

Faith that Looks to Christ's Return

James 5:1-11

Am I **ready** for
Christ's return?

James: Keep the Faith

- 1: Stands the **Test** **Change** of Heart
- 2: Loves **Impartially** **Acts**
- 3: Tames the **Tongue** Shows **Wisdom**
- 4: **Mourns** Sin **Is Humble**
- 5: Looks to Christ's **Return**

1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you.

2 Your wealth has rotted,
and moths have eaten your clothes.

3 Your gold and silver are corroded.
Their corrosion will testify against you
and eat your flesh like fire.

James 5:1-3 (NIV) (p.1/6)

You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you.

The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.

James 5:3-4 (NIV) (p.2/6)

5 You have lived on earth
in luxury and self-indulgence.
You have fattened yourselves
in the day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and murdered
the innocent one,
who was not opposing you.

James 5:5-6 (NIV) (p.3/6)

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters,
until the Lord's coming.

See how the farmer waits for the land
to yield its valuable crop,
patiently waiting
for the autumn and spring rains.

8 You too, be patient and stand firm,
because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8 (NIV) (p.4/6)

9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.

The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5:9-10 (NIV) (p.5/6)

11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered.

You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:11 (NIV) (p.6/6)

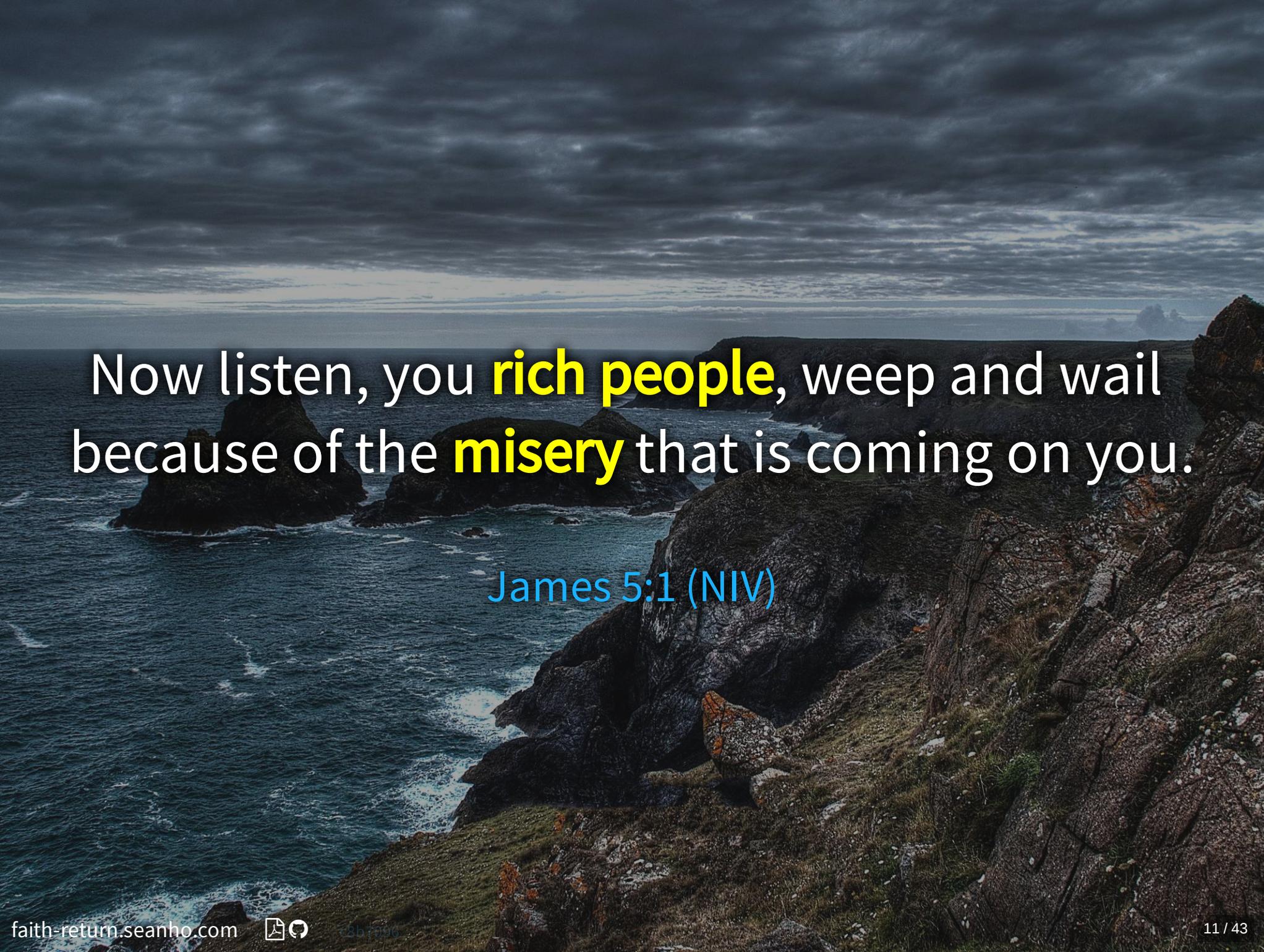
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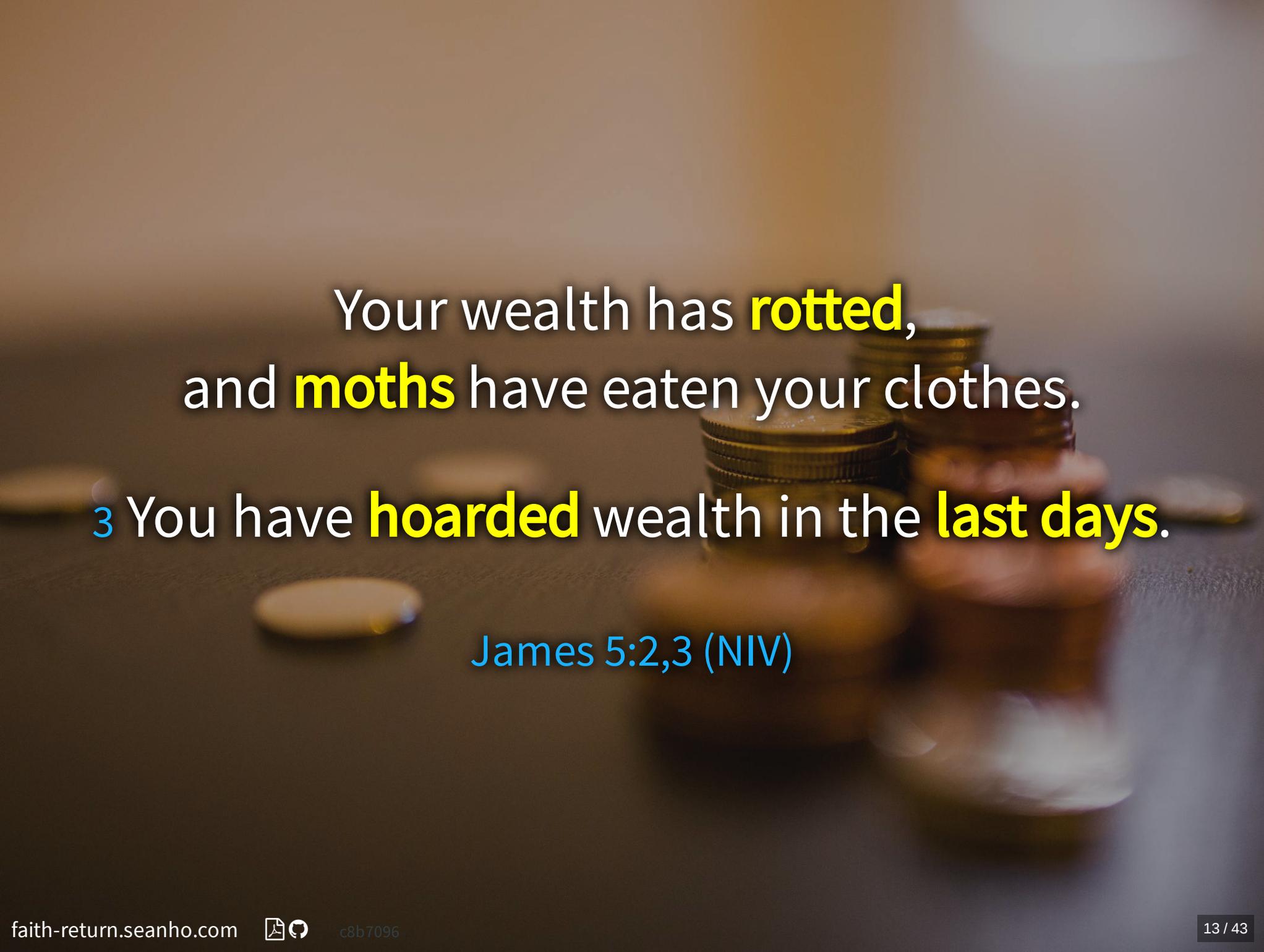
James 5:1 (NIV)

The Disadvantage of Wealth

The **rich** should take pride in their **humiliation**, since they will pass away like a **wild flower**. (1:10)

“We will carry on business and **make money**” –
What is your **life**? You are a **mist** ... (4:13-14)

Is it not the **rich** who are **exploiting** you? (2:6)

The background of the slide features a close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of several stacks of coins on a dark, textured surface. The coins are in various shades of gold and silver, and their reflections are visible on the surface. The lighting is soft, creating a moody atmosphere.

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and **moths** have eaten your clothes.

