



OVERTAKEN BY **GOD'S**
Goodness!

What if I told you that the Lord's goal is for you to be "overtaken" by His goodness? Do you really believe it?

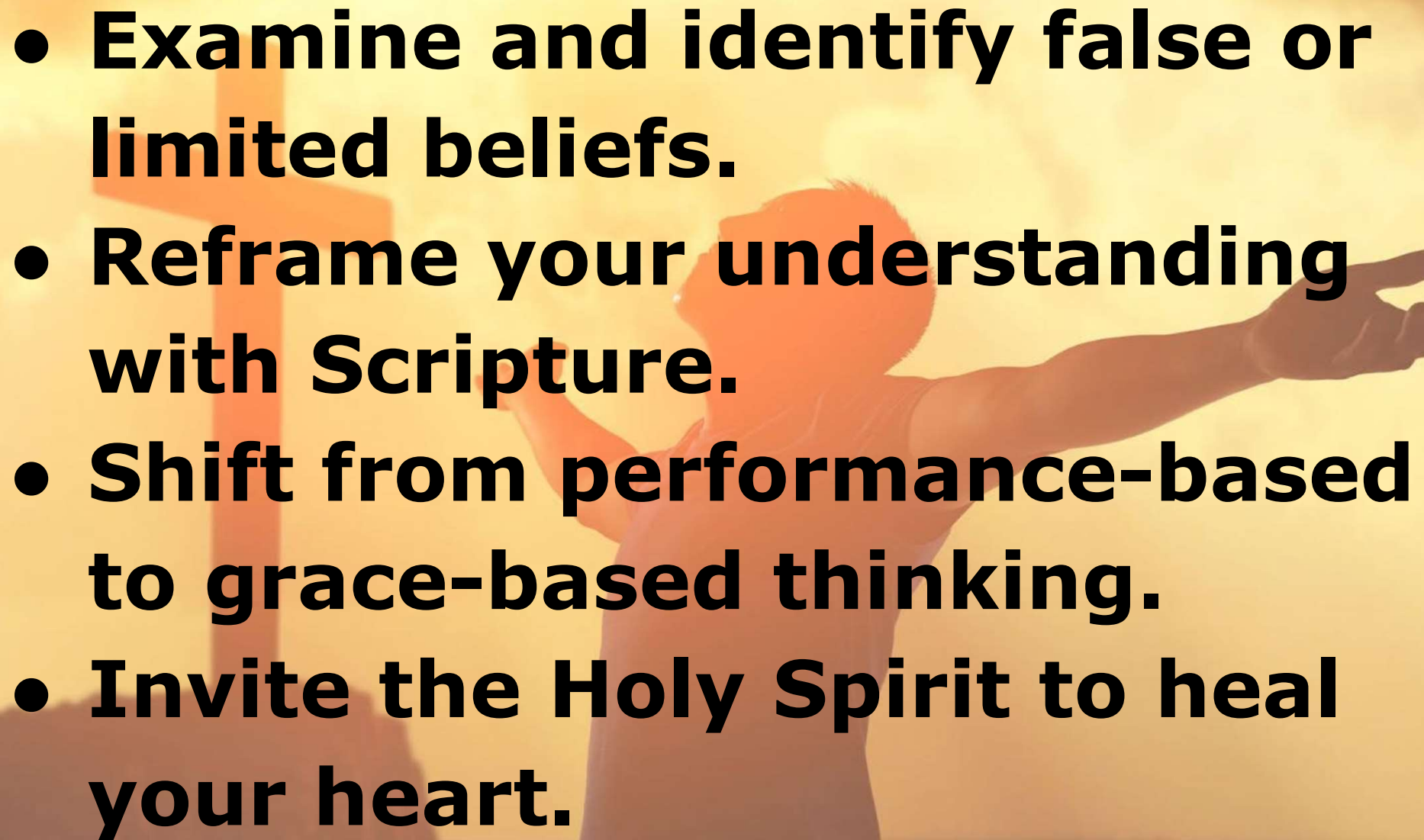
Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief!

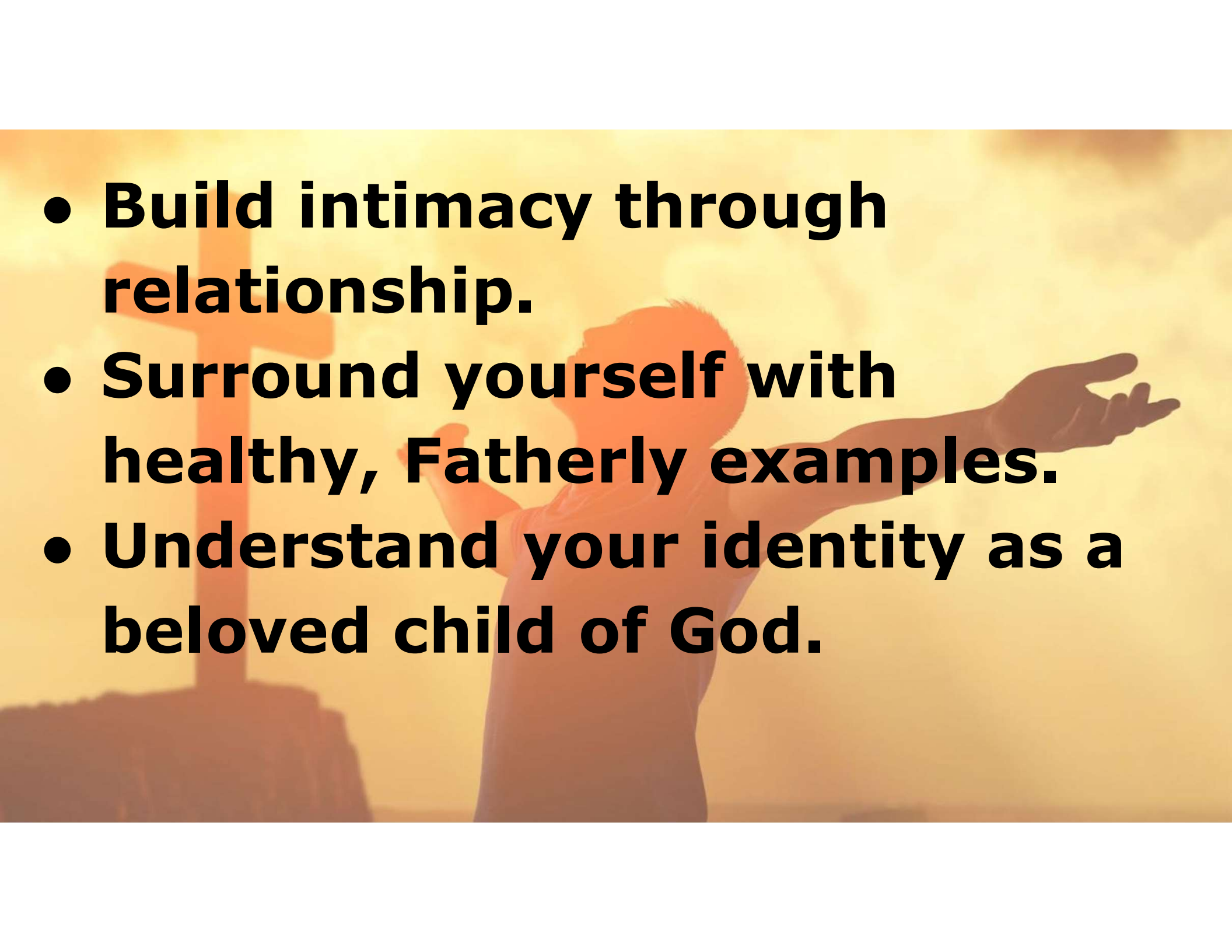
We need to change our perspective from one of barely squeaking by in life to an expectation of being overwhelmed by God's goodness!

