

# Decision Point

Luke 14:25-35

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How do I  
**follow Christ in**  
**times of crisis?**

# Luke: The Kingdom of God

- Jesus uses many **parables** to describe
  - What the kingdom of God is **like**, and
  - Who will **enter** it
- (14:15-24) Parable of the **banquet**:
  - “**Compel** people to come in, that my house may be **filled**.”

Brandenburg Alps, Austria. Paul Gilmore

25 Now great crowds accompanied him,  
and he turned and said to them,

26 “If anyone comes to me and does not  
hate his own father and mother and wife  
and children and brothers and sisters,  
yes, and even his own life,  
he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:25-35 (ESV) (p.1/6)

27 Whoever does not bear his own cross  
and come after me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower,  
does not first sit down and count the cost,  
whether he has enough to complete it?

Luke 14:25-35 (ESV) (p.2/6)

29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation  
and is not able to finish,

all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying,  
'This man began to build  
and was not able to finish.'

Luke 14:25-35 (ESV) (p.3/6)

31 Or what king, going out  
to encounter another king in war,  
  
will not sit down first and deliberate  
whether he is able with ten thousand  
  
to meet him who comes against him  
with twenty thousand?

Luke 14:25-35 (ESV) (p.4/6)

32 And if not, while the other  
is yet a great way off,

he sends a delegation  
and asks for terms of peace.

33 So therefore, any one of you  
who does not renounce all that he has  
cannot be my disciple.

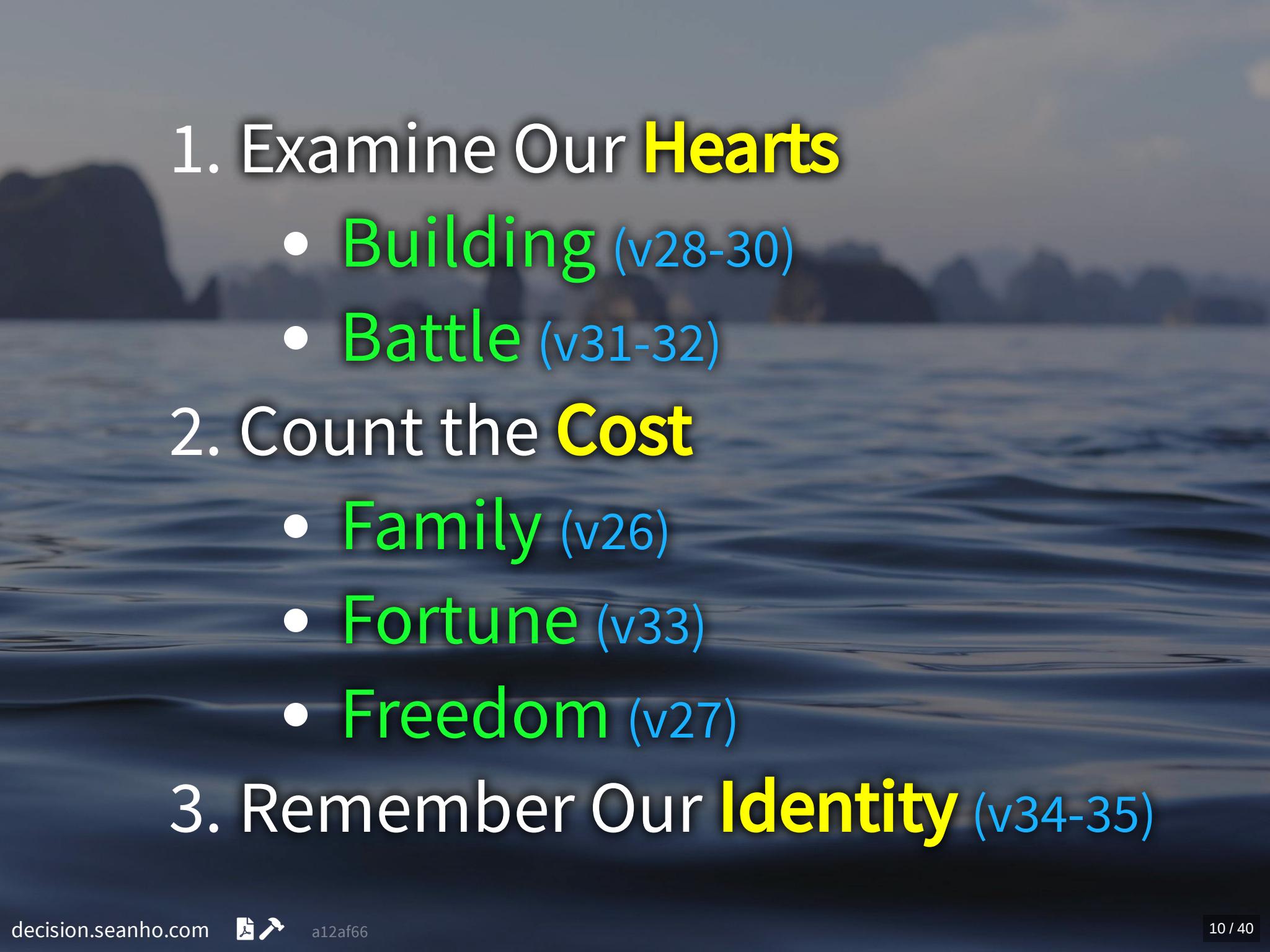
Luke 14:25-35 (ESV) (p.5/6)

34 “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste,  
how shall its saltiness be restored?

