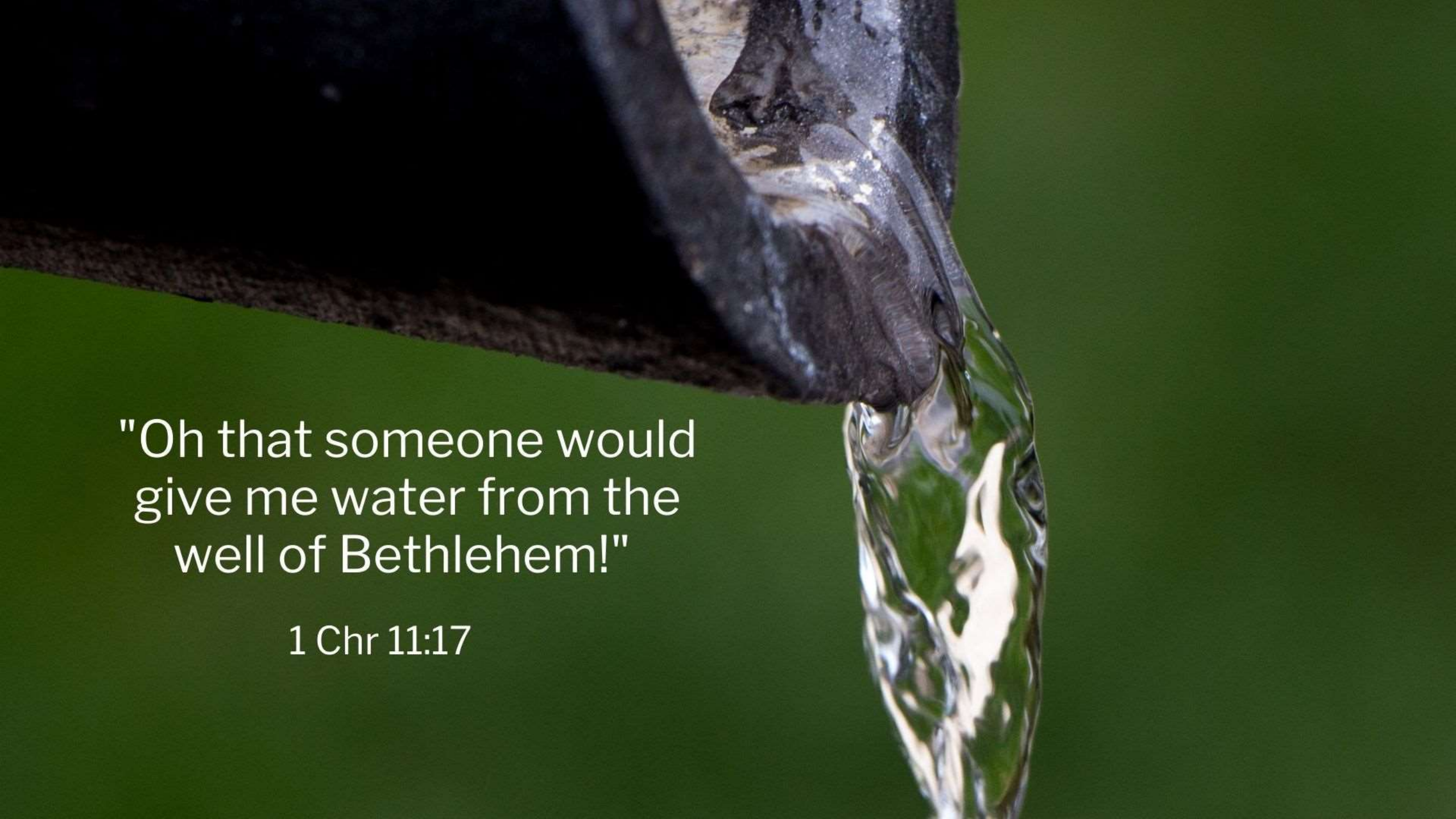




**RESTORING
PASSION**

FOR GOD & HIS KINGDOM

**WHAT IS
PASSION?**

A close-up photograph of water flowing from a dark, textured pipe. The water is clear and forms a stream that tapers as it falls. The background is a solid, dark green color. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

"Oh that someone would
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well of Bethlehem!"

