

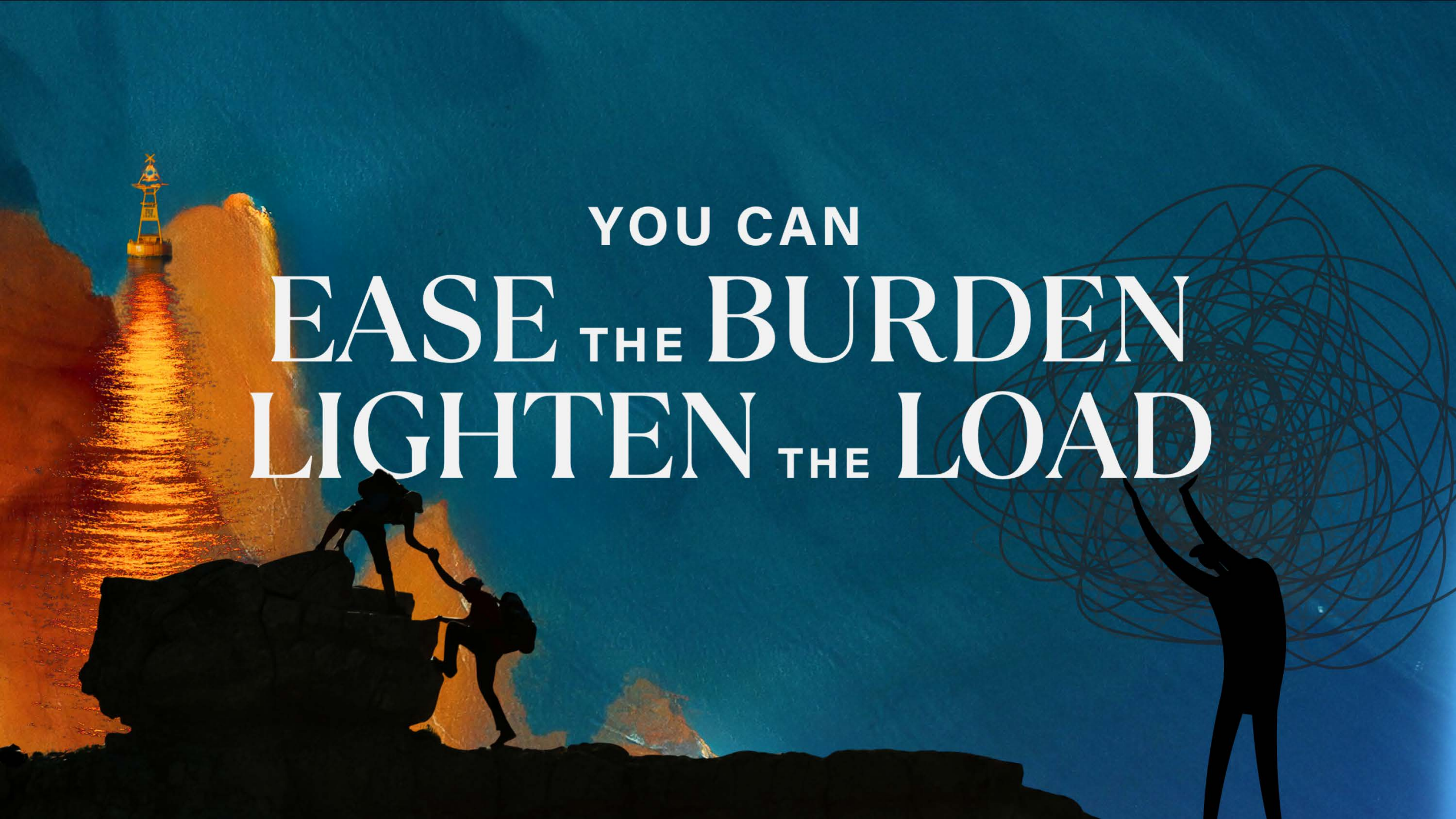
GALATIANS 6:17 NIV

From now on, let no one cause me trouble,
for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The Apostle Paul's Sufferings



2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28



YOU CAN
EASE THE BURDEN
LIGHTEN THE LOAD



TO BE
HOLY

EXODUS 28:36-38 NIV

³⁶ Make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal: *HOLY TO THE LORD*. ³⁷ Fasten a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban; it is to be on the front of the turban. ³⁸ It will be on Aaron's forehead...It will be on Aaron's forehead continually so that they will be acceptable to the *LORD*.



