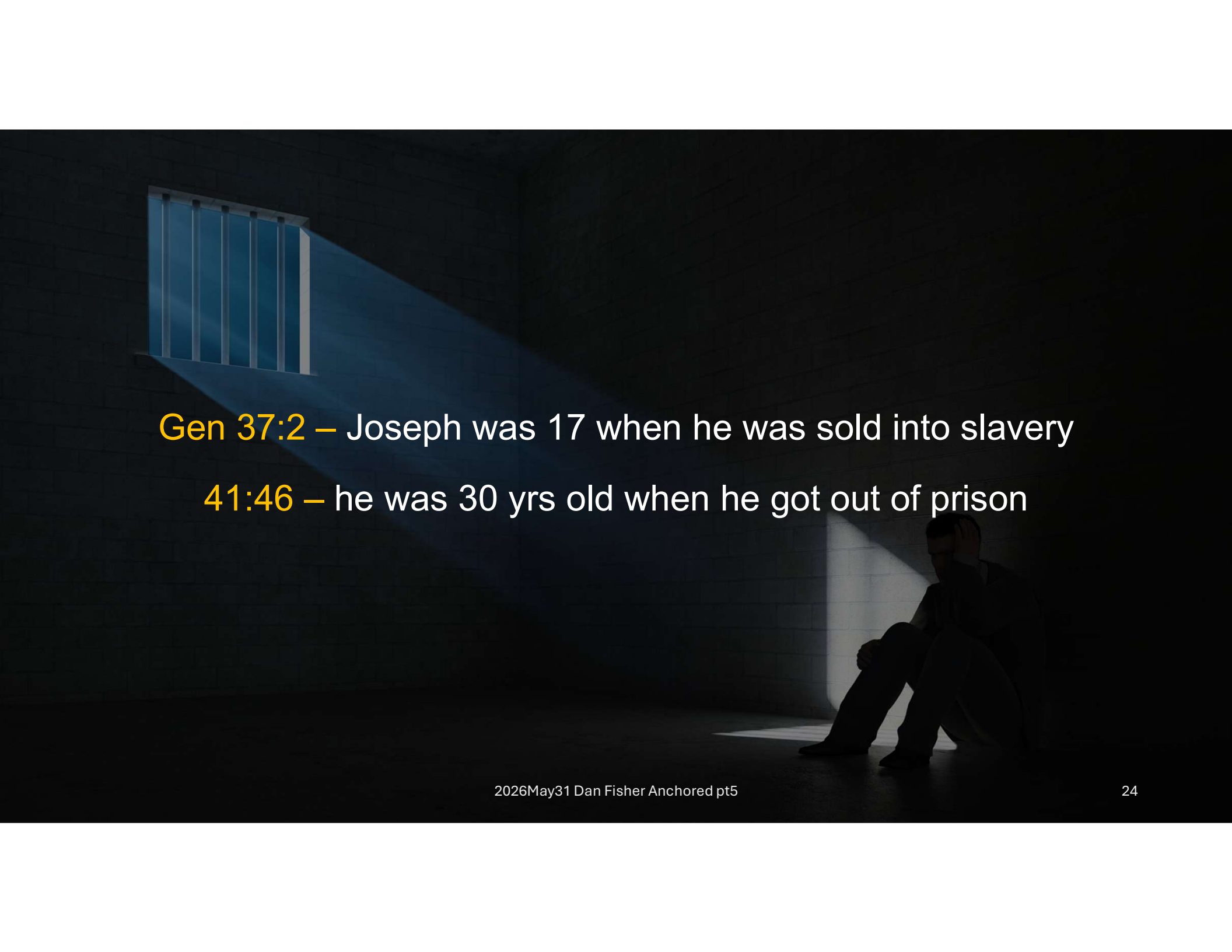
4. Don't be weary in waiting

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“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret – it leads only to evil. ⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.” **Ps 37:7-9**

