

PART ONE

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EXPECT THE
UNEXPECTED

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A desert landscape with rolling sand dunes under a clear sky. In the foreground, a single, lush green tree stands next to a small, calm pond. The scene is framed by a dark, curved border that looks like a window or a stage opening.

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Luke 1:5-25

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Promise in Malachi 3

“See, I will send my messenger,
who will prepare the way before me.

Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come
to his temple; the messenger of the covenant,
whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

Malachi 3:1

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**“In the time of
Herod king of Judea...”**

National level,

- It was a challenging time for the Jews
- They had been conquered by the Assyrians
- Then conquered by the Babylonians
- Then now under the Roman empire
- King Herod was known for his spectacular building programs and his paranoid cruelty
- He built many idols for Roman gods
- There was godlessness in the land

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“...There was a priest named Zechariah..... Priestly division....

Spiritual level,

- Priesthood was corrupt
- The temple had become a place of trading and profit
- Many priests were obsessed with traditions, rather than God.

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**“But they had no children,
because Elizabeth was barren;
and they were both well along in years.”**

Personal level,

- They were childless
- They were too old to have children

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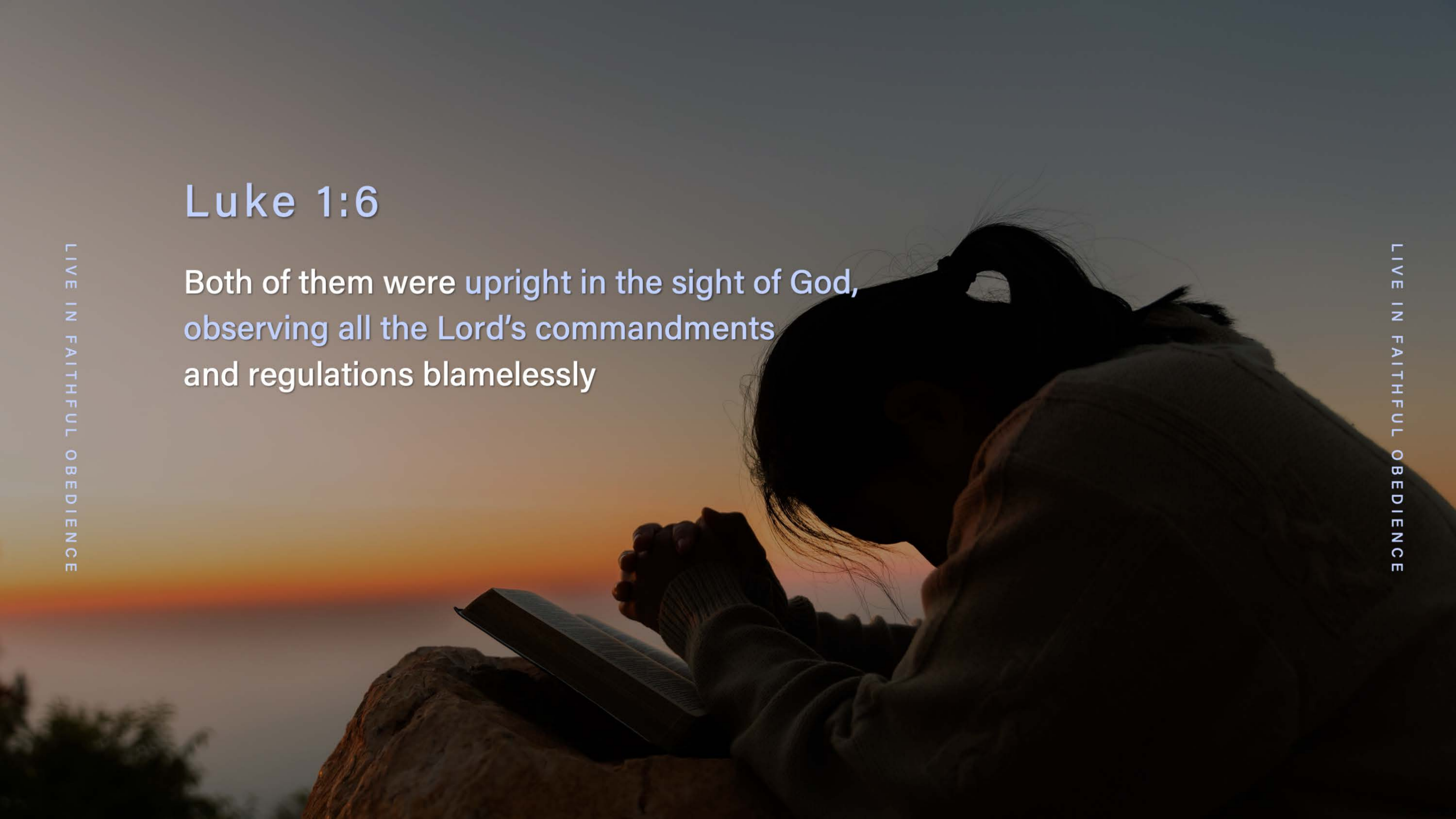
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Live in
Faithful Obedience



