

# Singleness in the End Times

## 1 Corinthians 7:25-35

Mika Matin. Tennessee, US



**What does the Bible  
say to singles?**

25 Now about **virgins**:

I have **no command** from the Lord,  
but I give a **judgment** as one  
who by the Lord's mercy is **trustworthy**.

1 Corinthians 7:25 (NIV) (p.1/8)

26 Because of the **present crisis**,  
I think that it is good for a man  
to **remain** as he is.

27 Are you **pledged** to a woman?  
Do not seek to be **released**.

Are you **free** from such a commitment?  
Do not **look** for a wife.

1 Corinthians 7:26-27 (NIV) (p.2/8)

28 But if you do **marry**, you have **not sinned**;  
and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned.

But those who marry  
will face **many troubles** in this life,  
and I want to **spare** you this.

1 Corinthians 7:28 (NIV) (p.3/8)

29 What I mean, brothers and sisters,  
is that the **time is short.**

From now on those who **have** wives  
should live as if they **do not**;

30 those who **mourn**, as if they did not;  
those who are **happy**, as if they were not;

1 Corinthians 7:29-30 (NIV) (p.4/8)

those who **buy** something,  
as if it were not theirs to **keep**;

31 those who **use** the things of the world,  
as if not **engrossed** in them.

For this **world** in its present form  
is **passing away**.

1 Corinthians 7:30-31 (NIV) (p.5/8)

32 I would like you to be **free from concern**.

An **unmarried man** is concerned about  
the **Lord's** affairs —  
how he can **please** the Lord.

33 But a **married man**  
is concerned about the **affairs of this world** —  
how he can please his **wife** —  
34 and his interests are **divided**.

An **unmarried woman** or virgin  
is concerned about the **Lord's affairs**:  
Her aim is to be **devoted** to the Lord  
in both **body** and **spirit**.

But a **married woman**  
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how she can please her **husband**.

1 Corinthians 7:34 (NIV) (p.7/8)

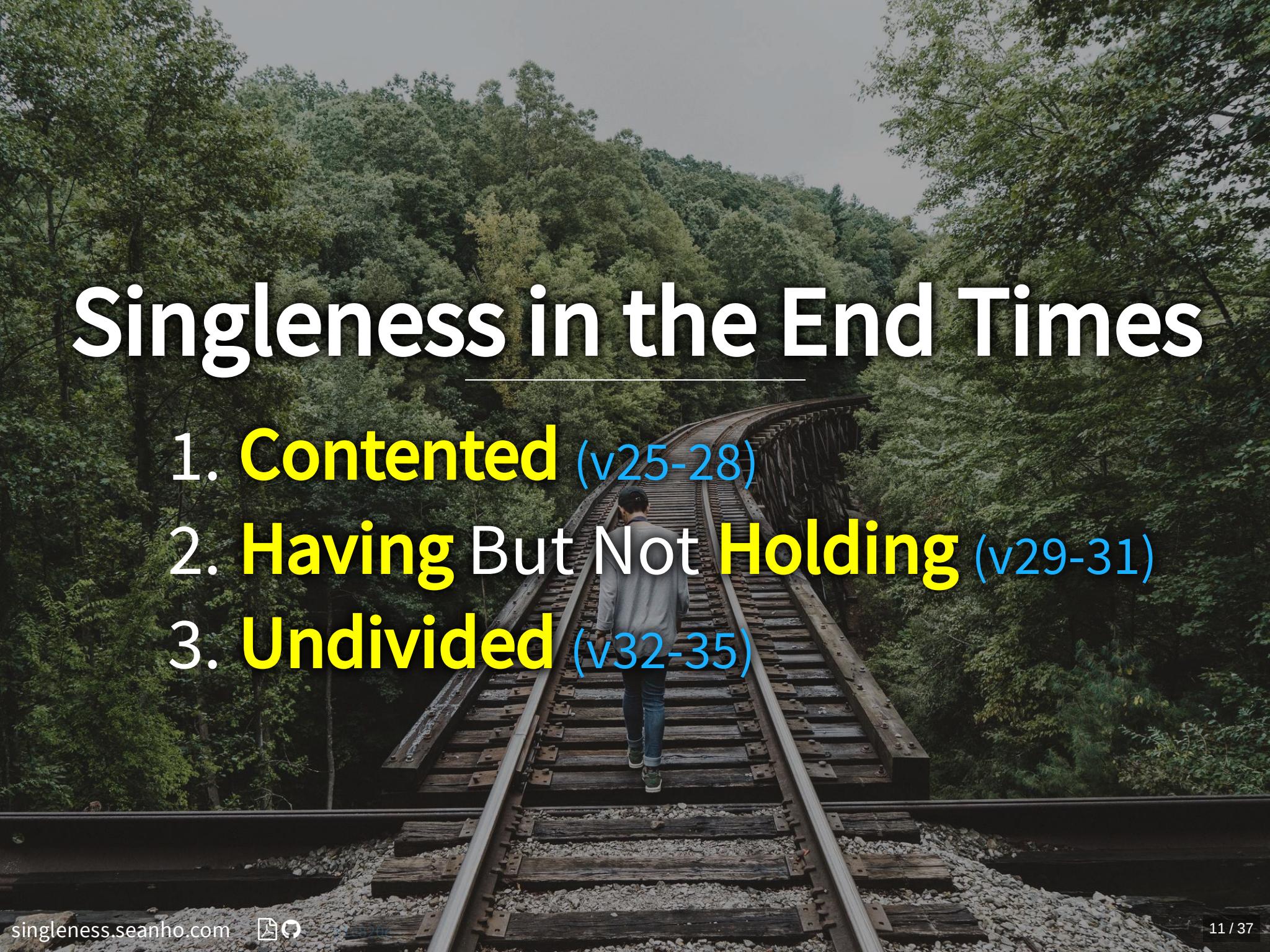
35 I am saying this for your **own good**,  
not to **restrict** you,  
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in **undivided devotion** to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:35 (NIV) (p.8/8)

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# 1 Corinthians 7:25 (NIV)

Aaron Burden

A photograph of a person sitting outdoors in a park-like setting. They are wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, a grey t-shirt, and blue jeans. They are holding an open book and reading it. The background shows a grassy field and some trees. The lighting suggests it's either morning or late afternoon.

but I give a **judgment** as one  
who by the Lord's mercy is **trustworthy**.

