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Maintaining Hope

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How do we remain hopeful in a world that seems hopelessly broken? How do we continue to trust a God that seems conspicuously absent? How do we find peace in a world that is spinning out of control? If you've ever asked questions like these, you're not alone. The uncertainty we face today is no different from the uncertainty faced by the men and women of the Bible. And like them, uncertainty can cause us to question God's faithfulness, His presence and His concern. What or whom you are hoping in determines your ability to maintain hope. Our hope is in God's love for us. When life is uncertain, God is not. He's *still* got the whole world in his hands.

*"May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you." - Psalm 33:22*

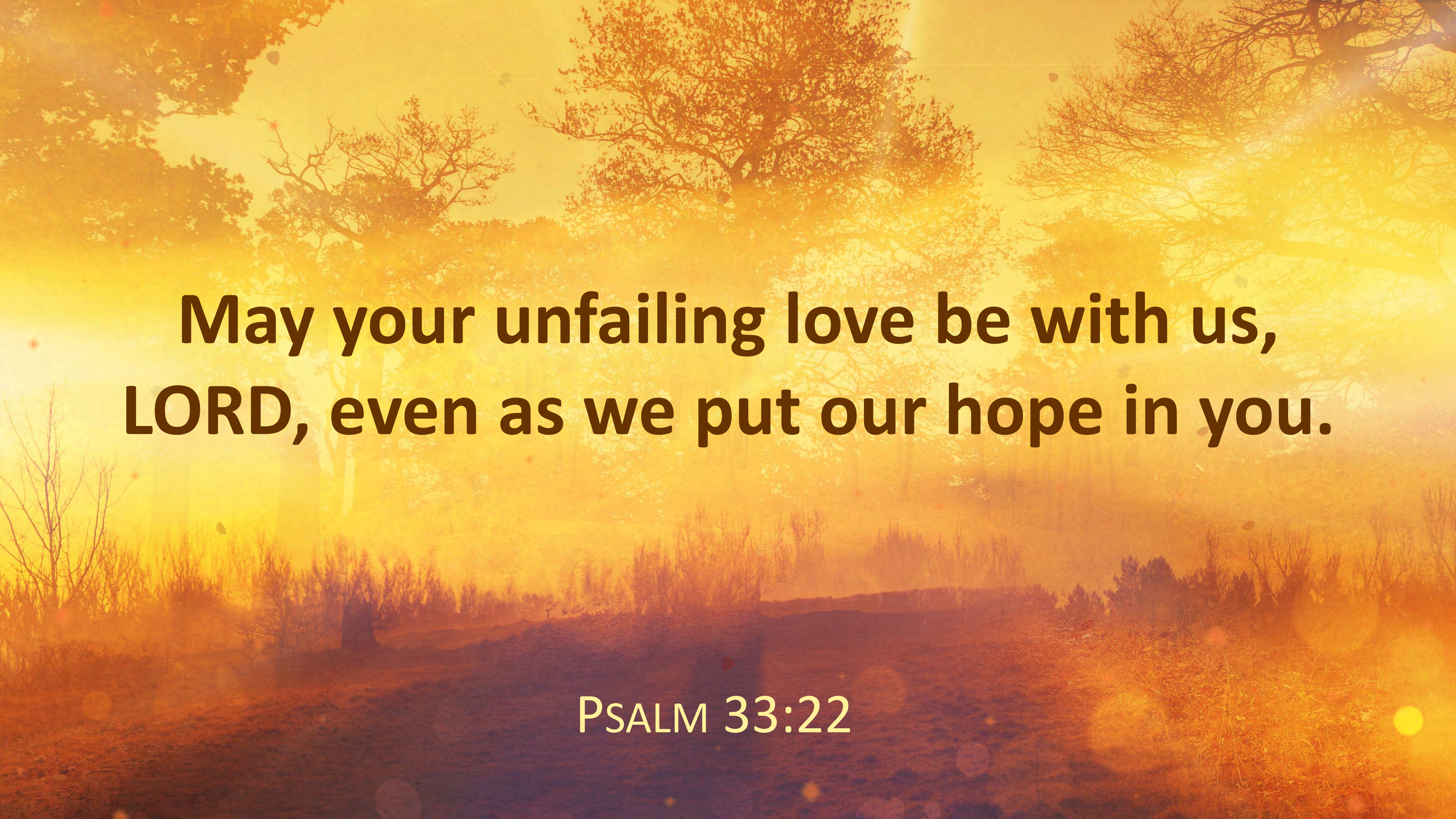
My Next Step(s):

- I will examine the frustrations in my life to determine on what I've built my hopes.
- I will take comfort in knowing that nothing in all creation can separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
- I will place my hope in Christ Jesus my Lord.

Memory Verse: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8:38-39

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A warm, golden-hued landscape with trees and a path, serving as a background for the text. The scene is bathed in a soft, golden light, likely from a low sun, creating a serene and peaceful atmosphere. The trees are silhouetted against the bright light, and a path leads through the landscape towards the horizon.

**May your unfailing love be with us,
LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

PSALM 33:22

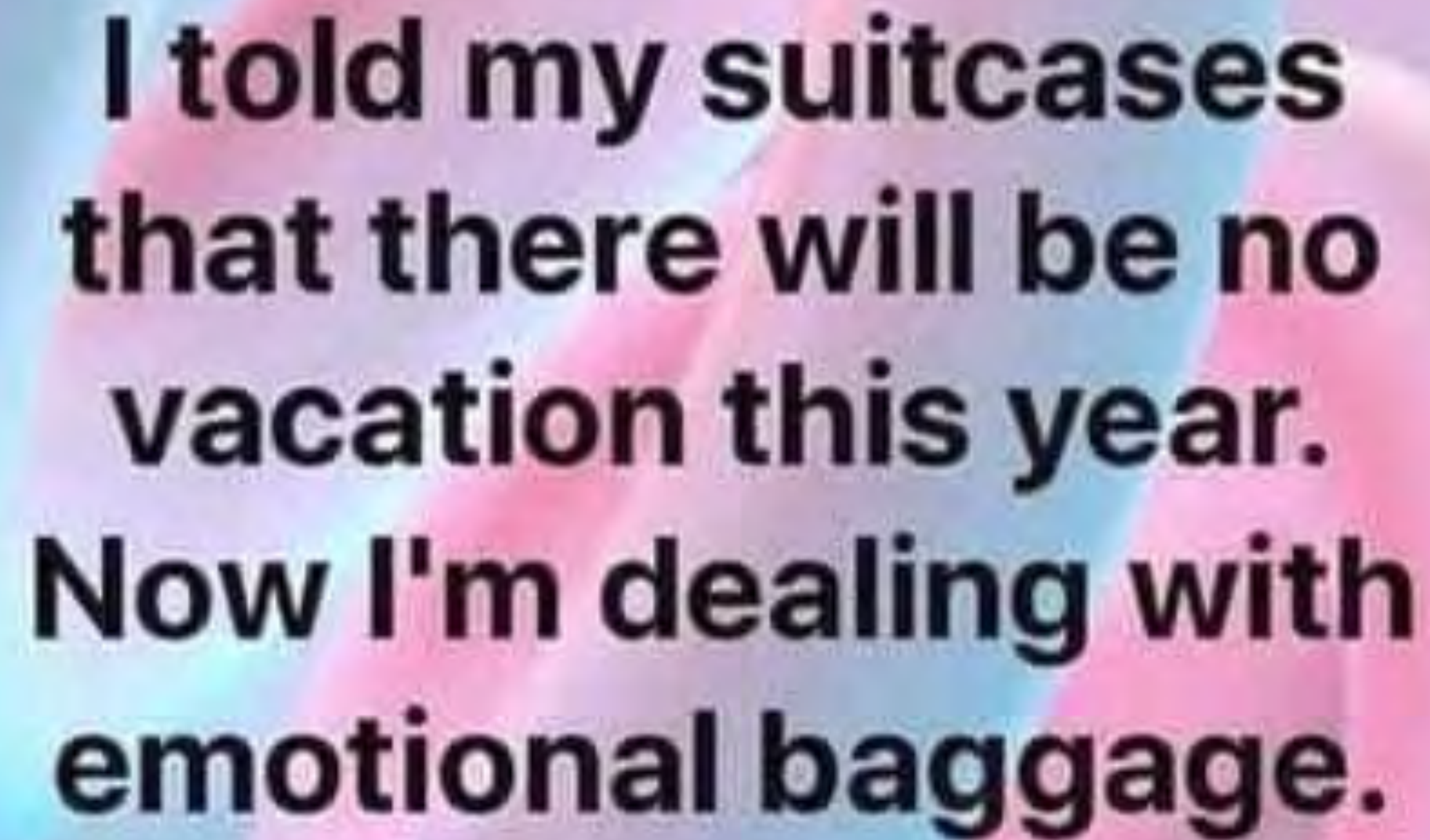
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**Everything for summer
is Canceled, may as
well just put up the
Christmas tree & call it
a year !!!!!**

