A circular frame containing a scenic landscape. In the foreground, a calm lake with turquoise water reflects the sky. The middle ground is a dense forest of dark green trees. In the background, rugged, grey mountains rise steeply, with patches of white snow or ice clinging to their slopes. Wispy white clouds drift through the mountain valleys. A dashed white line forms a circle around the central text. A small white dot is located on the left side of this circle, aligned with the middle of the text.

*And above all these
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Colossians 3:14*



Shofar Christian Church

Why dealing with offences is a big deal

Werner Joubert

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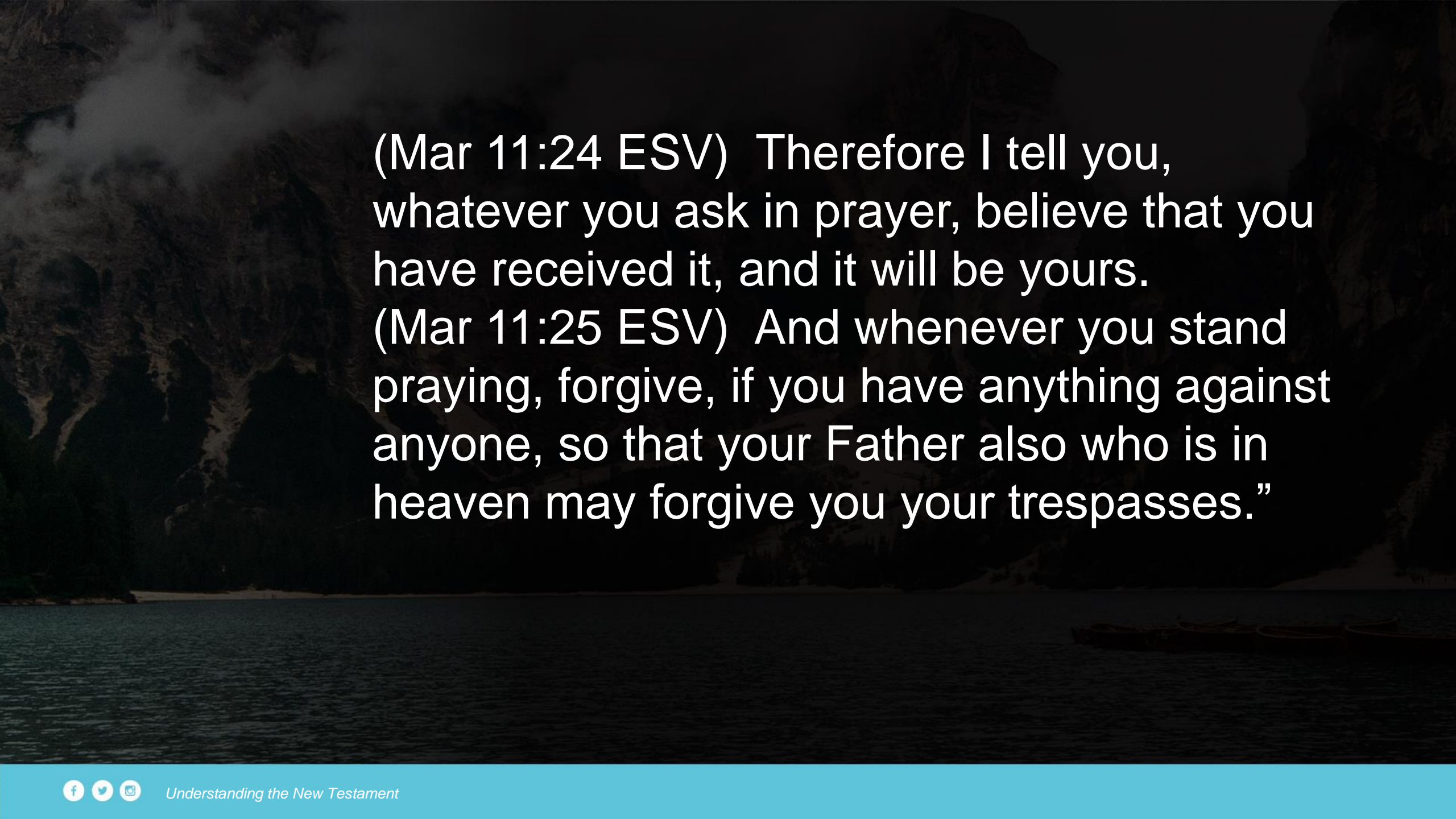
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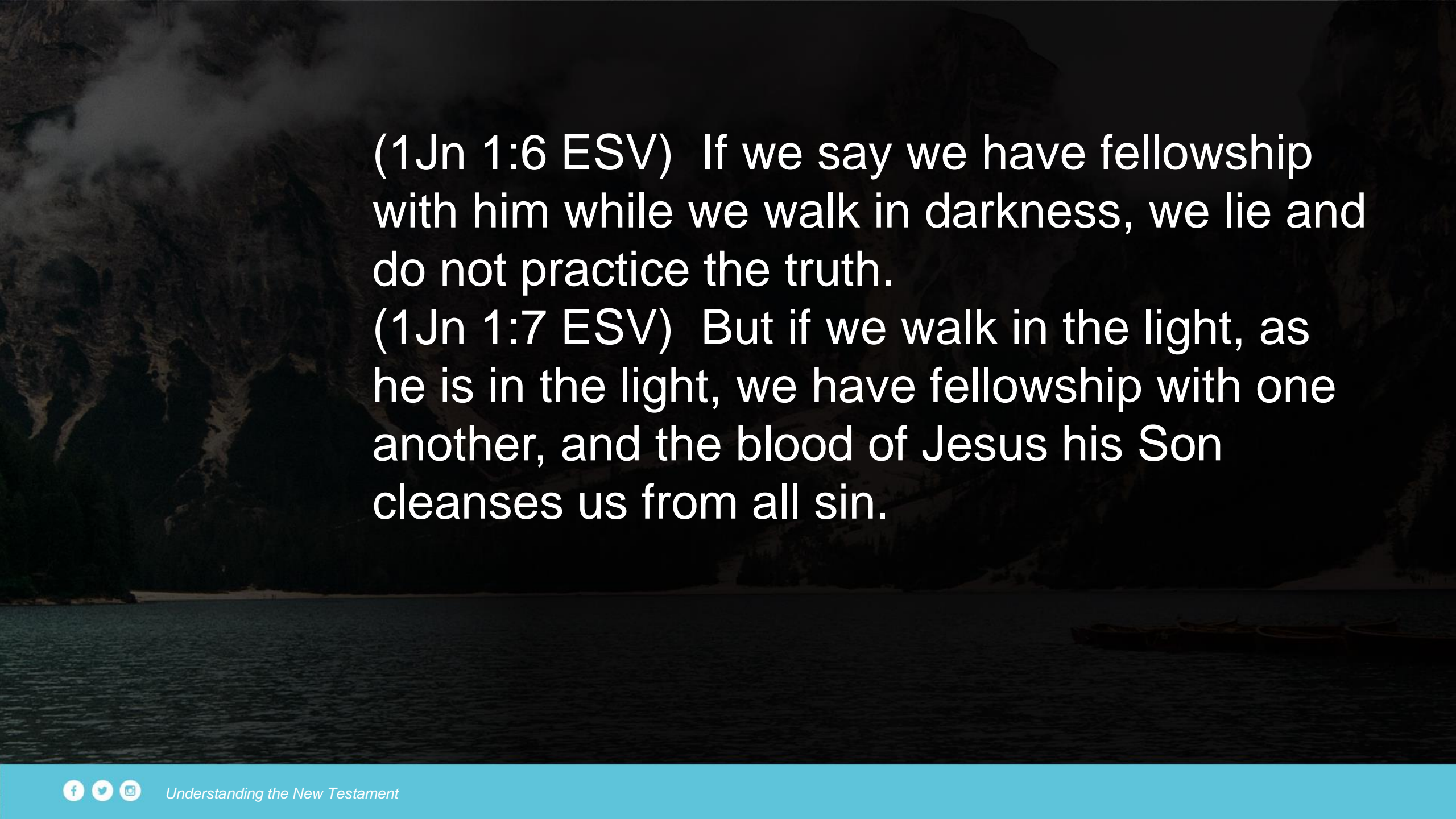
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