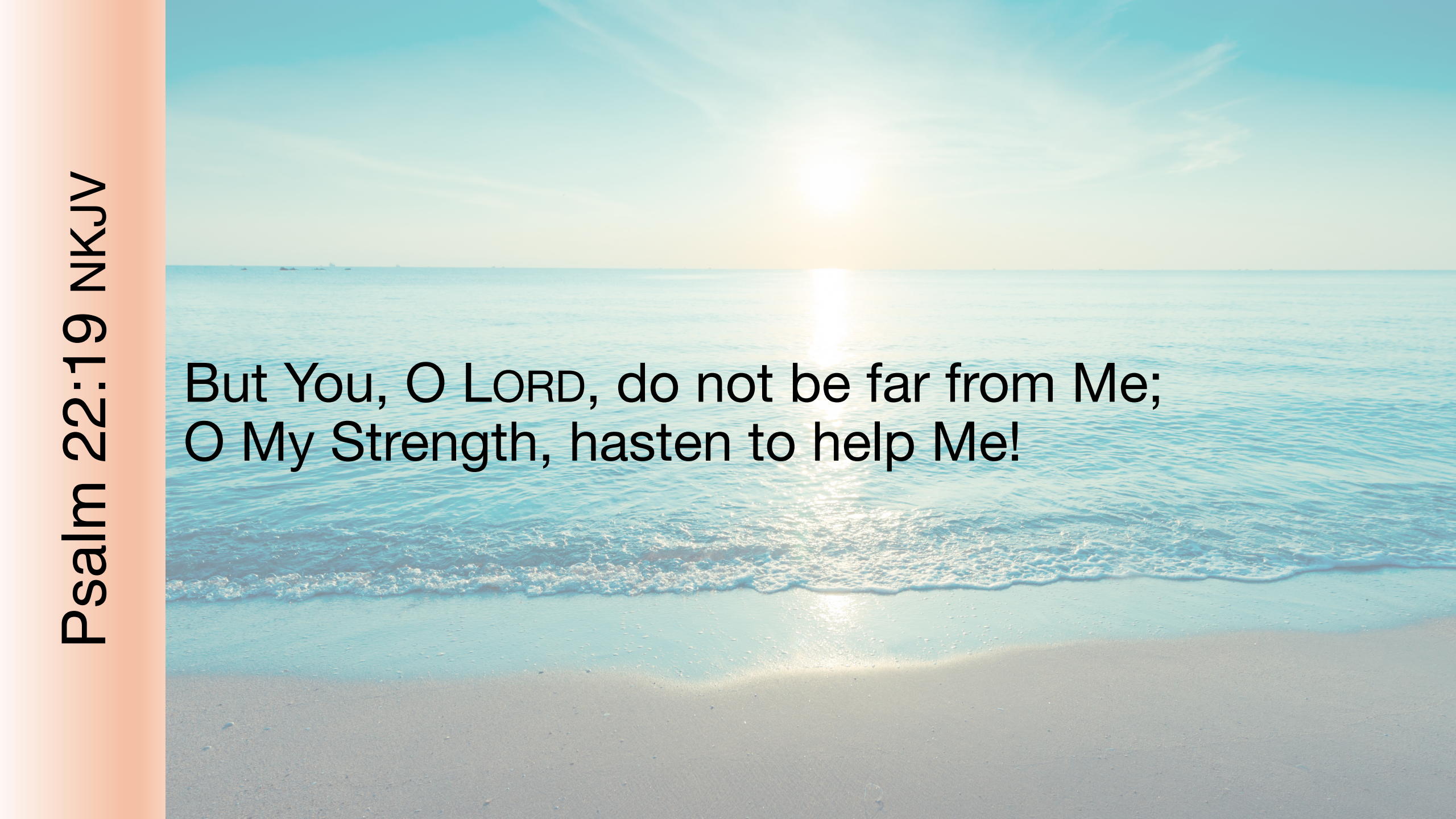


When Heaven is Silent



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Psalm 22:19 NKJV



But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Prayer Life:

