



The Prayer of Faith

Mark 11:12-14, 20-25

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**What kind of prayer
does God answer?**

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The next day as they were leaving Bethany,
Jesus was hungry.

13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf,
he went to find out if it had any fruit.

Mark 11:12-13 (ESV) (p.1/5)

When he reached it,
he found nothing but leaves,
because it was not the season for figs.

14 Then he said to the tree,
“May no one ever eat fruit from you again.”

And his disciples heard him say it.

Mark 11:13-14 (ESV) (p.2/5)

20 As they passed by in the morning,
they saw the fig tree
withered away to its roots.

21 And Peter remembered
and said to him, “Rabbi, look!
The fig tree that you cursed has withered.”

Mark 11:20-21 (ESV) (p.3/5)

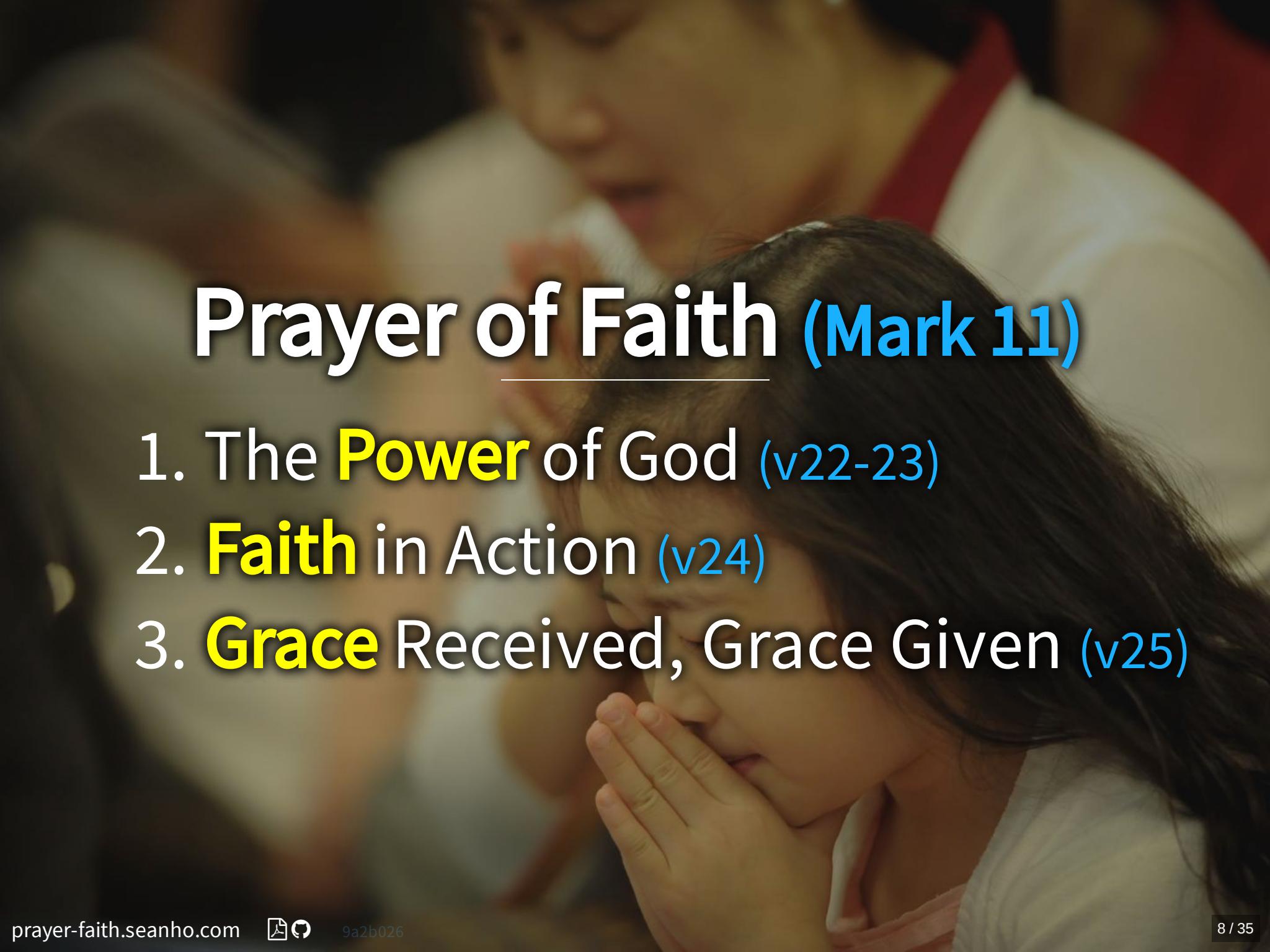
22 And Jesus answered them,
“Have faith in God.

23 Truly, I say to you,
whoever says to this mountain,
Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’

and does not doubt in his heart,
but believes that what he says
will come to pass, it will be done for him.

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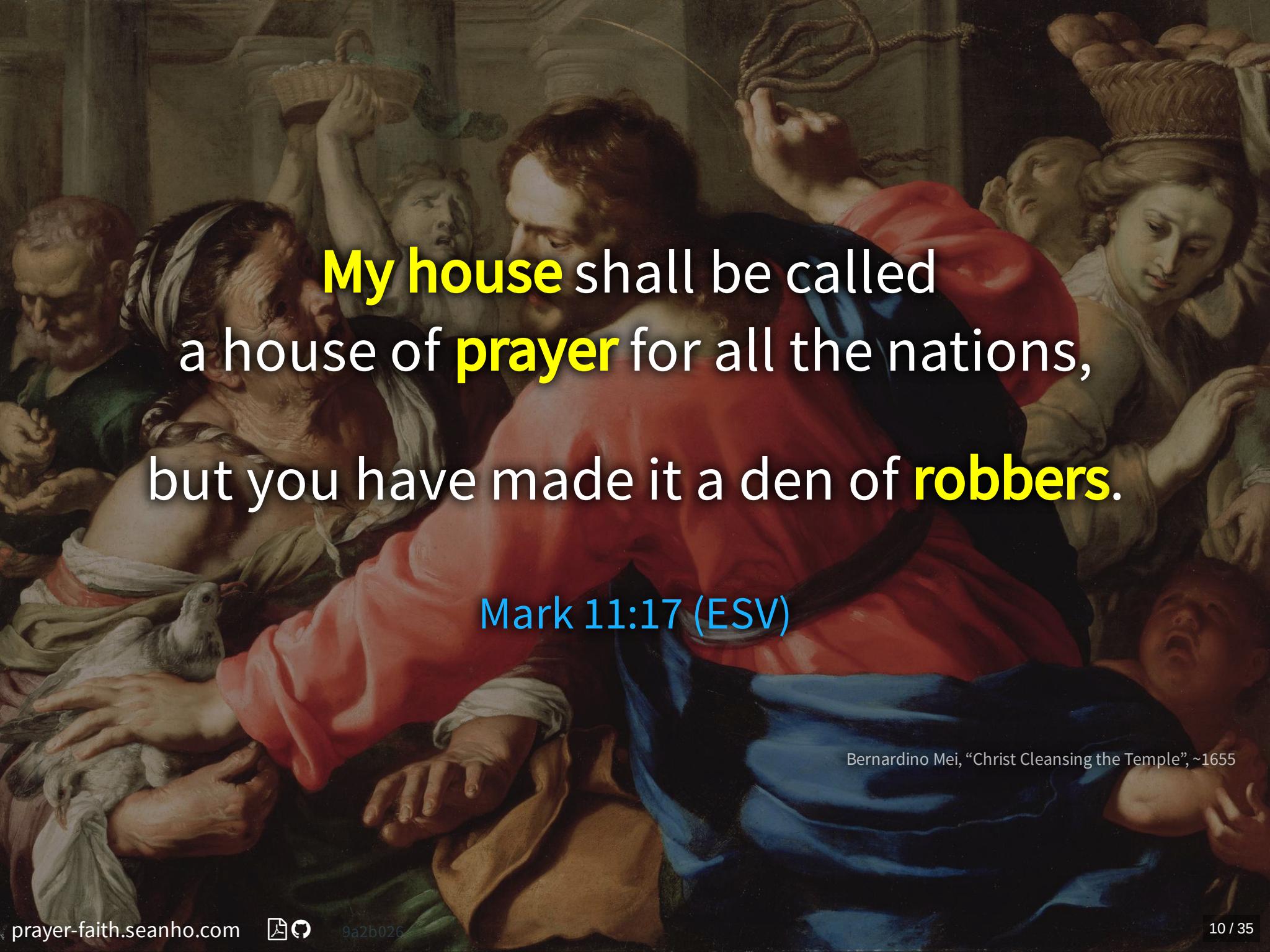
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Jesus' 3rd Passover (Mk11-12)

