

Clothe Yourself in Humility

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1. What does it mean to clothe yourself with humility?
 - a. It means sincerely embracing your _____ brokenness.

 - b. It means resisting the temptation to _____ and _____ yourself.

2. What keeps you from embracing your personal brokenness?
 - a. _____

 - b. _____

3. What is the relationship between genuine humility and the cross?
 - a. You will not embrace the cross if you will not embrace your _____.

 - b. You will not embrace your brokenness if you do not trust in the _____ of the cross.

 - c. If you trust in the sufficiency of the cross, you will not fear _____.

A painting of a shepherd with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe and a dark sash, leading a large flock of sheep. The shepherd is seen from behind, holding a long, curved staff. The sheep are packed closely together, filling the foreground and middle ground. The background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape under a bright sky. The overall style is that of a classical painting.

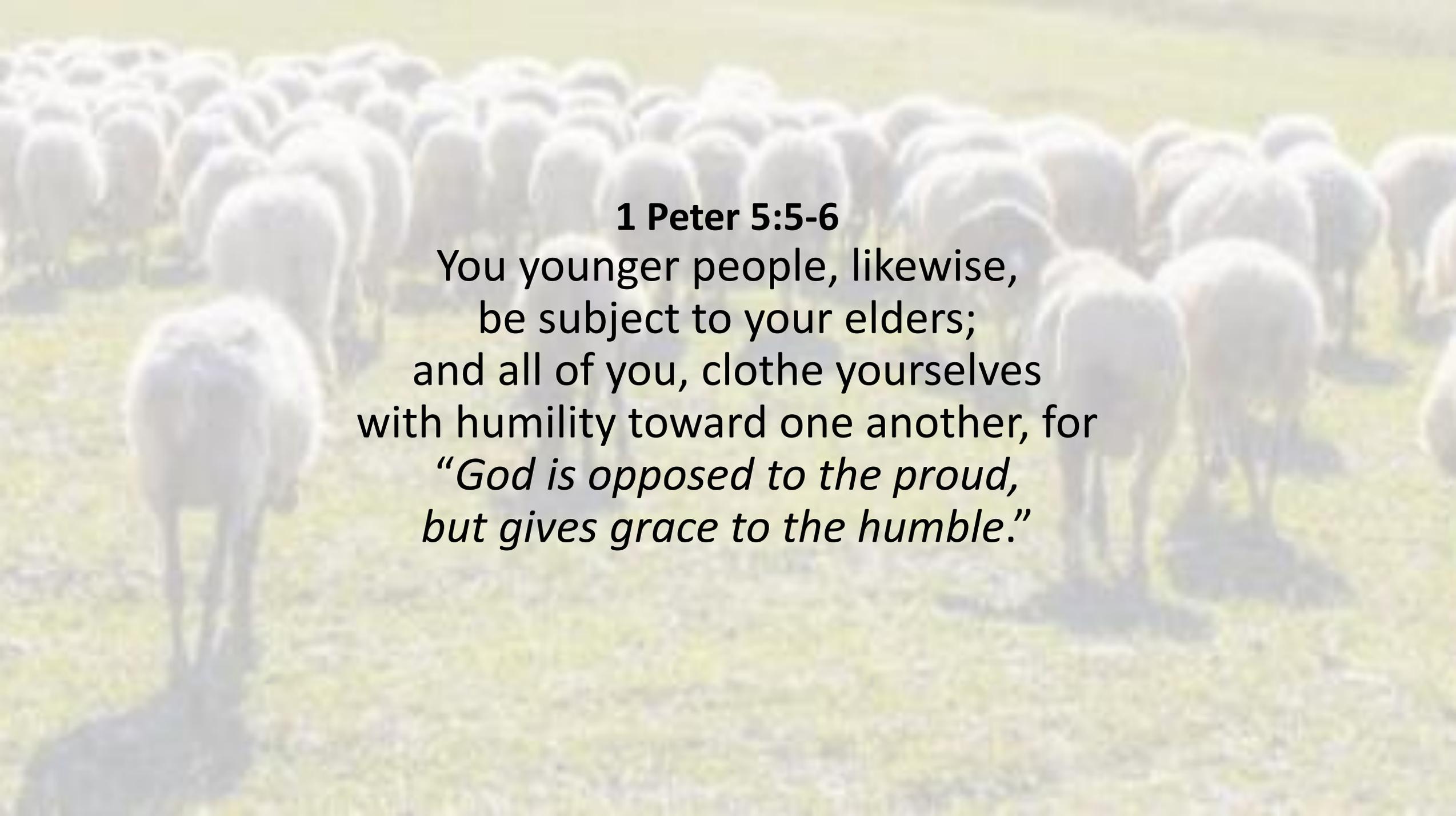
First Peter

To God's Chosen Ones

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1 Peter 5:5-6

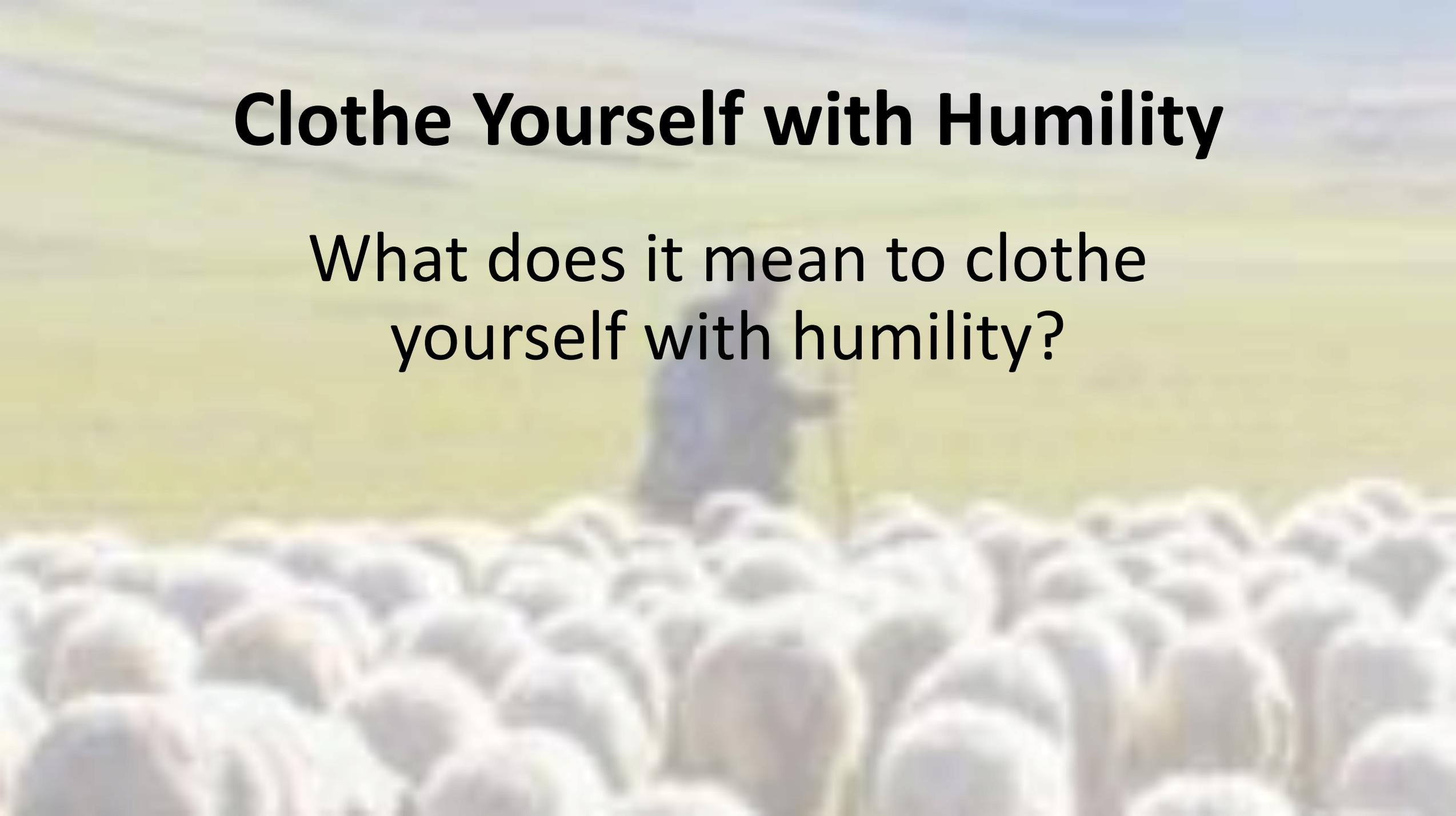
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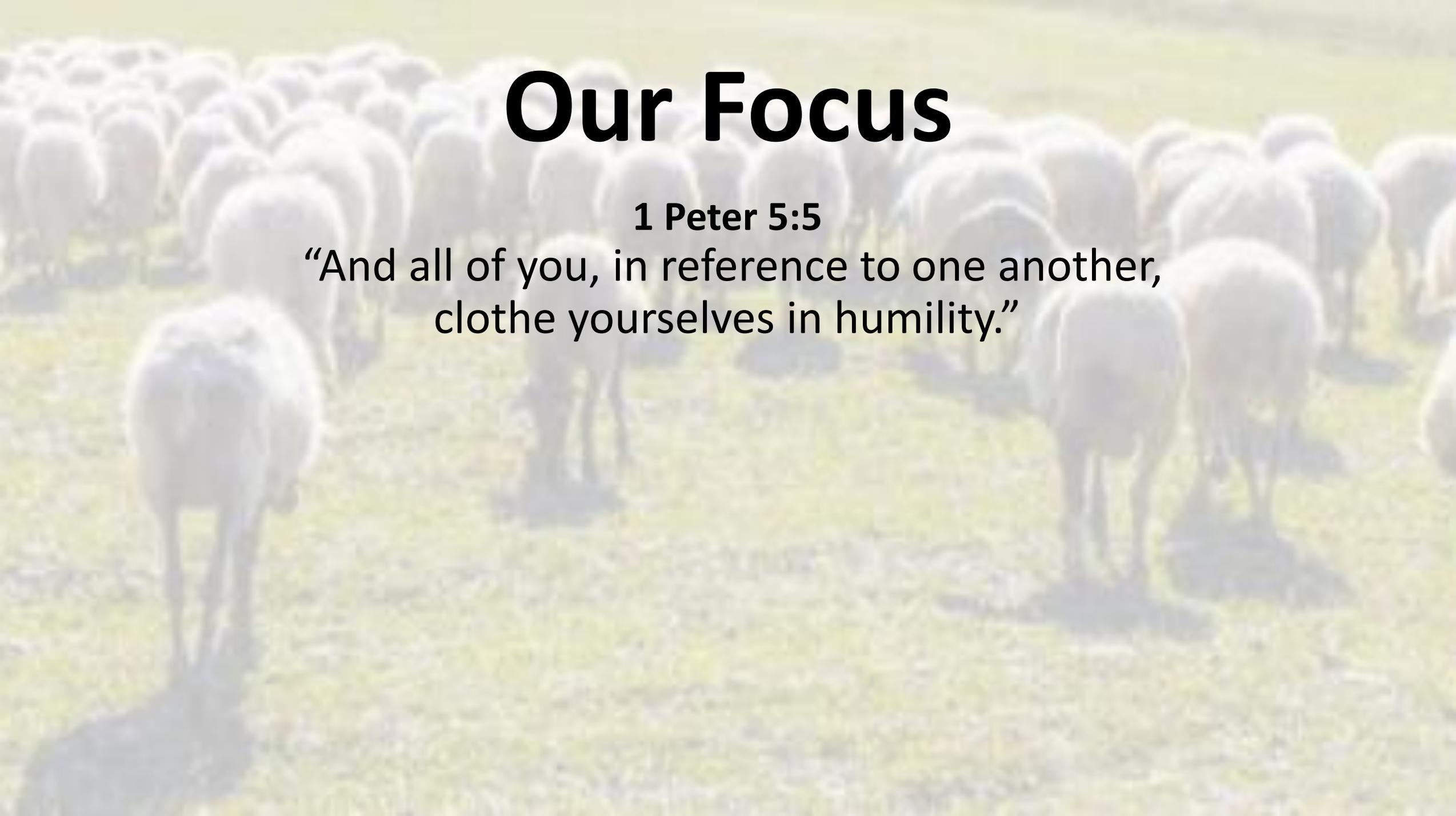
Big Idea:

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What does it mean to clothe yourself with humility?





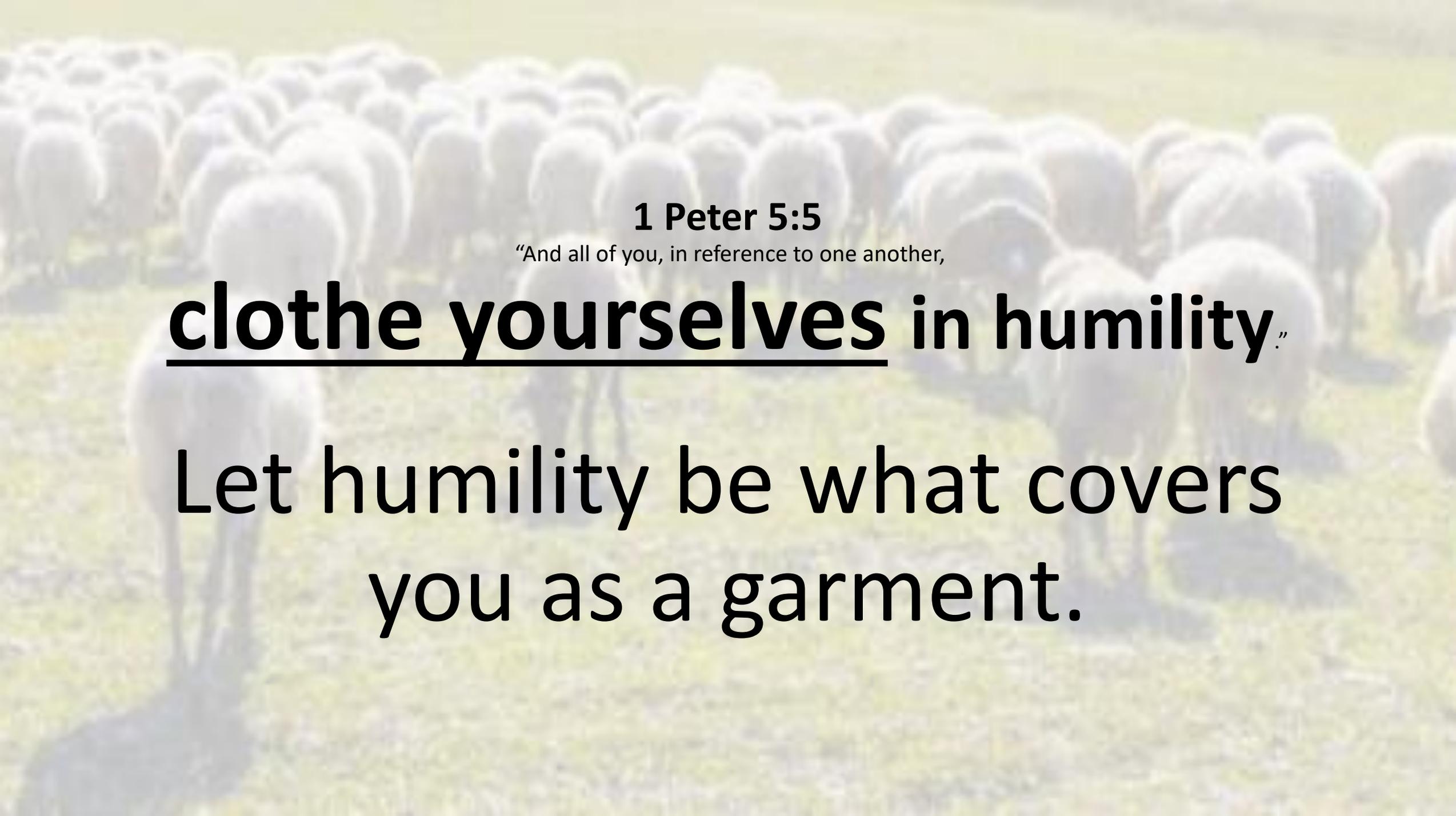
Our Focus

1 Peter 5:5

“And all of you, in reference to one another,
clothe yourselves in humility.”

