

CLOSING THE GAP

02 - Restoring the Soul

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THE FATHER'S HEART UNIT

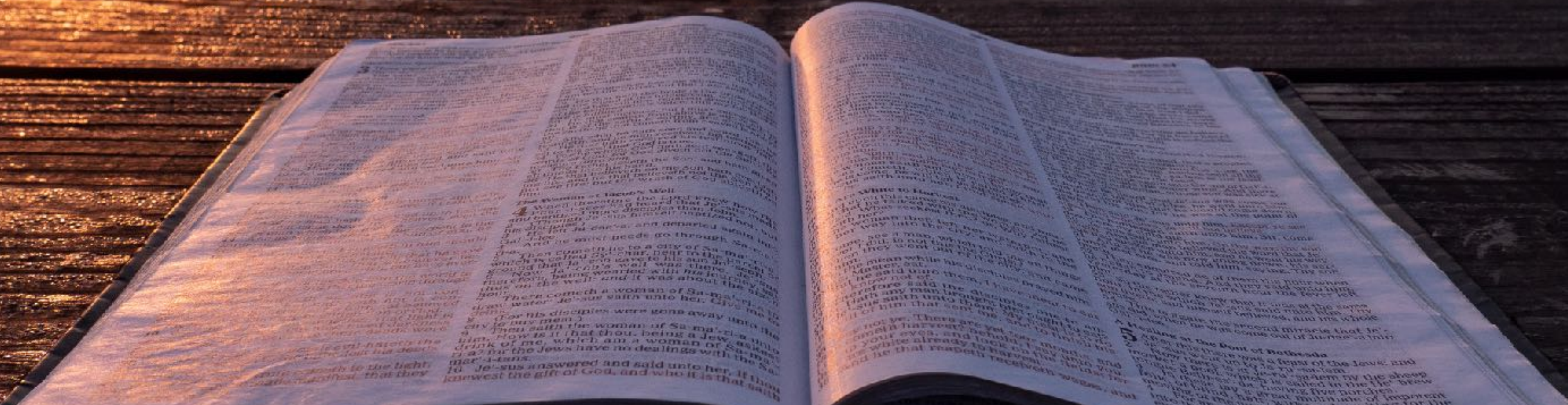
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Today, I will continue to develop the word God put in my heart for 2023. It centres around Psalm 23.



Psalm 23

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יהוה רעי



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I won't be without.



In pastures green
He settles me,
Beside waters gentle
He guides me.



My soul he restores.

He leads me
In paths
Trusted and right -
Yes, that's who He is.



Even if I walk
In a valley fogged,
thick and dark,
I fear no evil.



For you are with me,
Your rod and Your support
They comfort me.



You set before me a table,
Across from those
Attacking me.

You anoint
Robustly
My head,
My cup
Abundantly flows.



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Goodness and love kind
Pursue me
All the days of my life -