1 Corinthians 7:25 (NIV)

Cassidy Kelley. Cleveland, US

The background image is a wide-angle aerial photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there are numerous green fields separated by white roads and small clusters of houses. In the middle ground, a large, dark mountain range is visible, partially obscured by low-hanging clouds. The sky above is filled with various shades of gray and white clouds.

Because of the **present crisis**

1 Corinthians 7:26 (NIV)

Ales Krivec

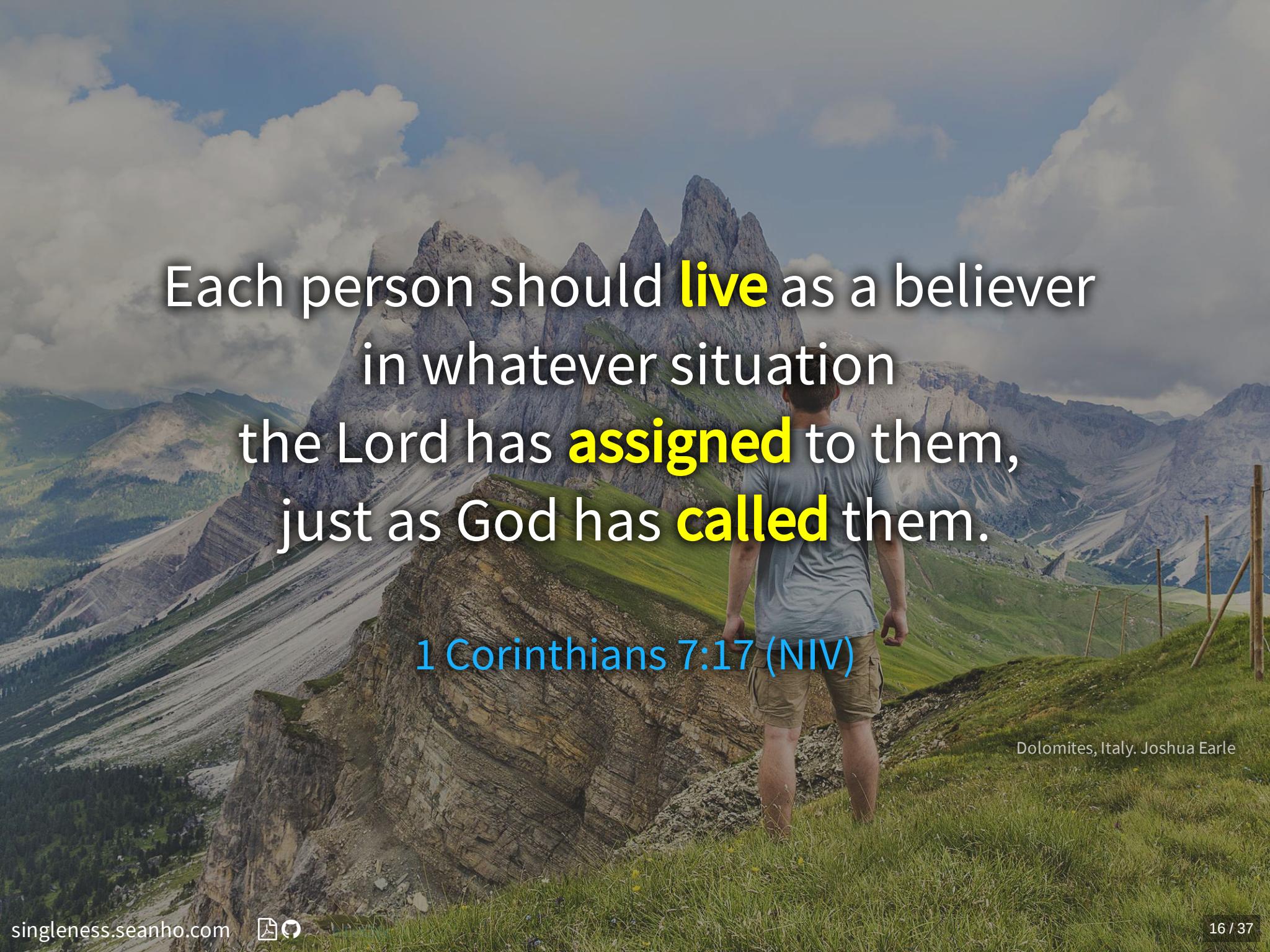
A photograph of a narrow, paved path leading into a field of tall, green grass. The path is flanked by trees and bushes on both sides. The sky above is filled with heavy, grey clouds.

**26** It is good for a man to **remain** as he is.

**27** Do not **look** for a wife.

1 Corinthians 7:26,27 (NIV)

Jon Flobrant

A photograph of a man from behind, standing on a grassy mountain slope. He is wearing a light blue t-shirt and khaki shorts. In front of him is a steep, rocky mountain face with distinct horizontal layers. Beyond that, a range of tall, sharp peaks rises against a sky filled with white and grey clouds.

Each person should **live** as a believer  
in whatever situation  
the Lord has **assigned** to them,  
just as God has **called** them.

1 Corinthians 7:17 (NIV)

Dolomites, Italy. Joshua Earle

A photograph of a rural road scene. A large, leafy tree stands on the left side of a paved road that curves away into the distance. The ground is covered in green grass. In the background, there are more trees and a hazy sky, suggesting early morning or late evening.

Each person should **remain** in the **situation**  
they were in when God **called** them.

