




# Cleansing My bride

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<sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,  
<sup>12</sup> And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless

Matthew 22: 2, 12 (ESV)

# Hebrew wedding



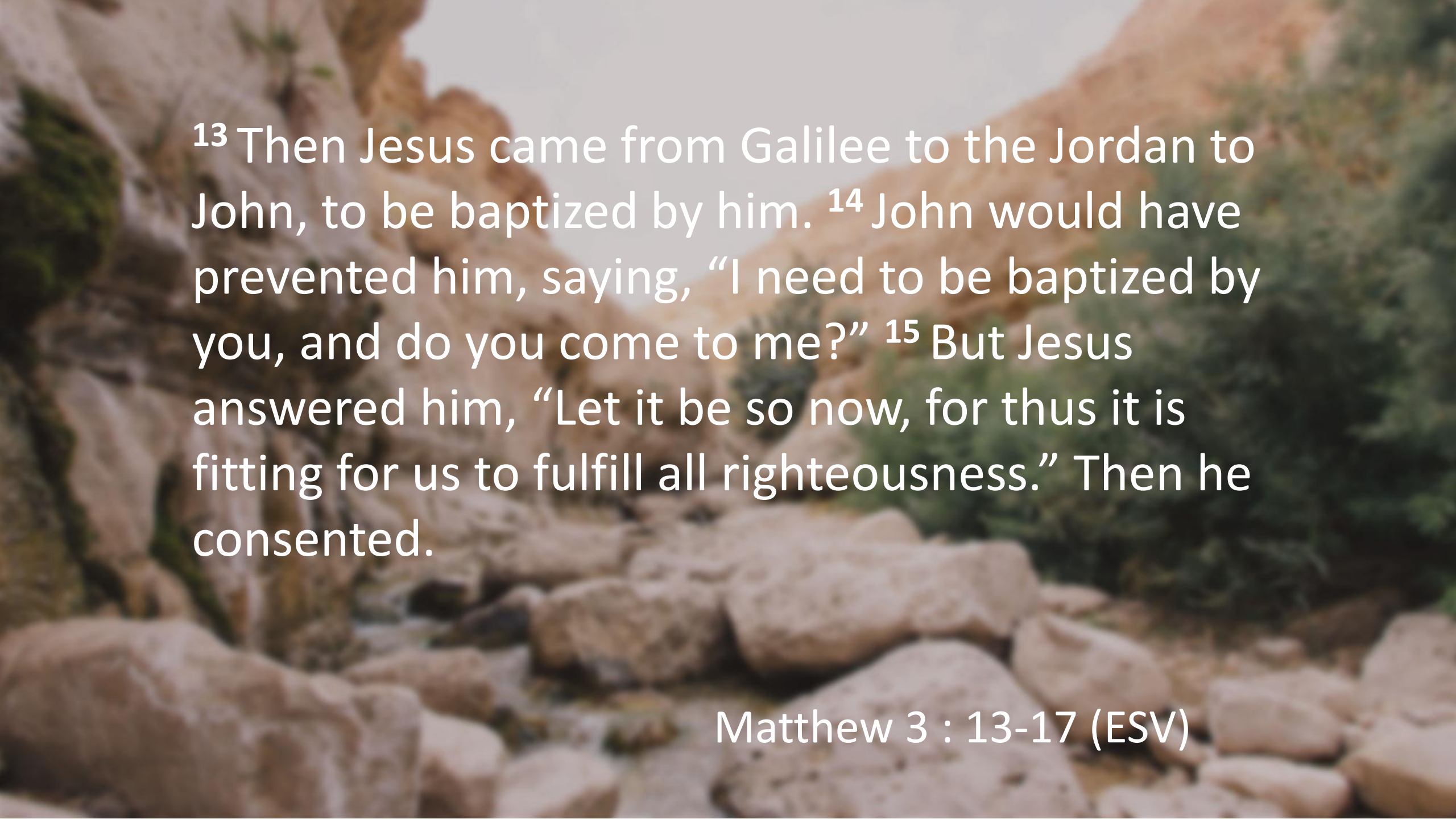


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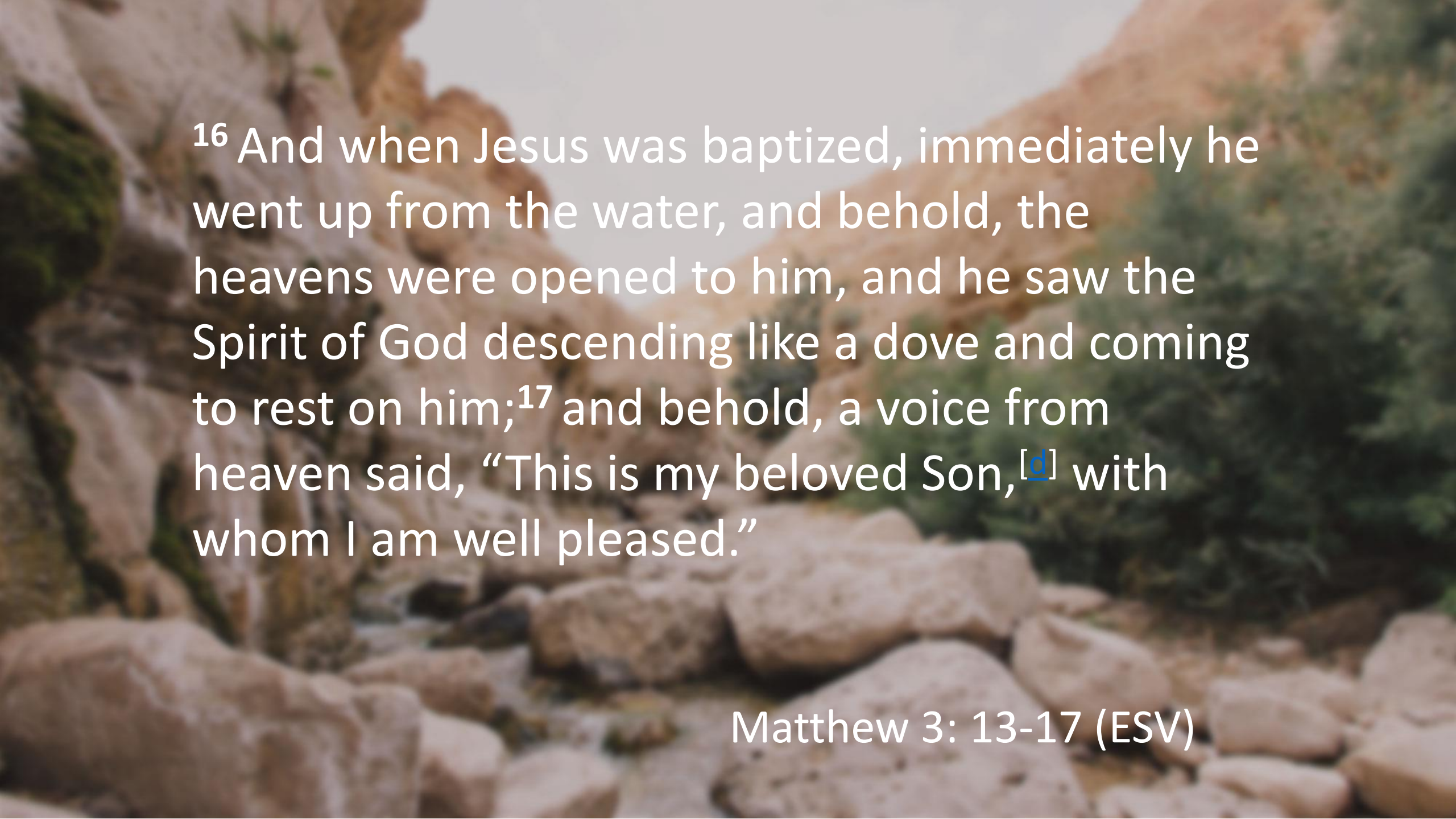
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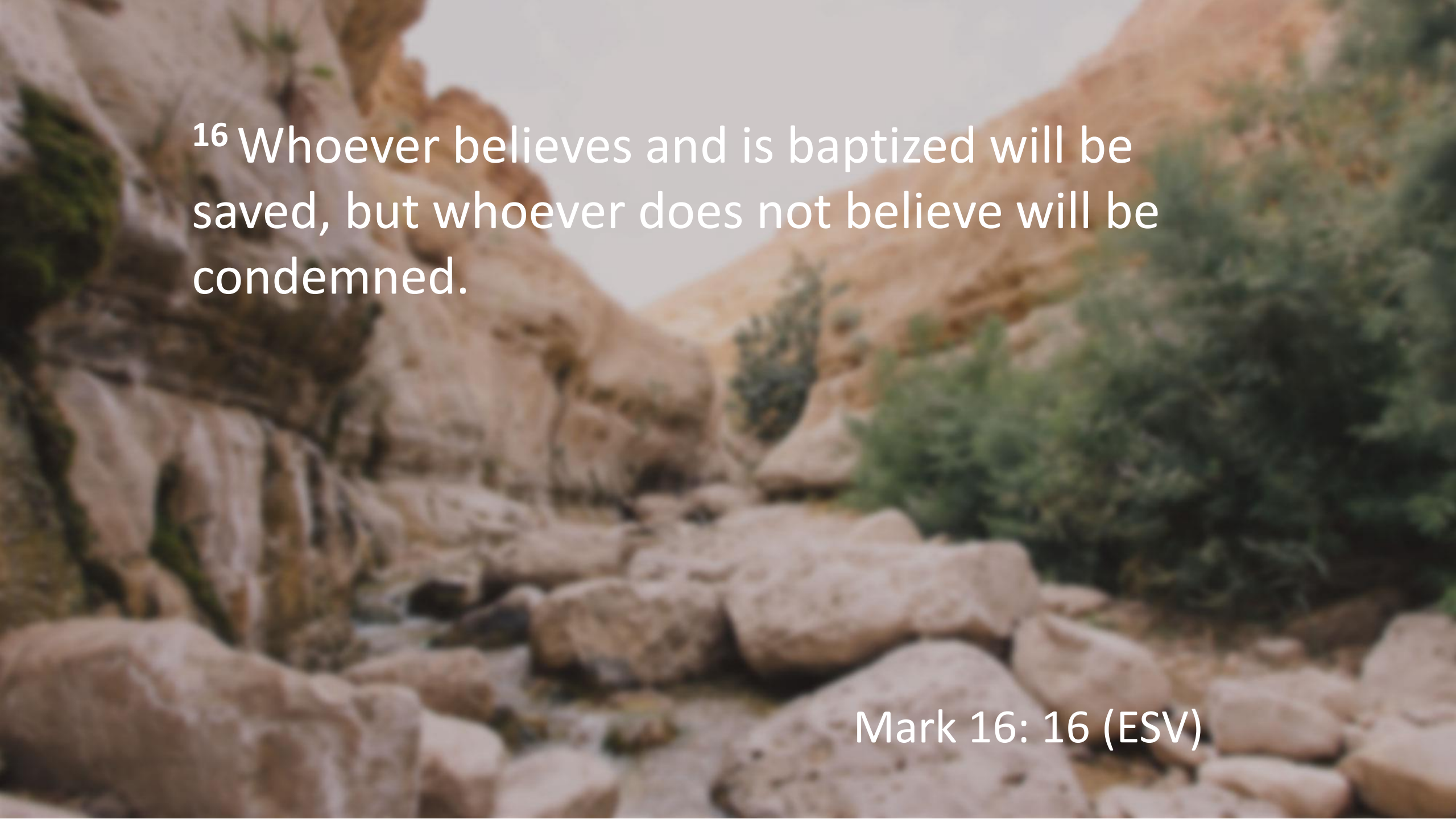
<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