**What does it mean to clothe
yourself with humility?**

*It means maintaining a sincere
embrace of personal brokenness.*



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“And all of you, in reference to one another,

clothe yourselves in humility.”

Let humility be what covers
you as a garment.

An Essential Gospel Theme

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is near to the **brokenhearted**,
And saves those who are **crushed in spirit**.

Psalm 40:17

Since I am **afflicted** and **needy**, Let the Lord be mindful of me;
You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

Psalm 70:5

But I am **afflicted** and **needy**; Hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

An Essential Gospel Theme

Psalm 86:1

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me;
For I am **afflicted** and **needy**.

Psalm 109:22

For I am **afflicted** and **needy**,
And my heart is **wounded** within me.

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a **broken** spirit;
A **broken** and a **contrite** heart, O God, You will not despise.

An Essential Gospel Theme

Isaiah 25:4

For You have been a defense for the **helpless**,
A defense for the **needy** in his distress.

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the high and exalted One
Who lives forever, whose name is Holy,
“I dwell on a high and holy place,
And also with the **contrite** and **lowly** of spirit
In order to revive the spirit of the **lowly**
And to revive the heart of the **contrite**.”

An Essential Gospel Theme

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
Because the LORD has anointed me
To bring good news to the **afflicted**;
He has sent me to bind up the **brokenhearted**,
To proclaim liberty to **captives**, and freedom to **prisoners**.

Isaiah 66:2

"But to this one I will look, to him who is **humble** and **contrite** of spirit,
and who **trembles** at My word.

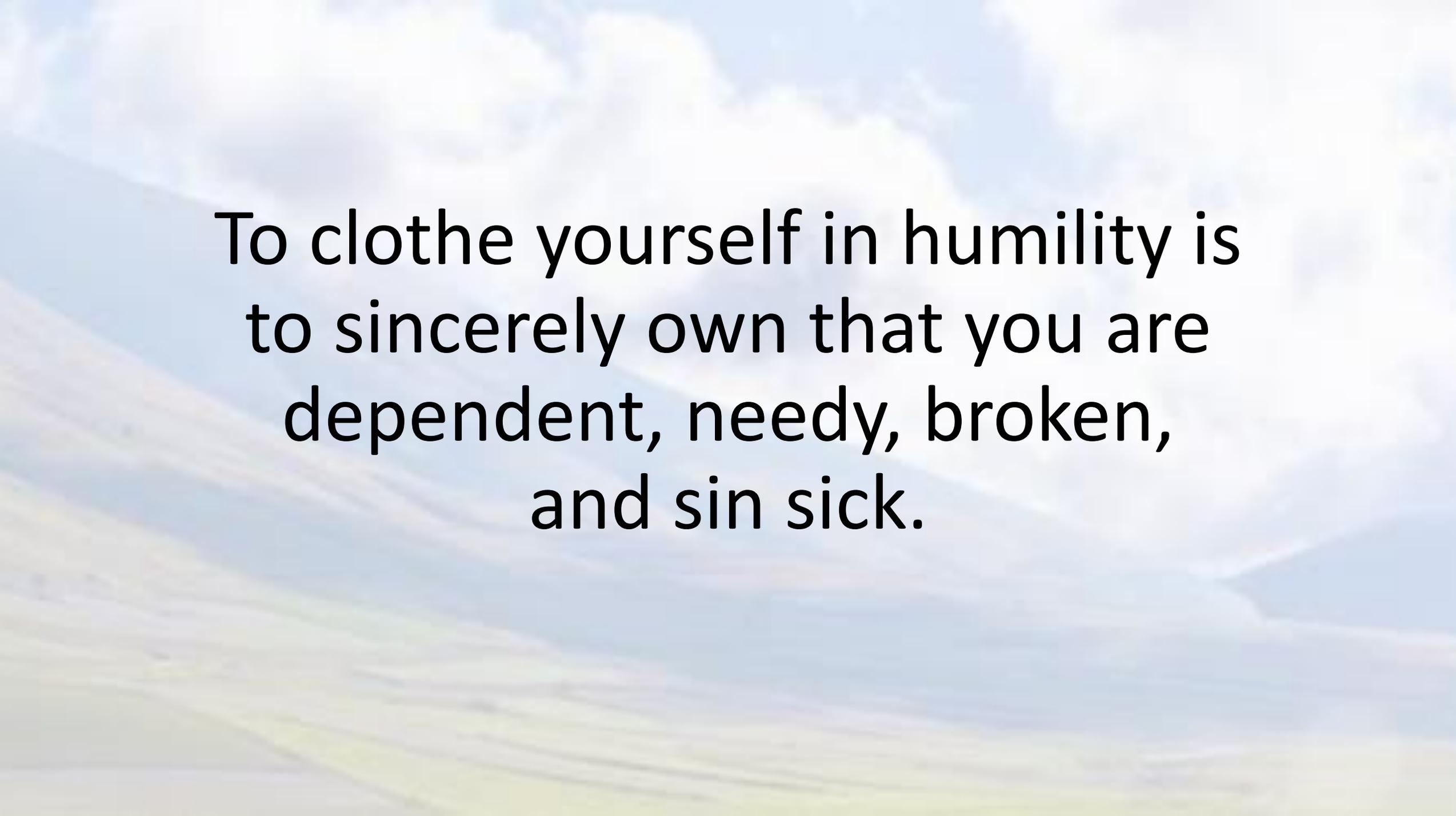
An Essential Gospel Theme

Luke 18:13

But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, **the sinner!**”

1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save **sinners**, among whom I am foremost of all.



To clothe yourself in humility is
to sincerely own that you are
dependent, needy, broken,
and sin sick.

Humility toward others

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“And all of you, **in reference to one another,**
clothe yourselves in humility.”



To clothe yourself in humility in reference to others is to engage with them out of a keen awareness of your broken condition.

Aware of Your Condition

Romans 12:3

For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to **think** more highly of himself than he ought to **think**;
but to **think** so as to have sound judgment,
as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Aware of Your Condition

Romans 12:16

Be of the same **mind** toward one another;
do not be haughty in **mind**, but associate with the lowly.

Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but with humility of **mind** let each of you regard one another
as more important than himself.

How would your attitudes change if you lived your life out of a keen awareness of personal brokenness?

How would this affect your relationships with others?

What does it mean to clothe yourself with humility?

It means maintaining a sincere embrace of personal brokenness.

It means resisting the temptation to cover and hide yourself.



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but gives grace to the humble.”*

The original condition

Genesis 2:25

And the man and his wife were both naked
and were not ashamed.

Nakedness was not primarily the absence
of physical clothing, but the dependent
human condition of vulnerability.

