

# The Father's Heart of Discipleship

## 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12



**What is a good  
father like?**

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9 For you remember, brothers,  
our **labor** and **toil**:  
  
we worked **night** and **day**,  
that we might not be a **burden** to any of you,  
  
while we **proclaimed** to you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)

10 You are **witnesses**, and God also,  
how **holy** and **righteous** and **blameless**  
was our **conduct** toward you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 (ESV)

11 For you know how,  
like a **father** with his children,

12 we **exhorted** each one of you  
and **encouraged** you and **charged** you

to **walk** in a manner worthy of God,  
who **calls** you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (ESV)

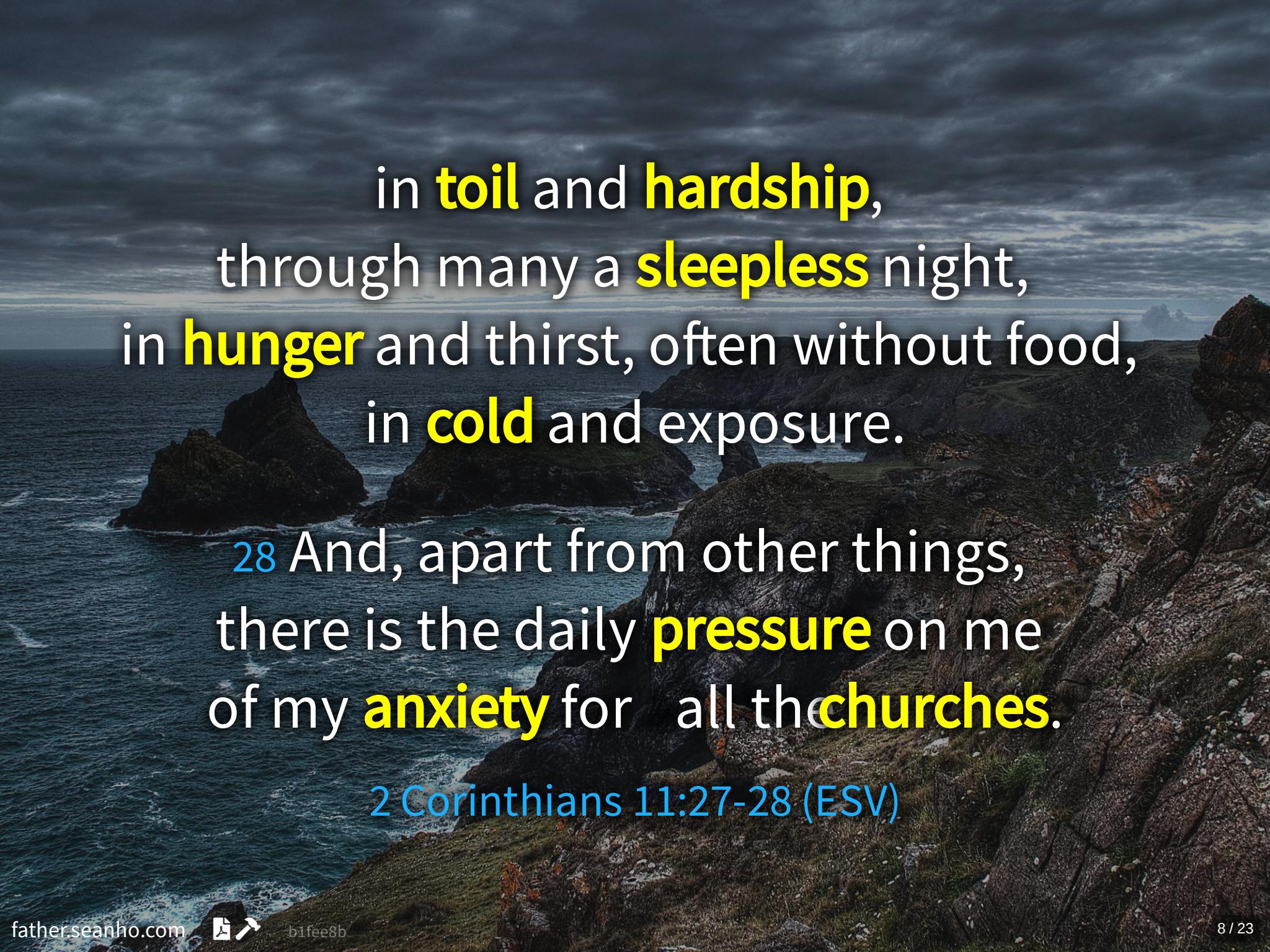
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1. Fruitful **Labour** (v9)
2. Training for **Holiness** (v10)
3. The Father's **Comfort** (v11-12)

