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DO NOT BE AFRAID

A CENTRAL *Christmas* SERIES

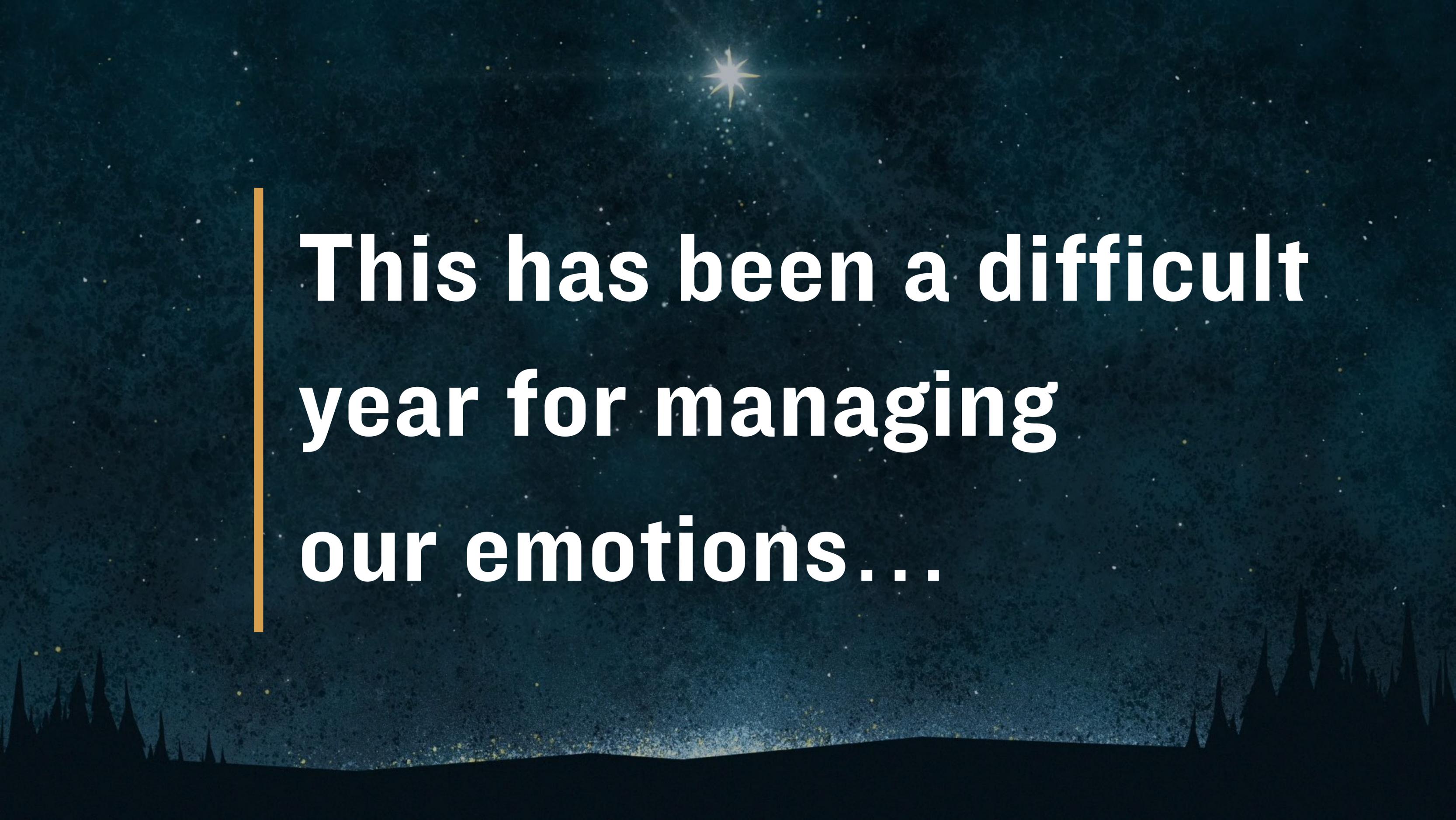
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God Sent Jesus As A Savior