1 Corinthians 7:20 (NIV)

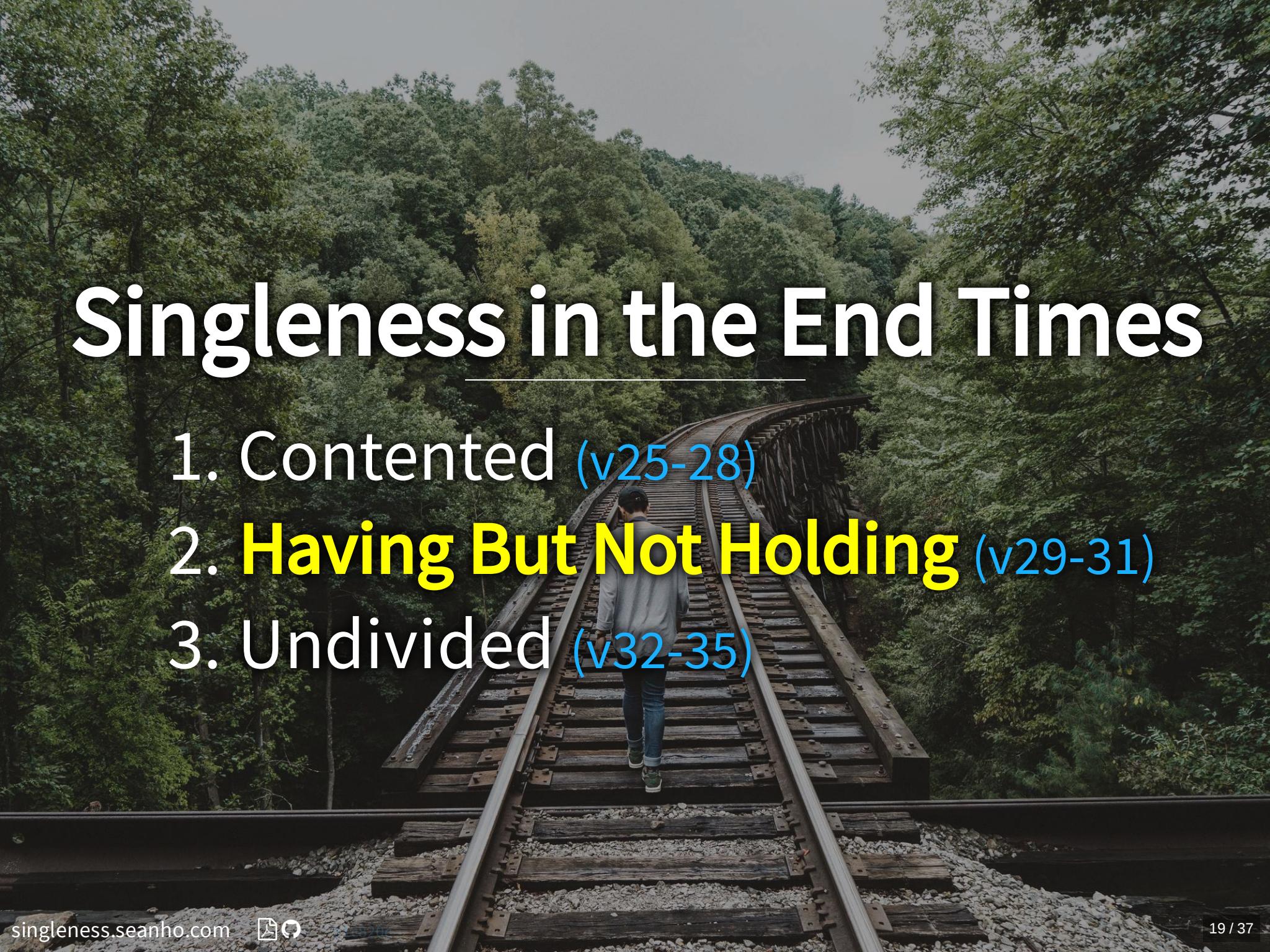
Venray, Netherlands. Michael Coury

Am I pursuing God's  
calling,  
or simply a change  
of circumstance?

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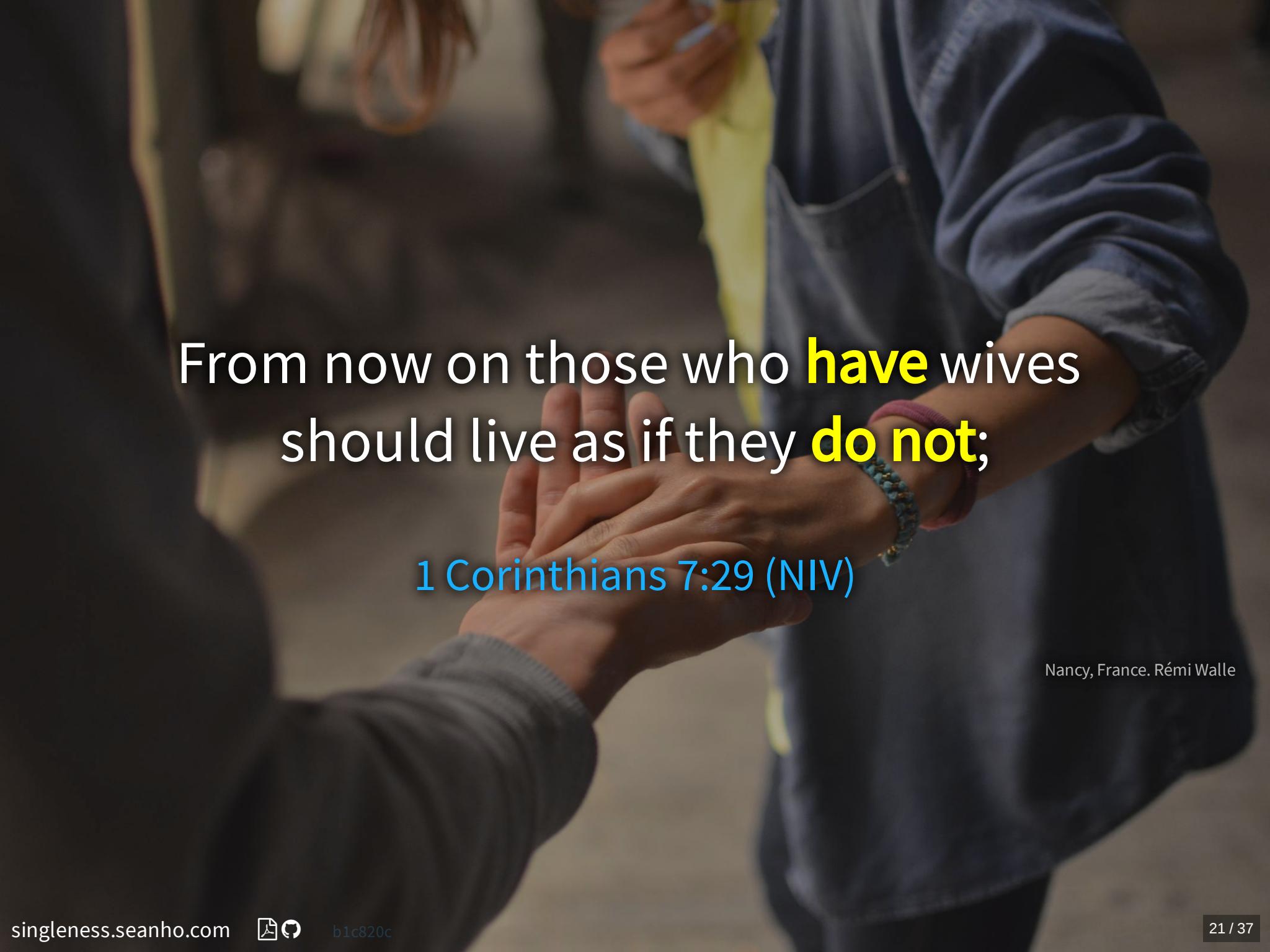
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The background of the slide is a photograph of a rural landscape. It features a mix of green fields, some small clusters of houses, and a range of mountains in the distance. The sky is filled with large, white, billowing clouds.