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” **Is 40:31**

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.” **1 Pet 5:6**



Gen 37:2 – Joseph was 17 when he was sold into slavery

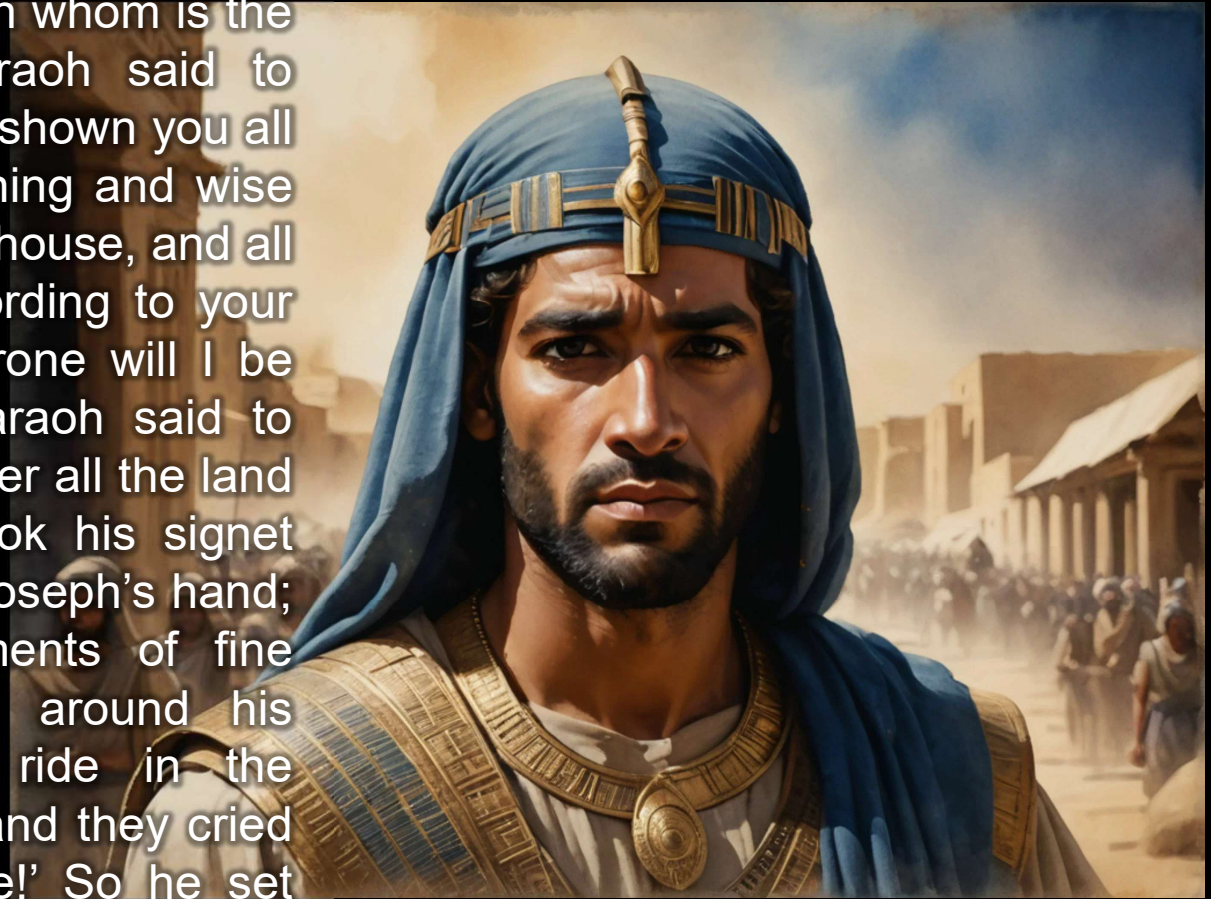
41:46 – he was 30 yrs old when he got out of prison

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5. Don't discount your dreams



“And Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?’³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.’⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.’⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.⁴³ And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, ‘Bow the knee!’ So he set him over all the land of Egypt.” **Gen 41:38-43**



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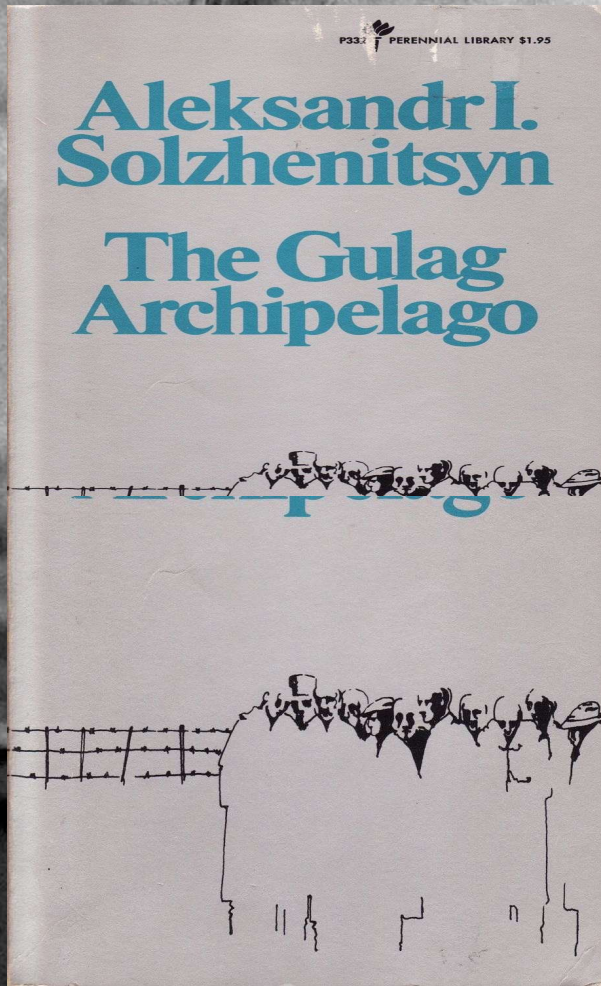


