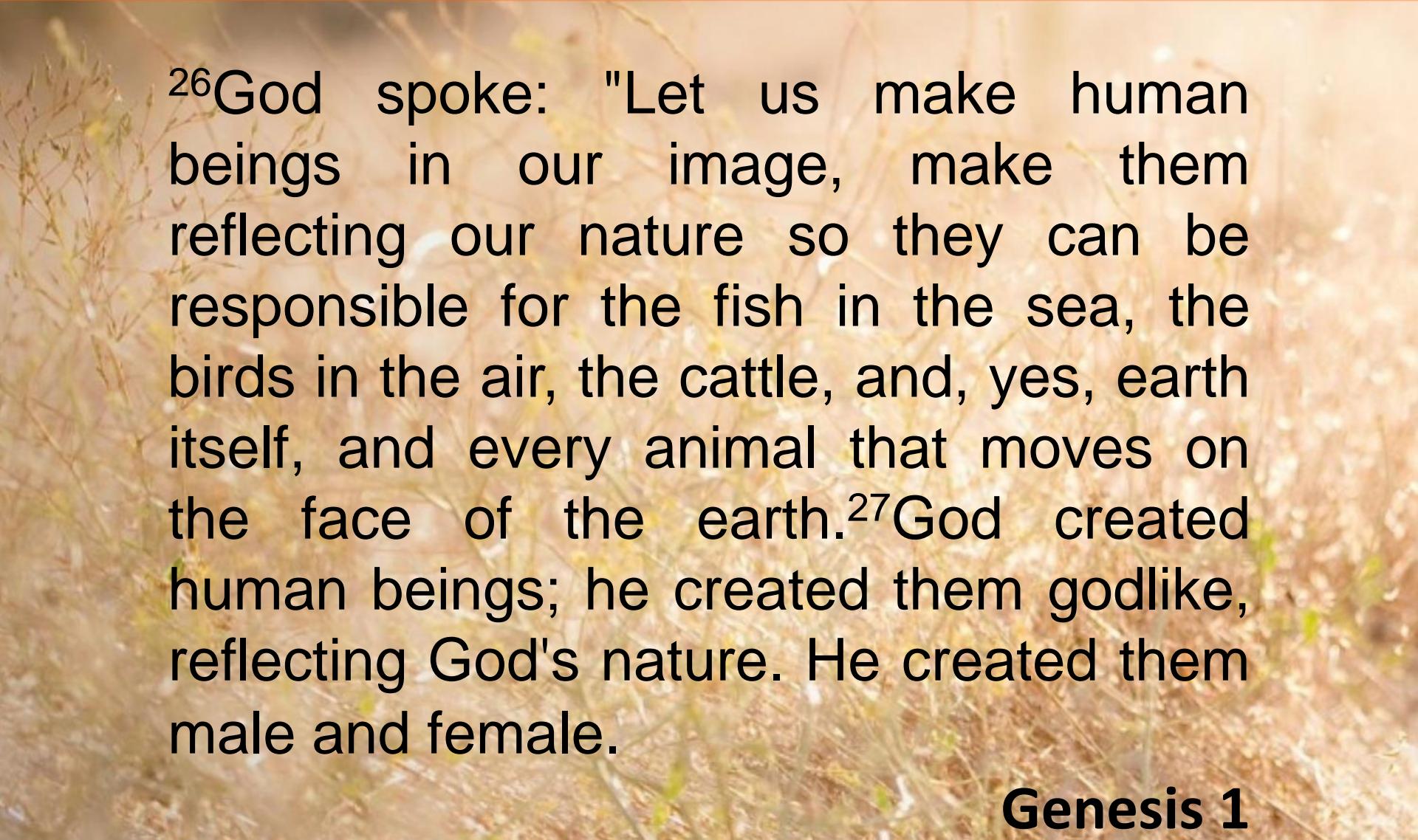


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Relationship SUNDAY

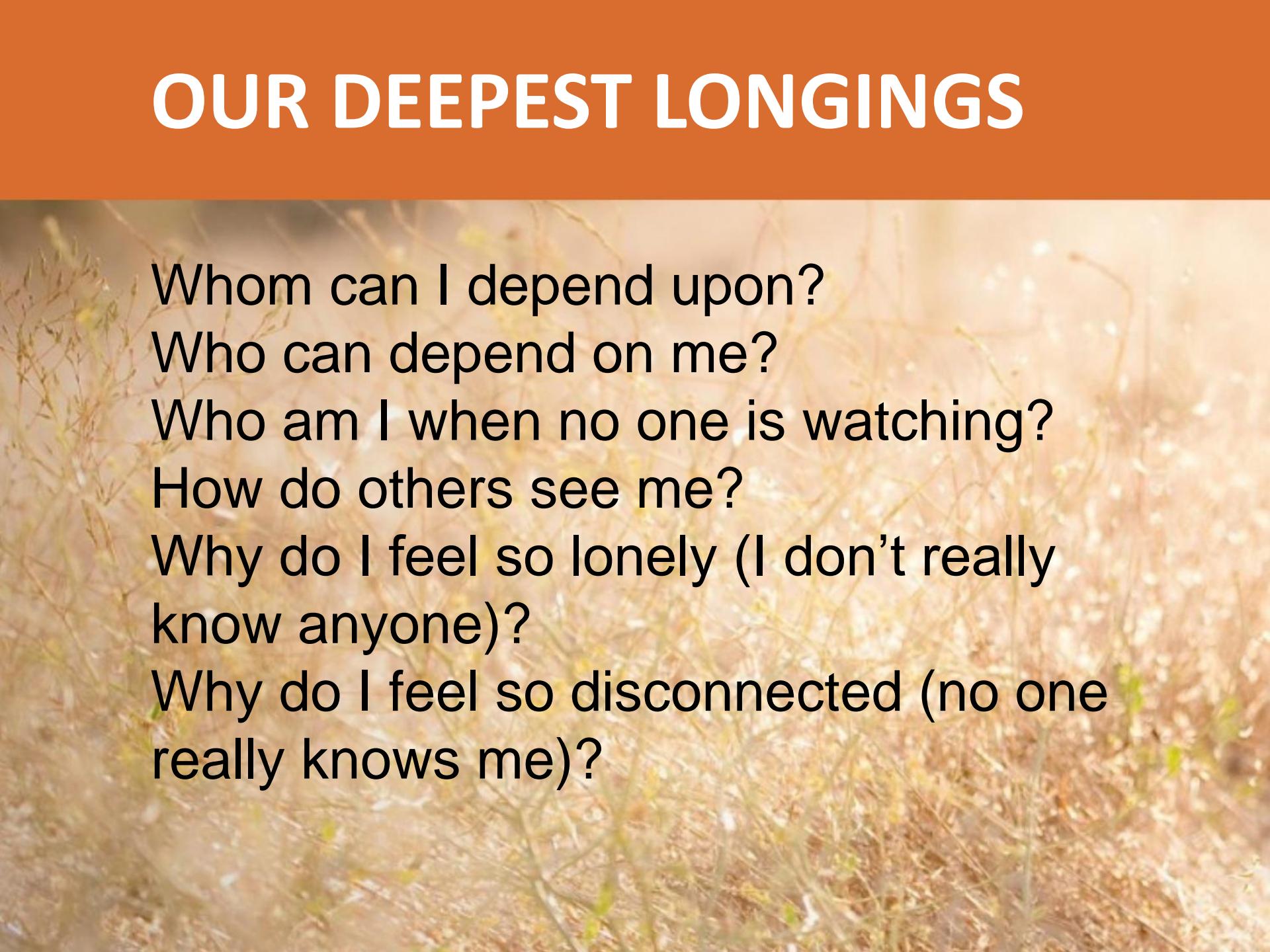
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IN THE BEGINNING



²⁶God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of the earth.²⁷God created human beings; he created them godlike, reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female.

OUR DEEPEST LONGINGS



Whom can I depend upon?
Who can depend on me?
Who am I when no one is watching?
How do others see me?
Why do I feel so lonely (I don't really
know anyone)?
Why do I feel so disconnected (no one
really knows me)?

CONNECTION IS AT OUR CORE

Needing others and being needed;
Trusting others and being trusted;
Loving others and being loved;
Respecting others and being
respected.

