

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED

Jesus





The Song of the Prophets

(Luke 2:21-38)

Luke 2:21-22 (ESV)

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

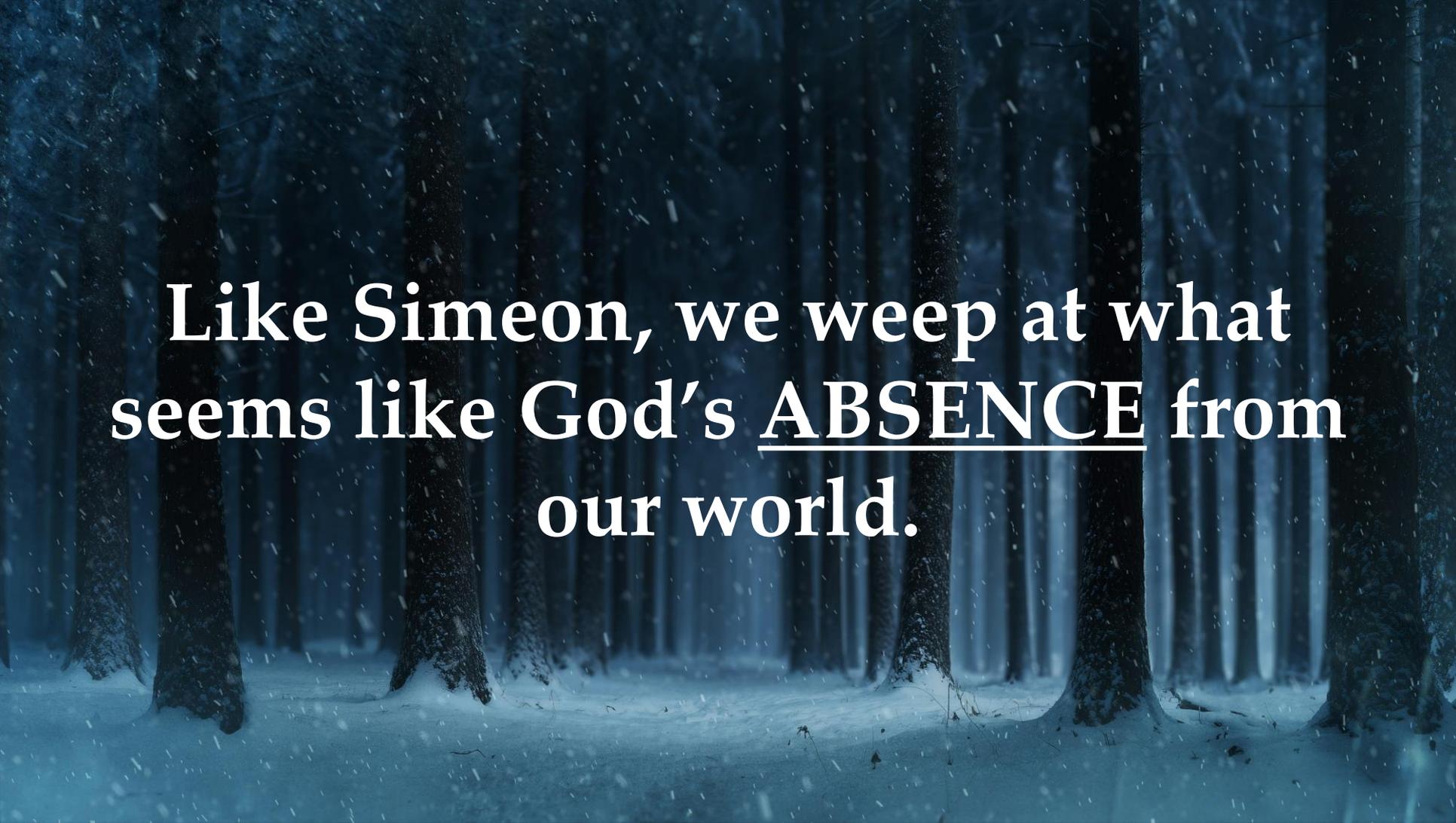
Luke 2:23-24 (ESV)