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or for the manure pile. It is thrown away.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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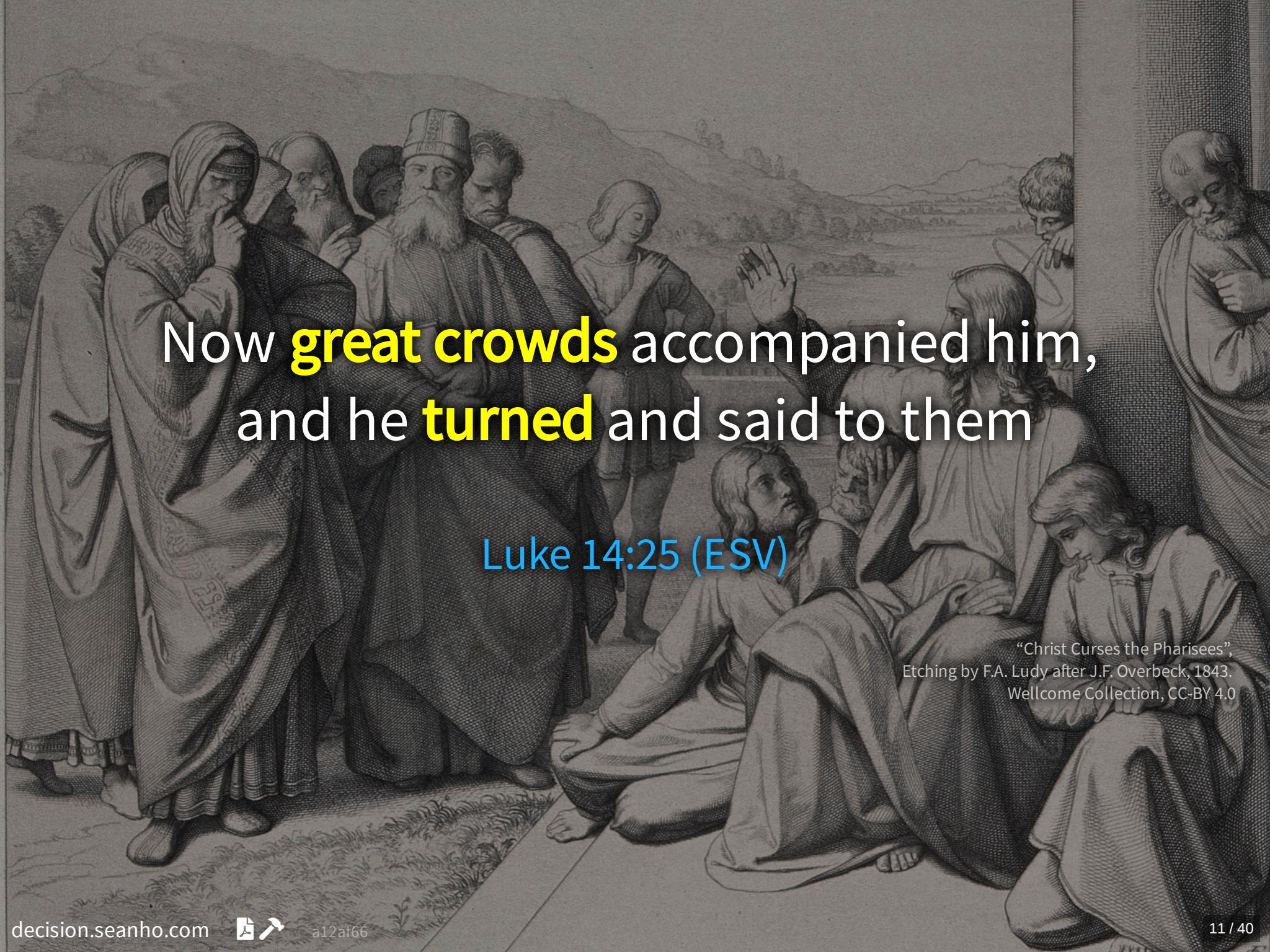
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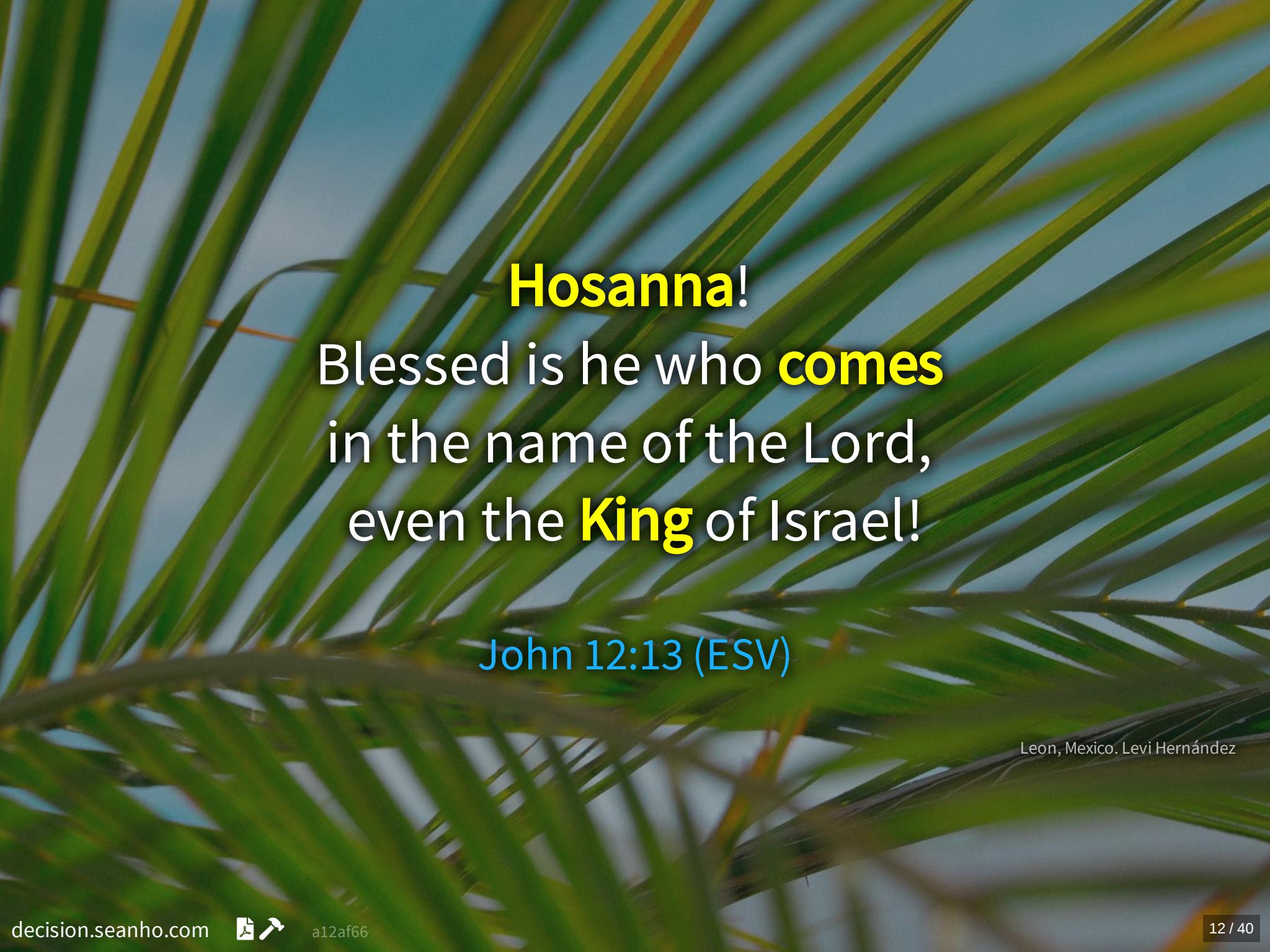
## 3. Remember Our **Identity** (v34-35)



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and he **turned** and said to them

Luke 14:25 (ESV)

"Christ Curses the Pharisees",  
Etching by F.A. Ludy after J.F. Overbeck, 1843.  
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**Hosanna!**  
Blessed is he who **comes**  
in the name of the Lord,  
even the **King** of Israel!

John 12:13 (ESV)

Leon, Mexico. Levi Hernández



Away with him, away with him,  
**crucify** him!

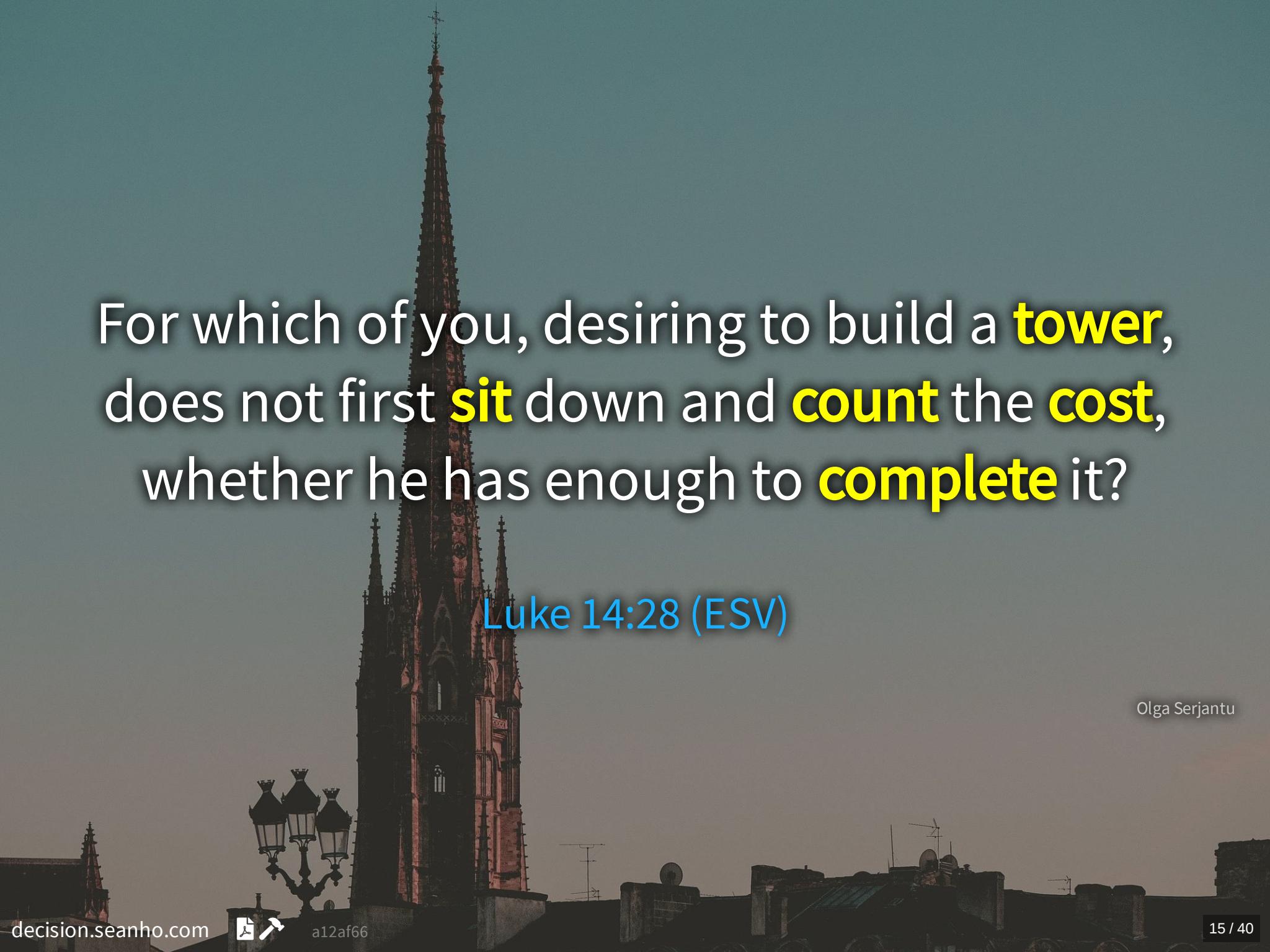
John 19:15 (ESV)

Lac d'Anterne, France. Hugues de Buyer-Mimeure

Truly, truly, I say to you,  
you are **seeking me**,  
not because you saw **signs**,  
but because you ate your **fill** of the loaves.

