



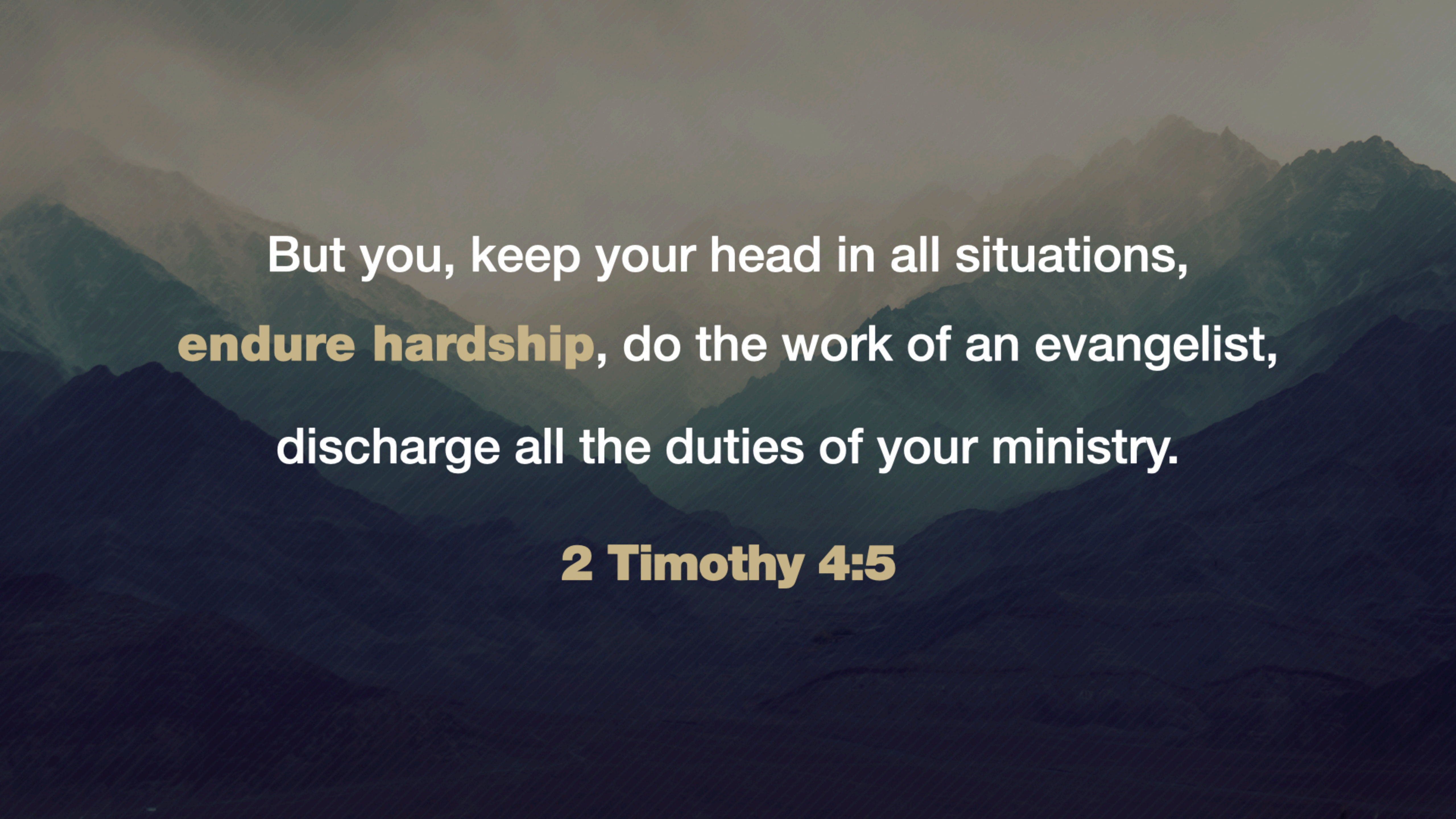
Hardship & Faith

a *Central* series
ASSEMBLY

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Hardship & Faith

“Endurance”



But you, keep your head in all situations,
endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist,
discharge all the duties of your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:5

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Endure HARDSHIP

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (NLT)

²⁴ Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (NLT)

²⁶ I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (NLT)

I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (NLT)

²⁷ I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (NLT)

28 Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.