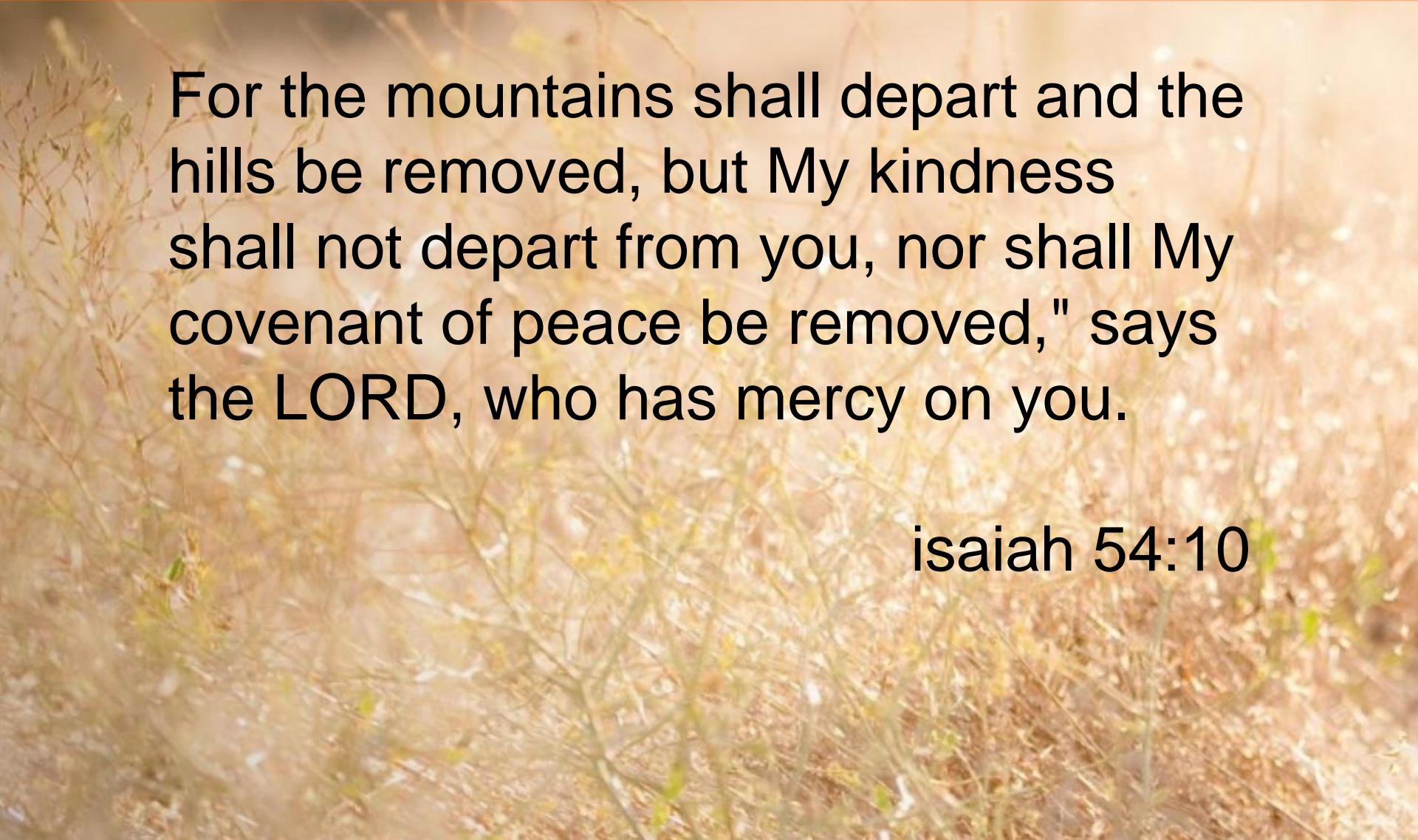
no man is an island

Marriage's purpose

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

ephesians 5:31-32

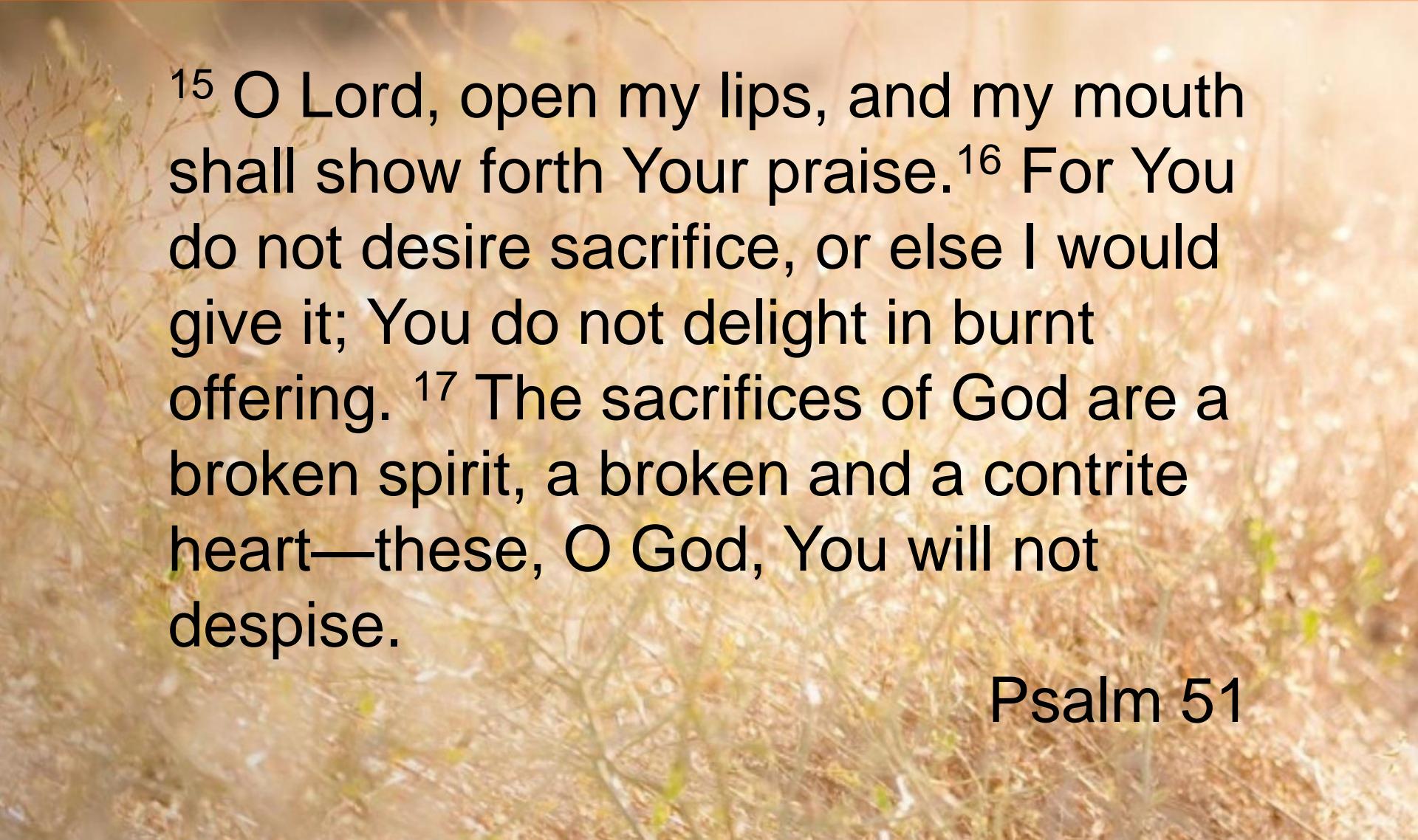
God's love for us



For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

isaiah 54:10

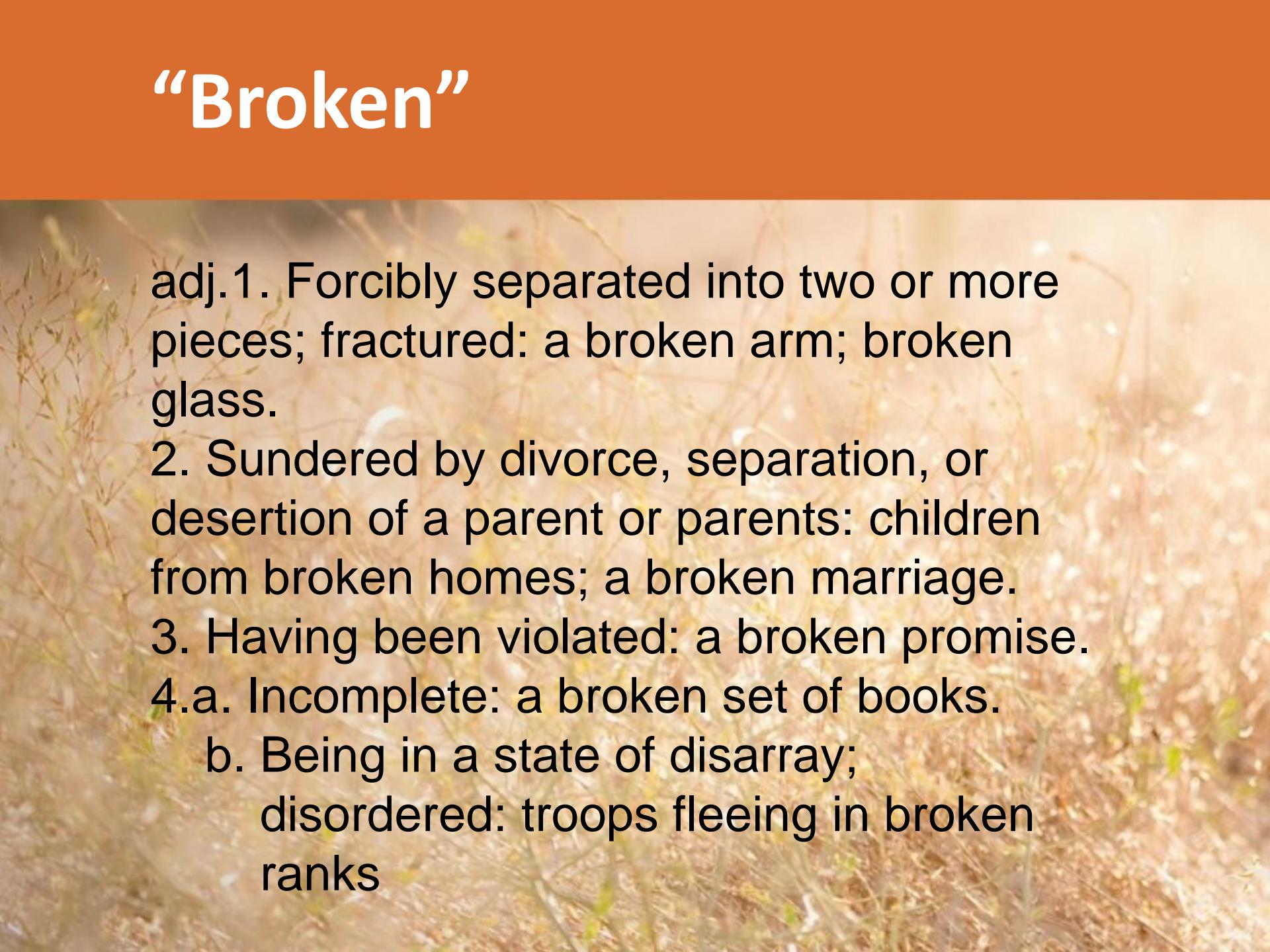
No perfect people allowed