John 6:26 (ESV)

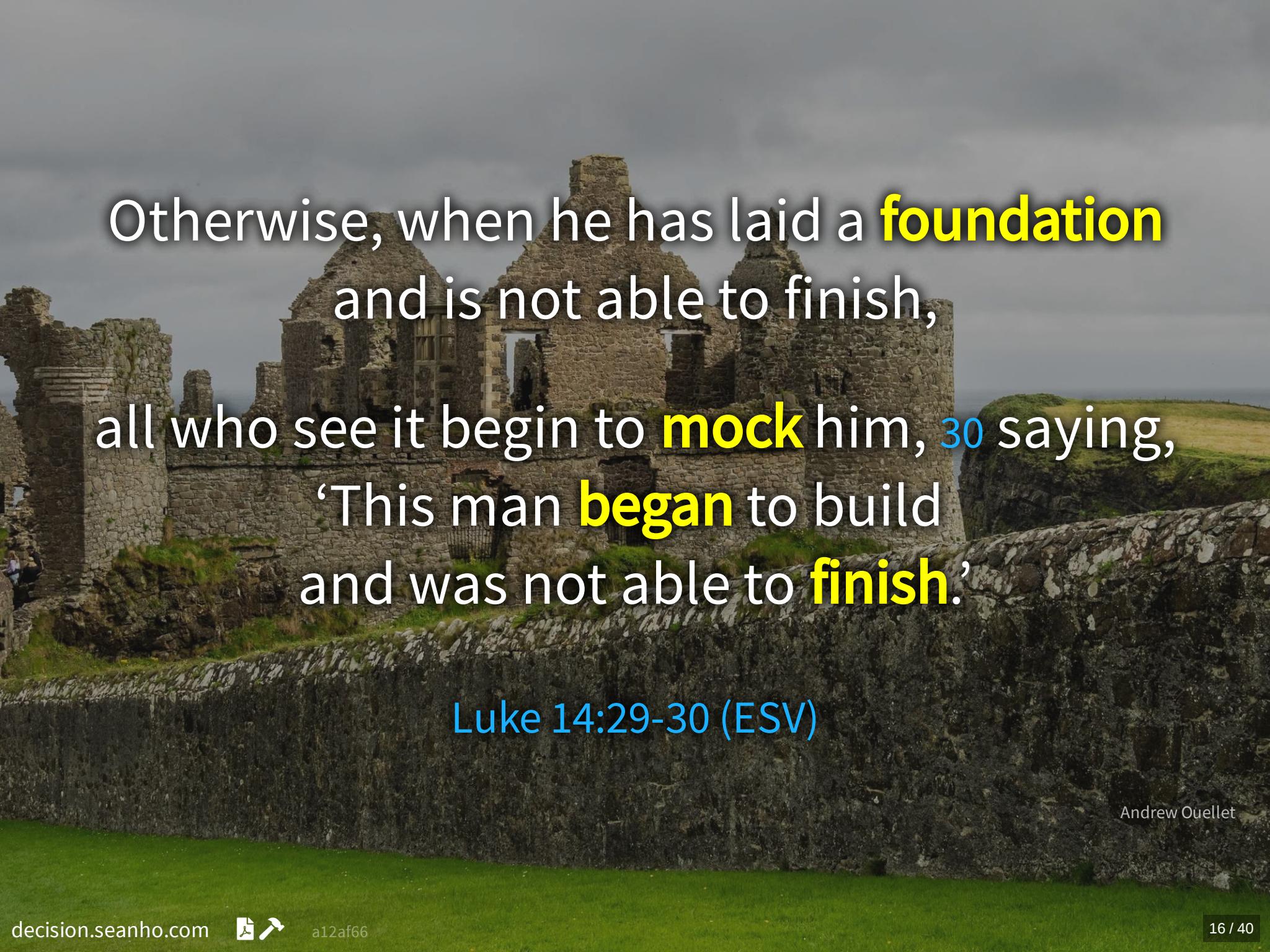
Ales Krivec



For which of you, desiring to build a **tower**,  
does not first **sit** down and **count** the **cost**,  
whether he has enough to **complete** it?

Luke 14:28 (ESV)

Olga Serjantu



Otherwise, when he has laid a **foundation**  
and is not able to finish,  
all who see it begin to **mock** him, <sup>30</sup> saying,  
‘This man **began** to build  
and was not able to **finish**.’

Luke 14:29-30 (ESV)

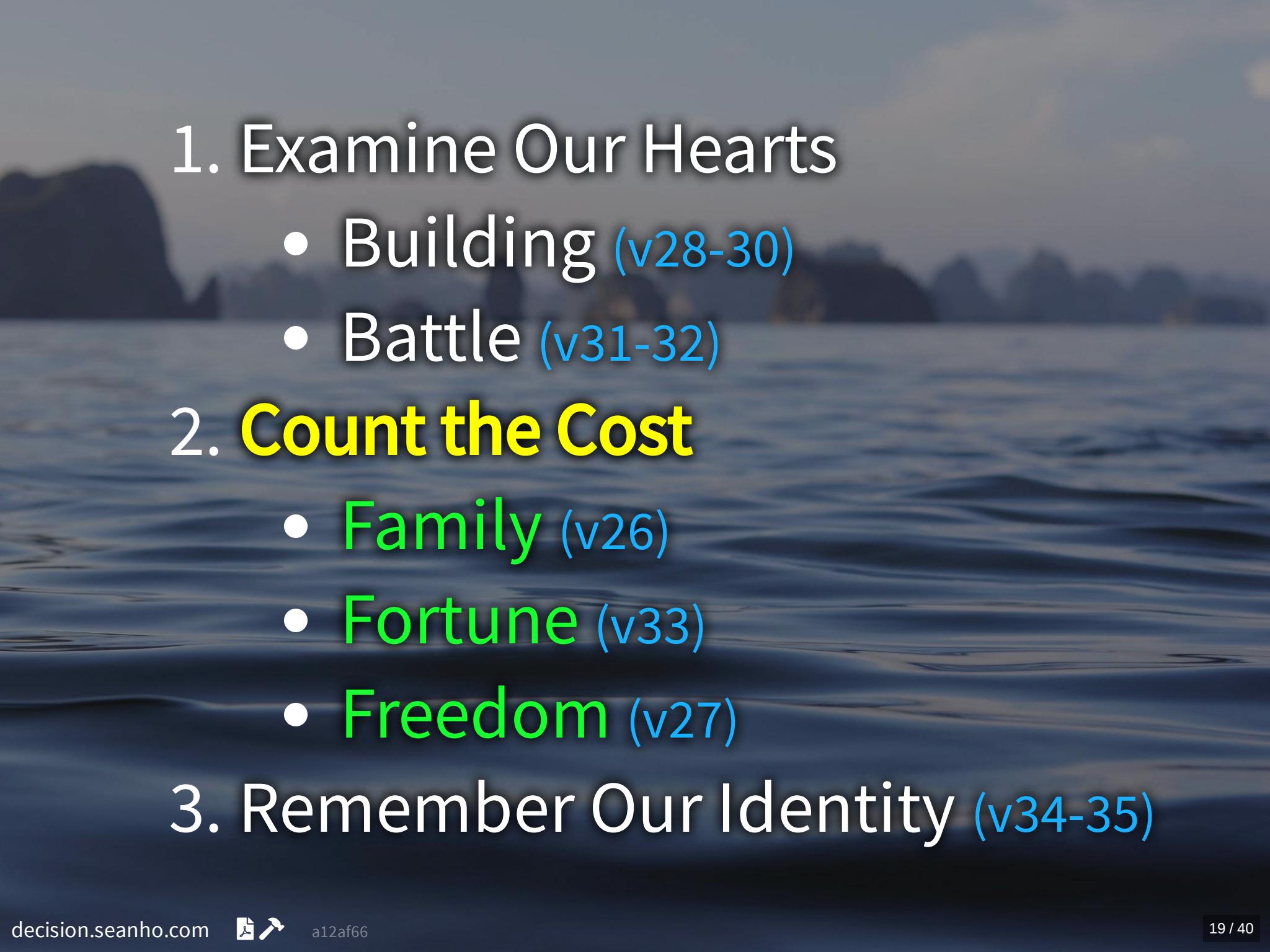
Andrew Ouellet

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to encounter another king in **war**,  
will not **sit** down first and **deliberate**  
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Luke 14:31 (ESV)

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Do I seek Jesus  
for His **blessings**  
or His **Lordship?**



