

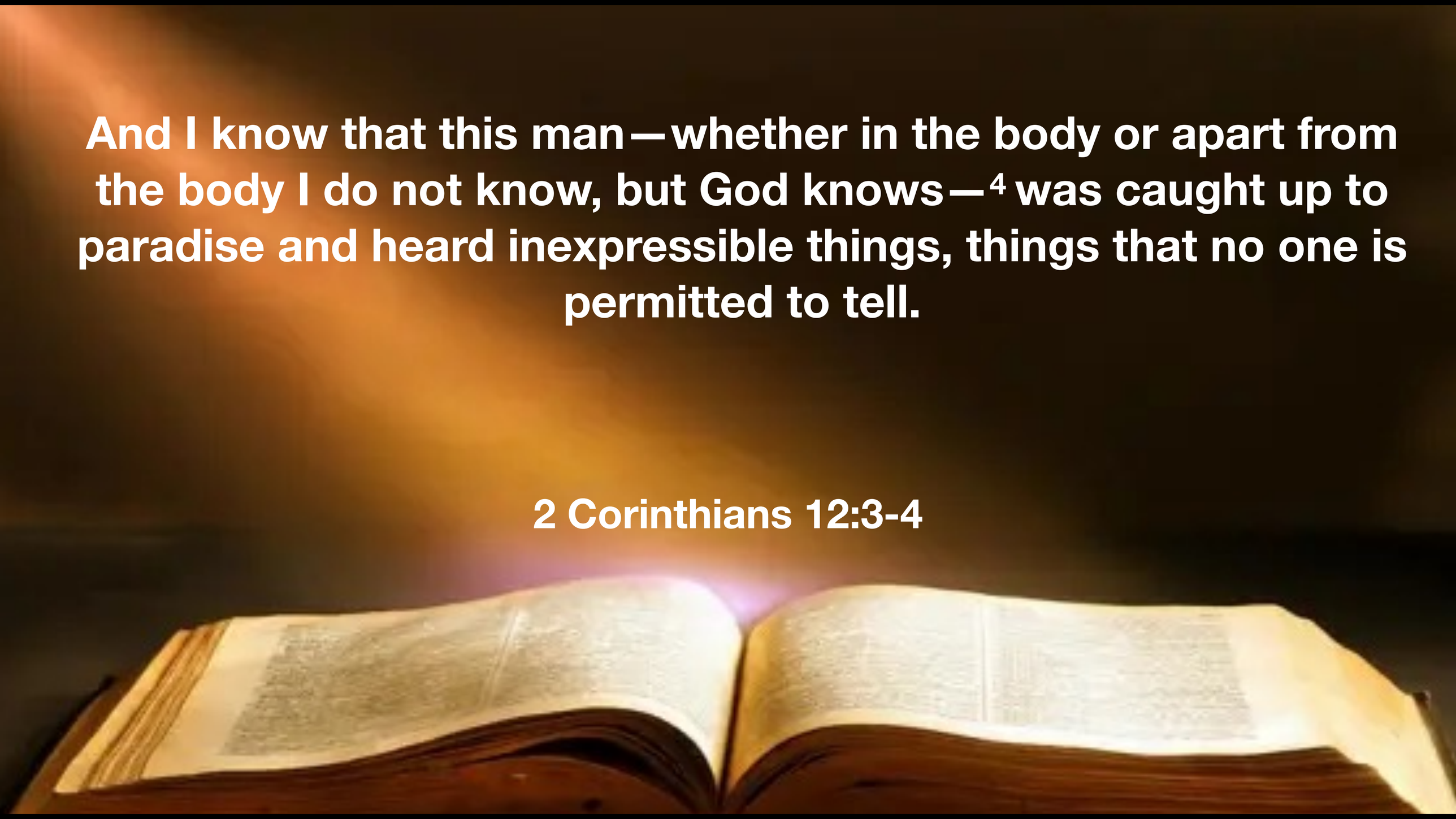
When God Says NO

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.