1 Chr 11:17

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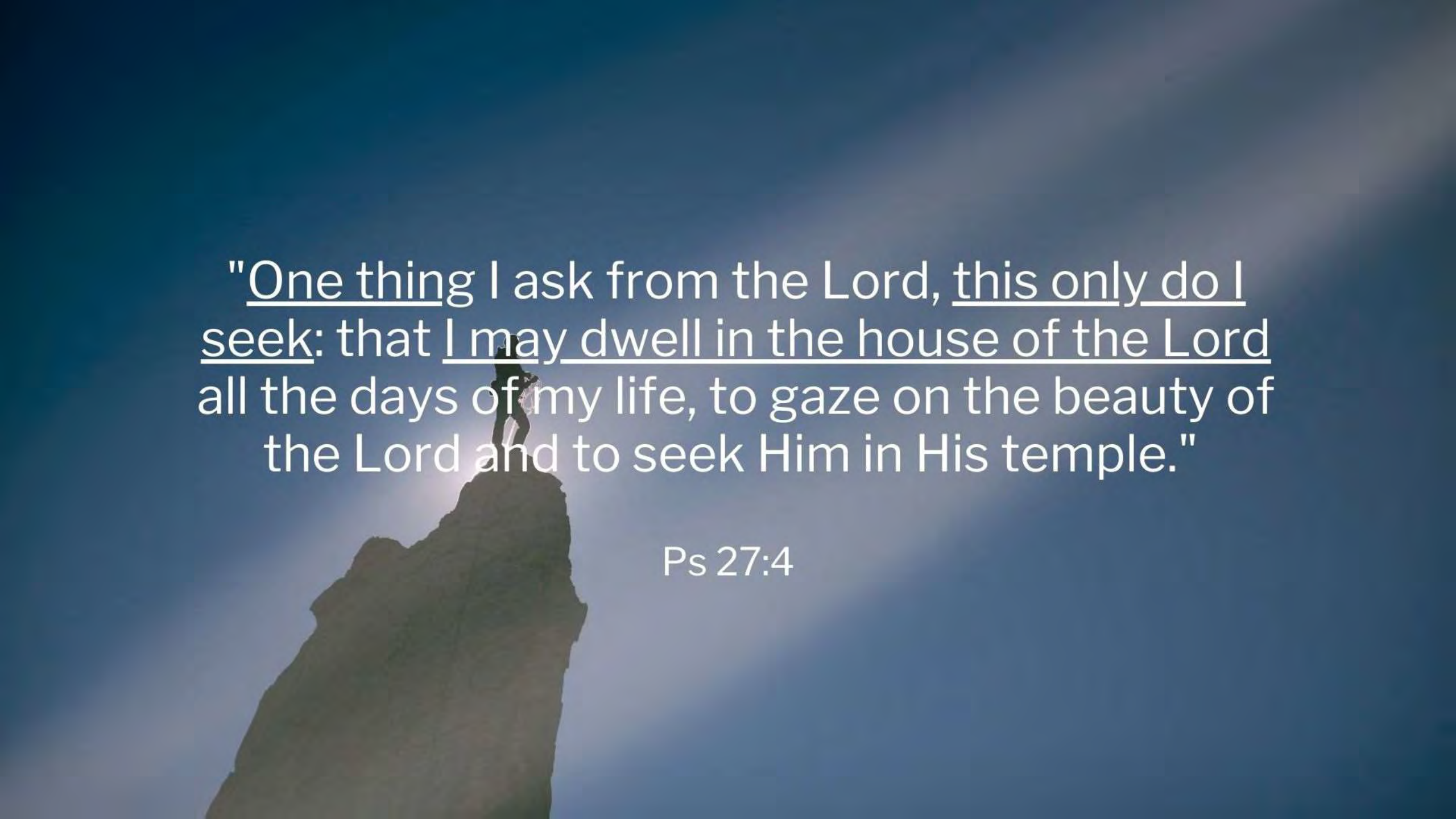
The image shows a wooden board with the numbers 1 through 10 printed in red. Below each number is a vertical column of red dots. The number of dots in each column corresponds to the number above it: 1 dot for '1', 2 dots for '2', 3 dots for '3', 4 dots for '4', 5 dots for '5', 6 dots for '6', 7 dots for '7', 8 dots for '8', 9 dots for '9', and 10 dots for '10'. This visual representation is used to teach the concept of counting and the relationship between numbers and their corresponding quantities.