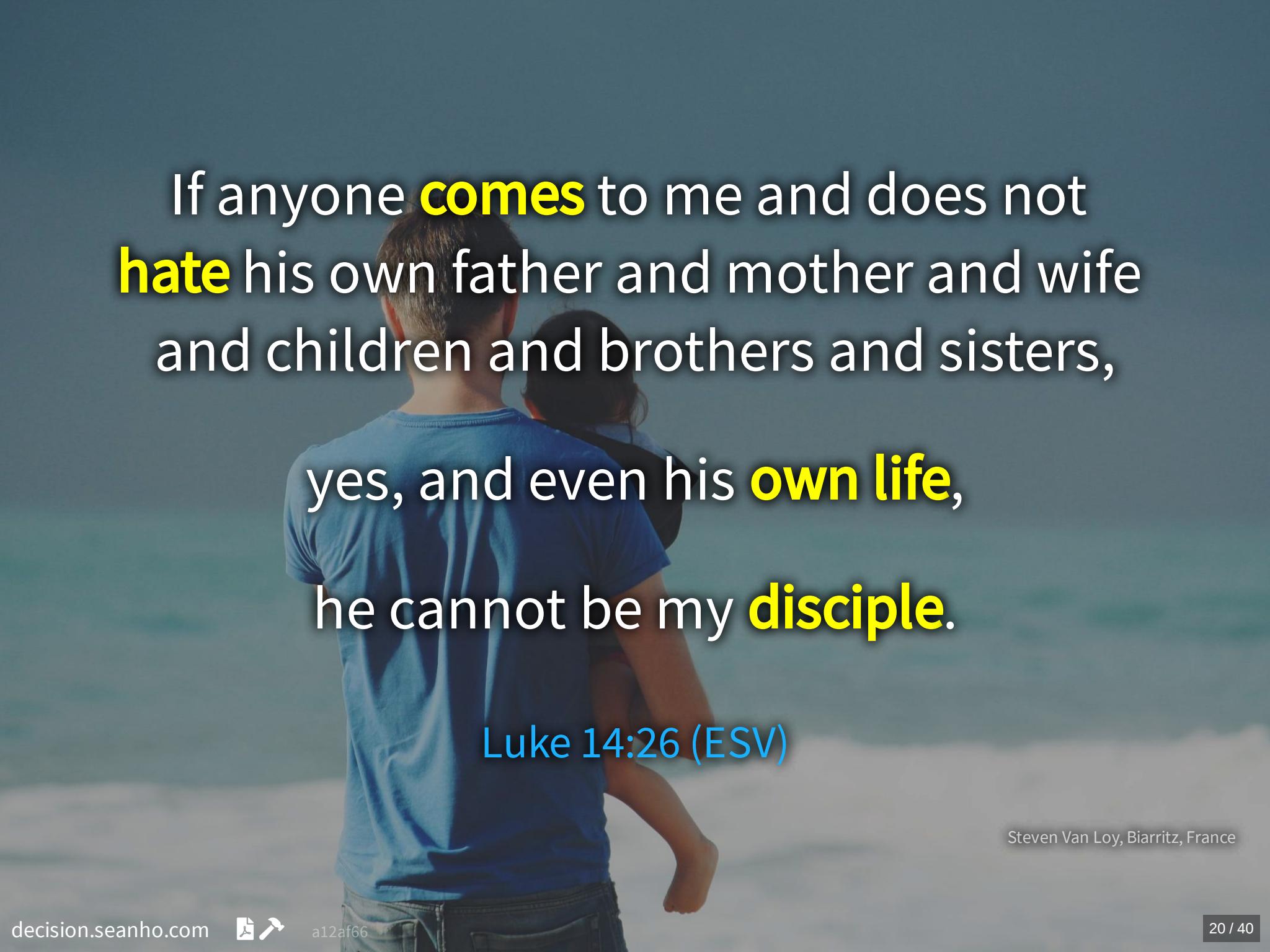
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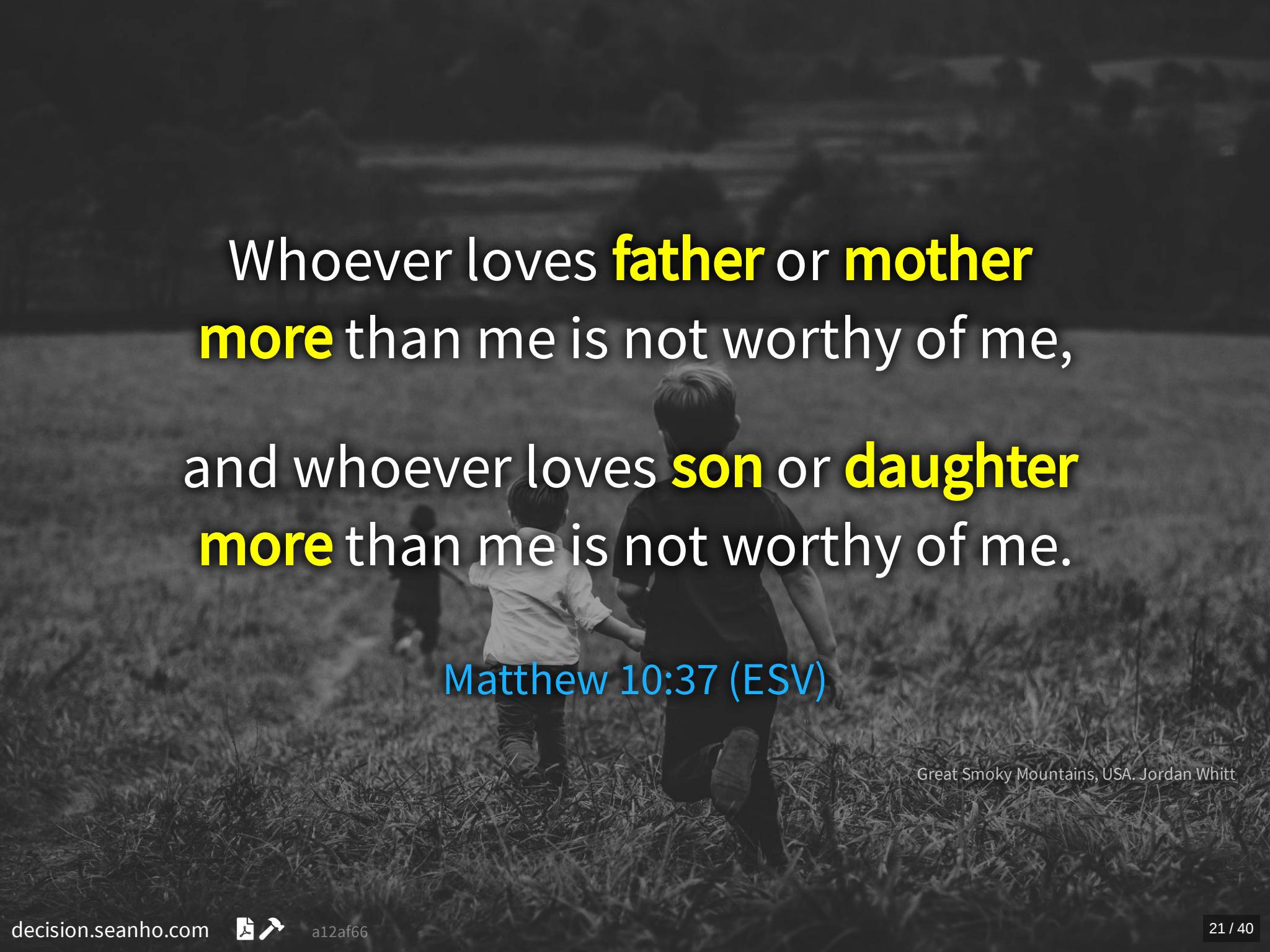
## 3. Remember Our Identity (v34-35)

A photograph showing the back of a man in a blue t-shirt and jeans walking away from the camera along a sandy beach towards the ocean. A young child is walking alongside him. The background is a bright, hazy sky over the water.

If anyone **comes** to me and does not  
**hate** his own father and mother and wife  
and children and brothers and sisters,  
yes, and even his **own life**,  
he cannot be my **disciple**.

Luke 14:26 (ESV)

Steven Van Loy, Biarritz, France



Whoever loves **father** or **mother**  
**more** than me is not worthy of me,  
and whoever loves **son** or **daughter**  
**more** than me is not worthy of me.

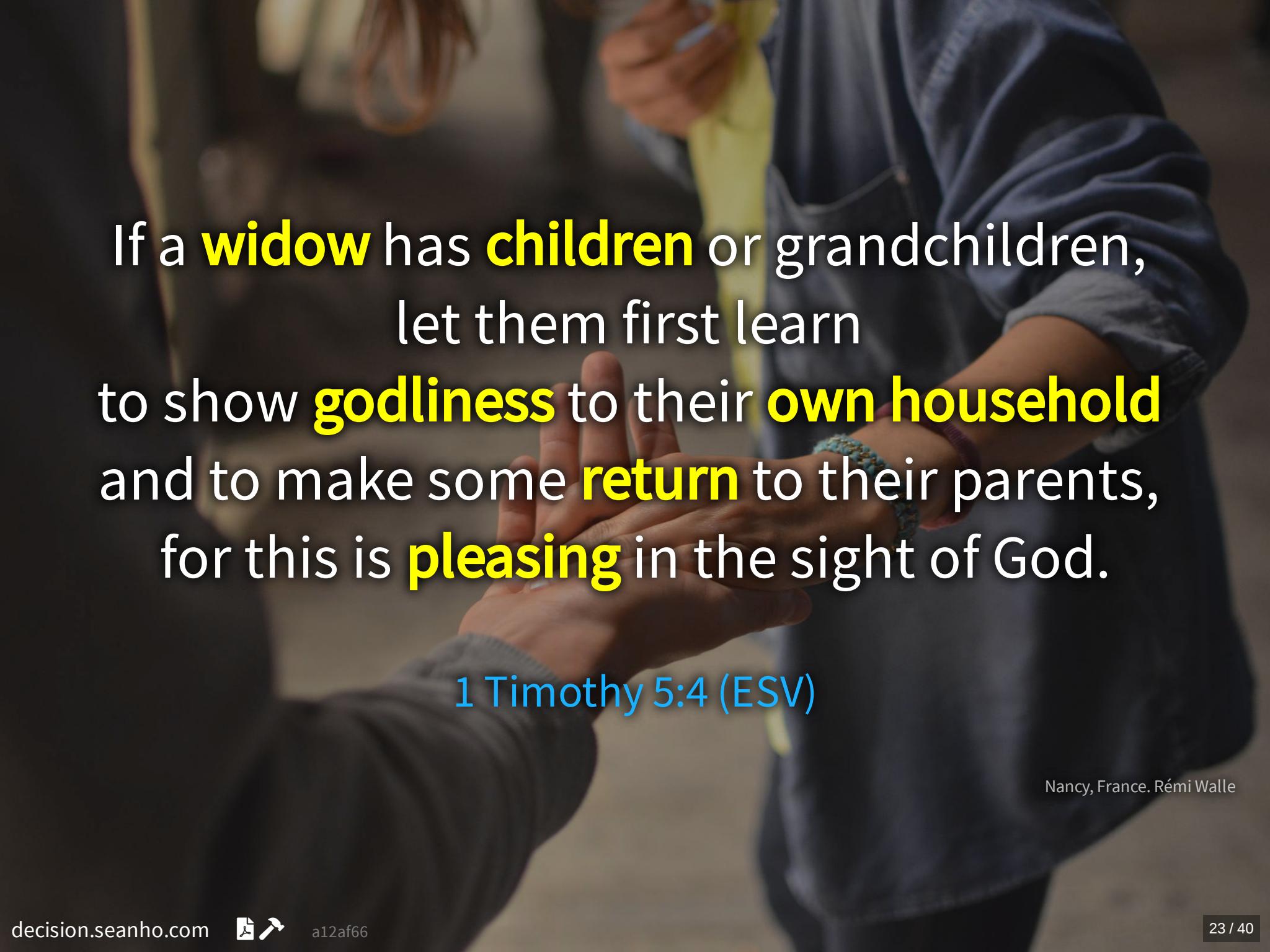
Matthew 10:37 (ESV)

