

A photograph of a lighthouse perched on a rocky cliff at night. The lighthouse is illuminated, casting a warm glow against the cool blue tones of the twilight sky. In the foreground, a stone walkway leads towards the lighthouse. The ocean waves are visible in the background, creating a sense of tranquility and depth.

Faith that Mourns Sin

James 4:4-10

How do I react to
conflict?

James: Keep the Faith

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)
- **Acts** (2:15-24)
- Tames the **Tongue** (3:6-10)
- Demonstrates **Wisdom** (3:13-18)
- **Mourns** Sin (4:4-10)



4 You **adulterous** people, don't you know that **friendship** with the **world** means enmity against God?

Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an **enemy of God.**

5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he **jealously longs** for the **spirit** he has caused to dwell in us?

6 But he gives us more **grace**.

That is why Scripture says:

“God **opposes** the **proud**
but shows **favor** to the **humble**.”

7 **Submit** yourselves, then, to God.

Resist the devil, and he will **flee** from you.

8 Come **near** to God

and he will come near to you.

James 4:6-8 (NIV) (p.2/3)

Wash your hands, you **sinners**, and
purify your hearts, you **double-minded**.

9 **Grieve**, mourn and wail.
Change your laughter to **mourning**
and your joy to **gloom**.

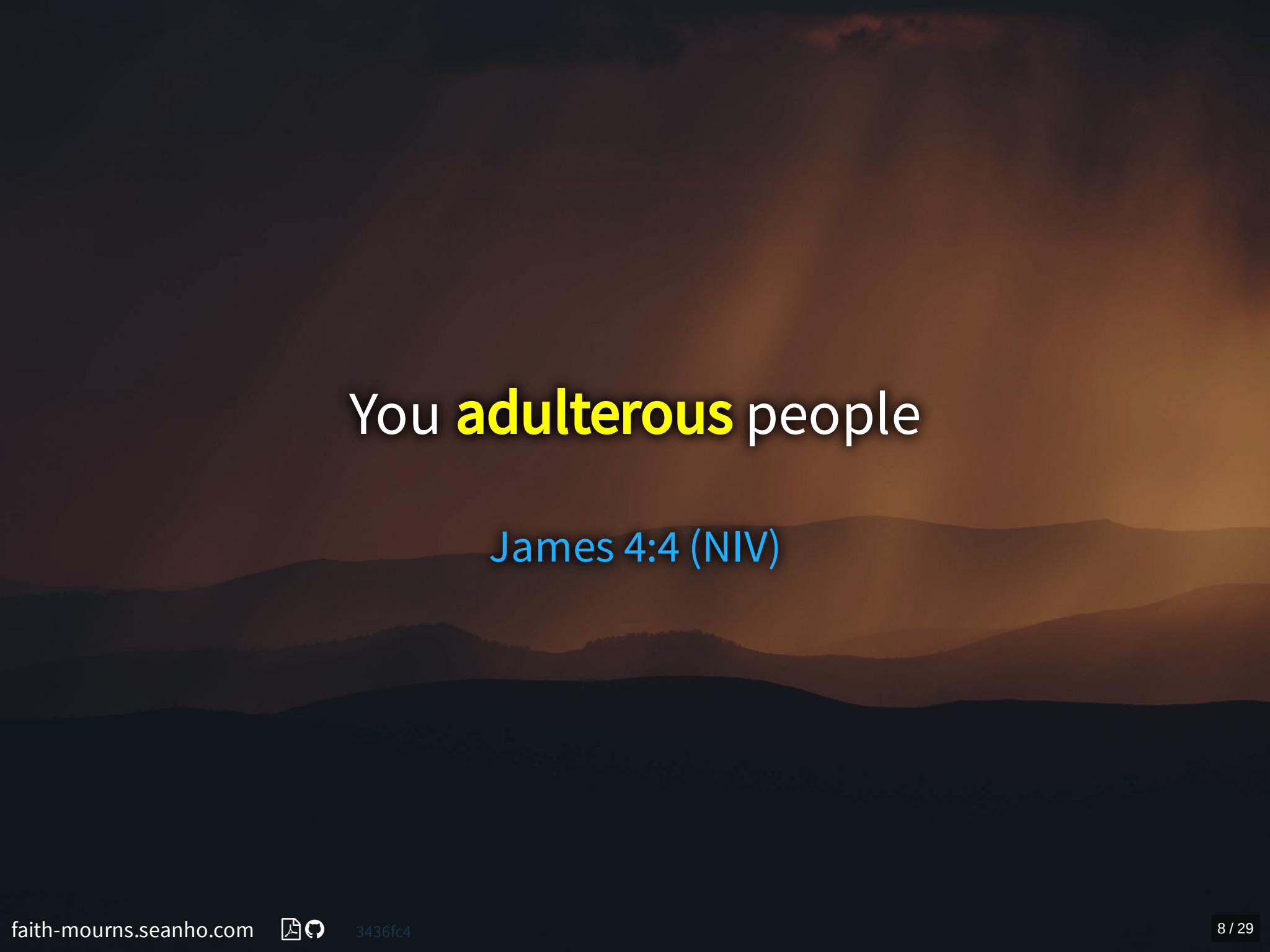
10 **Humble** yourselves before the Lord,
and he will **lift** you up.

