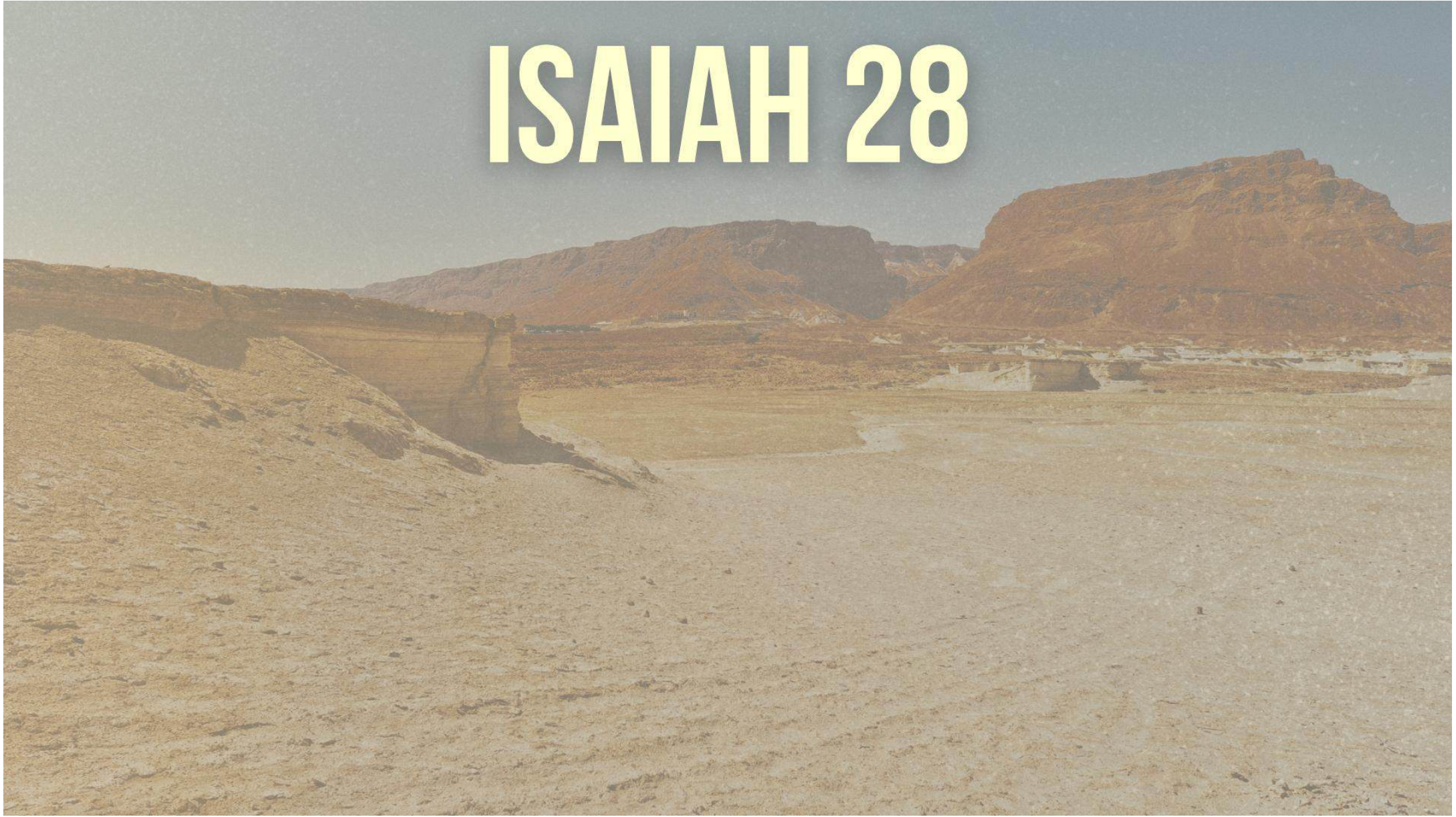


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‘Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation  
in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious  
cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever  
believes will not be in haste.’” (v.16)*



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*The heartbeat of the passage is  
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which we can build our lives.*



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Legalism is perhaps the **most uncertain foundation we could build upon** because it demands of us a righteousness which we cannot attain on our own.



