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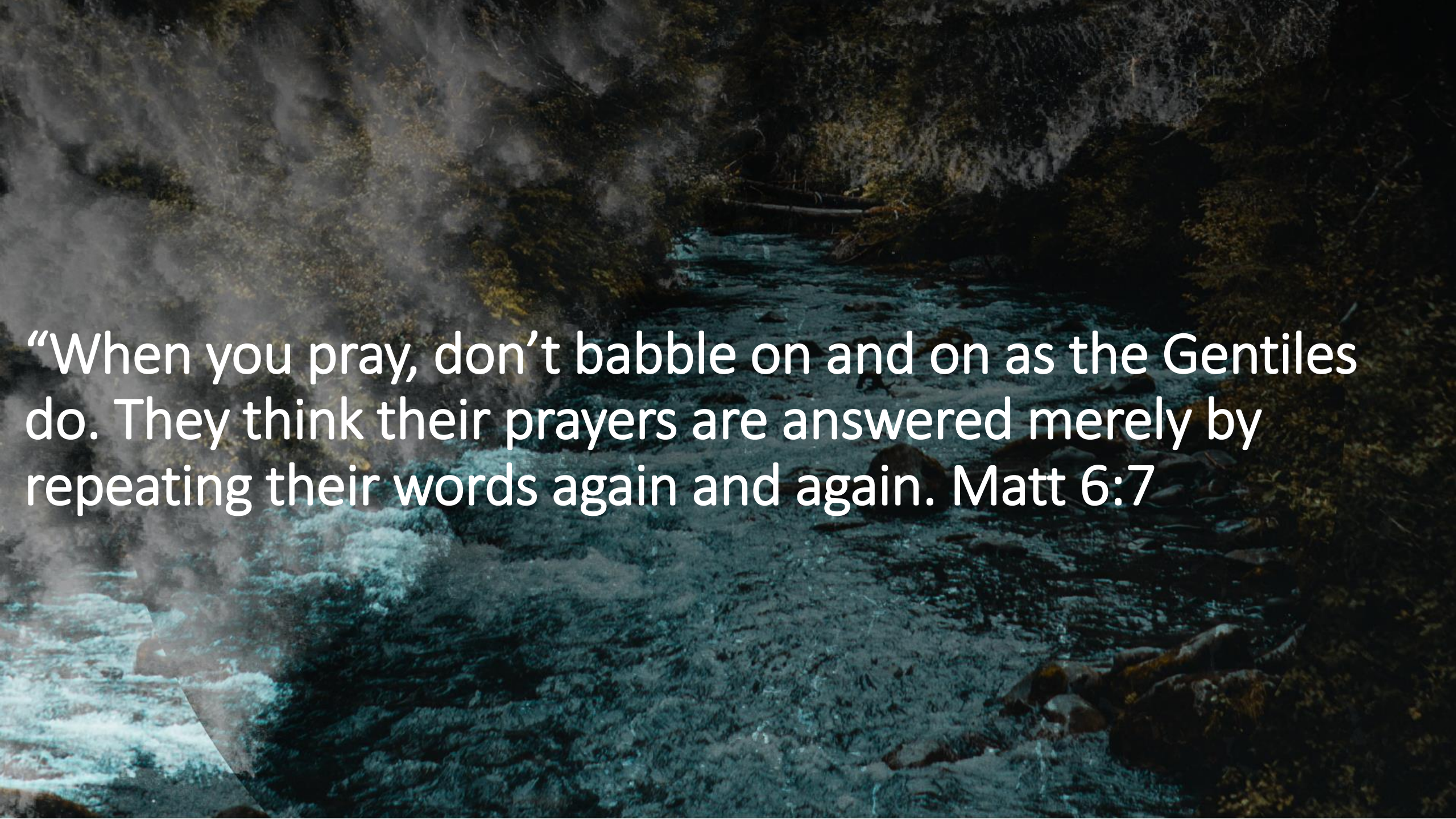
# Power Series

## The power of how

Jaco van Rooyen

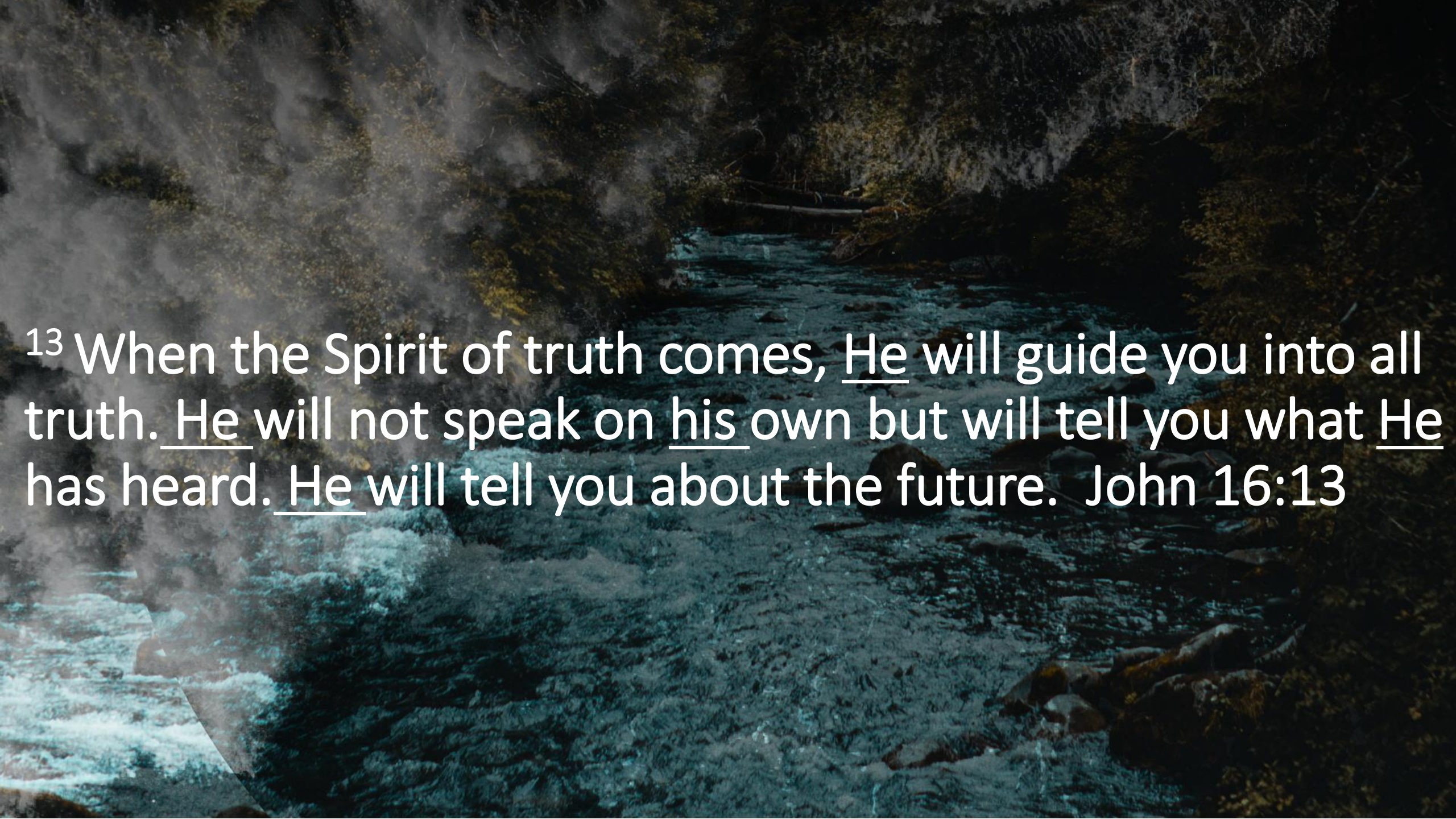
# Why do we experience an ineffective prayer life?