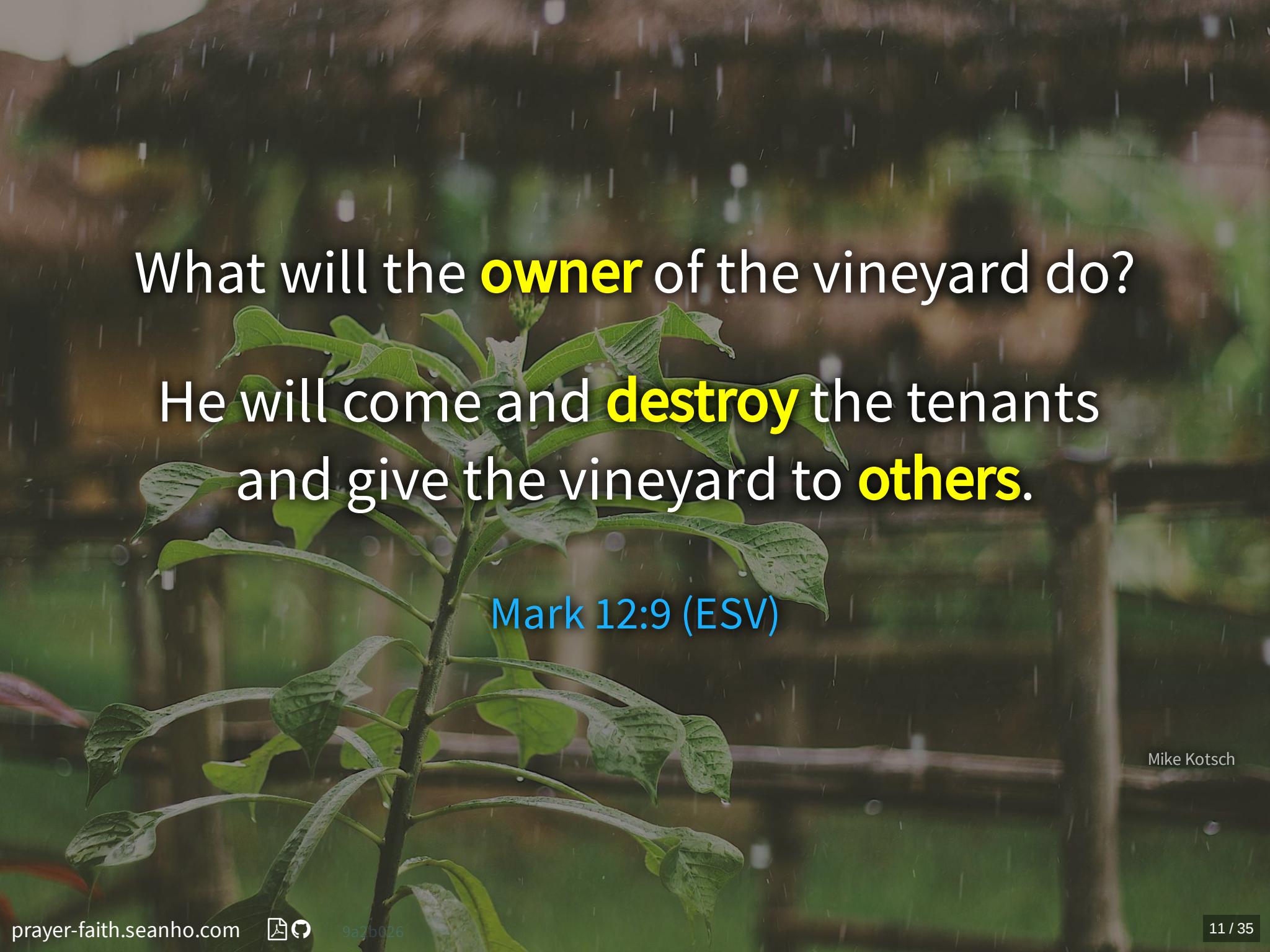
- With the **public**:
 - **Triumphal Entry** (11:1-11)
 - **Cleansing of the Temple** (11:15-19)
- With the **disciples**:
 - **Cursing of the Fig Tree** (11:12-14,20-25)
- With the **religious leaders**:
 - **Jesus' Authority** (11:27-33)
 - **Vineyard and Tenants** (12:1-12)
 - **Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes** (12:13-38)



My house shall be called
a house of **prayer** for all the nations,
but you have made it a den of **robbers**.

Mark 11:17 (ESV)

Bernardino Mei, "Christ Cleansing the Temple", ~1655



What will the **owner** of the vineyard do?

He will come and **destroy** the tenants
and give the vineyard to **others**.

Mark 12:9 (ESV)

Mike Kotsch

A photograph of a two-lane asphalt road curving away from the viewer into a misty, rural landscape. On the left side of the road stands a large, leafy tree. The sky is overcast with a prominent white contrail or vapor trail from an airplane. The overall atmosphere is hazy and serene.

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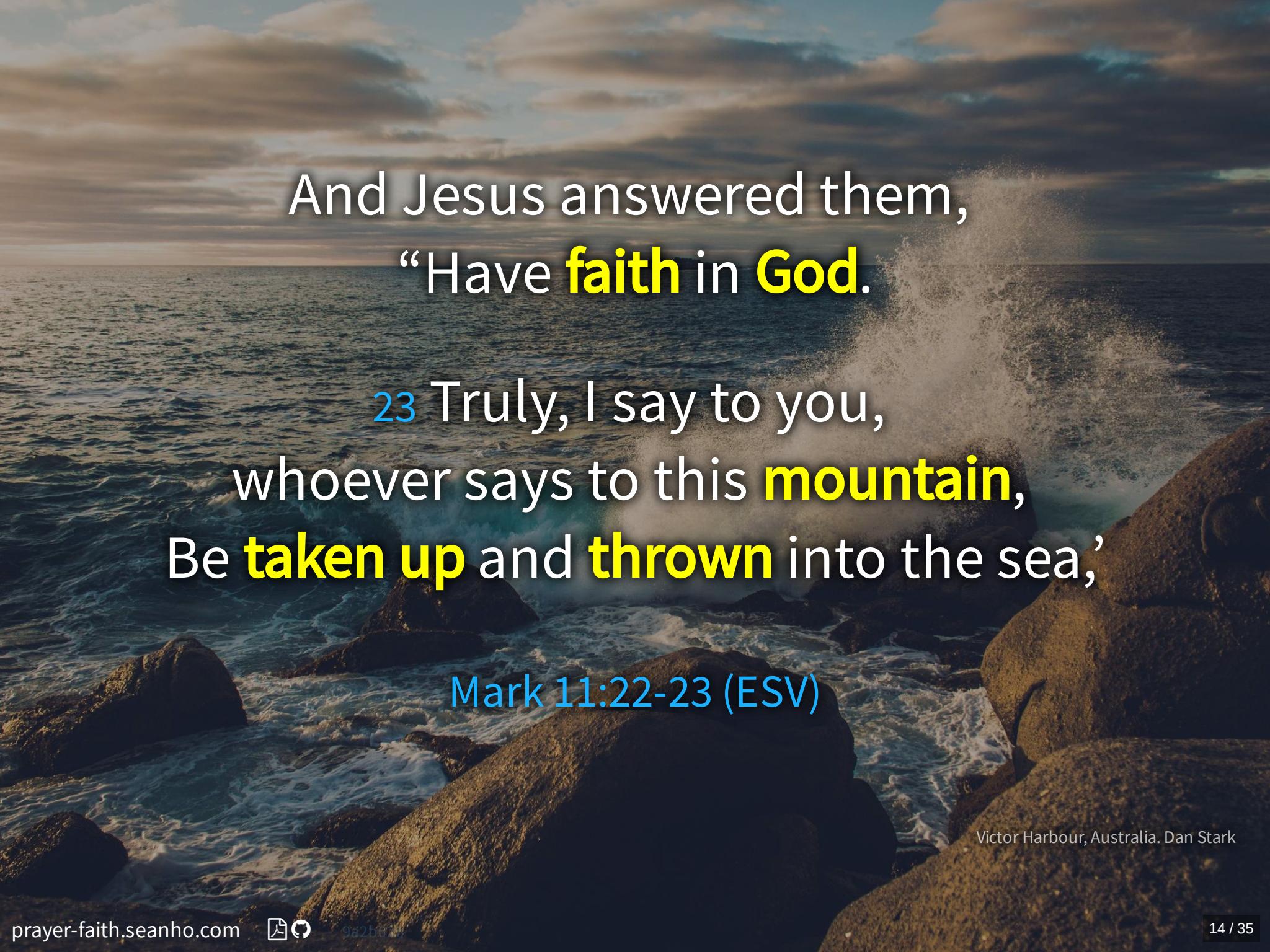
Mark 11:21 (ESV)

