

Faith that Looks to Christ's Return

James 5:1-11

Am I **ready** for
Christ's return?

James: Keep the Faith



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| 1: | Stands the Test | Change of Heart |
| 2: | Loves Impartially | Acts |
| 3: | Tames the Tongue | Shows Wisdom |
| 4: | Mourns Sin | Is Humble |
| 5: | Looks to Christ's
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1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you.

2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.

3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire.

James 5:1-3 (NIV) (p.1/6)

You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

4 Look! The wages you failed to pay
the workers who mowed your fields
are crying out against you.

The cries of the harvesters have reached
the ears of the Lord Almighty.

James 5:3-4 (NIV) (p.2/6)

5 You have lived on earth
in luxury and self-indulgence.
You have fattened yourselves
in the day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and murdered
the innocent one,
who was not opposing you.

James 5:5-6 (NIV) (p.3/6)

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters,
until the Lord's coming.

See how the farmer waits for the land
to yield its valuable crop,
patiently waiting
for the autumn and spring rains.

8 You too, be patient and stand firm,
because the Lord's coming is near.

9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.

The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

James 5:9-10 (NIV) (p.5/6)

11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered.

You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:11 (NIV) (p.6/6)

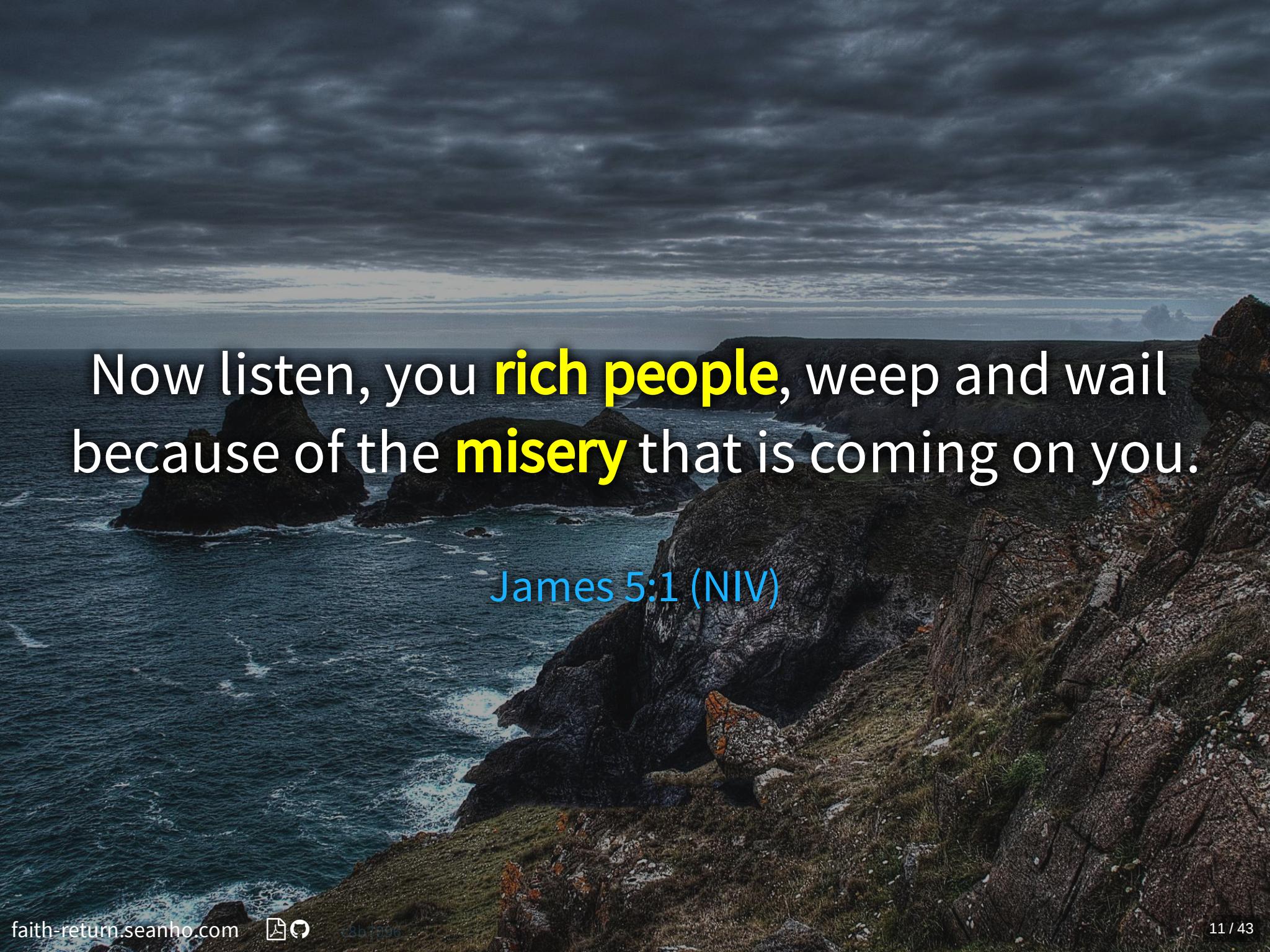
Looking to Christ's Return

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- a. Money **Rusts** (v1-3)
- b. Wages **Cry Out** (v4)
- c. Standard of Living Has a **Cost** (v5-6)

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- a. **Active** Waiting (v7-8)
- b. No **Grumbling** (v9)
- c. Example of the **Prophets** (v10-11)

The background of the image is a dramatic, dark-colored photograph of a coastline. The foreground shows rugged, mossy rock formations and grassy slopes overlooking a dark blue, choppy sea. The middle ground features more rocky outcrops and a distant shoreline under a heavy, overcast sky filled with dark, textured clouds.