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“When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Matt 6:7



A dark, atmospheric photograph of a forest stream. The water is dark and turbulent, with white foam visible in the lower left corner. Mist or steam rises from the water, creating a hazy, ethereal atmosphere. The surrounding forest is dense and dark, with some green foliage visible on the left bank. The overall tone is somber and mysterious.


<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future. John 16:13





1. He has an intellect. — 1 Cor 2:10; Rom 8:26-27



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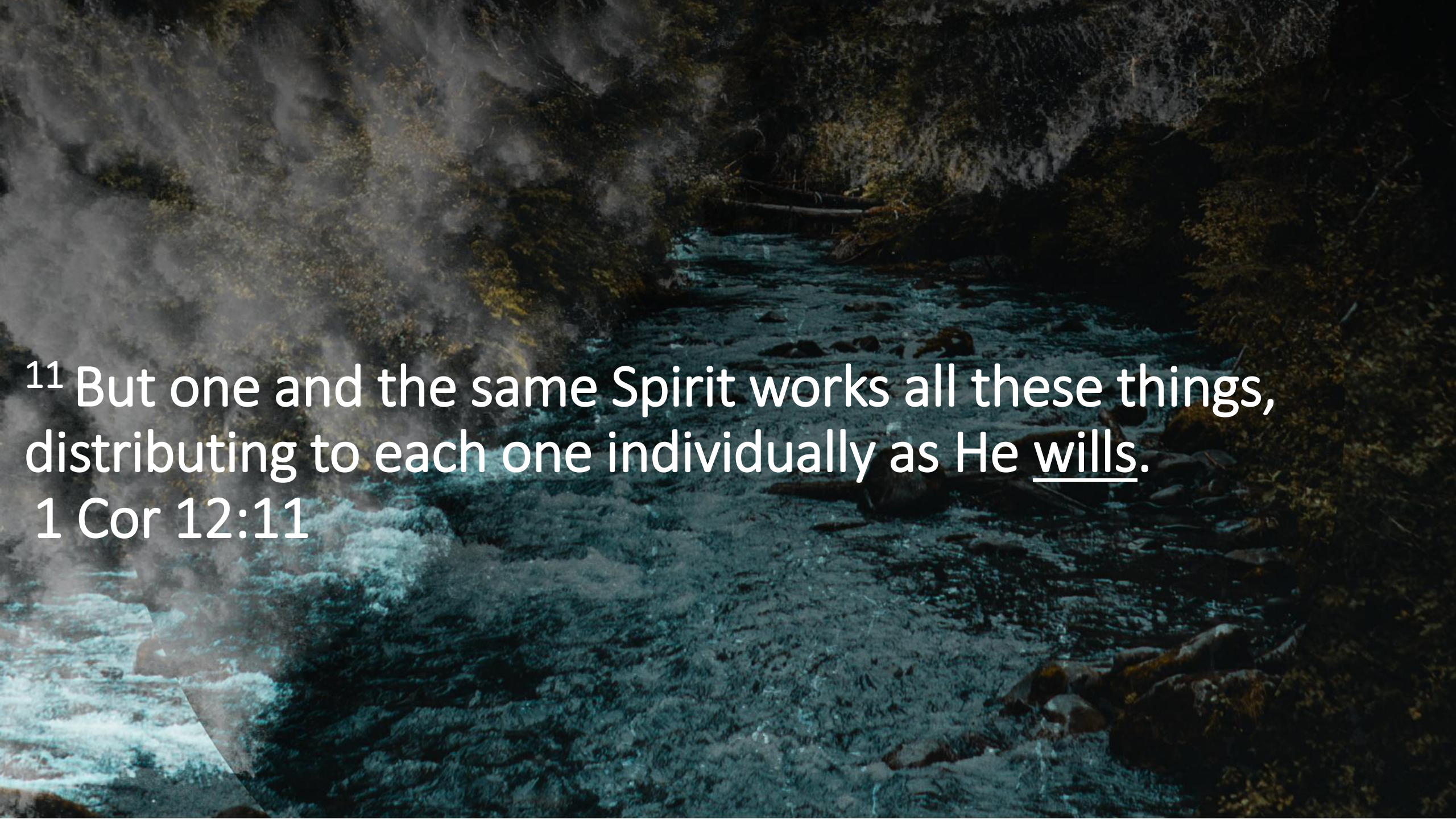
<sup>10</sup> But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. 1 Cor 2:10





