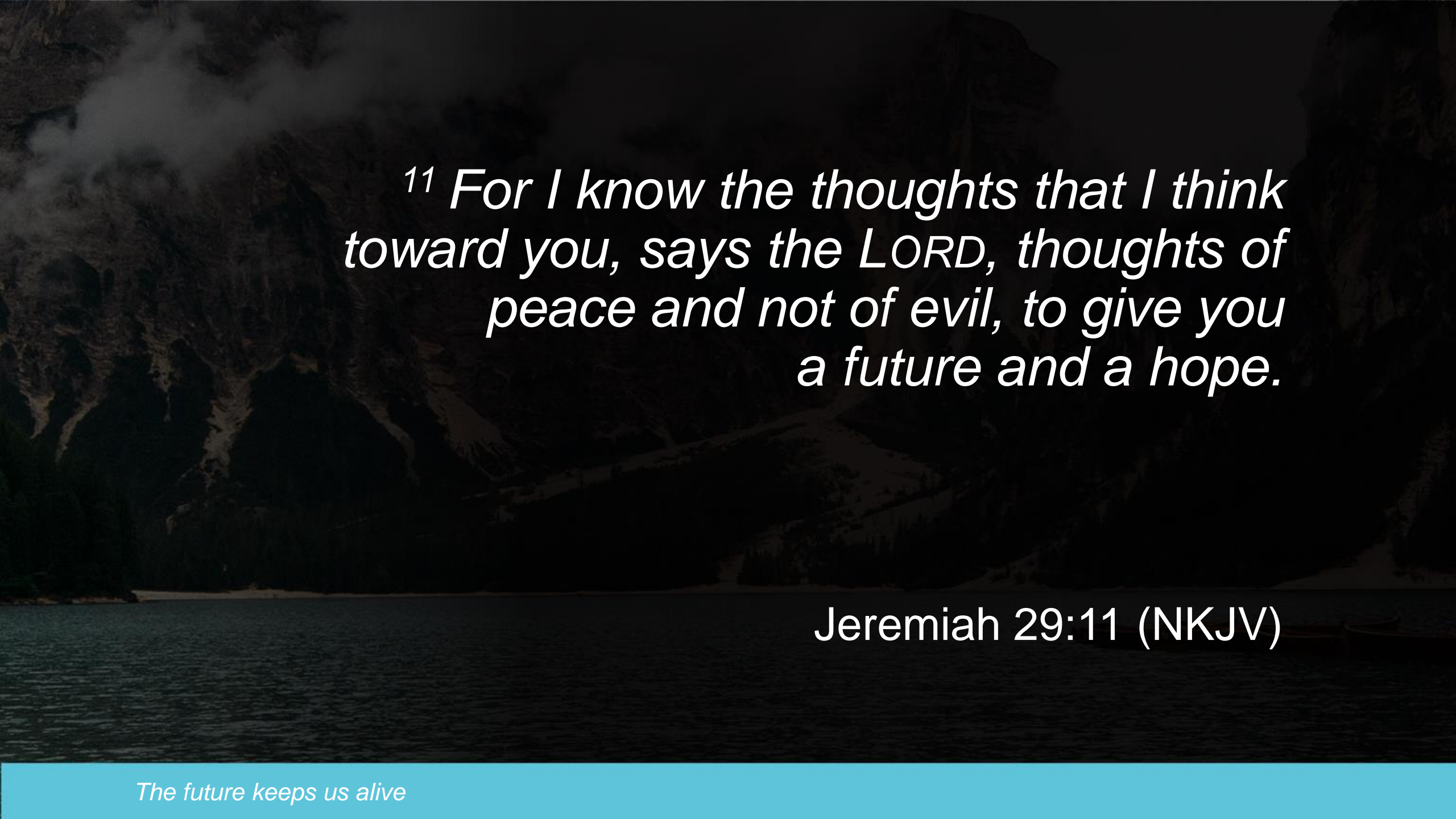




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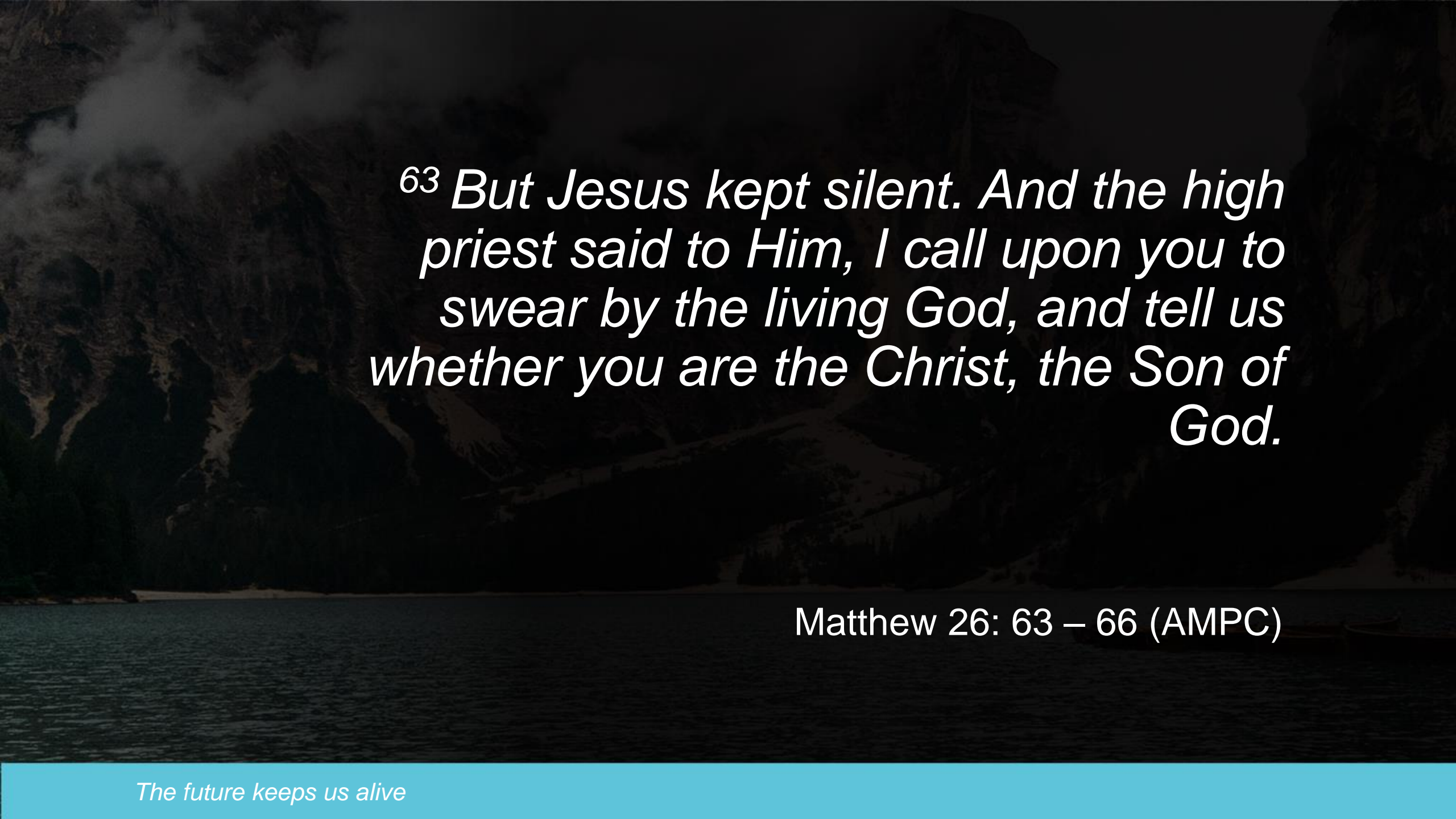
*¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think
toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of
peace and not of evil, to give you
a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the dim light. A small, dark boat is visible on the right side of the water. The background consists of steep, rocky mountains with patches of snow or light-colored rock. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