Venray, Netherlands. Michael Coury



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And Jesus answered them,
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Mark 11:22-23 (ESV)

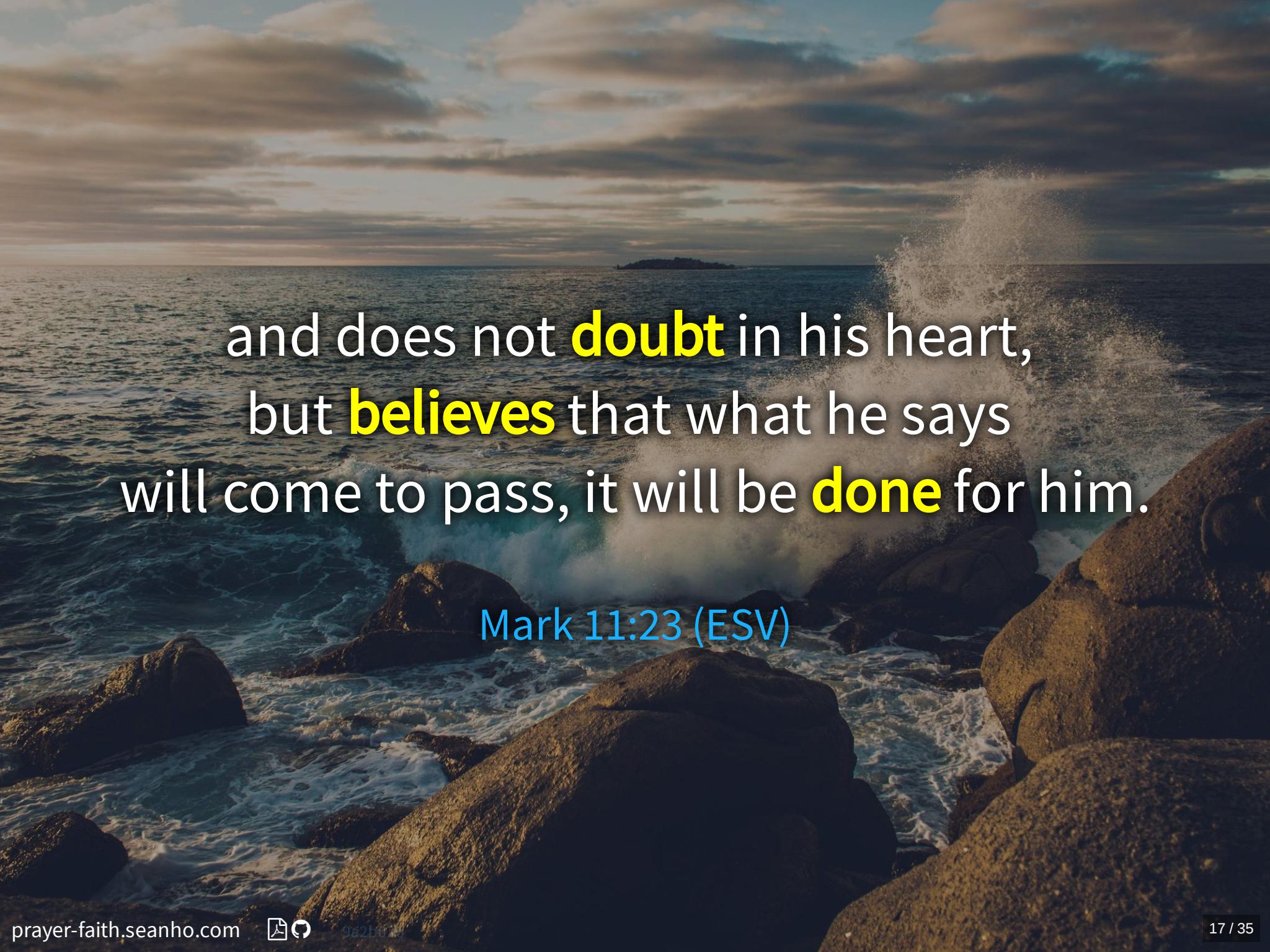
Victor Harbour, Australia. Dan Stark

“God, I believe You will do
what I ask”

~~“God, I believe You will do
what I ask”~~

vs

“God, I believe You will do
what You promised”

A wide-angle photograph of a rugged coastline at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. In the foreground, dark, textured rocks are partially submerged in the ocean. Waves are crashing against these rocks, creating white foam and spray. The water is a deep blue-grey. In the distance, a small, dark island or peninsula is visible on the horizon.

and does not **doubt** in his heart,
but **believes** that what he says
will come to pass, it will be **done** for him.

Mark 11:23 (ESV)