Matthew 3 : 13-17 (ESV)



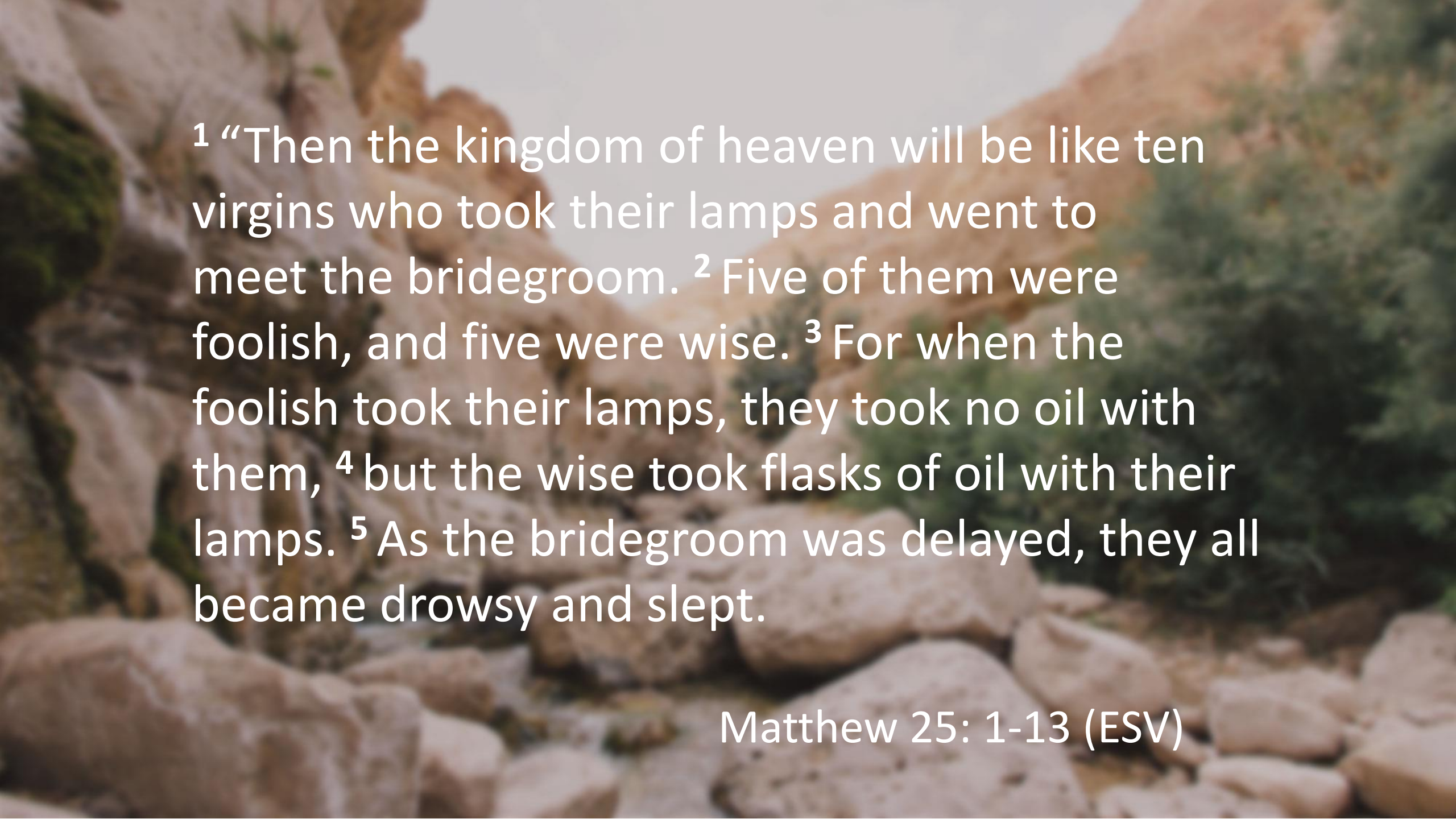
<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;<sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son,<sup>[d]</sup> with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3: 13-17 (ESV)

A background image of a rocky landscape. In the foreground, there are large, light-colored, jagged rocks. A small stream flows through the center of the rocks. To the right, there are green bushes and a small evergreen tree. The background shows a steep, rocky hillside under a clear sky.

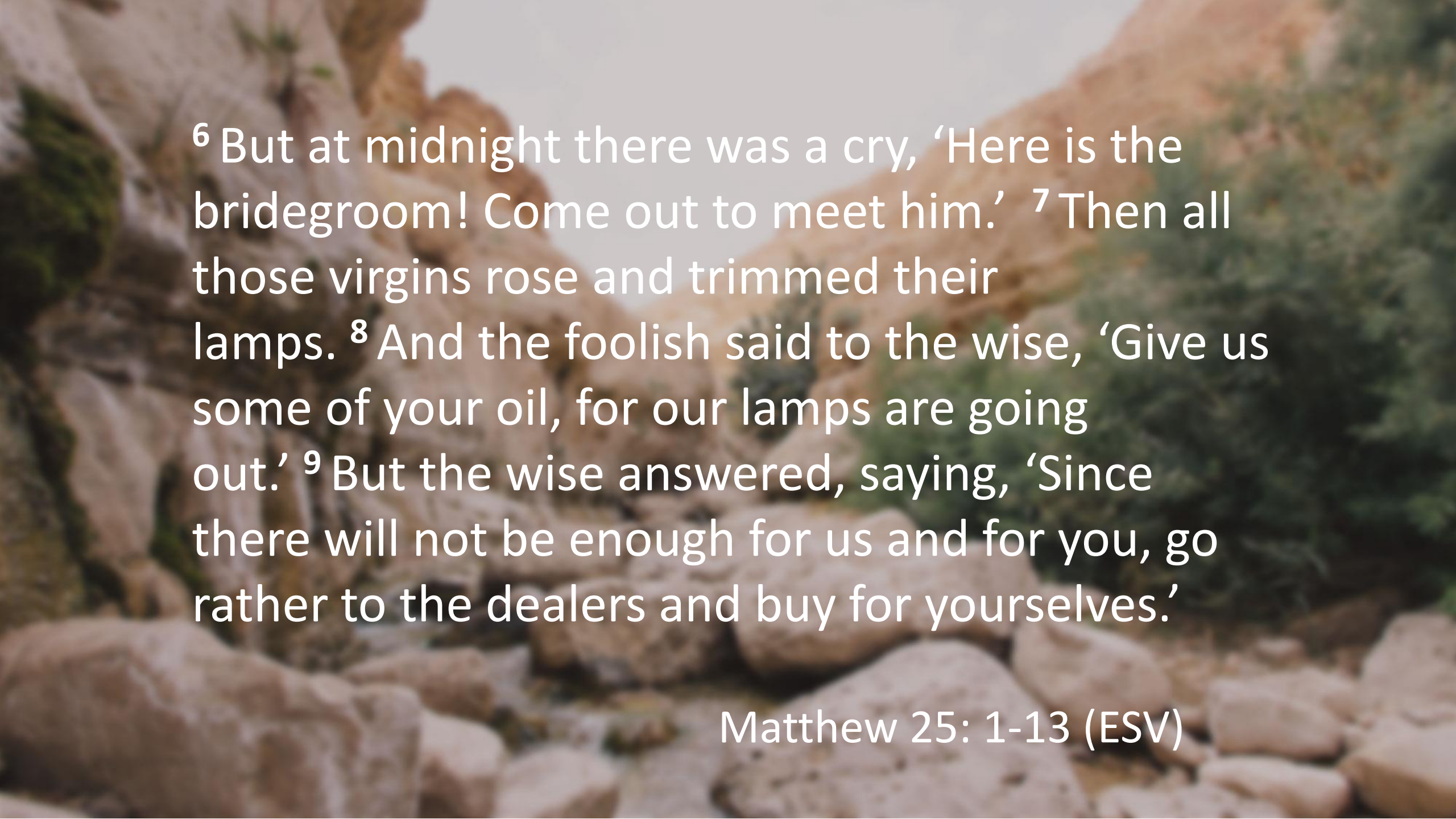
<sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16: 16 (ESV)