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our **labor** and **toil**:  
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1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)



in **toil** and **hardship**,  
through many a **sleepless** night,  
in **hunger** and thirst, often without food,  
in **cold** and exposure.

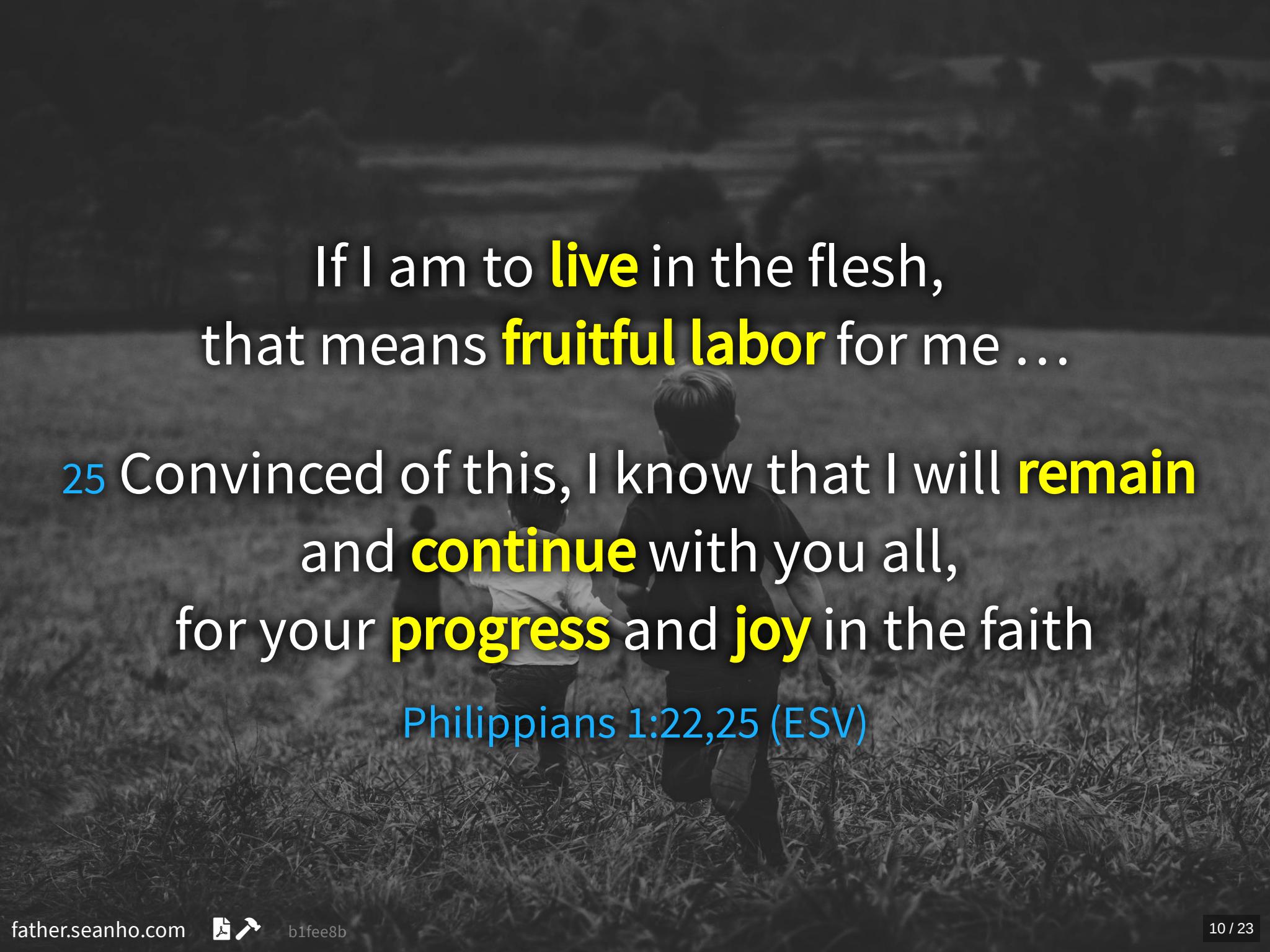
28 And, apart from other things,  
there is the daily **pressure** on me  
of my **anxiety** for all the**churches**.

