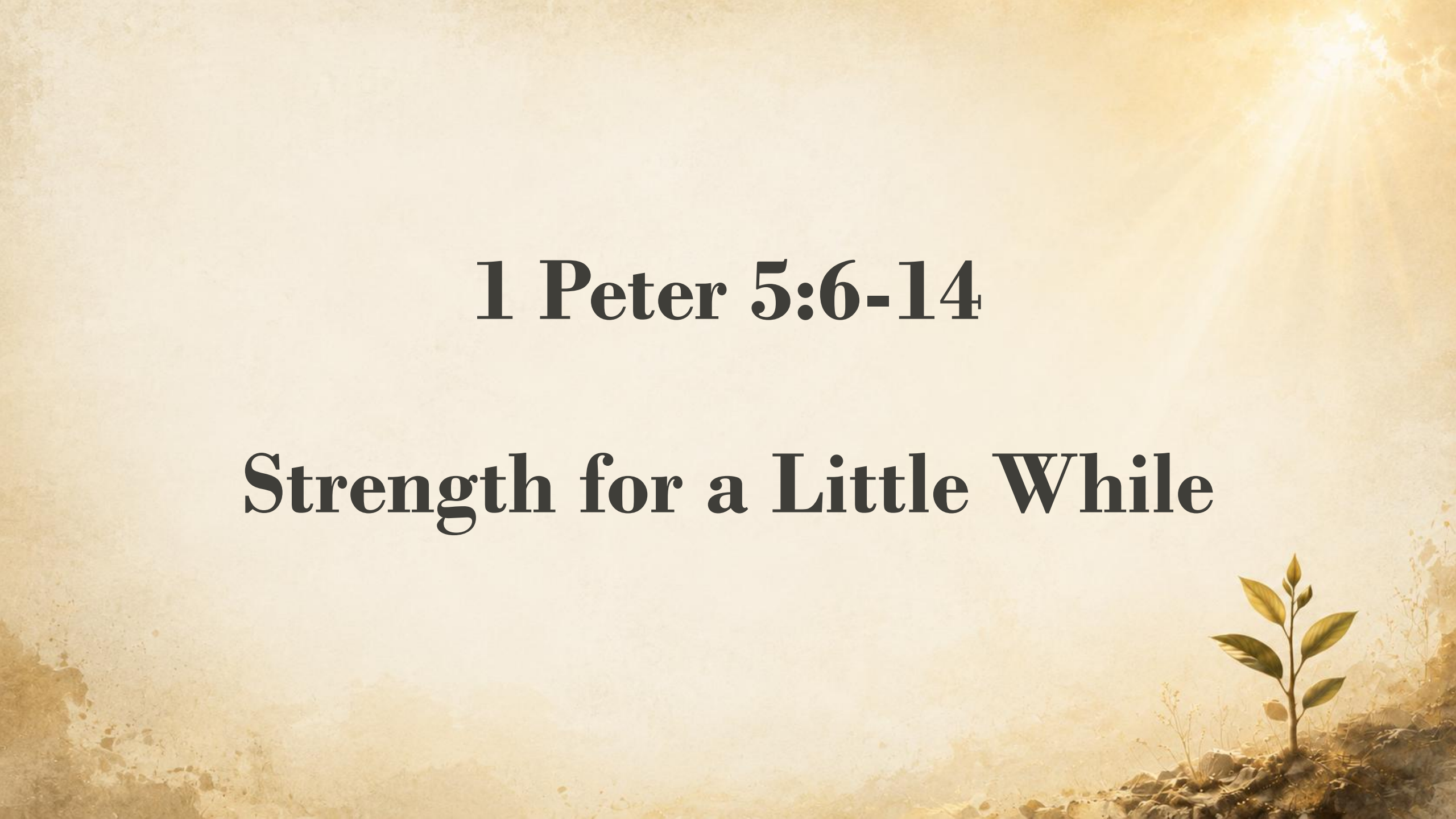

Hopeful
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1 Peter

1 Peter 5:6-14

Strength for a Little While



6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the
mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he
may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on
him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-
minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil
prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking
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him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard
him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and
declaring that this is the true grace of God.
Stand firm in it. 13 She who is at Babylon, who
is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so
does Mark, my son. 14 Greet one another with
the kiss of love.

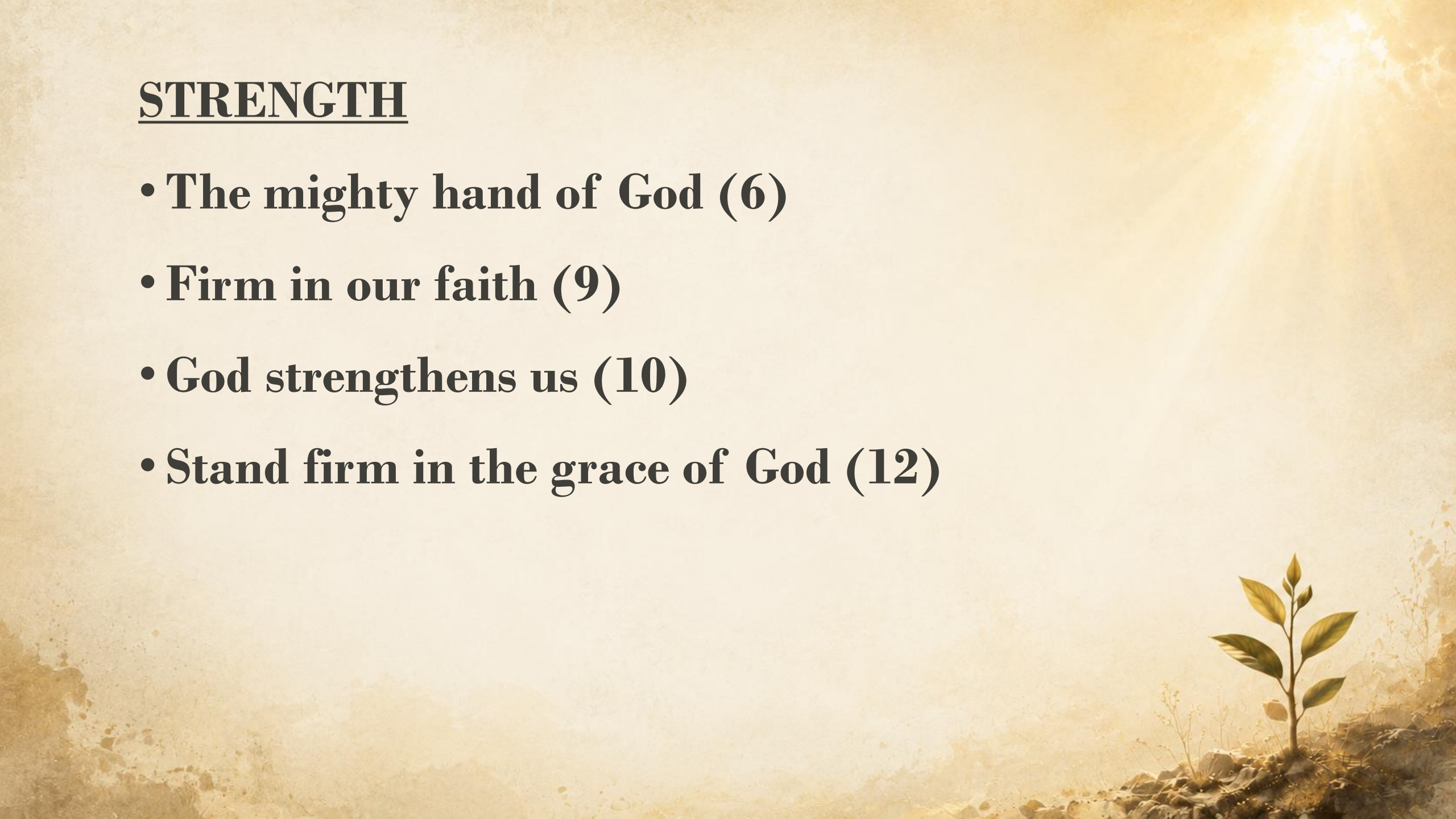
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