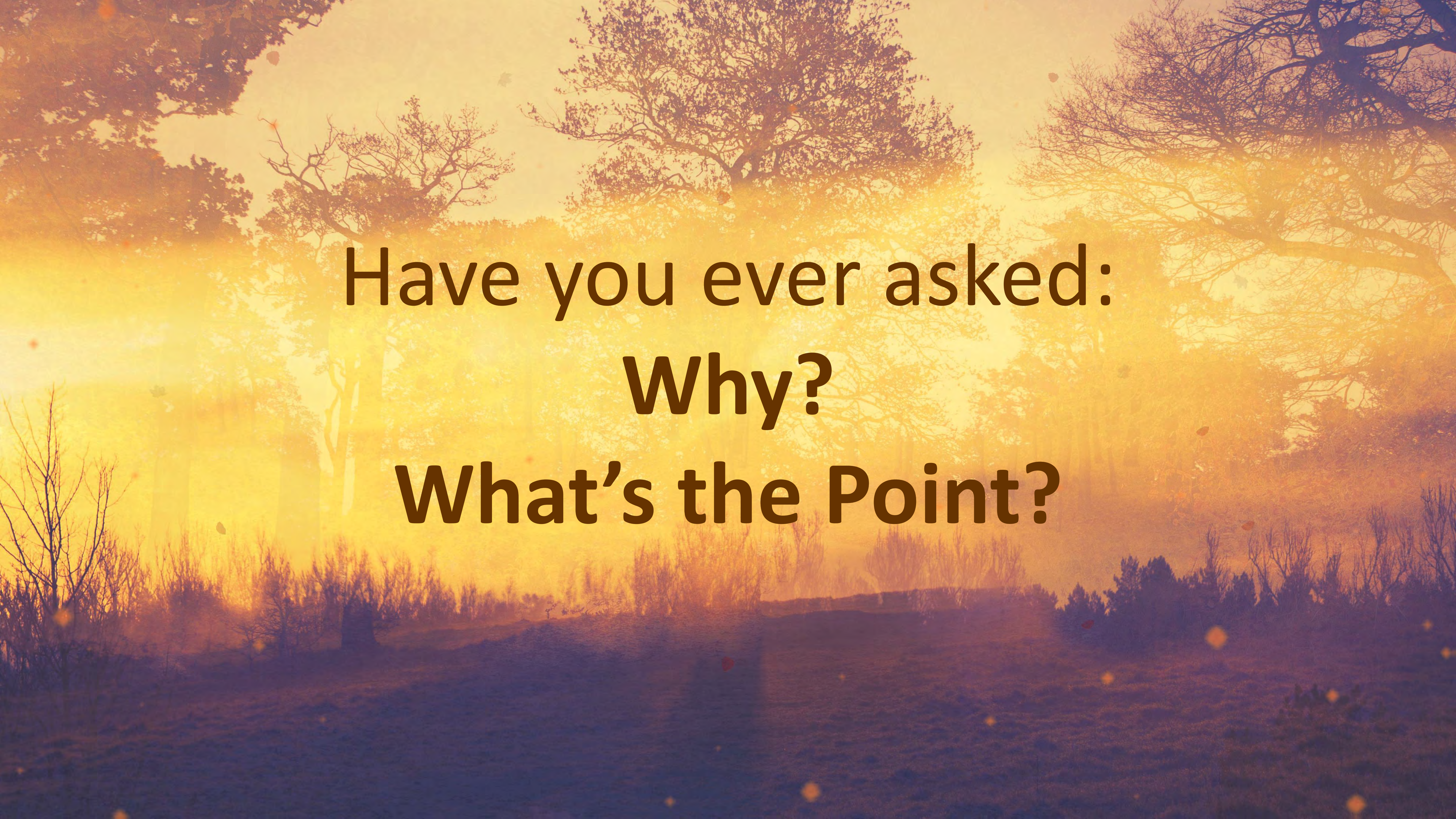


**I told my suitcases
that there will be no
vacation this year.
Now I'm dealing with
emotional baggage.**

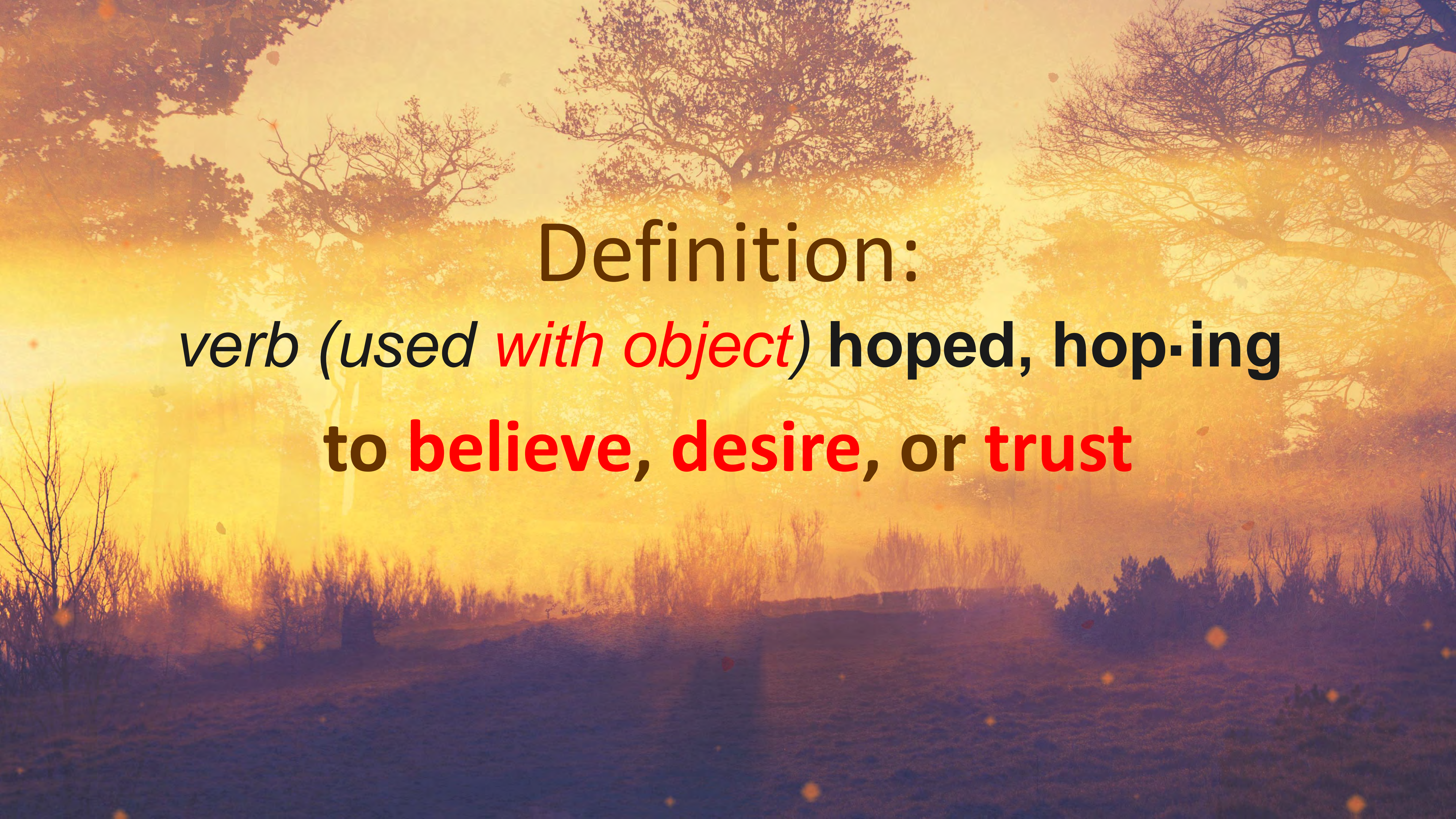
STRUGGLING FOR JOKES TODAY...



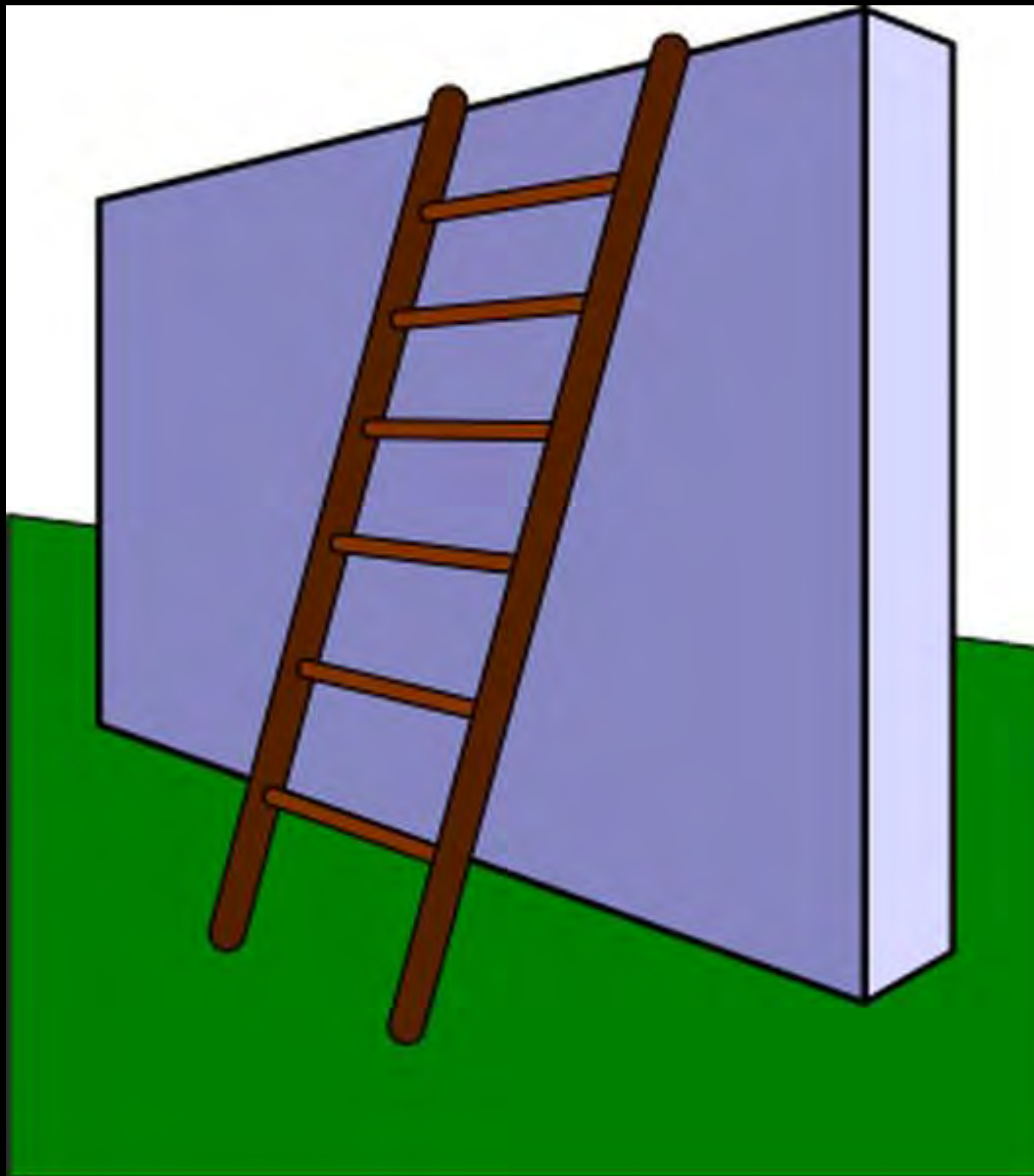
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS ONE LINER!



Have you ever asked:
Why?
What's the Point?



