

RESOLVING *everyday* CONFLICT

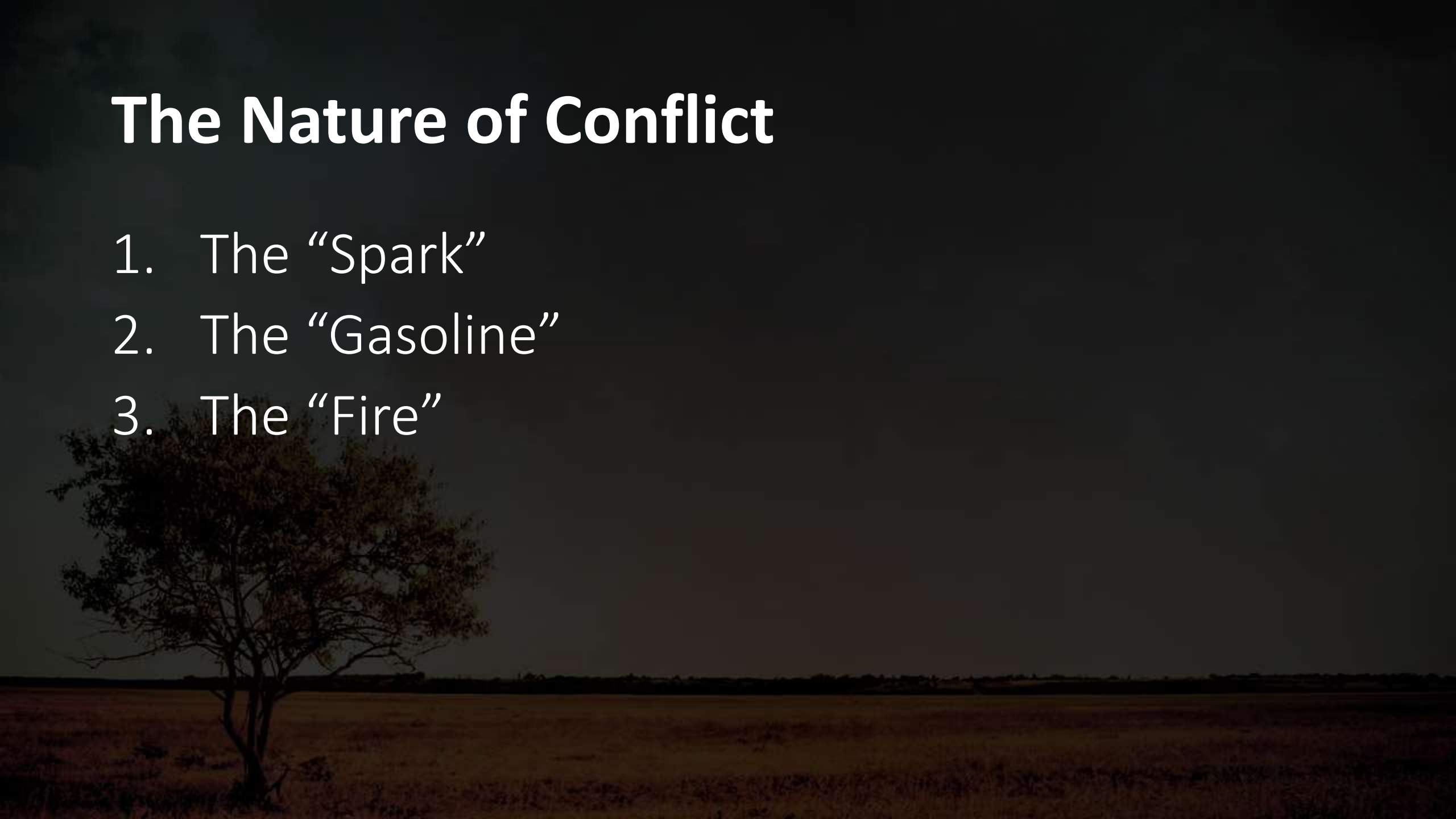


THE NATURE OF CONFLICT



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1. The “Spark”
2. The “Gasoline”
3. The “Fire”

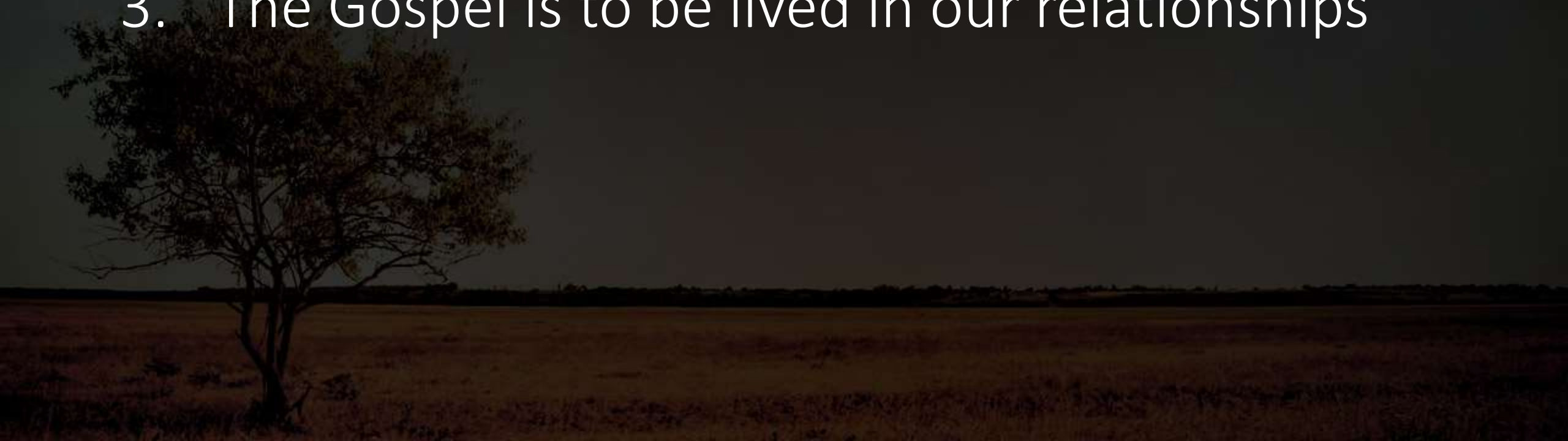


GOSPEL-CENTERED RELATIONSHIPS



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1. The Gospel makes peace possible
2. The Gospel is more than something to believe
3. The Gospel is to be lived in our relationships