*The single most important mark of a leader
in God's house is HOLINESS!*



Unhealthy Legalism

Careless Complacency

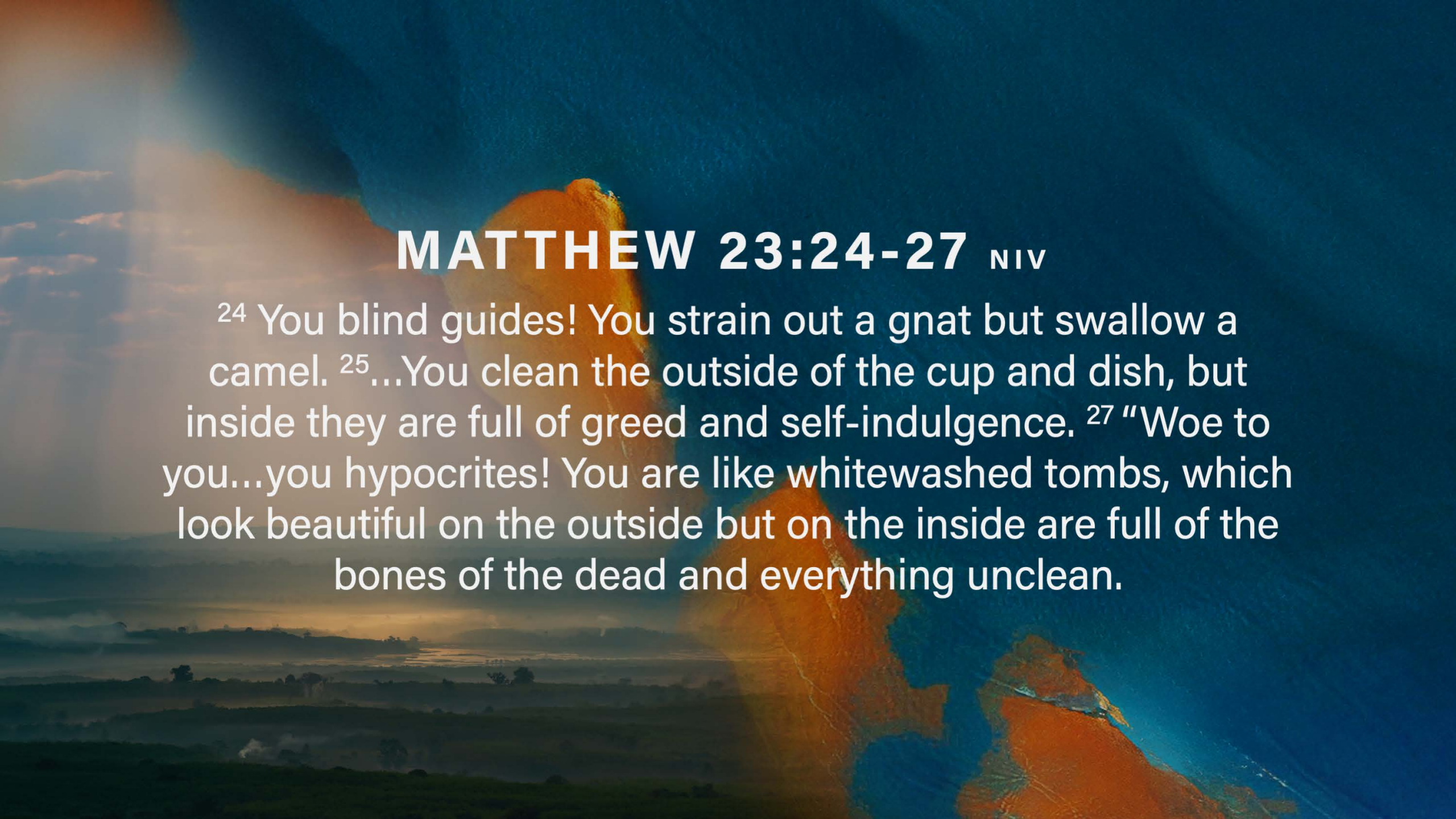
The background is a dramatic landscape painting. It features a dark, stormy sky with deep blue and black tones. A bright, glowing horizon line is visible, suggesting a sunrise or sunset over a body of water. The water reflects the light from the horizon. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted hills or mountains. The overall mood is somber yet hopeful, with the light from the horizon providing a sense of direction and hope.