James 4:8-10 (NIV) (p.3/3)

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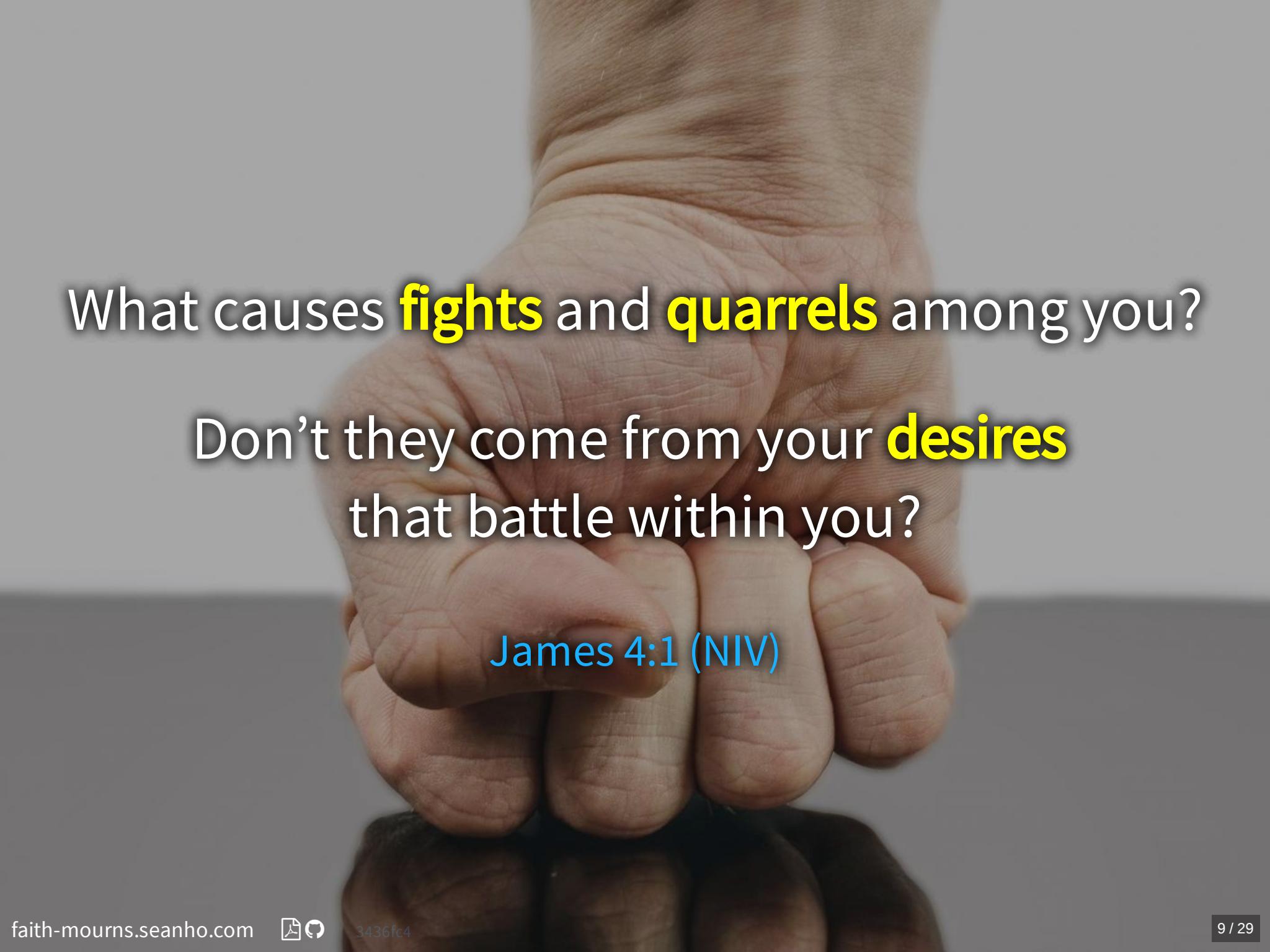
(James 4b)

