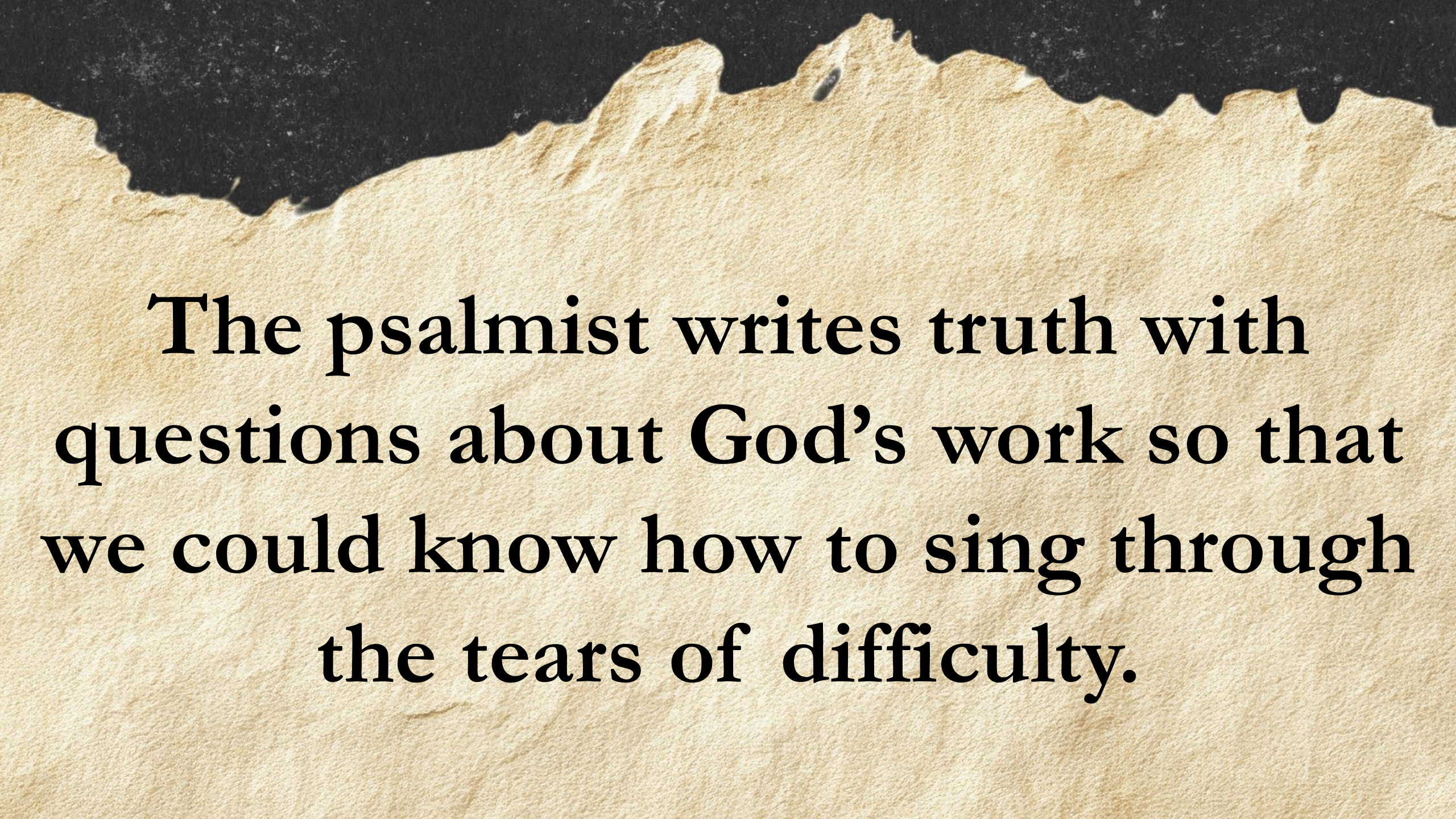




Worshiping With Tears

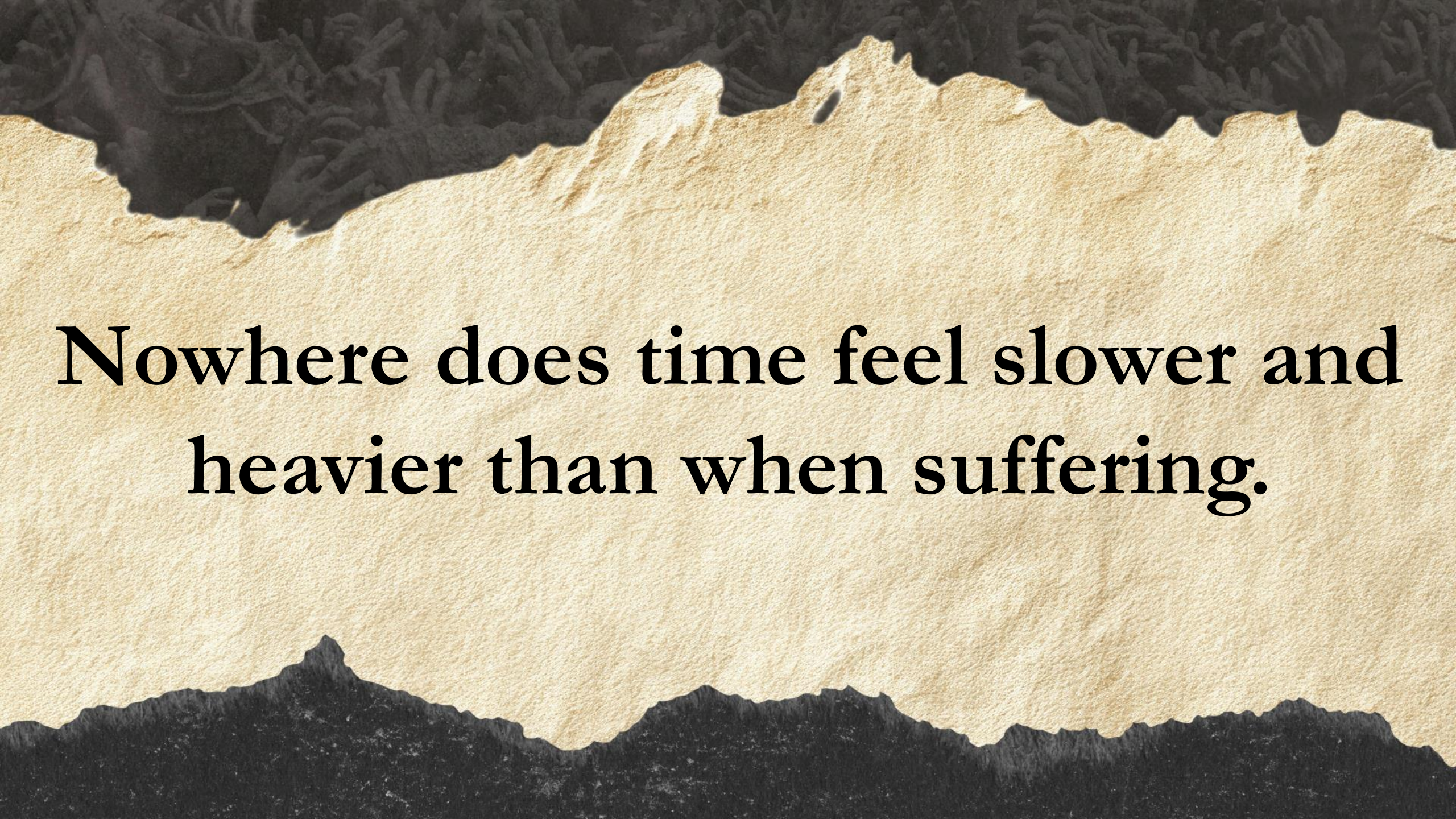
Psalms 89:46-52