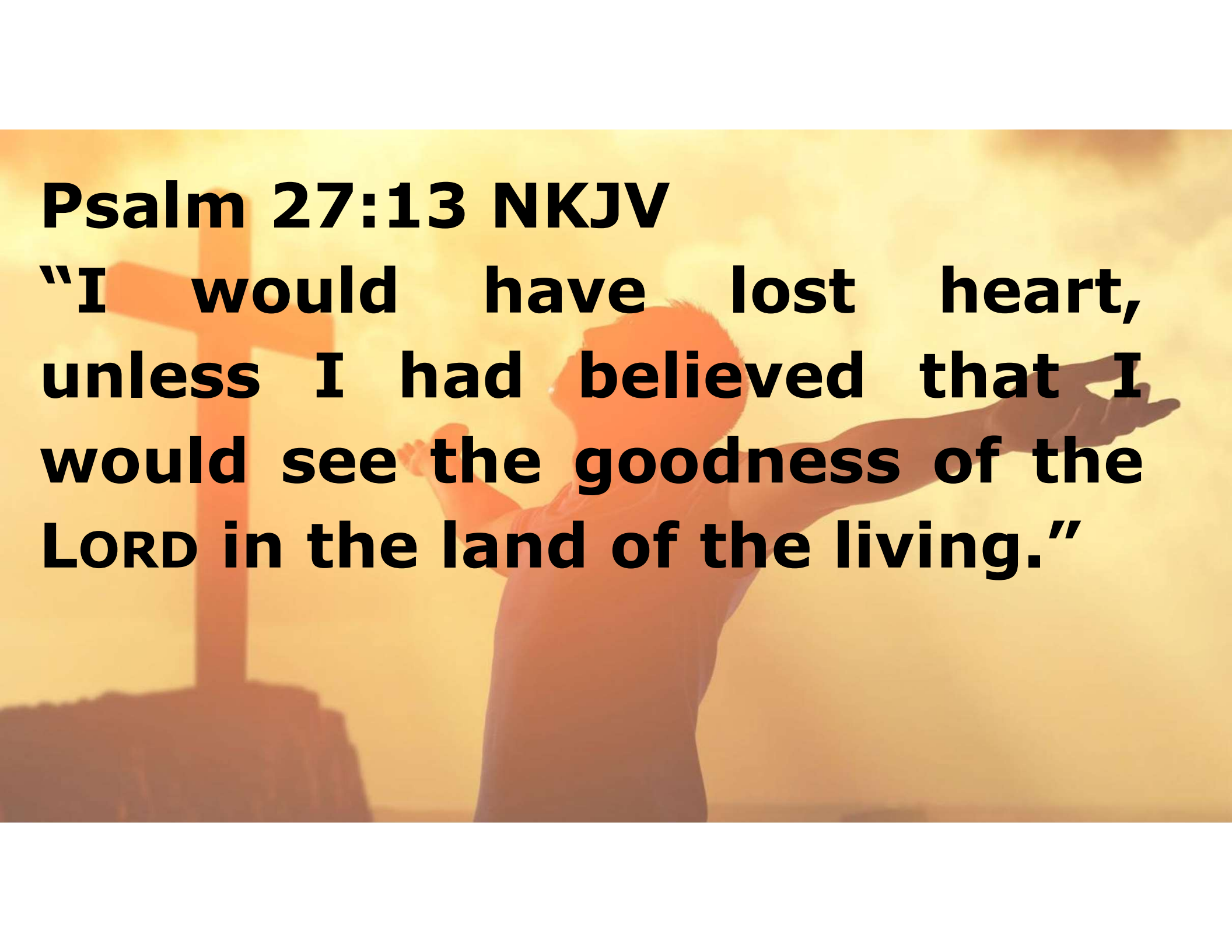
David had a deep revelation of the goodness of God!

***Talk about Father God concept.**

Our view of God as Father often stems from a combination of Biblical revelation, personal experiences, cultural influences, and emotional wounds. If you don't know who you are, you can't fully appreciate who your Father is.

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- A person is shown in silhouette, standing with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a bright, warm glow, likely from a sunrise or sunset, with a large, faint cross visible in the upper left. The overall atmosphere is one of spiritual hope and transformation.
- **Examine and identify false or limited beliefs.**
 - **Reframe your understanding with Scripture.**
 - **Shift from performance-based to grace-based thinking.**
 - **Invite the Holy Spirit to heal your heart.**

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- **Build intimacy through relationship.**
 - **Surround yourself with healthy, Fatherly examples.**
 - **Understand your identity as a beloved child of God.**



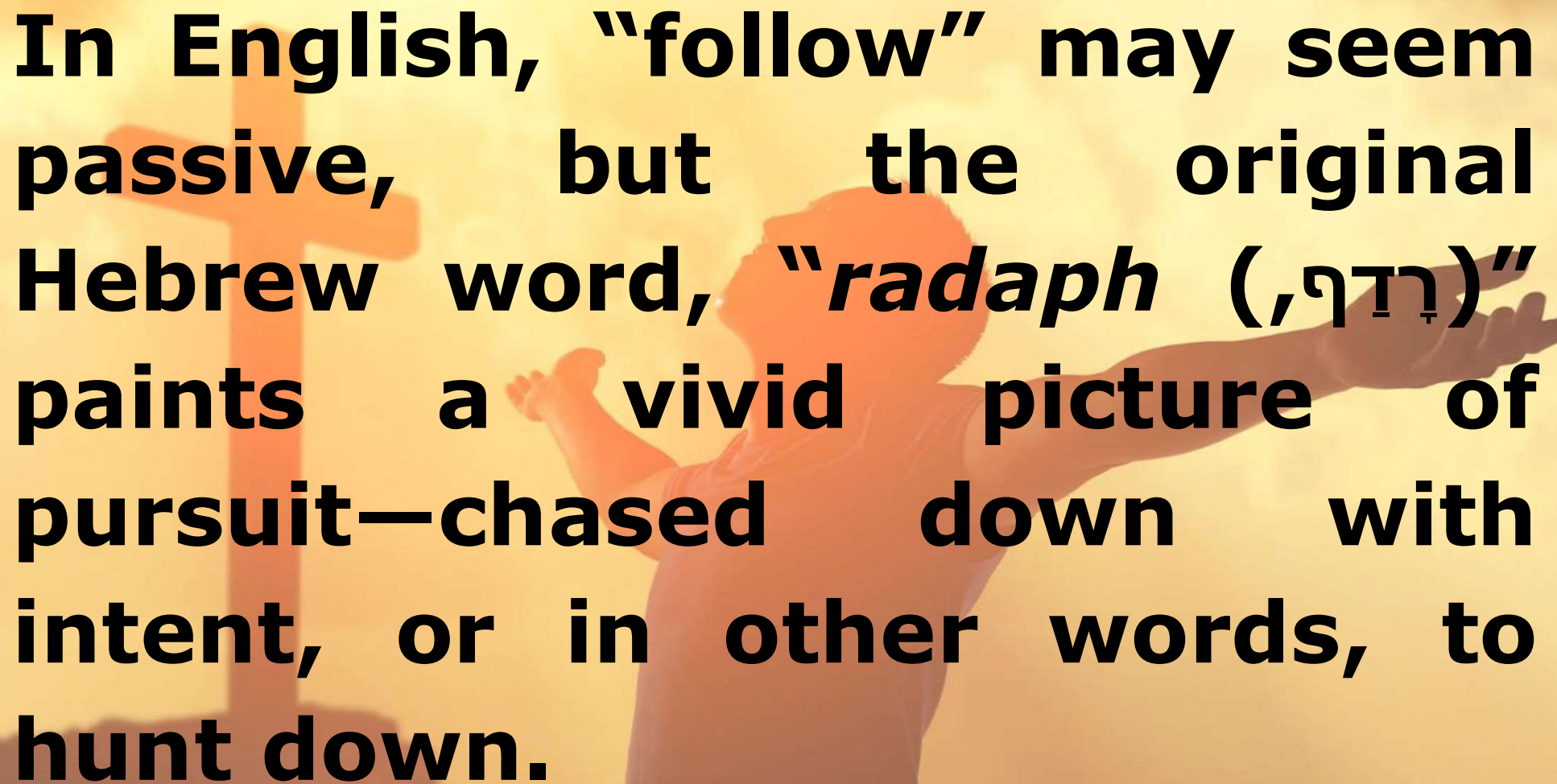
Psalm 27:13 NKJV

**“I would have lost heart,
unless I had believed that I
would see the goodness of the
LORD in the land of the living.”**