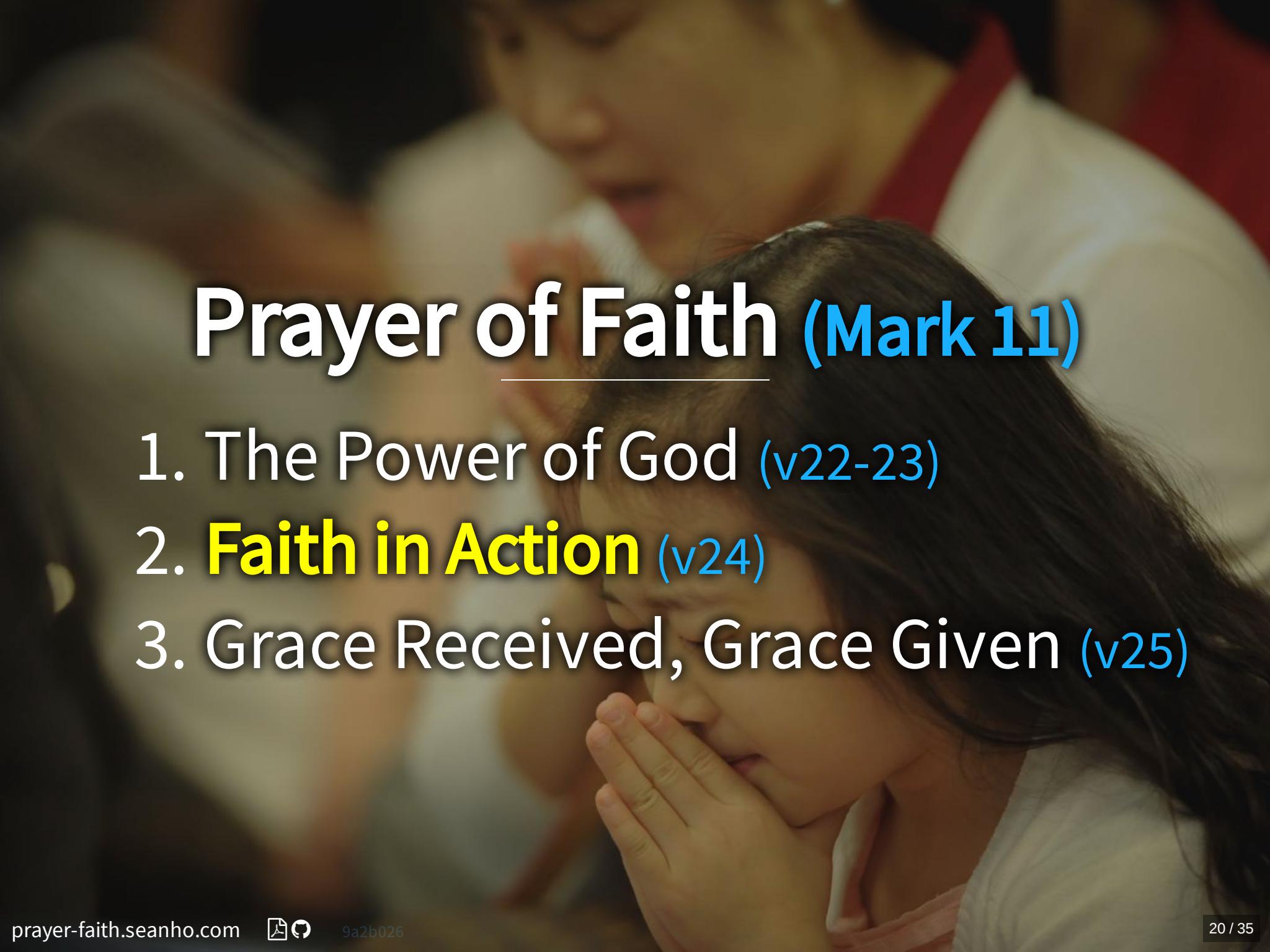
If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him **ask God**,
who gives **generously** to all without reproach,
and it will be given him.

6 But let him ask in **faith**, with **no doubting**,
for the one who doubts is like a **wave** of the sea
that is driven and **tossed** by the wind.

James 1:5-6 (ESV)

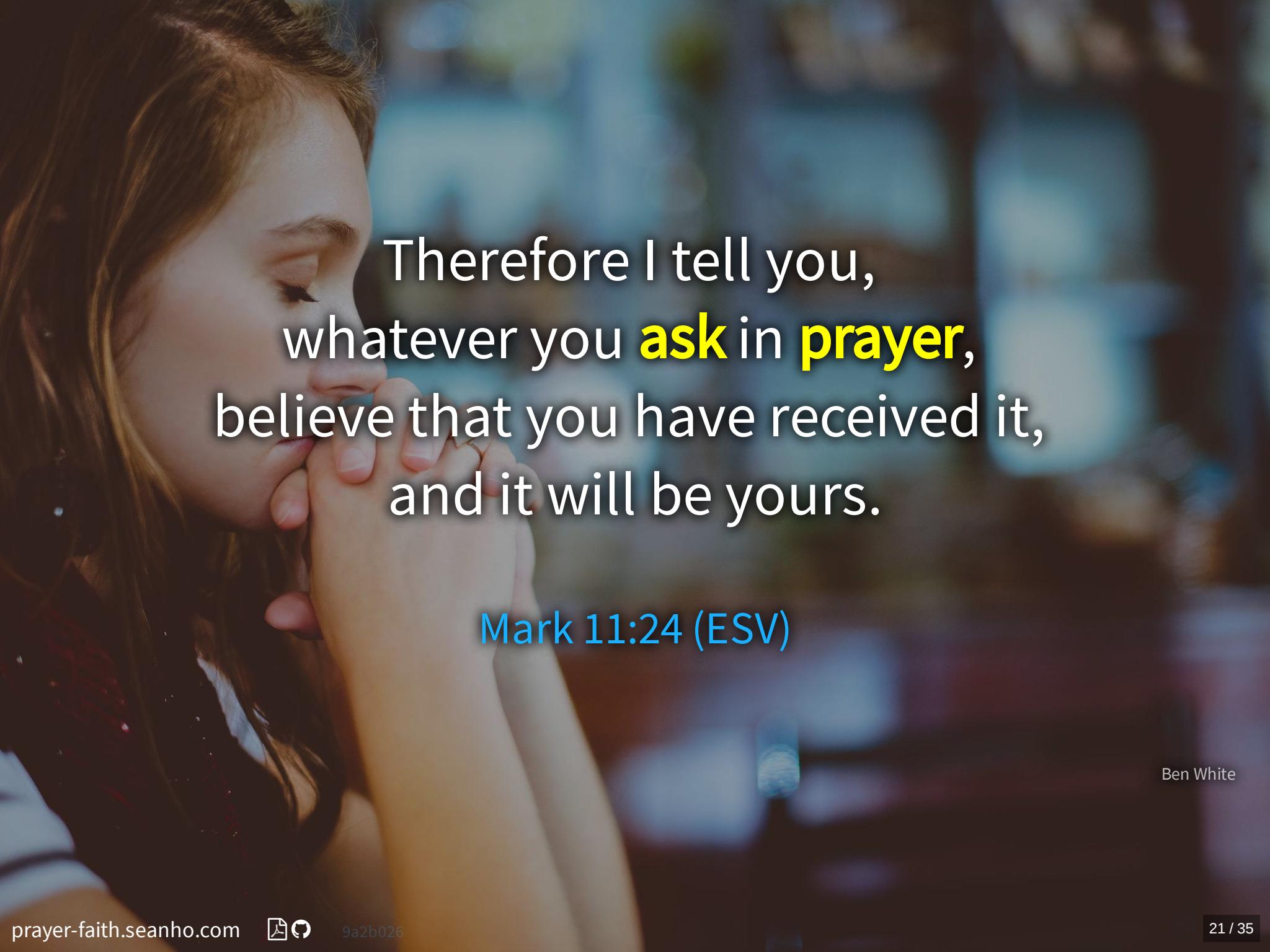
Hans Braxmeier

Have I doubted
God's power or
character to fulfill
His promises?

A close-up photograph of a person's profile, showing their head and shoulders. They have dark hair and are wearing a light-colored shirt. Their hands are clasped together in front of them, near their chin, in a prayerful pose. The background is blurred.