1 Peter 5:6-14 (ESV)



STRENGTH

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- God strengthens us (10)
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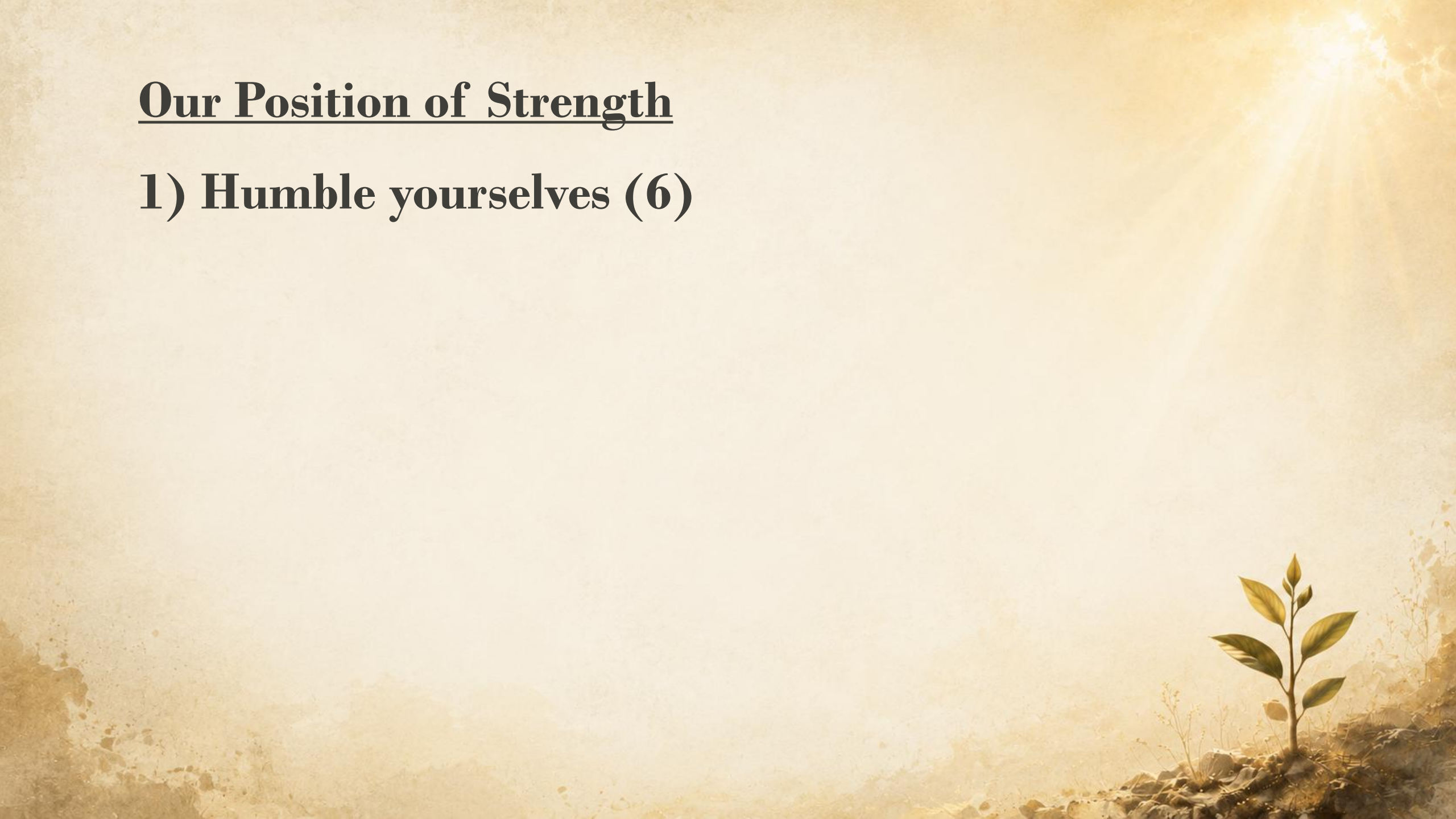


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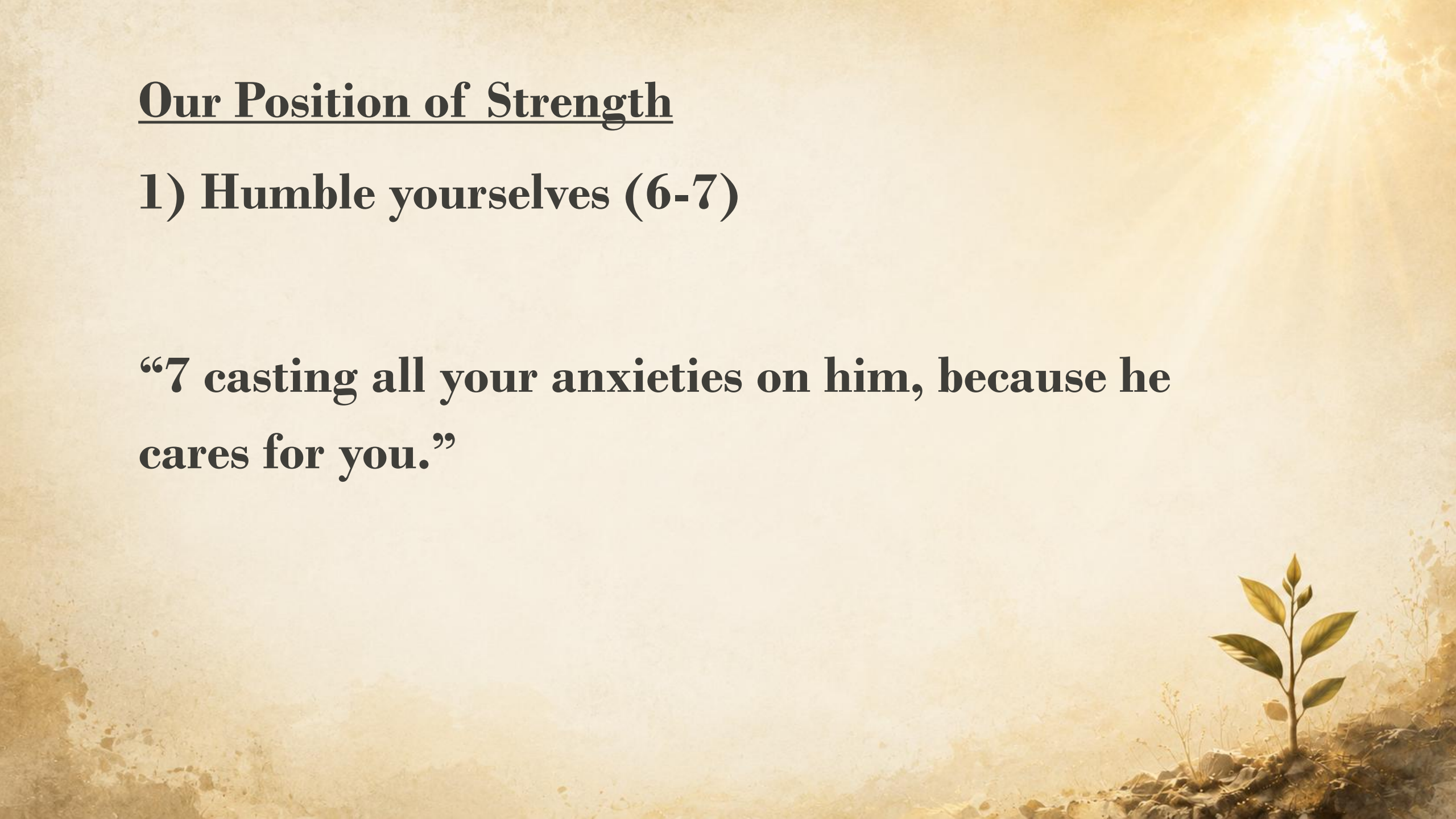
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Connection between pride and anxiety?



