

The Blessing of Trust

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But will live in stony wastes in the wilderness,
A land of salt without inhabitant.”

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Main Point

When we trust in the Lord
and make Him our trust,
we will experience the fruit of His
blessing and will be made useful
for worship and ministry.

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The means of blessing.



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To be cursed is to experience
the bitter consequences of sin.

To be blessed is to experience
the bountiful riches of God’s favor.

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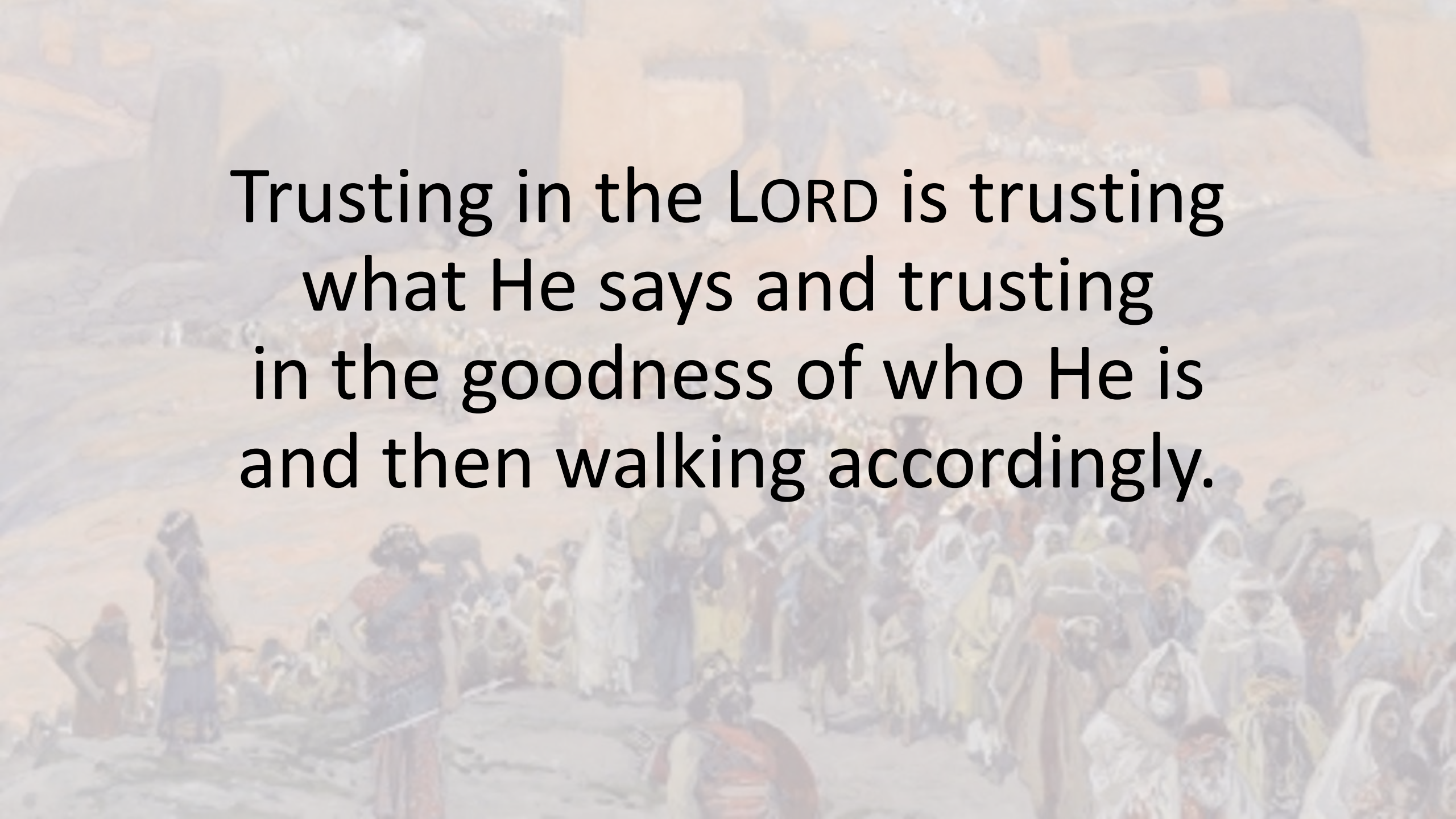
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Trusting in the LORD is trusting
what He says and trusting
in the goodness of who He is
and then walking accordingly.