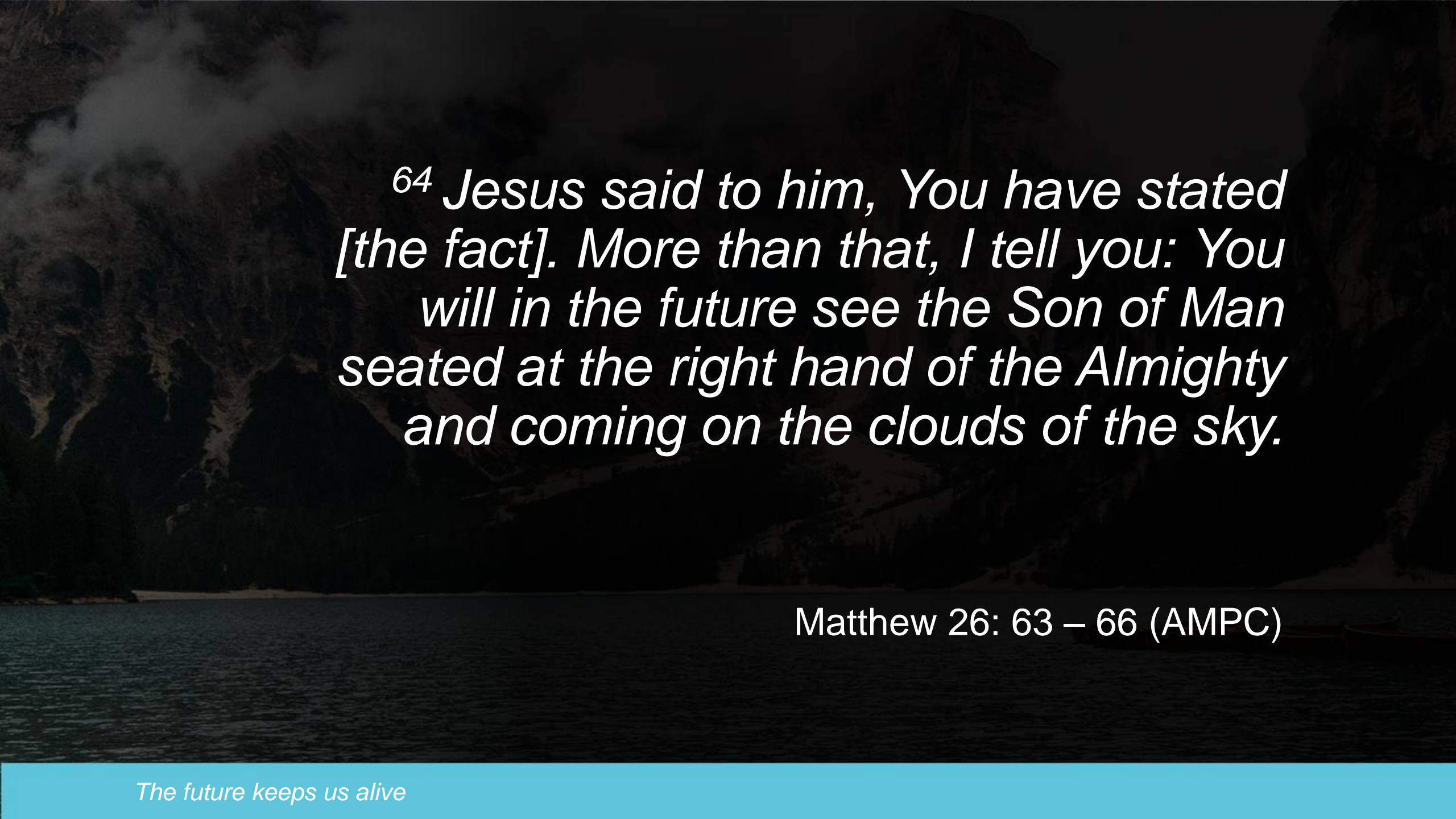
*This weekend we are not spectators, we
are participants*

