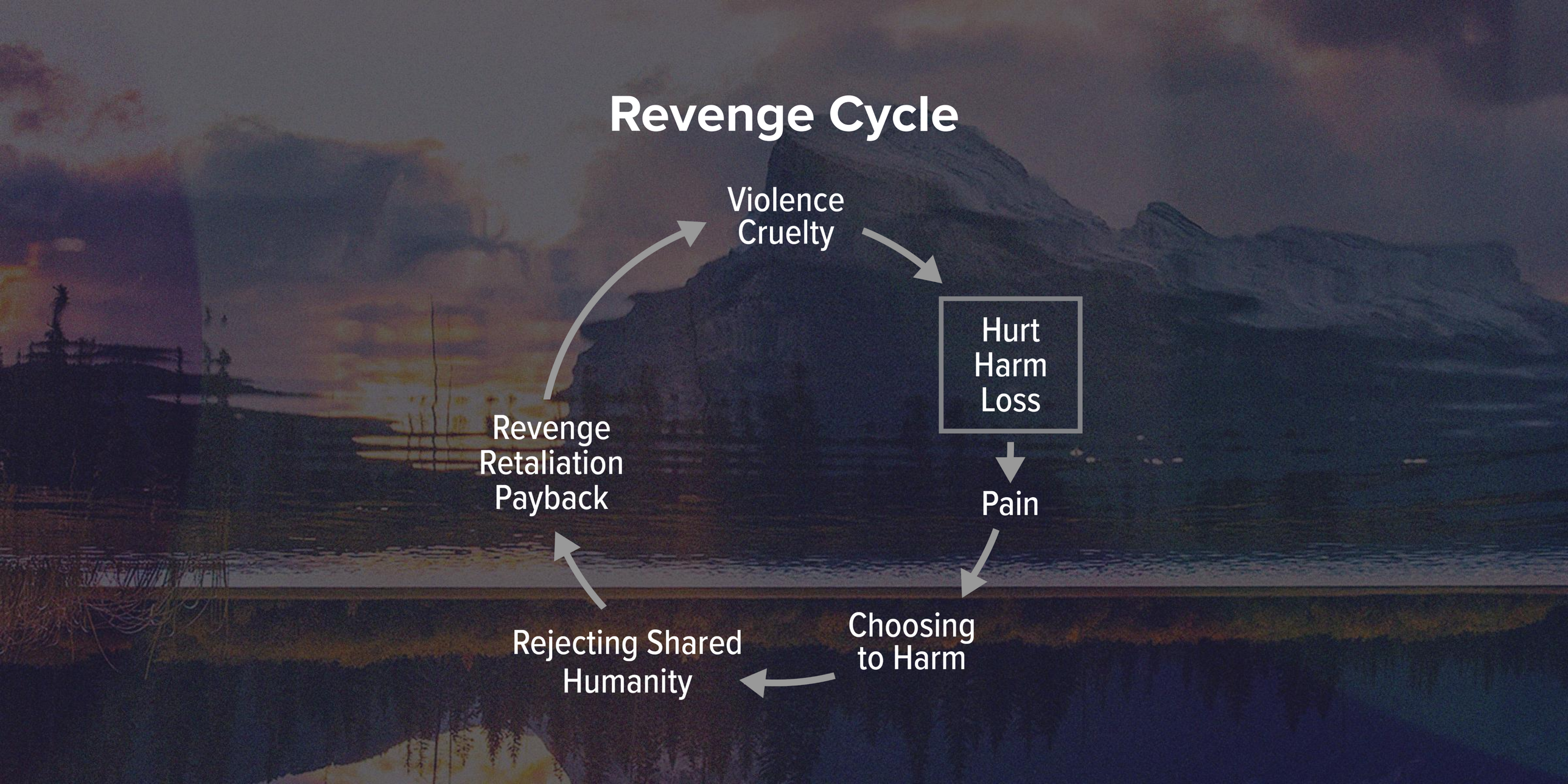
Thy Kingdom Come

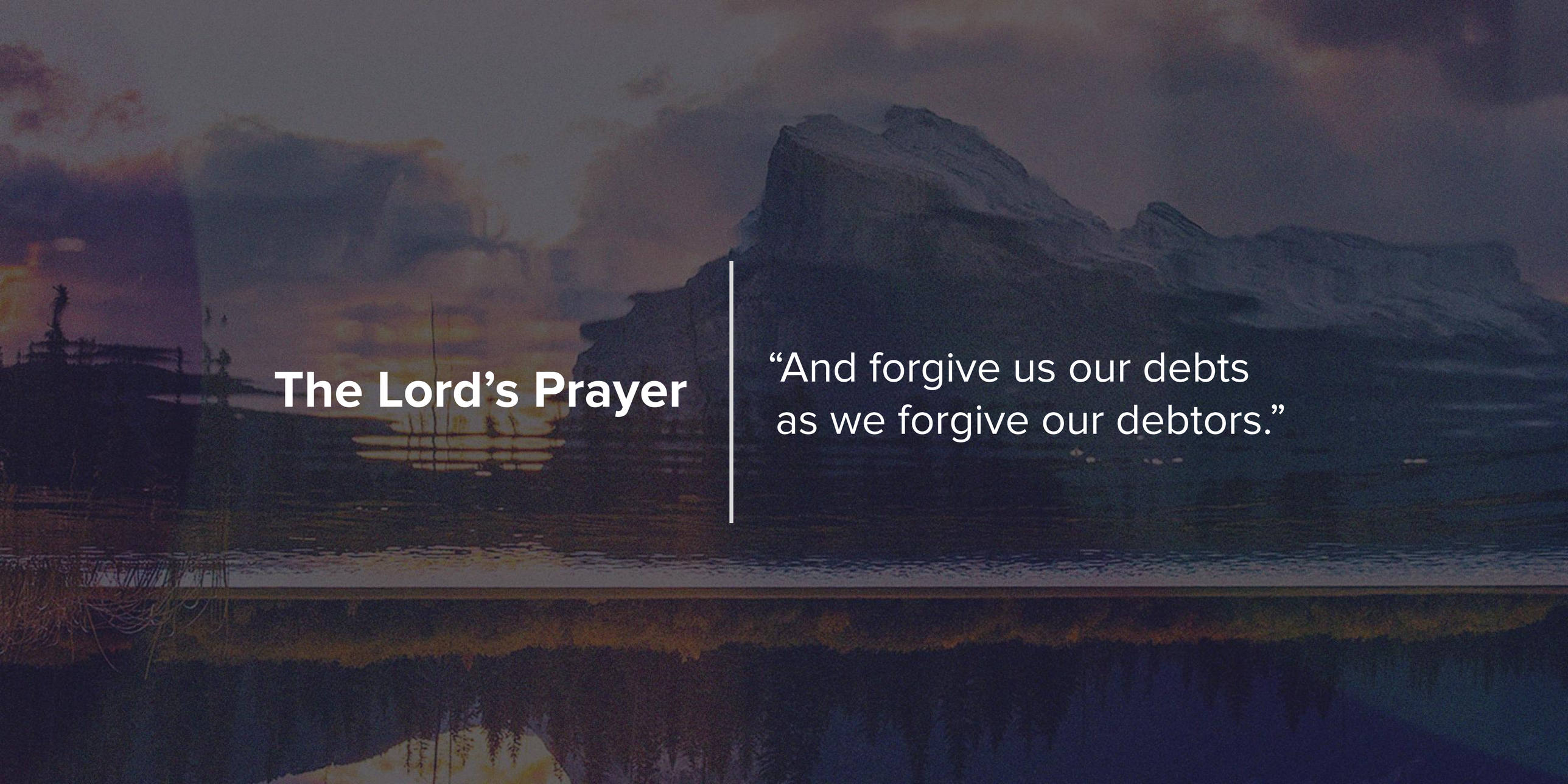
# The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 WBT

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