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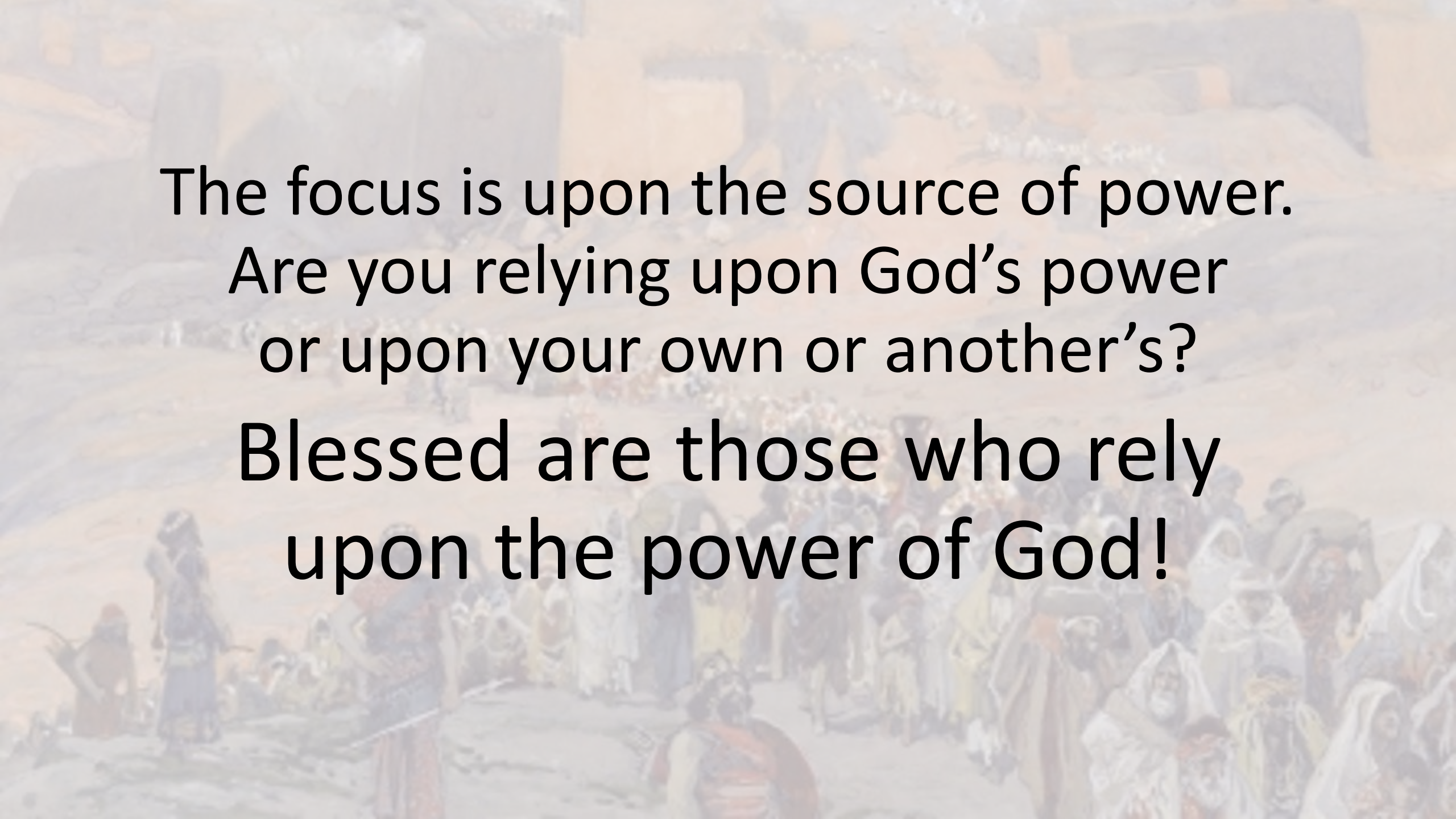
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The focus is upon the source of power.
Are you relying upon God's power
or upon your own or another's?
Blessed are those who rely
upon the power of God!

Psalm 40:1-4

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And He inclined to me and heard my cry.
He brought me up out of the pit of destruction,
out of the miry clay,
And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.
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Turning our hearts to the LORD.