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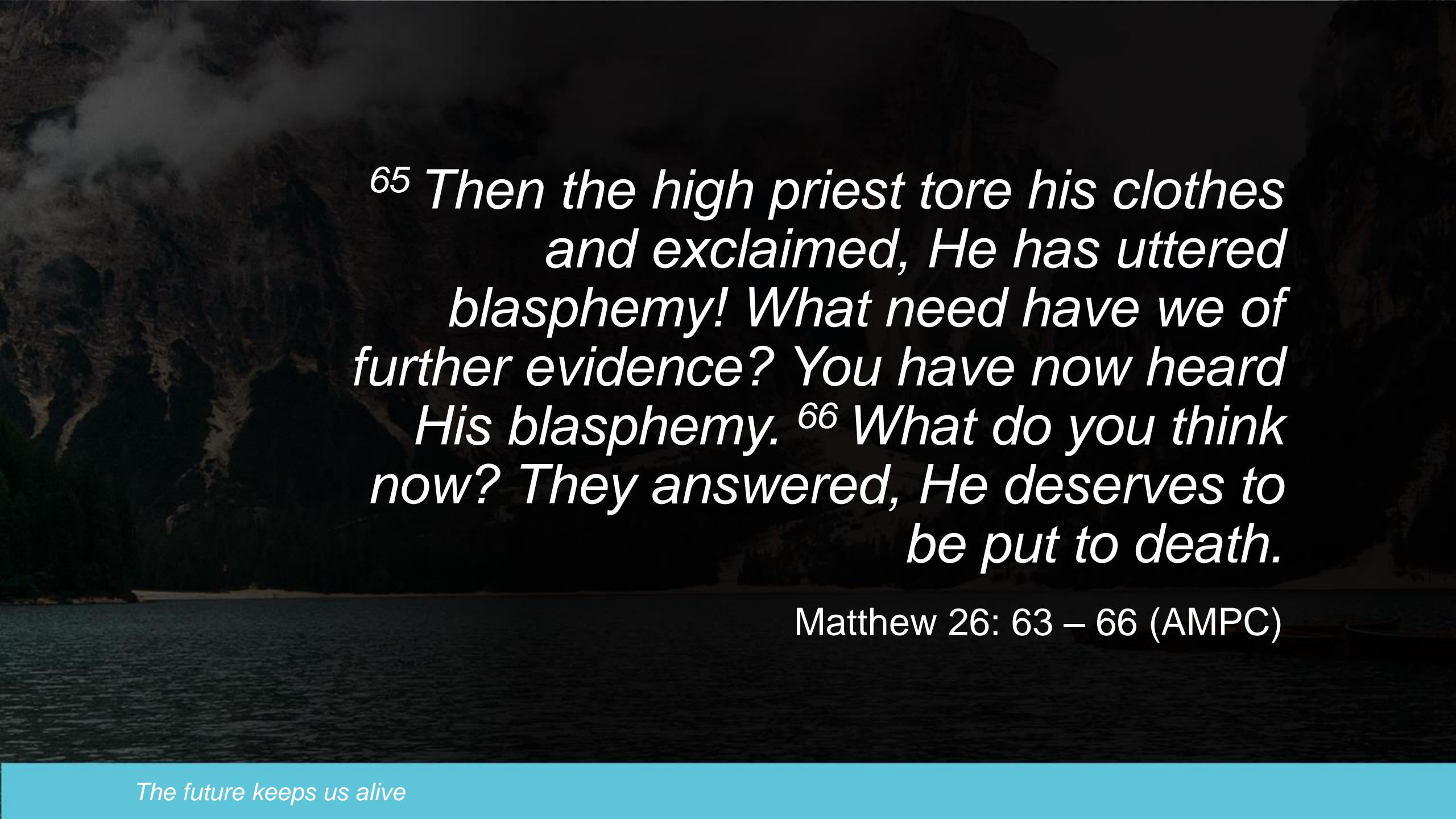
⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, I call upon you to swear by the living God, and tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God.

Matthew 26: 63 – 66 (AMPC)



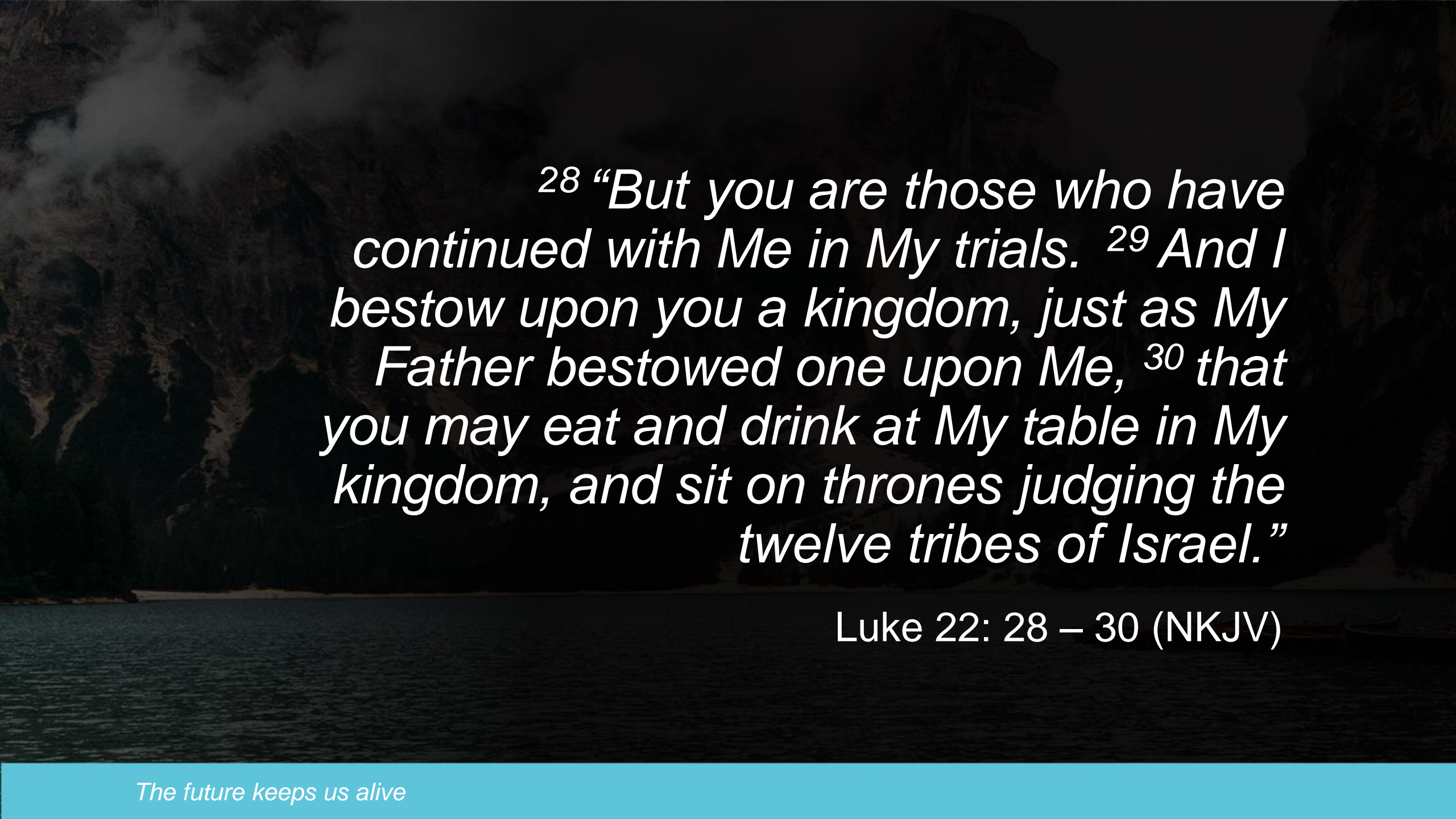
⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, You have stated [the fact]. More than that, I tell you: You will in the future see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Almighty and coming on the clouds of the sky.