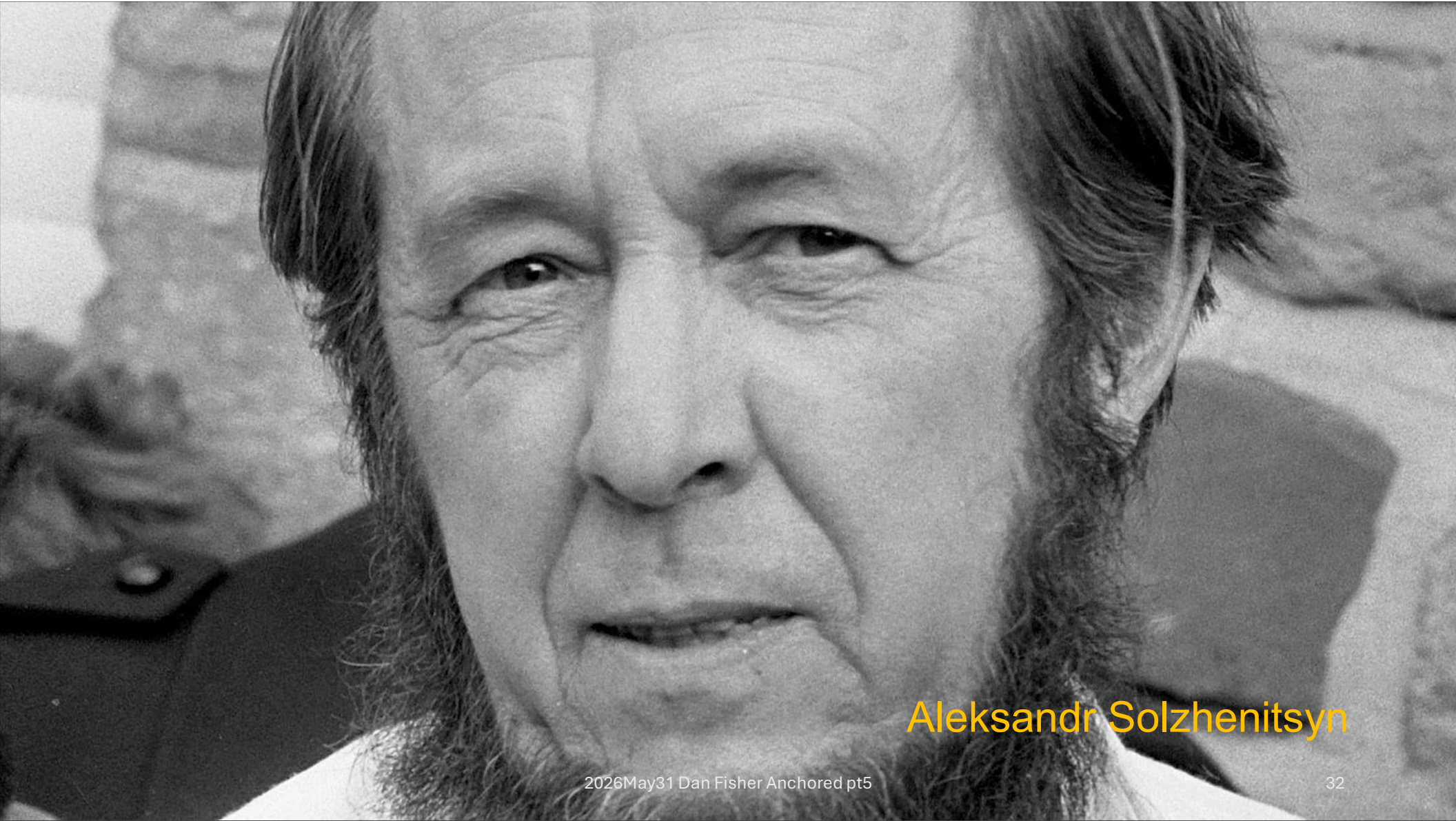


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