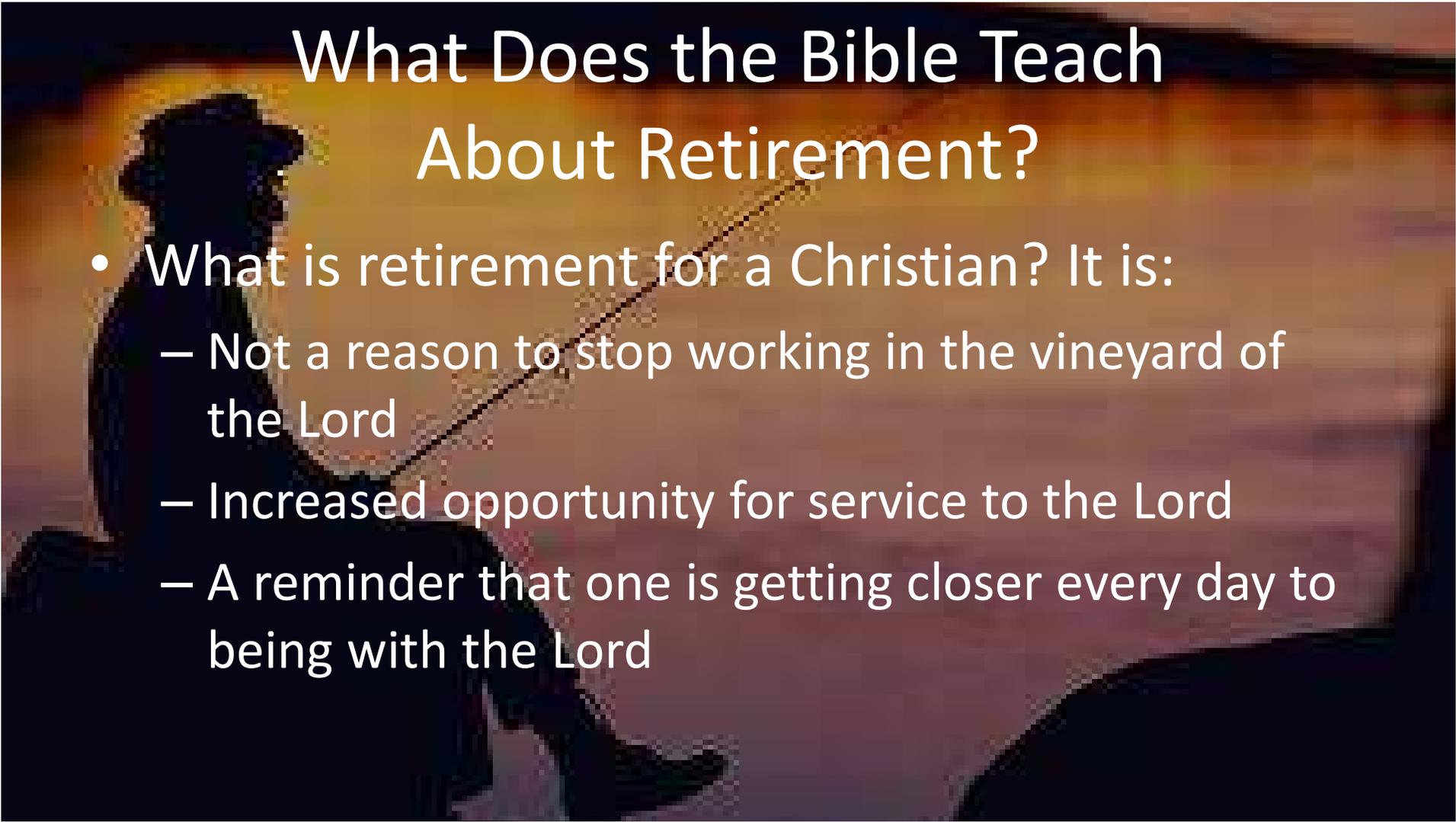


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What Does the Bible Teach About Retirement?