Great Smoky Mountains, USA. Jordan Whitt

For this is the **message**  
that you have heard from the beginning,  
that we should **love one another**

15 Everyone who **hates** his brother  
is a **murderer**,  
and you know that no murderer  
has **eternal life** abiding in him

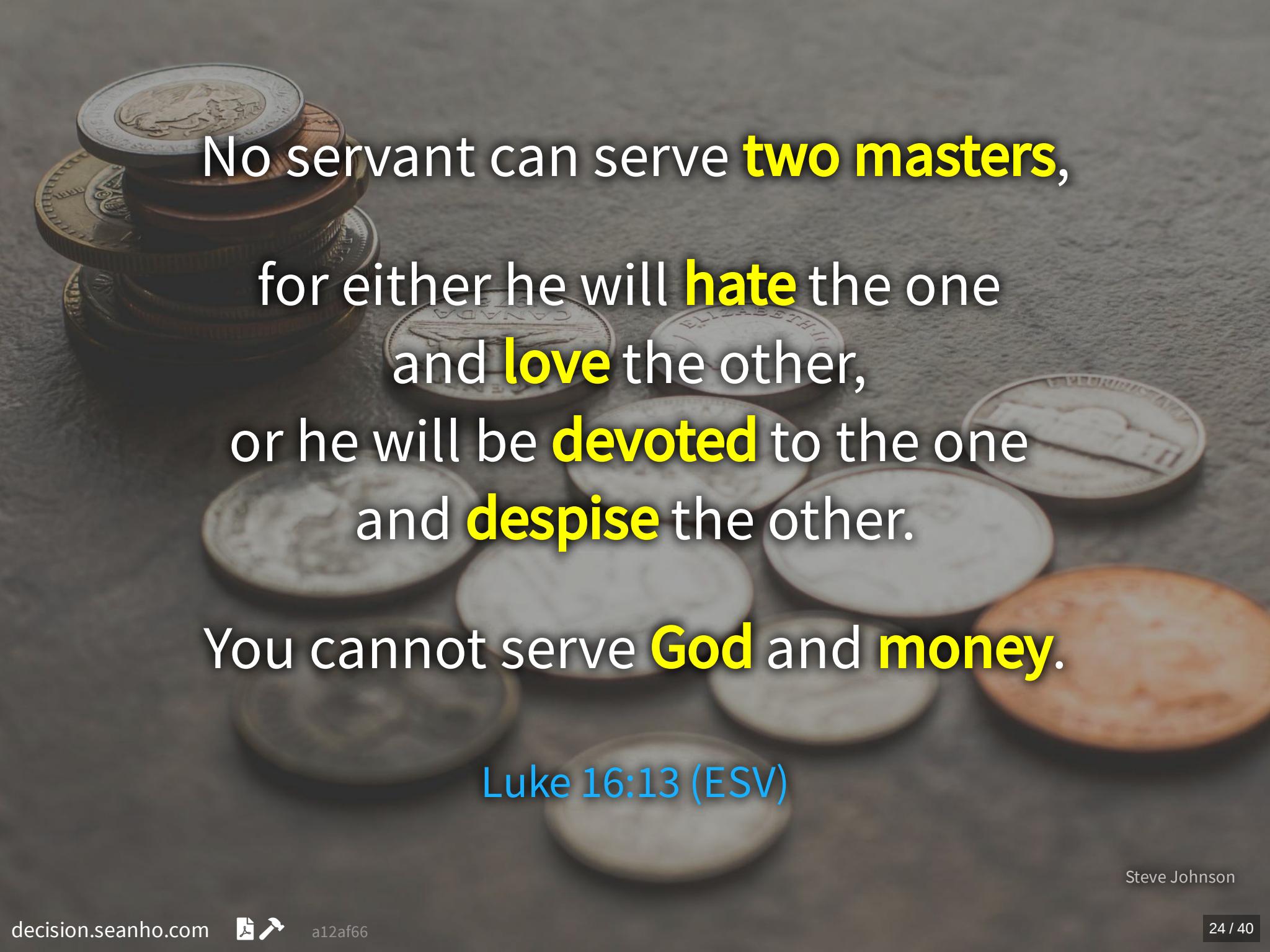
1 John 3:11,15 (ESV)



If a **widow** has **children** or grandchildren,  
let them first learn  
to show **godliness** to their **own household**  
and to make some **return** to their parents,  
for this is **pleasing** in the sight of God.

1 Timothy 5:4 (ESV)

Nancy, France. Rémi Walle

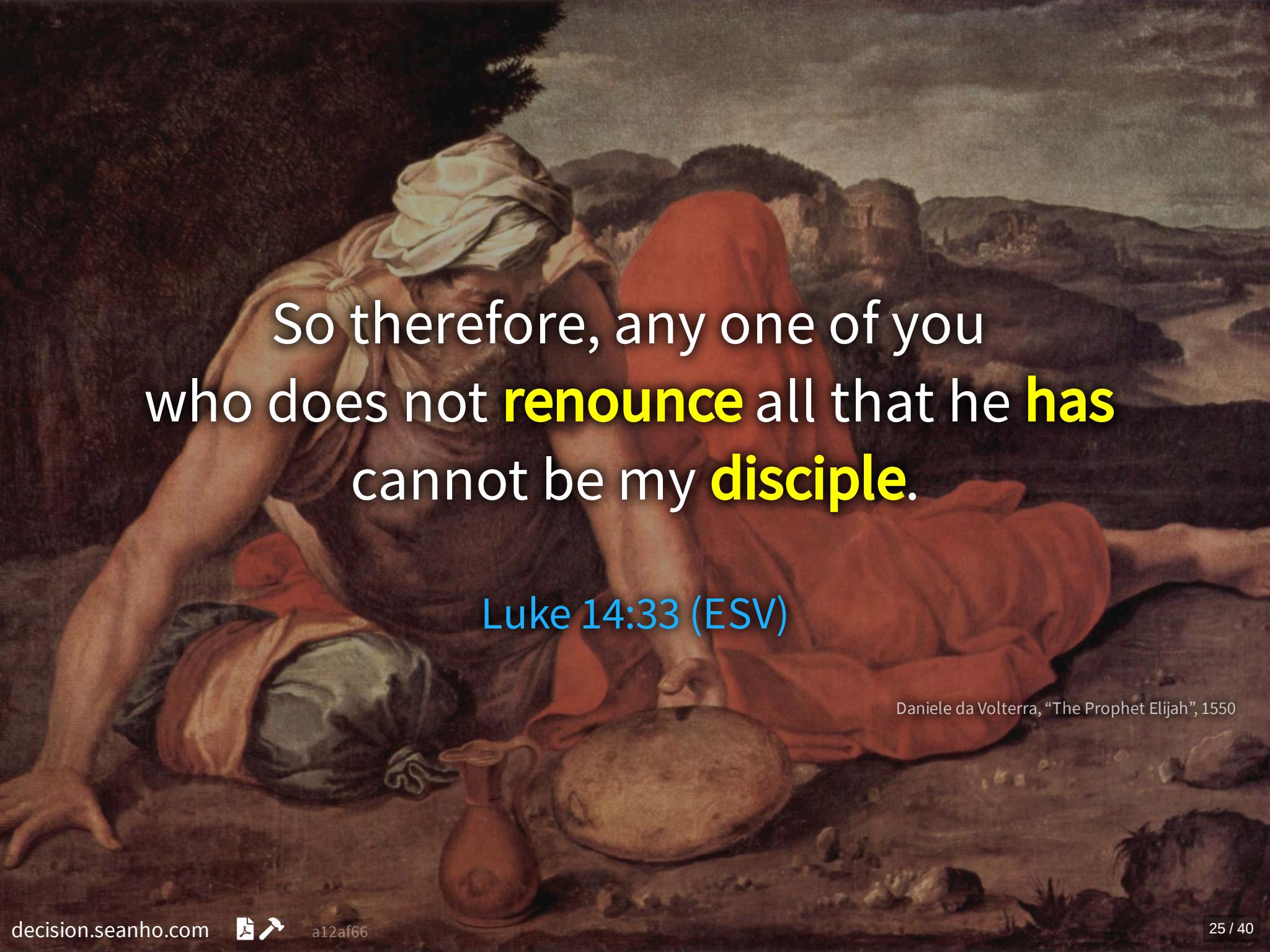
A photograph of a pile of Canadian coins (quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies) scattered on a textured, light-colored surface. The coins are in various orientations, some showing the profile of Queen Elizabeth II and others showing the Canadian maple leaf.