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ENDURE Hardship

**Don't be surprised that
life with Jesus can be hard.**



2 Timothy 3:12

12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted....

2 Timothy 1:8

8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

**Let suffering drive you
back into the arms of Jesus.**



2 Timothy 1:11-12

¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

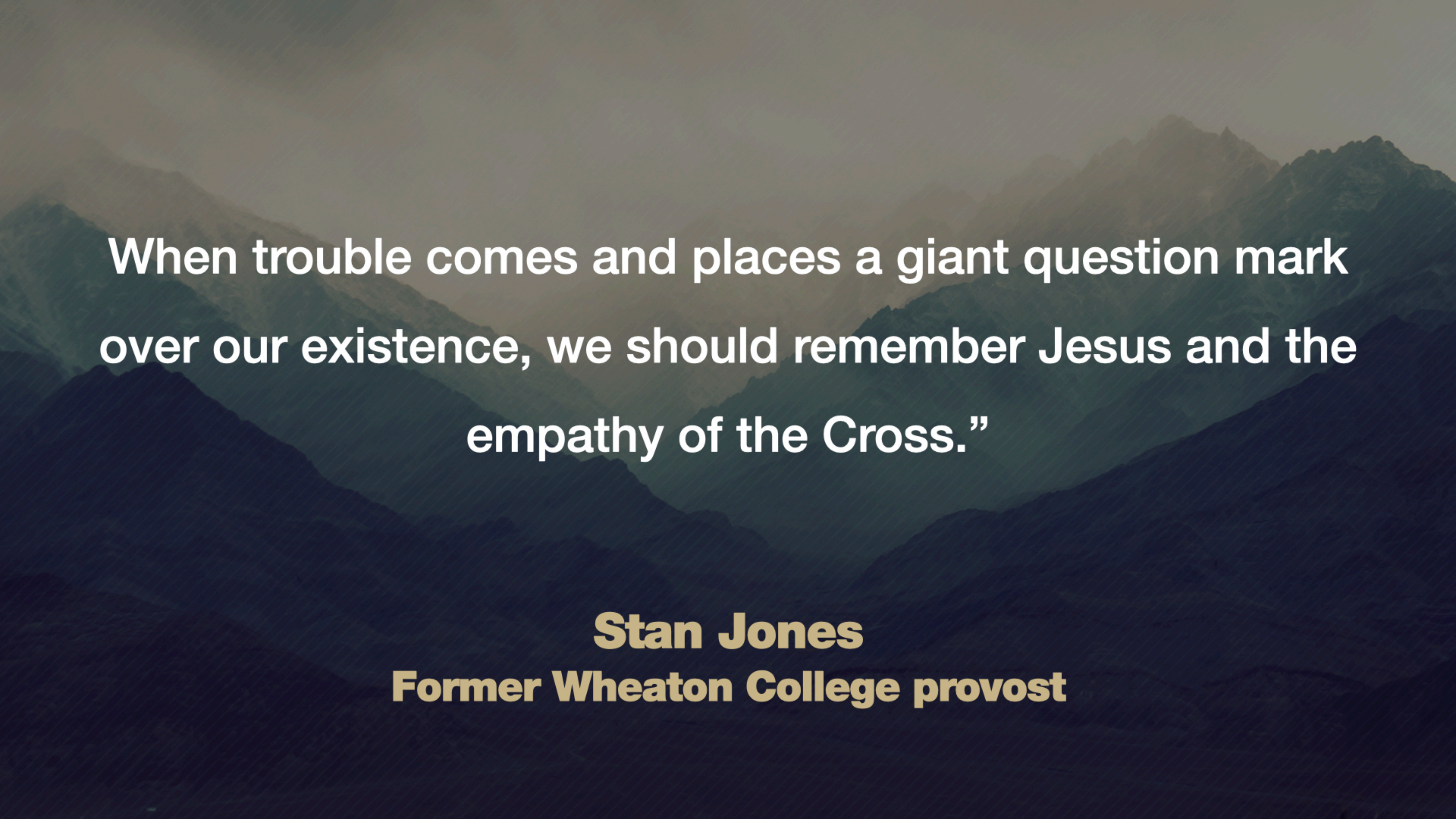
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“I know whom I have believed”

“God doesn't seem to be interested in getting off the hook. In fact, the answer of God in Jesus Christ to the problem of suffering is not to get off the hook at all, but rather to impale himself on the hook of human suffering with us in the very midst of our suffering.

