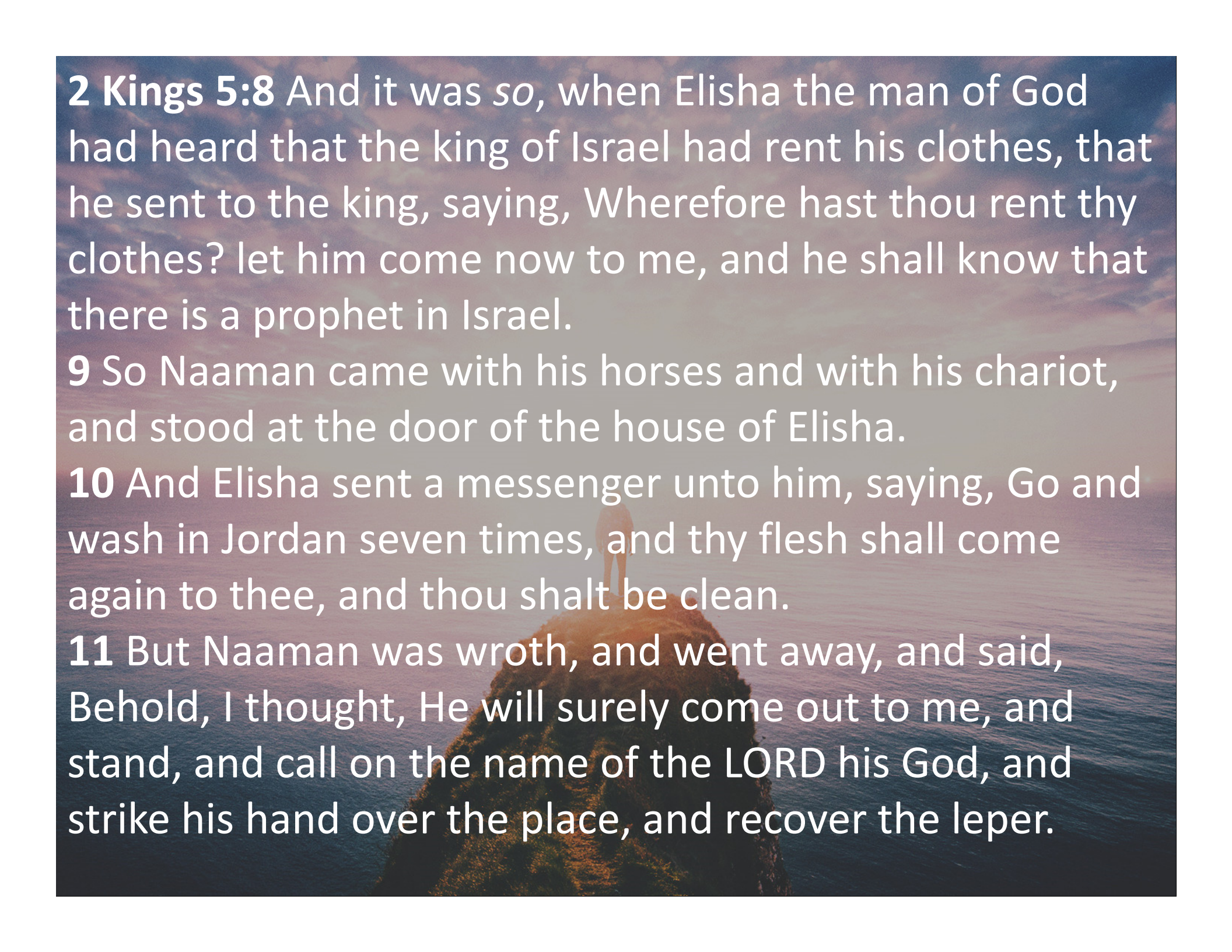


“Doing it God’s Way”

2 Kings 5:1-16

Let **GO**D

A person stands on the peak of a grassy cliff, looking out over a vast ocean under a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and silhouetting the person. The text "Let GOD" is overlaid on the image, with "Let" in a blue script font and "GOD" in large, bold, white capital letters with a slight shadow.