Now listen, you **rich people**, weep and wail
because of the **misery** that is coming on you.

James 5:1 (NIV)

The Disadvantage of Wealth

The **rich** should take pride in their **humiliation**,
since they will pass away like a **wild flower**. (1:10)

“We will carry on business and **make money**“ –
What is your **life**? You are a **mist** ... (4:13-14)

Is it not the **rich** who are **exploiting** you? (2:6)

A close-up photograph of a stack of gold coins inside a clear glass jar. The jar is filled with coins, and its lid is visible on top. The background is dark and slightly blurred.

Your wealth has **rotted**,
and **moths** have eaten your clothes.

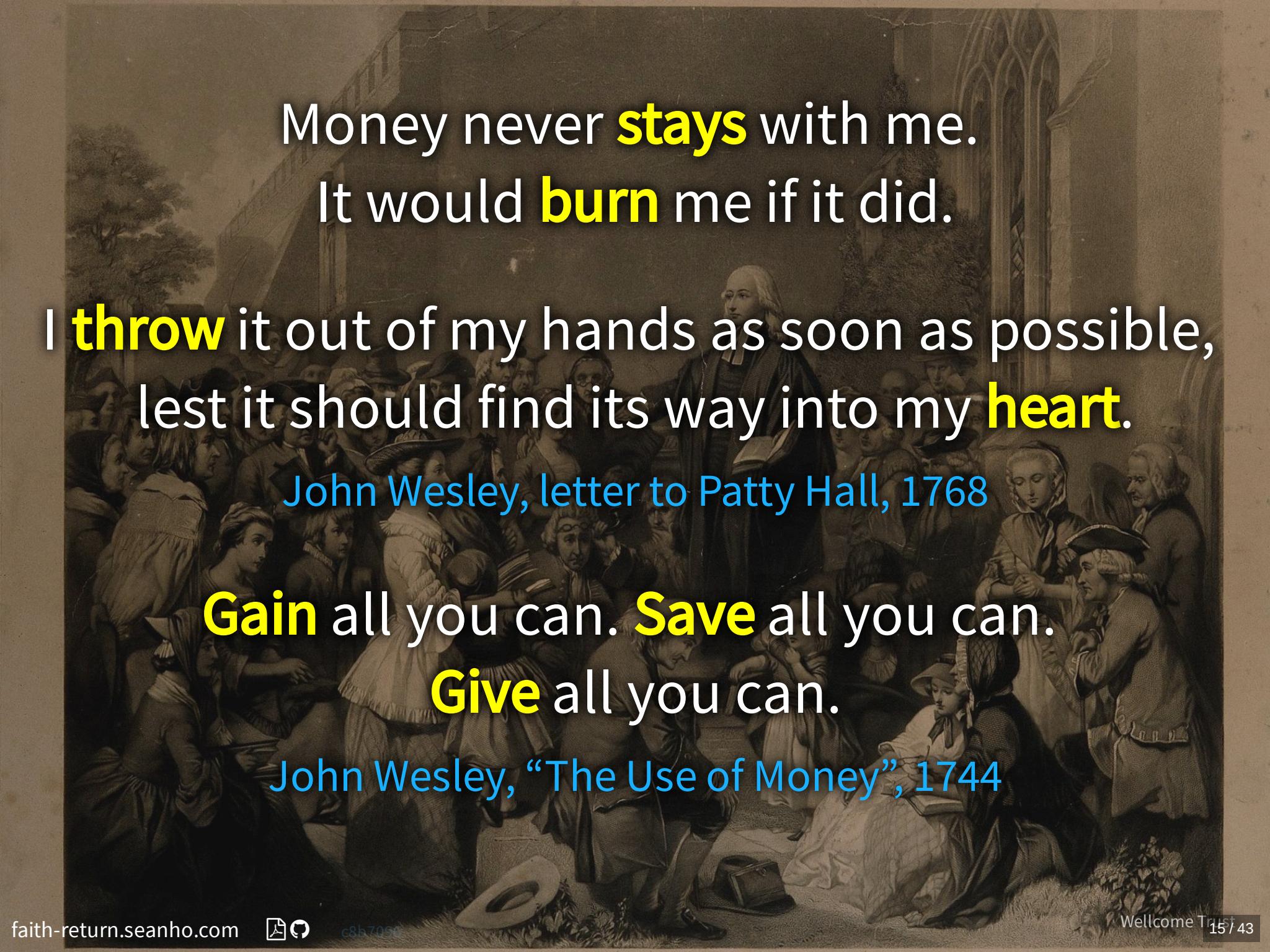
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James 5:2,3 (NIV)



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and **eat** your flesh like fire.

James 5:3 (NIV)



Money never **stays** with me.

It would **burn** me if it did.

I **throw** it out of my hands as soon as possible,
lest it should find its way into my **heart**.

