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Post-Abortion Trauma

Recognizing

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Responding

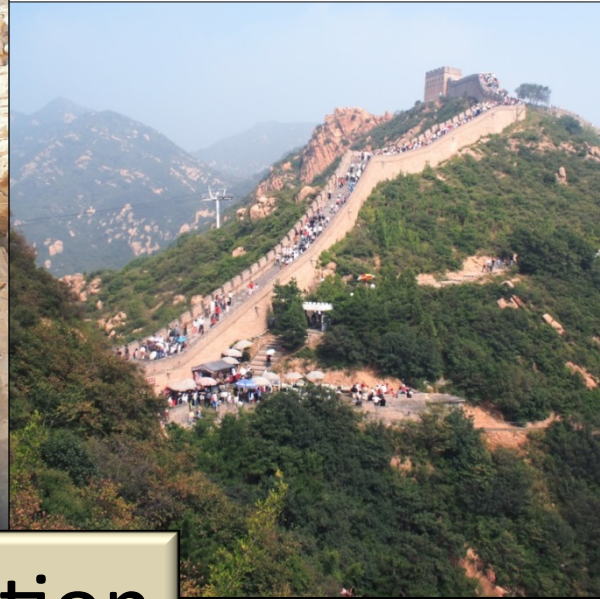
to the
need for

Redemption

and

Restoration





Pagan History of Abortion





Judeo-Christian History of Abortion





Seventh-day Adventists History of Abortion

“Truth is straight, plain, clear, and stands out boldly in its own defense; but it is not so with error. It is so winding and twisting that it needs a multitude of words to explain it in its crooked form.”

Early Writings, pg.96

Between 1973 and 2011 nearly 53 million legal abortions occurred.

- **Twenty-one percent of all pregnancies end in an induced abortion.**
- **At least half of American women will experience an unintended pregnancy by age 45.**
- **Four in 10 of these are terminated by abortion.**
- **Half of these women have had at least one previous abortion.**



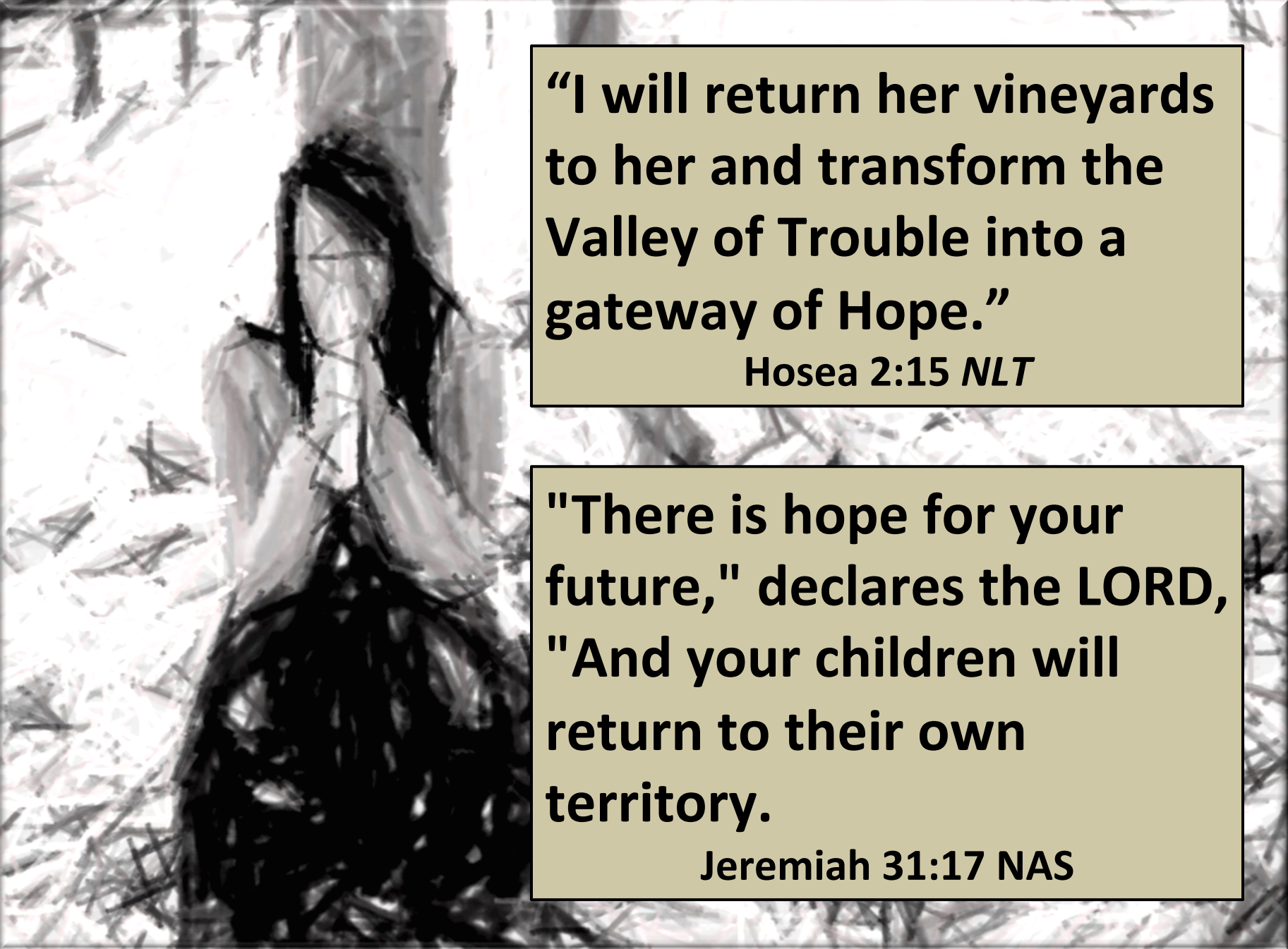
Eighteen percent of us are teenagers

Fifty-seven percent of us are in our twenties

Sixty-one percent of us have other children

Thirty-seven percent of us are Protestant

Twenty-eight percent of us are Catholic.