HEBREWS 12:14 NIV

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

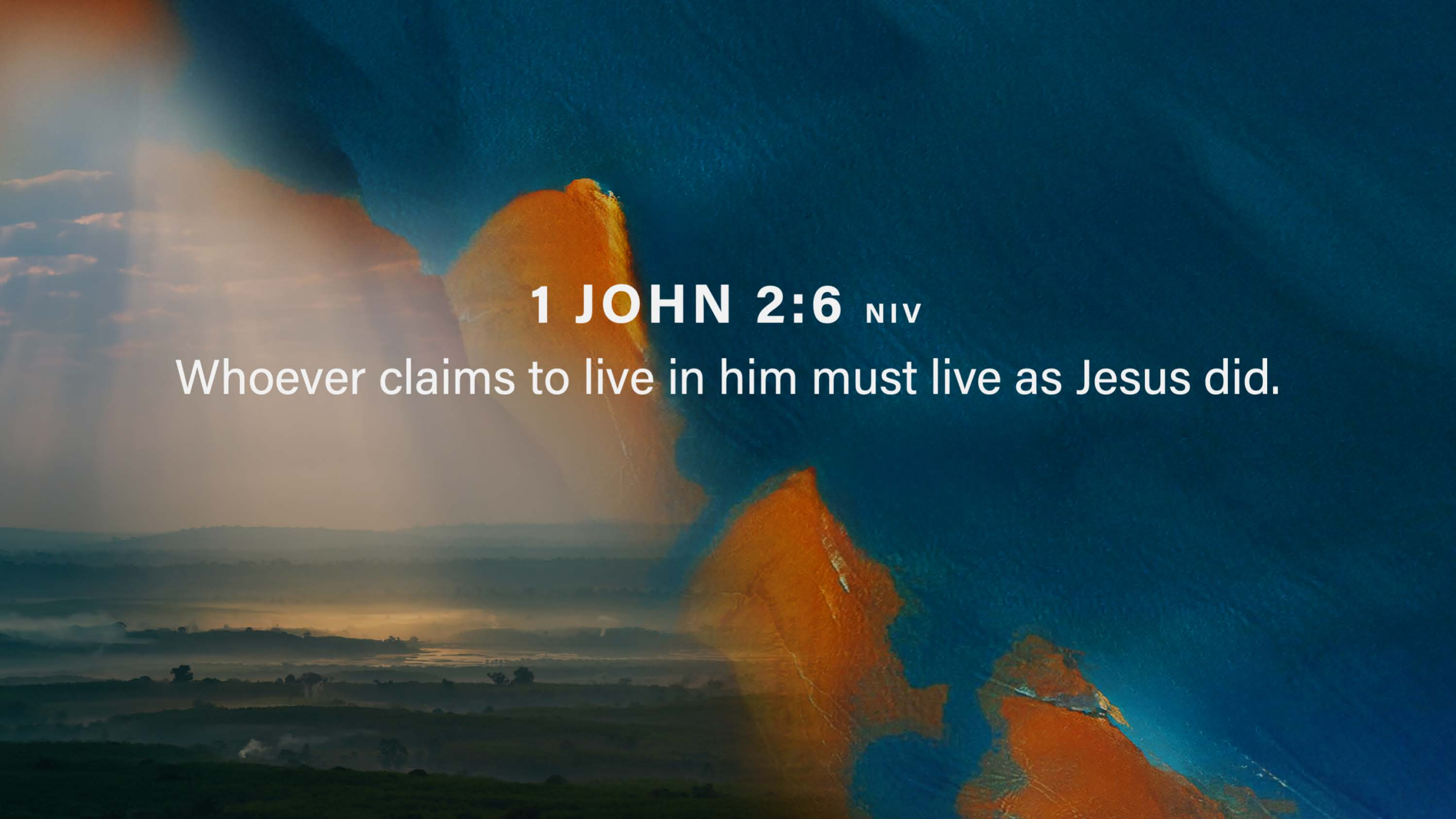
MATTHEW 5:20 NIV

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law,
you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