2 Corinthians 11:27-28 (ESV)

A photograph of a person from the waist down, standing outdoors in a grassy field with trees in the background. They are wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, a grey t-shirt, and blue jeans with a brown belt. Their hands are resting on an open Bible, which is open to a page with text. A silver watch is visible on their left wrist. The scene is bathed in warm sunlight.

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1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)

A black and white photograph of a person sitting cross-legged in a field of tall grass. The person is facing away from the camera, looking towards a cloudy, overcast sky. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and shadows.

If I am to **live** in the flesh,  
that means **fruitful labor** for me ...

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will **remain**  
and **continue** with you all,  
for your **progress** and **joy** in the faith

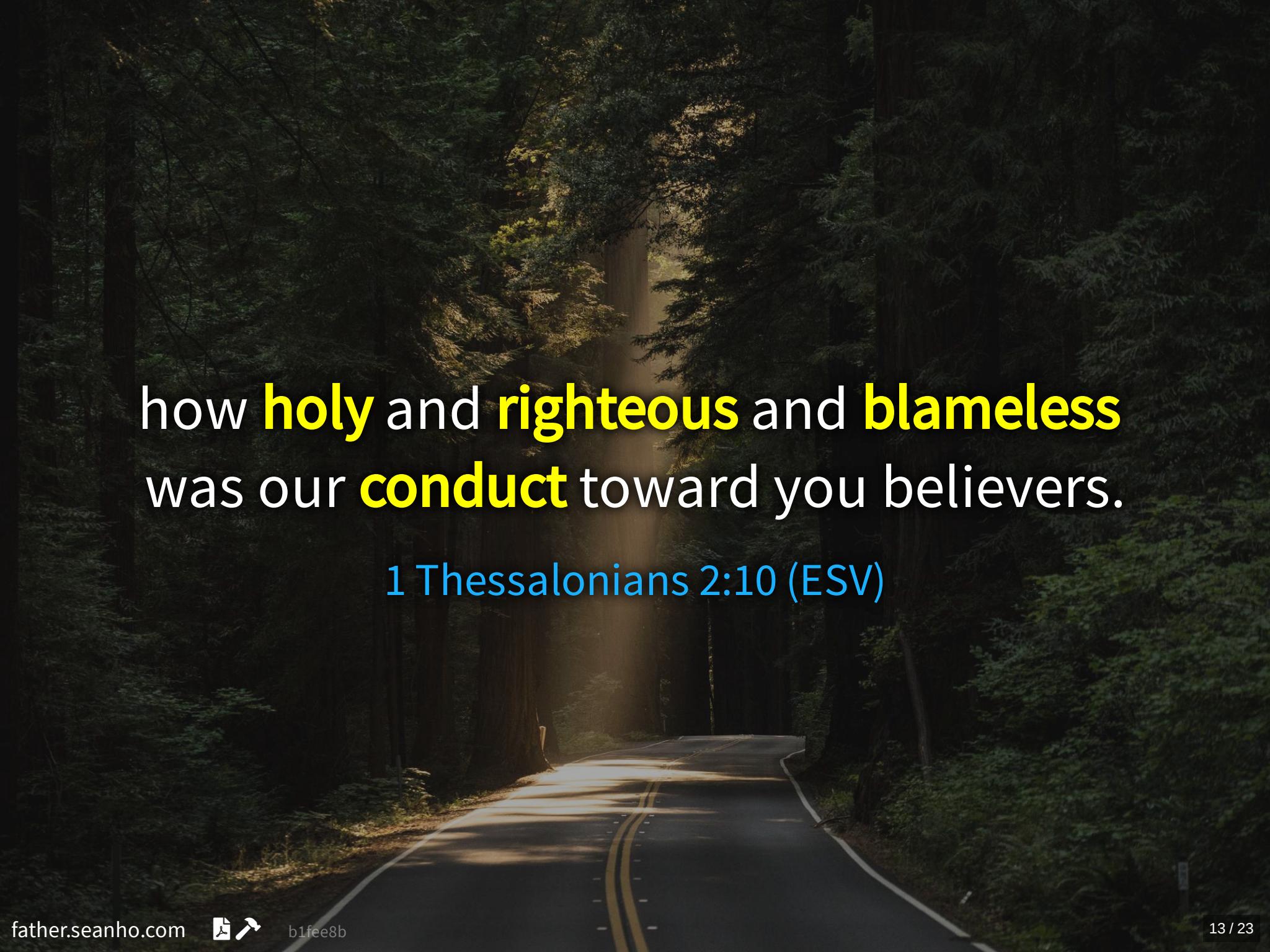
Philippians 1:22,25 (ESV)