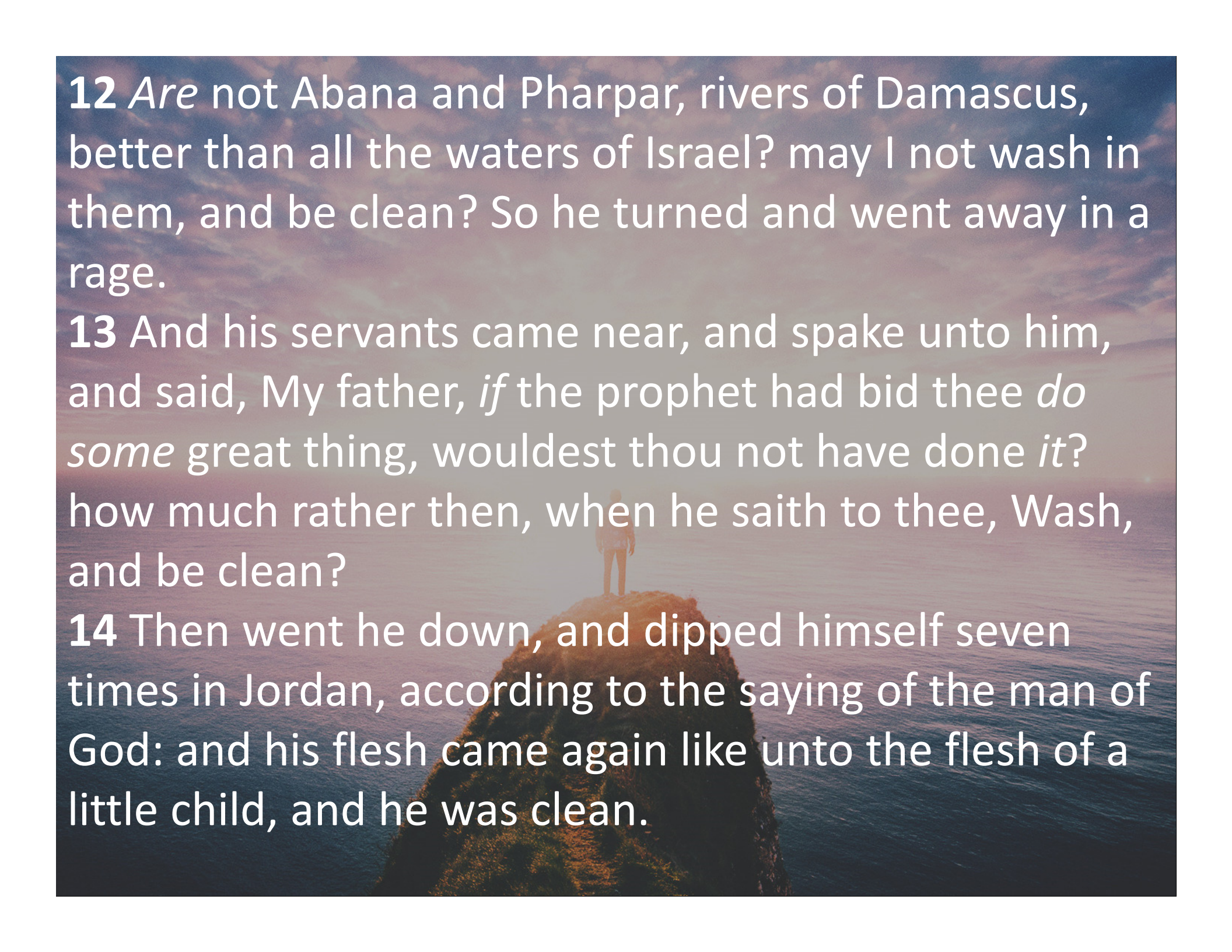
A person is standing on the peak of a dark, rocky cliff that juts out into the ocean. The scene is captured at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light illuminating the person and the sky. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. The ocean below is dark and calm, reflecting the light from the sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

2 Kings 5:8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

A person is standing on the peak of a dark, rocky cliff. The background is a vast, calm sea under a sky with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, purple, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

12 *Are* not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do some* great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