1. Adulterers (v4-6)
2. A New Direction (v7-8)
3. Good Grief (v9-10)



You **adulterous** people

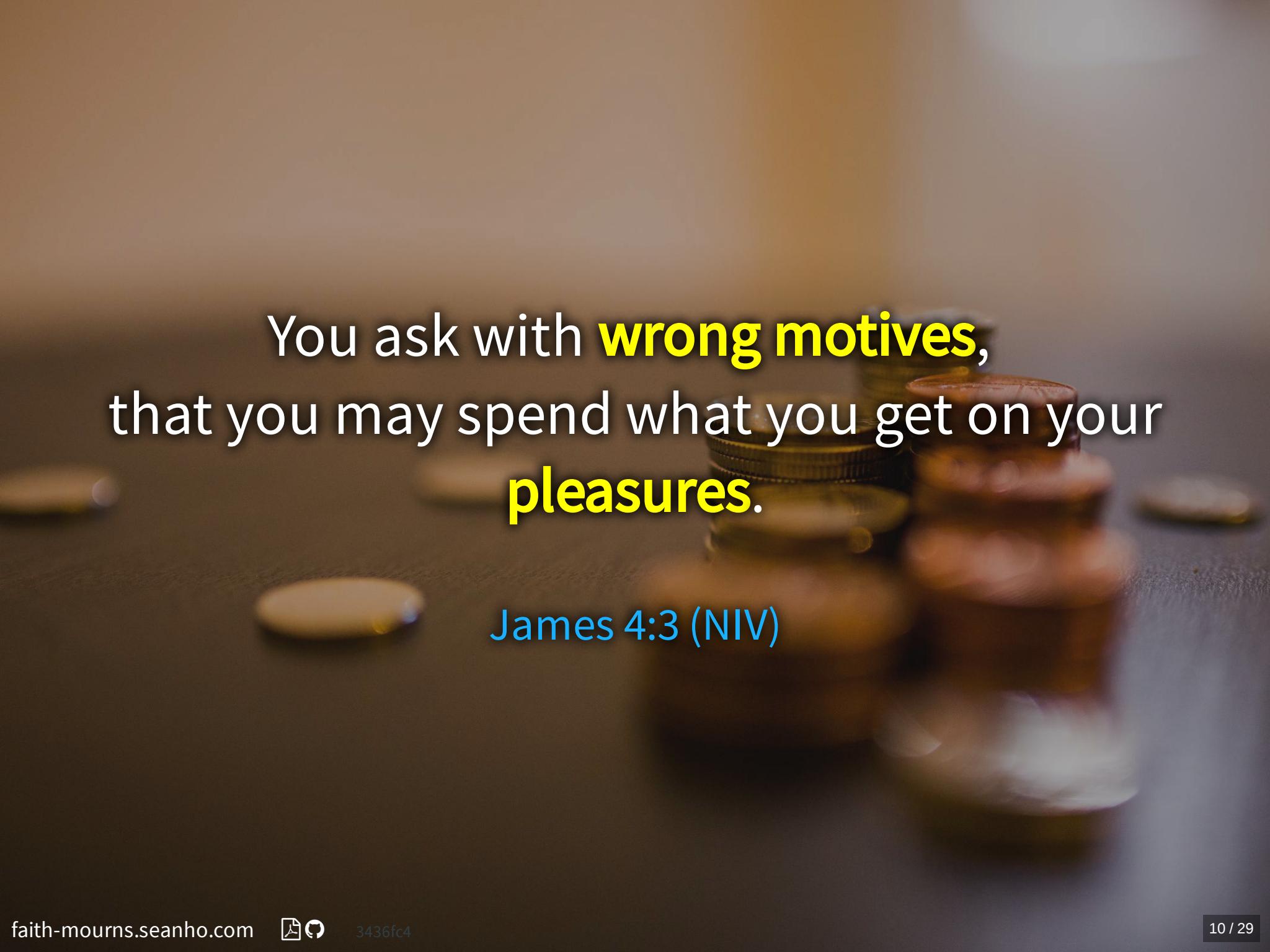
James 4:4 (NIV)



What causes **fights** and **quarrels** among you?