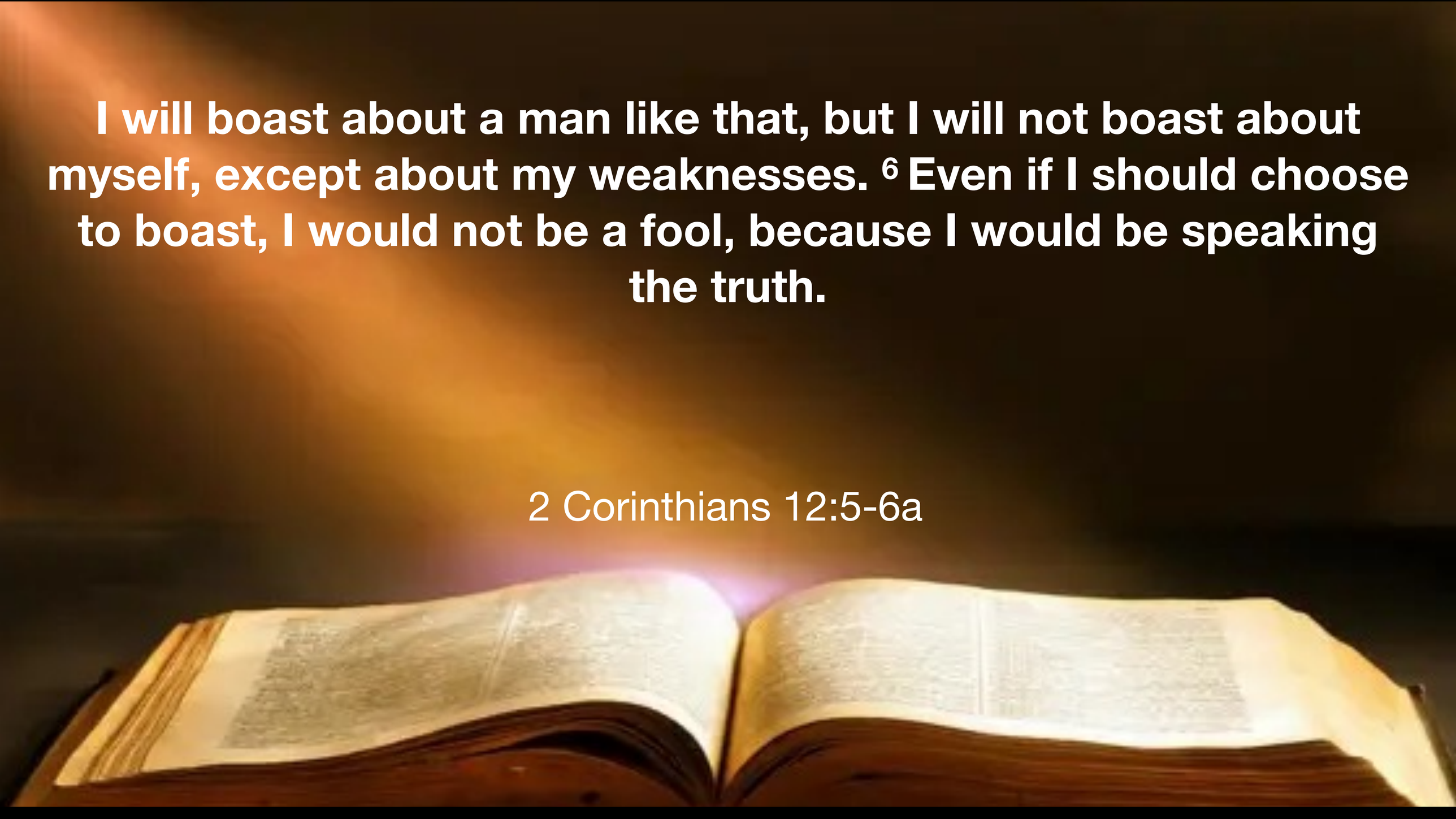
2 Corinthians 12:1-2




And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from
the body I do not know, but God knows—4 was caught up to
paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is
permitted to tell.
2 Corinthians 12:3-4

I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. 6 Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth.

2 Corinthians 12:5-6a



But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,[7] or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