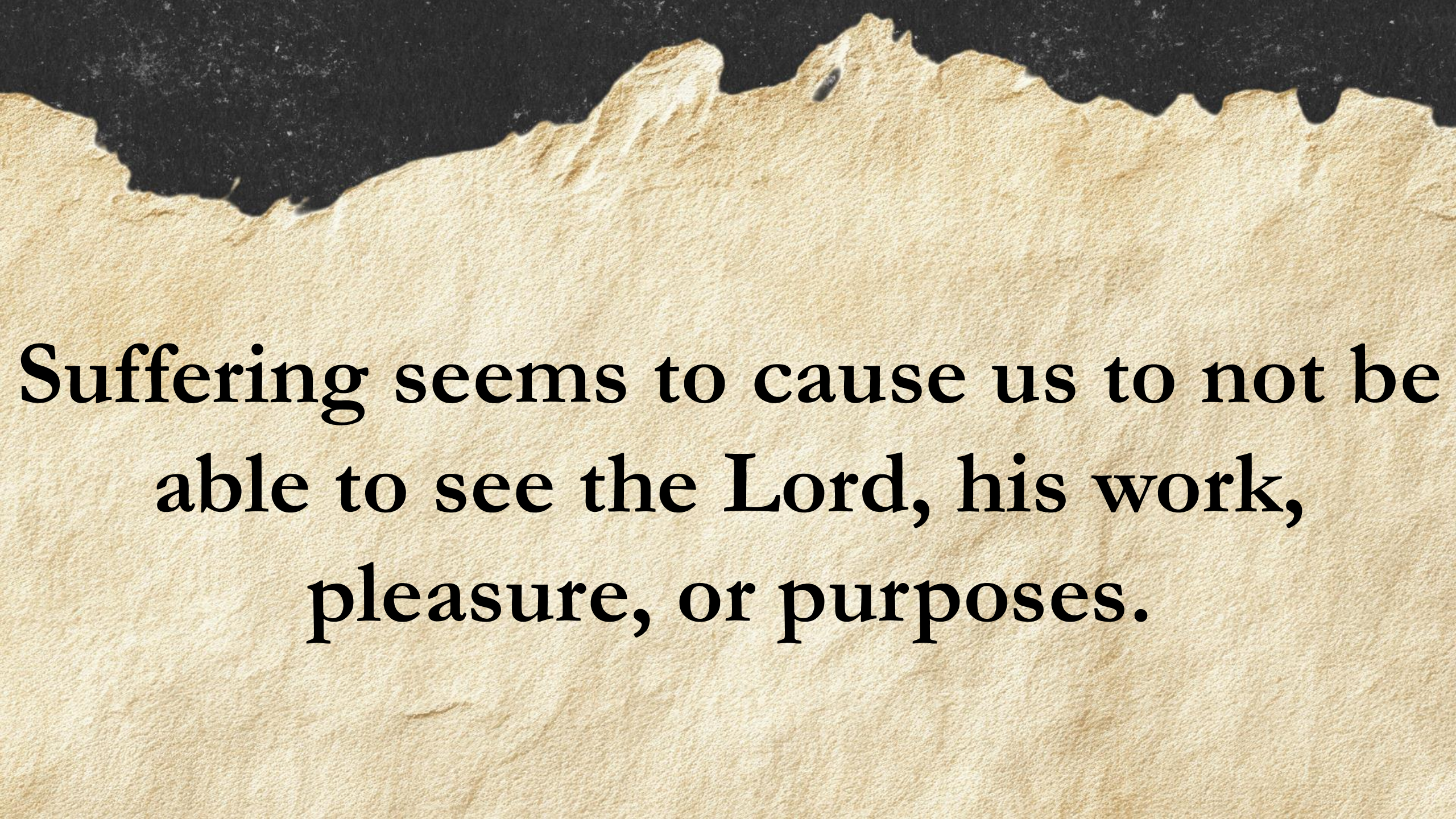
The psalmist writes truth with
questions about God's work so that
we could know how to sing through
the tears of difficulty.