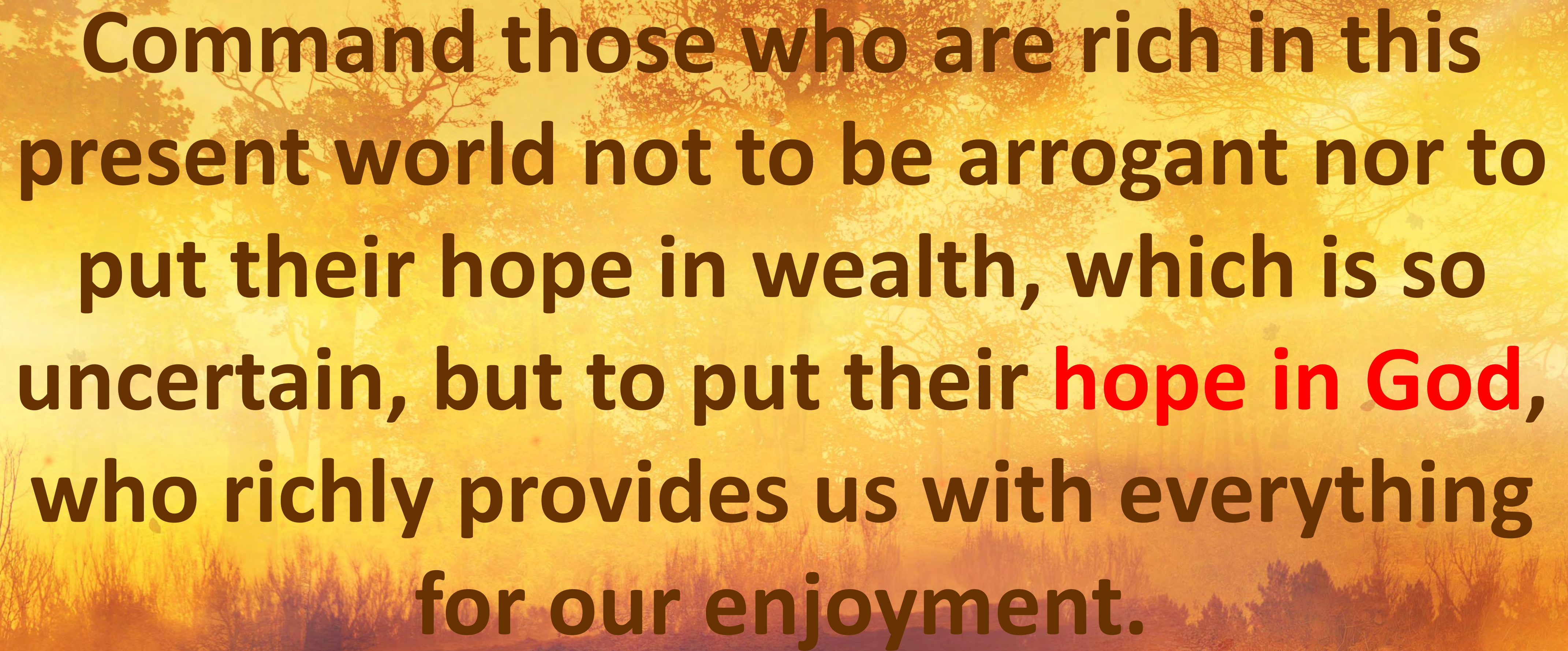
Definition:
verb (used *with object*) hoped, hop-ing
to believe, desire, or trust





