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Our Position
& Practice in
Christ

(PART 1)

Finding
Freedom
Through
Surrender

(PART 2)



Position & Practice: Union with Christ

1 Cor 1:30-31

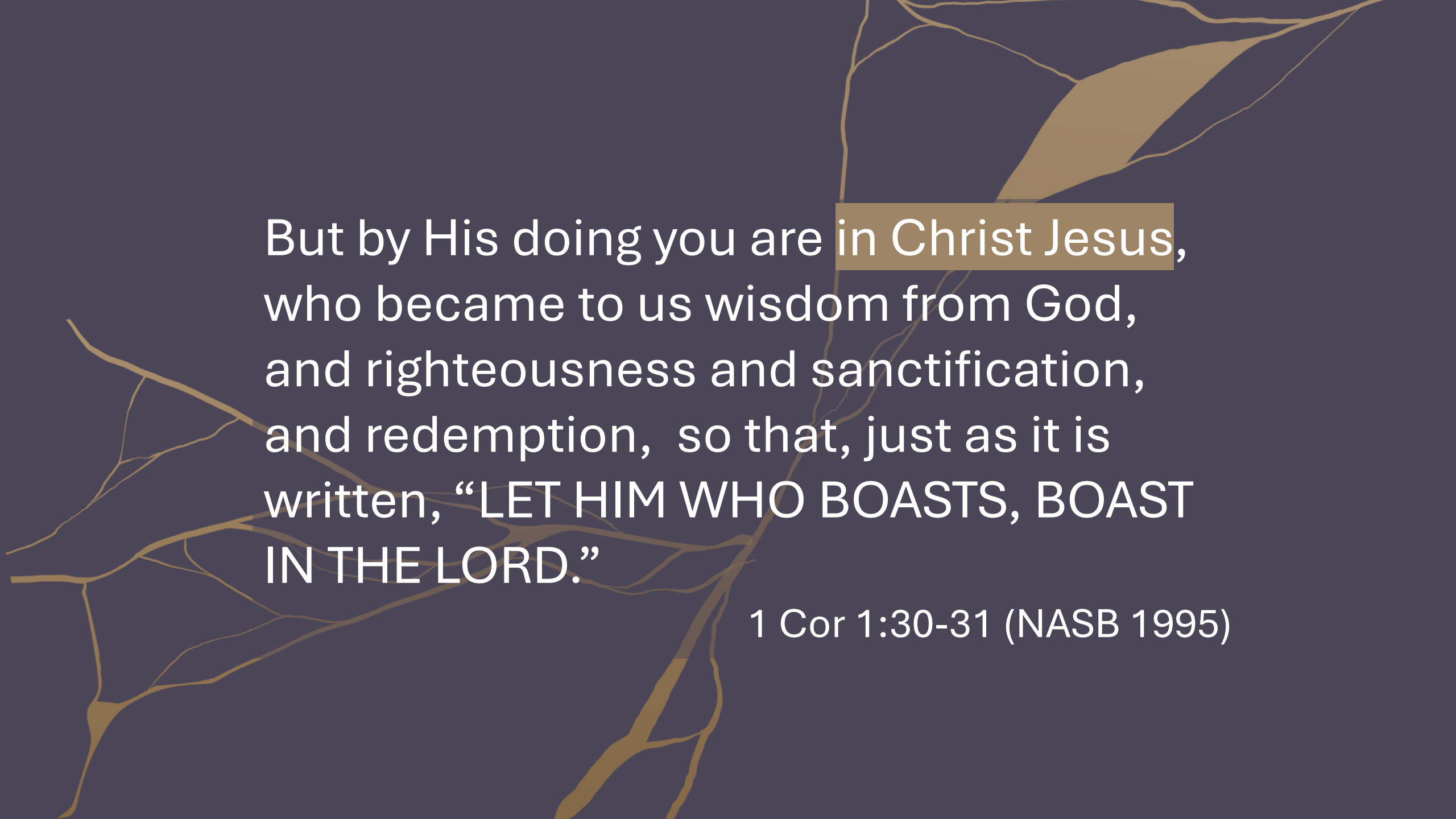


Our union with Christ:

(1) Nature

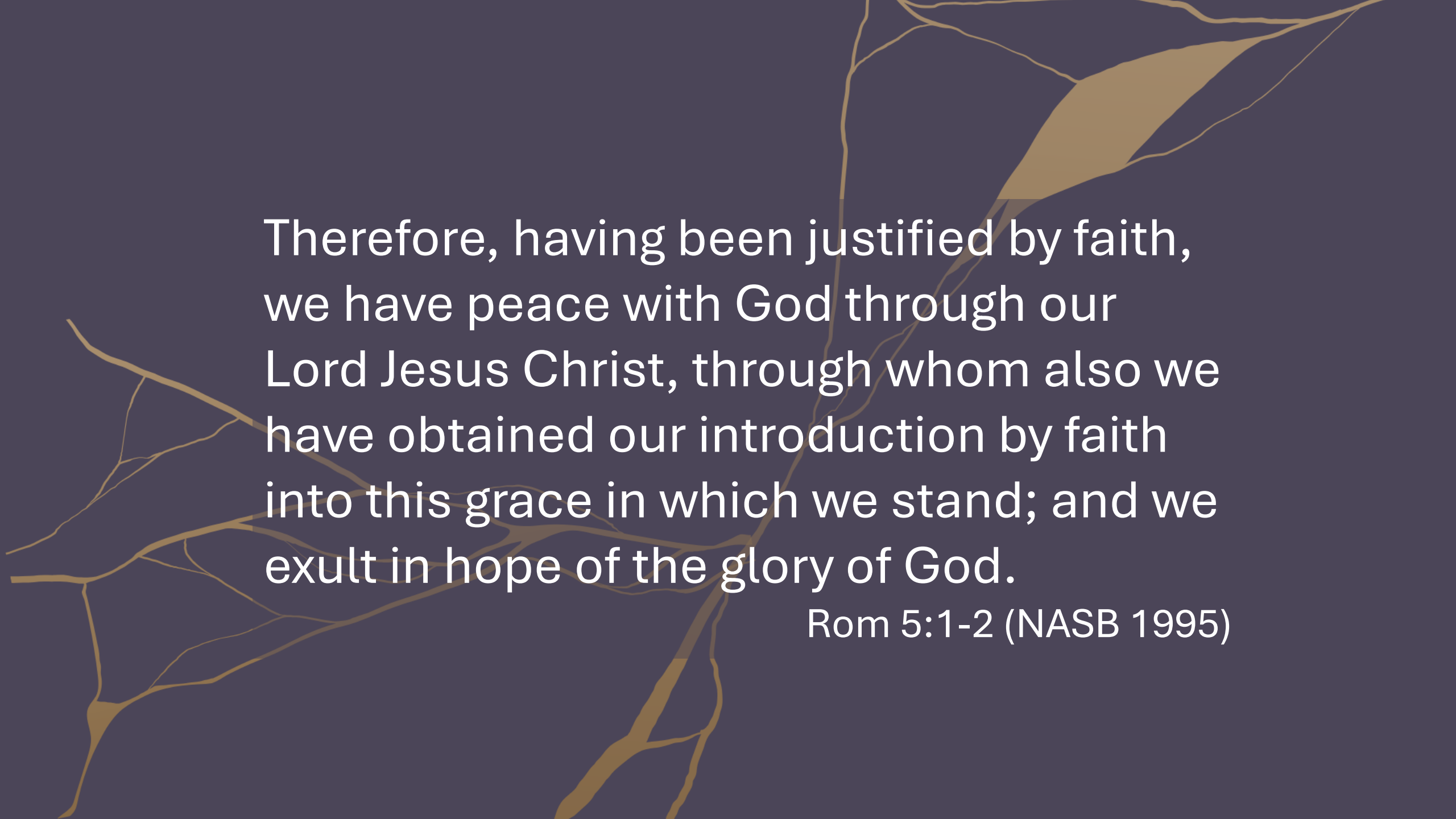
(2) Strength

(3) Impact

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But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus,
who became to us wisdom from God,
and righteousness and sanctification,
and redemption, so that, just as it is
written, “LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST
IN THE LORD.”