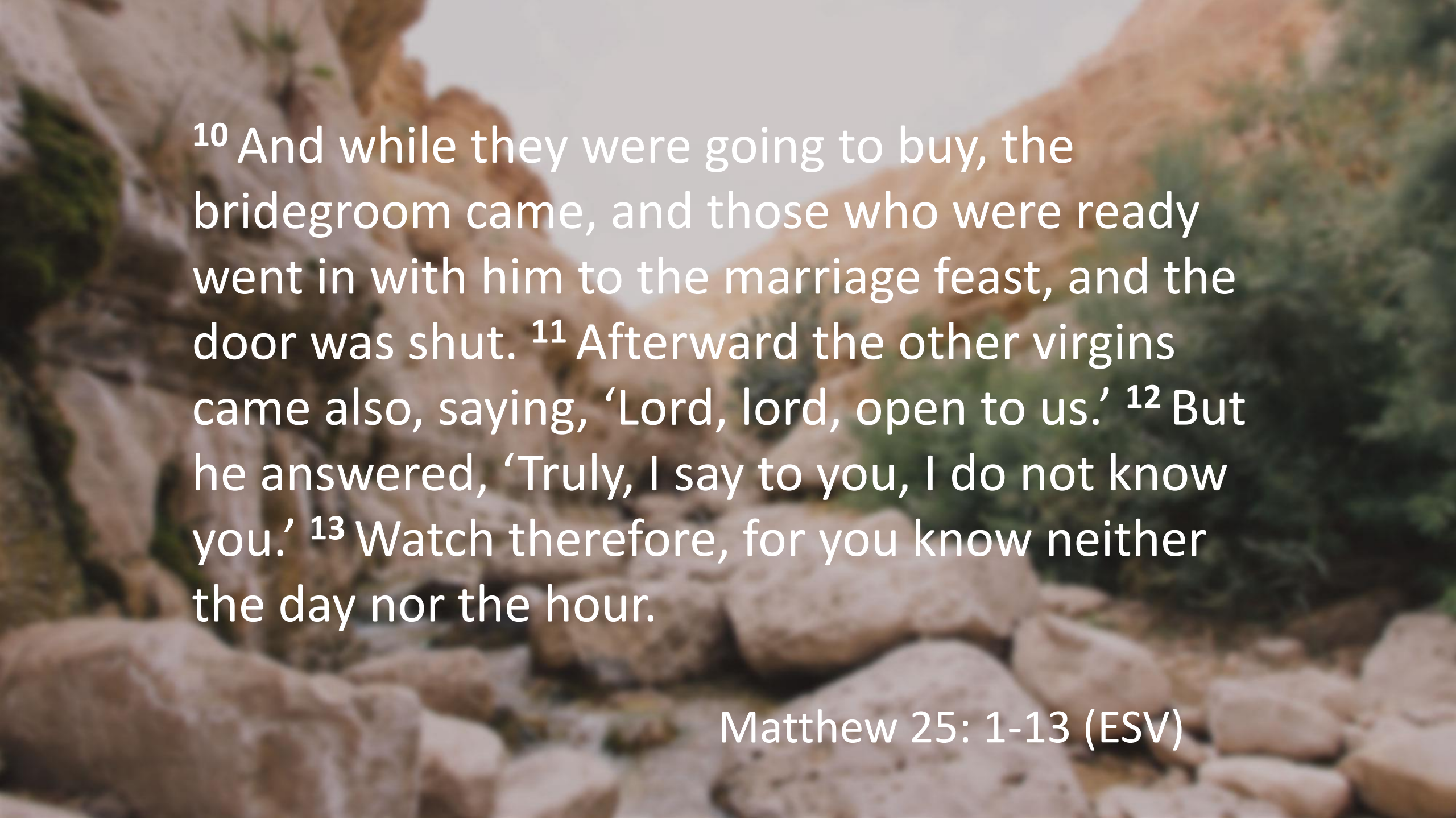
<sup>1</sup> “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.

Matthew 25: 1-13 (ESV)



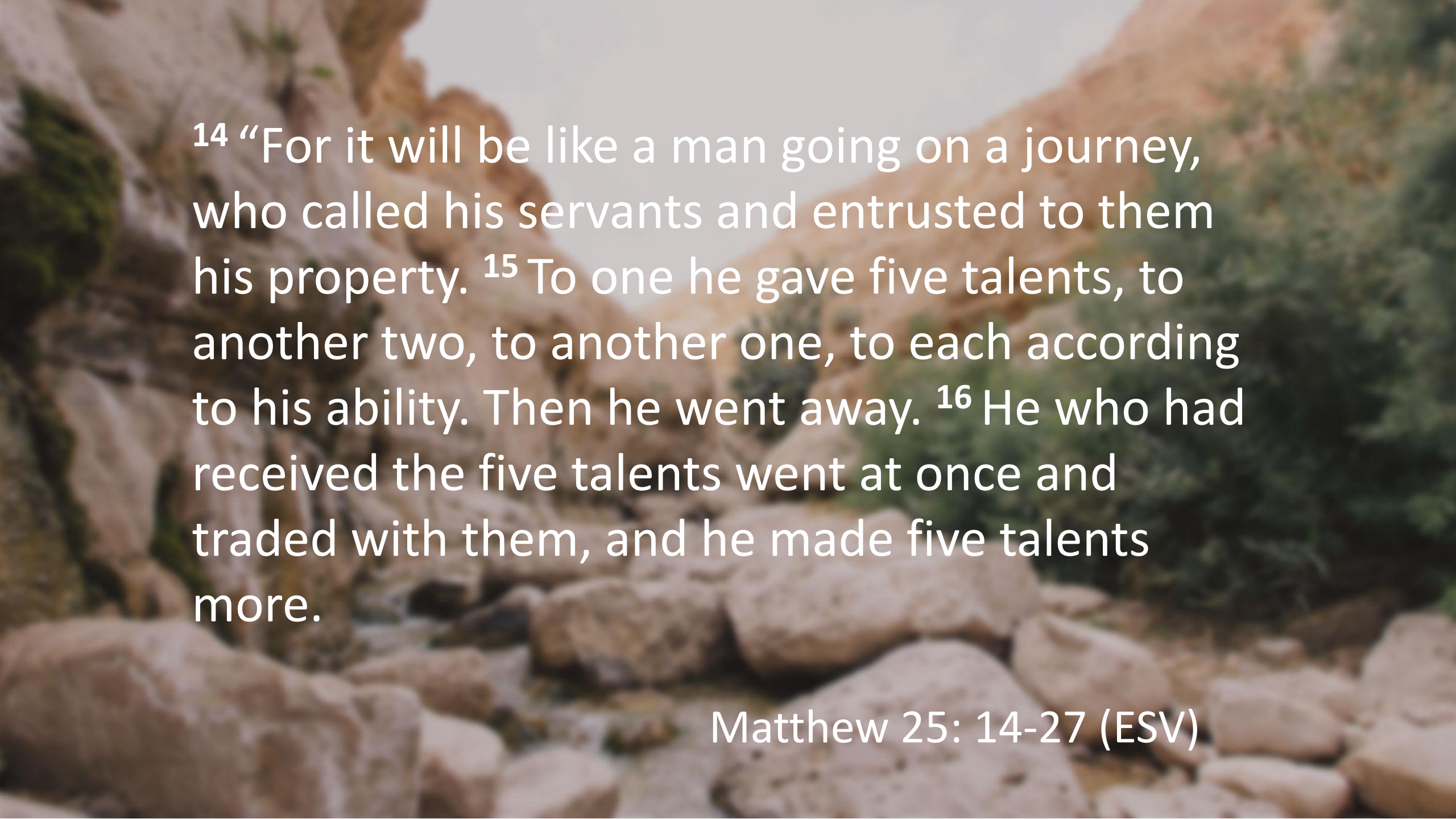
<sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'

Matthew 25: 1-13 (ESV)