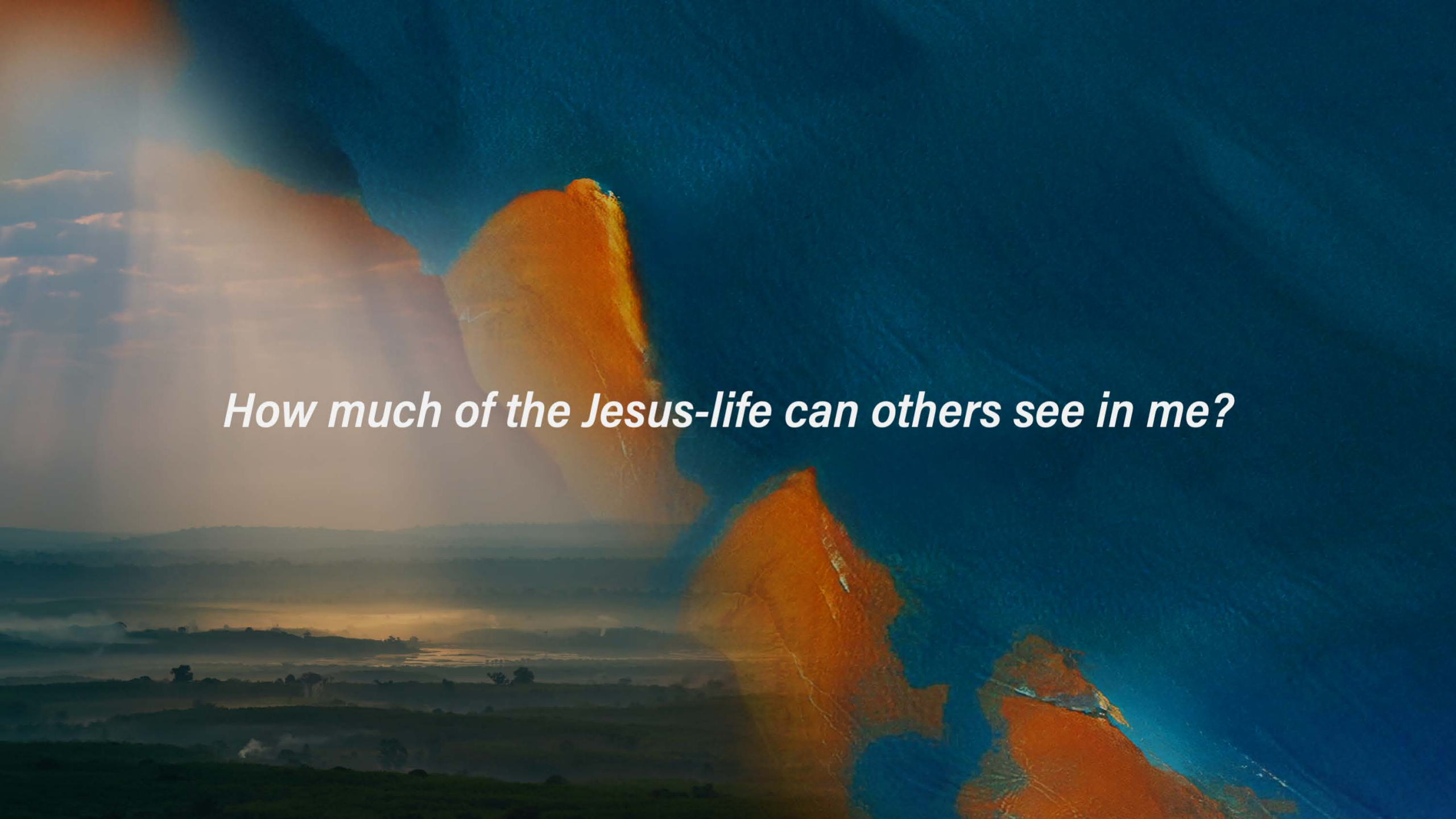
MATTHEW 23:24-27 NIV

²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. ²⁵...You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁷ "Woe to you...you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.



1 JOHN 2:6 NIV

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

The background is a dramatic landscape painting. The sky is a deep, textured blue. Large, billowing clouds in shades of orange and yellow are scattered across the sky, with some appearing to glow from within. The lower portion of the image shows a dark, hazy horizon line with silhouettes of distant hills and trees. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

How much of the Jesus-life can others see in me?