Matthew 26: 63 – 66 (AMPC)



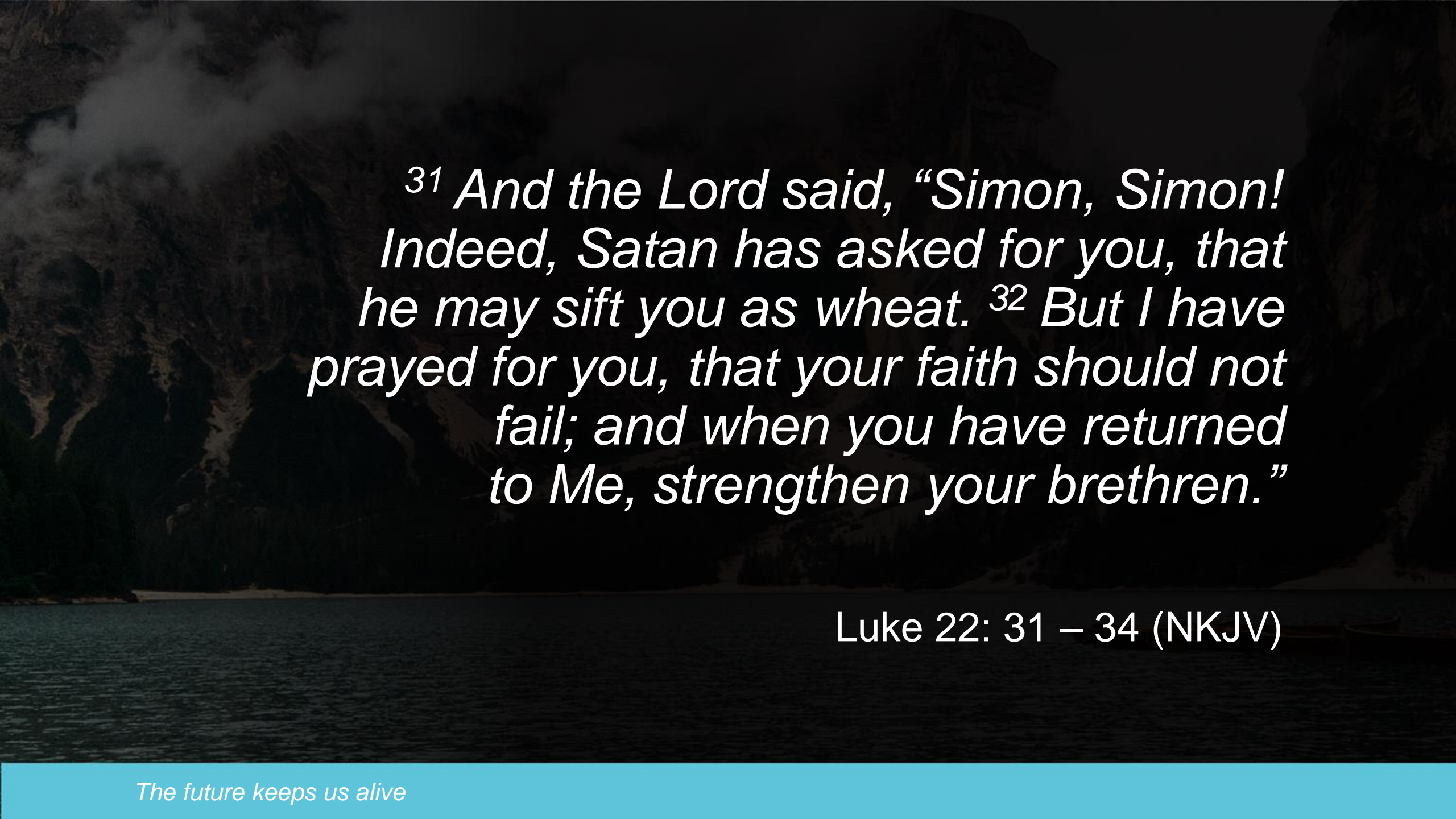
*⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes
and exclaimed, He has uttered
blasphemy! What need have we of
further evidence? You have now heard
His blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think
now? They answered, He deserves to
be put to death.*