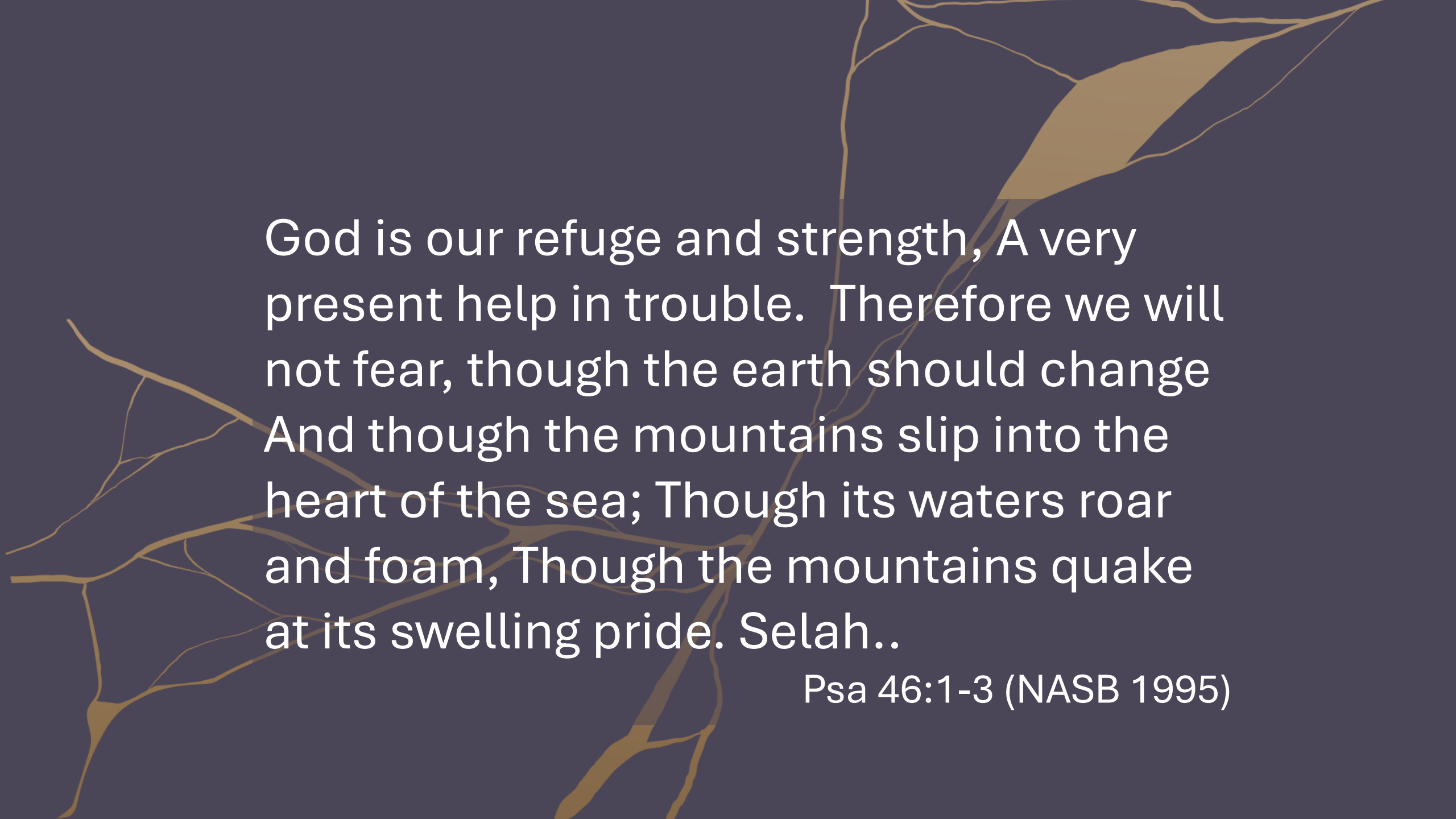
1 Cor 1:30-31 (NASB 1995)



Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our
Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we
have obtained our introduction by faith
into this grace in which we stand; and we
exult in hope of the glory of God.