**Thy kingdom come.**
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

# Revenge Cycle





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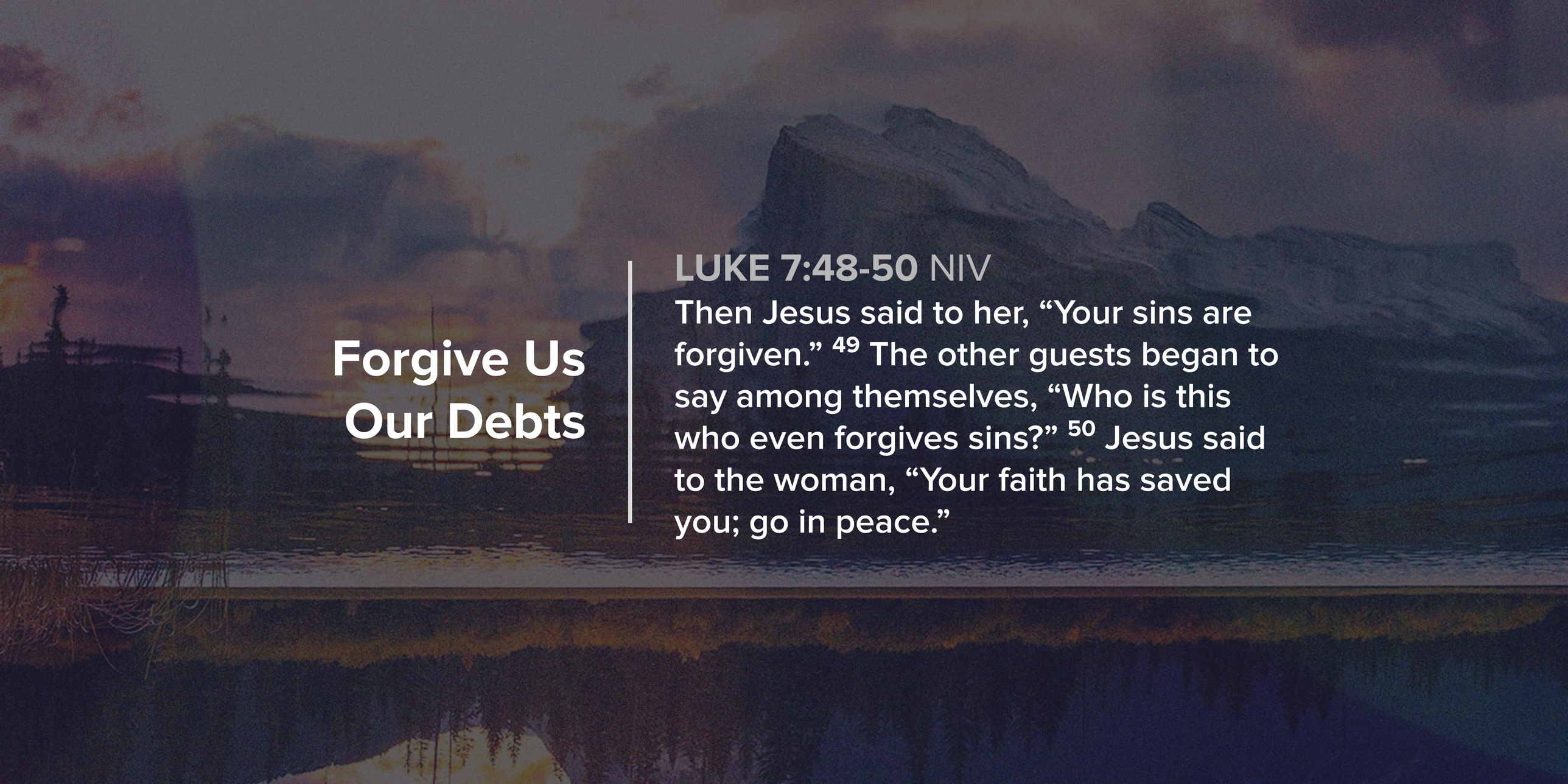
**MATTHEW 9:2** NIV

Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”



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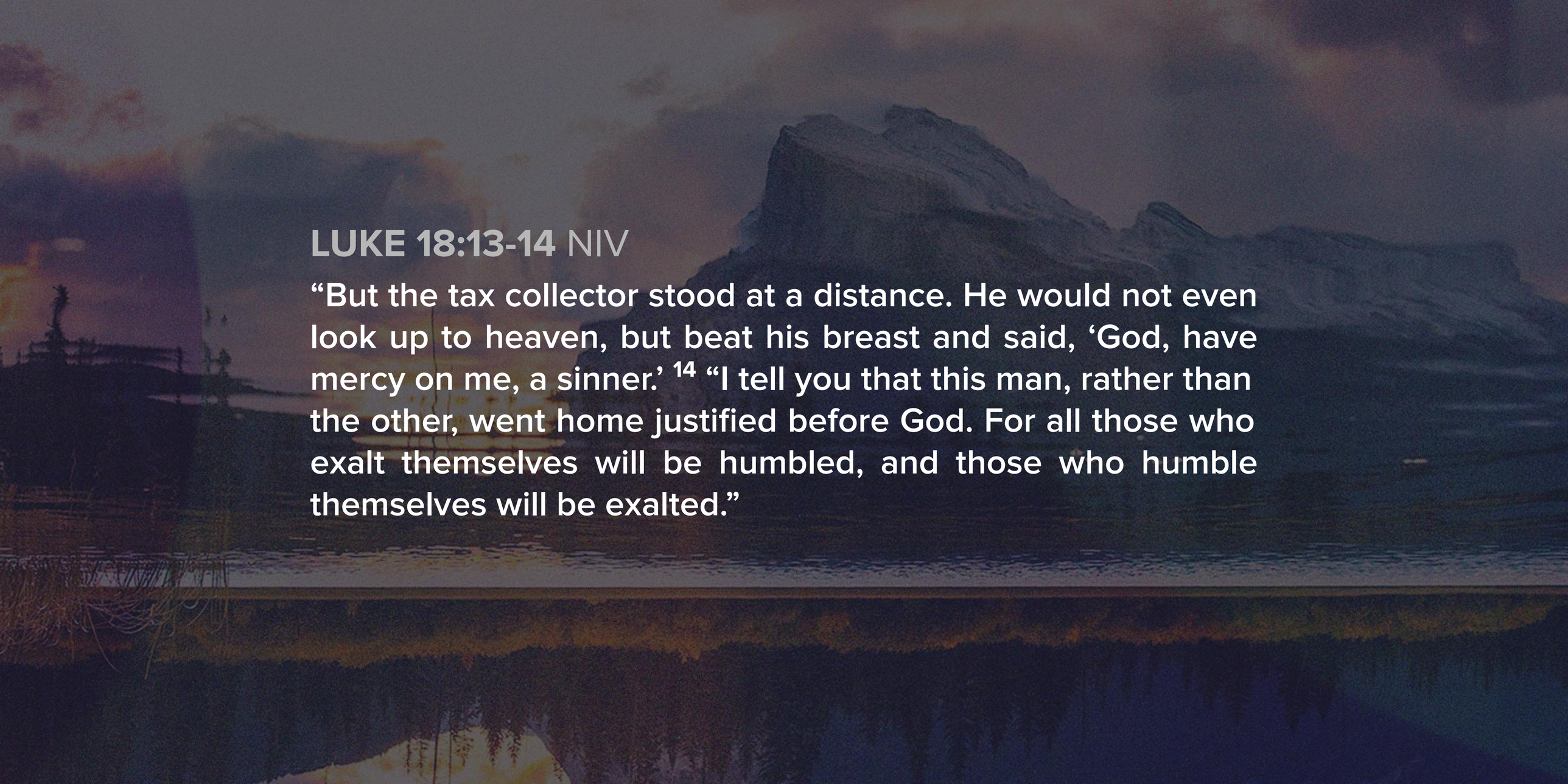
**LUKE 7:48-50** NIV

Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are
forgiven.” 49 The other guests began to
say among themselves, “Who is this
who even forgives sins?” 50 Jesus said
to the woman, “Your faith has saved
you; go in peace.”