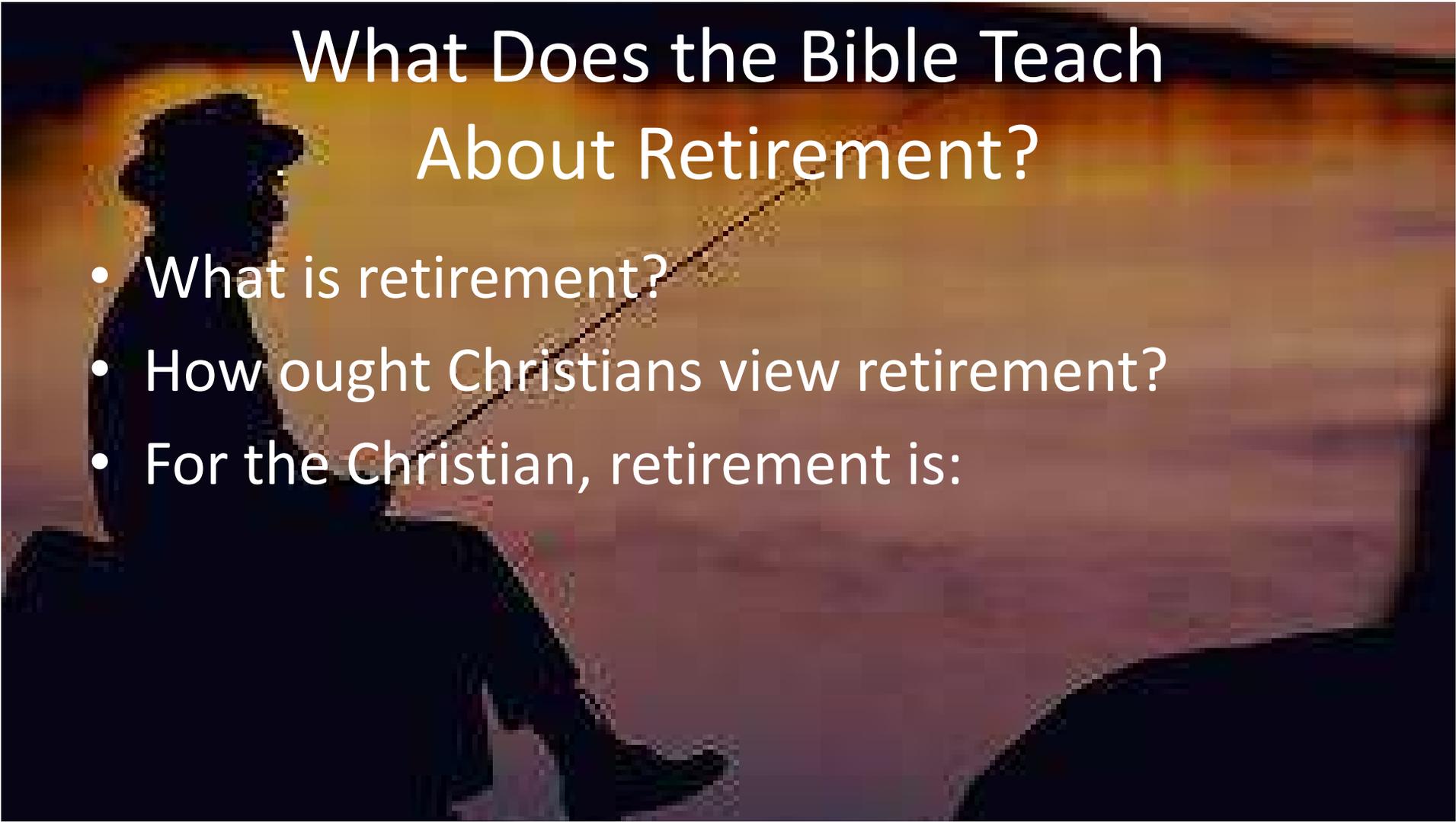


What Does the Bible Teach About Retirement?

- What is retirement for a Christian? It is:
 - Not a reason to stop working in the vineyard of the Lord
 - Increased opportunity for service to the Lord
 - A reminder that one is getting closer every day to being with the Lord

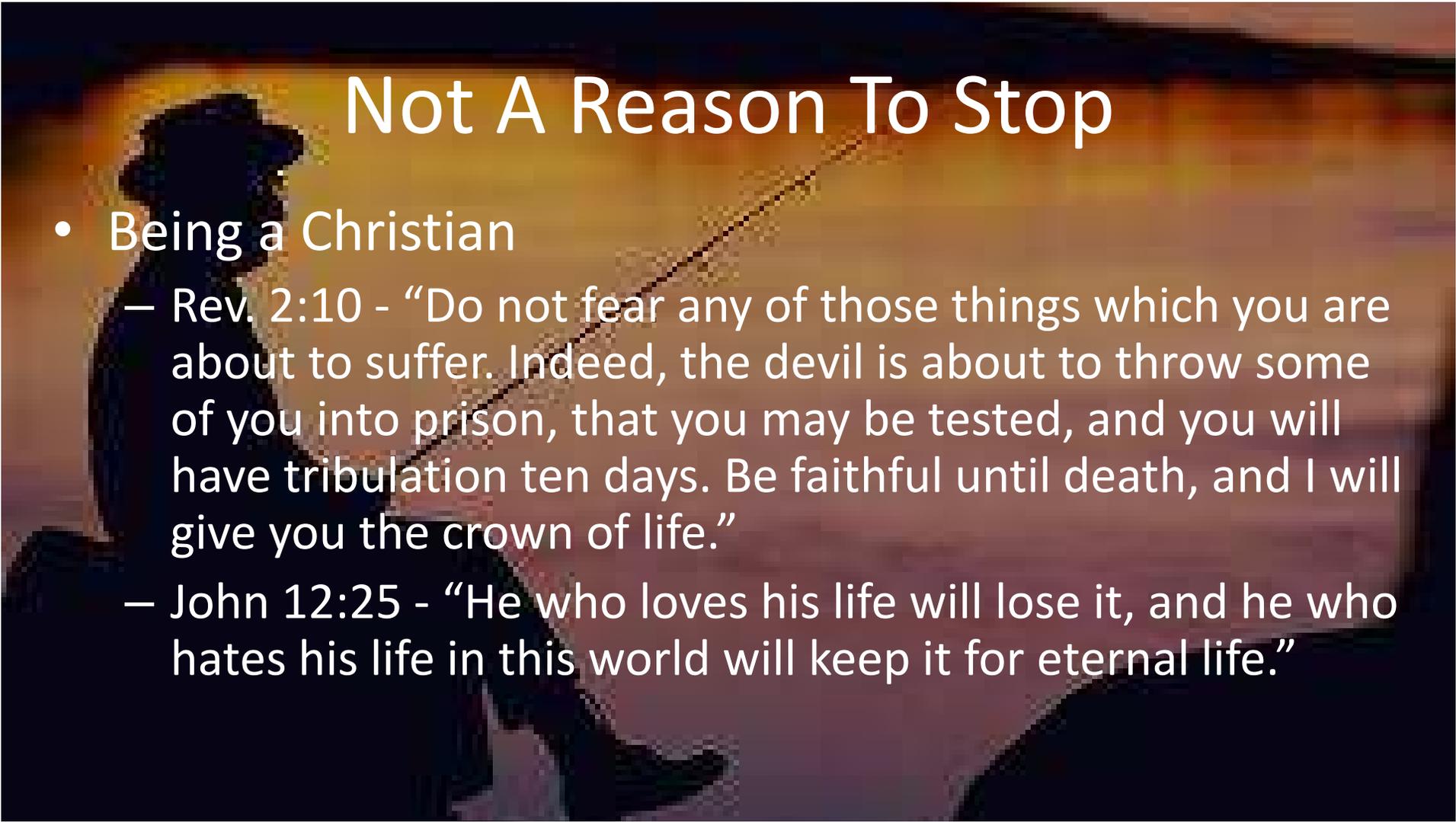
2Peter 1:5-11

- “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”