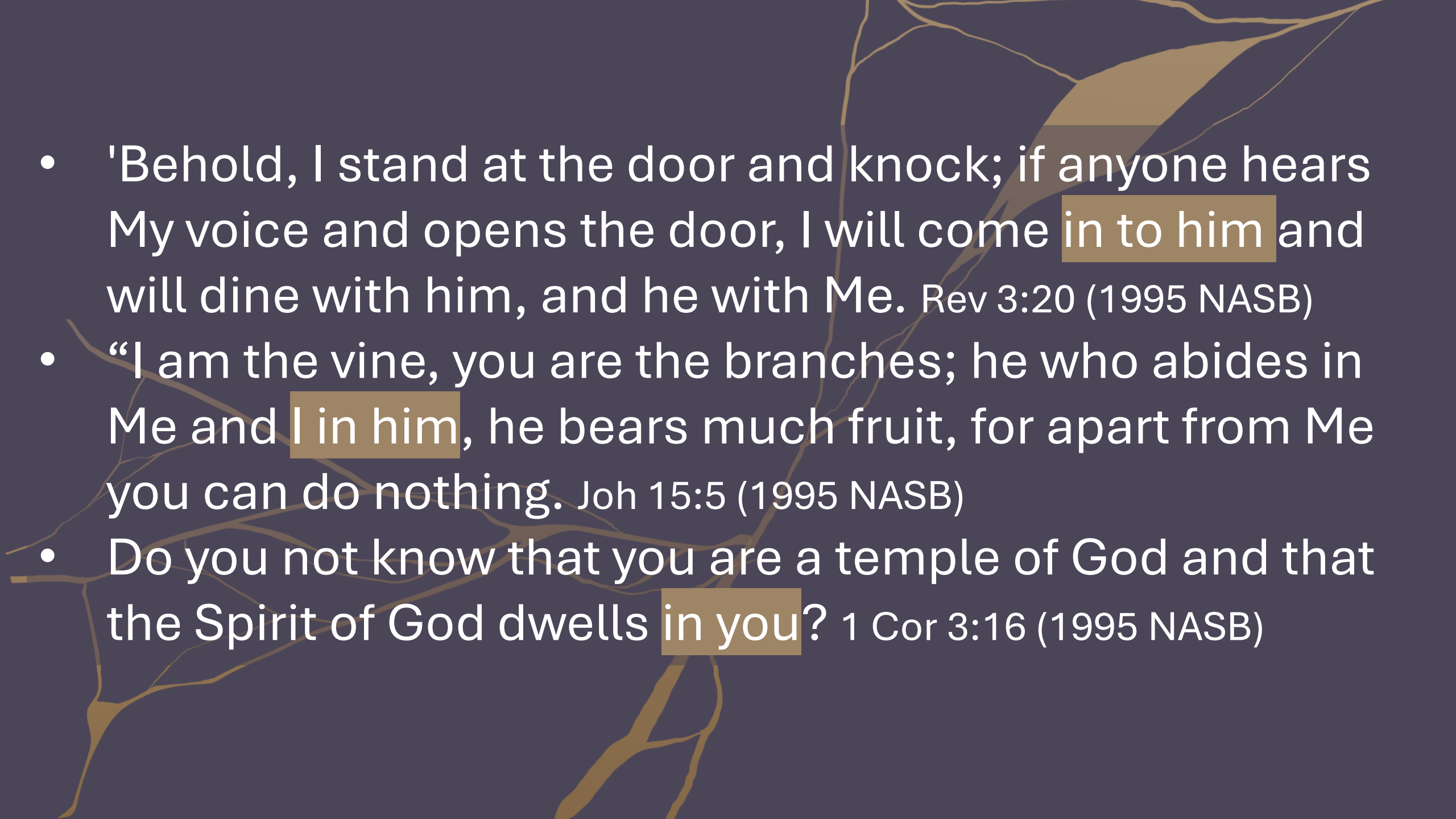
Rom 5:1-2 (NASB 1995)