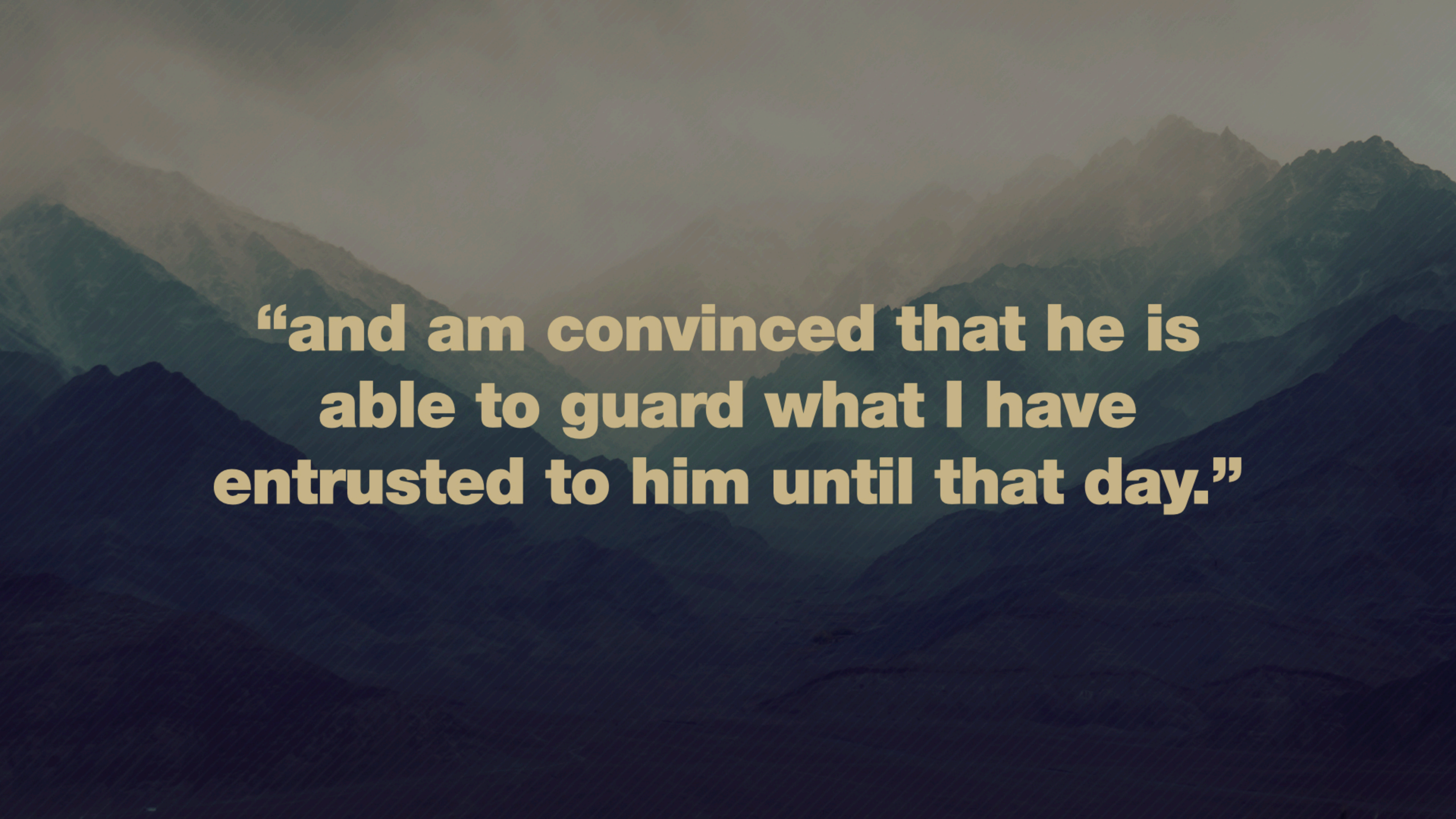
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When trouble comes and places a giant question mark over our existence, we should remember Jesus and the empathy of the Cross.”