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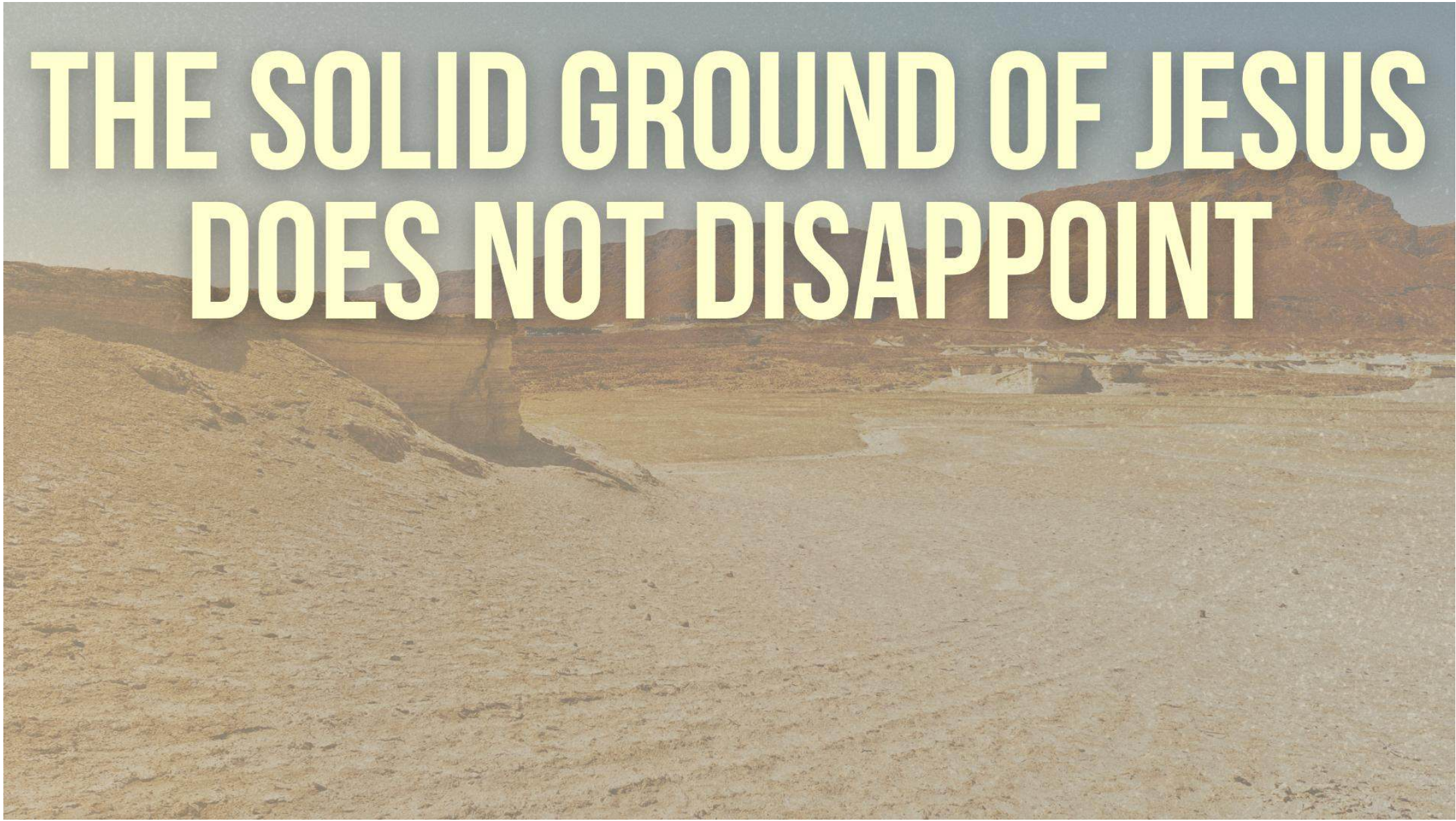


# GOOD NEWS:

*Christians who rest in the Solid Ground of Jesus Christ will never ever be ashamed, sorry, regretful, sad, or upset that they did so.*