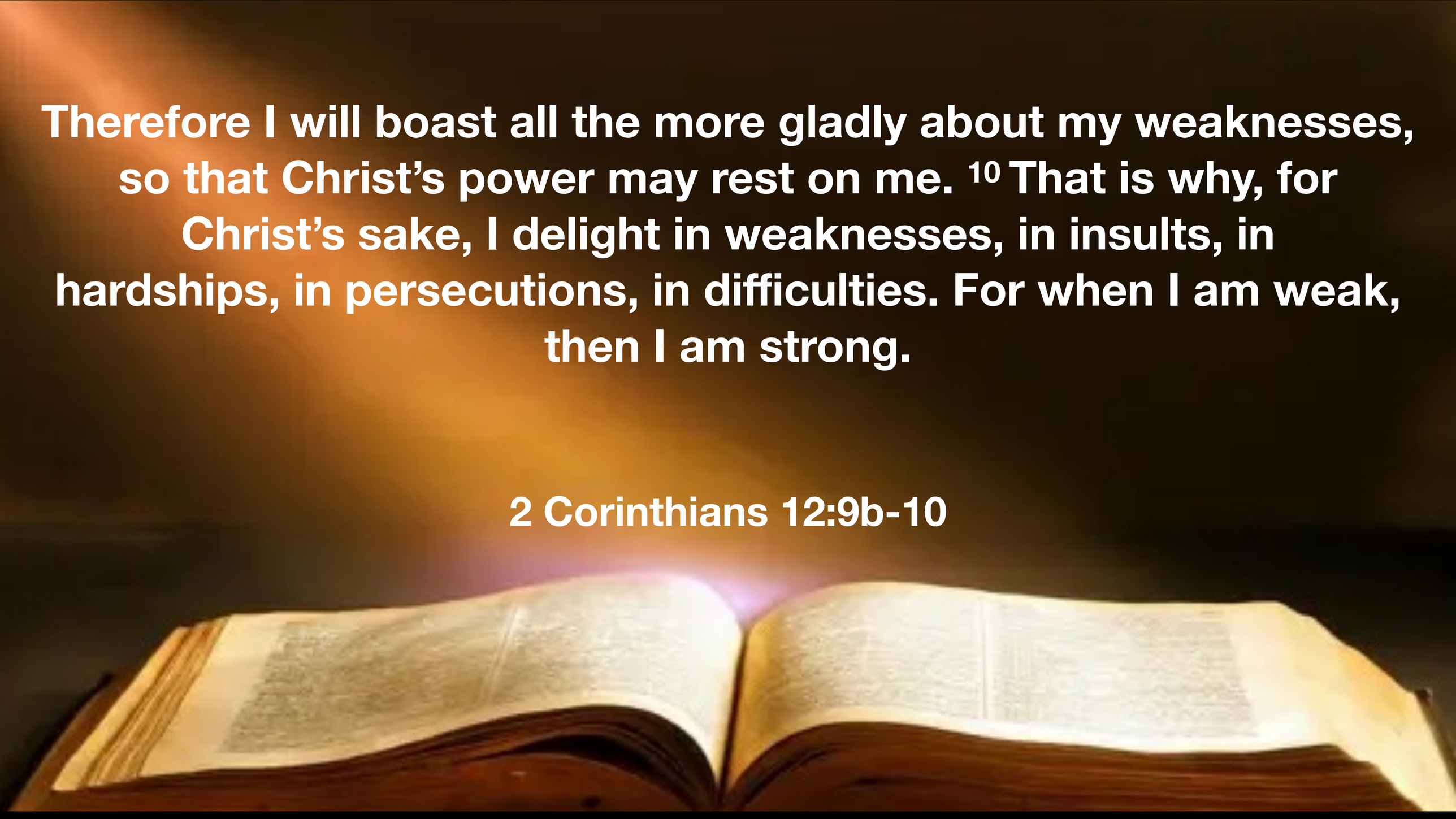
2 Corinthians 12:6b-7




Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
2 Corinthians 12: 8-9a

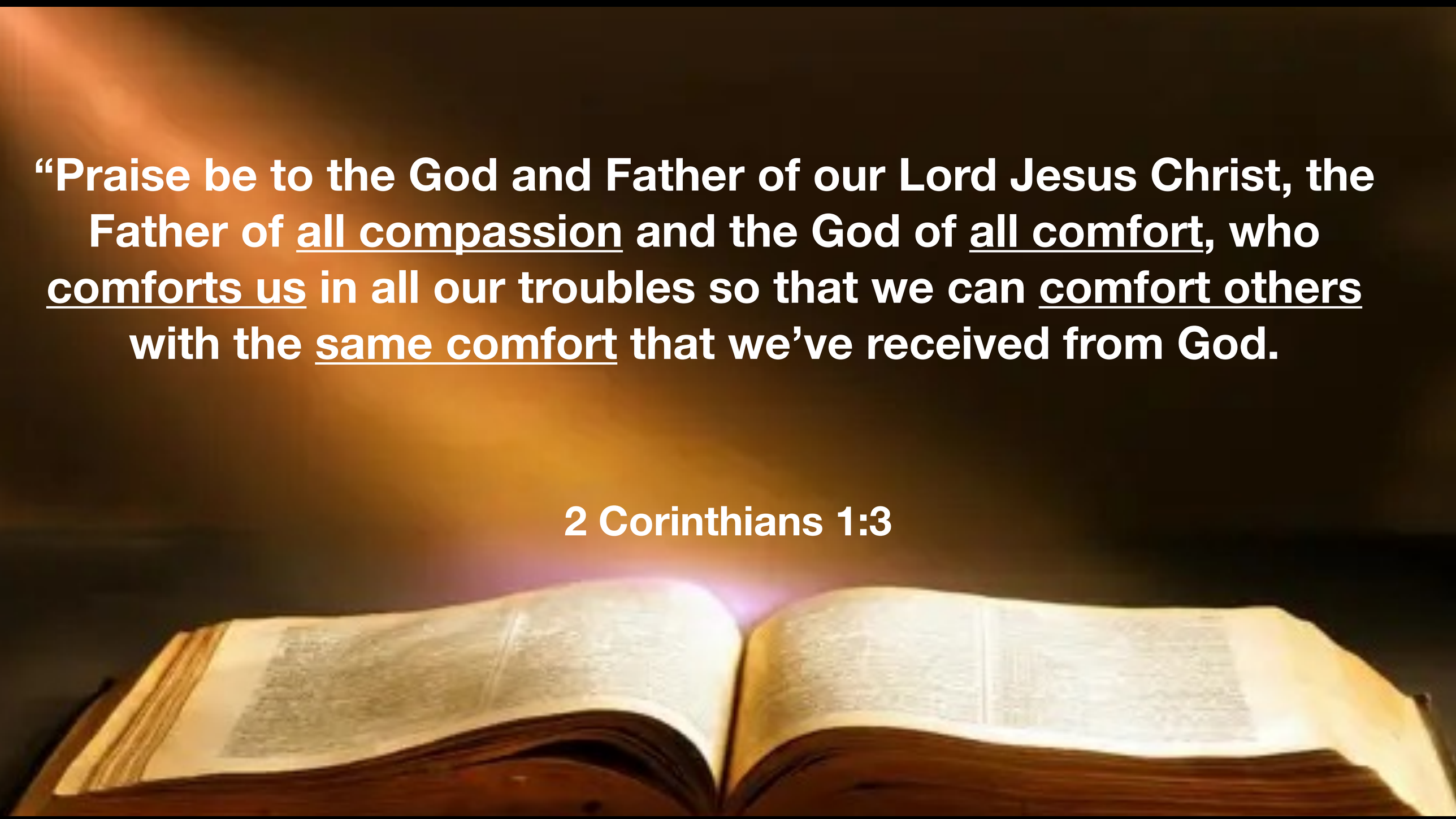
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

