

A black and white photograph of a winding road at night. The road is illuminated by a light source, possibly headlights, creating a bright path that curves through a dark, wooded area. The text "We are Never Alone" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image. Below it, the text "Joshua 1:1-9" is also overlaid in a smaller white font.

We are Never Alone

Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua 1:1-5

- “After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them-the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.”

Joshua 1:6-9

- “Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

We are Never Alone

- We live in the most prosperous nation in the history of the planet, and yet we are a lonely people living in isolation in a crowd
- All of this wealth has not cured our social ills nor made us satisfied.
- Great wealth has not made Americans a happy people.
- Even in this era of social media, loneliness is one of American's most commonly reported anxieties.

Christians Never Face Hardships Alone

- God never leaves His people alone
 - Heb. 13:5 - “For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
- When Israel entered the Promised Land
 - Deut. 31:6 - “Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

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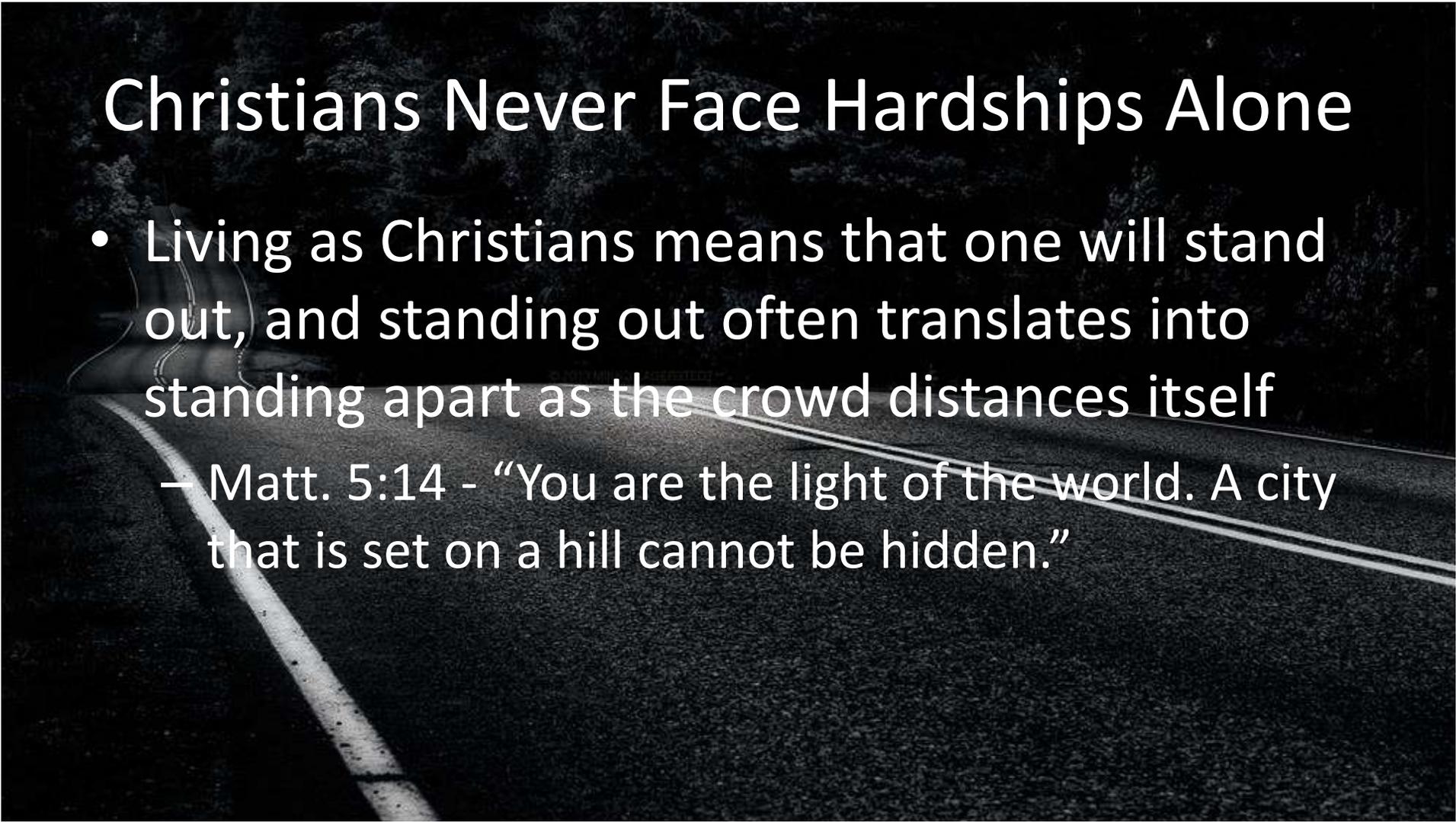
- When Elijah thought he was alone in Israel
 - 1Kings 19:14, 18 - “And he said, I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life...
18 Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him”

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- When Israel thought God abandoned them
 - Isa. 49:14-16 - “But Zion said, The LORD has forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten me. 15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. 16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands...”

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- God gives Christians the same reassurance
 - Heb. 13:5-6, 8 - “Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 So we may boldly say: The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me? ... 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a road at night. The road is illuminated by a bright light source, possibly a car's headlights, creating a strong contrast between the lit path and the surrounding darkness. The road curves slightly to the left. The background is filled with dark, silhouetted trees and foliage, suggesting a forest or a rural setting. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.