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*1. Rest in the Solid Ground of Jesus  
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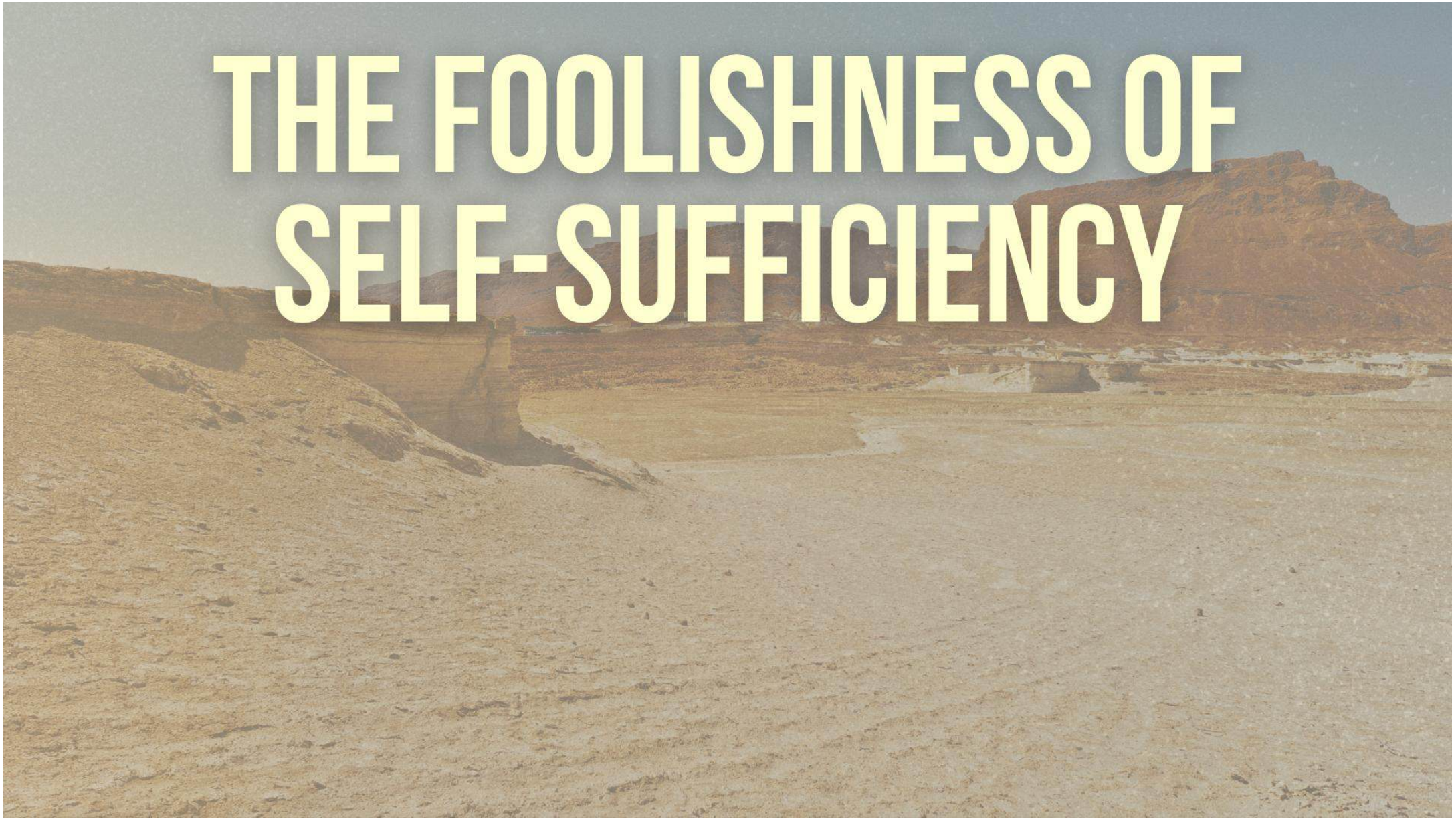


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*3. Rest in the Solid Ground of Jesus  
gives Wisdom sufficient for a  
fruitful life.*



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*"The Lord will speak to this people, to whom He has said, 'This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose'; but they would not hear."*