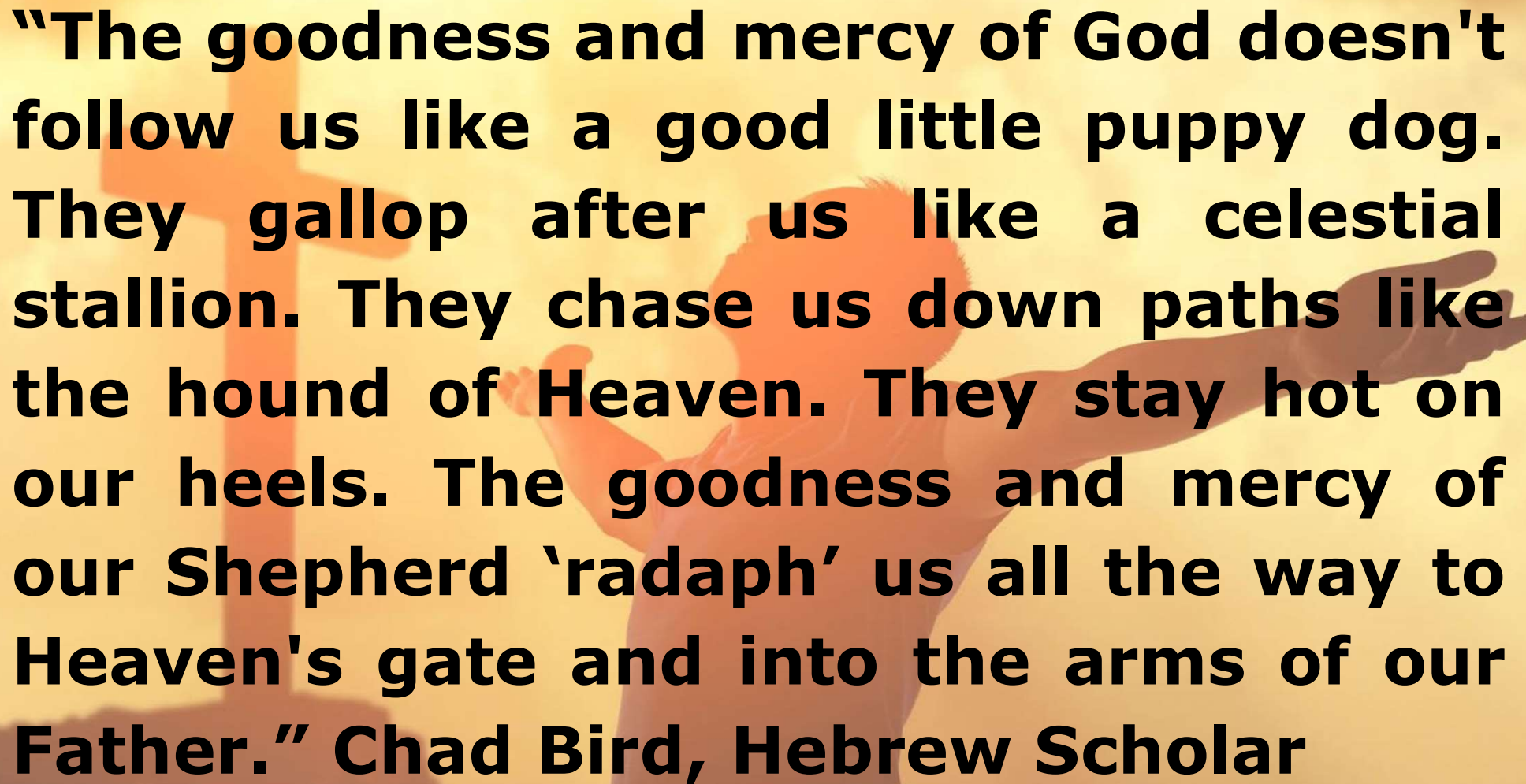
A person is shown in silhouette against a bright, hazy background, possibly a sunrise or sunset. The person's arms are raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The overall tone is warm and spiritual.

Psalm 23:6 NKJV

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”



In English, “follow” may seem passive, but the original Hebrew word, “*radaph* (רָדַף)” paints a vivid picture of pursuit—chased down with intent, or in other words, to hunt down.

A person is shown from the chest up, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a soft, glowing light. The person's silhouette is dark against the bright background. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

“The goodness and mercy of God doesn't follow us like a good little puppy dog. They gallop after us like a celestial stallion. They chase us down paths like the hound of Heaven. They stay hot on our heels. The goodness and mercy of our Shepherd ‘radaph’ us all the way to Heaven's gate and into the arms of our Father.” Chad Bird, Hebrew Scholar

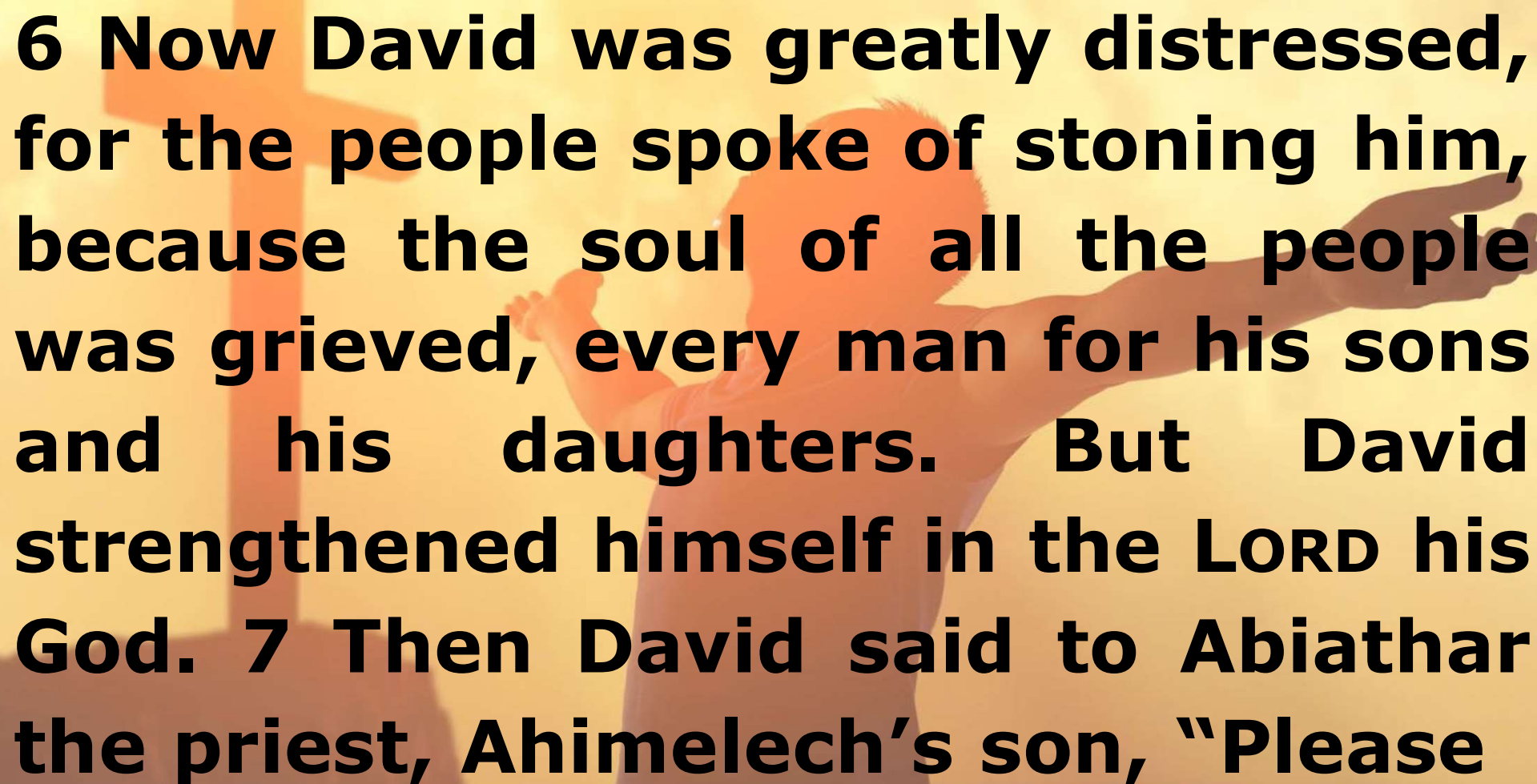
The story of David at Ziklag (1 Samuel 30:1-25) is a powerful story that offers profound prophetic insights on God's goodness, restoration, and His faithfulness to overtake us with blessings even when everything seems lost.