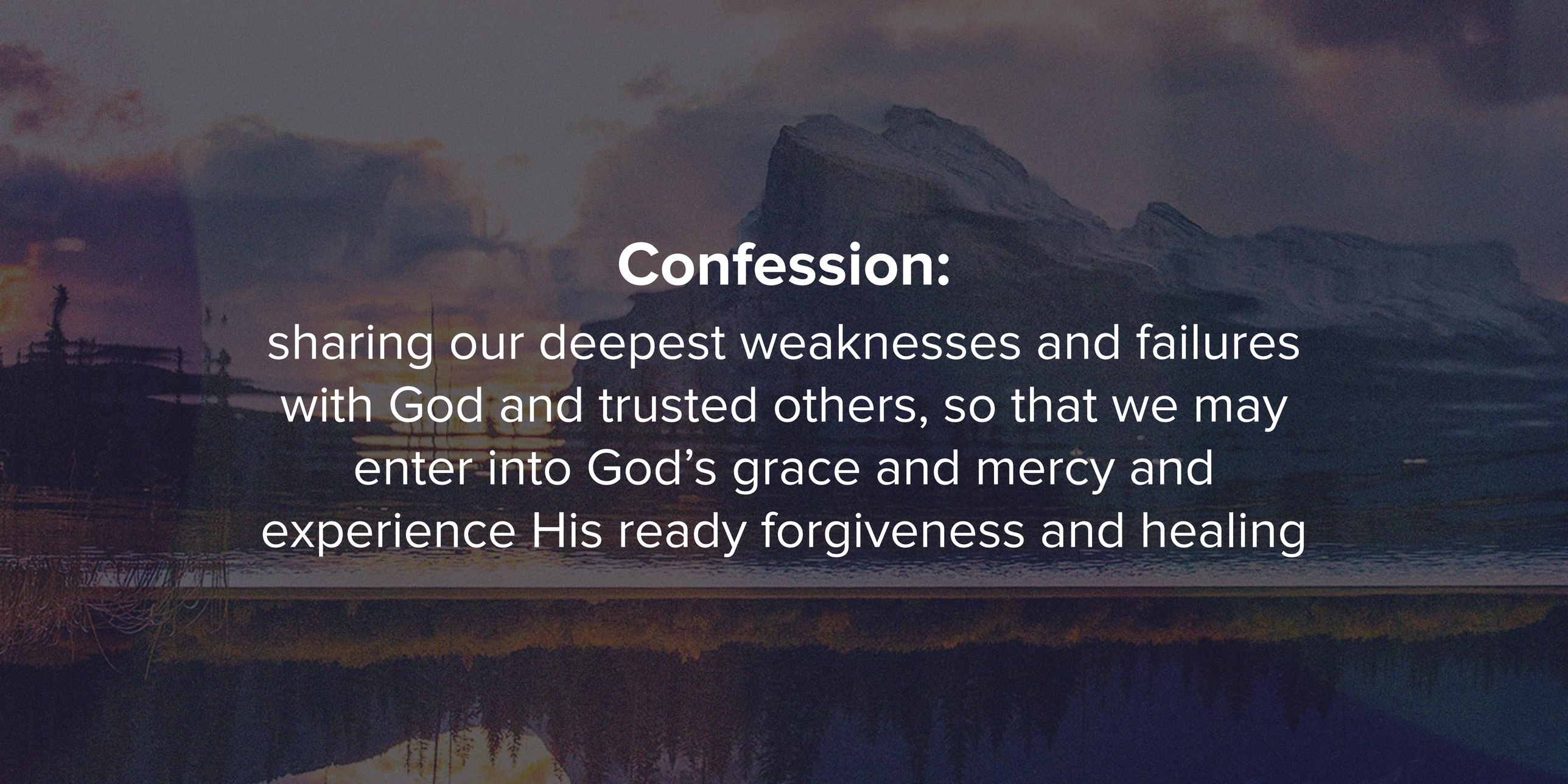
## LUKE 18:9-12 NIV

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'"