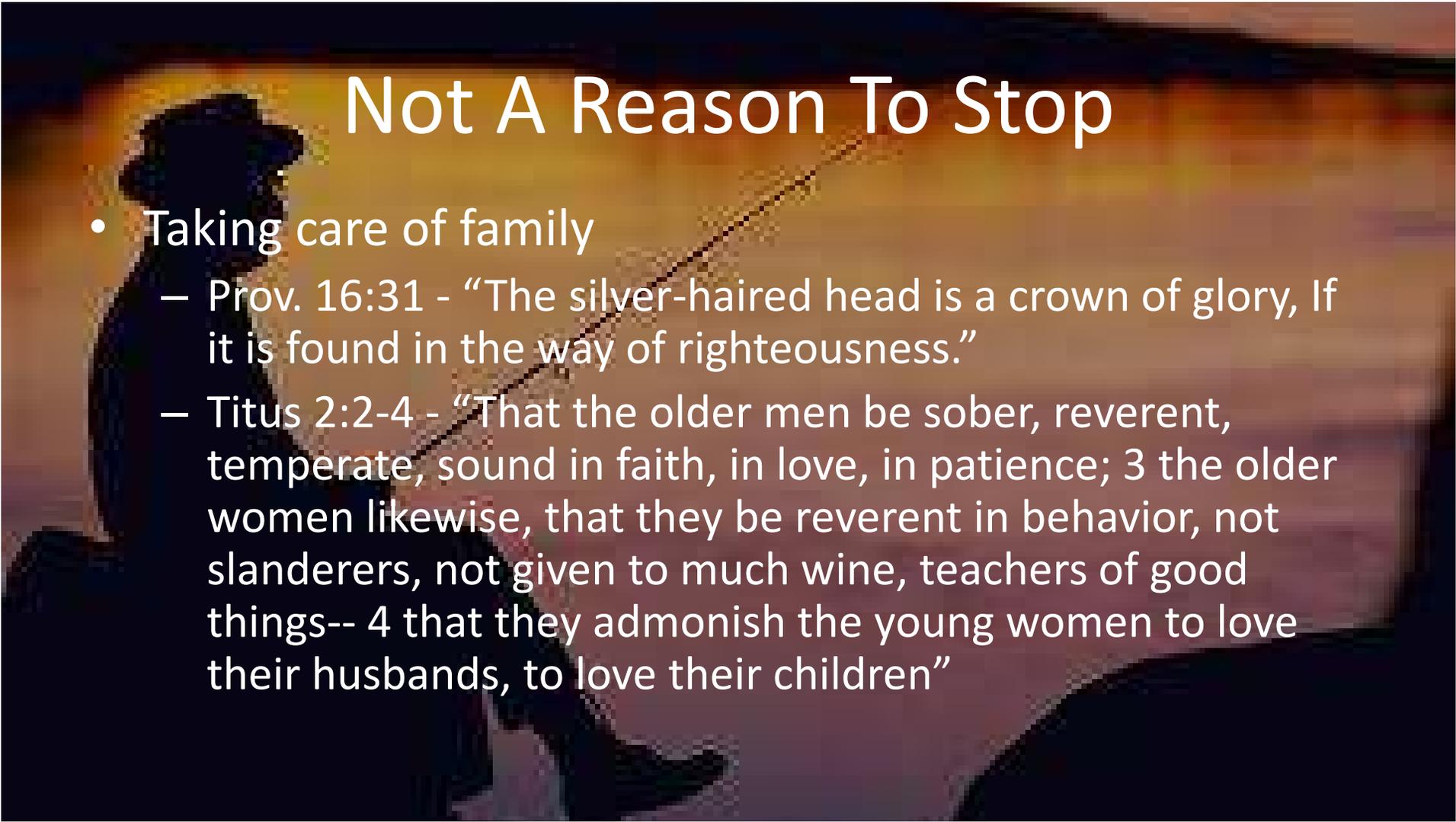
What Does the Bible Teach About Retirement?

- What is retirement?
- How ought Christians view retirement?
- For the Christian, retirement is:



Not A Reason To Stop

- Being a Christian
 - Rev. 2:10 - “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
 - John 12:25 - “He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