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is that the **time is short.**

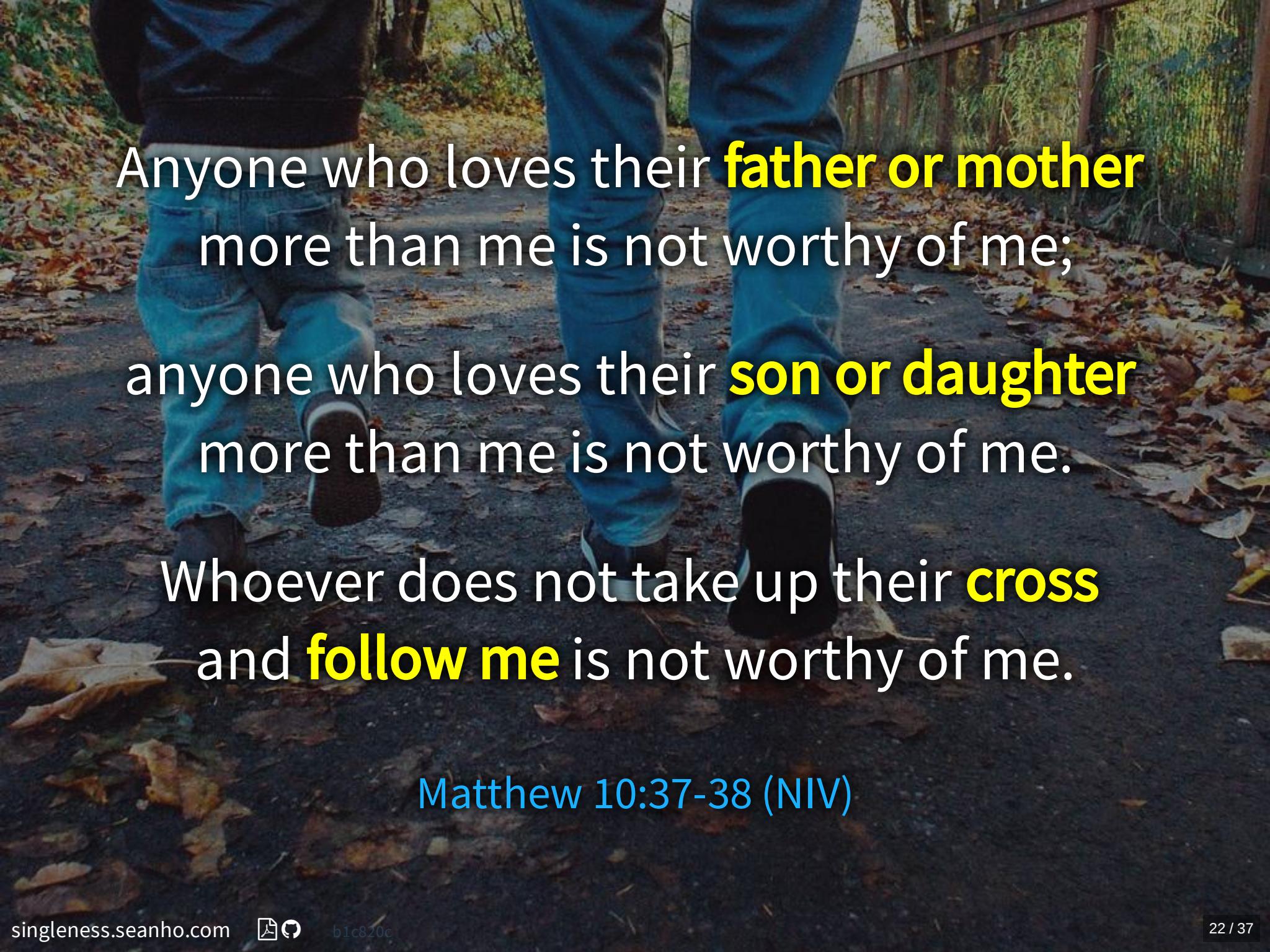
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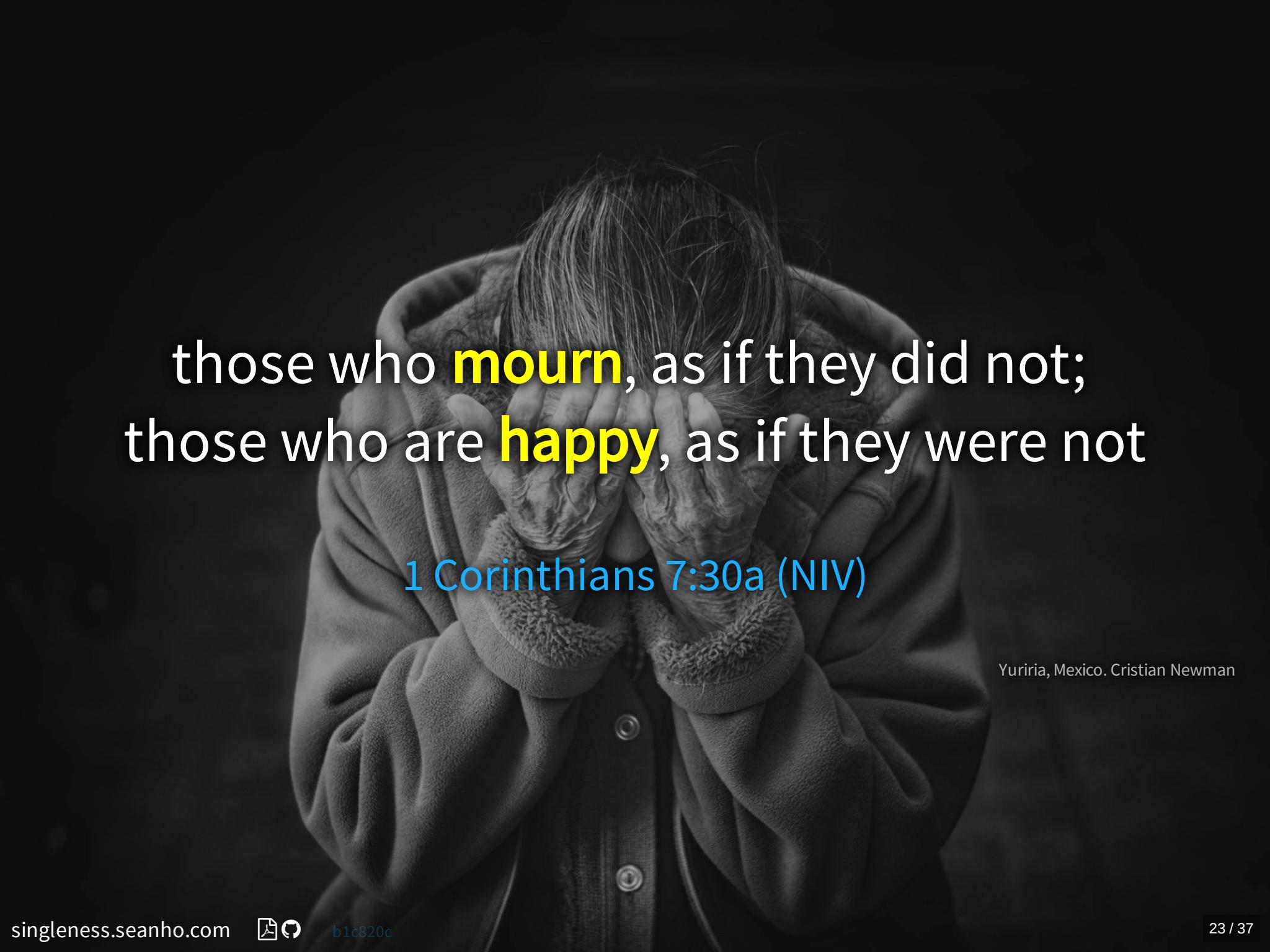
1 Corinthians 7:29 (NIV)

