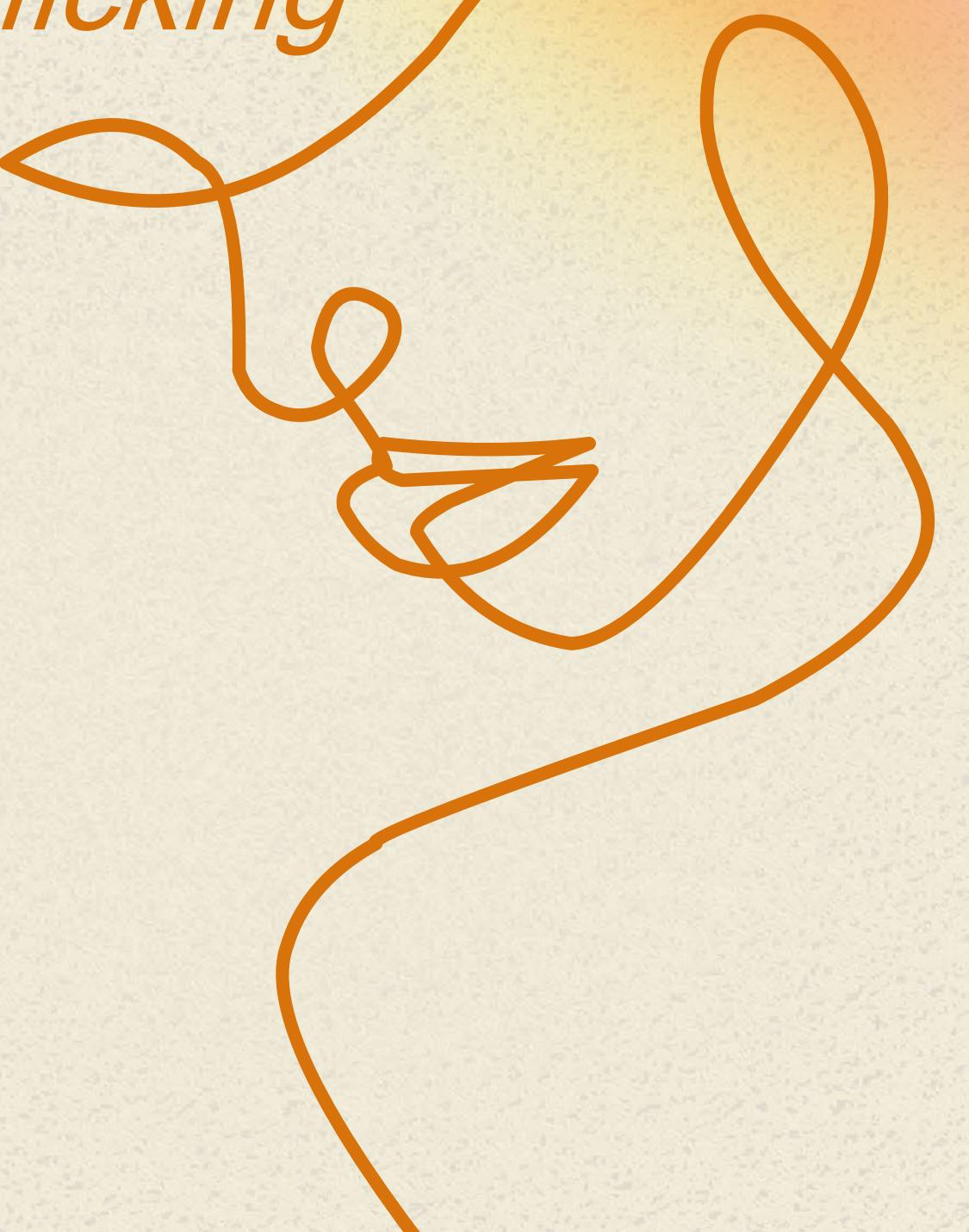


# Step Up and Pray:

*“The Greater Work” in the Fight Against  
Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking*



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**- Global Slavery Index**

There are an estimated 49.6 million  
people living in slavery today.