Luke 2:8–20

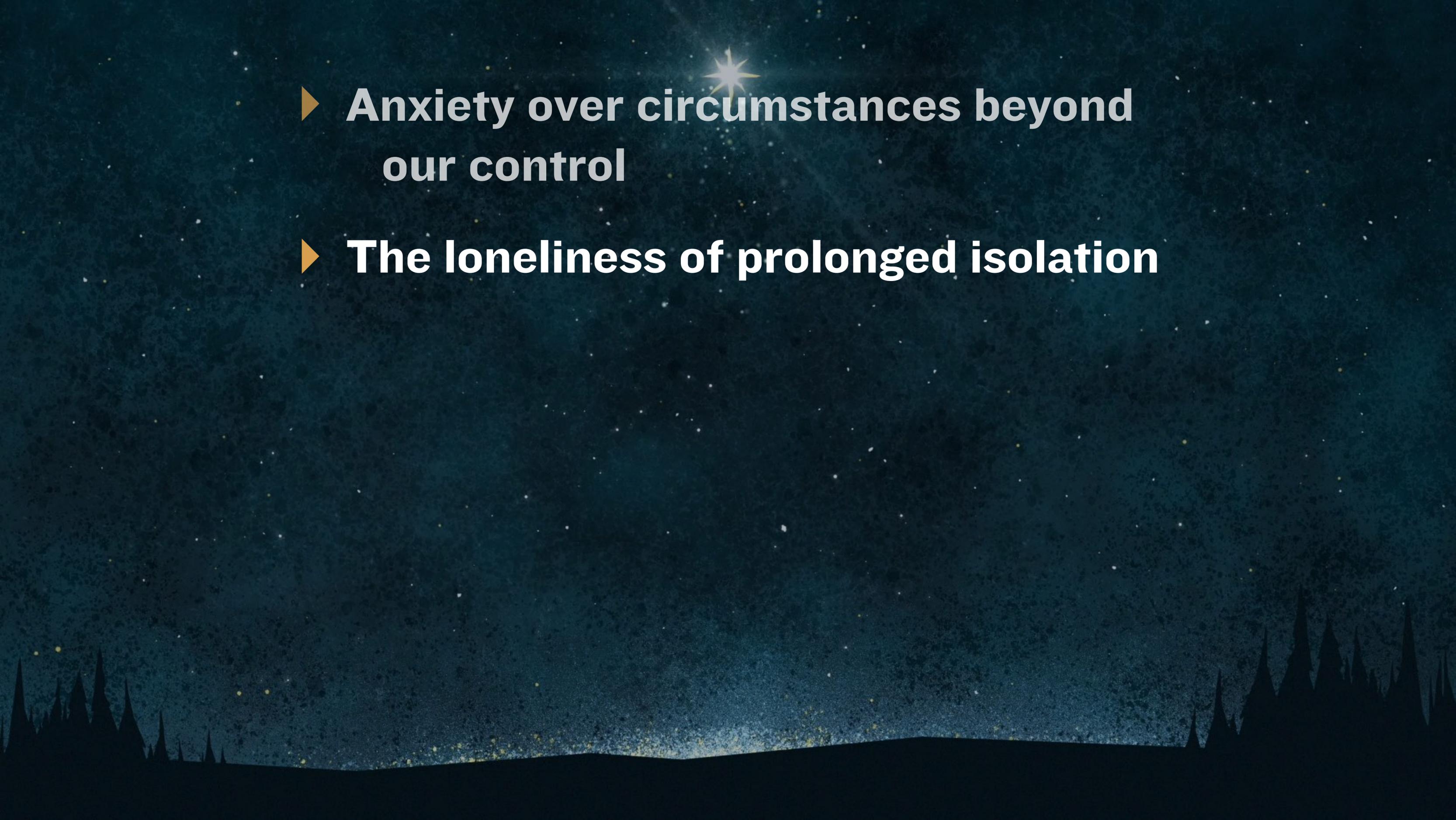
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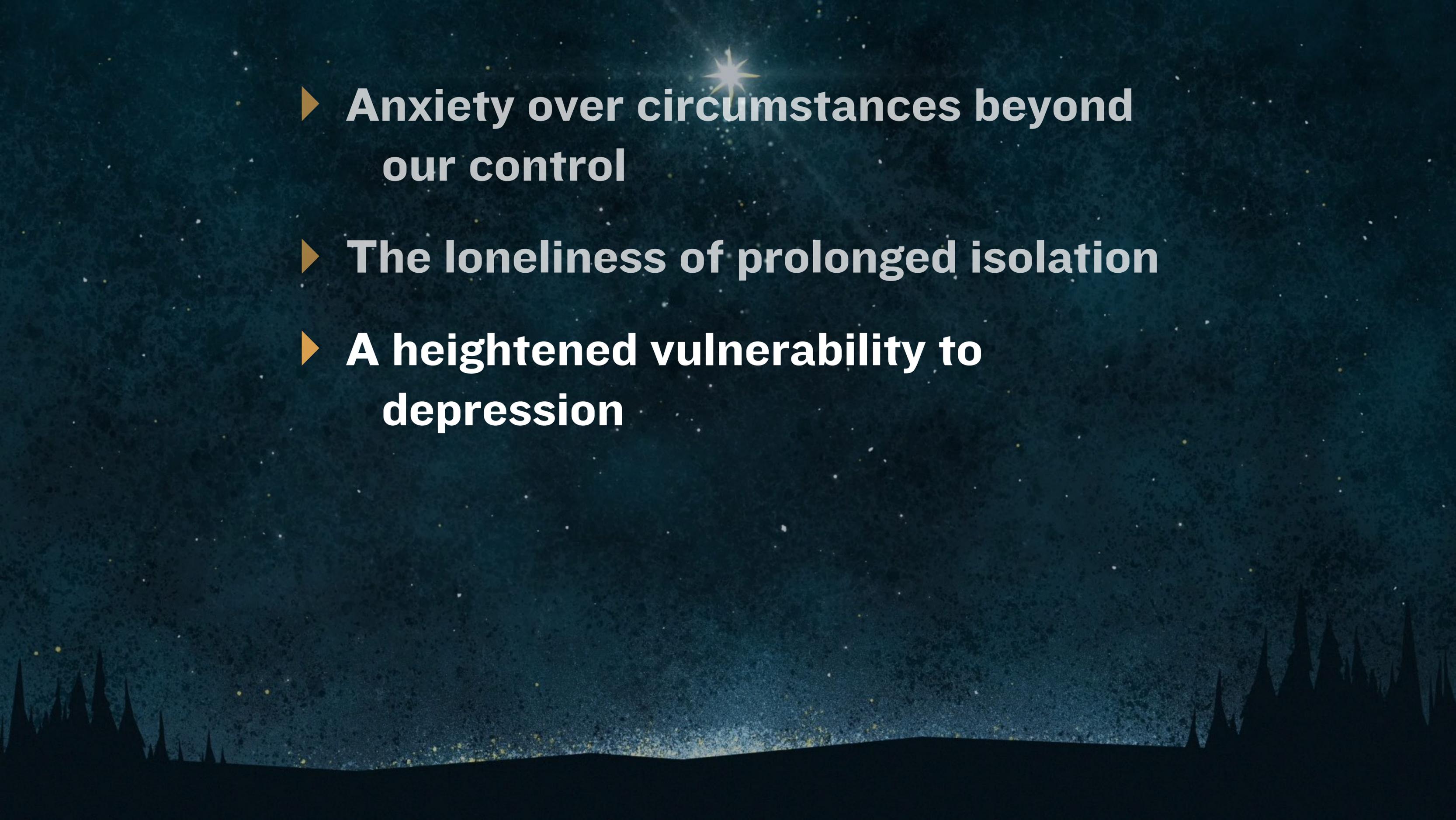
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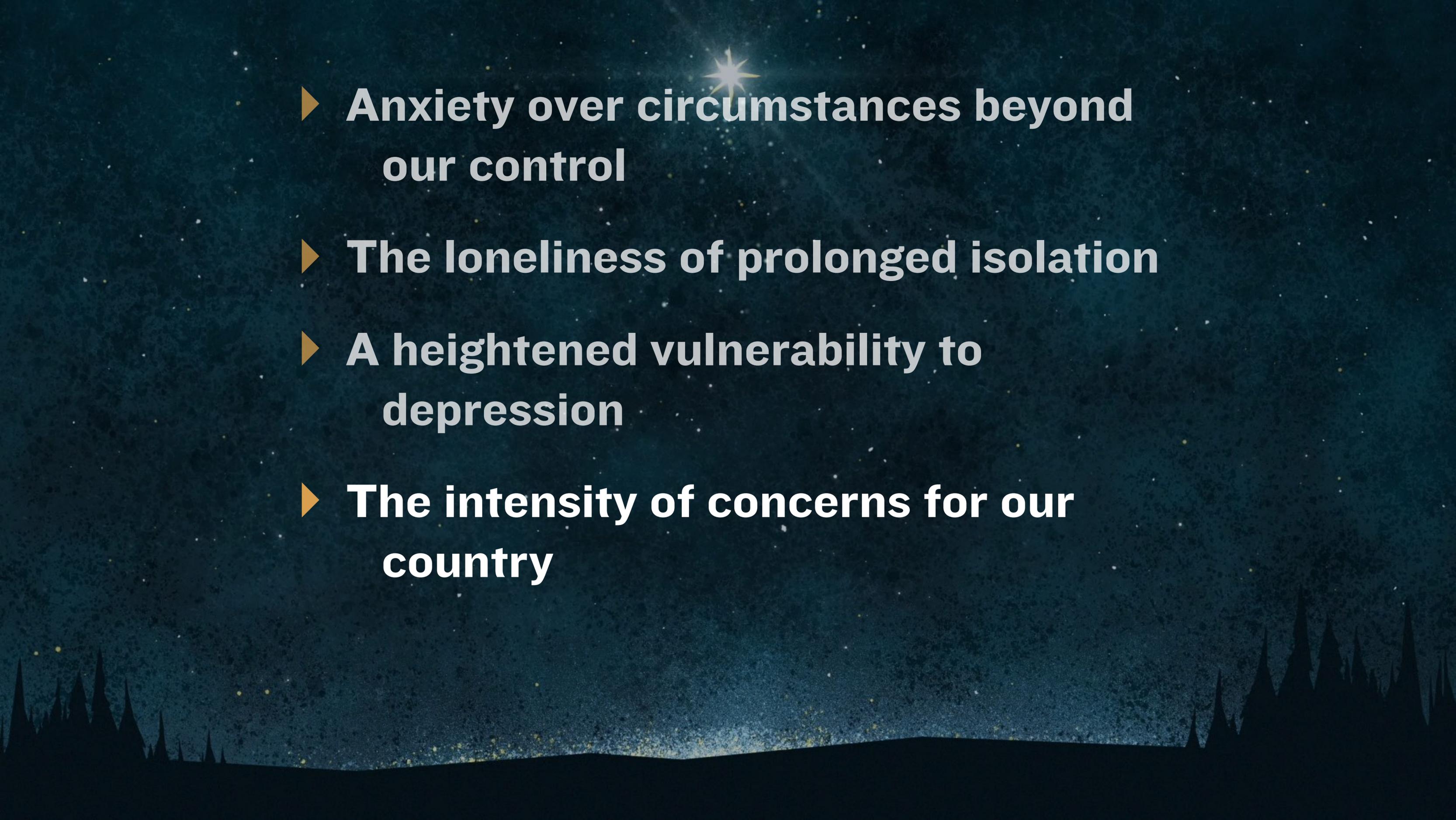
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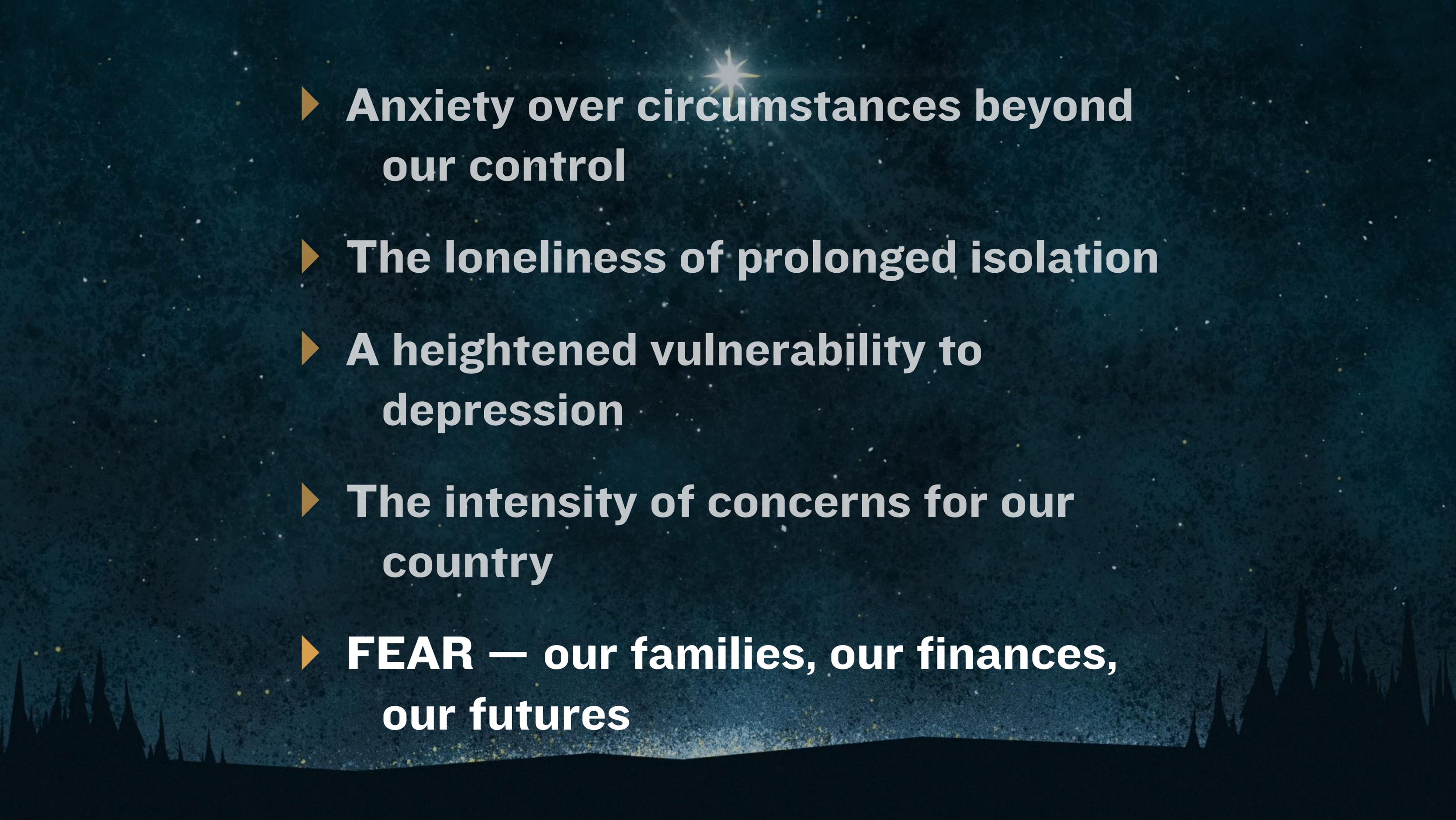
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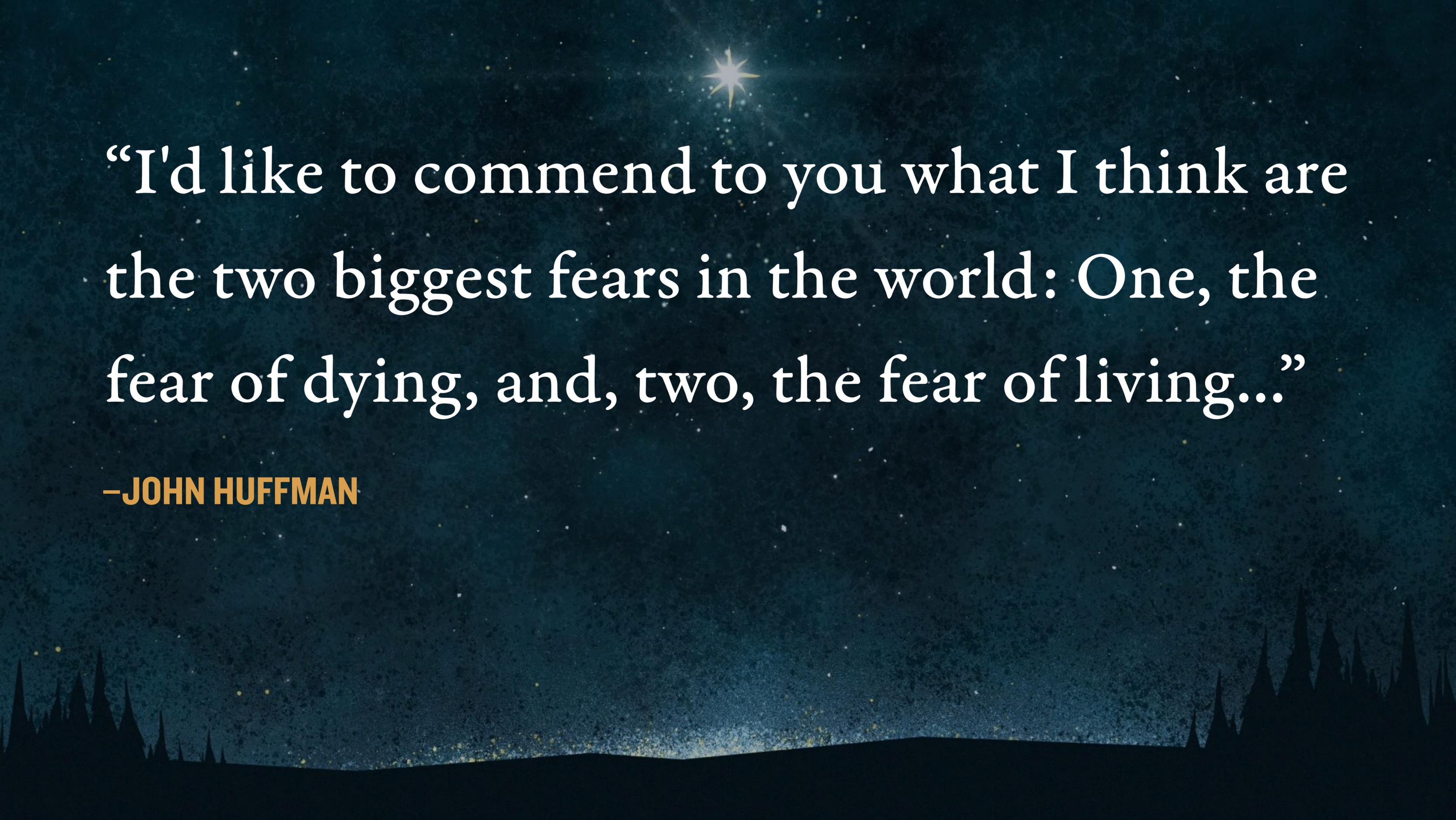
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- A night sky filled with stars of various sizes and colors, including a prominent bright star with a starburst effect near the top center. The bottom of the image features a dark silhouette of a forest with pointed trees.
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“I'd like to commend to you what I think are the two biggest fears in the world: One, the fear of dying, and, two, the fear of living...”