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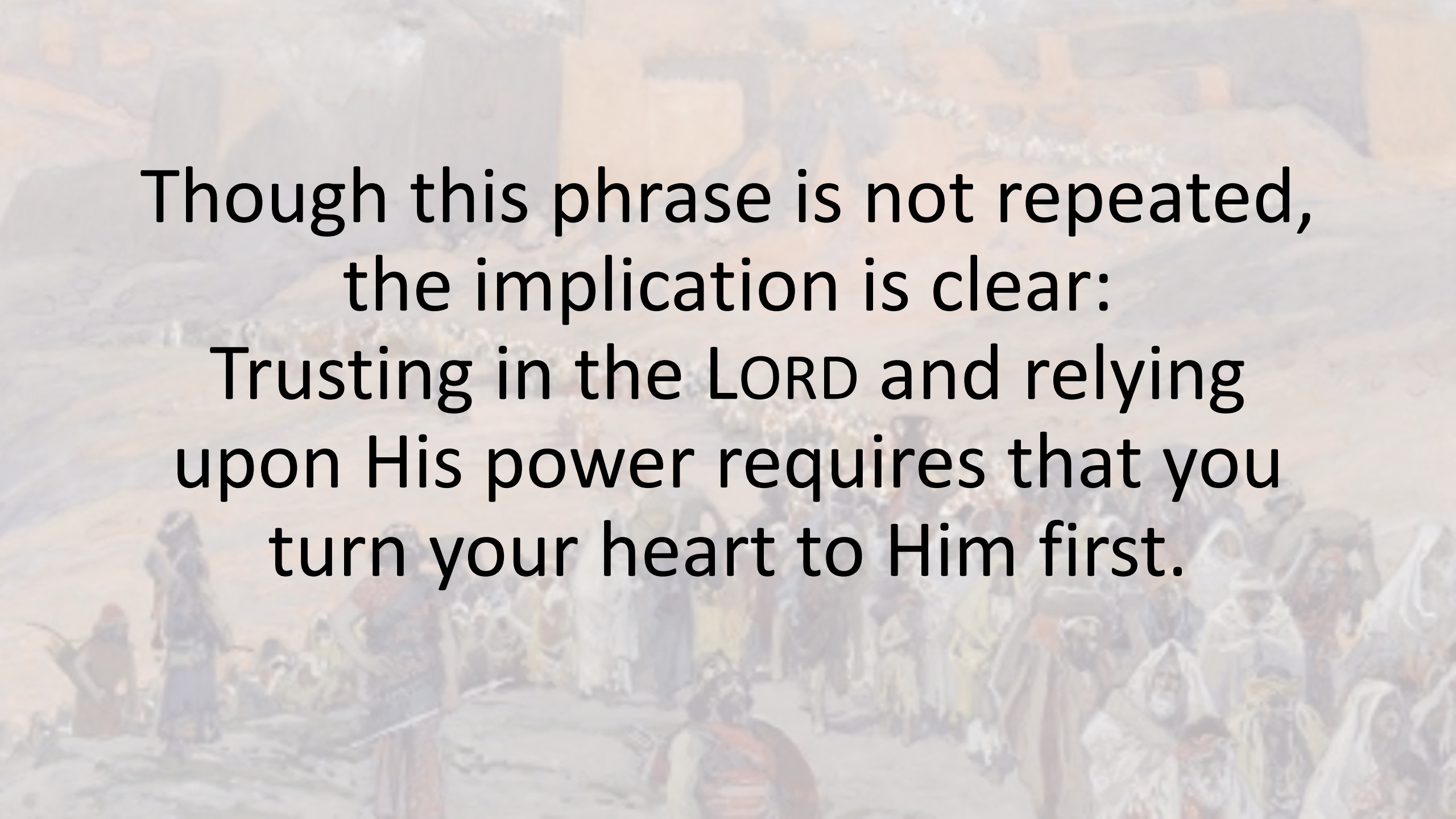
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Though this phrase is not repeated,
the implication is clear:
Trusting in the LORD and relying
upon His power requires that you
turn your heart to Him first.

Psalm 22:26-27

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Those who seek Him will praise the LORD.

Let your heart live forever!