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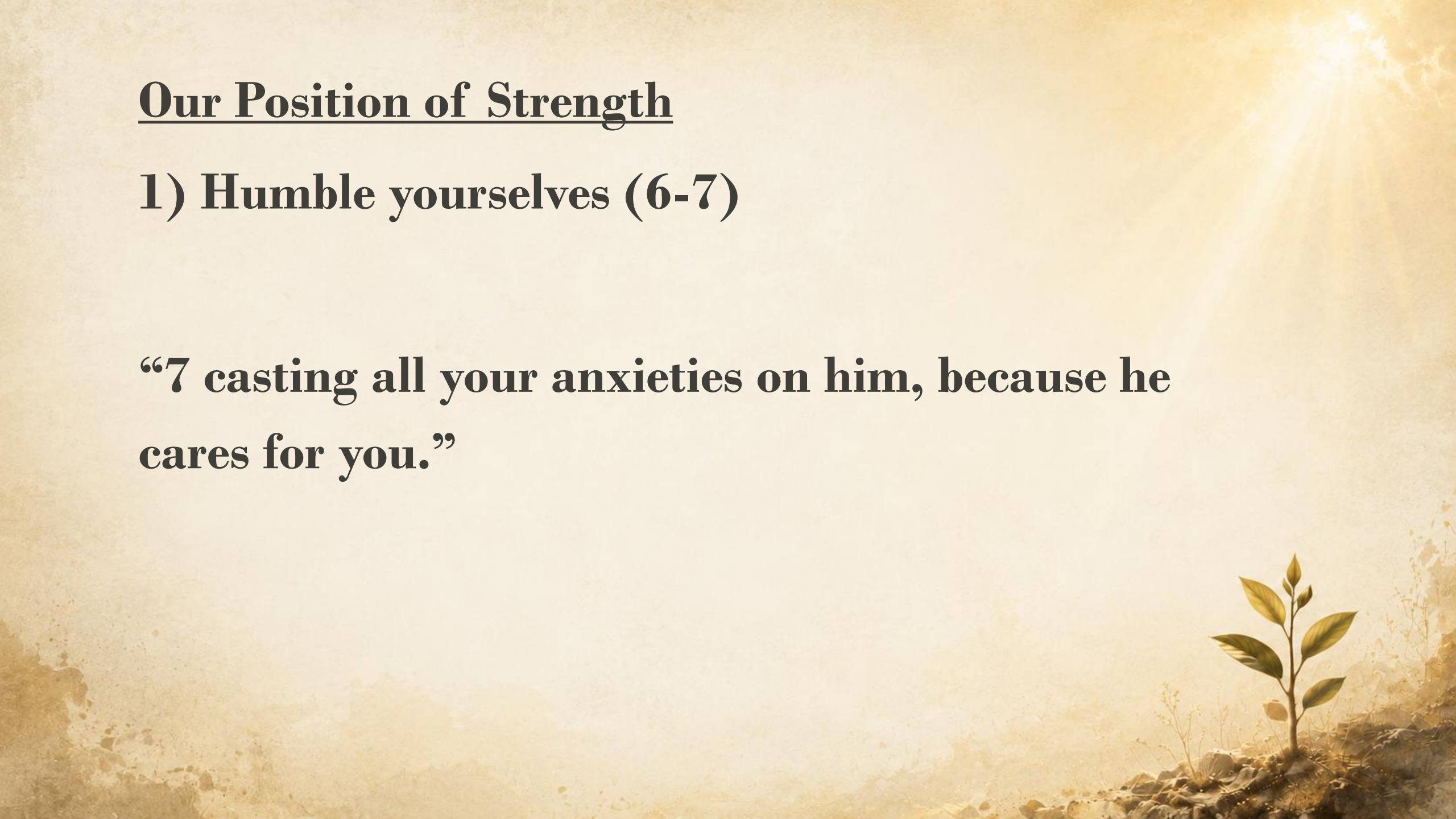
“Worry is a form of pride because when believers are filled with anxiety, they are convinced that they must solve all the problems in their lives in their own strength. The only god they trust in is themselves.”



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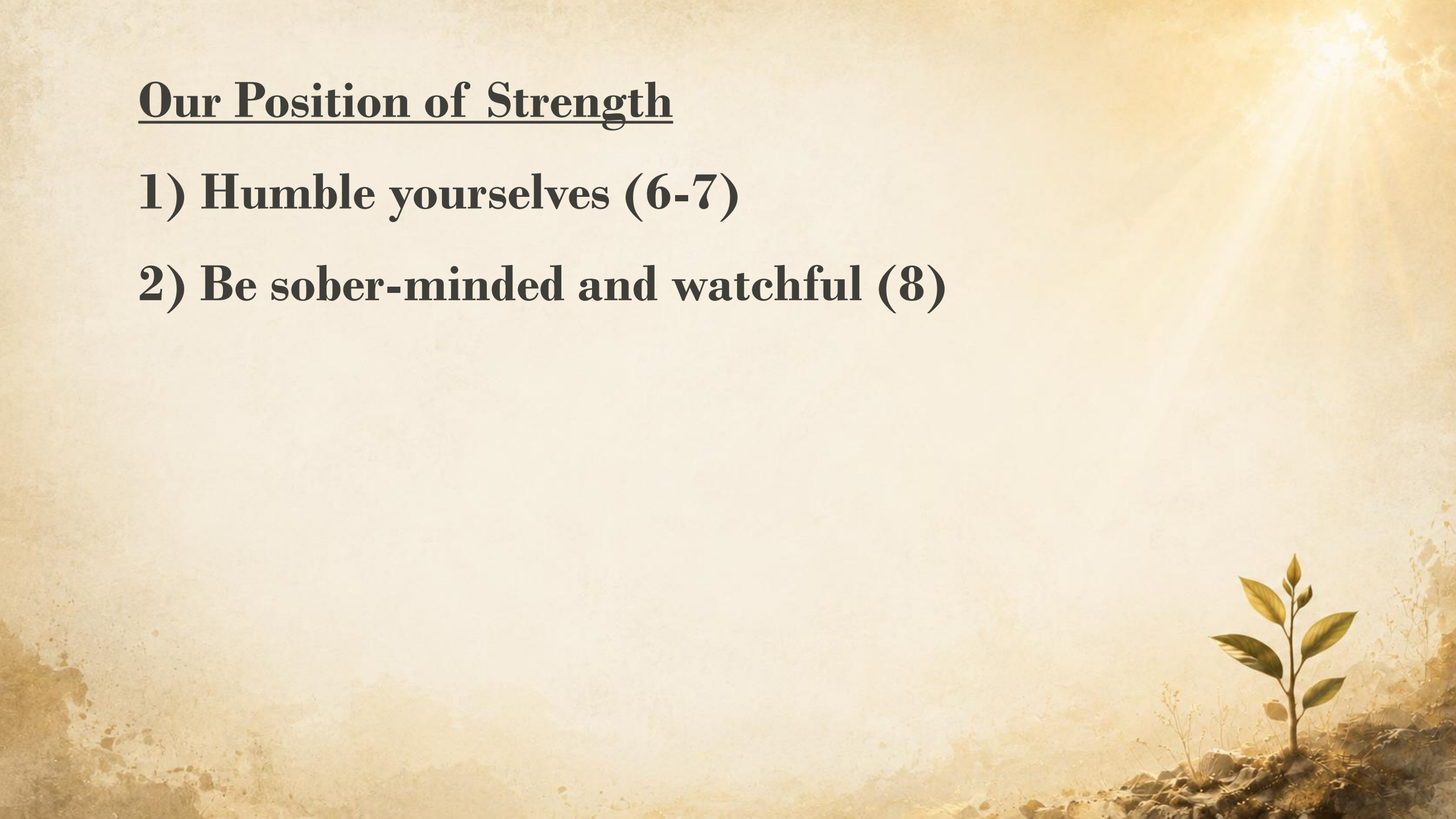
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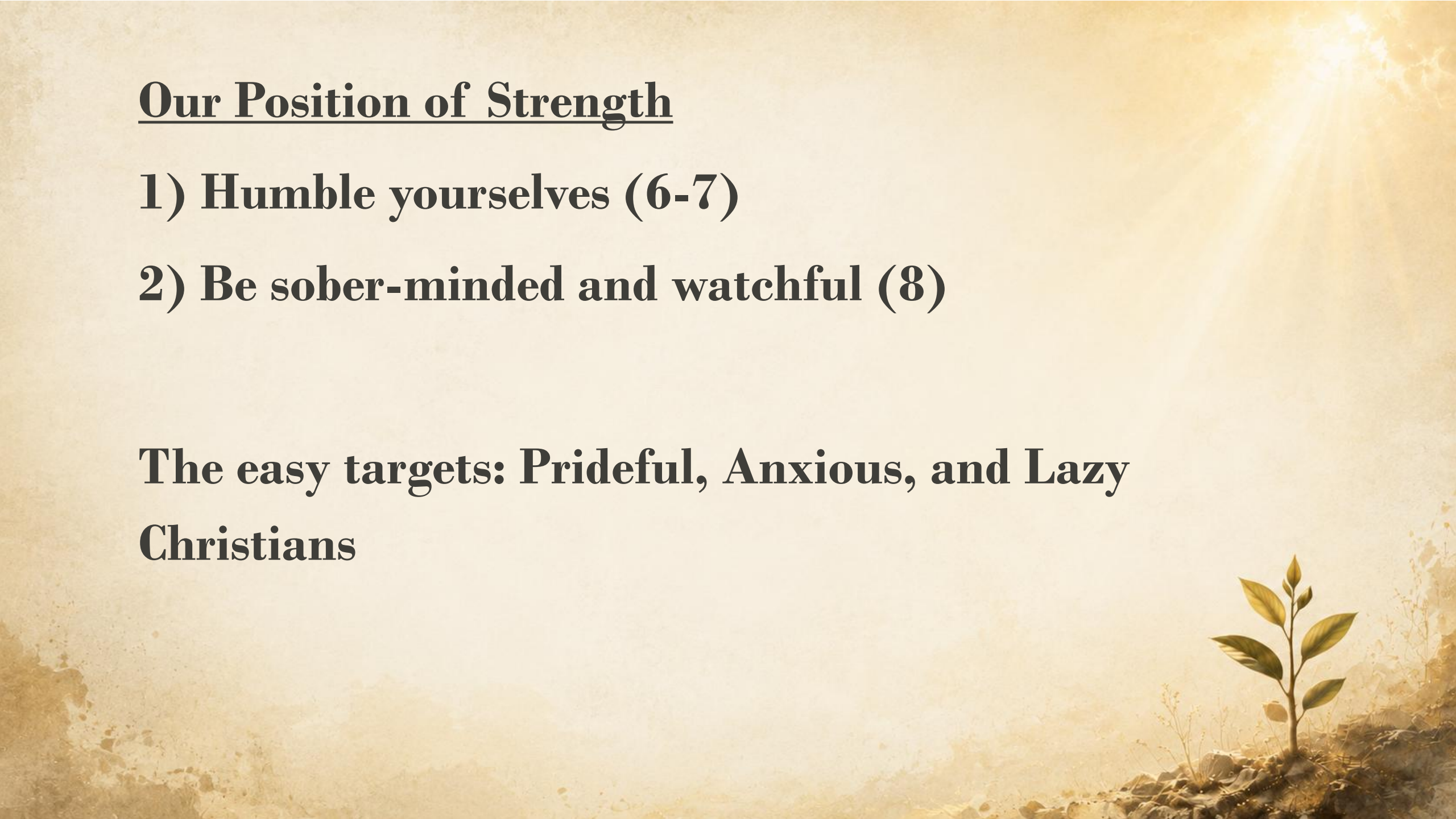