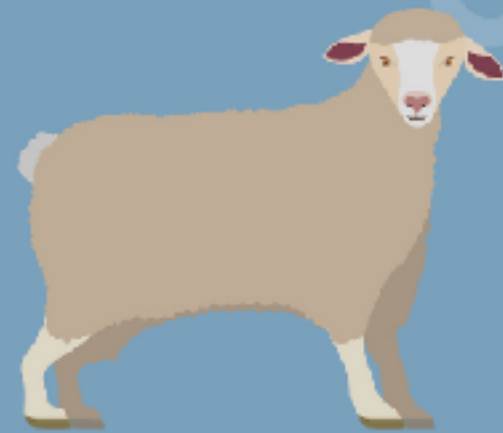
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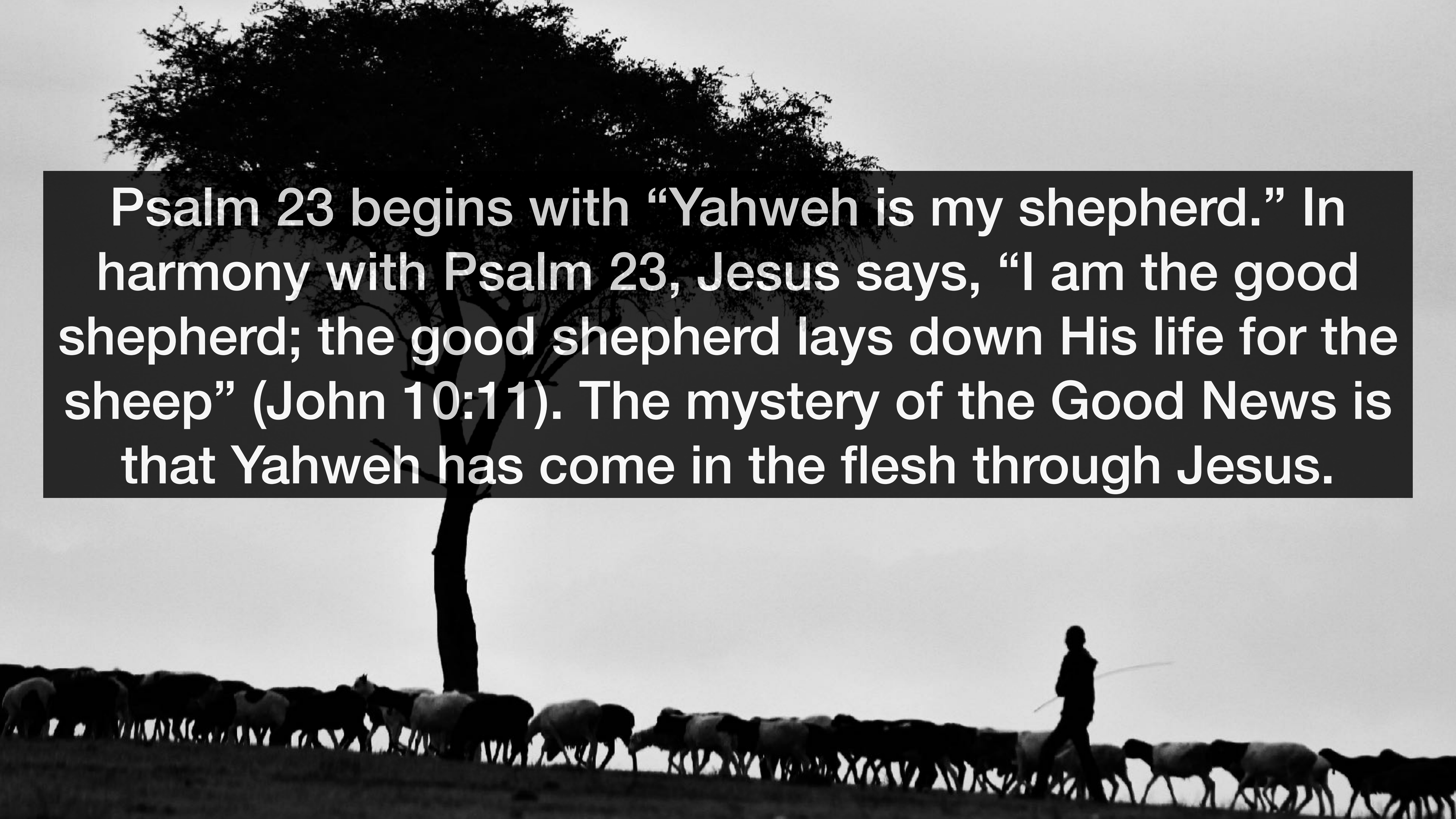
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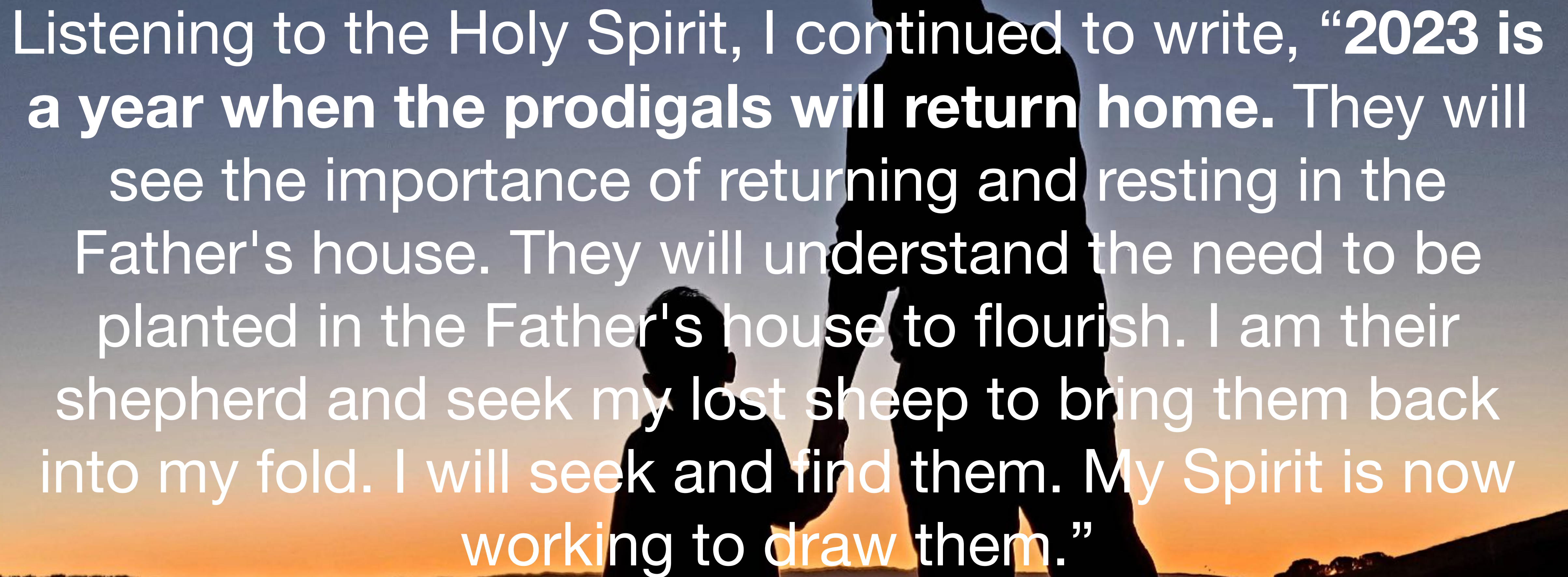
Psalm 23 begins with “Yahweh is my shepherd.” In harmony with Psalm 23, Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep” (John 10:11). The mystery of the Good News is that Yahweh has come in the flesh through Jesus.