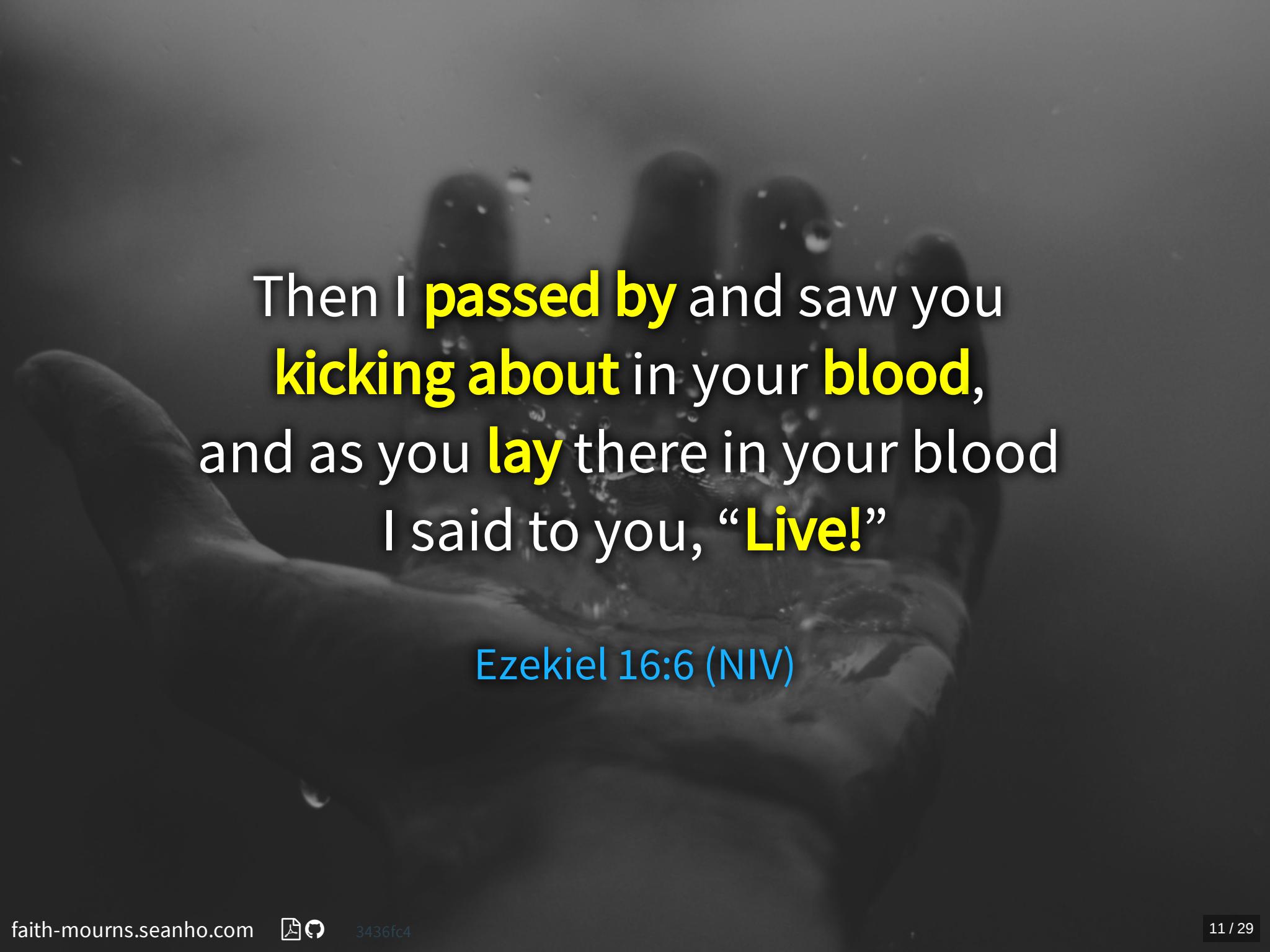
Don't they come from your **desires**
that battle within you?

James 4:1 (NIV)



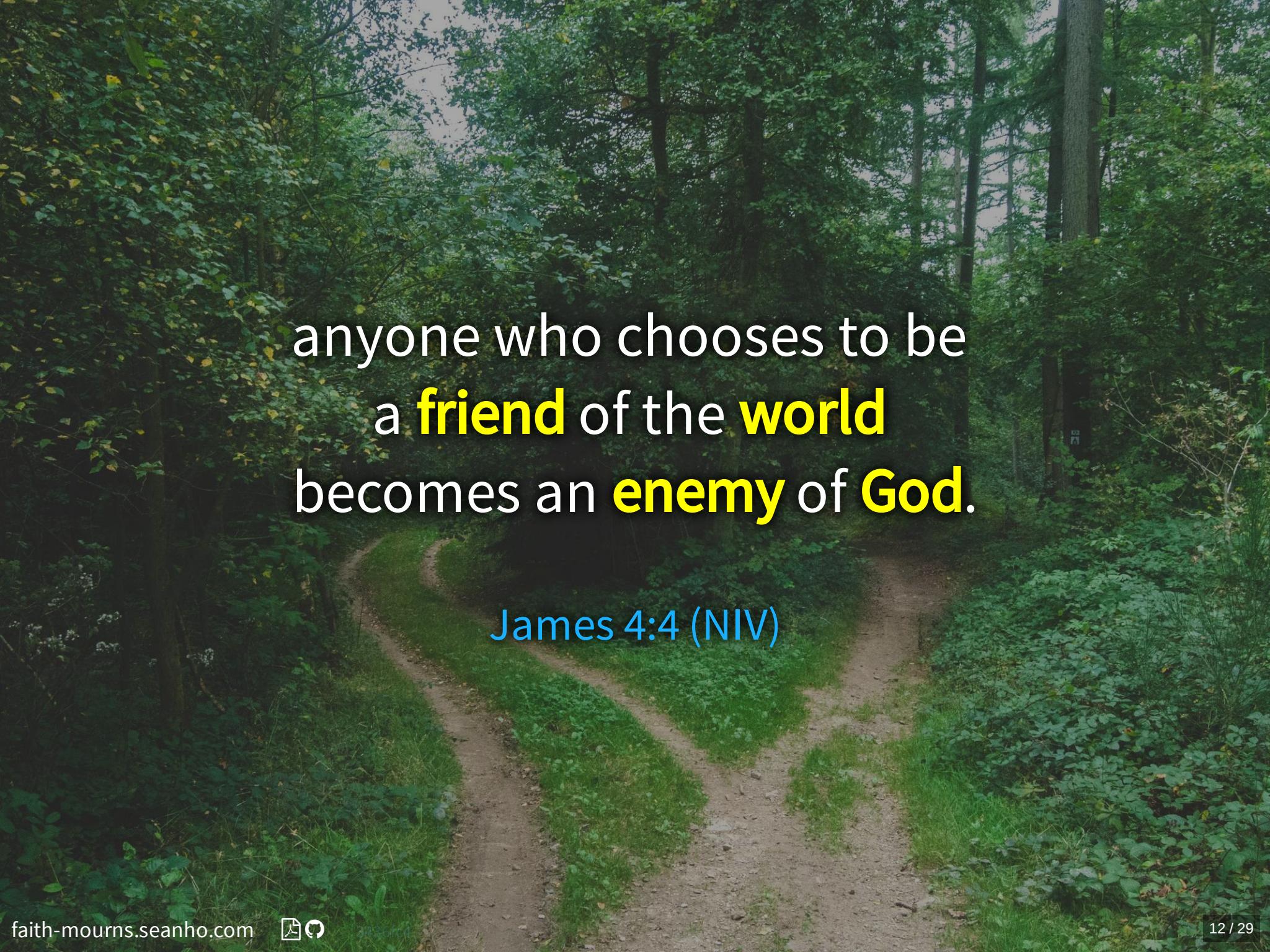
You ask with **wrong motives**,
that you may spend what you get on your
pleasures.