**RELATIONSHIPS
MATTER MORE**



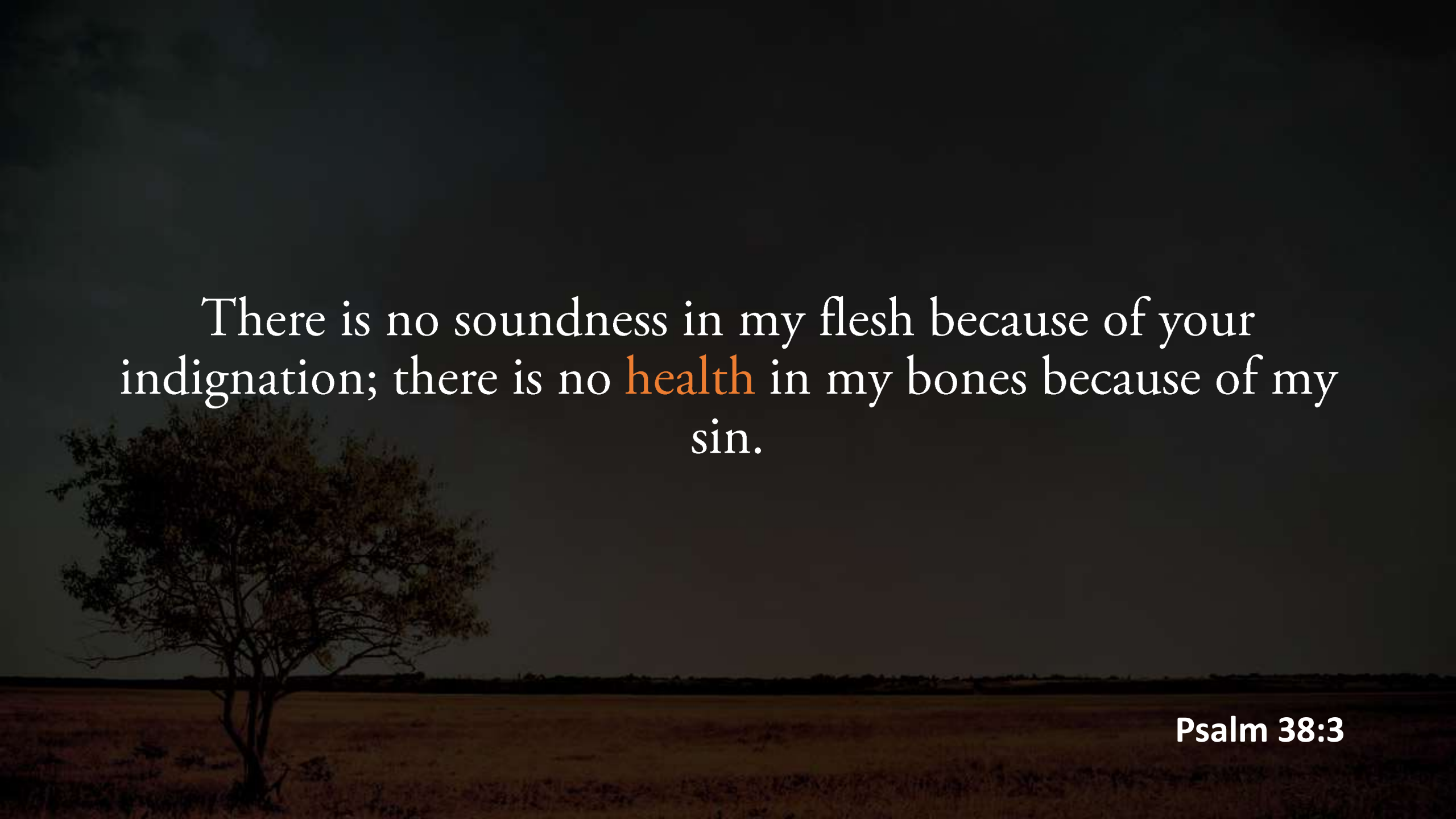






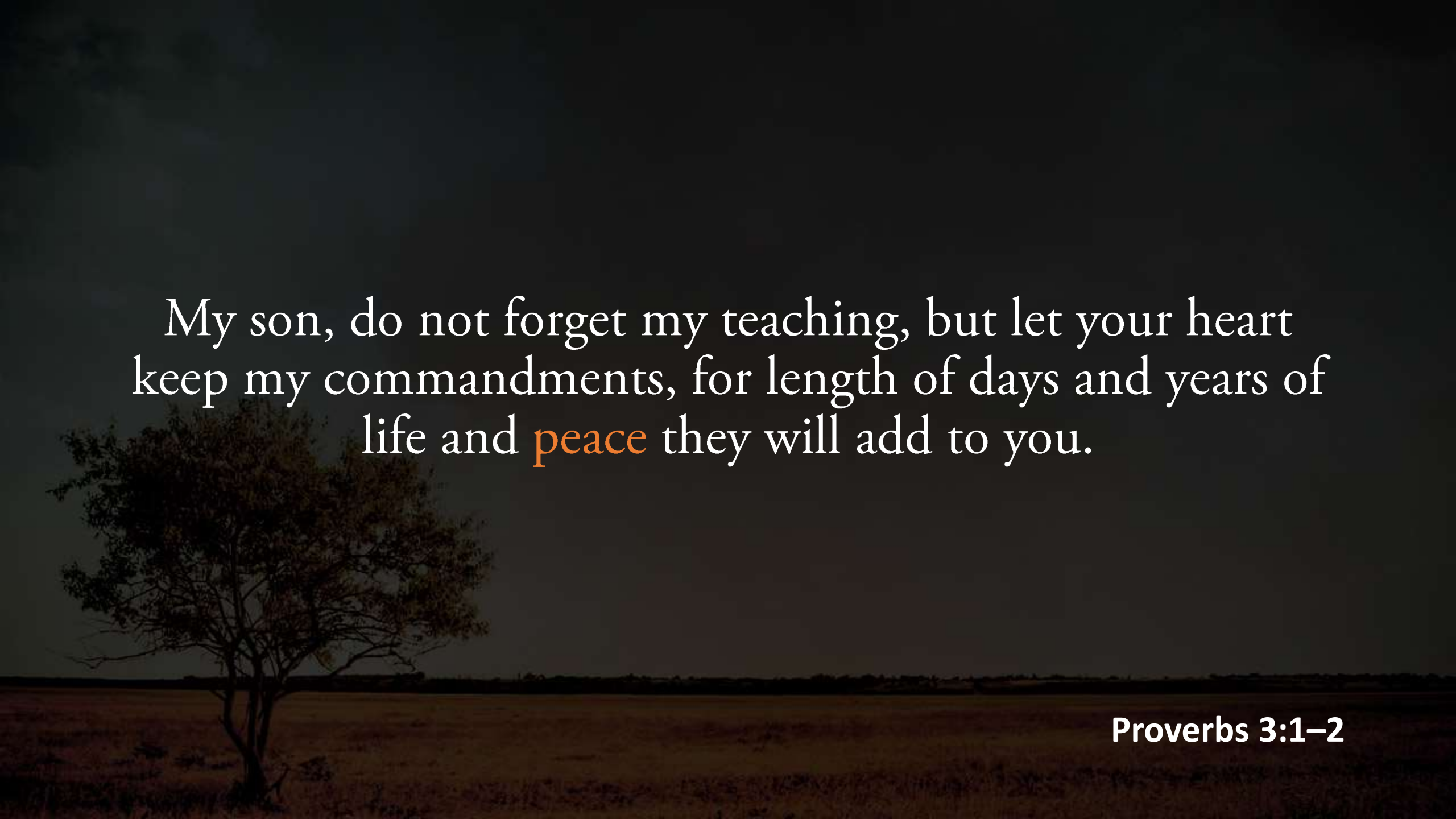
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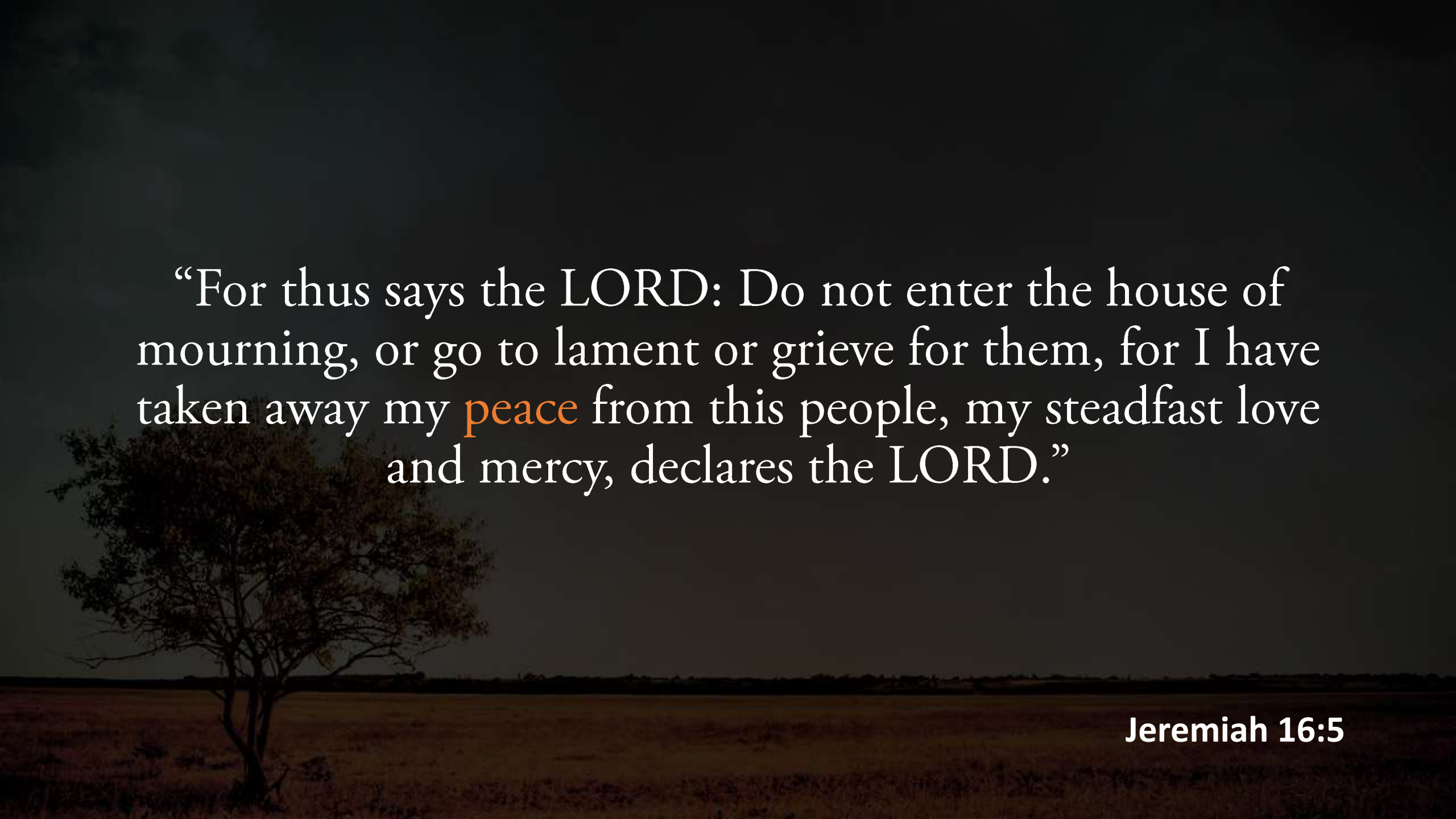
There is no soundness in my flesh because of your
indignation; there is no **health** in my bones because of my
sin.

Psalm 38:3

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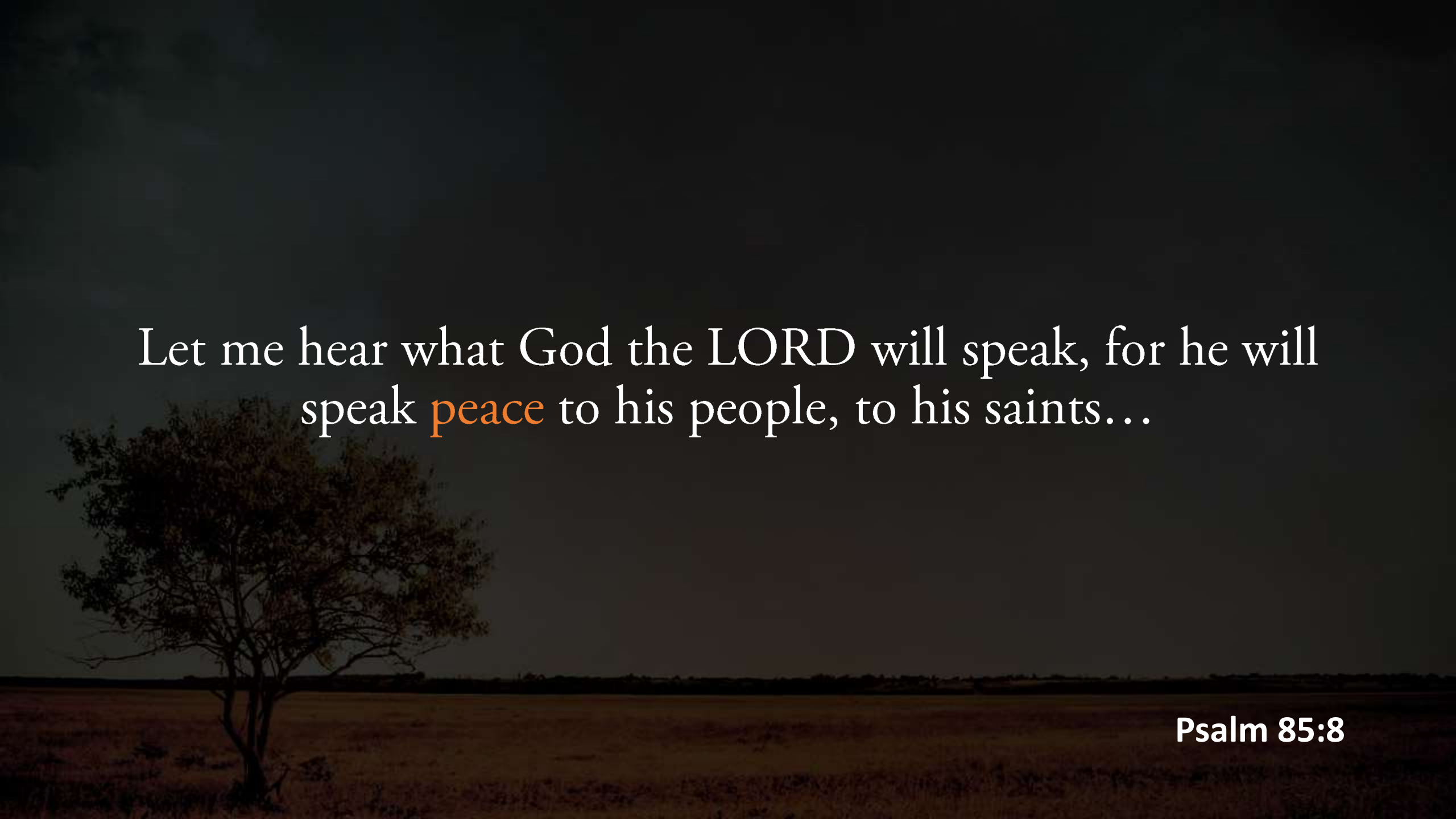
My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart
keep my commandments, for length of days and years of
life and **peace** they will add to you.

