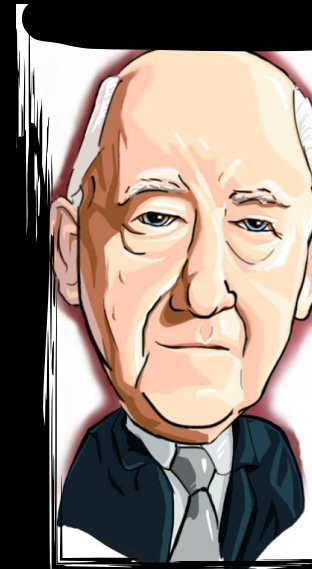


when God comes

A silhouette of a person stands on a dark, rocky cliff edge, looking down. The background is a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky with a gradient from blue at the top to orange and red at the bottom. The sun is visible as a bright, glowing orb near the horizon. The word "CLOSE" is written in large, white, outlined capital letters across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the person's silhouette.

CLOSE

**“What does a person look like  
who has truly met God?  
He walks with a limp.”**



**Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones**

*Genesis 32:22-30*

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*Jacob Wrestles*

<sup>22</sup> That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.”



<sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

**26** Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

**27** The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered.

28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." 29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying,  
“It is because I saw God face to face, and  
yet my life was spared.”

# Chapter 1.

*Abraham & Sarah*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

**<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.**

Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>4</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan.

*Genesis 12:1-5*



# Chapter 2.

*Isaac & Rebecca*

The Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.”

*Genesis 25:23*

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Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!”

*Genesis 27:23*

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# Chapter 3.

*Jacob, Leah & Rachel*

Then the Lord said to Jacob, “Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.”

*Genesis 31:3*

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<sup>7</sup> In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. <sup>8</sup> He thought, “If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, you who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,’

<sup>10</sup> I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps.



**11 Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children.**

<sup>12</sup> But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'

*Genesis 32:7-12*

*Genesis*

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*They fear what men might do to them  
rather than trusting what God had  
already promised them*

In the womb he grasped his brother's heel;  
as a man he struggled with God.

Hosea 3:3

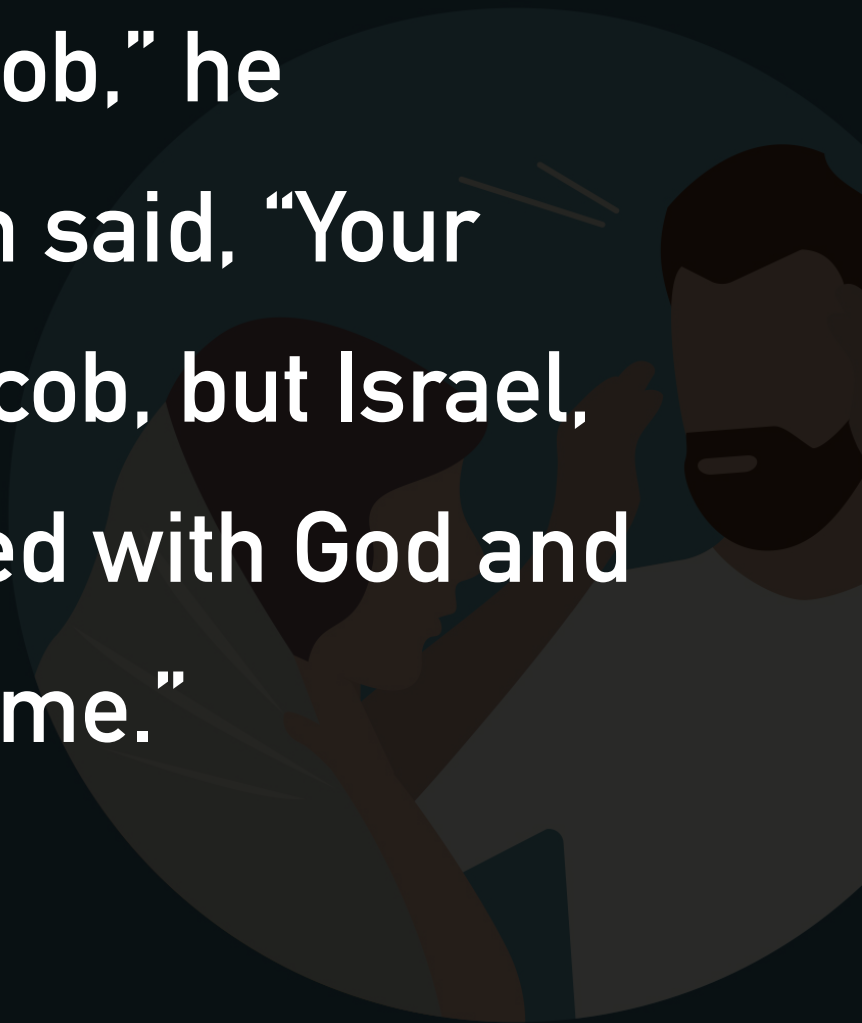
*When you truly encounter God  
your life will forever be changed*