James 4:3 (NIV)



Then I **passed by** and saw you
kicking about in your **blood**,
and as you **lay** there in your blood
I said to you, “**Live!**”

Ezekiel 16:6 (NIV)

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. The path is surrounded by tall trees and lush green undergrowth. The lighting suggests a bright day, with sunlight filtering through the canopy.

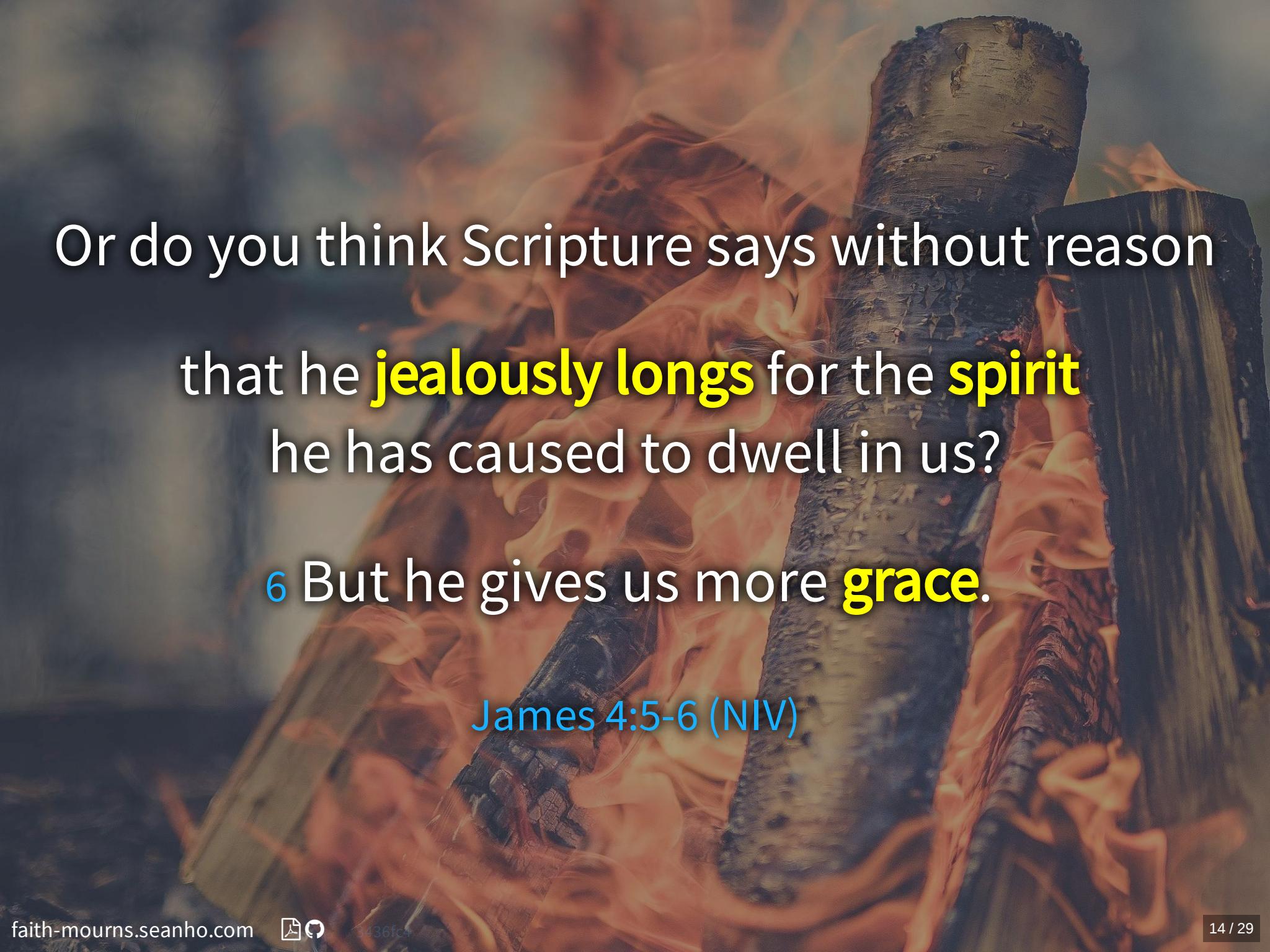
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a **friend** of the **world**
becomes an **enemy** of **God**.