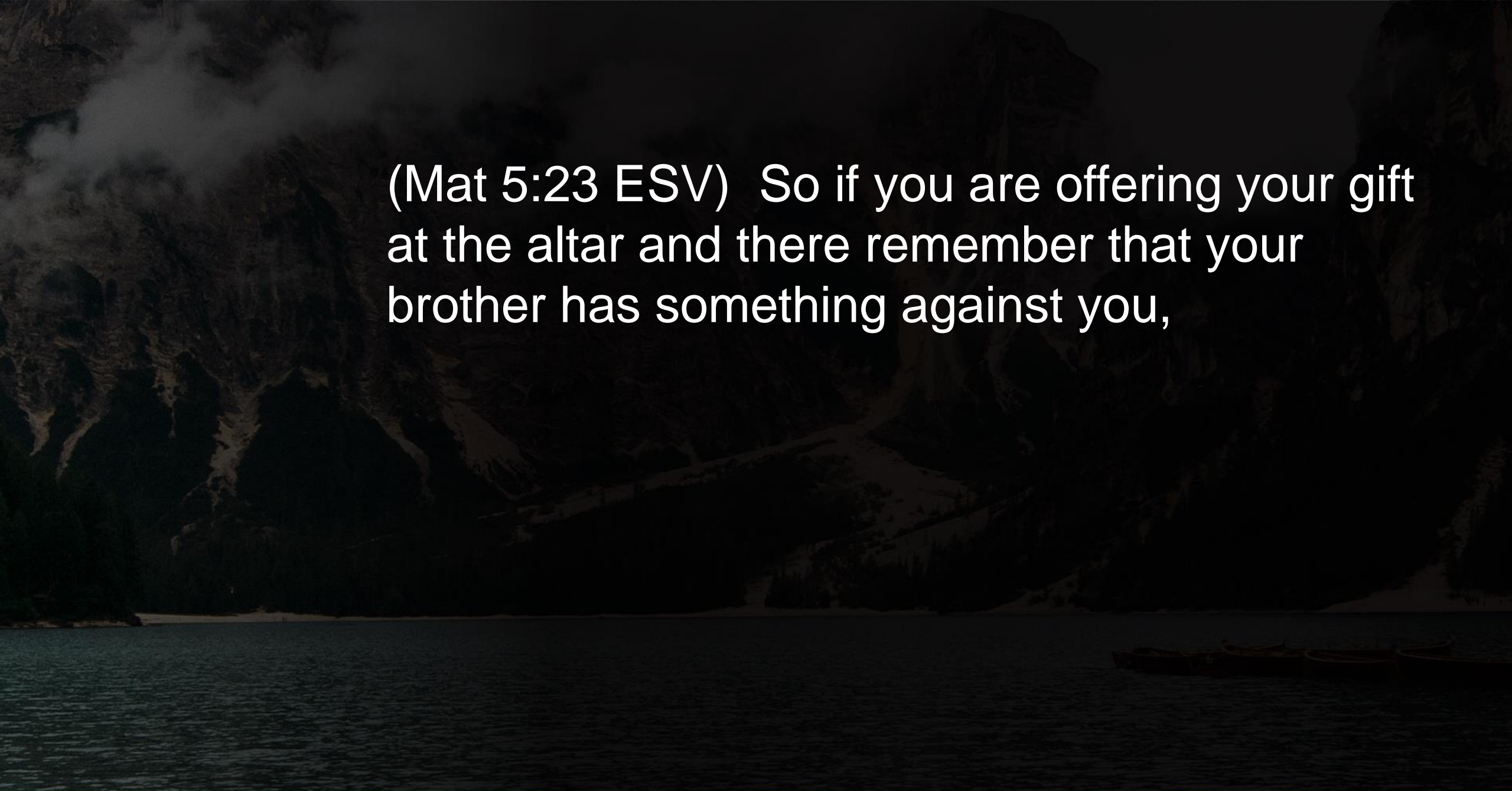




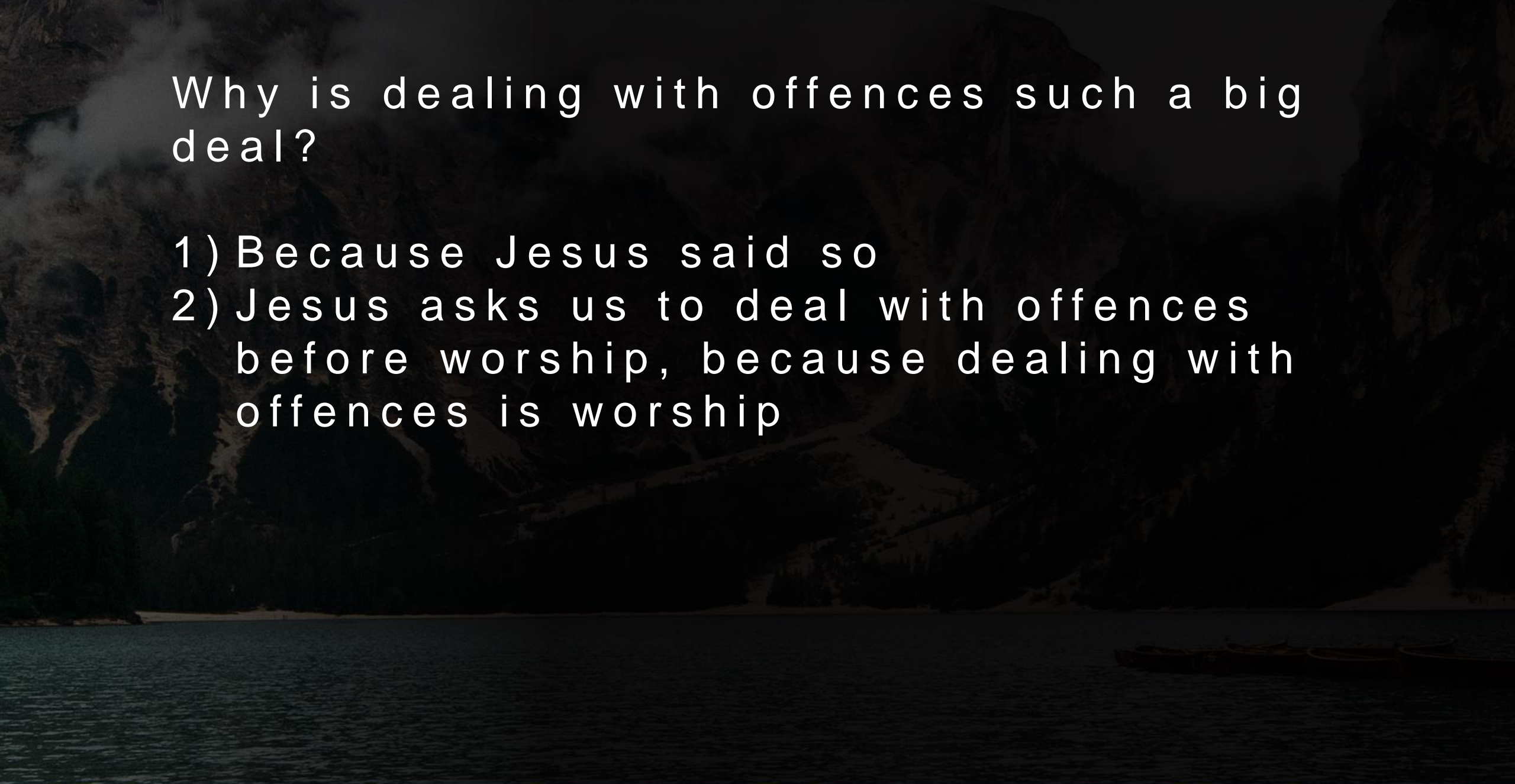
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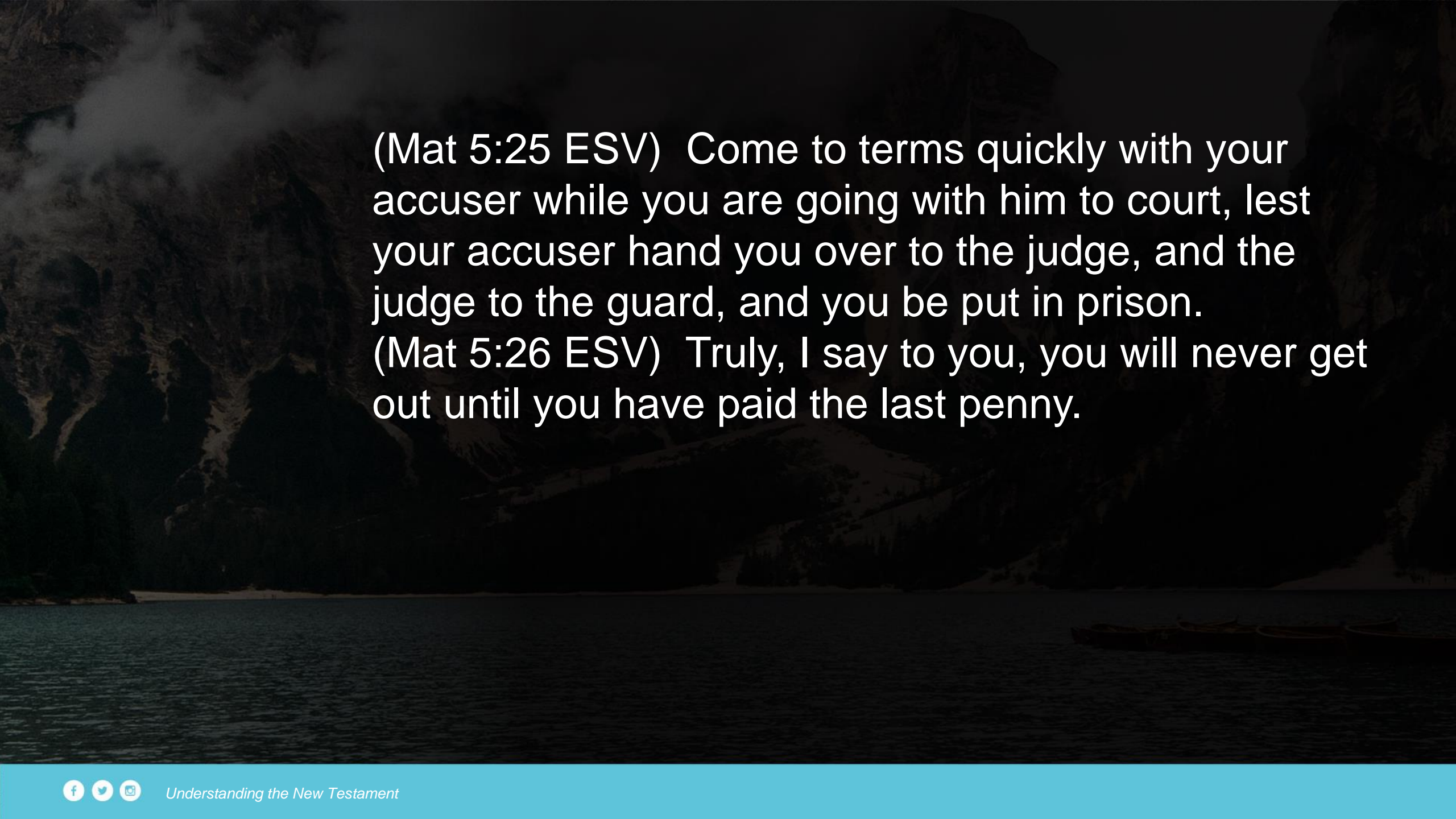