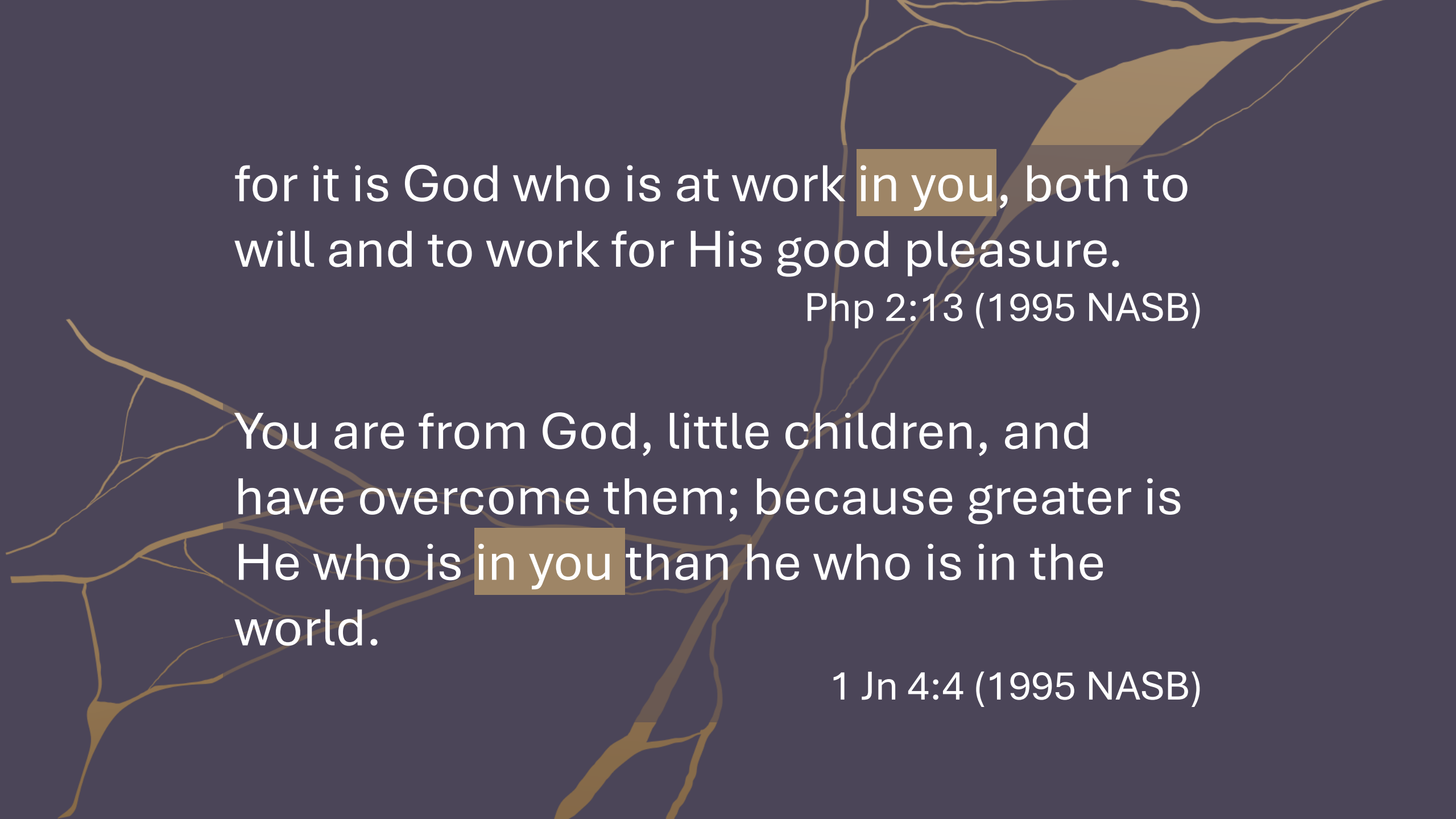


The background is a dark purple color with intricate, flowing gold-colored lines that resemble veins or a stylized map. These lines are more prominent on the left side and branch out towards the right.

God is our refuge and strength, A very
present help in trouble. Therefore we will
not fear, though the earth should change
And though the mountains slip into the
heart of the sea; Though its waters roar
and foam, Though the mountains quake
at its swelling pride. Selah..

Psa 46:1-3 (NASB 1995)

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- 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come **in to him** and will dine with him, and he with Me. Rev 3:20 (1995 NASB)
 - “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and **I in him**, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. Joh 15:5 (1995 NASB)
 - Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells **in you**? 1 Cor 3:16 (1995 NASB)



for it is God who is at work **in you**, both to
will and to work for His good pleasure.

Php 2:13 (1995 NASB)

You are from God, little children, and
have overcome them; because greater is
He who is **in you** than he who is in the
world.