*Passion for God reflects
an inner spiritual hunger*

**I. OUR 'ONE THING DESIRE' -
TO DWELL IN HIS PRESENCE**



A person is silhouetted against a bright light source, standing on the peak of a jagged rock formation. The background is a clear blue sky with a gradient from light blue near the horizon to a darker blue at the top. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I
seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of
the Lord and to seek Him in His temple."

Ps 27:4

A. Priority: Pursuing God's Presence as Our Utmost Priority (v4a)

"ONE THING" in v.4a signifies an exclusive and undivided focus.

Passion for God has to do with us setting the priority, keeping God's presence ever before us.




NO competing love or distractions




Has God been the utmost priority in your life?

Is seeking after God your primary pursuit?

Have you set your heart on Him?



Strive to prioritize God and seek to dwell in
His presence above all else.



A serene sunset scene over a vast ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering path of light across the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the distance, a small, dark island is visible on the horizon. The foreground is filled with the silhouettes of tall grasses and other coastal plants, adding a sense of depth and texture to the scene.

B. Overwhelming Pull: Recalibrating Our Heart Towards God's Presence



"What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

Phil 3:8



“... If your Presence does not go with us, do not
send us up from here.”

Exo 33:15



C. Dwelling and Abiding: The Place of Intimacy

“I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord” (v.4b)