## Profiles of detected victims



## Forms of exploitation of detected victims

**42%**

are trafficked for  
forced labour



47%  
men



20%  
boys

**36%**

are trafficked for  
sexual exploitation



64%  
women



10%  
girls

**8%**

are trafficked for  
forced criminality

**8%**

are trafficked for mixed  
forms of exploitation

**4%**

are trafficked for  
other purposes

**1%**

are trafficked for  
forced begging

**1%**

are trafficked for  
forced marriages

## Profiles of detected traffickers

**70%**

of traffickers convicted are men

**28%**

of traffickers convicted are women

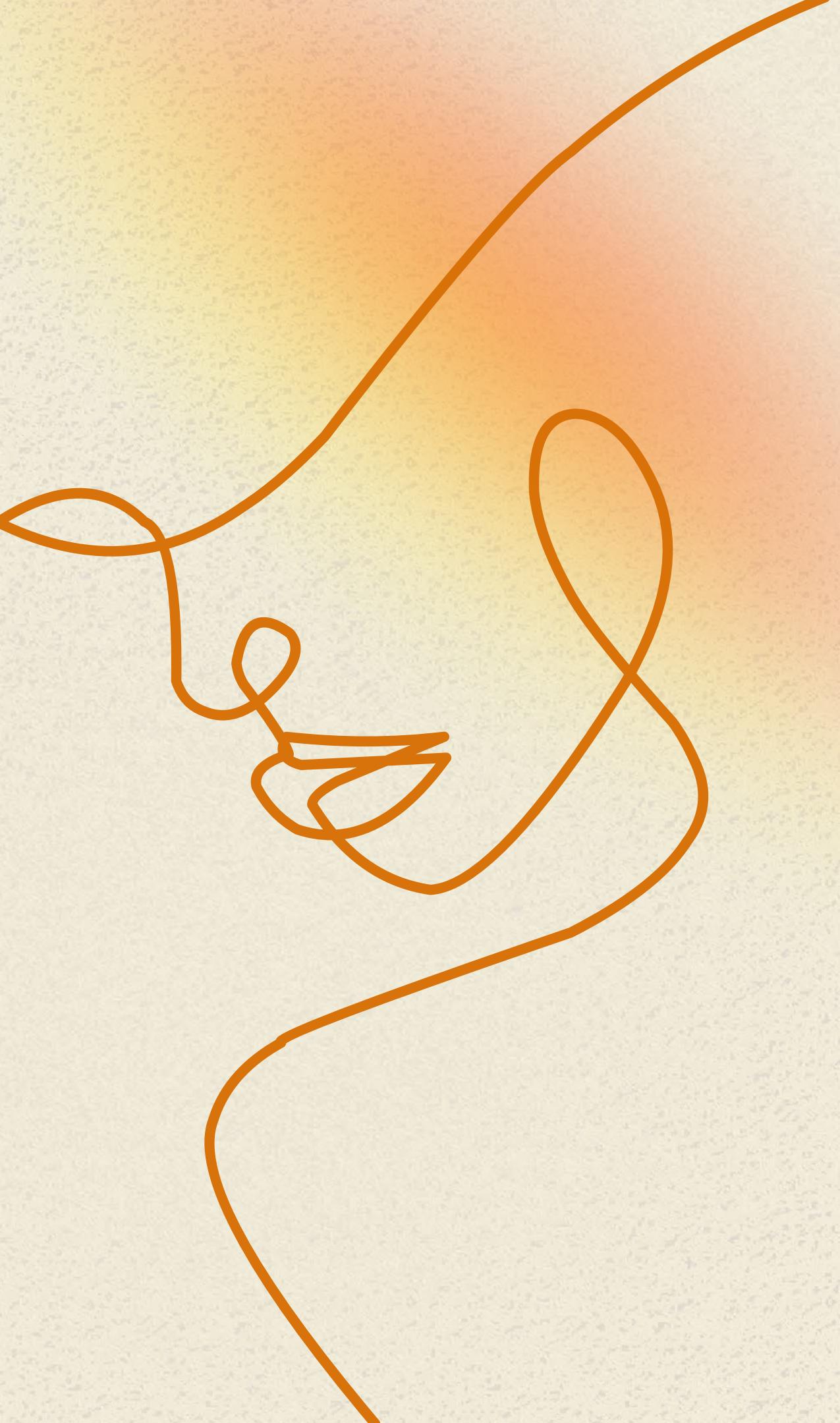
**74%**

of traffickers operate within  
business or governance-type  
organized crime groups

**26%**

of traffickers operate individually  
or in association with others,  
but not acting in concert.

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Ephesians 6:10-12



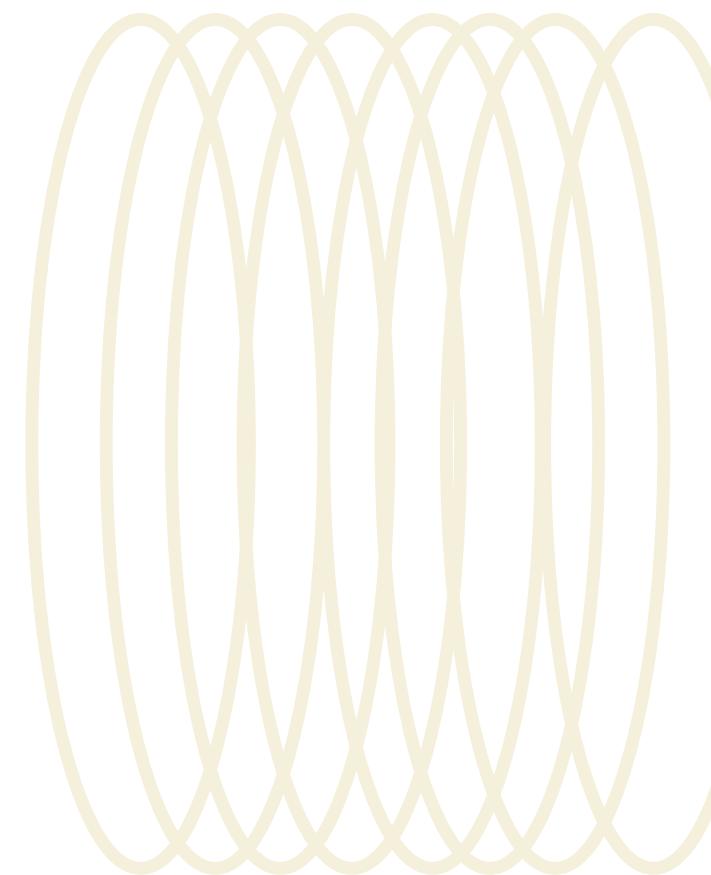
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**See**

See that what we experience in the physical is affected by what is happening in the spiritual.



*We're not fighting a war against flesh and blood enemies, so our response cannot only be flesh and blood and engagement.*

