

The Adopted Princess

Ezekiel 16

Suchawa, Poland

Have I been
unfaithful to
my first love?

2 Confront Jerusalem
with her detestable practices **3** and say,
'This is what the Sovereign Lord says to
Jerusalem:

Your ancestry and birth
were in the land of the Canaanites;
your father was an Amorite
and your mother a Hittite.

Ezekiel 16:2-6 (NIV) (p.1/4)

4 On the day you were born
your cord was not cut,

nor were you washed with water
to make you clean,

nor were you rubbed with salt
or wrapped in cloths.

Ezekiel 16:2-6 (NIV) (p.2/4)

5 No one looked on you with pity
or had compassion enough
to do any of these things for you.

Rather, you were thrown out
into the open field,
for on the day you were born
you were despised.

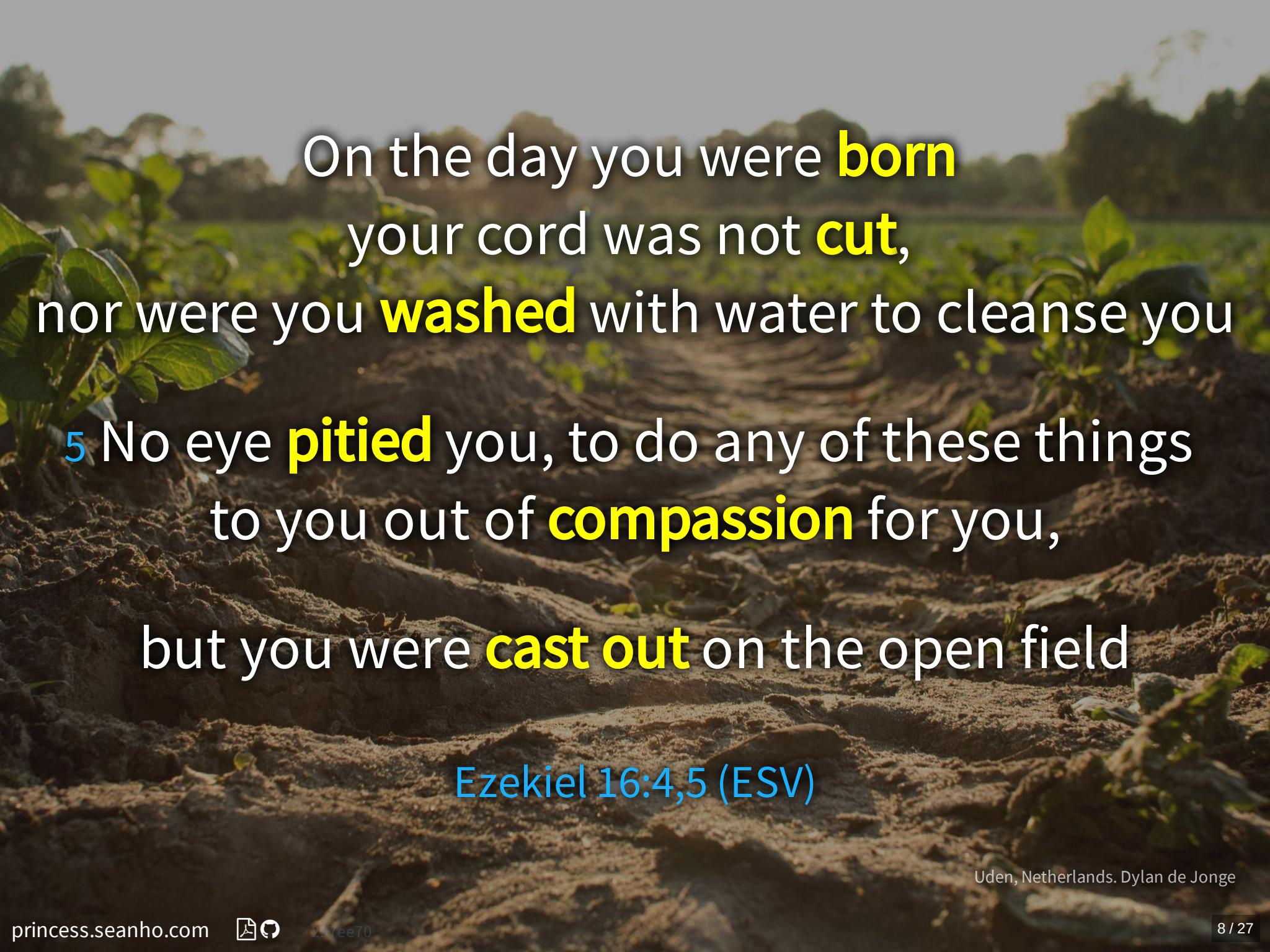
Ezekiel 16:2-6 (NIV) (p.3/4)