—JOHN HUFFMAN

LUKE 2:8-9

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

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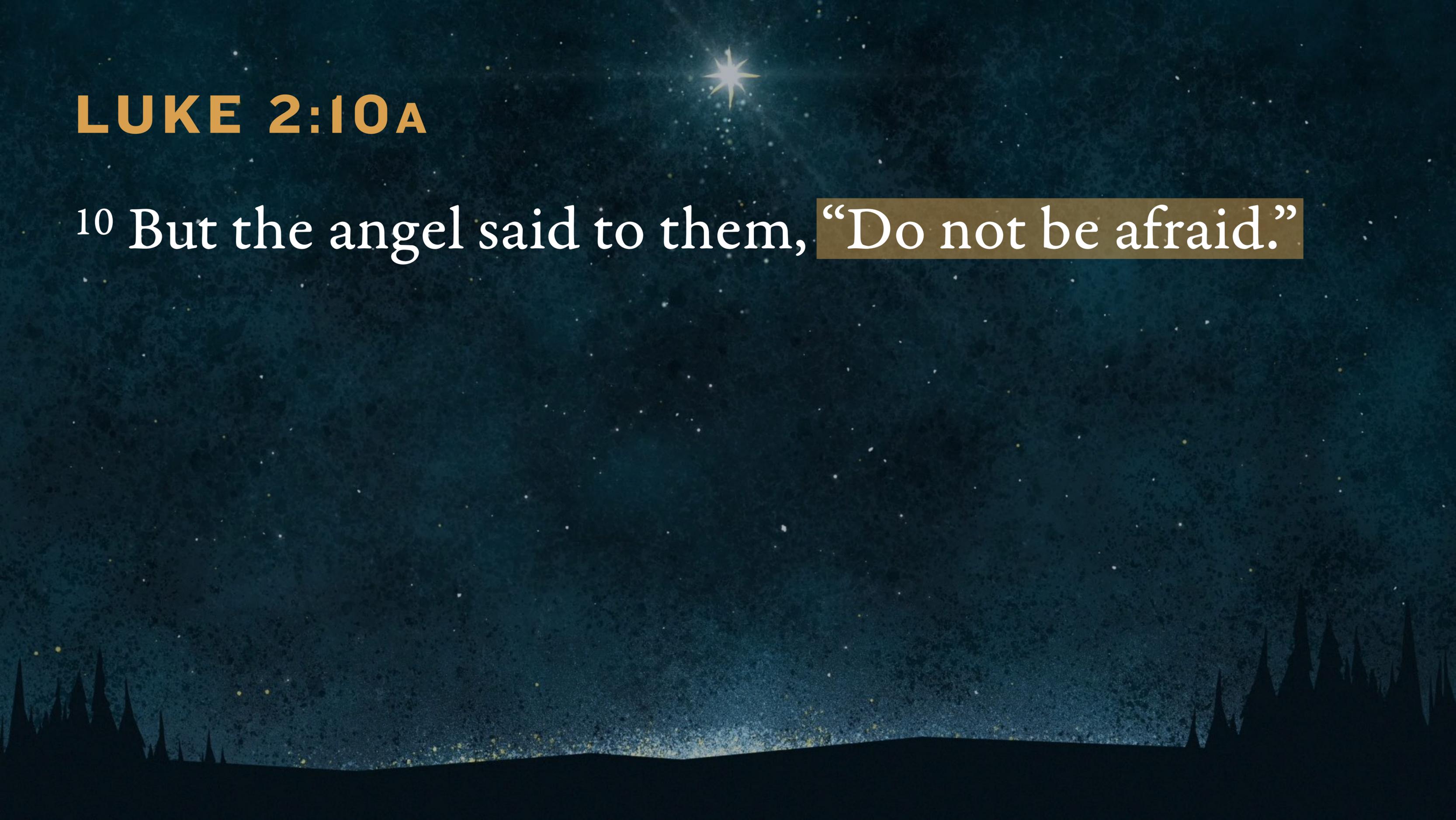
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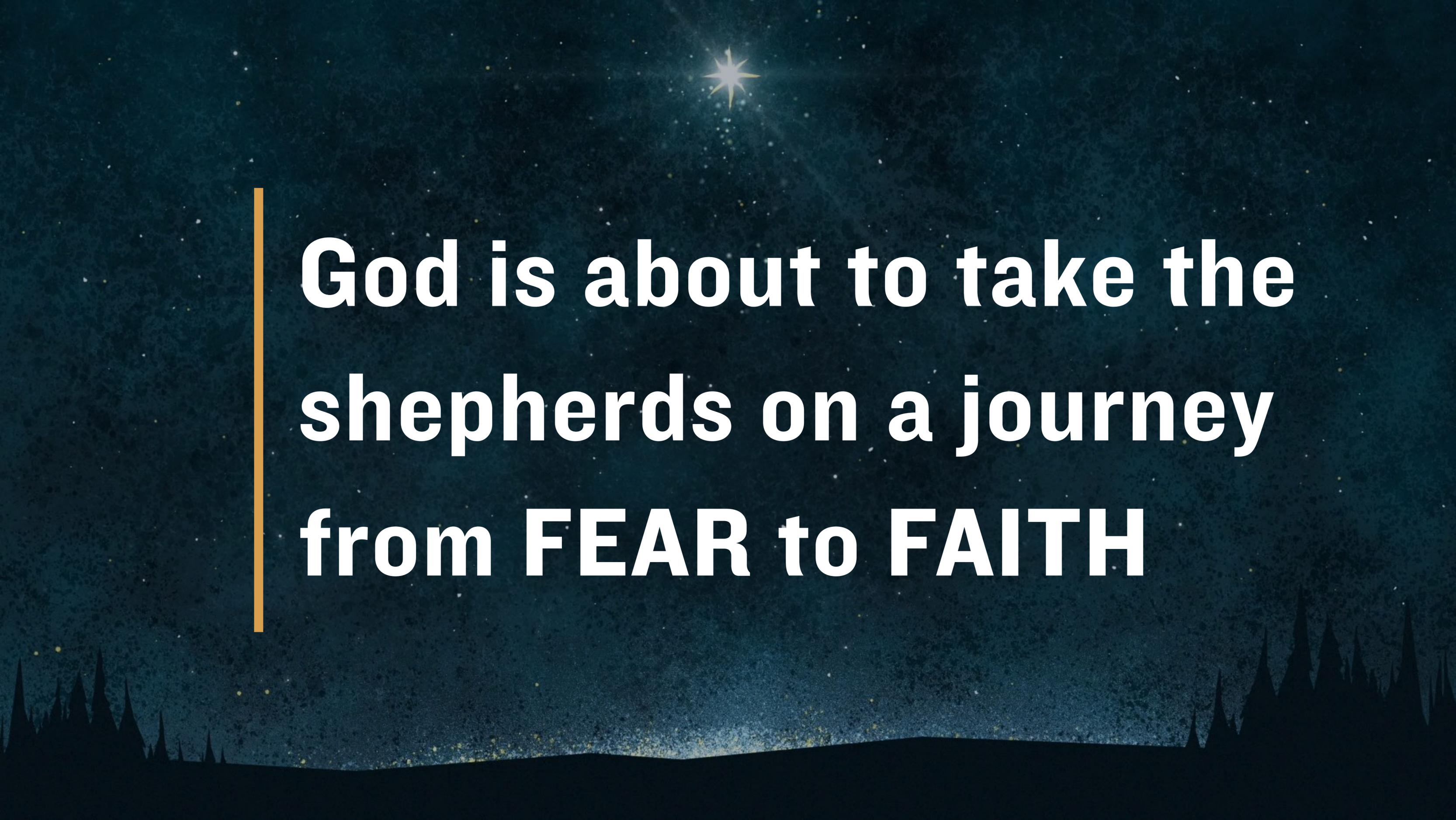
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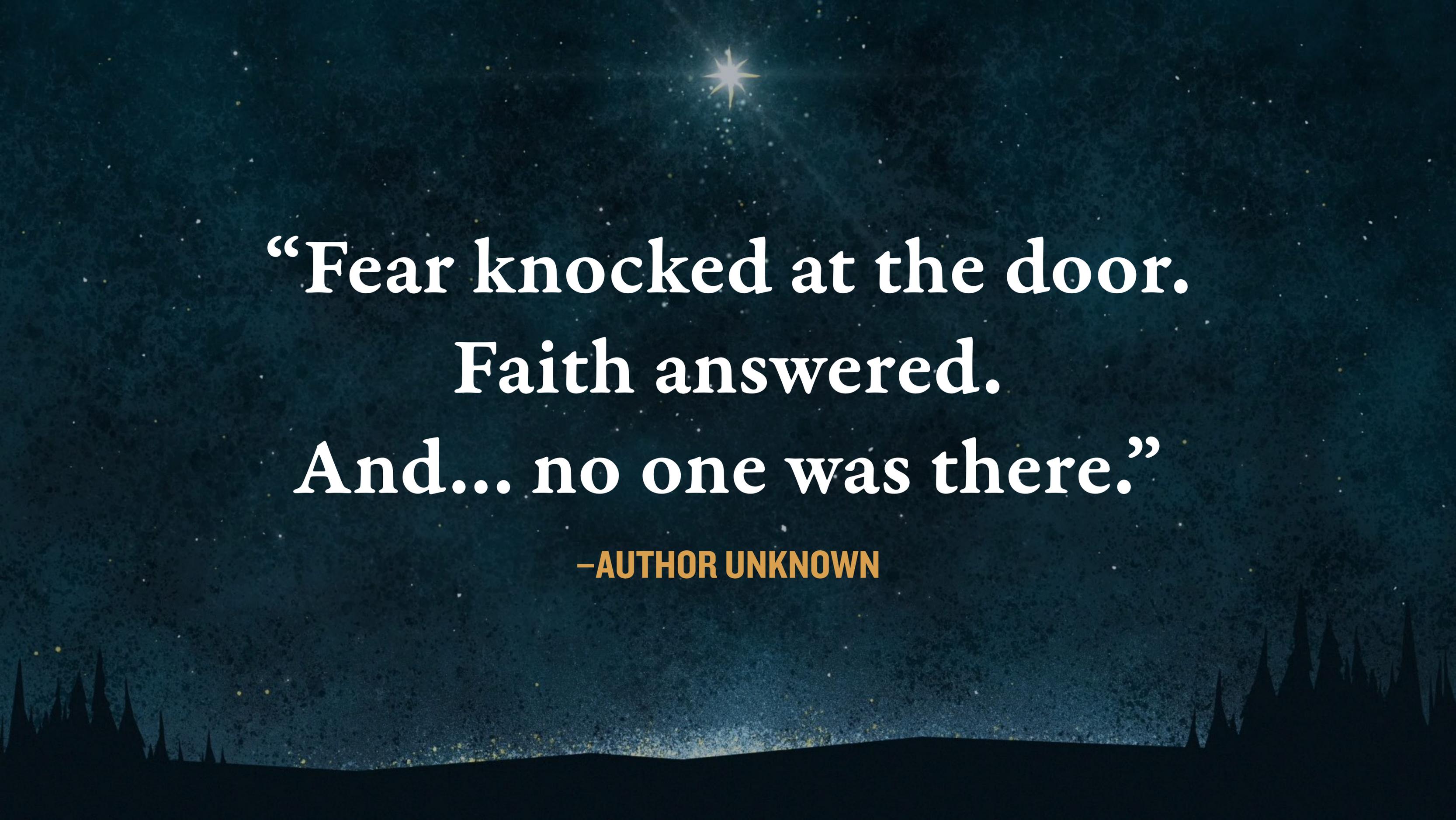