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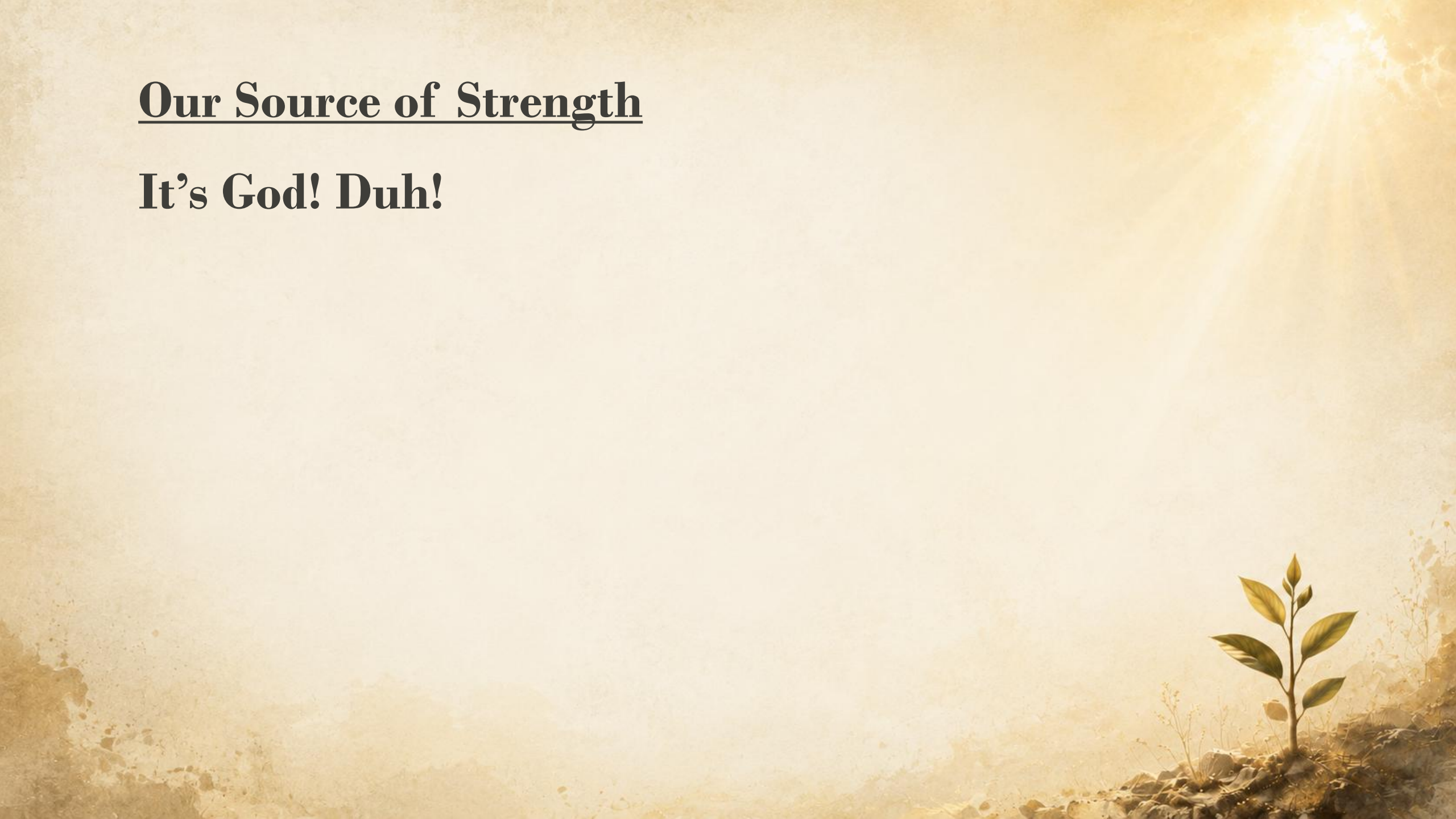


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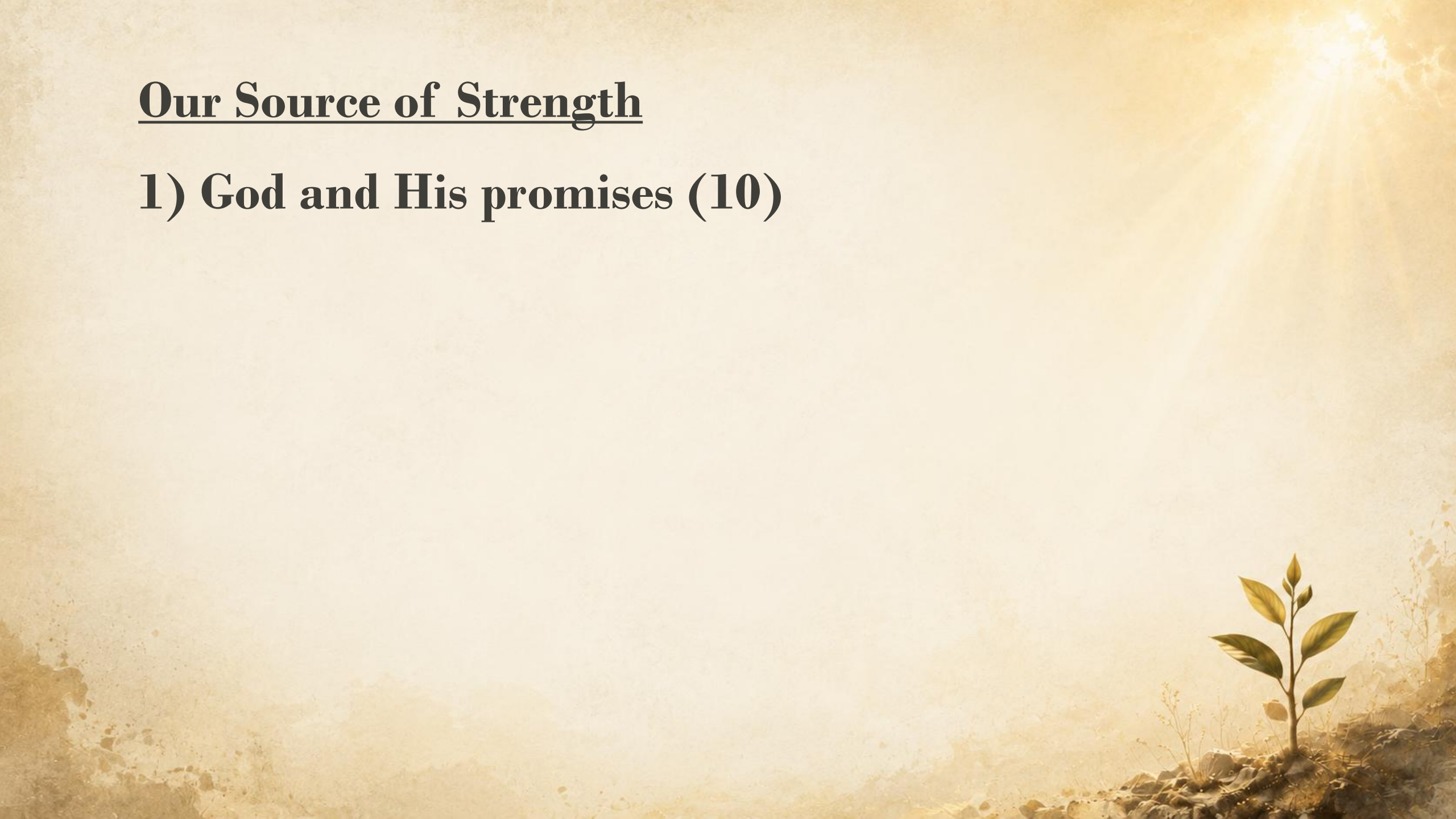
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It's God! Duh!



