

The Tears of Sovereign Grace

Genesis 45

God works to preserve life and relationships so that we would have devotional love for God and others.



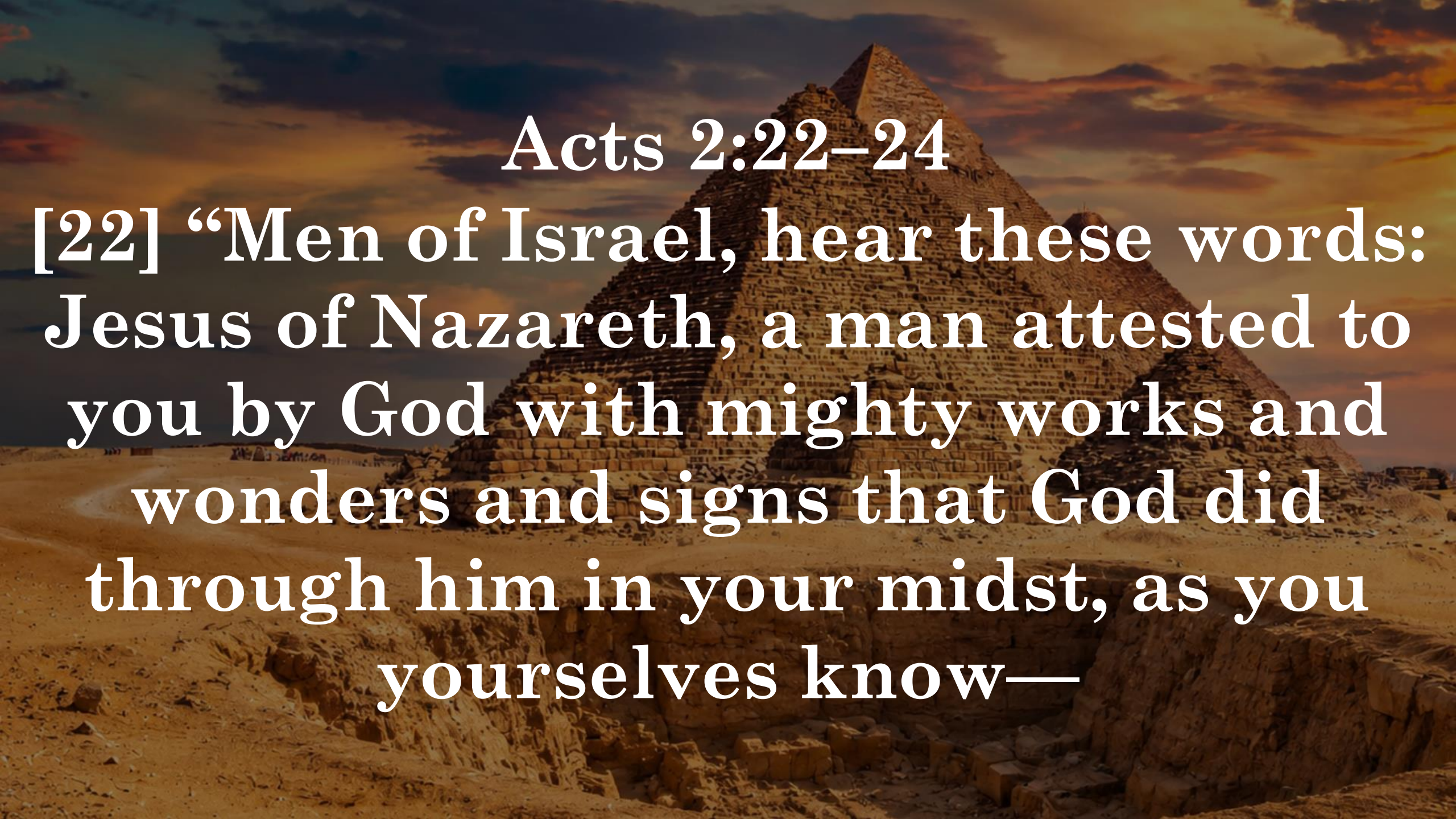
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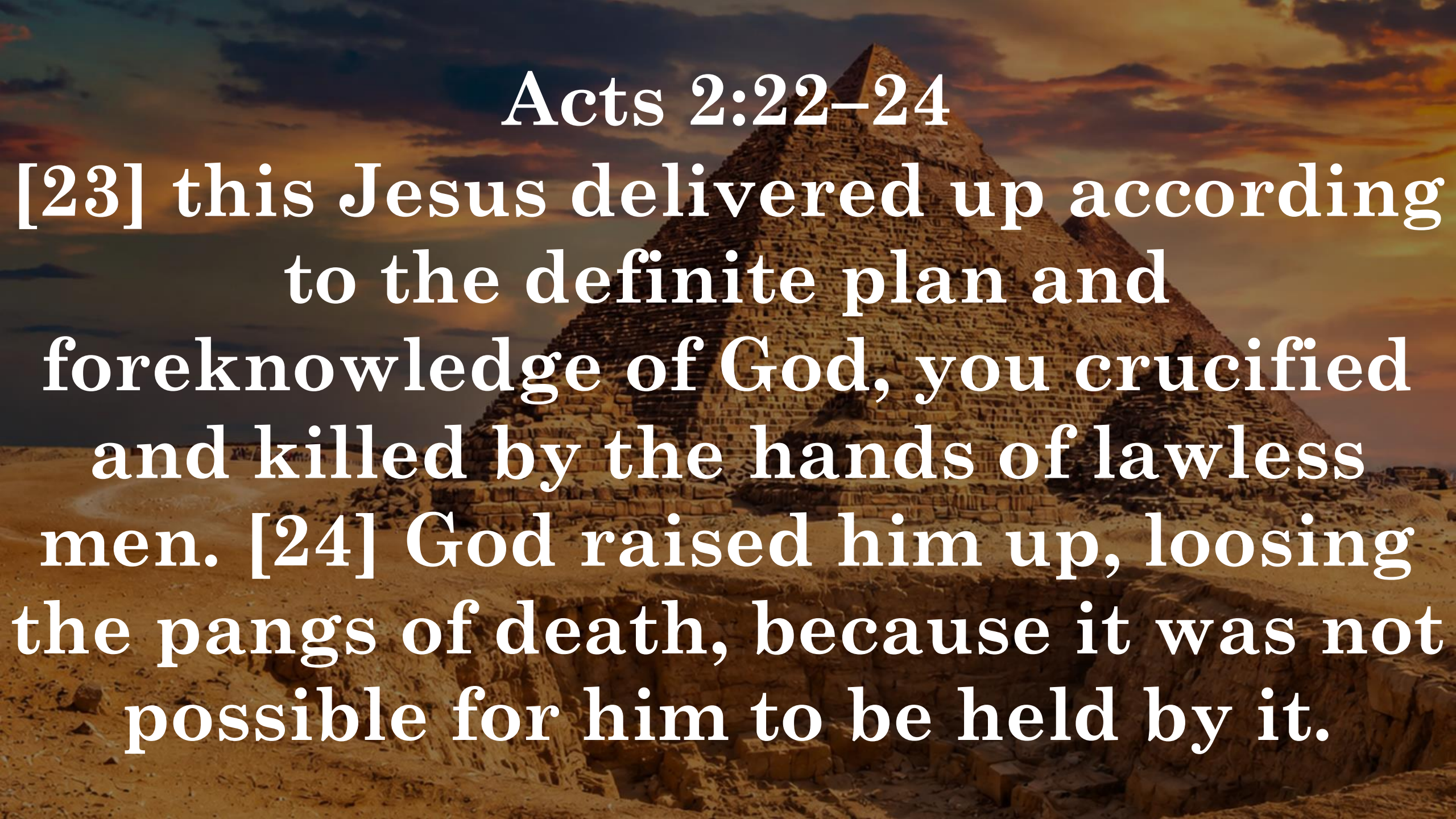
The brothers sold him, but God sent him.