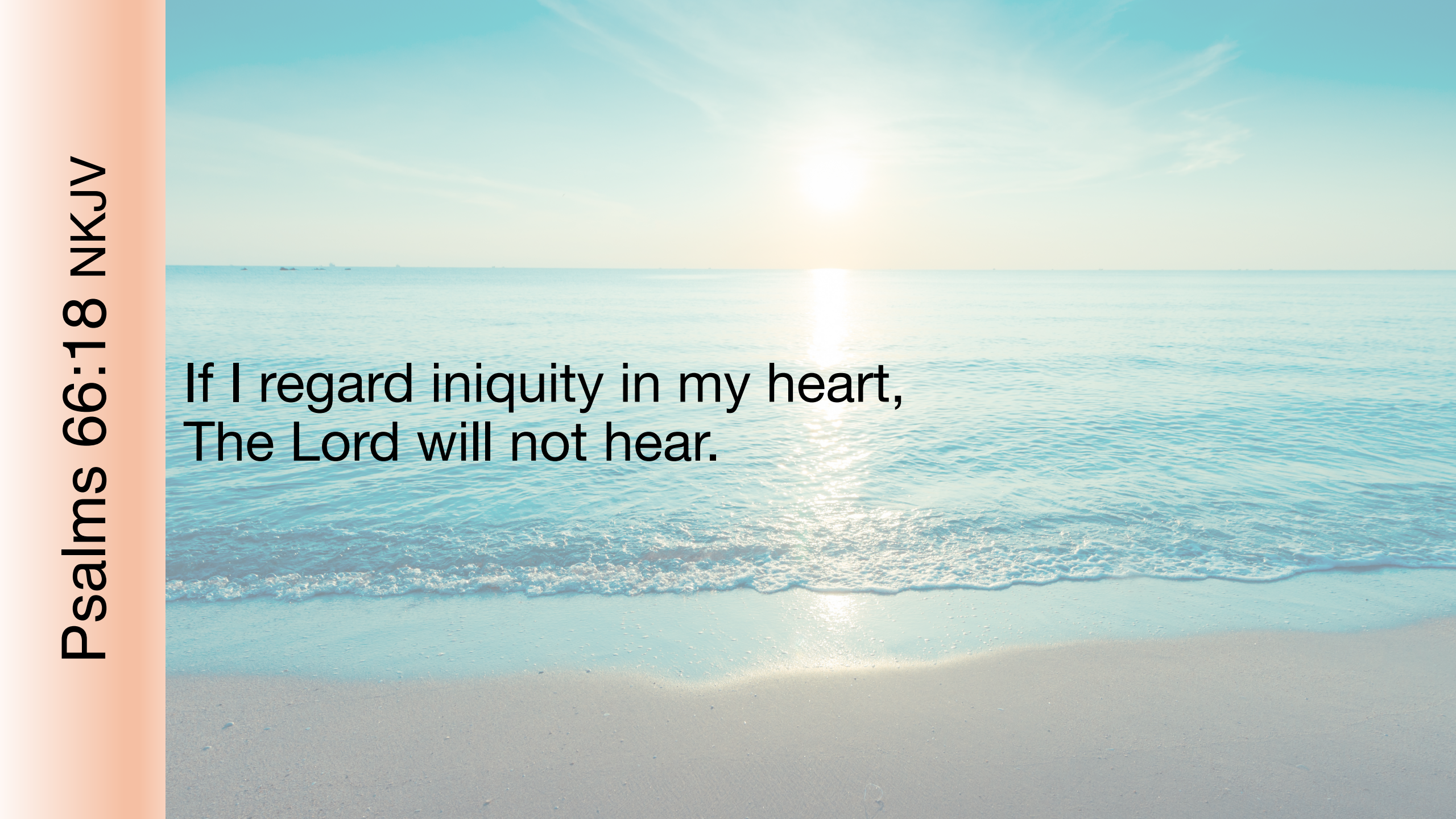
Sometimes it's all ask

...no listen.

Why God might be Silent:

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2. Cherish iniquity or sin in our hearts.

Psalms 66:18 NKJV

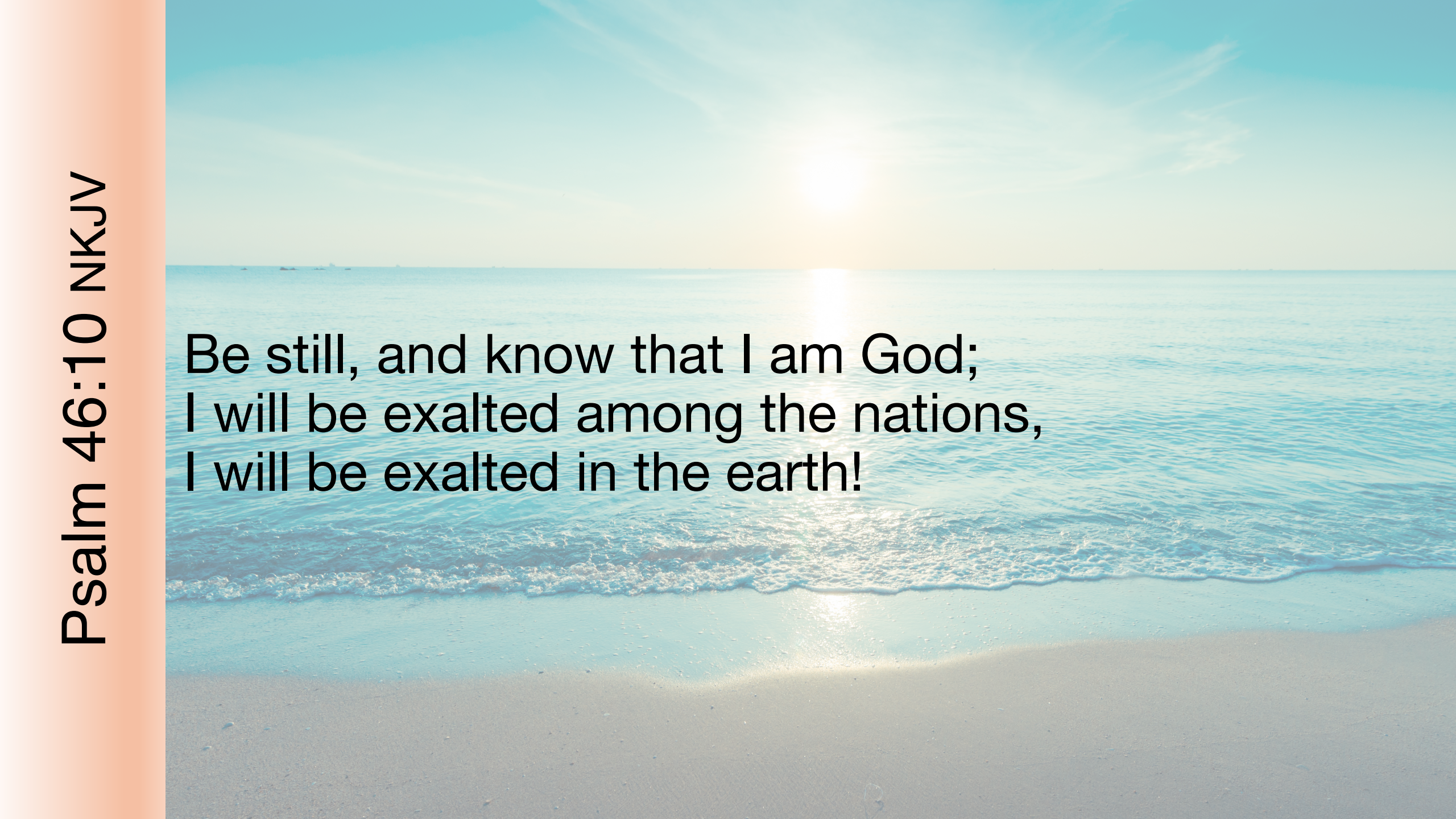


If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear.

