

Structure of the Sermon on the Mount

- Matthew 5:3-12—the sermon's content**
- Matthew 5:13-7:27—the sermon's application**

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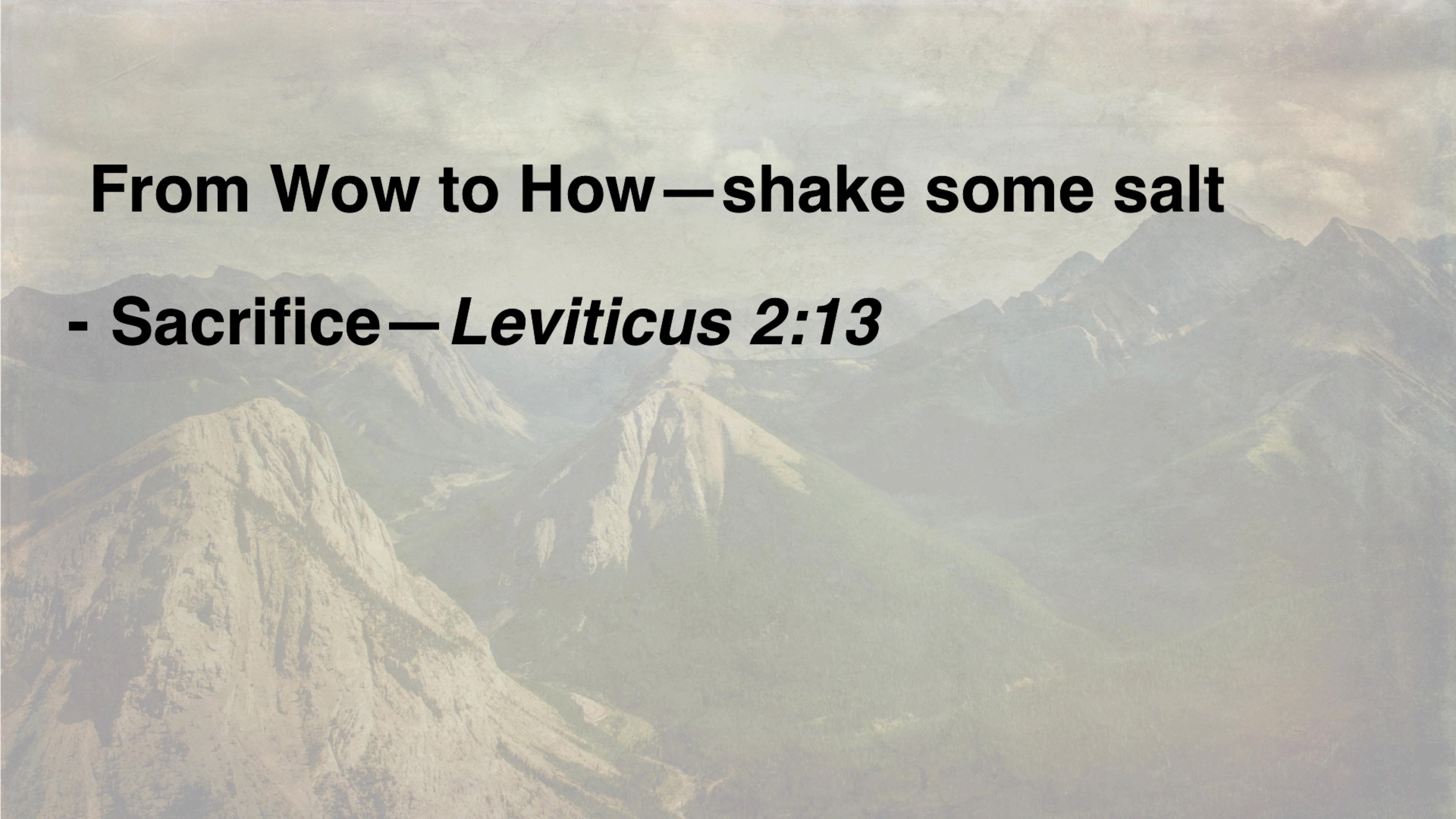
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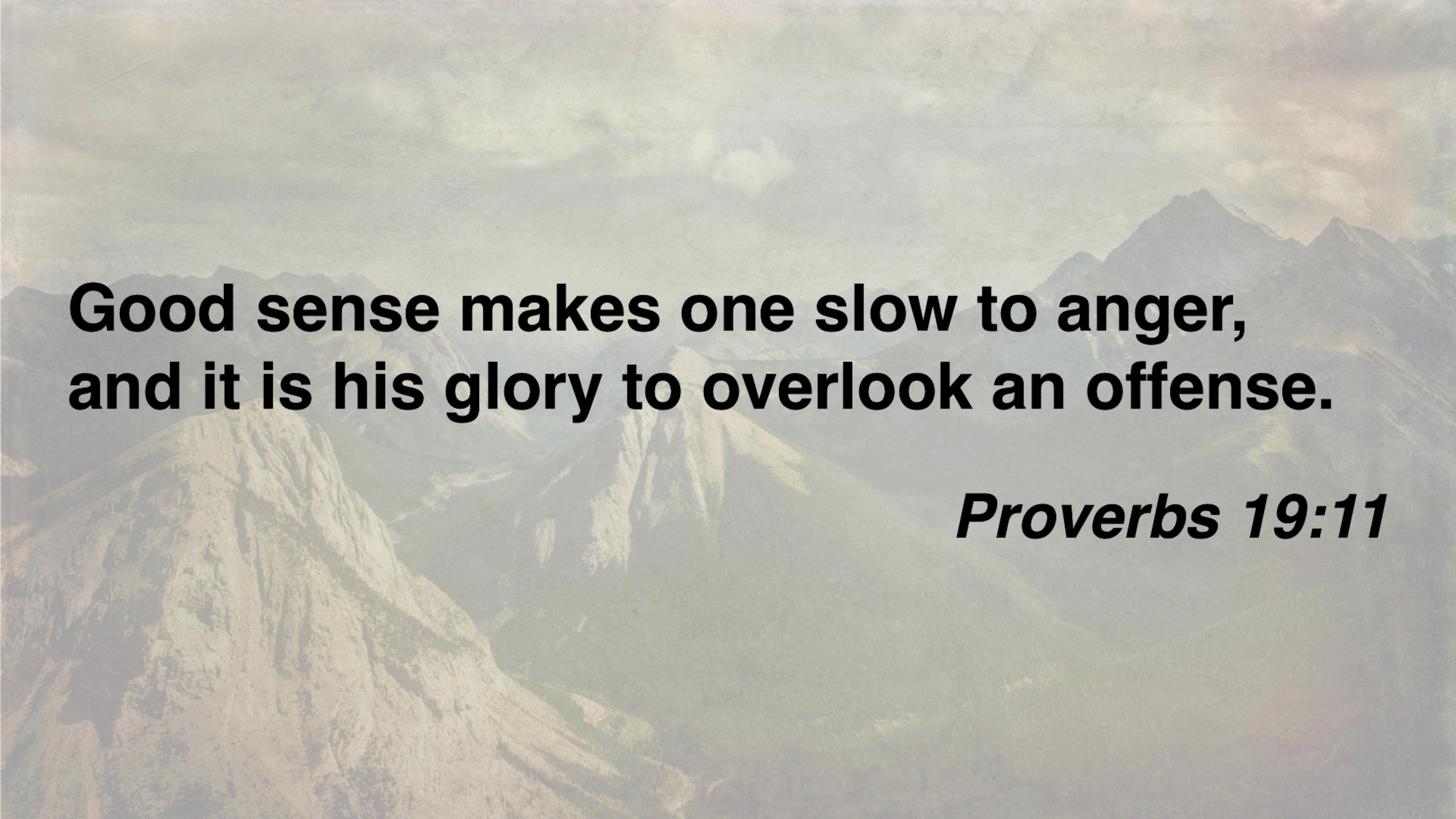
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A scenic view of a mountain range. In the foreground, a large, rugged, light-colored rocky peak rises steeply. Below it, a green valley is visible. In the background, more mountain peaks are visible under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

