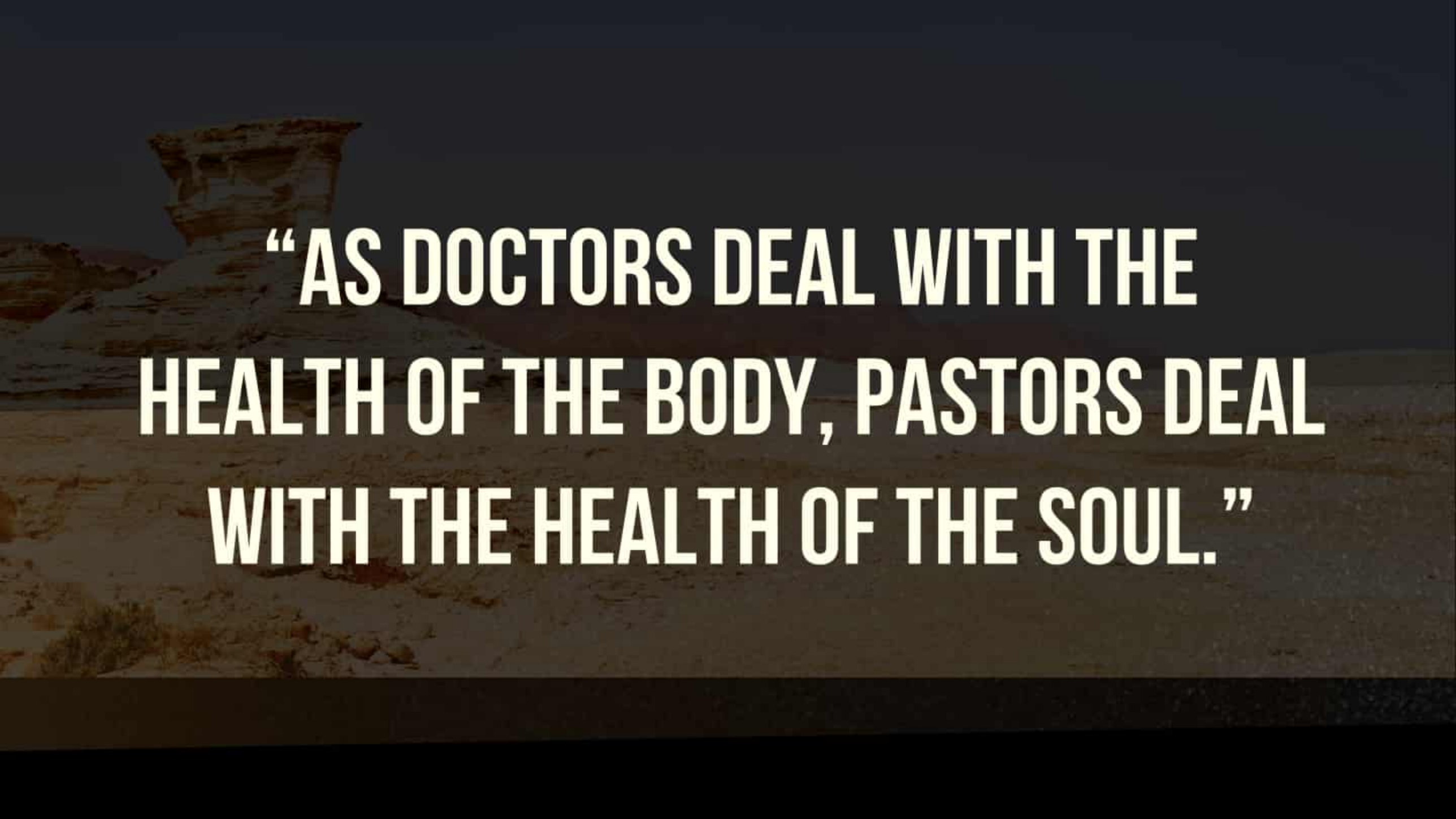
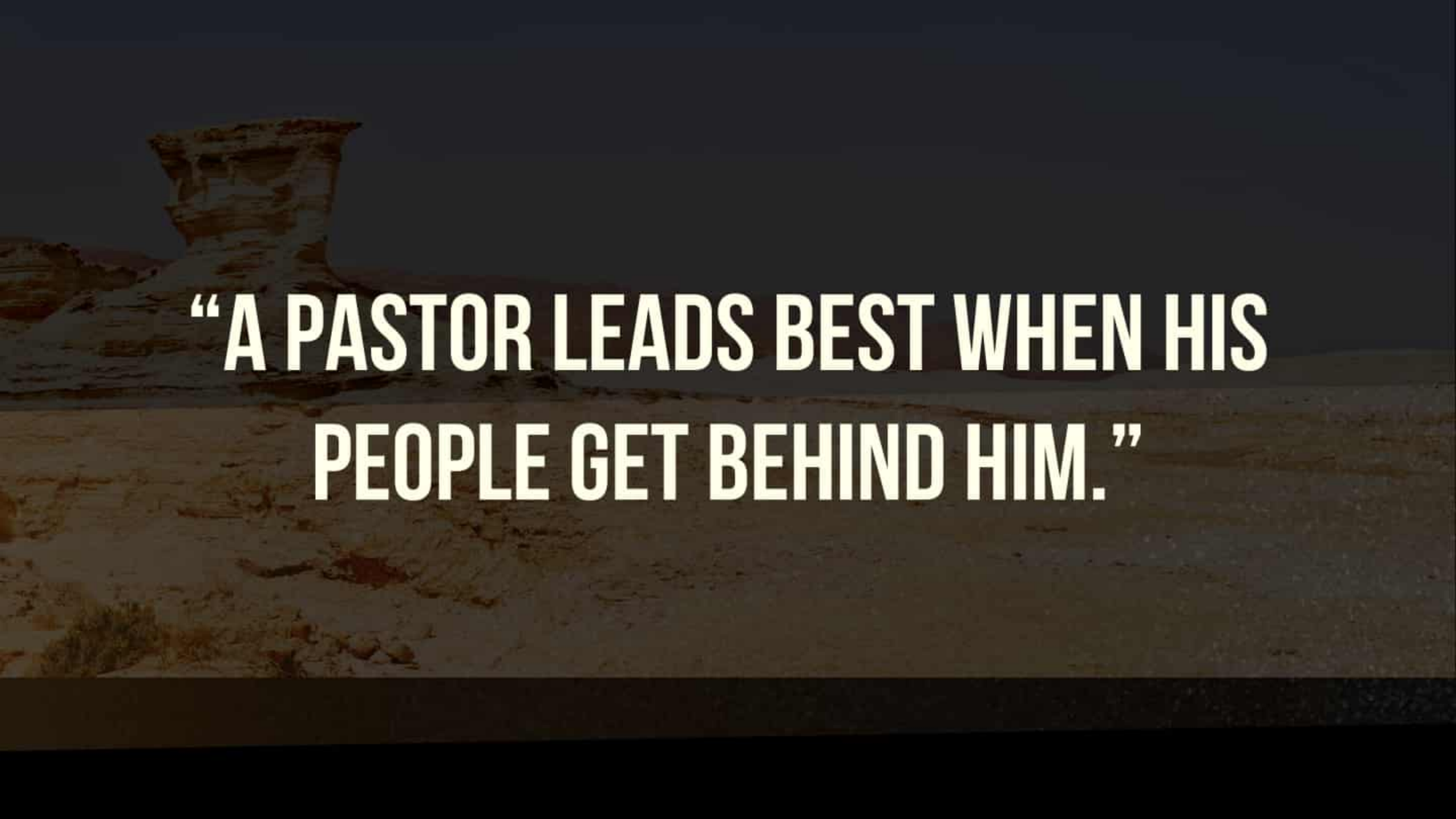
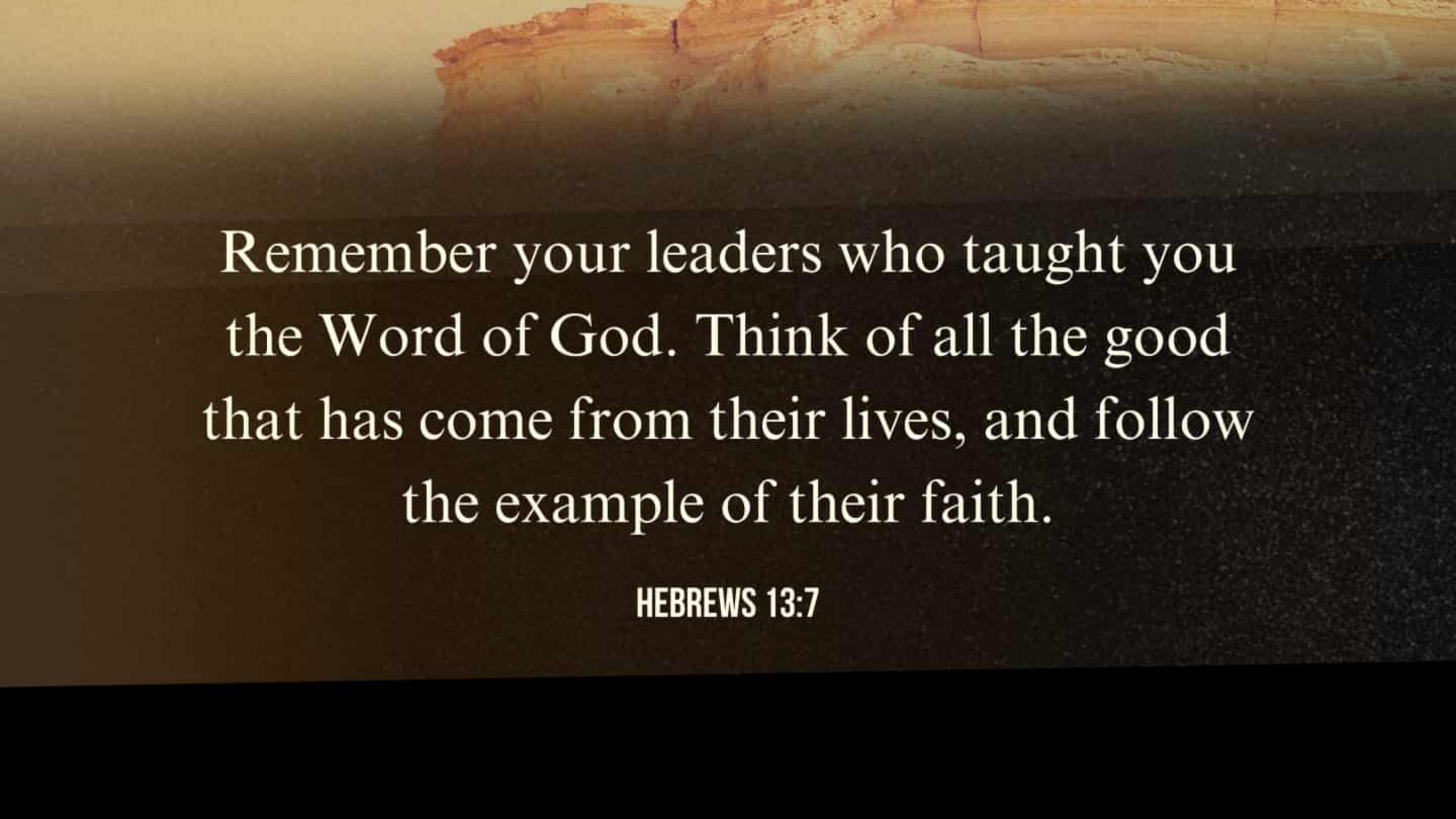

