

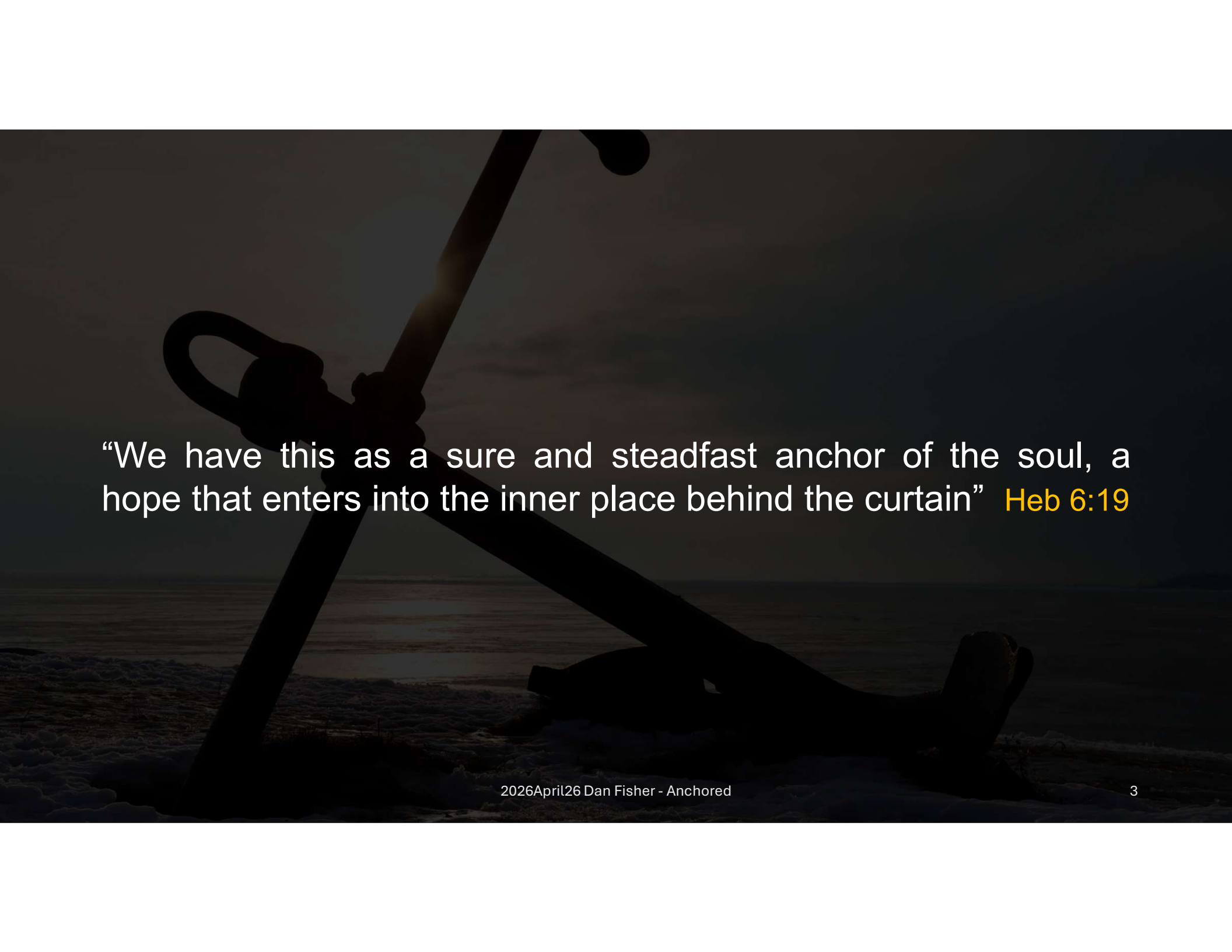


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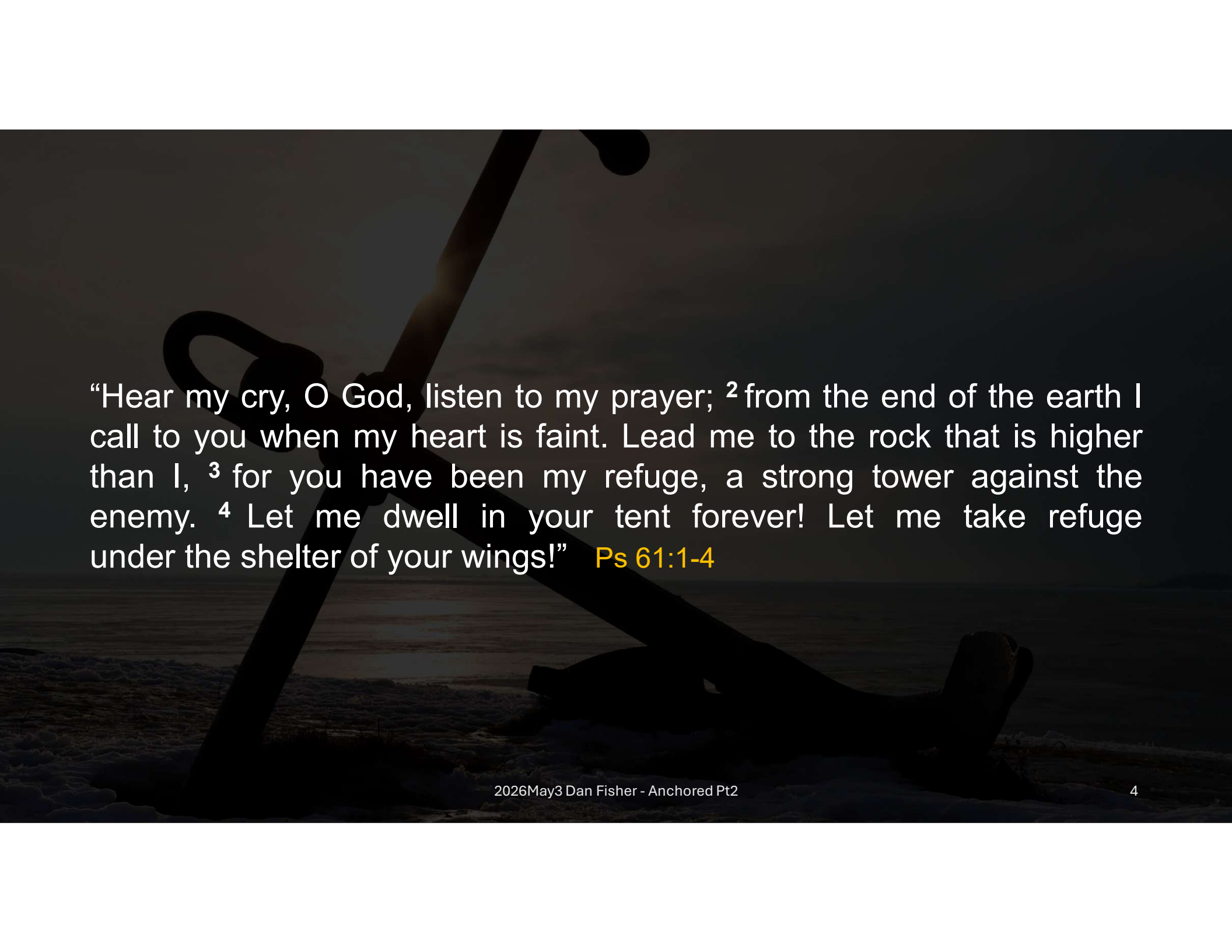