Nancy, France. Rémi Walle



Anyone who loves their **father or mother**  
more than me is not worthy of me;  
anyone who loves their **son or daughter**  
more than me is not worthy of me.  
Whoever does not take up their **cross**  
and **follow me** is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:37-38 (NIV)

A black and white photograph of a person with their head buried in their hands, appearing distressed or sorrowful.

those who **mourn**, as if they did not;  
those who are **happy**, as if they were not

1 Corinthians 7:30a (NIV)

Yuriria, Mexico. Cristian Newman

A young boy with blonde hair, wearing a dark baseball cap and a plaid shirt, is sitting on a wooden bench. He is laughing heartily, with his eyes closed and mouth wide open. He is holding an open book on his lap. The background is blurred, showing a sunny outdoor setting.

Is anyone among you in **trouble**?  
Let them **pray**. Is anyone **happy**?  
Let them sing **songs** of praise.

James 5:13 (NIV)

Ben White

A stack of gold coins of various sizes is centered in the background, resting on a dark, textured surface. The coins are slightly blurred, creating a sense of depth. The lighting highlights the metallic texture and color of the coins.

those who **buy** something,  
as if it were not theirs to **keep**;

1 Corinthians 7:30b (NIV)

The background image shows a rugged landscape with dark, heavy clouds. In the foreground, there's a winding road or path through a field of green grass and rocks. The middle ground features a large body of water, possibly a fjord, with mountains visible in the distance.

those who **use** the things of the world,  
as if not **engrossed** in them.

For this **world** in its present **form**  
is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:31 (NIV)