John Wesley, letter to Patty Hall, 1768

Gain all you can. **Save** all you can.

Give all you can.

John Wesley, “The Use of Money”, 1744

**Have I trusted
in wealth as
my safety net?**

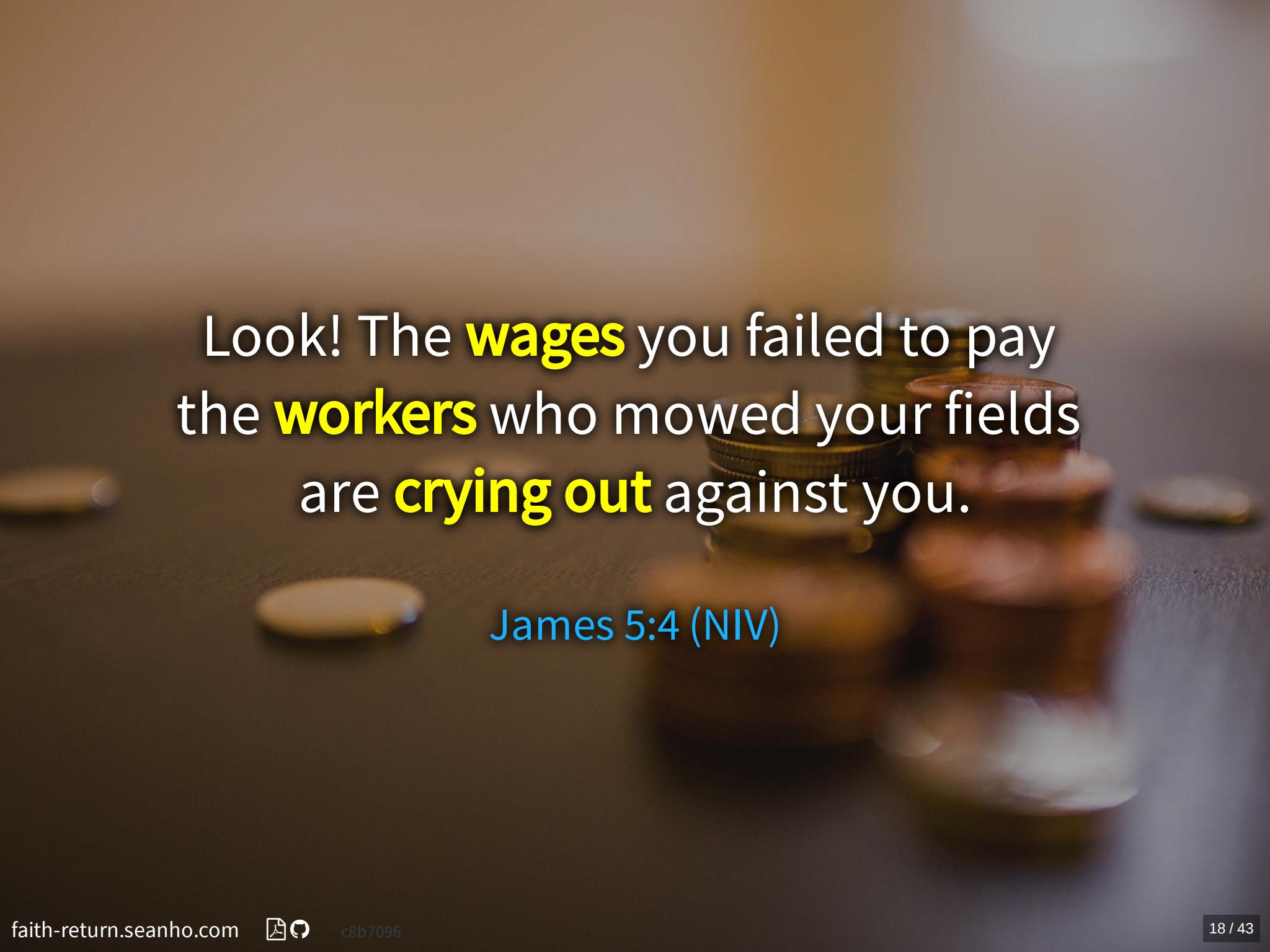
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A stack of gold coins of various sizes is arranged in a pyramid-like shape on a dark, textured surface. The coins are shiny and reflective, catching some light. In the background, more coins are scattered across the surface.

Look! The **wages** you failed to pay
the **workers** who mowed your fields
are **crying out** against you.

James 5:4 (NIV)

“You have **plenty** of grain
laid up for many **years**.

Take life **easy**; eat, drink and be **merry**.”

20 But God said to him, “You **fool!**

This very night your **life**
will be demanded from you.

Then **who** will get
what you have prepared for yourself?”

Luke 12:19-20 (NIV)

A photograph of a field of tall, golden-brown grasses, likely wheat or barley, swaying in the wind. The sky above is a clear, pale blue.