2. He has a will. — 1 Cor 12:11





<sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things,  
distributing to each one individually as He wills.  
1 Cor 12:11





3. He has emotions. — Eph 4:30





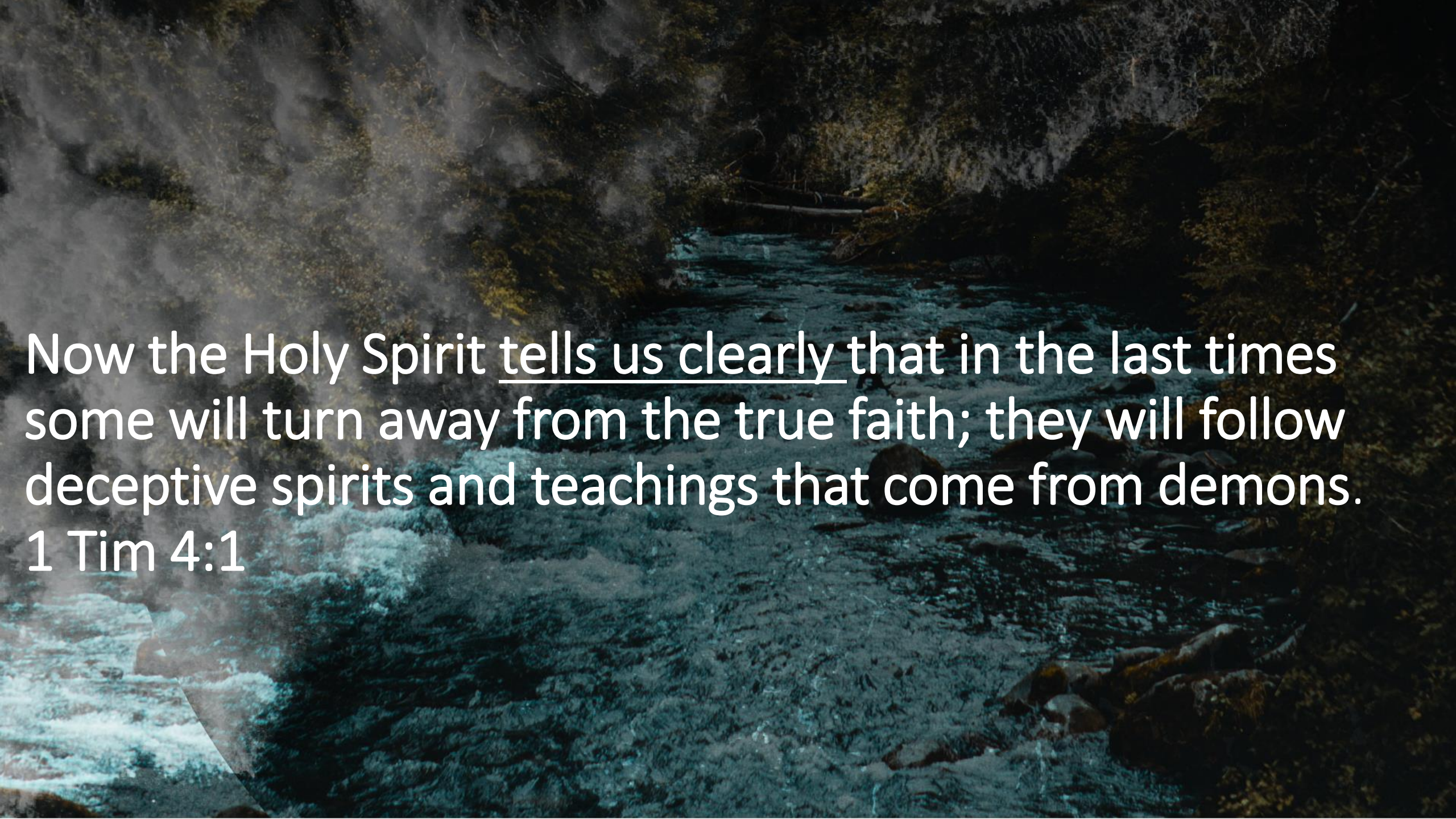
<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Eph 4:30