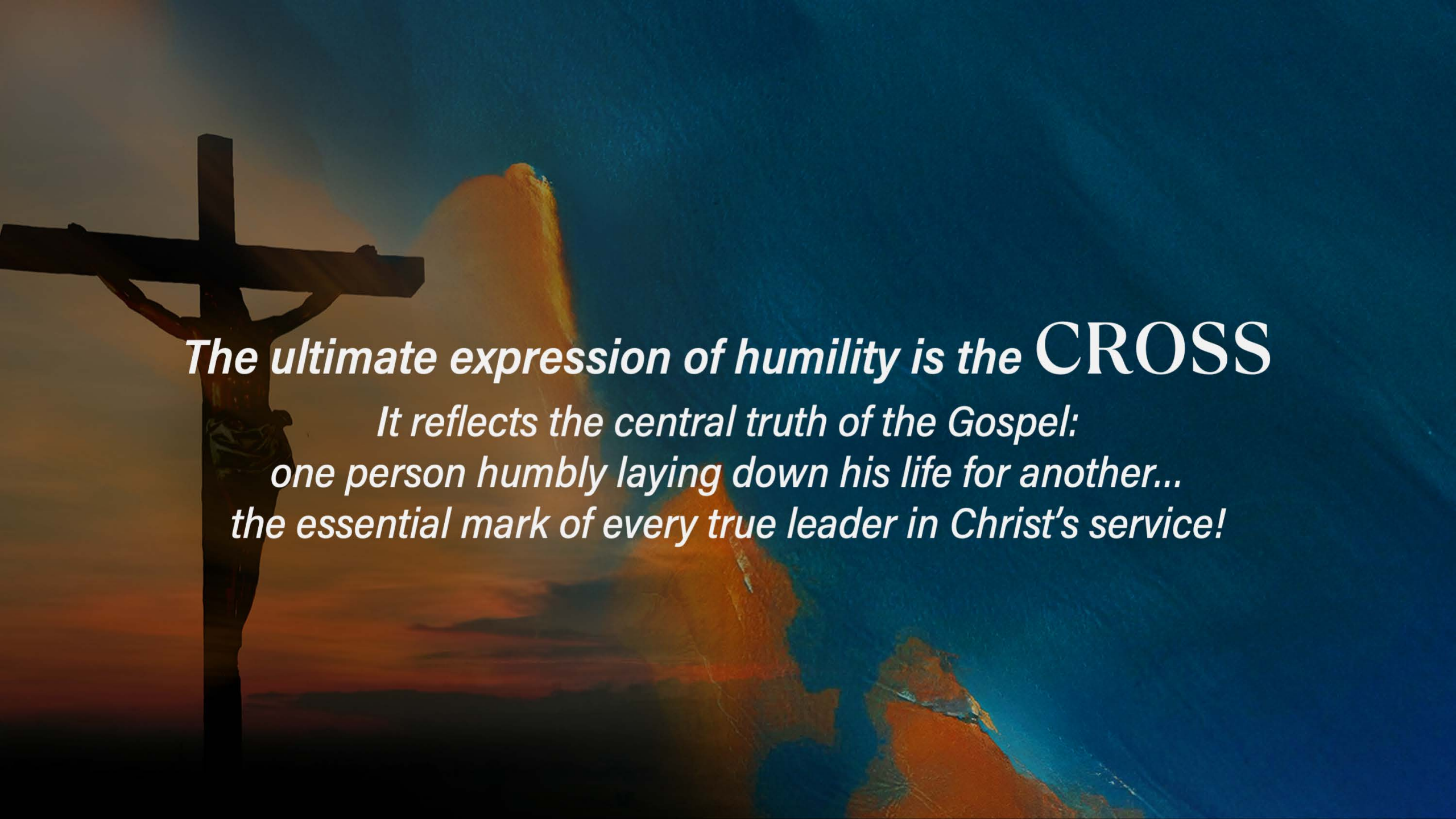
A person is shown from the waist down, wearing a white robe and blue trousers. They are pouring water from a decorated clay jar into a shallow wooden basin. Their right foot is resting in the basin. The background is a textured blue wall with orange and yellow paint splatters. The text "TO BE HUMBLE" is overlaid in white serif font.

TO BE
HUMBLE



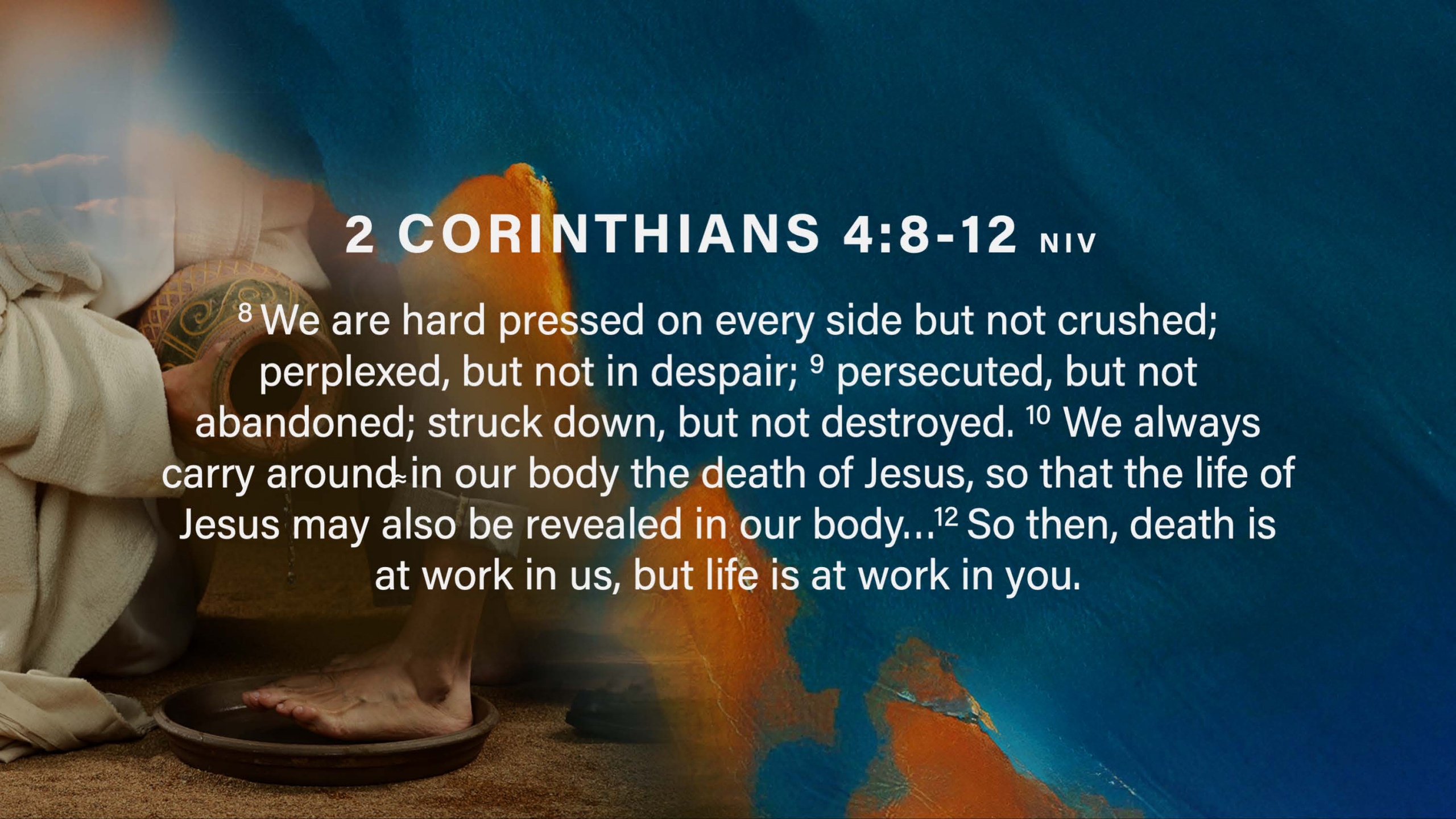
PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves...have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God...made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant...he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!