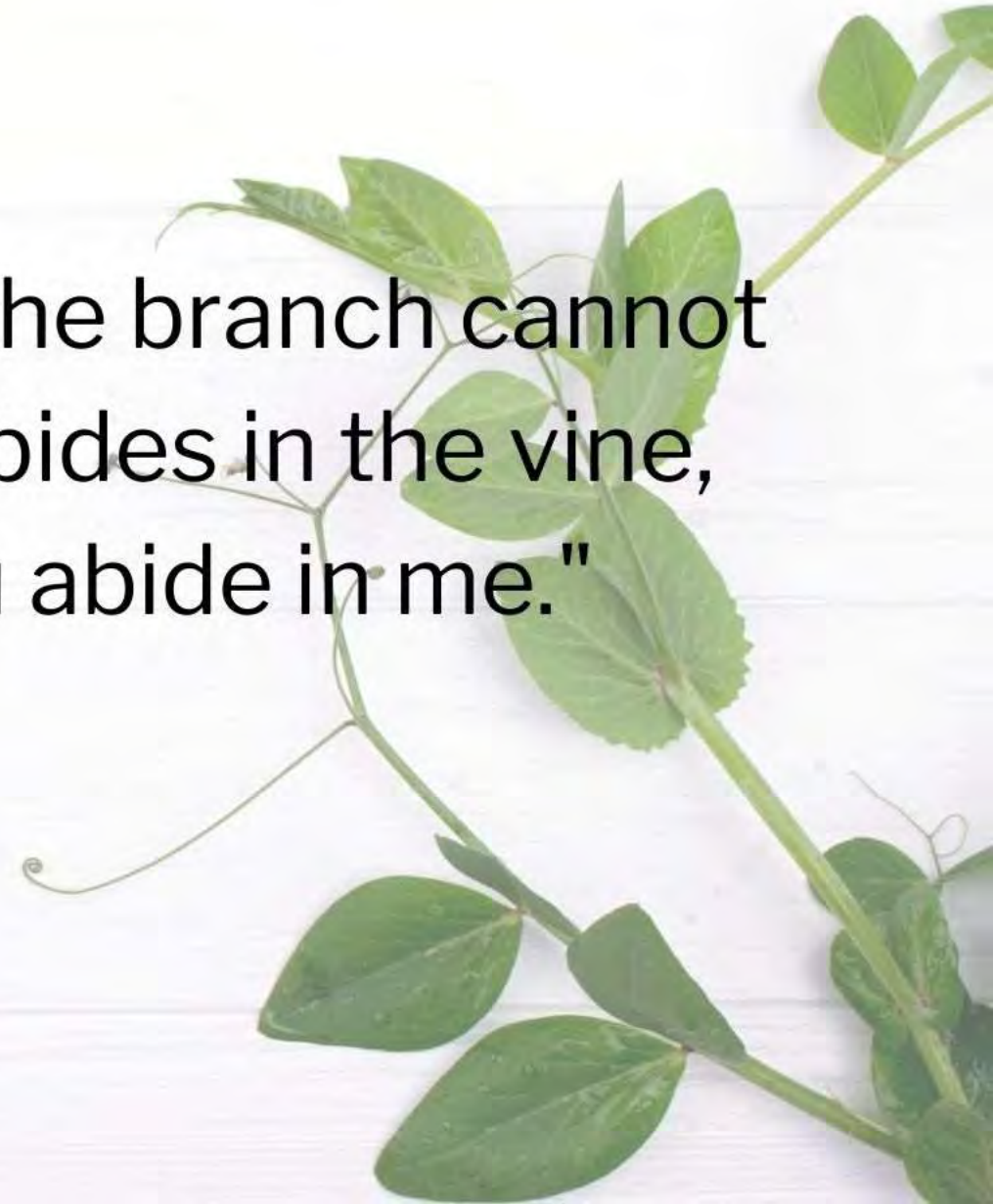
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'dwell'

- is a life-defining commitment
- uprooting, relocating and establishing a residence in a place, and remaining there for a long time.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

Jn 15:4





"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Ps 91:1

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Pursuing God's presence requires a distinct level of dedication in a world that offers short-lived forms of intimacy.

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II. OUR DRIVING FORCE:

TO SEEK AND ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM



"DOES THIS ADVANCE THE KINGDOM?"

A. Singular Pursuit: God's Agenda In the Kingdom

“However, the power of God unto salvation is not our passion for God, but the passion he has exhibited toward us sinners by sending his own Son to redeem us.”

Michael Horton

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be provided for you".

Mt 6:33



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"If it doesn't advance God's kingdom, I won't waste my time and energy on it."