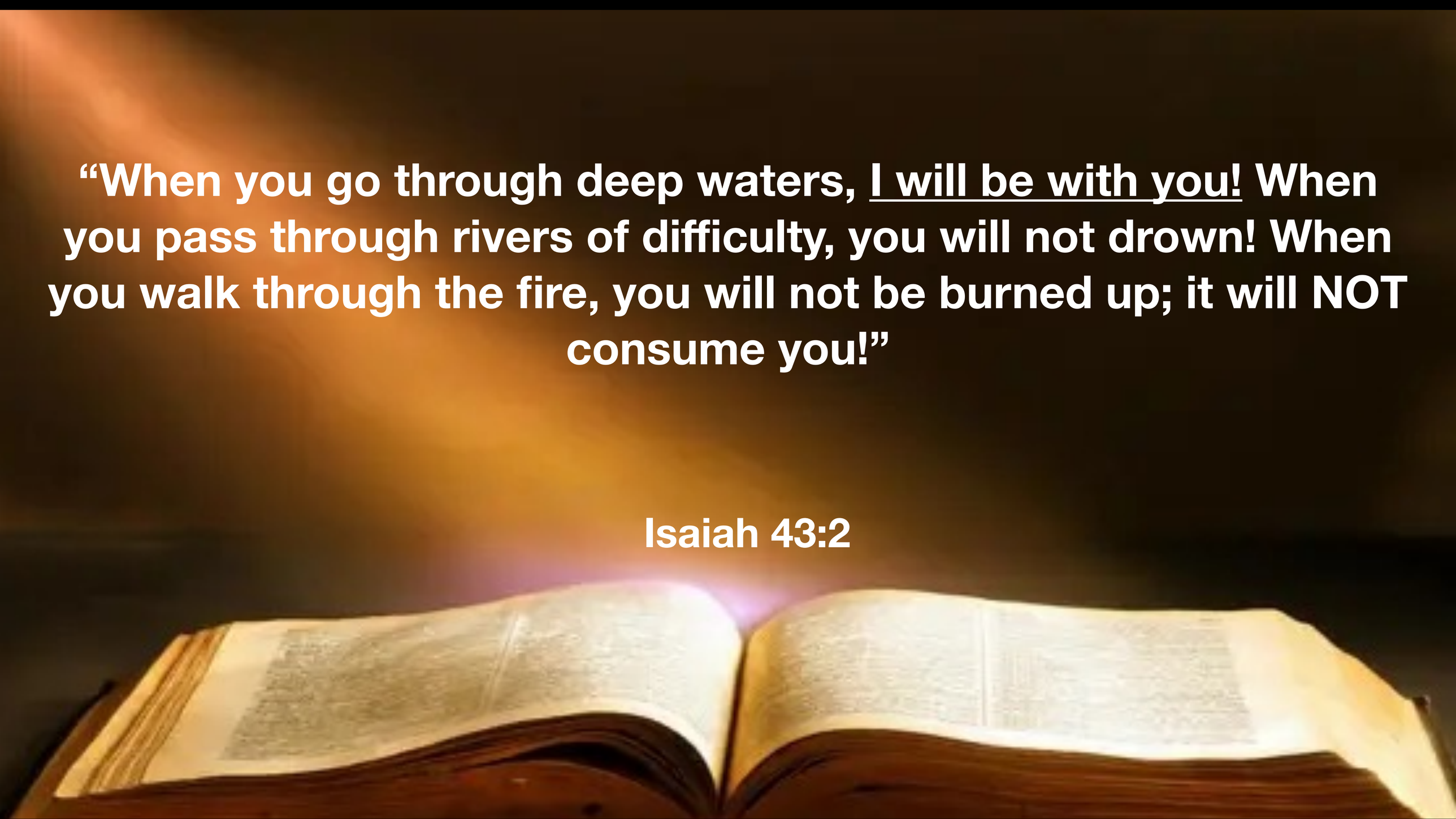
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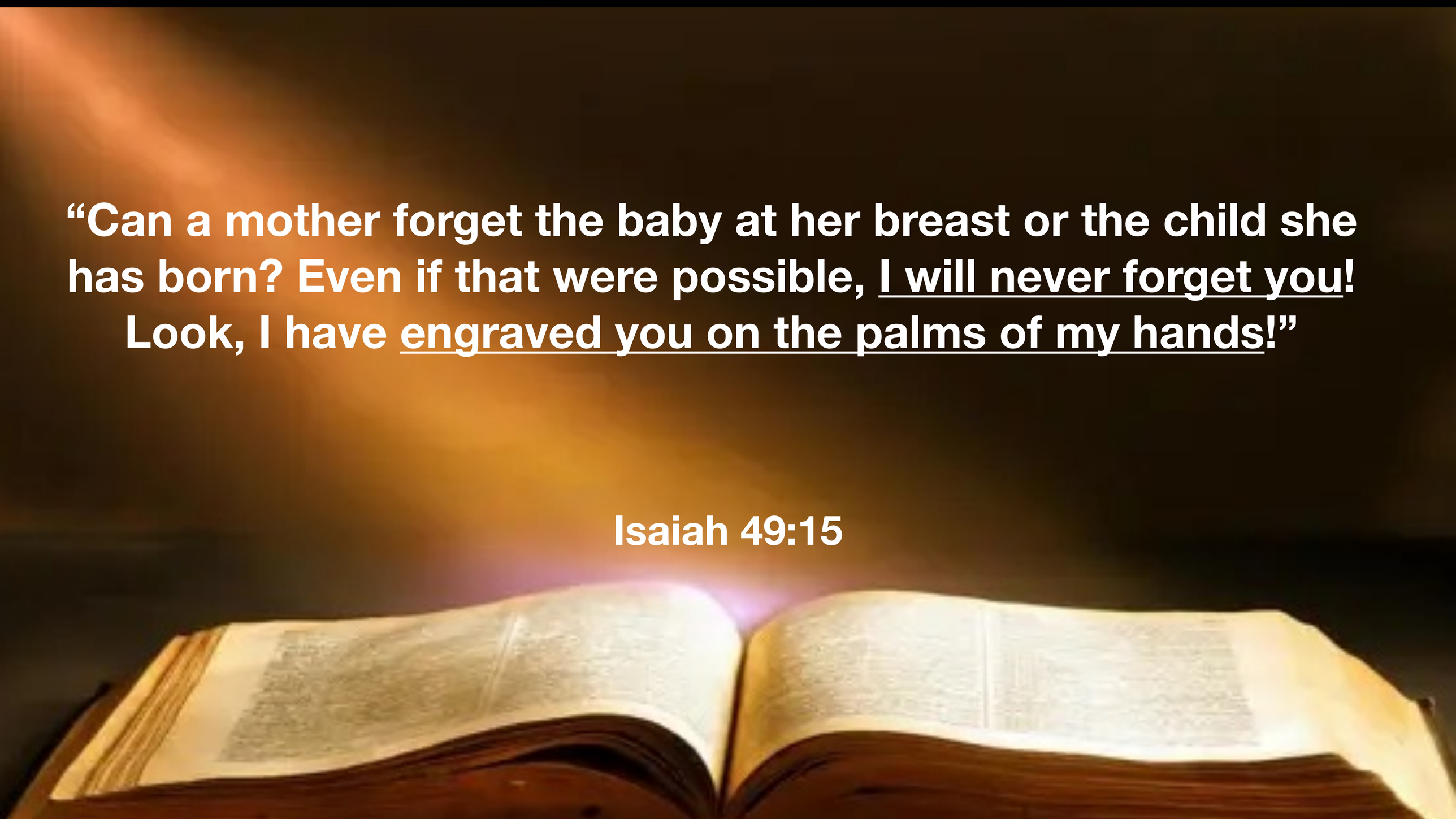


WHAT YOU KNOW IS WHAT GETS YOU THROUGH


“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others with the same comfort that we’ve received from God.
2 Corinthians 1:3


“When you go through deep waters, I will be with you! When you pass through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned up; it will NOT consume you!”
Isaiah 43:2