FROM  
JACOB  
TO ISRAEL



“What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered. <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.”

FROM  
JACOB  
TO ISRAEL







Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation  
has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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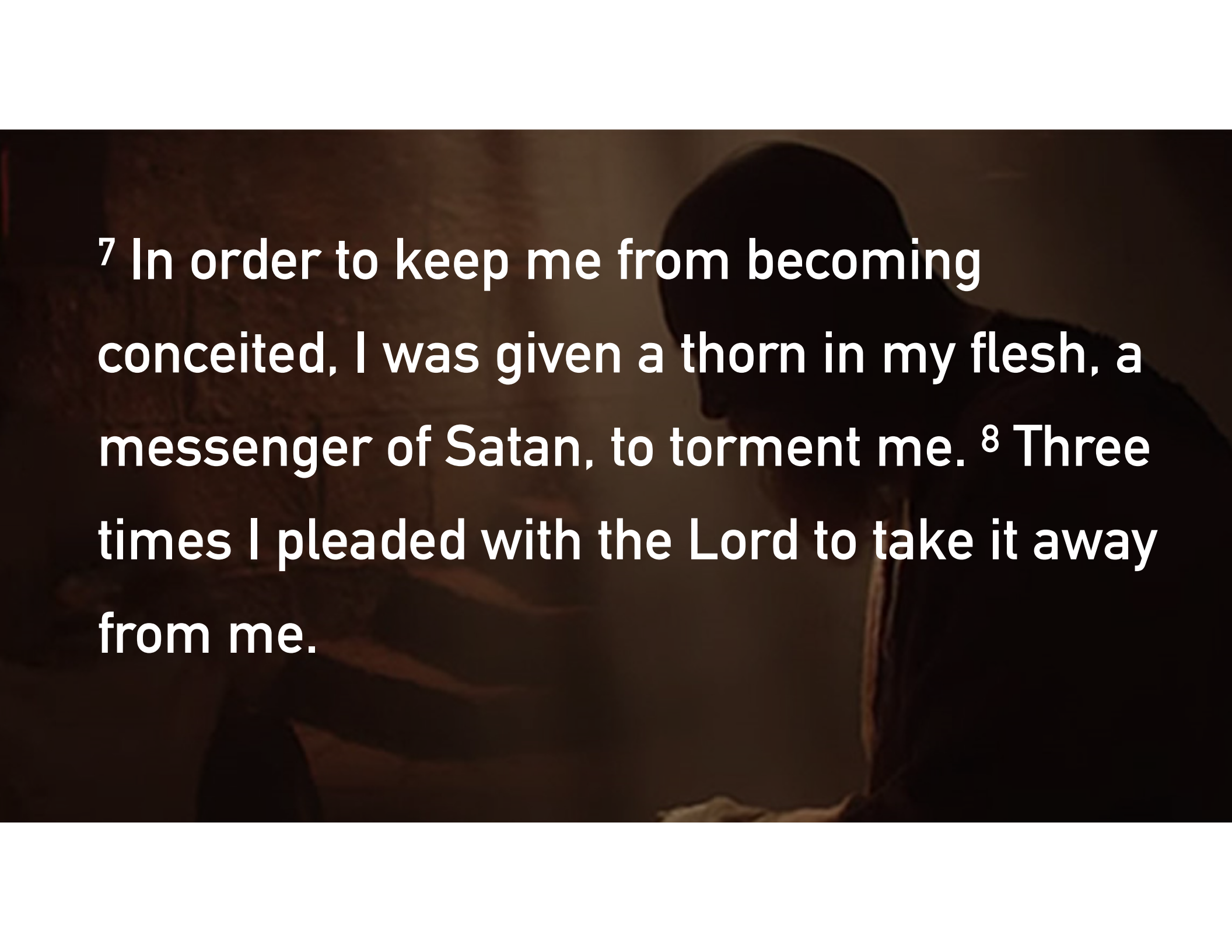
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*Affliction can draw us closer to God*