Yahweh himself came as a man to stand in the gap of our lives and rebuild the wall (Eze. 22:30). He saw no man could fulfill this role, so he took it on himself (Isa. 63:5; cf. John 10).

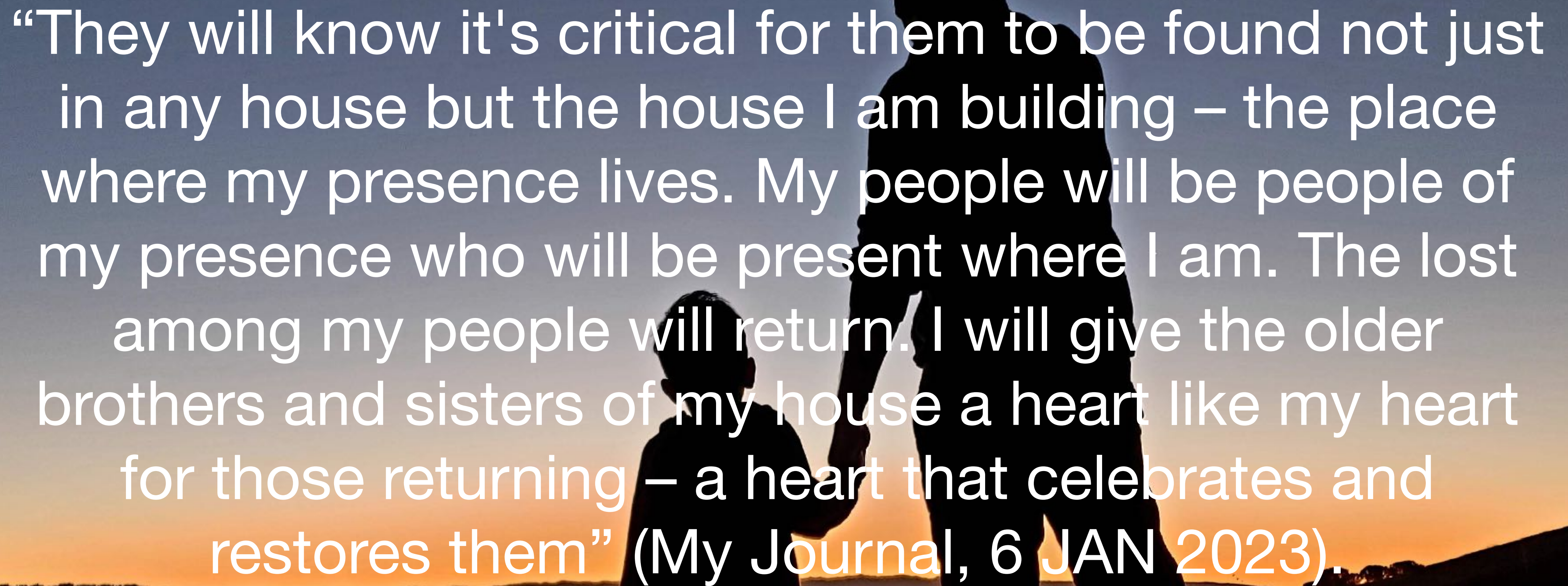


On 6 January 2023, the Lord spoke to me again about this year, saying, “This is a year of recovery and restoration for my people all around the world – a Psalm 23 year.”