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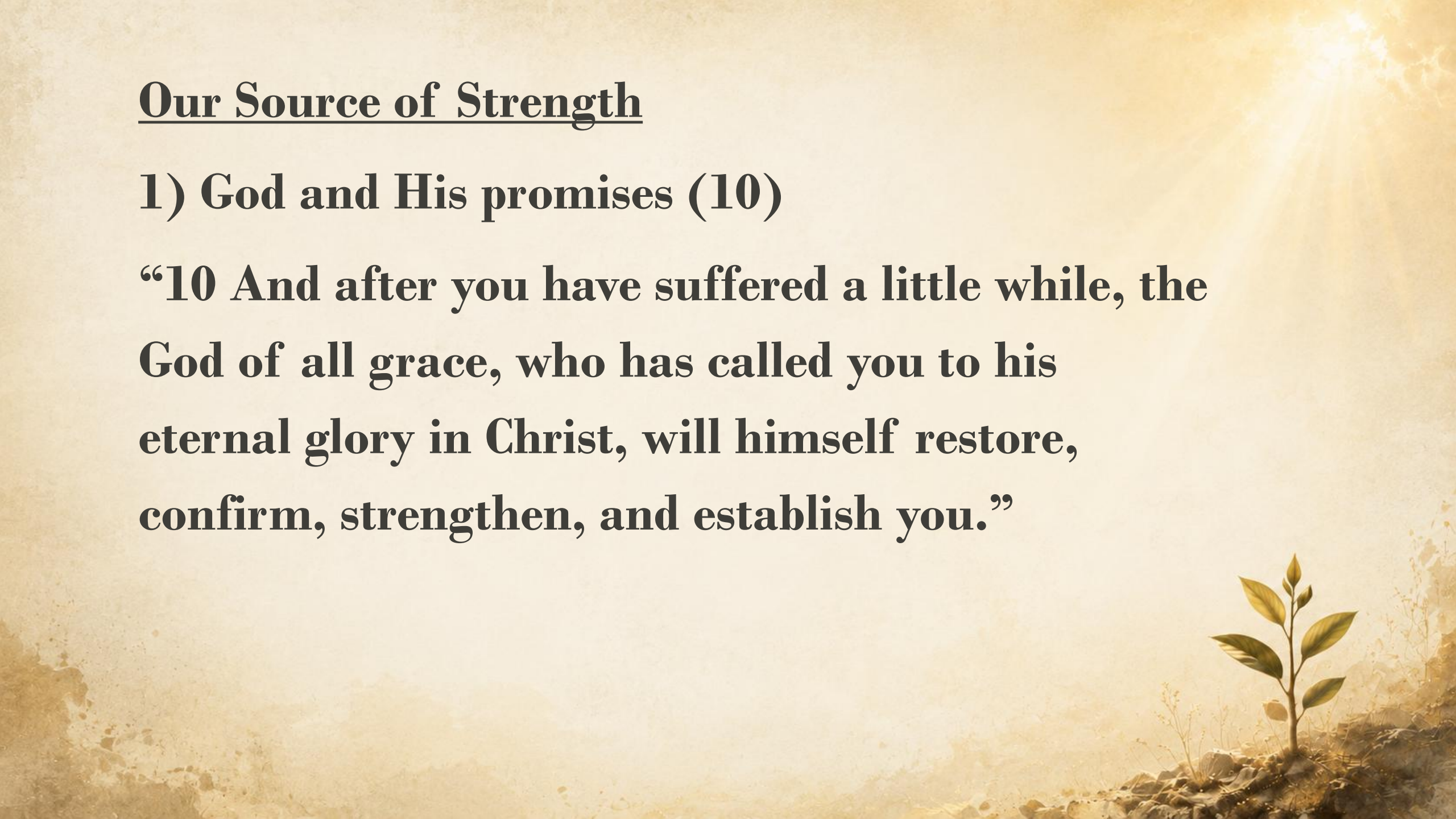
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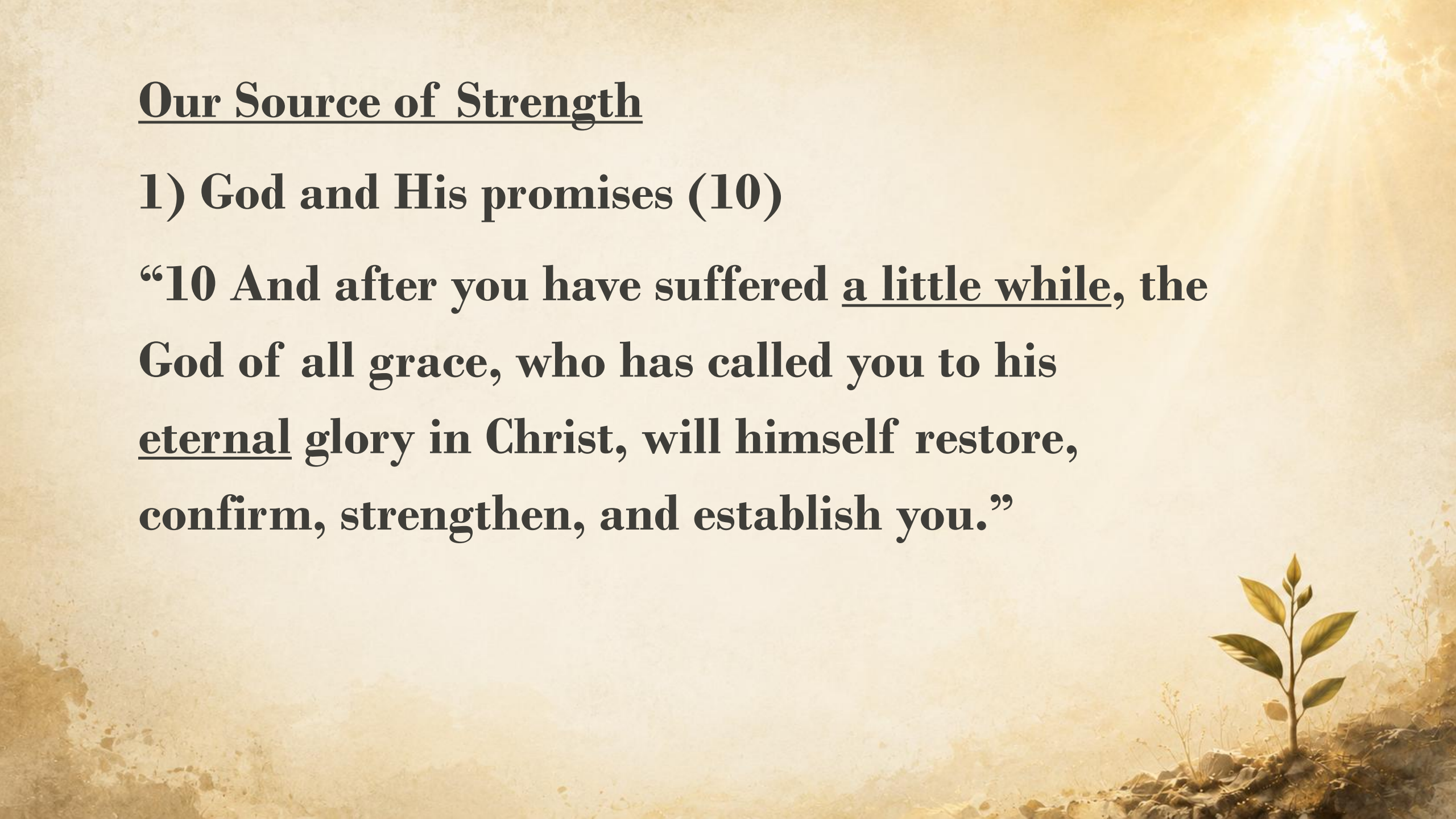
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