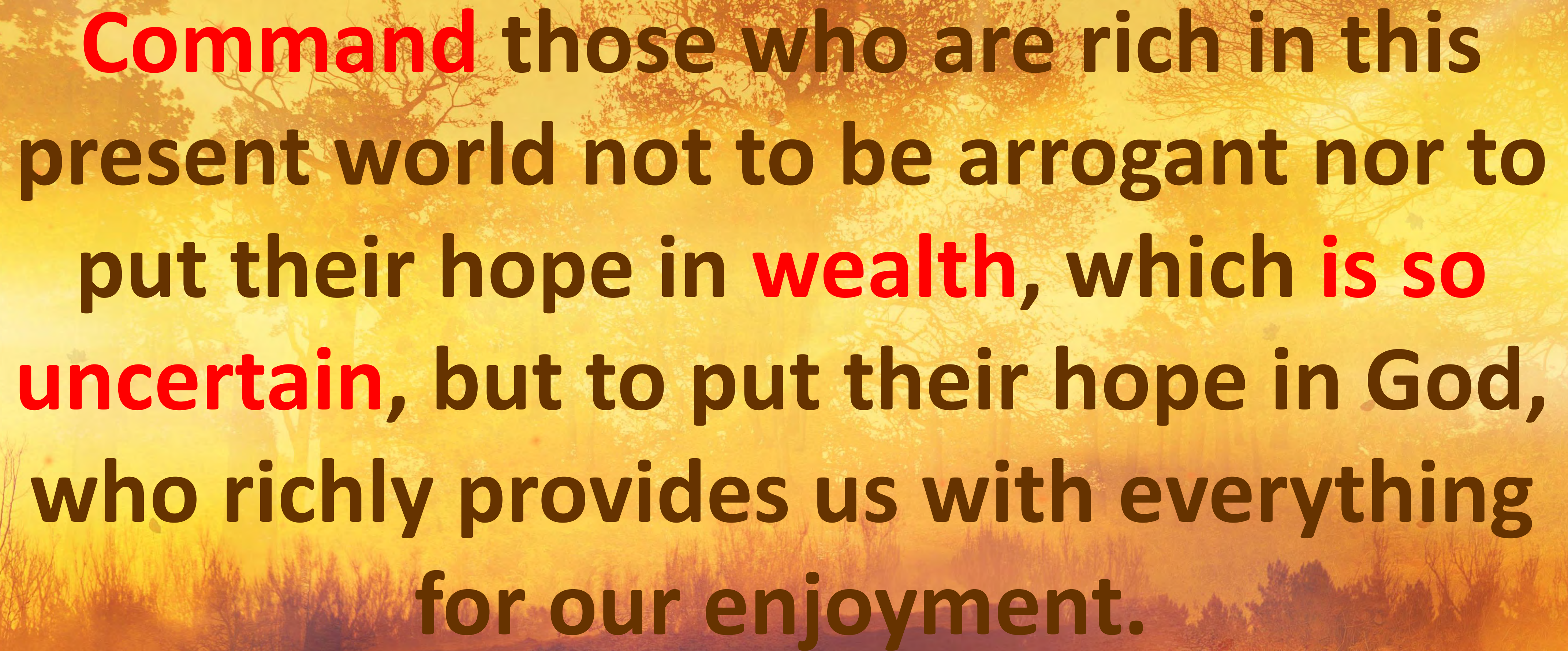
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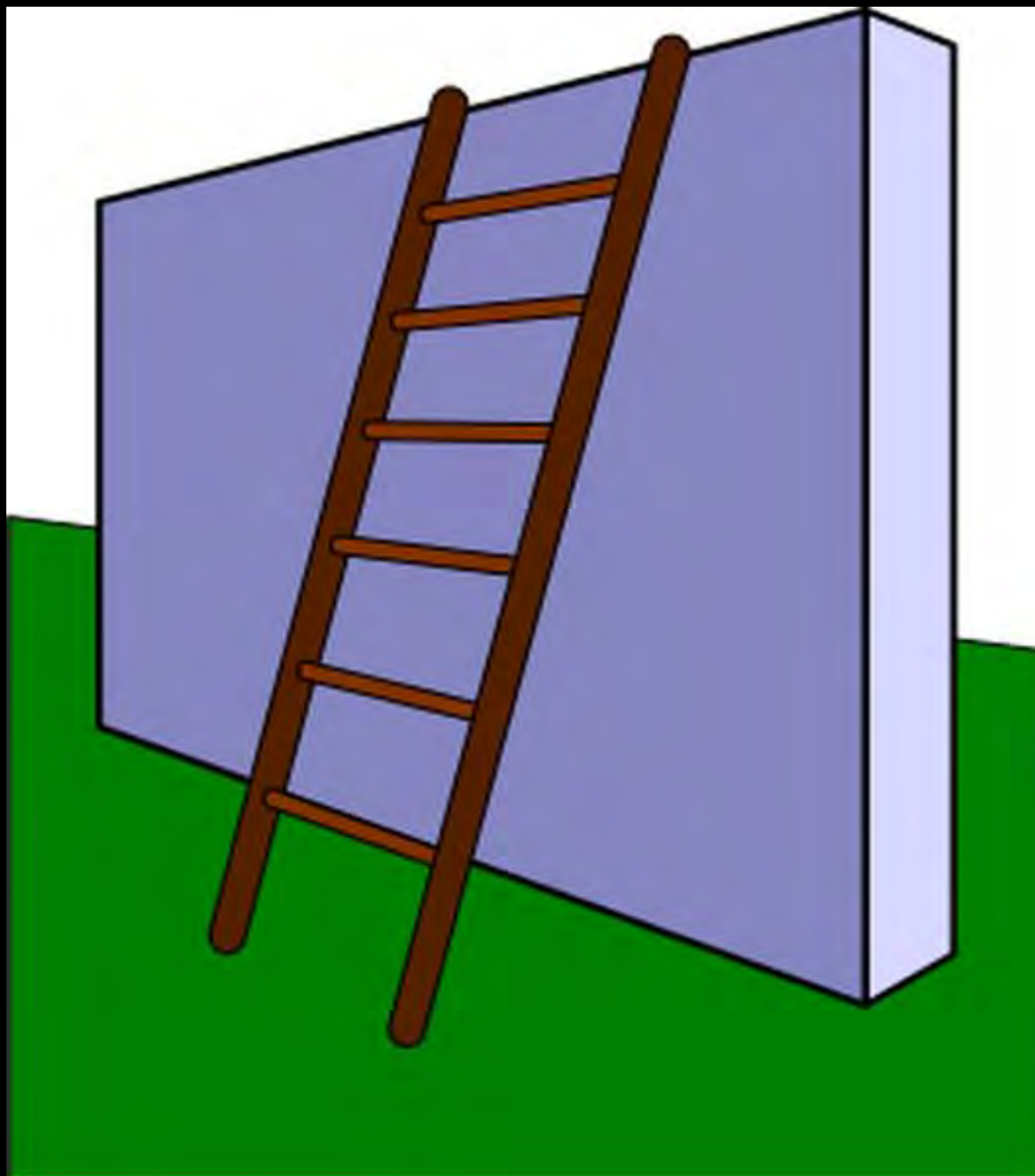
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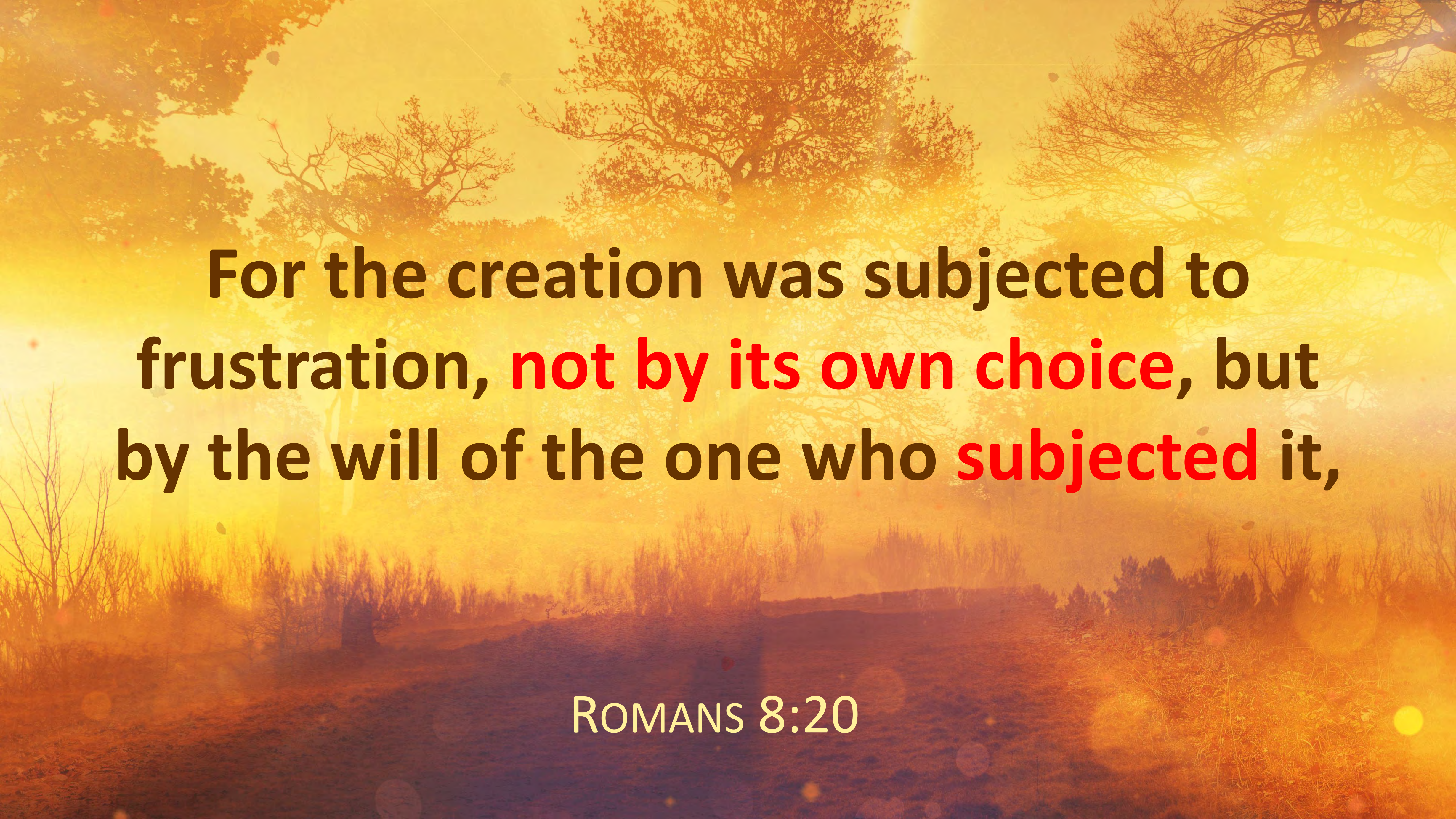