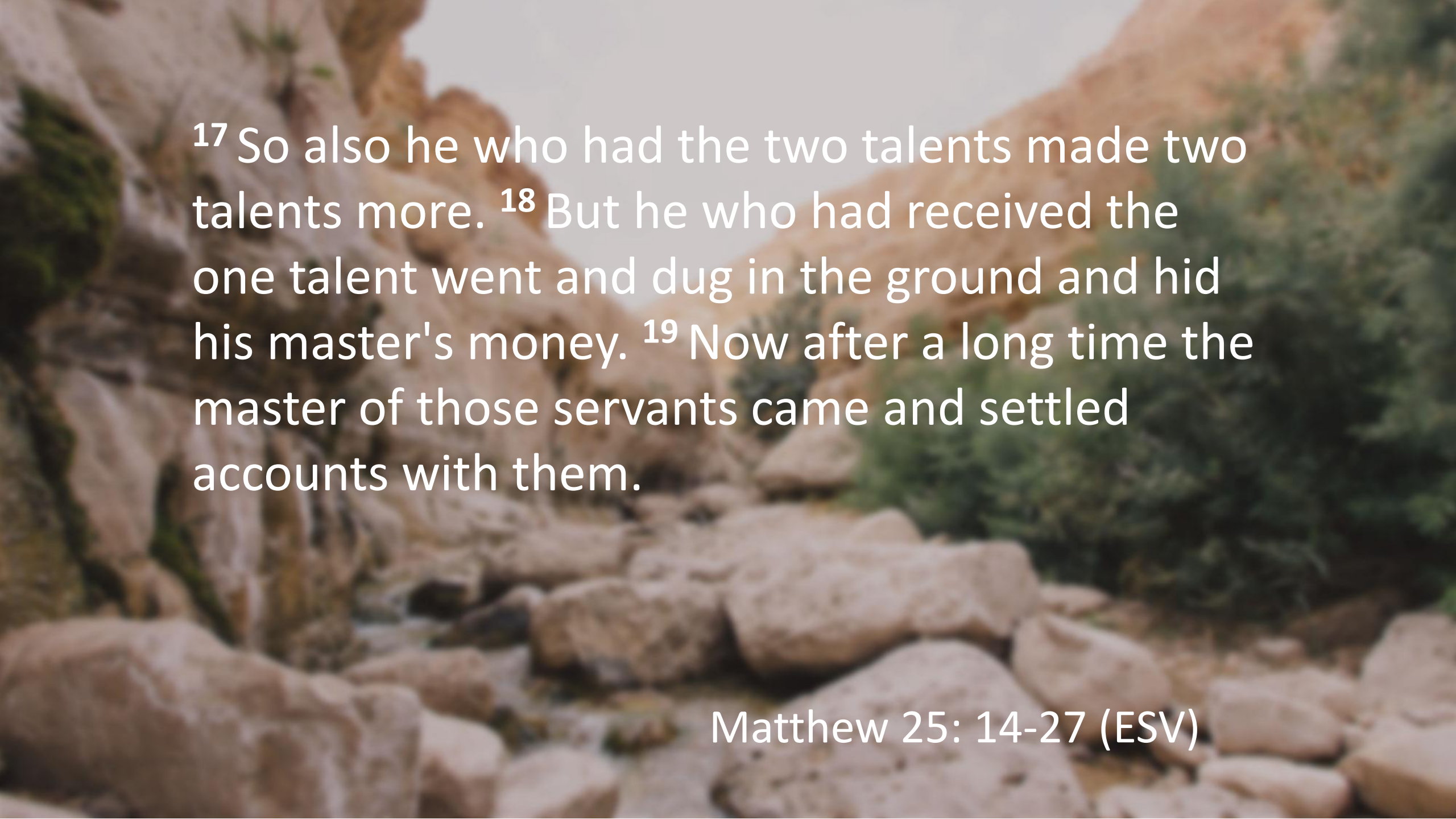
<sup>10</sup> And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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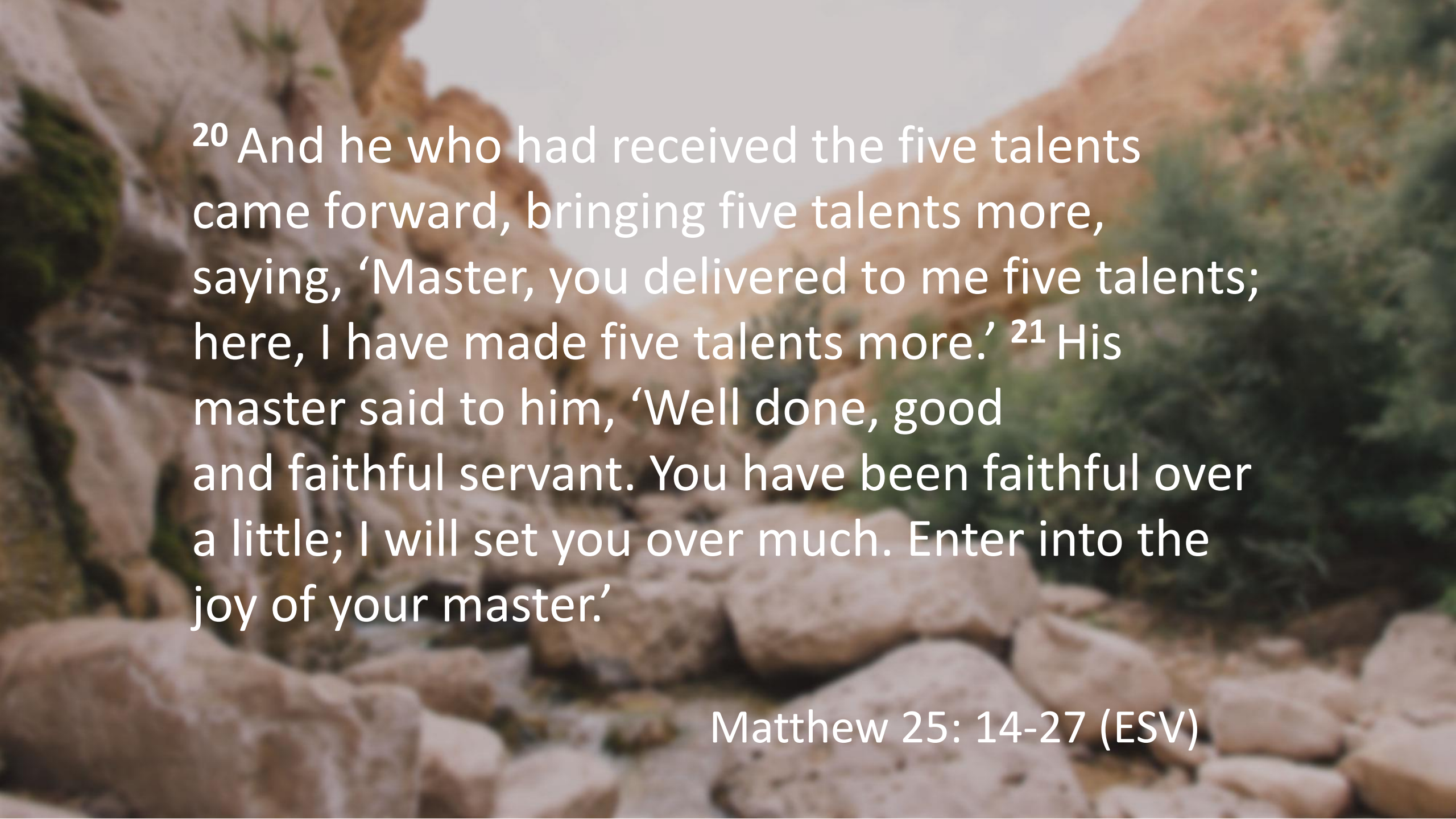
<sup>14</sup> “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.

Matthew 25: 14-27 (ESV)



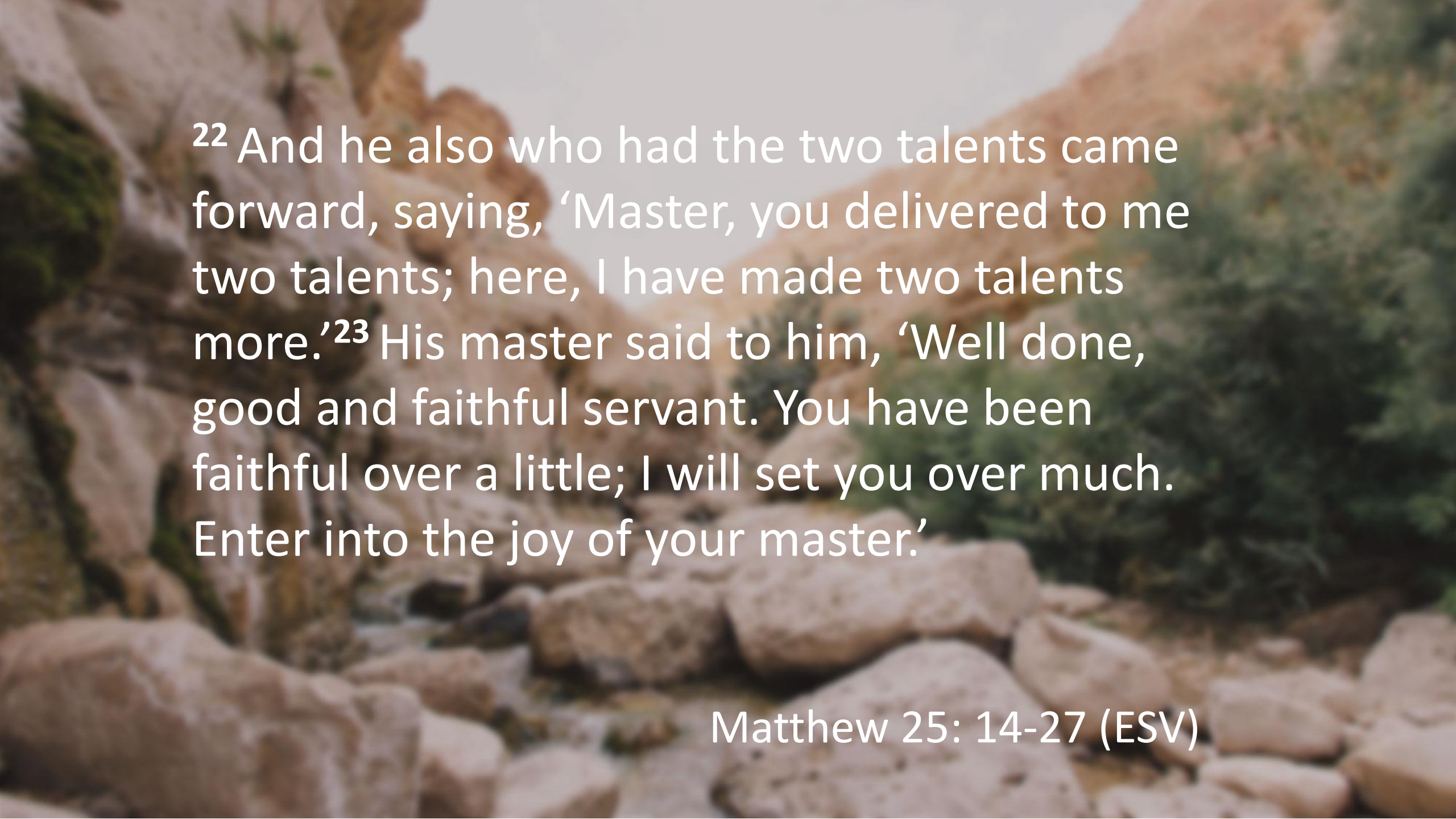
<sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