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**“and am convinced that he is
able to guard what I have
entrusted to him until that day.”**

**Keep thinking “eternity”
because it’s not over yet!**

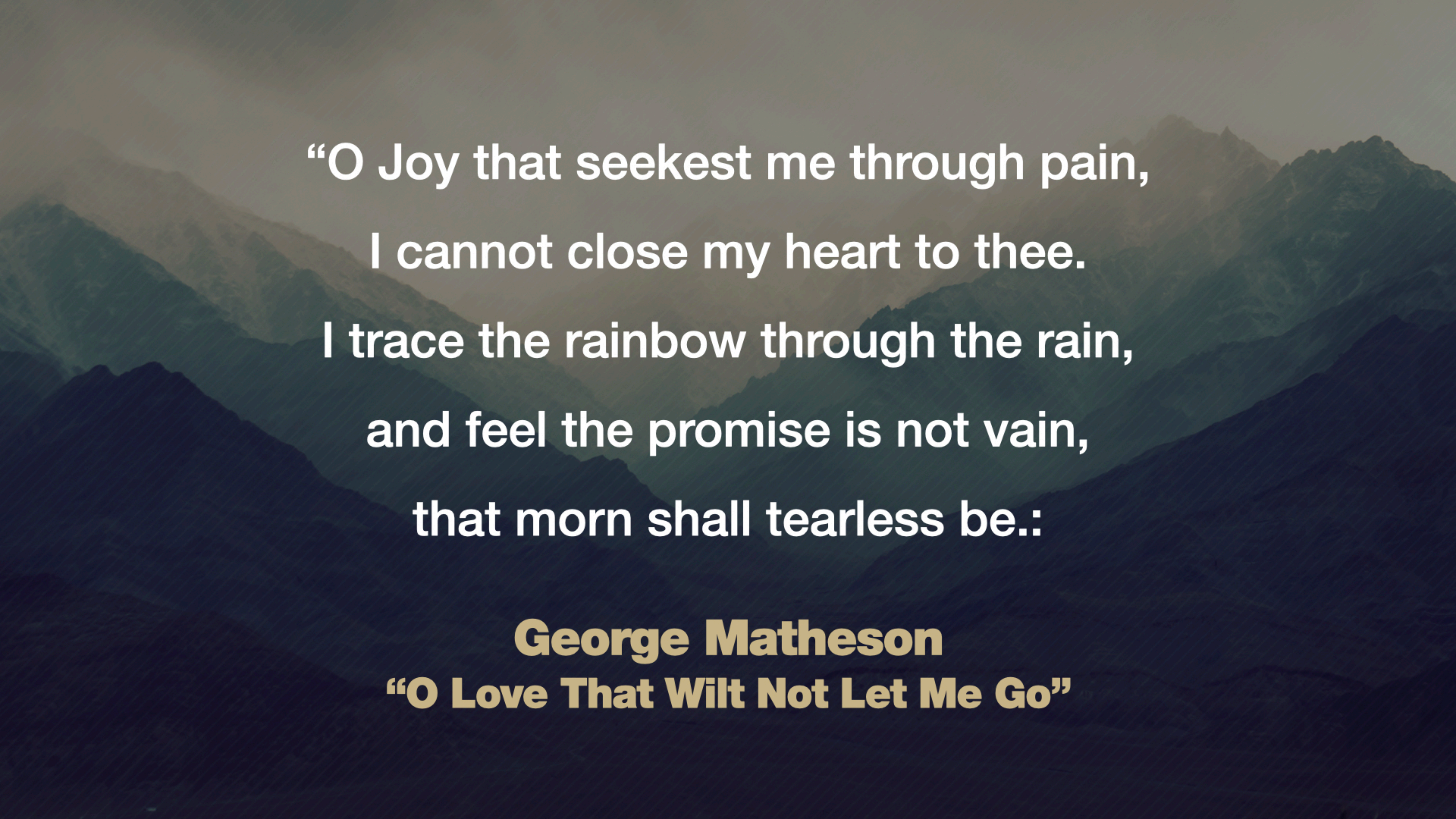


2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me **on that day**—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



“O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.:

George Matheson

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”