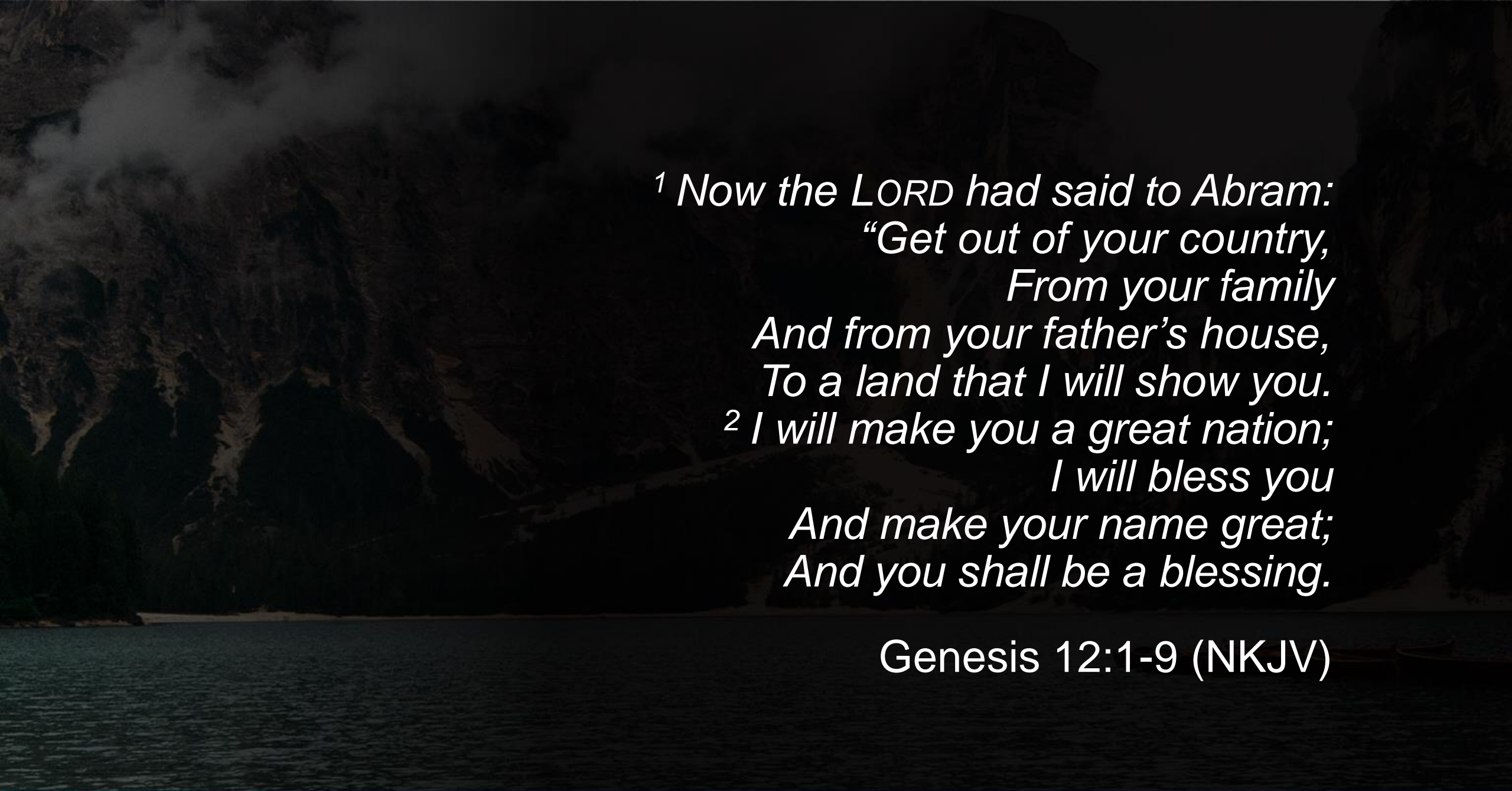




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Why me?

Derk Jan van der Veen



*¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram:
“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father’s house,
To a land that I will show you.
² I will make you a great nation;
I will bless you
And make your name great;
And you shall be a blessing.*

Genesis 12:1-9 (NKJV)

*³ I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall be
blessed.”*

*⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to
him, and Lot went with him. And
Abram was seventy-five years old when he
departed from Haran.*

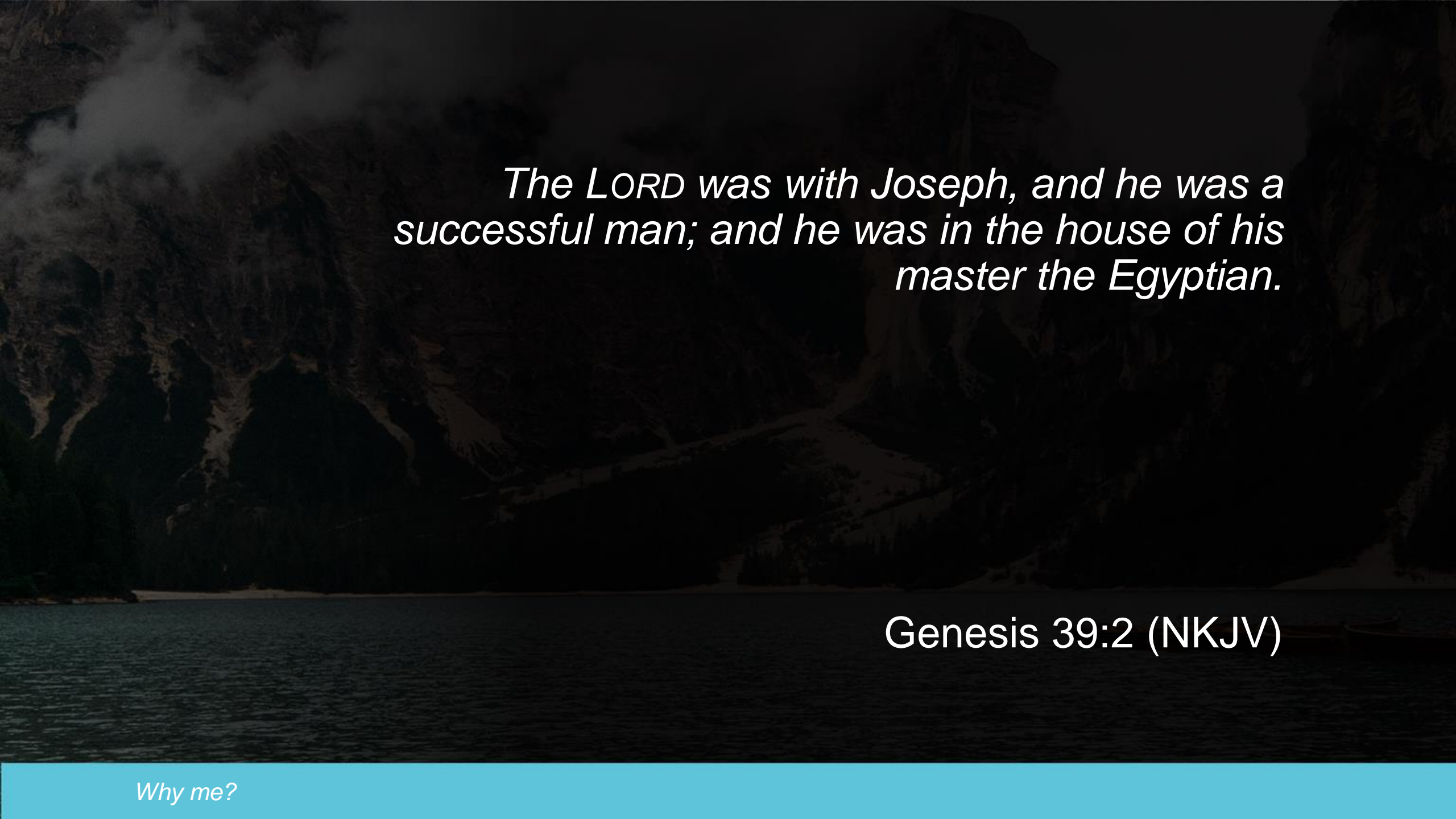
Genesis 12:1-9 (NKJV)

⁵ Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.