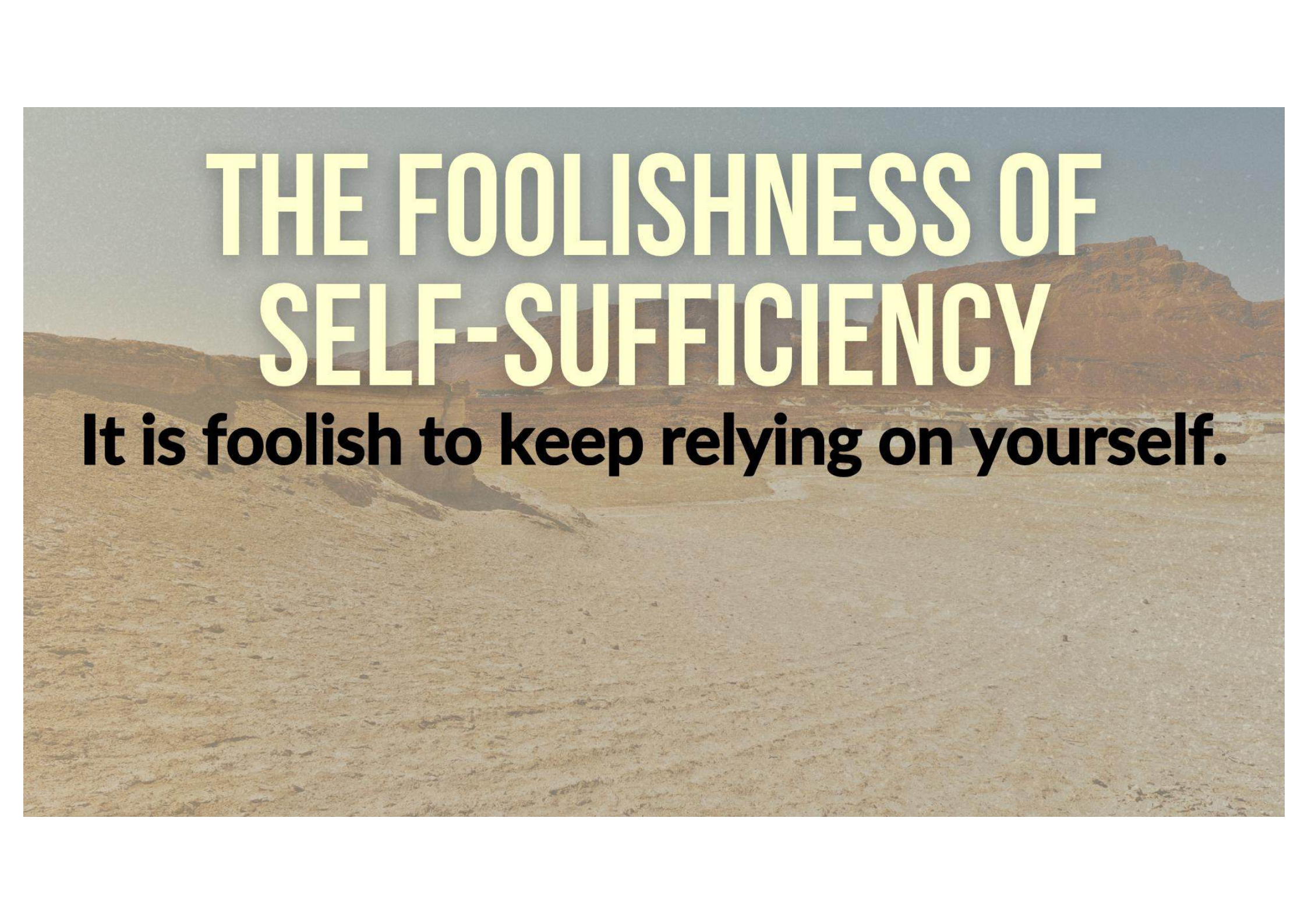
*~Isaiah 28:11-12*



# THE FOOLISHNESS OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

*We must recognize a tendency in ourselves to revert back to the ways in which we operated before we put our trust and our rest in the Solid Ground of Jesus Christ.*