James 4:4 (NIV)

For the **flesh** desires
what is contrary to the **Spirit**,
and the Spirit what is **contrary** to the flesh.

They are in **conflict** with each other,
so that you are not to do whatever you **want**.

Galatians 5:17 (NIV)



Or do you think Scripture says without reason
that he **jealously longs** for the **spirit**
he has caused to dwell in us?

6 But he gives us more **grace**.

James 4:5-6 (NIV)

**What quarrels
have I had?**

**What selfish desires
of mine caused them?**

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James 4:6 (NIV)

A photograph of a person from the waist up, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and has their arms raised wide open towards the sky. The background shows rolling hills under a clear blue sky.

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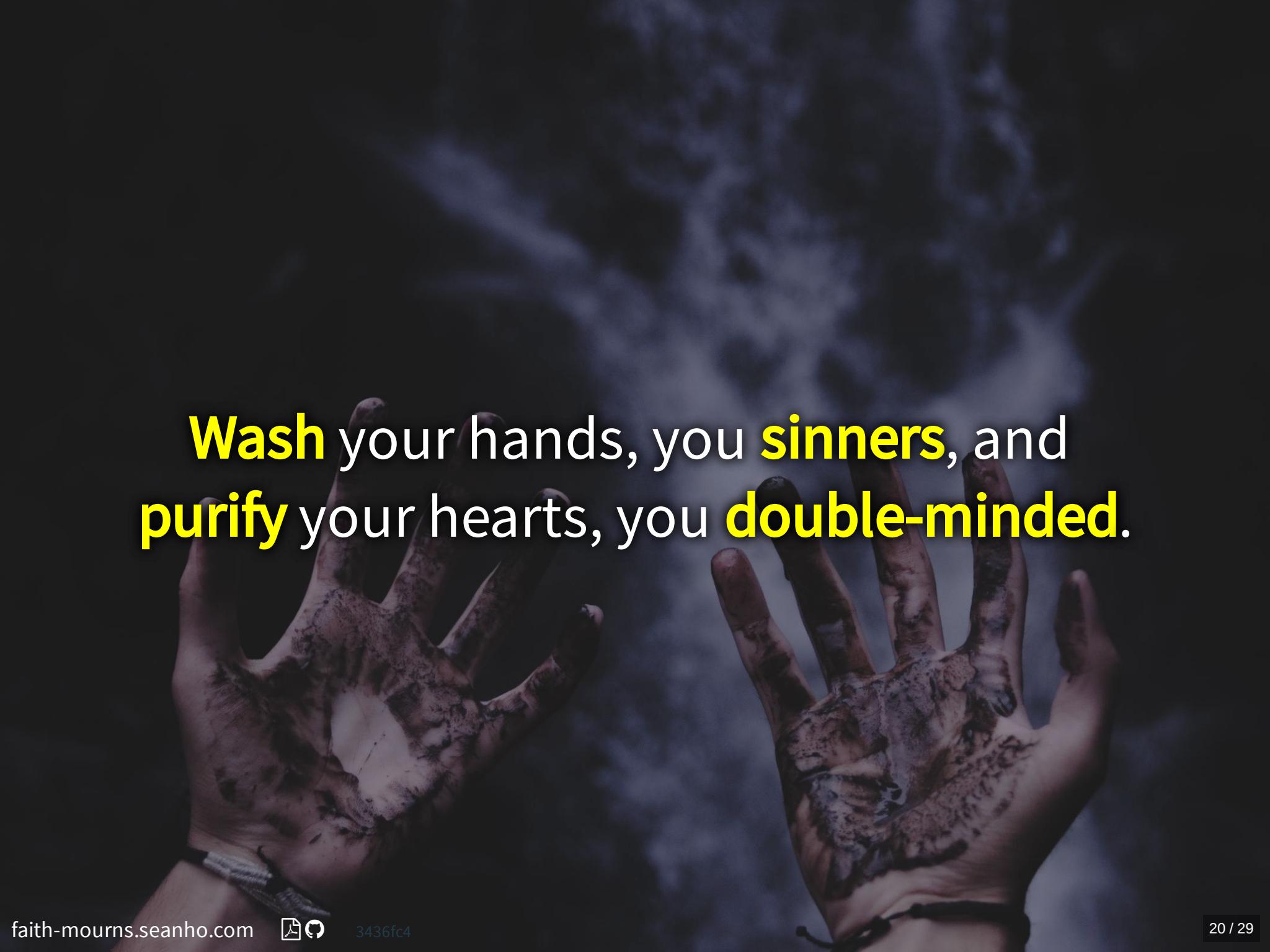
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James 4:7-8 (NIV)