The image features a silhouette of a man and a child holding hands, standing against a sunset sky. The man is on the right, taller, and the child is on the left, smaller. They are both facing away from the camera, looking towards the horizon. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of hills and some distant lights, suggesting a town or city at dusk. The text is overlaid in white, with the year '2023' in bold.

Listening to the Holy Spirit, I continued to write, “**2023 is a year when the prodigals will return home.** They will see the importance of returning and resting in the Father's house. They will understand the need to be planted in the Father's house to flourish. I am their shepherd and seek my lost sheep to bring them back into my fold. I will seek and find them. My Spirit is now working to draw them.”

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“They will know it's critical for them to be found not just in any house but the house I am building – the place where my presence lives. My people will be people of my presence who will be present where I am. The lost among my people will return. I will give the older brothers and sisters of my house a heart like my heart for those returning – a heart that celebrates and restores them” (My Journal, 6 JAN 2023).

A large flock of sheep is moving through a narrow mountain pass in the Himalayas, India. The sheep are packed closely together, filling the path. The surrounding landscape is rugged and mountainous, with steep, rocky slopes and a clear sky. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the path as the sheep move away from the viewer.

I heard the Lord saying, my people will be

Soaked in my love,

Obedient to my Word,

Understanding my ways, and

Loving me, my people and the lost.”

Himalayas, India



Dwell Deeply

Inspiration Translation by Glen Gerhauser

John 15:9-17

Just as the Father loves me, I love you. Dwell deeply in my love. If you guard my commands - you will dwell deeply in my love - just as I guard my Father's commands and dwell deeply in his love. I have said this so that my joy resides within you. I want you to have abundant and overflowing joy.

My command is that you love one another as I have loved you. There's no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for their friends. You are my friends if you do what I have commanded you.

I no longer say you are slaves because slaves do not know what their Lord is doing. Instead, I call you friends. I hear everything from my Father, and I don't keep it to myself - I reveal it to you - that's intimacy.

You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. I have selected you to go undercover - secretly - and bear fruit. Don't make a show of it. I want you to bear fruit that remains and doesn't rot - not just any kind of fruit - but lasting fruit. Therefore, if you ask the Father anything in my name, he will give it to you. Simply put, I command you to love one another. Now that's good and timeless fruit.

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In John 15:9-17, Jesus reveals to us how his love and our obedience go hand and hand. How can we obey unless we soak in his love? And how can we soak in his love unless we obey?



Obedience will always challenge you. It requires faith, along with hope and love.



This week I had a dream that shocked me. The end of the dream was a white spotted snake jumping straight at my face. I wondered what the source of the dream was, and when I prayed, the Father gave me an interpretation.