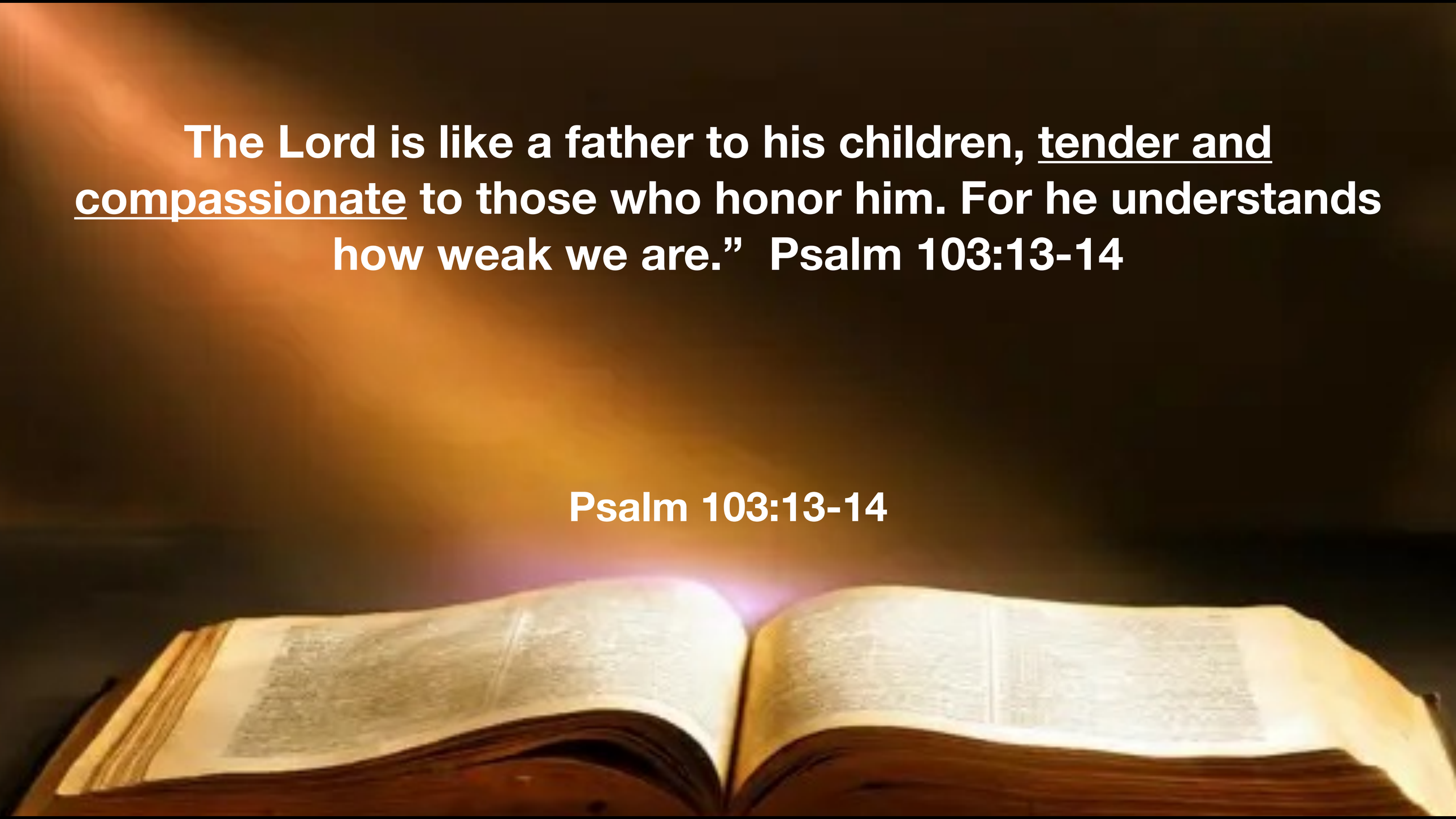

“I will NEVER LEAVE you and I will NEVER ABANDON you.”
Hebrews 13:5


“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast or the child she has born? Even if that were possible, I will never forget you! Look, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!”
Isaiah 49:15



When God feels distant, let your PAIN lead you to PRAYER leading you to PRAISE


“I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing the Lord’s praise, for he has been good to me.”
Psalm 13:5-6


The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who honor him. For he understands how weak we are.” Psalm 103:13-14
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Jesus: “God has sent me to heal the brokenhearted...”
Luke 4:18 LB