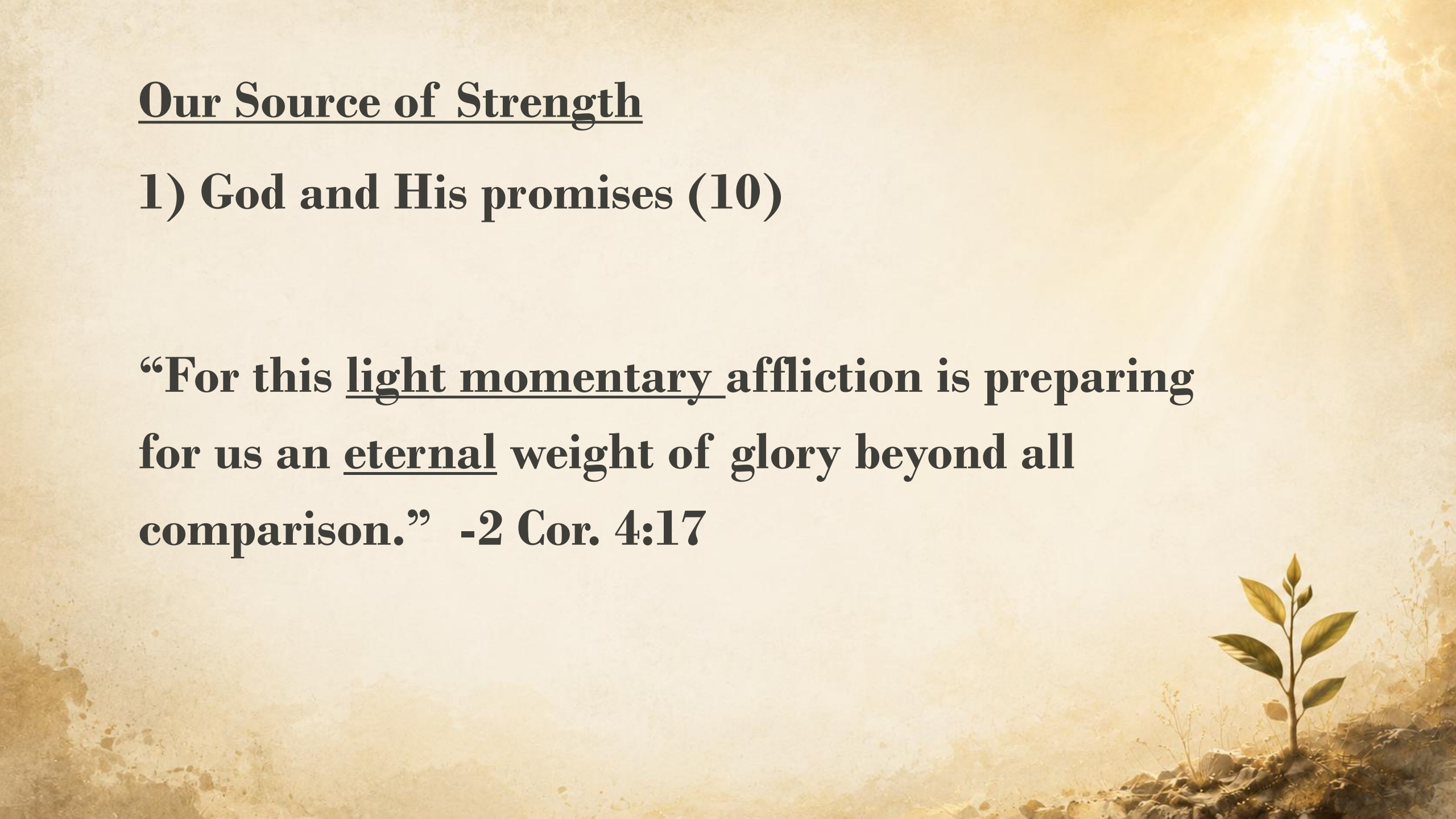
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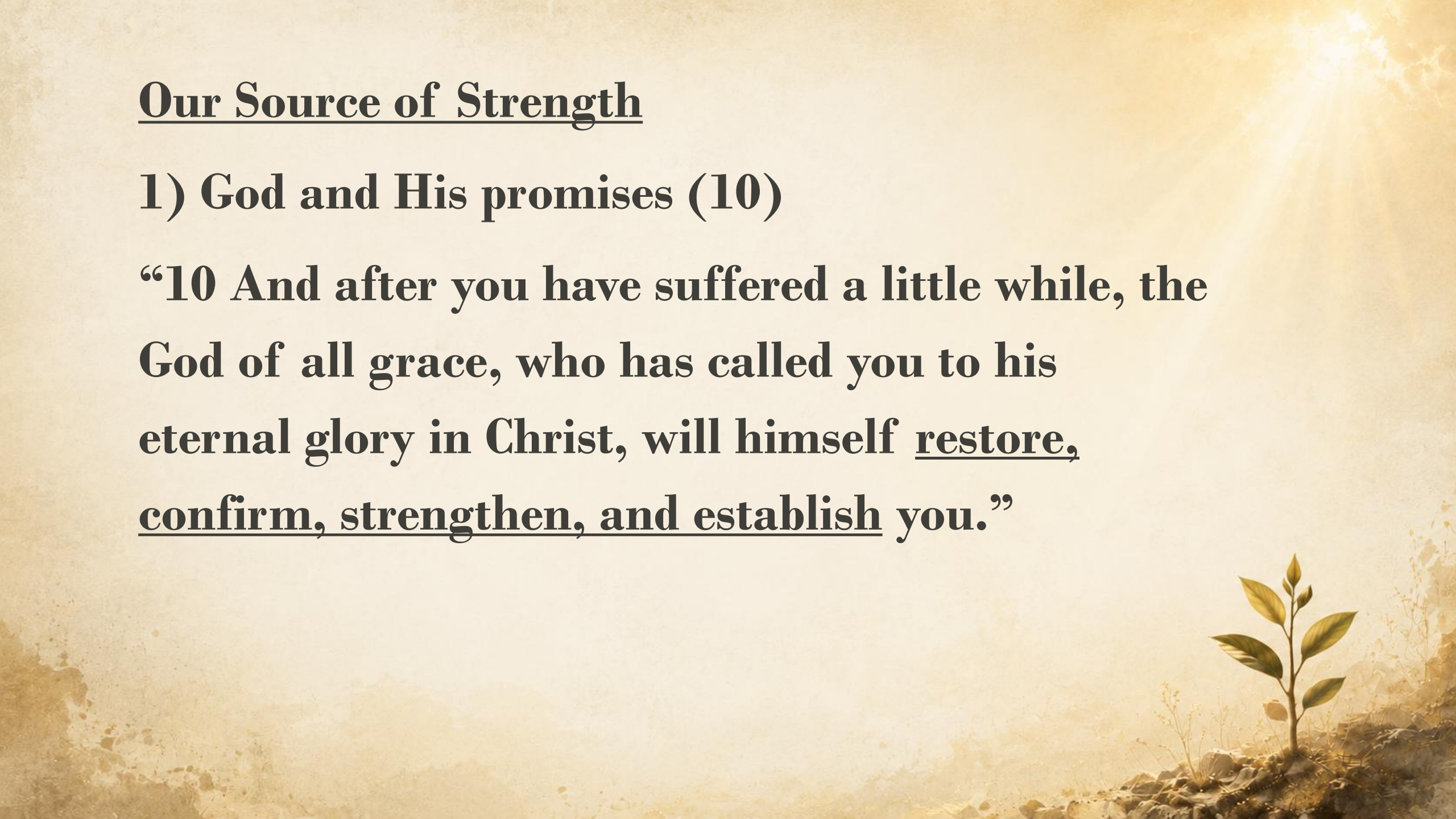
"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." -2 Cor. 4:17