Proverbs 3:1–2



“For thus says the LORD: Do not enter the house of mourning, or go to lament or grieve for them, for I have taken away my **peace** from this people, my steadfast love and mercy, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 16:5

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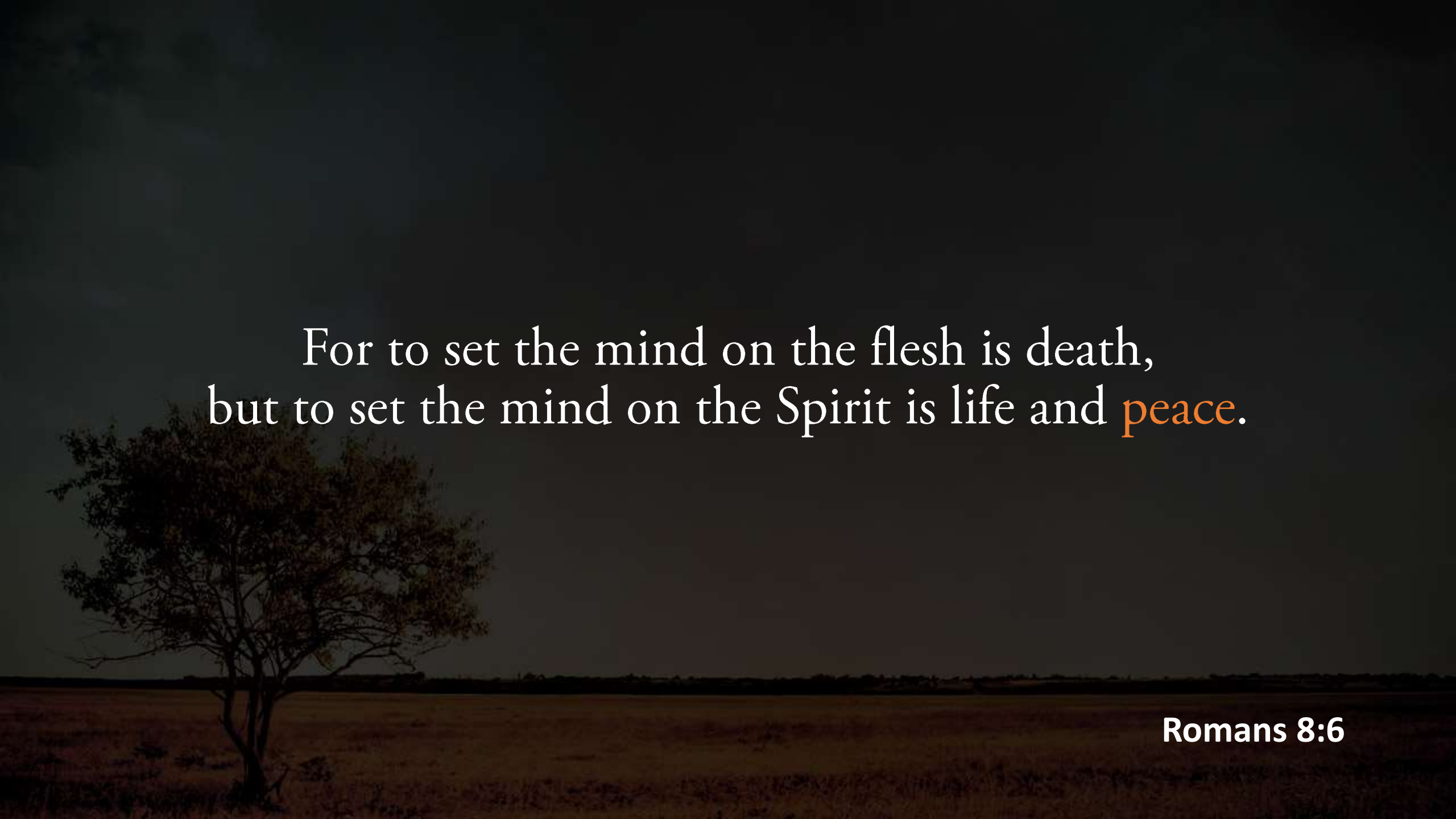
Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will
speak **peace** to his people, to his saints...

Psalm 85:8



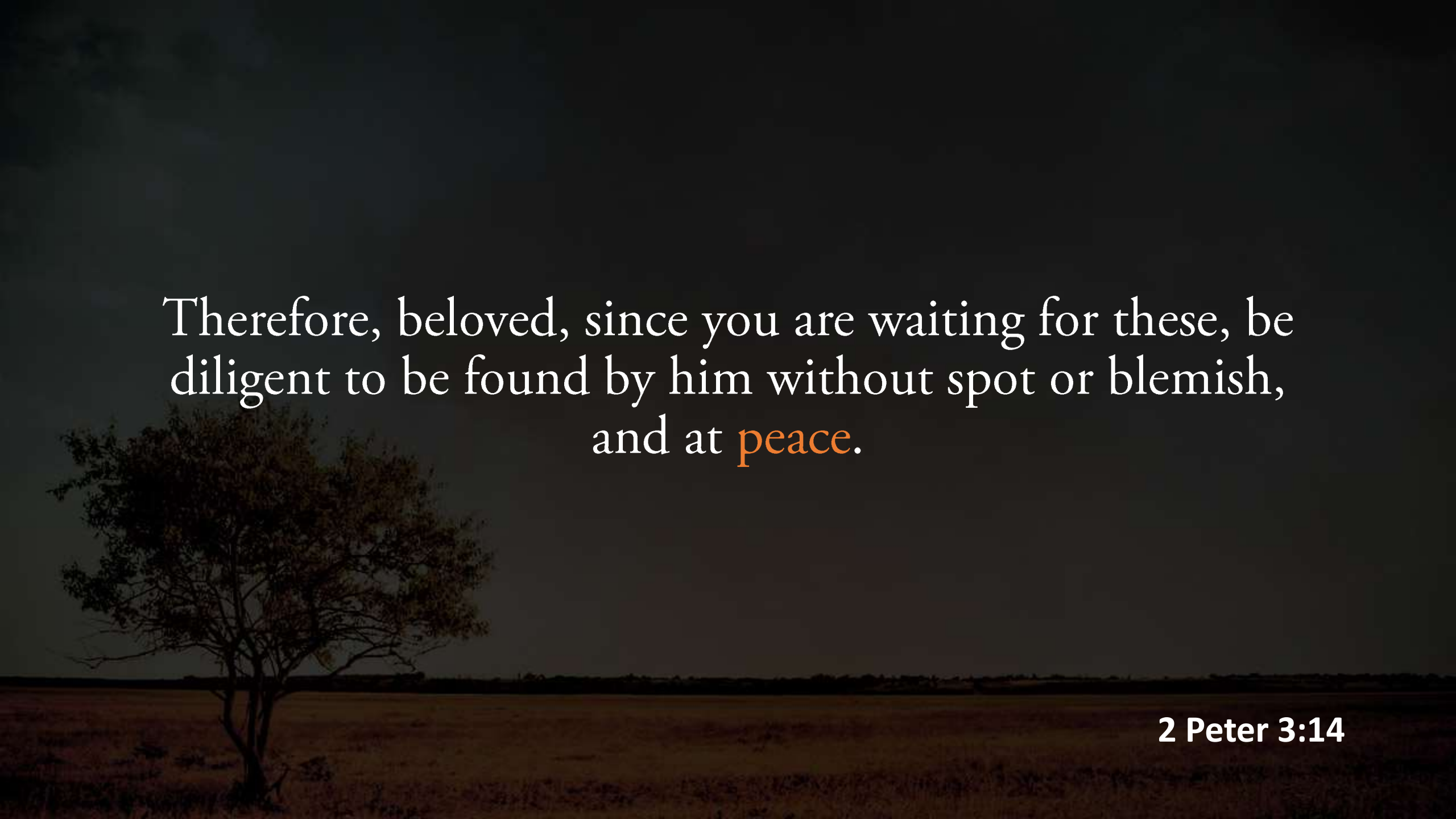
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22–23