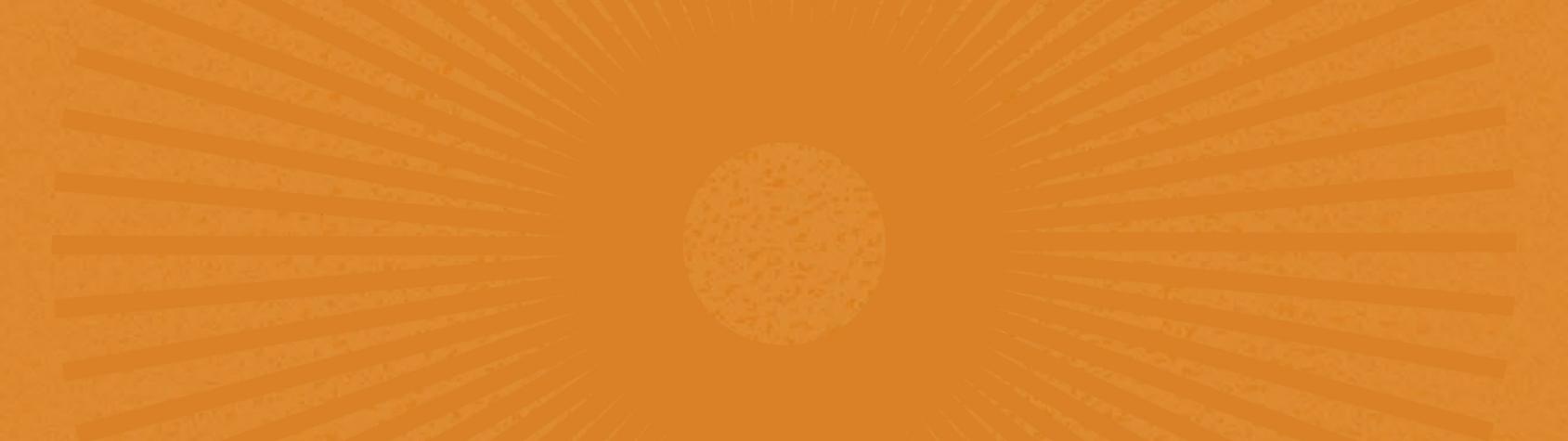




*“Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer is the greater work.”*

*Oswald Chambers*





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Ephesians 6:11





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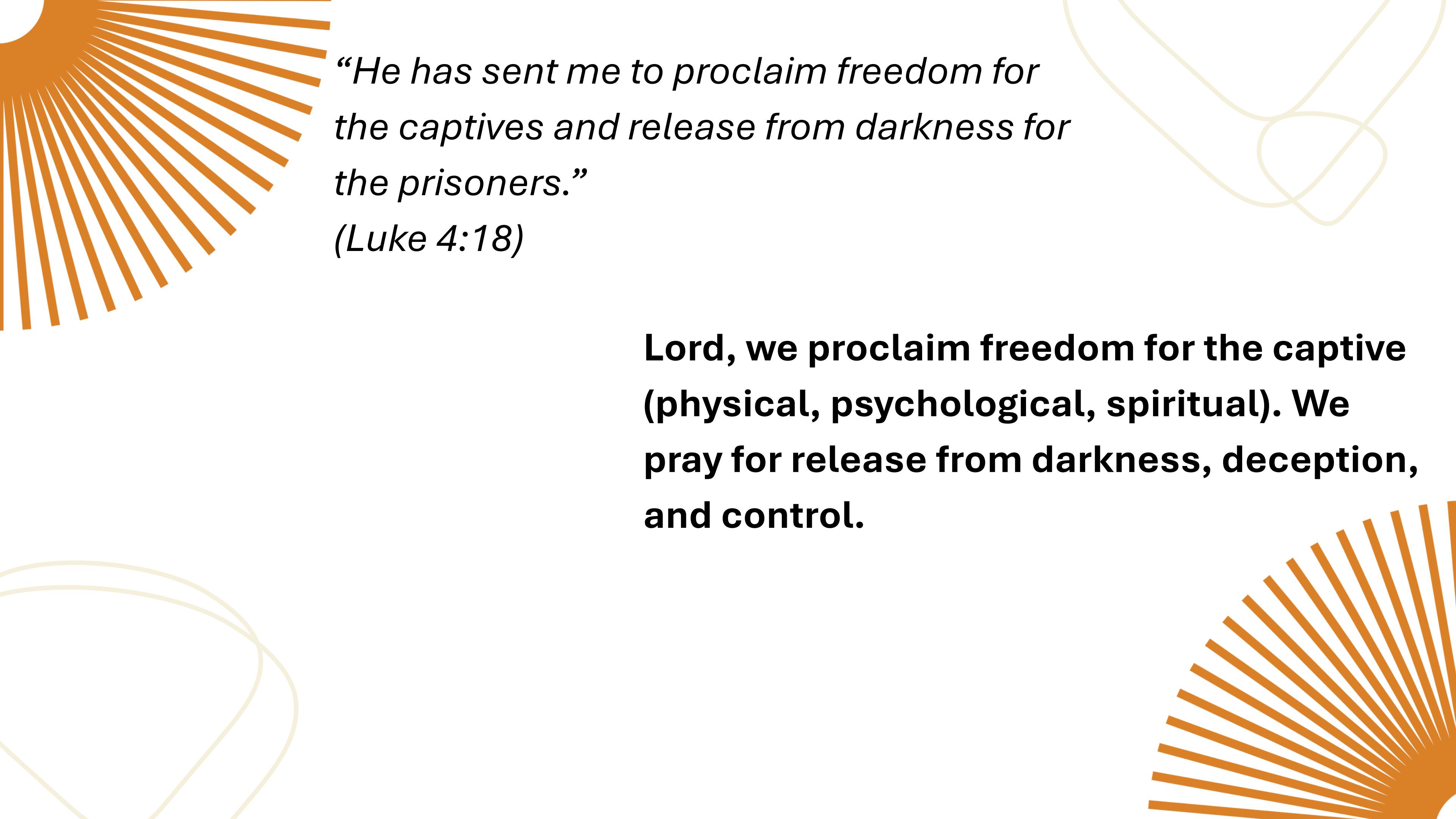
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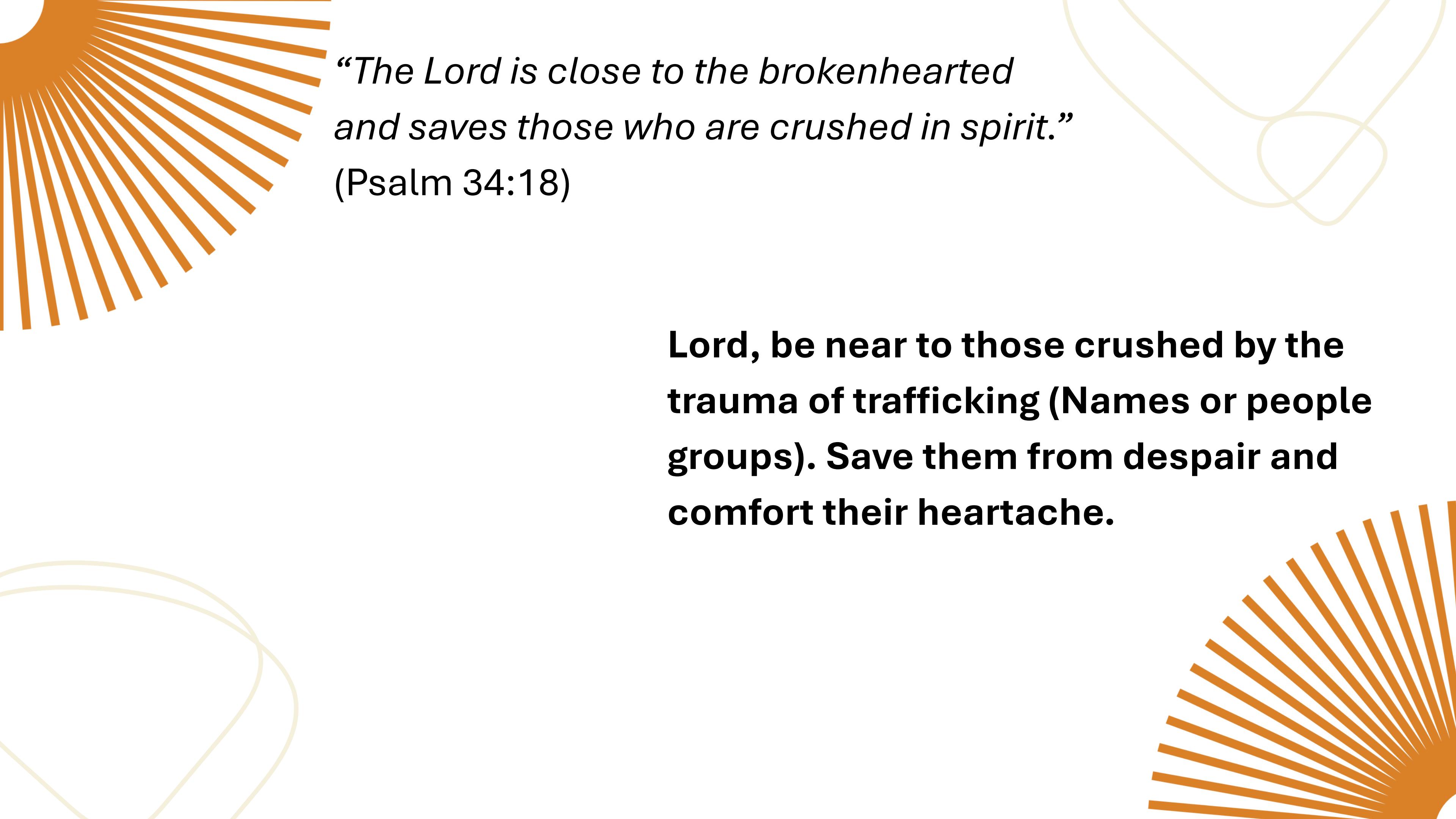
**Seek** Seek through prayer to align yourself with the will of God and call that into being.