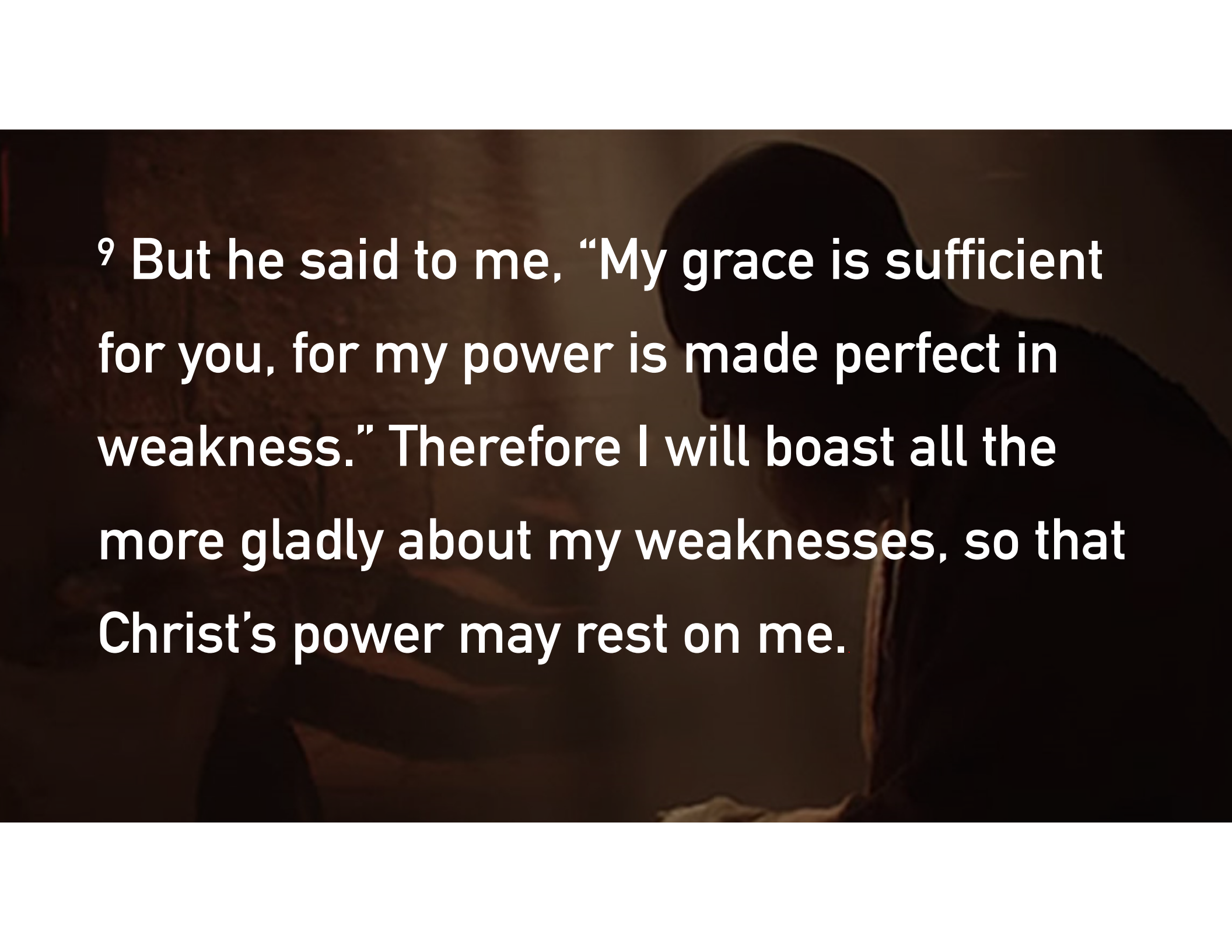
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<sup>7</sup> In order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.



<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

*The great change we experience  
in Christ is a life-long journey*

FROM  
JACOB  
TO ISRAEL



**Here is a reminder that undergoing the great change - becoming a Christian - is not always quick and easy.**

**It is not just a matter of repeating a prayer,  
making a decision, or filling out a card. True  
conversion often comes only after intense  
wrestling with God.**

*Kurt Strassner, Opening Up Genesis*