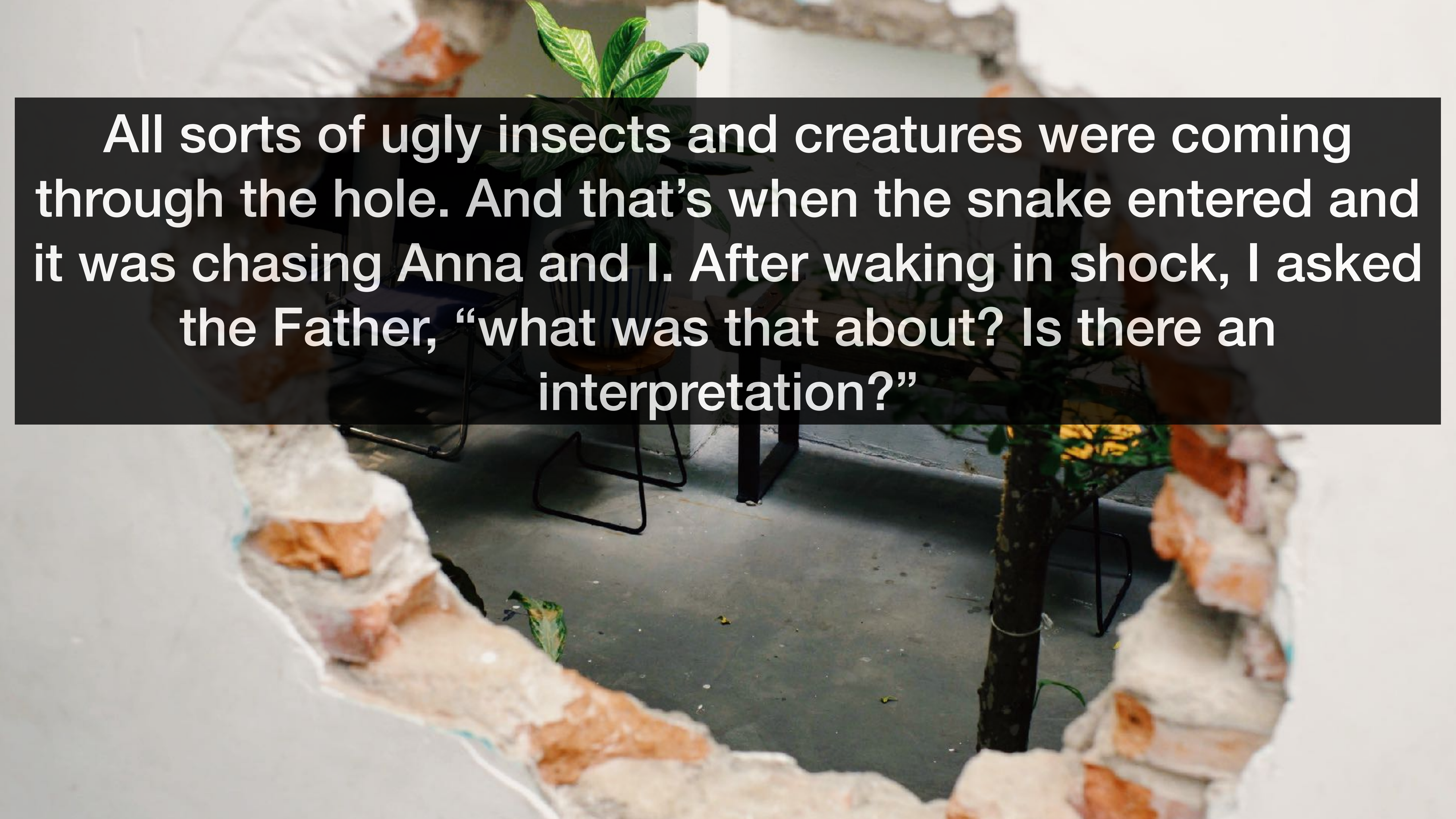


Let me share the dream. It began well enough with a library. We were examining Christian books, opening them up and appreciating them. Suddenly, we found a water-logged book. How did this book get water-logged? Everything looks perfect.