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Vibrancy

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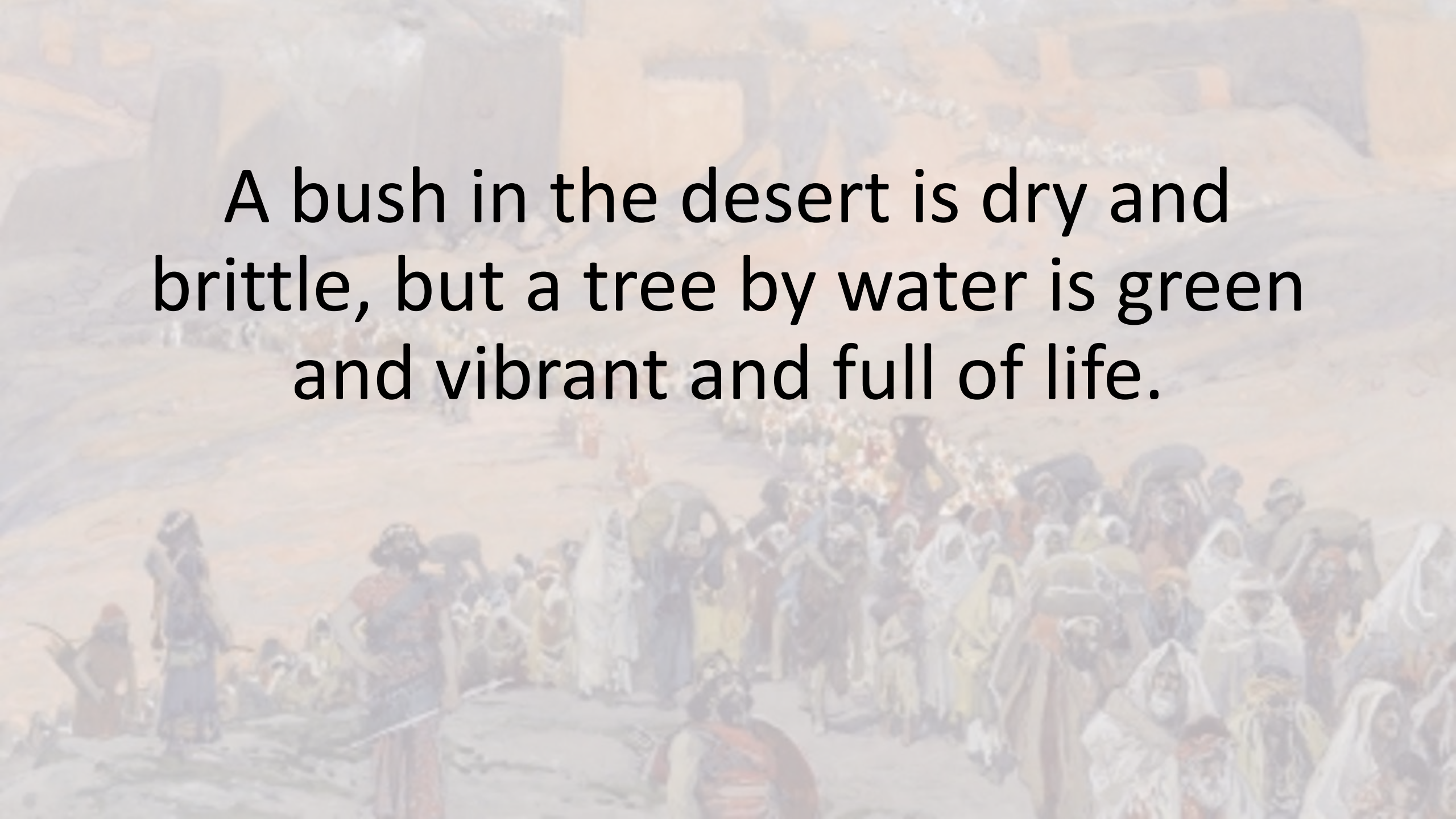
The image is of a tree stretching its roots
out to the water source nearby.

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A bush in the desert is dry and brittle, but a tree by water is green and vibrant and full of life.

Psalm 84:11-12

“For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD gives grace and glory;
No good thing does He withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts,
How blessed is the man who trusts in You!”

The Fruit of Blessing

Vibrancy

Stability

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What is your heat?

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What is your season of drought?