The original problem

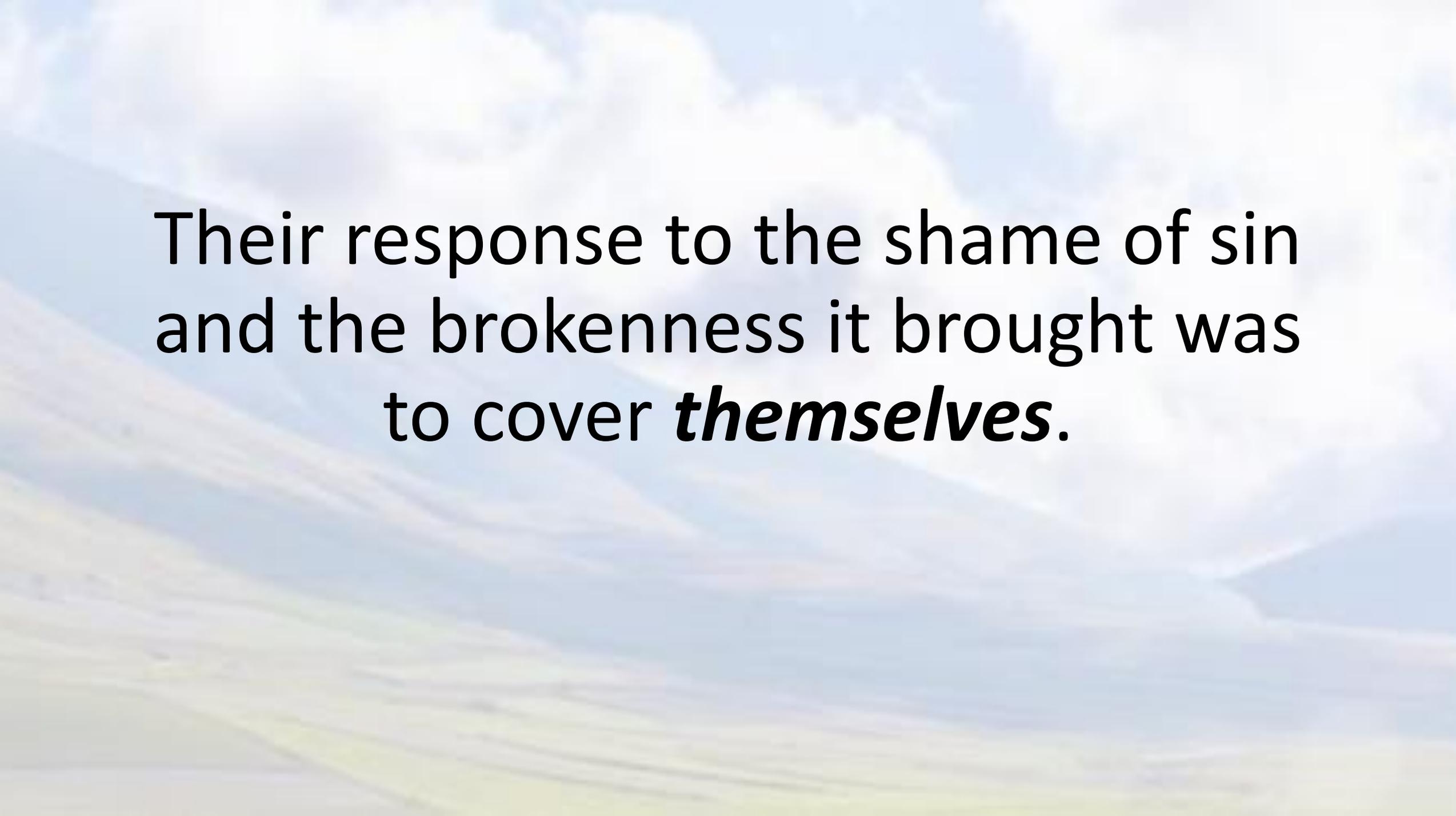
Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked.

The original response

Genesis 3:8

...and they sewed fig leaves together
and made themselves loin coverings.



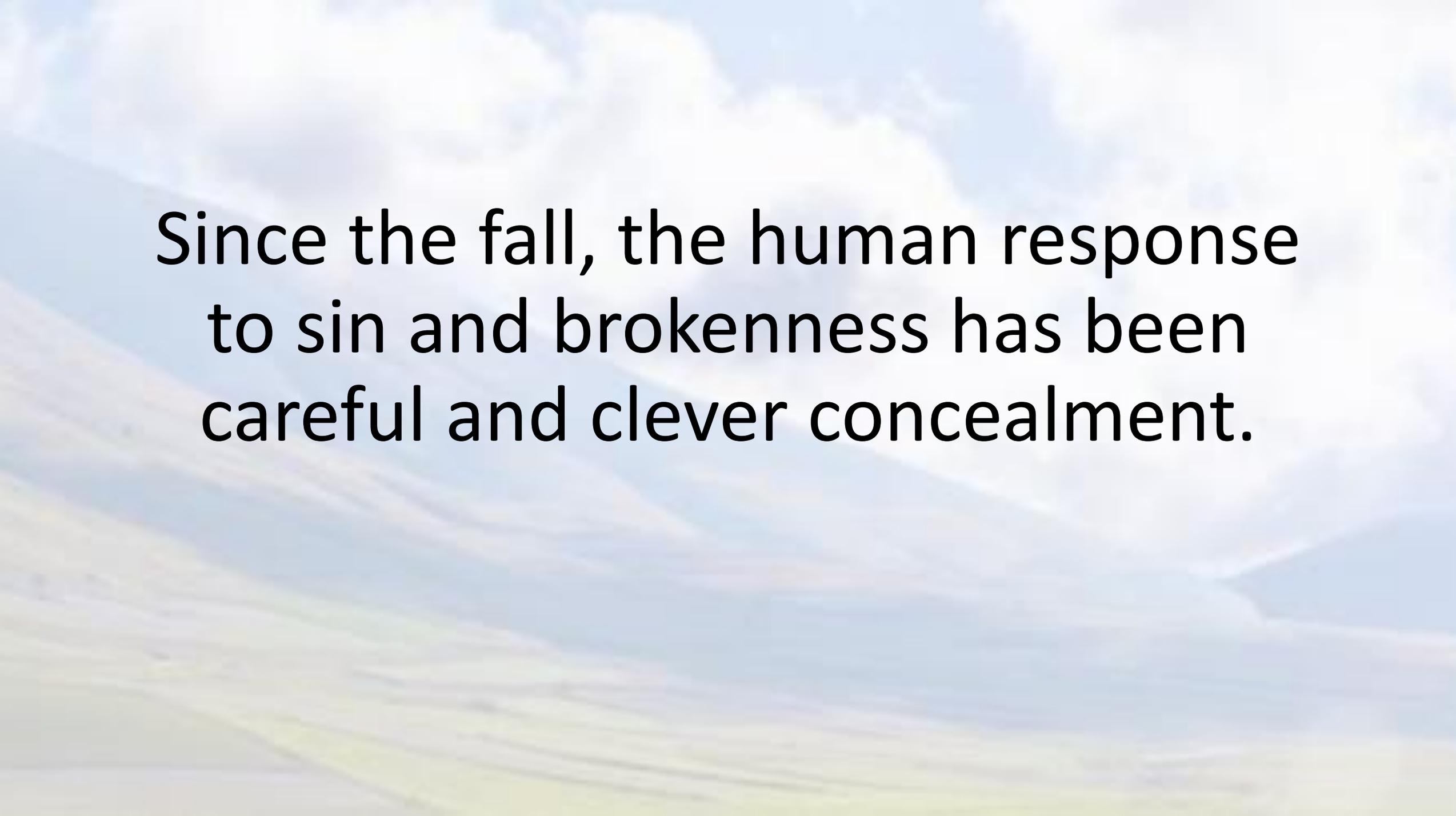
Their response to the shame of sin
and the brokenness it brought was
to cover ***themselves***.