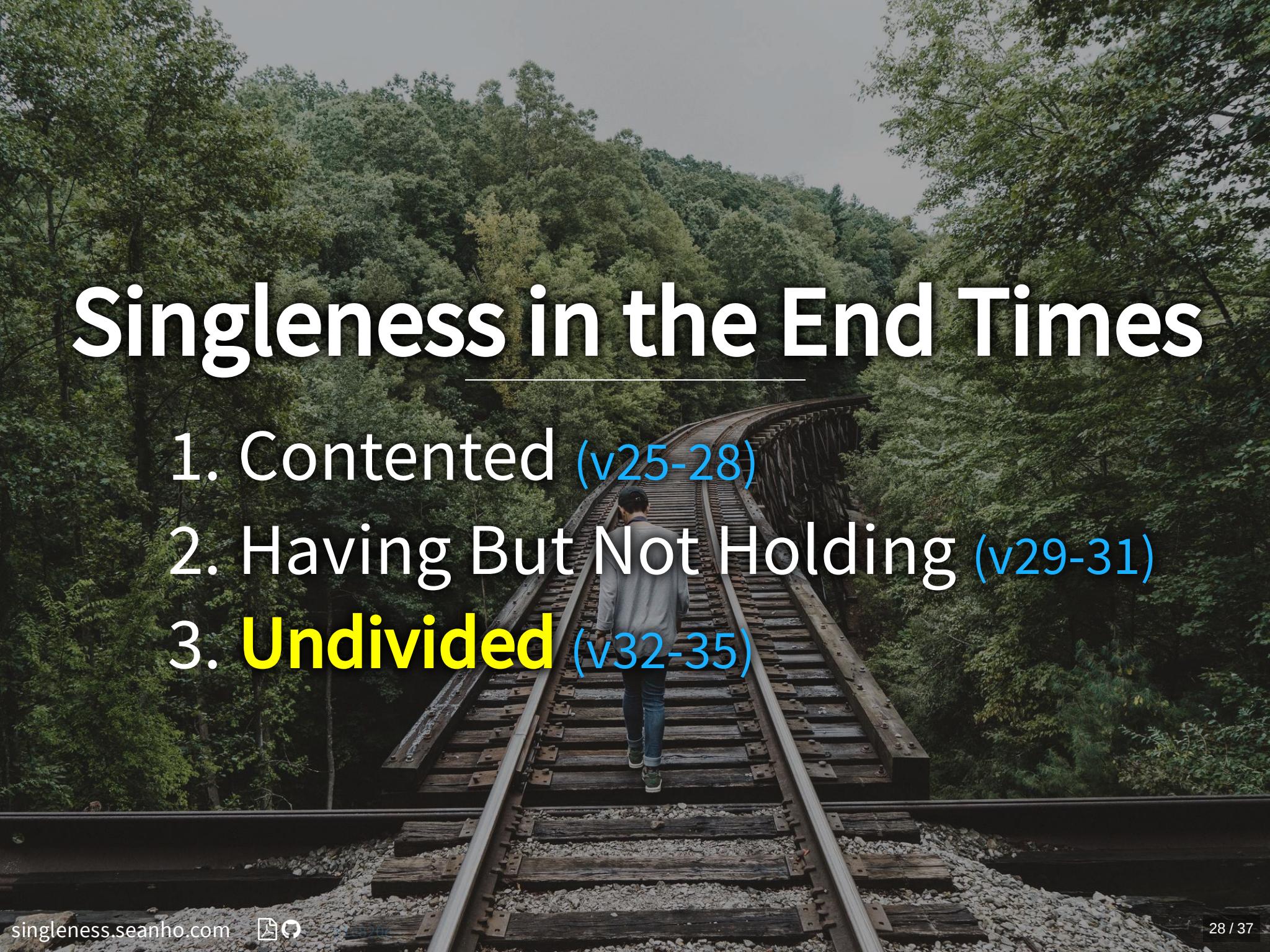
Iceland. Davide Cantelli

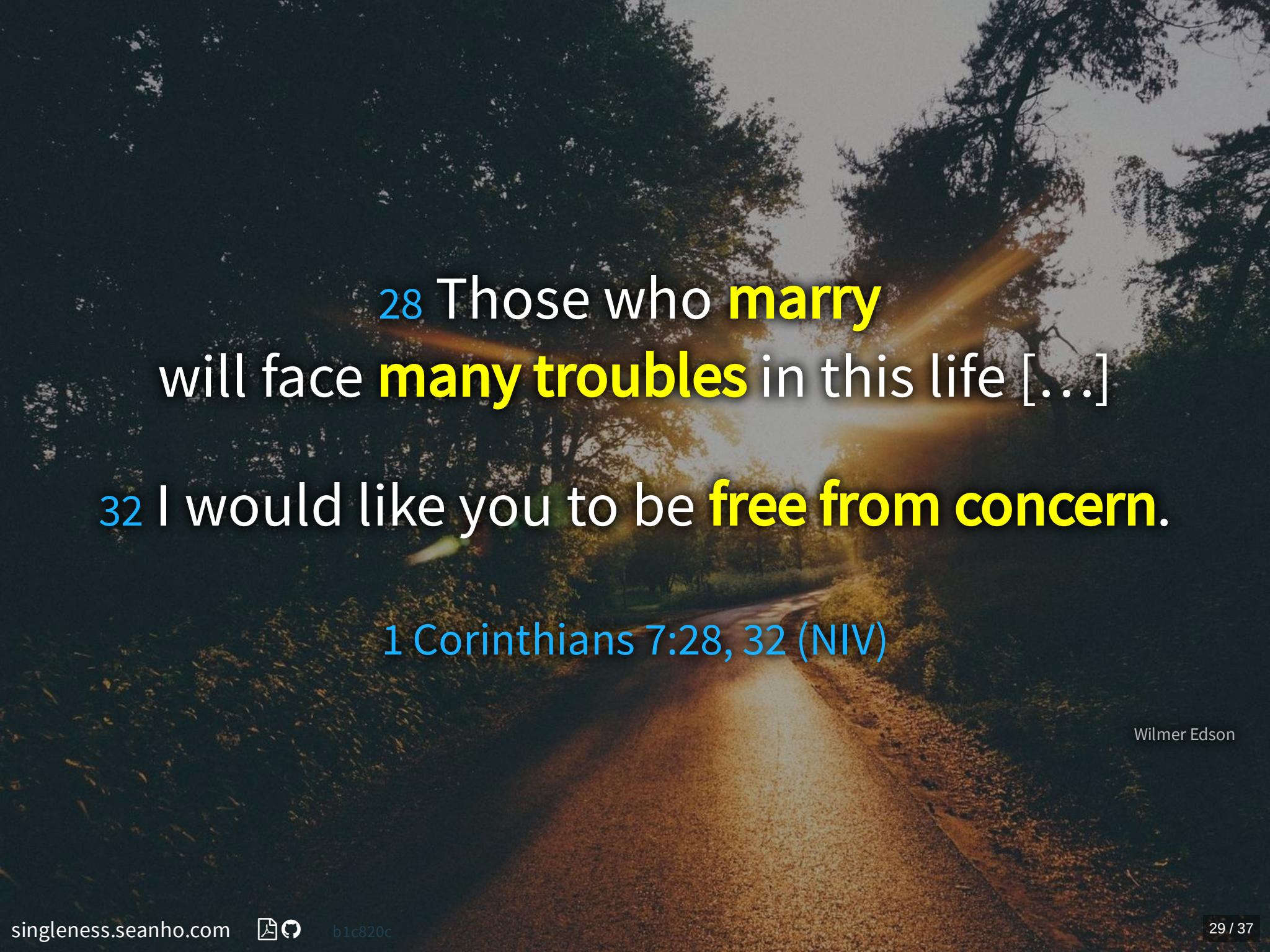
Have I yielded my  
**relationships,**  
**emotions,** and  
**finances** to God's  
authority?

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A scenic view of a winding road through a forest. Sunlight filters through the dense green trees, creating bright rays and shadows on the path ahead.

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1 Corinthians 7:28, 32 (NIV)

Wilmer Edson

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. The path is surrounded by tall trees and lush green undergrowth. The lighting suggests a bright day.