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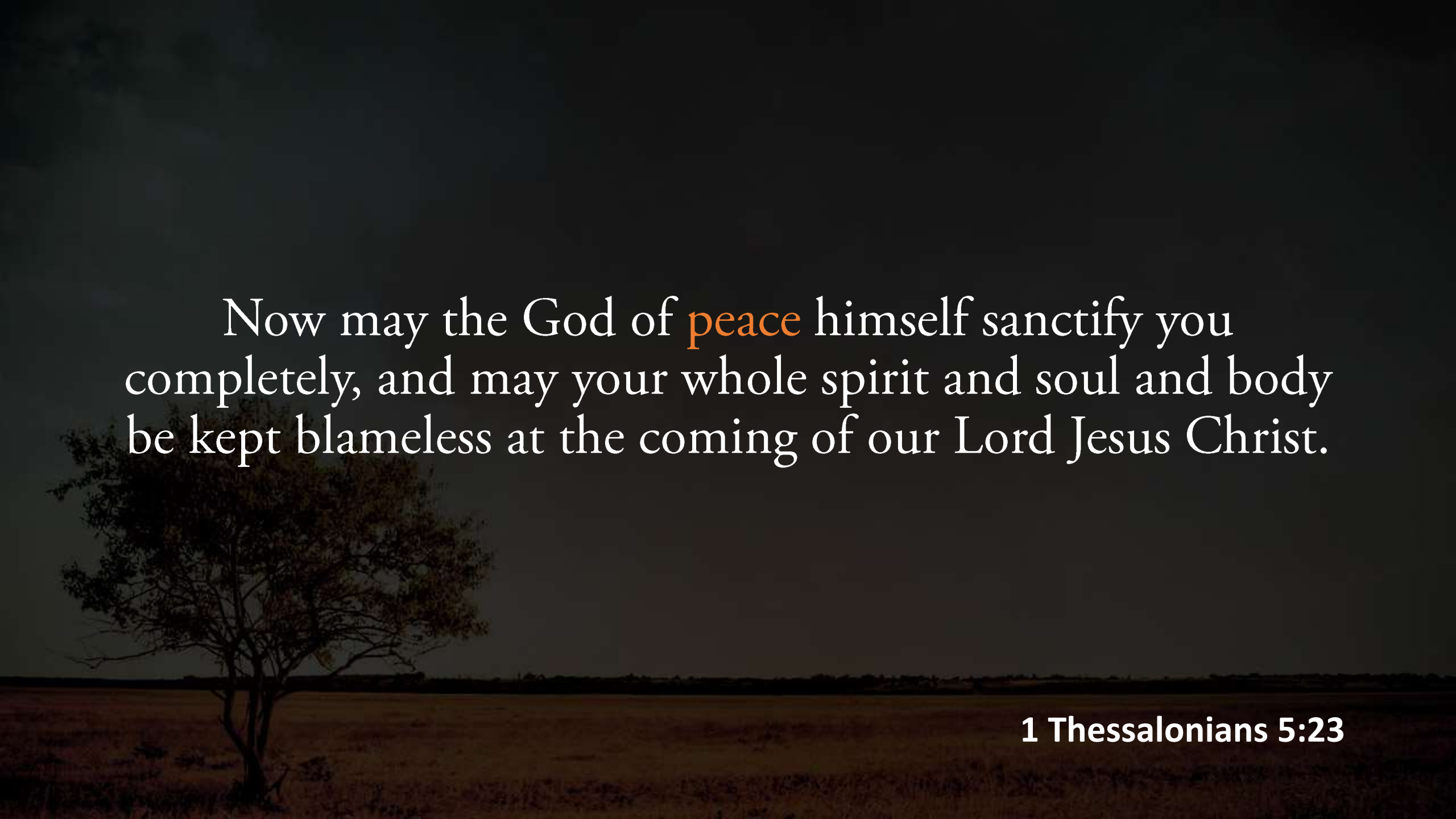
For to set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

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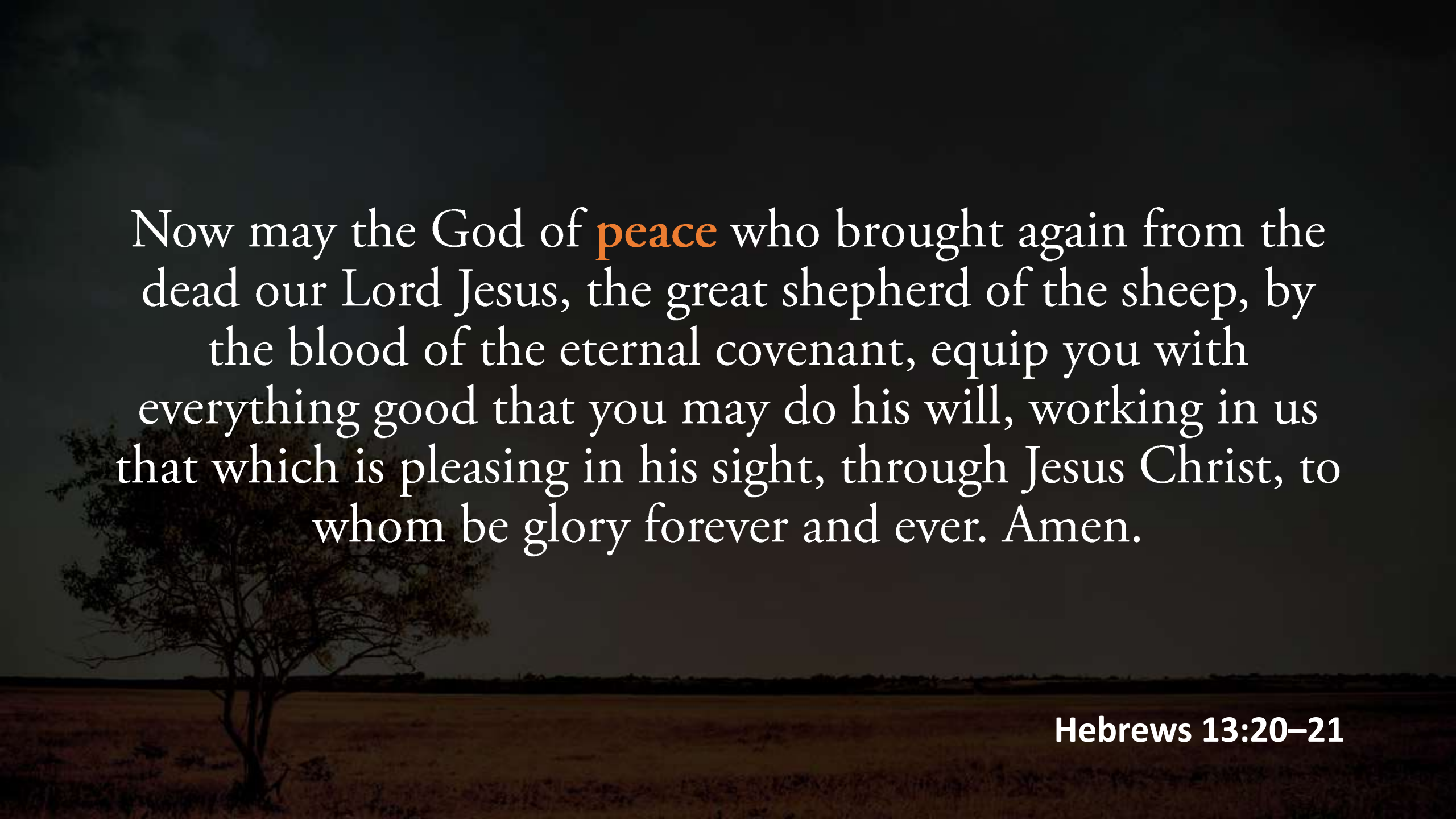
Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

2 Peter 3:14



Now may the God of **peace** himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23



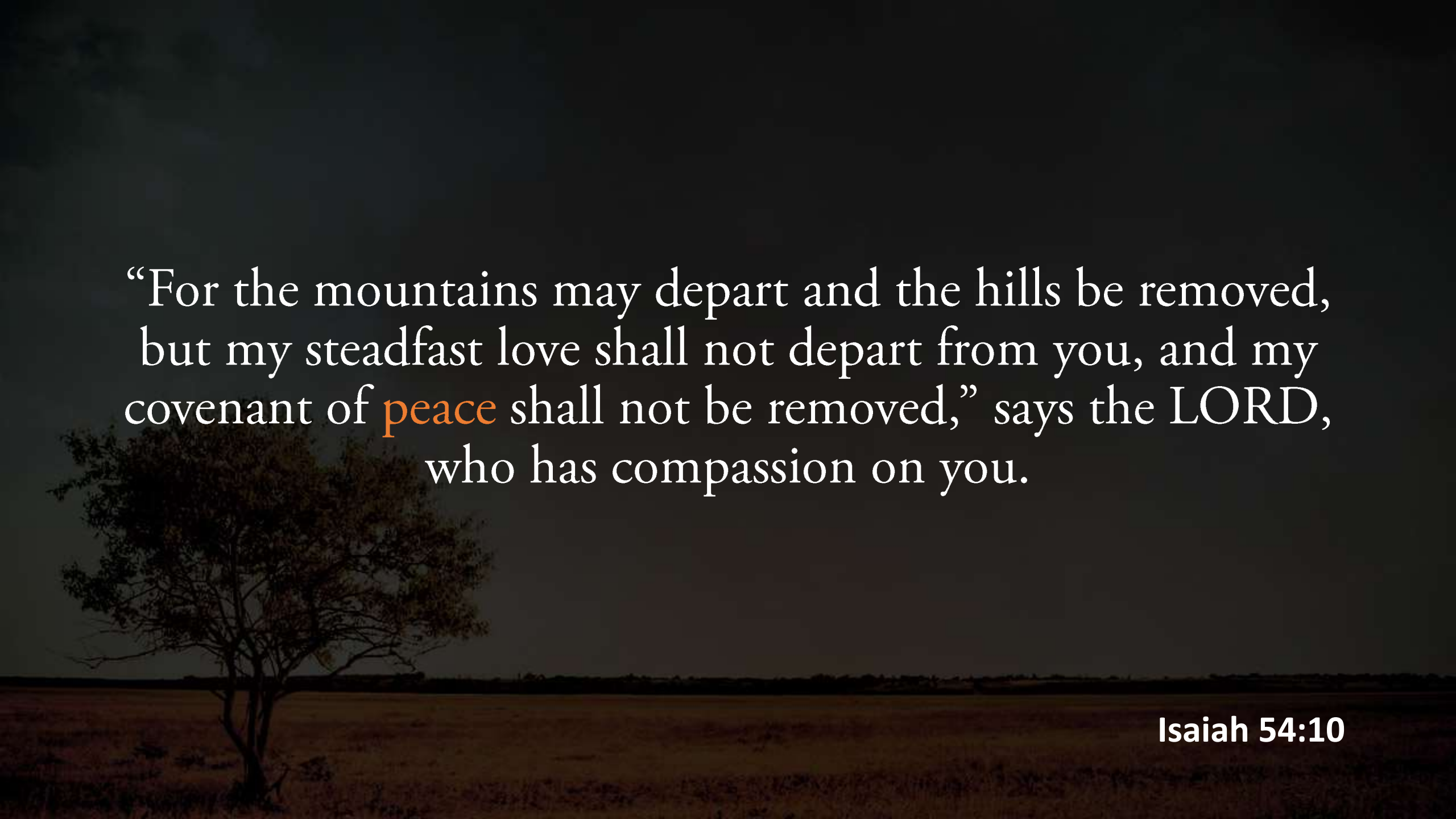
Now may the God of **peace** who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20–21