4. He can speak. — 1 Tim 4:1





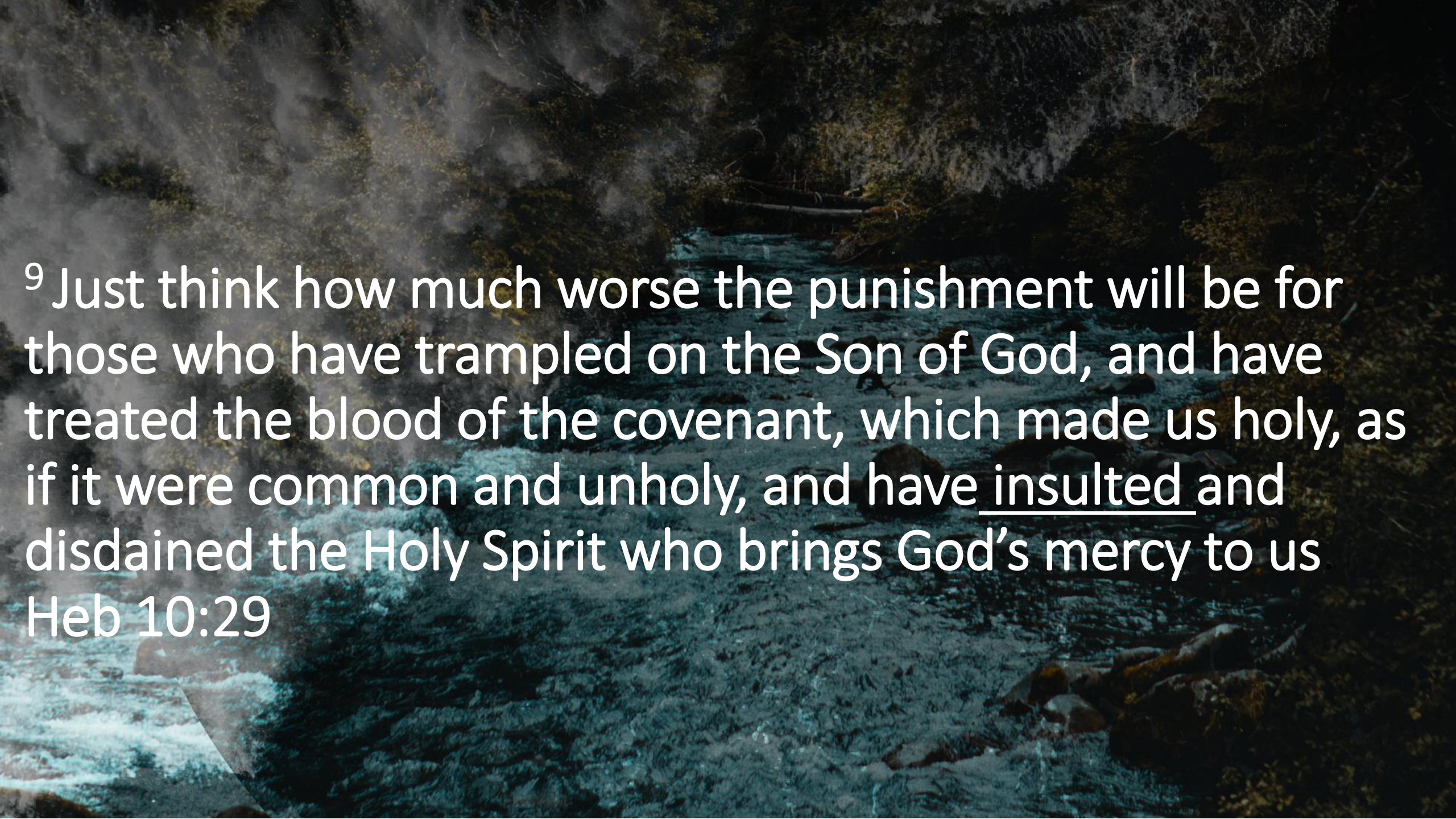
Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times  
some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow  
deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.  
1 Tim 4:1





5. He can be insulted. — Heb 10:29





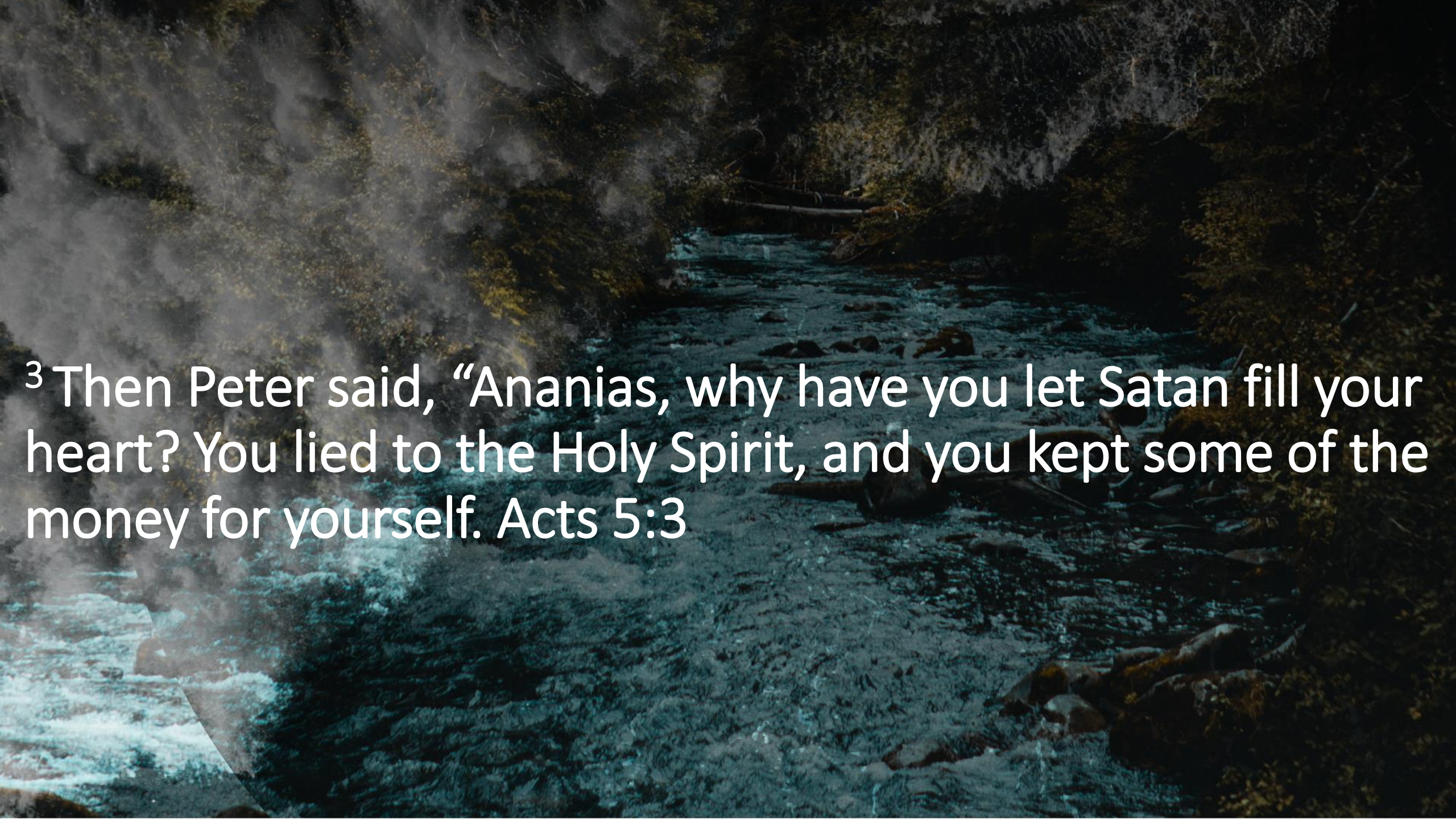
<sup>9</sup> Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us  
Heb 10:29