23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

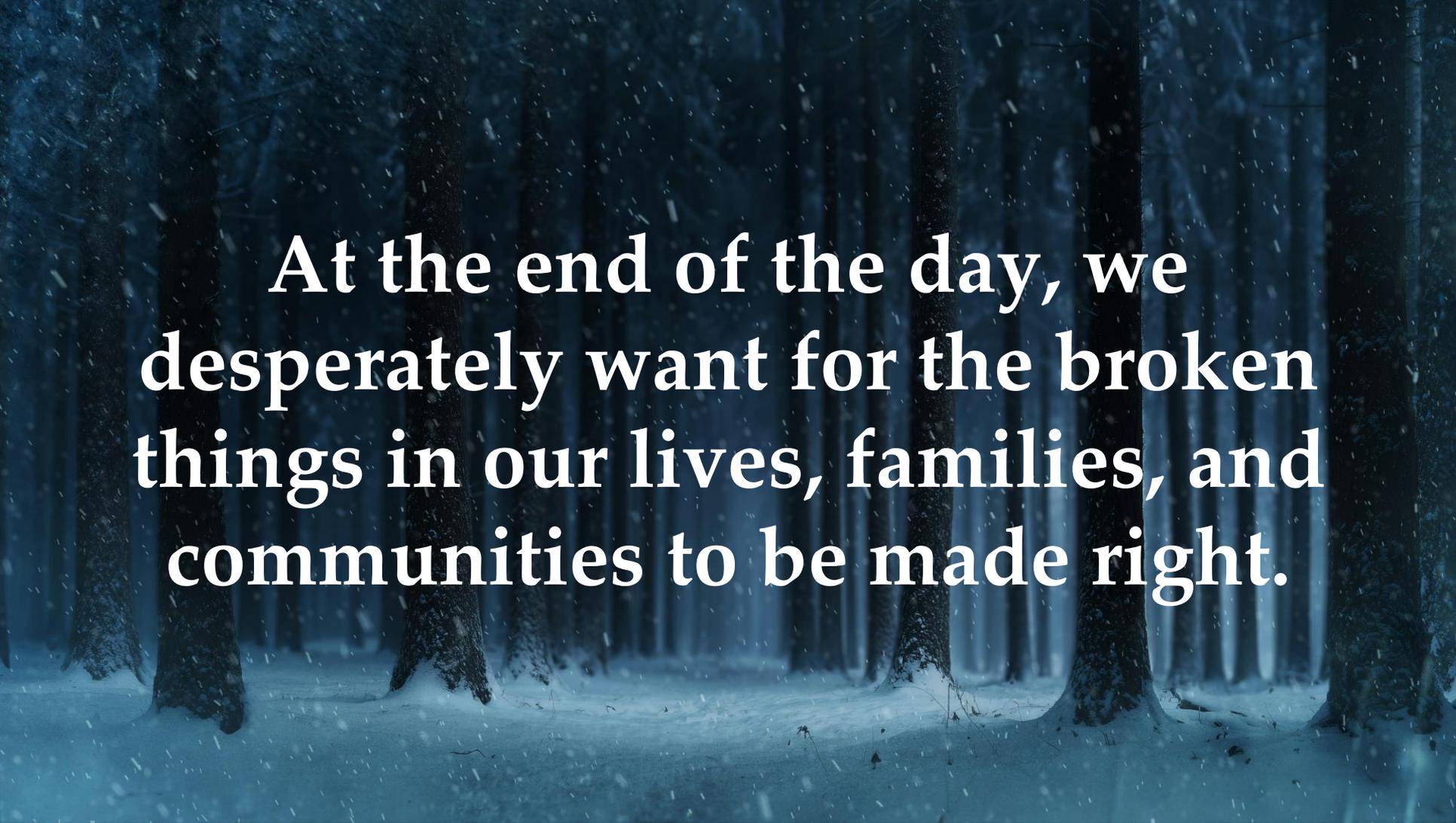
Luke 2:25-26 (ESV)

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

“And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, see, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears?” (Malachi 3:1-2)



Like Simeon, we weep at what
seems like God's ABSENCE from
our world.

A serene winter scene featuring a forest of tall, dark trees. The ground is covered in a thick layer of snow, and numerous snowflakes are captured in mid-air, creating a soft, falling effect. The entire image has a cool, blue-toned color palette, giving it a calm and quiet atmosphere.

**At the end of the day, we
desperately want for the broken
things in our lives, families, and
communities to be made right.**

Luke 2:27-29 (ESV)

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;”

Luke 2:30-33 (ESV)

30 “For my eyes have seen your salvation
31 that you have prepared in the presence
of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to
the Gentiles, and for glory to your people
Israel.” 33 And his father and his mother
marveled at what was said about him.