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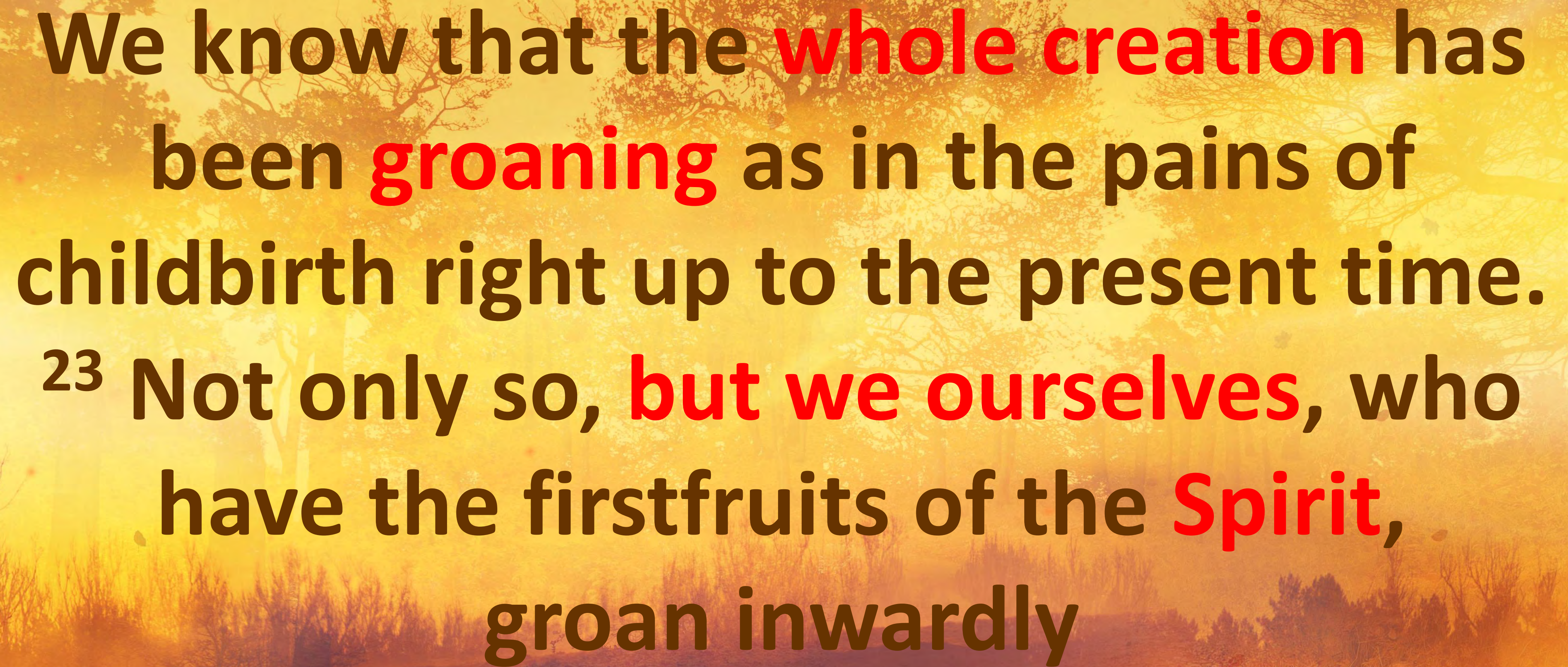
**For the creation was subjected to
frustration, **not by its own choice**, but
by the will of the one who **subjected** it,**