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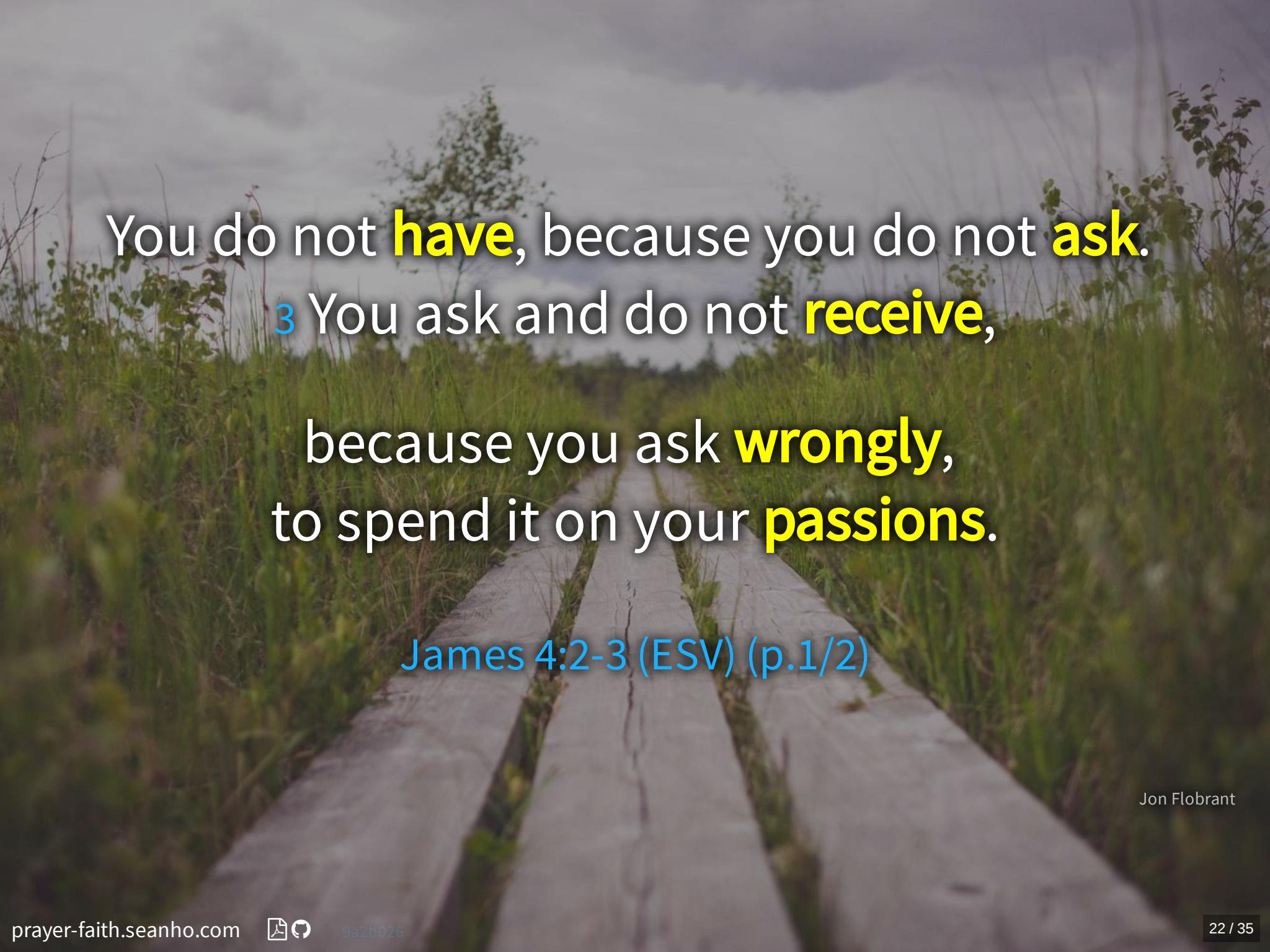
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Therefore I tell you,
whatever you **ask** in **prayer**,
believe that you have received it,
and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24 (ESV)

Ben White

A photograph of a long, narrow concrete path or canal running through a field of tall, green grass. The path is flanked by dense vegetation on both sides. In the background, a cloudy sky is visible.

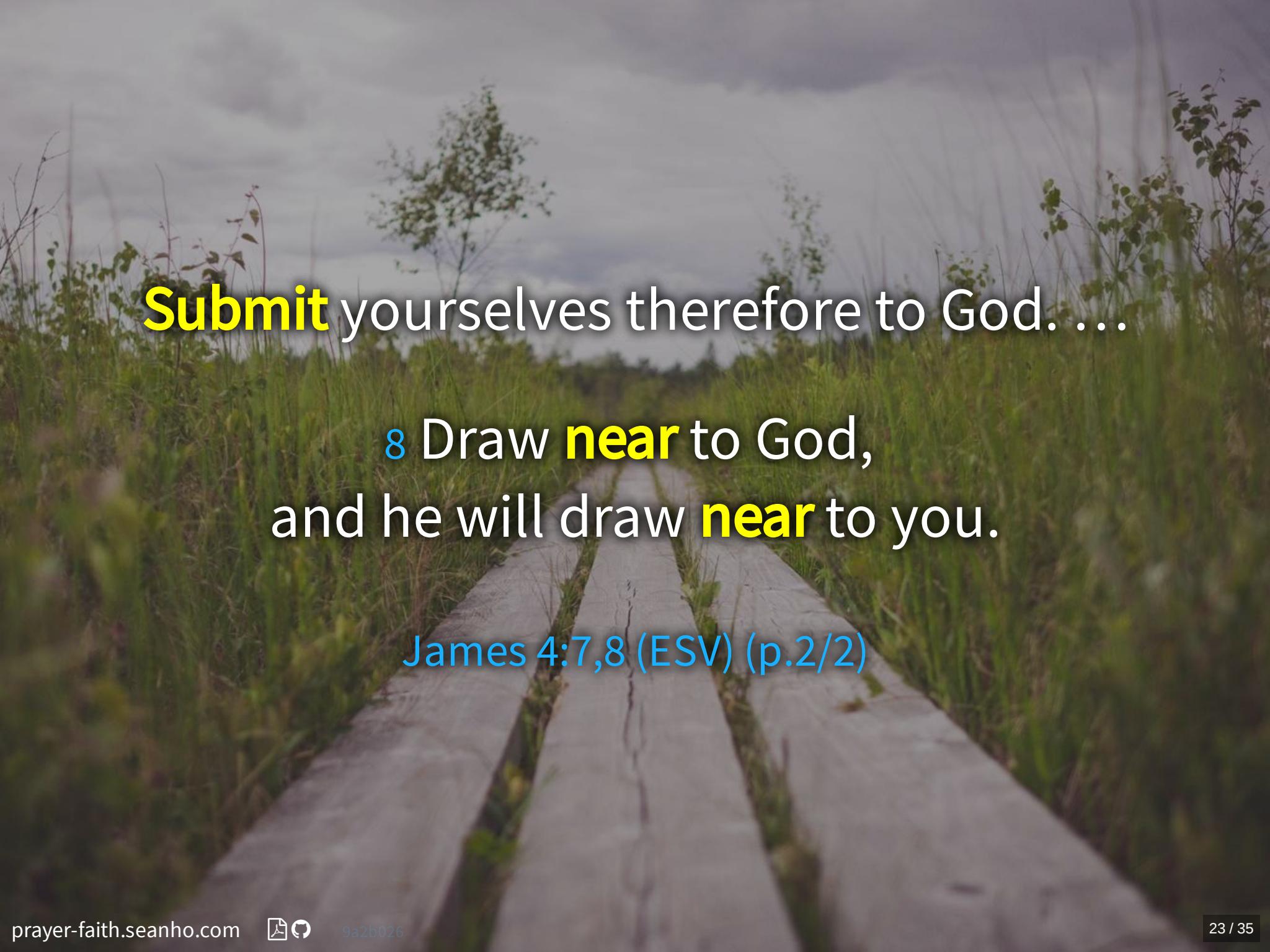
You do not **have**, because you do not **ask**.

3 You ask and do not **receive**,

because you ask **wrongly**,
to spend it on your **passions**.