Does my labour  
proclaim the  
gospel?

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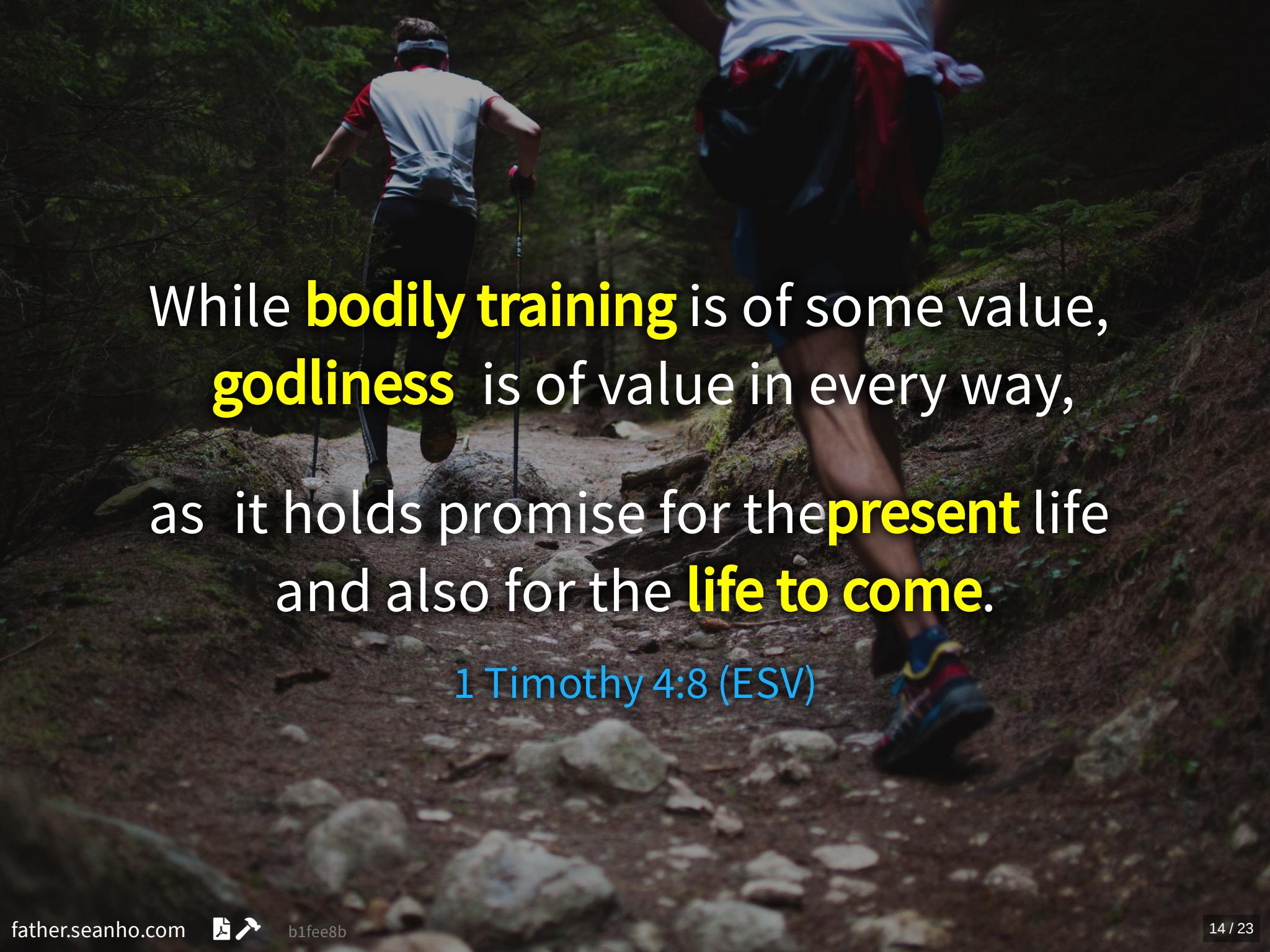
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1. Fruitful Labour (v9)
2. **Training for Holiness** (v10)
3. The Father's Comfort (v11-12)

A photograph of a dark, winding road through a dense forest. Sunlight filters down from above, creating bright highlights on the asphalt and the trunks of tall evergreen trees. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and serene.

how **holy** and **righteous** and **blameless**  
was our **conduct** toward you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 (ESV)

A photograph of two people trail running on a rocky path through a dense forest. One runner is in the foreground, wearing a white shirt and dark shorts, while another is further ahead. The path is rocky and surrounded by greenery.

While **bodily training** is of some value,  
**godliness** is of value in every way,  
as it holds promise for the**present** life  
and also for the **life to come**.