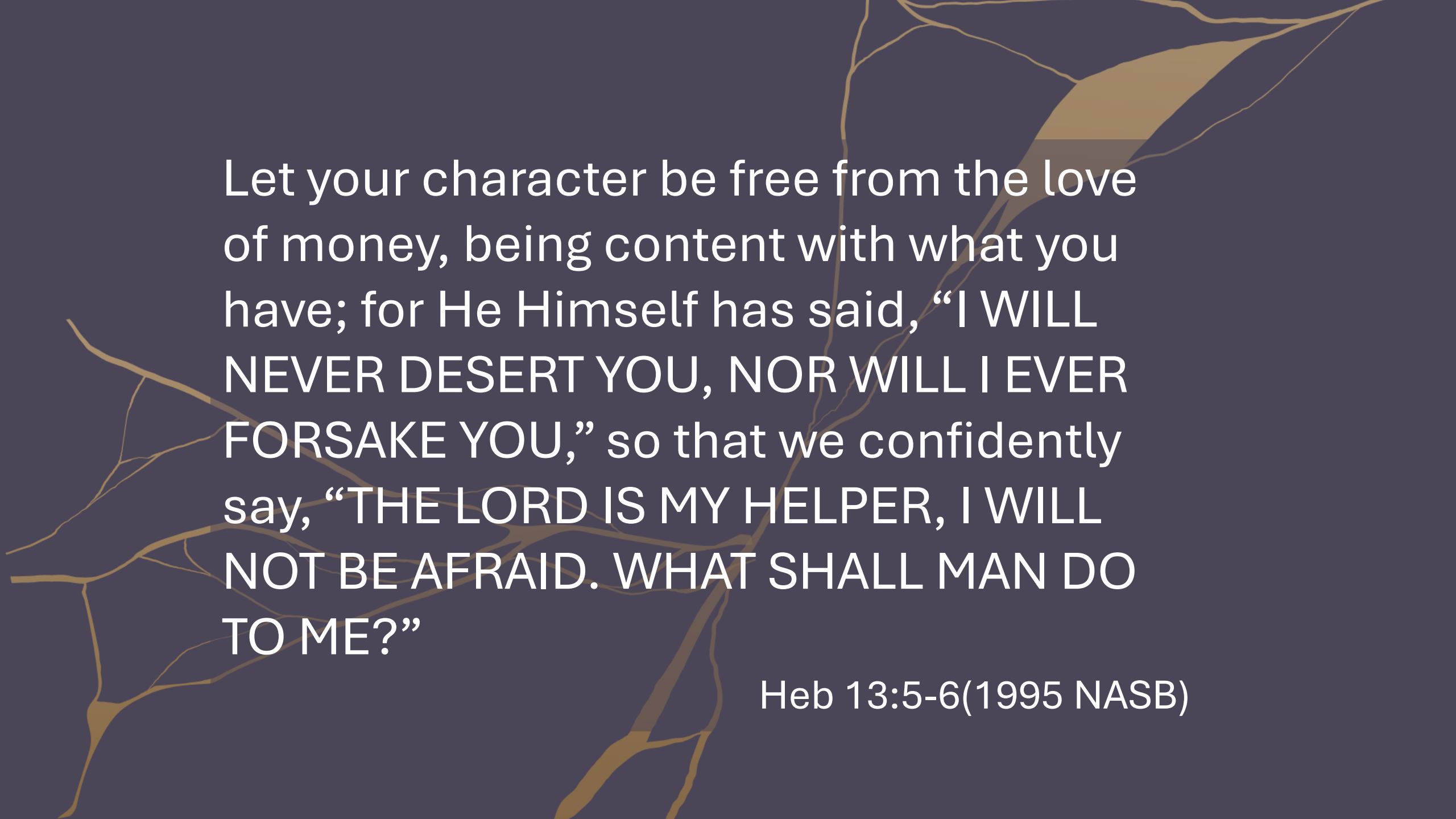
1 Jn 4:4 (1995 NASB)



Our union with Christ:

(1) Nature

(2) Strength



Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,” so that we confidently say, “THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?”

Heb 13:5-6(1995 NASB)

I will never,
no not ever,
no never
leave you
nor forsake you...