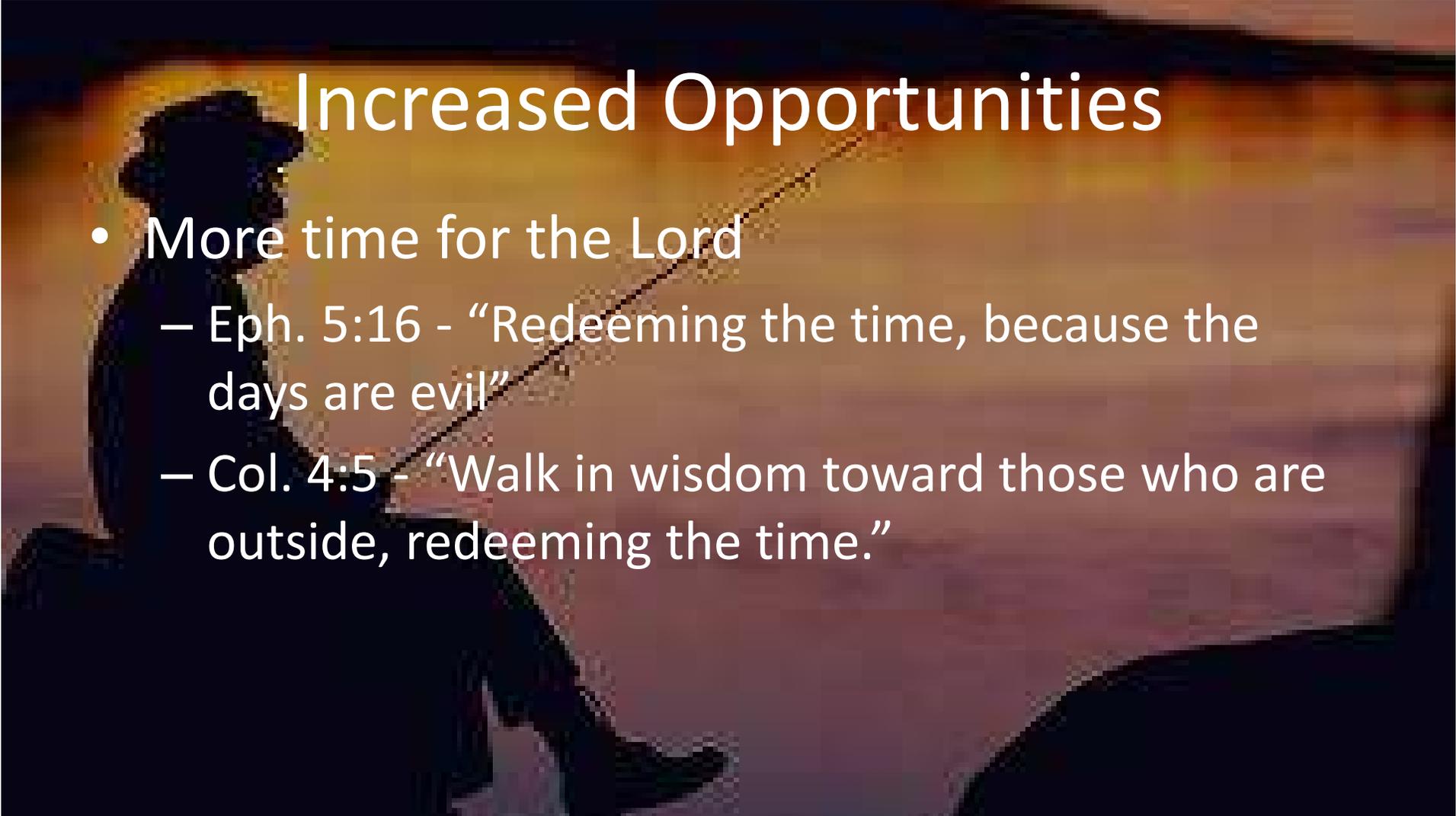


Not A Reason To Stop

- Taking care of family
 - Prov. 16:31 - “The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.”
 - Titus 2:2-4 - “That the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children”

Not A Reason To Stop

- Working for the Lord
 - Luke 17:10 - “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.”
- Older men may become qualified to be elders
 - 1Tim. 3:1 - “This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work”
- There are works for older women
 - 1Tim. 5:1-2 - “Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger as sisters, with all purity”



Increased Opportunities

- More time for the Lord
 - Eph. 5:16 - “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil”
 - Col. 4:5 - “Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.”

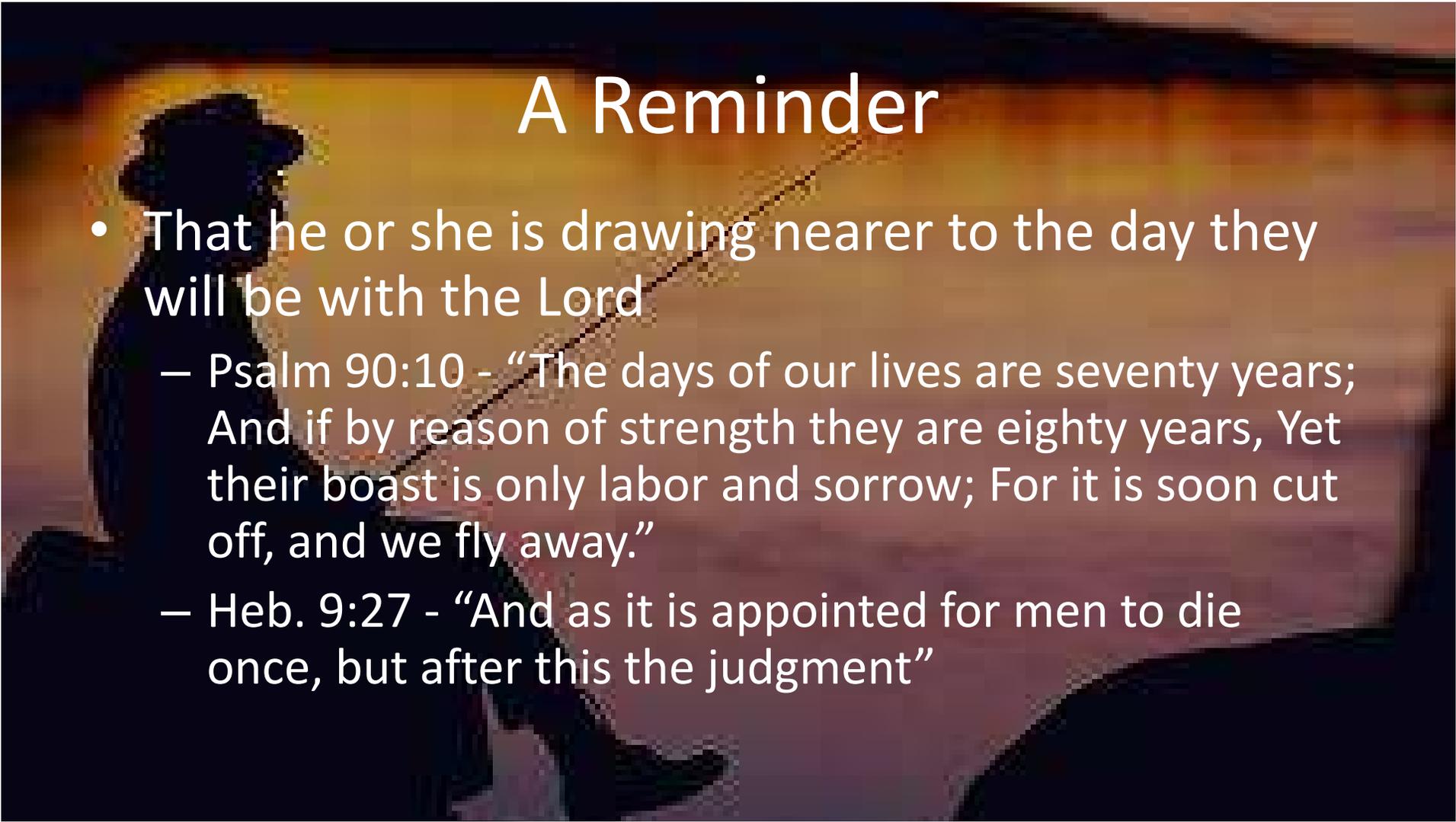


Increased Opportunities

- To be more involved in Christian works
 - James 1:27 - “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”
 - Mark 16:15 - “And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