Genesis 12:1-9 (NKJV)

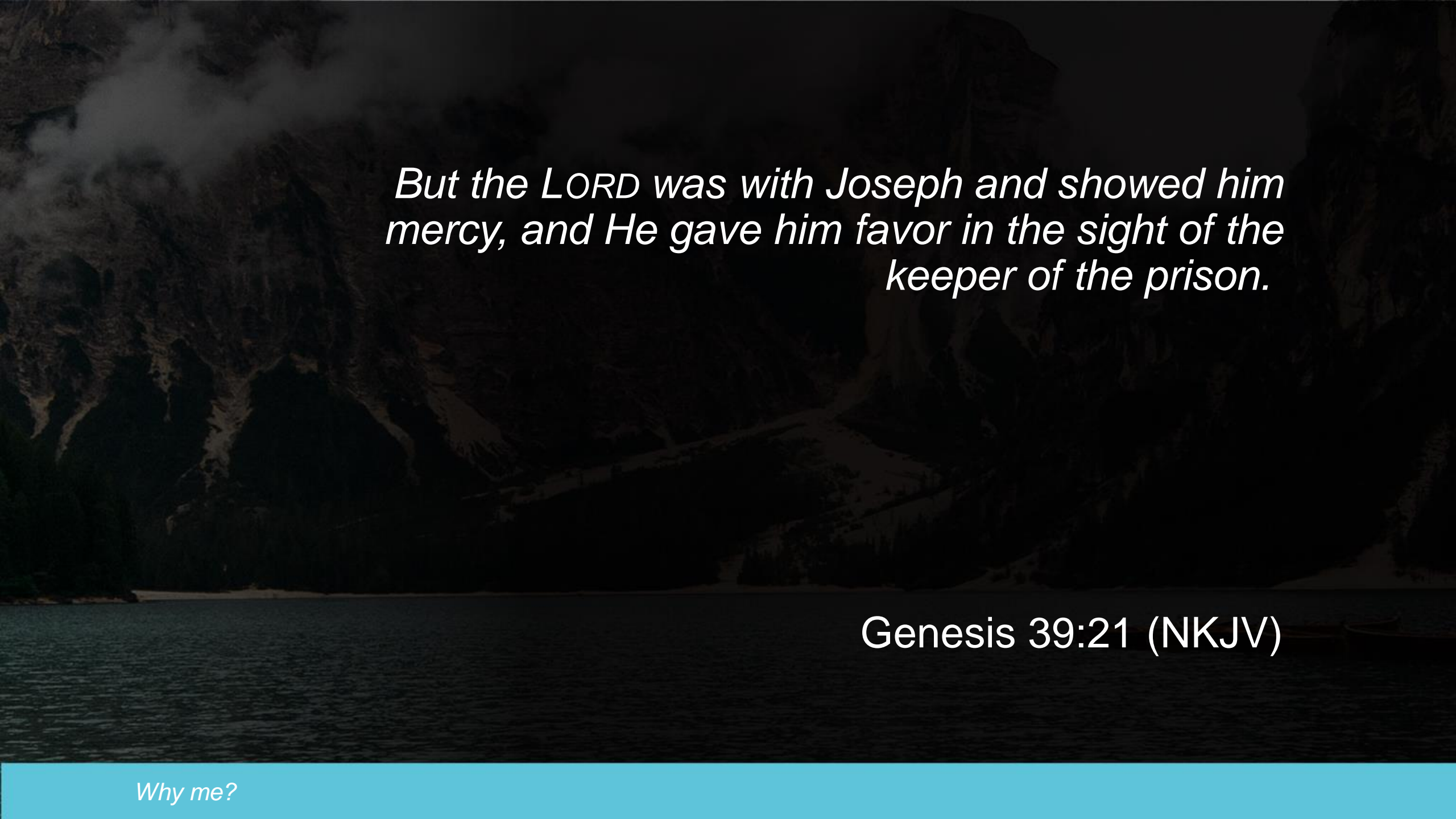
⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. ⁹ So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

Genesis 12:1-9 (NKJV)



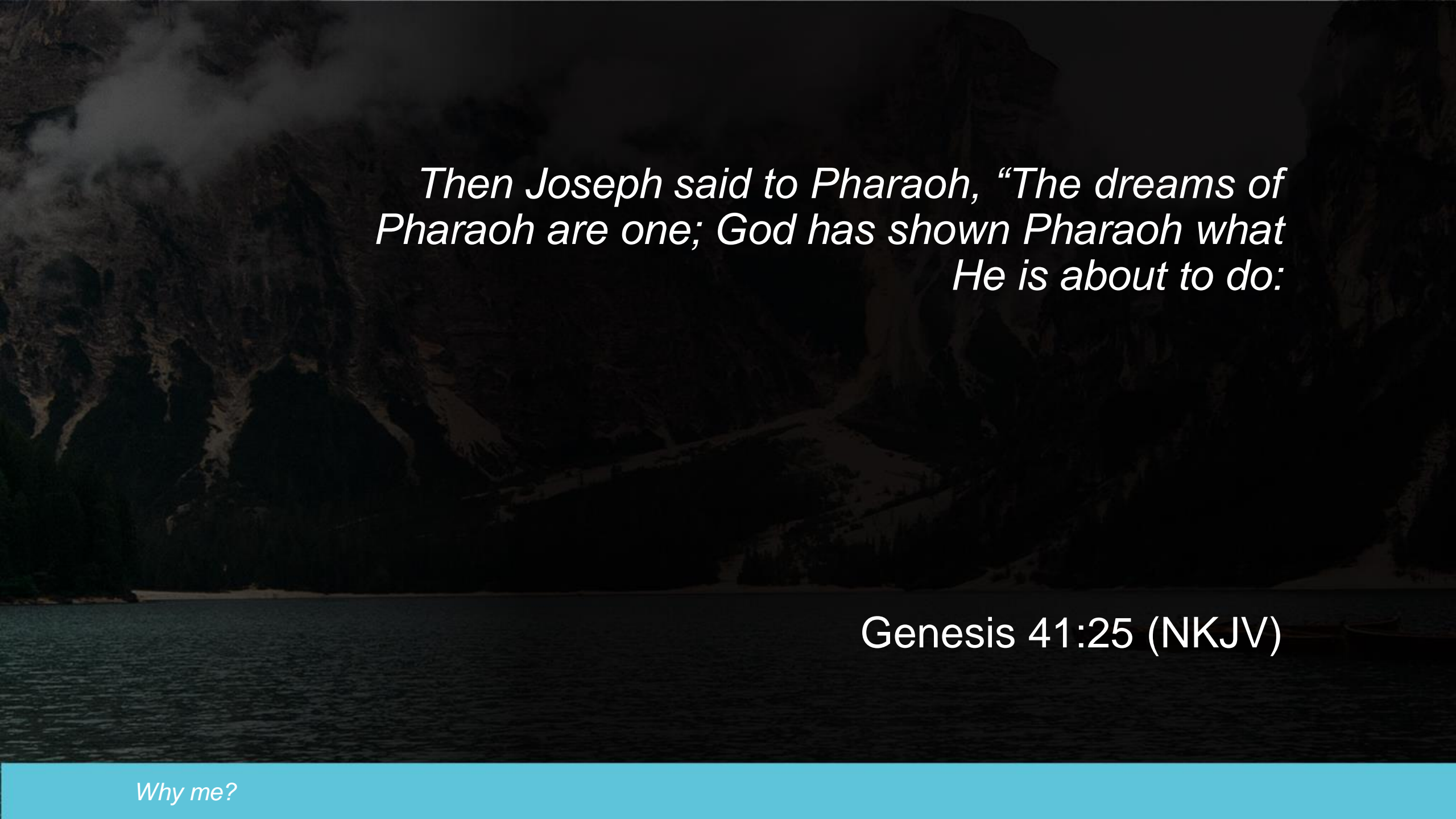
*The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a
successful man; and he was in the house of his
master the Egyptian.*