“AS DOCTORS DEAL WITH THE
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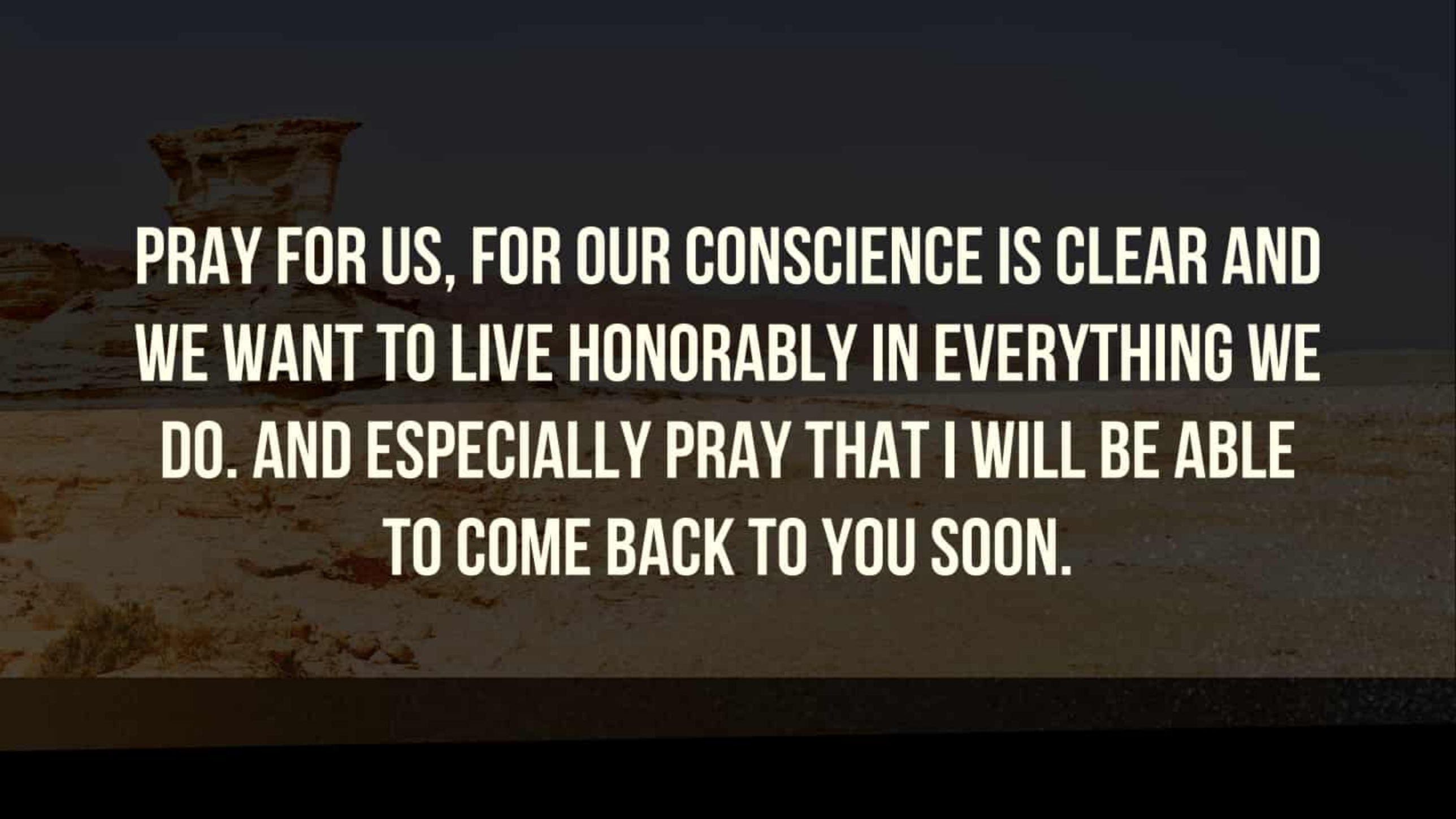