The original response

Genesis 3:7-8

Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together
and made themselves loin coverings.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking
in the garden in the cool of the day,
and **the man and his wife hid themselves**
from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

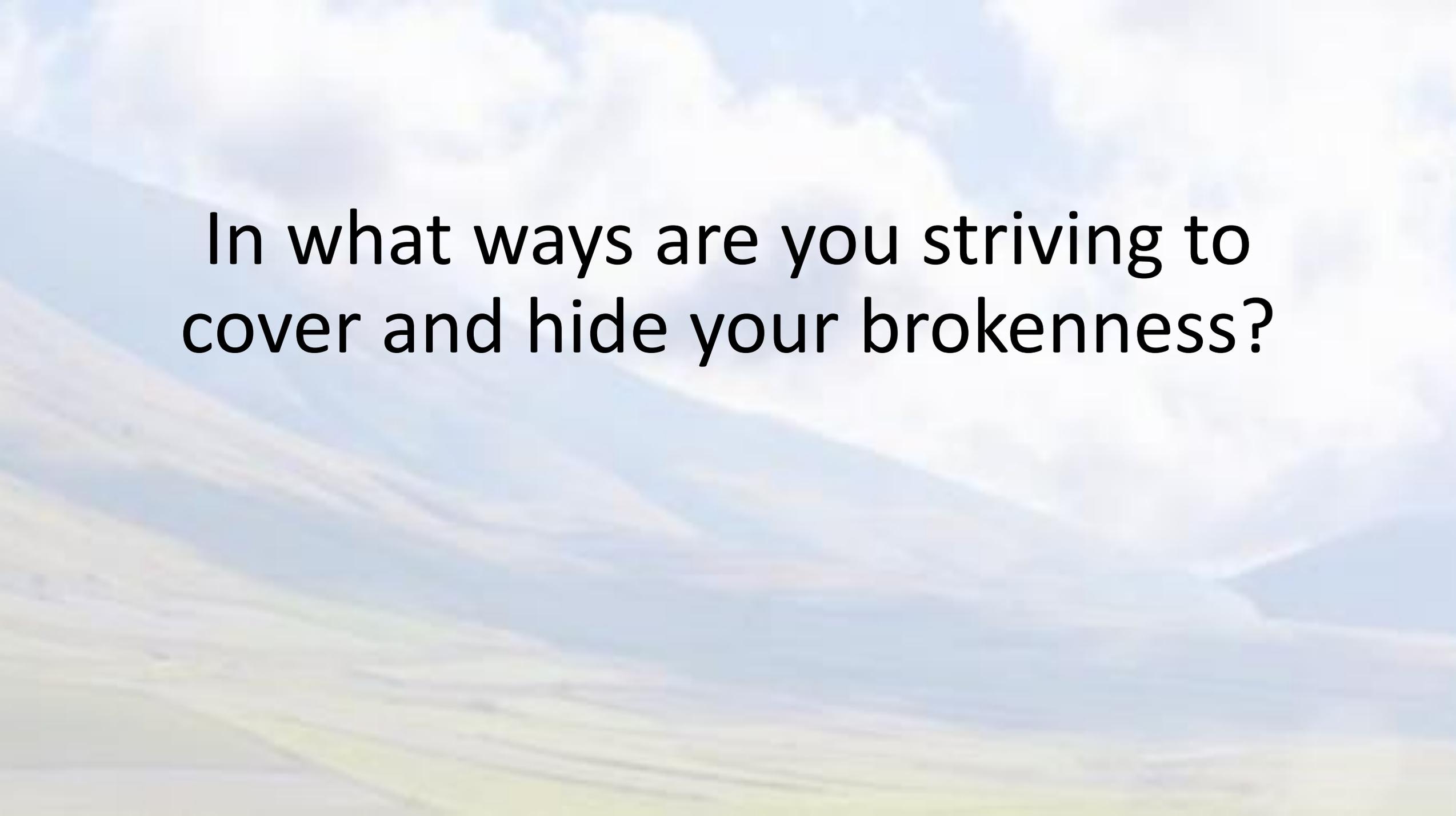


Since the fall, the human response to sin and brokenness has been careful and clever concealment.

Careful and clever concealment

Matthew 23:27-28

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you are like whitewashed tombs
which on the outside appear beautiful,
but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.
Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men,
but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

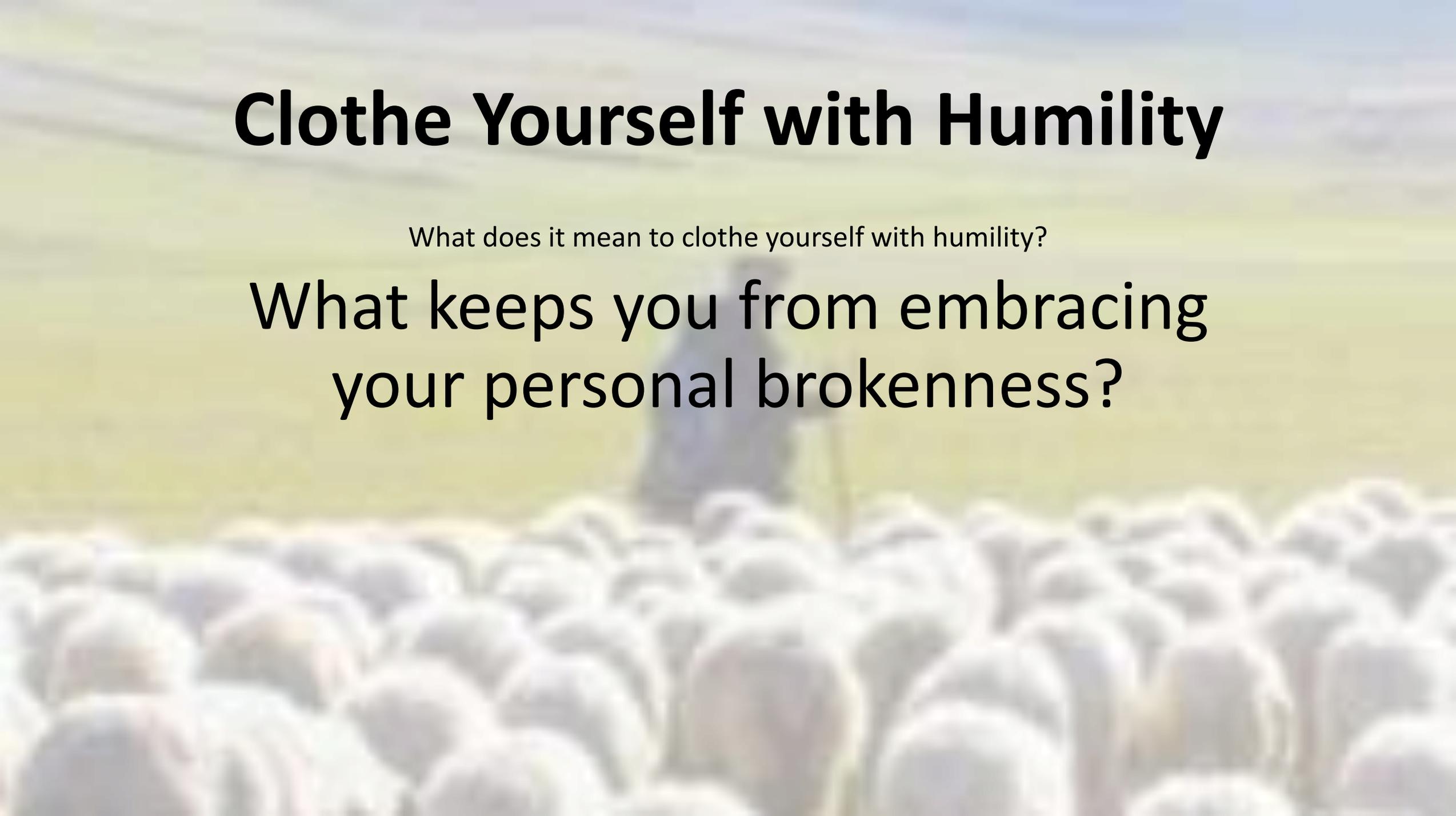
A blurred background image of a mountain valley. The foreground shows a green field, and the middle ground features rolling hills and a valley. In the distance, a mountain range is visible under a sky with white clouds. A faint rainbow is visible in the sky on the right side.