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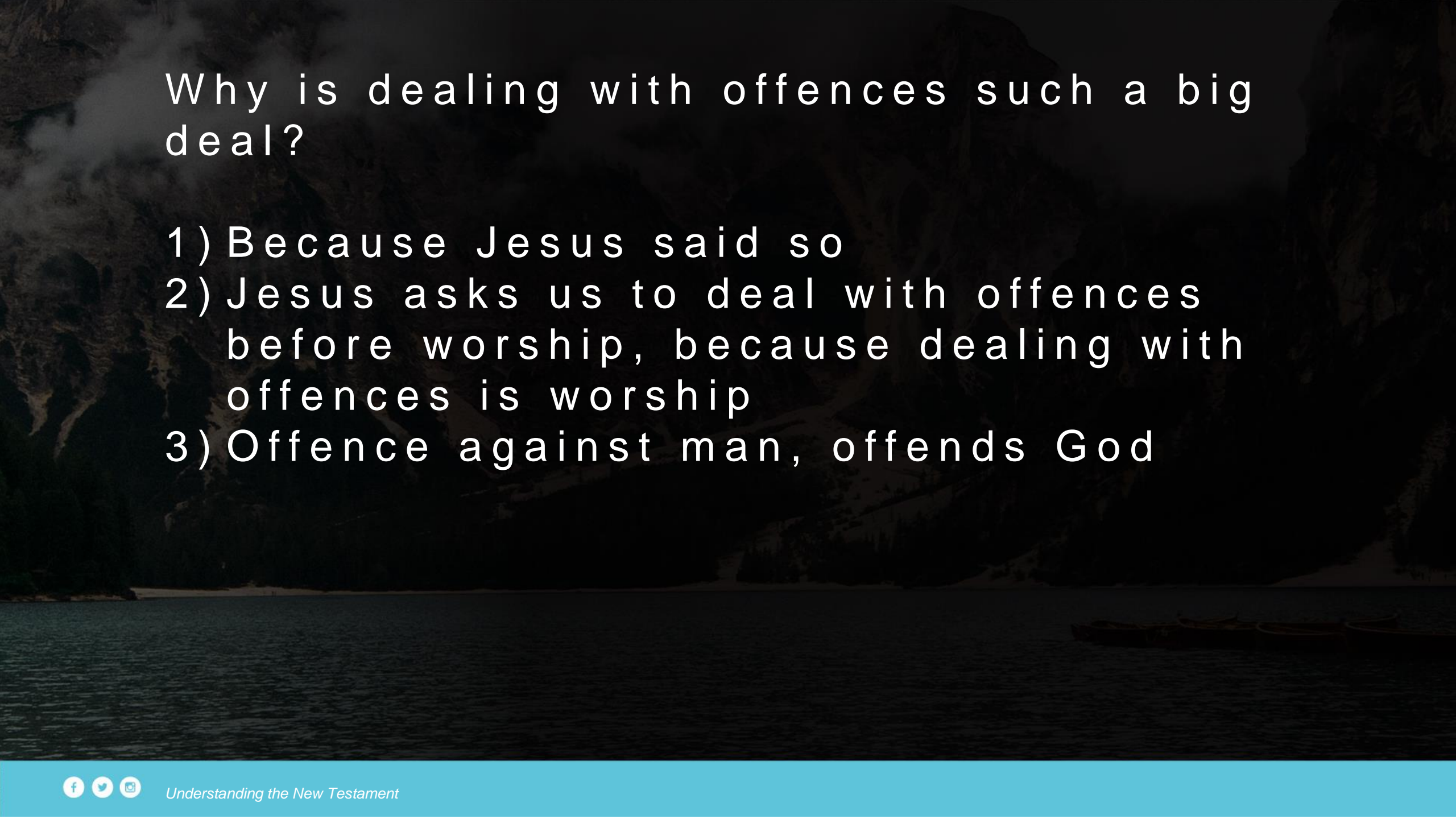


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