6 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 16:2-6 (NIV) (p.4/4)

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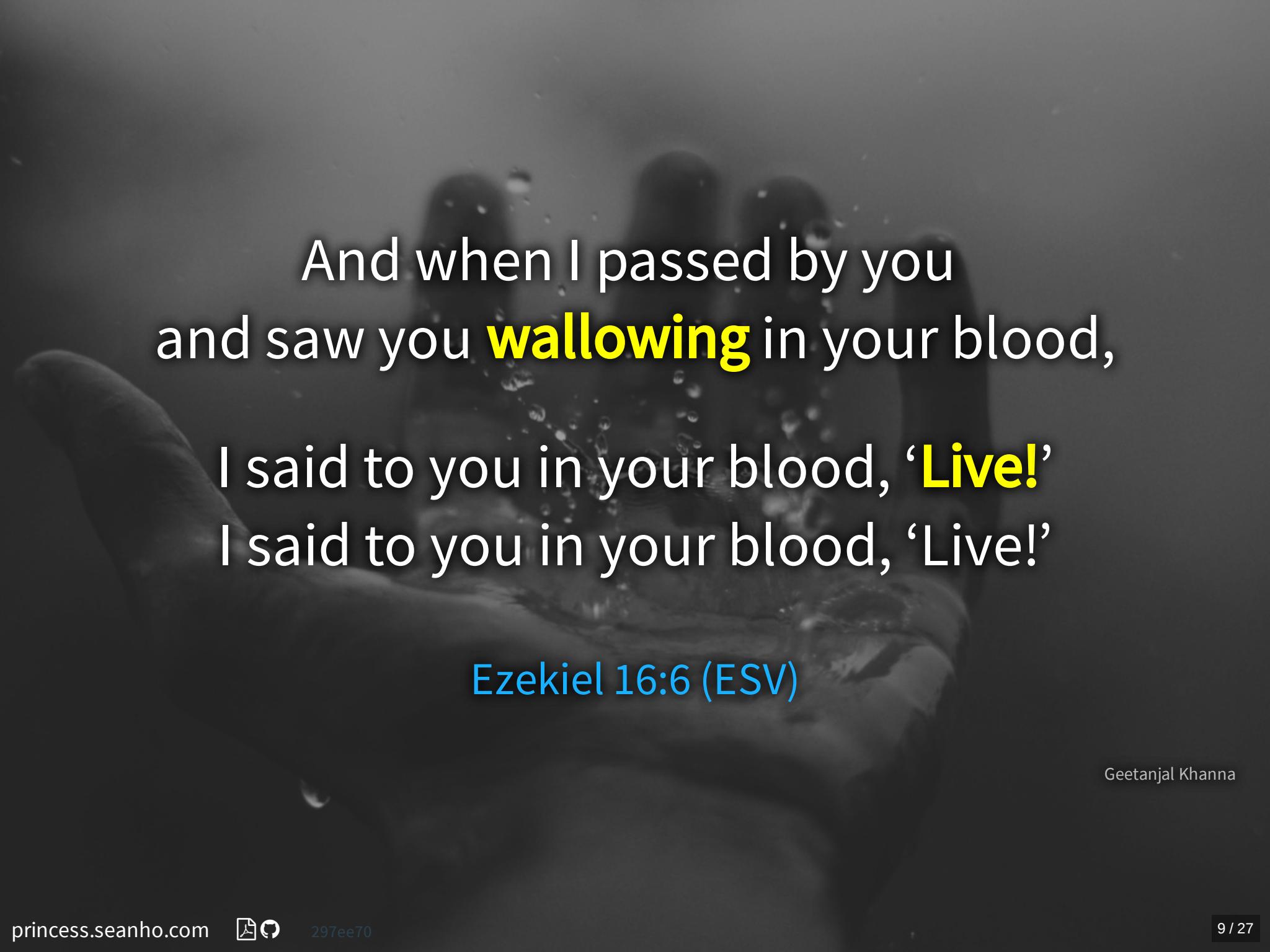
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On the day you were **born**
your cord was not **cut**,
nor were you **washed** with water to cleanse you
5 No eye **pitied** you, to do any of these things
to you out of **compassion** for you,
but you were **cast out** on the open field