HAT SHOULD I DO
when God says no
Got
Question

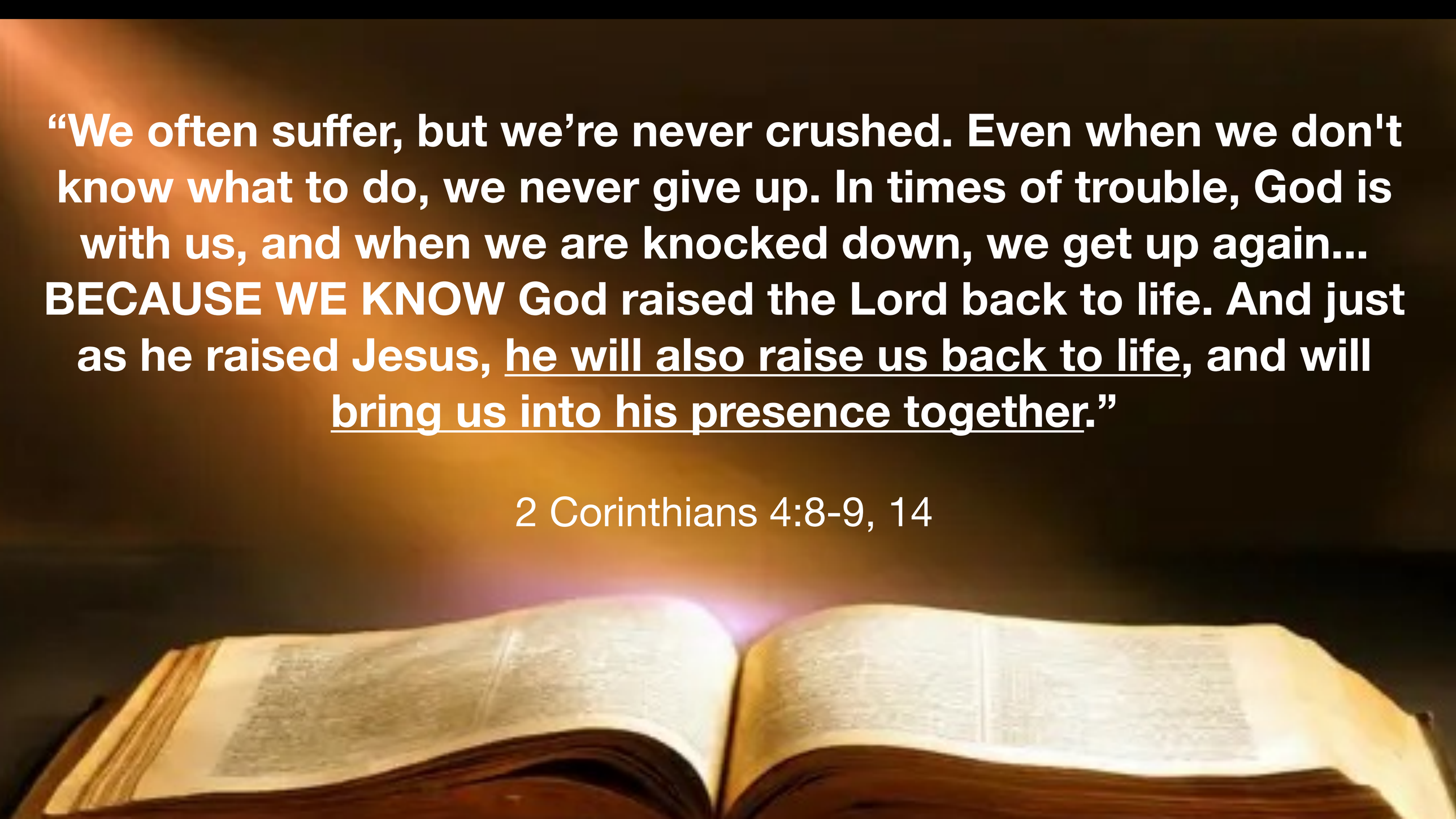
“Prayer isn’t just asking God for what I want, it is trusting in God that He knows best.”

Big Idea



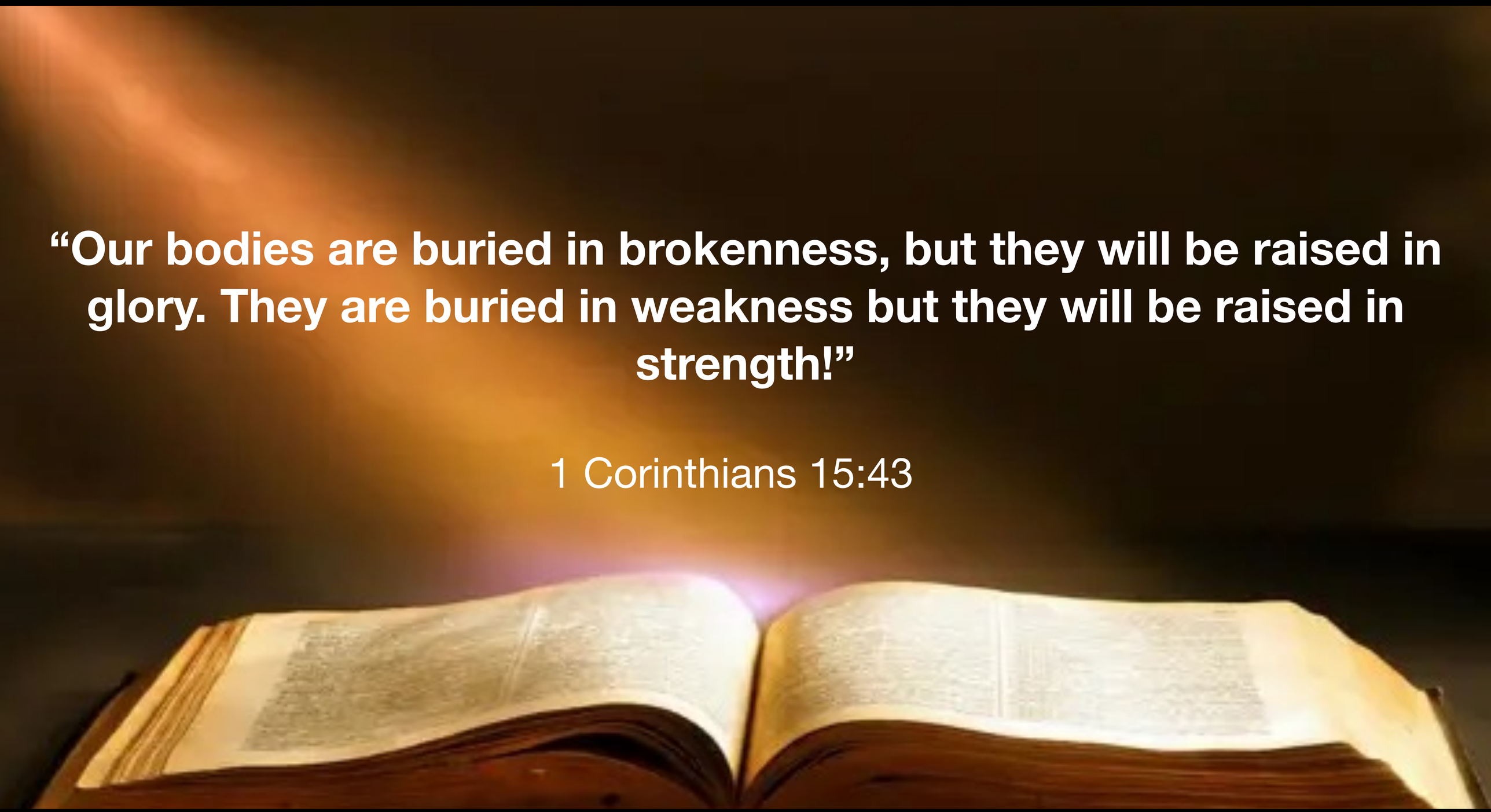
TRUST GOD'S PURPOSE




“We often suffer, but we’re never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again... BECAUSE WE KNOW God raised the Lord back to life. And just as he raised Jesus, he will also raise us back to life, and will bring us into his presence together.”
2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 14