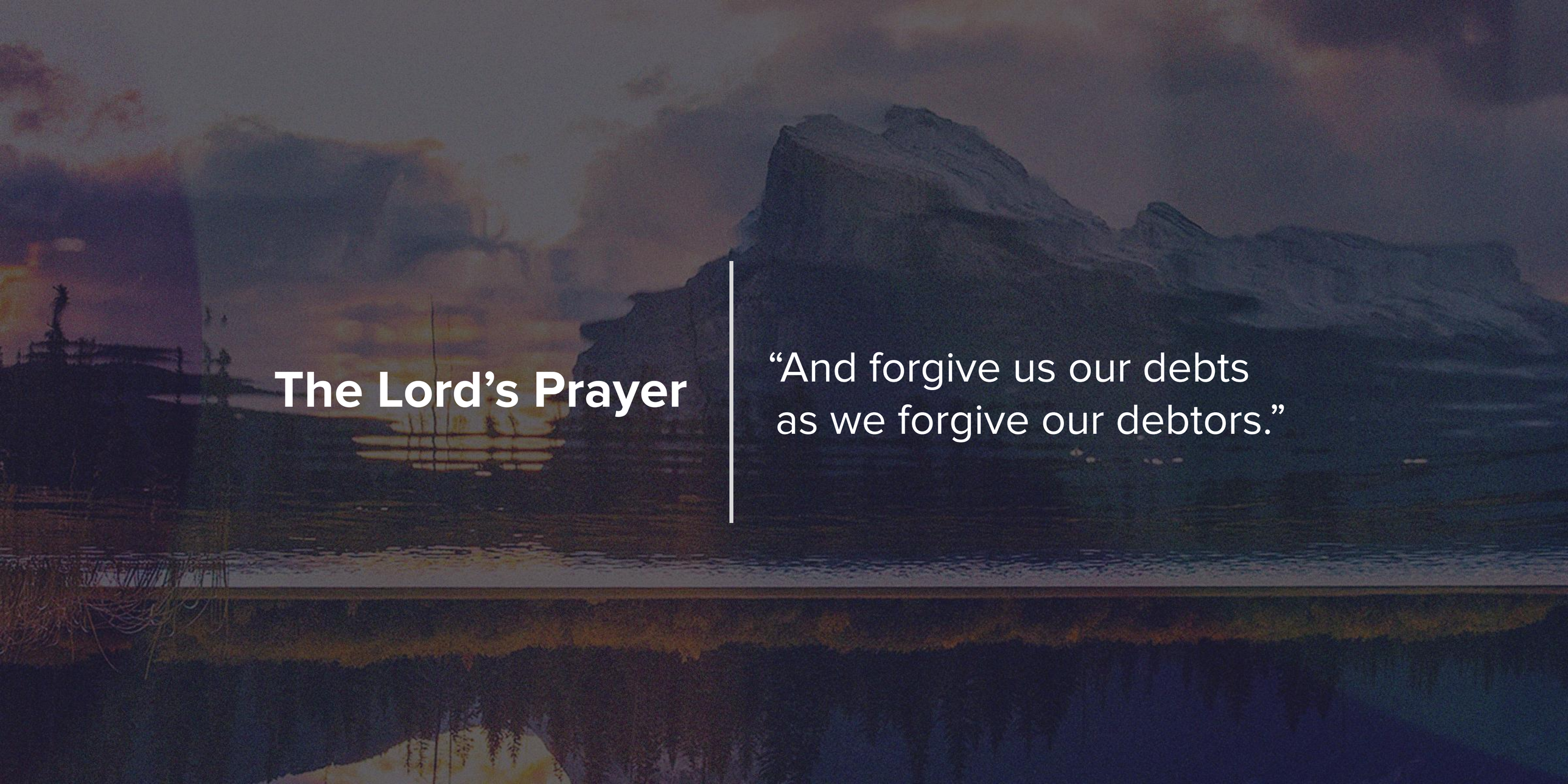
**LUKE 18:13-14** NIV

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ [14] “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



## Confession:

sharing our deepest weaknesses and failures with God and trusted others, so that we may enter into God’s grace and mercy and experience His ready forgiveness and healing