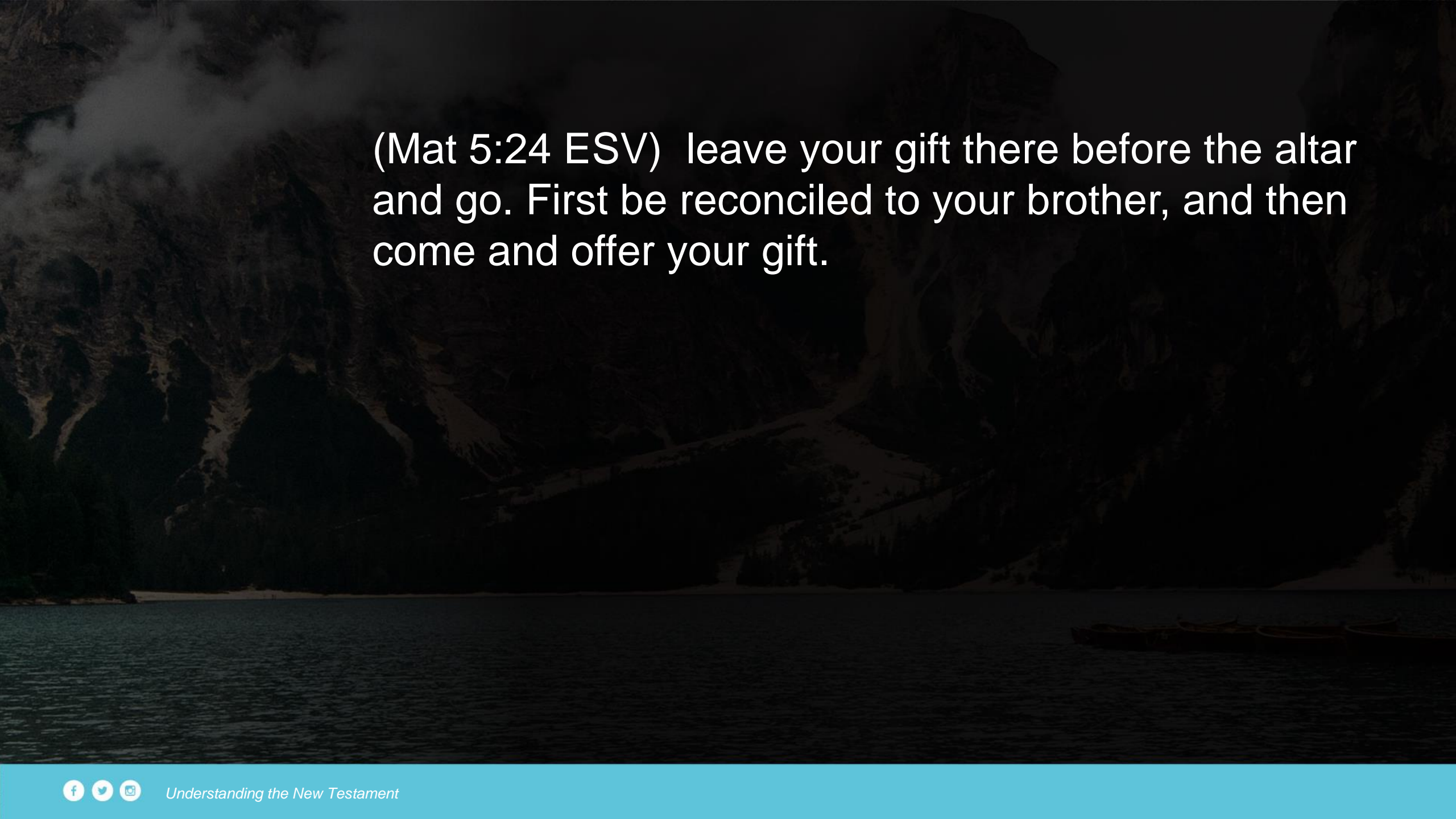


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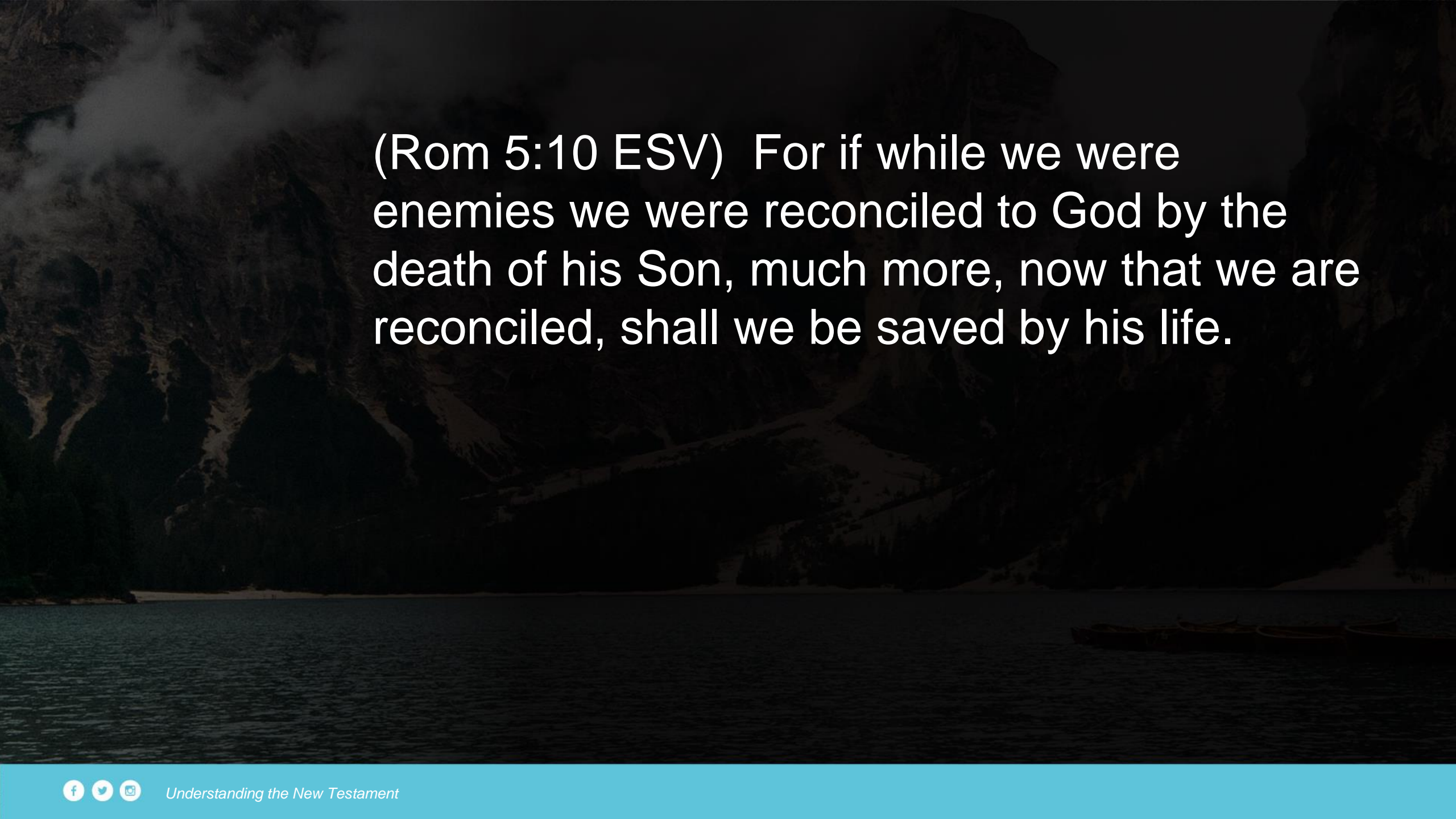
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