

The background image shows a vast, rugged landscape under a dramatic sky. A bright sunburst or light leak dominates the upper center, casting a warm glow through dark, billowing clouds. Below, a deep blue lake reflects the light, and a winding road or path leads from the foreground towards the horizon. The surrounding terrain is a mix of dark, shadowed areas and patches of green vegetation.

SEEK

Isaiah 40:3-11

**What will it be like
to see God?**

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3 A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness **prepare**
the way for the **Lord**;
make **straight** in the desert
a highway for our **God**.

Isaiah 40:3 (NIV) (p.1/6)

4 Every **valley** shall be raised up,
every **mountain** and hill made low;
the **rough** ground shall become level,
the **rugged** places a plain.

5 And the **glory** of the Lord will be revealed,
and **all** people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:4-5 (NIV) (p.2/6)

6 A voice says, “**Cry** out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All **people** are like grass,
and all their **faithfulness**
is like the flowers of the field.

Isaiah 40:6 (NIV) (p.3/6)

7 The grass **withers** and the flowers **fall**,
because the **breath** of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

8 The **grass** withers and the **flowers** fall,
but the **word** of our God endures forever.”

Isaiah 40:7-8 (NIV) (p.4/6)

9 You who bring **good news** to Zion,
go up on a high **mountain**.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be **afraid**;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

Isaiah 40:9 (NIV) (p.5/6)

10 See, the Sovereign Lord comes with **power**,
and he rules with a **mighty** arm.

See, his **reward** is with him,
and his **recompense** accompanies him.

11 He tends his flock like a **shepherd**:
He **gathers** the lambs in his arms
and **carries** them close to his heart;
he **gently leads** those that have young.

Isaiah 40:10-11 (NIV) (p.6/6)

Seek (Is40)

1. **Prepare** the Way (v3-5)
2. We Are But **Grass** (v6-8)
3. **Behold**, Your God! (v9-11)



A photograph of a paved path or driveway leading through a field of tall grass and low-lying bushes towards a cloudy sky. The path is made of light-colored concrete slabs.

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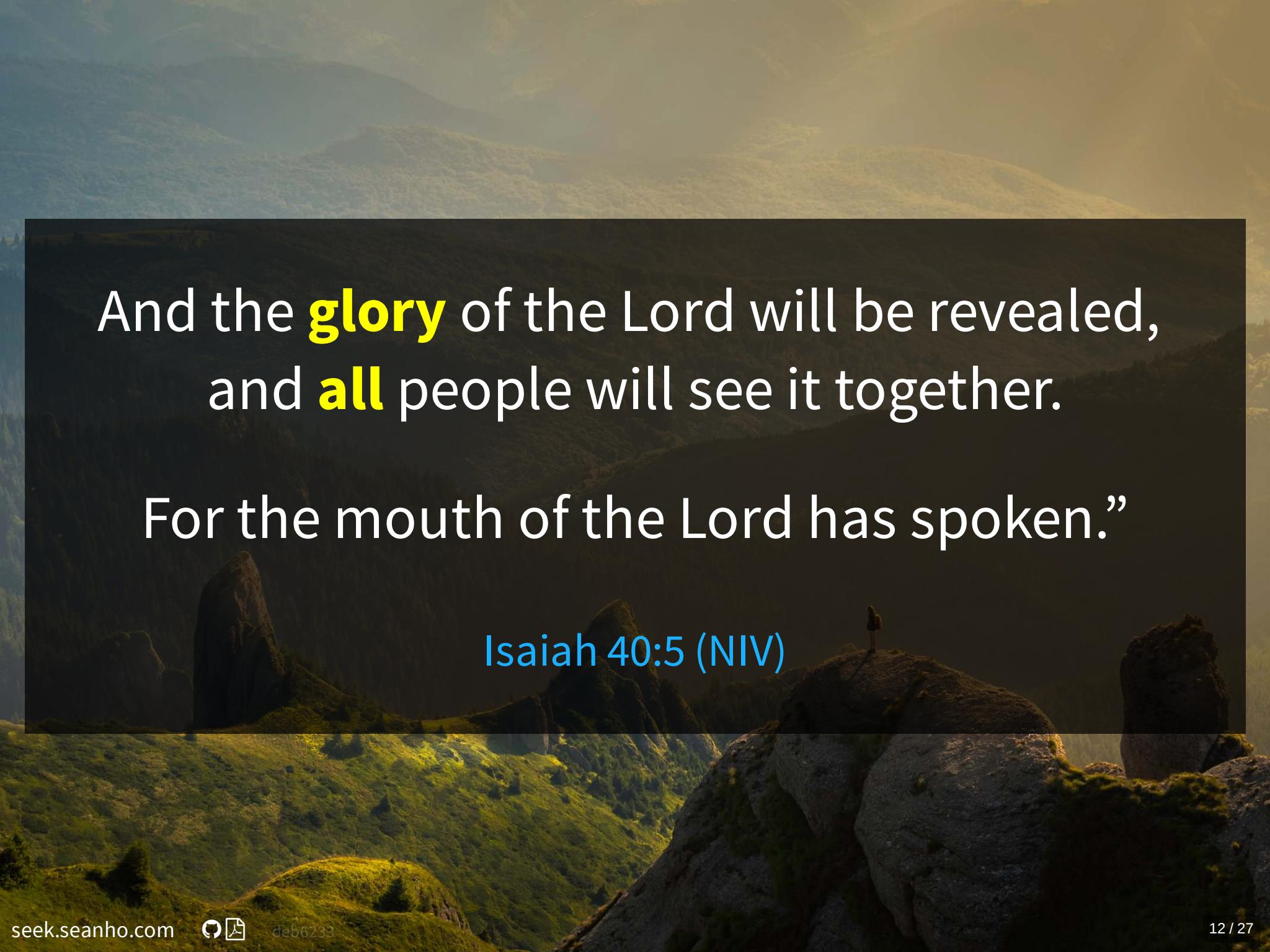
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Isaiah 40:3 (NIV)