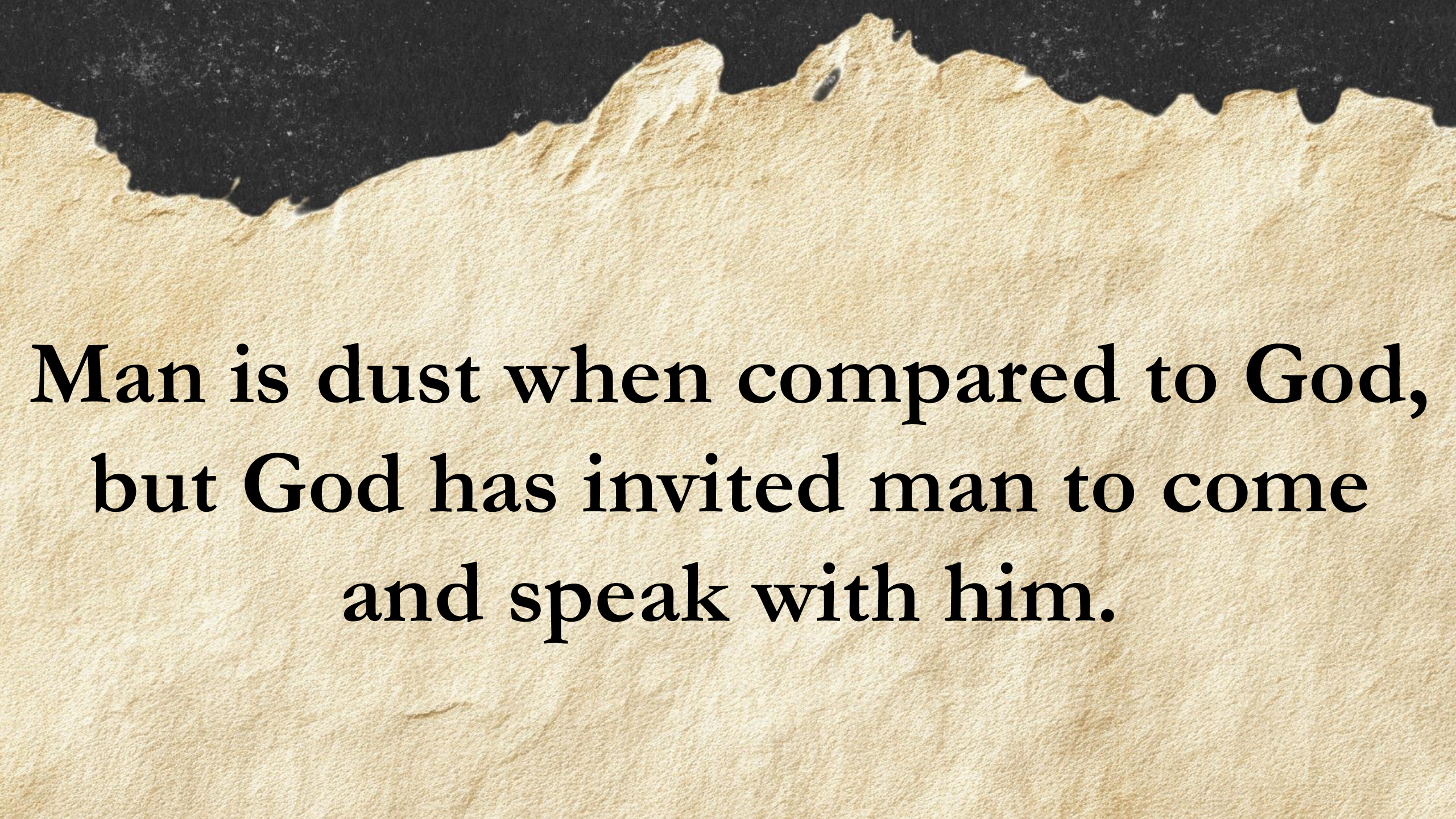
1. Suffering Deeply in Prayer

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