James 4:2-3 (ESV) (p.1/2)

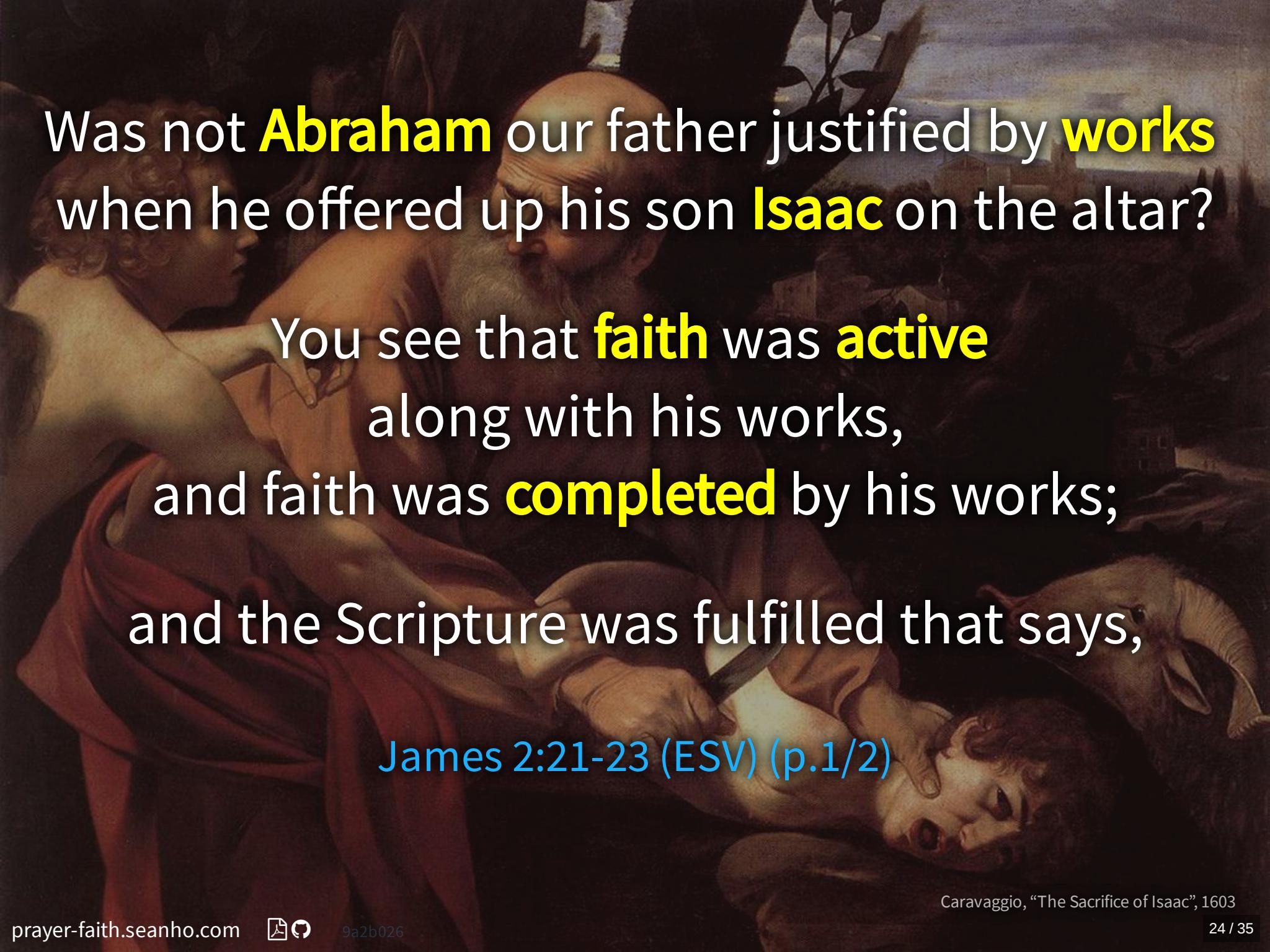
Jon Flobrant

A photograph of a paved path leading into a field of tall, green grass under a cloudy, overcast sky.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. . . .

8 Draw **near** to God,
and he will draw **near** to you.

James 4:7,8 (ESV) (p.2/2)



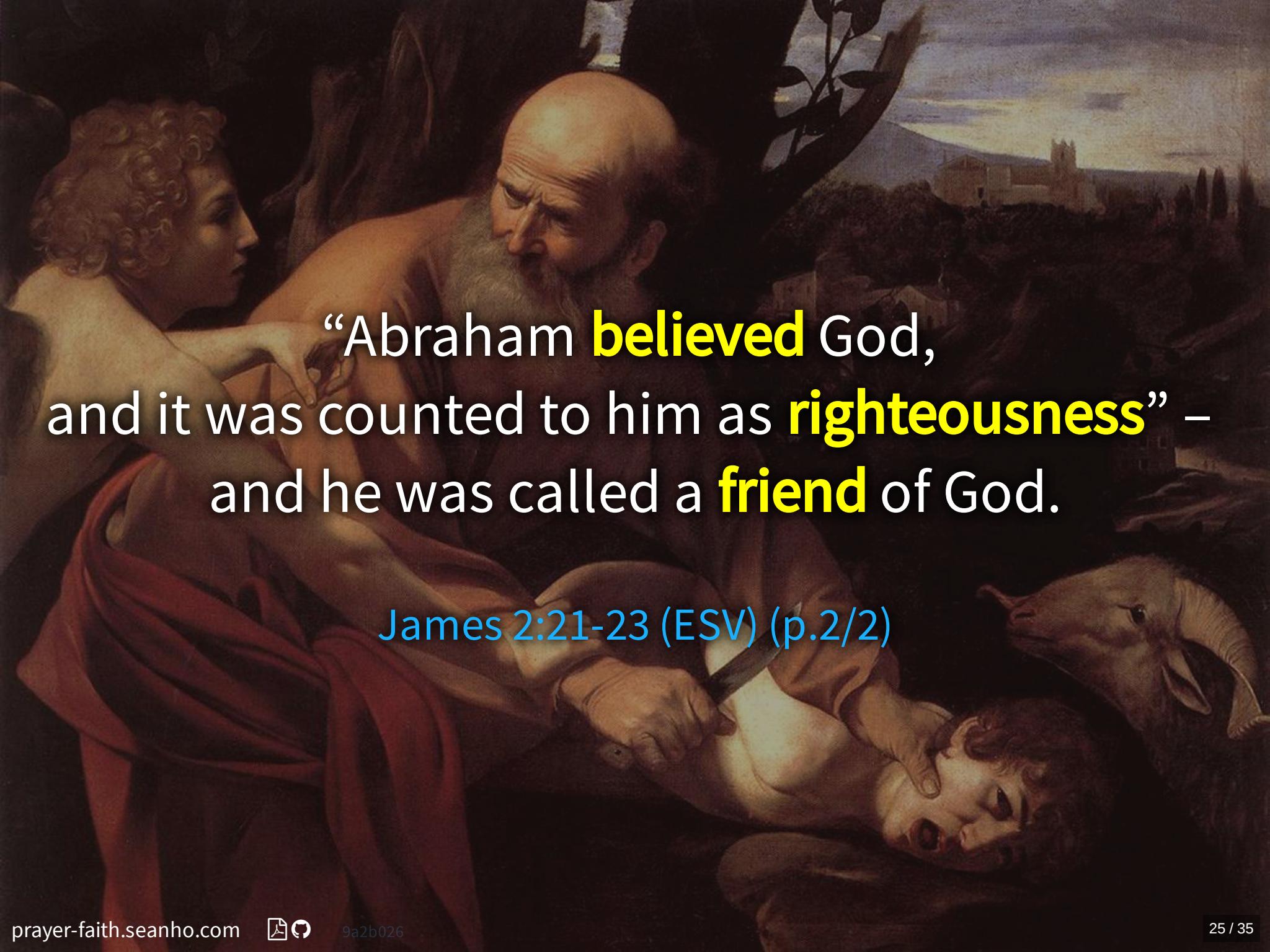
Was not **Abraham** our father justified by **works** when he offered up his son **Isaac** on the altar?