The **cries** of the harvesters have reached
the ears of the **Lord Almighty.**

James 5:4 (NIV)

**What is
the purpose of
saving money?**

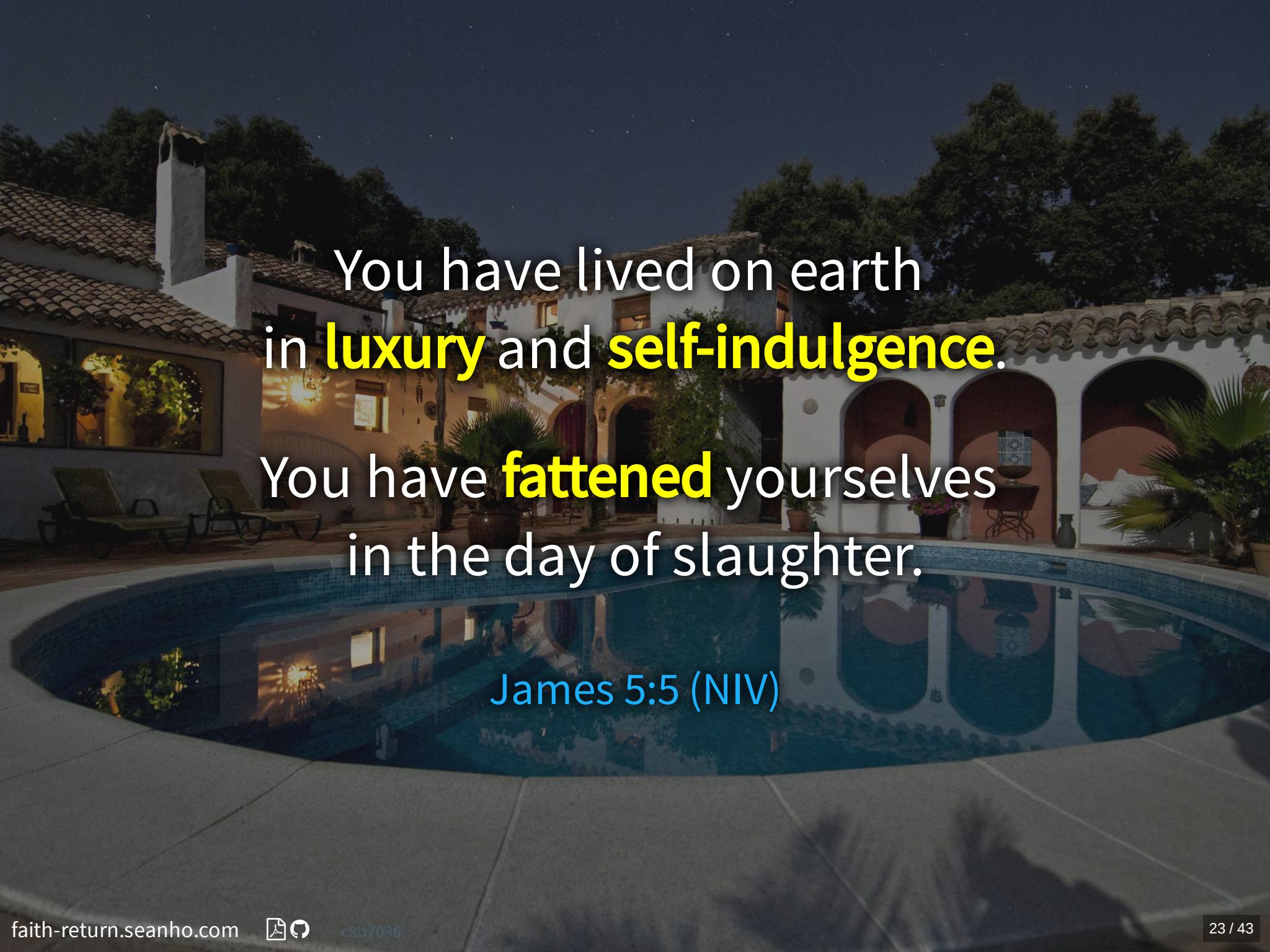
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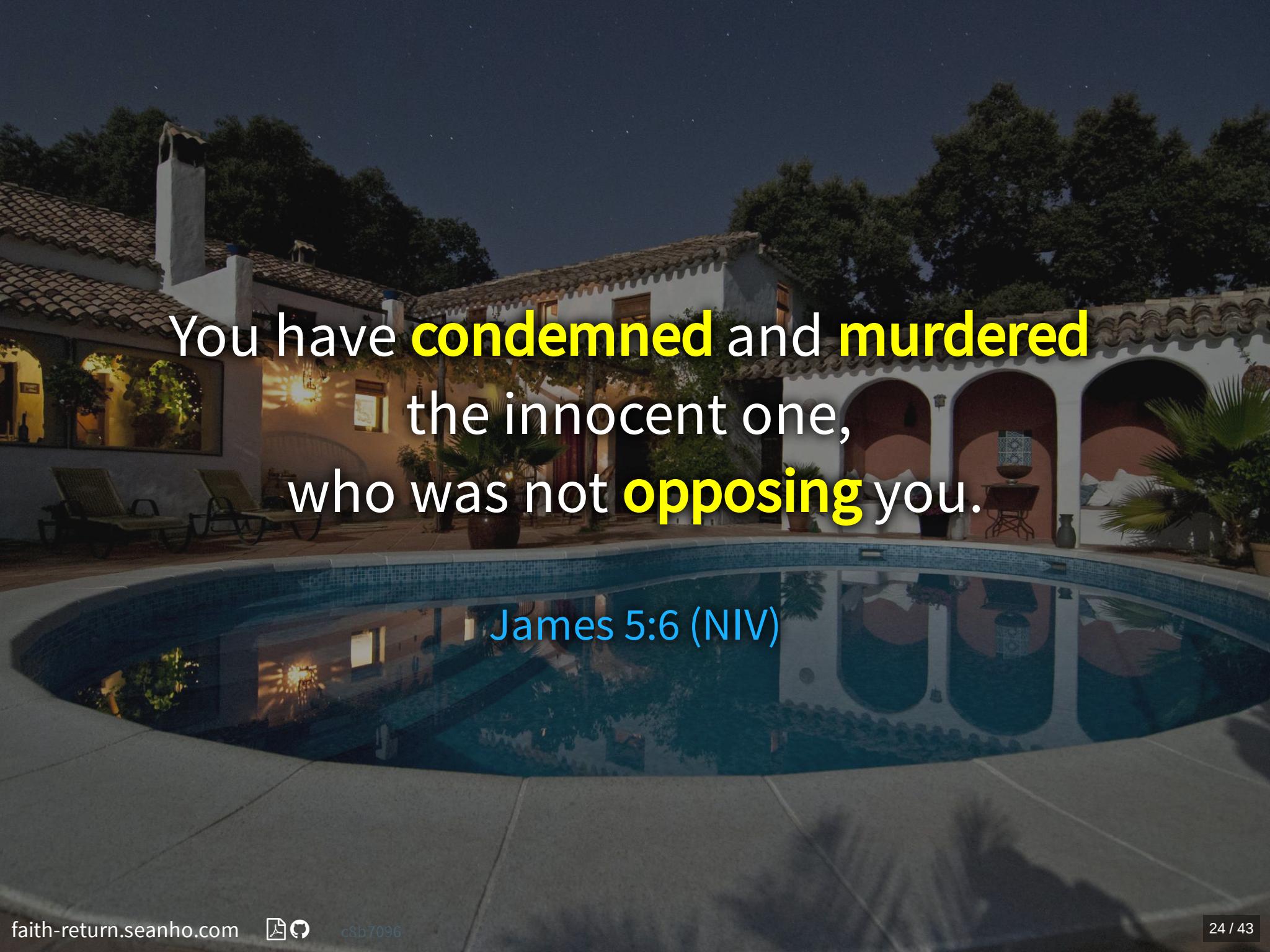
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A night photograph of a luxury villa with a swimming pool. The villa has a tiled roof, arched windows, and a balcony. The pool is illuminated from below, reflecting the surrounding environment. Lounge chairs are visible near the poolside. The sky is dark, suggesting it's nighttime.