Ezekiel 16:4,5 (ESV)

Uden, Netherlands. Dylan de Jonge



And when I passed by you
and saw you **wallowing** in your blood,

I said to you in your blood, ‘**Live!**’
I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’

Ezekiel 16:6 (ESV)

Geetanjali Khanna



You were **adorned** with gold and silver,
You grew exceedingly **beautiful**
and advanced to **royalty**.

14 Your **renown** went forth among the nations
because of your **beauty**,
for it was perfect through the **splendor**
that I had **bestowed** on you

Ezekiel 16:13-14 (ESV)

Have I mistaken
God's grace
for God's
endorsement?

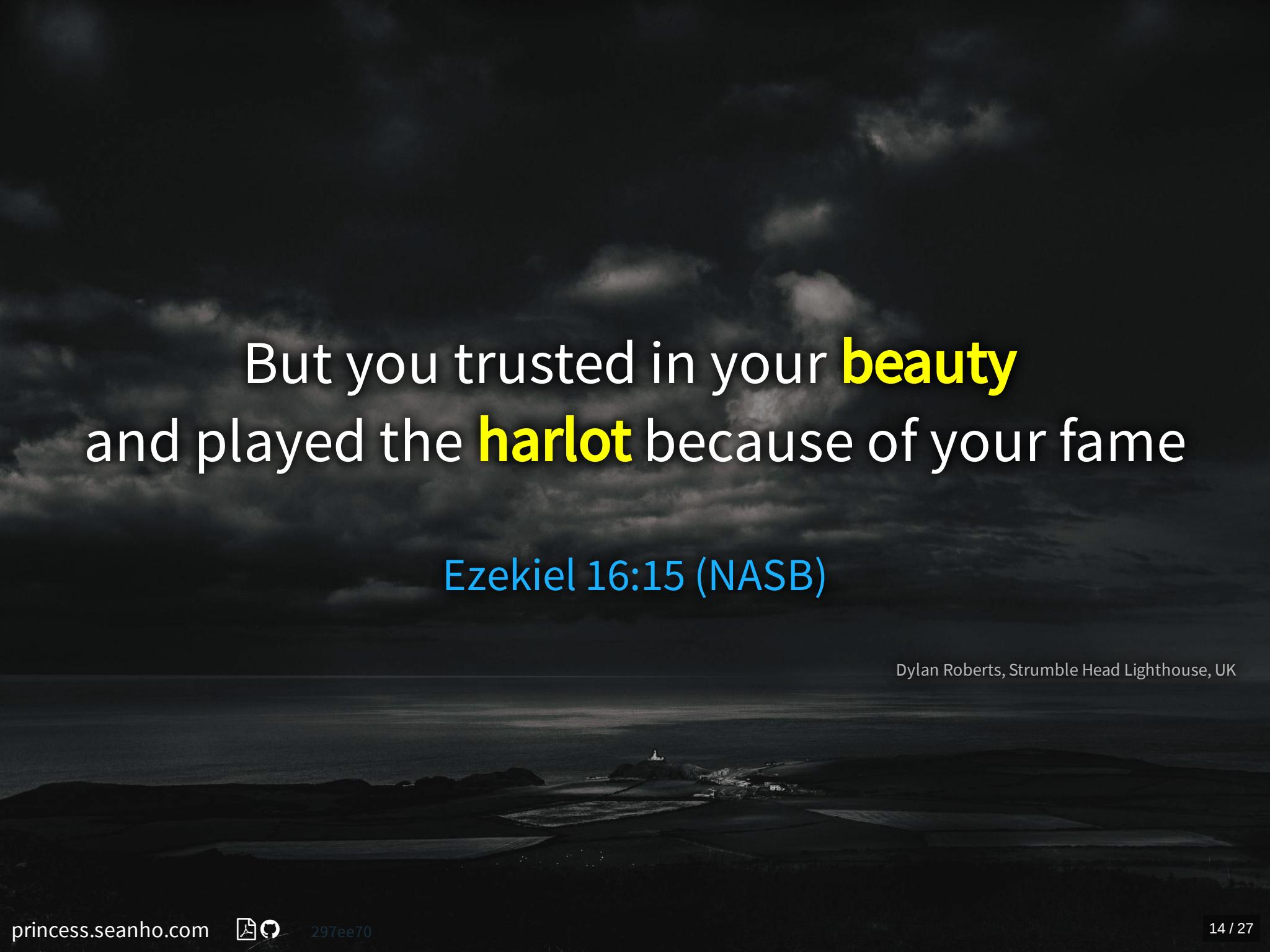
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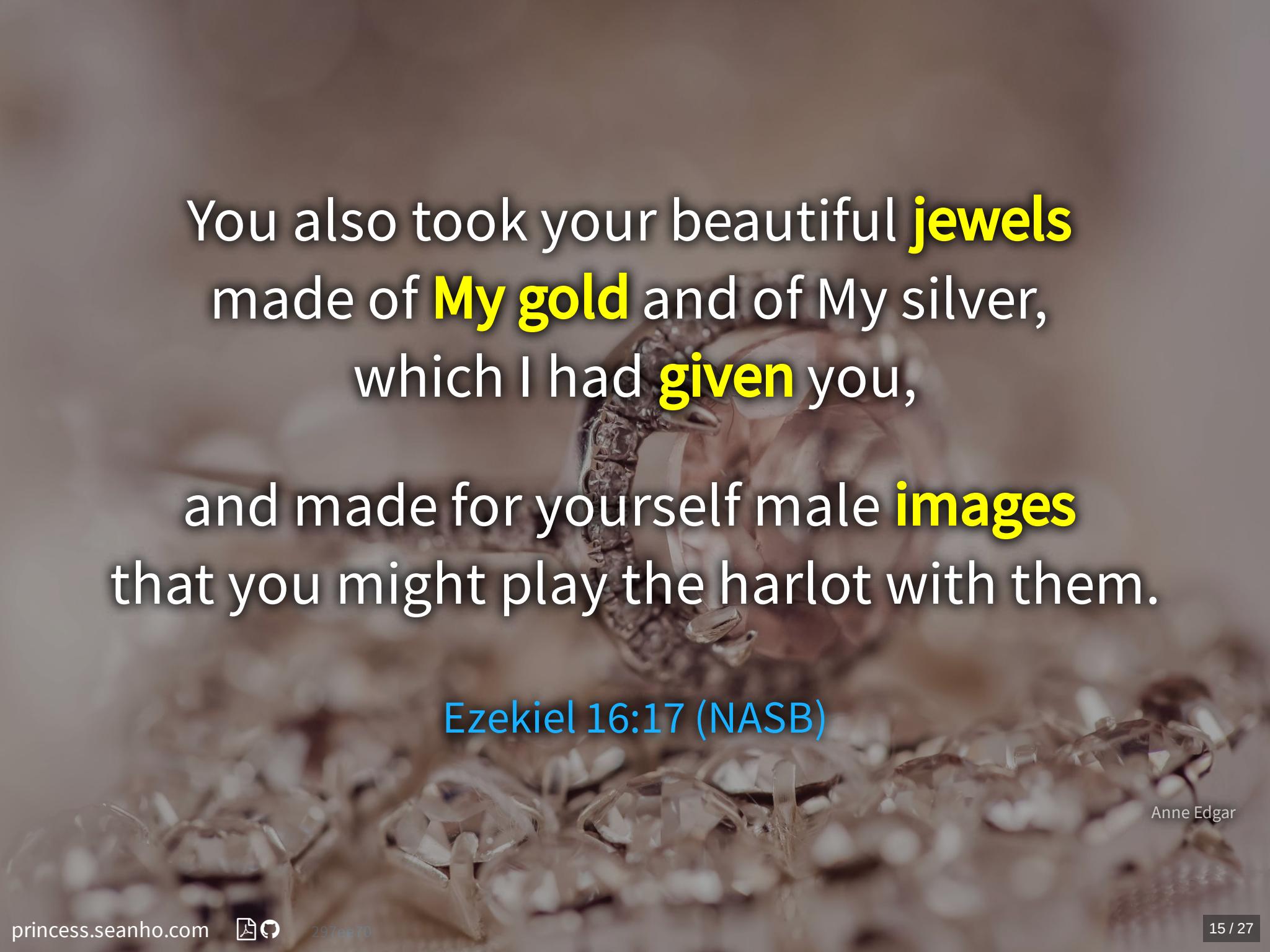
Ukraine. Paul Itkin