**“I will return her vineyards
to her and transform the
Valley of Trouble into a
gateway of Hope.”**

Hosea 2:15 *NLT*

**"There is hope for your
future," declares the LORD,
"And your children will
return to their own
territory.**

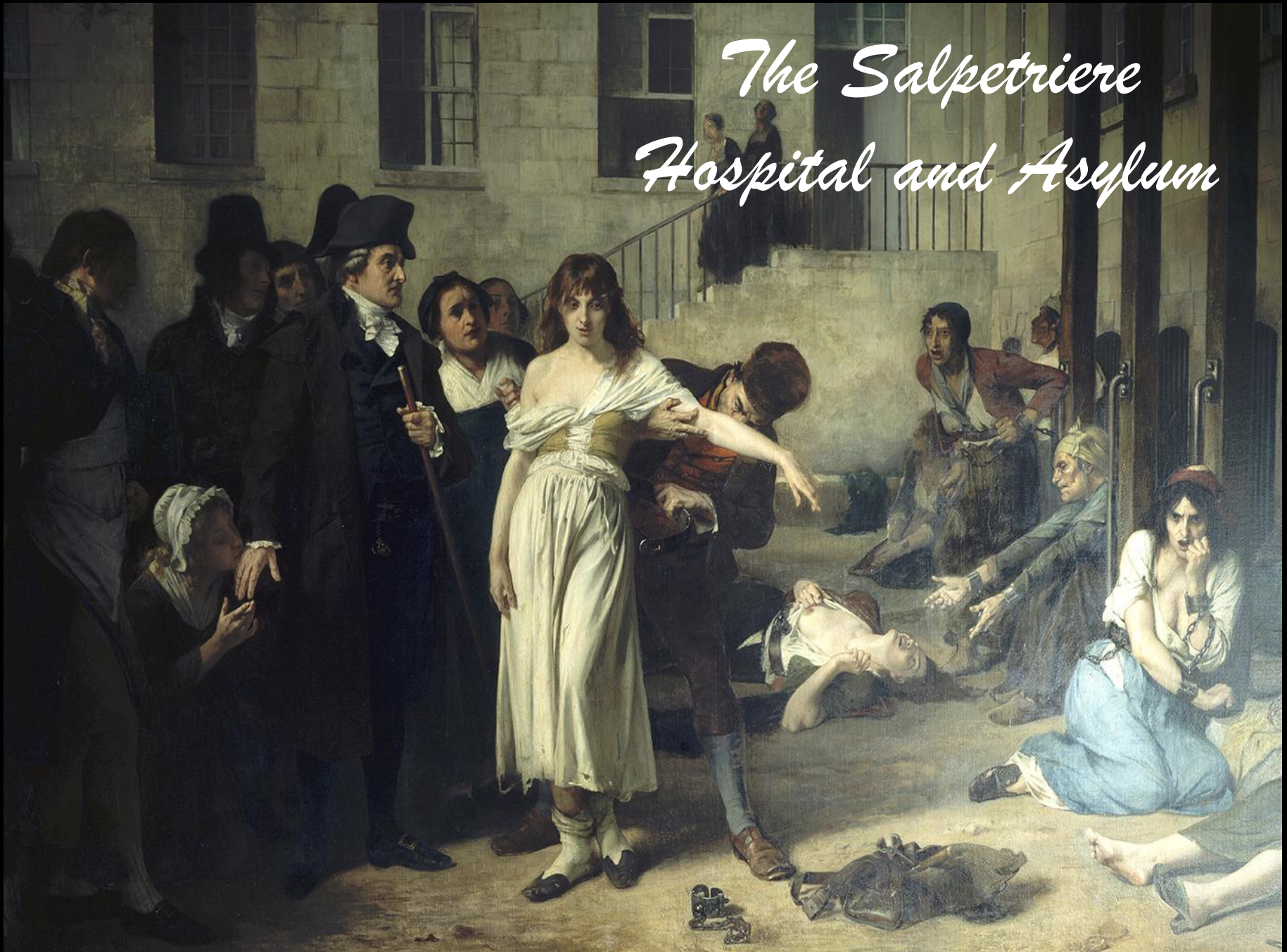
Jeremiah 31:17 *NAS*



A Journey of Hope and Healing



*The Salpetriere
Hospital and Asylum*



World War I Trench Warfare



A background image of a wooden door with a heavy metal chain and a brass padlock. The door is made of weathered wood, and the chain is made of thick metal links. The padlock is a large, brass-colored metal lock. The image is used as a background for the text boxes.

Prior to the 1960s: “Almost with out exception abortion inevitably causes trauma...”