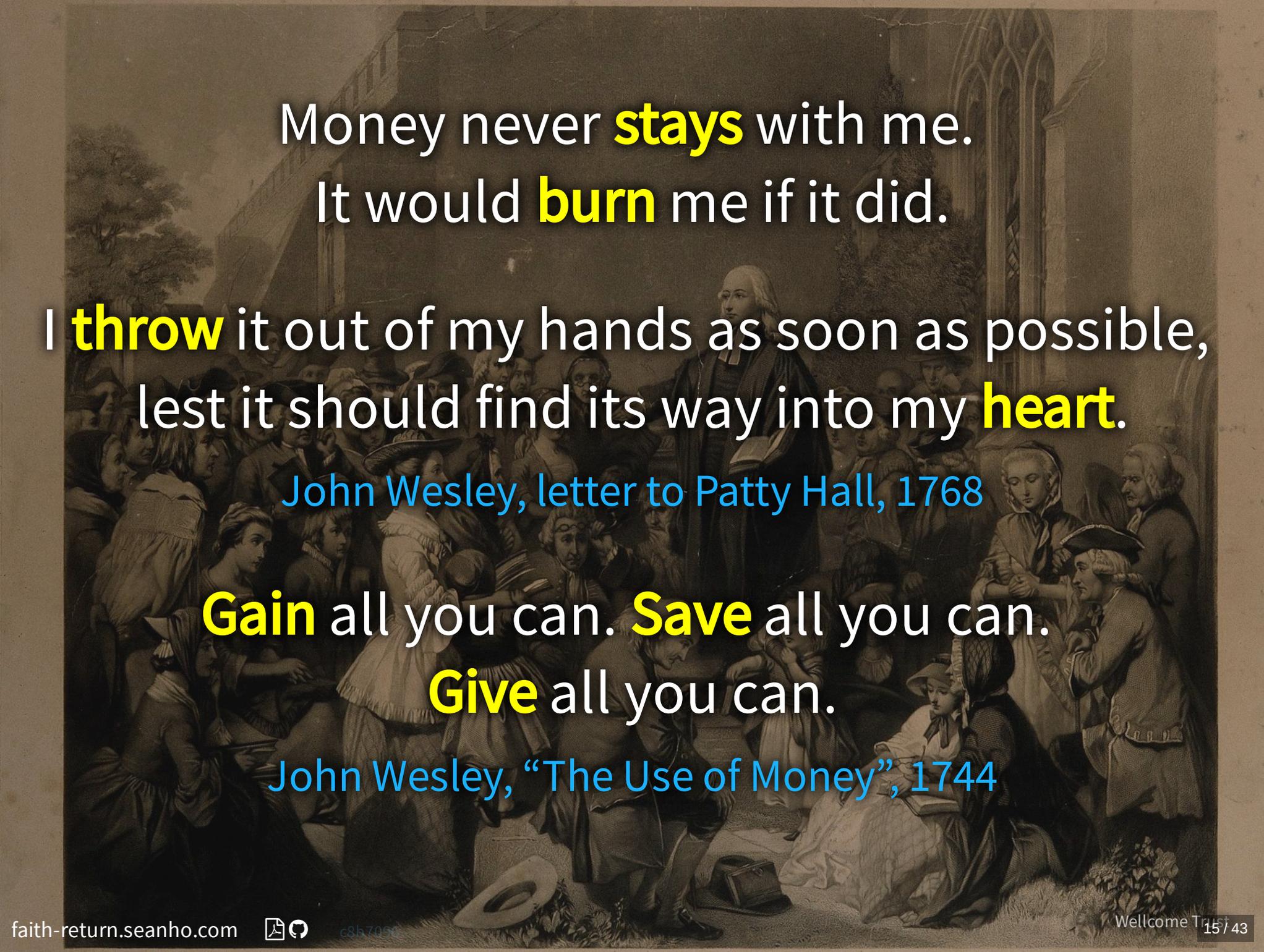
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James 5:2,3 (NIV)



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and **eat** your flesh like fire.

James 5:3 (NIV)



Money never **stays** with me.
It would **burn** me if it did.

I **throw** it out of my hands as soon as possible,
lest it should find its way into my **heart**.

John Wesley, letter to Patty Hall, 1768

Gain all you can. **Save** all you can.
Give all you can.