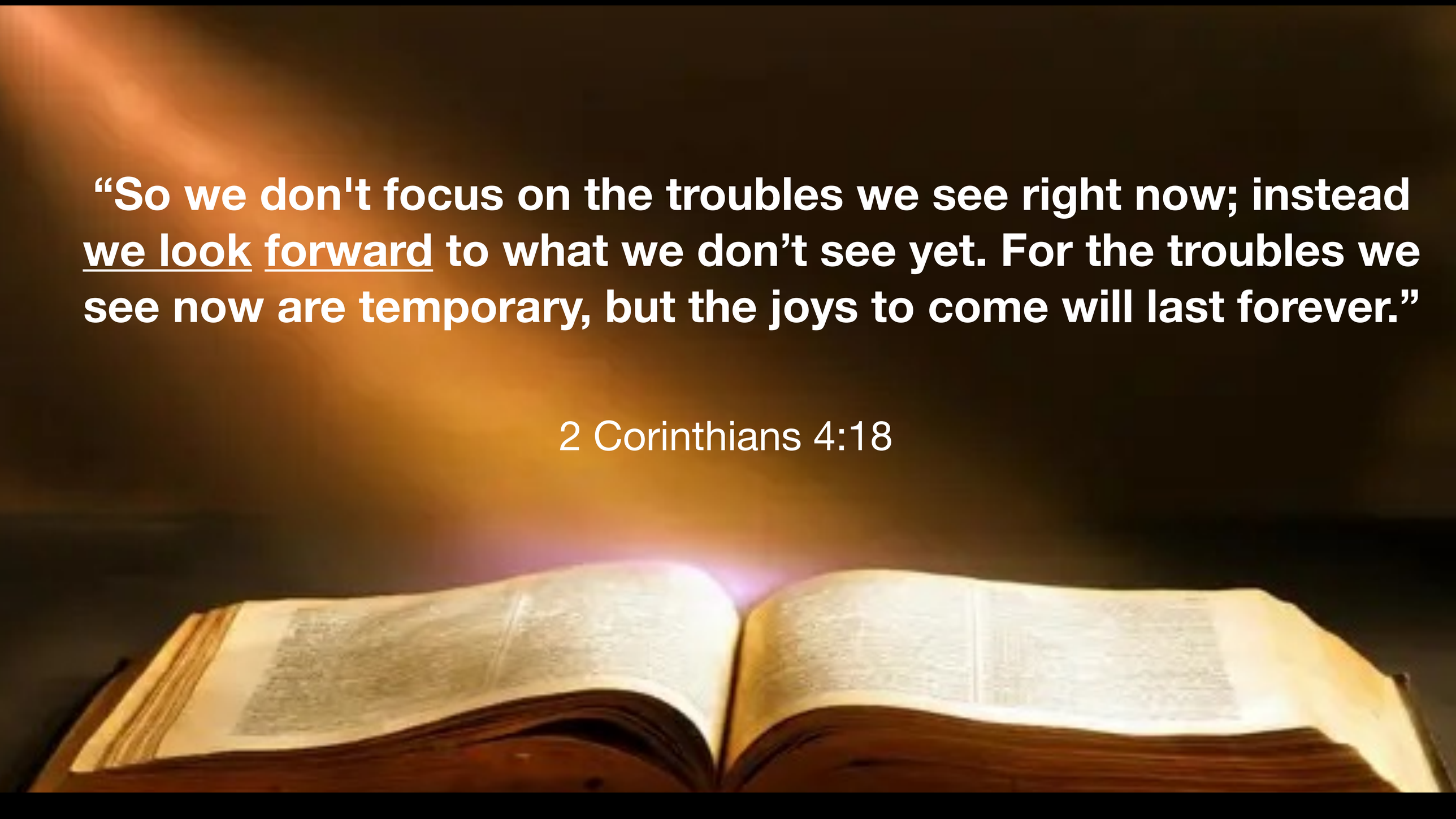
“Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness but they will be raised in strength!”