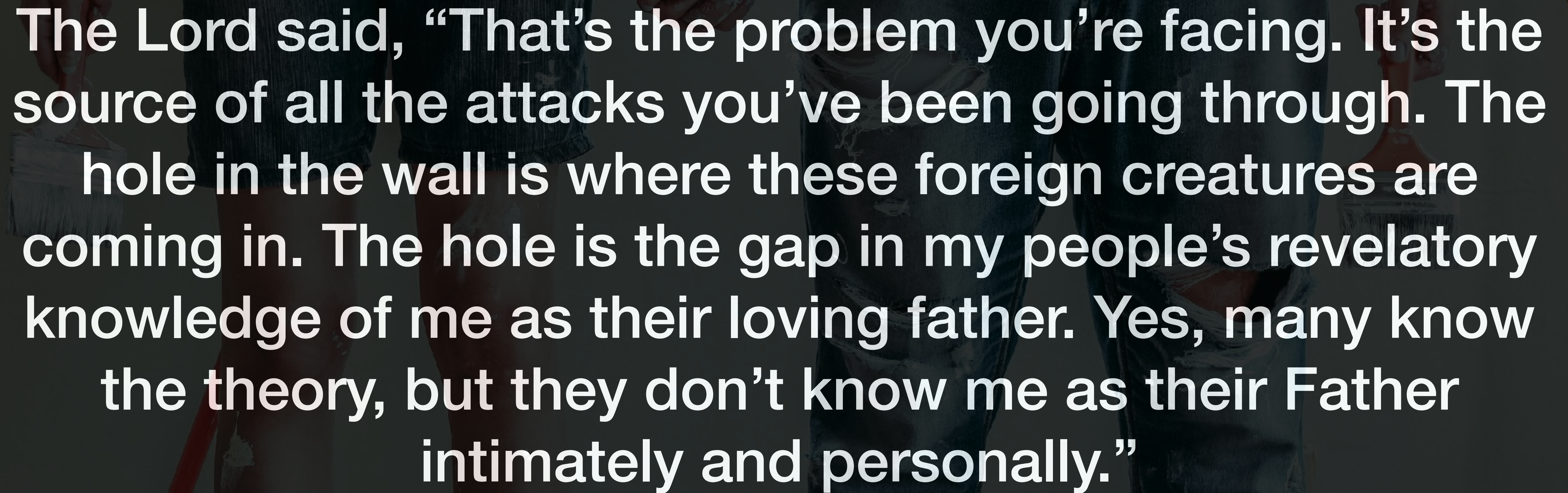


Then, I looked up to the top right-hand of the library. Lo and behold, there was a hole in the wall, encased in slimy green mould.

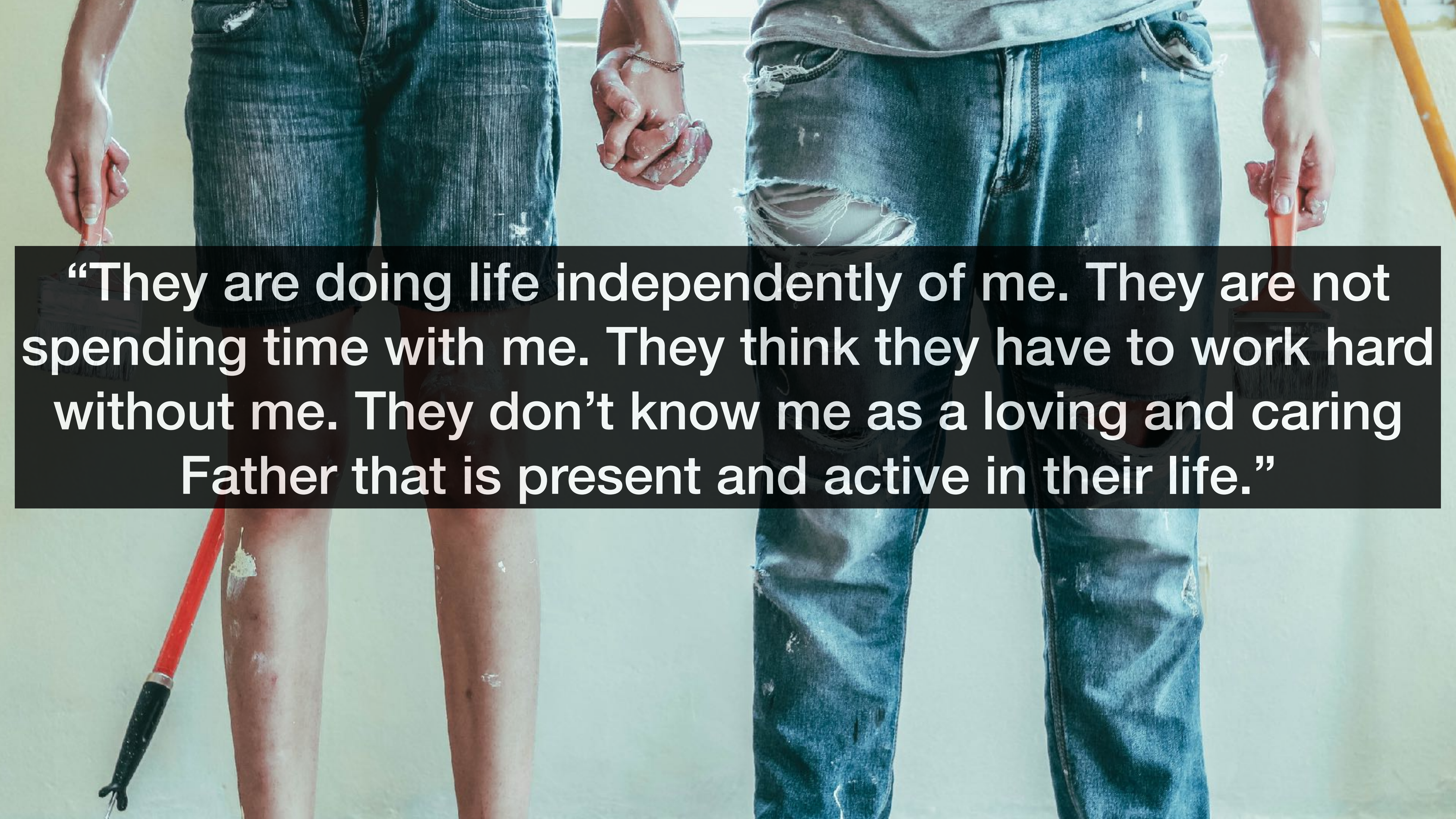




All sorts of ugly insects and creatures were coming through the hole. And that's when the snake entered and it was chasing Anna and I. After waking in shock, I asked the Father, "what was that about? Is there an interpretation?"