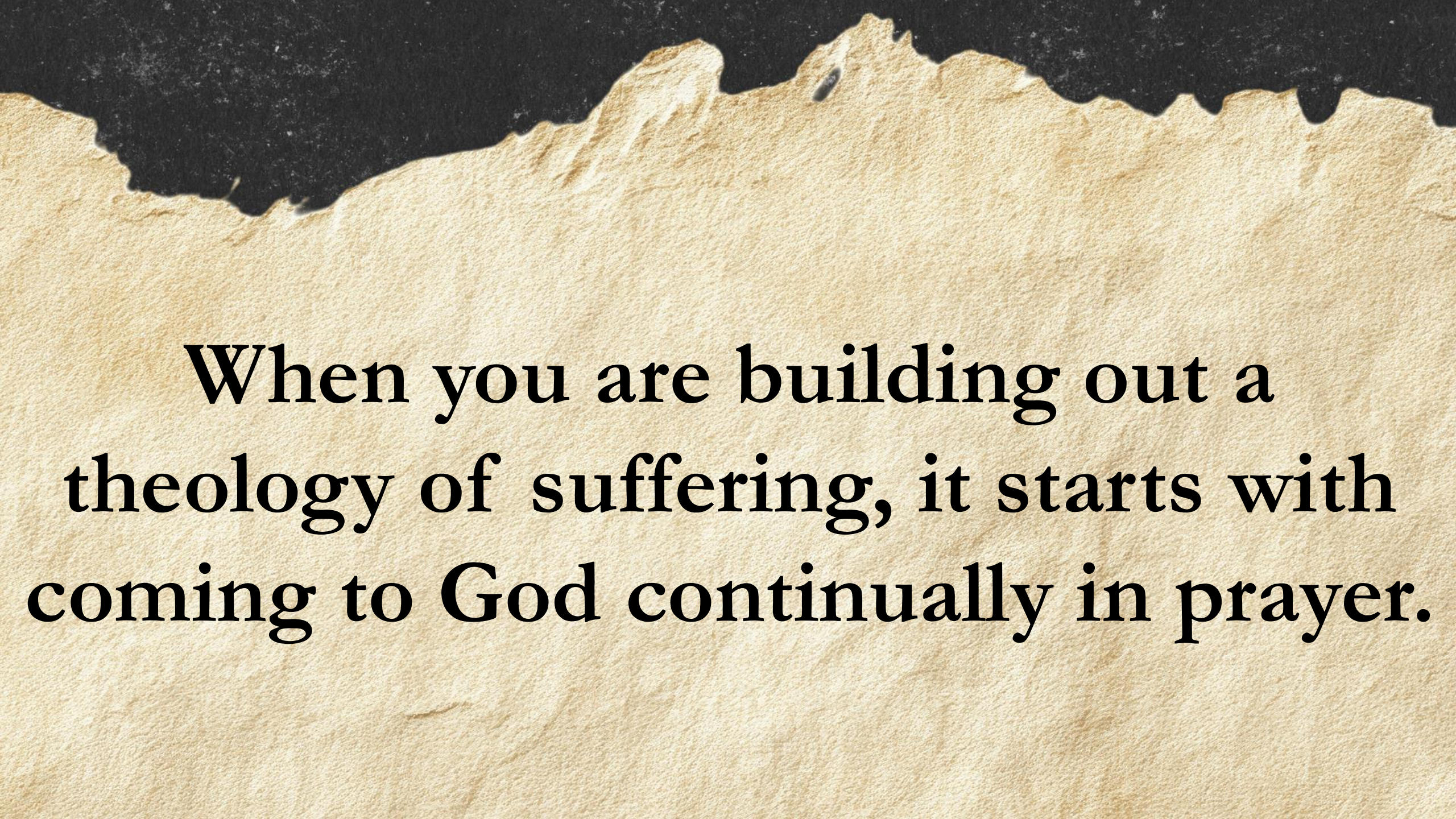
**Nowhere does time feel slower and
heavier than when suffering.**