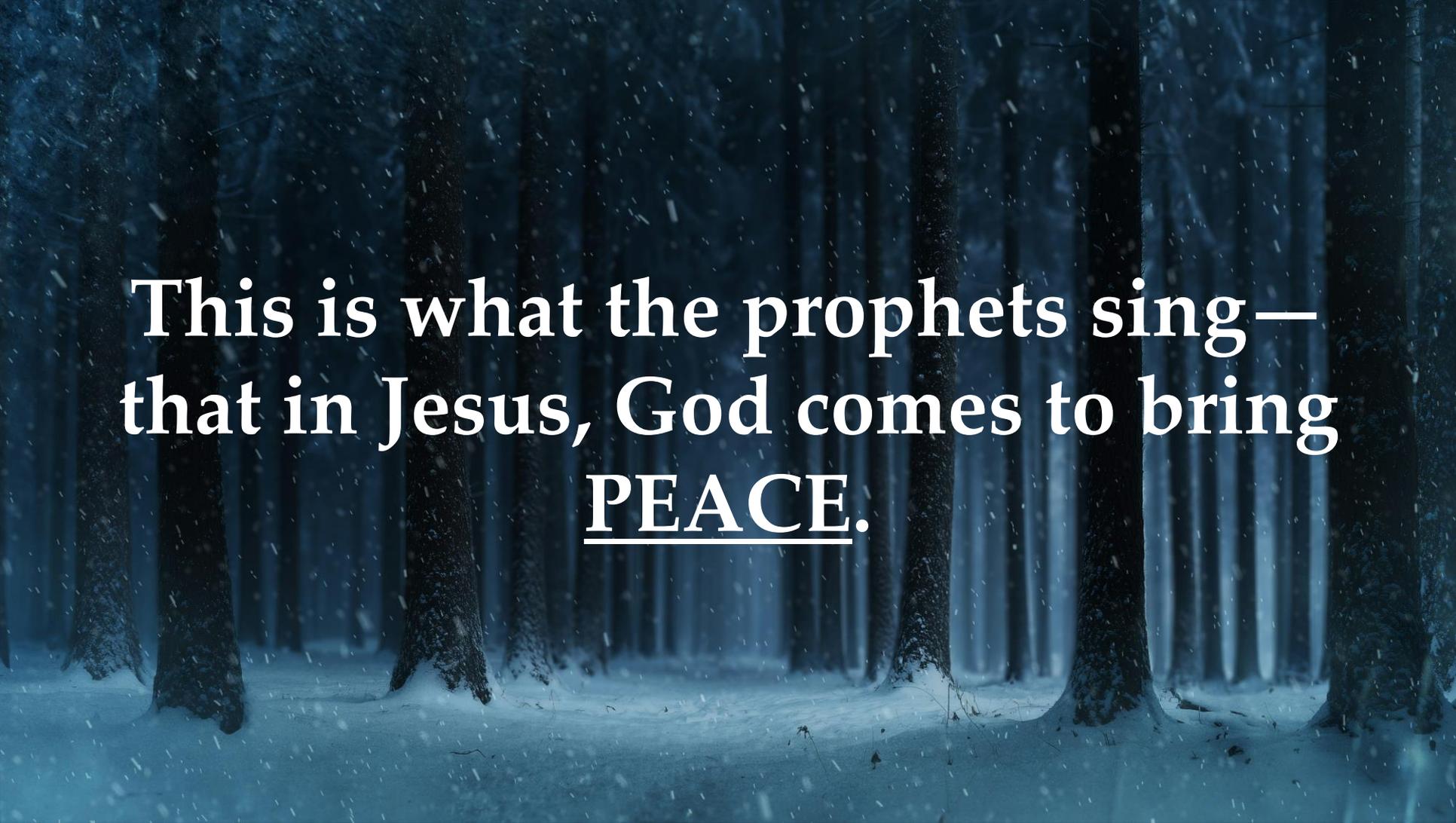
“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Luke 2:36-37 (ESV)

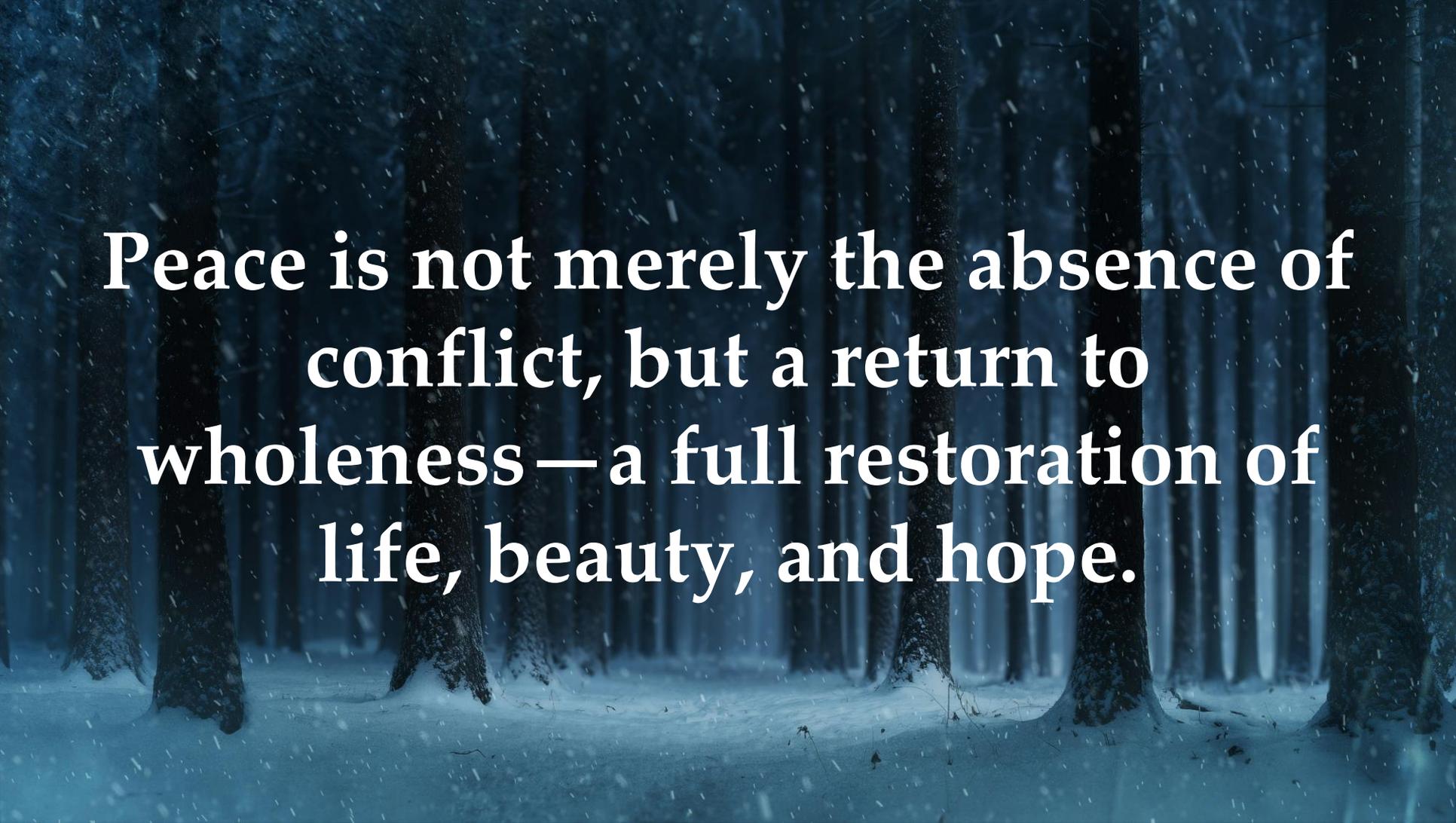
36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.