By the late 1950s: “Population control advocates set their sights on birth control and abortion.”


By the late 1960s: “the AMA and both APAs reversed their prior opposition to abortion.”

“Since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, the commitment of these professional health organizations to abortion has not wavered.”



Guilt Depression♪ Loneliness Hopelessness♪
Anger Sorrow ♪ Helplessness ♪
Grief Bitterness♪ Self-condemnation
Regret Anguish♪ Confusion♪ Remorse Despair♪
Anxiety Self-hatred♪ Shame Unworthiness ♪
Unforgiving of self♪ Loss of Dignity♪
Emptiness Uncontrollable weeping♪





60% report that there was a period of time when there was no negative feelings...

Average time before negative reactions were recognized was slightly over 5 years.

...8–10 years before they begin to confront and deal with their post abortion problems.

In longitudinal studies 50-60% of women conceal their abortion from interviewers.

60% of women who initially consent to participate in short term studies change their minds and refuse to be interviewed.

“Every woman - whatever her age, background or sexuality- has a trauma at destroying a pregnancy. A level of humanness is touched. This is a part of her own life. When she destroys a pregnancy, she is destroying herself. There is no way it can be innocuous.”
Dr. Julius Fogel



**Not even to the minister of
the gospel are committed
possibilities so great or an
influence so far-reaching.**

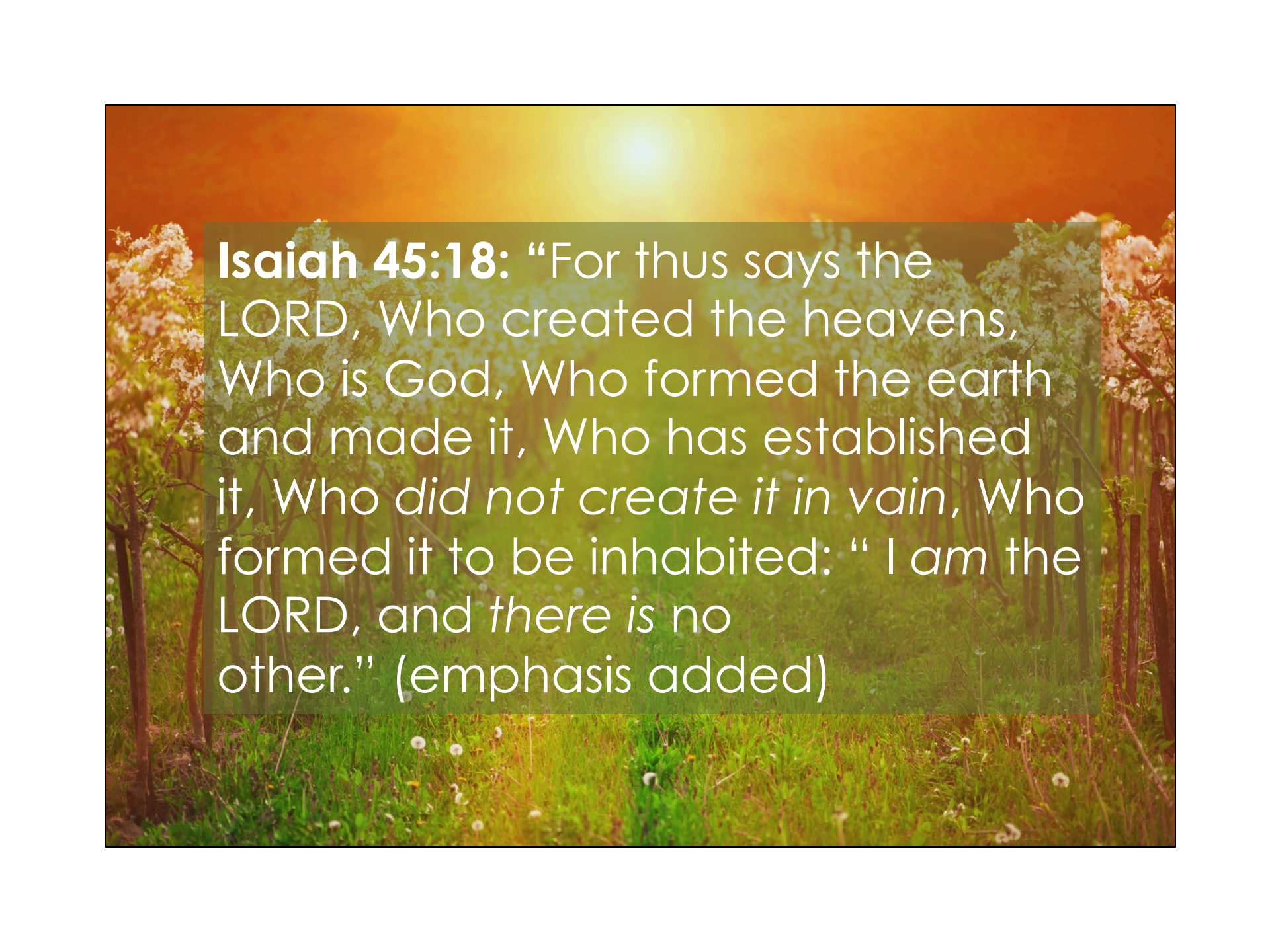
Ministry of Healing, pg. 125



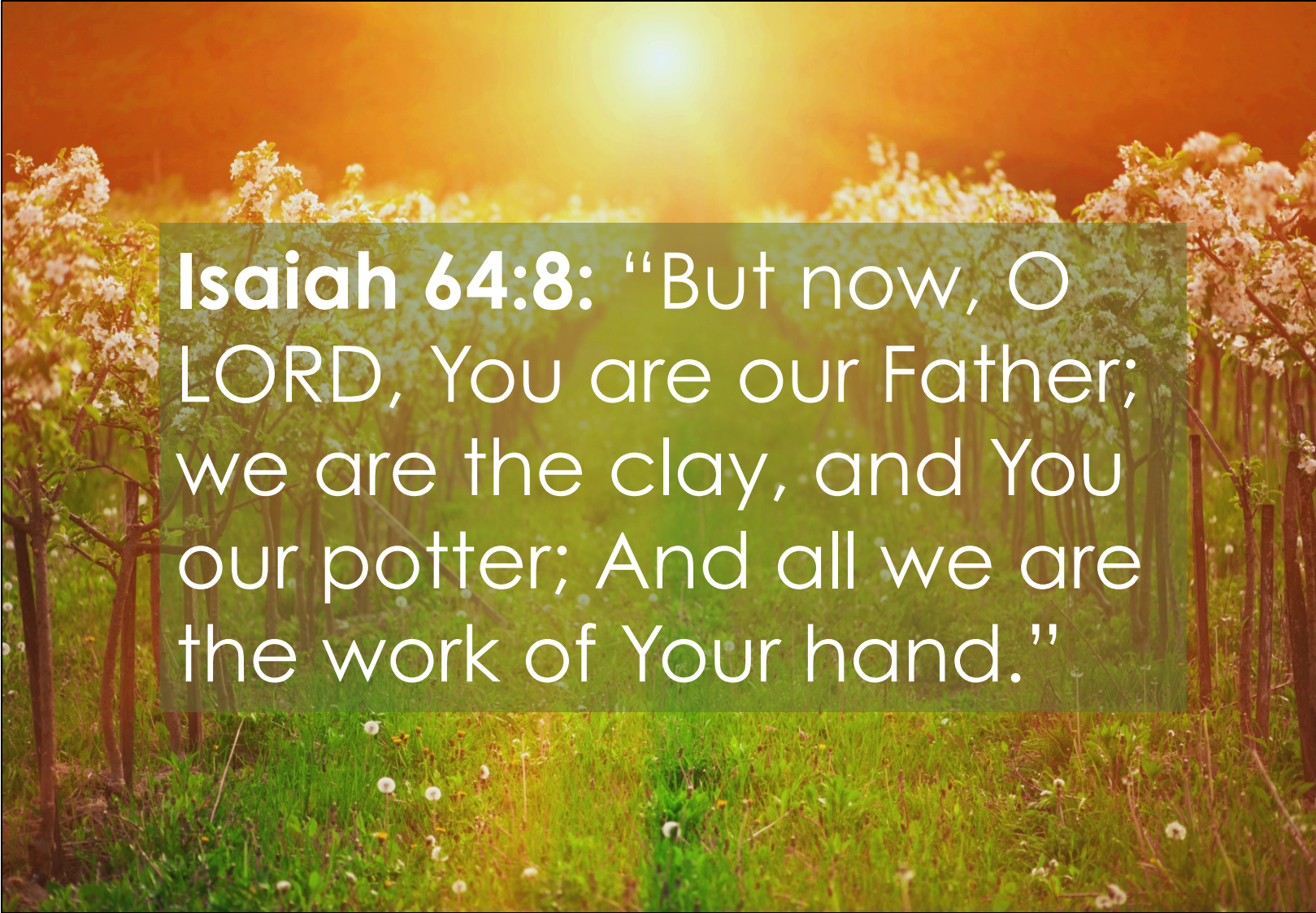
“Would you have
her hang on her
cross forever?”

A photograph of a field of young trees with white blossoms, likely cherry or apple trees, under a bright, hazy sun. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The trees are arranged in rows, and the ground is covered in green grass and small white flowers. The sun is positioned in the upper center, creating a lens flare effect.