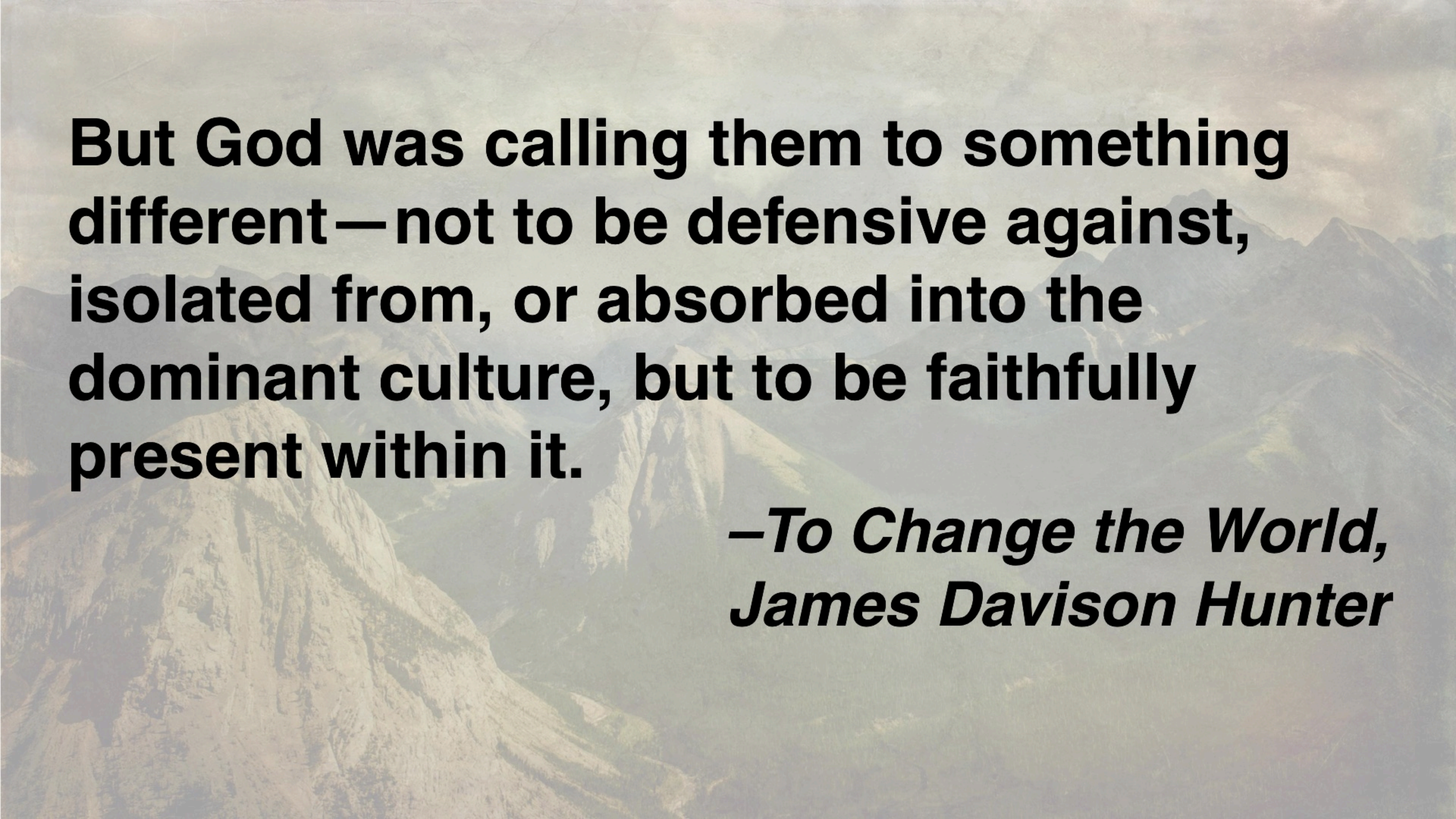
**Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.**