Matthew 26: 63 – 66 (AMPC)



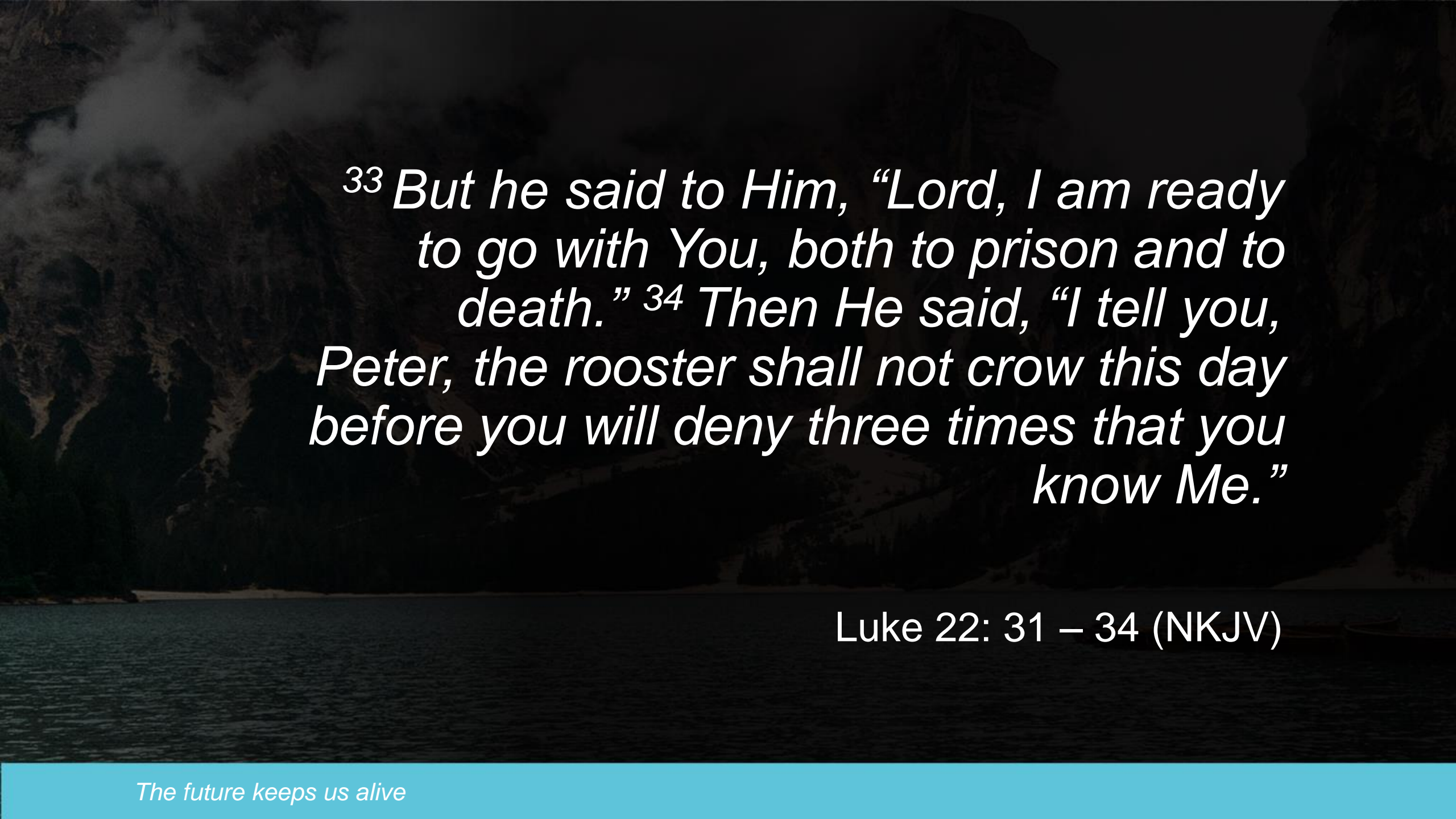
²⁸ “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Luke 22: 28 – 30 (NKJV)



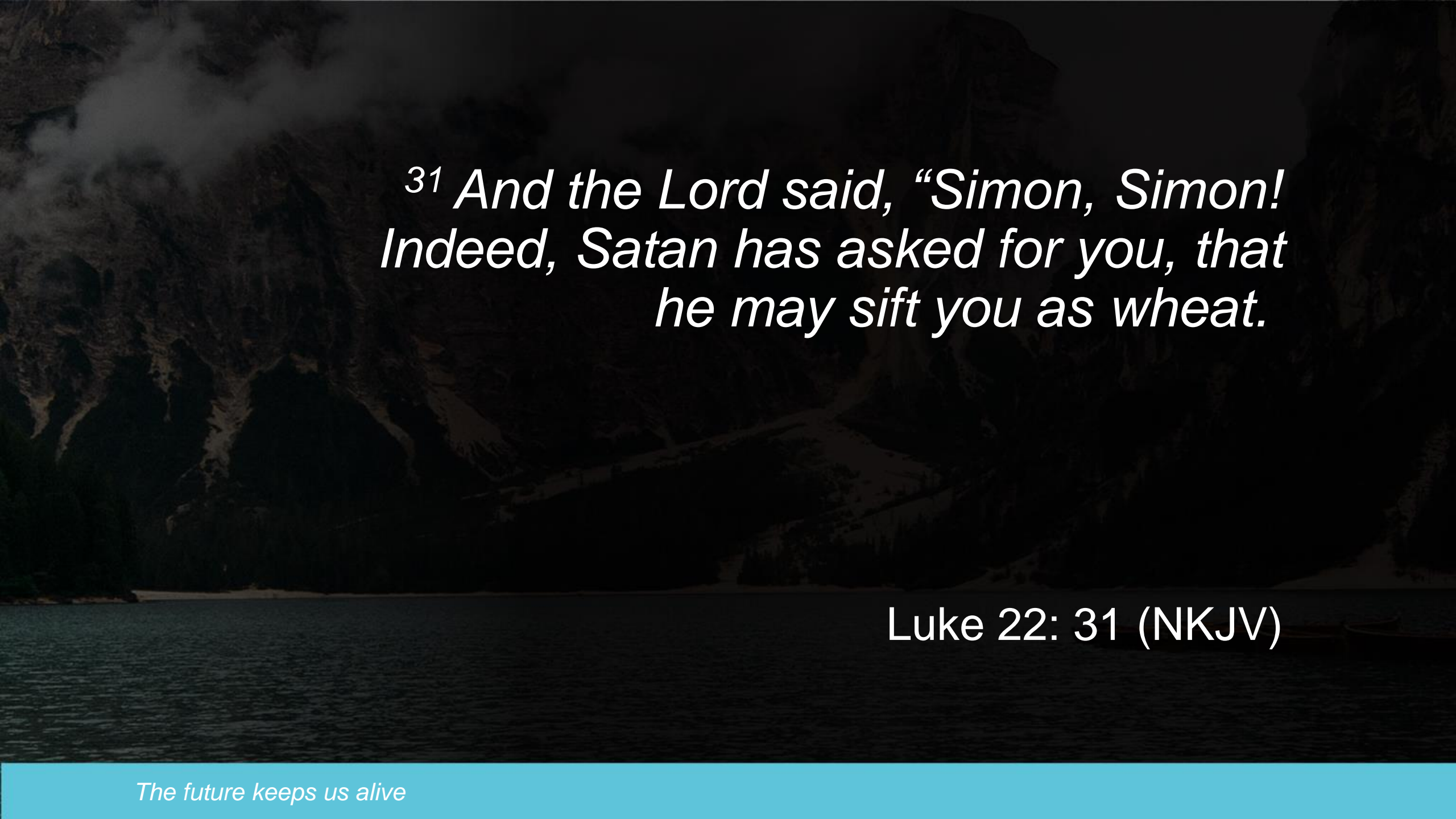
³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