“A PASTOR LEADS BEST WHEN HIS
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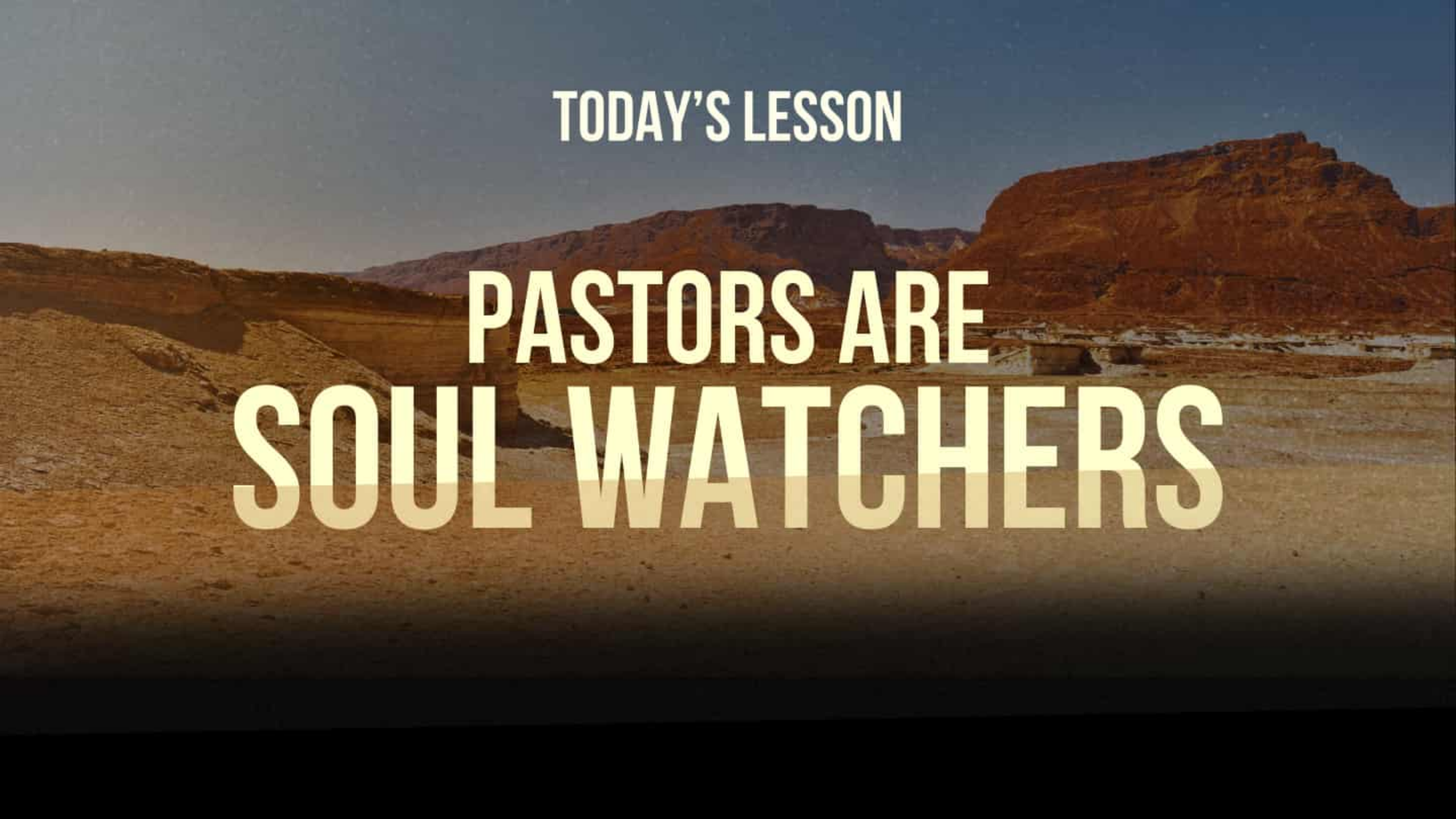
SCRIPTURE LESSON:

HEBREWS 13:7, 17-18


Remember your leaders who taught you
the Word of God. Think of all the good
that has come from their lives, and follow
the example of their faith.
HEBREWS 13:7

OBEY YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS, AND DO WHAT THEY SAY. THEIR WORK IS TO WATCH OVER YOUR SOULS, AND THEY ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD. GIVE THEM REASON TO DO THIS WITH JOY AND NOT WITH SORROW. THAT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE FOR YOUR BENEFIT.


PRAY FOR US, FOR OUR CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR AND
WE WANT TO LIVE HONORABLY IN EVERYTHING WE
DO. AND ESPECIALLY PRAY THAT I WILL BE ABLE
TO COME BACK TO YOU SOON.