Luke 2:37-38 (ESV)

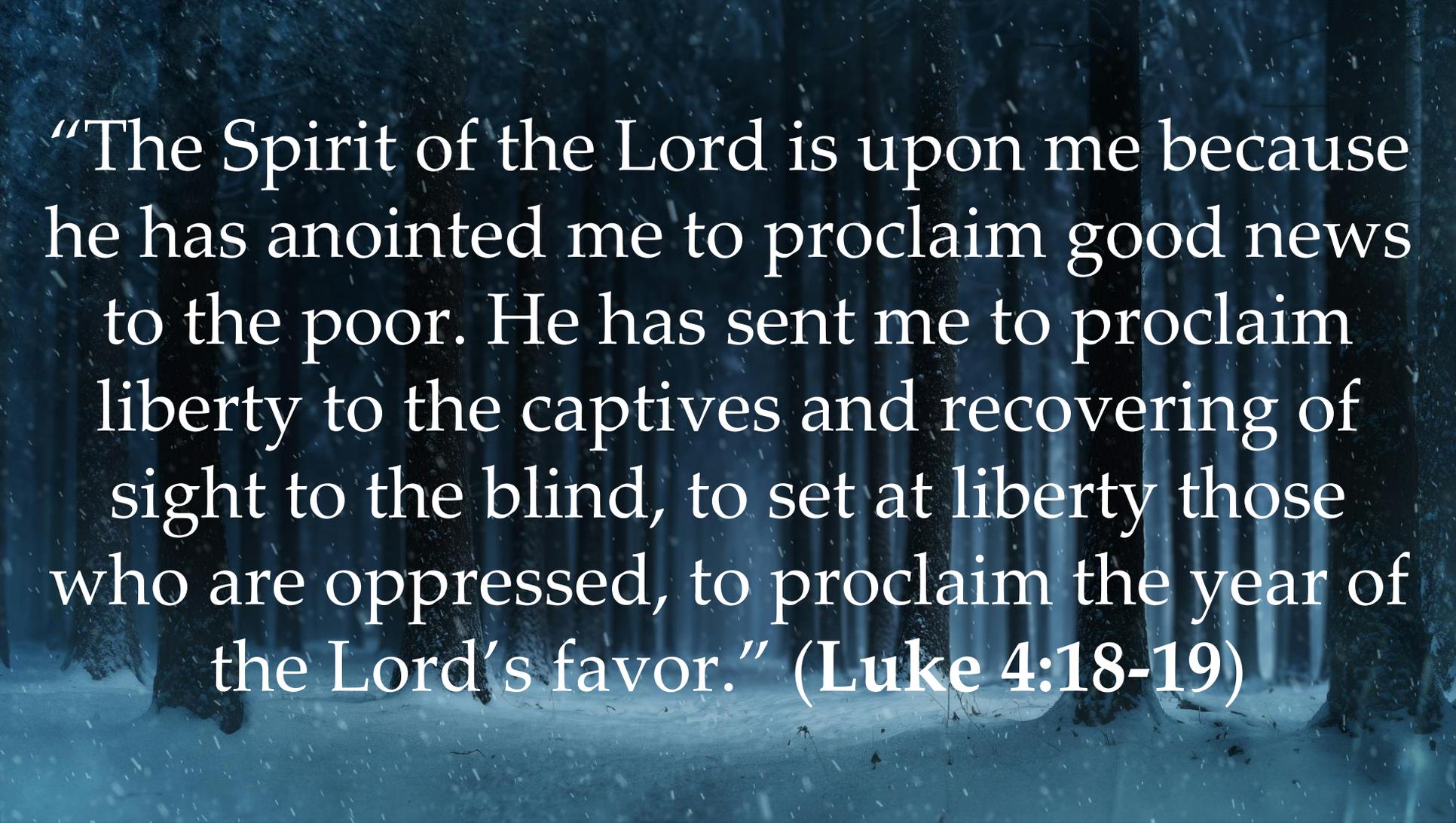
37 ... She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.