LUKE 2:10A

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.”

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**God is about to take the
shepherds on a journey
from FEAR to FAITH**

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**“Fear knocked at the door.
Faith answered.
And... no one was there.”**

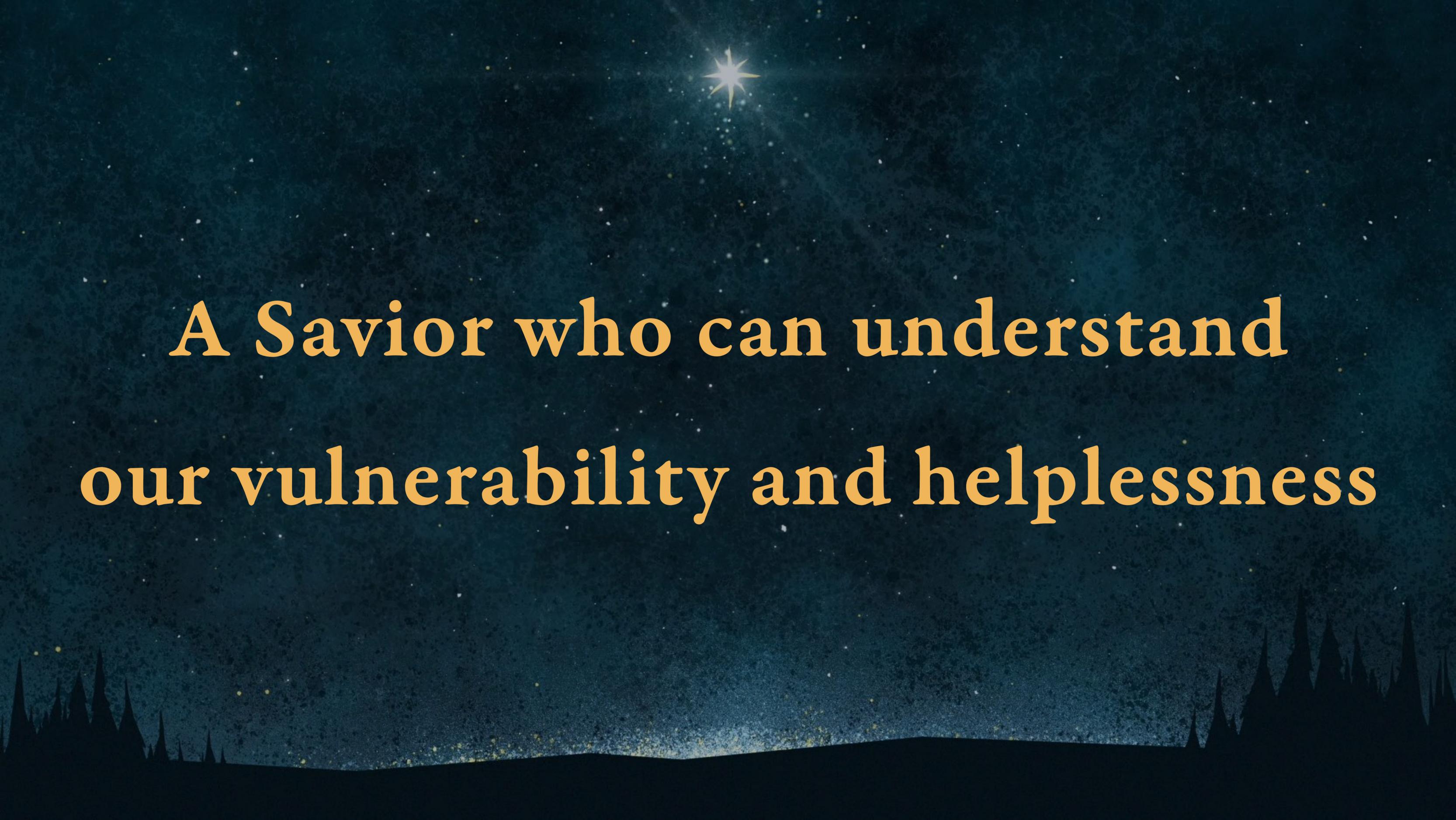
—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

LUKE 2:10B-11

¹⁰ ...Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

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**What the shepherds
DISCOVERED...**

