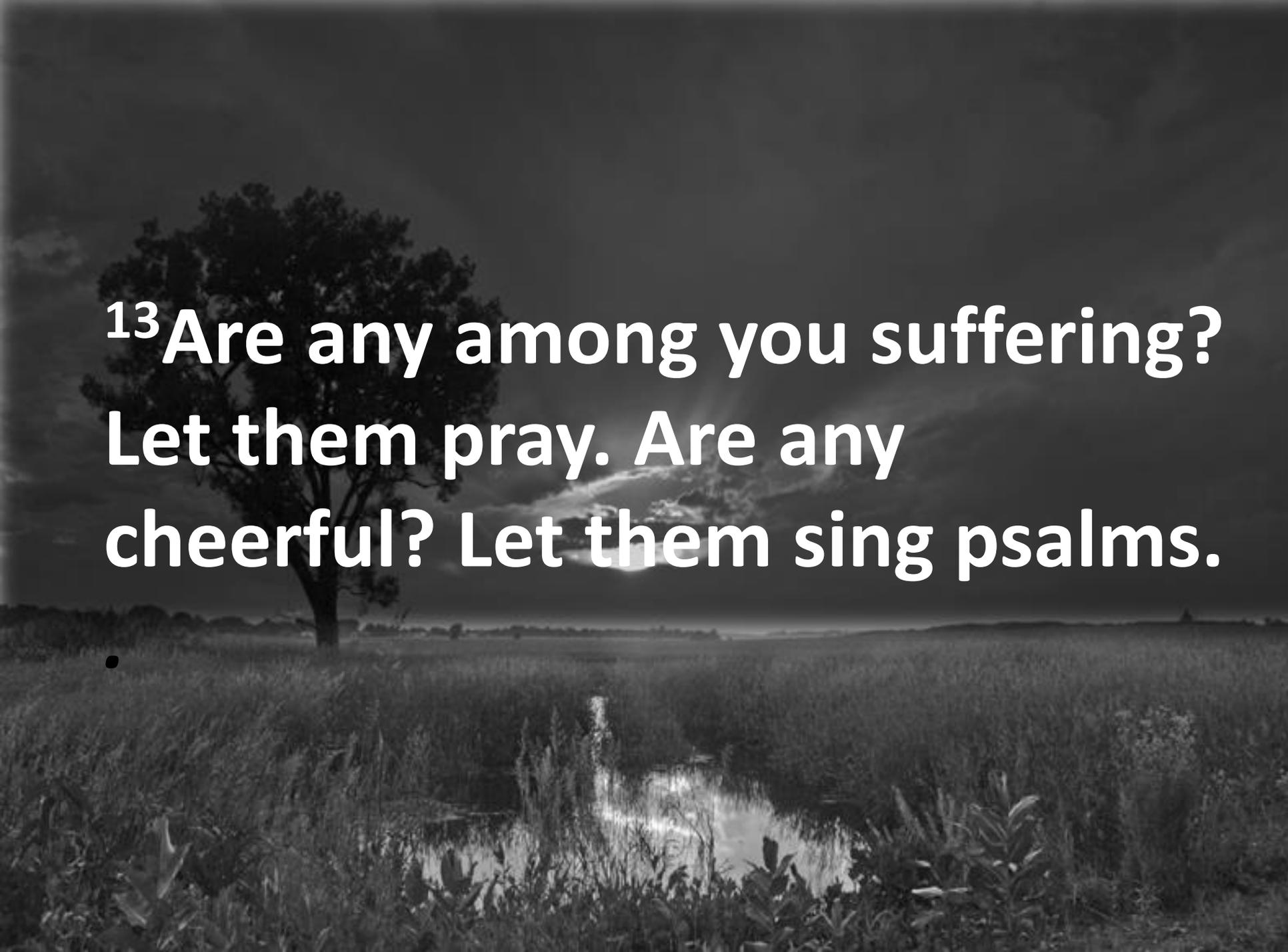