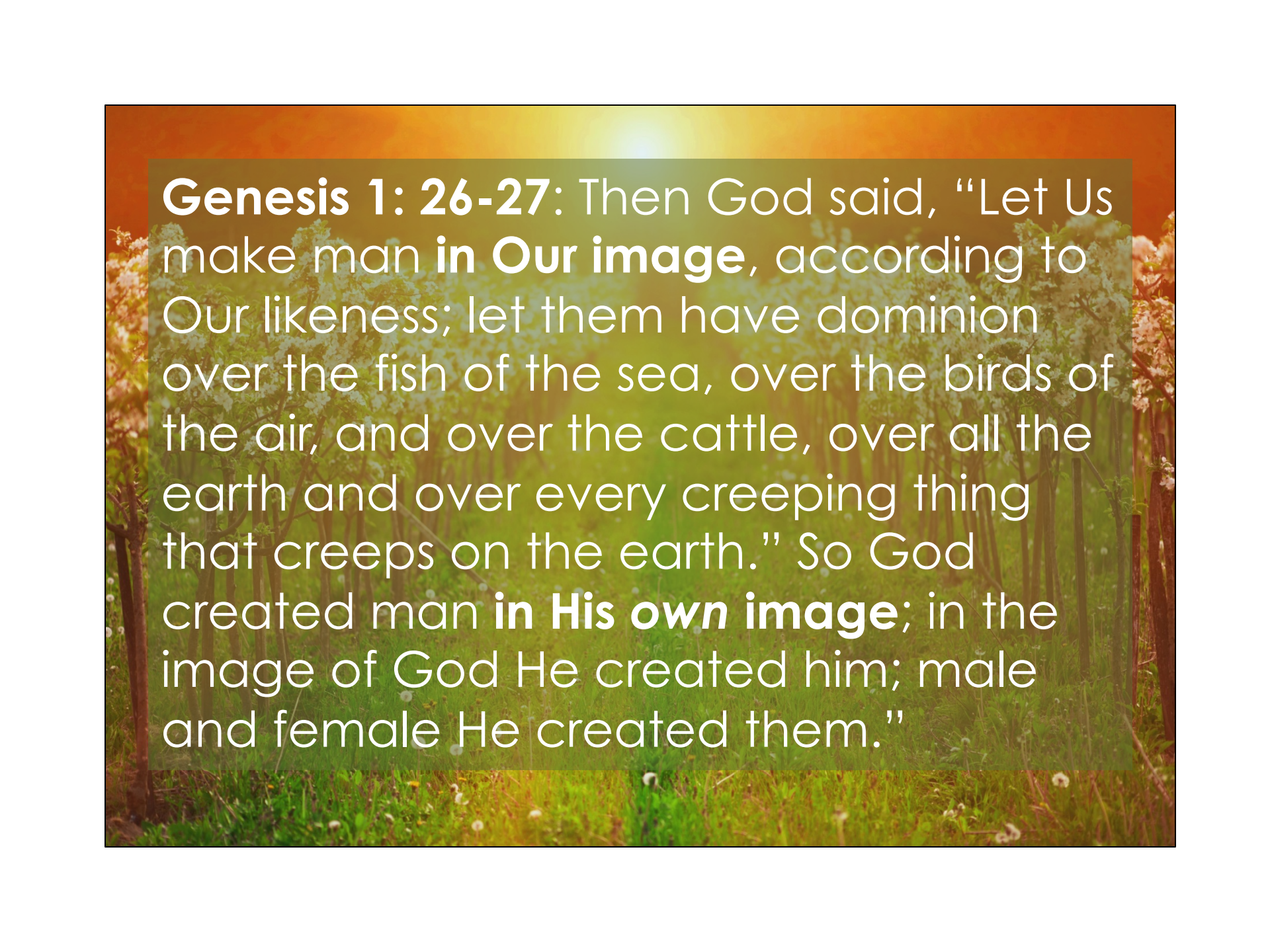
Psalms 95:6: “Oh come,
let us worship and bow
down; Let us kneel
before the LORD our
Maker.”




Isaiah 45:18: “For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who *did not create it in vain*, Who formed it to be inhabited: “ I am the LORD, and *there is no other.*” (emphasis added)



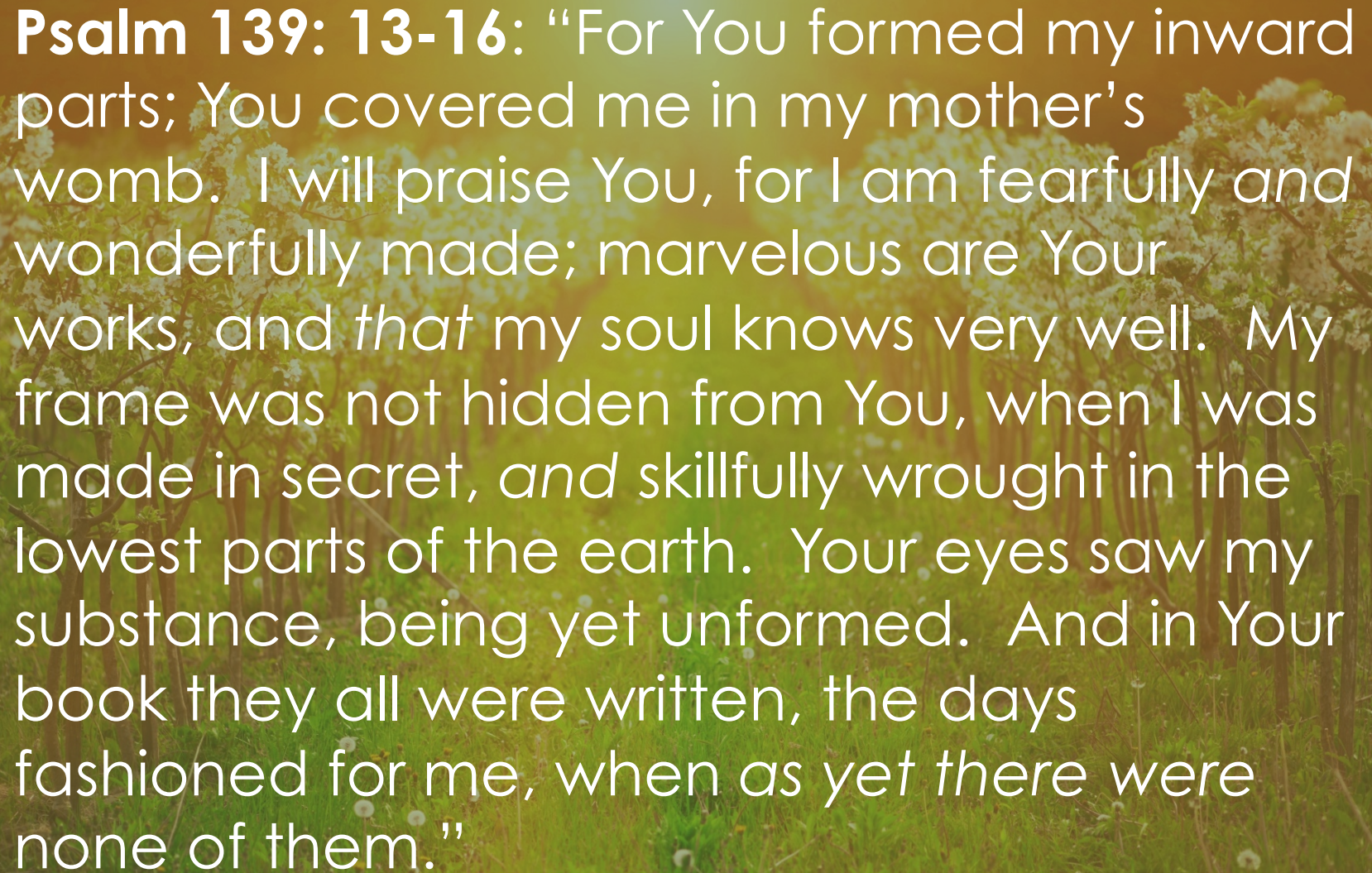
Isaiah 64:8: “But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.”