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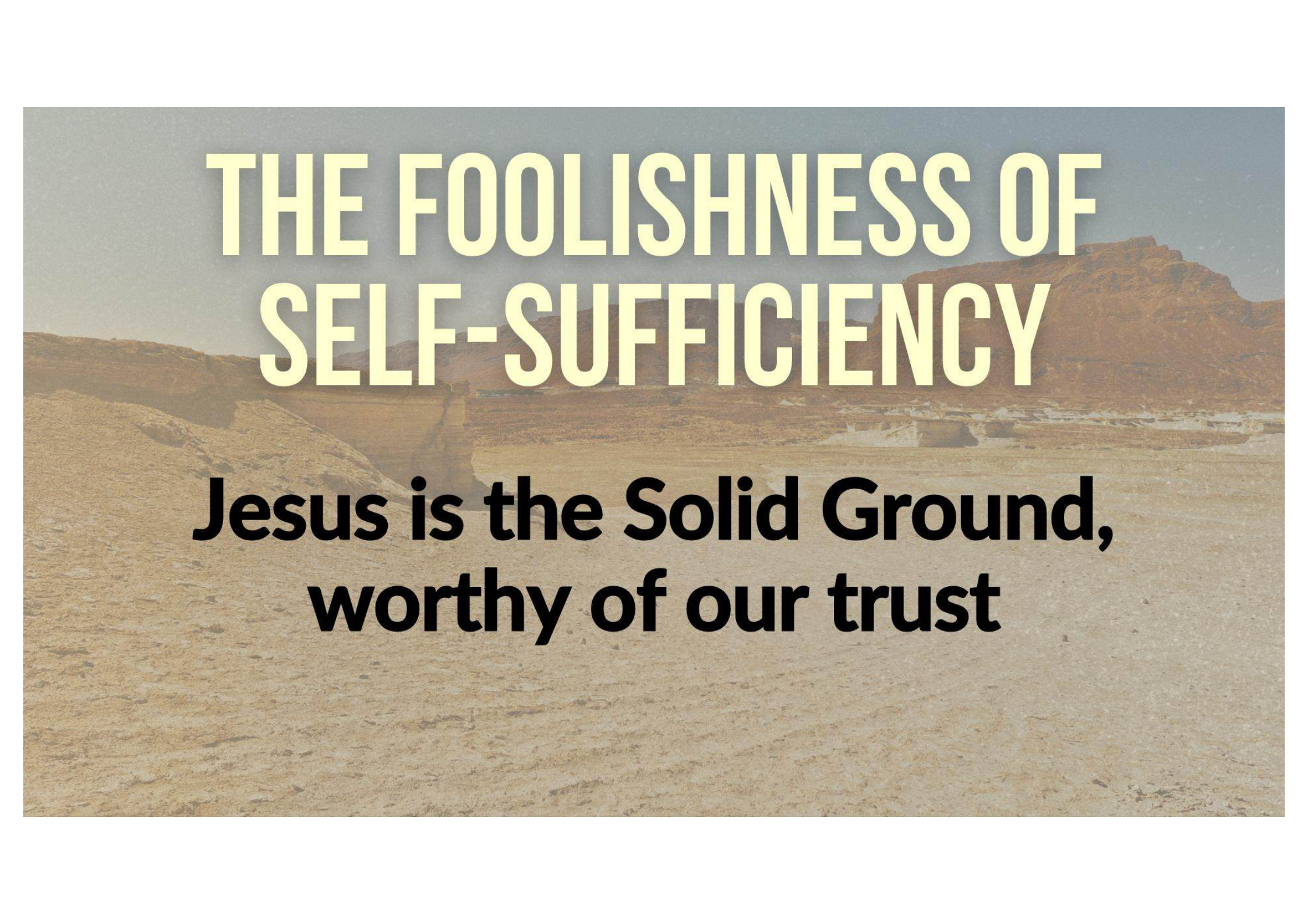
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always interceding for us*





# THE FOOLISHNESS OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**Jesus is the Solid Ground,  
worthy of our trust**