The background of the slide is a dark, moody photograph of a coastal scene at night or in low light. A lighthouse stands prominently on a rocky cliff on the right side. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere.

But you trusted in your **beauty**
and played the **harlot** because of your fame

Ezekiel 16:15 (NASB)

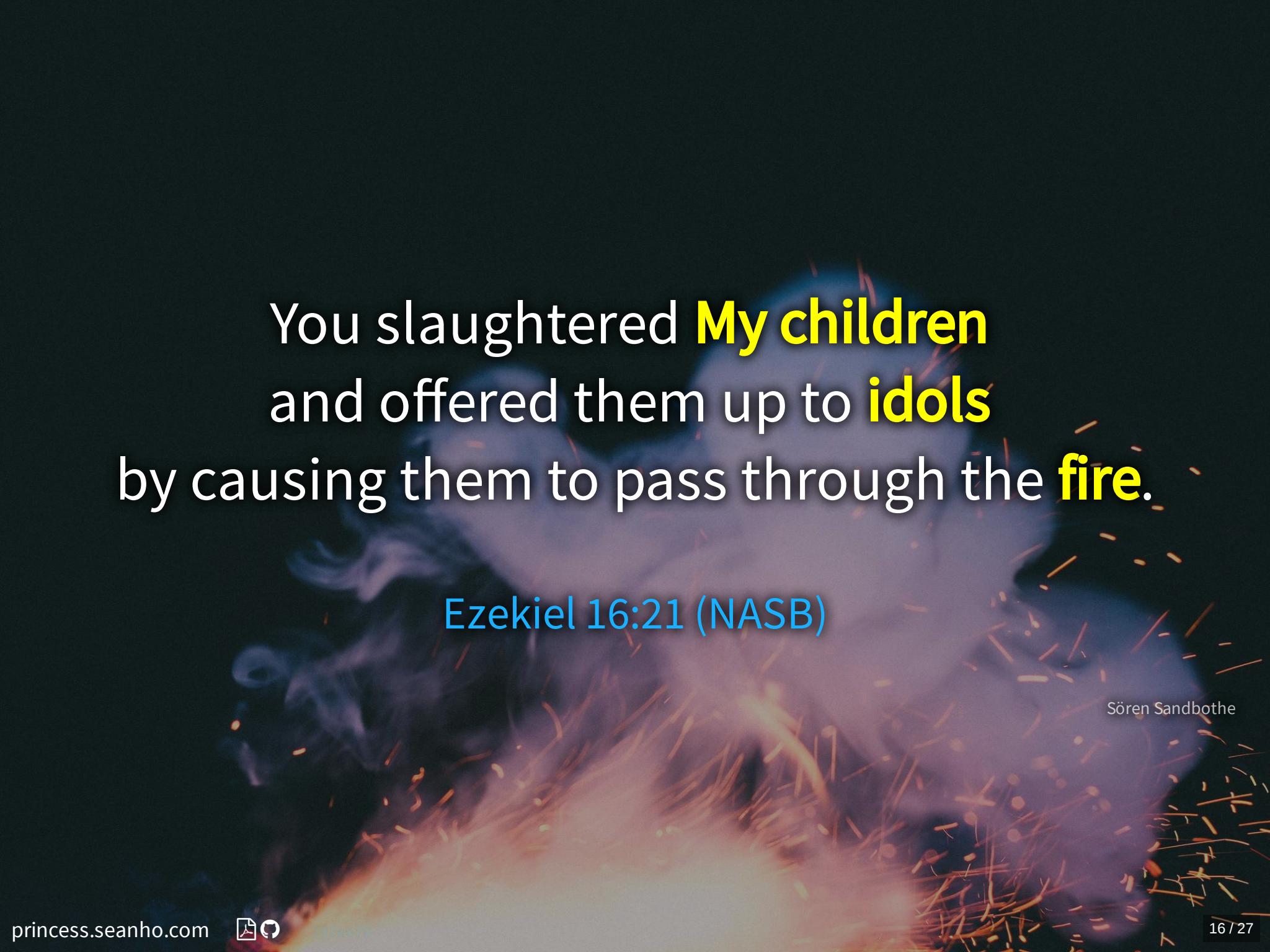
Dylan Roberts, Strumble Head Lighthouse, UK



You also took your beautiful **jewels**
made of **My gold** and of My silver,
which I had **given** you,
and made for yourself male **images**
that you might play the harlot with them.

Ezekiel 16:17 (NASB)

Anne Edgar



You slaughtered **My children**
and offered them up to **idols**
by causing them to pass through the **fire**.

Ezekiel 16:21 (NASB)

Sören Sandbothe

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You made your beauty **abominable**,
and you spread your legs to every **passer-by**
to multiply your harlotry.

25 You also played the harlot with
the **Egyptians**, ... Philistines,
... Assyrians, ... Chaldea,
29 yet even with this you were not **satisfied**

Ezekiel 16:25-29 (NASB)

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Behold, I will gather all your **lovers**
with whom you took pleasure,

even all those whom you **loved**
and all those whom you **hated**.

So I will gather them **against** you
from every direction
and **expose** your nakedness to them

Ezekiel 16:37 (NASB)

What beauty
has become an idol
to me?