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## part 1: uncertainty

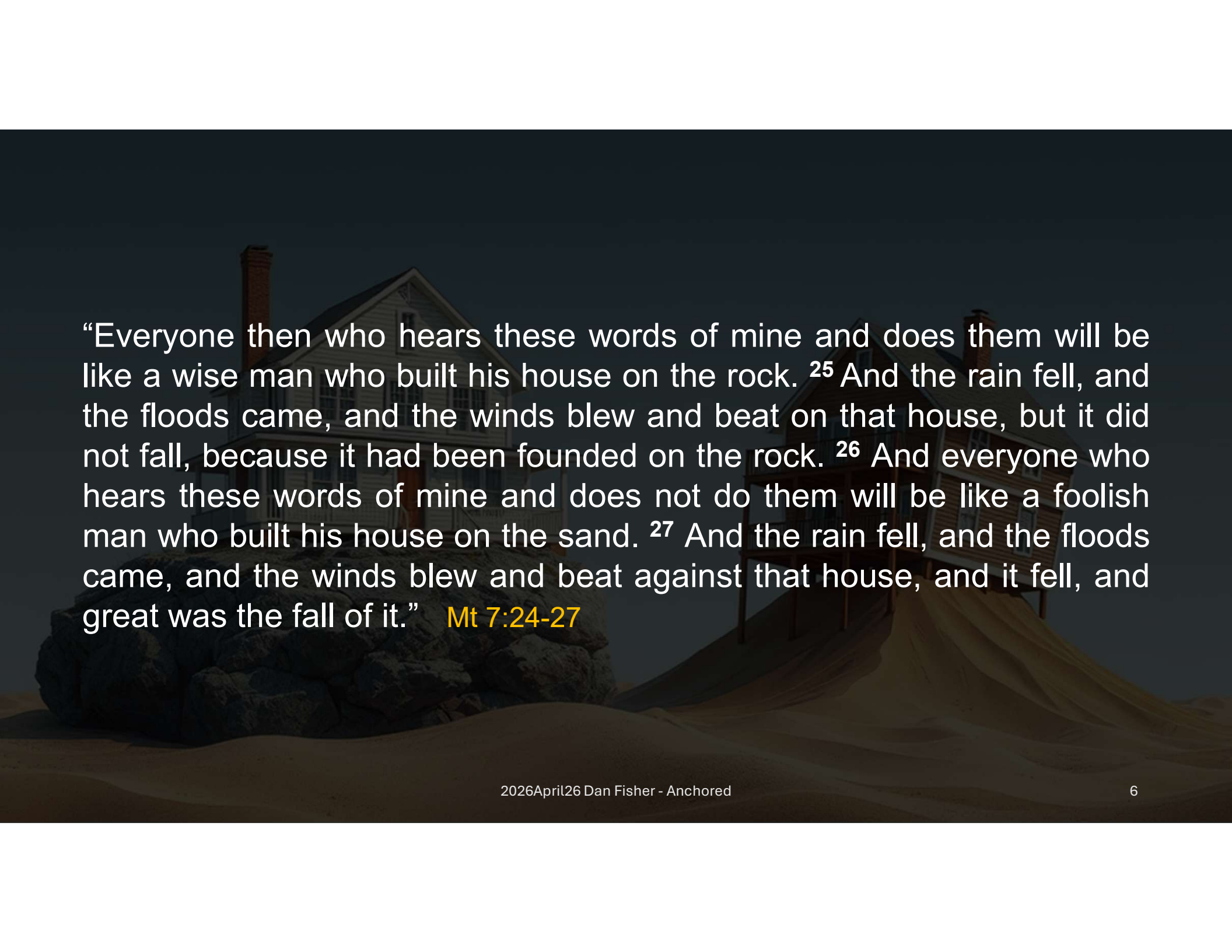


“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain” **Heb 6:19**



“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; <sup>2</sup> from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, <sup>3</sup> for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. <sup>4</sup> Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!” **Ps 61:1-4**