*“He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”*

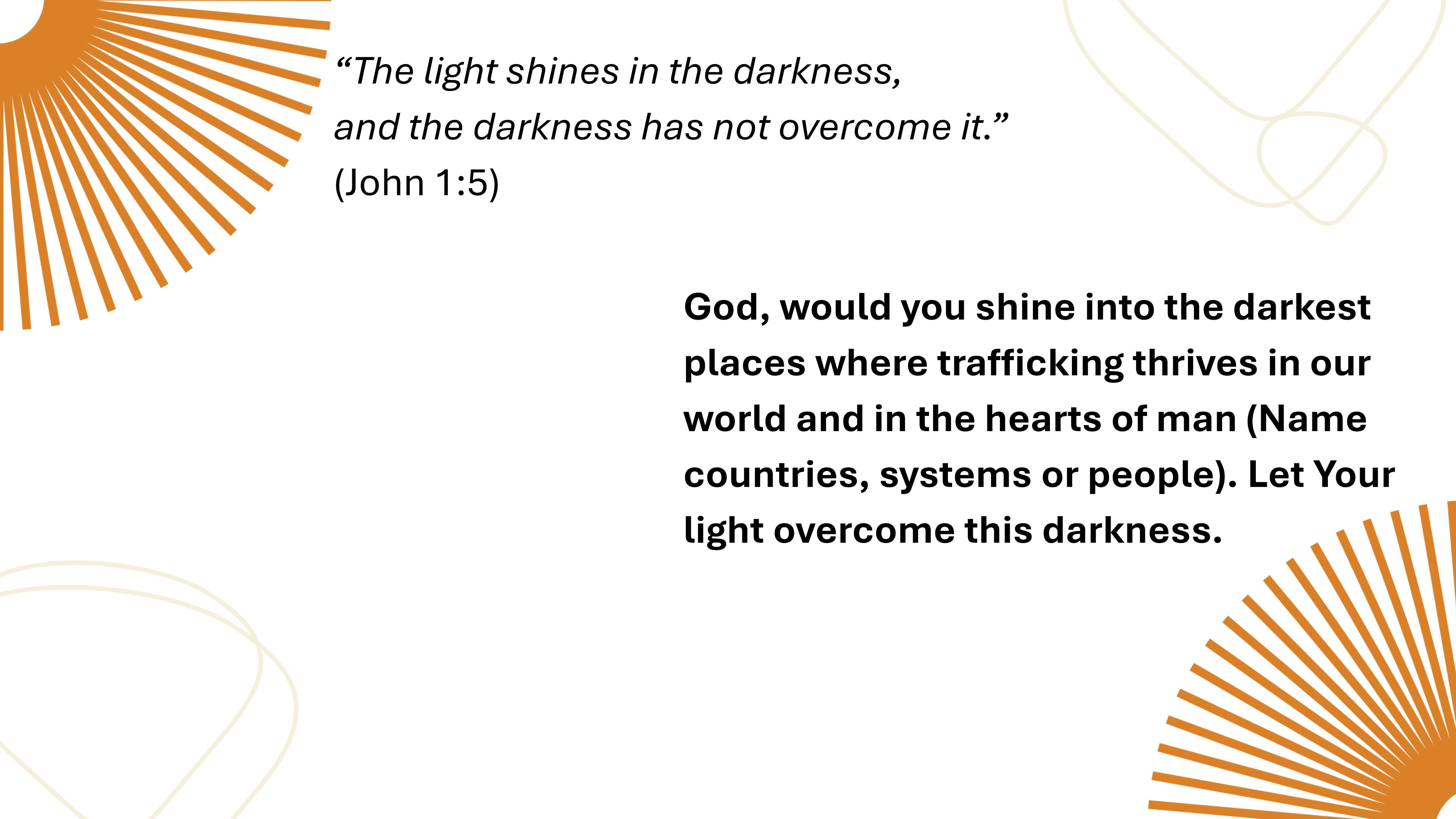
*(Luke 4:18)*

**Lord, we proclaim freedom for the captive (physical, psychological, spiritual). We pray for release from darkness, deception, and control.**



*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”*  
(Psalm 34:18)

**Lord, be near to those crushed by the  
trauma of trafficking (Names or people  
groups). Save them from despair and  
comfort their heartache.**



*“The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.”*  
(John 1:5)

**God, would you shine into the darkest  
places where trafficking thrives in our  
world and in the hearts of man (Name  
countries, systems or people). Let Your  
light overcome this darkness.**

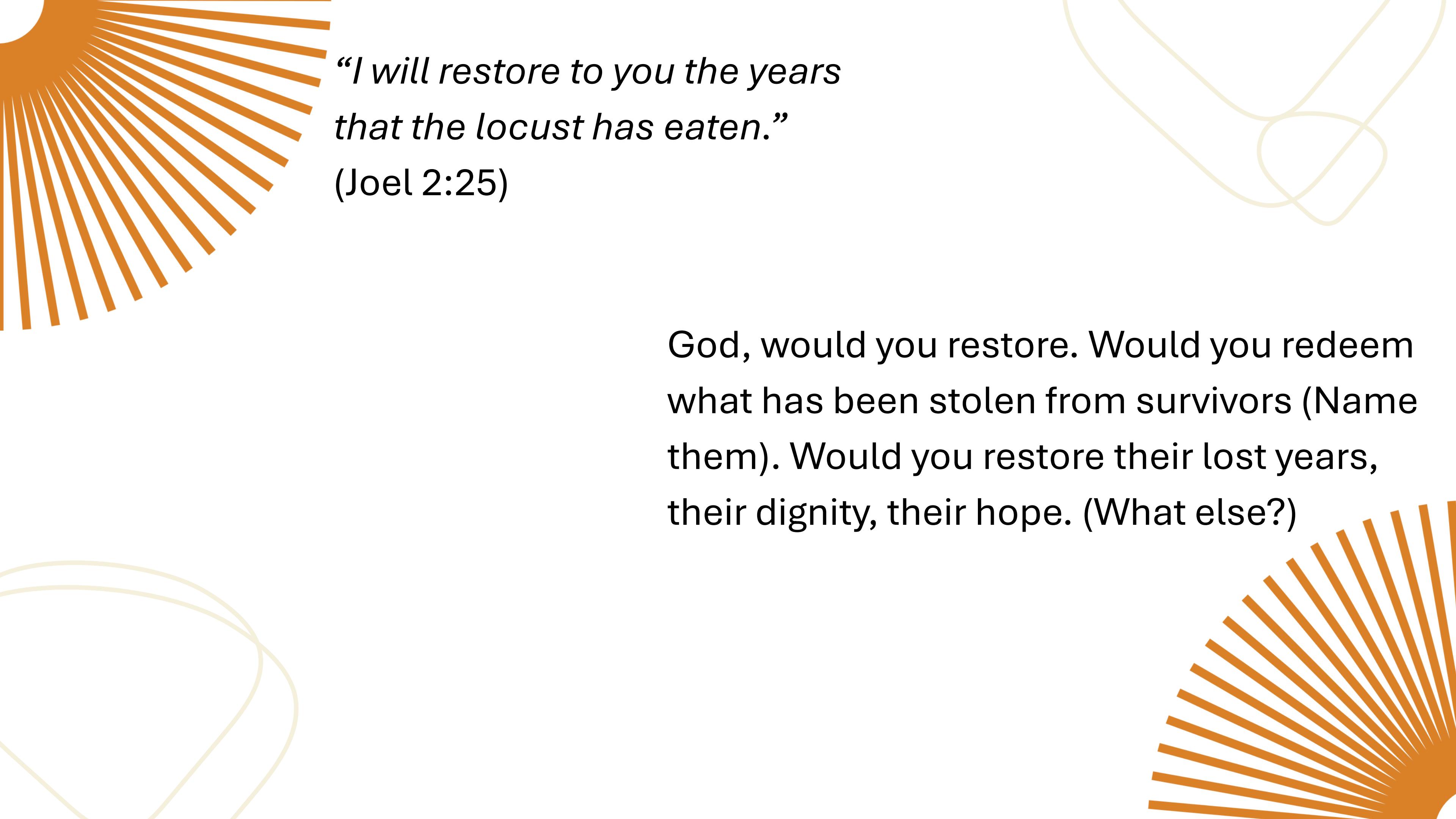


*“For there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed,  
or hidden that will not be made known.”*  
(Luke 12:2)