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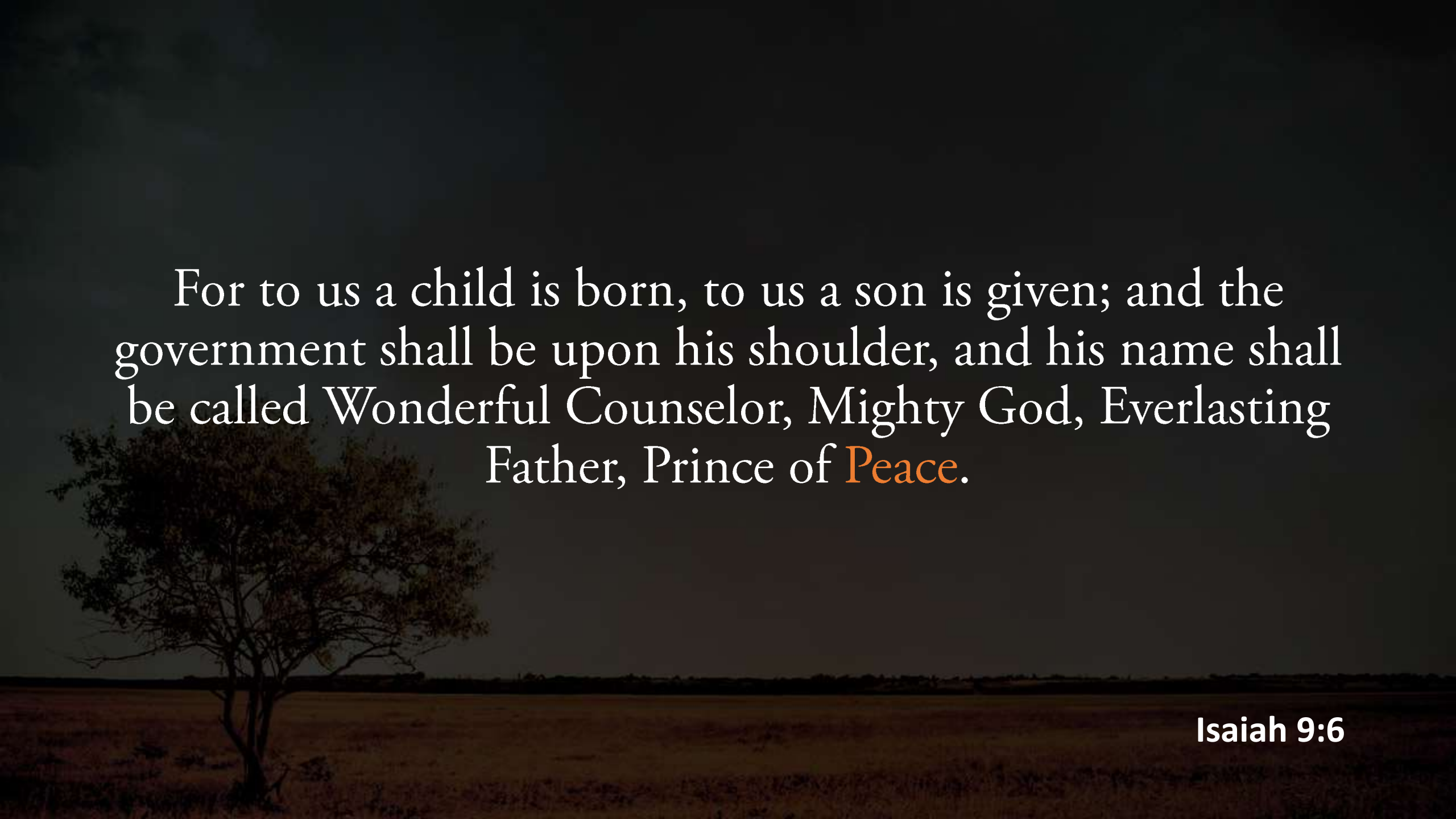
“I will make with them a covenant of peace ...”

Ezekiel 34:25

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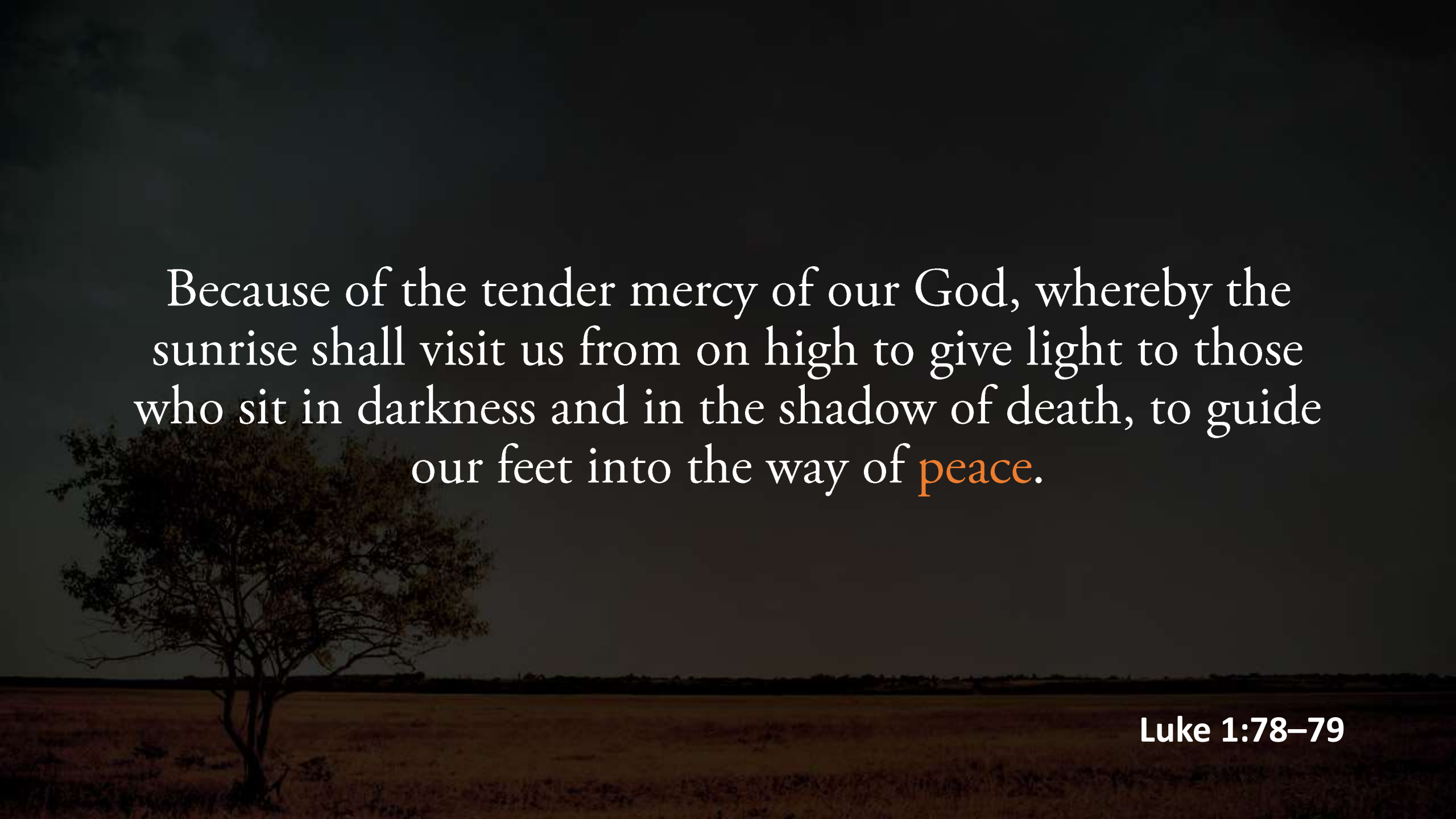
“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my
covenant of **peace** shall not be removed,” says the LORD,
who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10

A lone, leafy tree stands in a vast, open field under a dark, twilight sky. The ground is covered in low-lying vegetation, and the horizon is visible in the distance. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.


For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the
government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall
be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of **Peace**.

Isaiah 9:6



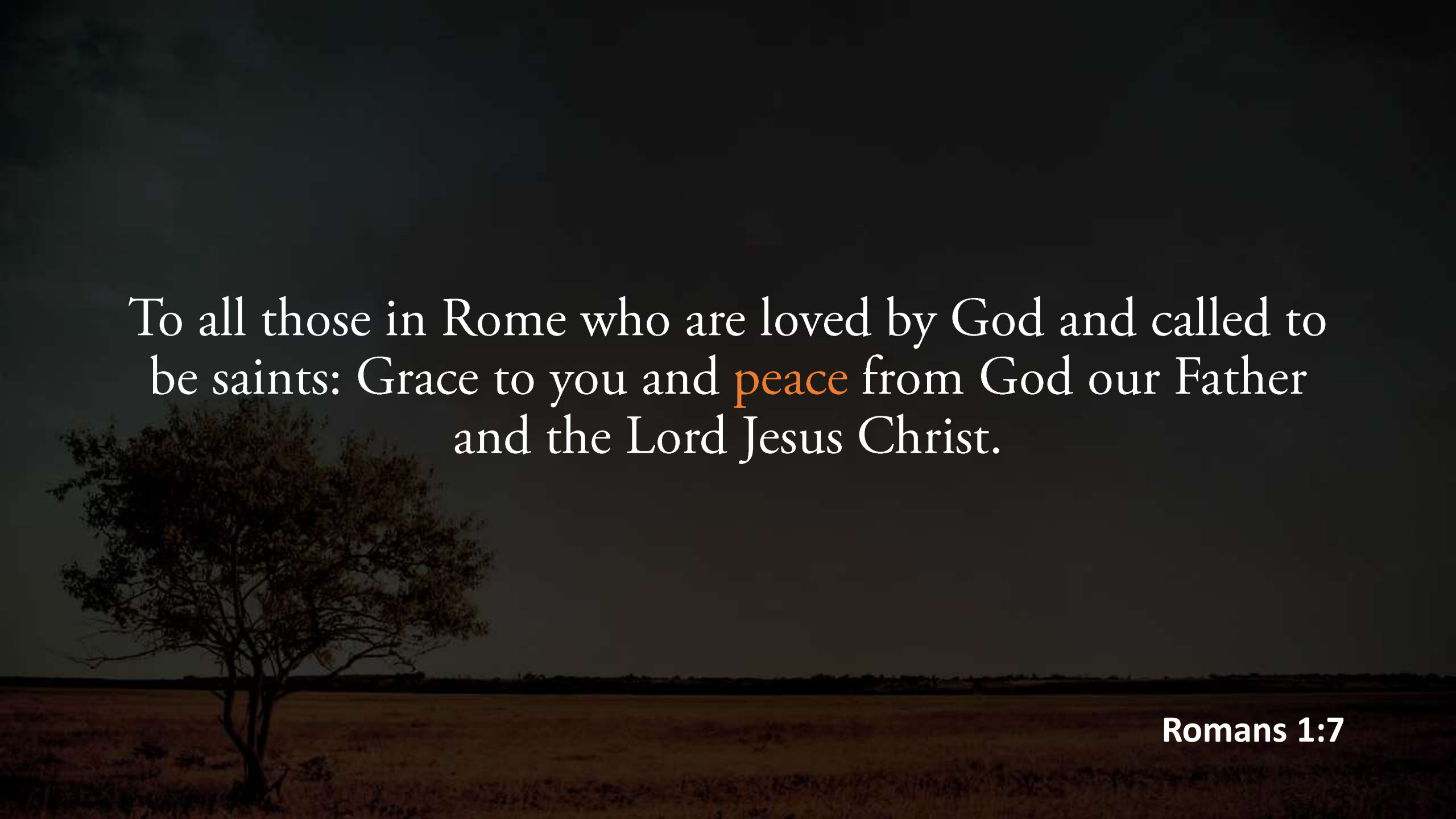
Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the
sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those
who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide
our feet into the way of **peace**.