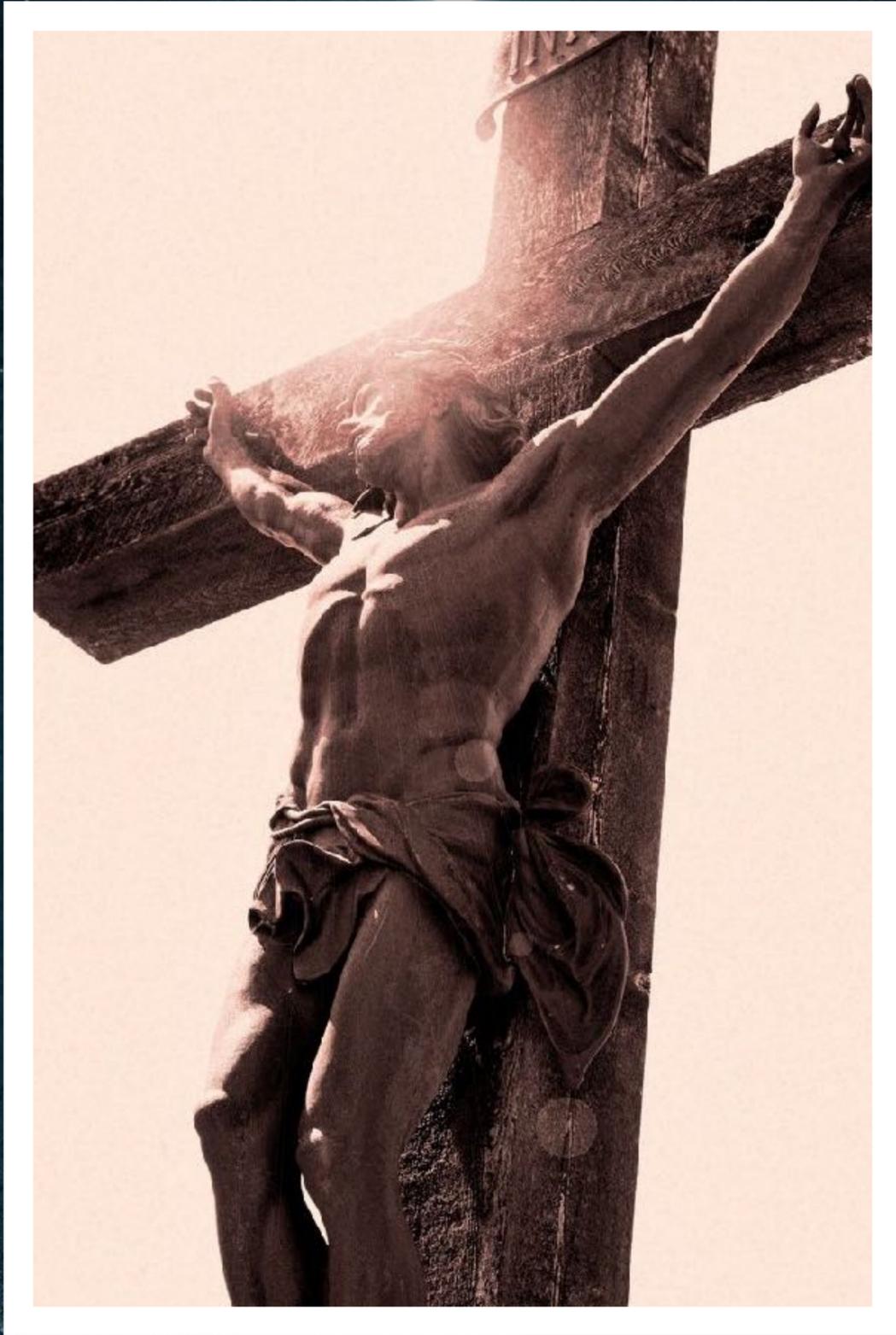
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**A Savior who can understand
our vulnerability and helplessness**

LUKE 2:12

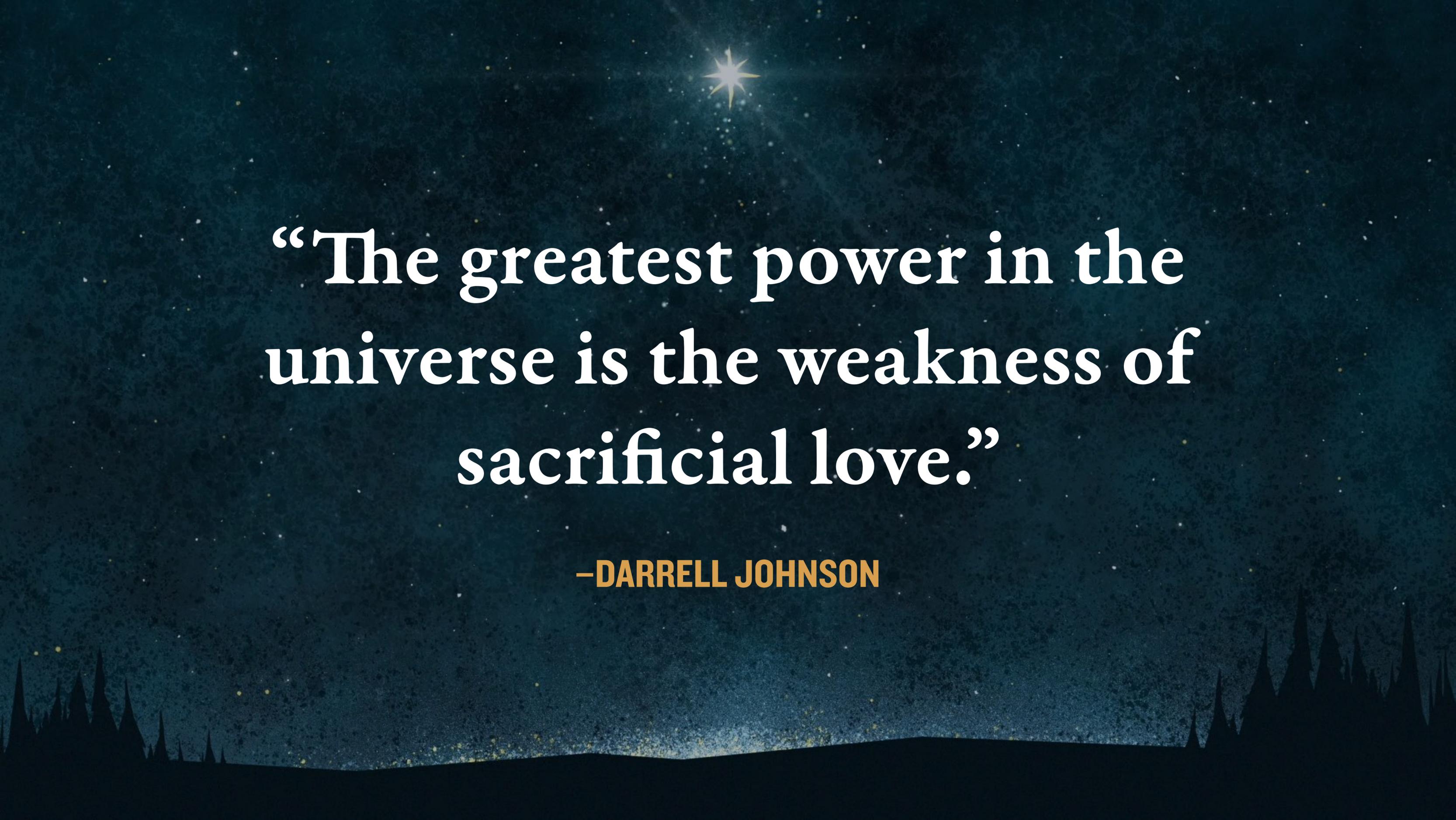
¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”





MATTHEW 1:21

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

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**“The greatest power in the
universe is the weakness of
sacrificial love.”**