**Suffering seems to cause us to not be
able to see the Lord, his work,
pleasure, or purposes.**

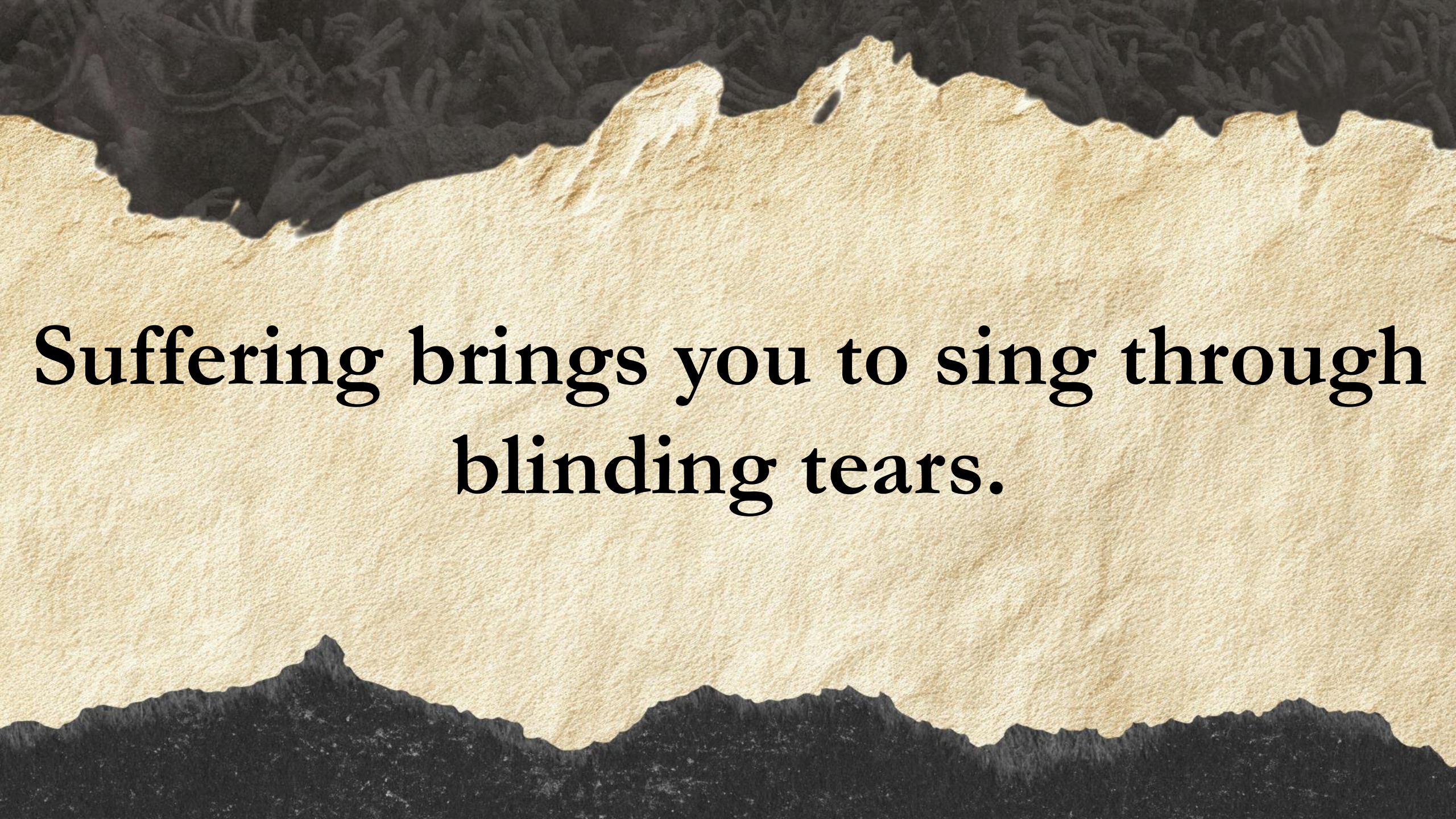


**Man is dust when compared to God,
but God has invited man to come
and speak with him.**

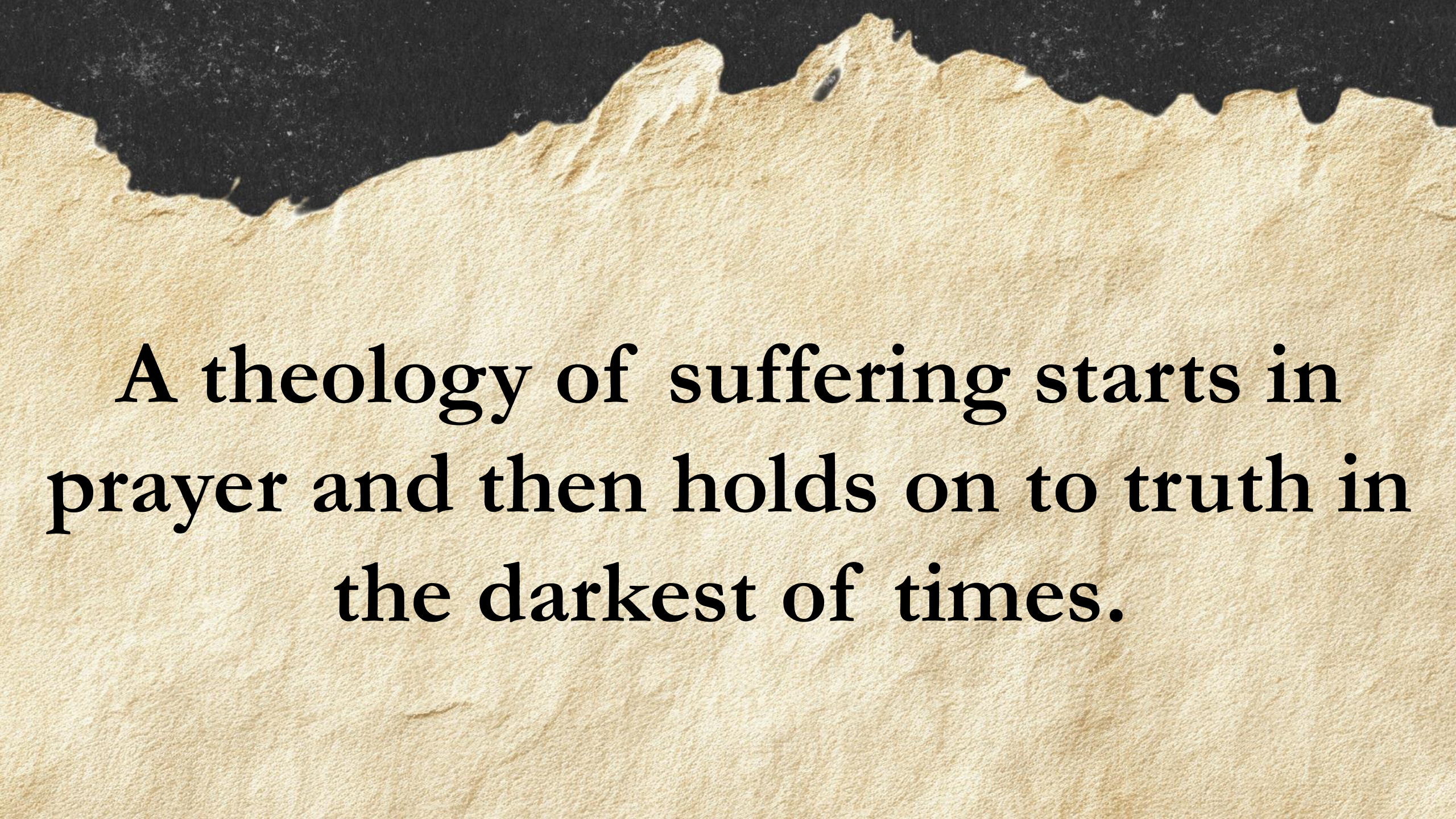


**When you are building out a
theology of suffering, it starts with
coming to God continually in prayer.**

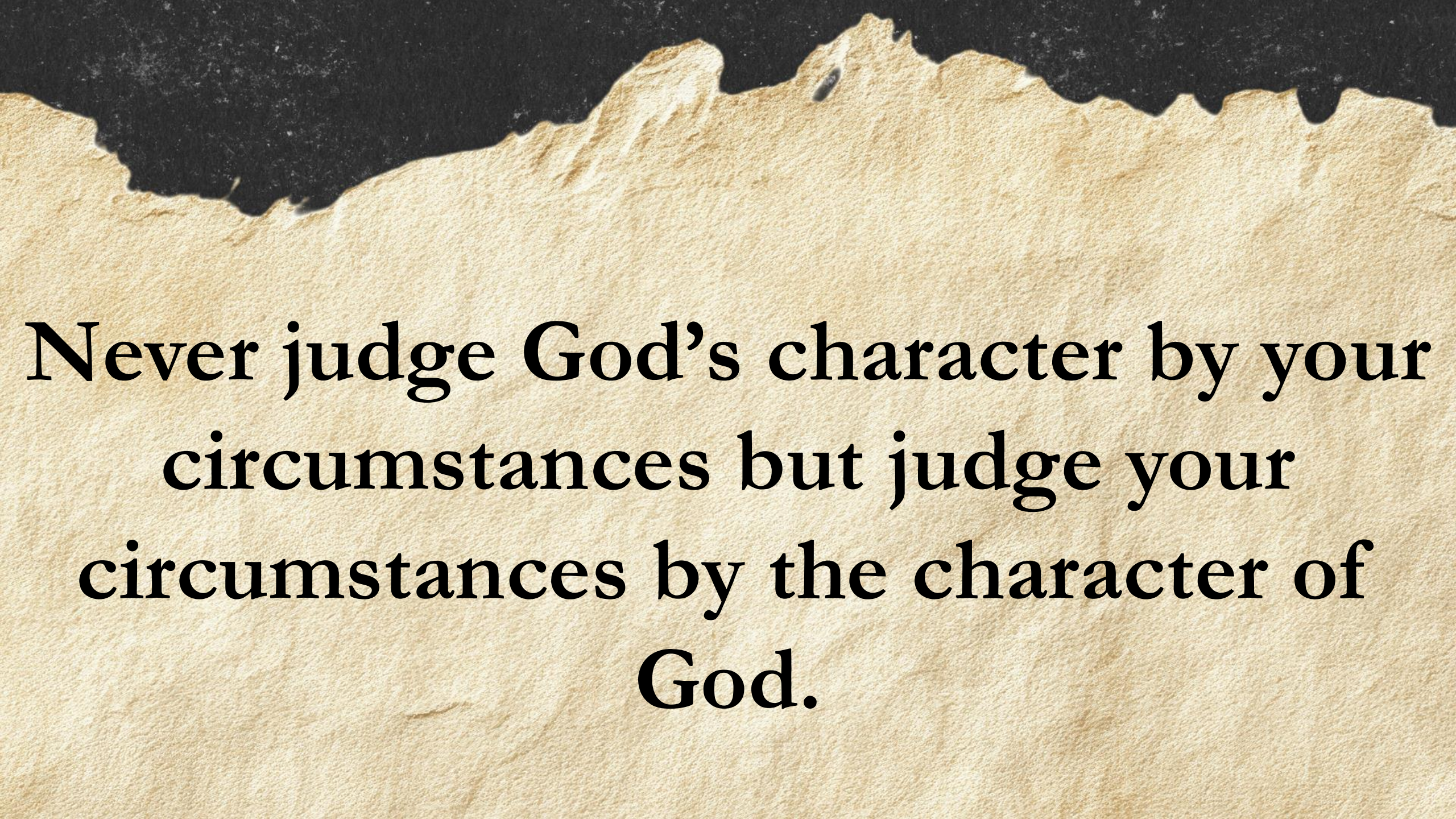
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1. Suffering Deeply in Prayer
 2. Suffering Holding Truth

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Suffering brings you to sing through
blinding tears.



A theology of suffering starts in
prayer and then holds on to truth in
the darkest of times.



**Never judge God's character by your
circumstances but judge your
circumstances by the character of
God.**

Why God Allows Suffering:

A. Suffering
Conforms Us to
Christ



Philippians 3:10

That I may know him and the power
of his resurrection, and may share
his sufferings, becoming like him in
his death.

**A. Suffering
Conforms Us to
Christ**

**B. Suffering
Prepares Us for
Heaven/Glory**



2 Corinthians 4:16–17

[16] So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16–17

[17] For this light
momentary affliction is preparing for
us an eternal weight of glory beyond
all comparison.

**B. Suffering
Prepares Us for
Heaven/Glory**

**C. Suffering
Releases Our
Grip on this
World**



**C. Suffering
Releases Our
Grip on this
World**

**D. Suffering
Draws Us Back
to God**



Psalm 119:75

**I know, O LORD, that your rules are
righteous, and that in faithfulness
you have afflicted me.**

Psalm 119:67

**Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I keep your word.**

Psalm 119:71

It is good for me that I was afflicted,
that I might learn your statutes.