John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness,
preaching a baptism of **repentance**
for the **forgiveness** of sins.

[...] 5 **Confessing** their sins,
they were **baptized** by him in the Jordan River.

Mark 1:4-5 (NIV)

The background of the slide features a dark, atmospheric landscape with rolling hills and mountains. A small figure of a person stands on a prominent rock formation in the lower right foreground, looking towards the horizon.

And the **glory** of the Lord will be revealed,
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For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:5 (NIV)

Therefore God **exalted** him to the highest place
[...] **10** that at the name of **Jesus**
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and **every tongue** acknowledge
that **Jesus Christ** is **Lord**,
to the glory of **God** the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

**Am I prepared to
see Jesus?**

**Do I prepare
others?**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a rugged landscape. In the foreground, there's a grassy field with some rocks. A winding road or path leads towards a large body of water, possibly a lake or a bay. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright, almost blinding light source, likely the sun, visible through them, creating a lens flare effect. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and somewhat somber.

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Isaiah 40:6 (NIV)



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Isaiah 40:7 (NIV)

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but the **word** of our God endures forever.”

Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)

Now that you have **purified** yourselves
by **obeying** the truth so that
you have **sincere** love for each other,

love one another **deeply**, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22 (NIV)

Is my love **fading**
like a flower,
or **enduring**, deep,
from God's **Word**?

The background of the slide is a photograph of a rugged landscape. In the foreground, there's a grassy field with some rocks. A body of water, possibly a lake or a bay, stretches across the middle ground. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with some lighter areas where sunlight is breaking through, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere.

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A young child with blonde hair, wearing a blue baseball cap and a plaid shirt, is sitting on a wooden bench. They are looking up and to the right with their mouth open as if shouting. An open book is resting on their lap, and they are pointing at it with their right hand. The background is blurred, showing a bright, outdoor setting.