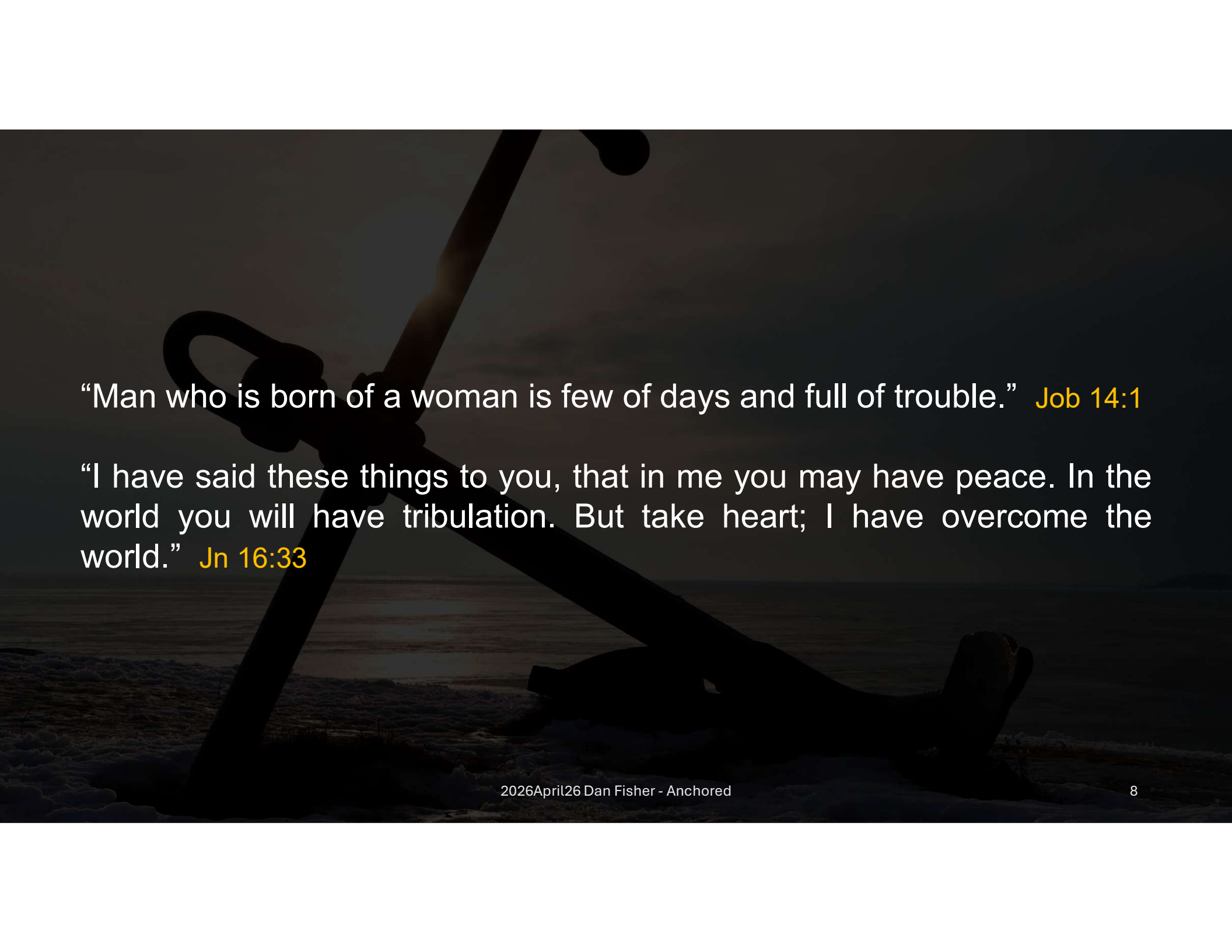




“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” **Mt 7:24-27**

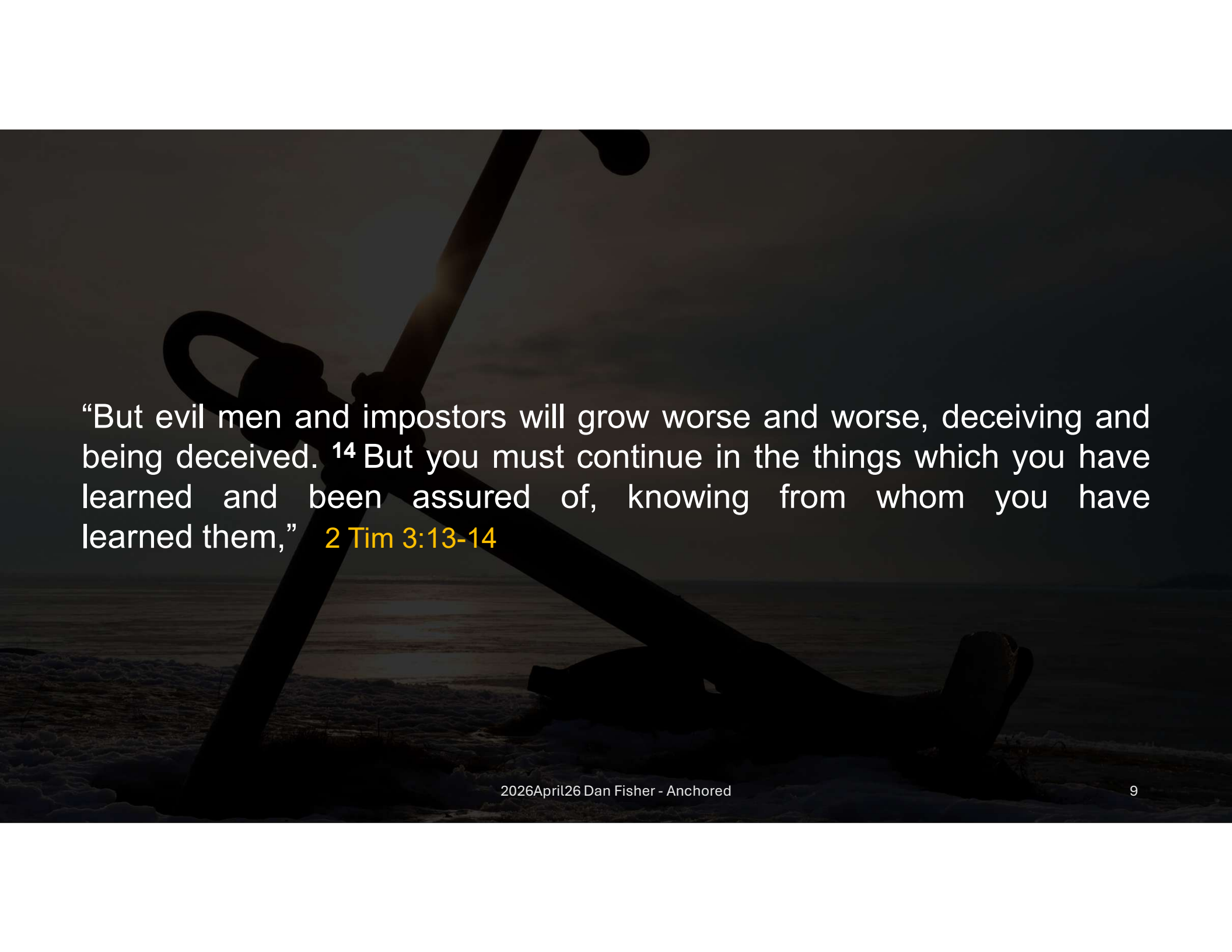
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Distress is a fact of life in a fallen world



“Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble.” Job 14:1

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Jn 16:33



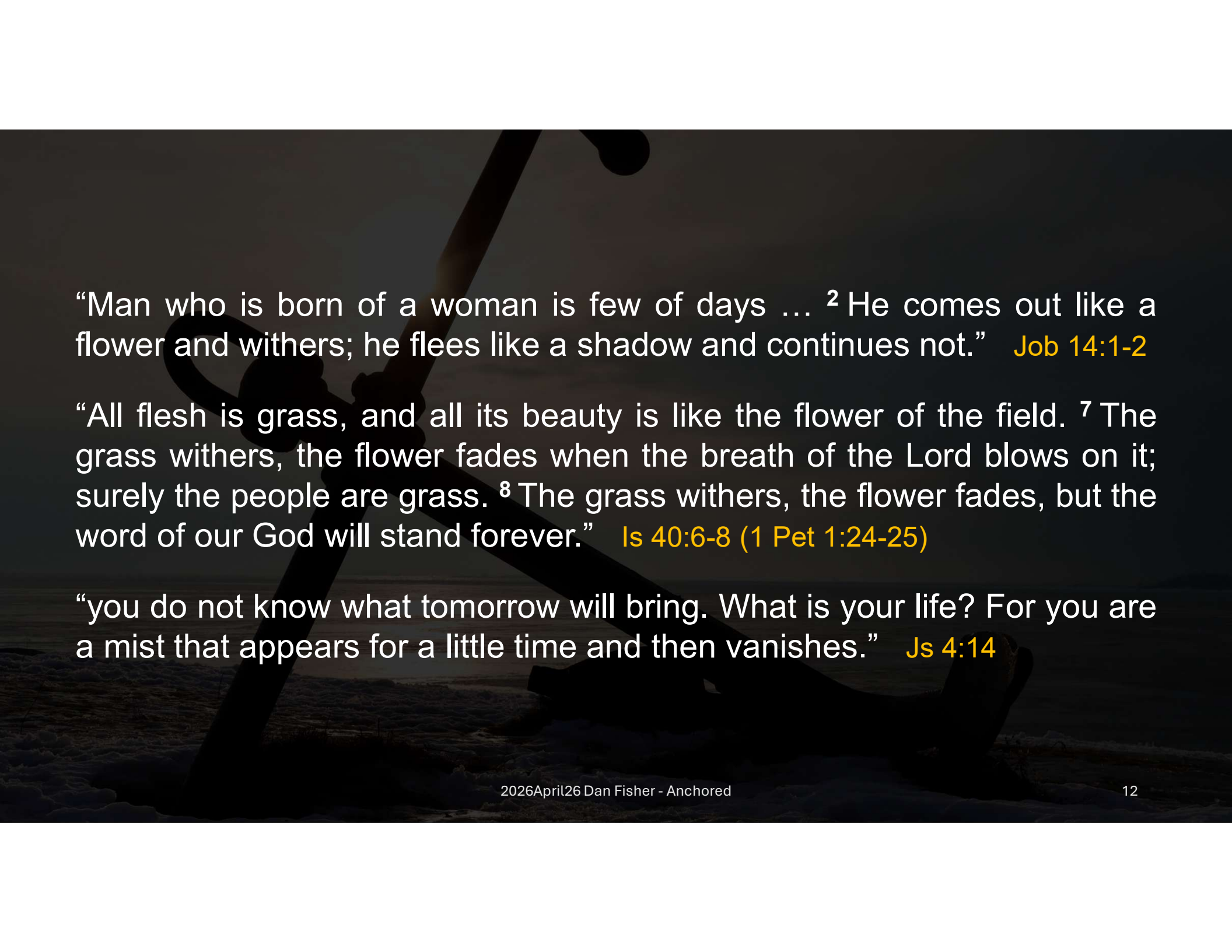
“But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,” **2 Tim 3:13-14**