Luke 1:78–79

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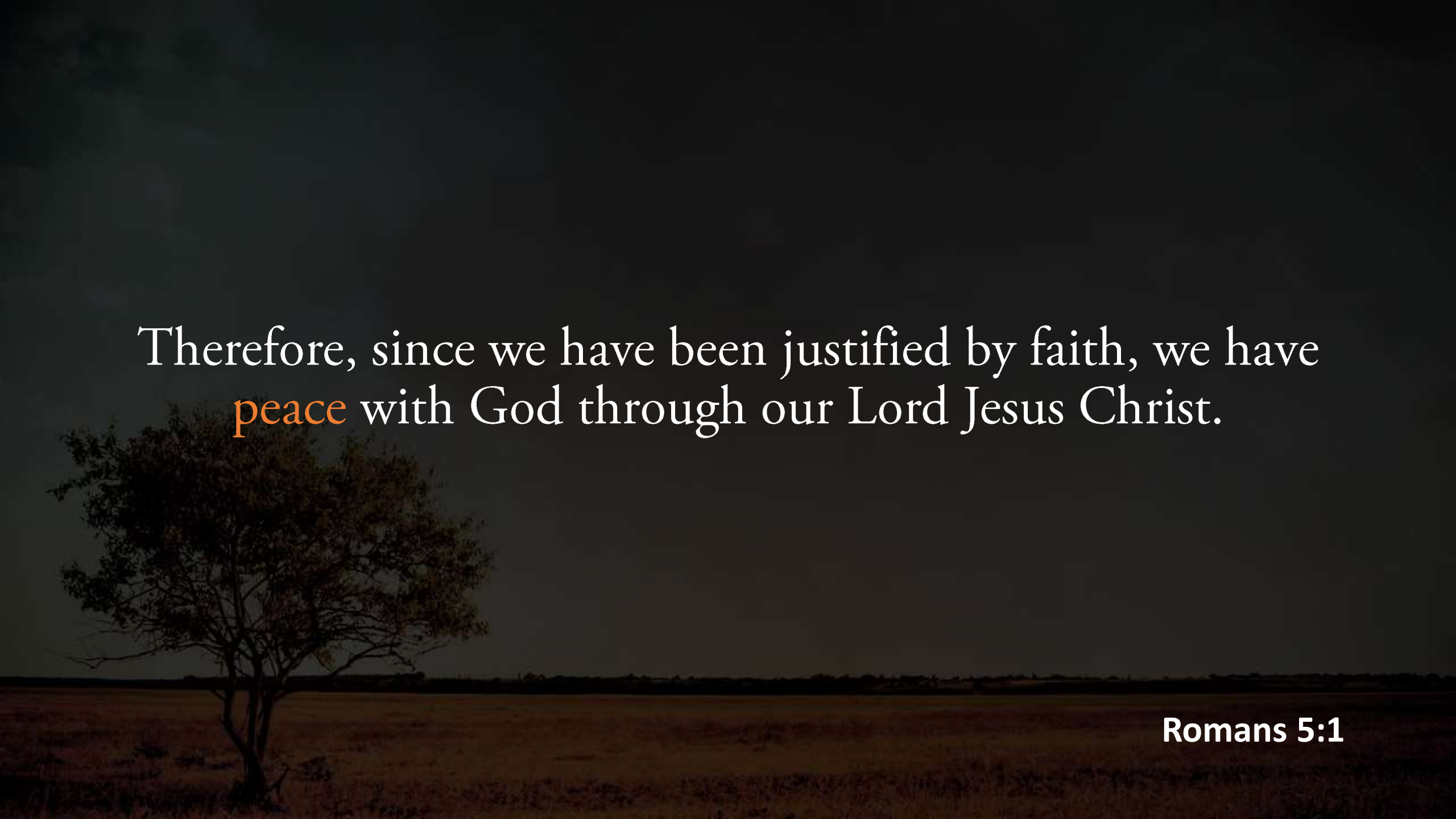
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace** among
those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:14

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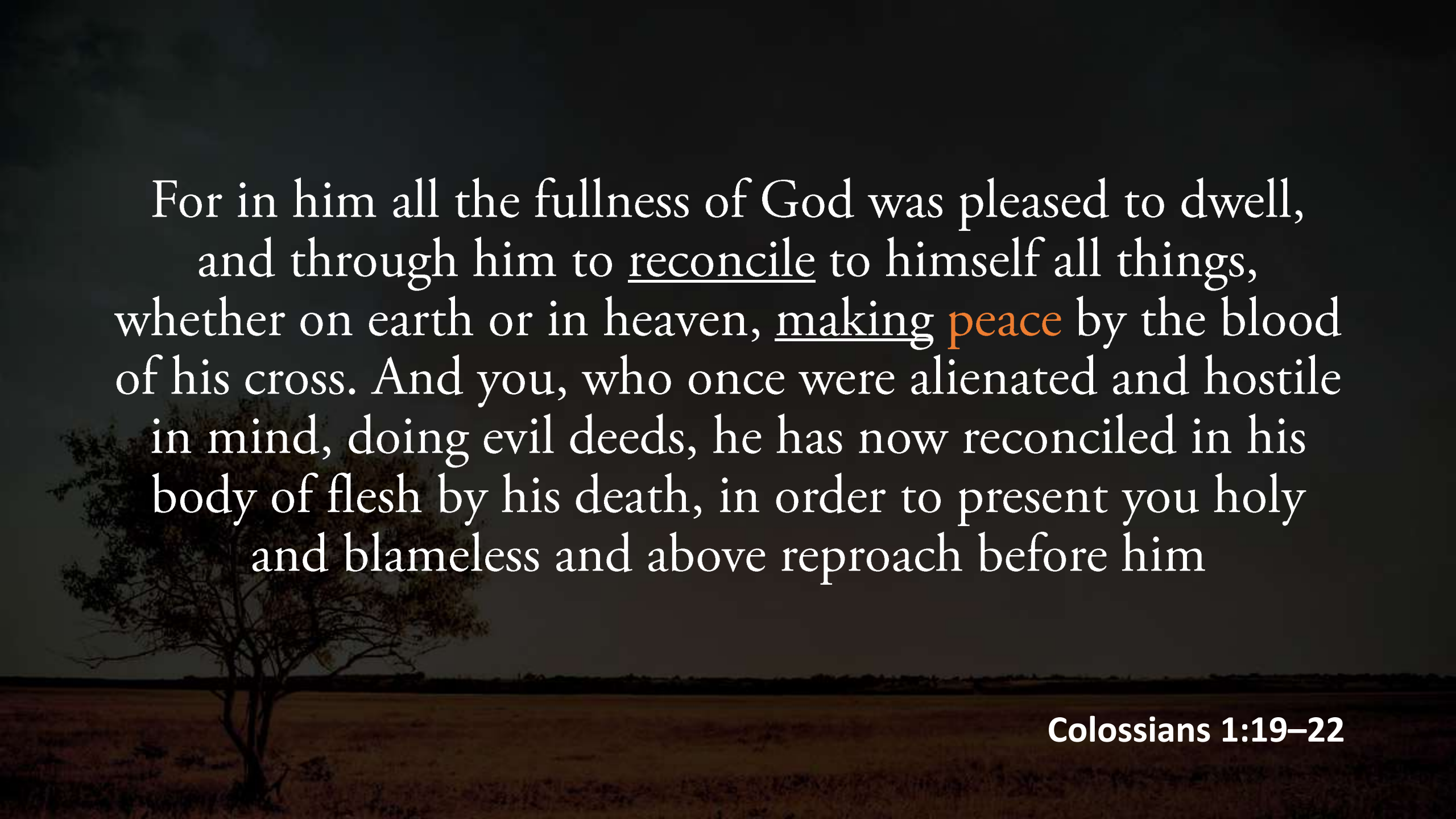
To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to
be saints: Grace to you and **peace** from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:7

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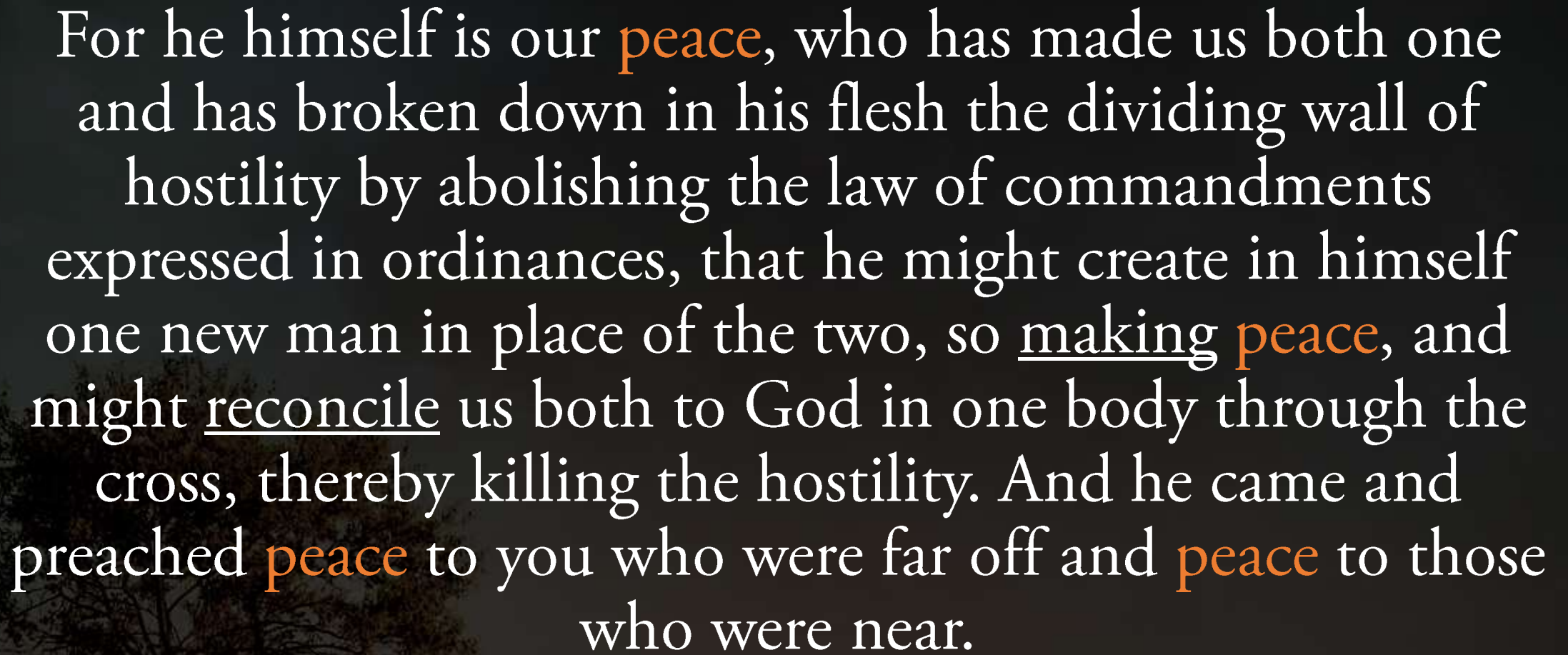
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1