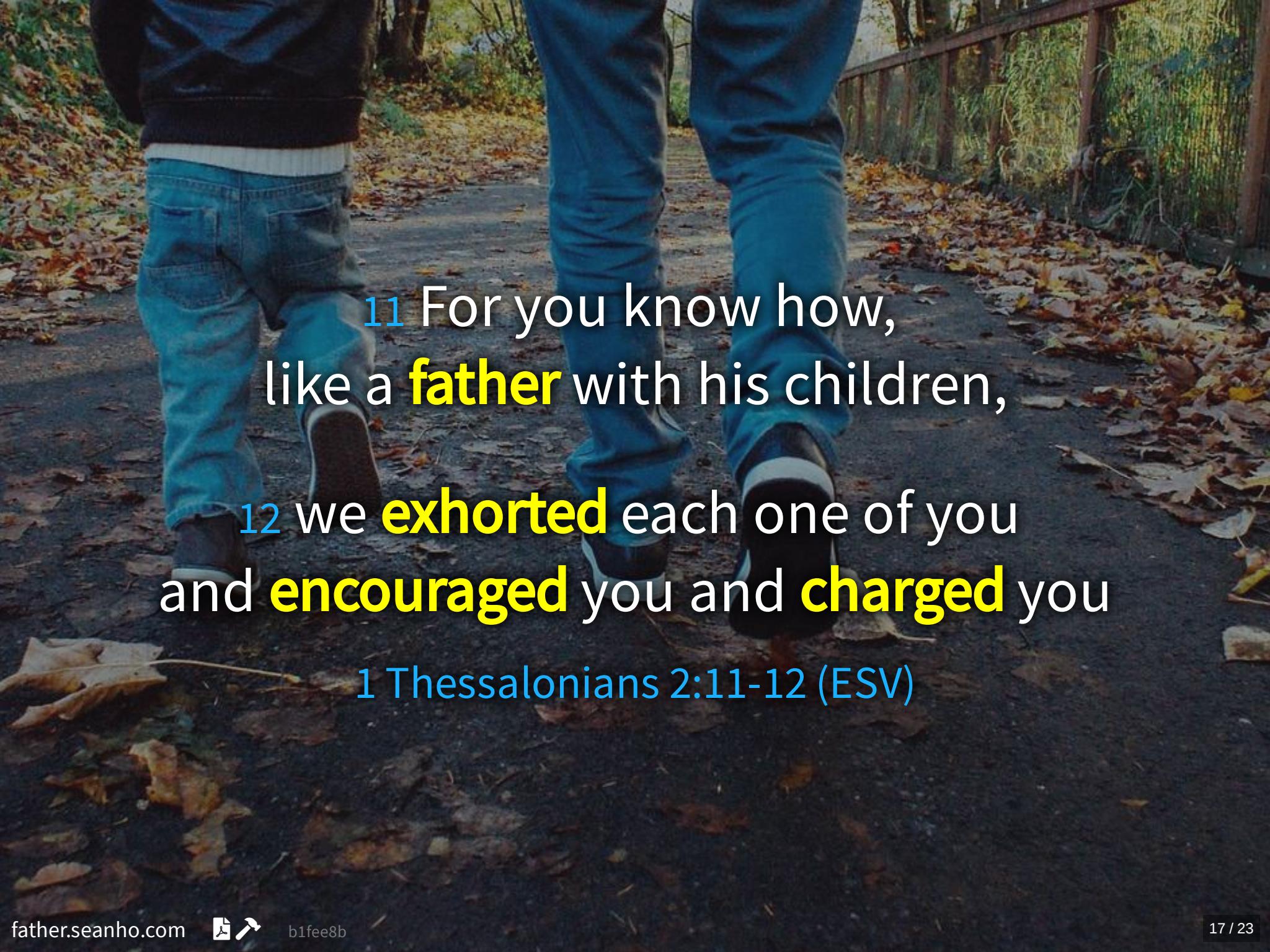
1 Timothy 4:8 (ESV)

Do I **train** that God  
might make me  
more **holy**?

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1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (ESV)