Proverbs 19:11

An aerial photograph of a vast mountain range. The foreground shows a steep, rocky mountain slope with some sparse vegetation. In the background, a series of jagged mountain peaks stretch across the horizon under a hazy, overcast sky. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

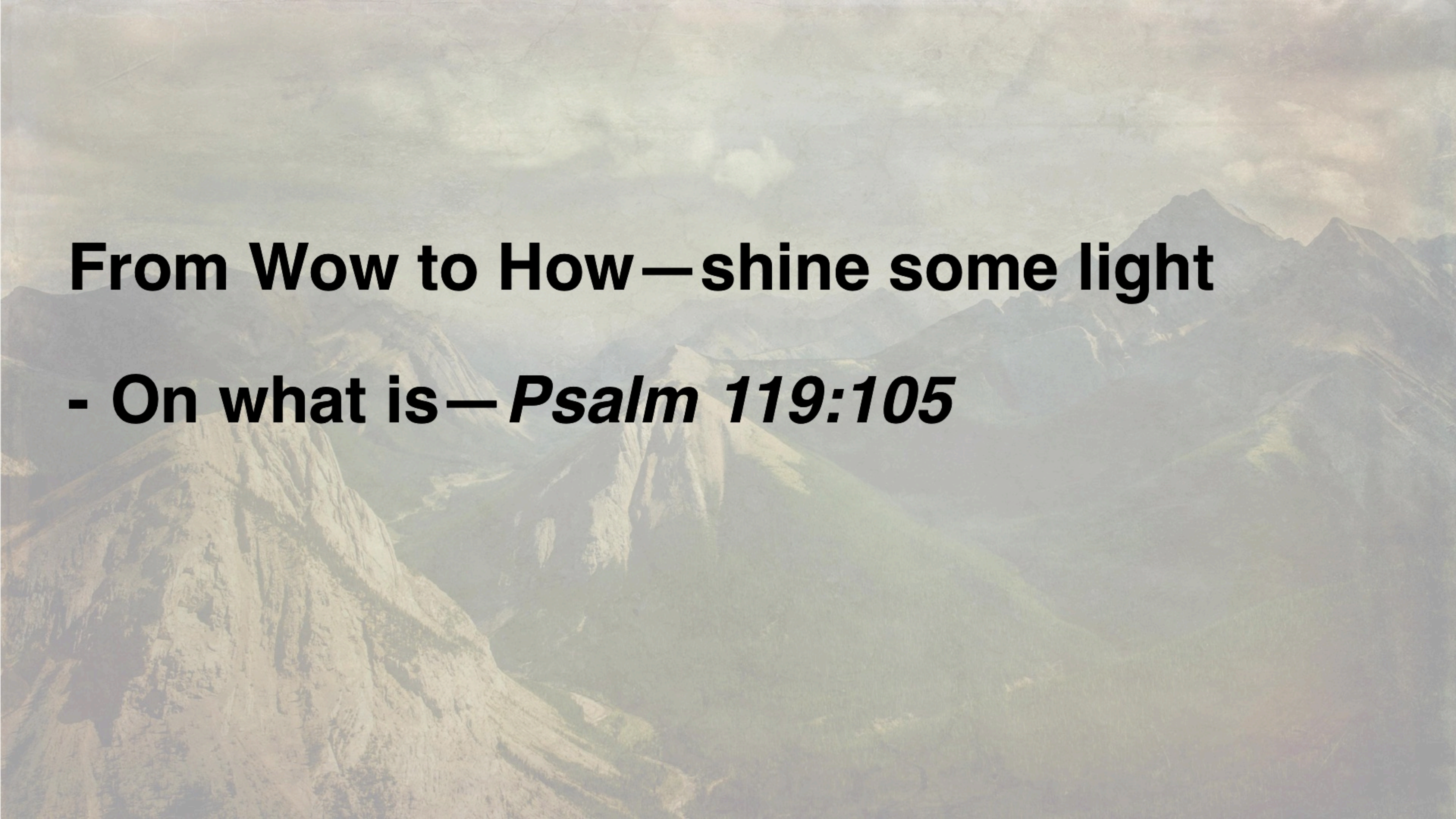
Obstacles to Movement—Culture 2/26/17

Clearly it would have been justifiable for the Jews to be hostile to their captors. It also would have been natural enough for them to withdraw from engaging the world around them. By the same token, it would have been easy for them to simply assimilate with the culture that surrounded them. Any of these three options made sense in human terms.