In what ways are you striving to
cover and hide your brokenness?

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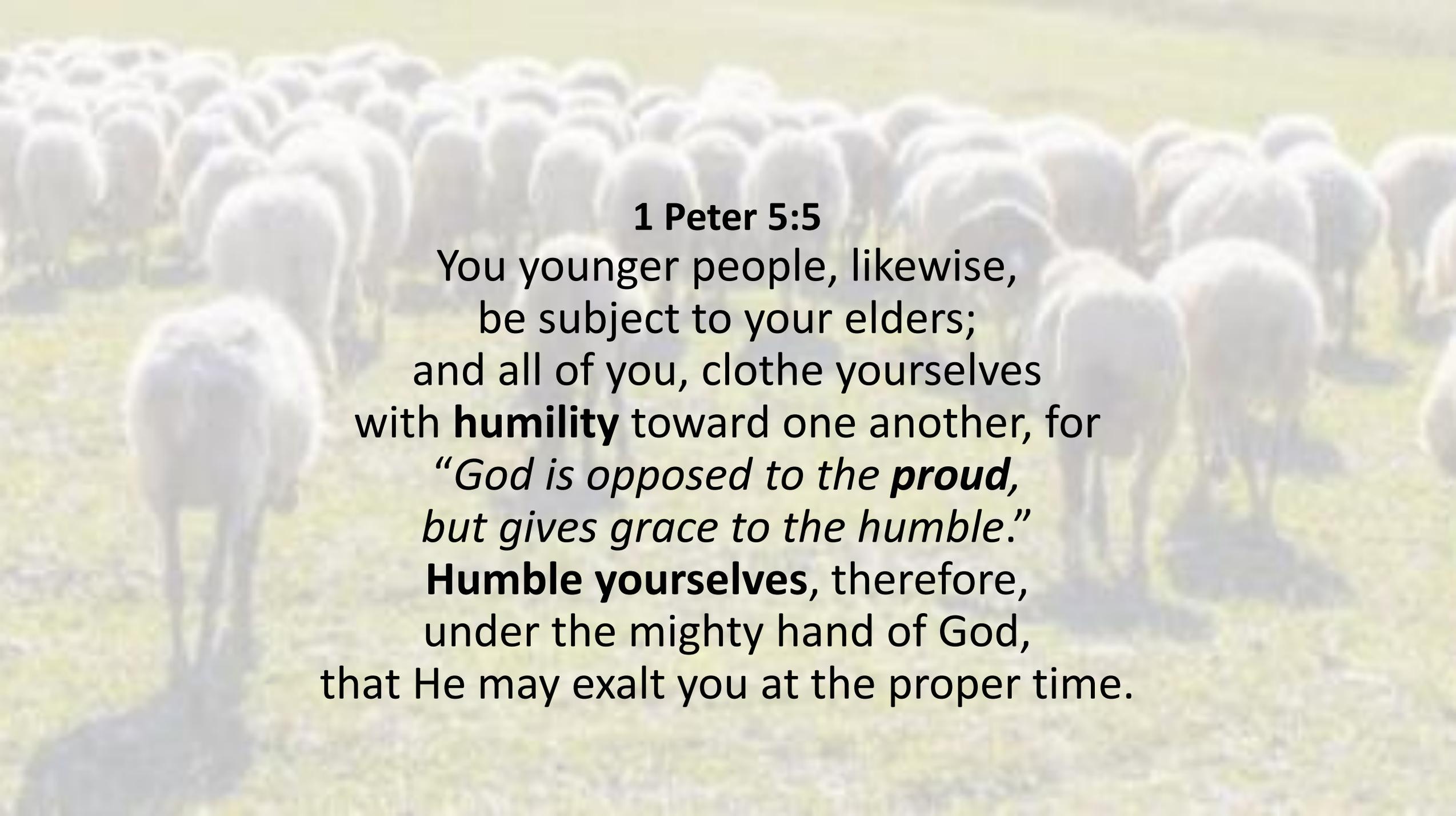
What does it mean to clothe yourself with humility?

**What keeps you from embracing
your personal brokenness?**



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your brokenness?**

Pride



1 Peter 5:5

You younger people, likewise,
be subject to your elders;
and all of you, clothe yourselves
with **humility** toward one another, for
*“God is opposed to the **proud**,
but gives grace to the humble.”*
Humble yourselves, therefore,
under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you at the proper time.

The blinding power of pride

Psalm 10:4-6

The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance,
does not seek Him.

All his thoughts are, "There is no God."

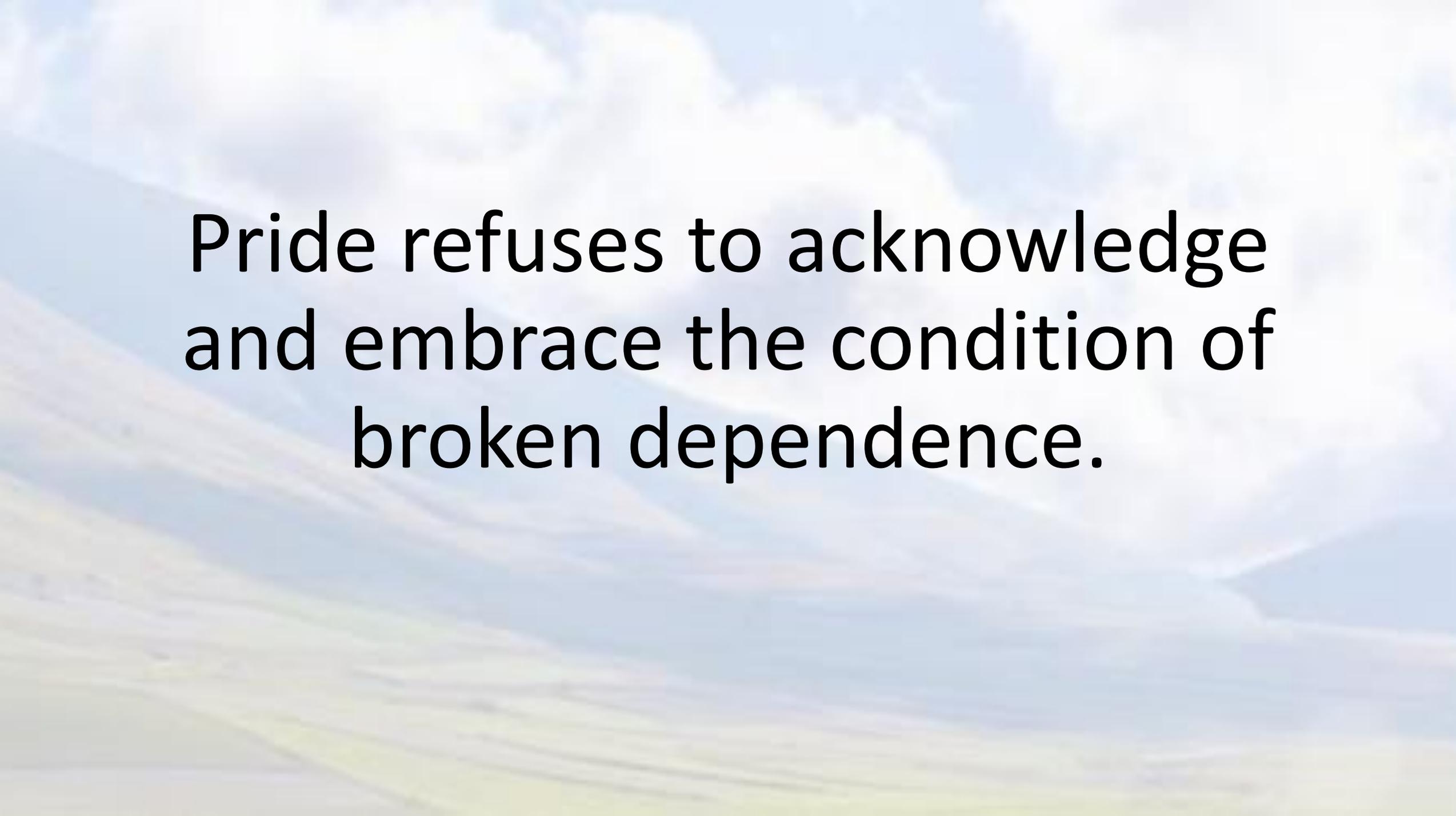
His ways prosper at all times;