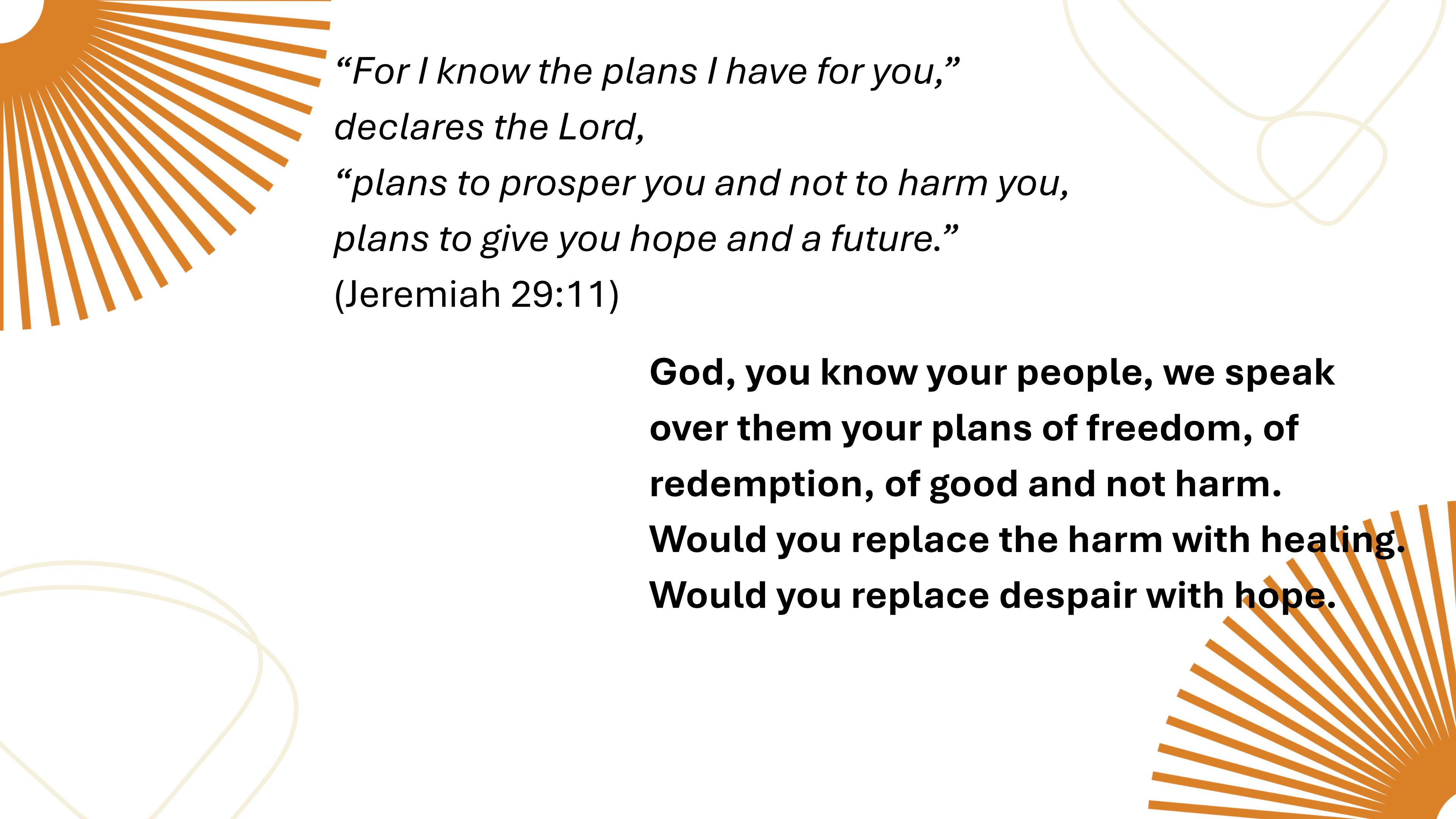
**God of truth, expose what is hidden.  
Bring trafficking networks, deception,  
and abuse into the light, so rescue and  
justice can come.**





*“I will restore to you the years  
that the locust has eaten.”*  
(Joel 2:25)

God, would you restore. Would you redeem what has been stolen from survivors (Name them). Would you restore their lost years, their dignity, their hope. (What else?)



“For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.”  
(Jeremiah 29:11)

**God, you know your people, we speak  
over them your plans of freedom, of  
redemption, of good and not harm.  
Would you replace the harm with healing.  
Would you replace despair with hope.**



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## Psalm 23 Verse

9) Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

10) your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

11) Give us today our daily bread.

12) And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13) And lead us not into temptation,<sup>[a]</sup>  
but deliver us from the evil one

## Prayer

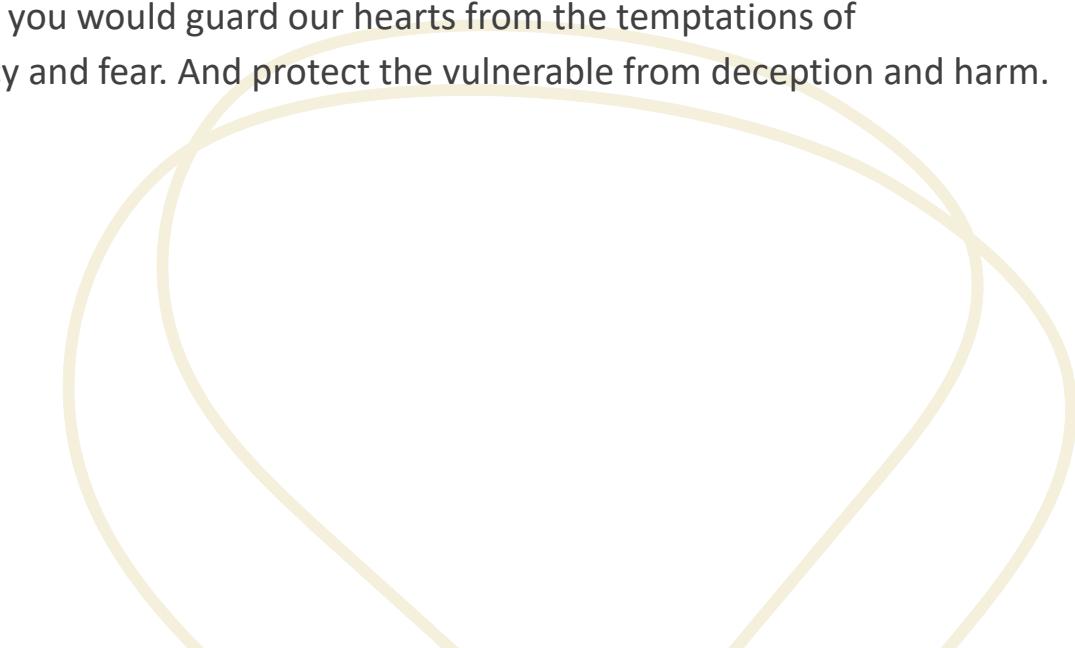
You are a God who sees the unseen.  
You hear the cries of the oppressed.  
You have proven yourself faithful

Let Your kingdom come where greed and exploitation rule on this earth.  
Let Your will interrupt every system that profits from the suffering of others.