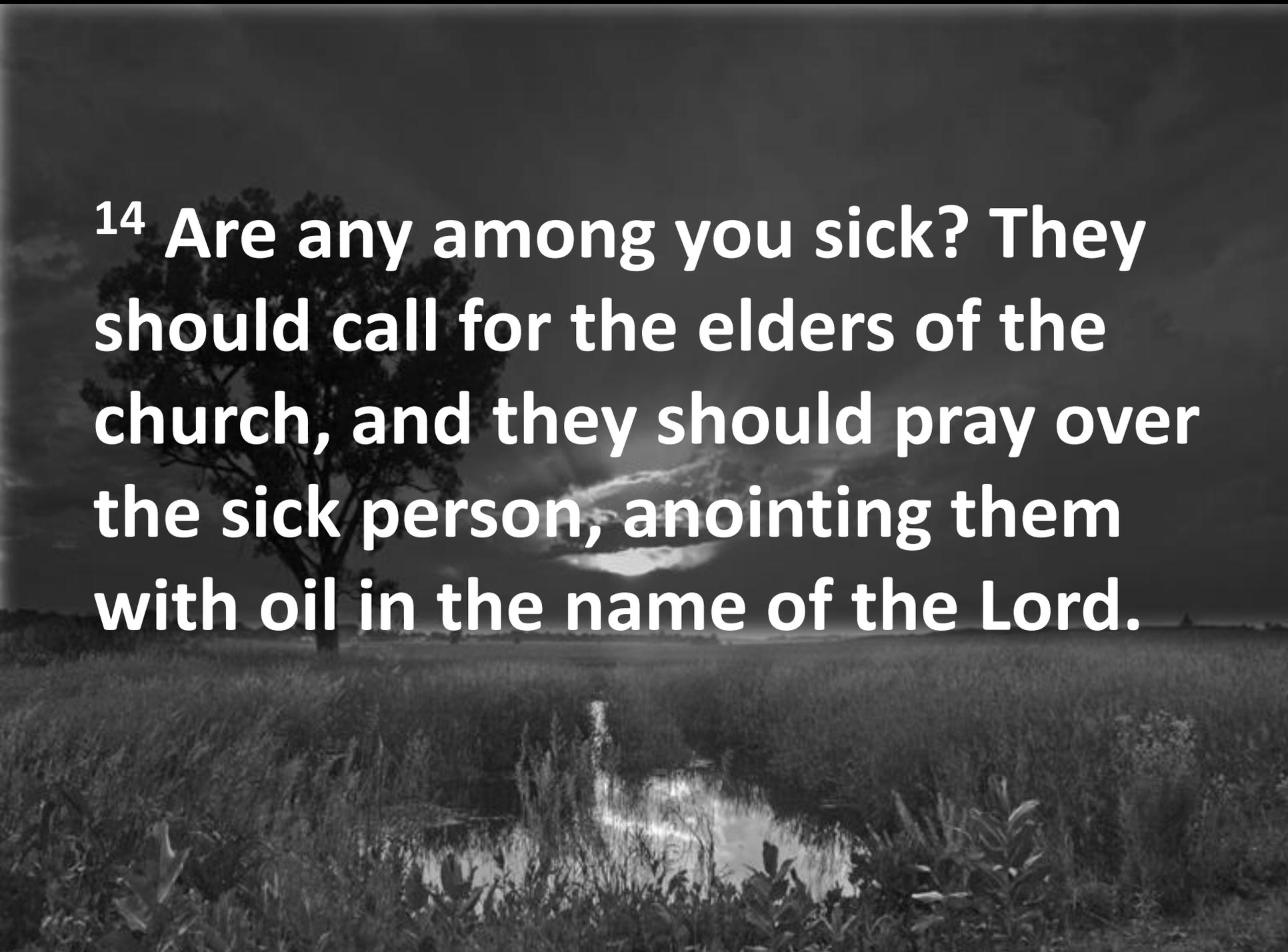
# The Reason for Prayer

James 5:13-18