John Wesley, "The Use of Money", 1744

Have I **trusted**
in wealth as
my **safety net?**

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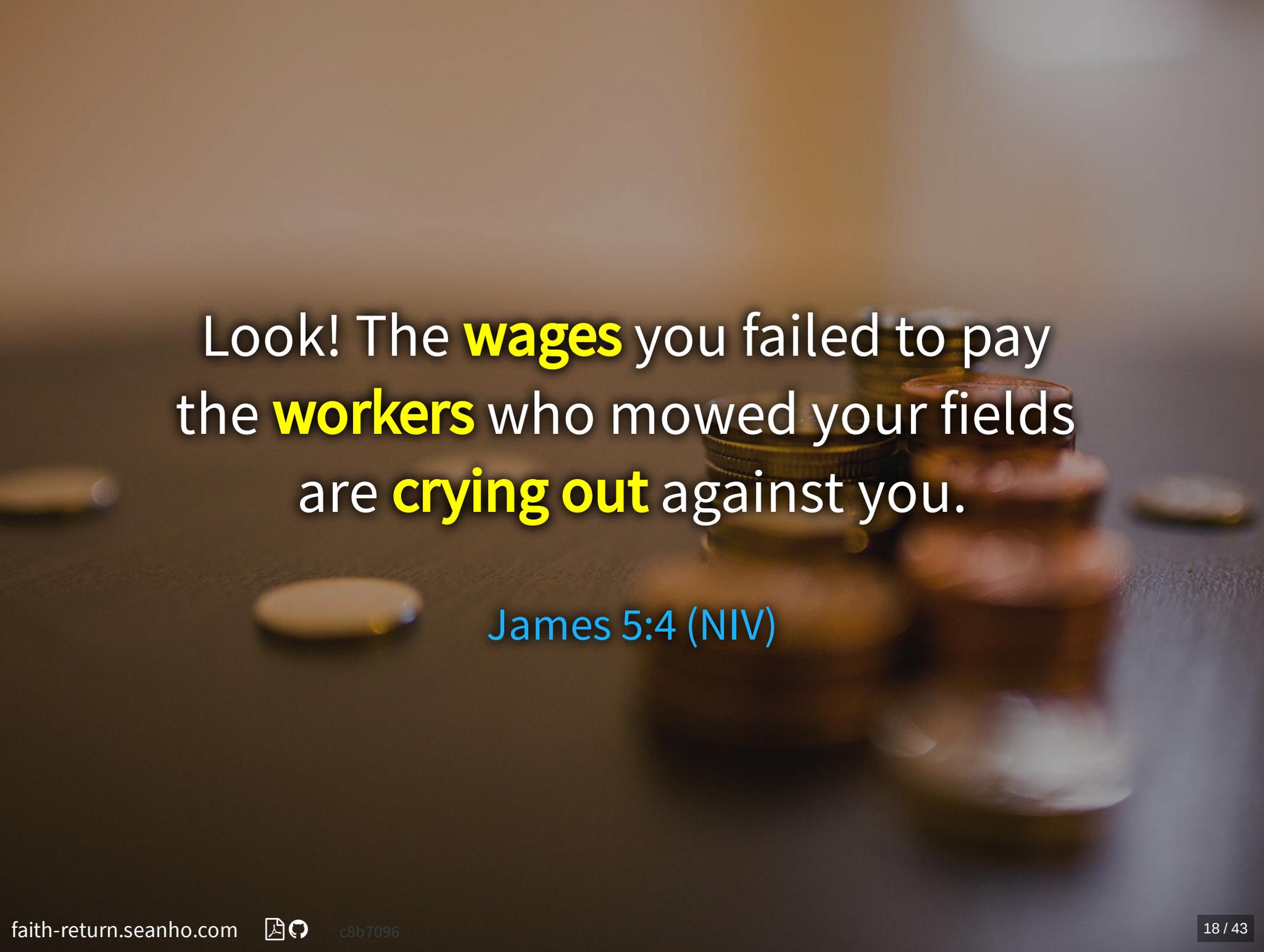
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Look! The **wages** you failed to pay
the **workers** who mowed your fields
are **crying out** against you.

James 5:4 (NIV)

“You have **plenty** of grain
laid up for many **years**.
Take life **easy**; eat, drink and be **merry**.”

20 But God said to him, “You **fool!**
This very night your **life**
will be demanded from you.

Then **who** will get
what you have prepared for yourself?”

Luke 12:19-20 (NIV)



The **cries** of the harvesters have reached
the ears of the **Lord Almighty**.

James 5:4 (NIV)