TODAY'S LESSON
PASTORS ARE
SOUL WATCHERS

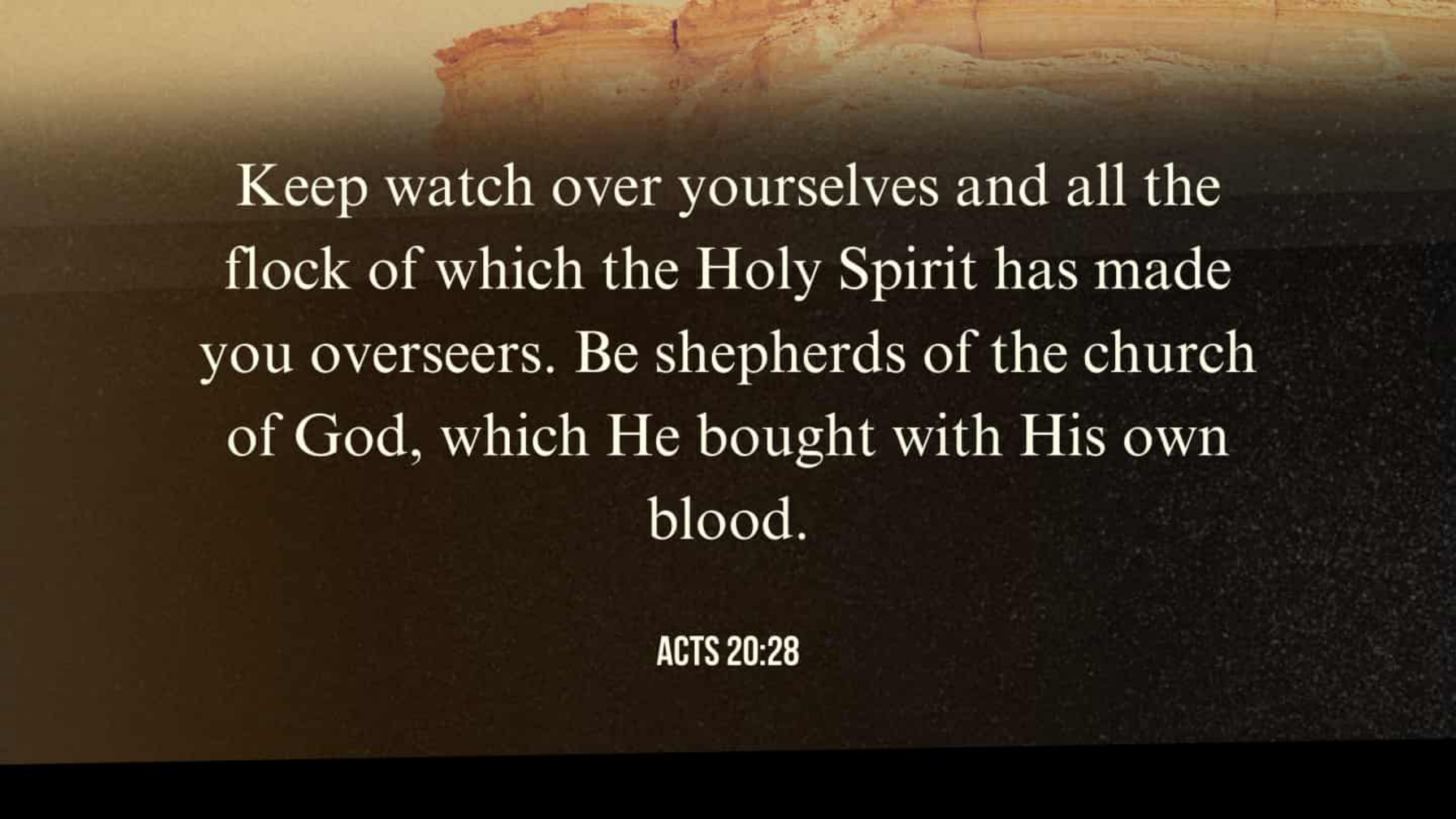

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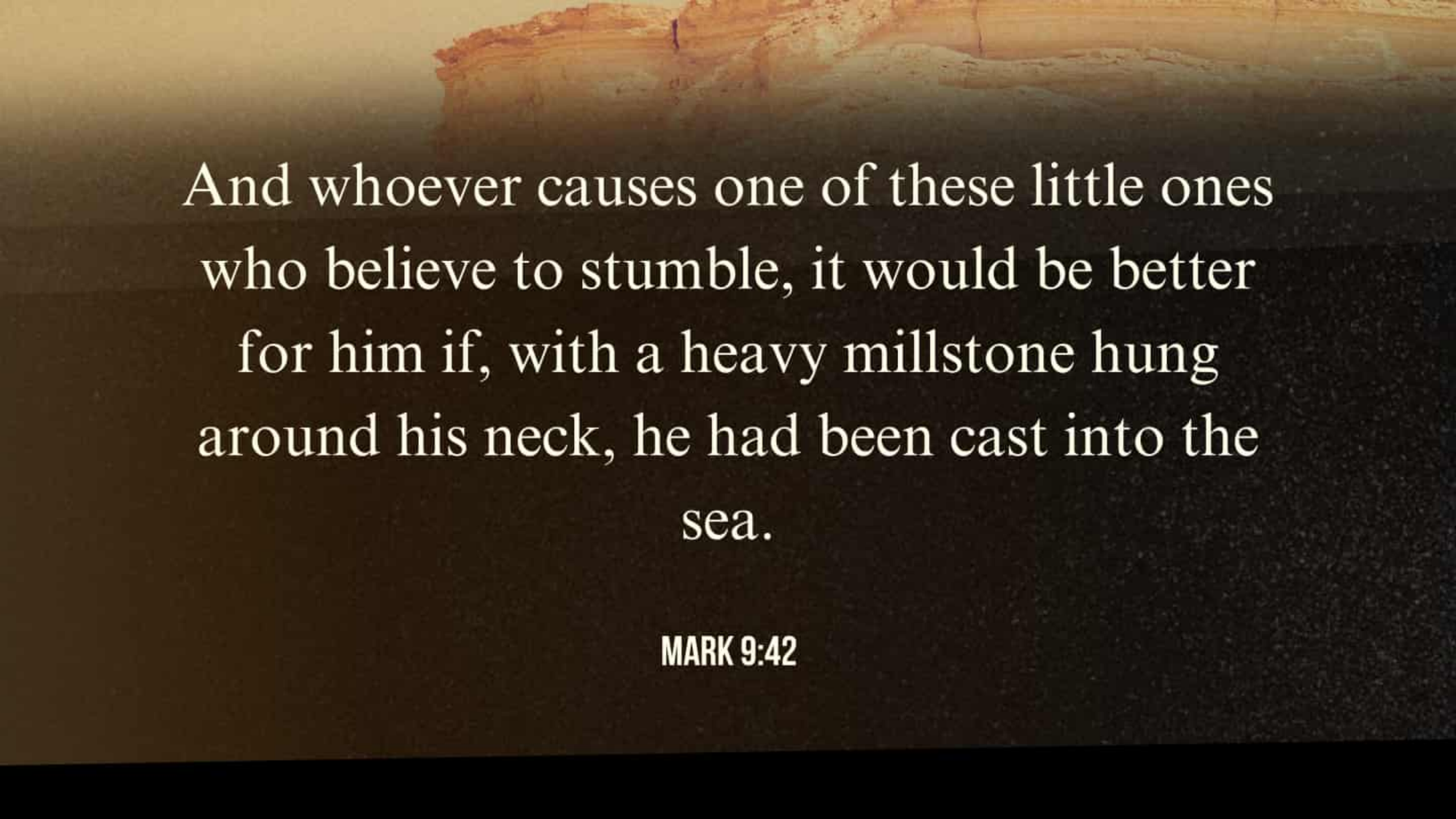
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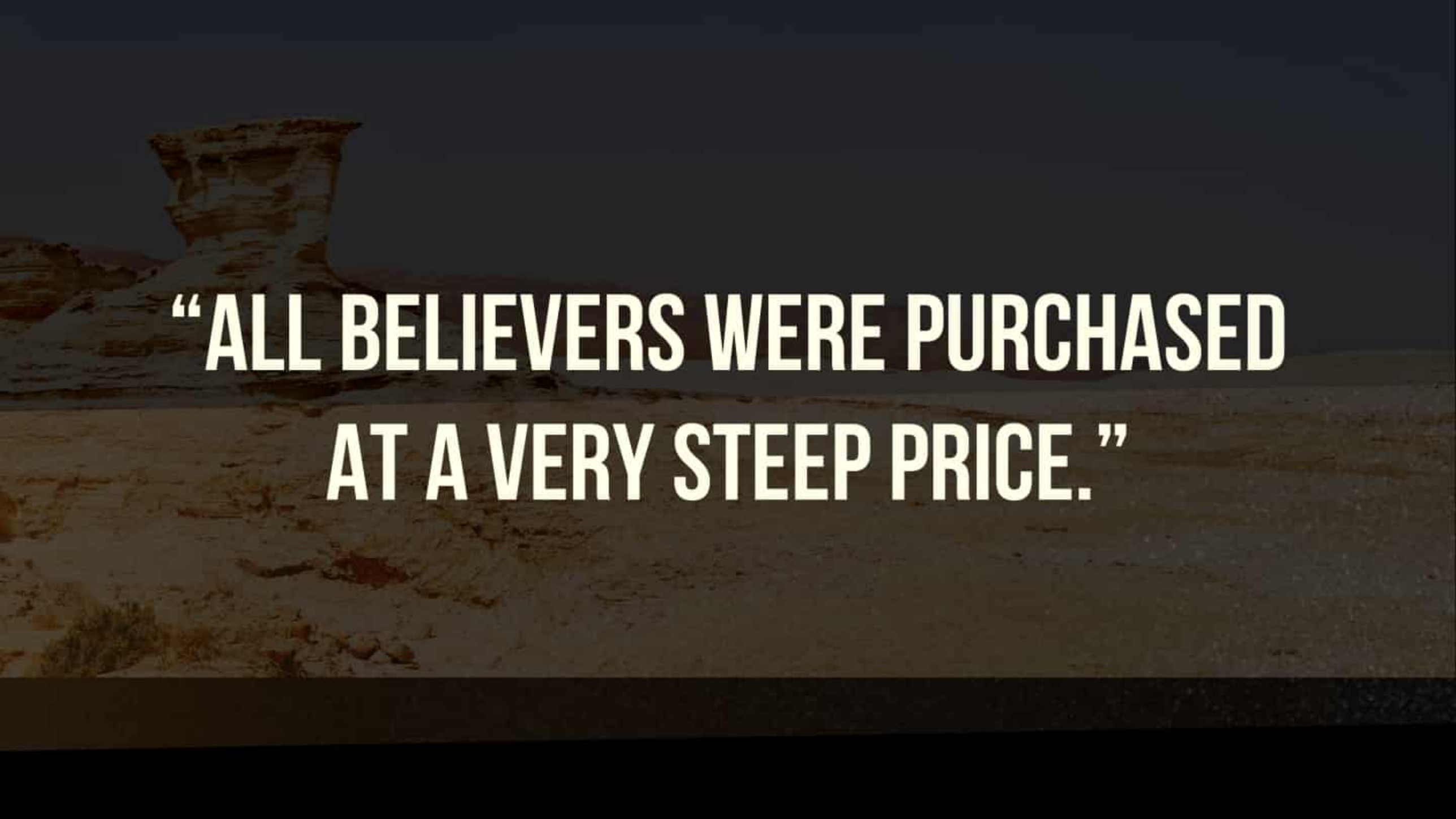
1. SHEPHERDS WATCHING THEIR FLOCKS.
2. THE WATCHMEN ON THE WALLS.

TWO OBSERVATIONS ABOUT SOULS:

1. SOULS ARE ETERNAL.
2. SOULS WERE BOUGHT WITH CHRIST'S BLOOD.

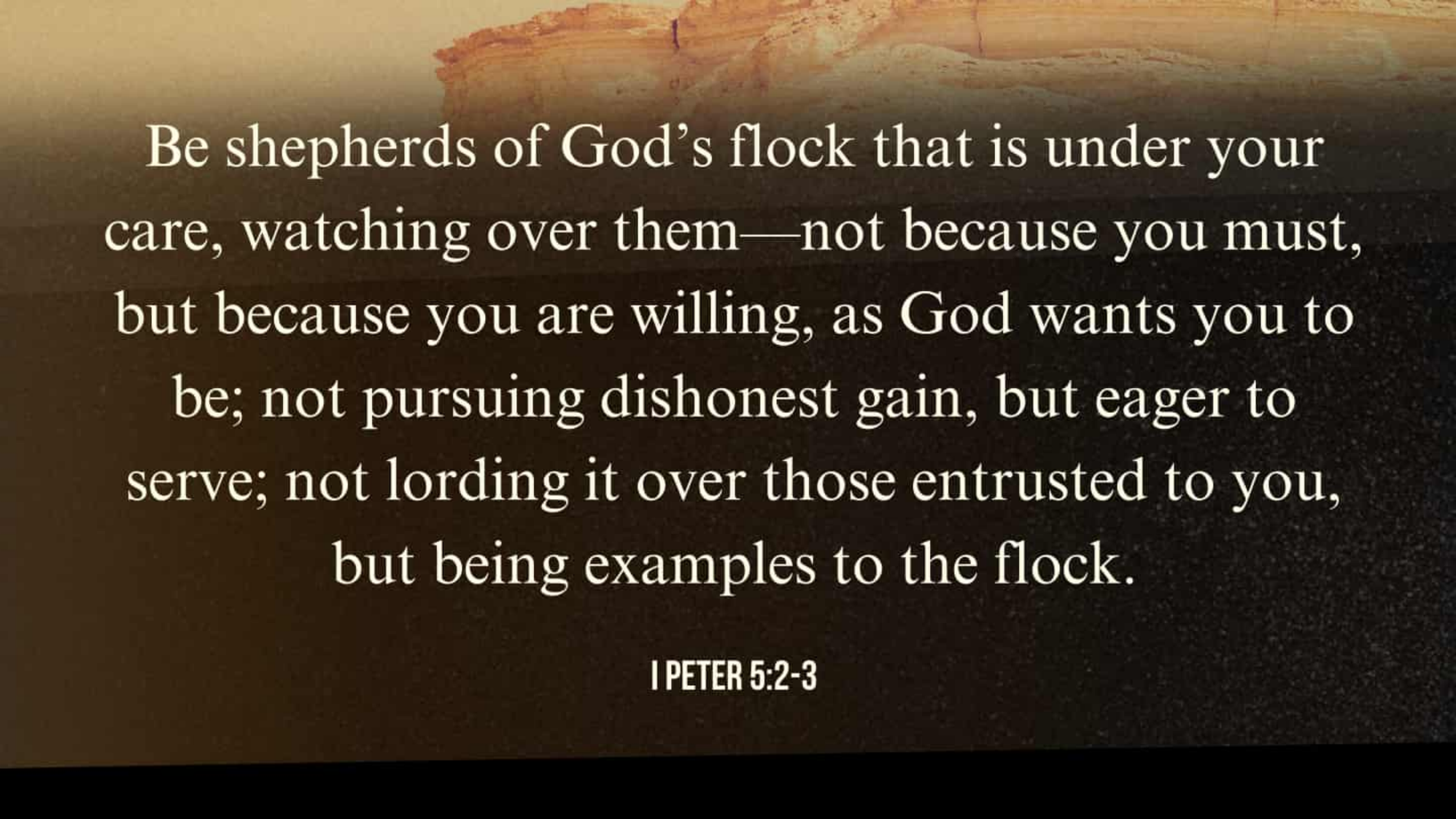

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.
ACTS 20:28

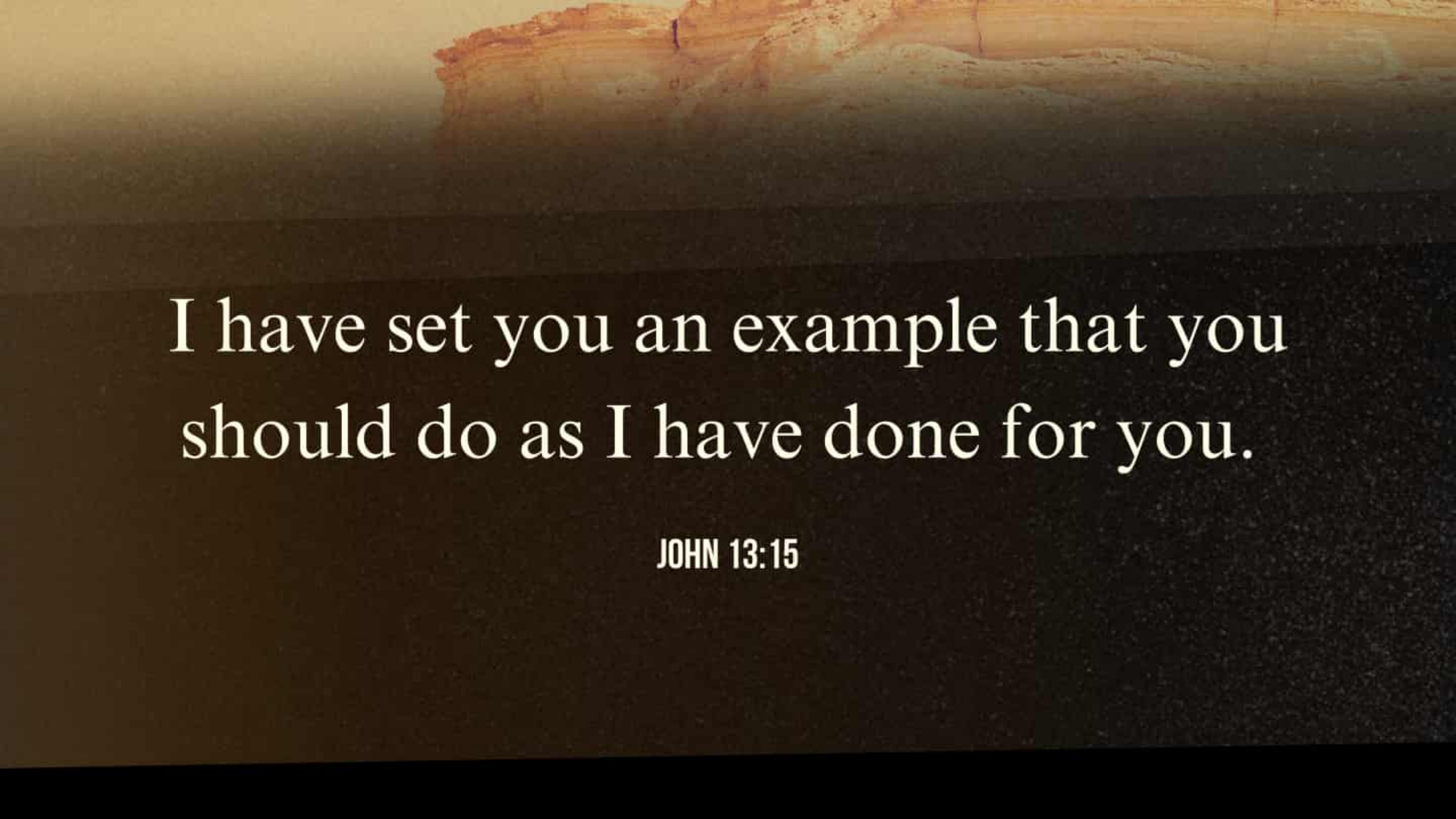

And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.
MARK 9:42

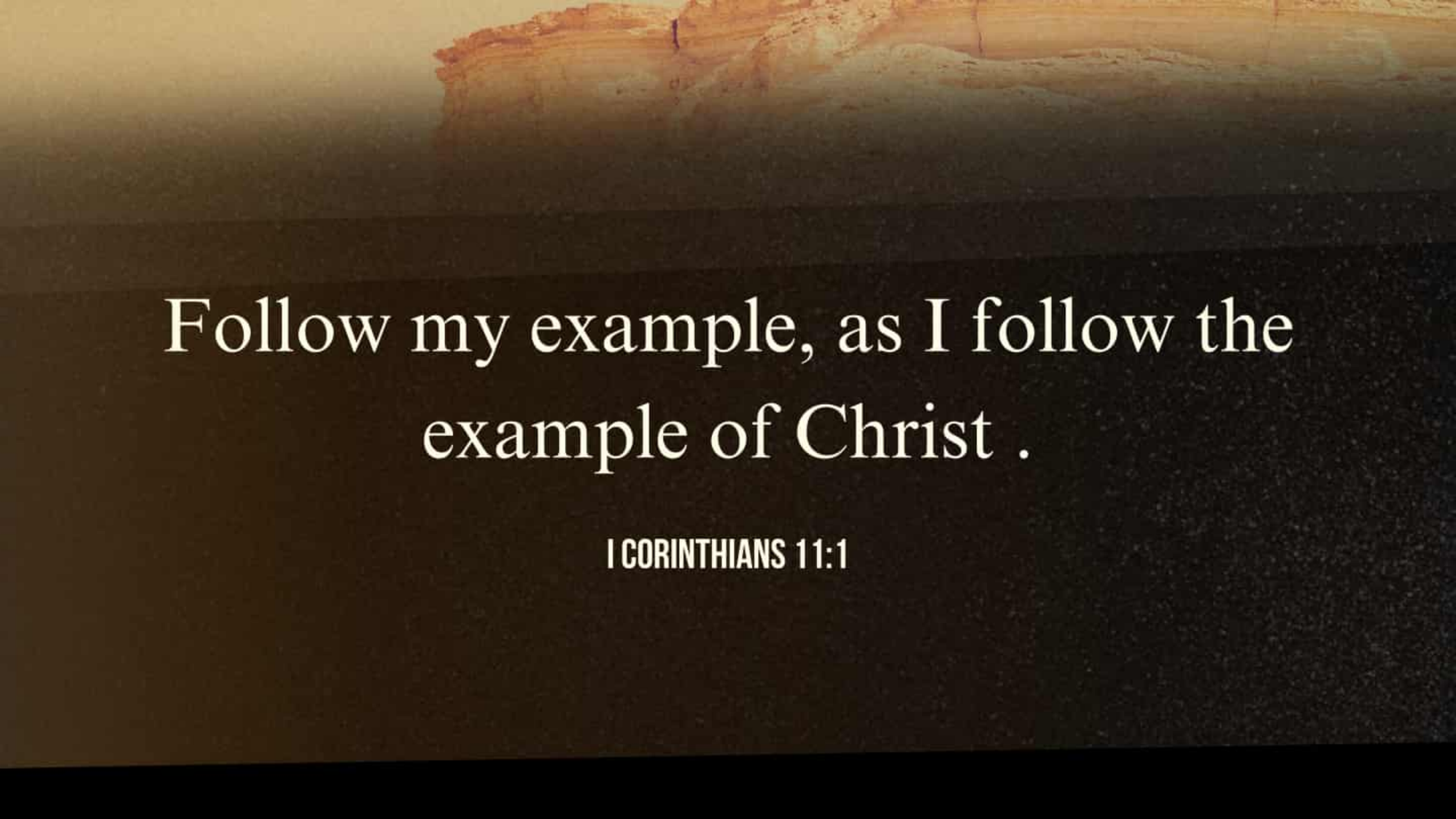

“ALL BELIEVERS WERE PURCHASED
AT A VERY STEEP PRICE.”


FIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A
PASTOR AS A SOUL WATCHER:


1. A SOUL WATCHER
LEADS BY EXAMPLE.


Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.
I PETER 5:2-3

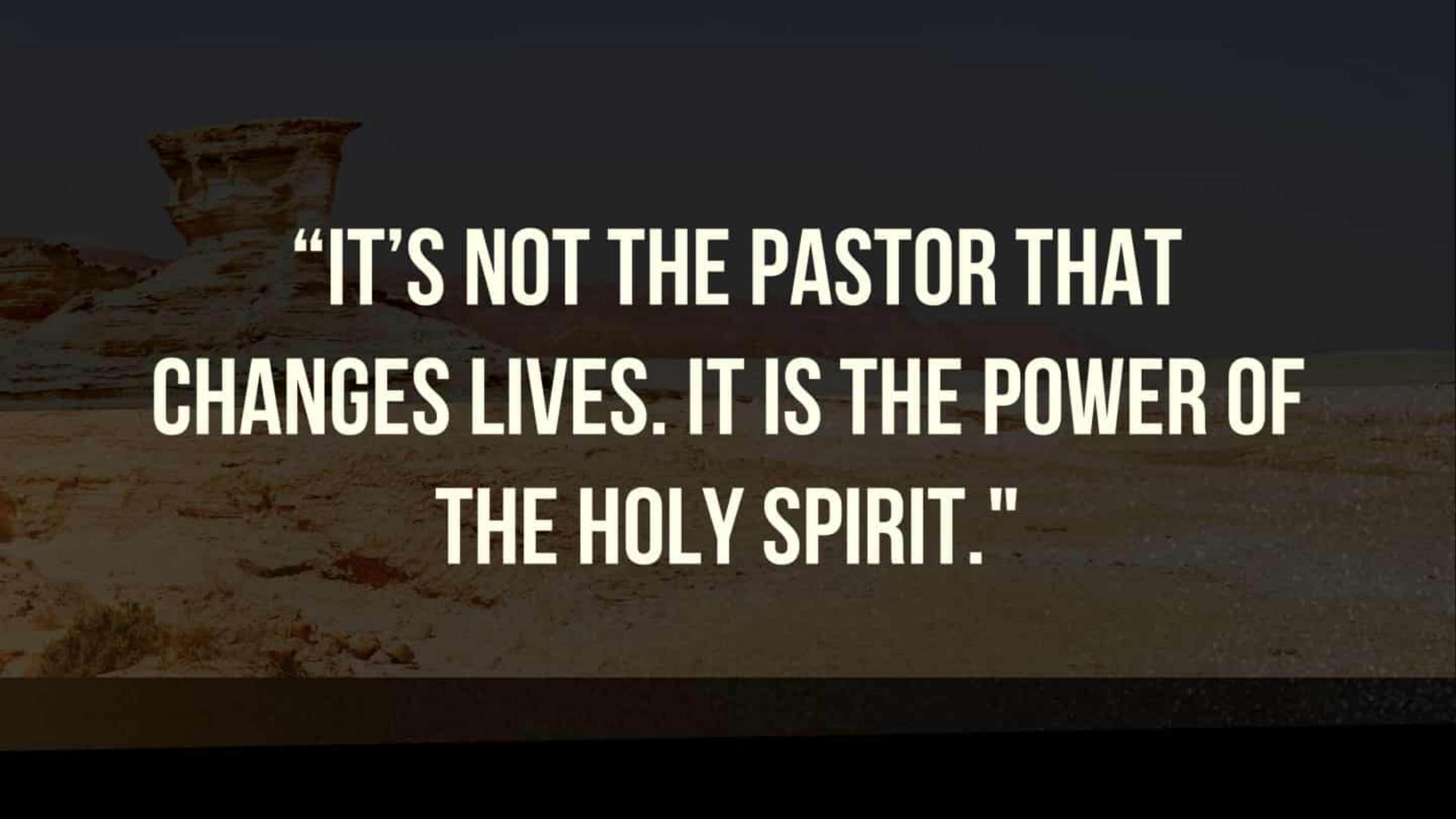

I have set you an example that you
should do as I have done for you.
JOHN 13:15


Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ .
I CORINTHIANS 11:1


2. A SOUL WATCHER
PROCLAIMS GOD'S WORD.

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL IS TO ACT AS A WATCHMAN ON THE WALL.

EZEKIEL 3:16-21


“IT’S NOT THE PASTOR THAT
CHANGES LIVES. IT IS THE POWER OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT."


3. A SOUL WATCHER
SHOULD BE RESPECTED.

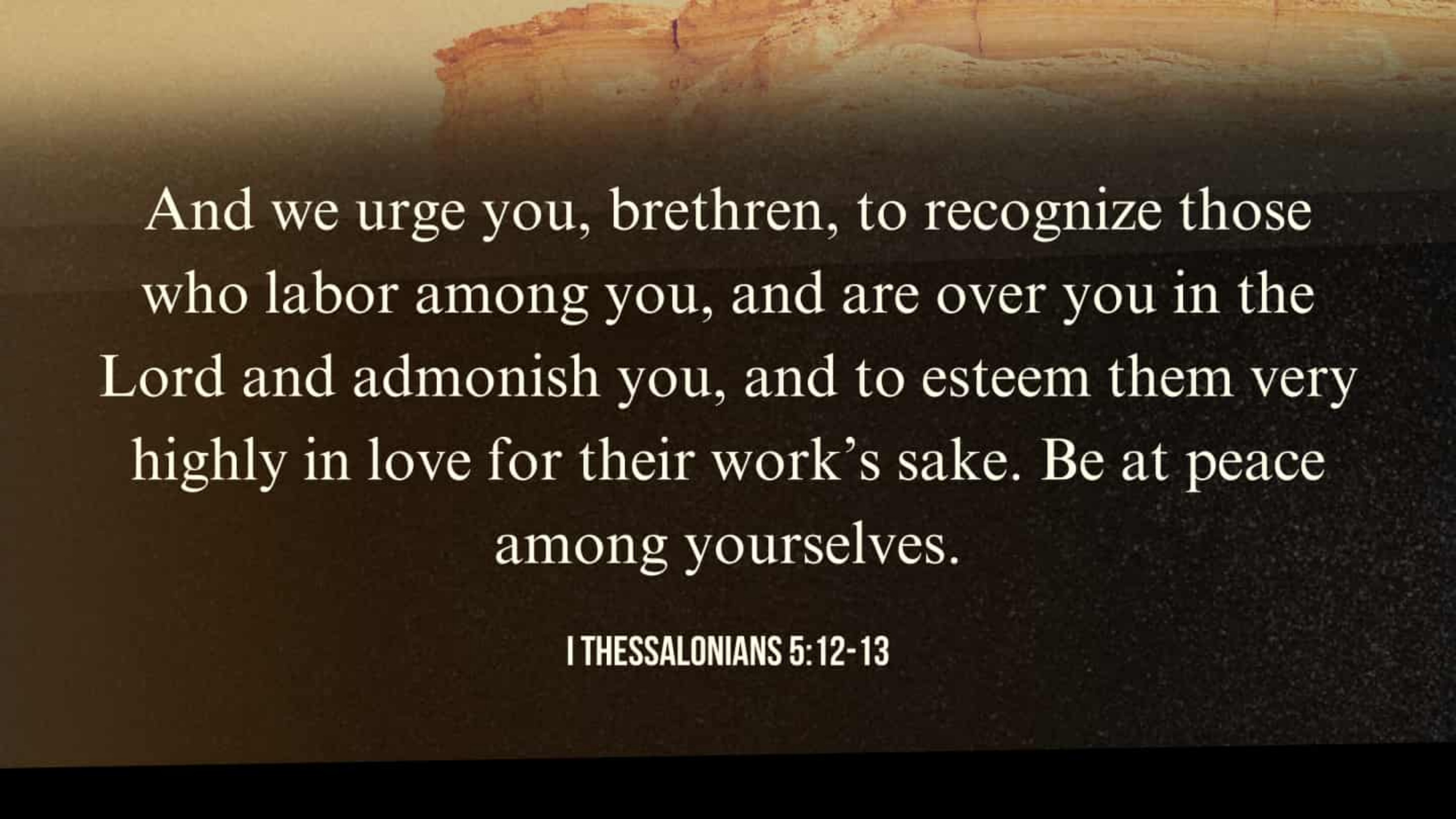
"Obey (be persuaded by, listen to with a willing heart, respond trustfully to) your leaders—those who teach you the Word and shepherd your souls under Christ's authority and submit (yield, give way, be teachable and responsive) to them, for they keep watch over your souls"