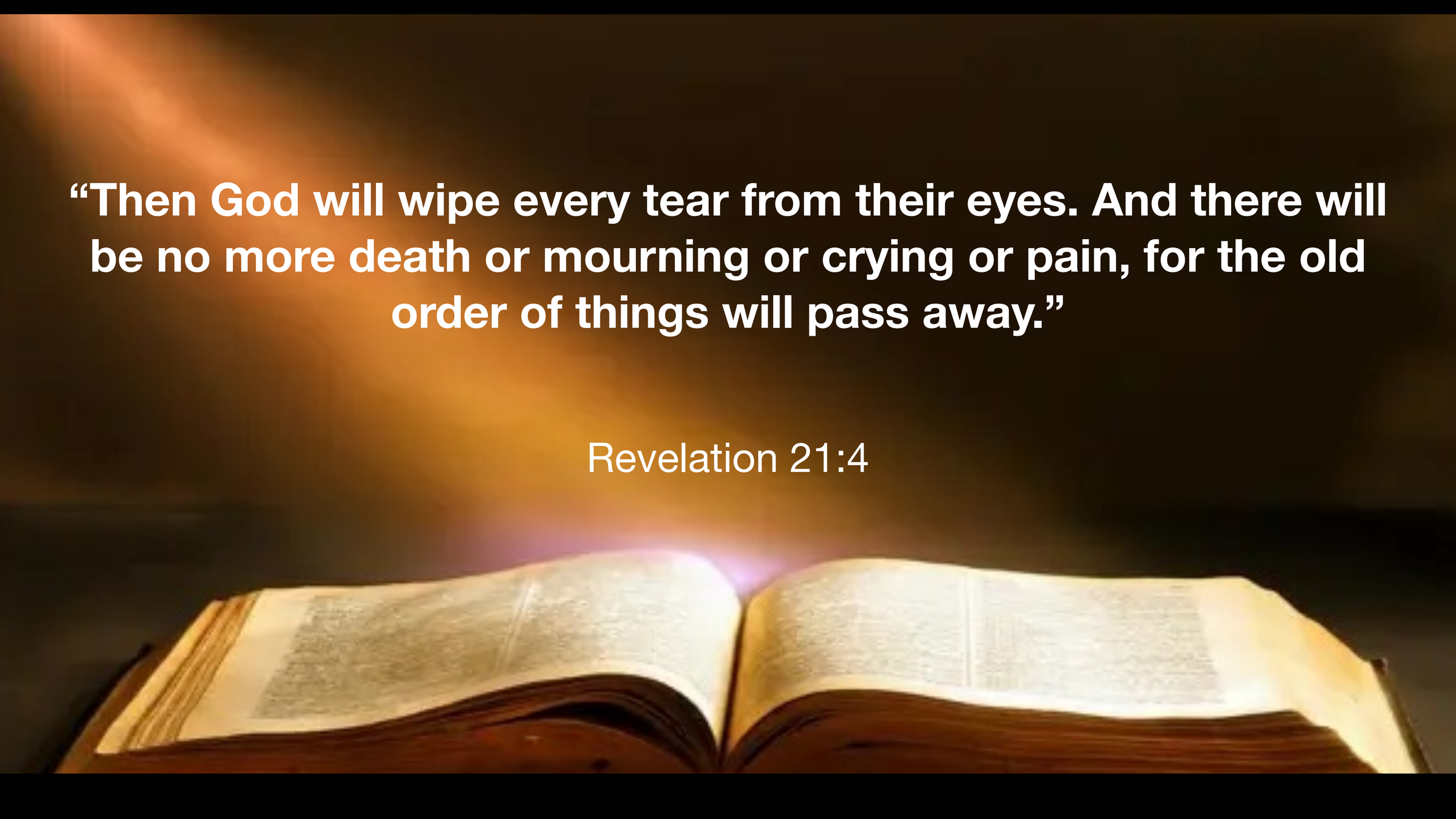
1 Corinthians 15:43



“So we don't focus on the troubles we see right now; instead we look forward to what we don’t see yet. For the troubles we see now are temporary, but the joys to come will last forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18



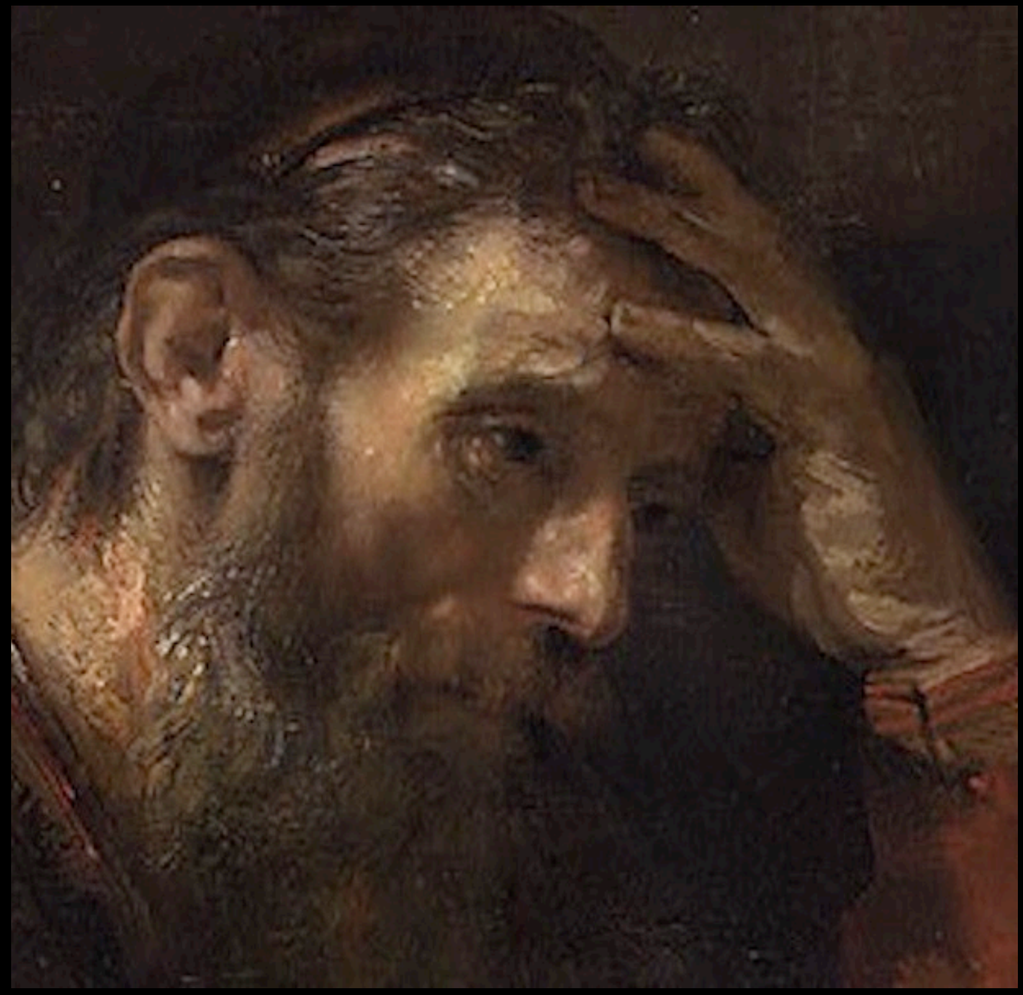

“Then God will wipe every tear from their eyes. And there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will pass away.”
Revelation 21:4

God does his best work through weakness



WHAT WAS PAUL'S THORN?

- Eyes
- Trouble , trials, persecutions
- Unending care for the churches
- Depression
- WE DON'T KNOW!
- 'Skolops"=Spike



PRESS INTO GODS GRACE



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When God Says No

- **Trust God’s Purpose (Romans 8:28)**
- **God does His best work through weakness (EPh.2:10)**
- **Don’t give up (2 Corinthians 4:16)**
- **Rely on His GRACE (Acts 13:43)**



The true power of prayer isn’t about getting things from God, but getting God himself.