My **sacrifice**, O God, is a **broken spirit**;
a broken and **contrite heart**
you, God, will not despise.

Psalm 51:17 (NIV)



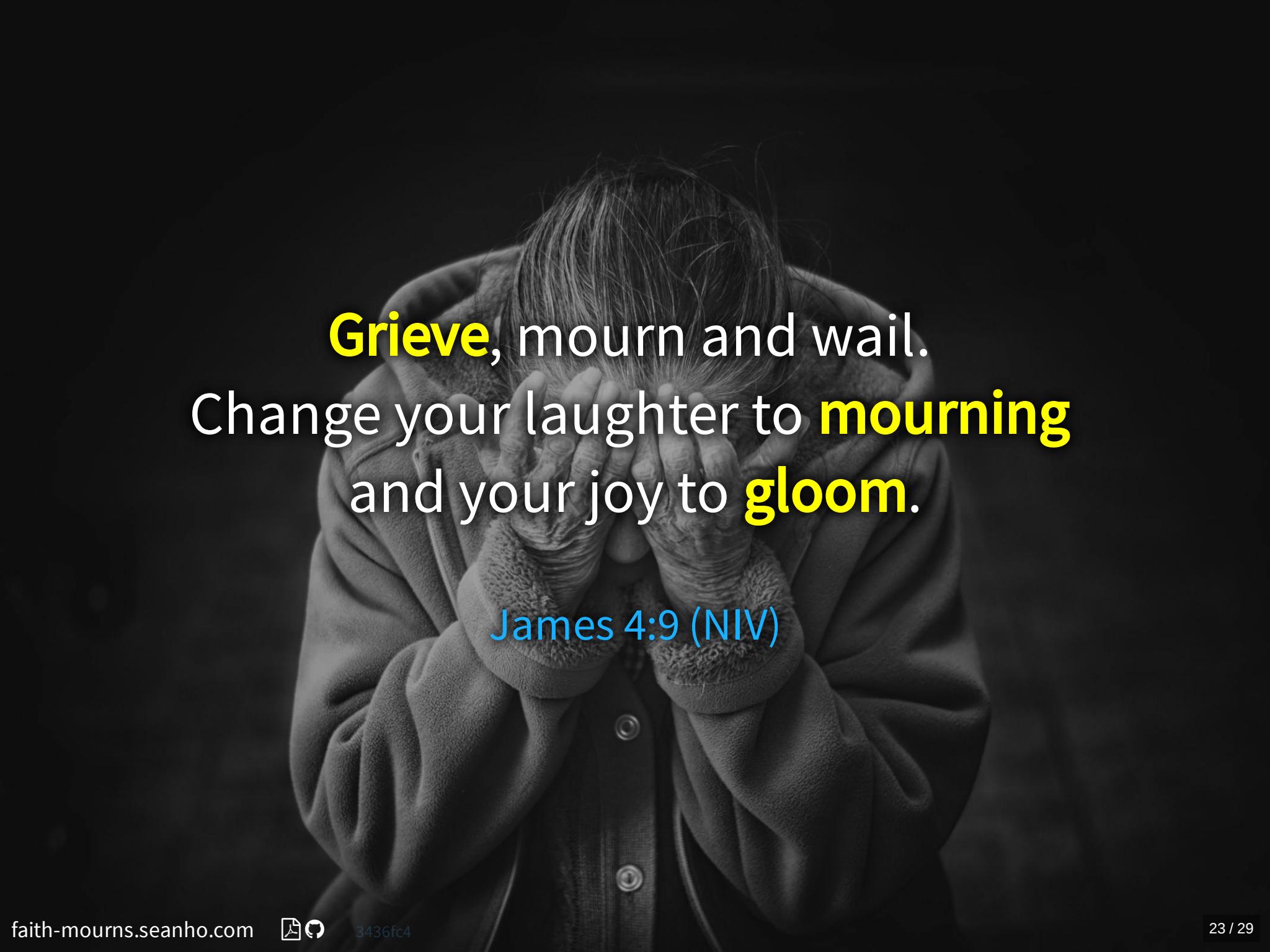
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Have I been
proud before God
and unwilling to
submit to Him?