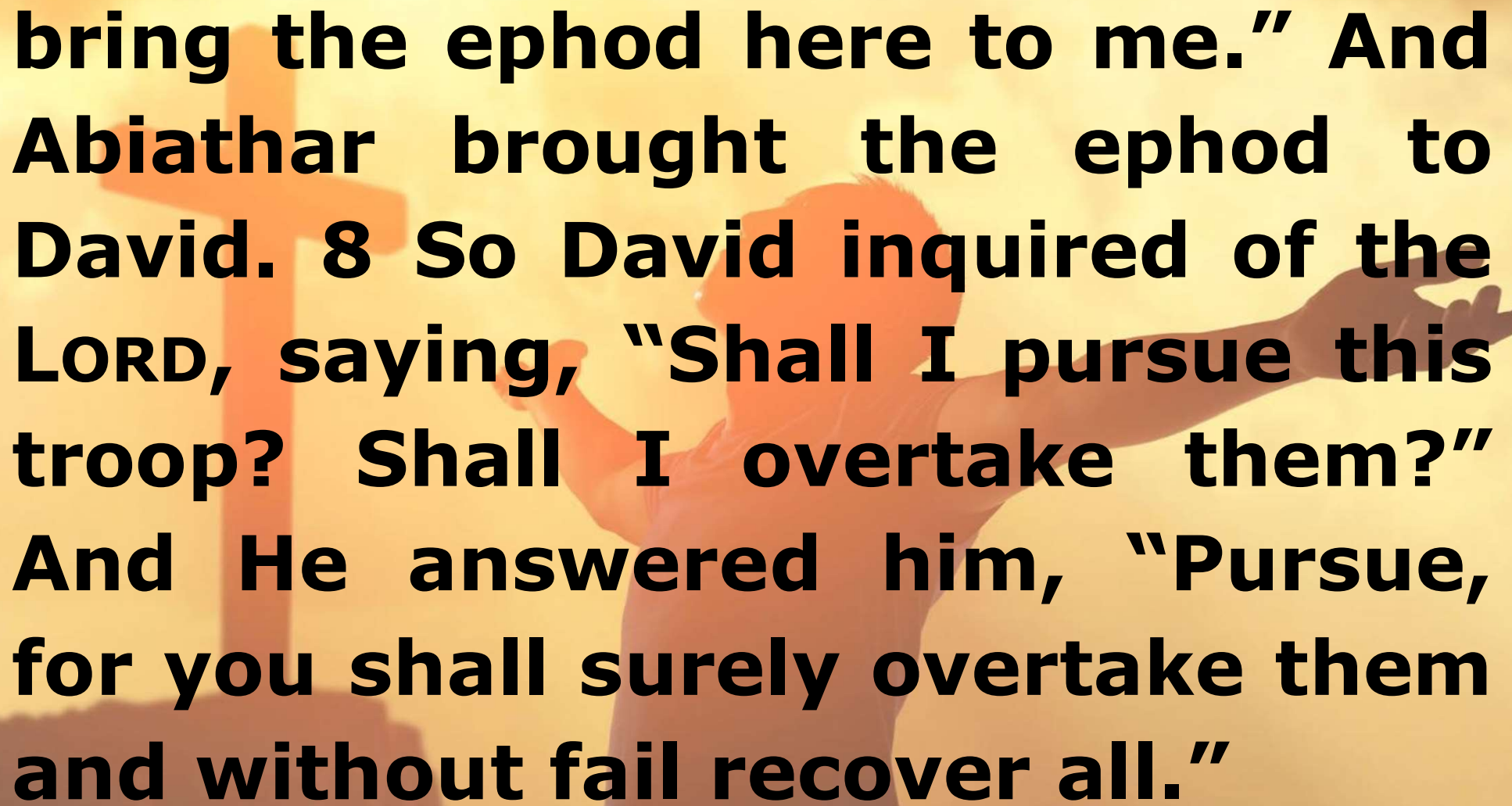
**1. IN TIMES OF DISTRESS,
GOD'S GOODNESS IS
PRESENT. (V. 6-8)**



1 Samuel 30:6-8 NKJV

6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. 7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in prayer, set against a bright, glowing background that resembles a sunrise or sunset. The person's head is tilted back, and their arms are extended upwards and outwards. The overall tone is warm and spiritual.

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**bring the ephod here to me.” And
Abiathar brought the ephod to
David. 8 So David inquired of the
LORD, saying, “Shall I pursue this
troop? Shall I overtake them?”
And He answered him, “Pursue,
for you shall surely overtake them
and without fail recover all.”**

What David didn't do:

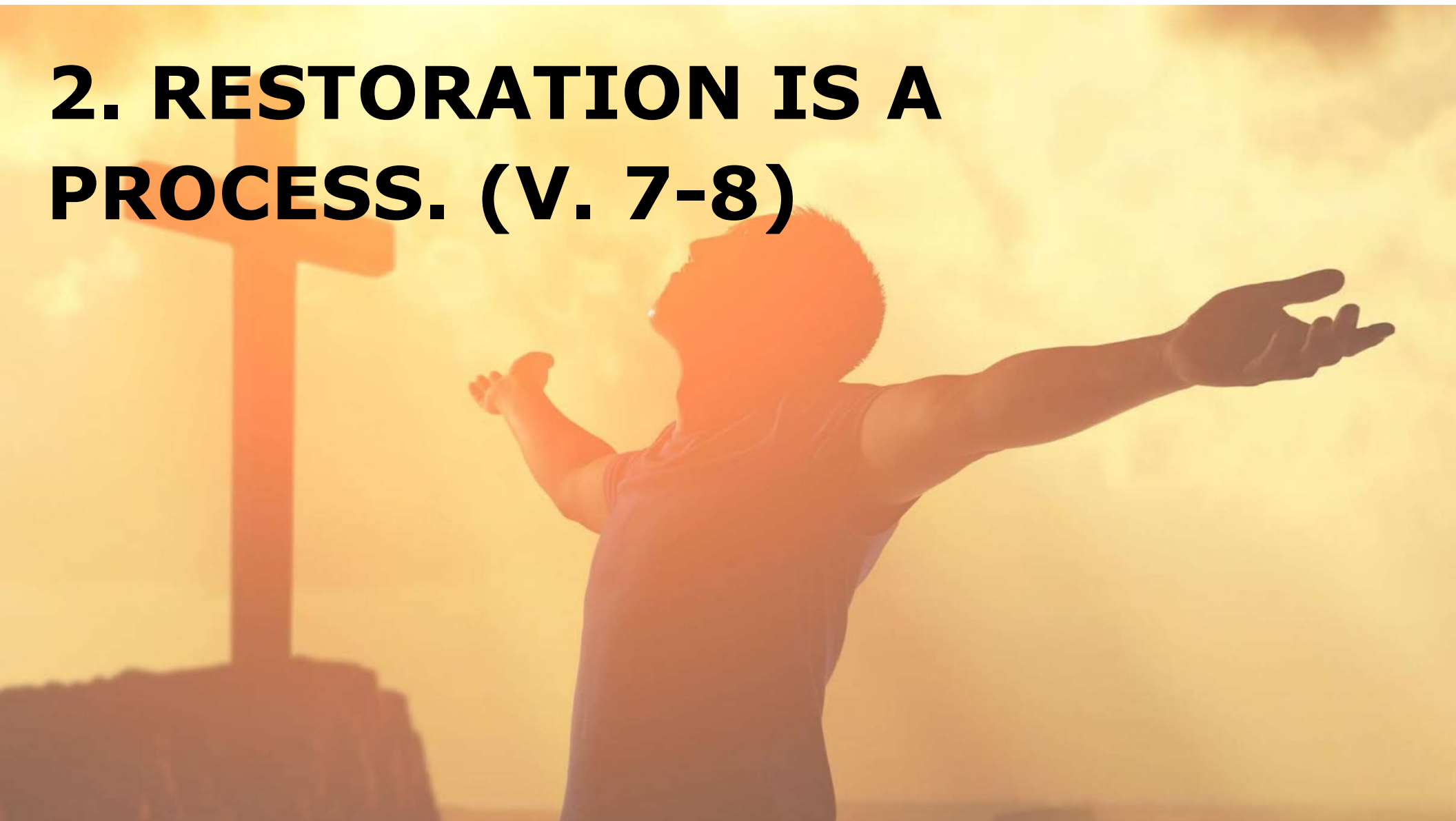
- He didn't freak out and panic.
- He didn't run away from the problem.
- He didn't make an impulse decision based out of emotions, fear, frustration, or human wisdom.