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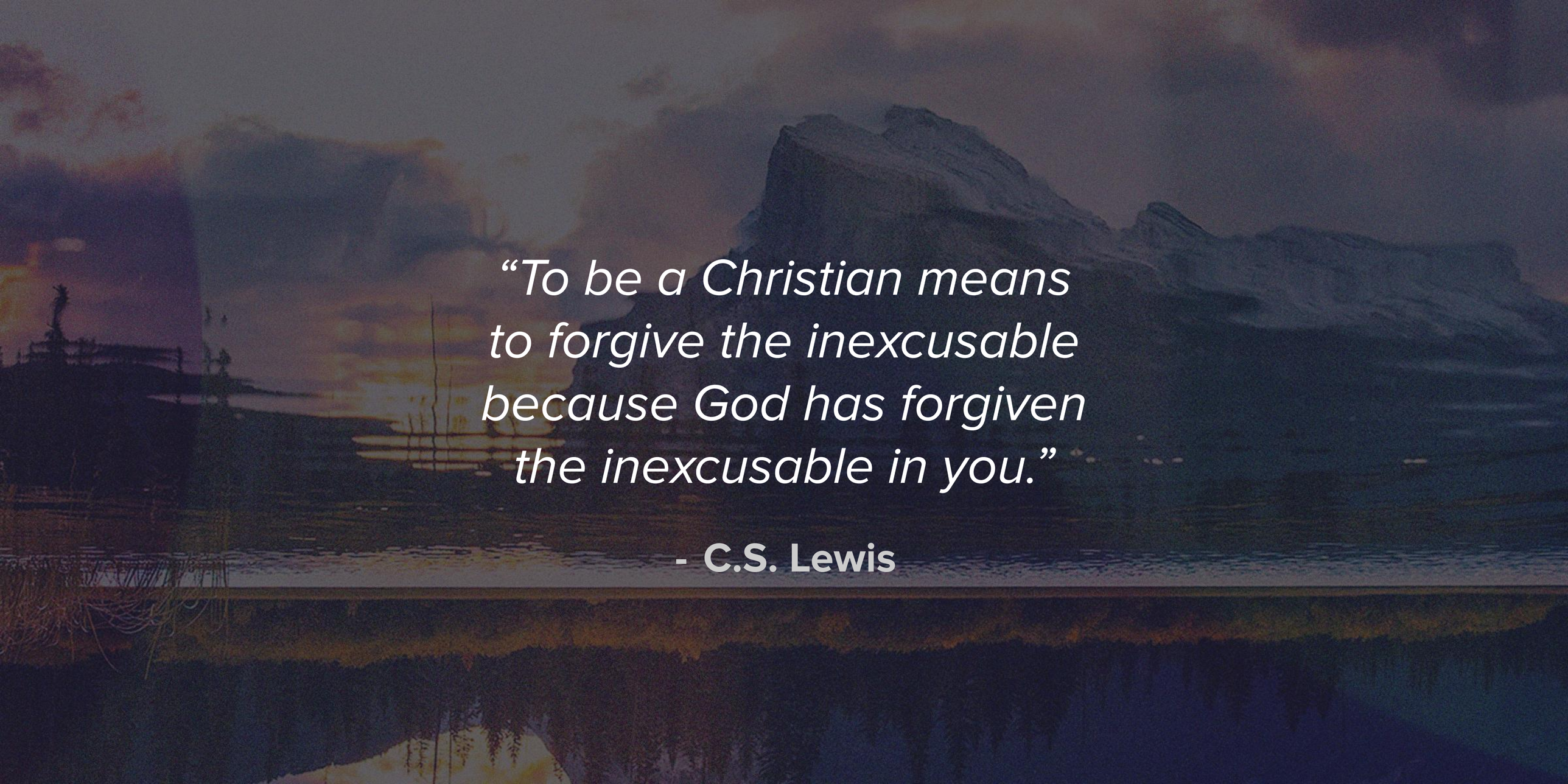
# As We Forgive Our Debtors

**MATTHEW 6:14-15** NIV

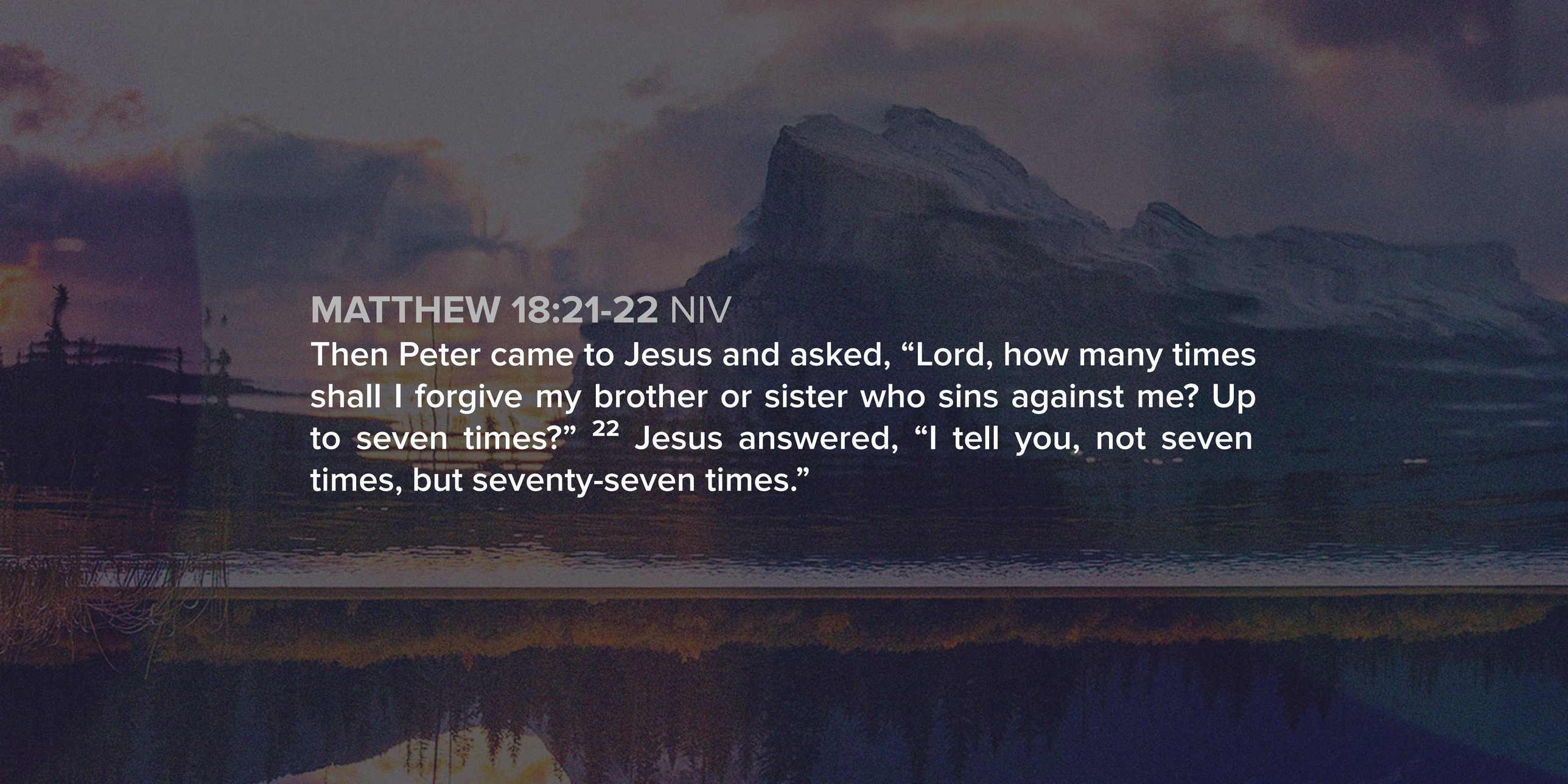
"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."