Heb 13:5

Mary Slessor of Calabar
Pioneer Missionary
1848-1915



Mary Slessor, ca. 1880 — Photographer unknown.
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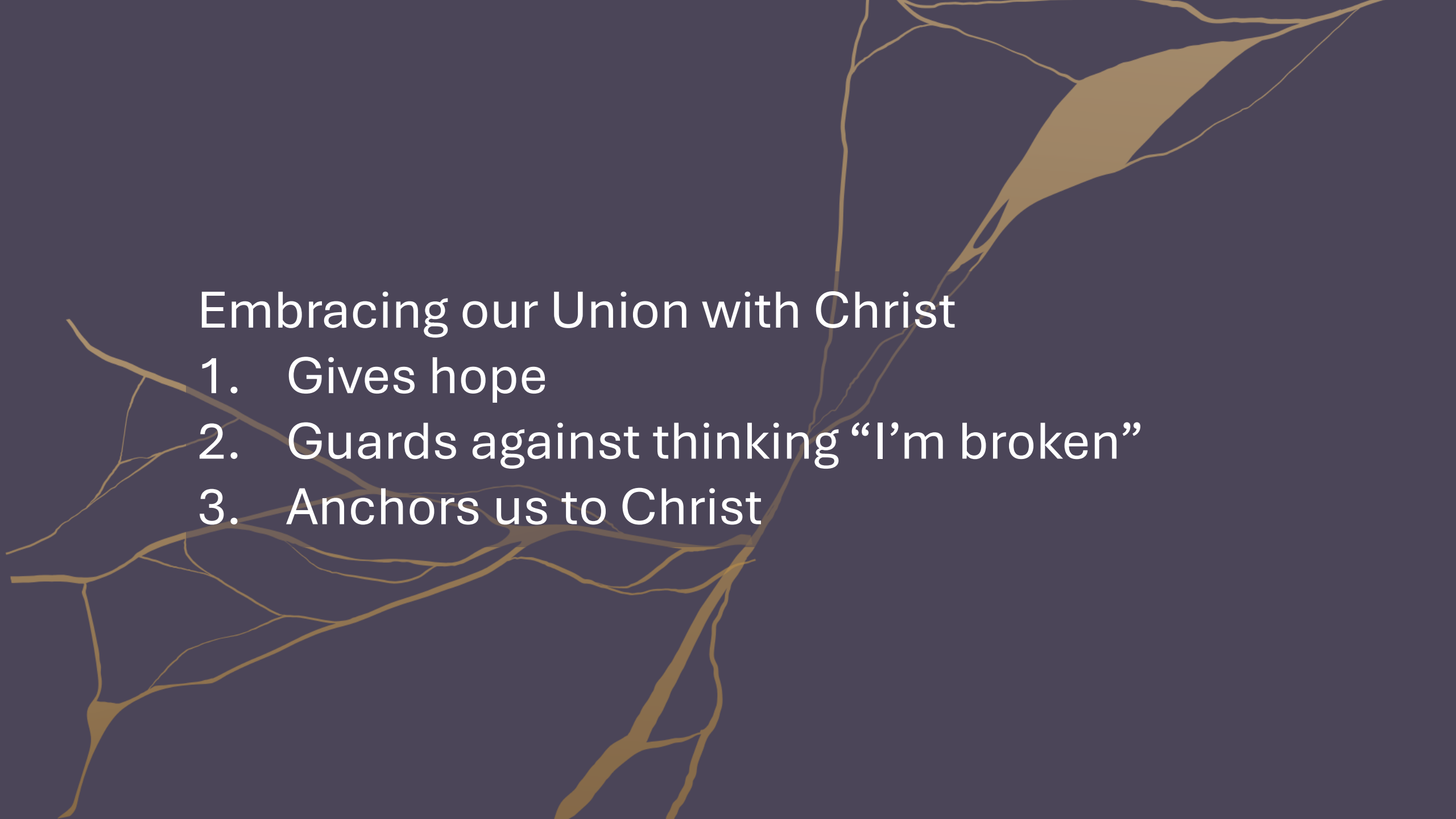


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Embracing our Union with Christ

1. Gives hope
2. Guards against thinking “I’m broken”
3. Anchors us to Christ



MSG #	Key Passage	Title
1	1 Cor 1:30-31	Position & Practice: Union with Christ
2	1 Cor 1:2	Position & Practice: Saints
3	1 John 3:2	Position & Practice: Children of God
4	Col 1:13-14	Position & Practice: Justified, Righteous, Forgiven
5	1 Peter 2:5	Position & Practice: Royal Priesthood
6	Phil 3:20-21	Position & Practice: Citizens of heaven
7	Col 3:1-4	Position & Practice: Died with Christ; Raised with Christ
8	Rom 6:2	Position & Practice: Dead to Sin (Position)
9	1 Cor 10:13	Position & Practice: Dead to Sin (Practice)
10	Gal 2:20	Freedom Through Surrender: The Crucified Life
11	John 12:24-26	Freedom Through Surrender: God's Glory
12	Col 3:12-13	Freedom Through Surrender: Forgiveness
13	2 Cor 4:16-18	Freedom Through Surrender: Eternity
14	Phil 3:8-11	Freedom Through Surrender: Suffering
15	Gal 5:22-25	Freedom Through Surrender: Fruit of the Spirit
16	Phil 2:17	Freedom Through Surrender: Poured out Life
17	Rom 8:11	Freedom Through Surrender: Resurrection Power