No servant can serve **two masters**,  
for either he will **hate** the one  
and **love** the other,  
or he will be **devoted** to the one  
and **despise** the other.

You cannot serve **God** and **money**.

Luke 16:13 (ESV)

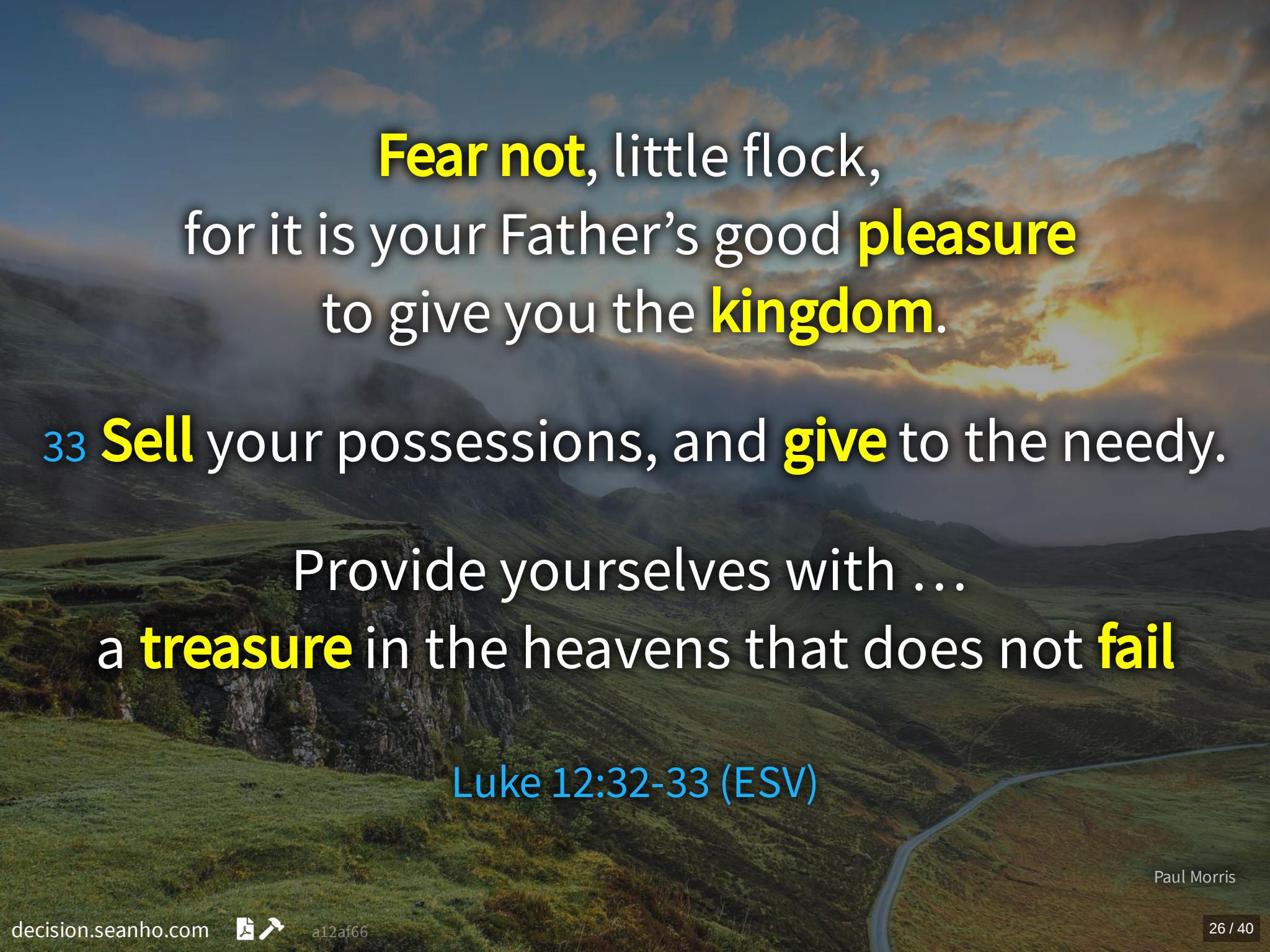
Steve Johnson



So therefore, any one of you  
who does not **renounce** all that he **has**  
cannot be my **disciple**.

Luke 14:33 (ESV)

Daniele da Volterra, "The Prophet Elijah", 1550



**Fear not**, little flock,  
for it is your Father's good **pleasure**  
to give you the **kingdom**.

33 **Sell** your possessions, and **give** to the needy.

Provide yourselves with ...  
**a treasure** in the heavens that does not **fail**

Luke 12:32-33 (ESV)

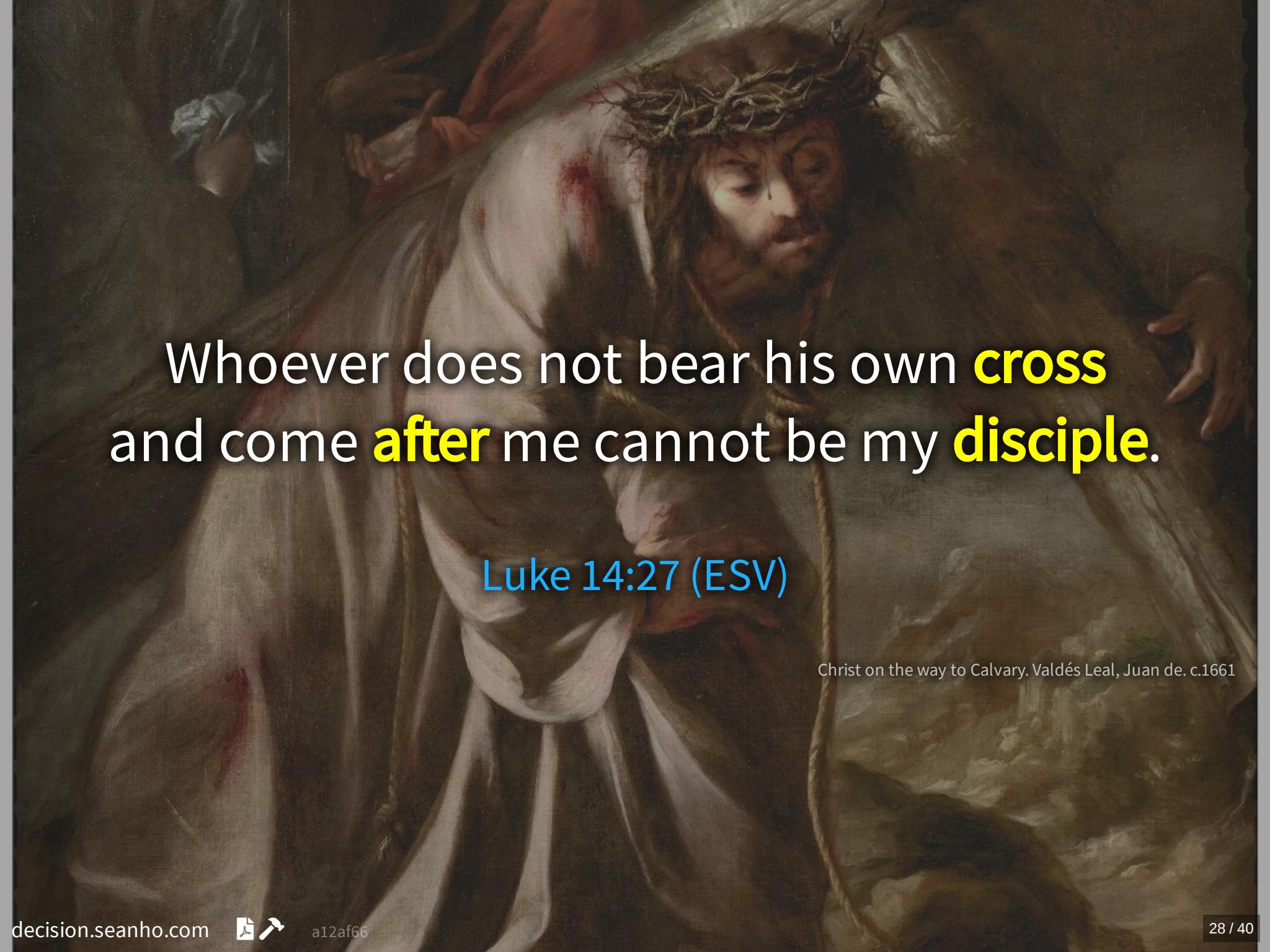
Paul Morris



If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** ...  
even his **own life**, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26 (ESV)

R. Dr. Manoel Miranda, Brazil. Samuel Martins



Whoever does not bear his own **cross**  
and come **after** me cannot be my **disciple**.