Genesis 39:2 (NKJV)



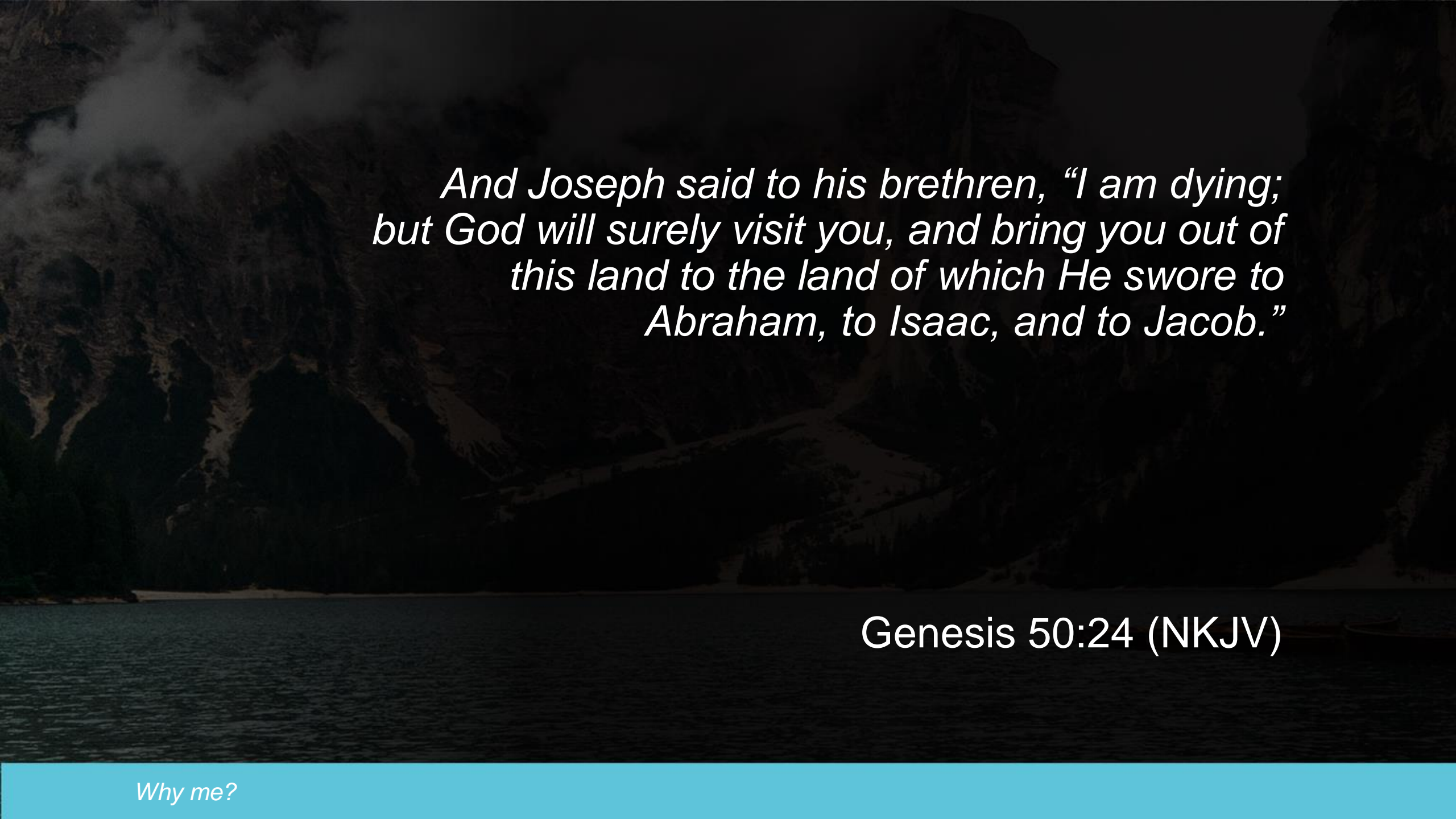
But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Genesis 39:21 (NKJV)



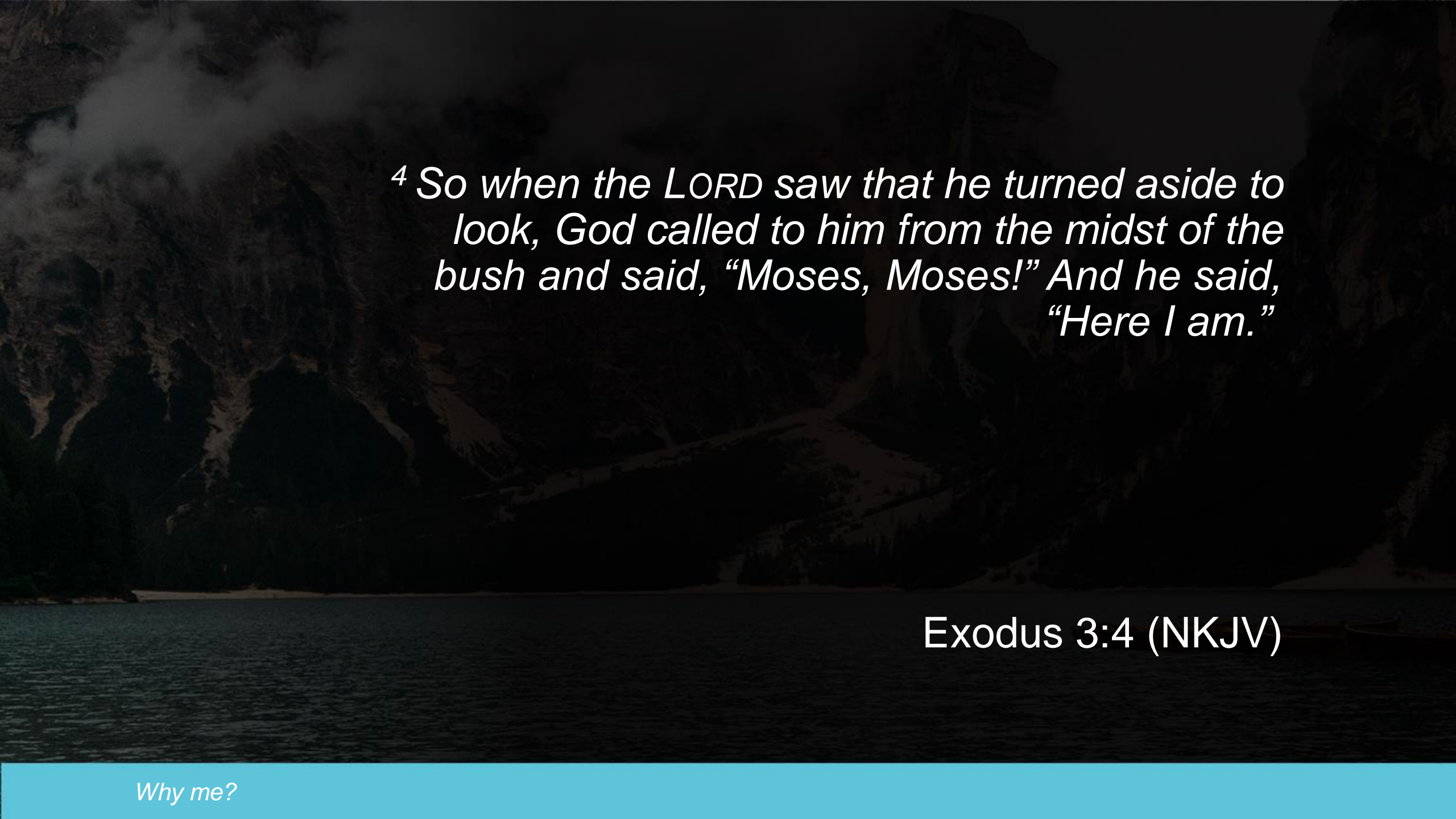
Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:

Genesis 41:25 (NKJV)



And Joseph said to his brethren, “I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Genesis 50:24 (NKJV)



⁴ So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Exodus 3:4 (NKJV)

⁸ So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Exodus 3:8-10 (NKJV)

⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

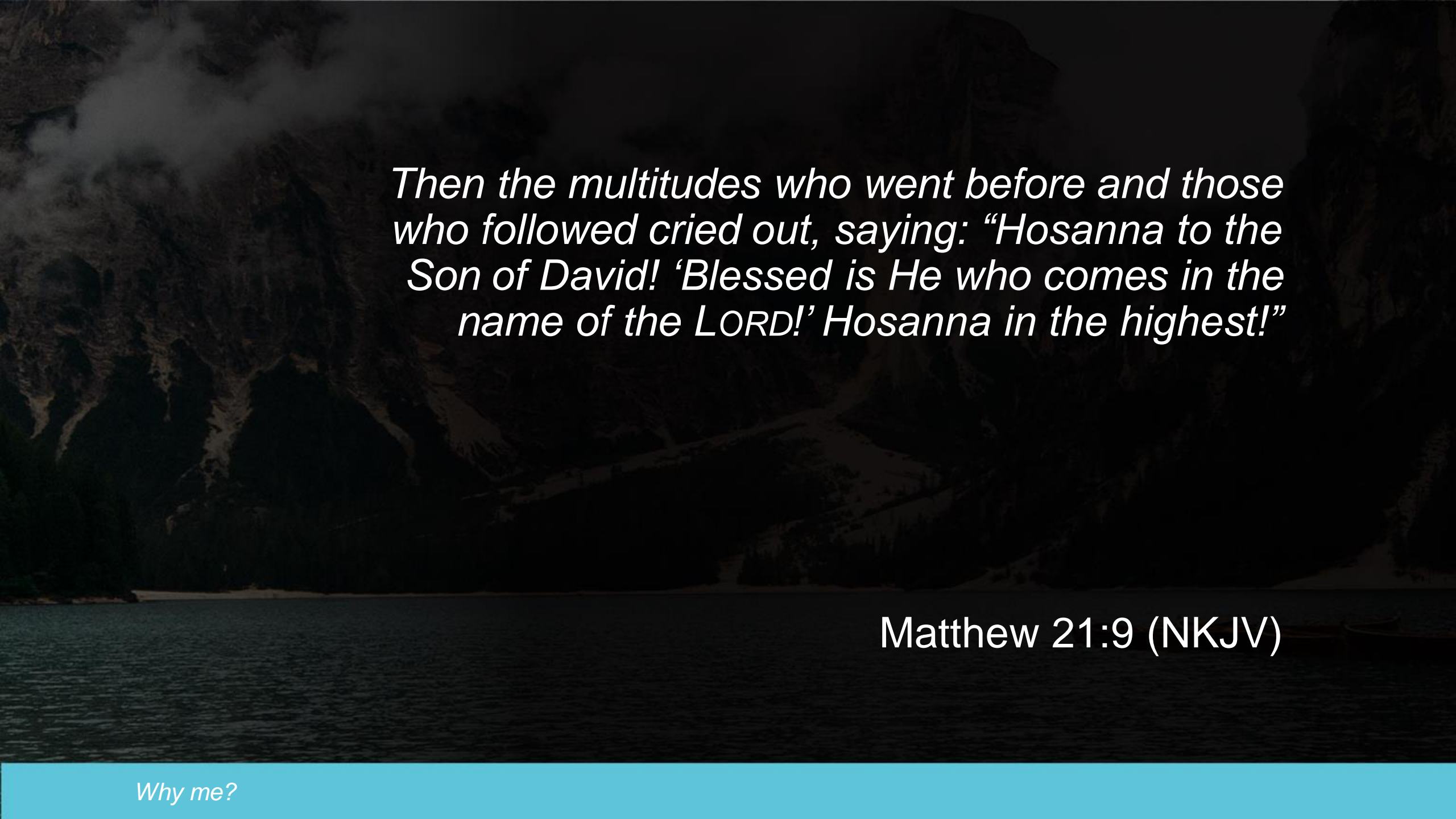
Exodus 3:8-10 (NKJV)

14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

1 Samuel 13:14 (NKJV)

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

Matthew 1:17 (NKJV)

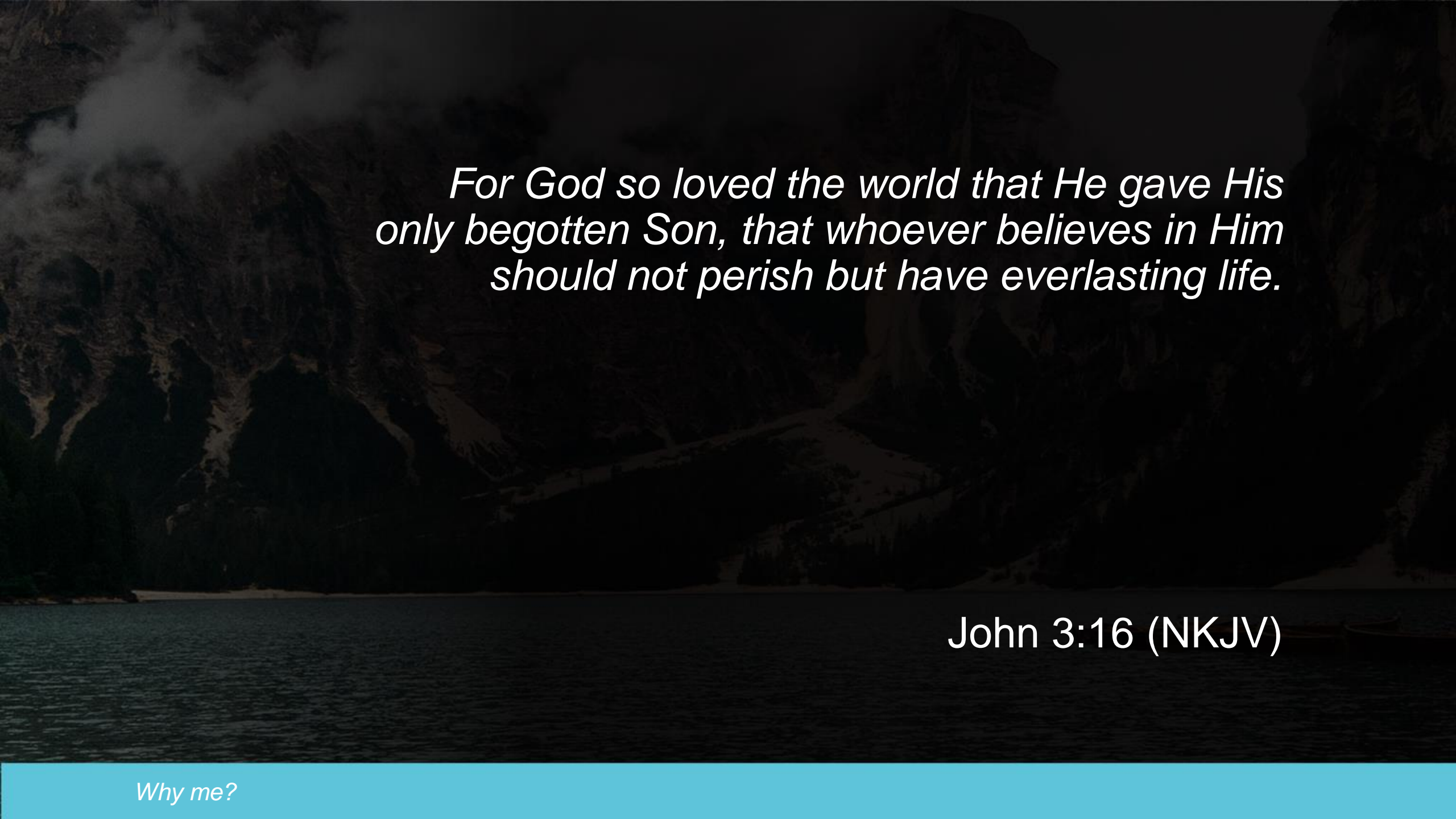


Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

Matthew 21:9 (NKJV)