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lift it up, do not be **afraid**;
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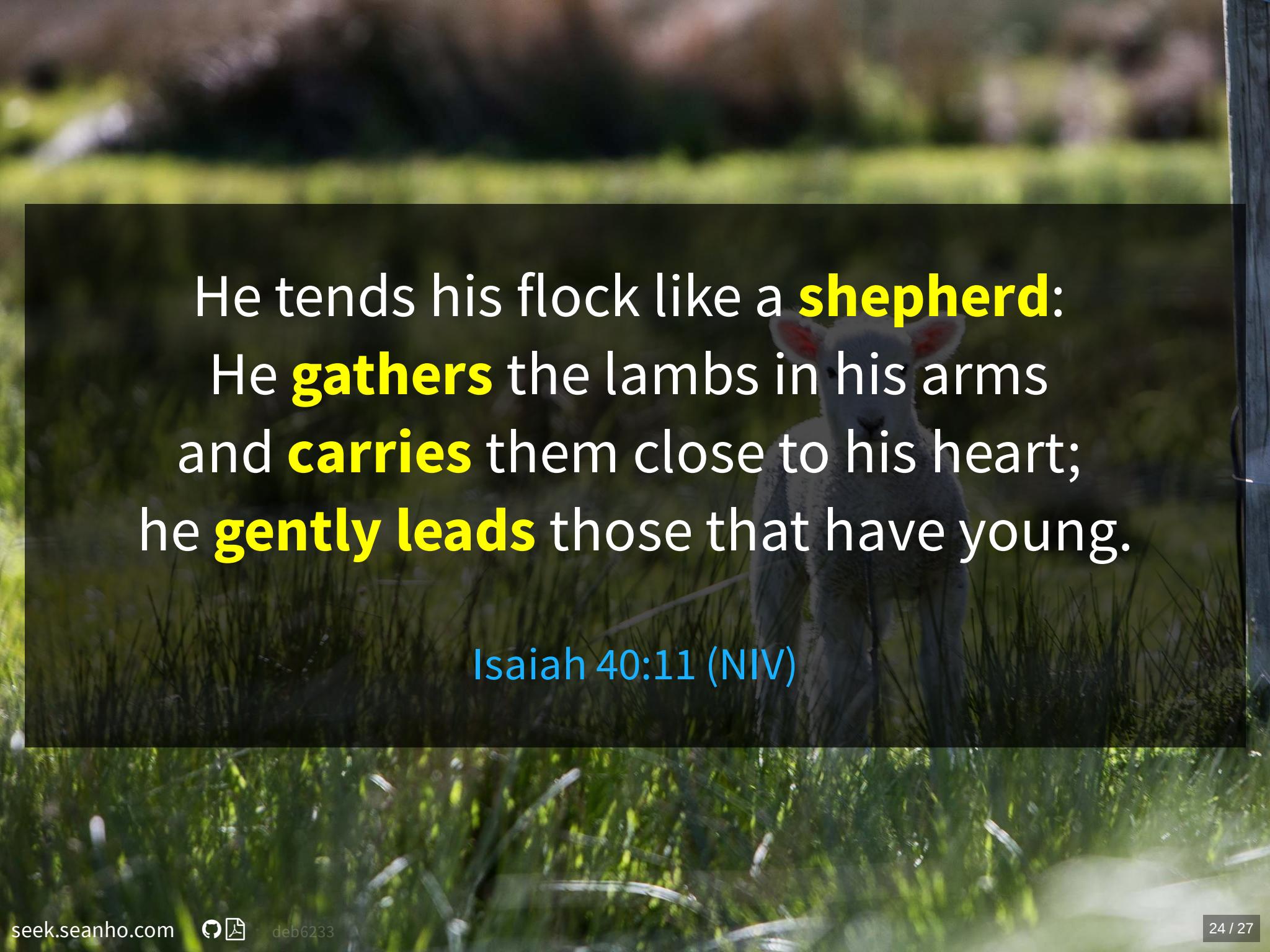
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Isaiah 40:11 (NIV)

**Do I believe the
gospel is good
news?**

The background of the slide features a dramatic landscape under a cloudy sky. A river or path winds its way through the center of the frame, flanked by green hills and mountains. The lighting is low, creating a somber and contemplative atmosphere.

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