Luke 22: 31 – 34 (NKJV)



³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

Luke 22: 31 – 34 (NKJV)



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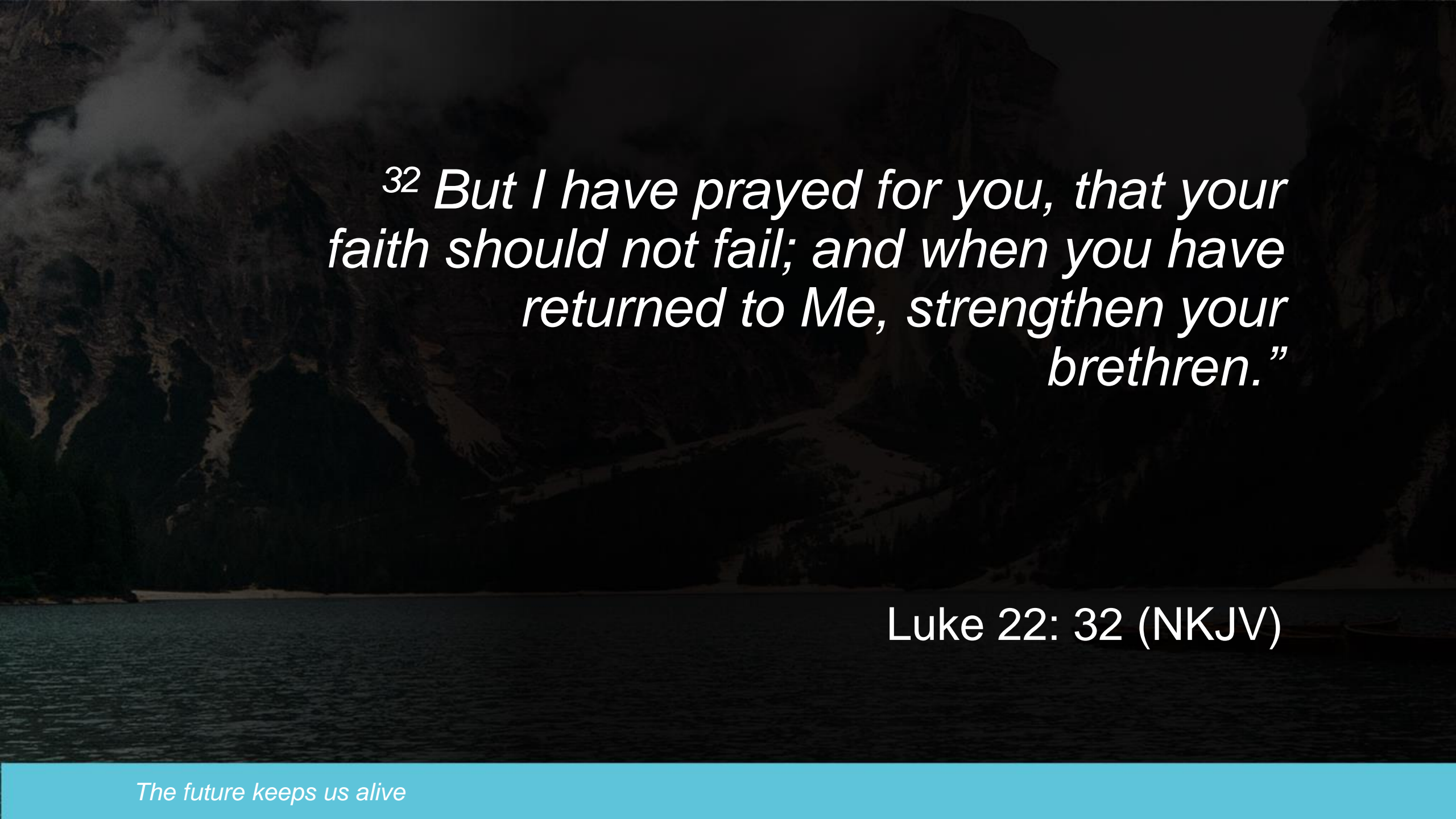
Luke 22: 31 (NKJV)