33 A **married** man is concerned about  
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1 Corinthians 7:33-34 (NIV)

Jens Lelie



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1 Corinthians 7:32,34 (NIV)

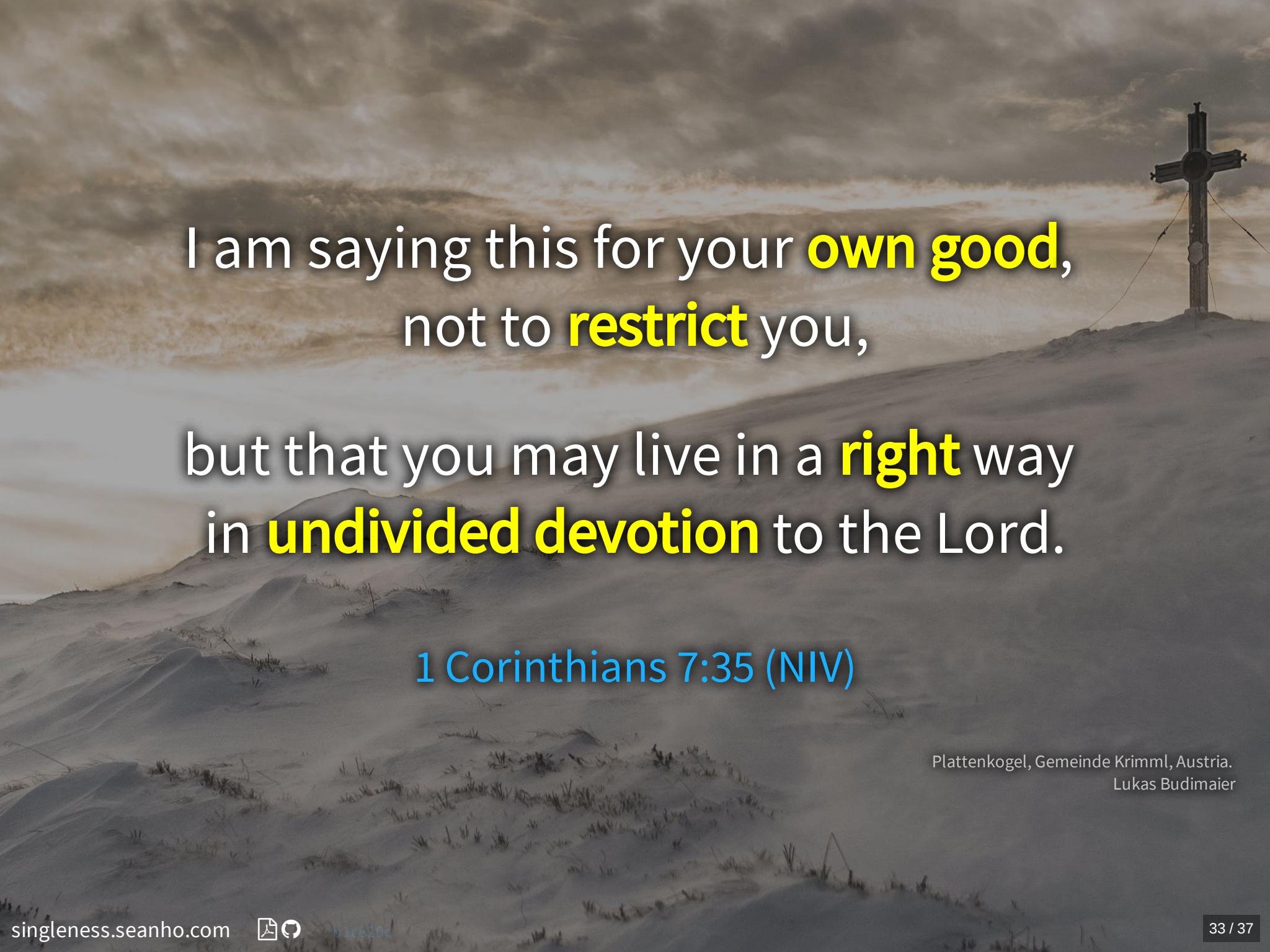
Ben White

A photograph of a person from behind, standing in a field of tall, golden grass. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and have their arms wide open. In the background, there is a large, green, forested hillside under a clear sky.

Live as people who are **free**, not using your freedom as a **cover-up** for evil, but living as **servants** of God.

1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)