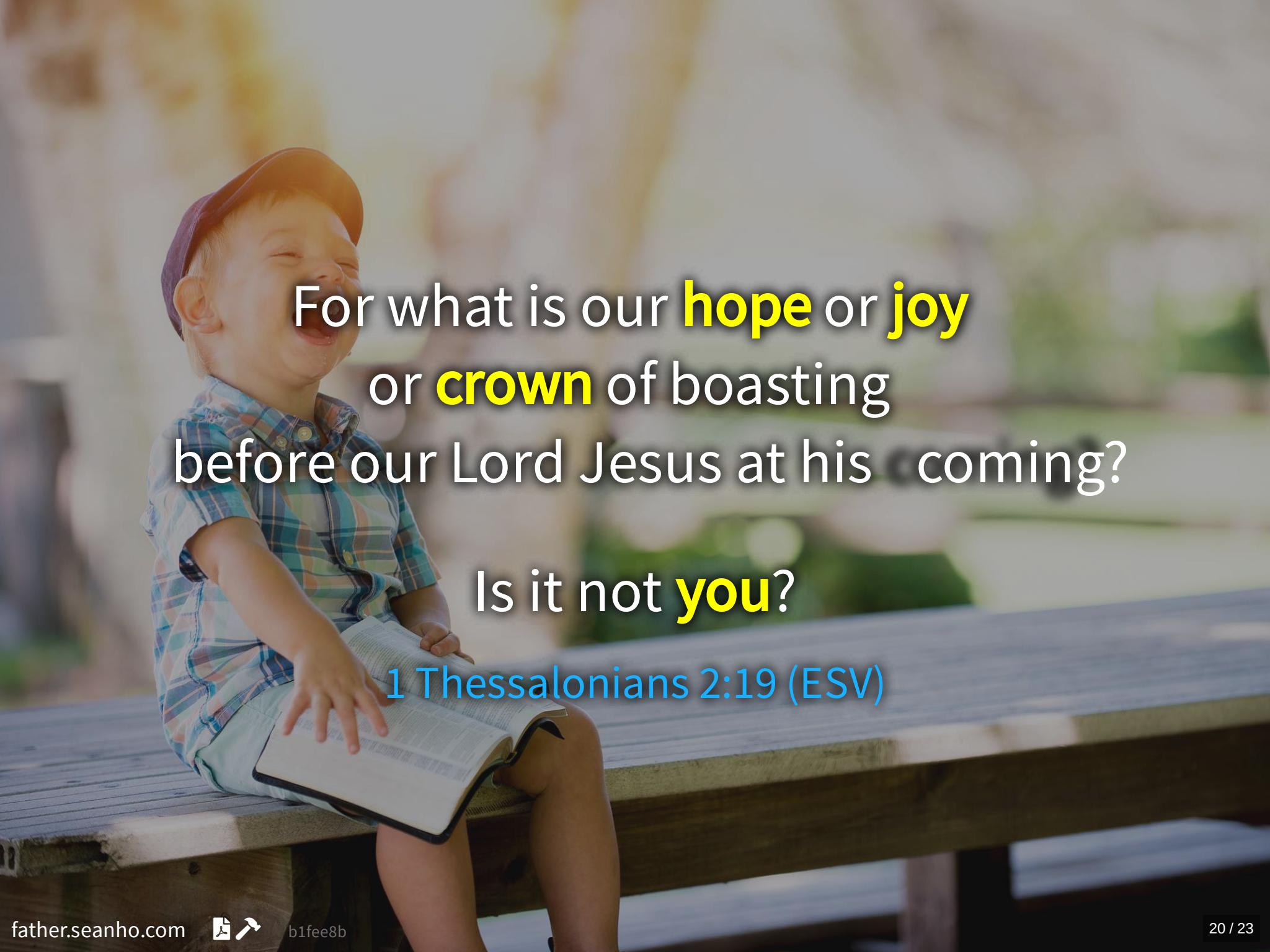
to **walk** in a manner worthy of God,  
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1 Thessalonians 2:12 (ESV)

And you show that you are  
a **letter** from Christ delivered by us,

written not with **ink** but with  
the **Spirit** of the living God,  
not on tablets of **stone**  
but on tablets of **human hearts.**