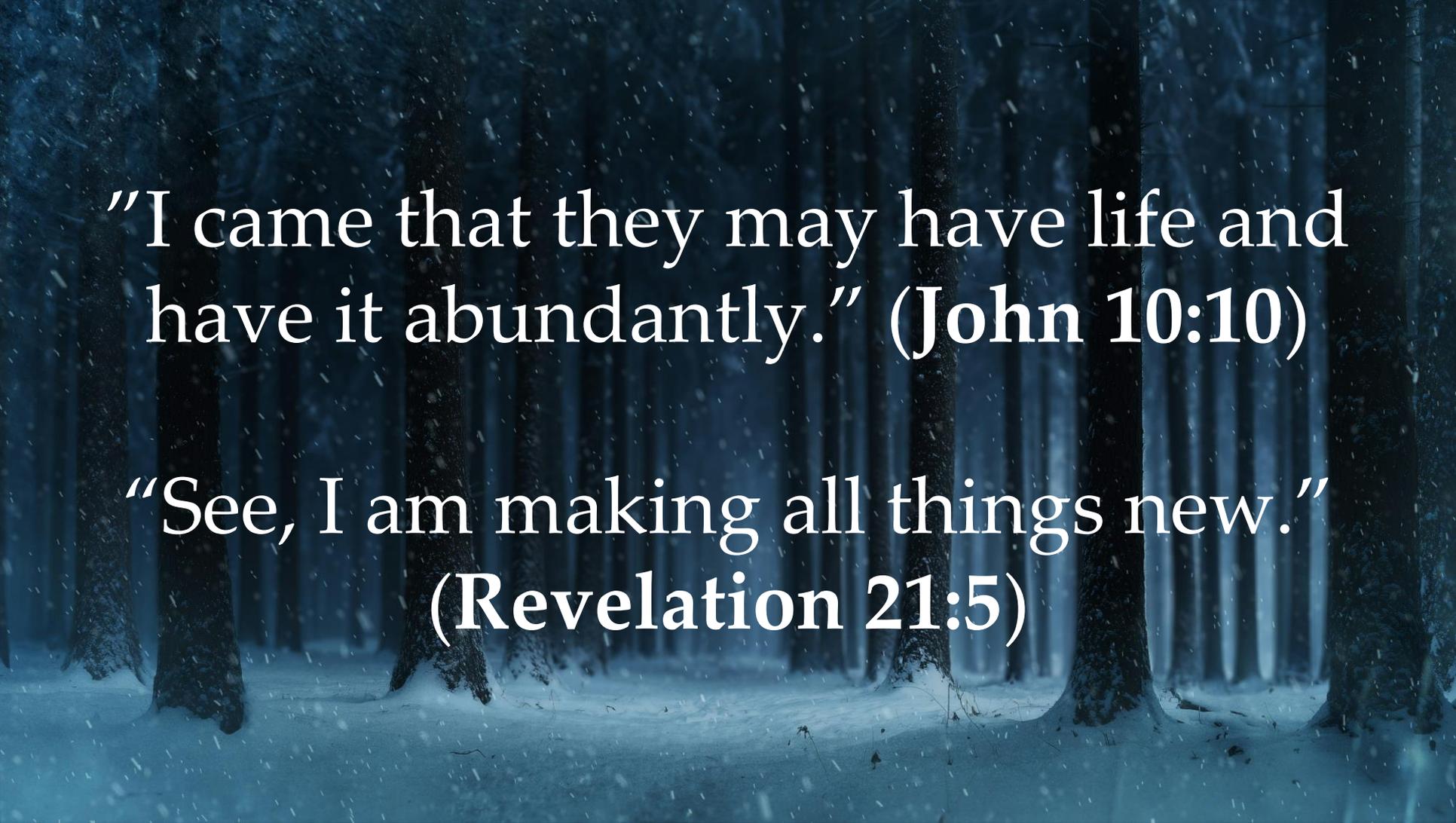
This is what the prophets sing—
that in Jesus, God comes to bring
PEACE.



**Peace is not merely the absence of
conflict, but a return to
wholeness — a full restoration of
life, beauty, and hope.**



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19)



“I came that they may have life and
have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