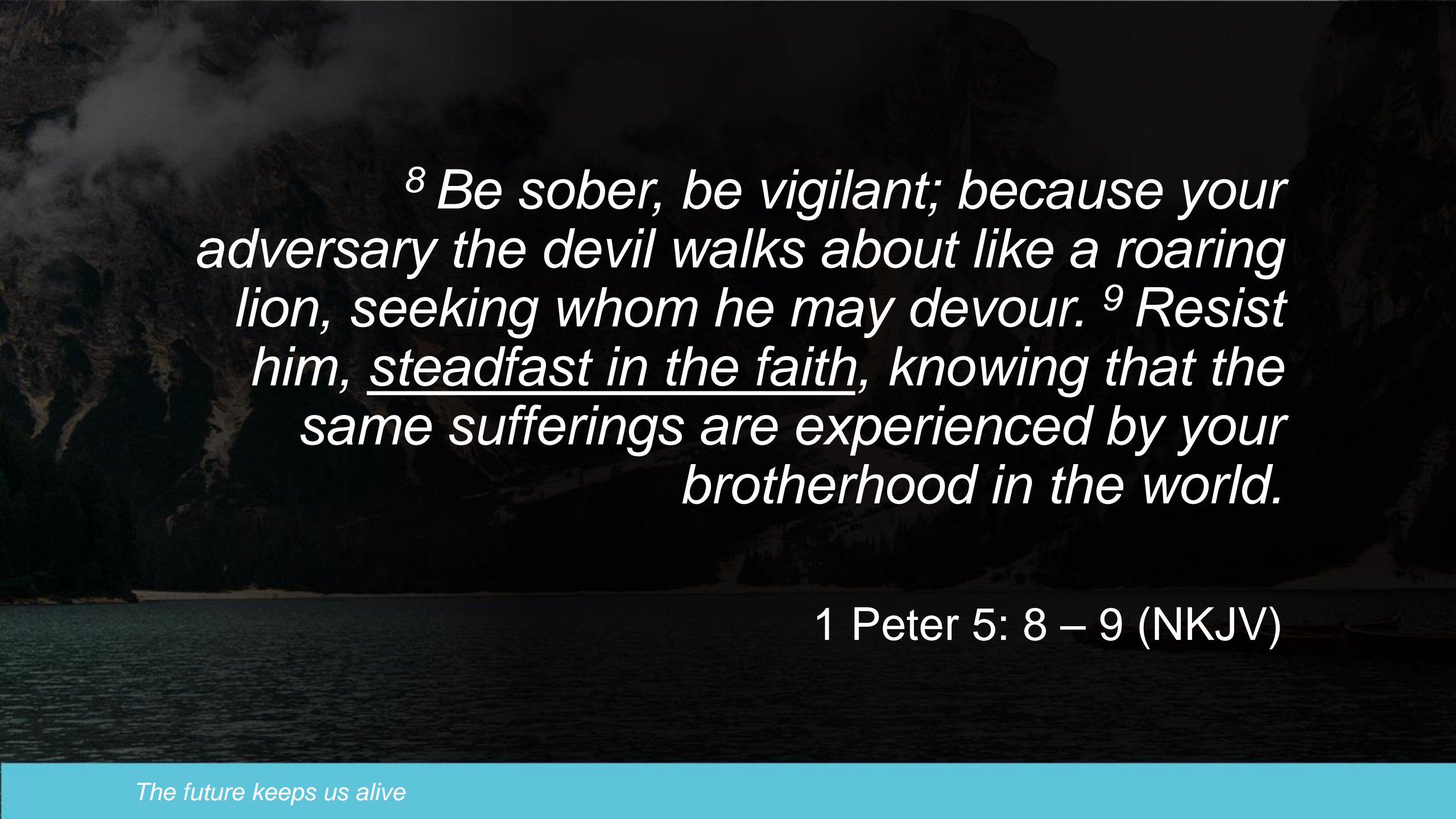
*Satan's main goal today:
He wants to sift out our faith.*

*It is relatively unimportant to Satan whether
we are healthy or sick, rich or poor.*



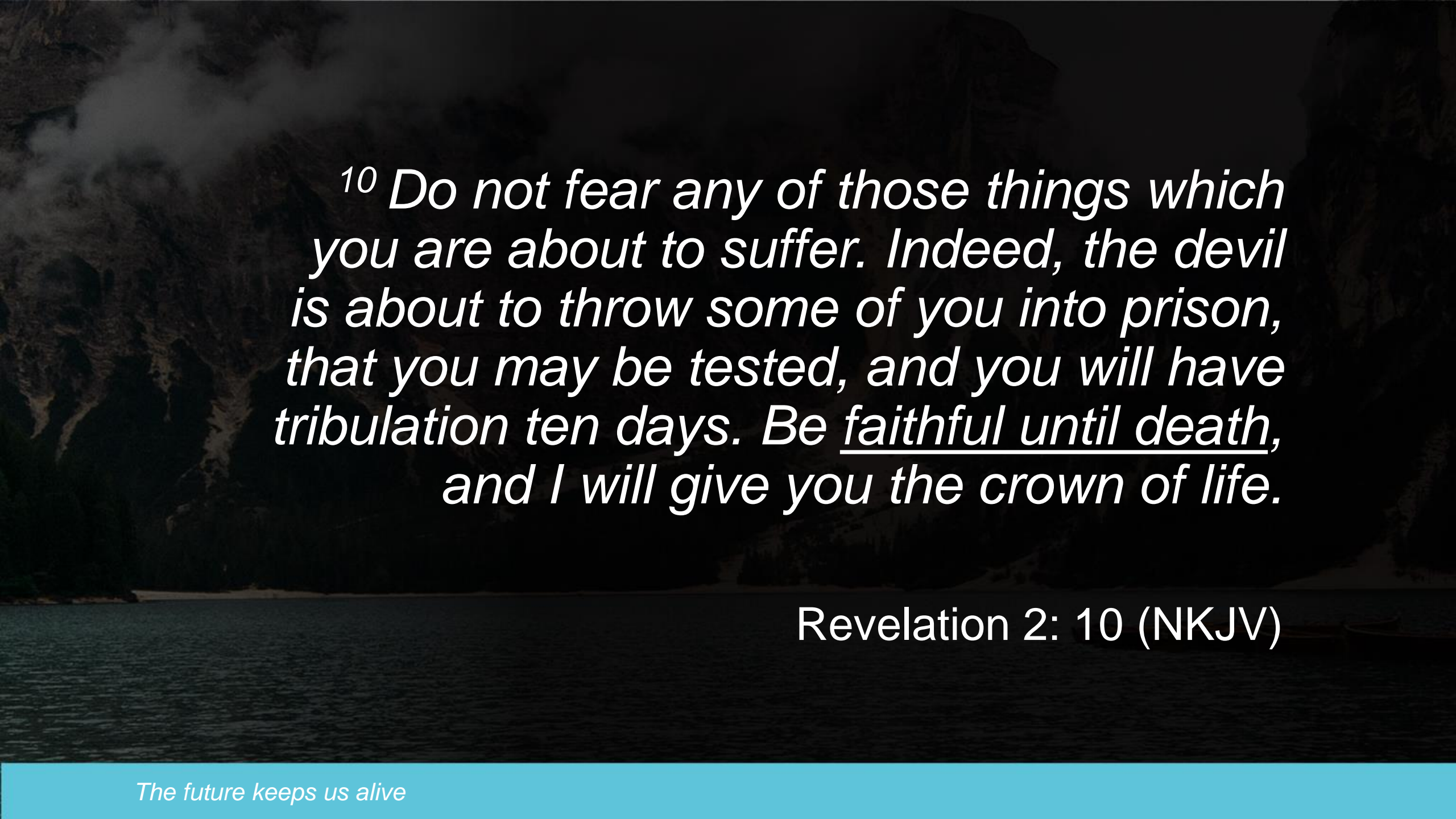
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Luke 22: 32 (NKJV)