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Isaiah 26:3-4

“The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,
Because he trusts in You.
Trust in the LORD forever,
For in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock.”

The Fruit of Blessing

Vibrancy

Stability

Fruitfulness

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Psalm 1:3

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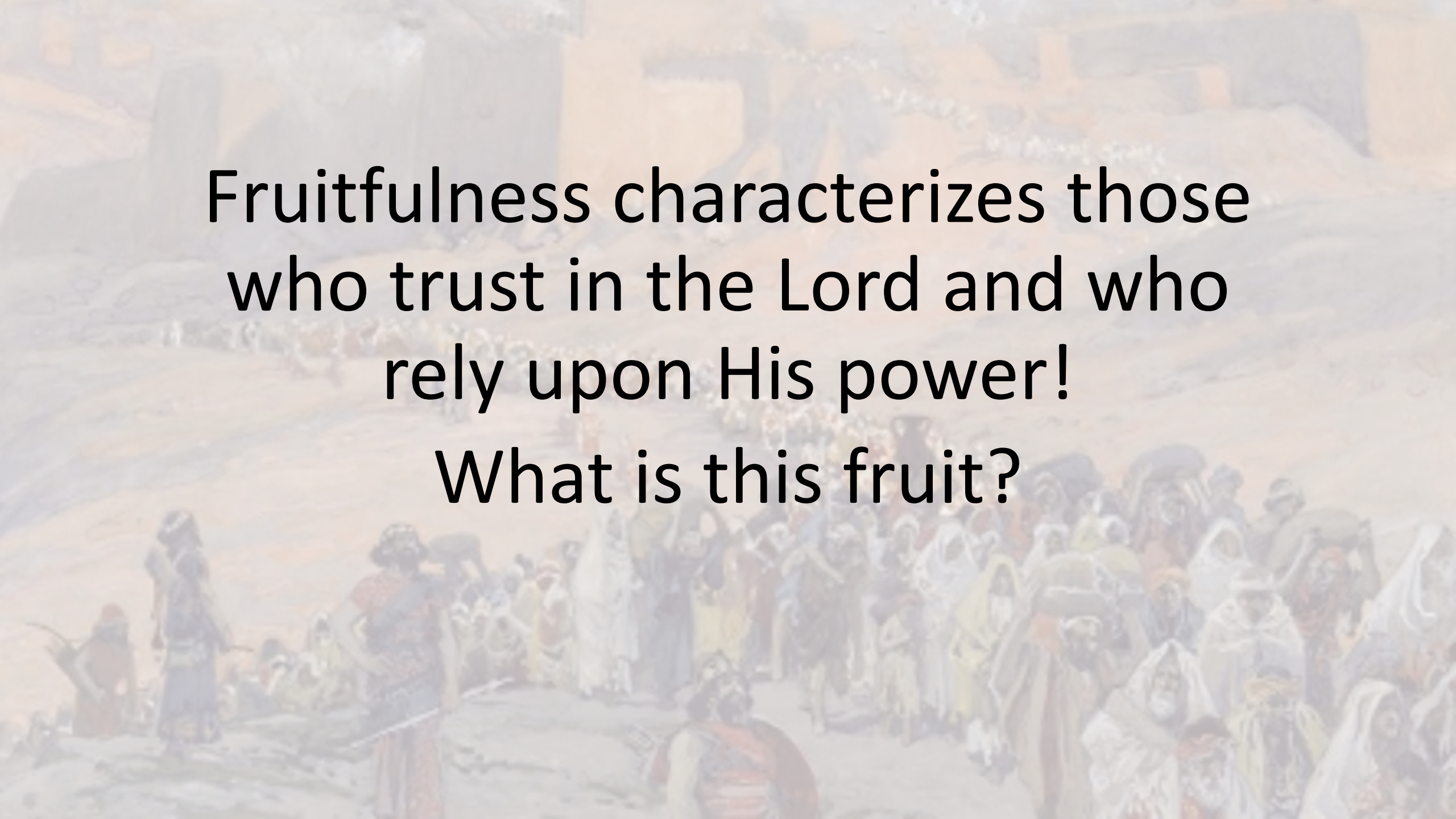
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Fruitfulness characterizes those
who trust in the Lord and who
rely upon His power!
What is this fruit?

Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, *and* self-control.

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Personal worship

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Who turns his heart to the LORD.