ROMANS 8:20



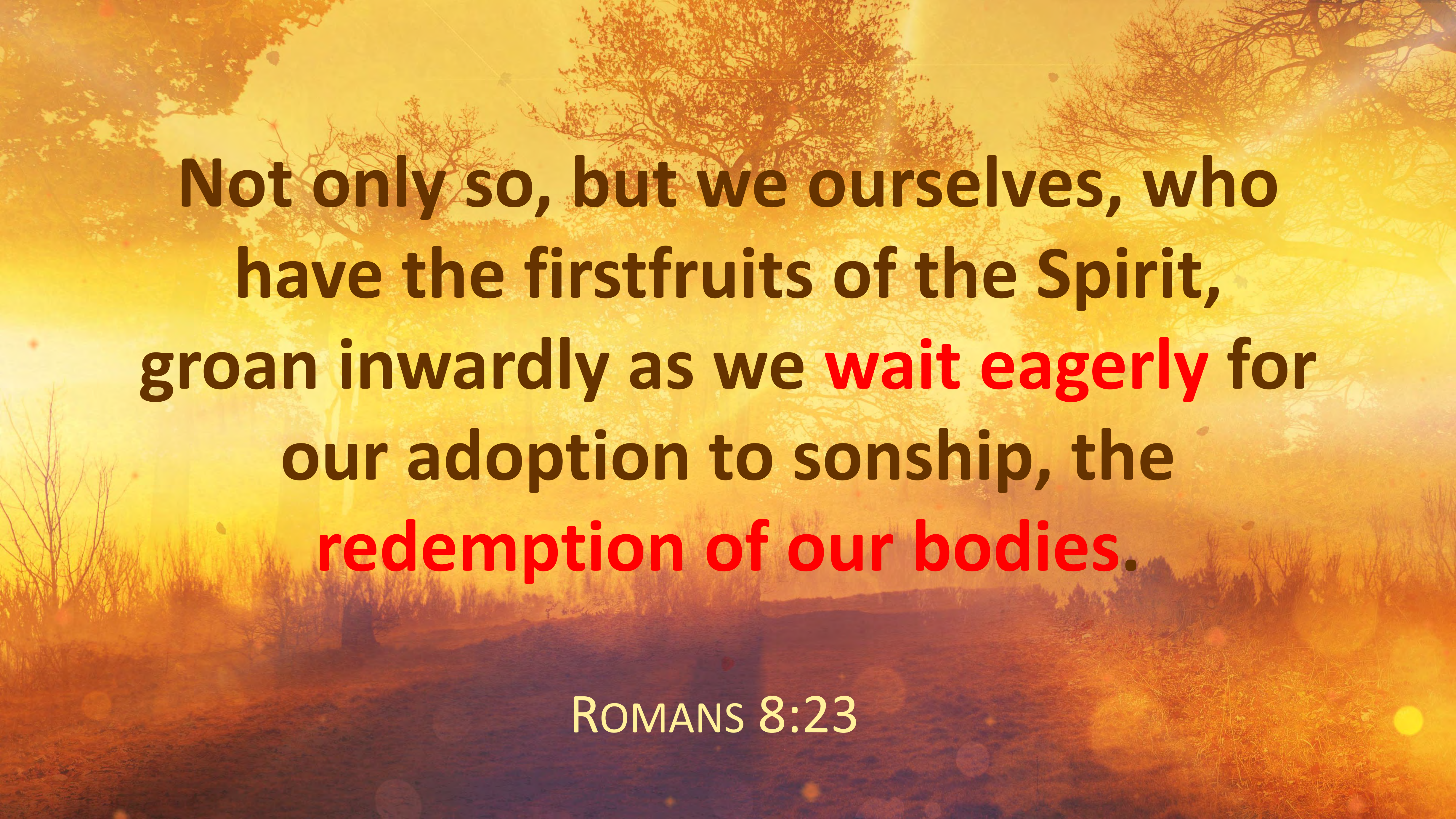
**in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be
liberated from its **bondage to decay** ...**