**13 Are any among you suffering?  
Let them pray. Are any  
cheerful? Let them sing psalms.**



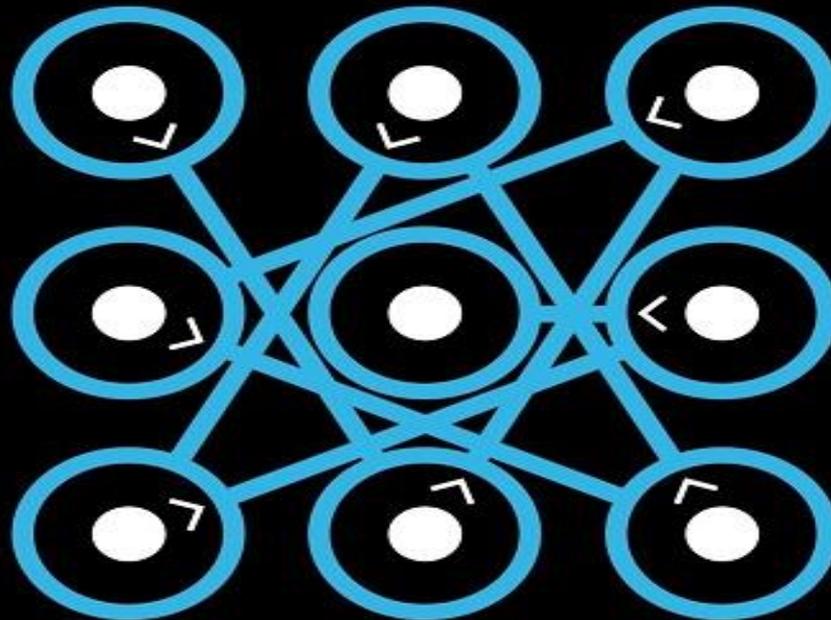
**14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church, and they should pray over the sick person, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.**

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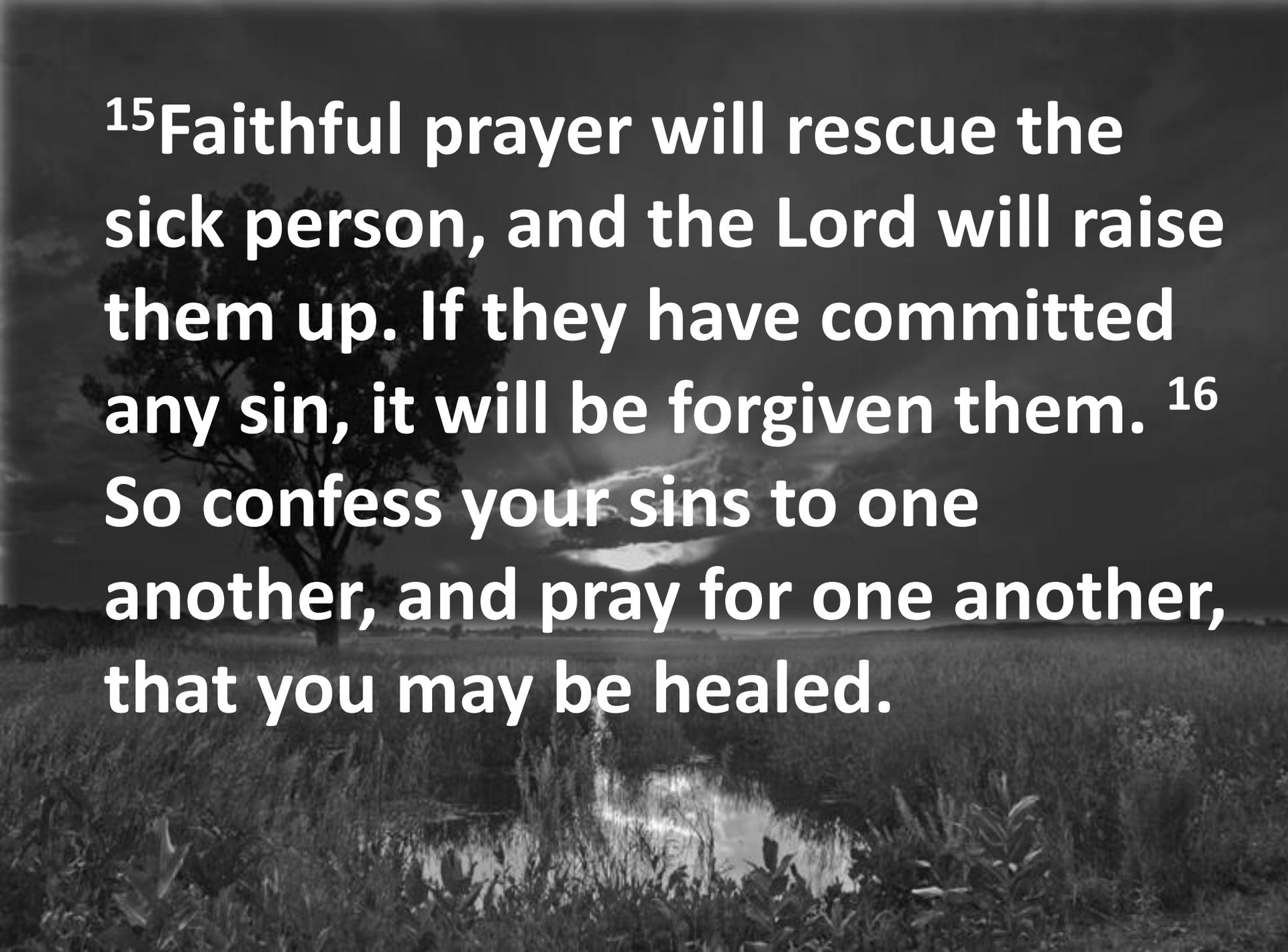