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 13:16-17 (NKJV)

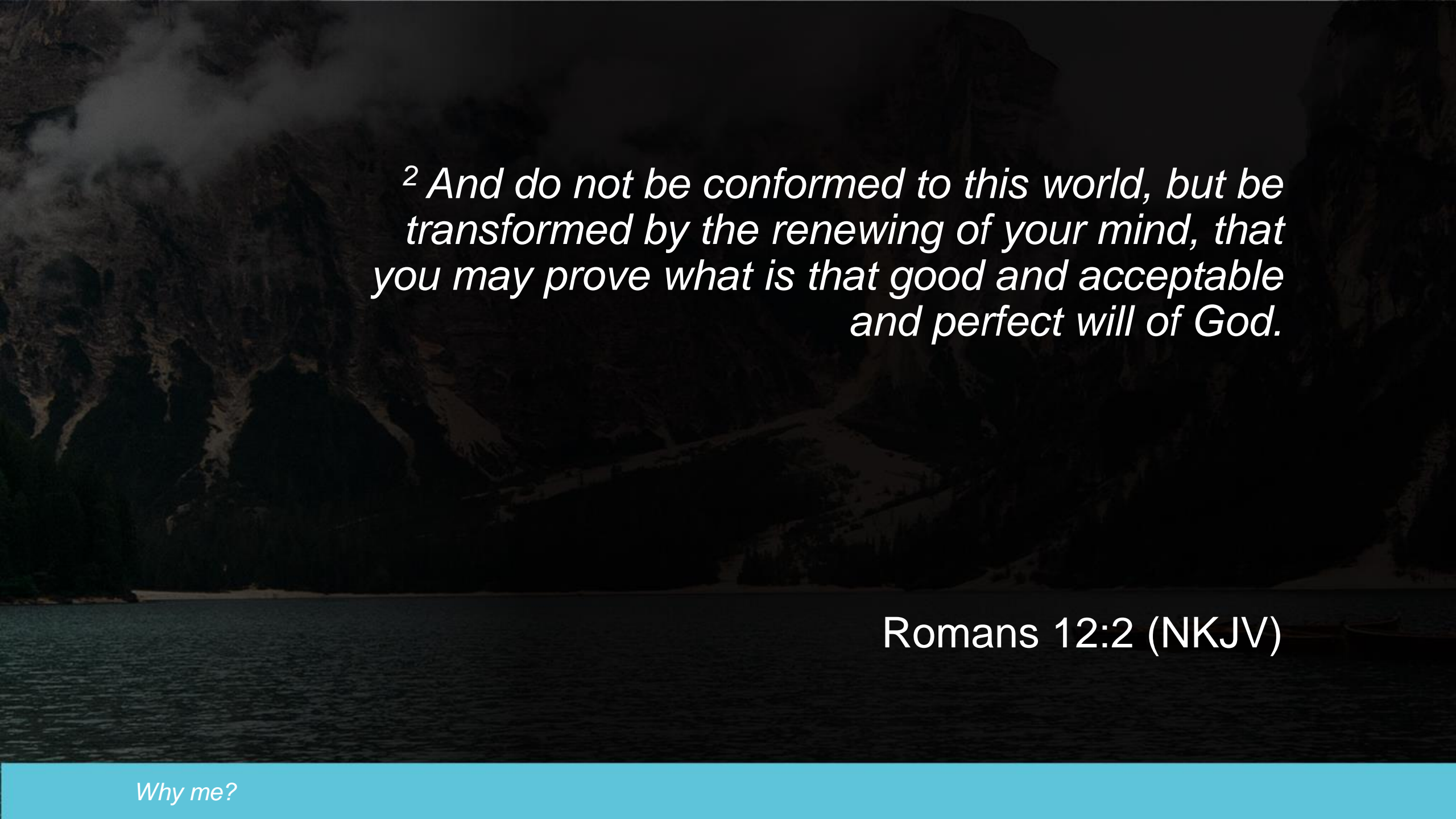


For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 (NKJV)

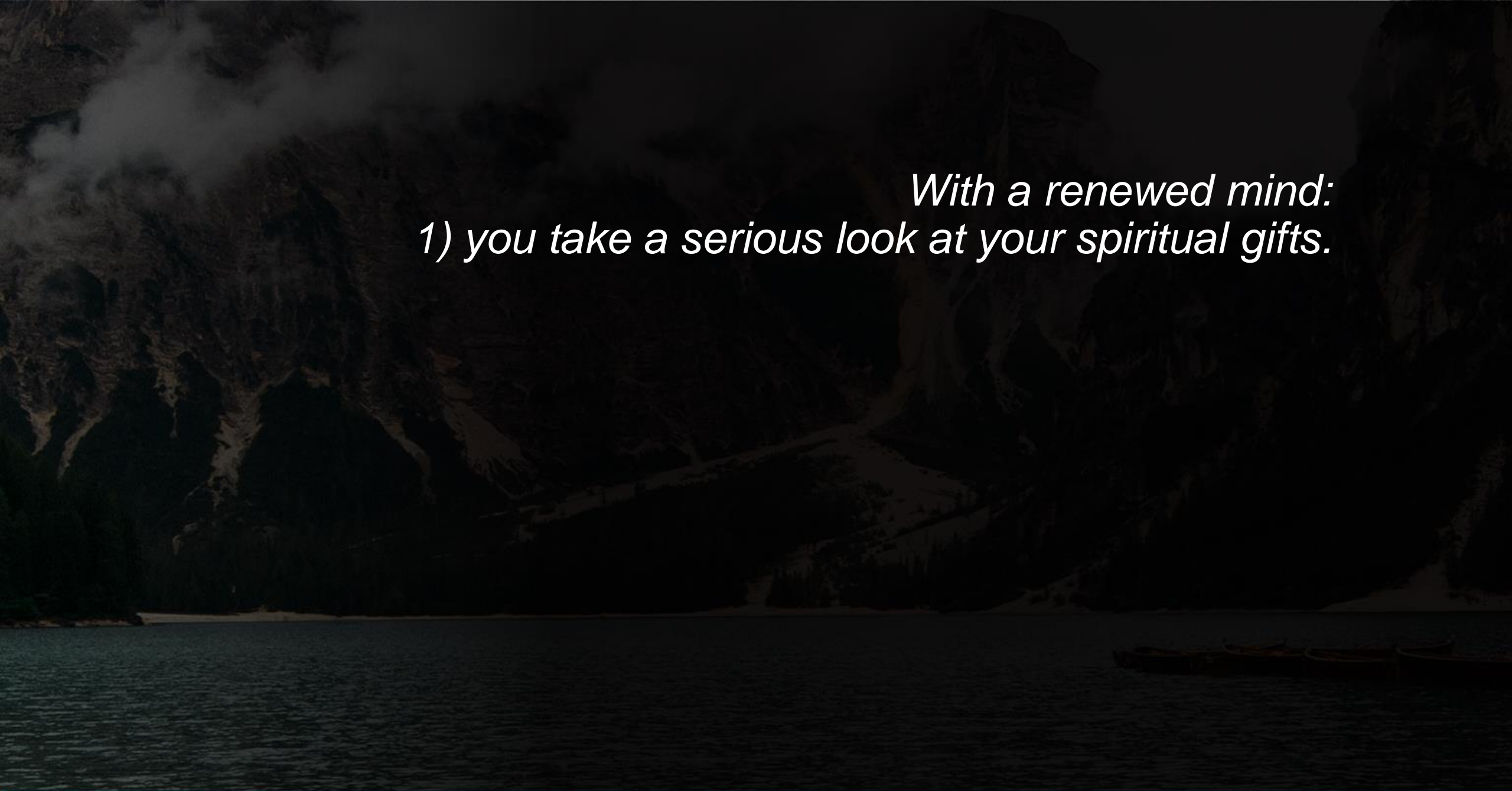
*18 “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the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