What David did do:

- He turned to God first.

In times of hardship, God invites us to turn to Him. His goodness is not absent in our pain; rather, He is waiting to show us a path of restoration, joy, and breakthrough. Strengthening yourself in the Lord is the first step toward encountering His goodness in the midst of your trials.

2. RESTORATION IS A PROCESS. (V. 7-8)



1 Samuel 30:7-8 NKJV

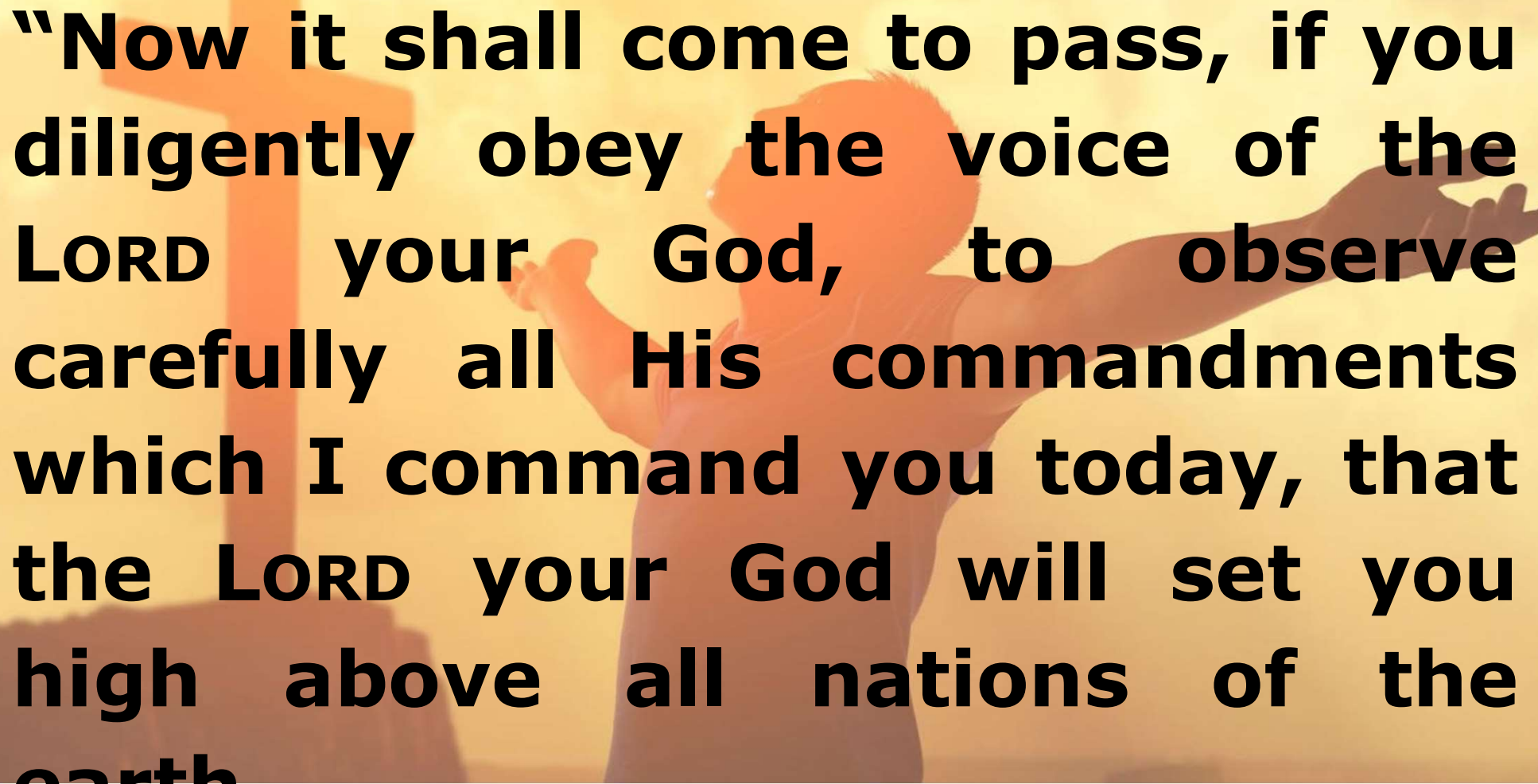
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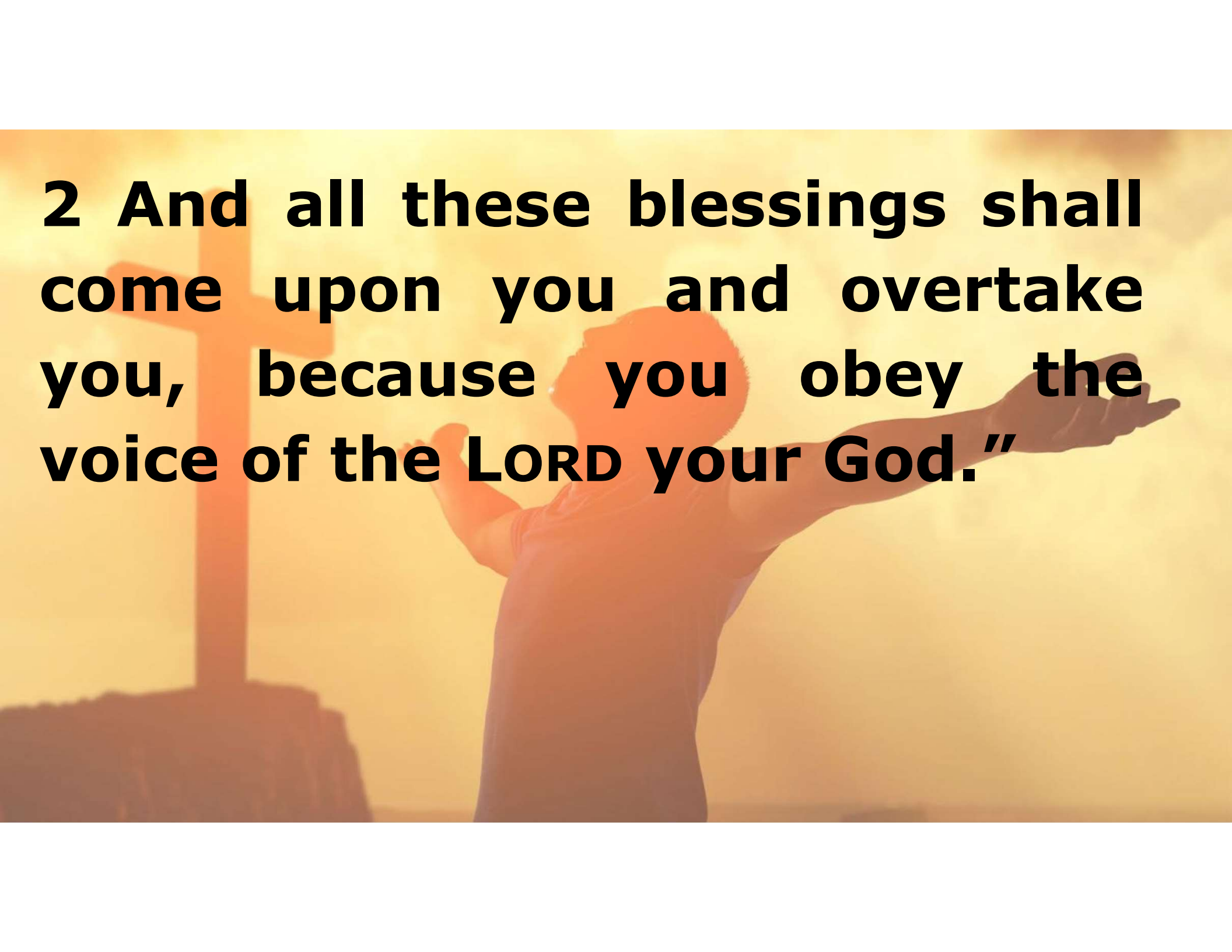
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Deuteronomy 28:1-2 NKJV