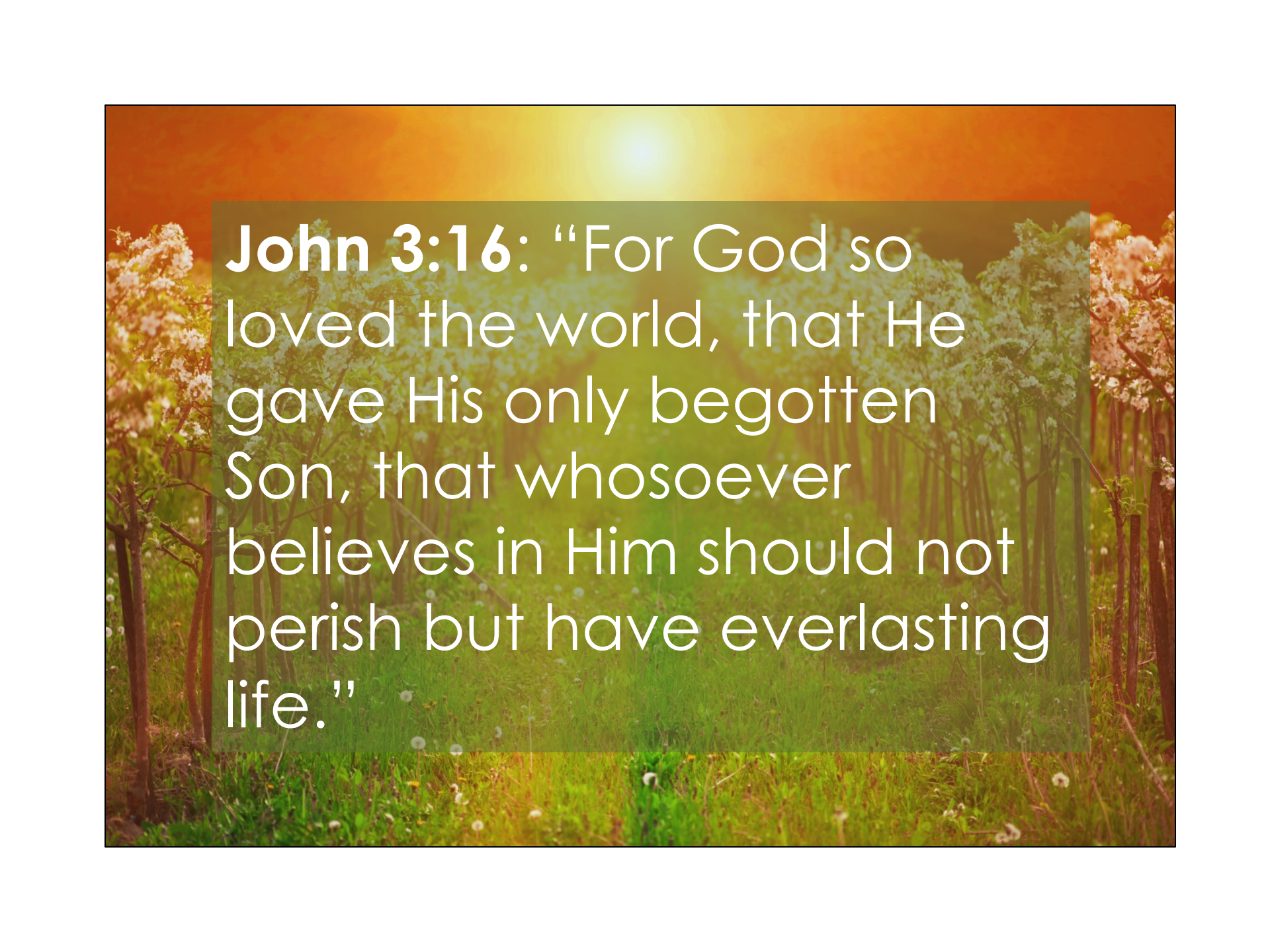
Genesis 1: 26-27: Then God said, “Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man **in His own image**; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”