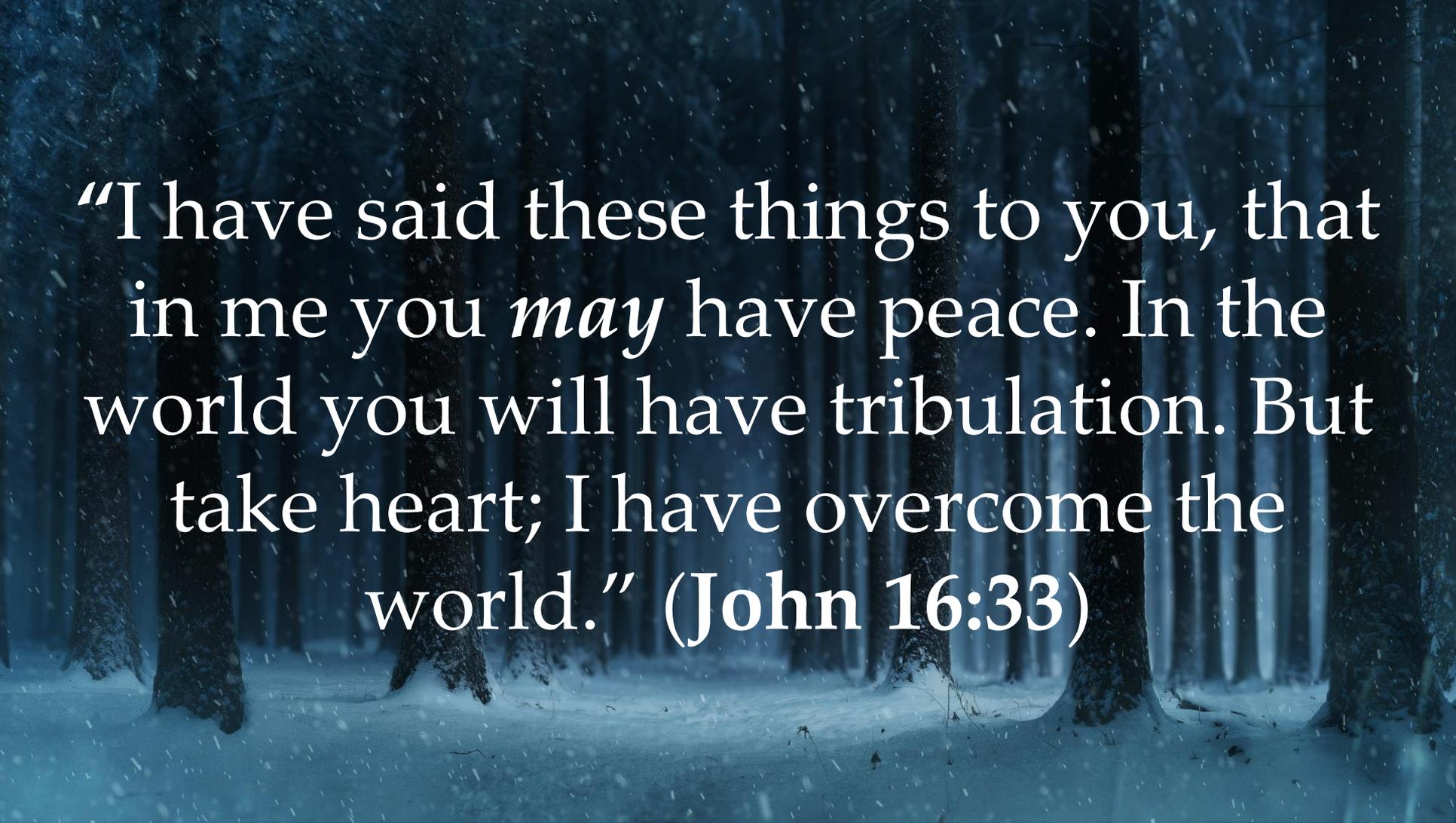
“See, I am making all things new.”
(Revelation 21:5)

Luke 2:34-35 (ESV)

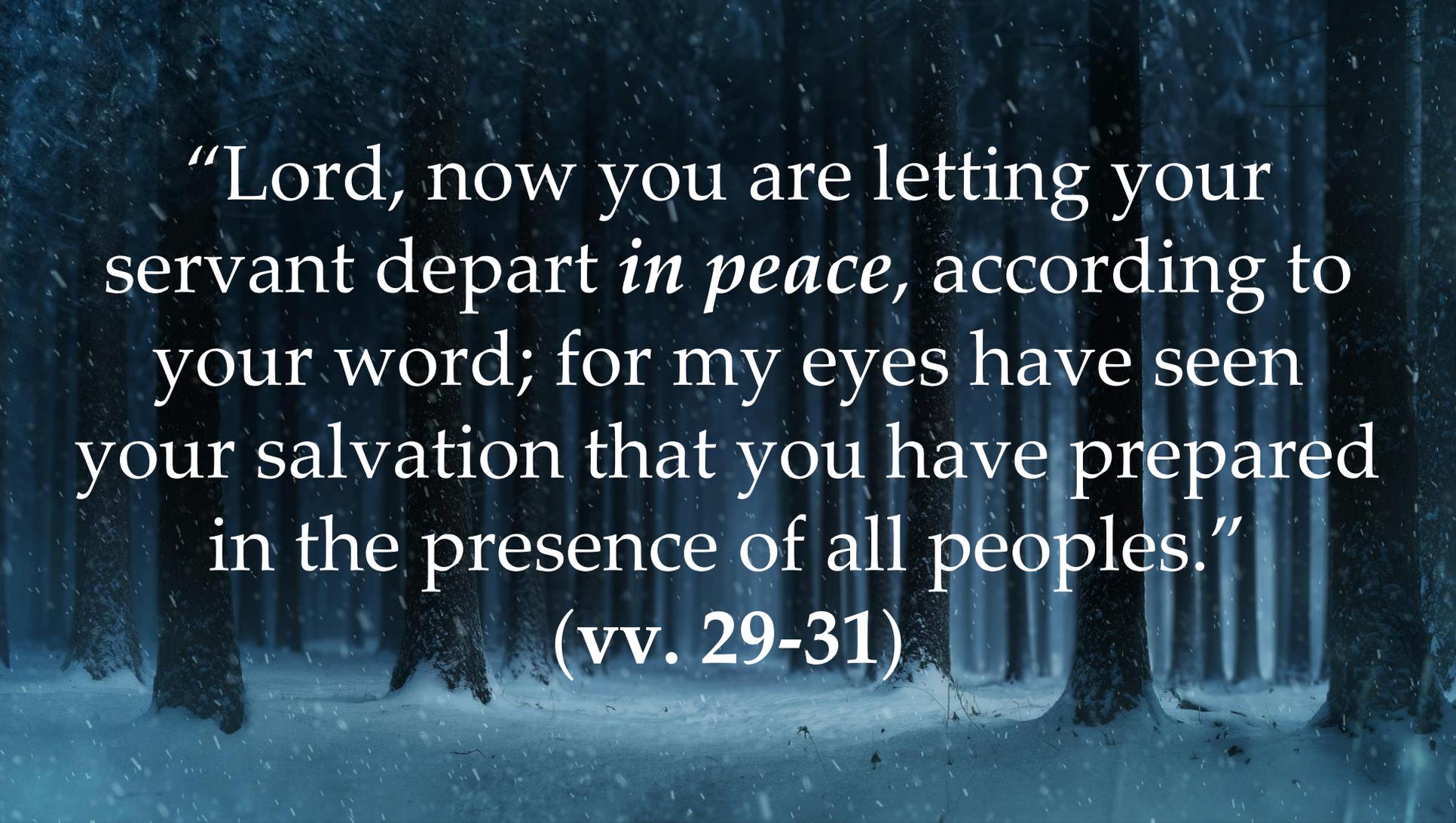
34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