6. He can be lied to. — Acts 5:3





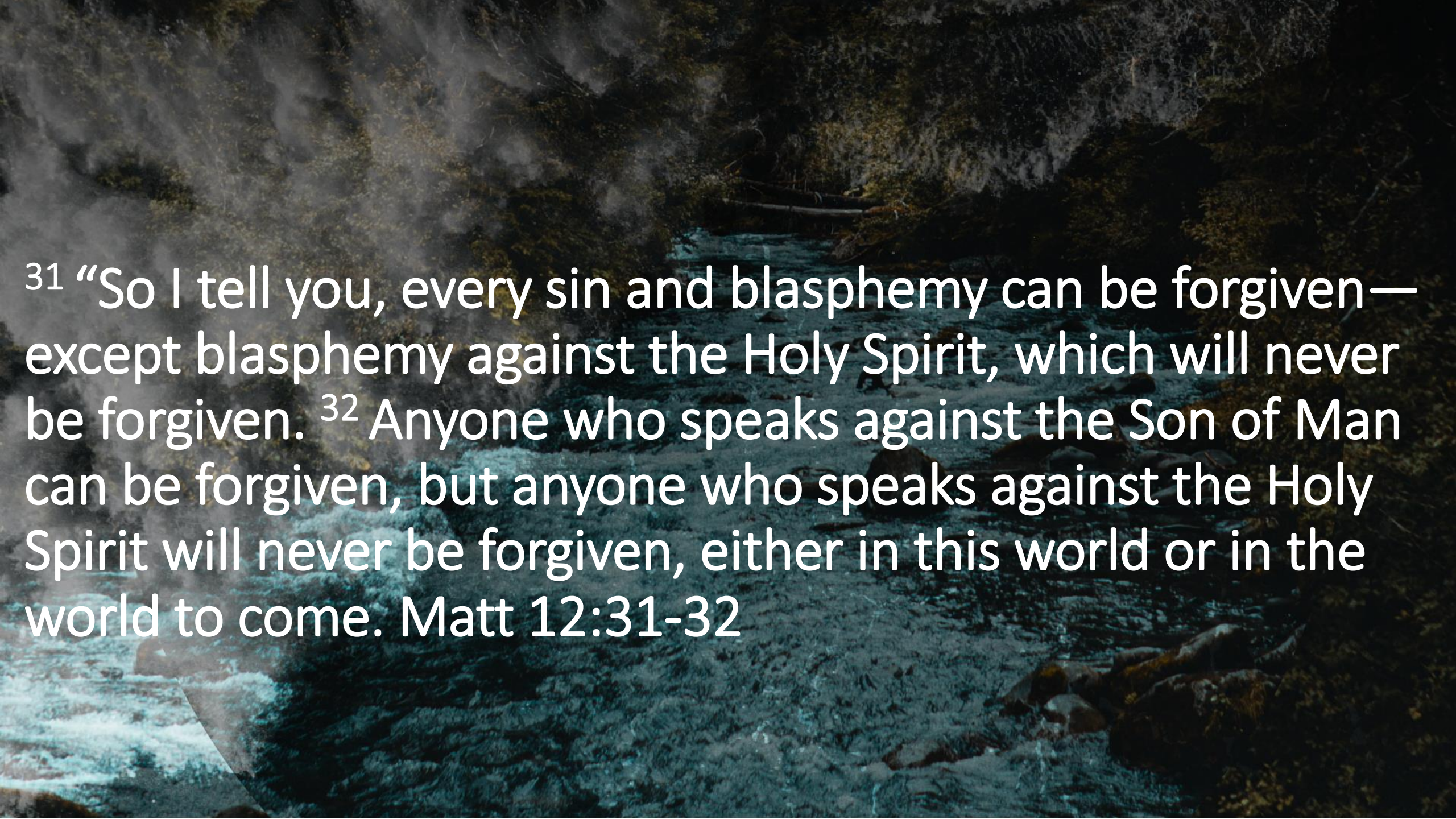
<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. Acts 5:3





7. He can be blasphemed. — Matt 12:31-32





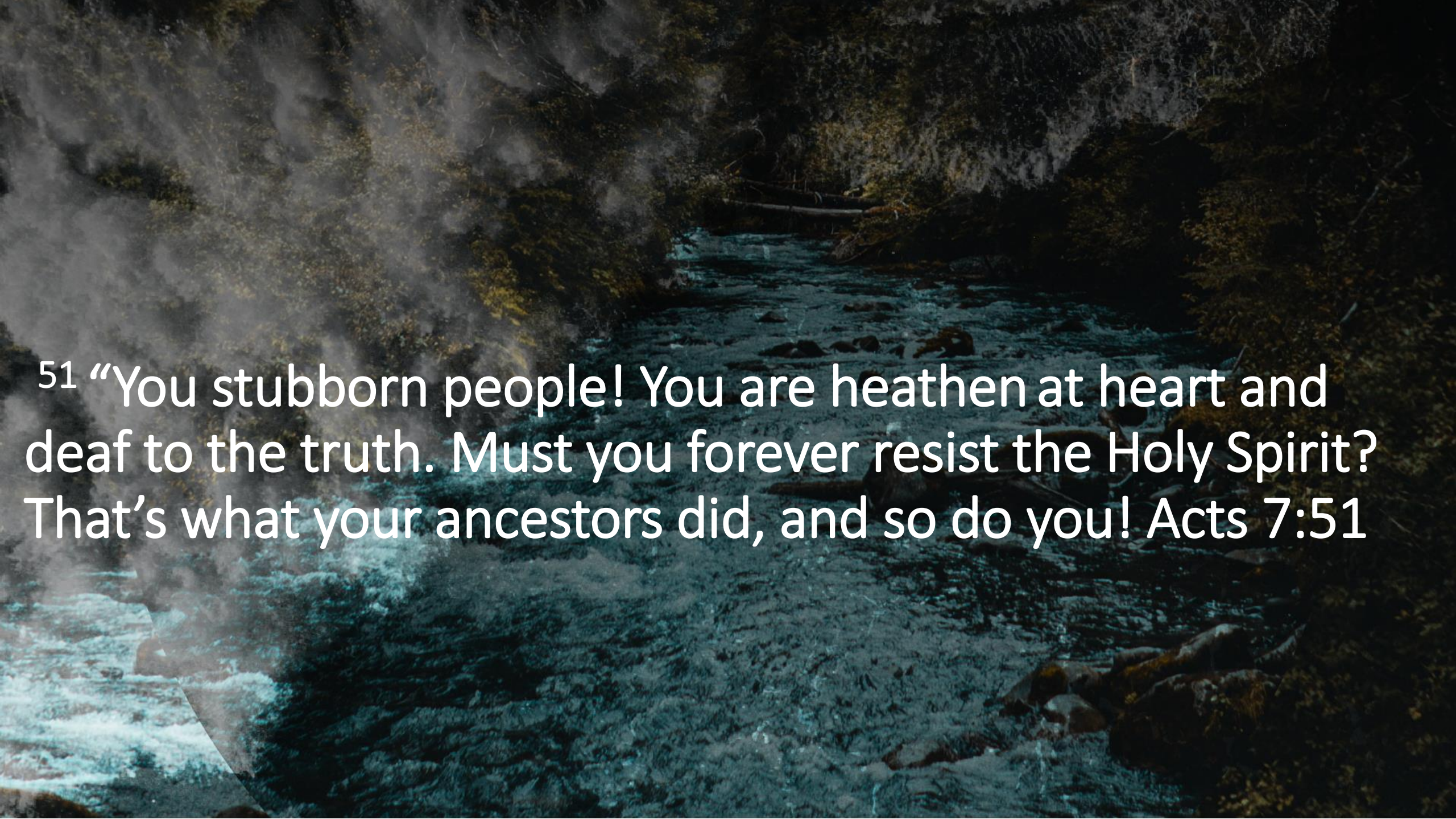
<sup>31</sup> “So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven. <sup>32</sup> Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come. Matt 12:31-32