ROMANS 8:20-21



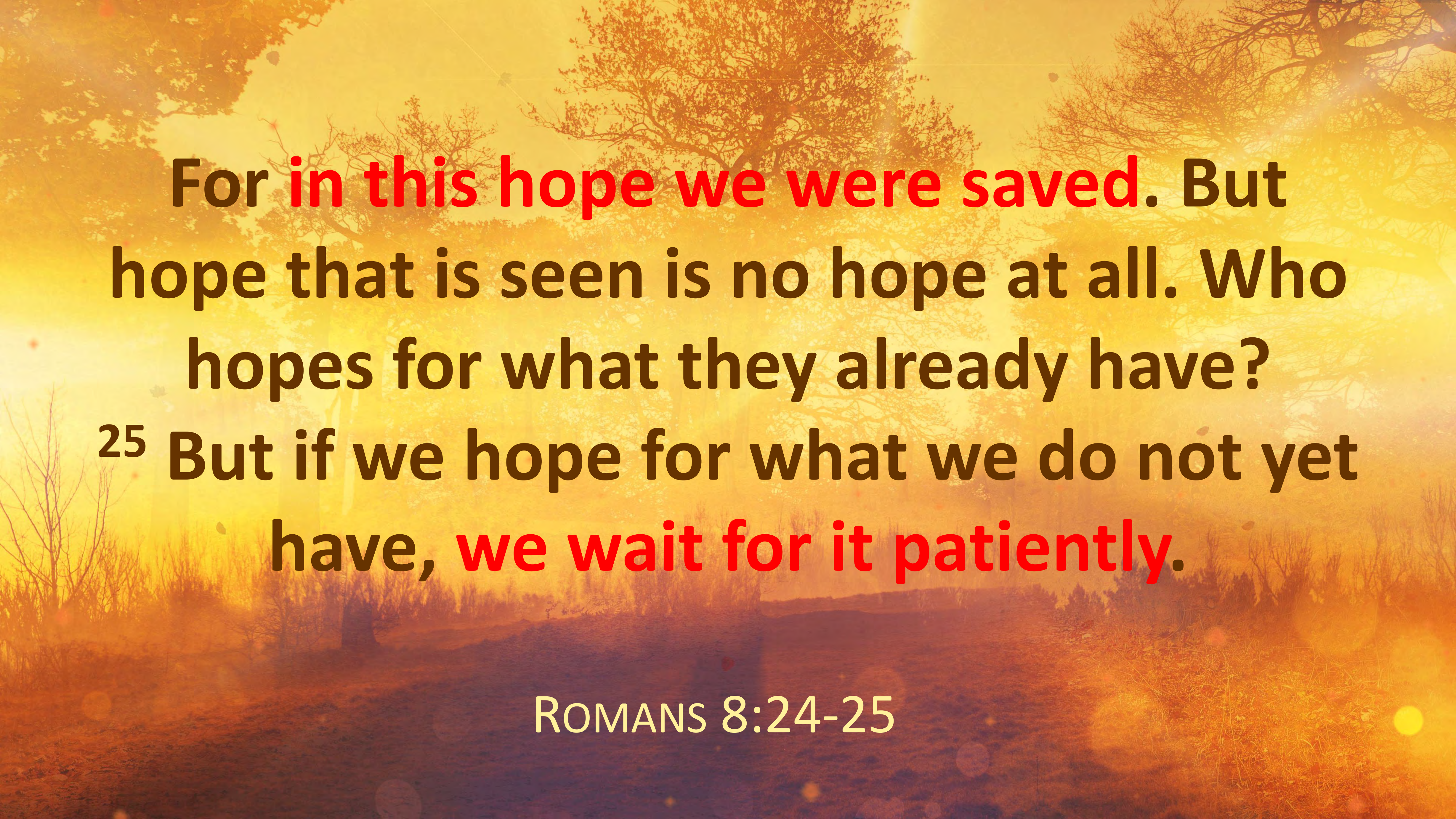
We know that the **whole creation** has
been **groaning** as in the pains of
childbirth right up to the present time.
²³ Not only so, **but we ourselves**, who
have the firstfruits of the **Spirit**,
groan inwardly

ROMANS 8:22-23



**Not only so, but we ourselves, who
have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly as we **wait eagerly** for
our adoption to sonship, the
redemption of our bodies.**

ROMANS 8:23



For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?
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ROMANS 8:24-25



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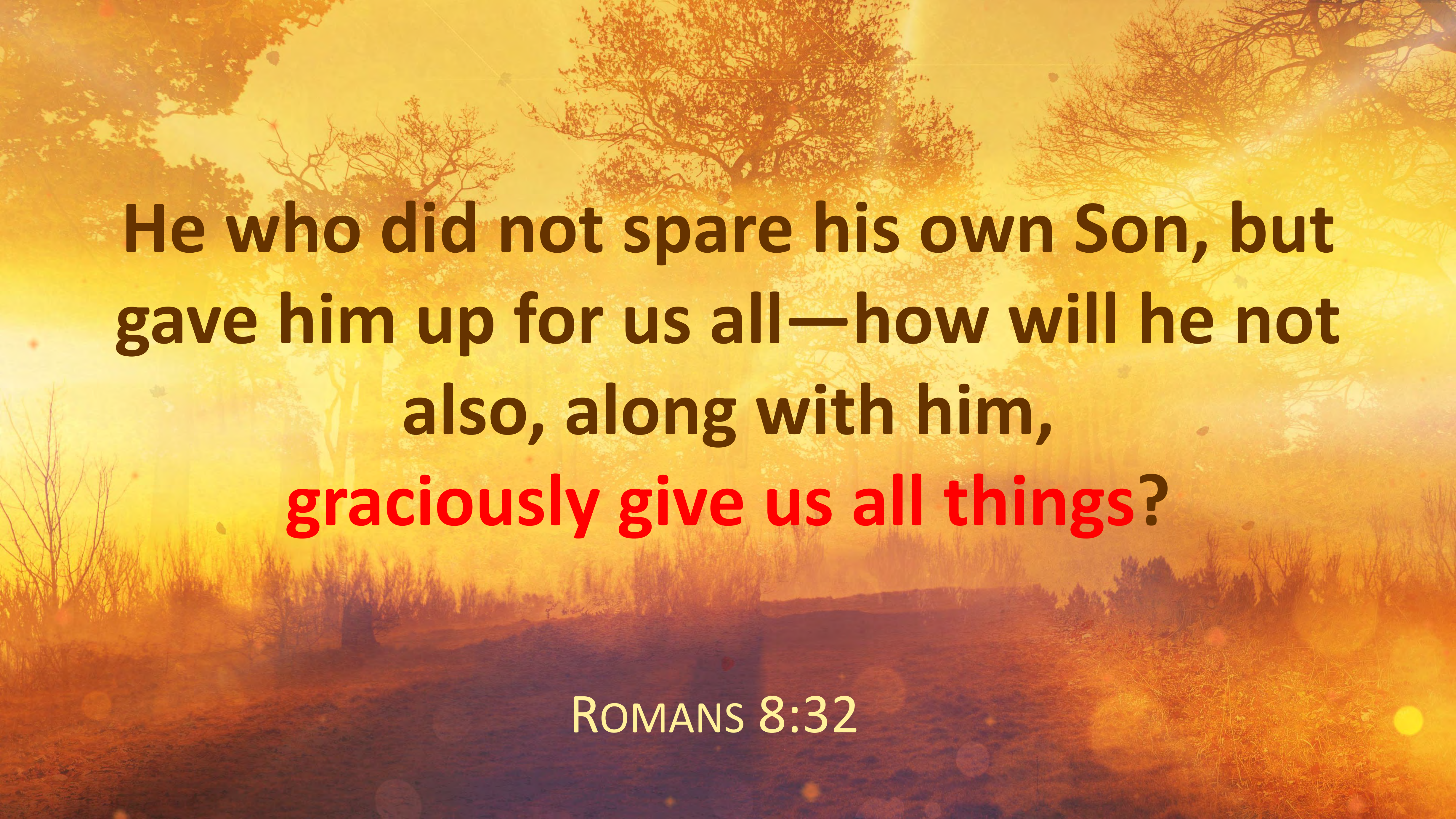
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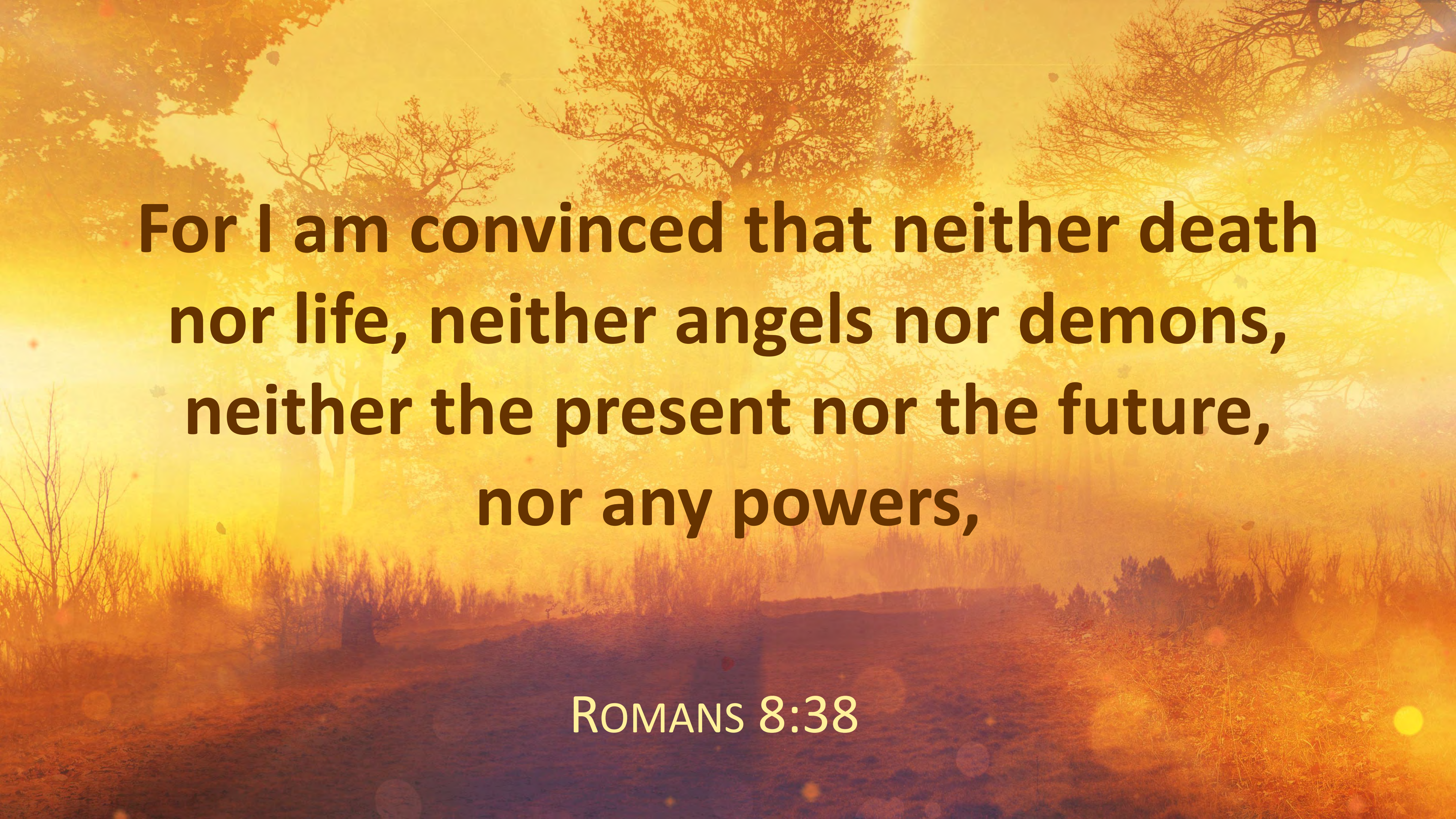
What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If **God is for us, who can be against us?**