**What is
the purpose of
saving money?**

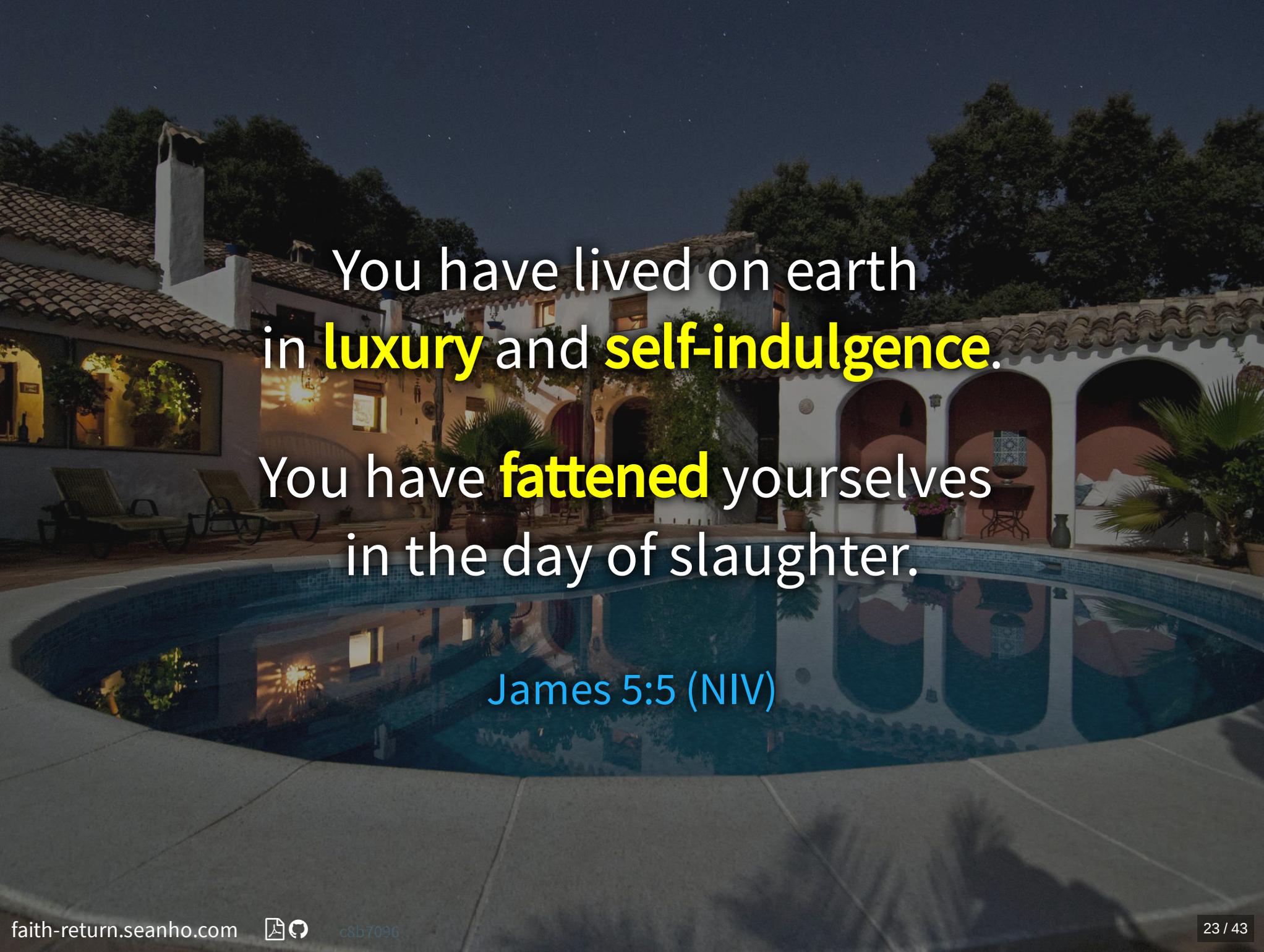
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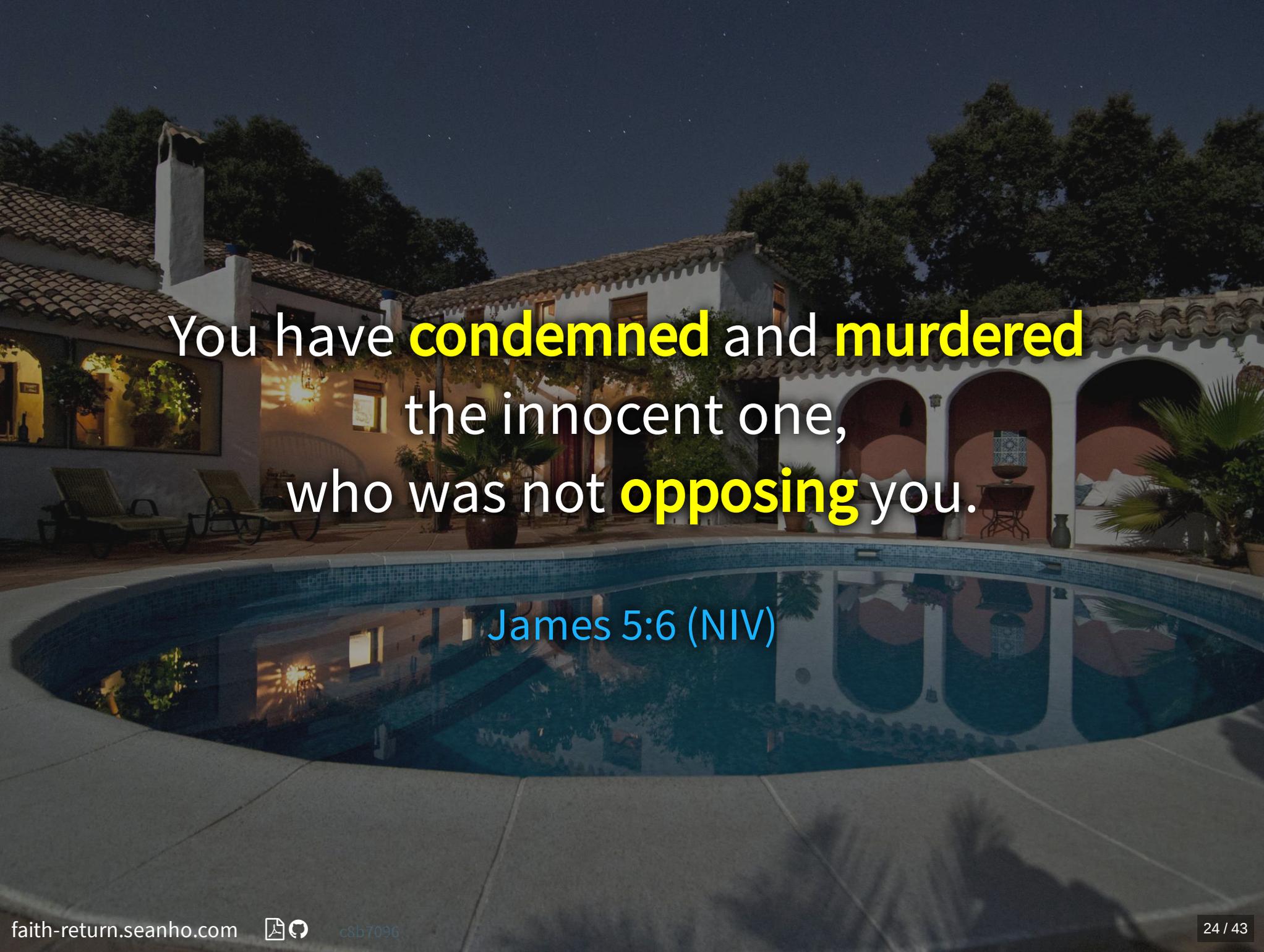
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James 5:5 (NIV)