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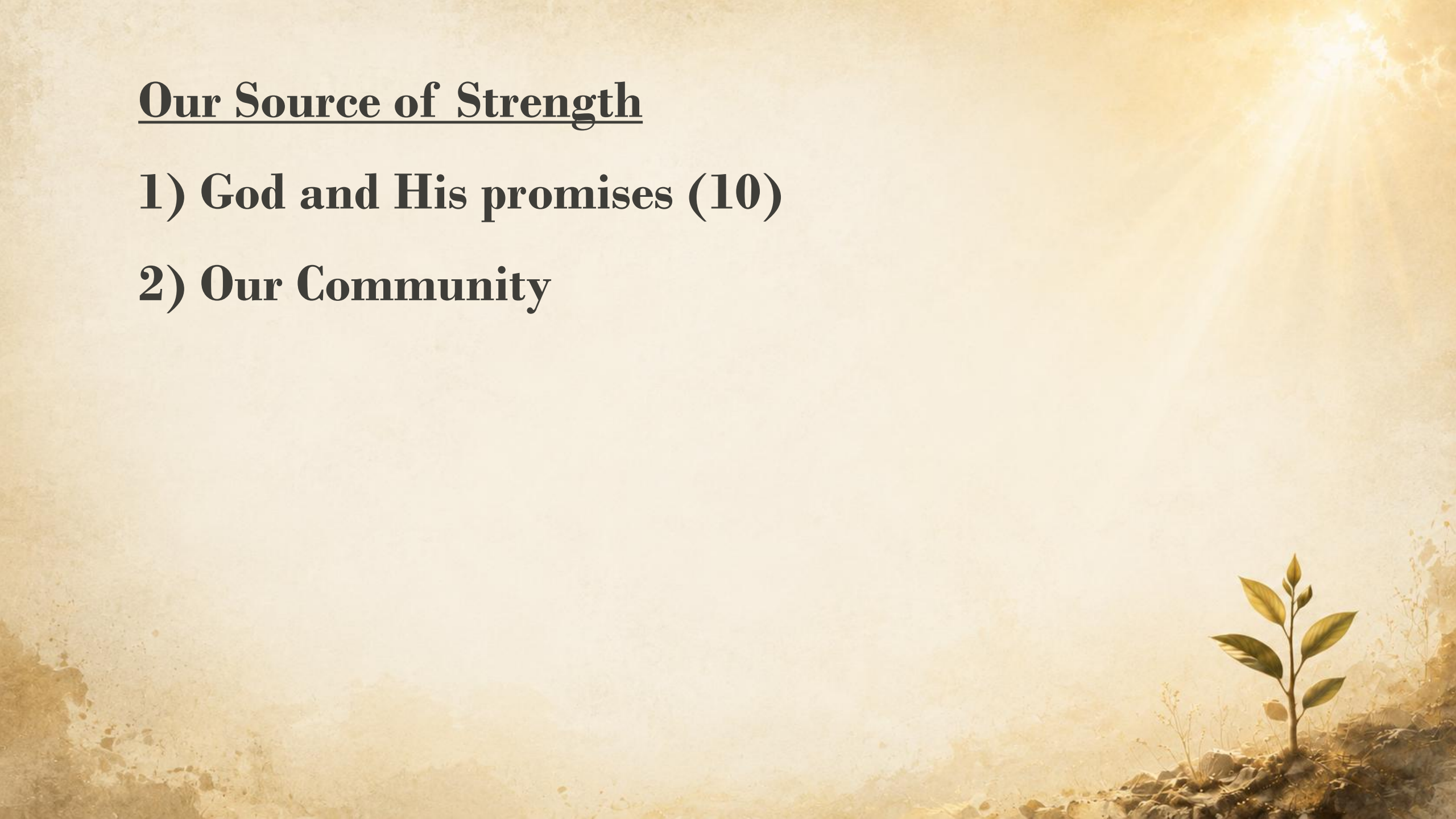
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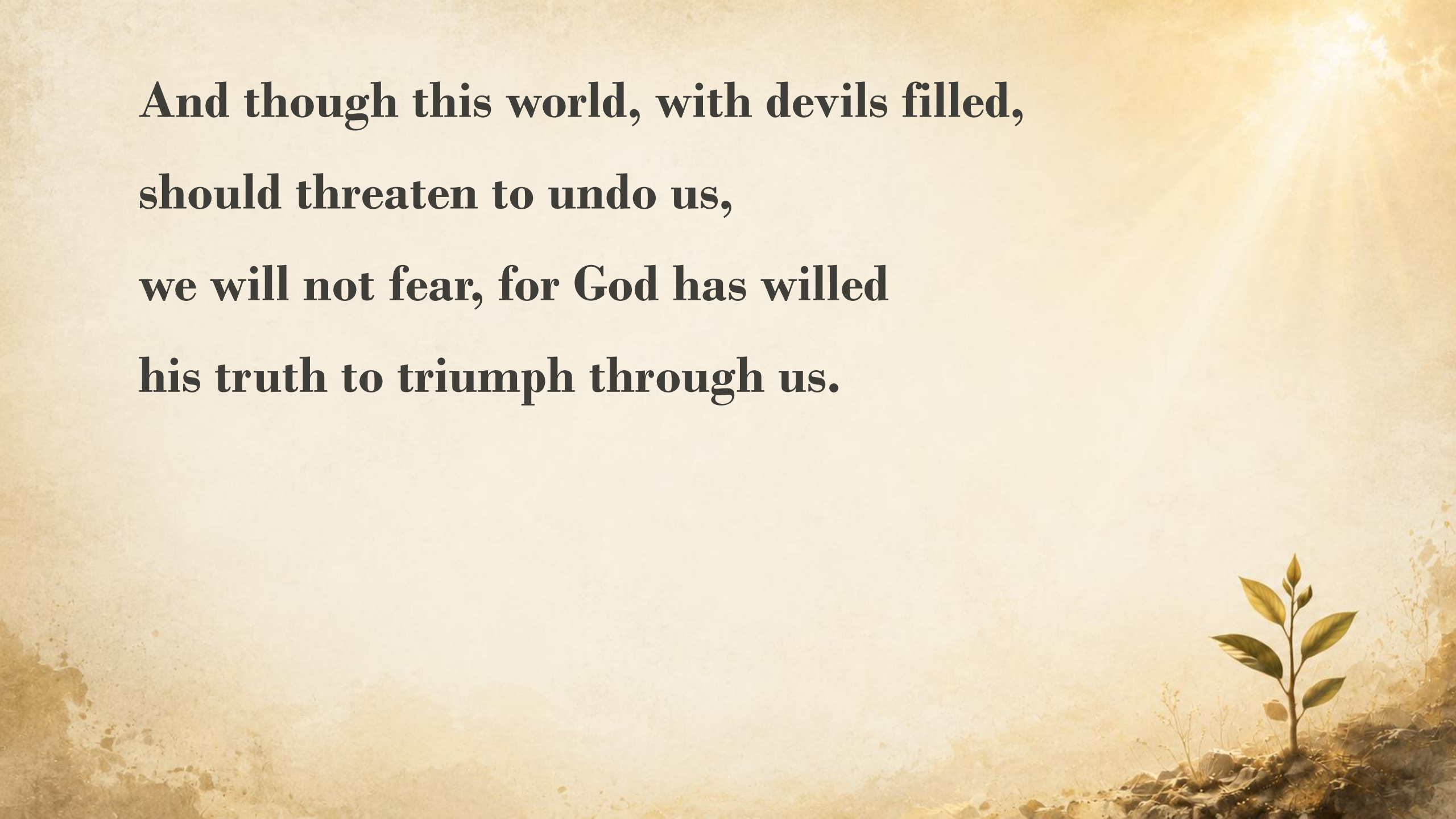