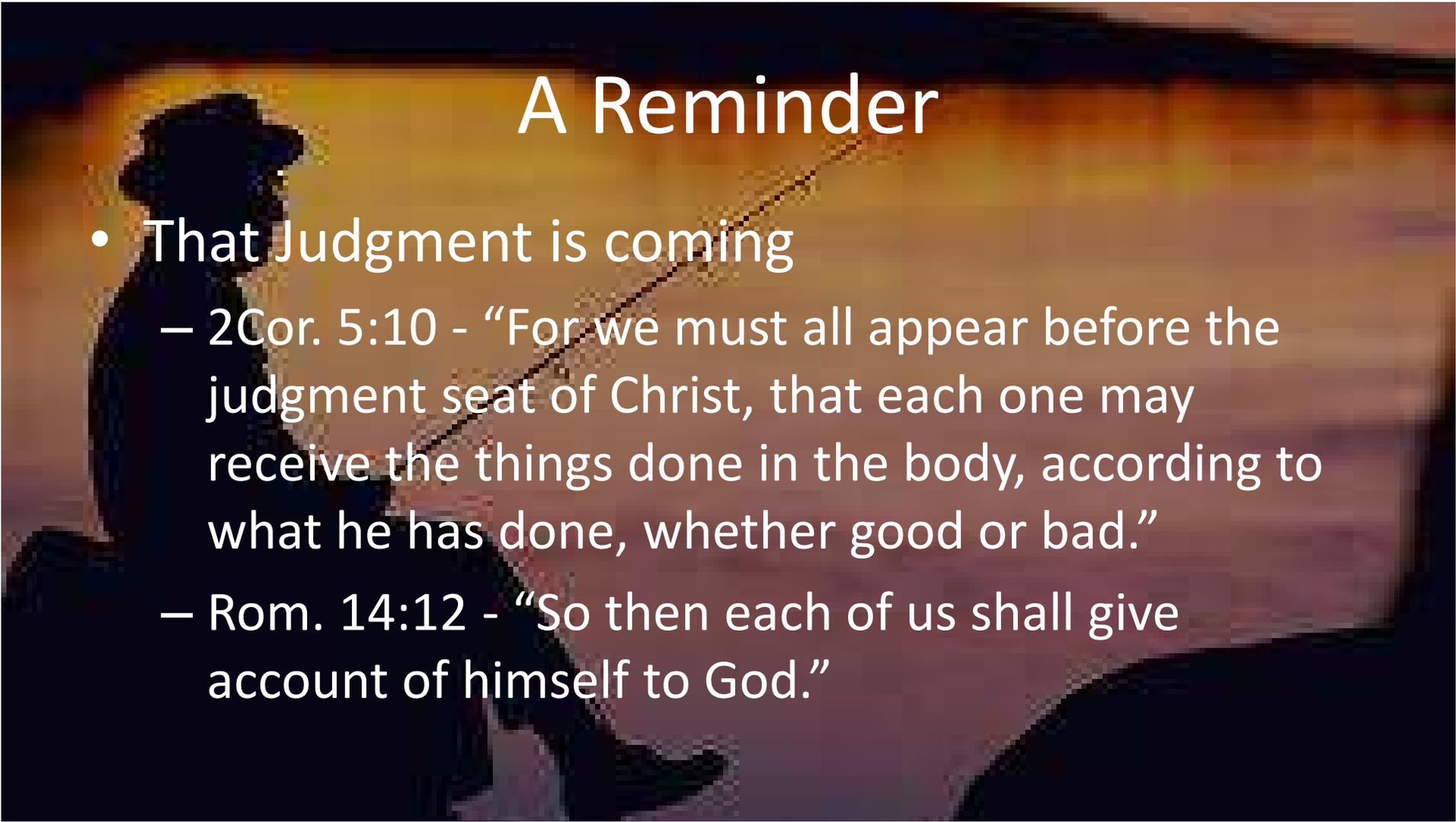
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- To be more involved in the local church
 - 1Tim. 5:10 - “Well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work”
 - There is always work that needs to be done: visiting the sick, one on one teaching of new converts, encouraging the young, mentoring young workers, showing the weak what it means to be strong and faithful



A Reminder

- That he or she is drawing nearer to the day they will be with the Lord
 - Psalm 90:10 - “The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”
 - Heb. 9:27 - “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment”



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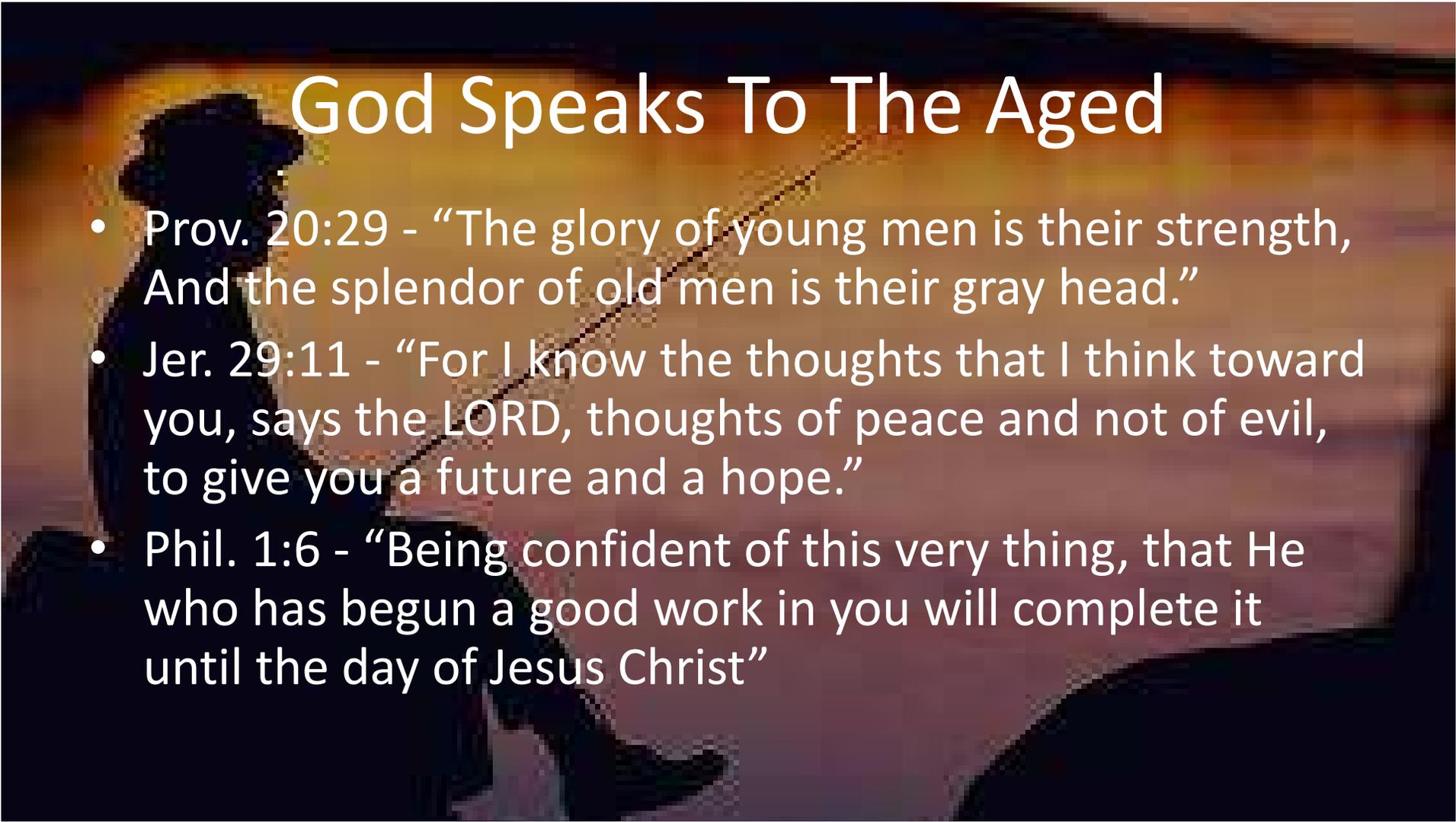
- That Judgment is coming
 - 2Cor. 5:10 - “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”
 - Rom. 14:12 - “So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