The image features a silhouette of a person on a cross, positioned on the left side. The background is a dramatic, textured composition of orange and blue hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The ultimate expression of humility is the CROSS

*It reflects the central truth of the Gospel:
one person humbly laying down his life for another...
the essential mark of every true leader in Christ's service!*



2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-12 NIV

⁸ We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body...¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.



*God opposes the proud but
shows favor to the humble*

PROVERBS 3:34

JAMES 4:6

1 PETER 5:5

A person wearing a white robe and blue trousers is kneeling on a sandy floor. They are holding a large, decorated clay jug and pouring water from it into a shallow, dark metal bowl. Their right foot is placed in the bowl, and water is visible on the sand. The background is a deep blue wall with a large, vertical, textured orange and yellow shape, possibly a piece of art or a wall feature.

Humility

- *Keeps us God-dependent*
- *Submissive to authority*
- *Makes us good team players*
- *Always gives God the glory!*

TO GIVE
HONOR



1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13 NLT

¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honour those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.



David & King Saul



1 SAMUEL 24 & 26



Culture of Honor

*Honor one another above
yourselves/ Outdo one another
in showing honor*

ROMANS 12:10
1 PETER 2:17



*I must not let who you are & what you do
change who I am & how I behave!*





DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

David & His Mighty Men

2 SAMUEL 23:15-17



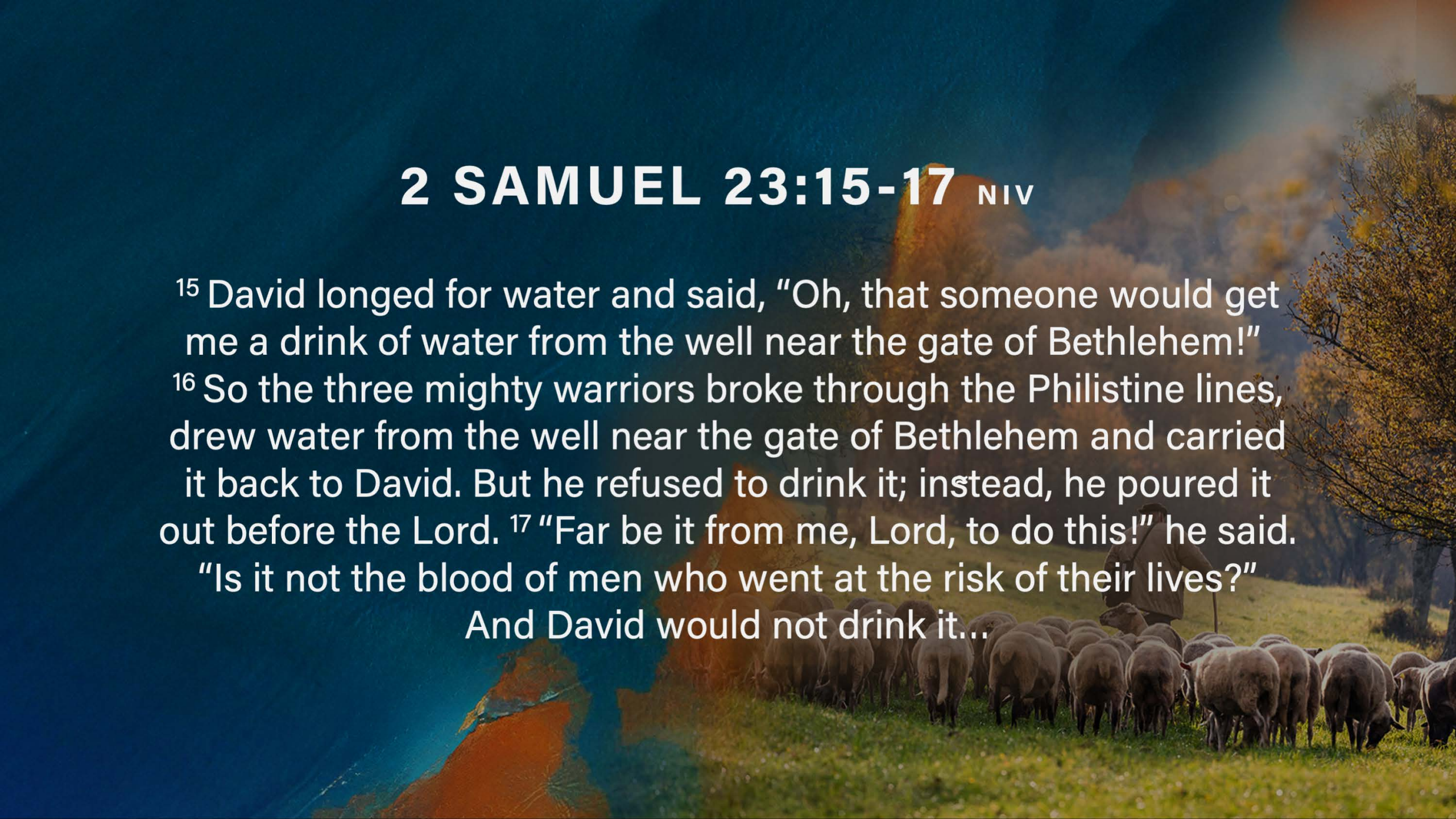
2 SAMUEL 23:15-17 NIV

¹⁵ David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!"

¹⁶ So the three mighty warriors broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Lord. ¹⁷ "Far be it from me, Lord, to do this!" he said.

"Is it not the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives?"

And David would not drink it...



Showing honor is not an option...it's an obligation!



TO SHARE
HAPPINESS



Happy

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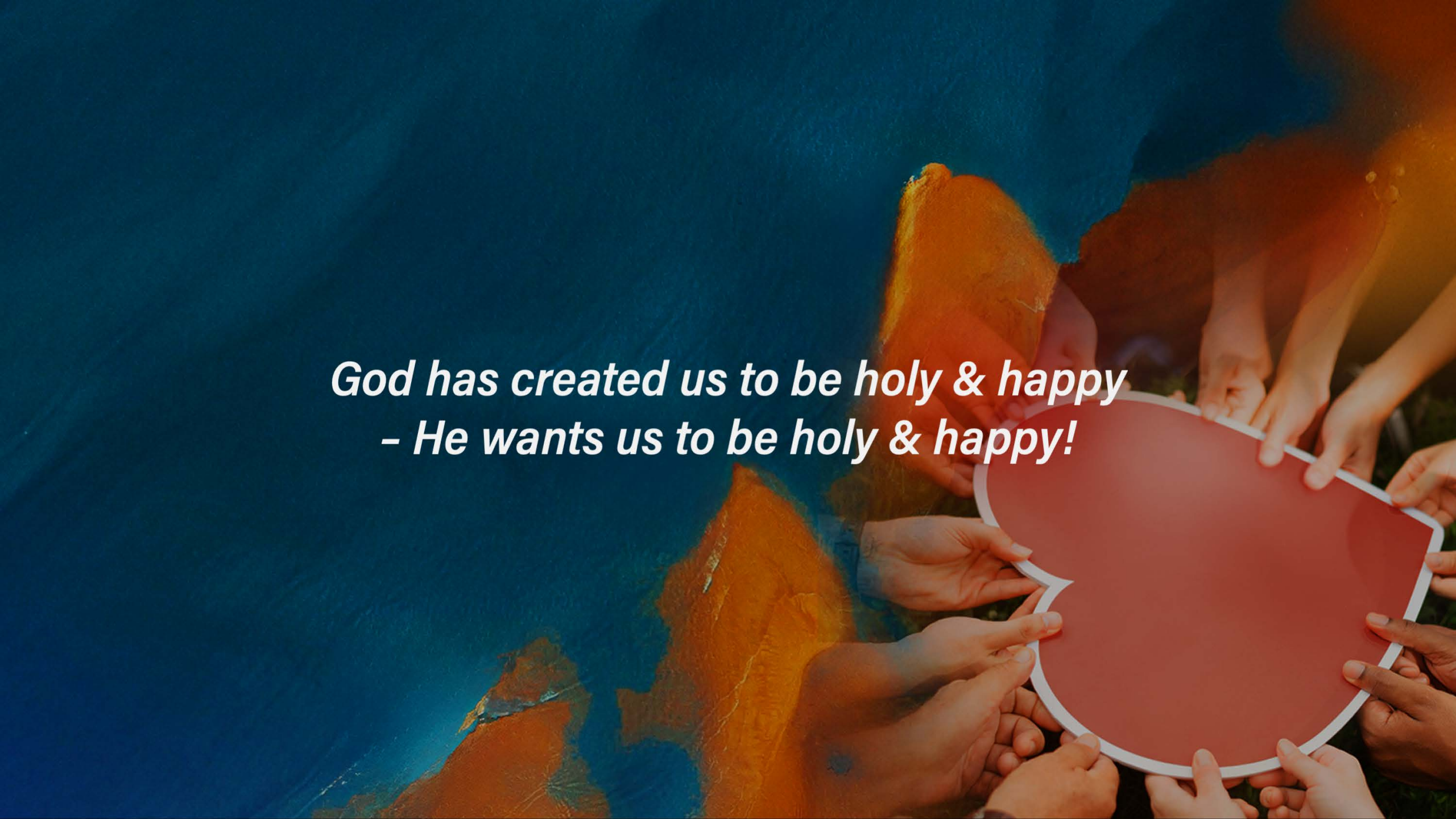
MAKARIOS [NT-Greek]