God, would you provide safety and pathways out for those being trafficked.  
Would you sustain and provide resources for service providers.  
Where perpetrators are driven by fear or hardened hearts, would you remove  
what feeds their destruction and lead them toward repentance.

Forgive us, Lord, where we have been unaware, indifferent, or silent in the  
face of injustice. Help us to see. Soften our hearts to forgive and to act with  
compassion toward your people

We ask that you would guard our hearts from the temptations of  
complacency and fear. And protect the vulnerable from deception and harm.



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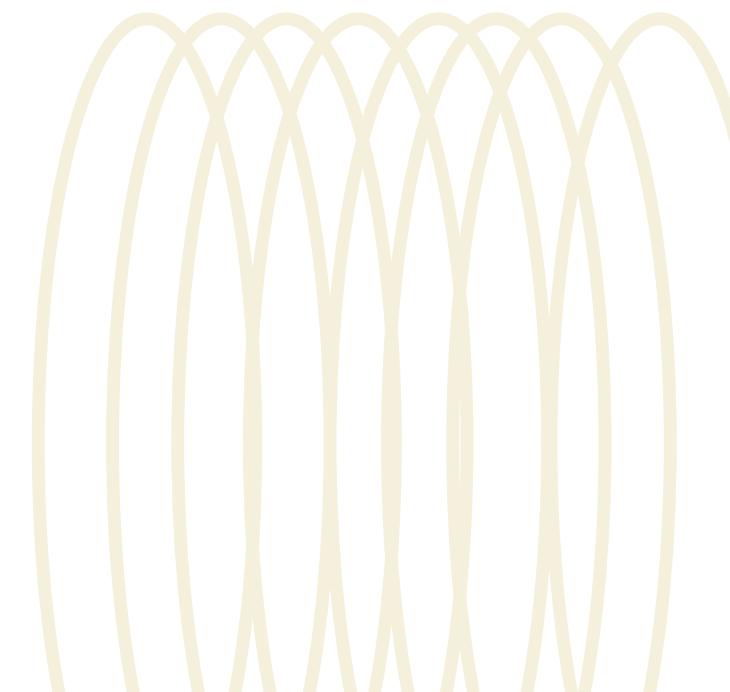
Stand firm as the Holy Spirit equips you to stay alert and remain steadfast.