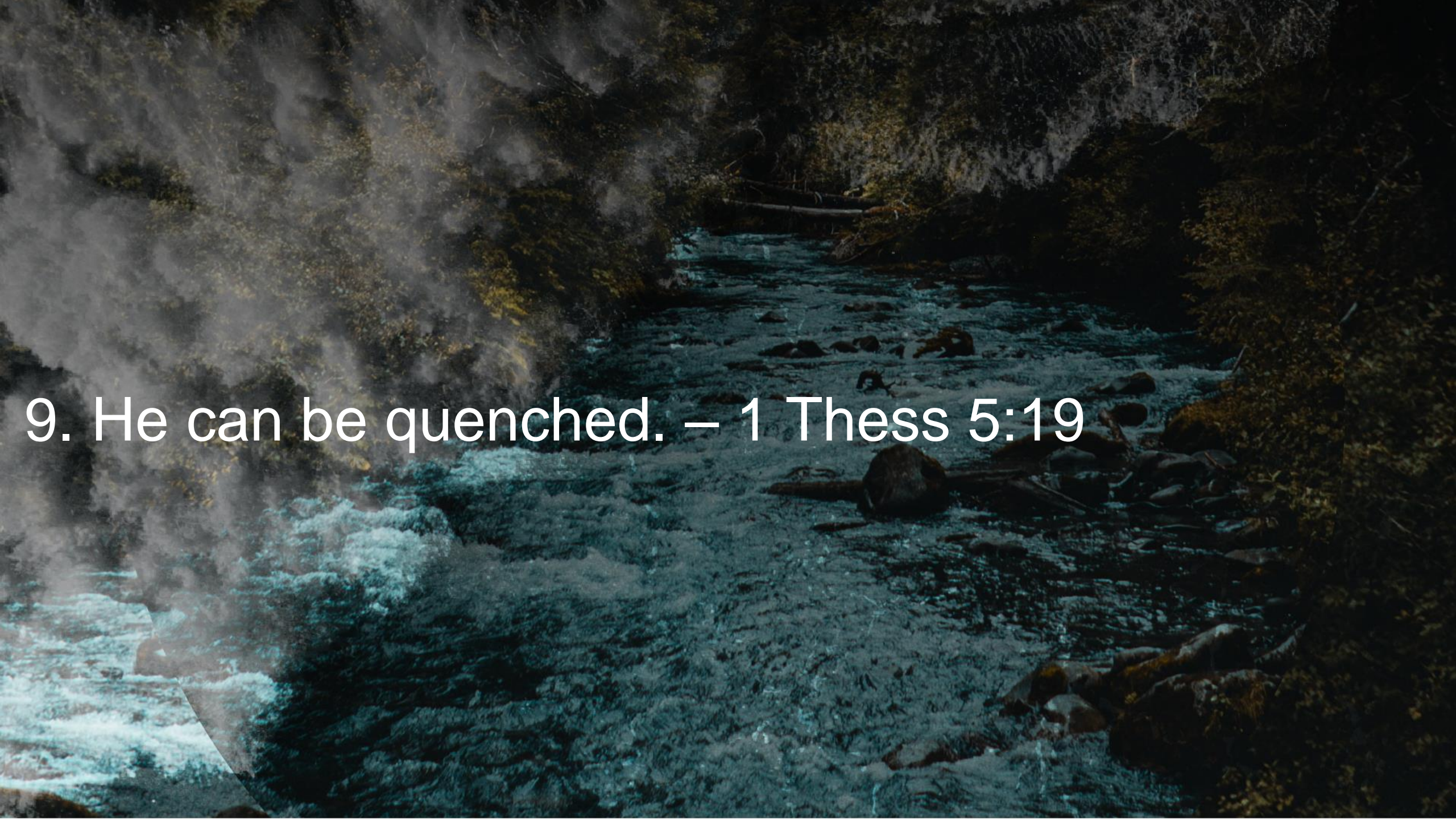
8. He can be resisted. — Acts 7:51





<sup>51</sup> “You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That’s what your ancestors did, and so do you! Acts 7:51