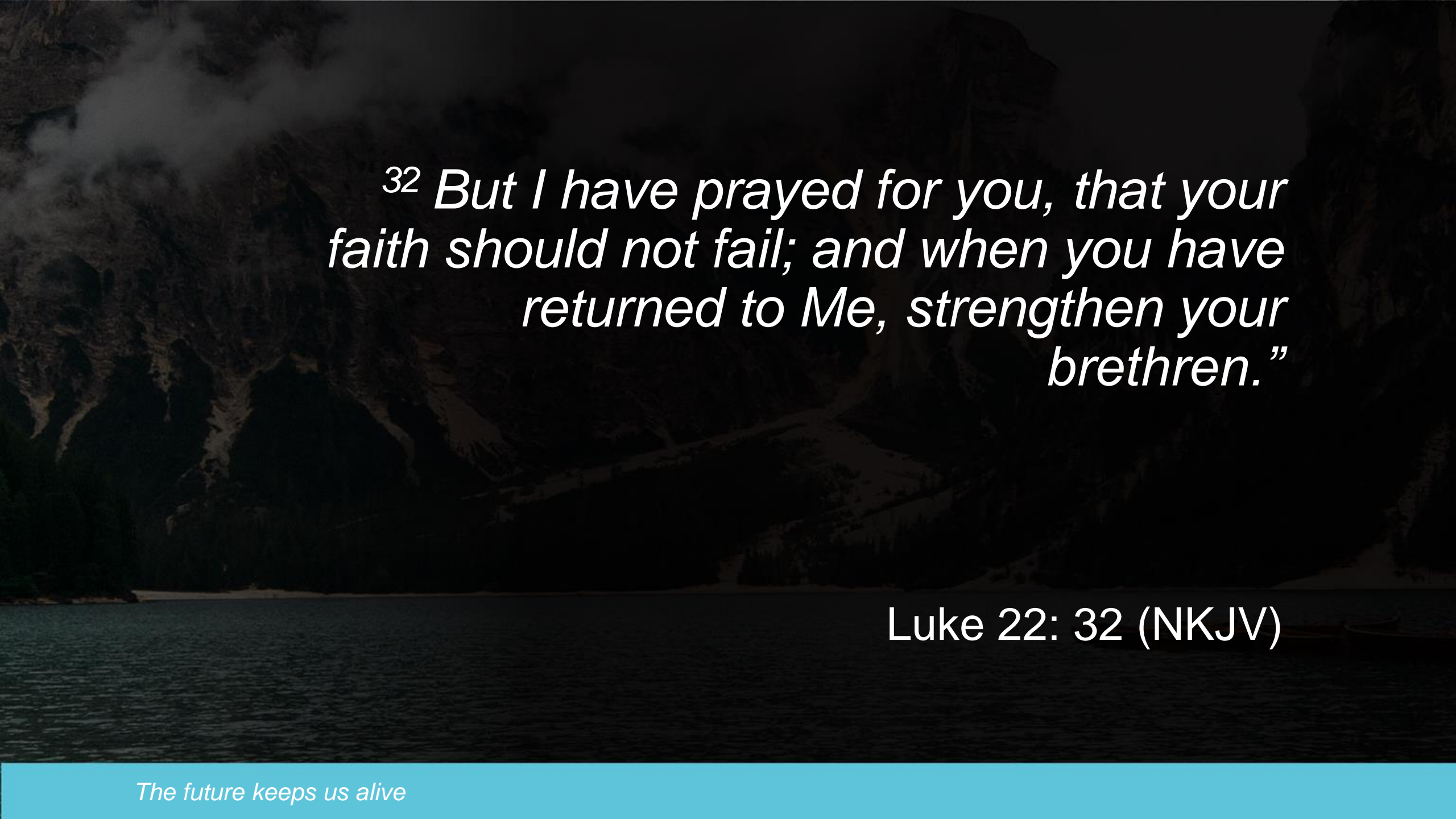
⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1 Peter 5: 8 – 9 (NKJV)



¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 2: 10 (NKJV)



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brethren.”*

Luke 22: 32 (NKJV)