A serene winter forest scene with snow falling from the sky. The trees are dark and silhouetted against a lighter, snowy background. The overall color palette is a cool, monochromatic blue and white. The text is overlaid in the center in a white, serif font.

Jesus comes to bring peace—yet He
will either be a DISRUPTION to
your peace or a LAUNCHING PAD
for it.



“I have said these things to you, that in me you *may* have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)



“Lord, now you are letting your
servant depart *in peace*, according to
your word; for my eyes have seen
your salvation that you have prepared
in the presence of all peoples.”

(vv. 29-31)

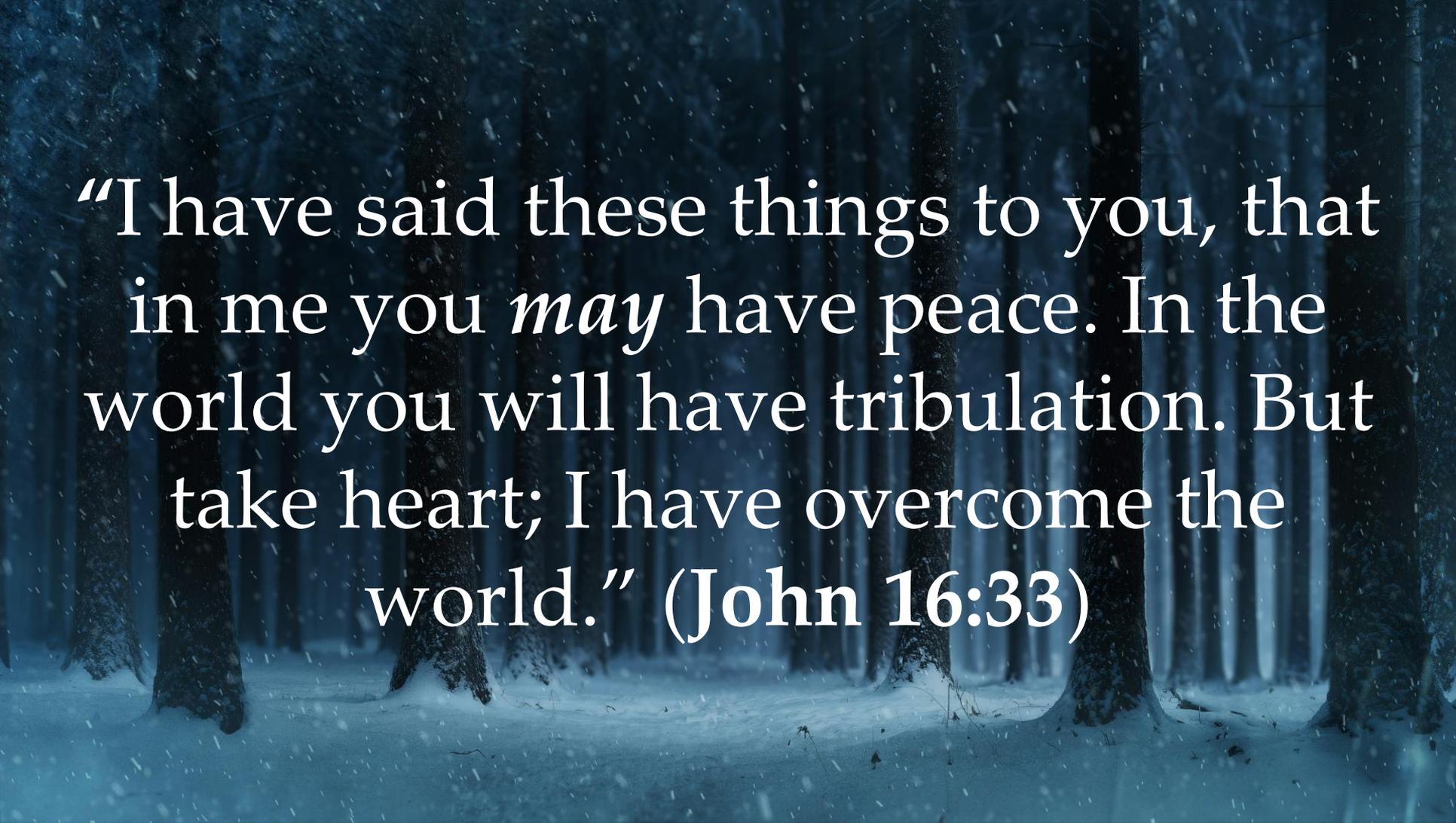
A manger filled with straw sits in the center of a dark stable. A bright, golden light shines down from above, creating a starburst effect and illuminating the manger and the surrounding hay. The background is a dark wooden wall with vertical planks.