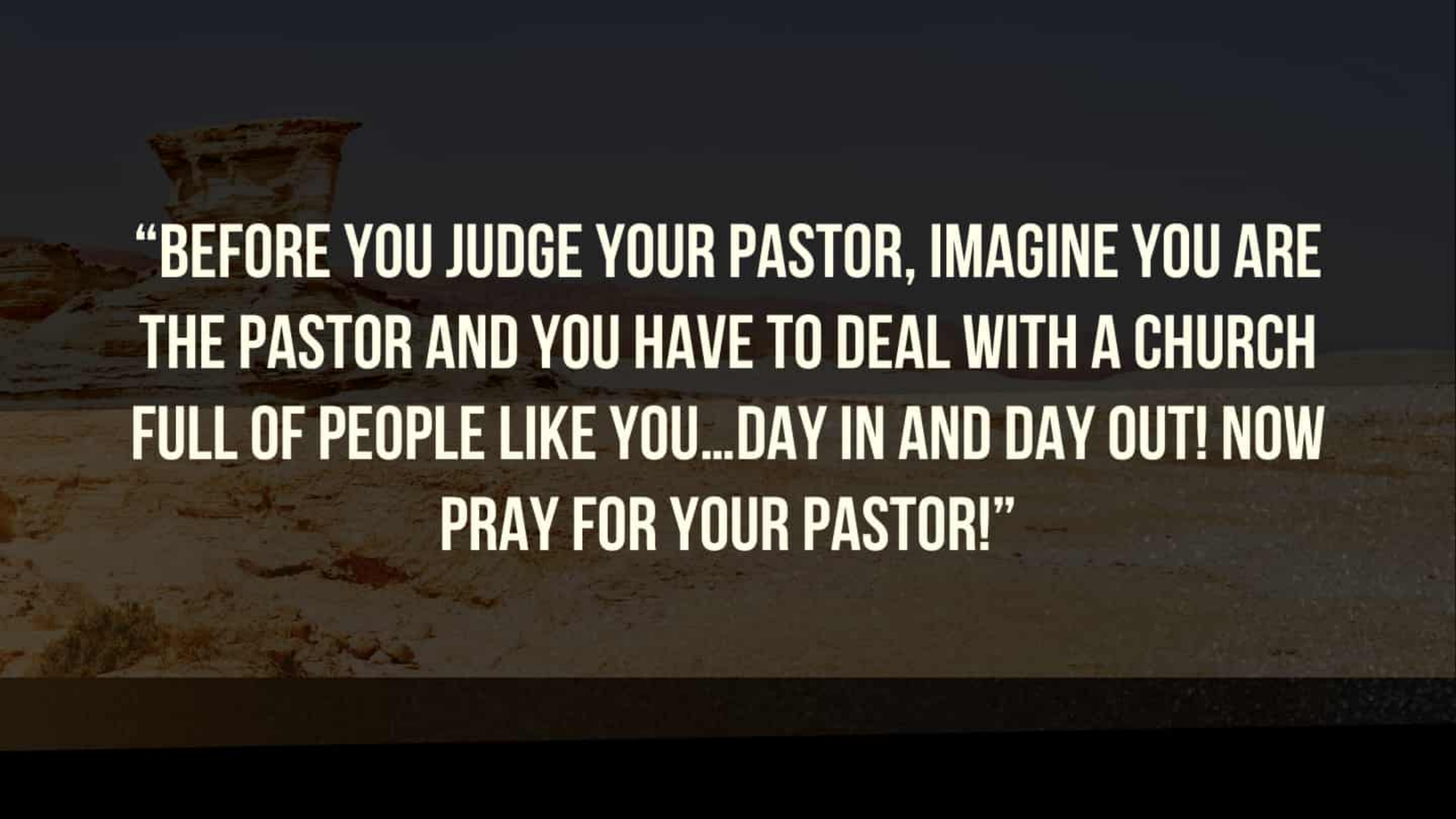
HEBREWS 13:17

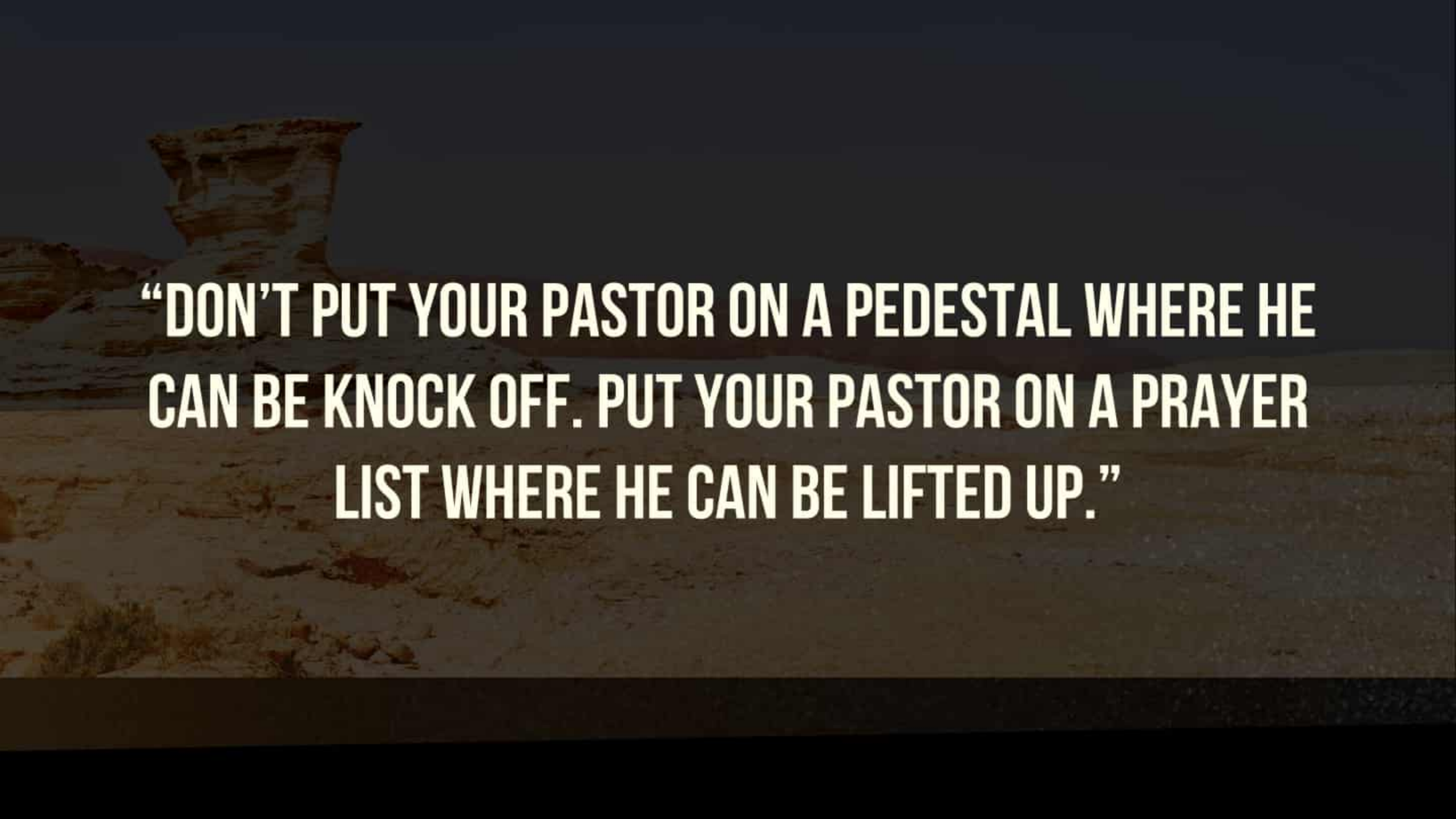
THREE SIGNS OF SILENT REBELLION:

1. OUTWARD OBEDIENCE BUT INWARD RESISTANCE.
2. LOSS OF SUBMISSION TO SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY.
3. PRIDE DISGUISED AS MATURITY.