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth



A person is shown from the waist up, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The person is silhouetted against a bright, warm sunset sky. To the left, a large, dark silhouette of a cross is visible. The overall scene is bathed in the golden light of the setting sun.

2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God."

What David was going through seems like a no brainer, but he paused to pray to get the mind and heart of God. You are not to fight every battle!

David didn't want to go on his own green light. He wanted to make sure that the green light came from God.

***PAUSE TO PRAY!**

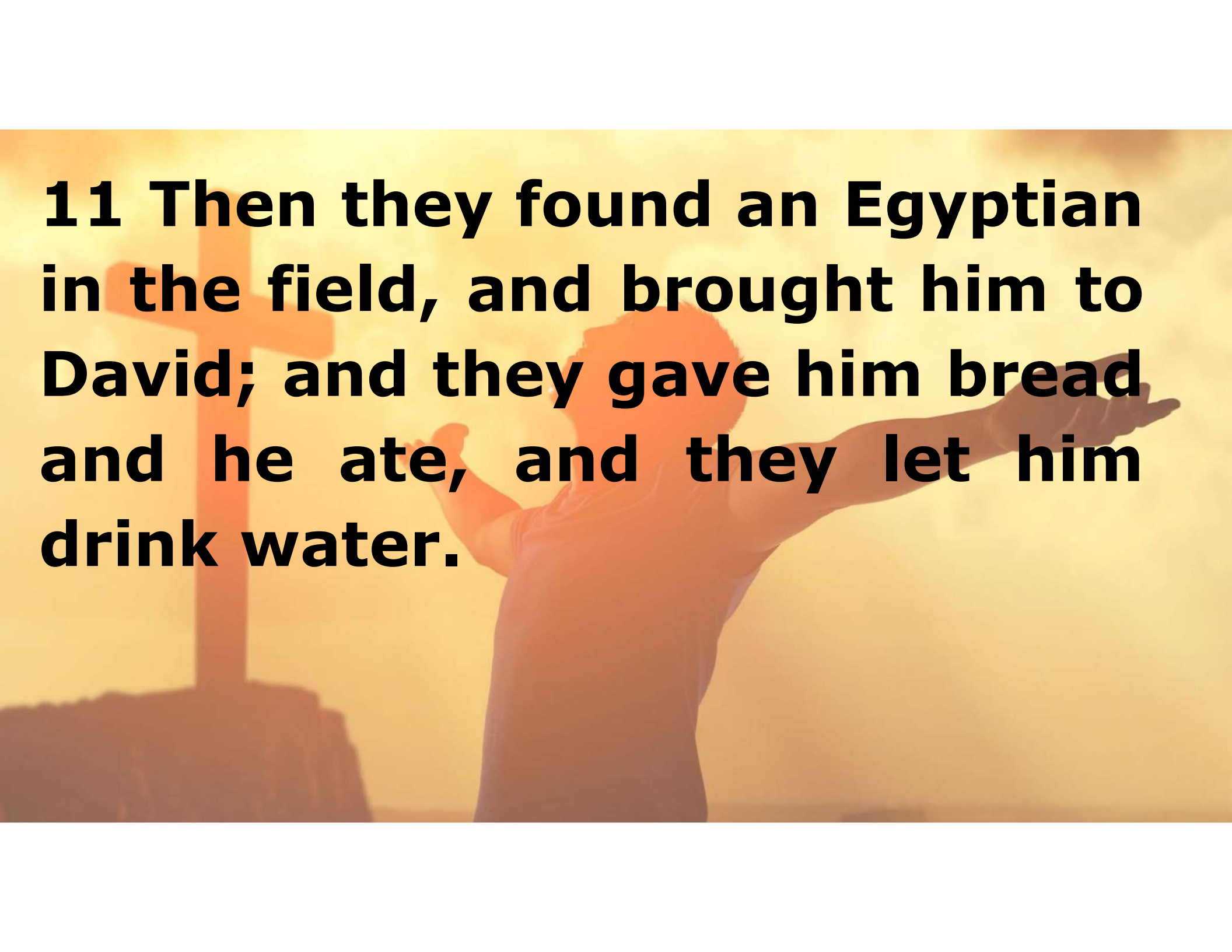
When we are in the valley of despair, we must not rely on our own understanding but seek God's wisdom. His goodness isn't just about blessings; it's about giving us the right direction, strategy, and guidance. God is eager to direct our steps, even in the most uncertain and painful moments. He will not leave us to wander in confusion.

**3. OUR PURSUIT OF GOD'S
GOODNESS IS ALWAYS MET
WITH HIS PROVISION.
(V. 9-11)**



1 Samuel 30:9-11 NKJV

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

A person is shown from the waist up, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or joy. They are standing in a field during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light filling the sky. The person's silhouette is dark against the bright background. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, black font.

11 Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water.

God's goodness often comes in unexpected ways. When we trust and obey His word, He will guide us to divine connections, opportunities, and resources we didn't even know were available. Even in the pursuit of what God has promised, we may find unexpected help and favor along the way.

He doesn't just give us victory; He provides the people, resources, and wisdom necessary for us to experience restoration.