Luke 14:27 (ESV)

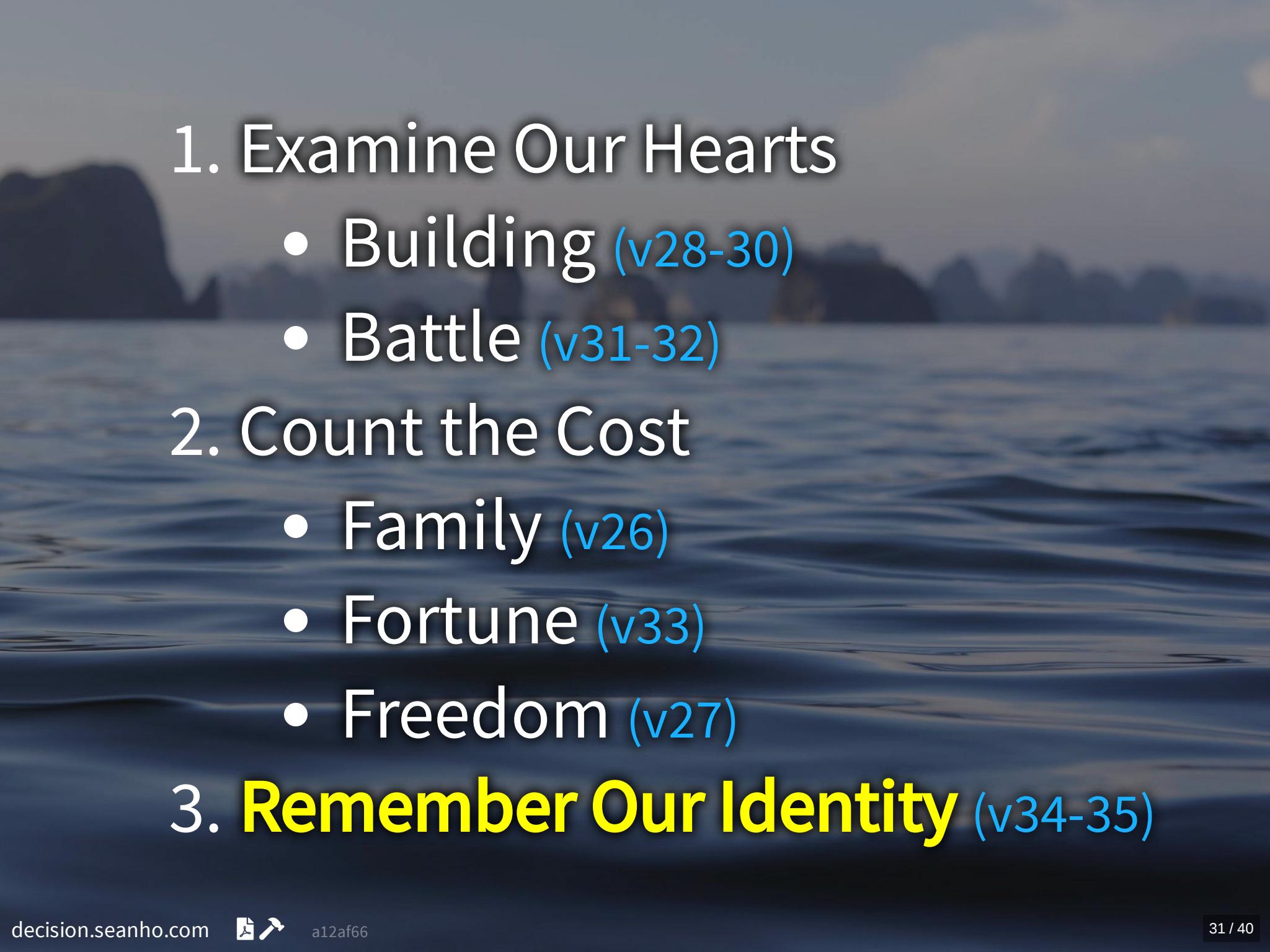
Christ on the way to Calvary. Valdés Leal, Juan de. c.1661

Always **carrying** in the body the **death** of Jesus,  
so that the **life** of Jesus  
may also be **manifested** in our bodies.

11 For we who live are always being  
given over to **death** for Jesus' sake,  
so that the **life** of Jesus also  
may be manifested in our mortal flesh

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 (ESV)

Am I willing to offer  
family, fortune,  
and freedom  
on the altar?

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“It is easier for a **camel**  
to go through the eye of a **needle**  
than for a **rich** person  
to enter the **kingdom of God.**”

26 And they were exceedingly **astonished**,  
and said to him, “Then **who** can be saved?”

Mark 10:25-26 (ESV)

Egypt. Mariam Soliman

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a calm sea. The sky is filled with warm, orange, and yellow hues, transitioning into cooler blues and purples at the top. In the foreground, dark, silhouetted rocks are visible along the shore. The water reflects the colors of the sky.

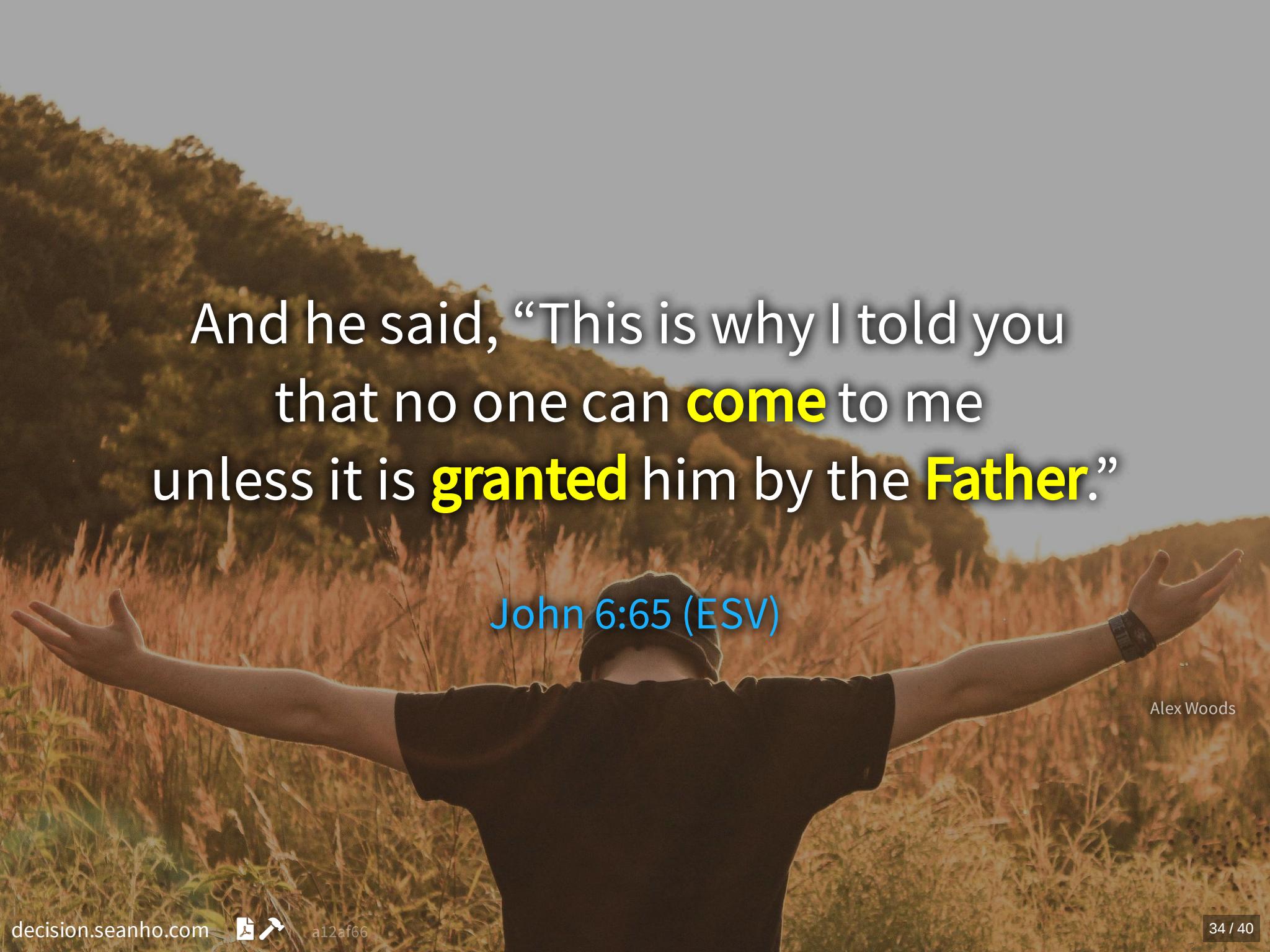
Jesus looked at them and said,

“With **man** it is impossible,  
but not with **God.**

For all things are **possible** with God.”