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There are many uncertainties in life



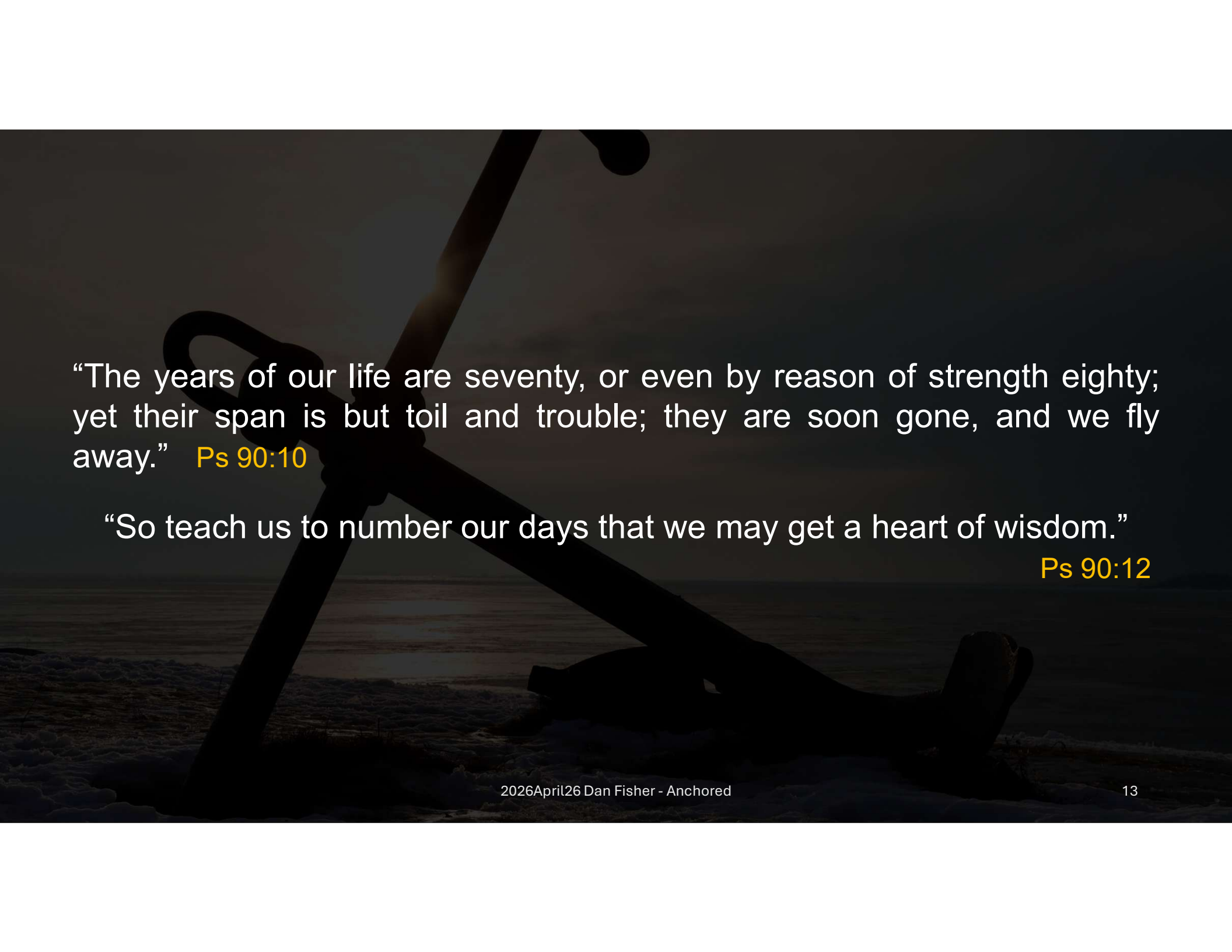
# 1. The uncertainty of life



“Man who is born of a woman is few of days ... <sup>2</sup> He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and continues not.” **Job 14:1-2**

“All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” **Is 40:6-8 (1 Pet 1:24-25)**

“you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.” **Js 4:14**



“The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.” Ps 90:10

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

Ps 90:12





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## 2. The uncertainty of health