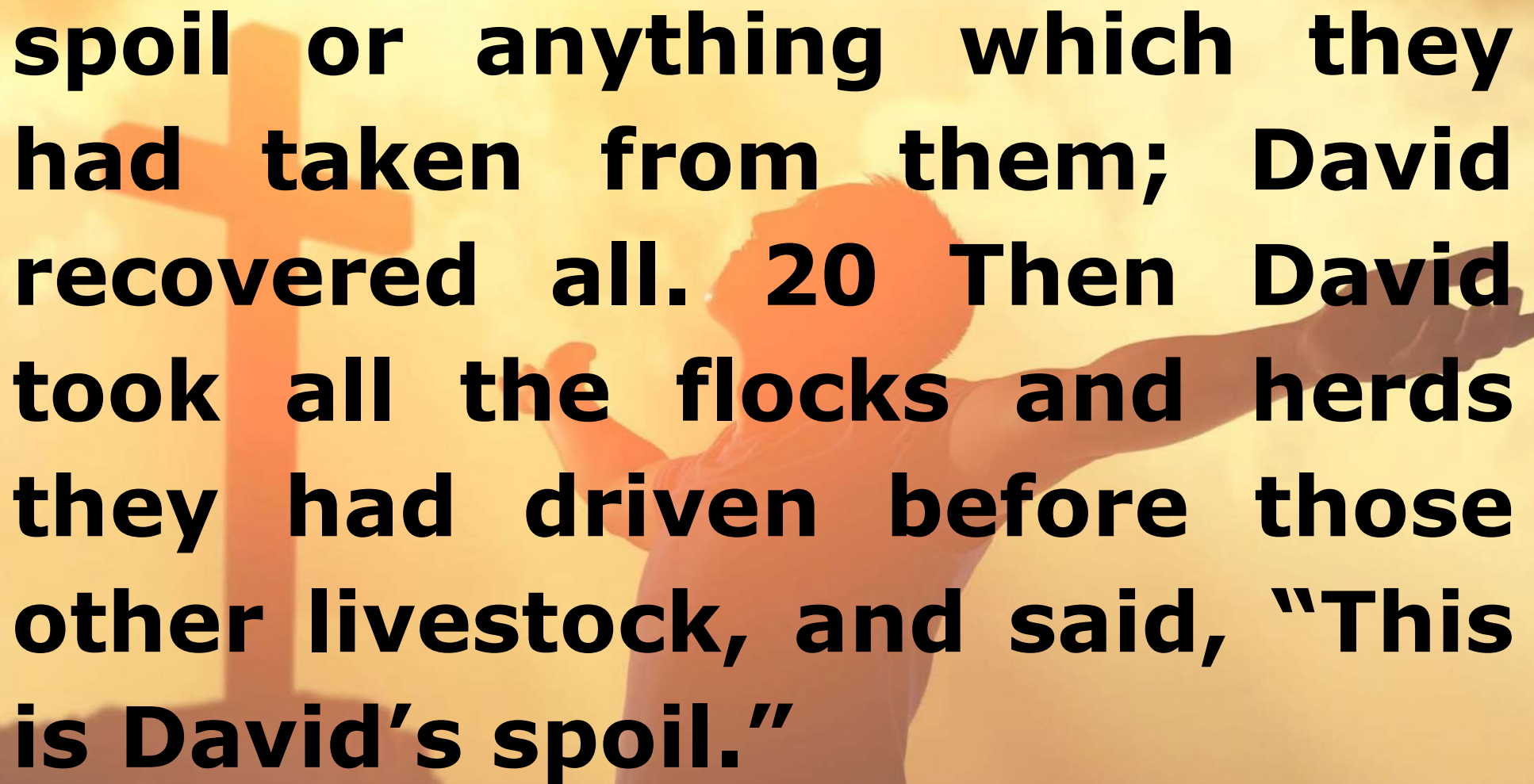
As we move in faith, God opens doors, provides resources, and gives us divine strategies for breakthrough.

**4. GOD'S GOODNESS EXTENDS
BEYOND RECOVERY. HIS
GOODNESS OVERFLOWS.
(V. 18-20)**



1 Samuel 30:18-20 NKJV

18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. 19 And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters,



spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all. 20 Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil."

Amos 9:13 NKJV

**“Behold, the days are coming,”
says the LORD, “When the
plowman shall overtake the
reaper, and the treader of grapes
him who sows seed; The
mountains shall drip with sweet
wine, and all the hills shall flow
with it.”**

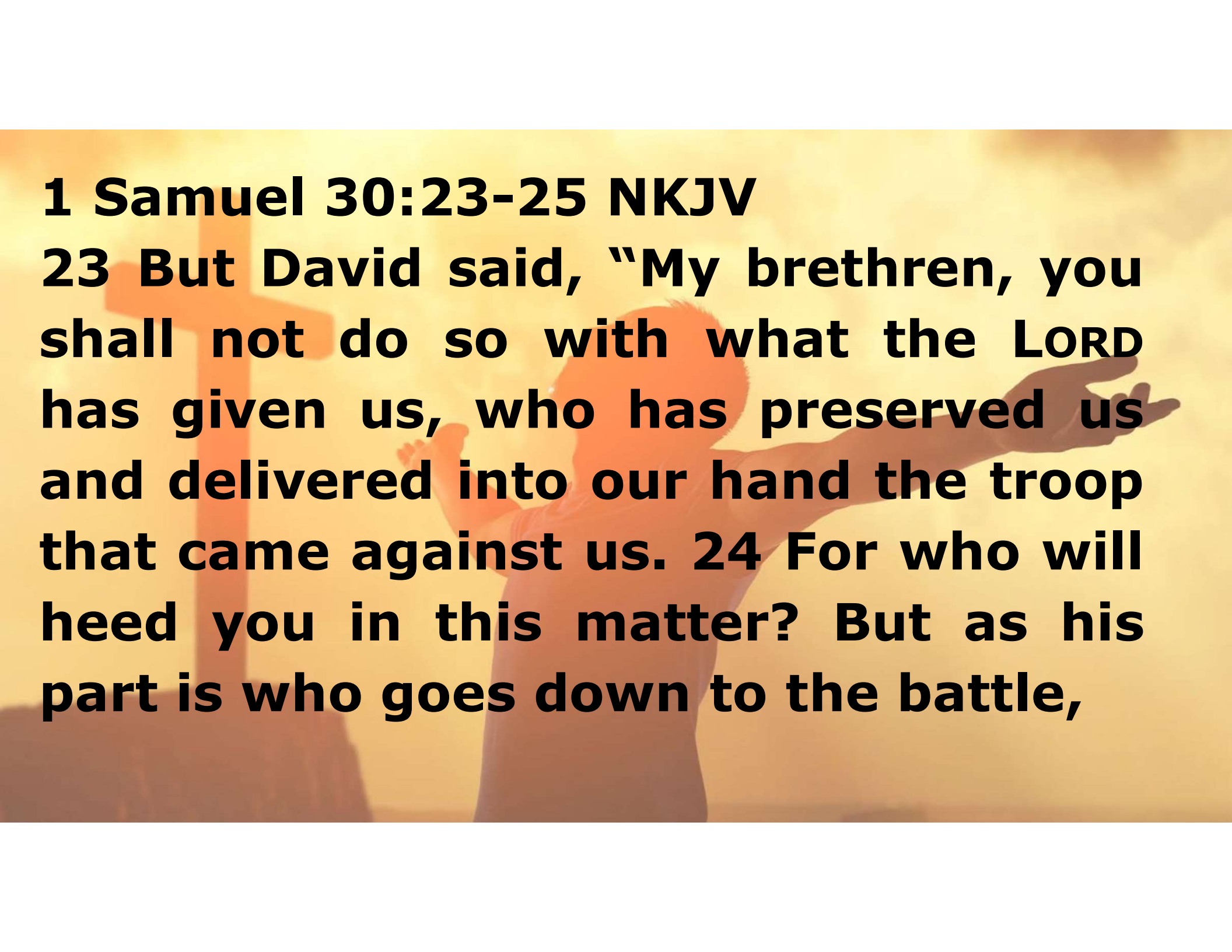
God doesn't just restore what was lost; He brings an abundant, overwhelming restoration. The "goodness" of God overtakes us in ways that exceed our expectations. God's restoration is not only about returning what was taken from us but about elevating us to a place of greater blessing and abundance.