Mark 10:27 (ESV)

Thailand. Dominik QN

A photograph of a person from behind, standing in a field of tall, golden grass. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and has their arms raised wide open, palms facing forward. They are looking upwards towards the sky. The background shows a line of trees under a clear blue sky.

And he said, “This is why I told you  
that no one can **come** to me  
unless it is **granted** him by the **Father.**”

John 6:65 (ESV)

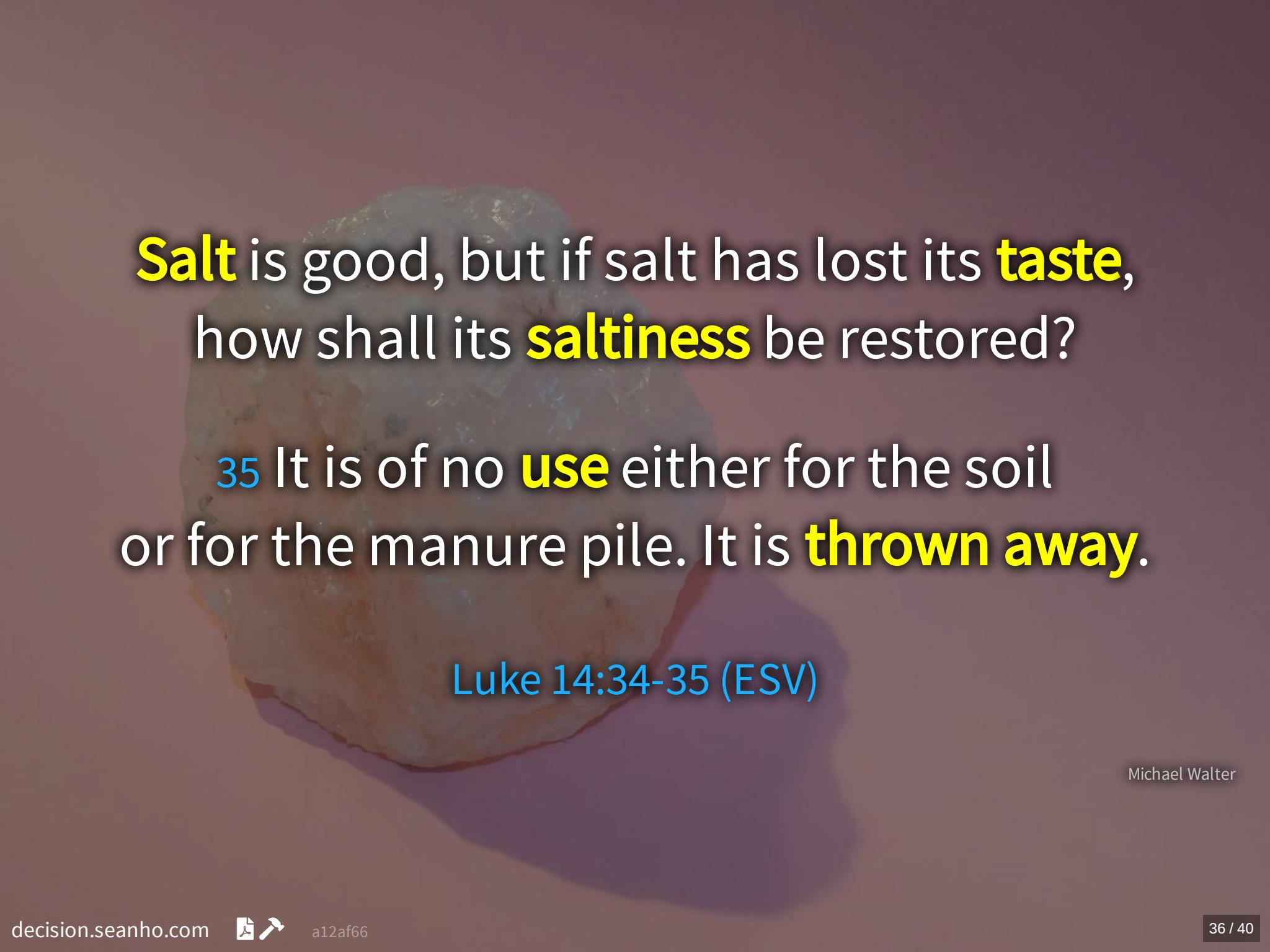
Alex Woods

“Do **you** want to go away as well?”

68 Simon Peter answered him,  
“Lord, to **whom** shall we go?”

You have the **words** of eternal life,  
69 and we have **believed**,  
and have come to **know**,  
that you are the **Holy One** of God.”

John 6:67-69 (ESV)

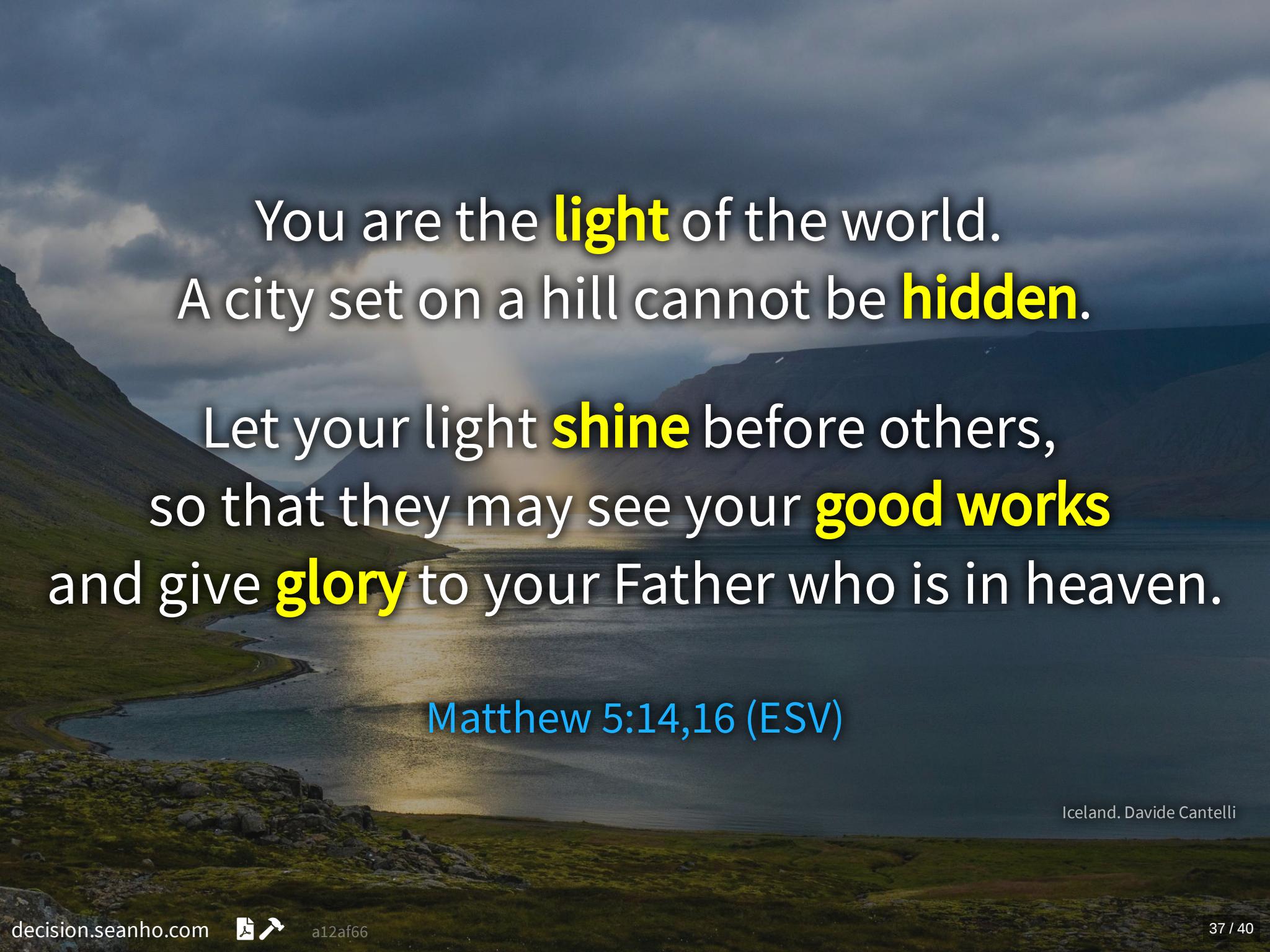


**Salt** is good, but if salt has lost its **taste**,  
how shall its **saltiness** be restored?

35 It is of no **use** either for the soil  
or for the manure pile. It is **thrown away**.

Luke 14:34-35 (ESV)

Michael Walter



You are the **light** of the world.  
A city set on a hill cannot be **hidden**.

Let your light **shine** before others,  
so that they may see your **good works**  
and give **glory** to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14,16 (ESV)

Iceland. Davide Cantelli



Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are **many**,  
are forgiven – for she loved **much**.

But he who is **forgiven** little, **loves** little.

Luke 7:47 (ESV)

Yuriria, Mexico. Cristian Newman

What can I do  
when I don't feel  
**salty or bright?**