You have lived on earth
in **luxury** and **self-indulgence**.

You have **fattened** yourselves
in the day of slaughter.

James 5:5 (NIV)



You have **condemned** and **murdered**
the innocent one,
who was not **opposing** you.

James 5:6 (NIV)

Whom have I
harmed to preserve
my **standard** of
living?

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See how the **farmer** waits for the land
to yield its valuable crop,
patiently **waiting**
for the autumn and spring **rains.**

James 5:7 (NIV)



You too, be **patient** and **stand firm**,
because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:8 (NIV)

**What work
has God given me
in preparation
for His return?**

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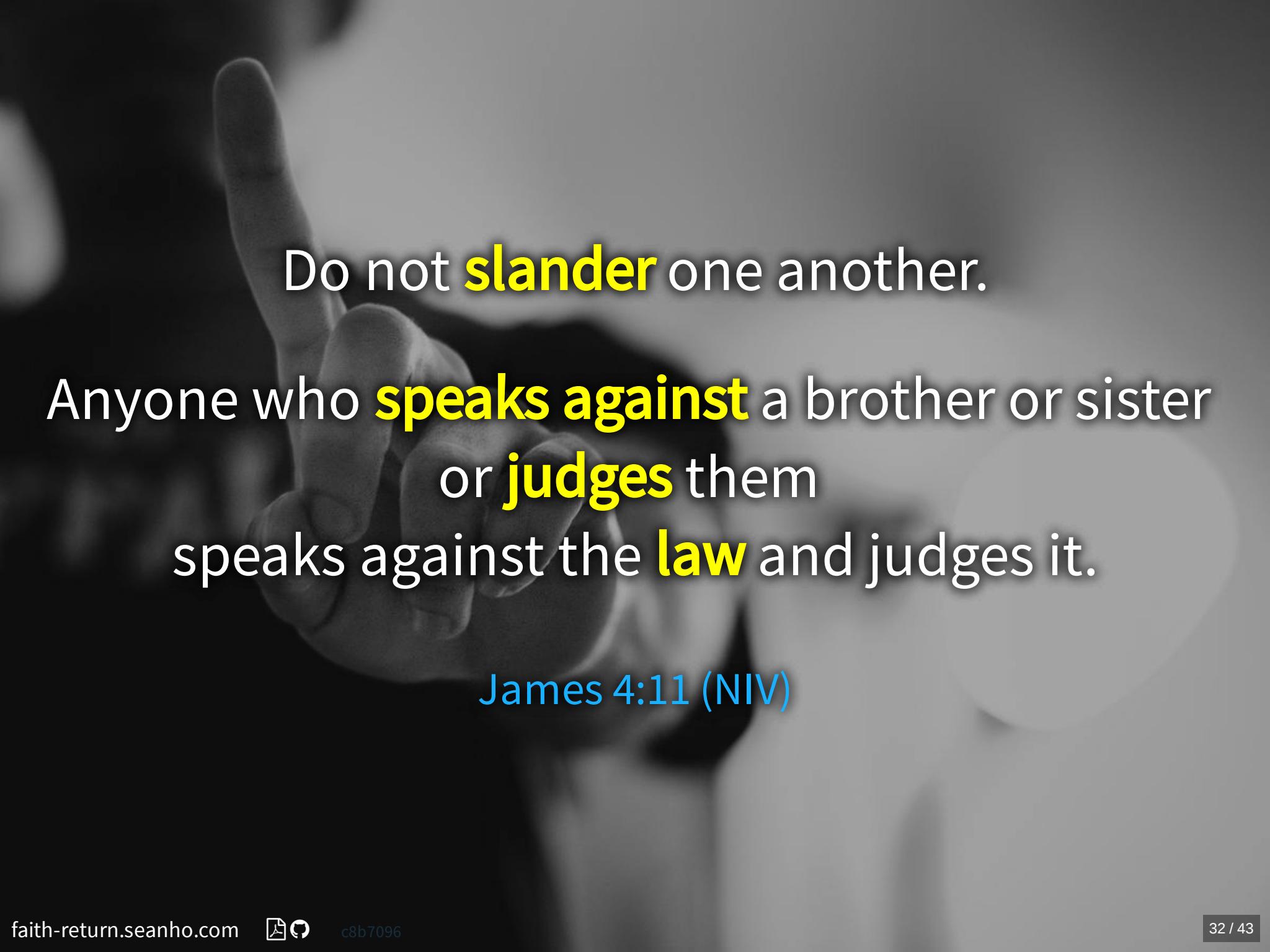
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A photograph showing silhouettes of several people standing outdoors at sunset. The sky is a gradient from blue to orange and yellow. The people are dark shapes against the bright horizon.