Genesis 9:5b-6: "... From the hand of every man's brother, I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; **for in the image of God He made man.**"

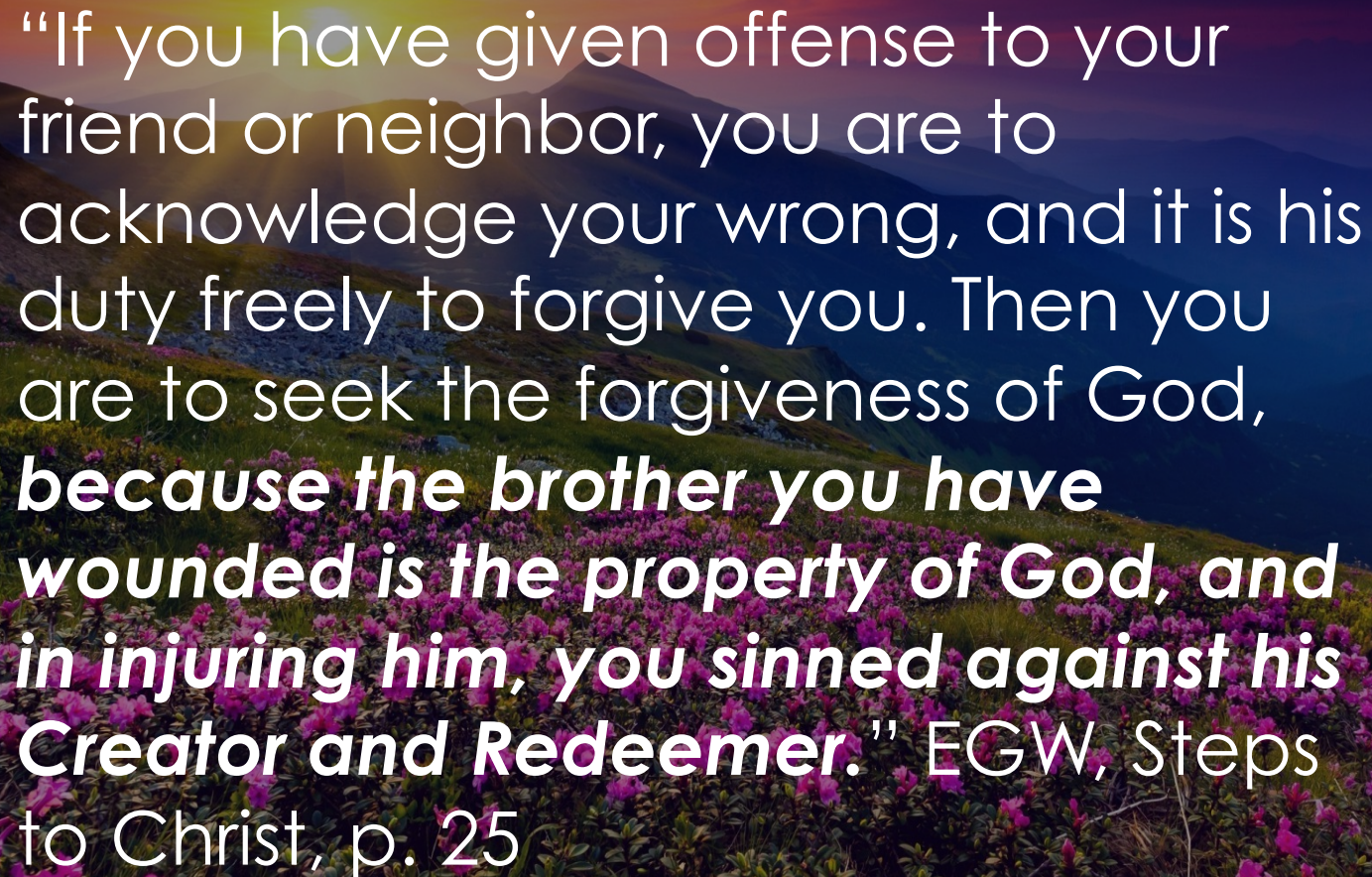


Psalm 139: 13-16: “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and *that* my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when *as yet there* were none of them.”


The background of the slide is a soft-focus photograph of a field. In the foreground, there is a lush green field with several dandelions in various stages of bloom. A row of young, thin trees with light-colored blossoms, possibly cherry or plum, runs across the middle ground. The sky above is a warm, hazy orange and yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

The Pale Blue Dot



“If you have given offense to your friend or neighbor, you are to acknowledge your wrong, and it is his duty freely to forgive you. Then you are to seek the forgiveness of God, ***because the brother you have wounded is the property of God, and in injuring him, you sinned against his Creator and Redeemer.***” EGW, Steps to Christ, p. 25



“Science teaches that human life begins at conception. If it is also true that it is affirmed by religion, it does not for that reason, cease to be a strictly scientific truth...”