Paul's thorn in the flesh – 2 Cor 12:7-10

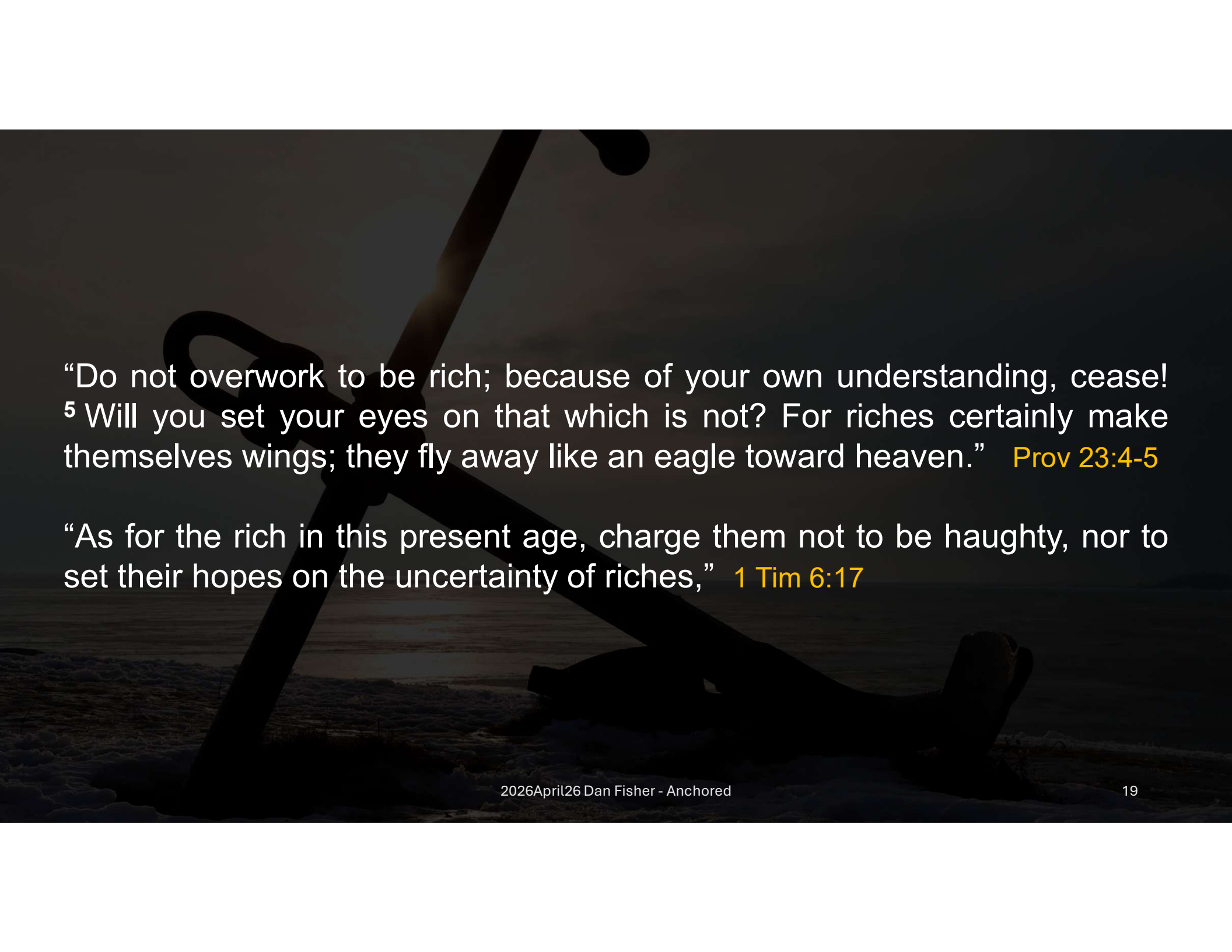
Epaphroditus – Phil 2:25-30

Trophimus – 2 Tim 4:20

Sick believers – Js 5:14-16

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### 3. The uncertainty of our resources/assets

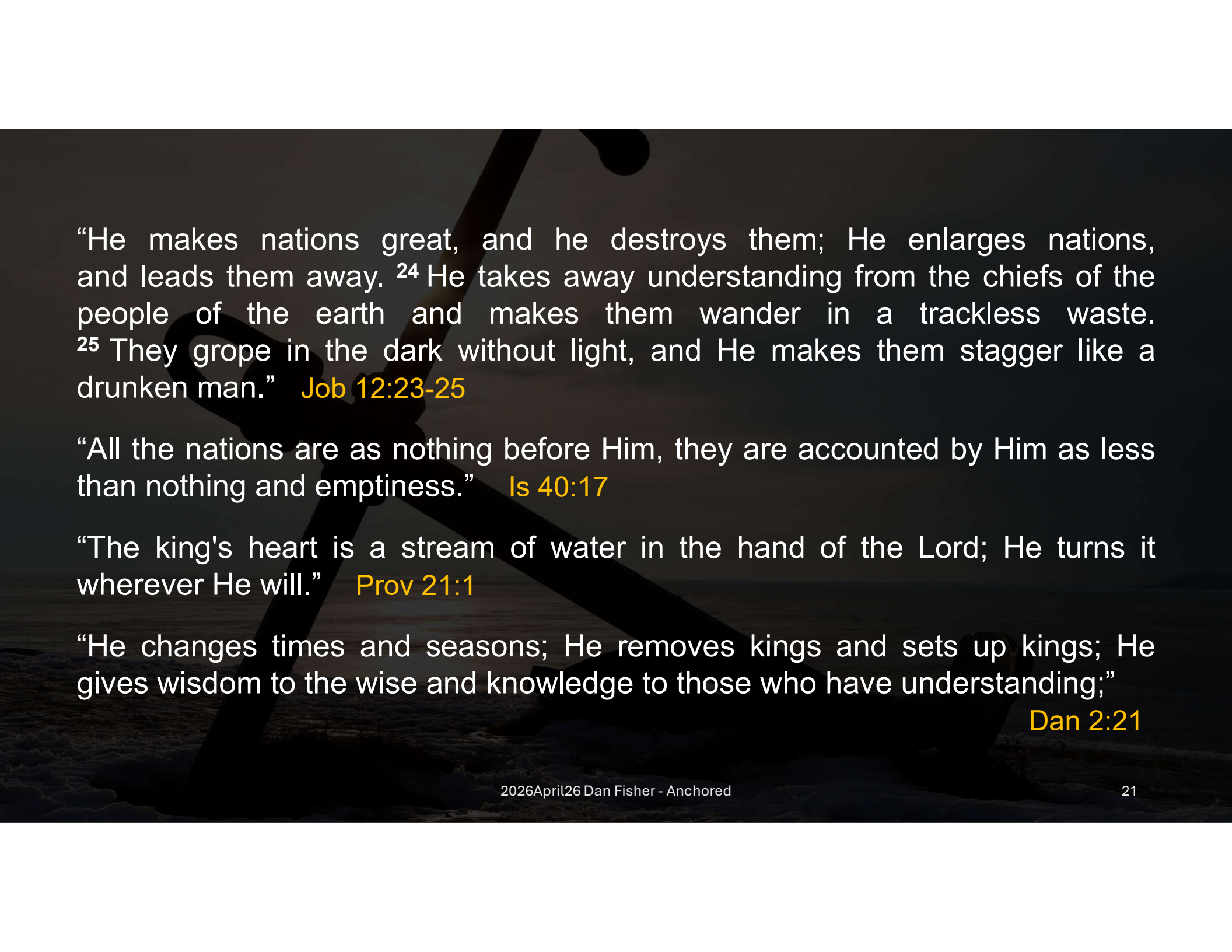


“Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease!  
⁵ Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven.” **Prov 23:4-5**

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” **1 Tim 6:17**



# 4. The uncertainty of governmental & national stability



“He makes nations great, and he destroys them; He enlarges nations, and leads them away. <sup>24</sup> He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. <sup>25</sup> They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them stagger like a drunken man.” **Job 12:23-25**

“All the nations are as nothing before Him, they are accounted by Him as less than nothing and emptiness.” **Is 40:17**