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Psalm 46:10 NKJV



Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

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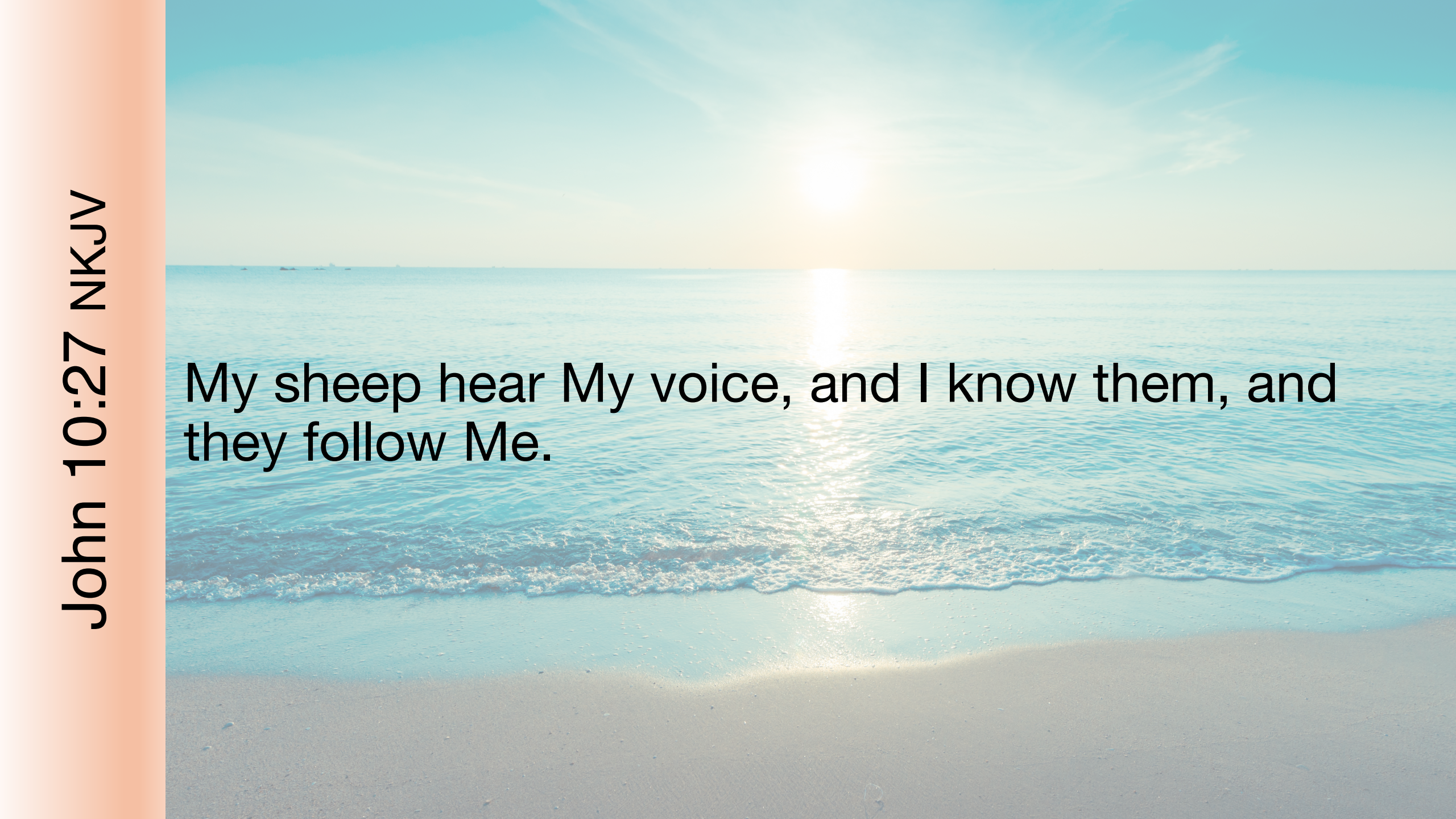
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4. We don't approach the Lord with right hearts.
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For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