16 But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it*; but he refused.



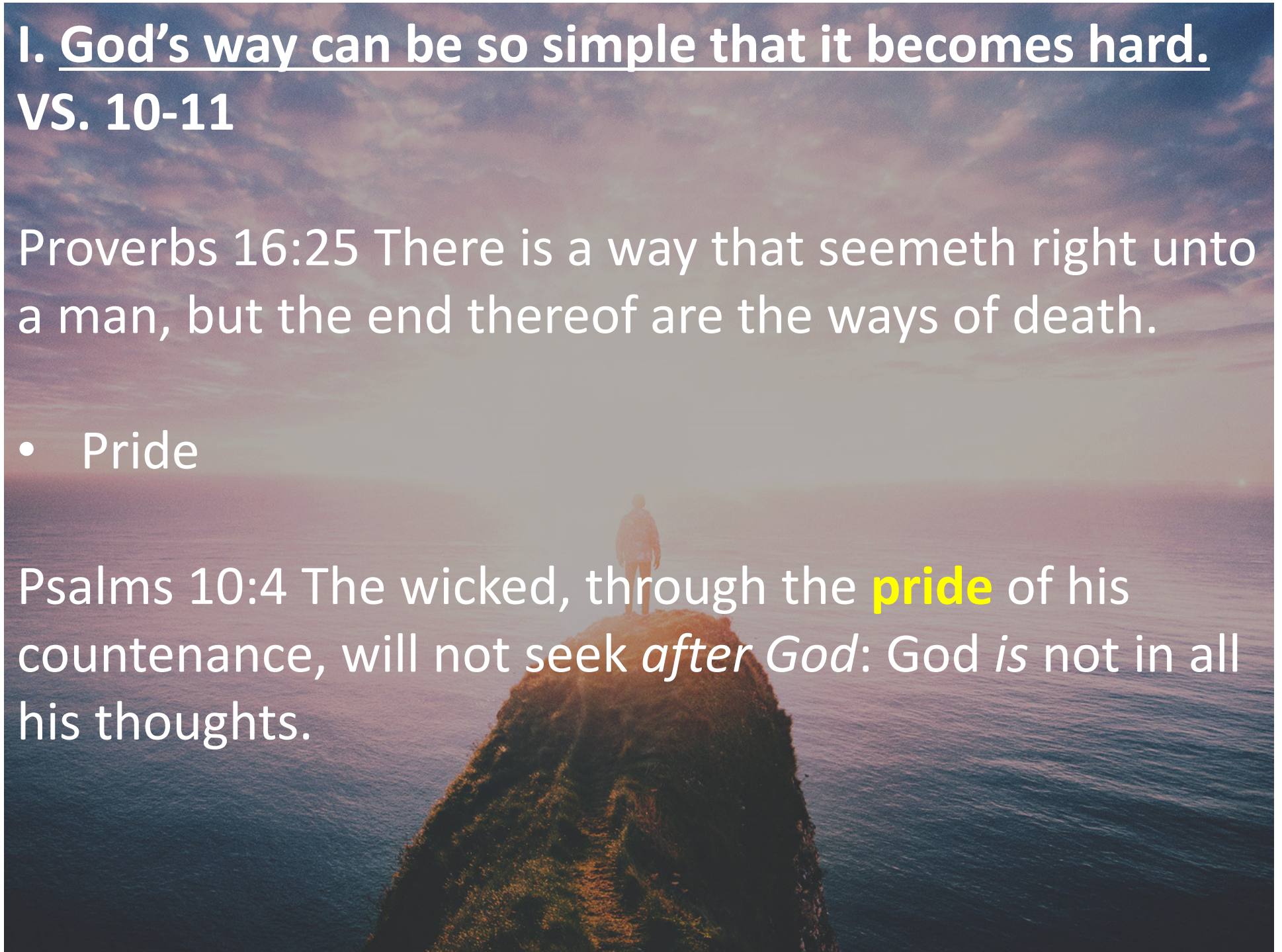
I. God's way can be so simple that it becomes hard.

VS. 10-11

Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

- Pride

Psalms 10:4 The wicked, through the **pride** of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God is not in all his thoughts.