## Key Takeaway



Colossians 1:15<sup>18</sup>



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Colossians 1:18-23

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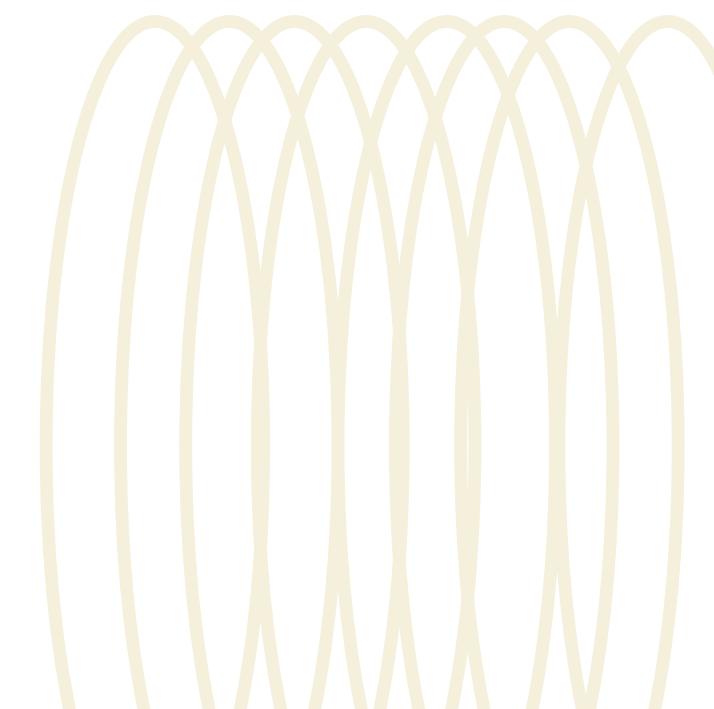
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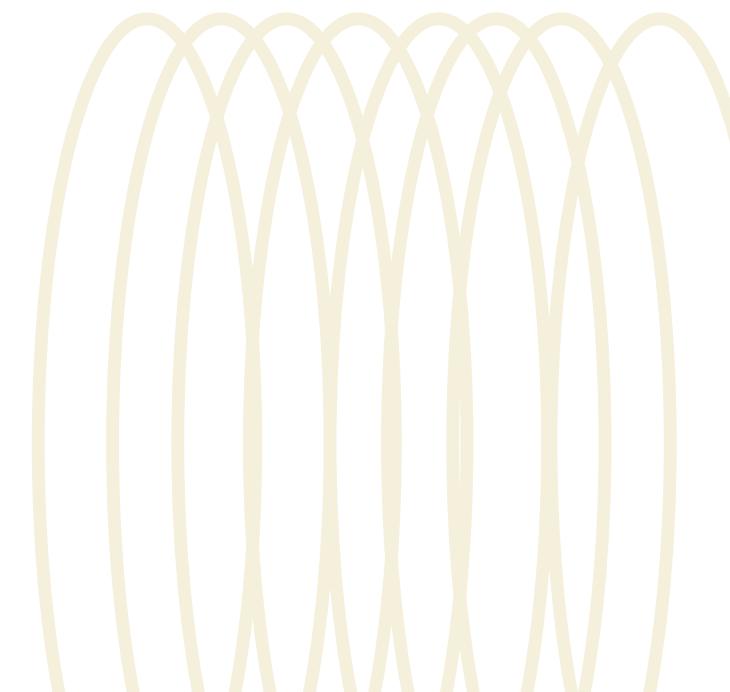
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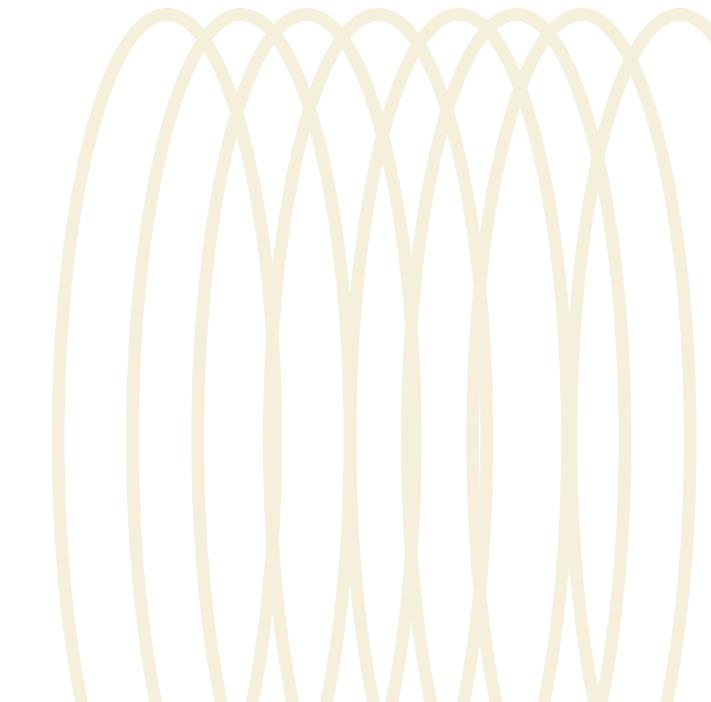
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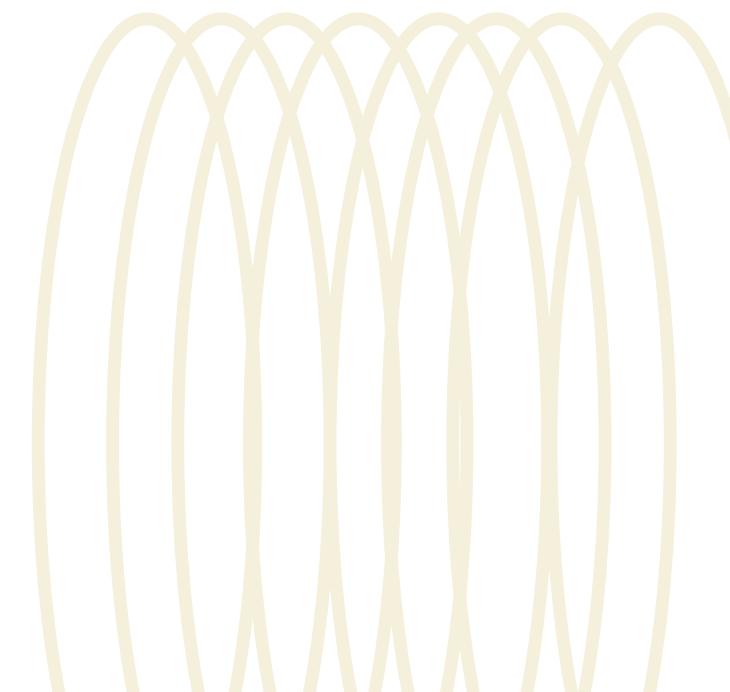
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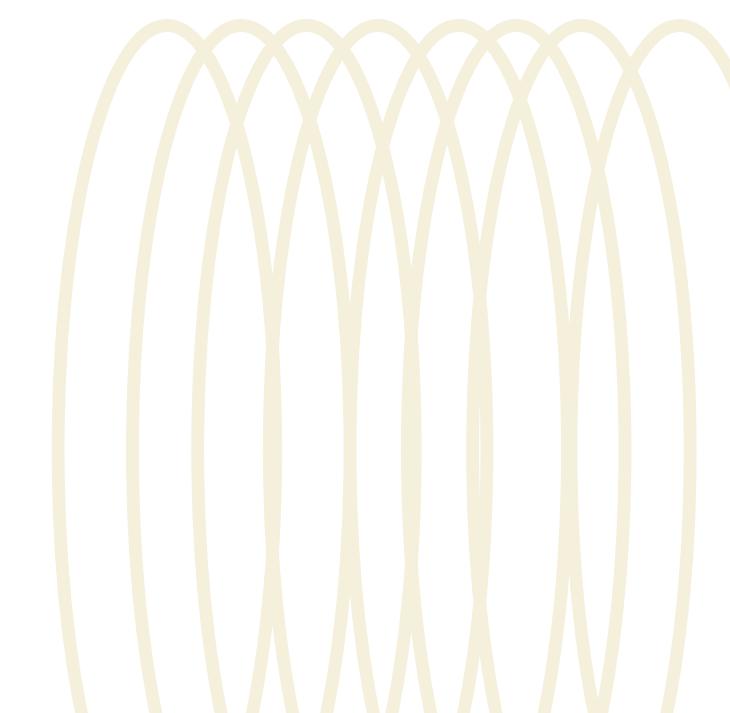
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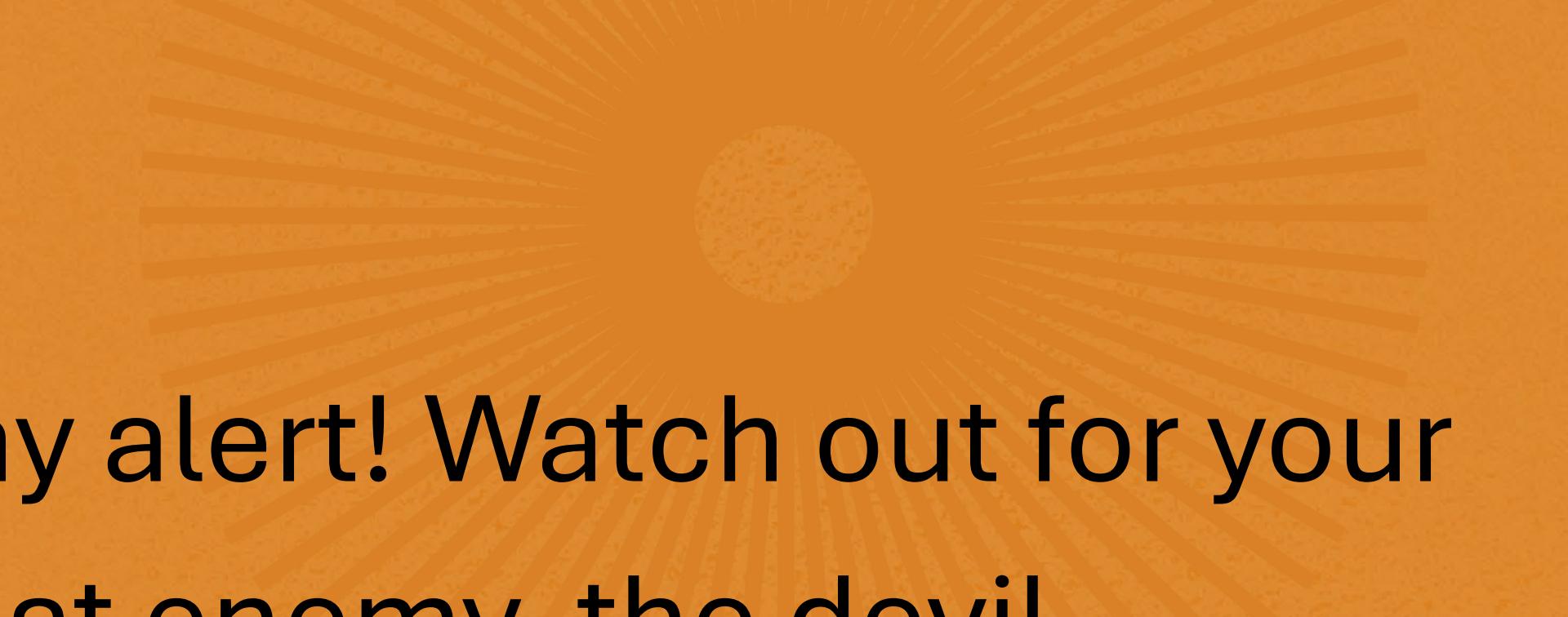
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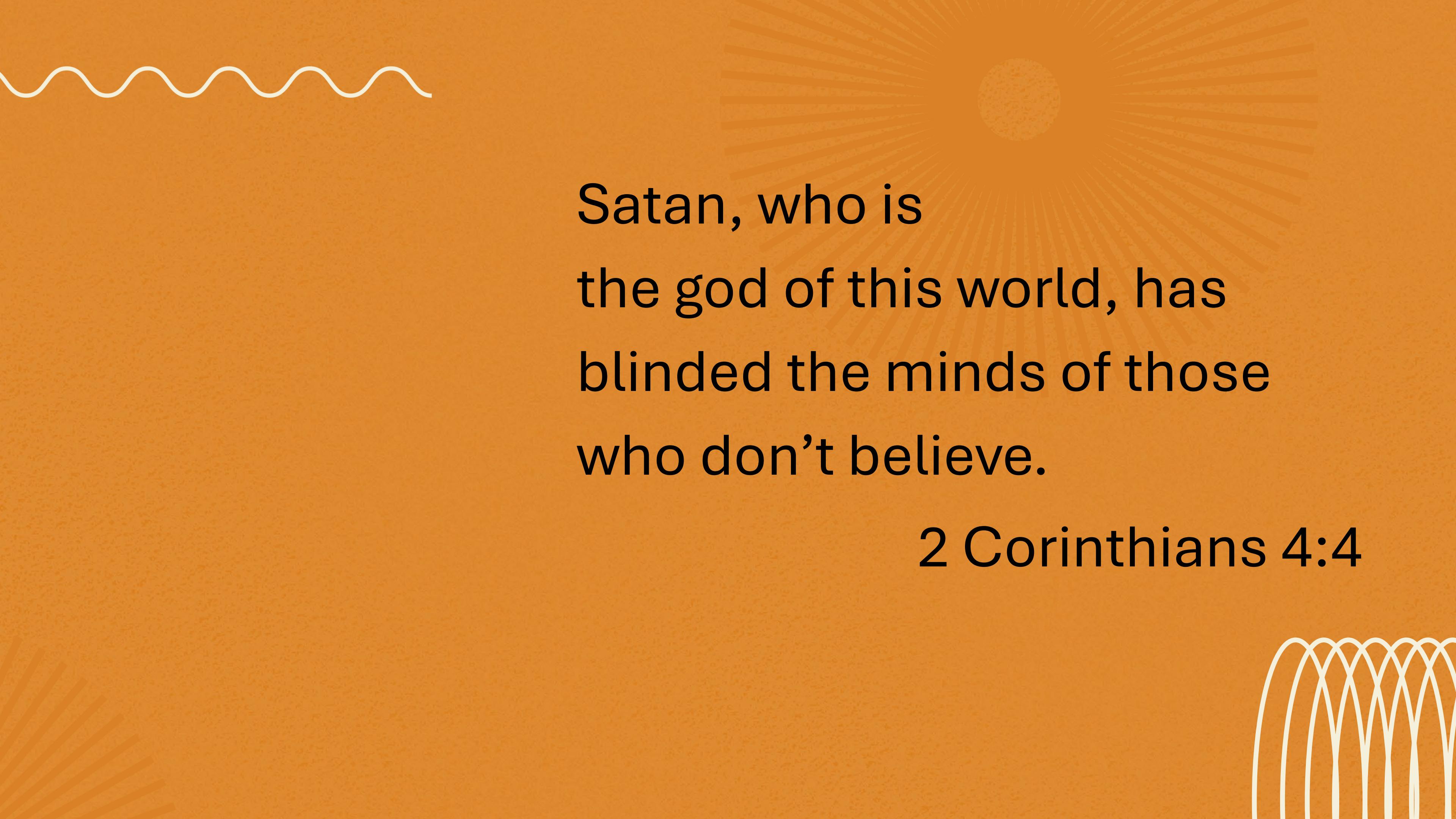
We know that we are children  
of God and that the world  
around us is under the control  
of the evil one.