Don't **grumble** against one another,
brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.

James 5:9 (NIV)



Do not **slander** one another.

Anyone who **speaks against** a brother or sister
or **judges** them
speaks against the **law** and judges it.

James 4:11 (NIV)

A dark silhouette of several people's heads and shoulders is set against a warm, orange and yellow sunset or sunrise. The silhouettes are partially visible, with one prominent figure in the center-left and others to the right and left edges.

Don't **grumble** against one another,
brothers and sisters, or you will be **judged**.

The Judge is standing at the **door**!

James 5:9 (NIV)

**Have I sighed
in resentment at
a child of God?**

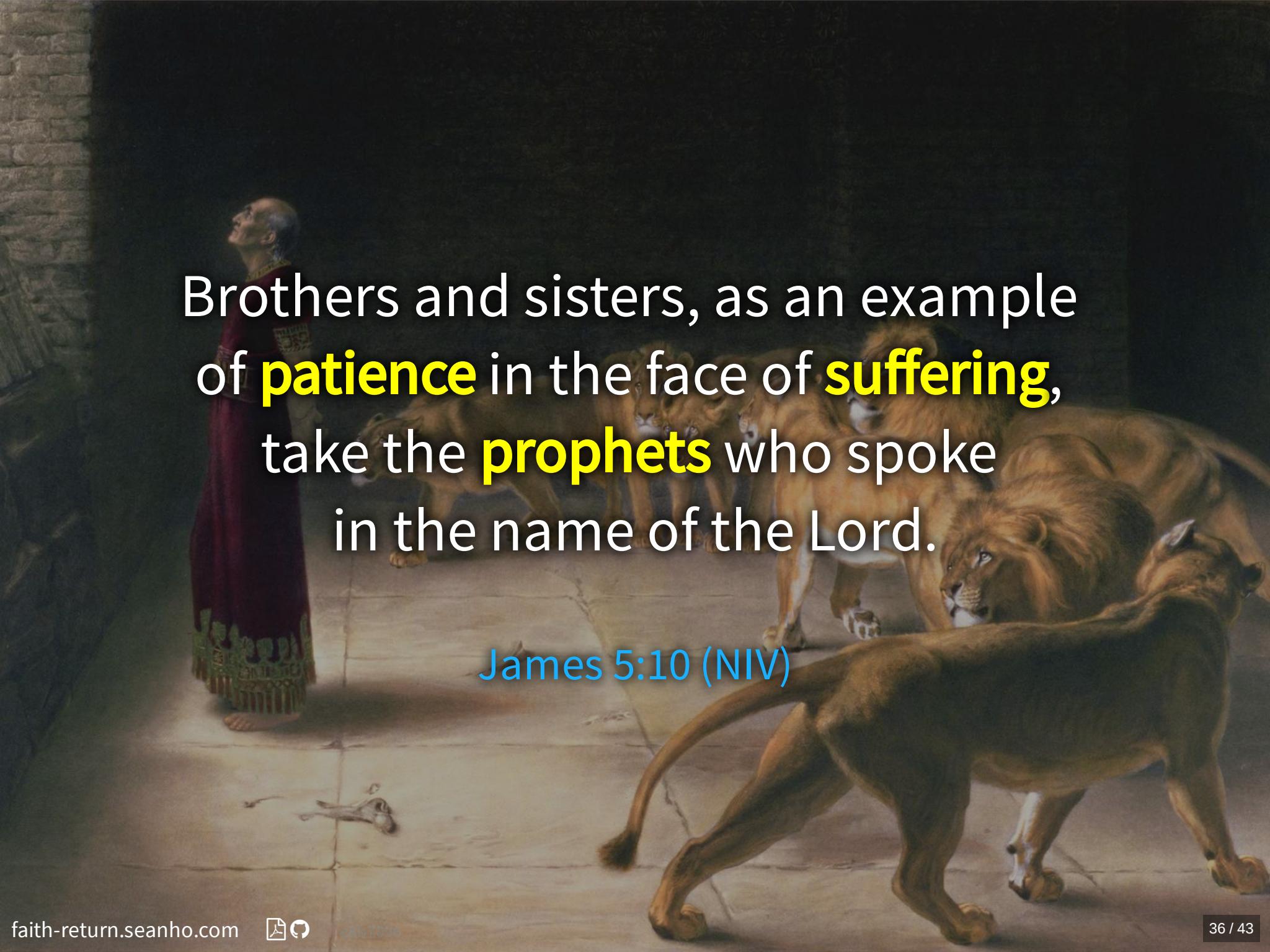
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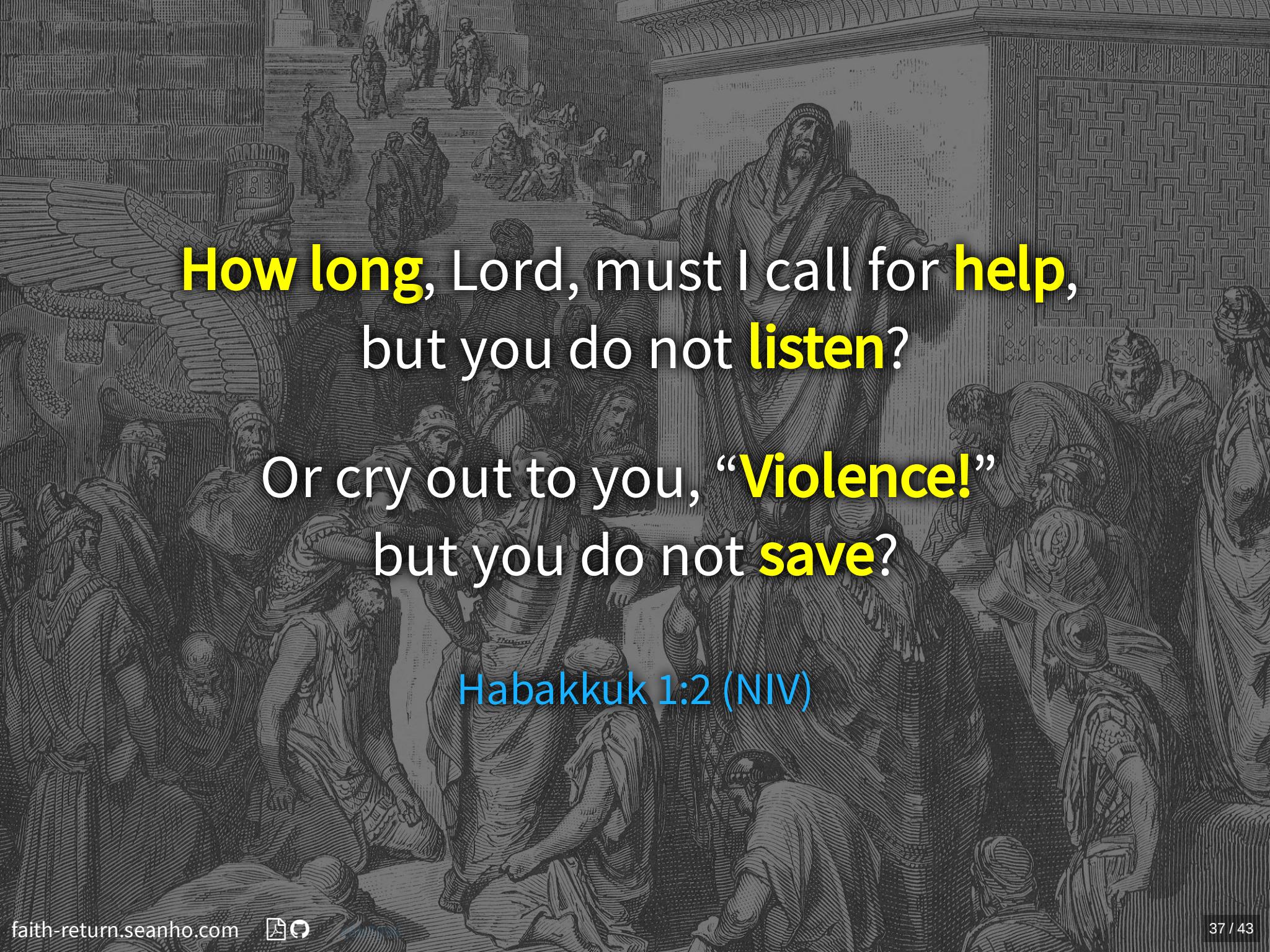
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A painting depicting a figure in a red robe standing amidst several lions. One lion is in the foreground, looking towards the right. Another lion is behind the figure, looking upwards. A third lion is partially visible behind the first. The figure appears to be in a state of awe or reverence, looking up at something off-camera. The background is dark and indistinct.