—DARRELL JOHNSON

ROMANS 10:9

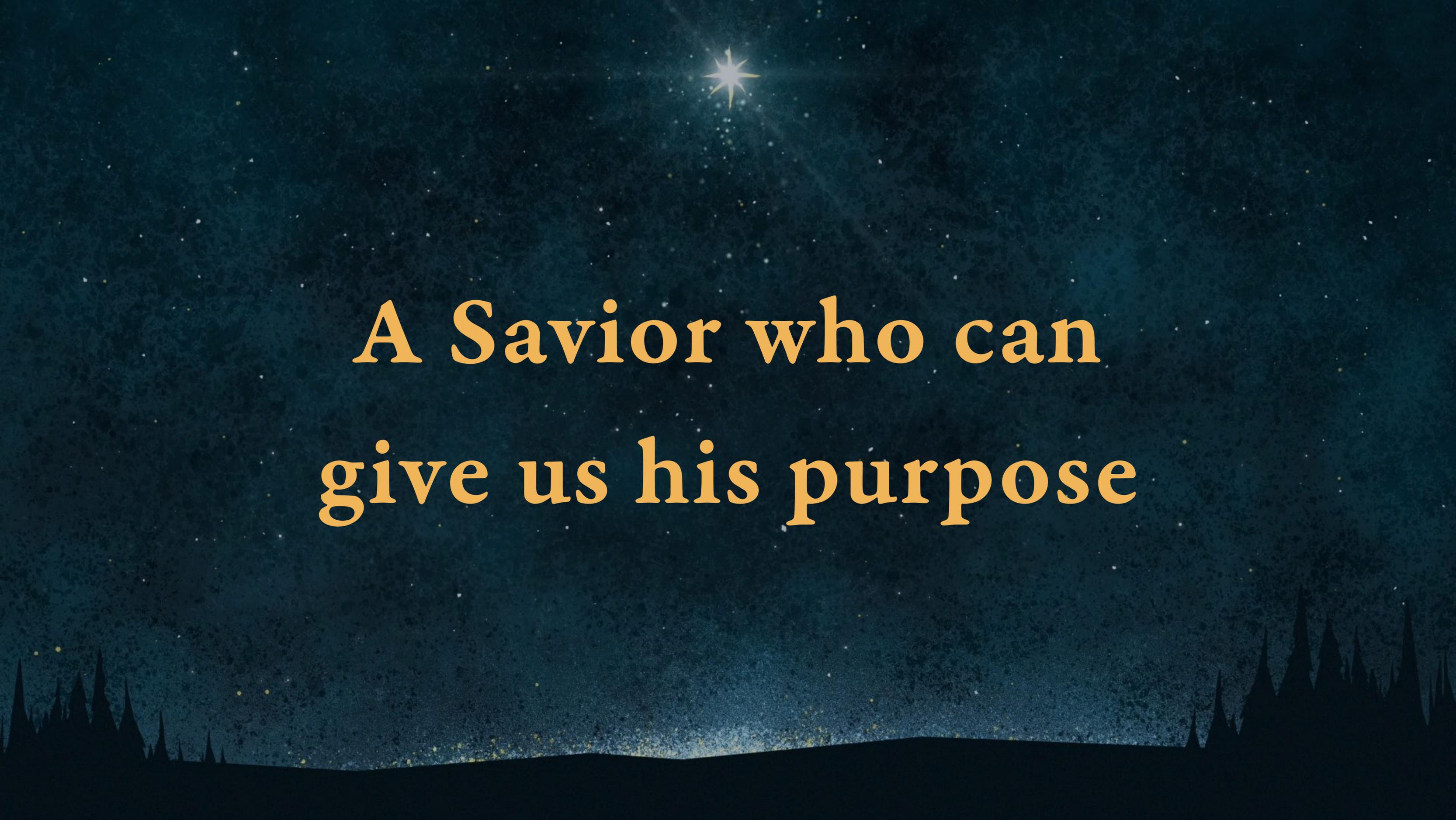
⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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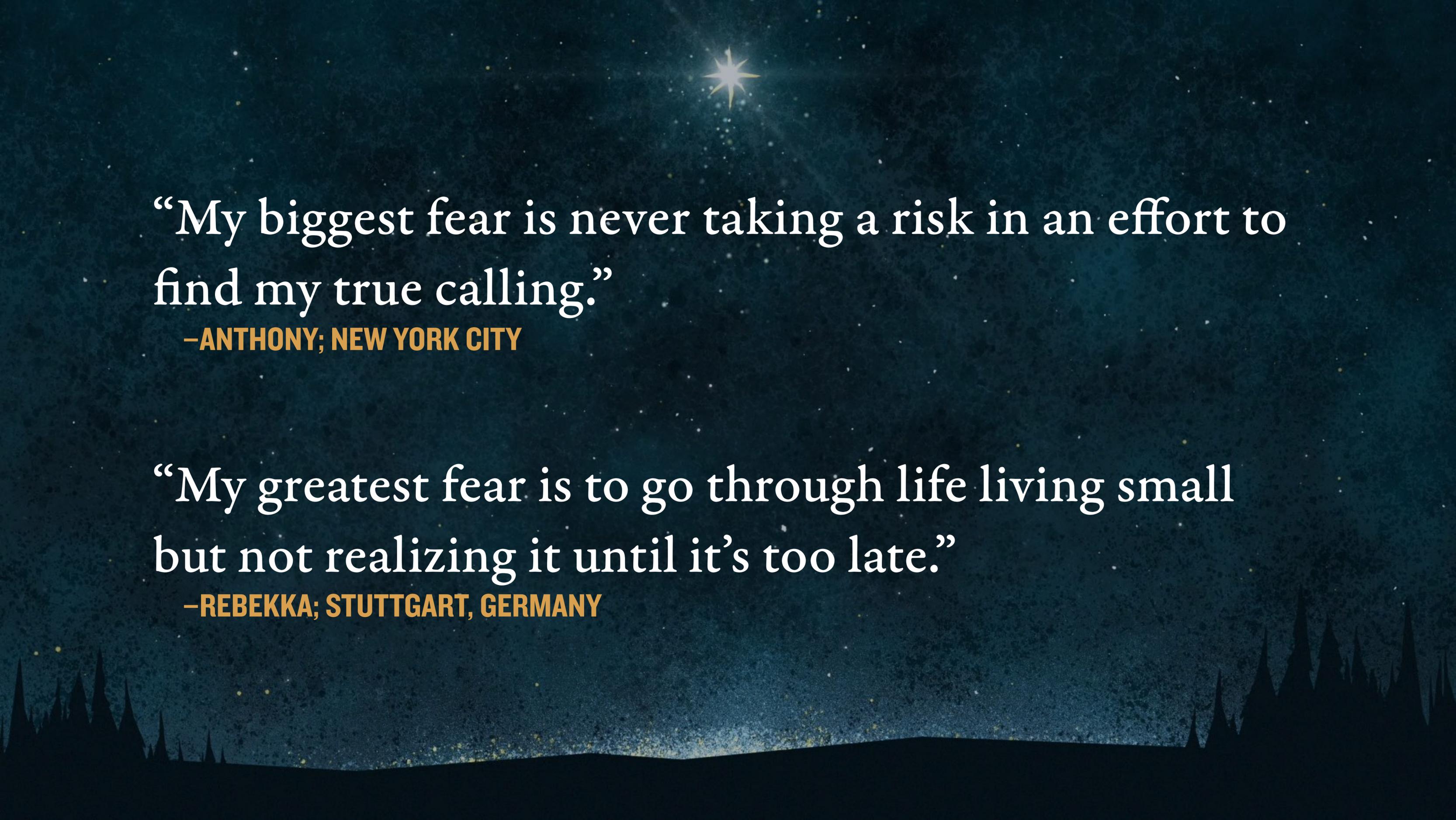
What the shepherds DID...

LUKE 2:17-18

¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

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**A Savior who can
give us his purpose**

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“My biggest fear is never taking a risk in an effort to find my true calling.”

–ANTHONY; NEW YORK CITY

“My greatest fear is to go through life living small but not realizing it until it’s too late.”

–REBEKKA; STUTTGART, GERMANY



“My greatest fear would be missing out on my purpose here on earth... I know I have a purpose that I am not yet serving.”

–DANIELLE; SACRAMENTO

“To go through life without leaving a positive mark.”

–LUCIANA; SINTRA, PORTUGAL

“My greatest fear is regretting all that I didn’t do, as I lay in my hospital bed as an elderly man.”