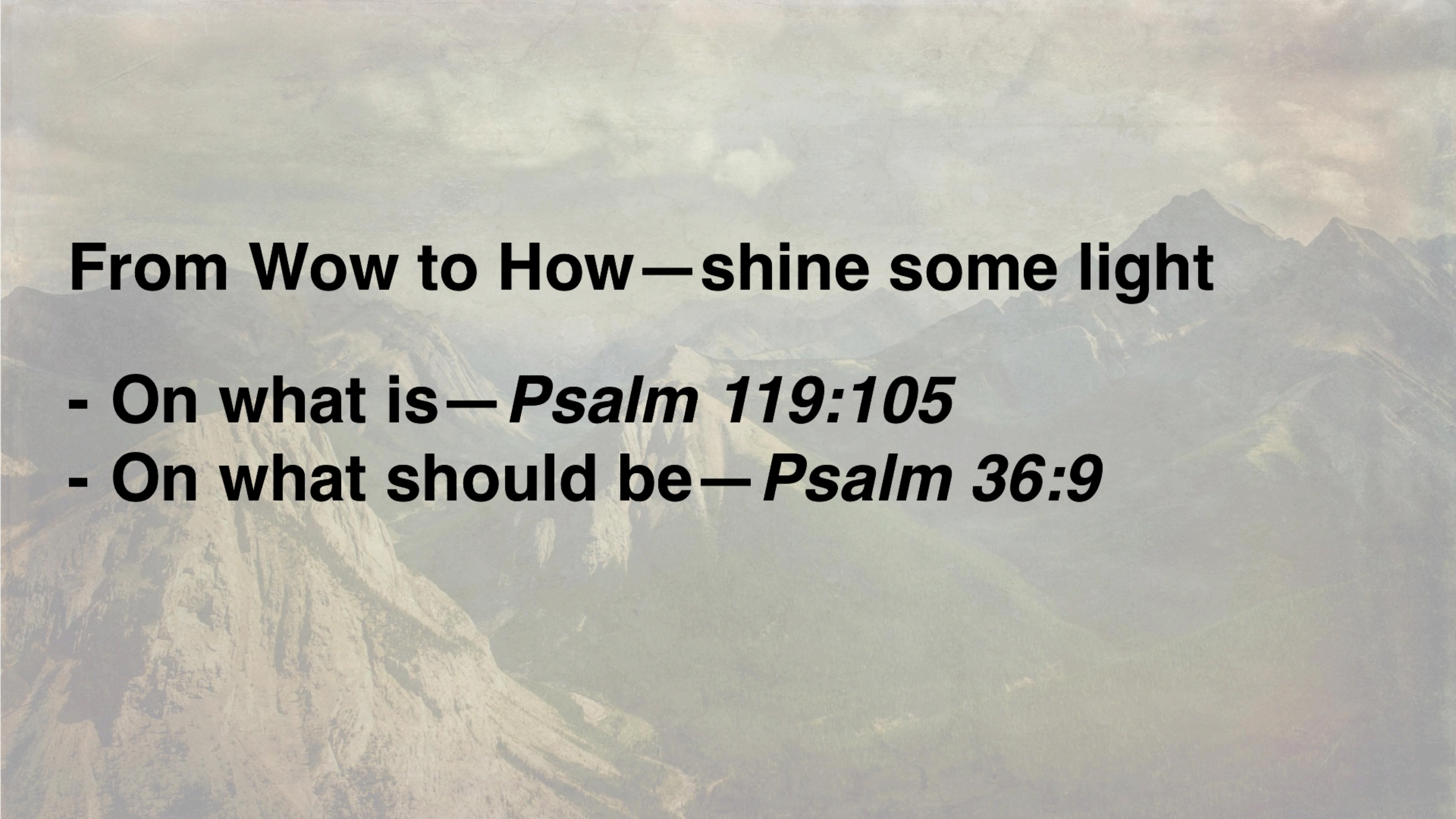
But God was calling them to something different—not to be defensive against, isolated from, or absorbed into the dominant culture, but to be faithfully present within it.

***—To Change the World,
James Davison Hunter***



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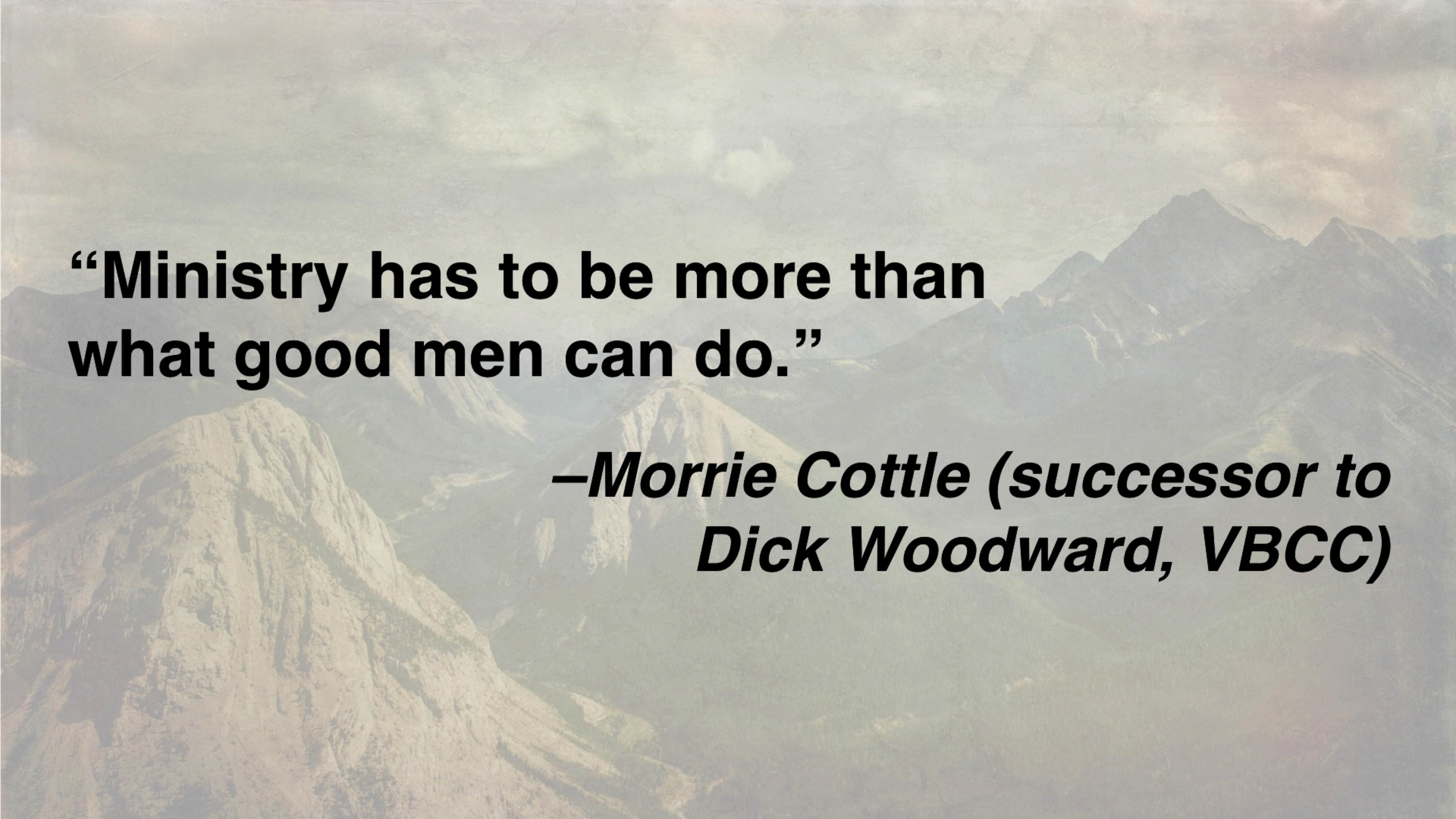
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- On what will be—*Matthew 5:16***