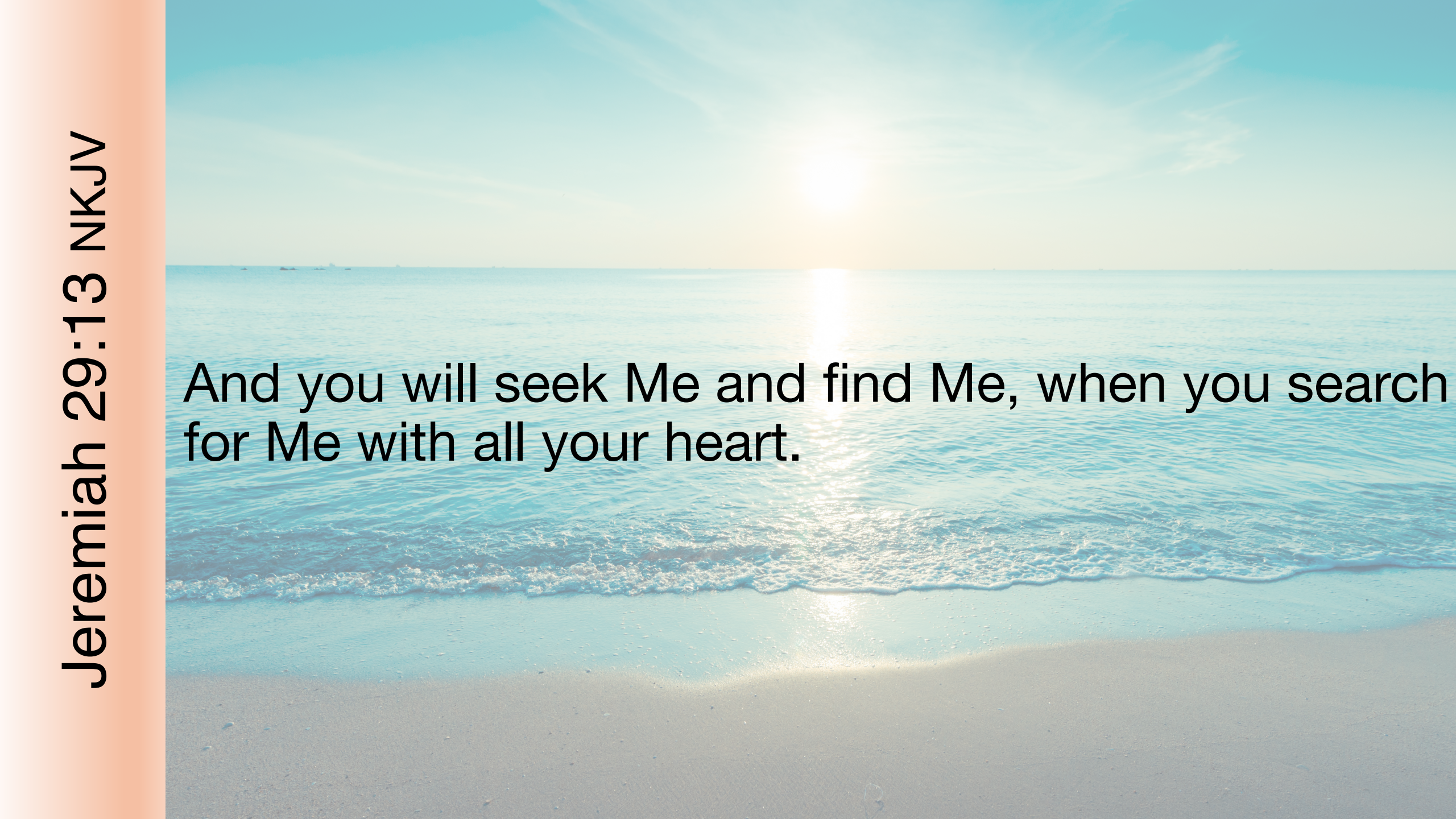
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6. We don't wait on the Lord for answers.

John 10:27 NKJV



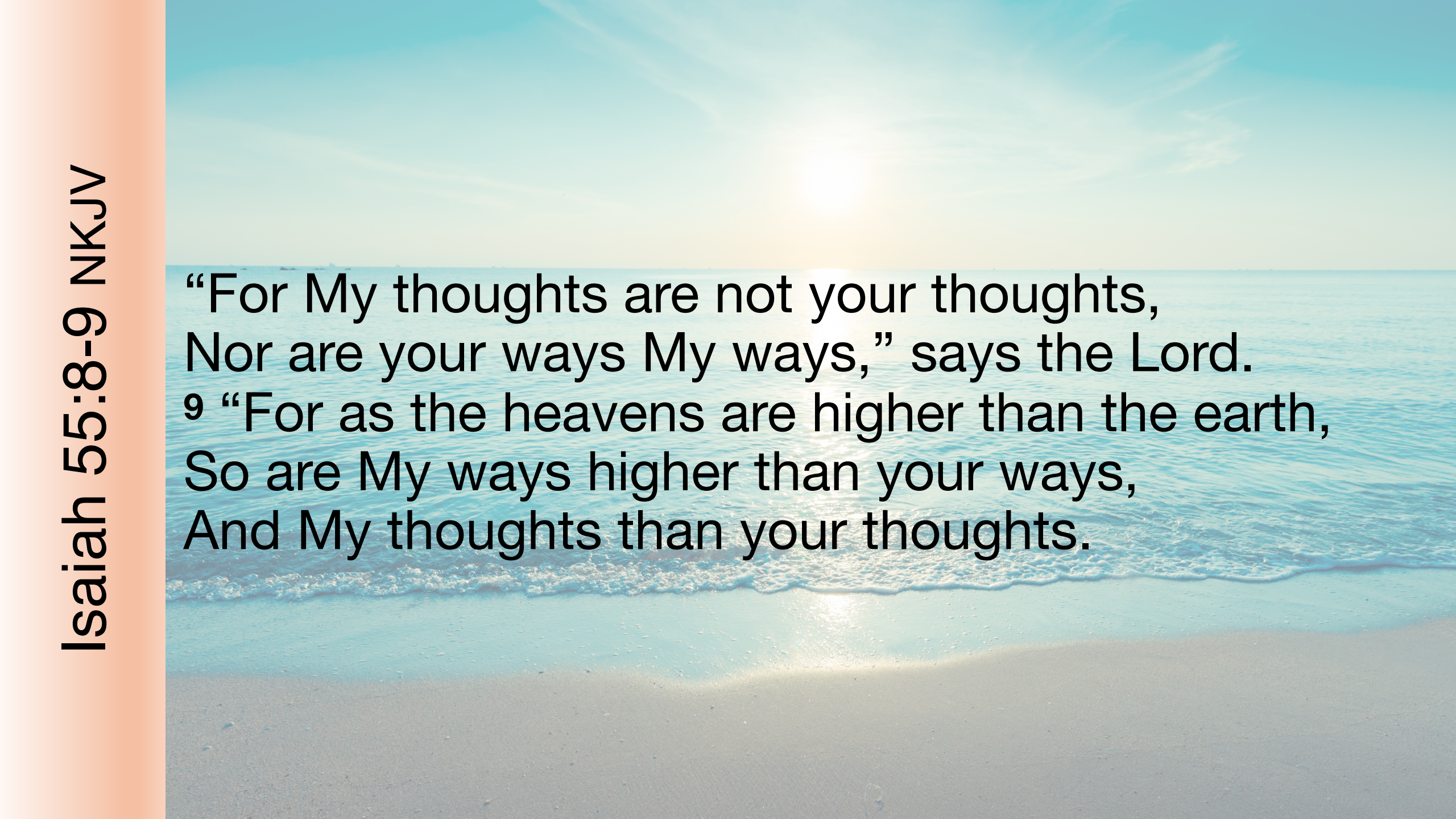
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.