A Reminder

- That rest is for the faithful in the next life; it is not offered in this one.
- The Christian has one overarching responsibility while on this earth: serve the Lord
 - 1Cor. 15:58 - “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”
 - Ecc. 12:13 - “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.”

A Reminder

- Once this life is finished, rest will be the reward of the faithful
 - Rev. 14:13 - “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”
 - Heb. 4:9-11 - “There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”

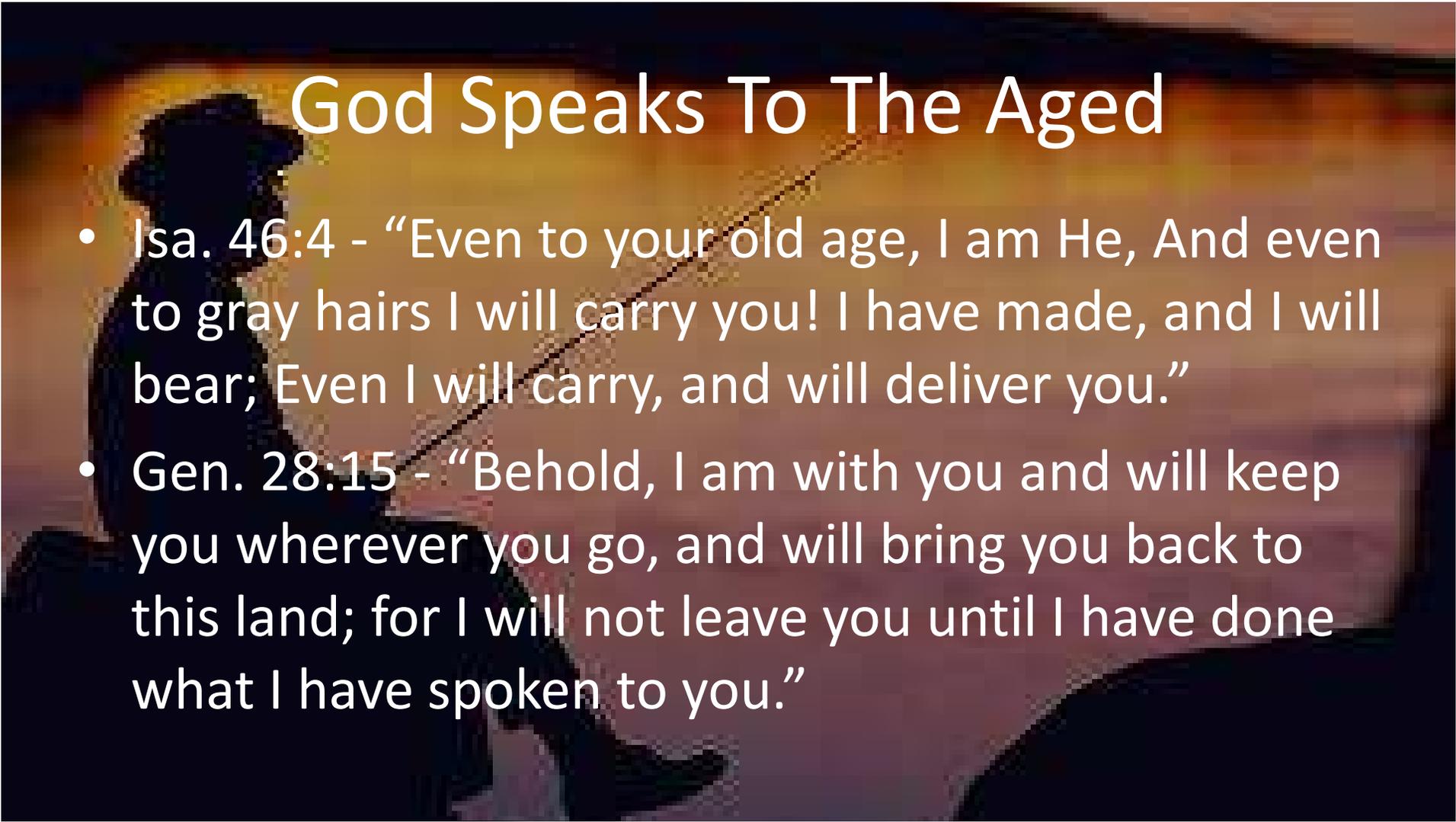


God Speaks To The Aged

- Prov. 20:29 - “The glory of young men is their strength, And the splendor of old men is their gray head.”
- Jer. 29:11 - “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
- Phil. 1:6 - “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ”

God Speaks To The Aged

- Psalm 71:5-9, 16-19 - “For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth. 6 By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You. 7 I have become as a wonder to many, But You are my strong refuge. 8 Let my mouth be filled with Your praise And with Your glory all the day. 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails... 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only. 17 O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works. 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come. 19 Also Your righteousness, O God, is very high, You who have done great things; O God, who is like You?”