The manger lies in your path.

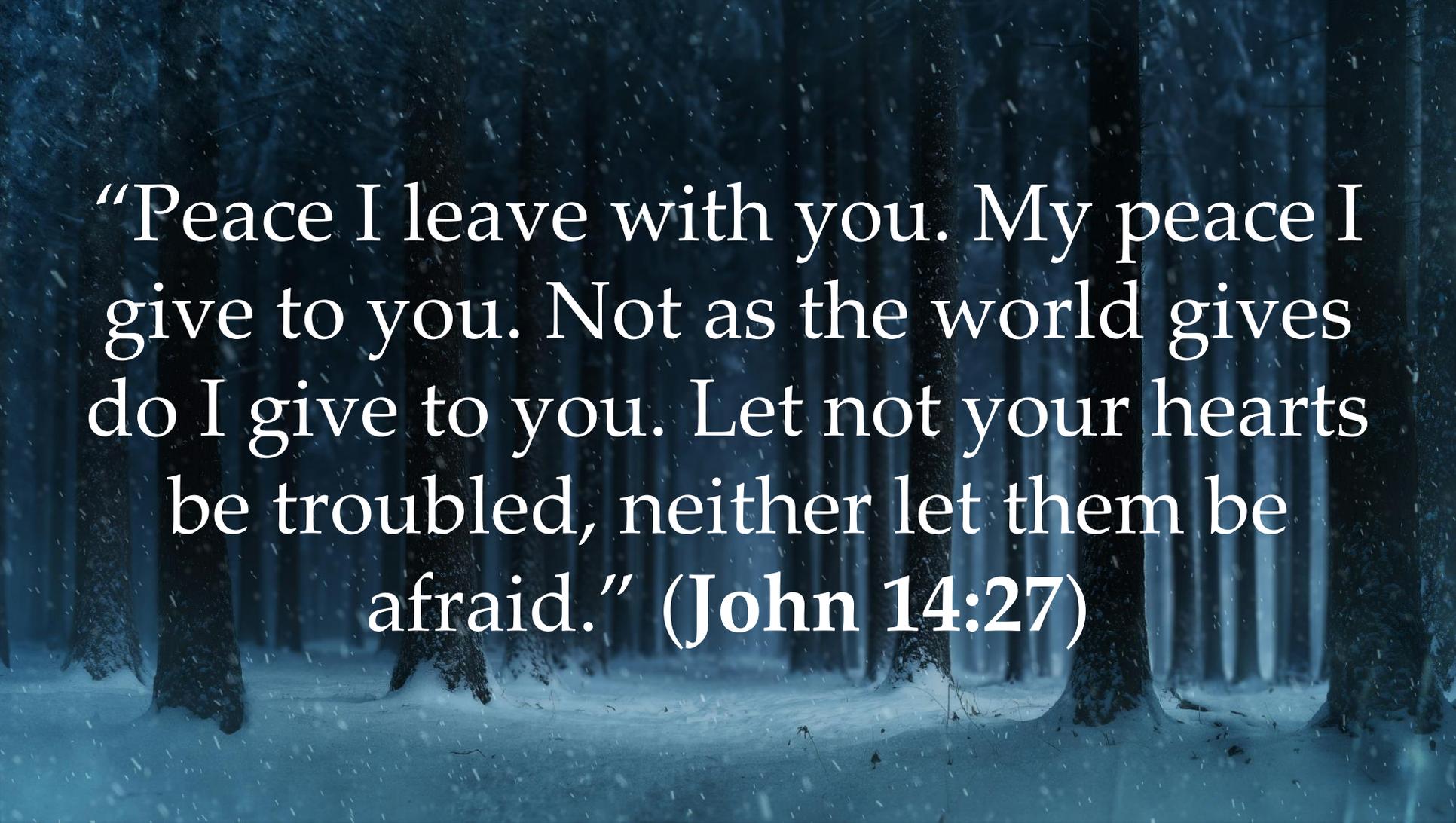
❖ CONSIDER

❖ REFLECT

❖ RESPOND



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“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” (John 14:27)