# FOUNDATION: CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PROMISES



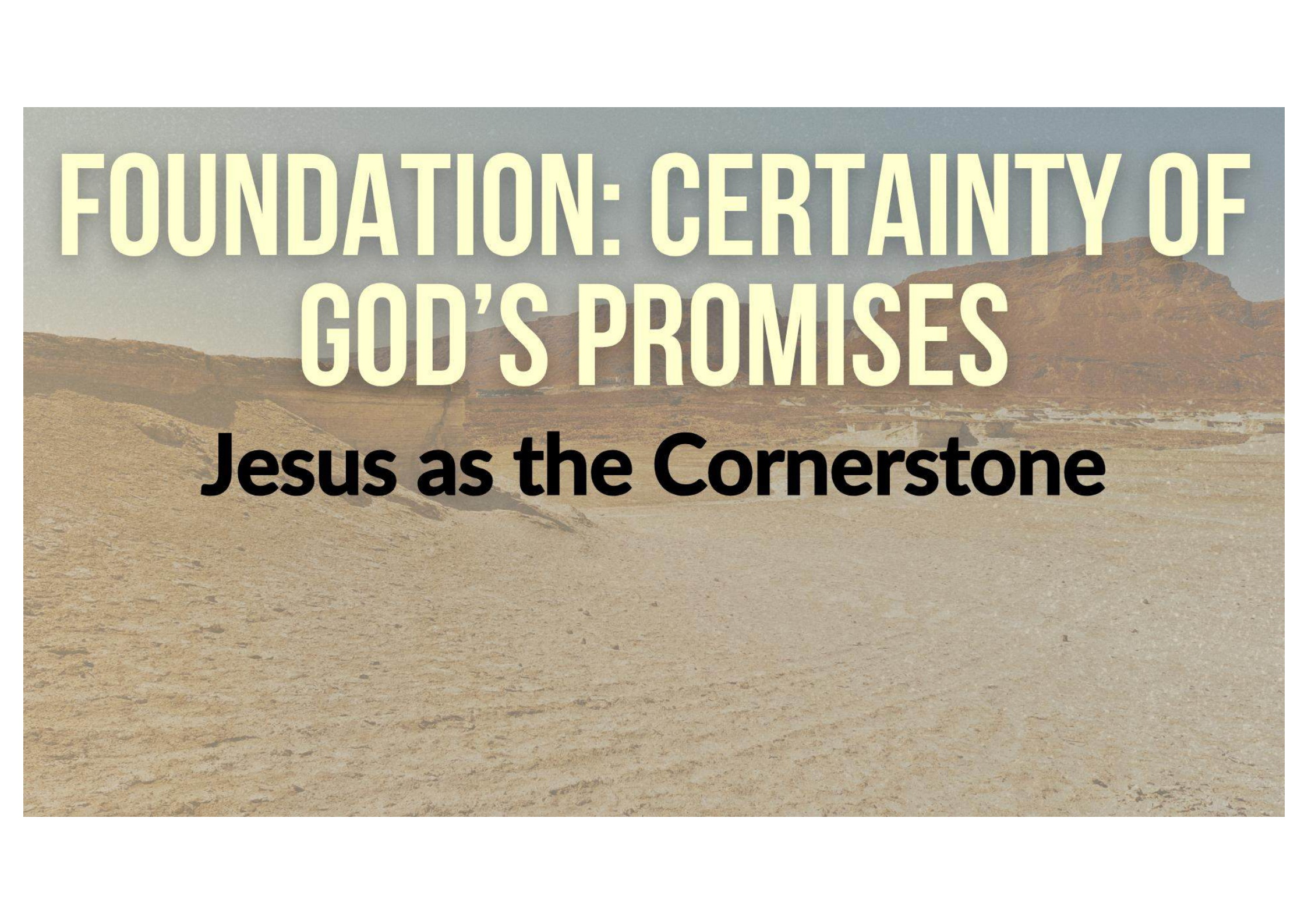


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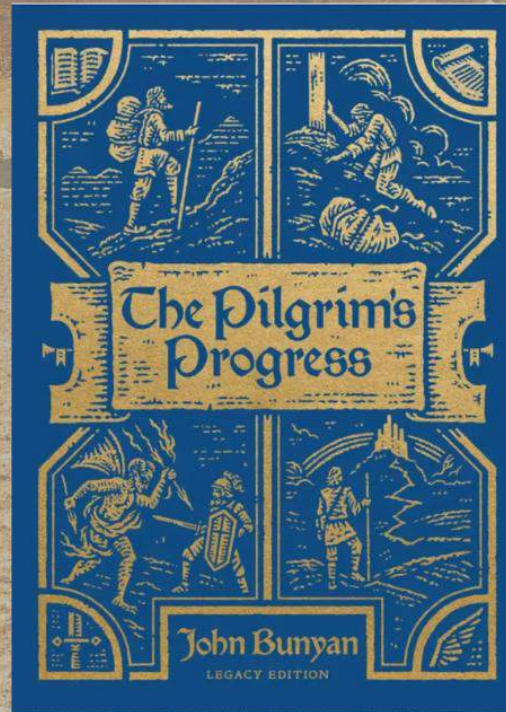
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*“But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.”*

~Hebrews 8:6



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*"As for the temporals, I can leave  
them in my Father's hands;  
as for the spirituals, I can leave them  
also with Him."*