Brothers and sisters, as an example
of **patience** in the face of **suffering**,
take the **prophets** who spoke
in the name of the Lord.

James 5:10 (NIV)



How long, Lord, must I call for **help**,
but you do not **listen**?

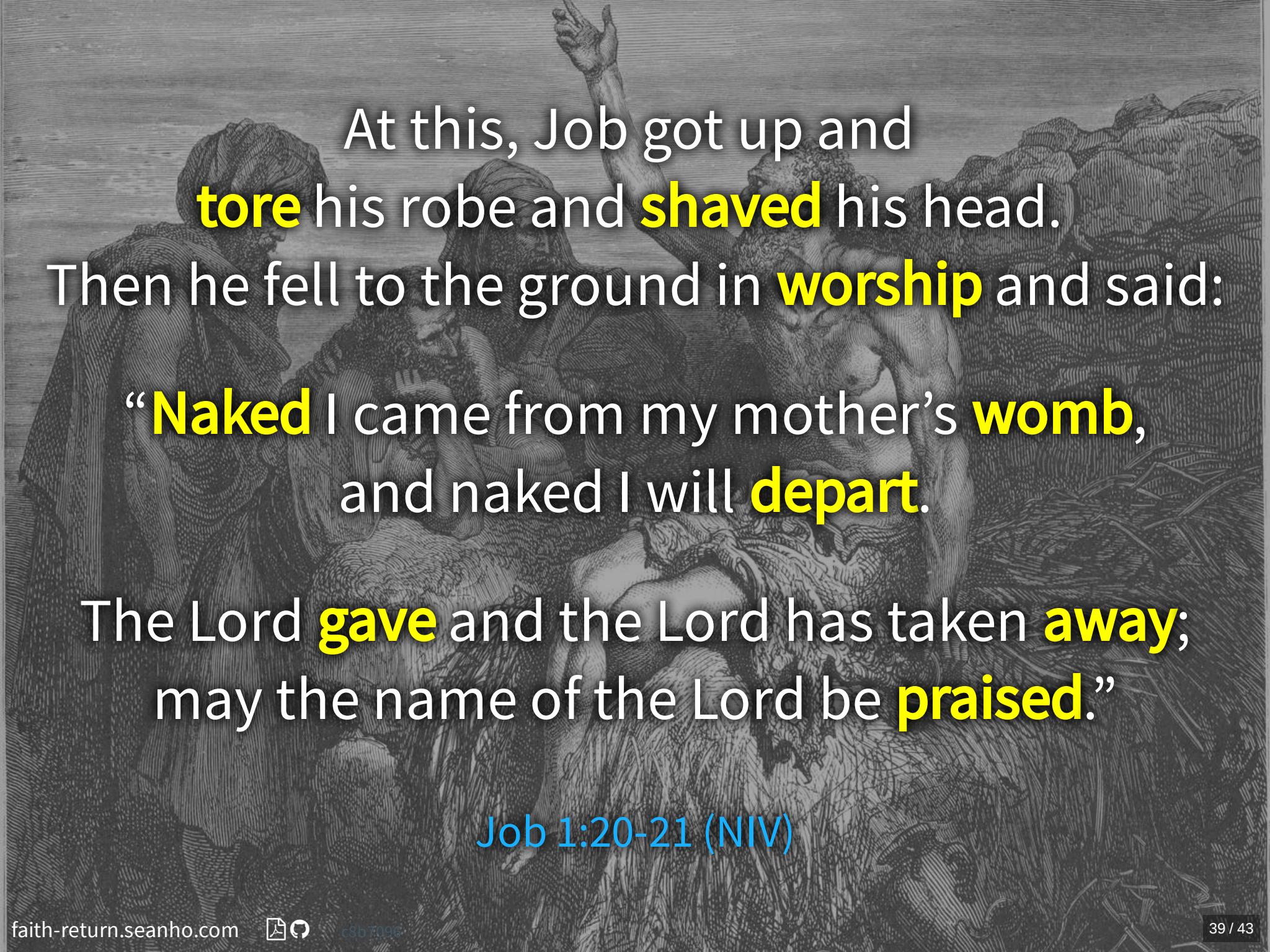
Or cry out to you, “**Violence!**”
but you do not **save**?

Habakkuk 1:2 (NIV)



You have heard of **Job's** perseverance
and have seen what the **Lord**
finally brought about.

James 5:11 (NIV)



At this, Job got up and
tore his robe and **shaved** his head.

Then he fell to the ground in **worship** and said:

“**Naked** I came from my mother’s **womb**,
and naked I will **depart**.

The Lord **gave** and the Lord has taken **away**;
may the name of the Lord be **praised**.”

Job 1:20-21 (NIV)



The Lord is full of **compassion** and **mercy**.

James 5:11 (NIV)

Do I **trust** in God's
compassion
enough to **wait** for
His salvation?

Be **patient**, then, brothers and sisters,
until the Lord's **coming**.

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to yield its valuable **crop**,
patiently waiting
for the autumn and spring **rains**.

8 You too, be **patient** and stand **firm**,
because the Lord's coming is **near**.

James 5:7-8 (NIV)