And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Truth:

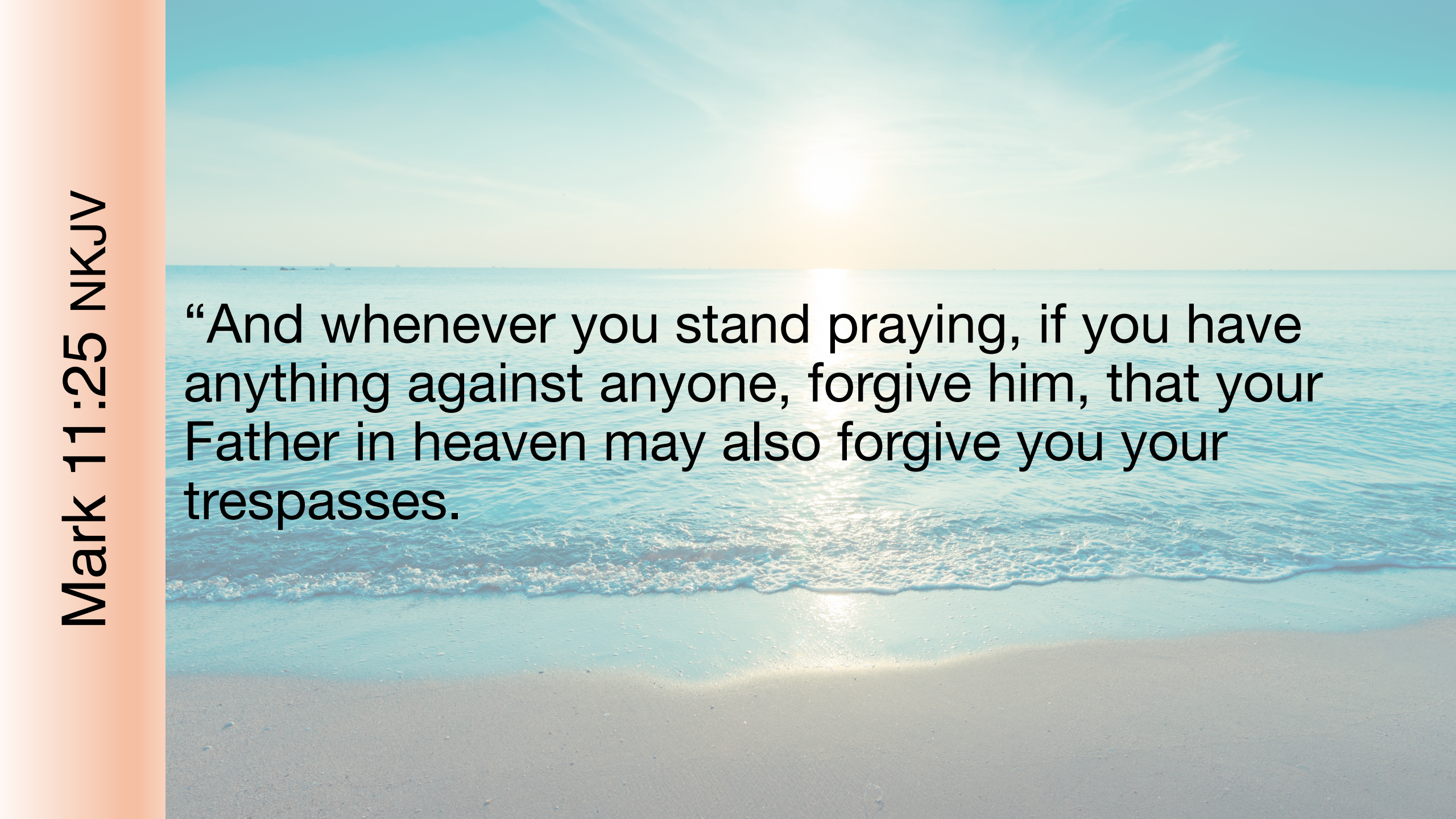
Silence does not mean absence.