9. He can be quenched. — 1 Thess 5:19





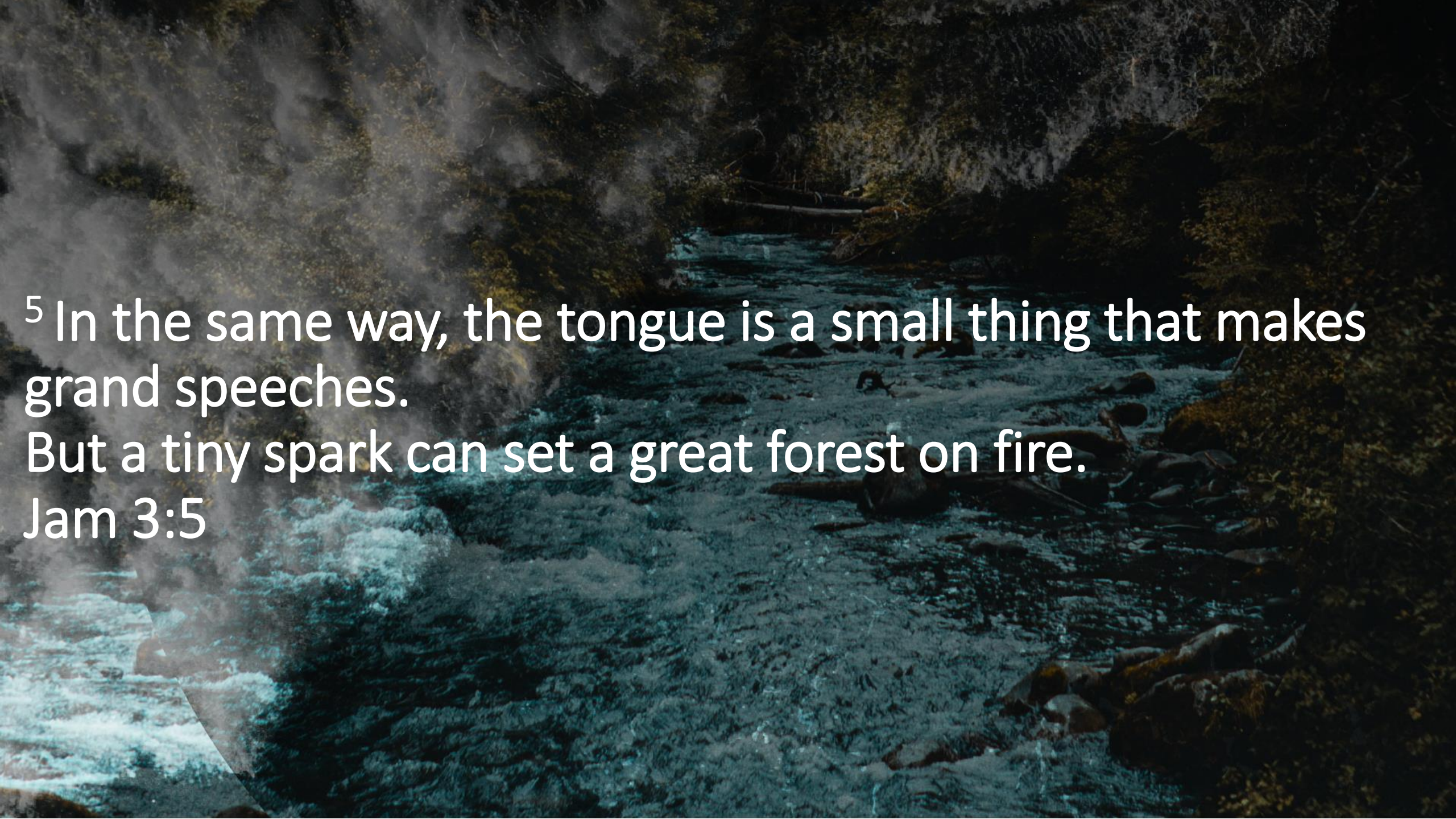
<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thess 5:19





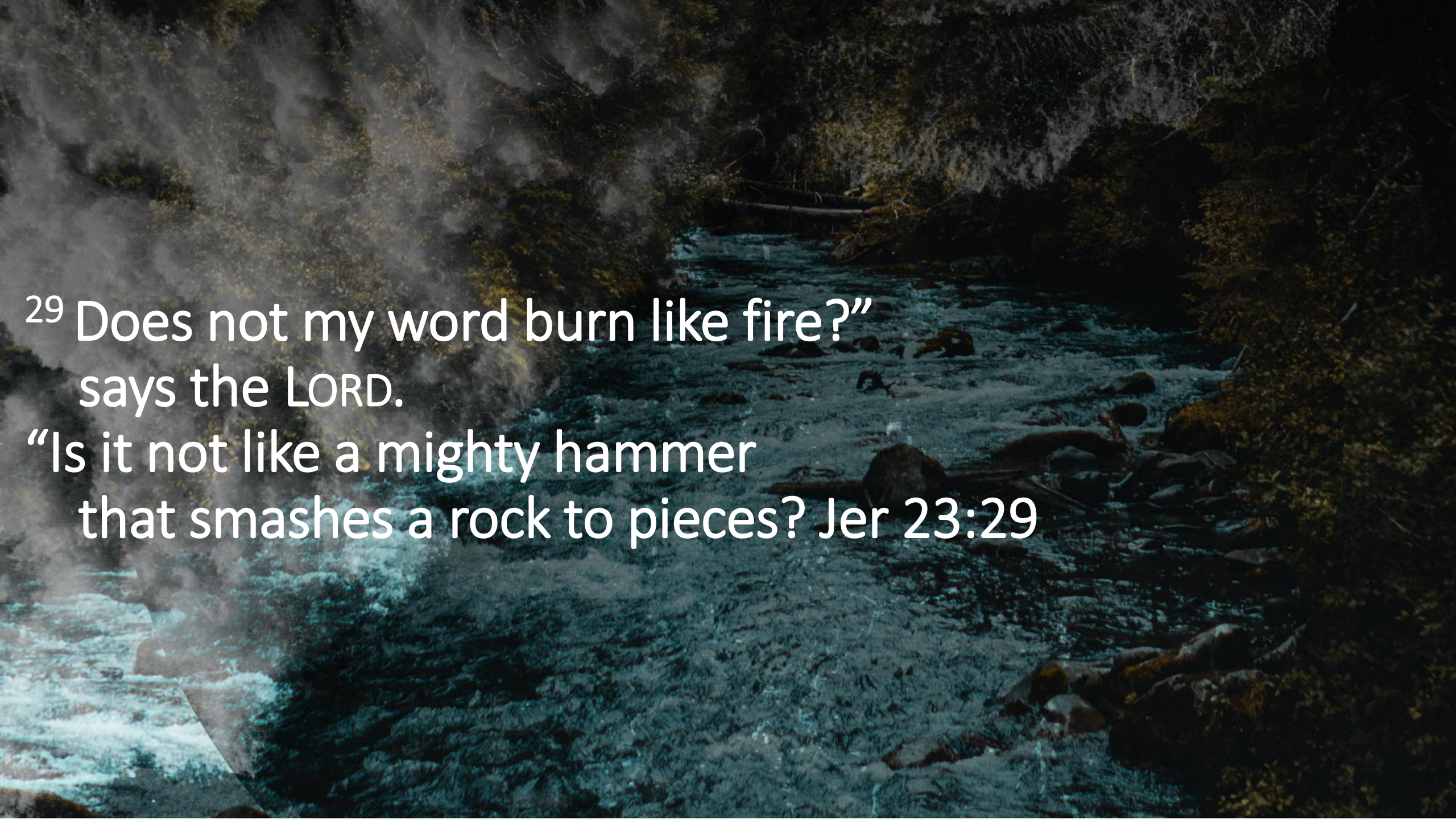
Our prayers should be relational .