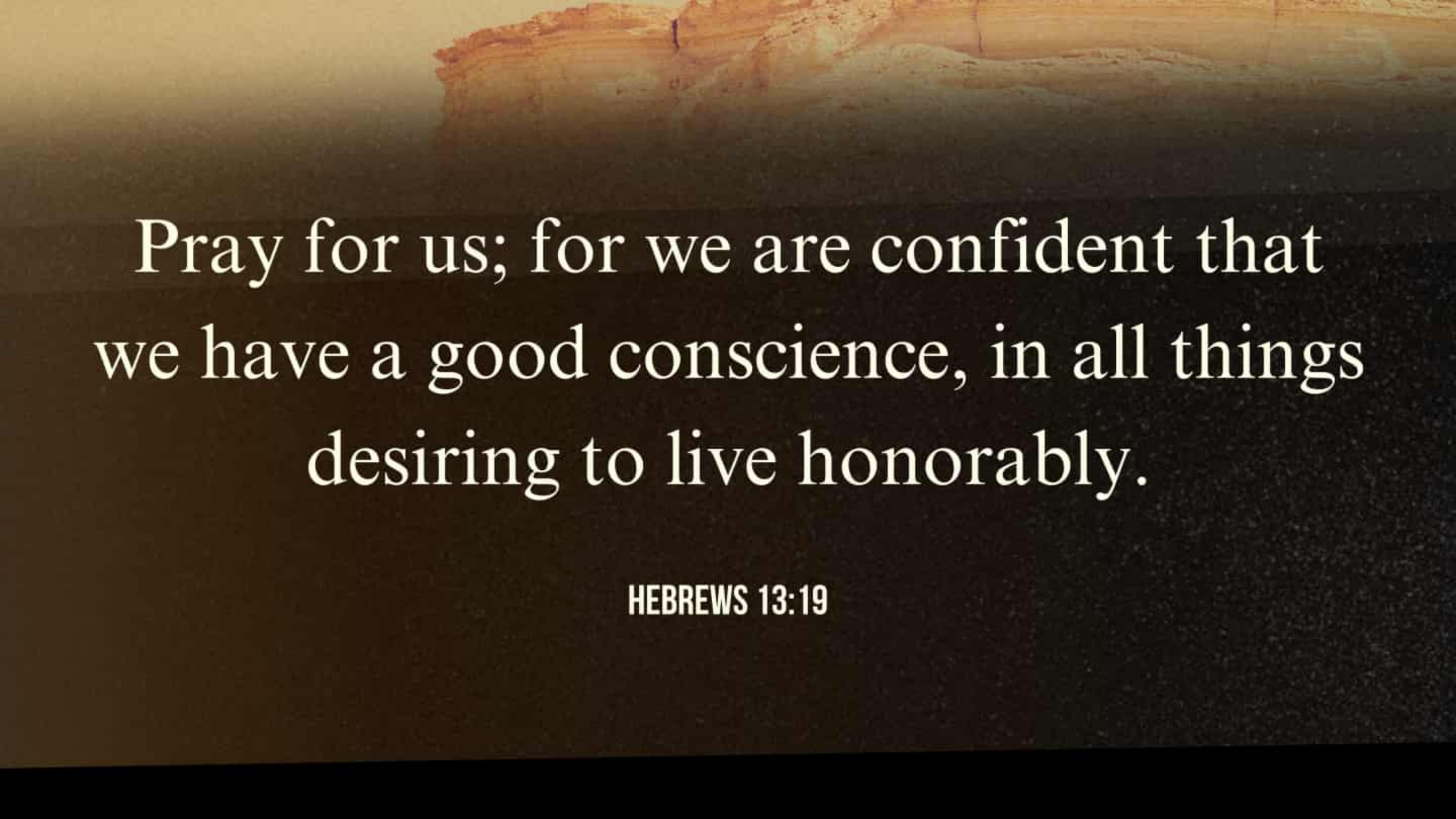

4. A SOUL WATCHER IS
RECOGNIZED.


And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.
I THESSALONIANS 5:12-13


“BEFORE YOU JUDGE YOUR PASTOR, IMAGINE YOU ARE THE PASTOR AND YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH A CHURCH FULL OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU...DAY IN AND DAY OUT! NOW PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR!”

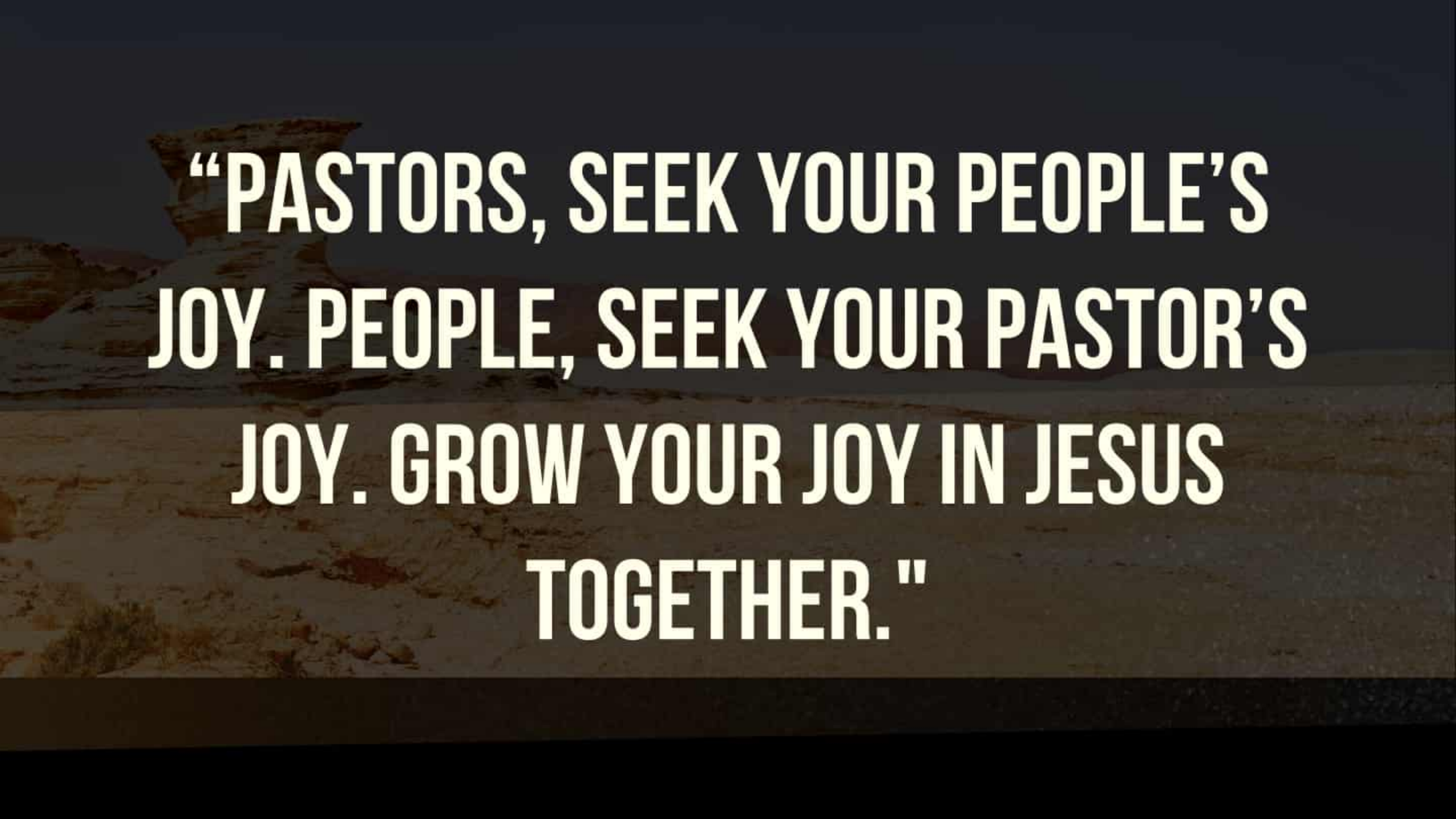

“DON’T PUT YOUR PASTOR ON A PEDESTAL WHERE HE CAN BE KNOCK OFF. PUT YOUR PASTOR ON A PRAYER LIST WHERE HE CAN BE LIFTED UP.”


5. A SOUL WATCHER
NEEDS PRAYER.


Pray for us; for we are confident that
we have a good conscience, in all things
desiring to live honorably.
HEBREWS 13:19


THREE WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR:
1. PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR'S SPIRITUAL WALK.
2. PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR'S SPIRITUAL PROTECTION.
3. PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR'S FAMILY.


“GIVE THEM A REASON TO DO IT
WITH JOY AND NOT WITH SORROW.”


“PASTORS, SEEK YOUR PEOPLE’S JOY. PEOPLE, SEEK YOUR PASTOR’S JOY. GROW YOUR JOY IN JESUS TOGETHER."