Luke 1:6

Both of them were upright in the sight of God,
observing all the Lord's commandments
and regulations blamelessly



A person is shown in silhouette, kneeling on a rock and praying with their hands clasped. An open Bible rests on the rock in front of them. The background is a soft sunset over a body of water, with a gradient from orange to blue. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Luke 1:8

Zechariah was chosen to go into the temple of the Lord

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Luke 1:8-17

The Divine and Powerful God invades into the scene of hopelessness!

Luke 1:13-17

v13

But the angel said to him "Do not be afraid Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife will bear you a son and you are to give him the name John."

v14-15

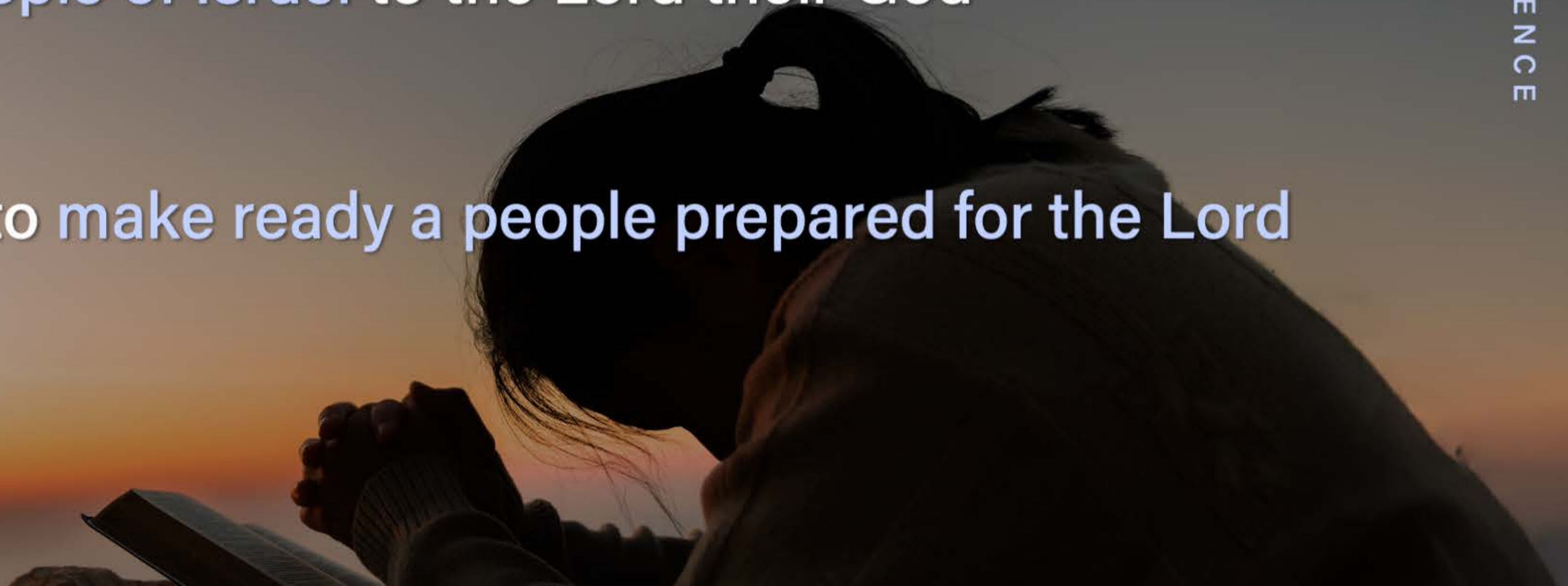
He will be a joy and delight to you... great in the sight of God...

v16

He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God

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He will go on before the Lord..... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord



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Live in Faithful Trust



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Live in
Faithful Proclamation



Luke 1:67-79

Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied...