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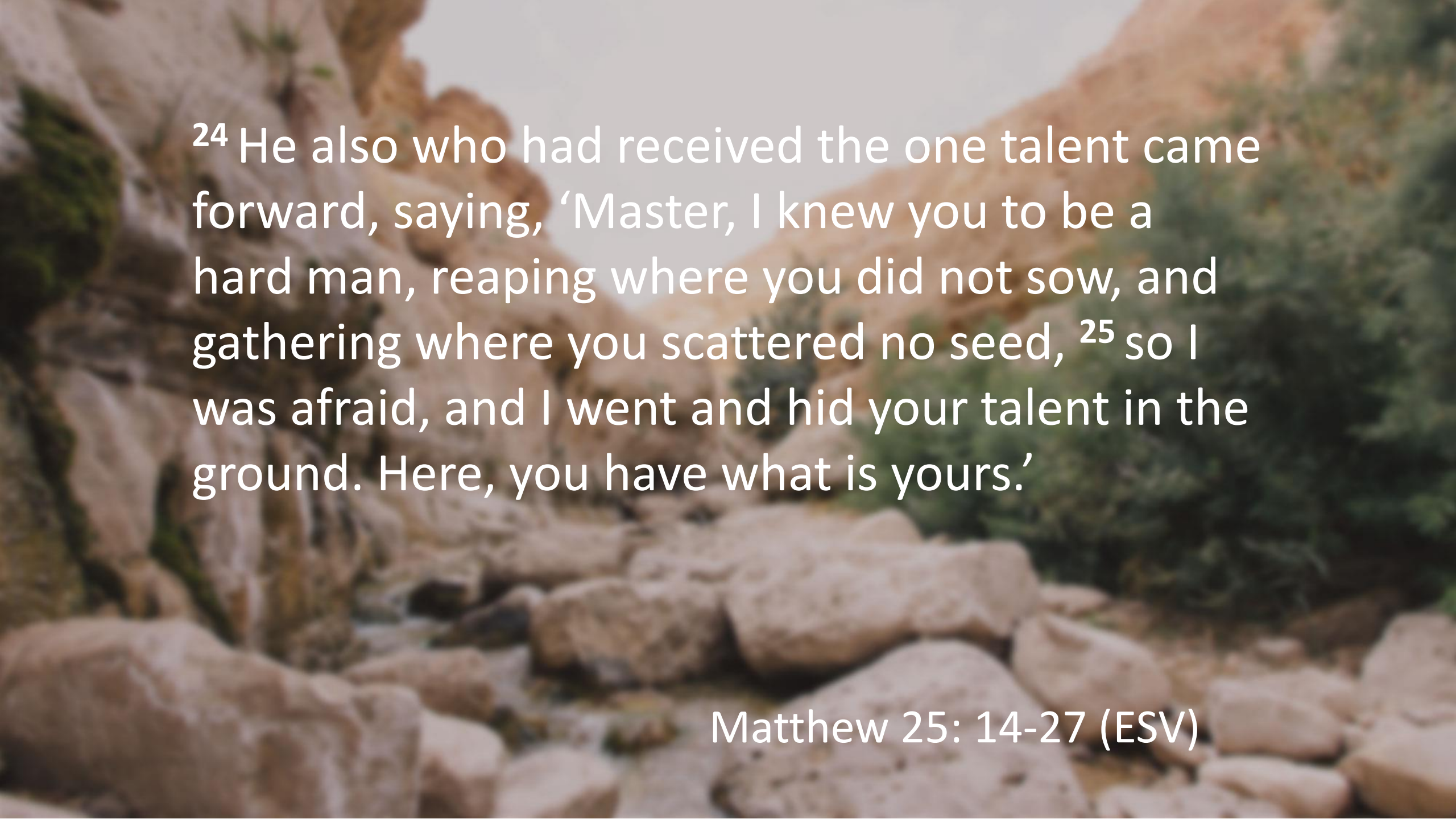
<sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Matthew 25: 14-27 (ESV)

The background image shows a shallow stream with light-colored, smooth river stones. The water is clear, and the surrounding area is covered with green moss and small plants. The image has a soft, slightly blurred quality, and a semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the left side, containing the text.

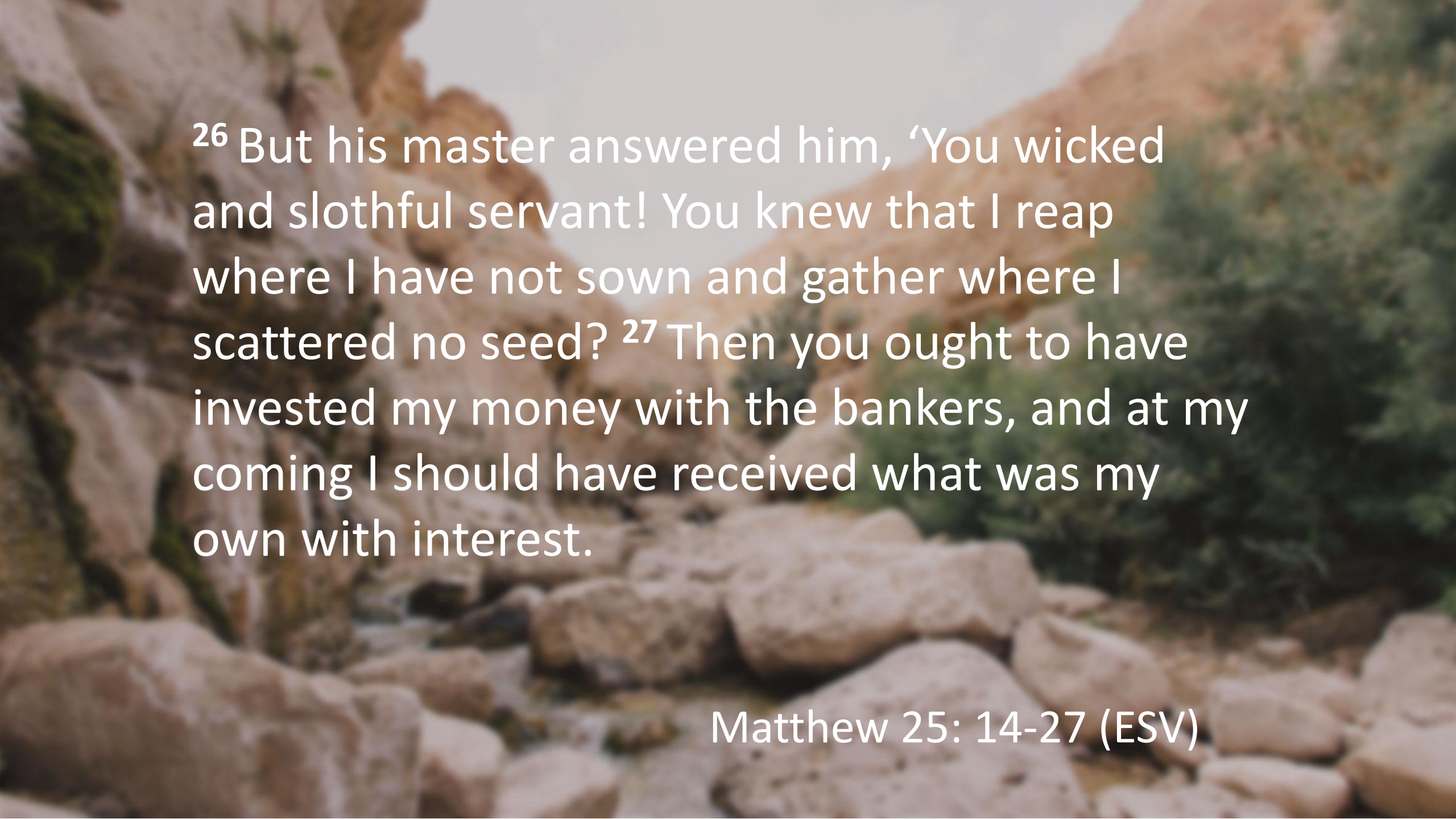
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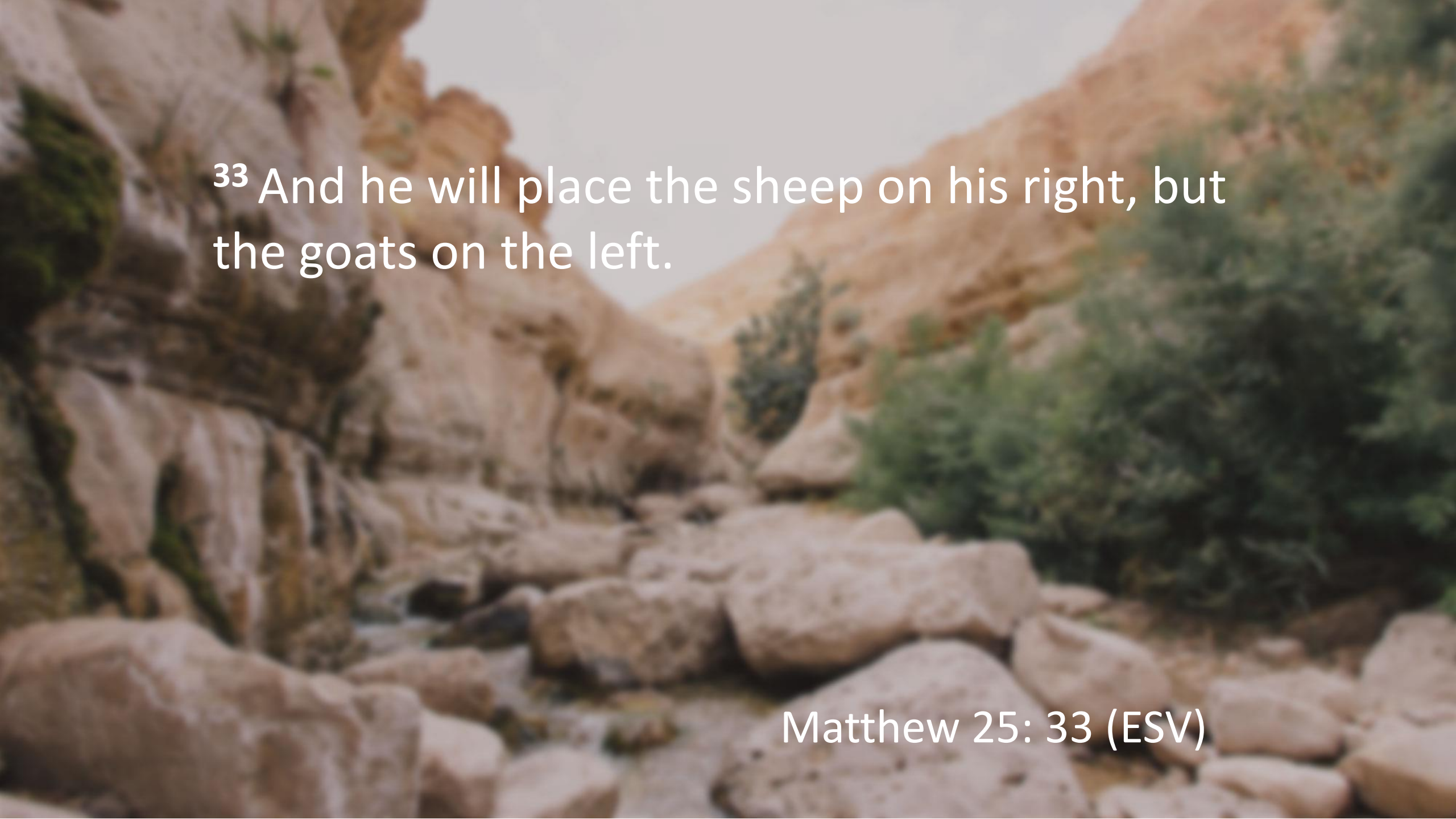
<sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'