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1. Suffering Deeply in Prayer
 2. Suffering Holding Truth
 3. Suffering While Worshiping

Acts 2:29–33

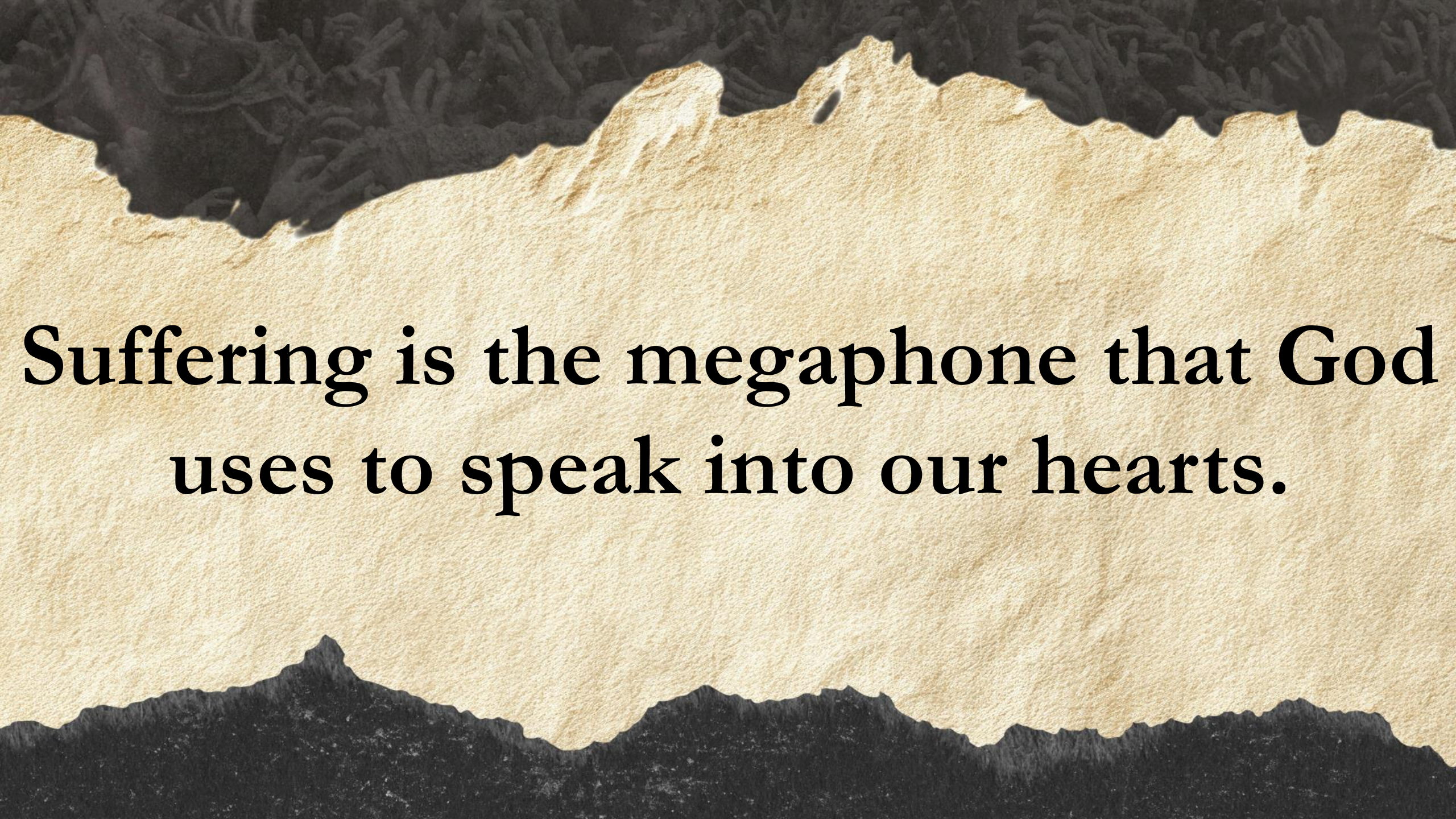
[29] “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. [30] Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

Acts 2:29–33

[31] he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. [32] This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses

Acts 2:29–33

[33] Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.



Suffering is the megaphone that God
uses to speak into our hearts.

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Walking Points:

**1. Consider that
current suffering is
the path by which
God is saving your
soul.**

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Walking Points:

**2. Do not suffer
alone; let others in.**

A torn piece of aged, yellowish paper with a rough, irregular edge, set against a solid black background. The paper has a textured, slightly mottled appearance.

Walking Points:

**3. Worship through
tears.**