- Unbelief

1 Corinthians 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

- Fear

Psalms 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Psalms 46:2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

2. God's way can be so easy that we need encouragement VS.13-14

Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

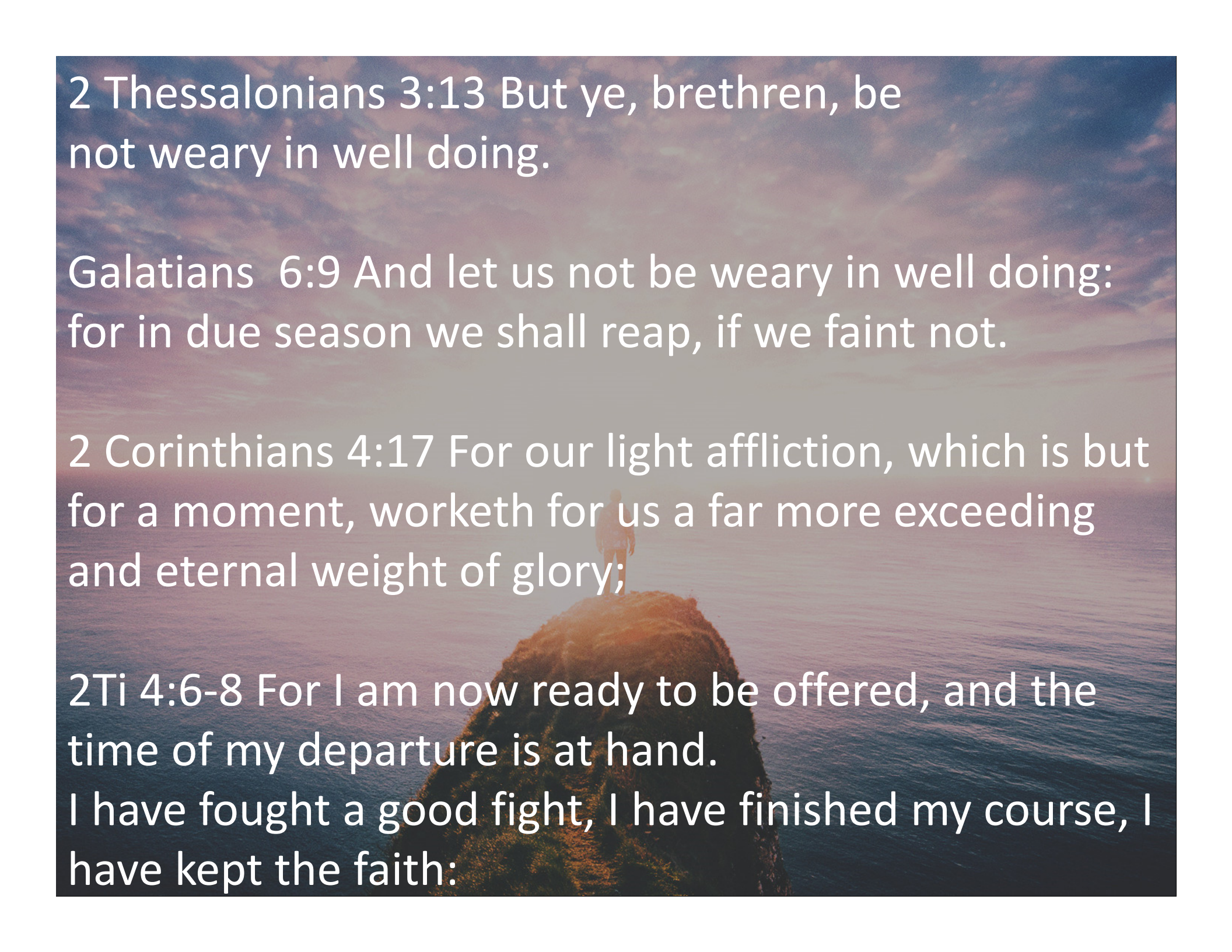
1 Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.



3. God's way can be so great that we quit VS.14

Is. 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.



A person is standing on a small, rocky outcrop in the middle of the ocean. The scene is captured at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow on the horizon and a deep blue sky. The person is silhouetted against the bright light of the sun, which is partially obscured by the horizon. The water is calm, and the overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

2 Thessalonians 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

2Ti 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