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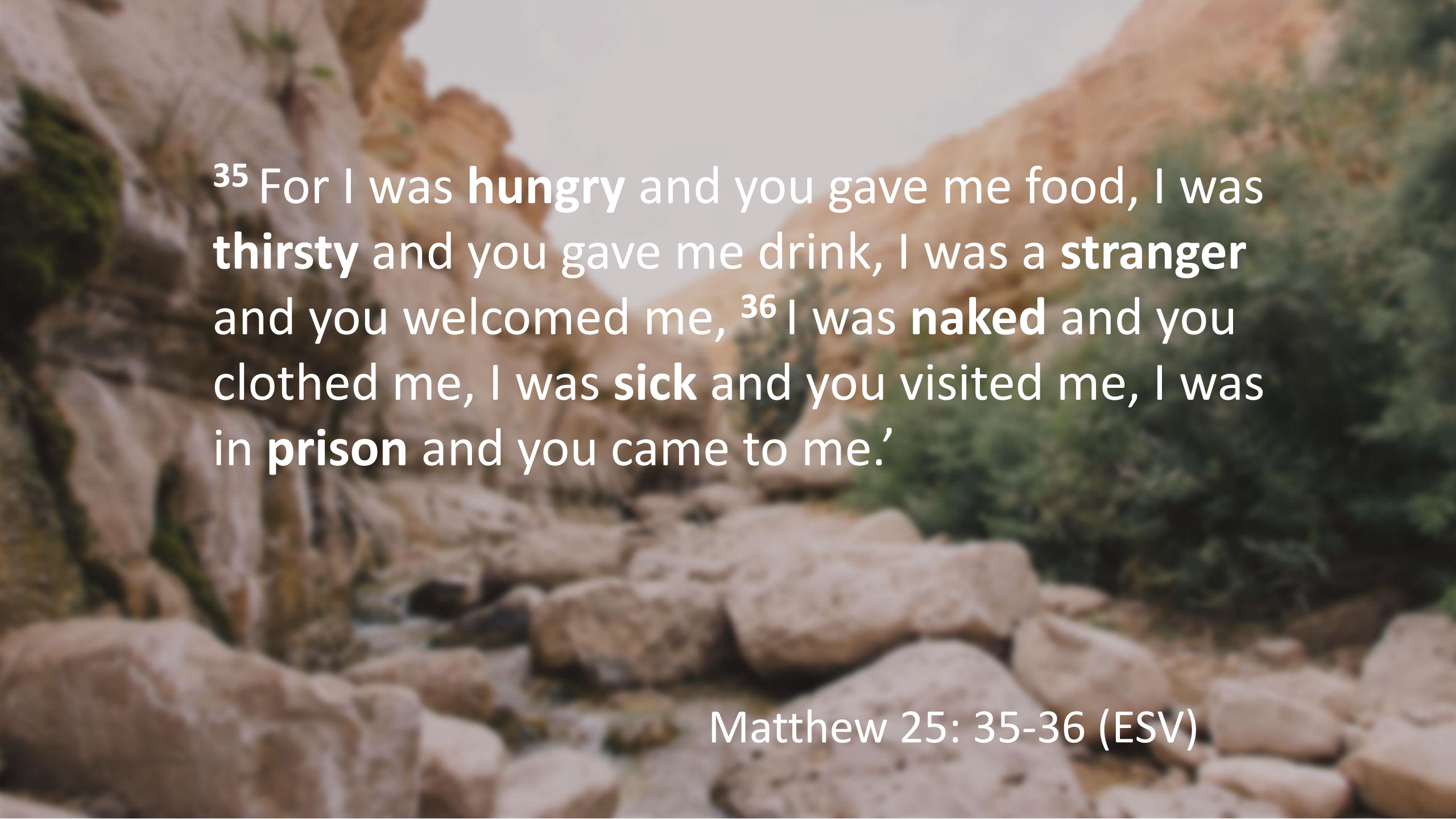
<sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

Matthew 25: 14-27 (ESV)

A photograph of a rugged, rocky landscape. In the foreground, there are large, light-colored boulders and a path that winds through them. The background shows steep, rocky hillsides with some green vegetation. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

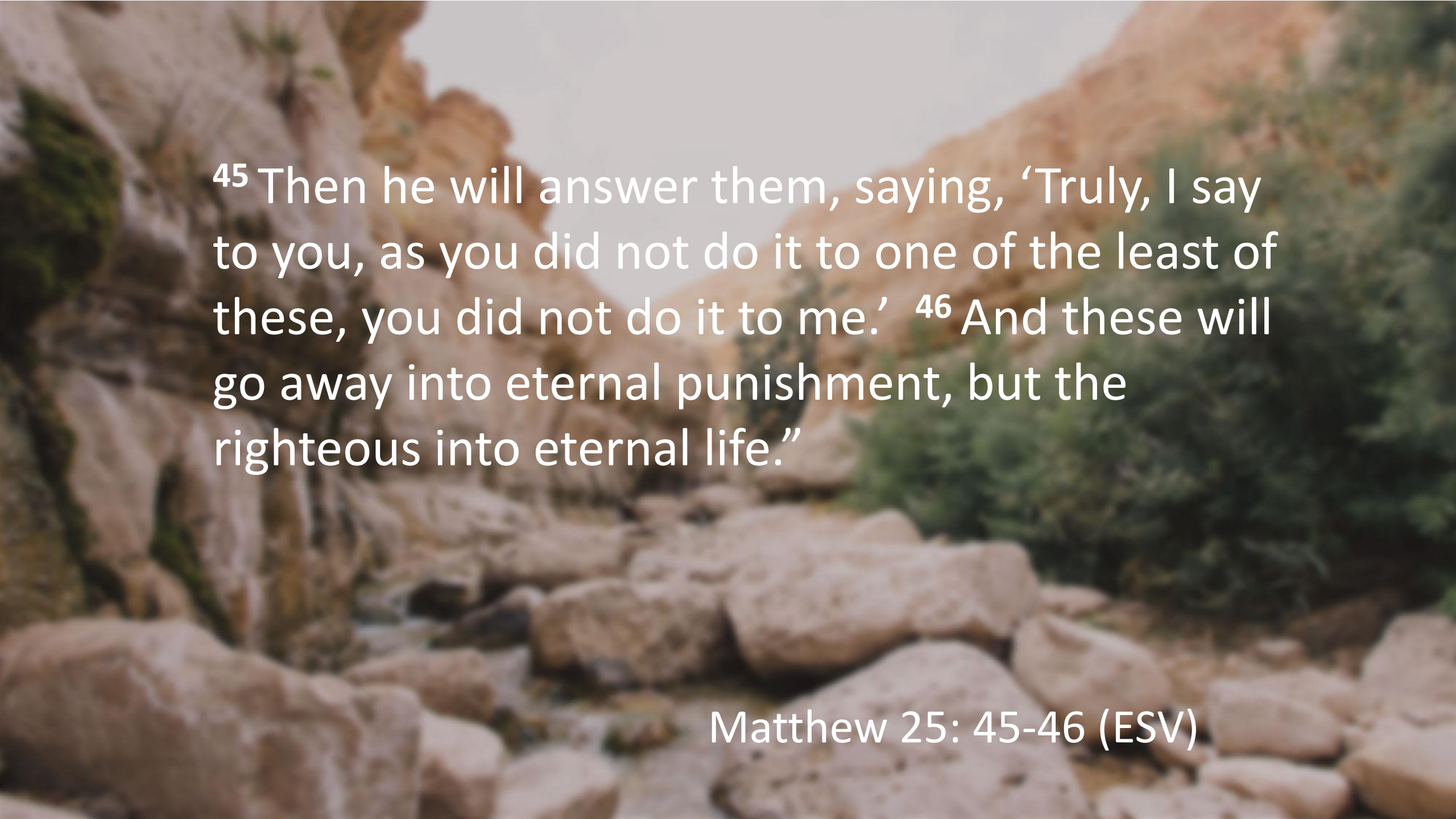
<sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

Matthew 25: 33 (ESV)




<sup>35</sup> For I was **hungry** and you gave me food, I was **thirsty** and you gave me drink, I was a **stranger** and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was **naked** and you clothed me, I was **sick** and you visited me, I was in **prison** and you came to me.'

Matthew 25: 35-36 (ESV)



<sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25: 45-46 (ESV)

A photograph of a rocky, arid landscape. In the foreground, there are large, light-colored, irregularly shaped rocks. A narrow, light-colored path or stream bed winds through the rocks from the bottom center towards the background. To the right of the path, there is a dense, dark green shrub. The background shows a bright, hazy sky and distant, reddish-brown hills or mountains. The overall scene is desolate and open.