Luke 4:18-19 (NKJV)



² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

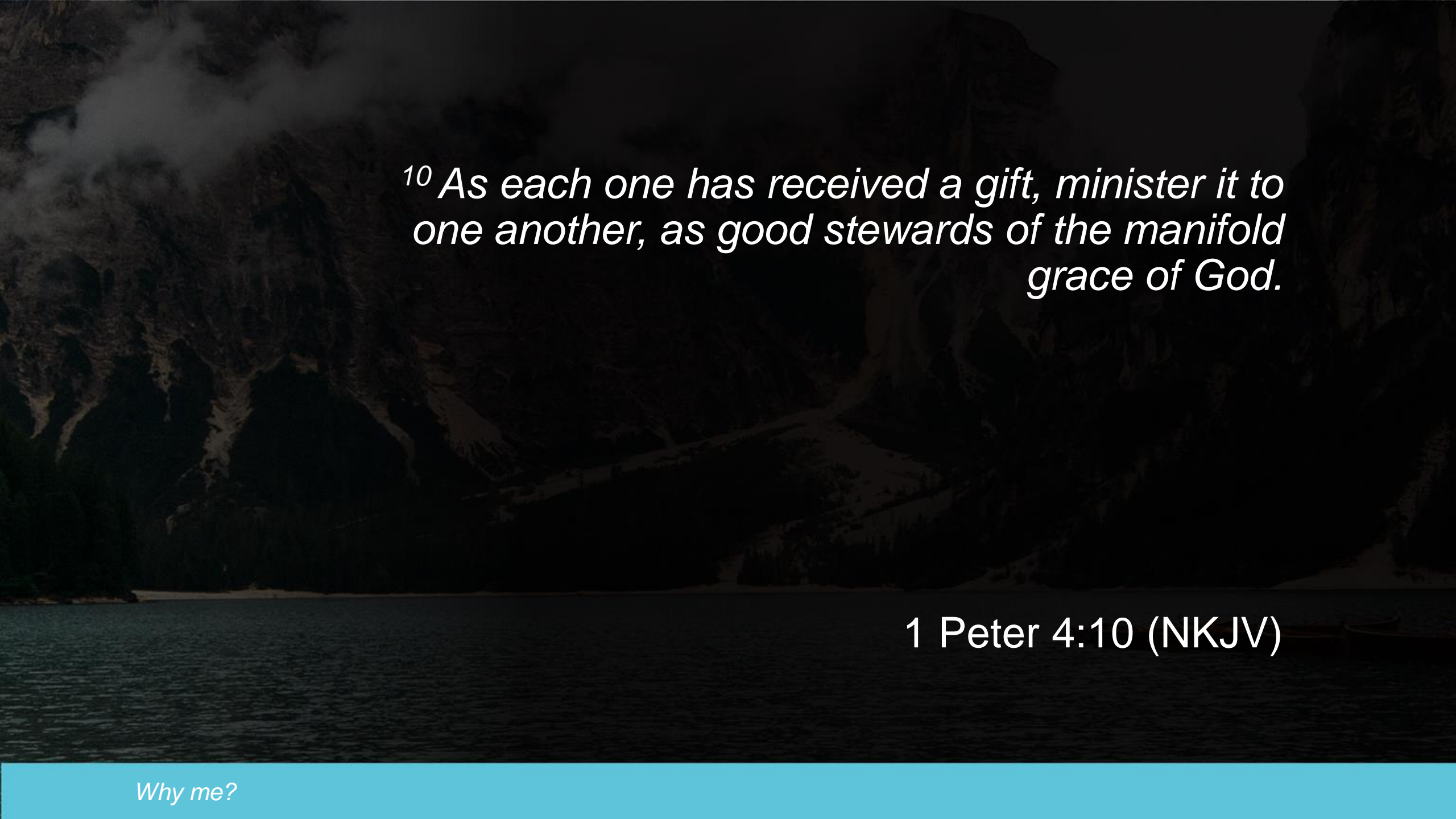
Romans 12:2 (NKJV)



*With a renewed mind:
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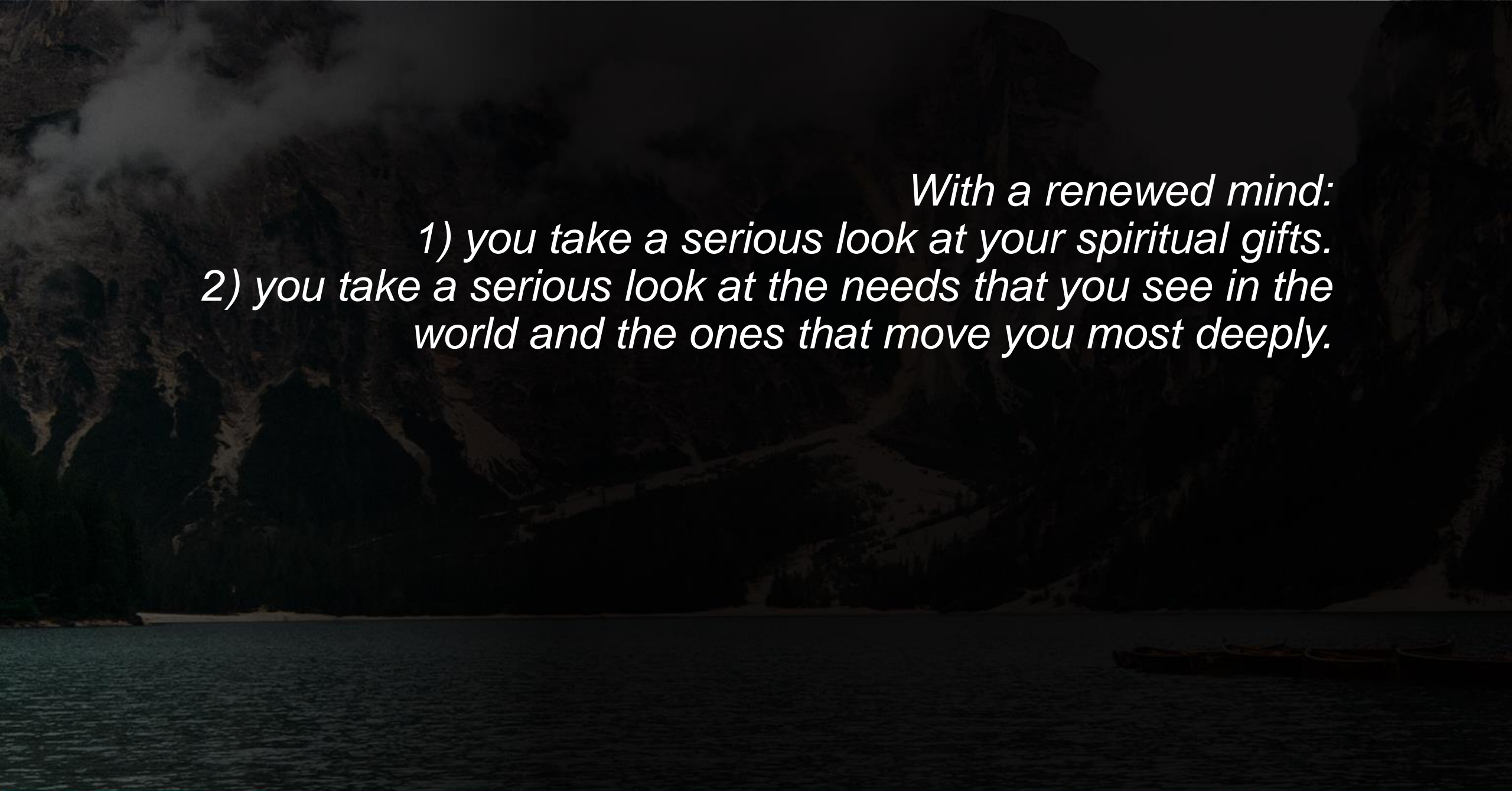
⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

1 Corinthians 12: 4-7 (NKJV)



¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a body of water in the foreground and a large, dark structure in the background. The scene is dimly lit, with some light reflecting off the water's surface. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