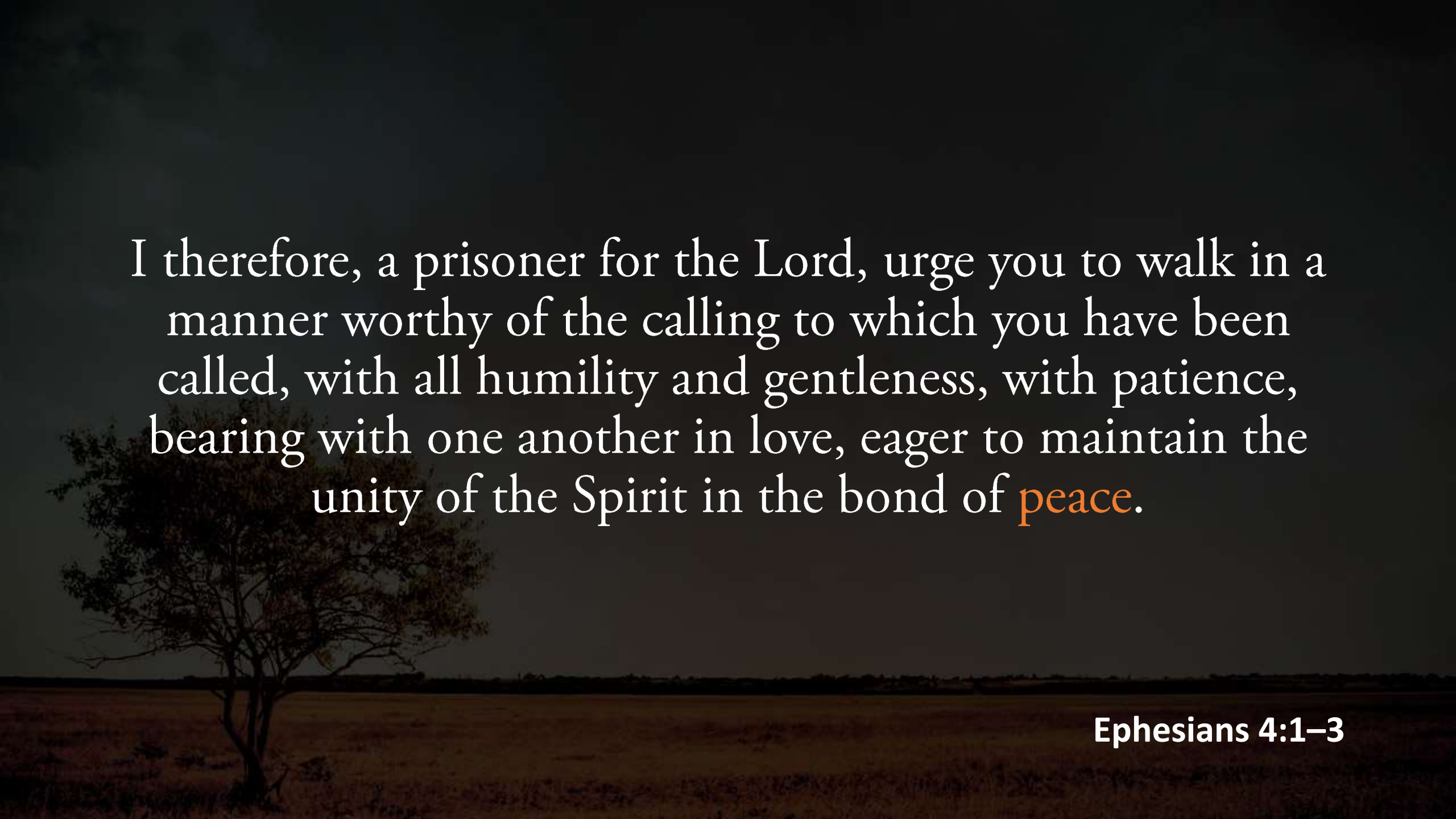
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood
of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile
in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his
body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy
and blameless and above reproach before him

Colossians 1:19–22



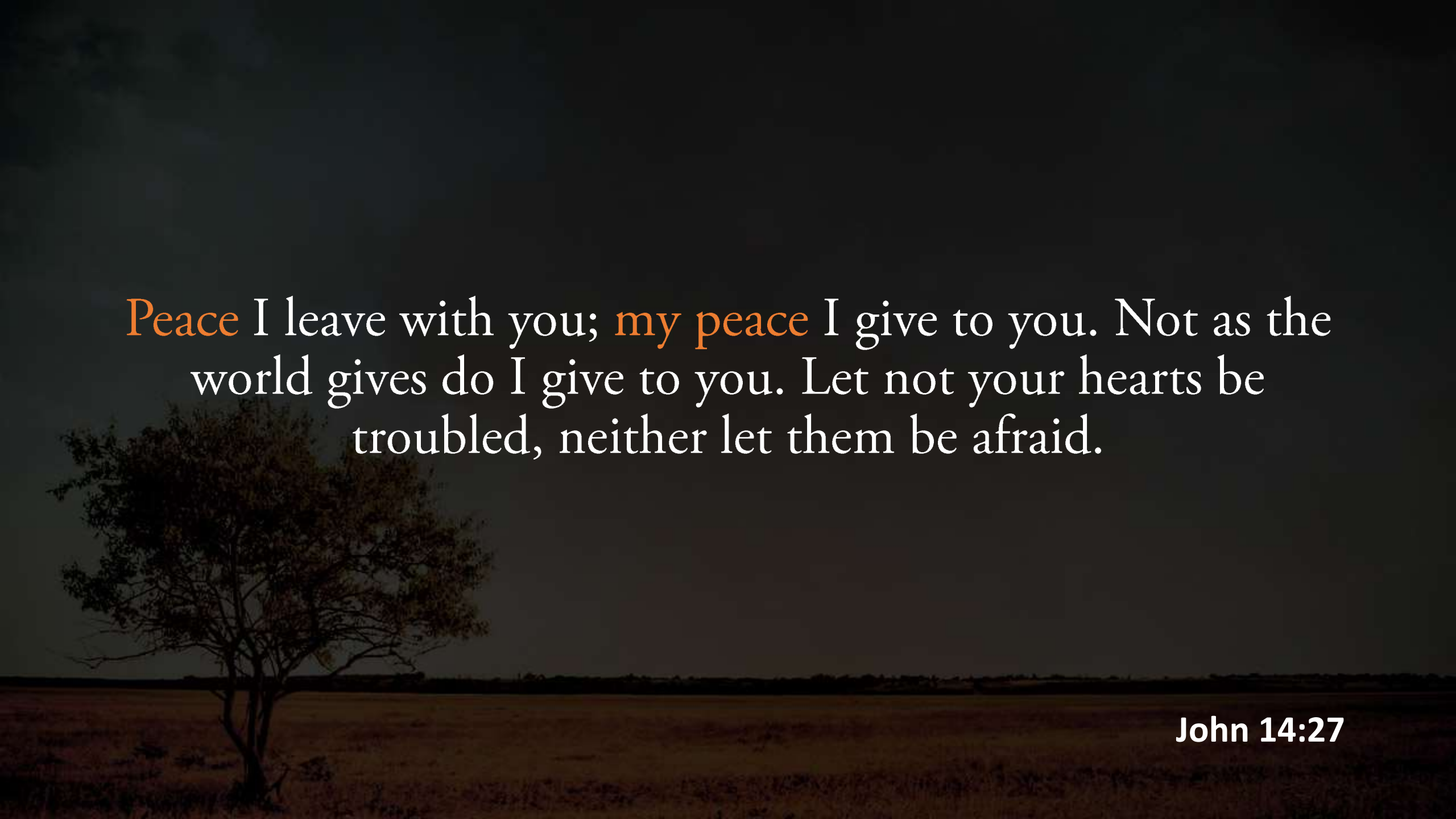
For he himself is our **peace**, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making **peace**, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached **peace** to you who were far off and **peace** to those who were near.