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<sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes  
grand speeches.  
But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.  
Jam 3:5





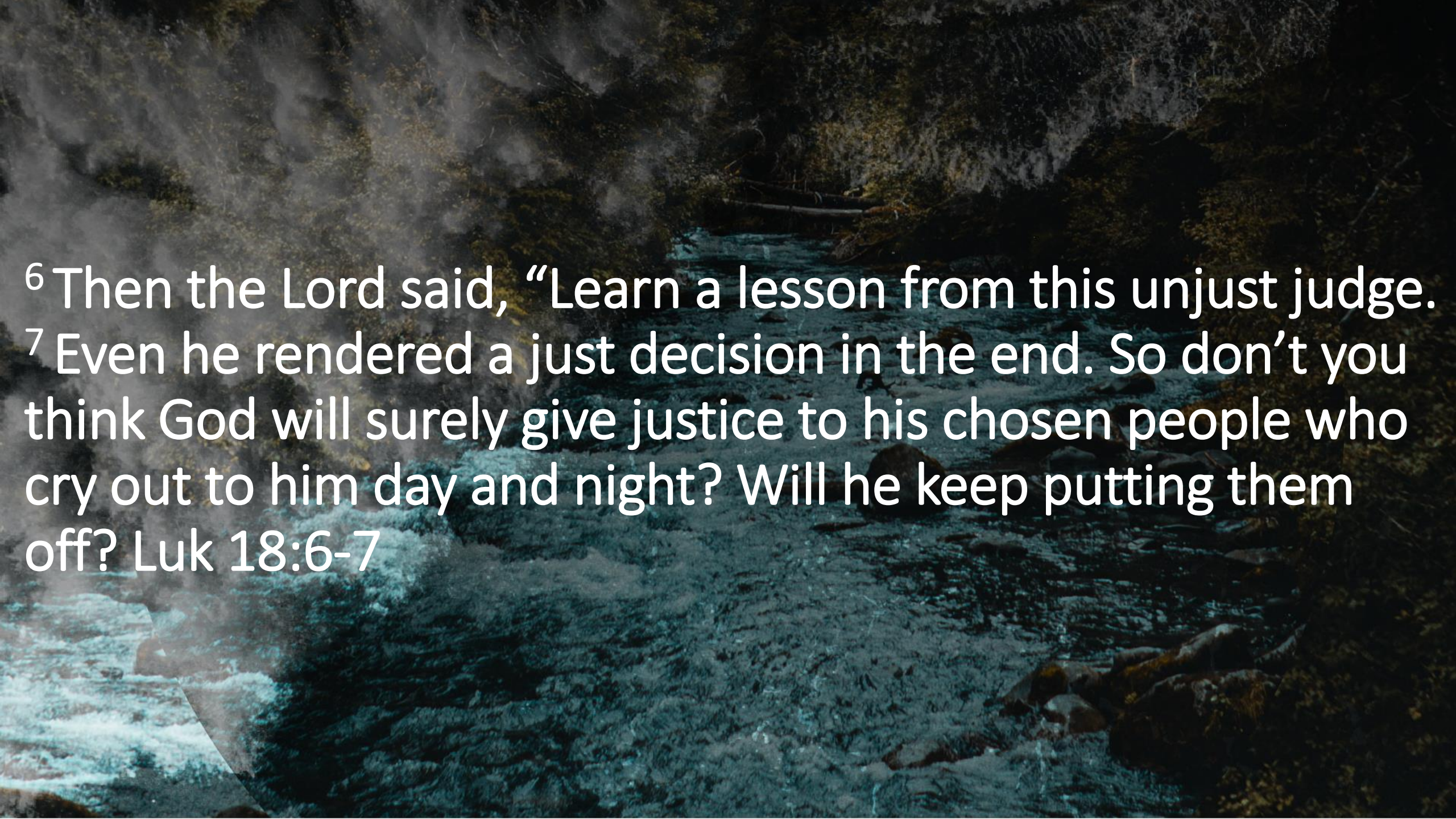
<sup>29</sup> Does not my word burn like fire?"  
says the LORD.  
"Is it not like a mighty hammer  
that smashes a rock to pieces? Jer 23:29





Our prayers should be intentional .






<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said, “Learn a lesson from this unjust judge.  
<sup>7</sup> Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? Luk 18:6-7





Our prayers should be persistent .





<sup>9</sup> Pray like this:  
Our Father in heaven,  
    may your name be kept holy.  
<sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come soon.  
May your will be done on earth,  
    as it is in heaven... Matt 6:9-10





<sup>13</sup> If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.  
Jer 29:13





Our prayers should be unselfish .