ROMANS 8:31




**He who did not spare his own Son, but
gave him up for us all—how will he not
also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?**

ROMANS 8:32

The background of the image is a warm, golden-hued landscape. It features silhouettes of trees and a path that leads into the distance. The overall tone is bright and uplifting, with a strong sense of light and warmth. The text is overlaid on this background, centered and in a bold, black font.


**For I am convinced that neither death
nor life, neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
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ROMANS 8:38



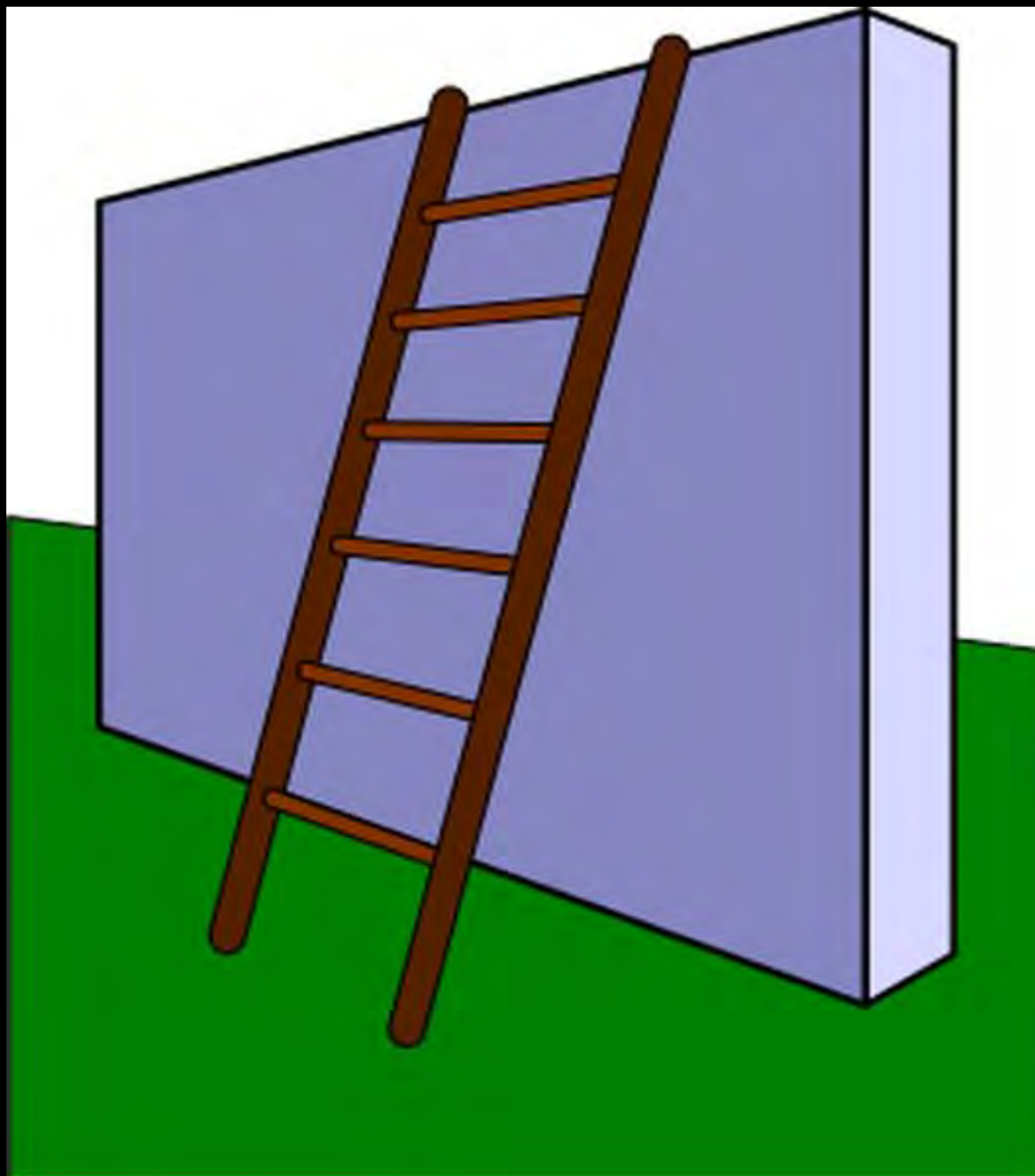
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