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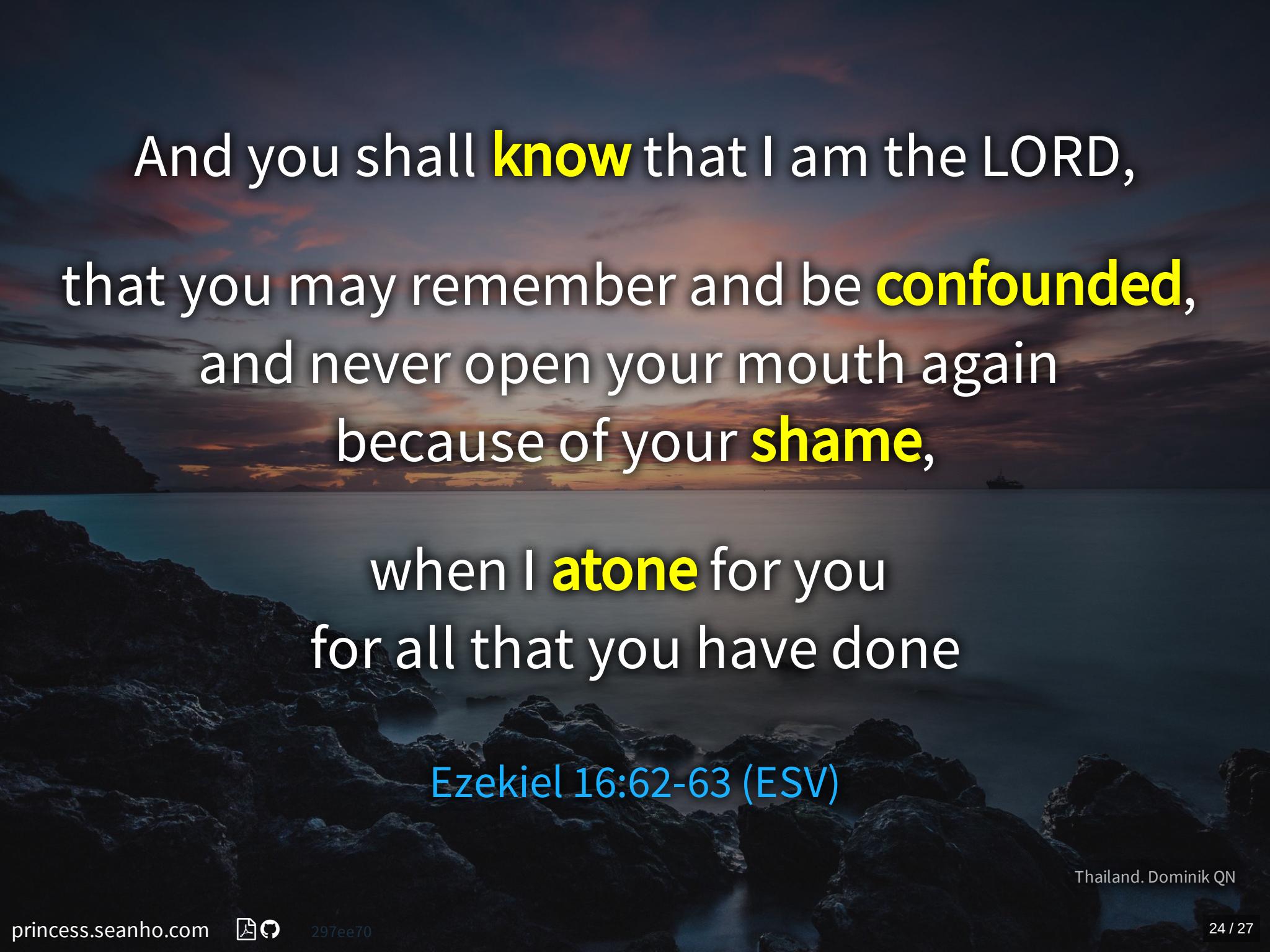
A scenic landscape featuring snow-capped mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, there's a body of water, likely a lake, with dark evergreen trees lining its shore. The lighting suggests either sunrise or sunset, with warm colors on the horizon.

Yet I will **remember** my covenant
with you in the days of your youth,

and I will **establish** for you
an everlasting covenant.