Ecuadorian Federation of
Societies of Gynecology and
Obstetrics, April 17, 2008

The 10-second Defense

- If the unborn is growing, she must be alive.
- If she has human parents, she must be human.
- And living humans, or human beings, like you or I, are valuable, aren't they?
- [Steve Wagner, Justice for All]

“Alive”

- Scientists generally agree, things that are alive exhibit three characteristics:
- **Irritability**: reaction to stimuli
- **Metabolism**: converting food to energy
- **Cellular reproduction**: growth

The unborn exhibits all characteristics.

Unique Human Beings:

From the moment of conception, a unique, genetically distinct human entity comes into existence.

[Justice for All]

SLED

- S: Size
- L: Level of Development
- E: Environment
- D: Degree of Dependency

- [Philosopher Steven Schwarz & Bioethics speaker, Scott Klusendorf]

“Abortion is wrong, and I will speak every truth I can to persuade you that abortion is wrong.”

VS.

“‘Abortion is a tragic dilemma of human fallenness’ (2) and whether you choose to have an abortion, thus ending the life of your child, or, whether you choose against abortion, thus protecting the life of your child, both decisions are morally acceptable.”

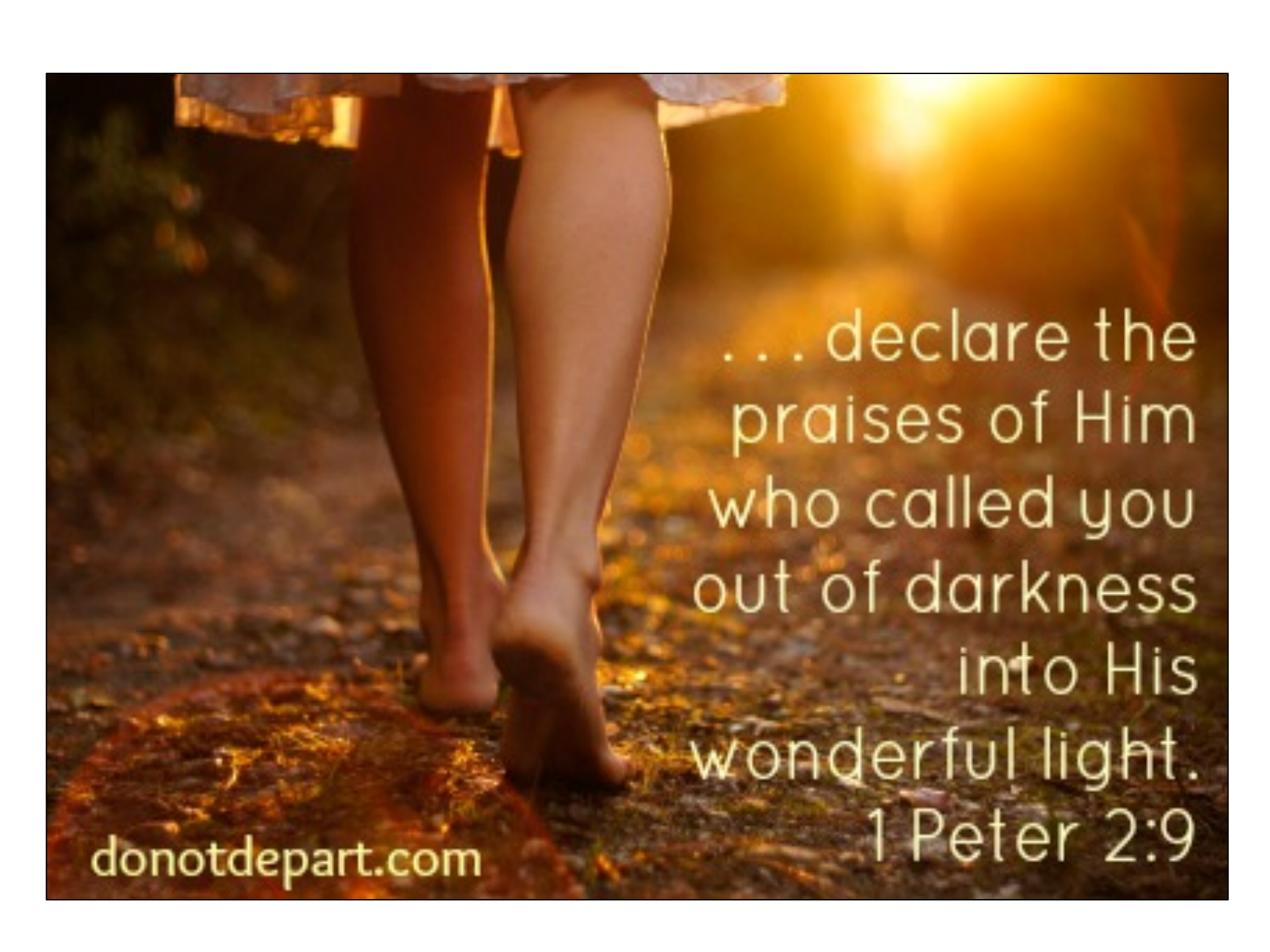


The Cross.

Where devastation and wreckage meet **hope**.
Where we **breathe** the free air of redemption.
Where dry bones **live**.

*The Glory of
Redemptive Grace*





... declare the
praises of Him
who called you
out of darkness
into His
wonderful light.
1 Peter 2:9

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