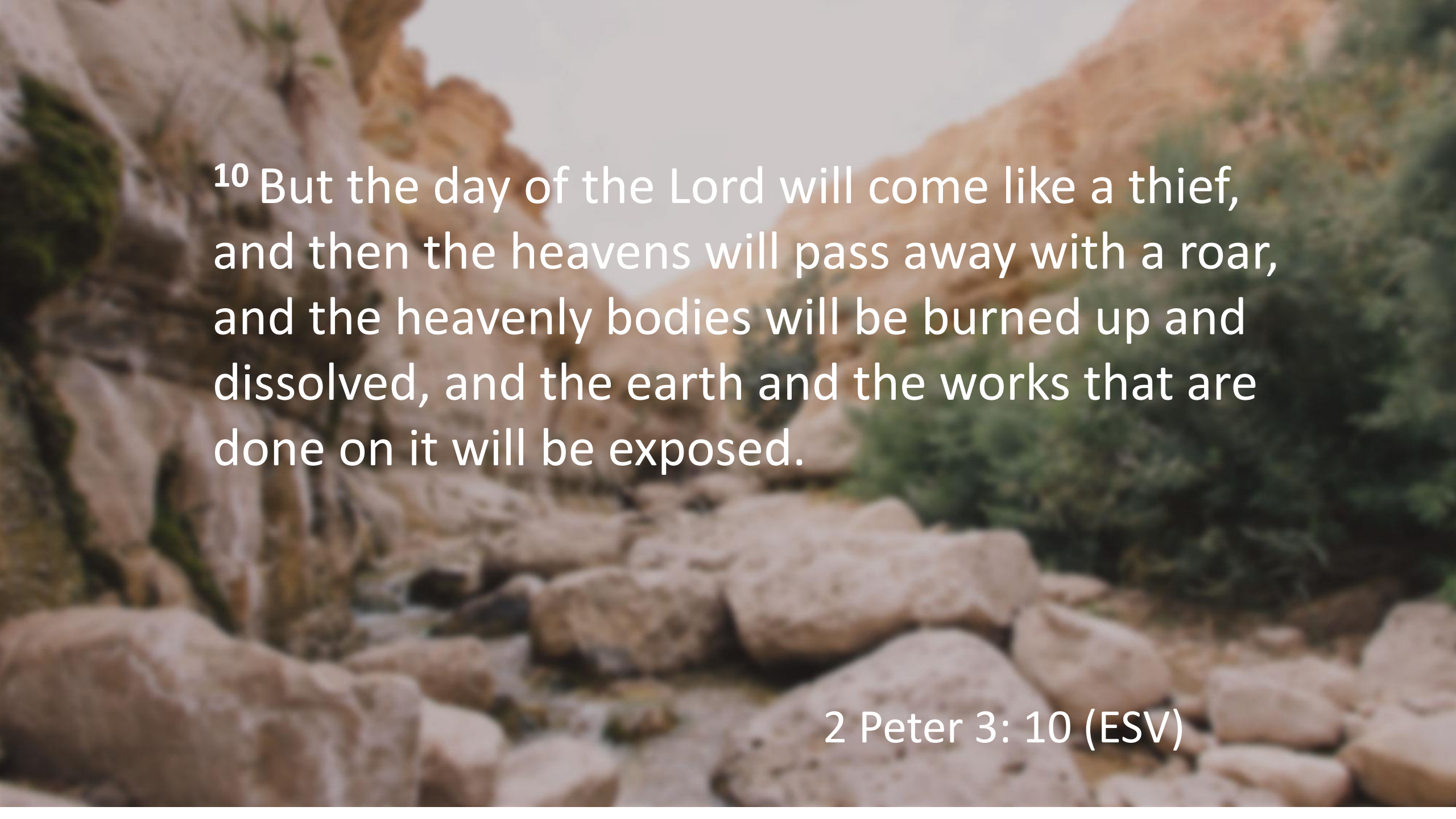
<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 14: 3 (ESV)



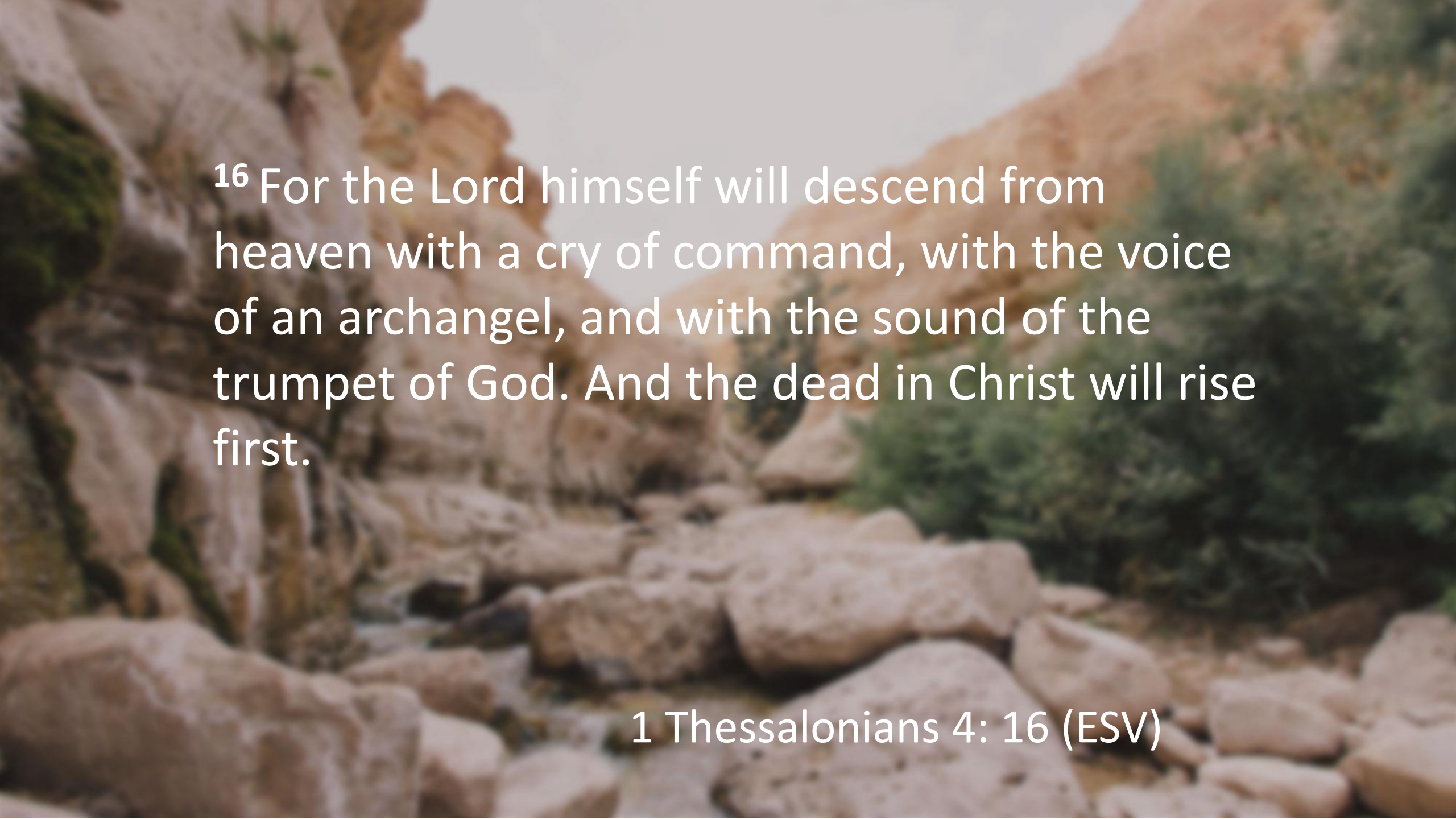
Three distinct parts of the Jewish wedding:

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2. Engagement – erusin
3. Marriage - nissuin



<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,  
and then the heavens will pass away with a roar,  
and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and  
dissolved, and the earth and the works that are  
done on it will be exposed.

2 Peter 3: 10 (ESV)



<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

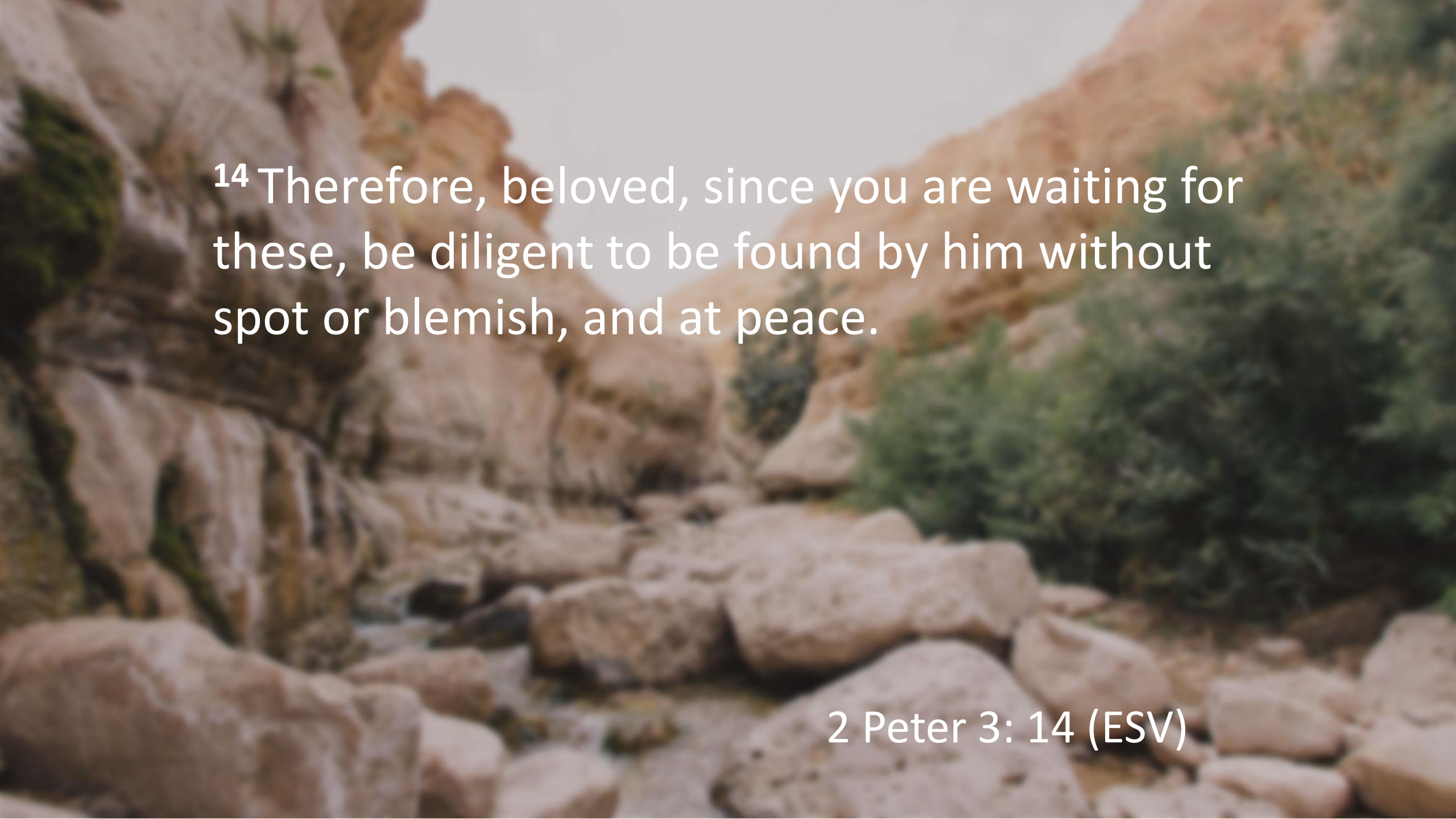
1 Thessalonians 4: 16 (ESV)