You have **condemned** and **murdered**
the innocent one,
who was not **opposing** you.

James 5:6 (NIV)

Whom have I
harmed to preserve
my **standard** of
living?

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See how the **farmer** waits for the land
to yield its valuable crop,
patiently **waiting**
for the autumn and spring **rains**.

James 5:7 (NIV)

A young green plant with a small white flower is the central focus, growing in the rain. The background is a blurred garden scene with a wooden fence and other plants. The overall mood is serene and hopeful, symbolizing growth and resilience.

You too, be **patient** and **stand firm**,
because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:8 (NIV)

What **work**
has God given me
in **preparation**
for His return?

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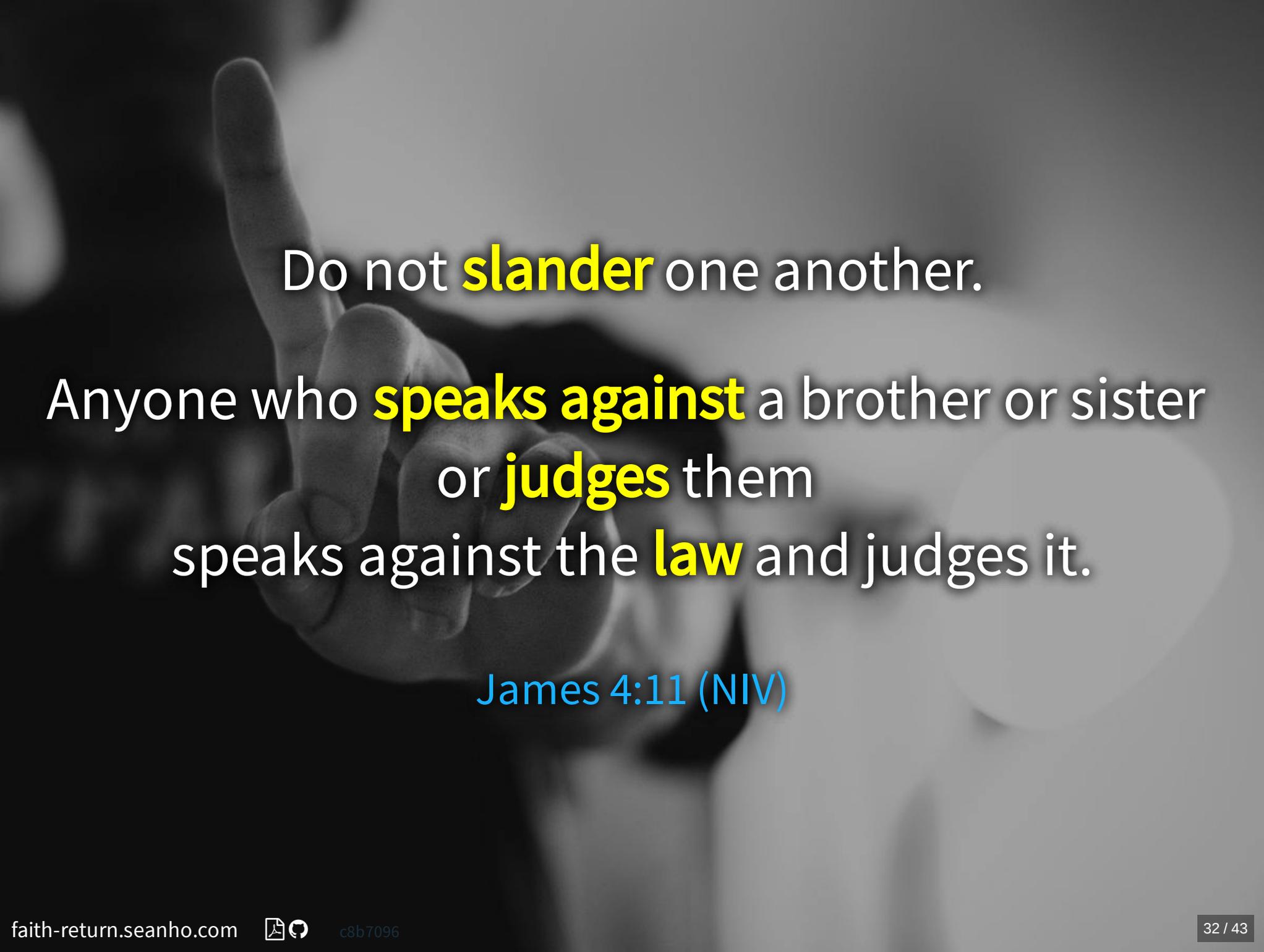
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The background of the slide features silhouettes of several people standing on a beach, looking out at the ocean during a sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a darker blue at the top. The silhouettes are dark against the bright background.