Alex Woods



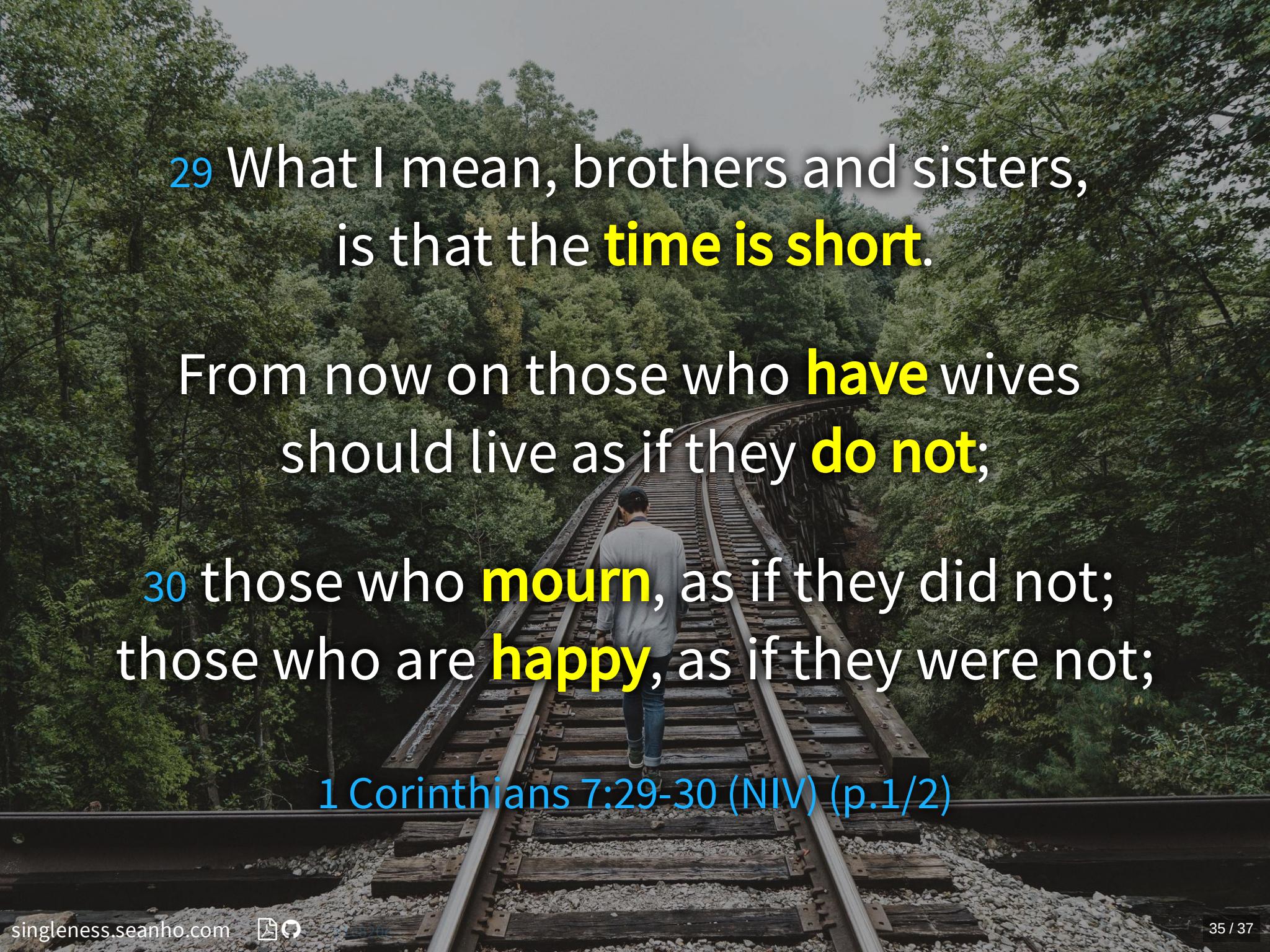
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1 Corinthians 7:35 (NIV)

Plattenkogel, Gemeinde Krimml, Austria.  
Lukas Budimaier

Am I undistracted  
in devotion to  
Christ, holy in body  
and spirit?

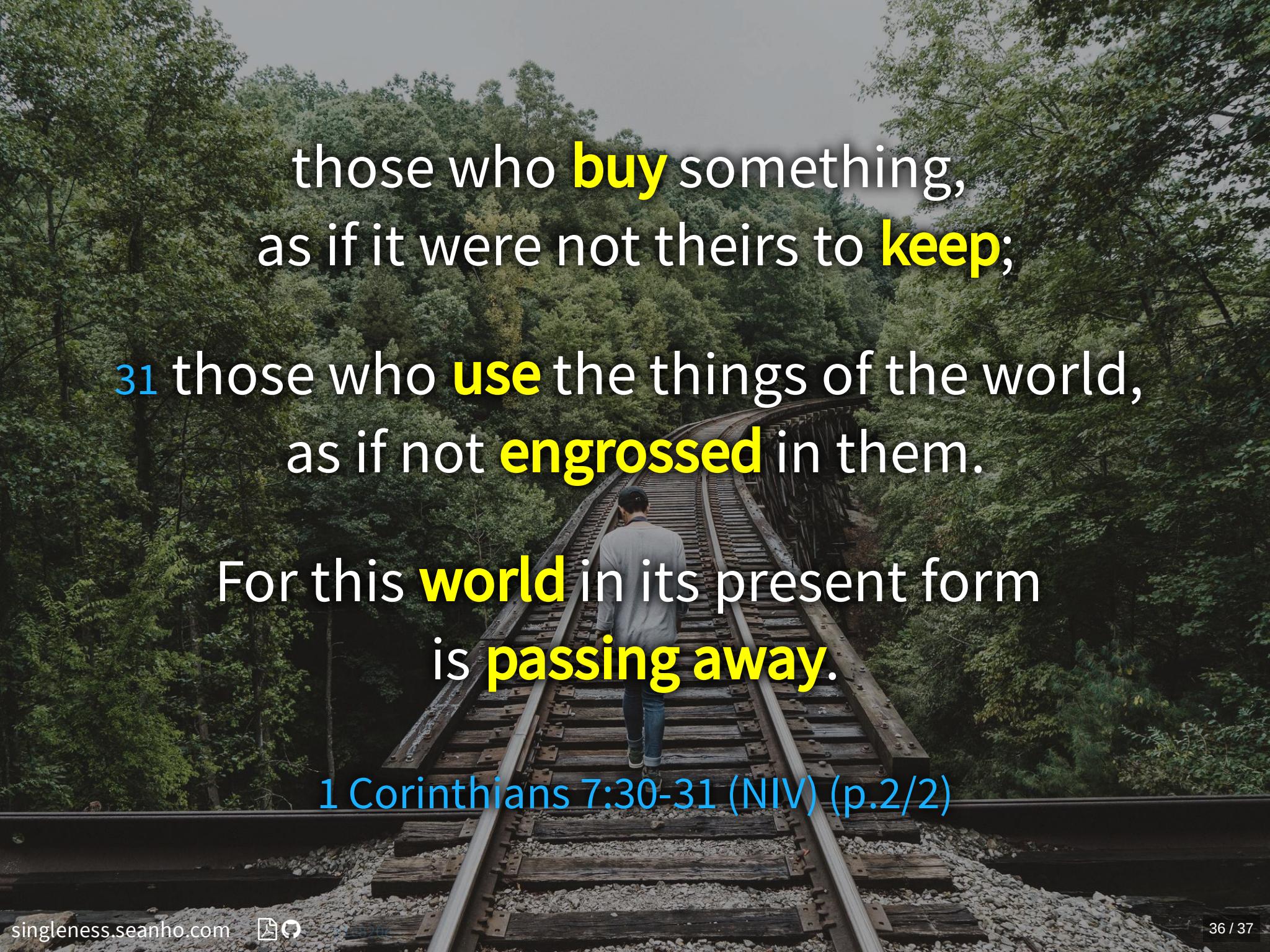
A photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a set of railroad tracks that curve through a dense forest. The person is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored jacket and jeans. The tracks are made of wood and metal, and they lead into a lush green forest under a cloudy sky.

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