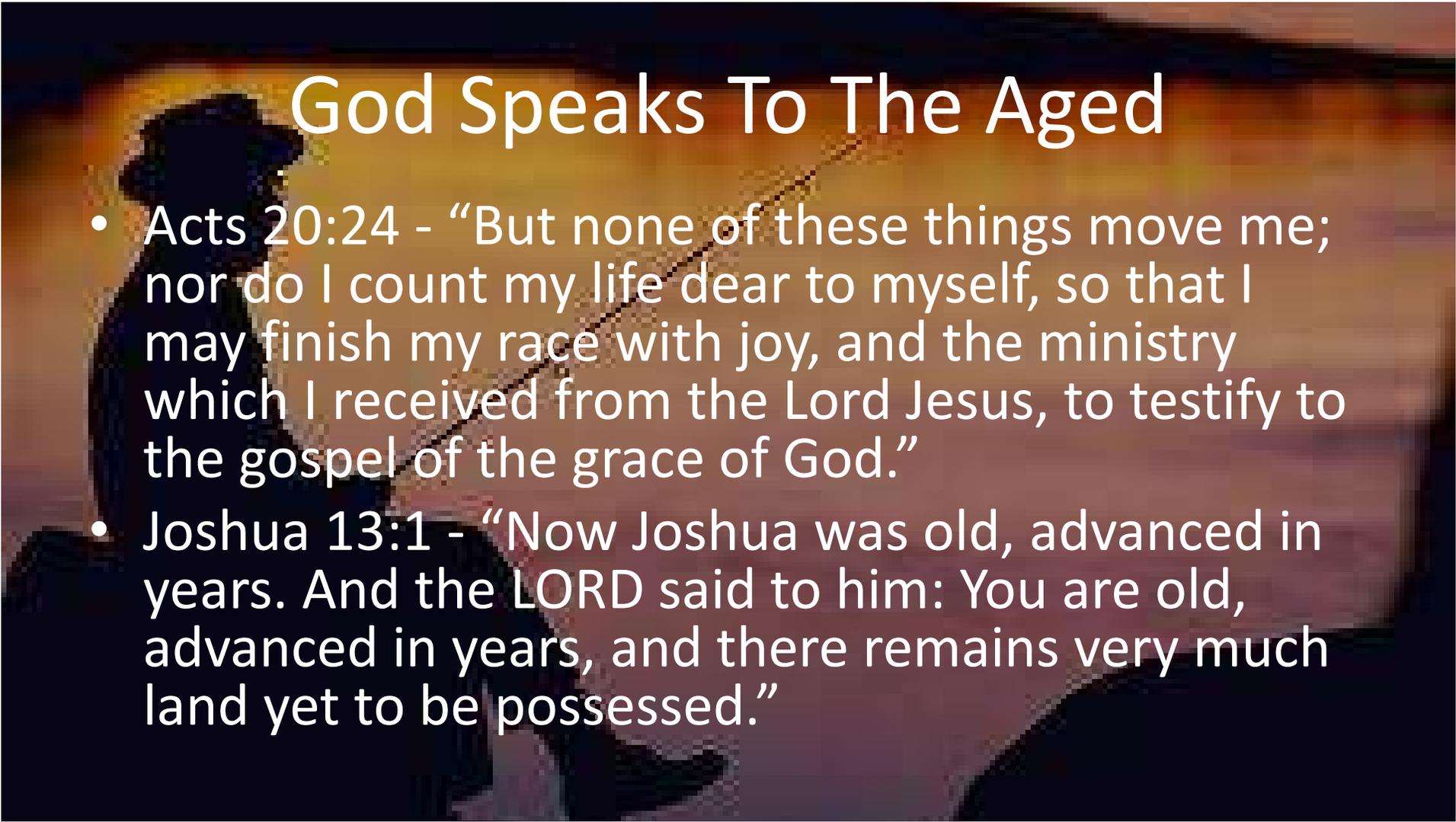


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- Isa. 46:4 - “Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.”
- Gen. 28:15 - “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”

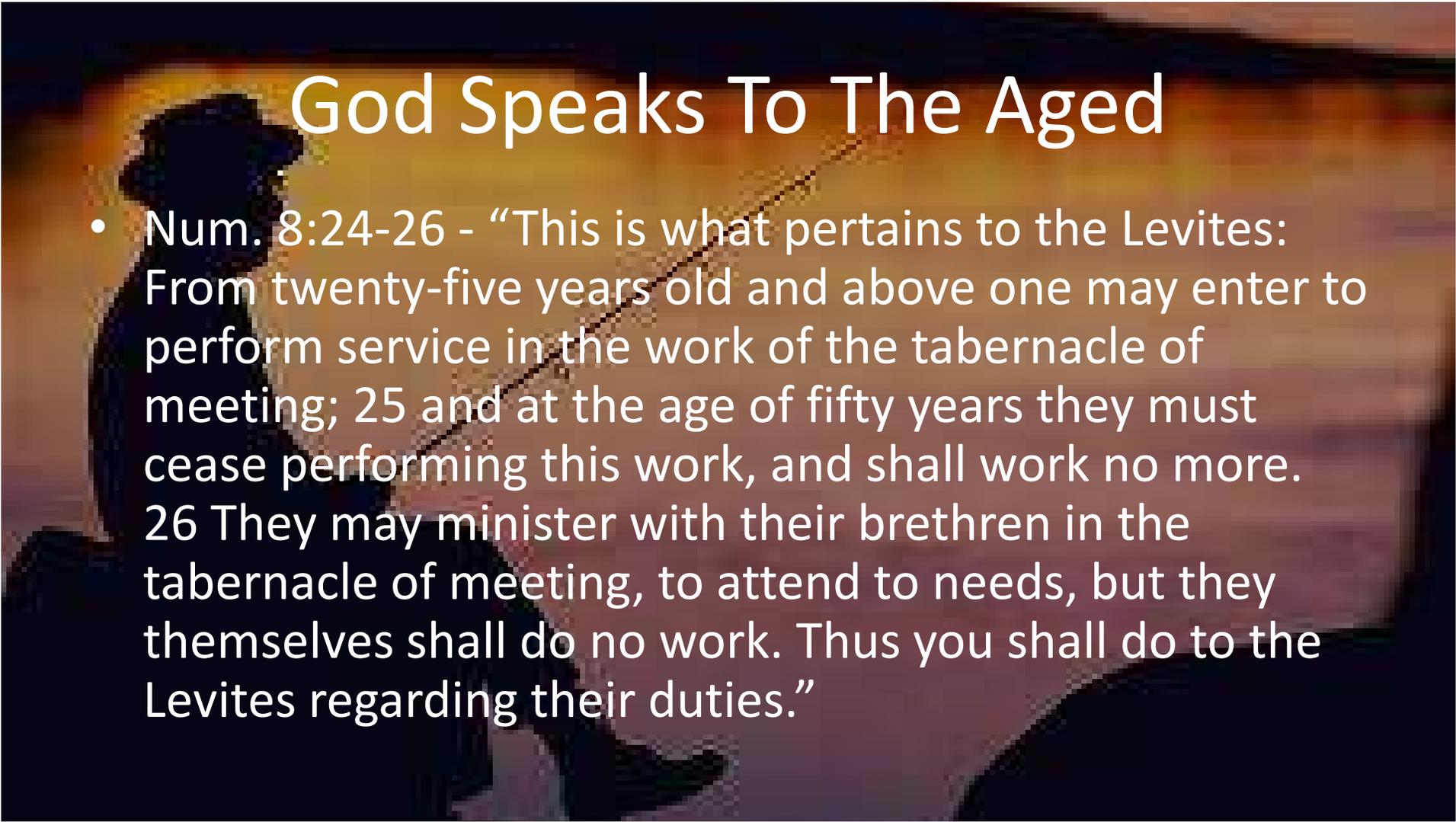
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- Gal. 6:9-10 - “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
- Phil. 3:13-14 - “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”