Don't **grumble** against one another,
brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.

James 5:9 (NIV)



Do not **slander** one another.

Anyone who **speaks against** a brother or sister
or **judges** them
speaks against the **law** and judges it.

James 4:11 (NIV)



Don't **grumble** against one another,
brothers and sisters, or you will be **judged**.

The Judge is standing at the **door**!

James 5:9 (NIV)

Have I **sighed**
in **resentment** at
a child of God?

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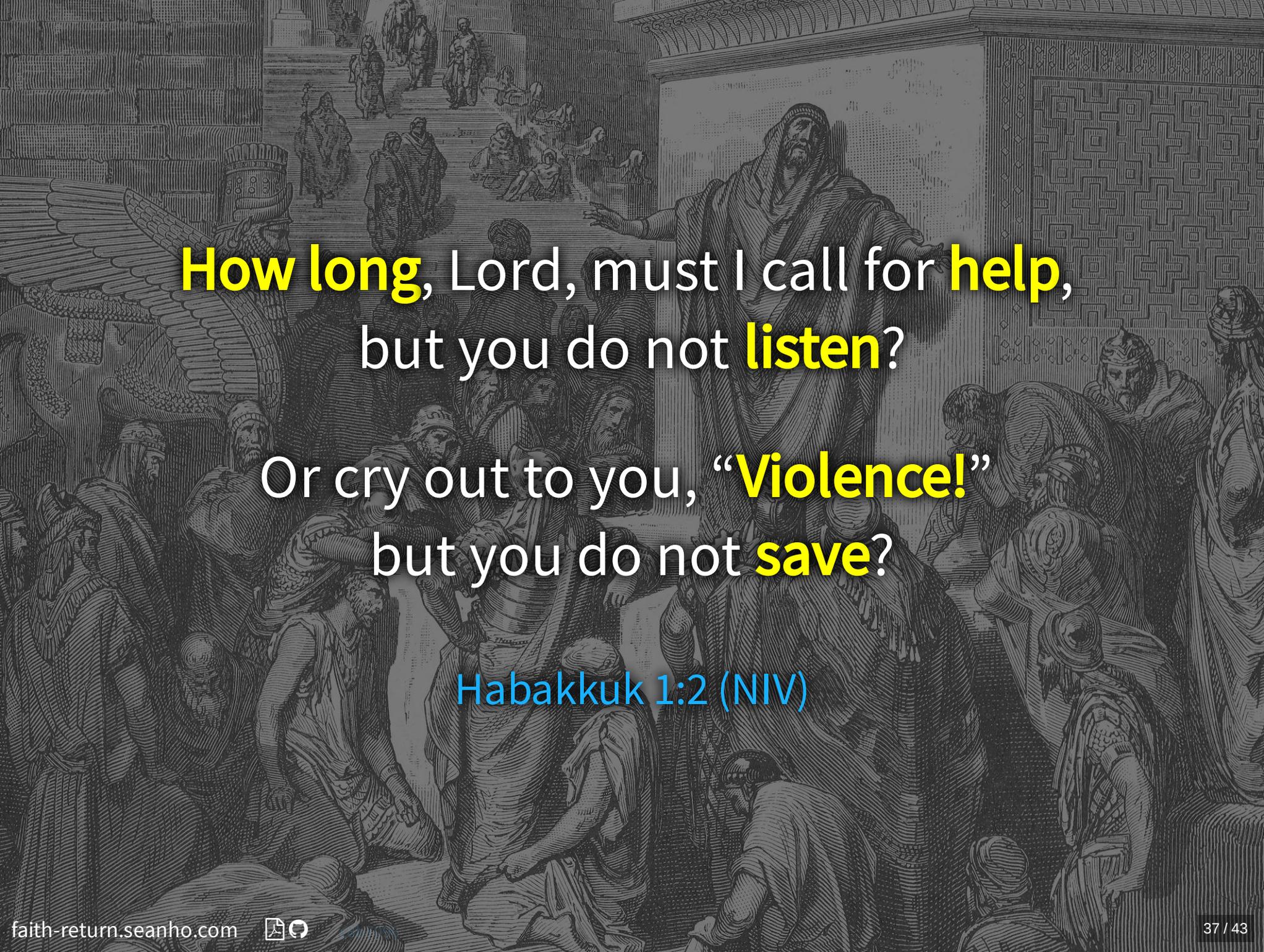
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Brothers and sisters, as an example
of **patience** in the face of **suffering**,
take the **prophets** who spoke
in the name of the Lord.

James 5:10 (NIV)



How long, Lord, must I call for **help**,
but you do not **listen**?