~C.H. Spurgeon



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*God's promises are founded upon His actions in the past, bringing us out of slavery to sin and our attempts to manage it by rules.*

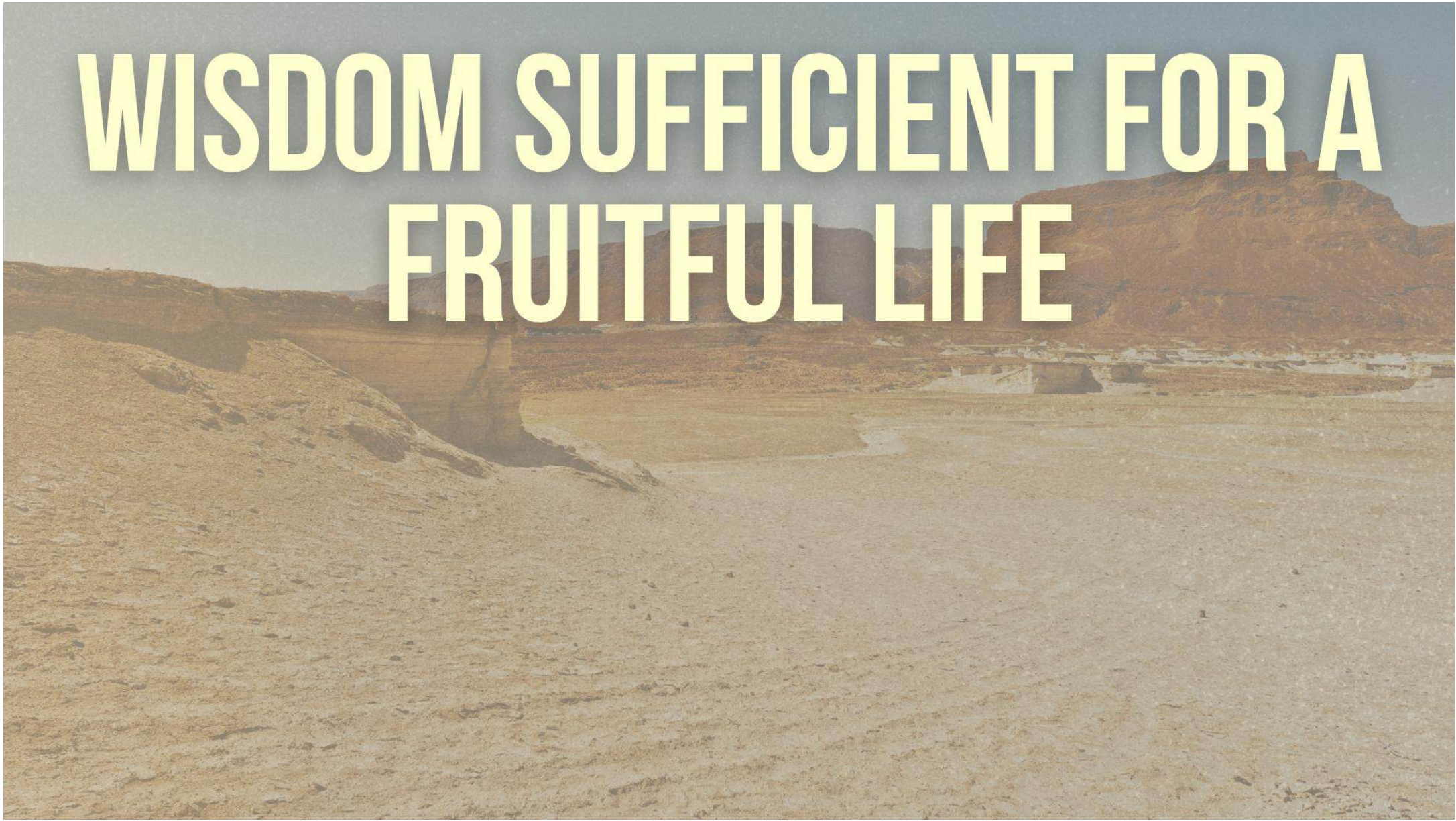


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*We will not be ashamed for trusting a  
God who does – **every time** – what  
He says He will do.*



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**This is the radical transformation that comes from resting in Christ.**



# WISDOM SUFFICIENT FOR A FRUITFUL LIFE

*Resting in Christ, who is the wisdom  
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# CALL TO REFLECTION

*What area of your life are you  
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