Your judgments are on high, out of his sight;

As for all his adversaries, he snorts at them.

He says to himself, "I shall not be moved;

Throughout all generations I shall not be in adversity."



Pride refuses to acknowledge
and embrace the condition of
broken dependence.

Pride says, "I don't need."

Pride says, "I'm ok."

Pride says, "I've got this."

Pride says, "Leave me alone."

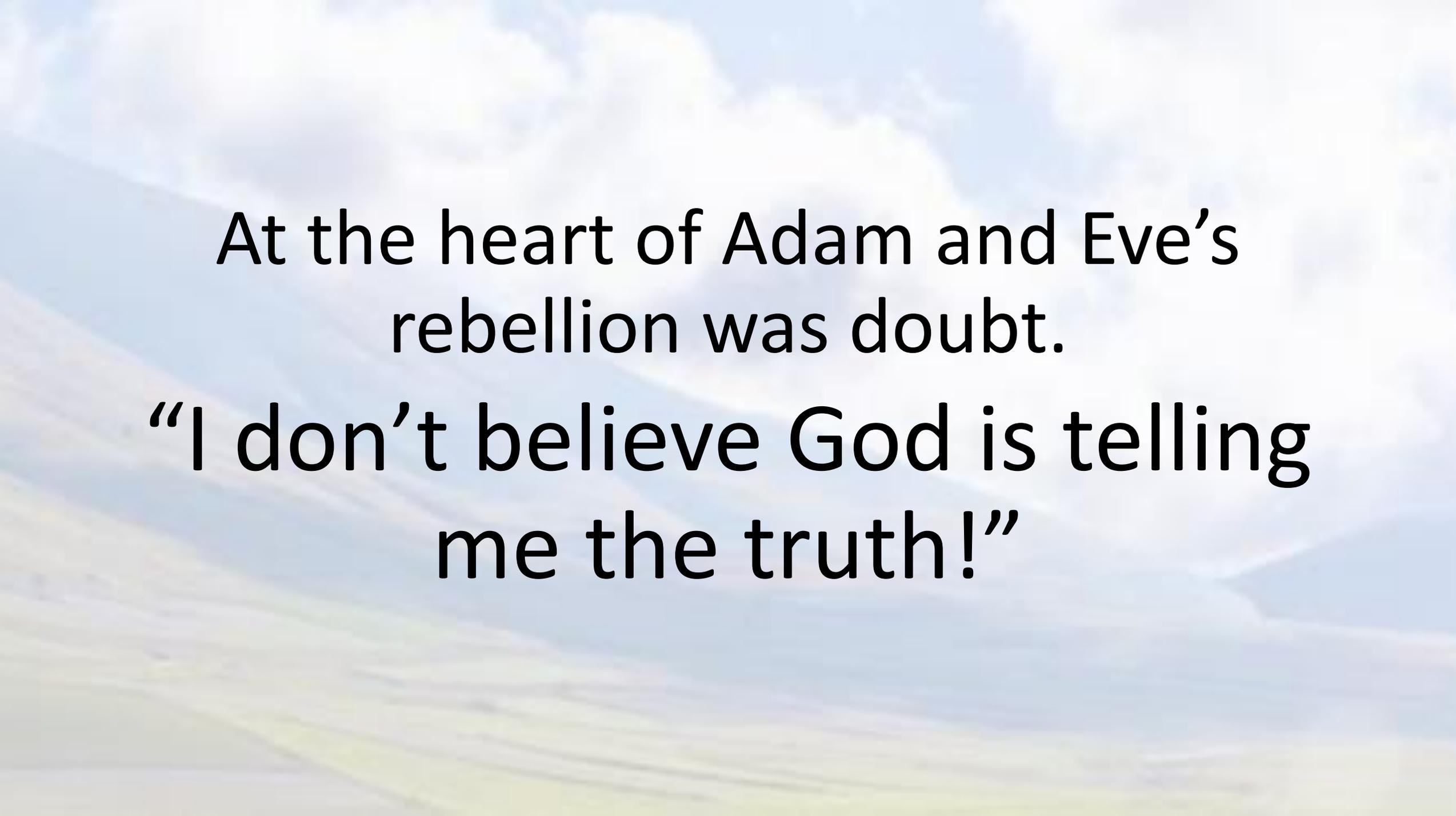
Pride hides, withdraws, deflects, distracts..."

Pride robs you of grace!