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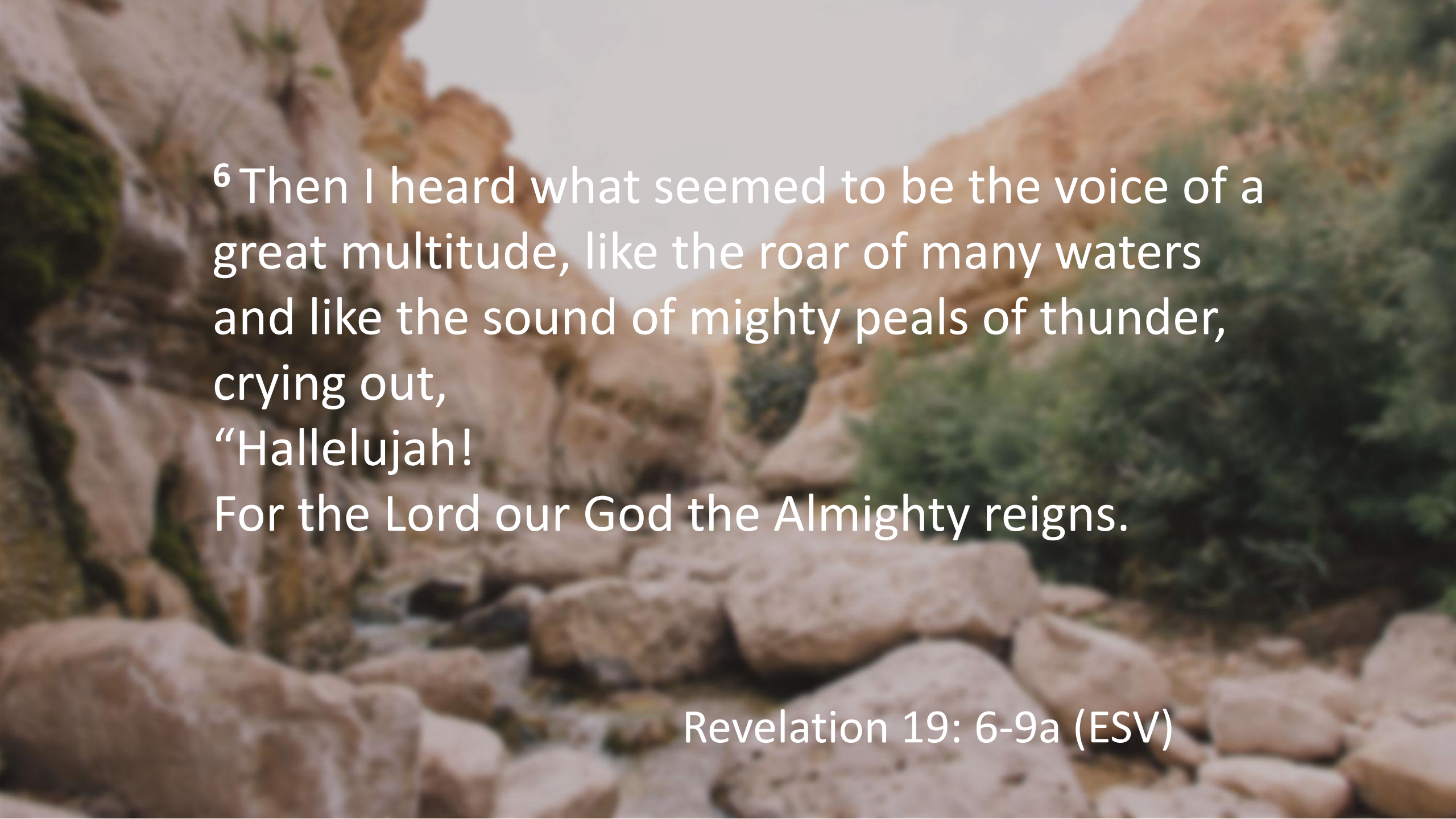
<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 1: 19-20 (NKJV)

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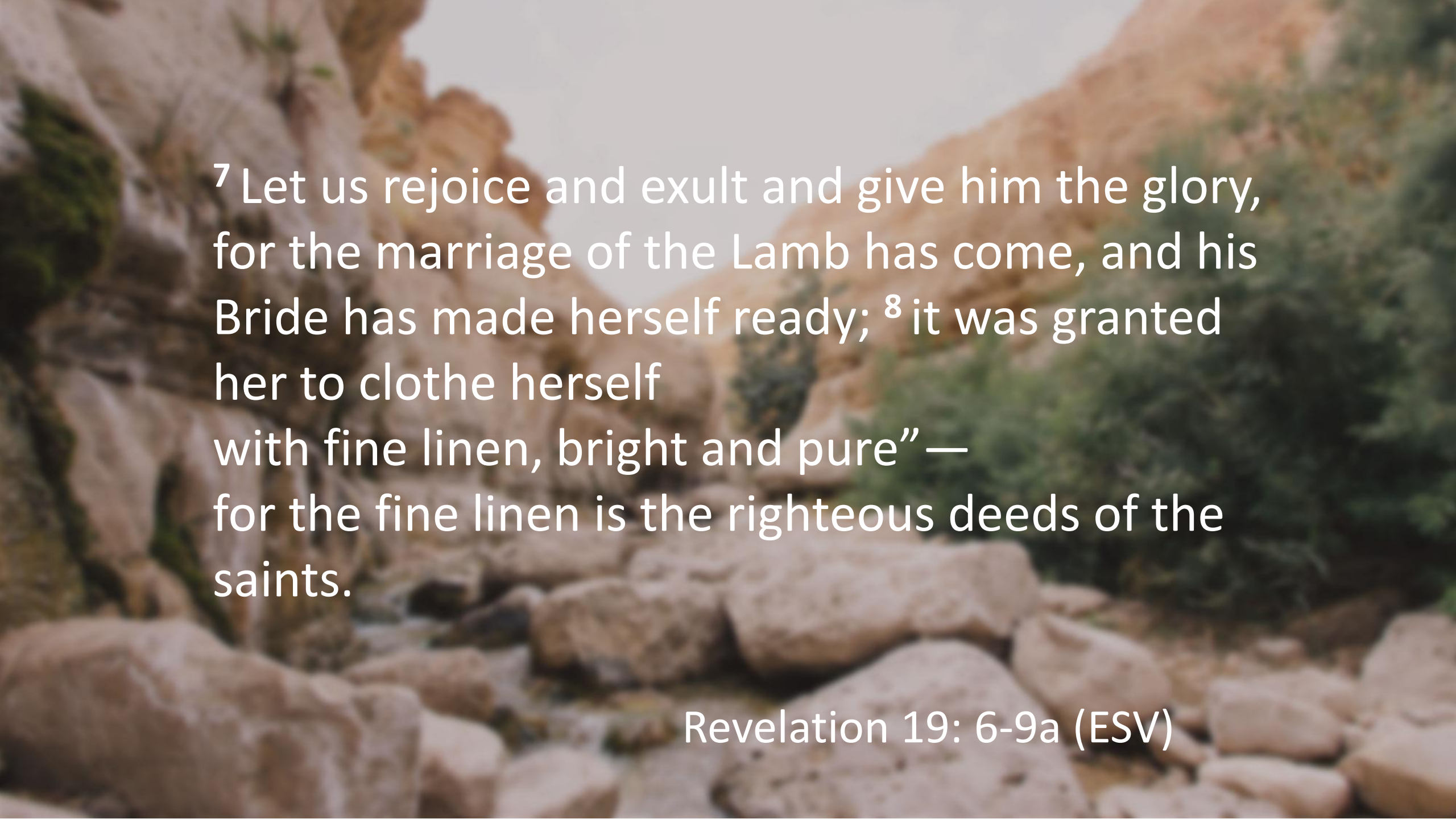
<sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

2 Peter 3: 14 (ESV)



<sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,  
“Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Revelation 19: 6-9a (ESV)



<sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his  
Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted  
her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure” —  
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the  
saints.

Revelation 19: 6-9a (ESV)



<sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

Revelation 19: 6-9a (ESV)

# MINISTRY



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UNTIL NEXT TIME

GO BE A WITNESS AND A LIGHT FOR OUR LORD





I AM THE WAY

THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

— NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER —

EXCEPT THROUGH ME

JOHN 14:6