When we turn to the Lord in trust,
He transforms our hearts and
changes our devotions and desires
and makes us useful for worship.

Psalm 1:1-2

“How blessed is the man...

...**his delight** is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.”

The Lord blesses the faithful who delight
in Him and then uses that blessing to stir
up an even greater delight in Him.

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Practical ministry

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The blessing that attends this man
will reshape him, making him
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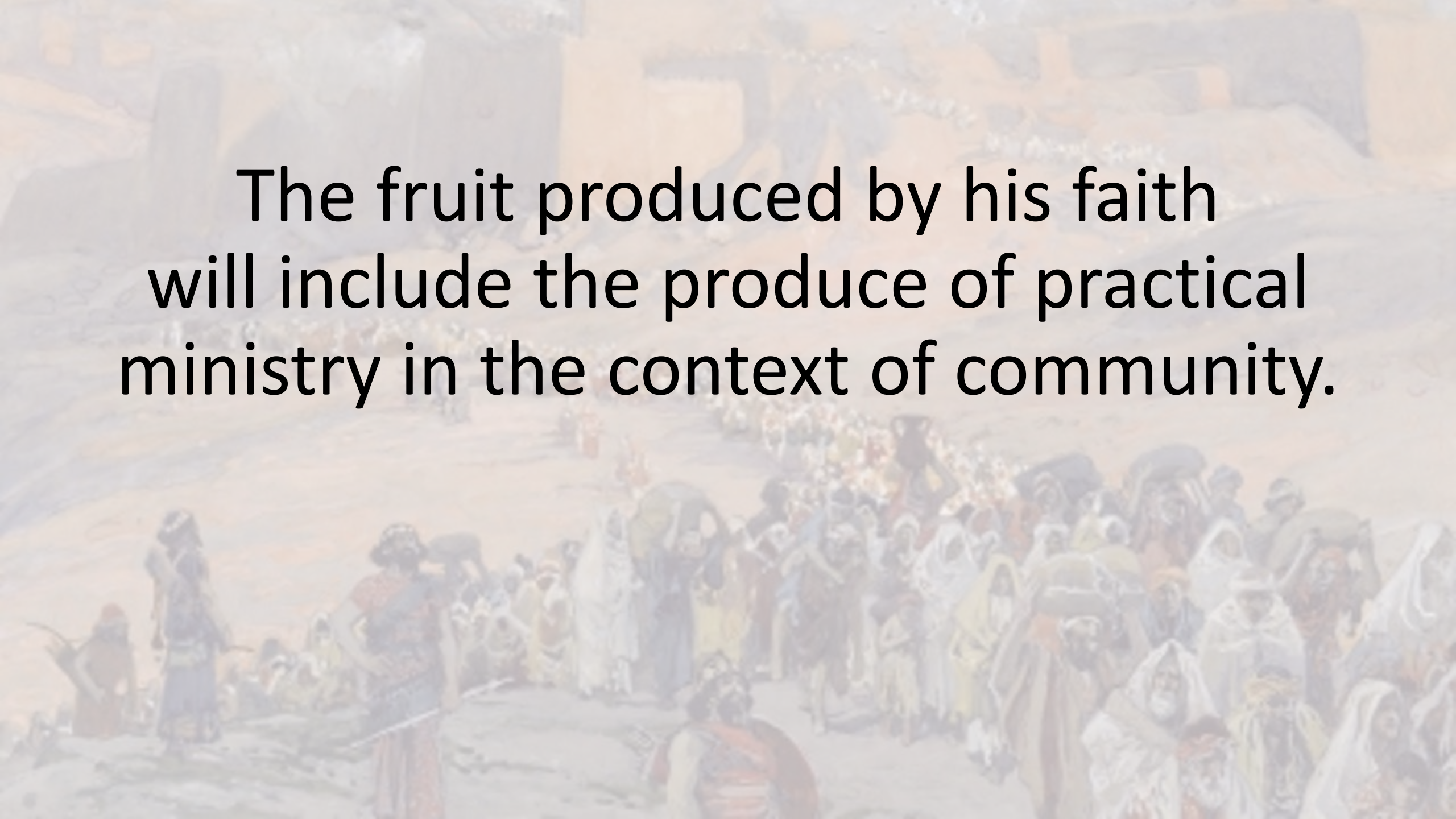
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The fruit produced by his faith
will include the produce of practical
ministry in the context of community.