Acts 2:22–24

[22] “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—



Acts 2:22–24

[23] this Jesus delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. [24] God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

God's sovereignty does not remove man's responsibility.





Isn’t God incredible to use our wicked acts for good?



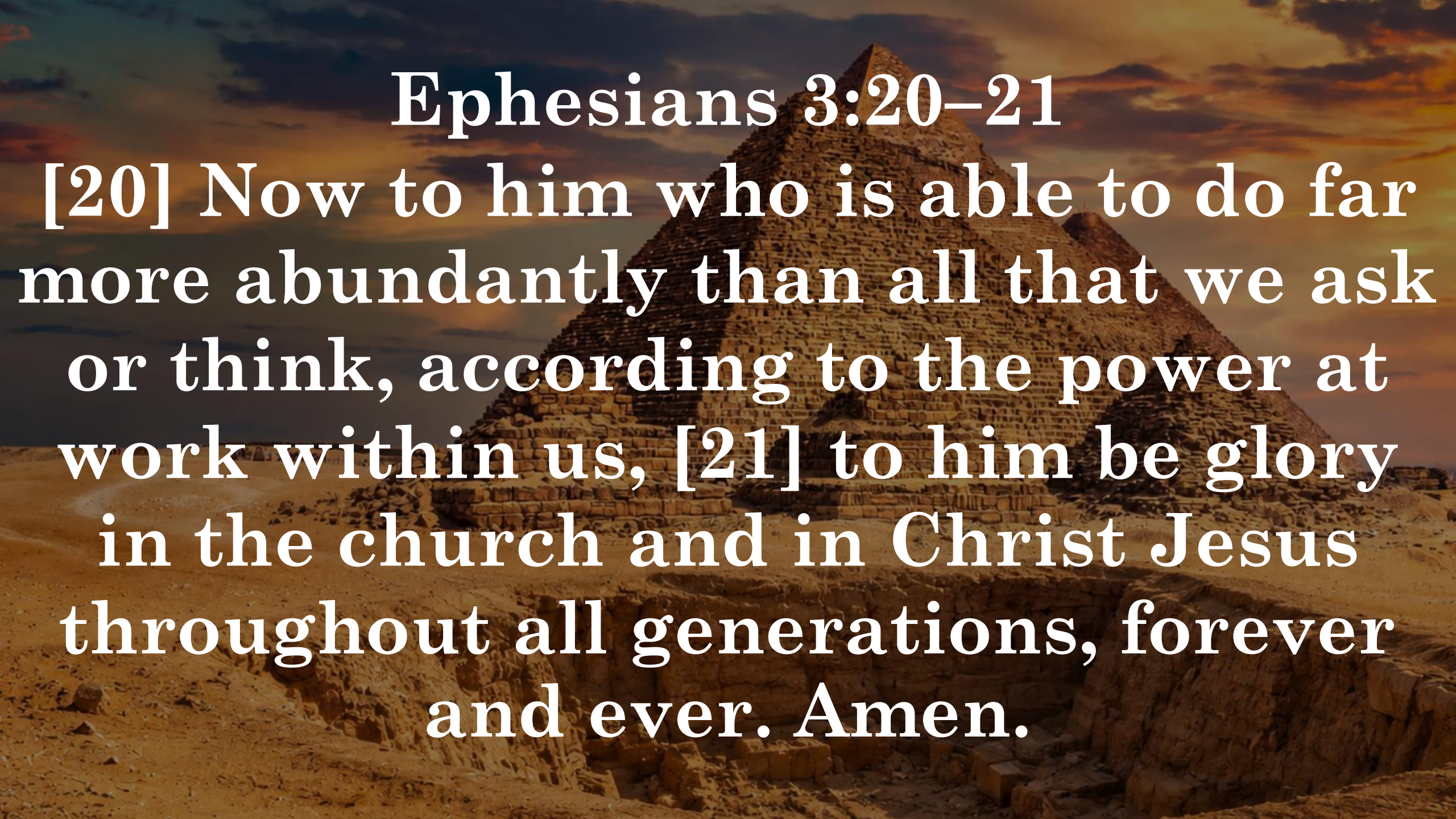
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God’s sovereignty moves us to obedience.





Ephesians 3:20–21

[20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



God’s work outpaces our imagination.