1 John 5:19



Stay alert! Watch out for your  
great enemy, the devil.  
He prowls around like a roaring  
lion, looking for someone to  
devour.

1 Peter 5:8



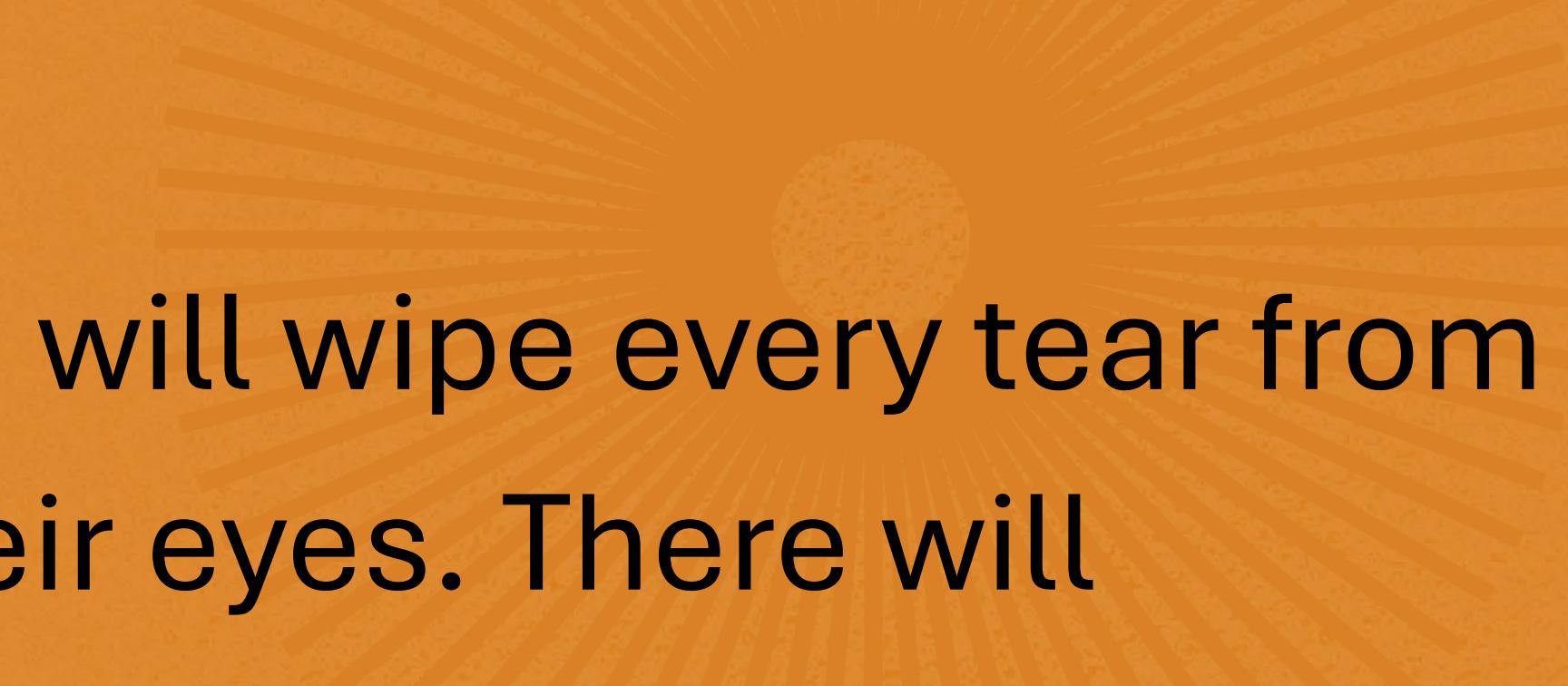
Satan, who is  
the god of this world, has  
blinded the minds of those  
who don't believe.

2 Corinthians 4:4



He has disarmed the powers  
and authorities, he made a  
public spectacle of them,  
triumphing over them by the  
cross.

Colossians 2:15



He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelations 21:4



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