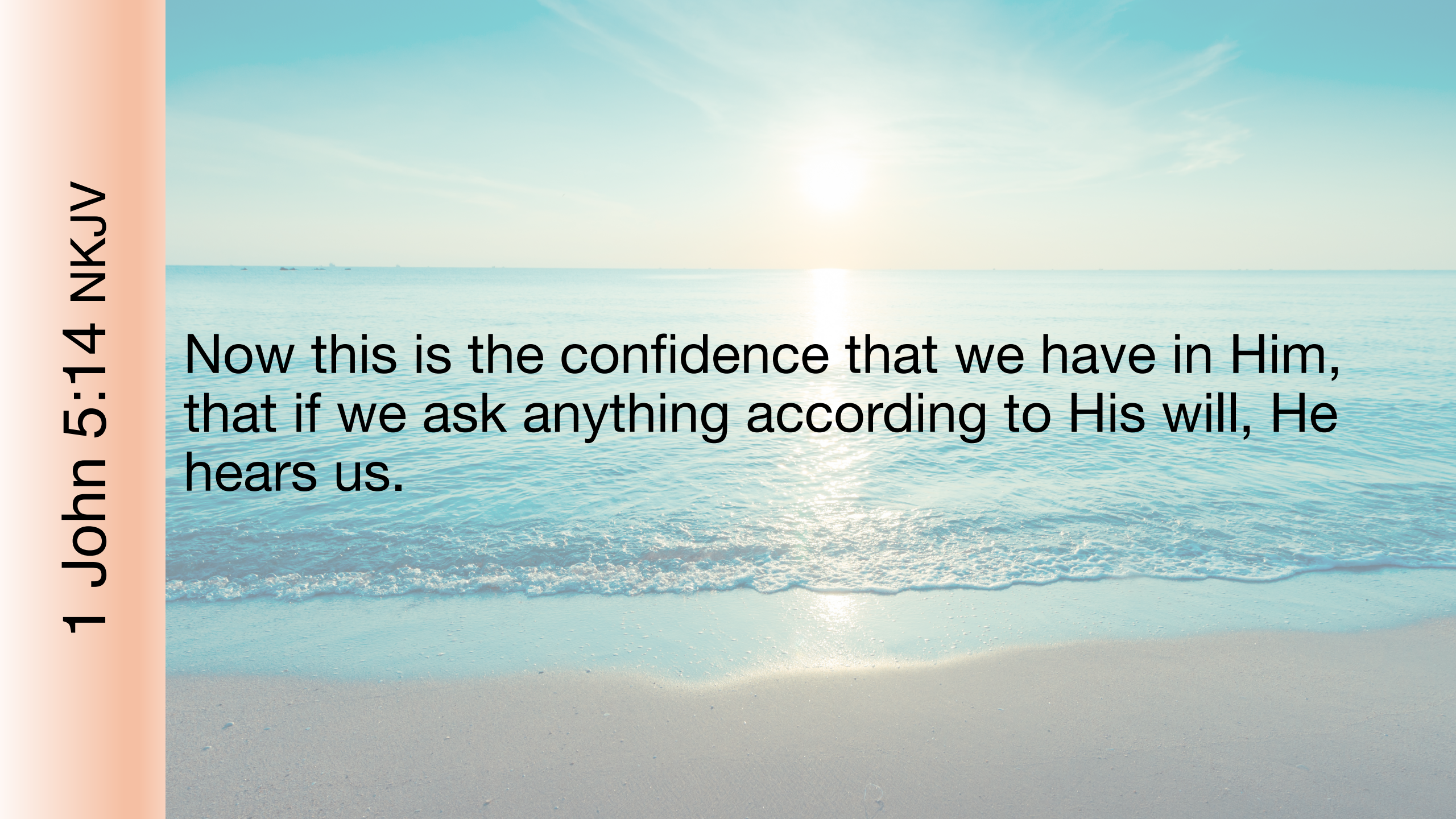
“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.
⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Answers to Prayers:

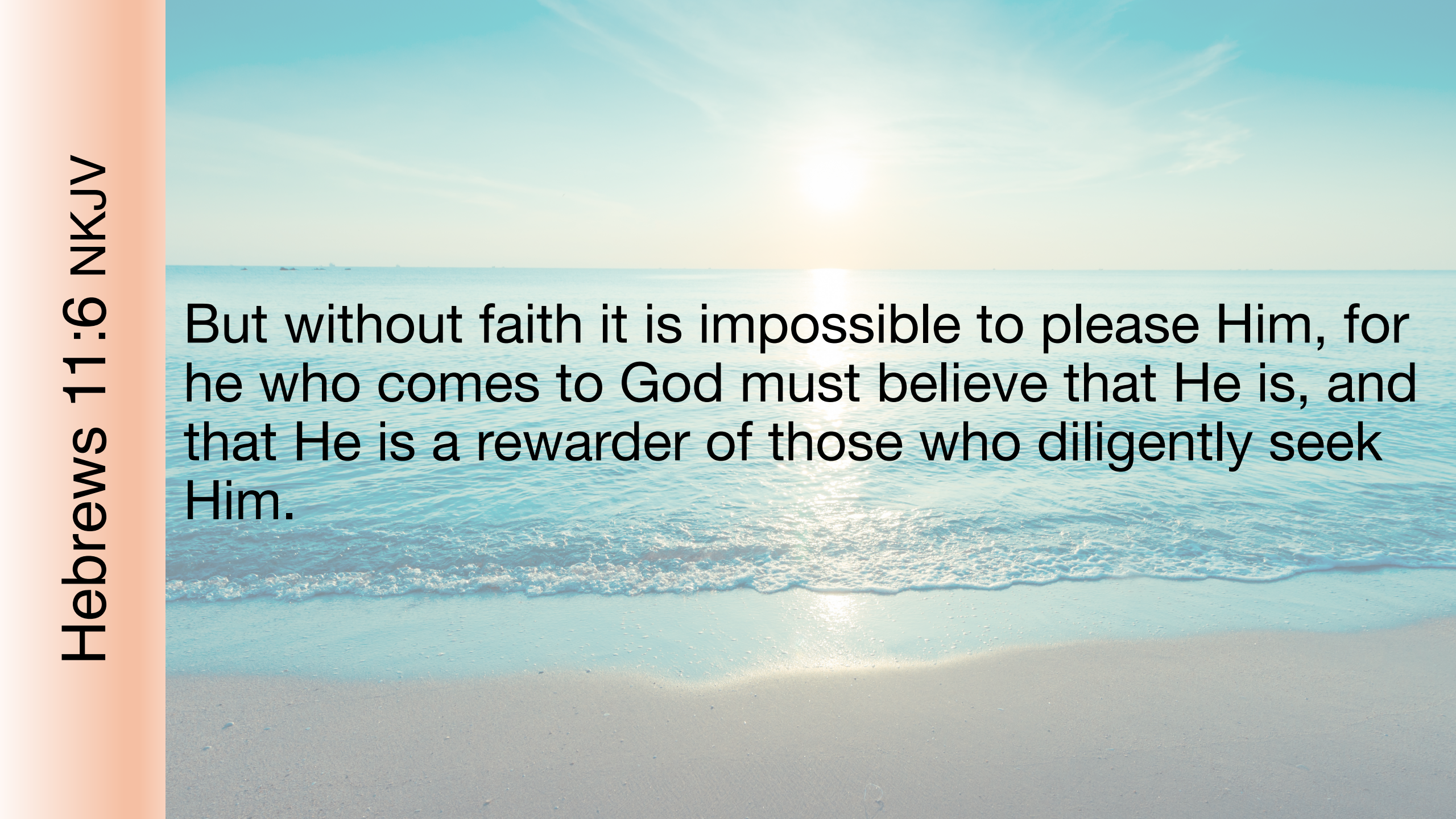
1. No
2. Slow
3. Grow
4. Go



“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

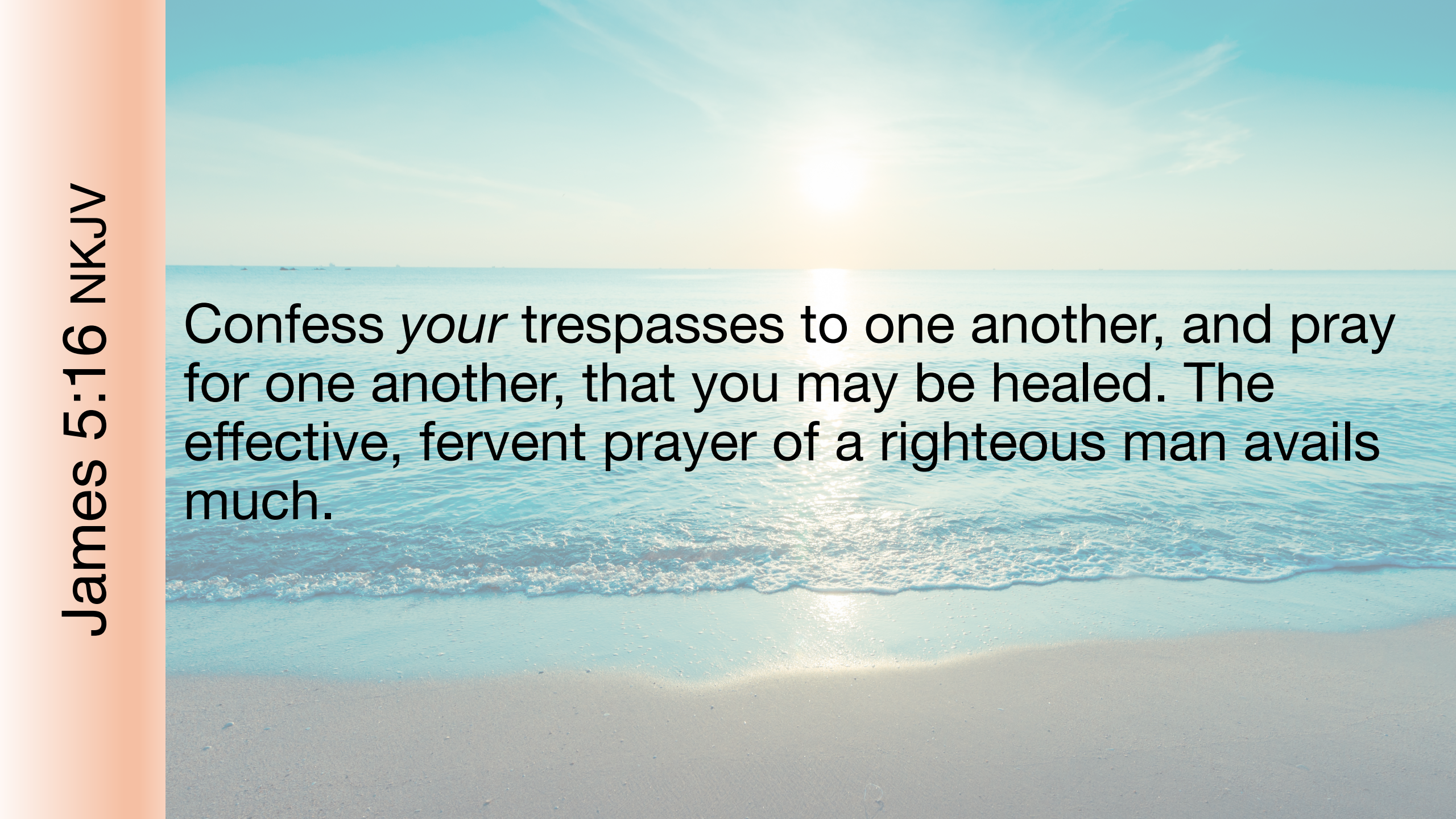


Now this is the confidence that we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, He
hears us.



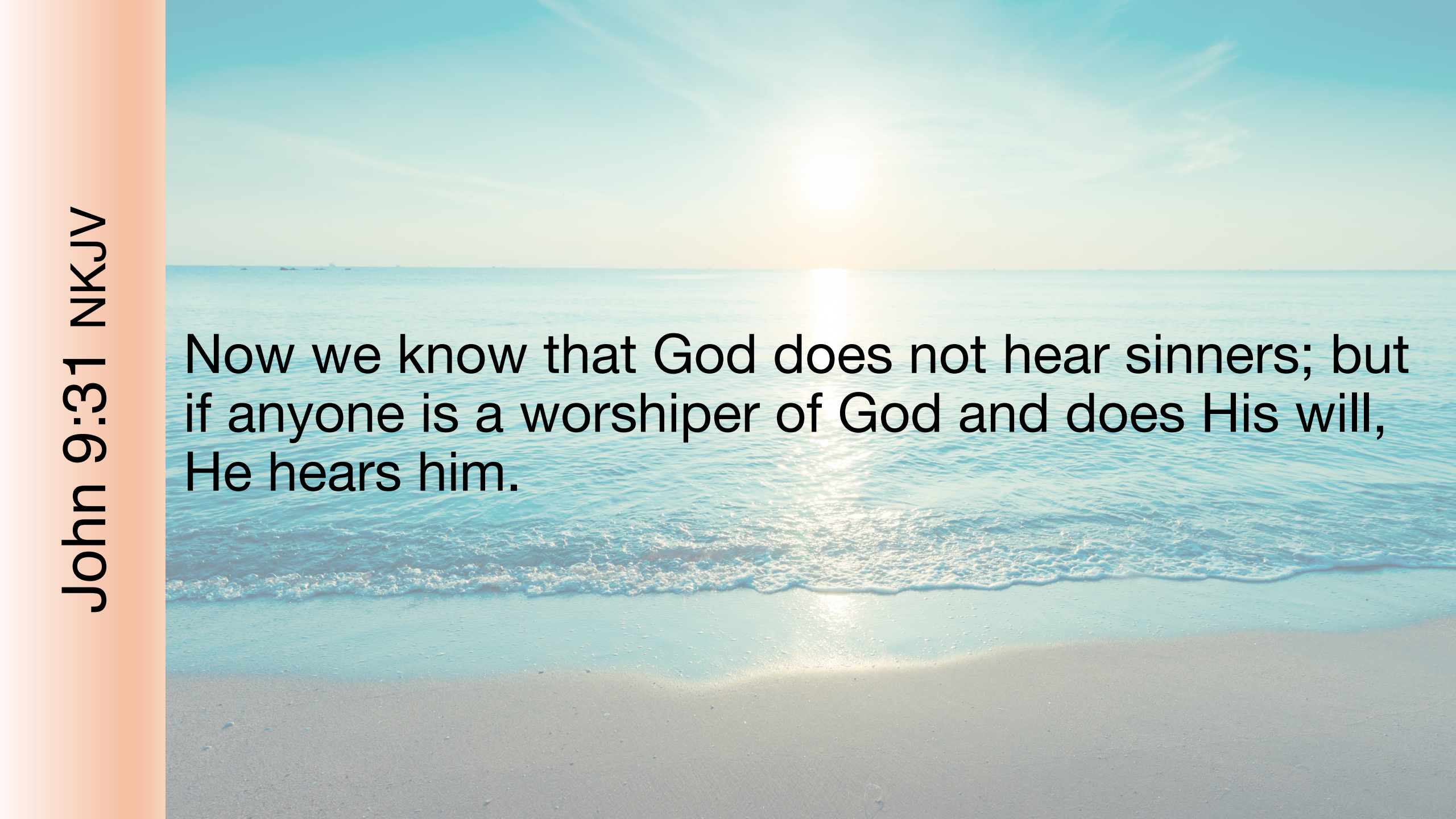
But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