Ephesians 2:14–17



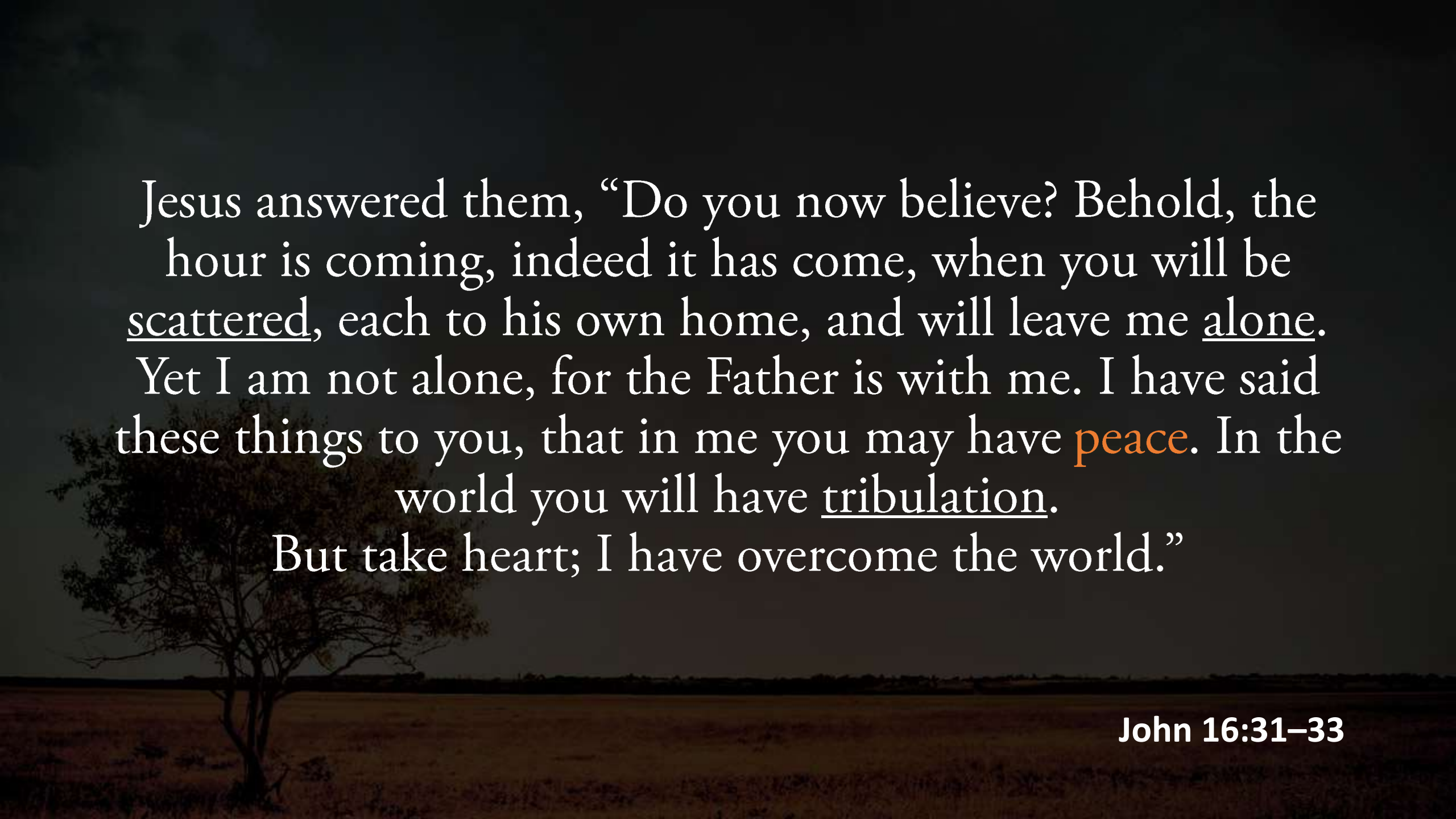
I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**.

Ephesians 4:1–3




Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27



Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 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.”

John 16:31–33

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So then let us pursue what makes for **peace** and for
mutual upbuilding.

Romans 14:19



Responding to Conflict



Escape Responses

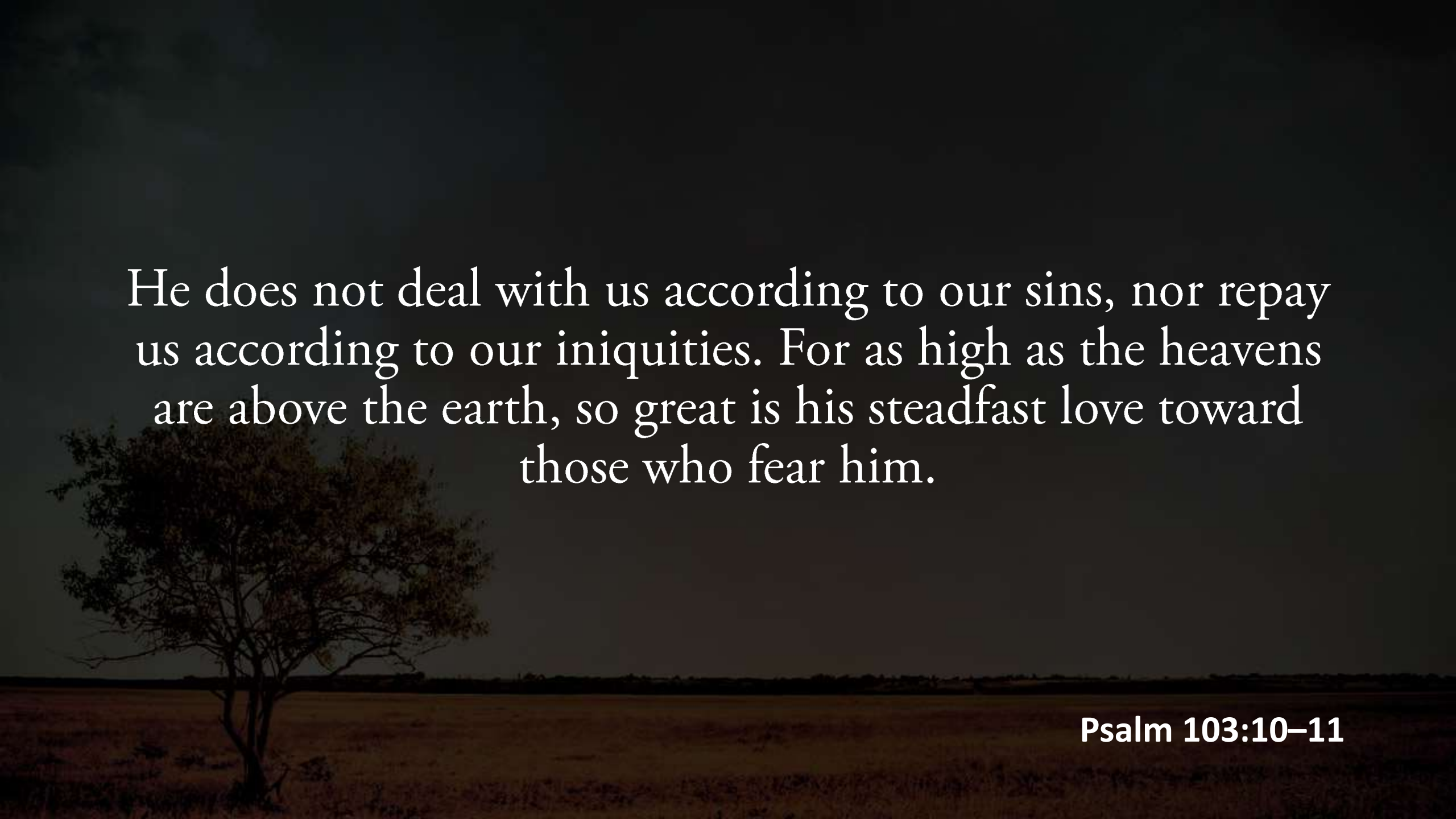
1. Denial
2. Flight



Attack Responses


1. Blame
2. Assault



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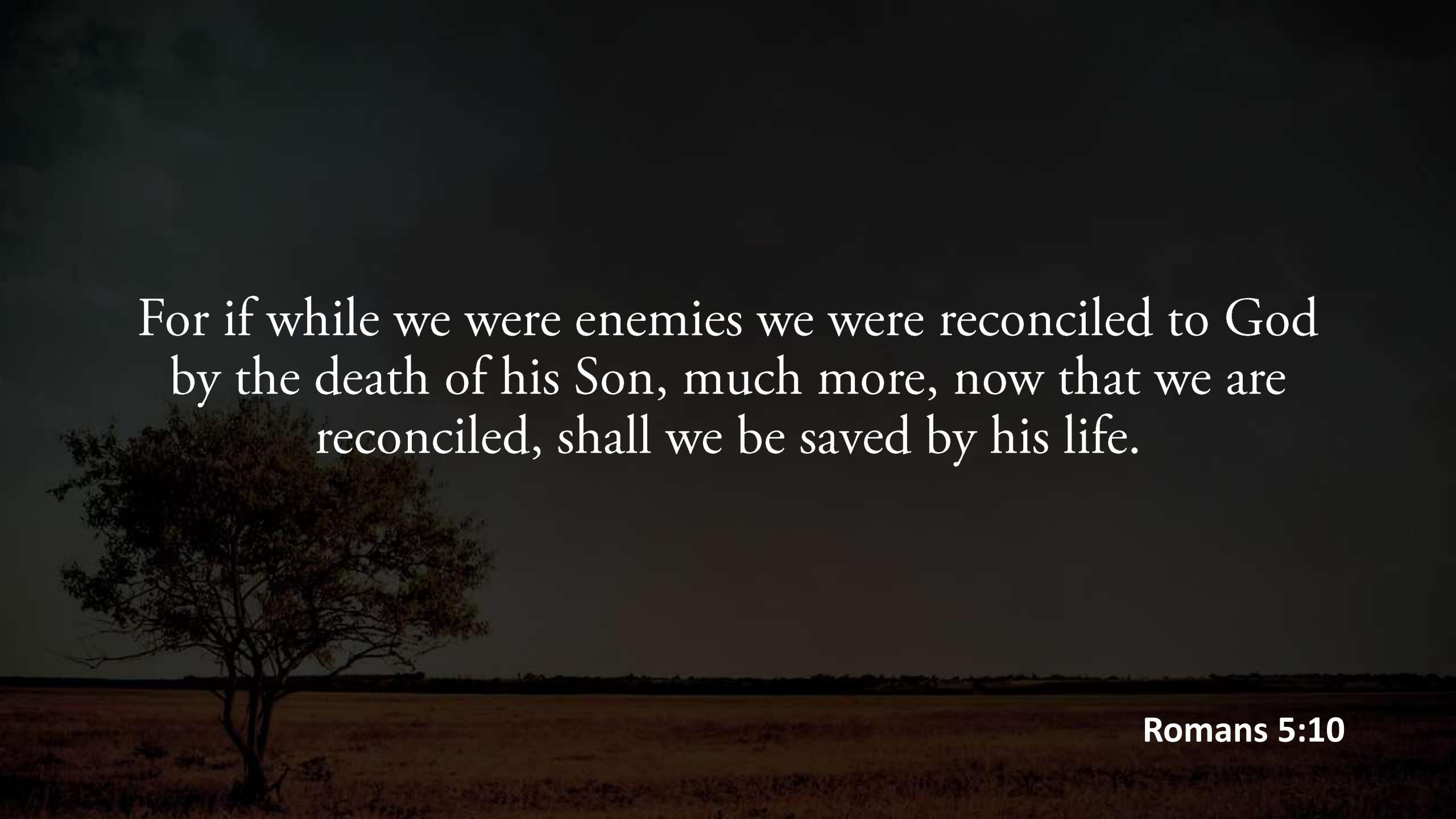
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay
us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens
are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him.

Psalm 103:10–11

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For there is one God, and there is one mediator between
God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

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For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God
by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are
reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10



Christ-Centered Responses

G1 – Glorify God

How can I glorify God in this situation?

G2 – Get the Log Out

How can I own my part of this conflict?

G3 – Gently Restore

How can I help others own their part?

G4 – Go and Be Reconciled

How can I forgive?

Challenge

- Identify which of the slippery slope responses you are most likely to resort to in a conflict.
- Commit to pray for change in your heart.
- Actively seek to interrupt your response reflex and choose a God-honoring response.
- Commit to think more relationally.