And though this world, with devils filled,

should threaten to undo us,

we will not fear, for God has willed

his truth to triumph through us.



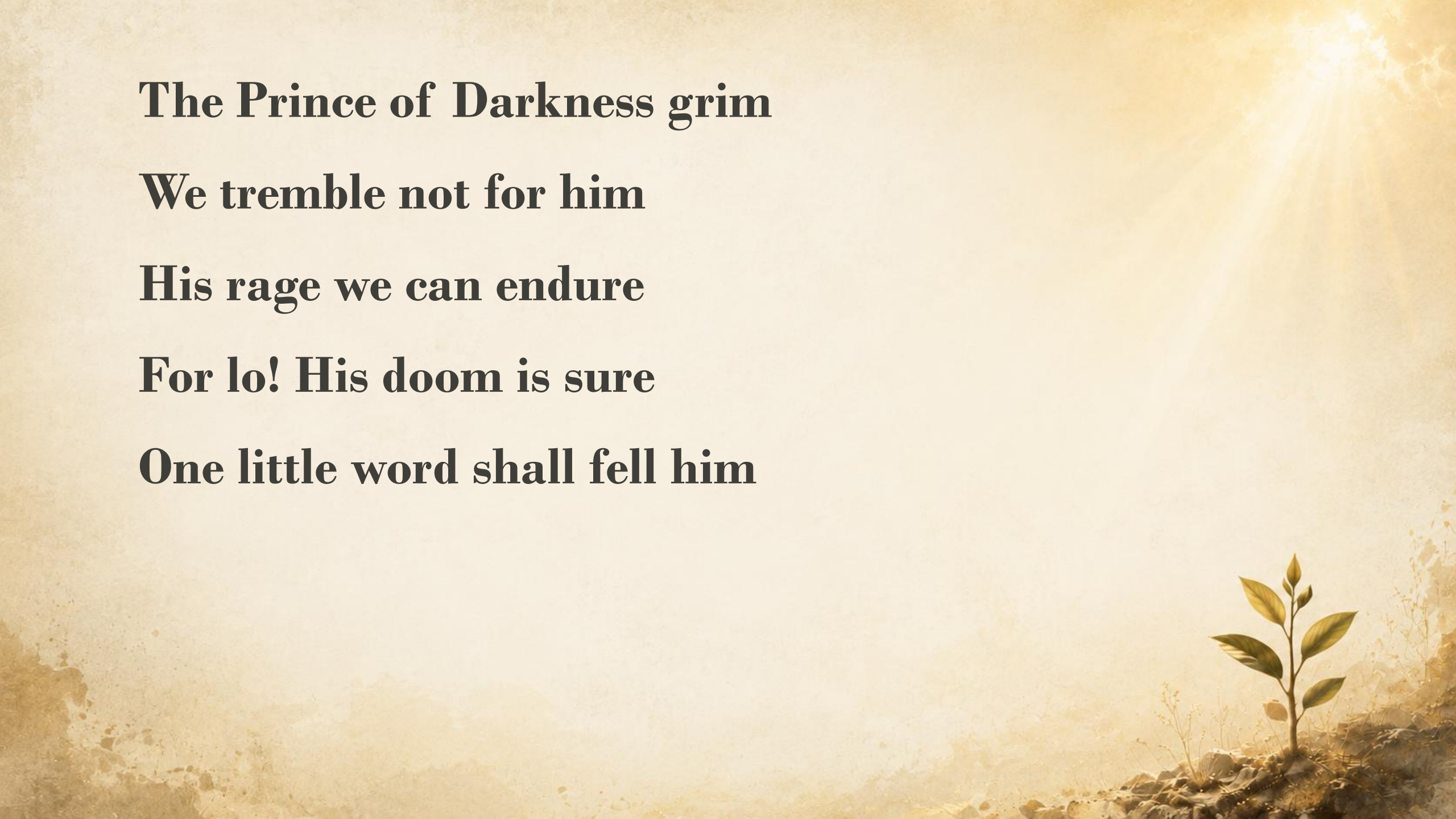
The Prince of Darkness grim

We tremble not for him

His rage we can endure

For lo! His doom is sure

One little word shall fell him

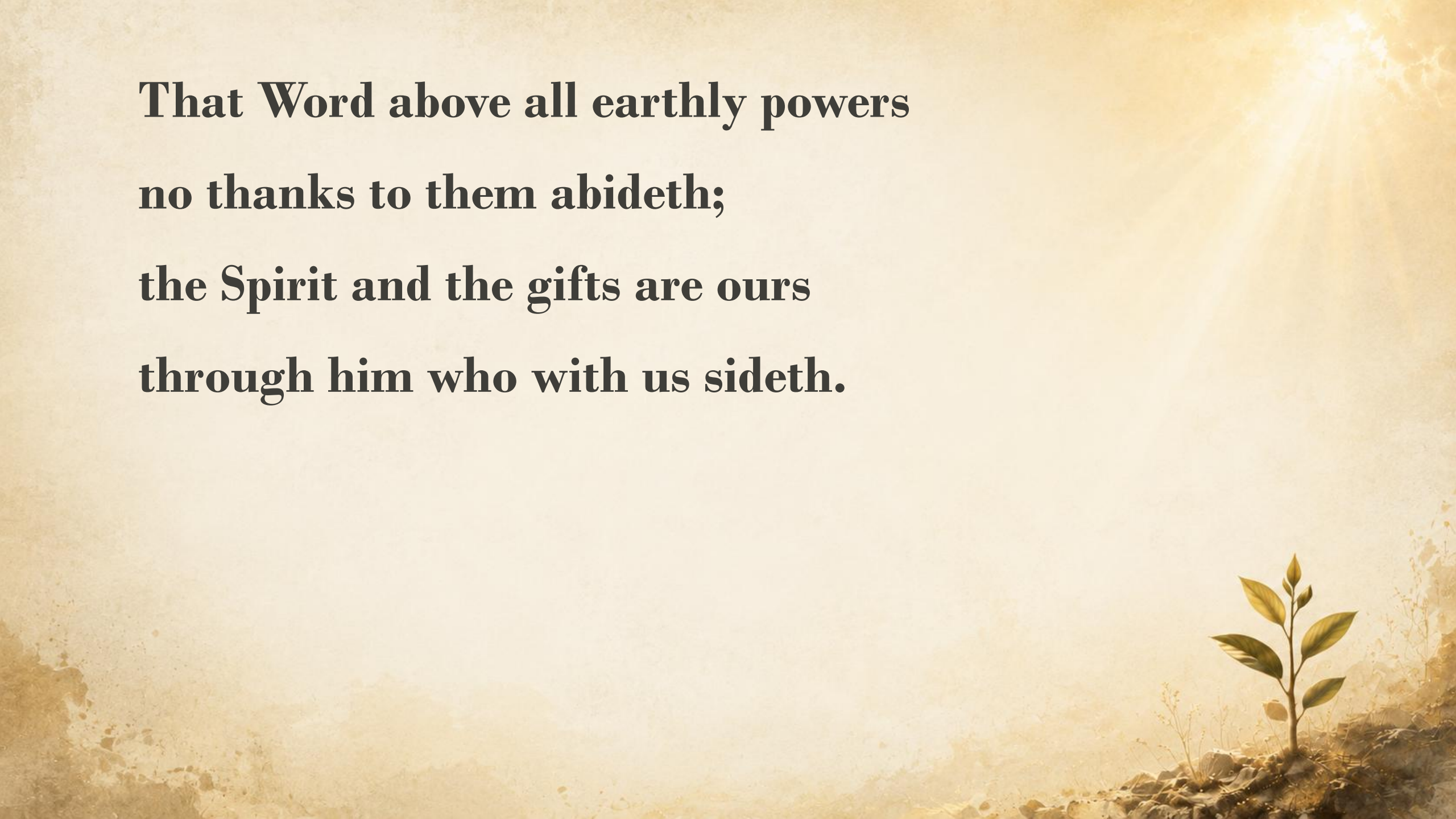


That Word above all earthly powers

no thanks to them abideth;

the Spirit and the gifts are ours

through him who with us sideth.



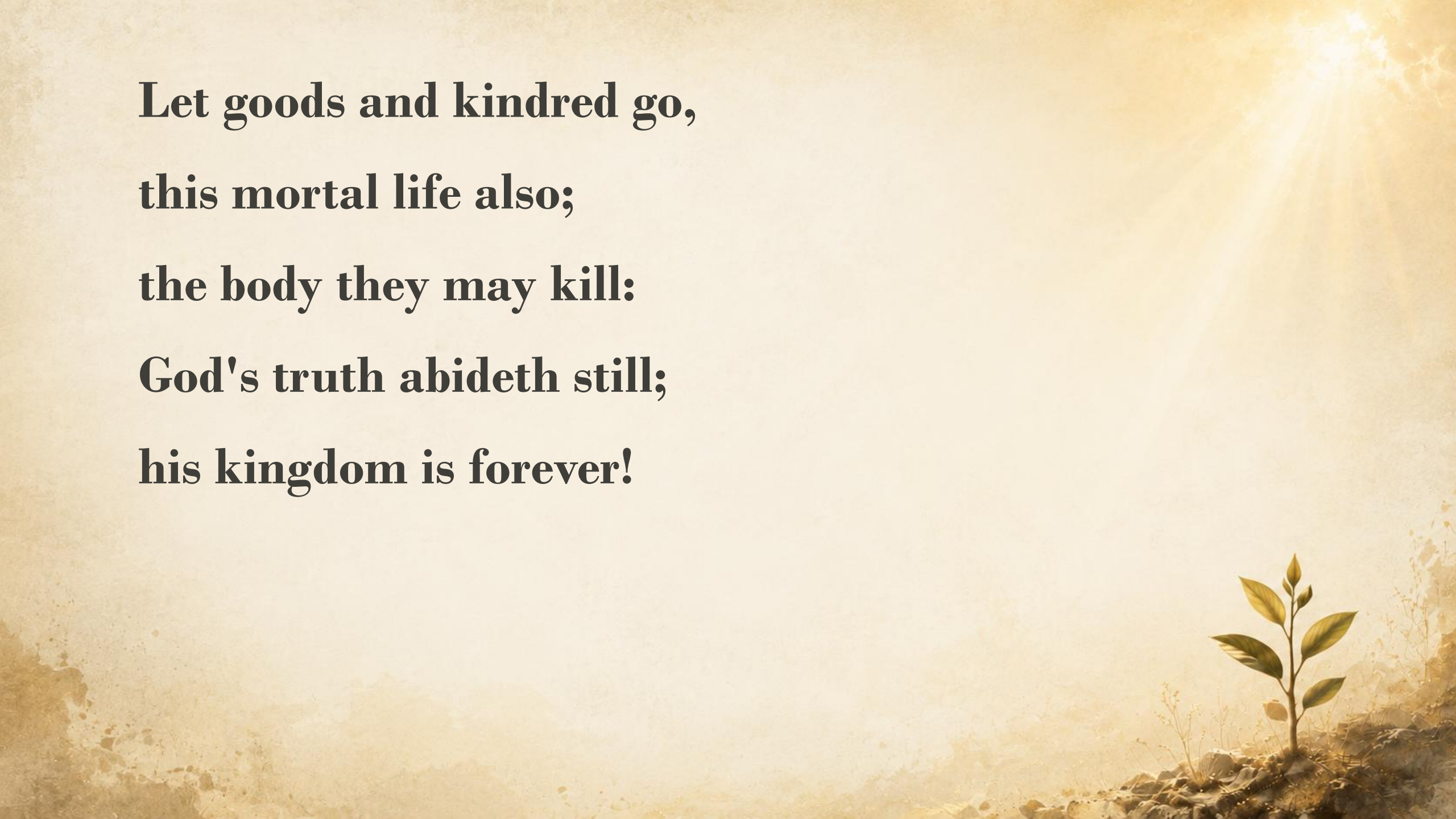
Let goods and kindred go,

this mortal life also;

the body they may kill:

God's truth abideth still;

his kingdom is forever!




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