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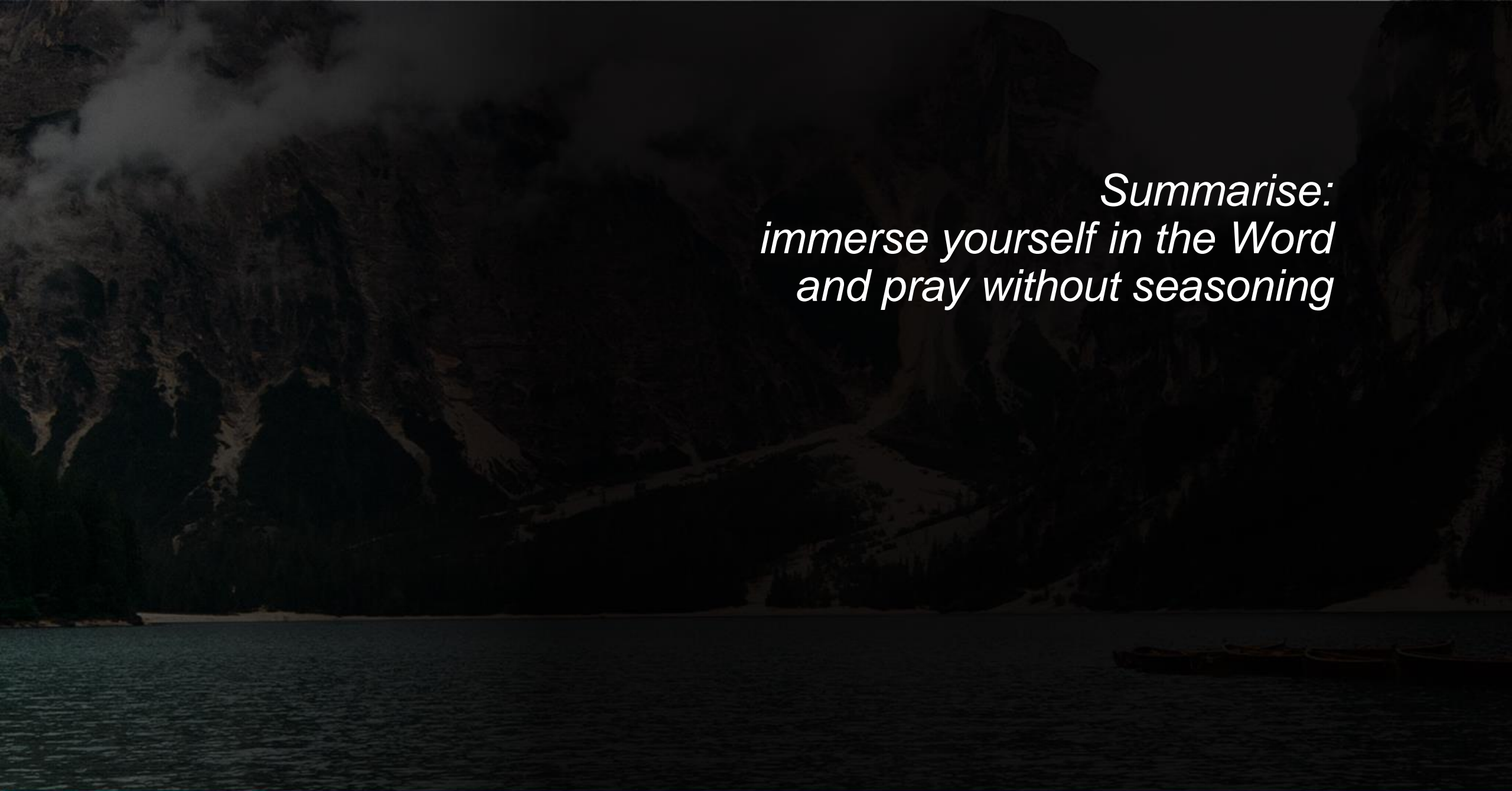
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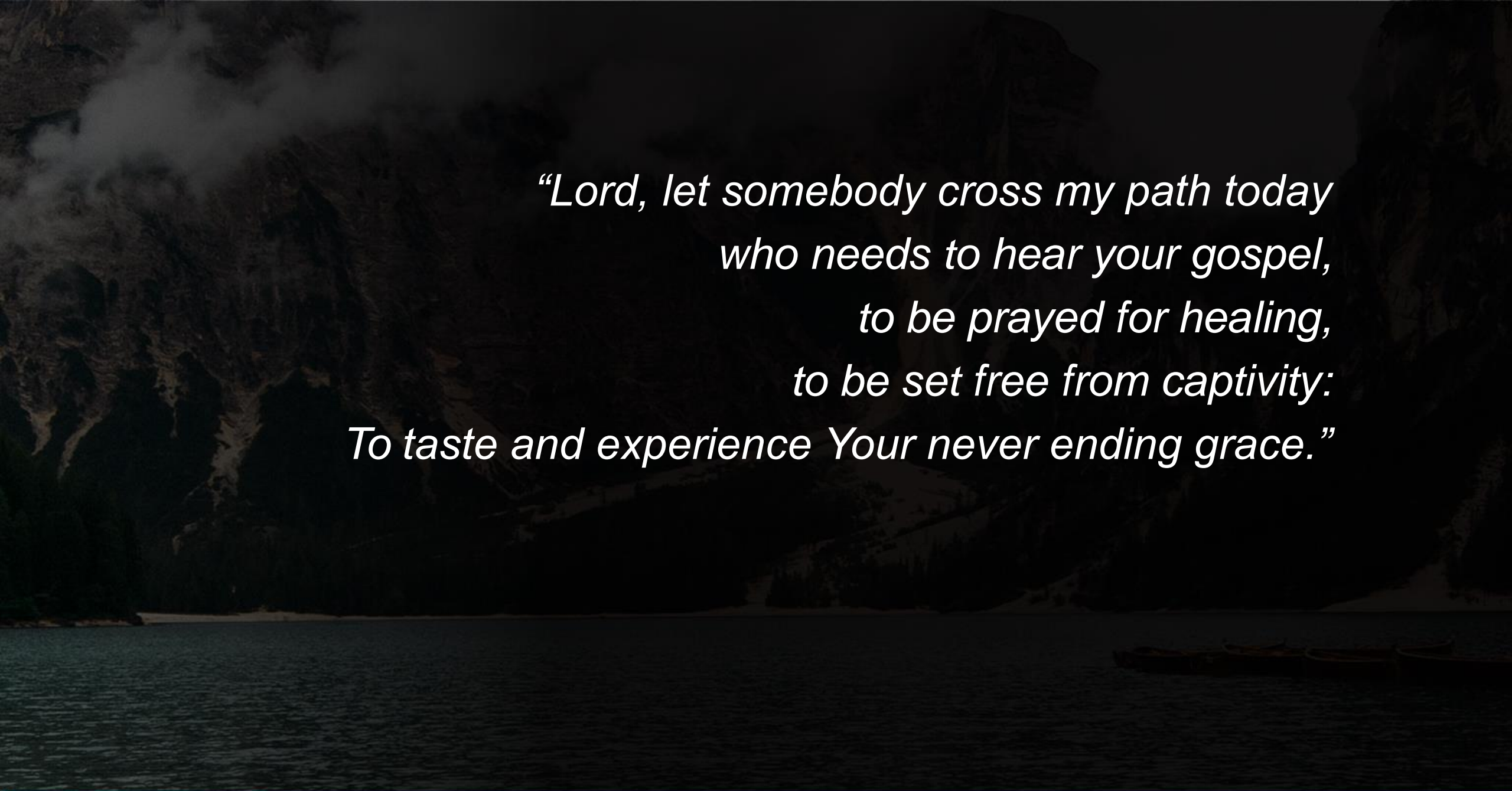
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- 5) you want to glorify God above everything.*