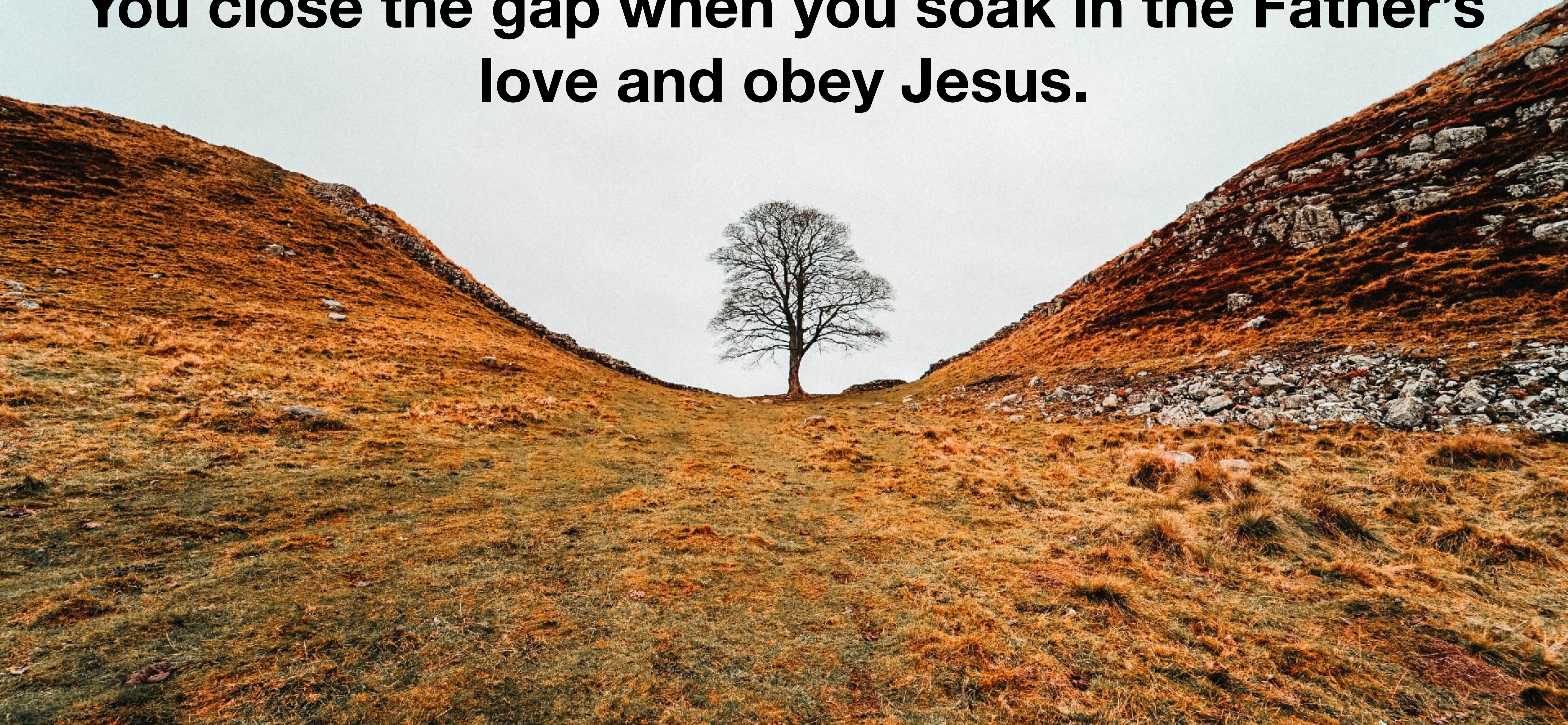


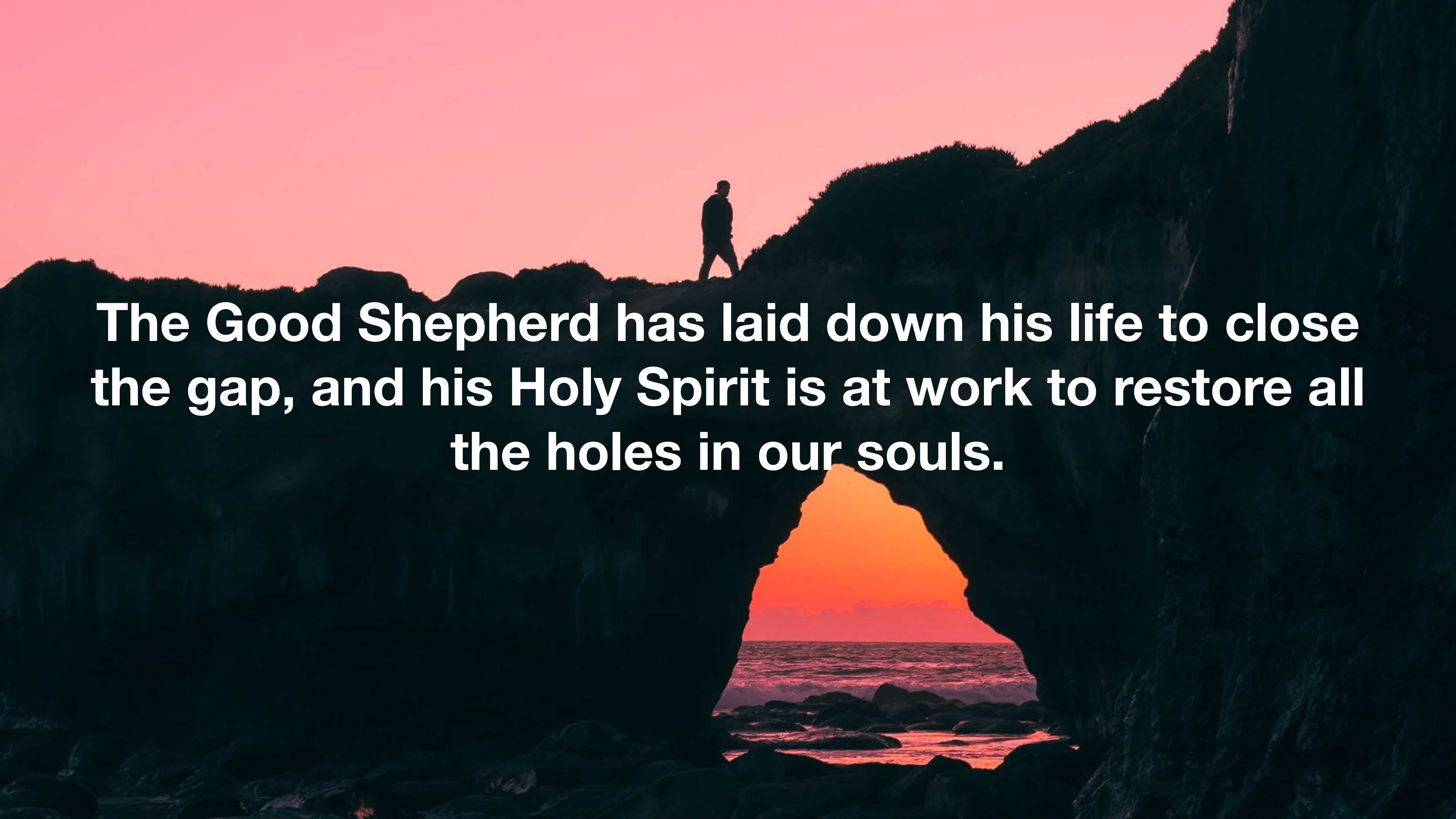
The Lord said, “That’s the problem you’re facing. It’s the source of all the attacks you’ve been going through. The hole in the wall is where these foreign creatures are coming in. The hole is the gap in my people’s revelatory knowledge of me as their loving father. Yes, many know the theory, but they don’t know me as their Father intimately and personally.”



“They are doing life independently of me. They are not spending time with me. They think they have to work hard without me. They don’t know me as a loving and caring Father that is present and active in their life.”

**You close the gap when you soak in the Father's
love and obey Jesus.**



A silhouette of a person walking on a cliff edge at sunset, with a cave opening in the foreground showing the ocean and a bright sunset sky.

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life to close the gap, and his Holy Spirit is at work to restore all the holes in our souls.

**“Yahweh is my shepherd...he restores my soul”
– Psalm 23**