PSALM 1

MATTHEW 5



***God has created us to be holy & happy
- He wants us to be holy & happy!***

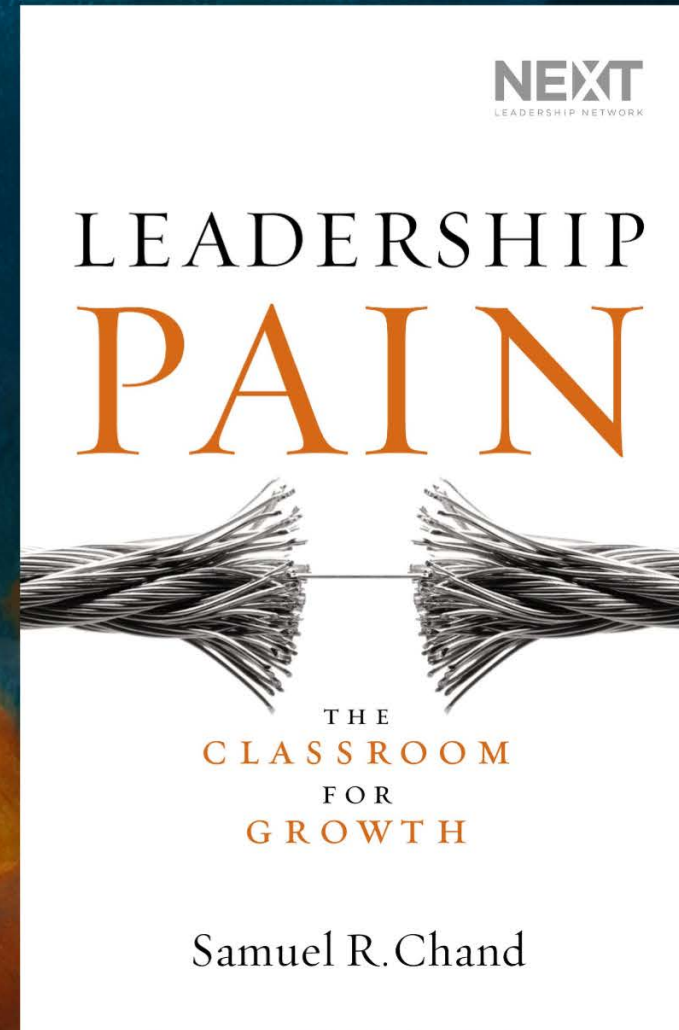


Pastoral Attrition due to

- *Burnout*
- *Conflict*
- *Financial pressures*
- *Personal crisis*
- *Unrealistic Expectations*
- *Criticism & Conflict*



Samuel Chand
LEADERSHIP PAIN



*Do pastors & their families have
the right to some happiness?*



HEBREWS 13:17 MSG

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden/...Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery.



*You can Ease their Burden,
Lighten their Load –
contribute to their happiness...*

HOW?



Love

- *Trust & Covenant Loyalty*
- *Appreciate*
- *Encourage*

Support

- *Pray*
- *Defend against Gossip & Slander/ Criticism*
- *Bless*

HEBREWS 13:7 NIV

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.





PASTORS
To Be Holy & To Be Humble

PEOPLE
To Honor & to Love & Support our Pastors
To contribute to their happiness & well-being!