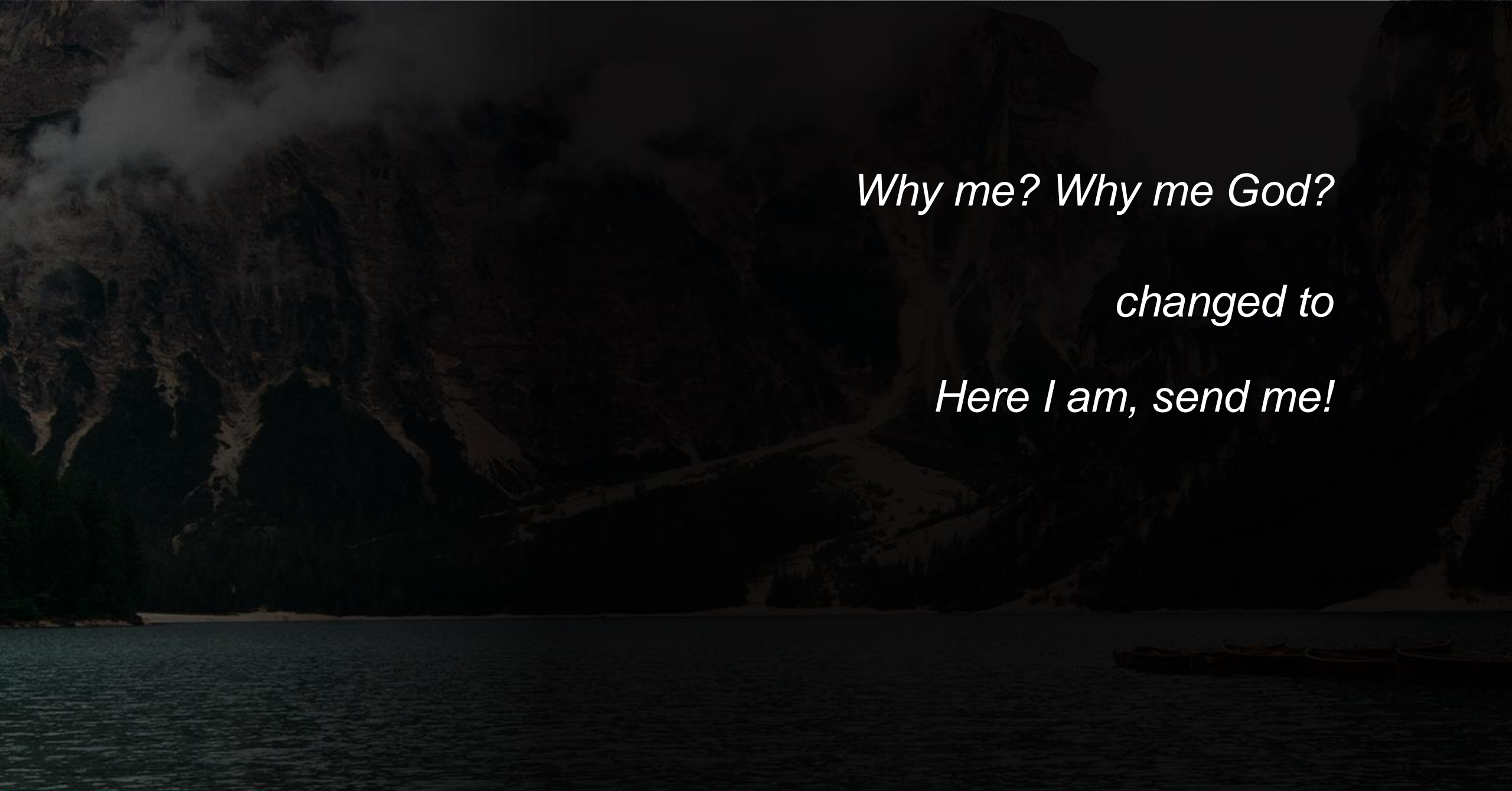


*Summarise:
immerse yourself in the Word
and pray without seasoning*

Why me?



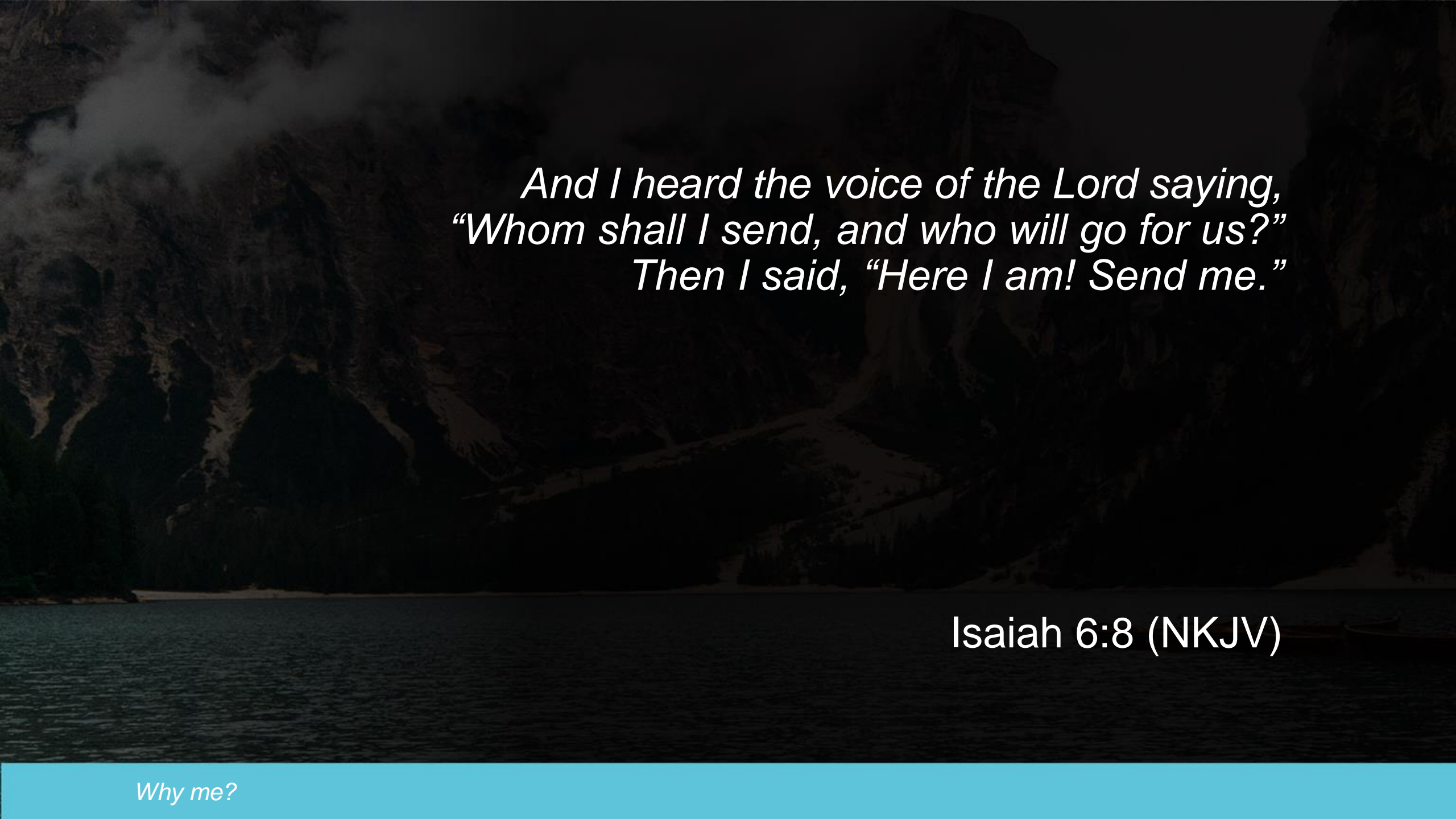
*“Lord, let somebody cross my path today
who needs to hear your gospel,
to be prayed for healing,
to be set free from captivity:
To taste and experience Your never ending grace.”*



Why me? Why me God?

changed to

Here I am, send me!



*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”*

Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)