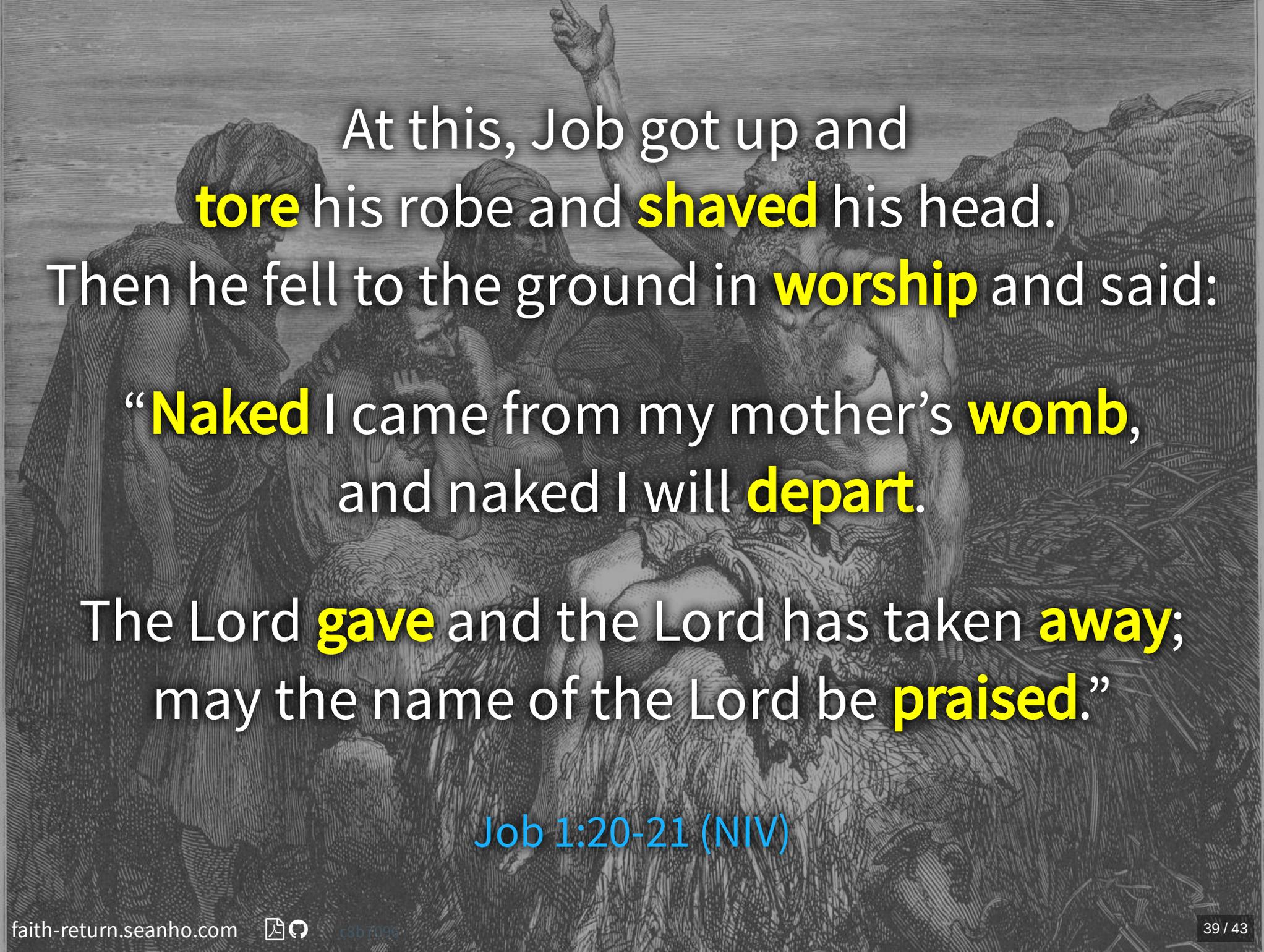
Or cry out to you, “**Violence!**”
but you do not **save**?

Habakkuk 1:2 (NIV)

A painting depicting Job sitting on the ground in a desolate, mountainous landscape, surrounded by his suffering family and friends. The scene is set in a hazy, orange-toned environment with a large, rocky mountain in the background. Job is seated in the foreground, looking down with a sorrowful expression. To his left, a woman sits with her head in her hands, and another person is partially visible. In the center, a man kneels in prayer. To the right, two men stand; one is dressed in a white robe and a blue shawl, while the other wears a red and blue patterned robe and a sword. The overall mood is one of profound grief and hardship.

You have heard of **Job's** perseverance
and have seen what the **Lord**
finally brought about.

James 5:11 (NIV)



At this, Job got up and **tore** his robe and **shaved** his head. Then he fell to the ground in **worship** and said:

“**Naked** I came from my mother’s **womb**, and naked I will **depart**.”

The Lord **gave** and the Lord has taken **away**; may the name of the Lord be **praised**.”

Job 1:20-21 (NIV)

A photograph of a forest path in autumn. The path is dark and leads into a misty, sunlit forest. The trees are mostly bare, with some showing vibrant orange and red foliage. The overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.

The Lord is full of **compassion** and **mercy**.

James 5:11 (NIV)

Do I **trust** in God's
compassion
enough to **wait** for
His **salvation**?

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until the Lord's **coming**.

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James 5:7-8 (NIV)