Ezekiel 16:60 (ESV)

Mark Basarab

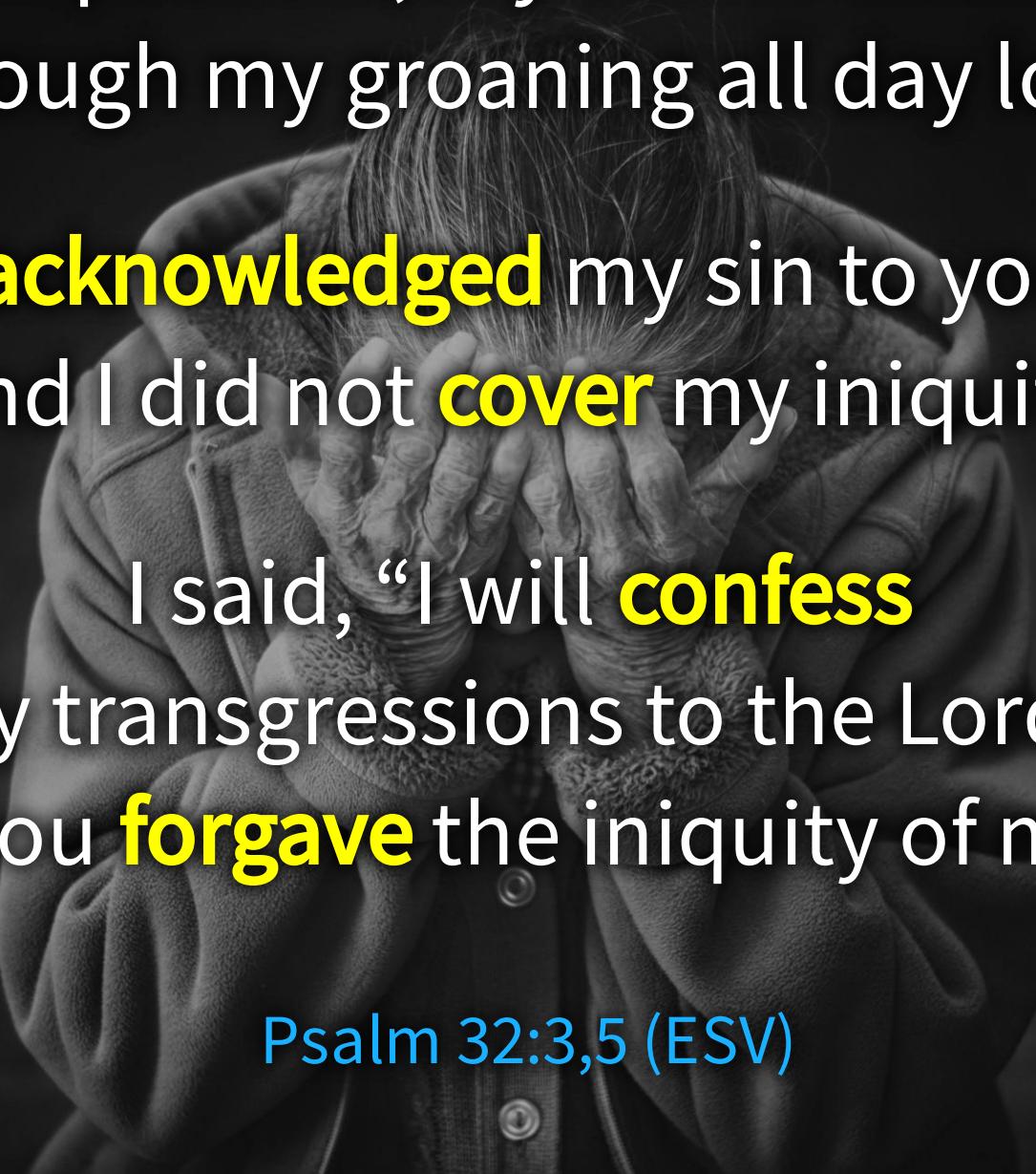


And you shall **know** that I am the LORD,
that you may remember and be **confounded**,
and never open your mouth again
because of your **shame**,
when I **atone** for you
for all that you have done

Ezekiel 16:62-63 (ESV)

Thailand. Dominik QN

When I kept **silent**, my bones **wasted away**
through my groaning all day long.



I **acknowledged** my sin to you,
and I did not **cover** my iniquity;

I said, “I will **confess**
my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you **forgave** the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:3,5 (ESV)

**What has God
forgiven me of?**