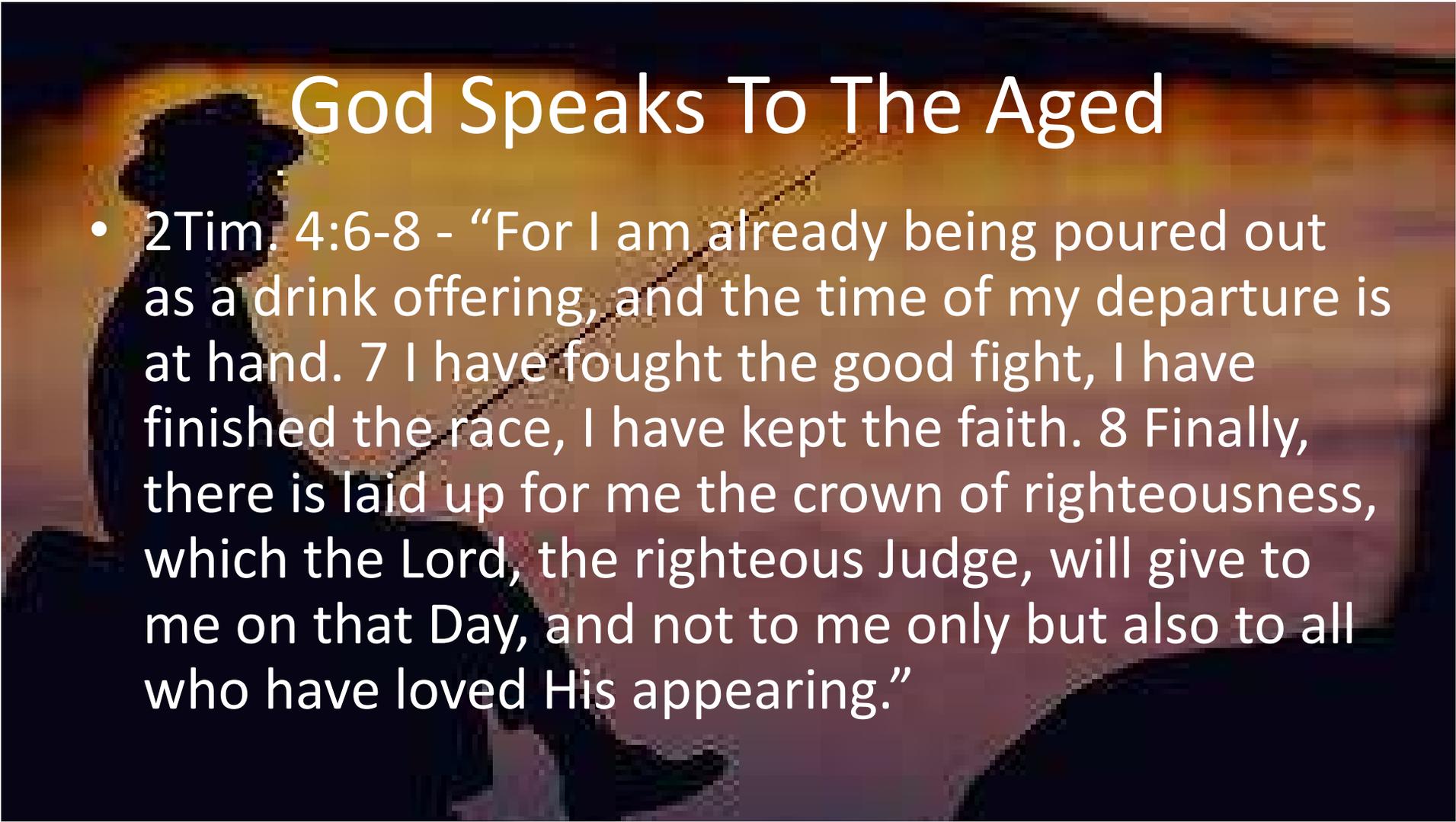
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- Acts 20:24 - “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”
- Joshua 13:1 - “Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the LORD said to him: You are old, advanced in years, and there remains very much land yet to be possessed.”



God Speaks To The Aged

- Num. 8:24-26 - “This is what pertains to the Levites: From twenty-five years old and above one may enter to perform service in the work of the tabernacle of meeting; 25 and at the age of fifty years they must cease performing this work, and shall work no more. 26 They may minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of meeting, to attend to needs, but they themselves shall do no work. Thus you shall do to the Levites regarding their duties.”



God Speaks To The Aged

- 2Tim. 4:6-8 - “For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”