You see that **faith** was **active** along with his works,
and faith was **completed** by his works;

and the Scripture was fulfilled that says,

James 2:21-23 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Caravaggio, "The Sacrifice of Isaac", 1603

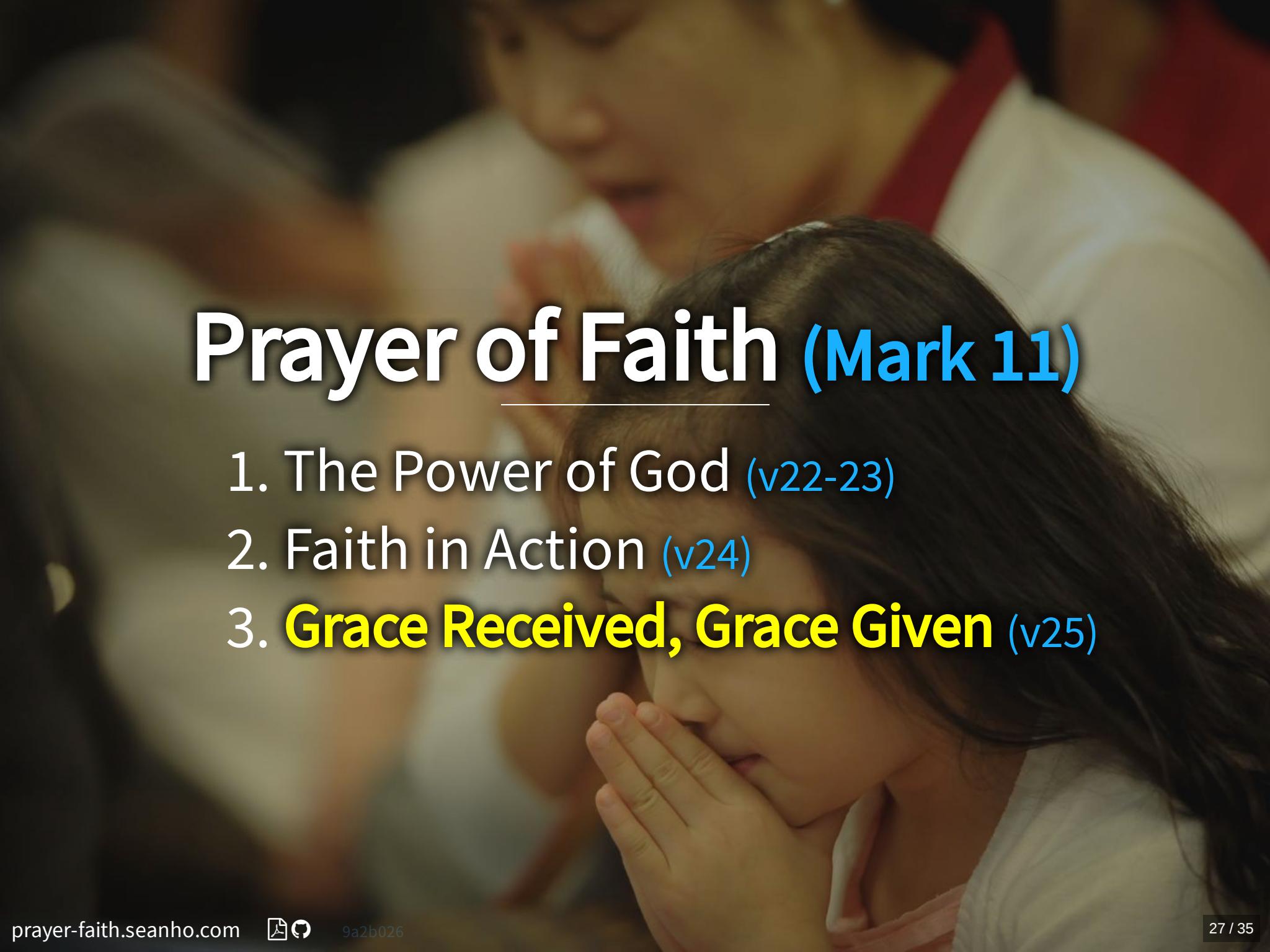


“Abraham **believed** God,
and it was counted to him as **righteousness**” –
and he was called a **friend** of God.

James 2:21-23 (ESV) (p.2/2)

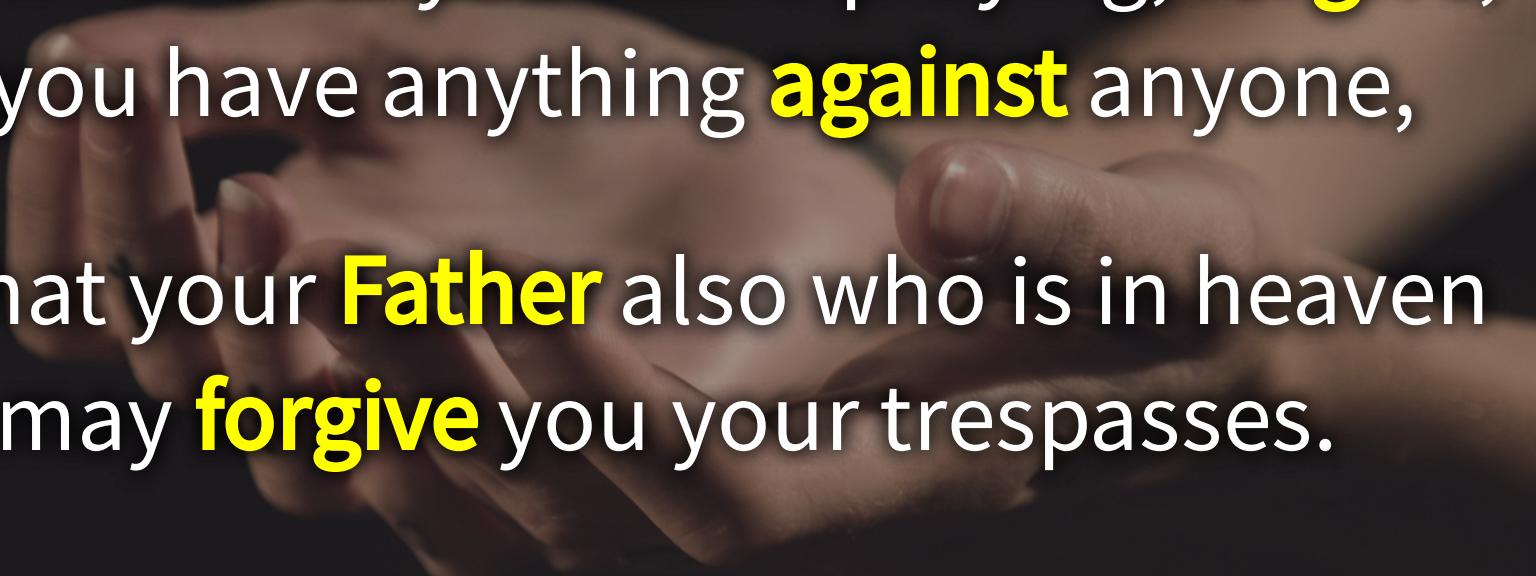
In my prayers, do I
submit to God?

In my faith, do I
obey Him?

A woman with dark hair is shown in profile, facing right. She is wearing a white shirt and has her hands clasped together in front of her chest in a prayerful gesture. The background is blurred, showing other people in what appears to be a church or similar setting.

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And whenever you stand praying, **forgive**,
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so that your **Father** also who is in heaven
may **forgive** you your trespasses.

Mark 11:25 (ESV)

Milada Vigerova



Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,
‘Your sins are **forgiven**’;
or to say,
‘**Get up**, and pick up your pallet and **walk**’?