2 Corinthians 3:3 (ESV)

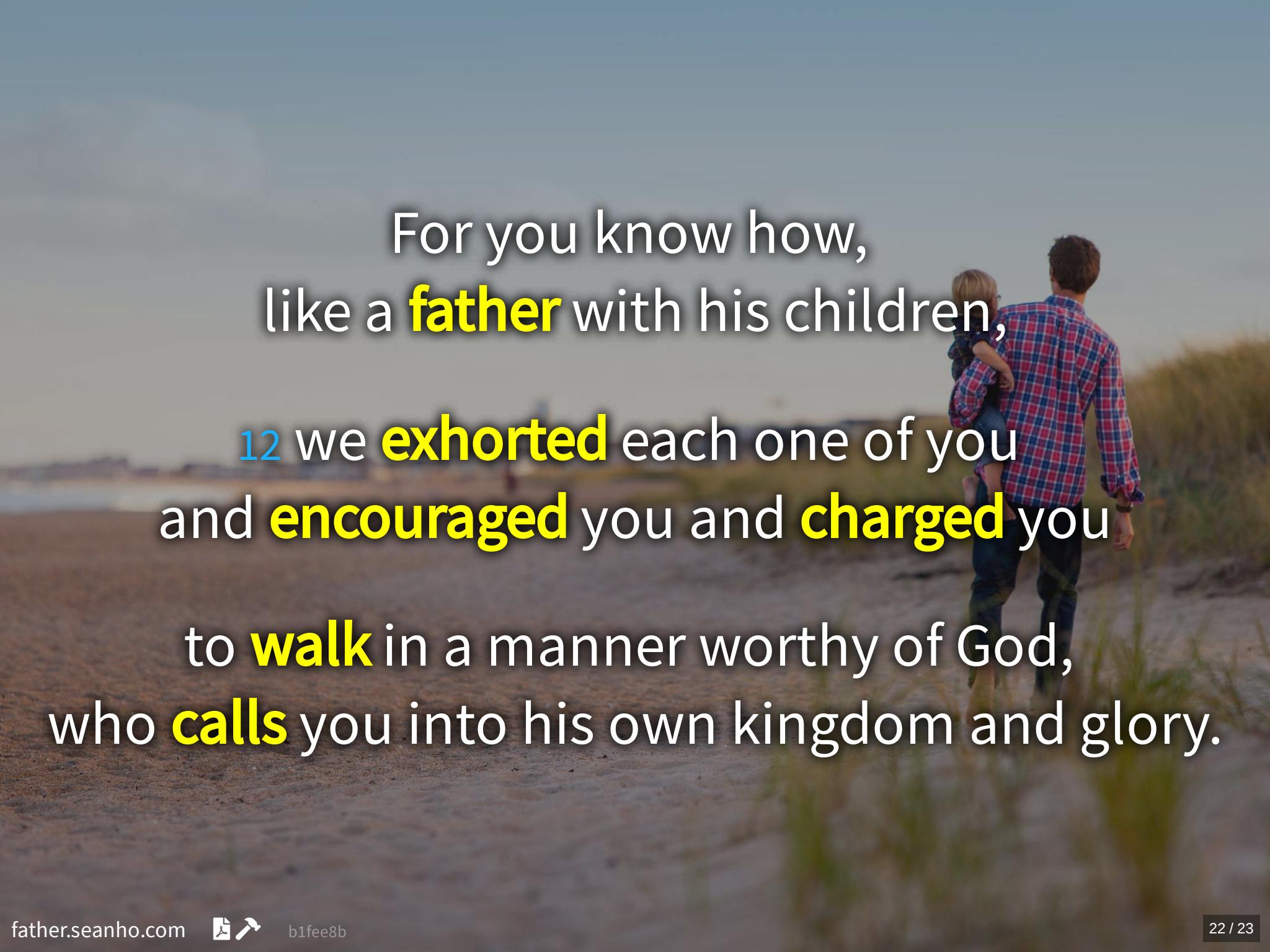
A young boy with blonde hair, wearing a blue baseball cap and a plaid shirt, is sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. He is laughing heartily, with his head tilted back and mouth wide open. He is holding an open book on his lap, looking at it. The background is blurred, showing some greenery and a path.

For what is our **hope** or **joy**  
or **crown** of boasting  
before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

Is it not **you**?

1 Thessalonians 2:19 (ESV)

Do I encourage,  
**comfort**, and **testify**  
to my children in  
the Lord?

A photograph of a man in a blue and red plaid shirt carrying a young child on his shoulders. They are walking away from the camera on a dirt path through a field of tall grass under a clear sky.

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