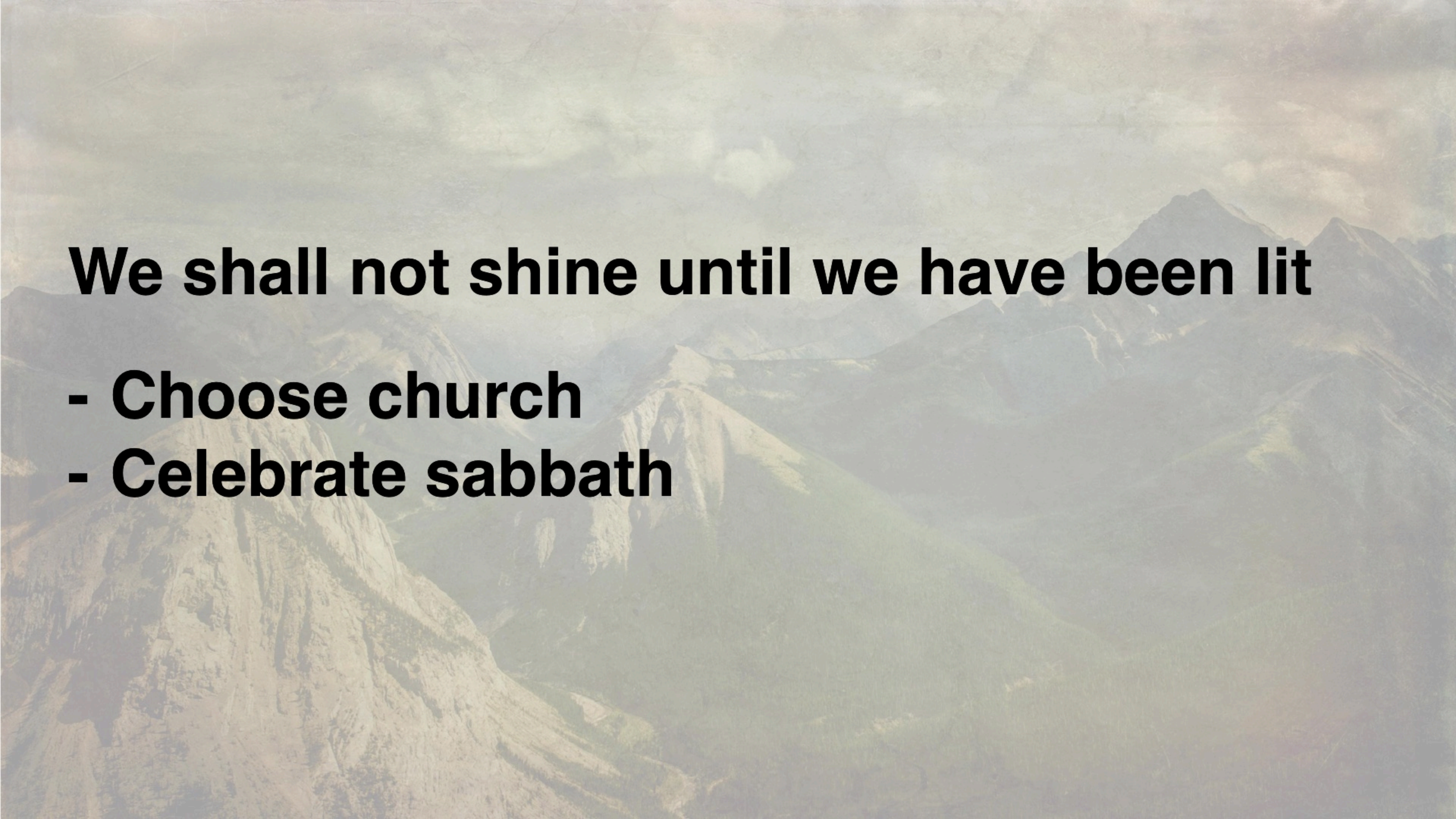
“You will never find the right person. Such a creature does not exist. You are irredeemably alone. You will not be understood. The moments of love were an illusion. There is something wrong with you and with everyone else. The idea of love distracts us from our existential loneliness. Now, let’s pretend we do not know any of this.”