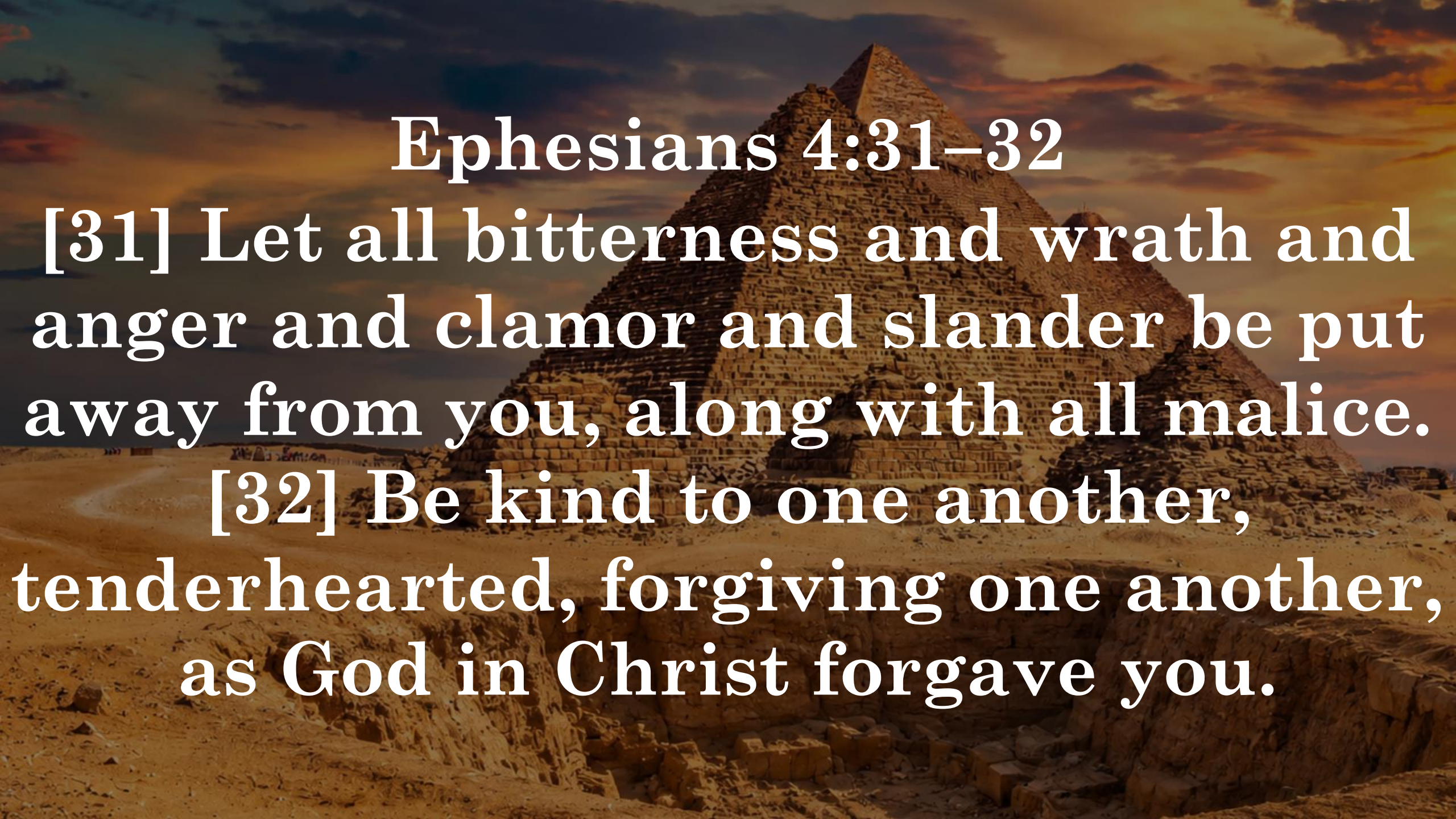
Joseph freely forgives.





Good theology is the foundation of good relationships.