–RALPH; NORTH BRUNSWICK



MATTHEW 28:19A-20B

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

²⁰ ...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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**The journey from
FEAR to FAITH...**

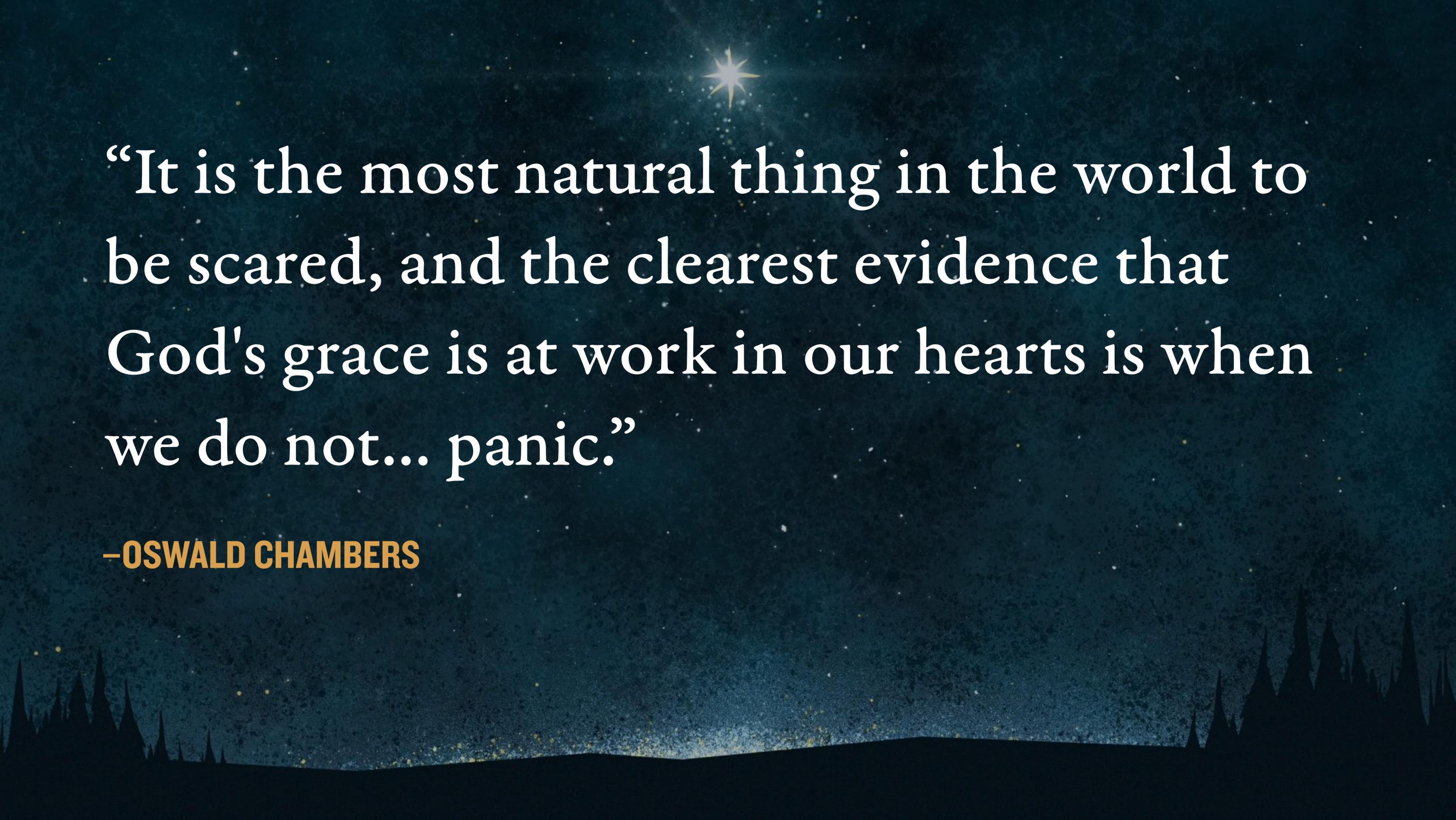
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LUKE 2:9B

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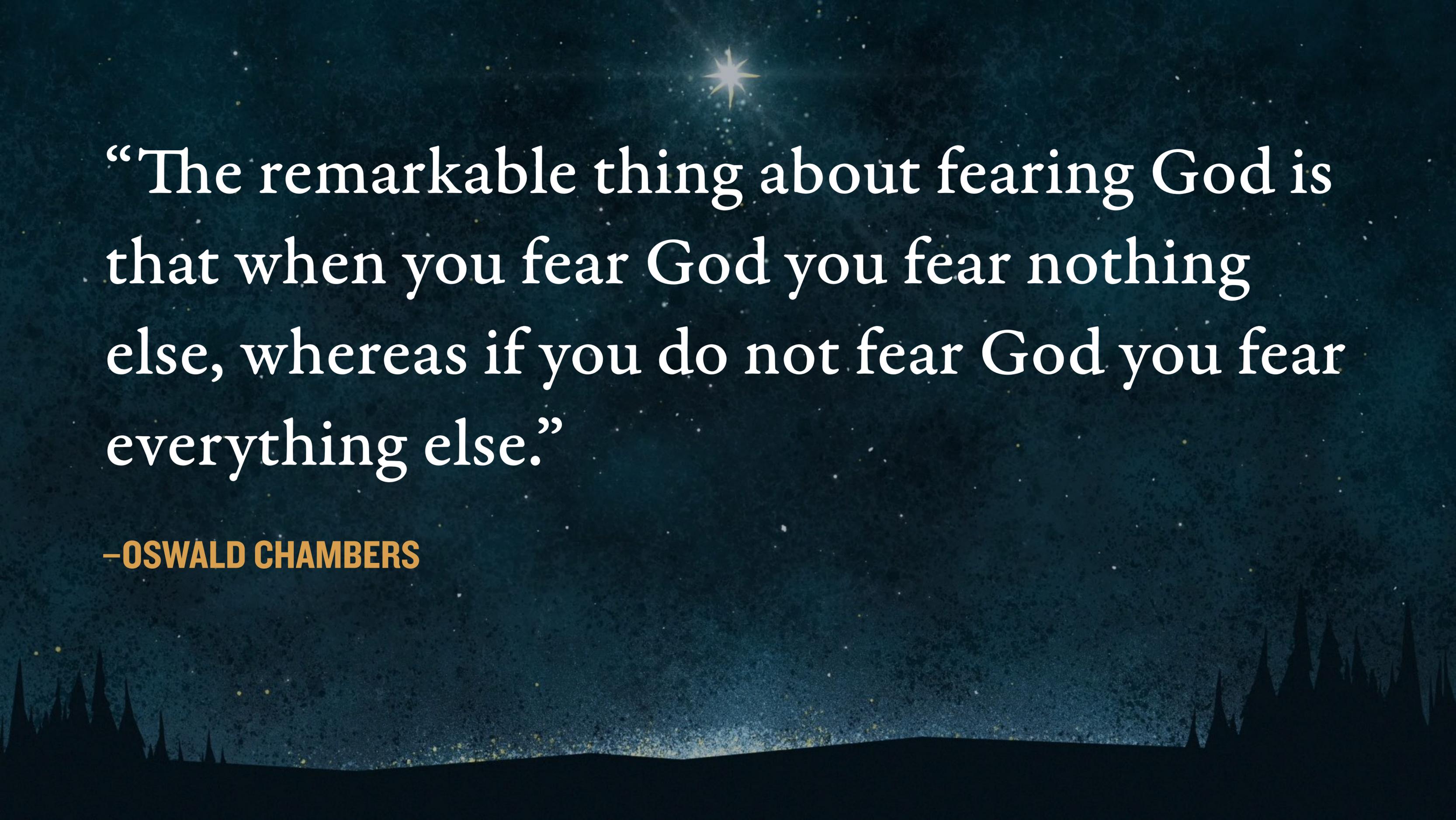
LUKE 2:20

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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“It is the most natural thing in the world to be scared, and the clearest evidence that God's grace is at work in our hearts is when we do not... panic.”

—OSWALD CHAMBERS

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“The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else.”

—OSWALD CHAMBERS

ISAIAH 41:10

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