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A black and white photograph of a person sitting with their head in their hands, appearing distressed or sorrowful.

Grieve, mourn and wail.
Change your laughter to **mourning**
and your joy to **gloom**.

James 4:9 (NIV)

Godly sorrow brings **repentance**
that leads to **salvation** and leaves **no regret**,
but worldly sorrow brings **death**.

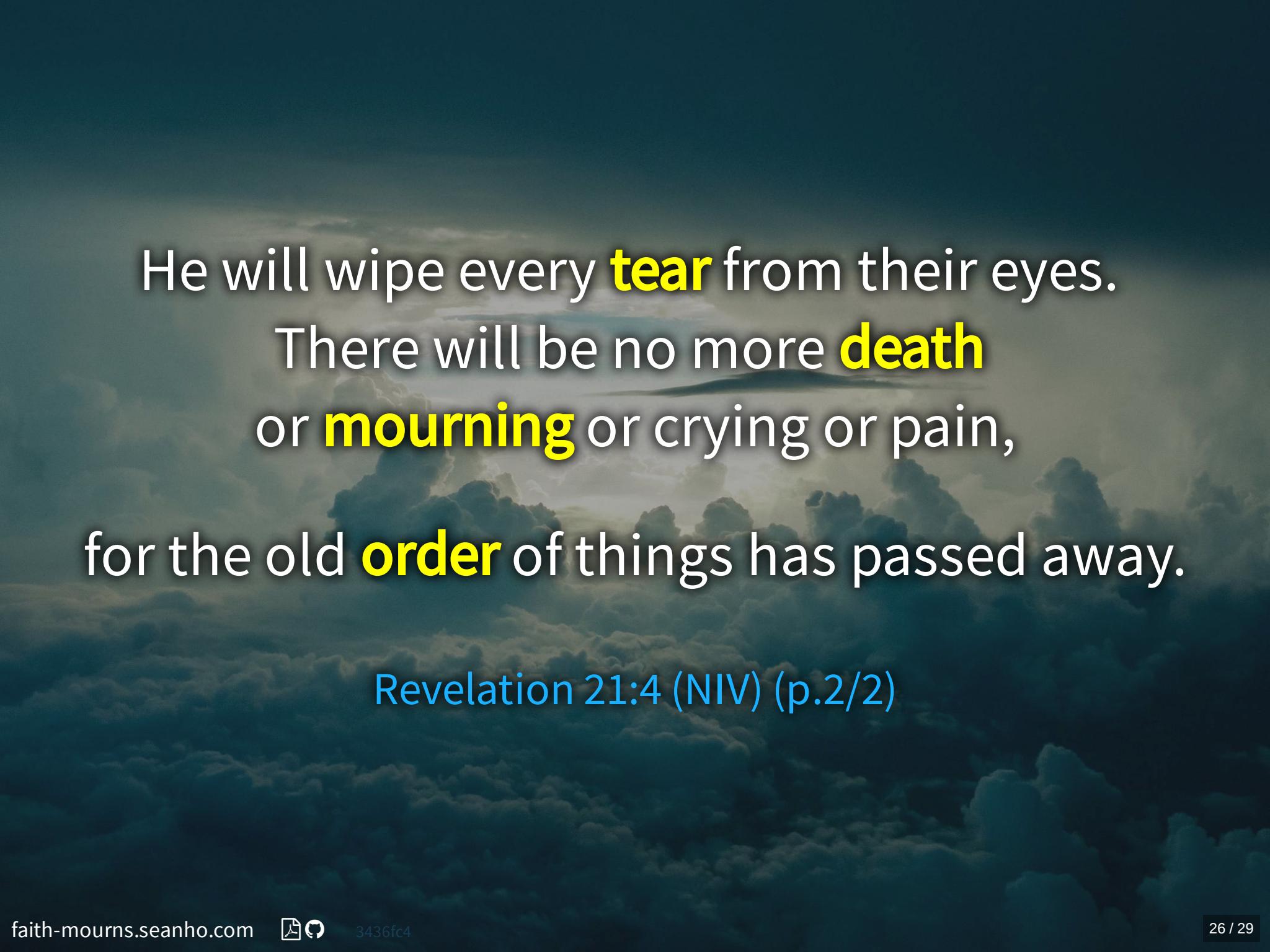
2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)



Look! God's **dwelling place**
is now **among** the people,
and he will **dwell** with them.

They will be **his people**,
and God himself will be **with them**
and be **their God**.

Revelation 21:3 (NIV) (p.1/2)



He will wipe every **tear** from their eyes.
There will be no more **death**
or **mourning** or crying or pain,
for the old **order** of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:4 (NIV) (p.2/2)

Has my sorrow over
sin
led to repentance,
or to regret?

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James 4:10 (NIV)