Ephesians 4:31–32

[31] Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

[32] Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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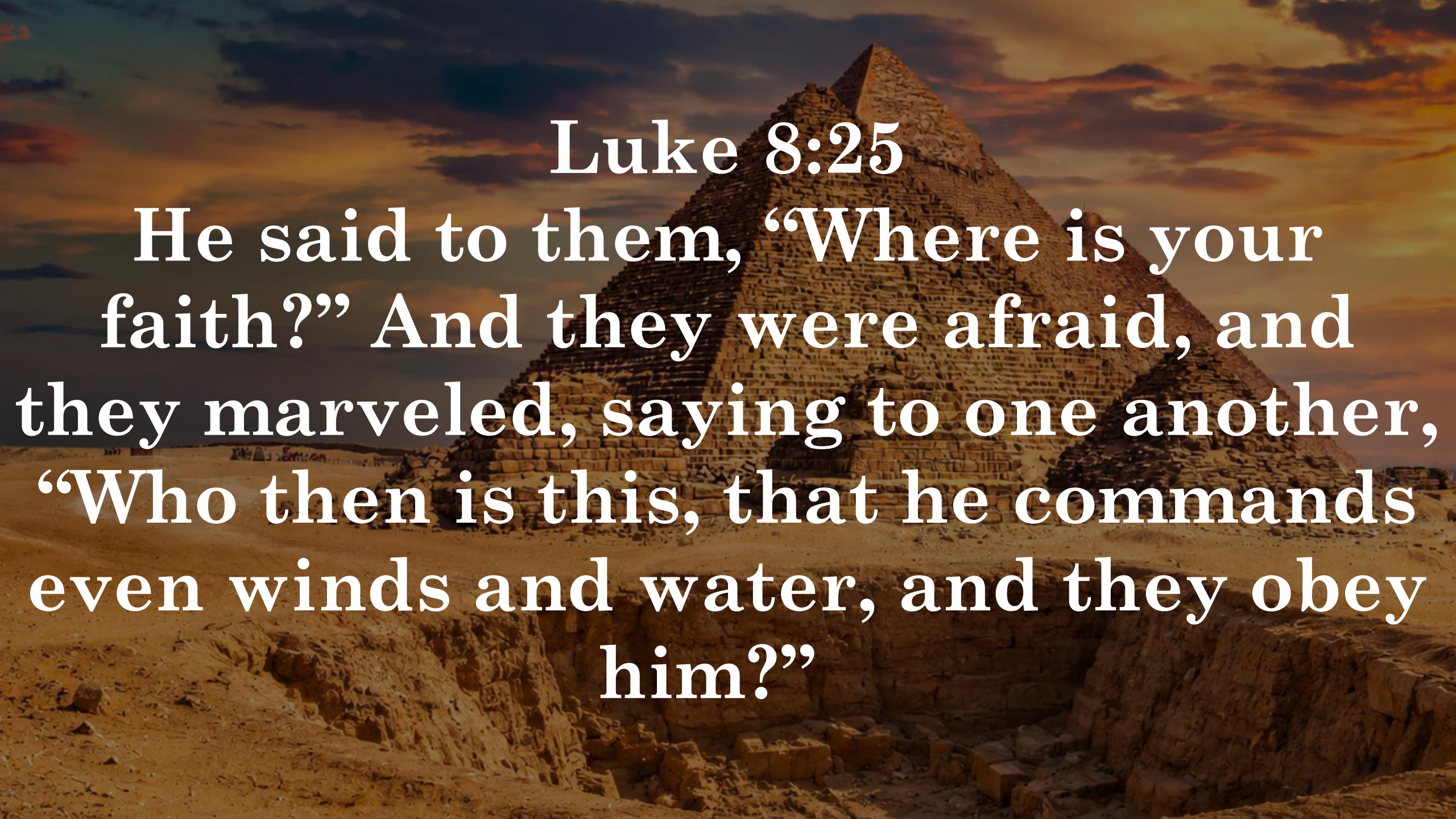
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3. God Gives Revelation for a Response of Faith



Hearing God's Word and seeing his work changes lives.




Luke 8:25
He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

Unbelief and comfort are dangers to faithful obedience.





Walking Points:

1. Keep eternal life at the center of your decision-making.



Walking Points:

2. Plan this week to show devotional love to someone else.



Walking Thought:

3. Men: It is acceptable to be overwhelmed by God and weep at his work.



Walking Thought:

4. Assess your relationships and see if you need to reconcile with someone.