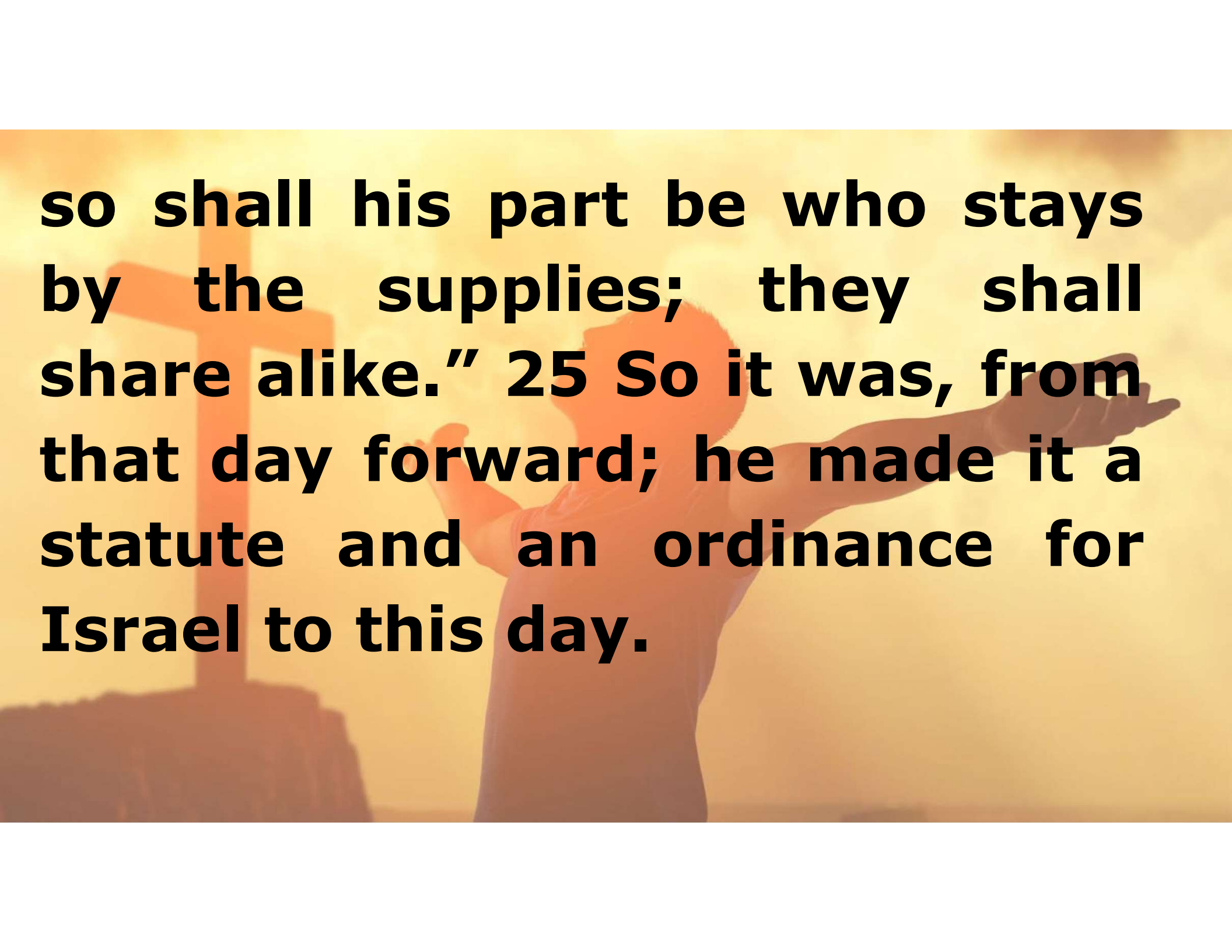
**5. GOD'S GOODNESS AND
BLESSINGS ARE TO BE
SHARED. (V. 23-25)**



1 Samuel 30:23-25 NKJV

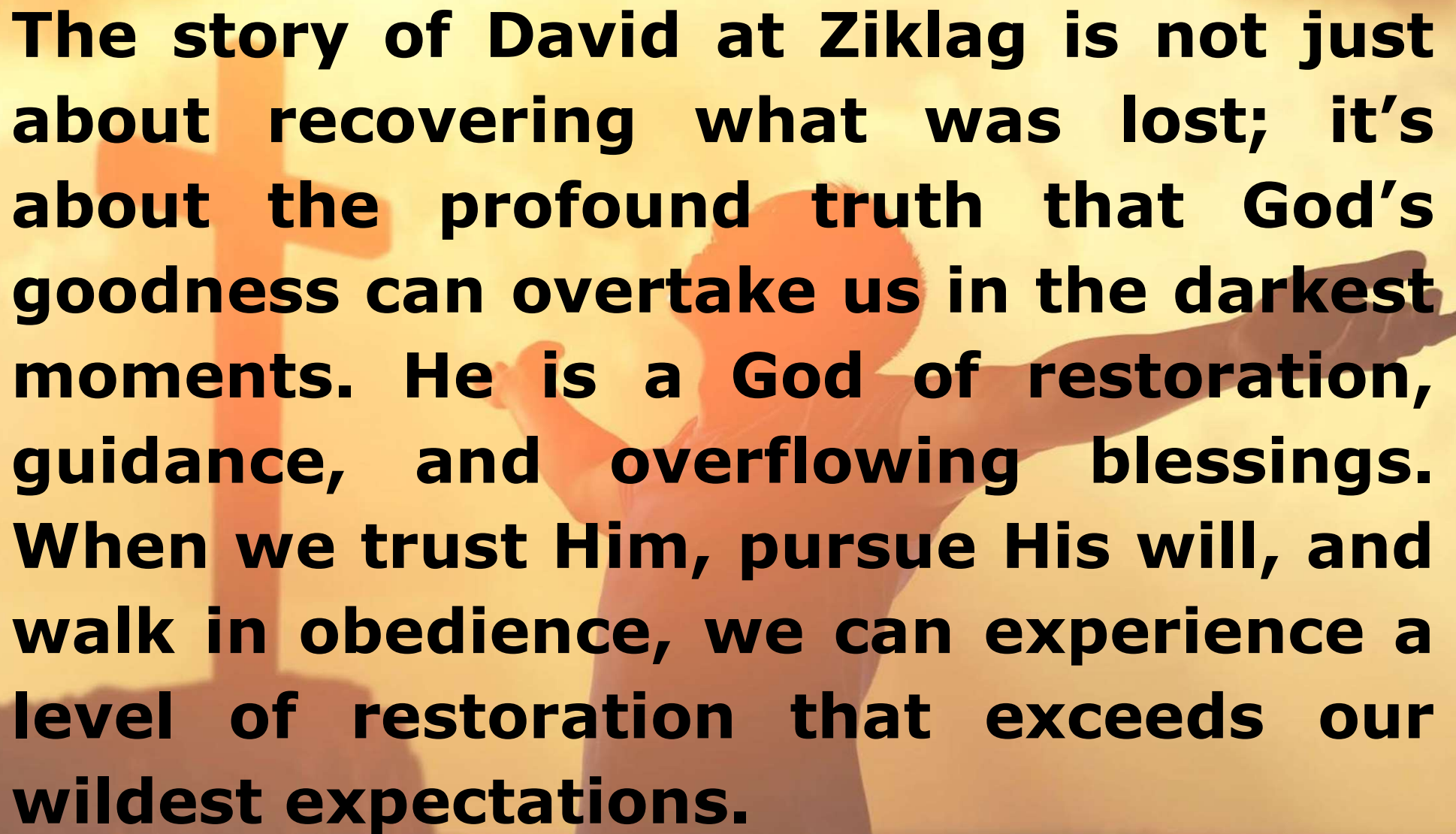
23 But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us. 24 For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle,





**so shall his part be who stays
by the supplies; they shall
share alike.” 25 So it was, from
that day forward; he made it a
statute and an ordinance for
Israel to this day.**

When we experience the goodness of God, it's not just for us—it's meant to be shared. The blessings of God are meant to flow outward, touching others, and expanding His Kingdom. This teaches us that the goodness of God is not just about personal victory; it's about collective restoration and generosity.



The story of David at Ziklag is not just about recovering what was lost; it's about the profound truth that God's goodness can overtake us in the darkest moments. He is a God of restoration, guidance, and overflowing blessings. When we trust Him, pursue His will, and walk in obedience, we can experience a level of restoration that exceeds our wildest expectations.

Lord, for some reason, it's hard for me to believe and accept that You want to overtake me with Your goodness. It seems almost too good to be true. Even so, Lord, I realize I need to change my perspective. Help me, dear Lord, to clear my mind and spirit of the persistent accusations that tell me You want to punish me rather than bless me.

I reject those thoughts, in the Name of JESUS! Instead, I accept the truth of Your Word, that goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. I trust You, Lord, and believe that this will be my experience. Amen.

***It takes a degree of discipline to live in this truth!**



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