John 15:8

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit,
and so prove to be My disciples.”

John 13:35

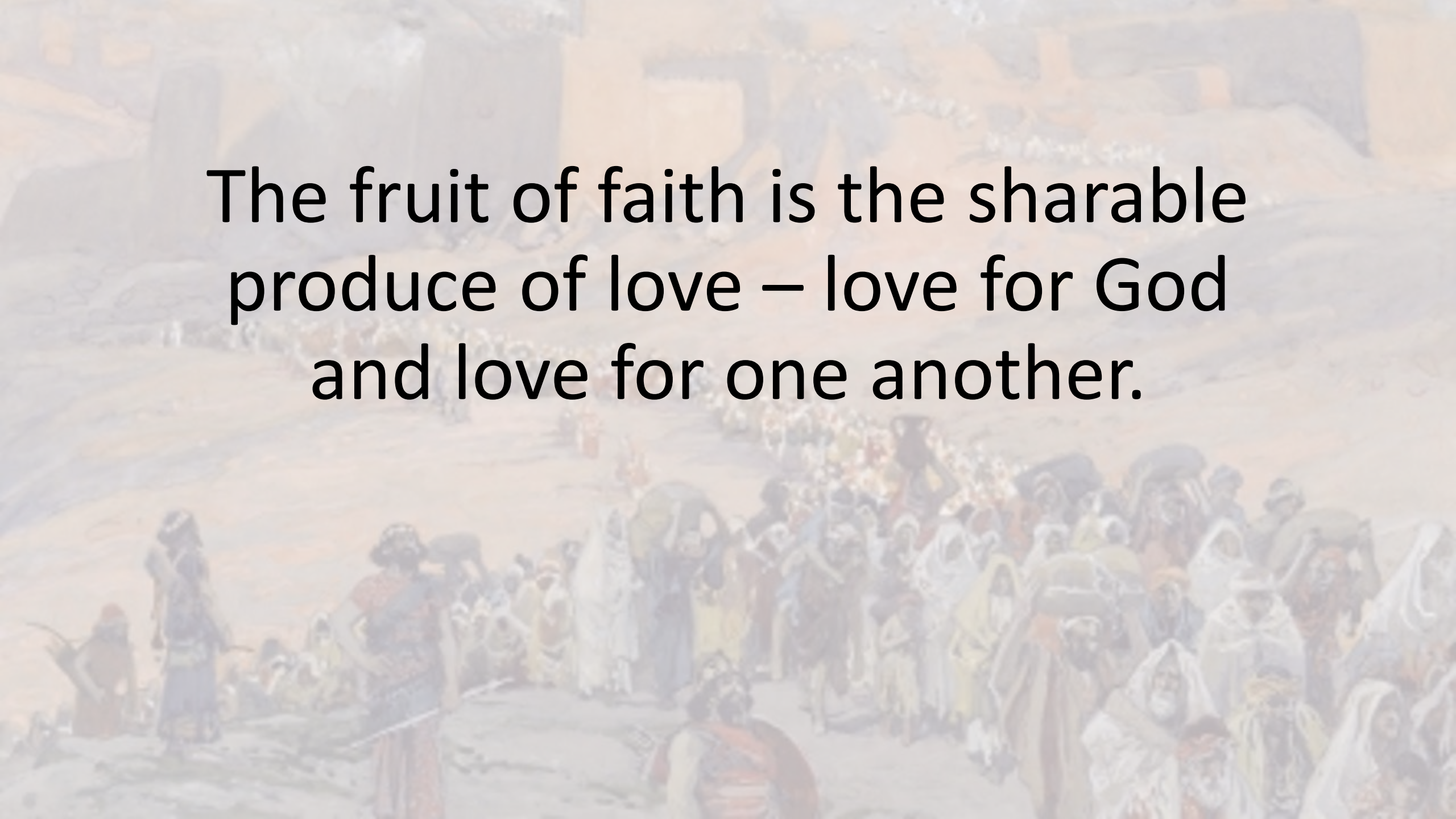
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The fruit of faith is the sharable
produce of love – love for God
and love for one another.

Concluding Questions

How do you respond when the heat comes
or in times of drought?

Are you turning to Christ for your strength
and for satisfaction?

Are you worshipping and serving?