–Alain de Botton



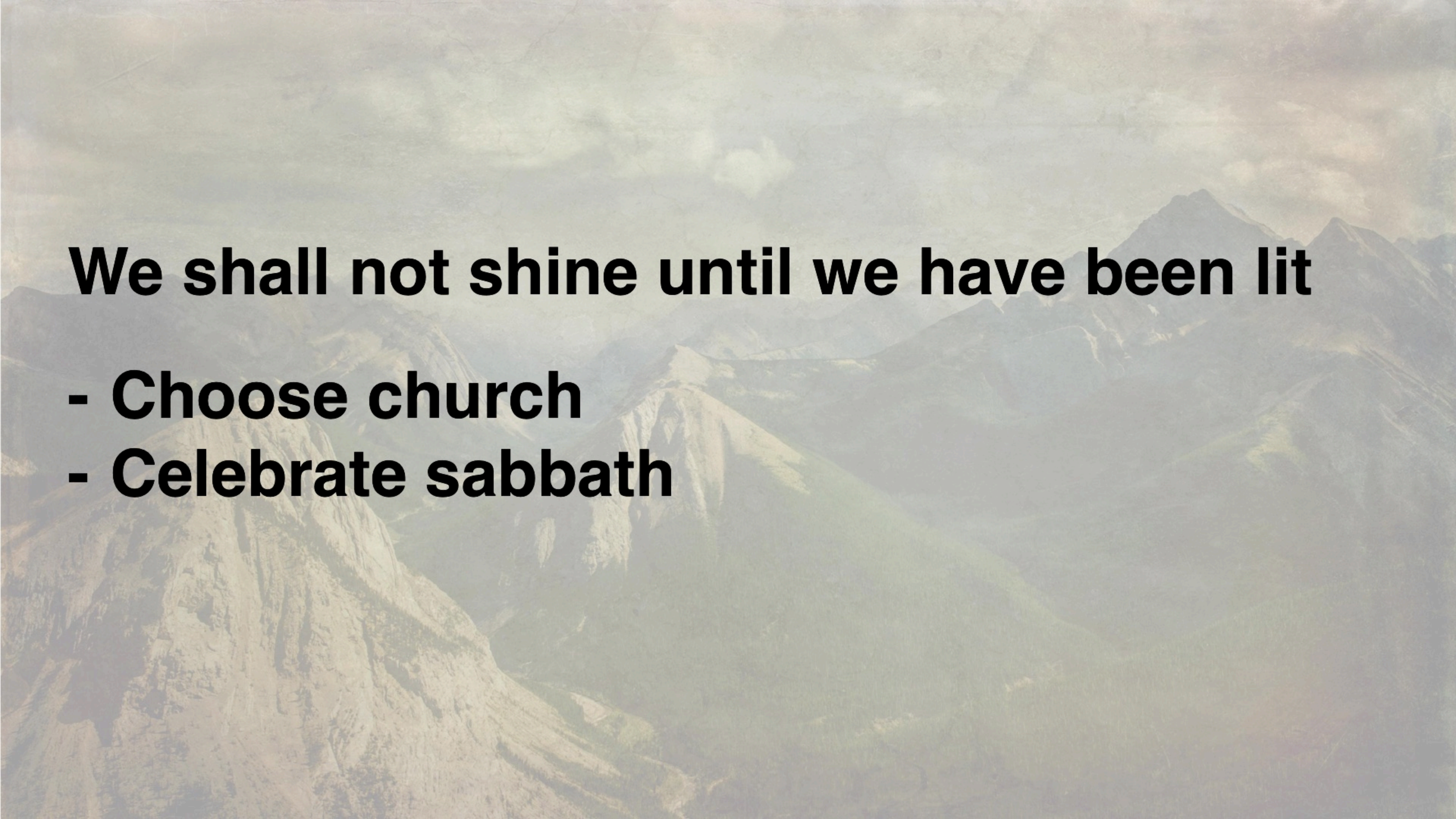
**“Ministry has to be more than
what good men can do.”**