Thanksgiving
Power
Salvation



Psalm 37:1-7

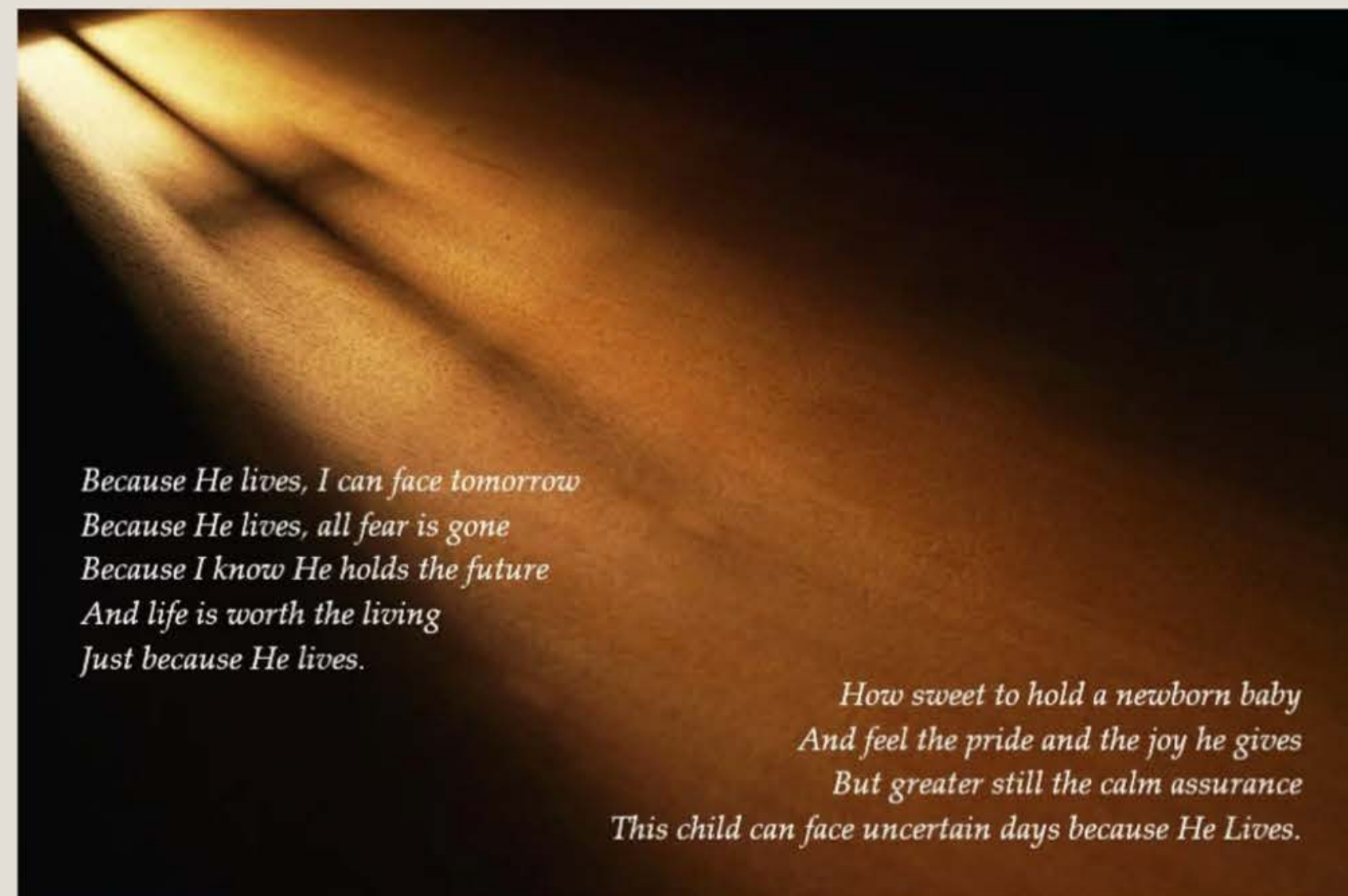
“Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pastures. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will grant you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this; He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.”



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