“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”
- C.S. Lewis

# Forgiveness & The Kingdom

**MATTHEW 18:15-17** NIV

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. [16] But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' [17] If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector."



**MATTHEW 18:21-22** NIV

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

## MATTHEW 18:23-27 NIV

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. [24] As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. [25] Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. [26] At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ [27] The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.”

## MATTHEW 18:28-31 ESV

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. [29] His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ [30] But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. [31] When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.”

## MATTHEW 18:32-35 NIV

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. [33] Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' [34] In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed."

[35] "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you **forgive your brother or sister from your heart.**"

## Forgiveness is Not

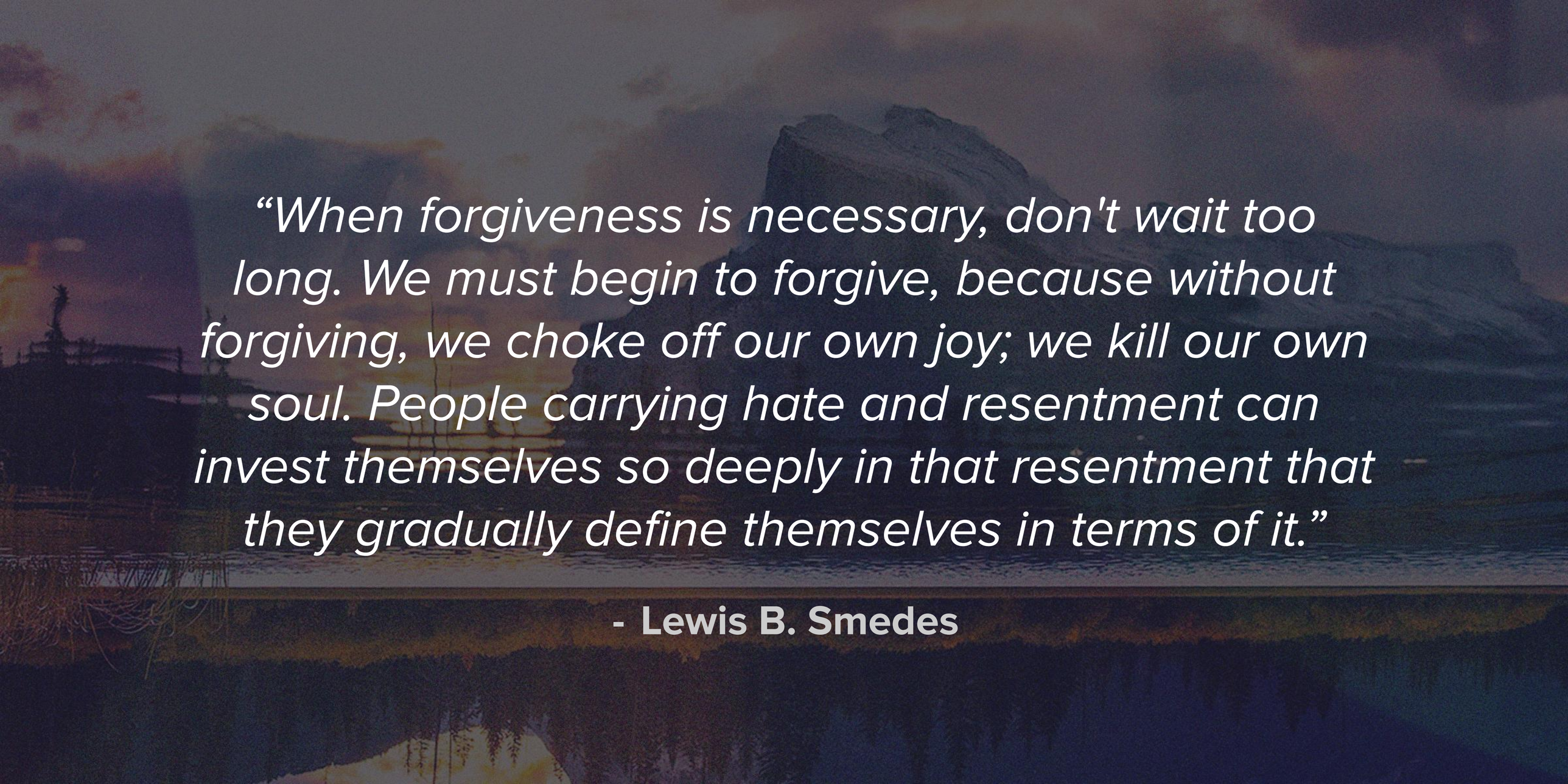
- forgetting and ignoring harm
- condoning or excusing behavior
- tolerating and accepting further pain
- reconciliation or trust
- removing consequences