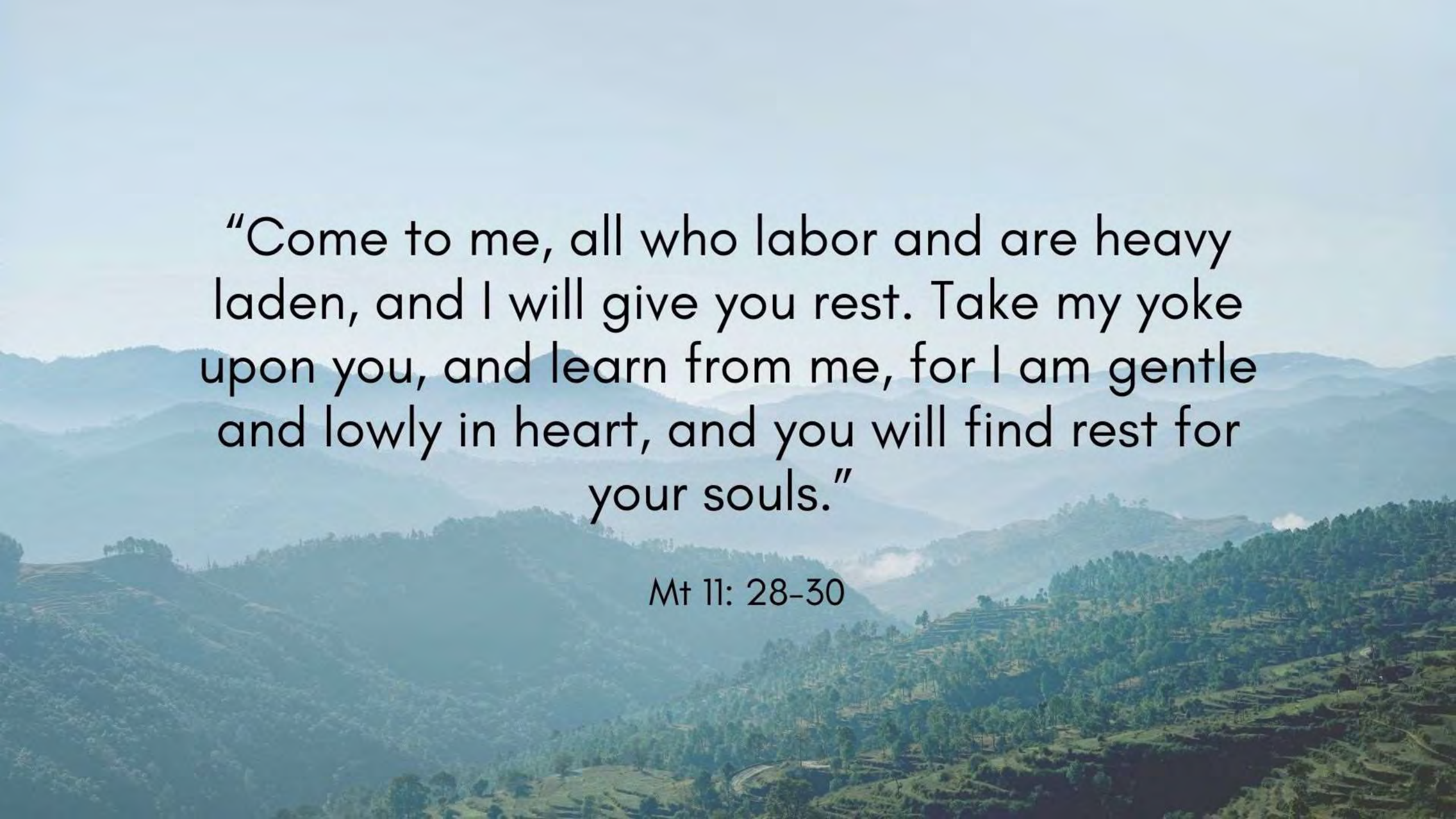
12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

Phil 1: 12-14

A person's hands are shown holding a thick, light-colored rope against a solid blue background. The hands are positioned vertically, with the fingers wrapped around the rope. The person is wearing a dark wristband on their left wrist. The rope is the central focus, extending from the top to the bottom of the frame.