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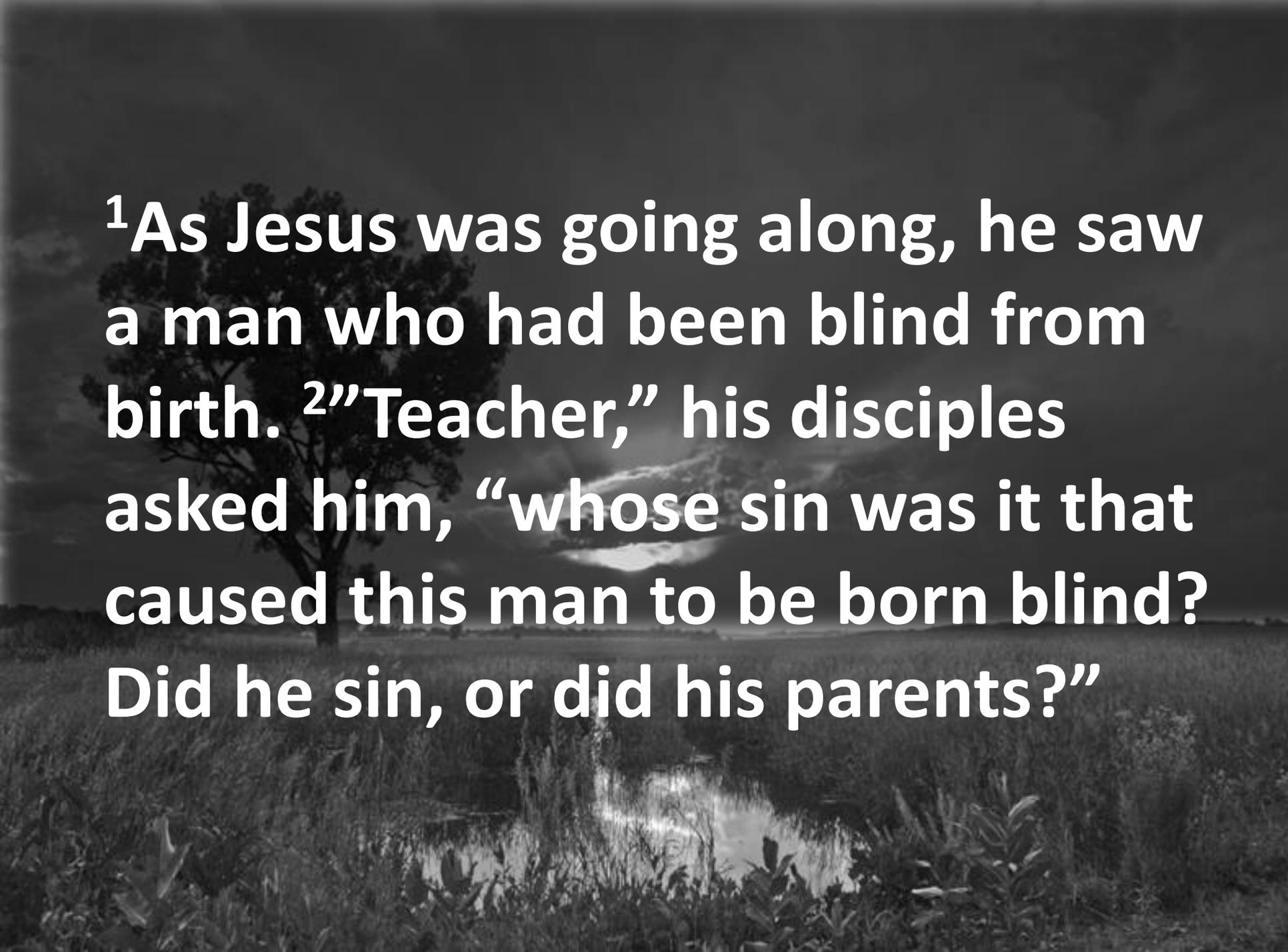
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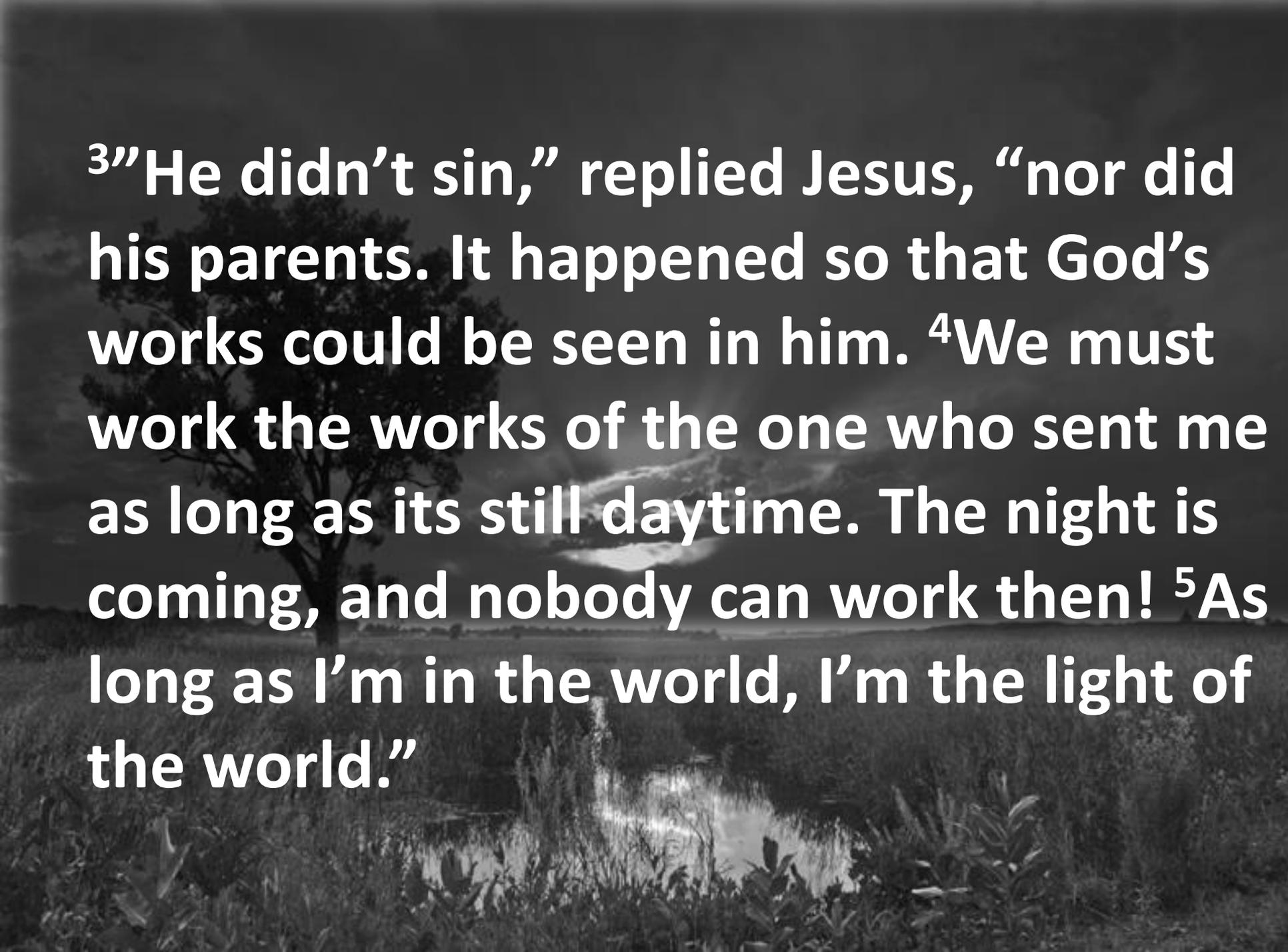
EMERGENCY CALL

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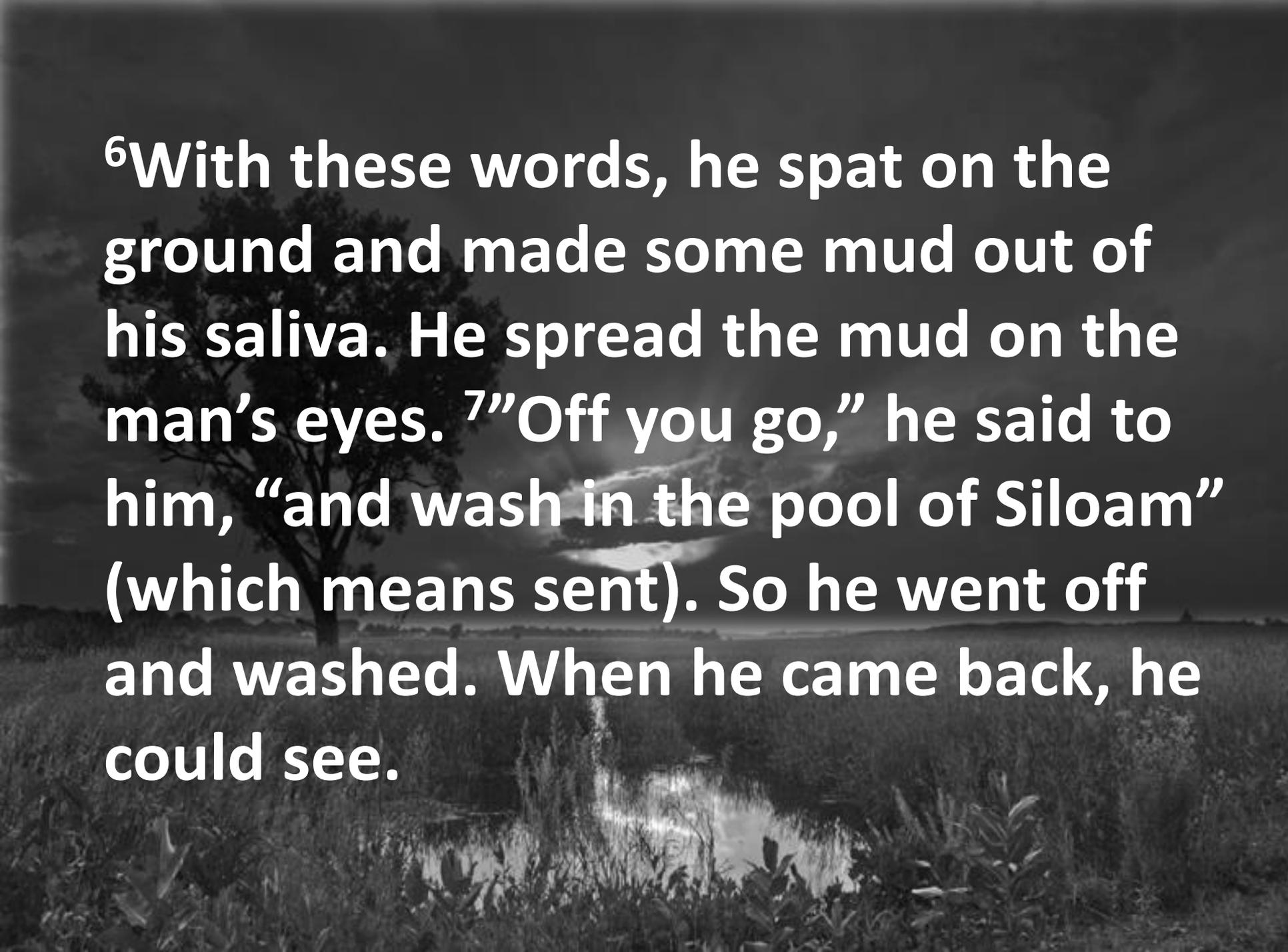
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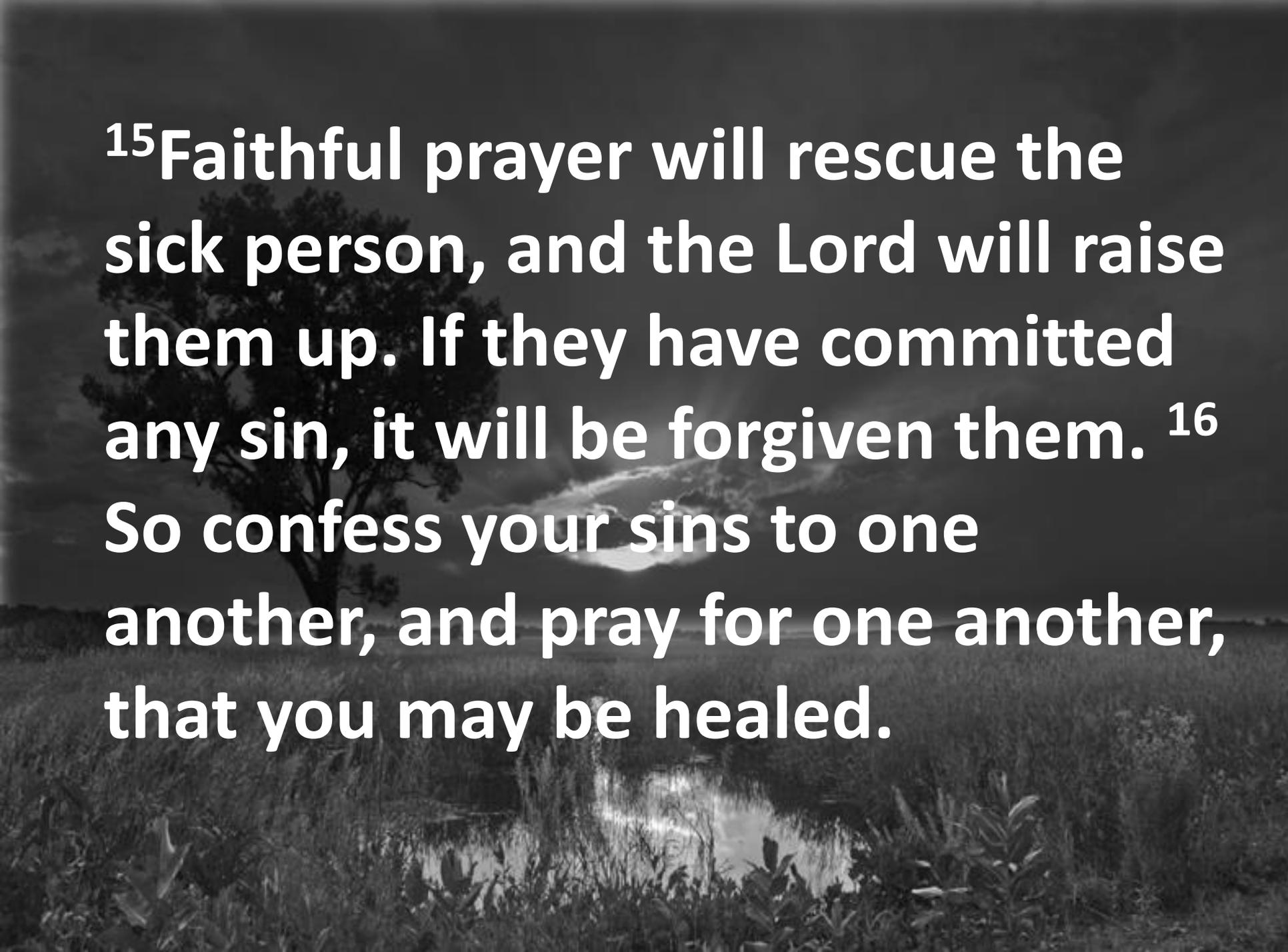