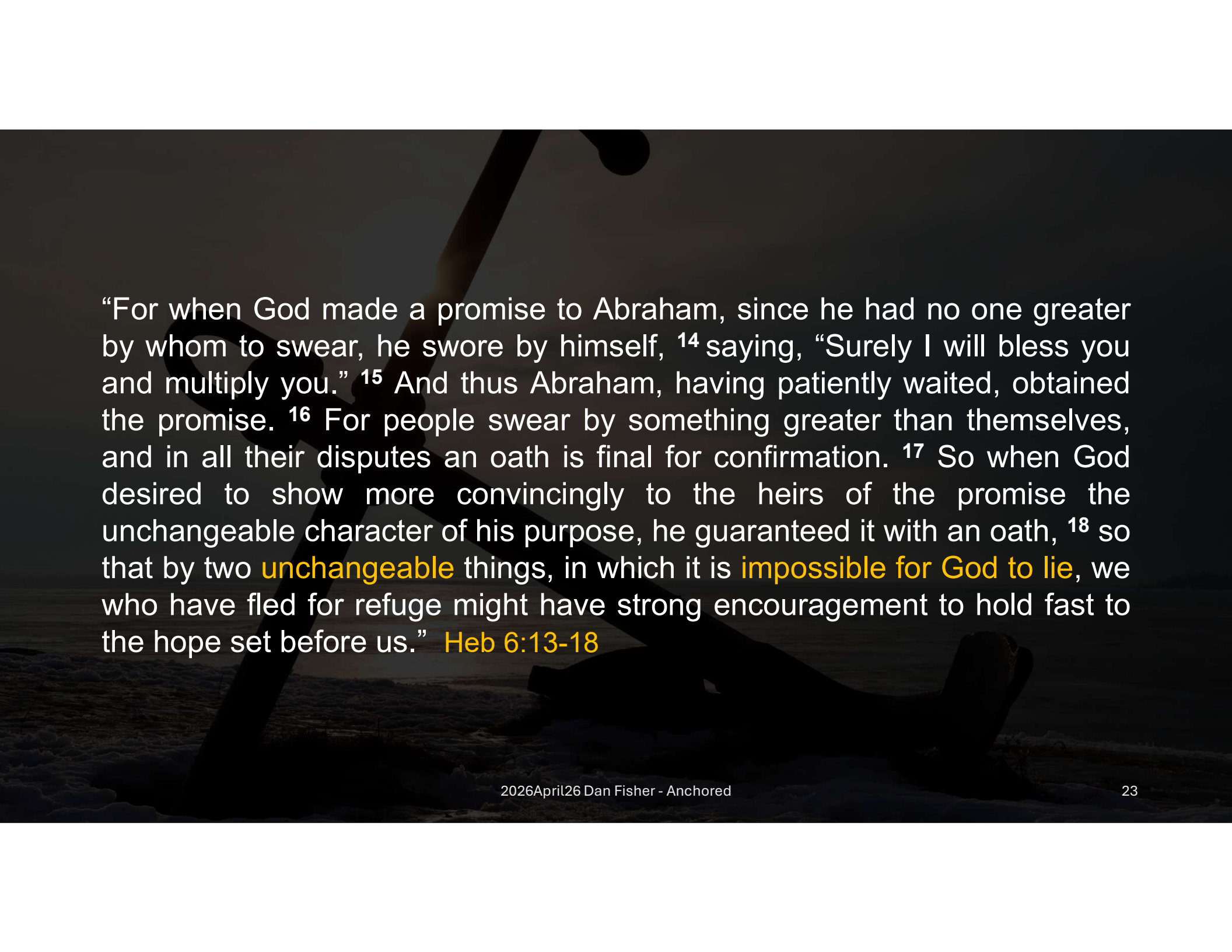
“The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will.” **Prov 21:1**

“He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;”