**What keeps you from embracing
your brokenness?**

Pride

Doubt



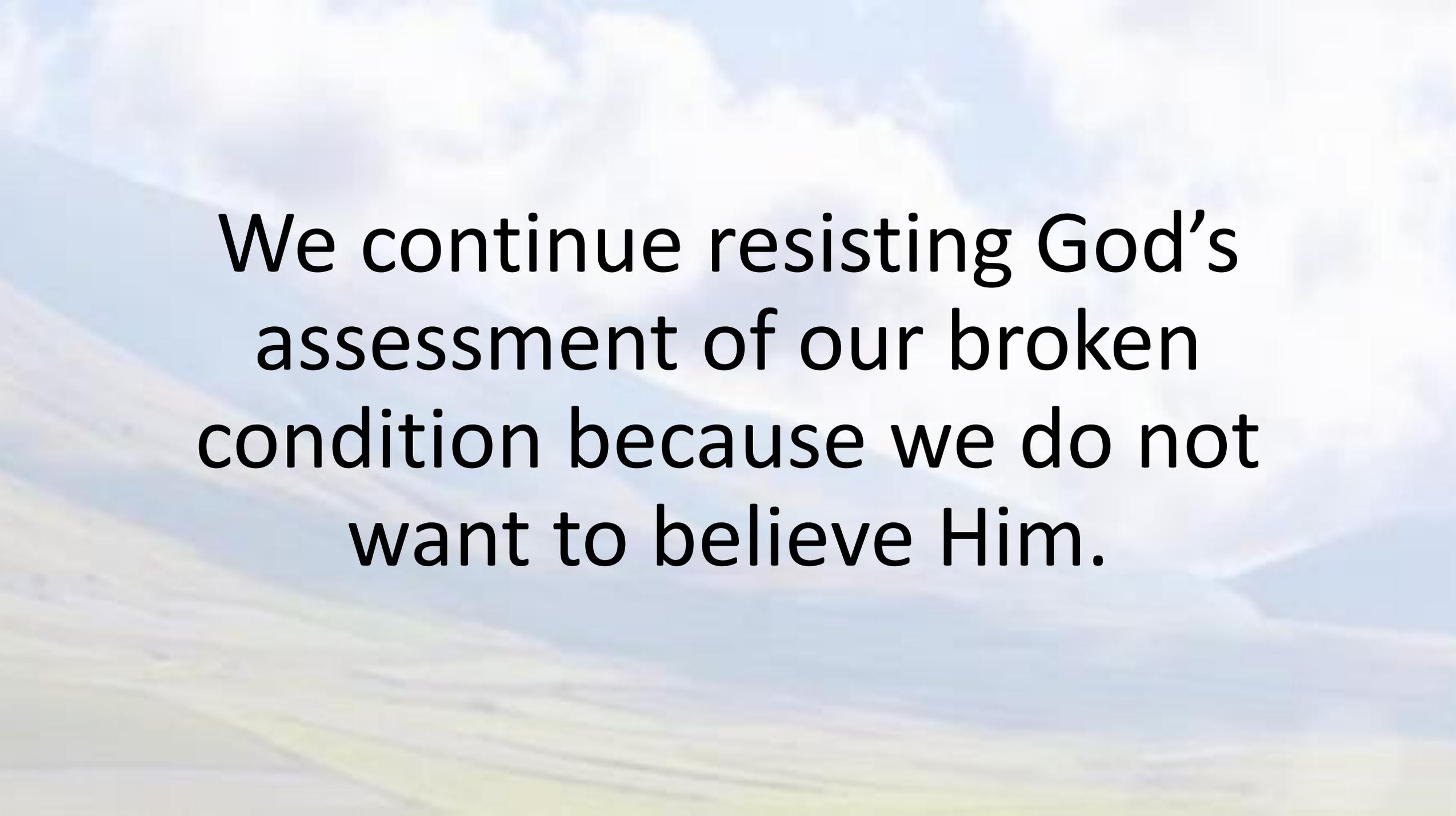
At the heart of Adam and Eve's
rebellion was doubt.

“I don't believe God is telling
me the truth!”

Rebellion and Doubt

Deuteronomy 9:23

And when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying,
“Go up and possess the land which I have given you,”
then you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God;
you neither believed Him nor listened to His voice.



We continue resisting God's
assessment of our broken
condition because we do not
want to believe Him.

Clothe Yourself with Humility

What does it mean to clothe yourself with humility?

What keeps you from embracing your personal brokenness?

What is the relationship between
genuine humility and the cross?

Practical Implications

You will not embrace the cross if you will not embrace your brokenness.

David's Experience

Psalm 32:3-5

When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away
Through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.
Selah.

I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I did not hide;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD";
And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Gospel Application

1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us
our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Practical Implications

You will not embrace the cross if you will not embrace your brokenness.

You will not embrace your brokenness if you do not trust in the sufficiency of the cross to cover you.

Faith to draw near

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

You can be confident because the sacrifice was sufficient!

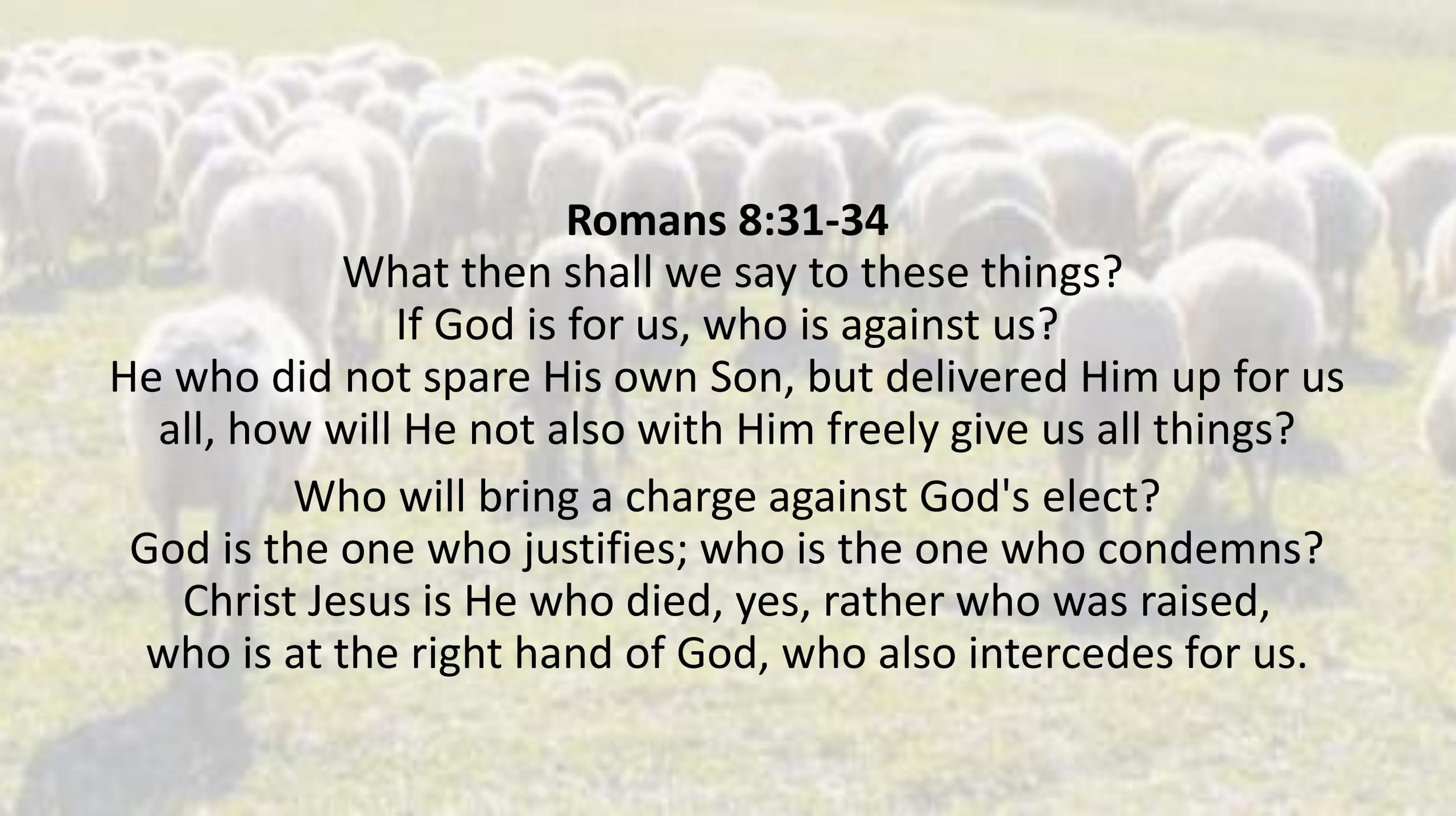
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You will not embrace the cross if you will not embrace your brokenness.

You will not embrace your brokenness if you do not trust in the sufficiency of the cross to cover you.

*If you trust in the sufficiency of the cross,
you will not fear exposure.*

If you sincerely embrace that you are sinful,
weak, ignorant, inadequate, unworthy...
but believe resolutely that God has justified
you through the cross of Christ and accepts
you without reservation,
why should you fear exposure?

A large crowd of people is seen from behind, looking towards a bright horizon. The people are densely packed, and their heads are visible in the foreground. The background is a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall tone is hopeful and uplifting.

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Who will bring a charge against God's elect?

God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns?

Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Conclusion:

Have you fully, sincerely embraced your true condition of brokenness?

Do you resolutely believe that the cross of Christ is sufficient to cover you?

Are you allowing these things to govern your relationships with others?