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- Living as Christians means that one will stand out, and standing out often translates into standing apart as the crowd distances itself
 - Matt. 5:14 - “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

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- John 3:20 - “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.”
- Eph. 5:11 - “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them”
- 2Tim. 3:12 - “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”

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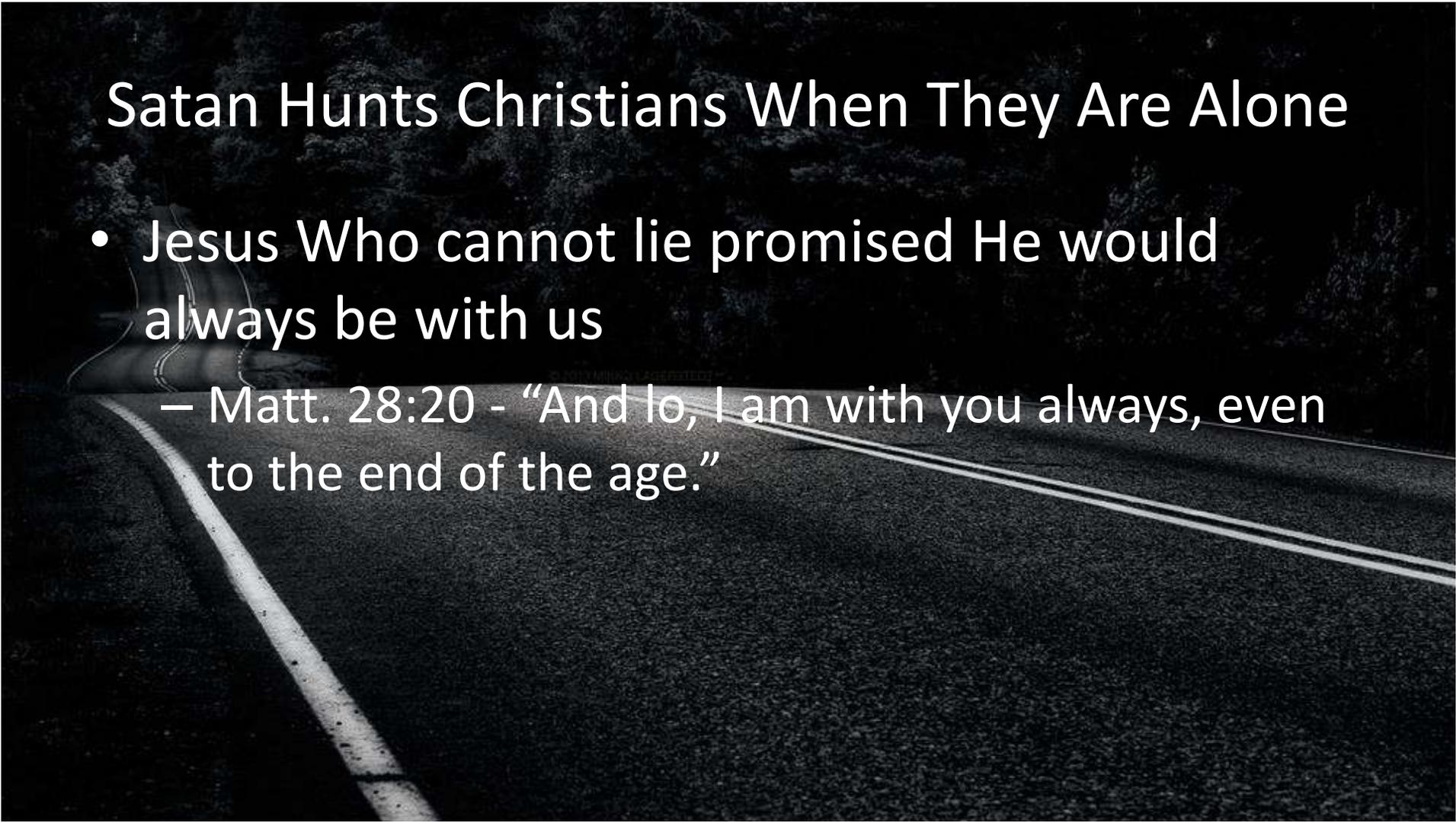
- “When Moses says, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?’ God answers not by telling Moses who he is, but by telling him who God is, saying, ‘I will be with you’ (Ex. 3:12).” (Harold S. Kushner)
- “A God wise enough to create me and the world I live in is wise enough to watch out for me.”
(Philip Yancey)

Satan Hunts Christians When They Are Alone

- Matt. 4:1-2 - “Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.”
- Job’s resistance to questioning God’s justice was weakened by being alone

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- Even in his darkest hour, God was with Elisha
 - 2Kings 6:14-17 - “Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas, my master! What shall we do? 16 So he answered, Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see. Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”



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- Jesus Who cannot lie promised He would always be with us
 - Matt. 28:20 - “And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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- Satan will never have enough power separate us from God
 - Rom. 8:31-39 - “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

God Enables Us To Stand

- God promised Joshua that He would be with him all the way
 - Joshua 1:9 - “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”
- Solomon was promised that God would be with him until the temple was built.
 - 1Chron. 28:20 - “And David said to his son Solomon, Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God-my God-will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.”

God Enables Us To Stand

- In the body, God is with us in this world; out of the body, we will be with the Lord in the world to come. We will never be alone
 - 2Cor. 5:1-9 - “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.”



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- “The closer you are to the end of your temporal trials, the louder the voice of critics. Close your ears to the heavy downpours of their discouragements. God whispers; ‘I am with you.’” (Israelmore Ayivor)