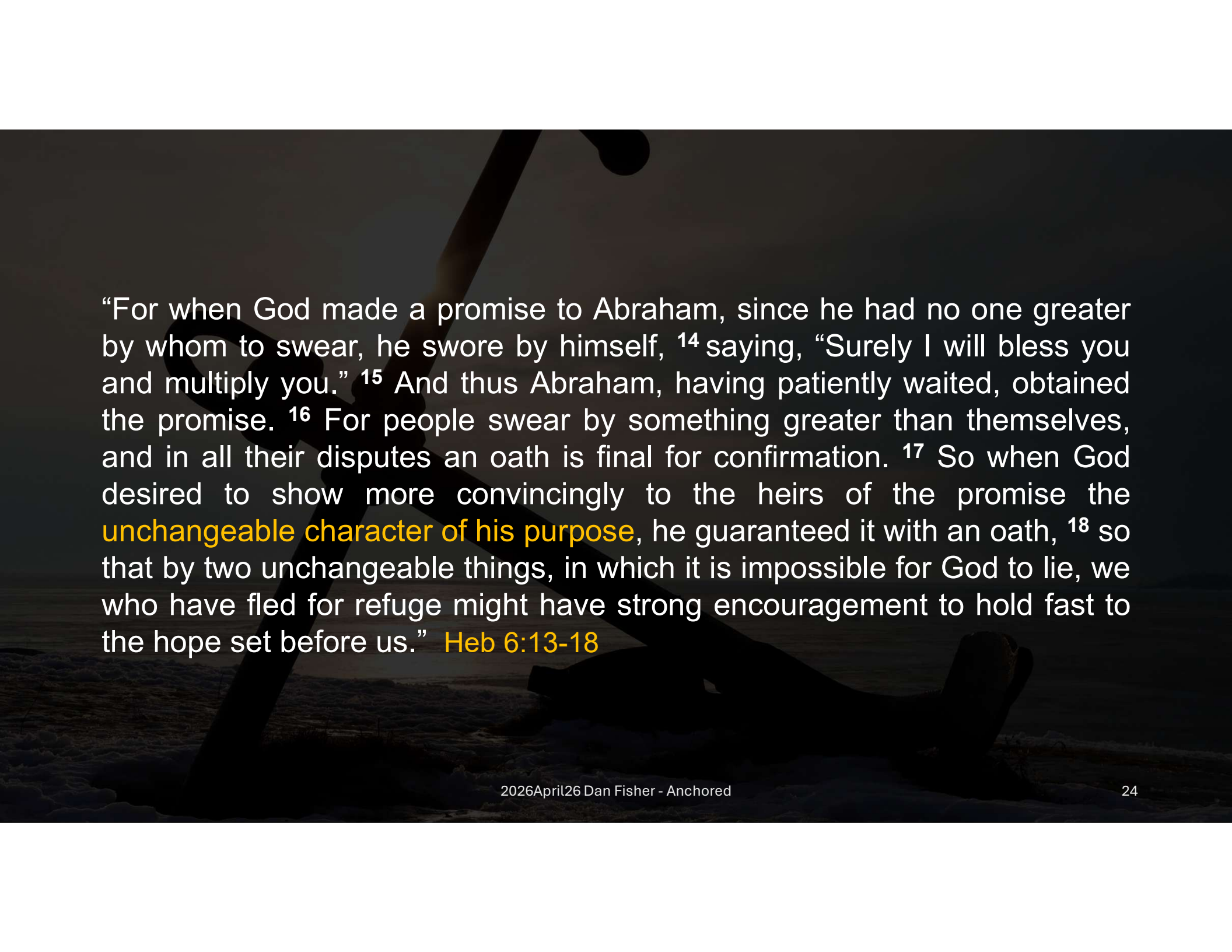
**Dan 2:21**

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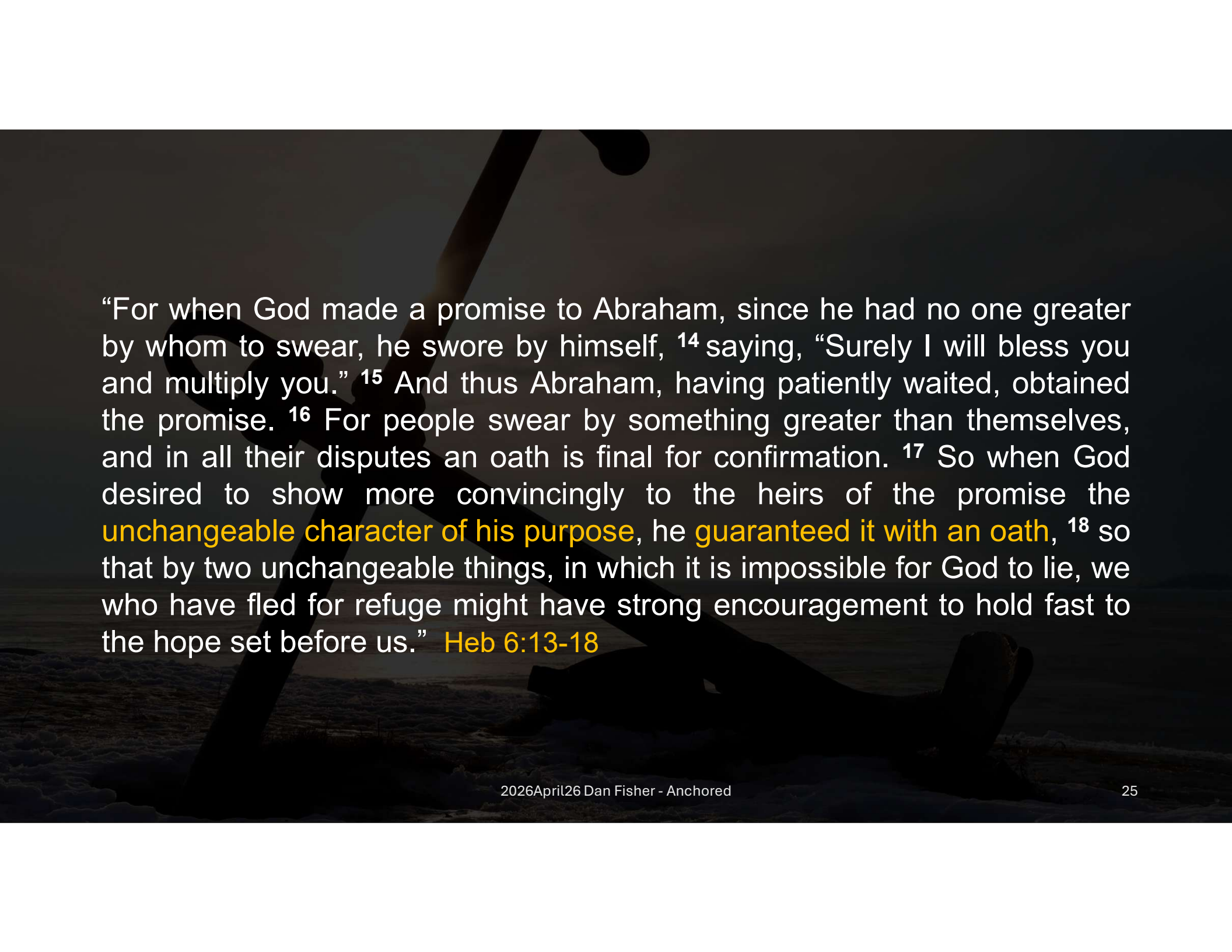
# 5. The absolute certainty of God & His promise over us



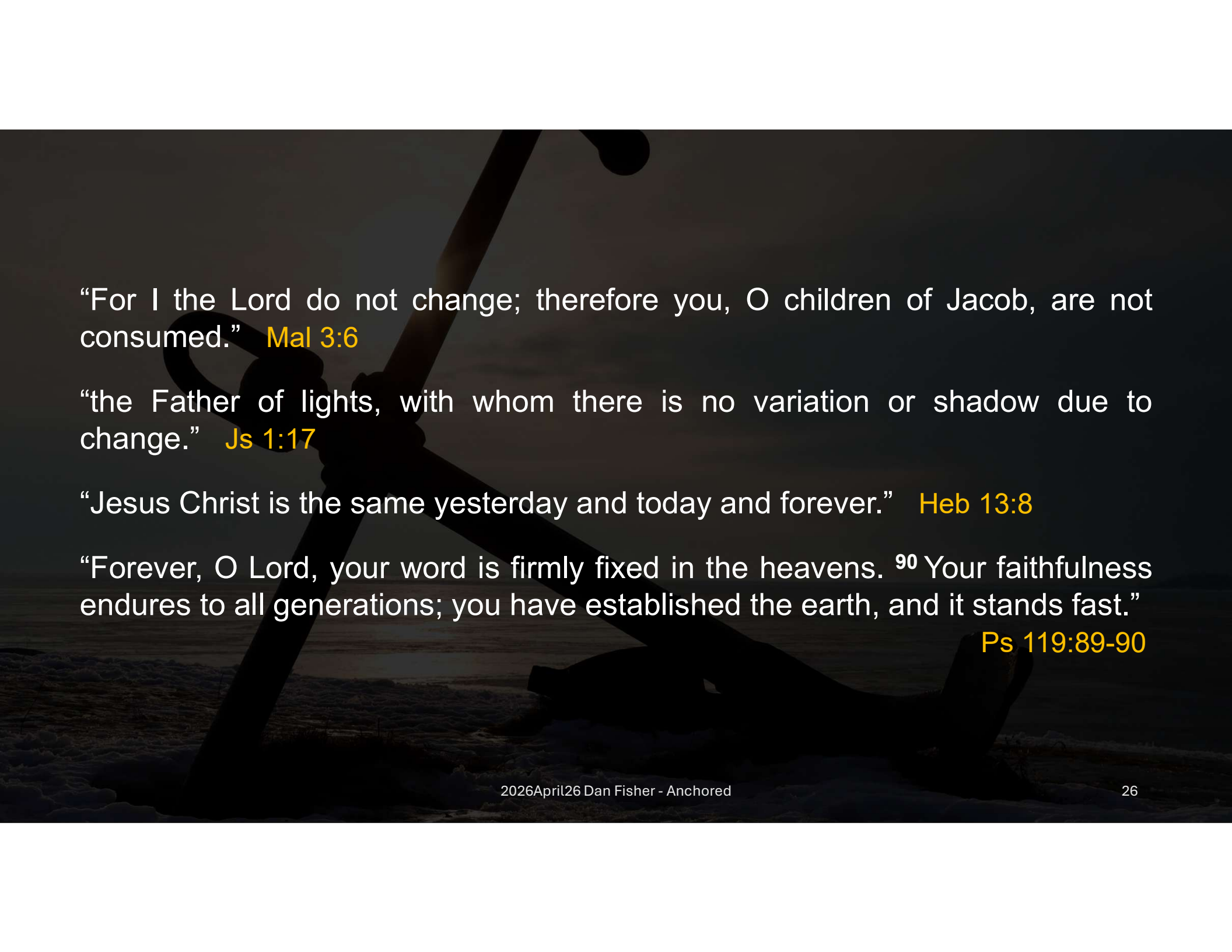
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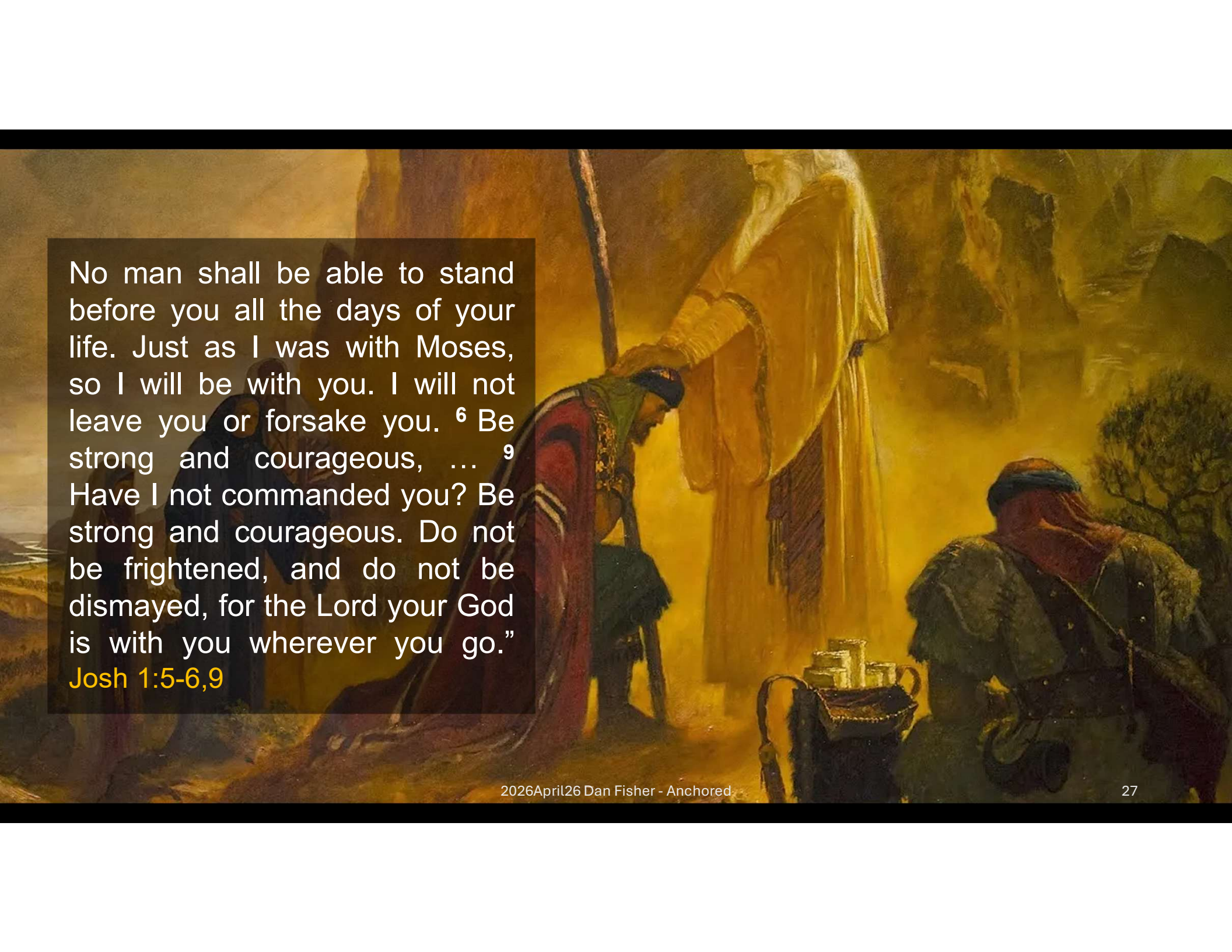