John 9:31 NKJV

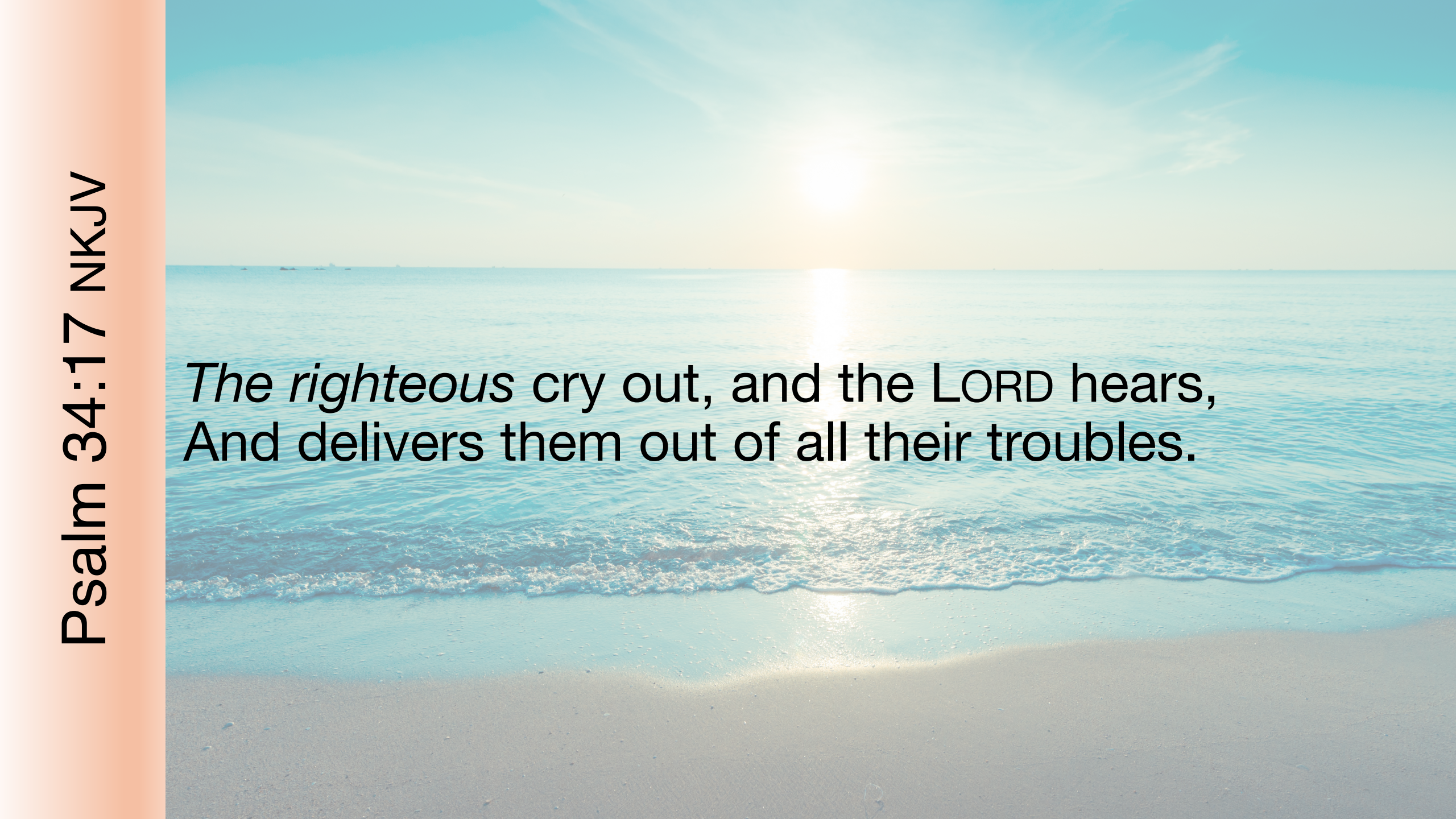


Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him and honor him.

Psalm 34:17 NKJV



*The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.*

Quote:

“When you can't put your prayer into words,
God hears your heart.”

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