**<sup>1</sup>As Jesus was going along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>“Teacher,” his disciples asked him, “whose sin was it that caused this man to be born blind? Did he sin, or did his parents?”**



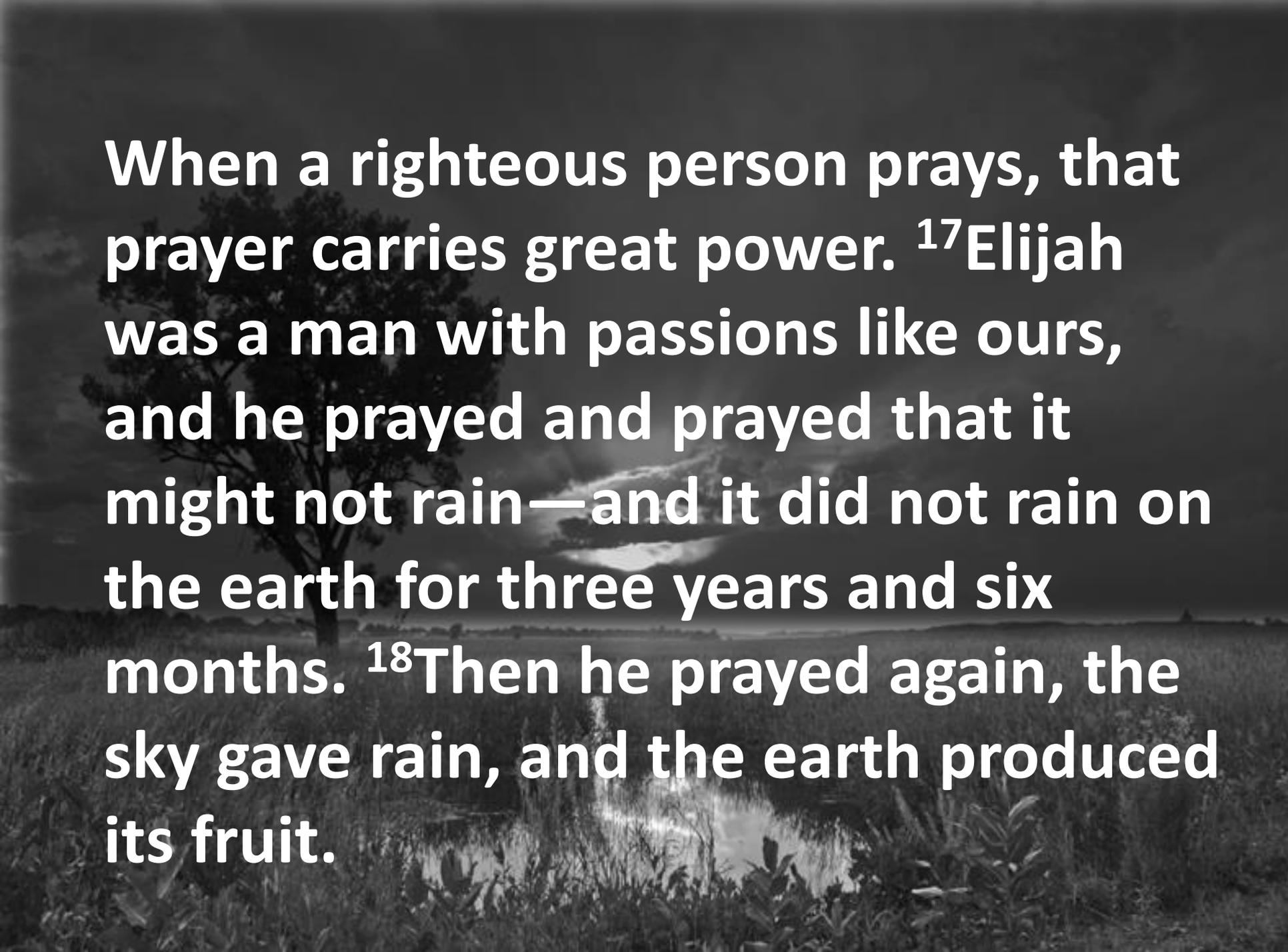
**<sup>3</sup>“He didn’t sin,” replied Jesus, “nor did his parents. It happened so that God’s works could be seen in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of the one who sent me as long as it is still daytime. The night is coming, and nobody can work then! <sup>5</sup>As long as I’m in the world, I’m the light of the world.”**



**<sup>6</sup>With these words, he spat on the ground and made some mud out of his saliva. He spread the mud on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup>"Off you go," he said to him, "and wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means sent). So he went off and washed. When he came back, he could see.**



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A black and white photograph of a landscape. On the left, a large, dark tree stands in the foreground. In the middle ground, there is a body of water, possibly a pond or a small lake, which reflects the sky. The background shows a flat horizon line under a sky with some clouds. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

**When a righteous person prays, that prayer carries great power. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with passions like ours, and he prayed and prayed that it might not rain—and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, the sky gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.**