“For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.” **Mal 3:6**

“the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” **Js 1:17**

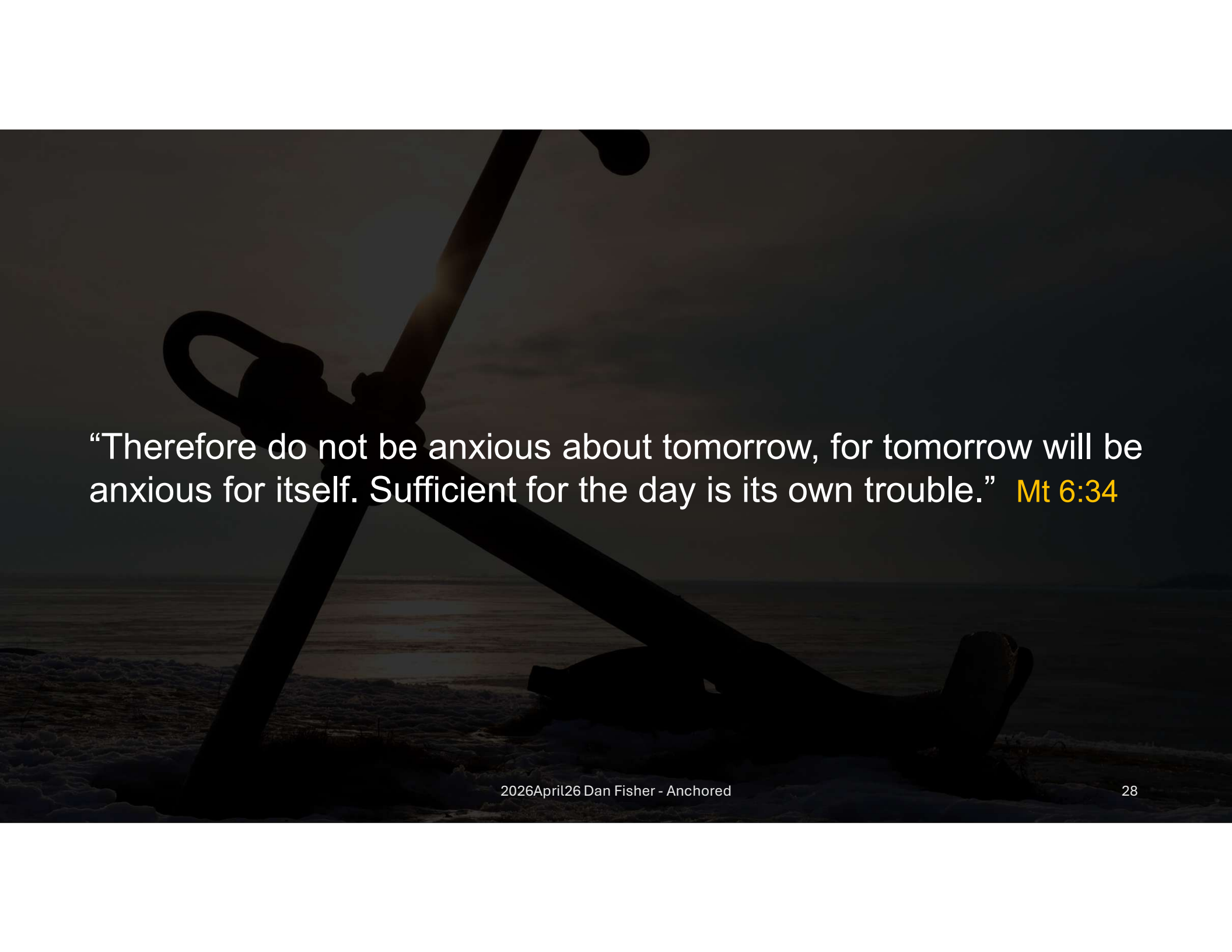
“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” **Heb 13:8**

“Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. <sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.” **Ps 119:89-90**



No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, ... <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

**Josh 1:5-6,9**

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“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Mt 6:34