***–Morrie Cottle (successor to
Dick Woodward, VBCC)***



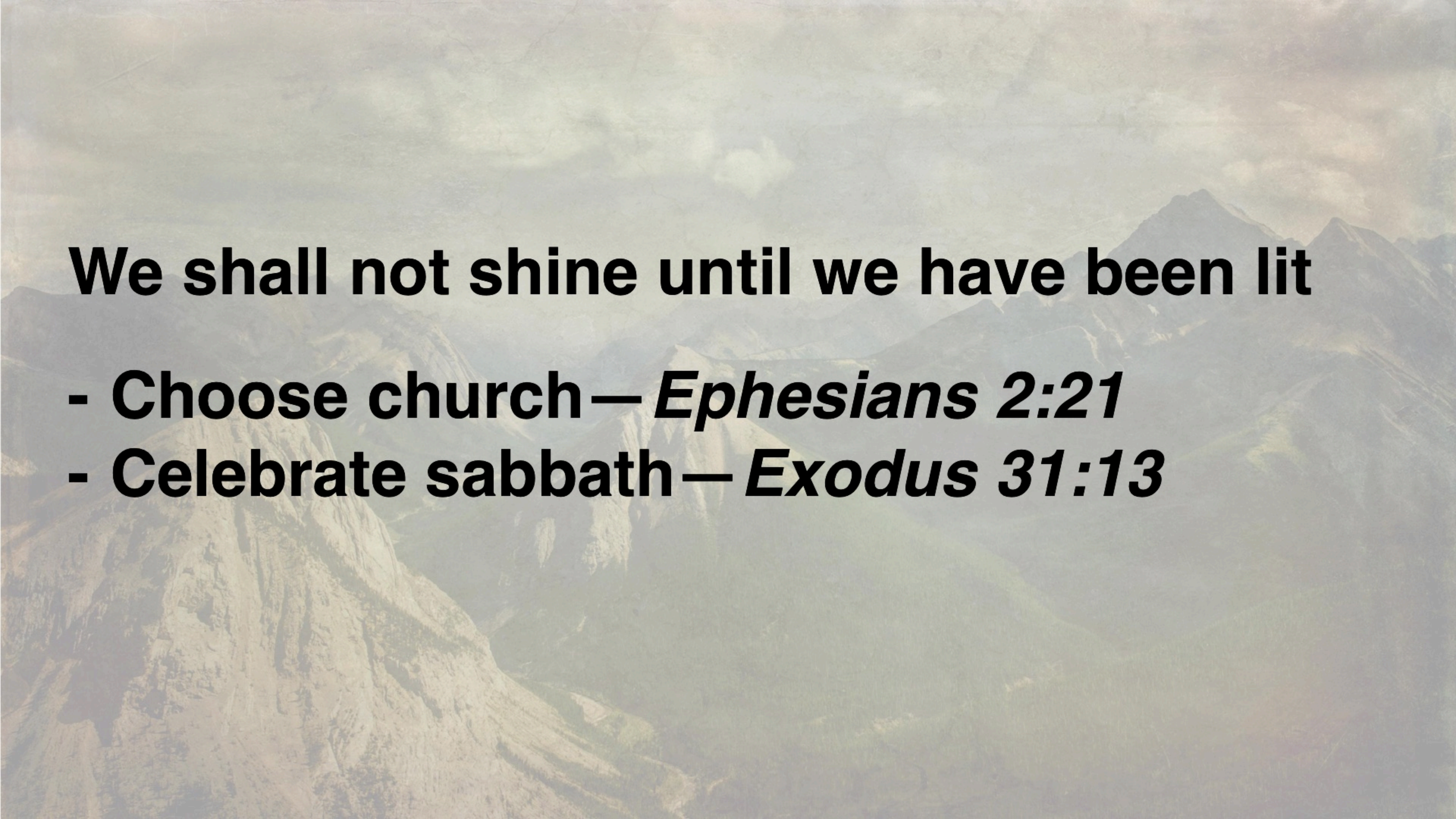
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