# The Art of Forgiving

## Lewis B. Smedes

*Forgiveness is a choice to release retaliation, embrace mercy, and pardon offenses.*

*It is the heart-changing process of:*
*remembering God's forgiveness,*
*rediscovering the humanity of those who hurt me,*
*surrendering my right to get even,*
*wishing the person well.*


“When forgiveness is necessary, don't wait too long. We must begin to forgive, because without forgiving, we choke off our own joy; we kill our own soul. People carrying hate and resentment can invest themselves so deeply in that resentment that they gradually define themselves in terms of it.”
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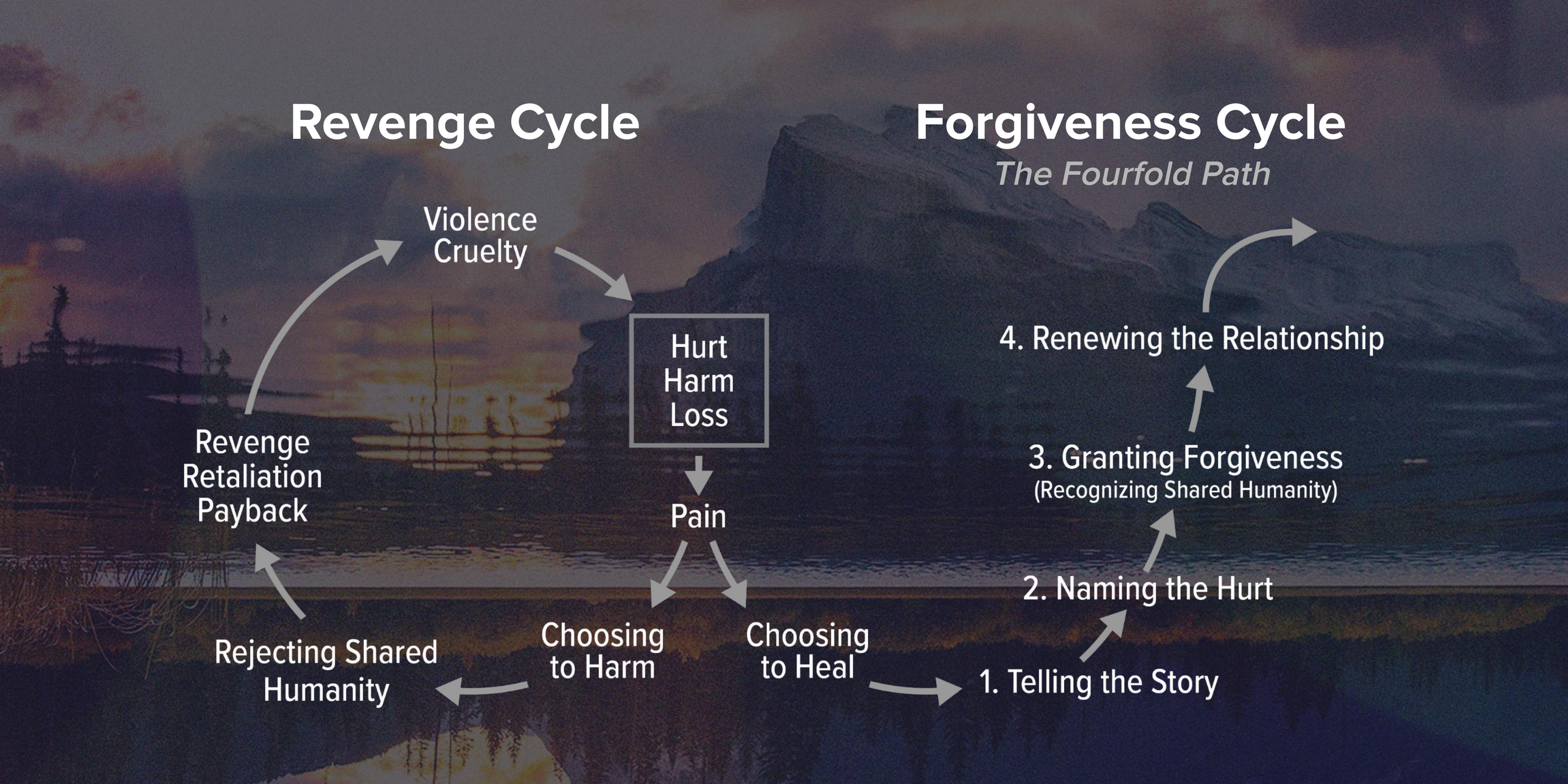
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(Recognizing Shared Humanity)
2. Naming the Hurt
1. Telling the Story

# Serenity Prayer

Reinhold Niebuhr

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.