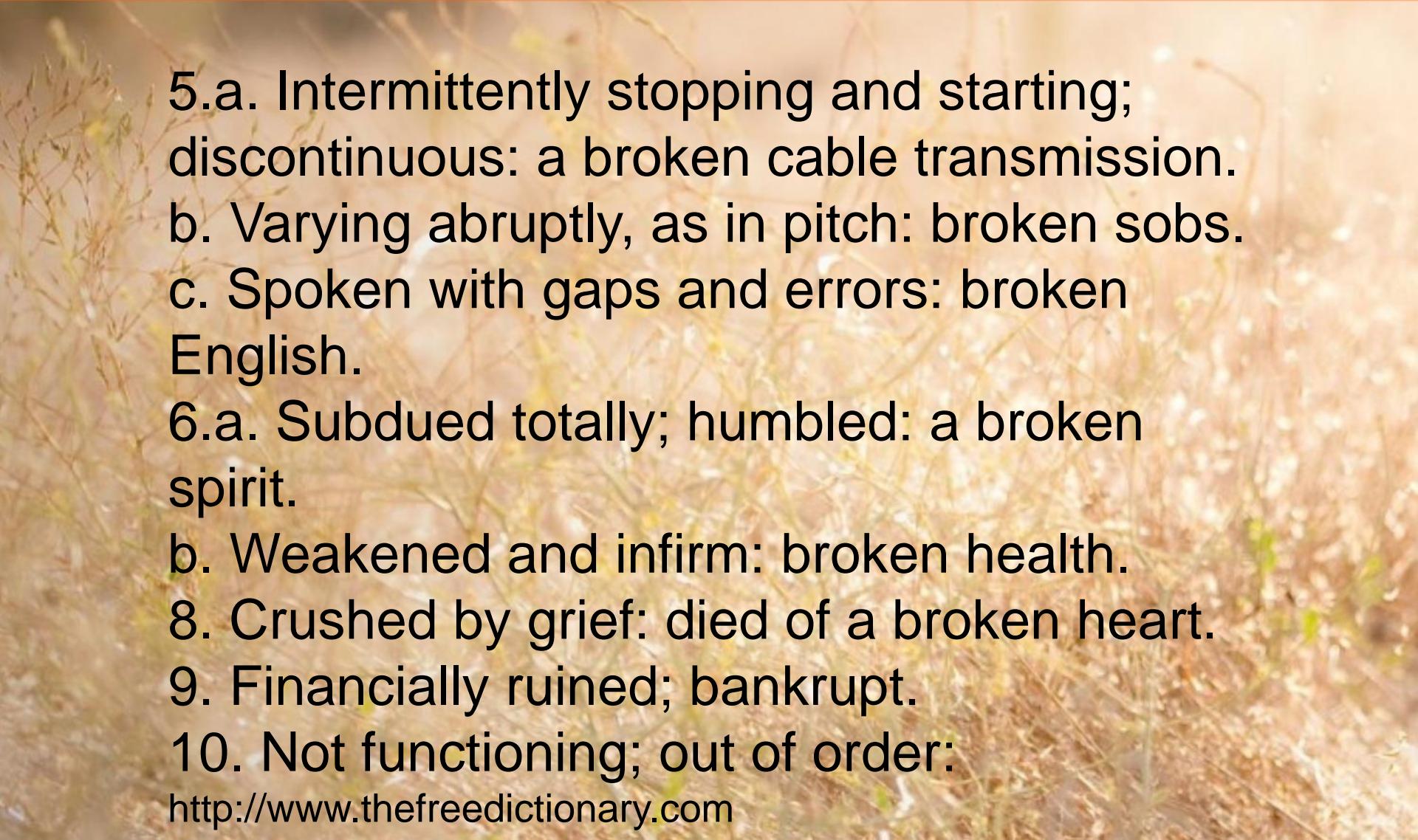
¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.¹⁶ For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 51

“Broken”

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- adj.1. Forcibly separated into two or more pieces; fractured: a broken arm; broken glass.
 - 2. Sundered by divorce, separation, or desertion of a parent or parents: children from broken homes; a broken marriage.
 - 3. Having been violated: a broken promise.
 - 4.a. Incomplete: a broken set of books.
 - b. Being in a state of disarray; disordered: troops fleeing in broken ranks

OUR COMMON PAIN

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- 5.a. Intermittently stopping and starting; discontinuous: a broken cable transmission.
 - b. Varying abruptly, as in pitch: broken sobs.
 - c. Spoken with gaps and errors: broken English.
 - 6.a. Subdued totally; humbled: a broken spirit.
 - b. Weakened and infirm: broken health.
 8. Crushed by grief: died of a broken heart.
 9. Financially ruined; bankrupt.
 10. Not functioning; out of order:

HEALING FOR OUR HEARTS

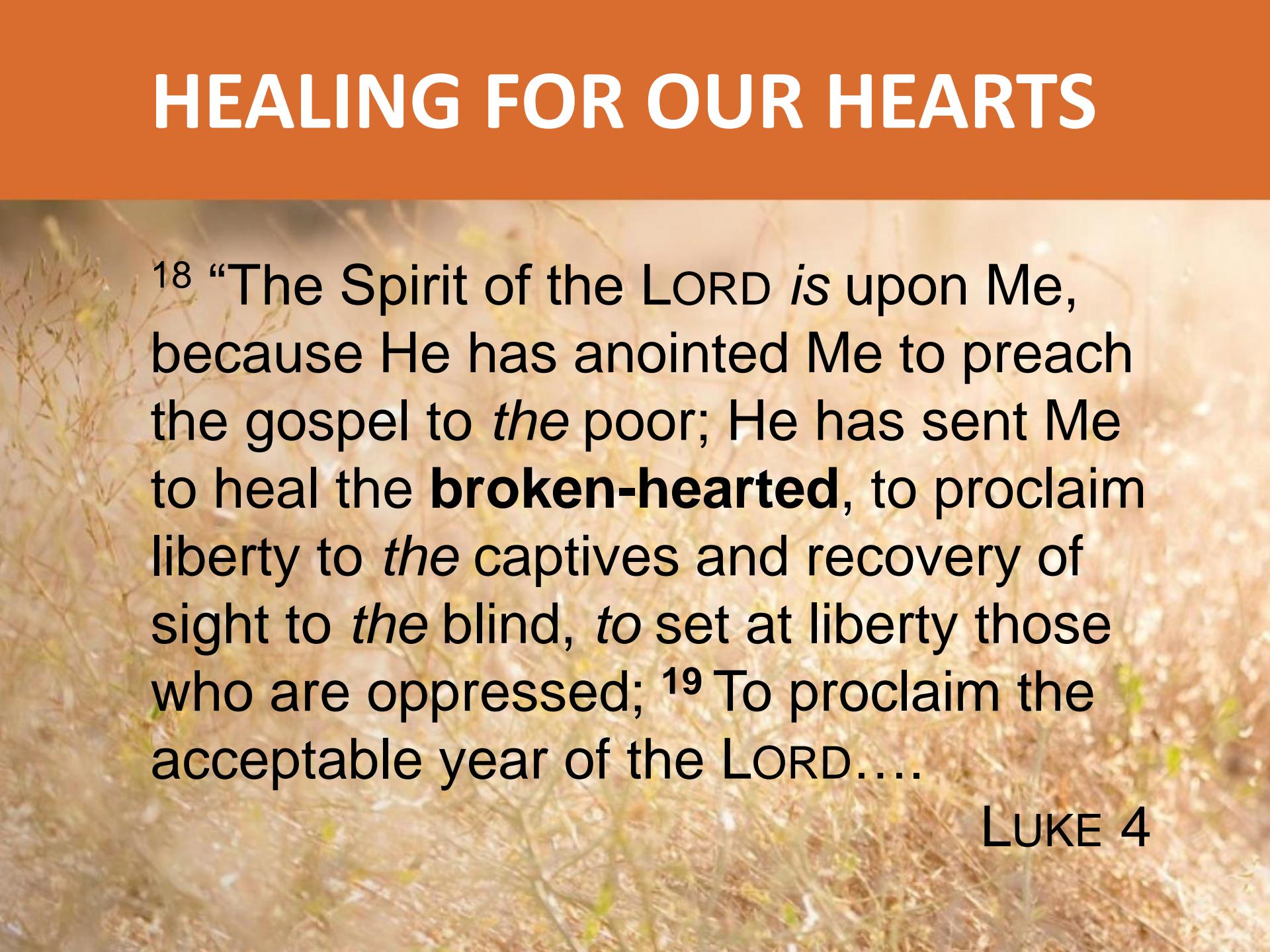
Psalm 34:18

The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

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¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me,
because He has anointed Me to preach
the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me
to heal the **broken-hearted**, to proclaim
liberty to *the* captives and recovery of
sight to *the* blind, *to* set at liberty those
who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the
acceptable year of the LORD....

LUKE 4

“ God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.”

Vance Havner
17 May 2013 8:10 pm

HEALING FOR OUR HEARTS



³ You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

isaiah 62

HEALING FOR OUR HEARTS

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

isaiah 62