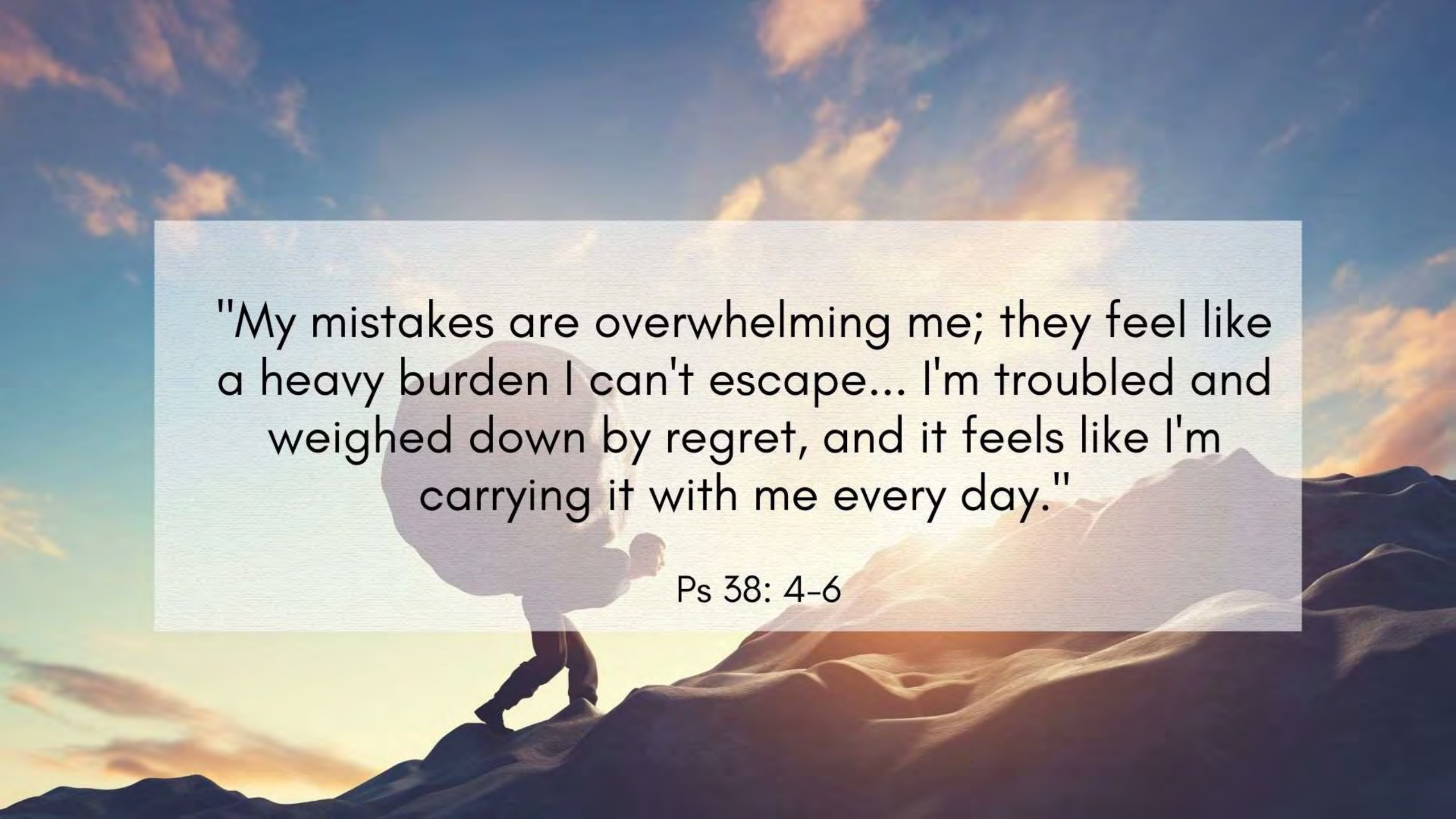
Challenge: Live Life in the Light of Eternity

1. A Call to Passionate Pursuit of "ONE THING" for God
2. A Call to Passionate Advancing God's Kingdom



“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Mt 11: 28-30

A person is walking across a desert landscape, carrying a large, heavy, round object on their back. The person is silhouetted against a bright sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The desert dunes are in the foreground, and the person is walking away from the viewer towards the right. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center of the image.

"My mistakes are overwhelming me; they feel like a heavy burden I can't escape... I'm troubled and weighed down by regret, and it feels like I'm carrying it with me every day."

Ps 38: 4-6