Mark 2:9 (ESV)

Nikolay Svischchev-Paola, “Beggar with a Lyra”, 1900

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will restore the one who is **sick**,
and the Lord will **raise** him up,

and if he has committed **sins**,
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James 5:15 (NASB) (p.1/2)

Ukraine. Paul Itkin

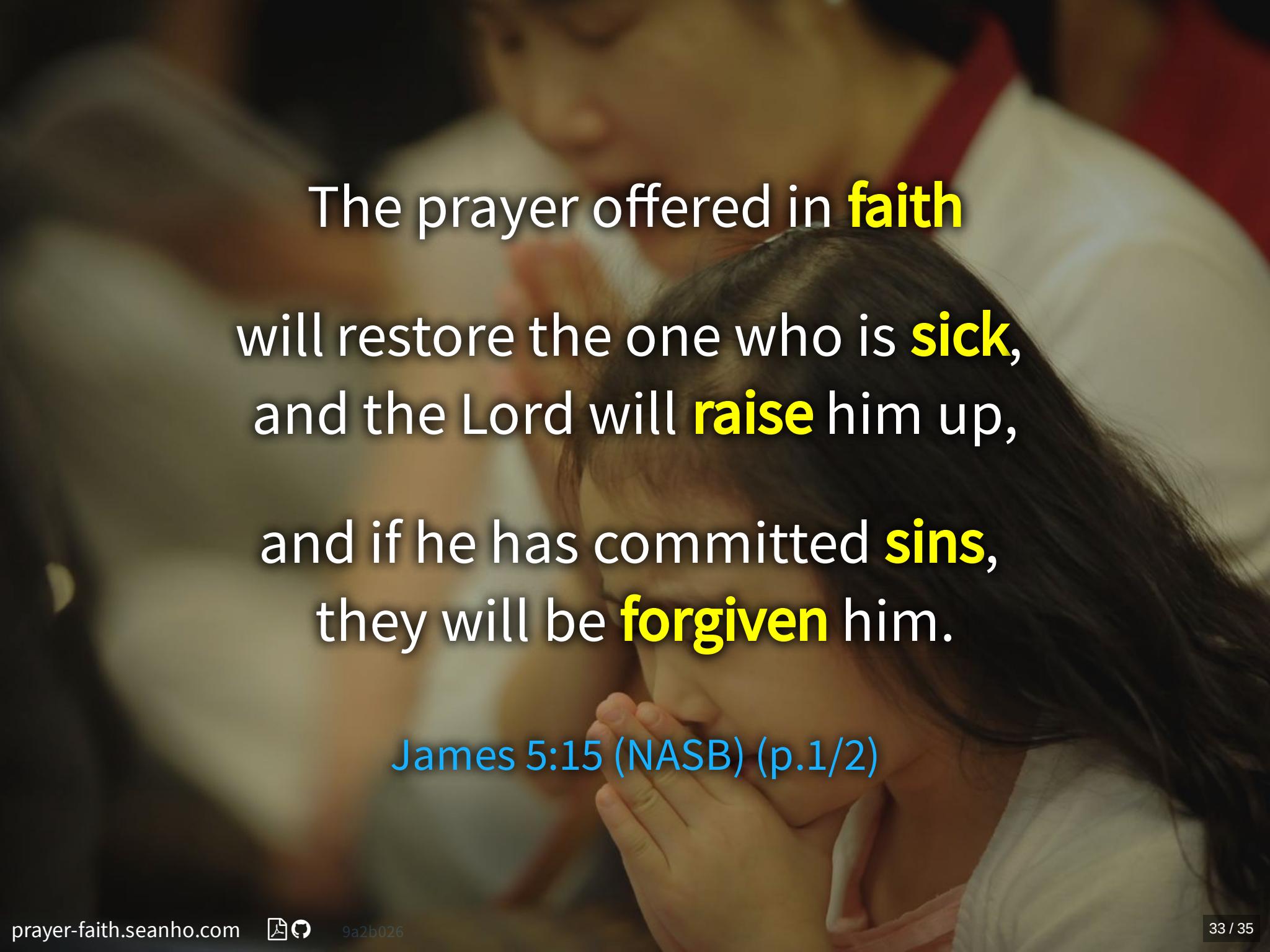
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and **pray** for one another
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James 5:16 (NASB) (p.2/2)

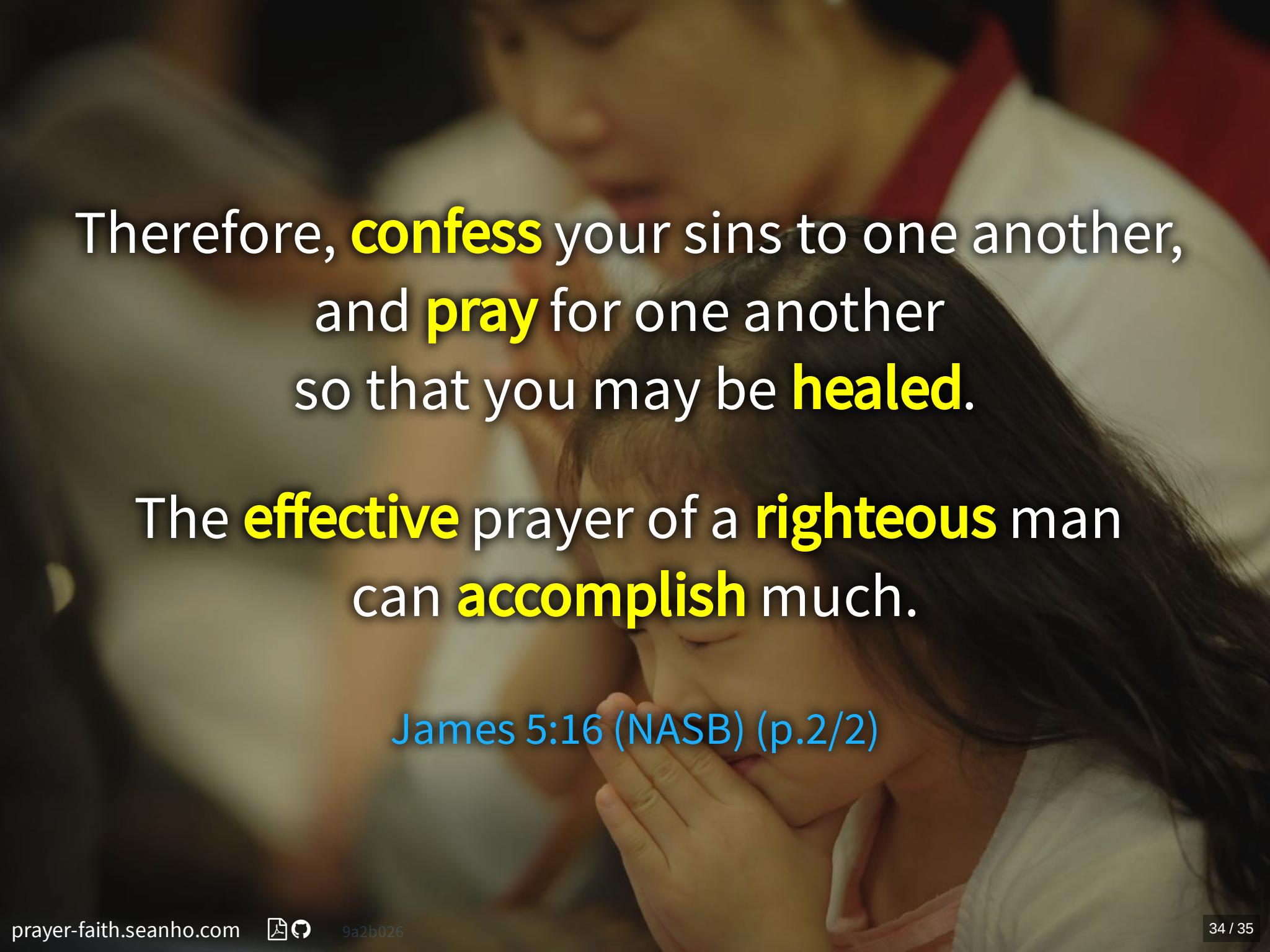
What grace has God
shown me?

What grace will I
show to others?

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